



The Righteous Shall Live By Faith

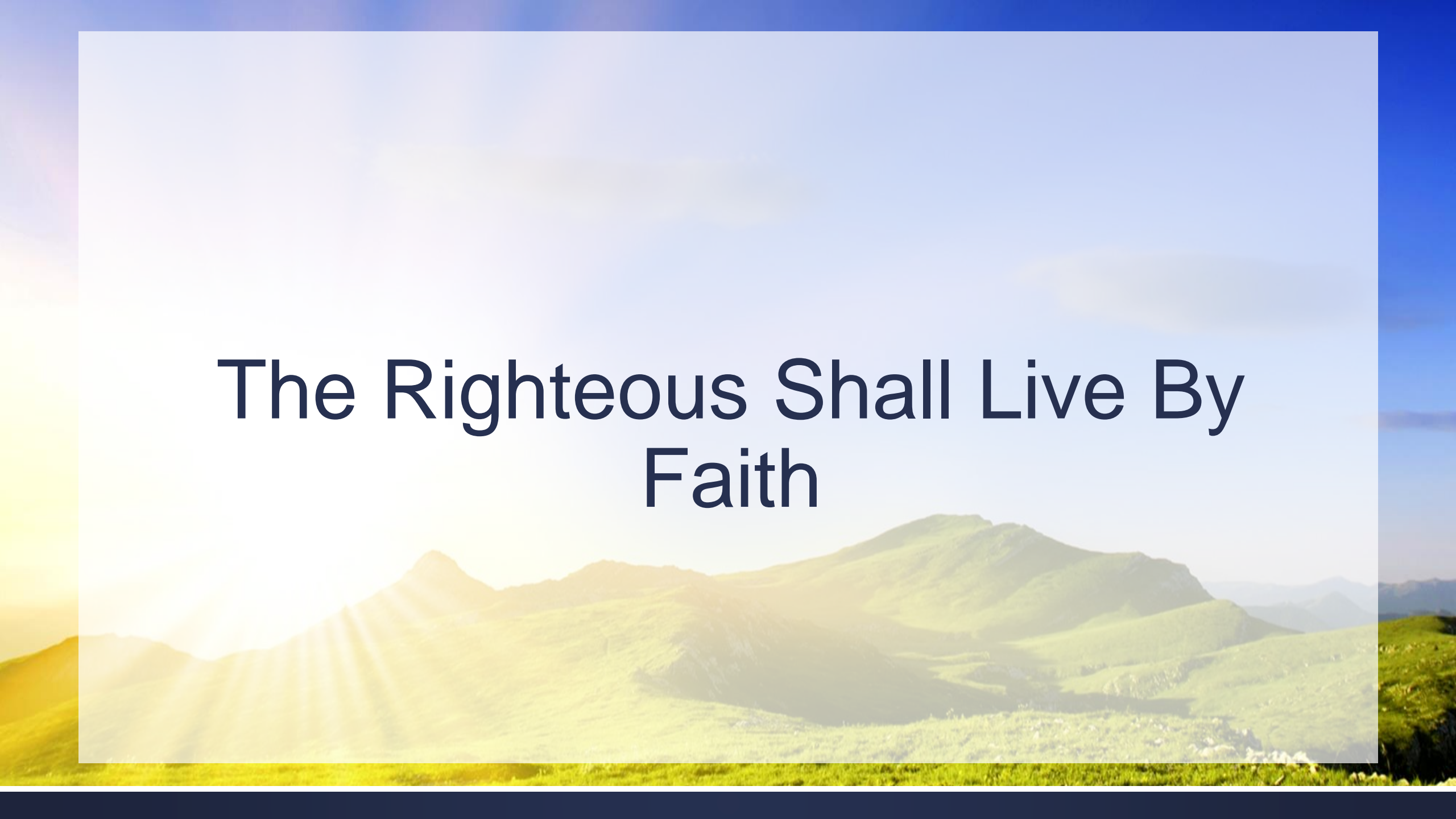
Habakkuk 2:4



What is Faith?

Romans 10:17

So faith comes from  
hearing, and hearing  
through the word of Christ.



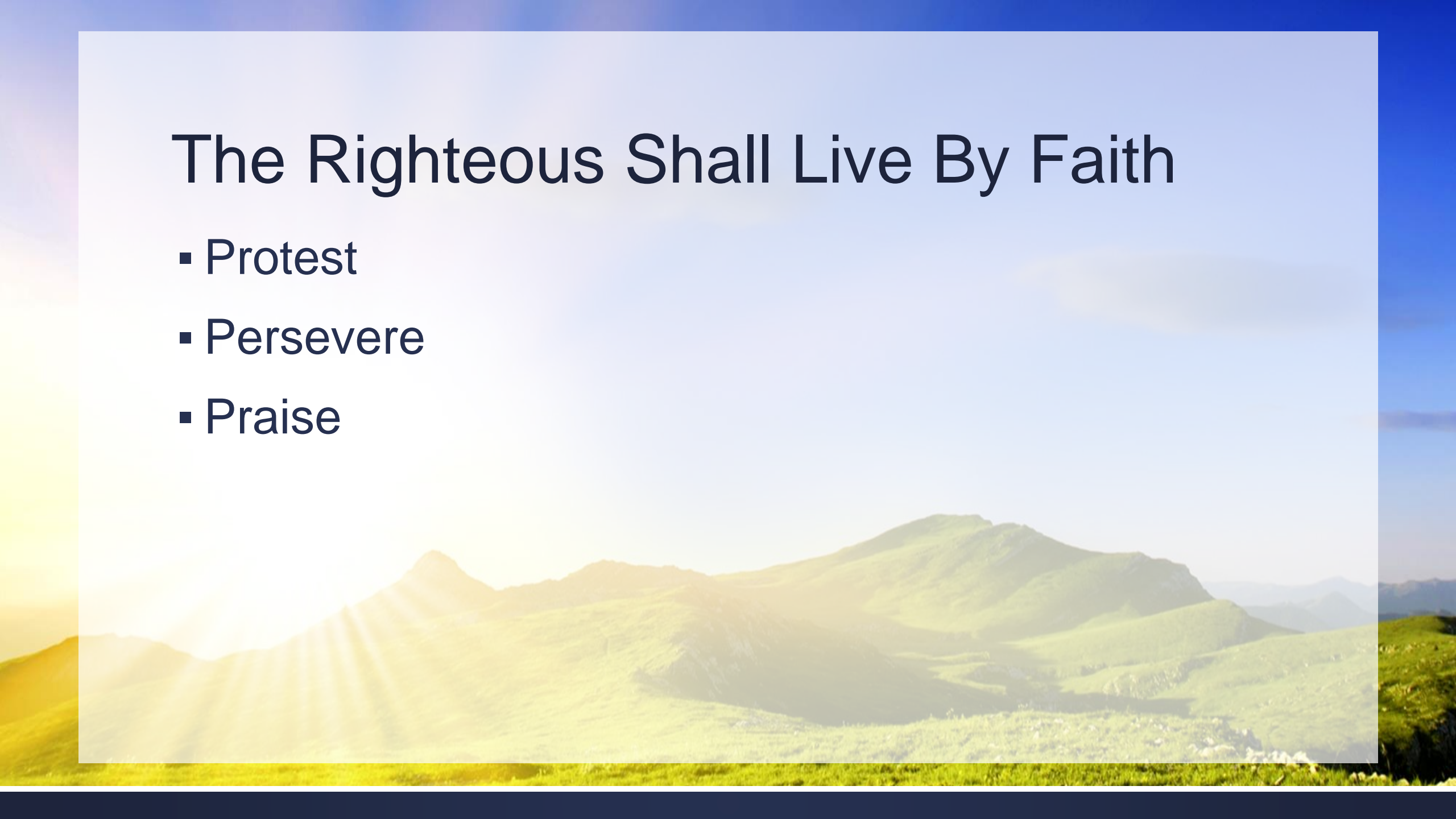
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# Habakkuk

- One of the 12 minor prophets
- 3 chapters
- “the righteous shall live by faith”  
Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11, Heb 10:38
- Lived in Judah
- Before Babylonian invasion, i.e.  
before 586 BC

# The Righteous Shall Live By Faith

- Protest
- Persevere
- Praise



# Protest

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. (Hab 1:2-3)

# Protest

You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he? (Hab 1:13)

