

I AM THINE O' LORD....

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INTRO.:

A. Read Text: *Acts 9:4-6*.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Singing is an important part of our worship to God.
 - 1) We do this because in our singing we are commanded to teach and admonish one another (*Eph. 5:19*) and sing with both "the spirit" and with "the understanding."
 - 2) I am Thine O' Lord is a song of dedication and surrender.
2. The words were penned by Fanny Crosby who from 6 weeks of age was blind. William Doane put the words to music.

I. VS. 1 – SURRENDER.

A. *"I am thine O Lord"* – This song BEGINS with the idea of surrender. By surrender I mean we give ourselves to Him – we "give up" on making life about our selfish pursuits.

B. *I have heard Thy voice*: He speaks to us, through His word (*Heb. 1:1-2; John 6:63*).

C. And it told thy love to me: *John 3:16, Rom. 5:8*.

1. The love of God is that which moves us to obedience (*1 John 4:9-11*).
2. Love was spoken and demonstrated.

D. *But I long to rise in the arms of faith* (*Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17*).

E. *And be closer drawn to Thee*. Seek to be closer to Him. That happens as our faith grows.

II. VS. 2 – CONSECRATION.

A. *Consecrate me now to thy service Lord...*

1. Consecrate means to put something into effect, or make it available. In matters of faith, it is associated with our sanctification.
 - 1) We sanctify ourselves through obedience to the word.
 - 2) *Joshua 3:5; John 17:17*.
2. Under the Old Law at times the Lord consecrated things or people (*Joshua 6:19*), but at other times He called for people to consecrate themselves (*Lev. 20:7*).

B. *By the power of grace divine*. Our consecration is made possible because of God's grace (*Eph. 2:8-10*).

C. *Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope* (*Heb. 6:19*).

D. *And my will be lost in Thine* (*Gal. 2:20*).

III. VS. 3 – PRAYER.

A. Continually, we remind ourselves of the importance of prayer and the power of prayer.

1. We should feel a closeness to Him as we pray.
2. Prayer is how we can face any problem (*Heb. 4:15-16*).

B. *When I kneel in prayer.*

1. Our prayers should show reverence to God (**1 Tim. 2:8**).
2. **Matt. 6:6**.
3. Proper prayers can produce peace within (**Phil. 4:6-7**).

IV. VS 4 – HOPE.

A. *There are depths of love that I cannot know, till I cross the narrow sea.*

1. As we grow our love will increase (**1 John 4:19**).
 - 1) HOWEVER, no matter how much we understand about His love, we will not fully grasp it until we face Him in for eternity.
 - 2) **Rom. 8:35-39**.
2. *The narrow sea* – is a poetic reference to death.

B. *There are heights of joy that I may not reach, till I rest in peace with Thee.*

1. As Christians we are to rejoice (**Phil. 4:4, Rom. 12:15**).
2. **1 Pet. 4:12-13**.

V. CHORUS – DRAW ME NEARER.

A. *Draw me nearer, nearer... (James 4:8).*

B. *Blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.*

1. The cross makes salvation possible.
2. **Heb. 10:22**.

C. *Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to by precious bleeding side.*

1. At His cross I see the trauma inflicted upon the body of Jesus (**John 19:34**).
2. Also, I realize my assurance of salvation!