



Jesus is Better
The book of HEBREWS

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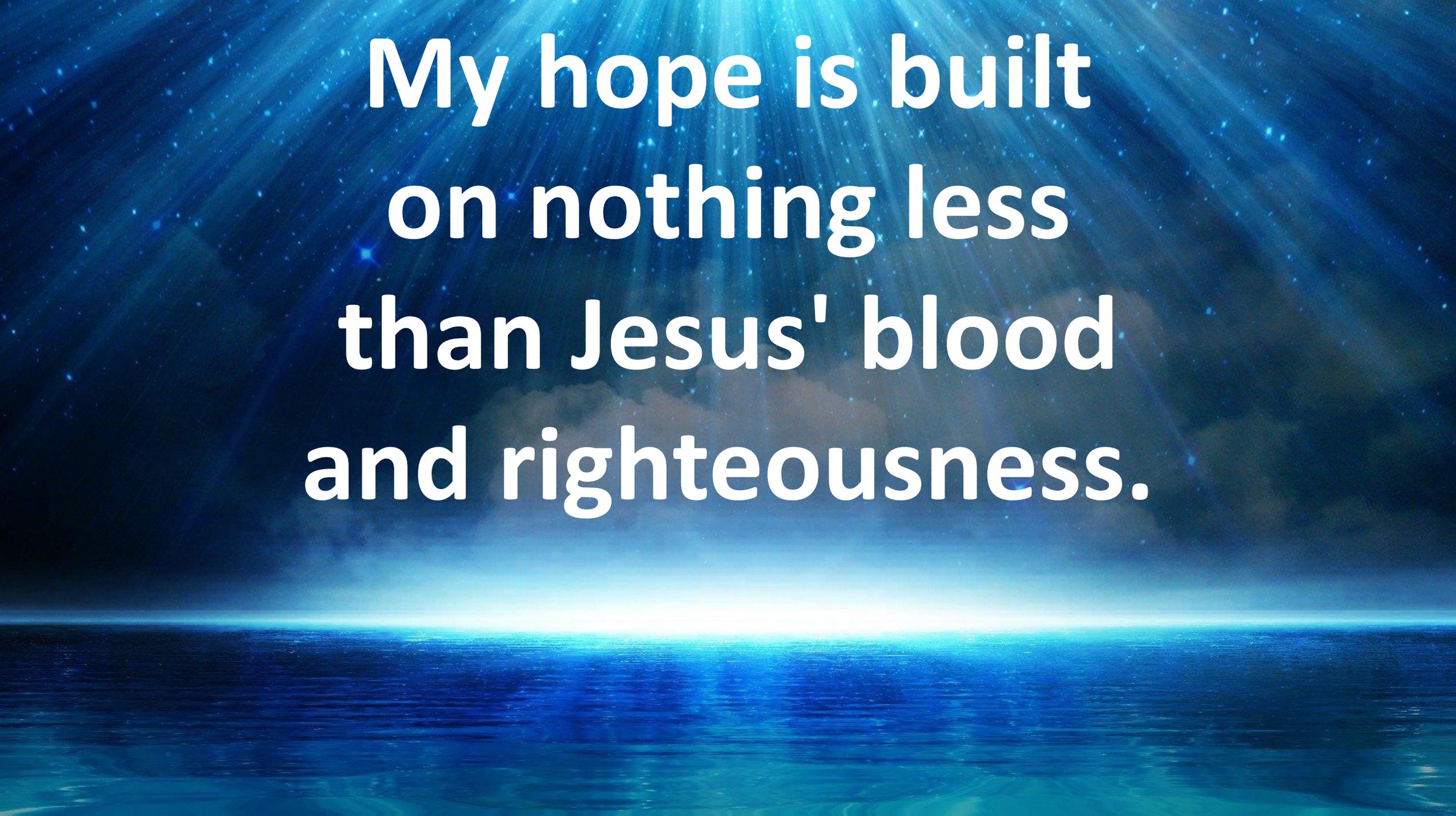
Oriskany Falls United Methodist Church

A stack of large, moss-covered rocks in a misty, forested landscape. The rocks are stacked in a way that suggests a natural formation or a simple structure. The background is a soft, hazy forest with trees and a misty atmosphere. The overall tone is serene and contemplative.

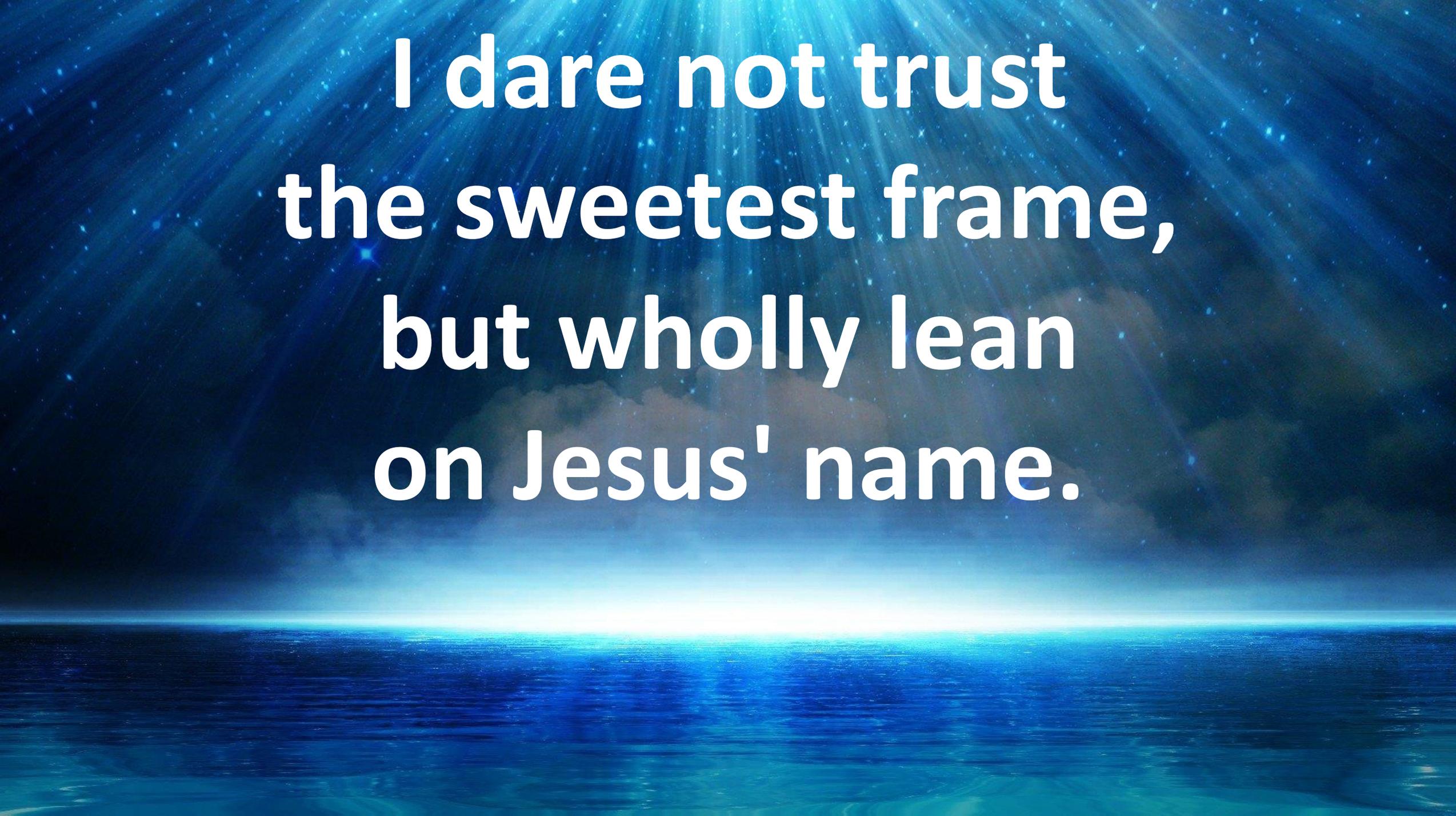
My Hope is Built

on Nothing Less

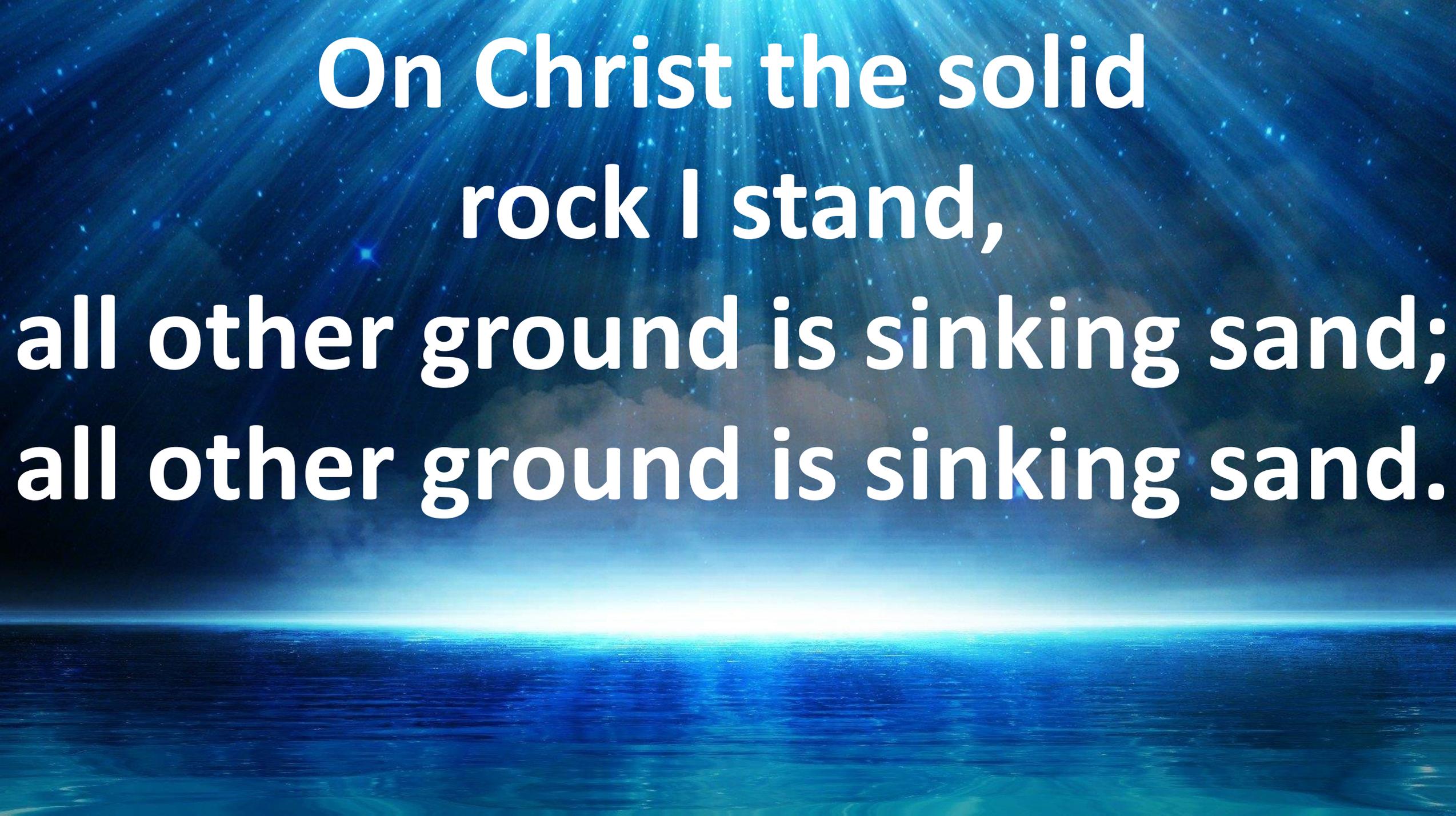
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**My hope is built
on nothing less
than Jesus' blood
and righteousness.**



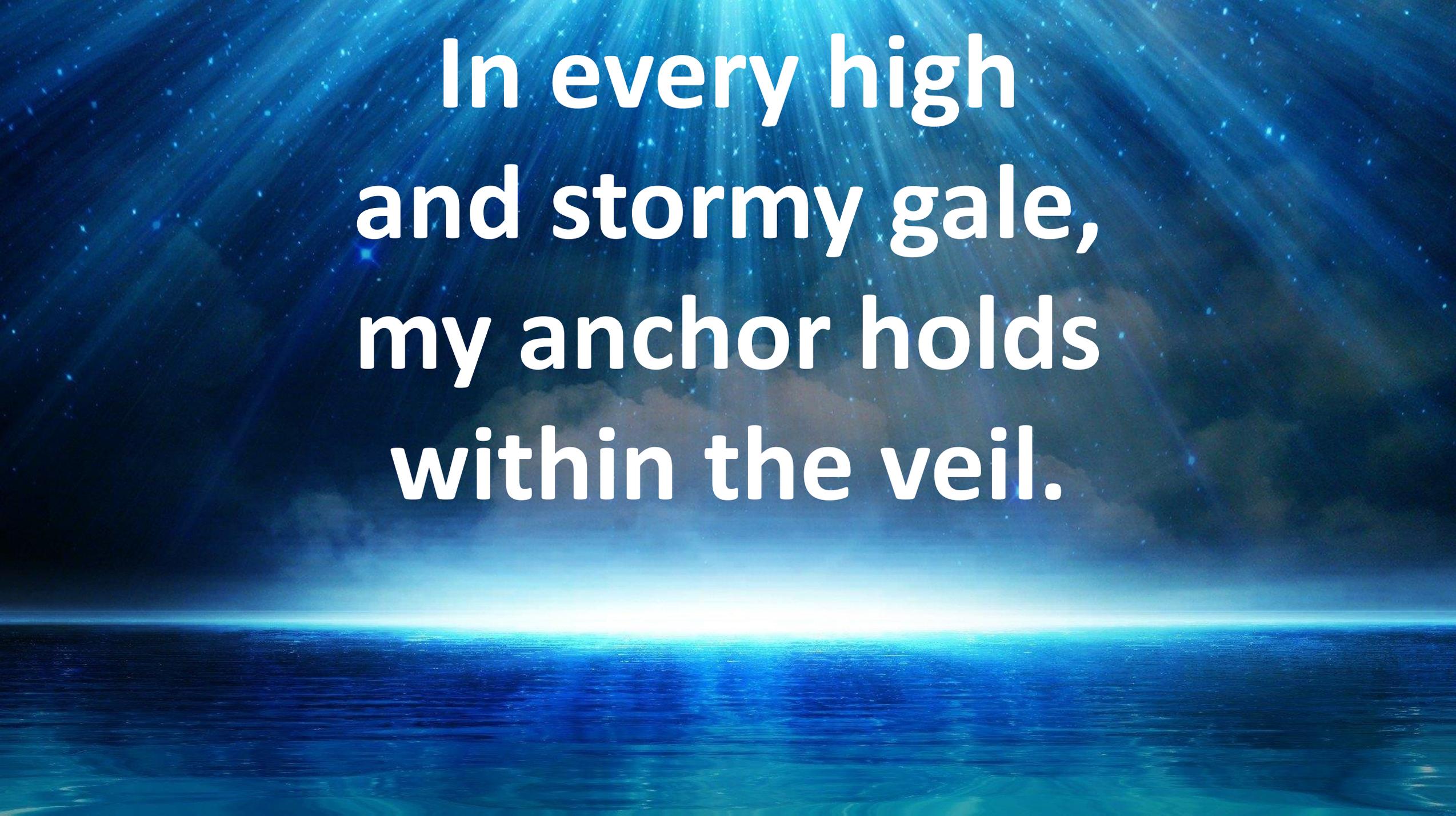
**I dare not trust
the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean
on Jesus' name.**



