

His Mercy is More

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[0 : 00] Well, if we could, this morning with the Lord's help, if we could turn to Lamentations chapter 3. Lamentations chapter 3. And I just want us to consider three verses this morning.

Lamentations chapter 3, and if we read from verse 22. What it says there, the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul. Therefore, I will hope in him.

You know, have you ever had a song stuck in your head that you just can't stop singing? And it doesn't matter what other things may come into your mind or things that you might think about or even things that you might talk about.

And yet this song, it keeps coming back to you. And of course, there are many pop songs that are very catchy and they're very repetitive. And sometimes when you hear that song once, it gets stuck in your head and you can't get rid of it.

[1 : 12] Now, I'm not going to mention any particular pop songs because I don't want to be responsible for sticking that song in your head. But you know, the song which has been stuck in my head for the past few weeks is not an annoying, repetitive pop song.

Rather, it's a modern Christian hymn which has beautiful lyrics that present to us the glory of the gospel. And there's a line in this song which is repeated throughout the song.

And it's that line that always sticks in your head. And it's the line, Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

And you know, it was Keith Getty, who's a Christian singer and a Christian hymn writer. He once said, We may take in what we hear in sermons, but we take home what we sing in church.

We may take in what we sing in church. And you know, in many ways that's true because I often find myself singing the last psalm that we were just singing as we go out the door from church.

[2 : 26] And you know, but I've been singing this song, this particular Christian song for the past few weeks. And this line that's repeated throughout the song, Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

It's a wonderful reminder of who our God is and what he does with our sin. And if you've never heard this song, I hope you'll listen to it. Because the lyrics, they helpfully remind us about the wonder and glory of God's mercy towards us as sinners.

You know, the lyrics of the song, they ask, What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient or knowing, he counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam, What father so tender is calling us home, He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor, Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us, His blood was the payment, his life was the cost. We stood neath a debt we could never afford, Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

[3 : 43] And then the chorus, which is repeated throughout the song, It says, praise the Lord, his mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn, Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

You know, it's a beautiful hymn. And you know, if there were words that could sum up The book of Lamentations, and indeed our lives, It would be these words, Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

And in relation to that, I'd just like us to consider These well-known verses from the book of Lamentations. I want us to consider these three verses In Lamentations chapter 3. And I want us to look at them under three headings.

A sorrowful structure, A steadfast saviour, And a saved soul. A sorrowful structure, A steadfast saviour, And a saved soul.

So if we look first of all at a sorrowful structure, A sorrowful structure. And we'll just read our verses again. It says, The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

[4 : 52] His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, Says my soul. Therefore, I will hope in him.

You know, the book of Lamentations is a book That's full of emotion. And as the title suggests, It's a book full of lament. In fact, the book, The book of Lamentations Is a book of five funeral poems. There are five poems of lament. And these lamentations, They were written as an expression Of the heartfelt emotion and sorrow That was experienced Because of the disobedience of the Jews And the destruction of Jerusalem.

And these poetic lamentations, They were written by the prophet Jeremiah. They are the lamentations of Jeremiah. And Jeremiah wrote these lamentations In response to all that the people of God Had experienced and endured.

And they really are poetic laments. Because they're written with a sorrowful structure. And I say that they're written with a sorrowful structure Because a common feature of Hebrew poetry, Which is what these lamentations are.

[6 : 08] A common feature of Hebrew poetry Was its structure. And as a people, The Israelites, They loved Hebrew poetry. But what makes the book of Lamentations unique Is that it has what we've called A sorrowful structure.

Because each of these five poetic lamentations, They have been written as an alphabetic acrostic. An alphabetic acrostic.

Now as you know, An acrostic poem is a poem Where the first letter of each line, It spells out a specific word If you read it vertically. But in the case of Hebrew poetry, The first letter of each line, Or each verse, Would be a succeeding letter In the Hebrew alphabet.

So if you were to read an alphabetic acrostic poem, It would spell out the whole of the Hebrew alphabet. It would spell out the whole of the Hebrew alphabet.

And this was a common feature of Hebrew poetry, To have poems written as alphabetic acrostic poems. Many of the Psalms, Psalm 119, Psalm 25, They're also alphabetic acrostic poems, Or Hebrew poetry.

