

# The Desire of All Nations

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# Christ's Glorious Reign



Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
Jehovah's blessed Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!



He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captives free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.





He comes with succor speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong





To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sigh



To him let praise unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom, still increasing,  
Shall be without an end:





The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
No; it shall stand forever,  
A pledge that God is love



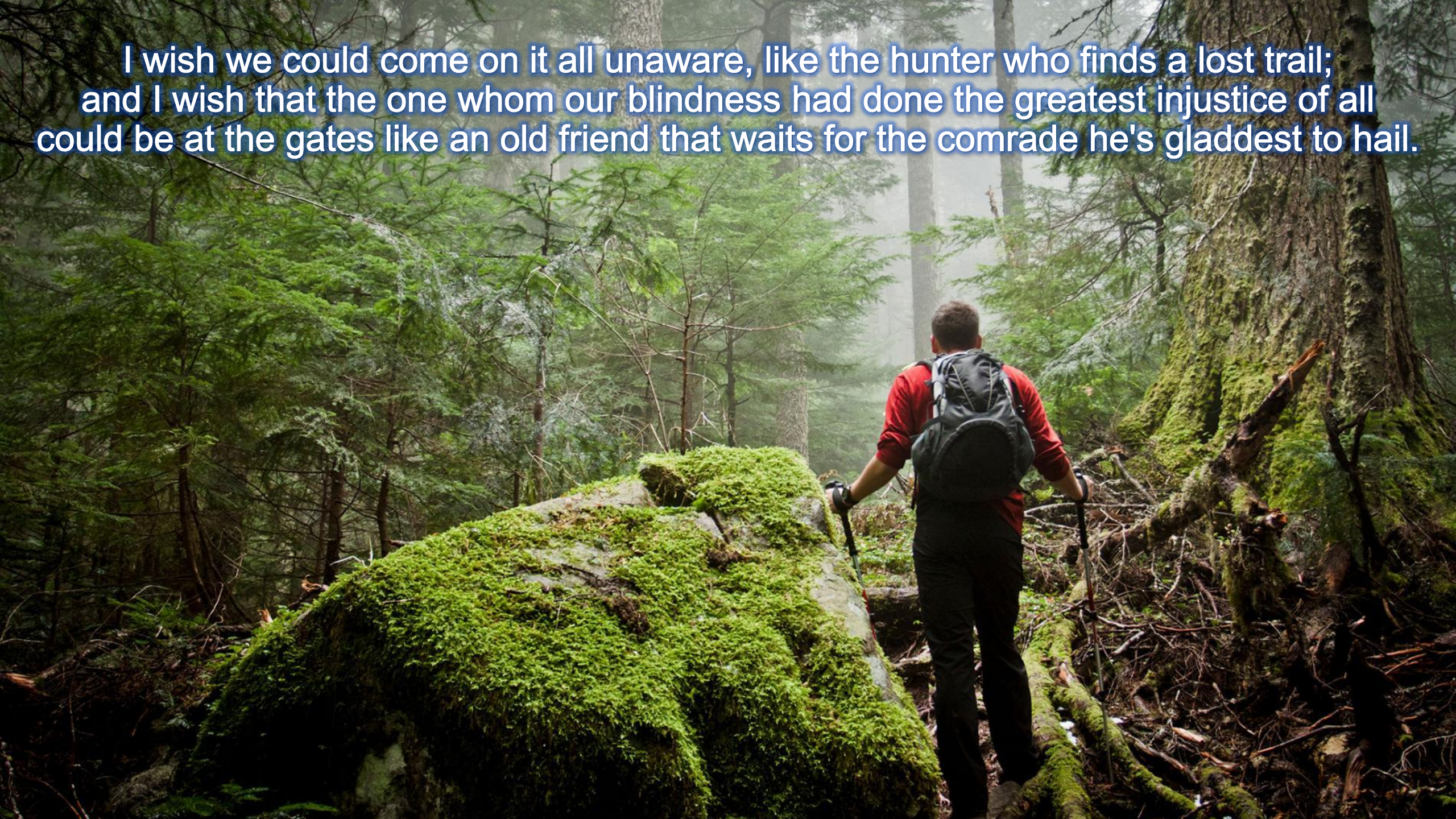
The Land of Beginning Again

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I wish we could come on it all unaware, like the hunter who finds a lost trail;  
and I wish that the one whom our blindness had done the greatest injustice of all  
could be at the gates like an old friend that waits for the comrade he's gladdest to hail.





