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THE END OF THE MATTER¹

Peace, peace, to him that is far off and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him.²

But is there an end to the matter? The Rabbis, quoting Ps. 84: 7, speak of an eternal quest. The seekers for wisdom, they say, have no rest either in this world or in the next, for they go continuously 'from strength to strength'.

Oh that I knew where I might find him,
That I might come even to his seat!³

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He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.⁴

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The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us: that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgements, which he commanded our fathers.⁵

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The eternal God is thy dwelling place,
And underneath are the everlasting arms.⁶

¹Eccles. 12: 13.
²Isa. 57: 19.

³Job. 23: 3.
⁴Mic. 6: 8.

⁵1 Kings 8: 57-58.
⁶Deut. 32: 27.

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