

A composite image featuring a pocket watch, a blue planet, and a starry galaxy background. The pocket watch is positioned in the lower-left quadrant, showing Roman numerals and hands. The blue planet is a large, glowing sphere in the upper-center. The background is a deep blue space filled with stars and nebulae. The word "CONSTANCY" is written in white, serif, all-caps font across the center of the image.

CONSTANCY

Synonyms of the Word *Constancy*

Tenacity:

Steadfastness

Determination

Resolution

Firmness

Perseverance

Stability

Fortitude

Immutability

Faithfulness:

Devotion

Fidelity

Loyalty

Fealty

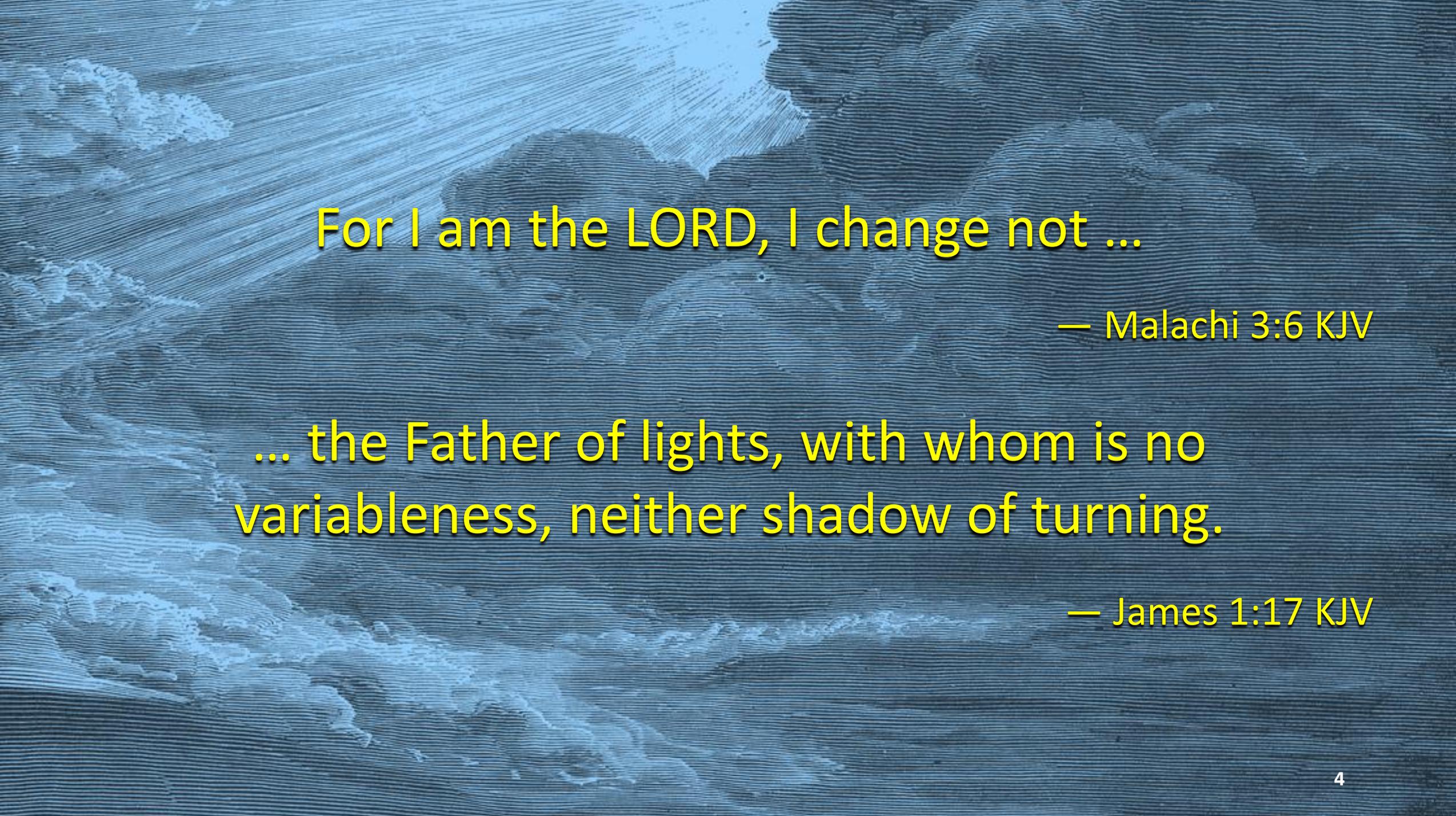
Allegiance

Zeal



“The only constant in life is change”

Heraclitus (circa 500 BC)

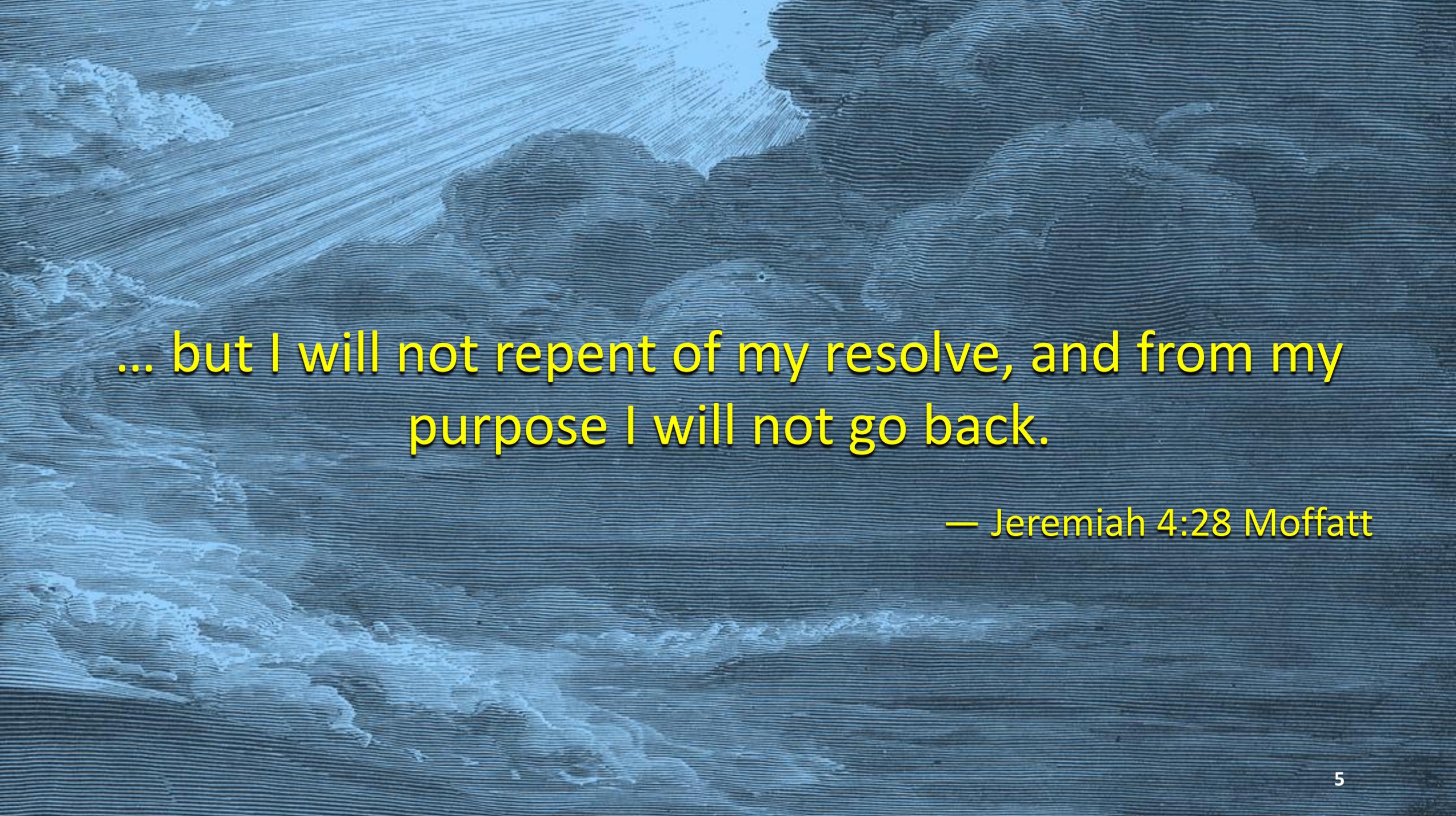


For I am the LORD, I change not ...

— Malachi 3:6 KJV

... the Father of lights, with whom is no
variableness, neither shadow of turning.

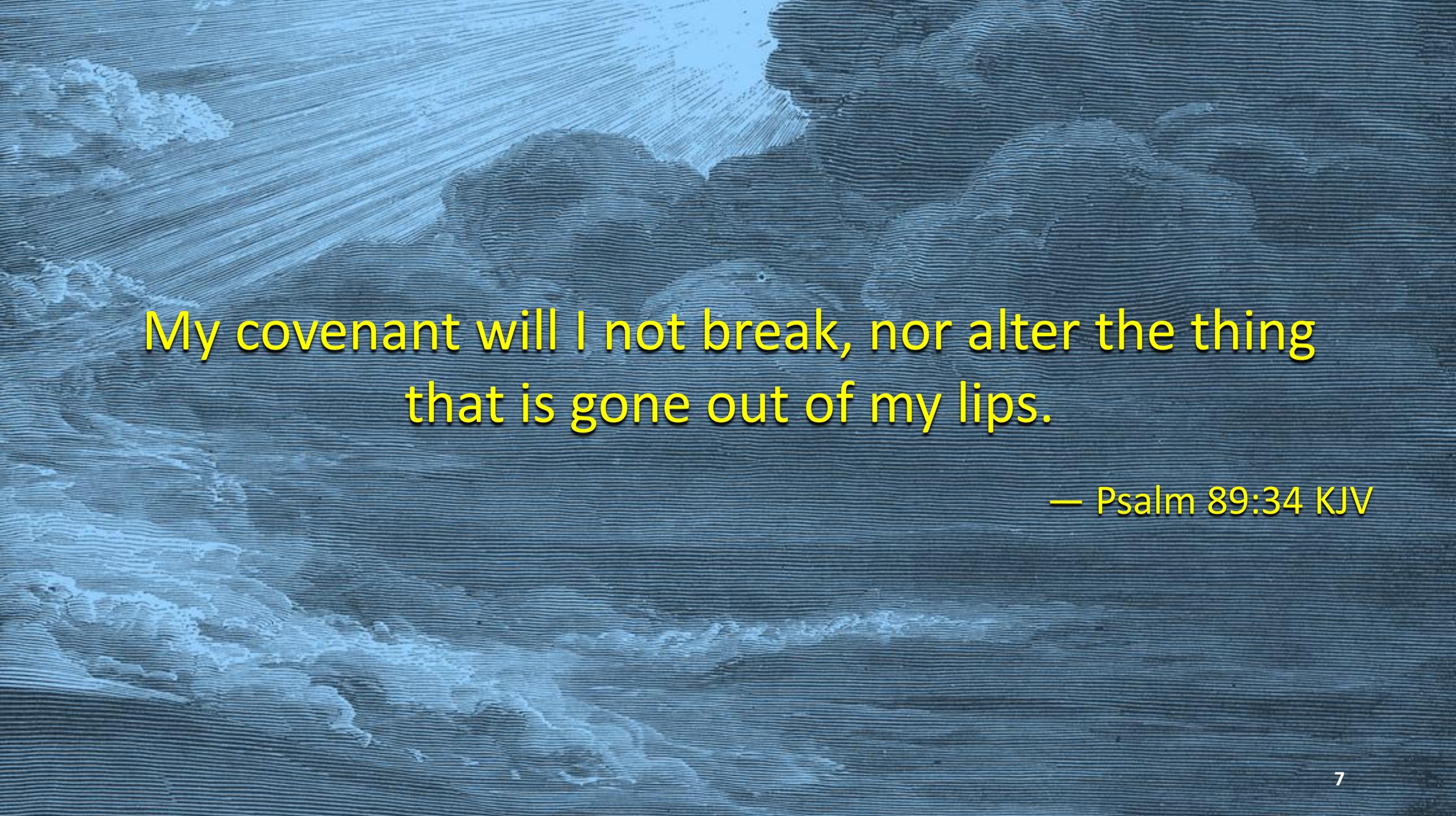
— James 1:17 KJV



... but I will not repent of my resolve, and from my
purpose I will not go back.

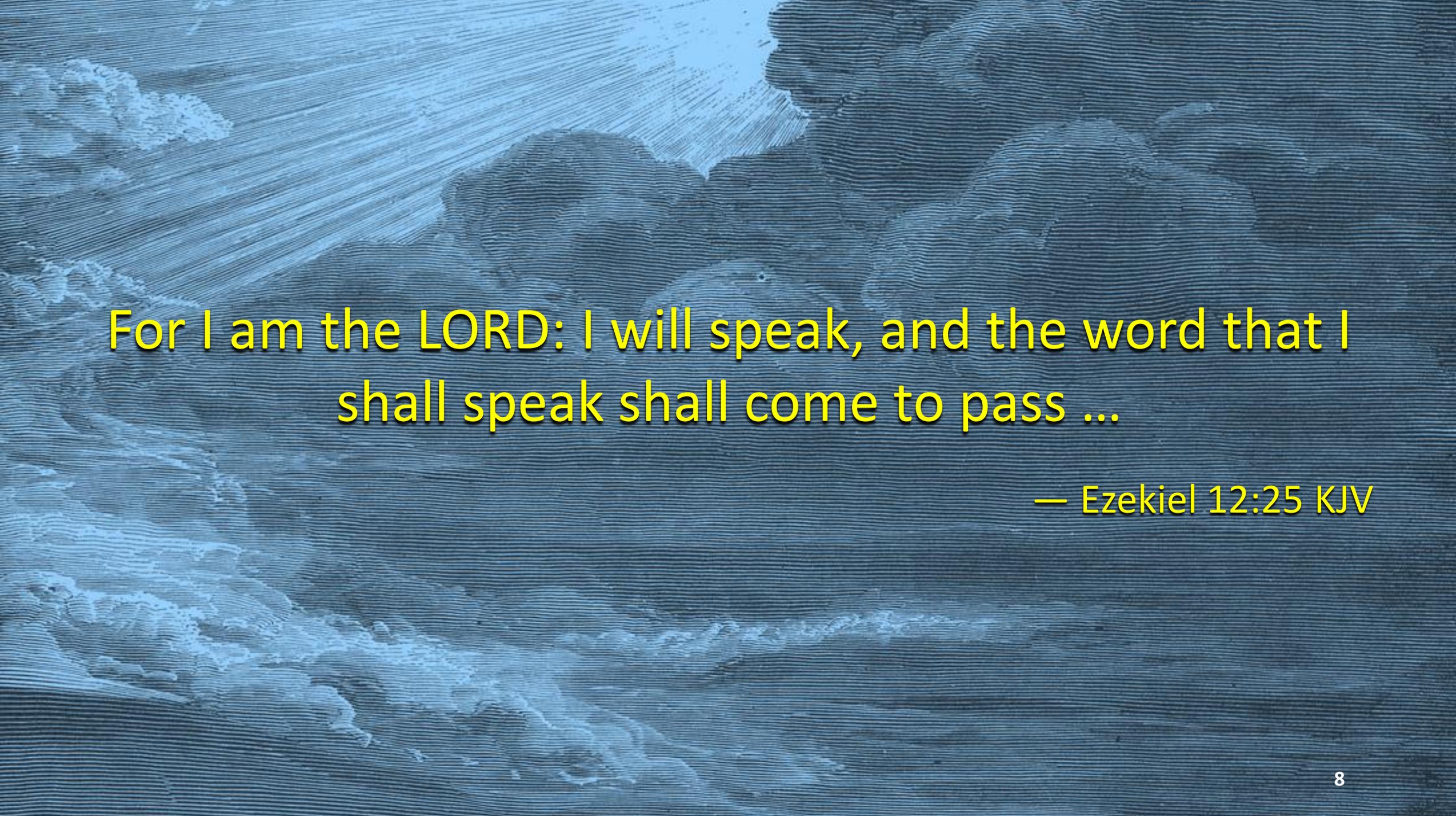
— Jeremiah 4:28 Moffatt

... The unchangeableness of our God is one of the attractive features of his character: his assurance is, “I am the same, I change not.” Even when the Lord's word or sentence is against us—as in the case of his pronouncement against sin and sinners—and even though his unchangeableness will not permit him to excuse sin or clear the guilty, this very constancy becomes an assurance to us that *as God has been strict and unchangeable in regard to the penalty pronounced, he will be equally strict and equally unchangeable concerning all the good promises and covenants which he has made to us.* (R3107.10)



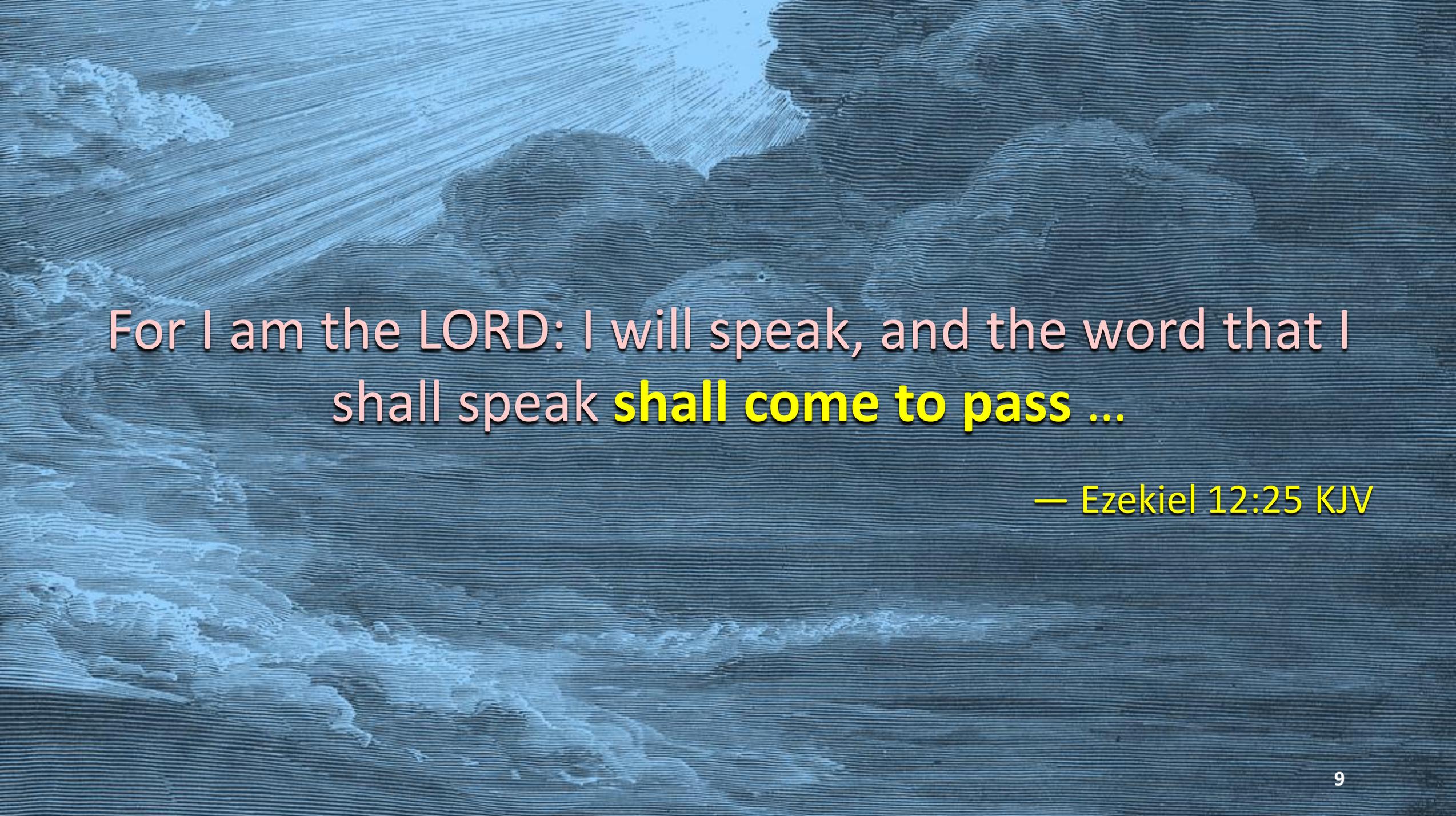
My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing
that is gone out of my lips.

