

You Never Let Go

Verse 1:

Even though I walk
Through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught
In the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back, I know You are near

Pre-Chorus:

And I will fear no ev - il
For my God is wi - th me
And if my God is wi - th me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus:

Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

Verse 2:

And I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end
To these troubles, But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

Chorus:

Bridge:

Yes, I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You

Chorus: (2x)

This Is Amazing Grace

Verse 1:

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2:

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus 1:

This is amazing grace this is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You would lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3:

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 4:

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus:

Bridge:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquered the grave
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquers the grave
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquers the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

Chorus:

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Verse 1:

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear,
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Verse 2:

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Verse 3:

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior still our refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

What Can I Do

Verse 1:

When I see the beauty of a sunset's glory
Amazing artistry across the evening sky
When I feel the mystery of a distant galaxy
It awes and humbles me
To be loved by a God so high

Chorus:

What can I do but thank You
What can I do but give my life to You
Halle- lu - jah, Halle- lujah
What can I do but praise You
Every day make everything I do
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

Verse 2:

When I hear the story of a God of mercy
Who shared humanity and suffered by our side
Of the cross they nailed You to
That could not hold You
Now You're making all things new by the power
of Your risen life

Chorus: (2x)

Living Hope

Verse 1:

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2:

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus:

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3:

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending:

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

The World has Changed, God Hasn't

Overview: The world has radically changed in the last few days. God has not. Christian, how much faith have we placed in God verses how much faith we placed in our selves and financial provisions of the world? Focusing on all the benefits of unchanging God with unchanging promises will change our troubled outlook! Also, there is still a world out there grasping at a gasping economy and watching their "god" fail. Now is great time to reach out in love and good works, and combine that with the message of the Gospel.

1) God _____ you, and has his watchful eye on you. (Matt10:29-30, Rom 8:39)

2) God doesn't _____. (Malachi 3:6, Numbers 23:19)

3) God's _____ doesn't change - God's _____ changes us.
(Proverbs 30:5, James 1:17).

4) I will Never Leave you or _____ you.

God's promises were NOT mainly for the good times.... but the hard times.
(Deuteronomy 31:6, Joshua 1:5b, Matthew 28:20, John 14:18)

5) God is our _____.

Psalms 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2-11

6) _____ in the Wrong God

Our world changed in less than a week.

1 Tim 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. (See also Ps 20:7 Proverbs 11:28 Hebrews 13:5)

7) God is our Provider **The world has changed, God hasn't**

The world economic has stopped providing for millions - in just days
Psalm 23:1 A Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

8) Fear and Anxieties

God will calm our fears and anxieties with truth. Government? Media?

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. (Rom 8:31, Deut 31:8)

9) Serving God in Love -Time of Greatest growth in the Early Church John 13:34-35:

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (NIV).

The Antonine Plague (165–180 AD) Five million people died.
The Plague of Cyprian (251–266 AD) 50% who encountered the disease died.

KEY: During each pandemic, government officials and the wealthy fled the cities for the countryside to escape contact with those who were infected.

The Christian community remained behind, transforming themselves into a great force of caretakers.¹

10 Playing Keep-Away

Current estimates - 3% Game of keep away - Social Distancing
Keeps Keeps away from older and at risk population. Ensures healthcare system

We cannot stay inside forever.... we need to offer help to our own / and others.

CLOSE: The Lesson of Elijah - Prophets of Baal. Are you serving the right God?

Takeaway 1- The world has changed, God hasn't.

Takeaway 2 - Our purpose in life has not changed.

¹<http://canyonwalkerconnections.com/early-christian-responses-epidemics-completely-unlike-1980s-response/>

1 Kings 18:20-39 English Standard Version (ESV)
The Prophets of Baal Defeated

20 So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. 21 And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. 22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. 23 Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. 24 And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by fire, he is God." And all the people answered, "It is well spoken." 25 Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it." 26 And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. 27 And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." 28 And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. 29 And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down. 31 Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, "Israel shall be your name," 32 and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs[a] of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." 34 And he said, "Do it a second time." And they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time." And they did it a third time. 35 And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water.

36 And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. 37 Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back." 38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The Lord, he is God; the Lord, he is God."

Footnotes: a 1 Kings 18:32 A seah was about 7 quarts or 7.3 liter