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Exodus 19:9, 20:1–3

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The process of letting brethren get to know you...

What God does: He reveals Himself to us

19:9

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A STUDY OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

DECALOGUE

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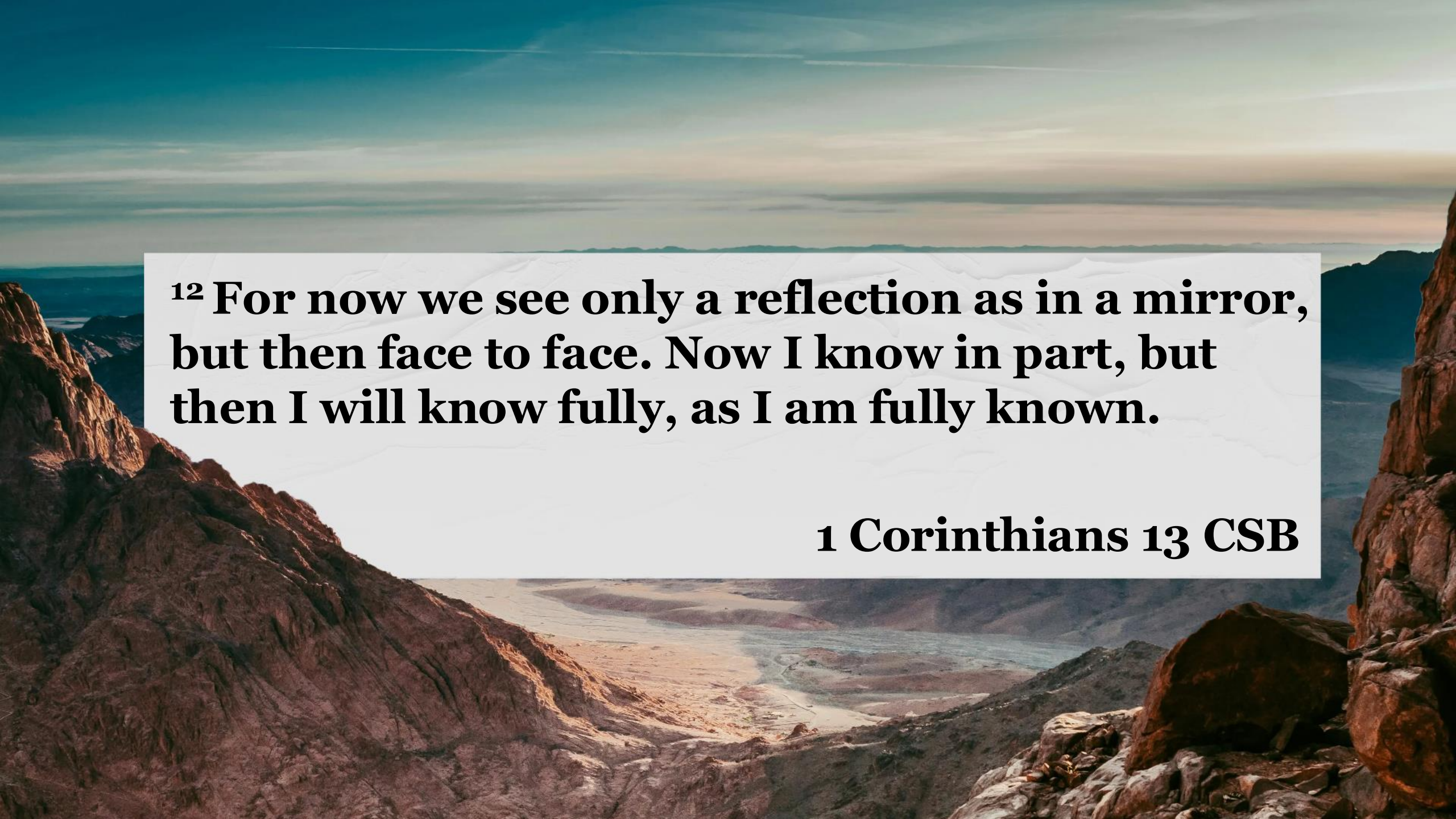
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The background of the image is a vast, scenic landscape. In the foreground, there are rugged, reddish-brown rock formations and cliffs. Beyond the rocks, a wide, flat valley or desert floor stretches out, with a winding river or path visible in the distance. The horizon is marked by low, rolling hills under a sky with soft, wispy clouds. The overall lighting suggests a sunrise or sunset, with a warm, golden glow on the horizon and a cooler, blueish tint in the upper sky.

¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, as I am fully known.

1 Corinthians 13 CSB

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“I grew up in Oregon.” (OK, but a bit shallow. Not OR, the revelation.)

Better might be something like:

“I am three years removed from cancer surgery.”

“I was very mad at one of my kids this morning.”

“I hate when Wayne makes me speak to humans. I prefer cats.”

“I am concerned about my job.”

