

QUARTER 2: SIGNPOSTS

Step into Scripture

WEEK 4: FROM TOURIST TO PILGRIM

Bible Reading Plan



Weekly Gatherings

30 MINUTES

ARRIVAL, FELLOWSHIP, AND READING

30 MINUTES

TEACHING

30 MINUTES

**TABLE DISCUSSION AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This Week's Reading

WED, MAY 21 PSALMS 6, 8–10, 14, 16, 19, 21

THU, MAY 22 1 CHRONICLES 1–2

FRI, MAY 23 PSALMS 43–45, 49, 84–85, 87

SAT, MAY 24 1 CHRONICLES 3–5

SUN, MAY 25 PSALMS 73, 77–78

MON, MAY 26 1 CHRONICLES 6

TUE, MAY 27 PSALMS 81, 88, 92–93

Today's Reading

PSALMS 6, 8—10, 14, 16, 19, 21
DAY 112 IN STEP INTO SCRIPTURE

Profile of a Madman



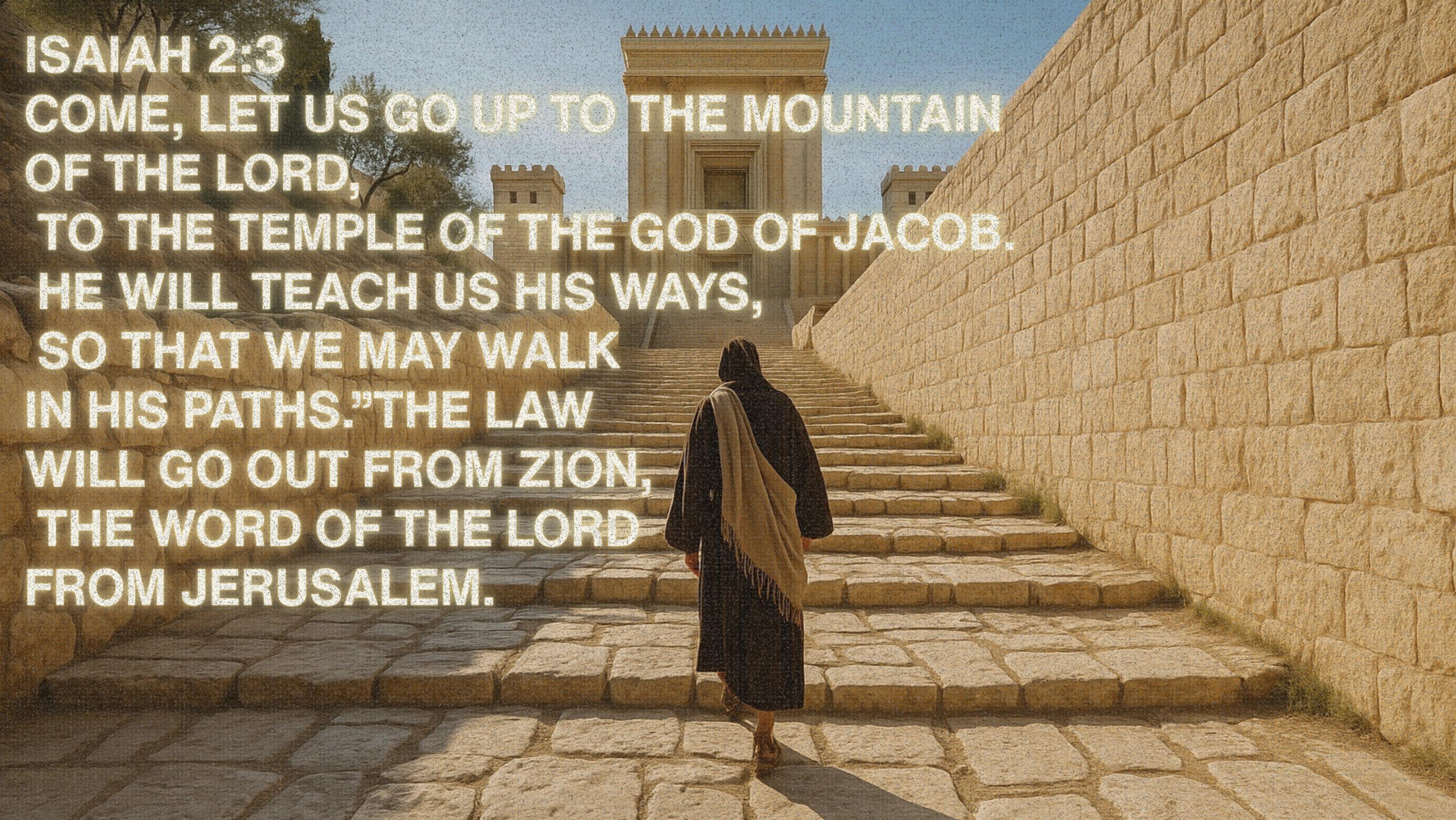
FEAST OF PASSOVER IN THE SPRING

FEAST OF PENTECOST IN EARLY SUMMER

**FEAST OF TABERNACLES IN THE AUTUMN
(SEE EXODUS 23:14-17)**

**THE JOURNEY UPWARD MIRRORED THEIR
DEEPER JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP, OF
GROWING IN MATURITY, OF MOVING
TOWARD THE PRESENCE OF GOD.**