[7 : 25] But the book of Lamentations is unique, Because it has a sorrowful structure. Because there's not only emotion, That's expressed in these five poems, There's also a lot of thought, That has gone into these five poems.

Because all five poems, Are alphabetic acrostic poems, Where each verse begins, With a succeeding letter, Of the Hebrew alphabet.

Now there are 22 letters, In the Hebrew alphabet. Hence the reason why there are 22 verses, In chapters 1 and 2, And then also 4 and 5.

Each verse begins, With a succeeding letter, Of the Hebrew alphabet. But when you come to chapter 3, There are three verses, For each succeeding letter, Of the Hebrew alphabet.

Which is why there are, Three times 22 verses, There are 66 verses, In Lamentations chapter 3. But more than that, Chapter 3 is the middle chapter, Of this book.

[8 : 33] And you know, The Hebrews, They loved structure. They loved structure. That's why they have this, Alphabetic acrostic poem. They loved structure. And this chapter, Chapter 3, It's the middle chapter of the book, And it has been given, Three times as many verses, As the chapters on either side of it, In order to heighten the sorrow.

It's an emphasis. It's a structural emphasis, To emphasize to us, That this book has a structure, Of sorrow. It has a sorrowful structure.

And so the book of Lamentations, Has a sorrowful structure, That laments, The disobedience of the Jews, And the destruction, Of Jerusalem. And these poems of lament, They were written by Jeremiah, As this sequel to the events, Which Jeremiah prophesied, Throughout his ministry. In fact, Jeremiah was the last, In a whole line of prophets, Whose ministry centered upon, Calling the nation of Israel, To repentance. Because as you know, The Israelites, They were God's covenant people.

They were God's special people. And they were to, Love the Lord, And only serve him. But instead of loving the Lord, The nation of Israel, They turned away from the Lord, And they sought, To serve

themselves.

[9 : 56] And they did that, By doing what was right, In their own eyes. And for decades, The Israelites, They bowed down to idols, And they worshipped, All these false gods, And the more they did it, The more they moved, Further and further away, From the Lord.

But you know, It was out of love, For the Lord, For the Lord's people. It was out of, Long suffering, Towards these Israelites, That the Lord, Sent prophet, After prophet, After prophet, To call the Israelites, To repentance.

And the Israelites, They were warned, They were warned by the Lord, That if they didn't repent, Then the Lord would, Pour out his wrath, In judgment.

But you know, It didn't matter, How many prophets, The Lord sent. The nation of Israel, Wasn't listening. And the same was true, With the ministry of Jeremiah. Jeremiah was this, Young preacher, Who took his role, Very seriously.

And he knew, That his message, Was of the utmost importance. And Jeremiah, He felt the burden, Of his message. And he felt it so much, That he often preached, With tears.

[11 : 06] Jeremiah's tears, They flowed from, His broken heart, As he preached, To a people, Who weren't listening, To God's word. Who weren't repenting, Of their sins, And turning back, To the Lord.

That's why Jeremiah, Is often regarded, As the weeping prophet. Because he wept, Over the state, Of his nation. He wept over, The hardness, Of people's hearts. He wept over, The fact that this nation, Had rejected, The word of God.

And despite, Pleading with the, With the people, To turn from their sin, And to turn to the Lord, In repentance. No one was paying attention. And you know my friend, I believe that Jeremiah, Jeremiah was a man whom, Every minister can relate to.

You know I believe that every minister knows, How Jeremiah felt. Because like Jeremiah, Every minister knows, What it is to weep, Over the souls that are under his care.

Every minister knows, What it is to be burdened, Because of the hardness of people's hearts. Every minister knows, What it is to be burdened, Because of their congregation's, Stubborn refusal to repent of their sin.

[12 : 22] Every minister knows, What it is to be burdened, For souls, That are not seeking the Lord's forgiveness. My friend, Every minister knows, What it is to have people, In their congregation, Who defiantly, And disobediently, Disregard the danger, That they're in.

But you know what, What people don't realize, Like those from, Those whom Jeremiah preached to, What people don't realize, Is that disregarding, The danger, That they're in, It leads to the Lord's wrath, Being poured out, In judgment.

