

Psal. 48. 14.

This God is our God, forever & ever;
he will be our ~~guide~~^{guide} even unto death

I God is our God, because he
has chosen us to be his people.

Before we had a being we were
his. When we were dead &c he lov-
us accord. to the riches of his mer-
cy. When we knew him not, & nev-
er thought of him, he call. us to re-
ceive the fulness of his grace. This is
the great reason for our gratitude &c.
that he waited not for merit in us;
but from the overflowing of his own
compass. towards us, he had mercy on
us, because he would have mercy.

The apostle often speaks of this subj.
with thanksgiving unto God.

Writing to the Ephes. he &c "Bless. be
the God & Father &c who hath bless. us

with all spirit bless. in heavenly &c.
accord. as he hath chosen us in him
before the foundation &c. that we sh^d
be holy & without blame before him
in love". And to the Thess. &c. "We give
thanks to God always for you all, mak-
mention of you in our prayers; re-
membering without ceasing, your
work of faith &c in our S. J. C. in the
sight of God & our Father; knowing, brethren
beloved, your election of God" &c.

By his own unbound. love, he has thus
become our God; & we feel constrain.
to give him all the glory, for that free
grace, ~~which~~ has sav. us from ever-
lasting ruin, & given ^{unto us} great & precious
promises in C. J. without any refer.
to merit, or worthiness of our own.

II God the Saviour is our God, by a
voluntary gift of himself for us.

When we were helpless & hopeless,
without strength, in due time C. died

for the ungodly"

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Sin had destroyed the whole race; & place them under the wrath & curse &c. &c.

The wrath of G. was reveal. &c.

Without shed. of blood &c.

Either the sinner or a substitute must die, to preserve the Majesty of God, unstained, & to reconcile the Justice of God to the pardon of the guilty. To make the necessary atone. for sin, & to accomplish the perfect right. wh. man required, God the Son became man, & opened in himself, a fountain for sin &c.

Burnt offer. s & sacrifice for sins, could offer no hope to fallen man. Then said God the son. "So, I come, to do" &c.

From this voluntary, cheerful substitution of himself to be the sinners propitiation as early, as mans first apostacy; or the existance of human want, he is call. The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. By this gift of himself, he

purchased for himself, a peculiar people, who shall glo. him on earth, & become partakers of his glory in heaven. They were promised to him, in the Great bo. of Redemption, which the whole foundation of a sinners hope. In them he was to, "See of the travail of his soul" &c. He was to justify them, when he should bear their iniquities; & make his soul an offering for sin. He has thus bought them, with an inestimable price; & they are his people, & he is their God.

[[I]] God the Saviour is ours, by our voluntary acceptance of his mercy.

The rich & glorious privileges &c. of the gospel, are freely offered to the enjoyment of all who hear the message which presents them, The terms of the &c. invitations are unlimited, & whosoever will, is invited by the Saviour, to be a partaker of his grace, &c.

But vast numbers despise the riches of his long suffering. tremple under foot &c. &c. But while this is the case many; there are many also.

who have received Jesus C. in their ³
hearts, as their hope of glory; & have re-
joiced in the acceptance of the bless. wh.
he has offered them. They have felt their
deep necessity for such a Saviour. They
have ^{been} convinced of the wretchedness of their
natural condition without him. They have
found ~~no~~ without hope ~~no~~. They have
been wearied with the hard service, in
which they have been held; & have sought
for Redemption & peace in the blood of
Jesus, even the forgiveness of Sins. They
have thus gratefully received the offer
of Sal. which G. has been pleased to
make to them, & have cast themselves
humbly & wholly, upon him.

By this acceptance of the riches of his
mercy, which ~~are~~ in Christ Jesus, God
becomes their Saviour, & their Covenant
God.

[V] God is our God, by the personal

consecration of ourselves to his
service.

If we are his people, we have
come out from the world, & separated our-
selves from its vanities & sins. We have
named ourselves by the name of our
Lord J. C., & have bound ourselves in love
with him, to be his forever, & to depart from
iniquity. We are not our own ~~no~~.
we have no right to live unto ourselves.

He has seal. us with his Holy Spirit
unto the day of redemption; & we have
promised to live in remembrance, that
our time, our talents, our opportunities
& power to do good, are all the Lord's. ~~no~~

There has been a sol. agreement record-
ed in heaven, between every Christian
& that Saviour, whom we are bound to
serve: An agreement voluntarily en-
tered into by themselves, that they will
have no other God but him, that every
idol shall be relinquished, & cast away; &

that their whole affections shall be ⁴
consecrated unto him, & to his glory for
ever.

This dedication of ourselves to God,
is recognised in all our approaches to
his throne of grace, public or private.

We come unto him as our Gov. God
to whom we have made the Voluntary
gift of ourselves, to be a living sacrifice
unto him, & whose promises established
in the S. S. C. we have ^{the} right therefore to
plead before him.

We have ^{thus} avouched the Lord to be our
God; & we shall be witnesses against
ourselves, if we forsake his service,
& yield our affections to any other.

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(224.) S.M. 349 S.M.

Hymn 272 S.M. Do. 273. 7. Psal. 48.
2nd part S.M.