The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 WBT

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

Prayer Before Study

Thomas Aquinas

Heavenly Father, You are proclaimed the true font of light and wisdom, and the Creator raised high above all things.

Pour forth a ray of Your brightness into the darkened places of our minds; disperse from our souls the twofold darkness into which we were born: sin and ignorance.

Grant to us keenness of mind, capacity to remember, skill in learning, subtlety to interpret, and eloquence in speech.

Launch, O Jesus, our beginning, guide our progress, and let our end be only Yourself.

You who are true God and true Man, living and reigning through all the ages of ages.

Thy Kingdom Come

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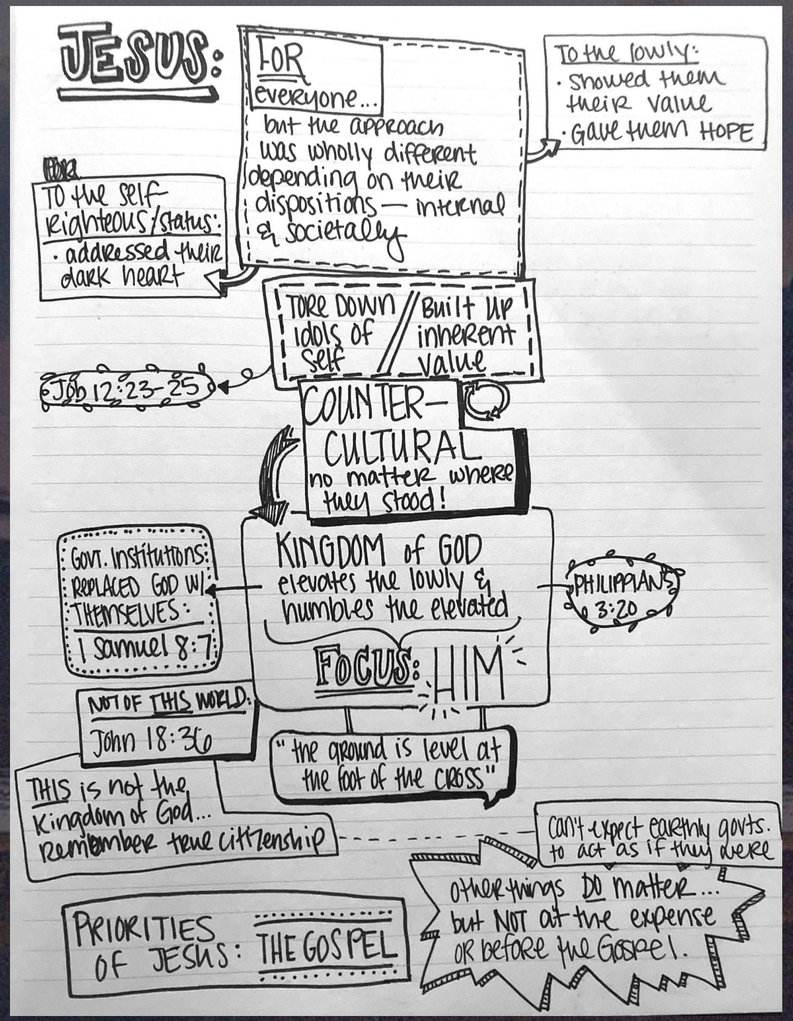
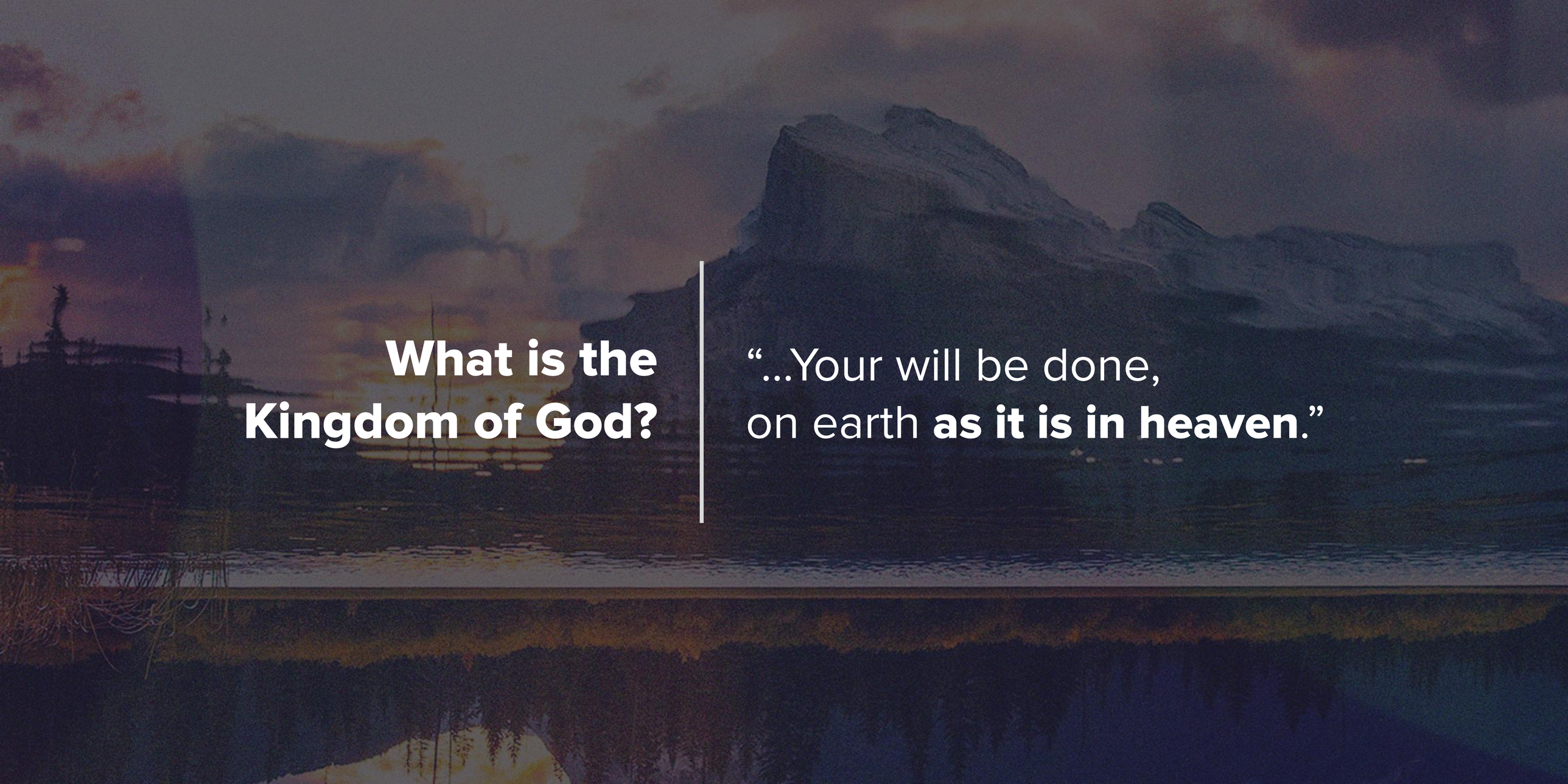

