

Ken Turner & Valor III -- How Big Is God

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Artist: Ken Turner & Valor III

Project Title: How Big Is God

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Producer: Valor III

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I have been a fan of Valor III for a long time. In fact, they were called the Tar Heel State when I first became acquainted with the group. The group has again made a slight change to their name. In the fall of 2011, Valor III added bass singer Ken Turner to the lineup and began calling the group Ken Turner and Valor III. The group just released their first quartet project and it was well worth the wait!

The project begins with an old JD Sumner song titled "Where The Milk And Honey Flow." This wonderful song about Heaven is a great start to this project and features a fine quartet performance from Ken Turner and Valor III. "Leave It There" is another familiar song and I enjoyed the message of leaving taking your burden to the Lord and leaving it there. The next song on the project is a bass singer classic. Ken Turner does a good job singing "How Big Is God" and it is always great to hear this classic song. "Lonesome Road" is another classic song that features bass singers and I enjoyed Ken Turner and Valor III on this great song.

"No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus" is one of my all-time favorite songs and I always love to see that any group recorded it! The project is obviously chocked full of great, old song and next there is an a cappella version of "Sweet, Sweet Spirit." This is a very good version of that great song. The great Ira Stanphill song, "I Know Who Holds My Hand" is next and that is another classic song reminding the listener of God's faithfulness as we walk with Him day by day.

No project that includes a bunch of classic songs would be complete without a Bill and Gloria Gaither song. Ken Turner and Valor III chose "The Longer I Serve Him" for this project and I

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love the reminder that the more we serve Christ, the more He blesses us. "Hallelujah I'm Going Home" is a great quartet and singing convention song. The guys do a good job singing this song and I enjoyed listening to it several times. The classics continue with "It Is No Secret." It never hurts to be reminded of what God can, will and already has done for us. The final song on the project was written by group member Jeff Rowland. The title of the song is "Anthem Of Praise" and it is an awesome song. What a great song of praise and worship and I love this "anthem" that every single Christian should hear and sing every day!

Ken Turner and Valor III is a very good quartet. Valor III was already a wonderfully talented trio and then adding a talented bass singer could only enhance that sound. This project proves that with a great collection of many of the classic quartet songs that we have come to love. My favorite songs from this project are "Where The Milk And Honey Flow," "Leave It There" and "Hallelujah I'm Going Home." The project is a great one for anyone who enjoys traditional male quartet singing. For more information on Ken Turner and Valor III, visit their website at www.valoriii.com

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