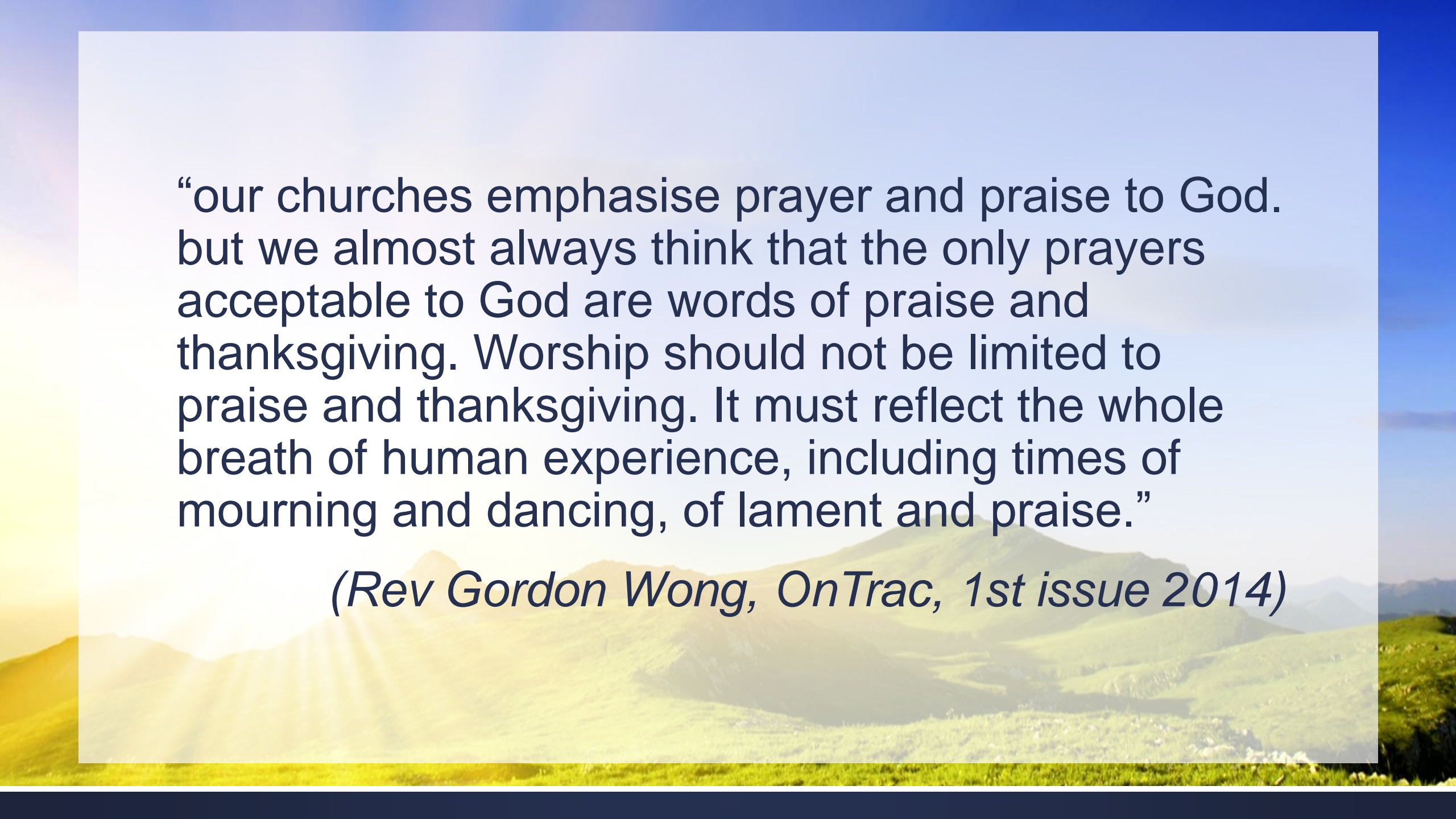




# Protest

- Out of the tenacity/resolve of one's faith that forces one to ask God "Why?", "How Long?"
- Bring our protests and complaints to God





“our churches emphasise prayer and praise to God. but we almost always think that the only prayers acceptable to God are words of praise and thanksgiving. Worship should not be limited to praise and thanksgiving. It must reflect the whole breath of human experience, including times of mourning and dancing, of lament and praise.”

*(Rev Gordon Wong, OnTrac, 1st issue 2014)*

# Persevere

And the Lord answered me, “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith. (Hab 2:2-4)