JESUS:
FOR everyone...
but the approach was wholly different depending on their dispositions — internal & societally
To the lowly:
· Showed them their value
· Gave them HOPE
To the self Righteous/status:
· addressed their dark heart
TORE DOWN idols of self
Built up inherent value
Job 12:23-25
COUNTER-CULTURAL
no matter where they stood!
KINGDOM of GOD
elevates the lowly & humbles the elevated
Govt. Institutions: REPLACED GOD W/ THEMSELVES:
1 Samuel 8:7
PHILIPPIANS 3:20
FOCUS: HIM
NOT OF THIS WORLD:
John 18:36
"the ground is level at the foot of the CROSS"
THIS is not the Kingdom of God...
Remember true citizenship
Can't expect earthly govts. to act as if they were
other things DO matter...
but NOT at the expense OR before the Gospel.
PRIORITIES OF JESUS: THE GOSPEL

Praying for the Kingdom to Come

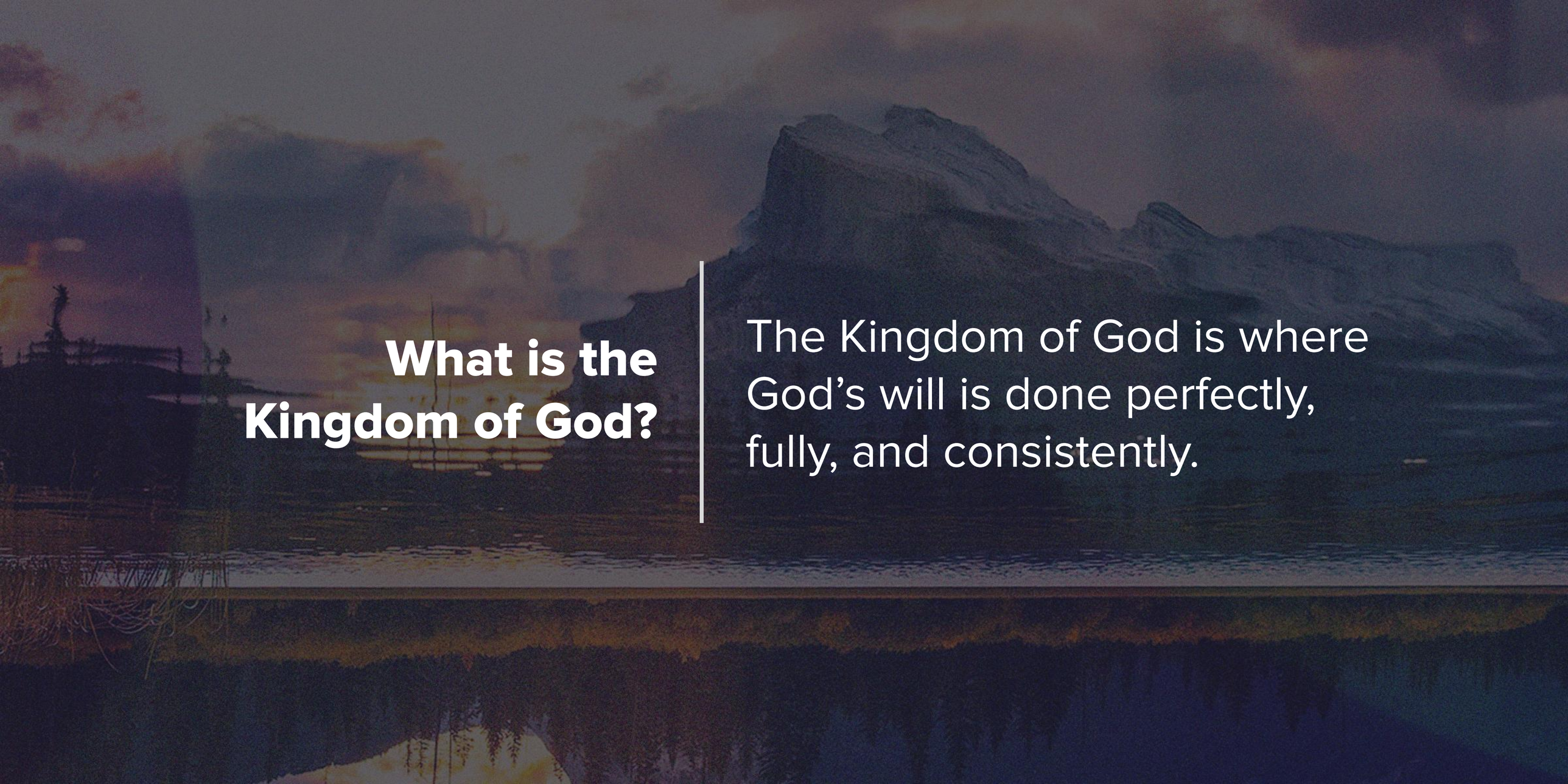


What is the Kingdom of God?

"...Your will be done, on earth **as it is in heaven**."

What is the Kingdom of God?

A kingdom is every place that the authority of the King rules over.



What is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of God is where God’s will is done perfectly, fully, and consistently.

