

Mind-Boggling Forgiveness

[MP 712 Turn your Eyes upon Jesus](#) (*right click on hyperlink, select open hyperlink*)

**1 O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Saviour,
and life more abundant and free!**

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in His wonderful face;
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.*

**2 Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there;
over us sin no more hath dominion,
for more than conquerors we are!
*Turn your eyes . . .***

**3 His word shall not fail you He promised;
believe Him, and all will be well:
then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell.
*Turn your eyes . . .***

Merciful God. Help us to truly turn our eyes upon you. Our hearts and minds are full of heavy burdens, and we are afraid to lay them at your feet. We are fretful and controlling. We forget your promises of mercy and comfort. Let us, this morning, look full in your wonderful face and know your mercy and justice. And let us accept it, packed down and overflowing! And in the way we receive mercy and forgiveness from you, teach us to ask for and grant the same gift to all around us. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Most merciful God, we confess that we cannot free ourselves from sin's power. 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 neighbor as

ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us and lead us, so we may want to do your will. Help us to walk in your ways, that people may see our good works and glorify your name. Amen.

God is merciful, and has given his son Jesus Christ to die for us. For his sake God forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives power to become the children of God, and gives them his Holy Spirit.

Read in unison

[MP 921 Refiner's Fire](#) (right click on hyperlink, select open hyperlink)

1 Purify my heart,
let me be as gold and precious silver;
purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for You, Lord;
I choose to be holy,
set apart for You, my Master,
ready to do Your will.*

2 Purify my heart,
cleans me from within and make me holy;
purify my heart,
cleans me from my sin, deep within.
Refiner's fire . . .

Psalm 103

¹ Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
² Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits –
³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶ The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.
⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:
⁸ the LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbour his anger for ever;
¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.
¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
¹⁶ the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children –
¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.

¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰ Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.
²¹ Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.
²² Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

[MP 1067 I Stand Amazed](#)

I stand amazed when I realize
Your love for me is beyond all measure, Lord,
I can't deny Your love for me is great.
It's as high, high as the heavens above,
such is the depth of Your love
towards those who fear You, O Lord,
far as the east is from west,
You have removed my transgressions.
You make my life brand new.

**Father, I love You.
I stand amazed . . .**

**Your love is higher,
high as the heavens.
Your love is deeper,
deeper than the deepest ocean.
Your love is stronger,
stronger than the powers of darkness,
Your love is sweeter,
sweeter than wine.**

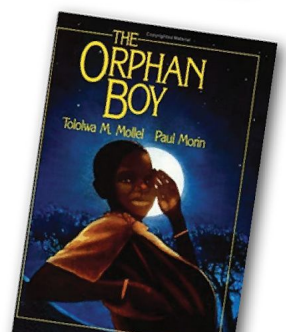
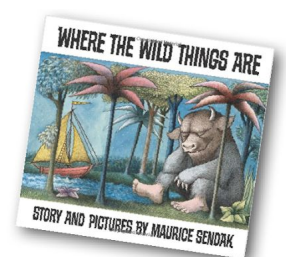
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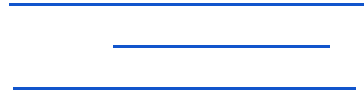


Sermon: Daudi Mseemmaa

Short version

Long version





Peter

Jesus

In this parable, in whom do you see yourself?

What empathy is:

What empathy is not:

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Critical Questions:

**Merciful God, we thank you for your blessings you have poured upon us, even when we are undeserving. With these offerings we attempt to give back for the work of your Kingdom. Please accept these offerings, be they money, time, talents, or adoration. Help us in the coming week, to be servants of your Kingdom.
Amen**

Please end each prayer with “Lord, in your Mercy”

Please respond to each prayer with “Hear our Prayer”

[MP 757 When Peace Like a River](#) *(right click on hyperlink and select open hyperlink)*

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea-billows roll;
whatever my lot You have taught me to say,
'It is well, it is well with my soul.'

*It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2 Though Satan should buffet, if trials should come,
let this blessed assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well . . .

3 My sin – O the bliss of this glorious thought –
my sin – not in part – but the whole
is nailed to His cross; and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

It is well . . .

4 And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul!

It is well . . .

It is well . . .

[JP 58 Because He Lives](#) (right click on hyperlink then click on open hyperlink)

1 God sent His Son, they call Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
because He lives all fear is gone;
because I know, I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

2 How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
and feel the pride and joy she gives;
but greater still the calm assurance,

this child can face uncertain days because He lives.

Because He lives . . .

**3 And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.**

Because He lives . . .

Go in Peace, to love and serve the Lord. Go to ask forgiveness. Go to offer Forgiveness. Amen