

Psalm 8

1. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic your name is!
How great is your name in all the earth!
Your glory is chanted above the high heavens,
You still all your foes through a child in his birth.
2. When I think of the heavens, the work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars you have set far in space,
What is man in your mem'ry a man that you're mindful,
The son of man that you're caring for him.
3. You made him, Lord in your own image and likeness,
And crowned him with honor and glory;
You gave him dominion o'er all of the wide earth,
And over the creatures that pass through the sea.
4. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic your name is!
How great is your name in all the earth!
Your glory is chanted above the high heavens,
You still all your foes through a child in his birth.

☩ In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
☩ **Amen**

The CONFESSION OF SINS

- ☩ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- ☩ **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

☩ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

☩ **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

☩ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

☩ **Amen**

Genesis 3:1–24 *The Fall*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” 11 He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” 12 The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

14 The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” 16 To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.” 17 And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

20 The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. 22 Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Romans 5:12–17 *Death in Adam, Life in Christ*

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Merciful God

1. Merciful God O abounding in love,
Faithful to all who draw near You
Hearing the cries of the humble in heart
Showing the cross they may cling to
Help I come broken in sin
Found at the feet of Your mercy
Father forgive May my sin be remembered no more.
2. Merciful God O abounding in love
Faithful through times we have failed You
Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed
Foolish in word and ungrateful
Spirit of God conquer our hearts
With love that flows from forgiveness
Cause us to yield And return to the mercy of God.
3. Merciful God O abounding in love
Faithful to keep us from falling
Guiding our ways with Your fatherly heart
Growing our faith with each testing
God speed the day struggles will end
Faultless we'll gaze on Your glory
Then we will stand Overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

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Sermon- *Beginnings- Sin & Death. Genesis 2-3*

Prayers

Benediction

Resting Place

1. My faith, has found, a resting place
Not in my work or deed
I trust, the ever living One
His wounds, for me, shall plead

Chorus:

I need no other argument
I need no other plea
It is enough, that Jesus died
And that He died for me

2. Enough, for me; that Jesus saves
This ends my fear and doubt
A sinful soul, I come to Him
He'll never cast me out.

Interlude:

Oh, Oh...

Bridge:

The wondrous cross
Your precious blood
Your sacrifice;
It is enough
Your heart has led;
Me up that hill
To the cross,
You are leading still. (2x)