



*Lift up your heads, lift up your eyes;
Keep watch with joy o'er darkened skies.*

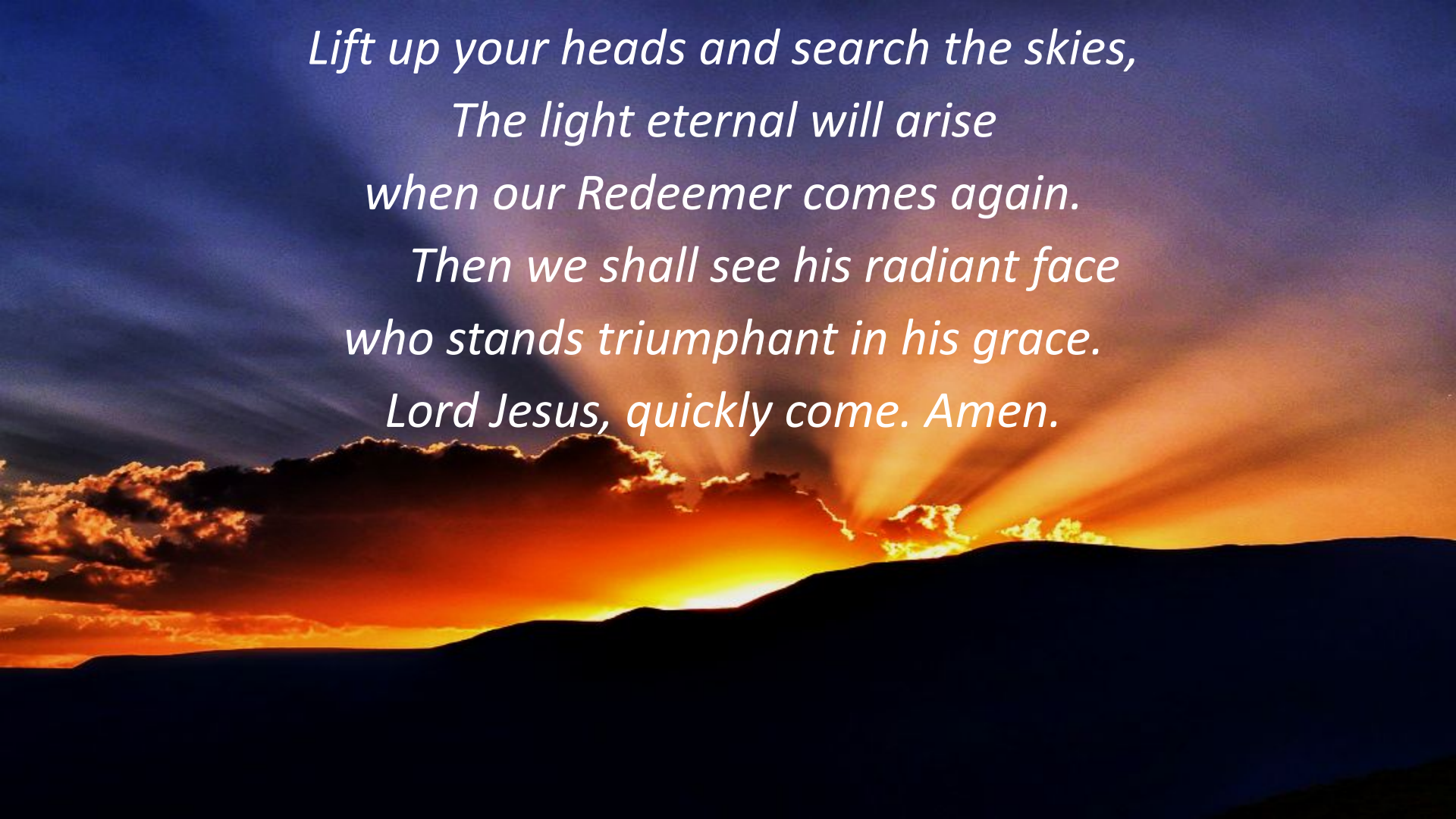
The Son of Righteousness is near.

*The earth may quake, the nations rage, fulfillments of this evil age.
For faithful hearts there is no fear.*






*Lift up your heads, pray constantly;
Do not be troubled when you see
the famines, drought and pestilence.
For Jesus Christ still walks beside,
through darkest watches will abide,
Companion in your vigilance.*



*Lift up your heads and search the skies,
The light eternal will arise
when our Redeemer comes again.
Then we shall see his radiant face
who stands triumphant in his grace.
Lord Jesus, quickly come. Amen.*



M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you.

C: And also with you.



M: Dear friends,

let us approach God with honest
hearts and confess our sins to him,
asking him for the sake of our Lord
Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: O most holy and righteous Lord,

**I am a sinner whose thoughts, words, and actions testify
to the evil that lives within me. Be merciful to me.**

**Take from me the sin that I have inherited and the sins
that I have committed, for the sake of your holy, precious
blood and innocent suffering and death.**

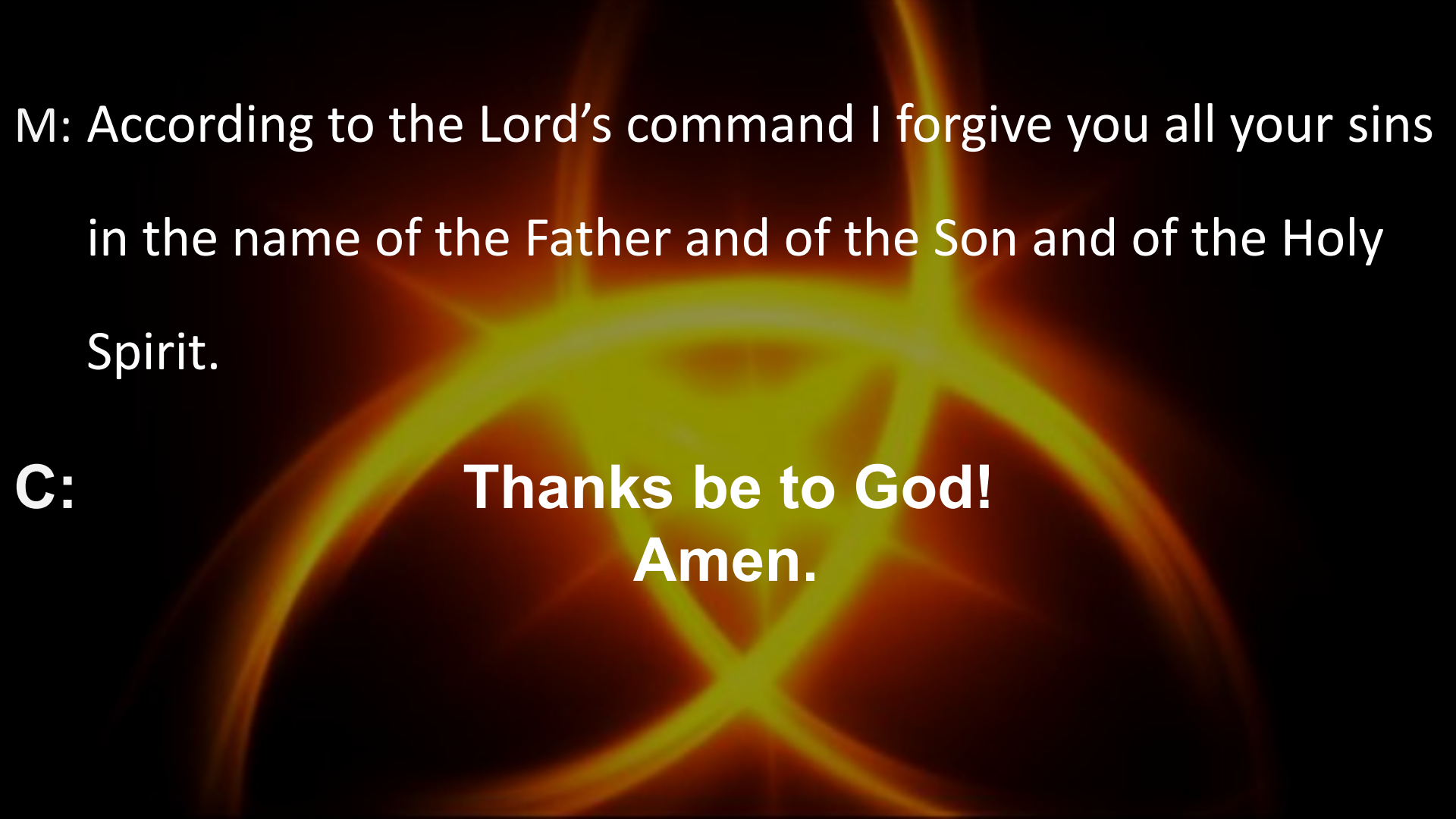
M: The Savior's **work** is finished.

The price is **paid in full**.



“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though
your sins be as **scarlet**,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they be **as**
crimson, they shall be as
wool.





