

Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Psalm 42:1-2, 5, 8

1 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. 5 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. 8 By day, the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me.

Psalms, Proverbs & Parables



Psalm 42

A photograph of a deer standing in a shallow stream, drinking water. The deer is brown and is positioned in the center-left of the frame. The background is a dense field of tall green grass and yellow wildflowers. The water in the stream is clear and reflects the surrounding greenery.

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so my soul pants for you, my God.”*

Psalm 42

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so my soul pants for you, my God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”

4 These things I remember as I pour out my soul:
how I used to go to the house of God under the
protection of the Mighty One
with shouts of joy and praise
among the festive throng.

5 Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.

6 My soul is downcast within me;
therefore I will remember you
from the land of the Jordan,
the heights of Hermon—
from Mount Mizar.

7 Deep calls to deep
in the roar of your waterfalls;
all your waves and breakers
have swept over me.

8 By day the Lord directs his love,
at night his song is with me—
a prayer to the God of my life.

9 I say to God my Rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I go about mourning,
oppressed by the enemy?”

10 My bones suffer mortal agony
as my foes taunt me,
saying to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”

11 Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
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Quote

“If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world.”

– C.S. Lewis

Jesus is the Stream

“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” – John 7:37-38

Psalm 42 (Reggae version)

The dry land stretches far and wide
where living waters are denied.
A longing deep within my chest
A search for comfort and for rest
My spirit cries out in the night
For the presence of the Lord of Light

A photograph of a deer drinking from a stream in a grassy field. The deer is in the center, facing right, with its head down to the water. The background is a lush green field with yellow wildflowers. The text is overlaid on the image in white, italicized font.

