

THANKS GIVING
for
God's Marvelous Works

The Chosen Stone and His Chosen People

“Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes

on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

Therefore, to you who believe, *He is precious but to those who are disobedient,*

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,”

“A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.”

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once *were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. (1 Peter 26-10)*

In ancient buildings, the cornerstone was first situated on the foundation and then all of the other stones were aligned to it. Thus as part of the house of God, we need to keep our focus on our Cornerstone. Those who trust in Jesus will never be embarrassed by making Him the focus of their lives.

*Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs; singing and making melody in your heart to Lord, giving thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ submitting to one another in the fear of God.
Ephesians 5:18b-20*

The Christian experience of God's marvelous works can be found for all of us in the song; “Amazing Grace”; God sent His son Jesus to

die on the cross for us, was buried, rose from the dead and now sits at the right hand of God the Father *All* Mighty on the mercy seat interceding on our behalf and then sent the Holy Spirit to dwell within us teaching us all things as the kingdom now dwells in us and upon us as the Holy Spirit comforts us. Through the breaking of our LORD JESUS body, broken for us, we were healed through His stripes, with the pouring of JESUS's Blood we are forgiven of our sins. Through all He has done for us He has set us free and makes us a new creation, the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, made in His likeness, the image of God. No greater miracle has HE ever done.

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. **The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

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 first begun.**

The song; "How Great Thou Art" remembering all God shows us of His marvelous works of creation, signs and wonders and most amazing of all is His never ending grace and mercy, His unfailing love for us, His children. Abba Father asks us to be co-creators with Him and shine with His glorious light and sharing His love as part of His wonderful divine order on earth as it is in heaven.

This is how a Christian family and believers are to relate to one another in showing the love of Christ to the world; the unbeliever so that non would perish.

How Great Thou Art

Verse #1

**O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed. Chorus:
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

Verse #2

**When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. Chorus:
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

Verse #3

**And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. Chorus:
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

Verse #4

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
 Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
 And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Chorus:
 Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
 Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

Lyrics taken from http://www.lyricsmode.com/lyrics/r/religious_music/how_great_thou_art.html

**In everything give thanks:
 for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1
 Thessalonians 5:18**

Psalm 145

A psalm of praise. Of David. A song of God's Majesty and Love.

- ¹I will exalt you, my God the King;
 I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- ²Every day I will praise you
 and extol your name for ever and ever.
- ³Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
 his greatness no one can fathom.
- ⁴One generation commends your works to another;
 they tell of your mighty acts.
- ⁵They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
 and I will meditate on your wonderful works.^[b]
- ⁶They tell of the power of your awesome works—
 and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- ⁷They celebrate your abundant goodness
 and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

¹⁰All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.

¹¹They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,

¹²so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.^[c]

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.

¹⁶You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.