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Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD,
O my soul! I will
praise the LORD
as long as I live; I
will sing praises to
my God while I
have my being.

(Psalm 146:1,2, ESV)

Hymnal Book

Praise the LORD!
For it is good to
sing praises to
our God; for it is
pleasant, and a
song of praise is
fitting.

(Psalm: 147:1, ESV)

Praise the LORD!
Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty expanse.

Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him with trumpet sound;
Praise Him with harp and lyre.

Praise Him with timbrel and dancing;
Praise Him stringed instruments and pipe.

Praise Him with loud cymbals;
Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD!

(Psalm 150, NASB)

**Praising Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord
In Song, Scripture and Prayers**

The Thirsting Soul Satisfied in God

Psalm 63:1-8 (NASB)

1. O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; my soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
2. Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.
3. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips will praise You.
4. So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.
5. My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth offers praises with joyful lips.
6. When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches,
7. For You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.
8. My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me.

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Amazing Grace

[Words by: John Newton, 1779, John Rees (stanza four); Music by: 19th Century American melody (Public Domain)]

1. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,
And Grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that Grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

3. Thru many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we'd first begun.

- “For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8,9, KJV)
- “Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me”. (Psalm 86:3-7, ESV)
- “Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word”. (2 Thessalonians 2:16,17, ESV)

Jesus Loves Me

[Words by: Anna Bartlett Warner (1860) and David Rutherford McGuire, / Music by: William B. Bradbury, 1862 (Public Domain)]

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

2. Jesus loves me! Loves me still,
'tho I'm very weak and ill,
that I might from sin be free,
bled and died upon the tree.

3. Jesus died upon the tree,
Yes, He died for you and me.
On the third day He arose,
Shout it out till the whole world knows!

4. When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."

**Chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

Wonderful Words of Life

[Words by: Philip P. Bliss, 1874 / Music by: Philip P. Bliss, 1874 (Public Domain)]

1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

2. Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

3. Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify us forever.

Chorus:

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life,**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.**

- “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.” (John 3:16, 17, KJV)
- “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23, KJV)
- “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished – he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.” (Romans 3:23-26, NIV)
- “This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” (1 John 4:10, NIV)
- “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.” (Eph. 2:8, 9, NASB)
- “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” (John 5:24, ESV)

Jesus Loves Even Me

[Words by: Philip Paul Bliss, 1871 / Music by: Philip Paul Bliss, 1871 (Public Domain)]

1. I am so glad that our Father in heav'n
Tells of His love in the Book He has giv'n;
Wonderful things in the Bible I see,
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

2. Though I forget Him, and wander away,
Still He doth love me wherever I stray;
Back to His dear loving arms I do flee,
When I remember that Jesus loves me.

3. Oh, if there's only one song I can sing,
When in His beauty I see the great King,
This shall my song through eternity be,
"Oh, what a wonder that Jesus loves me!"

Chorus:

**I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me.
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves even me.**

"God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him." (1 John 4:9, NLT)

Love Lifted Me

[Words by: James Rowe, 1912 / Music by: Howard E. Smith (Public Domain)]

1. I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore;
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters, lifted me, now safe am I.

2. All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true.
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs.

3. Souls in danger look above,
Jesus completely saves,
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey,
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

Chorus:

**Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, love lifted me!
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, love lifted me!**

"One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was calm." (Luke 8:22-24, ESV)

"But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased." (Matt. 14:30-32, ESV)

Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

[Words by: Will Lamartine Thompson, 1880 / Music by: Will Lamartine Thompson, 1880 (Public Domain)]

1. Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling;
Calling for you and for me.
See on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading;
Pleading for you and for me.
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?

3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing;
Passing from you and from me.
Shadows are gathering, death's night is coming,
Coming for you and for me.

4. Oh for the wonderful love He has promised;
Promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me?

Chorus:

**Come home; come home;
You who are weary, come home.
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, "Oh sinner, come home."**

"I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven." (Philippians 3:14, NLT)

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

[Words by: Joseph Medlicott Scriven, circa 1885 / Music by: Charles Crozat Converse, 1886 (Public Domain)]

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer!
O' what peace we often forfeit,
O' what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are you weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge -
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do Thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

- **“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13, KJV)**
- **“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” (1 John 3:16, NASB)**
- **“He will shield you with His wings. He will shelter you with His feathers. His faithful promises are your armor and protection” (Psalm 91:4, NLT).**

No, Not One!

[Words by: Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1895 / Music by: George C. Hugg (Public Domain)]

1. There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus,
No, not one! No, not one!
None else could heal all our soul's diseases,
No, not one! No, not one!

2. No friend like Him is so high and holy,
No, not one! No, not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly,
No, not one! No, not one!

3. There's not an hour that He is not near us,
No, not one! No, not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us,
No, not one! No, not one!

4. Did ever saint find this Friend forsake him?
No, not one! No, not one!
Or sinner find that He would not take him?
No, not one! No, not one!

5. Was ever a gift like the Savior given?
No, not one! No, not one!
Will He refuse us a home in heaven?
No, not one! No, not one!

Chorus:

**Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus,
No, not one! No, not one!**

Sweet Hour Of Prayer

[Words by: W. W. Walford, 1845 / Music by: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1861 (Public Domain)]

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me, at my Father's throne,
Make all my wants and wishes known!

In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
May I thy consolation share;
'Til from the mountain's lofty height,
I view my home and take my flight.

In my immortal flesh I'll rise,
To seize the everlasting prize,
And shout while passing through the air,
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer."

- "Let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry!" (Psalm 88:2, ESV)
- "Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!" (Psalm 141:2, ESV)
- "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
(Romans 12:12, ESV)
- "Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere." (Eph. 6:18, NLT)
- "Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart."
(Colossians 4:2, NLT)

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

[Words by: Helen Howarth Lemmel, 1922 / Music by: Helen Howarth Lemmel, 1922 (Public Domain)]

1. O' soul are you weary and troubled;
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior;
And life more abundant and free.

2. His word shall not fail you, He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well.
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell.

Chorus:

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus;
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.**

- “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.” (Colossians 3:1-4, KJV)
- “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18, KJV)

The Old Rugged Cross

[Words by: George Bennard, 1913 / Music by: George Bennard, 1913 (Public Domain)]

1. On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross,
Where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

2. Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me.
For the dear Lamb of God
Left his glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.

3. To The Old Rugged Cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me someday
To my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Chorus:

**So I'll cherish The Old Rugged Cross,
'Til my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to The Old Rugged Cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.**

**“Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”
(Philippians 2:8, NASB)**

At the Cross / Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

[Words by: Isaac Watts, 1707 / Music by: Hugh Wilson, 1800 (Public Domain)]

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

2. Thy body slain, sweet Jesus, Thine,
And bathed in its own blood;
While all exposed to wrath divine,
The glorious Sufferer stood.

3. Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

4. Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt my eyes to tears.

5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give my self away
'Tis all that I can do.

Chorus:

**At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!**

There Is Power in the Blood

[Words by: Lewis E. Jones, 1899 / Music by: Lewis E. Jones, 1899 (Public Domain)]

1. Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you over evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

2. Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;
There's wonderful power in the blood.

3. Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow.
There's wonderful power in the blood.

4. Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Chorus:

**There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.**

Nothing but the Blood

[Words by: Robert Lowry, 1876 / Music by: Robert Lowry, 1876 (Public Domain)]

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

3. Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

4. This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

5. Now by this I'll overcome--
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
Now by this I'll reach my home--
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

**Oh! Precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Christ Arose / Low in the Grave He Lay

[Words by: Robert Lowry, 1874 Music by: Robert Lowry, 1874 (Public Domain)]

1. Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

2. Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

3. Death cannot keep its Prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Chorus:

**Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph over His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Jesus Paid It All

[Words by: Elvina Mable Hall, 1865 / Music by: John T. Grape, 1868 (Public Domain)]

1. I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray;
Find in Me thine all in all.”

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots
And melt the heart of stone.

3. For nothing good have I,
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white,
In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

4. And when before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,”
My lips shall still repeat.

Chorus:

**Jesus paid it all; All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.**

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (Isaiah 1:18, ESV)

At Calvary

[Words by: William Reed Newell, 1895 / Music by: Daniel Brink Towner, 1895 (Public Domain)]

1. Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me He died, on Calvary.

2. By God's Word at last my sin I learned,
Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned,
'Til my guilty soul imploring turned, to Calvary.

3. Now I've given to Jesus everything,
Now I gladly own Him as my King,
Now my raptured soul can only sing, of Calvary.

4. O' the love that drew salvation's plan!
O' the grace that brought it down to man!
O' the mighty gulf that God did span, at Calvary.

Chorus:

**Mercy there was great and grace was free,
Pardon there was multiplied to me.
There my burdened soul found liberty,
At Calvary.**

Just As I Am

[Words by: Charlotte Elliott, 1835 / Music by: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849 (Public Domain)]

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O' Lamb of God I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O' Lamb of God I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about,
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O' Lamb of God I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O' Lamb of God I come, I come.

