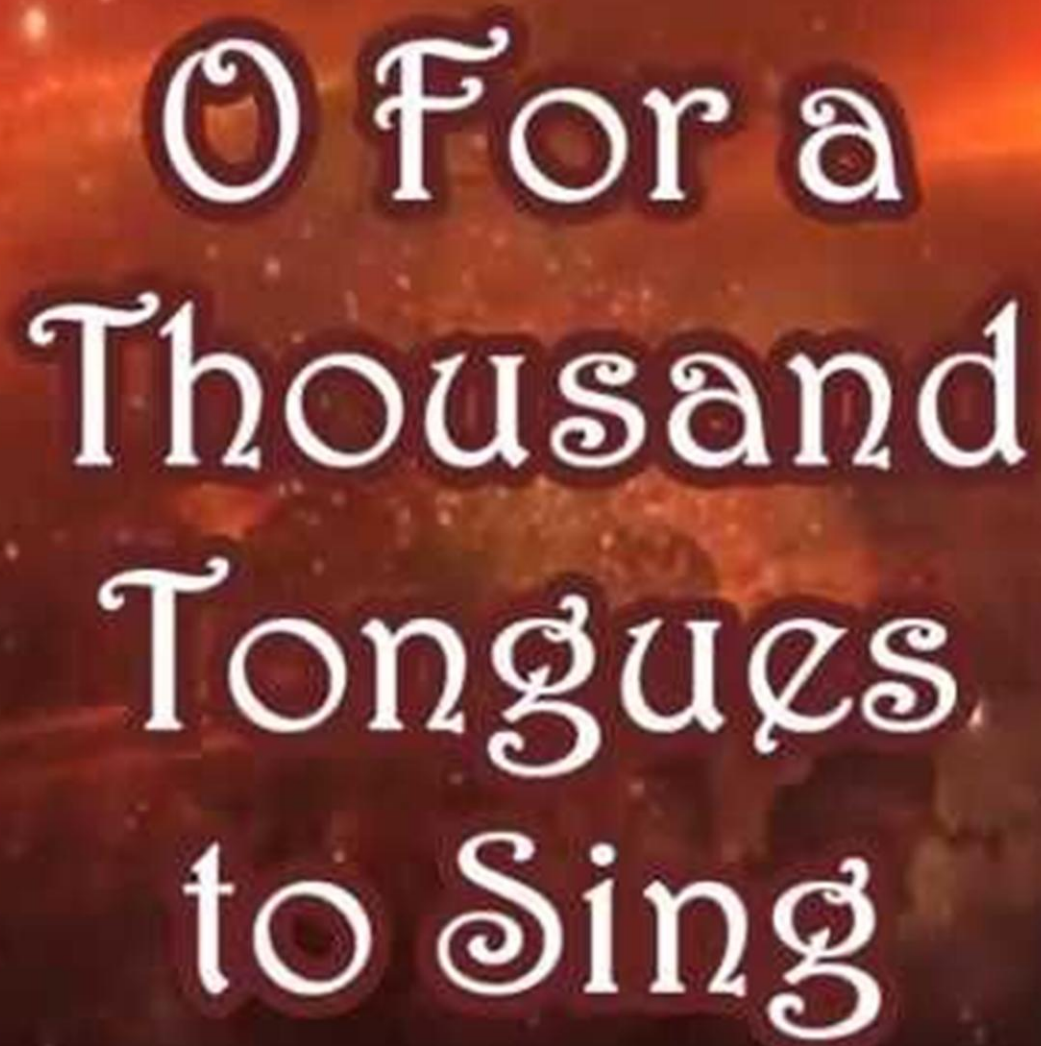


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- Charles Wesley (1707-1788) was a prolific hymn writer & one of the founders of Methodism.
- The hymn was written in 1739 to commemorate the first anniversary of Wesley's conversion experience.
- It was inspired by a statement made by Moravian leader Peter Böhler: "Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Him with them all."
- The hymn reflects his deep gratitude for God's grace, the joy of salvation & the desire to praise God endlessly.

