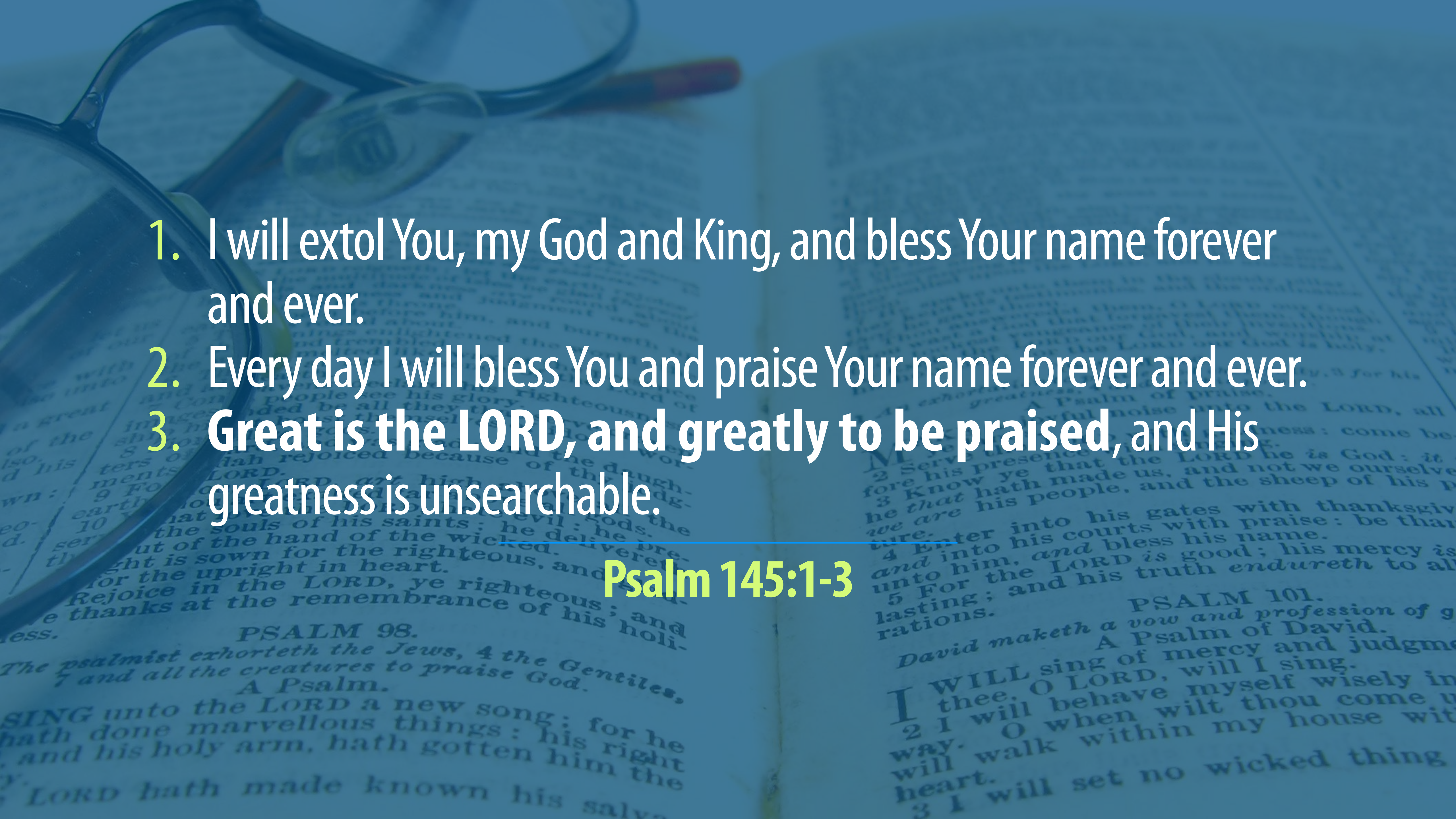


A silhouette of a person stands with their back to the camera, arms raised high in a gesture of praise or worship. They are positioned in the center of the frame, set against a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the lower-left corner, casting a warm, golden light across the horizon and the lower half of the image. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a darker, purplish-blue at the top. Wispy clouds are scattered throughout, catching the low light of the sun. The overall mood is one of awe, devotion, and spiritual uplift.

Great is the Lord
& Greatly to Be Praised

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1. I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.
2. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.
3. **Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.**

Psalm 145:1-3

The Reasons to Worship God are Limitless

The truth of it all, the supreme reason God created us was to have a relationship with us in which we would worship Him, first & foremost.

- ▶ He is full of glory: Psalm 138:5
- ▶ He is great: Psalm 145:3
- ▶ He is wise & powerful: Daniel 2:20
- ▶ He is good: Psalm 10:8
- ▶ He is merciful & faithful: Psalm 89:1

and so much more

- ▶ He is the One who saves us: Psalm 18:46
- ▶ He keeps His promises: 1 Kings 8:56
- ▶ He pardons, removes & forgets confessed sin: Psalm 103:1-3
- ▶ He provides our every need & gives us our daily food: Psalm 136:25 & the LORD's Prayer in Matthew 6
- ▶ He is our strong tower & protector: Proverbs 18:10
- ▶ He is our guide, He has sent the Holy Spirit: John 14:26

We were created to worship God

- ▶ ALL humans are born with a deep, inner longing to understand our eternal purpose & know our infinite Creator.
- ▶ We yearn for something more, something greater than ourselves.

Buzz Aldrin the 2nd man to walk on the moon (Apollo 11, 1969) was so struck by the whole experience & revelation of creation he said:

“I could think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God.”

Aldrin took Communion on the Moon & on the voyage back to Earth he publicly broadcast his reading of two verses from Psalm 8.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8: 1 & 9

3. When I consider thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers,
the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

4. What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the
son of man, that Thou visitest him?

Psalm 8: 3-4

1. Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendour of holiness.

Psalms 29:1-2

PSALM 98.

