



Series **CLOSER**

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Psalm 107 teaches us to

a) Cry to the Lord

a) Give Thanks for his unfailing love and wonderful deeds

a) Heed these things if we're wise

**and...Entrust your life
into the hands of
an incredibly LOVING God.**

Freedom

True and enduring freedom
is found when we are wary of
threats to freedom,

have self discipline to be free
from slavery to self,

and embrace the greater
romance of the vastness of
life in all its fulness, which is
life with God



JOY





JOY is found in
pouring out our
lives in service to
others

being connected deeply to God in prayer,





and *practicing*
Letting go,
Forgiveness,
Gratitude,
Self-acceptance







PEACE: *Shalom* is all
that makes for life and
health & wellbeing

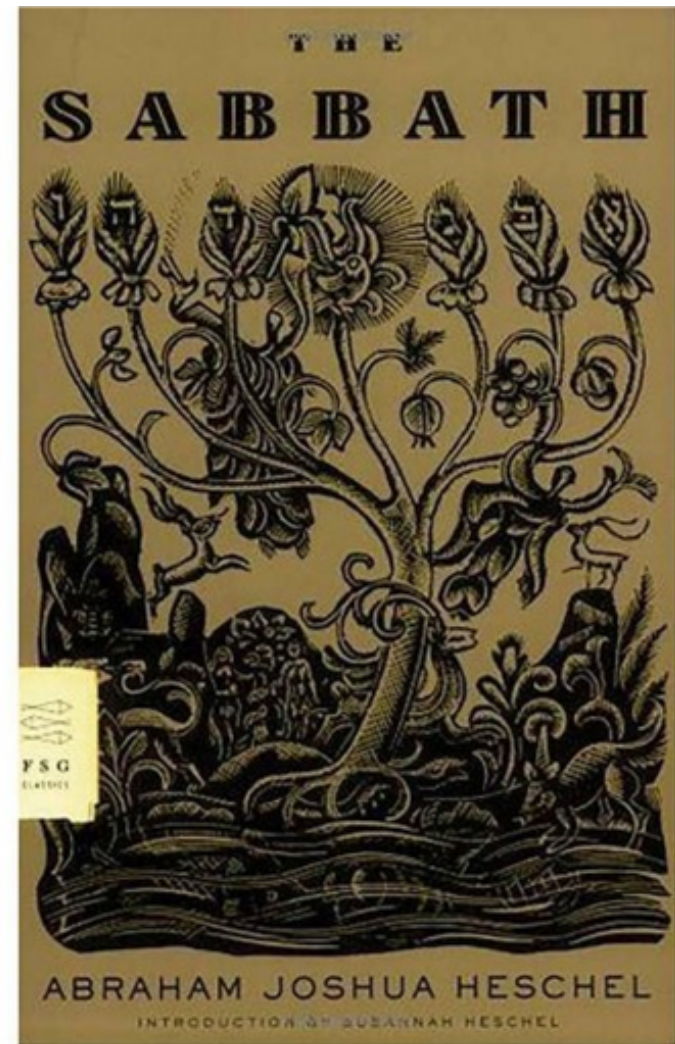
CALM comes from
knowing
the mercy that God
has shown us
through the wonders of
life
from the death and
resurrection of Jesus



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Rediscovering Rest – Secret to the Fourth Dimension

“The
sabbaths
are our
great
cathedrals”





