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*“Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.”
(John 20:11-12)*

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“They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’

She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’” (John 20:12-13)

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*“Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.”
(John 20:14)*

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“Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?’

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’” (John 20:15)

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“Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, ‘Rabboni’ (which means Teacher).”

(John 20:16)

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“God called to him...‘Moses, Moses.’” (Exodus 3:4)



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“He said, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob...

I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry...I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them...

I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.’”

(Exodus 3:6-10)

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“Moses said, ‘If...they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’

God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM’...Say this to the people of Israel: “I AM has sent me to you”...This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”
(Exodus 3:13-15)

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“At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD [Yahweh].” (Genesis 4:26)

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“If you ever forget the LORD [Yahweh] your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish. (Deuteronomy 8:19)

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GOD'S PERSONAL NAME

“Yahweh descended in the cloud and stood with [Moses] there, and proclaimed the name of Yahweh. Yahweh passed before him and proclaimed:

‘Yahweh, Yahweh—a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin...’”(Exod. 34:5-7)

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“Yahweh descended in the cloud and stood with [Moses] there, and proclaimed the name of Yahweh. Yahweh passed before him and proclaimed:

‘But who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.’” (Exod. 34:5-7)

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A Transcendent Intimacy

“The God of the philosophers is...unknown and indifferent to man. He thinks, but does not speak. He is conscious of Himself, but oblivious to the world.

[But] the God of Israel is a God who loves, a God who is known to, and concerned with, man. He not only rules the world in the majesty of his might and wisdom, but reacts intimately to the events of history.”

– Abraham Heschel

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A Transcendent Intimacy

“The intimacy of God’s dwelling with man was a gift and a matter of God-initiated grace, not something to be summoned or manipulated as it was in Near Eastern theology.

So, as God condescended to man, man was continually reminded of his transcendence, and the requirement for man’s faithful submission.”

– Walter Kaiser

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A Transcendent Intimacy

Scripture is abundant with detail about a God who, despite his holiness and transcendence, has entered into the created world as intimately as one could imagine.

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The heart-cry of one of God's prophets echoes our own cry:

“Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence...

For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides you, who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.” (Isaiah 64:1, 4)

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A Transcendent Intimacy

While transcendent and supreme, God created the world through intimate connection:

- **Speaking his creation into being. (Genesis 1:3-26)**
- **Bonding with mankind in creating us in his own image. (Genesis 1:26)**
- **Commanding man to pursue the life-giving fruit that only intimacy can produce. (Genesis 1:28)**

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While transcendent and supreme, God created the world through intimate connection:

- **God lowered himself to touch the dirty soil and form man from the dust of the ground. (Genesis 2:7)**
- **God intimately breathed into man the breath of life. (Genesis 2:7)**
- **God walked in earthly gardens in the cool of the day. (Genesis 3:8)**

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“I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you.” (Genesis 26:24)

“I am with you and will keep you wherever you go...For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” (Genesis 28:15)

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“I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD [Yahweh] your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. (Exodus 6:7)

