



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT  
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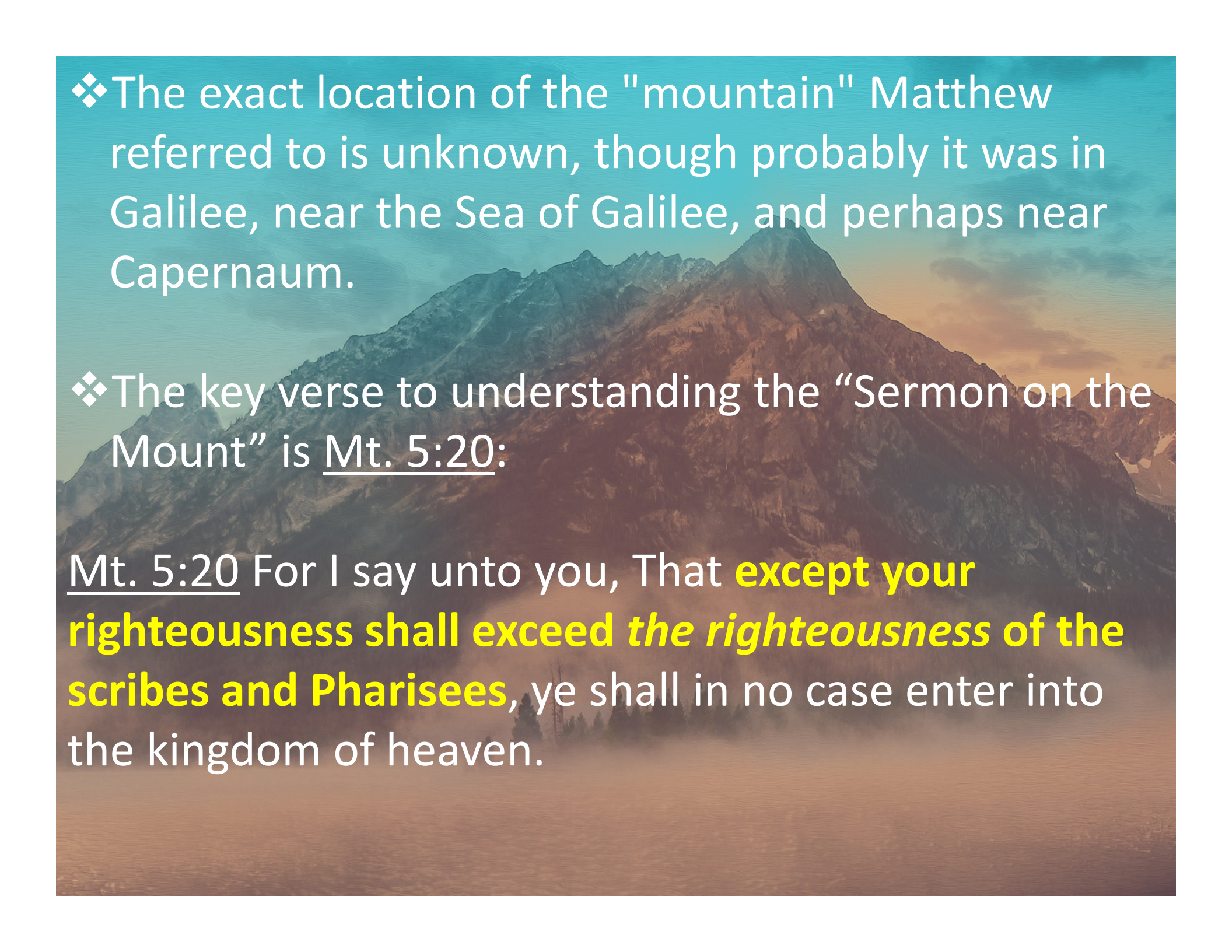
## Review

Two weeks ago we began the exegesis of this great sermon preached by the Lord Jesus Christ.

### I. THE DISCIPLE AND HIS BLESSINGS, 5:1-16

#### A. The Setting, 5:1-2

❖ “...he went up into a mountain...” = The Law was given to Moses on the Mount, and the Law was clarified by the Lord on the mount.



