



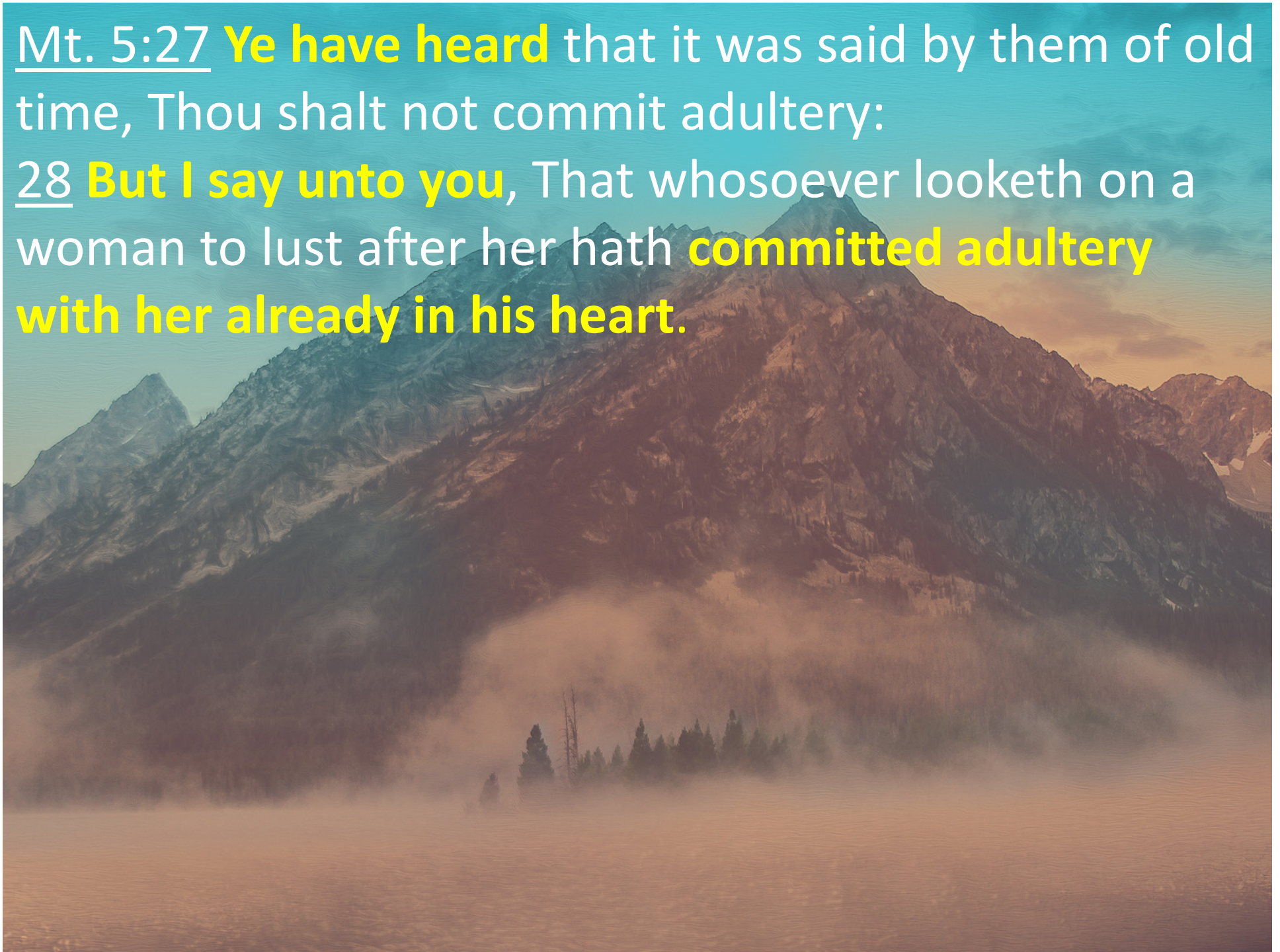
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Mt. 5:27-28

“The Question of Injuring Lives”

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Review: Several weeks ago, we began the exegesis of this great sermon preached by the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Early in the “Sermon on the Mount” the Lord Jesus emphasized His concern regarding “righteousness.”

