



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Mt. 5:16

“Letting Your Light Shine in the World”

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.

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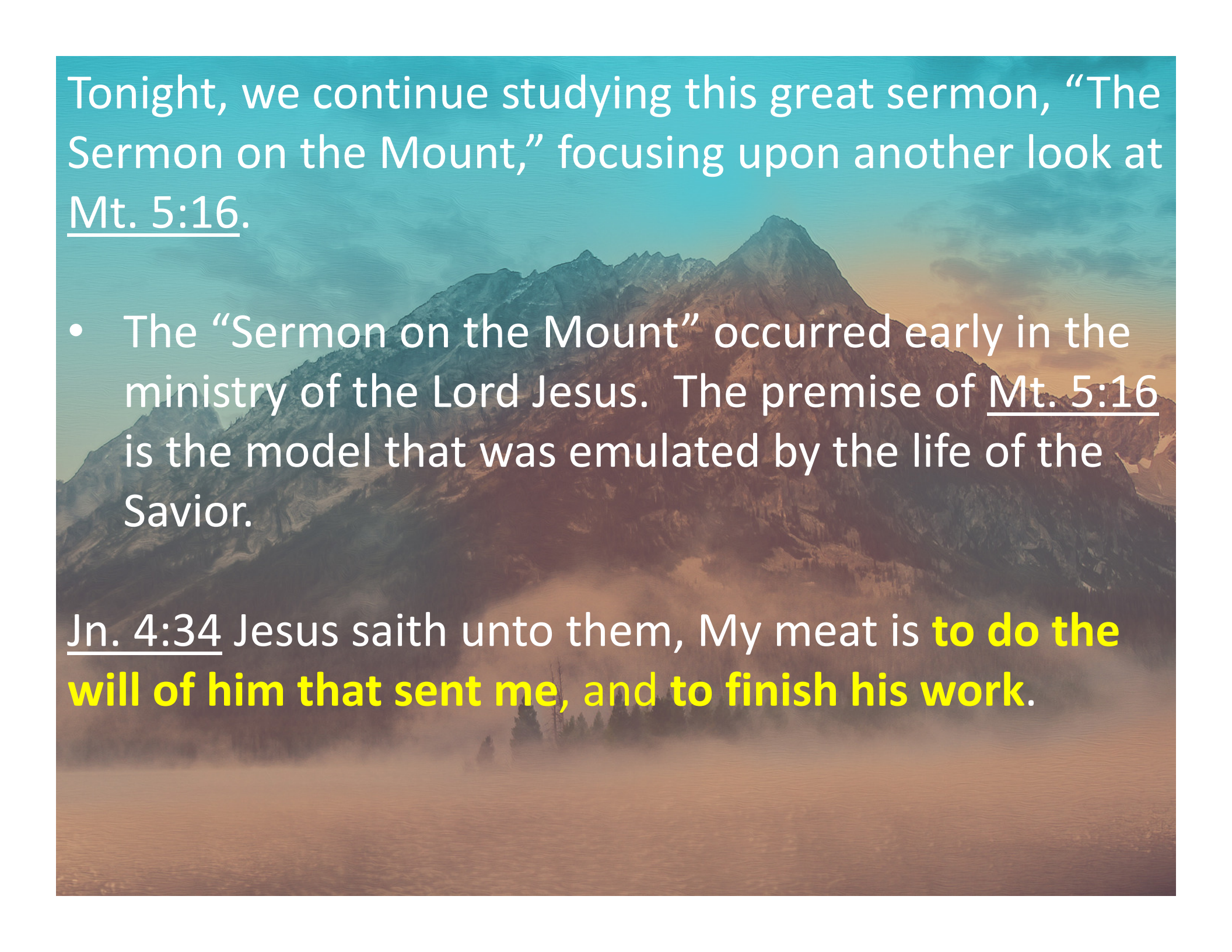