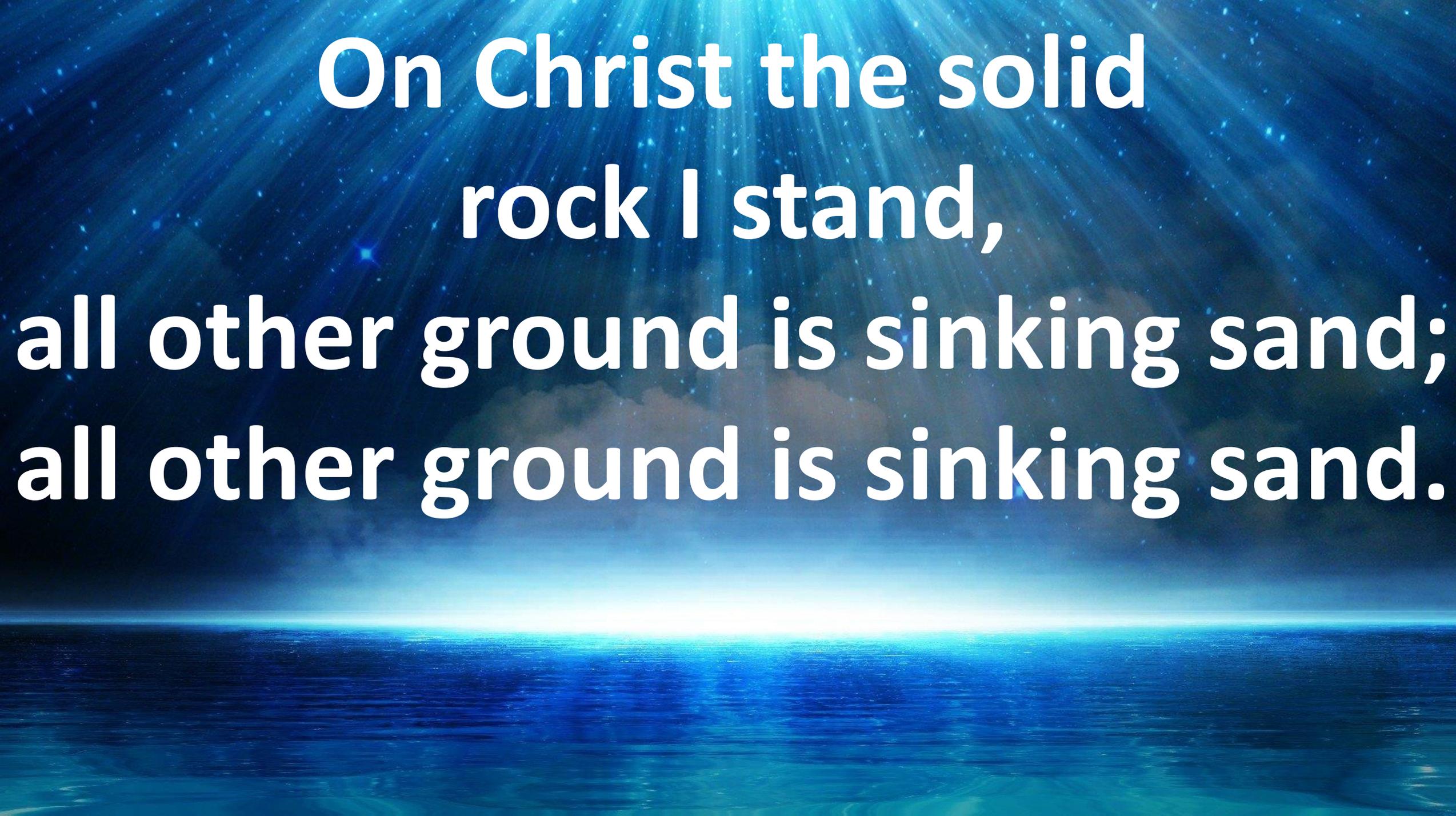
**On Christ the solid
rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

The background is a deep blue gradient. At the bottom, there is a bright, glowing horizon line that reflects on a dark blue surface, suggesting water. From the top, numerous light rays of varying intensity and color (from light blue to white) fan out across the scene. Scattered throughout are small, bright blue and white specks, resembling stars or distant galaxies. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and ethereal.

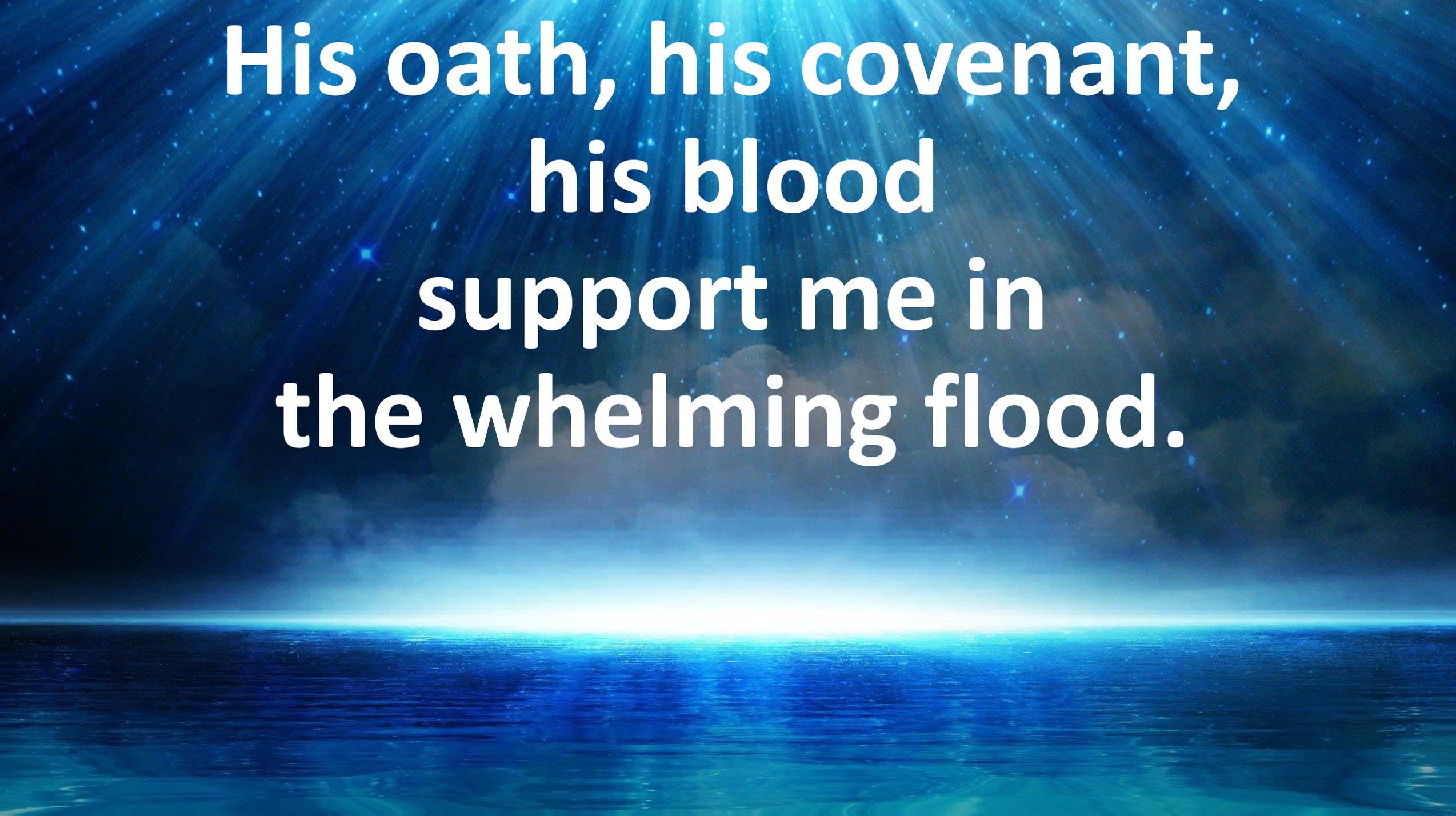
**When Darkness veils
his lovely face,
I rest on his
unchanging grace.**



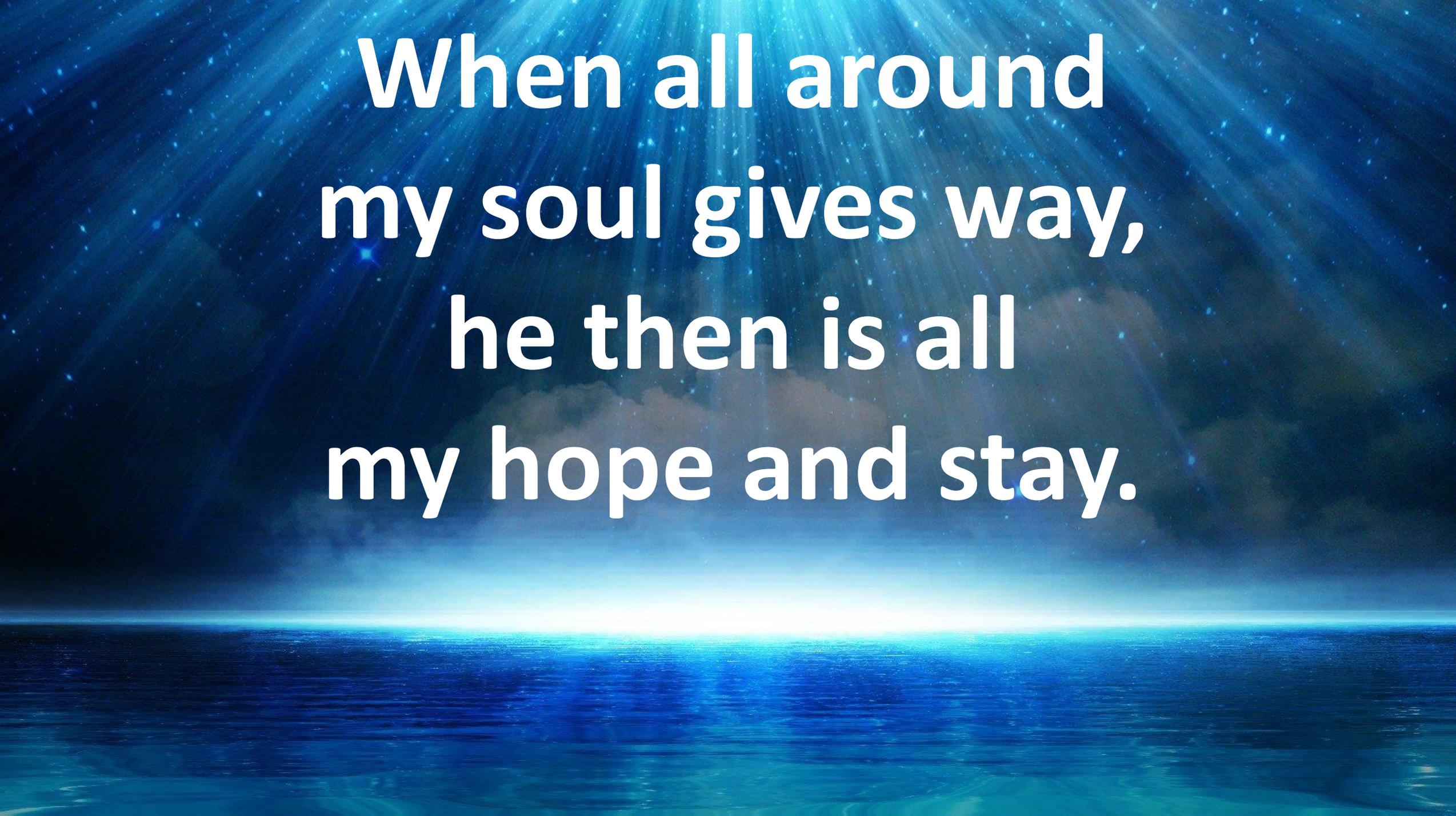
**In every high
and stormy gale,
my anchor holds
within the veil.**



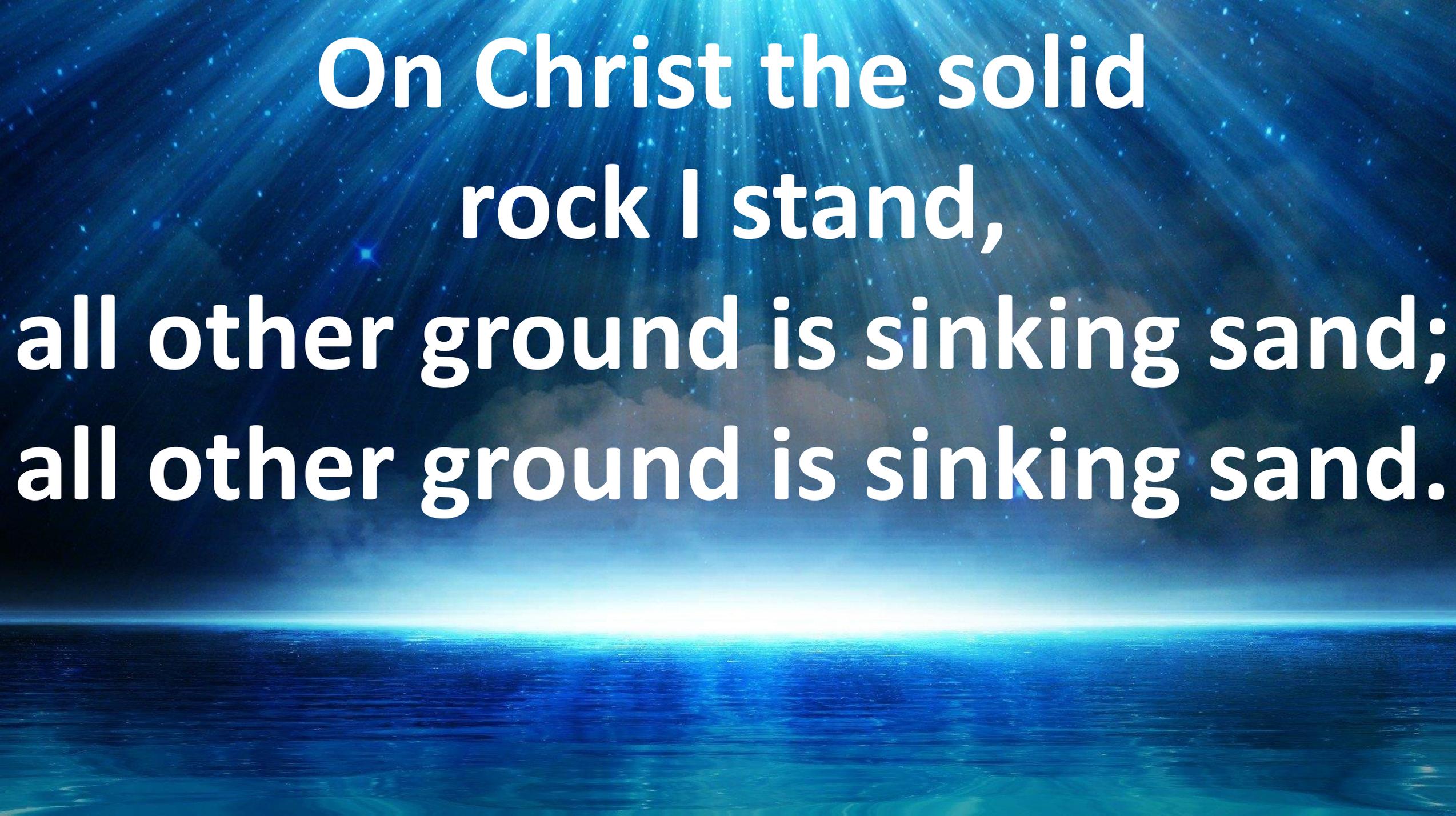
**On Christ the solid
rock I stand,
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**His oath, his covenant,
his blood
support me in
the whelming flood.**



When all around
my soul gives way,
he then is all
my hope and stay.



