

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

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Have you ever wondered about the winter's cool silence and keening winds making their own frosty music. Then spring, on the rebound from winter's solemnity, sings in full throat with the sounds of a schoolyard at recess. The summer in all of its green lushness, you can sometimes hear a noisy symphony of natural sounds making their way to heaven praising the Lord. Then autumn comes combining the voices of many animals in the crisp breezes in the dry foliage, but from a sincere heart. In every place and time, a gift of praise is offered to God the creator. Praise is a natural activity that issues from a life filled with the love of God.

Our King David had a heart and mind full of the love of God. He wrote so many amazing psalms expressing his relationship with God in many different situations that have been a guide in our daily lives. His praise confirms a deep relationship with God that is his weapon against Satan and his army. I invite you to join in this journey where King David is going to take us on a trip to the school of praise that is offered to our Lord the creator. Get ready, open your mind and heart to witness the awesomeness of God and experience his Love to us His children.

PSALM 18

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands. Day to day utters speech, and night to night proclaims knowledge. There are no speeches or words, in which their voice is not heard. Their sound has gone out upon all the earth and their words have reached to the ends of the world. In the sun He has set His dwelling; and it comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber: it shall exult as a giant running his course. Its going forth is from the extremity of heaven, and its goal is to the other end of heaven: and nothing will be hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is pure, converting souls: the testimony of the Lord is faithful, instructing the babes. The ordinances of the Lord are straight, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is a light, enlightening the eyes from afar. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever and ever: the judgments of the Lord are true, and justified altogether. The desires of His heart are chosen more than gold and precious stone, and sweeter than honey and the honey comb. For Your servant keeps them: and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can understand transgressions? From my secret sins cleanse me, O Lord, and from the attack of strangers spare your servant: if they do not have dominion over me, then I shall be blameless, and I shall be cleansed from great sin. All the sayings of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, shall be pleasing continually before you. O Lord; you are my helper, and my Savior. ALLELUIA.

King David contemplated on the glory of God that manifested in his creations, and the wisdom of the creature. For example, He meditates on the sun illuminating the whole world and its warmth reaching to the end of the earth. As his thoughts meditate deeper in the creation of God, the similarity between the sun and the law of God becomes unique. The Law of God is distinctive and thorough illuminating the pass for us. It also testifies his tender love and knowledge that is sent to mankind. When King David became familiar with the law of God, it helped him discover his small inner sin, which any human being might overlook if they don't have this light inside of them.

With a prophesizing eye King David saw the evangelism of the apostles that reached the end of the earth. Although they got tortured, persecuted, and killed for spreading the word of God, they considered everything as rubbish just to gain Christ the

Lord. Keeping the word of God and was a beautiful praise that was offered to Christ the redeemer for his love and mercy.

Have you ever wondered from where does king David finds words to praise God? From an experienced heart King David testifies about the beauty of the words of God.

As the word reaches the soul and enters into the depths of the heart it cleans it from every sin and illuminated with the love of God. Then the Lords come and dwell in our hearts and change our nature to become pure and holy. From here words of praise to God becomes a natural habit thanking him for His great mercy, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

"The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever and ever" Have you ever marveled at the meaning of this verse, how can fear be pure and endures for ever? King David guided by the Holy Spirit puts a synonym to the law of God which is "fear".

Out of our love to God we fear him, knowing that his words are a guide for us in our lives. Those words are pure without blemish or corruption that they endure for ever and ever. In addition, we find peace and pleasure in obeying his commandants. As a result we say with King David: "Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments." (Psalm 112:1)

Have you felt unfair, judged by others and that is the world is against you? Great news, for King David has

assured us saying: "the judgments of the Lord are true, and justified altogether." Although King David was anointed as a king in his youth, the promise of God regarding his reign was not fulfilled until years after in which he has suffered greatly from King Saul. What kept King David going in life was his trust in the words of God and his promises, for our God is a just Judge. For many generations the word of God has given hope to many and restored lives, "The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." (Exodus 15:2)

I lift up my heart to God with King David saying: "The desires of His heart are chosen more than gold and precious stone, and sweeter than honey and the honey comb." After reading the Bible, and seeing the wisdom and justice of our God nothing else satisfies us. The world and all its desires becomes nothing against the truth, ordinances, and justice of our Lord. Therefore, our hearts then praise God day and night thanking him for his great mercy.

Therefore my brethren, lets us all keep the commandant of God daily in our hearts and mind. In keeping His words there will be a protection against evil, it will lift up our spirit, and grant us peace. For God has prepared a daily manual for us in our life to guide us. Then, all his creation testified about its ordinances and justice. So let us also left our heart and unite with our heavenly church to praise our lord the Greater. For Truly our God is an awesome God.

