

Chosen What Is Better

Main Bible Verse:

(Luke 10:41-42) “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

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Summary:

Luke 10:38-42 | Luke 10:40 | I Corinthians 13:5 | I Kings 19:9-18

- Two sisters opened their home for Jesus.
 - One sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what He said. (Mary)
 - One was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. (Martha)
- Jesus taught them, the one who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what He said, has chosen what is better.
 - To come before God and receive His word, is the best blessing one could receive.
- v(Luke 10:40) But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”
 - The real problem here, is the complaint.
- Jesus did not rebuke Martha for serving the Lord and His disciples.
 - Church needs people who serve the Lord and His people with zealous.
 - Jesus is pleased when we serve the church and serve others in His name.
 - However, serving with a complaining attitude, is not a pleasing to the Lord.
 - For to complain is an action of self-seeking.
 - I Corinthians chapter 13 taught us, love is not self-seeking.
- When prophet Elijah said that the Israelites have rejected God’s covenant and killed His prophets and he was the only one left, he was focusing on himself.
 - When we focus on ourselves, it is self-seeking, the same mistake as Martha.
 - Jesus corrected Elijah, “Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel--all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him.”
- v(Philippians 3:12-14) Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to

have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

- To truly serving the Lord:
 - we will put His word as our top priority.
 - We will quiet our heart before Jesus to receive His word.
 - We will serve God according to the word we receive from Him.
 - We will put our focus on Jesus instead of ourselves.
- When we put our focus on Jesus:
 - We will not complain.
 - We will advance in the direction God has given us.
 - We will receive the reward.
- That is why Paul taught us the importance to:
 - Not thinking that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal.
 - But to press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.
 - Not to consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.
 - Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.
 - To press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 2:2-3 | Colossians 2:9 | John 14:6 | Hebrews 10:25 | John 8:12

- What is chosen “what is better”:
 - “The better” is Jesus Christ.
 - v(Colossians 2:2-3) My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
 - v(Colossians 2:9) For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,
 - Jesus is our way, our truth, and our life. (John 14:6)
 - Church is the place to receive the direction, method, and complete healing from God.
 - Therefore, we must not stop going to church meetings.
 - v(John 8:12) When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

James 4:8 | Genesis 1:1-3 | I Peter 5:5 | Isaiah 30:15 | Matthew 5:6 | John 1:1-5 | Luke 11:13

- To receive this “what is better” we must:
 - Come near to God wholeheartedly. (James 4:8)
 - Read the bible daily.
 - Pray daily. To pray is not to report to God what you are planning to do, but to inquire of Him.
 - Worship daily. In spirit and in truth.
 - Worship until the Spirit of the Lord comes upon you. When the Spirit of God is working in you, there is light. Thus, formless, empty, and darkness will depart from you.

- v(Genesis 1:1-3) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
- Humble before God.
 - God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.
 - All we have is from God.
 - We must come before God with a heart of thanksgiving.
- Be still before the Lord and wait.
 - v(Isaiah 30:15) This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.
- Hunger and thirst for God's word.
- Knowing Jesus is the Word, through Him all things were made. In Him was life, and that life was the light.
- Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Glory

Lyrics: Tiffany Cheng
Music: Sandy Yu

Verse

hā lì lù yà hā lì lù yà zhè lǐ yǒu róng yào
hā lì lù yà hā lì lù yà zhè lǐ yǒu yī zhì yǒng liú
hā lì lù yà hā lì lù yà
zhè lǐ yǒu guāng míng zì yóu
jìng bài shēng yīn rú zhòng shuǐ yǒng liú
yǒng huó dí zhǔ nǐ zài zhè lǐ

Chorus

nǐ shì qǐ chū dí mò hòu dí
xī zài jīn zài yǒng zài dí zhǔ
quán xīn jìng bài nǐ dà shēng huān hū
gāo yáng bèi gāo jǔ
gōng yì dí rì tóu rú guāng zhào yào
wàn guó zàn tàn nǐ dí róng měi
shèng jié gōng yì zhǔ míng liàng chén xīng
xī zài jīn zài yǒng zài dí jūn wáng

You Are the King of Glory

Lyrics & Music:
Mavis Ford

Ní shì róngyào de jūnwáng

Ní shì hépíng zhī zhǔ

Ní shì tiāndì wàn yǒu zhǔzǎi

wéi yǒu ní shèngjié gōngyì

tiānshǐ dōu xiàng ní guì xià

jìng bài zūnchóng mí

yīnwèi zài ní yǒu yǒngshēng zhī dào

ní shì zhǔ yēsū jīdū

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Chorus

hé sà nà guīyú dà wèi de zǐsūn
hé sà nà guīyú wàn wáng zhī wáng
yuàn róngyào guīyú zhìgāo shén
yēsū ni shì ní sài yà

English

Hosanna to the Son of David
Hosanna to the King of kings
Glory in the highest heaven for
Jesus the Messiah reigns

Jiāng zìjǐ xiàn shàngdàng zuò huó jì
zuò zhǔ shèngjié guìzhòng de qì mǐn
nǐ fēngfù ēnhuì bì chōngzú jiāoguàn wǒ
shǐ wǒ wǎ qì lǐ chōngmǎn mòdà nénglì

Chorus

Gāojǔ shuāng shǒu zàn měi nǐ wǒ zhǔ
quán xīn quán rén dōu gěi nǐ yēsū
yīshēng yìyì huó chū róngyào de hū zhào
yǒnggǎn dì xiàngzhe biāo gān zhí pǎo

Bridge

Gēnsuí yēsū ài wǒ de zhǔ
wǒ ài nǐ yēsū
Gēnsuí yēsū ài wǒ de zhǔ
wǒ ài nǐ yēsū

The Blessing

Offering Worship

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Chris Brown

Shen ci fu bao hu ni

Ta di lian guang zhao yao ni

En dian ci fu yu ni

Ye he hua xiang ni yang lian

Ping an yu ni

Amen

The Lord bless you and keep you

Make His face shine upon you

And be gracious to you

The Lord turn His face toward you

And give you peace

Amen

Glory

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Music: Sandy Yu

Verse

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory's in this place.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, healing overflows.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, freedom's in this place.
Sound of praise like many waters,
living God, Your presence is here.

Chorus

You're the Alpha, Omega,
forever the living God.
I worship You with all my heart,
glory to the lamb.
You're the righteous sun that shines on us,
all nations will come before You.
You're the holy one, bright morning star,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

You are the King of Glory

You are the Prince of Peace

You are the Lord of heaven and earth

You're the Son of righteousness

Angels bow down before you

Worship and adore

For You have the words of eternal life

You are Jesus Christ the Lord

English

Hosanna to the Son of David

Hosanna to the King of kings

Glory in the highest heaven for

Jesus the Messiah reigns

Glorious Calling
Róngyào de hū zhào

Lyrics & Music by:
Grace Tseng

Let me be a living sacrifice,
and a holy vessel in Your hands.

For Your grace showers me to overflow,
fill this jar of clay with Your almighty pow'r.

Chorus

Lift my hands and worship You, my Lord.

All I am and all I have are Yours.

May Your calling be the reason that I live,
pressing on to the goal of Jesus Christ.

Bridge

You're my only love, my savior.

I will follow You.

You're my only love, my savior.

I will follow You.

Offering Worship

The Blessing

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Chris Brown

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

Amen