M: According to the Lord's command I forgive you all your sins
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

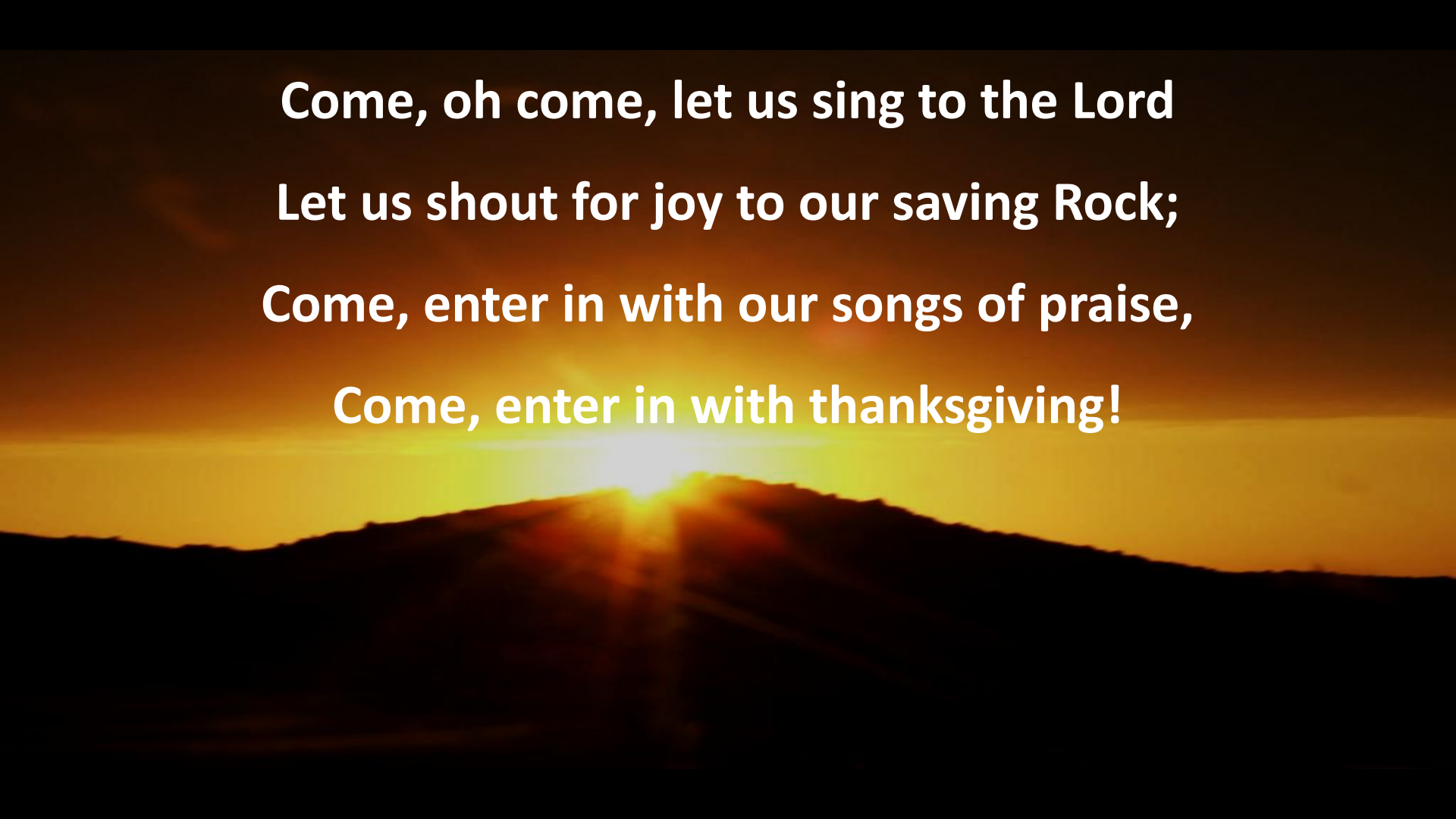
C: **Thanks be to God!**
Amen.

M: O, Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world:
Let us worship him!

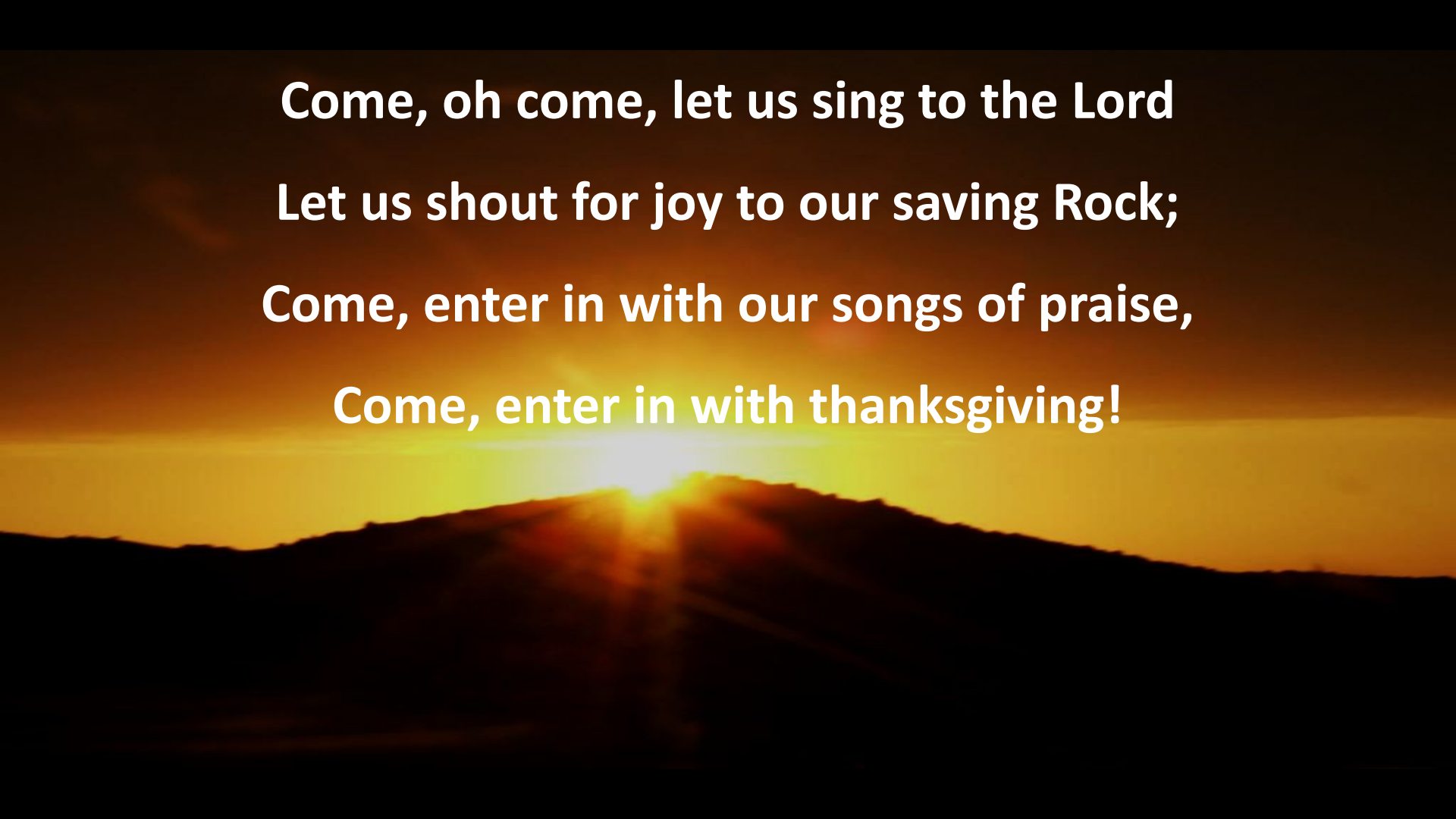




**Come, oh come, let us sing to the Lord
Let us shout for joy to our saving Rock;
Come, enter in with our songs of praise,
Come, enter in with thanksgiving!**

**You are a great
and a wondrous God,
Cupping in your hands
all the depths of earth!
You made the hills
and the mountains high,
You made the seas
and the dry land.**

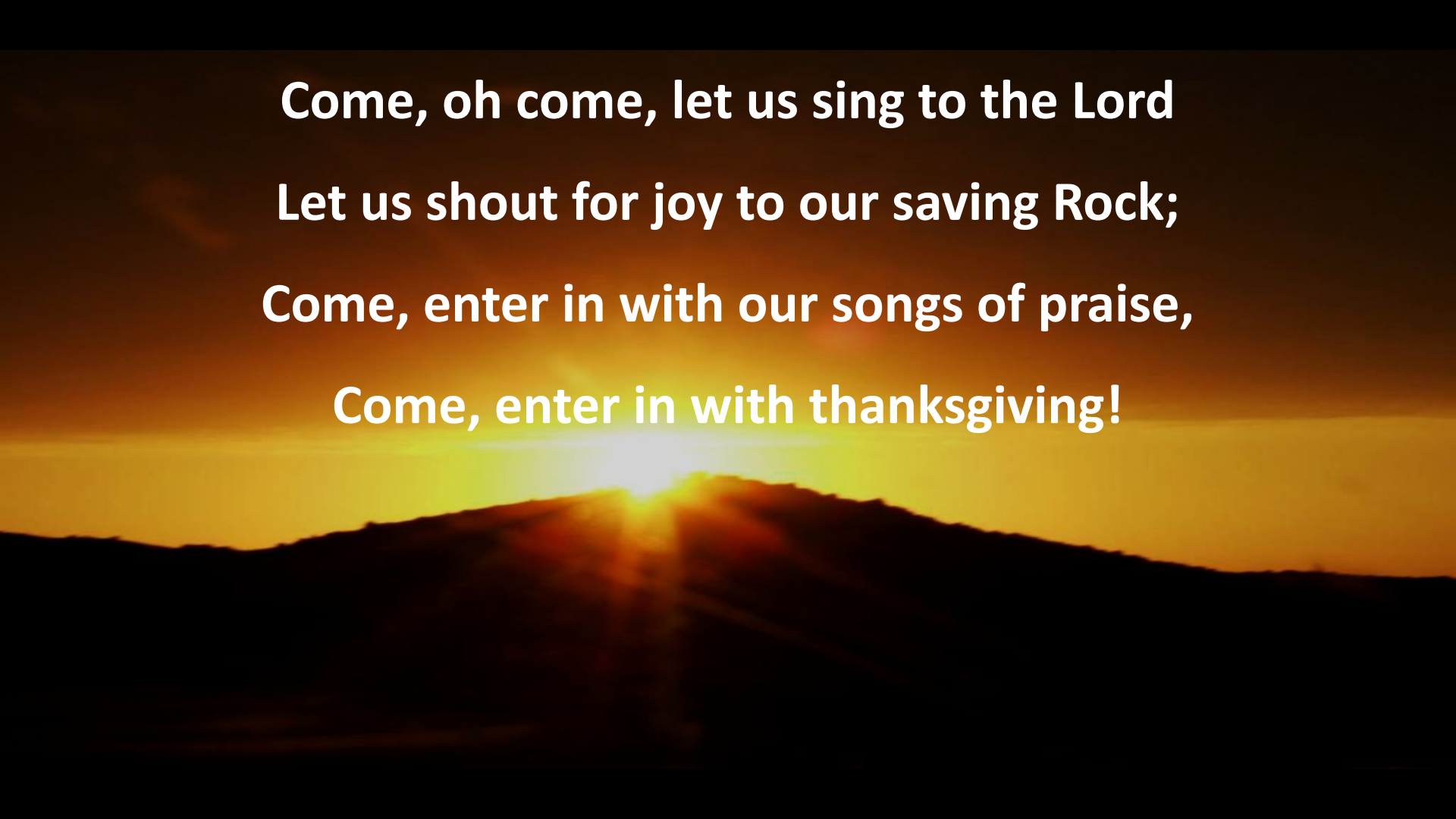




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Come, enter in with thanksgiving!**

**Come, let us worship and, bowing low,
Kneel before the One who has made us all.
You are the God whom we call our own.
We are the flock that you shepherd.**





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Prayer of the Day

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. **10** A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.



