

Precious Moments

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Chapter 1

Lord, you watch over the plans and paths of godly men. You are the King of my choice. O the joy of those who put their trust in you! Lord, you are my shield, my glory, and my only hope. Salvation comes from you, O God. What joy you give to your people. Lord, I come into your temple protected by your mercy and love. I worship you with deepest awe. You bless the godly man, O Lord. You protect him with the shield of your love.

God you are my shield. I know that you defend me. You save those whose hearts and lives are true and right. O how grateful I am to you Lord because you are so good. I sing praise to the name of the Lord who is above all.

O Lord our God, the majesty and glory of your name fills all the earth and overflows the heavens. O Jehovah our Lord, the majesty and glory of your name fills the earth. Lord I praise you with all my heart, and I want to tell everyone about the marvellous things you do. I am glad, yes, filled with joy because of you. I sing your praises, O Lord, God over all.

Lord, you live forever. You sit upon your throne, reigning now. All those who Know your mercy Lord, count on you for help. You have never yet forsaken those who trust in you. We sing out praises to the God who lives in Zion. The Lord is King forever and ever. I am trusting in you Lord. You are still in your holy temple, you still rule from heaven. You closely watch everything that happens here on earth. God, You are so good, and you love goodness. I praise You for that! The godly shall see your face. Your promise is sure, for *you* speak no careless word. All you say is purest truth, like silver seven times refined.

I will always trust in you Lord and in your mercy, and shall rejoice in your salvation. I sing to you Lord because you have blessed me so richly. I said to You, "You are my Lord; I have no other help but yours." But yet, Lord, I want the company of the godly men and women in the land. They are the true nobility. Lord, You Yourself are my inheritance, my prize. You are my God and drink, my highest joy! You guard all that is mine. You see that I am given pleasant brooks and meadows as my share! What a wonderful inheritance!

I bless You Lord for your counsel. You give me wisdom in the night. You tell me what to do. I am always thinking of you Lord, and because you are so near I never need to stumble or to fall. My heart, body and soul are filled with joy. It comes from you! Lord, you have let me experience the joys of life, and the exquisite pleasures of your own eternal presence.

Lord, you are always fair. As for me, my contentment is not in what I possess, but it is in seeing you and in knowing that all is well between us. When I wake in heaven I will be overwhelmingly satisfied, for I will see you face to face.

Lord, how I love you! You have done such tremendous things for me. You are my fort wherein I enter and am safe. You are a rugged mountain where I hide, You are my Saviour, a rock where none can reach to harm me. You are a tower of safety, you are my shield.

Oh I praise you Lord! I praise you for the brilliance of your presence. You hold me steady. You lead me by a safe path because you delight in me. How amazing! Little wonder that I delight to praise you with my love! What a God you are, perfect in every way! All your promises prove true. You are protector to all who keep close to you. Lord, your right hand supports me. Your gentleness has made me great. You have made wide steps beneath my feet so that I need never slip. You are mine. I am yours. I praise your name! Yes, I will be blessing your name for ever and ever. Praise the name of the Lord!

CAN YOU HEAR HIM SAY THIS TO YOU?

"I want to make you a praiser. I want to fill your life with light. I will give mercy to those who are merciful and I will give blessings to the pure. I will deliver the humble and give strength to those who rely on me. I want to enjoy your company today, and I want you to enjoy mine. So I request that this day you repeatedly fill your mind with thoughts of my love and care. Just see what grace I'll give you as you do!"

A KEY TO WORSHIP:

Major on describing God to God. Pick up new words that express more fully just how wonderful He is. Tell Him that you love Him, and tell Him why. There are so many things about Him that are cause for loving Him, and there are expressions of His love towards us every day that should cause our love to overflow with wholehearted appreciation.

Chapter 2

God, you really are alive! I praise you, strength of my life. Many times you have provided an answer for me when there was none. You have been so very loving and kind to me. I want to praise you now. I want to praise you everywhere.

The heavens are telling the wonders of your glory, O God. Day and night they Keep on talking about you. Your laws are perfect. They protect us, make us wise, and give us joy and light. Your laws are pure, eternal, just. They are sweeter than honey dripping from a honey comb.

May my spoken words and unspoken thoughts alike be pleasing even to you O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer. I shout for joy when I hear of your victories Lord. Flags fly with praise to you for all that you are doing for us.

O Lord, a kingly crown of purest gold sits upon your head. You are clothed with splendour and majesty, fame and honour. Because of your unfailing love I share the unquenchable joy of your presence. Accept my praise O Lord for all your glorious power. I burst with songs to celebrate your mighty acts. Praise surrounds your throne, and I praise you Lord. Hallelujah!

I stand and praise you before all the people. My heart rejoices with everlasting joy.

The whole earth will see your glory in your people, and return to you, Lord. The people of every nation will worship you. You are King. You rule the nations. Hallelujah. The earth longs to our God!

Bless you Lord! You teach those who fear you choose the best. How good you are. We live within circle of your blessing. Lord, you preserve your friendship for those who reverence you. With them all you share the secrets of your promises.

My eyes are ever looking to you Lord. I love your home where the brilliant, dazzling splendour of your presence lives. I also marvel that you live in me.

Lord, you are my light and my salvation. The thing I want from you my God, the thing I seek most of all, is the privilege of meditating in your temple, living in your presence every day of my life, delight in your incomparable perfection and glory. Lord, I bring you sacrifices and sing your praises with much joy. My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me, beloved." And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming now."

Lord you are my rock.. I lift my hands to you. Praise you Lord! You are my strength and my shield. I trust you, and you help me. How good you are! Joy rise my heart until I burst out in songs of praise.

Praise the Lord you angels of His, praise His glory and strength. Praise Him for His majestic glory, glory of His name. In His temple all are praise "Glory, glory to the Lord." O sing to Him, you saint His. Give glory to His name.

O Lord my God, I will keep praising you for of Glory to your name!

CAN YOU HEAR HIM SAY THIS TO YOU?

I am the King of glory. I am the Lord strong, mighty, invincible in battle. I am the Commander of all of heaven's armies. And I want to be what I am on your behalf. I batter down no gates, and I force no doors open. To the life that is willingly opened for me, I come in. I long to come into the areas of your life that are weak, that I may be your strength. I long to come into the area of your life where there is uncertainty and trepidation, that I may bring strong encouragement as well as understanding of my ways. Open the door by trusting me to be to you exactly what you need me to be. And if you delight yourself in me I'll give you what your heart desires. I am love.

A KEY TO WORSHIP:

"Because of your love I share the unquenchable joy of your presence." "I love your home where the brilliant, dazzling splendour of your presence lives."

"The one thing I want—the thing I seek most of all . . . living in your presence every day of my life." **REALLY?**

He is near to us constantly. To set ourselves the challenge of becoming frequently aware of His closeness will please Him ever so much, and will also release us into dimensions of worship and praise that will be ever so blessed. Worship began in His presence—in heaven—and is a very beautiful part of being aware of His presence, even here on earth.

Chapter 3

You have rescued me O God, keeper of promises. I worship only you. I am radiant with joy because of your mercy. You alone are my God, and my times are in your hands. How great is your goodness! You have stored up great blessings for those who trust and reverence you. You hide your loved ones in the shelter of your presence, safe beneath your hand. Blessed are you forever Lord, for you have shown me that your never failing love protects me like the walls of a fortress. I feel so relaxed and secure in your care!

You are my hiding place from every storm of life. You even keep me from getting into trouble. You surround me with songs of victory. I rejoice in you, Lord. Because I am yours I shout for joy. Glory! All the joys of the godly well up in praise to you. It is so right to praise you—to praise you with joyful melodies of praise on the guitar, violin and flute.

O God, everything you say is right, and everything you do is worthy of my trust. You love whatever is just and good. The earth is full of your tender love. I gladly join those who fear the Lord and stand in awe before you.

My God, your own plan stands forever. Your intentions are the same for every generation. You gaze down on mankind from heaven where your home is. You made men's hearts, and closely watch everything they do. Yes Lord, I know that you see everything! Yet I depend on you alone. You protect your people like a shield because you also have home within us. I am trusting you Lord, and am most happy with you. I trust your holy name, knowing that your constant love surrounds me. My hope is in you alone.

I will praise you O Lord, no matter what happens this week.. I will constantly speak of your glories and grace. I will boast of your kindness to me. How wonderful you are! O let us praise the Lord together, and exalt your name in our praises.

I rejoice in you Lord. From the bottom of my heart praises rise to you. Where is your equal in all of heaven and earth? Your steadfast love, O Lord, is as great as all the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds. Your justice is as solid as the mountains. Your decisions are as full of wisdom as the oceans are with water. How precious is your constant love O my God. I take refuge in the shadow of your wings. You nourish me with blessings from your own table and let me drink copiously from your rivers of delight. You are the fountain of life to me. My light comes from your light. How I bless you that you pour out your unfailing love on those who really know you.

I am delighted with you Lord. You give me my heart's desires. And you are my greatest desire. All that I desire is found in you! Consequently every concern I have is gladly committed to your care.

Day by Day Lord you observe the good deeds done by godly people. The steps of good men are ordered by you. You delight in each step they take, and care for them when times are hard. You never abandon your people.

Lord you have given me a new song to sing, even of praises to you my Beloved. Many and many a time you have done marvellous things for your people. We are ever in your thoughts. Who else could be so glorious, or do such amazingly wonderful things as you? No one can be compared with you, Lord. How great you are! Glory to your name forever. I worship you with everything I do, and extol your name O Most High. Hallelujah to the King!

CAN YOU HEAR HIM SAY THIS TO YOU?

Your times are in my hand, my child. Don't be impatient for me to act. My course is set, and I have your best interests at heart. I have undertaken responsibility for your welfare. But I love you far too much to be giving you everything you ask for immediately. That would cause you to become selfish, and self centred, wouldn't it? You don't just love me for what you can get from me, do you? Real fulfilment comes from selflessness. Trust me. In the end you'll see that even my delays were a true expression of my deep, deep love for you.

A KEY TO WORSHIP:

"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." When our minds turn often to the Lord we experience continuing peace. We cannot worship with a troubled heart. So just be still before Him, focussing on His goodness, care and full provision for every need you have. Jesus said, "Don't let your heart be troubled." Abraham didn't trouble his mind as to where he was going. We cannot live trouble-free lives, but we can live worry-free lives.

Troubles may surround us, but they need not enter heart or mind. Confidence in the Lord flows from praising Him, and from confidence comes a restful spirit. Then joyful worship can rise unhindered. Amen.

Chapter 4

Bless you Lord, God of all the earth. You exist from everlasting ages past, and on into everlasting eternity ahead. You are the one great constant in life, the One who never changes.

As the deer pants for water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, for the living God. I will meditate upon your kindness, my Lord. Day by day you pour out your steadfast love upon me. Through the night I sing praises and speak, with the God who is my life. I have so many reasons to bless you. You are my help. You are my God. You are my exceeding joy.

You are my King and my God. I do not conquer by my own strength or skill, but by your mighty power and because you smile upon me with favour.

My heart is overflowing with a beautiful thought—I will write a lovely poem to my King! Lord you are the fairest of all. Your words are filled with grace. You are so glorious, so majestic. Your throne endures forever. Justice is your royal sceptre. You love what is good. Your robes are perfumed with the sweetest fragrance. In your inlaid palaces lovely music is being played for your enjoyment. The love songs of your people bring you fresh delight. A bride is being prepared for you in whose beauty you may delight. What a joyful, glad procession when she enters the palace gates! Glory to your name forever, King of the ages, God over all.