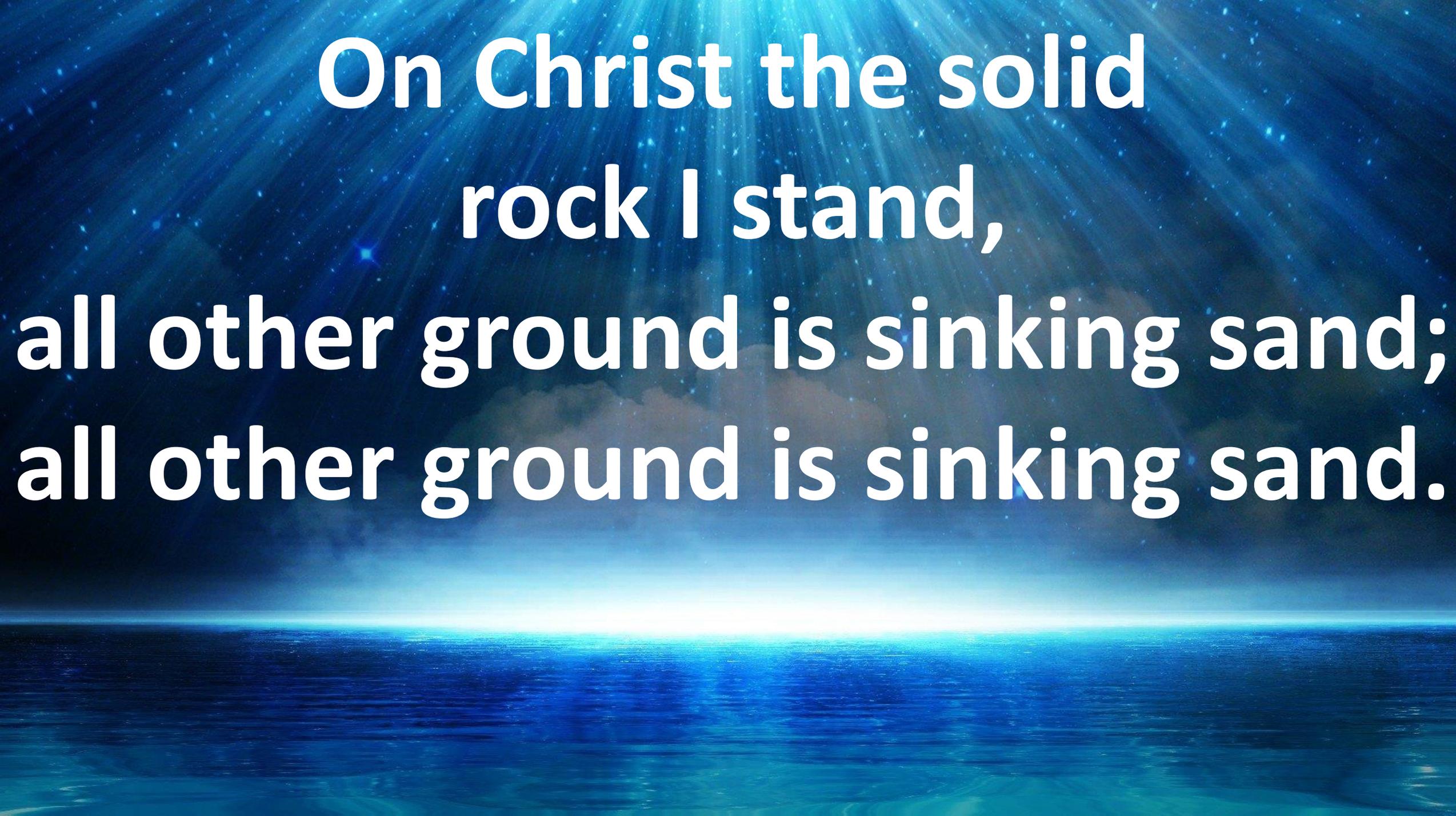
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**When he shall come
with trumpet sound,
O may I then
in him be found!**



**Dressed in his
righteousness alone,
faultless to stand
before the throne!**



**On Christ the solid
rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright, multi-pointed star in the upper center. Below the star, the silhouettes of three figures are visible against the horizon. The text 'A CALL TO WORSHIP' is centered in the middle of the image.

A CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 138:1-3

UMH #853

L: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

P: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness;

L: for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

P: On the day I called you answered me, you strengthened my life. Amen.



THIS WEEK

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

A person wearing a white, flowing robe stands waist-deep in a body of water, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. The water splashes around them, and the sky is a clear, vibrant blue. In the upper center of the frame, a white dove is visible, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The overall scene is bright and uplifting.

Joys & Concerns



PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.



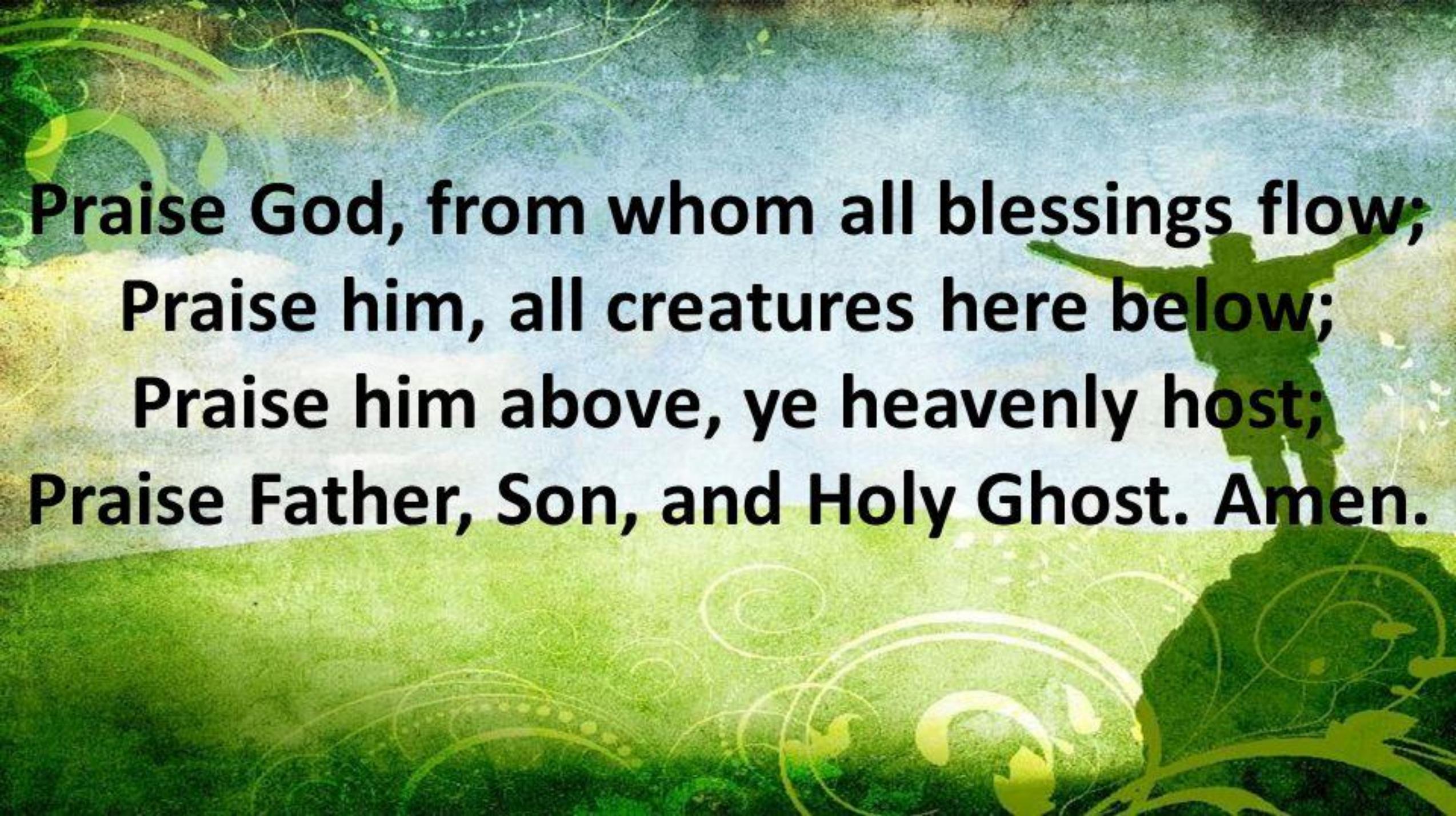


LET THE CHILDREN
COME TO ME



OFFERING

AN ACT OF WORSHIP



**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

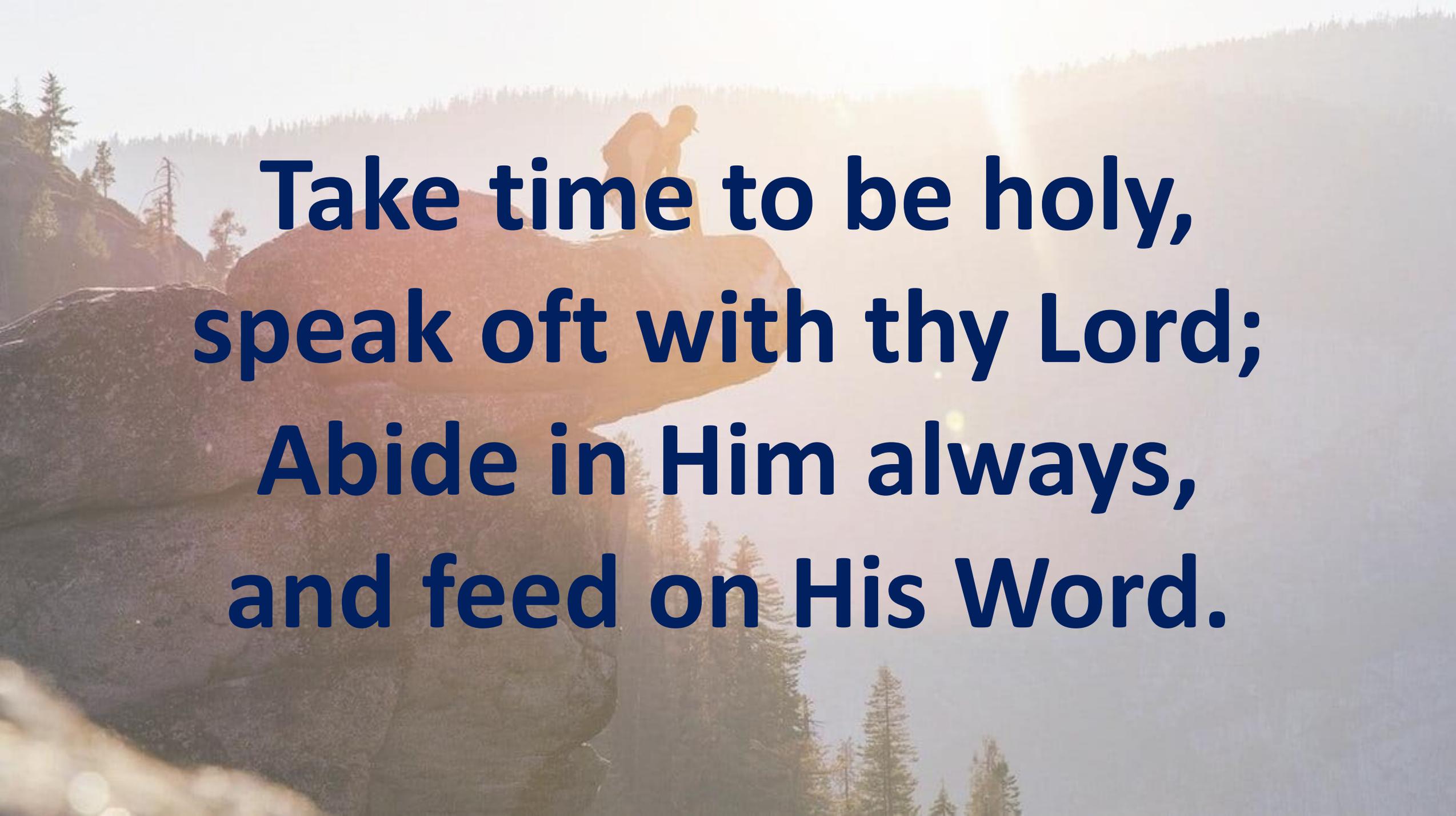


Take time to
be holy.