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.**

The passage tonight is most relevant for 2021, regarding moral purity and God’s plan for intimate relationship between a man and a woman. God revealed His plan in Gen. 2:18-25:

Gen. 2:18 And **the LORD God said, *It is not good that the man should be alone***; I will make him an help meet for him.

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21 And **the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam**, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which **the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman**, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, **This *is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh*: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.**

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall **cleave unto his wife**: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.



Heb. 13:4 **Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.**

1 Cor. 7:2 Nevertheless, **to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.**

- God's institution of the home has been under attack since Gen. 4:19:

Gen 4:19 And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one *was* Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

C. The Question of Indulging Lust, 5:27-32

1. A Defiled Marriage, 5:27-30

a. God's Condemning Law, 5:27

Mt. 5:27 **Ye have heard** that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

- Jesus referred to the seventh commandment in Ex. 20:14, Deut. 5:18:

Ex. 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

b. Man's Corrupting Lust, 5:28-30

(1) A Wrong Look, 5:28

Mt. 5:28 **But I say unto you**, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery **with her** already in his **heart**.

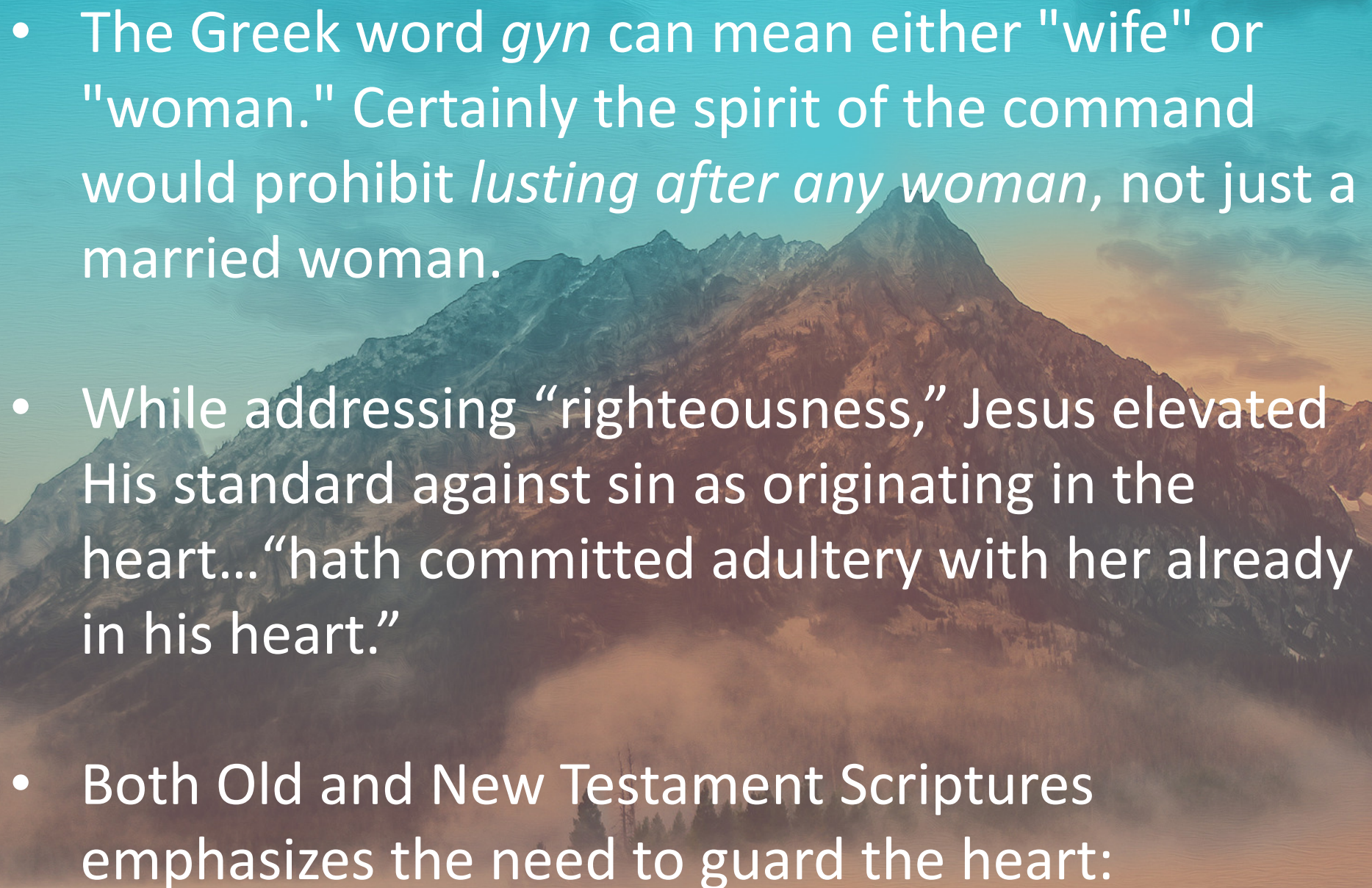
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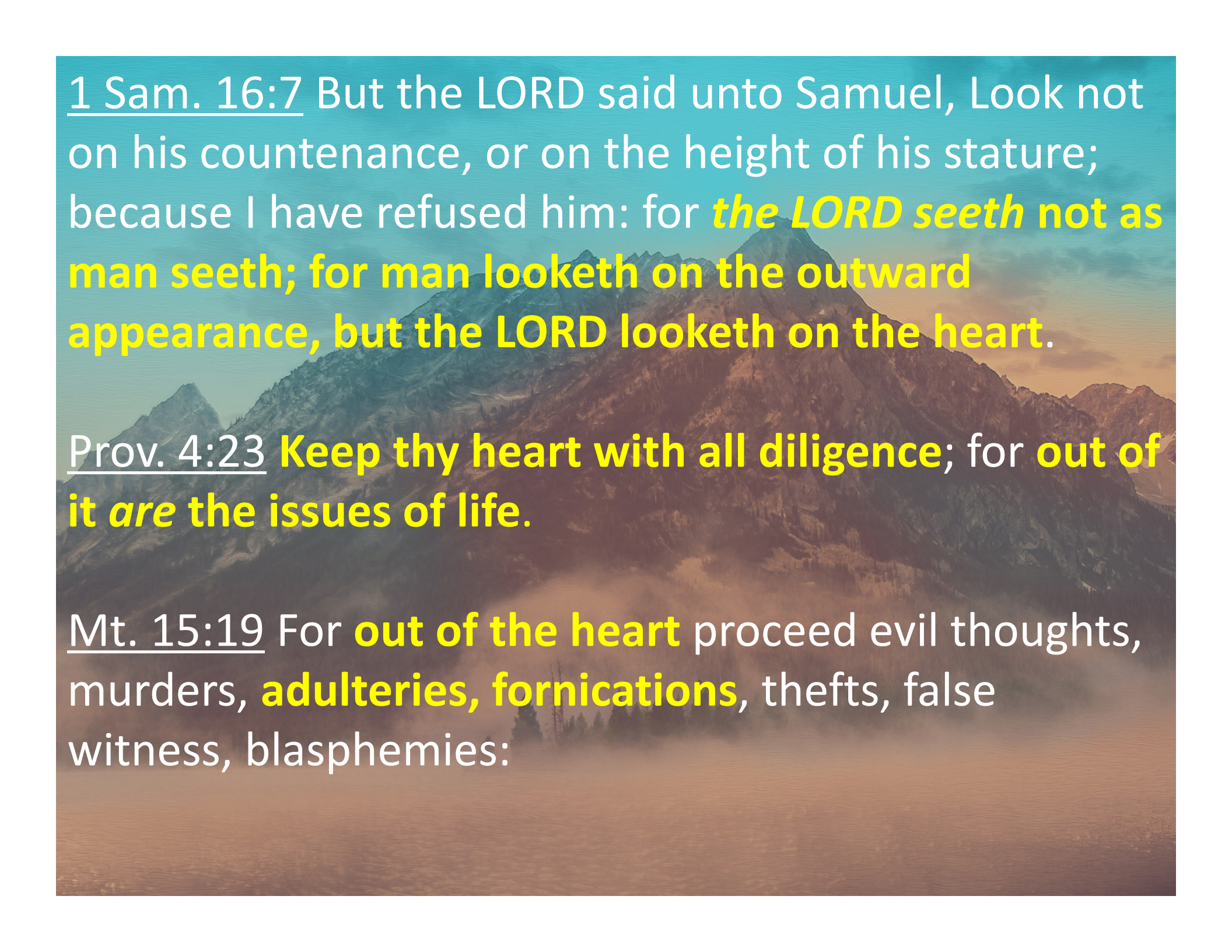
Transliteration: guné

