

# Breath of Heaven

*The  
magnificence  
of God!*

You know, our God is the Eternal Optimist!

He *never* gives up hope about us *returning* and *surrendering* our deepest hearts and longings to Him.

He *never* shuts the door or tells us ‘It’s too late!’

And not only that – I think that one of God’s greatest Spiritual Gifts – is the gift of encouragement!

2Thesalonians 2:16 says :- May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope!

Unashamedly – *today* – my goal and purpose is to encourage you – to inspire you to reach out and receive the breath of heaven – the magnificence of God – into our hearts and lives.

My goal and purpose is to make sure you leave this house with more faith, hope and encouragement than you came in with!

The Bible says in Hebrews 11:6 that *anyone who comes to the Father must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

The Bible promises us, that God is going to *reward* you for making the effort to come here today and seek after His face and His ways!

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Believe it – and receive this – as nourishment and strength - into your spirit and soul this morning.

And your week is going to go *so much better* for making the effort to come into the house of the Lord today and listening to the preaching of His holy word.

God is a good God, and *only* has good things to give to His children!

"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are broken, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who seek after, and ask of him! Matthew 7:9-11

Today, God is wanting – willing *and* able to fill your life with blessings and joy – so abundant – that you won't have room to take it all in!

And you may have come here today feeling on top of the world – with your *faith tanks* all filled up!

That's great – and you need to celebrate that.

But - you may have come here feeling depressed and confused.

And if you were honest, you might even admit to being weak and *low of faith* this morning.

If you have, then you need to begin to release that to the Lord and *replace* it with His love and truth.

Because no matter *where* you are, or *what* you are feeling today - the *first* gift God wants to impart into your spirit – is the gift of increased faith!

We *can* receive the promise, that our faith to believe and trust in God is increased as we listen to the teaching and preaching of His holy Word! *Romans 10:17*

That as the Psalmist declared – in Your *presence* O Lord – is fullness of Joy!

And we can enter fully into the presence of the Lord right this very moment – coming boldly before His throne of grace...

...knowing that we are fully forgiven, fully accepted and fully cleansed by the life giving blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Hebrews 4:16

If you are feeling in anyway unworthy, guilty or self-condemned this morning...

...you need to recognise this as a lie of the enemy, and repent of it!

There is now NO condemnation for those who are in the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 8:1

And like a breath of fresh clean air, or a refreshing glass of crisp clear water – the Magnificence of God invigorates and stimulates our lives to the *very core* of our being.

Today's Bible Workshop - *Breath of Heaven* will restore and encourage your faith in God –

- His beauty and His majesty
- His splendour and His power!

In a simple yet profound way - it will *inspire* you and *increase* your hope and trust in Almighty God - our loving and compassionate Father and Friend.

Because this is what we were *created* to know.

Enjoy this short multi-media clip that celebrates the very nature – and names of our Creator God!

Slide # 02 – Video – Names of God

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Our God IS a great and a magnificent God – Creator of all – Lord over everything!

He is wise, and He deals with His Children fairly and honestly.

Today – it's *time* to enter more fully into His presence.

It's *time* to lay that burden down.

Time to decide that you CAN fully surrender, fully trust, *completely* relinquish your life into the safety of your Creator God.

Today – your Creator Father is asking you to stop resisting, and to simply fall into His outstretched arms of love and forgiveness.

It's time to stop focusing upon *your* weakness, and instead magnify the power and beauty of God within your heart and life.

Allow the Word of God to wash over your heart and mind this morning – as the prophet Isaiah – touched and empowered by the Spirit of God – looked *forward* in time – to centuries now confirmed by history – and boldly declared:

Isaiah 42:1 ¶ "Here is my servant - *Jesus*, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.

2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

4 he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope."

5 ¶ This is what God the LORD says—he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

6 "I, the LORD, have called *you* in righteousness; I will take hold of *your* hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,

7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

8 "I am the LORD; that is my name!

It's time to *stop* worrying.

It's time to remove that burden that weighs you down.

Today – it's time to *fully* surrender and trust in our loving Heavenly Father.

You need to know that God has you in the palm of His hand today.

