

PSALM 19

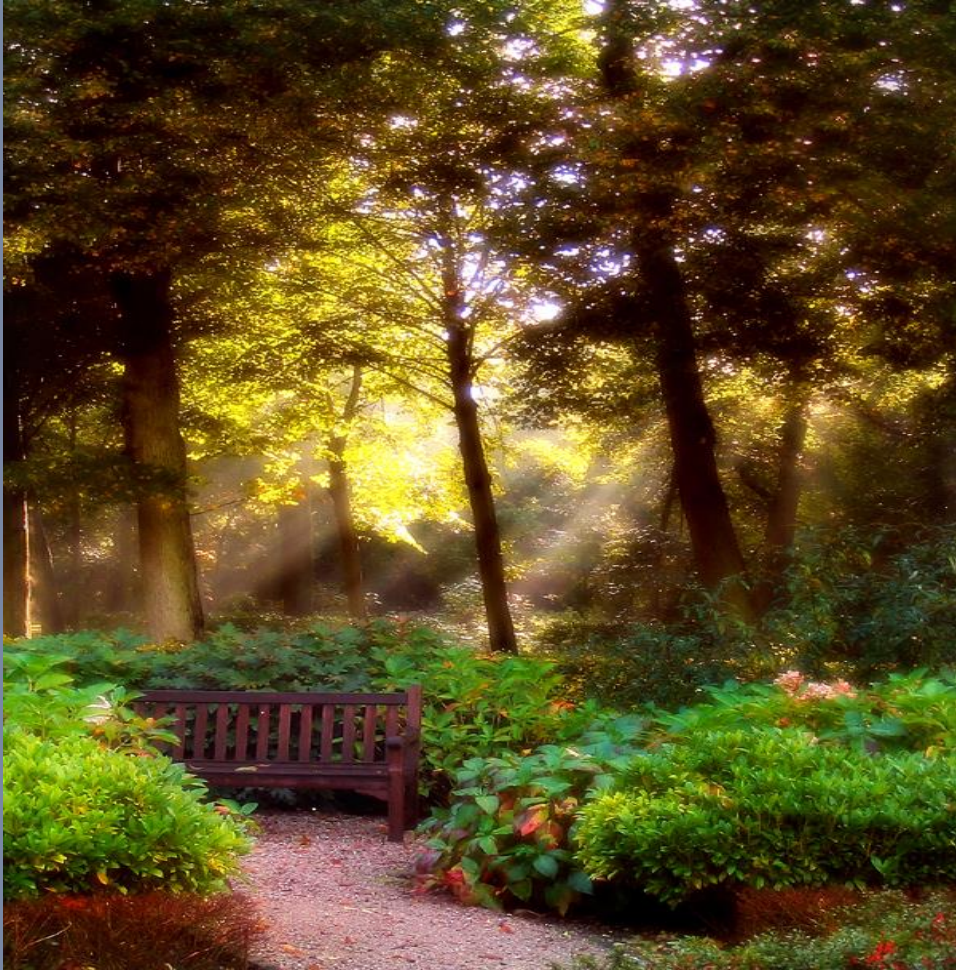
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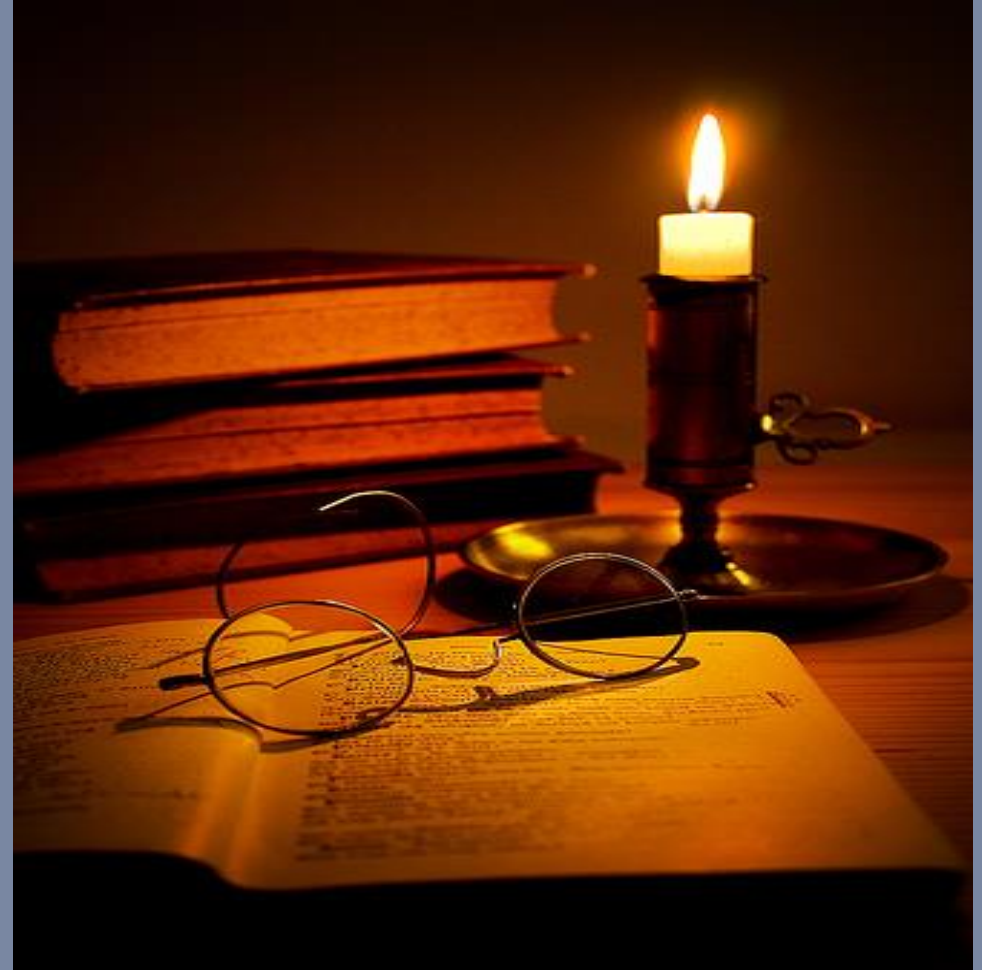
*The heavens declare the glory of God,
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Day unto day uttereth speech,
and night unto night showeth knowledge.
There is no speech, there are no words, their voice is not heard;
but their melody extendeth through all the earth,
and to the end of the world their words.*

— Psalm 19:1-4 Leeser —

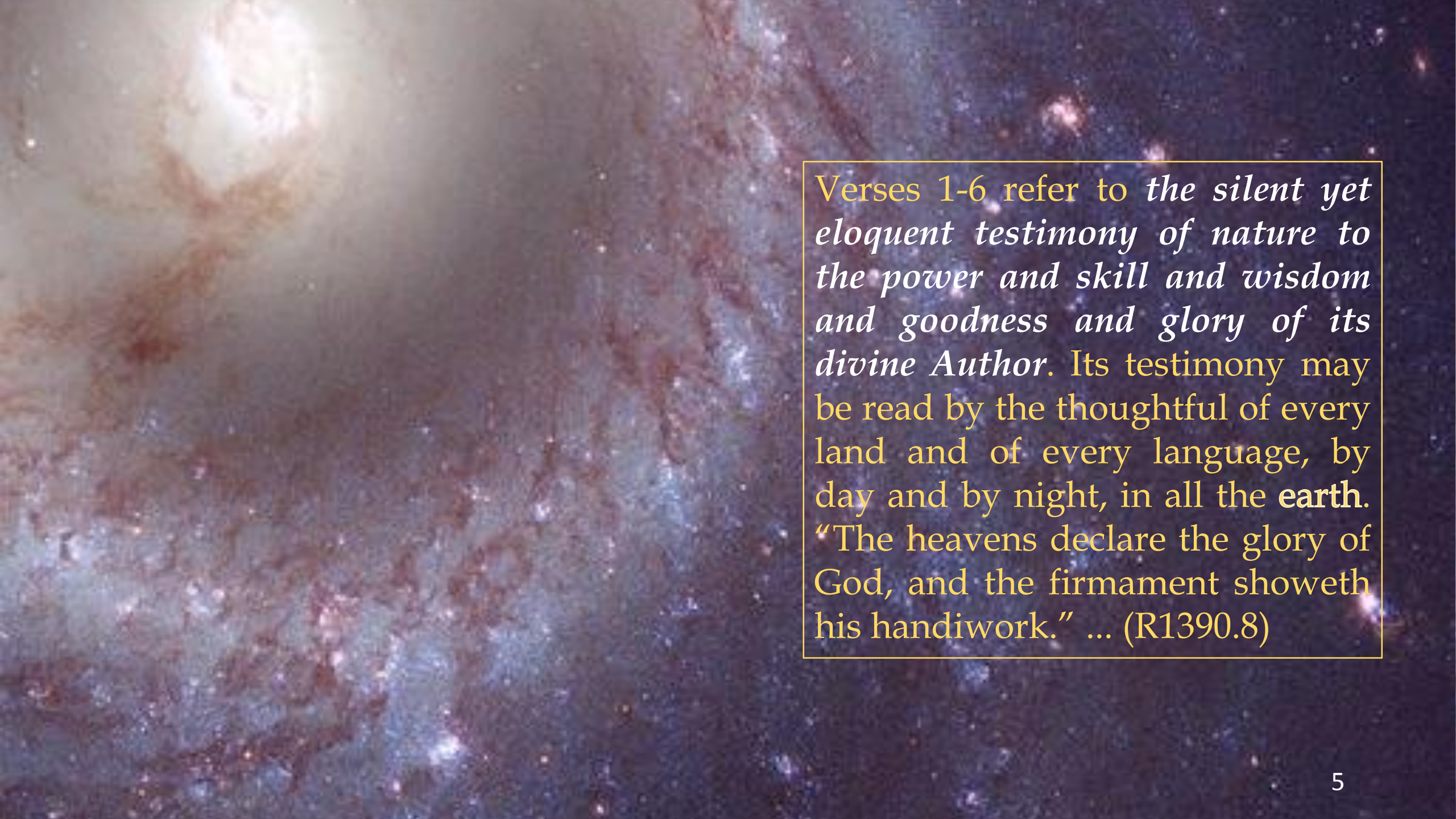
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—Psalm 19:12-14 KJV—*



