1. **Cloud of Witnesses**

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Scriptures: Heb.6:19, 10:38, 12:1-2; Ps. 69:17, 102:2, 143:7

Vs. 1

When we set our hearts to overcome and prepare our souls to persevere

We take comfort, to know our trials will end

In our anguish, He will prove to be a friend

Vs.2

The Word of God is the anchor of our souls

And we know that the just shall live by faith

But if anyone draws back and turns away

We would not be counted worthy on that Day

CHORUS

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses

Let us lay aside every hindrance, and the sin that so easily ensnares us

Vs. 3

Good Shepherd, You will not despise the weak

You will gather the lambs in Your arms

In obedience, You chose to count the cost

Going low, You counted privileges as loss

Chorus 2

Let us run the race, running with endurance

This is the final race, He has set before us

And we fix our eyes on Yeshua, the author and the finisher of our faith

Bridge:

And do not hide Your face from me, in the day of my distress

Incline Your ear to me, O Lord, when I’m caught in the wilderness

For the joy that was set before You, You endured the cross of shame

Now the Father has exalted You, and proclaimed Your holy Name

Bridge 2

Knowing He has paved the way for us, He has torn the Temple veil

By the sacrifice of His sinless blood, His atonement has prevailed

For the joy set before You, You endured the cross of shame

Now the Father has exalted You, and proclaimed Your holy Name

O, there is no price worthy of this Love, this love

Freely You gave, freely we give back this love

1. **Heaven Hears Us**

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Scriptures: Ja. 5:17; Lam. 3:22; Ps.22:24; Matt.27:46; 2Cor. 4:9; Rev. 6:10-11; Col.1:19-20; 2Pet.3:9; Ps.24

Vs. 1

Our life speaks a message, our words touch the heart of God

We hold on for a hopeful word of healing

In our loneliness and past regrets, when we wonder if we failed our tests

Even if we feel abandoned, Heaven hears us

Even if we feel abandoned, Heaven hears us

Vs. 2

The effectual prayers of the righteous ascend to the throne of God

The ears of the Lord are open to their cry

In our bodies and infirmities, in our finance and calamities

The compassions of the Lord are never-failing

The compassions of the Lord are never-failing

CHORUS

But was the Lord abandoned by His Father on that day

And did God turn His face away from His dear Son

He endured until His soul cried out, forsaken and alone

But beyond the veil of death, His glory shone

Bridge

For God has not disdained the suffering, crushing His afflicted one

He did not hide His face from him, but heard his cry for help

Vs. 3

Can our soul reflect His glory in our times of grief or pain

Can we recall the joy that is set before us

If we set our hearts to overcome

When our King returns and our race is run

How long, O Lord, till You avenge the martyrs

How long, O Lord, till You avenge the martyrs’ blood

Bridge 2:

The Lord does not delay His Word, though we look for judgment speedily

Slow to anger, patiently, He desires that all be saved

To whom will I entrust My judgments, who may ascend My holy hill

Those stewards with integrity, though in secret, faithful still

CHORUS 2

How can we be steadfast, in our Father’s love for us

And when we feel forsaken, how can we go on

We must pray for strength to stand that day, for we are not alone

And beyond the veil of death is Heaven’s home

But why did David pray these words, “My God, why have You abandoned me?”

Yeshua echoed David’s cry, “Why have You forsaken Me?”

But God was in Messiah reconciling Himself to the world

All things in Heaven and on earth, making peace with God and man

1. **I Press On**

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Scriptures: Hos.6:3; Matt. 25:4; 2Cor.5:7, 10:4; Phil.3:12; Rom. 8:18-23; 2Pet. 1:19

Vs. 1

Come, let us return to the Lord; He has torn us, but now He will heal us

On the 3rd day, He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight and worship Him

Vs. 2

Come, let us pursue His noble heart, for His radiance it shines as the dawning light

He will surely come, as sure as the rains, the former and the latter rains upon our Land

CHORUS

So forgetting what is behind us, in Yeshua, we press into the upward call

With all our heart and strength and might

We reach for the prize, as heirs in Christ

We press in to take hold of that for which He died

For the glory of His inheritance in His people, in His Bride

Bridge:

I press on, I press on, for the Lord has made me His prized possession

All the schemes of the foe, He has conquered as our unknown paths unfold

I am His, and He is mine

Our hearts have been made one in our Messiah

Vs. 3

And now, we walk in faith and not by sight

Oil has filled our lamps, lighting the night

We go out to the Bridegroom, to hear His voice

Coming into the Marriage Feast, our hearts rejoice

CHORUS 2

For I am persuaded the sufferings of this life

Cannot be compared with the glory to be revealed

All of creation groans and cries, awaiting the sons of God to arise

We watch eagerly our adoption as sons

And our bodies soon will be glorified, Resurrection for His bride

Bridge 2

I press on, I press on

For the Lord has made me His prized possession

I am His, and He is mine

We will finally come home to our Beloved

Vs. 4

And we have the prophetic word confirmed

We must obey it as a light in a dark place

Till the dawning of the morning light, and the Morning Star arises in your heart

Chorus

Bridge 3 ENDING

I press on, I press on

For the Lord has made me His prized possession

I am His, and He is mine, our hearts have been made one in our Messiah

I press on, I press on

For the Lord has made me His prized possession

I am His, and He is mine, we will finally come home to our Beloved

I press on, I press on

We will finally come home to our Beloved

I press on, I press on

All my pathways have been written in Your heart

All my dreams, I lay down

All my pathways have been written in Your heart

1. **One Thing (Psalm 27)**

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Verse 1

The Lord is my light and my salvation

Whom shall I fear, and who will make me afraid

When evil powers come against me, to devour my life

In the Name of the Lord, they fled away

Vs. 2

When the armies of our enemies encamp round about me

I will counsel my heart, let it not be afraid

When the roar of their missiles fly over our land

I must strengthen my heart in faith to stand

CHORUS 1

One thing, I have desired, one thing, I will seek

To gaze on the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple

For in the day of trouble, He will keep me safe

He will hide me in His dwelling place

And in His shelter, I will lift up my head, He will lift up my head above my enemies

Vs. 3

Teach me Your ways, and guide me through my life

Let my pathways be smooth, as my enemies pursue

Do not hand me over to the purpose of my foes

False witnesses have risen up against me

CHORUS 2

Hear my voice, when I call O Lord, be merciful to me

My heart counsels me to seek His face, Your face, O Lord, I will seek

And do not hide Your face, Lord, do not turn me away

Do not reject of forsake me, O Lord

And though my father and mother have left me all alone

But the Lord will gather me as his own

Vs. 4

I would have lost heart, unless I had believed

That I would live to see the goodness of the Lord

Wait on the Lord and in your courage, be strong

And He will strengthen your heart, I say, Wait

Wait on the Lord

1. **Do Not Hide Your Face**

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Scriptures: Ps.23; 36:7, 69:17,102:1-2; Mk. 14:36; Ruth 2:12; Matt.23:37

Vs. 1

A prayer of the afflicted when he was overwhelmed

He poured out his complaint before the Lord

Hear my prayer, O Lord and let my cry arise to You

When you hear my voice, lift me on Your shoulders

In the day I cry, Lord, come to me

When You hear my voice, You are my Good Shepherd

Answer me, speedily, O Lord

Vs. 2

We wait for God to deliver us, but still we stand our ground

We rehearse our remembrance of His faithfulness

We commit our hearts to honor His enduring love

When You hear my voice, remind me of Your goodness

In the day I cry, strengthen me to stand

When You hear my voice, You are my Good Shepherd

Send Your help speedily, O Lord

CHORUS

And do not hide Your Face, O Lord,

In the day I call, let Your help come quickly

Incline Your ear to me, O Lord

In the day of my sorrow, quickly rescue me

*V’al taster panecha mimeni b’yom tzar li*

*Hat elai, oz’necha, b’yom ekra maher aneni\**

Bridge:

When I heard Your voice, when I saw Your face

When You beckoned me, Lord, I was overcome

When You covered me, with Your holy garment

I lay down, underneath Your wings

I lay down with you, underneath Your wings

Vs. 3

Through loneliness and rejection, our Lord continued on

Knowing He would become the lamb of Sacrifice

He prepared His heart to carry all our guilt and shame

If it be your will, take this cup away from Me

If it be Your will, Father, rescue Me

If You hear my cry, but if not, My righteous Father

Let Your will, Your perfect will be done

CHORUS 2

The Lord is my Good Shepherd, He leadeth me beside still waters

He anoints my head with oil, surely goodness and mercy will run after me

*Adonai roi v’lo ech’sar, Al mei m’nuchot y’na-ha-layni*

*Dishanta ba’shemen roshi*

*Ach tov v’chesed yir’d’funi\**

Bridge

All things in Heaven and on earth, making peace with God and man

\*All Hebrew lyrics are taken directly from the same Hebrew Psalms, from which the English lyrics were presented.

