

A Worship Minute ...

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Sir Robert Grant was acquainted with kings. His father was a member of the British Parliament and later became chairman of the East India Company. Following in his father's footsteps, young Grant was elected to Parliament and then also became a director for the East India Company. In 1834 he was appointed governor of Bombay, and in that position he became greatly loved. A medical college in India was named in his honor.

"Oh Worship the King" by Grant is based on Psalm 104, a psalm of praise. The progression of titles for God in the last line is interesting: Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. We know God first as our Maker, our Creator. Then, even before our conversion, He is our Defender, our Keeper from harm. We know Him then as Redeemer, our personal Saviour from sin and its penalty. Finally, as we walk day by day with Him, as we commune with Him and enjoy His fellowship, we know Him also as Friend.

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great;
Thou art clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering Thyself with light as with a cloak,
stretching out heaven like a tent curtain.
He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters;
He makes the clouds His chariot;
He walks upon the wings of the wind;
He makes the winds His messengers, flaming fire His ministers."
Psalm 104: 1-4*