1 As the deer pants for the water stream

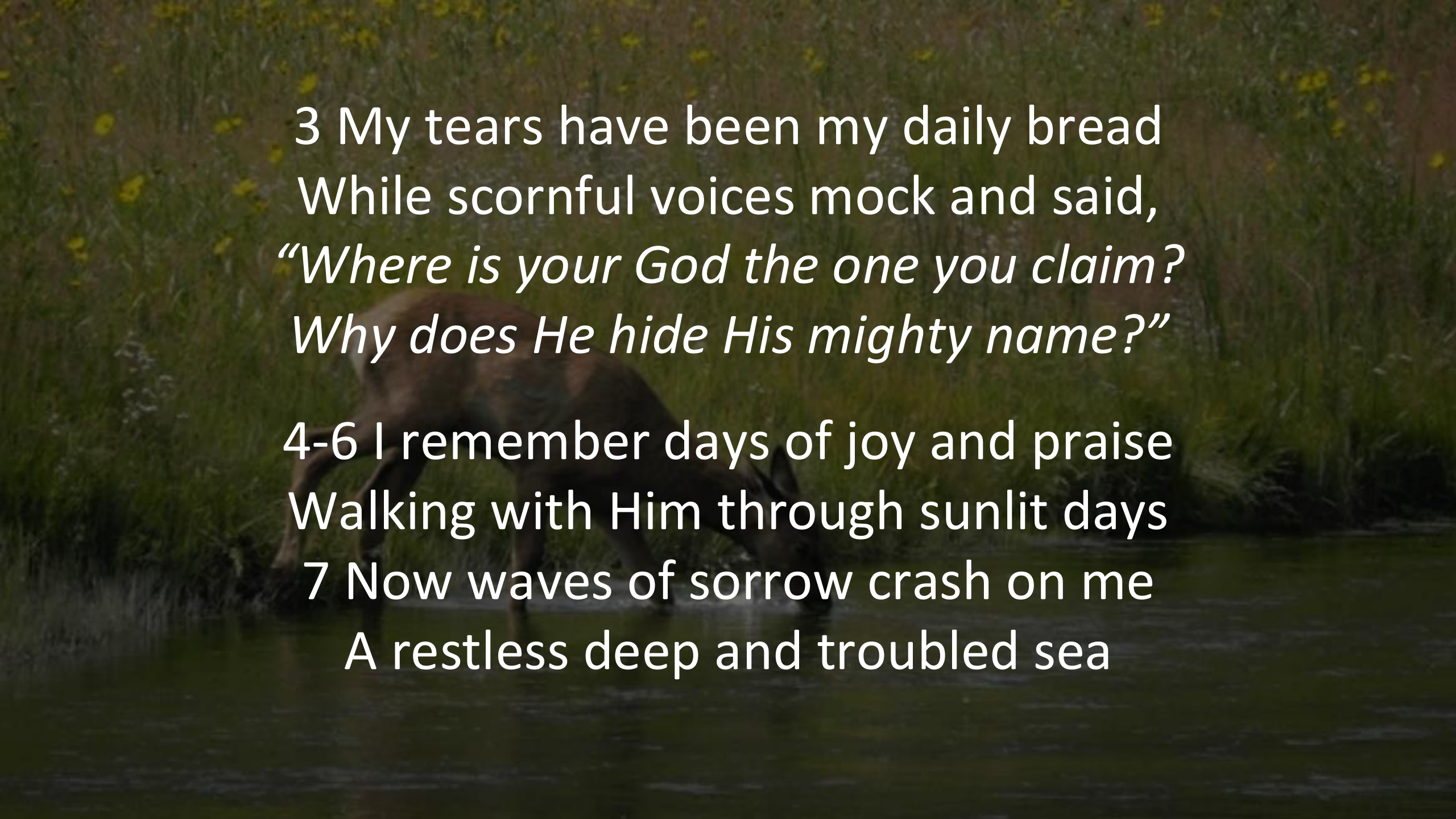
So my cries out for Thee it seems

2 My heart is thirsty for the Living God

The place where I have always trod

When shall I come and stand before

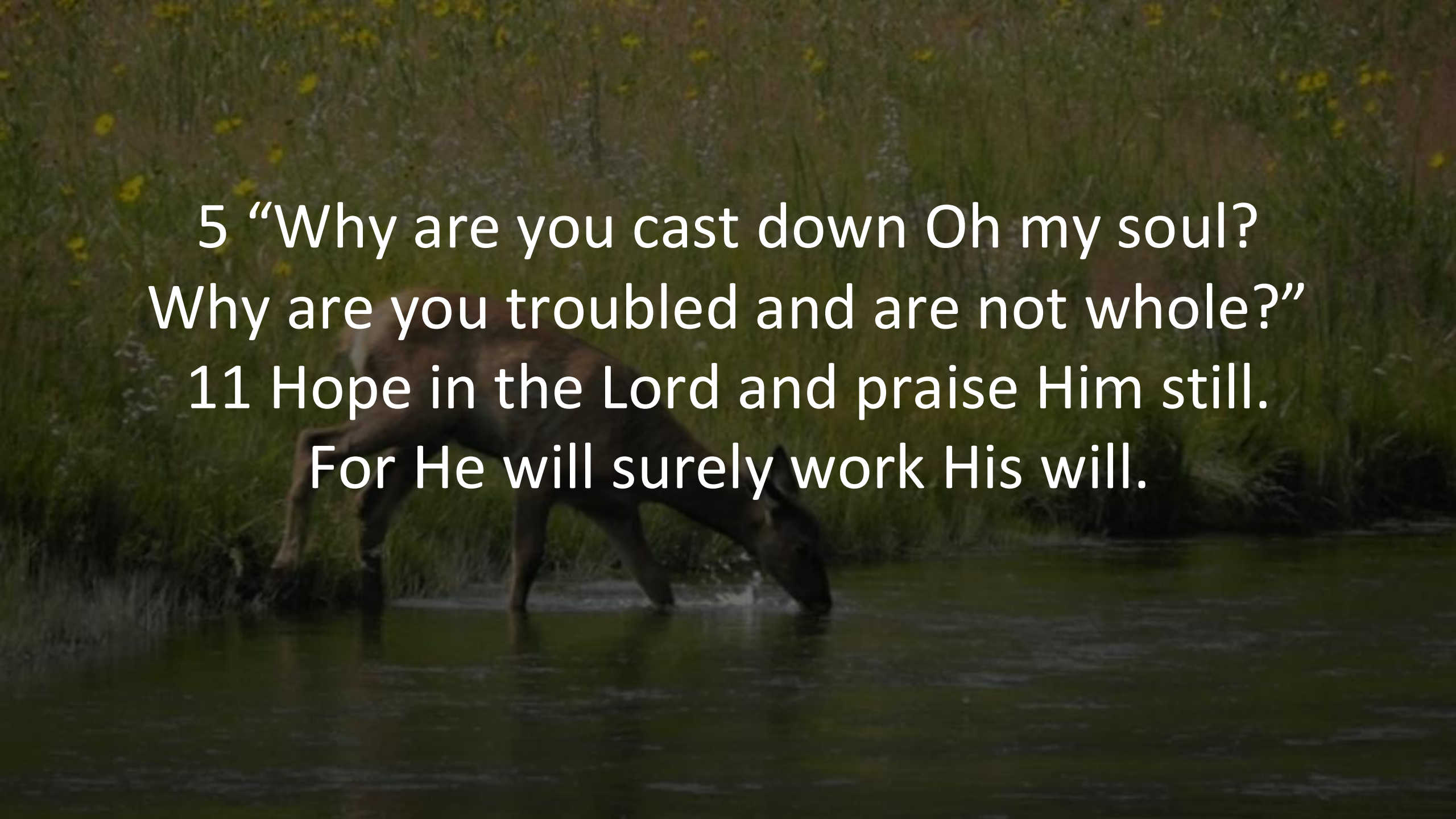
The face of Him whom I adore



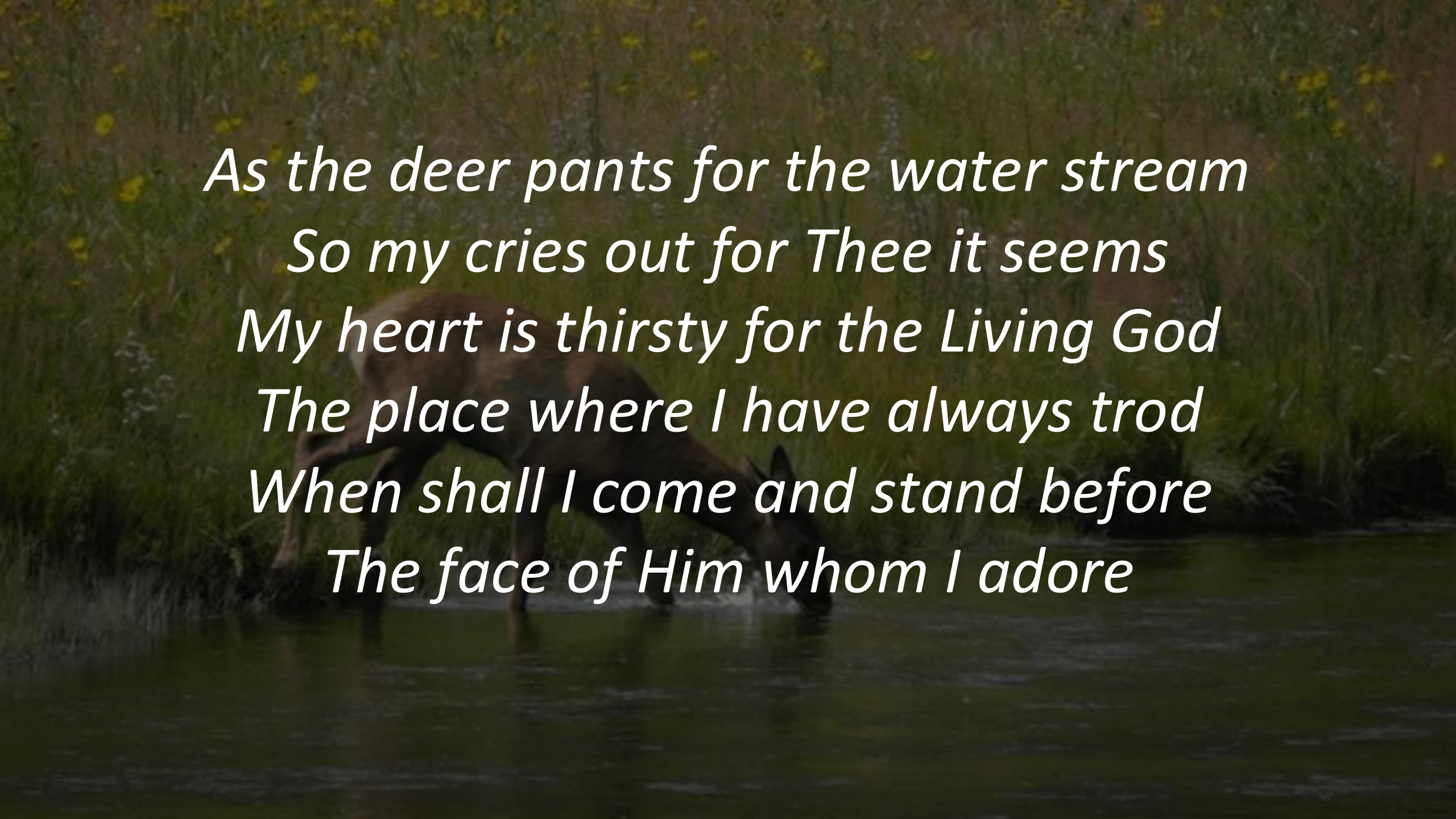
