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Those who long for God, desire a level playing field in the world, as they wait and yearn for the Lord.

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**Isaiah 26:7-9 ESV**

<sup>7</sup> The path of the righteous is level;  
you make level the way of the righteous.

<sup>8</sup> In the path of your judgments,  
O LORD, we wait for you;  
your name and remembrance  
are the desire of our soul.

<sup>9</sup> My soul yearns for you in the night;  
my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.  
For when your judgments are in the earth,  
the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

# A Level Field

## **Psalm 18:23–26 ESV**

<sup>23</sup> I was blameless before him,  
and I kept myself from my guilt.

<sup>24</sup> So the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness,  
according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

<sup>25</sup> With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;

<sup>26</sup> with the purified you show yourself pure;  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.

## **Isaiah 35:8 ESV**

<sup>8</sup> And a highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;  
the unclean shall not pass over it.  
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;  
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

## **2 Corinthians 1:12 ESV**

<sup>12</sup> For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you.

# Waiting on the Lord

## **Psalm 13:1–2 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long must I take counsel in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

**Psalm 63:1–3 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
 my soul thirsts for you;  
 my flesh faints for you,  
 as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
 beholding your power and glory.

<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
 my lips will praise you.

**Romans 8:25 ESV**

<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**2 Thessalonians 3:5 ESV**

<sup>5</sup> May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

**James 5:7–11 ESV**

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

## My Soul Yearns

**Psalm 63:6–7 ESV**

<sup>6</sup> when I remember you upon my bed,  
 and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
<sup>7</sup> for you have been my help,  
 and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

**Matthew 6:33 ESV**

<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**Proverbs 8:17** *ESV*

<sup>17</sup> I love those who love me,  
and those who seek me diligently find me.