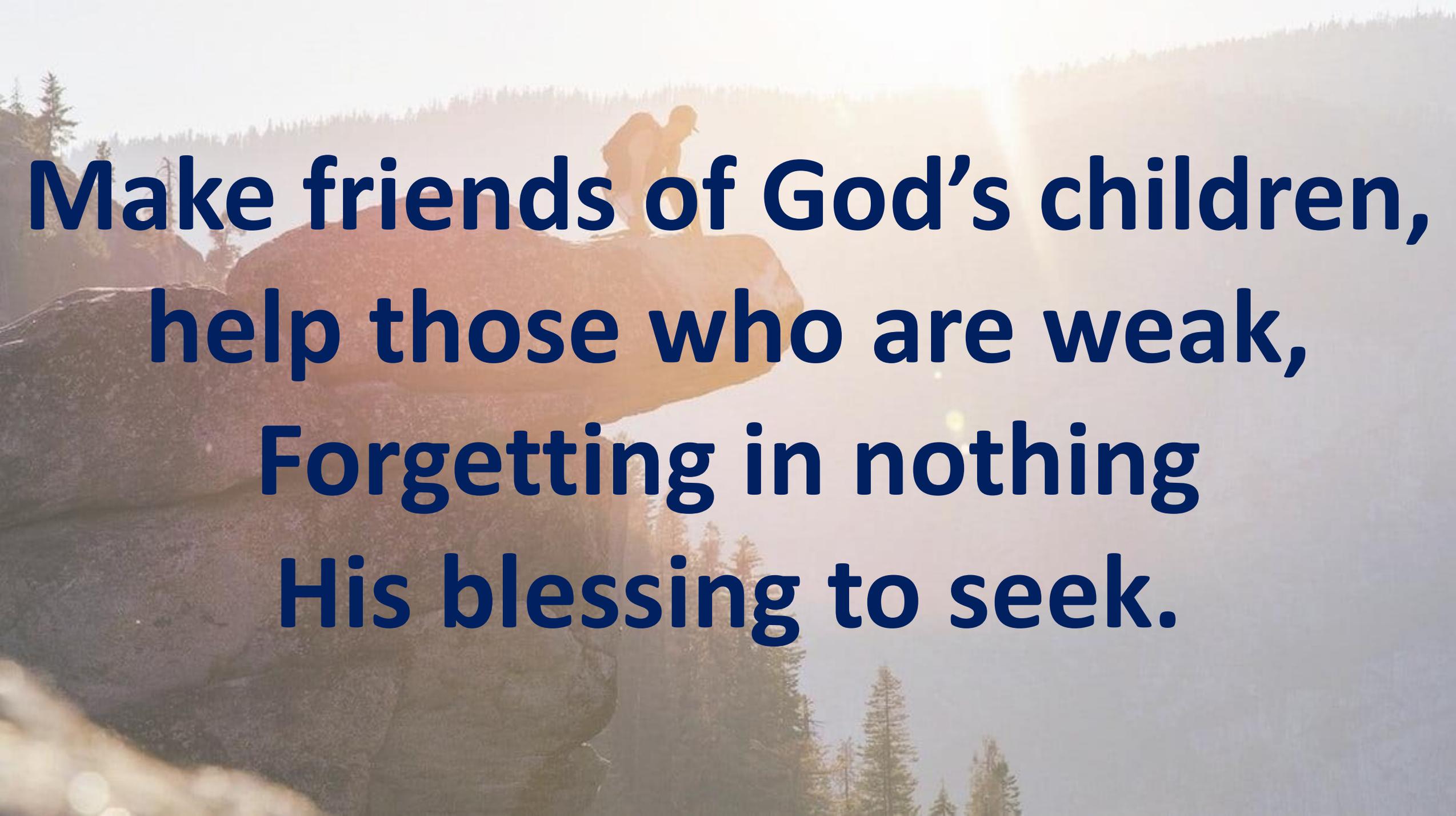


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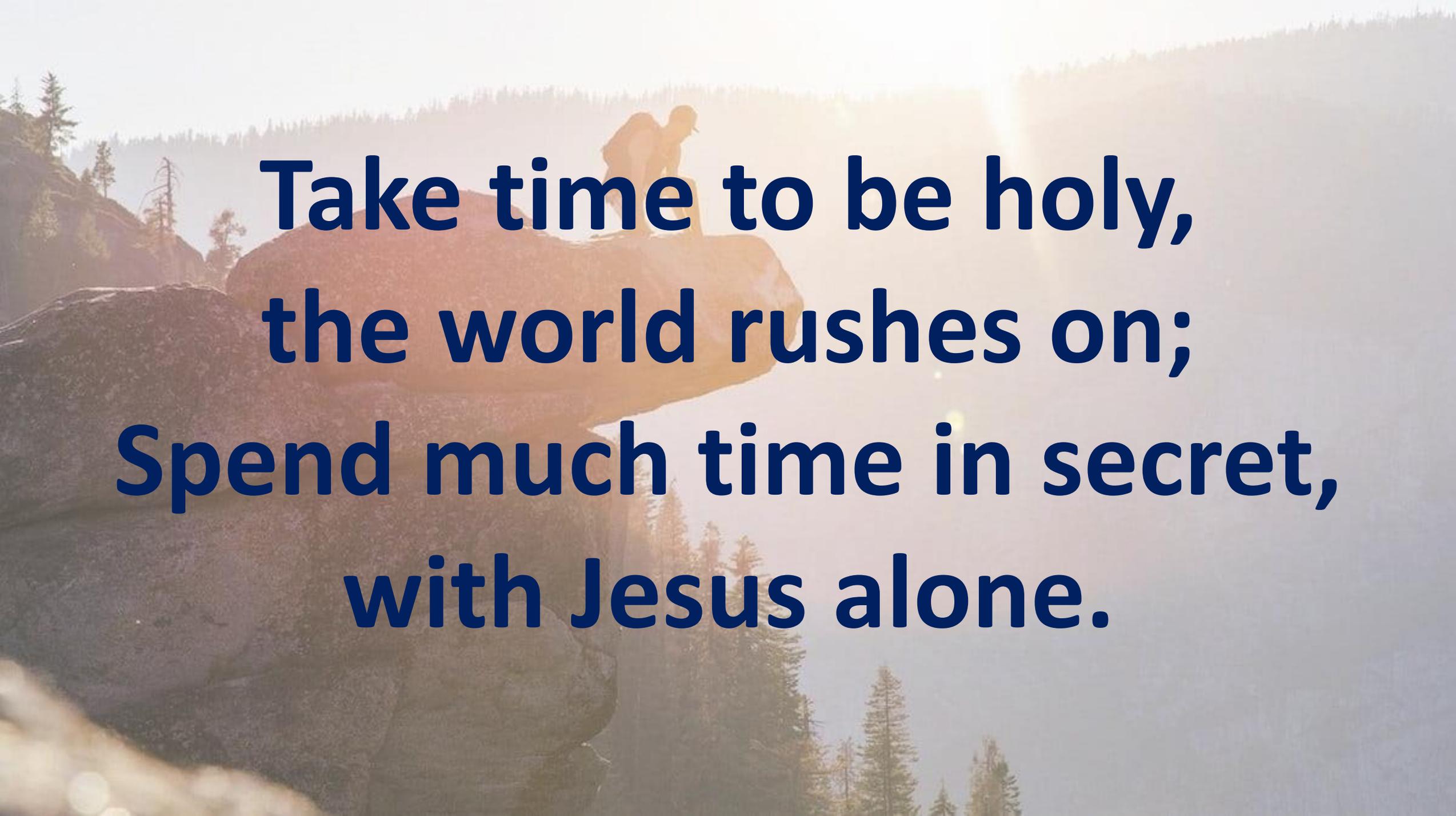
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A person is sitting on a large, dark rock in a forest. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunrise or sunset, with the sun low on the horizon behind a line of trees. The person is silhouetted against the bright light. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

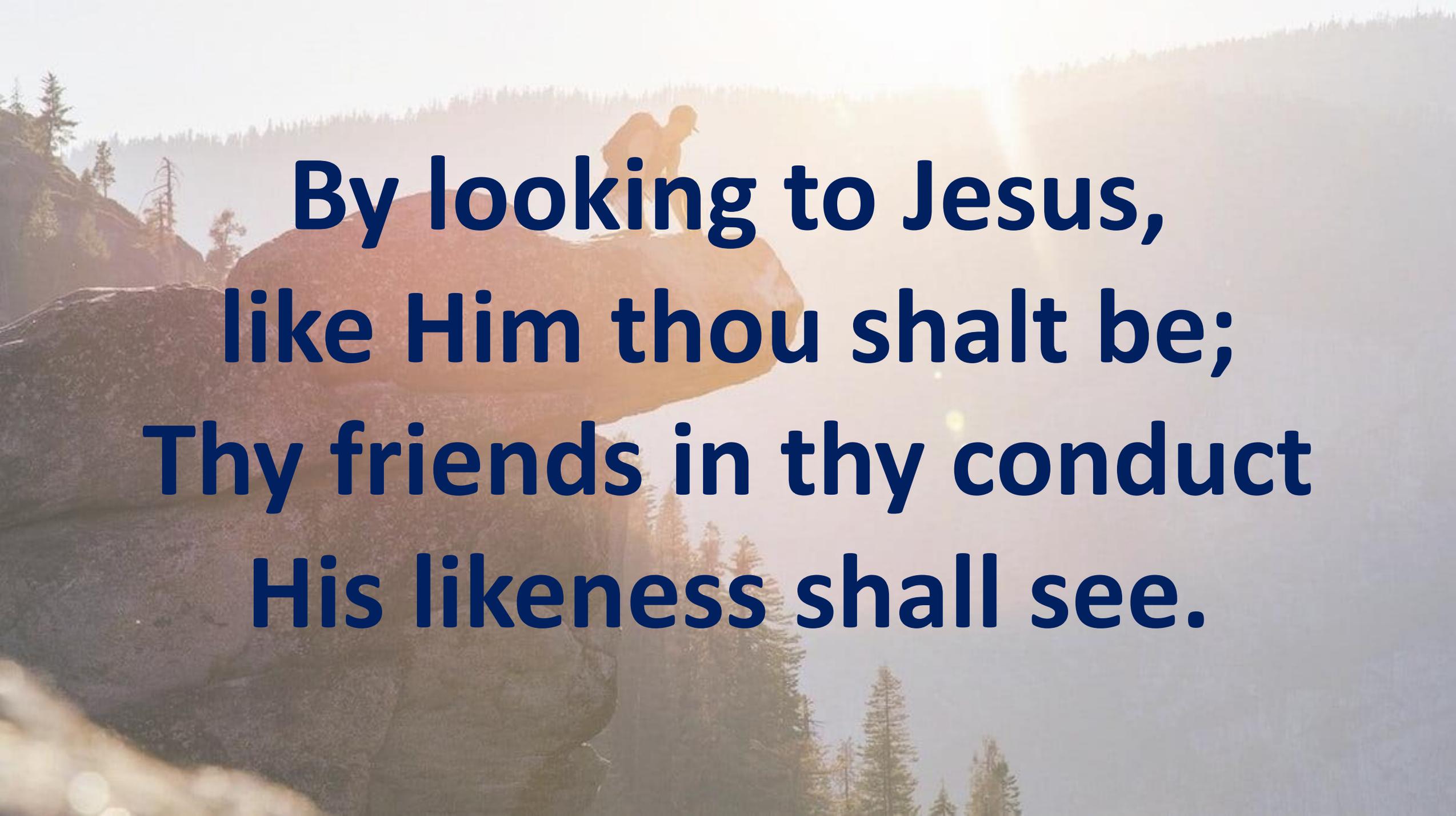
**Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always,
and feed on His Word.**

A person is seen from behind, sitting on a large, dark rock. The scene is set at sunrise or sunset, with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The background features a dense forest of evergreen trees on a hillside. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

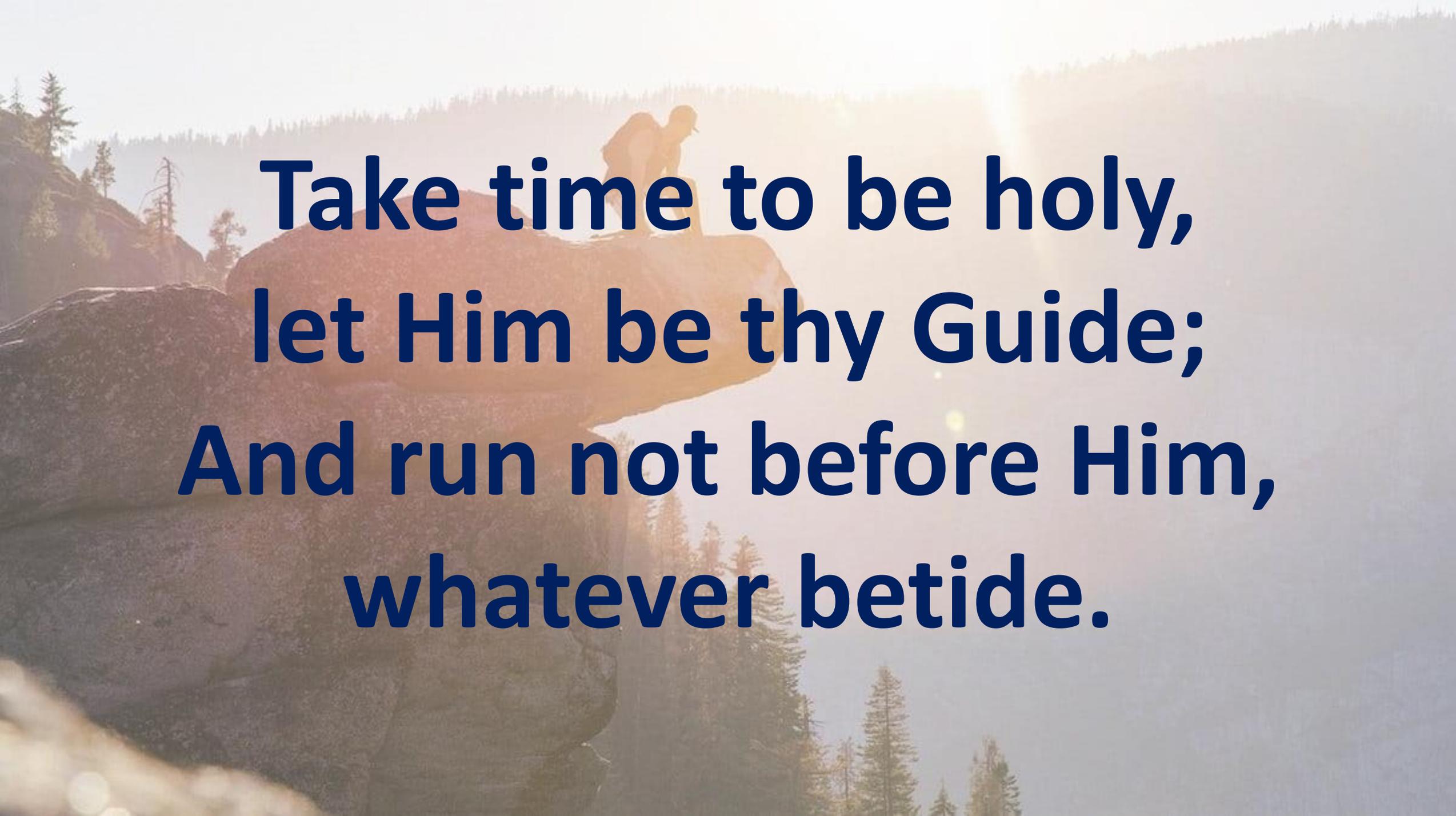
**Make friends of God's children,
help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing
His blessing to seek.**

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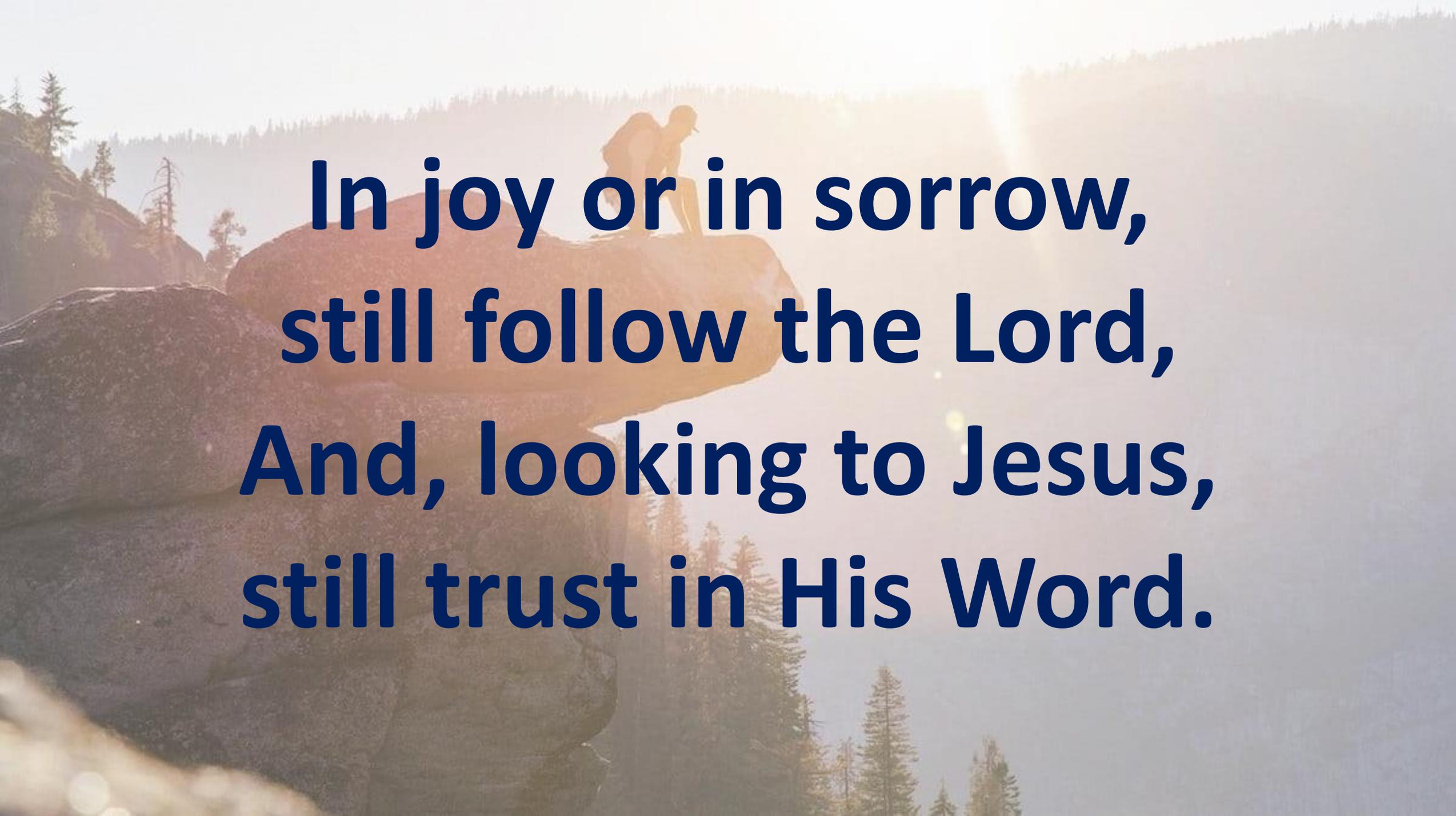
**Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret,
with Jesus alone.**