3 My tears have been my daily bread
While scornful voices mock and said,
*“Where is your God the one you claim?
Why does He hide His mighty name?”*

4-6 I remember days of joy and praise
Walking with Him through sunlit days

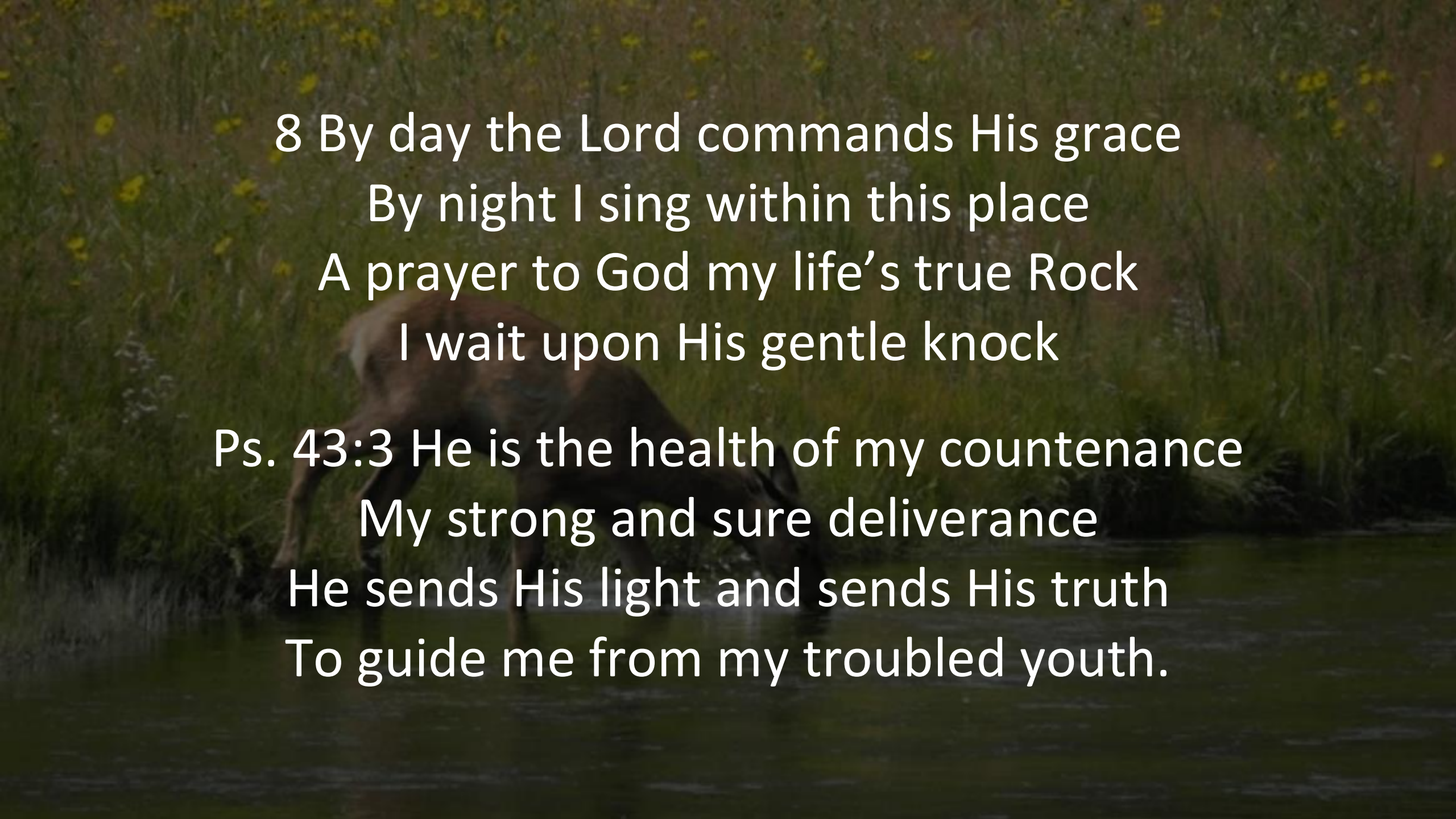
7 Now waves of sorrow crash on me
A restless deep and troubled sea

