



ABRAHAM

father of the faithful

GOD'S CONSTANT PRESENCE

GENESIS 26



Isaac feared for his life.

“When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, ‘She is my sister,’ for he feared to say, ‘My wife,’ thinking, ‘lest the men of the place should kill me because of Rebekah,’ because she was attractive in appearance.”

Genesis 26:7

Fighting over sources of water.

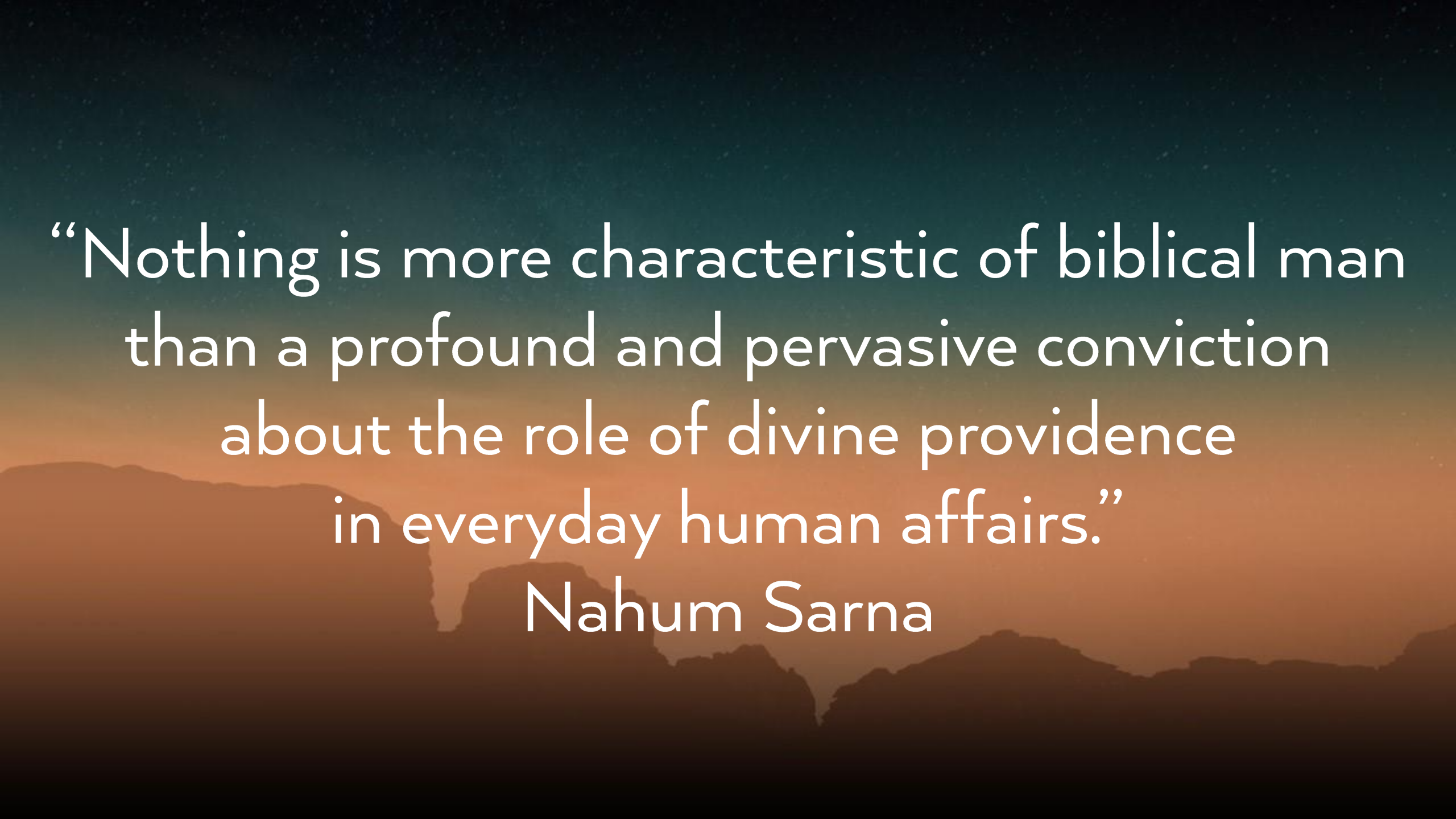
“But when Isaac’s servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac’s herdsmen, saying, ‘The water is ours.’ So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that also, so he called its name Sitnah.”

