

[00:00:00] *hope: Welcome to the Hope Church Glasgow Sunday podcast. We pray you encounter God's love afresh today. Find out more about us@hopechurchglasgow.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram. Now, please enjoy this week's podcast.

[00:00:19] John: So, Father, we just want to ask that right now, Lord, would you open the eyes of our hearts?

Would you allow us to be alert?

Would you come, spirit of wisdom and revelation?

And would you do something in our midst today as we listen to your word, as we as we lift our eyes to you, God, would you do something that's going to shift us into the next gear for this next? Would you do something that's going to facilitate a breakthrough in our lives? And even if it doesn't look like what we think it should look like, God, we just want to ask that you would come and just open the eyes of our hearts to see you more clearly.

We want to walk with you, God, you are our chief desire.

And we just pray that you'd meet us in this place in Jesus name.

Amen.

Well, we are going through Psalm 103.

We started this before the summer and the whole point of Psalm 103 is Remember who the Lord is and do not forget his benefits.

There are so many challenges walking in this fallen world. We all encounter them and it's so sometimes just so key to remember who he is. And we redirect our focus onto the one constant in this universe who never fails. And Psalm 103 lists off some of these things and it's good to remember them specifically. Although it's not an exhaustive list, the benefits of the Lord stretch into eternity.

But it's really good to hone in on a few things and encourage one another. Hey, in this time, let's remember who he is. Let's not forget his benefits.

And that's the whole purpose of what we're doing here.

If you didn't get a chance to listen to last week's, it was, I think, a really unique reframing on the Heart of Divine Healing.

The Heart of Divine healing is always love. It's always an outpouring of love. And I'd highly recommend you listen to that next week. Ian's going to be talking to us about how the Lord satisfies us with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagles.

That's a good message.

So hopefully you can get back for that.

Now, this week we're talking about verse four and I'll just read it to you.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. And all that is within me, Bless his holy name, Bless the Lord, O my

soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases. And here's verse four. Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Now, this thing about he redeems your life from the pit, it conjures images of all sorts of biblical characters that were stuck in different sorts of pits at different times.

And there's lots of them, you know, different forms of pits. Moses had his desert. David had the wilderness. Elijah had his caves, Noah his boat, Jonah his whale.

Jeremiah was dropped in a well, and Joseph had a pit, too.

I think in my mind, the Joseph story conjures the Joseph story to me more than anything else, because Joseph was dropped in a pit by his brothers.

And he had this amazing call in his life. He had a dream that he was called to do something. He had the favor of the Father. The Father gave him this coat which symbolized this favor that he had. And he ended up in a pit. And then he ended up in prison.

And he truly was lifted out of this pit and elevated into a place of glory.

When I read this psalm, I think a lot of people might have.

Might have thought about that.

But this series is all about remembering who he is.

It's when you know you might be in some sort of pit. I don't know what situations you are facing right now. It might feel like a big pit. It might feel like a small pit.

It might just feel like, you know, maybe they're just little niggling things you've got going on in your life, or maybe they're causing you quite a lot of fear. Maybe they're coming against your identity. And what I believe God wants to happen today is that you will have a sense in which the Lord is the one, his identity is the lifter of people out of pits, that you will right now see your situation in the light of who he is, the one who rescues, the one who not only pulls you up out of your pit, but he crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Just a little bit of word about this thing of redeems.

This word redeems here, who redeems your life from the pit is a word that is specific to Hebraic law.

In Hebraic law, you have the idea of a kinsman redeemer.

A kinsman redeemer. We see this in different books. We see it in Ruth and throughout Scripture. It pops up in many different passages. But a kinsman redeemer would be a close relative, the closest relative who under these ancient biblical laws, had the legal and moral right and even a responsibility in some cases, to rescue a family member out of a particular situation, out of distress.

It could be that their land was sold and that this kinsman redeemer was a close relative who could help you get your land back. It could be that you were in debt or even in slavery, or it could have to do with preserving your family line. But there were all these real situations which you would be stuck in. And the kinsman redeemer would be a close relative who'd say, I will rescue them.

[00:07:10] Speaker C: I will solve this problem.

[00:07:12] John: I will come in and solve this

[00:07:14] Speaker C: problem that this person could not do.

[00:07:17] John: And that word, gaal, is a word

[00:07:20] Speaker C: for redeemer, who would be the kinsman redeemer.

[00:07:24] John: So when it says, who redeems you from the pit?

