



## More About Jesus



"More about Jesus would I know,  
more of His grace to others show,  
more of His saving fullness see,  
more of His love who died for me.

"More about Jesus let me learn,  
more of His holy will discern;  
Spirit of God my teacher be,  
showing the things of Christ to me.

"More about Jesus in His Word,  
holding communion with my Lord,  
hearing His voice in every line,  
making each faithful saying mine.

"More about Jesus on His throne,  
riches in glory all His own,  
more of His kingdom's sure increase,  
more of His coming - Prince of Peace.

"More, more about Jesus,  
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more of His saving fullness see,  
more of His love who died for me."

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust." - 2 Peter 1:2-4

Eliza Edmunds Hewitt was an invalid for an extended period of her life, but through her challenges she developed an intimate relationship with God and the Scriptures. From this deeper knowledge of Jesus, her heavenly Friend, Eliza was able to share her feelings with others through her writing.

In later years, Eliza's condition improved, and she was able to be more active in various Christian ministries. She was a close friend of Fanny Crosby, and often met with her for fellowship and discussion of new hymns they had written. "More About Jesus" was first published in 1887, and it is a beautiful expression of Eliza's desire to draw ever closer to Jesus.

The message of the Gospel is so simple that even a small child can understand and respond to its invitation to place their trust in the Savior. But at the same time, it is so profound that we can spend our whole lives learning more about Jesus, and following Him more closely as we live out what we have learned. When we first come to Jesus, we believe His Word, then we learn to behave like Him, until finally we become more like Him. This is a life-long process that keeps us near to the heart of God, and the place of blessing, as He faithfully draws us back when we stray.

We are blessed to have five children who have given us twelve grandchildren, so we are familiar with the mindset of little ones who are very set on their own way. A 2-year-old sees no danger in turning knobs on the stove or walking confidently into the street, and loud protests follow when we say otherwise. Young children are prone to wander away from us, and do things that seem like a good idea to them at the time, but may prove to be quite harmful. Yet when they get hurt, their first thought is to run to those who are caring for them for help and comfort.

Our friendships with others only grow deeper as we learn more about each other. As Christians, we seek to know as much as we can about our Savior, who calls us friends in John 15:15. This happens through reading the Word, prayer, and fellowship with other believers. Day by day His Spirit teaches us His truth and convicts us when we drift away through disobedience.

Pursuing a closer relationship with God is more than just knowing and believing in Him - It takes action. Having received His gift of forgiveness in Christ, we submit to Him daily as we "trust and obey" His commands. Recognizing our weakness, we repent of our sinful ways, and rely on His strength.

Just as we have accepted Christ's invitation to draw near to God, we must invite Him into every aspect of our lives. Don't merely read the Word to know more about Him, but consider what Eliza Hewitt says will lead us to a more intimate knowledge of who He is, and what that looks like as we walk with Him.

God never stops pursuing us, so remember that we are blessed when we obey the words of James 4:8 - "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." And as you read the Word, take the words of Eliza Hewitt to heart, where she says, "Hearing His voice in every line, making each faithful saying mine."