

¹I call on the Lord in my distress,
and he answers me.

² Save me, Lord,
from lying lips
and from deceitful tongues.

³ What will he do to you,
and what more besides,
you deceitful tongue? ...

Psalm 120 : 1 - 7

4 He will punish you with a warrior's
sharp arrows, with burning coals
of the broom bush.

5 Woe to me that I dwell in Meshek,
that I live among the tents of Kedar!

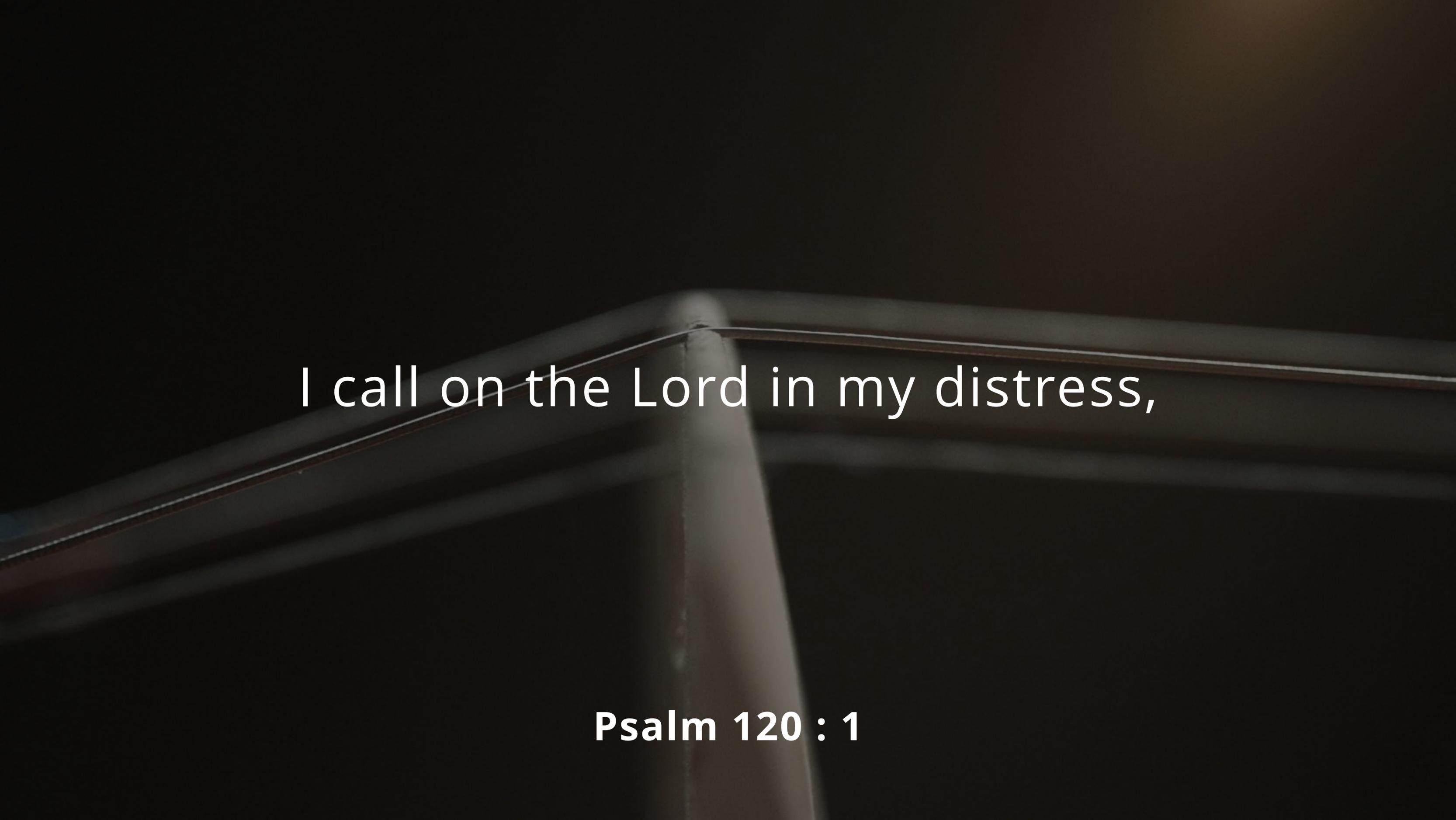
6 Too long have I lived among those
who hate peace.

7 I am for peace; but when I speak,
they are for war.

Psalm 120 : 1 - 7

**We see this sign at one point and
it almost puts him over the edge**



A dark, moody photograph of a building's corner. A single, bright beam of light illuminates the corner where two walls meet, creating a sharp contrast against the deep shadows. The rest of the scene is in deep shadow, with only faint highlights on the surfaces.

