

# A PRICELESS TREASURE

("On meillä aare verraton")

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Burkhard Waldis (1495-1556)

1. A price-less trea - sure clear and sure To us is free - ly giv - en.  
2. Where rust and moth and time de - stroy All that the world may cher - ish,  
3. God's Word is strong and will en - dure, Though ev - 'ry moun-tain crum - ble,  
4. O pre-cious Word, though oft' de - nied By hu-man un - der - stand - ing,  
5. All oth - er pow'rs have failed me here, They drive me to my Sa - vior,

More pre-cious than pure gold or pearl It shines with light from heav - en.  
And hu - man works give lit - tle joy And with the dew soon per - ish.  
Its ser - vants preach it, al - ways sure Its work will make them hum - ble.  
No earth - ly wis - dom can pro - vide The life your truth is send - ing.  
The storms of life filled me with fear, I flee to Christ's sure ha - ven.

Its wealth is match-less here on earth, It calls us to con - fess - ion:  
When earth and heav - en are no more, A - long with all cre - a - tion,  
And though this earth and time shall end, God's Word will stand for - ev - er!  
No strong - er re - fuge can we find In an - y mor - tal pow - er  
My soul was filled with peace and rest That can - not ev er leave me!

This trea - sure is God's Ho - ly Word, Our great - est one pos - sess - ion.  
The Word of God stands as be - fore, Pro - claim - ing our sal - va - tion.  
While still on earth its pow'r can - rend The work of an - y ev - il.  
Than giv - en in your Word di - vine, Our on - ly strength and tow - er!  
I know a heav - en sweet and blest Where Je - sus will re - ceive me.