



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT  
Mt. 7:24-27

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25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

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A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright sky, with some peaks showing snow. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the colors of the sky and the surrounding forest. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

There are several “pairs” given in the closing comments that are used as important contrasts:

The two paths, 7:13-14

The two trees, 7:15-20 (cf. Luke 6:43-44)

The two claims, 7:21-23 (cf. Luke 6:46)

The two builders, 7:24 & 26 (cf. Luke 6:47-49)

The two destinies, 7:25 & 27 (cf. Luke 6:47-49)

Let’s observe what Jesus taught about two foundations and two destinies.

## E. The Foundations Examined, 7:24-29

### 1. The Application of the Message, 7:24-27

#### a. The Sure Foundation – The Nature of the Lord's Words are the Basis for Having Everything, 7:24-25

##### (1) The Completion of the Structure, 7:24

Mt. 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth **these sayings of mine**, and **doeth them**, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon **a rock**:

- ❖ Verses 21-23 contrast those who say one thing but do another.
- ❖ Verses 24-27 contrast hearing and doing.

Jas 1:22 But **be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, **he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.**

❖ “Doers of the word” express a sense of joy via obedience in love to Christ.

Jn. 13:17 If ye know these things, **happy are ye if ye do them.**

❖ Real Christianity exhibits faith by obedience, or “works.”

Jas. 2:14 What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,



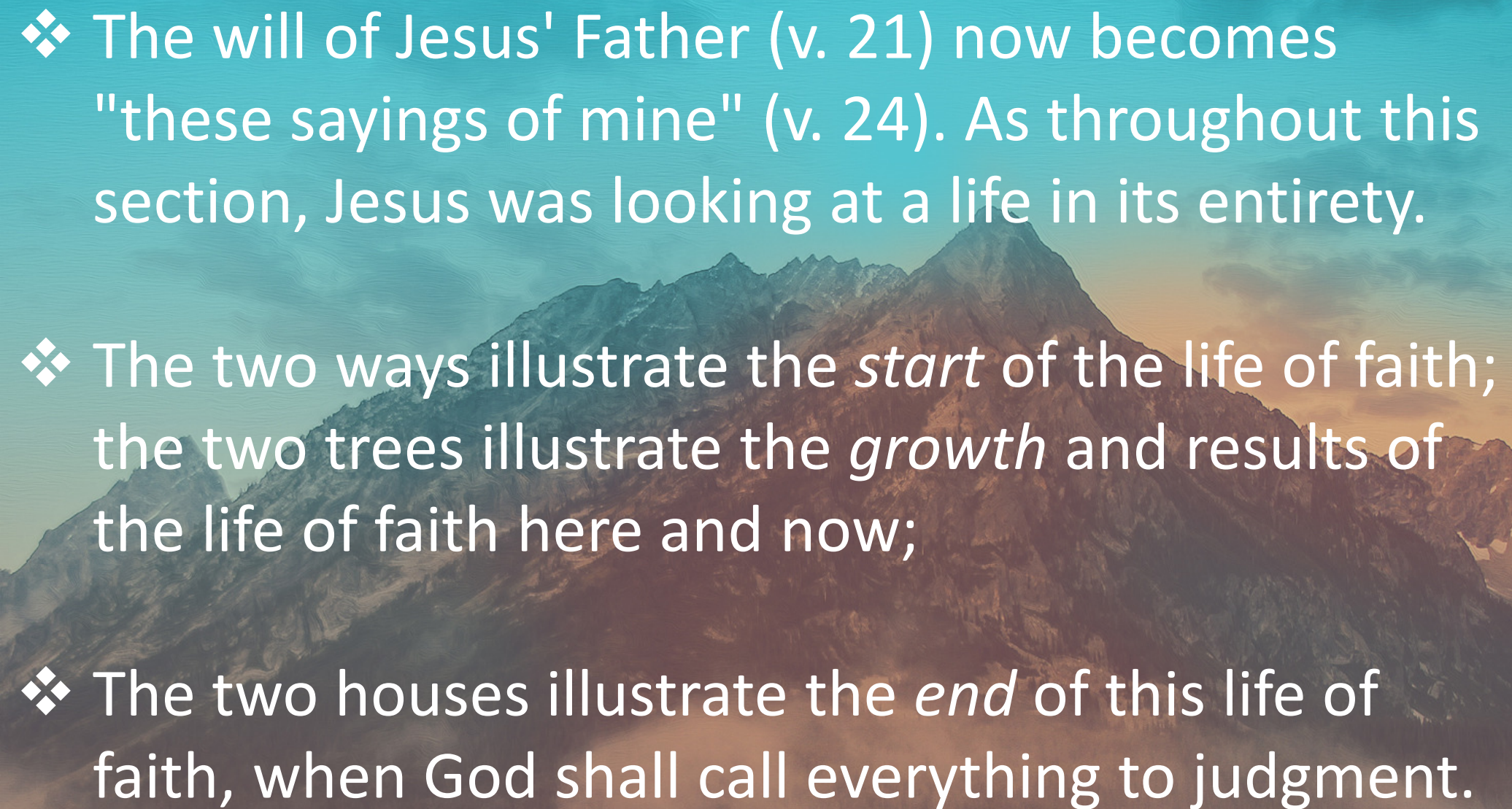
16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?