- “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29, ESV)
- “Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God”. (1 Peter 1:18-21, NASB)

Be Thou My Vision

[Words by: Ancient Irish; translated to English by Mary Elizabeth Byrne, 1905; Music by: Irish folk tune (Public Domain)]

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

- “Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (Psalm 119:105,RSV)
- “For you have rescued me from death; you have kept my feet from slipping. So now I can walk in your presence, O God, in your life-giving light.” (Psalm 56:13, NLT)
- “We are made right in God’s sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.” (Romans 3:22, NLT)
- “For the word of the LORD holds true, and everything he does is worthy of our trust.” (Psalm 33:4, NLT)
- “Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.” (Proverbs 30:5, ESV)
- “and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood – and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father – to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (Revelation 1: 5 & 6, NASB)

Pass Me Not

[Words by: Frances Jane (Fanny) Crosby, 1868 / Music by: William Howard Doane, 1870 (Public Domain)]

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior;
Hear my humble cry!
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

2. Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face.
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by Thy grace.

Chorus:

**Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry!
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.**

George Washington, handwritten manuscript, April 1752

“O Most Glorious God, in Jesus Christ, my merciful and loving Father; I acknowledge and confess my guilt in the weak and imperfect performance of the duties of this day. I have called on Thee for pardon and forgiveness of my sins, but so coldly and carelessly that my prayers are become my sin, and they stand in need of pardon.” ...
“I have sinned against heaven and before Thee in thought, word, and deed. I have contemned Thy majesty and holy laws. I have likewise sinned by omitting what I ought to have done and committing what I ought not. I have rebelled against the light, despising Thy mercies and judgment, and broken my vows and promise. I have neglected the better things. My iniquities are multiplied and my sins are very great. I confess them, O Lord, with shame and sorrow, detestation and loathing and desire to be vile in my own eyes as I have rendered myself vile in Thine. I humbly beseech Thee to be merciful to me in the free pardon of my sins for the sake of Thy dear Son and only Savior Jesus Christ who came to call not the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Thou gavest Thy Son to die for me.”

My Jesus, I Love Thee

[Words by: William Ralph Featherstone, 1864 / Music by: Adoniram Judson Gordon, 1876 (Public Domain)]

1. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow.
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

God Is Our Loving Father

[Luke 15:11-24](#)

Humanity tends to project its own faulty habits onto God. This is especially true regarding the nature of His love. We think we must barter, plead, or try hard to earn the Lord's favor. But as the prodigal son learned, the Father's love is unconditional.

The wayward son expected his father's love to be diminished. Therefore, he went home hoping for a place among the family servants. Imagine the boy's delight when Dad greeted him with a hug and a celebration. His actions certainly didn't merit an outpouring of affection, but Jesus' parable is all about a Father who doesn't give people what they deserve.

A love based on conduct would keep people guessing, *Have I done enough?* Instead, God cares for you simply because you're you, and He expects nothing in return. Consider the prodigal's life after his homecoming party. He didn't move into the servants' quarters and get to work. He was reinstated to his place as the second son of a wealthy man, with all of the privilege that entails. In the same way, believers are the Lord's cherished children (2 Cor. 6:18).

When God looks at His loved ones, He doesn't focus upon past failures, faults, or sin. He sees the heirs to His kingdom--men and women who love Him and desire to spend eternity in His presence.

No matter how far we may wander from the Lord's perfect will for our lives, we are always welcome back. The Bible teaches that God's love cannot be lost, regardless of sin or poor decisions (though we may have to live with the consequences). Our Father's arms are always open. (An "In Touch Ministries" Daily Devotional)

God Leads Us Along

[Words by: George A. Young, 1903 Music by: George A. Young, 1903 (Public Domain)]

1. In shady green pastures
So rich and so sweet,
God leads His dear children along,
Where the water's cool flow bathes
The weary one's feet,
God leads His dear children along.

2. Sometimes on the mount
Where the sun shines so bright,
God leads His dear children along;
Sometimes in the valley, in darkest of night,
God leads His dear children along.

3. Though sorrows befall us
And Satan oppose,
God leads His dear children along.
Through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes;
God leads His dear children along.

Chorus:

**Some thru the waters, some thru the flood,
Some thru the fire, but all thru the blood!
Some thru great sorrow, but God gives a song,
In the night season and all the day long.**

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever". (Psalm 23, KJV)

The Lord My Shepherd Is

[Words by: Isaac Watts, 1719 / Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey (music to Crown Him With Many Crowns) (Public Domain)]

1. The Lord my Shepherd is,
I shall be well supplied;
Since He is mine and I am His,
What can I want beside?

2. He leads me to the place
Where heav'nly pasture grows,
Where living waters gently pass,
And full salvation flows.

3. If e'er I go astray,
He doth my soul reclaim;
And guides me in His own right way,
For His most holy Name.

4. While He affords His aid
I cannot yield to fear;
Though I should walk through death's dark shade,
My Shepherd's with me there.

5. In sight of all my foes,
Thou dost my table spread;
My cup with blessing overflows,
And joy exalts my head.

6. The bounties of Thy love
Shall crown my following days;
Nor from Thy house will I remove,
Nor cease to speak Thy praise.