A person is sitting on a large, reddish-brown rock in a forest. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunrise or sunset, with the sun low on the horizon behind a line of trees. The background shows a dense forest of evergreen trees on a hillside. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

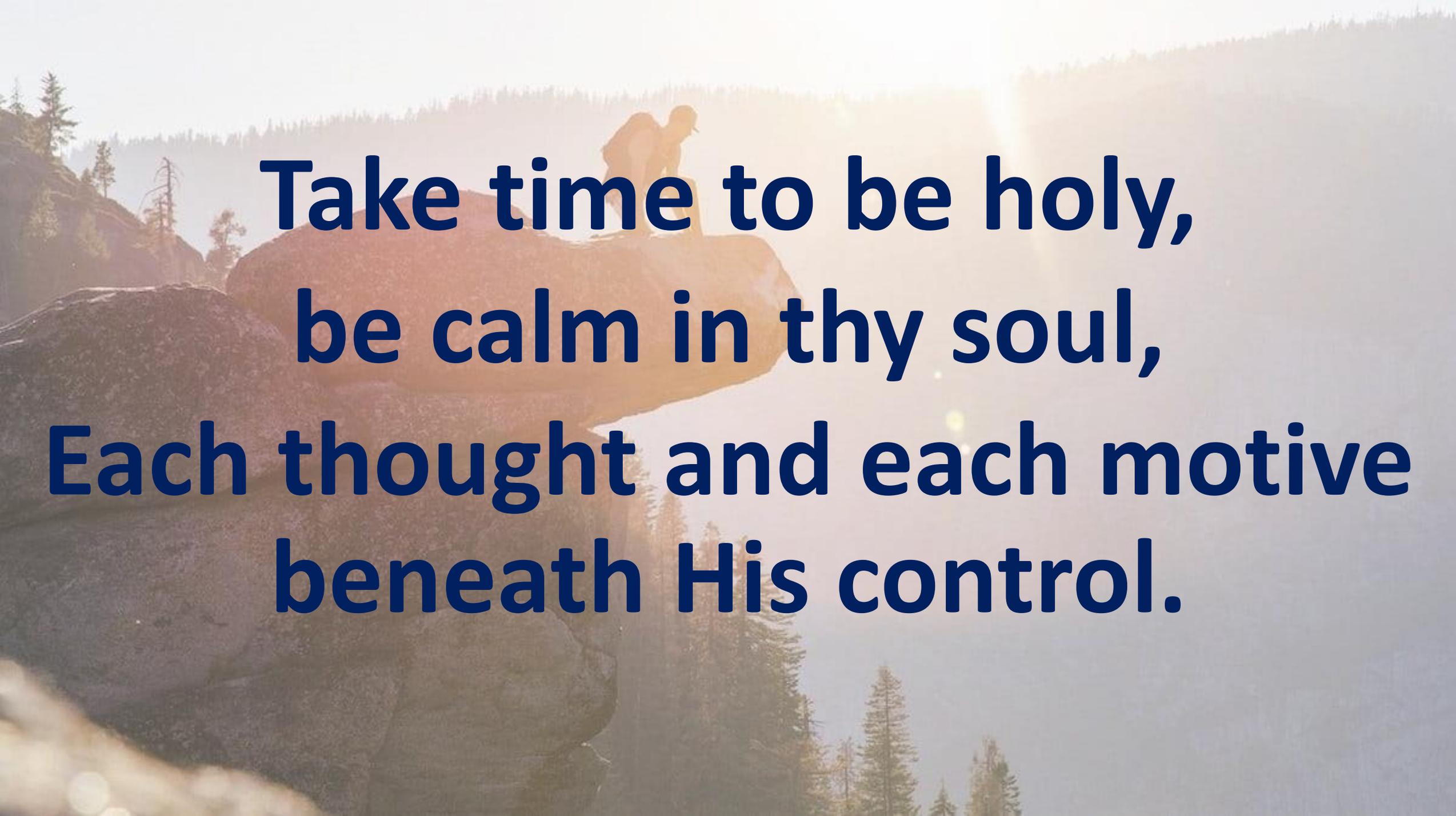
**By looking to Jesus,
like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct
His likeness shall see.**

A hiker is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sunrise, standing on a large, dark rock. The background shows a forested hillside under a soft, golden light. The text is overlaid in a bold, dark blue font.

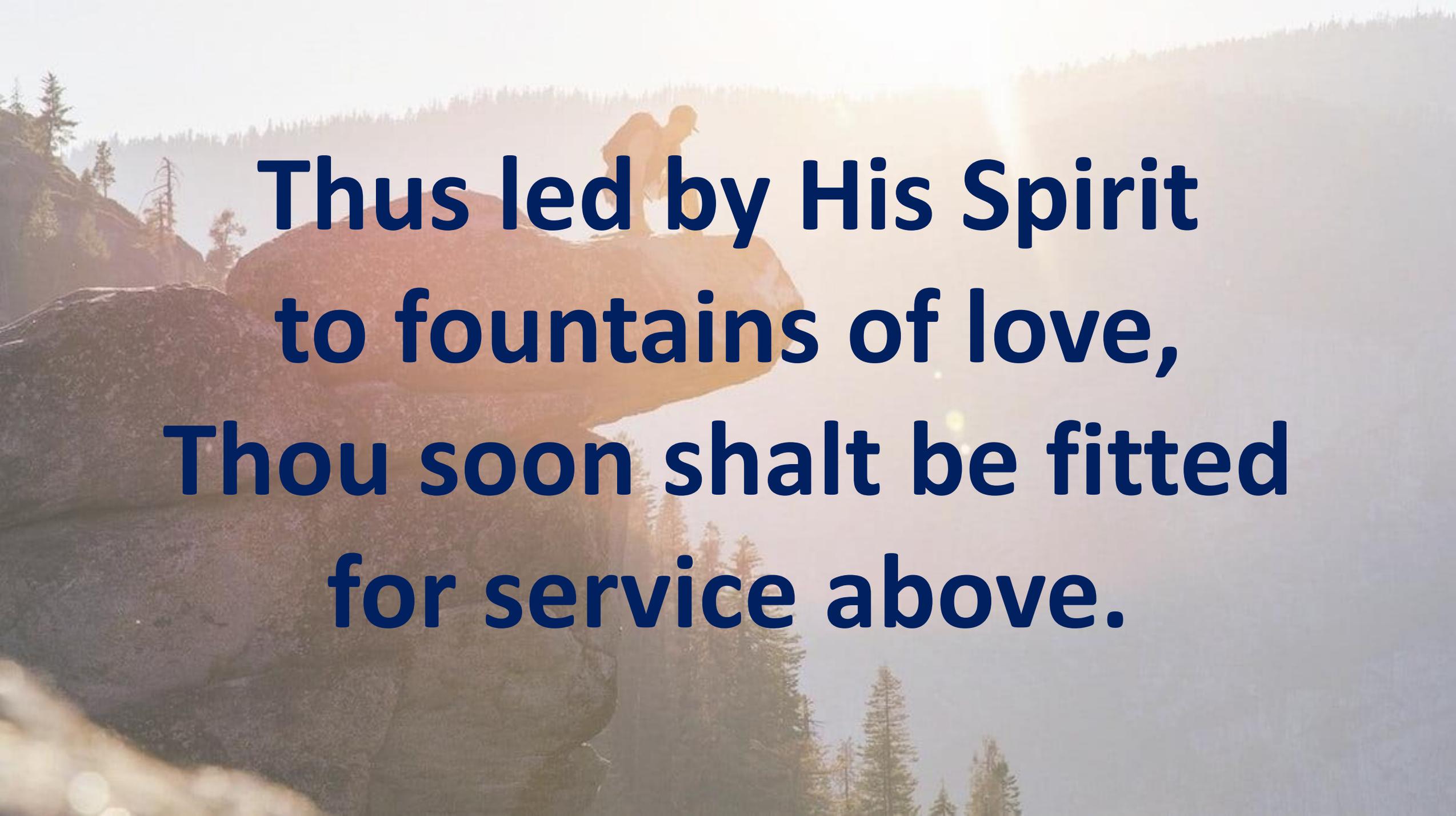
**Take time to be holy,
let Him be thy Guide;
And run not before Him,
whatever betide.**

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**In joy or in sorrow,
still follow the Lord,
And, looking to Jesus,
still trust in His Word.**

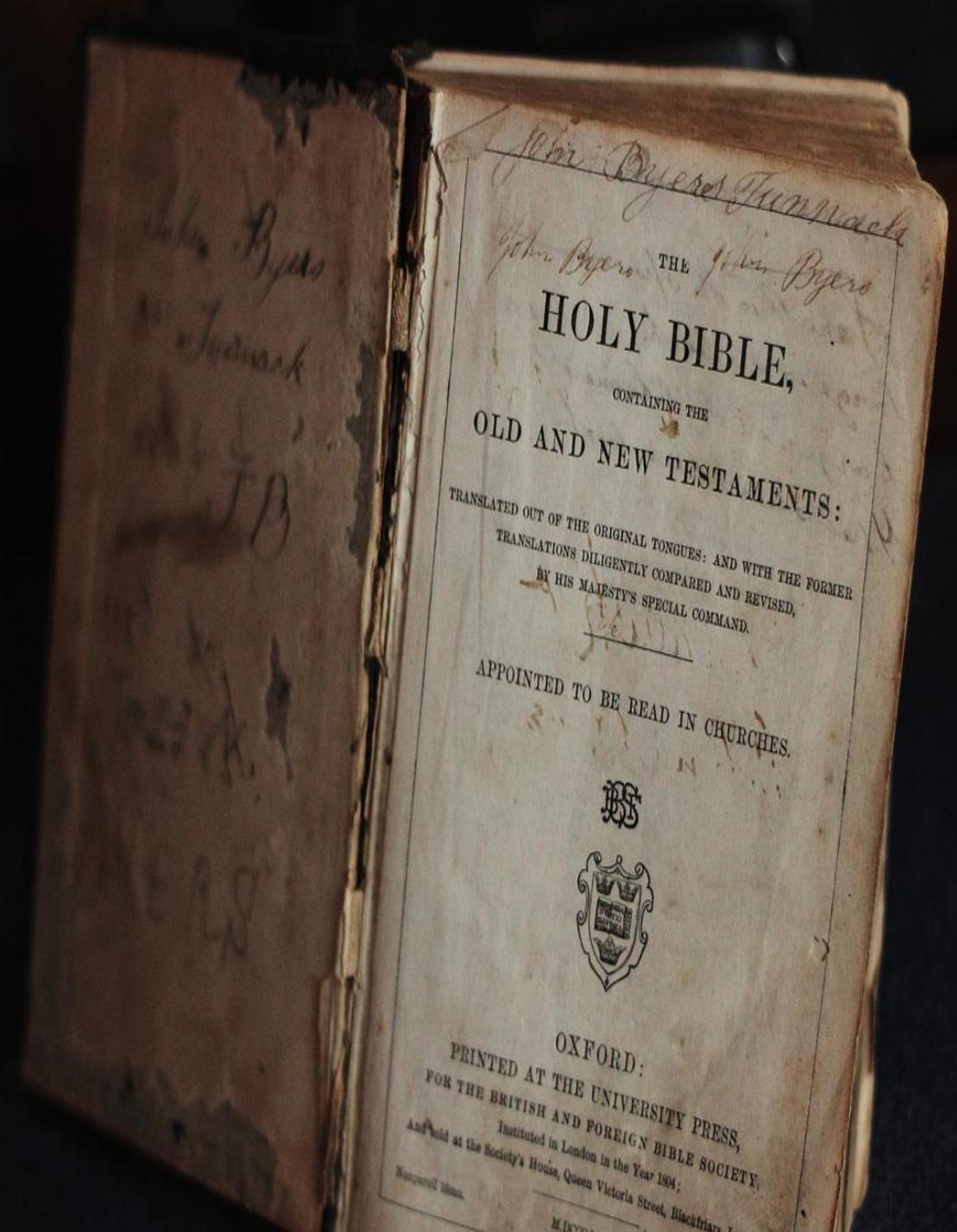
A person is kneeling on a large, dark rock in a forest. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunrise or sunset, with the sun low on the horizon behind a line of trees. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a hat, and their hands are clasped in prayer. The background shows a dense forest of evergreen trees on a hillside.

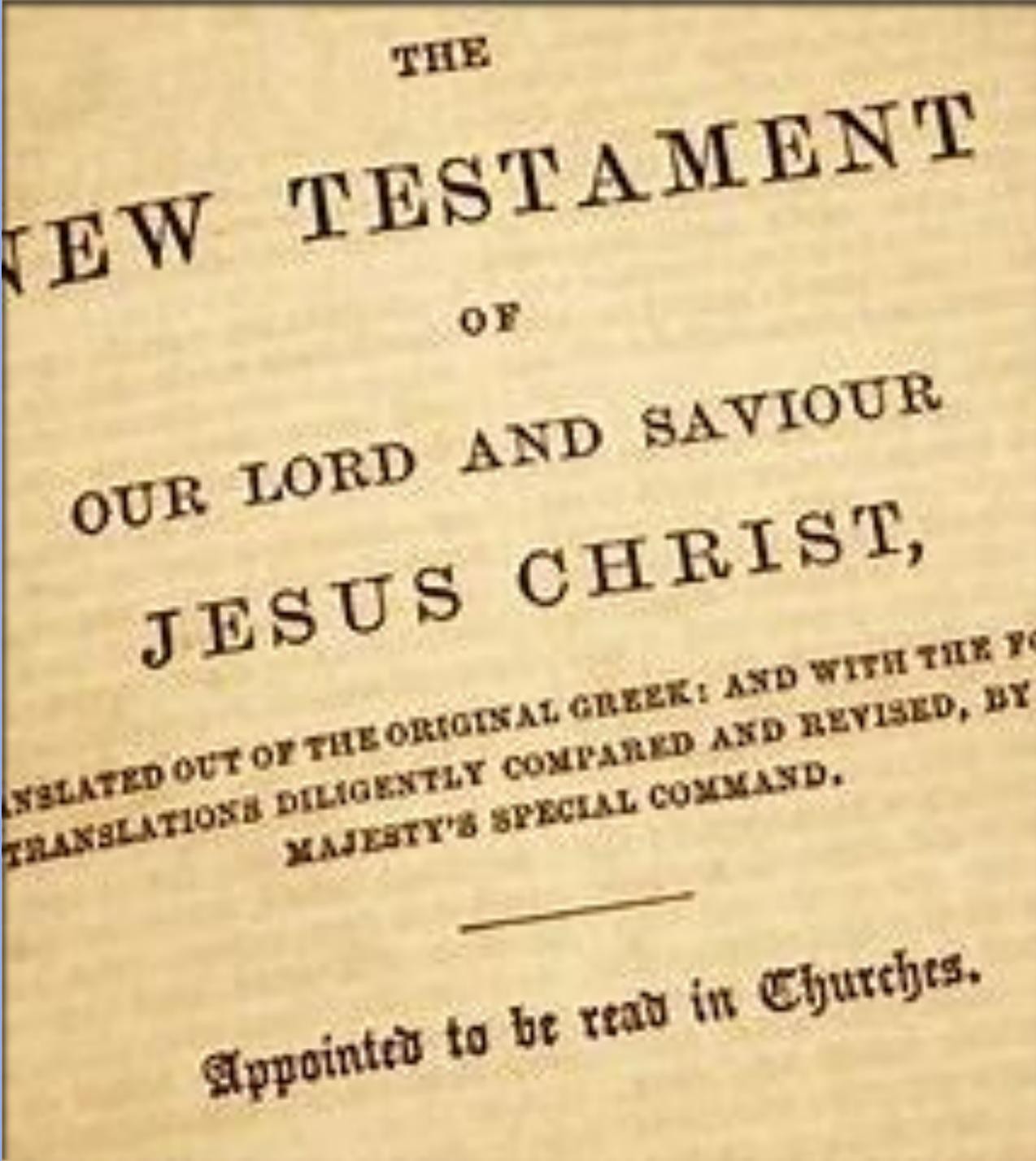
**Take time to be holy,
be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive
beneath His control.**

A person is seen from behind, walking across a large, reddish-brown rock formation. The scene is set in a forest of evergreen trees, with a bright sun rising in the background, creating a hazy, golden atmosphere. The text is overlaid in a bold, dark blue font.