Wisdom

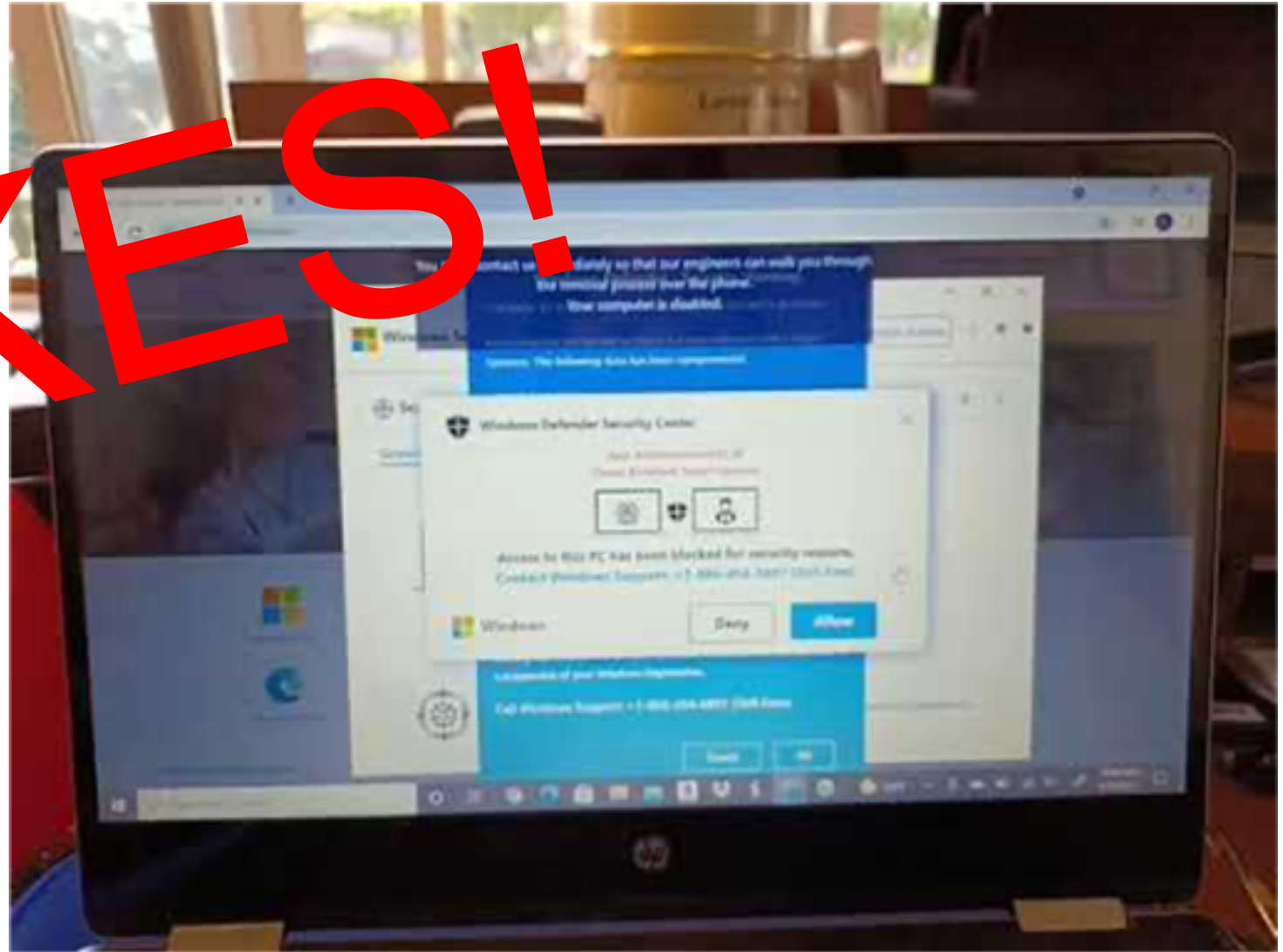
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