



Today's chapter, Isaiah 5, is hard to read because God is pointing out all that's wrong with his people - and it would be easy for us to feel condemned. And yet the reason God says the hard things is because he loves us and he wants us to walk openly and humbly with him, coming to him when we've failed, receiving his forgiveness in Jesus and finding the strength and love to get up and live for Him.

*Our first song is a great Charles Wesley hymn that reminds us of just how much we need Jesus.*

## Song

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood  
Died He for me who caused His pain  
For me who Him to death pursued  
Amazing love how can it be  
That You my God should die for me  
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What mystery here the Immortal dies  
Who can explore His strange design  
In vain the highest angel tries  
To sound the depths of love divine  
What mercy this let earth adore  
Let angel minds enquire no more  
What mercy this let earth adore  
Let angel minds enquire no more

He left His Father's throne above  
So free so infinite His grace  
Humbled Himself in all His love  
And bled for Adam's helpless race  
What mercy this immense and free  
For O my God it found out me  
What mercy this immense and free  
For O my God it found out me

Long my imprisoned Spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night  
Then shone Your glorious gospel ray  
I woke the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off my heart was new  
I rose went forth and followed You  
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I rose went forth and followed You

No condemnation now I dread  
Jesus and all in Him is mine  
Alive in Him my living Head  
And clothed in righteousness divine  
Bold I approach the eternal throne  
And claim the crown through Christ my own  
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## Introduction

Because Jesus died for us, whatever we've done, we can come boldly into God's presence day after day and know that his love for us will never run out. Romans chapter 8:38-39 says:

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Other loves might fail us, but God's love is unfailing.



## Song

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy  
thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy

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## Prayers

■ Our prayers today focus on the world,  
our country, our families, the church  
family, giving thanks

■ Audio on CD

## Read Isaiah 5

### Song

Your word is good it's ever faithful  
Worth more than gold the heart's delight  
Your word gives life to all who hear and obey  
Your word endures forever

Your word is true it never changes  
It formed the earth sustains it still  
Your word defends providing refuge and  
strength  
Your word endures forever

Your word is a lamp unto my feet  
Your word is a light unto my path  
For your word is my hope it's my joy and my  
song  
Your word endures forever

Your word transforms it lifts the humble  
Rebukes the proud protects the poor  
Your word discerns the mind and spirit of all  
Your word endures forever  
Your word endures forever

Your word is more than just letters on pages  
It's life and it's love and it's freedom for us  
Your word is more than just wisdom of ages  
Its treasures are endless it's always enough  
Your word is more than just stories of old  
It's the truth and the way and the story of  
love  
Your word is more than just breath into dust  
It's your Son as a man come to dwell here  
with us

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## Teaching

### Confession & Communion

Having heard the words of God through Isaiah, let's come to God now, to tell him how grieved we are that we have hurt him and others, by our words and our actions.

A moment of silence as we each search our hearts

*Our great and gracious God,  
Your word has found us out.*

*You have delighted in us  
and done everything for us,  
Yet, our hearts wander from you.*

*For our greedy consumerism  
And for unthinkingly exploiting others,  
We are sorry.*

*For relying on anything, other than you  
And for thinking we could sin and not hurt you,  
We are sorry.*

*For calling evil good and good evil  
And for thinking we know better than you,  
we are sorry.*

*For abusing our positions of power and trust,  
We are sorry.*

*Wash us clean, because of Jesus.  
Fill us with power to live differently  
And give us your love that we might  
Treat others as you would want us to.  
For Jesus' sake. Amen.*

We're going to remember what it cost God to win our forgiveness, as we share the simple meal Jesus gave us.

The bread speaks of Jesus' body, broken for us. Let's eat and be thankful.

The wine speaks of Jesus' blood poured out for us. Let's drink and be thankful.



## Song

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
And precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
Pure gold

Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You my Master  
Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within  
And make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin  
Deep within

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Lord Jesus, you gave everything for us, you loved us to the last.  
We thank you and pray that that sense of deep gratitude would stay with us this week, in all we do.  
We want to live grateful lives; lives that please and honour you.  
Please make us pure