

Churchill's Boyhood Home

Marshall Shelley, in a *Leadership Magazine* column, shares an observation from an interview with Jack Hayford, author of the popular gospel hymn *Majesty*.

Hayford tells of visiting Sir Winston Churchill's boyhood home – Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, England. He describes the beauty of the landscaped grounds.

As he walked to his car from the rose garden, he said to his wife, "In a place this magnificent, it's easy to see how a person raised here could readily imagine himself to be a person of destiny. There's something about the environment that makes you feel 'I am significant.'"



The visit to Churchill's boyhood homeplace left a deep impression on Hayford, and from it came the inspiration for his song, *Majesty*. Before Hayford left Oxfordshire, he said, upon reflection, "I thought about all the majesty and dignity we've been endowed with in Christ. If that would dawn on all God's people, if they would sense their significance in Him, then we all could become more aware of His purpose in us."

Here, in brief, are the lyrics:

Majesty ... Worship His majesty ... Unto Jesus be all glory ... Honor and praise.

Majesty ... Kingdom authority ... Flow from His throne ... Unto His own ... His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high ... The name of Jesus ... Magnify, come glorify ... Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty ... Worship His majesty ... Jesus who died, now glorified ... King of all kings.

That would be ideal, wouldn't it? To feel the majesty of God in such a way that our own lives are ennobled.

Associates in Life Care and Century Park must know that they are engaged in a noble calling, understanding Jesus' purpose in us. The glory of Christ is lived out every day in every life of the people they serve and bless.

The majesty of God is revealed in our words and in our actions as servant leaders.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God (Micah 5:4 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter