

THE UNLIMITED GOD

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TEXTS:

"Yours, O Lord, *is* the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours*; Yours *is* the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all." 1 Chronicles 29:11

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9: 6

"You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, *and* high is Your right hand. "Psalm 89: 13

READING:

1 "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. 2 For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens." 3 "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: 4 'Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.' " *Selah* 5 And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. 6 For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? *Who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord? 7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all *those* around Him. 8 O Lord God of hosts, *Who is* mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. 9 You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them. 10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm. 11 The heavens *are* Yours, the earth also *is* Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them. 12 The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name. 13 You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, *and* high is Your right hand. " Psalm 89: 1-13

INTRODUCTION:

Have you ever considered that our GOD is The Unlimited GOD?

In Psalm 78 (See Post Notes) the chosen people of GOD were not satisfied with the provision of GOD. They complained that being given water in the desert was not enough. (verse 20) They ate "angel's food" and complained that it was not good enough! (verse 25). Can you imagine? What could be better than the food that angels eat? Yet they were not satisfied! They felt that GOD was not doing enough!!

This whole message today is centred around understanding that our GOD is not limited in any way.

Here are 9 scriptures to help you stop putting GOD in a box and remember just how mighty and great HE is!!

" But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2: 9

""For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55: 9

"the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power" Ephesians 1: 18 & 19

"as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf," Colossians 1: 7

""Behold, God is exalted by His power; Who teaches like Him? Who has assigned Him His way, Or who has said, 'You have done wrong'? "Remember to magnify His work, of which men have sung." Job 36: 22-24

"to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3: 19

""But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!" 1 Kings 8: 27

"who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen." 1 Timothy 6: 16

"Great *is* our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding *is* infinite." Psalm 147: 5

The HOOK:

The Mighty GOD (Isaiah 9: 6). HIS name means the "Strong One". HE is the mighty, omniscient, all-powerful GOD!

GOD's power is unlimited! GOD's ability is unlimited! GOD's grace is unlimited! GOD's mercy endures forever! Now, that's what I call UNLIMITED!

We have before us today a topic so vast, so wide and so deep that I'm not sure one morning is adequate to bring before your hearts the greatness and power and ability of The UNLIMITED GOD!

HE wrought miracles! They were unlimited! HE wrought wonders so numerous! The Bible is full of them. They were unlimited!

HIS mighty arm is unlimited. (Psalm 89: 13) HIS arm is never too short to reach you! HIS hand is never too small to hold or shield you! HE is mighty to save! "The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet *you* with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." " Zephaniah 3: 17. That's unlimited!

HIS name is The Mighty GOD! Think of it! The Mighty GOD! Now, even in this day, HE is in every way unlimited! (Isaiah 9:6)

HIS counselling is unlimited! HIS peace is unlimited! (Isaiah 9:6).

GOD's power is independent of place. Don't think for a moment that the city of Jerusalem of old, in the days of our marvellous Saviour was a more prosper theatre than the theatre of today! In this day, as in olden days, every micro-second of time, GOD is unlimited because HE created all time!!

Our help comes from The LORD who made heaven and earth and everything in them!"" Psalm 146: 6, "My help *comes* from the Lord Who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121: 2. We must have GOD's hand laid to the work. We must avail ourselves of The KING's treasury, or else nothing will be accomplished which will stand the test of time!

Wood, hay and stubble alone may build things, but silver, gold and precious stones are from the KING's treasury! They are unlimited! They cannot crumble or fall! GOD owns the cattle on a thousand hills! "For every beast of the forest *is* Mine, *And* the cattle on a thousand hills." Psalm 50: 10. HIS resources are unlimited!

HE chose 12 Apostles and sent them out! Their testimony caused thousands to come to Christ! And each of those saved led many others to the way of salvation! "I am the Vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15: 5 was our Saviour's word to HIS Apostles! How much more applicable it must be to us in the 21st Century! "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. " Psalm 127: 1.

Today, more than ever, we need to be reminded that our great strength lies in The GOD of Jacob!! AMEN!! What a comfort to be reminded of how great HIS strength is!!! It can never fail!!!

There is but one aim for us to rest upon, and it is the "Blessed Assurance that Jesus is Mine!" (hymn - See Post Notes). How unlimited is HIS Mighty arm!!

Oh friends, if this incredible GOD upon whom we have entirely depended, were stunted or crippled or reduced in any way, in HIS might, you would certainly have reason to despair and be discouraged! BUT, my friends, IT IS NOT SO!!