— Psalm 89:34 KJV



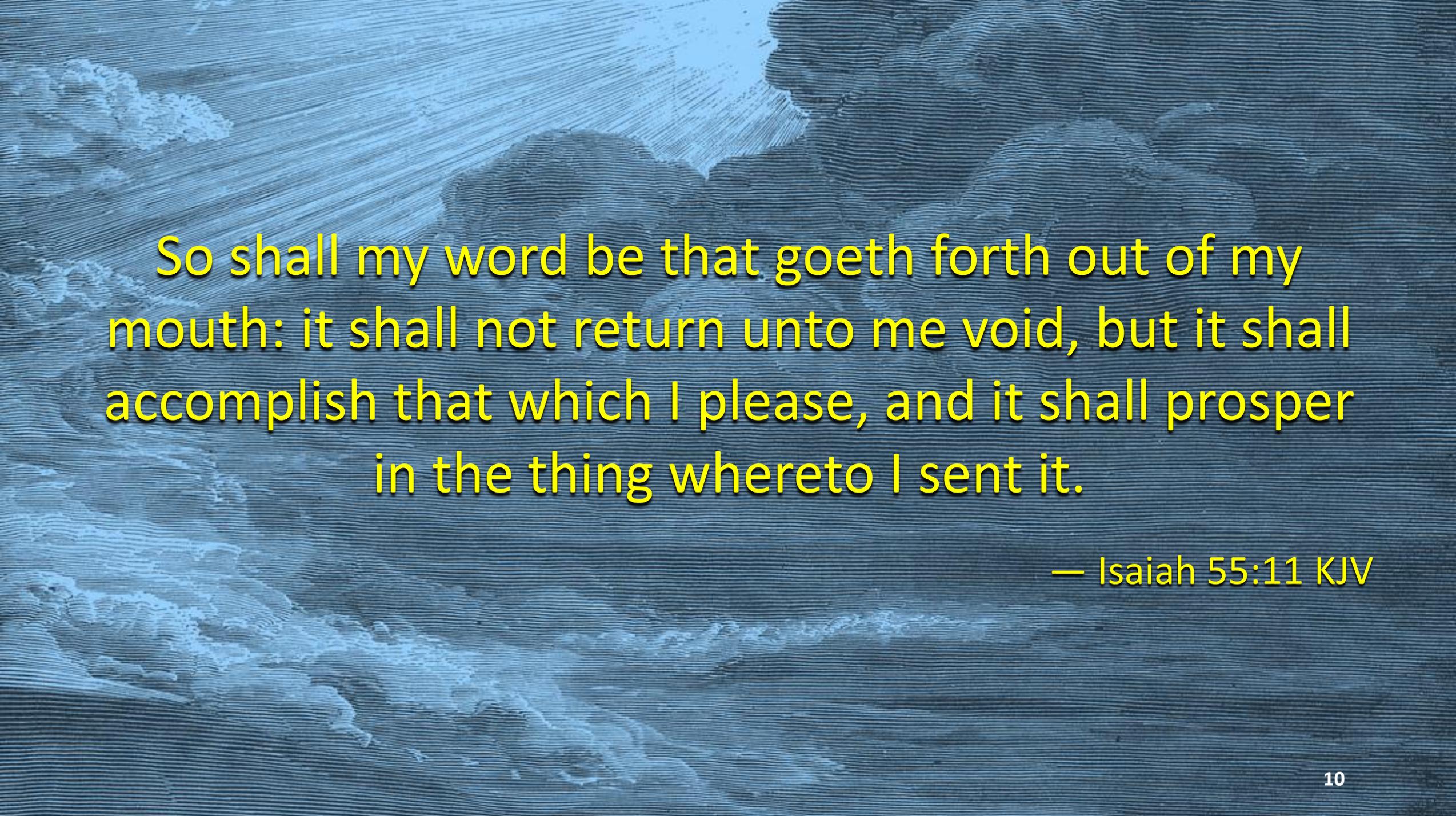
For I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I
shall speak shall come to pass ...

— Ezekiel 12:25 KJV



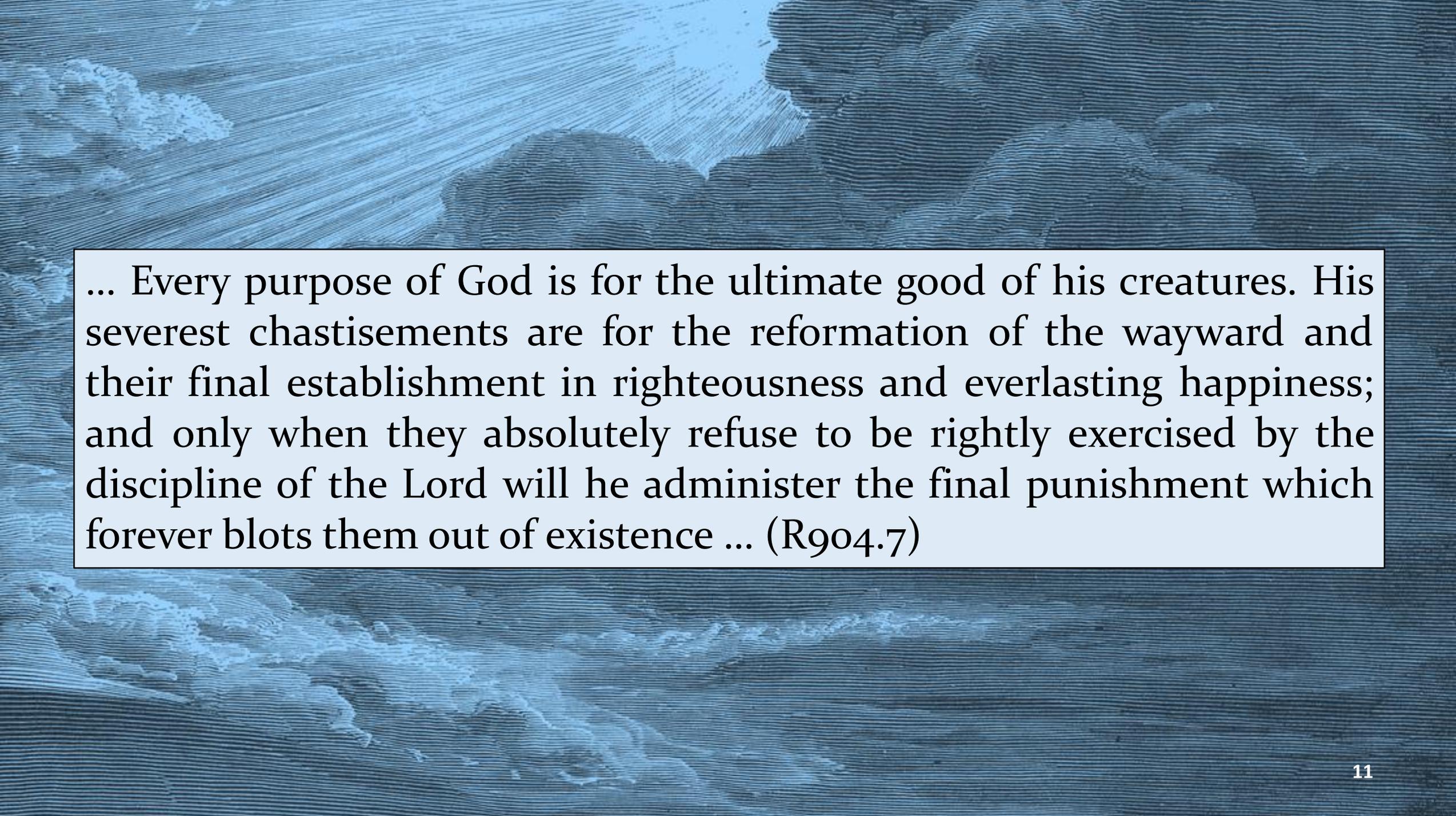
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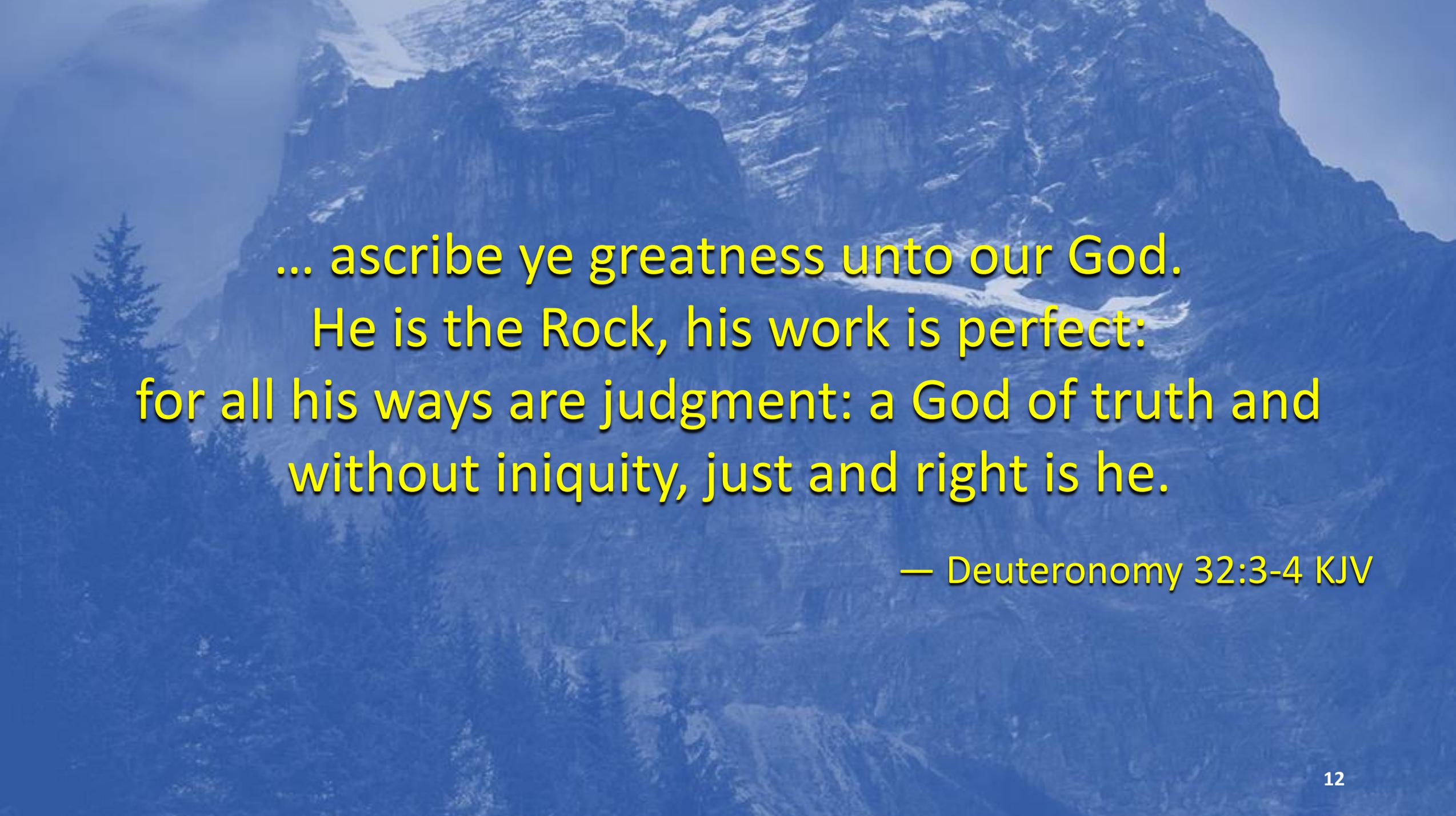


So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

— Isaiah 55:11 KJV

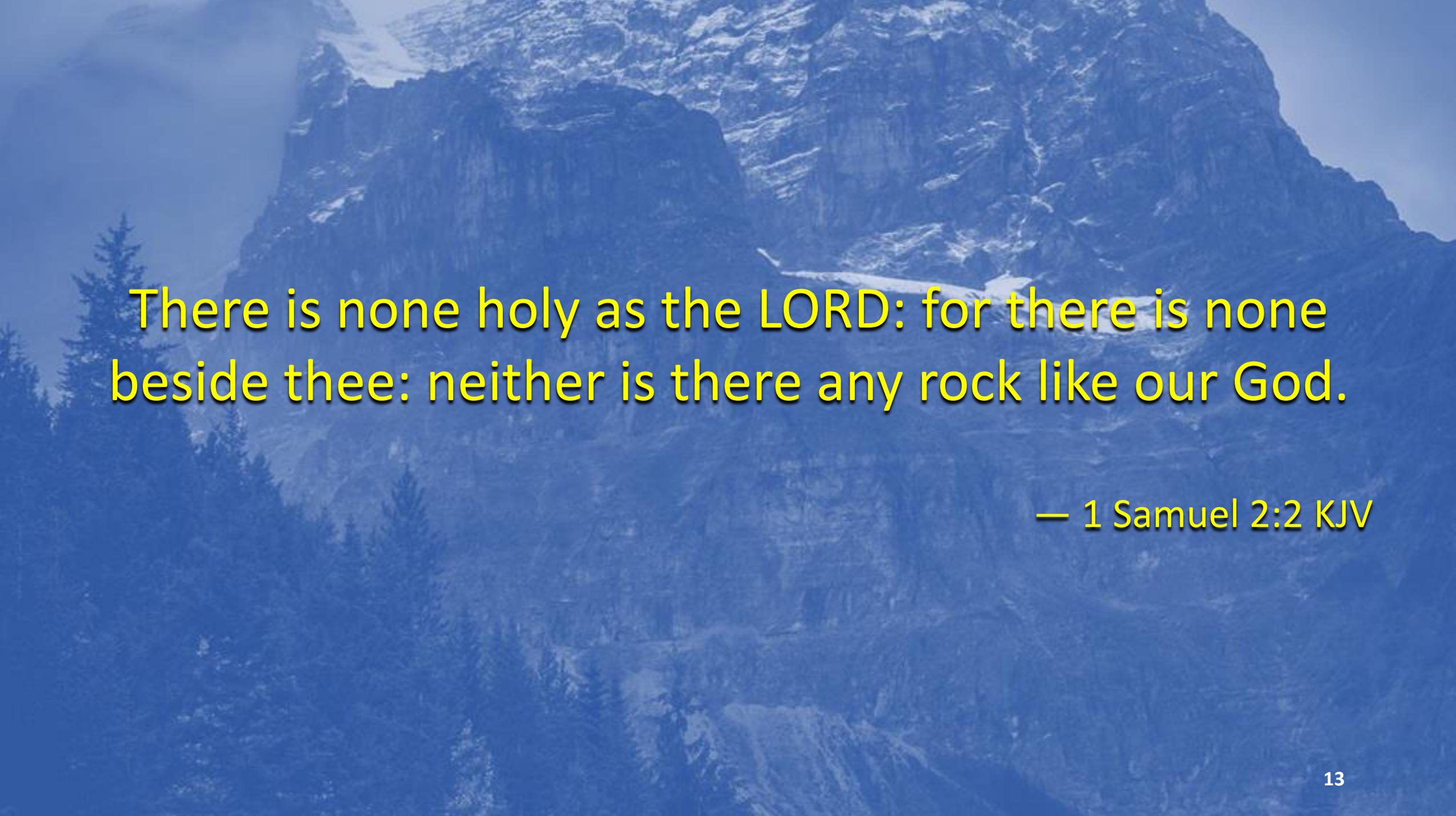


... Every purpose of God is for the ultimate good of his creatures. His severest chastisements are for the reformation of the wayward and their final establishment in righteousness and everlasting happiness; and only when they absolutely refuse to be rightly exercised by the discipline of the Lord will he administer the final punishment which forever blots them out of existence ... (R904.7)