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

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

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

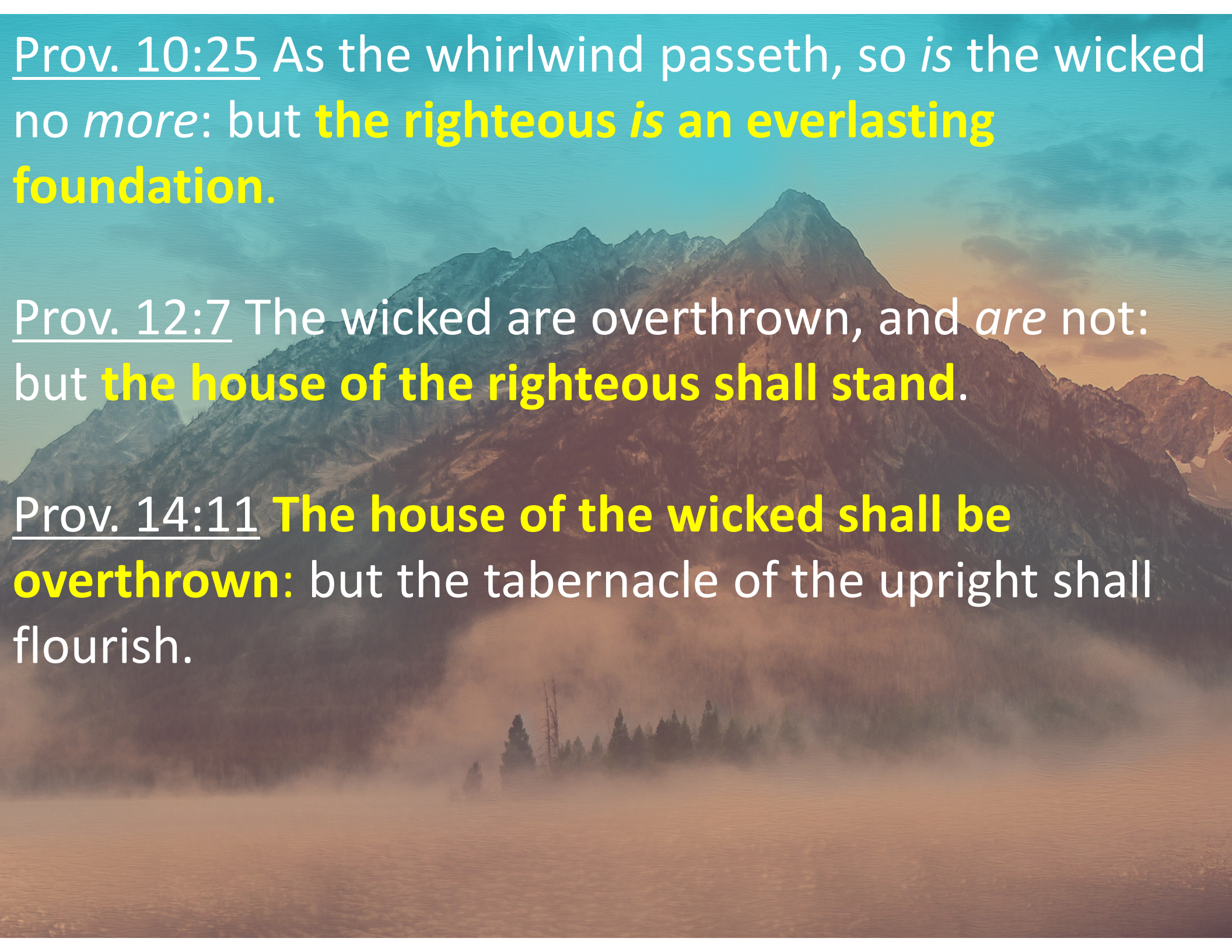
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- ❖ The will of Jesus' Father (v. 21) now becomes "these sayings of mine" (v. 24). As throughout this section, Jesus was looking at a life in its entirety.
  - ❖ The two ways illustrate the *start* of the life of faith; the two trees illustrate the *growth* and results of the life of faith here and now;
  - ❖ The two houses illustrate the *end* of this life of faith, when God shall call everything to judgment.

