



What I Want to Say to God

Job 37:19-20

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- What would I say to God if I were to meet Him face to face?
 - Probably nothing; stunned into speechlessness
 - Very likely be destroyed by the experience
 - Ex. 33:20 - “He said, You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.”

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- Have heard dozens of answers to this question; they tended to fall into four categories:
 - The majority were impertinent, blasphemous, or derisive
 - A number dismissed the possibility by claiming there is no God
 - Several quoted Bible texts or religious writers
 - But the fourth...

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- A few did what Job did; asked God to defend His words, will, and activities
 - Job 37:19-20 - “Teach us what we should say to Him, For we can prepare nothing because of the darkness. 20 Should He be told that I wish to speak? If a man were to speak, surely he would be swallowed up.”

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- What would be our purpose in talking to God?
- We certainly cannot offer God information or instruction
 - Job 21:22 - “Can anyone teach God knowledge, Since He judges those on high?”
- But there are some words we can offer to God.

Praise

- Rev. 19:5 - “Then a voice came from the throne, saying, Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!”
- Eph. 1:12 - “We who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.”
- Psalm 150:6 - “Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!”

Praise

- 2Chron. 5:12-14 - “The Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets 13 indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: For He is good, For His mercy endures forever, that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.”

Praise

- Psalm 148:1-13 - "Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! 2 Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! 3 Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! 4 Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created. 6 He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths; 8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; 9 Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars; 10 Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl; 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; 12 Both young men and maidens; Old men and children. 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven."

Thanksgiving

- Rev. 11:16-17 - “And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying: We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.”
- Rev. 7:11-12 - “All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”
- 1Tim. 1:12 - “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry”

Thanksgiving

- 1Thes. 5:18 - “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
- Eph. 5:20 - “Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”
- Rom. 14:6 - “He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.”

Expressions Of Love

- Matt. 22:37-38 - “Jesus said to him, You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment.”
- 2Thes. 3:5 - “Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ”
- Jude 21 - “Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”
- 1John 5:3 - “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”

Expressions Of Love

- Psalm 73:25 - “Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.”
- Prov. 8:17 - “I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.”
- Isa. 56:6-7 - “Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants-Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant- 7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Declarations Of Trust

- 2Sam. 22:1-4 - “Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. 2 And he said: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; 3 The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. 4 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.”

Declarations Of Trust

Psalm 37:1-13 - "Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb. 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. 6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. 7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret-it only causes harm. 9 For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth. 10 For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more. 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. 12 The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth. 13 The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming."

Declarations Of Trust

- 2Tim. 4:16-18 - “At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. 17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!”

Confession

- Of sin and the need for forgiveness
 - Prov. 20:9 - “Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?”
 - 1John 1:8-10 - “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.”

Confession

- Psalm 32:1-6 - “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit. 3 When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. 5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. 6 For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You”

Confession

- Of the Christ
 - Matt. 10:32-33 - “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”
 - Rom. 10:9-10 - “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

What I Want to Say to God

- Wait a moment; these are all things we can say to God now without seeing His face.
- What do you have to say to the Lord today?
Then say it!
 - Words of praise and thanksgiving in song?
 - Expressions of love and declarations of trust in prayer?
 - Confessions of faith in Jesus or confessions of sins needed forgiven?