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Holy
Living

RE- FLECTING GOD

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Isaiah 52:1-6

Once, while refilling the hummingbird feeder outside our kitchen window, I made a discovery. The hummingbirds would zoom away as I approached. I found that if I stood completely still they would quickly forget I was there. Less than a minute before I had been a fearsome threat. Now, I had become part of the background, no more threatening than the house, a tree, or the feeder itself.

How like hummingbirds we are! We see God move and we are struck with awe. Depending on His action we may be awed by fear or moved to praise. However, on other days when His moves are not as apparent to our eyes, it is so easy for us to forget that He is always near us. We are like spiritual narcoleptics who too easily fall asleep to the presence of God.

"Awake, awake, my people . . . Shake off the dust and rise up . . . Cast off your chains," the Sovereign Lord cries. This is no time for complacent Christianity. God has not abandoned us. Clothe yourself with strength and put on your garments of splendor?the Lord is near.

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