



Metaphors of Mercy  
and the  
Experience of Heaven

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I wish we'd all been ready....





One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

(Psalm 27:4)



In whom we have redemption through his blood,

the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace...

(Ephesians 1:7)



If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to  
forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all  
unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9)

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no  
sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God  
in him.

(2 Corinthians 5:21)

For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them  
that are sanctified.

(Hebrews 10:14)

...now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh  
through death,

to present you holy and unblameable and  
unreproveable in his sight...

(Colossians 1:21f)



...many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 8:11)

Ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God,  
the heavenly Jerusalem,

and to an innumerable company of angels,

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn...

and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect...

(Hebrews 12:22f)

Ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

(2 Corinthians 6:16)

In my Father's house are many mansions...

(John 14:2)



That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the  
knowledge of him:

the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;  
that ye may know what is the hope of his calling,  
and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,  
and what is the exceeding greatness of his power  
to us-ward who believe,  
according to the working of his mighty power,  
which he wrought in Christ,  
when he raised him from the dead,  
and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places...  
and hath raised us up together,  
and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus...

(Ephesians 1:17f)



Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles,  
but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

Labour not for the meat which perisheth,  
but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life,  
which the Son of man shall give unto you...

(John 6:26f)



Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited  
and redeemed his people...  
to perform the mercy promised to our fathers,  
and to remember his holy covenant...  
to give knowledge of salvation unto his people  
by the remission of their sins,  
through the tender mercy of our God...

(Luke 1:68f)



When the Son of man shall come in his glory,  
and all the holy angels with him,  
then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:  
and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another,  
as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:  
and he shall set the sheep on his right hand,  
but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand,  
Come, ye blessed of my Father,  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:  
For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat:  
I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:  
Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me:  
I was in prison, and ye came unto me.  
Then shall the righteous answer him, saying,  
Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?  
When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in?  
or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison,  
and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them,  
Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it  
unto one of the least of these my brethren,  
ye have done it unto me.

(Matthew 25:32f)

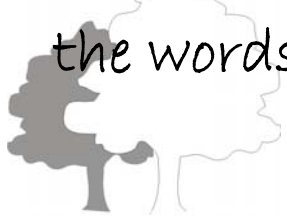




Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven...  
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:  
for they shall be filled.  
(Matthew 5:3f)

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me  
hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life.  
Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.  
This is the bread which cometh down from heaven,  
that a man may eat thereof, and not die.  
I am the living bread which came down from heaven:  
if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever:  
and the bread that I will give is my flesh,  
which I will give for the life of the world...

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing:  
the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.  
(John 6:47f)



"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat"



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They shall feed in the ways,  
and their pastures shall be in all high places.

They shall not hunger nor thirst;  
neither shall the heat nor sun smite them:  
for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them,  
even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

(Isaiah 49:9f)

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts,  
to the which also ye are called in one body;  
and be ye thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;  
teaching and admonishing one another  
in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

(Colossians 3:15f)



“I was naked, and you clothed me”

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion,  
to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,  
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
that they might be called trees of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified...

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God;  
for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness...

(Isaiah 61:3f)



"I was a stranger, and you invited me in"

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ...

that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross...

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

(Ephesians 2:11f)



“I was a stranger, and you invited me in”

For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel,  
and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them,  
and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

(Isaiah 14:1)

Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD,  
and my God shall be my strength. And he said,  
It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob,  
and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles,  
that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

(Isaiah 49:5f)

And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse,  
which shall stand for an ensign of the people;  
to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

(Isaiah 11:10)



Is not this the fast that I have chosen?... Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry,  
and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?  
when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him;  
and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?  
Then shall thy light break forth as the morning,  
and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee;  
the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.  
Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer;  
thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am.  
If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke,  
the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;  
And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry,  
and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity,  
and thy darkness be as the noonday: And the LORD shall guide thee continually,  
and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones:  
and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water,  
whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places:  
thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations;  
and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach,  
The restorer of paths to dwell in... Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD;  
and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth,  
and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father:  
for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

(Isaiah 58:6f)