# Appointed time

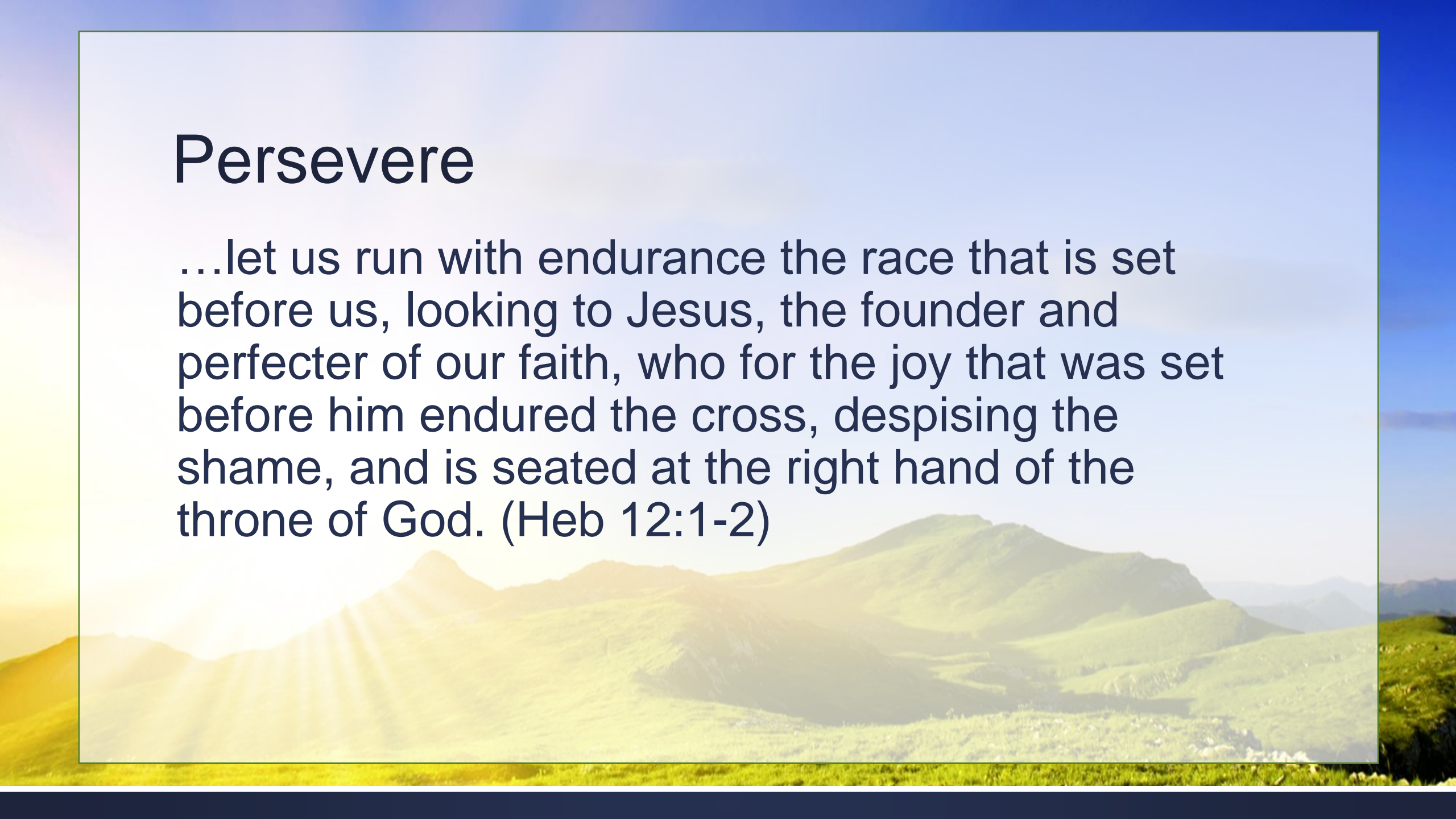
- A time set and fixed by God
- Opportune time of change and favour
- Example: “the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

# Persevere

- Live according to God's ways and not the ways of the world
- God proclaimed 5 woes on the Babylonians
  - Greed (2:6-11)
  - Murder (2:12)
  - Debauchery (2:15-16)
  - Idolatry (2:18-19)
- Be watchful over our hearts!

# Persevere

...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb 12:1-2)



# Holy Communion

- Spiritual presence of Christ
- Means of grace whose effect is brought about by God through the power the Holy Spirit
- An anticipation of the future hope

# Holy Communion

“Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
**Christ will come again.**”

“By your Spirit make us one with  
Christ, one with each other, and  
one in ministry to all the world,  
**until Christ comes in final  
victory and we feast at his  
heavenly banquet**”



