



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

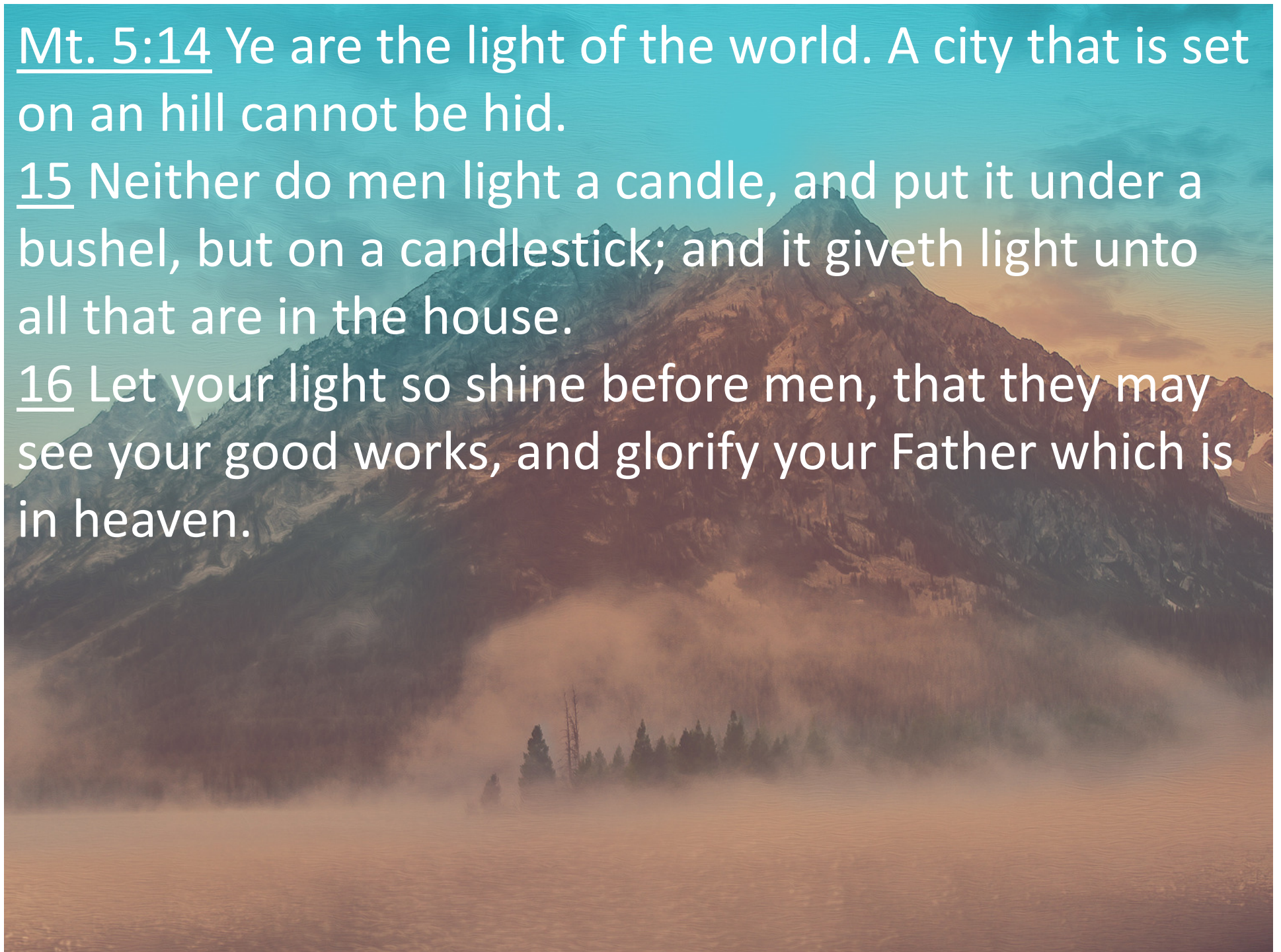
Mt. 5:14-16

“The Light of the World”