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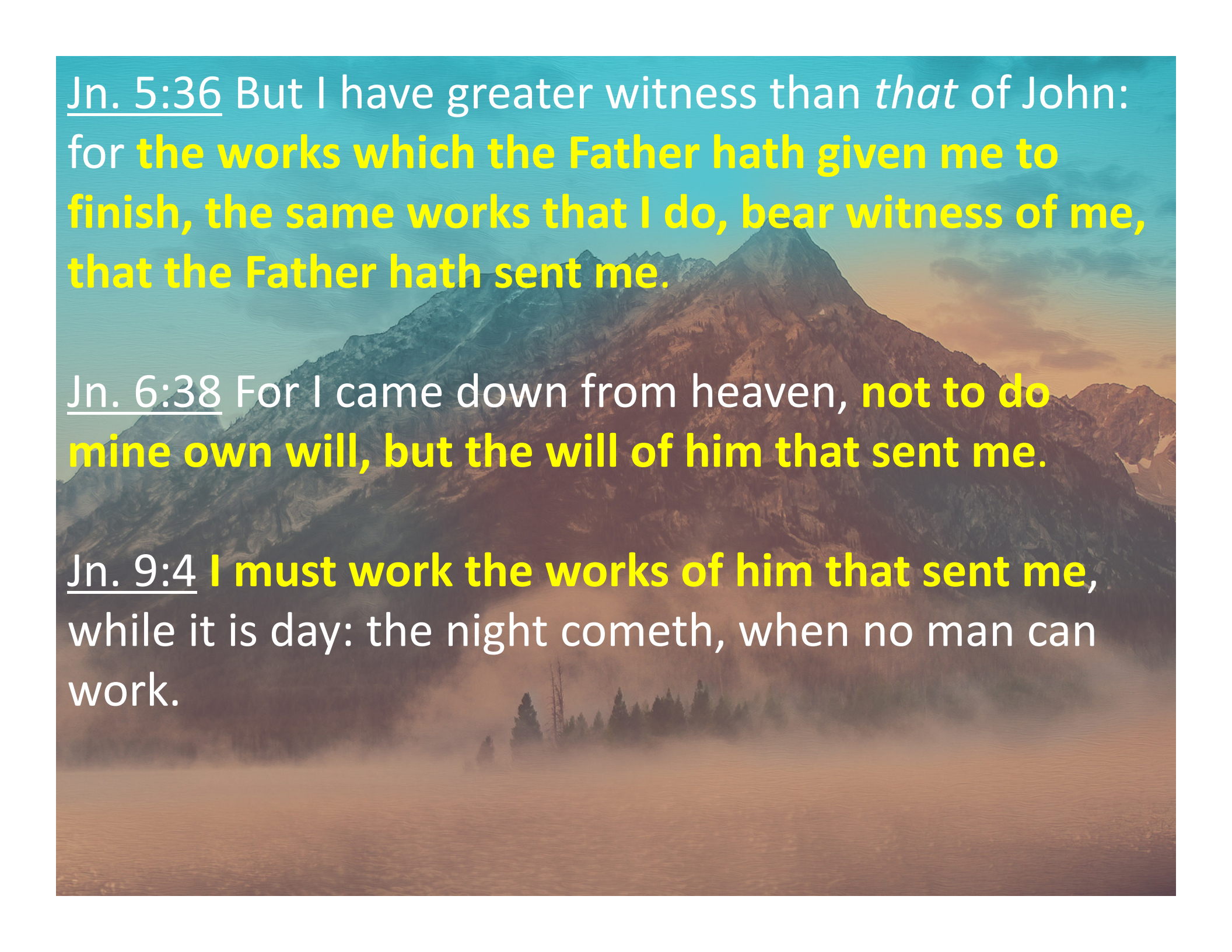
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Tonight, we continue studying this great sermon, “The Sermon on the Mount,” focusing upon another look at Mt. 5:16.

