



## The Common Thread

*"The Hearts of Kings and Slaves"*

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"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." –  
**A.W. Tozer**

### **Prescriptive and Descriptive**

1. Sin hardens the heart
2. Difficulty exposes or reveals the condition of the heart
3. God always creates a way for the heart to be safe and healed
4. At that point of decision, we choose our hearts' responses

**Genesis 26:4 ESV** — " I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,"

### **CLOSING PRAYER: The Great Litany (Book of Common Prayer)**

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation, Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,  
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment, Good Lord, deliver us.