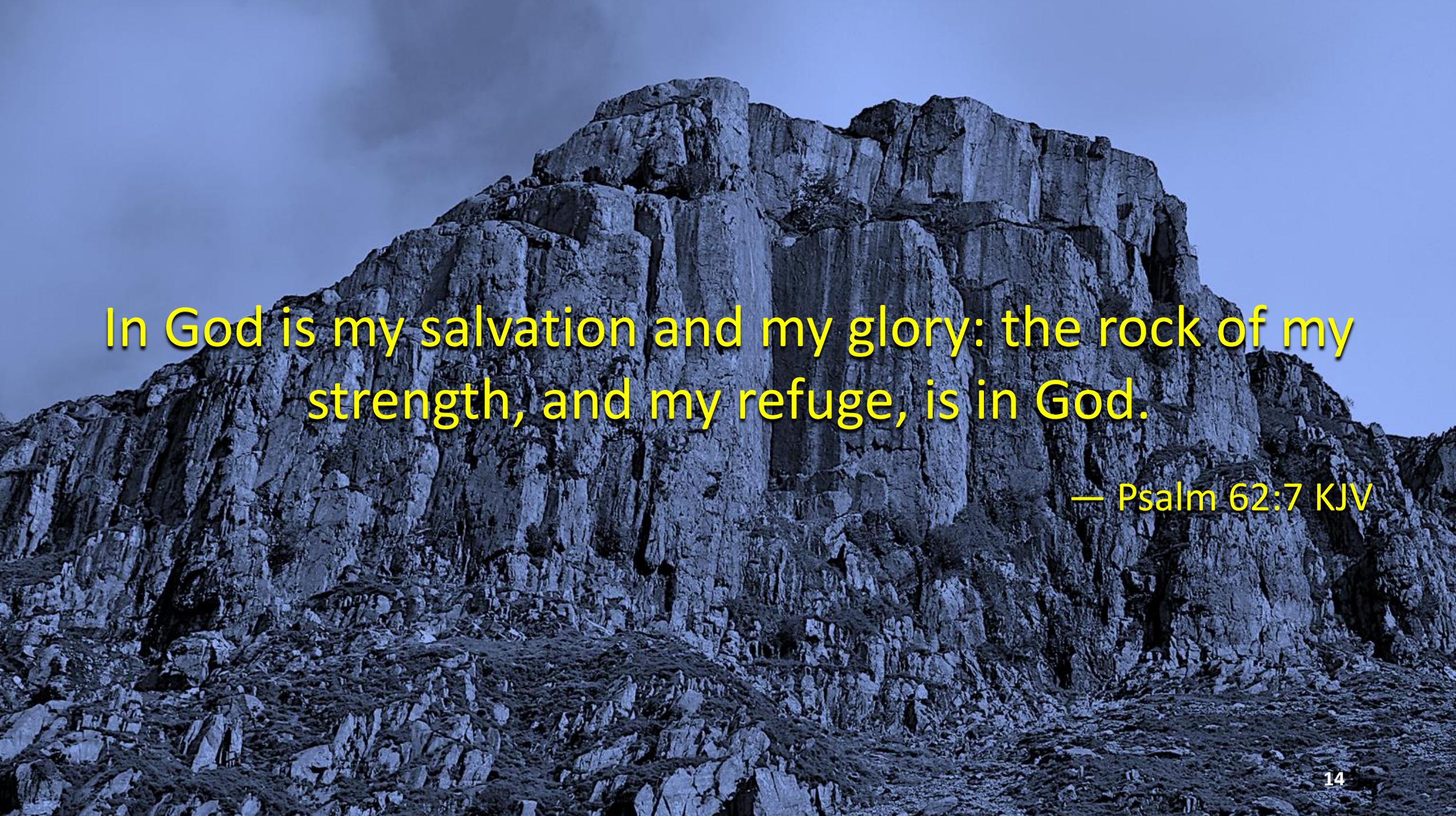
... ascribe ye greatness unto our God.
He is the Rock, his work is perfect:
for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and
without iniquity, just and right is he.

— Deuteronomy 32:3-4 KJV



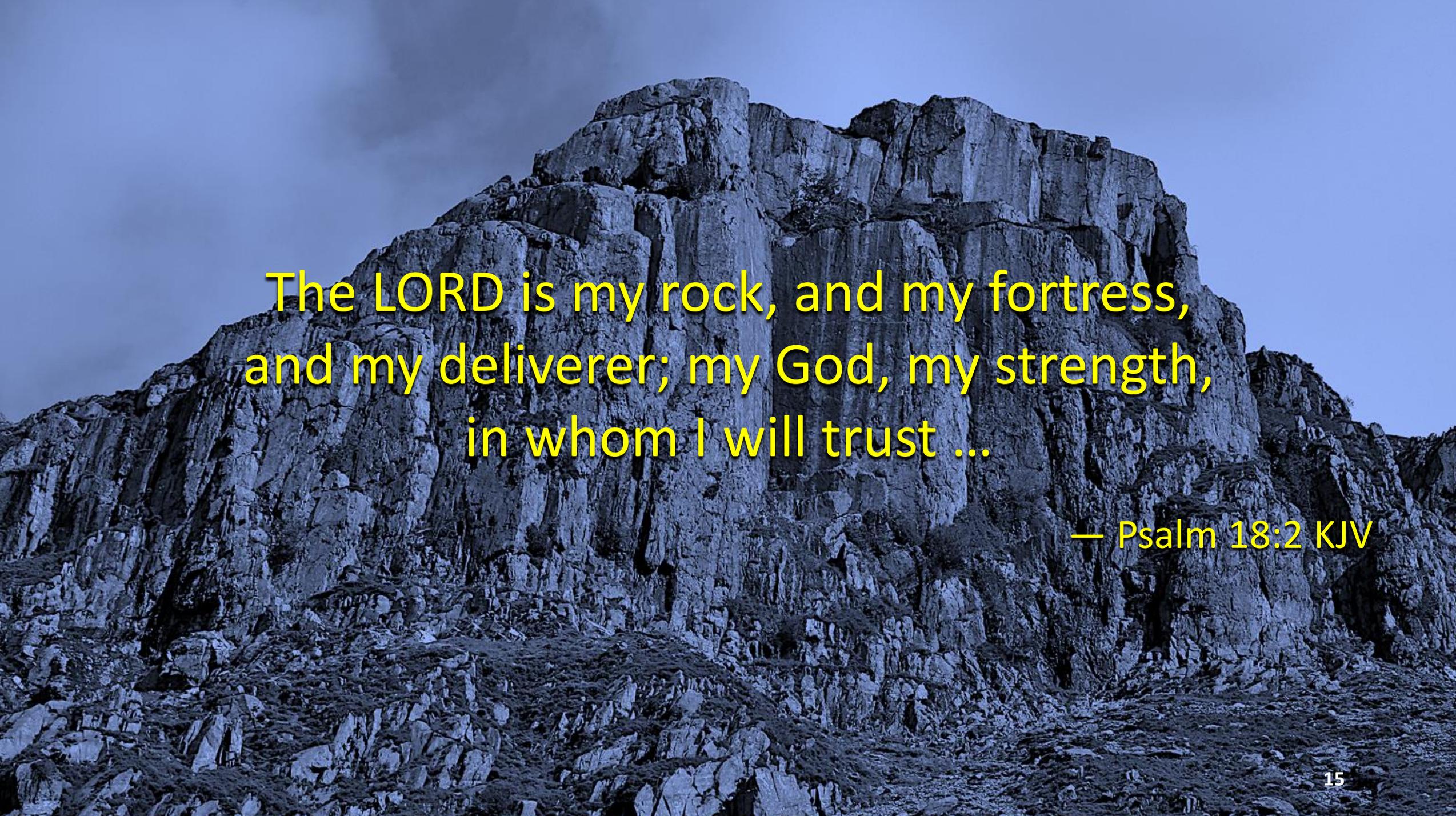
There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

— 1 Samuel 2:2 KJV

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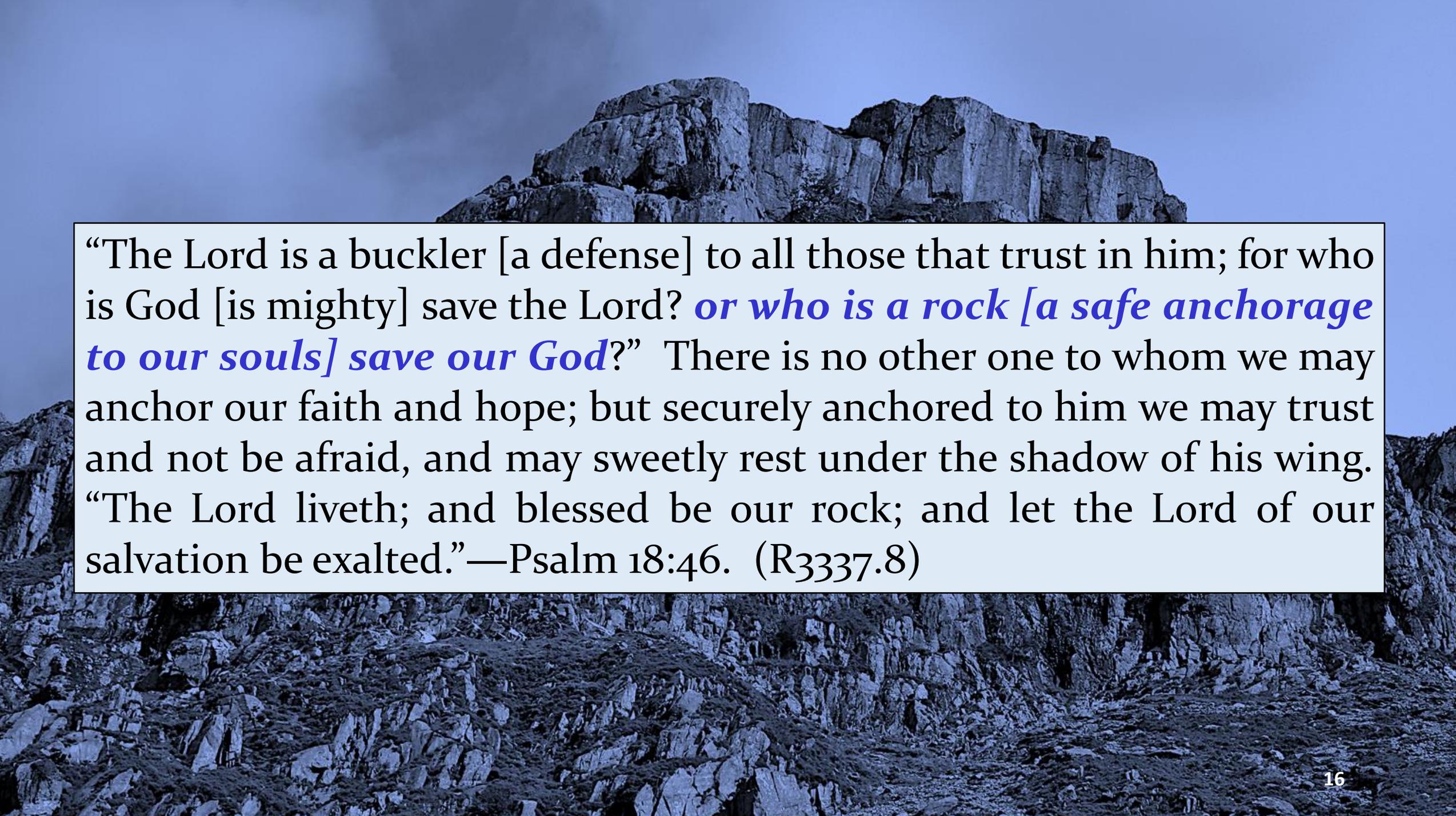
In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

— Psalm 62:7 KJV

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The LORD is my rock, and my fortress,
and my deliverer; my God, my strength,
in whom I will trust ...

— Psalm 18:2 KJV

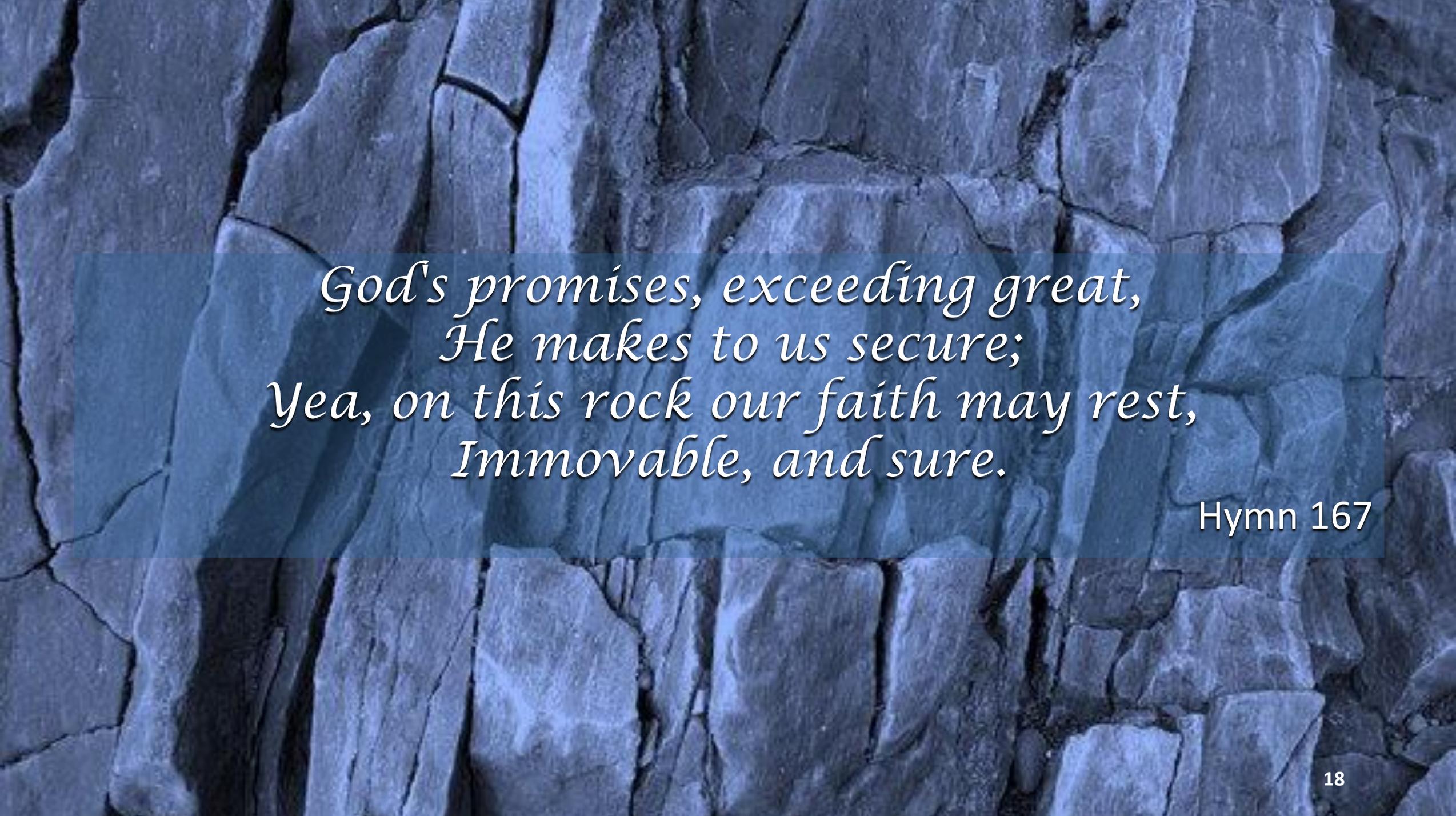


“The Lord is a buckler [a defense] to all those that trust in him; for who is God [is mighty] save the Lord? *or who is a rock [a safe anchorage to our souls] save our God?*” There is no other one to whom we may anchor our faith and hope; but securely anchored to him we may trust and not be afraid, and may sweetly rest under the shadow of his wing. “The Lord liveth; and blessed be our rock; and let the Lord of our salvation be exalted.”—Psalm 18:46. (R3337.8)

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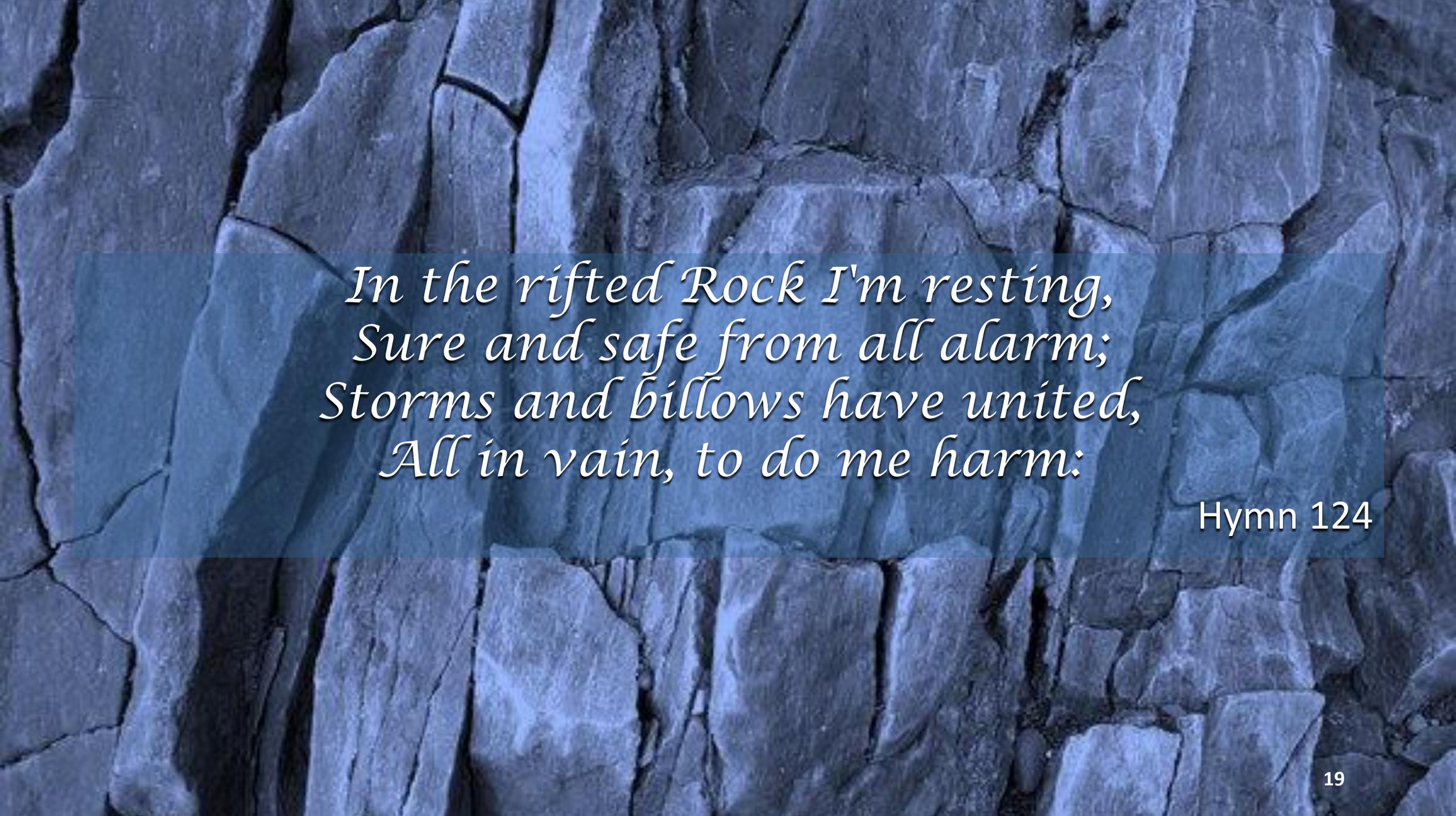
... I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