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen”. (Hebrews 13:20, 21, ESV)

It Is Well With My Soul

[Words by: Horatio G. Spafford 1873 / Philip Paul Bliss 1876 (Public Domain)]

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well, with my soul.”

2. Tho’ Satan should buffet, tho’ trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

3. My sin, Oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O’ my soul!

4. And Lord, haste the day,
When the faith shall be sight;
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Chorus:

It is well (*it is well*), **with my soul** (*with my soul*),
It is well, it is well, with my soul.”

In The Garden

[Words by: Charles Austin Miles, 1913 / Music by: Charles Austin Miles, 1913 (Public Domain)]

1. I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the Voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

2. He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet, the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Tho' the night around me be falling.
But He bids me go, thru the voice of woe;
His voice to me is calling.

Chorus:

**And He walks with me and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.**

- "I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD". (Psalm 104:33,34, KJV)
- "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones". (Proverbs 16:24, KJV)
- "I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint." (Jeremiah 31:25, NIV)
- "Let the godly ones exult in glory; Let them sing for joy on their beds". (Psalm 149:5, NASB)

Take My Life and Let It Be

[Words by: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1873 (Public Domain)]

1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love; At the impulse of Thy love.

2. Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King; Always, only, for my King.

3. Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4. Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

- "Teach me to do thy will; For thou art my God: Thy spirit is good; Lead me in the land of uprightness." (Psalm 143:10, NASB)
- "And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth." (Luke 11:2, KJV)
- "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - - the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is." (Romans 12:1-2, NLT)

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

[Words by: Samuel Trevor Francis, (1834 – 1925) / Music by: Thomas John Williams, 1890 (Public Domain)]

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne!

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean full of blessing, 'tis a haven giving rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!

- **“When I think of the wisdom and scope of God’s plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God’s marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is”. (Eph 3:14-18, NLT)**
- **“Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or are hungry or cold or in danger or threatened with death?” (Romans 8:35, NLT)**
- **“No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can’t, and life can’t. The angels can’t, and the demons can’t. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can’t keep God’s love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord”. (Romans 8:36-39, NLT)**

A Shelter in the Time of Storm

[Words by: Vernon J. Charlesworth; adapted by Ira D. Sankey, circa 1880 / Music by: Ira D. Sankey, circa 1885 (Public Domain)]

1. The Lord's our Rock; in Him we hide,
A Shelter in the time of storm;
Secure whatever ill betide,
A Shelter in the time of storm.

2. A Shade by day, Defense by night,
A Shelter in the time of storm;
No fears alarm, no foes affright,
A Shelter in the time of storm;

3. The raging storms may round us beat,
A Shelter in the time of storm;
We'll never leave our safe retreat,
A Shelter in the time of storm.

4. O Rock divine, O Refuge dear,
A Shelter in the time of storm;
Be Thou our Helper ever near,
A Shelter in the time of storm.

**Chorus: O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land,
A weary land, a weary land;
O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land-
A Shelter in the time of storm.**

Count Your Blessings

[Words by: Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1897 / Music by: Edwin Othello Excell (Public Domain)]

1. When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

2. Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.

3. When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold.
Count your many blessings money cannot buy,
Your reward in heaven nor your home on high.

4. So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged God is over all.
Count your many blessings angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Chorus:

**Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings,
See what God has done.**

“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.” (Ephesians 1:3, NLT)

There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

[Words by: Daniel Webster Whittle, 1883 / Music by: James McGranahan, (1840 - 1907) (Public Domain)]

1. There shall be showers of blessing:
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.

2. There shall be showers of blessing:
Send them upon us, Oh Lord;
Grant to us now a refreshing,
Come, and now honor Thy Word.

3. There shall be showers of blessing:
Oh, that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing,
Now, as on Jesus we call.

Chorus:

**Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy drops 'round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.**

“And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.” (Ezekiel 34:26, KJV)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

[Words by: William Williams, 1745 / Music by: John Hughes, 1907 (Public Domain)]

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Where the living waters flow;
Let the river of salvation,
Follow all the desert through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

3. Musing on my habitation,
Musing on my heav'nly home,
Fills my soul with holy longings:
Come, my Jesus, quickly come;
Vanity is all I see;
Lord, I long to be with Thee!
Lord, I long to be with Thee!

The Solid Rock / My Hope Is Built

[Words by: Edward Mote, 1863 / Music by: William B. Bradbury, 1834 (Public Domain)]

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus:

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

He Hideth My Soul

[Words by: Frances Jane (Fanny) Crosby, circa 1890 / Music by: William James Kirkpatrick (1838 – 1921) (Public Domain)]

1. A Wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
A wonderful Savior to me.
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
Where rivers of pleasure I see.

2. A Wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
He taketh my burden away.
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved,
He giveth me strength for each day.

