

# More About Jesus Would I Know

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*Hymn: More About Jesus Would I Know*

1. *More about Jesus would I know, More of His grace to others show;  
More of His saving fulness to see, More of His love who died for me.*
  2. *More about Jesus let me learn, More of His holy will discern;  
Spirit of God my teacher be; Showing the things of Christ to me.*
  3. *More about Jesus in His word, Holding communion with my Lord,  
Hearing His voice in every line, Making each faithful saying mine.*
  4. *More about Jesus on His throne, Riches in glory all His own;  
More of His kingdom's sure increase; More of His coming, Prince of Peace.*
- [Chorus] More, more about Jesus, More, more about Jesus;  
More of His saving fulness see, More of His love who died for me.*

During the past week my meditations have been on this hymn, “*More about Jesus would I know.*” As I hummed the words of this hymn, I looked into the life of the writer of the hymn, Elisa Edmunds Hewitt. Hewitt was born in 1851 and was an elementary school teacher in Philadelphia. She then suffered from a spine malady and spent some years indoors with her body in a cast. While spending painful days in immobile condition at home, Hewitt wrote several hymns for her church through deep spiritual meditation and reading of the bible. Professor John Sweeney composed music for all of her hymns including this one. Since the hymn’s publication in 1887, it has been a favorite of many Christians because it expresses a person’s desire to know more about the Savior in an open, frank way.

Jesus Christ is God the Son who came to this world as a human. The bible records how God’s children talked and walked with God in their lives, teaching us how we can also have such close relationships with God of heaven and earth. When the right time came, the Son of God came to this world as a human amid people. He ate, slept, and traveled with His disciples. He taught and healed the people in every place He went during His ministry for three and a half years. As a result, His followers came to know Him intimately, some of them more so than others.

*[1 John 1:1-3] That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.*

The apostle John wrote to the Christians of the 1<sup>st</sup> century about Jesus Christ that he had “seen Him with his eyes, looked upon Him carefully, and touched Him with his hands” and now was bearing witness of the Word of life to the believers so that he might share in the close fellowship that he had with the Savior and Christ. John had a close fellowship with the Son of God who came to the world as a human. And now he was introducing this Savior to others so that they might also come into the same intimate fellowship with God and the Savior.

Messengers of God since the first century did not experience a direct personal acquaintance with Lord Jesus. But they have entered the same close fellowship with the Lord Jesus through the word of God and the Holy Spirit. Based on the spiritual relationship they come to have in their personal lives with the Lord Jesus and with God the Father, they present this Savior Jesus to the unbelieving world and fellow Christians. If a pastor or preacher attempts to speak the word of God based only on what he has learned at a seminary school, but without a personal close relationship with the Lord Jesus, his message would be without the true power and favor of God.

However, when a child of God earnestly desires to enter into a close relationship with Jesus Christ in their spiritual life and to know the true meaning of God's truth and the salvation that came through the Lamb of God, God will draw near to such a person and allow him/her such an intimate relationship, thereby the rich storehouse of divine knowledge and spiritual blessings would be opened to such a child of God.

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I earnestly desire to know the fulness of the salvation of divine grace and love that God bestowed to me. In the New Testament, we read about two women who anointed Jesus' body with precious fragrant oil. One is thought to be Mary Magdalene, out of whom Jesus drove out seven evil spirits. And the other Mary, the sister of Lazarus whom Jesus brought to life from death. These two women deeply understood the meaning of the grace and love that came to them, fully realizing their prior condition as sinners before the Savior came and brought a new life to them. And they expressed their deep gratitude and appreciation by pouring precious oil on Jesus.

Jesus shared a time of prayer, a time of close fellowship, with His Father in heaven daily so that His daily activities were guided by the Father and His mission on earth was fulfilled according to the divine will and plan. He would have a long talk with the Father about the events and experiences awaiting Him each day and receive instructions and encouragement from His Father. Thus, Lord Jesus left a wonderful example of what close fellowship every Christian should have with the heavenly Father.

*[Mark 1:35] Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.*

During the Old Testament era, God wanted His chosen people of Israel to serve Him as their Father. One of the believers who sought God earnestly was King David. He had the ritual of getting up early each day and sharing a time of close fellowship with God. He compared this ritual to a deer going to a spring of clear water to start the day by drinking the refreshing, life-giving water.

*[Psalm 42:1-2] As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?*

God desires to have close fellowship with each of His children. For this reason, He called Abraham His friend and said David was "a man after My heart [Acts 13:22]." Lord Jesus also wanted to have close relationships with His disciples. For this reason, He told them they were now 'His friends.'

*[John 15:15] No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.*

We sometimes say there is no secret between true friends. And we tend to share our inner secrets with our close friends. Lord Jesus shared all of the messages from His Father with His disciples because He regarded them as His friends. Therefore, we ought to go to God through His Spirit and tell Him all that is in our hearts, then our Father in heaven will in turn reveal the deep meaning of His truth and salvation as well as of His kingdom to come. This is what is meant when the apostle John wrote about 'the fellowship with God and with Jesus Christ.'

*[Chorus] More, more about Jesus, More, more about Jesus;  
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If we have a deep yearning to know the fulness of the love and grace that Christ Jesus showed to us, we will truly come to experience our inner person become strong in spirit, our spiritual roots go deeper in the agape love of Christ, come to understand the length, depth, and height of God's truth, embrace of the love of Christ that exceeds all knowledge of this world in our hearts, and enjoy the richness of all God's blessings, as the apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesian church.

*[Ephesians 3:16-17] that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded*

*in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

I encourage all of my readers to have this burning desire in your heart to “more about Jesus would I know” and faithfully come before God and Christ daily so that you may come to share an intimate relationship with Him and experience the fulness of His love and salvation. Amen.

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