Definition: a woman (gynecology)

Usage: a woman, wife, my lady

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- The Greek word *gyn* can mean either "wife" or "woman." Certainly the spirit of the command would prohibit *lusting after any woman*, not just a married woman.
 - While addressing "righteousness," Jesus elevated His standard against sin as originating in the heart... "hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."
 - Both Old and New Testament Scriptures emphasizes the need to guard the heart:



1 Sam. 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for **the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.**

Prov. 4:23 **Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.**

Mt. 15:19 For **out of the heart** proceed evil thoughts, murders, **adulteries, fornications**, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

- The oldest book in the Bible indicates that men have a perpetual problem regarding the “lust of the eyes.”

Job 31:1 **I made a covenant with mine eyes**; why then should I **think upon a maid**?

2 For what portion of God *is there* from above? and *what* inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

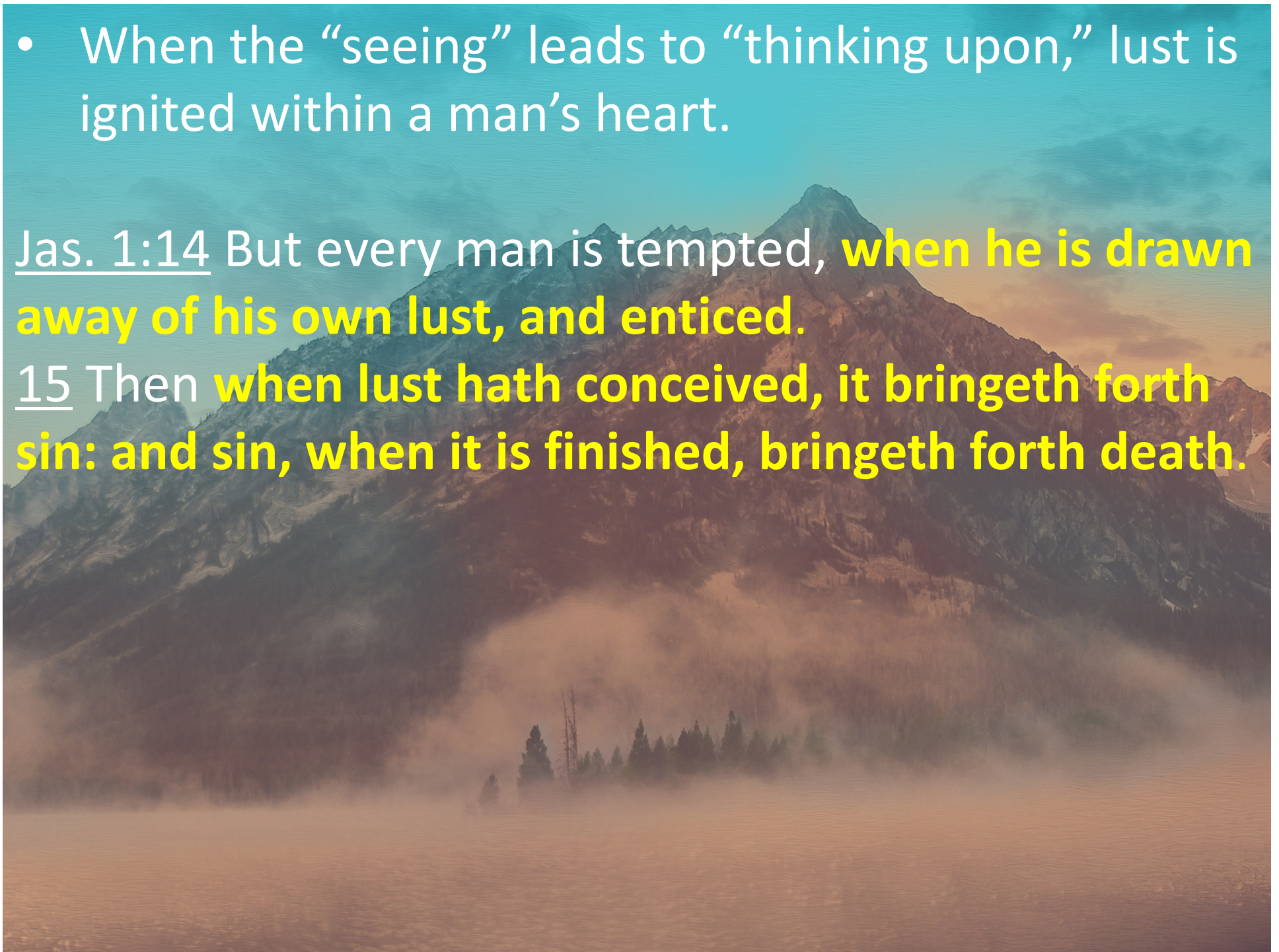
3 *Is* not destruction to the wicked? and a strange *punishment* to the workers of iniquity?