The Gospel of the Kingdom

MATTHEW 4:17, 23 ESV

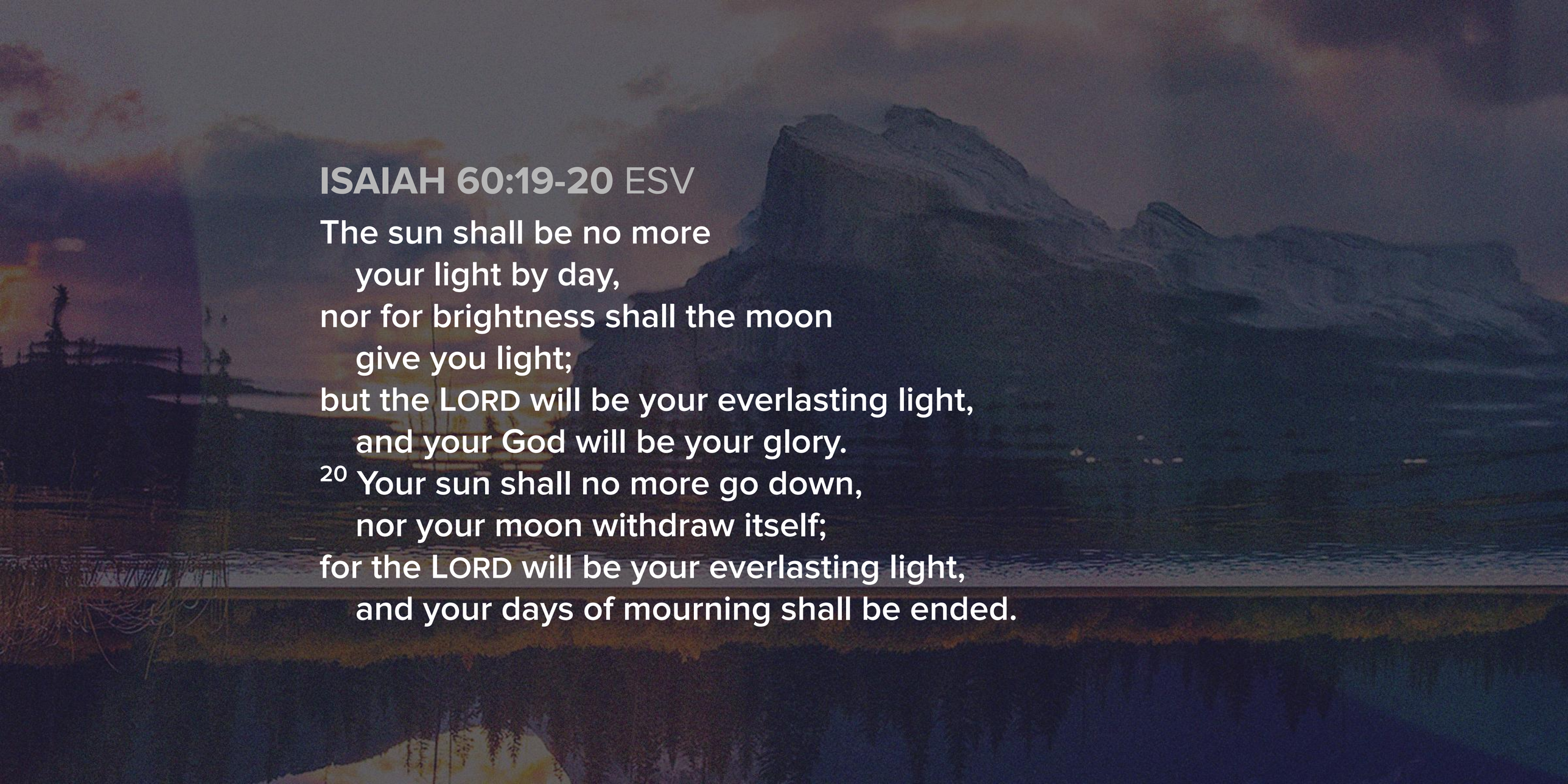
From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

23 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming **the gospel of the kingdom** and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

