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## **Isaiah 55:8-9**

(NASB)

“My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.  
“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

## **1 Timothy 6:16**

(NASB)

[God] alone possesses immortality and  
dwells in unapproachable light,  
whom no one has seen or can see.  
To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

## Inscrutable God

Unsearchable...  
mysterious...  
unfathomable...  
beyond investigation or  
scrutiny –  
He is the  
inscrutable God.

No human effort can  
search Him out or  
penetrate His mystery.  
But He longs to be fully known by  
those He created from Himself.  
He works tirelessly to reveal Himself  
clearly and  
completely.

As we actively trust Him,  
we come to know Him.  
But trusting and knowing God  
are a gradual, growing process.  
Our immature faith,  
our lingering self-centeredness,  
our smallness and  
fearfulness  
sometimes blind us to His  
goodness and  
rightness.

When we don't understand what God is  
doing or not doing,  
know that it is because  
His wisdom and  
power and  
love  
are greater than we can possibly comprehend.  
We can find perfect peace in  
trusting Him,  
even when we don't understand Him.

Hymn Recording: [Inscrutable God](#)

# Inscrutable God

Deuteronomy 29:29; Isaiah 55:8-9; Ephesians 3:8;  
1 Timothy 6:15-16; 1 John 1:5

♩ = 52

Unison

Dm Am<sup>7</sup> Dm  $\frac{Dm}{A}$  Dm  $\frac{Dm}{F}$  Gm Gm<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$  B $\flat$ M<sup>7</sup>

1. In - scrut - a - ble God, Our tho'ts are small; Your ways, so high, so  
 2. Mys - ter - i - ous God, The One we trust But can - not un - der -  
 3. O Unchang-ing God, Your pow - er spoke The world we touch and

D<sup>sus</sup><sub>A</sub>  $\frac{Dm}{A}$  Am<sup>7</sup> Dm  $\frac{Dm}{A}$  Dm D<sup>sus</sup>  $\frac{Dm}{F}$  Gm E B $\flat$ M<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$

far. Un - search - a - ble God, In fear's dark night You seem a dis - tant  
 stand; O Love Be - yond Words, Pure good - ness guides Your wise, al - might - y  
 see. And Fa - ther, we know Pure love has planned The world that soon will

C<sup>sus</sup> C B $\flat$  Dm  $\frac{F}{A}$  Am Gm Gm<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{Gm^7}{B\flat}$

star, But faith still sees a glo - rious sun A - blaze with all You  
 hand. You speak, and all the heav - ens rain The rich - es You com -  
 be. We wait to see in morn-ing's light This pres - ent mys - ter -

A<sup>sus</sup>  $\frac{A^s}{E}$  Am  $\frac{Dm}{A}$  Am<sup>7</sup> Dm  $\frac{Dm}{A}$  B $\flat$  Am Dm  $\frac{Dm}{A}$  Dm

are, O Ra - di - ant God! Mag - ni - fi - cent God!  
 mand, Mag - ni - fi - cent God! In - scrut - a - ble God!  
 y, Mag - ni - fi - cent God! In - scrut - a - ble God!

WORDS & MUSIC: Ken Bible

INSCRUTABLE GOD  
5.4.6.5.4.6.8.6.5.5.

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## **Psalms 90:1-12**

(NASB)

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were born  
Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

You turn mortals back into dust  
And say, "Return, you sons of mankind."  
For a thousand years in Your sight  
Are like yesterday when it passes by,  
Or like a watch in the night.  
You have swept them away like a flood, they fall asleep;  
In the morning they are like grass that sprouts anew.  
In the morning it flourishes and sprouts anew;  
Toward evening it wilts and withers away.

For we have been consumed by Your anger,  
And we have been terrified by Your wrath.  
You have placed our guilty deeds before You,  
Our hidden sins in the light of Your presence.  
For all our days have dwindled away in Your fury;  
We have finished our years like a sigh.  
As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years,  
Or if due to strength, eighty years,  
Yet their pride is only trouble and tragedy;  
For it quickly passes, and we disappear.  
Who understands the power of Your anger  
And Your fury, according to the fear that is due You?  
So teach us to number our days,  
That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.



## In Your Time

Transcendent God, You live in eternity  
above all time,  
unlimited,  
unhurried,  
untouched by its relentless flow.

You are the master of time,  
not its slave.

Time means change, and  
You are beyond all change.

You are unchanging fullness,  
unchanging perfection.

Yet we humans need time, Father.

We need its opportunities to  
change and grow.

We are only the seeds of  
who we need to be.

And You are like a gardener,  
content to work,  
content to wait,  
content to patiently nurture us  
until the time is exactly right and  
we are all Your love intended us to be.

You will not rush.

What seems like delays is  
only Your mercy,  
only Your unflinching determination to give  
only Your best to Your children.

Transcendent God, we cannot think Your thoughts.

We cannot trace Your ways,  
But we trust Your perfect wisdom and  
Your unchanging love.

Help us to work and rest  
in Your Spirit,  
in Your time,  
in Your peace.

Hymn Recording: [Eternal God, Unbound by Time](#)

# Eternal God, Unbound by Time

*Psalm 31:15; 90; John 15:5; 2 Peter 3:3-9*

$\text{♩} = 92$

N.C. Em Bm  $\frac{Bm}{D}$  C D Em  $\frac{G}{D}$  C Bm<sup>7</sup>

1. E - ter - nal God, un - bound by time, Un - rushed and  
 2. With You, O God, a thou - sand years Is but a  
 3. We throw a - side our anx - ious plans To lis - ten in  
 4. O Fa - ther, just to live and move At peace in

Am<sup>7</sup> C<sup>6</sup> B sus  $\frac{B sus}{F\#}$  B  $\frac{B}{A}$  G D<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{D^7}{E}$   $\frac{D^7}{F\#}$  Em  $\frac{Em}{G}$  Am<sup>7</sup>

un - re - strained,  
 pass - ing day.  
 as You lead.  
 all we do,

In pa - tient love You work and  
 Your mer - cy has the fi - nal  
 A - vail - a - ble, we work and  
 To find the flow and fruit - ful -

B<sup>7</sup> sus B<sup>7</sup> B C  $\frac{Em^7}{B}$  Am<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{Bm^7}{F\#}$  1, 2, 3 4  
 E sus  $\frac{E sus}{B}$  Em E sus  $\frac{E sus}{B}$  E

wait For all Your love or - dained.  
 word, And love will have its way.  
 wait, Your best is best in - deed.  
 ness Of life im - mersed in

*rit.*  
 You!

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UNHURRIED GOD  
 C.M.

