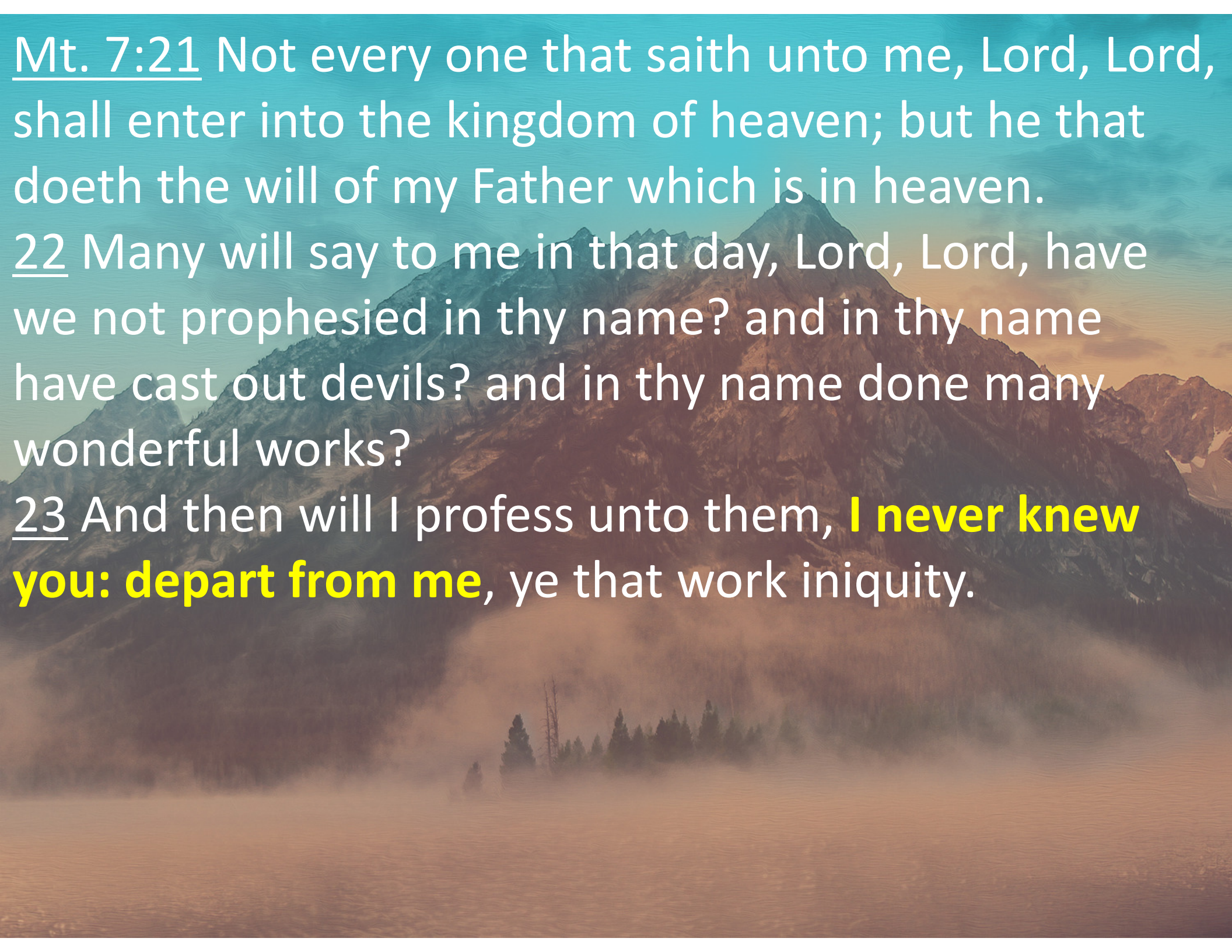




THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT
Mt. 7:21-23

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Mt. 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me**, ye that work iniquity.

