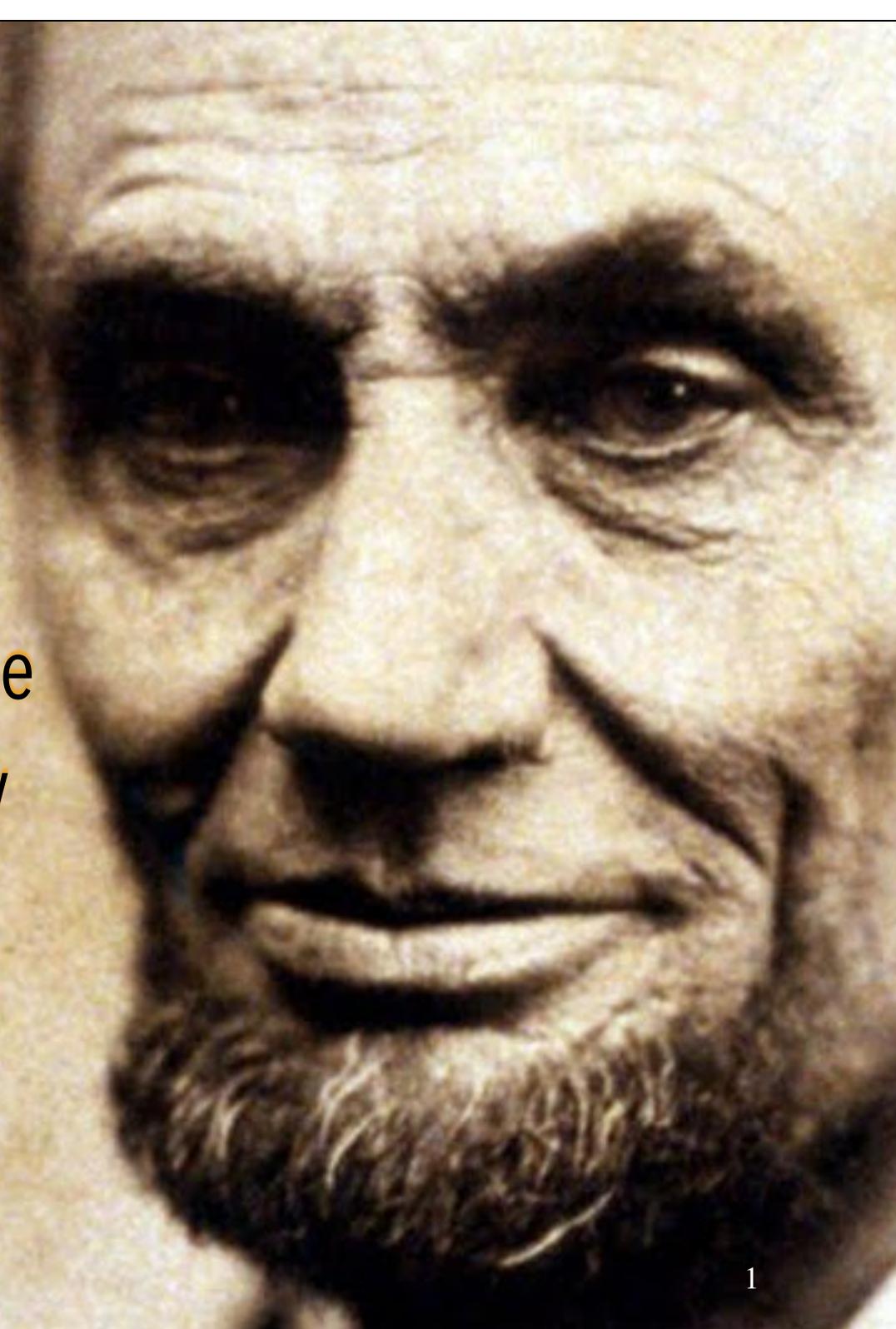


"It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are only blessed whose God is the Lord."

