The God of Hope -
High and Holy but also Near

Isaiah 57:15–16

Part 1:

[15]For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity,
whose name is Holy:

Part 2:

"I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him who has a contrite and humble spirit,

Part 3:

To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Part 4:

[16] For I will not contend forever,
Nor will I always be angry;

Part 5:

For the spirit would fail before Me,
And the souls which I have made.

Key Takeaways

- What applied to the people of Isaiah's time, applies to us today.
- God dwells in the HIGH and HOLY and ETERNAL PLACE, but also DWELLS WITH the HUMBLE.
- God looks for the CRUSHED and HUMBLE HEART and DWELLS in that person.
- God REVIVES the SPIRIT of the CONTRITE and HUMBLE ones.
- Our Holy God is not merely looking for an opportunity to punish His people; He is seeking their RESTORATION.
- God disciplines because He is HOLY, but RESTORES because He is COMPASSIONATE, operating in GRACE and LOVE.
- CHASTISEMENT and CORRECTION will not go on forever. God wants us to be WHOLE, HEALED & THRIVING.
- We belong to GOD because HE CREATED us. He knows us better than we know ourselves.
- The God who judges sin is also the God who remembers that human beings are HIS CREATION and IMPERFECT.
- God can HEAL us. We just need to DRAW NEAR TO HIM with CONTRITE HEARTS and HUMBLE SPIRITS.
- These verses bring HOPE – HOPE THAT DOES NOT DISAPPOINT.