

A scenic landscape with a bright sun in a blue sky and a forest in the foreground. The sun is positioned in the upper right quadrant, casting a soft glow. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a lighter blue near the horizon. The foreground is filled with dense, dark green trees and foliage, creating a rich, textured appearance.

ENJOYING LIFE UNDER THE SUN

Ecclesiastes 11:7-10

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The biblical understanding of the world explains the “...emptiness of human experience which is the outcome to alienation from God and which is the present consequence of His wrath. It is the consequence of being relationally severed from Him.

And that is registered in the twilight knowledge of God which still persists in human consciousness, leaving people ‘without excuse,’ but the relational disjuncture is so substantial and so complete as to leave them always disoriented, always caught in the coils of painful futility.”

David Wells

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II. Be Bold in Joy (Eccles. 11:7-10)



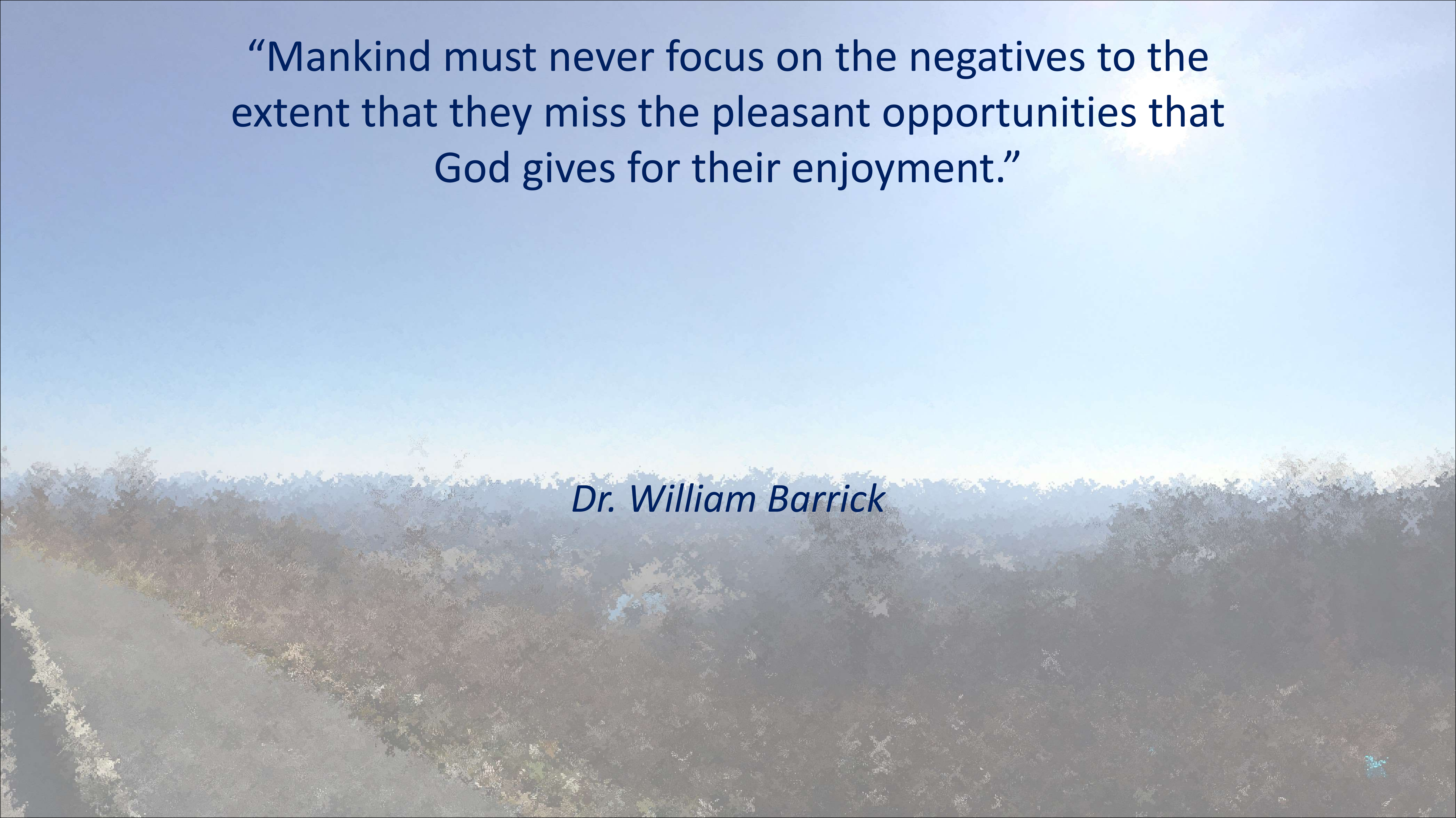
*Light is sown like seed for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.*

