

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

EXODUS 34:6

Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness and truth...”

PSALM 34:1-3

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul will make its boast in the Lord; The humble will hear it and rejoice. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

PSALM 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

DESCRIPTION

Call to Worship. Awakening our souls to sing of God's holy and goodness at all times in life.

VERSES

The Bible tells the story of the relationship between God and humanity, how it was severed, and how God has set to restore it. Each new day in the human life until the last day of life revolves around this fundamental relationship with God. The question must then be asked who is this God that we are to be in relationship with? In God's self revelation of His character to His people, He describes Himself as compassionate, gracious, slow in anger, rich in love and truth (Ex. 34:6). This character is revealed to us in the person and work of Christ Jesus in whom “all the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form” (Col. 2:15; Heb. 1:1-2). Now the question becomes how are the people supposed to respond to such a good, kind, and great God? The Biblical response is to praise the Lord almighty every day, whether first or last, and regardless of circumstances.

CHORUS

The chorus' declaration consists of three components: a subject (“my soul”), a verb (“bless”), and a direct object (“His holy name”). The weight of these repeated terms are best understood if broken down independently. “Soul,” in the Hebrew, emphasizes one's whole being/life (Gen. 2:7). It is speaking about something a person is, not something a person has. To “bless” is to esteem, honor, or praise. Finally, the object of this praise is His (God's) holy name. This is referring to the sacredness of whom He is as God. Thus, when this is reconstructed the phrase being repeated in the chorus is saying something like this: “My soul (every ounce of my being, of my life, all that I am and can do) bless (praise, honor, worship) His holy name (of which there is none other deserving or worthy of such praise because of who He is). May this be passionate all encompassing worship with which we all declare His name which is above all others.