**Thus led by His Spirit
to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted
for service above.**

OLD TESTAMENT:
DEUTERONOMY
19:1-18



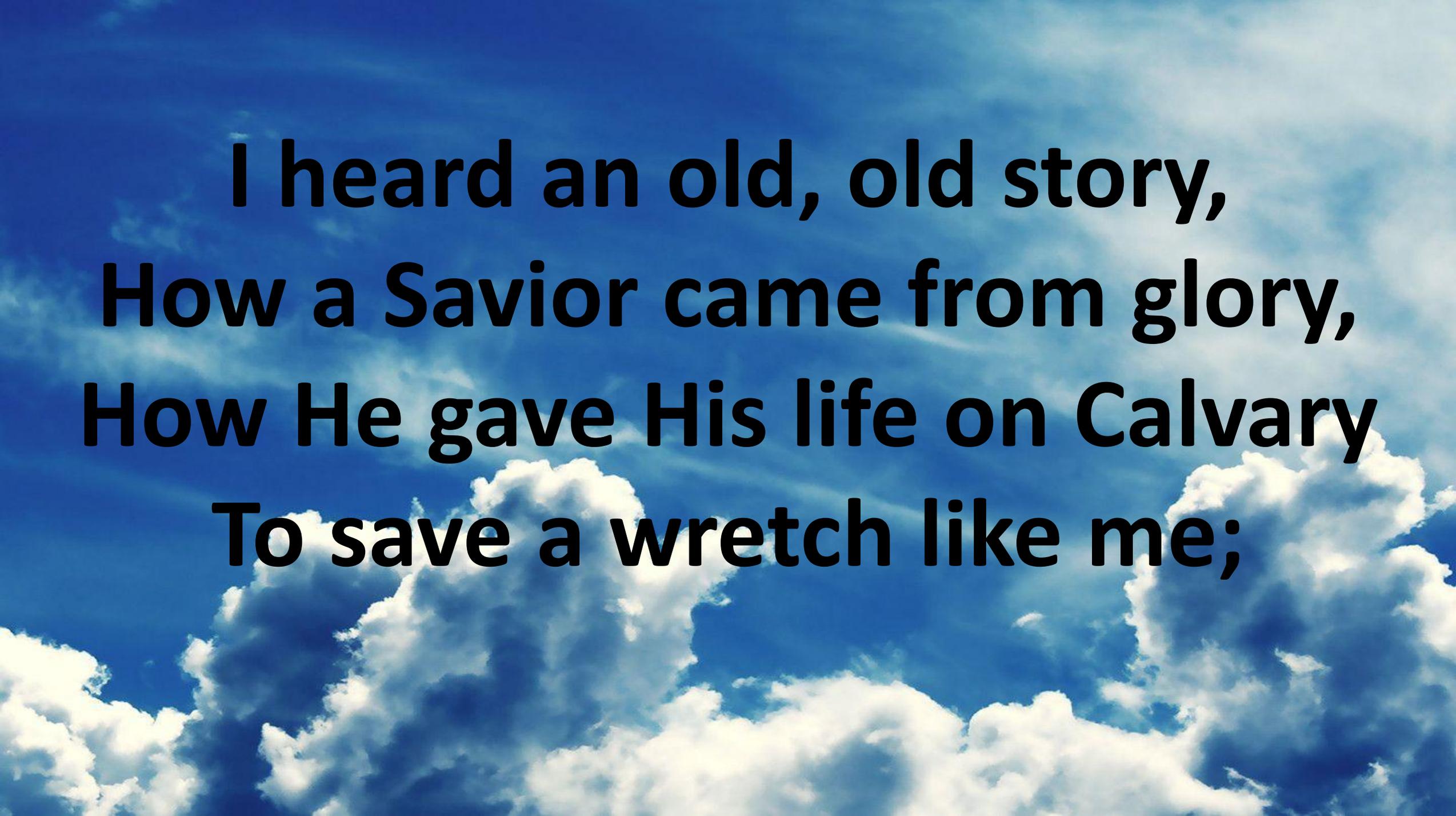


NEW
TESTAMENT:
HEBREWS
6:1-12

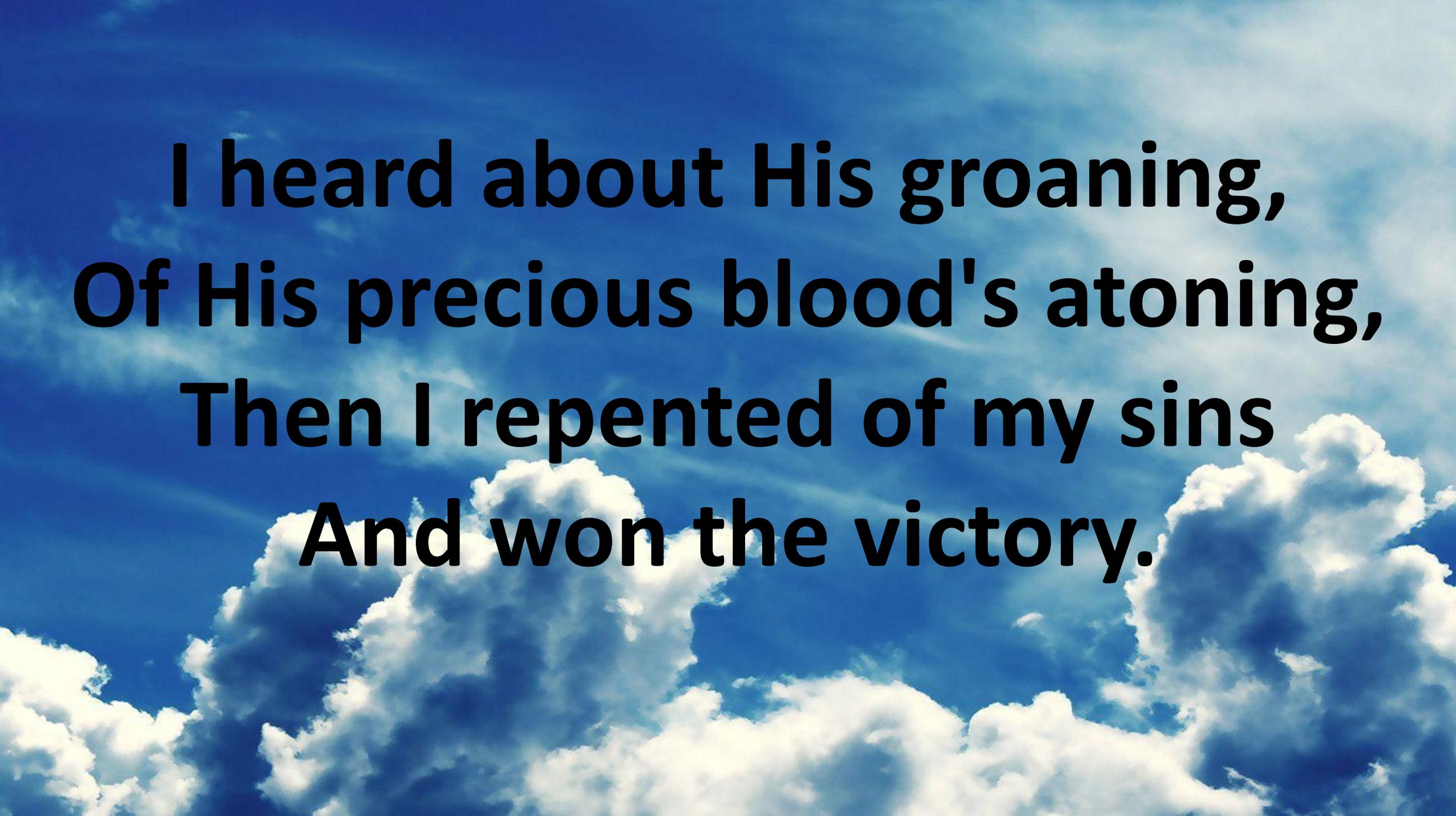
Today's Message

**THE MOST IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT
IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES IS TO CONNECT
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT:
UNDERSTANDING THE HEART AND MIND
OF OUR LORD, CHRIST JESUS.**

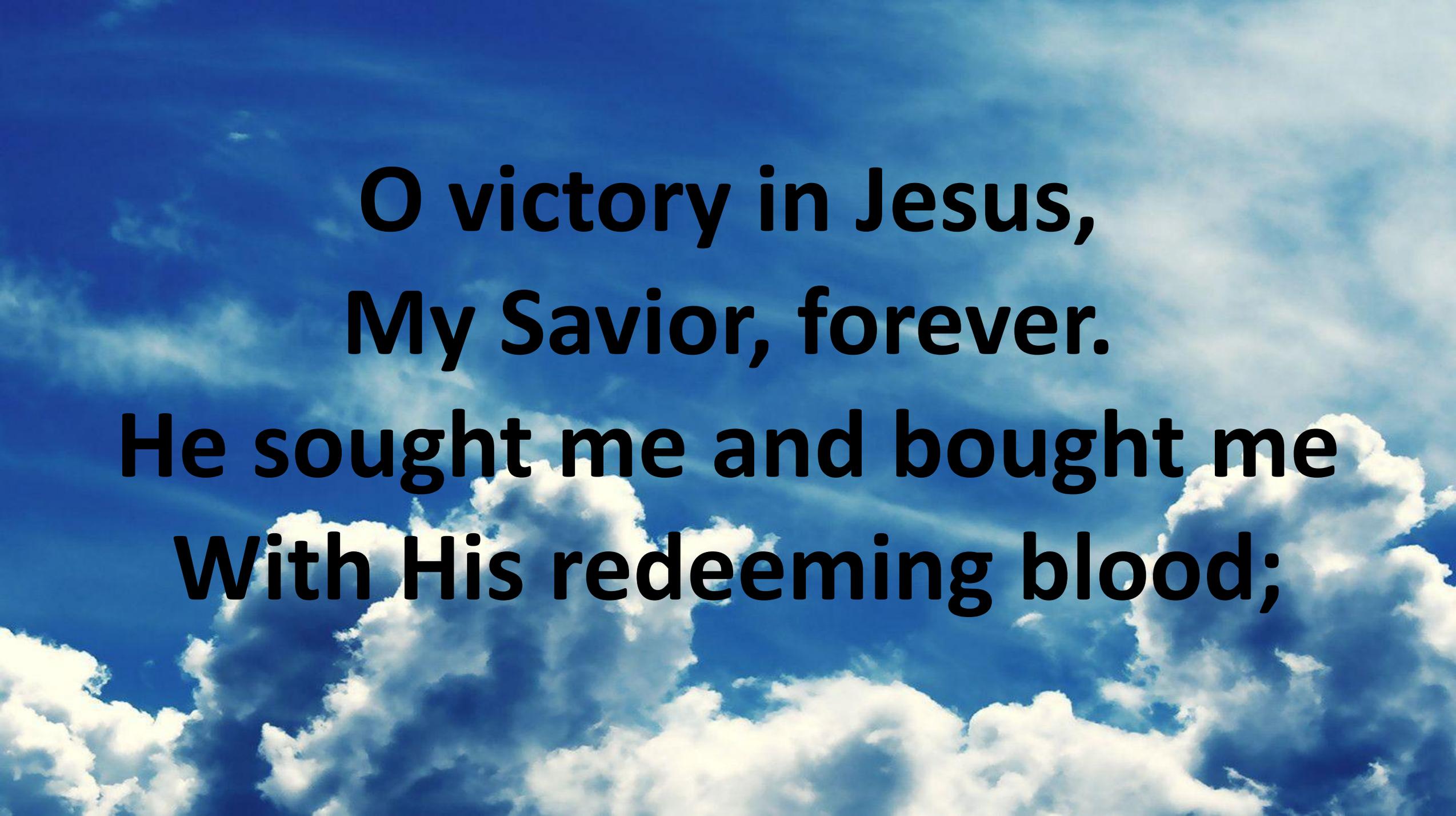
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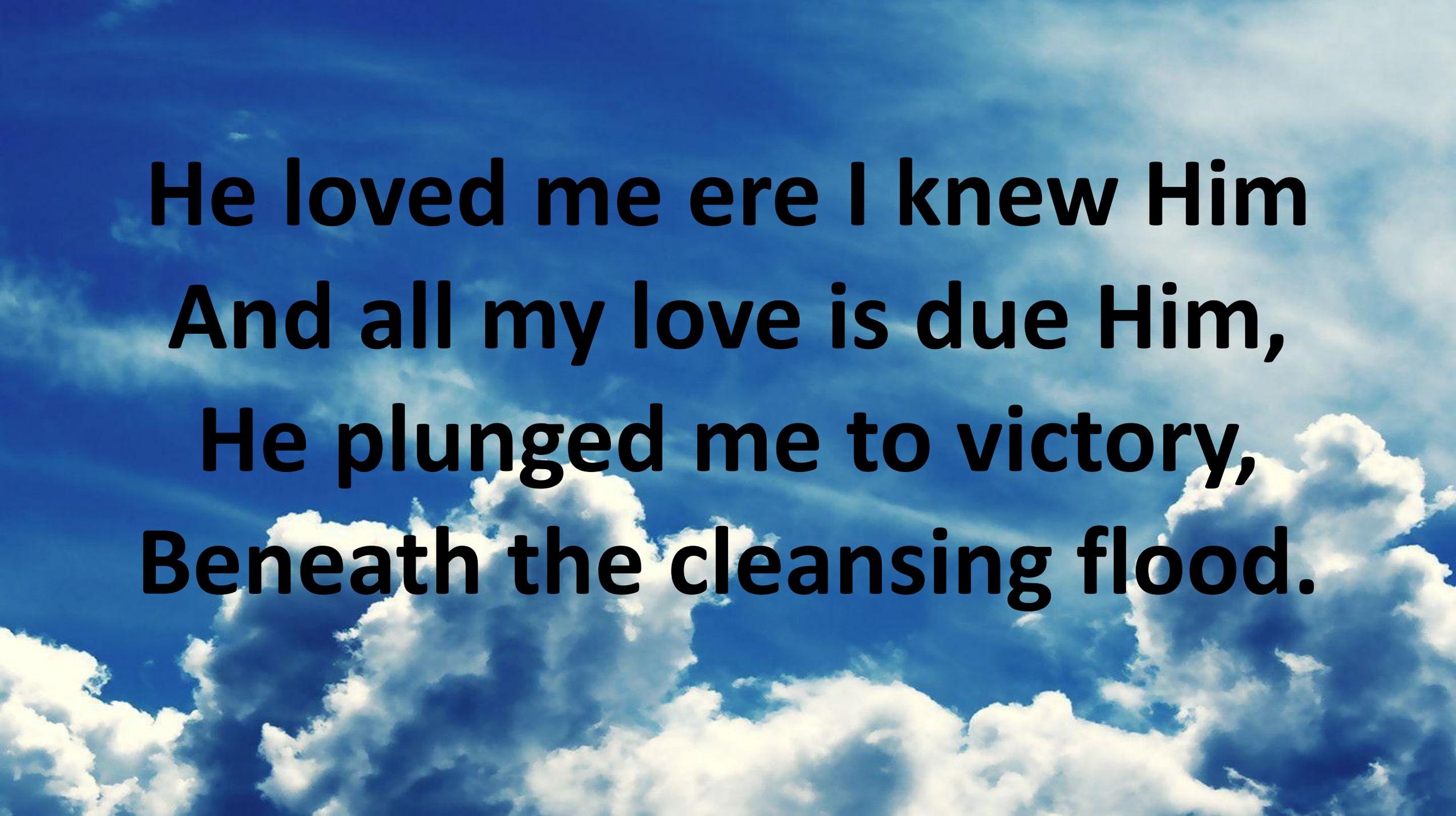
**I heard an old, old story,
How a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me;**



