

For Sunday, September 27, 2020:

As we arrive at the last Sunday in September, we encounter a great story about Jesus challenging the Pharisees in the midst of their self-righteousness. Matthew 21 describes a scenario where Jesus tells the Jewish elders that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into heaven ahead of them because they are truly repentant. In Ezekiel 18, we read that God values all lives and it is His desire that all would turn from their sin and discover true life. God takes no pleasure in the death of anyone. Finally, in Philippians 2, Paul tells the Philippian church to imitate the humility of Jesus in their treatment of one another. In other words, it's not all about you! Challenging verses that lead to a great reward in God's kingdom. Therefore, the scripture this week is:

Old Testament: Ezekiel 18:1-4;25-32

New Testament: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Hymn for your reflection: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

The Heavenly Vision (Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus)



"The Heavenly Vision", also known as "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (the first line of its chorus), is a hymn written by Helen Howarth Lemmel. It was inspired by a pamphlet entitled *Focused*, written by the missionary Isabella Lilius Trotter. Today the chorus is most widely known and has become a standard reprinted in many hymnals.

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Refrain:
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow
strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

2. Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conqu'rors we are!

3. His Word shall not fail you—He
promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!