We would find all the things we intended to do but forgot, and remembered too late, little praises unspoken, little promises broken, and all of the thousand and one little duties neglected that might have perfected the day for one less fortunate.





It wouldn't be possible not to be kind in the land of Beginning Again; and the ones we misjudged and the ones whom we grudged the moments of victory here would find in the grasp of our loving handclasp more than penitent lips could explain



For what had been hardest we'd know had been best and what had seemed loss would be gain;  
for there isn't a sting that will not take wing when we've faced it and laughed it away;  
and I think that the laughter is most what we're after in the land of Beginning Again.





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# A Little Good News

I rolled out this morning

Kids had the mornin' news show on

Bryant Gumbel was talkin' 'bout the fighting in Lebanon

Some senator was squawkin' 'bout the bad economy

It's gonna get worse you see, we need a change in policy



# A Little Good News

There's a local paper rolled up in a rubber band  
One more sad story's one more than I can stand  
Just once how I'd like to see the headline say  
"Not much to print today,  
can't find nothin' bad to say", because

# A Little Good News

Nobody robbed a liquor store on the lower part of town

Nobody OD'ed, nobody burned a single buildin' down

Nobody fired a shot in anger, nobody had to die in vain

We sure could use a little good news today

# A Little Good News

I'll come home this evenin'

I'll bet that the news will be the same

Somebody takes a hostage, somebody steals a plane

How I want to hear the anchor man talk about a county fair

And how we cleaned up the air, how everybody learned to care



# A Little Good News

Whoa, tell me

Nobody was assassinated in the whole Third World today

And in the streets of Ireland, all the children had to do was play

And everybody loves everybody in the good old USA

We sure could use a little good news today

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# How Long Shall the Wicked Triumph? – Psalm 94:1-9

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs, show yourself.

Lift up yourself, you judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

LORD, how long shall the wicked triumph?

How long shall they utter and speak hard things?

And all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

They break in pieces your people, O LORD, and afflict your heritage.

They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob understand.

Understand, you senseless among the people: and you fools, when will you be wise?

He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall He not see?



# Jehovah Sees and Hears – Exodus 3:7-8



The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

"So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey.

## God's Eternal Purpose – Psalm 90:1-3



Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn man to destruction,  
And say,

**“Return, you sons of Adam”**





# The Desire of All Nations

And I will shake all nations,  
and **the desire of all nations shall come:**  
and I will fill this house with glory.

The glory of this latter house shall be  
greater than the former, And in this place I  
will give peace, says the LORD of hosts.

**Haggai 2:7-9**





# We Hid Our Eyes

Behold, My servant will prosper,  
He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

Just as many were astonished at you, *My people*,  
So his appearance was marred more than any man  
And his form more than the sons of men.

Thus He will sprinkle many nations,  
Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him;  
For what had not been told them they will see, And  
what they had not heard they will understand.

Isaiah 52:13-15

# “I Have Come Down to Deliver” – Exodus 3:8

And I saw the  
holy city, new  
Jerusalem,  
coming down  
from God out  
of heaven

Revelation 21:2-3



Behold, the  
tabernacle of  
God *is* with  
men, and he  
will dwell with  
them, and they  
shall be his  
people, and  
God himself  
shall be with  
them, *and be*  
their God.

# The Righteous Judge - Isaiah 11:2-4

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD:  
and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes,  
neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor,  
and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth:  
and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.



# Make Us Glad Lord According to the Years We've Seen Evil

Make us glad according to the days You have afflicted us, *and* the years we have seen evil.



And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us

Psalm 90:13-17

Gladness Will Come To Stay



The clouds hang low,  
and human hearts are breaking  
O'er all the earth today;  
Yet through the gloom  
a low sweet song, awaking  
Breaks through the shadows grey.





Gladness will come,  
hallelujah it is coming,  
Gladness is on the way;  
God will unveil  
the fulness of his mercy,  
Gladness will come to stay.



Desolate souls your vanished loved  
ones mourning,  
Soon will your pain be o'er;  
Your arms shall clasp your dear and  
long lost families,  
Gladness will come once more.