Alt. Tunes: AZMON, ST. ANNE  
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## Psalm 77

(NASB)

My voice rises to God, and I will cry aloud;  
My voice rises to God, and He will listen to me.  
In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;  
In the night my hand was stretched out and did not grow weary;  
My soul refused to be comforted.  
When I remember God, then I am restless;  
When I sigh, then my spirit feels weak.  
You have held my eyelids open;  
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.  
I have considered the days of old,  
The years of long ago.  
I will remember my song in the night;  
I will meditate with my heart,  
And my spirit ponders:

Will the Lord reject forever?  
And will He never be favorable again?  
Has His favor ceased forever?  
Has His promise come to an end forever?  
Has God forgotten to be gracious,  
Or has He in anger withdrawn His compassion?  
Then I said, "It is my grief,  
That the right hand of the Most High has changed."

I shall remember the deeds of the Lord;  
I will certainly remember Your wonders of old.  
I will meditate on all Your work,  
And on Your deeds with thanksgiving.  
Your way, God, is holy;  
What god is great like our God?  
You are the God who works wonders;  
You have made known Your strength among the peoples.  
By Your power You have redeemed Your people,  
The sons of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw You, God;  
The waters saw You, they were in anguish;  
The ocean depths also trembled.  
The clouds poured out water;  
The skies sounded out;

Your arrows flashed here and there.  
The sound of Your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
The lightning lit up the world;  
The earth trembled and shook.  
Your way was in the sea  
And Your paths in the mighty waters,  
And Your footprints were not known.  
You led Your people like a flock  
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

## Reflection on Psalm 77

My God, You never change.

My body,  
my emotions,  
my world

are blown about on a  
sea of change.

You see all reality.

You see and  
know and  
are only

complete, absolute truth.

I tend to see and feel through  
small and self-centered eyes.

What I see and feel is often  
not reality.

So when I pray to You,

transcendent,  
all-knowing,  
almighty God,

help me to keep my eyes focused always on

You,  
not me.

Keep me trusting You,  
loving You, and  
praising You.

Keep me patiently waiting and  
rejoicing in

Your perfect will and  
Your perfect timing.

Hymn Recording: [Psalm 77](#)

# Psalm 77

TUNE: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (REST, alt.)

♩ = 80

Unison C C° C C<sub>E</sub> Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sub>B</sub> C A m D<sup>7</sup><sub>A</sub>

1. I try to pray as prob - lems press, But noth - ing seems to  
 2. O God, You seem for - ev - er gone. My world is not the  
 3. But in the si - lence I re - cite The truth of all You've  
 4. So in this dark - ness, Lord, I rest, As - sured of what is

G G<sub>D</sub> G C C<sub>D</sub><sup>sus</sup> C<sub>E</sub> E<sup>+</sup> E<sup>7</sup> A m A<sub>G</sub><sup>m</sup>

change. The sol - id faith my words pro - fess Now  
 same. The hope I built my life up - on And  
 done - Your part - ed seas, Your gra - cious might, Your  
 true: Through ev - 'ry trau - ma, ev - 'ry test Your

F A<sub>E</sub><sup>m7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> D<sub>C</sub> G<sub>B</sub> G<sup>7</sup> C C<sup>7</sup> F<sub>sus</sub> F Dm<sup>7</sup> D<sup>o7</sup> C C<sub>G</sub> C

ech - oes with my emp - ti - ness, And joy - ful songs feel strange.  
 all its glo - ries feel with-drawn And mock the faith I claim.  
 ac - tions, al - ways good and right, Your bat - tles al - ways won.  
 love can on - ly give the best. I wait, I trust in You.

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## **Job 26:5-14**

(NASB)

“The departed spirits are made to tremble  
Under the waters and their inhabitants.  
Sheol is naked before Him,  
And Abaddon has no covering.  
He stretches out the north over empty space  
And hangs the earth on nothing.  
He wraps up the waters in His clouds,  
And the cloud does not burst under them.  
He obscures the face of the full moon  
And spreads His cloud over it.  
He has inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters  
At the boundary of light and darkness.  
The pillars of heaven tremble  
And are amazed at His rebuke.  
With His power He quieted the sea,  
And by His understanding He shattered Rahab.  
By His breath the heavens are cleared;  
His hand has pierced the fleeing serpent.

Behold, these are the fringes of His ways;  
And how faint a word we hear of Him!  
But His mighty thunder, who can understand?”

## **Psalms 19:1-4**

(NASB)

The heavens tell of the glory of God;  
And their expanse declares the work of His hands.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
And night to night reveals knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
Their voice is not heard.  
Their line has gone out into all the earth,  
And their words to the end of the world.

## **John 1:14**

(NASB)

The Word became flesh, and  
dwelt among us; and  
we saw His glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

## **Colossians 2:9-10**

(NASB)

In [Christ} all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and  
in Him you have been made complete, and  
He is the head over every ruler and authority

## **Hebrews 1:1-3**

(NASB)

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.



# The Immensity of God

*O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
what is man that you are mindful of him,  
the son of man that you care for him?  
(Psalm 8:1, 3-4, NIV)*

Have you ever had the experience that the psalmist describes above? Have you been out under the clear night sky and looked up at the stars and the vastness of the heavens? Have you marveled that the Creator of all this has any interest in *you*? Here are some facts that may stimulate your imagination.

Light travels so fast that a beam of light can circle the earth more than 7 times in a second. The moon is a quarter of a million miles away, and its light reaches the earth in less than a second and a half. The sun is approximately 93 million miles away, and its light arrives in approximately 8 minutes.

Our own galaxy or group of stars is called the Milky Way. How long do you think it would take light to travel just across our own galaxy? 100,000 years! Light travels around the earth 7 times in a second and 93 million miles from the sun in only 8 minutes. But our galaxy is so vast that even light takes 100,000 years to cross it.

Galaxies are vast beyond our imagination. But ours is only one galaxy. How many galaxies do you think there are in the universe? Estimates vary, but in 1999, data from the Hubble space telescope led scientists to estimate that there are 125 billion galaxies in the universe. Some estimates run much higher. Try to imagine that: 93 million miles in 8 minutes; 100,000 years to cross our galaxy; 125 billion galaxies.

We are so very small. Reality dwarfs us. It dwarfs the human race. It dwarfs the entire earth.

But here's something else to consider: this vast universe is only the smallest taste of the Living God. He overflows the physical universe. Job 26 talks about God's mighty works in creation, then in v.14 says that in all these we see only the fringes of His robe. We hear only a faint whisper of Him.

What's more, the gap between God and us is far greater than the size of the universe. The real gap between God and us is in the essence of who we are.