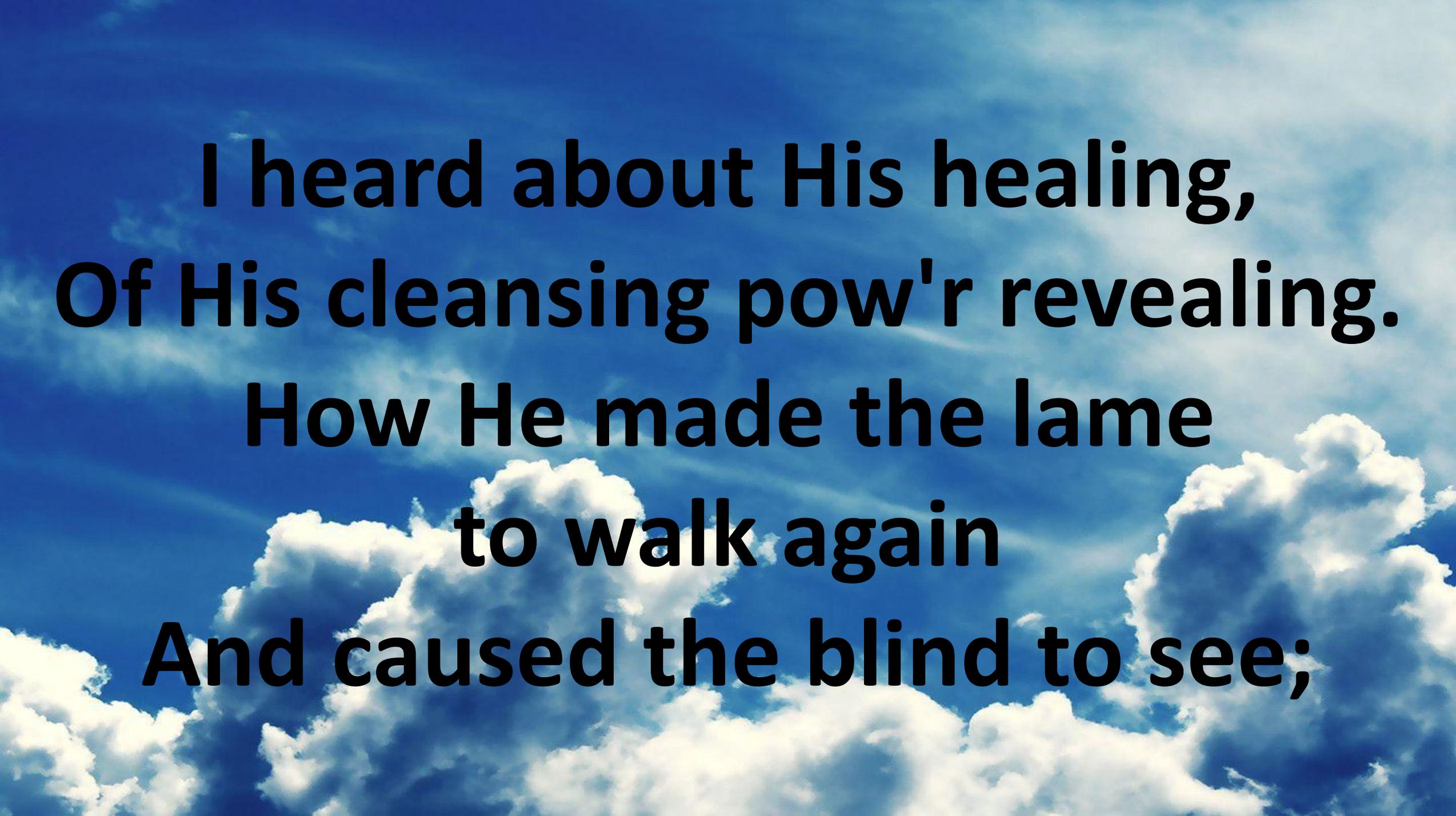
**I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory.**



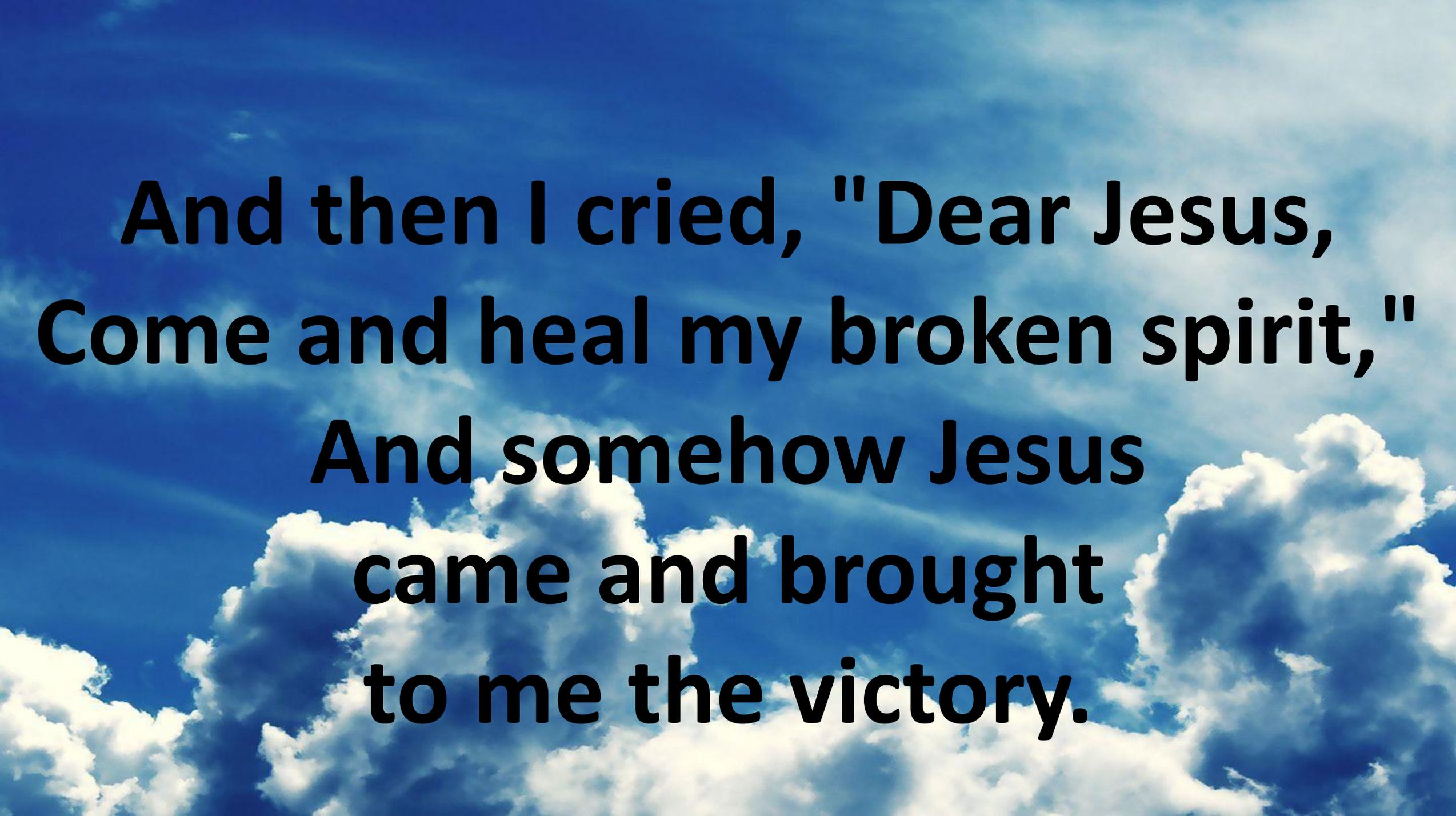
**O victory in Jesus,
My Savior, forever.
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood;**



**He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory,
Beneath the cleansing flood.**

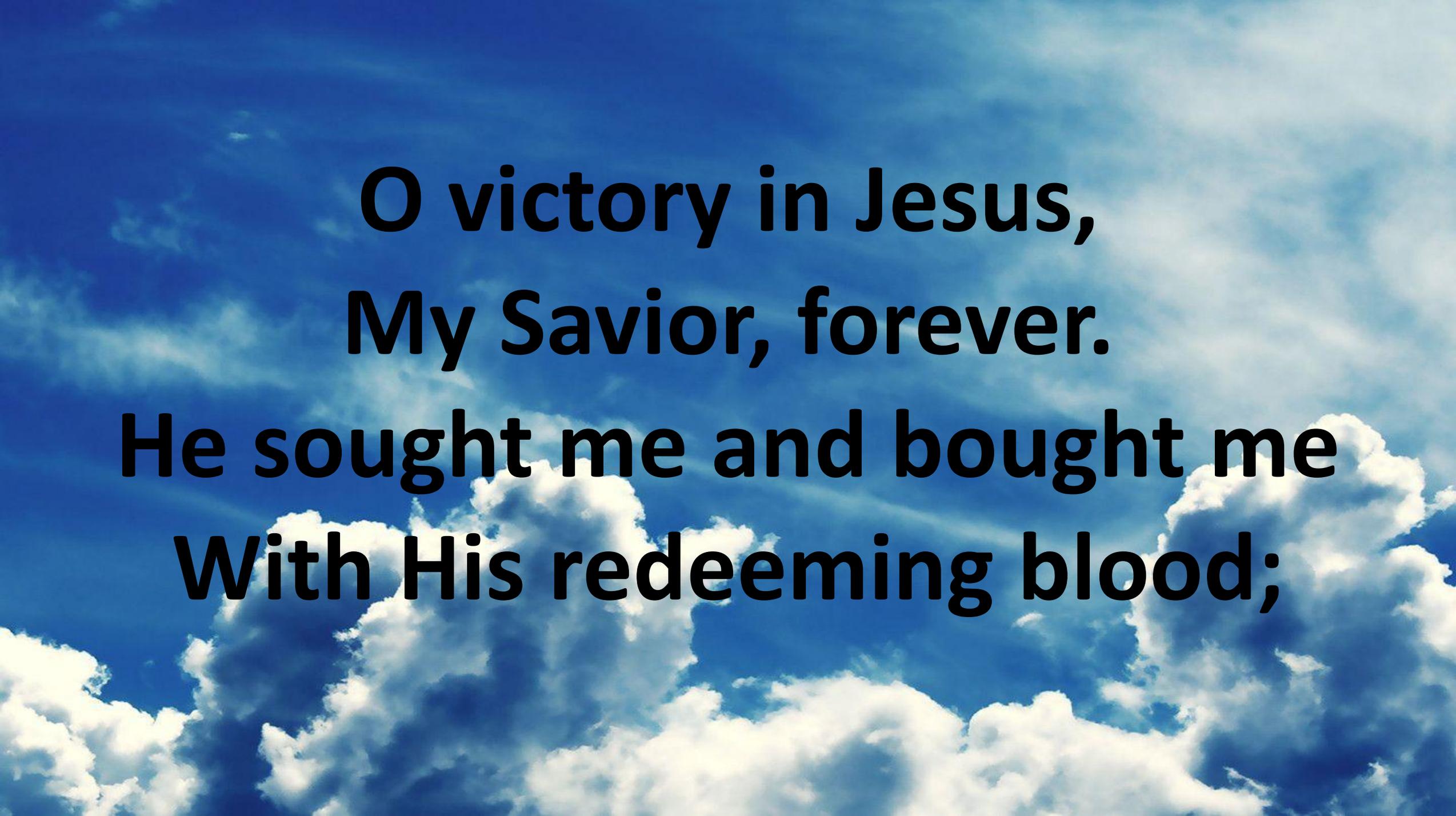


**I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing.
How He made the lame
to walk again
And caused the blind to see;**