Genesis 26:19-21



Let the consequences of your
obedience be left up to God.

Oswald Chambers



“Nothing is more characteristic of biblical man
than a profound and pervasive conviction
about the role of divine providence
in everyday human affairs.”

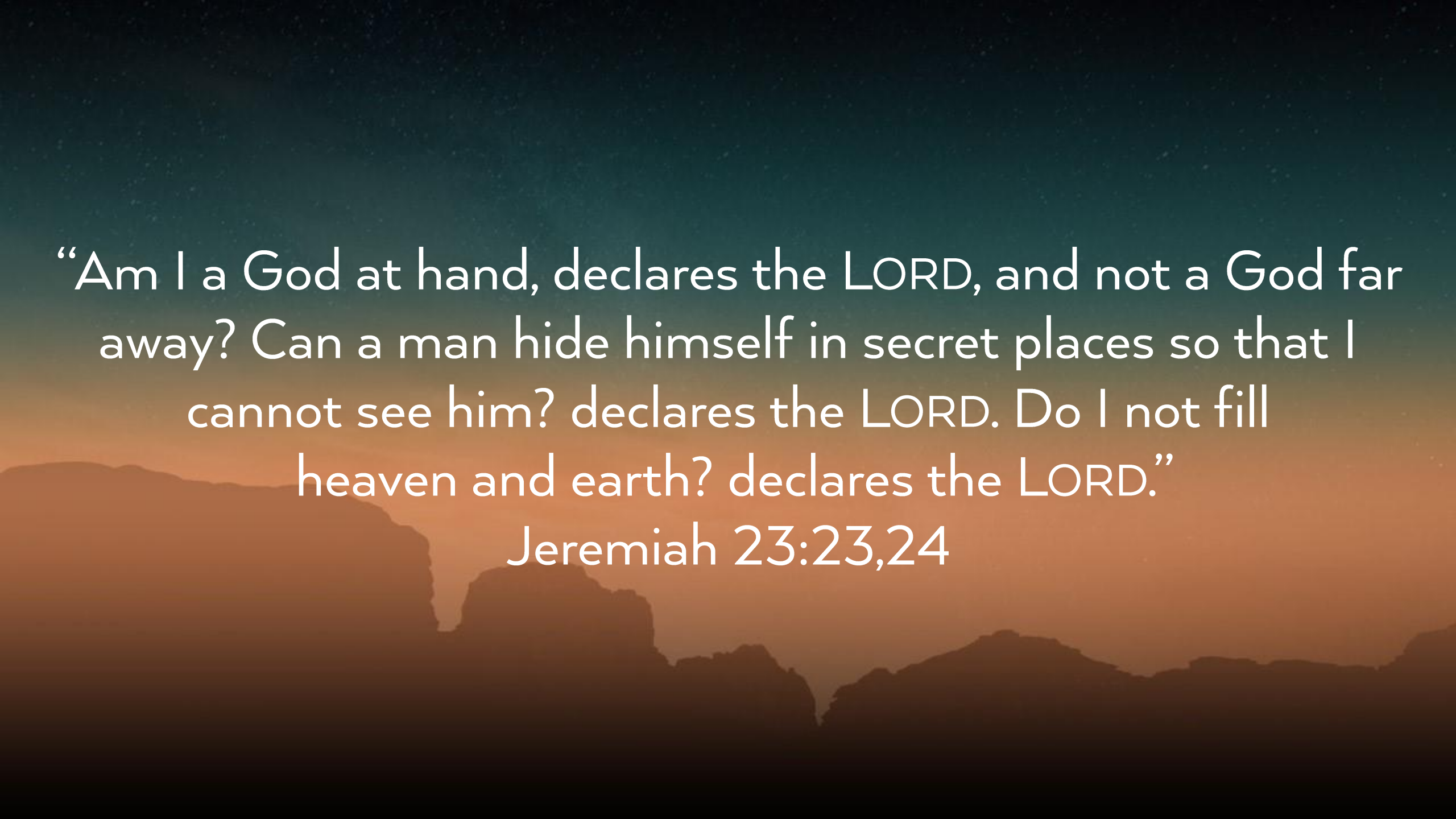
Nahum Sarna



"We should never think of God as being spatially near or remote, for He is not here or there but carries here and there in His heart. Space is not infinite, as some have thought; only God is infinite and in His infinitude He swallows up all space.

