

“Victory in Jesus!”

Eugene Bartlett wrote this song in 1939. His whole life was about music and hymns, and about teaching and publishing Christian music through his Hartford Music Publishing Company. Victory in Jesus was his last song, and most famous. It was also the only hymn he wrote that he never sang. He suffered a stroke and was confined to his room, unable to speak. That’s when he wrote this song about victory! He died two years after writing this song, and he was inducted into the Southern Gospel Hall of Fame in the year 2000.

The song asks a simple question: What have you heard about Jesus?

Isaiah 40:28, Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

And the awesome part about hearing about the LORD is that the tank never runs empty ... “no one can measure the depths of his understanding.”

1. Have You Heard the Old Gospel Story?

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from Glory
How He gave His life on Calvary, to save a wretch like me.
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins, and won the Victory.

The crux of the Gospel story is “changed life.” Repentance means doing an about-face from your way of life and adopting Christ’s victorious way of life.

Mark 1:14-15, ... Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God’s Good News: ¹⁵ “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

Jesus came from Heaven ... died for me on the cross ... I heard about that ... I changed my life’s strategy to come into sync with Jesus ... now I’m “winning.”

2. Have you heard about His Healing Power?

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, “Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit.”,
And some how Jesus came and brought to me the Victory.

Mark 2:16-17, Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.)

¹⁶ But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with such scum?"

¹⁷ When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

Sin is the root of life's brokenness. Coming to Jesus unlocks deep forgiveness in our life and makes us healthier.

What about healing for specific illness? "He made the lame to walk again, and caused the blind to see." Because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever ... His miracle healing power is available today! Our faith calls us to depend on God for healing, and also for grace when healing is delayed.

3. Have you heard about the Mansion He's built with YOUR name on it?

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of Victory!

Revelation 19:1, I heard a sound like massed choirs in Heaven singing, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power are God's!"

Great news! That choir is recruiting ... no talent required, you DO have to know the Director though.

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus loves me SO much He's sought and bought me with His blood sacrifice on the Cross!

Oh, Victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me and he bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to Victory, beneath the cleansing flood.

1 Corinthians 6:20, "God bought you with a high price. So you must honor Him!"

A closing prayer ... "Dear God, we've heard about You, and we like what we've heard! You have a great message for us and our friends. You've sought us out. You've bought us through Your sacrifice. You've got a mansion with my name on it. So Lord, we honor You. We believe You. And we'll walk in Your path of victory of us. Amen."