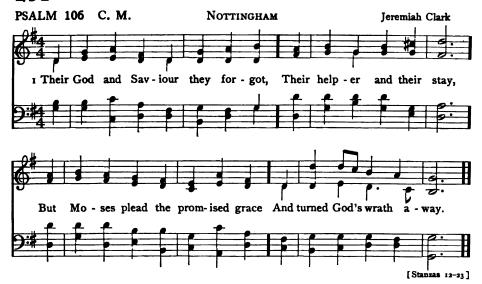
Sin and Divine Patience



- 2 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, The promised land of God, And tempted Him to make them fall And scatter them abroad.
- 3 They sacrificed to heathen gods, And God their sin repaid; Then holy wrath avenged the wrong, And so the plague was stayed.
- 4 The Lord approved the righteous act
 Of him who sin abhorred,
 And honored him for evermore
 With just and great reward.
- 5 By wicked strife they angered God, His wrath they did provoke; And, stirred by their rebellious cries, Their leader rashly spoke.
- 6 Ensnared, they served the heathen gods,
 And by them were beguiled;
 The blood of children sacrificed
 The very land defiled.

- 7 Against His own inheritance
 Jehovah's wrath arose,
 His chosen people He condemned
 To serve their heathen foes.
- 8 Though from their harsh oppressors' hand
 Ofttimes He set them free, [low Rebellious still, they were brought In their iniquity.
- 9 When unto God they cried, He heard And turned again His face, In boundless love remembering The covenant of His grace.
- 10 He even touched their captors' hearts, And made their very foes Compassionate and pitiful To feel His people's woes.
- 11 Save us, O Lord, our gracious God, From alien lands reclaim, That we may triumph in Thy praise And bless Thy holy Name.
- 12 Blessed be the Lord our covenant God, All praise to Him accord; Let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye, praise ye the Lord.