‘Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.’ He fills heaven and earth as the ocean fills the bucket that is submerged in it, and as the ocean surrounds the bucket so does God the universe He fills. ‘The heaven of heavens cannot contain thee.’ God is not contained: He contains."

AW Tozer



“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 23:23,24



If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.

PSALM 139:9-10

The background of the image is a serene landscape during sunset or sunrise. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a dark, starry blue at the top. Silhouetted mountain ranges are visible in the foreground and middle ground, adding depth to the scene. The text is centered in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

Three Parallel Declarations of God's Presence:

FUTURE

“Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father.”

Genesis 26:3

PRESENT

“And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, ‘I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake.’”

Genesis 26:24

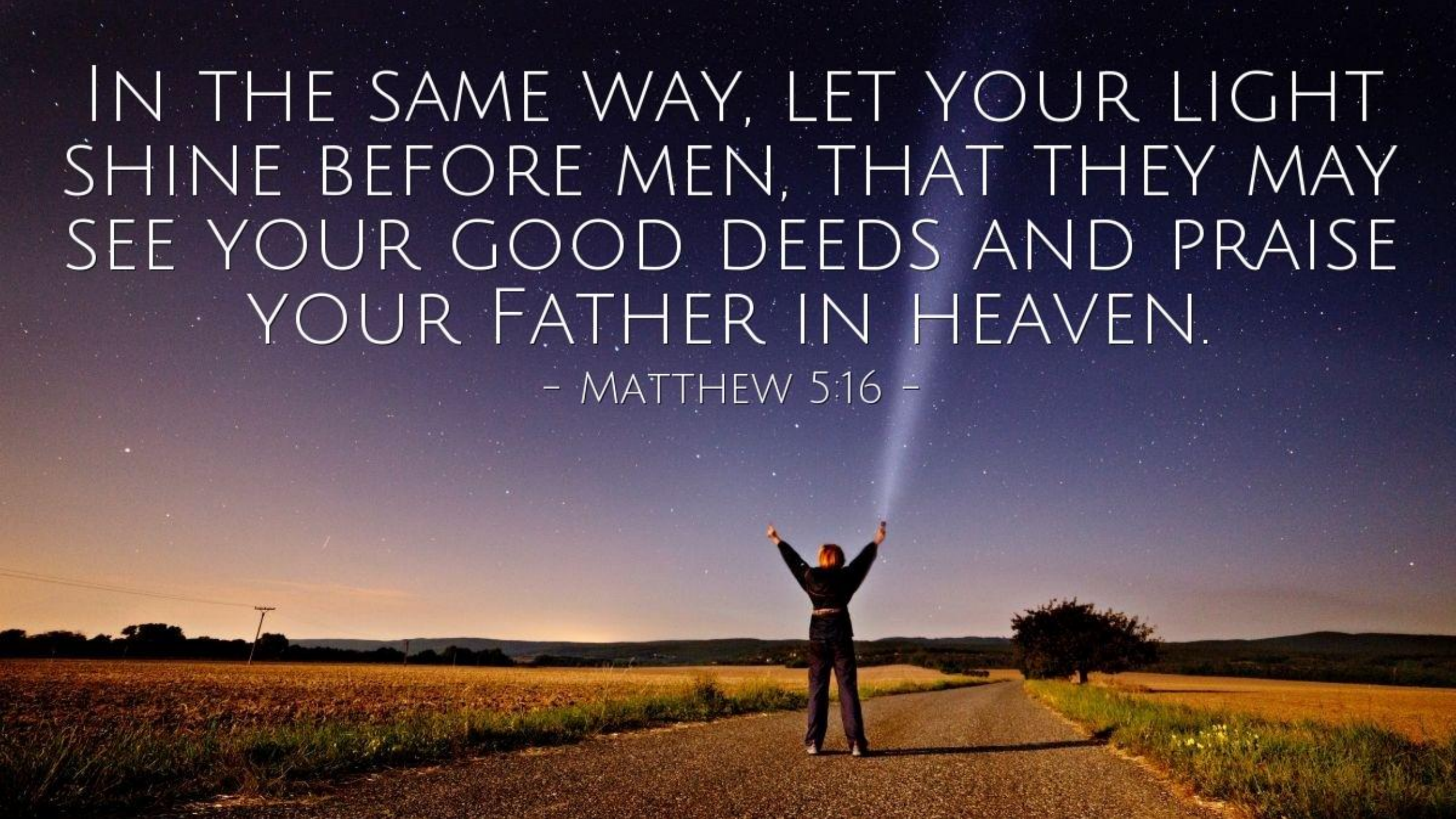
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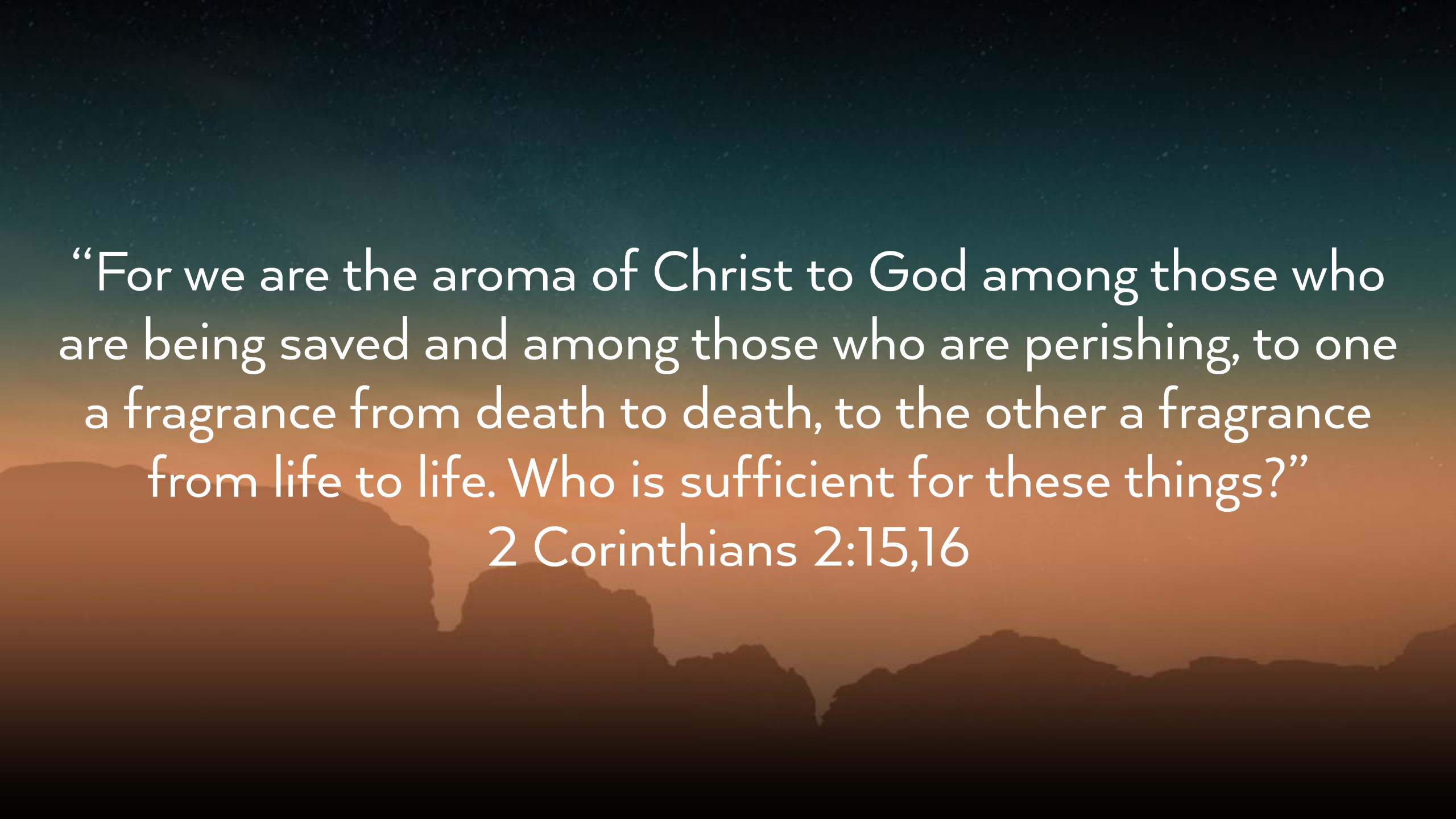
“They said, ‘We see plainly that the LORD has been with you.’ So we said, ‘let there be a sworn pact between us, between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you.’”