The court was seated, and the books were opened. **13** “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. **14** He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him.



His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that will not pass away,
and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.



Alleluia!

I AM the Alpha and the Omega,

The First and the Last.

The Beginning and the End.

Alleluia!



Matthew 25:31-46

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

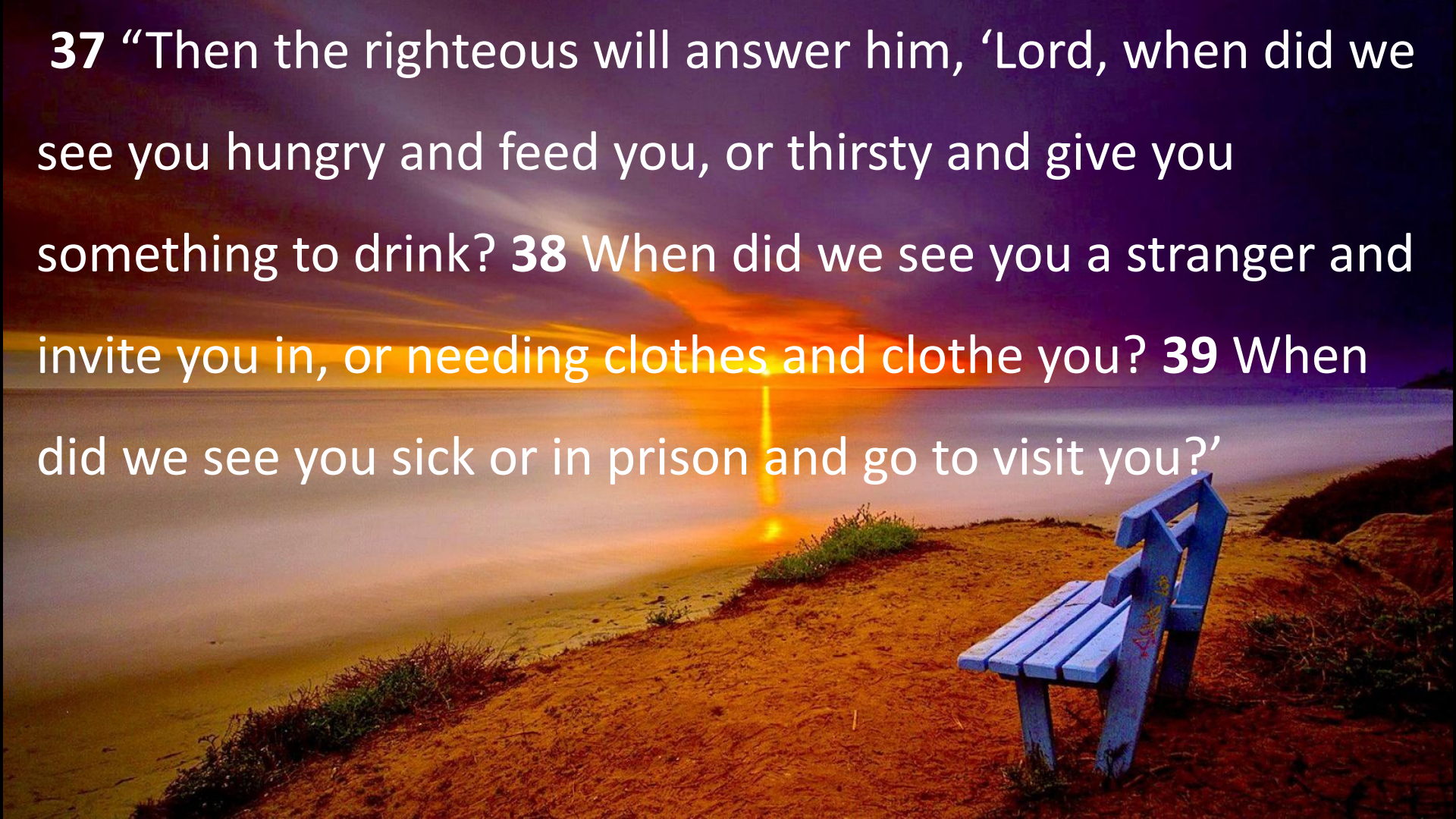
34 “Then the King will say to those on his right,
‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your
inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the
creation of the world.



35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

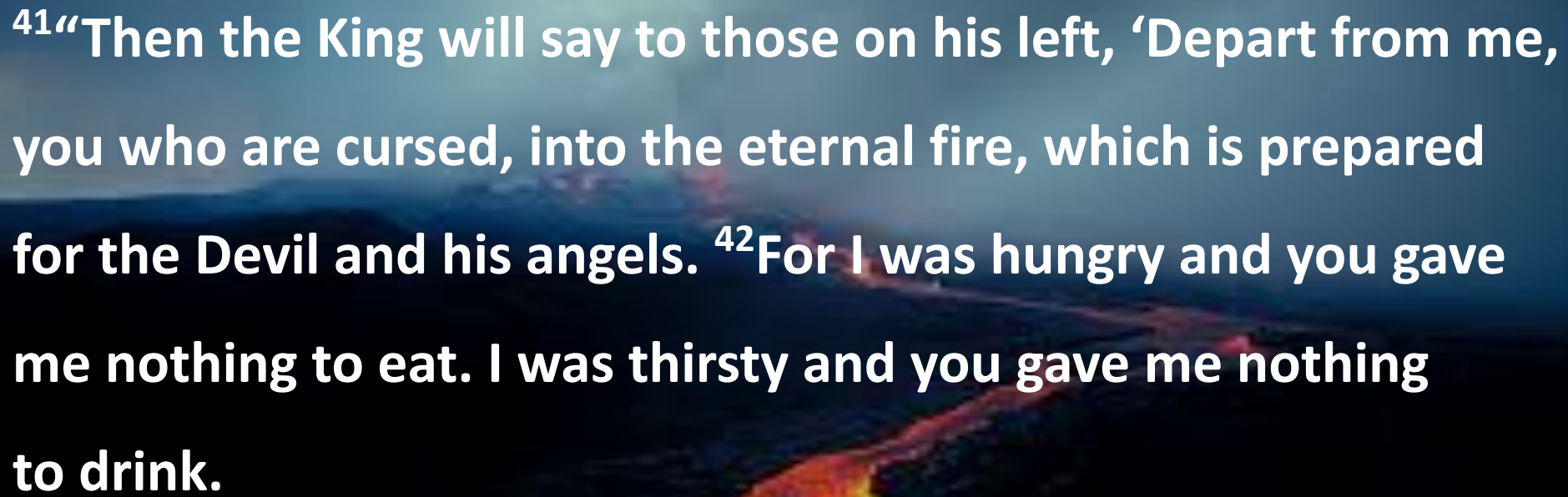


37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’



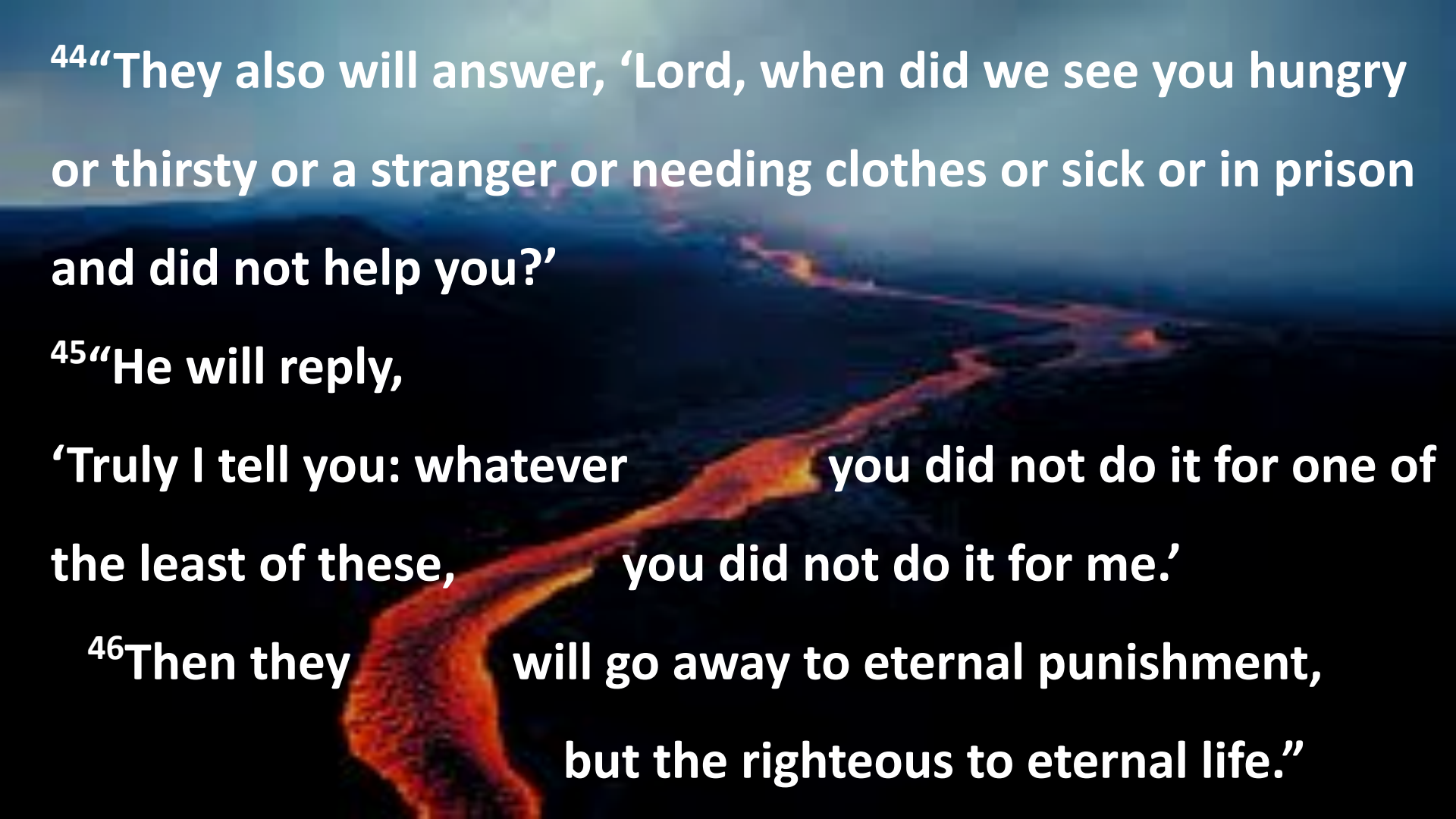
40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’





⁴¹“Then the King will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink.

