



IN MY HEART THERE RINGS A MELODY

I have a song that Jesus gave me
It was sent from heav'n above
There never was a sweeter melody
'Tis a melody of love

Chorus:

In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody
with heaven's harmony
In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody of love

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I love the Christ who died on Calv'ry
For He washed my sins away
He put within my heart a melody
And I know it's there to stay

Chorus:

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There rings a melody
with heaven's harmony
In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody of love

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'Twill be my endless theme in glory
With the angels I will sing
'Twill be a song with glorious harmony
When the courts of heaven ring

Chorus:

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There rings a melody
with heaven's harmony
In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody of love

IN CHRIST:

Our Things/God's Things?

Ephesians 1:10; Phil. 3:7-9

LAW SYSTEM

GOD WITHHOLDS
BLESSINGS: I EARN THEM
BASED ON WHO I AM AND
WHAT I DO TO GAIN THEM
FOR MYSELF.

Centered in SELF, permeated with sin and death. God rejects what it produces out of hand.

THOU SHALT NOT COVET!

Which is IDOLATRY!!

GRACE SYSTEM

GOD HAS GIVEN ME ALL BLESSINGS UP FRONT BASED ON WHO CHRIST IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR ME.

Centered in CHRIST and His Love, permeated with righteousness and life. God always accepts what it produces.

God judges human works by looking at what "factory" they came from: He judges the secrets of men's hearts (Rom. 2:16)

- v. 4-6—Paul had all kinds of reasons to trust in the flesh:
 - --Circumcised 8th day—born a Jew not a convert.
 - --of the Stock of Israel—a true Israelite who could trace his ancestry back to Jacob.
 - --of the Tribe of Benjamin—the only tribe that remained loyal to the Lord, Judah and the Davidic King.
 - --Hebrew of Hebrews—of Hebrew parents and able word read God's Word in the original language.

- --touching the Law as a Pharisee—the strictest sect.
- --all these fleshly things made me zealousness not for God but against God! I persecuted the church—Christ and His people—all the while touching the Pharisaical external requirements of the Law—the strictest observance of the Law that any human has been able to produce--blameless, seeking to establish my own righteousness before God (Rom. 10:1-4)!
- -- So much for a law system according to the flesh.

v. 7-8: And then Paul realized that it was all nothing, just worthless trash, compared to Christ!

- v. 7—But then the Risen Lord confronted him with the righteousness of God in Christ, and that changed everything—it caused a seismic shift and upturning of his whole world and thought processes, the way he counted and reckoned things.
 - --All the things he counted as valuable as an approach to God and worked for in the past, he now counted as worthless loss—and the earthshaking reverberations were still ringing in his ears—compared to the free gift of the Righteousness of God in Christ and received by faith!
 - --Everything that he had placed in the asset column were shifted over to the loss column in the spreadsheet of his life.

- v. 8—Now for Paul, the only thing that really mattered, that had any lasting value was the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ, of having been brought into an intimate "knowing" relationship with God through Him.
 - --Yes, this put everything he had before in the loss column, but that was ok because now he realized they were just refuse anyway.
 - --Without those distractions and mis-adventures, he can put all his time and effort into taking hold of the priceless prize of the Person of Christ—gaining and exploiting all the riches he has in Christ, bringing every last one of them into his experience and walk, enjoying God and sharing with others selflessly in Love.

As we already saw in our study of Phil. 4:4-9, the goal of the Christian Life centered in Christ is to replace all our things and the things of the world and the flesh with the things of God in Christ. Make Christ ALL IN ALL (Col. 3:11). For today, these things are revealed in PGMT (Phil. 4:8-9):

- 1. The TRUE things of God (2 Cor. 4:2; 6:7; Gal. 2:5, 14; 3:1; Eph. 1:13; 4:21; 5:9; Col. 1:5-6; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Tim. 2:15; Titus 1:1).
- 2. The HONEST things, worthy of respect—usually translated grave—those holding the Mystery of Christ in a clear conscience (1 Tim. 3:8) and sound in THE faith (Titus 2:1-2).
- 3. The JUST things—justified before God and men (Rom. 1:17; 3:24; Co. 4:1; Titus 1:8).

- 4. The PURE things—holy without blemish in agape LOVE (Eph. 1:4; 2 Cor. 6:3-8; 11:2).
- 5. The LOVELY things—toward brotherly love—holy kiss--pity (Rom. 12:10; 16:16—holy kiss; Titus 3:4 with Acts 17:28-29, 15).
- The of GOOD REPORT things—eulogy, basis for the Gospel (Rom. 1:16; 15:16, 19-20; 16:25; 1 Cor. 4:15; 15:1; Gal. 1:11; Eph. 1:13; 6:19; Phil. 1:5-7; Col. 1:5, 23; 1 Thess. 3:2).
- 7. The VIRTUOUS things—most excellent things (similar idea in Phil. 1:10).
- 8. The PRAISEWORTHY things (2 Cor. 8:18; Eph. 1:6, 12, 14; Phil. 1:11; 4:8).

In short: Everything that places God the Son in the center of all things—

Paul's Gospel, the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the Mystery (PGMT).

(Phil. 4:9; Eph. 1:9-10; Rom. 16:25)

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb
Redeemed thro' His infinite mercy
His child and forever, I am

Chorus:

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus
No language my rapture can tell
I know that the light of His presence
With me shall continually dwell

Chorus:

I think of my blessed Redeemer
I think of Him all the day long
I sing, for I cannot be silent
His love is the theme of my song

Chorus:

I know I shall see in His beauty
The King in whose law I delight;
Who lovingly guards every footstep,
And gives me a song in the night.

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