**Forty Days**

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Scriptures: Matt.3:13-4:11, Jn. 1:29-36

Vs. 1

You stepped into the Jordan, to fulfill all righteousness

The heavens opened up, and the Spirit, like a Dove

Rested on You, remained upon You

This is My Beloved Son, so well-pleasing to My heart

This is My Beloved Son, hear His word

Vs. 2

Now driven by the Spirit to endure the wilderness

For forty nights and days, He fasted and He prayed

In God He trusted, in weakness, He waited

Then the tempter’s challenge came: If You are the Son of God

You can turn these stones to bread, and be saved

Chorus:

But You answered, it is written, man does not live by bread alone

I will not take unlawful power to create bread out from these stones

Your resistance won the battle, brought the enemy to shame

But Your obedience was tested, as Your flesh melted away

Vs. 3

Then the enemy carried You away to the Temple’s highest place

You were tested with God’s word, and the evil voice was heard

“No fall will harm You, His angels guard You

If You are the Son of God, throw yourself down to this ground

For His angels bear You up in their arms”

Chorus:

But you answered, “It is written, you shall not test the Lord your God”

Manipulation is dishonoring to the loving heart of God

Your resistance won the battle, brought the enemy to fail

Though Your destiny was imperiled, Your obedience prevailed

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away your sin

This is My Beloved Son, honor Him

Vs. 4

Then the tempter showed and offered You all the Kingdoms of this World

I will give all these to You, as I have the power to do

Kneel down before me, give worship to me

Get away from Me, My foe, for no honor is deserved

He is My Beloved God, Him I will serve

Chorus:

And You answered, it is written, You shall worship God alone

Give Him all honor, and power, for the glory of His throne

Get away from Me, my foe, for you have no part in Me

From temptation, I have come to set them free

For the Kingdoms of this world will be the Kingdom of our Lord

You have overcome the world, Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin

This is My Beloved Son, worship Him

**For You My Bride** by Jill Shannon

Ezek.16:8-12; Deut. 8:2-5; Isa. 61:10-11, Ps. 16:5-8

Vs. 1

I belong to my beloved One, and my life is not my own

He found me in the wilderness when my soul was so alone

Then my heart went astray, with no comfort to be found

And my tears rolled like a river to the ground

Vs 2

I will rejoice in the Lord my God when my expectations failed me

When hope and joy were hard to find, and my anxious thoughts assailed me

I’ve prepared a place for you, O My bride, O My dove

There is nothing that can separate you from My love

Chorus:

O, I do all this for you, My bride

I became an offering, I gave My life

Though the heavens and earth will all pass away

My abiding love will forever remain, O My bride

Vs. 3

Was not My grace in the wilderness

Did My people faint with thirst

Were they scorched by sun, suffered frost by night

Fought the armies at their worst

Did I not rain down Manna in the wastelands to provide

I showed Myself to be a Husband to His bride

Chorus 2

I’ve prepared a place for you, My bride

Your secure inheritance, I’ve drawn the lines

You have conquered My heart with one glance of your eye

In your weakness and pain, I am not far away, O My bride

Verse 4

O Lord, You have predestined me for my portion and my cup

My experience cannot define the boundaries of Your love

I have set the Lord before me

I am His and He is mine

O, Beloved, You are always on my mind

Verse 5

As the wickedness encroaches on

Every righteous path we’ve known

As you stand to hold your ground in prayer

By appealing to My throne

O My mercies are great, put your trust in Me alone

For I have you by the hand, and I will bring you home

**My Birthday Cake**

Words and Music by Jill Shannon ©2021

Scriptures: Ps. 139; Jer.1:4-5; 29:11; Ja.5:13-16; 1 Jn.1:9

Verse 1

Every seed that God has planted, in His heart a destiny

A destination and a purpose, His people walked across the sea

But what of those unwanted, have we guarded every life

Was His sacred space invaded, and the heartbeat paid the price

Verse 2

Growing up, absorbing values, some were lies disguised as truth

A massive gap within my spirit, and no foundation from my youth

I never knew Creator God defines conception as a life

The lie engulfed my generation, and we paid a heavy price

CHORUS:

Where is the candle on my birthday cake

I was torn away and missed the day I was meant to be born

O the light of Heaven shined on my conception

And the miracle of life began in my body yet unformed

Verse 3

A narrative constructed, with free will, we have a choice

In our inmost place, and in our soul, we all listen to a voice

Can our mind have two opinions, are these influences known

Does our choice have eternal consequence when we stand before the Throne

CHORUS 2:

Where is the candle on my birthday cake

From the safest place, the protected space, I was taken away

I could not lift my voice, nor was I given a choice

And the miracle of life was gone in my body yet unmade

Verse 4

Lord, we ask You for forgiveness, how have we believed the lies

For the harm we’ve done, may the Lord respond to our desperate cries

Oh, come to Him, for Yeshua’s blood has removed iniquity

In our repentance we will have our child for all Eternity

CHORUS 3:

Rock-a-bye, my sweetest child, if I could nurture you again

Please forgive my most unnatural sin, of this deed I must be cleansed

Rock-a-bye, my dearest, I will come to see you soon

Beyond the stars of Heaven’s light, and the beauty of the moon

CHORUS 4:

Mommy, I forgive you, be at peace, and rest awhile

Put away your guilt, your grief and shame, now let me see you smile

You have poured out repentance, the Lord has washed away your stain

We will run together, forever, and nevermore the same

Verse 5

In the sea of forgetfulness, I have cast your sins from Me

Never forget the seeds I planted for your eternal destiny

It must come to birth, as you nurture and sow into this holy seed

Let none abort your Kingdom promises, for your Lord, He dreamed a dream

CHORUS 5:

For I know the plans I have made for you before time began

You must be purposeful and diligent to accomplish My plans

Like a child in the womb is My destiny for you

Don’t let the enemy abort your dream and you will rule and reign with Me

**The Cup and the Crown**

Words and Music by Jill Shannon & Cathy Minnick ©2021

Scriptures: Ps. 94:8-11, Matt. 26:39-42, Rev. 19:11-16; Heb.5:4-6

Vs. 1

When the Spirit of Revelation comes and overthrows the spirit of fear

When My people at last acknowledge Me

I will comfort them, and come to dry their tears

I am overcome with love for them

I will return and rescue them again, and yearn, My heart will burn

Vs 2

The faithful prophets declare His judgments

Their testimony has gone out to all the earth

They sound the warning, they are in mourning

Like a fire in their bones, their voice is heard

But His people closed their eyes and ears

Nor opened up their hearts to godly fear

Or prayed, they’ve turned away

CHORUS:

The same God who created the eyes and the ears

Do you not believe that He sees and hears

And the same Lord God you have crowned as King

Did He not drink the cup of your shame and sin

The bitter cup, He drank, it was once for all

To redeem Mankind from Adam’s fall

But a new cup waits, not so far away

He will share with us on our wedding day

And the cup of joy and the wine of love

He has saved for His Bride, in our Home above

Chorus 2:

O the Great High Priest bore the cost of sin

All the spikes and stripes were laid on Him

As He drank the cup, He will wear the crown

With His bride at His side, faithful she was found

Vs. 3

When My people were torn to pieces

My church was silent, she was deaf and mute and blind

Who would stand with these lost sheep of Israel

And return them to the Land I have called, “Mine”

Vs. 4

Your Bride arises, adorned as Esther

She prays and cries out for our people to be saved

When genocidal schemes are drawing closer

We stand as watchmen on the walls, to weep and pray

Israel will know Messiah’s Name

And satisfy His heart, a jealous flame that burns

And she will yearn

**Eternal Servant** by Jill Shannon

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Scriptures: Isa. 11,42,49

Vs. 1

Behold My servant, whom I uphold

My chosen One, in whom My soul delights

My Spirit rests on Him, the islands hope in Him

He will bring righteousness unto the nations

Vs. 2

He will not raise His voice, to cry out in the streets

A smoldering candle, He will not snuff out

Nor crush the broken heart, or grow discouraged

Till He brings justice into the earth

**Chorus**

He will not decide by the hearing of His ears

Nor will He judge a case, by what He sees and hears

But with righteousness, He will judge the needy

And with justice, He will rule for the poor

Vs. 3

The Son of Man came not to serve Himself

The Father’s purpose is to care for others

Teaching the Word each day, rising at night to pray

Touching with healing power, to help His brothers

**Chorus 2**

It was not His will, to be treated like a king

For He was sent to save, and give His life away

As our example, He washed the feet of these, His friends

Pouring out His blood, He loved them to the end

And pouring out His blood, He loved them to the end

Verse 4

I dwell within you, My Word is in your heart

You sing to Me, all the troubles of your soul

You choose to cling to Me, your weakness, bring to Me

I’ve called you servant, now I call you friend

Verse 5

You look to those before, who have run their race

The cloud of witnesses suffered for their faith

Your generation knows that persecution grows

But through your faithfulness, My Salvation comes

**Finale:**

And He set His face like flint that day

So that on the cross, our sins could pay

And the power of death was overthrown

You finished it that day

O the victory forever won

By the patient suffering of the Son

And the Father’s most beloved One, the Lamb has overcome

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**Deeper Waters** by Jill Shannon