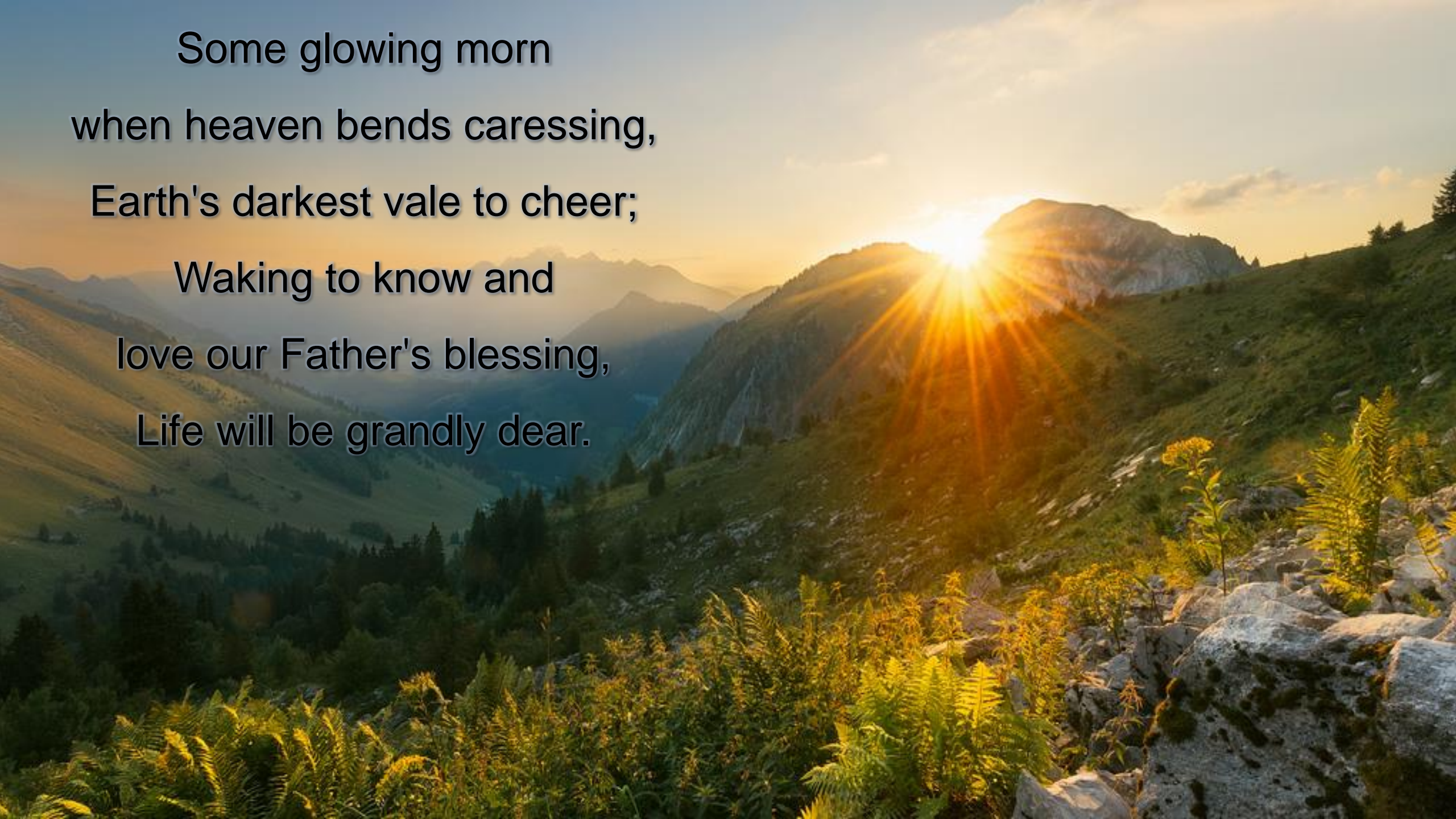




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Some glowing morn  
when heaven bends caressing,  
Earth's darkest vale to cheer;  
Waking to know and  
love our Father's blessing,  
Life will be grandly dear.







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Fulness of joy  
will shine away our sorrow,  
Sighing will flee away;  
Tears will not mar life's  
beautiful tomorrow,  
Gladness will come to stay.





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# First, the Living Generation

Our thought is that the **restitution blessings will begin with the generation living** at the time of the inauguration of the Mediator's Kingdom; that it will deal first with these and bring them to a measure of recuperation before beginning with any of those who sleep in the dust of the earth.

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The awakening of the world will probably not begin for fifty or a hundred years after the Kingdom has been established. During that time, however, the resurrection process—the raising up gradually—will be in operation amongst the nations then living.

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# I Will Restore Your Judges and Counselors



"Then I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning;"

Isaiah 1:26

The LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

Isaiah 24:23

"You will see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" – Luke 13:28



# The Heavenly and Earthly Phases of the Kingdom



For out of Zion will go  
forth the Law and the  
word of the Lord from  
Jerusalem

Isaiah 2:2

# King and Princes - Isaiah 32:1-5

See, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice.

