

A silhouette of an elderly man with a cane stands in a field at sunset. To his right is a wooden bench. In the background, a large, leafless tree is silhouetted against the bright, orange and yellow sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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- We ought to view the good and the bad that we face through the lens of the identity, character, and activity of God (Job 2:10b; Phil 4:12–13).
- PHSS 100, “Our Father Forever”  
God is a Father who provides his children both temporary and eternal comfort.

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- The joy of God's presence today prepares us for the possible loneliness tomorrow, for even we—children of God—experience grief (Ps 23:2–4; Isa 43:1–7).
- PHSS 650, “Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer”  
Jesus guides us through the storm to assure us of his presence and increase our love for him.

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- Knowing that God has promised rest to his people, the presence of temptation and woe merely assure us of divine blessings to come (Matt 5:4; John 16:20).
- PHSS 373, “Be Still, My Soul”  
In every change, He faithful will remain. ...  
Through thorny ways [he] leads to a joyful end.

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- Our hope is that one day, regardless of the dark valleys that we must traverse here, God will welcome into his dwelling place (Ps 23:4–6; John 14:1–3).
- PHSS 754, “Sing to Me of Heaven”  
We ought to remind ourselves regularly of our hope of heaven, the habitation of God.

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- God gives a foretaste of rest now so that when our bodies wear out from service, we may rest assured that Sabbath is ours (2 Cor 4:16–5:8; Heb 4:9–12).
- PHSS 749, “There Is a Habitation”  
The habitation of God is a place where we will rest from earthly labors and praise God forever.



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