

## Thought for the Day

*“Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God and King shall still my heart and tongue employ.”*

As John and I were taking our daily walk yesterday and, dare I say it, sitting on a bench with our backs to Bayston Hill Quarry and soaking in the view, this lovely old hymn came to mind and, as per usual for me, I started singing it!

As we have walked over the last few weeks on a variety of lovely footpaths around Bayston Hill, we have observed the changes in the scenery – leaves now on the trees, the fields are now ploughed and mostly planted with either potatoes, cereal crops or broad beans, the oilseed rape fields have been beautifully yellow and glistening in the sunlight, there are many lambs jumping around and other live stock to see, e.g. rabbits, butterflies – and the footpaths are now sufficiently dry for enjoying a good walk.

Isn't our God so very good to have given us such a beautiful, colourful, creation for us to enjoy which for us in the U.K. changes with the seasons? Some other countries are not so privileged as we are as they face barren landscapes. It doesn't do to moan about the weather, our God knows what we need and when we need it, even the rain!

This also reminded me of the Scripture verse, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). The preceding verses from Verse 5 are also worth reading, too (which include “I will never leave you and the Lord is my helper”). We certainly need these reassurances nowadays in the light of the corona virus and all that we are individually facing – whether good or bad, easy or difficult – so we must keep our focus on Jesus ..... and so the quotes from Scripture could go on but I will leave that up to you to ponder over.

The final verse of the hymn I quoted above says:

*“Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then, have nothing else to fear;  
Make but His service your delight; your wants shall be His care.”*

Joyce.Malins.

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