It's an analogy. It's a reference to this kinsman redeemer who would be a close family relative who said, they're stuck, but I am not. And I will set them free because of my connection, because of my love, because they are family.

And it's an illusion to Jesus.

It's an illusion to Jesus, who doesn't just see you on your own and consider you just some random foreign person. But it's a. But Jesus sees you in whatever pit you're stuck in and whatever situation you're stuck in, and he claims you as his own. He says this. This is my family member who I love, and I am the one who redeems.

This is a really helpful thing for us to know. Sometimes we can ignore the pits that we're in.

Sometimes we can cover them up with other distractions.

I'm really good at that. When I'm going through something that's sitting in the back of my mind and bothering me, I'm really good at just finding something to scroll, just distract myself. You know, I don't have to think about that right now if I can think about other things.

But it's good to actually be aware of the pits that we're going through. It's good to actually not brush these things under the carpet, not find something else to distract ourselves.

Because when the Scripture says, he who has been forgiven much loves much,

[00:08:59] Speaker C: it's

[00:09:00] John: the same principle that he who's been rescued from much is also thankful in a great way.

And the Lord wants You to experience not only the deliverance, but that relational connection that it gets for him.

He wants you to experience that beautiful thing of, hey, the Lord rescued me. I love him. I love who he is.

And that's what we're sort of drawing our attention to today.

So that's the first part of that verse and I want to spend the rest of the time on the second part.

[00:09:34] Speaker C: He redeems our life from the pit

[00:09:37] John: and he crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Now I had a revelation about crowns. I'm sure that I've shared this with you in certain measures at different points. I think it's probably been a number of years when I did it with hope the first time, before I was. Even before I knew that I was going to be part of this beautiful family.

And it was a time in my life when, you know, we had seen. So I'm going to tell you a little bit about the history of why we moved down from Orkney and all of this. And first of all, what time do I need to finish? I want to make sure.

[00:10:17] Speaker C: 12.

[00:10:17] John: Great.

[00:10:18] Speaker C: Okay.

[00:10:19] John: Plenty of time.

So in Orkney, we were part of this youngish congregation. It was a fairly small congregation when we got there and very community oriented. And you know, when we got there, we had never led a church before and so we had no idea what we were doing and just worked on loving the small amount of people that we were with. And.

And it wasn't always easy, but there was something happening there, something beautiful in community and people were joining us. And over the nine years we were there, I think we probably tripled in size easily. But I mean, we only started with like, how many? 30. 30. And yeah, we were easily over 100 before we left. So, you know, it felt like there was some momentum there. And also we were building lots of connections with other. Other leaders in Orkney. And what was really cool is that where there was division between the churches and even division within our history of our church, we saw reconciliation and unity. And there was something so sweet happening over that time.

And it was.

[00:11:32] Speaker C: It was something that over time we

[00:11:35] John: felt like actually God was speaking to us about doing this in Scotland, that there were opportunities coming up in the rest of the nation and we had this real heart. Hey, we feel like not only is God doing these things here in Orkney, but he's calling us to participate in Scotland and that we have a role in seeing reconciliation and a move of the spirit in Scotland.

[00:12:02] Speaker C: And that felt like a very big call.

[00:12:06] John: It felt like a call that was bigger than us. It felt like something that. That we would lay hold of by faith. And we had different prophetic words coming

[00:12:13] Speaker C: at the time, calling us to.

[00:12:15] John: To come and to do this. And so we were.

Andy actually helped connect us with some. Some other people who were.

Who had a similar vision. And. And so we, by faith, were knocking on doors saying, well, we'll see if the doors open up, and if they do, we'll go. And the doors did open up, and we moved our family down to plant a new church with the heart of seeing transformation and a kingdom move in Scotland. And it was very exciting. And at the time, there was a. You know, I was connected to Bethel. I was already part of this Bethel Leaders Network. And somebody at Bethel said, oh, this guy be great to get on. The Young Apostolic Leaders group.

Youngish. It should have been Youngish, but nevertheless, I got on. I didn't have any gray in my beard, so I slipped through, and I was part of this. This group. And now the people in this group were, like, doing such amazing things. There's one guy named Benji Morph. He was doing missionary work in Thailand, and the testimony time with him and, like, Joaquin Evans and, like, people from all over who were doing these amazing things. And he was like, oh, this weekend we baptized 4,000 people, you know, in one weekend. And he's like.

