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*God is Good*

*His Best Gifts  
Are Free*



*John (Jehovah is gracious)  
Matthew (gift of God)*

*The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.*

*The Lord is good to all;  
he has compassion on all that he made.*

*Psalms 145:8,9*

*The gift of God is eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our Lord*

*Romans 6:23*

*Every good and perfect gift  
is from above  
coming down from the Father of lights.*

*James 1:17*

## *So Much to Enjoy*

I know some folks aren't happy  
with all the stuff they've got,  
They have a bunch of aches and pains  
and they complain a lot.  
Somewhere along life's winding road  
they got all focused wrong  
And thought if they owned lots of stuff  
their heart would have a song.

Somehow it didn't work that way  
and finally they see  
That God made lots of pretty things  
and best of all, they're free.  
No matter how much gold you have  
you can't create a star  
You simply have to raise your head  
and see them where they are.

You cannot paint a rainbow  
and then show it to your friends  
And sunsets are a work of God  
Whose glory never ends.  
God did not clone the human race  
and make all folks alike;  
He put a lot of beauty  
in some things He thought you'd like.

And if you'd take a little walk  
inside a city park  
And linger there you just might hear  
a singing meadow lark,  
The flowers there would be arrayed  
in coats of blue and pink,  
You'd see so many of God's gifts,  
more than you'd ever think.

So look for good stuff every day,  
don't murmur and complain,  
A happy heart and thankfulness  
might help you with your pain.  
God's given us a lot of gifts  
and if you're really smart  
You'll thank Him for the things He gives  
and love Him in your heart.



God, who richly  
provides everything  
for our enjoyment.  
1 Timothy 6:17b



*The  
Amazing  
Cross*

Some years ago when traveling  
we saw a special sight  
That could be seen for miles around  
though it was day or night.  
We took a boat from Hong Kong  
and headed for Macao  
Which sticks out in South China Sea  
and I remember now  
This Portuguese Peninsula  
that juts out in the Sea  
Had buildings large and beautiful  
for visitors to see.

But that is not the special place  
I want to tell you of  
The site that I'm referring to  
tells folks about God's love.  
A church with many steps in front  
once stood atop a hill  
And on its roof a cross was built  
that could be seen at will.

In fact the sailors on the Sea  
    could see that rugged cross  
It helped them know right where they were  
    so didn't suffer loss  
If storms were raging round about  
    they seldom lost their way  
Because the cross was visible  
    to them both night and day.

But one day when a tempest came  
    the church came crashing down  
Along with other buildings  
    in that close-to-China town.  
But one amazing thing that stood  
    and did not suffer loss;  
The front wall of the church stood firm  
    which held aloft a cross  
And so that cross stands firm today  
    and lets the sailors know  
If they are where they ought to be  
    and which way they should go.

And so the Cross of Christ still stands  
    and points to us the way  
So we can know the love of God  
    and serve Him every day.  
And though the storms of life blow hard  
    against our heart and soul  
We know that Christ, the Son of God,  
    can help us reach our goal.

## *Never Out of Date*

It's amazing how the Bible  
is never out of date,  
It fits all generations  
because its truth is great.  
It tells us how we ought to live  
and what we ought to do;  
It plainly tells us why we're here  
in words both plain and true.

If folks would do the things it says  
obeying God's commands  
'Twould almost be a heaven on earth  
no matter where one stands.  
If folks would love each other  
and forgive 'em like they should  
There'd be a lot of peace on earth,  
more than you think there would.

The Bible's big on thoughtfulness,  
on mercy, and on grace  
And in its pages it will tell  
how we should run life's race.

It helped the folks of long ago  
and helps us now today,  
Another thing it does for sure:  
it teaches us to pray.

Don't ever think God changed the rules  
since He gave them to man;  
They still are there in black and white  
for every tribe and clan.  
I'm glad God tells us we can live  
some day with Him above,  
I'm also glad He tells us  
of His everlasting love.

Your word is a lamp  
to my feet, and a light  
for my path.  
Psalm 119:105



## *Just Passing Through*

Some years ago there was a song  
that I still like a lot  
That says this world is not our home  
(and really it is not).  
It says that we're just passing through,  
and if you think it through  
I think you will agree with me  
because, my friend, it's true.  
God makes us all to live down here  
a little while you know  
But that is not the end of us,  
there's some place else to go.

And as I watch the rushing throng  
I wonder can it be  
They're only living for today  
and not eternity?  
It seems they work and work to buy  
an awful lot of stuff,  
No matter how much dough they have  
it never seems enough.  
I kinda' think the common folk  
who serve both God and man  
Live happy lives because they live  
according to His plan.

