

Theme
**Knowing &
Experiencing God**



7 Redemptive Names of God in Psalm 23

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v1b I shall not be in want

v2 He leads me beside quiet waters

v3 He restores my soul

v3b He guides me in paths of righteousness

v4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me

v5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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First Mention of Jehovah Shammah - Presence of God

Genesis 28:15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.

Ezekiel 48:45b and the name of the city from that day shall be:
THE LORD IS THERE."

Jehovah Shammah - Presence of God

Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through (not over, around or avoid) the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me (Presence); Your rod (Heb-shebet) and Your staff, they comfort me.

Rod and Staff have been translated interchangeably in the Bible.

But here, both are mentioned!

Both instruments are in the hands of the Shepherd.



Different Purposes of Rod and Staff by Phillip Keller

The rod serves different purposes:

1. As a club or throwing stick to defend against predators.
2. For disciplining wayward sheep.
3. To assist in examining and counting individuals in the flock.

The staff serves different purposes:

1. Rounding up sheep into a flock.
2. Guiding sheep by applying pressure to an individual's flank.
3. Extricating sheep from bad situations.



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Jehovah Shammah

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Struggles In the Valleys of Life

In valley of afflictions

Facing trials in work

Continual despair

Disappointments

Experiencing “Silence” from God

Long ailment

Feeling darkness

Why did God allow ...

Situation getting worse

When you failed an exam

No help forthcoming

When being persecuted

When undergoing trials

When your spouse is dying

Experiencing deep fear

When your family rejects you

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I. The Presence of God - Promise, Why and How?

1. The Promise of the Presence of God.

Genesis 28:15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.” 16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” 17 And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!”

Ezekiel 48:35b ... and the name of the city from that day shall be:
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I. The Presence of God - Promise, Why and How?

1. The Promise of the Presence of God.

Matthew 1:23 (NIV) The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel—which means, “God with us.”

Hebrews 13:5b (NIV) ... because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

I. The Presence of God - Promise, Why and How?

2. Why we need the Presence of God?

Isaiah 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.

John 6:68 But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

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Isaiah 26:3-4 You (Father-God) will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength ...

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- A person wearing a dark blue sweater is sitting at a dark wooden table, reading an open Bible. The Bible is open to a page with text. A single brown leaf lies on the table to the left of the person's hand. The background is blurred, showing a white wall and a window with a view of a landscape.
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Romans 8:5-6 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.



I. The Presence of God - Promise, Why and How?

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Psalm 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me;
because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

Proverbs 3:5-6-dad

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3. How to come to the Presence of God?

Deuteronomy 4:29 But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.



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James 4:8 Draw near to God
and He will draw near to
you. Cleanse your hands, you
sinners; and purify your hearts, you
double-minded.

1. Hebrews 10:19-22 - 1 John 1:9
2. 1 Peter 5:7
3. Psalm 100:4-5 - Psalm 22:3
4. Hebrews 4:16

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II. The Rod of His Presence

Psalm 23:4 (NIV) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Shepherd's rod protects
the shepherd & sheep
from predators



1. The Rod of His Presence protects and comforts us.

A. Yearning for God in the midst of distresses.

Psalm 42:1-3 As the deer pants for the water brooks,
so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God. When shall I come and appear before
God? My tears have been my food day and night, while
they continually say to me, “Where is your God?”
Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why
are you disquieted within me? Hope in God,
for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.

