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I delight that...

...I don't have to quench my thirst by what I work for and achieve: God is not selfish like people. He doesn't hold back...

...I humble myself from believing I have to deserve the Holy Spirit somehow: God has made a way for me...

...I don't need to wait until I am good enough to enter in and stand before God because He washes me clean...

...I don't have to be afraid of not having "done enough" to deserve God's grace: God has made a covenant to be with us...

...when I come to God, He will not reject. I have God's promise that He will not cast me out (John 6:37)...

(And then this...)

...Heart hear this! I turn my soul away from having to perform better in order to deserve God's presence. The radiance of God upon me washes away my shame (Heb 10:19,22). Lord, I love Your grace...

(And then one of these...)

...I do not have to earn the right to be given the presence of God. It is by faith in His grace to draw near—not by faith in what I deserve or don't deserve. Father I delight that I can trust and live according to Your word...

"...having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear." (Acts 2:33).

"we...receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." (Gal. 3:14).

"...it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all..." (Rom. 4:16)

"...as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him," (Col. 2:6).

"He saved us...by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit," (Titus 3:5).

"...did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?" (Gal. 3:2,3).

"...receive the Spirit...by hearing with faith" (Gal. 3:2—implied)

"But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace." (Rom. 11:6).

"...receive the kingdom of God like a child..." (Luke 18:17)

"...he who comes to God must believe...that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." (Heb. 11:6).

"...Break up your fallow ground...seek the Lord Until He comes to rain righteousness on you." (Hos. 10:12).

"...applying all diligence, in your faith..." (1 Pet. 1:5).

"...building yourselves up on your most holy faith" (Jude 1:20b)

...My God is always a fountain who never stops radiating the Holy Spirit onto those who draw near...

"...You give them to drink...For with You is the fountain..." (Psa. 36:8,9)

"...the fountain of living water, even the Lord." (Jer. 17:13)

"...His Son...He is the radiance of His glory..." (Heb. 1:2,3; 'radiance' = outshining *not* as in a reflection)

"...on...the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.' ' But this He spoke of the Spirit..." (John 7:37-39).

...I can receive God's presence because I have access directly into the throne room of God to stand before the fountain...

"for through Him we...have our access in one Spirit to the Father." (Eph. 2:18; see also Heb. 4).

"...we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him" (Eph. 3:12).

"...draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

"...we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus...draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean and our bodies washed with pure water." (Heb. 10:19, 22)

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I delight that...

...I don't have to settle for things the way they always have been. God wants to "give drink" to His people (Isa. 43:18-20)...

...I don't have to live the lie that I can somehow demand or earn God being gracious toward me...

...I don't need to find reasons to think highly of myself before I can come to God and believe He will give me His Spirit...

...I don't have to earn God's pleasure. He finds pleasure in my believing and in my loving Him...

...experiencing God is not hopeless. I don't have to wait to glory in God until I deserve His presence somehow...

(And then this...)

...I repent of trying to decide whether or not I deserve to enter before God! I will trust God's grace...

(And then one of these...)

...God doesn't hold back: the radiance around God is so intense and my access to Him is so real, that when I draw near to God, He draws near to me! I don't have to go anywhere to enter because when I stand before Him, He comes before me...

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you..." (James 4:8)

"I have set the Lord continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." (Psa. 16:8)

"My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people." (Ezek. 37:27)

"...the tabernacle of God is among men..." (Rev. 21:3)

"Let us go into His dwelling place; Let us worship at His footstool." (Psa. 132:7)

"Heaven is My throne and the earth is my footstool..." (Isa. 66:1)

"...the earth...is the footstool of His feet..." (Mat. 5:35)

"Exalt the Lord our God And worship at His footstool; Holy is He." (Psa. 99:5)

"...the Lord said to Moses, '...Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb...'" (Exo. 17:5,6)

"But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: 'Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'"

(that is, to bring Christ down)..." (Rom. 10:6-8)

"Elijah said, 'As the Lord of hosts lives, before whom I stand..." (1 Kings 18:15).

"Elisha said, 'As the Lord of hosts lives, before whom I stand, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look at you nor see you.'" (2 Kings 3:14).

(David) "I have set the Lord continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." (Psa. 16:8).

"...I will pour out water on the thirsty land And streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring And My blessing on your descendants; And they will spring up among the grass Like poplars by streams of water" (Isa. 44:3,4)

...I can trust You Lord, because You promise to give enough of Your Spirit to quench my thirst abundantly...

"I will fill the soul of the priests with abundance, And My people will be satisfied with My goodness," declares the Lord."

(Jer. 31:14; see also Exo. 31:18-23).

"I, the Lord, am your God...Open your mouth wide and I will fill it." (Psa. 81:10).

"...the fountain of living water, even the Lord." (Jer. 17:13)

"...You give them to drink...For with You is the fountain...In Your light we see light." (Psa. 36:8,9)

"Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance." (Isa. 55:1,2).

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It is the nearness of God by His radiance upon me that...

...is my glory...

...is my significance...

...is my reassurance...

...is my thrill and pleasure...

...is my righteousness...

...is my adequacy for ministry...

