

Fairest Lord Jesus

Little is known of the origin of this beautiful hymn. It has been suggested that it was sung by German crusaders in the 12th century as they made their trip to the Holy Land. Others believed this was one of the hymns used by followers of John Huss (Moravian believers that were driven out of Bohemia). Some even suggest that it came from a folk song created by Silesian peasants. Whatever the actual origin of this hymn may be, this hymn has been used for centuries with its wonderful melody and words that focus our view on the Son of God who reveals to us the glory of our heavenly Father. We are greatly reminded that our Savior stands above all else. How worthy He is of the deepest glory, honor, praise, and adoration now and forevermore! The hymn reads as followed:

Fairest Lord Jesus! Ruler of all nature! O Thou of God and man the Son! Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

I would ask that you meditate on the words of this hymn a moment...truly think about who Christ really is and how much He should mean to each and every one of us. As Colossians 1:16 tells us, "For by Him all things were created: things in Heaven and on Earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him". Please also consider these other verses that go along with the same thought:

In John 1:1, 3, and 14, the apostle writes, (1) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ..." (3) "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made ..." (14) "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Paul wrote in Philippians 2:9-11, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Paul also wrote in Colossians 1:13-15, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature." Finally, in Hebrews 1:2-3, the writer wrote, "Hath in the last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all

things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

Let us all take time to reflect on the who our Savior really is and offer thanks to God for the amazing gift of salvation that was delivered from Jesus Christ.

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