

Such a Cloud of Witnesses

“Stories of American Christians”

Temple Baptist Church
March 12, 2023



Psalms 98:4-6

4 Make a **joyful noise** unto the Lord, all the earth: **make a loud noise**, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the Lord **with the harp**; with the harp, and the **voice of a psalm**.

6 **With trumpets and sound of cornet** make a **joyful noise** before the Lord, the King.

Ephesians 5:19-20

19 Speaking to yourselves in **psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 **Giving thanks always** for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Colossians 3:16-17

16 Let the **word** of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; **teaching and admonishing one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And **whatsoever** ye do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.



REJOICE

HYMNS

Ron & Shelly
Hamilton



Hymn 265 – The Light of the World



Philip P. Bliss.



11 Timothy 3:10

10 But thou hast fully known my **doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience.**



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Hymn 451 - I Saw Jesus in You

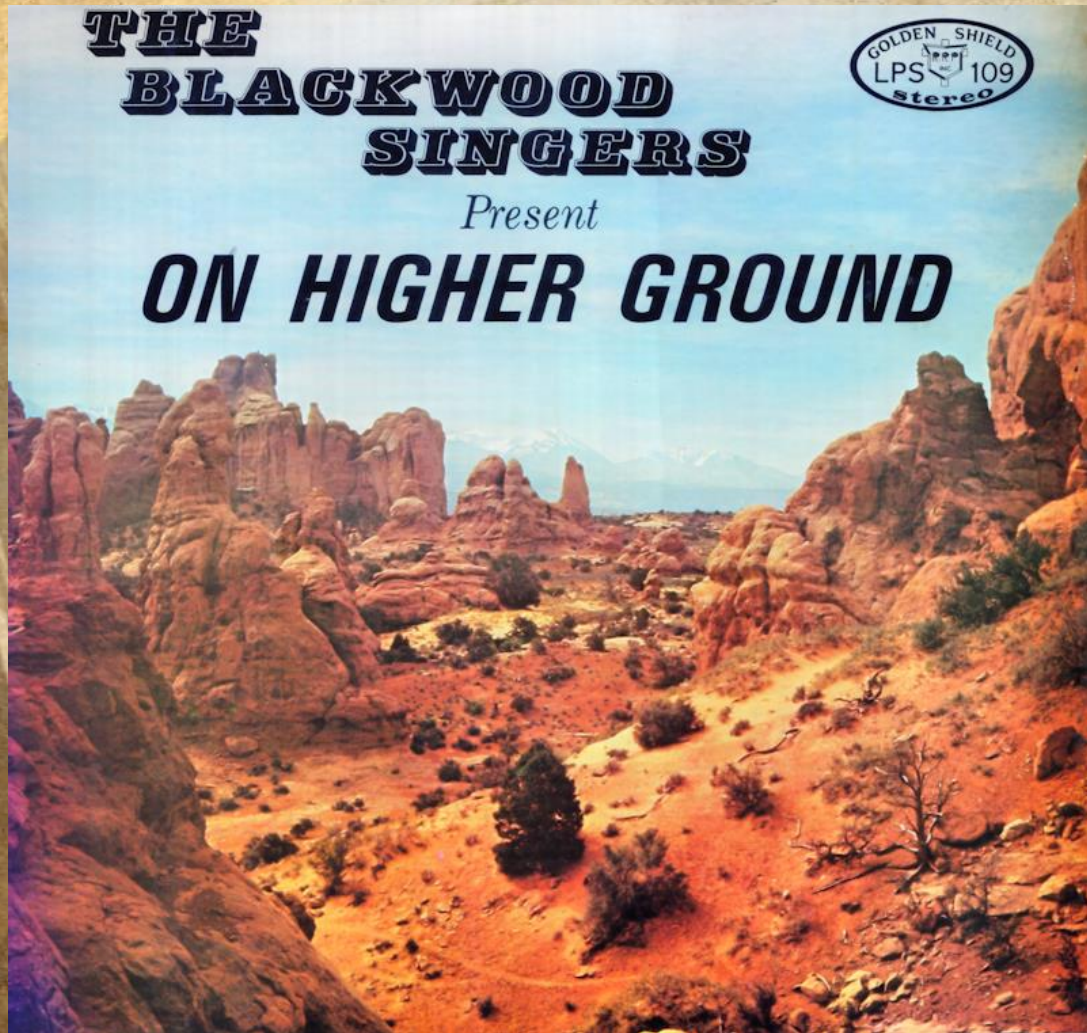
[Ron Hamilton - I Saw Jesus in You - Bing video](#)



