# THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# It Is Well With My Soul

### **OUR FAMILY NEWS**

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**Today's Scripture:** "Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any* man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." **He-brews 10:38 (KJV)** 

**Wisdom for Today:** "Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him *cometh* my salvation." **Psalm 62:1 (KJV)** 

## Evening Sermon: "Plans For You" Bill Beebe

Attendance Last Sunday 79/50: Our Record: 107
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# God's Plan of Salvation

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in I	Newness of Life Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **MEETING TIMES**

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM
AM Worship: 11AM
PM Worship: 5PM
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Throughout history man has used songs to teach lessons. All one has to do is look at songs like the battle of New Orleans and sink the Bismarck. Jimmy driftwood the author of the song "The battle of New Orleans" was a history teacher in North Arkansas and wrote that song to teach his students about the War of 1812 between the United States and England. That song teaches that Andrew Jackson, whose nicked named "Old Hickory" was in command of the American army. It also teaches that in 1814 he marched his soldiers along the Mississippi River to enter town of New Orleans where they fought the British.

The writer of the song "Sink the Bismarck" also used that song to teach about the naval battle in World War Two between the German battleship the Bismarck and the English battleship the HMS Hood. Their song teaches at the Hood was sunk by the Bismarck but a few days later the Bismarck itself was sunk.

But we don't have to go to secular songs to see this method of teaching lessons. if we take a look at Psalm 22 we see David in a tremendous amount of discouragement. In fact, it's in this song the David says "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me". These are same words Jesus used on the cross right before he died. In this song David talks about how much difficulty he has had with life but that point. He was so discouraged that he feels that God had forsaken him. Then in Psalm 22:19 (KJV) he writes "But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me." What we are taught in Psalm 22 is that we may feel discouraged, God is as near as a prayer. Then in Psalm 23, we see David full of confidence as he writes these well known words; "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of

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the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever." Psalm 23:1-6 (KJV)

The songs we sing in our singing worship also teach us, as we sing. Who can fail to get the message when we sing; "Jesus Loves Me" or "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World". These two songs teach very clearly that Jesus loves all humans regardless of their race or color because the Bible tells us this. And who can miss the lessons taught in songs like; "Alas And Did My Saviuor Die", "Jesus Is Coming Soon". Or "I Need You Every Hour" and "Almost Persuaded".

But it is not only the songs themselves that teach us lessons. Sometimes it is the lesson behind the song that can inspire and teach us. The content behind hit song by Tim McGraw called "Live Like You Were Dying" was developed after he and Faith



Hill spent an evening discussing a friend who had been given a mistaken diagnosis that he was dying. The great song "Amazing Grace", which became widely used in the civil rights

movement was written by a former slave trader who converted to Christianity after surviving a severe storm at sea. But one of the most moving stories that resulted the writing of another great spiritual song involves Horatio Spafford, the author of "It Is Well With My Soul".