Nothing that has happened to you has taken Him by surprise.

That accident, that tragedy or sickness or event.

God knew it was going to happen before it ever begun – and not only did He know, but He has the strength to carry you through.

Find your strength in Him, and your burden will be lighter, and your yoke more easy.

God has you, right where He wants you to be this morning.

If things are getting too hard for you to handle – then you need to hand those things over to God and allow Him to carry them *with* you.

This is the love of our Father who promises to walk with us through the fire and the water of life.

Slide # 02 – Video – Trust in God!

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Come to Me

All who are weary and burdened – and I *will* give you rest

Put My yoke upon your shoulders – it might appear *heavy* at first

But it is perfectly fitted  
but it is perfectly fitted  
but it is perfectly fitted to your curves

Learn from Me - for I am gentle and humble of heart

Where you are  
Look to me  
Your weary souls will find rest



For my yoke is easy my burden is light  
My yoke is easy my burden is light

And it is perfectly fitted  
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How it is perfectly fitted to your curves.

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I was reminded of the faithfulness God and the necessity to trust in Him – at a funeral of the father of my oldest friend of 40 years, just last week.

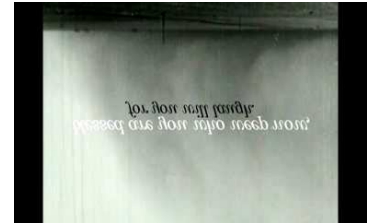
My friend Glen, also a pastor, and conducting the funeral of his own father –

...spoke of the night his father passed away, in a hospital bed – with no one beside him.

Glen shared this beautiful verse from Psalm 23:

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death – Thou art with me!

Glen's dad *didn't* die alone – the Bible promises us – that God *is* with us, even through the valley of the shadow of death.



Reflecting on this truth, Glen recounted a story he once heard, about the faith needed to die, *and* about the faith needed to live.

The true story is about a travelling circus, and their German Trapeze Artists, the Flying Rodleighs.

One day the star performer of the trapeze act, was interviewed about his performance on the local radio station.

The comment was made by the announcer, that Rodleigh was the star performer of the trapeze act.

This was Rodleigh's reply:

'Actually, as a 'flyer', my job is *not* the most important one. My role is useless without the skills of an accomplished catcher on the other side to take my arms when I make the jump.

You might think I'm the star of the show, but the real hero is Joe – my *catcher*.'

Rodleigh then went on to share the secret of the famous trapeze act, saying that the flyer does very little, and the catcher does all the hard work.

'When I take that leap of faith and fly across the tent, all I have to do is simply stretch out my arms and hands – and then *wait* to be caught.'

He went on to say how the flyer has to fly, and the catcher – has to catch.

The flyer has to trust – with outstretched arms – that his catcher will be there for him.

As my oldest friend Glen shared this story, he said that the moment he heard this description – that it reminded him of the outstretched arms of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary.

And the words that escaped His dying lips; ‘Father – into Your hands, I commit my spirit!’

Glen shared that dying – and indeed living – is like trusting the Catcher.

That God is there when we all cross the horizon.

He was there when we first gasped for air, He will be there when we breath our final breath, and He is there for each and every one of us right now – today, and tomorrow.

The Bible tells us in Deuteronomy 33:27 that – The Eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are His everlasting arms.

You see, the body count for humanity is one per person.

And yes, we need faith in Jesus because we are each going to pass from this beautiful world into one even more exquisite.

But we also need faith and trust in God because we *are going to live*.

I’ve taken many funerals over the last decade, three in just the last week.

When I bring the committal – ashes to ashes, earth to earth, dust to dust...

...I am always reminded how frail our lives really are - that we are made from the earth, and to the earth we must return.

I am also reminded that God Almighty – the Creator of the Universe – the Giver of Life to all mankind – is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger for ever;  
10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

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.

13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;

16 the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

17 But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

18 with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

19 ¶ The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

20 Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

21 Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

22 Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.  
Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Psalm 103:8-22

And this Awesome God – this Magnificent God of splendour and Majesty - is *incomplete* without you in His life.

In fact, He would rather die – than live without you.