[00:13:34] Speaker C: And it was so much better than

[00:13:36] John: the last quarter's baptism, where There was

[00:13:38] Speaker C: only 3,000,

[00:13:41] John: you know, and then, like, several months later, it was like, now we're back.

[00:13:45] Speaker C: We baptized 5,000.

[00:13:46] John: And he had these drone footage, you know, and it's just like God was doing these amazing miracles. I mean, I could just go on and on and on about the testimony times about prostitutes and just having encounters and whole families coming to Jesus and just amazing things.

And what was happening in our world when we moved down is, like, the group of eight people that we started with split.

And so we ended up with just four.

[00:14:21] Speaker C: And, like, if you go into the

[00:14:25] John: details of how this happened, like, honestly, when we were going through it, I do not know how I could have done anything differently. Like, I really felt like God was giving us his wisdom and his favor and that we were just doing everything we knew how to do. And yet it was like trying to

[00:14:44] Speaker C: hold water in your hands.

And the vision that we had for

[00:14:49] John: seeing community, like, to see Scotland transformed by the power of God and reconciliation

[00:14:56] Speaker C: and all of these beautiful things that we believe God had spoken to and.

[00:15:02] John: And promised us and that we had

[00:15:04] Speaker C: gone for, like, we couldn't Even hold

[00:15:07] John: these eight people together.

[00:15:10] Speaker C: And like, what I was seeing was the exact opposite of what we had, what we had moved for.

[00:15:17] John: And at the same time, things were really difficult in our family.

[00:15:21] Speaker C: It was hard.

[00:15:22] John: One of our daughters said, we want

[00:15:23] Speaker C: to go back to Orkney. And it just wasn't working. And you think, wait a minute, what's going on?

[00:15:29] John: And I felt a little like Joseph.

[00:15:31] Speaker C: I felt a little like Joseph who

[00:15:33] John: had this idea that, you know, hey, I've got this calling, everything's going to work out, I'm going to be a leader, I've got a dream, it's going to be amazing.

[00:15:41] Speaker C: I need to tell you all. And everyone's like in the pit, get him.

[00:15:48] John: You know, nobody was throwing me in a pit. And these guys were good people. I mean, they had some brokenness, but

[00:15:55] Speaker C: they were good people, really lovely people.

[00:15:59] John: And there was never even any fight. I mean, it's a weird situation, but

[00:16:04] Speaker C: what is to say is I had

[00:16:07] John: major questions about my identity in this, major questions. Because I had seen some really amazing things happening in my life. I could look at that fruit and I could say, oh, I have a calling that's verified because of those things that I've done.

But if that's the foundation for me understanding my calling, then as soon as everything goes pear shaped, you then have to question your calling.

You then have to say, okay. And I was going through this and around about this time I was invited to Bethel Church to be part of this conference that was for the, the, the Youngish Apostle Apostolic leaders. And you know, and they had to let us preach at their school and, and well, not quite preach, but sit in panels and you know, so it was, it felt like a lot of honor and I felt so much like an imposter. And I was just like, please don't let anybody ask me what I'm doing right now.

Oh, you know, and there were some things I was still leading that I could have pointed at, but it just felt like underneath all that there was some real questions about my identity.

And I was in worship and they

[00:17:22] Speaker C: said, oh, come and sit right here,

[00:17:24] John: you know, in the front. And I'm just like, oh, I just, this is just so rubbish, you know, And I'm worshipping and I get a picture of the Lord and it's the throne room of God.

And I'm watching the scene play out in the throne room and the elders are there on the floor and there's this bright blinding light where the throne was.

And this bright blinding light was coming like A massive stream washing over the head of the elders and like a rainbow colored stream and just the size of a man, you know, like eight foot streams just, just bursting like a with them, with the might of many waterfalls just flowing over the heads of these elders. And their faces were just like, they were just getting blasted by, you know, And I knew each color represented a different attribute of God. So if you can imagine what it would feel like, just take one of attributes like mercy, you know, I don't know if you've ever had it be you're going through something hard and somebody comes and just expresses mercy to you and the way that that feels or maybe compassion and your heart just sort of melts like because you were trying to hold it all together and all of a sudden somebody's just saying that they know you right to the core of who you are and everything that you're going through and you just experience that and you just like, you know, break open in tears. Well, it was like that mercy and compassion just turned up to infinity.