**ISAIAH 2:3
COME, LET US GO UP TO THE MOUNTAIN
OF THE LORD,
TO THE TEMPLE OF THE GOD OF JACOB.
HE WILL TEACH US HIS WAYS,
SO THAT WE MAY WALK
IN HIS PATHS."THE LAW
WILL GO OUT FROM ZION,
THE WORD OF THE LORD
FROM JERUSALEM.**

**ISAIAH 30:29
AND YOU WILL SING
AS ON THE NIGHT YOU CELEBRATE A
HOLY FESTIVAL;
YOUR HEARTS WILL REJOICE
AS WHEN PEOPLE PLAYING
PIPES GO UP TO THE
MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD,
TO THE ROCK OF ISRAEL.**



**IN A WORLD DOMINATED BY INSTANT
GRATIFICATION, SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS
OFTEN EXPECTED TO HAPPEN QUICKLY.**

**DISCIPLESHIP IS NOT A TOURIST'S VISIT—
IT'S A PILGRIM'S PATH.**

“A long obedience in the
same direction.”

EUGENE PETERSON

**THE GREEK WORD FOR DISCIPLE,
MATHETES, MEANS APPRENTICE—A
PERSON WHO FOLLOWS AFTER AND
SEEKS TO LEARN FROM ANOTHER.**

**THE GREEK WORD PAREPIDEMOS,
TRANSLATED “PILGRIM” OR
“SOJOURNER,” REMINDS US THAT THIS
WORLD IS NOT OUR HOME.**

PSALM 121

I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE MOUNTAINS—
WHERE DOES MY HELP COME FROM?

² MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD,

THE MAKER OF HEAVEN

AND EARTH. ³ HE WILL NOT

LET YOUR FOOT SLIP— HE

WHO WATCHES OVER YOU

WILL NOT SLUMBER;

⁴ INDEED, HE WHO

WATCHES OVER ISRAEL

WILL NEITHER SLUMBER NOR SLEEP.



A person wearing a black hooded robe and a light-colored shawl is walking up a wide stone staircase. The staircase is flanked by a high stone wall on the right and a rocky embankment on the left. In the background, a classical building with columns and a pediment is visible under a clear blue sky.

PSALM 121
5 THE LORD WATCHES OVER YOU—
THE LORD IS YOUR SHADE AT YOUR RIGHT
HAND; 6 THE SUN WILL NOT HARM YOU BY
DAY, NOR THE MOON BY
NIGHT. 7 THE LORD WILL
KEEP YOU FROM ALL
HARM—HE WILL WATCH
OVER YOUR LIFE;
THE LORD WILL WATCH
OVER YOUR COMING AND GOING
BOTH NOW AND FOREVERMORE.

JEREMIAH 3:23

**Surely the idolatrous commotion on the hills
and mountains is a deception;
surely in the Lord our God
is the salvation of Israel.**

1 KINGS 18:27

“Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.”

**All the water in the ocean can't
sink a ship unless it gets inside.**

Psalm 123

Eyes Up, Hands Open: The Posture of Servanthood

PSALM 123

I LIFT UP MY EYES TO YOU,
TO YOU WHO SIT ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN.
2 AS THE EYES OF SLAVES LOOK TO THE
HAND OF THEIR MASTER,
AS THE EYES OF A
FEMALE SLAVE LOOK TO
THE HAND OF HER
MISTRESS, SO OUR EYES
LOOK TO THE LORD OUR
GOD, TILL HE SHOWS US HIS MERCY.



