

*Hymn 606, Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord*

The words and the music were written by Benjamin Manswell Ramsey in 1919. He was a British composer of hymns and songs, and for many years he was a music teacher in an elementary school in the Bournemouth area of England, on the South coast. He retired in 1916, and the hymn was published in 1919, so it seems he produced it during his retirement. Mr. Ramsey is not famous, and it is hard to find information about him, and he is best known for this hymn. In other words, he was a regular person, seeking to walk with God.

In this hymn, Mr. Ramsey managed to use the phrase “Teach me Thy Way” 13 times. In the Old Testament, the way of the Lord referred to walking in obedience to God’s commandments, such as Psalm 86:11, “*Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.*”

The meaning is asking God what course we should take that would please God, and to fulfill our duties?

He wrote in verse 3 “Shine through the cloud and rain, through sorrow toil, and pain, make Thou my pathway plain, teach me Thy Way!” With these words, we are praying that God will guide us no matter the circumstances, and that God will comfort us through any difficult times.

In the last year of his life, Mr. Ramsey was in poor health. But during that time he continued to organize and conduct a choral society until his death in 1923.

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