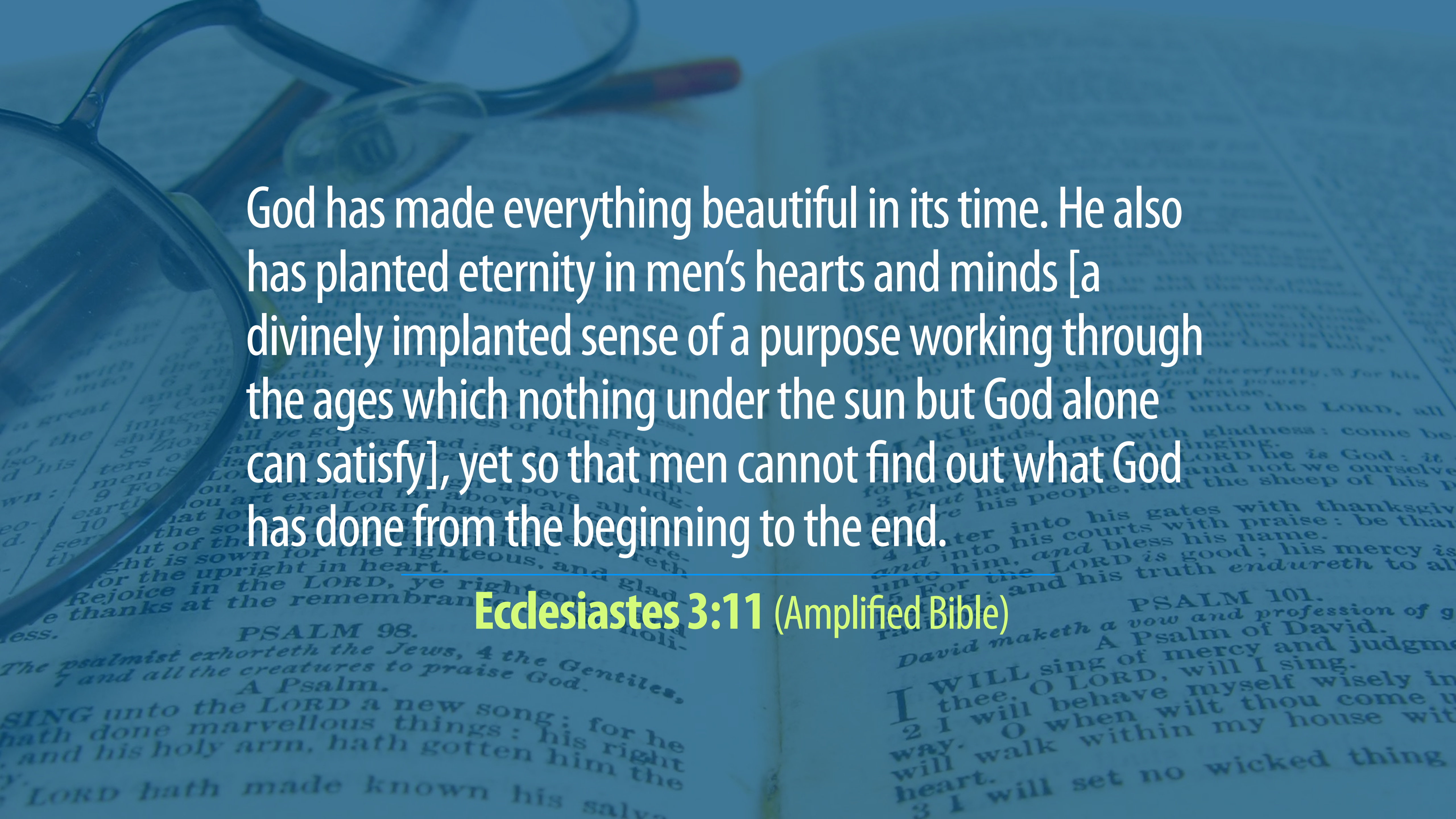
The psalmist exhorteth the Jews, & the Gentiles, and all the creatures to praise God.
A Psalm.

SING unto the LORD a new song: for he hath done marvellous things: his right arm, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. The LORD hath made known his salva-

PSALM 101.

David maketh a vow and profession of godliness.
A Psalm of David.

I WILL sing of mercy and judgment unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.
2 I will behave myself wisely in mine own way. O when wilt thou come up to my house?
3 I will set no wicked thing before me.



God has made everything beautiful in its time. He also has planted eternity in men's hearts and minds [a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy], yet so that men cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (Amplified Bible)

19. For that which is known about God is evident to them and made plain in their inner consciousness, because God [Himself] has shown it to them.

20. For ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature and attributes, that is, His eternal power and divinity, have been made intelligible and clearly discernible in and through the things that have been made (His handiworks). So [men] are without excuse [altogether without any defence or justification].

Romans 1:19-20 (Amplified Bible)

But seek first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness, and all
these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

God more than satisfies!

What Is Worship?

To worship is to recognise, honour & express the worthiness of God that He is due as our Maker & as our Heavenly Father.

Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.

Revelation 4:11

We worship by giving thanks to the Father who sent His Son Jesus Christ as our Redeemer:

- 12.** Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
- 13.** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
- 14.** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:12-14

Worship is part of our daily relationship with God.

- 21. The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end;
- 22. they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

Hebrews 13:15

Through worship, we celebrate God's presence & power.

We grow closer to Him as He speaks to our hearts & makes His abode in our lives. His will becomes our will, & we are transformed.

And we all, with unveiled face, **beholding the glory of the Lord**, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

Not only does worship change us, but it also makes God known to others through us & changes their lives too.

He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what He has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the LORD.

Psalm 40:3

What does Worship do in us?