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1. Beware of False Prophets, 7:15-20

2. Beware of False Profession, 7:21-23

a. A Test, 7:21

There are two claims in Mt. 7:21-23:

(1) False prophets produce false followers who will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

(2) Jesus contrasts those who say one thing but do not know Him.

Jesus closes out the Sermon on the Mount with dire warnings. In Mt. 7:15-20, He warns of false prophets, and in verses 21-23, He warns of false followers and the horrible tragedy of eternal ramifications.

b. A Tragedy, 7:22-23

(1) What the Lost Will Claim, 7:22

(a) The Gift of Proclaiming Prophecy, 7:22a “**Many** will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?”

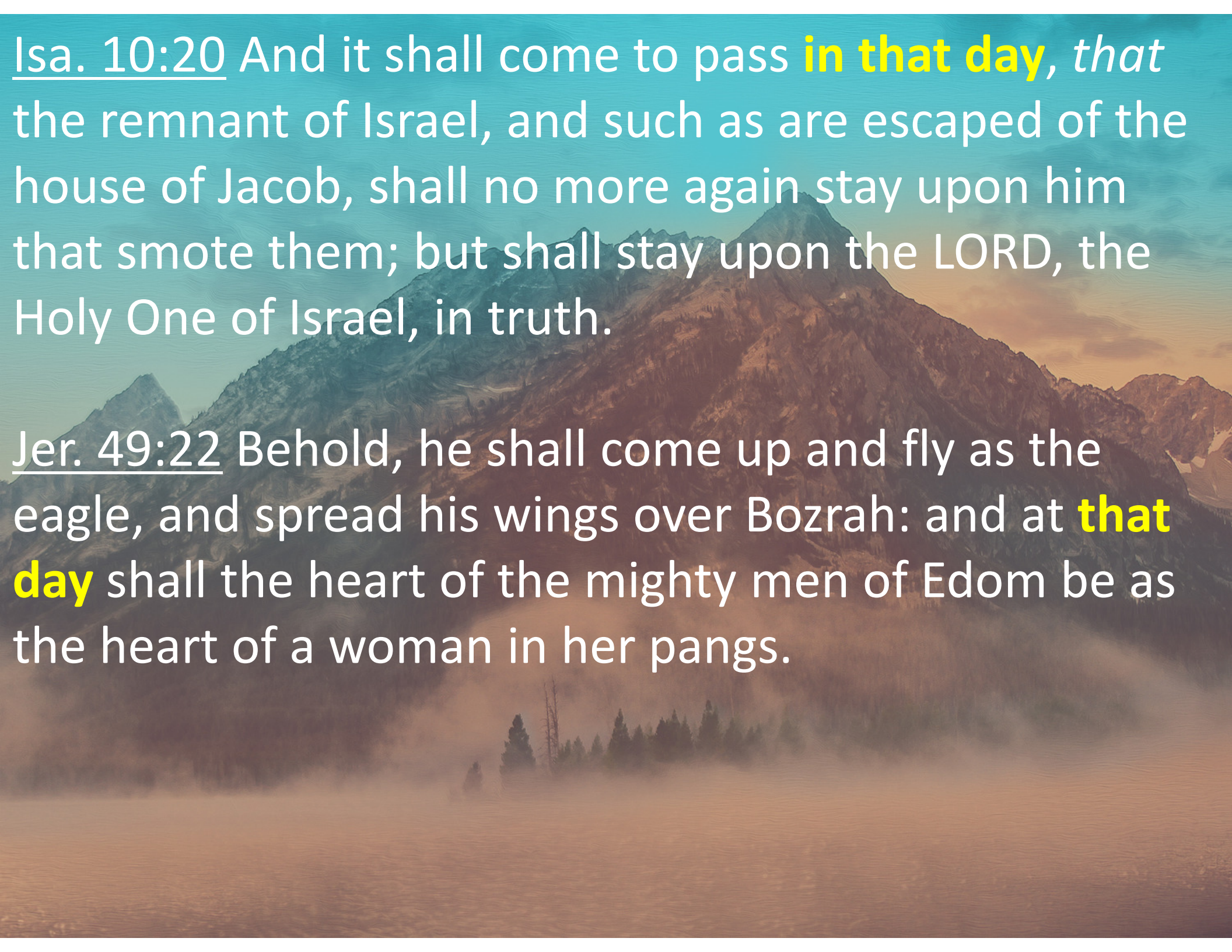
❖ Jesus is the Judge (cf. John 6), one of Messiah's functions (e.g., Ps. 2).