The Gospel of the Kingdom

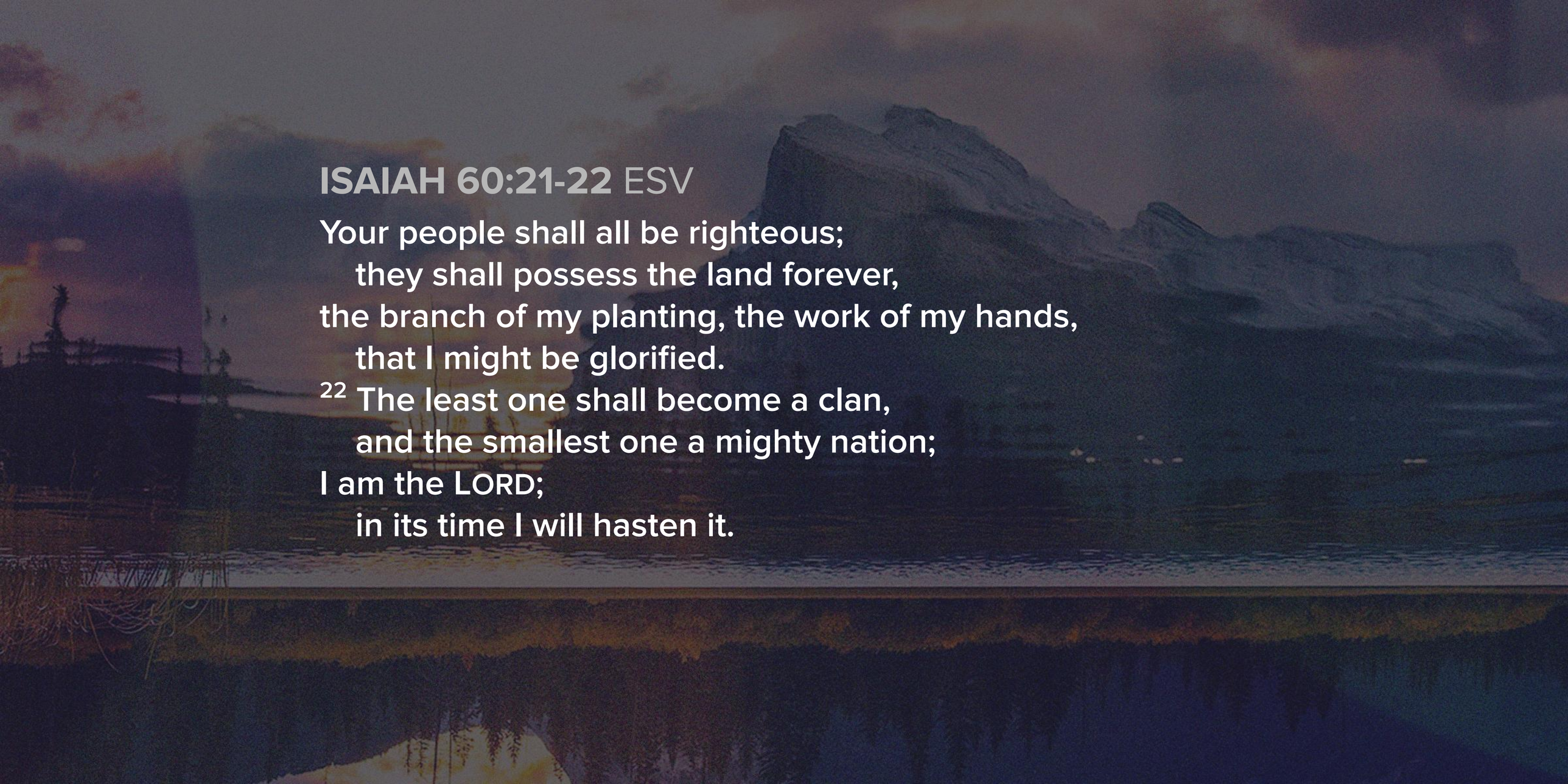
LUKE 4:18-19 ESV

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to
proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to
the captives and recovering of sight to
the blind, to set at liberty those who
are oppressed, [19] to proclaim the year
of the Lord's favor.”



ISAIAH 60:19-20 ESV

The sun shall be no more
your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon
give you light;
but the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.
20 Your sun shall no more go down,
nor your moon withdraw itself;
for the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your days of mourning shall be ended.