❖ The exact location of the "mountain" Matthew referred to is unknown, though probably it was in Galilee, near the Sea of Galilee, and perhaps near Capernaum.

❖ The key verse to understanding the "Sermon on the Mount" is Mt. 5:20:

Mt. 5:20 For I say unto you, That **except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees***, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

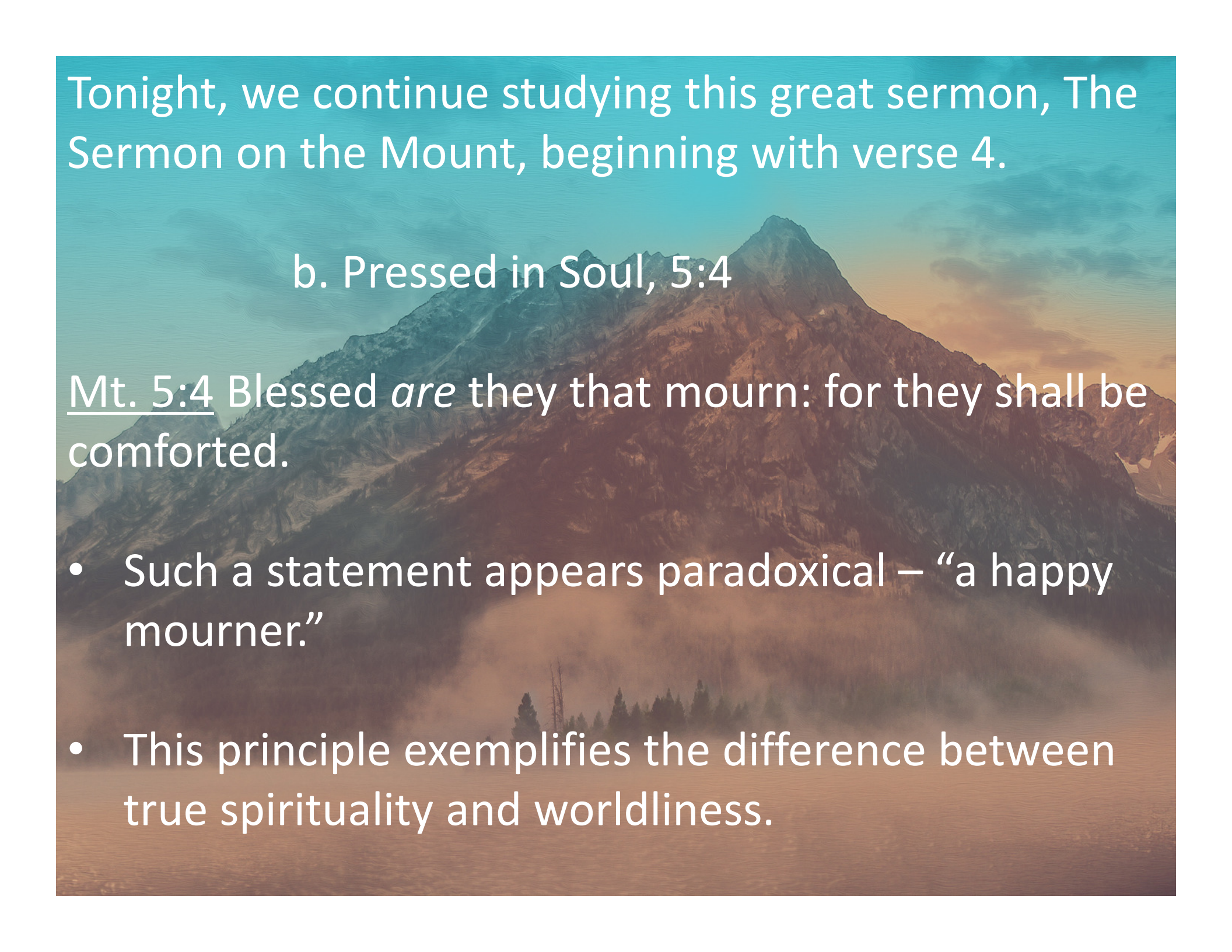
## B. The Sayings, 5:3-12

### 1. What We Are, 5:3-5

#### a. Poor in Spirit, 5:3

- The "poor in spirit" are those who recognize their natural unworthiness to stand in God's presence, and who depend utterly on Him for His mercy and grace.