And these elders are experiencing that. But also love, you know, what it's like to just be loved at the absolute core of your being, you know, where your intimacy, your heart is just turned inside out and accepted for who you are. Well, these elders were experiencing love turned up to infinity, well as righteousness and

[00:19:25] Speaker C: holiness and justice and joy cranked right up, you know, and they're experiencing all this simultaneously.

[00:19:35] John: And I'm like, that would kill me if I was experiencing right that in my earthly body. And I'm like, but these guys have redeemed bodies and they're experiencing the fullness of this. And I'm going, wow, wow, that's amazing.

And I'm watching them and I know what they're going through.

[00:19:55] Speaker C: It just dwarfs the greatest experience any of us have ever had in our

[00:20:00] John: life is nothing compared to a drop of what they were experiencing torrents of.

And I'm like, I want that, you know? And then all of a sudden there's a man standing next to me and I know it's Jesus, which think, oh, is that Father on the throne? Or what was going on there? I don't know, but, but Jesus says to me, look at their crowns. And I look over and there are their crowns laying on the ground, completely inconsequential. The crowns don't matter to these elders because they were so on their faces before the Lord receiving anything, that the treasure of heaven was the presence. You know, their crowns, they had jewels and gold and all of these things,

[00:20:44] Speaker C: but they didn't make a lick of

[00:20:45] John: difference compared to the true treasure of heaven.

And the Lord was saying, you know, you'll never be able to assume that position if you need that thing on your head. And I was aware that I had a crown on my head.

And it was like, oh, yeah.

I had felt myself trying to justify my position in the throne room by the crown on my head.

It was as if I was saying, I deserve to be in this room with you because I've got this crown on my head.

And the Lord started speaking to me about the things that I considered my crowns.

He started speaking to me about the things that make me feel good about myself, the things that make me feel justified. And obviously, I was going through all this situation, and so I could look and say, oh, well, I was leading this network, and I was, and I preached and I saw this person fall down, and I saw this healing over here, and I got this accurate, prophetic word over here. And I saw all these people saved and their lives transformed.

[00:22:03] Speaker C: And all these different things were things

[00:22:05] John: that I had unwittingly fashioned a crown for myself.

[00:22:13] Speaker C: And I realized how much of the Christian walk puts pressure on you to build crowns for yourself.

You know, we have.

[00:22:25] John: There's concepts that say you shall know them by their fruits. And that's true.

And there's a reality about, you know, walking in, anointing and power and all of these things.

[00:22:39] Speaker C: But there's so much pressure to actually justify our existence or justify ourselves even before the Lord.

[00:22:48] John: And I'd realized that that was part of what. The mistakes that I had made. And it was like the Lord was

[00:22:54] Speaker C: saying, I want you to be free from that. I do not want you to be so dependent on your history with the Lord that you can look back that you can never be on your face like them.

Those things don't matter before me. It's not the crowns on your head that gives you access to the throne room.

[00:23:16] John: It's the blood in your veins.

[00:23:20] Speaker C: It's not the crown on your head and everything that you've done that makes you acceptable in my sight.

[00:23:25] John: It's my blood running through your veins.

That's what makes you royal. That's what makes you a child of God. My blood running through

your veins. And it's a constant.

[00:23:39] Speaker C: It doesn't wax and wane with your good days and bad.

When you're. When you're filled with faith and when you. When you. Don't, you have access because my blood

[00:23:49] John: has been poured out into you through the spirit of God.

My life has been shared into you, which means you don't have anything to prove.

You can lay down on your face and just receive.

I still had a lot of other difficulties to go through in that season, but the Lord was setting me on a path, having what I like to call uncrowned confidence, a confidence to come before the Lord when you, when you don't see any crown.

[00:24:30] Speaker C: Because if you don't have that, what

[00:24:31] John: happens is when something goes wrong, you start to question whether you have the favor of God.

You know, you hear sometimes people say, oh, there's a lot of favor on him. There's a lot of favor on this person because they're getting opportunities or because they're, they're doing a lot of good stuff. You say, oh, I can see favor on that person.

[00:24:52] Speaker C: But as soon as you say that,

[00:24:53] John: you're actually buying into a false paradigm and a difficult and a wrong understanding of how the favor of God actually works.

[00:25:04] Speaker C: Because the favor of God was given freely in Christ Jesus to every single one of us.

God doesn't have favorites.

He doesn't have favorites. You can be going through really difficult things and then it becomes a cyclical problem because then you think, oh, maybe

[00:25:27] John: God doesn't favor me. And you're buying into this horrible lie because you're going through these challenges and

[00:25:34] Speaker C: then you start to live as if God doesn't favor me.