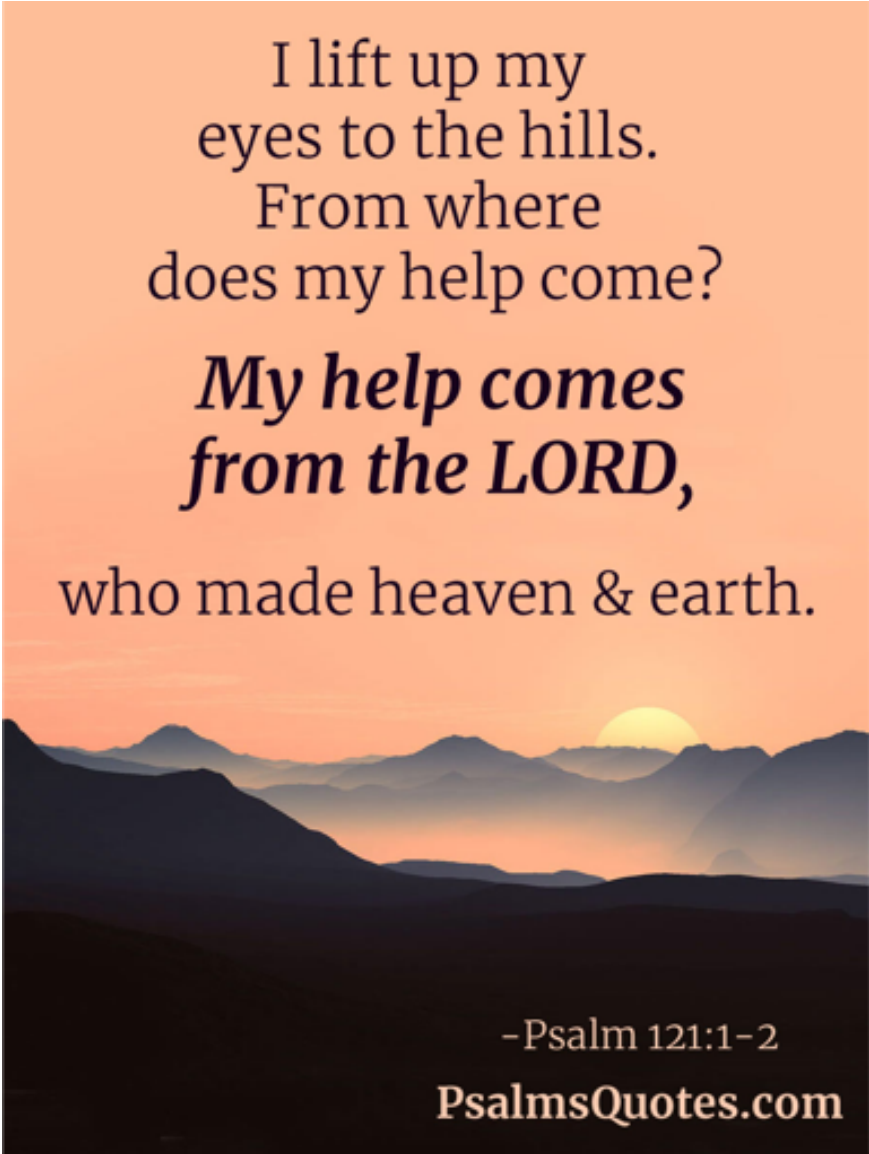
Delight.