A dark horse is wading through a body of water in a field of tall grass and yellow flowers. The horse is in the center of the frame, facing right, with its head lowered into the water. The background is a dense field of tall grass and yellow flowers, slightly out of focus. The overall scene is dimly lit, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting.

5 “Why are you cast down Oh my soul?
Why are you troubled and are not whole?”
11 Hope in the Lord and praise Him still.
For He will surely work His will.

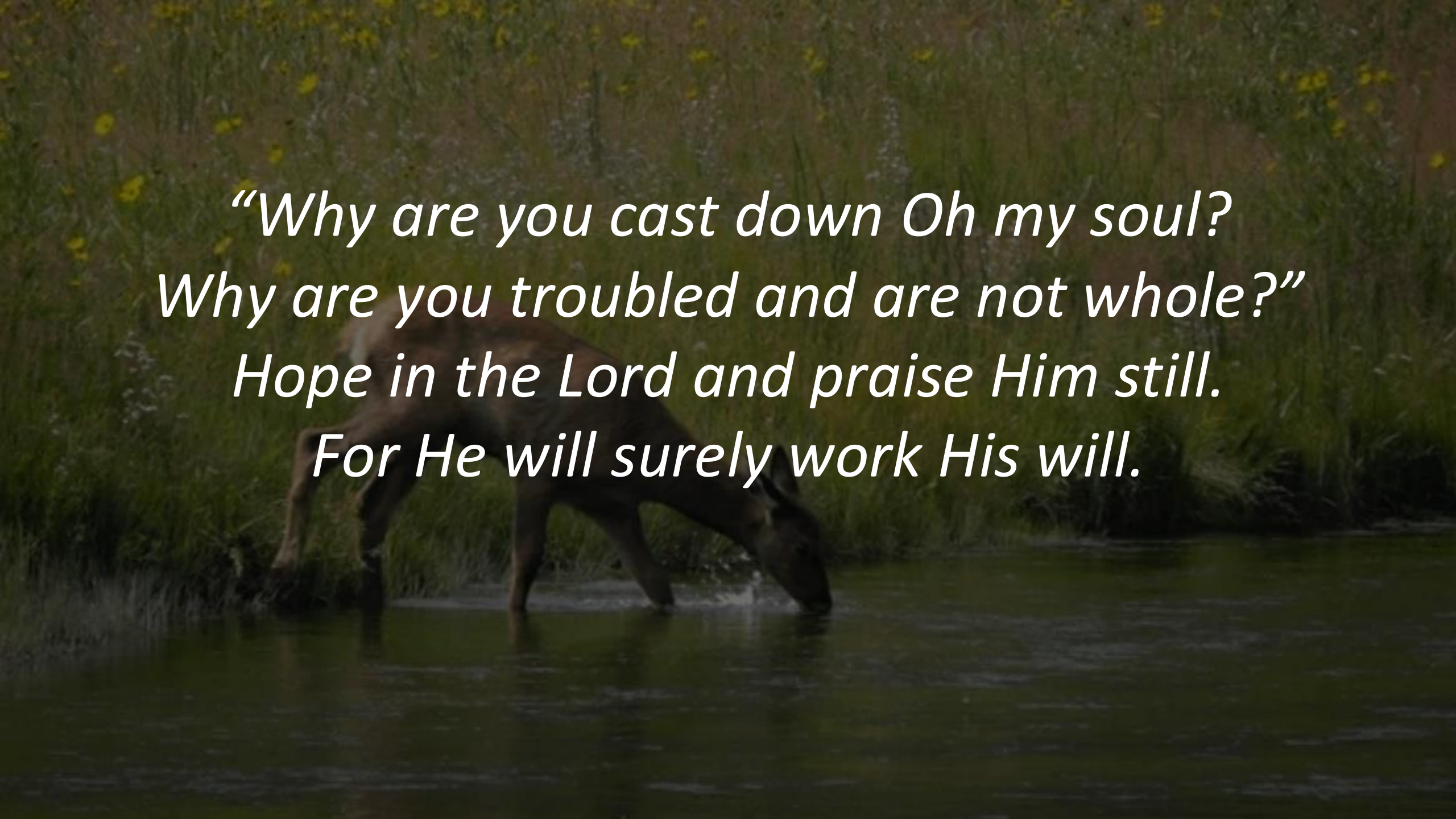
A photograph of a deer drinking from a stream in a field of yellow wildflowers. The image is dark and serves as a background for the text.

