

The Law of God Is Good and Wise

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(8-phrase intro)

The law of God is good and wise
and sets His will before our eyes,
shows us the way of righteousness
and dooms to death when we transgress.

Its light of holiness imparts
the knowledge of our sinful hearts,
that we may see our lost estate
and seek deliv'rance ere too late.

(major key - 1 phrase)

To those who help in Christ have found
and would in works of love abound,
it shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right.

When men the offered help disdain
and willfully in sin remain,
its terror in their ears resounds
and keeps their wickedness in bounds.

(minor key - 2 phrases)

The law is good, but since the fall
its holiness condemns us all;
it dooms us for our sin to die
and has no pow'r to justify.

(major key - 1 phrase)

To Jesus we for refuge flee,
who from the curse has set us free,
and humbly worship at His throne
saved by His grace through faith alone!