— Acts 2:25 KJV



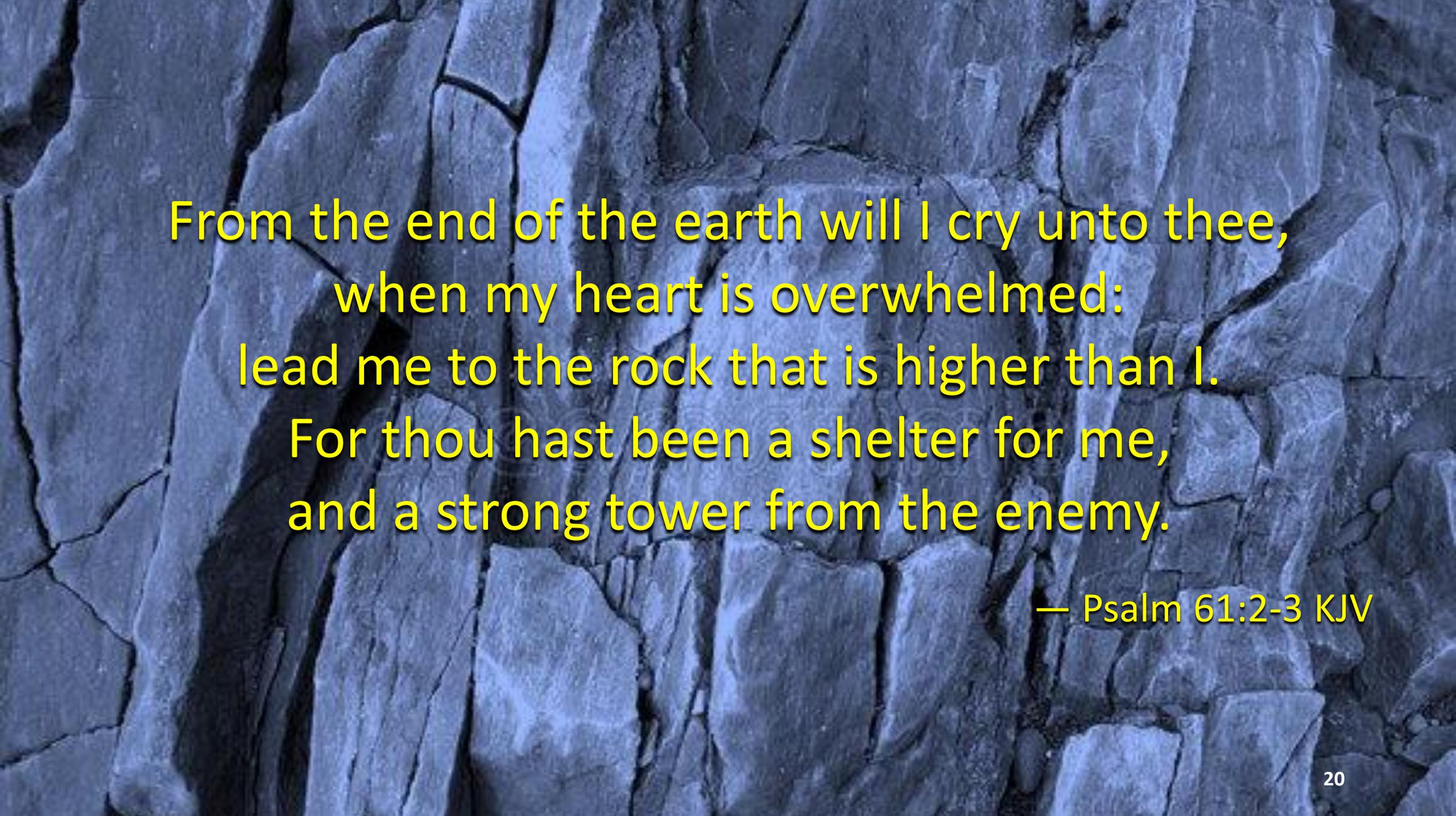
*God's promises, exceeding great,
He makes to us secure;
Yea, on this rock our faith may rest,
Immovable, and sure.*

Hymn 167



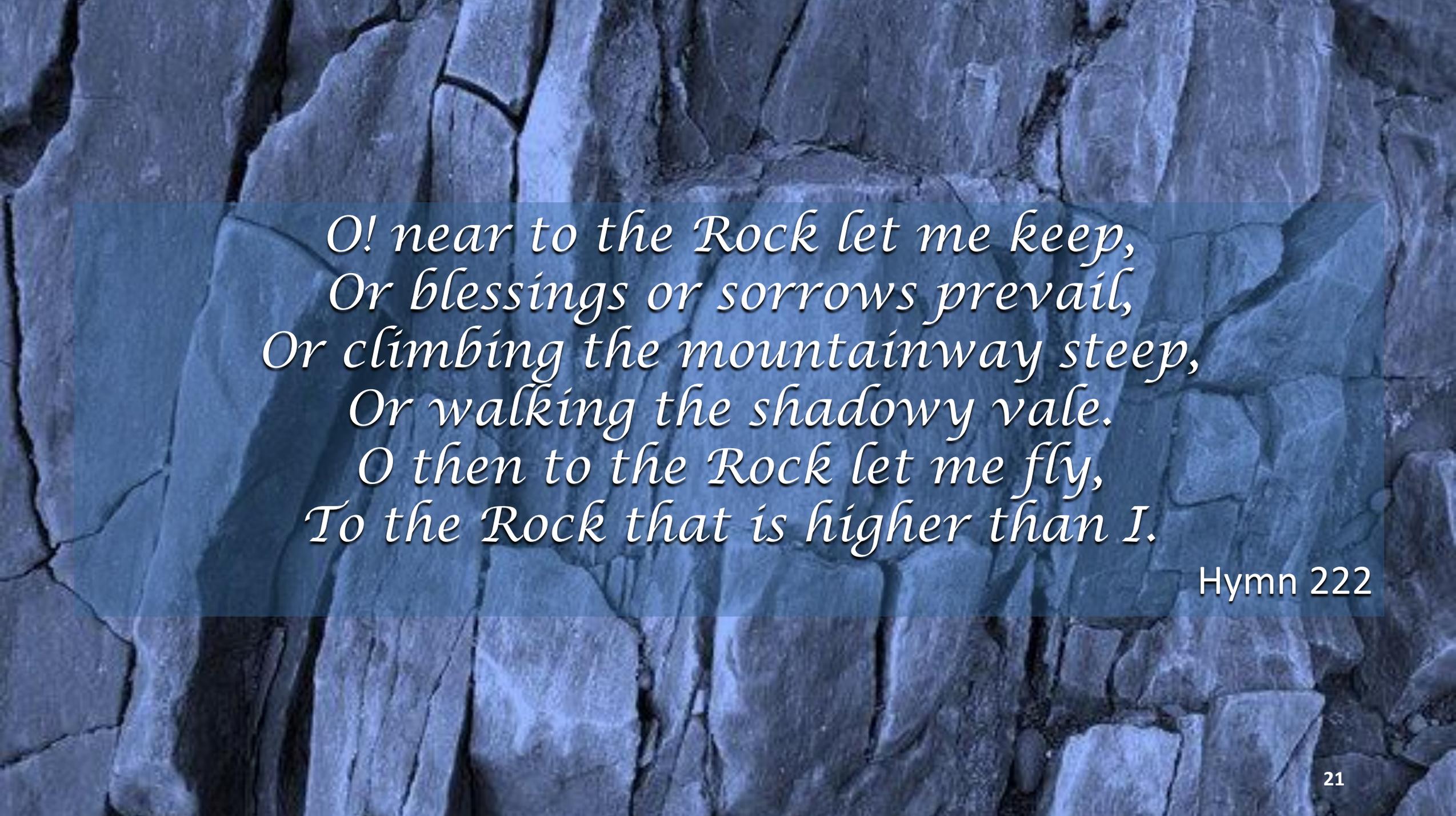
*In the rifted Rock I'm resting,
Sure and safe from all alarm;
Storms and billows have united,
All in vain, to do me harm:*

Hymn 124



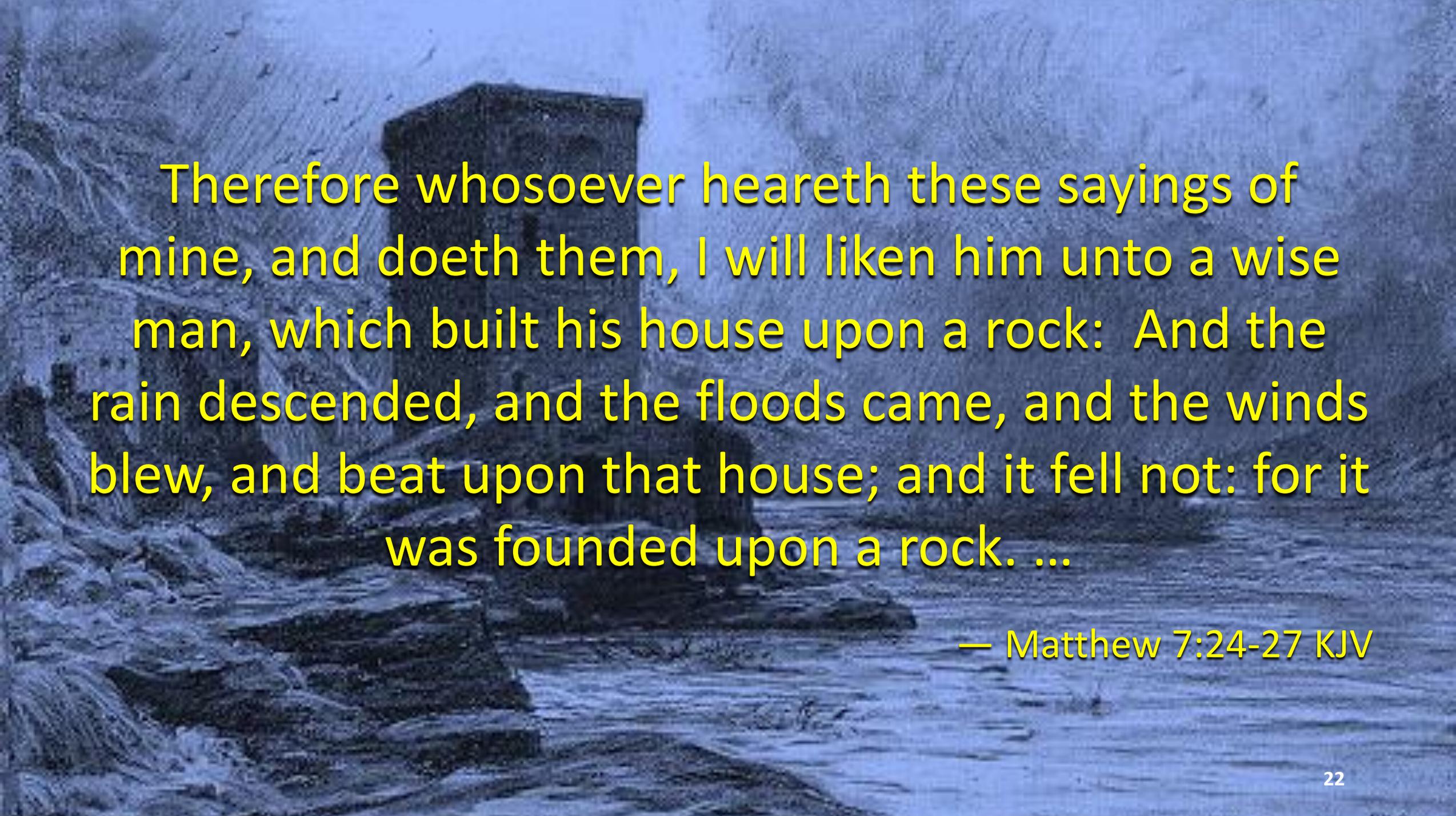
From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee,
when my heart is overwhelmed:
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
For thou hast been a shelter for me,
and a strong tower from the enemy.

— Psalm 61:2-3 KJV



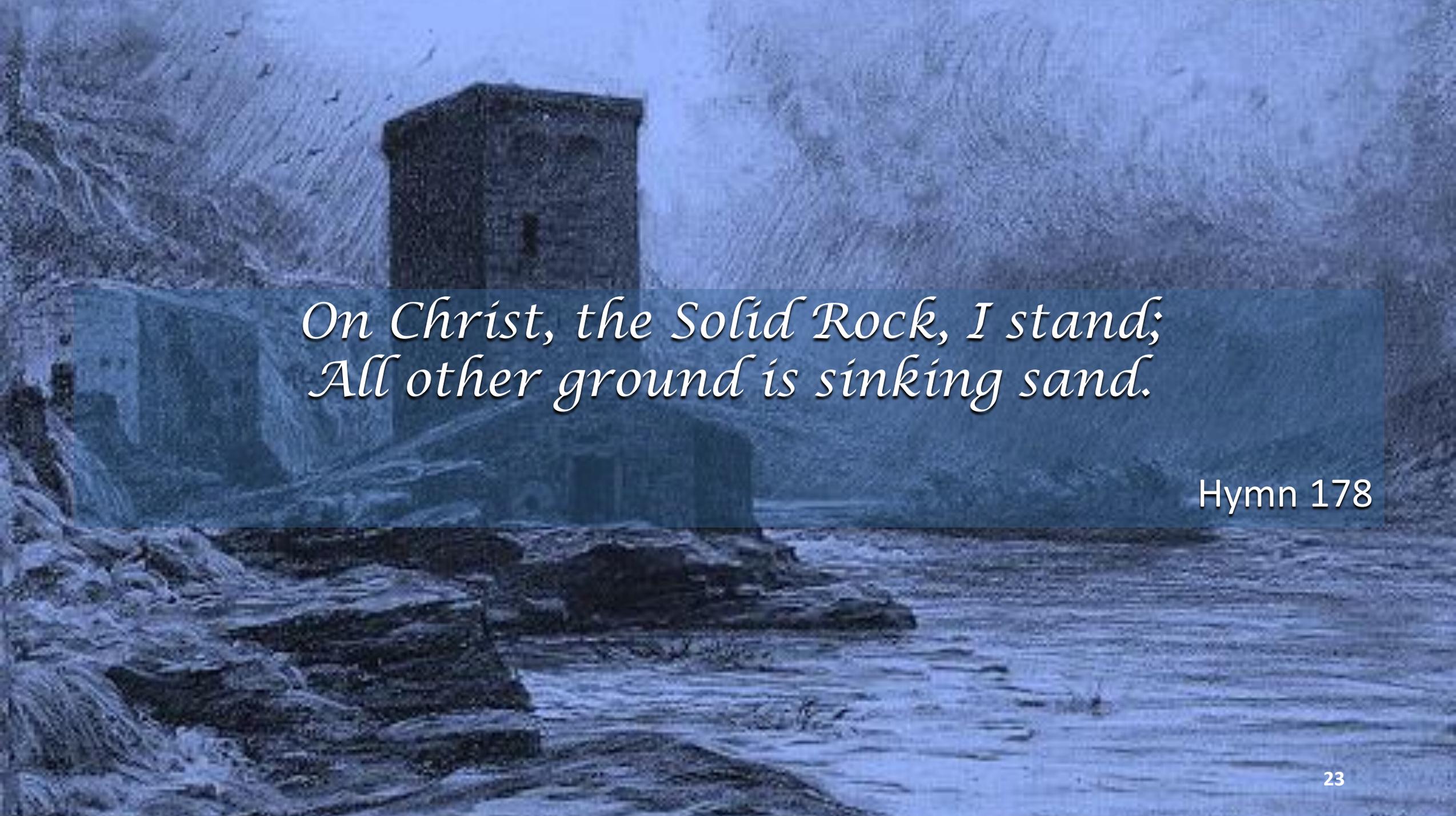
*O! near to the Rock let me keep,
Or blessings or sorrows prevail,
Or climbing the mountainway steep,
Or walking the shadowy vale.
O then to the Rock let me fly,
To the Rock that is higher than I.*

Hymn 222

A blue-tinted photograph of a stone building on a rocky shore. The building is a simple, rectangular structure with a dark doorway. The foreground shows large, dark rocks and the turbulent, white-capped waves of the sea crashing against them. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.

