838  Standing on the Promises

TEXT and MUSIC: R. Kelso Carter, 1886

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

1 Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall,

through eternal ages let his praises ring;
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,

glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,

Standing on the promises of God.
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Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of “stand” and “promise(s),” the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (see no. 353).
Refrain

Standing, standing on the promises.

Standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;

Standing, standing on the promises.

Standing, standing on the promises of God.

I'm standing on the promises of God.
Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.
Descant
Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,
al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
seek, and you shall find;
but by ev - ery word

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.
and all these things shall be added unto you. 

knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. 

that proceeds from the mouth of God.

SPANISH

1 Busca primero el reino de Dios 
y su perfecta justicia, 
que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor. 
Alelu, aleluya.

KOREAN

1 너희는 먼저 주의 나라와 
그의를 구하-면 
이모든것 범계 다하시리라 
알렌-루 알레루야
Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people
here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise

Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Or “God”*
Fight the Good Fight 846

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might.
2. Run the straight race through God's good grace.
3. Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.
4. Faint not nor fear; God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be.
thy joy and crown eternally.
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its path, and Christ the prize.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be.
Life with its way before us lies;
On - ly believe, and thou shalt see
thy joy and crown eternally.
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning “struggle” or “grapple” or “wrestle.” The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1–2).
Come to the Table of Grace

1. Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of peace.
2. Come to the table of peace...
3. Come to the table of love...
4. Come to the table of hope...
5. Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

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TABLE OF GRACE
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Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
   who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
   with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
   who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way
   and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,
   with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
   with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
   to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
   and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,
   the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
   and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
   who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
   with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
   who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way
   and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,
   and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years’ War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.