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Hope for the Lonely



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> God sets the lonely in families,
> he leads forth the prisoners with singing;
> but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.
> (Psalm 68:6)

To be lonely is a very unhappy condition. Yet in today's world there are millions and millions of lonely people. Even though the population of the earth is increasing rapidly, and even though many people live in large cities, these large cities and this highly populated earth of ours are filled with lonely people.

It is possible to be lonely in the midst of a crowd. It is possible to be lonely in a big city. In fact, that is the worst form of loneliness – to be surrounded by people and yet cut off from them by an invisible barrier you do not know how to break through.

Yet loneliness is not God's plan for man's life. From eternity God is a Father. The source of all fatherhood – of every family – in heaven and on earth is God (Ephesians 3:14–15). Right at the beginning of human history God provided a mate for the first man because He said it was not good for man to be alone. That is God's attitude. He wants to take us out of our loneliness and to set us in the family of God. He wants to give us brothers and sisters with whom to share His love.

There may be some special barrier in your life – whether of sin or of circumstances – that keeps you shut up in the prison of your loneliness. But if so, God is ready to deliver you and to lead you forth with singing.

There is just one kind of person whom God cannot help out of loneliness: the rebellious. Such a person must continue to live in a sun-scorched land. Rebelliousness is a barrier that a person raises by his own will, and he is the only one who can take it down. Until he does that, it will continue to shut him off from fellowship with both God and man.

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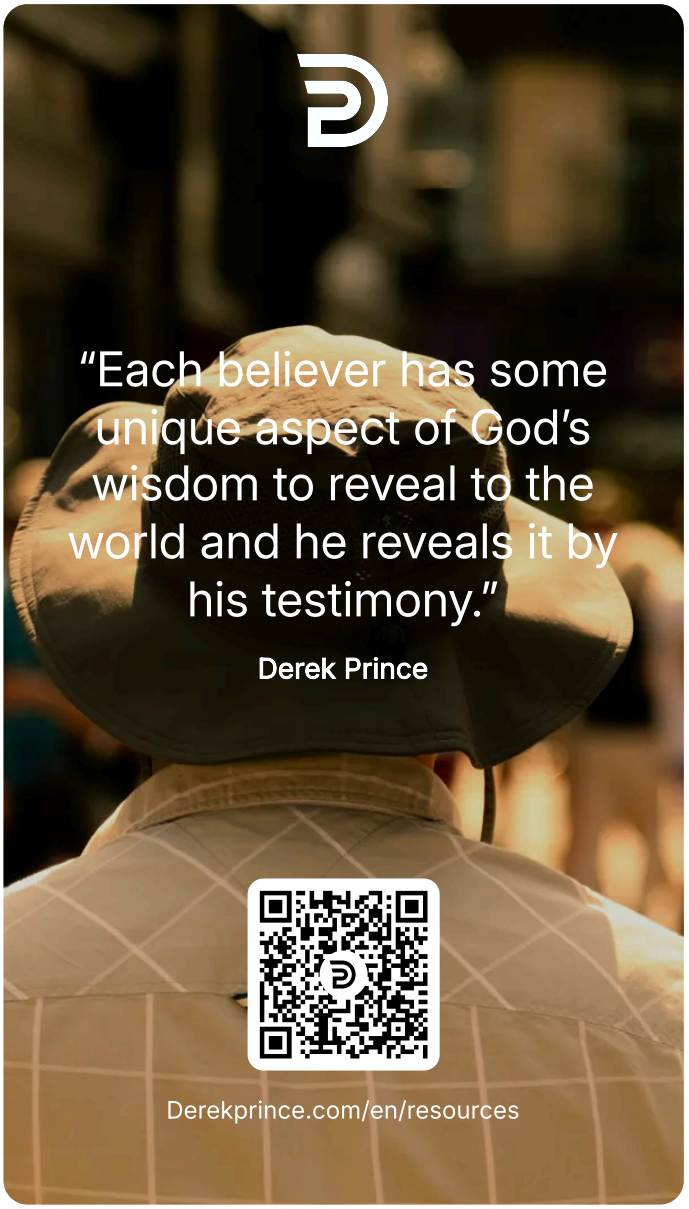

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