

# 113 REASONS



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## You Are Unique

*Your hands made me and formed me;  
give me understanding to learn your commands.*

—Psalm 119:73

**T**here is no one like you! Isn't it great? Your eyes probably look like your parents', but your uniqueness is still there. Sure, more than one person has told you that your nose looks exactly like your aunt's.

But despite all of that, you're still unique; the mirror on the wall can tell you so very clearly. Don't you believe me? Well, let me tell you that even if you resemble some members of your family, your DNA is inimitable; that is why you are an unrepeatable and unduplicatable human being.

Again, you are unique. No one else has your abilities or talents, your hair, your hands, and your scars. The way you smile, think, see, and talk makes you really unique. Millions and millions of people have lived on this planet, but none of them has been like you! And you know what? No one ever will be. So, enjoy who you are, and don't pretend to be a different person. Be *you* all the time!

But, wait! You are exactly like someone I know: our Creator. In Genesis 1:27, we read, "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female." Isn't it awesome? You were created in God's image! He made *you* to be like Him; that's really amazing! And He is the only One you should imitate.

Remember this: God sent His own Son to die for you, and even if you had been the only person alive on this planet, Jesus would have come down here to rescue *you*! That makes you highly special to Him. Don't you ever forget!

*Thank You, Lord, for giving me life by rescuing me from sin and for making me unique. I now have a true reason to live! Amen.*

## You Are Extraordinary

*“For nothing will be impossible with God.”*

—Luke 1:37, ESV

**Y**es, you’re extraordinary! Even if you think you are the most ordinary person in the whole universe!

You don’t believe me? Well, look, you’re a child of God, and He has provided you with extraordinary talents and gifts that make you special. But, if you still think you are such an ordinary, insignificant, and a nobody-notices-person, you have, today, the opportunity to discover the great news God has for you. Are you ready?

God is looking for ordinary people to do extraordinary things! And you are the one He has chosen to make a difference in many people’s lives. The Bible is full of examples of how God worked with ordinary people to do extraordinary, improbable, and unimaginable things.

Consider Joseph, who was a slave and became second in command in Egypt. Think about Moses and his stuttering. He became the great leader that the Hebrew people needed to free them from Egypt. Look at David, a boy who defeated a giant with just a sling and a rock. Think about the apostle Paul. The once fervent “hunter” of Christians later became the most devoted follower of Christ. These people all had something in common: they trusted God.

The Lord has a special task for you today, a very important one that only you can perform. God’s power is available for you when you are fully committed to Him; as 2 Chronicles 16:9 says, “The eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.”

So, everything begins with a single question: Do you really believe God can do great things for you, an ordinary human being? If so, you’re in! If not, ask God to give you the courage to believe that He wants to use you and make you into the extraordinary person He wants you to be. Yes, God wants you to become one of His best soldiers in the spiritual battle against evil. And the most important thing is that He is willing to accept you as you are. Remember, He sees the inside, not just the outside, and what He sees now is an amazing person!

*Oh, Lord! I want to be the person You want me to be. Give me the courage to accept it and the strength to live it! Amen.*

## You Are a Precious Diamond

*“You are precious in my eyes . . . and I love you.”*

—Isaiah 43:4, ESV

**G**od made lots of diamonds and jewels, but He only made one *you*. You are unique.

For thousands of years, diamonds have been the most wanted mining product. Depending on rarity, color, and size, many are so valuable only kings, queens, and other very rich people can afford them.

Before going further, answer this: How much do you think you are worth? About one million dollars? Maybe ten million dollars? More than that? Well, according to an article in *Wired* magazine, a body could be worth up to forty-five million dollars!<sup>1</sup> That’s a lot of money, isn’t it? But I’m pretty sure you don’t want to sell your body regardless of the money you can get for it! But, do you know what? You are worth more than that. Actually, you’re priceless. You’re a precious diamond! You’re worth even more than the Cullinan diamond, valued at four hundred million dollars, and more than the Sancy diamond or the Koh-i-noor diamonds that are so valuable that their worth can’t be exactly estimated!

God created you with more value than a diamond, however large, rare, or beautiful it may be. You’re precious in God’s eyes, and that’s worth more than all the diamonds of the world together! You were formed by His own hands, a precious creature whom He knew even before you were born. You are a precious jewel the Lord wants for His kingdom. As the hymn says:

When He cometh, when He cometh  
To make up His jewels,  
All His jewels, precious jewels,  
His loved and His own.

Like the stars of the morning,  
His bright crown adorning,  
They shall shine in their beauty,  
Bright gems for His crown.<sup>2</sup>

You have probably felt, at times, that you are worth less than a penny, that nobody understands your life or the struggles you face every day. Well, God is

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telling you today that He loves you, and He loved you so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to die so that you and I could have eternal life together in heaven with Him. And it's just because you are precious in His eyes, that's all!