⁴³I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’



⁴⁴“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison and did not help you?’

⁴⁵“He will reply,

‘Truly I tell you: whatever you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.’

⁴⁶Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

**Still, my soul, be still and do not fear
though winds of change may rage tomorrow.**

**God is at your side; no longer dread
the fires of unexpected sorrow.**

**God, you are my God,
and I will trust in You and not be shaken.**

**Lord of peace, renew
a steadfast spirit within me
to rest in You alone.**





**Still, my soul, be still; do not moved
by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.
Hold onto his ways, with shield of faith
against temptation's flaming arrows.**

**God, you are my God,
and I will trust in You and not be shaken.**

**Lord of peace, renew
a steadfast spirit within me
to rest in You alone.**

**Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake
the truth you learned in the beginning.
Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise
as stars appear when day is dimming.**

**God, you are my God,
and I will trust in You and not be shaken.**

**Lord of peace, renew
a steadfast spirit within me - to rest in You alone.**



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed

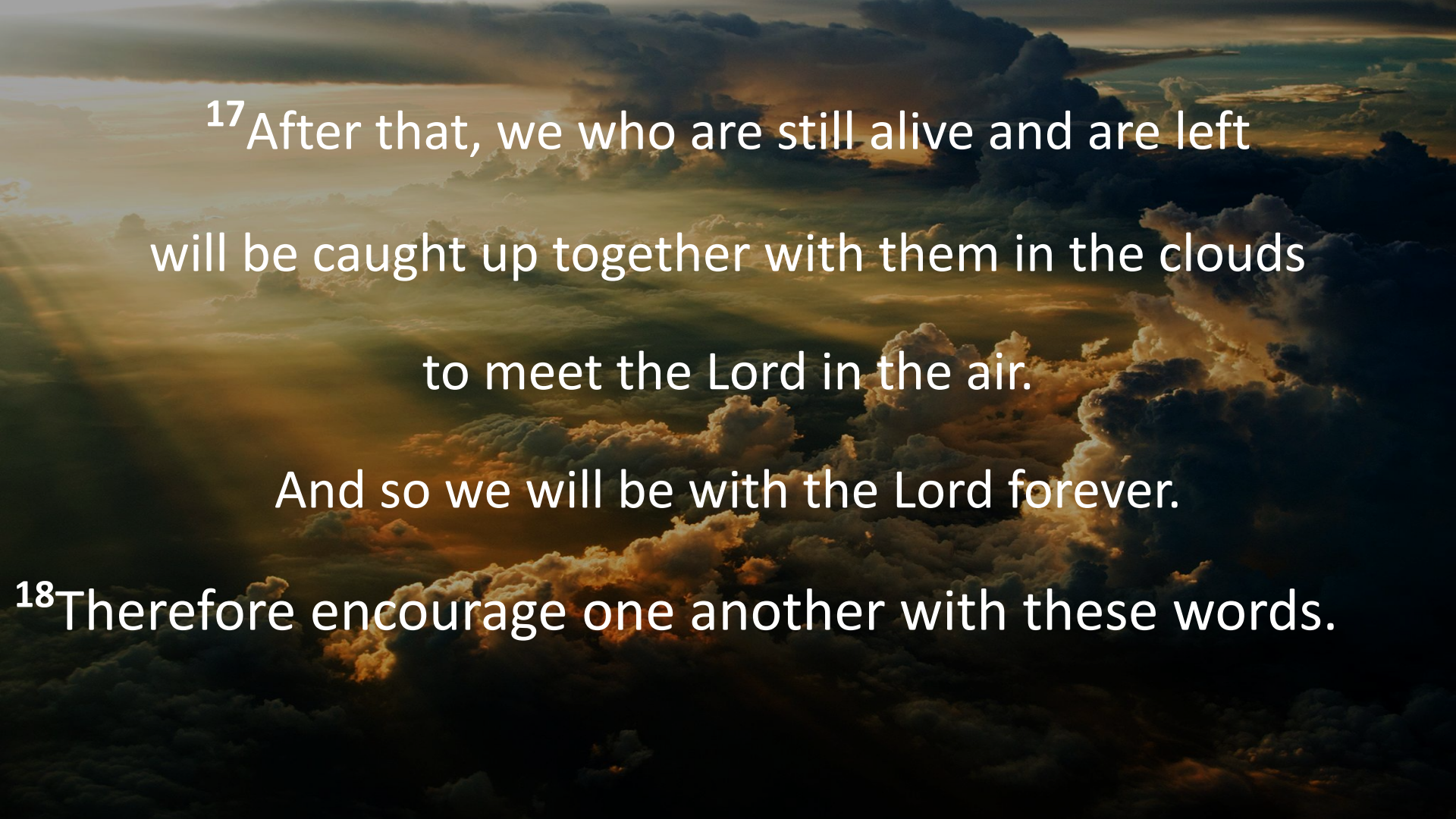
about those who sleep in death,
so that you do not grieve
like the rest of mankind,
who have no hope.

14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. **15** According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down
from heaven, with a loud command,
with the voice of the archangel and with
the trumpet call of God,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

glorious
morning
WHEN THE SAVIOUR CAME





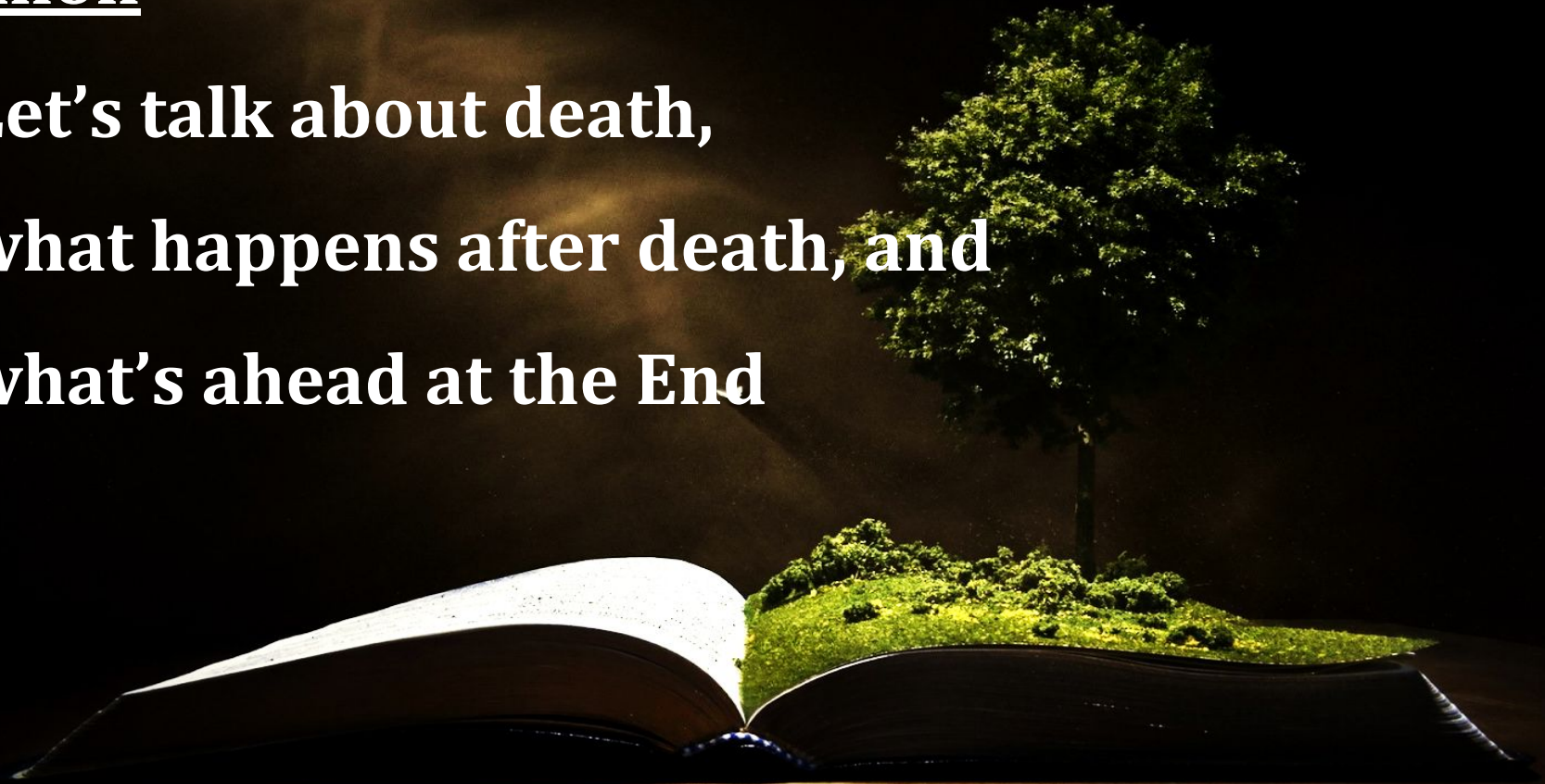
¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.