1. **My Mortal Frame**

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Scriptures: Job 38:4-7; 19:25-27; 1Cor.15:50-54; Rev. 21:4; Ps. 30:11

Vs.1

The Lord beholds the suffering of His beloved ones

We cling to Him when anxious thoughts assail us

We pray for God to carry us through burdens hard to bear

The compassions of the Father’s heart will heal us, He will heal us

Vs.2

Now, each soul knows its sorrow, but joy comes in the morning

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He will come

And I know that I will see Him, He will stand upon the earth

With my own eyes and in my flesh, I will see Him, I will see Him

CHORUS

For I know my mortal frame will put on immortality

He will turn our mourning into dancing with our King

Every tear be wiped away, with our King to rule and reign

We will be with our God forever more

Bridge:

In lonely nights, the worries and fear, the oceans of tears swept through me

The Lord will send His supernatural peace

The compassions of His heart, He will hold us in His arms, our Father’s love

Vs. 3

How many loving parents carry grief that can’t be known

They’ve seen their future ripped away, someone’s missing from their home

Uncounted tears poured out to God, disappointment wounds their dreams

But they know that every tear they’ve cried, our Father, He will redeem

CHORUS 2

What the enemy meant for evil, God will turn it around for good

What the enemy meant to destroy me with, the Lord will bring good out of this

What the enemy stole, God will restore, blessed be His Name forevermore

We will be with our God forevermore

Bridge 2:

In shattered dreams, we feel we are alone

So far from His throne, all we can see

Arise and shine, illuminating light, a sacrifice of love

Has called us into Life, our Father’s love

Vs. 4

And where were you when I laid down the foundations of the world?

And to what did I attach the pillars of the earth?

The Morning Stars were singing, beholding My creation

And the Sons of God did shout for joy, in praise of My creating

1. **Establish Your Heart**

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Scriptures: 2Cor.12:7; 2Pet.1:10-11; Ja.5:7-8; 2Tim. 3:11; Heb.6:15, 10:32

Vs. 1

Do you love the Lord God, with all your heart

Pray always that our faith is growing stronger

Even Paul, our brother pleaded with the Lord

To remove this thorn from His flesh

Vs. 2

Do not be weighed down by the cares of this world

Even when we’re afraid, please make us bolder

For the strength we lack, let new resolve arise

Let us fix our eyes on the prize

CHORUS

Though it’s easy to complain in our hearts to the Lord

As His people, we mature, we run our race to endure

Keep your heart with all diligence, establish your mind

For the issues of our heart become the boundaries of our lives

And the ways that we think, and the creeds we believe

Create the pathways of our race, to find our destiny

And the words that we speak and the songs that we sing

Define the journey of our life and eternal victory

Verse 3

Do we show restraint, even though our heart grows faint

We express our complaint, but God is for us

He will keep us from falling, keep us holding on

If our faith stays strong, in the pain

CHORUS 2

Now be vigilant and steadfast to make your calling sure

These great and precious promises will ever endure

Show humility and kindness in all of your ways

Let His welcome to the kingdom be secure all your days

Bridge

Be patient, my children till the coming of the Lord

As the farmer waits patiently for fruit

The prophets before us endured unto death

Now establish your hearts in the truth

Bridge 2

The prophetic word is shining as a light in the dark

Until the dawning of the morning star

His Spirit will guide you in the pathways of God

Till His star will arise in your hearts

1. **Enduring Possession**

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Rom. 8:14-19; 28-30; Heb.10:5-8, 32-39, 12:1-3; Ps. 40:6-8

Vs. 1

Sacrifice and offering, You did not desire

But my ear, You have pierced, for my heart belongs to You

Obedience and integrity, these things I have required

Here am I, Your child, O God, I delight to do Your will

CHORUS

But you know that you have an enduring possession

For yourselves and for your eternal soul

You have need of endurance to stand, having done all we can, then we stand

Having done all the good plans of God

Bridge:

In the scroll of your days, it was written for your purpose

In the book of your life is your destiny in God

And to those God foreknew, He has also predestined

In becoming conformed to the image of His Son

Vs. 2

And now recall the former days, when you received the Lord

The cruel injustice you endured, facing ridicule and scorn

They counted you as worthless and all your rights were stripped away

Be patient for a little while, He who comes will not delay

Chorus 2

When He chose to come down and surrender His glory

Angels never had seen such humility

Sacrifice and offering were not desired, but a Body You have prepared was required

To atone for the sins of mankind

Vs. 3

For as many as are being led by the Spirit of the Lord

They shall be called the Sons of God, Heaven and earth in one accord

All creation is in labor now, with the pains of giving birth

We are groaning and are waiting for the redemption of the earth

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