

O JESUS I HAVE PROMISED

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LYRICS

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“... I know all the things you do. I have seen your love, your faith, your service, and your patient endurance. And I can see your constant improvement in all these things. ... I AM the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve.” - Rev. 2:19, 23.

VERSE 1

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

VERSE 2

O let me feel Thee near me. The world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle – The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within.
But Jesus draw Thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin.

VERSE 3

Oh, let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control.
O speak and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

VERSE 4

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end—
Oh, give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

VERSE 5 (in some hymnals)

Oh, let me see Thy footprints, and in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly is in Thy strength alone;
Oh, guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
And then in Heav'n receive me, my Savior and my Friend.

God's Truth in James 2:19> “Believing in” God is NEVER enough to save us:
Demons “believe in God”.... and TREMBLE.