

Above All (Michael W. Smith)

Above all powers
Above all kings
Above all nature
And all created things
Above all wisdom
And all the ways of man
You were here
Before the world began

Above all kingdoms
Above all thrones
Above all wonders
The world has ever known
Above all wealth
And treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth

CHORUS

Crucified
Laid behind a stone
You lived to die
Rejected and alone
Like a rose
Trampled on the ground
You took the fall
And thought of me
Above all

Breathe (Michael W. Smith)

this is the air I breathe
this is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me

this is my daily bread
this is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for you
And I, I'm I'm lost without you

**"Amazing Grace
(My Chains Are Gone)"**
(Chris Tomlin)

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost,
but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that
grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has
ransomed me
And like a flood
His mercy rains
Unending love,
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised
good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon
dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called
me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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**SERMONS IN
SHORTS**

*** (Bring Your Own Bible!)**

ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH * ELLSWORTH, WI

“Things I Am Learning From a Close Jewish Friend of Mine”

Matthew 5: 3-12, The Beatitudes

(from “The Message” version of the Bible)

¹⁻² When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

³“You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

⁴“You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

⁵“You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

⁶“You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

⁷“You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for.

⁸“You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

⁹“You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

¹⁰“You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.

¹¹⁻¹²“Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

Do any of these speak to you more than the others? Which one(s)?

Do any of these confuse, or concern you? Which one(s)?