*God, sometimes I don't feel anyone's love at all, but I thank You for showing me that I am highly valuable to You. That's good enough for me. Amen.*

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  2. W. O. Cushing, "When He Cometh," 1866, public domain.

## You Are a Child of God

*In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.*

—Galatians 3:26

**Y**es, you are a child of God. He is your Father, and He knows when you are in need. Who wouldn't want a Dad like Him—a Father who guides you, teaches you, protects you, provides for you, disciplines you, comforts you, helps you, forgives you, defends you, strengthens you, and, through it all, loves you. Wow! Your Father is really awesome!

But what does it really mean to be a child of God? First of all, we become children of God when we are adopted by Him, and that happens only when we accept Christ as our Savior. So, even if He is our lovely Father, we have to turn to Him and accept His Son and His sacrifice on the cross. Otherwise, we would just be like the prodigal son who searched for the good life outside his father's house.

But Abba—our Daddy—is still there, waiting for you to return. He wants you back. He is calling you. Our loving Father wants to have a close relationship with you, just like a Daddy with His little children.

He has promised, in Psalm 37:24, that even if you stumble, He won't let you fall down because He will be holding your hand! Picture it. You and your Father are walking along, and suddenly you trip on something. But, hey, don't worry! Your strong Father's hands hold you up, and you're safe!

Being a child of God means that you know how much you're worth to Him. You can be more secure, more confident when you're facing everyday struggles. It becomes natural because you're the child of the King of kings! Your origins are divine! That's a good reason to live, isn't it?

*Oh, Lord! Thank You for being a loving and caring Father! Thank You for holding my hand every time I feel down. Thank You for taking me in Your arms when I am in need.*

## You Are Beautiful

*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

—Psalm 139:14

**M**irror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?” It’s a well-known phrase from the classic fairy tale *Snow White*. In the story, Snow White’s stepmother has a magic mirror that can tell who the most beautiful woman in the kingdom is.

Well, what about you? Do you have a magic mirror on the wall? I don’t think so—only a regular one that tells you how beautiful you are, right? On a scale of one to ten, how beautiful do you think you are? Please, try not to be too cruel to yourself! Look carefully in the mirror, and I bet you’ll find more than a zillion things you should be proud of.

In Song of Songs 4:7, Solomon said to his girlfriend, “You are altogether beautiful, my darling; there is no flaw in you.” God is telling *you* the same thing. You are altogether beautiful. And you’d better believe it! He created you in His image, so don’t disappoint God by saying that you are not gorgeous! God thinks you’re beautiful, and if He says so, then it’s true!

You would probably like to have a body like a supermodel, or bigger eyes, longer hair, or to change something else, but when God looks at you, He thinks you’re lovely! After all, He made you just the way you are.

You must remember that you are loved by God for what you are, so don’t worry about what you “see” in the mirror; instead, focus more on your inner character. Also, God is proud of you because He created you in His image (Genesis 1:27).

When people tell me that my children look like me, I feel a sense of pride because it shows that they belong to me. God feels that way when people see that His children look like Him. So, seek to be more like Jesus, and you will reflect Him beautifully!

*I thank You, Lord, because You love me, accept me, and think I’m beautiful, adorable, and lovely, no matter what I think about myself and no matter what I see in the mirror.*

## You Are a Dreamer

*I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

—Philippians 4:13

Joseph was a dreamer, and his dreams came true. As for you, you are a dreamer too. Because you care, you dream of a better world, a better planet, better treatment for animals, and a better *you!* And you know what? Your dreams have no limits. Your dreams are the fuel of your life, as they must be!

Never give up. If by following your dreams you fall, never mind; get up and carry on. A great victory is just ahead, and you're a warrior of God whose dreams are far beyond losing small battles. The opportunities to win are just around the corner, and they are waiting there for you! It's OK if sometimes you have ups and downs. That's part of reaching a long-term goal. Remember the promise in 2 Chronicles 15:7 that says, "Be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded." Like Daniel in the lions' den, his choice worked out much better than bowing to King Darius.

Let me remind you: be a dreamer, not just a daydreamer. Sooner or later, it comes time to be a doer. In this life, nobody is 100 percent dreamer or doer. There must be a balance in order to reach your goal. So being a doer means having a goal and a plan to get there. Write down the steps you need to take to make it happen. Surround yourself with people who have the same spirit as you. (That includes friends and relatives.) If you see something blocking your path, find a different path. And finally, don't think it is going to be easy to make your dreams come true. But trust in God. He has a plan for you, and He says, "I know the plans I have for you." He has "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

But above all your dreams and all the things you want to do, don't forget this one: the *biggest* dream you must pursue is to live in heaven. Follow that dream every second of your life, and God will help you accomplish it. It's His promise, and I believe Him. Do you?

*Thank You, Lord, for the opportunity to dream and to do things for You.*