PSALM 123

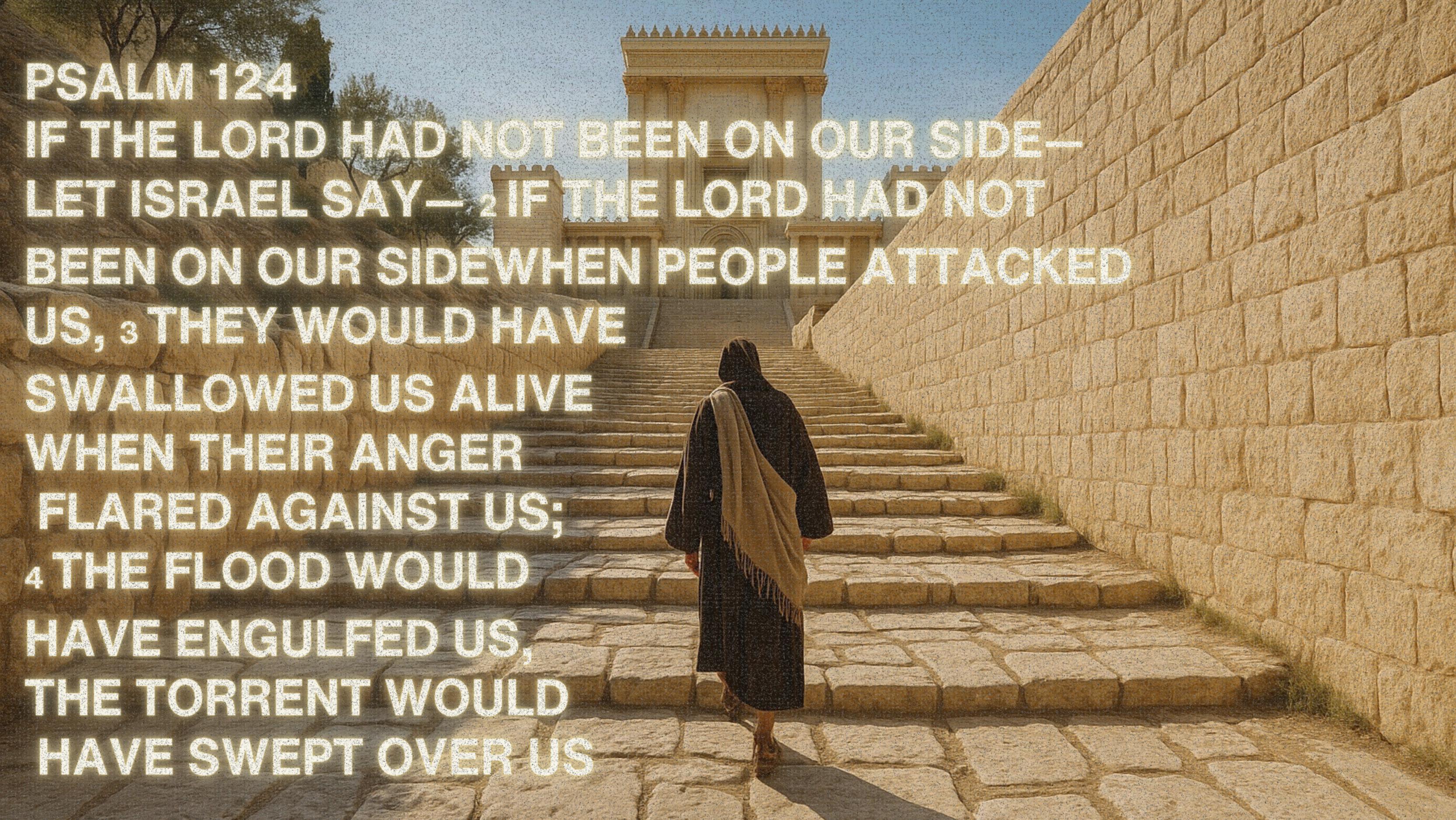
3 HAVE MERCY ON US, LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US, FOR WE HAVE ENDURED NO END OF CONTEMPT. 4 WE HAVE ENDURED NO END OF RIDICULE FROM THE ARROGANT, OF CONTEMPT FROM THE PROUD.



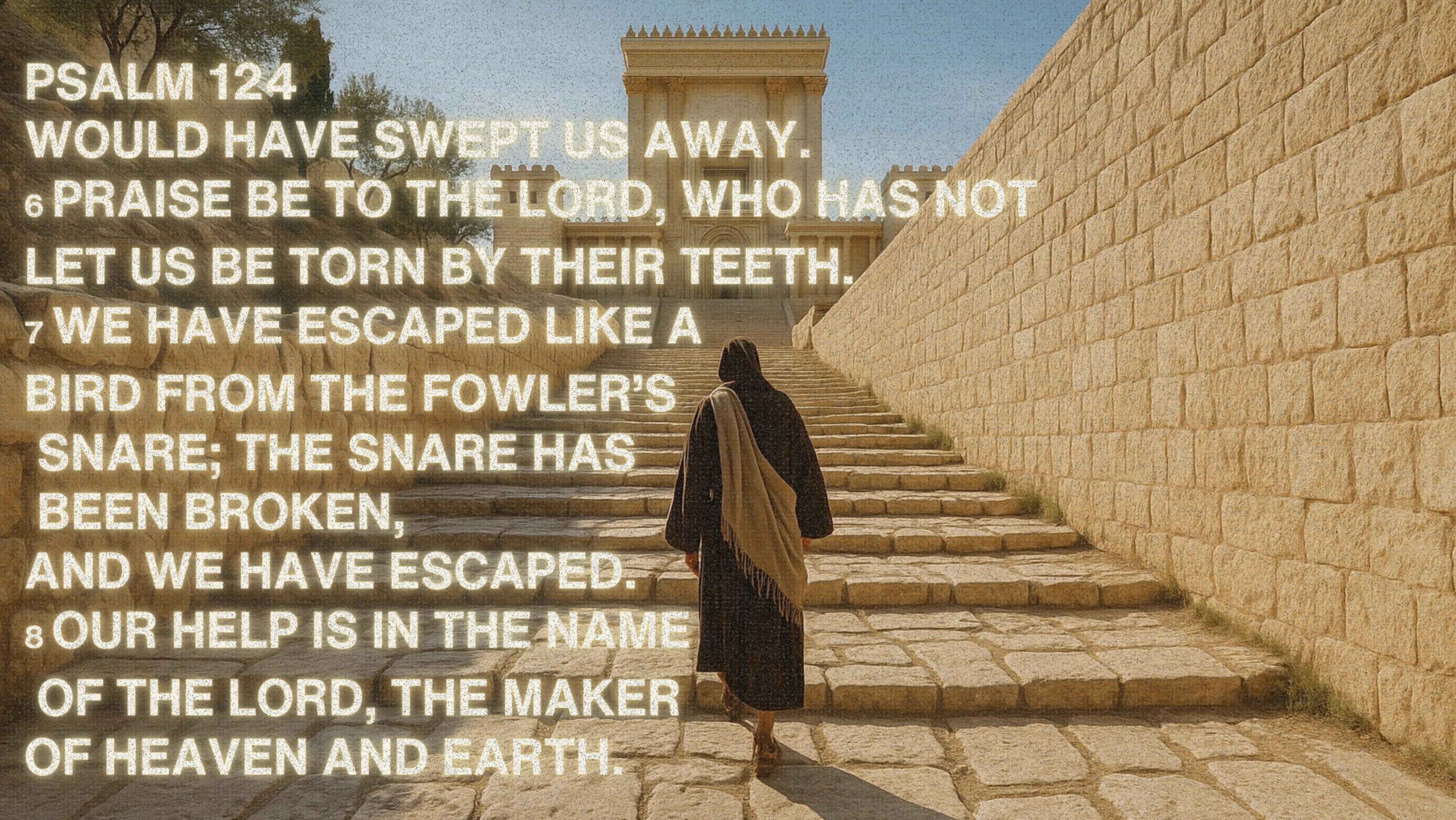
**Psalm 123 is a snapshot of what it looks like to live
as a servant under the rule of a good and holy
Master.**

