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With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.  
Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
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Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.  
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PSALM 16.8&9; PSALM 62.5&6*

#### SHAKEY GROUND

We ALL live on shakey ground. There is a lot of trouble we can control, but there's also a lot we cannot avoid. So, the real choice we have is whether we allow the shakey ground to shake us...emotionally, spiritually, - our confidence, our outlook, the faith and hope we cultivate and exhibit.

Decide that, by God's power and love, you will not be shaken. No matter what happens, keep your eyes on Him...at your right hand. The closest place in your life.

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