❖ "That day" (v. 22) is the day Jesus will judge false professors. It is almost a technical term for the messianic age.

Isa. 2:11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and **the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.** ...

17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and **the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.**

Isa. 4:2 **In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious,** and the fruit of the earth *shall* be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

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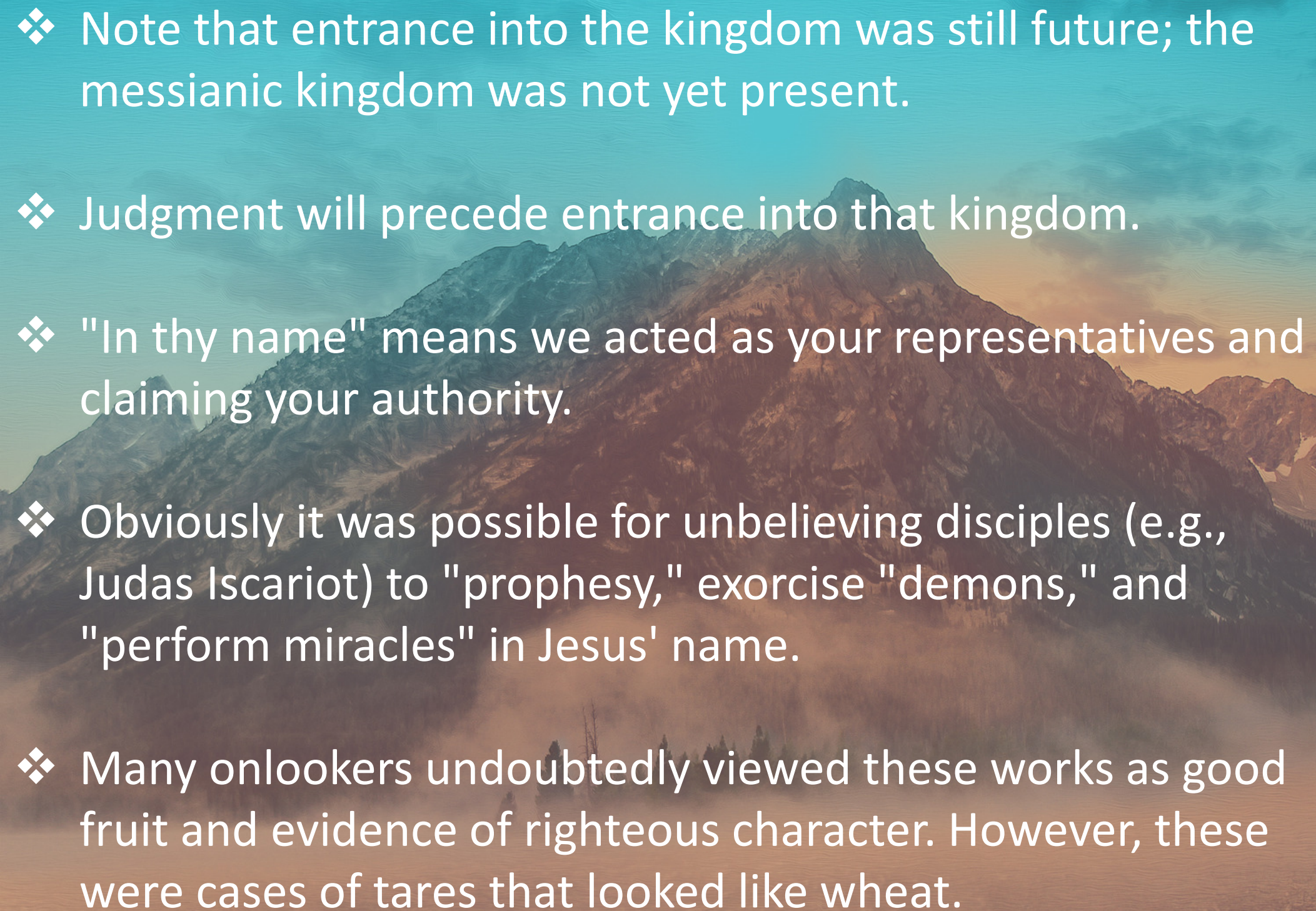
Isa. 10:20 And it shall come to pass **in that day**, *that* the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

