

Calvary Church, Brighton, UK



*An independent Bible-teaching baptist church
with a congregation of 70-80 people
based on the south coast of England*

*You Tube Channel: search for “Calvary Brighton”
with “Five Easter questions”*

Today 25th April 2021 the service is led by
Philip Wells, full-time pastor/Elder
– followed by zoom fellowship
- and/or “rule of six” outdoors fellowship

This evening – 19:00 Mark Rayfield – Psalm 81 – by zoom
Wednesday 28th April – share and prayer 19:45

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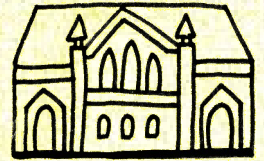


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*For newcomers: 5 Easter questions
- discussed by Philip Wells - minister*

- *“What is Christian faith?”*
- *“Easter fact – is it believable?”*
- *“Easter hope – is it good?”*
- *“Jesus and faith – is it necessary?”*
- *“Jesus, faith and Easter – how does it all work?”*

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Theme – Hebrews ... better covenant 1 of 2

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Reading Hebrews 8:1-13

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Talk #2- the old and new covenants

Song: 304 Jesus is the name we honour

Closing prayer

Praise! 280

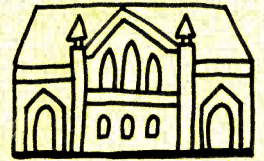
**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning, new every morning,
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness!**

Author: Edith McNeill

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The Lord's prayer



Our Father in heaven

- hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,

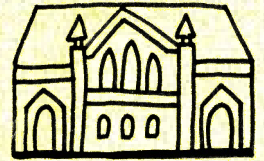
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Give us today our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for
ever and ever. Amen.

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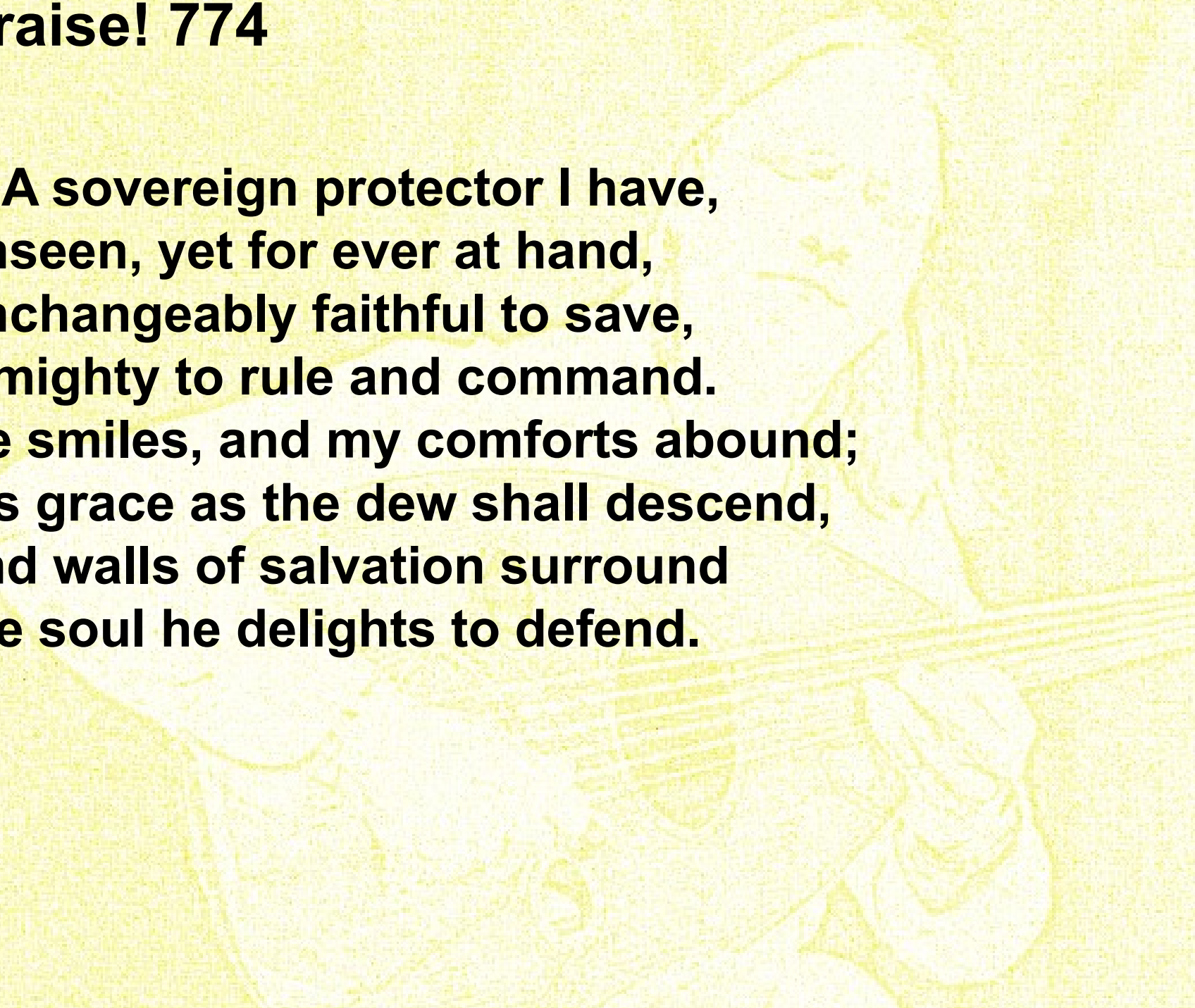
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Closing prayer