If the LORD's arm was too short, or if HE was no longer mighty enough to save, then I would say, "Give up this work. Run to the hills!", BUT, thank our gracious GOD! IT IS NOT SO!! "And the Lord said to Moses, "Has the Lord's arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not." " Numbers 11: 23, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. " Isaiah 59: 1.

Christ's stupendous power and strength is with The Most High GOD! The treasury from which we draw is inexhaustible and never-ending! HE is unlimited!

Come together now with a cheering confidence! Let this always stick with you! GOD is unlimited!!

The BOOK:

Friends, there is only one point today! (Aren't you lucky?) Only one point needed, and it is this! The POWER of GOD is unlimited!

GOD's power is like Himself, self-existent, and self-sustained!

Have you ever considered this? All the power that you and I have to serve GOD with must first come from HIM! "But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." " Matthew 19: 26.

Your very desire to get out of bed, get dressed and come here to worship comes directly from HIM!

Friends, HE derives no power whatever from us. "For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen." Romans 11: 36. all of our fresh springs are from GOD alone! The mightiest man cannot add so much as a shadow of increased power to the Omnipotent ONE! "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall," Isaiah 40: 30. Yet it is not so with GOD. GOD never grows weary!!! Hallelujah!

God's noble scepter is established by HIS own omnipotence!! HE sits on no buttressed throne, nor does HE lean on any assisting arm. HIS courts are not maintained by HIS attendants, nor does HE borrow splendour or power from HIS creatures!!

HE, Himself, is the great central source and originator of all glory and power!!

We must then come to HIS footstool feeling that all, everything, must come from HIM!! We must bring nothing but our weakness, nothing but our sense of need and come to HIM alone, crying, "Oh LORD, how great and awesome YOU are! You are in Yourself, all sufficient! YOU do not need us, nor can we contribute anything to YOU!!"

Let us join Daniel in offering this prayer. "O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name." Daniel 9: 19.

Daniel flourished in Babylon! He maintained his strength, despite eating only vegetables, and was healthier and stronger than all the other young men of the kingdom! He unashamedly worshipped GOD, right out in the open, despite a decree that would condemn him to death for doing so. He was calm and confident of GOD's mercy and ability to save him from the Lions in the den, and GOD did not fail! He still sought and heard GOD in the depths of prison, and GOD caused him to become the king's chief counsellor and second in command of the whole kingdom as a result of his resolve!

Oh GOD, let YOUR ability flow into us and gird us with your might!

GOD's power is comprehensive! The psalmist said, "God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power *belongs* to God. " Psalm 62: 11. GOD can do anything effortlessly! It is no more difficult for HIM to create a universe, than it is for HIM to make a Mantis Shrimp, the Brook Trout, or the Wood Frog! GOD created the Wood Frog With an ability like no other. It burrows down a bit beneath the soil in the fall, freezes solid over the winter, and then revives to life again when it thaws in the spring!! What a wonder of creation!!

The Creator of the universe never sleeps, and never fails. "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable." Isaiah 40: 28.

Not only does GOD have unlimited power, but HE also has unlimited authority to use it! "But our God *is* in heaven; He does whatever He pleases. " Psalm 115: 3. Please remember, that GOD's will, power and authority are in total harmony with HIS perfect nature. (Isaiah 9:6).

The might which resides in any spiritual agency at this present moment, whether it is in the Book of GOD, or in the ministry of truth, or in a pulpit ministry, or in prayers of believers is still only given and comprehended by the Most High GOD!

So, brethren, let us gather together "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. " James 4: 7 & 8, and pray, "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; " Colossians 2:9. GOD is only too pleased to grant this!!

GOD's power is immutable!! Immutable means unchanging over time or unable to be changed. Whatever GOD did in the days of old, HE is still able to do now, in this day and age! HE remains El Shaddai, which means, The Almighty, or GOD of Heaven, or more properly GOD of the Mountain.

"And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12: 9 & 10, " For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself," John 5: 26. HIS arm will never grow weary or weak! "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear." Isaiah 59: 1, (Isaiah 40: 28). HIS power never decreases because HE is the all sufficient GOD!! We may have changing ages or changing seasons, but our GOD changes not!!! "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? " Numbers 23: 19, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. " James 1: 17.

Our GOD is not the GOD only of the past, but is also the GOD of the present, here and now!! "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13: 8.