ISAIAH 60:21-22 ESV

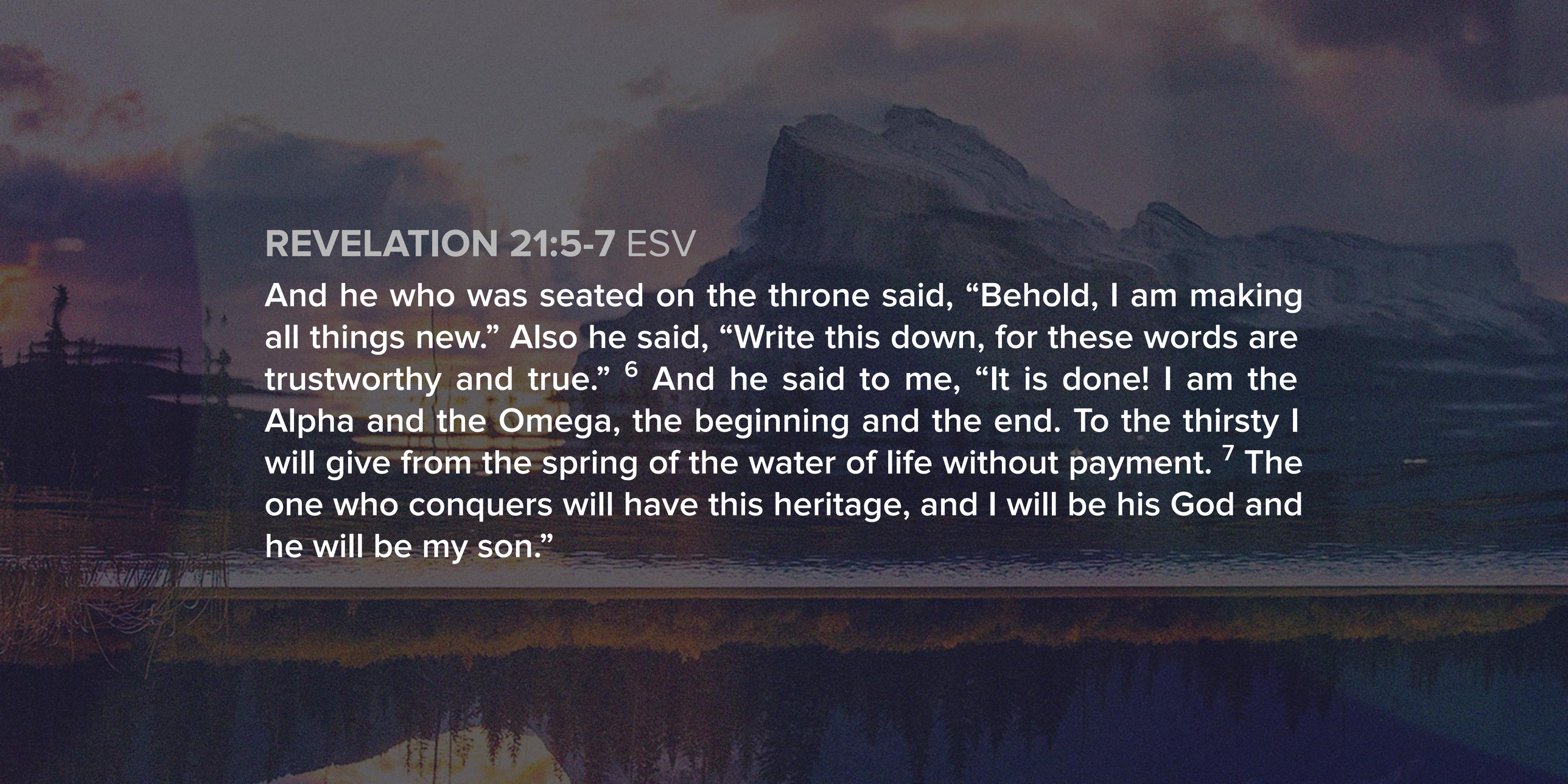
Your people shall all be righteous;
they shall possess the land forever,
the branch of my planting, the work of my hands,
that I might be glorified.
22 The least one shall become a clan,
and the smallest one a mighty nation;
I am the LORD;
in its time I will hasten it.