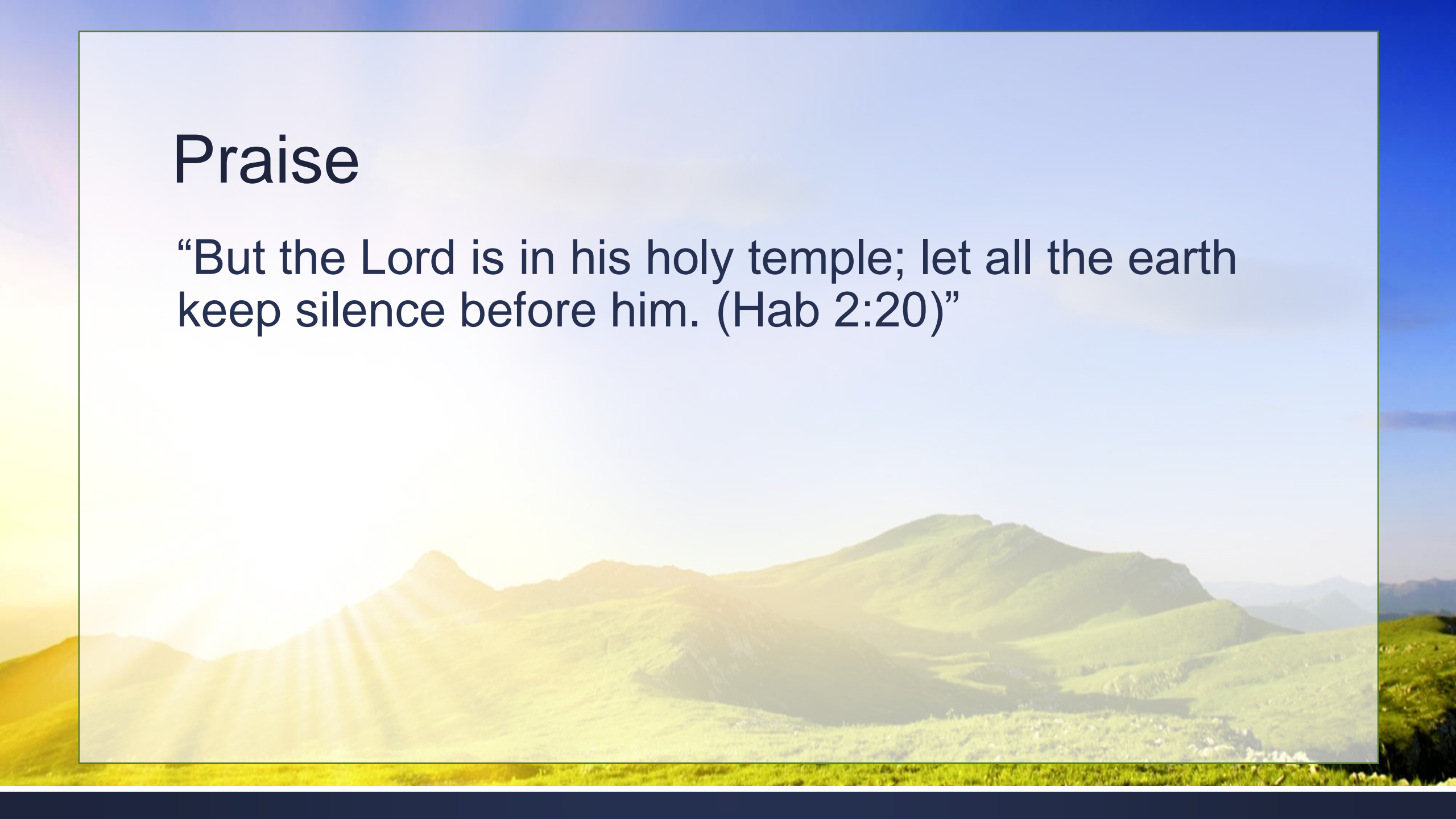
# Perseverance

- Participate in the Holy Communion with a thankful heart



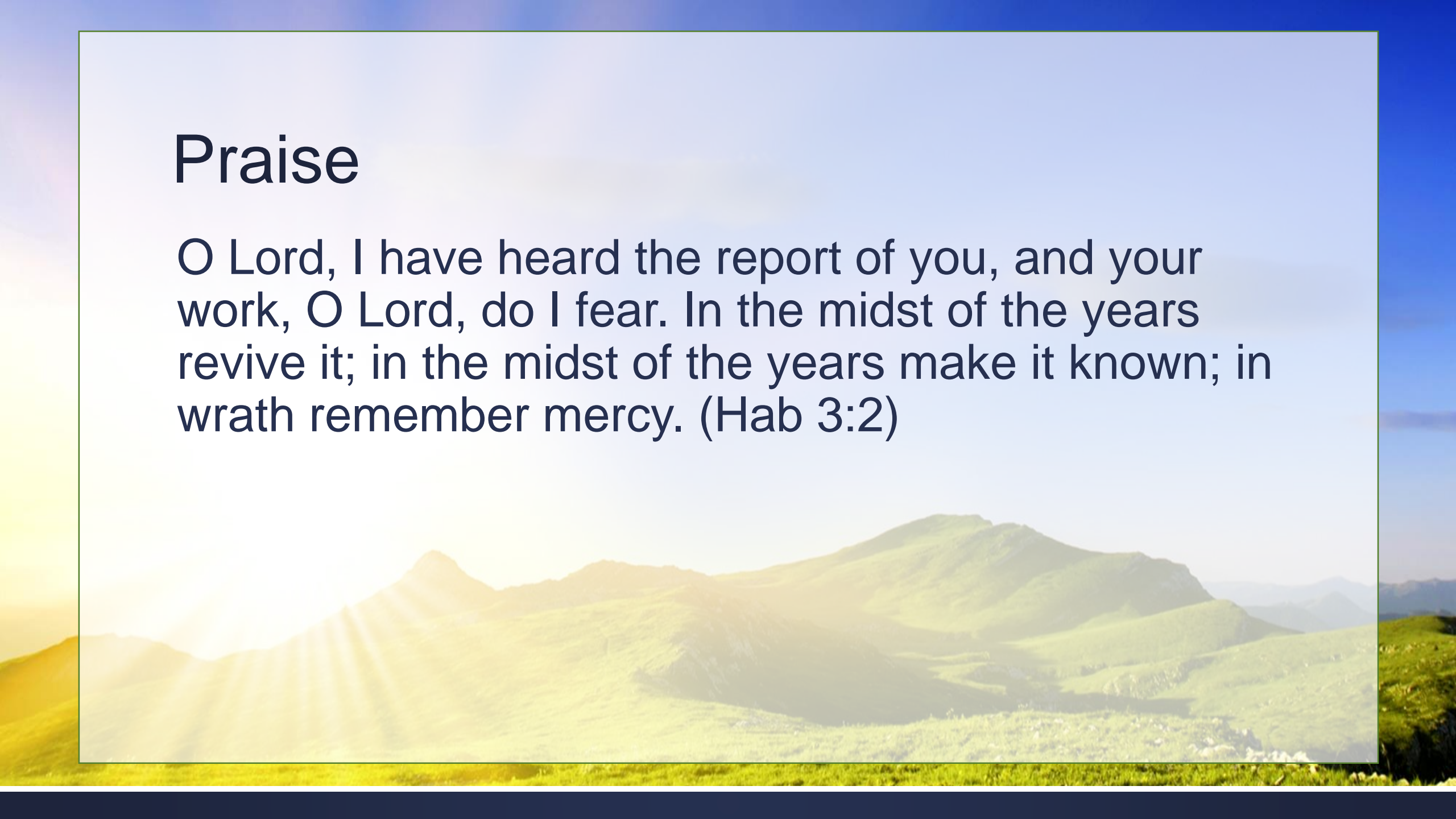
# Praise

“But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. (Hab 2:20)”



