

## Lord Set a Watch

Lord, set a watch to guard my soul,  
Teach me Your Word and make me wise,  
And let no sinful thoughts take hold,  
Nor evil passions sprout and rise.  
The seeds for ev'ry heinous sin  
Within my carnal nature lie,  
But for God's grace I'd surely fall,  
But for His mercy I would die.

Lord, when my hours become consumed  
With the pursuit of worldly gain,  
And when amusements lure my heart  
To love what's fleeting, false and vain.  
Surround my life with truth and grace  
For I am prone to sin and weak  
Guard my affections, hopes, desires,  
That I Your truth may always seek.

Lord, let not sin destroy my soul,  
When darkness comes and clouds my mind,  
When fierce temptations rise and rage,  
The way to flee help me to find.  
When all within my heart seems dark,  
When sin and guilt is all I see,  
Lord, lift my eyes to Christ who died,  
Whose righteousness now covers me.

Lord, when I feel conviction less,  
When praying wanes and love turns cold,  
When preaching grows laborious,  
And truth seems dark and hard to hold.  
Lord, hold me fast that I not fall,  
Without Your grace I would not stand,  
But plunge headlong down into sin,  
Were I not held firm by Your hand.

Let me not underestimate  
The strength of my remaining sin  
For who can know the heart of man?  
Or plumb the wickedness within?  
Lord, keep me in the way of truth,  
Watch o'er my path lest I should stray,  
Subdue each sin still in my heart,  
Help me with joy Your Word obey.