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Part Seven

EMBRACING THE LOW PLACE

REVIVAL

Isaiah 57:15 ESV

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Isaiah 46:9-10 CSB

"Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and no one is like me. I declare the end from the beginning, and from long ago what is not yet done, saying: my plan will take place, and I will do all my will.



2. God in the Low Place

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2 Corinthians 12:1-10 ESV

²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses



2 Corinthians 12:1-10 ESV

⁶ though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.



2 Corinthians 12:1-10 ESV

⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. "Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit" (Ps 34:18)

"...a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise" (Ps 51:17)

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Ps 147:3)



When I am in the cellar of affliction, I look for the Lord's choicest wines.

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