And that's what happened to the Israelites, Which is what we were reading, In 2nd Kings chapter 24, The Israelites, They disregarded the danger they were in, They ignored the message, To repent, They didn't see, The importance of turning back to the Lord, They disregarded, The danger they were in, And the disobedience of the Jews, It led to the destruction, Of Jerusalem, Because as we were reading there, In 2nd Kings 24, In the summer of, 586 BC, The appointed time, Finally came, For the Lord, To pour out his wrath, And judgment, And the Lord did that, By allowing, Nebuchadnezzar, The king of Babylon, He allowed him, To invade Jerusalem, And destroy the city, And destroy the sanctuary, My friend, When the judgment of God, Finally came, The Babylonians, Surrounded the city of Jerusalem, So that the Israelites, And the king, Couldn't escape, And as the Babylonian army,

Moved in, They destroyed the temple, They ransacked the palace, They burned Jerusalem, To the ground, It was a scene of destruction, Devastation, And death, But you know, The sad thing is, The people didn't listen, This is what Jeremiah, Had promised would happen, If they didn't turn, To the Lord of repentance, The Lord, Jeremiah had promised, That the Lord would pour out, His wrath in judgment, And you know, When you read through, These lamentations, Of Jeremiah, When you read through, This sorrowful structure, Jeremiah, He is lamenting, At the wrath of God, Being revealed, He's weeping, Over the fact, That God, Has revealed his wrath, Through the invasion, Of the Babylonians, And that there is now, So much sorrow, And suffering, In the city, My friend, Their sin, Their sin, Brought suffering, And sorrow,

Their sin, Brought suffering, And sorrow, Because they didn't repent, Their sin, Brought suffering, And sorrow, And that's what sin does, It always brings, Suffering and sorrow, Under the wrath, And judgment of God, But you know, What these verses, These three verses, In the book of

Lamentations, What they're reminding us, Is that out of a sorrowful structure, Shines the promise, Of a steadfast saviour, Out of a sorrowful structure, Shines the promise, Of a steadfast saviour, And that's what I want us to see secondly, A steadfast saviour, So we have a sorrowful structure, And then a steadfast saviour, A steadfast saviour, Where we're told in our verses, 22 to 24, The steadfast love of the Lord, Never ceases, His mercies, Never come to an end,

[16:04] They are new every morning, Great is your faithfulness, The Lord is my portion, Says my soul, Therefore, I will hope, In him, As we said, The book of Lamentations, Has a sorrowful structure, Because it's made up of, Five alphabetic acrostic poems, Where each verse, It begins with, A succeeding letter, Of the Hebrew alphabet, But in this chapter, There are three verses, For each succeeding letter, Of the Hebrew alphabet, Which means that, These three verses, Verses 22 to 24, These verses in Lamentations chapter 3, They all begin, With the same Hebrew letter, They all begin with the eighth letter, In the Hebrew alphabet, Which is the letter, Chet, But it's not the Hebrew letter, That we need to remember, It's that, Out of a sorrowful structure, Shines the promise, Of a steadfast saviour, Out of a sorrowful structure, Shines the promise,

Of a steadfast saviour, Because here, In this, In these verses, Jeremiah, He's lamenting, That the wrath of God, Has been revealed, Against the disobedience, Of the Jews, And the destruction, Of Jerusalem, Because as we said, As a nation, The Israelites, They had turned their back, Upon the Lord, They had turned their back, Upon the Lord, Preferring sin, And pleasing self, Instead of praising, The saviour, And as a consequence, The Lord revealed, His wrath, In order to bring, The nation to its knees, The Lord revealed, His wrath, In order to bring, The nation, To its knees, And you know my friends, Sometimes that's what the Lord does, With our sin, The Lord reveals, His wrath, So that we'll be brought, To our knees, He reveals, His wrath, So that we'll be brought, To our knees, And you know, Sometimes I wonder, If the coronavirus, Is a result of, Only a small part, Of the Lord's wrath, Being revealed, Because as nations, The truth is, As nations, We have preferred sin, And we have pleased self, Instead of praising, The saviour, We have preferred sin, And pleasing self, Instead of praising, The saviour, And these things, They have brought, Suffering and sorrow, Into our experience, In order to bring us, To our knees, In order to bring us, To our knees, But you know, Some will say, How can the coronavirus, Be God's wrath?

Because, How can, A loving God, Allow so many people, To die? How can he allow, So much suffering? How can he allow, All this to happen?

