



MIRROR IMAGE

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(Psalm 100:5 GNT) The Lord is good; **his love is eternal**, and his faithfulness lasts forever.

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