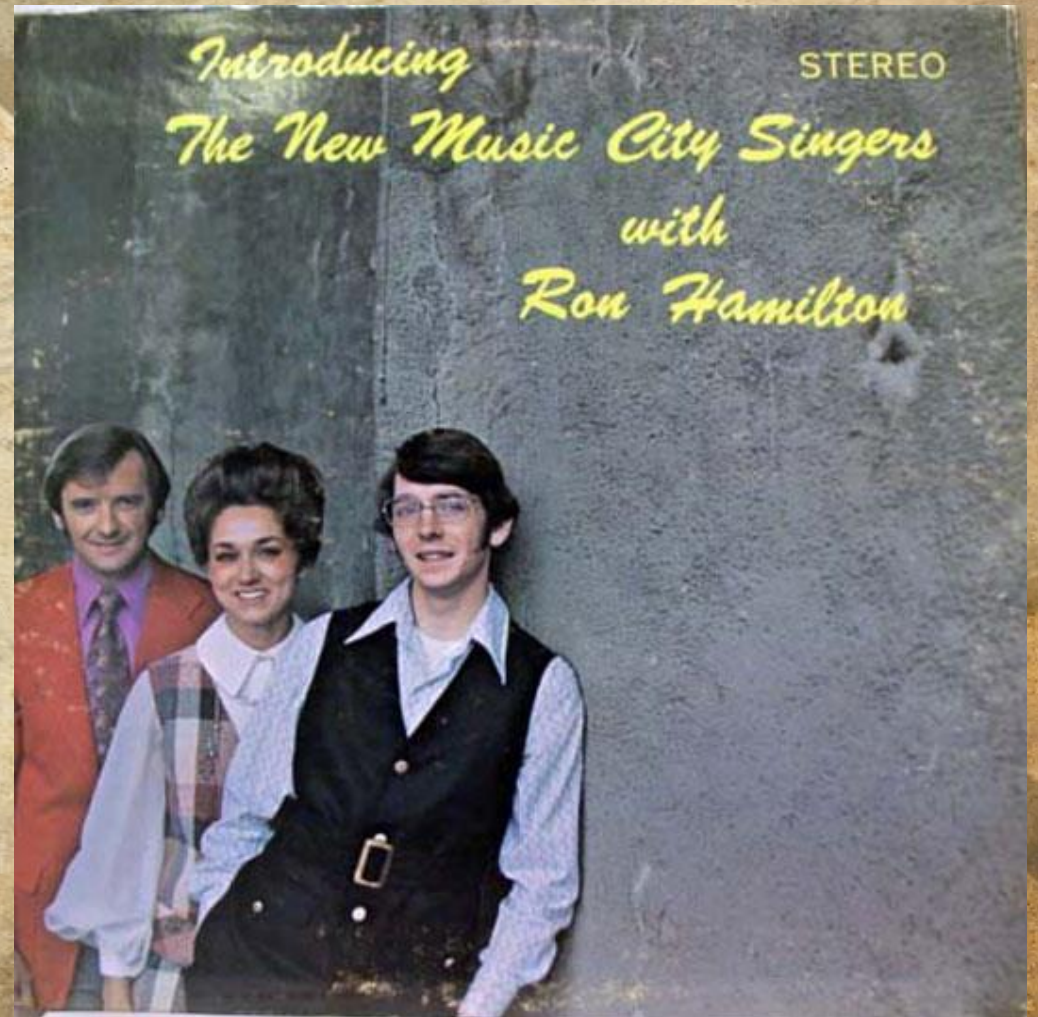
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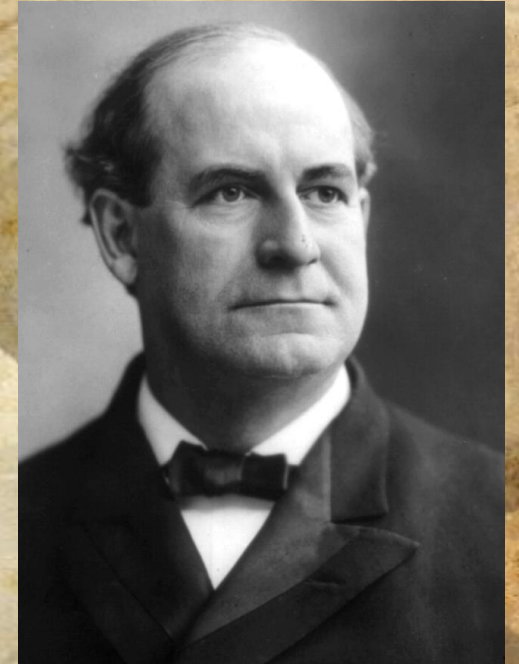
