



*Wonder Lenten Wednesday*

March 18, 2020

*Welcome*

I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

I will sing of the mercies  
of the Lord forever,

I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known,  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness;  
With my mouth will I make known,  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies  
of the Lord forever:

I will sing. I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies  
of the Lord forever,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.



A photograph of a winter forest. The scene is filled with snow-covered trees and branches. Sunlight filters through the dense canopy, creating bright, ethereal rays of light that illuminate the scene. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

*We gather in hope, in light  
and in peace...*

# Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled?

No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Savior,

And life more abundant and free!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus;  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow  
strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Through death into life everlasting,  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
Over us sin no more hath dominion  
For more than conquerors we are!



Turn your eyes upon Jesus;  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow  
strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

His word shall not fail you

He promised;

Believe Him and all will be well:

Then go to a world that is dying,

His perfect salvation to tell!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus;  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow  
strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Be Thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart,  
Nought be all else to me,  
save that Thou art -  
Thou my best thought,  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,  
and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father,  
I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling  
and I with Thee one.



Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always:  
Thou and Thou only,  
first in my heart,  
High King of heaven,  
my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision,  
O Ruler of all.

# Opening Prayer



# I Need You Every Hour

I need You every hour, Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Yours Can peace afford.

I need You, O I need You;

Every hour I need You!

O bless me now, my Savior

I come to You

I need You every hour, Stay You nearby;  
Temptations lose their power  
when You are nigh.

I need You, O I need You;  
Every hour I need You!

O bless me now, my Savior I come to You.



I need You every hour, In joy or pain;  
Come quickly, and abide, or life is vain.

I need You, O I need You;

Every hour I need You!

O bless me now my Savior I come to You.

I need You every hour, Teach me Thy will,

And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

I need Thee, O I need Thee;

Every hour I need Thee!

O bless me now, my Savior I come to Thee.



Psalm 23 Let's say together these sacred  
words:

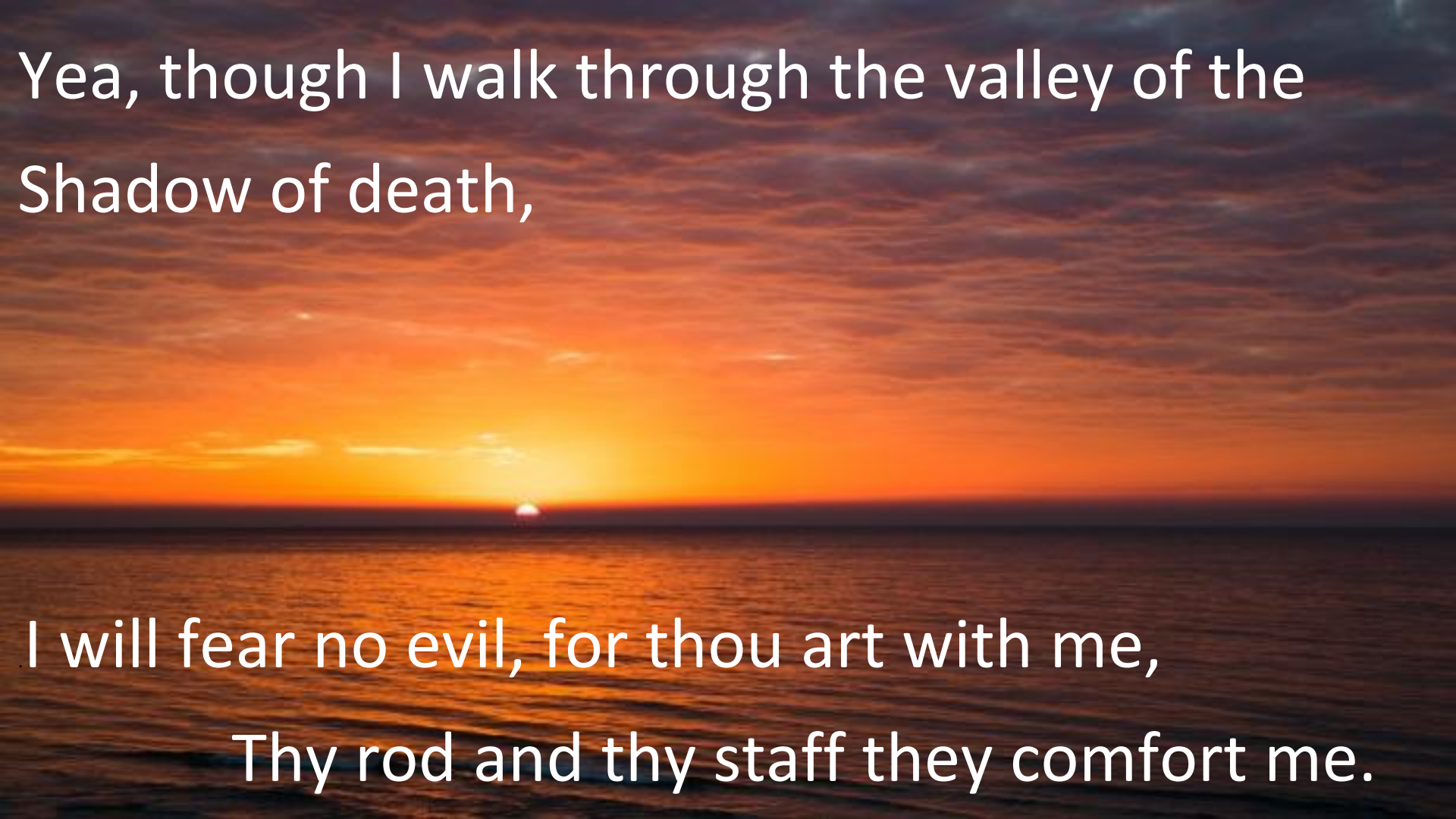
The LORD is my shepherd  
I shall not want