And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Sermon

Let's talk about death,
what happens after death, and
what's ahead at the End



Sermon

Perspective



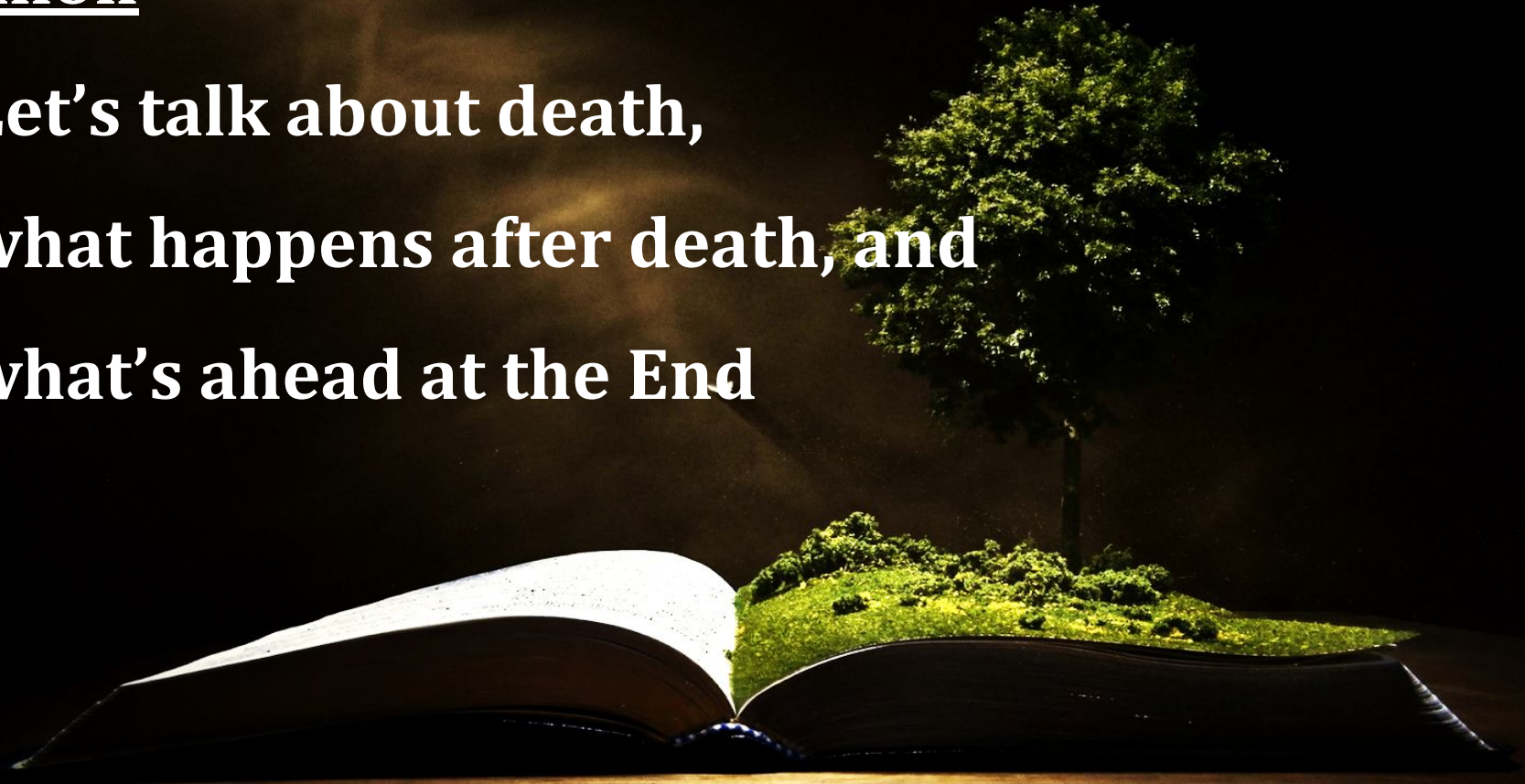
**Is
Everything**

“Danger of death: How you are unlikely to die”

- odds of dying from a “tornado” in a given year - 1 in 13,120,000.
- odds of dying by being “struck by lightning” in a given year - = 1 in 6,693,878.
- dying by “Falling down stairs” in a given year was 1 in only 157,300.
- “Death from influenza/pneumonia” in a given year is 1 in 6,560.
- You can get all the way down to a number like the odds of dying from a “heart attack” in a given year: 1 in 2,779.

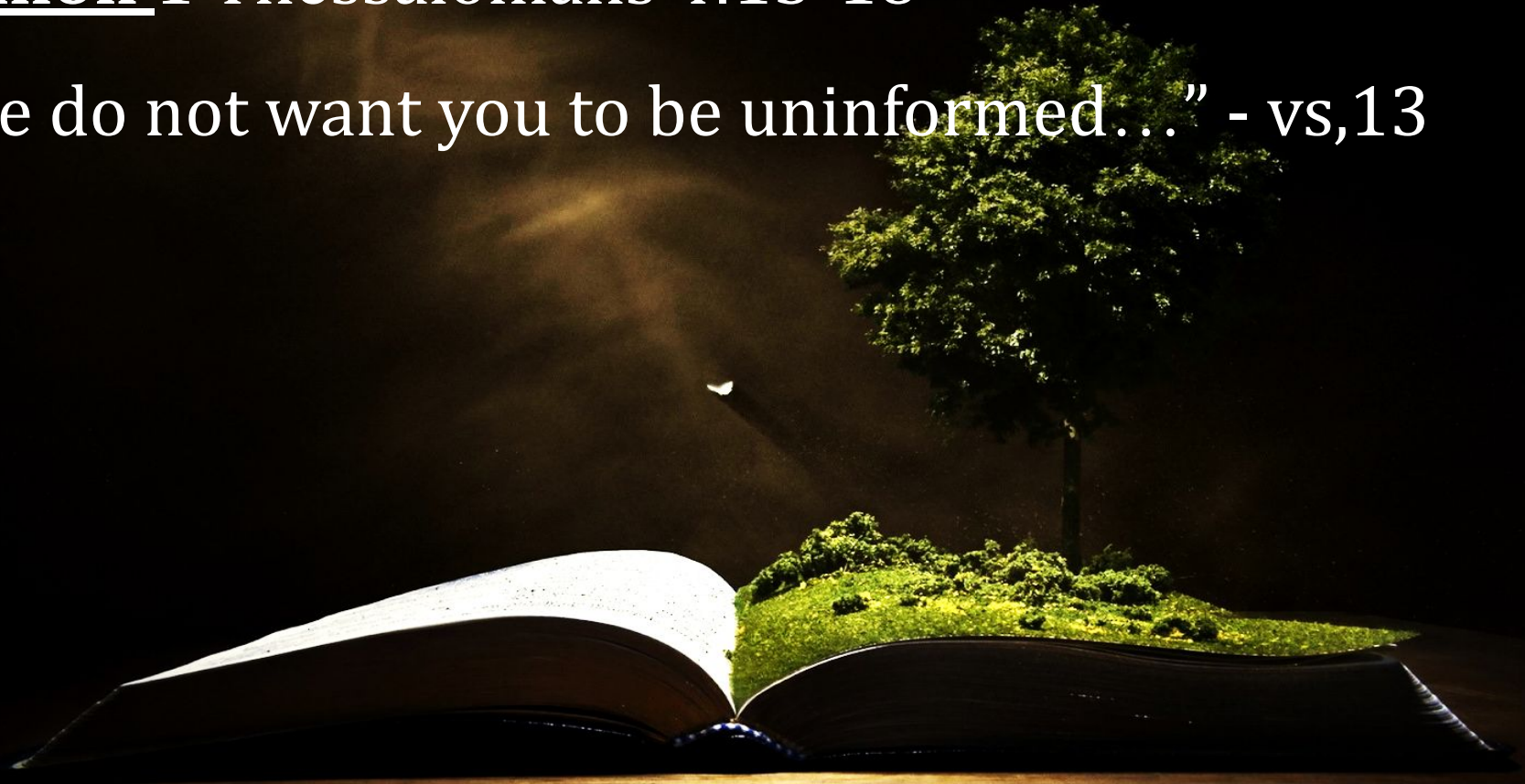
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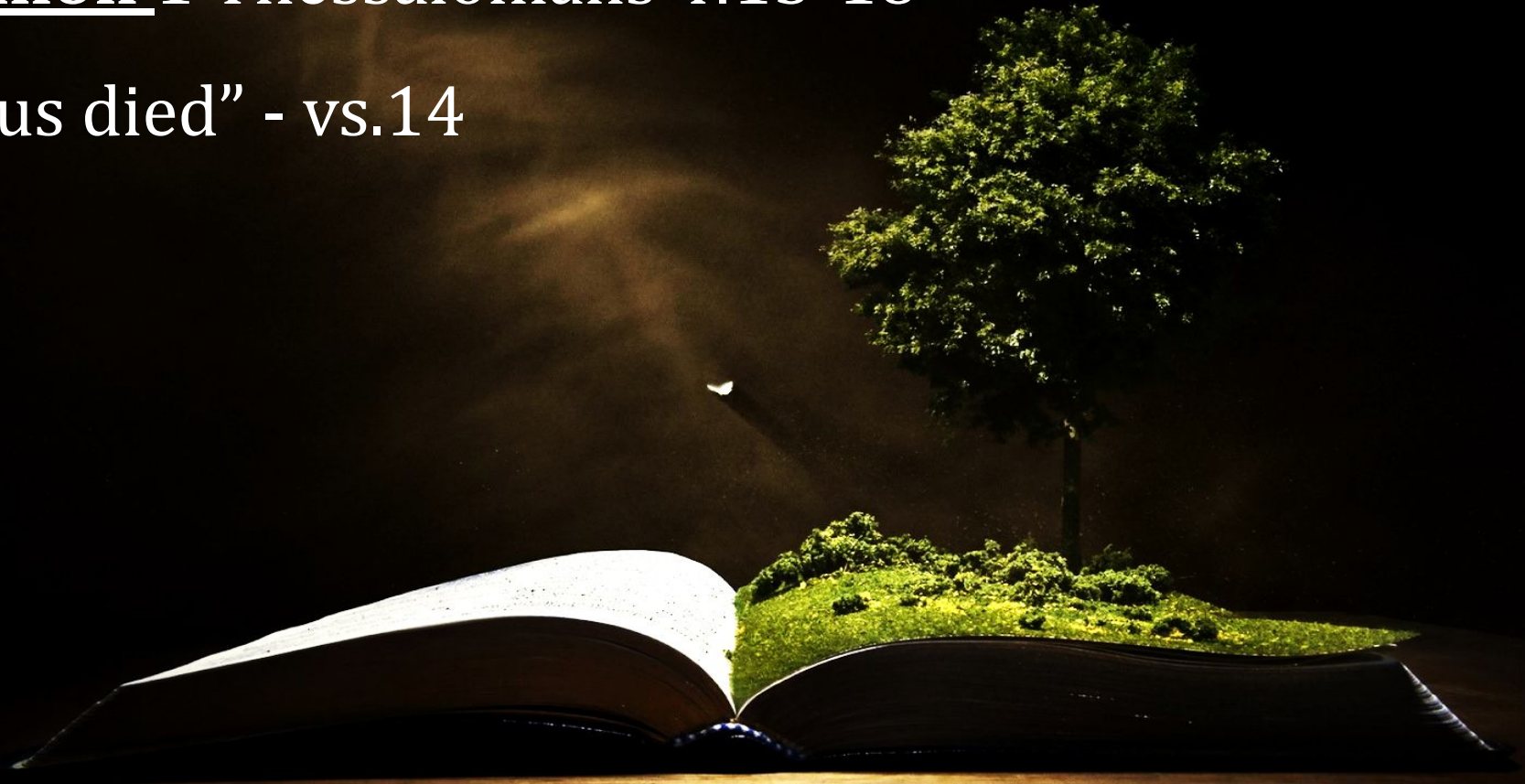
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“...we do not want you to be uninformed...” - vs,13