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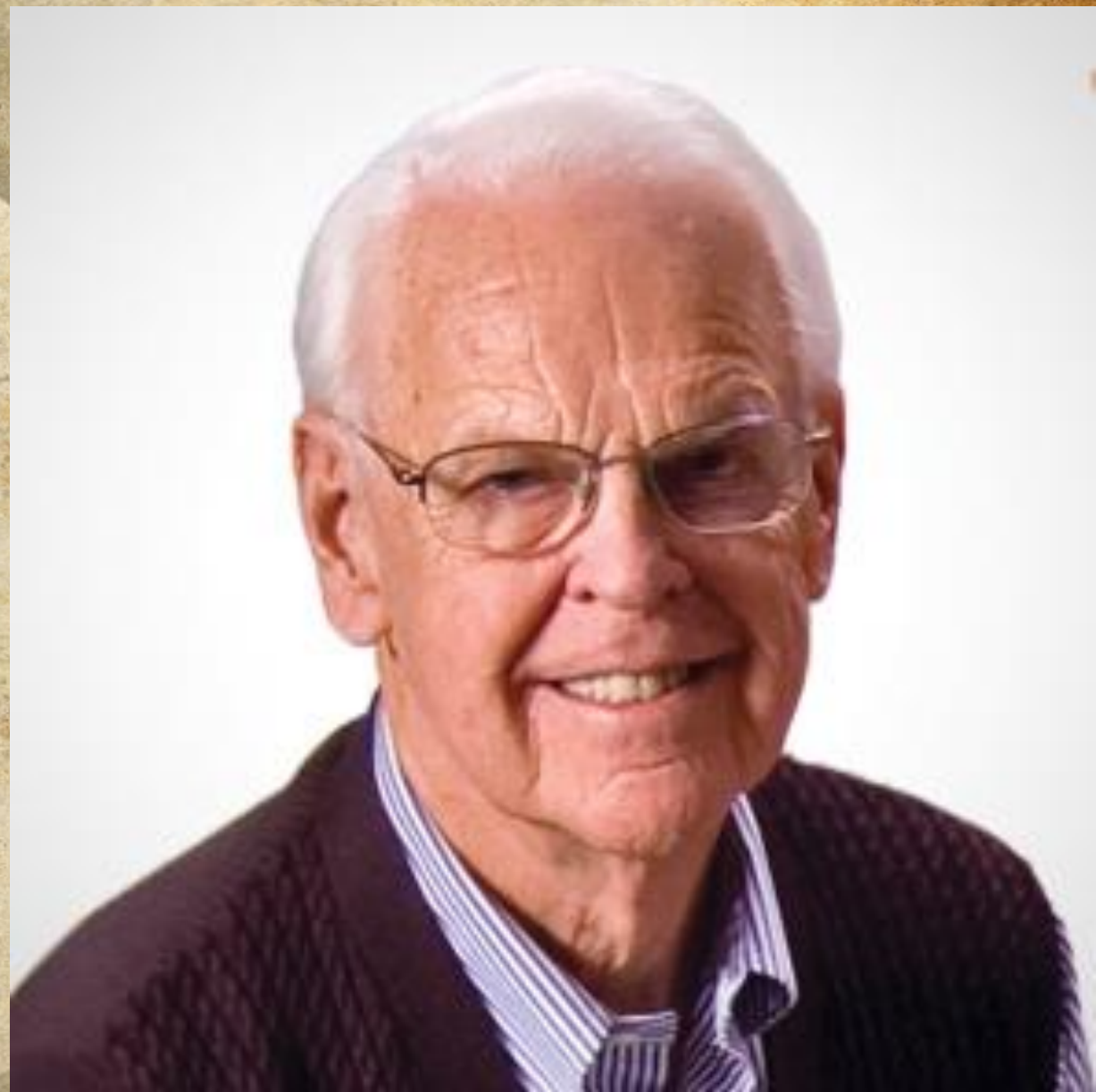
William Jennings
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