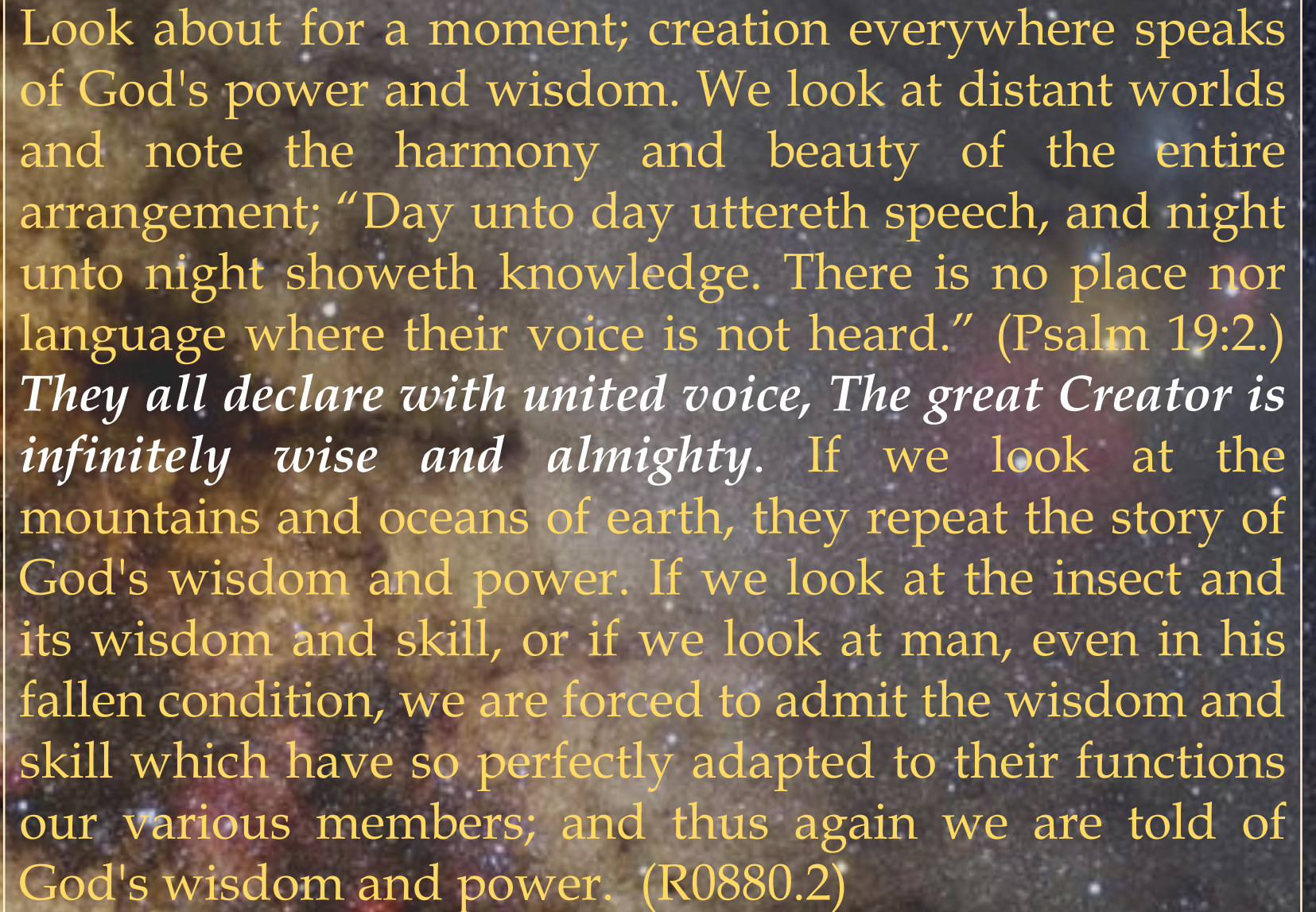
The Book of Nature



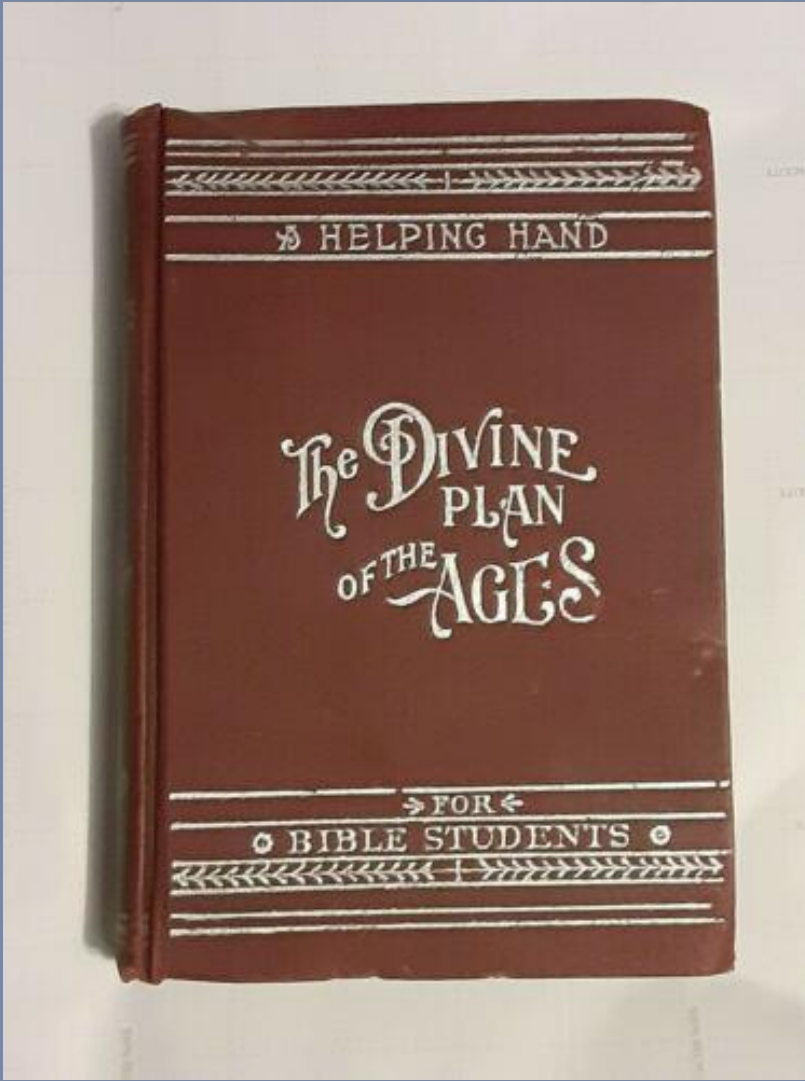
The Book of Divine Revelation



Verses 1-6 refer to *the silent yet eloquent testimony of nature to the power and skill and wisdom and goodness and glory of its divine Author. Its testimony may be read by the thoughtful of every land and of every language, by day and by night, in all the earth. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork."* ... (R1390.8)