Don't think of HIM as many did in Isaiah's day, that GOD was only the GOD of the hills, but HE is also the GOD of the valleys! There is never any change in the mighty power of The Everlasting FATHER!! HE is The LORD of Eternity!!

Time and age work no decay in GOD! They certainly do in me, but GOD's eyes have not waxed dim, nor has HIS ability become feeble!! HE is still the mighty GOD, the Wonderful, Counsellor, the great miracle worker who does not slumber or sleep! "Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep. " Psalm 121: 4. HE remains unlimited in power! HE is always unlimited in resources! No situation can limit or overcome HIM! There is no other power able to limit HIM! HE cannot be limited by physical boundaries!! AMEN!!!

"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it. " Isaiah 55: 11. That's what GOD does!!!

HE can't be limited by any sickness. "Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases," Psalm 103: 3

GOD's power is irresistible!! I just love this!! When GOD puts forth HIS mighty power, who can stay HIS mighty hand?!! Proud hearts are humbled, hard hearts are broken, and must submit to HIS mighty will.

Iron melts and rocks dissolve when The LORD of All visits! HE created all things. "Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord! Awake as in the ancient days, In the generations of old. Are You not *the arm* that cut Rahab apart, *and* wounded the serpent?" Isaiah 51: 9 10. Creation is a miracle, and so is Heaven, and HE created both!! Amazing!!! GOD chose the fathers of Israel from among all the people of the earth! HE brought them out of Egypt and liberated them. "1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are bound*; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified." " Isaiah 61: 1-3. WOW!! Did you know that you are a planting of the LORD? You are a planting of the LORD!!

HE led HIS people in the wilderness and Israel had an extended encounter in the barren lands. HE revealed Himself at Sinai! HE concluded HIS covenant and granted HIS Torah to be the life of Israel!! HE sent HIS prophets who declare and glorify GOD by revealing HIS ultimate unlimited salvation!

There is nothing that can thwart the desire, nor frustrate the wishes of the mighty GOD! HE is the ultimate, unlimited GOD!!

GOD's power is infinite!! Brethren, our Creator, our Redeemer, our Mighty GOD has no fetters or chains on HIM! Nothing can hold HIM back! The Holy ONE of Israel cannot be limited. We see in the New Testament that even the grave cannot hold HIM! The rocks could not keep HIM in the tomb! HE still rose on the third day!! "1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time." 12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty, and your faith is also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable." 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8, 12-19. HE suffers no defeat!!

HE touches the hills and they tremble. "He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke." Psalm 104: 32. "4 The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like lambs. 5 What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, *that* you turned back? 6 O mountains, *that* you skipped like rams? O little hills, like lambs? " Psalms 114: 4-6

What then, can block HIS path? HE divided the Red Sea (**Exodus 14**) with the infinite power. HE is the infinite GOD!

If you believe in the littleness of GOD, you will ask little and have little. The church is asking for too little. I urge you, brethren, enlarge your desires! Let your souls be stretched in the majesty of the Almighty! Ask of HIM that HE would give the roaring, blaspheming nations for Christ for HIS inheritance!

"The Lord *is* my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" Lamentations 3: 24. Hope in HIM again!! That's our challenge!! Stay hoping in HIM!! Rise up! Believe again! Oh friends, the potency which dwells in The Almighty belongs to you! Believe again! Trust in HIM again!

Come with confidence, for this great GOD is our GOD forever, and HE will help us!! HE helped Daniel in the lion's den! HE sent an angel to free Peter from jail! Don't put boundaries on an infinite GOD! Don't doubt GOD like those of the old days who asked, "19 Yes, they spoke against God: They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? 20 Behold, He struck the rock, so that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?" " Psalm 78: 19 & 20. Break all the boundaries! Our GOD is infinite!!

The TOOK:

Churches have grown weary or lukewarm. Ministers have become dull. Doctrines have become watered down and unsound. The hearts of GOD's people are failing. They are "checking out" instead of "checking in". The faithful are saying, "Who is GOD?". They are questioning, "Where is GOD? Is HE still there?" (Isaiah 61: 3), "Who *is* this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, This *One who is* glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength? — "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." Isaiah 63: 1

I tell you the answer is a resounding, YES! Yes, GOD can and still does travel in the greatness of HIS strength! GOD is never short on answers because he is an awesome GOD! HE is the GOD of answers! GOD is the answer to any issue, question or problem. HE can raise up a man or a woman. GOD can use those who were used in the past and make them useful again, and then the face of the church will change from lethargy to energy!