There is a river of joy flowing through the city of our God. Lord, you yourself are living there. We will come and see the glorious splendour of your reign. Yes, even I will share in that. I have heard you say, "Stand silent. Know that I am God. I will be honoured by every nation in the world." Amen, Lord. I am waiting for that. Reign in my life today, King Jesus.

Lord, I clap for joy, and shout triumphant praises. For you are above all, the great King of the whole earth. Thoughtful praises, highest praises and honour to you—the King on the throne. Glory! How great you are Lord. How much I praise and bless you. Of the increase of your government, and peace there will be no end. Hallelujah to the King!

What a glorious sight to see Mt. Zion rising above the plains for all to see—Mt Zion, joy of all the earth, the residence of the great King. God, you have established her forever. With joy I begin to see your city being established in the hearts and lives of your redeemed, lover people. Your glory, O Lord, shines from the beautiful temple on Mt Zion. You seek, true praise from your people. You want them to keep their promises. You want their trust. Lord I worship you with the offering of a yielded, trusting heart.

I am like a sheltered olive tree protected by you yourself, my Lord. I trust in your mercy, Lord, for ever and ever. I will praise you forever. I am trusting you. I am praising you. Thank you for your promises to me. I do not fear what man may do to me. This one thing I know: God is for me! Hallelujah!

Lord, be exalted above the highest heavens. Show your glory high above the earth. O God, my heart is quiet and confident. No wonder I can sing your praises. Your kindness and love are as vast as the heavens. Your faithfulness is higher than the skies.

Yes, be exalted O God above the heavens. May your glory shine throughout the earth.

O God my strength! I sing your praises, for you are my place of safety. I will sing each morning about your power and mercy. O my Strength, to you I sing praises, for you are my high tower of safety, my God of mercy. You have heard my vows O God, to praise you every day, and you have given me the blessings you reserve for those who revere your name so that I overflow with gratitude to you. I will live before you forever. Send your loving kindness and truth to guard

and watch over me as I walk in step with your Spirit, and I will praise you continually, fulfilling my vow of praising you each day.

CAN YOU HEAR HIM SAY THIS TO YOU?

Please linger in the stillness of My presence. I love you. I enjoy your friendship. Let me warm your heart freshly at this moment. Please whisper your love to Me again. Let us walk, in love today, enjoying each other's nearness. Walking like that will enable me to show you tender expressions of loving care. Then you will be praising Me. I want that!

A KEY TO WORSHIP:

A commitment to praise God constantly is not daunting if it is rooted in an awareness of His absolute faithfulness. We know He is King. We know He triumphs. We know that the kingdoms of this earth become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ. No present difficulty must be allowed to cloud out the reality of His everlasting glory and the wonder of our favoured place as "Bride-hood saints." What glory there will be in our worship gatherings as individually we walk in praise each day! He deserves that.

Chapter 5

Lord, you alone are my Rock, my rescuer, defence, fortress, and place of total safety. So I will not be tense with anxiety when troubles come. Salvation comes from you alone. My protection and success come only from you. So Lord, I set myself to trust you all the time, and to pour out my longings before you with confidence.

I long to be tented in your sanctuary Lord, and to see your strength and glory. Your kindness and love are better to me than life itself. How I praise you. I will bless you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in worship. And then at last I shall be fully satisfied, with you for ever, and changed into your likeness. Glory to you forever. I praise you with great joy. I awake at night thinking of you—of how much you have helped me— and how I rejoice through the night beneath the protection of your wings.

I follow close behind you, protected by your strong right arm. I rejoice in my God.

O God in Zion I wait before you in silent praise. How greatly to be envied are those you have chosen to come and live within the holy tabernacle courts. What joy awaits us among all the good things there. And we see you! My heart bursts with joy at the favour of your love.

All the earth should worship you, singing praise to your glorious name. I want the whole world to know how wonderful you are. How awe-inspiring are your deeds, O God. How great your power. No wonder your enemies surrender! All the earth shall worship you and sing of your glories, "Come and see the glorious things God has done. What miracles happen to His people." Bring everyone to bless you God and sing your praises, for you hold all life in your hands. And you hold our feet to the path. You have purified me with fire, O Lord, like silver in a crucible. I want all who revere you to hear what you did for me: I cried to you for help, with praises ready on my tongue. You listened! You heard my request! You paid attention to it! You are so exceedingly wonderful and yet you didn't overlook, me. Be blessed forever, Mighty Lord. And I bless you because you didn't turn away when I was praying, and you didn't refuse me your kindness and love.

I sing praises to you Lord, raising my voice in song to the One who rides upon the clouds. What a glorious Lord you are O my God! You daily bear my burden. You have done such wonderful things for me. Power belongs to you O God. Your majesty shines down upon your people. Your strength is mighty in the heavens. What awe I feel kneeling here in your sanctuary. But you give strength, even mighty power to your people. Blessed be God! Your loving kindness is wonderful and your mercy is plentiful. What a wonderful God you are!

Lord, you bend your ear to hear my voice. You are a great protecting Rock, where I am always welcome. You alone are my hope. You help me constantly—no wonder I am always praising you! All day long I'll praise and honour you, O God, for all you have done for me. I praise you more and more. I walk in your strength. You alone are just and good. You do such wonderful things. Your power and goodness Lord, reach to the heavens. I will talk of your faithfulness. I will shout and sing your praise.

Be blessed O Jehovah God, the God of Israel, who only does wonderful things! Blessed be your glorious name forever Let the whole earth be filled with your glory. Amen and amen. It is so! It will be so!

Lord I feel so limited and dull, lacking understanding, but even so you love me! You are holding my right hand. You will keep on guiding me all my life with your wisdom and counsel, and afterwards receive me into the glories of heaven. Whom have I in heaven but you? And I desire

no one on earth as much as you. How I thank you that you care so deeply about me Lord. I will ever declare the praises of my God! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever.

CAN YOU HEAR HIM SAY THIS TO YOU?