The magnificence and majesty of God – is that while He is so great that He lives beyond and outside of the universe He created.

He is so close and personal – that He lives within my heart!

Let's celebrate our God this morning.

God of Wonders, throughout our galaxy!

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Lord of all creation  
Of water, earth, and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on High

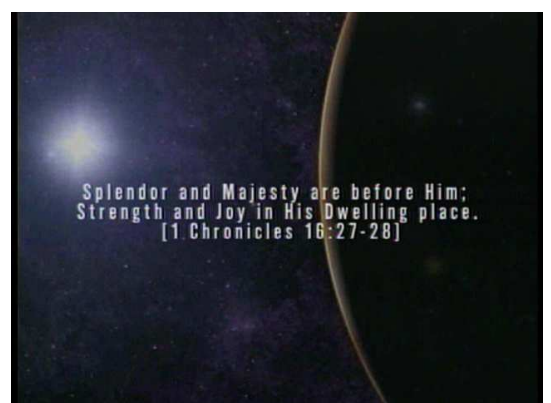
God of wonders, beyond out galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth (2X)

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
And as I stumble through the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

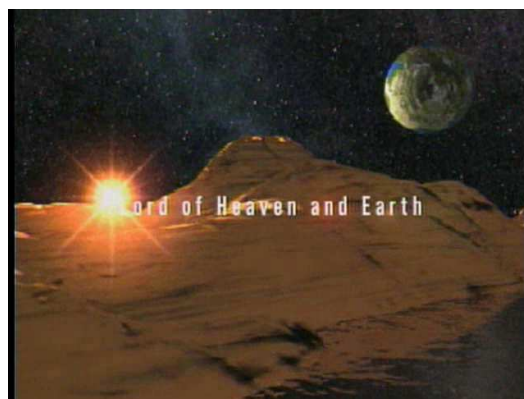
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Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
(3X)

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me  
Father holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy, holy, holy



Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
(6X)

Lord of heaven and earth  
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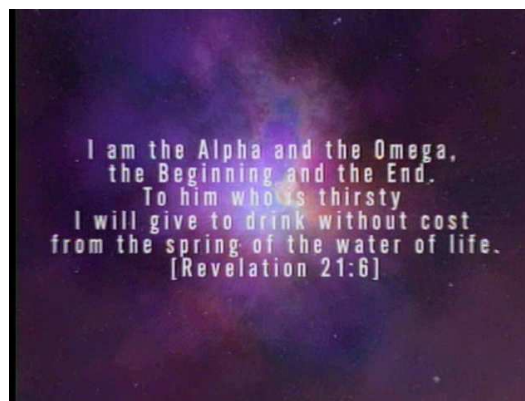
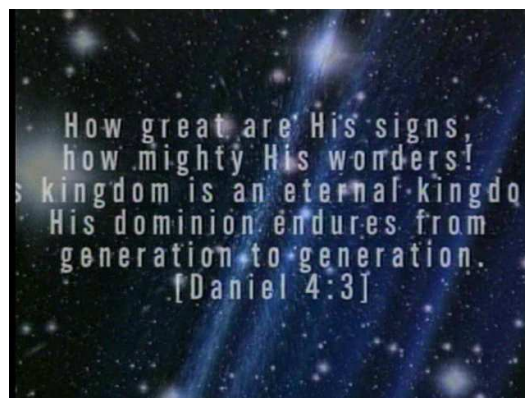
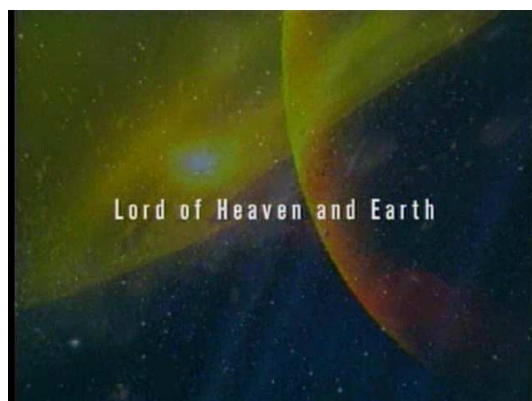
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