

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

'Twas battered and scarred,
And the auctioneer thought it
hardly worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin,
but he held it up with a smile.
"What am I bid, good people", he cried,
"Who starts the bidding for me?"
"One dollar, one dollar, Do I hear two?"
"Two dollars, who makes it three?"
"Three dollars once, three dollars twice, going for three,"
But, No,
From the room far back a gray bearded man
Came forward and picked up the bow,
Then wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody, pure and sweet
As sweet as the angel sings.
The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said "What now am I bid for this old violin?"
As he held it aloft with its' bow.
"One thousand, one thousand, Do I hear two?"
"Two thousand, Who makes it three?"
"Three thousand once, three thousand twice,
Going and gone", said he.
The audience cheered,
But some of them cried,
"We just don't understand."
"What changed its' worth?"
Swift came the reply.
"The Touch of the Masters Hand."
"And many a man with life out of tune
All battered and bruised with hardship
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd
Much like that old violin
A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,
A game and he travels on.
He is going once, he is going twice,
He is going and almost gone.
But the Master comes,
And the foolish crowd never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul and the change that is wrought
By the Touch of the Masters' Hand.

Myra Brooks Welch

<https://www.onlythebible.com/Poems/the-Touch-of-the-Masters-Hand--Old-Violin.html>

ANSWER KEY: healing, values, owned, pay, trouble, loves, accepts, forgives

THE GRACE OF GOD

- ★ DESPERATELY NEEDED
- ★ COMPLETELY UNDESERVED
- ★ ABSOLUTELY FREE



#2: GRACE THAT HEALS

JIM HINTON

I. THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL "THIRST"

As a deer thirsts for streams of water, so I thirst for you, God.
I thirst for the living God. When can I go to meet with him?

Psalm 42:1-2 (NCV)

Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

John 4:13-14 (NLT)

They will never be hungry or thirsty again. Neither the sun nor any burning heat will ever overcome them. The lamb in the center near the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs filled with the water of life, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7:16-17 (GOD'S WORD)

II. WHAT TRULY QUENCHES OUR DEEPEST THIRST

God's _____ grace

...My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (TMSG)

III. REASONS THAT GOD'S GRACE CAN HEAL ME JOHN 4:4-30

1 God _____ me (4-6).

What determines how much something is worth?

- Who _____ it.
- What someone is willing to _____ for it.
- How much _____ they are willing to go through to get it.

You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him—be free now from all these earthly prides and fears.

1 Corinthians 7:23 (TLB)

2 God _____ me (v.7-15).

The mountains and hills may crumble, but my love for you will never end; I will keep forever my promise of peace." So says the Lord who loves you.

Isaiah 54:10 (TEV)

3 God _____ me (v.16-26).

We buy things we don't need with money we don't have to impress people we don't like.

Unknown

My father and mother may desert me, but the Lord will accept me.
Psalm 27:10 (NIRV)

4 God _____ me (v.27-30).

Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

Psalm 103:2-3 (NLT)