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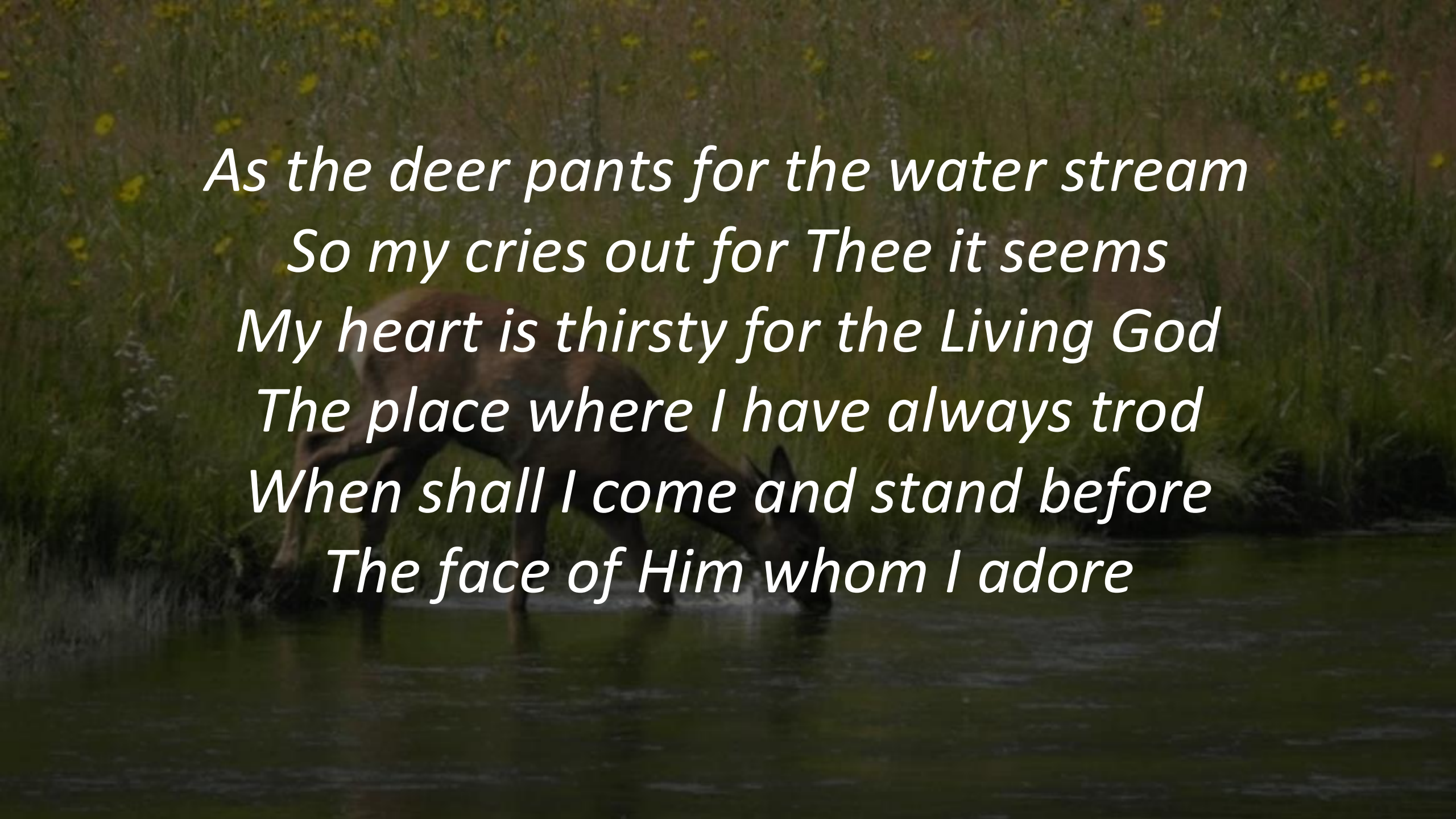
A dog is running through a field of tall grass and yellow flowers. The dog is in the center of the frame, moving from left to right. The background is a soft-focus field of green grass and yellow flowers. The text is overlaid on the image in white, sans-serif font.

8 By day the Lord commands His grace
By night I sing within this place
A prayer to God my life's true Rock
I wait upon His gentle knock

Ps. 43:3 He is the health of my countenance
My strong and sure deliverance
He sends His light and sends His truth
To guide me from my troubled youth.