Please don't act as though I don't hear. Please don't worry as though I don't care. Please don't be afraid as though you are all alone. Please don't be tense as though the outcome is uncertain. I Hear you, I love you, I am with you, and I will bring you through in triumph and joy. So rejoice in Me now. Your praise expresses your confidence in me, and that provides a channel for the flow of My grace so that what is needed is accomplished as I choose it to be. Please, please, never doubt my love.

A KEY TO WORSHIP:

It is such a danger to trust in God plus. Plus anything, such as your ability and commitment, your church and its leaders, your understanding and use of key phrases "guaranteed" to make God do what you want Him to do. Praise expresses confidence in God alone. In that He is honoured, and in that we walk, in rest. It is normal for love to be expressed with praise, and love-flow is worship. Father would be so gratified if you could find new words and new ways to express your love.

Chapter 6

Lord, the everlasting mountains cannot compare with you in glory! The mightiest of our enemies is conquered. No wonder you are greatly feared. O God, your ways are holy. Where is there another as mighty as you? You are the God of miracles and wonders. You still demonstrate your awesome power. You are my Rock, I will not forget your power and love, and how you rescue those who turn to you. You are my strength and joy. You help me with tender hearted mercy for the honour of your name. We are your people and the sheep of your pasture. We will thank, you forever and ever, praising your greatness from generation to generation.

O God enthroned above the cherubim, bend down your ear and listen as I plead. Please display your power and radiant glory. Turn your people to yourself again. Look down on us, your face aglow with joy and love—be the salvation of your people. Draw us and renew us until what you are is reflected in our faces, our manner and our character.

How lovely is your temple, O Lord of the armies of heaven. I long, yes, faint with longing to be tented in your courtyard and to dwell near to the living God. How happy are those who live in your temple, singing your praises. Happy are those who are strong in you Lord, who want above all else to follow your footsteps. When we walk through the valley of weeping it becomes a place of springs where pools of blessing and refreshment collect after rains. We grow in strength progressively as you invite each of us to meet with you in Zion. Lord, a single day spent with you is better than a thousand anywhere else. You give grace and glory. You are my light and my protection.

Lord, I bless you because you with-hold no good thing from me as I walk, along your paths.

What a privilege it is to trust you. You have poured out amazing blessing on your people. In your reviving we rejoice in you as you pour out love and kindness upon us. I listen with delight as you speak peace to me. I worship only you, and praise your great and holy name. You are great and do great miracles. You alone are God. Tell me where you want me to go and I will go there. I want every fibre of my being to unite in reverence to your name. With all my heart I praise you. I will give glory to your name forever, for you love me so much. You are constantly so kind to me. You are merciful and gentle Lord, full of constant loving kindness and truth. Lord, all my springs of joy are in you.

Forever and ever I will sing about your tender kindness O Lord. Your love and kindness are forever, and your truth is as enduring as the heavens. Who in all heaven can be compared with you, my God? Myriads of angels praise you for your faithfulness, and I praise you too! Who is as revered as you by those surrounding Him? Faithfulness is your very character.

Strong is your arrow! Strong is your hand! Your right hand is lifted in glorious strength. Your throne is founded upon justice and righteousness. Mercy and truth walk before you *as* your attendants. Blessed are they who hear the joyful blast of your trumpet, for they walk in the light of your presence. You are their strength. What glory! You are blessed for ever, glorious Lord. Amen and amen. It is so! It will be so!

Lord through all generations you have been our home. Before the mountains were created, before the earth was formed, you are God without beginning or end. A thousand years are but as yesterday to you. They are like a single hour. Lord teach me to number my days and recognize how few they are. Help me to spend them as I should.

I live within the shadow of the Almighty. You alone are my refuge, my place of safety. You are my God and I am trusting you. You shield me with your wings. They shelter me. Your faithful promises

are my armour. I have chosen you to be God to me, reigning in my life. You have said, "Because he loves me, I will rescue him," and, "I will make him great because he trusts my name. When he calls to me I will answer, I will rescue him and honour him. I will satisfy him with a full life and give him my salvation." In humility, amazement and awe I bow down and worship you O Lord. Every part of my being cries out, "I love you Lord!"

Blessed be your name forever, O Lord above all. I worship you with praises of joy.

CAN YOU HEAR HIM SAY THIS TO YOU?

I do not call you to battle so much as to stand, and having done all to stand in my surpassing victory. I am the Conqueror! When my people turn to me as totally as I desire, and walk with their face towards me, not only will I turn my face, aglow with joy and love, towards them, and be their salvation,, but the glow of my face and light of my eye will be reflected in their countenance. Thus shall the earth fear my name and recognize my reign. My child, turn, stand and sing praise.

A KEY TO WORSHIP:

Set your heart to link His constant kindness with a continual walking in the light of His presence. Choose to be trusting Him, the absolutely trustworthy One. Refuse doubt. Choose to praise.

Chapter 7

How good it is to say, "Thank you, Lord," and to sing your praises. Thank you for your kindness and for your faithfulness. You have done so much for me Lord. I have so many things to thank, you for, and I will. No wonder I am glad. I sing for joy. O Lord, what miracles you do! And how deep are your thoughts! You live forever, exalted in the heavens. You have made me strong. How refreshed I am by your blessings.

The godly flourish like palm trees, and grow as tall as the cedars of Lebanon. For they are transplanted into the Lord's own garden, and are under His personal care. Even in old age they will still produce fruit and be vital and green. Lord, you are honoured in this. It exhibits your faithful care. You are my shelter. I am under your personal care! There is nothing but goodness in you, and my life is in your hands. I need nothing more than that! Blessed be your name for ever. Everything you do, you do so well. How blessed I am. Praise you Lord. Glory to you!

Jehovah is King! You are robed in majesty and strength. The world is your throne and holiness is the keynote of your reign. I worship you Lord. I sing to you and give joyous shouts in honour of the Rock of my salvation. You are a great God, the great King over all. You reign supreme.