Jer. 49:22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at **that day** shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

Zech. 14:6 And it shall come to pass in **that day**, that the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark: ...

20 **In that day** shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and **in that day** there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

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- ❖ Note that entrance into the kingdom was still future; the messianic kingdom was not yet present.
 - ❖ Judgment will precede entrance into that kingdom.
 - ❖ "In thy name" means we acted as your representatives and claiming your authority.
 - ❖ Obviously it was possible for unbelieving disciples (e.g., Judas Iscariot) to "prophesy," exorcise "demons," and "perform miracles" in Jesus' name.
 - ❖ Many onlookers undoubtedly viewed these works as good fruit and evidence of righteous character. However, these were cases of tares that looked like wheat.

Mt. 13:25 But while men slept, **his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat**, and went his way.
30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, **Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them**: but gather the wheat into my barn.

(b) The Gift of Practicing Exorcism,
7:22b “...and in thy name have cast out devils?”

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and **shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

2 Thess. 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 *Even him*, whose coming is after **the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**

10 And with **all deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

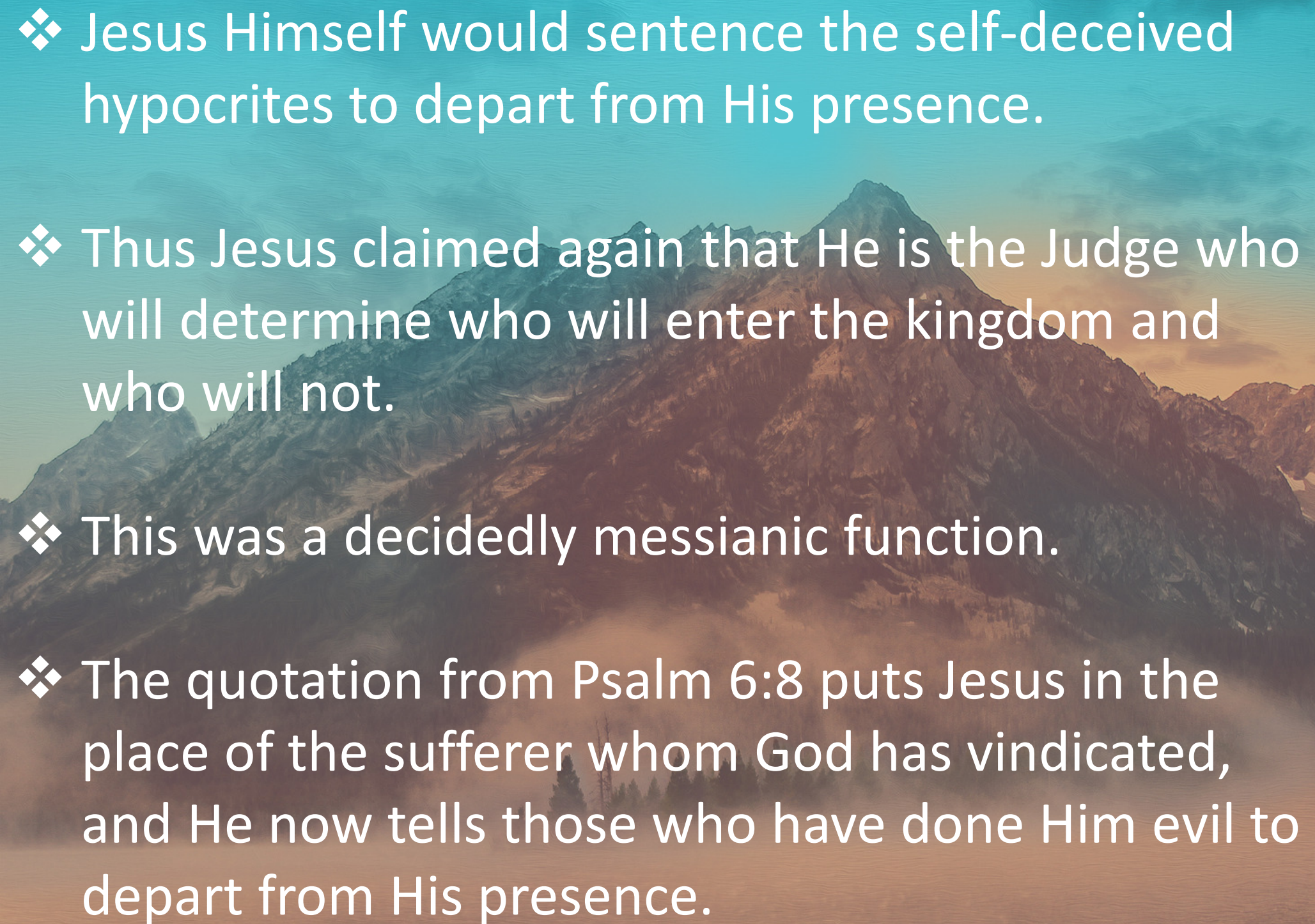
12 That **they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