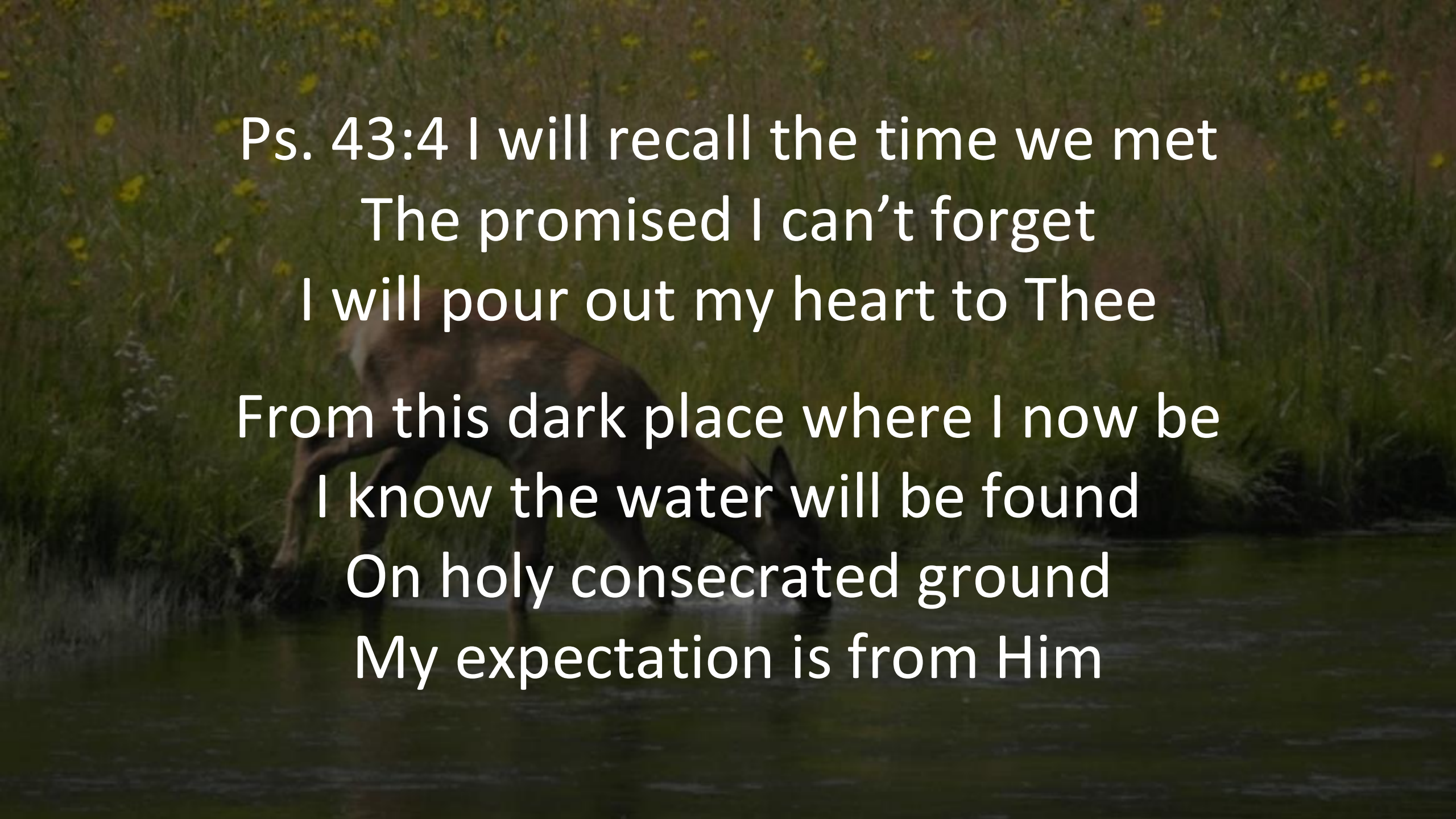
A dark horse is standing in a shallow stream, surrounded by tall grass and yellow flowers. The horse is facing right, and its head is lowered towards the water. The background is a dense field of tall grass and yellow flowers, creating a natural and somewhat somber atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, italicized font.

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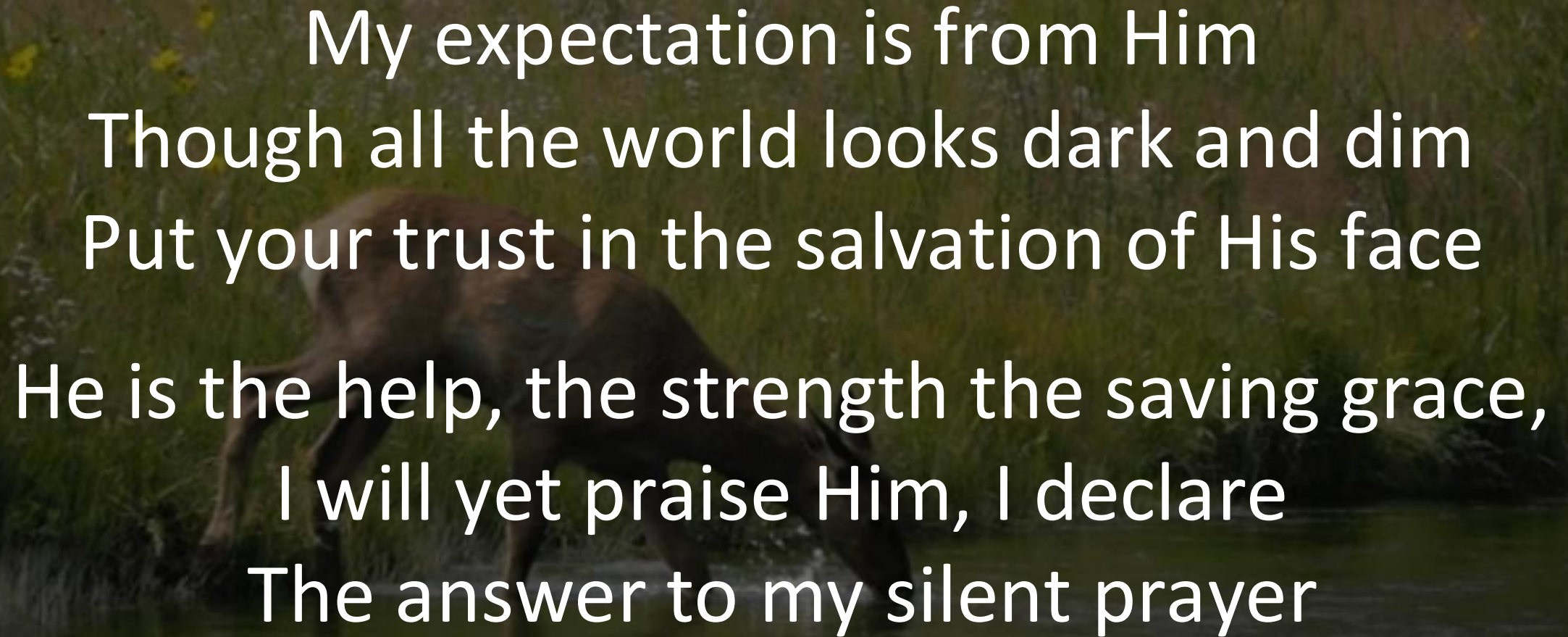
A photograph of a deer standing in a shallow stream, drinking water. The background is a dense forest with green foliage and some yellow flowers. The image is dimly lit, creating a serene and somewhat somber atmosphere.

