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*Anticipating eternity*

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# *Introduction*

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*This anthology gathers together some of the hymns and Bible passages that have been of most comfort to those who are facing illness, aging, and death. It also includes quotations from well loved preachers and authors. As with any anthology, you can dip in and out and read just a section at a time.*

*If you are reading sections aloud to someone, offer to read the Bible passages from their own Bible if preferred (it can be better, especially for elderly people, to stay with a version they are familiar with).*

## *Who is this book for?*

*The promises of God are for all those who come to him in faith, believing in his Son the Lord Jesus. 'Whoever comes to me, I will never drive away' (John 6:37). The only qualification is to give up our own efforts to win favour with God. We have to come to him with empty hands, trusting in Christ alone for salvation.*

*‘I will raise them up  
at the last day’*

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THEN JESUS DECLARED, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.’

~ JOHN 6:35-40 ~



*‘Whoever comes to me,  
I will never drive away’*

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*At times of weakness, illness and exhaustion, many Christians lose assurance of salvation and wonder if they really will get to heaven. At such times, we need to remember this great promise: ‘whoever comes to me, I will never drive away’ (John 6:37). The nineteenth century preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892) wrote of this text:*

CAN WE NOT ALL COME, just now, and trust Jesus Christ? I mean not only you who have never trusted Christ before, but I would hope that all of us, who have believed in Jesus Christ would begin trusting in him again. I wonder how many times I have had to begin my spiritual life over again at the foot of the cross. I am always doing it, and I am never so happy, so safe, or, I believe, so holy, as when I stand just as I did at first, at the foot of the cross, and look up, and say to my dear Lord and Saviour,

*Nothing in my hands I bring:  
Simply to thy cross I cling.*

~ CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON ~