

He Will Return 1Thessalonians 5:1-11

First Sunday Song Lesson

Two song questions with similar (almost identical) concern

2nd verse does not represent God's return (to me)

Opportunity to consider how misunderstanding of a word or phrase can cause a problem

One of these is correct but still a problem for understanding; The other was solved by changing or removing a verse; Two songs together point to eternity

A "Blessed Assurance"

First hymn by Fanny J. Crosby - Blind, 8,000 gospel song texts

#4 HFW Blessed Assurance

Verse 2 does not represent God's return (Note look at Thessalonian letters)

Consider content and associated passage song about assurance through Christ - **Hebrews 10:19-25**

In greater context (**Hebrews 11&12**) see assurance comes from faith in God fulfilling His promise.

Jesus Is Mine - **Romans 8:12-17; John 3:3-5**

Perfect Delight

Here is the cause of our concern - Misunderstanding of one word

Rapture - a feeling of intense pleasure or joy. Not pointing to resurrection

Let denominational ideas cloud understanding; Not looking at song imagery Scripture in mind

Clearly a reference to Jacob's dream - **Genesis 28:10-17**

Seen as assurance of God's promise - **Genesis 28:18-22**

All Is At Rest

Comfort through being in Christ - **Matthew 11:25-30; Ephesians 1:3-4; 1John 5:10-12; Philippians 3:20-21; Titus 2:11-14; 2Peter 3:11-14**

Praising My Savior - **Psalms 146:1-2**

Clearly a song about assurance in our hearts (minds) now!

Such assurance certainly includes the coming resurrection!

The Resurrection Is Certain

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#645 HFW Hallelujah We shall Rise

Actually our current books do not have the verse referenced; Songs of The Church 21st century did (2nd verse) does not represent God's return to me

In the resurrection morning, What a meeting it will be; We shall rise, (Hallelujah!), we shall rise!

When our fathers and our mothers, And our loved ones we shall see, We shall rise, (Hallelujah!), we shall rise!"

Special Sacred Selections "When our Father and our Savior And the saved ones we shall see;"

Sacred Songs for the Church "Then the ransomed of all ages Clothed in splendor we shall see."

Personally see no problem as general idea is found in Scripture - **Matthew 8:11**

Certainly will be a gathering of the Saints - **Matthew 25**

I expect to see many of my loved ones in eternity

I have much "family" in the Lord - **Mark 10:29-31**

This is the comforting assurance given by Paul to the Thessalonians - **1Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Song is clearly about the certainty of the Resurrection - **1Corinthians 15:50-58**

Saints Come Rejoicing - **John 5:25-29; Revelation 21:3-4**

See The Savior - **Acts 1:6-11; Romans 5:6-11**

Carried To Glory - **John 14:1-3; 1Thessalonians 4:16-18**

Death Is Defeated - **1Corinthians 15:54-58**

We Have Assurance

In Christ - **Romans 8:1-11; 1John 1:5-2:6**