I call on the Lord in my distress,

Psalm 120 : 1

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Psalm 120 : 5 - 7

To God's elect, exiles scattered
throughout the provinces

1 Peter 1 : 1

Exiles

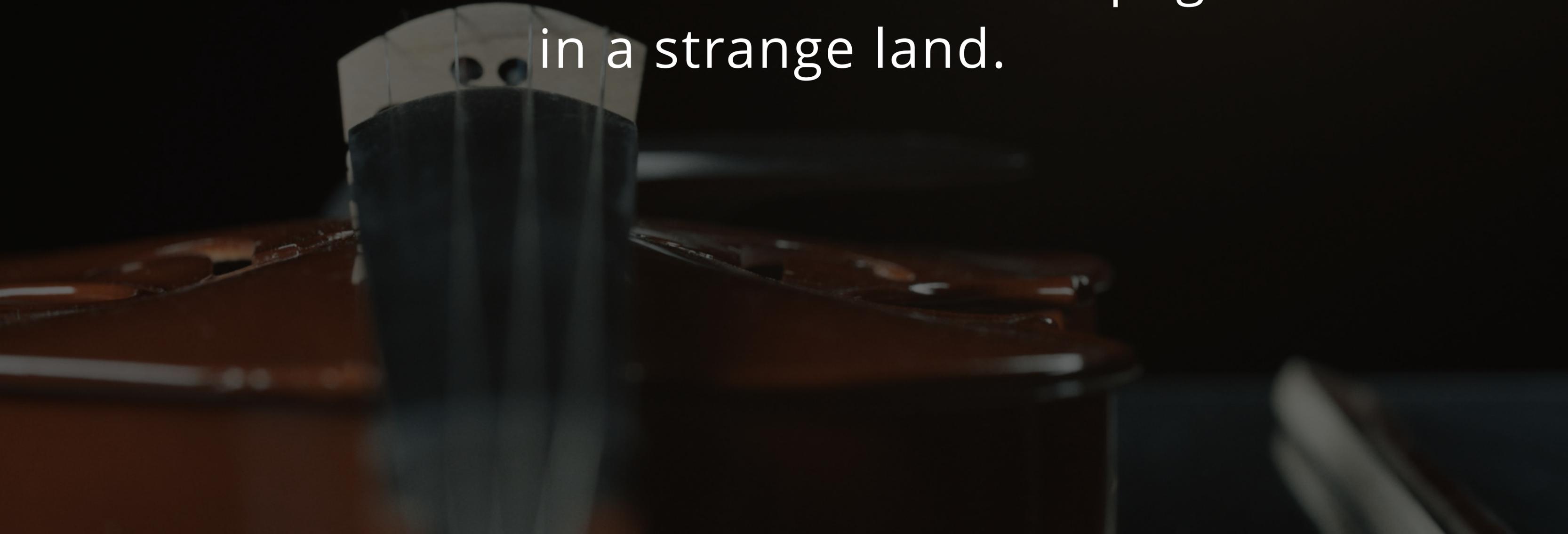


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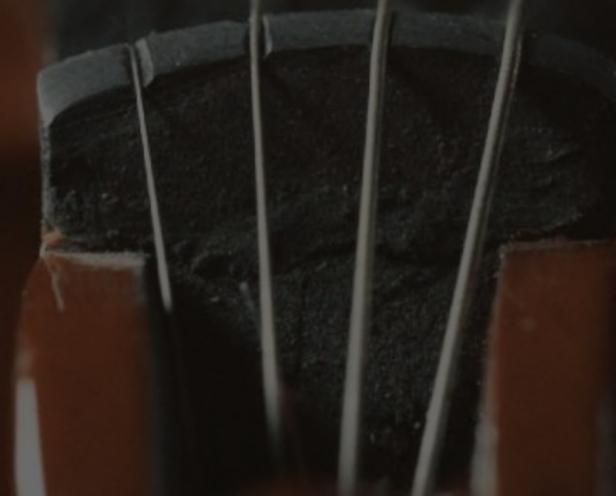
para, which means alongside, and pidemos, which means one who travels or “pilgrims” in a strange land.



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Save me, Lord,
from lying lips
and from deceitful tongues.

Psalm 120 : 2

“Rescue me from the lies of advertisers who claim to know what I need and what I desire; from the lies of entertainers who promise a cheap way to joy, from the lies of politicians who pretend to instruct me in power and morality, from the lies of the psychologists who offer to shape my behavior and my morals so that I will live long, happily and successfully, from the lies of religionists who “heal the wounds of this people lightly”, ...

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from the lies of moralists who pretend to promote me to the office of captain of my fate, from the lies of pastors who “get rid of God’s command so you won’t be inconvenienced...”(Matthew 7:8). Rescue me from the person who tells me of life and omits Christ, [rescue me from the one] who is wise in the ways of the world and ignores the movement of the Spirit.”

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When I'm feeling lonely, when I'm feeling blue
It's such a joy to know I am only passing through
I'm headed home, I'm going home where I'll finally belong

While I'm here I'll serve You gladly and sing You all these
songs / I'm here, but not for long

And one day I'll be sleeping when death knocks on my door
And I'll awake to find that I'm not homesick anymore
I'll be home, finally be home where I belong

Home Where I Belong