

The Kingdom Treasure

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THE ROYAL LAW¹

THEME

Two thousand years have passed anon,
Since Christ proclaimed the order:
That one should love not self alone,
But as himself his neighbor.²

Yet all the years have sped in wrath,
Nor peace the world has known;
For men have trod a selfish path,
Each bent upon his own.

FACTS

We've churches-built and glasses stained,
And endless preachments made;
In songs our voices oft-times strained,
And prayers unnumbered prayed.

For thus man clings to age-old forms—
Of his own works in awe!
While in his wilful heart he scorns
The simple Christian law.

And in all lands flow blood and tears—
Dire wage of hate and greed:
None other cause of hope appears,
Beside the Master's creed.

PRAYER

May we at length His rule enthrone—
And for it ever labor:
That one should love not self alone,
But as himself his neighbor.

¹ "According to the Scripture." See James 2:8.

² Matt. 19:19, 22:39; Mark 12:31.