ISAIAH 61:1-3 ESV

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

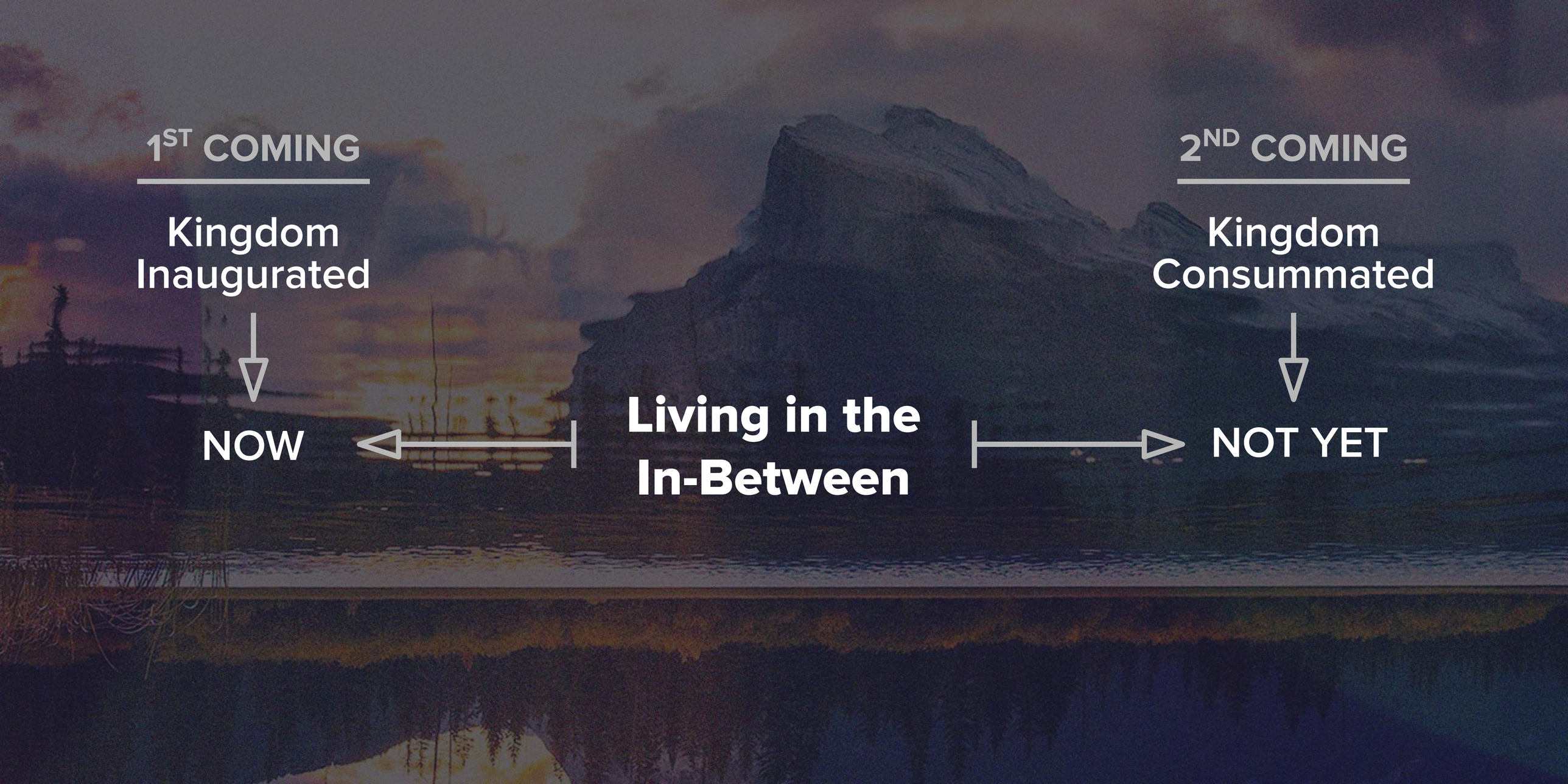
REVELATION 21:1-4 ESV

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. [2] And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [3] And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. [4] He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”



REVELATION 21:5-7 ESV

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”


1ST COMING
Kingdom Inaugurated
NOW
Living in the In-Between
2ND COMING
Kingdom Consummated
NOT YET

Living in the In-Between

The Kingdom of God is Inside-Out

ROMANS 14:17 ESV

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking **but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

Living in the In-Between

The Kingdom of God is Upside-Down

MATTHEW 5:3-6 ESV

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied."

Living in the In-Between

The Kingdom of God is Upside-Down

MATTHEW 5:7-10 ESV

"Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.
10 Blessed are those who are
persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Living in the In-Between

We don’t try to **build** the Kingdom of God on earth, we seek to **be** the Kingdom of God on earth.

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Benediction Prayer

We commit our work to you, O God.
Make us instruments of your grace,
ministers in your service,
and creators in your kingdom.
Help us to serve the needs of others,
to persevere in truth,
to persist in prayer,
and at all times to seek your will;
so that in all our daily work begun,
continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name.
May **your kingdom come** as you
reign in and through us.
Amen.