Each will be like a hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land.

Then the eyes of those who have sight will not be closed, and the ears of those who have hearing will listen.

The minds of the rash will have good judgment, and the tongues of stammerers will speak readily and distinctly.

A fool will no longer be called noble, nor a villain said to be honorable



And they shall say: This land that was desolate



is become like the Garden of Eden – Ezekiel 36:35





# In This Mountain . . . A Feast of Fat Things

He will destroy  
in this  
mountain the  
face of the  
covering cast  
over all  
people, and  
the veil that is  
spread over all  
nations



Lo, this *is* our  
God; we have  
waited for him,  
and he will  
save us: this *is*  
the LORD; we  
have waited  
for him, we will  
be glad and  
rejoice in his  
salvation.

Isaiah 25:6-9

Come Ye Disconsolate



Come, ye disconsolate!  
where'er ye languish,  
Come to the mercy seat,  
fervently kneel;

Here bring your wounded  
hearts;  
here tell your anguish;  
Earth hath no sorrow  
that heav'n cannot heal





Joy of the desolate,  
light of the straying,  
Hope of the penitent,  
fadeless and pure!

Here speaks the Comforter,  
tenderly saying,  
Earth hath no sorrow  
that heav'n cannot cure





Here see the bread of life, see waters flowing  
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above;  
Come to the feast of love, come, ever knowing  
Earth hath no sorrows but heav'n can remove.





What Will the Regeneration Be Like?



## Lazarus

Lazarus was not resurrected—he was merely awakened from the sleep of death—resurrection would signify the complete raising up out of sin and death conditions, to perfection and life conditions. **The calling forth of Lazarus, therefore, is a good picture of what may be expected early in the Millennial reign,** after the living nations shall have been to some extent enlightened and brought under the influence of the heavenly Kingdom.

# Lazarus

Then all that are in their graves, order by order, class by class, generation by generation, will come forth as Lazarus did to a measure of health and a measure of strength, but not to perfection of being . . . by hearing the voice of the Son of Man, by obeying the same, going onward step by step, they shall emerge gradually from all the weight of the curse, from all the weaknesses and imperfections of the present dying condition, to the full life and perfection and joy of the life-eternal condition, at the close of the Millennial age.



# What Will the Regeneration Be Like? – Matthew 19:28



Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.”

John 5:28-29

## I Have Found a Ransom! – Job 33:22-26

Yes, His soul  
draws near the  
grave, and his life  
to those who  
bring death.



Then He is  
gracious unto  
him, and says,  
Deliver him from  
going down to  
the pit.



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He shall return  
to the days of  
his youth:



## I Have Found a Ransom! – Job 33:22-26

He shall pray  
unto God, and  
God will be  
favorable unto  
him.



He shall see  
His face with  
joy; and God  
will render  
unto man his  
righteousness.

# Resurrection Morn

Many sleep, but not forever;  
There will be a glorious dawn;  
We shall meet to part, no, never,  
On the resurrection morn.  
From the deepest caves of ocean,  
From the desert and the plain,  
From the valley and the mountain,  
Countless throngs shall rise again.





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# Resurrection Morn

When we see a precious blossom,  
That we tended with such care,  
Rudely taken from our bosom,  
How our aching hearts despair!  
Round its little grave we linger  
Till the setting sun is low,  
Feeling all our hopes have perished  
With the flow'r we cherished so.