## (2) The Coming of the Storm, 7:25

Mt. 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and **it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.**

❖ Each house in Jesus' illustration looks secure. However, severe testing reveals the true quality of the builders' work.

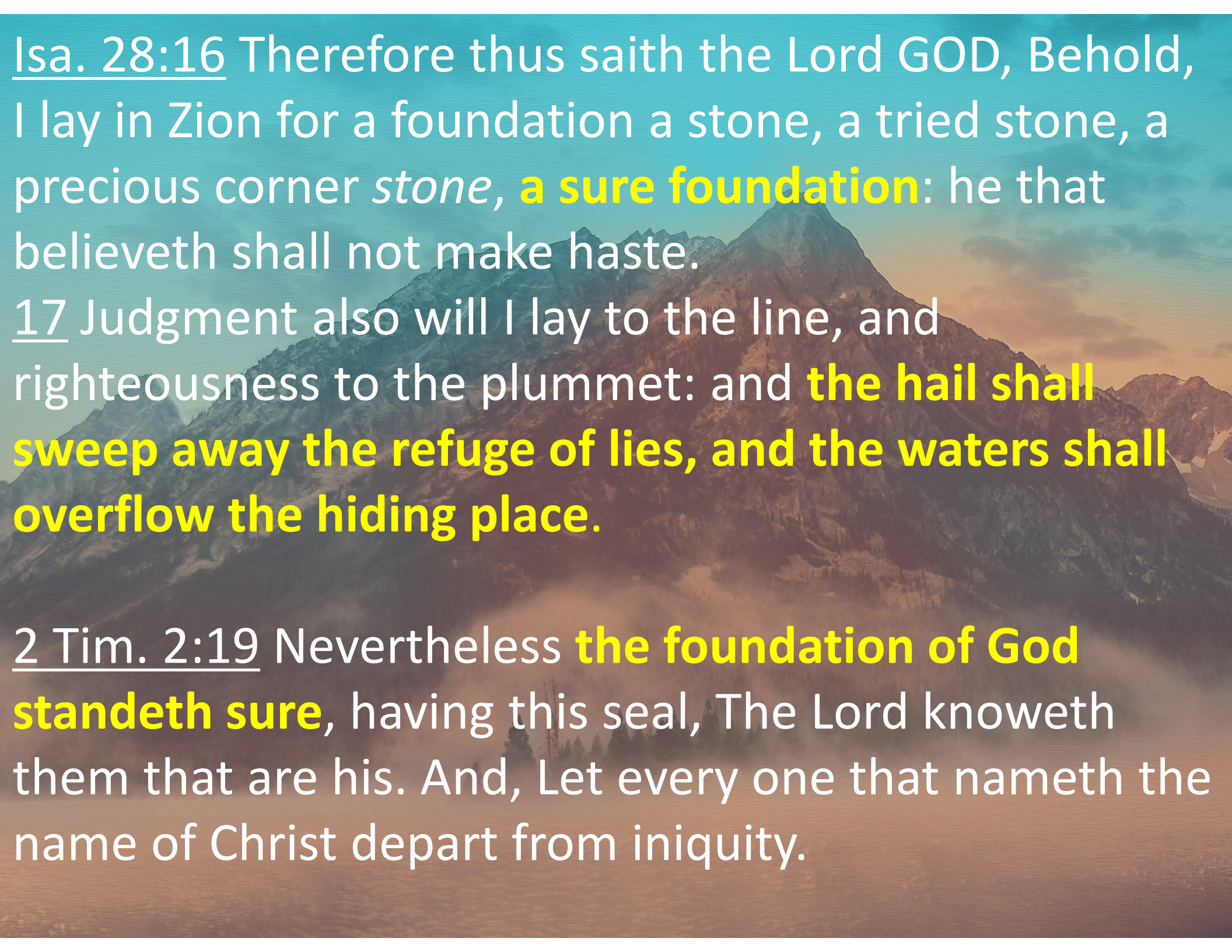
Mt. 13:21 Yet hath he not root in himself, **but dureth for a while:** for **when tribulation or persecution ariseth** because of the word, by and by he is offended.

A scenic landscape featuring a range of rugged mountains in the background, partially shrouded in mist. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the surrounding environment, with a line of evergreen trees along the shore. The sky is a mix of soft blues and oranges, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

Prov. 10:25 As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked no *more*: but **the righteous is an everlasting foundation.**

Prov. 12:7 The wicked are overthrown, and *are* not: but **the house of the righteous shall stand.**

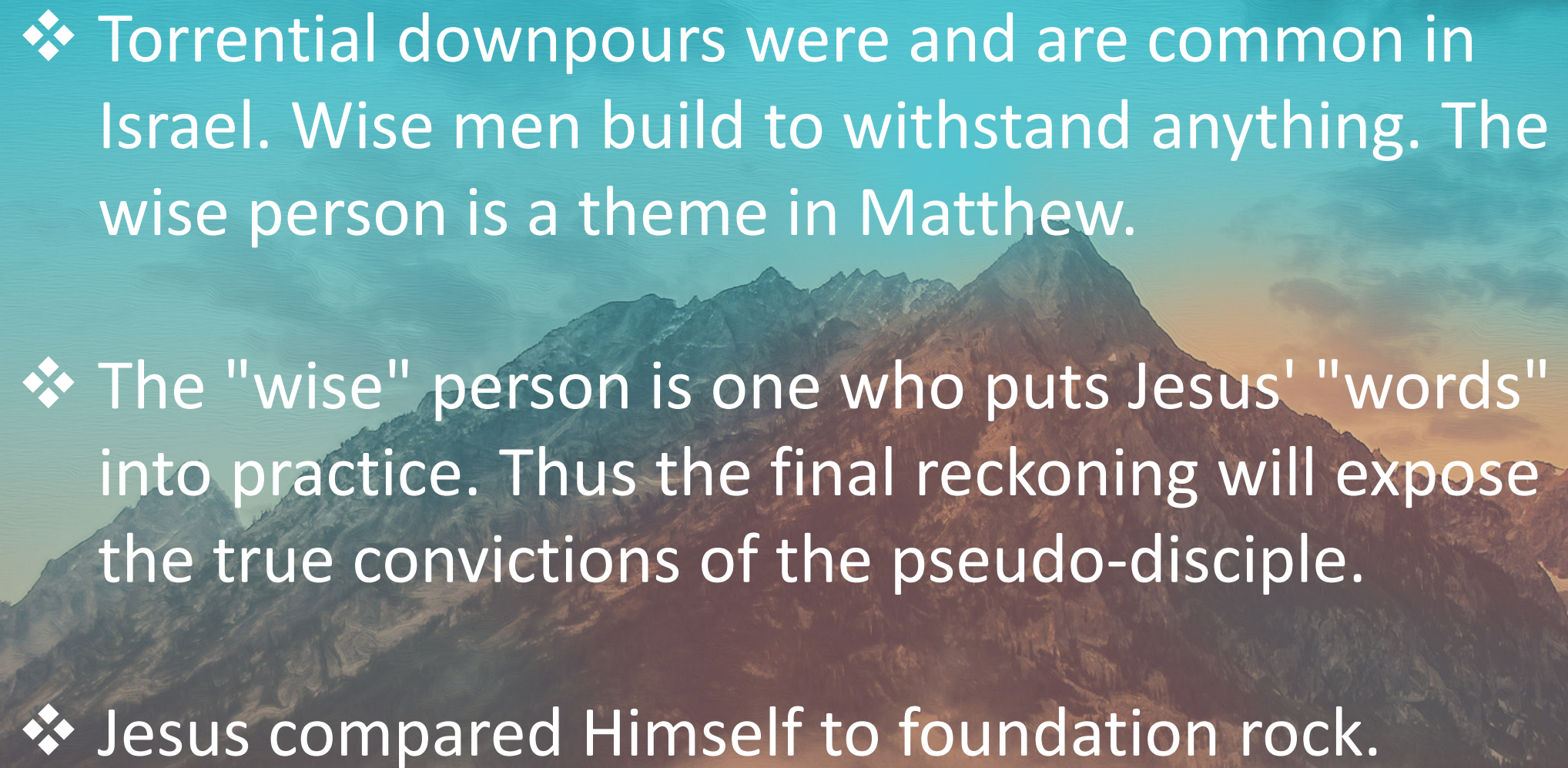
Prov. 14:11 **The house of the wicked shall be overthrown:** but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.