# O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.*



Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Jesus, our blessed  
Redeemer!

## Praise Jesus Our Redeemer

- We are encouraged to live in constant worship & praise of God, aligning with the hymn's call to lift voices in adoration.

*1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. (Psalm 34:1 ESV)*

## Praise Jesus Our Redeemer

- The vision of countless angels & creatures worshiping the Lamb reflects the desire for a multitude of voices praising God.

*11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”*  
*(Revelation 5:11-12 ESV)*

## Praise Jesus Our Redeemer

- The ultimate confession of every tongue that Jesus Christ is Lord underscores the universal call to worship.

*11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:11 ESV)*



## Praise Jesus Our Redeemer

- This verse invites people to declare God's glory, resonating with the hymn's emphasis on glorifying the Redeemer.

*12 Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare his praise  
in the coastlands. (Isaiah 42:12 ESV)*

## Praise Jesus Our Redeemer

- This verse highlights praising God for His grace, paralleling the hymn's celebration of the triumphs of His grace.

*6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. (Ephesians 1:6 ESV)*

# O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.*

HONOR  
JESUS



## Honor Jesus

- Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations mirrors the hymn's call to spread God's honor.

*19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20 ESV)*

## Honor Jesus

- Declaring God's glory among the nations directly supports the theme of spreading His name globally.

*3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! (Psalm 96:3 ESV)*

## Honor Jesus

- The empowerment by the Holy Spirit to witness aligns with seeking God's assistance to proclaim His message.

*8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 ESV)*

## Honor Jesus

- Strength through Jesus underpins the prayer for divine help in proclaiming God's honors.

*13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.  
(Philippians 4:13 ESV)*

- This verse's emphasis on God's name being praised from sunrise to sunset complements the hymn's theme of global praise.

*3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the  
Lord is to be praised! (Psalm 113:3 ESV)*



## O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.*



THERE IS  
**POWER**  
in the name of  
*Jesus*

## There is Power in the Name of Jesus

- Jesus invites the weary to find rest in Him.

*28 “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30 ESV)*

## There is Power in the Name of Jesus

- Jesus offers peace that surpasses worldly understanding.

*27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (John 14:27 ESV)*

- Faith in Jesus' name brings healing & strength.

*16 And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. (Acts 3:16 ESV)*

## There is Power in the Name of Jesus

- We are encouraged to trust Jesus, who gives peace.

