



# Valley of Vision

*Songs for worship inspired by  
the classic book of Puritan prayers*

Sovereign Grace Music

*The valley of vision  
is the place of paradox.*

*Here, the one who wants to save his life  
loses it for the sake of Another.*

*Here, strength is perfected in weakness,  
and the greatest is the servant of all.*

*Living in the depths,  
we see Him in the heights,*

*Learning that the way down  
is the way up,*

*To be low  
is to be high,*

*And to bear the cross  
is to wear the crown.*

The songs on this CD are inspired by the book *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*, edited by Arthur Bennett.

As 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians we can easily idolize the limited perspectives and culturally shaped wisdom of our own age. But for almost 2000 years God's people have worshiped him genuinely, seeking to live in a manner worthy of the gospel and responding eagerly to the activity of his Spirit. It honors God—and serves our souls—to emulate their example.

The Puritans are one group from whom we can learn a great deal. These men and women, most of whom lived during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, devoted themselves to a revival of “pure” religion. Although they've received some bad press over the years, at their best they stood against superficial Christianity and sought to honor God in every aspect of their lives.

Puritans like John Bunyan, Thomas Watson, Richard Baxter, and Isaac Watts often wrote down their prayers, not to be published, but to assess their own spiritual growth and to encourage themselves and others in seasons of spiritual

dryness. Their meditations show how our prayers and worship can be shaped and enriched by God's Word and the truth that flows from it, leading to a humble, passionate relationship with God that is both scripturally grounded and experientially rich.

At Sovereign Grace, reading these prayers in *The Valley of Vision* over the years has encouraged us to pursue the same level of depth and reality in our own worship of God. So it made sense to try to capture in song some of the thoughts found in these prayers. Here are twelve such songs, many of which are suitable for congregational worship.

Our hope is that these humble offerings will help you pray with the Puritan:

*Grant me never to lose sight of  
the exceeding sinfulness of sin,  
the exceeding righteousness of salvation,  
the exceeding glory of Christ,  
the exceeding beauty of holiness,  
the exceeding wonder of grace.*

(from “Continual Repentance,” *The Valley of Vision*)





## **In the Valley**

*Based on “The Valley of Vision”*

### **Verse 1**

When You lead me to the valley of vision  
I can see You in the heights  
And though my humbling wouldn’t be my decision  
It’s here Your glory shines so bright  
So let me learn that the cross precedes the crown  
To be low is to be high  
That the valley’s where You make me  
more like Christ

### **Chorus**

Let me find Your grace in the valley  
Let me find Your life in my death  
Let me find Your joy in my sorrow  
Your wealth in my need  
That You’re near with every breath  
In the valley

### **Verse 2**

In the daytime there are stars in the heavens  
But they only shine at night  
And the deeper that I go into darkness  
The more I see their radiant light  
So let me learn that my losses are my gain  
To be broken is to heal  
That the valley’s where Your power is revealed

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## **All That I Need**

*Based on “Fullness”*

### **Verse 1**

In You is strength to sustain me  
And wisdom enough to guide my hand  
Mercy enough to forgive me  
And power to finish what You began

### **Chorus**

All that I need is in You, Jesus  
The fountain of grace that overflows  
All that I need is in You, Jesus  
You are my only hope  
You are my only hope

### **Verse 2**

In You is fullness of gladness  
And fullness of grace for every need  
Rest for the ones who are weary  
And beauty surpassing all that we’ve seen

### **Bridge**

You satisfy my heart  
You satisfy my soul  
You satisfy my heart  
O help me always know

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## Heavenly Father, Beautiful Son

*Based on “The Trinity”*

### Verse 1

Father, You loved me  
Sent Your Son to redeem  
Jesus, You washed me  
By Your blood I am clean  
Spirit, You’ve opened these blinded eyes  
And brought me to Christ

### Chorus

Heavenly Father  
Beautiful Son  
Spirit of light and truth  
Thank You for bringing sinners to come to You

### Verse 2

Father, You gave me  
To Jesus to keep  
And Jesus, You love me  
As a shepherd, his sheep  
Spirit, You’ve given me faith in the Son  
And made our hearts one

### Verse 3

Father, You’re waiting  
To hear my requests  
Jesus, Your loving  
Open hand is outstretched  
Spirit, You’re in me, You intercede  
And help in my need

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## How Deep

*Based on “Love Lustres at Calvary”*

### Verse 1

You were broken that I might be healed  
You were cast off that I might draw near  
You were thirsty that I might come drink  
Cried out in anguish that I might sing

### Chorus

How deep is Your love  
How high and how wide is Your mercy  
How deep is Your grace  
Our hearts overflow with praise  
To You

### Verse 2

You knew darkness that I might know light  
Wept great tears that mine might be dried  
Stripped of glory that I might be clothed  
Crushed by Your Father to call me Your own

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## I Come Running

*Based on “Need of Jesus”*

### Verse 1

Jesus, I am blind, be my light  
Darkened in my mind, be my wisdom  
Bend my stubborn will to Your own  
Open up my ears to hear Your Spirit  
Melt my conscience once again  
Help me hate the slightest sin  
And when Satan comes to tempt me

### Chorus

I come running to You, when I fear, when I’m tried  
I come running to You, to Your blood, to Your side  
And there my soul finds rest  
There my soul finds rest in You

