



Dynamis World Ministries a.k.a. Christopher Alam Ministries Intl.

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How Great Thou Art *A Precious Soul Won For Jesus*

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence
with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with
thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is
good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his
faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100 (ESV)*

It was 1977, and I was living in Ostend in Belgium, serving with Operation Mobilisation. One day we drove out to the port of Antwerpen, the largest seaport of Europe, to share Gospel with the crews of the ships that were docked there.

We first went on board a Spanish vessel, and were welcomed there. We sang, shared testimonies, and shared Christ with the crew. After we disembarked, we noticed that the ship docked next to it was from Communist China. We asked permission to come on board, but the man who was on watch denied us permission when we told him that we were Christians who wanted to come and sing for the crew.

Our little group stood on the dock. We began to worship and sing. As we were singing "How Great Thou Art", I sensed that the Lord was with us. I looked up and high up on the starboard bridge wing of the ship was an older man looking down on us. He began to beckon at us to come up to him.

We walked up the gangplank, and this time standing there was an officer who was waiting to receive us. He escorted us to the bridge of the ship and to the older

Chinese man who had been beckoning to us to come up to him. He was the Captain of the ship, and he spoke good English.

He took us to a larger room where he began to tell us, "I recognize that song. My parents used to take me to church when I was a little boy. Our pastor was a missionary, and I remember this song very well. Then all the missionaries were sent away and the churches were shut down. I haven't heard this beautiful song since my childhood. Could you please sing it for me again?"

We sang "*How Great Thou Art*" followed by "*Power in the Blood*" and "*Living in Beulah Land*" as well as other hymns. We shared testimonies with our audience of one, this old Chinese Sea Captain.

In the end he asked for prayer. He received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. We gave him a pocket New Testament, and then we left.

A few months later I was at the Torchbearers Bible School in Holsbybrunn, Sweden. The school was in the woods of the county of Småland, the same county where Carl Boberg had lived when he had written "*How Great Thou Art*" ("*O Store Gud*" in Swedish) in 1885. Our Vice-Principal Wally Schoon and I sometimes sang this song together in churches; Wally singing harmony, perfectly and beautifully.

When I was in China recently, the Lord reminded me of this long-forgotten episode from my life 39 years ago. I was reminded about the song "*How Great Thou Art*" and the old Chinese Sea Captain, and I remember the tears flowing down his cheeks as he received Jesus.

He must be gone by now, in Heaven with Jesus. Perhaps at times he looks down at us from Heaven as he looked down that day from the bridge of his ship when we stood singing and worshipping on the dock.

The preaching of the Gospel is always worth it. The sea captain's parents, that old missionary, and Carl Boberg from the 1800s sowed seeds of the Gospel into his heart when he was a child. Decades later we came in God's perfect time and reaped the precious harvest of a soul for Jesus.

He is one of the people I look forward to seeing again when I get to Heaven. I am imagining this scene: Our old OM Team will gather together once again. Together with the sea captain, his parents, the missionary and Carl Boberg, we will sing *"How great Thou Art"* once again, before the throne of the Son of God.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

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How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Ministry News

FOCUS: 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY!

40 YEARS OF MINISTRY: If you were unable to join us this month as we celebrated 40 years of ministry, we would still love to hear from you. Share a testimony - It is so encouraging to us to hear how God is working in your lives. Or, share a fun or fond memory of Christopher.

We value your support and partnership, through friendship, prayers, and your sacrificial financial gifts. We could not do what God has called us to do without you! Thank you!

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Itinerary

July 28, 2016

Christ Methodist Church
SINGAPORE

July 30, 2016

Vision Church
SINGAPORE

July 31, 2016

Petra Church
SINGAPORE

August 2-7, 2016

Crusade
Chinoyi, ZIMBABWE

August 10-14, 2016

Crusade
Mbare, ZIMBABWE

August 21, 2016

Faith Christian Center
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