These words echo through every generation of believers who feel misunderstood, marginalized, or mistreated for their faith. And instead of fighting back, the psalmist simply looks up.

Psalm 124
If It Had Not Been the Lord



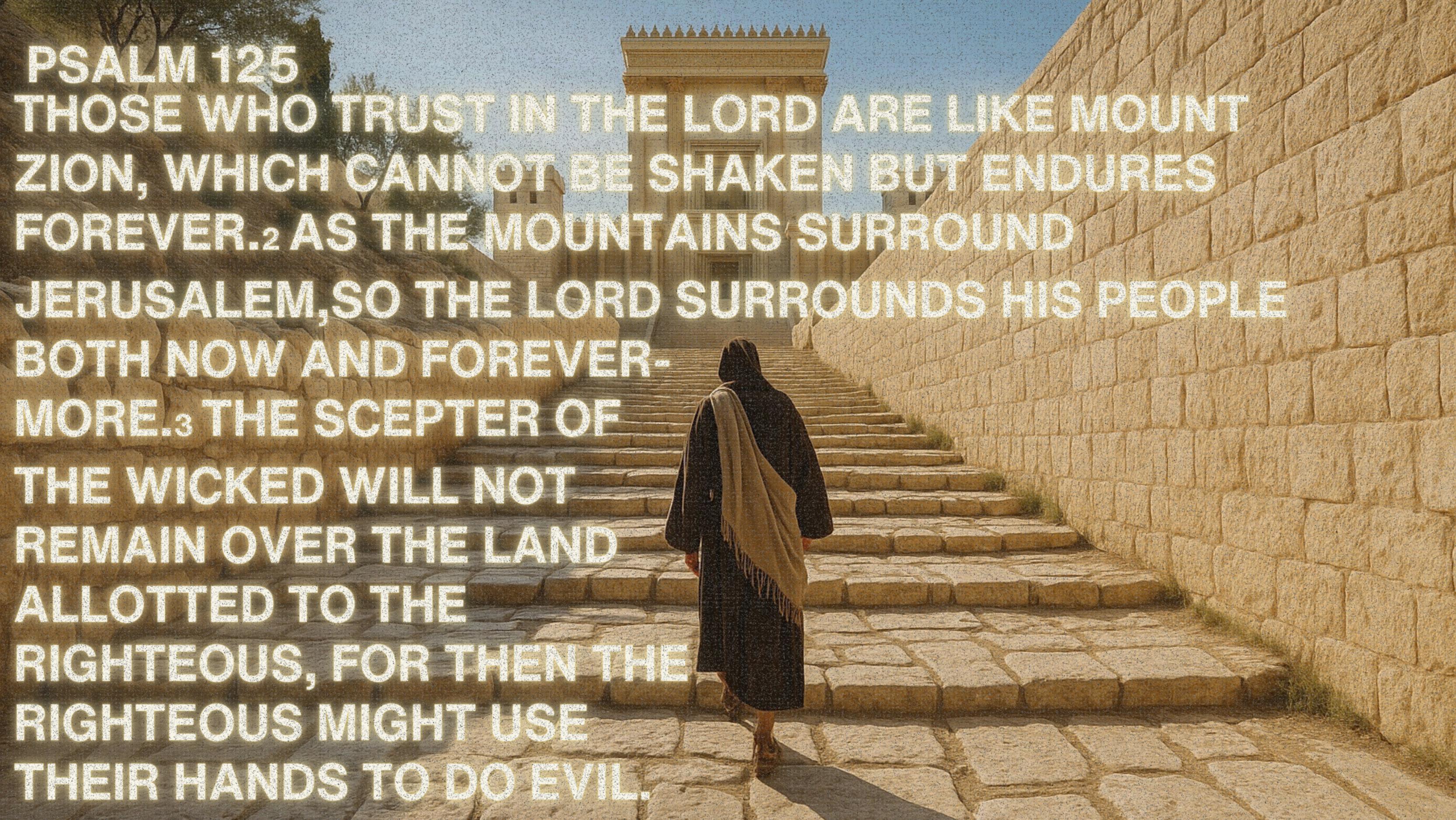
PSALM 124
IF THE LORD HAD NOT BEEN ON OUR SIDE—
LET ISRAEL SAY—² IF THE LORD HAD NOT
BEEN ON OUR SIDE WHEN PEOPLE ATTACKED
US, ³ THEY WOULD HAVE
SWALLOWED US ALIVE
WHEN THEIR ANGER
FLARED AGAINST US;
⁴ THE FLOOD WOULD
HAVE ENGULFED US,
THE TORRENT WOULD
HAVE SWEEPED OVER US