3. When clothed in His brightness,
Transported I rise,
To meet Him in clouds of the sky;
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love,
I'll shout with the millions on high!

Chorus:

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
That shadows a dry, thirsty land.
He hideth my life in the depths of His love,
And covers me there with His hand,
And covers me there with His hand.**

“For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock.” (Psalm 27:5, NLT)

Rock of Ages

[Words by: Augustus Montague Toplady, 1776 / Music by: Thomas Hastings, 1830 (Public Domain)]

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

2. Could my tears forever flow,
Could my zeal no languor know;
These for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone:
In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

3. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death;
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne.
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

“Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord, for I hide myself in you.” (Psalm 143:8, 9, NIV)

“My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be shaken. On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.” (Psalm 62:5-8, NASB)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

[Words by: Martin Luther, 1529 ; Music by: Martin Luther, 1529 (Public Domain)].

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
 a bulwark never failing;
 Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
 His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
 On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our strength confide,
 our striving would be losing;
 Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
 Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
 And He must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
 should threaten to undo us,
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
 The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
 His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
 One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
 no thanks to them, abideth;
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
 Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
 The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
 His kingdom is forever.

- “The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the strength of my salvation, and my stronghold.” (Psalm 18:2, NLT)
- “You are my rock and my fortress. For the honor of your name, lead me out of this peril.” (Psalm 31:3, NLT)
- “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1, KJV)

How Firm A Foundation

[Words by: John Rippon, 1787 / Music by: Early American melody (Public Domain)]

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith, in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. Fear not! I am with thee; Oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
And cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. When thru fiery trials, thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

4. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose;
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes.
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

- "And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit." (Eph. 2:17-22, NASB)

- "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock."
(Matt. 7:24,25, NASB)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

[Words by: Edward Perronet, 1779; John Rippon, 1787 (fourth stanza) / Music by: Oliver Holden, 1792 (Public Domain)]

1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

**Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all.**

**Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all.**

**2. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed from the fall,**

**Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all.**

**Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all.**

**3. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball**

**To Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him Lord of all.**

**To Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him Lord of all.**

**4. O that, with yonder sacred throng,
we at His feet may fall,**

**Join in the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all,**

**Join in the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all!**

Will The Circle Be Unbroken?

[Words by: Ada Ruth Habershon, 1908 / Charles Hutchinson Gabriel (Public Domain)]

Chorus:

**Will the circle be unbroken,
By and by Lord, by and by?
There's a better home a'waiting,
In the sky, Lord, In the sky.**

1. There are loved ones in the Glory,
Whose sweet forms you often miss.
When you close your earthly story,
Will you join them in their bliss?

2. In the joyous days of childhood,
Often told of wondrous love.
Pointed to the dying Savior,
Now they dwell with Him above.

3. You can picture happy gatherings,
'Round the fireside long ago;
And you think of never parting,
Will they leave you here below?

4. One by one their seats are empty,
One by one they all went away.
Now this family is all parted,
Will it be complete one day?

Life's Railway To Heaven

[Words by: Eliza R. Snow (1804 – 1887); chorus by M.E. Abbey ; Music by: Charlie D. Tillman, circa 1894 (Public Domain)].

1. Life is like a mountain railroad, with an engineer that's brave;
We must make the run successful, from the cradle to the grave;
Watch the curves, the fills, and tunnels; never falter, never fail;
Keep your hands upon the throttle, and your eyes upon the rail.

2. You will roll up grades of trial; you will cross the bridge of strife;
See that Christ is your conductor, on this lightning train of life;
Always mindful of obstruction; do your duty, never fail;
Keep your hands upon the throttle, and your eyes upon the rail.

3. You will often find obstructions; look for storms and wind and rain;
On a fill, or curve, or trestle, they will almost ditch your train;
Put your trust alone in Jesus, never falter, never fail;
Keep your hands upon the throttle, and your eyes upon the rail.

4. As you roll across the trestle, spanning Jordan's swelling tide,
You behold the Union Depot, into which your train will glide;
There you'll meet the Sup'rintendent: God the Father; God the Son,
With the hearty, joyous plaudit, "Weary Pilgrim, welcome home."

Chorus:

**Blessed Savior, thou wilt guide us,
'Til we reach that blissful shore;
Where the angels wait to join us,
In Thy praise forevermore.**

Like a River Glorious

[Words by: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1876 / Music by: James Mountain, 1876 (Public Domain)]

**1. Like a river glorious, is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious, in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth, fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it growth, deeper all the way.**

**2. Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.**

**3. Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do.
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.**

Chorus:

**Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.**

**“You will keep in perfect peace all who trust
in you, whose thoughts are fixed on you!”
(Isaiah 26:3, NLT)**

This Is My Father's World

[Words by: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901 / Traditional English melody; adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915 (Public Domain)]

1. This is my Father's world,
 and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
 the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
 I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,
 the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
 declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
 He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world.
 O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
 The battle is not done;
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

All Creatures of Our God and King

[Words by: St. Francis of Assisi, circa 1225 / Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 (Public Domain)]

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

2. And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

3. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, Praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Chorus:

**O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

He Keeps Me Singing

[Words by: Luther Burgess Bridgers, 1910 / Music by: Luther Burgess Bridgers, 1910 (Public Domain)]

1. There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,
In all of life's ebb and flow.

2. All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
Discord filled my heart with pain,
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
Stirred the slumbering chords again.

