

EACH STEP I TAKE

Introduction to Scripture reading and song service

- A. Some songs bring out varying emotions.
 1. "Emotion" defined as "a strong feeling: the emotions of joy, sorrow, reverence, hate, and love."
 2. Emotions are primarily subjective. That is, the consciousness of man reacts according to his own thinking.
 3. What brings joy to me may not affect you in the same way. In fact, some sing a particular song and get an entirely different thought than I do. Their emotions are stirred one way and mine, another. And we may have both missed what the poet who wrote it had as inspiration.
- B. I think we can eliminate "hate" as one of the emotions our songs bring forth unless when we sing of how "They Crucified My Saviour" we hate the deed that was done.
 1. "Joy To The World" brings forth the emotion of joy in the participant because "the Lord has come." It's too bad people have relegated it to the Christmas season. Perhaps we should sing it on the fourth of July. Psa 5:11
 2. We are moved with sorrow as we share the agonies of the Lord in singing "Night With Ebon Pinion (dark & bound up jlh) Brooded (to turn over in the mind, moodily and at length jlh) O'er The Vale (valley jlh)." Lk 22:44
 3. We soar to the heights of reverence as we raise our voices to acclaim "How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art." Psa 86:9-10
 4. "Wonderful Story of Love" causes us to attain a higher degree of love as we attune our hearts unto God. Jhn 3:16
- C. But the song: "Each Step I take", perhaps affects me more, emotionally, than any other.
 1. I am moved to tears, as others tell me they are too as we put our trust in the words: "Each step I take, I know that He will guide me." He will guide each step I take, through his divine word, that leads me to a place the song calls "home."
 2. Perhaps I am moved more than perhaps a teenager would be now that I am past the three score and ten mark.
 3. I look less and less at this earth as a place to call home.
 4. I wish I could get younger folks to realize that they, to, are closer home by each step they take. Perhaps they would be more careful about where they walk. Psa 119:133

Scripture Reading and Song Service:

Conclusion:

- A. I am emotionally drained when the song is finished because I know that I have but little time left and there is so much to do.
- B. "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Psalm 90:10).
- C. Does each step you (I) take lead us closer home or is each step leading you closer to eternal destruction Matt 25:46

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(All songs are from Hymns For Worship)

Announcements: _____

Introduction and opening comments _____

Song: # 36 Each Step I take _____

MY SAVIOR LEADS THE WAY

Scripture Reading: Jer 10:23; Psa 17:3-6; 37:23-24 .. _____

Song: # 280 I Have Decided To Follow Jesus _____

Song: # 506 Stepping In The Light _____

HE IS WITH ME EVEN THROUGH DARK VALLEYS

Scripture Reading: Psa 23; 27:1-6 _____

Song: # 375 The Lord's My Shepherd _____

Song: # 112 Teach Me Thy Way _____

Prayer: (for strength to follow the steps of Jesus) .. _____

HE IS ALWAYS BY MY SIDE

Scripture Reading: Psa 118:5-9; Heb 13:5-6 _____

Song: # 72 Be With Me Lord _____

Song: # 484 I'll Never Forsake My Lord _____

HE LEADS ME CLOSER HOME

Scripture Reading: Heb 11:13-16; 2Cor 5:1-7 _____

Song: # 230 This World Is Not My Home..... _____

Song: # 228 The Christian's Welcome Home . _____

Summary and Invitation: _____

Song: # 288 Lord I'm Coming Home _____

Song: (Lord's Supper) # 186 I Stand Amazed _____