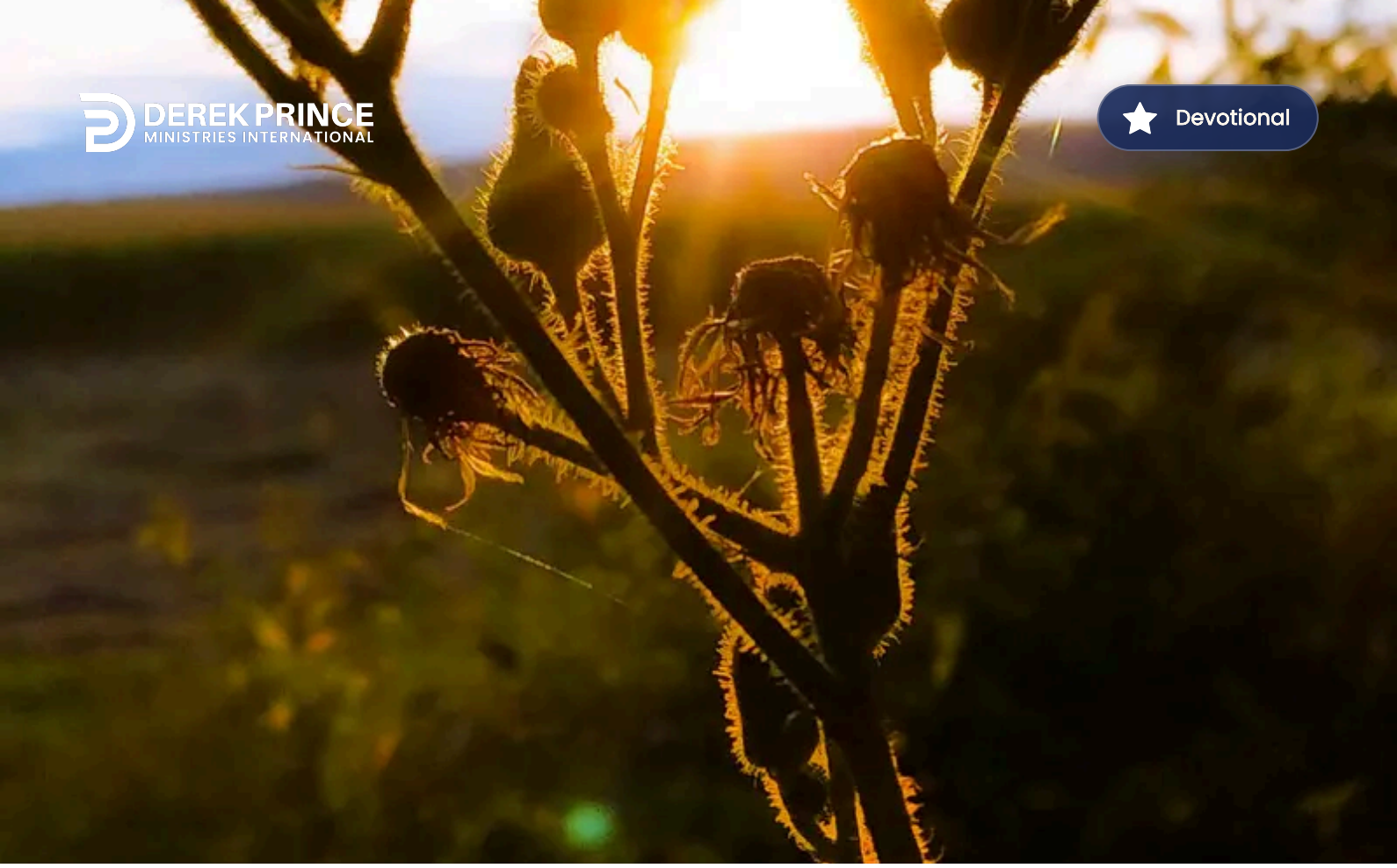

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Devotional

The Appointed Time



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Through the Psalms
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> My days are like the evening shadow;
> I wither away like grass.
> But you, O LORD, sit enthroned forever;
> your renown endures through all generations.
> You will arise and have compassion on Zion,
> for it is time to show favor to her;
> the appointed time has come. . . .
> For the LORD will rebuild Zion
> and appear in his glory.
> (Psalm 102:11–13, 16)

Here is a picture of a man in deep dejection and loneliness. He feels his life is ebbing away like the evening shadows and there is so little time left for him. He says, "I'm withering away like grass." Can you perhaps identify with him from some experience of your own? How would you respond?