3. Feasting on the riches of His grace,
Resting 'neath His sheltering wing,
Always looking on His smiling face,
That is why I shout and sing.

4. Though sometimes He leads through waters deep,
Trials fall across the way,
Though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
See His footprints all the way.

5. Soon He's coming back to welcome me,
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown,
I shall reign with Him on high.

Chorus:

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Sweetest Name I know,
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.**

I Stand Amazed in the Presence/ (My Savior's Love)

[By: Charles Hutchinson Gabriel, 1905 (Public Domain)]

1. I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

2. He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone.

3. When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

Chorus:

**O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!**

“And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope. May he be given glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages. Amen.”
(Ephesians 3:17-21, NLT)

To God Be the Glory

[Words by: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875 / Music by: William Howard Doane, 1875 (Public Domain)]

1. To God be the glory,
Great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

2. O' perfect redemption,
The purchase of blood-
To every believer, the promise of God.
The vilest offender, who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus, a pardon receives.

3. Great things He hath taught us,
Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Chorus:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
Through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory,
Great things He hath done**

“All glory to him, who alone is God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Yes, glory, majesty, power, and authority belong to him, in the beginning, now, and forevermore. Amen.” (Jude 1:25, NLT)

My Redeemer

[Words by: Philip Paul Bliss, 1876 / Music by: James McGranahan, 1877 (Public Domain)]

1. I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free.

2. I will tell the wondrous story,
How my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.

3. I will praise my dear Redeemer,
His triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth
Over sin, and death, and hell.

4. I will sing of my Redeemer,
And his heavenly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God with Him to be.

Chorus:

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer,
With His blood, He purchased me.
On the cross, He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.**

“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.” (Psalm 19:14, KJV)

Trust and Obey

[Words by: John H. Sammis, 1887 / Music by: Daniel Brink Towner, 1887 (Public Domain)]

1. When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good-will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will Trust and Obey.

2. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away!
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we Trust and Obey.

3. Then in fellowship sweet, we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way!
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only Trust and Obey.

Chorus:

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus, but to Trust and Obey**

- “Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you.” (Psalm 37:5, NLT)
- “When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.” (Psalm 56:3, NASB)
- “Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah” (Psalm 62:8, ESV)
- “All you who fear the LORD, trust the LORD! He is your helper; he is your shield.” (Psalm 115:11, NLT)
- “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5,6, KJV)
- “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” (Isaiah 12:2, ESV)
- “Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD God is an everlasting rock.” (Isaiah 26:4, ESV)
- “And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1 John, 5:11-13 ESV)

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

[Words by: Louisa M.R. Stead, 1882 / Music by: William James Kirkpatrick, 1882 (Public Domain)]

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
And to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
And to know, "Thus says the Lord!"

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

Chorus:

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!**

Standing On the Promises

[Words by: Russell Kelso Carter, 1886 / Music by: Russell Kelso Carter, 1886 (Public Domain)]

1. Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

3. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

Chorus:

**Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

- “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.” (John 5:24, NASB)
- “It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.” (Galatians 5:1, NASB)
- “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” (Psalm 23:6, KJV)
- “Then I will praise you with music on the harp, because you are faithful to your promises, O God. I will sing for you with a lyre, O Holy One of Israel.” (Psalm 71:22, NLT)

Blessed Assurance

[Words by: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873 / Music by: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873 (Public Domain)]

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus:

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long.**

Just Over In The Glory Land

[Words by: James W. Acuff, 1906 ; Music by: Emmett S. Dean (Public Domain)].

1. I've a home prepared where the saints abide,
Just over in the Glory-land.
And I long to be by my Savior's side,
Just over in the Glory-land.

2. I am on my way to those mansions fair,
Just over in the Glory-land;
There to sing God's praise and His glory share,
Just over in the Glory-land.

3. With the blood-washed throng I will shout and sing,
Just over in the Glory-land,
Glad hosannas to Christ the Lord and King,
Just over in the Glory-land.

Chorus:

**Just over in the Glory-land,
I'll join the happy angel band,
Just over in the Glory-land.**

**Just over in the Glory-land,
There with the mighty host I'll stand,
Just over in the Glory-land.**

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

[Words by: James Milton Black, 1893 ; Music by: James Milton Black, 1893 (Public Domain)].