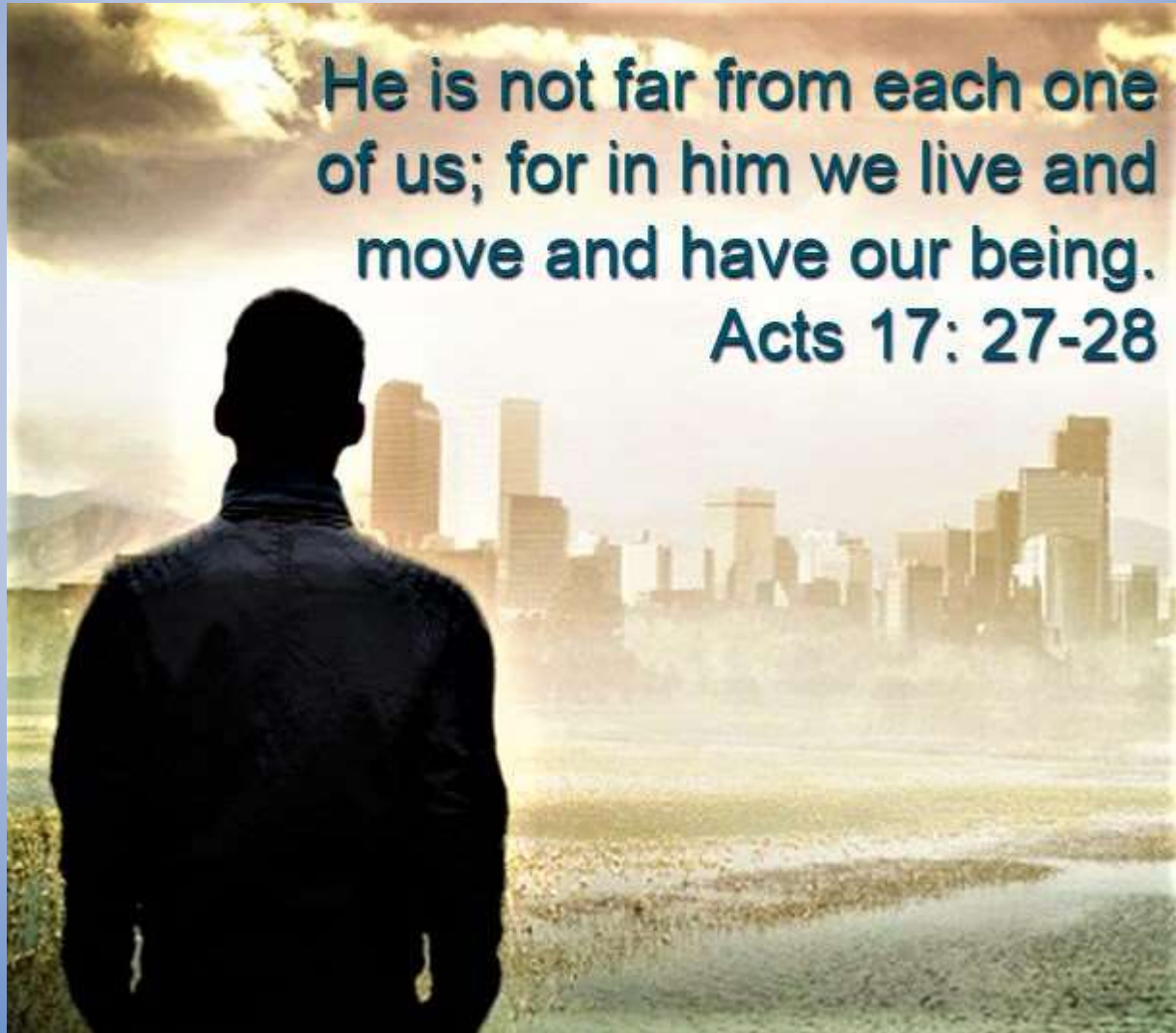
“I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God.” (Exodus 29:45)

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“This God is one who comes down to an oppressed people, accompanies them on their journeys, dwells with them, is active on behalf of the world, promises to pour out the Spirit, and rescues and saves those in need.” – Terence Fretheim

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In Whom We Live, and Move, & Have Our Being

“O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.” (Psalm 139:1-3)

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“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.” (Psalm 139:7-10)

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In Whom We Live, and Move, & Have Our Being

YAHWEH

Yahweh, Who Is with Me

Yahweh, My Banner

Yahweh, My Shepherd

Yahweh, My Healer

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YAHWEH

Yahweh, My Righteousness

Yahweh, My Sanctification

Yahweh, My Provision

Yahweh, My Peace

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YAHWEH

Yahweh, My Savior
The Anointed One

Yeshua Hamashiach

JESUS CHRIST

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“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

(John 1:14)

“Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me—that they may be one, even as we are one.” (John 17:11)