- He is all-powerful and all-wise, unbounded by matter and time. We are weak and blind, living momentary lives, consumed with the here and now.
- He is holy and pure. Without Him, we are corrupt and sinful.
- He is unlimited love. We are proud, small-minded, and selfish, wrapped up in our own comfort and narrow interests.

But now for the most amazing truth: God's love has bridged this gap between us. This immense chasm of time, space, and character has been closed by God's all-encompassing love. All the immensity of God, all the eternity of God, all His glory and power and holiness have been embodied in a human being: Jesus Christ. We are united with this immense God in Christ (Colossians 2:9-10).

**Hymn Recording: [The Fullness of God's Glory](#)**

# The Fullness of God's Glory

TUNE: KINGSFOLD

*Job 26:14; Psalm 19:1-4; John 1:14; Ephesians 1:13-14;  
Colossians 2:9-10; Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 John 3:2*

♩ = 92

Em Em  $\frac{Em}{D}$  C  $\frac{D7}{C}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  Em D  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{Dsus}{A}$  G  $\frac{Am}{C}$  C Dsus D Dsus D

1. The heav-ens sing a som-ber hymn Of great-ness dark and deep, Of  
2. Yet all the full-ness of this God And all that He has done Now  
3. The full-ness of our Fa-ther God Re-splend-ent in the Son Re-

Em  $\frac{Em}{D}$  C  $\frac{D7}{C}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  Em D  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{Dsus}{A}$  G Am Am7 Em Em  $\frac{C}{E}$

end-less realms of time and space, Of mys-ter-ies they keep. But  
shine in all their maj-es-ty, In Je-sus Christ His Son. This  
veals the ho-ly maj-es-ty Of all we will be-come. His

Bm CM7 C  $D7_{sus}$  D7 G  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{Dsus}{A}$  G C Dsus D Dsus D

all that is and yet shall be And all that mind can know Are  
bound-less God is flesh and blood, And we have seen His face- The  
Spir-it glows with-in our hearts, A glimpse of what will be: His

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MUSIC: Traditional English Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

KINGSFOLD  
C.M.D.

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Em    Em    C    D7    G    Em    D    G    D<sup>sus</sup>    G    Am    Am<sup>7</sup>    Em  
 D    D    C    C    B    B    A    A    A    A    A    A

on - ly whis - pers of a God Far great - er than the whole.  
 glo - ry of our Liv - ing Lord, The foun - tain of His grace.  
 glo - ry blaz - ing out thro' us For all e - ter - ni - ty.

## **Psalm 8**

(NASB)

Lord, our Lord,  
How majestic is Your name in all the earth,  
You who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!  
From the mouths of infants and nursing babies You have established strength  
Because of Your enemies,  
To do away with the enemy and the revengeful.

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,  
The moon and the stars, which You have set in place;  
What is man that You think of him,  
And a son of man that You are concerned about him?  
Yet You have made him a little lower than God,  
And You crown him with glory and majesty!  
You have him rule over the works of Your hands;  
You have put everything under his feet,  
All sheep and oxen,  
And also the animals of the field,  
The birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea,  
Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

Lord, our Lord,  
How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

## In His Presence

Some of the most profound and moving moments of my life have been spent under the clear night sky. Looking up from my backyard, I feel I am in a great hall of eternity. I see the stars and think of the unfathomable distances of time and space there before me.

I am awestruck by the vastness of God. He is there, filling all of space, all of eternity, and beyond. I sense that I've walked into His holy temple, and the only proper response is to stand in total silence.

I am one of billions of life forms on this planet, which is little more than a pebble orbiting the sun. And each of those tiny stars there in the sky is approximately the size of our sun. There are a billion trillion of them scattered like grains of sand through the vastness of space.

The total life span of one of those stars, millions or billions of years, is only an episode in the life of the universe. And my life...my life is the tiniest fraction of a heartbeat. One breath.

Lord God, why do I matter to You? Why do You even notice me? God, why should You care about me?

I stand here wrapped up in my own little world, so anxious and dark. But I am in Your world, in Your domain, in all its vastness and serenity. Your skies are singing, "He is good, and His mercy endures forever." Your trees, so stately against the sky, are silently chanting, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic You are in all the earth." The whole world is a symphony to Your name. I listen, and I can hear it.

God, my Father, I don't know why, but I know that You love me. I see Your love in my life. I hear You whisper it in my heart. And I don't want to ignore Your love. I don't want to ignore You, my God.

There is so much I don't understand about You. But I know that when I admit that You are God--that You are my God--I am embracing the truth. I know that when I believe You love me and start to trust Your love, it pleases You. It pleases You very much. And I sense that when I open myself to You, I am opening myself to Your goodness and wisdom and to a wonderful future with You.

Lord God, I am nothing in myself. I am significant for only one reason:

*You, Great Creator, love me.  
Teach me to love You in return.*

**Hymn Recording: [Transcendent God](#)**

# Transcendent God

TUNE: Sweet Hour of Prayer (SWEET HOUR)

*Psalm 14:1; 19:1-4a; Isaiah 40:18-28;*

*Luke 10:21-22; 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:16*

♩ = 100

1. Tran - scend - ent God, Cre - a - tor Lord - To most a myth, de -  
2. O Sov - 'reign Lord, our Fa - ther Friend, Your love and pow'r and

nied, ig - nored; For crea - tures proud and self - de - ceived, A  
wis - dom blend To fill our sense and o - ver - flow What

truth too plain to be be - lieved, A life too vast, a  
eyes can see and minds can know. But sim - ple faith, so

realm too grand. But hum - ble minds will un - der - stand The  
weak and small, Will touch and find You all in all. Then

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked as 100 beats per minute. The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are provided for two parts: 1. and 2. The chords are indicated above the vocal lines.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: William W. Walford; arr. by Ken Bible

SWEET HOUR

L.M.D.

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C  $\frac{G7^{sus}}{C}$  C  $\frac{G}{B}$  Am  $\frac{CM7}{G}$   $\frac{Am}{F\sharp}$   $\frac{C}{G}$  Am  $\frac{C}{G}$  G<sup>7</sup> C

Love that all can see and feel, That earth and sea and sky re - veal.  
by Your Ho - ly Spir - it's art We'll share Your mind and bound-less heart.



