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A Blessed Life
in a Fallen World



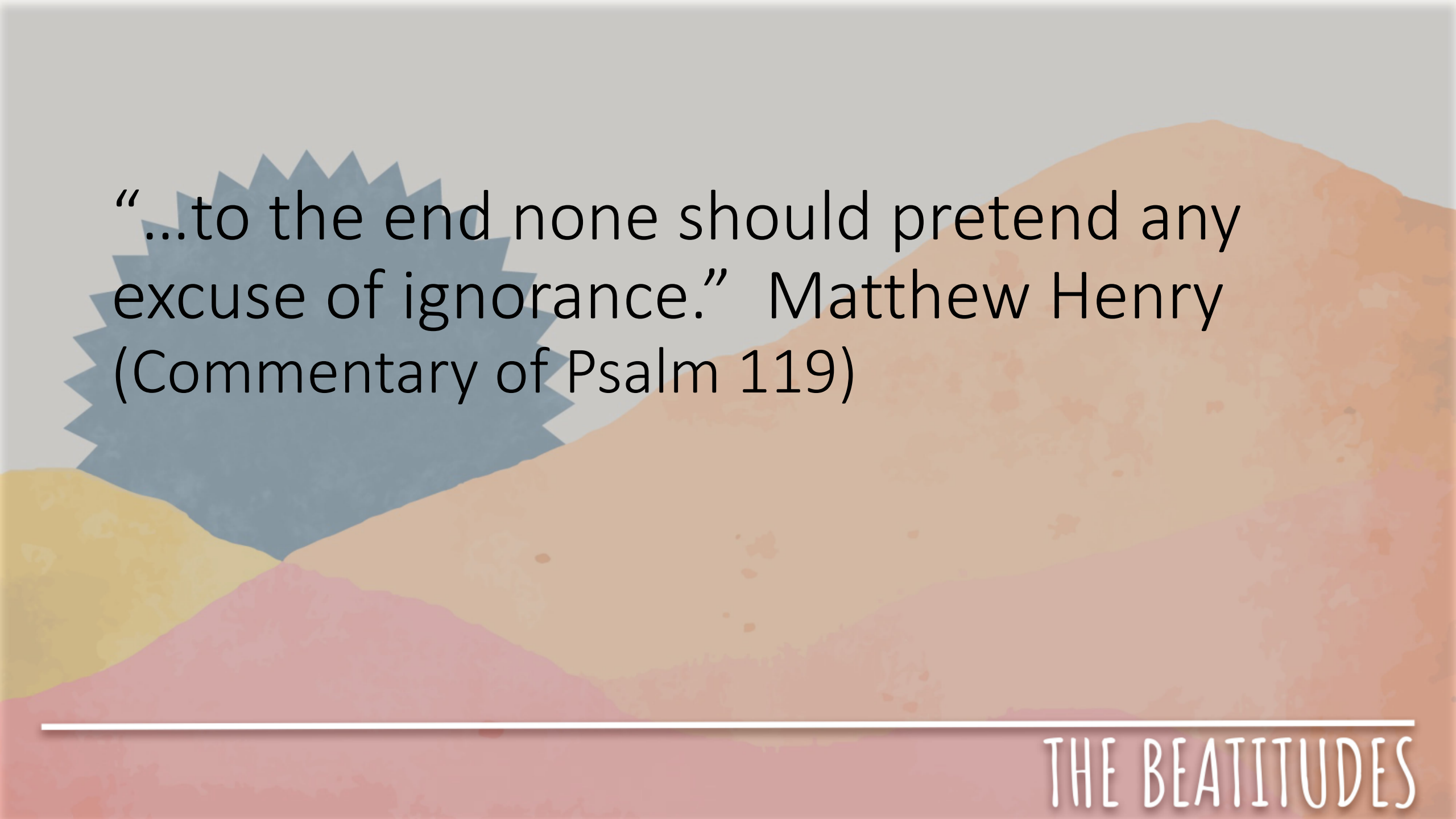
Fit bodies - Fat hearts!

