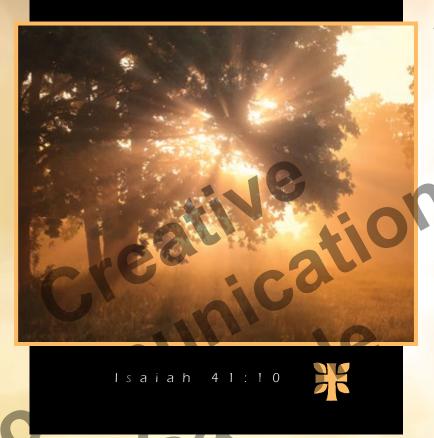
The Lord God has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to the prisoners, to proclaim that the time has come when the Lord will save his people and defeat their enemies, to comfort all who mourn, to give them joy instead of grief, a song of praise instead of sorrow. Isaiah 61:1-3

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. Psalm 23:4

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. Job 19:25-27

I go to prepare a place for you.... I will come again and take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

John 14:2-3



you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Wy sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:27-28

...and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7:17

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.... If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. Romans 6:5, 8

I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.... The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Psalm 121:1-4, 7-8

## The Promises of God Remembered

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them." Revelation 14:13

Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.... Then shall come to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory!" 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 54

For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him
those who have fallen asleep....

The dead in Christ will rise first;
then we who are alive, who are left,
shall be caught up together with them

in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air;

And so we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:14, 16-17

join you in your time of sorrow.

May our Lord Jesus Christ comfort you.

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