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Open Up the Heavens

"O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You...So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory" Ps 63:1-2

Andi Rozier, James Macdonald, Jason Ingram, Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrad

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in your name
Calling out to you
Your glory like a fire
Awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place
Your glory on our face
We're looking to the skies
Descending like a cloud
You're standing with us now
Lord, unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates

A mighty river Flowing from your heart Filling every part of our praise

Yes, open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Show us, show us your glory Show us, show us your power Show us, show us your glory, Lord

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We want to see you We want to see you

[So open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise]
(Sing bracketed section 1x more time)

God So Loved

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16

Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world
That He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come, lay them down
At the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

For God so loved the world
That He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved
God so loved the world!

Praise God! Praise God
From whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him! Praise Him
For the wonders of His love!
Praise God! Praise God
From whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him! Praise Him
For the wonders of His love!

For God so loved the world
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His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
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Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
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Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world!

Deuteronomy 10:12-21 (ESV)

¹² "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? 14 Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. 15 Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. 17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. 19 Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

10,000 Reasons

"Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy Name!" Psalm 103:1

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul Worship His Holy name Sing like never before, Oh my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul Worship His Holy name Sing like never before, Oh my soul I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before, Oh my soul I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul Worship His Holy name Sing like never before, Oh my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul Worship His Holy name Sing like never before, Oh my soul I'll worship Your holy name Yes I'll worship Your holy name

You're Worthy of My Praise

"Sing the glory of His Name; make His praise glorious. All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to You, they sing the praises of Your Name." Psalm 66:2,4

David Ruis

I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (all my strength)
I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (all of my days)
I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (all Your ways)

I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise

I will bow down (I will bow down)
Hail You as King (hail You as King)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
Give You everything (give You everything)
I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne)
I will trust You (I will trust You)
Trust You alone (You alone)

I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise

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Offering: Speak, O Lord

"What we have received is...the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us" 1 Cor. 2:11

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your Holy Word Take Your truth, plant it deep in us Shape and fashion us in Your likeness

That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience; Holy reverence, true humility Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority Words of pow'r that can never fail Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory



James

a long obedience

(chapter 1, verses 18-27)



- v. 18 the word of truth
- v. 21 the implanted word
- v. 22 but be doers of the word
- v. 25 the perfect law, the law of liberty
- v. 27 religion that is pure and undefiled
- v. 18 firstfruits of His creatures
- v. 20 the righteousness of God
- v. 27 pure and undefiled before God
- v. 20 the anger of man
- v. 22 hearers only, deceiving yourselves
- v. 24 goes away and at once forgets
- v. 26 thinks he's religious but...deceives







Christ's victorious work is the key to our successful obedience

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Matthew 5:17 (ESV)

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Romans 10:4 (ESV)





Christ's victorious work is the key to our successful obedience.

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

Galatians 3:23-26 (ESV)





Christ's victorious work is the key to our successful obedience.

"It is the divine power behind the truth of Scripture that is able to initiate salvation, keep it alive and growing, and finally bring it to final glory, complete and perfect. We have been saved (justified) through the power of the Word of God; we are kept saved (sanctified) through the power of the Word of God; and we will be ultimately, completely, and eternally saved (glorified) through the power of the Word."

The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: James (p. 76)





Christ's victorious work is the key to our successful obedience.

But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Luke 11:28 (ESV)

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,

John 8:31 (ESV)





Christ's victorious work is the key to our successful obedience

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15 (ESV)

You know that He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin.

1 John 3:5 (ESV)



Christ's victorious work is the key to our successful obedience

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:34-36 (ESV)

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:2 (ESV)





Christ's victorious work is the key to our successful obedience

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13 (ESV)

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

1 Peter 2:16 (ESV)



Christ's victorious work is the key to our successful obedience

But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of His own inheritance, as you are this day.

Deuteronomy 4:20 (ESV)

So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in His ways and be fearing Him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land... And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land He has given you.

Deuteronomy 8:6-10 (ESV)







Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

"He is the One we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end, I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me" Col. 1:28-29

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom Oh the chains are released My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to His Oh how strange and divine I can sing, "All is mine" Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior He will stay I labor on, in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead Oh the night has been won And I shall overcome Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave To this I hold, my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea I can sing, "I am free" Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus For He has said that He will bring me home And day by day, I know He will renew me Until I stand, with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to Him When the race is complete Still my lips shall repeat Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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