Mt. 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



Review

Several 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

B. The Sayings, 5:3-12

1. What We Are, 5:3-5

2. Where We Aim, 5:6

3. Ways We Act, 5:7-9

4. What We Accept, 5:10-12

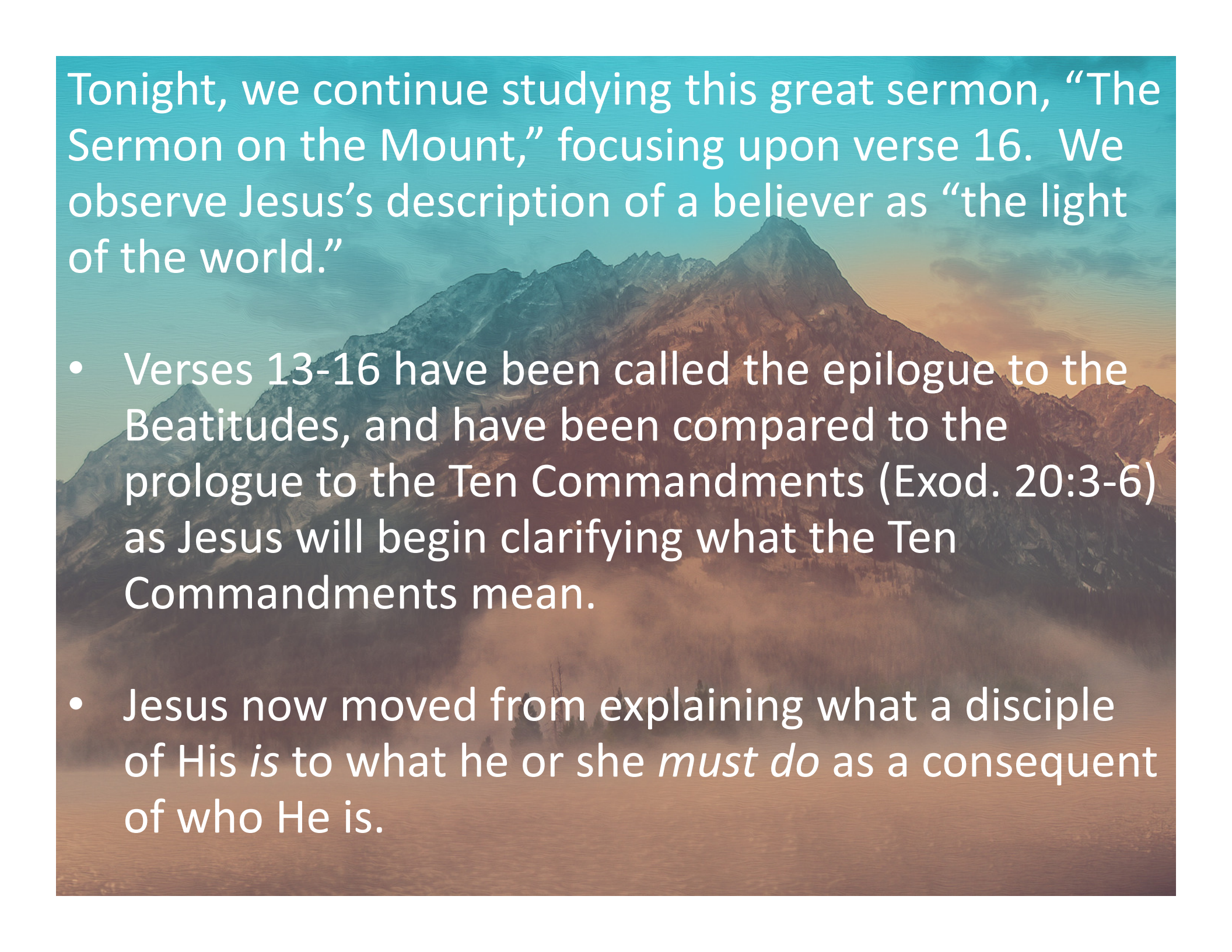
C. The Sequel, 5:13-16

1. Resisting Decay, 5:13

2. Removing Darkness, 5:14-16

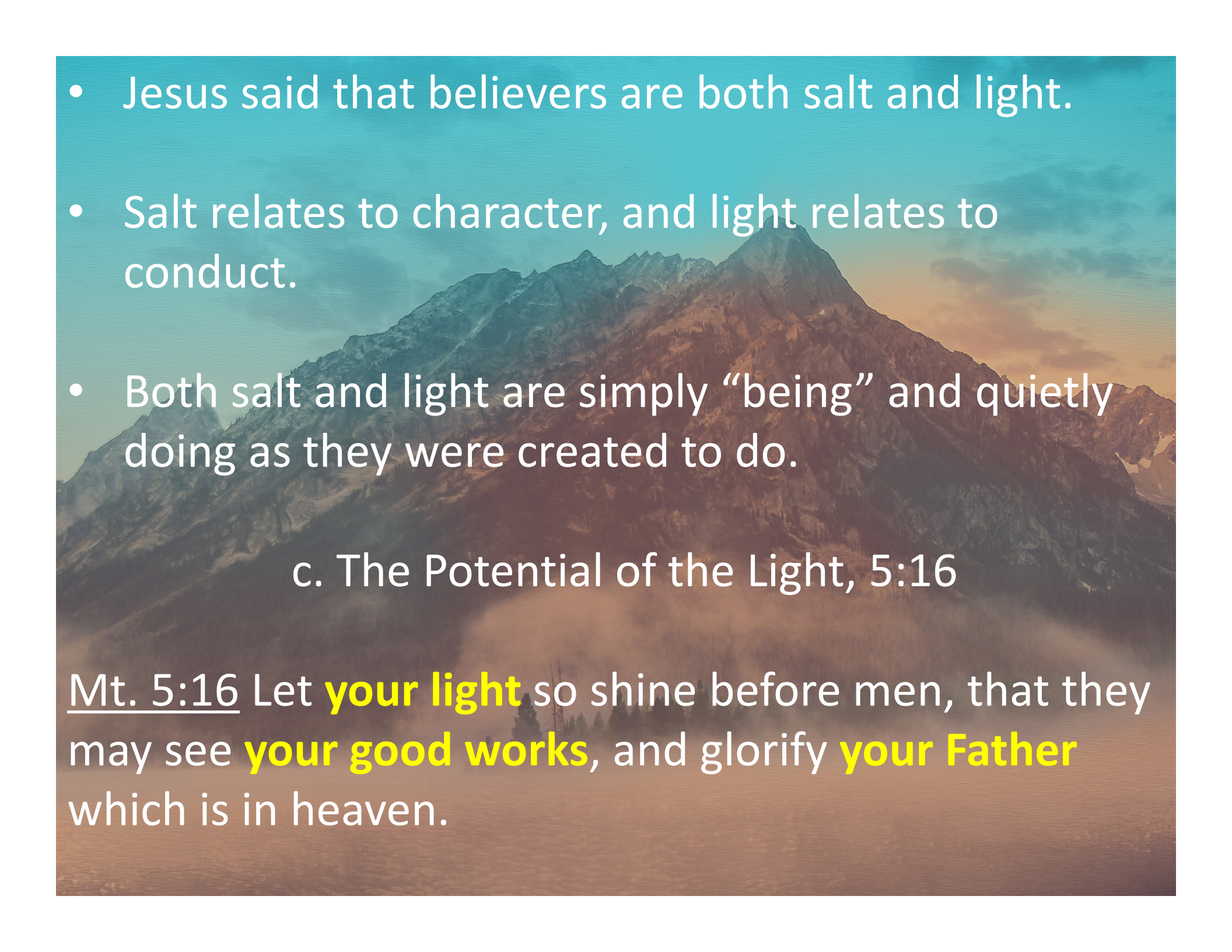
a. The Position of the Light, 5:14

b. The Purpose of the Light, 5:15



Tonight, we continue studying this great sermon, “The Sermon on the Mount,” focusing upon verse 16. We observe Jesus’s description of a believer as “the light of the world.”

- Verses 13-16 have been called the epilogue to the Beatitudes, and have been compared to the prologue to the Ten Commandments (Exod. 20:3-6) as Jesus will begin clarifying what the Ten Commandments mean.
- Jesus now moved from explaining what a disciple of His *is* to what he or she *must do* as a consequent of who He is.

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- Jesus said that believers are both salt and light.
 - Salt relates to character, and light relates to conduct.
 - Both salt and light are simply “being” and quietly doing as they were created to do.

c. The Potential of the Light, 5:16

Mt. 5:16 Let **your light** so shine before men, that they may see **your good works**, and glorify **your Father** which is in heaven.

- Verse 16 begins with a command: “Let your light so shine...”

