

Make Me a Blessing

HYMN HISTORY: George Shuler and Ira Wilson were roommates at Moody Bible Institute in 1924. At the Institute, they combined their talents and gave the world a beautiful song of consecration, "Make Me A Blessing." Wilson wrote the lyrics and Shuler the music. At first the song was rejected by music publishers, so Shuler had one thousand copies printed to distribute on his own.

One fell into the hands of George Dibble, an outstanding singer who was at that time music director for the International Sunday School Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Dibble asked for permission to use the song and it was granted. Soon people everywhere were singing the song, and publishers were wanting to distribute copies.

Between the time Ira Wilson wrote the lyrics and the time the song began to be so well known, Wilson apparently forgot that he was the author! Until he died, he never remembered that he had written these famous words.

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Psalm 82

God is seated in the divine council; and in the midst of the gods holds judgment:

"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked.?"

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I said," You are gods, godlike offspring, all of you;

Nevertheless you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

Arise, O God, judge the earth, for to you belong all the nations!

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father ^{1a}and the Lord Jesus Christ.³We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; ⁵because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth ^{1b}fruit, as *it is* also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; ⁷as you also

learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and ¹⁴ conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption ¹⁴ through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ And behold, a certain ¹⁴lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of *it*?"

²⁷ So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "

²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among ¹⁴thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his

own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day, ¹⁴when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' ³⁶ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" ³⁷ And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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1 Out in the highways and byways of life,
many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife
making the sorrowing glad.

Refrain:

Make me a blessing,
Make me a blessing,
Out of my life
May Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.

2 Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love;
Tell of His pow'r to forgive;
Others will trust Him if only you prove
true ev'ry moment you live.

Refrain:

3 Give as 'twas given to you in your need;
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed;
Unto your mission be true.

Refrain