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¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.”



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³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god
shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.



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⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.



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⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.



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⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.



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11 You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



1. How do we trust God?

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2. How do we experience his goodness?

We dwell in his presence



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James 1:16-17

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.



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“It’s all there in the New Testament: ‘Dying to the world’; ‘The world is crucified to me and I to the world’.

And I find I haven’t begun: at least not if it means (and can it mean less than) a steady and progressive disentangling of all one’s motives from the merely natural or this-worldly objects ... I don’t mean disentangling from things wrong in themselves, but, say, from the very pleasant evening which we hope to have over one of your hams tomorrow night, or from gratification at my literary success.



It is not the things, nor even the pleasure in them, but the fact that in such pleasures my heart, or *so much of my heart*, lies...

And what right have I to expect the peace of God while I thus put my whole heart, at least all of my strongest wishes, in the world which he warned me against?"



1. How do we trust God?

We dwell on his goodness

- God is the *source* of good (vss. 2, 6, 7)
- God is the *substance* of good (vss. 5-6)



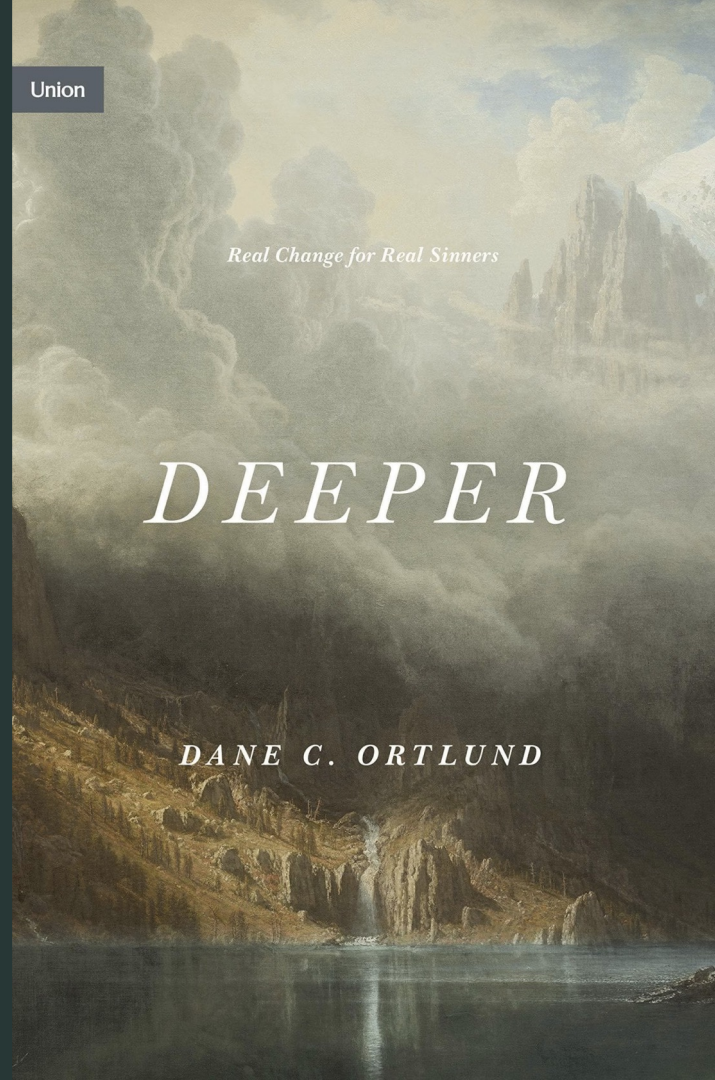
“Each of us is like an otherwise healthy vine that has a perverse inclination to entangle all its tendrils around a poisonous tree that appears nourishing but actually deadens us...There’s only one result for the loving gardener. He must slice us free. Lop off whole branches, even. He must cause us to pass through the pain of loss, the pain of being diminished, of being lessened, in order to free us.”

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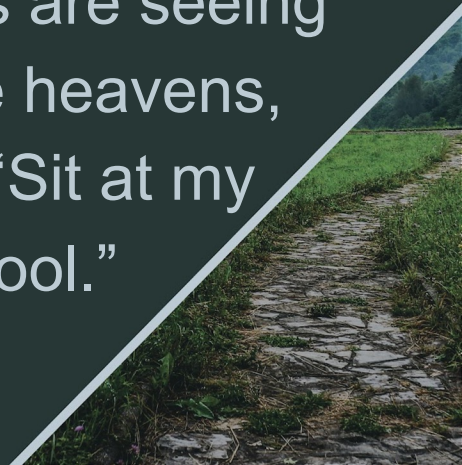
- God *before* us (vs. 8a)
- God *beside* us (vss. 8b, 11c)



Acts 2:32-34

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’”



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- God *before* us (vs. 8a)
- God *beside* us (vss. 8b, 11c)
- God *within* us (Acts 2:33)





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