

CHRIST OUR HOPE

IN LIFE

AND DEATH

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

The background of the image is a piece of marbled paper. It features a complex, organic pattern of colors. On the left side, there are deep, dark blues and teals, which transition into a vibrant, bright green on the right side. Interspersed throughout these colors are thin, delicate veins of brown and gold, creating a rich, textured appearance. The overall effect is reminiscent of traditional marbling techniques used in bookbinding.

“Though I have many things to write to you,
I don’t want to use paper and ink. Instead,
I hope to come to you and talk face to face
so that our joy may be complete.”

- 2 *John* 12

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I. The God of Meticulous Providence

“God has appointed us a captain of our salvation, and made him responsible for seeing us through this world home to glory. Thank God we can count on his faithfulness and know that he will never fail, never once lose his patience or his temper with any of us, but will fulfill his appointed task to the very end. He will save to the uttermost all who come to God by him.”

- David Gooding
An Unshakeable Kingdom

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2. Seven Unlikely Converts

- Paul

- Silas


- Timothy

- Luke

- Lydia

- Unnamed demon-possessed slave girl

- Unnamed Roman jailor



“God is up to something. If anything,
He’s rerouting our dependence and adjusting
our expectations and He’s doing it
communally.”

- Jackie Hill Perry

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3. Don't Waste Your Waiting

“The lament-form of the Bible assumes that our grief is deep and ongoing, and it invites us to enter the discipline of expressing that grief in words that convey our anguish, in images that picture our despair, and written prayers that verbalize despondency.”

- Dale Ralph Davis

2 Samuel: Out of Every Adversity

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4. The Witness of Worship

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I...

1. Am not my own,
2. But belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,
3. Who with His precious blood
4. Has fully paid for all my sins,
5. And set me free from all the power of the devil;

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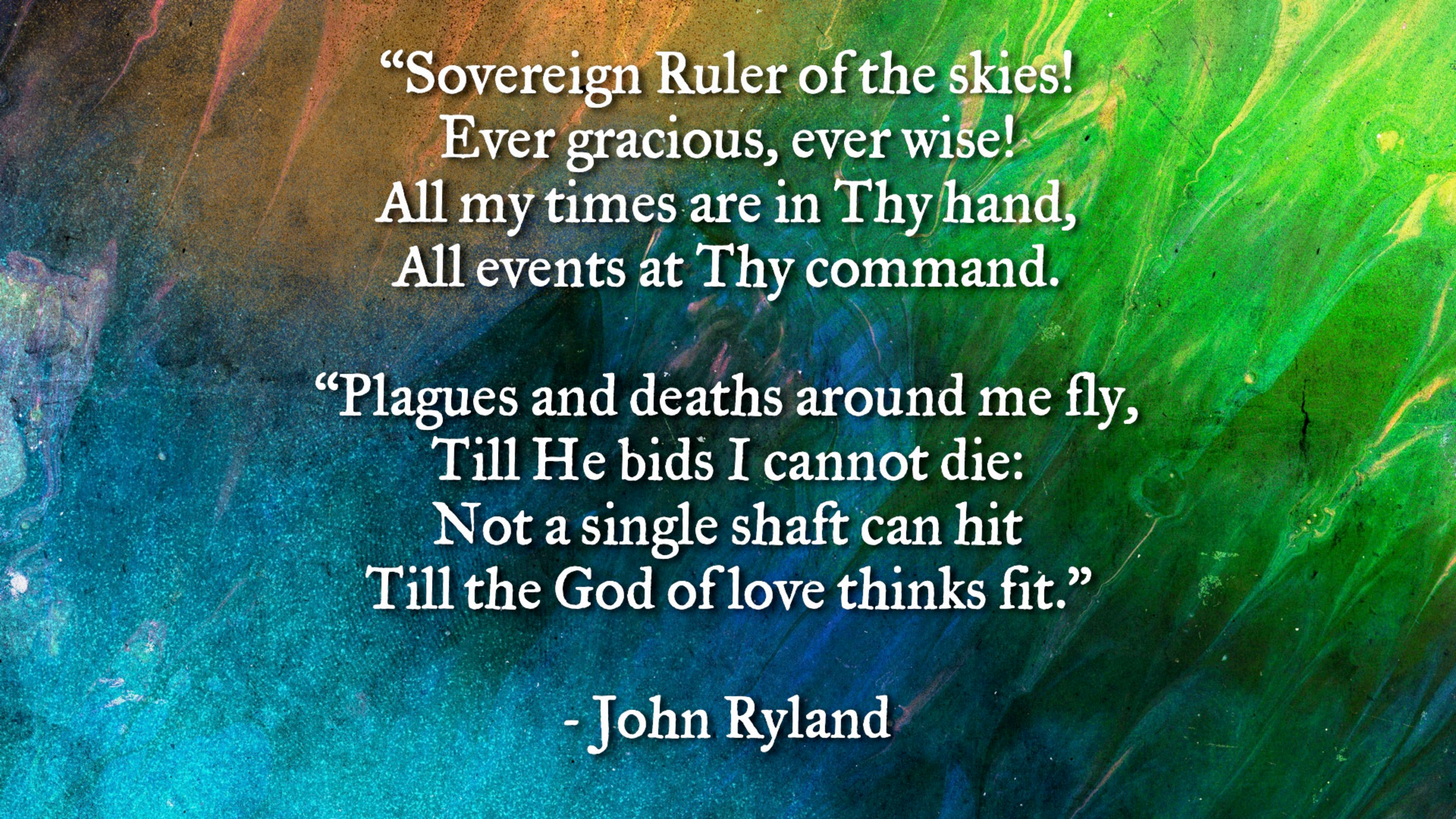
6. And so preserves me

7. That without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head;

8. Indeed, that all things must work together
for my salvation.

9. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures
me of eternal life,

10. And makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live unto Him.



“Sovereign Ruler of the skies!
Ever gracious, ever wise!
All my times are in Thy hand,
All events at Thy command.

“Plagues and deaths around me fly,
Till He bids I cannot die:
Not a single shaft can hit
Till the God of love thinks fit.”

- John Ryland

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