

**BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH**  
SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE  
March 27, 2022

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This morning's message is from Proverbs 30:15-16

**A LESSON FROM A LEECH**

**Welcome!**

*We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service. We sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.*

**Order of Service**

*(hymns attached)*

**Welcome**

*Hymn #626, "The Lily of The Valley"*

*Opening Prayer*

*Hymn #11, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

*Announcements*

*Church Family Time*

**Message**

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:25-28*

*Hymn #710, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

**Closing Prayer**

## Hymn #626: The Lily of the Valley

Charles W. Fry

I have found a Friend in Jesus—He's everything to me,  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;  
The Lily of the Valley, in Him alone I see  
All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.  
In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay;  
He tells me every care on Him to roll.

### ***Chorus***

*He's the Lily of the Valley,  
The Bright and Morning Star;  
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul*

He all my griefs has taken and all my sorrows borne.  
In temptation He's my strong and mighty Tow'r;  
I have all for Him forsaken, and all my idols torn  
From my heart, and now He keeps me by His pow'r.  
Though all the world forsake me and Satan tempt me sore,  
Through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal.

### ***Chorus***

He will never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me here,  
While I live by faith and do His blessed will;  
A wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear.  
With His manna He my hungry soul shall fill.  
Then sweeping up to glory I'll see His blessed face,  
Where rivers of delight shall ever roll.

### ***Chorus***

## **Hymn #11: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

*Robert Robinson*

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise His name—I'm fixed upon it—  
Name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me;  
Thou hast bro't me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Bo't me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

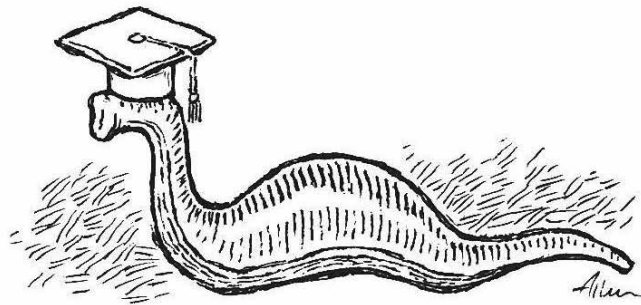
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## A LESSON FROM A LEECH

A leech is a loathsome creature--a parasite that, once attached to a body, takes and takes. It serves as an apt illustration of certain kinds of sinful cravings--the kind that, once we begin to gratify, only demand more and more.

The wise man Agur used this illustration to warn us that certain sinful desires, when gratified, lead us deeper and deeper into bondage.

1. **SOME SINS ARE LEECH-LIKE IN THEIR DEMANDS (v. 15a).**  
*(See Genesis 4:6-7; John 8:34-36.)*
  
2. **SUCH SINS CANNOT SATISFY OUR LONGINGS (vv. 15b-16).**
  - **Greed is as insatiable as the grave.**  
*(See Proverbs 27:20; Habakkuk 2:5.)*
  - **Envy is as hollow as barrenness.**  
*(See Genesis 30:1; but also 1 Samuel 1:10-11.)*
  - **Self-indulgence leaves one as dry as the desert.**  
*(See Ecclesiastes 1:7; 2:3-11.)*
  - **Lust is as consuming as fire.**  
*(See Proverbs 6:26-27; Romans 1:27; 1 Corinthians 7:9.)*
  
3. **THE GREATEST DEFENSE AGAINST SUCH SINS IS A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**  
*(See John 4:13-14; Matthew 11:28-30.)*



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**Scripture Reading:**  
**Psalm 73:25-28, NKJV**

Whom have I in heaven but You?  
And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.  
My flesh and my heart fail;  
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish;  
You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.  
But it is good for me to draw near to God;  
I have put my trust in the Lord God,  
That I may declare all Your works.

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## **Hymn #710: Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

*Charles Wesley*

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, O leave me not a lone, still support and comfort me:  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ art all I want; more than all in Thee I find:  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind:  
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring, Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

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**Thank you, and God bless you!**