Lord, I bless your name. You are great beyond description, and greatly to be praised. Honour and majesty surround you, strength and beauty are in your temple, I want to give you the glory you deserve, to bring an offering and come to worship you—to worship in the beauty of holiness.

Mighty Lord, I worship and bow down before you. Songs of praise flood my being as I delight in the privilege of knowing you. You have drawn me to yourself. You have made yourself known to me. You have cleansed and transformed me. And now you share your life with me and call me your friend! You reign in majesty over the whole earth, and yet you seek my company. Lord, this is too marvellous to grasp. How I praise you! Praises tumble forth from the overflowing joy I experience as I contemplate your grace. How amazing you are! I will crown you with my praises of love. Glory! Glory to the King!

Lord I join with others to extol your name. We bring a new song to you telling of your mighty deeds. You have won a great victory by your power and holiness. And we share in the triumphal blessing of your victory. So we make a joyful symphony before you Lord, our King. O let the sea in all its vastness roar with praise. Let the earth and all those living on it shout, "Glory to the Lord." With all creation I join to shout the praises of the God of the ages, my Lord and my God. Hallelujah for ever!

Jehovah sits in majesty, supreme above all the rulers of the earth. Lord, we reverence your great and holy name. What a God you are! We exalt you, Lord our God. We bow low before your feet.

I shout with joy before the Lord today. I obey you gladly, coming before you, singing for joy. I try to realize what this means—the Lord is God, He is my God! You made us—we are your people, the sheep of your pasture. How well you nourish, protect and guide us, walking the day with us! I will go through your open gates with great thanksgiving, and enter your courts with praise. I give thanks to you and bless your name, for you Lord are always good. You are always loving and kind. Your faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation. How deserving of honour, love, worship and praise you are!

CAN YOU HEAR HIM SAY THIS TO YOU?

I know how many hairs are on your head. I know what you did yesterday, and what you were thinking about last night.

I have a better plan for your life than you imagine. I want to bring you deep fulfilment, to accomplish the purpose of your being. I want to change you until you have a character like mine, and until there is a harmonious wholeness across the breadth of your person.

There is no reluctance in me to bring this about. I set myself to do it. But I need to be sure of your continuing response to my Spirit, your glad commitment to honour and praise-fully worship me every day of your life, and an unequivocal avowal of full obedience to me in every step of life. Is that too much to ask? Surely not, when I love you so much and when I alone have the key and the capacity to accomplish what is needed in your life!

A KEY TO WORSHIP:

Are you seeing that worship is not simply something done in a gathering of saints, nor something reserved for quiet moments? Worship must be an aspect of every thing we do, and feel, and think! In everything we ought to be praising the Lord! There is such joy in contemplating His kindness, and on-going amazement at His choice to be involved in our lives—in each part of the day, every circumstance, yes, every aspect of living. If praise and worship overflow, then abundant life will be our overflowing portion. It is for His glory!

Chapter 8

I am singing about your loving-kindness and your justice, Lord. There is singing in my heart as I sing your praises. You are never too busy to heed my requests. I bless your holy name O God, with all my heart. Yes, I will bless you Lord and not forget the glorious things you do for me. You forgive my sins. You heal me. You have ransomed me from hell. You surround me with loving-kindness and tender mercies. You fill my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagles.

Lord, I praise you because you give justice to all who are treated unfairly. You are merciful and tender towards those who don't deserve it. You are slow to get angry and full of kindness and love. Your mercy towards those who fear and honour you is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. You are like a Father to me, and tender and sympathetic to all those who reverence you. Your loving-kindness O Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to those who reverence you. Your grace is to children's children of those who are faithful to your covenant and remember to obey you. What a heart you have! You are so perfect in all you do, and your love is beyond comparison. My love flows out towards you in joyful praise because I am deeply and wonderfully aware of your love towards me. Bless you forever. Hallelujah.

Lord, you have made the heavens your throne, and from there you rule over everything there is. Bless the Lord you mighty angels of His who carry out His orders, listening for each of His commands. Yes, bless the Lord you armies of His angels who serve Him constantly. Let everything everywhere bless you Lord. And how I bless you too!

I am blessing the Lord! O Lord my God, how great you are! You are robed with honour and with majesty and light. The clouds are your chariots. You ride upon the wings of the wind. The angels are your messengers—your servants of fire.

What variety there is in your creation? Lord. And in wisdom you have made all things. The earth is full of your riches. It trembles at your glance. The mountains burst forth into flame at your touch. You are the Creator. You send forth your Spirit and new life is born to replenish all the living of the earth. What a God you are! You are so mighty, so wise and so exceedingly glorious in all your ways. Praise God forever.

I will sing to you Lord, as long as I live. I will praise you my God, to my very last breath. Be pleased with all my thoughts of you for you are the source of all my joy. My delight is in your pleasure, and my fulfilment in seeing you satisfied with my response to you. So I am magnifying the Lord in my heart, enlarging, exalting and making you great in my understanding for you are greater than I have ever conceived. You are worthy of honour and glory and praise, so I gladly offer these to you. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise you forever!

Glory to God! O worshippers of God, rejoice. He is the Lord our God. His goodness is seen everywhere throughout the land. Through all the diversity of our experience He has not let one thing happen to us apart from His decision. He has destroyed many a king who tried. "Touch not these chosen ones of mine," He warned, "And do not hurt my prophets." I bless and honour you for all of this my Lord, and rejoice at the wonder of a love that has far exceeded all my expectations!

Hallelujah. Thank you Lord! How good you are. Your love for us continues forever. Who can ever list the glorious miracles of a God like you? Whoever can praise you half enough? Let

me never forget the wonders of your love. Blessed be the Lord, the God of, all creation, from everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people say, "Amen!"

Bring all men to praise you Lord for your loving kindness and for all your wonderful deeds. You deserve that. For you satisfy the thirsty soul and fill the hungry soul with good. You broke down our prison gates and cut apart the iron bars. I have seen your power in action. Let the wise listen. Let them think about the loving kindness of the Lord! Worthy and wonderful is my Lord. I praise you with deep meaning, and with great joy. Bless the Lord! Praise you Jesus. Glory to God!