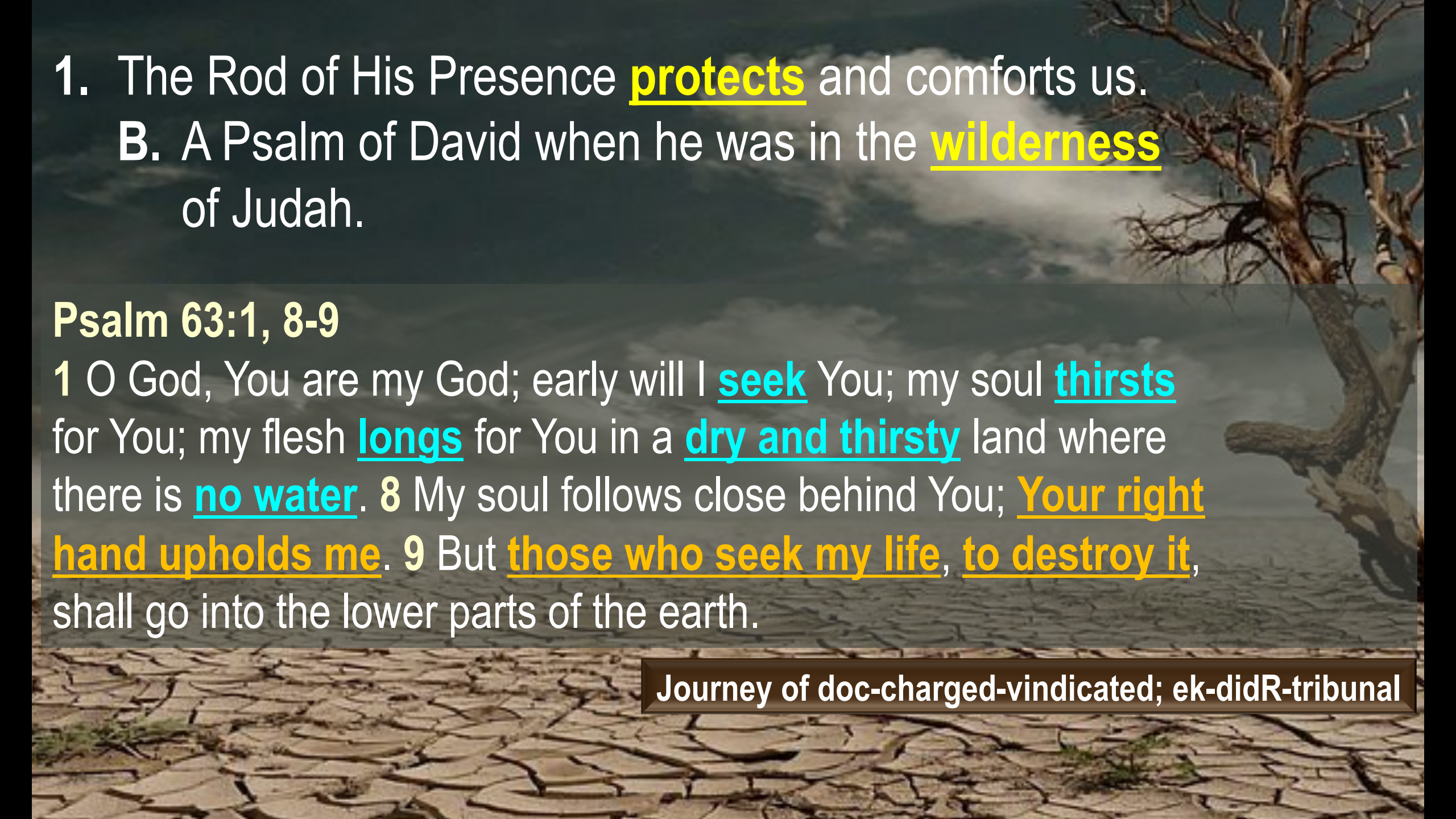
A person is kneeling in prayer on a grassy hill, silhouetted against a bright, low sun that creates a strong lens flare. The background shows rolling hills under a warm, orange-hued sky.

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and comforts us.