4 **Doth not he see my ways**, and count all my steps?

- When the “seeing” leads to “thinking upon,” lust is ignited within a man’s heart.

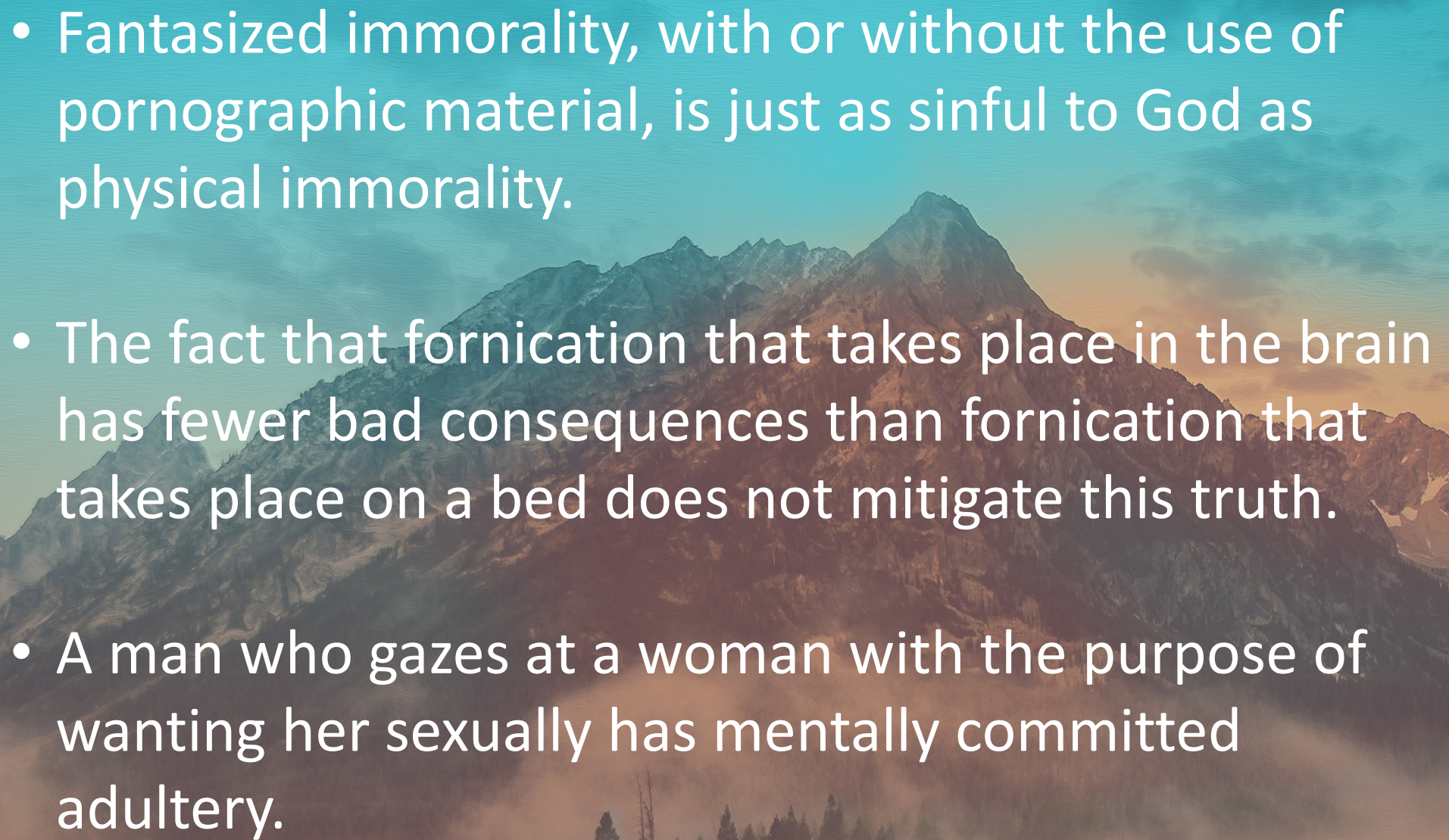
Jas. 1:14 But every man is tempted, **when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.**