## Ezekiel 37:1-10

(NIV)

*In both the Old Testament and the New Testament, the same word translated as “spirit” also means “wind” and “breath”. “Wind,” “breath,” and “spirit” are all the same word in the original languages. Keep that in mind as you hear Ezekiel’s account of his vision of the dry bones:  
[NOTE: words in caps are all from that same Hebrew word, “ruah”.]*

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the SPIRIT of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “O Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make BREATH enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put BREATH in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no BREATH in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the BREATH; prophecy, son of man, and say to IT, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come from the four WINDS, O BREATH, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and BREATH entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

## Wind. Breath, and Spirit

*Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." (John 3:5-8, NASB)*

In the Bible's original languages,  
"wind," "breath," and "spirit" are all the same word.  
God's Spirit is the wind of His power and  
the breath of His love.  
God's Spirit is His life in motion.

The Spirit that brooded over the waters at creation (Genesis 1:2),  
the Breath that brought life to the valley of dry bones (Ezekiel 37:1-10), and  
the rushing, mighty Wind on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)  
are all the same  
mysterious,  
creative,  
all-powerful Spirit of God.

Jesus came to immerse us in this Spirit.  
This Spirit works  
around us,  
through us,  
and in us  
as we trust in Christ.

Hymn Recording: [Ezekiel's Vision](#)

# Ezekiel's Vision

*Ezekiel 36:16 – 37:14*

♩ = 66

Fm Fm C<sup>sus</sup> Fm Cm Fm Cm<sup>7</sup> Cm Cm<sup>7</sup> Fm C<sup>7</sup> Fm Fm  
 A<sup>b</sup> G A<sup>b</sup> C B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> C<sup>7</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

1. Breath of God, un-bound-ed Spir-it, Sov-'reign pow'r and  
 2. Death con-sumes the world a-round us. Bones now mock what  
 3. Breath of God, un-bound-ed Spir-it- Hear the wind of

Cm<sup>7</sup> Fm C<sup>7</sup> Fm Fm C<sup>sus</sup> Fm Cm Fm Cm<sup>7</sup> Cm Cm<sup>7</sup>  
 G G A<sup>b</sup> C B<sup>b</sup>

mys-ter-y, Ho-ly fire, now re-cre-at-ing,  
 might have been. Hope is gone, and all is bar-ren.  
 heav-en blow! See them rise, a might-y ar-my!

Fm C<sup>7</sup> Fm Fm N.C. Cm Fm C<sup>7</sup> Fm C<sup>7</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Eb Eb<sup>7</sup>  
 A<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> G D<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>

Cleans-ing, shap-ing what will be. O Wind of God, great  
 Can our peo-ple live a-gain? O Wind of God, great  
 Watch His prom-ise o-ver-flow! The Lord is life! The

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MUSIC: William Billings (1746-1800) and Ken Bible

EZEKIEL'S VISION  
8.7.8.7.8.7.

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A $\flat$     $\frac{B\flat m}{D\flat}$  D $\flat$  E $\flat$ 7    $\frac{E\flat 7}{G}$     $\frac{D\flat}{F}$     $\frac{E\flat 7}{G}$    A $\flat$    B $\flat$ m7    $\frac{Fm}{C}$    C $\flat$ 7   1, 2  
F $\flat$ m   3  
F

*rit. 3rd time*

Breath of God, Your life fills e - ter - ni - ty!  
 Breath of God, Your pow'r none can com - pre - hend!  
 Lord is God! And soon all the earth will know!

## **Luke 2:1-20**

(NASB)

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all the people were on their way to register for the census, each to his own city. Now Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was betrothed to him, and was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. And so the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace among people [k]with whom He is pleased."

When the angels had departed from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem, then, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. When they had seen Him, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it were amazed about the things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

## What a Beginning!

Almighty,  
Holy,  
Transcendent God  
entered His created world in  
total helplessness and  
deep shame.  
He came as the apparently-illegitimate child of an unmarried peasant girl,  
born as the lowest of the low  
in a filthy stable,  
with only a borrowed feeding trough for a cradle.  
Poor shepherds and pagan foreigners  
were the only invited guests.  
Surely the whole idea seemed ridiculous to  
those who for centuries had been anticipating the arrival of their  
Glorious King and  
Mighty Deliverer.

But those who know and love this  
surprising, even shocking, God  
find it entirely in character.  
The Omnipotent Source of All is  
endlessly creative and  
stunningly, endearingly humble.  
Such an entrance is exactly His style!  
From the very beginning of His incarnation,  
He was telling us about Himself  
in delightfully vivid, even charming ways  
that all could understand.  
He wanted everyone to  
know Him and  
trust Him naturally, warmly, wholeheartedly.

This was only the beginning of His  
astonishing self-revelation.  
And O what a beginning it was!

Hymn Recording: [The Birthday Party](#)

# The Birthday Party

Luke 2:1-20

Fun! ♩ = 80

Em B7 B<sup>7</sup><sub>5</sub><sup>7</sup> B7 Em B7 B<sup>7</sup><sub>5</sub><sup>7</sup> Em Esus Em B7

1. If you go down to the sta - ble there, You're in for a big sur -  
 2. A peas - ant girl and a car - pen - ter Are head - ing His en - tour -  
 3. If you go down to the sta - ble there, You'll nev - er be - lieve your

Em D<sub>F#</sub> G D7 D<sup>13</sup> D7 G D7 D<sup>13</sup>

prise. O yes- the dirt - i - est place in town! You'll  
 age. A goat, a lamb, and a man - gy cow Are  
 eyes! If you're ex - pect - ing to meet your God, You're

G D<sub>G</sub><sup>7</sup><sub>sus G D D7 G F<sup>7</sup><sub>#</sub> B7</sub>

nev - er be - lieve your eyes! They say that God Him -  
 sing - ing the grand hur - rahs. Our God is just a  
 in for a big sur - prise! You think He's high and

Em Em<sub>D</sub> Am<sub>C</sub> Am<sup>6</sup> Am B7 B<sup>7</sup><sub>D#</sub>

self has come- O what a great dis - guise! And He's  
 ba - by With His don - key stand - ing guard, And He's  
 might - y, That He lives up in the skies? Well, you're

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Em  $\frac{Em^9}{D}$  C6  $\frac{Am}{C}$  Em B  $\text{B}^7_{sus}$  B7 1 Em 2 Em

thrown Him - self a birth - day par - ty!  
 sleep - ing through His birth - day par - ty!  
 wel - come to His birth - day

$\text{C}^{\#}$  Em Am D G C D7  $\frac{D^7}{F^{\#}}$  G

Some shep - herds said the an - gels sang As skies were all on fire. The  
 They could - n't find a pres - ent, But the smell they brought was great! Three

Am7 D G  $\frac{G}{B}$  Am Am7  $\frac{Am^6}{C}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  1 B7 D.S.

shep - herds joined the par - ty, But they did - n't bring the choir!  
 kings have been in - vit - ed, But I guess they're run - ning

2  $\text{B}^7_{sus}$  B7 D.C.  $\text{C}^{\#}$   $\frac{Am^6}{F^{\#}}$  B7 Em Am  $\frac{Em}{G}$   $\frac{Am}{F^{\#}}$  Em

late! par - ty!