But you know, The nation of Israel, They ask the same question, When the wrath of God, Was revealed against them, In fact, Before the book of lamentations, Was called, The book of lamentations, It was called, How?

[19:05] The book of lamentations, Was called, How? Because the Israelites, They, Like many others, They wonder, How can a loving God, Reveal his wrath?

How can, He allow all this suffering? How can a loving God, Permit this destruction, And devastation, And death? How? But you know, Is that not, The age old question?

How can a loving God, Send people to hell? How can a loving God, Reveal his wrath? How can a loving God, Bring judgment? My friend, Just because God is love, And God is loving, Doesn't mean that he loves, Everything.

Because God doesn't love sin, God loathes sin, And God loathes all sin, Not just the sin of murder, Or the sin of abuse, Or the sin of pride, Or the sin of selfishness, No, As a holy God, God loathes all sin, God loathes our sin, But because God is loving, He does something about it, And that's the good news, Because if God wasn't loving, He wouldn't care about sin, If God wasn't loving, He wouldn't be interested in justice, If God wasn't loving, He would have no concern, For what's right, But it's because God is loving, That he loathes sin, It's because God is loving, That he's just, It's because God is loving, That he brings judgment, It's because God is loving, That hell actually exists, My friend, God loathes our sin, But it's because God is loving, That he has done something about it, And this is where,

Out of a sorrowful structure, Shines the promise, Of a steadfast saviour, Because Jeremiah says, The steadfast love of the Lord, Never ceases, His mercies, Never come to an end, They are new, Every morning, Great is your faithfulness, My friend, You know, The Lord has, Every right, He has every right, To loathe our sin, To reveal his wrath, Towards us, To pour out his punishment, Upon us, To bring justice, And judgment against us, And to hurl us, Into hell, For all eternity, The Lord has every right, To do it, And yet, In these verses, We're given the promise, Of a steadfast saviour, And what we're told, About this steadfast saviour, Is that his love, Never ceases, And his mercies, Never

come to an end, His love and mercy, Is infinite,

[21 : 49] Immeasurable, And inexhaustible, His love and mercy, Is infinite, Immeasurable, And inexhaustible, And the fact, That his love and mercy, Never comes to an end, Is what proves, He is a steadfast saviour, He is a steadfast saviour, And the thing about him is, That his steadfast love, Is undeserved, It's unbreakable, It's unrestricted, It's unconditional, And it's unchanging covenant love, And his mercy, His mercies that, Never come to an end, His mercy my friend, Means that we don't, Receive what we deserve, We do not receive, What we deserve, Because what we deserve, Because of our sin, What we deserve, Because of our sin, Is that this, Holy and loving God, What we deserve, Is that he loathes our sin, That he reveals his wrath, That he pours out,

His punishment upon us, That he brings justice, And judgment against us, And that he hurls us, Into hell for all of eternity, That's what we deserve, But because, His love and mercy, Never come to an end, Because his love and mercy, Is infinite, And immeasurable, And inexhaustible, We do not receive, What we deserve, In other words, My friend, Our sins, They are many, But his mercy, Is more, Our sins, They are many, His mercy, Is more, And that's the good news, Of the gospel, That even though, God loathes our sin, God has lovingly, Done something about it, In the person, Of Jesus Christ, Because it was out of love, And mercy, That God sent, A steadfast saviour, It was out of love, And mercy, That the steadfast saviour, Lived the life,

We should have lived, And died the death, We deserve to die, It was out of love, And mercy, That the steadfast saviour, Was lifted up, Upon a Roman cross, It was out of love, And mercy, That the steadfast saviour, Became sin, For us, And it was out of love, And mercy, That God, Revealed his wrath, And poured out his punishment, And brought justice, And judgment, Against our sin, And hurled our hell, At the steadfast saviour, At Calvary, My friend, The good news, Of the gospel, Is that even though, God loathes our sin, God has lovingly, Done something about it, In the person, Of Jesus Christ, God has demonstrated, His love towards us, He's demonstrated, His love and mercy, Towards us, In that whilst we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, What a steadfast saviour we have,