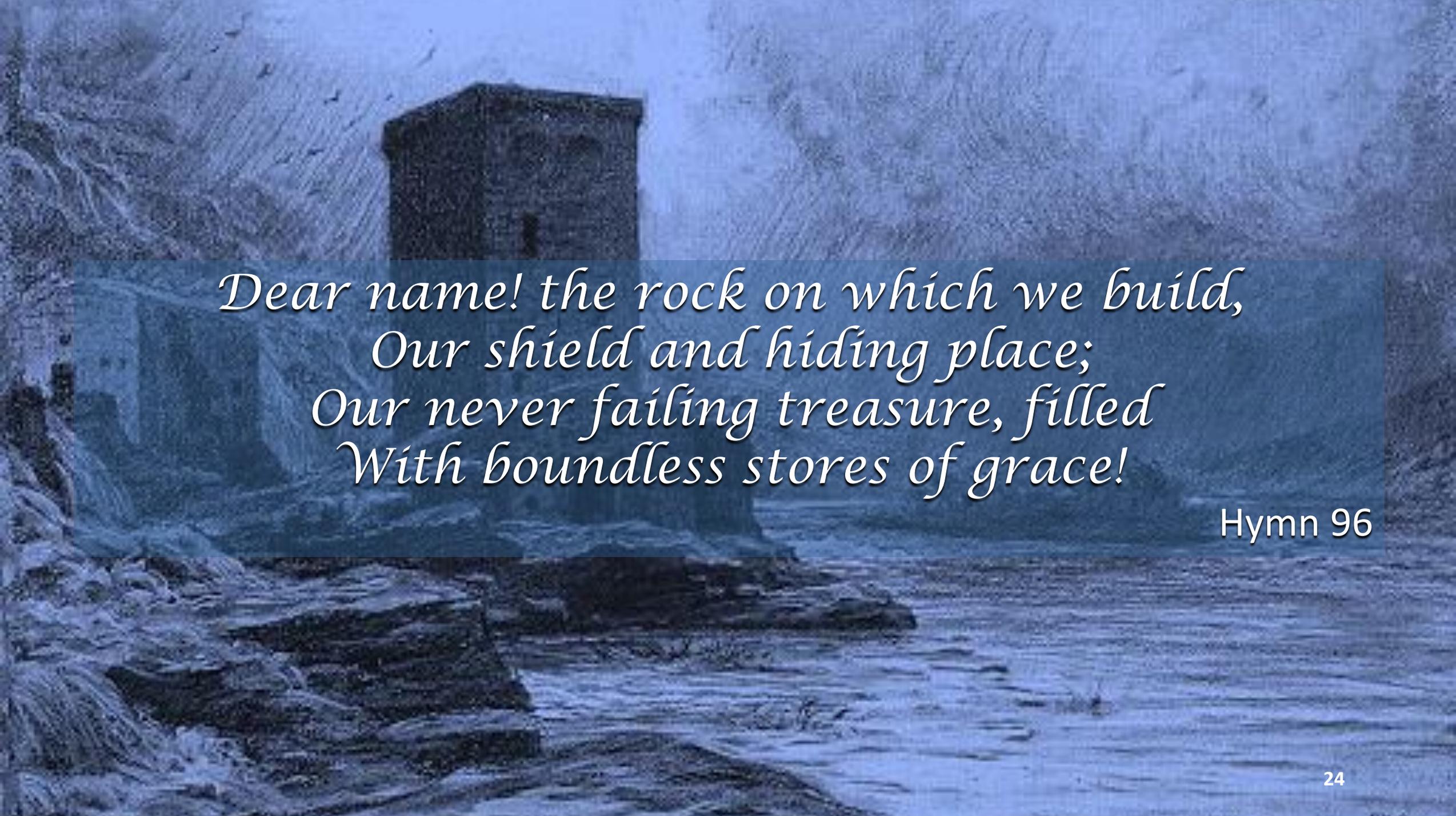
Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. ...

— Matthew 7:24-27 KJV



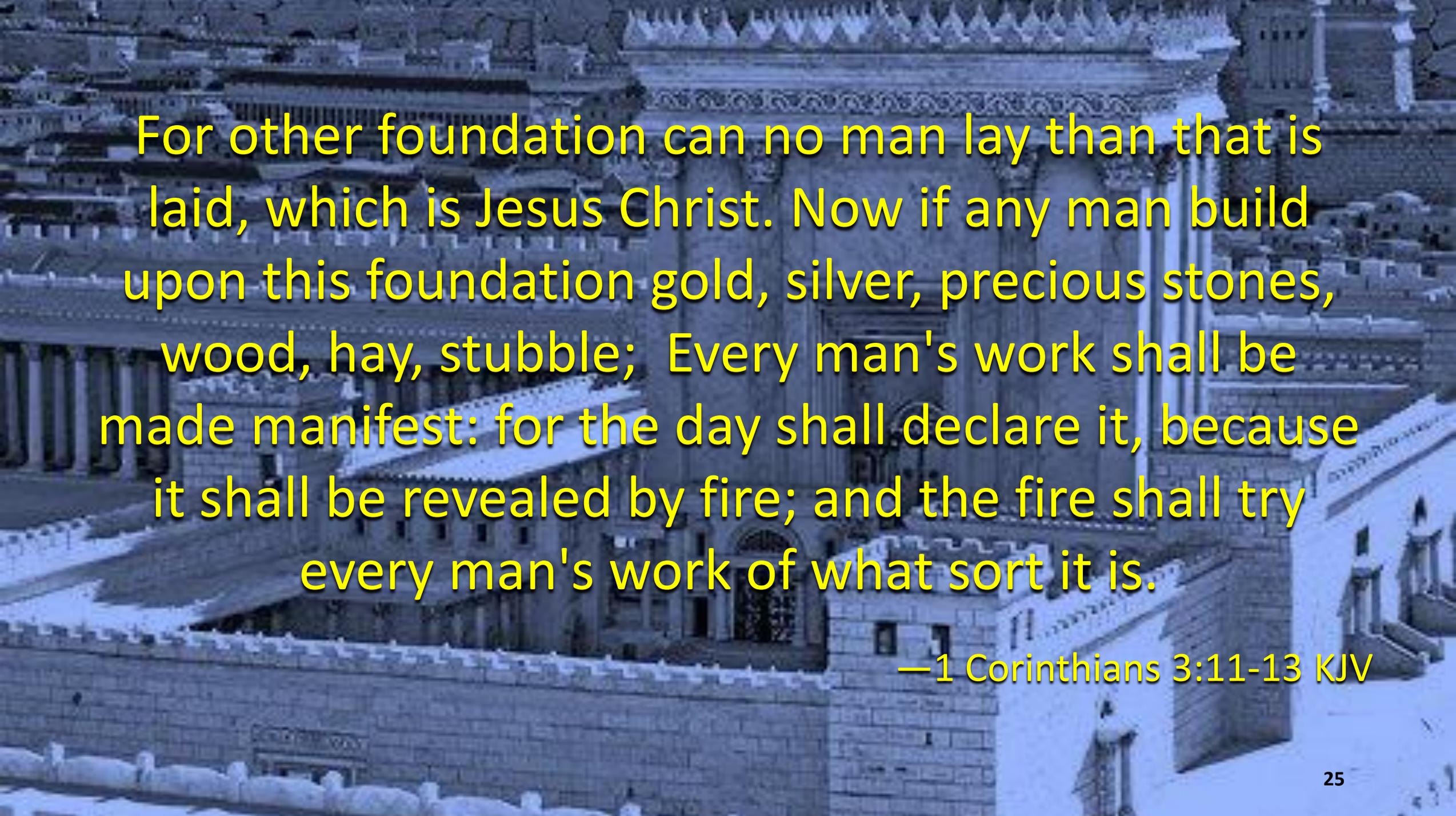
*On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

Hymn 178



*Dear name! the rock on which we build,
Our shield and hiding place;
Our never failing treasure, filled
With boundless stores of grace!*

Hymn 96



For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

—1 Corinthians 3:11-13 KJV



Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that
the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

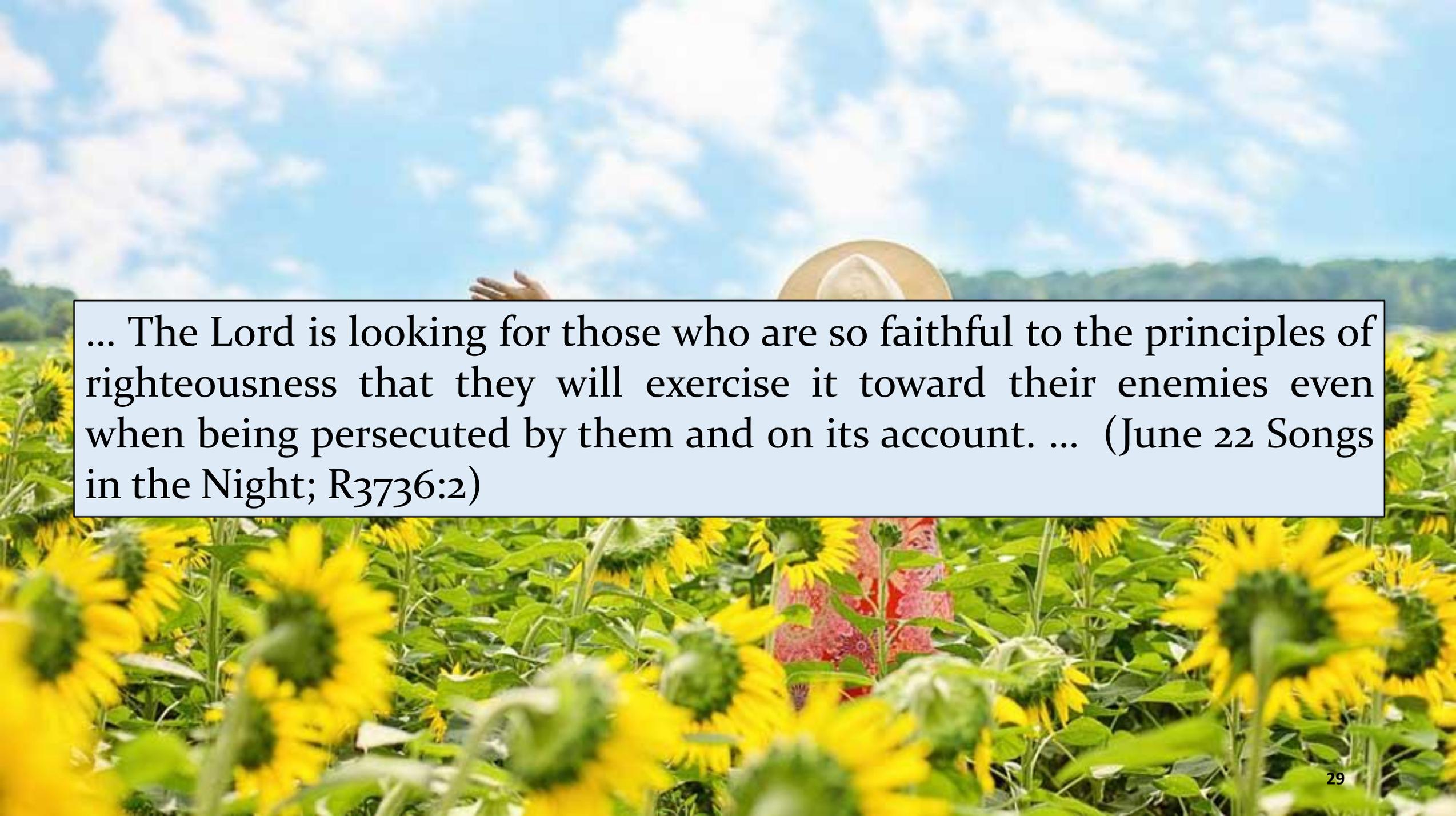
—1 Corinthians 3:16 KJV

... [Adam was not] perfect in knowledge or in character; knowledge must be acquired, but he was fully equipped with all the mental and moral apparatus for a rapid acquirement of knowledge. *As for character, in an intelligent being it is a fixity of the will; and such a fixity can only come with knowledge.* In other words, the perfect Adam was ready to acquire perfect knowledge, and had a perfect Creator, able and willing to give him the requisite instruction; and as this right instruction would be received, and this perfect knowledge be attained, character (good or bad) would be established ... (R2839.3)

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

—Philippians 4:4 KJV



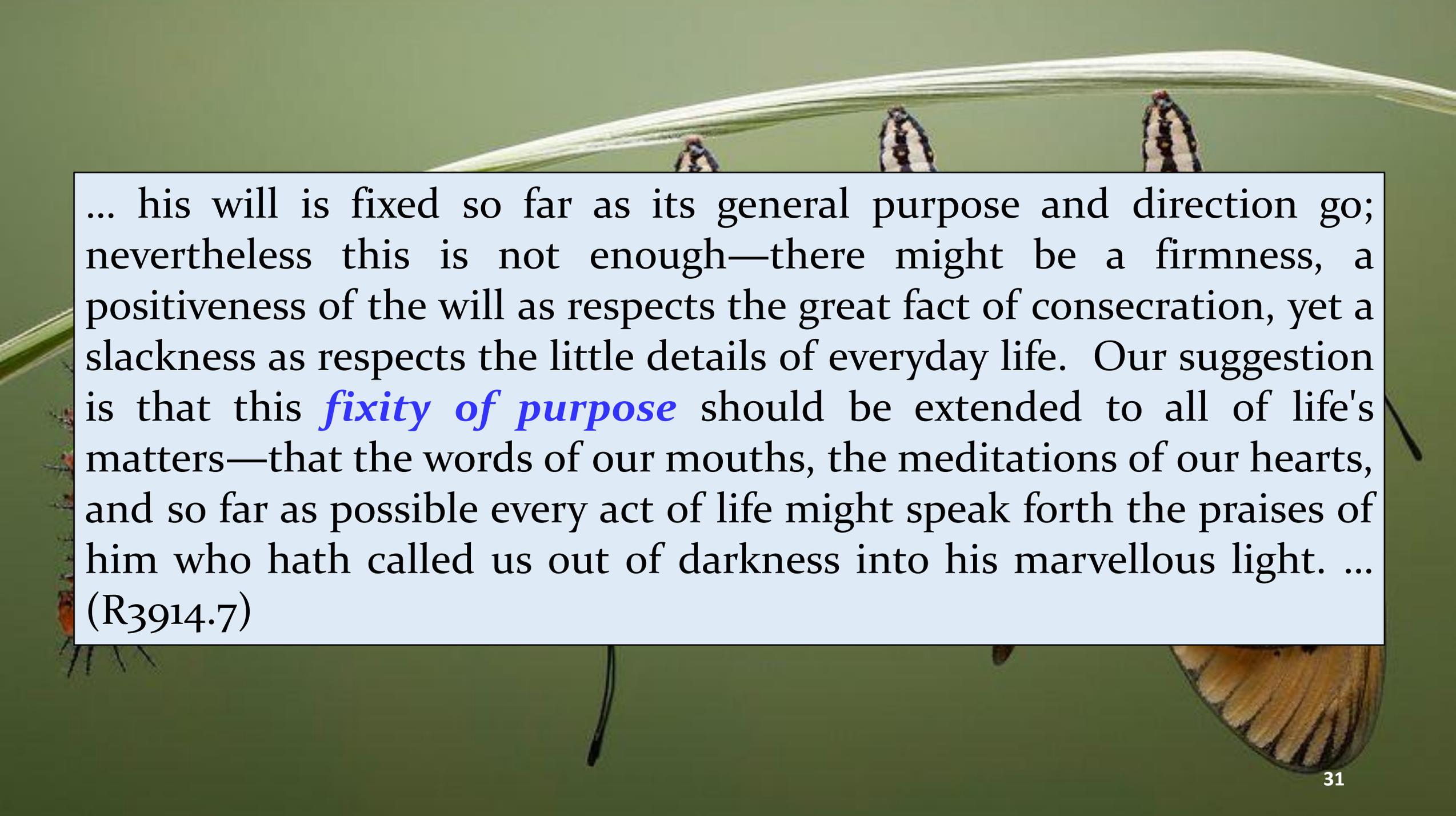


... The Lord is looking for those who are so faithful to the principles of righteousness that they will exercise it toward their enemies even when being persecuted by them and on its account. ... (June 22 Songs in the Night; R3736:2)

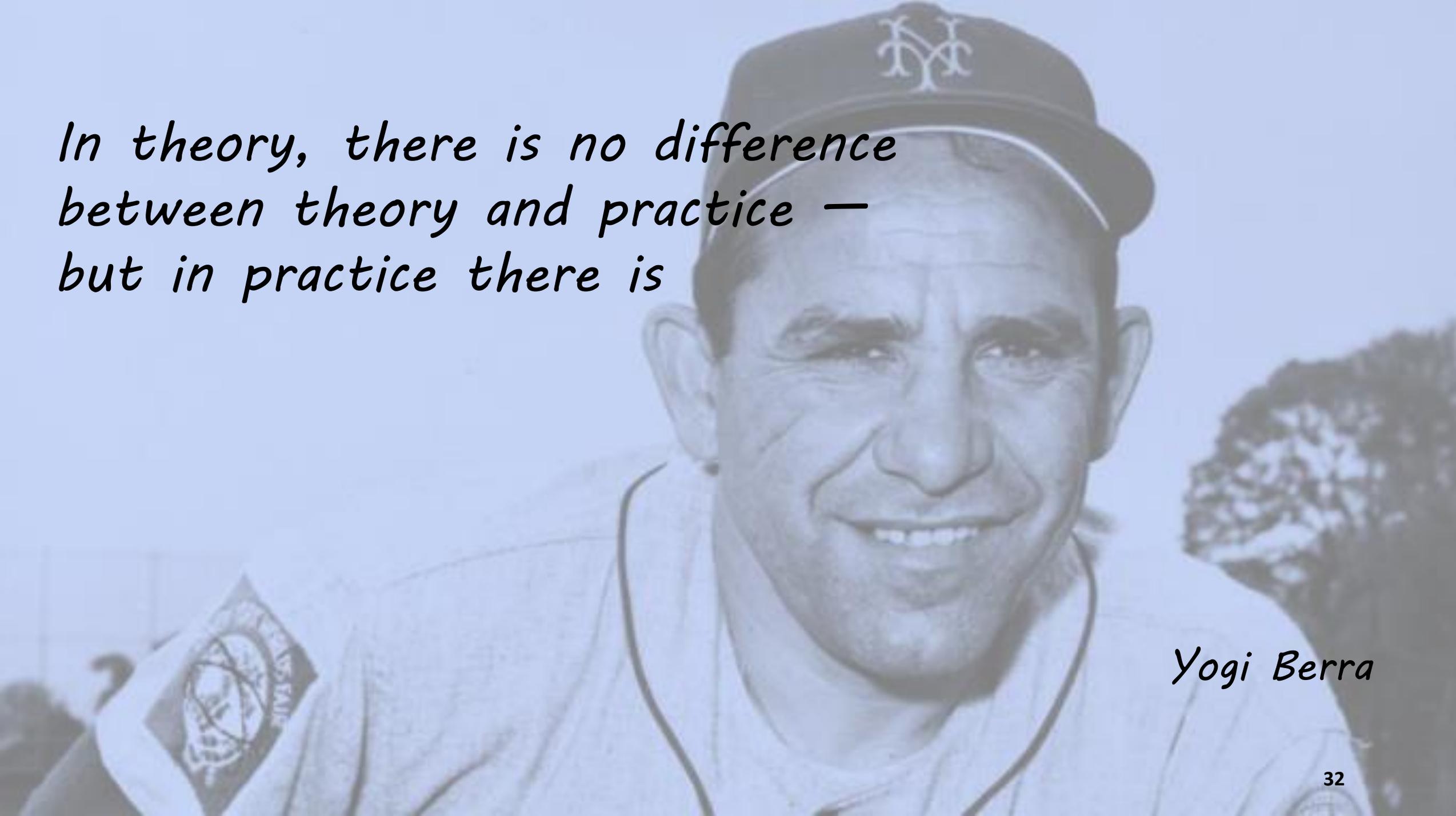


... be transformed
by the entire renewal of your minds ...