Genesis 26:28

IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT
SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY
SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND PRAISE
YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

– MATTHEW 5:16 –





“For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?”

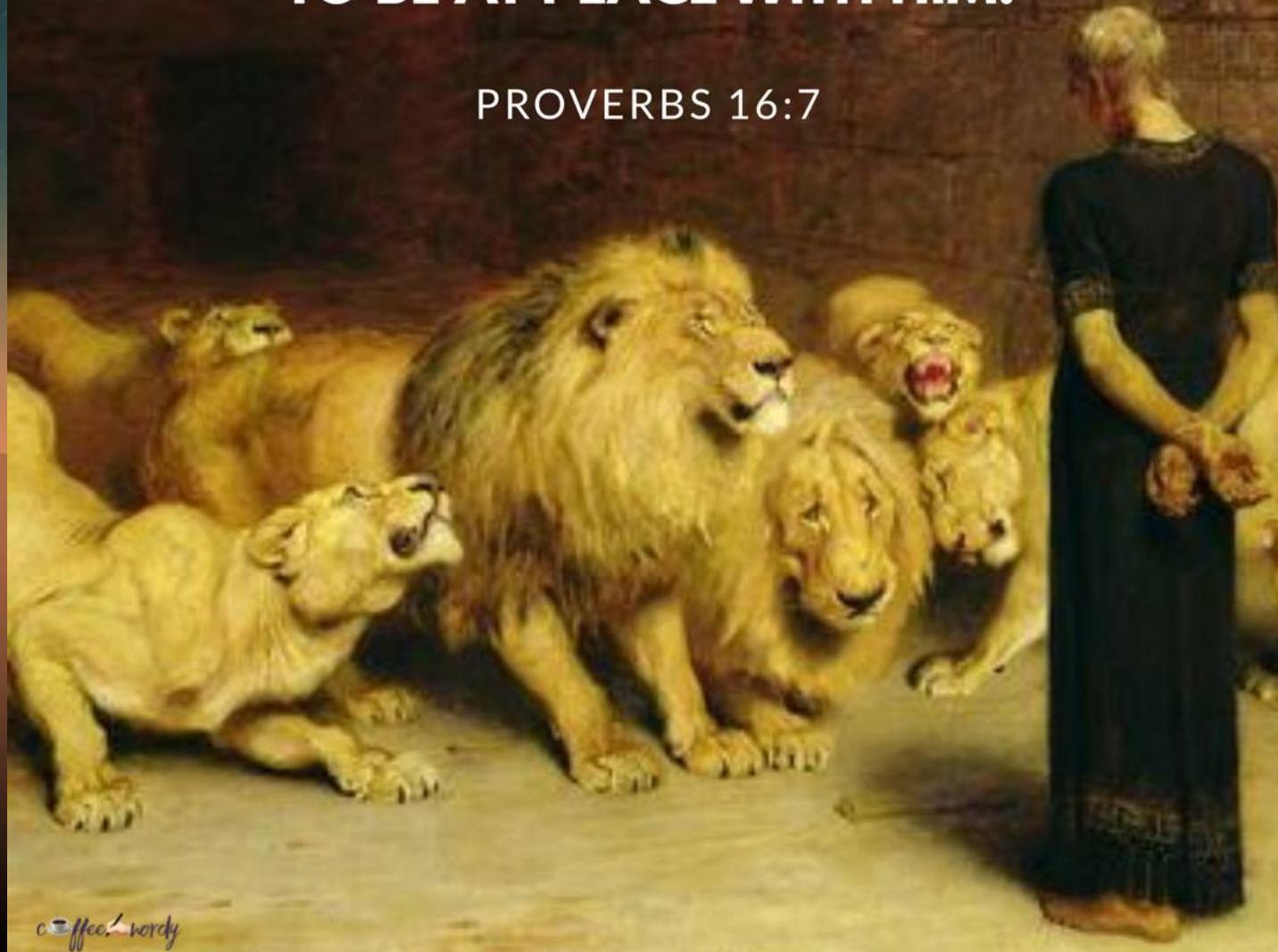