Praise! 774

**1. A sovereign protector I have,
unseen, yet for ever at hand,
unchangeably faithful to save,
almighty to rule and command.
He smiles, and my comforts abound;
his grace as the dew shall descend,
and walls of salvation surround
the soul he delights to defend.**

A faint, yellow-toned background illustration of a man in a suit and tie, holding a large book. The illustration is positioned behind the text, with the man's face and the book's pages visible. The overall style is that of a vintage religious or educational poster.

Praise! 774

**2. Inspirer and hearer of prayer,
both leading and guarding your sheep,
I place in your covenant care
my life, both awake and asleep;
if you are my shield and my sun
the night is no darkness to me,
for, fast as my moments roll on,
so nearer to you I shall be.**

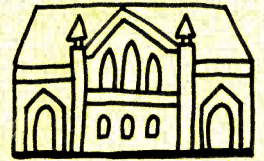
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**3. Creator and ground of my hope,
to your name alone I shall bow,
a new 'Ebenezer' set up
to show 'God has helped us till now.'
I think on the years that are past,
when all my defence you have proved;
nor will you relinquish at last
a sinner so blessed and so loved.**

Author: Augustus M Toplady 1740-78

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Covenants

Aim: in an uncertain world - to make you glad you have a covenant with God, if you have OR to make you wish you had a covenant with God if you haven't

Agreements / covenants in general

- Hebrews 8:7,8
 - *with ... promises ... gifts ... conditions (law) ... arrangements*
 - *mechanical (like a machine) <-> relational (like people)*
 - e.g. pocket money
 - e.g. buying and selling cake
 - e.g. getting married
 - e.g. a will ...
- => the good way to be secure in ...*
- => N.B. someone is responsible to make it a success*

Praise! 570

***1. Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!***

***He whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode:
on the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded
you may smile at all your foes.***

Praise! 570

***2. See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver
never fails from age to age.***

Praise! 570

***3. Round each habitation hovering
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near:
thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them as they pray.***

Praise! 570

***4. Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name:
fading are the world's best pleasures,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.***

Author: John Newton 1725-1807

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Hebrews: covenants

8:7 "first covenant" "another"

8:13 "new" ... "obsolete"

7:22 "better"

Some very important changes

7:11 "perfection" = "does what it says on the tin"

- e.g. 7:25 "able to save completely"

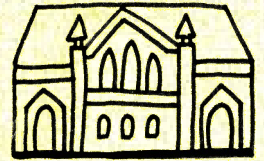
- e.g. 8:12 "forgive sins" "remember their sins no more"

7:22 success of covenant

- Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant i.e. pledges himself to make it work, if there is any problem - he will pay

=> security, success, personal guarantor = Jesus

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Closing prayer

Praise! 304

***1. Jesus is the name we honour;
Jesus is the name we praise.
Majestic name above all other names;
the highest heaven and earth proclaim
that Jesus is our God.***

***We will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.
We will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.***

Praise! 304

***2. Jesus is the name we worship;
Jesus is the name we trust.
He is the King above all other kings;
let all creation stand and sing
that Jesus is our God.***

***We will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.
We will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.***

Praise! 304

***3. Jesus is the Father's splendour;
Jesus is the Father's joy.
He will return to reign in majesty
and every eye at last shall see
that Jesus is our God.***

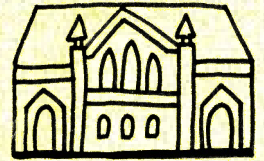
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The end

"rule of six" outside