Psa. 10:14 Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: **the poor committeth himself unto thee**; thou art the helper of the fatherless.



Tonight, we continue studying this great sermon, The Sermon on the Mount, beginning with verse 4.

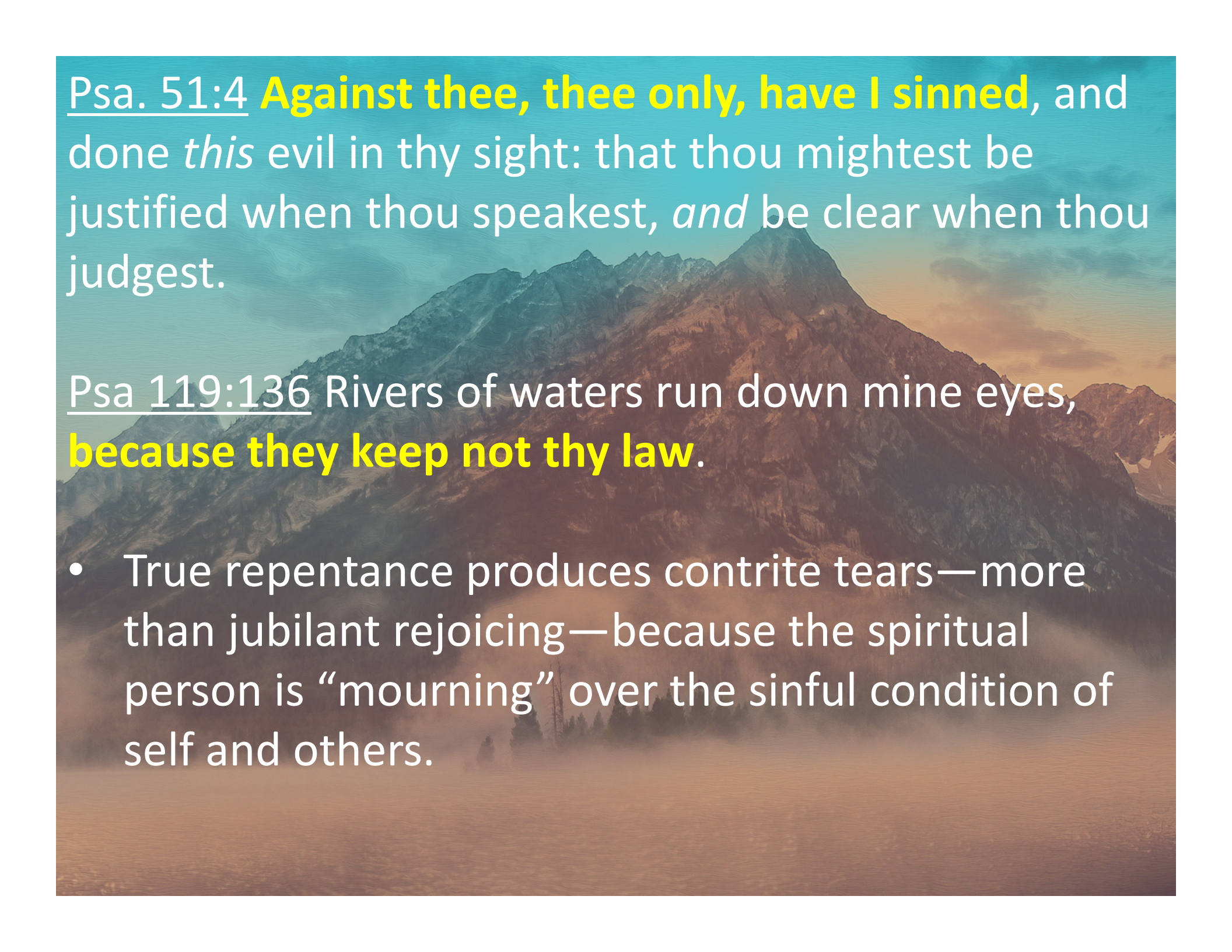
b. Pressed in Soul, 5:4

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- Such a statement appears paradoxical – “a happy mourner.”
- This principle exemplifies the difference between true spirituality and worldliness.