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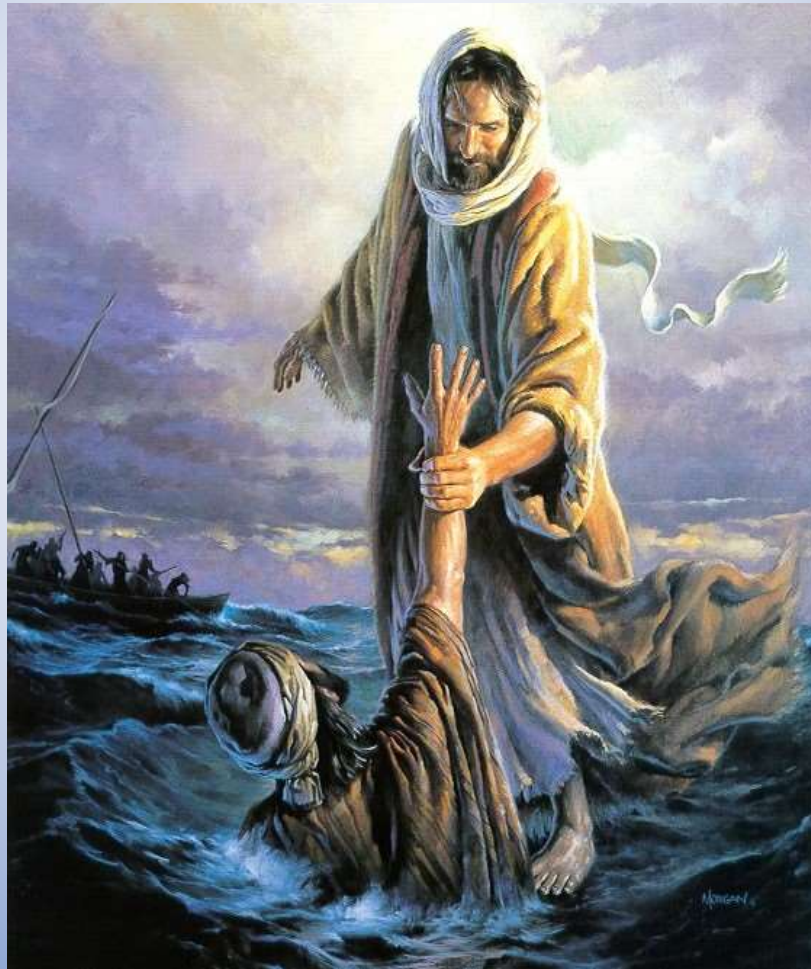
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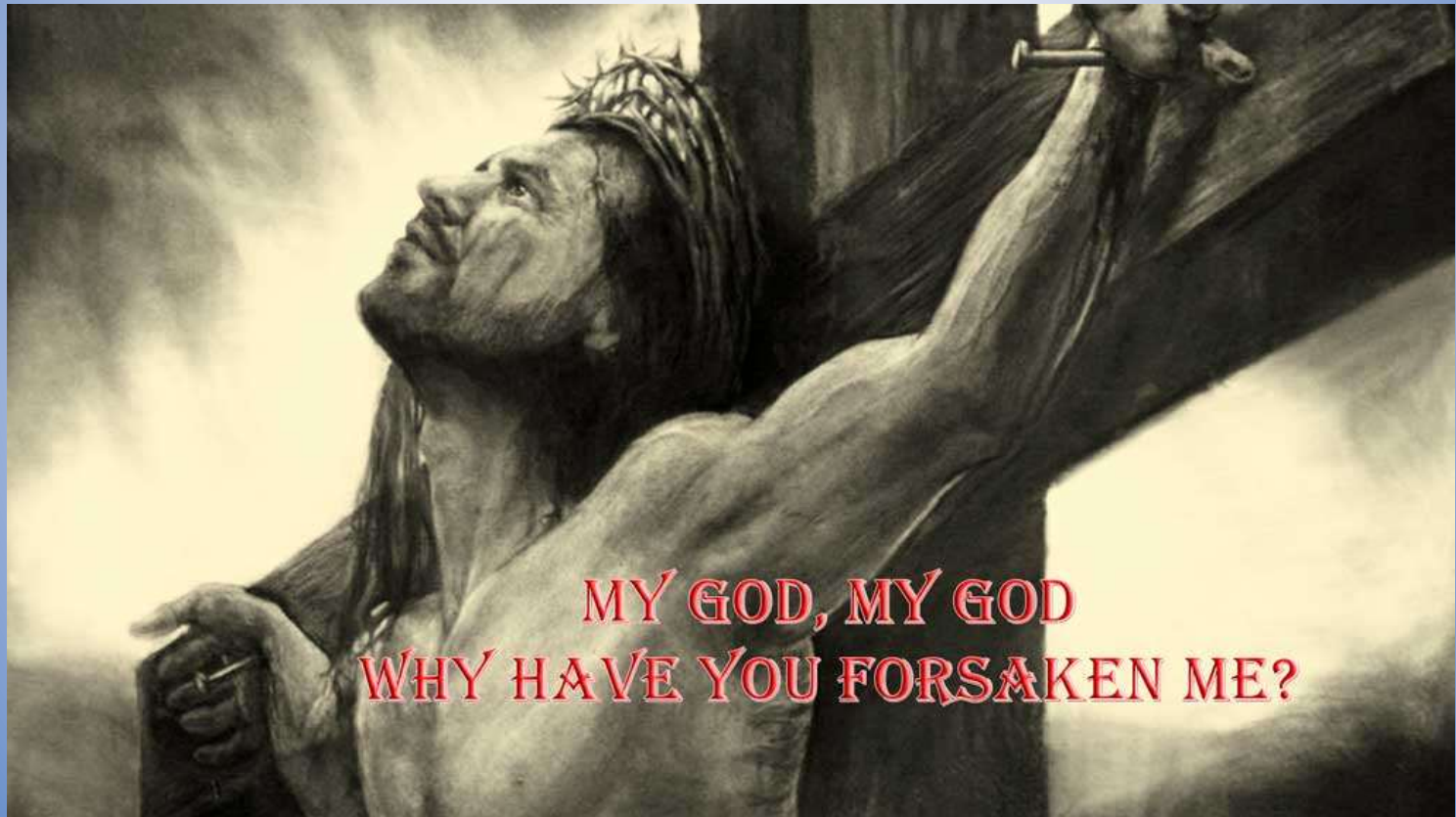
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“Behold, now the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

(Revelation 21:3-4)



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