— Romans 12:2 Weymouth

The background of the slide features a close-up of a green plant stem. Several small, dark insects are perched along the stem. In the lower right corner, a portion of a butterfly's wing is visible, showing brown and black patterns. The text is overlaid on a white rectangular box.

... his will is fixed so far as its general purpose and direction go; nevertheless this is not enough—there might be a firmness, a positiveness of the will as respects the great fact of consecration, yet a slackness as respects the little details of everyday life. Our suggestion is that this *fixity of purpose* should be extended to all of life's matters—that the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and so far as possible every act of life might speak forth the praises of him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. ...
(R3914.7)



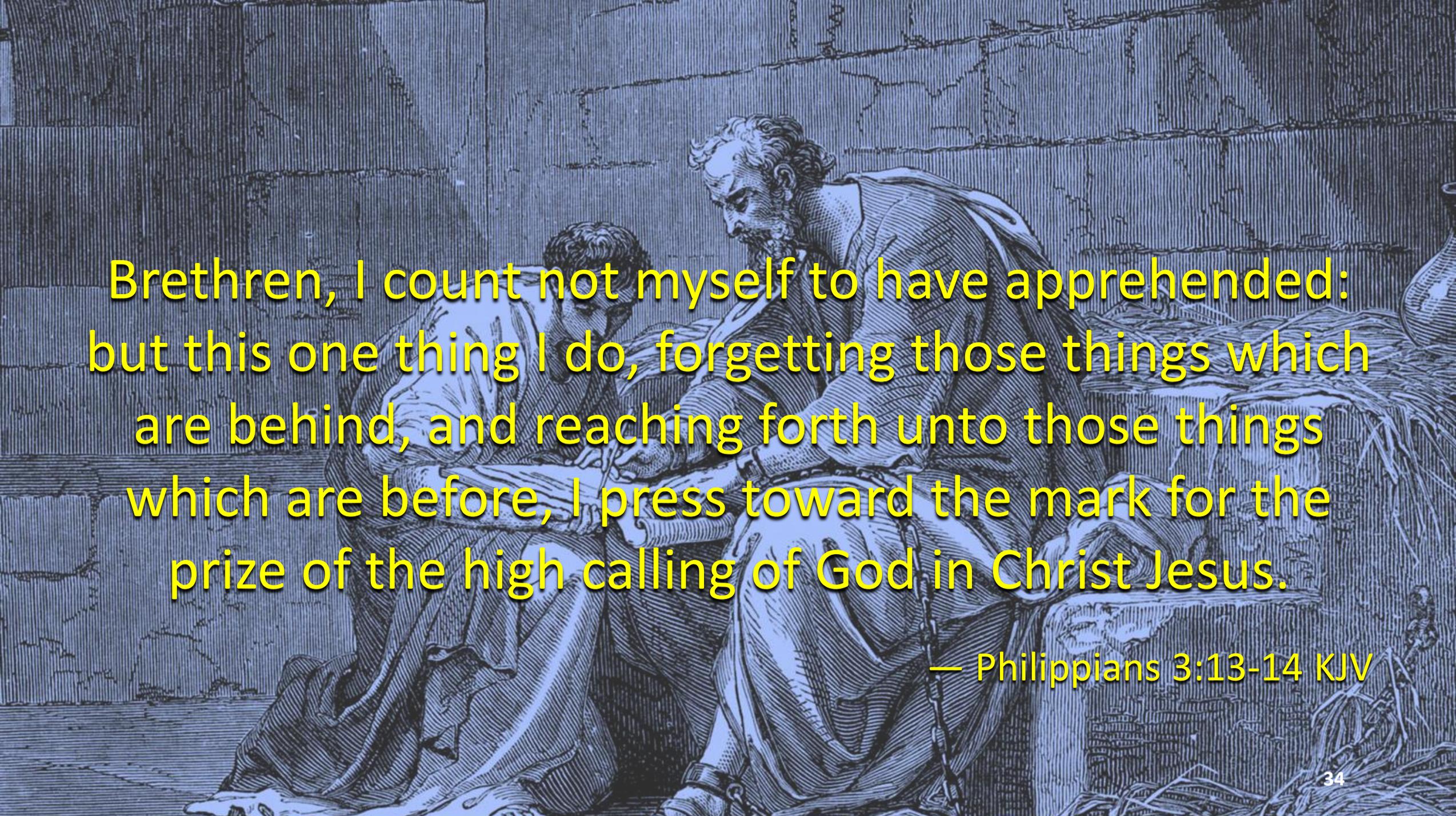
*In theory, there is no difference
between theory and practice —
but in practice there is*

Yogi Berra



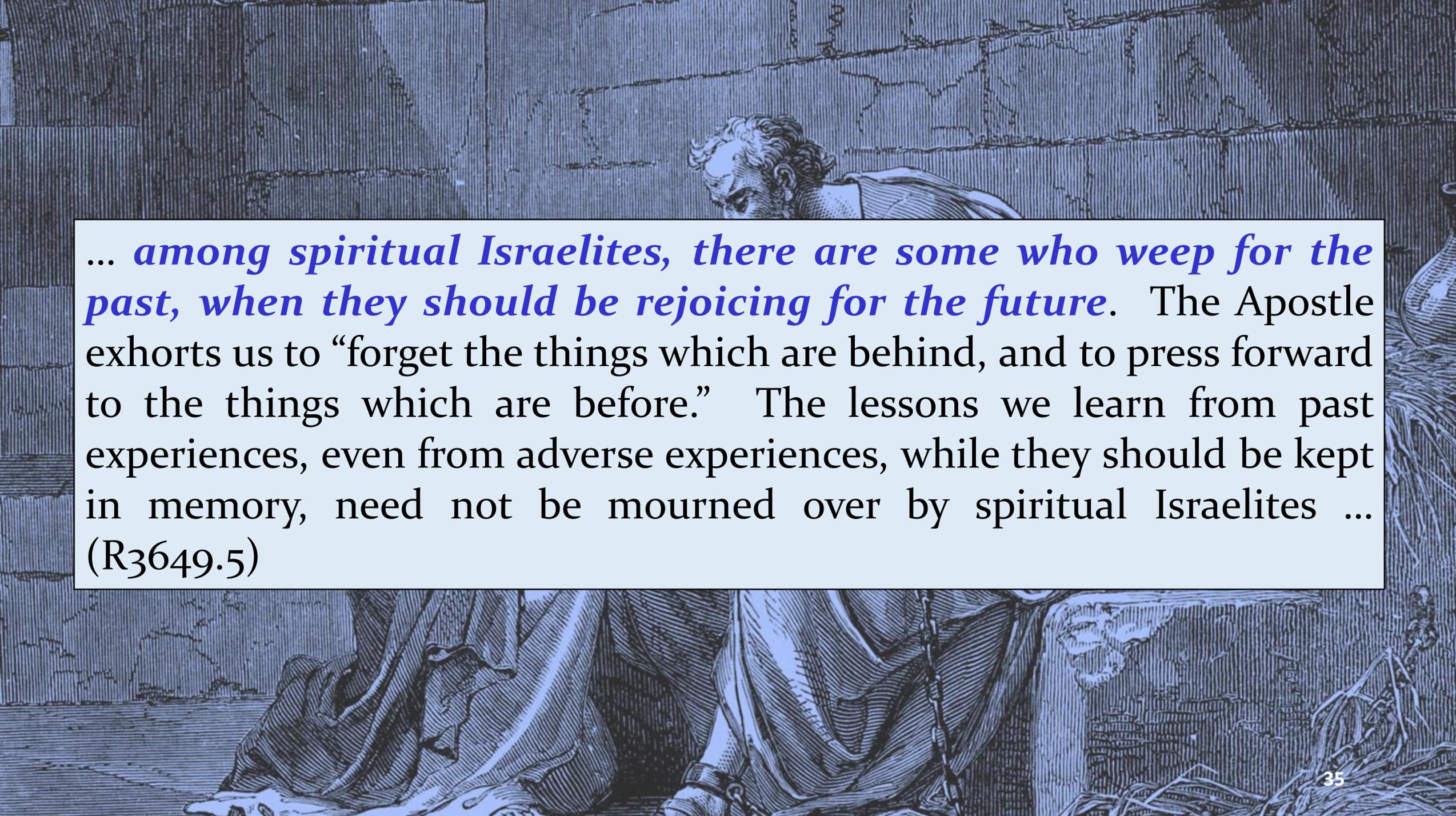
*The secret of success
is constancy to purpose*

Benjamin Disraeli



Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended:
but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which
are behind, and reaching forth unto those things
which are before, I press toward the mark for the
prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

— Philipians 3:13-14 KJV

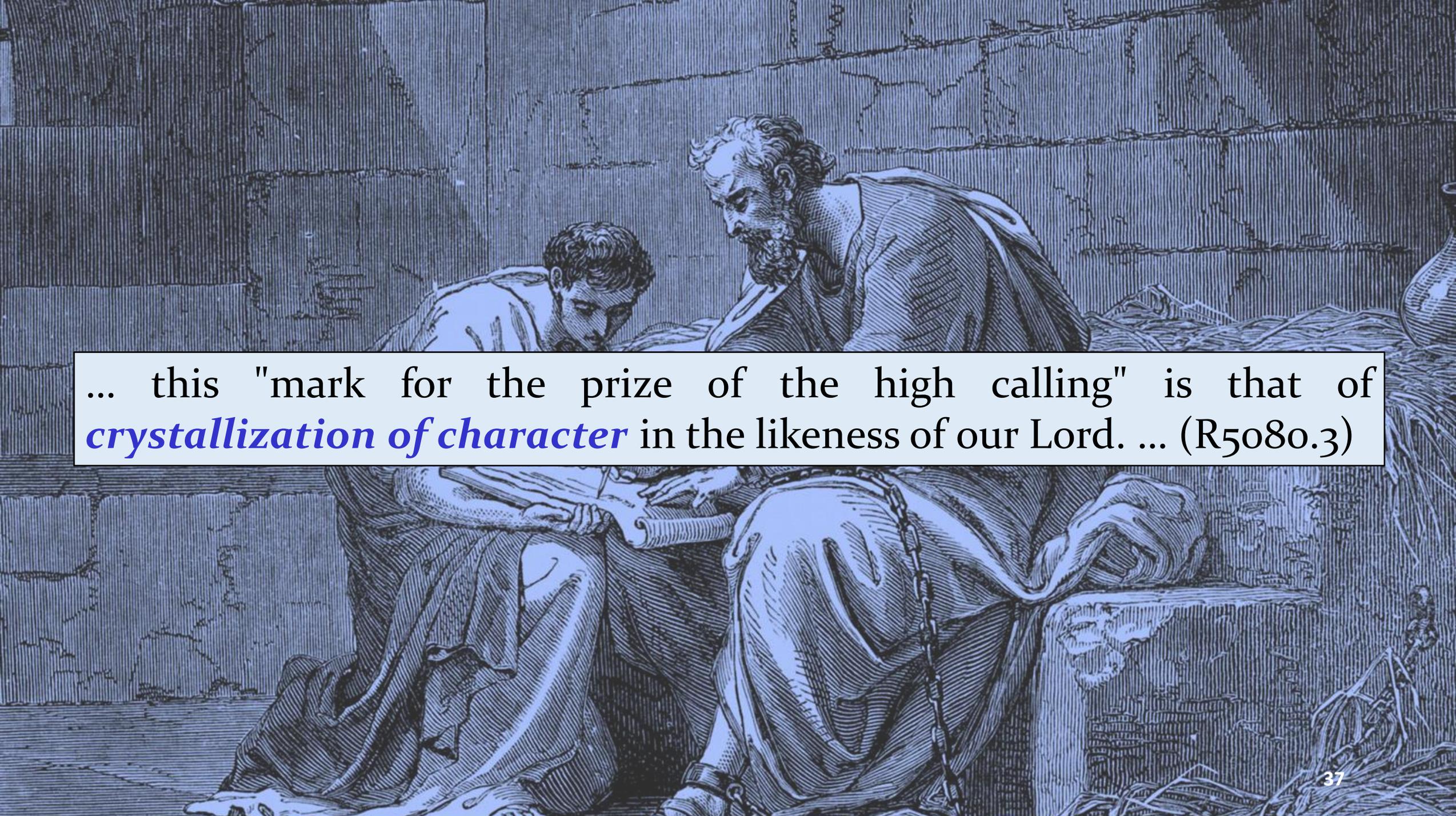


... among spiritual Israelites, there are some who weep for the past, when they should be rejoicing for the future. The Apostle exhorts us to “forget the things which are behind, and to press forward to the things which are before.” The lessons we learn from past experiences, even from adverse experiences, while they should be kept in memory, need not be mourned over by spiritual Israelites ... (R3649.5)



... a just man falleth seven times,
and riseth up again ...

— Proverbs 24:16 KJV

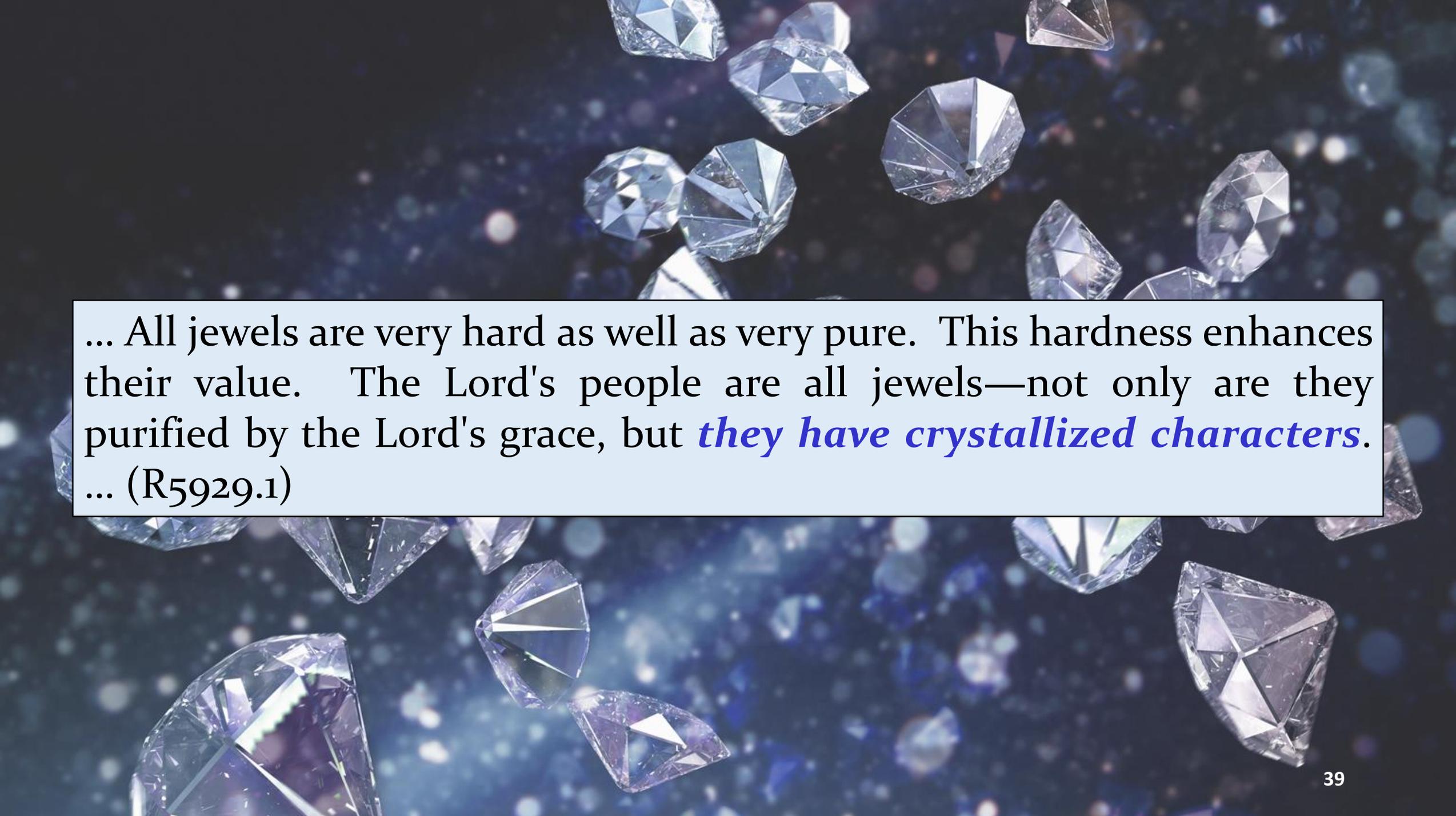


... this "mark for the prize of the high calling" is that of *crystallization of character* in the likeness of our Lord. ... (R5080.3)