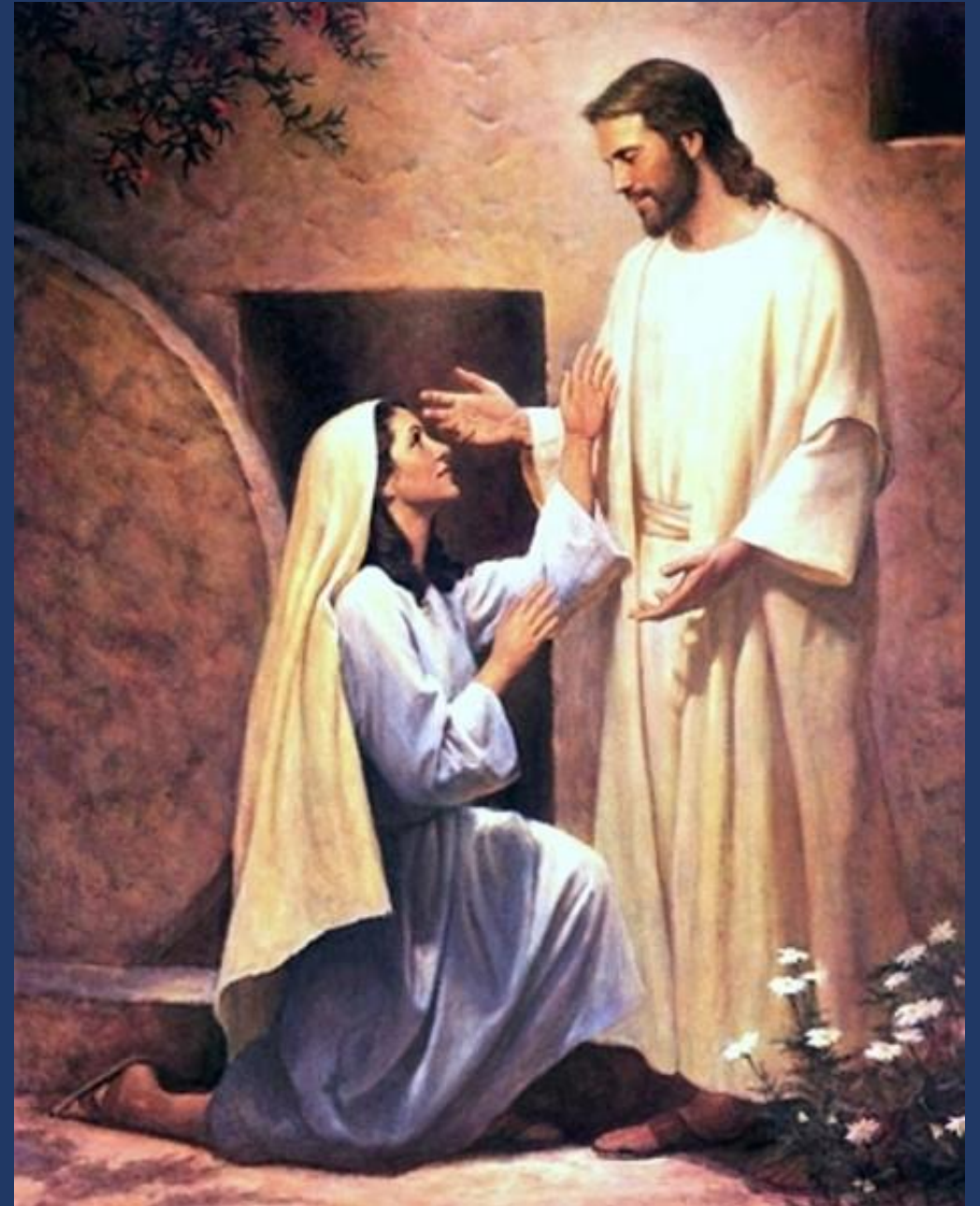
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Yes, they sleep, but not forever,  
In the lone and silent grave;  
Blessed promise! they shall waken;  
Jesus died the lost to save.  
In the dawning of the morning,  
When this troubled night is o'er,  
All these dead to life returning,  
We'll rejoice to see once more.





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# The World of Tomorrow



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Close your eyes a moment  
To misery and woe,  
And all earth's degradations  
Which from sin and sorrow grow.  
And let your mental vision  
Behold a perfect earth  
Without the stain of sin to mar  
The things of grander worth.





