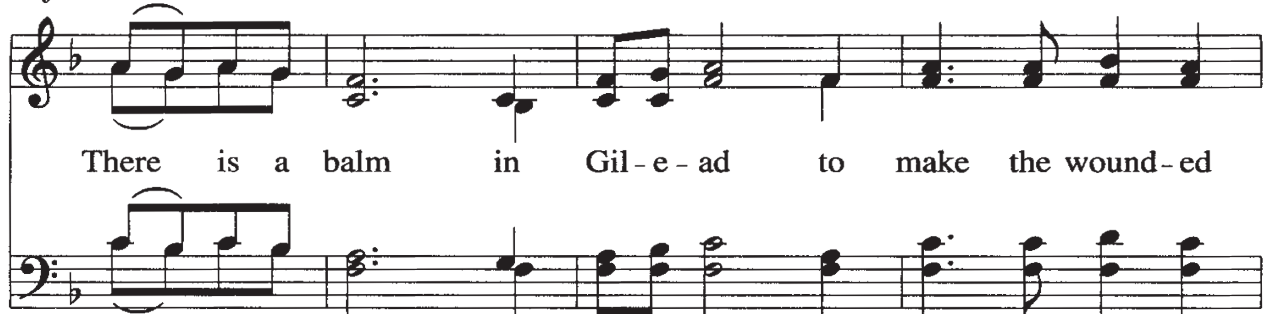


Hymns...HELP, HOPE AND HEALING

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

Refrain

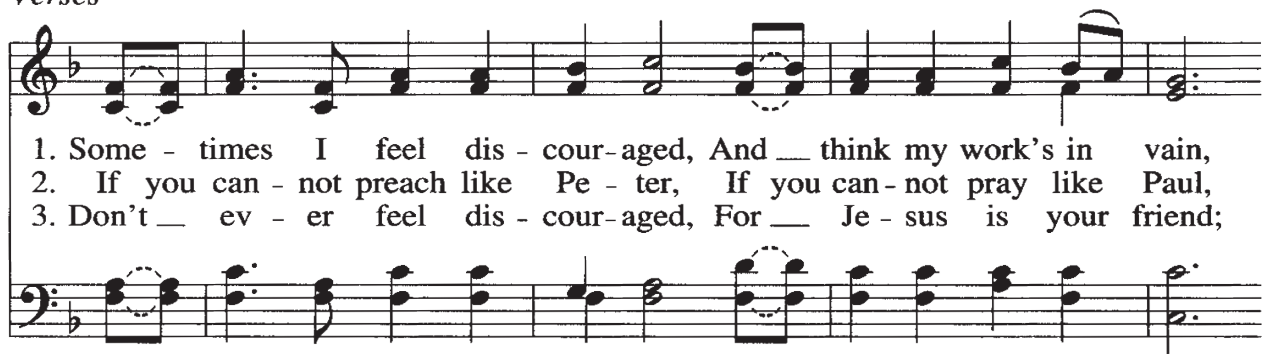


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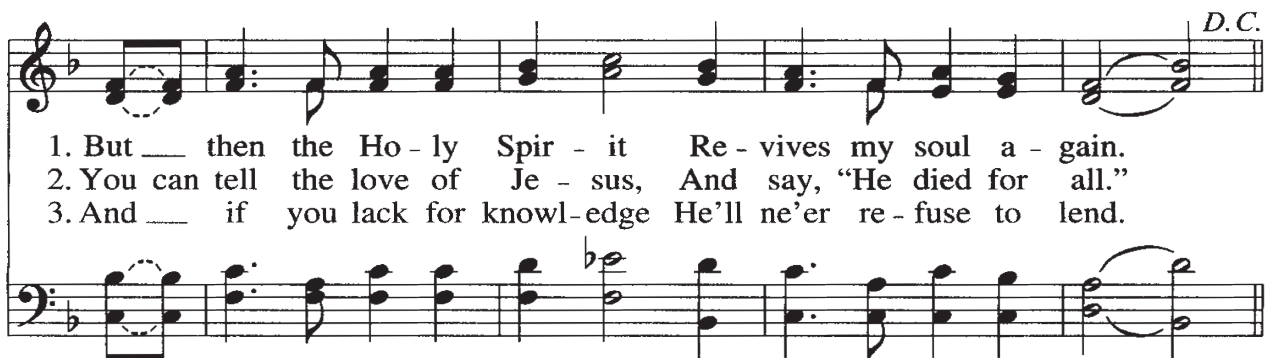


whole, there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. *Fine*

Verses



1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And — think my work's in vain,
2. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,
3. Don't — ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, For — Je - sus is your friend;



1. But — then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
2. You can tell the love of Je - sus, And say, "He died for all."
3. And — if you lack for knowl-edge He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. *D.C.*



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Pastor Scott George
There Is A Balm in Gilead
Jeremiah 8:22



Post this to your Facebook and Twitter to help share the gospel with your friends.

Jesus is the only one that can truly heal us and make us whole. Reach out to Jesus in faith.

Gilead = rocky

Mark 5:21-43

Jairus = enlightened

Child + Woman

1. Reveals the character of God

2. You either go to God or God will go to you

3. Faith

Woman: Your faith has made you well

Child: Had no faith but surrounded herself with people that had faith

[Story Behind The Hymn]
READ BETWEEN THE LINES
There is a Balm in Gilead
African American Spiritual

Few chapters in the Bible may have resonated with the souls of enslaved Africans in North America as Jeremiah 8 did. Israel was in exile. The Babylonians were preparing to violate their holy places for treasure, dishonoring their dead. This is a chapter of judgment and hopelessness. The exiled Jews are forced to live in a "far country" (Jeremiah 8:19). They wondered what they had done to deserve this. It is the most desperate and despondent time in Israel's history. Then the chapter ends with these three rhetorical questions: "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" (Jeremiah 8:22, KJV)

The refrain of this spiritual offers encouragement and dares to respond with hope in the face of hopelessness, showing courage in the face of despair. African American theologian Howard Thurman (1899-1981) discusses the refrain of this spiritual dilemma and with it did an amazing thing. He straightened the question mark in Jeremiah's sentence into an exclamation point: *There is a balm in Gilead!*

This note of "creative triumph" in the face of despair is the reason this spiritual holds a secure place in the canon of African American spirituals in hymnals today.

SOURCE

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[Weekly Devotion Questions]

HMMM...

1. Read the lyrics from John Newton's hymn *There is a Balm in Gilead* and describe what stands out to you.

2. Why do you think God would use a converted slave trader like John Newton to write a hymn that would resonate hundreds of years later with African American worshipers?

3. Why do we put our trust in medicine (balm) and not in Christ's power to heal?

4. Write 5 obstacles to receiving your healing.