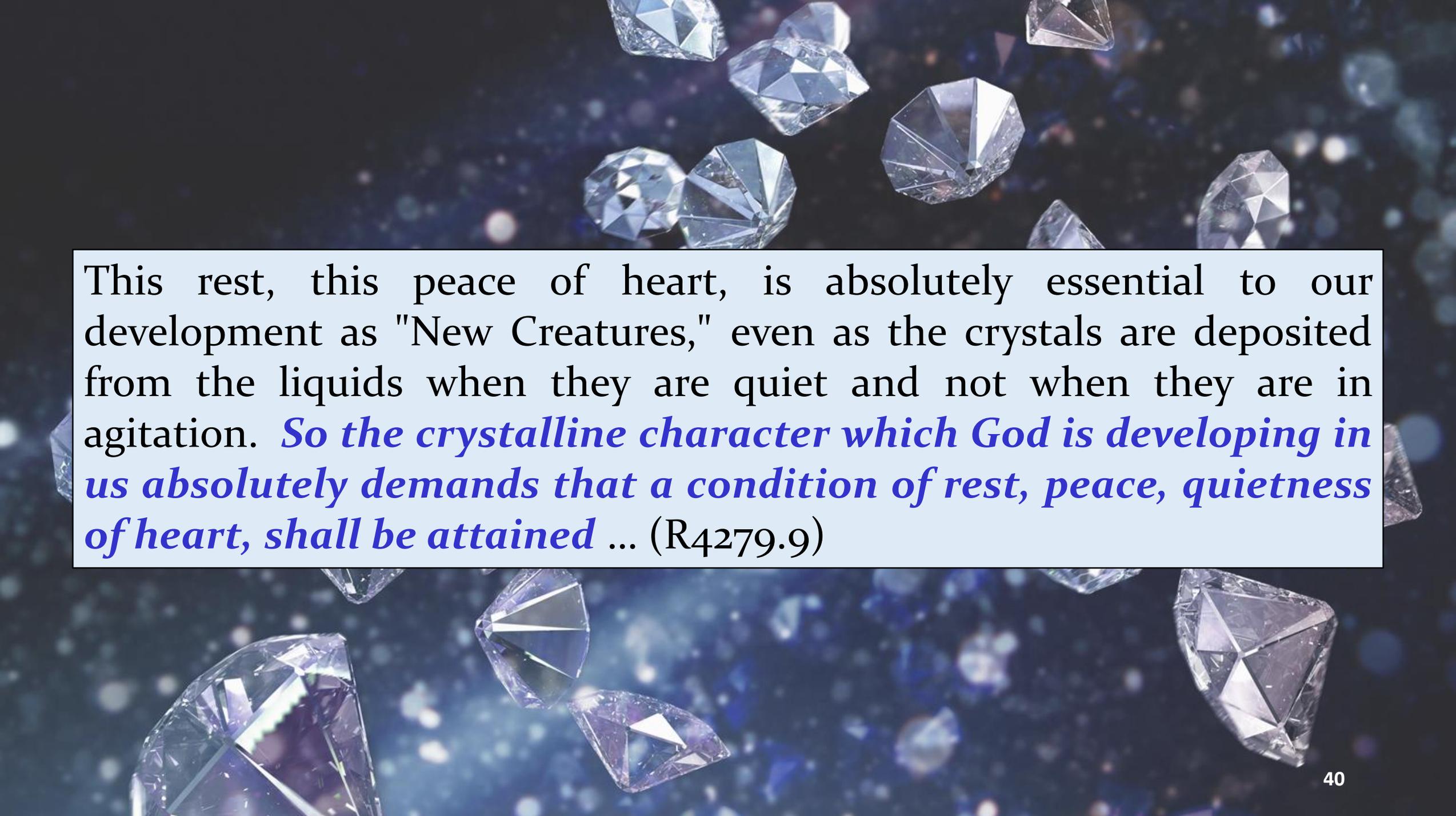


... and having done all, to stand.

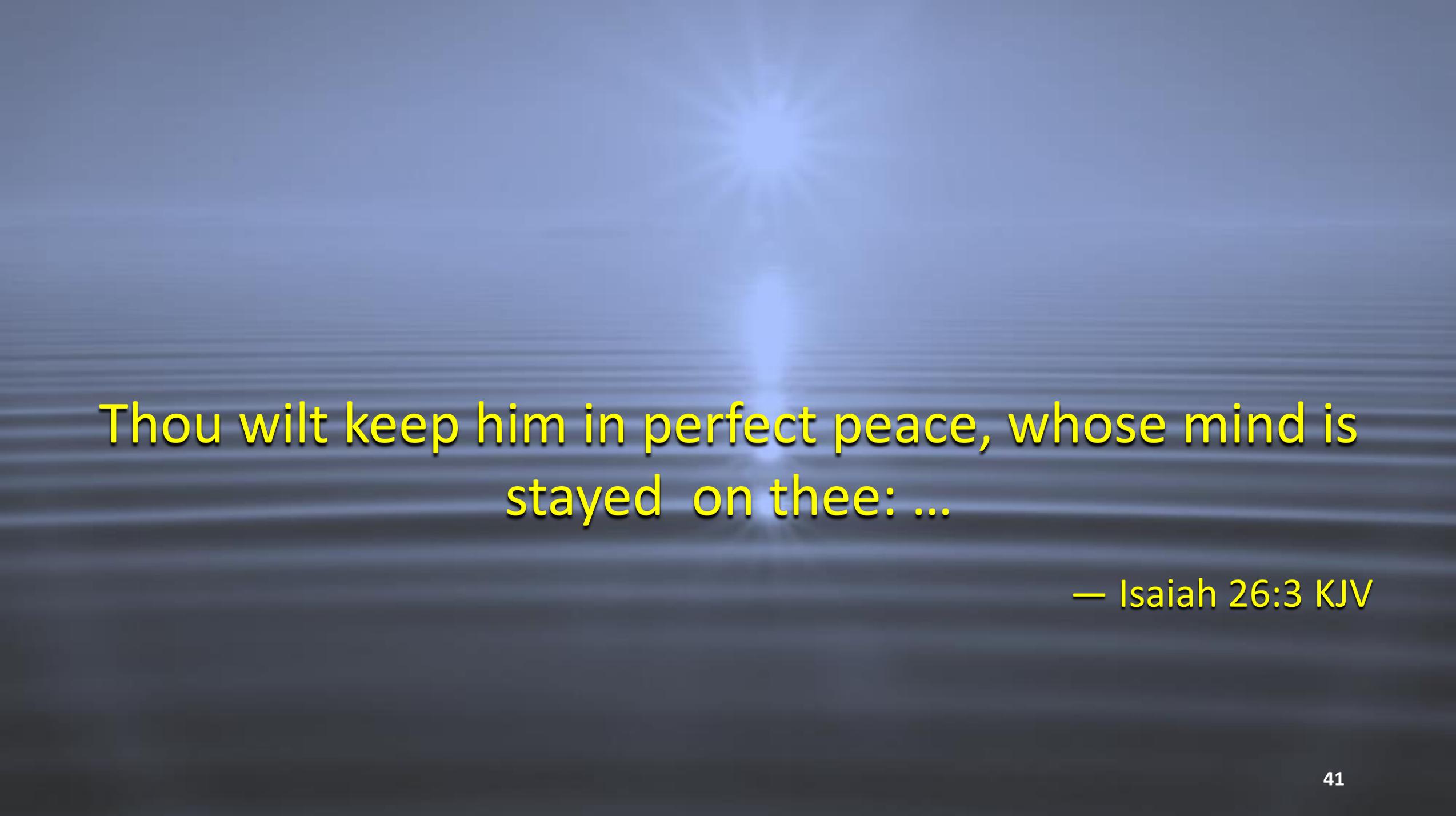
— Ephesians 6:13 KJV



... All jewels are very hard as well as very pure. This hardness enhances their value. The Lord's people are all jewels—not only are they purified by the Lord's grace, but *they have crystallized characters*.
... (R5929.1)



This rest, this peace of heart, is absolutely essential to our development as "New Creatures," even as the crystals are deposited from the liquids when they are quiet and not when they are in agitation. *So the crystalline character which God is developing in us absolutely demands that a condition of rest, peace, quietness of heart, shall be attained ... (R4279.9)*



Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is
stayed on thee: ...

— Isaiah 26:3 KJV

... We are to know in advance that trials, difficulties, persecutions, slanders, are all a part of the portion which the Father has poured out—not only for the Head of the body, but also for all the members. We are therefore to be prepared to endure hardness as good soldiers; not fleeing, but courageously accepting as of the Lord's providence whatever he may permit to come to us ... (R2780.4)

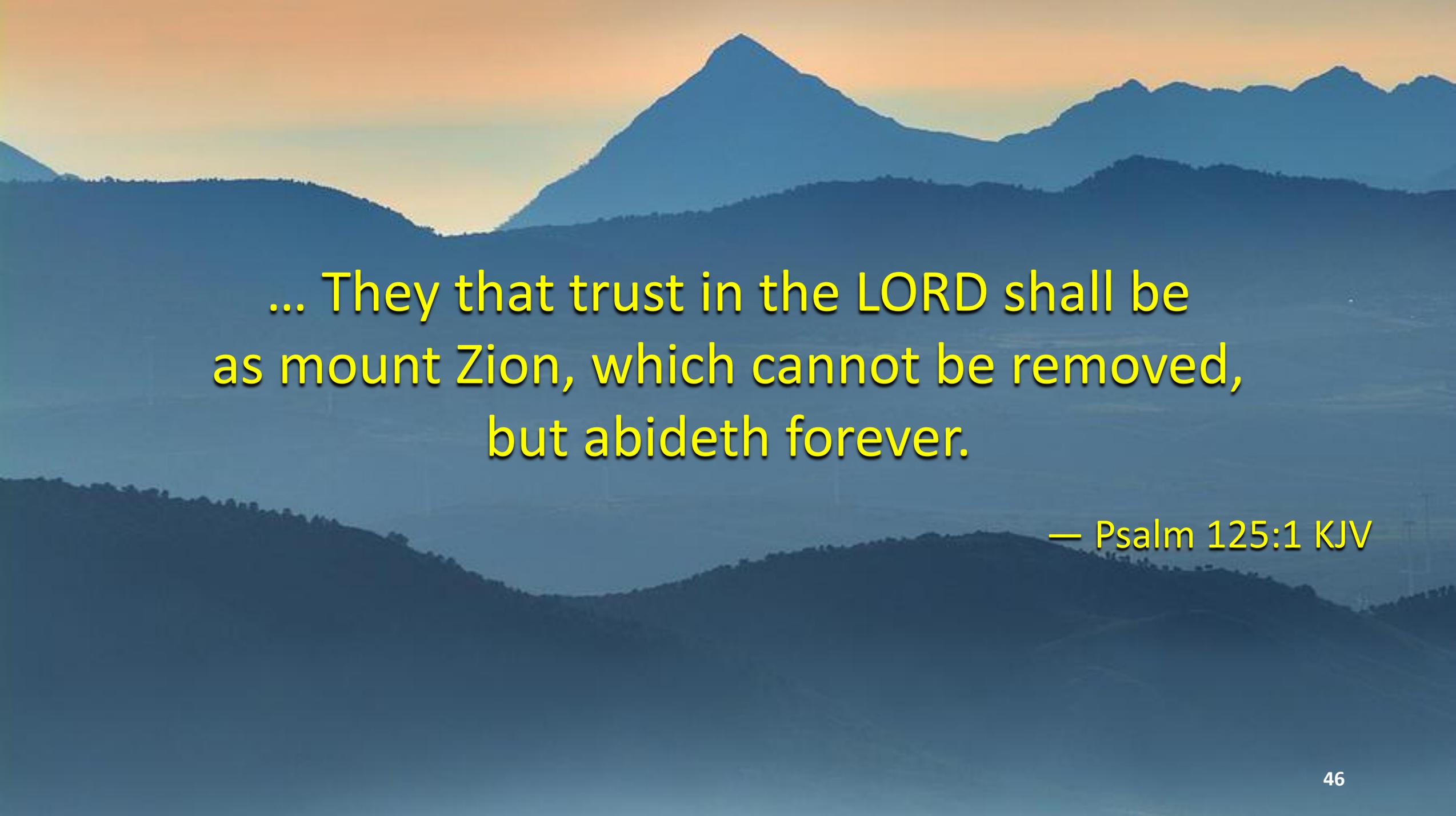
... Our profession of pure heart and God-likeness must be tested. It must be demonstrated and developed to the point of fixity of character. It must stand tests of temptation. It must endure faithfulness under stress. Hence those accepted as disciples of Christ are required to be faithful under very trying circumstances. (R4558.9)



In your patience possess ye your souls.

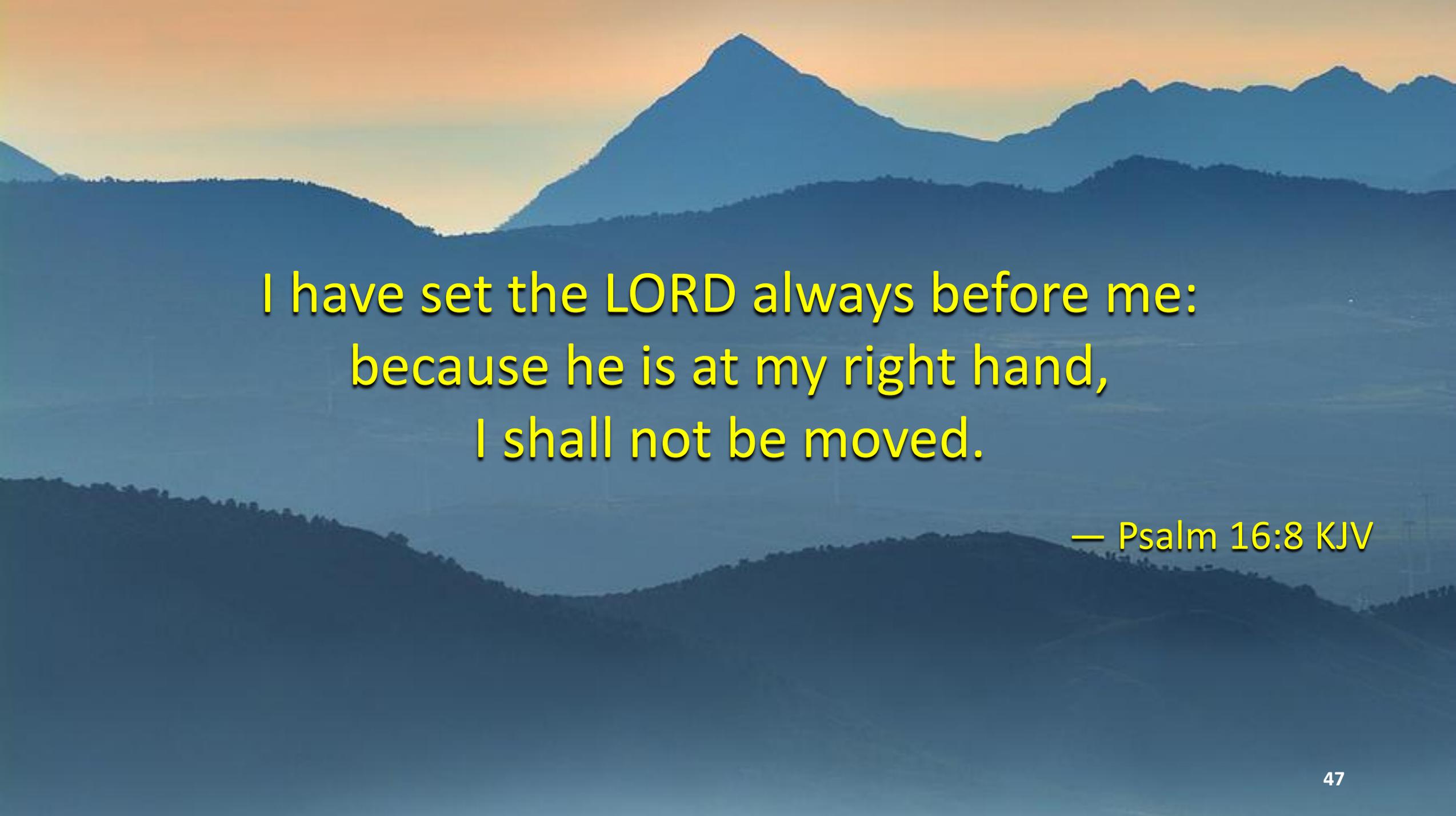
— Luke 21:19 KJV

... What is signified by enduring temptation? Evidently the thought is not the enduring of one temptation for one time or for many times. Even the world must endure trials. The reference is to the *retaining permanently* of the attitude of patient endurance and faithfulness when tempted, of remaining true to God under temptation and stress.
... (R5499.1)

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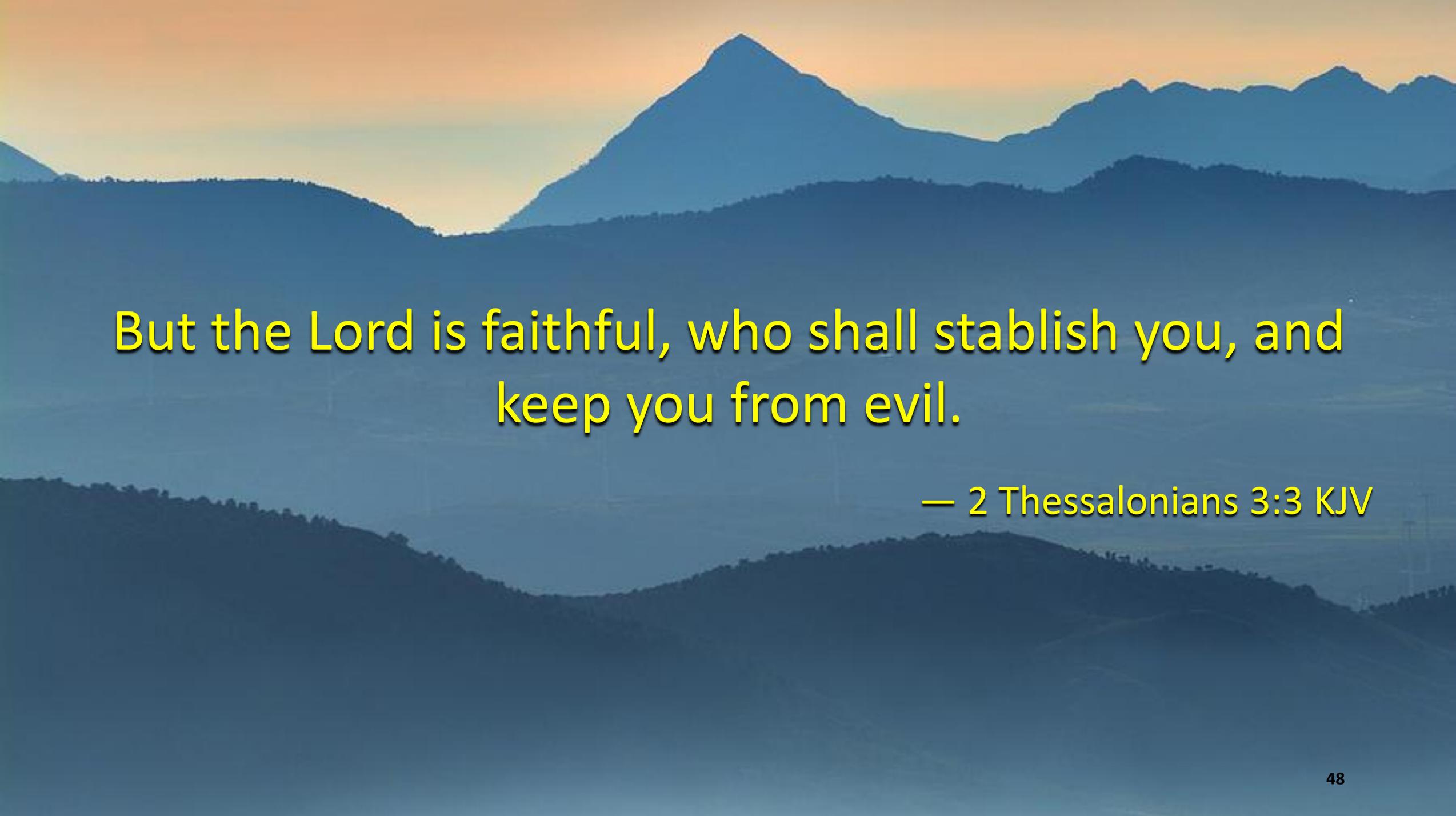
... They that trust in the LORD shall be
as mount Zion, which cannot be removed,
but abideth forever.

