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## The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on.

I have read a fiery Gospel writ in burnished rows of steel;  
“As ye deal with My contemnners, so with you My grace shall deal”;  
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with His heel,  
Since God is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet;  
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free;  
While God is marching on.

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,  
He is wisdom to the mighty, He is honor to the brave;  
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of wrong His slave,  
Our God is marching on.

### Final thoughts...

*Matt. 5:13-16 You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world.*

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## Race

Grace and Truth—part 22

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### A person-to-person response: Listen

*James 1:19 Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to get angry.*

*Prov. 18:2 (RSV) A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but delights in airing his opinion.*

### UNDERSTANDING

I hear your heart's need,  
I hear your heart's bleed.

I hear your anger,  
I hear your hunger.

I hear your mopes,  
I hear your hopes.

I hear your thoughts,  
I hear your sore spots.

I hear your disconcert,  
I hear your hurt.

I hear your strain,  
I hear your pain.

I hear your intent,  
I hear what you meant.

I hear your dreams,  
I hear your heart's screams.

I hear your longing,  
I hear belonging.

I hear your heart's wilt,  
I hear your heart's guilt.

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I hear your heart's sigh,  
I hear your heart's cry.

- **Two tiers of justice**

### **What does the bible say about race?**

*Acts 17:26 **From one man** he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.<sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.<sup>28</sup> 'For in him we live and move and have our being.*

*Galatians 3:26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,<sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.<sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.<sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

- **Racism: the problem of human pride and sin**  
*Prov. 13:10 Where there is strife, there is **pride**, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.*

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### **The history of slavery**

- The “media” and “academia”

- World history:

- In America, and the new world

### **History of abolition and Civil Rights movement**

William Wilberforce

J.Q. Adams replied, “**It was from that book [the Bible] that I learnt to espouse your cause when you were in trouble, and to give thanks to God for your deliverance.**”

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