The Mystery of God's Limitless Mercy[i]

1. O God, you alone are gracious, good, and this is cause to give you thanks. We praise you for the love you've shown which never knows a limit but last forever.

2. Let every creature touched by mercy's hand declare that they have been redeemed from evil's grasp.

3. For you, O God, have searched and gathered them from every land, from East and West, from North and South they come.

4. Some wandered far in desert lands and wasted lives. You found them there in loneliness removed from human habitation.

5. Their hunger and their thirst were like a spirit-beacon when they cried.

6. You heard, and hastening to their side delivered them,

7. And placed their feet upon a path which led them back to dwell with you in safety and in peace.

8. They now give voice and witness to a love that works and acts on their behalf, that's always there for everyone,

9. To satisfy the soul that thirst, and fill all human hungers with your good.

42.	Let all who listen, keen of heart, awake, aware, close off the source of every evil though,

43.	And in their joy recall for wisdom's sake your mercy that has never known a limit but lives and last forever.

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[i] NOTE:
The theology of redemption and restoration is a teaching theme that runs throughout the entire Bible. God is involved in restoring and redeeming the world from its present fallen state. The various conditions of humanity are of interest and intense focus for God. This not only involves the world as a whole, but, as this Psalm indicates, individuals themselves in their various states and conditions.

MDEITATION:
This Psalm is quite clear that no matter what we do or are, we live within the stream of God's mercy. That is an immensely comforting image. Allow this image to penetrate into your own experience as you live your life. The divine Presence seeks you. How are you responding to that Presence?

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