# The World of Tomorrow

No bitter thought nor unkind word

Will ever find a part,

And only love will meet response

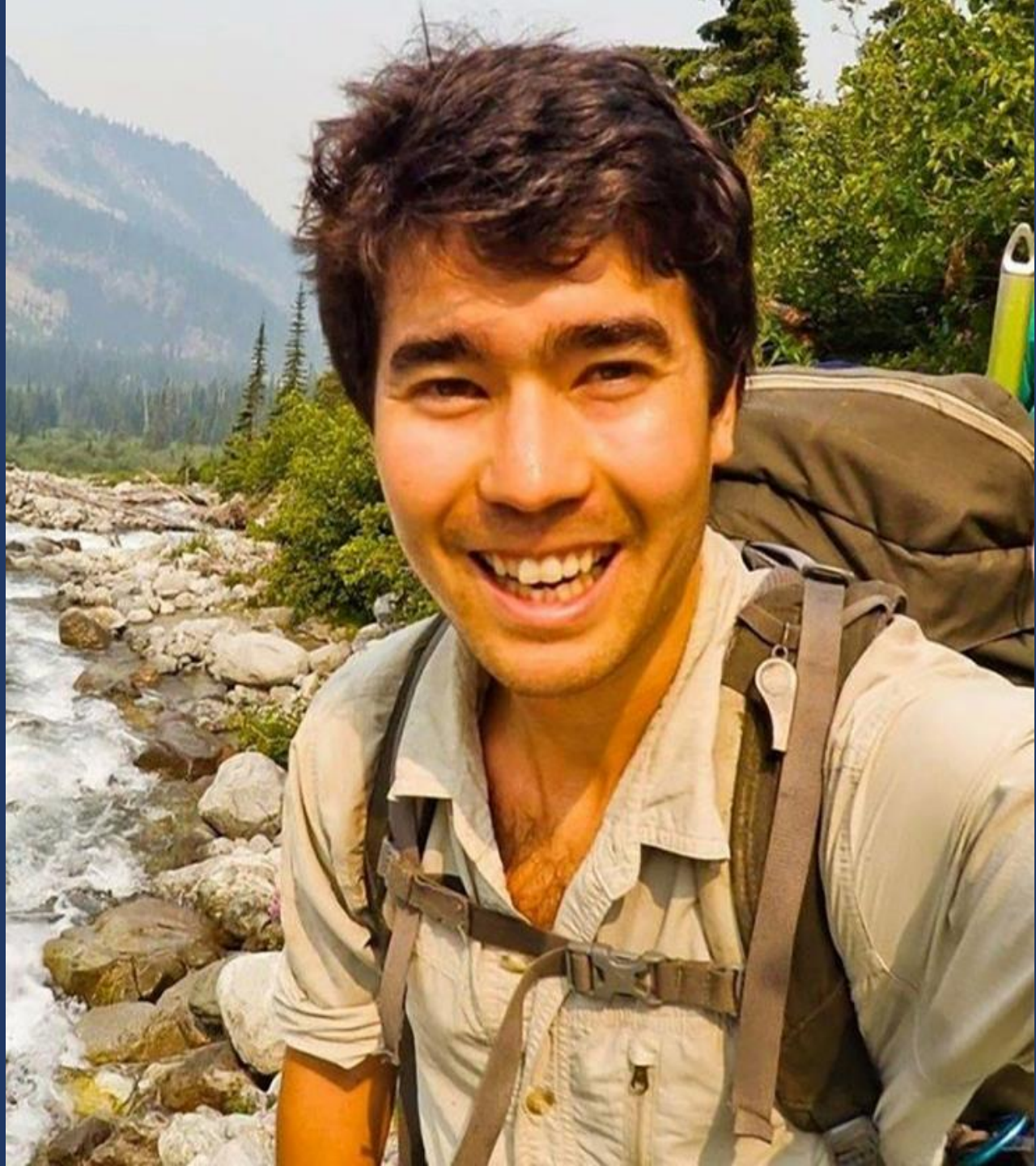
In every kindred heart.

Benevolence shall mark each act,

And sickness be no more.

No evidence of dread decay

Shall lodge at mortal's door.





# The World of Tomorrow

Where health and radiant beauty

March in unsurpassed array.

And inward purity shines forth,

As all seek to obey.

And such will be perfection,

In a world that's freed from sin,

With all earth's tears and sorrow

As tho they had not been.





# The World of Tomorrow

For those we've loved and cherished

And laid within the grave,

Shall rise as one great army,

For Christ died all to save.

So lift your heads, take courage!

There'll come an end to sorrow,

When Christ as King shall then reign

O'er the blest world of tomorrow.





## None Shall Say

They shall beat their  
swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into  
pruning hooks

But they shall sit every  
man under his vine and  
under his fig tree; and  
**none shall make *them***  
**afraid**: for the mouth of  
the LORD of hosts hath  
spoken *it*.

Micah 4:3-4



## I'm Afraid

Violence shall  
no more be  
heard in thy  
land, nor  
wasting  
destruction  
within thy  
borders

Isaiah 60:18



# None Shall Say I Am Sick

And no inhabitant will say, "I am sick"; the people who live there will be forgiven their iniquity.

**Isaiah 33:24**

For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, says the LORD, because they have called you an outcast: "It is Zion; no one cares for her!"

**Jeremiah 30:17**



# One Generation Shall Speak to Another

All your works shall praise you, O LORD; and your saints shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and talk of your power;

To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,  
and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Your kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion *endures* throughout all generations.

The LORD upholds all that fall, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you; and you give them their meat in due season.

You open your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Psalm 145:10-16

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The knowledge of the Lord will cover the Earth as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14





O Death, Where is thy Sting?