CAN YOU HEAR HIM SAY THIS TO YOU?

When I have a people whose lives and lips praise me, and whose hearts are filled with constant love towards me—I will cause the aroma of our tender relationship to become a drawing power by my Spirit so that the thirsty will turn to me for satisfaction and multitudes will honour Me. Today I call for you to set this as the permanent priority of your life. If you have the desire I have the capacity to bring about this lovely thing in your life. I love you very much. I AM.

A KEY TO WORSHIP:

Jesus opens the eyes of the blind. He opens the eyes of the heart. Why not ask. for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation that in seeing you may know Him better, and thus experience His mighty power in your life to accomplish His desires for you. He makes excellent worshippers!

Chapter 9

O God, my heart is ready to praise you! I am eager to exalt the King. I will sing and rejoice before you. Wake up, instruments of melody. We will meet the dawn with a song. I will praise you everywhere, Lord, for your loving-kindness is great beyond measure, high as the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches the skies. Your glory is vaster than the heavens. It towers above the earth. You have given me sacred promises, Lord. No wonder I exalt you. Who but God can give strength to be triumphant? With your help Lord we will do mighty acts of valour.

Lord, you deal with me as your child, as one who bears your name. I like that. You are so kind to me, and understanding also. I am trusting you to help me Lord. I will repeatedly thank, you for your help, praising you to everyone. In this day of your power I will come to you willingly, joining the throng dressed in holy garments. My strength is renewed day by day like morning dew. I am refreshed with springs along the way. I have you to thank for that! So I praise and bless you as I journey through the day.

Hallelujah! I want to express publicly before your people, my heartfelt thanks to you O God for all your wonderful acts of love towards me. All those who are thankful should ponder them with, and join in praising you. For your miracles demonstrate your honour, majesty and eternal goodness. Who can forget the wonders you perform—deeds of mercy and grace? You give food to those who trust you. You never forget your promises. All you do is just and good, and all your laws are right for they are formed from truth and goodness and stand firm forever. You have paid a full ransom for your people, and now they are free to walk with their God. How can I be wise? The only way to begin is by reverence for you Lord. Growth in wisdom comes from obeying your laws. Praise your name forever. I rejoice in your choices for my life. I appreciate the wisdom of the path you choose for me.

Praise you Lord! For all who fear you, trust in you and praise you are blessed beyond description. Yes, happy indeed is the man who delights in doing your commands. You have ordained that his children shall be honoured everywhere, for good men's sons have a special heritage. Such a man will not be overthrown by evil circumstances. Your constant care of him will make a deep impression on all who see it. Lord, I will not fear bad news, nor live in dread of what may happen. For I have settled in my mind that you take care of me. You have undertaken responsibility for my welfare. That is why I am not afraid but can calmly face any circumstance.

Hallelujah. Blessed is the name of the Lord forever. Praise you from sunrise to sunset. You are high above the nations. Your glory is far greater than the heavens. Who can be compared with you O God, enthroned on high? Glorify your name, not ours, O Lord. Cause everyone to praise your loving-kindness and your truth. I am trusting you Lord. I love you ever so much, my Helper, my Shield, my loving, living Lord. You are constantly thinking about your people and you will surely bless us as we reverence your name. The dead cannot sing praises to you Lord here on earth, but we can! I have breath and I use it to praise you. I will praise you forever.

I love you Lord because you hear my sighs and my cries. You answer me. Because you bend down and listen I will talk with you as long as I breathe. You have done this wonderful thing for me: You have saved me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling! I shall live! Yes, in your presence—here on earth! You protect and Keep me. Now I am relaxed. As a loved one I am very precious to you. Lord I worship you with an offering of praise. You love me very dearly. How amazing that is! Praise you Lord!

Lord I never tire of letting you know how much I appreciate your love, and how much I love you in return. You satisfy me so fully, and I love you very deeply. I am confident in your care and consequently overflow with praise for you. Certainly this is a day for praising you, Lord of my life. Bless you Lord. Praise you Lord. Hallelujah!

CAN YOU HEAR HIM SAYING THIS TO YOU?

I want to be glorified in you today, this day—this very day! I want to be honoured in the way you speak, what you think about, and in everything you do. I want you to be a living miracle of grace today. Forget yesterday, and forget tomorrow. In your heart and mind set today as special unto me. I now give you grace for this day to be all it should be. Please accept that grace. If you walk in it we will come to the end of the day, you and I with great joy and with mutual appreciation and love.

A KEY TO WORSHIP:

The earth is going to be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. We were made to be containers for the riches of His glory, so that everyone would see how very great His glory is. His glory is the manifestation of His presence, the showing forth of every facet of His character and being. See His glory, and you'll be His glory! Adequate, worthy praise can only come from those whose hearts are filled with the wonder of His glory.

Chapter 10

Hallelujah! I belong to the Lord! With all my heart I want to please you Lord and walk, within your favour. Be merciful to me, just as you promised. O Lord, the earth is full of your loving-kindness. And I am overflowing with your blessings, just as you promised. Forever O Lord your word stands firm in heaven. Your faithfulness extends to every generation. Like the earth you created it endures by your decree, for everything serves your plans! Every word you speak, is perfect. I love the things you say to me. I think, about them all day long. How sad that some are undecided whether or not to obey you. My choice is clear—I love your law. You are my refuge and shield, and your promises are a strong source of hope and encouragement to me. Lord, you have committed yourself to bless me. Hallelujah! With praising confidence I commit myself to bless you. Yes to bless you every day!

Early in the morning I am praying and pointing out how much I trust you. I stay awake at night thinking of you and your promises to me. Because you are so loving and kind you listen to me and make me whole. I will praise you seven times a day because of your wonderful love. Those who love you and your ways have great peace of mind and heart and do not stumble.

