

# "GOD'S CALL"

## SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR SABBATH SCHOOL

LESSON 3: OCTOBER 12-18, 2019

*"Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, who has put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem" (Ezra 7:27, NKJV)*

H Y M N S F O R W O R S H I P . O R G

## RECURRING THEMES IN THIS WEEK'S LESSON

### A. The prophetic importance of Ezra's timeline:

- Tracing the the starting date (457 BC) of the 70-week prophecy is important to be able to predict key dates in the Bible (as Daniel foretold) -- Messiah's death on the cross (AD 31), and the preaching of the gospel extends to the Gentiles, marked by the persecution of the early church and the martyrdom of Stephen (AD 34)
- It also helped the early Adventists predict the time for the end of the 2300-day prophecy, hence the significance of October 22, 2844 -- not because of the Great Disappointment, but it marked Christ's entry into the Most Holy Place, bearing the High Priest's role, and interceding in behalf of His people.

### B. Biblical concepts of predestination:

- God predestined that there is only one way of salvation, namely, through Jesus Christ (John 14:6, Acts 4:12).

## NEW HYMNS TO LEARN

### THE 2300-DAY PROPHECY

*(from the album **Line upon Line Prophetic Hymns**)*

Audio and PDF available for a small donation of \$1 at <https://gum.co/wHqAIP>

### CONFIDENCE 10.10.10.10. D

This week's lesson explains in detail the prophetic importance of Ezra's timeline and how it corresponds with the 2,300-year prophecy. Through this, God especially demonstrates that He is in charge of events and watches over our world. This hymn details precisely the happenstances in this glorious and most wonderful prophecy of all time! I especially like this portion of the 2nd stanza, which of course relates to this week's lesson:

*The start of this long prophecy was marked,  
With Artaxerxes' final, full decree,  
In 457, Ezra was embarked,  
The building of God's temple to oversee*

### WHAT A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR, SDAH 335

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-335-wonderful-savior/>  
8.7.8.7.Ref.

We are elected in Christ to eternal life *if* we accept Him as our personal Savior (Rom. 8:29, Eph. 1:3-8). He wishes for everyone to be saved (1 Tim. 2:3, 4). Hoffman couldn't be more correct about our sure election when she wrote, *We are redeemed! The price is paid! What a wonderful Saviour!*

## MORE FAMILIAR HYMNS

These hymns may also be sung. Although the context does not fully match, the general theme of *being predestined to proclaim His gospel* are truly present (See 'Recurring Themes in This Week's Lesson, B, page 2)

- Jesus Calls Us, SDAH 285 - <https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-285-jesus-calls-us/>
- O Zion Haste, SDAH 365 - <https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-365-o-zion-haste/>
- Watchman, Blow the Gospel Trumpet, SDAH 368 - <https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-368-watchman-blow-gospel-trumpet/>
- So Send I You, SDAH 578 - <https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-578-send/>



## RECURRING THEMES IN THIS WEEK'S LESSON

### B. Biblical concepts of predestination (continued)

- God predestined some people (both as individuals or as a community of believers) to a specific task, to a particular mission (as He ordained the faithful remnant to proclaim the eternal gospel).
- God has a worldwide mission (Isa. 49:6) God has predestined the final climax of human history when He will come as Judge and give His reward (Daniel 2).
- God predestined humans to be conformed to the image of His Son. The Bible is not saying that God predestines us either to be saved or to be condemned, and that we have no choice in the matter. In other words, the election is for the purpose of our transformation. We are to be changed to reflect the Son of God.

## MORE FAMILIAR HYMNS

These hymns may also be sung. Although the context does not fully match, the general theme of this week's lesson is still present.

### Christ's predestined return

- Look for the Waymarks SDAH 596
- Watch, Ye Saints SDAH 598

### Conforming to Christ's image

- Like Jesus SDAH 492
- I Would Be Like Jesus SDAH 311

### How to respond to God's call for us

- I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go SDAH 573
- Jesus I Come To Thee, SDAH 292

PDF of the sheet music and piano accompaniments for all the hymns in the SDA Hymnal (1985) are available at <https://hymnsforworship.org/sda-hymnal/sda-hymnal-index/>

## NEW HYMNS TO LEARN

### HARK THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING, SDAH 359

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-359-hark-voice-jesus-calling/>

#### FILLMORE 8.7.8.7.D.

There are times God prepares us, through education or experiences, for a specific task; at other times, He chooses us to serve simply because we are willing and humble. It's not always easy to know, though, what God's call is in our lives, is it? Nevertheless, the Bible is full of stories of people whom God chose for a particular assignment.

Interestingly, Ezra and Nehemiah were called for a specific task by God: to rebuild what lay in ruins. However, rebuilding in this case involved various tasks. They were to lead the people of Israel back to Jerusalem and to rebuild the temple and the city. At the same time, they were to teach the people about God and above all guide them back to a committed relationship with Him.

How about you, what do you think is God calling you to do? When He calls, our response should be what Daniel March wrote in the 4th stanza of this hymn:

*While the souls of men are dying, and the Master calls for you,  
Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do!"  
Gladly take the task He gives you, Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He callers, "Here am I, O Lord, send me."*

### CHRIST THE LORD, ALL POWER POSSESSING, SDAH 415

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-415-christ-lord-power-possessing/>

#### CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

The ultimate predestination is when Christ comes to claim, not the salvation of a few but the gathering of as many people as possible from among the nations. (Rev. 21:3) What a thrilling experience to look forward to!

*Revelation's word fulfilling,  
Trumpet, voices pierce the air.  
Saint and sinner fainting, thrilling,  
Every eye behold Him there.  
Christ is coming, Christ is coming,  
Christ is coming on the clouds!*