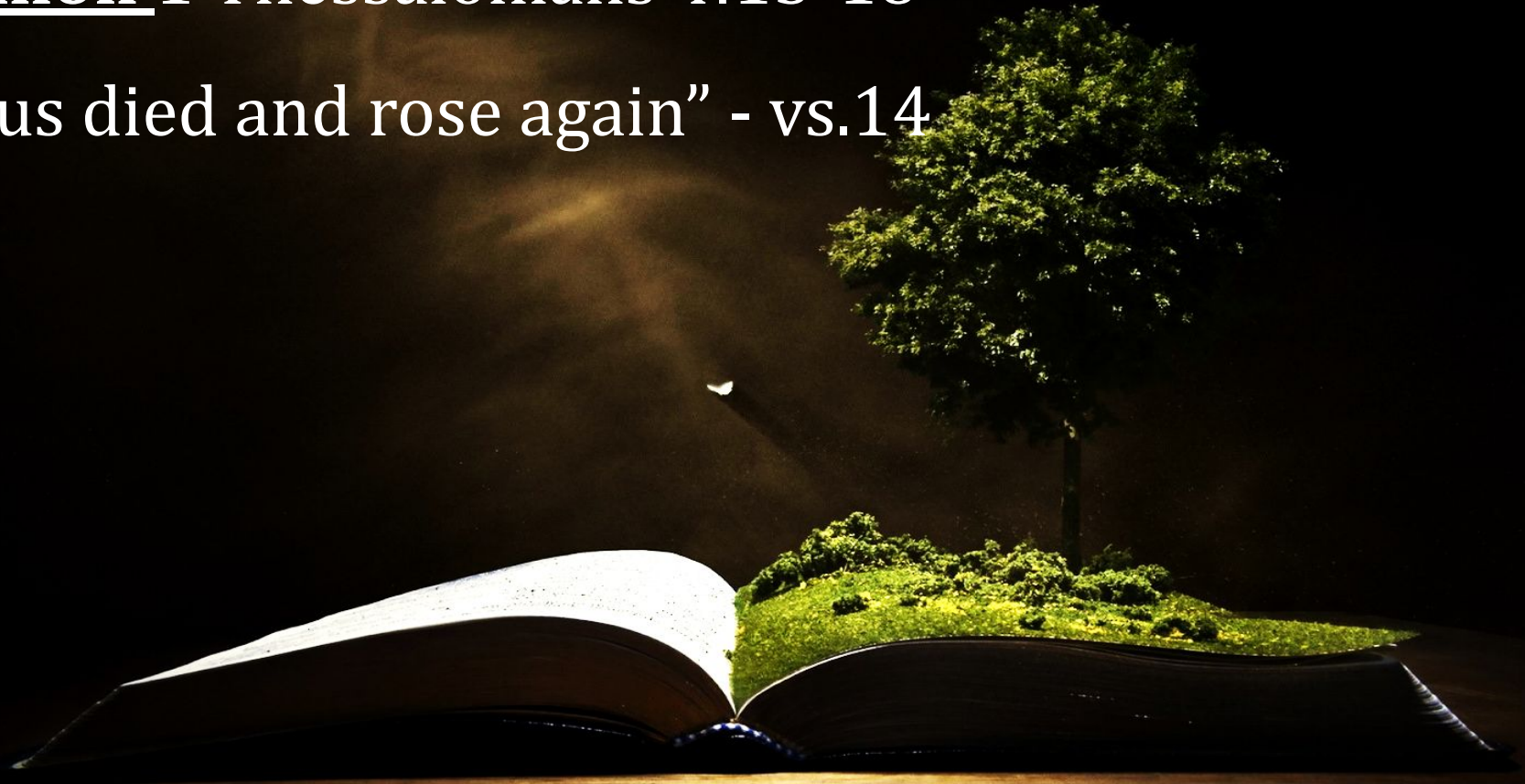
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“Jesus died” - vs.14



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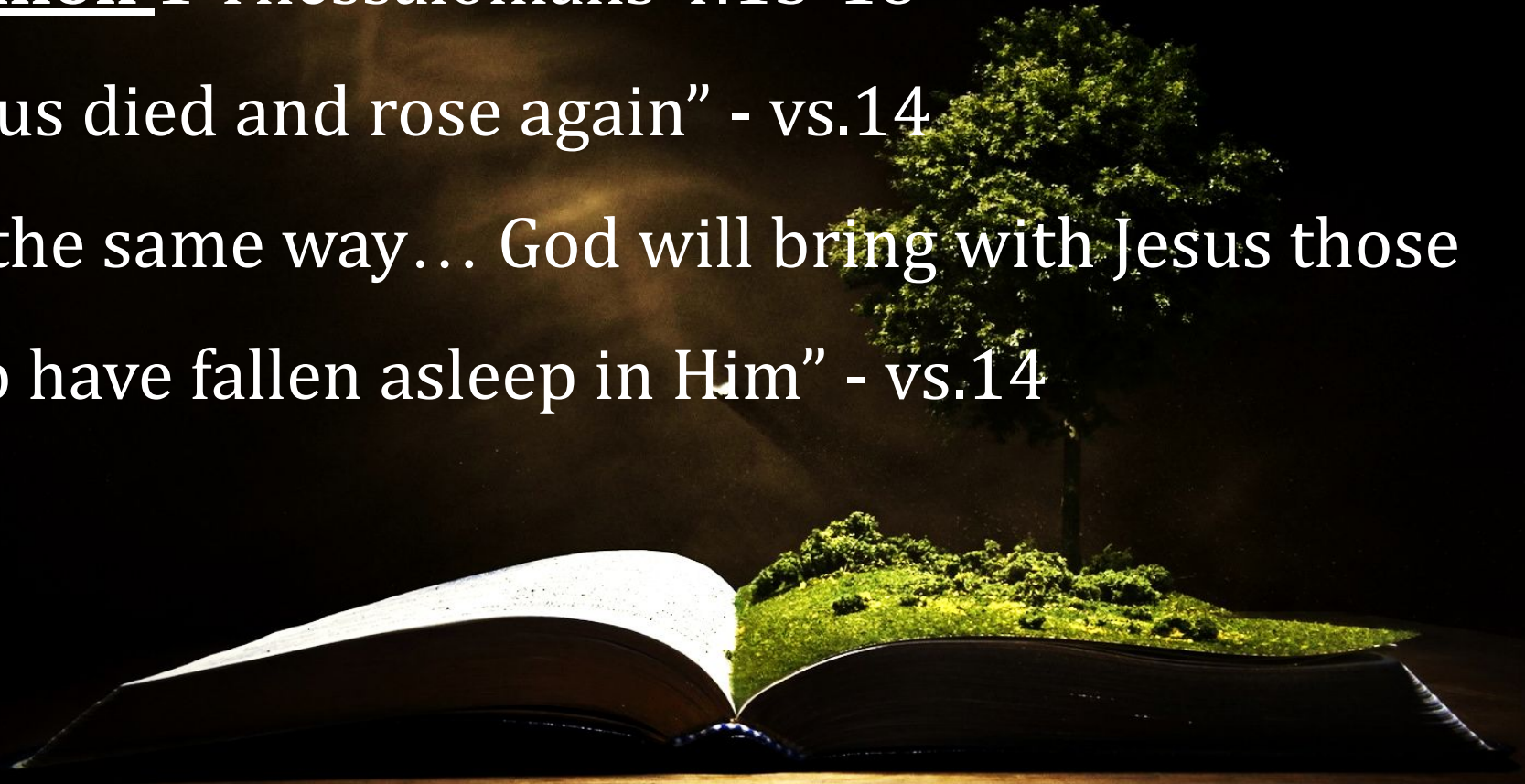
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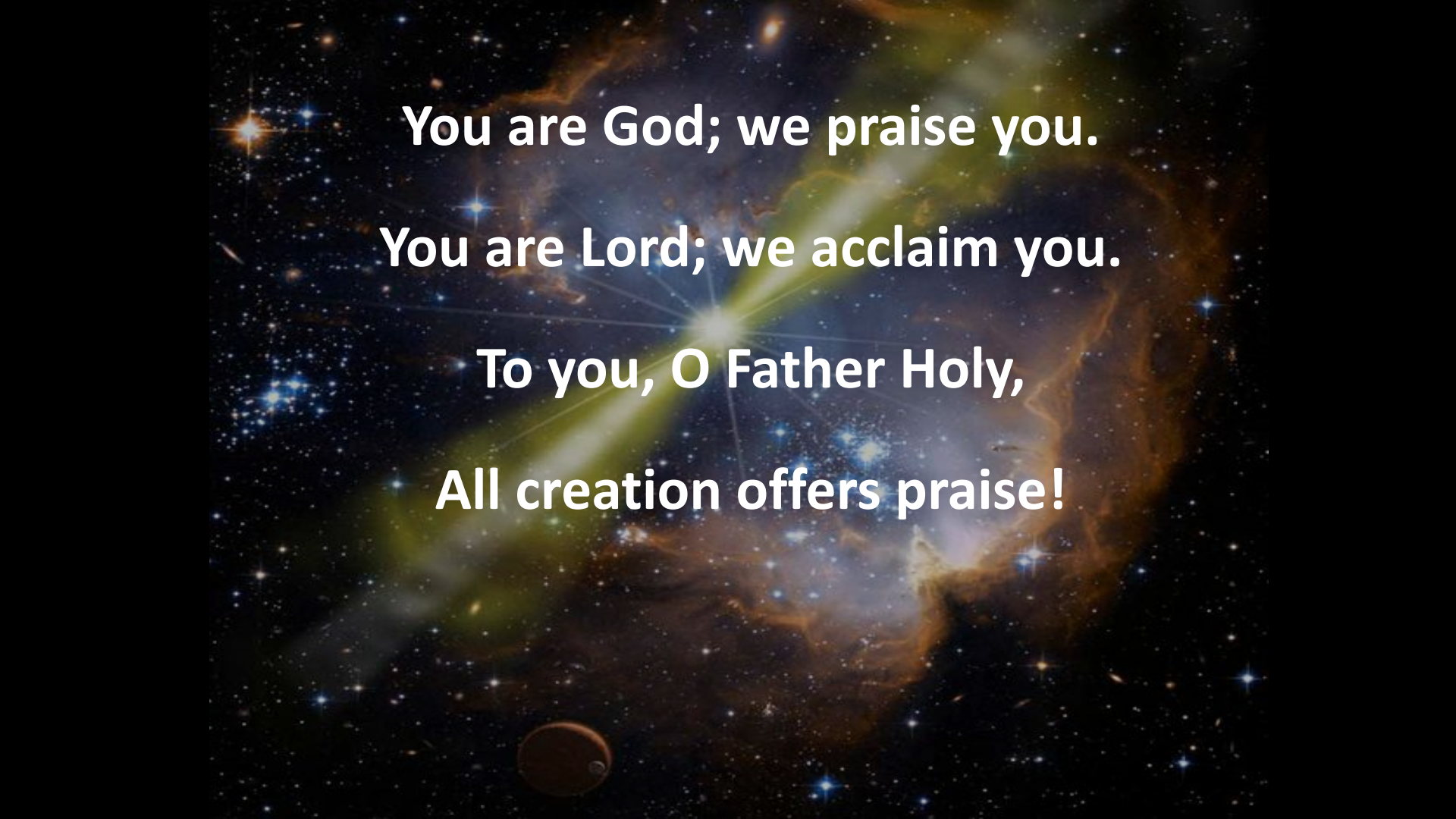
“In the same way... God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him” - vs.14