This world is not their final home  
so while they're passing through  
They help the folks who need a lift  
like Jesus told them to.  
It's great to have a caring heart  
that loves and can forgive  
And there's no doubt about it  
it's the only way to live.  
And then when Jesus calls their name  
they will no longer roam  
Because they've just been passing through  
to their eternal Home.

The Lord is my shepherd. . . Surely  
goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life, and I will dwell  
in the house of the Lord forever.  
Psalm 23:1,6





*Things  
We'll  
Miss*

Sometimes we get discouraged  
and we like to reminisce  
On what will be hereafter  
and things that we will miss.  
Our hearts will not be troubled,  
there will be no stress or strain  
For in that heavenly Place up There  
we'll feel no guilt or pain.  
No backaches, toothaches, headaches,  
no arthritis, and no gout,  
And fractures, shingles, cataracts,  
are things we'll do without.

We'll not dread that day in April  
when Income Tax comes due;  
The daily news will be passe  
that could upset us, too.  
We'll not make up a shopping list  
or fill the car with gas,  
And we won't have the monthly bills  
that seem to come en masse.

We won't have programs on T.V.  
that rankle us a lot,  
And junk mail won't be coming through  
with bargains that are not.  
And credit cards that rob the poor  
but make for ready cash  
Won't be in evidence up there  
but left on earth as trash.

No politics will be in Heav'n  
for God's the CEO.  
His rules are in the Bible  
that was written long ago.  
Police cars or an ambulance  
with sirens screaming loud  
Won't rush to pick a person up  
if injured in a crowd  
For there will be no accidents,  
no fighting and no crime  
For former things have passed away  
like when we lived in time.

We'll miss the problems that we have  
down here where humans dwell  
And we'll be glad to leave behind  
some other stuff as well.  
We'll not look for a hole down here  
the day we're called to die  
But rather we will look and find  
a hole up in the sky.

a faith and knowledge resting in the hope  
of eternal life, which God, who does not lie,  
promised before the beginning of time. Titus 1:2



## *Heaven's Windowsill*

I wonder if you've ever thought  
you'd like to take a look  
And see what's inside Heaven  
as recorded in God's Book.  
I like to think there's lots of stuff  
recorded in His Word  
That tells what's in that special Place  
of which we all have heard.

It's kinda' like a windowsill  
where we can gaze awhile  
And when we read the things it says  
it gives our heart a smile.  
For when we stand on our tiptoes  
to see the things inside  
We'll see a lot of happy folks  
all scattered far and wide.

We'll see no beggars on the streets  
we understand are gold;  
We won't see folks with cane or crutch  
and no one will be old.  
No one will have a bunch of keys  
to lock their place up tight  
For there will be no crime nor sin  
in that land of delight.

We're told that many angels  
will be hovering about  
And once a person reaches There  
they never will want out.  
So spend a little time each day  
by Heaven's windowsill  
Not only will it cheer your heart,  
but God your cup will fill.

He (God) will wipe every tear  
from our eyes. There will be no  
more death or mourning or crying  
or pain for the old order of things  
have passed away. Revelation 21:4

## *Some See God Everywhere*

I know some folks do not believe  
that God made all the earth  
And yet the theories that they give  
are really of no worth.  
It kinda' seems a little strange  
these folks see God no where  
And yet a lot of other folks  
will see Him everywhere.

They see Him in the flowers,  
in butterflies, in trees,  
They see Him in the sun and moon  
and feel Him in the breeze.  
They see Him in the flakes of snow  
and in the birds that fly,  
They see Him in the sunset  
and the rainbow in the sky.

They see Him in the mountains  
and in the rushing brook,  
In fact they see God every place  
where human eyes can look.  
I'm glad that I believe in God  
and that He cares for me  
And knowing this within my heart  
I'm happy as can be.



## *Heaven*

Sometimes we get discouraged  
And we feel that life is tough;  
At times we have to ask you, Lord,  
To give us grace enough  
To handle pain and struggles  
That just seem to come our way  
And ask You if tomorrow  
Could be better than today.

And Lord, You seem so far away  
If we don't keep in touch,  
We find that other things in life  
Do not amount to much.  
So take our hands again, dear Lord,  
And overflow our cup,  
We'll thank you for the strength You give  
To keep us looking up.  
We'll do our best to smile a bit  
And even sing and hum;  
We know full well You told us  
That the BEST is yet to come.



*Amen*

We have this hope  
as an anchor for the  
soul, firm and secure.  
Hebrews 5:19