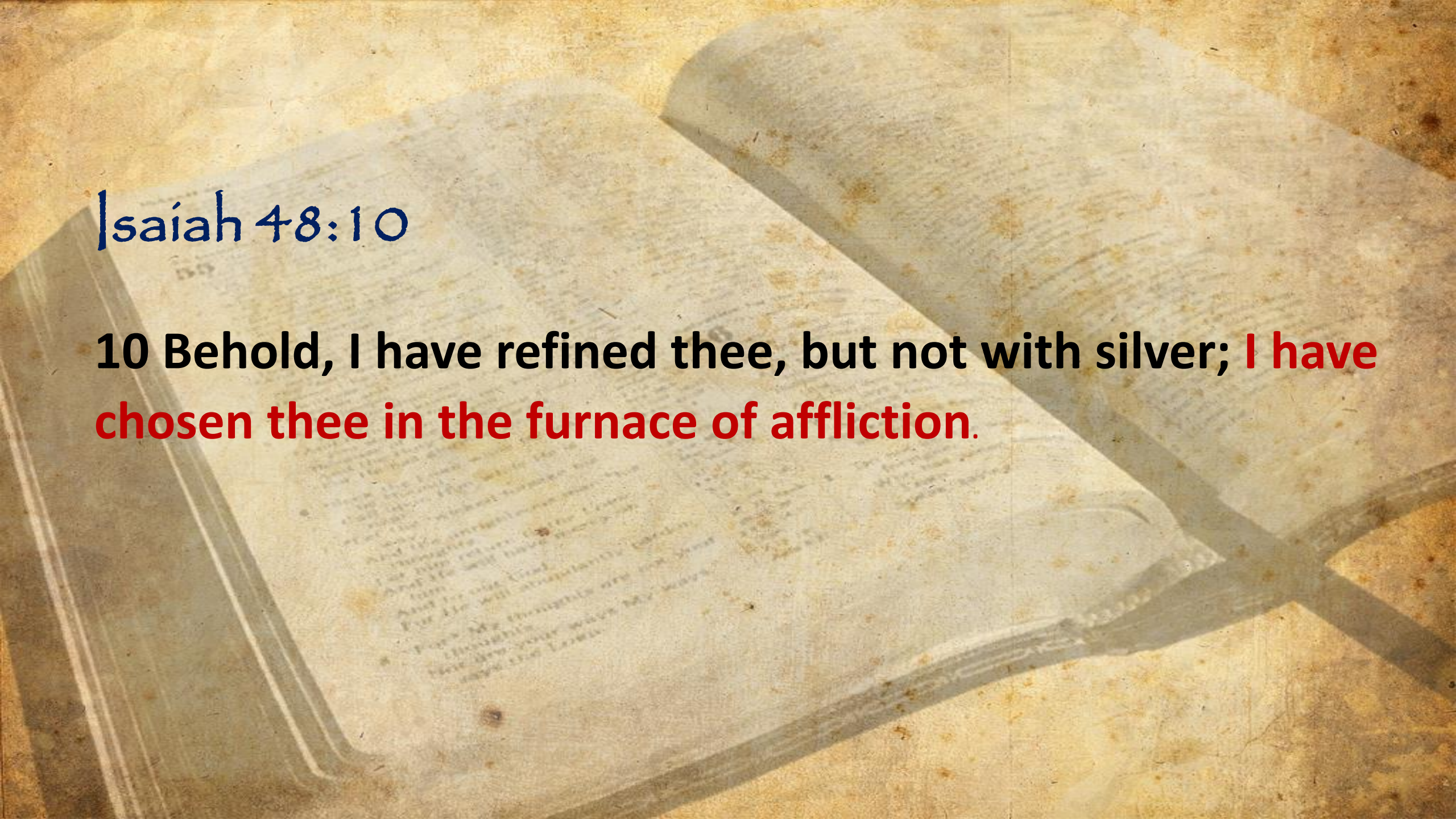
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Majesty Music