Scriptures: Ps. 93, Ezek. 47, Ps. 90:1, Ex.33:22

Vs. 1

I have armed you with strength and dignity

A valiant daughter, a son of destiny

Can you trust Me in these deeper waters

Deeper than you’ve ever tried to cross before

Vs. 2

O, My child, the waters have arisen higher

You now must swim across this river, deep and wide

Do not fear, My bride, for underneath you

Are your Savior’s everlasting arms of love

CHORUS

This is the One True God, our dwelling place

This is the One True God, our hiding place

This is the God, we have loved, we have known

He is the Lord our God, worship Him alone

Vs. 3

In the deep, I’m teaching you how to trust Me

In overwhelming flood, I will not let you drown

Though your faith is like a flickering candle

As I stretched My hand to Peter, sinking down

Chorus 2

I AM the Lord your God, your Refuge

I AM the Lord your God, your cleft in the Rock

I AM the Faithful One who shelters you in the storm

I’ve kept You close to Me, from the day you were born

Vs. 4

The floods have lifted up, lifted their voice, O God

So proud and boastful, their waves have risen high

But the Lord, He rules above the many waters

The Lord God reigns, He is clothed with majesty

Bridge:

My life is in Your body and Your blood

My peace is found in Your friendship and Your love

I bring my lack and weaknesses to You

You are my all in all, You will always see me through

**You’re Beautiful** by Jill Shannon

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Scriptures: SOS 1:8-11, 2:10-14, Ps. 45:10-17; Rev. 19:6-8

Vs. 1

O Lord, lift our eyes up from the ground

We wait before You, as we try to meet Your gaze

After all these years, still I wonder

Knowing my faults, how can You gaze at me with love

Vs 2

Through the pages of my days gone by

Through the chapters of my childhood and my shame

Yet the question still remains:

How can You say, how can You say to me, “You’re beautiful”?

Bridge:

Do you still not realize how I see you through My eyes

My affections have endured from the day that you were born

I say and feel exactly how I felt when I saw you on that day

I never saw you as you see yourself, and to this day, you feel the same

Chorus:

You’re beautiful, you’re beautiful

As I always knew, as I see you now, I make all things new

O, you’re beautiful

Verse 3

When all you see is your brokenness and weakness

When condemnation comes from the whispers in your soul

When the shame of my early years, still lingers

Still from the playground to the grave, you’ve never known My love

Verse 4

O the length, and the breadth and height and depths

Your love is towards me, and Your heart is on my side

Why do I still hide from Your majestic love

I know even today, Your kindness will say to us, “You’re beautiful”

Bridge 2:

Let My sons and daughters know that they are beautiful to Me

My precious thoughts of them are greater than the sands upon the sea

If they knew the longings of My heart, they would never drift away

If they could feel the pain it causes Me, they would never be the same

You’re beautiful, You’re beautiful

As I always knew, as I see you now, I make all things new

O, you’re beautiful

**The Mature Son** by Jill Shannon

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Scriptures: Ps. 40, Isa. 49, Isa.9:6-7; Heb. 2:17-18, 5:7-10

Vs. 1

What was it like to walk out this life

Denying Yourself through the journey

With Your eyes on the prize

Your Father’s desire, to redeem Israel, He is yearning

Vs. 2

With visions and dreams of Your destiny

And knowing that suffering awaits You

In Your soul and emotions, you prayed for the strength

To endure to the end, a Faithful Witness

CHORUS

The mature Son has come and prepared for His works

All Kingdom authority is given to Him

Here am I, I have come to do Your will, O God

In the scroll You created for Me

Vs. 3

Though You needed to stand in the place Adam fell

The evil one led You into temptation

With relentless deceit, he set snares for Your feet

To intercept the Lord’s plan of salvation

Chorus 2

No stumbling nor sin could be found in Your life

Temptations of the evil one came in like a flood

With Your eyes and Your heart, You made a covenant

O the Lamb shed His high priestly blood

Bridge:

Every movement was counted, every thought was examined

Every word was recorded in Heaven

Oh the stakes were too high, You would always abide

By every word You received from Your Father

Verse 4

The training, refining and disciplines came

You matured as a Son on a mission

With Your character growing, maturing each day

Rising into Your Priestly position

Bridge 2

There’s no place for rebellion, for pride, no provision

Even one inward thought of deception

Every motive considered, Your reactions were known

Heaven watching Your heart of perfection

Verse 5

In love and in meekness, You guarded Your words

Had You sinned only once, just one compromise

If vengeance consumed You, one motive of pride

Our last hope for atonement disqualified

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