## **Philippians 2:5-11**

(NASB)

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, as He already existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant and being born in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross.

For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **Philippians 3:7-11**

(NASB)

Whatever things were gain to me, these things I have counted as loss because of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them mere rubbish, so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; if somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

## **1 Timothy 3:16**

(NASB)

Beyond question, great is the mystery of godliness:

He who was revealed in the flesh,  
Was vindicated in the Spirit,  
Seen by angels,  
Proclaimed among the nations,  
Believed on in the world,  
Taken up in glory.

## **A Fascinating Person**

We hear a lot about Jesus from various sources. But have you ever been personally curious about Him? Have you ever wanted to decide for yourself? Just get a Bible and read one of the gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John.

You'll find Him a truly unique, fascinating individual. He was always His own person, but in an unselfconscious way. Talk about "marching to the beat of a different drummer," He lived with an open line to God His Father. Jesus listened to Him and talked to Him freely. He loved Him and lived to please Him. He only said what the Father told Him to say, only did what the Father led and enabled Him to do. Jesus made Himself totally dependent on His Father. He trusted Him completely and constantly.

As a result, He was amazing. He was radical. He was confrontive and fearless. He was natural. He was gentle.

He taught grand truths by telling stories - simple stories drawn from common, everyday life.

The needs of people moved Him to compassion. And when He was moved, He always did something to meet the need. He taught. He healed. He fed. He gave of Himself and whatever He had.

His ministry lasted only three short years. There was so much to do, and He was always active, always about His Father's work. Yet He never seemed hurried or tense. I guess that's one of the things I admire most about Him. While He was single-minded and focused, He never bristled at interruptions. He was always open to people and their concerns.

Jesus came to show us what God our Father is like and how He feels about us. The picture is a beautiful one, leaving us in utter wonder!

**Hymn Recording: [I Cannot Tell](#)**

# I Cannot Tell

TUNE: O Danny Boy (LONDONDERRY AIR)

G  $\frac{D^7_{sus}}{G}$  G C  $\frac{D^m}{C}$  C F  $\frac{C}{E}$  C  $\frac{D^m}{F}$  F

1. I can - not tell why He, the King of Heav - en,  
2. I can - not tell why He, the Joy of Heav - en,  
3. I can - not tell when He will rule the na - tions,

F  $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{G^7}{D}$  C  $\frac{F}{C}$  C D<sup>7</sup> D<sup>9</sup> G<sup>sus</sup> G

Should leave the peace of all e - ter - ni - ty,  
Should give Him - self to suf - fer for my sin,  
How He will claim His loved ones as His own;

G  $\frac{D^7_{sus}}{G}$  G C  $\frac{D^m}{C}$  C F  $\frac{C}{E}$  C  $\frac{D^m}{F}$  F

Why God Him - self should lay a - side His splen - dor  
Why Ho - ly God should love me in my shame - ful - ness,  
And who can tell the ho - ly ju - bi - la - tion

F  $\frac{G}{F}$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{G}{D}$  C F  $\frac{C}{G}$  G  $\frac{F}{G}$  G<sup>7</sup> C<sup>sus</sup> C

To leave the Fa - ther's side and come to me.  
Why He should die to draw my soul to Him.  
When all His chil - dren gath - er 'round His throne.

WORDS: Ken Bible, inspired by William Y. Fullerton  
MUSIC: Traditional Irish Melody

LONDONDERRY AIR  
11.10.11.10.11.10.11.12.

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G  $\frac{F}{G}$  G<sup>7</sup> C  $\frac{CM^7}{E}$   $\frac{G}{F}$  F  $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{Am^7}{C}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  Am

But this I know: our si - lence filled with sing - ing,  
 But this I know: that Christ the Lord is ris - en,  
 But this I know: all flesh will see His glo - ry,

G  $\frac{F}{G}$  G<sup>7</sup> Am  $\frac{CM^7}{G}$   $\frac{G}{F}$  F  $\frac{C}{E}$  C G sus G

And all our dark - ness fled from heav - en's light  
 And praise His name, He's ris - en now in me!  
 And skies will burst as all cre - a - tion sings.

G Am<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{G}{B}$  C C<sup>9</sup>  $\frac{Dm}{F}$  F  $\frac{C}{E}$  C Am

When Christ the Lord, so hu - man, yet so ho - ly,  
 Be - cause He lives, I'll rise to life e - ter - nal!  
 The Son will rise on one e - ter - nal morn - ing

Am  $\frac{Em^6}{Ab}$   $\frac{C}{G}$  C<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{Dm}{F}$  F  $\frac{F}{G}$  G<sup>7</sup> C

In love was born a child for me that ho - ly night!  
 He took my guilt - y heart, and I'm for - ev - er free!  
 When Christ, the Sav - ior of the world, is Lord and King!

## **Matthew 4:17**

(NASB)

From that time Jesus began to preach and say,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

## **Matthew 13:31-33**

(NASB)

[Jesus] presented another parable to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a person took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all the other seeds, but when it is fully grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky come and nest in its branches.”

He spoke another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three sata of flour until it was all leavened.”

# God's Kingdom Comes

As I study the gospels, I repeatedly encounter events that appear small from a human perspective but loom large from God's perspective.

## **The Transfiguration** (Matthew 16:28 – 17:9)

Jesus referred to the Transfiguration as *"the Son of Man coming in His kingdom"* (Matthew 16:28, NASB) and *"the kingdom of God...come with power"* (Mark 9:1, NASB). That's quite a build-up. And to be sure, the transfiguration provided a spectacular glimpse of the true glory of Christ, in the face of His coming humiliation and suffering. But only three disciples experienced it, and apparently only for a few fleeting moments. How is that the powerful coming of Jesus in His Kingdom?

## **John the Baptist and Elijah** (Matthew 17:10-13)

The appearance of Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration caused the disciples to ask about Elijah. Prophecy had promised that he would return and prepare the people for the *"great and terrible day of the Lord"* (Malachi 4:5, NASB; read vv.5-6). Jesus said that Elijah would *"restore all things"* (Matthew 17:11, NASB) and that John the Baptist was this returned Elijah. But John the Baptist's ministry was relatively short, and his acceptance was limited. Herod silenced him, bringing his life to a premature and brutal end. To say that John *restored all things* seems a wild overstatement.