Lord my help comes from you. You won't let me stumble, slip or fall. You are always watching, never sleeping. God Himself is caring for me! He is my defender. He protects me day and night. He keeps me from all evil and preserves my life. His eye is upon me as I come and go, guiding my footsteps and guarding my way.

Those who trust in you Lord are as steady as Mt Zion, unmoved by any circumstance. Just as mountains surround and protect Jerusalem, so you surround and protect your people. O Lord you do good to those who are good, whose hearts are right with their God. Lord, please keep me in peace and quietness. I am trusting you for that! Thank, you.

Lord, when you bring back, exiles it is like a dream. How we laugh and sing for joy! Others say of us, "What amazing things the Lord has done for them." Yes, glorious things! What wonder! What joy! And now you keep us continually refreshed as by streams in the desert. How favoured we are. How glorious you are! I am praising you with eyes misted by love and joy. Every part of me is proclaiming, "I love you Lord!"

Lord, I know that unless you build the house the builders' work, is futile, and unless you protect the city sentries do no good. Lord I am resting in you because the face of your favour is towards me. As I revere you and trust you, you supply every need and satisfy me completely. You pour heaven's blessing upon me, and human joys as well! You reward me far beyond anything I deserve, and give me more than I ever ask. For! I praise you Lord, and will bless you a thousand times, and more, for all of your love to me. You are loving me at this moment, and loving me always. Hallelujah! You are so wonderful!

Lord, if you had kept in mind the sins of my past how ever could I receive answers to my requests? But you forgive! And you forget! What an awesome thing this is! I am pardoned, I am washed, and I am accepted. Little wonder that I Keep on worshipping you and extolling your greatness. I find it easy to trust you, keeper of promises, trustworthy One.

Lord, you clothe your priests with salvation. Your saints shout for joy! You are our glorious king! We bless you Lord. We lift holy hands and bless you. Hallelujah, I am standing in your presence, praising you. Lord. I am singing to you of your wonders, for you have chosen me as your personal possession. I know your greatness Lord—you are far greater than any other. Your love is immeasurable, your grace is astounding, your wisdom is unexcelled, your power is unchallengeable, and amazingly, so amazingly you care for me! This is too wonderful to comprehend. Your name endures forever. Your fame is spread abroad. I love you Lord! I am praising you with my whole heart. You share life's path with me, reminding me of your nearness as well as your loving care. O Bless you Lord, wonderful Lord. Praise you forever, joy of my life! Glory to the King! You are glorious indeed. Hallelujah!

CAN YOU HEAR HIM SAY THIS TO YOU?

There are two things I ask of you today. Please keep your eye on me, focussing on my love for you. And also choose to trust me, refusing to doubt my love, my care and my grace. As you do this you will know the joy of my presence, and also the inner strength to walk a straight and right path. Thus I will be honoured in your walk today, and you will find contentment and joy in my love.

A KEY TO WORSHIP:

As you sing in worship, don't sing about the Lord, sing to Him. Don't always sing "we" but that, "I love you Lord." And break away from "I long to worship you," or "I will praise you" and actually worship and praise now! How much better to express, "I do praise—I am praising you," and, "I love to worship you—I now do worship you." One more thing: In worship Exalt the Lord your God, magnify Him, and ignore yourself, even your blessings, focussing wholly on Him.

Chapter 11

I give thanks to you Lord. You are good, and your loving kindness continues endlessly. You are Lord of lords. You made heaven and earth, and you still do mighty things. Along with that you remember my weakness. You have conquered my enemy. You provide so adequately for my needs. How I praise you! I join with all your family in giving thanks to you, Father God, for there is no limit and no ending to your loving kindness.

Lord, with all my heart I bless you. I sing your praises day after day. I worship you Lord because you are Love, and you are Faithfulness. Your promises are backed by all the honour of your name as well as by your boundless, measureless love. When I pray you answer me and encourage me by giving me all the strength I need.

Every ruler on earth will one day bow before you Lord. They will hear your voice. They will recognize how great your glory is. The whole earth will be filled with your glory. What praises will rise to you then. I ache with longing for that day to come, Lord. You are deserving of the utmost honour and glory and praise. I seek, to give you that even now, precious Redeemer.

Lord, though you are very great you respect the humble, though proud men must keep their distance. Lord, please work, out your plans for my life, for your loving kindness continues endlessly. You have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit and when I stand. You know my every thought. You chart the path ahead of me, and tell me where to stop and rest. You know where I am every moment of the day. You know what I am going to say even before I open my mouth. You both precede and follow me, and place your hand of blessing on my head. This is too glorious, almost too wonderful to believe! And yet I know it is so! Amen! Amen! I can never be lost to your Spirit. I could never escape you, even if I wanted to do so. In the farthest oceans your hand will guide me, your strength support me. In darkness you are light to me. To you the night shines bright as day. I am overflowing with appreciation, love and praise for you, Lord of my life.

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvellous, and how well I know it. How precious it is Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly! Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts. Point out anything in me that makes you sad, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. I trust you for that, praising you that you will. Glory! Glory to God!

O my Lord and Saviour, my God and my shield, you hear me as I speak to you. Godly folk will rejoice with me for all your help. You are faithful to your promises. You lead me in good paths, by your good Spirit. Saving me brings glory to your name. I live for your glory!

Bless you Lord. You are my immovable Rock. You are my strength. You are always kind and loving to me. You are my fortress, my tower of strength and safely, my deliverer. You grant me victory. I know you are listening Lord, as I sing you a new song, with all of my love you very much indeed. Yes, Lord, I am filled with love for you. You are so attractive and so wonderful to me. How happy are those whose God is the Lord! With joy and love I bless you over and over again.