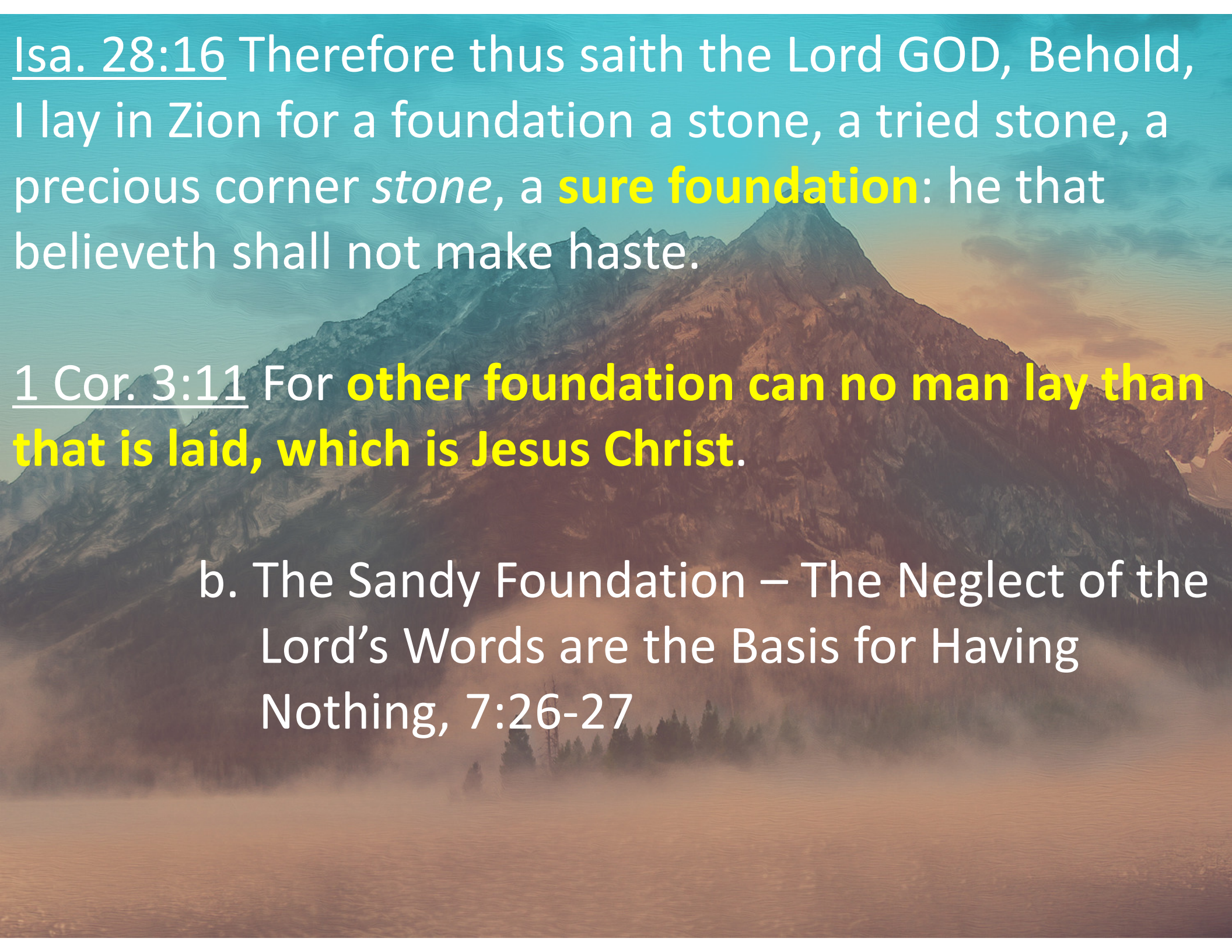
Isa. 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, **a sure foundation**: he that believeth shall not make haste.