I will ransom them from the power of the grave;

I will redeem them from death:

O death, I will be thy plagues;

O grave, I will be thy destruction:

Hosea 13:14



# Behold I Make All Things New

And God shall  
wipe away all  
tears from their  
eyes;

There shall be  
no more death,  
neither sorrow,  
nor crying,



Neither shall  
there be any  
more pain:

For the former  
things are  
passed away

Revelation  
21:4-5

# The Saviour of the World

I cannot tell why he  
whom angels worship

Should set his love upon the  
sons of men

Or why as shepherd he should  
seek the wanderers

To bring them back they know  
not how or when.





# The Saviour of the World

But this I know, that he was born of Mary,  
When Bethlehem's manger was his only  
home,

And that he lived at Nazareth and labored

And so the Savior, Savior of the world, is  
come.



# The Saviour of the World

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,

As with His peace He graced this place of tears,

Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,

The crown of pain to three and thirty years.





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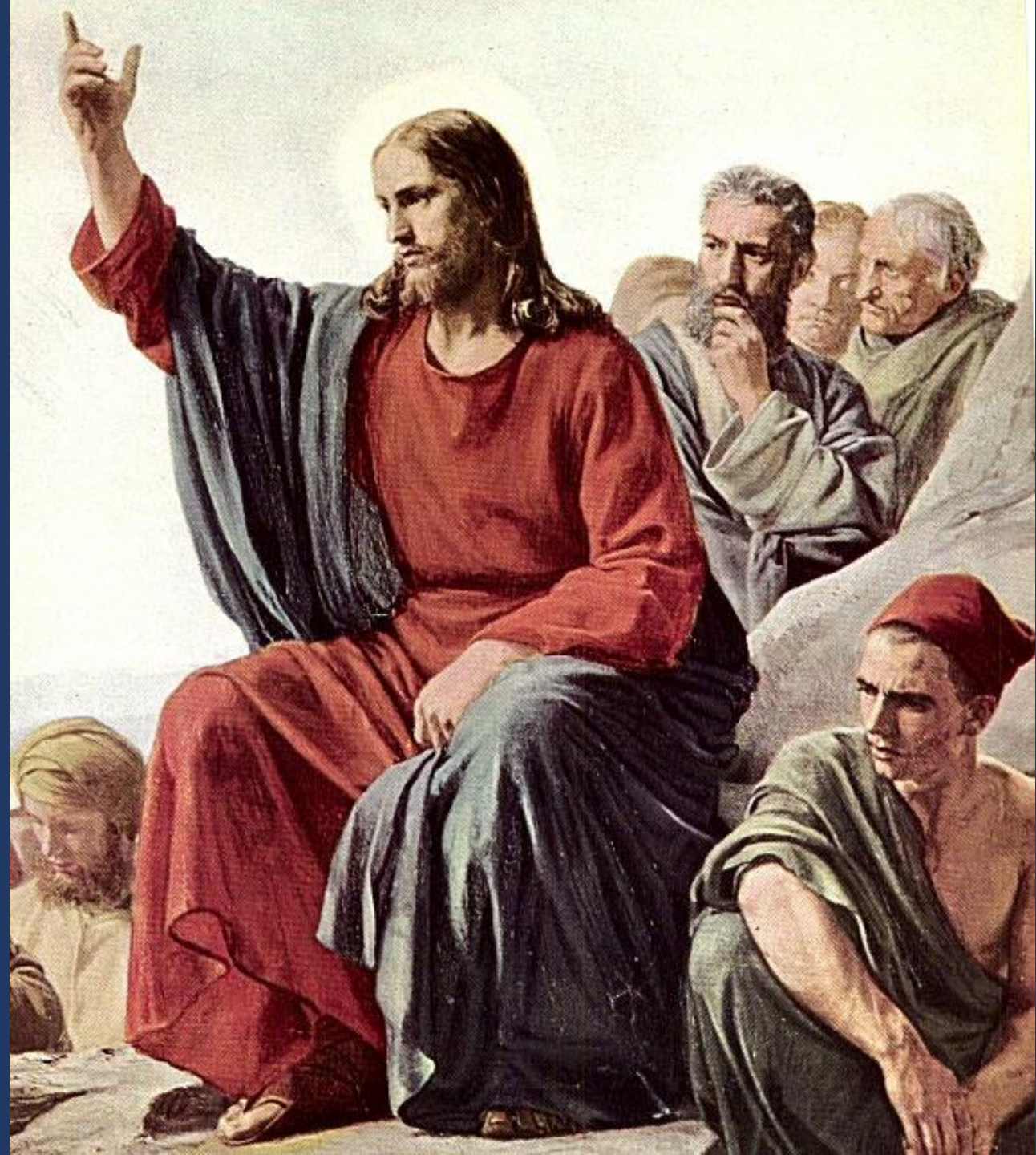
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,  
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is here.