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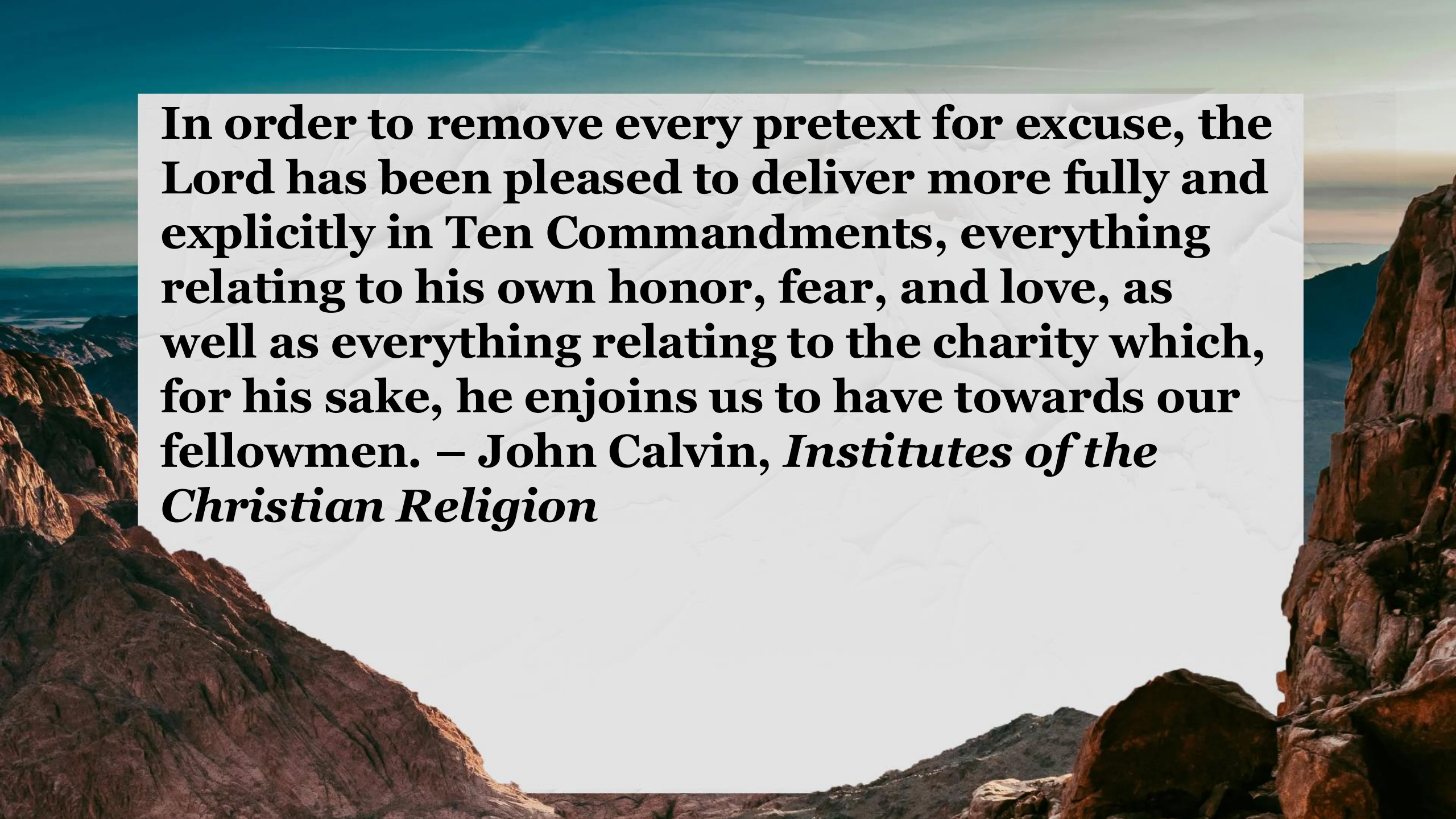
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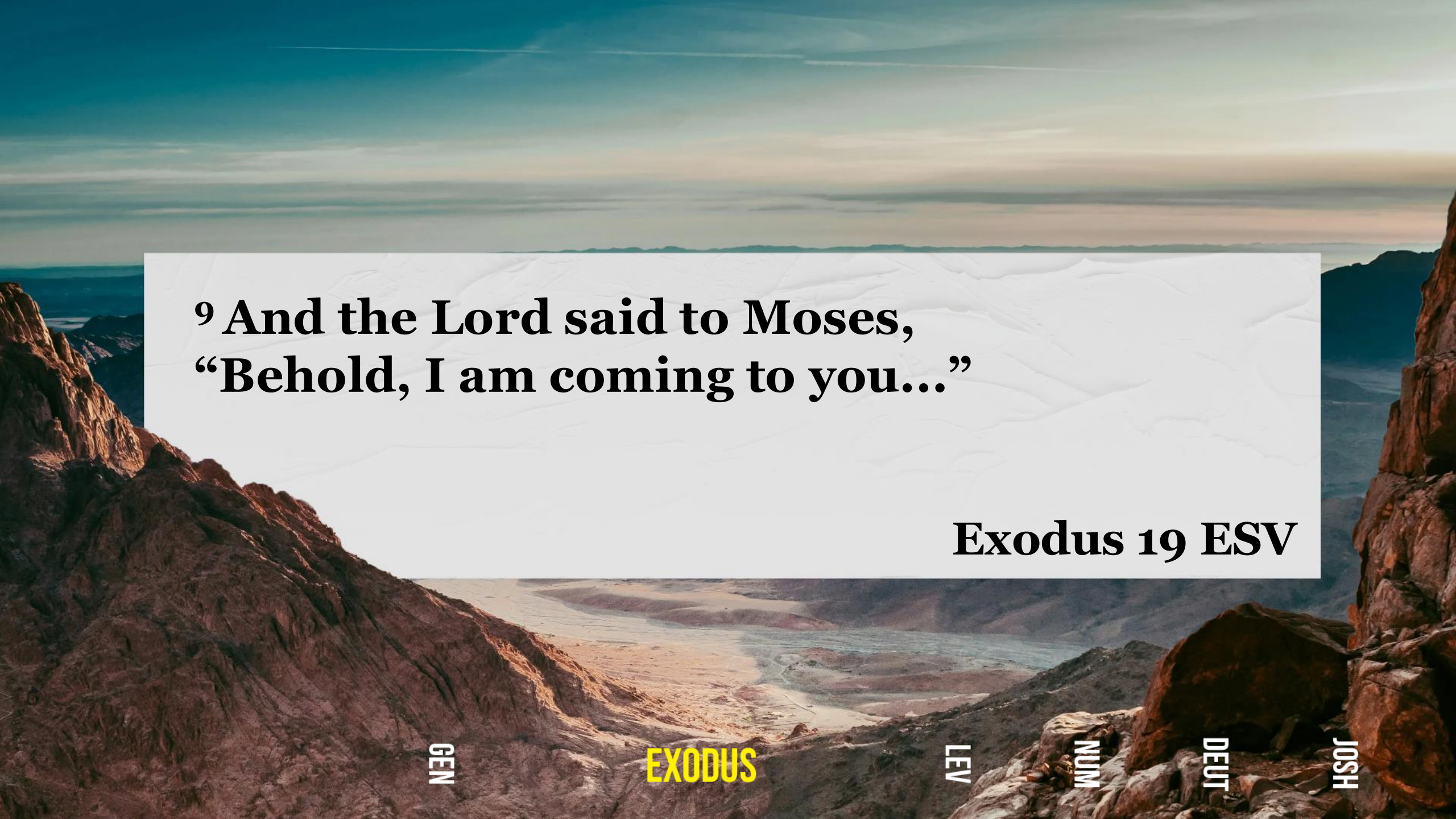
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**⁹ And the Lord said to Moses,
“Behold, I am coming to you...”**