## **The Triumphal Entry** (Matthew 21:1-11)

Throughout His ministry, Jesus had consistently discouraged any open proclamation of His being Messiah. But then He arranged His own parade, encouraging Jerusalem to welcome Him as their Messiah. When the Jewish leaders protested, Jesus emphasized the absolute necessity and inevitability of such praise, saying that if His followers were silent, the very stones would cry out. But on a human level, all this seems a false promise. In this very city, within the week the civil and religious leaders would arrest, humiliate, execute, and bury this Messiah as a pretender and a criminal.

## **Cleansing the Temple** (Matthew 21:12-13)

After triumphantly entering Jerusalem as a conqueror, Jesus went to the temple and cleared it of commercial interests. He did this in fulfillment of Malachi 3:1-3, which foretold that the Lord would come suddenly to His temple and purify it completely. Jesus

also connected His actions to Isaiah 56:3-8, where God promised to make His house a house of prayer for all nations, a place where outsiders would be welcomed and blessed. Yet it is unlikely that Jesus' cleansing of the temple had any lasting effect. It doesn't seem to measure up to the dramatic promises of Malachi and Isaiah.

### **The Resurrection** *(Matthew 28:1-8)*

We Christians make much of the resurrection of Jesus. But apparently the risen Christ appeared only to His followers, not to anyone else. Forty days later He was gone. Meanwhile, this whole world suffers on in the iron grip of death. Every one of us continues to die.

So why did Jesus and why does Scripture make so much of these events? To human eyes, they seem so partial and passing.

But indeed, the changes begun by each of these events are dramatic, deep, and very real:

- The Kingdom of God—the presence and rulership of God—has come to us in Jesus. It has come in power and glory. By faith we see and interact daily with the glorified Christ.
- The repentance and forgiveness preached by John are even now restoring right relationships between God and us and among His people. We are living in the peace of these restored relationships.
- With exuberant praise, we His disciples welcome Jesus as our Messiah, our conquering hero who is delivering us from all oppression.
- Jesus Christ is Himself the holy temple of God among us. He is purifying us to make us part of that holy temple.
- Even now we are breathing the undying, unbounded life of Christ, and we will breathe it forever.

The Kingdom of God has come to us in Jesus Christ! He planted the seed, and it is growing in and among us through His Spirit. And in Him, it will soon come in all its power and glory.

Jesus' life is a promise of all that soon will be for each and all of His people.

*At His transfiguration,  
His triumphal entry, and*

*His cleansing of the temple,  
Jesus was planting seed.  
He was acting out eternal truths that  
would only become full reality  
in the fullness of time.  
Sometimes God will call you to plant seed.  
Be obedient.  
Be patient.  
Stay faithful.  
You are fellow workers with Christ,  
waiting with Him for the harvest.*

**Hymn Recording:** [See His Kingdom Come in Power](#)



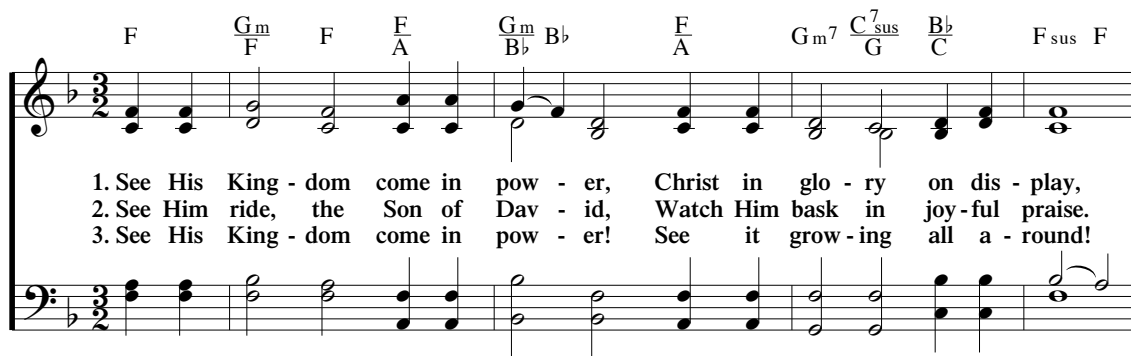
# See His Kingdom Come in Power

Matthew 16:28; 17:1-13; 21:1-13; 28:1-8; Mark 9:1-13; 11:1-18; 16:1-8;

Luke 9:27-36; 19:28-48; 24:1-12; John 2:13-17; 12:12-19; 20:1-10

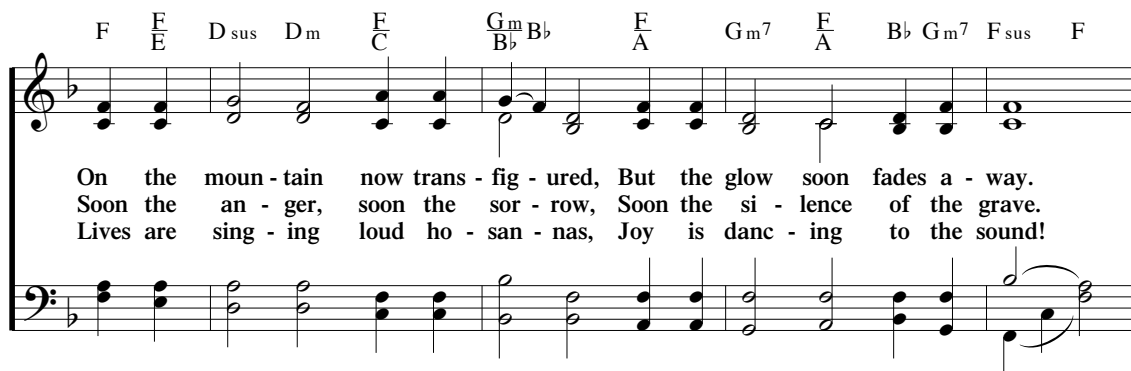
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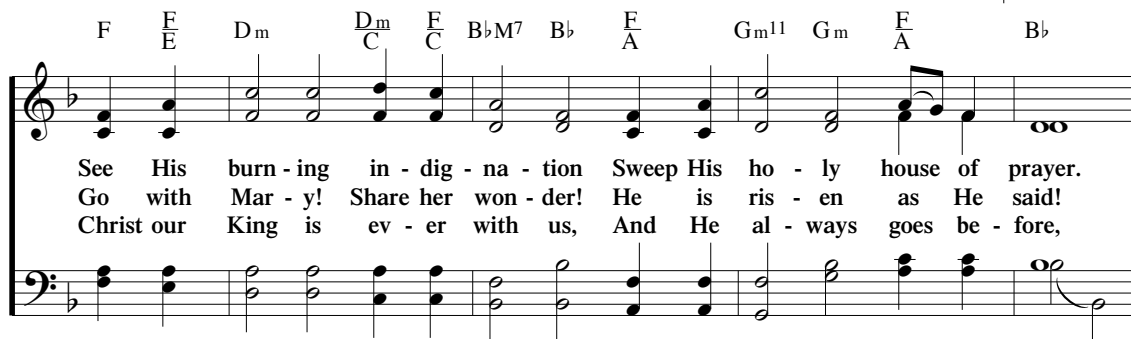
1. See His King - dom come in pow - er, Christ in glo - ry on dis - play,  
2. See Him ride, the Son of Dav - id, Watch Him bask in joy - ful praise.  
3. See His King - dom come in pow - er! See it grow - ing all a - round!