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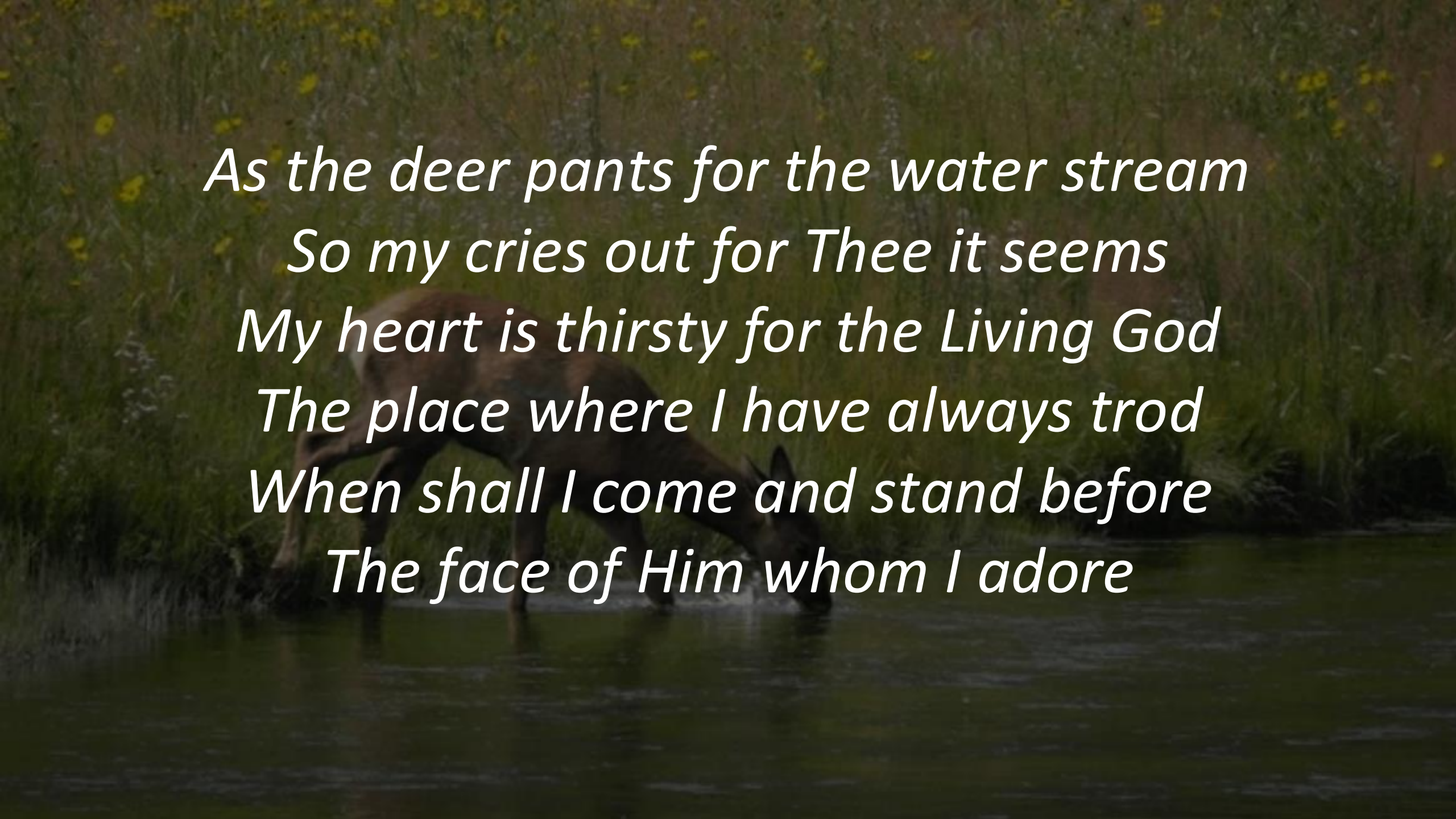


A dark, moody photograph of a dog standing in a field of tall grass and yellow flowers, with a body of water in the foreground. The text is overlaid in white, centered on the image.