(c) The Gift of Performing Miracles,
7:22c “...and in thy name done many
wonderful works?”

Jer. 14:14 Then the LORD said unto me, **The prophets
prophecy lies in my name: I sent them not**, neither have I
commanded them, neither spake unto them: they
prophecy unto you a false vision and divination, and a
thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

(2) What the Lord Will Condemn, 7:23

(a) His Ignorance of the Lost Declared,
7:23a “And then will I profess unto
them, I never knew you...”

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- ❖ Jesus Himself would sentence the self-deceived hypocrites to depart from His presence.
 - ❖ Thus Jesus claimed again that He is the Judge who will determine who will enter the kingdom and who will not.
 - ❖ This was a decidedly messianic function.
 - ❖ The quotation from Psalm 6:8 puts Jesus in the place of the sufferer whom God has vindicated, and He now tells those who have done Him evil to depart from His presence.

Psa. 6:8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

❖ Moreover, He will say He never knew these false professors.

Original Word: γινώσκω

Transliteration: ginóskó

Definition: to come to know, recognize, perceive

Usage: I am taking in knowledge, come to know, learn;
aor: I ascertained, realized.

ginóskō – properly, *to know*, especially through *personal experience (first-hand acquaintance)*.

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❖ "To none will He say in that day, 'I used to know you, but I know you no more.'

❖ His word to the lost will be, "I never knew you."

(b) Their Ignorance of the Lord
Denounced, 7:23b "...depart from
me, **ye that work iniquity.**"

"Brethren," M'Cheyne warned his fellow ministers, our people will not thank us in eternity for speaking smooth things, and crying Peace, peace, when there is no peace. No, they may praise us now, but they will curse our flattery in eternity."