- "They that mourn" do so because they sense their own spiritual bankruptcy, as well as the same of others around them.
- The Old Testament revealed that spiritual poverty results from sin.

Ezra 10:6 Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and *when* he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: **for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away.**



Psa. 51:4 **Against thee, thee only, have I sinned**, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

Psa 119:136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, **because they keep not thy law.**

- True repentance produces contrite tears—more than jubilant rejoicing—because the spiritual person is “mourning” over the sinful condition of self and others.

Rom. 7:24 **O wretched man that I am!** who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

- “The source from which these rivers of pollution proceed is the natural heart of man. Sin is not a splash of mud upon man’s exterior, **it is a filth generated within himself.**” (Charles H. Spurgeon)

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# REPENTANCE

means you realize you're guilty; a vile sinner in the presence of God. That you deserve the wrath and punishment of God, that you're hell bound.

It means that you begin to realize that this thing called sin is in you, and you long to get rid of it, and you turn your back on it in every shape and form.

You renounce the world whatever the cost, the world is in its mind and outlook as well as its practice, and you deny yourself and take up the cross and go after Christ.

Your nearest and dearest in the whole world may call you a fool or say you have religious mania. You may have to suffer financially, but it makes no difference; that is repentance.

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- Two weeks ago we considered a passage from Isaiah that goes well with this verse:

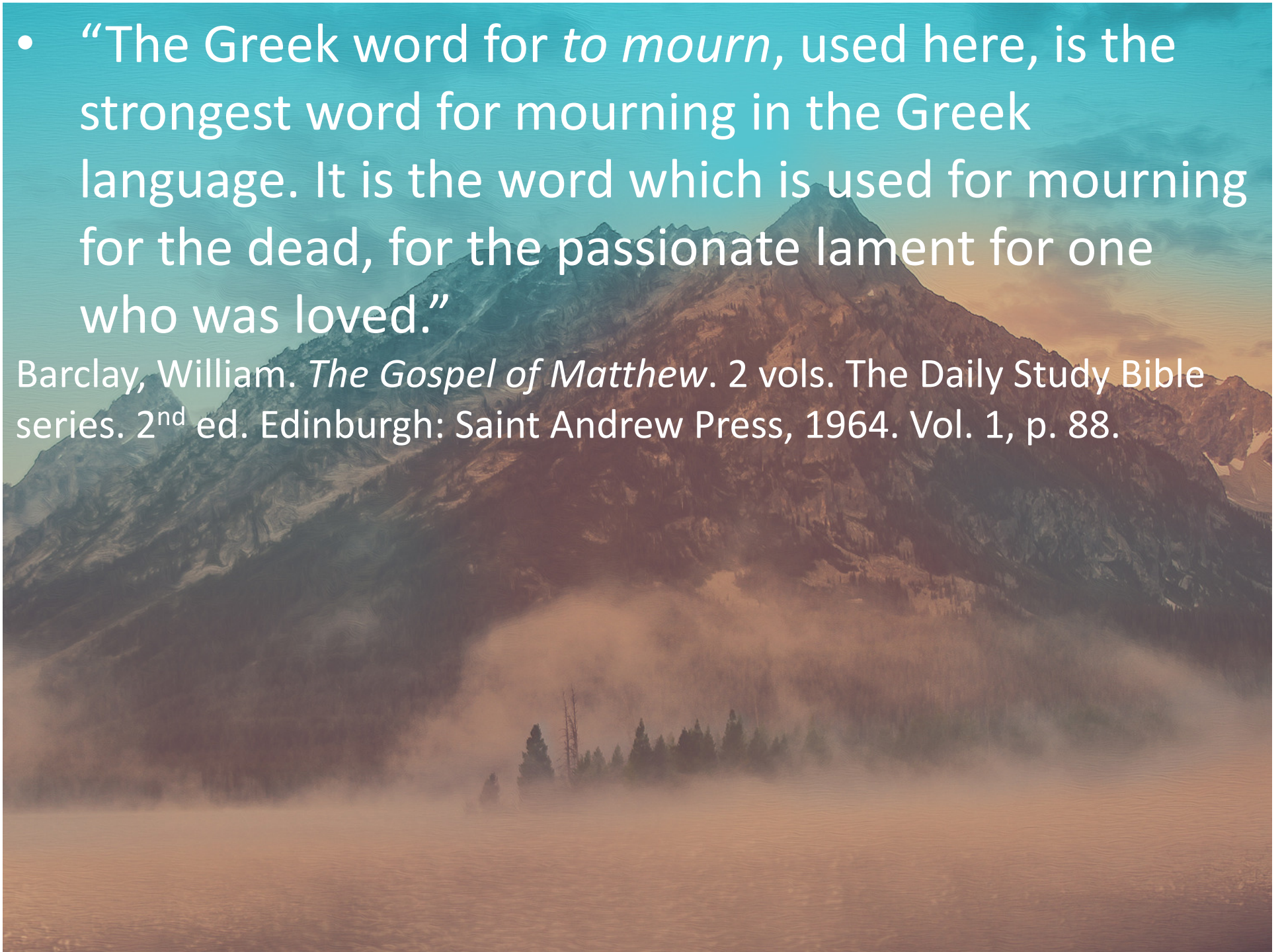
Isa. 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach **good tidings unto the meek**; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; **to comfort all that mourn**;

