

SO MANY REASONS TO DESCRIBE GOD AS WONDERFUL

TEXT: (Psalm 48:1, TPT)

¹There are so many reasons to describe God as wonderful! So many reasons to praise him with unlimited praise!

INTRODUCTION

1. "We love because he first loved us" (I John 4:19, NIV).
2. "How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?" (Psalm 116:12, NIV).
3. "But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ" (Philippians 3:7-8, NIV).
4. "I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish" (Romans 1:14, NIV).

I. REASONS TO DESCRIBE GOD AS WONDERFUL

A. God's Goodness

1. "For the LORD is good" (Psalm 100:5).
2. "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16, NIV).
3. "Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16, MSG).

B. God's Mercy

1. The apostle Paul never forgot how merciful the Lord had been to him.
 - a. "Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief" (I Timothy 1:13, NIV).
2. "Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? To surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship" (Romans 12:1, TPT).
3. "The Lord is full of compassion and mercy" (James 5:11, NIV).
4. "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:17, NIV).

II. MORE REASONS TO DESCRIBE GOD AS WONDERFUL

A. The LORD Hears Our Prayers

1. "I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy" (Psalm 116:1, NIV).
2. "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (Jeremiah 33:3, NIV).
3. "My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2, NIV).
4. "Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live" (Psalm 116:2, NIV).

B. The LORD Is Gracious and Compassionate

1. "The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion" (Psalm 116:5, NIV).
2. "Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:2-5, NIV).
3. "The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love" (Psalm 103:8, NIV).
4. "But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:4-7, NLT).

C. The LORD Protects Those in Need

1. "The LORD protects those of childlike faith; I was facing death, and he saved me" (Psalm 116:6, NIV).
2. "So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?'" (Hebrews 13:6, NIV).
3. "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19, NIV).
4. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1, NIV).
5. "For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living" (Psalm 116:8, NIV).

III. SO MANY REASONS TO PRAISE HIM

1. "So many reasons to praise him with unlimited praise!" (Psalm 48:1, TPT).
2. "How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?" (Psalm 116:12, NIV).

A. He Is My Strength

1. "He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me" (Psalm 18:16-17, NIV).
2. "All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give all of you into our hands" (I Samuel 17:47, NIV).
3. "David said to the Philistine, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied'...

As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him" (I Samuel 17:45, 48-50,

NIV).

4. "In your strength I can crush an army; with my God I can scale any wall" (Psalm 18:29, NLT).

B. He Is My Rock

1. "Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I" (Psalm 61:1-2, NIV).
2. "He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken" (Psalm 62:2, NIV).
3. "For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights" (Psalm 18:31-33, NIV).

C. He Is My Fortress

1. "In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me" (Psalm 31:1-3, NIV).
2. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3, KJV).
3. "You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you" (Psalm 91:5-7, NIV).

D. He Is My Deliverer

1. "We felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us" (II Corinthians 1:9-10, NIV).

E. He Is My God

1. "The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1, NIV).

F. He Is My Shield

1. "He is a shield for all who take refuge in him" (Psalm 18:30, NIV).

G. He Is My Horn of Salvation

1. "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David" (Luke 1:68-69, NIV).

H. He Is My Stronghold

1. "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand" (John 10:28, NIV).
2. "The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe" (Proverbs 18:10, NIV).