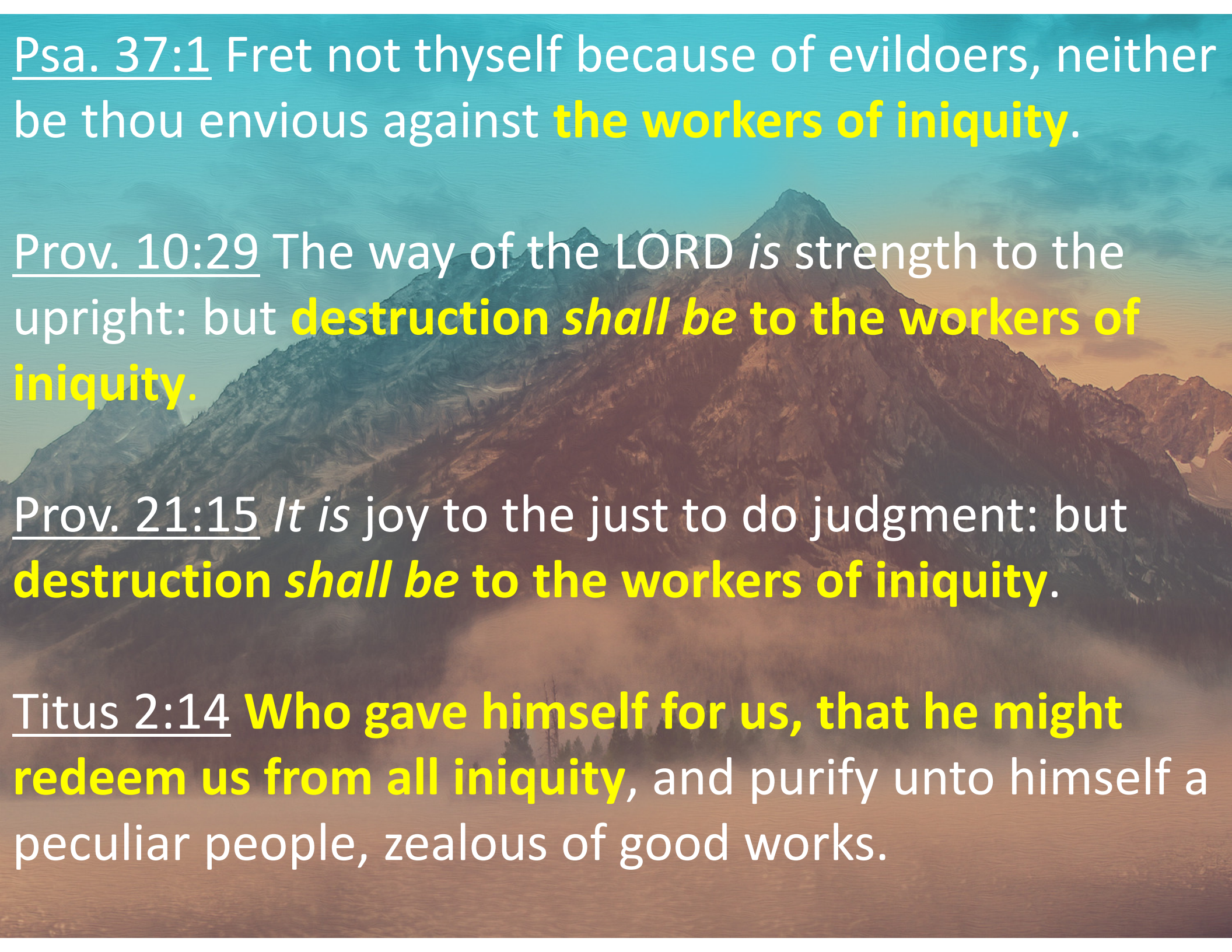


Psa. 141:4 Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to practise wicked works with **men that work iniquity**: and let me not eat of their dainties.

Isa. 32:6 For the vile person will speak villany, and **his heart will work iniquity**, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

Job 34:22 *There is* no darkness, nor shadow of death, where **the workers of iniquity** may hide themselves.

Psa. 5:5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: **thou hatest all workers of iniquity.**



Psa. 37:1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against **the workers of iniquity.**

Prov. 10:29 The way of the LORD *is* strength to the upright: but **destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.**

Prov. 21:15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but **destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.**

Titus 2:14 **Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity,** and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

❖ The Bible is clear regarding mankind's decisions and their ramifications.

