

## A King to Long For – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

God's chosen King is coming, giving us H\_\_\_\_\_ for an ideal leader.

The frailties and deficiencies of every earthly leader only increase our longing for Him.

This King will bring P\_\_\_\_\_ that never ends.

For **He Himself is our peace...** Ephesians 2

### “Joy of heaven, to earth come down”

He is L\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus came as evidence of God's love, to bring God's love and to call us to love God and empower us to love one another.

*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.* John 3:16-17

*As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you... My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

John 15:9-13

*And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear... We love because He first loved us.* 1 John 4:16-19

### Reflections on a love song – (Charles Wesley, 1740)

**Love Divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,**

fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love

Thou art;

visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

A\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as “Love Divine.”

Every experience of love we have had is a S\_\_\_\_\_ of the pure, unbounded love of God.

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!**

Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest. Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Breathe Your loving Spirit into us.

Not all love is G\_\_\_\_\_. Take away our love of sinning. What do we need to ask God to take away our love of?

**Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all Thy life receive;** suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above; pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

An A\_\_\_\_\_ prayer (the last prayer in the Bible):

*He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*” Rev. 22:20

Let me glory in Your perfect love.

**Finish then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;**

let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,

till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

What we can look forward to:

In heaven we will be lost in wonder, love and praise. I can only imagine...

### Next Steps

- 1) Consider addressing Jesus in terms of love.
- 2) Take away my love of... \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Make Revelation 22:20 part of your prayer life: “Come, Lord Jesus.”