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For when I seek You, my God,
I seek a happy life

– Augustine

There is a joy that brings true happiness, but it is not given to the ungodly. It is only for those who love You for Your own sake. That joy is to know You as You are. This is the happy life, to rejoice in You, of You, and for You.

– Augustine

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– J. I. Packer

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◦ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

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God is as sufficient with our suffering as He is with His Son's blood. Your suffering, Christian, is your slave. The next time suffering comes into your room, say, "Welcome, my slave. Produce for me the glory that God has designed."

– Thabiti Anyabwile

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So the psalm, speaking first to its own times,
speaks still. Miracles of the past it bids us treat as
measures of the future; dry places as potential
rivers; hard toil and good seed as the certain
prelude to harvest.

– Kidner