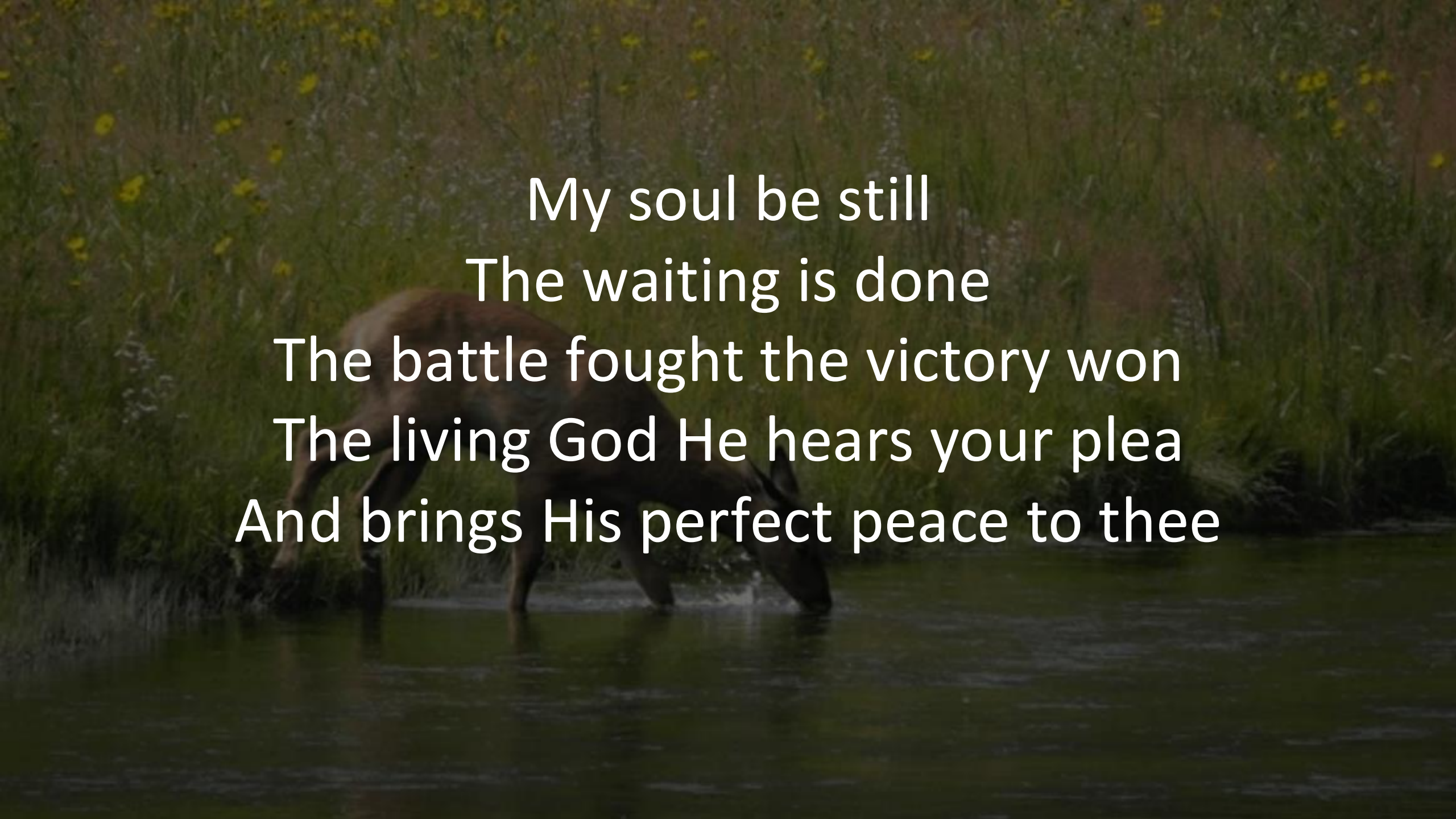
Ps. 43:4 I will recall the time we met
The promised I can't forget
I will pour out my heart to Thee
From this dark place where I now be
I know the water will be found
On holy consecrated ground
My expectation is from Him

A dark, moody photograph of a horse running through water in a field of tall grass and yellow flowers. The horse is in the center, moving from left to right, splashing water. The background is a dense field of tall grass and small yellow flowers, slightly out of focus. The overall tone is dark and atmospheric.

My expectation is from Him
Though all the world looks dark and dim
Put your trust in the salvation of His face
He is the help, the strength the saving grace,
I will yet praise Him, I declare
The answer to my silent prayer

A photograph of a deer drinking from a stream in a field of yellow flowers. The image is dark and serves as a background for the text.

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A dark brown horse is standing in a shallow stream, surrounded by tall green grass and yellow wildflowers. The horse is facing right, and its head is lowered towards the water. The background is a dense field of green grass with scattered yellow wildflowers. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

My soul be still
The waiting is done
The battle fought the victory won
The living God He hears your plea
And brings His perfect peace to thee

Reflection

We all experience grief, sorrow, and burdens, at one time or another. We're not only called to share our burdens with God, but also with one another.

The Blessing

2 Thessalonians 3:5,16

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance, and may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.