

“I Will Lift My Eyes”

God my God I cry out
Your beloved needs You now
God be near calm my fear
And take my doubt

Your kindness is what pulls me up
Your love is all that draws me in

I will lift my eyes to the Maker
Of the mountains I can't climb
I will lift my eyes to the Calmer
Of the oceans raging wild
I will lift my eyes to the Healer
Of the hurt I hold inside
I will lift my eyes lift my eyes
To You

God my God let mercy sing
Her melody over me
God right here all I bring
Is all of me

Your kindness is what pulls me up
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Of the mountains I can't climb
I will lift my eyes to the Calmer
Of the oceans raging wild
I will lift my eyes to the Healer
Of the hurt I hold inside
I will lift my eyes lift my eyes
To You

'Cause You are and You were
And You will be forever
The Lover I need to save me
'Cause You fashioned the earth
And You hold it together God
So hold me now

I will lift my eyes to the Maker
Of the mountains I can't climb
I will lift my eyes to the Calmer
Of the oceans raging wild
I will lift my eyes to the Healer
Of the hurt I hold inside
I will lift my eyes lift my eyes
To You

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Lift my eyes to You
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“The Only Hope”

I want to run it's my nature to run
And I want to fight it's my nature to fight
And I want to live but You tell me to die
I have resolved that I'm much better off
In Your hands than mine

I'm begging You to hold on tight
Begging You to hold on tight
I'm begging You to take my life from me

And I want a crumb but You are a feast
And I want a song but You are a symphony
And I want a star but You are a galaxy yeah
And I have resolved that I'm much better off
In what You have for me

I'm begging You to hold on tight
Begging You to hold on tight
I'm begging You to take my life from me

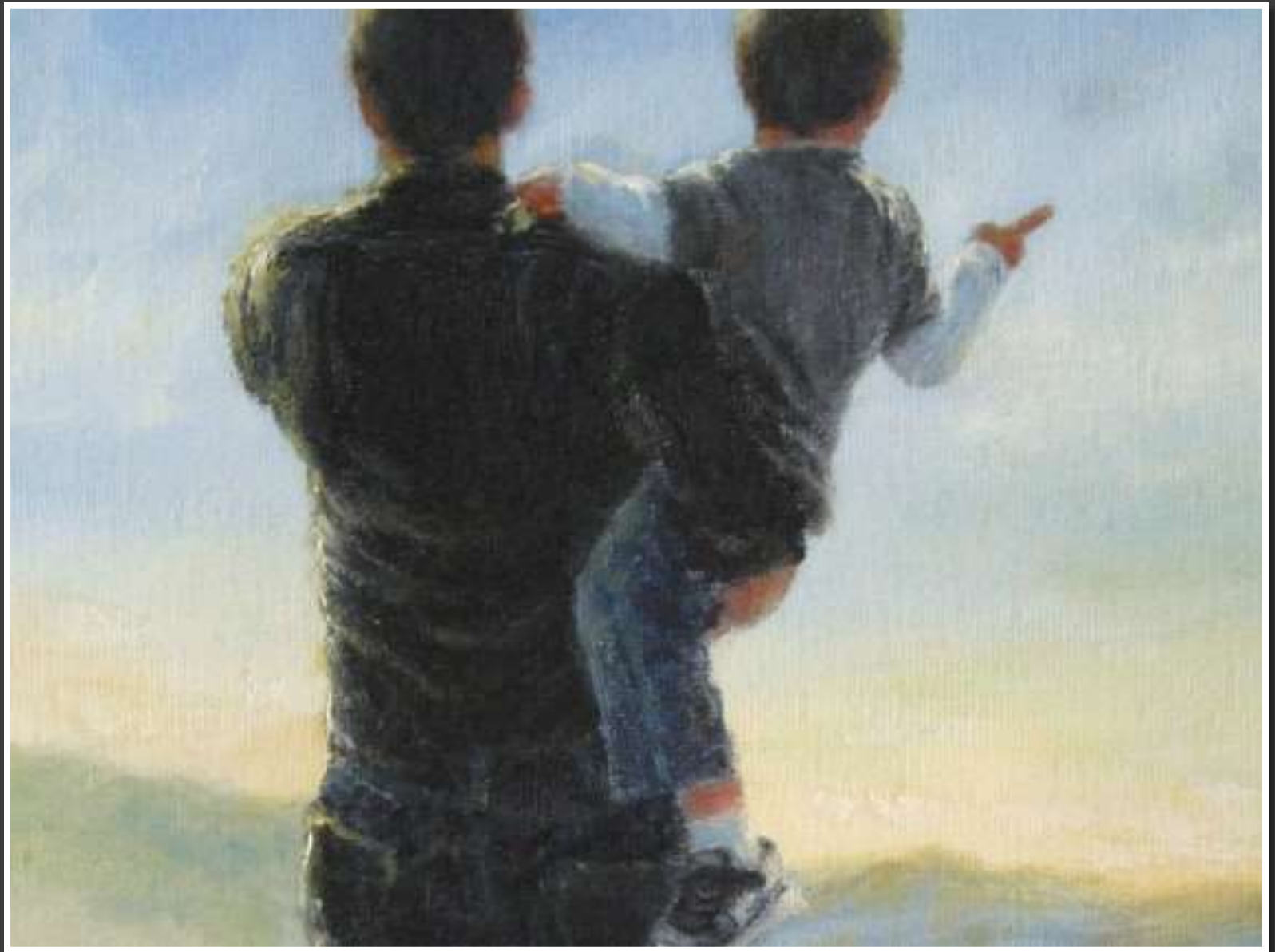
So tell me You won't let go
Tell me You won't let go
'Cause You are the only hope for me

Take my life from me it's the only hope for me
Take my life from me it's the only hope for me
And I'll never want for more
I'll never want for more

I'm begging You to hold on tight
Begging You to hold on tight
I'm begging You to take my life from me

So tell me You won't let go
Tell me You won't let go
'Cause You are the only hope for me

Yeah You're the only hope for me
You're the only hope for me



The Heart of a Father who Disciplines His Child

“My child, don’t make light of the Lord’s **discipline**, and don’t give up when he corrects you. For the Lord **disciplines** those he loves, and he **punishes** each one he accepts as his child. As you endure this divine **discipline**, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never **disciplined** by its father? If God doesn’t **discipline** you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all. Since we respected our earthly fathers who **disciplined** us, shouldn’t we submit even more to the **discipline** of the Father of our spirits, and live forever? For our earthly fathers **disciplined** us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God’s **discipline** is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. No **discipline** is enjoyable while it is happening—it’s painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.” Hebrews 12: 5-11

Discipline: paideia, “correction of children, train and care of the body”

Punishes: mastigóō, “to flog, to correct or train through affliction”

“And they will go away into eternal **punishment**, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”

Matthew 25:46

Punishment: kolasis, “to prune”

Is the consequence of sin the same as the punishment for sin?

“All who confess that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of **punishment**, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.” 1 John 4:15-18

Punishment: kolasis, “to prune”

“For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them...For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.”

2 Corinthians 5:19,21

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Isaiah 53:5

God’s heart is not to punish us. His heart is to stand between his children and punishment.

The heart of a Father who disciplines his children:

Coach over a team

Drill sergeant over soldiers

Punishment casts away;
Discipline restores.

Punishment is for the subjects of wrath;
Discipline is reserved for the children of God.

Punishment focuses on past sin;
Discipline corrects to bless and protect.

Punishment is payment for sin;
Discipline leads to future blessings of obedience.

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” Romans 8:28

Does God cause all things?

Can God use all things for good?