F F<sub>E</sub> D<sub>sus</sub> D<sup>m</sup> F<sub>C</sub> G<sup>m</sup> B<sup>b</sup> F A G<sup>m</sup>7 F<sub>A</sub> B<sup>b</sup> G<sup>m</sup>7 F<sub>sus</sub> F



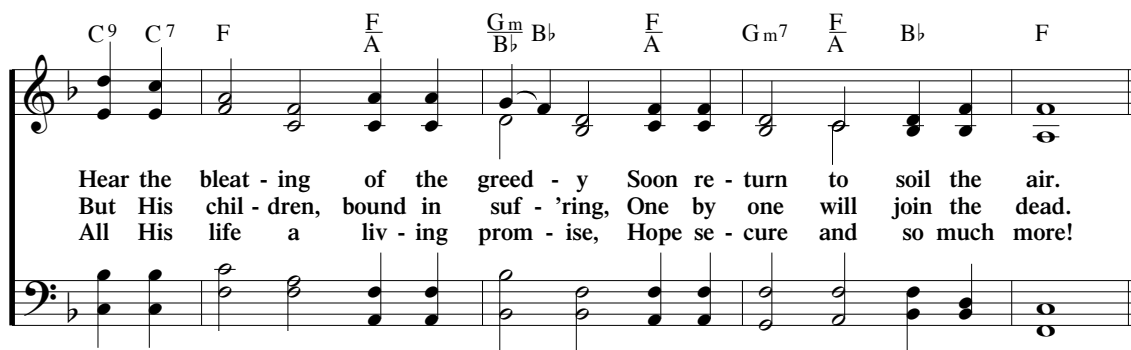
On the moun - tain now trans - fig - ured, But the glow soon fades a - way.  
Soon the an - ger, soon the sor - row, Soon the si - lence of the grave.  
Lives are sing - ing loud ho - san - nas, Joy is danc - ing to the sound!

F F<sub>E</sub> D<sup>m</sup> D<sup>m</sup> F<sub>C</sub> B<sup>b</sup>M7 B<sup>b</sup> F A G<sup>m</sup>11 G<sup>m</sup> F<sub>A</sub> B<sup>b</sup>



See His burn - ing in - dig - na - tion Sweep His ho - ly house of prayer.  
Go with Mar - y! Share her won - der! He is ris - en as He said!  
Christ our King is ev - er with us, And He al - ways goes be - fore,

C<sup>9</sup> C<sup>7</sup> F F A G<sup>m</sup> B<sup>b</sup> F A G<sup>m</sup>7 F<sub>A</sub> B<sup>b</sup> F



Hear the bleat - ing of the greed - y Soon re - turn to soil the air.  
But His chil - dren, bound in suf - 'ring, One by one will join the dead.  
All His life a liv - ing prom - ise, Hope se - cure and so much more!

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional American Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

BEACH SPRING  
8.7.8.7.D.

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## **John 5:17**

(NASB)

[Jesus] answered them,  
“My Father is working until now, and  
I Myself am working.”

## **Romans 8:28**

(NASB)

We know that God causes all things  
to work together for good  
to those who love God,  
to those who are called according to His purpose.

## God Is Always Working

*How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you made them all.  
(Psalm 104:24, NIV)*

I sail through so many daily activities with  
boredom or  
indifference.  
When tough experiences come, I greet them with  
fear or  
resentment.

Lord, I assume the meaninglessness of life as  
You have allowed it to come to me.  
I believe I'll recognize the significant when I see it,  
but much of the time, life seems either  
mundane or  
unkind.

But then, Lord,  
I catch a glimpse of beauty, or  
I see deep meaning in some common event  
I've witnessed a thousand times.  
I look back and realize  
tremendous value in some trial about which  
I complained so bitterly.

Lord, You are always working!  
I will keep my faith awake and  
my eyes fixed on You.

*Despair of yourself as much as you want,  
but do not despair of God.  
He is always loving,  
always powerful,  
always wise, and  
He will reward you according to your faith in Him.  
(paraphrased from Francois Fenelon)*

Hymn Recording: [God Is Working All Around You](#)

# God Is Working All Around You

Romans 8:28

♩ = 100

Em Am Am7 Am Bm Bm<sup>9</sup> CM7 C<sup>6</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> D Em

1. Lift your eyes, Re - al - ize God is work-ing all a - round you.  
 2. Joy and pain, Loss and gain, See His good-ness all a - round you.  
 3. Life or death, Ev - 'ry breath God is ev - er all a - round you.

Em Am Am7 Am Bm Bm<sup>9</sup> CM7 C<sup>6</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> D Em

Near or far, Where you are, God is work-ing all a - round you.  
 You can know As you go All His mer - cy will sur - round you.  
 Love un - seen Stands be - tween. Know His pow - er will sur - round you.

G C Am7 Bm Bm<sup>9</sup> Em <sup>Am</sup>C B<sup>sus</sup> B

Know His love, Gen - tle love, Wise and nev - er sleep - ing.  
 Steps of faith, Child-like faith, Hand in hand for - ev - er.  
 Fear - ful heart, Bold - ly start Trust - ing and o - bey - ing.

Em Am Am7 Am Bm Bm<sup>9</sup> CM7 C<sup>6</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> D Em

Stay a - ware. He is there. God is work-ing all a - round you.  
 In the light, Thro' the night God is work-ing all a - round you.  
 Faith will grow, Life will show God is work-ing all a - round you.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional Folk Song and Ken Bible

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## **1 Corinthians 3:5-9**

(NASB)

What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. Now the one who plants and the one who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

## **1 Corinthians 12:27**

(NASB)

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

## **2 Corinthians 5:20**

(NASB)

We are ambassadors for Christ,  
as though God were making an appeal through us;  
we beg you on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.