A woman wearing a black hijab and a blue dress is seen from behind, walking up a wide stone staircase. The staircase is flanked by a high, light-colored stone wall on the right. In the background, a classical building with a portico and columns is visible under a clear blue sky. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

PSALM 124
WOULD HAVE SWEEPED US AWAY.
6 PRAISE BE TO THE LORD, WHO HAS NOT
LET US BE TORN BY THEIR TEETH.
7 WE HAVE ESCAPED LIKE A
BIRD FROM THE FOWLER'S
SNARE; THE SNARE HAS
BEEEN BROKEN,
AND WE HAVE ESCAPED.
8 OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD, THE MAKER
OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

This is what we're invited to sing—not that our lives are easy or clean, but that in the middle of chaos and hardship, God helped us.

Psalm 125
Surrounded and Secure

A woman wearing a black hijab and a black dress with a light-colored shawl draped over her shoulders is walking up a wide, stone staircase. The staircase is flanked by a high, light-colored stone wall on the right. In the background, a classical building with a portico and columns is visible under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

PSALM 125
THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD ARE LIKE MOUNT
ZION, WHICH CANNOT BE SHAKEN BUT ENDURES
FOREVER.² AS THE MOUNTAINS SURROUND
JERUSALEM, SO THE LORD SURROUNDS HIS PEOPLE
BOTH NOW AND FOREVER-
MORE.³ THE SCEPTER OF
THE WICKED WILL NOT
REMAIN OVER THE LAND
ALLOTTED TO THE
RIGHTEOUS, FOR THEN THE
RIGHTEOUS MIGHT USE
THEIR HANDS TO DO EVIL.

PSALM 125

**4 LORD, DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO ARE GOOD,
TO THOSE WHO ARE UPRIGHT IN HEART.**

5 BUT THOSE WHO TURN TO CROOKED WAYS

**THE LORD WILL BANISH
WITH THE EVILDOERS.**

PEACE BE ON ISRAEL.



Psalm 125 gives us a much-needed reset in how we think about the life of faith.

Most of us feel like we can be shaken—by fear, by doubt, by suffering, by anxiety. But our security doesn't come from how we feel. It comes from who God is.

Our faith isn't anchored to our emotions. It's anchored to God. We don't live by feelings; we live by faith.