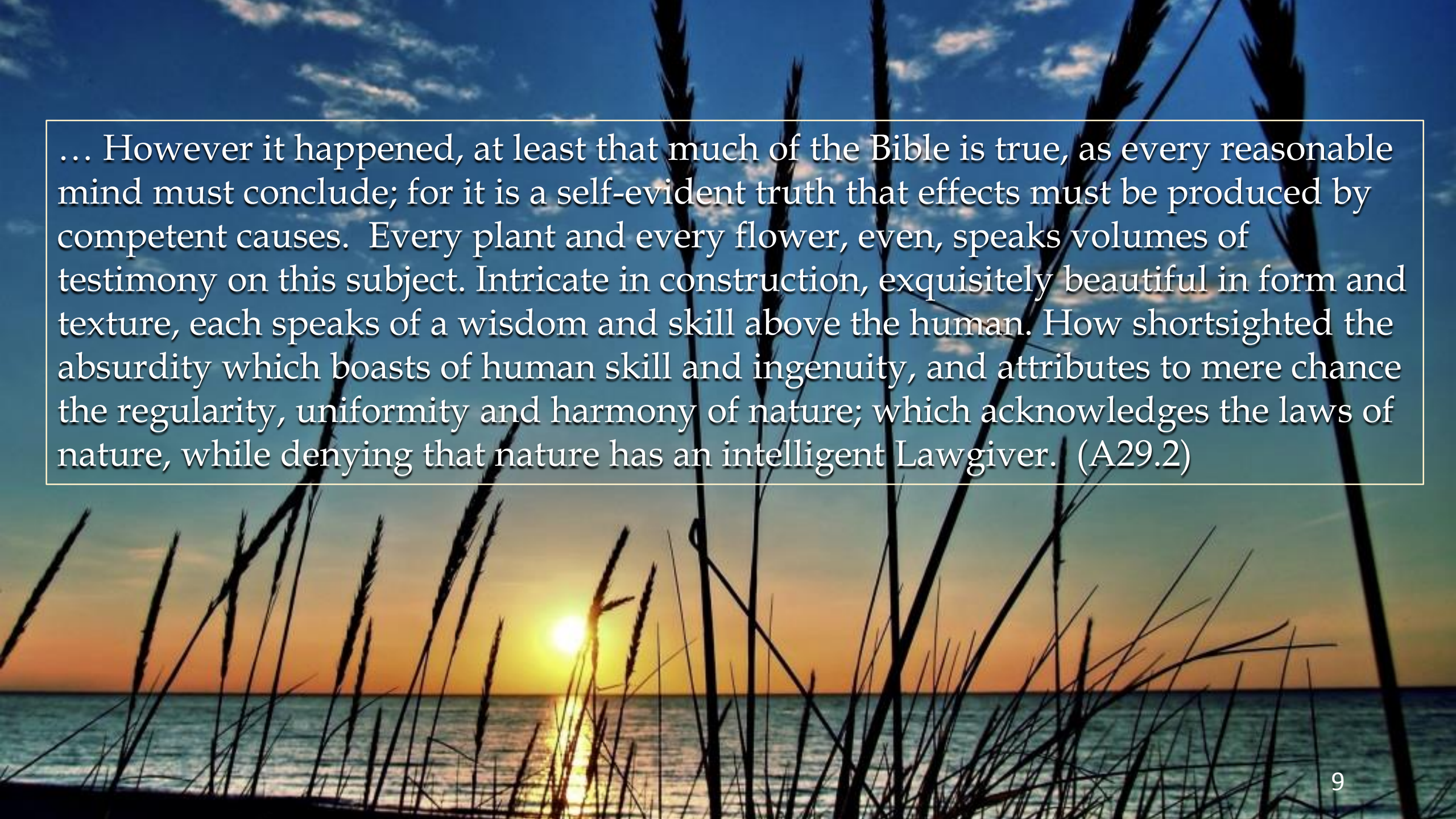
Look about for a moment; creation everywhere speaks of God's power and wisdom. We look at distant worlds and note the harmony and beauty of the entire arrangement; "Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no place nor language where their voice is not heard." (Psalm 19:2.) *They all declare with united voice, The great Creator is infinitely wise and almighty.* If we look at the mountains and oceans of earth, they repeat the story of God's wisdom and power. If we look at the insect and its wisdom and skill, or if we look at man, even in his fallen condition, we are forced to admit the wisdom and skill which have so perfectly adapted to their functions our various members; and thus again we are told of God's wisdom and power. (R0880.2)




- Study I Earth's Night Of Sin To Terminate In A Mourning Of Joy
- Study II The Existence Of A Supreme Intelligent Creator Established**
- Study III The Bible As A Divine Revelation Viewed In The Light Of Reason**
- Study IV The Epochs And Dispensations Marked In The Development Of The Divine Plan
- Study V The Mystery Hid From Ages And From Generations, But Now Made Manifest To His Saints
- Study VI Our Lord's Return—Its Object, The Restitution Of All Things
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- Study XI The Three Ways—The Broad Way, The Narrow Way, The Highway
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- Study XIII The Kingdoms Of This World
- Study XIV The Kingdom Of God
- Study XV The Day Of Jehovah
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He who can look into the sky with a telescope, or even with his natural eye alone, and see there the immensity of creation, its symmetry, beauty, order, harmony and diversity, and yet doubt that the Creator of these is vastly his superior both in wisdom and power, or who can suppose for a moment that such order came by chance, without a Creator, has so far lost or ignored the faculty of reason as to be properly considered what the Bible terms him, a fool (one who ignores or lacks reason): “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.” ... (A29.2)




A serene sunset scene over a calm body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water's surface. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. In the foreground, several tall, dark silhouettes of grass or reeds stand against the colorful sky, their long, thin stalks reaching upwards. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

... However it happened, at least that much of the Bible is true, as every reasonable mind must conclude; for it is a self-evident truth that effects must be produced by competent causes. Every plant and every flower, even, speaks volumes of testimony on this subject. Intricate in construction, exquisitely beautiful in form and texture, each speaks of a wisdom and skill above the human. How shortsighted the absurdity which boasts of human skill and ingenuity, and attributes to mere chance the regularity, uniformity and harmony of nature; which acknowledges the laws of nature, while denying that nature has an intelligent Lawgiver. (A29.2)



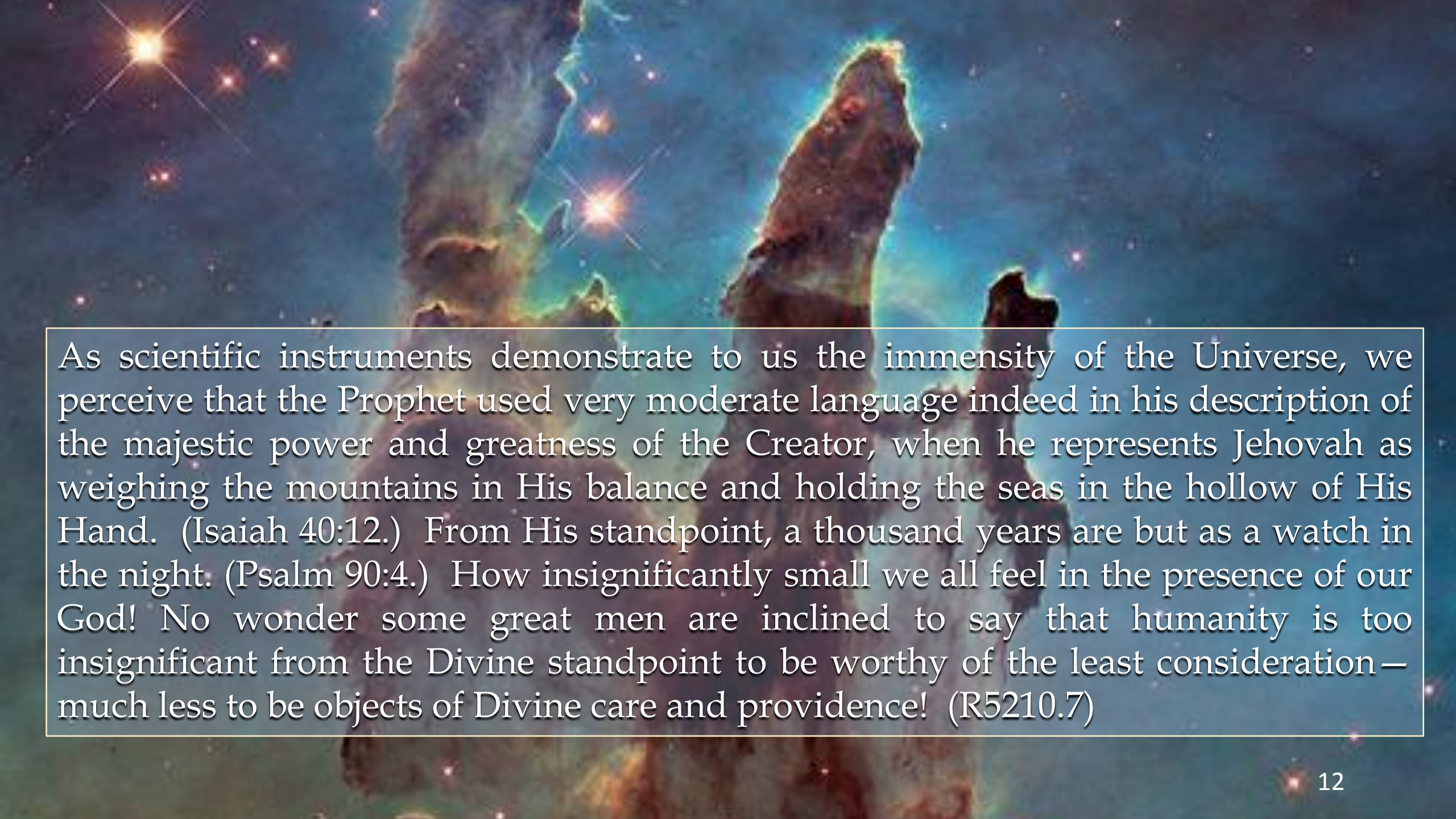
*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
— Psalms 139:6 KJV —*

A large, modern telescope with a white and black body is mounted on a black tripod. It is pointed towards the upper left of the frame, where the bright, glowing core of the Milky Way galaxy is visible. The sky is a deep blue, filled with countless stars and the wispy, greenish-white clouds of the galaxy. In the foreground, the dark, silhouetted ridges of a desert landscape are visible at the bottom of the image.


1543 AD — Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543) theorizes that the sun is the center of our solar system.