The man pictured here made the right response. He looked away from himself and his own situation. By faith he lifted up his eyes to the LORD on His throne. He realized that the LORD does not change with our circumstances. He is always on His throne. He never abdicates.

Out of this changed outlook came a prophetic revelation: the LORD has appointed a time to have compassion on His people and restore them to His favor. The Hebrew word translated *appointed time* is used to denote the fixed religious feasts of Israel's calendar – such as the Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles. In the same way, on God's prophetic calendar there is set aside a specific period in human history for the restoration of Zion.

Today we have the unique privilege of living in the very time that the psalmist foresaw. How much more, then, should we respond as he did! Let us look away from our problems and anxieties. Let us look up to the LORD on His throne and realize that He is rebuilding Zion and preparing to appear in His glory.

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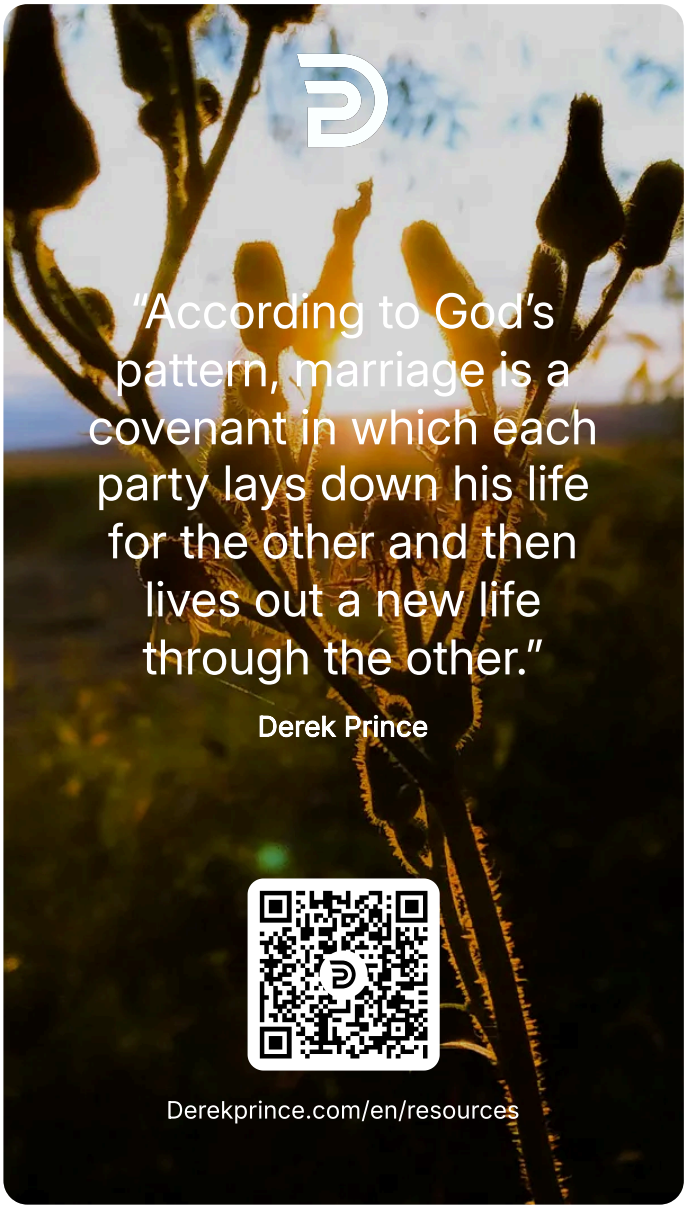

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