Psalm 128

**The Easy Way: Blessed Are Those Who Fear the
Lord**

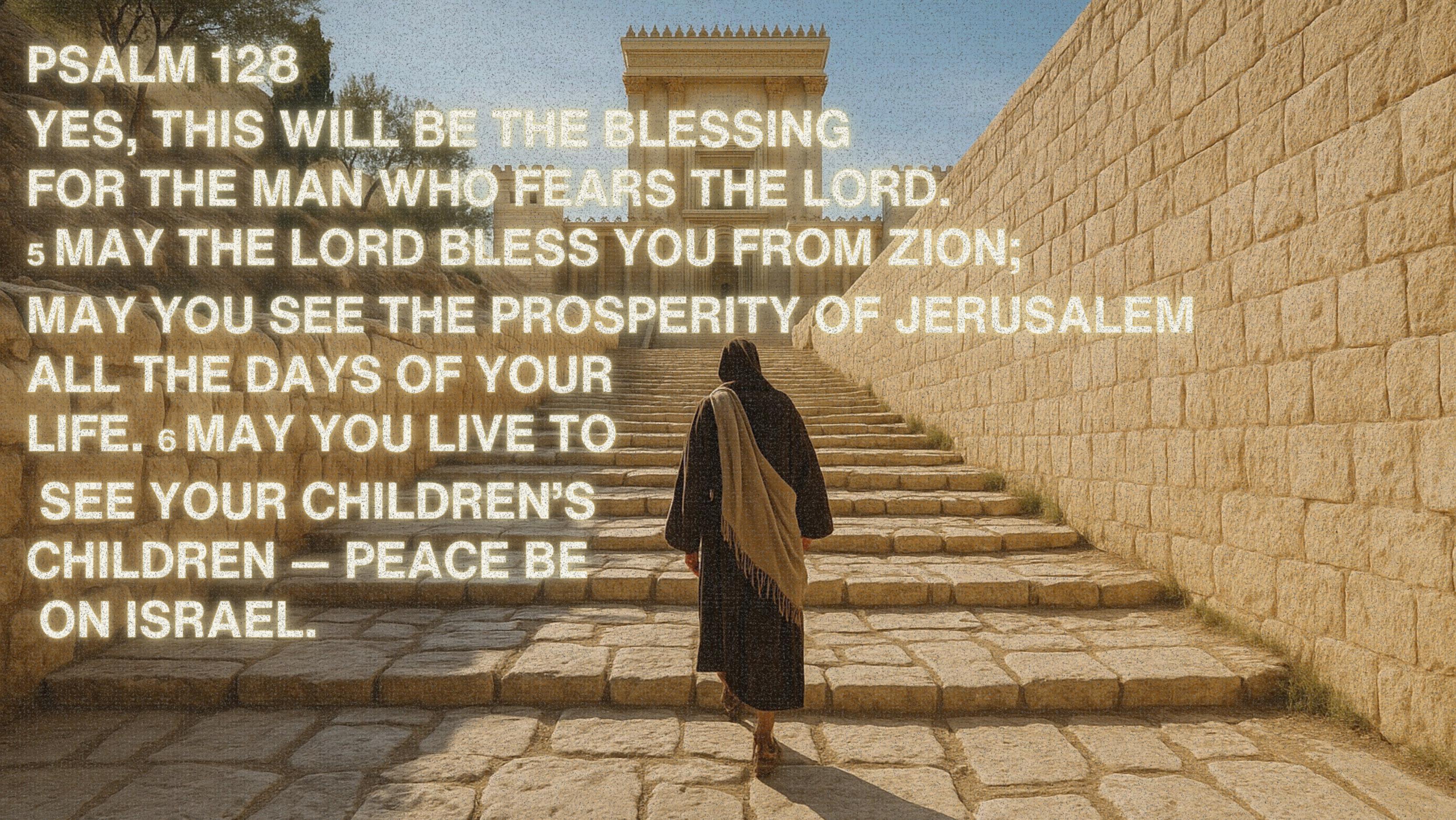
PSALM 128

**BLESSED ARE ALL WHO FEAR THE LORD,
WHO WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO HIM.**

**2 YOU WILL EAT THE FRUIT OF YOUR LABOR;
BLESSINGS AND PROSPERITY WILL BE YOURS.**

**3 YOUR WIFE WILL BE LIKE
A FRUITFUL VINE WITHIN
YOUR HOUSE; YOUR
CHILDREN WILL BE LIKE
OLIVE SHOOTS AROUND
YOUR TABLE.**



A woman wearing a black hijab and a long black dress with a light-colored shawl draped over her shoulders is walking up a wide stone staircase. The staircase is made of large, rectangular stone blocks. To the right of the staircase is a high, solid stone wall made of similar blocks. In the background, at the top of the stairs, is a classical building with a portico supported by columns. The sky is clear and blue. The overall scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

PSALM 128

**YES, THIS WILL BE THE BLESSING
FOR THE MAN WHO FEARS THE LORD.**

5 MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU FROM ZION;

MAY YOU SEE THE PROSPERITY OF JERUSALEM

**ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR
LIFE. 6 MAY YOU LIVE TO**

**SEE YOUR CHILDREN'S
CHILDREN — PEACE BE
ON ISRAEL.**

The life of faith isn't an uphill battle against the natural grain of life. It's actually the way we were created to walk. Following Christ is not about subtraction, lack, or limitation—it's the path to abundance and joy.

This is a song of shalom—not a fragile happiness dependent on circumstances, but the kind of peace and blessing that comes from being rightly ordered under God.

Psalm 128 invites us to a different way: the way of blessing through reverence, generosity, and obedience.

**Joy and reward come not from comfort but from
faithfulness.**

The fear of the Lord shuts our mouths, stills our striving, and opens our ears to hear His life-giving words.

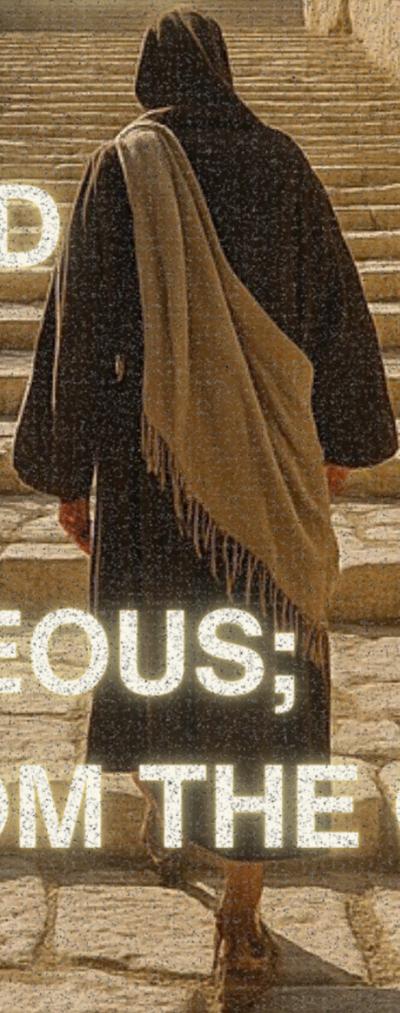
God's commands are not burdens—they're boundaries that protect the path of blessing.