Exodus 19 ESV

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Becoming a god



Salvation through becoming own god via effort (like Mormonism, New Age, Buddhism; Utopianism)

Pleasing gods

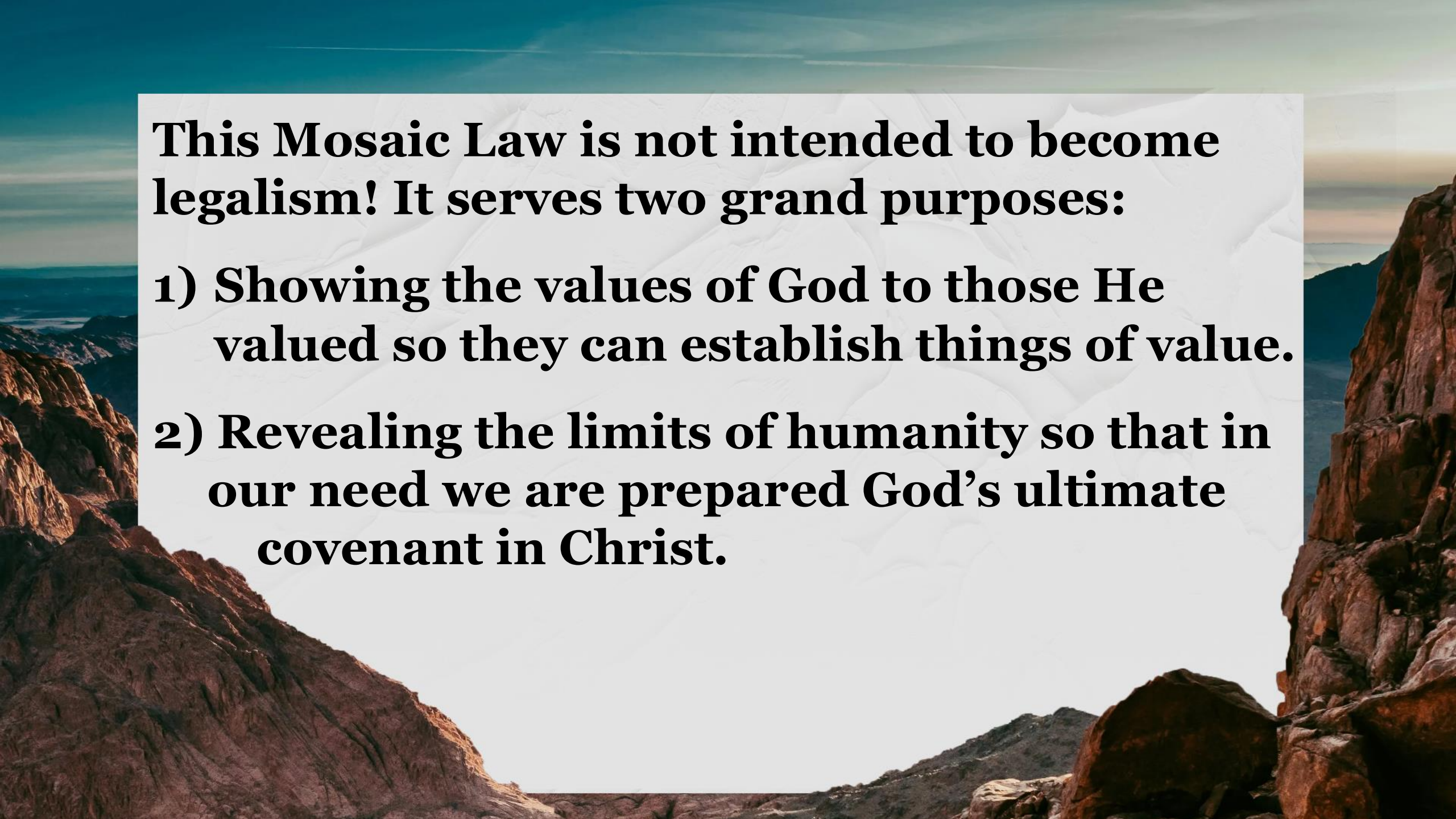


Salvation through pleasing the god(s) via effort (as in Paganism, Hinduism, Islam, Legalism)

Reception of God



Salvation through reception of God's initiated covenant.



This Mosaic Law is not intended to become legalism! It serves two grand purposes:

- 1) Showing the values of God to those He valued so they can establish things of value.**
- 2) Revealing the limits of humanity so that in our need we are prepared God's ultimate covenant in Christ.**

19 Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised.

24 Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.

Galatians 3 NLT

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Exodus 20 CSB

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Deuteronomy 5 CSB





Ramond Kerr
Age 13



Their mother got them, only to abandon them in Reno, Nevada. The boys ended up in the foster system, and Ray worked at the IMAX sweeping up popcorn. He also labored at 7-11 filling the drinks cooler. During those hard days, foster mom Lisa McCarthy took them into her home even though the boys were aging out of the system...

