

A Servant's Song

1. Psalmist Approaches God Based on God's Character.

2. Psalmist Cries Out to God Based on His Relationship.

3. What Does All This Mean for Us in Christ?

CONCLUSION: How can we ever approach a righteous and faithful God in all our sinfulness? David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, not only saw a way, but rejoiced in it amidst his troubles and humbly called upon God to hear and answer his cry for deliverance. We have been given even more confidence in God's trustworthiness and holiness because of Christ. Let us cry out to God Himself, that He might hear us and answer us in His mercy.

First Kings 8:44-45; 9:3

“If your people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatever way you shall send them, and *they pray to the LORD* toward the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, then *hear in heaven their prayer* and their plea, *and maintain their cause* ... ³ And the LORD said to him, “*I have heard your prayer and your plea*, which you have made before me. I have consecrated this house that you have built, by putting my name there forever. *My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.*”

John 15:12-17

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ *No longer do I call you servants*, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that *whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.* ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Jude 1:25-27

Jude, a *servant* of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are called, *beloved in God the Father* and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for *the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints*. For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 6:17-20

So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Psalms 89:14

¹⁴ **Righteousness** and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and **faithfulness** go before you.

Isaiah 11:1-5

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,

the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and might,

the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of

the LORD.

³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with *righteousness* he shall judge the poor,

and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ *Righteousness* shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.