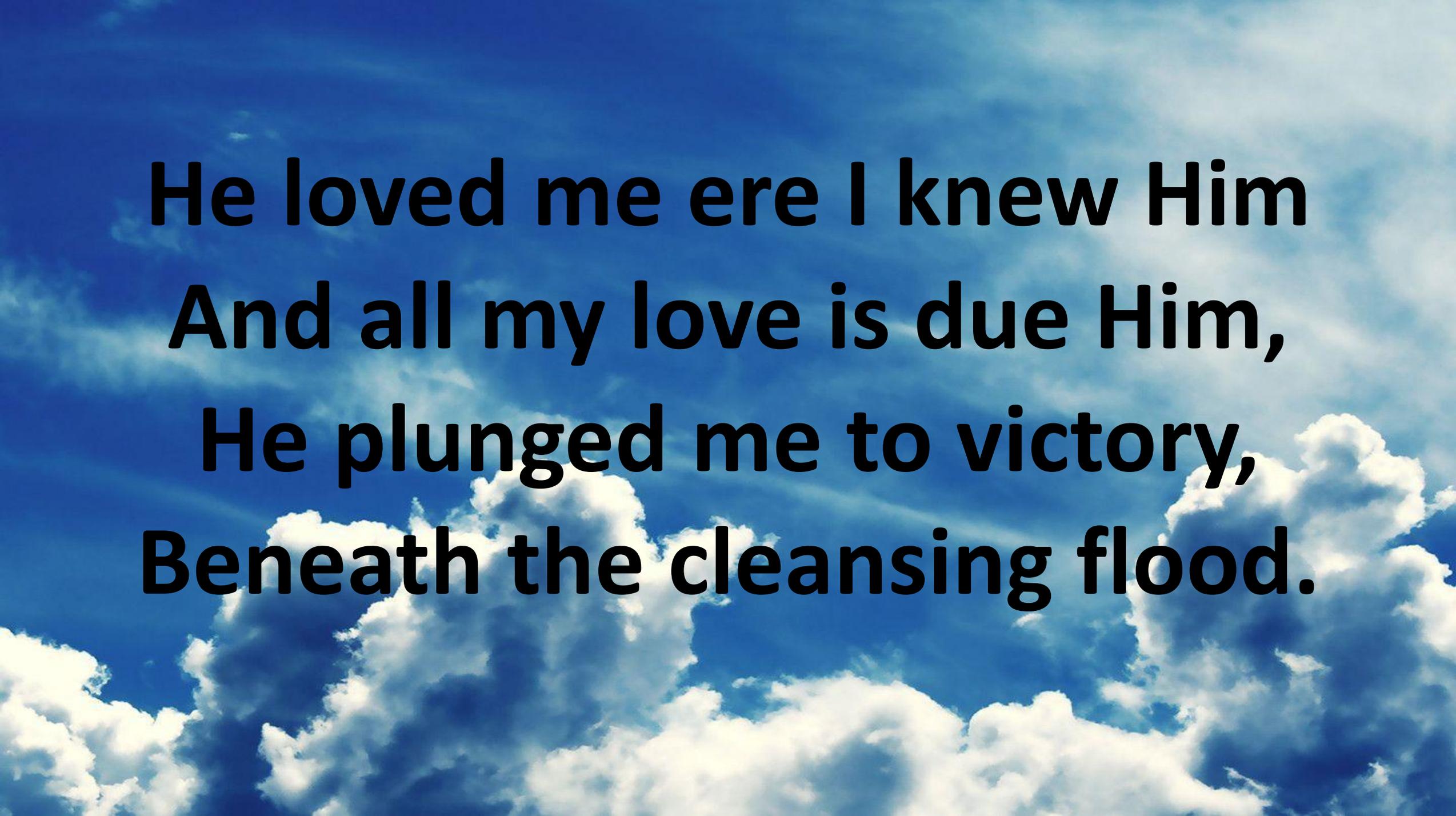


**And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit,"**

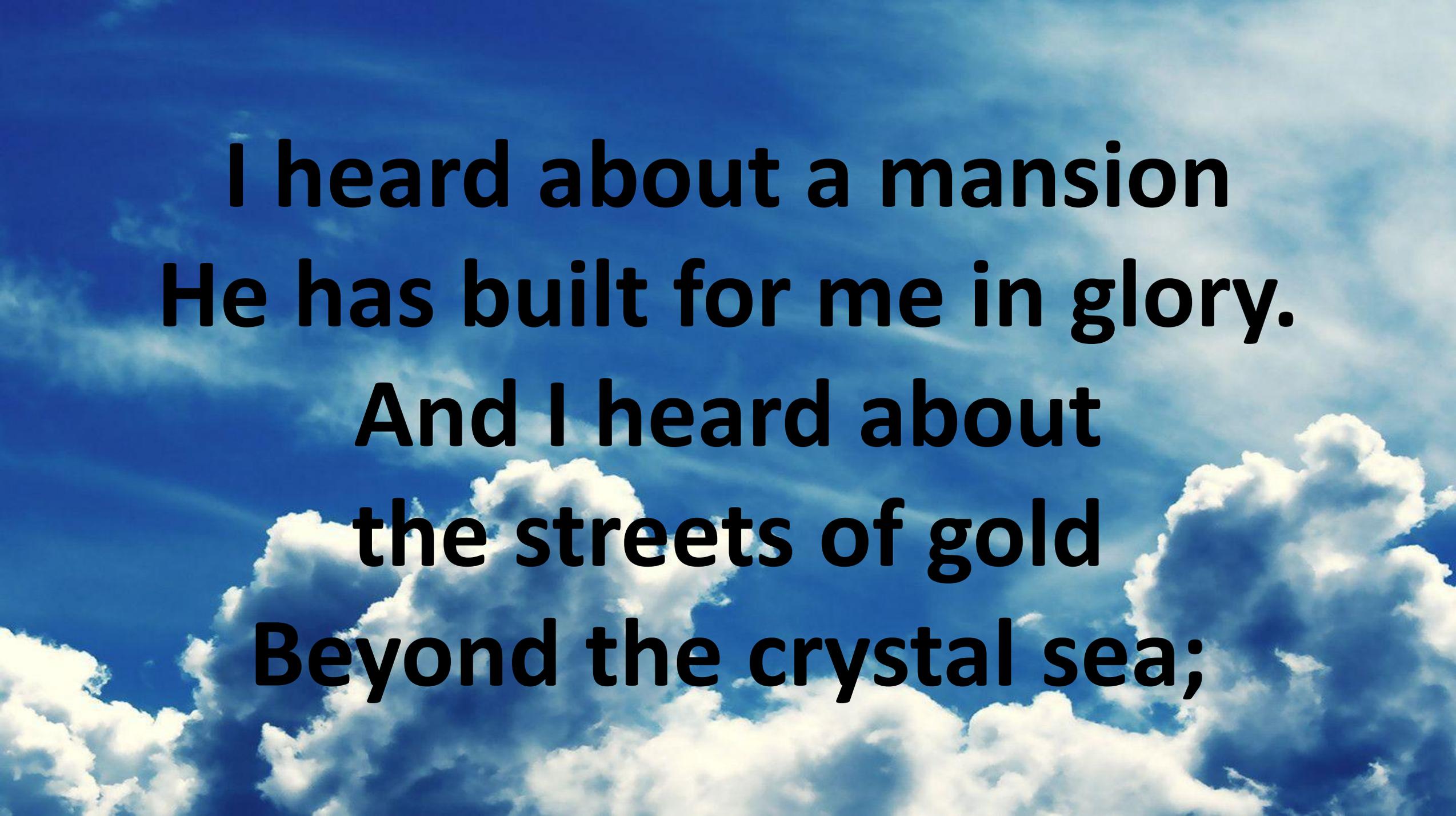
**And somehow Jesus
came and brought
to me the victory.**



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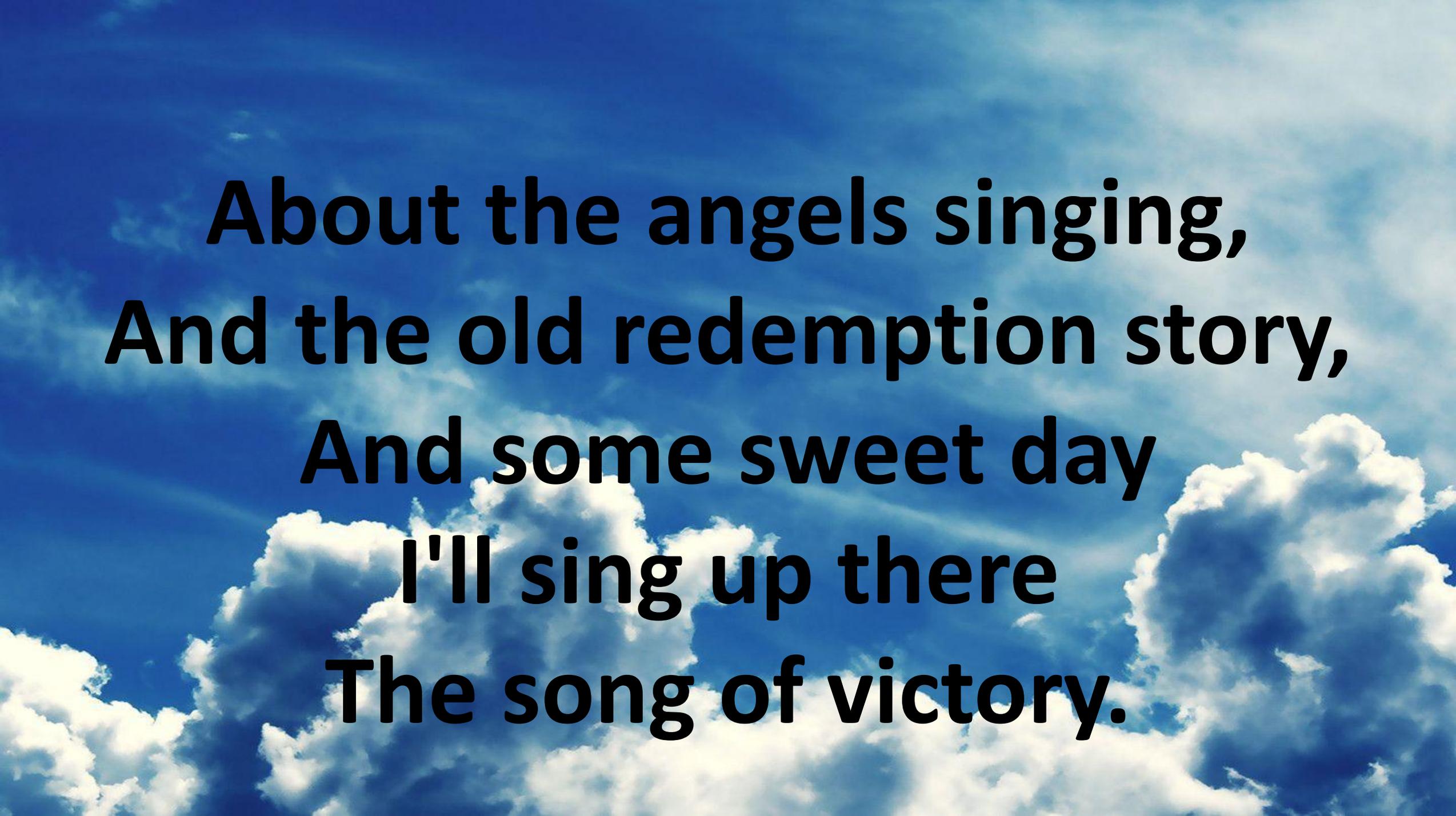


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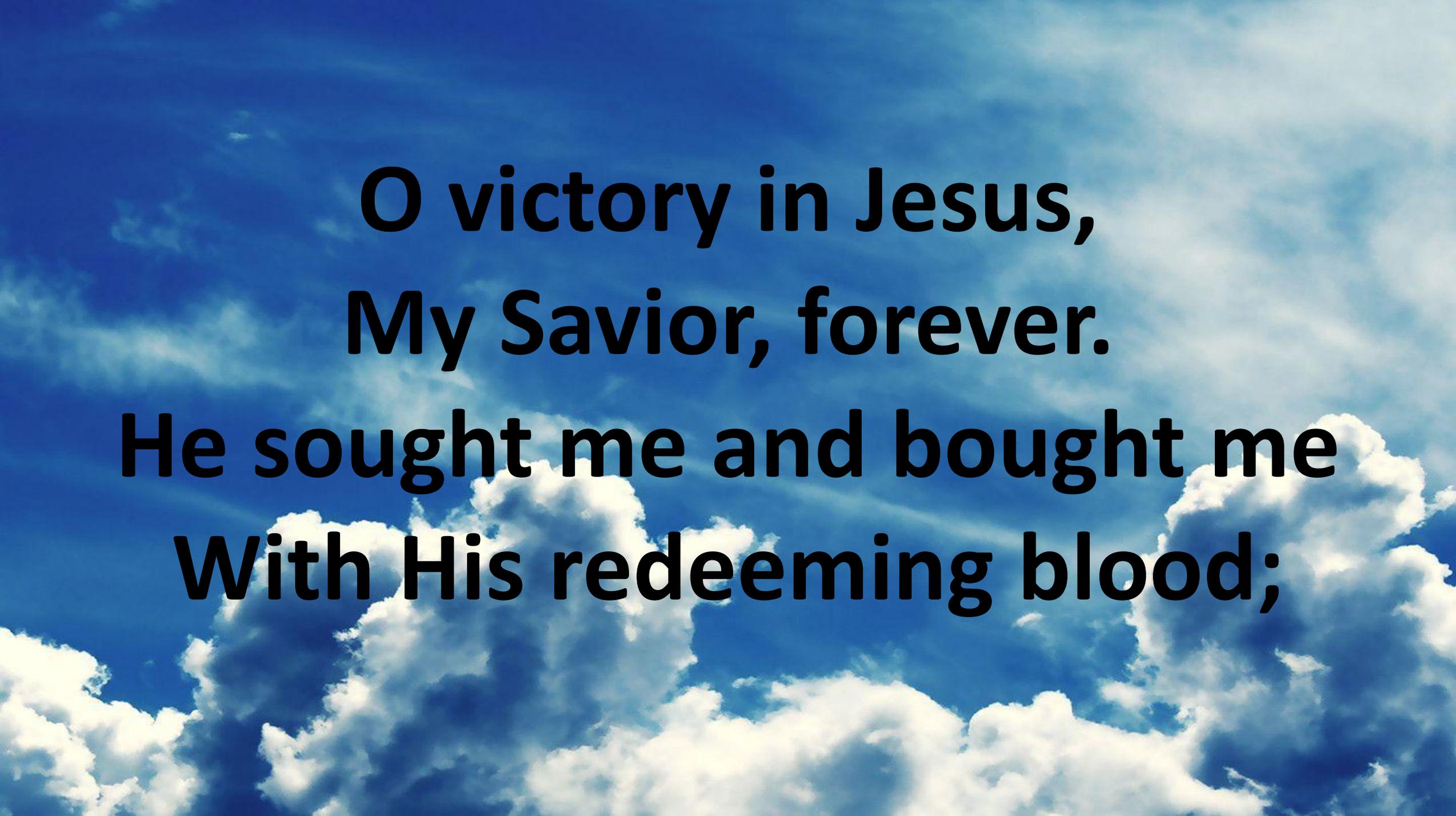


**I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory.**

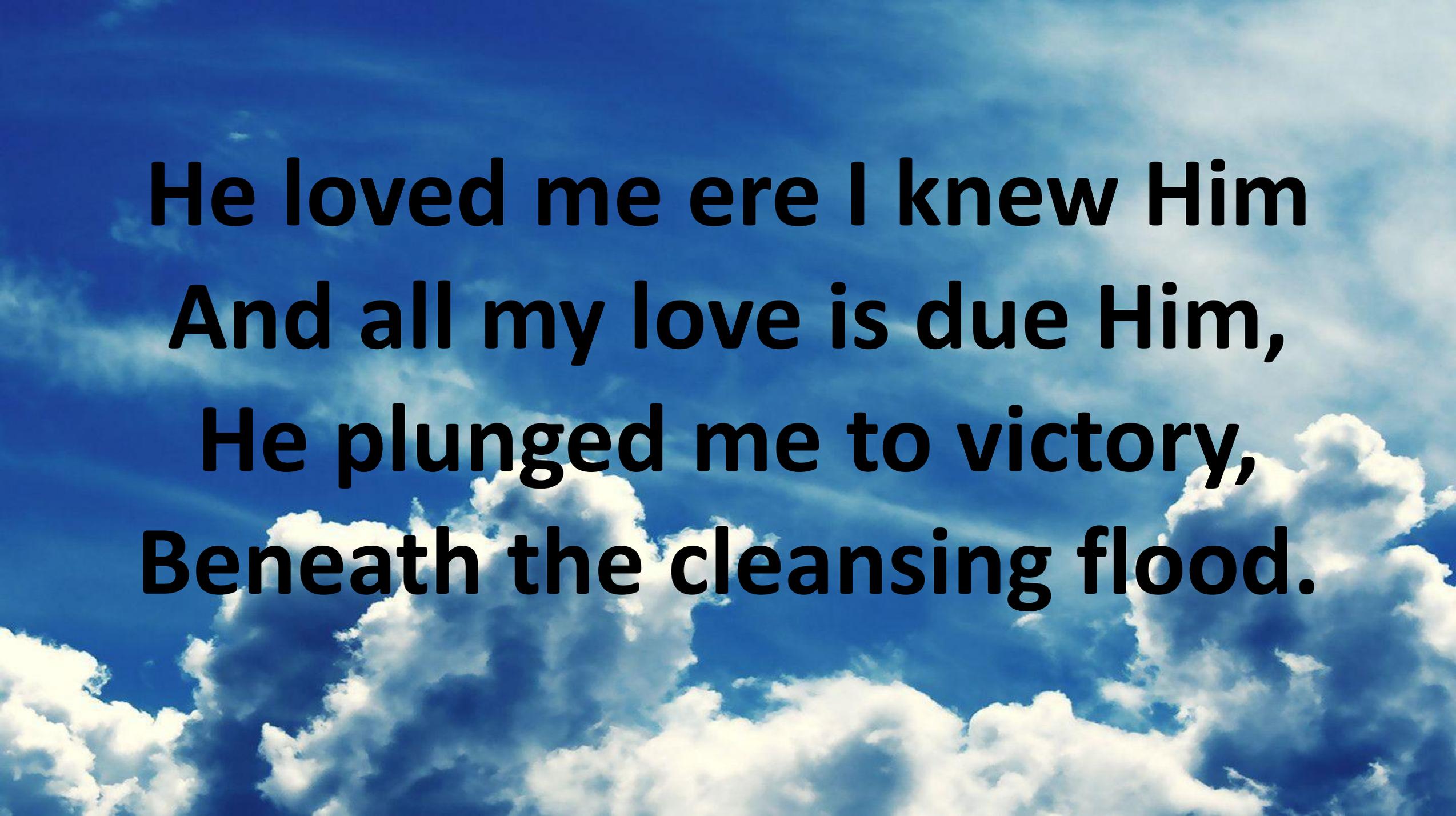
**And I heard about
the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea;**

A bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text is centered and reads:

**About the angels singing,
And the old redemption story,
And some sweet day
I'll sing up there
The song of victory.**



**O victory in Jesus,
My Savior, forever.
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With His redeeming blood;**



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And all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory,
Beneath the cleansing flood.**



I pray the Lord will bless you and protect you,
and that he will show you
mercy and kindness.

Numbers 6:24-26
נאמר ליהוה אלהינו יהוה יהוה יהוה יהוה

May the Lord
be good to you and give you peace.