

428.How Blessed Are the Perfect in the Way

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final two lines. The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The overall mood is reverent and solemn.

How bles-sed are the per-fect in the way Who, wal-king in Je -
O let Thy Spi - rit be my con - stant aid, That all my ways may
ho-vah's law with plea - sure, Pre - serve their pi - e - ty from day to day.
e - ver be di - rected To keep Thy sta - tutes, so to be o - beyed,
How blest are they who make His Word their trea - sure, Who keep His tes - ti -
That from all er - ror I may be pro - tec - ted. I shall not be a -
mo - nies and dis - play Their love for Him whose good-ness none can mea - sure.
shamed then or a - fraid, When Thy com mand-ments I have e'er re - spec - ted.

3.O Lord, how shall a youth preserve his way,
At every turn by vanity surrounded?
In truth, if he Thy statutes will obey,
If on Thy Word his attitudes are founded.
Thou whom I've sought, O let me never stray
From Thy commandments, lest I be confounded.

4.Thy precepts have I hid within my heart,
Lest I should stray and fall into transgression;
O teach Thou me and unto me impart
Thy statutes for a permanent possession.
In all Thy judgments Thou most righteous art;
Thy truth I praise in rapturous confession.

5.O teach me, Lord, the way that I should go;
 Then shall Thy servant walk therein forever.
 Give understanding all Thy paths to know;
 Then shall I keep Thy law with zealous fervor.
 Instruct me in Thy perfect will and, lo,
 I shall observe it with my whole endeavor.

6.O Lord, Thou art my portion and my lot;
 I said that I would keep Thy Word forever,
 Though to my sorrow I have oft forgot.
 With all my heart I now entreat Thy favor:
 Be merciful to me and chasten not;
 According to Thy Word be Thou my Savior.

7.O how I love Thy law! Yea, Thou canst see
 Through all the day it is my meditation;
 By Thy commandments, Lord, Thou madest me
 More wise than all who seek my ruination.
 Thy testimonies evermore shall be
 The perfect source of all my inspiration.

8.Thy Word is as a lamp unto my feet,
 A light upon my pathway unto heaven;
 I've sworn an oath, which gladly I repeat,
 That I shall keep, as always I have striven,
 Thy righteous judgments, holy and complete,
 When unto me Thy helping grace is given.

9.Great peace have they who love Thy perfect law;
 They shall not swerve from paths of consecration;
 Their happiness shall be without a flaw.
 Lord, I have ever hoped for Thy salvation;
 All Thy commandments I have kept with awe;
 Thy precepts are my daily meditation.

10.Grant life unto my soul, O Lord, I pray;
 Shed still the brightness of Thy presence o'er me;
 Then shall I praise Thee in a perfect way,
 Yea, let Thy judgments quicken and restore me.
 Thy servant like a sheep has gone astray,
 Yet Thy commandments I will keep before me.