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures



He restoreth my soul

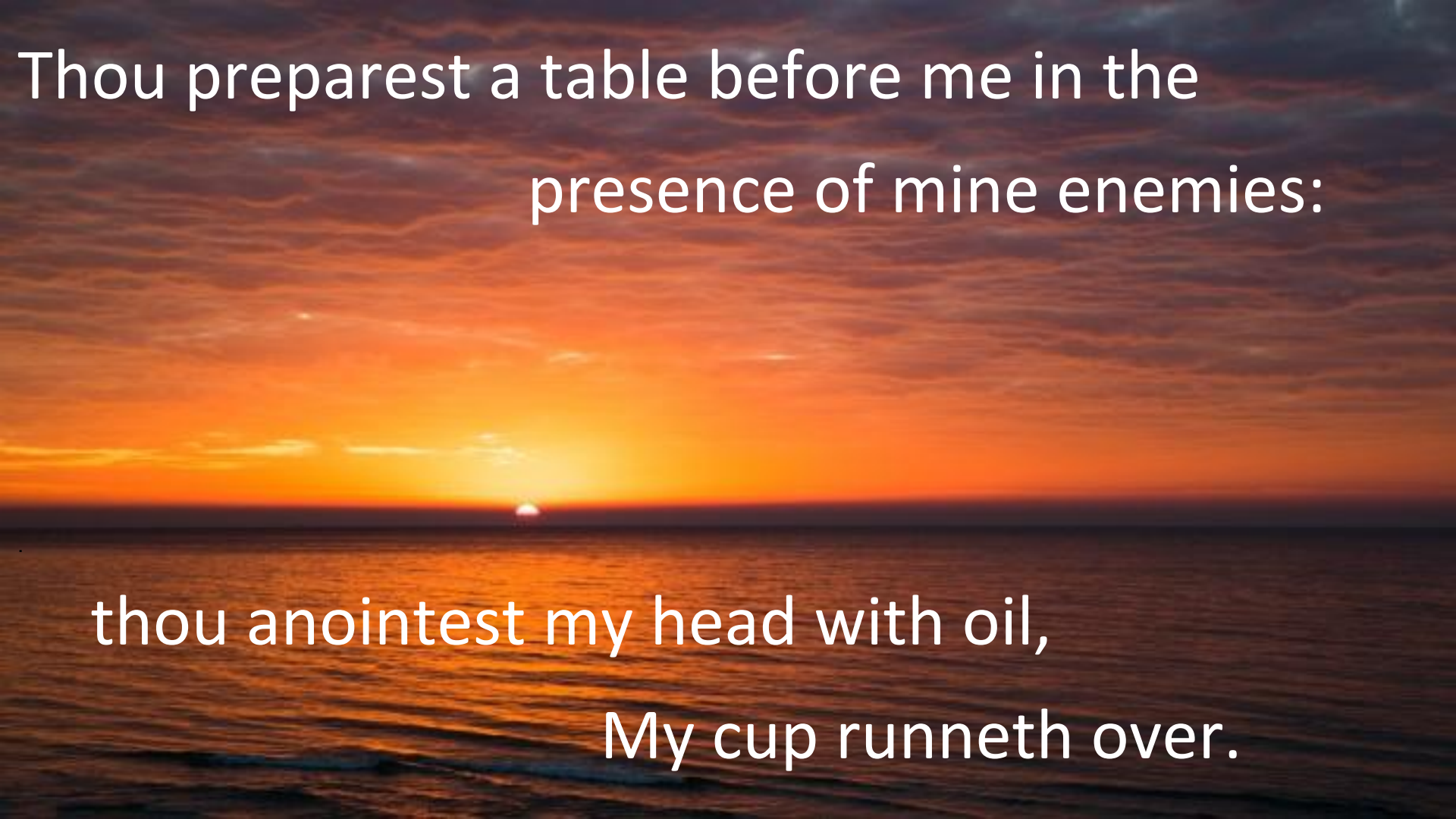
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake



Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
Shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for thou art with me,  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.





Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil,  
My cup runneth over.



Surely goodness and mercy

Shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house

of the Lord for ever.





Reflections



Psalm 23 - Japanese version:

The Lord is my pace setter I shall not rush. He makes me stop for quiet intervals.

He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity.

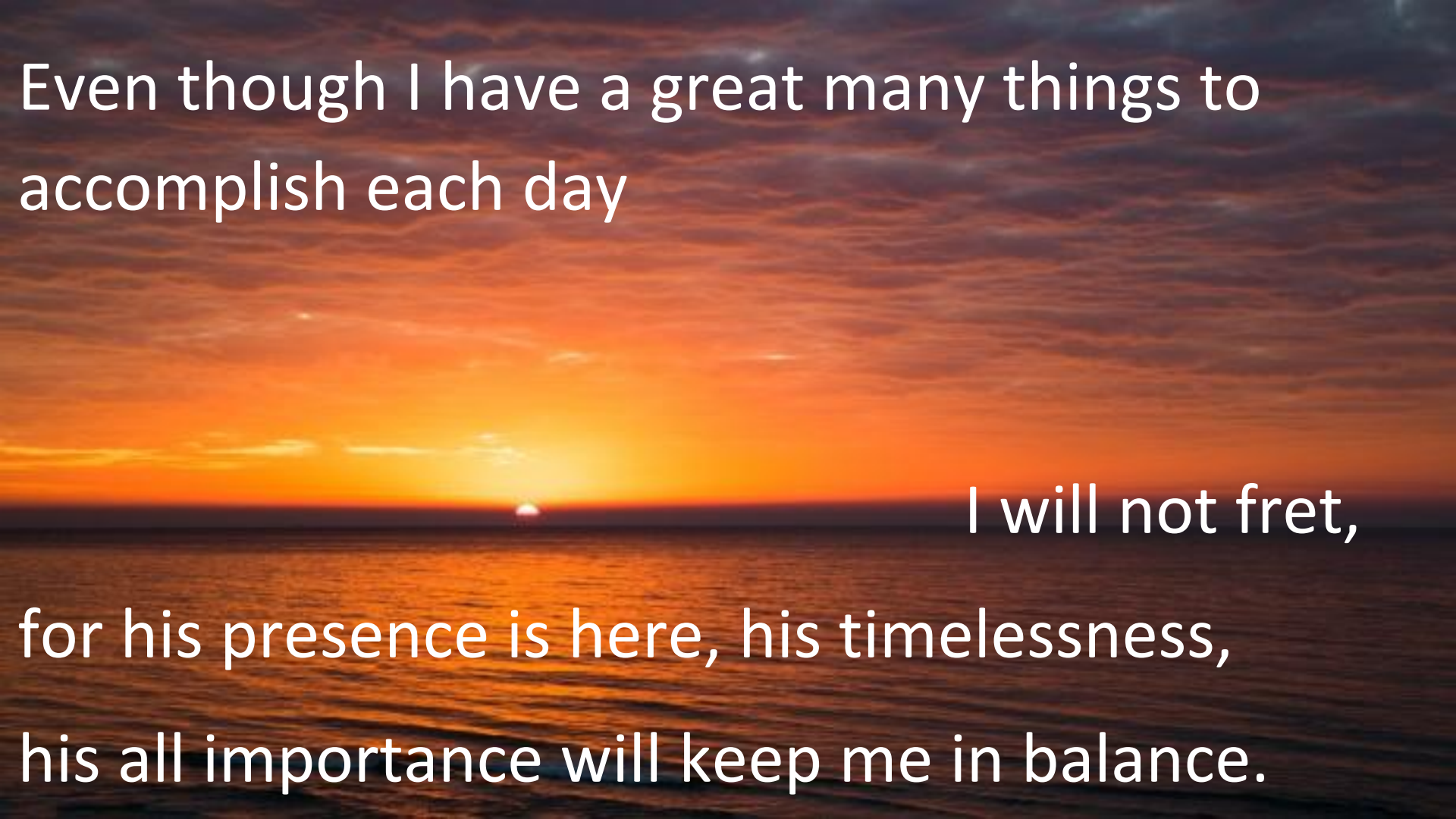




He leads me in ways of efficiency through  
calmness of mind

And his guidance is peace.





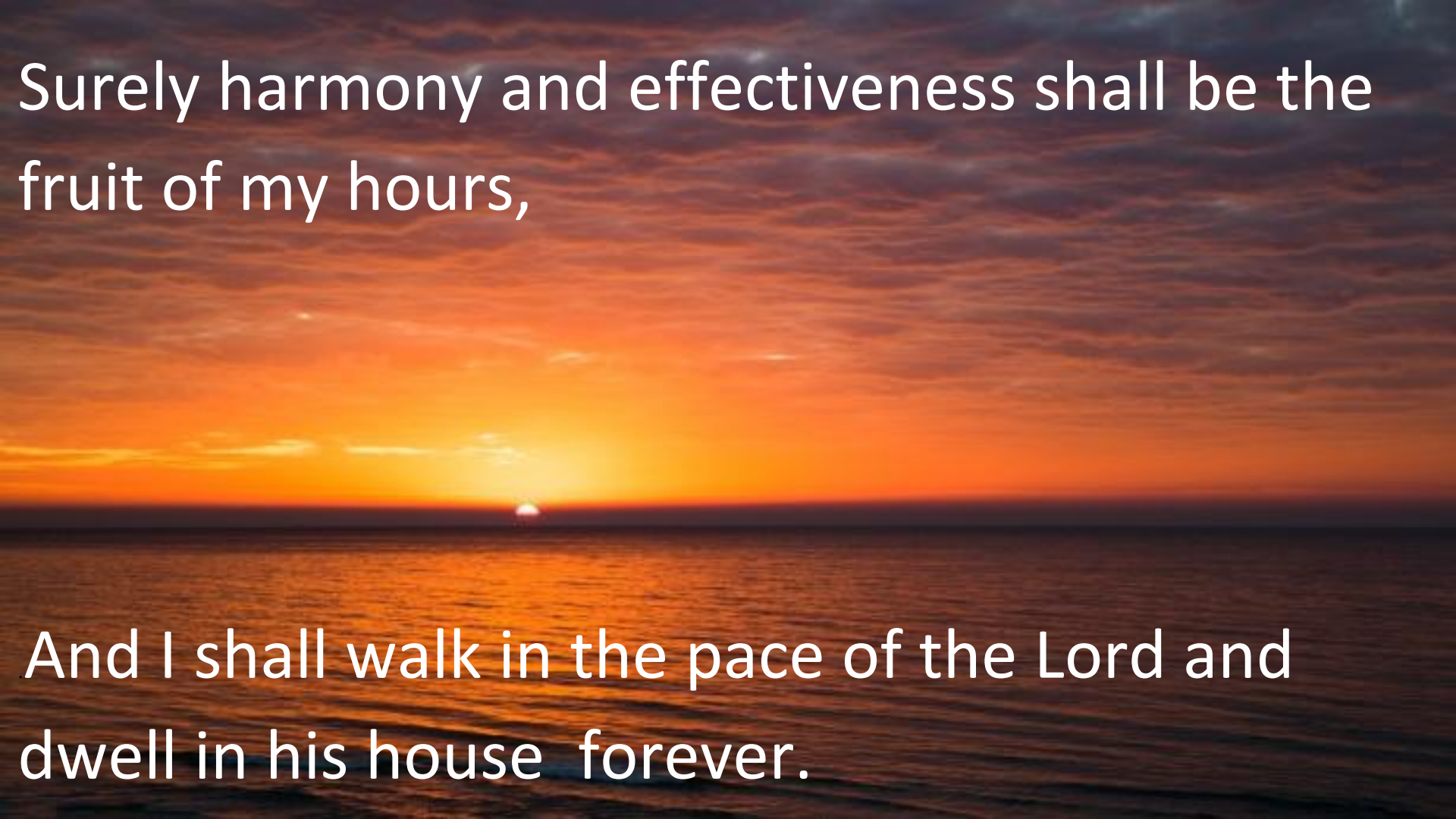
Even though I have a great many things to  
accomplish each day

I will not fret,  
for his presence is here, his timelessness,  
his all importance will keep me in balance.



He prepares refreshment and renewal  
in the midst of my activity, by anointing my  
mind with his oil of tranquility -

My cup of joyous energy overflows.



Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the  
fruit of my hours,

And I shall walk in the pace of the Lord and  
dwell in his house forever.





Reflections and prayers

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged,  
Why should the shadows come,  
why should my heart be lonely  
and long for heav'n and home,

When God is ever my portion?

My constant friend will be:

God's eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know God watches me;

God's eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know God watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
God's eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know God watches me.



“Let not your heart be troubled,”  
Christ’s tender word I hear,  
and resting on God’s goodness  
I lose my doubt and fears;  
Though by the path God lead me  
but one step I may see:

God's eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know God watches me;

God's eye is on the sparrow  
and I know God watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
God's eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know God watches me.

Whenever I am tempted,  
whenever clouds arise,  
when song give place to sighing,  
when hope within me dies,  
I then draw close to Jesus,  
from care God sets me free;

God's eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know God cares for me;  
God's eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know God cares for me.

I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
God's eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know God watches me.



# Final Prayer



He's Got the Whole World  
in His Hands

(Repeat four times)

He's got you and me sister  
in His hands

(Repeat four times)

He's got you and me brother  
in His hands

(Repeat four times)

He's Got the Whole World  
in His Hands

(Repeat four times)



A vibrant sunset over a rocky coastline. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright orange and yellow glow across the sky and reflecting in the water. The sky is a deep blue with wispy white clouds. The water is dark blue with white foam from the waves. The rocks are dark and jagged.

*Please be safe out there.*

*May God Bless you!*