1608 AD — Hans Lippershey (c. 1570-1609) invents rudimentary telescope and files for patent.

1609 AD — Galileo di Vincenzo Bonaiuti de' Galilei (1564-1642) greatly improves the design of the telescope.



As scientific instruments demonstrate to us the immensity of the Universe, we perceive that the Prophet used very moderate language indeed in his description of the majestic power and greatness of the Creator, when he represents Jehovah as weighing the mountains in His balance and holding the seas in the hollow of His Hand. (Isaiah 40:12.) From His standpoint, a thousand years are but as a watch in the night. (Psalm 90:4.) How insignificantly small we all feel in the presence of our God! No wonder some great men are inclined to say that humanity is too insignificant from the Divine standpoint to be worthy of the least consideration—much less to be objects of Divine care and providence! (R5210.7)



*The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
— Psalms 19:1 KJV —*



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One day provides a word for the next day, and one night declares wisdom unto the next night. — Jubilee Bible

Each day announces it to the following day; each night repeats it to the next. — Good News Bible

One day tells a story to the next. One night shares knowledge with the next — God's Word



Psalms 19:4

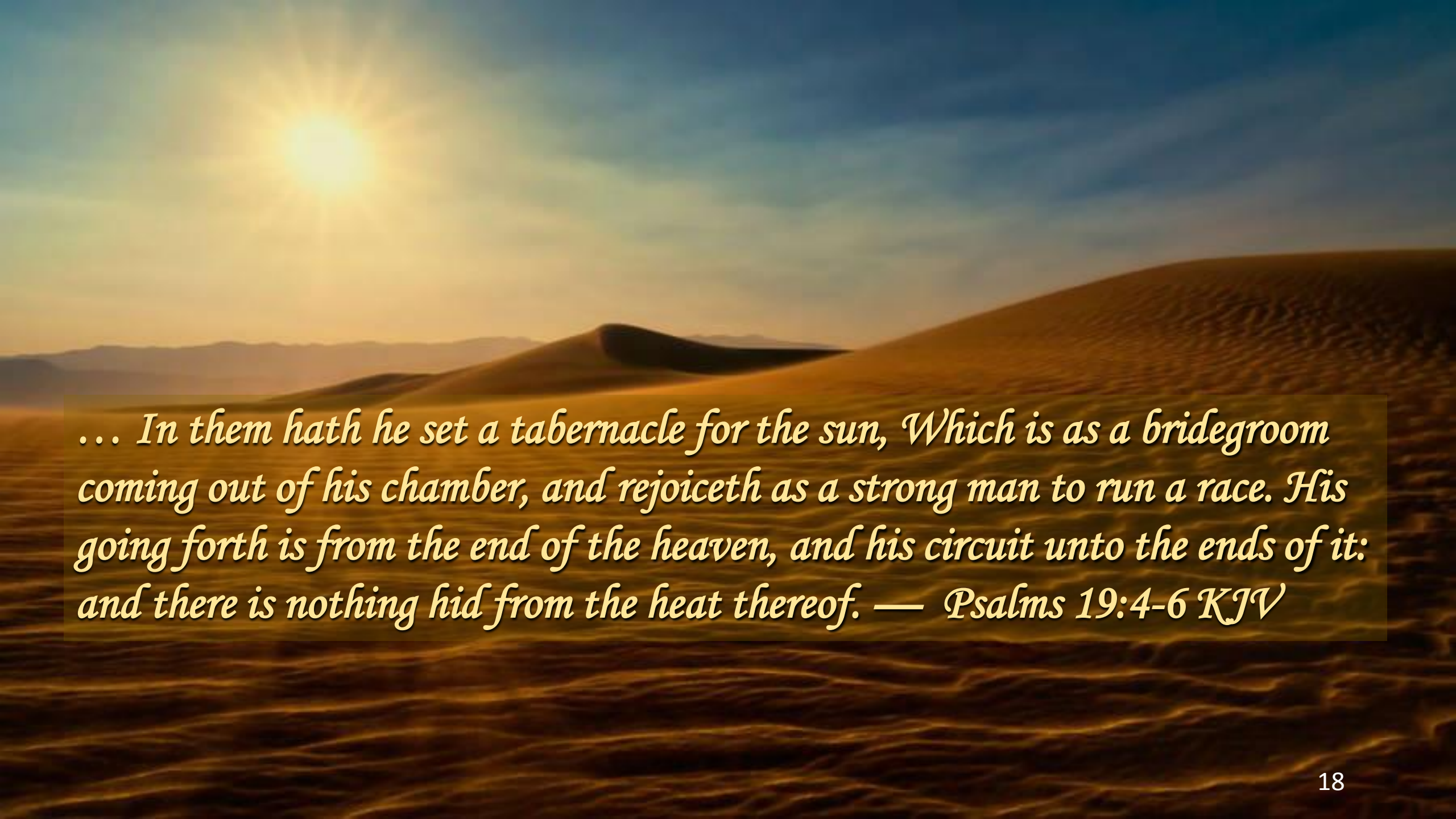
Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world... — King James Version

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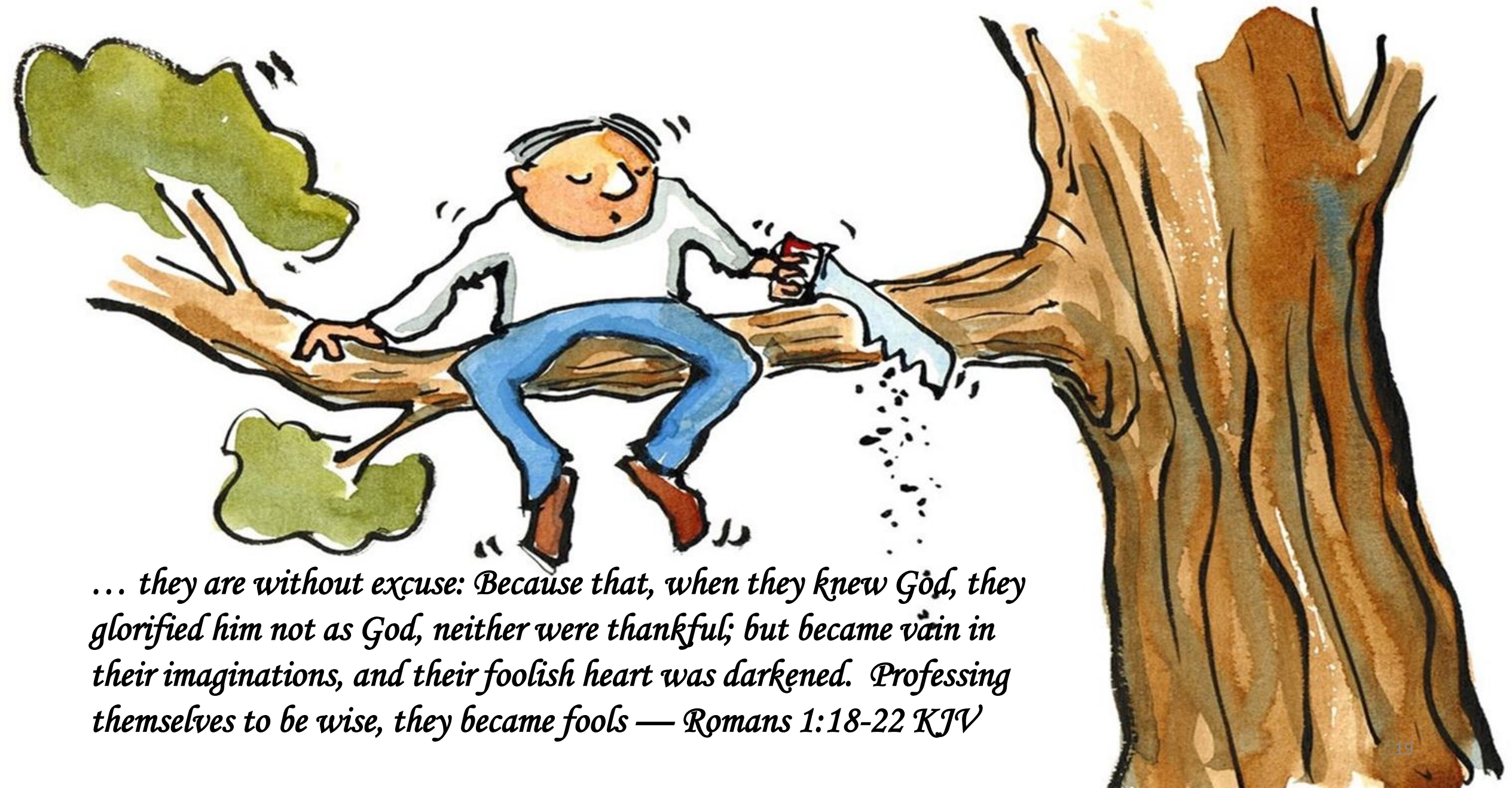
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... their message spreads the wide world over, their meaning carries to earth's end ... — Moffatt