Their foster mom Lisa McCarthy, a huge, loving influence on their lives, said, “Hey, I’ll be there, I’ll support you however I can. If you guys wanna go back to school, I’ll pay for it all.” And Raymond took that chance. Ray *ran* with the chance to go to college and play baseball.
– Matt Monagan, “He quit baseball to work at an IMAX theater. Now he's a Braves playoff legend”

Ray Kerr posted a 7-4 record with a 3.56 ERA in 13 starts at Lassen Community College in 2017. He went on to play in the storied Alaskan Baseball League the following summer, dominating the mostly Division I competition to the tune of a 4-2 record and a 1.11 ERA in 48 innings.

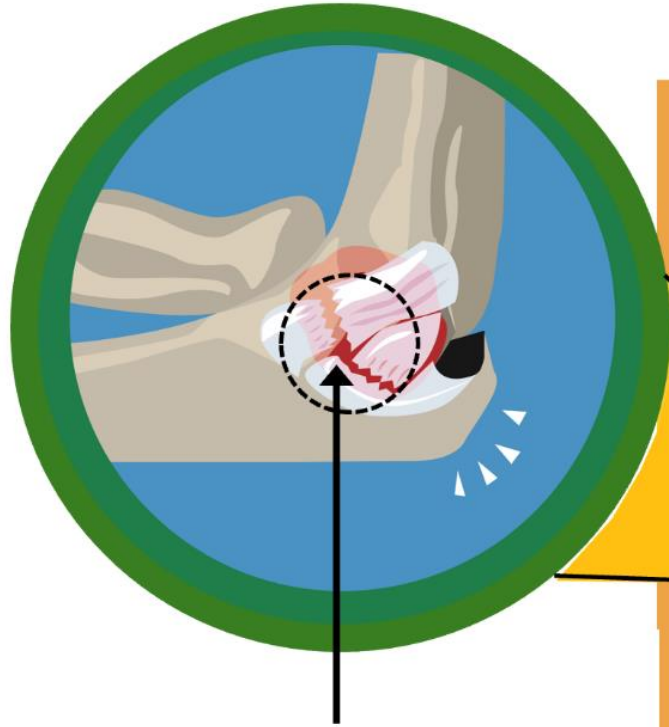
“He liked it out there,” his brother Richard said. “He was shooting guns, fishing, seeing bears. He was living wild.” – Matt Monagan, “He quit baseball to work at an IMAX theater. Now he's a Braves playoff legend”

A Seattle Mariners scout saw Ray pitch and signed him to a minor league contract. He spent 6 years developing in the minors, traded to the San Diego Padres along the way. In 2022, Ray finally got his chance in the majors and called his foster mom Lisa with the news.

“Oh, my heart was pounding out of my chest,” McCarthy said. “I was so proud of him.”

