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EDITORIAL.

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."—Romans 4:20-21.

Abraham was a faithful man—a man full of faith. God promised him that his seed should be as countless as the stars though as yet he had no heir and he and his wife were aged. Yet he fully believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness.

We may exercise as much faith as Abraham. We have as good grounds as he and better.

God gives us the precious promise that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Do we believe it?

We fear that many are not like Abraham—they "stagger" at the promise. It seems too much to fully accept.

Unbelief cause men to "stagger" at God's word. A desire for worldly honor prevents us from believing—as Jesus said—"How can ye believe which receive honor one of another?" Any carnal, selfish, worldly, sinful purpose will prevent us from accepting God's promises. It's a truth that, if we pull up our weeds of doubt we will find sin at the roots.

Abraham had no doubts—"but was strong in faith—being fully persuaded that what God had promised, he was able also to perform."

Dear reader, are you strong in faith? God has promised not only to forgive our sins, but to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Are you fully persuaded that what he has promised he is able also to perform?

Are you fully persuaded that He will perform it in you if you ask Him?

Are you fully persuaded that He has performed it in you because you asked Him?

You are either cleansed from all unrighteousness or you are staggering at the promise. Which?

God has given us Abraham as the chief of the great "cloud of witnesses" that surround us, who fully believed God and were accounted righteous by Him. Surely we ought to be ashamed of ourselves, in these days, if we have any doubts of the fulfilment of God's promises when we have the record of so great a cloud of witnesses to faith.

How many are tossed about by doubts and fears when they might be established! "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall you be established."

Praise the Lord, there are some who believe God and are like faithful Abraham, fully persuaded that what God has promised He is able also to perform. These are those of whom the Psalmist speaks when he says, "A good man shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed trusting in the Lord."

Dear reader, is this your photograph?

A FAMOUS HYMN AND ITS AUTHOR.

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great legacy they left to the world. They are commemorated among their country's most renowned sons in Westminster Abbey. Charles Wesley died in London in 1788, and was buried in his parish churchyard at Marylebone, eight brother clergymen acting as pallbearers.

By his hymns, however, Charles Wesley "being dead yet speaketh," and will speak as long as our language lasts. There are few languages indeed into which some of them have not been translated. And by universal consent the most precious of all is "Jesus! Lover" written probably about the time of his conversion in 1737, and published in 1740 in his "Hymns and Sacred Poems," under the title, "In Temptation." It is with genuine regret that the present writer relinquishes the pretty story of its inspiration by a little bird flying to his breast for protection from a bank, during the storm. But nowhere can any proof of such an origin be found. That is most likely a preacher's story derived from the hymn itself, although it is of course possible Wesley may have heard some such tale, and founded his hymn upon it.

Curiously, John Wesley did not approve of this hymn which he did not include in his book, and which did not appear in the Wesleyan Hymnbook until 1800, long after it had appeared in Church of England books, and especially let us note, in the one compiled in 1776 by Toplady, writer of "Rock of Ages!" Many indeed have thought it to be too intimately sacred for aught but private use.

It has been mangled by hymnal compilers as comparison with the original reproduced here will show. One great difficulty has been the third line which probably means nothing more than that "the waters roll very near," founded on such scriptures as Psalm 69 and Psalm 124.

One pities the poor ignoramus who in a book called "Hymnologia Christiana," published in 1863 made the first quatrain read:

"Jesus, Refuge of the soul,
To Thy sheltering arms we fly;
While the raging billows roll,
While the tempest's roar is high."
One hymnal begins the hymn "O Thou

Lover of My Soul," and many make the mistake of printing the first word "Jesus," instead of "Jesu," as Charles Wesley wrote it, using the strictly correct, vocative case of the noun.

Many tunes were set to this hymn before it found one which commended itself alike to the multitudes using its words, and to musicians who felt that it deserved to find music fitting its characteristics. A simple melody by Simeon B. Marsh known as Martyn, appeared about the year 1835 and was appropriated to it. In some parts of this continent this tune is still sung to it. About sixty or seventy years ago the tune Innocents, commonly set to "Conquering kings their titles take," which appeared in "The Parish Choir" in 1850, was very commonly set to it as a four line hymn. "Hymns Ancient and Modern," brought with it the tune "Hallingside" by the noted Rev. Dr. Dykes, Rector of St. Oswald's, Durham, who possibly ranks as the most successful hymn-tune writer of the last century. There is a tune called Refuge, written by a J. B. Holbrook, which became popular for a time mainly because of the catchy duet between treble and tenor in its first part. And there have been settings innumerable attempted for it, solos and four part songs. But probably Dr. Dykes' tune is the favorite now, and most suitable to its words and sentiments.

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