So that times of Refreshment may come

Paul Botha
19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,...
Psalm 16:11

You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
Therefore with joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation.
“..is that of an unsatisfied desire which is itself more desirable than any other satisfaction. I call it Joy.... But then Joy is never in our power and Pleasure often is.”

C.S. Lewis – Surprised by Joy
The gift of God on your life is His ability, not your ability.
Grace Enables

law requires
Rebuilding of Walls
And Nehemiah, who was the governor, [a] Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn nor weep.” For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.
Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”
11 So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, “Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved.” 12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them.
Joy is an decision
It requires faith
21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
Rejoice Always
...because they understood the words that were declared to them.
23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.
17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.
9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.
11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.... 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.
Oswald Chambers
My Joy....Your Joy
What was the joy that Jesus had? Joy should not be confused with happiness. In fact, it is an insult to Jesus Christ to use the word *happiness* in connection with Him. The joy of Jesus was His absolute self-surrender and self-sacrifice to His Father— the joy of doing that which the Father sent Him to do—
“...who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross...” {Hew 12:2} “I delight to do Your will, O my God...” {Psalm 40:8}. Jesus prayed that our joy might continue fulfilling itself until it becomes the same joy as His. Have I allowed Jesus Christ to introduce His joy to me?
Living a full and overflowing life does not rest in bodily health, in circumstances, nor even in seeing God’s work succeed, but in the perfect understanding of God, and in the same fellowship and oneness with Him that Jesus Himself enjoyed.
But the first thing that will hinder this joy is the subtle irritability caused by giving too much thought to our circumstances. Jesus said, “...the cares of this world,...choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful” {Mark 4:19} And before we even realize what has happened, we are caught up in our cares. All that God has done for us is merely the threshold— He wants us to come to the place where we will be His witnesses and proclaim who Jesus is.
Have the right relationship with God, finding your joy there, and out of you “will flow rivers of living water” {John 7:38} Be a fountain through which Jesus can pour His “living water.” Stop being hypocritical and proud, aware only of yourself, and live “your life...hidden with Christ in God” {Col 3:38} A person who has the right relationship with God lives a life as natural as breathing wherever he goes.
The lives that have been the greatest blessing to you are the lives of those people who themselves were unaware of having been a blessing.