Psalm 22:3 tells us that "God inhabits the praises of His people."

- ▶ God is pictured as a King reigning in the midst of His redeemed people as they praise Him.
- ▶ God deserves our free worship, but we, in turn, benefit from it.
- ▶ What could be better than to find and fulfil your ultimate purpose, to worship God & fulfil His plans for you on earth, then spend all eternity with Him!

17. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

18. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

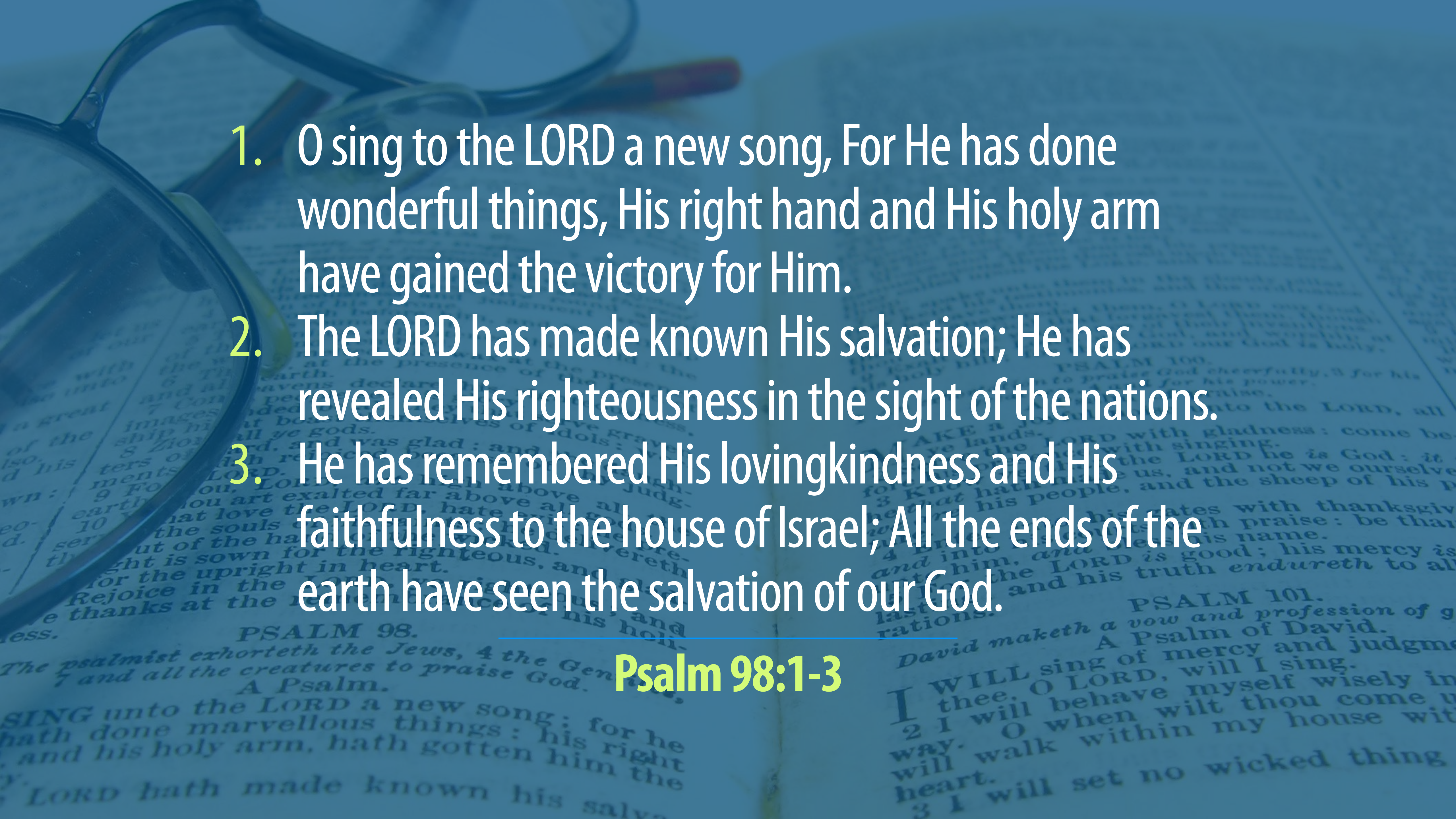
James 1:17-18

How do we express our Worship to God?

1. Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.
2. Serve the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.
3. Know that the LORD Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
4. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.
5. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Psalms 100:1-5

- ▶ Scripture tells us to shout, sing, declare, clap our hands, dance, play instruments, celebrate & rejoice!
- ▶ We can kneel, prostrate ourselves, meditate in our hearts, whisper our praise & petitions to God.
- ▶ Use Scripture if you can't find the words yourself. David's Psalms are songs full of praise & worship of our mighty God.
- ▶ Read out loud the Word of God.

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1. O sing to the LORD a new song, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.
 2. The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
 3. He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Psalm 98:1-3



4. Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.

5. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with
the lyre and the sound of melody.

6. With trumpets and the sound of the horn.
Shout joyfully before the King, the LORD.

7. Let the sea roar and all it contains, the world
and those who dwell in it.

8. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the
mountains sing together for joy.

Psalm 98:4-8

- ▶ Be obedient to the Word of God & to all He might speak to you. A surrendered life brings glory to God & it pleases Him.
- ▶ Worship God in the tough, dark times. That takes determination & character & shows a true understanding of who God is. He is good all the time & He knows what He is doing in our lives & therefore we trust Him in everything.

15. Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

16. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:15-16

Samuel records King David as saying "I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing."

Worship God with thanksgiving.

- 16. Rejoice always,
- 17. pray without ceasing,
- 18. give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- ▶ We can grieve & still be thankful.
- ▶ We can hurt & still be thankful.
- ▶ We can be angry at sin & still be thankful toward God.
- ▶ Giving thanks to God keeps our hearts in right relationship with Him & saves us from a host of harmful emotions & attitudes that will rob us of the peace God wants us to experience.

Expressing our Worship to God:

- ▶ Scripture tells us to declare & express our worship.
- ▶ We can come reverently & quietly.
- ▶ Use Scripture, especially David's Psalms.
- ▶ Be obedient to the Word. A surrendered life brings glory to God.
- ▶ Worship God in the tough, dark times. It shows we trust Him in everything.
- ▶ Worship God with thanksgiving.

