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for Peace



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*Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set Thy people free.  
From our fears and sins, release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.”*

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Job 5.24

You will know that your tent is *shalom*;  
you will take stock of your property and  
find nothing missing.



# Eph. 2

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—

# Eph. 2

<sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

# Eph. 2

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

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<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

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- PEACE is about now.



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- Contributes to hope
- Fear (which is about the future) will steal your peace (which is about now)

# Romans 5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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<sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

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<sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

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<sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope.

# Romans 5

<sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame,  
because God's love has been poured out into  
our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has  
been given to us.



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<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

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<sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

# Romans 5

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

# Romans 5

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

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<sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

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<sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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are meant to be....close to God.



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“That is his call to us—simply to be people who are content to live close to him and to renew the kind of life in which the closeness is felt and experienced.”

Thomas Merton

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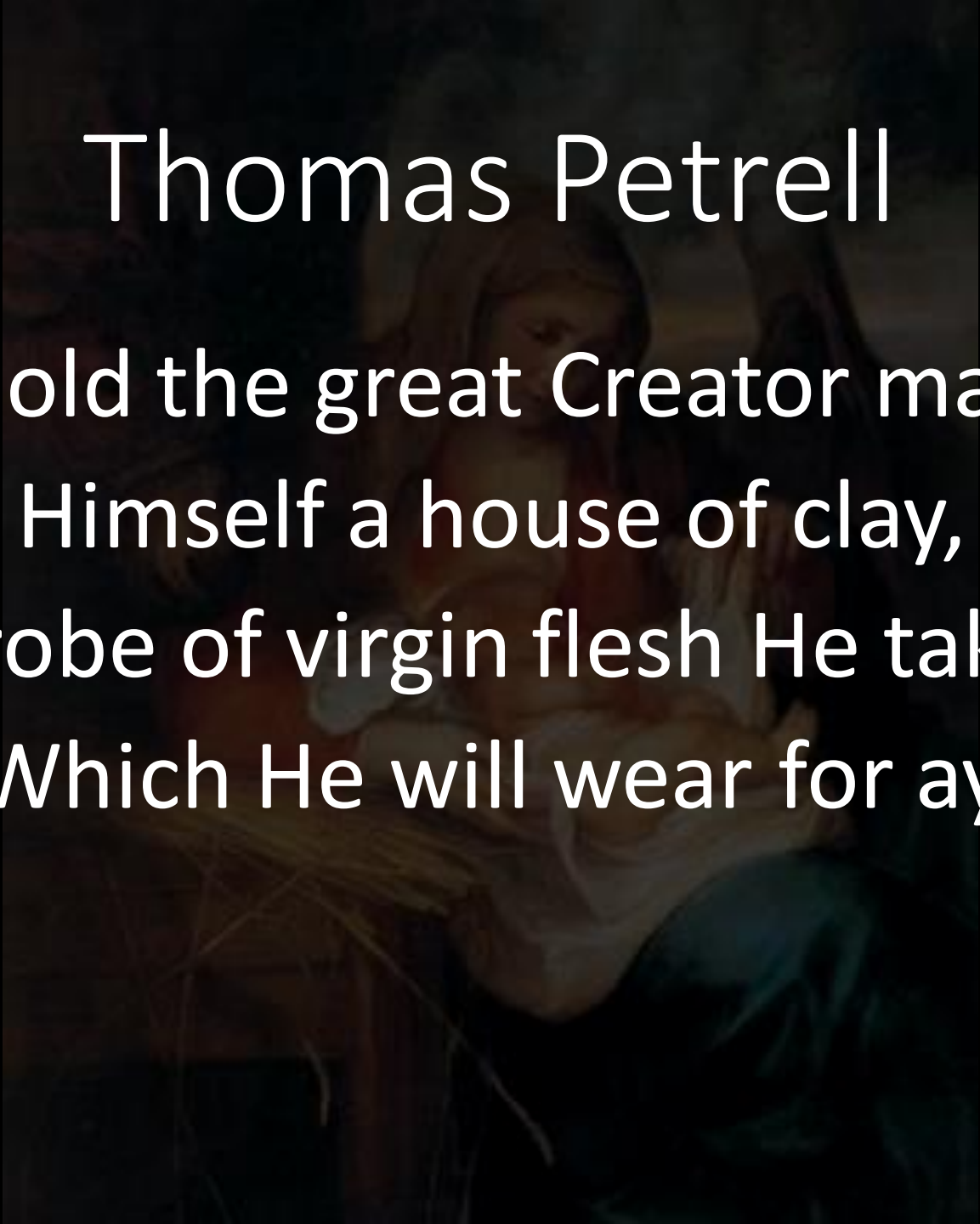
Robert Southwell

New Heaven, New War

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for the Kingdom Come







# Thomas Petrell

Behold the great Creator makes  
Himself a house of clay,  
A robe of virgin flesh He takes  
Which He will wear for ay



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Hark, hark the wise eternal Word,  
Like a weak infant cries!  
In form of servant is the Lord,  
And God in cradle lies.









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