Psalm 129:

Still Standing: Faith That Endures the Blows

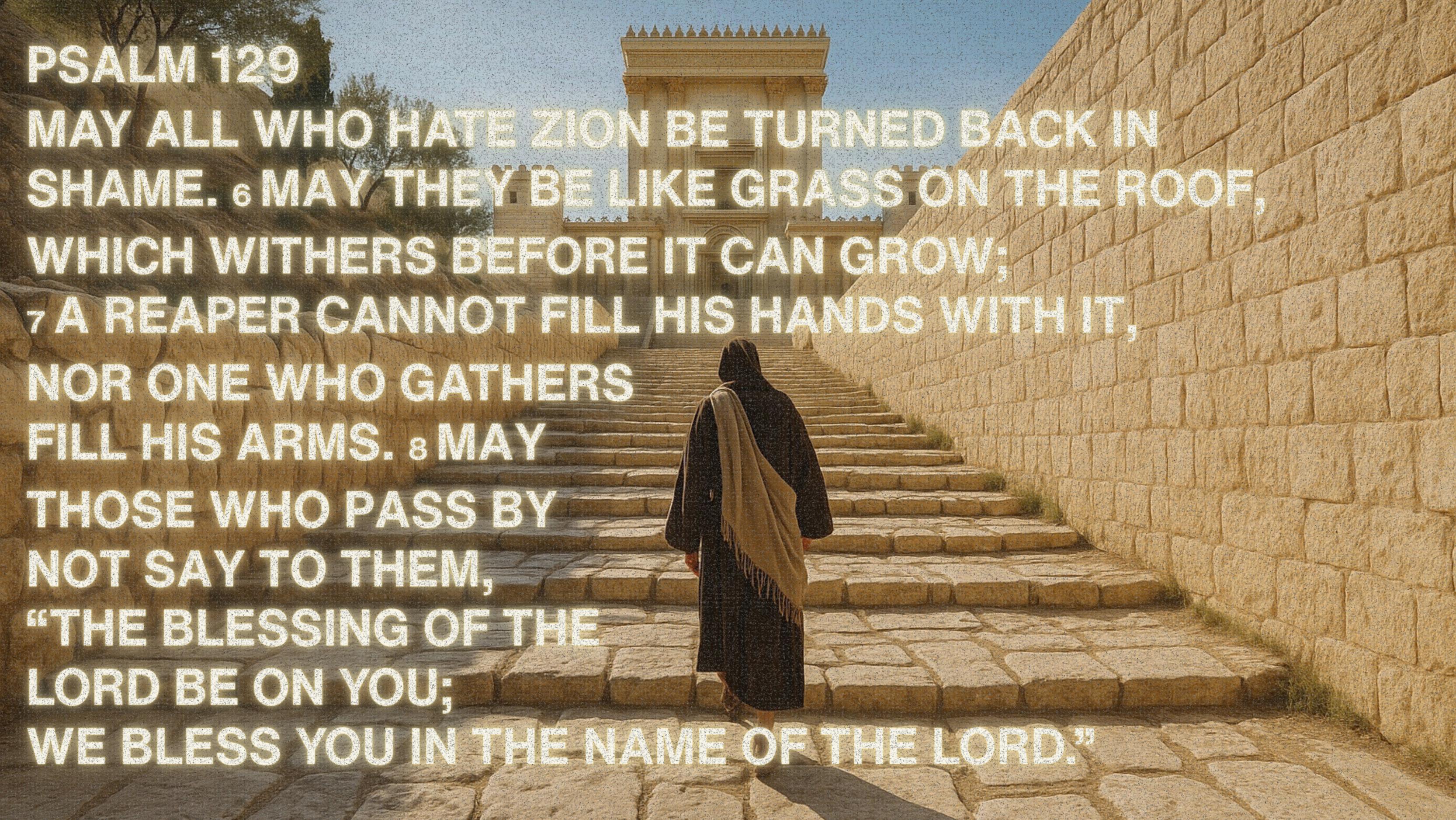
PSALM 129

“THEY HAVE GREATLY OPPRESSED ME FROM MY YOUTH,” LET ISRAEL SAY;² “THEY HAVE GREATLY OPPRESSED ME FROM MY YOUTH, BUT THEY HAVE NOT GAINED THE VICTORY OVER ME.
³ PLOWMEN HAVE PLOWED MY BACK AND MADE THEIR FURROWS LONG.
⁴ BUT THE LORD IS RIGHTEOUS; HE HAS CUT ME FREE FROM THE CORDS OF THE WICKED.



PSALM 129

MAY ALL WHO HATE ZION BE TURNED BACK IN SHAME. ⁶ MAY THEY BE LIKE GRASS ON THE ROOF, WHICH WITHERS BEFORE IT CAN GROW; ⁷ A REAPER CANNOT FILL HIS HANDS WITH IT, NOR ONE WHO GATHERS FILL HIS ARMS. ⁸ MAY THOSE WHO PASS BY NOT SAY TO THEM, "THE BLESSING OF THE LORD BE ON YOU; WE BLESS YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD."

A woman wearing a black hijab and a black shawl with a tan-colored fringed scarf is seen from behind, walking up a wide, ancient stone staircase. The staircase is flanked by a high, light-colored stone wall on the right. In the background, a classical building with a portico and columns is visible under a clear blue sky. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

**Psalm 129 the song of a bruised and battered
people who are still standing because God stuck
with them.**

HEBREWS 12:1-3

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

When you care deeply about righteousness, it's hard not to be grieved—or even angry—when evil is celebrated.

We keep running. We fix our eyes on Jesus. And like the psalmist, we turn our wounds into worship.

