

# THE GOODNESS OF GOD

*My Source of Comfort, Strength and Hope*



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## Psalm 27:13-14 ESV

I **believe** that I shall look upon the **goodness** of the Lord in the land of the living!  
**Wait** for the Lord; be **strong**, and let your heart take **courage**; wait for the Lord!





## How have I experienced the goodness of God?

My life has been filled with God's goodness in the past, and it continues into the present and the future too. I experience the goodness of God in my life through these **7Ps**.

1<sup>st</sup> P – His Presence with me

2<sup>nd</sup> P – His Peace in me

3<sup>rd</sup> P – His Protection over me

4<sup>th</sup> P – His Provision for me

5<sup>th</sup> P – His Power over me

6<sup>th</sup> P - His Plan for me

7<sup>th</sup> P – His Purpose for me

## 1<sup>st</sup> P - His Presence with me

I know that His **indwelling** presence is in my heart in the Person of the **Holy Spirit**. This is how I know I am born again, saved, a child of God and have eternal life.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Helper**, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he **dwells** with you and will be **in you** - **John 14:16-17 ESV**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> P - His Peace in me

Despite the challenges that surround me, I do experience a quiet **confidence** because Jesus is with me and everything will turn out **good** for me.

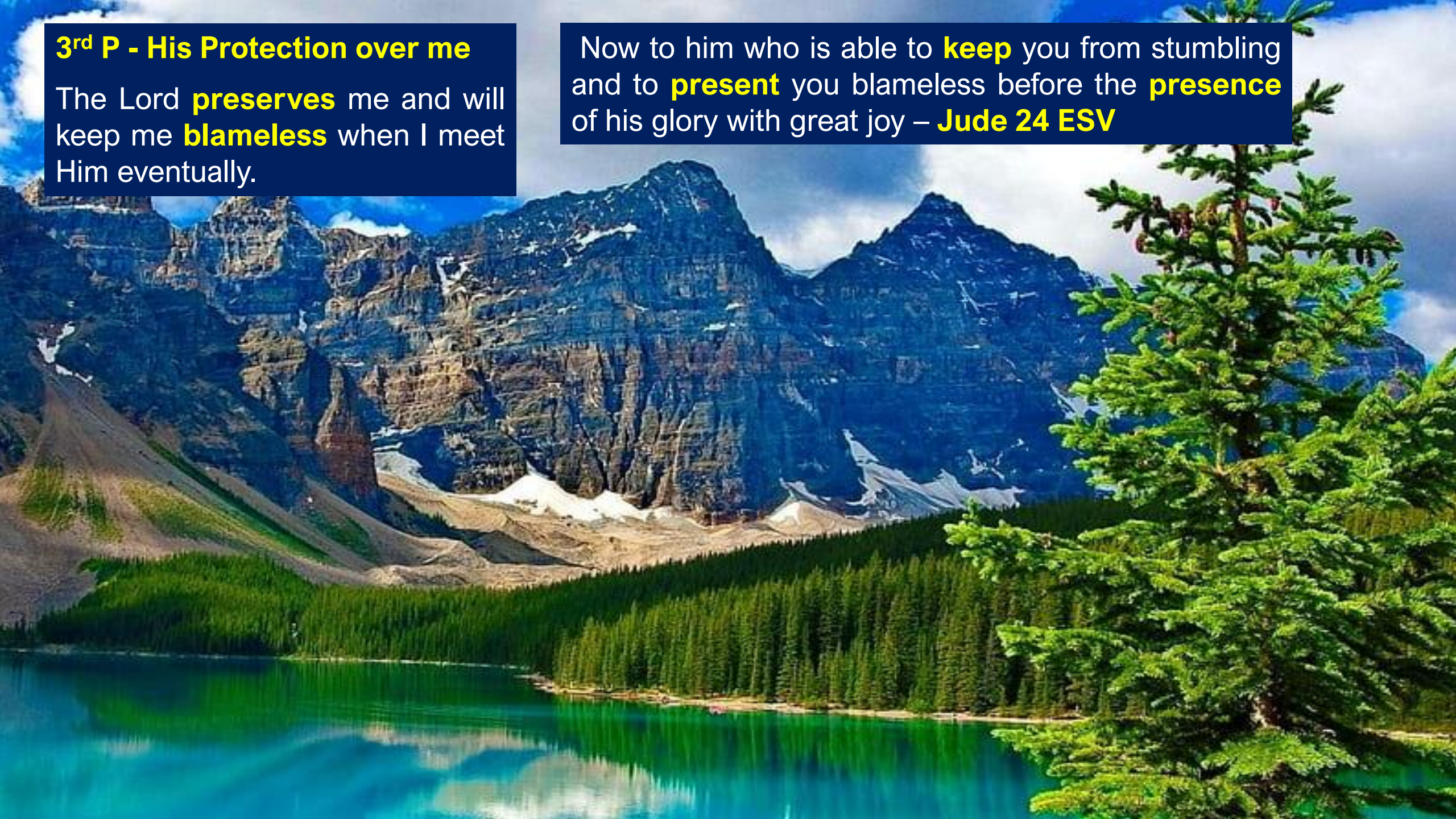
You keep him in perfect **peace** whose mind is stayed on you, because he **trusts** in you – **Isaiah 26:3 ESV**



### 3<sup>rd</sup> P - His Protection over me

The Lord **preserves** me and will keep me **blameless** when I meet Him eventually.