Original Word: λάμπω

Part of Speech: Verb – aorist imperative

Transliteration: lampó

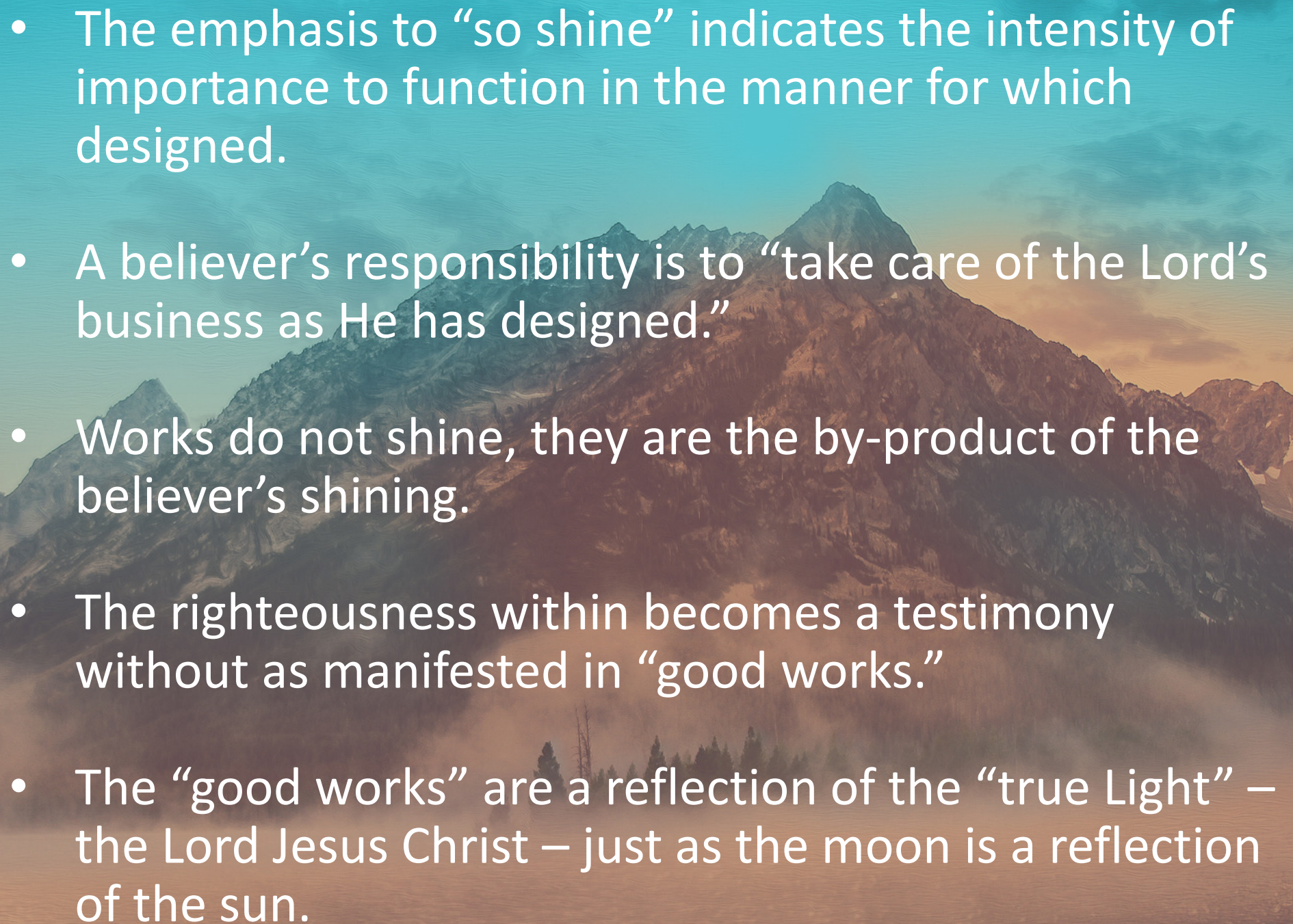
Definition: to shine

Usage: I shine, give light.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2989.htm>

2 Cor. 4:6 For **God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness**, hath **shined in our hearts**, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But **we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**

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- The emphasis to “so shine” indicates the intensity of importance to function in the manner for which designed.
 - A believer’s responsibility is to “take care of the Lord’s business as He has designed.”
 - Works do not shine, they are the by-product of the believer’s shining.
 - The righteousness within becomes a testimony without as manifested in “good works.”
 - The “good works” are a reflection of the “true Light” – the Lord Jesus Christ – just as the moon is a reflection of the sun.



