

WHAT CAN BE GAINED BY ALL OUR TOIL?

INTRO 3/2 D | D |

VERSE 1 *D G/B A G D A bm*
What can be gained by all our toil,
G D G/B D/F# G D
Where's hope amidst such pain?
D/A bm G D/F# em D/F# A bm
The sin that fills our fallen world
D/F# G D/A A D
Makes all our efforts vain

VERSE 2 *D G/B A G D A bm*
Apart from God there is no hope
G D G/B D/F# G D
No purpose for this life
D/A bm G D/F# em D/F# A bm
The fruit of all our plans and ploys
D/F# G D/A A D
Yields not but endless strife

VERSE 3 *D G/B A G D A bm*
Without God's grace our thoughts and toils
G D G/B D/F# G D
Are grasping for the wind
D/A bm G D/F# em D/F# A bm
We need the wisdom of God's Word
D/F# G D/A A D
That we might know our end

VERSE 4

D G/B A G D A bm
What must we then conclude and know
G D G/B D/F# G D
When wisdom has been heard?
D/A bm G D/F# em D/F# A bm
That God has spoken and will judge
D/F# G D/A A D
Fear Him and keep His Word!

VERSE 5

D G/B A G D A bm
The fear of God will make us wise
G D G/B D/F# G D
His Word shows us the way
D/A bm G D/F# em D/F# A bm
It beckons us to come to Christ
D/F# G D/A A D
Its call we must obey

VERSE 6

D G/B A G D A bm
For on that day when God will judge
G D G/B D/F# G D
All secret things made known
D/A bm G D/F# em D/F# A bm
The on-ly re-fuge from God's wrath
D/F# G D/A A D
Will be in Christ alone

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