Isaiah 48:10

10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

1978

- In 1978 Ron Hamilton began to have trouble seeing out of his left eye.
- An ophthalmic surgeon gave Ron and Shelly a devastating diagnoses. Ron had cancer in his left eye. The only chance was to remove the eye before the cancer could spread to his brain.
- Ron's eye was removed and while he was recovering the Lord gave one of his most beloved songs.
- The cancer had not spread and as he continued to do evangelistic services with his father-in-law Dr. Garlock, kids began to call him a pirate. One young man called him "Patch the Pirate."



Hymn 680 – Rejoice in the Lord

[Rejoice in the Lord \(a cappella\) - The Hamilton Family - Bing video](#)

1979



- This ministry really started in In 1979 Ron and Shelly writing children's music for their home church and later being released in an album.
- In 1982, Ron added a comedy scrip to their music and released "Patch the Pirate Goes to Space." The first of over 41 annual Patch albums. In all, Patch the Pirate albums have sold over 2 million copies.
- Ron and Shelly have received many testimonial letters from people who say how "Patch" was instrumental in leading them to Christ, learning the Bible, and calling them to full-time Christian service.





Acts 14:22

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

2013

THREE GENERATIONS OF PRAISE

TROMBONE TRIOS WITH
THE MAJESTY ORCHESTRA



MAJESTY MUSIC

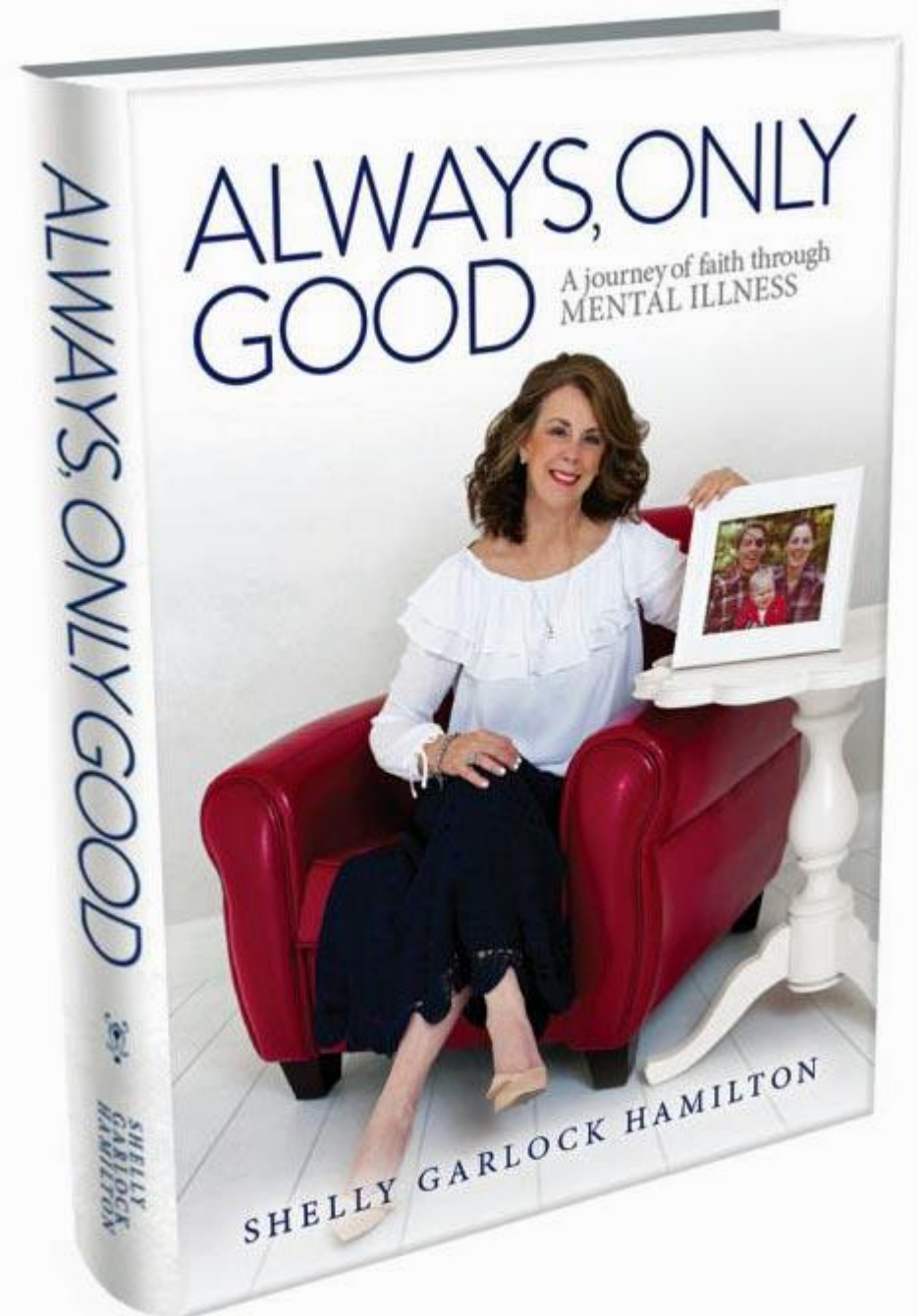
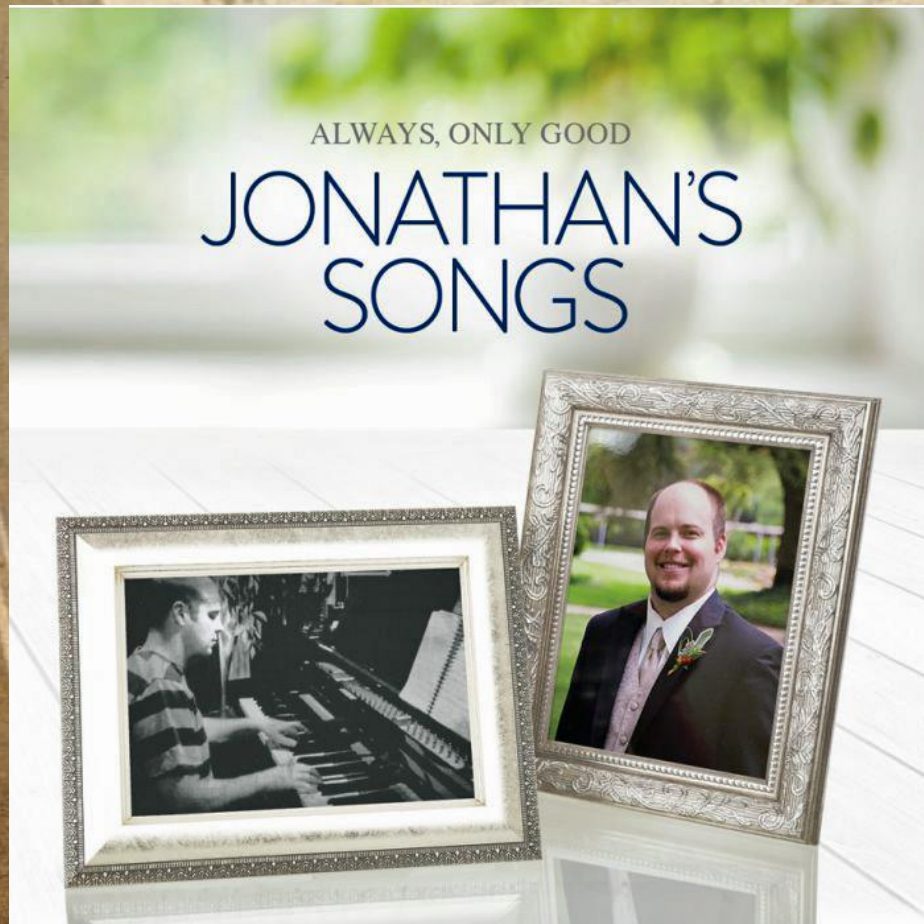
- In 2013 Ron and Shelly lost their oldest son Johnathan. Sadly, it was not due to a physical illness but by mental illness.
- Johnathan took his own life. A devastating loss to his family, church, and the body of Christ as a whole.

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Hebrews 13:5-6

5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; **and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

6 So that **we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.**

Hymn 682 ~ Wings as Eagles

[Wings as Eagles - Ron Hamilton - Bing video](#)

Hebrews 13:7-8

7 Remember them which have the rule over you, **who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow,** considering the end of their conversation.

8 Jesus Christ the **same yesterday, and today, and for ever.**