1. When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,
And time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather,
Over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

2. Let us labor for the Master
From the dawn 'til setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over,
And our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Chorus:

**When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.**

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, KJV)

In the Sweet By And By

[Words by: Sanford Fillmore Bennett, 1868 ; Music by: Joseph P. Webster, 1868 (Public Domain)]

1. There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar.
For the Father waits over the way,
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

2. We shall sing on that beautiful shore,
The melodious songs of the blest.
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

3. To our bountiful Father above,
We will offer a tribute of praise,
For the glorious gift of His love,
And the blessings that hallow our days.

Chorus:

**In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.**

- “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” (John 14:1-3, KJV)
- “And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a beautiful bride prepared for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, the home of God is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever.” (Revelation 21:2-4, NLT)
- “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1, KJV)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

[Words by: Henry Jackson van Dyke, 1907 / Music by: Ludwig van Beethoven (Public Domain)]

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

- **“Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.” (Psalm 32:11, KJV)**
- **“Your, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.” (1 Chronicles 29:11, NLT)**
- **“But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Protect them, so all who love your name may be filled with joy.” (Psalm 5:11, NLT)**
- **“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13, NASB)**

Praise Him! Praise Him!

[Words by: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869 / Music by: Chester G. Allen (Public Domain)]

1. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy Name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long.

2. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.

3. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet, and Priest, and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.

Chorus:

**Praise Him! Praise Him!
Tell of His excellent greatness.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Ever in joyful song!**

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?
[Amazing Love! How Can It Be?]

[Words by: Charles Wesley, 1738 / Music by: Thomas Campbell, 1835 (Public Domain)]

**And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood!
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, Shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, Shouldst die for me?**

- “How amazing are the deeds of the LORD! All who delight in him should ponder them.” (Psalm 111:2, NLT)
- “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.
(Romans 5:6-11, ESV)
- “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!” (Psalm 96:3, ESV)
- “Yes, the LORD has done amazing things for us! What Joy!”
(Psalm 126:3, NLT)

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

[Words by: Haldor Lillenas, 1918 / Music by: Haldor Lillenas, 1918 (Public Domain)]

1. Wonderful Grace of Jesus, Greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it,
Where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;
O the Wonderful Grace of Jesus reaches me!

2. Wonderful Grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost;
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost.
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty;
O the Wonderful Grace of Jesus reaches me!

3. Wonderful Grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled;
By its transforming power, Making me God's dear child,
Purchasing peace and Heaven, for all eternity;
And the Wonderful Grace of Jesus, reaches me!

Refrain

{ (men) **Wonderful the matchless Grace of Jesus,**
(women) *the matchless Grace of Jesus,*

(men) **Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;**
(women) *the rolling sea;*

{ (women) *Wonderful Grace, all sufficient for me, for even me*

(men) **Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
All sufficient Grace for even me.**

(Women) *Broader than the scope of my transgressions,*
(men) **gressions, sing it!**

{ (Women) *Greater far than all my sin and shame*

(men) **my sin and shame,**

→ (ALL) **O magnify the precious name of Jesus, PRAISE HIS NAME!**

Go Tell It On The Mountain

[Words by: John Wesley Work, Jr., 1907 / Music by: African-American spiritual (Public Domain)]

Chorus:

Go tell it on the Mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the Mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching,
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold! Throughout the heavens,
There shone a holy light.

2. The shepherds feared and trembled,
When lo! Above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus,
That hailed our Savior's birth.

3. Down in a lowly manger,
The humble Christ was born,
And brought us God's salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

4. Now when I was a seeker,
I sought both night and day,
I asked the Lord to help me,
And He showed me the way.

5. The Lord made me a watchman,
Upon a city wall,
And I know I'm a Christian,
But I'm the least of all.

Joy to the World

[Words by: Isaac Watts, 1719 / Music by: Lowell Mason, 1848 (Public Domain)]

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove;
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders, of His love.

Psalm 136:3-5 (NIV)

- **Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.**
- **To him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever.**
- **Who by his understanding made the heavens, His love endures forever.**

Doxology

[Words by: Thomas Ken / Music by: Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois (1510 – 1561) (Public Domain)]

1. Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

2. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation.

3. Lord, help me flee all sin and shame,
Lest I disgrace Your holy name;
And may I live so others see,
The Savior's love revealed in me.

**“Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”
(Hebrews 13:20,21, NASB)**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

[Words by: Henry Alford, 1844 / Music by: George Job Elvey, 1858 (Public Domain)]

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
Wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
From the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

- **“Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.” (Psalm 95:2, KJV)**
- **“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” (Psalm 100, KJV)**

Before the Lord We Bow

[Words by: Francis Scott Key, 1832 / Music by: John Darwall, 1770 (Darwall's 148th) (Public Domain)]

1. Before the Lord we bow, the God who reigns above,
And rules the world below, boundless in power and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise
To heaven's high King.

