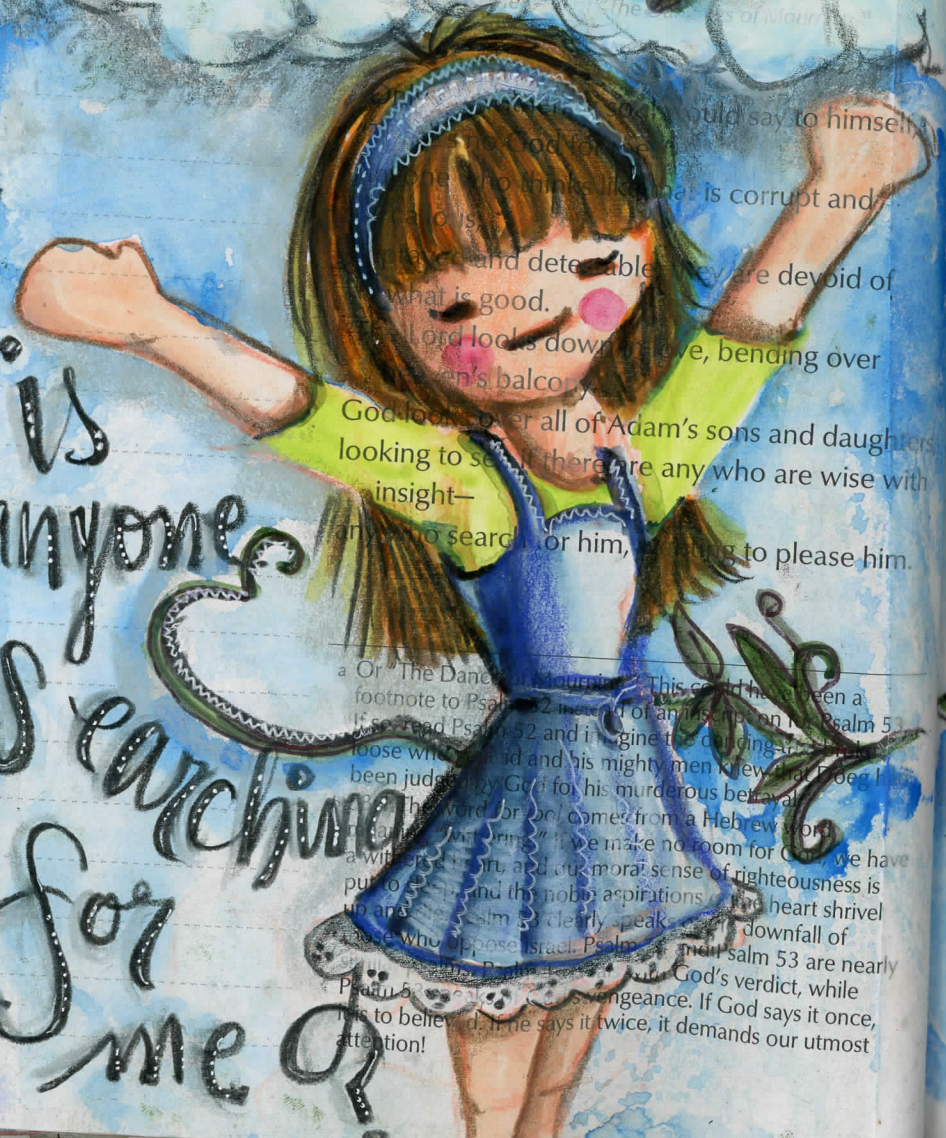


is anyone searching for me?



^a Or "The Dance of Mourning." This could have been a footnote to Psalm 52 instead of an insertion on Psalm 53. If you read Psalm 52 and imagine the dancing as a dance of mourning, and his mighty men knew that Boog had been judging God for his murderous betrayal. The word for "bel" comes from a Hebrew word that means "to bring." If we make no room for God, we have a withered heart, and our moral sense of righteousness is put to sleep, and the noble aspirations of the heart shrivel up and die. Psalm 53 clearly speaks of the downfall of those who oppose Israel. Psalm 53 and Psalm 53 are nearly identical. Psalm 53 is a psalm of vengeance. If God says it once, it is to be believed. If he says it twice, it demands our utmost attention!

anyone looking for me to please me?



The Lord looks down in love bending over heaven's balcony

Psalm 53:2

^a 53:5 This could refer to the scattering of the armies of Sennacherib in the days of Hezekiah. See 2 Kings 18-19.
^b This is considered to be an ephphesis, a rhetorical literary device that amplifies the emotion of the text. It is equivalent to an emotional outburst! Clearly, this is a passionate psalm.