

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain—
Free to all, a healing stream—
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and Mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

In my life Lord

Be glorified be glorified

In my life Lord

Be glorified today

In my song Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In my song Lord
Be glorified today

In Your church Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In Your church Lord
Be glorified today

God says (*Isaiah 57:14*)

a) I want to help you

b) However, there are obstacles

c) Let's get them removed

God says (vs. 15)

- a) I want to visit you and dwell
with you
- b) Your distress and discouragement
tug at my heart
- c) I would like to save, strengthen
and restore your life

God asks (*vs. 16*)

Do you think I enjoy accusation
and anger against you?



Do you realize that if I
delighted in punishment, you
would already be destroyed?

Can you possibly grasp the
love of my heart or the horror
of my wrath?

God cares about all life because God creates all life.

He see its brokenness, and he desires to fix it.

Sometimes he “pounds”...
punishing misdeeds.

Sometimes he “pulls”...
influencing hearts

If all God did was hammer and pound,
we would lose the capacity to respond.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LOVE? God says, “I will not accuse forever. I will not always be angry (though he could be). Because he does not simply want “submission.” He want the willful response of submission from our hearts.

God remembers (vs. 17)

- a) Originally, I punished sin by **separation** (not annihilation)
- b) It did **not stop** man's downward spiral
- c) Did that mean he was passive (not really angry) or powerless? No. He was **patient**.

God makes an OFFER (vs. 18)

a) I will forgive sinners

b) Rage (sin) and compassion
(sinner) combine into
determination (remedy)

c) I will comfort sinners

I have SEEN his ways. BUT I will
heal him (NIV).

I have SEEN what they do, but I
will heal them ANYWAY (NLT)

I KNOW what you are like! BUT I
will heal you (CEV)

God draws a distinction (*vs. 19-21*)

a) **weeping** sinners – “I offer peace”

b) **wicked** sinners – “I offer no
peace”

I will sing of the mercies
of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing,
I will sing of the mercies
of the Lord.

I will sing of the mercies
of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies
of the Lord.

With my mouth will I
make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy
faithfulness,
With my mouth I will
make known
Thy faithfulness to all
generations.