



Anthem: "As High as the Heavens"

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The anthem lyrics are based on **Psalm 103:11-12** and **Psalm 30:5**.

Psalm 103:11-12 – For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. NIV

THINK ABOUT IT:

Imagine the vast expanse of space where the earth is but a speck compared to the immeasurable love God has for those who respect and acknowledge God's sovereignty.

The east and the west can never meet in one point, but will be forever at the same distance from each other. Because of God's mercy, man's sins and deserved punishments are a forever distance from each other.

adapted from Adam Clarke Commentary

Psalm 30:5 – For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. NIV

THINK ABOUT IT:

Grace and wrath are both part of God's nature. God exercises His wrath at a particular moment to accomplish a particular objective, but God doesn't withdraw His love and grace.

adapted from footnote Psalm 30:5 from *Disciple's Study Bible*

By God's love and grace, the sins of believers shall be remembered no more. "If we thoroughly forsake them, God will thoroughly forgive them." What joy!

https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mhc/Psa/Psa_103.cfm

Prayer: Sovereign God, I will never grow tired of contemplating your immeasurable love for me. I will never stop being amazed at the grace and forgiveness You offer me. How amazing! Yet how undeserving I am! I offer all my respect and gratitude so that all honor and glory are Yours. Amen

Anthem Text

As high as the heavens are above the earth so great is the Father's love;
As far as the east is from the west, so far has He taken our sin from us.

For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts for a life time;
Weeping may remain for a night but rejoicing comes, it comes in the morning.

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