- The “Sermon on the Mount” occurred early in the ministry of the Lord Jesus. The premise of Mt. 5:16 is the model that was emulated by the life of the Savior.

Jn. 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is **to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.**



Jn. 5:36 But I have greater witness than *that* of John:
for **the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.**

Jn. 6:38 For I came down from heaven, **not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.**

Jn. 9:4 **I must work the works of him that sent me,**
while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

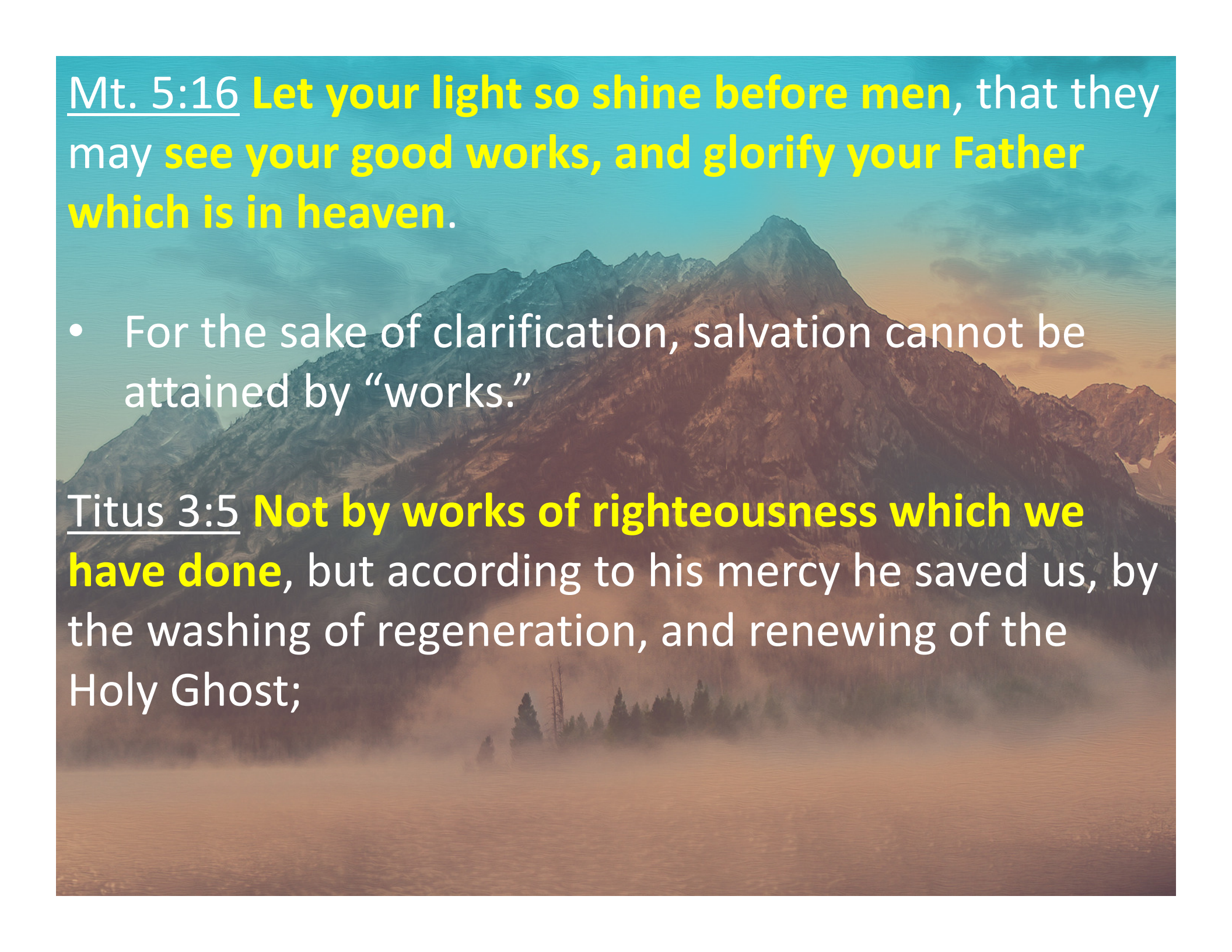
Jn. 10:37 If I do not **the works of my Father**, believe me not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, **believe the works**: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.

Jn. 14:11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else **believe me for the very works' sake**.

- The purpose for Jesus having “good works” was to glorify the Father!

Jn. 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: **I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do**.



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- For the sake of clarification, salvation cannot be attained by “works.”

Titus 3:5 **Not by works of righteousness which we have done**, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

- Consider the distinction for “works” in Eph. 2:8-10:

Eph. 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God**:

9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

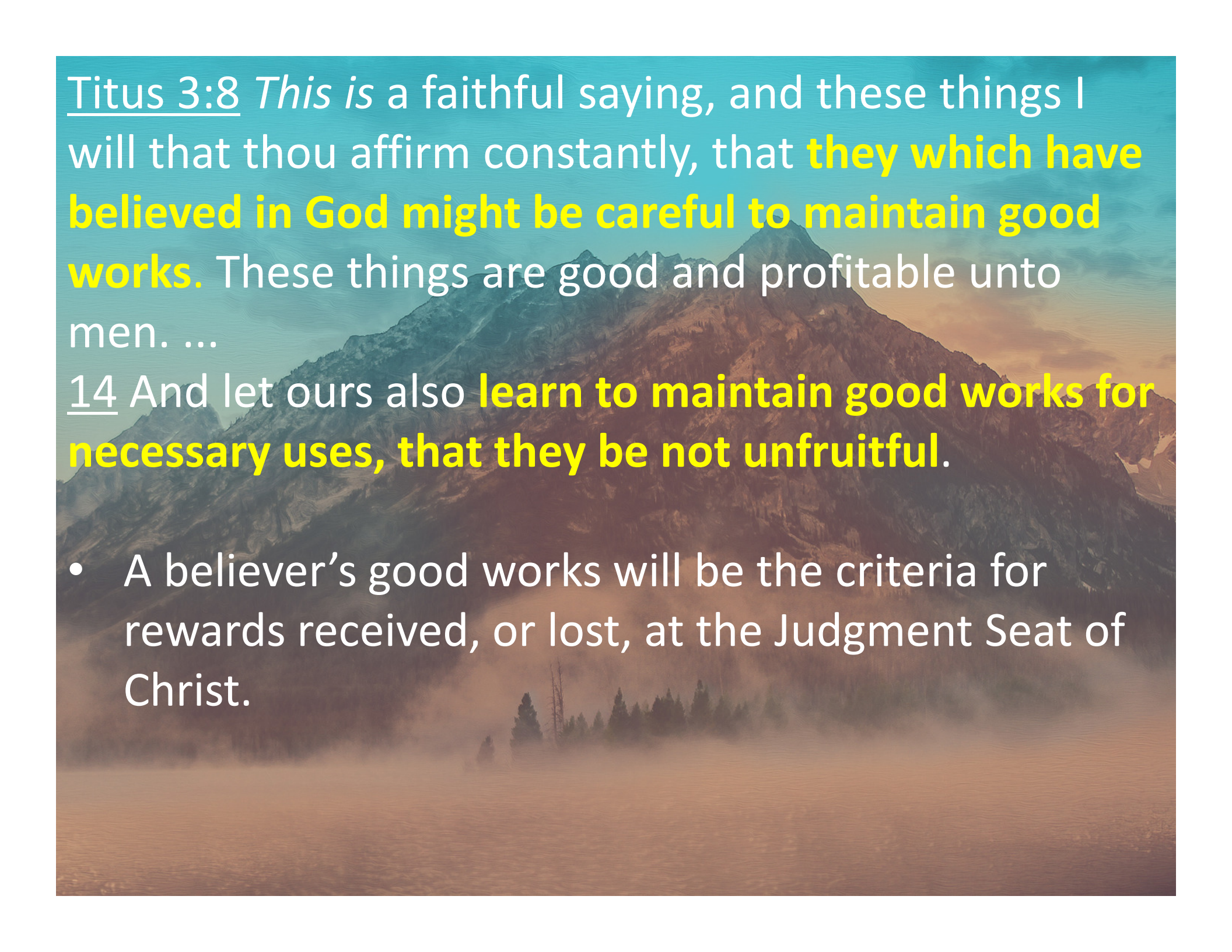
10 For **we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

- After salvation, a believer is expected to produce “good works.”

Titus 2:7 **In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works**: in **doctrine** *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

...

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and **purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works**.



Titus 3:8 *This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that **they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works.** These things are good and profitable unto men. ...*

14 And let ours also **learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.**

- A believer's good works will be the criteria for rewards received, or lost, at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

1 Cor. 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 **Every man's work shall be made manifest:** for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and **the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.**

14 If **any man's work** abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If **any man's work** shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

- The reason some works are burned:

Jas. 2:17 Even so faith, **if it hath not works, is dead**, being alone. ...

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?** ...

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also.

Gal. 5:6 "...but **faith which worketh by love.**"

- How can a believer do “good works”?
- A believer must start with the Scriptures in order to know anything about good works.

2 Tim. 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman** that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

2 Tim. 3:16 **All scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly **furnished unto all good works.**

- Good works are in conjunction with Lord's will and work:

Mark 14:3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured *it* on his head. ...

6 And Jesus said, **Let her alone**; why trouble ye her? **she hath wrought a good work on me.**

2 Cor. 9:8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, **may abound to every good work:**

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Col 1:10 **That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;**

1 Tim. 3:1 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, **he desireth a good work.**

2 Tim. 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and **meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.**

- The primary focus of “good works” is according to God’s will, for His glory!

Heb. 13:21 **Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ;** to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- Compare Heb. 13:21 with our text tonight:

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- The premise of Mt. 5:16 is the model that was emulated by the life of the Savior, and the same premise should be emulated by believers today.

Conclusion

1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**

1 Thess. 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your **work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;**

Heb. 6:10 For **God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love,** which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.