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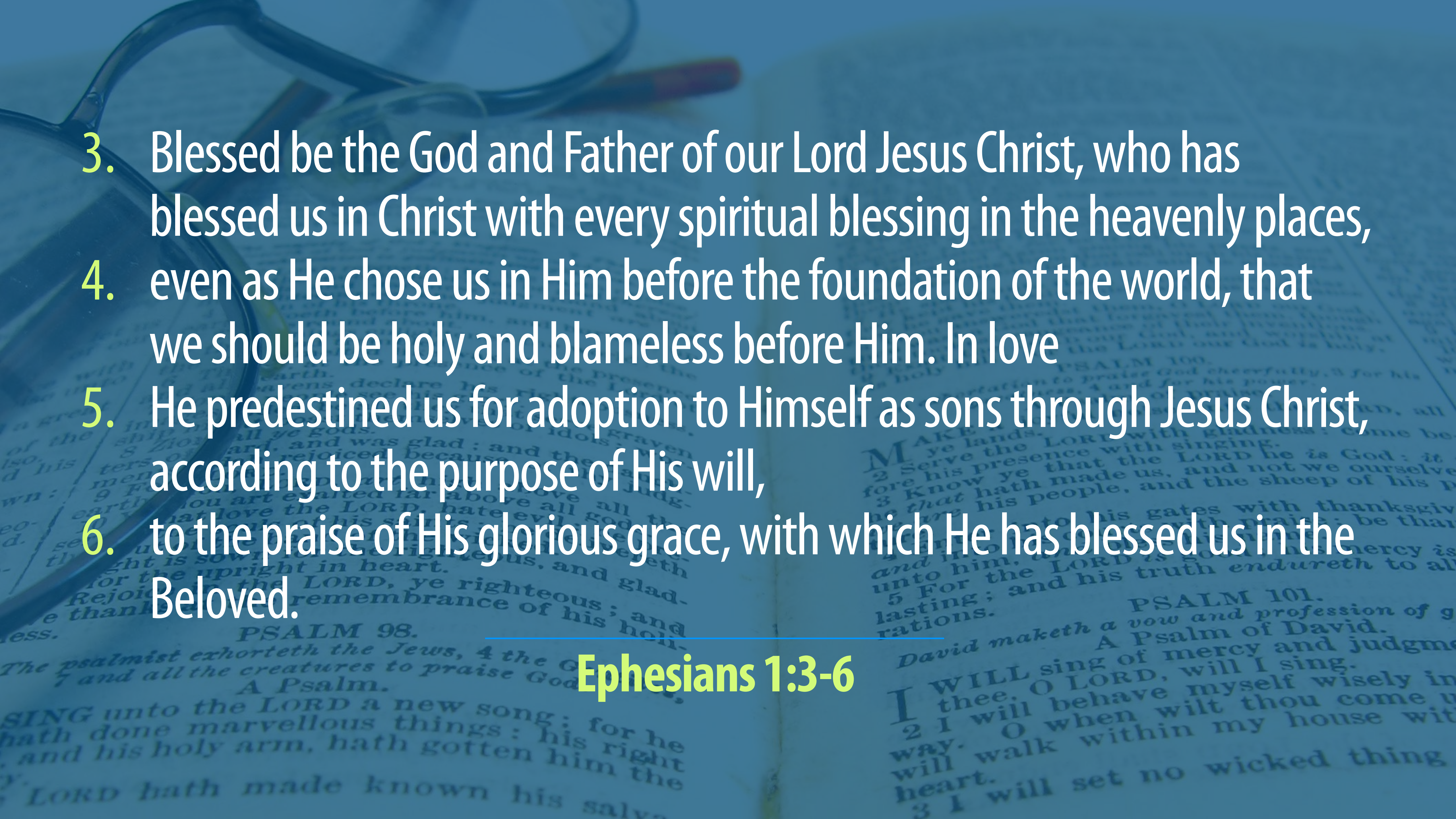
- ▶ He is “preeminent, above the norm, or distinguished.” He exhibits superior character or quality which sets Him apart from all human beings & calls attention to His worthiness to be worshiped & adored
- ▶ Great are His wondrous works
- ▶ Great is His patience & forbearance toward us
- ▶ Great is His might & power
- ▶ Great is His love & faithfulness
- ▶ SO Great is His desire to have a relationship with us that He went to extreme lengths on our behalf

Great is His Plan of Salvation:

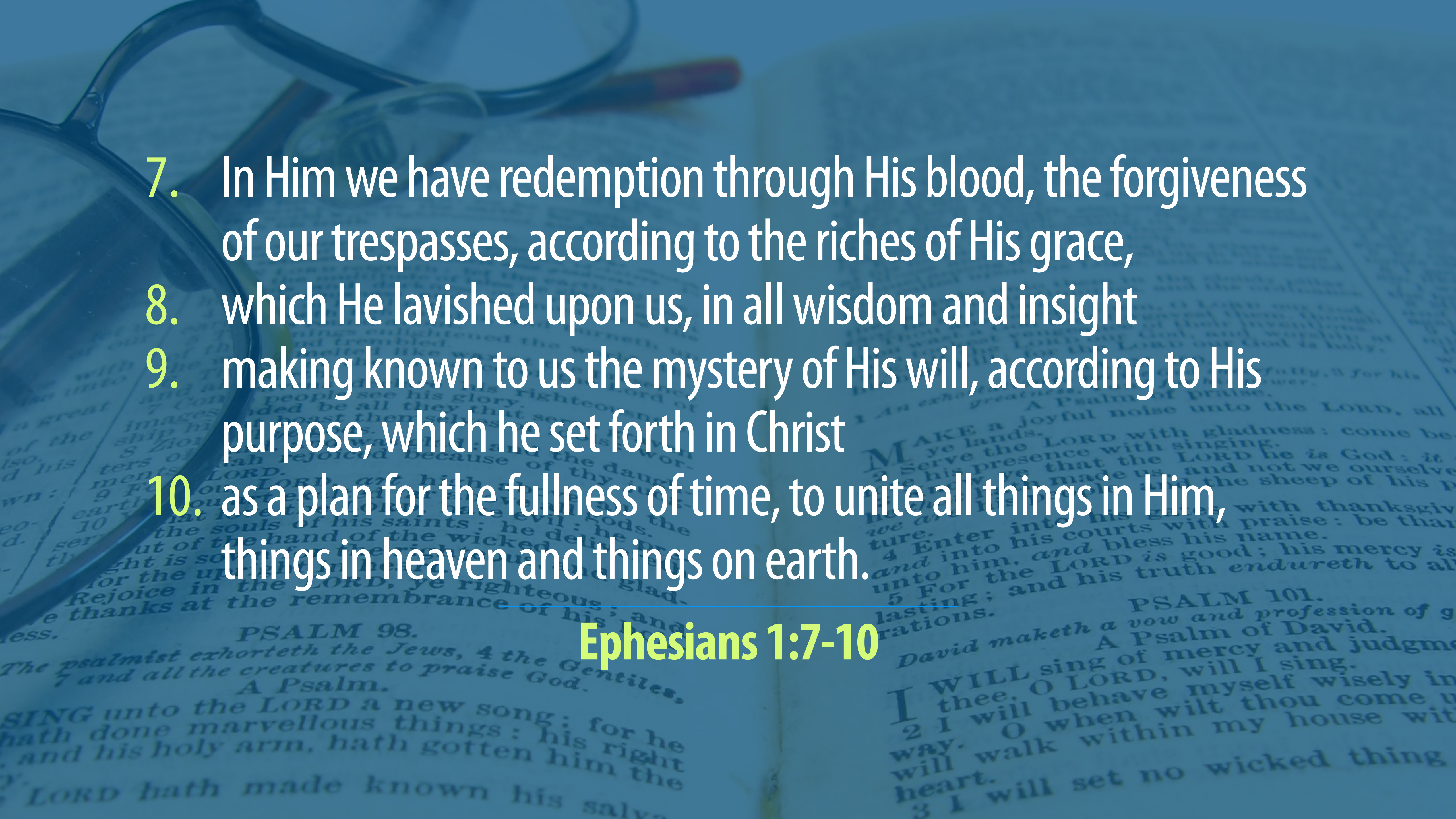
- ▶ God uniquely created & knew you from before time even began.
- ▶ God loves you & wants a personal relationship with you.
- ▶ Sin inherited from Adam & Eve's rebellion dwells within us all & separates us from a relationship with our Heavenly Father.
- ▶ Payment needed to be paid to satisfy God's holiness & the justice His holiness demands.

Great is His Plan of Salvation:

- ▶ God's Son, Jesus Christ, was the only one pure enough to pay that price for our sins.
- ▶ Jesus sacrificed His own life on the Cross at Calvary, to ransom & redeem all those who would believe, confess their sin & become wholehearted followers of Him.
- ▶ The Holy Spirit comes & dwells within us forever to enable us to walk the narrow Christian path that leads to eternal life.

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3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
4. even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love
5. He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will,
6. to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:3-6

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7. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,
8. which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight
9. making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which he set forth in Christ
10. as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:7-10