

IN THE MORNING OF JOY.

7/13/2025 AM

INTRO.

A. Read the text: 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

B. Regarding the text:

1. There are several hymns written about the Lord's second coming.
2. In 1895, Anthony Showalter put music to a poem written by Mrs. R. A. Evilsizer.
3. The song speaks of three events connected to Christ's return.
 - 1) First stanza: The resurrection
 - 2) Second stanza: Judgment.
 - 3) Third stanza: The heavenly reunion.

I. FIRST STANZA: THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

A. Acts 24:15.

B. 1 Cor. 15:50-53.

C. The trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised.

1. 1 Cor. 15:21-24.
2. 1 Thess. 4:16-17.

II. SECOND STANZA: THE JUDGMENT.

A. Heb. 9:27.

B. The O/T spoke of the judgment (Eccl. 12:13-14).

C. Jesus will judge everyone (Matt. 25:32-33).

D. Note these passages:

1. The standard: John 12:48.
2. The judge: Acts 17:30-31.
3. Who will be judged? Rom. 14:10-12.
4. Our judgment will reflect the life we lived: 2 Cor. 5:10.
5. The inevitable result: John 5:28-29.

III. THIRD STANZA: THE HEAVENLY REUNION.

A. 1 Peter 1:3-5.

B. Jesus promised to return (John 14:1-3).

C. A wonderful time "when the saved ones meet" (1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 22:12).

D. The hope of the Christian is everlasting life in heaven with the redeemed from all ages (Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:19).

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. The chorus points to the "morning of joy."

1. Psalm 30:5.
2. When we all see Jesus - What A Day Of Rejoicing That Will Be!!!!

B. What a glorious day that will be!

1. Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face, There to sing forever of His saving grace;
On the streets of Glory let me lift my voice; Cares all past, home at last, ever to
rejoice.
2. I AM GOING TO A CITY WHERE THE ROSES NEVER FADE!