Sermon 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

“...we will be with the Lord forever.” - vs.18





You are God; we praise you.
You are Lord; we acclaim you.
To you, O Father Holy,
All creation offers praise!



M: With the angels in heaven

C: **We praise you! We praise you!**

M: With the cherubim and seraphim

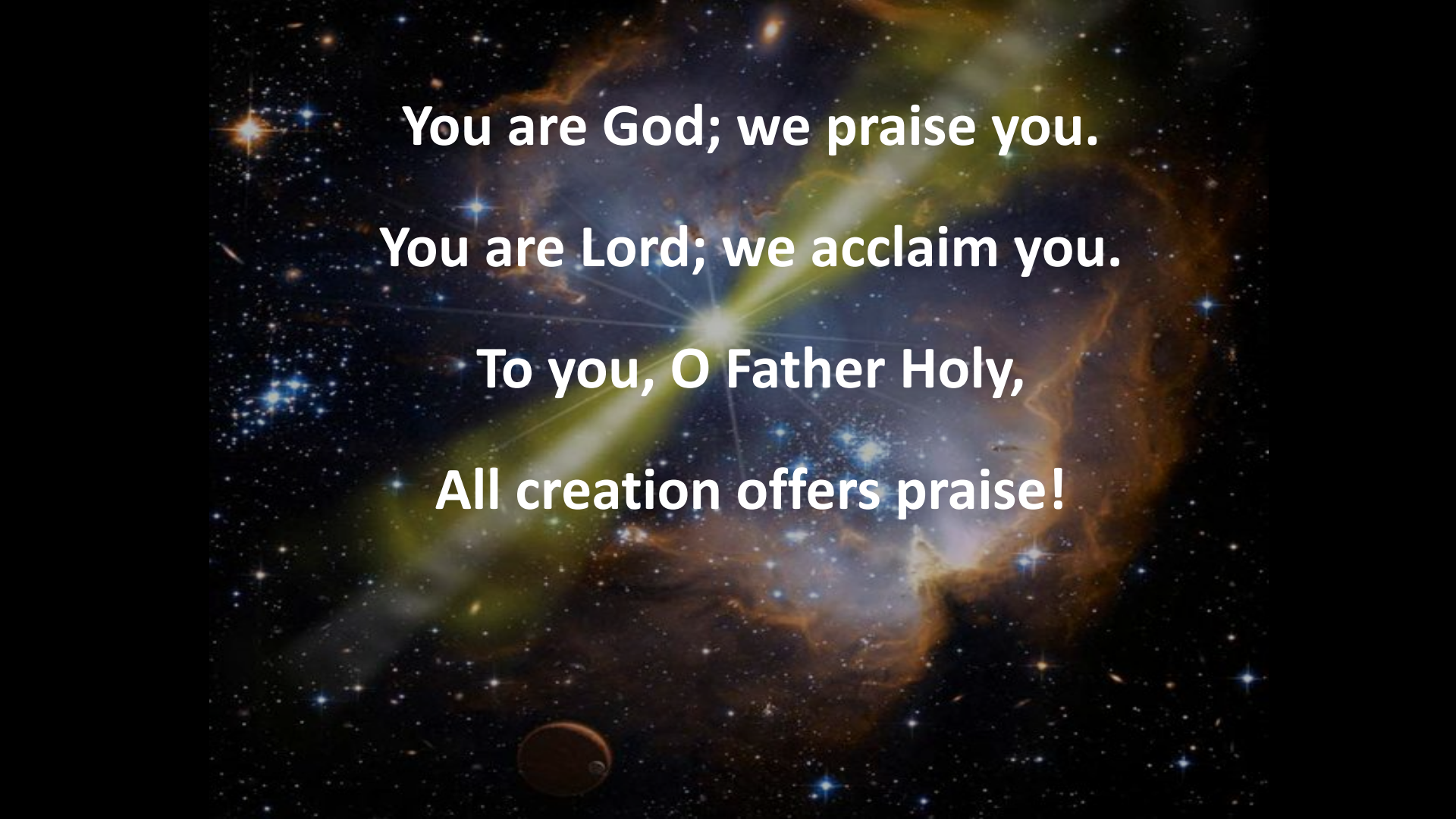
C: **We praise you! We praise you!**

M: With apostles and prophets

C: **We praise you! We praise you!**

M: With the martyrs and your holy Church

C: **We sing in endless praise!**



You are God; we praise you.
You are Lord; we acclaim you.
To you, O Father Holy,
All creation offers praise!

M: Creator of all things,

C: **We praise you!**

We praise you!

M: O Jesus Christ,
the Son of God,

C: **We praise you!**

We praise you!



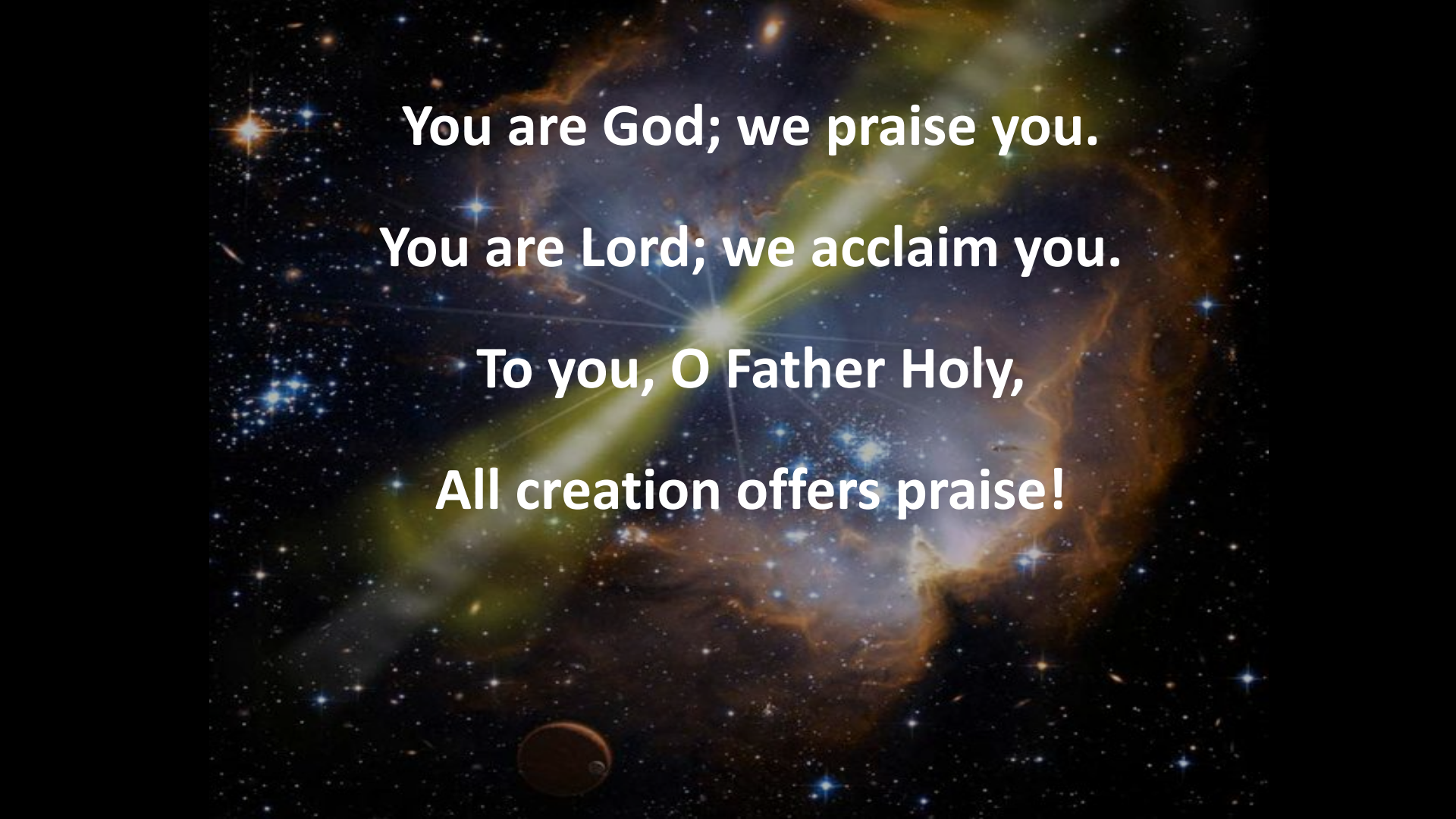


M: O Spirit, most holy,

C: **We praise you! We praise you!**

M: To the Trinity, most blessed,

C: **We sing in endless praise!**



You are God; we praise you.
You are Lord; we acclaim you.
To you, O Father Holy,
All creation offers praise!