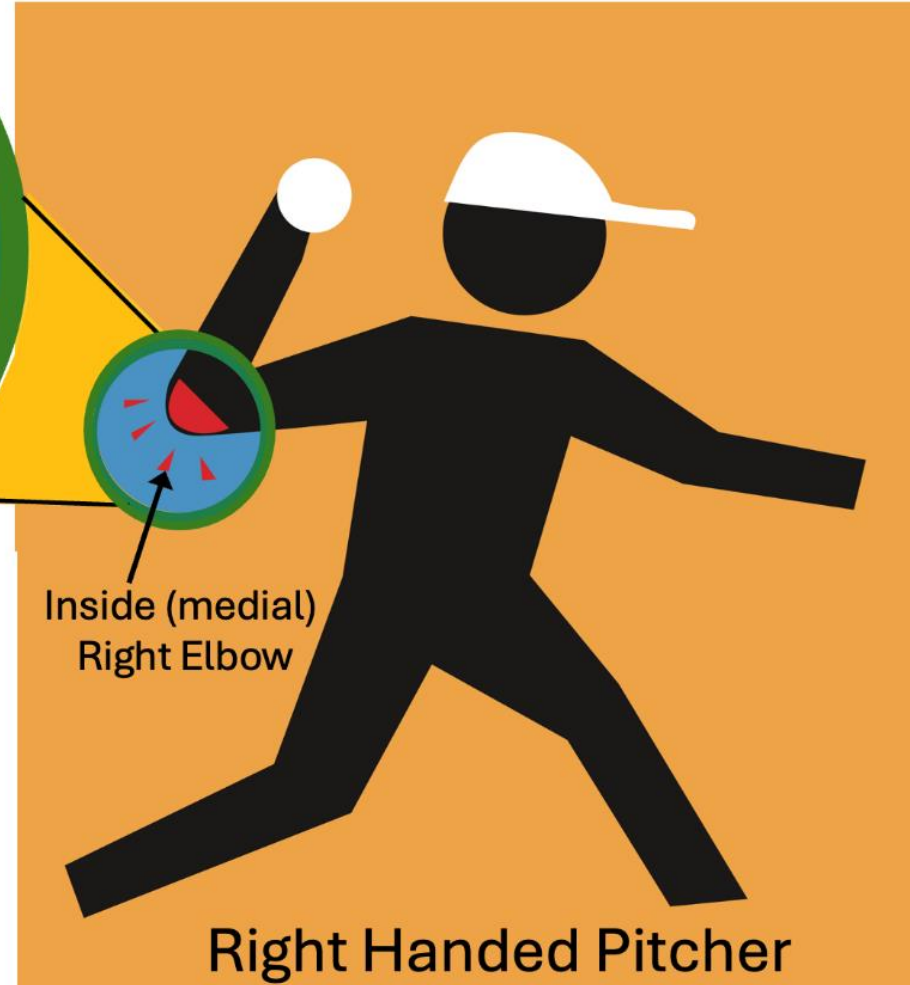


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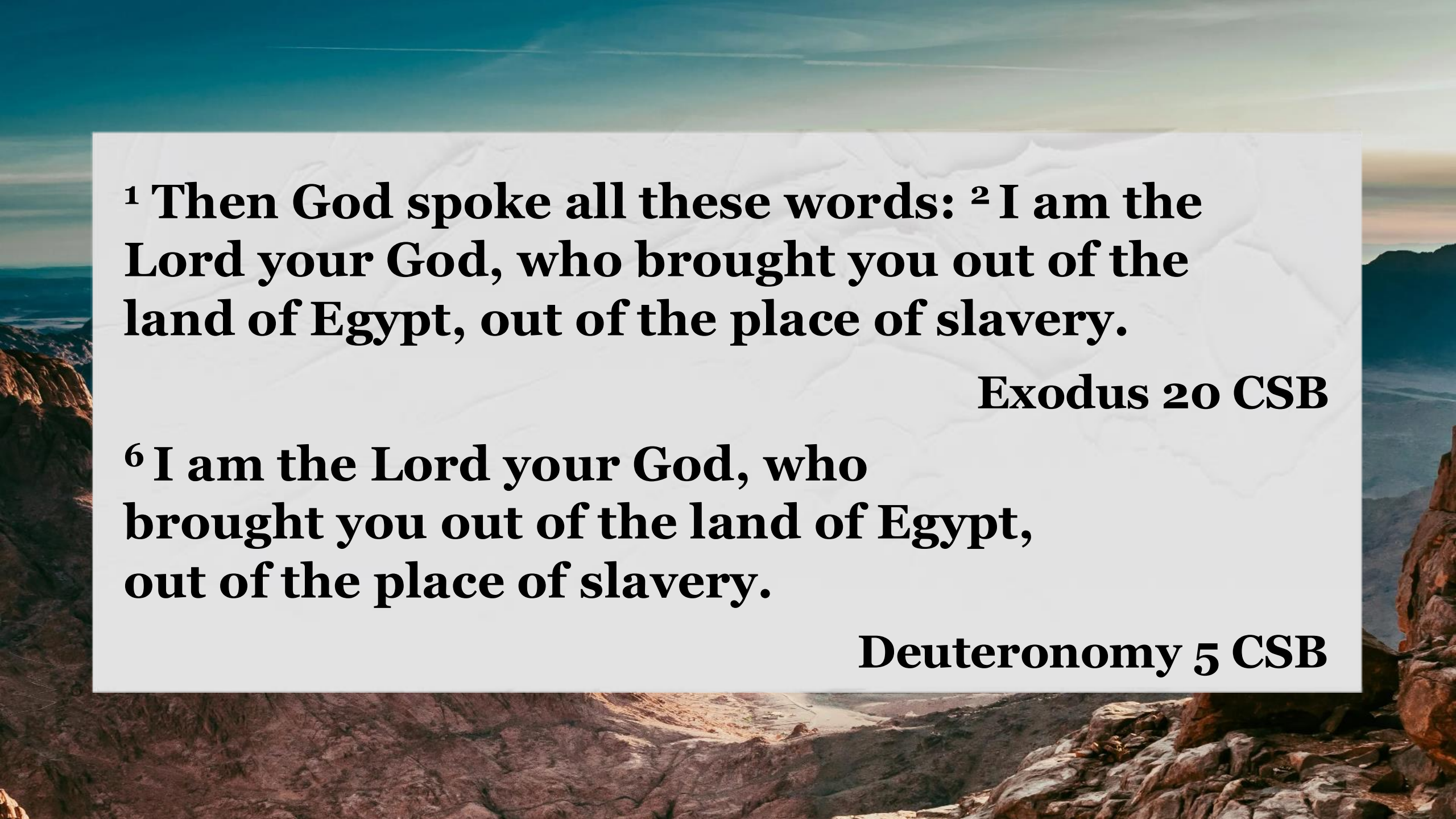


Right Handed Pitcher

Kerr was activated by the Braves in August of this year and excelled, putting up a 1.47 ERA over 18 1/3 innings down the stretch. And he has emerged as the breakout star of the postseason. More than 10 years after leaving the sport behind, he started the do-or-die Game 3 of the wild card series against the Philadelphia Phillies and allowed just one hit over 3 1/3 innings. He then worked 2 2/3 scoreless frames against the Los Angeles Dodgers to even up the division series last Sunday. – Jared Diamond, “He Was Working at 7-11. Now He’s Striking Out Ohtani.”