Psa. 84:11 For **the LORD God is a sun** and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

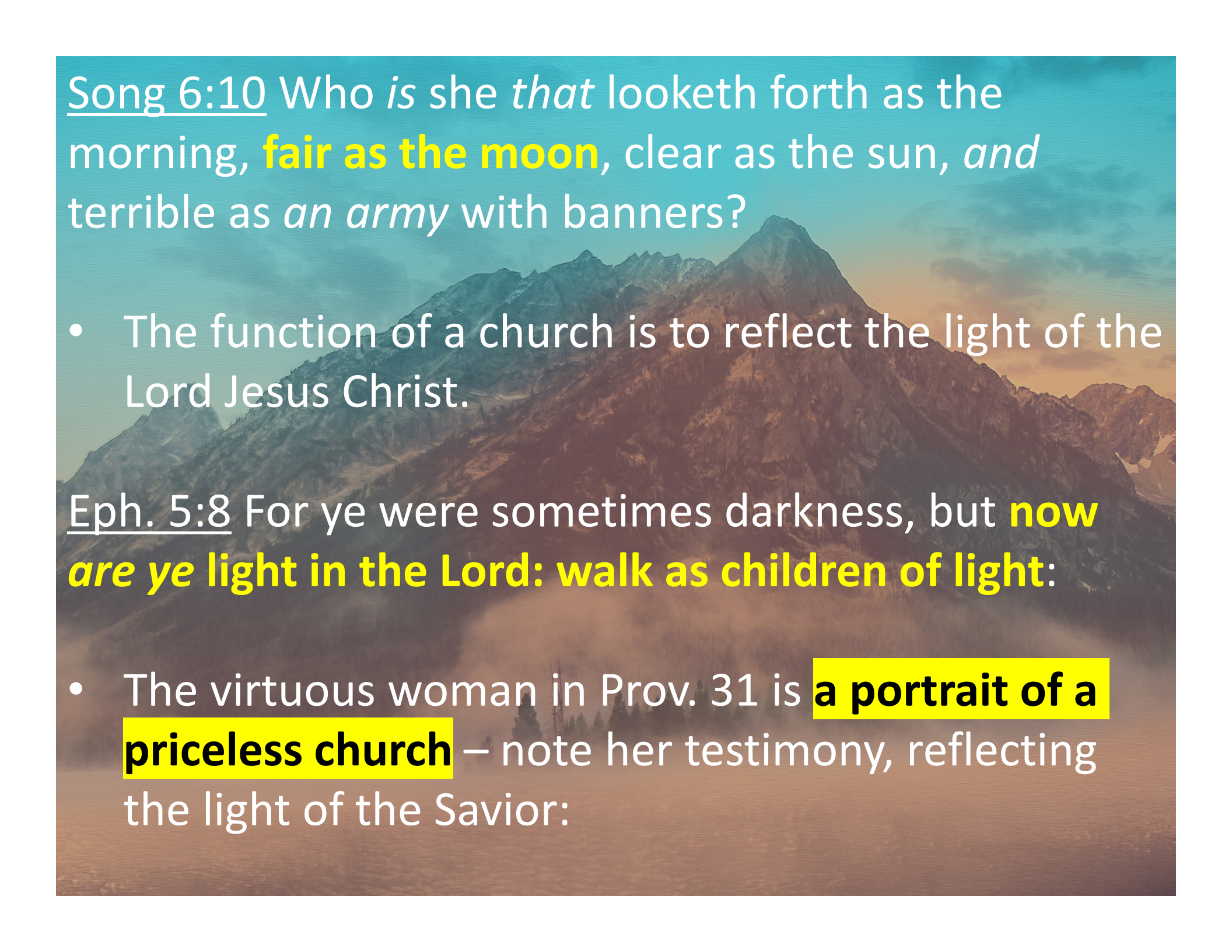
Mal. 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall **the Sun of righteousness** arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Psa 19:2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 *There is* no speech nor language, *where* their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a **tabernacle for the sun,**

5 **Which is as a bridegroom** coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.



Song 6:10 Who *is she that* looketh forth as the morning, **fair as the moon**, clear as the sun, *and* terrible as *an army* with banners?

