

THE HARDENED HEART

The Veryovkina cave is the deepest cave in the world. The depth is 2,212 metres. God's love is deeper than Veryovkina cave.

The highest mountain in the world is Mount Everest. The peak of Mount Everest is 8,848 meters above sea level. God's grace is higher than Mt. Everest.

The Pacific Ocean is the largest and deepest of the world ocean basins. God's goodness is larger and deeper than the Pacific Ocean.

All those amazing facts will not wow you if you have a hardened heart. When your heart is as hard as a stone, you will not be able to appreciate the beauty of nature around you and slowly you will reject God's greatness.

Open your heart so that you will be able to acknowledge the greatness of God. Then, your heart will be filled with thankfulness.

So, do not harden your heart. Respond to His love. Let's worship and obey Him in all the days of our lives.

Key verse:

Proverbs 28:14 Blessed is the one who always trembles before God, but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble.

Prayer

Dear God, help me when my heart has gone hardened without me knowing. I want to open my heart for Your love. Amen.



SING A NEW SONG

Y our parents tell you that they are going to bring you for a staycation at a place that has a big swimming pool and a playground. You are so happy that you start to make your own happy song. While you are getting ready, you are humming with your own melody happily. This shows how joyful you are after hearing the news!

The writer of Psalm 98 writes a new song to God because of who God is. Frankly, it will be a very long list to list down why God deserves to be praised.

Just like God's mercies that are new every morning, let's be thankful and joyful for His mercies by giving Him a new love song every morning when you have your devotion and worship time.

If you are wondering how to give a new song to God, you can start by praying and singing your favorite song. The Holy Spirit will slowly guide you into singing a new song.

There is always a reason to sing a new song to God. God blesses us every single day in His own ways.

Key verse:

Psalm 98:1a Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things...

Prayer

Dear God, You are my God! May my daily new songs of praises give You glory and honour. I am lost without You in my life. Amen.





PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

We thank our parents for working hard and taking care of us. We thank our teachers for teaching and guiding us. We thank our brother or sister for filling our days with fun and laughter. We thank our friends for being with us in good and bad. When we thank someone, we acknowledge and appreciate what they have done for us.

This Psalm is a psalm of thanksgiving as it encourages us to clothe ourselves with thankfulness and thanksgiving when coming to Church and whenever we come to Him in prayer and worship.

Do not hesitate to shout joyfully to God for who He is. Start counting your blessings, not your problems. Enter His presence with praises. May we always and forever make a joyful noise to the Lord and enter His presence with grateful lips and heart!

Key verse:

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Psalm 100:4a Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise...

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Prayer

Dear God, I give thanks to You with a grateful heart. Let my mouth and lips give joyful noises for You are my God. I sing praises to Your holy name. Amen.

PSALM 101:1-5

AN INNOCENT LIFE

David declared war against sin and was to lead an innocent life. An innocent life is a pure and sinless life. It is to live in a complete purity and honesty and to be away from shameful and evil acts.

David ensured that his character would reflect God's love wherever he was. David wrote that he was not only being nice whenever he was outside his house, but also when he was at home.

It is not uncommon to see some kids or adults who seem to be nice when they are outside but at home, they live as self-centered people. Living an innocent and pure life means you are not only being helpful and friendly to your friends and teachers at school but you are also loving to your parents, brothers or sisters at home.

When we do things right, it is not because we want to be seen by others. We do things right because we have love in our heart and we want to reflect God's love to others.

Key verse:

DEVOTION

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

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Prayer

Dear God, guide and lead me to live an innocent and pure life. I do not want to be a hypocrite. Instead, I want to reflect Your love wherever I go. Amen.



A COMPLETE FORGIVENESS

God does not only forgive but He also forgets all your sins. When God forgives you, He doesn't take a record of your sin and file it in a USB or thumb drive in case He needs to find it and bring it up in the future to make you feel miserable.

Our God is merciful, gracious, slow to anger and filled with patience. No matter what sin you have done, as long as you seek forgiveness and repent, He will gladly remove your sin as far as the east is from the west.

East is in one direction and west is in the other but east and west will never meet. If you walk towards the east, you will never end up going to the west. This Bible verse means your sins have been removed from you as far as it is possible to imagine. God gives you and me a complete forgiveness, where the sins are erased and never to be seen again.

Who else can give us such perfect love and complete forgiveness like this?

Key verse:

DEVOTION

Psalm 103:12 He has taken our sins away from us as far as the east is from west.

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Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your sacrifices so that all my sins are forgiven and my life is redeemed from eternal death. Let me fill my life with gratitude and praises to You. Amen.



A FAITHFUL GOD!

Ave you ever been hurt by the same person over and over again? Maybe you could still forgive that person the first time it happened. But if it happens again and again, you might run out of patience and prefer not being friends anymore.

When you read this Psalm, you will remember about the Israelites' journey till they found the Promised Land. After what God had done to them, the Israelites forgot about Him and turned away from Him. After all the miracles of God they had experienced, they were unfaithful to God. It happened over and over again!

The Israelites were so quick to forget about God while God was so quick to forgive them. The God of Israel is also our God. Our God is a faithful God. The moments when you become too busy to remember Him, He still does not forget about you at all. The moments when you sin, He is so quick to open His arms, waiting for you to repent and come back to Him.

God's faithfulness is not because of who you are and what you do, but it is because of who God is. He is a faithful and forgiving God. Our faithlessness does not stop God's faithfulness.

Key verse:

Psalm 33:4 The Lord's word is true, and He is faithful in everything He does.

Prayer

Dear God, I praise You for You are not only powerful but also faithful, and your Mercy endures forever! Thank you for loving me. Amen.



PRAISE GOD IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE

This is a song of praise created by David. He expressed His praises to God for what God had done in his life. He was saying words of faith that God would deliver him. He also stated that even though he had been worried or had doubts in his heart, eventually he still trusted in God. David praised God in every circumstance of his life, both in happy and unhappy times.

It is easy to praise God in happy times but it might be difficult to do it in unhappy times. When you feel like there is no reason to praise God, remember this important fact: there is Someone who loves you deeply that He gave His life for you. He is Jesus. Your circumstances do not change this fact. He loves you all the time.

Praise God for what He did in the past, for what He is doing right now and for what He is going to do for you in the future! God is good all the time!

Key verse:

DEVOTION

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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Prayer

Dear God, I was made to praise You. I want to be thankful to You in every circumstance. I want to always glorify Your name. Amen.