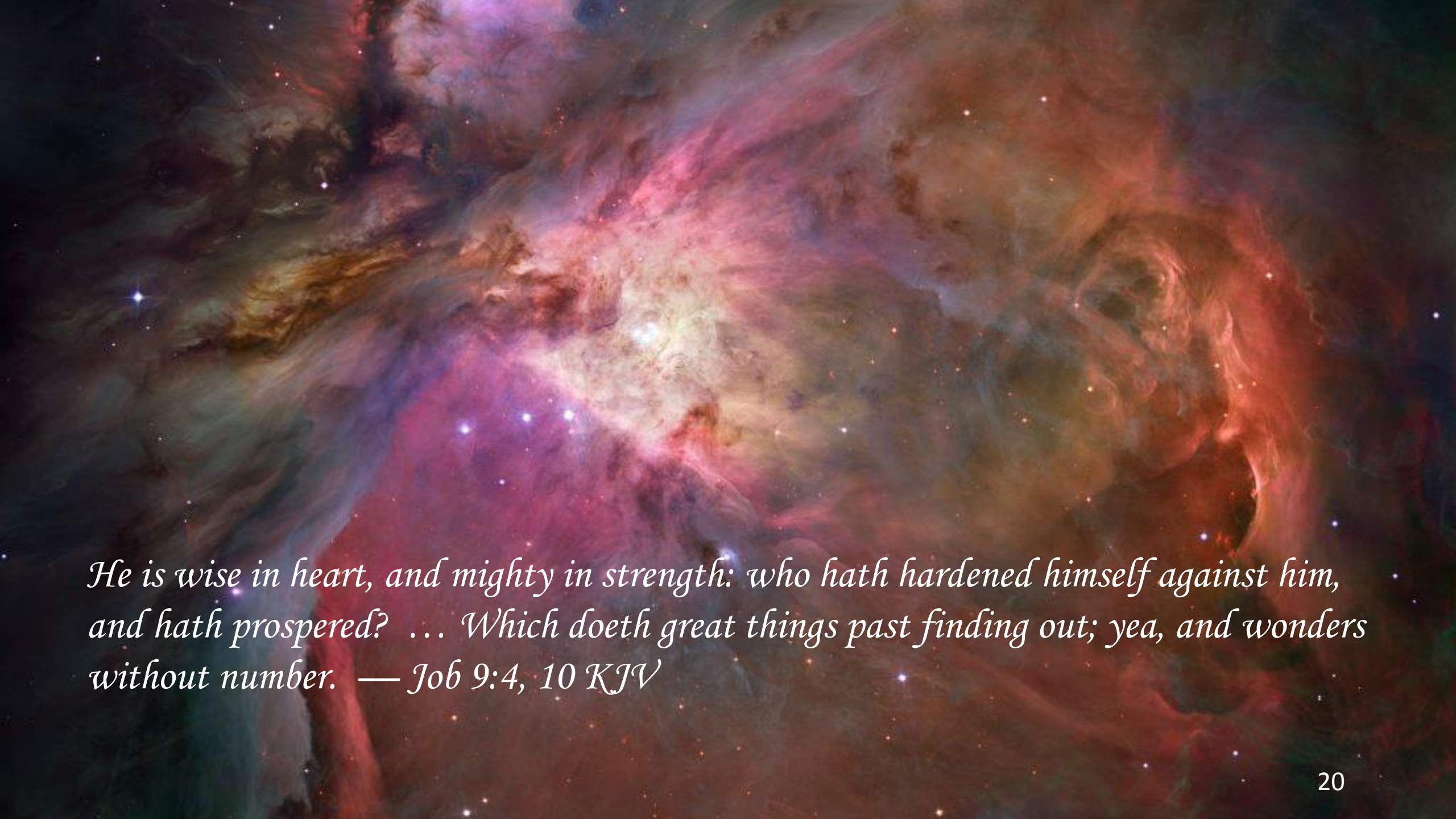
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A photograph of a desert landscape with rolling sand dunes. The sun is low in the sky, creating a warm, golden glow. The dunes are in the foreground and middle ground, with some distant hills visible on the horizon. The sky is a mix of blue and orange.

... In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. — Psalms 19:4-6 KJV



... they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools — Romans 1:18-22 KJV



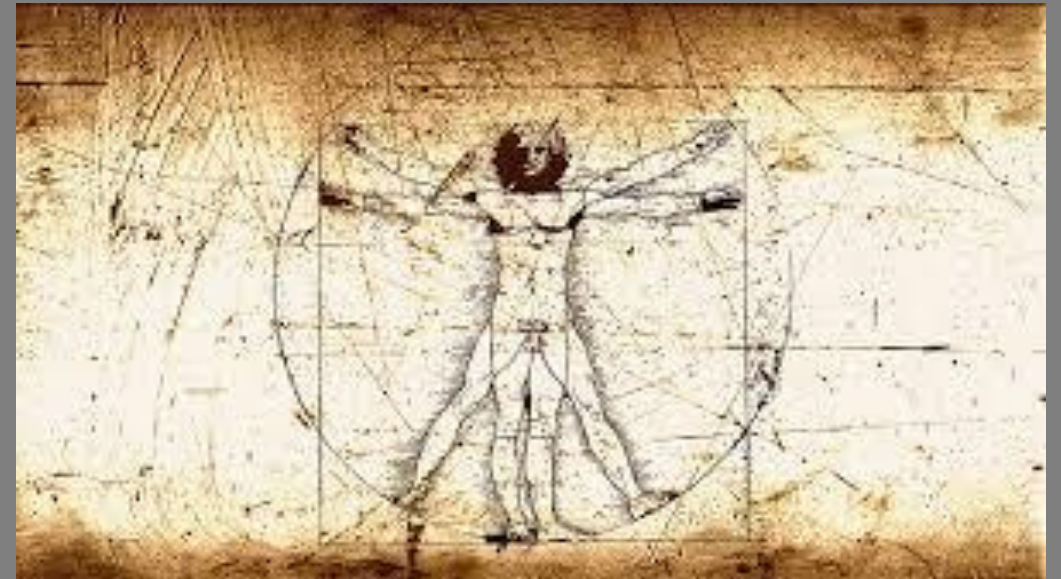
*He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him,
and hath prospered? ... Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders
without number. — Job 9:4, 10 KJV*

*When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars,
which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and
the son of man, that thou visitest him?*



*For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him
with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of
thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: — Psalms 8:3-6 KJV*

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. — Psalms 139:14 KJV



... The fact, then, that man has capacity for appreciating a revelation of the Divine plan, taken in connection with the conceded character of his Creator, is an abundant reason for expecting that God would grant such a revelation, in such time and manner as his wisdom approved. So, then, in view of these **considerations**, even if we were ignorant of the Bible, reason would lead us to expect and to be on the lookout for some such revelation as the Bible claims to be. ... (A34.1)

THERE is revealed within my covers a chain of testimony which gives evidence of a plan so broad—and a design so deep—as to be beyond the power of human origin. My story centers around the dear Redeemer—who "by the grace of God tasted death for every man." Based upon this atoning sacrifice—all the dead will be raised—and the whole earth made glorious with life and happiness everywhere—without a trace of sorrow, pain or death.



"Thy word is truth."—John 17:17.

Autobiography of the Bible.

† **I AM** the oldest book in existence, having outlived the storms of thirty centuries. Men have endeavored by every means possible to blot me from the face of the earth; they have falden, torn, burnt, reviled and despised me, and have done to death tens of thousands of my faithful witnesses. Indeed no other book has been more bitterly hated, no other book has been more dearly cherished; no other book has been so misrepresented and misunderstood; but to-day, while many of my foes slumber in death, I still live on.

† **It is not for me** to speak of the conflicting errors laid to my charge, but on behalf of the one true purpose of my Reverend Author I appeal to reason. Look at the stately trees of the forest, the living green of the meadows bespangled by a thousand lovely flowers, the singing birds that delight themselves amid the beauties of nature; the blue dome of heaven, illumined by the sun, moon and stars that space can a universe too immense for man to fathom; and know that the Creator of these things has a wise and loving purpose equally great and beautiful on behalf of man.—*Isa. 55: 6-13.*

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¶ **MY** message has blessed every follower of Jesus. It has inspired them with hope, encouraged them to zeal, comforted them in sorrow, strengthened them in faith till they have laid down their all in death, awaiting their grand reward. Like the crystal springs from the mountain side which flow on and on to refresh the luxuriant verdure on the plain below, so in the glad day now dawning, the waters of truth will impart its life-giving blessings to the willing and obedient of mankind, who will forever with one sweet accord, praise, love and adore my Beloved Author.—*Rev. 5: 8-13.*

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. — Psalms 19:7 KJV

19 And when even was come, they went out of the city.
20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.
21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.
23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against

32 And as they counted the men, a prophet answered unto Jesus, saying, We cannot have thee, because thou art a Jew.
33 And they answered him, saying, Neither do I tell thee what authority I do these things.

CHAPTER 12

1 And he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and digged an hedge about it, and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.
2 And at the season he sent the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen the fruit of the vineyard.

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Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. — Matthew 22:37-40 KJV

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever. Psalms 111:10 KJV

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. — Psalms 19:8 KJV



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... is the only law of liberty that could be made; for nothing else than Love can secure the fullest liberty for every individual without in the least infringing upon the liberties of any other individual. Love, founded on justice, is therefore the only principle that has any right to authority or rulership anywhere. Justice is generally understood to be the object of all rulership; but Justice can never be fully secured where Love does not reign. Only love to the neighbor as to one's self can rightly adjust the affairs of men, either now or in the future. ... (R1462.15)

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. — Psalms 19:9 KJV

satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

27 * All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: * and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

28 * For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.

29 * All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: * all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

30 A seed shall serve him: * it shall be accounted to the LORD for a generation.

31 * They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

501 PSALM 23

God's tender and constant care.
A Psalm of David.