2 Corinthians 2:15,16

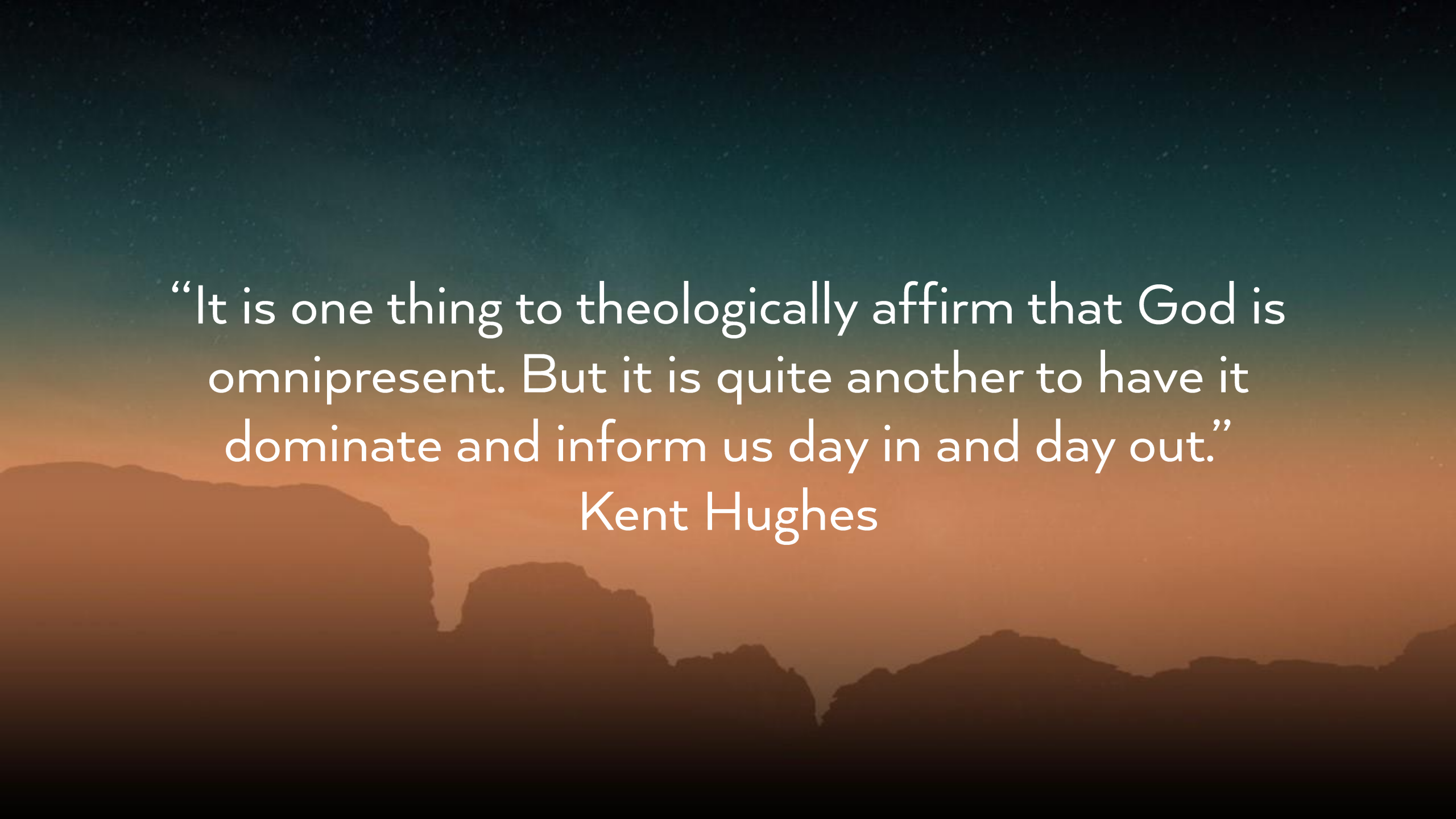




**WHEN A MAN'S WAYS PLEASE THE
LORD, HE MAKES EVEN HIS ENEMIES
TO BE AT PEACE WITH HIM.**

PROVERBS 16:7





“It is one thing to theologically affirm that God is omnipresent. But it is quite another to have it dominate and inform us day in and day out.”

Kent Hughes