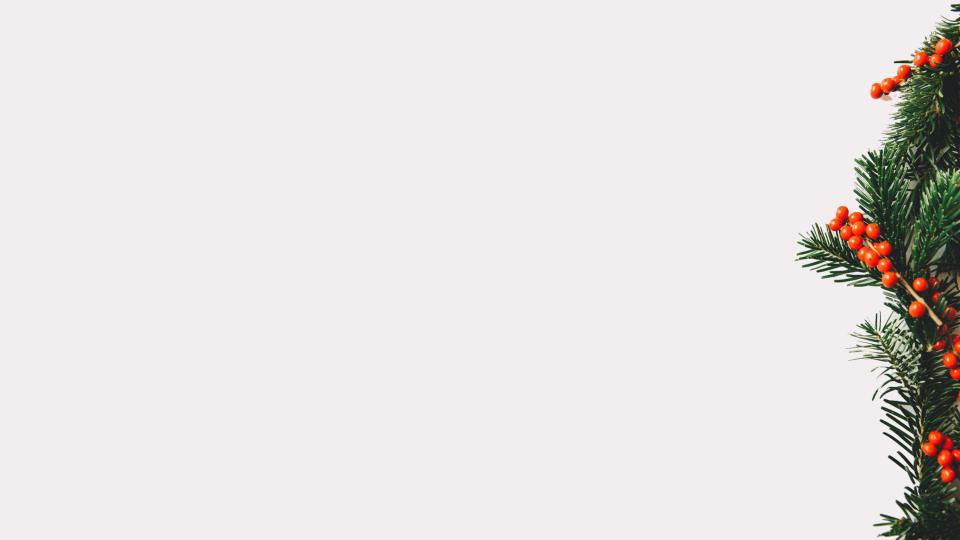
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# Psalm 85

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. *Selah* ...

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- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
- <sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

# Psalm 85

- <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- <sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.
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### Psalm 85

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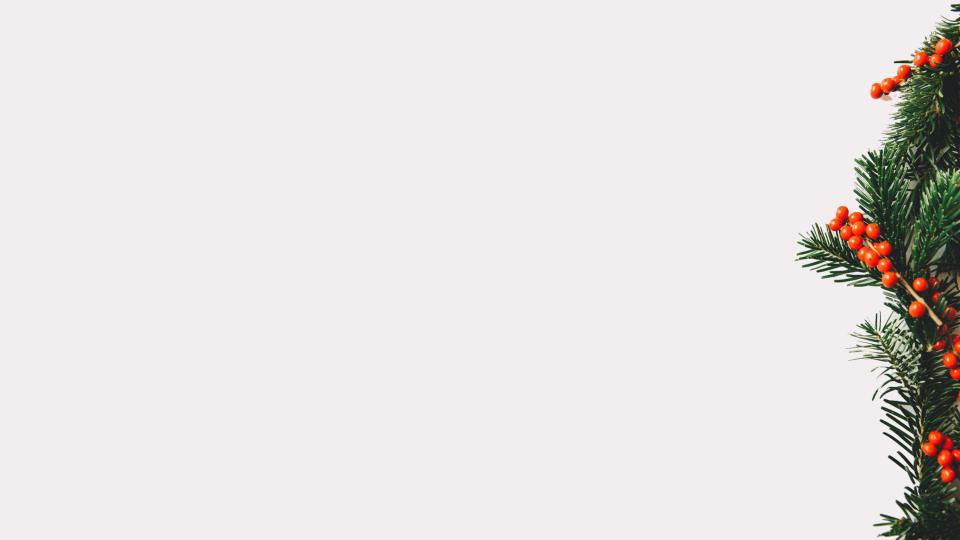
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# **40** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

2 **Speak tenderly** to Jerusalem,

and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins.



#### 3 A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."



## Isaiah 40

6 A voice says, "Cry!"

#### And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the LORD blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.





9 Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Isaiah 40

10 Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

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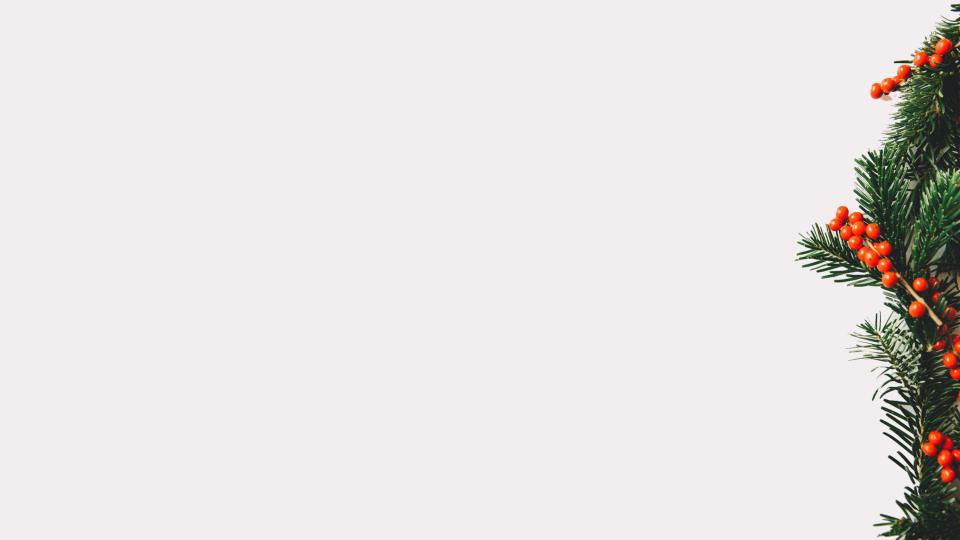




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13 But according to his promise we are **waiting** for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. 15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation...

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