3 To appoint unto **them that mourn in Zion**, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, **that he might be glorified.**

- “The Greek word for *to mourn*, used here, is the strongest word for mourning in the Greek language. It is the word which is used for mourning for the dead, for the passionate lament for one who was loved.”

Barclay, William. *The Gospel of Matthew*. 2 vols. The Daily Study Bible series. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Edinburgh: Saint Andrew Press, 1964. Vol. 1, p. 88.



**Original Word:** πενθέω

**Transliteration:** pentheó

**Definition:** to mourn, lament

**Usage:** I mourn, lament, feel guilt.

*penthéō* – properly, grieve over a *death*; (figuratively) to grieve over a personal hope (relationship) that *dies*, i.e. *comes to divine closure* ("ends").

*penthéō* ("mourn over a death") refers to "*manifested grief*" – *so severe it takes possession* of a person and cannot be hid.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3996.htm>

2 Cor. 12:21 *And* lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and *that* I shall **bewail** many which have **sinned already, and have not repented** of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

- There is no recording in Scripture where Jesus ever laughed. He was “...a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief...” (Isa. 53:3.)
- The Lord Jesus wept over the death of Lazarus – Jn. 11:33-36:

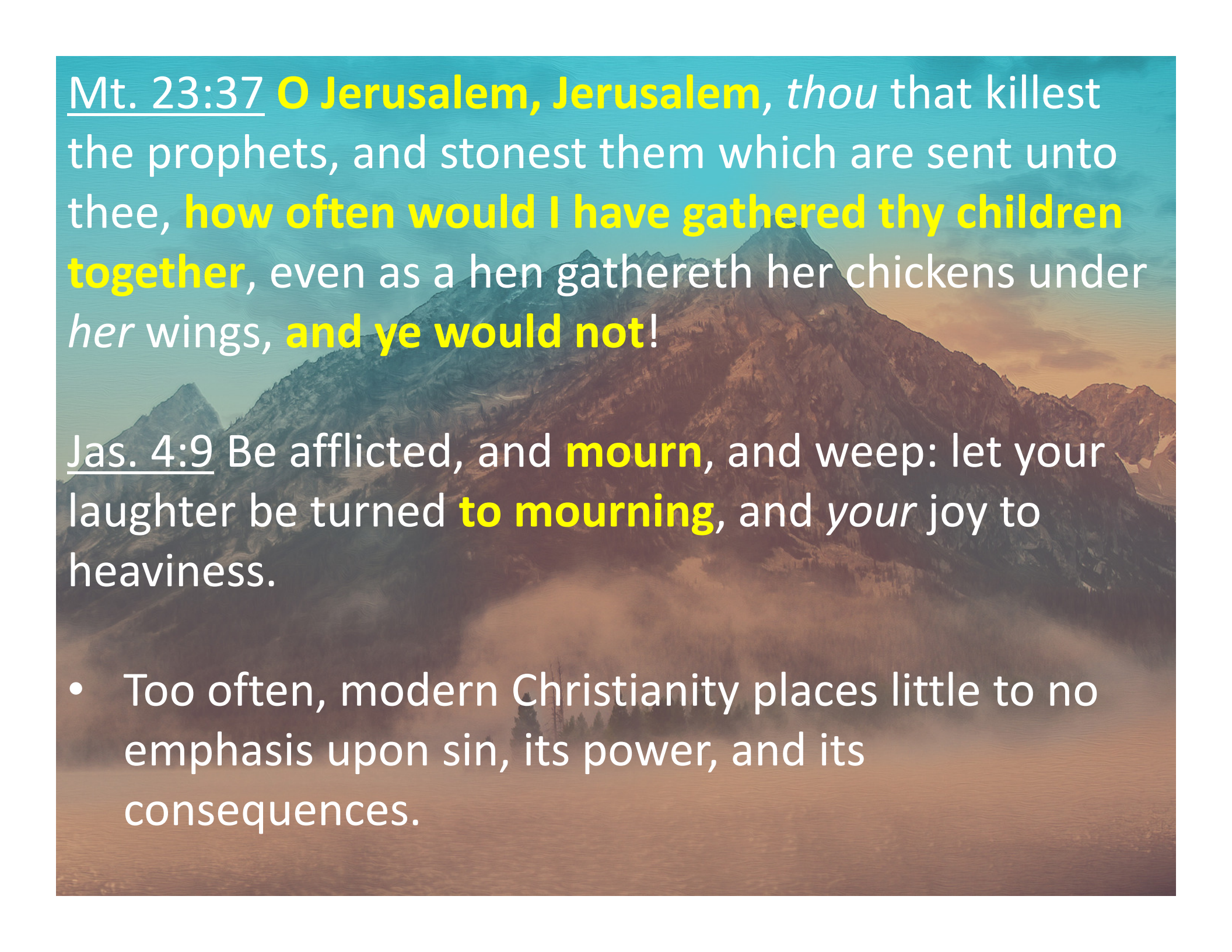
Jn. 11:33 **When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping** which came with her, **he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,**

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 **Jesus wept.**

36 Then said the Jews, **Behold how he loved him!**

- Jesus lamented over the city of Jerusalem and its rejection of Him.



Mt. 23:37 **O Jerusalem, Jerusalem**, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, **how often would I have gathered thy children together**, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, **and ye would not!**

Jas. 4:9 Be afflicted, and **mourn**, and weep: let your laughter be turned **to mourning**, and *your* joy to heaviness.

- Too often, modern Christianity places little to no emphasis upon sin, its power, and its consequences.