How great my Lord is! I greatly praise you, for your greatness is beyond discovery. Lord, I will meditate about your glory, splendour, majesty and miracles. Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on my tongue as I proclaim your greatness. We will all tell about how good you are and sing about your righteousness. Lord, you are slow to get angry, full of love. You are good to everyone and your compassion is intertwined with everything you do. All living things will praise you Lord, and your people will bless you. We will talk about the glory of your Kingdom and mention examples of your power. We will tell about your miracles and about the glory and majesty of your reign. Your Kingdom never ends!

Lord, you are fair in everything you do, and full of kindness. You are close to all who call upon you sincerely, and you fulfil the desires of those who reverence and trust in you. You hear our cry for help and refresh and revive us. You protect all those who love you.

I worship you Lord, with heartfelt praise, and call on men everywhere to bless your holy name for ever and ever. You are worthy. I love you.

CAN YOU HEAR HIM SAY THIS TO YOU?

Find confidence, not fear, in the realization that I know and understand you completely. I purpose to do you good, to make up for all you lack. Don't be ashamed of your weakness, nor use it for excuse. This day rely on the strength of my grace, and my strength will encompass and uplift you. I am with you, and I love you.

A KEY TO WORSHIP:

You may have learned to describe God to God. Now dwell on one aspect of His goodness—His caring, wisdom, beauty, for example. Think of every example you know of that qualify as it touches your life. Worship Him with that! This will enlarge your appreciation and love.

Chapter 12

I praise you Lord. Yes, I certainly do praise you! I set myself to praise you as long as I live, yes, even with my dying breath! How happy I am with you as my Helper. My hope is in you O Lord, my God. You are the One who made everything. You are the God who keeps every promise, providing justice to the poor and oppressed, and food to the hungry. You free prisoners, and open the eyes of blind people. You lift the burden from those bent down beneath their Lord, For your yoke is mild and pleasant and your load is light in weight.

Lord, you protect immigrants and care for orphans and widows, and you turn topsy-turvy the plans of the wicked. You reign Lord God, and will reign for ever! Hallelujah. You are King over all, and King for ever! Glory, glory to you, blessed Lord and Saviour. Praise you, King Jesus!

Hallelujah! Yes, praise the Lord! How good it is to sing your praises, O God, how delightful and right. You deserve constant praise. You are building your church, bringing back exiles and healing the wounds of broken-hearted people. You do everything well. You are worthy of adoration and love. And I love you very much, my precious Lord.

Lord, your power is absolute! Your understanding is unlimited. You support the humble, bringing forth high praises from those you have redeemed. I sing out my thanks to you. I sing praises to my God. I sing of your glory, and seek to glorify you with every action of the day. Lord I count on you for help in my weakness so that I will never tire of expressing my love to you. For I do love you very deeply, my precious living Lord.

The speed of a horse, or even of the swiftest eagle is nothing to you Lord. How puny in your sight is the strength of man. But your joy is for those who reverence you, for those who expect you to be loving and kind. Praise you, praise you, mighty God! You have fortified Zion's gates against all her enemies, and blessed her children with deep contentment in you because you satisfy us so fully. You send peace across our nation as we honour you, and fill our barns with plenty of the finest wheat. Lord, you even send out your orders to the world, and how swiftly your word flies! Hallelujah. Yes, praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord O heavens. Praise Him from the skies. Praise Him all His angels, all the armies of heaven. Praise Him sun and moon, and all the twinkling stars. Praise Him skies above. Praise Him, vapours high above the clouds. Let everything you have made give praise to you Father God. You issued your command and they came into being, you established them, and your order will not be revoked. Heaven and earth may pass away, but your word never will! In heaven you are the centre of adoring praise, and here on earth your saints extol your name for you are worthy. Your glory is far greater than all of earth and heaven. Your people are strong in you, for you give grace to the humble. I bless you Lord because you are so glorious, and I praise you because you keep me close to you.

Hallelujah! Yes, praise to you Lord! I am singing you a new song of love that wells up from deep within me. I delight to sing your praises in company with others whose hearts are towards you. We rejoice in our Maker for you uphold us by your power, showing forth your salvation from day to day. We exult in you, King Jesus, praising you with dancing, accompanied by instruments of joy. Lord I marvel at this: You enjoy your people, appreciating their praise and drawing forth their songs of love. Because of you we sing for joy as we go about our daily tasks. How light my tasks seem as I praise you through the day. O Lord, my lovely Lord, you are the glory of your people. How truly wonderful you are. You are so precious to me. I will go beyond my understanding in singing my love song to you! Glory to you for ever!

Hallelujah! Yes, I praise you Lord! I praise you for your mighty works. Praise you for your unequalled greatness! Let your people praise you with trumpet, lute and harp. Let them praise

you with tambourines and stringed instruments. Let everything alive give praise to you Lord! Yes, Lord, and I am praising you. Hallelujah. Glory to you King of the ages, and my King. You are my sovereign Lord. You are the breath of my life. You are fairest in all the world to me. I love you, Lord! Thank you for your love. Thank you for being you, and for being mine! Glory to Jesus, King over all, for ever and ever and ever. Amen!

CAN YOU HEAR HIM SAY THIS TO YOU?

I love you so very much, my child. And I love your love! What a blessing to Me are songs that rise to Me from a trusting, obedient and loving heart. I want to be revealing to you fresh aspects of my glory so that you may worship me more fully. Let your own psalms of praise rise up to Me, linking your praises to things I am doing for you through the day, and linking your love-songs to the fresh understanding of my beauty shown forth in things around you. If you reach out for it I will open your eyes to see more of Me than you ever have. Draw ever so close to Me, and you will become sweetly aware of how near I am to you.

A KEY TO WORSHIP:

As you use the praises expressed in the phrases used in this paper, catch up one statement that especially seems real to you. Linger at that point. Repeat the statement with increasing meaningfulness and delight. Expand it out in your own words. Be still for a season, allowing the Holy Spirit to show you how to express your heart feeling to the Lord. That will be the commencement of your own psalm of love. He will enjoy that!

Remember that worship is not song, word or physical posture. It is love flow! Let every word, every song be brim full and over flowing with love. He hears the heart!

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