15 Then **when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.**



Summary of Mt. 5:28:

- Jesus proceeded to clarify God's intended meaning in the seventh commandment (Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18).
- The rabbis in Jesus' day tended to look at "adultery" as wrong because it involved stealing another man's wife. They viewed it as an external act.
- Jesus, on the other hand, saw it as wrong because it made the lustful individual impure morally, an internal condition, originating in the heart.

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- Fantasized immorality, with or without the use of pornographic material, is just as sinful to God as physical immorality.
 - The fact that fornication that takes place in the brain has fewer bad consequences than fornication that takes place on a bed does not mitigate this truth.
 - A man who gazes at a woman with the purpose of wanting her sexually has mentally committed adultery.

Prov. 6:25 Lust not after **her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.**

2 Pet. 2:14 **Having eyes full of adultery**, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: **an heart they have exercised with covetous practices;** cursed children:

- Does lustful looking from men excuse women from all responsibility of allurements?

1 Tim. 2:9 In like manner also, that **women adorn themselves in modest apparel**, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

- Modesty is the outward expression of inner purity. Bill G. Marshall <https://www.facebook.com/bill.g.marshall>

Ezek. 23:40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger *was* sent; and, lo, they came: **for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself** with ornaments,

- Women of questionable character prey upon men's fleshly weakness.

Prov. 6:26 For **by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread**: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