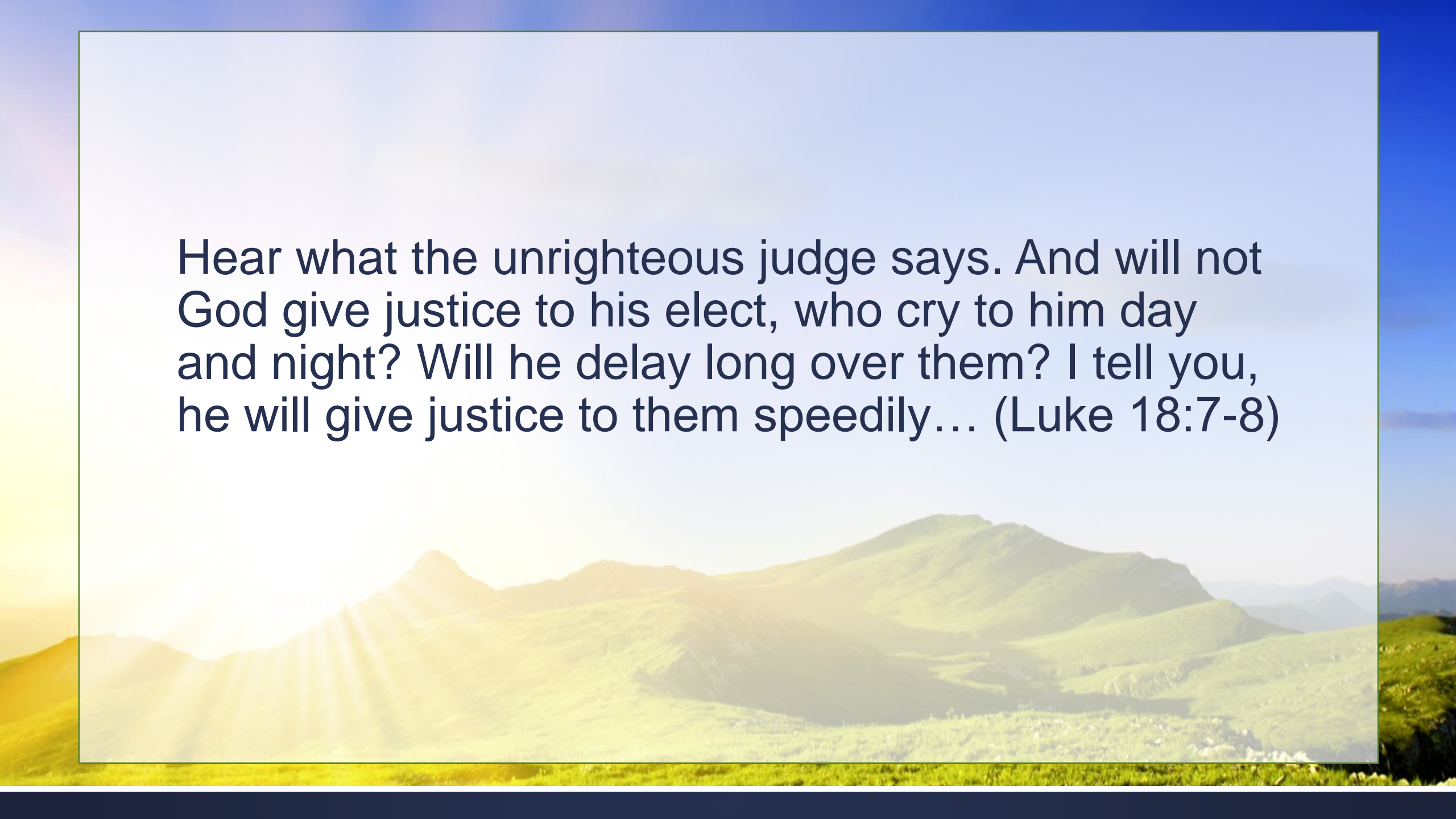
# Praise

O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. (Hab 3:2)



- Pray without ceasing





Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily... (Luke 18:7-8)

# Praise

Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
the produce of the olive fail  
and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,

# Praise

yet I will rejoice in the Lord;

I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

God, the Lord, is my strength;

he makes my feet like the deer's;

he makes me tread on my high places.

(Hab 3:17-19)

