

# Pastor Mark Warren 29 January 2023

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#### **Our God**

#### "...If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

#### Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Jonas Myrin, and Matt Redman

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer
Awesome in power
Our God, Our God

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Out of the ashes we rise
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Our God is Healer, awesome in power Our God, Our God

And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if Our God is with us, then what can

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What can stand against?

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### **Good and Gracious King**

"...Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; The whole earth is full of His glory!" Is. 6:3

Jonny Robinson, James Ferguson, Michael Farren

I approach the throne of glory Nothing in my hands I bring But the promise of acceptance From a good and gracious King

I will give to You my burden
As You give to me Your strength
Come and fill me with Your Spirit
As I sing to You this praise

You deserve the greater glory
Overcome, I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing
Empty handed I rejoice
You deserve the greater glory
Overcome with joy I sing
By Your love I am accepted
You're a good and gracious King

O what grace that You would see me As Your child and as Your friend Safe, secure in You forever I pour out my praise again

You deserve the greater glory Overcome, I lift my voice

To the King in need of nothing Empty handed I rejoice
You deserve the greater glory
Overcome with joy I sing
By Your love I am accepted
You're a good and gracious King

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty
Good and gracious
Good and gracious
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King

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## Hebrews 12:18-24 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## Is He Worthy?

"...You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation." Rev. 5:9

#### Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

Do you feel the world is broken? *(We do)*Do you feel the shadows deepen? *(We do)*But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through? *(We do)* 

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light
Within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?
(It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
And open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died
To ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this? He is

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)

Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)

And does Jesus, our Messiah

Hold forever those He loves? (He does)

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

(He does)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
And open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died
To ransom the slave
From every people and tribe
Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom
And priests to God
To reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!

## **Build My Life**

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Christ Jesus." 1 Cor. 3:11

Pat Barrett, Matt Redman, Brett Younker, Kirby Maple, Karl Martin

Worthy of every song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise We could ever bring Worthy of every breath We could ever breathe We live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name Jesus, the only One who could ever save Worthy of every breath We could ever breathe We live for You Oh, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are and fill me with
Your heart and lead me
In Your love to those around me

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With Your heart and lead me
In Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken

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## Offering: Behold Our God

"Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand..." Is 40:12-14

Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God, seated on His throne Come, let us adore Him Behold our King, nothing can compare Come, let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach, the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

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Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

Behold our God, seated on His throne Come, let us adore Him Behold our King, nothing can compare Come, let us adore Him

[Men] You will reign forever [Women] Let Your glory fill the earth

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# **James**

focused perspective

(part 2)





"The great goal of all life is Christian maturity.

Towards this we are to bend all our efforts. Life's pleasant paths are made all the sweeter as we keep in mind that they lead to this great spiritual end; life's grim moments are to be endured patiently, remembering that patience and persistence turn sorrows into stepping-stones."

The Message of James by J. Alec Motyer







Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of change. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

James 1:17-18 (ESV)

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him

James 1:12 (ESV)

... for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:3-4 (ESV)



James by Kurt Richardson (The New American Commentary)

"James's intent was to point out that doubting believers constantly manifest an ineffectiveness of faith that suggests the nonauthenticity of belief."

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Matthew 6:24 (ESV)

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:5 (ESV)









Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (ESV)





Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death...

Philippians 3:8-10 (ESV)







11.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (ESV)





The John MacArthur Commentary on James, p. 47

"[God and evil] are mutually exclusive in the most complete and profound sense. [They] exist in two distinct realms that never meet. [God] has no vulnerability to evil and is utterly impregnable to its onslaughts. He is aware of evil but untouched by it, like a sunbeam shining on a dump is untouched by the trash."

The Message of James (J. Alec Motyer)

"He is of such unmixed goodness in His attitudes and actions that there is no room in motive, will or deed for that which would bring disaster, great or small, on any of His people."









What comes down from our Creator (the Father of lights) is everything good and perfect, gifts for our growth, in whom there exists no shiftiness (no deception) nor shadow of change (no hint of capricious mutability nor human frailty).

James 1:17





### Are You Washed in the Blood? #190

"They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb: Rev. 7:14

#### Elisha Hoffman

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you washed in the blood, in the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each moment in the Crucified? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you washed in the blood, in the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright, And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you washed in the blood, in the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