Teach me to
Prayerfully,
Purposefully

PLAY

YIKES!



The background of the image is a landscape featuring a range of mountains under a sunset sky. The sun is a bright yellow circle partially obscured by the mountain peaks, casting a warm orange glow across the scene. The mountains in the foreground are dark silhouettes, while those in the distance are lighter and more ethereal.

I lift up my
eyes to the hills.
From where
does my help come?

***My help comes
from the LORD,***
who made heaven & earth.

-Psalm 121:1-2

PsalmsQuotes.com

Hope:

Found in Jesus.

If you will choose to
be filled with the
Power of his Holy
Spirit

YOU will be
transformed over
time in Community



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ROMANS 15:13

15:13 ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς ἐλπίδος πληρώσαι ὑμᾶς πάσης χαρᾶς
καὶ εἰρήνης ἐν τῷ πιστεύειν εἰς τὸ περισσεύειν ὑμᾶς ἐν τῇ
ἐλπίδι ἐν δυνάμει πνεύματος ἁγίου

May the God of Hope FILL you with all joy and peace
in believing, so that you will ABOUND in HOPE by
the power of the Holy Spirit.

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace **as you trust in him**, so that you may **overflow with hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Have you seen the Chosen?

Gentle yet compelling

Miracles before our
very eyes

Winsome story-teller

Jesus transforms others
by his compassionate,
loving presence,
through his easy-going
personality and clarity
of purpose

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And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. (Romans 5:5)

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. (Jude 1:20)

Will you allow yourself to be guided by the Holy Spirit?

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. (Ezekiel 36:27)

Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

(Mark 13:11)

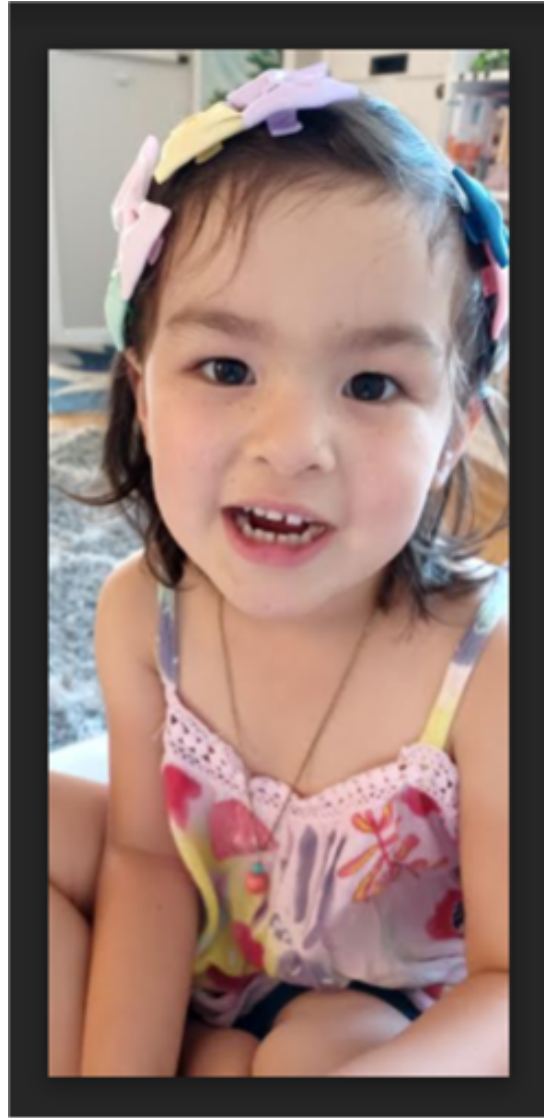
For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)

Are YOU being TRANSFORMED?



What do you want?

Do We WANT to Grow
and Be Changed by
God?



There's a quiet mystery to how God moves in our lives



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Above all, trust in the slow work of God

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress

that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—

and that it may take a very long time.

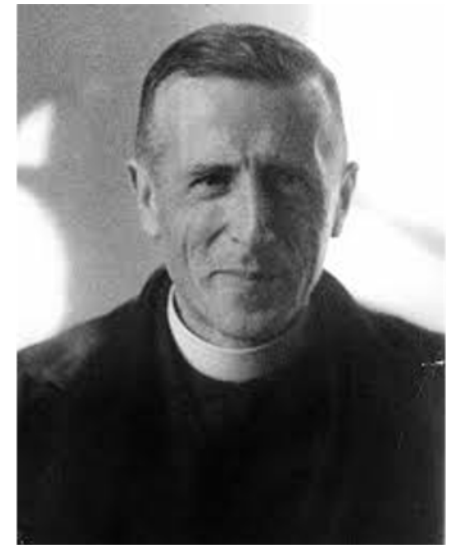
Prayer

And so I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on
your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ
excerpted from *Hearts on Fire*



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