# Praise

Though my (child/parent/spouse)'s heart is far from me,

And he/she would not return,

Though my sickness is killing me

And none can feel my pain

Though I have yet to find a job

And my future is uncertain

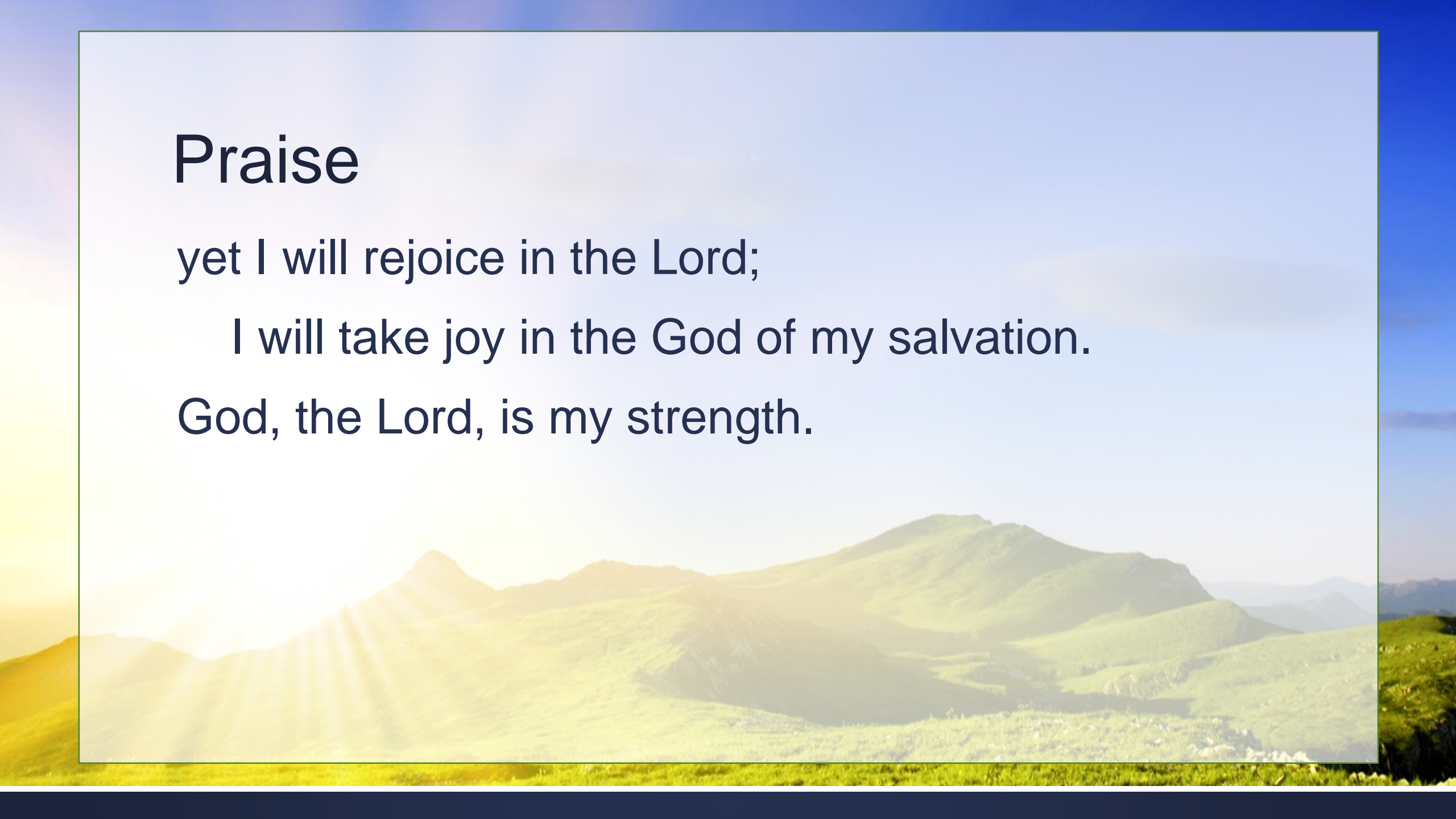


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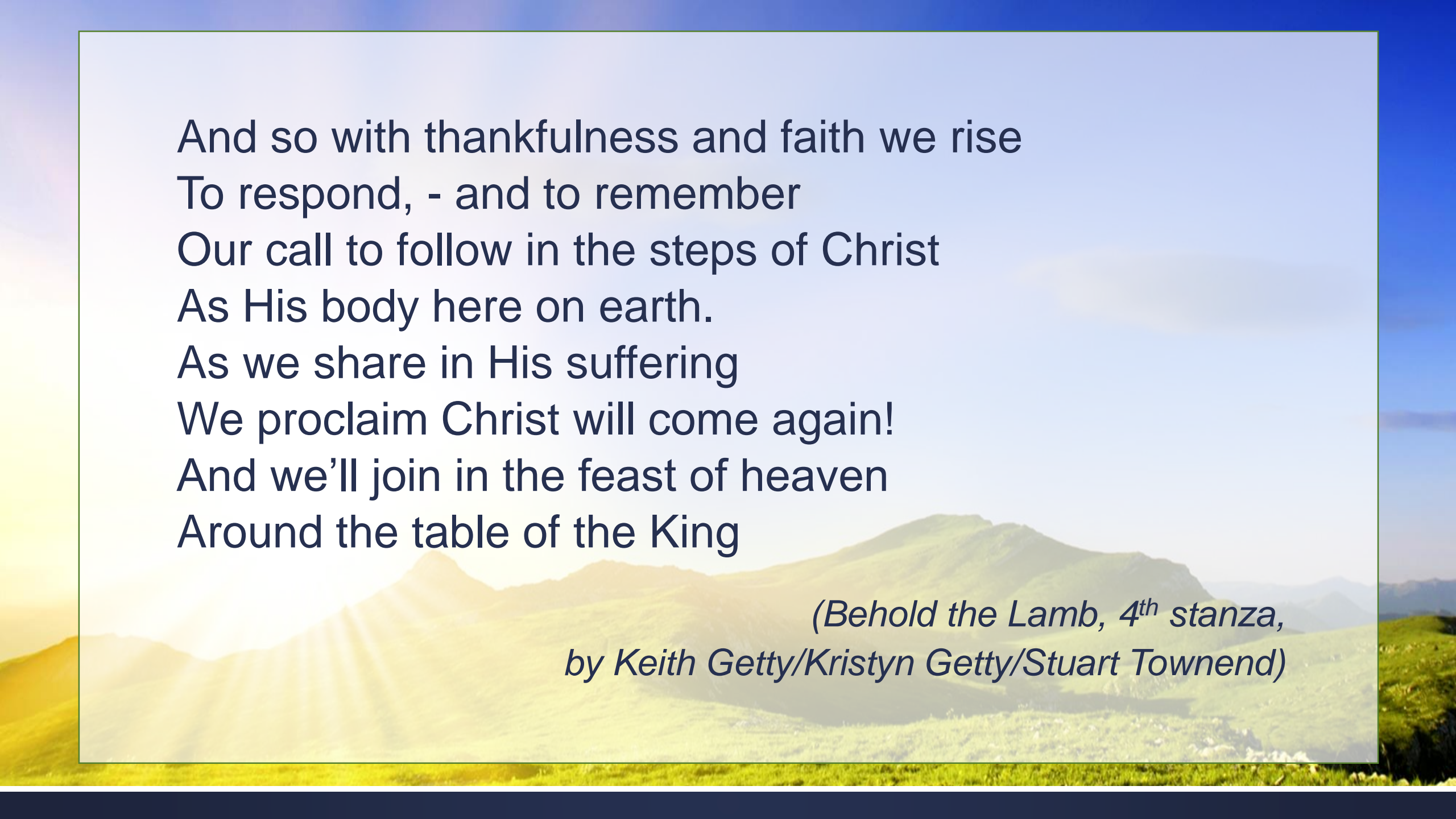
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# Praise

“I am for going on and venturing my eternal state with Christ whether I have comfort here or no. if God doth not come in, thought I, I will leap off the Ladder even blindfold into Eternity, sink or swim, come Heaven, come Hell, Lord Jesus, if thou wilt catch me, do; if not, I will venture for thy Name.”

*(John Bunyan)*



And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond, - and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King

*(Behold the Lamb, 4<sup>th</sup> stanza,  
by Keith Getty/Kristyn Getty/Stuart Townend)*