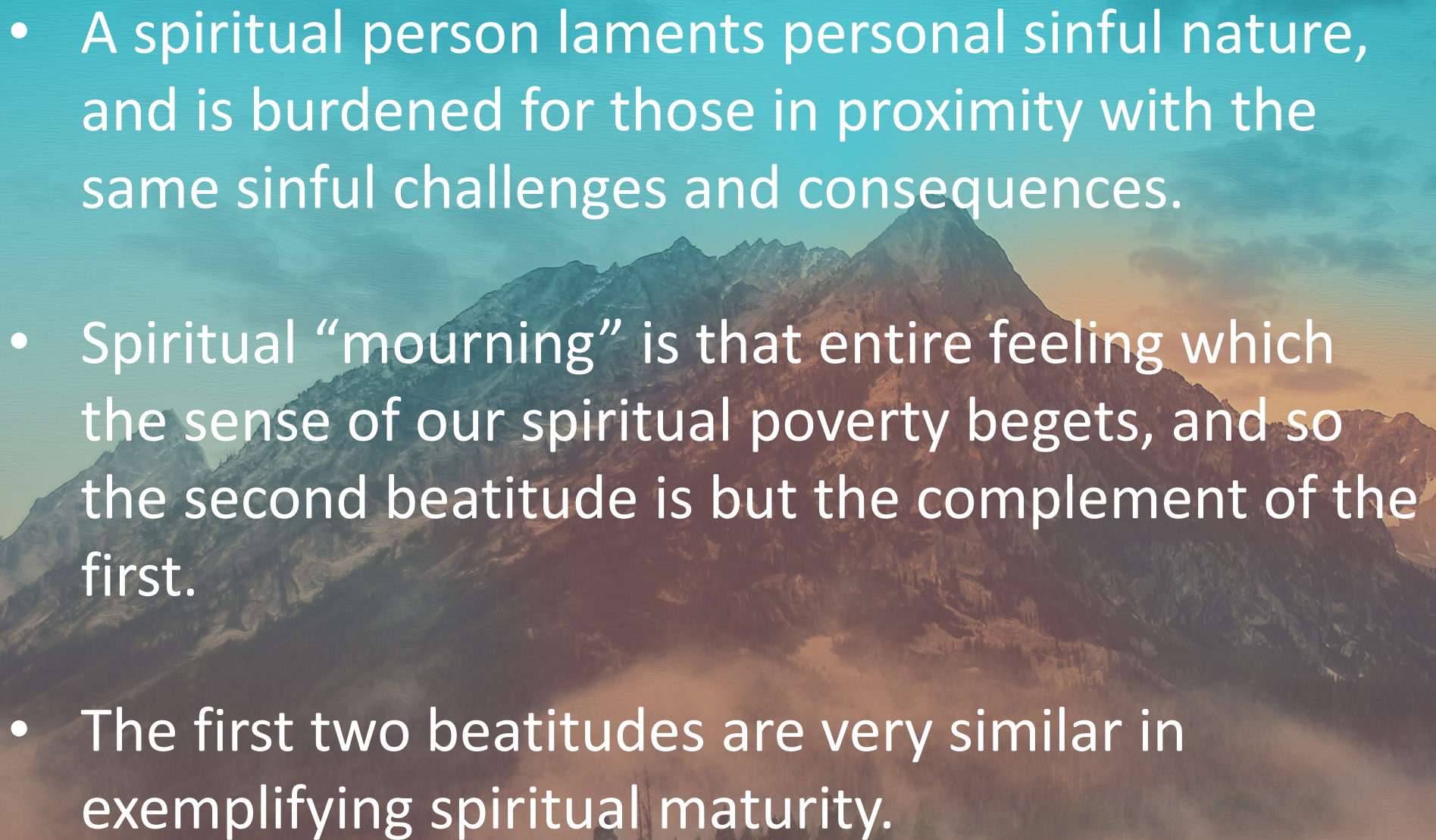
- Consequently, genuine repentance is lacking or non-existent among sinners = no genuine conversions to Christ.

