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"60 million reasons to do something"

Prayer Requests: Health: Gilbert & Linda Mueller, Ed & Helene Stadelmayer, Erika Herbstreit, Jim Cassidy, George Klingspon, Inge Henschel, Julian & Martha Karl, Erika Brozek (Helga Helling's sister in law in Canada) who has cancer, Derek Prather, Witold Jungblut





Theme: "Courageous"

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George Frideric Handel had achieved fame by writing operas, choral pieces, and other forms of music. But by 1741 his circumstances had deteriorated significantly. His debts were so large that he feared being sentenced to a debtors prison. He was depressed and plagued by sleeplessness and rheumatism. Then, that summer, he accepted an invitation to produce a series of concerts in Dublin. Also, he received a letter from a man who had written lyrics for him in the past. This letter contained several Bible verses. As he read. Handel felt impressed to set these words to music to fulfill his commitment in Dublin. Handel locked himself in his study and within three weeks completed an oratorio he called "The Messiah." It is said that while writing "The Messiah." Handel saw visions of the subjects about which he was writing. While composing the Hallelujah Chorus, he "saw Heaven opened and the host of it worshiping the Glory of God." From the first time the music was performed, it was clear that this was no ordinary composition. At the first London performance, when King George III heard the Hallelujah Chorus he was so overwhelmed that he stood, and remained standing, until the chorus was concluded. This began a tradition which continues to this day. Handel's life had been transformed by the truth of God's Word and overwhelmed by his vision of Heaven.

Today, pray for a new sense of the glory of Heaven and the greatness of our God. Heaven is filled with His praises. Join the multitudes of the ages in singing, *"Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."*

Memory Verse: Psalm 84:11



For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.