# God Works Through Us

*From Him and through Him and to Him are all things.* (Romans 11:36, NASB)

Almighty God, unlimited in power, delights to work through His creatures—  
through angels (the word simply means “messengers”),  
through human beings of all backgrounds and personalities,  
through families, groups, races, and nations.

He works through children and the aged,  
rich and poor,  
warriors and sages,  
the weak and the powerful,  
through those highly respected and  
through those despised and ignored.

He uses both joy and pain,  
vast epochs and fleeting seconds,  
wisdom and inexperience,  
sickness and health,  
the obvious and the mysterious,  
the ordinary and the spectacular.

(Many such distinctions flow more from human ignorance than from eternal reality.)

Why would such a God,  
infinite in resources and  
without weakness or need,  
choose to work through  
flawed and troublesome creatures like us?

Because He made us,  
He knows us, and  
He loves us.

As He shares His work with us,  
we share more fully in Him.

We experience  
His power,  
His love, and  
the privilege of being vessels of  
His ever-flowing, ever-giving life.

He is like a grandmother who  
asks her two-year old grandchild to

help her make cookies.

She doesn't do it because  
    she needs help with the cookies,  
but to bring herself together  
    with this growing person  
    in a common joy.  
They're still grandma's cookies,  
but the two have shared  
    a precious experience,  
    a common purpose, and  
    a bond that will outlast the lingering sweetness.

**Hymn Recording: [God's Mysterious Ways](#)**

# God's Mysterious Ways

TUNE: When Johnny Comes Marching Home

*John 14:20-23; Romans 8:28; 12:1; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9; 2 Corinthians 5:20; 6:1*

♩ = 54

Fm Fm C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> C<sup>7</sup> Fm A<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/<sub>E<sup>b</sup></sub>

1. Our Al-might - y God will do His work Through us, through  
 2. For all who o - bey, our Fa - ther works His will, His  
 3. O Fa - ther of love, we give our - selves To You, to

A<sup>b</sup>/<sub>C</sub> A<sup>b</sup> Fm C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> C<sup>7</sup> Fm D<sup>b</sup>/<sub>E<sup>b</sup></sub> E<sup>b</sup>7

us. Our Fa - ther de - lights to bless the world Through  
 will. Through joy and through pain He kind - ly weaves His  
 You. Com - plete - ly, O God, we live our lives To

A<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/<sub>C</sub> C<sub>E</sub> C C+ Fm Fm D Fm<sup>7</sup>/<sub>D</sub> Fm D

us, through us. Through all who hear and o -  
 will, His will. The sweet sur - prise and the  
 You, to You. So give the joy that You

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 MUSIC: Traditional Irish Folk Song; arr. by Ken Bible

MARCHING HOME  
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$\frac{C^7}{E}$        $C^7$        $C$        $F_m$        $D^b$        $\frac{G^\circ}{B^b}$        $C^7$        $C^+$        $\frac{E^\circ}{B^b}$

bey His call, The child, the lead - er, the great and small, He will  
 long de - lay, The weird, the wild, and the ev - 'ry - day, God will  
 long to share, Our deep - est hun - ger, our high - est prayer, That for -

$\frac{F_m}{A^b}$        $B^bm$        $\frac{F_m}{C}$        $C^7$        $F_m$        $B^bm^6$        $\frac{E^b7}{B^b}$        $F_m$

help and heal, Ex - press - ing His love through us.  
 use them all To lov - ing - ly work His will.  
 ev - er - more We draw ev - 'ry breath in You.

## **Romans 11:33**

(NASB)

Oh, the depth of the riches,  
both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are His judgments and  
unfathomable His ways!

## **Colossians 2:2-3**

(NASB)

[I pray] that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and that they would attain to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

## Wisdom in our Ignorance

We human beings are inherently ignorant. Physically we live a fraction of a second on a grain of sand in a universe that is ancient and vast beyond all imagining. Our perspective and objectivity are minuscule. Our view of truth is highly tainted by our personal prejudices and selfish desires. To claim that we understand reality, or that our minds and limited senses are an accurate gauge of reality, is laughable. Ignorance is common to each and every one of us.

God in His greatness has chosen to reveal Himself to us. And by degree He graciously helps us understand reality as we understand Him. He has given us His own Spirit to enlighten and guide us.

But *we have this treasure in jars of clay* (2 Corinthians 4:7, NIV). As we trust His revealed Truth and faithfully speak the Truth and live the Truth, we need to remember our limitations and the weakness of the vessel in which we hold His treasure. Our understanding of our great and boundless God is always only partial.

Yet God's promise to us is this:

- God, who through the millennia has spoken to us in many different ways, has spoken fully and finally in Jesus Christ, His own Son (Hebrews 1:1-2).
- *In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ* (Colossians 2:9-10a, NIV).

All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ (Colossians 2:3). If you desire wisdom, if you want understanding, seek Him.

Hymn Recording: [The Truth of God Is Greater Far](#)

# The Truth of God Is Greater Far

TUNE: I Sing the Mighty Power of God (ELLACOMBE)

*Psalm 119:96; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33-36; Colossians 2:2-3; Hebrews 1:1-3*

♩ = 92      tacet

*Chords: A<sup>b</sup> C F<sup>m</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m F E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> C D<sup>b</sup>6 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>*

1. The truth of God is great-er far Than our poor hu-man mind,  
2. Who dares to lim-it God Him-self To what we un-der-stand,  
3. O Lord, Your Word is Je-sus Christ, Your truth in us be-gun,

tacet

*Chords: A<sup>b</sup> C F<sup>m</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m F E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> F<sup>m</sup> E<sup>b</sup>sus E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>*

Than an-y doc-trine, creed, or sect, All par-tial and con-fined.  
To shrink His sprawl-ing mys-ter-y And hold it in our hand?  
But O the depths of all He is And all that He has done!

*Chords: A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> G A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>sus E<sup>b</sup> F<sup>m</sup> E<sup>b</sup> G A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> G A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>*

His treas-ures hold un-count-ed wealth That hearts have nev-er heard.  
Im-mens-i-ty of pur-est love! An o-cean un-ex-plored!  
Let faith and love each day in-crease The hun-ger You have stirred:

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*Chords: A<sup>b</sup> C F<sup>m</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m F E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> F<sup>m</sup> E<sup>b</sup>sus E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>*

Our bound-less God has yet more light To shine out from His Word.  
Our bound-less God has yet more light To shine out from His Word.  
May more and more of Christ our Light Shine bright-ly from Your Word!

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MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl*, 1784

ELLACOMBE

C.M.D.

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