17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and **the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.**

2 Tim. 2:19 Nevertheless **the foundation of God standeth sure**, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

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- ❖ Torrential downpours were and are common in Israel. Wise men build to withstand anything. The wise person is a theme in Matthew.
  - ❖ The "wise" person is one who puts Jesus' "words" into practice. Thus the final reckoning will expose the true convictions of the pseudo-disciple.
  - ❖ Jesus compared Himself to foundation rock.

Mt. 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon **this rock** I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.



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

b. The Sandy Foundation – The Neglect of the Lord's Words are the Basis for Having Nothing, 7:26-27

## (1) The Completion of the Structure, 7:26

Mt. 7:26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and **doeth them not**, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which **built his house upon the sand**:

❖ Both structures had progress, and problems. The difference in results was due to the foundations.

Psa. 11:3 **If the foundations be destroyed**, what can the righteous do?



## (2) The Coming of the Storm, 7:27

Mt. 7:27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and **great was the fall of it.**

❖ Destiny may be delightfully delayed, but ultimately defined by the foundational decisions along the way.

Prov. 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

(14:12)



❖ “Hearing sermons is a dangerous business if one does not put them into practice.”

Robertson, Archibald T. *Word Pictures in the New Testament*. 6 vols. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1930. Vol. 1: p. 63.

Jn. 13:17 If ye know these things, **happy are ye if ye do them.**

❖ So the sermon is ending with a challenge not to ignore responding to Jesus and his teaching.

## Summary

To summarize this sermon:

- ❖ Jesus' point in this section (vv. 13-27) was that entrance into the kingdom and discipleship as a follower of the King are unpopular, and they involve persecution.
- ❖ Many more people will profess to be disciples than really are. The acid test is obedience to the revealed will of God.
- ❖ Jesus began by describing the character of the kingdom's subjects (5:1-10).
- ❖ He then explained their calling (5:11-16).
- ❖ Next, He specified their conduct (5:17—7:12).
- ❖ Finally, He clarified their choices and commitments (7:13-27).

## Conclusion

Deut. 32:4 **He is the Rock**, his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* he. ...

15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness*; then **he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.** ...

18 Of **the Rock that** begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

31 For **their rock is not as our Rock**, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.

❖ An honest person must confront the reality of a personal foundation.

2 Sam. 22:32 For who *is* God, save the LORD? and **who is a rock, save our God?**

Psa. 18:2 **The LORD is my rock**, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

1 Cor. 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ.**

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