M: O Christ, King of glory,

C: **We praise you!**
We praise you!

M: You became a man
to set us free;

C: **We praise you!**
We praise you!



M: You have risen to free us;

C: **We praise you! We praise you!**

M: And with all your saints in glory;

C: **We sing in endless praise!**





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All creation offers praise!

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M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you;
be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer for Grace





M: The Lord bless and keep you;

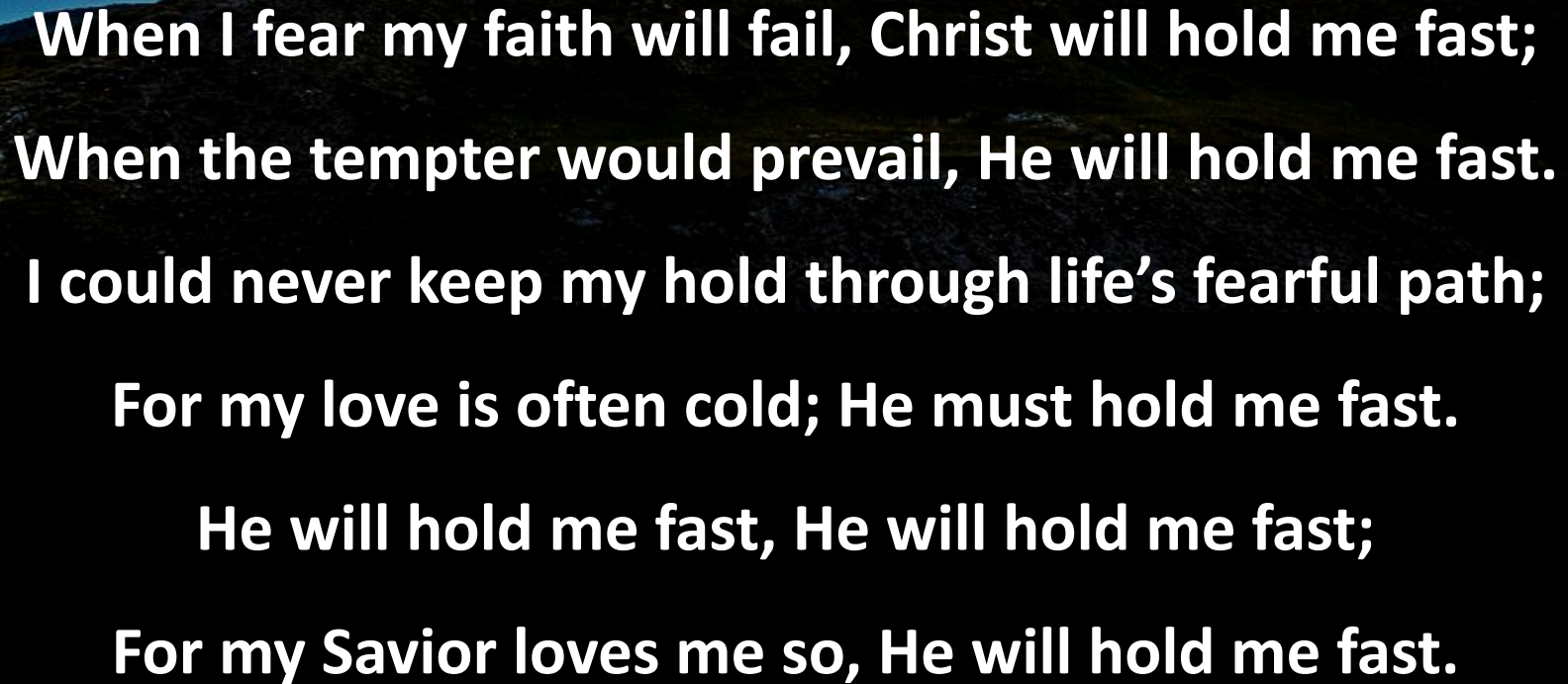
C: A- - -men!

M: The Lord's face ever shine upon you;

C: A- - -men!

M: The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C: A- - -men!



**When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

A landscape photograph showing a series of rolling hills under a sunset sky. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and blue. In the distance, a small cross is visible on a hilltop. The foreground hills are dark and silhouetted against the lighter sky.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;

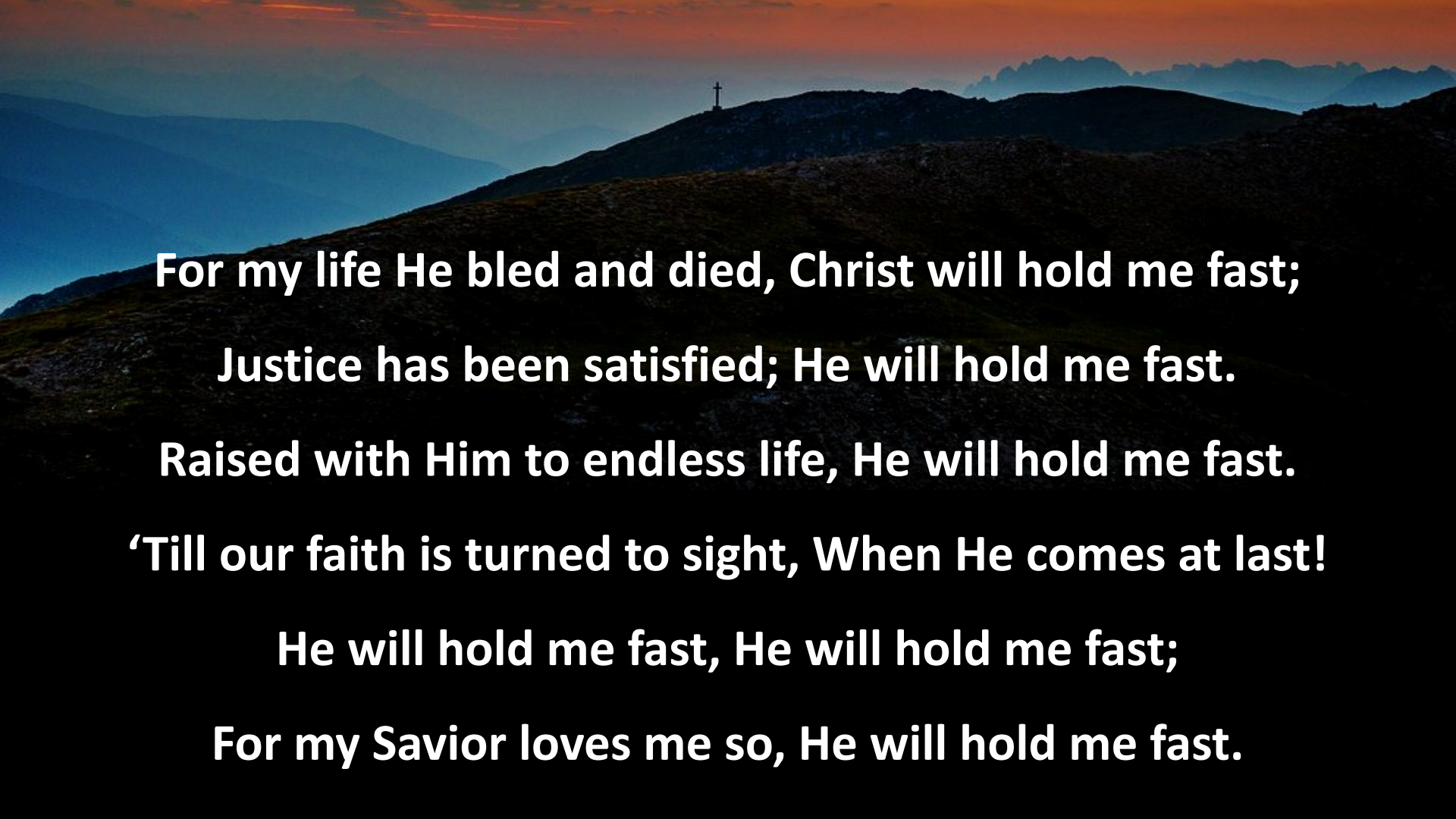
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.



For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast.

‘Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Schedule

<i>TUES</i>	<i>Women's Gathering</i>	<i>10am</i>
<i>WED</i>	<i>Youth Confirmation / Catechism class</i>	<i>6:15pm</i>
<i>SAT</i>	<i>Men's gathering</i>	<i>10am</i>
	<i>Christmas Decorating</i>	<i>11am</i>
<i>Next Sunday</i>	<i>Bible Hour, with classes for all ages</i>	<i>9am</i>
	<i>Worship -</i>	<i>10am</i>
	<i>Potluck & Presentation</i>	<i>following worship</i>

Other upcoming events / happenings ...

- *Potluck, and cultural presentation on Guyana: next Sunday. Would you like to learn about Albert's home country of Guyana? You're invited.*
- *Christmas Caroling date set: Wed Dec. 13th. More details TBA.*
- *Special Christmas Services*
 - Dec.17 - Children sing in the service to share the Christmas news*
 - Dec.24 Christmas Eve Candlelight worship 6:30pm*
 - Dec.25 Christmas Day worship 10am*