

King David and Martin Luther:

Two of a Kind When it Comes to Singing the Faith



King David: Psalm 103



Martin Luther: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name.
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Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
with exultation springing
And with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing

And forget not all His benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love
and mercy, who satisfies you with
good so that your youth is renewed
like the eagle's.

Proclaim the wonders God has done,
how His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!

For he knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust.
As for man, his days are like grass;
He flourishes like a flower of the field,
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
in sin my mother bore me,
But daily deeper still I fell;
my life became a living hell,
so firmly sin possessed me.

<p>But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments. The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, And His kingdom rules over all.</p>	<p>But God had seen my wretched state before the world's foundation. And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation. He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part but gave His dearest treasure.</p>
<p>Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word! Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will! Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!</p>	<p>Now to My Father I depart, from earth to heav'n ascending, and heav'nly wisdom to impart, the Holy Spirit sending; In trouble He will comfort you and teach you always to be true and into truth shall guide you.</p>

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