Sunday Evening Worship – March 21st

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. *(every blessing...)*

You give and take away, you give and take away. My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run

The fountain I drink from Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide The ransom for my life Oh, He is my song

You are good, good, oh oh You are good, good, oh oh You are good, good, oh oh You are good, good, oh oh

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails The anchor in the waves, oh oh, He is my song Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins The echo of my days, oh oh, He is my song

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down (*8)

Our scars are a sign of grace in our lives

and Father, how You brought us through When deep were the wounds and dark was the night The promise of Your love, You proved Now every battle still to come let this be our song

It is well (it is well) With my soul (with my soul) It is well, it is well with my soul

Weeping may come, remain for a night but joy will paint the morning sky You're there in the fast, You're there in the feast, Your faithfulness will always shine Now every blessing still to come let this be our song *(it is well...)* It is well (it is well), With my soul (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul I trust Your ways (I trust Your ways), I trust Your name (I trust Your name) And it is well, it is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul, my soul

You lead us through battles (You lead us through battles) You lead us to blessing (You lead us to blessing) And You make us fruitful (You make us fruitful) In the land of our suffering, God And it is well, it is well with my soul

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There is a hope that burns within my heart,

That gives me strength for every passing day; A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part, Yet drives all doubt away: I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven; And Christ in me, the hope of heaven! My highest calling and my deepest joy, To make His will my home. 2. There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
A consolation strong against despair,
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
And they will lead me home.

3. There is a hope that stands the test of time, That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave, To see the matchless beauty of a day divine When I behold His face!When sufferings cease and sorrows die, And every longing satisfied.Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul, For I am truly home.

Today's reading The Widow's Offering

21 As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ² He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³ "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴ All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Questions.

1. How does this short story get misused? Where is Jesus focus here?

2. She gives everything. What song's capture that idea, allowing us to offer ourselves as we worship?

3. Is there anything wrong with having a plaque that records a significant donation (for a development or building project for example)?

4. Is the idea of 'paying forward' a Christian principle, or another way of trusting Karma?