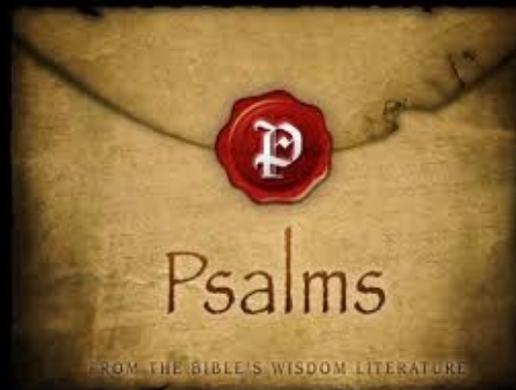


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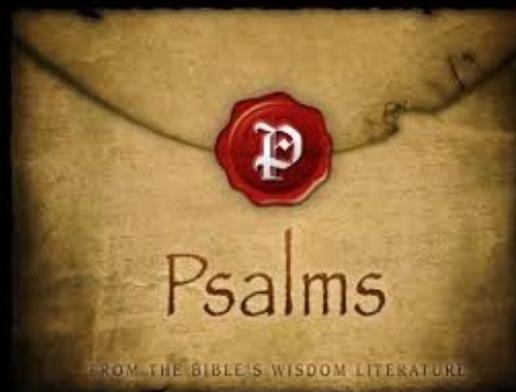
Sharing the Hope That's Within

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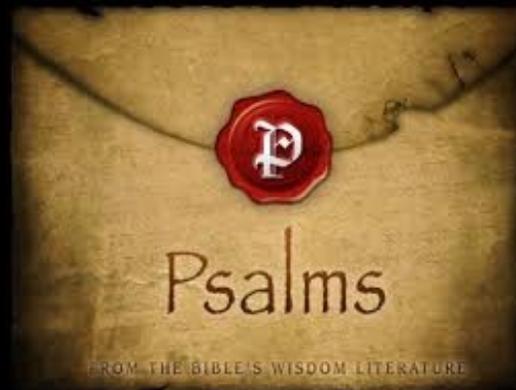
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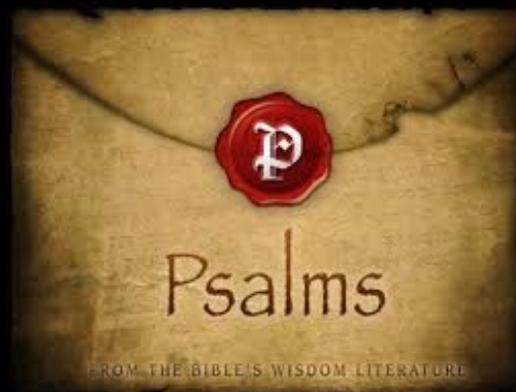


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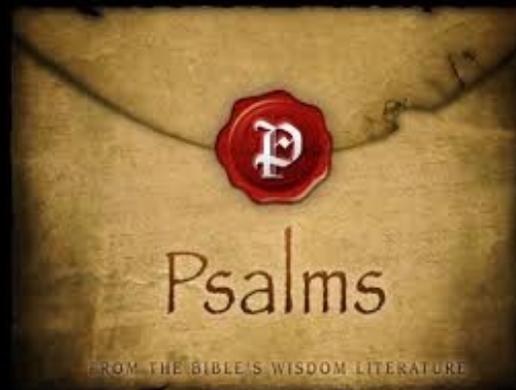
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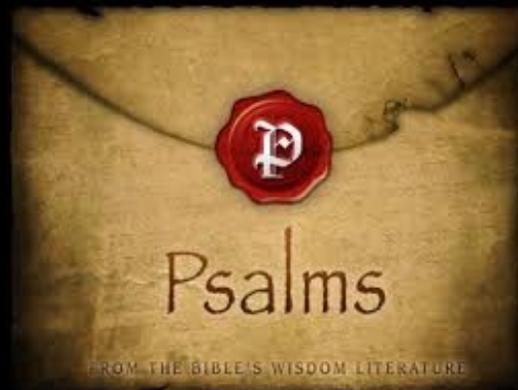
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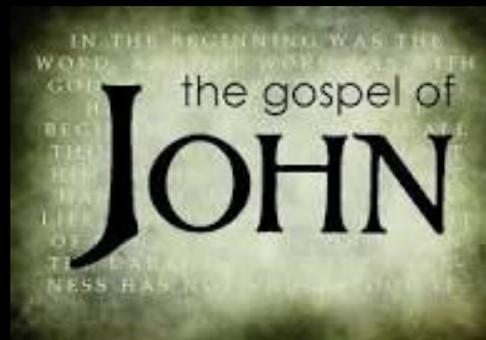
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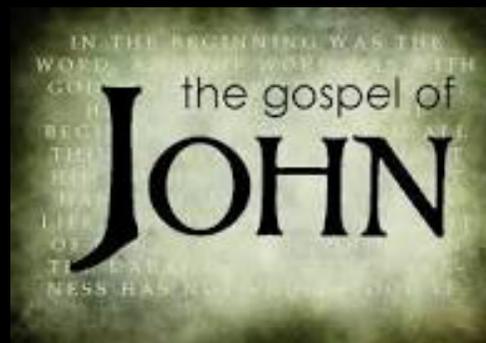
“I will not believe unless I see the nail prints still in his hands and I can put my fingers in the nail prints.” John 20:25



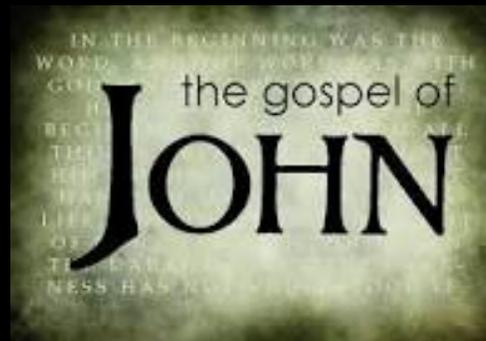
"Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."



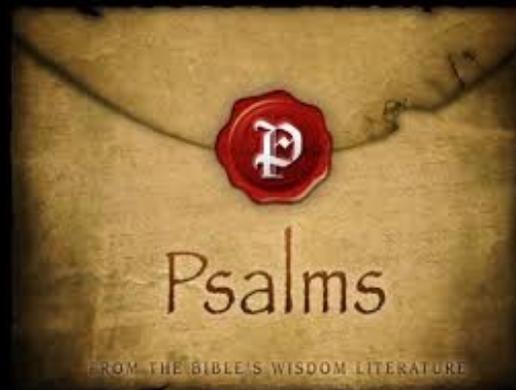
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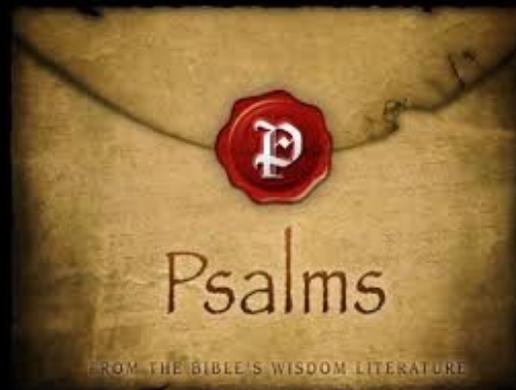
"Because you have seen me, you have believed;
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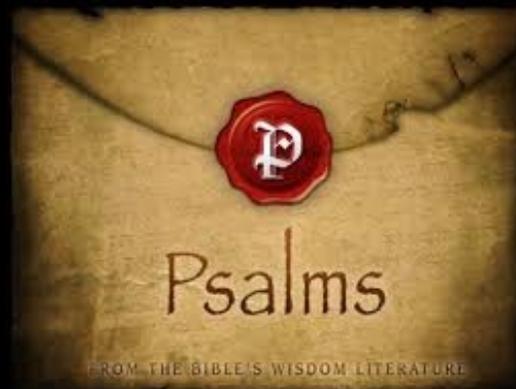
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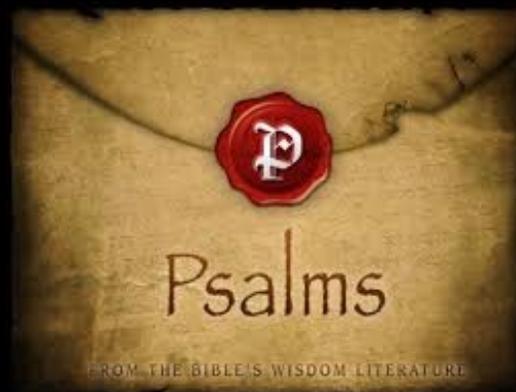


"They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills.... they clothe themselves with violence. ... with arrogance they threaten oppression. ... 11 They say, 'How would God know? Does the Most High know anything?' "

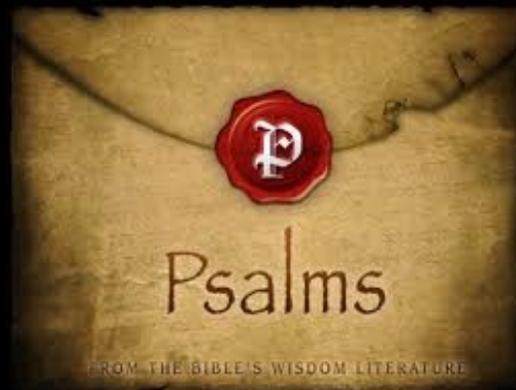


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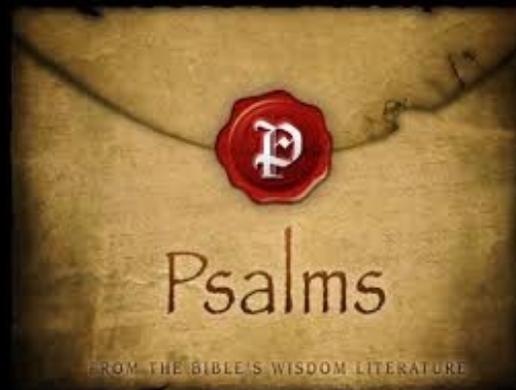
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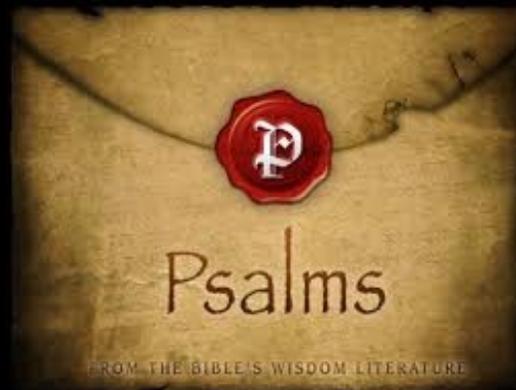
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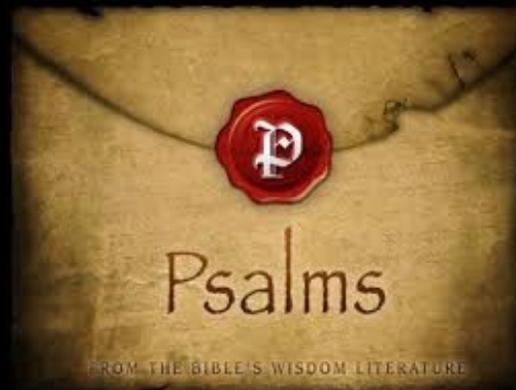






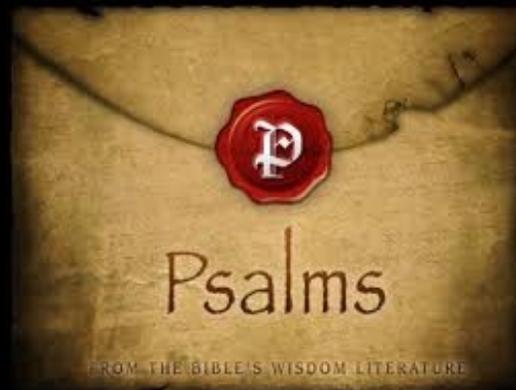
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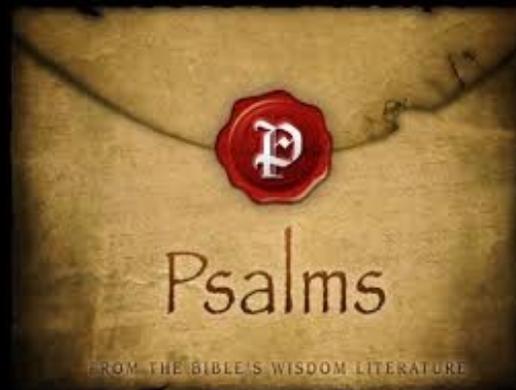




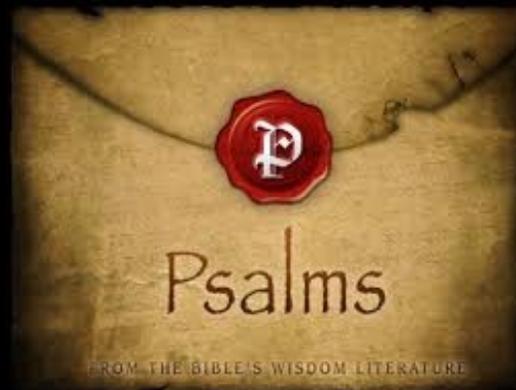
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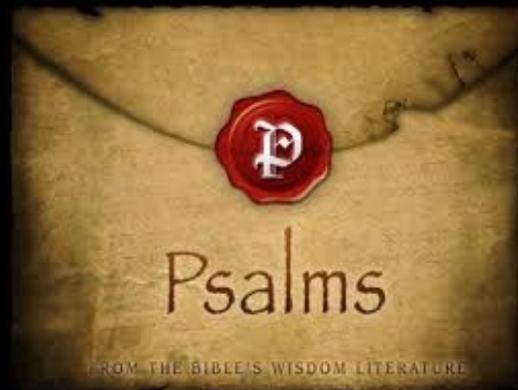
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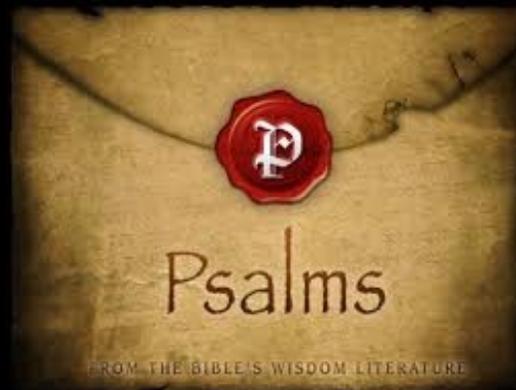


"As an atheist I don't want the universe to be like that. I don't want to have that limitation on my freedom." [But] "Nobody is objective. You have a lot of reasons for not wanting God to exist, and you may have some reasons for wanting him to exist. Admit it."

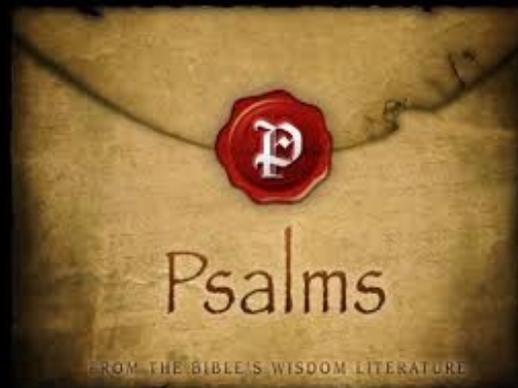
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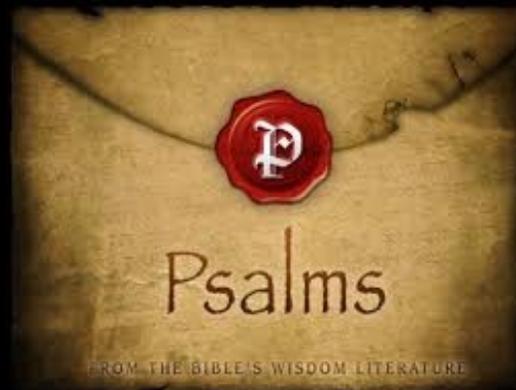
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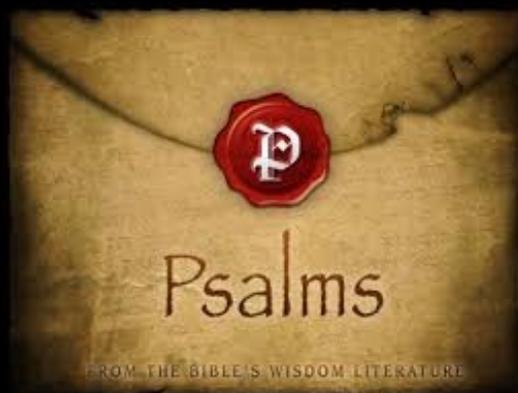


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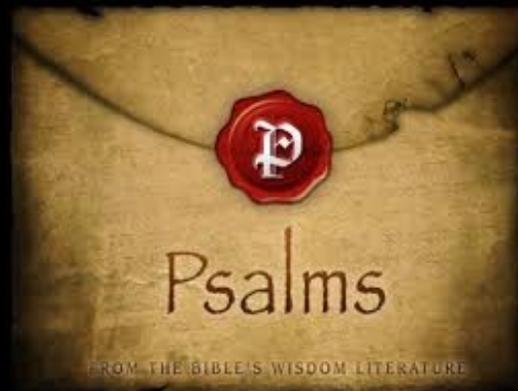
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"You know what? God does that to us a lot. He gives us what we really needed even though we may not know it for 10 years, 20 years, 30 years, 40 years, or maybe not until after death."



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