

# ONCE TO EVERY MAN AND NATION

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## LYRICS

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*JESUS: "But before all these things, **they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake.**" - Luke 12:12*

JESUS: "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.'  
**If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.** If they kept My word, they will keep yours also." – John 15:20

### VERSE 1

Once to every man and nation Comes the moment to decide:  
In the strife of truth with falsehood: For the good **OR** evil side ???  
Some great cause, God's new Messiah Offering each the bloom or blight.  
And the choice goes by forever  
'Twixt that **darkness** – and that **light**.

### VERSE 2

Then to side with truth is noble when we share her wretched crust.  
E're her cause bring fame and profit an' 'tis prosperous to be just.  
**Then** it is the brave man chooses While the coward stands aside.  
Till the multitude make virtue of the faith they had denied.

### VERSE 3

By the light of burning martyrs, Christ: **Thy** bleeding feet we track.  
Toiling up new Calvaries ever, with the cross that turns not back.  
New occasions teach new duties.  
Time makes ancient good uncouth.  
They must upward still and onward Who would keep abreast of **TRUTH**.

### VERSE 4

Though the cause of evil prosper, Yet 'tis **truth** alone is strong!  
Though her portion be the scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong.  
Yet that scaffold sways the future ["yet" = "though"]  
And behind the dim unknown  
**Standeth God within the shadow**  
**Keeping watch above His own!**