THE LORD is * my shepherd;
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* Ex. 9. 29.
Job 41. 11.
Ps. 50. 12.
1 Cor. 10. 26.
* Gen. 1. 9.
* Ps. 15. 1.
* Is. 33. 15, 16.
* Heb. The clean of hands.
* Job 17. 9.
* Matt. 5. 8.
* Ps. 15. 4.
* Ps. 27. 8.
105. 4.
* Or, O God of Jacob.
* Is. 26. 2.
* Ps. 97. 6.
Hag. 2. 7.
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Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. — Psalms 19:11 KJV

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*Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting. — Psalms 139:23-24 KJV*

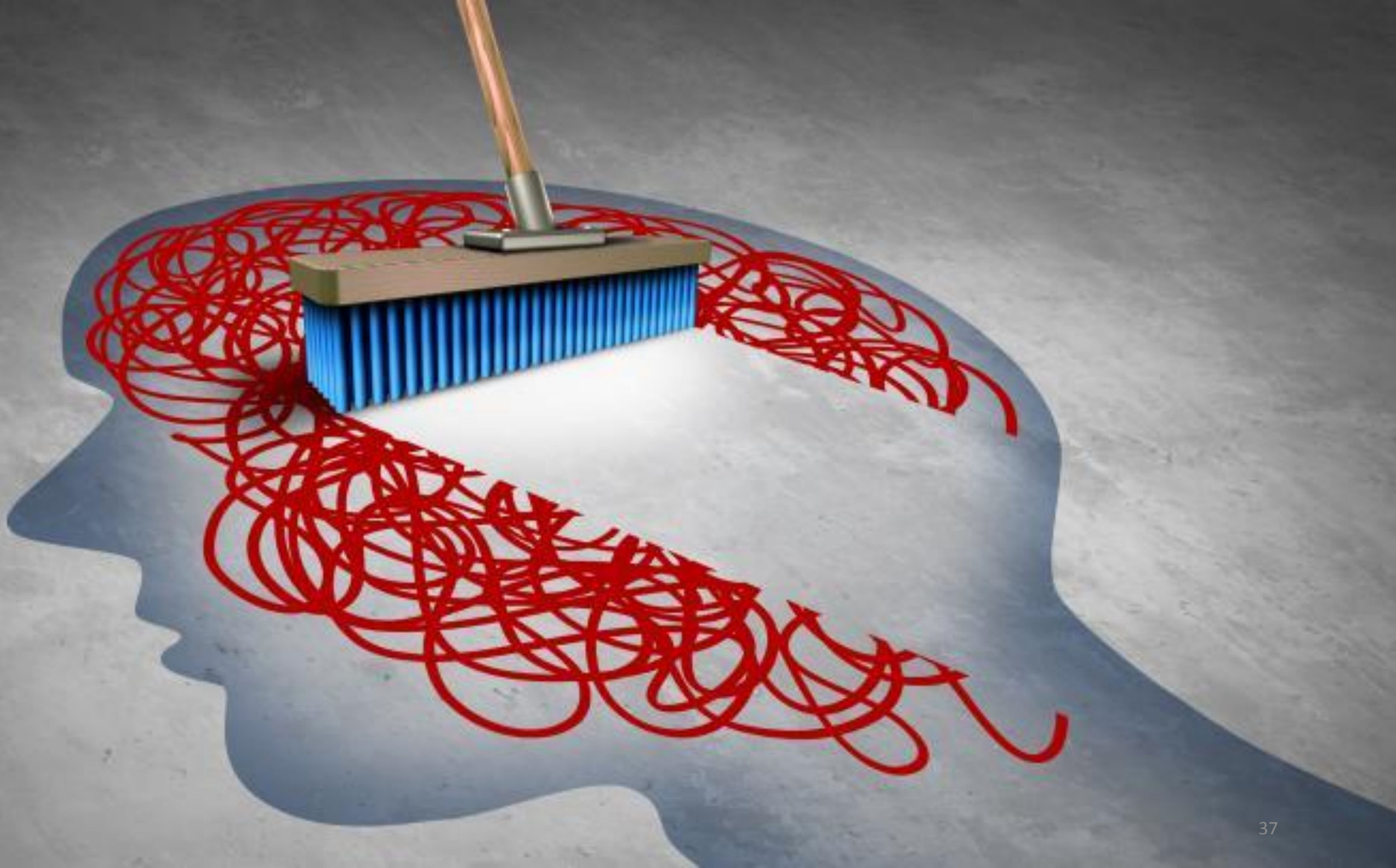


... the mere suggestion of the thought before our minds is not sin; it is merely the operation of our faculties, and of the influences which surround us, inquiring of our wills whether or not we will consent to such thoughts. ... (R2248.11)

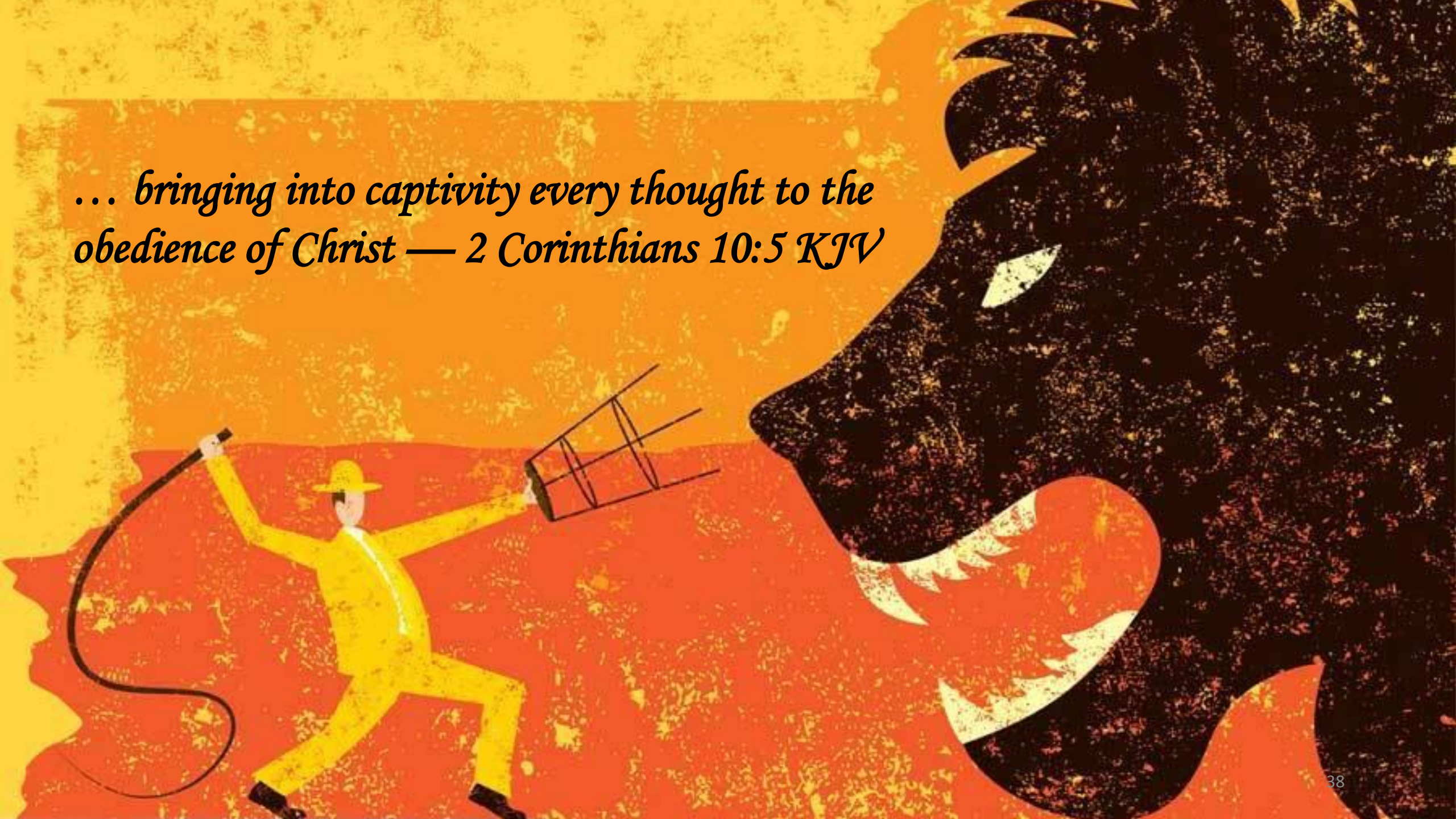


... Many consent to thoughts of evil who at the time would utterly repudiate any suggestion to commit evil deeds; but if the thought be entertained it is a secret fault, and the growing tendency would surely be toward the more outward and presumptuous sinful conduct, the tendency of which is always from bad to worse. ... (R2248.11)





... bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ — 2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV

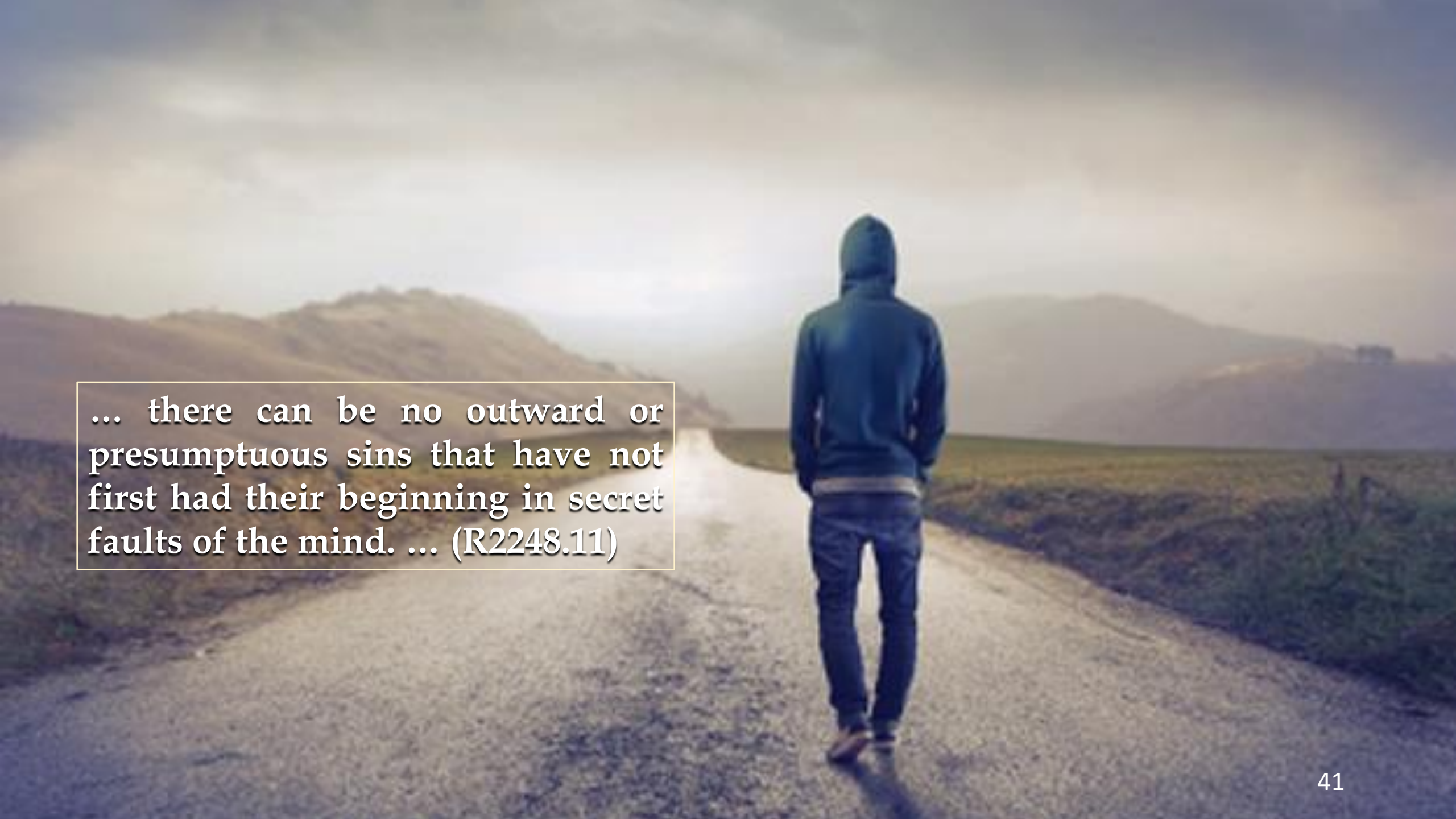


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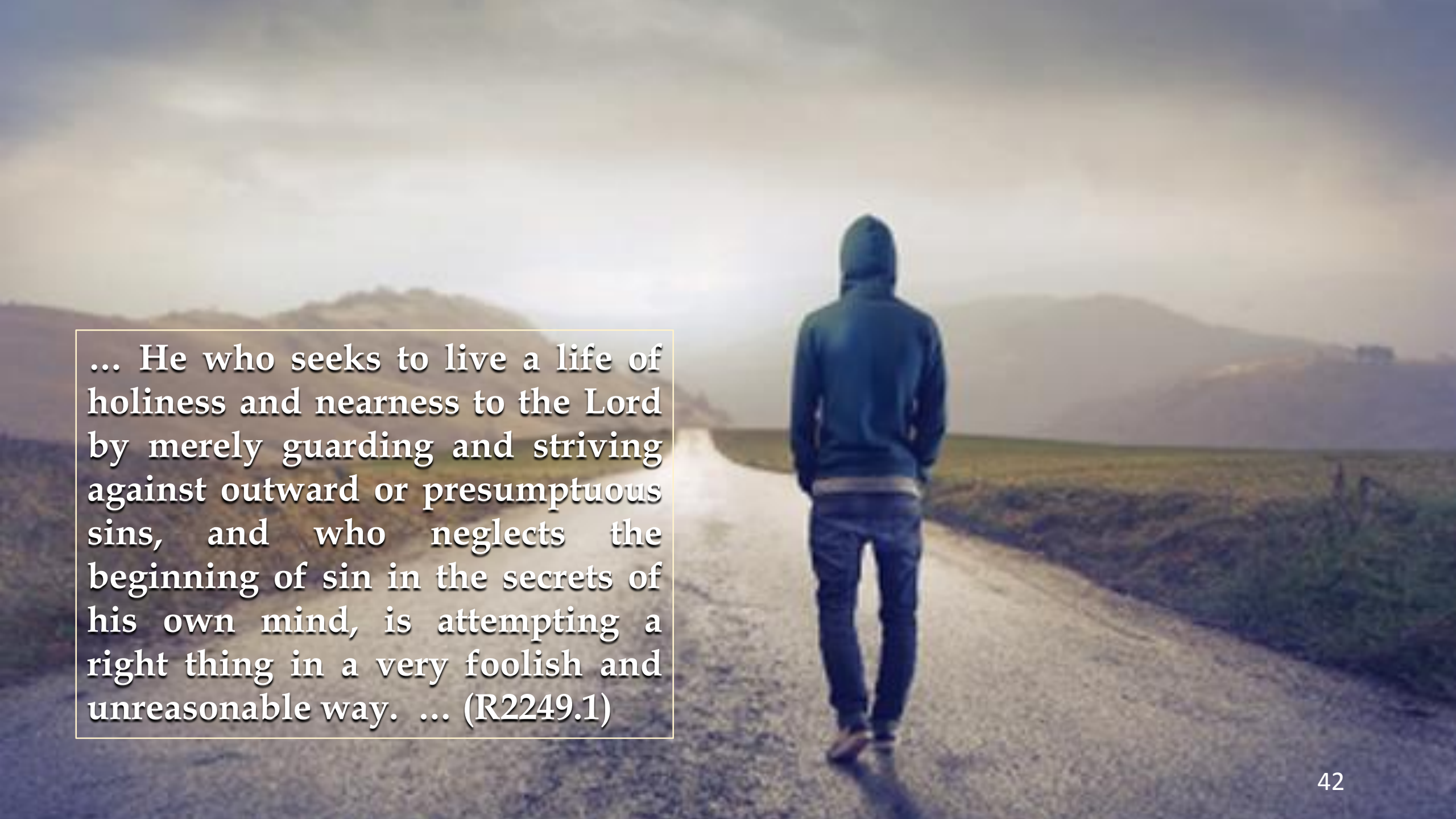


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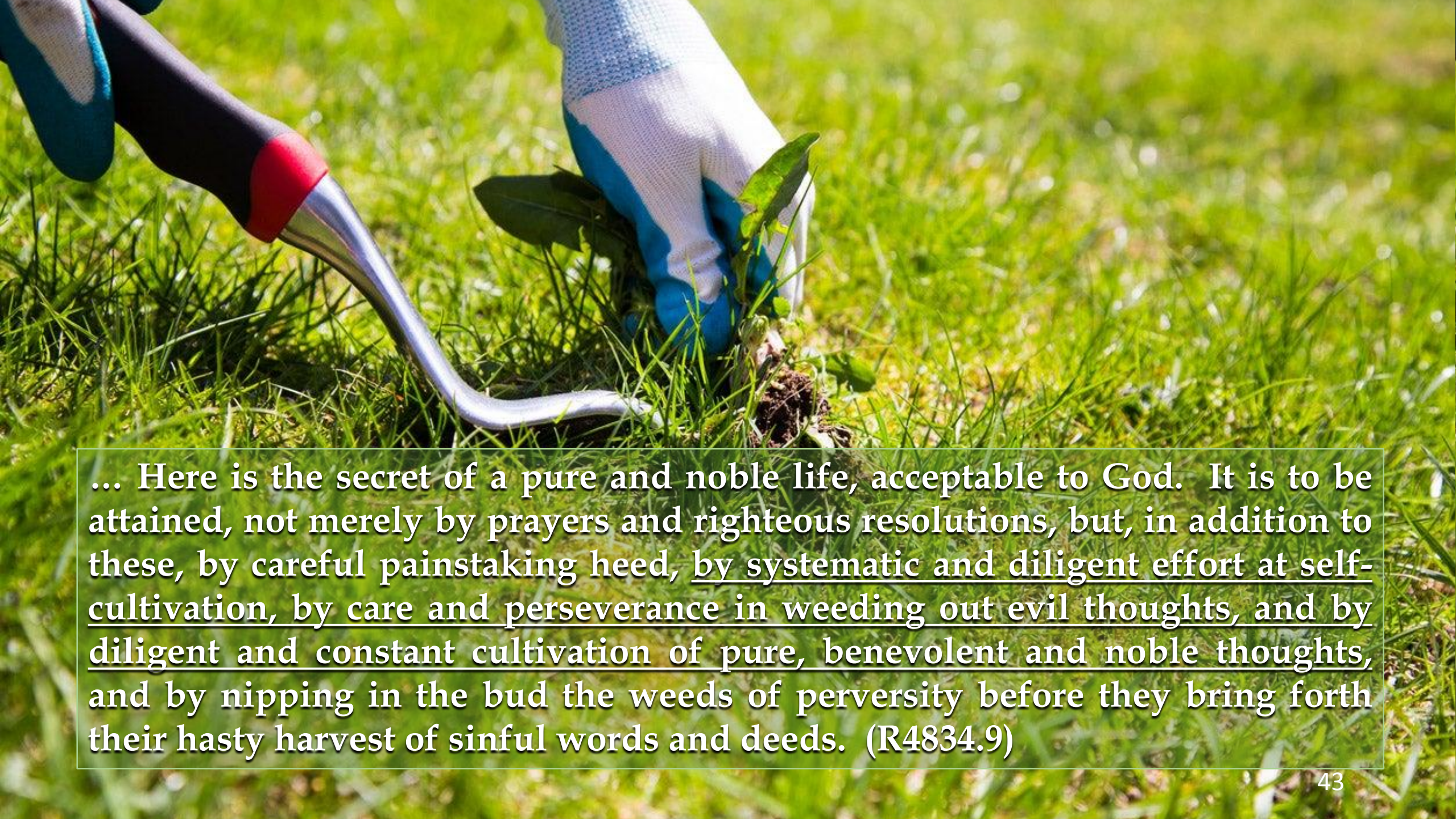
Sins of presumption are such as result from undue self-confidence, ambition or pride. ... (R1391.13)

