

The Story Behind:

LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

“Lord I Lift Your Name On High” came about while I had been dwelling on a couple of things I had been reading; one was an article in a scientific journal on hydraulics, and the other was a passage from a daily devotional having to do with Christ, and the great mystery of the sacrifice He endured to make Eternal Life a real possibility for me. The Science article focussed specifically on the nature and behavior of the various states of water as it goes through the cycle of condensation; how it collects into the heavier molecular state of precipitation, falling to the earth as rain and snow. This precipitation then nurtures the ground and brings life giving moisture to the seeds and plants, finding its way into streams, rivers, lakes and oceans, only to rise again into the sky through the process of evaporation.

I was struck by the parallel of the two different waters: that of the physical "water of this planet", and the Spiritual, cleansing, life giving, "living water"... Christ, our Savior. How He was with the Father from the beginning, "condensed Himself", if you will, came to this earth as a man, dwelt among us, washed away our sins, through His sacrifice on the cross... He died, was buried, rose again on the third day, and ascended back up to the Father, to prepare a place for us... thus was born the lyric: “you came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.... and the reaction to that mystery: "Lord I lift your Name on High!"

- Rick Founds