And so you don't make choices that reflect your, your true royalty because you think, oh, God doesn't favor me. And at its core, it's a problem with misunderstanding who God is.

And then we see ourselves in light of a God of our own creation,

[00:26:01] John: essentially making God into our own image.

But God isn't like that.

He is a constant and he unleashes

[00:26:11] Speaker C: favor freely on undeserving sinners. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

None of us could have earned it.

[00:26:21] John: None of us could have deserved it.

But we build these constructions of our history and they're always flawed. We always end up taking the good things, you know, and throwing out the bad. And we always construct, cobble together these crowns as best as we could.

But essentially they can be man made.

And when the enemy comes and tries to accuse us, sometimes we want to agree with him. And then we go, yeah, that is a rubbish crown. I am so rubbish.

[00:27:00] Speaker C: And the whole while it's a misdirection

[00:27:03] John: technique, all the enemy's techniques are a misdirection technique.

[00:27:08] Speaker C: Because we're never supposed to be looking at ourselves.

[00:27:11] John: We're never supposed to be looking at our efforts, our works, our good things and our failures. We're only ever supposed to have our eyes fixed on Him.

This psalm is about remembering who he is, and he is the one who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

See, this crown isn't constructed from our efforts. It's constructed from his.

The crown that he wants us to wear, that becomes encumbered is the crown

[00:27:46] Speaker C: that stems from his love, his steadfast love.

[00:27:50] John: It's a love that never fails. And his mercy and all throughout Scripture, you see crowns, that word being used in different ways. And sometimes it's like an athlete is crowned a victor.

And this is the kind of crown that we get here with the Lord crowning us with steadfast love and mercy.

This last week, after coming back from glory in the cowshed, I had such a strong sense of. Of this feeling like. Like almost like I've just won the lottery, right? And it was like I kept having this waking up or different moments in my day, thinking, what was that thing

[00:28:30] Speaker C: I was happy about? What was it? What was the really good thing that happened to me? I can't quit.

[00:28:35] John: I was like, oh, yeah, God loves me.

[00:28:40] Speaker C: You know, it was just this feeling

[00:28:42] John: that I just won something, and I

[00:28:45] Speaker C: was trying to pin it down. I was like, was that it? Could it be that that was the great thing that's happening? We realized, yeah, the spirit was just testifying, hey, you've. You've won my heart.

You've won all of me.

I realized, whoa, that's true all the time.

[00:29:06] *hope: We.

[00:29:07] Speaker C: That's true every single moment of every day. But we don't necessarily live as if we've been crowned with steadfast love and mercy.

But that is our reality. That is your reality and my reality. Despite what the. What the circumstances say, despite who recognizes it, you are crowned with steadfast love and mercy. And if you get a revelation of this, you are walking around bulletproof.

You are walking around impenetrable because you're carrying a reality that the Creator of the universe feels this way about you. And nobody can rock. Nobody can take that from you. Nobody can steal it. It doesn't spoil, perish, or fade. It doesn't go away. It is the reality of who he is and who we are in Him.

One day, we're going to step into that reality.

[00:30:07] John: You're going to breathe your last, and

[00:30:09] Speaker C: you're going to step into that in a way that you could never fully understand, where you had only got glimpses, like maybe you seen A star.

You've seen it twinkle and you go,

[00:30:23] John: wow, that's pretty glorious. It'd be a whole different thing if

[00:30:27] Speaker C: you were transported right to that thing

[00:30:31] John: and it's like a blazing sun. It would be a very different experience.

You've caught glimpses of what it feels to be crowned with steadfast love and mercy. But one day you're going to be transported right into its presence.

Now, Jesus was the ultimate expression of this. And we don't have time to go into the.

The exchange of glory between the Father and the Son.

There are so many beautiful verses where Jesus said, I didn't come for my own glory, I came for his because there was a glory from man.

[00:31:18] Speaker C: And Jesus even went as far as to say, how can you believe if

[00:31:22] John: you receive the glory that comes from man and do not seek the glory that

comes from God?

See, man will try to enslave you with false crowns.

Man will promise you glory by recognizing you or offering you promotions.

[00:31:46] Speaker C: Man will threaten you to try to

[00:31:50] John: make you feel like, hey, if you lose our favor, then you're going to be worth less if we demote you or we don't like you, or, you know, really, it's not man, it's the enemy. But he has loads of different ways to try to get us. Not only looking at ourself and what we can do, but looking to other people. But Jesus was the epitome of this.