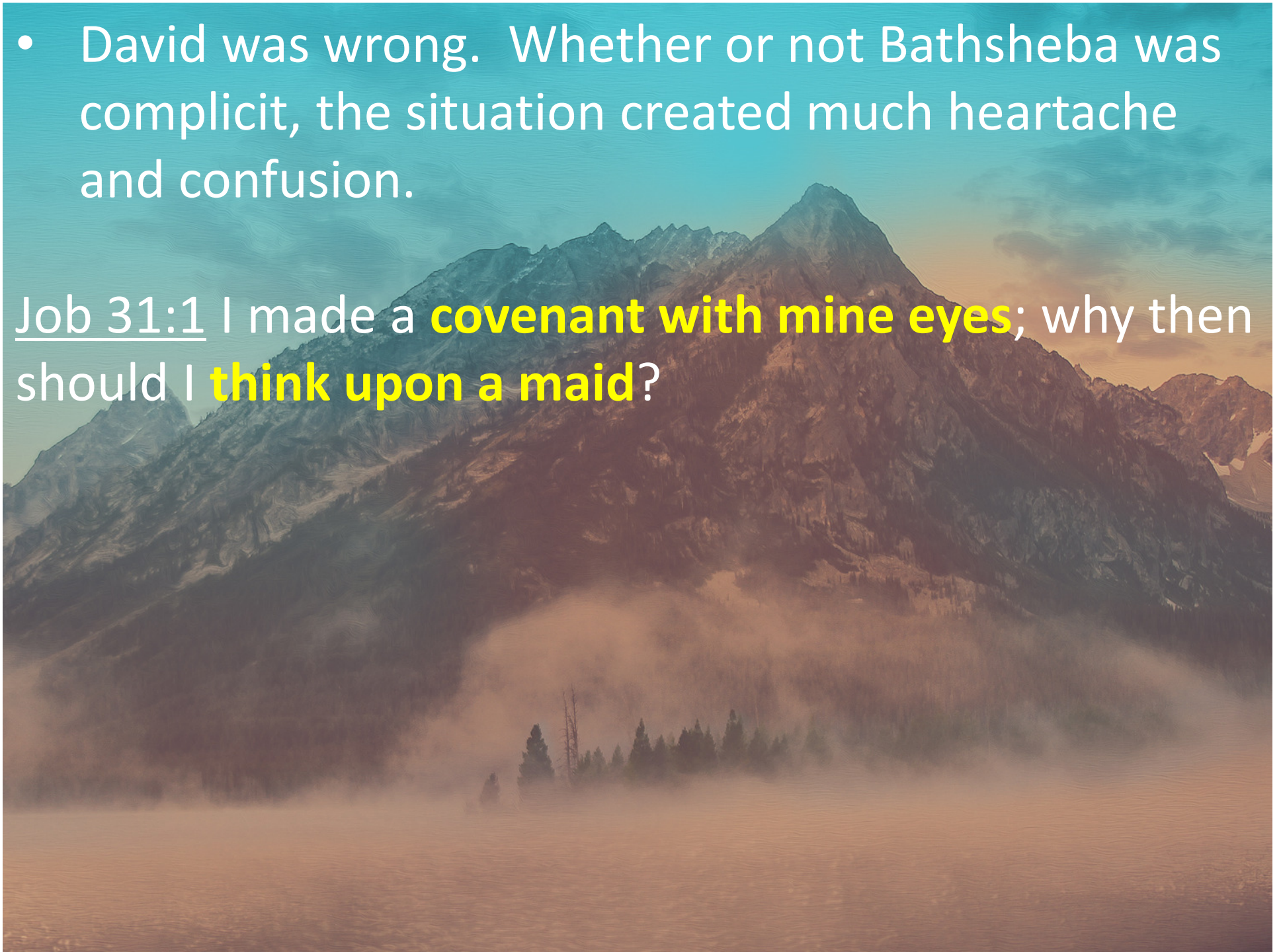
- Consider David, known as “a man after God’s own heart.” (1 Sam. 13:14, Acts 13:22)

2 Sam. 11:2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof **he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.**

4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

- David was wrong. Whether or not Bathsheba was complicit, the situation created much heartache and confusion.

Job 31:1 I made a **covenant with mine eyes**; why then should I **think upon a maid**?



Conclusion

2 Pet. 2:12 But these, as **natural brute beasts**, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly **perish in their own corruption;**

13 And shall receive **the reward of unrighteousness**, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time.

Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with **their own deceivings** while they feast with you;

14 **Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin;** beguiling unstable souls: an **heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:**

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains in the background, some with patches of snow. In the foreground, there is a calm body of water, likely a lake, with a line of evergreen trees along the shore. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

15 Which have **forsaken the right way**, and are **gone astray, following the way of Balaam** *the son of Bosor*, who **loved the wages of unrighteousness**;

16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

17 These are **wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest**; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.