

Glorious things of thee are spoken

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Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He, whose word cannot be broken,
Form'd thee for his own abode:
On the rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters
Springing from eternal love;
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst t' assuage?
Grace, which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear!
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Shewing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day;
Safe they feed upon the Manna
Which he gives them when they pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,
Wash'd in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
Makes them kings and priests to God:
'Tis his love his people raises
Over self to reign as kings
And as priests, his solemn praises
Each for a thank-off'ring brings.

Savior, if of Zion's city,
I thro' grace a member am;
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
None but Zion's children know.

The city he founded... Zion. Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God. *Psalm 87:1-3*

The word of God... Scripture cannot be broken. *John 10:35*

The LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place. *Psalm 132:13*

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks. ...Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock." *Isaiah 26:1,4*

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people. *Psalm 125:1-2*

The river of the water of life, ...flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city... Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life. *Revelation 22:1-2,17; cf. Psalm 46:4; Isaiah 33:21,24*
Jesus answered her, "...He would have given you living water. ...Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." *John 4:10,14*

The LORD will create over ... Mount Zion ... a cloud by day, and ... a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory there will be a canopy. *Isaiah 4:5; cf. Exodus 13:21*

The holy city, new Jerusalem... the dwelling place of God is with man. ...God himself will be with them as their God.... The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. *Revelation 21:2-3,23*

"Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ...I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever." *John 6:49,51; cf. Exodus 16:4,31; Revelation 2:17*

You have come to Mount Zion... the heavenly Jerusalem, ... to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood. *Hebrews 12:22,24*

His servants will worship him... they will reign forever and ever. *Revelation 22:3,5*

You yourselves... are being built up... to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ...You are... a royal priesthood, ...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. *1 Peter 2:5,9*

Better ...he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city. *Proverbs 16:32*

Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God. *Hebrews 13:15*

The holy city, new Jerusalem... nothing unclean will ever enter it, ...but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. *Revelation 21:2,27*

Glory in his holy name. *1 Chronicles 16:10*

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. *Matthew 6:19-20*

So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. *James 1:11*

An inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. *1 Peter 1:4*

The world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. *1 John 2:17*