Now to him who is able to **keep** you from stumbling and to **present** you blameless before the **presence** of his glory with great joy – **Jude 24 ESV**



#### 4<sup>th</sup> P - His Provision for me

I have **everything** needed to be where I am now and to where I will be ultimately, as long as I **trust** God for taking **care** of my every need and concern.

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father **feeds** them. Are you not of more **value** than they? – **Matthew 6:26 ESV**





## 5<sup>th</sup> P - His Power over me

I have **eternal** life with a citizenship in Heaven and I shall have a **glorious** body that the Lord has prepared for me.

But our **citizenship** is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will **transform** our lowly body to be like his glorious **body**, by the **power** that enables him even to subject all things to himself – **Philippians 3:20-21 ESV**

## 6<sup>th</sup> P - His Plan for me

I know that I am now living in His **masterplan** for my **life** and my **work**, since the day I gave my life to Jesus.

For by grace you have been **saved** through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good **works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should **walk** in them – **Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV**





## 7<sup>th</sup> - His Purpose for me

I am more **aware** now that I have this godly **desire** to live in alignment with the **purpose** of God for my life, and my words and deeds, my attitude and inner thoughts, and even my motivation and hope are more **Christlike**.

And we know that for those who **love** God all things work together for **good**, for those who are called according to his **purpose** – **Romans 8:28 ESV**



## Here are the 7 Ps of the goodness of God in my life

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**What shall my attitude be in order to experience the goodness of God, regardless how challenging are my external circumstances?**

1. I **Believe** God is good and compassionate and every good and perfect gift to me is from Him (**James 1:12**).
2. I **Expect** God to bless and empower me with His abundant goodness for His purpose and glory in my life (**Ephesians 3:20**).
3. I **Trust** God that He will always give me the best for He desires to see me walk in His love and joy and to bear fruits that will last for His glory (**John 15:16**).
4. I **Wait** patiently for God's goodness to be upon me for His way and timing differ from mine (**Isaiah 55:8-9**)

## Personal Reflection Time

List what I have already experienced of God's goodness in the past.

List what I want to give thanks to God for His goodness that I am experiencing now.

What is the most important thing in me right now that I am believing and expecting God to bestow His goodness upon me, as I wait patiently for this to happen?

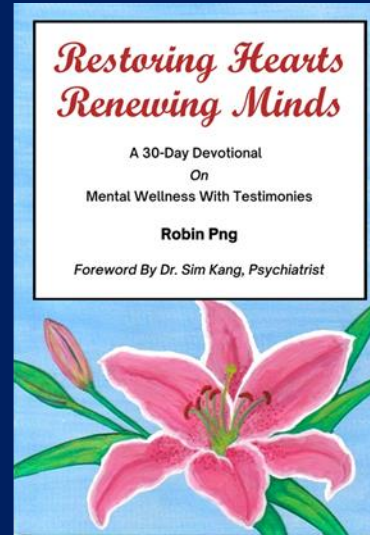
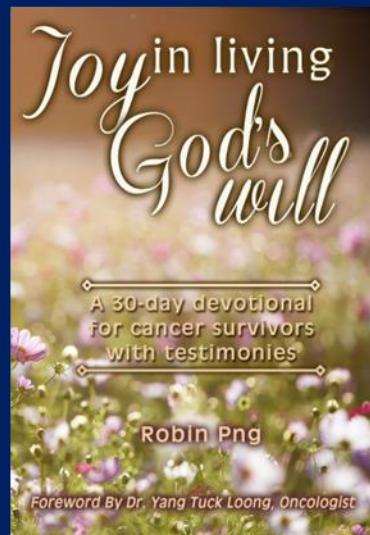
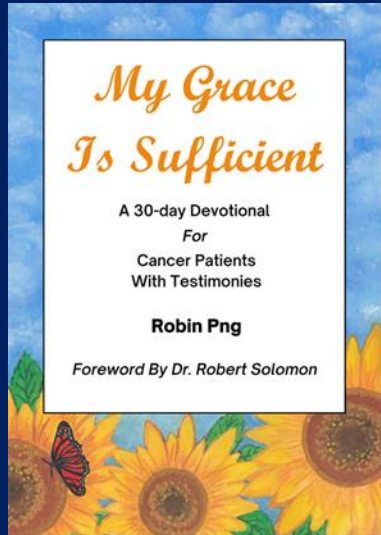
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