...is my security...

...is my protection...

...is my defense...

...is my justice...

(And then this...)

...I delight to turn away from having to perform better in order to deserve God's presence. It is right, good, and safe for me to turn and trust I am before the Lord—and that He is before me here...

(And then one of these...)

...the radiance around God is so great it makes a lake and a river of the Spirit before the throne. I delight to receive Your presence Lord. I love that I can draw near to so great a glory as You...

“...on that which resembled a throne, high up, was a figure with the appearance of a man...and there was a radiance around Him...As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance...” (Ezek. 1:26-28).

“...there was a rainbow around the throne...” (Rev. 4:3).

“...a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God...” (Rev. 22:1).

“and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal...” (Rev. 4:6).

“...the sea was for the priests to wash in.” (2 Chron. 4:6; see also Exo. 30:21)

“and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father...” (Revelation 1:6)

“...[at] the door of the house...water was flowing from under the threshold...water reaching the ankles.” (Ezek. 47:1,3)

“...He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean...” (John 13:10)

...I don't need to feel shame to come to God because the spray of light from the fountain washes me clean...

“Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus...let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Heb. 10:19 and 22).

“...repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19).

“...He wraps himself in light as with a garment;” (Psa. 104:1,2 NIV)

“but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light...the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7)

“...God is Light...” (1 John 1:5)

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...I don't have to quench my thirst by what I work for and achieve: God is not selfish like people. He doesn't hold back...

...I humble myself from believing I have to deserve the Holy Spirit somehow: God has made a way for me...

...My humanity doesn't need to have glory in order to receive God's presence: God is always a fountain. He is always gracious to those who will draw near...

...I don't have to be afraid of not having "done enough" to deserve God's grace: God has made a covenant to be with us...

(And then this...)

...Heart hear this! I can turn my soul away from having to perform better in order to deserve God's presence—I just need to heart to hear and believe it. The radiance of God upon me washes away my shame (Heb 10:19,22). **Lord, I love Your grace to draw near to me...**

(And then one of these...)

...I don't have to ponder the past. Your plan is to quench my thirst! I will declare Your praise...

"Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert..To give drink to My chosen people. The people whom I formed for Myself, Will declare My praise." (Isa. 43:18-21).

"...you will rejoice in the Lord, You will glory in the Holy One of Israel. The afflicted and needy are seeking water, but there is none, And their tongue is parched with thirst; I, the Lord, will answer them Myself, As the God of Israel I will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights And springs in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water And the dry land fountains of water." (Isa. 41:16-18).

...Lord, I am trusting that I am before You and am opening myself to Your radiance and are welcoming You here...

"...I will pour out water on the thirsty land And streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring And My blessing on your descendants; And they will spring up among the grass Like poplars by streams of water" (Isa. 44:3,4)

"How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights. For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light" (Psa. 36:7-9)

"How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! O Lord, they walk in the light of Your countenance. In Your name they rejoice all the day, And by Your righteousness they are exalted. For You are the glory of their strength..." (Psa. 89:15-17).

...Because the Lord also draws near to me, there is more glory in standing before the Lord than in anything else I could see, touch, hear, taste, or long for...

"...Ascribe greatness to our God!" (Deut. 32:3)

"...glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh," (Phil. 3:3)

"Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the Lord be glad." (1 Chron. 16:10)

"...the nations will bless themselves in Him, And in Him they will glory." (Jer. 4:2)

"O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house And the place where Your glory dwells." (Psa. 26:8)

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I delight that...

...I don't have to agree with the disbelief of religious people around me. Heart hear that one! It is right to live by faith in God. Lord, I love that I can so freely draw near and drink...

...I can ignore pressure from religious people who want to protect themselves by making me feel like I shouldn't go outside their religious boundaries...

...I don't have to agree with religious people who glorify their spirituality and make the presence of God a thing others should try to achieve. Lord, I love that I can trust I am before You and it happens...

...I can reject pressure from religious people who want to set themselves above me by boasting how special they are...

(And then this...)

...I turn from putting my faith in whether or not I deserve God's presence! Heart hear this: I am repenting of my earthly dependancies and God wants to replace them with something far better...

(And then one of these...)

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." (Psa. 118:8)

"Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert...To give drink to My chosen people. The people whom I formed for Myself Will declare My praise" (Isa. 43:18-21).

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"...it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all..." (Rom. 4:16)

"...you...are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit." (Eph. 2:22).

"But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace." (Rom. 11:6).

...I can trust that You will give enough of the Spirit to me for *You* to become my strength...

"Thus says the Lord, 'Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the Lord. For he will be like a bush in the desert...But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness... Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord And whose trust is the Lord. For he will be like a tree planted by the water, That extends its roots by a stream And will not fear when the heat comes; But its leaves will be green, And it will not be anxious in a year of drought Nor cease to yield fruit.'" (Jer. 17:5-8; see also Isa. 12:2,3).

...I love that I don't have to be afraid to draw near...

"...the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out." (John 6:37)

"...none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned." (Psa. 34:22)...

"...come to the waters...delight yourself in abundance." (Isa. 55:1,2).

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom." (Luke 11:32).

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