courtesy KSL

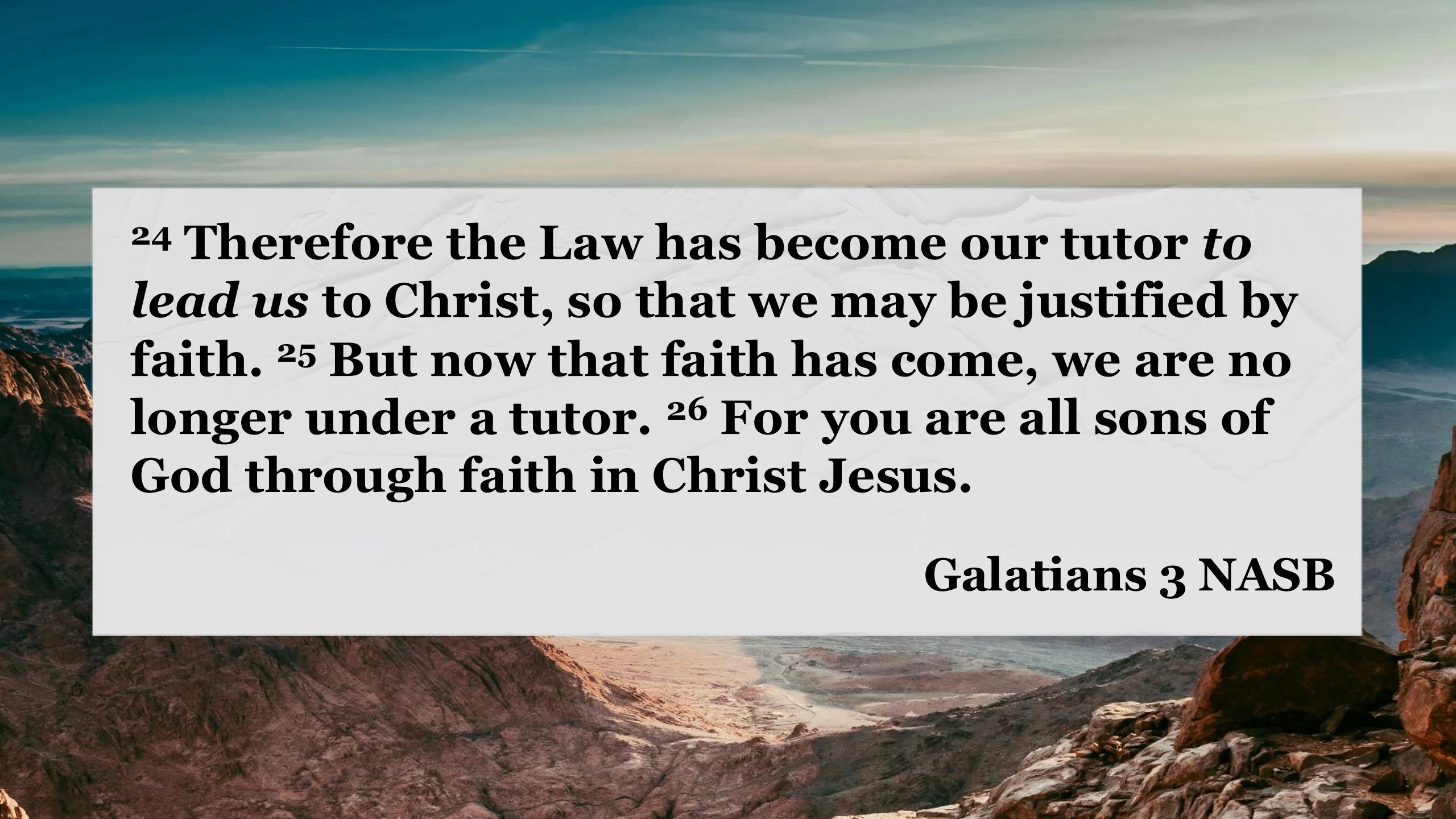


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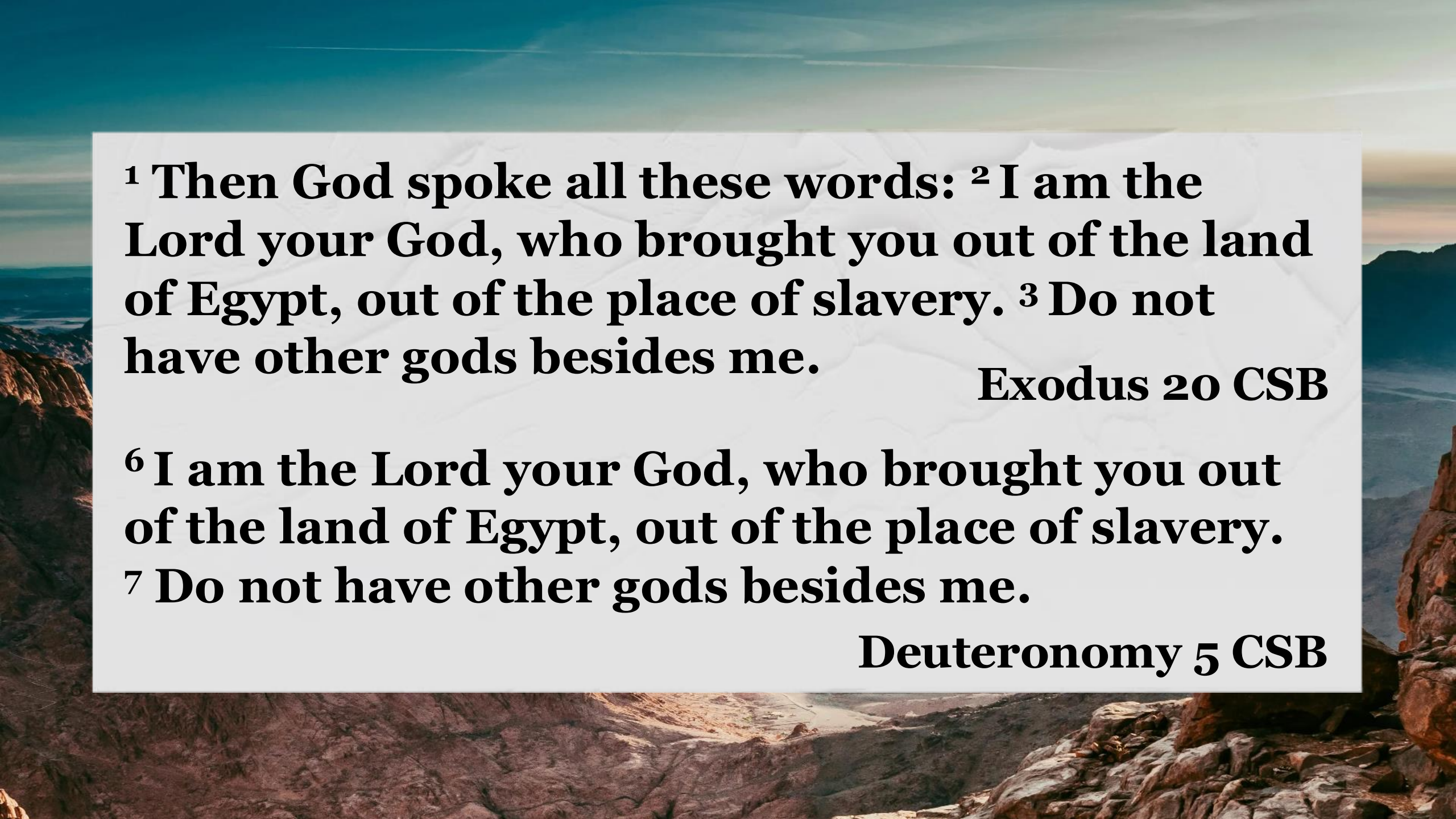
²⁴ Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3 NASB