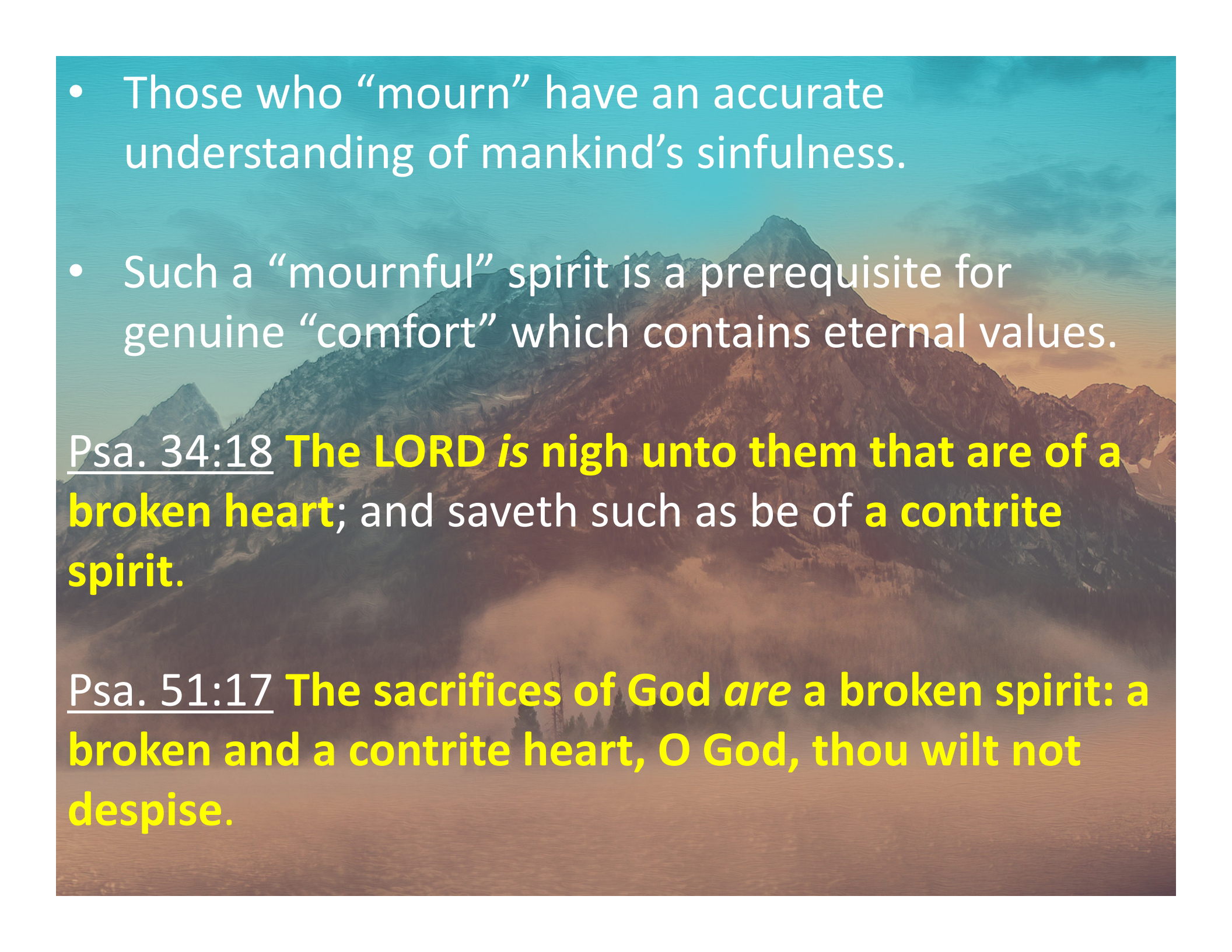
1 Thess. 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how **ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;**

10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* **Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.**

Jn. 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; **but the wrath of God abideth on him.**



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- A spiritual person laments personal sinful nature, and is burdened for those in proximity with the same sinful challenges and consequences.
  - Spiritual “mourning” is that entire feeling which the sense of our spiritual poverty begets, and so the second beatitude is but the complement of the first.
  - The first two beatitudes are very similar in exemplifying spiritual maturity.

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- Those who “mourn” have an accurate understanding of mankind’s sinfulness.
  - Such a “mournful” spirit is a prerequisite for genuine “comfort” which contains eternal values.

Psa. 34:18 **The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart;** and saveth such as be of **a contrite spirit.**

Psa. 51:17 **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.**


- The promised blessing in this beatitude is future comfort for those who now mourn.
- Spiritual mourning at conversion continues in the life of a sensitive believer.

Isa. 40:1 **Comfort ye, comfort ye** my people, saith your God.


Isa. 66:1 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest?

2 For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: **but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.**

13 **As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you;** and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

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- All sorrow over personal and national humiliation because of sin will end when the King sets up His kingdom and the repentant enter into it.
  - Though disciples of Christ now mourn over sin and its consequences, both in their personal lives and in the world, they will be comforted by the complete removal of sin in the future.

Titus 2:13 Looking for that  **blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**



Jer. 17:7 **Blessed is the man** that trusteth in the LORD,  
and whose hope the LORD is.

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were written  
aforetime were **written for our learning**, that we  
**through patience and comfort of the scriptures**  
**might have hope.**

2 Cor. 1:3 Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and **the God of all**  
**comfort;**

4 **Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we**  
**may be able to comfort them which are in any**  
**trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are**  
**comforted of God.**

## Conclusion

Jas. 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 **Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.**

Cleanse *your* hands, **ye sinners**; and purify *your* hearts, **ye double minded.**

9 **Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep:** let your laughter be turned **to mourning**, and *your* joy to heaviness.

10 **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.**



Col. 2:1 For **I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you**, and *for* them at Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

2 **That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love**, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3 **In whom** are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

1 Thess. 4:18 Wherefore **comfort one another** with these words.