*6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7 ESV)*

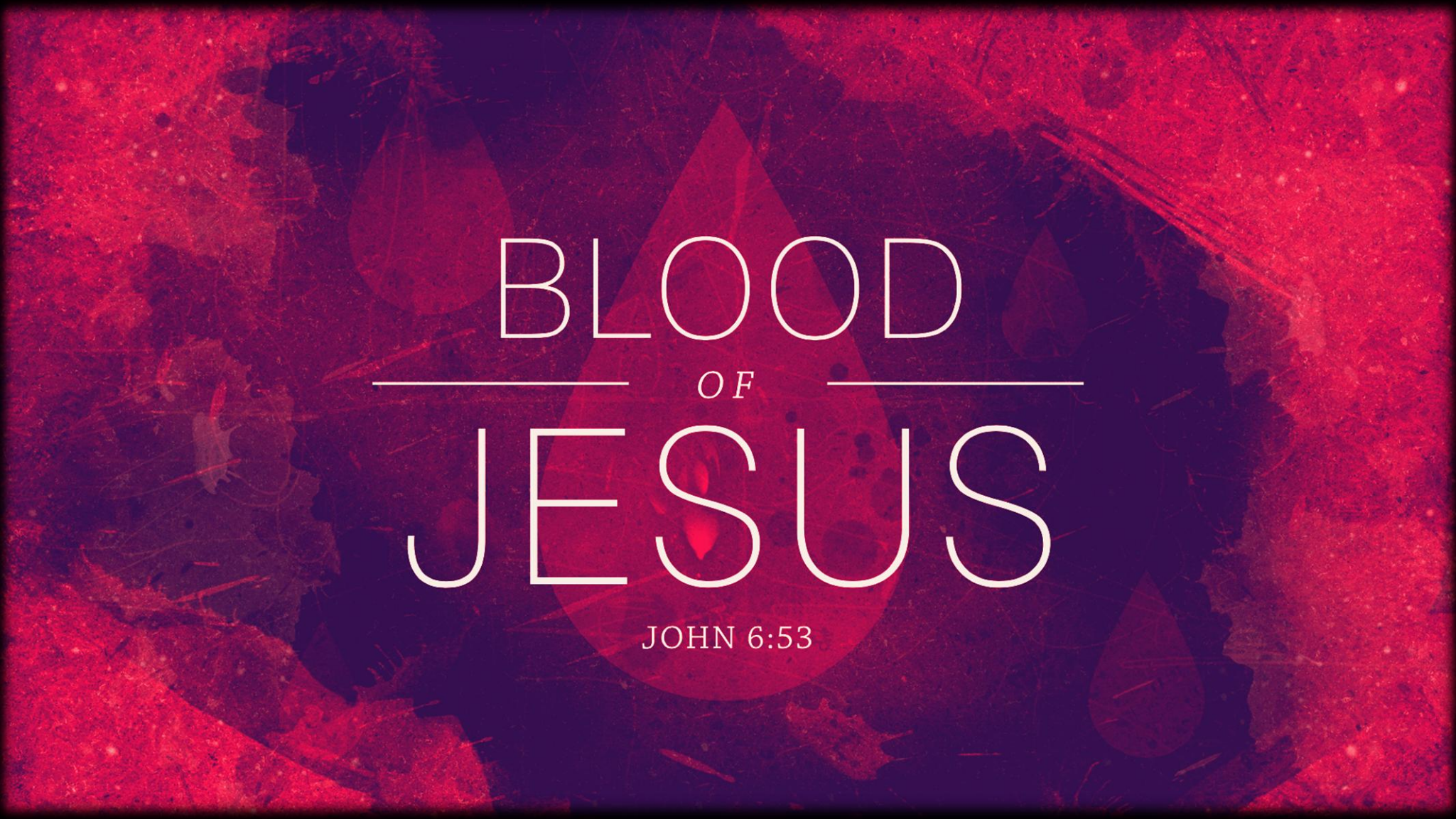
## There is Power in the Name of Jesus

- Jesus bears our griefs & heals us by His wounds.

*4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5 ESV)*

## O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.*



BLOOD  
*OF*  
JESUS

JOHN 6:53



## Blood of Jesus

- Through Jesus, sin's power is broken.

*6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin (Romans 6:6-7 ESV)*

- The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

*7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7 ESV)*

## Blood of Jesus

- Jesus' blood purifies our conscience.

*14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. (Hebrews 9:14 ESV)*

## Blood of Jesus

- Jesus' mission is to free the oppressed.