Psalm 97:11



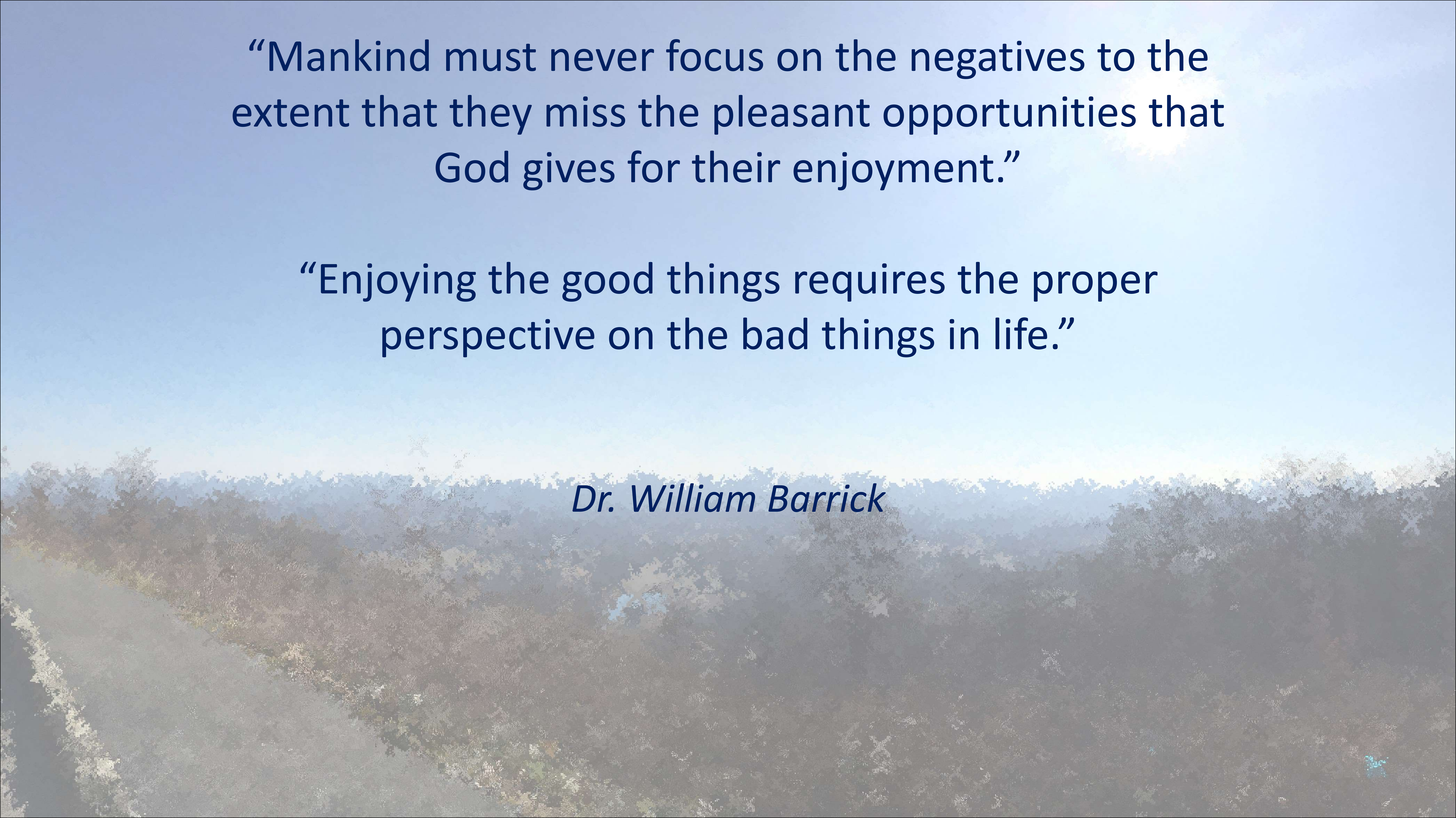
“Give yourself to life in all its richness and fulness. If things seem to be perverse and distorted, do not let that bother you.... Life may not turn out as you expect, but you must not permit its uncertainties and disturbances to impair your energies.”

Michael Kelly



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Safeguard your mind and heart and body against the disastrous effects of focusing on the bad things of life.



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Live in a bold, whole-hearted devotion to God as you **rejoice** in being alive, as you **remember** God's goodness to you, and as you **remove** the **negative** elements of sadness, anger, and pain that can dominate you if you allow them.

A scenic landscape featuring a clear blue sky with a bright sun in the upper right corner. Below the sky is a dense line of trees and foliage, creating a dark horizon. The overall scene is bright and serene.

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