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I can't describe the reverence I feel when I sing beautiful songs such as "Majesty" and "Shout to the Lord." When I close my eyes and lift my hands in worship, I am expressing my gratitude for God's goodness, kindness and faithfulness.

I grew up singing hymns about the majesty of God and His sovereignty - songs such as "Holy, Holy, Holy" and the incredible "How Great Thou Art." There were songs that brought both conviction and assurance - like "Nothing But The Blood of Jesus" - and awe-inspiring songs like "Be Still My Soul" (and we all love the awesome lyrics by Gloria using that same melody: "*I then shall live as one who's been forgiven...*").

Remember "God Will Take Care of You" - a wonderful song of assurance for me - and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Oh how I miss hearing those truths that are emphasized in Gaither videos and are touching the lives and hearts of people around the world. For when I hear them and sing along, I am reminded of the songs of my childhood. What I have noticed, however, is that it is not easy for me to enter into God's awesome presence - offering the kind of worship I want to give Him - when there is an unfamiliar song on the screen! It is difficult for me to enter into worship AND learn at the same time! I'm just not sure how to handle that!

I am praying that God will place a fresh anointing on the songs that are to come - when we can bask in His presence and feel we can stay there forever.

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