Those who lived before us lit the spark, and the flame flew all over all the lands, and burned across continents! The Reformation was a marvelous type of revival. GOD given revivals have been glorious! England had them! America had them! Even Ireland was not without them!

In the darkest days when everyone was saying the cause of religion was growing hopeless and helpless!!

Oh, "The Great Lover of the Church" appeared! "14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4: 14-16. Christ the Miracle Worker! Christ the Great Shepherd! Christ the Glorious Redeemer! Christ the Glorious Redeemer! Christ the All-Sufficient Saviour! Christ the Bread of Heaven! Christ our Resurrection! Christ the Head of the Church! Christ appeared and worked HIS awesome and mighty power!

What happened to the passion for hearing the Word of GOD?

Have you ever heard of the missionary, Livingstone, who stood opposed the slave trade after witnessing the it's horrors? I'm going to tell you. Preaching in a heavy shower of rain outside the village of Shotts in the north of Scotland, to the multitudes of people standing there. They waited, not moving or stirring from the place, so they could hear GOD's Word!

How about the story of Whitefield's mighty preaching when people moved to and fro like the corn blown by the summer wind, they finally fell down beneath The WORD as the sheaves fall before the combine!

Why do we not see this again? Why not? Why not even greater things than these? What hinders our unbelief! Yes, it is OUR UNBELIEF that hinders us!! "Yes, again and again they tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. " Psalm 78: 41

Whatever happened to evangelists like Luis Palau who, in 2007, was estimated to have shared the message of Jesus Christ with 25 million people in 70 nations?

Tens of thousands beneath one ministry have been made to feel the power of the Cross of Christ!! 2,500 in Boston listening to Whitefield! An audience of 1.1 million in South Korea in 1973! 50,000 who heard T.L. Osborn in Cuba and 100,000 who heard The Word in Chile! Why should this not happen again? Why should this not happen again now?

Let us proclaim HIS Glorious Gospel now! Let us gather now in prayer! Let us besiege the throne of The Almighty, and we shall see a revival that shall make the whole age glad!

There is no heart so hard that GOD's hammer cannot dash it to pieces. Oh, but HE has a wonderful hammer!! Let us never despair while we can say, "Oh LORD, YOU have a mighty arm." 3,000 came to Christ in one day under the thunderous power of the Apostle Peter's sermon. (Acts 2). Why not 3,000 again, here in Georgina? Why not 30,000? Why not 300,000? in a single day?

There is nothing too great for us to ask or for our GOD to grant!!!!HE can do it!!!

Think of it! Today is the day to stand and believe in the greatness of GOD!

Have your friends become worse and worse? Infidelity has grown very bold and very brash. Sin is a laughing matter, more than anything else, to most people nowadays. People are becoming experts at sin.

Just let these evil things work their stinking work. All these provocations wil arouse our GOD! We need to become aroused!! Let us discard our despondencies! Be of good courage for strong is the mighty hand of GOD!!

Now is always the right time for GOD to work! When blasphemies grow bold, GOD is most able! When faith is hardly found, GOD can always be found!! When love waxes cold, "Return to ME" is HIS sage advice.

Maybe you have gone too far, or too long into the "far away" land, but you are never too far gone for GOD to restore you!!

Is your chariot broken? Brethren, ask for a new one! A promise so divine, so holy, so awesome, is waiting for you today! "*Through* the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. " Lamentations 3: 22, "Behold, I *am* the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?" " Jeremiah 32: 27.

We can plead the Blood of Christ! "27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the [b]remission of sins." Matthew 26: 27 & 28, "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." Acts 20: 28, "and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross." Colossians 1: 20, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" Ephesians 1: 7.

Believe again!! Don't pout with doubt!! Let us cannonade the gates of heaven and cry unto The Living GOD!

Get back on your watchtower and seek the living and loving GOD!!

We can bring our extravagant requests to HIM knowing full well that our requests and our imaginations can never exhaust HIS unlimited power!!!

Hold on to GOD and hold on to HIS Word and you will never be disappointed!!

My prayer for you today is that you will have a disruptive and authoritative encounter with the unlimited, glorious GOD!

Yes, that alters everything in favour of the glorious kingdom of GOD! AMEN!!

I urge you to pray bigger prayers! Expect more from GOD! Don't keep HIM in a box! Expect great things from GOD, and you will not be disappointed! HE is a limitless GOD!! Pray bigger prayers!

Bring your extravagant requests to The great, Unlimited GOD!!