Prov. 1:24 Because **I have called, and ye refused**; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

26 **I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;**

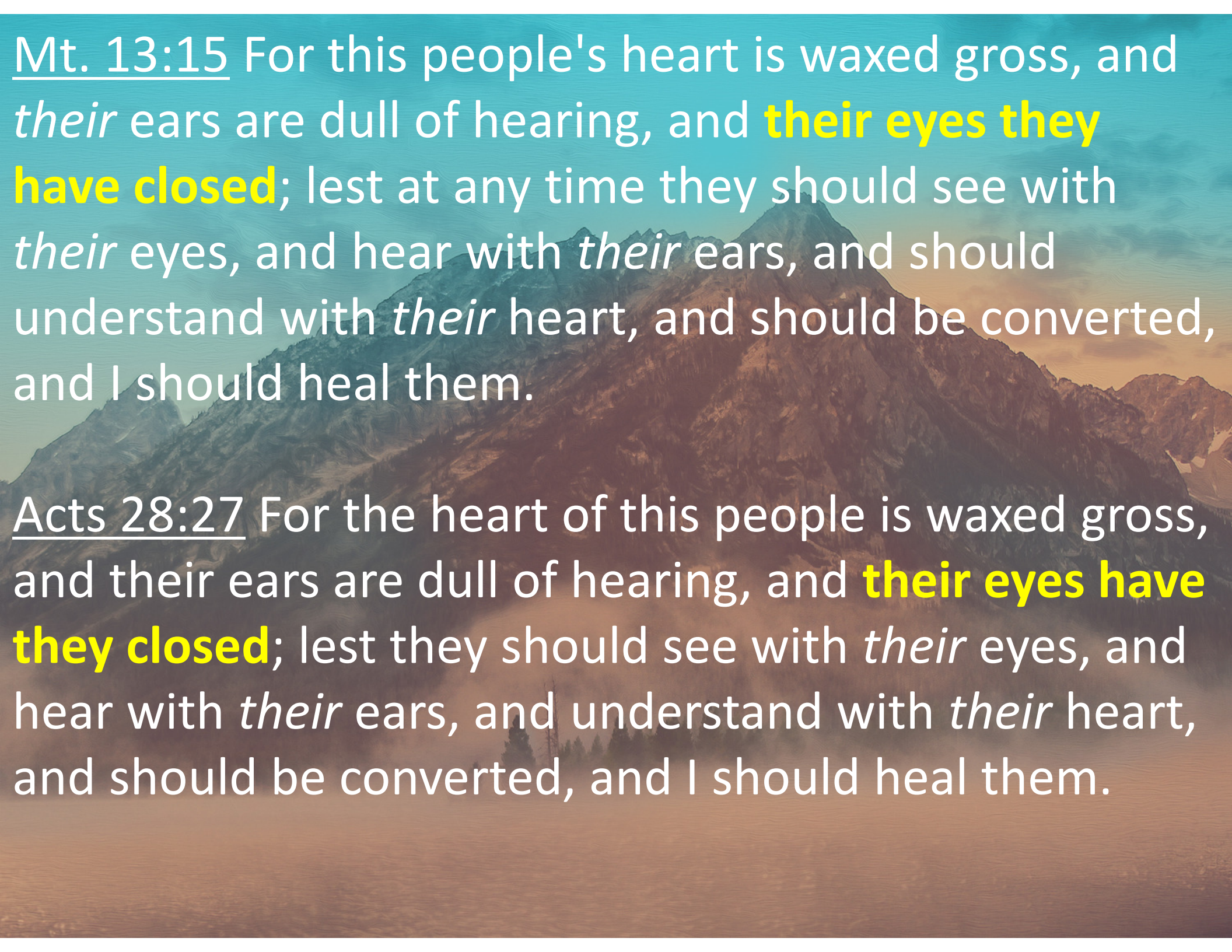
27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that **they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:**

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 **Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way,** and be filled with their own devices.



Mt. 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and **their eyes they have closed**; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Acts 28:27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and **their eyes have they closed**; lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Conclusion

2 Tim. 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**