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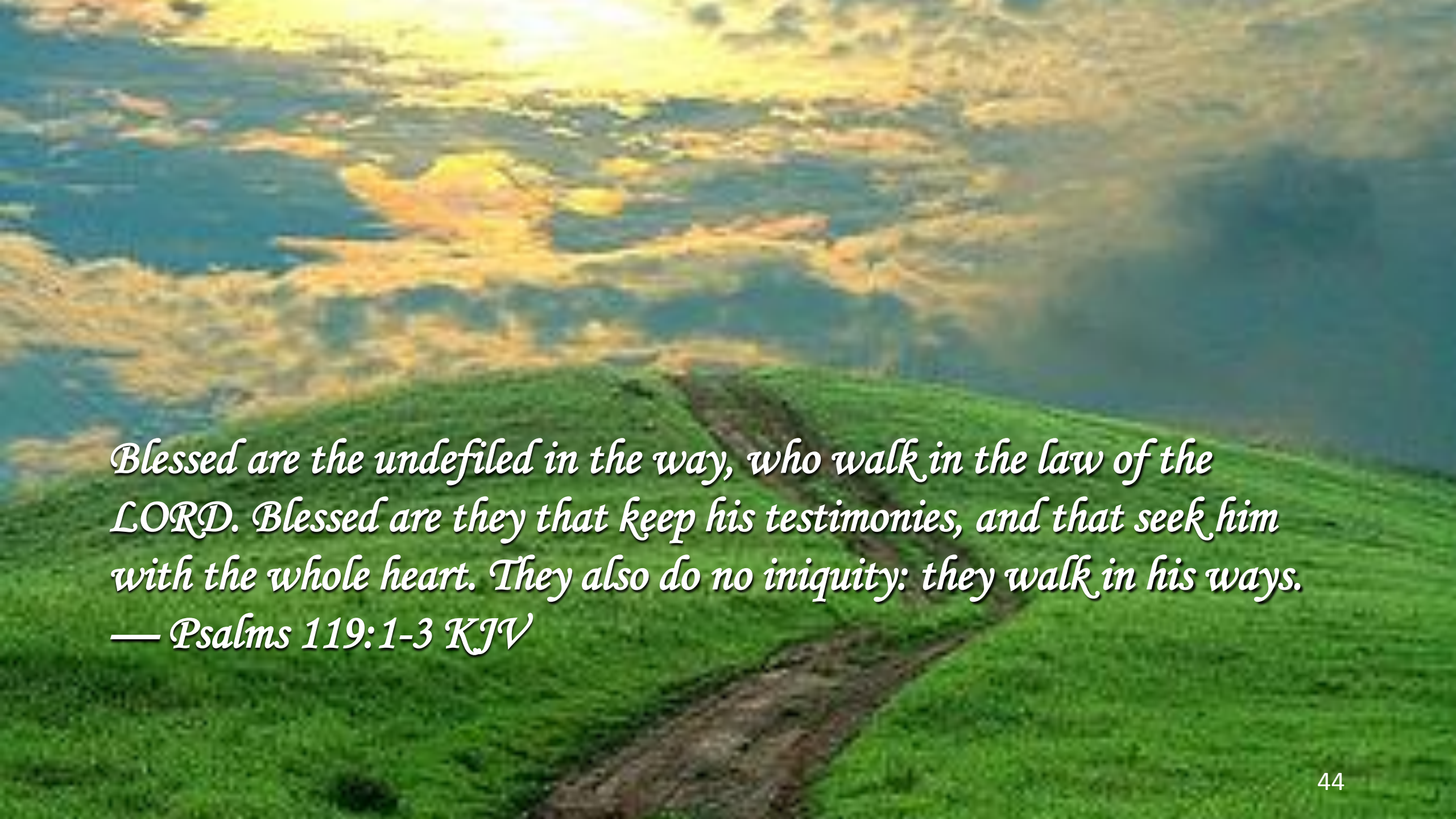
... there can be no outward or presumptuous sins that have not first had their beginning in secret faults of the mind. ... (R2248.11)

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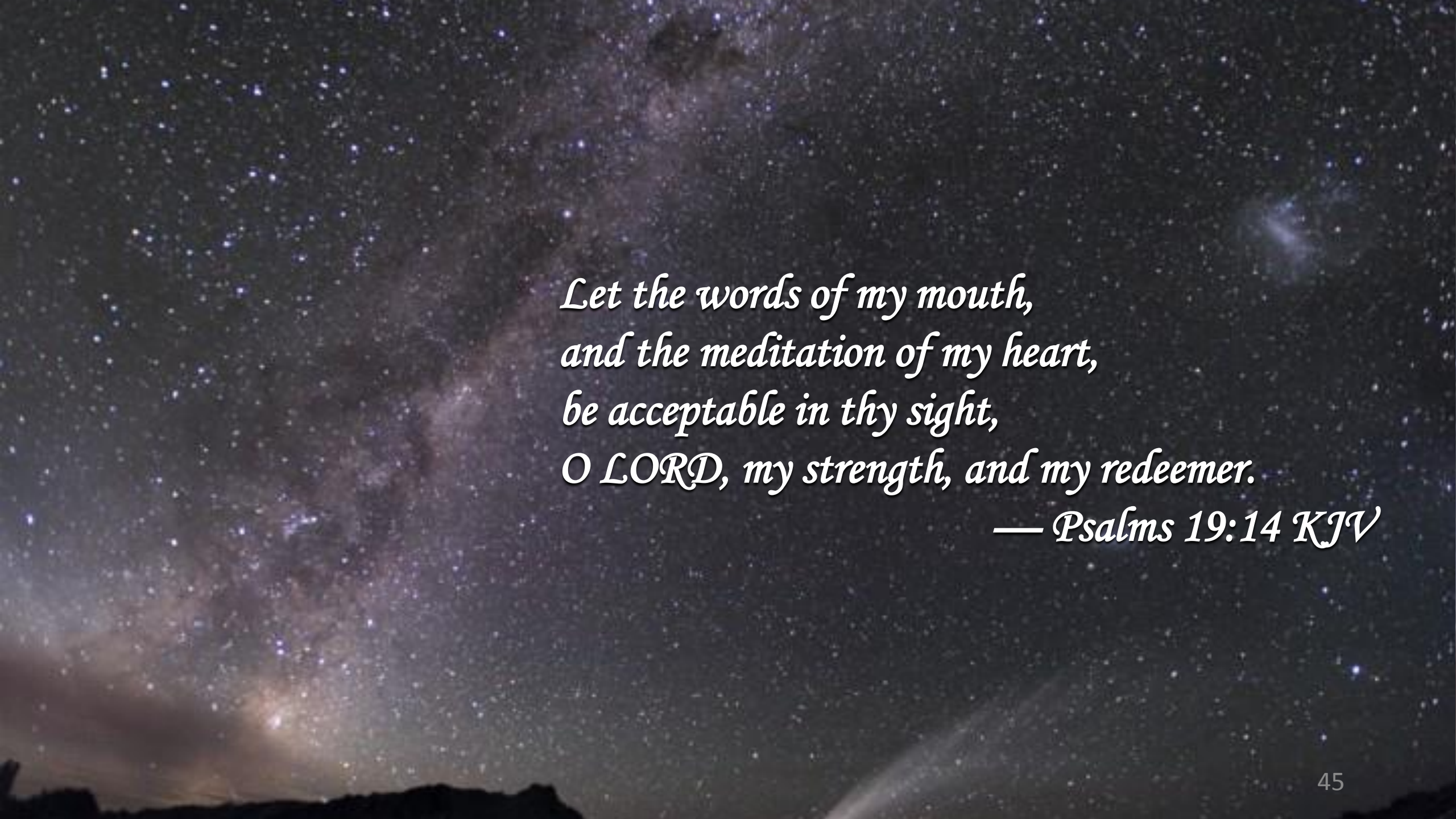
... He who seeks to live a life of holiness and nearness to the Lord by merely guarding and striving against outward or presumptuous sins, and who neglects the beginning of sin in the secrets of his own mind, is attempting a right thing in a very foolish and unreasonable way. ... (R2249.1)



... Here is the secret of a pure and noble life, acceptable to God. It is to be attained, not merely by prayers and righteous resolutions, but, in addition to these, by careful painstaking heed, by systematic and diligent effort at self-cultivation, by care and perseverance in weeding out evil thoughts, and by diligent and constant cultivation of pure, benevolent and noble thoughts, and by nipping in the bud the weeds of perversity before they bring forth their hasty harvest of sinful words and deeds. (R4834.9)



*Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the
LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him
with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.
— Psalms 119:1-3 KJV*



*Let the words of my mouth,
and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in thy sight,
O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*

— Psalms 19:14 KJV

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