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How Great is Our God

"Praise the LORD, my soul. LORD, my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty. The LORD wraps Himself in light as with a garment; He stretches out the heavens like a tent" Ps. 104:1-2

Chris Tomblin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash

The splendor of a King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice Trembles at His voice

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the end Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One Father, Spirit, Son The Lion and the Lamb

The Lion and the Lamb
How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names Worthy of our praise My heart will sing How great is our God

Name above all names
You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see
How great, how great is our God

Better is One Day

"Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere..." Psalm 84:10

Matt Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord Almighty
My soul longs, and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is one day in Your courts Better is one day in Your house Better is one day in Your courts Than thousands elsewhere

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One thing I ask, and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in, the place Your glory dwells
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
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My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the Living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You

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Matthew 25:31-40 (ESV)

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

Freely, Freely #447

"As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near'...Freely you have received, freely give" Matt. 10:7-8

Carol Owens

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name I've been born again in Jesus' name And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His love as He told me to

He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received; Freely, freely give Go in My name, and because you believe Others will know that I live.'

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His pow'r as He told me to

He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received; Freely, freely give Go in My name, and because you believe Others will know that I live.'

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

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

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Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who You are and fill me
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: The Gospel Changes Everything

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." Rom. 10:9-10

Paul Mabury, Meredith Andres, and Benji Cowart

The gospel changes everything
The turning point in history
Even now it's changing me
From who I was

The story of my Savior calls

Me to the wonder of the cross

The gospel changes everything

And it is changing me

The gospel changes everything
The turning point in history
And even now it's changing me
From who I was

The story of my Savior calls

Me to the wonder of the cross

The gospel changes everything

And it is changing me

You saved my soul, by Your blood And I'm undone, by Your great love You made a way, so I could come Just as I am, to You my God Jesus changes everything
There is no greater mystery
That God would come to rescue me
From who I was
The kindness of my Savior calls
Me to the wonder of His love
Jesus changes everything
And He is changing me

You saved my soul, by Your blood And I'm undone, by Your great love You made a way, so I could come Just as I am, to You my God

You saved my soul, by Your blood And I'm undone, by Your great love You made a way, so I could come Just as I am, to You my God

You made a way, so I could come Just as I am, to You my God Just as I am To You my God



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James

A beautiful harmony

(chapter 2, verses 14-26)





Martin Luther, from his preface to the book of Romans:

"O it is a living, busy active mighty thing, this faith. It is impossible for it not to be doing good things incessantly. It does not ask whether good works are to be done, but before the question is asked, it has already done this, and is constantly doing them."

As quoted by Douglas Moo in his commentary on James





"For when people have received the wonders of God's grace in redemption, will they not, in gratitude, want to know how to live so as to please the God who has poured his grace upon them?"

"In the Bible, the obedience we render to his law is not meritorious obedience but responsive obedience. We obey, not as those who are trying to merit salvation, but as those who have already received salvation and wish to respond by giving their whole lives up to God their Savior."

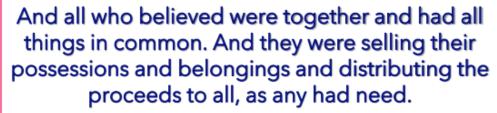
The Message of James by Alec Motyer



James is spurring them on to greater acts of faithfulness, to live in the liberty of God's word implanted within them, to a legacy of Gospel impact that will outlive their own existence. They must remain faithful though the world hates them, berates them and rejects them. James would echo John, "Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4)!







Acts 2:44-45 (ESV)





"He pronounced Abram to be righteous in his sight, on the ground of the faith which he had placed in the divine promises. Yet, in Genesis 22:12, as Abraham stands with the knife upraised, the Lord stops him with the words, '... now I know that you fear God'."

The Message of James by Alec Motyer





By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Hebrews 11:17-19 (ESV)

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Hebrews 11:29-31 (ESV)

"The life of faith, then, is the life which respects the glory of Jesus (Jas. 2:1), for in his obedience to God and his concern for needy sinners he 'emptied himself ... humbled himself ... unto death, even death on a cross' (Phil. 2:7-8). It is a life of obedience in particular to the royal law (8)—our obedience to the word of God seen in our concern for the needs of man. ... It is the life of active consecration seen in the obedience which holds nothing back from God, and the concern which holds nothing back from human need."

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In Christ Alone

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness..." Colossians 2:9-10

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and
storm

What heights of love
What depths of peace
When fears are stilled
When strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone
Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ, I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His, and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Could ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns, or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ, I'll stand
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