GREAT LOVE XXVII

My Jesus I Love Thee

Many of you know that I enjoy singing “My Jesus I Love Thee.” One of the reasons is that the verses begin at conversion. The writer was saying that right now “I love thee.” He looks and lists the reasons why he loves Jesus and commits to continue loving Jesus. Even more amazing is that the author, William Ralph Featherston, was sixteen years old when he wrote “My Jesus I Love Thee.” It is believed that he wrote theses lines when he was converted. He actually died at the age of twenty-six. No matter his age he left much behind if only in the lines of this blessed hymn!

“My Jesus I love thee, I know thou art mine. For thee all the follies of sin I resign.” How great is the love that is proven to Christ through a life given to righteousness? For knowledge of knowing that Christ is mine I should lay down every weight and every besetting sin and follow Him faithfully. He is worth living for! “If ever I loved thee, my Jesus tis now.”

“I love thee because thou has first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.” Christ loved me long before I knew him. From the cross he could see me and placed the death nail in my sins. I know my love for him doesn’t compare with the love he has for me but I can sing with William Featherston “If ever I loved thee, my Jesus tis now.”

“I’ll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath.” Lord help me to love you until my very last breath. I want to love Jesus more. With every breath may I have a greater love for My Lord? I know there is a day set by God Almighty when I shall depart from this world but I pray my soul will be singing “If ever I loved thee, my Jesus tis now.”

“In mansions of glory and endless delight, I’ll ever adore thee in Heaven so bright.” I’ve been promised an eternal Heaven. Sometimes I think my heart overflows with love for Jesus. When I think of Calvary, Oh how I love Him! When I think of the many times he has rescued me from danger and disease, oh how I love Him! When He gave me my precious children, oh how I loved Him! But there is a day coming when I shall “sing with the glittering crown on my brow if ever I loved thee, my Jesus tis now.”

By the way if God gives you something in verse, share it with us; else you may be hiding a blessing from many people. Even if you’re sixteen God wants to use you.

Yours in Christ,

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