2. The nation Thou hast blest may well Thy love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, protected by Thy care.
For this fair land, for this bright day, our thanks we pay,
Gifts of Thy hand.

3. May every mountain height, each vale and forest green,
Shine in Thy Word's pure light, and its rich fruits be seen!
May every tongue be tuned to praise, and join to raise
A grateful song.

4. Earth, hear thy Maker's voice, thy great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, and worship Him alone.
Cast down thy pride, thy sin deplore and bow before
The Crucified.

5. And when in power He comes, O may our native land,
From all its rending toms, send forth a glorious band.
A countless throng, ever to sing to heaven's high King
Salvation's song.

- **“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.” (Psalm 95:6, KJV)**
- **“When I think of the wisdom and scope of God's plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.” (Ephesians 3:14,15, NLT)**

Battle Hymn Of The Republic

[Words by: Julia Ward Howe, 1861 / Music by: 19th Century American camp meeting tune (Public Domain)]

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible, swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

2. I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar, in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence, by the dim and flaring lamps,
His day is marching on.

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men, before His judgment-seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

4. In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom, that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

5. We can almost hear the trumpet sound, The Lord's return is near;
There are still so many people lost, His message they must hear;
Father, give us one more moment; one more day, just one more year
With God we're marching on.

Chorus:

**Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

“And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great. Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.””
(Revelation 19:5,6, ESV)

The Star Spangled Banner

[Words by: Francis Scott Key, 1814 / Music by: John Stafford Smith (Public Domain)]

1. Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

2. On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream;
'Tis the Star-Spangled Banner, O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

3. And Where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

4. Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Bible Passages on God's Will to be Thankful

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB)

- ◆ Rejoice always;
- ◆ Pray without ceasing;
- ◆ In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:15-17 (NASB)

- ◆ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in body; and be thankful.
- ◆ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
- ◆ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Ephesians 5:19-20 (NASB)

- ◆ Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;
- ◆ Always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father

Philippians 4:4-9 (NASB)

- ◆ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!
- ◆ Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.
- ◆ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- ◆ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- ◆ Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure,, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.
- ◆ The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you.

What are we thankful for?

Are we thankful for God's provision to escape the eternal storm?

The Eternal Storm – The Bad News

The Bible says that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). We have all come short of God's standard of perfection. In thoughts, words, and deeds, we have not been perfect. Unfortunately, the bad news gets worse, because the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). The Bible says that by sinning we have earned death. That means we deserve to die and be separated from God forever. But since there was no way we could come to God, God came to us.

The Eternal Preparation – The Good News

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). The Bible says Christ took the penalty that we deserved for sin, placed it upon Himself, and died in our place. Three days later Christ came back to life to prove that sin and death had been conquered and that His claims to be God were true. Just as the bad news got worse, the good news gets better. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast (Ephesians 2:8, 9). You must depend on Him alone to forgive you and to give you eternal life. Good living, going to church, helping the poor or any other good thing you might do cannot get you to heaven. You must trust in Jesus Christ alone, and God will give you eternal life as a gift.

Is there anything keeping you from trusting Christ right now? There is nothing more important than your need to trust Christ. It is not prayer that saves you. It is trusting Jesus Christ that saves you. Prayer is simply how you express to God what you are doing, such as: "Dear God, I know I'm a sinner. I know my sin deserves to be punished. I believe Christ died for me and rose from the grave. I trust Jesus Christ alone as my Savior. Thank you for the forgiveness and everlasting life I now have. In Jesus' name, amen."

John 5:24 explains, "He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." Eternal life is based on fact, not feeling.

Give Thanks:

- "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!" (Psalm 97:12)
- "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds." (Psalm 9:1)
- "Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!" (Psalm 105:1-2)

Romans 3:19-31 (NLT)

¹⁹ Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. ²⁰ For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

Christ Took Our Punishment

²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, ²⁶ for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

²⁷ Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. ²⁸ So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

²⁹ After all, is God the God of the Jews only? Isn't he also the God of the Gentiles? Of course he is. ³⁰ There is only one God, and he makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles. ³¹ Well then, if we emphasize faith, does this mean that we can forget about the law? Of course not! In fact, only when we have faith do we truly fulfill the law.

God the Refuge of His People

Psalm 46 (NASB)

1. God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change
And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;
3. Though its waters roar *and* foam,
Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.
Selah.
4. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
The holy dwelling places of the Most High.
5. God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
6. The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered;
He raised His voice, the earth melted.
7. The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Selah.
8. Come, behold the works of the LORD,
Who has wrought desolations in the earth.
9. He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;
He burns the chariots with fire.
10. "Cease *striving* and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the
earth."
11. The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Selah.

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