- The function of a church is to reflect the light of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph. 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but **now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:**

- The virtuous woman in Prov. 31 is **a portrait of a priceless church** – note her testimony, reflecting the light of the Savior:

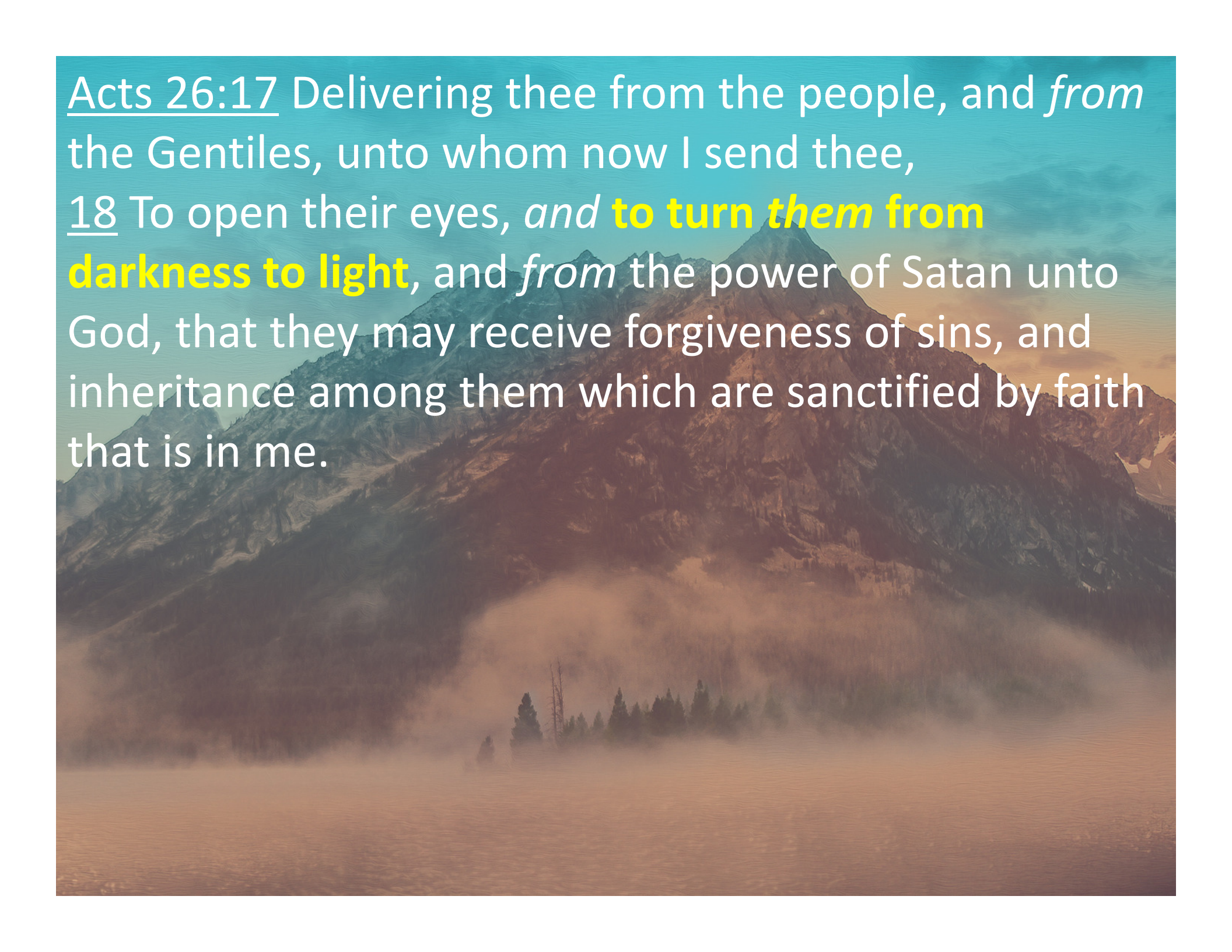


Prov. 31:18 She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: **her candle goeth not out by night.**

- The potential for light is to function as light – just like the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psa. 119:105 **Thy word is a lamp** unto my feet, and **a light unto my path.**

2 Pet. 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto **a light that shineth in a dark place**, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:



Acts 26:17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,
18 To open their eyes, *and* **to turn them from darkness to light**, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Summary

- The believer has a personal responsibility, role, result, and relationship:
 - Personal responsibility – “Let **your light** so shine before men...”
 - Personal role – “...that they may see **your good works**...”
 - Personal result – “...and glorify...”
 - Personal relationship – “...**your Father** which is in heaven.”
- Believers are to glorify God in the present that they may glorify Him at the Judgment Seat of Christ..

Conclusion

1 Jn. 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

6 **If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie,** and do not the truth:

7 **But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another,** and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.