Psalm 130:
Out of the Depths: Hope That Holds

PSALM 130

OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU, LORD;

² LORD, HEAR MY VOICE. LET YOUR EARS BE

ATTENTIVE TO MY CRY FOR MERCY.

³ IF YOU, LORD, KEPT A RECORD OF SINS,

LORD, WHO COULD

STAND? ⁴ BUT WITH YOU

THERE IS FORGIVENESS,

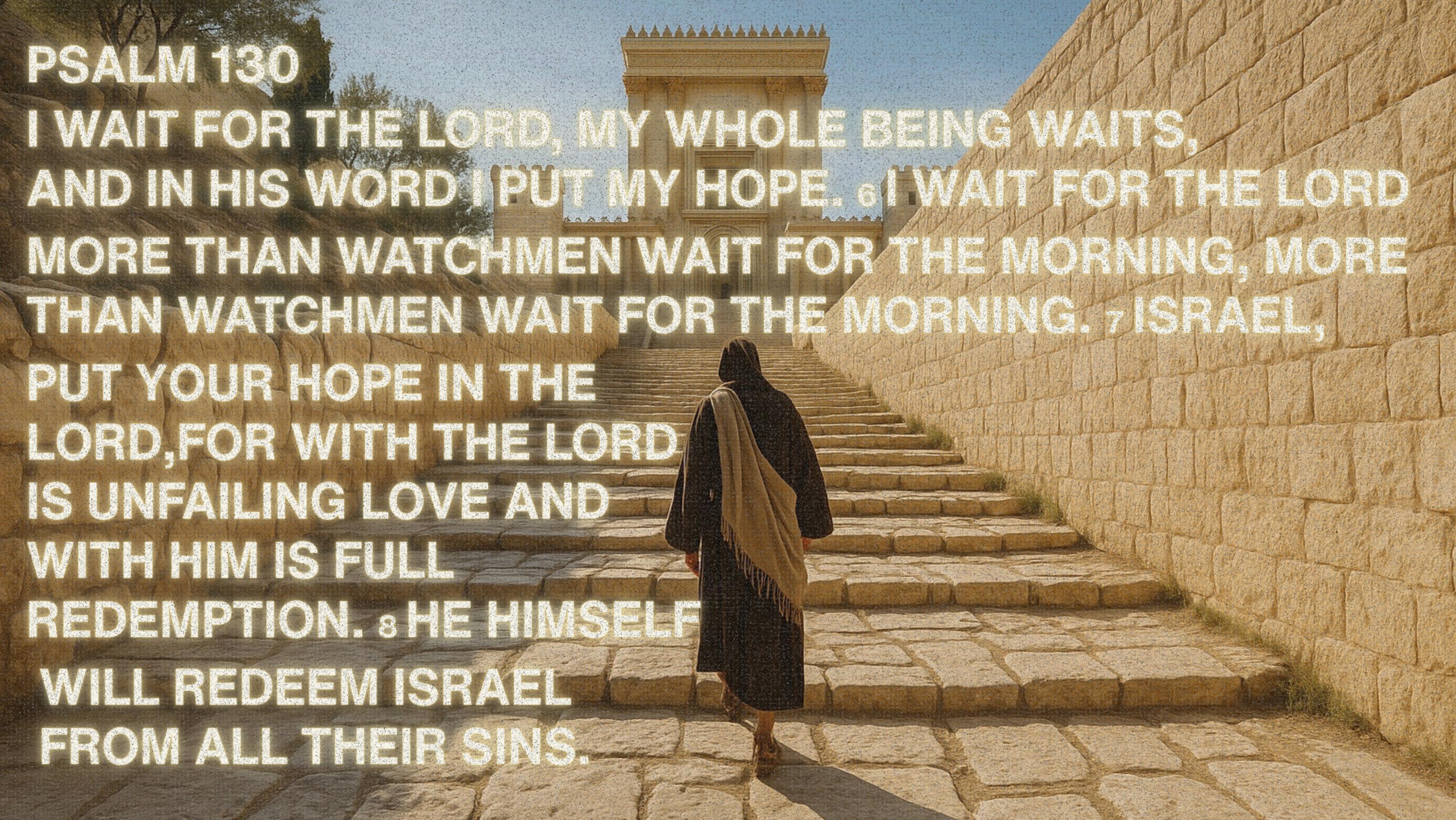
SO THAT WE CAN, WITH

REVERENCE, SERVE YOU.



PSALM 130

I WAIT FOR THE LORD, MY WHOLE BEING WAITS,
AND IN HIS WORD I PUT MY HOPE. ⁶ I WAIT FOR THE LORD
MORE THAN WATCHMEN WAIT FOR THE MORNING, MORE
THAN WATCHMEN WAIT FOR THE MORNING. ⁷ ISRAEL,
PUT YOUR HOPE IN THE
LORD, FOR WITH THE LORD
IS UNFAILING LOVE AND
WITH HIM IS FULL
REDEMPTION. ⁸ HE HIMSELF
WILL REDEEM ISRAEL
FROM ALL THEIR SINS.



Psalm 130 gives us permission to bring that pain straight to the Lord. Not with a polished prayer or a quick solution—but with an honest cry.

So we wait.

We don't manufacture quick fixes or spiritual gimmicks. We don't push past pain or skip the valley. We wait with our whole being, trusting that God is not done.