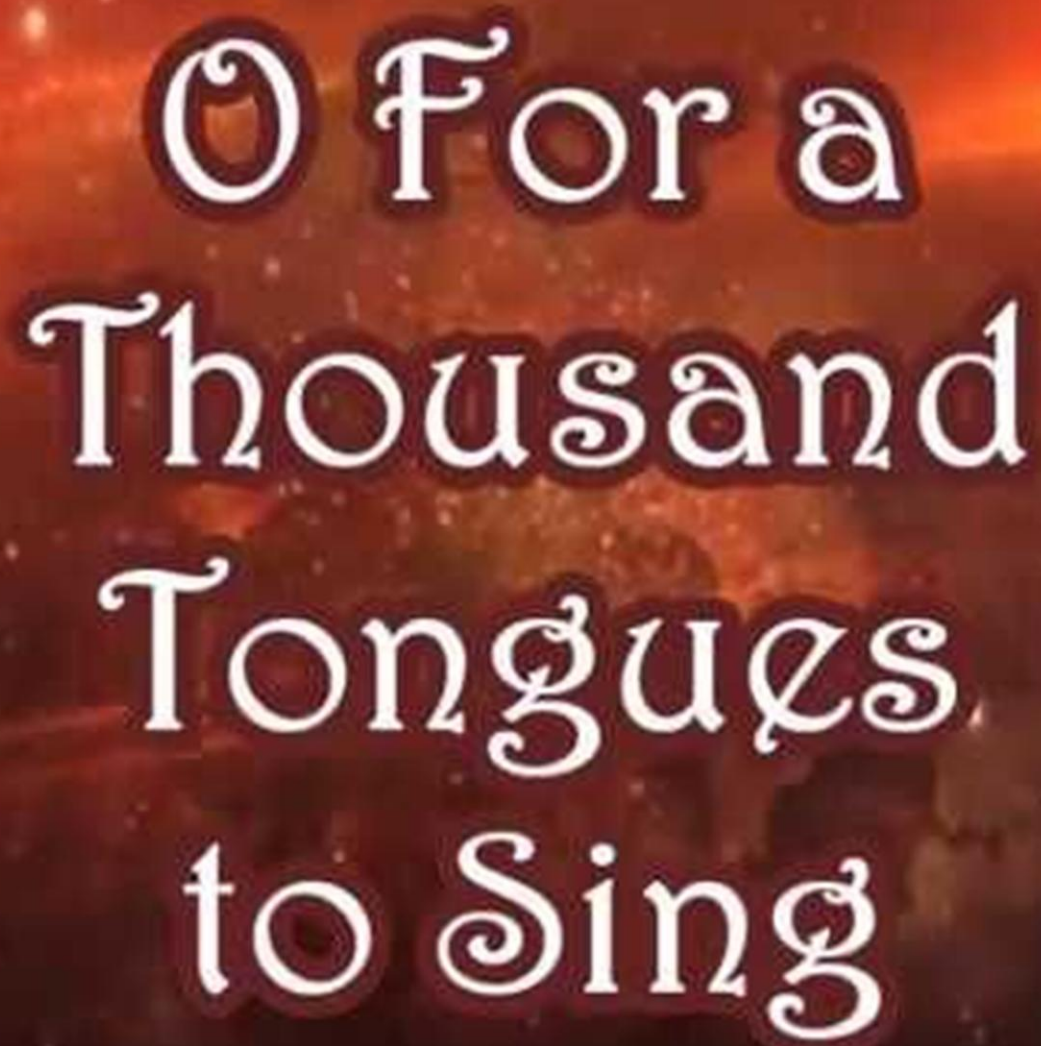
*61 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; (Isaiah 61:1 ESV)*

## Practical Applications

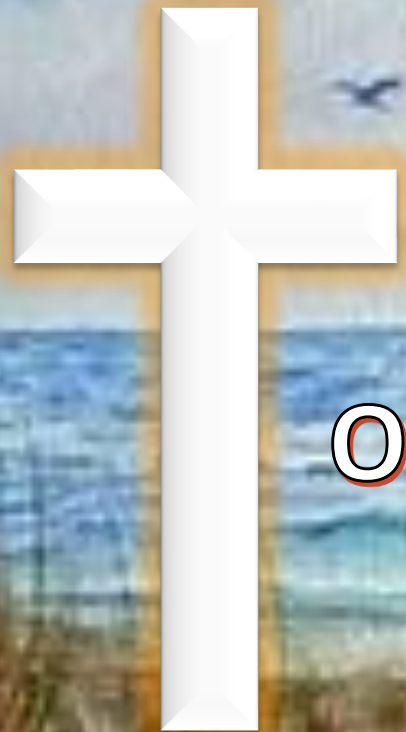
- Begin each day with a song of gratitude, focusing on God's blessings & grace.
- Be vocal about how Jesus has worked in your life, sharing His love with others.
- Reflect on the peace, healing & freedom found in Jesus.
- Use your freedom in Christ to help others, embodying His love.
- Ask God for courage to proclaim His truth & grace.

## Discussion Questions

- How does the hymn encourage you to praise God even in challenging times?
- How can you practically spread “the honors of His name” in your daily life?
- What does it mean for you to be “free” in Jesus?
- How can reflecting on the name of Jesus bring you peace & comfort?



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