courtesy MGM

The Decalogue (The 10 Commandments) was not referred to as such until Clement of Alexandria gave it that name in the A.D. 100s. The Hebrews had for centuries referred to these commands as the “Ten Words,” and Clement rendered that into a Greek combination comprised of deca (10) + logos (word). The Ten appear twice in Moses’ books: once during the Sinai revelation and again in the great Deuteronomic review in preparation for crossing the Jordan. – WB



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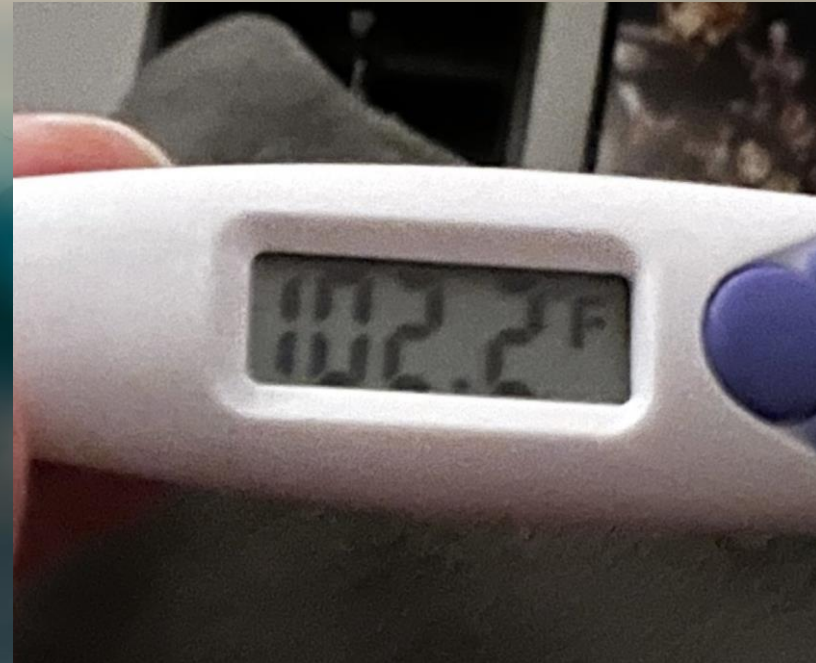
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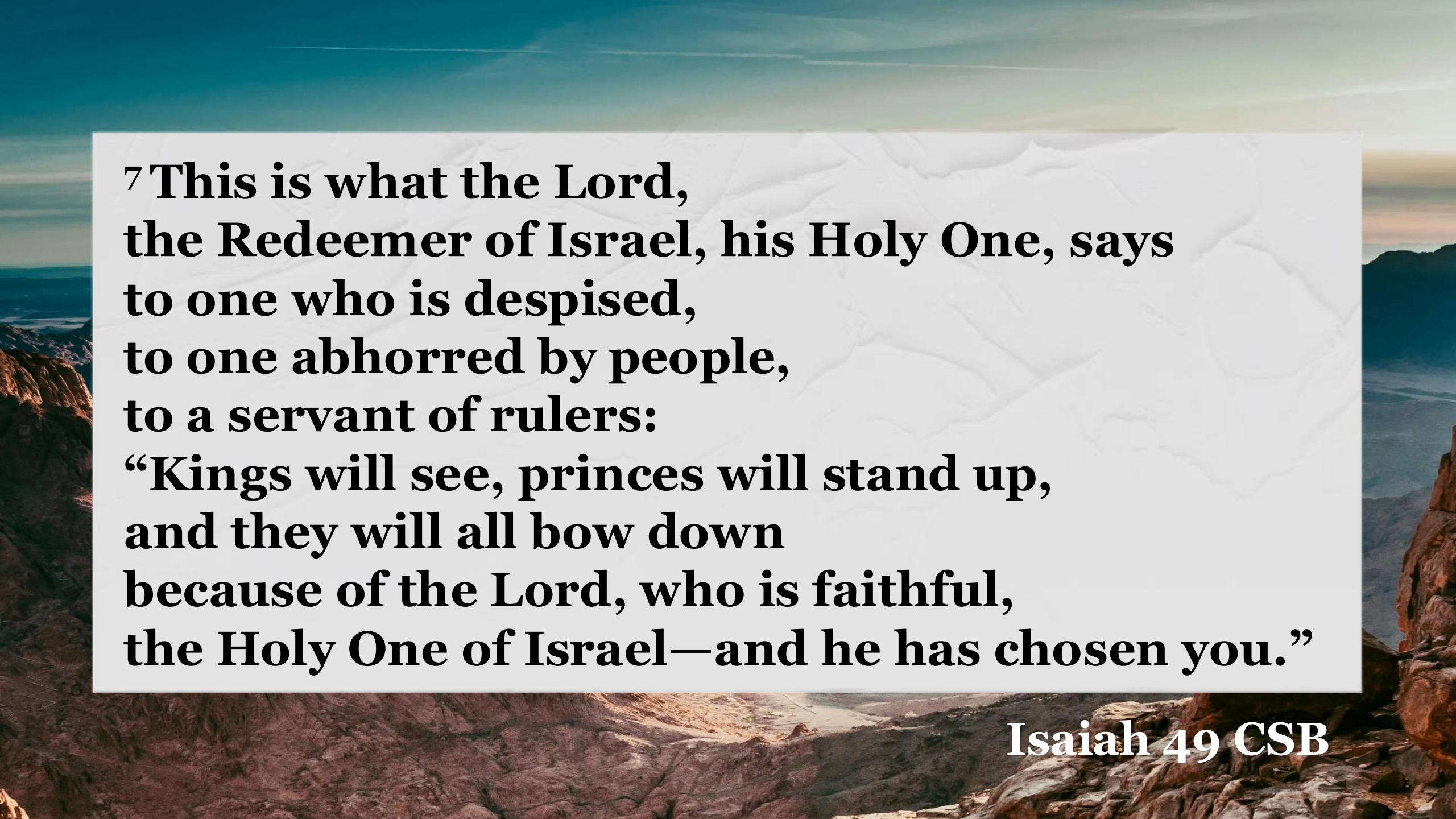
Reliable