He says, I don't put myself in the hands of men.

I'm going to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus.

And ultimately, you see Jesus being beaten, standing as they take a crown made of thorns and they put a robe on him and they mock him, saying,

[00:32:43] Speaker C: what kind of king are you?

What kind of royalty are you?

You can't. You saved other people, but you can't save yourself.

[00:32:53] John: And you see the.

[00:32:54] Speaker C: The heart of mankind railing against God

[00:32:59] John: in the form of a man.

[00:33:02] Speaker C: And you see Jesus undeterred when he could have just turned around and he could have. He could have had legions of angels come and rescue him from that moment.

But he was so confident in who he was. He was so confident in. In the love of the Father, in his life, that he allowed himself to be beat. He allowed himself to be spit on.

It didn't shake who he was. He allowed them to take a.

[00:33:32] John: A crown of thorns, a crown of

[00:33:35] Speaker C: pain and suffering, and to be placed upon his head and to be mocked as royalty, to be slurred, to be ultimately just rejected as authority, saying, all of mankind rejects who you say you are. All of mankind rejects that you are your Father's son.

And they even put on his cross

[00:34:02] John: king of the Jews, as a mockery.

And the Israelites are like, no, don't take that down.

[00:34:09] Speaker C: He said, he is king.

[00:34:12] John: But prophetically, it was like heaven was saying, no, he is king.

Because the crown that Jesus wore wasn't actually the thorns.

The crown that he wore was steadfast love and mercy.

[00:34:31] Speaker C: As Jesus was beaten and as he

[00:34:34] John: hung on the cross, there was a

[00:34:37] Speaker C: resounding voice from the Father saying, this

[00:34:41] John: is my Son, in whom I am well pleased.

[00:34:44] Speaker C: It wasn't spoken right in that moment, but it was spoken in eternity.

And it. And it wrapped up Jesus whole concept of who he was. It allowed him to go through rejection. It said, no man can take away what is mine. I give it over willingly because he who seeks to protect his life loses it. But he who loses his life for my sake will find it. And he does so as you and me, with an invitation that we know that we also wear that crown of steadfast love and mercy that we were

[00:35:21] John: with him in that moment.

[00:35:23] Speaker C: And that no man can take it from you, no failure can. Can mean that you lose the right to wear that steadfast love. Because it's not. It's not rooted or composed of your efforts or your works. It's composed of his.

And ultimately Jesus not only wore. Jesus said, now glorify me with the glory that you had, that I had before eternity, before the foundation of the world.

But the glory wasn't simply a redeemed body. The glory was that moment that he hung on the cross as a reflection of. This is the love of who. This is who I am, and this is who my Father is.

[00:36:10] John: And ultimately, this is who you are.

[00:36:14] Speaker C: His story is our story.

[00:36:16] John: We are crowned with steadfast love. I'm going to ask Tim to come back up.

[00:36:33] *hope: Just.

[00:36:33] John: If you could just play something. Tim.

Dish.

I want us to just fix our eyes on the Lord for a moment.

I'm going to ask the Lord to just not only give us a revelation of himself in this moment, but that you would have a revelation of who you are in Him.

Not only would we this psalm, we're not only remembering who he is, but we're coming to a reality of who we are in Him.

So right now, Holy Spirit, we just thank you for the reality of who you are.

We thank you that you're inviting us

[00:37:29] Speaker C: to lay hold of what is ours. By royal decree, You declare that you became sin, that we might become the righteousness of God.

[00:37:48] John: We thank you that this very moment

[00:37:51] Speaker C: you have crowned us with steadfast love and mercy.

It's something you've not only put on our head, but you've woven into the fabric of our being.

You said, this is who you are. You have a victory, you have won.

And so we ask Holy Spirit, that whatever we need to let go of right now, you'd give us the power to let go of whatever pride, whatever false beliefs, whatever may have held us in, some lesser crown that can fall off, that can be taken, that can be lost, that may spoil or rust.

We ask for that which is eternal right now.

We thank you that it's been freely given in Christ.

[00:38:49] John: We just say, here we are, God.

[00:38:52] Speaker C: Strip away what needs to be stripped

[00:38:54] John: away, build up what needs to be built up. We are yours.

We want what is of true value. You say, come and buy without money.

Here we are, Lord, your people, thank you, God. We worship you.

We worship you.

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