# The Saviour of the World

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,  
How He will claim His earthly heritage,  
How satisfy the needs and aspirations  
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.





# The Saviour of the World

But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,  
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,  
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendor  
When He the Savior, Savior of the world, is known.



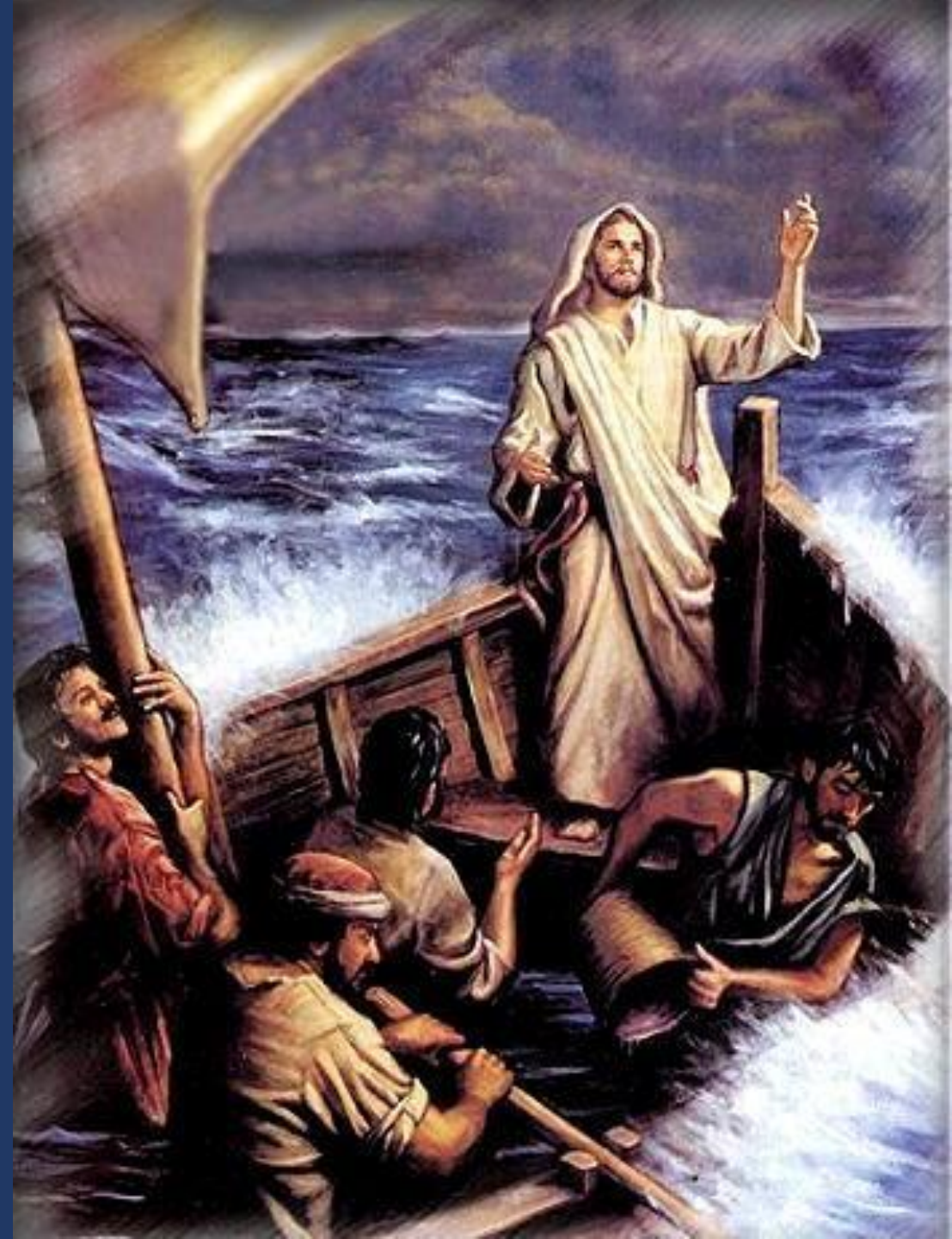
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I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,

When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,

Or who can say how great the jubilation

When all the hearts of men with love are filled.





# The Saviour of the World

But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,

And myriad, myriad human voices sing,

And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:

At last the Savior, Savior of the world, is King.