POST NOTES:

BLESSED ASSURANCE - Fanny Crosby

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

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
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Psalm 78 - "1 Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, 3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. 4 We will not hide *them* from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. 5 For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; 6 That the generation to come might know *them*, The children *who* would be born, *That* they may arise and declare *them* to their children, 7 That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments; 8 And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation *that* did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God. 9 The children of Ephraim, *being* armed and carrying bows, Turned back in the day of battle. 10 They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law, 11 And forgot His works And His wonders that He had shown them. 12 Marvelous things He did in the sight of their fathers, In the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan. 13 He divided the sea and caused them to pass through; And He made the waters stand up like a heap. 14 In the daytime also He led them with the cloud, And all the night with a light of fire. 15 He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave *them* drink in abundance like the depths. 16 He also brought streams out of the rock and caused waters to run down like rivers. 17 But they sinned even more against Him By rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness. 18 And they tested God in their heart by asking for the food of their fancy. 19 Yes, they spoke against God: They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? 20 Behold, He struck the rock, so that the waters gushed out, And the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?" 21 Therefore the Lord heard *this* and was furious; So, a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel, 22 Because they did not believe in God, and did not trust in His salvation. 23 Yet He had commanded the clouds above, and opened the doors of heaven, 24 Had rained down manna on them to eat, and given them of the bread of heaven. 25 Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full. 26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heavens; And by His power He brought in the south wind. 27 He also rained meat on them like the dust, Feathered fowl like the sand of the seas; 28 And He let *them* fall in the midst of their camp, All around their dwellings. 29 So they ate and were well filled, For He gave them their own desire. 30 They were not deprived of their craving; But while their food was still in their mouths, 31 The wrath of God came against them, and slew the stoutest of them, and struck down the choice *men* of Israel. 32 In spite of this they still sinned and did not believe in His wondrous works. 33 Therefore their days He consumed in futility, And their years in fear. 34 When He slew them, then they sought Him; And they returned and sought earnestly for God. 35 Then they remembered that God was their rock, And the Most High God their Redeemer. 36 Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouth, and they lied to Him with their tongue; 37 For their heart was not steadfast with Him, nor were they faithful in His covenant. 38 But He, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and did not destroy *them*. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, and did not stir up all His wrath; 39 For He remembered that they *were* but flesh, A breath that passes away and does not come again. 40 How often they provoked Him in the wilderness and grieved Him in the desert! 41 Yes, again and again they tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. 42 They did not remember His power: The day when He redeemed them from the enemy, 43 When He worked His signs in Egypt, And His wonders in the field of Zoan; 44 Turned their rivers into blood, and their streams, that they could not drink. 45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which devoured them, and frogs, which destroyed them. 46 He also gave their crops to the caterpillar, And their labor to the locust. 47 He destroyed their vines with hail, And their sycamore trees with frost. 48 He also gave up their cattle to the hail, And their flocks to fiery lightning. 49 He cast on them the fierceness of His anger, Wrath, indignation, and trouble, by sending angels of destruction *among* *them*. 50 He made a path for His anger; He did not spare their soul from death, but gave their life over to the plague, 51 And destroyed all the firstborn in Egypt, The first of *their* strength in the tents of Ham. 52 But He made His own people go forth like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock; 53 And He led them on safely, so that they did not fear; But the sea overwhelmed their enemies. 54 And He brought them to His holy border, this mountain *which* His right hand had acquired. 55 He also drove out the nations before them, allotted them an inheritance by survey, and made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents. 56 Yet they tested and provoked the Most High God, And did not keep His testimonies, 57 But turned back and acted unfaithfully like their fathers; They were turned aside like a deceitful bow. 58 For they provoked Him to anger with their high places and moved Him to jealousy with their carved images. 59 When God heard *this*, He was furious and greatly abhorred Israel, 60 So that He forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent He had placed among men, 61 And delivered His strength into captivity, And His glory into the enemy's hand. 62 He also gave His people over to the sword and was furious with His inheritance. 63 The fire consumed their young men and their maidens were not given in marriage. 64 Their priests fell by the sword and their widows made no lamentation. 65 Then the Lord awoke as *from* sleep, like a mighty man who shouts because of wine. 66 And He beat back His enemies; He put them to a perpetual reproach. 67 Moreover He rejected the tent of Joseph, and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim, 68 But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved. 69 And He built His sanctuary like the heights, Like the earth which He has

established forever. 70 He also chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds; 71 From following the ewes that had young, He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people and Israel His inheritance. 72 So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.