And that he saved us, Says to us on the pages of scripture, Greater love hath no man than this, That a man lay down his life for his friends, You are my friends, If you do whatsoever, I command you, You know my friend, Jeremiah is reminding us this morning, That out of a sorrowful structure, Shines the promise of a steadfast saviour, Out of a sorrowful structure, Shines the promise of a steadfast saviour, And the love and mercy of this steadfast saviour, Is infinite, Immeasurable, And inexhaustible, Because, This steadfast saviour, He says to us, Our sins they are many, His mercy is more, Our sins they are many, His mercy is more, And the mercy of this steadfast saviour, We're told there, It's new each morning, His mercies are new each morning, Why? Why? Because the faithfulness of this steadfast saviour, Is great, And you know my friend, That means that you have another opportunity this morning, To come and embrace this steadfast saviour, Because with this new morning, You have a new mercy, And you have a new opportunity, You have a new opportunity to cast yourself, Upon the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, My friend, Through the good news of this steadfast saviour, You have a new opportunity this morning, To be a saved soul, You have a new opportunity this morning, To be a saved soul, And that's what we see lastly, A saved soul, A sorrowful structure, A steadfast saviour, And a saved soul, A saved soul, We'll read our verses again,

[26 : 56] The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end, They are new every morning, Great is your faithfulness, The Lord is my portion, Says my soul, Therefore I will hope in him, You know, When we consider these verses, These beautiful verses, We see that out of a sorrowful structure, Shines the promise of a steadfast saviour, And the promise is that his love and mercy, They are new to us today, The sins of yesterday, They are able to be dealt with, But today is a new day, My friend, Today is a new opportunity, Today is a new beginning, Today is the day of salvation, And as the Bible says, Now is the accepted time, To come and be a saved soul, But you know, How does a sinful soul become a saved soul?

How does a sinful soul become a saved soul? Well, Jeremiah tells us that, It's all about where you place your hope, Because Jeremiah confesses in verse 24, He says, The Lord is my portion, Says my soul, Therefore I will hope in him, Jeremiah says that, He is a saved soul, Because he can confess from the depths of his soul, The Lord is my portion, The Lord is my inheritance, The Lord is my righteousness, The Lord is my light, The Lord is my salvation, The Lord is my shepherd, But you know, Why does Jeremiah have this confession, The confession of a Christian, Why does he have

that confession?

It's because he can say that, Jesus Christ is my hope, He is my confidence, He is my assurance, He is my rock, He is my fortress, He is my shield, He is my high tower, He is my salvation, And it's not in anything that I've done, But it's all in him, And him alone, As the psalmist says in Psalm 62, He only my salvation is, And my strong rock is he, He only is my sure defence, Much moved I shall not be, And so how does a sinful soul become a saved soul?

Well, it's if your hope, Your hope is in anything that you have, That you do or have done, Then you're not a saved soul, My friend, If your hope is in anything that you do, Or have done, Then you're not a saved soul, If your hope this morning, Is in being a good person, With a good upbringing, And good morals, And a good standing in the community, Then you're not a saved soul, If your hope of standing before God, On the last day, And saying to him, That your hope is based in your baptism, Or your Bible knowledge, Or your behaviour, Then you're not a saved soul, If your hope is in your religion, Or your regular sermon watching on a Sunday morning, Or your reading of Christian books, Then you're not a saved soul, If your hope is in your prayers, Or your parish, Or even your profession, Then you're not a saved soul, Because if your hope is in anything other, Than Jesus Christ, And Jesus Christ alone, Then you're not a saved soul, If your hope is in anything other, Than the love and mercy of God, Shown and demonstrated in the person of Jesus Christ, Then you're not a saved soul, If your hope is in anything other, Than the cross, Upon which the Prince of Glory died, And what he has done in your place, Then you're not a saved soul, Your hope must be in him, And him alone, Your confession must be about him, And him alone, Your salvation must be centred on him, And him alone, If it's placed anywhere else, My friend, You're not a saved soul, And so how does a sinful soul, Become a saved soul?