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**7 This is what the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, says
to one who is despised,
to one abhorred by people,
to a servant of rulers:
“Kings will see, princes will stand up,
and they will all bow down
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel—and he has chosen you.”**

Isaiah 49 CSB



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To live in truth and integrity requires placing everything in the right priority. It demands we focus our hearts on the One who is faithful—the One on whom we can rely. It calls us to find satisfaction only in Him. Delighting in anything other than the Lord pales in comparison, but the shiny image of our idols easily distracts us and can lead us into a meaningless stupor. – Jeremy Mikeska “Focusing on the One in whom we can rely” FBC weekly devotion 10/9/26

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Premise (why we are studying this): Many lament the lack of character and degenerating conduct across the western world. Few seem to realize that the bricks are falling from the cultural building because the foundation has been eroded. The Decalogue speaks to us as individuals and as societies, reminding us of the character and conduct of God which He empowers us to follow.

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Objective: That we become people of enduring value by building our character and conduct on God's revealed values.

God's family has household rules; his people are not honorary citizens but real citizens of a kingdom that has laws that must be kept. They are vassals of a sovereign who has required obedience of them for their benefit. The laws of Exodus spell out both the obligations and the benefits.

– Douglas Stuart, *Exodus*



Mr. Moody is conducting a series of meetings in Brockton, Massachusetts and I have had the pleasure of singing for him here. Last night a young man rose in a testimony meeting and said, “I am not quite sure about everything in the Bible, but I am going to trust, and I am going to obey.”
– Daniel Towner letter to John Sammis



Trust and Obey

Words: John H. Sammis, 1887; Music: Daniel B. Towner, 1887

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glo - ry he
2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but ou - toil he doth
3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til all on the
4. Then in fel - ow - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his

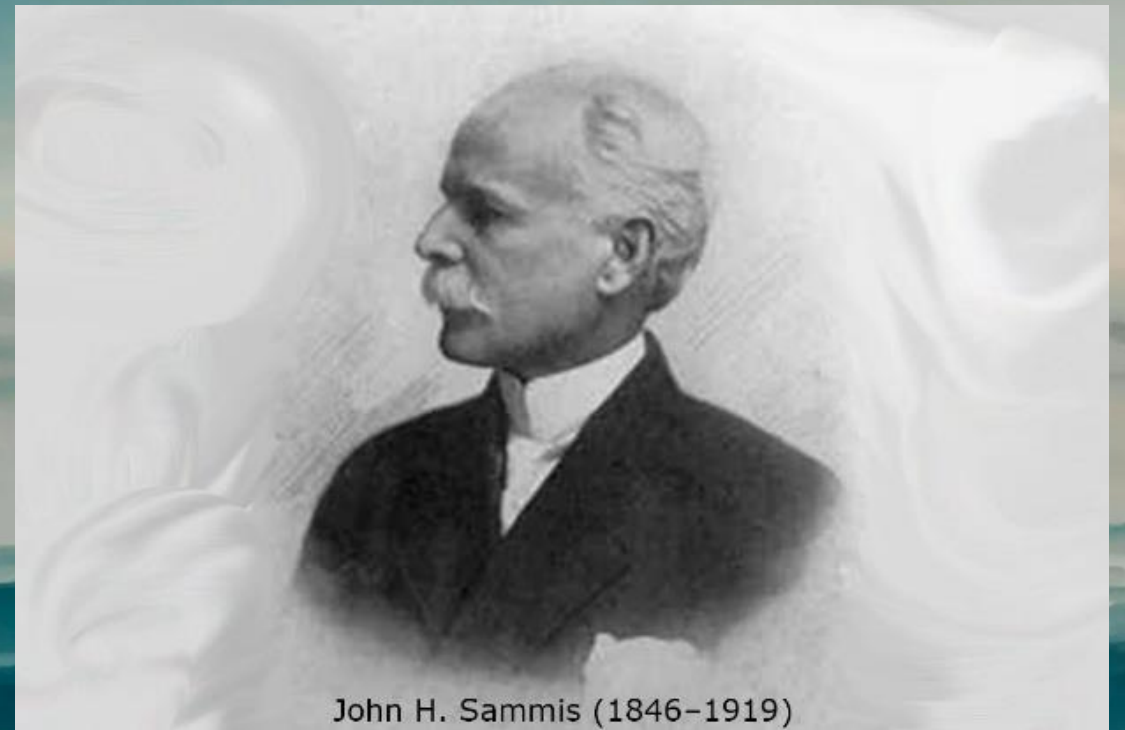
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sheds on our way! While we do his good will he a - bides with us still, and with
rich - ly re - pay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is
al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows, for the joy he be - stows, are for
side in the way; what he says will do, where he sends we will go; nev - er

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all who will trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way to be
blest if we trust and o - bey.
them who will trust and o - bey.
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Refrain

20
hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

Arranged by Sheila Wright



John H. Sammis (1846-1919)

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