

DAVID, REDEMPTION THROUGH WORSHIP

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David = second king of Israel

"So much of our week is dominated with a sense of self. Day after day we are confronted with our dreams, our needs, our sins, our problems, our work, our performance, our health. When the traffic backs up, we wonder why they are doing this to us. When a teacher or boss negatively evaluates our work, we wonder how we could have been so misunderstood. When the family asks for more time, we tell them we just don't have any more to give.

Then at last we come to worship on Sunday morning, and we're confused to hear that it is *not* all about us. But isn't that actually good news? By the time I make it to church on Sunday I am sick and tired of me. I am tired of my thirst and tired of making the same mistakes over and over in my attempts to satisfy it. I am more than ready to hear a better story than the one that currently describes my life." – M. Craig Barnes

David's soul-sight:

- Forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases (v. 3)
- Redeems your life (v. 4)
- Crowns you with love and compassion (v. 4)
- Renews your strength (v. 5)
- God is righteous and just (v. 6)
- Gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love (v. 8)
- Infinitely faithful (v. 17) & Sovereign (v. 19)

"Infinite means having no limits. Never running out. Having no end. Existing forever. Unbound. Timeless...God has never been tired. Never slept. Never aged. Never upgraded. He's self-sufficient. Self-contained. God doesn't need anything. Or anybody...God's greatness doesn't depend on us. If not one single person on earth ever chose to respond to Him in love, believing in Him and worshiping Him, God would still be all that He already is, always has been, and always will be." – Louie Giglio

Worship is our response to God's greatness.

light year = 5 trillion, 865 billion, 696 million miles

outer edge of the universe = 15.5 billion light years away

Psalm 103:11-12

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

"If you don't see the greatness of God then all the things that money can buy become very exciting. If you can't see the sun you will be impressed with a street light. If you've never felt thunder and lightning you'll be impressed with fireworks. And if you turn your back on the greatness and majesty of God you'll fall in love with a world of shadows and short-lived pleasures."

– John Piper

"Worship is the quickening of the conscience by his holiness; the nourishment of mind with his truth; the purifying of imagination by his beauty; the opening of the heart to his love; the surrender of will to his purpose—all this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable."

– Archbishop William Temple (1881-1944)