— Psalm 125:1 KJV



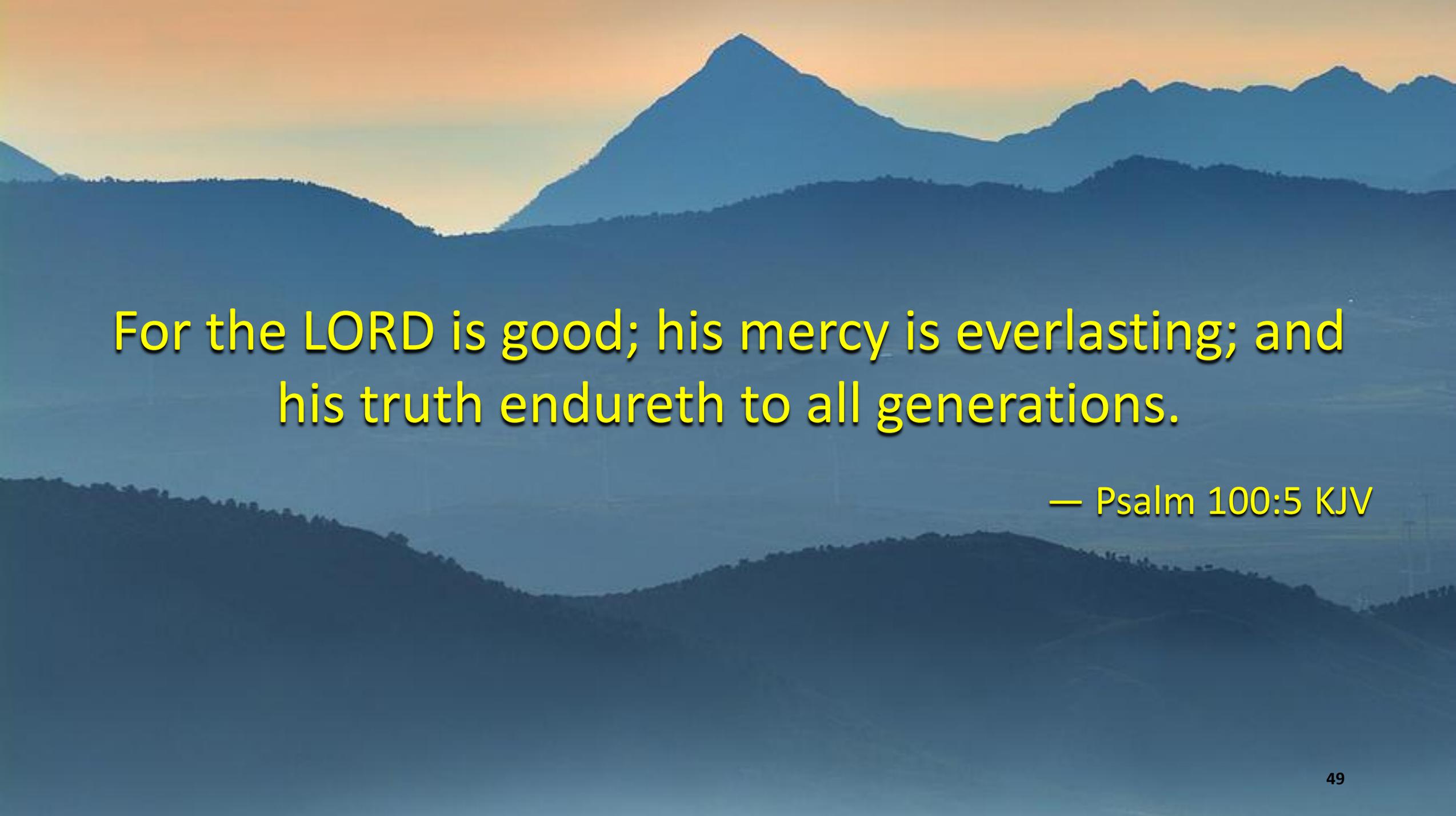
I have set the LORD always before me:
because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved.

— Psalm 16:8 KJV



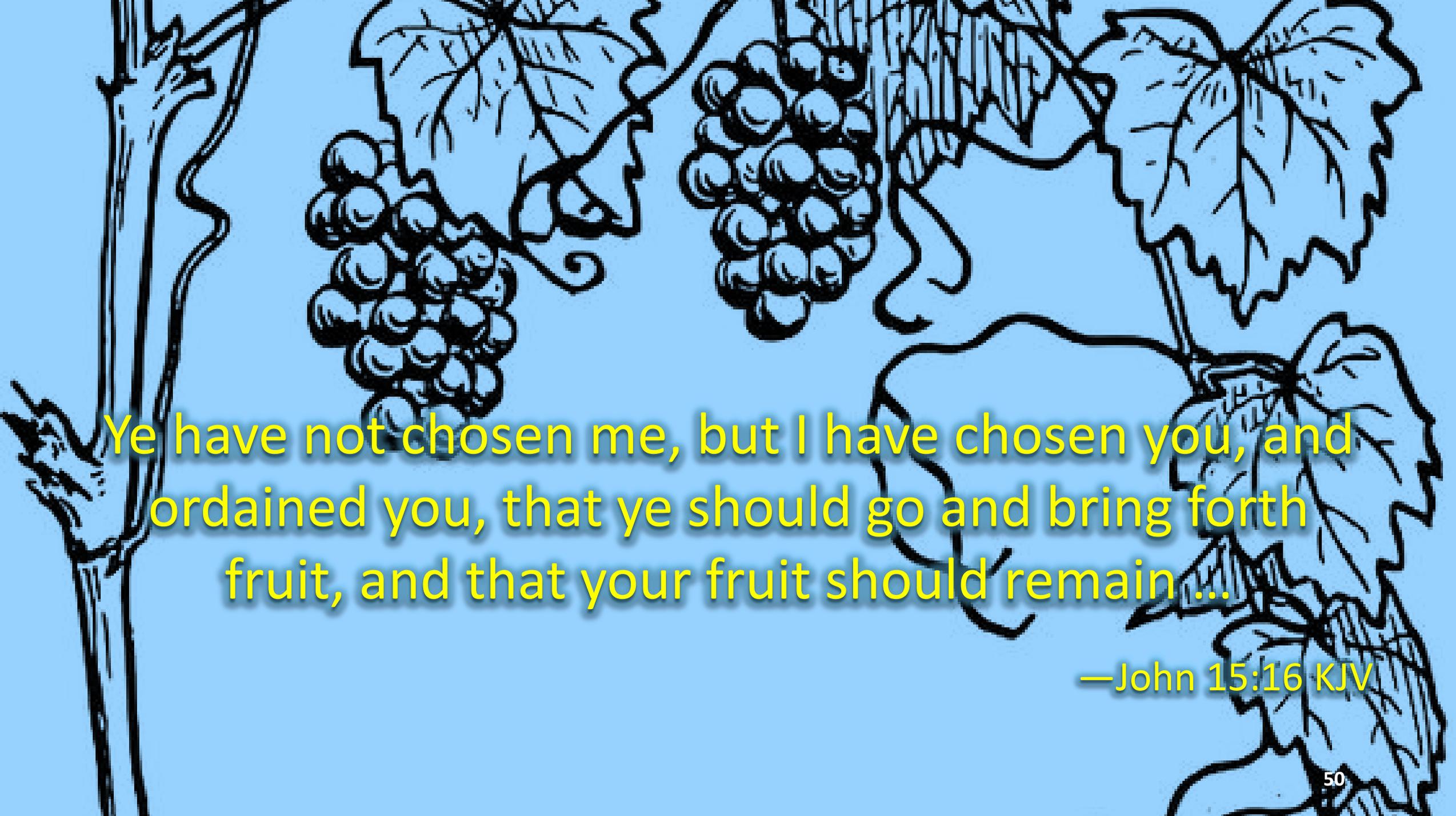
But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and
keep you from evil.

— 2 Thessalonians 3:3 KJV



For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and
his truth endureth to all generations.

— Psalm 100:5 KJV



Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and
ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth
fruit, and that your fruit should remain ...

—John 15:16 KJV



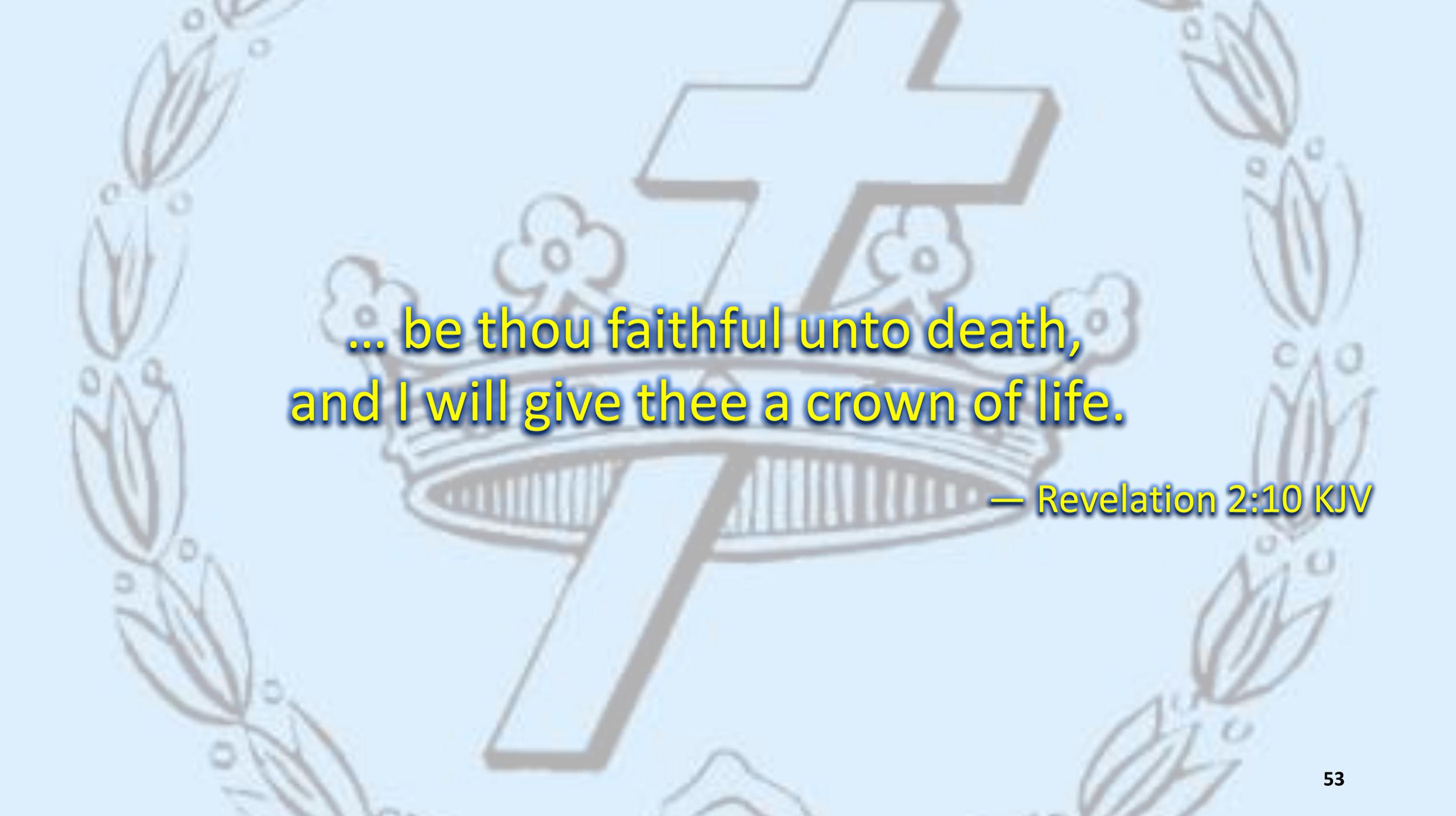
A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

— James 1:8 KJV



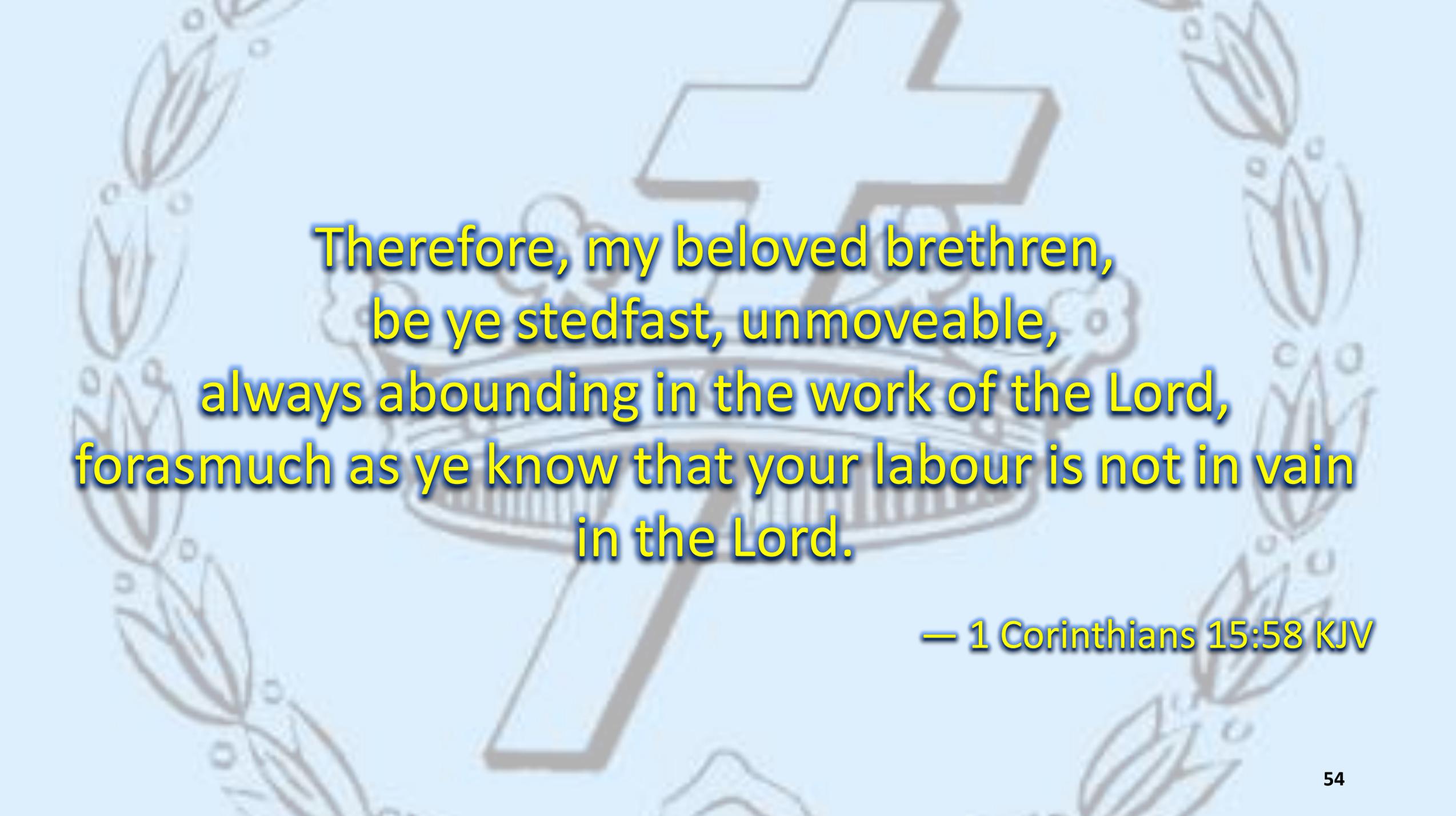
*Content with beholding his face
My all to his pleasure resigned,
No changes of season or place
Can make any change in my mind:*

Hymn 94



... be thou faithful unto death,
and I will give thee a crown of life.

— Revelation 2:10 KJV



Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be ye steadfast, unmoveable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain
in the Lord.

— 1 Corinthians 15:58 KJV