

TIME OF REFLECTION

“I miss my home, [although I] don’t remember it. Sometimes, I perceive a glimmer of it nonetheless. A longing for a feeling I can’t remember or even name. But I know it’s real, just beyond the sunset.”
~The Stranger, *Rings of Power* S02E01

“But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

~2 Peter 3:13

“You are both free and bound. Free, paradoxically, because, now, you have a home... And bound: to that mystery, precisely, a bondage which liberates you into something of the glory and suffering of the world.”

~Zadie Smith, contemporary English writer

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

~John 1:14

SERMON – “To God for Restoration” – *Pastor Jim Angehr*

SERMON PASSAGE – *Psalms 85 (ESV) – Vincent Mack*

- ¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- ² You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin. *Selah*
- ³ You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
- ⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!
- ⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- ⁶ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
- ⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- ¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.