[31 : 12] My friend, It's all about where you place your hope, It's all about where you place your hope, Because you need to place your hope, And confidence, In the never ending love, And mercy of Jesus Christ, You need to place your hope and confidence, In the infinite, Immeasurable and inexhaustible love, And mercy of Jesus Christ, You need to come my friend, And cast yourself, Upon the love and mercy, Of Jesus Christ, Because what Jeremiah is reminding us this morning, In these beautiful verses, Is that out of a sorrowful structure, Shines the promise of a steadfast saviour, And this steadfast saviour, Is able to transform your sinful soul, Into a saved soul, And all you need to do, Is come and place your hope, And confidence, In him, And him alone, My friend, The love and mercy of Jesus Christ, It is new to us today,

It is on offer to us, Today, And today, It's a new day, Today is a new day, Today is a new opportunity, Today is a new beginning, Today is the day of salvation, And now is the accepted time to come, Now is the accepted time to come, And be a saved soul, Because, Because, my friend, Come, Come, Because our sins they are many, His mercy is more, Come, Because our sins they are many, His mercy is more, And you know, I just love those lyrics, The lyrics of that hymn, What love could remember, No wrongs we have done, Omniscient, All-knowing, He counts not their sum, Thrown into a sea, Without bottom or shore, Our sins they are many, His mercy is more, What patience would wait, As we constantly roam, What father so tender, Is calling us home, He welcomes the weakest, The vilest, The poor, Our sins they are many, His mercy is more, What riches of kindness, He lavished on us, His blood was the payment, His life was the cost, We stood neath a debt, We could never afford, Our sins they are many, His mercy is more, Praise the Lord, His mercy is more, Stronger than darkness, New every morn, Our sins they are many, His mercy is more, Our sins they are many, His mercy is more, My friend, You come, You come this morning, Because out of a sorrowful structure, Is shining before us, A steadfast saviour, Who promises to change, And transform your sinful soul,

Into a saved soul, So come, Because, Our sins they are many, But His mercy, Is more, May the Lord bless these thoughts to us, And let us pray together, O Lord, Our gracious God, We marvel at the wonder of Thy mercy, That our sins they are many, But His mercy is more, And we thank Thee, Lord, That the blood of Jesus Christ, Cleanses us from all sin, We give thanks that, That we are able to come, And to confess our sin, Being assured of the promise, That the Lord, A God who is faithful and just, To forgive us our sin, And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, Bless Thy truth to us, We pray, Help us to see, To see our steadfast saviour, Shining before us, In the pages of scripture, We thank Thee for him,

For his faithfulness, That we could say, Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord, We thank Thee, For Thy goodness to us, Bless us then, We pray, Bless Thy truth to our souls, That it would build us up, And

encourage us to seek the Lord, While He is to be found, And call upon Him, While He is near,
Cleanse us then, We pray, For we ask it in Jesus' name, And for His sake, Amen.

[35 : 48] Well, We're going to bring our time, To a conclusion, By singing the words of Psalm 25,
Psalm 25, In the Scottish Psalter, We're singing from, The beginning down to the verse, Mark 7,
Psalm 25, And as we mentioned earlier, Psalm 25 is, An alphabetic, Acrostic poem, And with each,
Succeeding verse, Of the psalm, It is a different letter, Of the alphabet, Of the Hebrew alphabet,
That's why there's 22, Verses in the psalm, There are 22 letters, In the Hebrew alphabet, But this
psalm, It reminds us, About the mercy of God, How God is so tender, And so gracious towards us,
That He even, Chooses to remember our sins, No more, Psalm 25, We're singing from the
beginning, To Thee I lift my soul, O Lord, I trust in Thee, My God, Let me not be ashamed, Nor foes,
Triumph for me, I'm going to sing down to the verse marked 7,

Which reads, My sins and faults of youth, Do thou, O Lord, Forget, After Thy mercy, Think on me,
And for Thy goodness great, These verses of Psalm 25, To God's praise.

To Thee I lift my soul, O Lord, I trust in Thee, My God, Let me in all be ashamed, Nor foes, Nor
foes, Triumph for me, Let them that wage on Thee, Be good to shame at all, But those that with the
cost and strength, Will shape upon them fall,

Show me Thy ways, O Lord, Thy path to teach Thee, And to Thee, And to Thee, Be in Thy truth,
There lay my teacher free, For Thou art gone, Thou art gone, Thou art done, To me salvation said,
And I upon Thee all the day, Expecting to attend,

My tender mercies, Lord, I pray Thee to remember, And loving kindnesses for Thee, A pain of hope
forever, My sins and faults of You, Do Thou art, O Lord, Forget, After Thy mercy, Think on me,

[40 : 16] And for Thy goodness great. During the time, all weary wondrous.* Blessing gentle.

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