A. Yearning for God in the midst of
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Psalm 42:10-11 As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, while they say to me all day long, “Where is your God?” Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

Journey of doc-charged-vindicated; ek-didR-tribunal

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B. A Psalm of David when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

Psalm 63:1, 8-9

1 O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. 8 My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me. 9 But those who seek my life, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

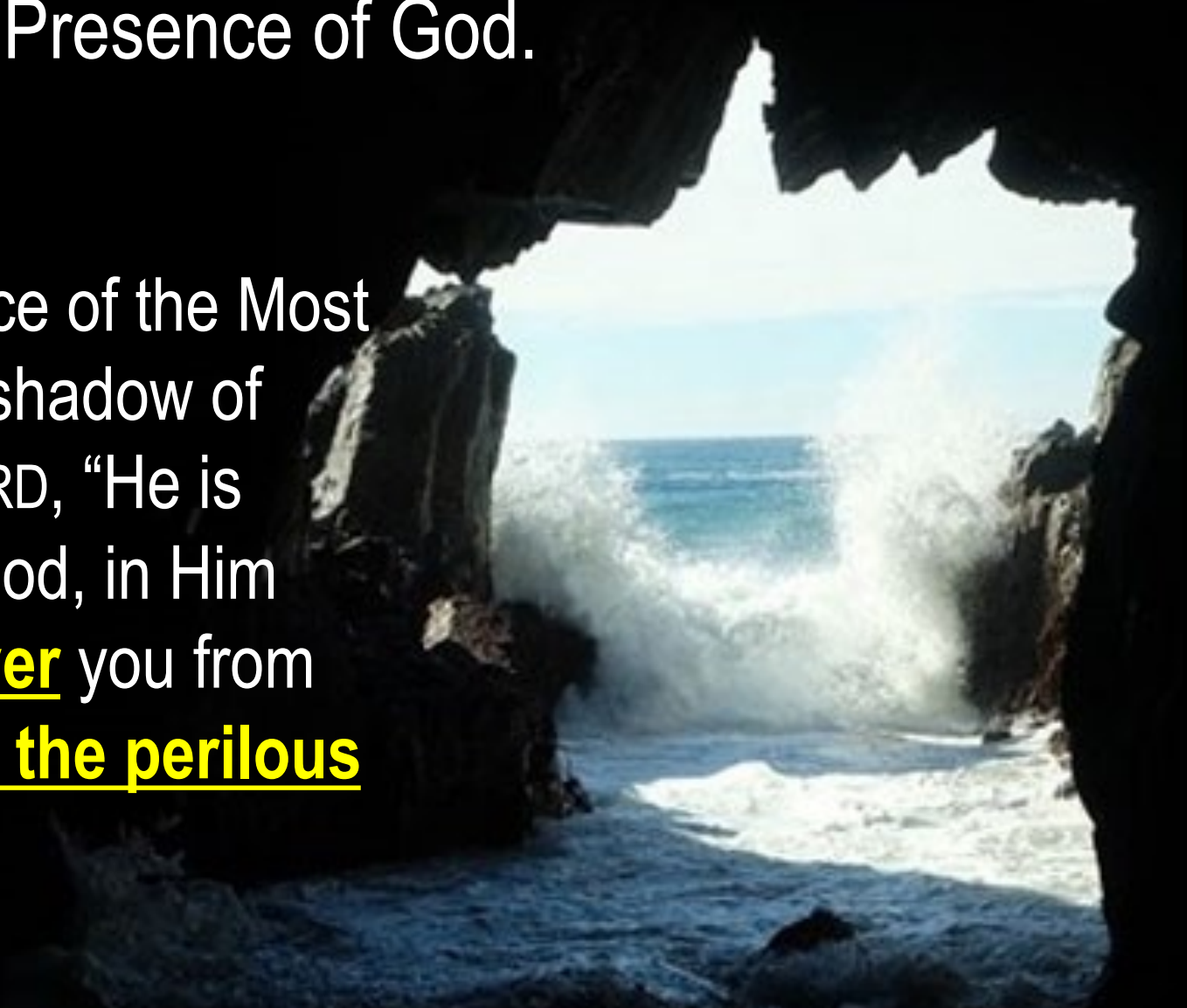
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1. The Rod of His Presence protects and comforts us.

C. Safety of abiding in the Presence of God.

Psalm 91:1-16

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide (rest) under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." 3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.



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Psalm 91:1-16

4 He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6 nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

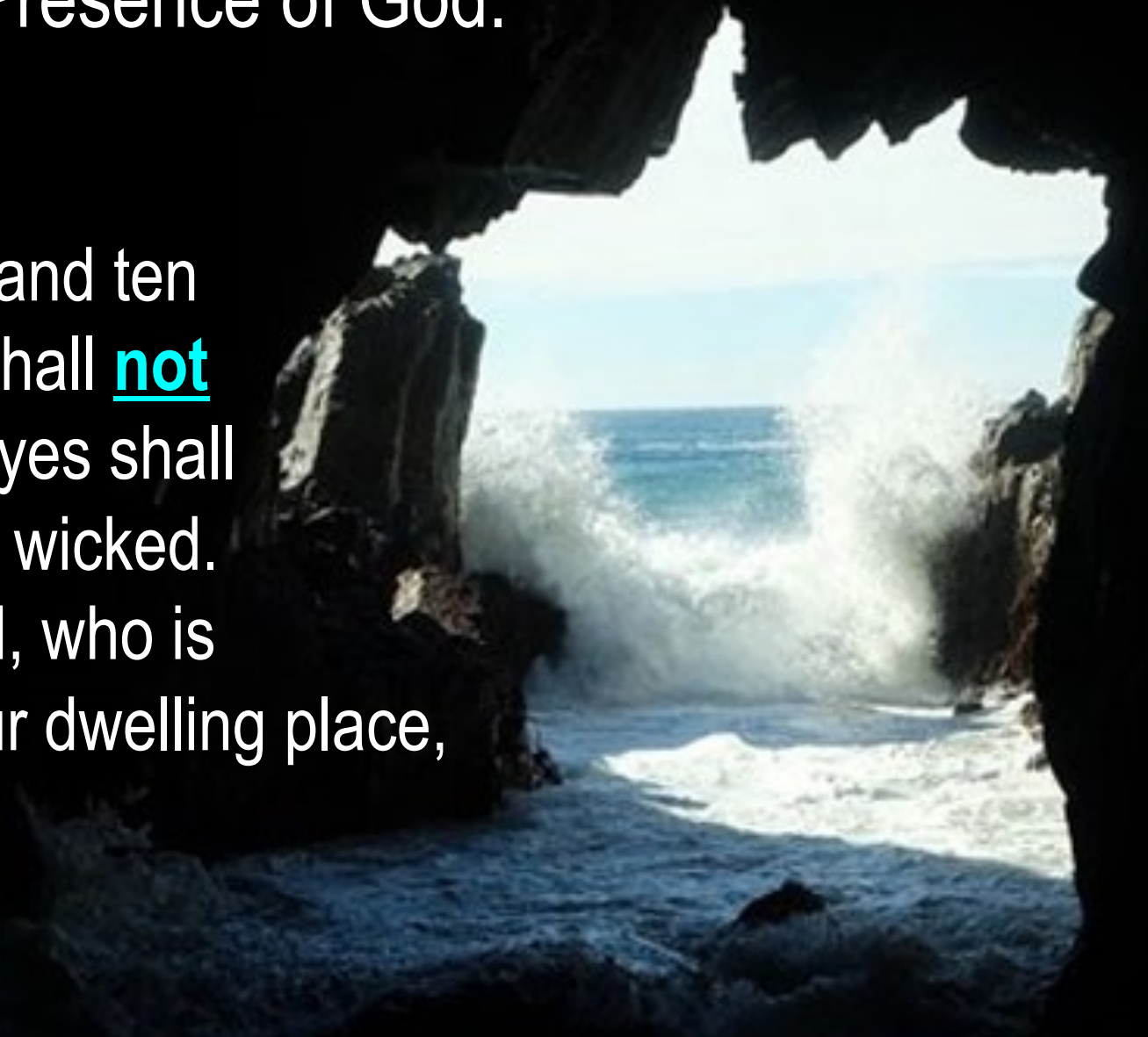


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Psalm 91:1-16

7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. 8 Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,



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Psalm 91:1-16

10 no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; **11** for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. **12** In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

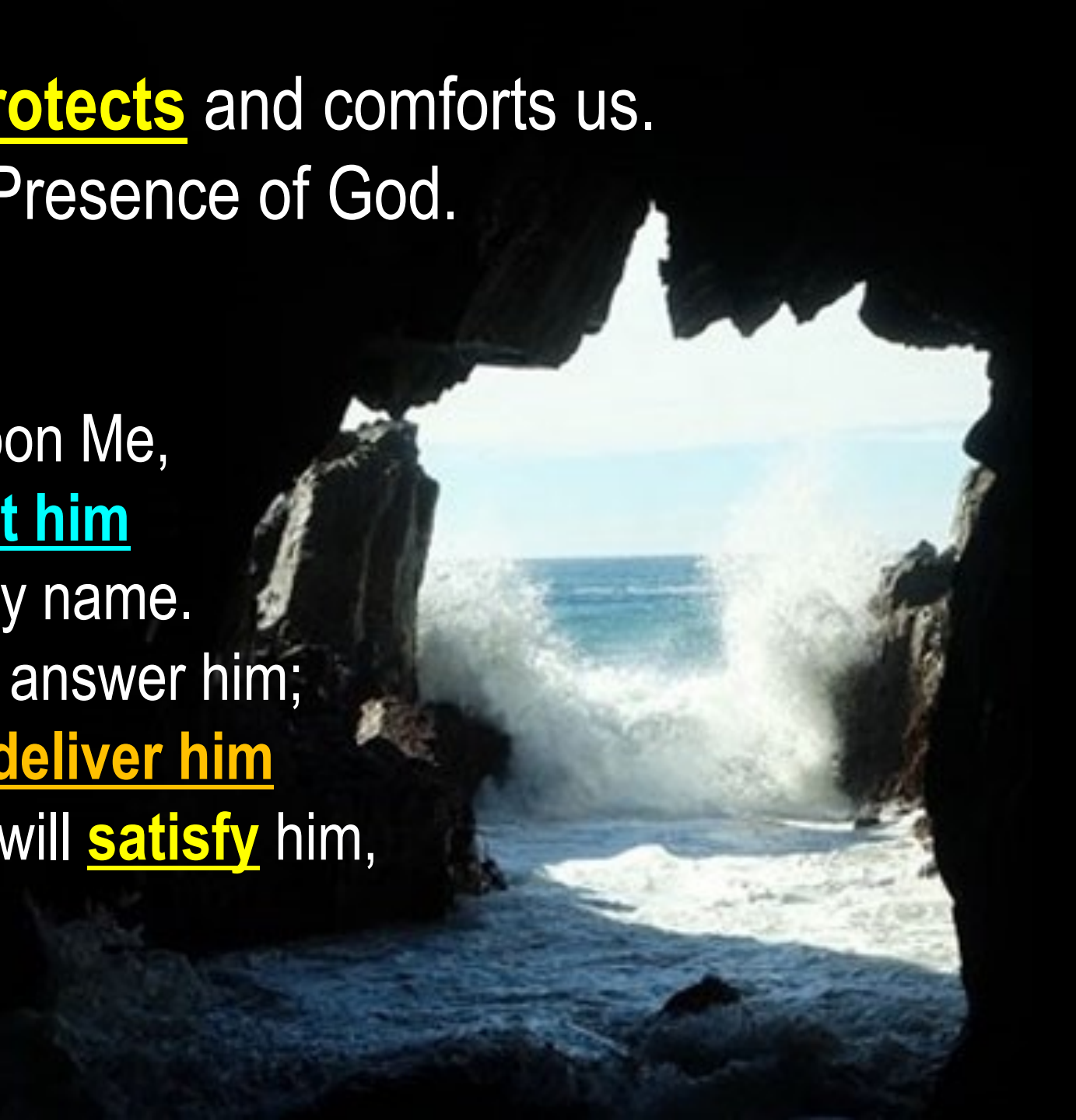


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Psalm 91:1-16

14 “Because he has set his love upon Me,
therefore I will deliver him; I will set him
on high, because he has known My name.

15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him
and honor him. **16** With long life I will satisfy him,
and show him My salvation.”



A silhouette of a man and a child against a sunset sky. The man is on the left, leaning forward and pointing his finger towards the child. The child is on the right, standing and looking up at the man. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow, with some clouds.

2. The Rod of His Presence will also correct us.

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges (involves pain) every son whom He receives.

Chasten = to make someone understand that they have failed or done something wrong and make them want to improve (correction).



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Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of correction will drive it far from him.

Zephaniah 3:2 She has not obeyed His voice, she has not received correction; she has not trusted in the Lord, she has not drawn near to her God.



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Proverbs 3:12 For whom the Lord loves
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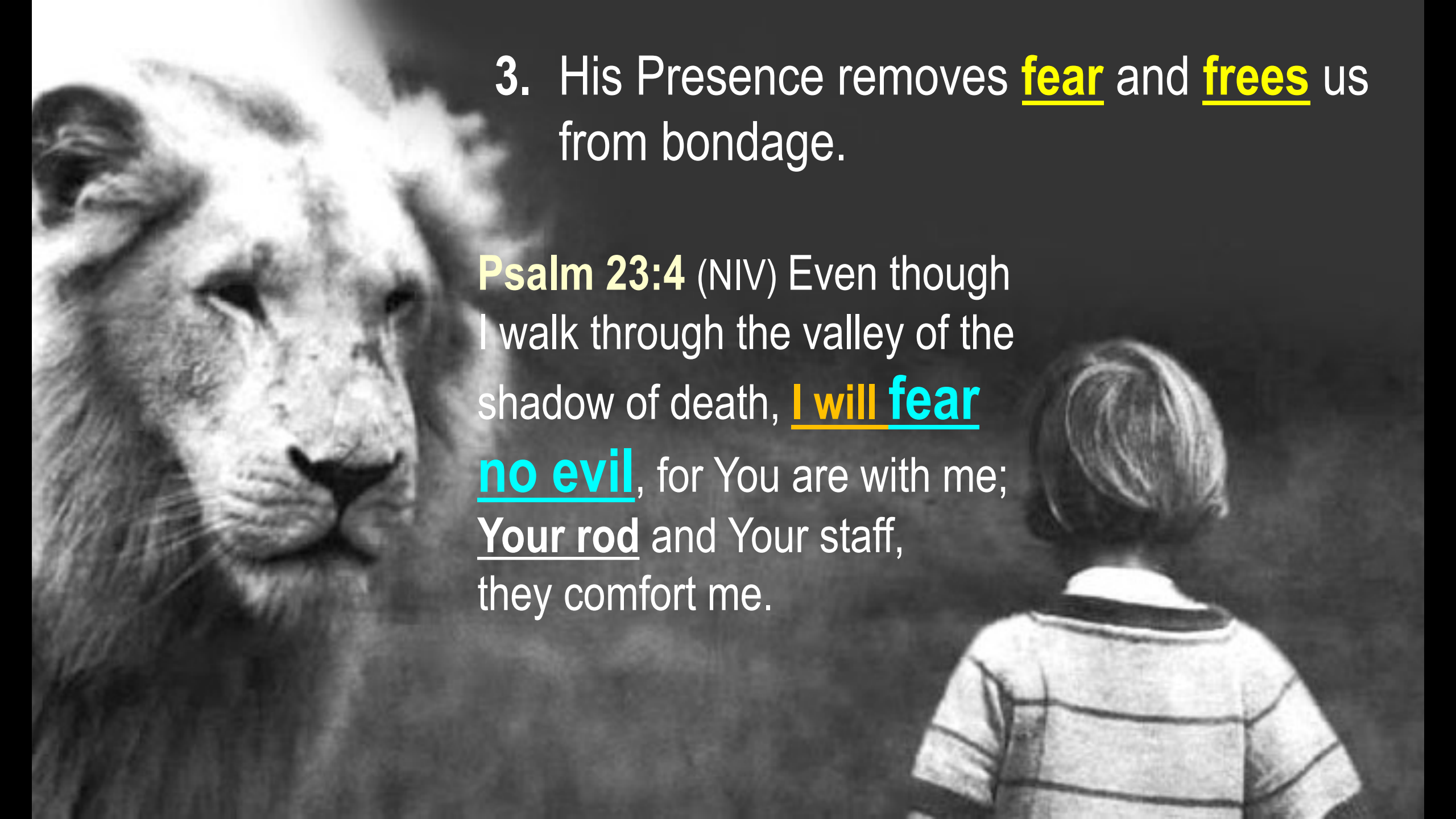
Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and
chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a person's hands holding an open Bible. The person is using a blue highlighter to mark text in the left-hand page. The Bible is resting on their lap, and their legs, wearing grey pants and red and white sneakers, are visible in the background. The lighting is soft, creating a focused and contemplative atmosphere.

2. The Rod of His Presence will also correct us.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

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3. His Presence removes fear and frees us from bondage.

Psalm 23:4 (NIV) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.



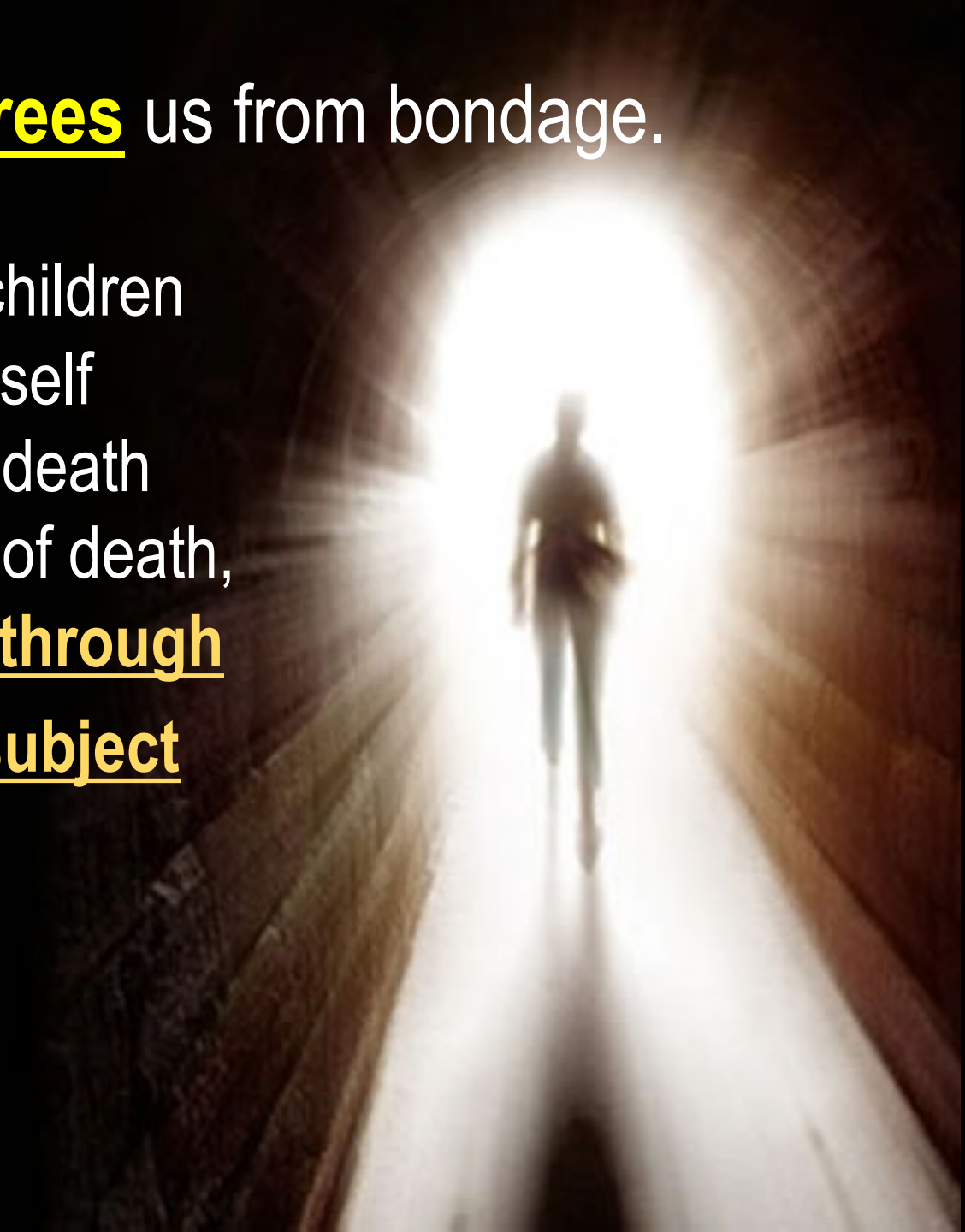
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1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Romans 8:28

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Hebrews 2:14-15 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.



4. His Presence refreshes, renews and rejuvenates us.
The Blessedness of Dwelling in the House of God.

Psalm 84:1-2, 7, 11

1 How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts! 2 My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. 7 They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion. 11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace (favour) and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

A wooden gavel with a light-colored head and a darker handle rests on a stack of three old, thick books. The books have worn, dark covers. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light source from the left creating highlights on the gavel and the edges of the books.

II. The Rod of His Presence

In essence, the Rod of His Presence
is authority.

This authority is derived when we are
in the Word.

Matthew 16:19; 2 Corinthians 10:3

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III. The Staff of His Presence

1. This is His guidance to us in paths of righteousness.

Psalm 23:3b (NIV) He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake.

Right Standing

Right Believing

Right Living

Matt7:24-25



2. The Staff of His Presence leads us to provision.



Psalm 23:2a (NIV) He makes me lie down in green pastures ...

Deut 8:18-DivineConnections



3. The Staff of His Presence leads us to His peace.

Psalm 23:2b (NIV) He leads me beside quiet waters ...

Shalom-From-Of
Phil4:6-7Col3:16-2Thess3:16

III. The Staff of His Presence

In essence, the Staff of His Presence
is manifested Power.

This power is derived when we are led by
and filled with the Spirit.



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IV. The Danger of disconnect with His Presence

Genesis 4:16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

Judges 16:20 And she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” So he awoke from his sleep, and said, “I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!” But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him.





IV. The Danger of disconnect with His Presence

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

Connect with HS-His Presence-His Rod-His Staff



IV. The Danger of disconnect with His Presence

2 Peter 1:9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

Romans 1:21-22 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools.

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Mark 16:15, 17-18

15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **17** And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; **18** they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”



A close-up photograph of a person's arm wearing a grey ribbed sweater, resting on a dark podium. The background is black.

IV. The Presence of God is especially manifested when we do ministry.

Mark 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Isaiah 44:26a; 55:11; Jer 23:29 Deut 32:2

IV. The Presence of God is especially manifested when we do ministry.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, **I am with you always, even to the end of the age**.” Amen.

Nations

BOTTOM-LINE - Jehovah Shammah - Presence of God

Exodus 33:15-16 Then he (Moses) said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.”

For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.”



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Isaiah 6:5, 8

5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

**God is Holy. To have His Presence, we must walk in holiness!
The Call to Holiness and Consecration to live for God**

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1 Corinthians 12:7-10 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: **8** for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.



Obvious evidence of God's Presence is via exercise of spiritual gifts.
The call to ask God for spiritual gifts to minister.