### Verse 2

Shepherd of my soul, lead me on  
To the pastures green in Your Scriptures  
Make me to lie down by waters still  
Fill me with Your peace in the tempest  
I take my refuge in Your cross  
By Your sacrifice I’m washed  
And when Satan comes accusing

### Verse 3

Once I was Your foe, a slave to sin  
A stranger to Your love, a hopeless outcast  
But You have brought me near, I’m bought with blood  
Now I’m Your precious child, an heir with Jesus  
You pour heaven into my soul  
Your wondrous love, it overflows  
And I marvel how You love me

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## Let Your Kingdom Come

*Based on “God’s Cause”*

### Verse 1

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts  
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are  
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown  
The cross has saved us so we pray  
Your kingdom come

### Chorus

Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
So that everyone might know Your Name  
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth  
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done  
Let Your kingdom come

### Verse 2

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak  
Perform Your wondrous deeds  
through those who are weak  
Lord use us as You want, whatever the test  
By grace we’ll preach Your gospel till  
Our dying breath

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## O Great God

*Based on “Regeneration”*

### Verse 1

O great God of highest heaven  
Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme  
Conquer every rebel power  
Let no vice or sin remain  
That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me Yours forevermore

### Verse 2

I was blinded by my sin  
Had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within  
Had no taste for heaven’s joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life  
Opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son  
Gave me endless hope and peace

### Verse 3

Help me now to live a life  
That’s dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised  
With my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven  
Glorify Your Name through me

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## It Was Your Grace

*Based on “Grace in Trials”*

### Verse 1

It was Your grace that drew me to the cross  
It was Your grace that gave me faith  
It was Your grace that reconciled me to Yourself  
Though I had sinned in every way  
You disarmed me of everything that I would lean on  
So I would lean on You  
And You stripped me of everything I would depend on  
So I’d depend on You

### Chorus

In You alone my strength is found  
In You alone my hope abounds  
In You alone my strength is found  
My life is bound up in You

### Verse 2

And in my weakness give me still more grace  
Grace to cast myself on You  
In every trial let me find Your peace and joy  
And grace to humbly walk with You  
O disarm me of everything that I would lean on  
So I will lean on You  
Jesus, strip me of everything I would depend on  
So I’ll depend on You

### Bridge

Give me more grace  
Give me more grace  
And new mercies every morning  
Give me new mercies

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## Only Jesus

*Based on “The Life Look”*

### Verse 1

Father of grace You’ve sacrificed  
Your only Son for us, the crucified Jesus  
Enlarge our hearts to love Your Son  
O grant to us the grace to walk with Him always  
To make Him our great delight  
Bringing worship with our lives

### Chorus

Only Jesus! Only Jesus!  
Give us Jesus, we cry  
Only Jesus! Only Jesus!  
The Pearl of greatest price

### Verse 2

Spirit of grace You’ve shed Your light  
Upon our darkened eyes, unveiling Jesus Christ  
Come change our hearts, conform our ways  
To honor Jesus’ Name, His glory our refrain  
Let His love compel our own  
As we worship at His throne

### Bridge

Jesus, our great Savior  
Lord of heaven, Son of God

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## The Precious Blood

*Based on “The Precious Blood”*

### Verse 1

Before the cross I kneel and see  
The measure of my sin  
How You became a curse for me  
Though You were innocent  
The magnitude of Your great love  
Was shown in full degree  
When righteous blood, the crimson spill  
Rained down from Calvary

### Chorus

Oh, the precious blood  
That flowed from Mercy’s side  
Washed away my sin  
When Christ my Savior died  
Oh, the precious blood  
Of Christ the crucified  
It speaks for me before Your throne  
Where I stand justified

### Verse 2

And who am I that I should know  
This treasure of such worth  
My Savior’s pure atoning blood  
Shed for the wrath I’d earned  
For sin has stained my every deed  
My every word and thought  
What wondrous love that makes me one  
Your priceless blood has bought

### Bridge

A crown of thorns, pierced hands and feet  
A body bruised, and Mercy’s plea

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## **It Was Love**

*Based on “Love”*

### **Verse 1**

It was love that brought You from above  
To walk upon the earth  
And love that caused Your weariness  
Your hunger and Your thirst  
It was love that caused You to be tried  
And tempted by the foe  
And love that brought the nails and cross  
And love that bought my soul

### **Chorus**

How wonderful Your love  
The mystery of mysteries  
Filling up my heart  
More glorious than I know  
How wonderful Your love  
There's nothing else so sweet to me  
I'll never be apart  
From the Lover of my soul  
From the Lover of my soul

### **Verse 2**

Your love is filled with holiness  
O Spirit, fan this flame  
Your love will never cease or cool  
Your love will never change  
O let me see Your love for me  
Around me everywhere  
The shining sun, a gentle rain  
Remind me of Your care

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## **Who Made Me to Know You**

*Based on “The Mover”*

### **Verse 1**

Who made me to know You, but You  
When dead in sin You gave me new life  
Now my heart is filled with love for You, Jesus

### **Chorus**

Father, thank You for Your Spirit's work in me  
For opening my eyes to the Christ of Calvary  
Jesus, You gave Your life in exchange for mine  
Now I will live for You who died, Jesus

### **Verse 2**

You placed a crown of grace on my head  
You covered me in robes of righteousness  
Forever I will always be Yours, Jesus

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