Matthew 5:6

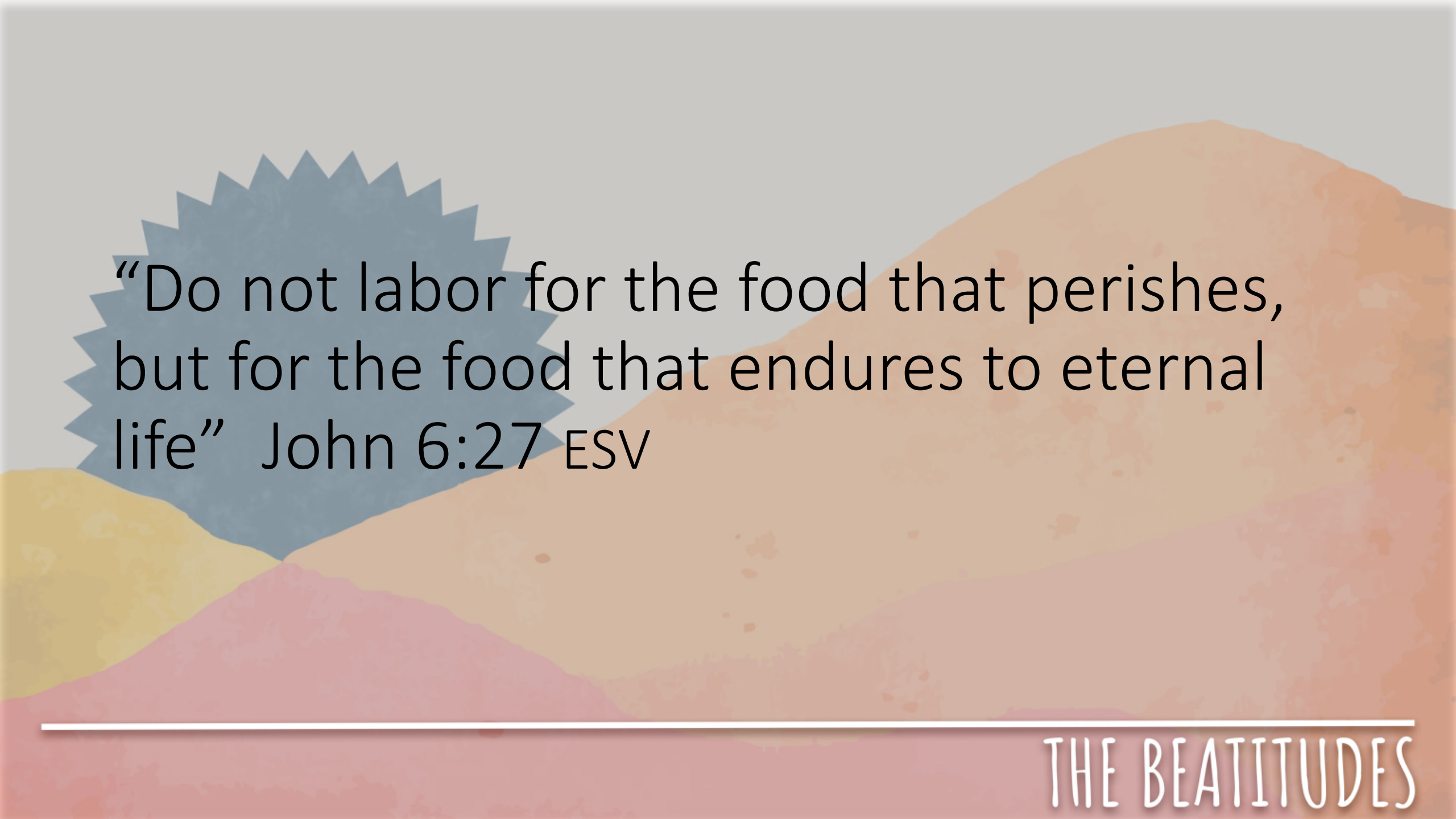
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“Western evangelicals in the last generation have simultaneously toned up their bodies and slackened off their minds.” Os Guinness (Fit Bodies – Fat Minds)

“Our task, as followers of Christ, is not easy but it is clear,” Os Guinness
(Fit Bodies – Fat Minds)



“...to the end none should pretend any excuse of ignorance.” Matthew Henry (Commentary of Psalm 119)



“Do not labor for the food that perishes,
but for the food that endures to eternal
life” John 6:27 ESV

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3 “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 gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “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 have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3-10

Arch Structure

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Arch / Keystone

OUTCOME

CONDITION

1 Blessed are...

2 Blessed are...

3 Blessed are...

4 Blessed are...

5 Blessed are...

6 Blessed are...

7 Blessed are...

8 Blessed are...

the poor in spirit

they that mourn

the meek

they that hunger and
thirst after righteousness

the merciful

the pure in heart

the peacemakers

those persecuted for
righteousness' sake,
reproached and
accused falsely of evil

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

they shall be comforted.

they shall inherit the earth.

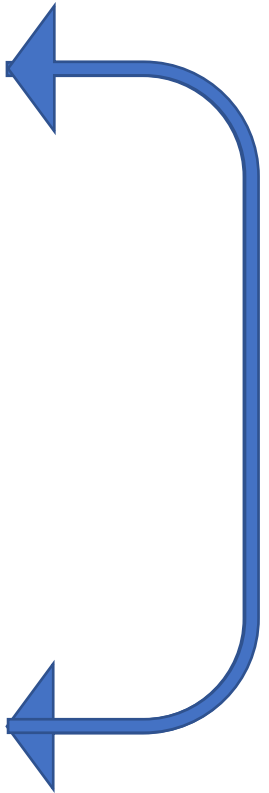
they shall be filled.

they shall obtain mercy.

they shall see God.

they shall be called sons of God.

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.





Proverbs 21:21

“He who pursues righteousness and loving devotion finds life, righteousness, and honor.”

IN HEAVEN
ON EARTH

EMPTY OF SELF

1 Poor
in Spirit

2 Mourn

3 Meek

4 Hunger
& Thirst

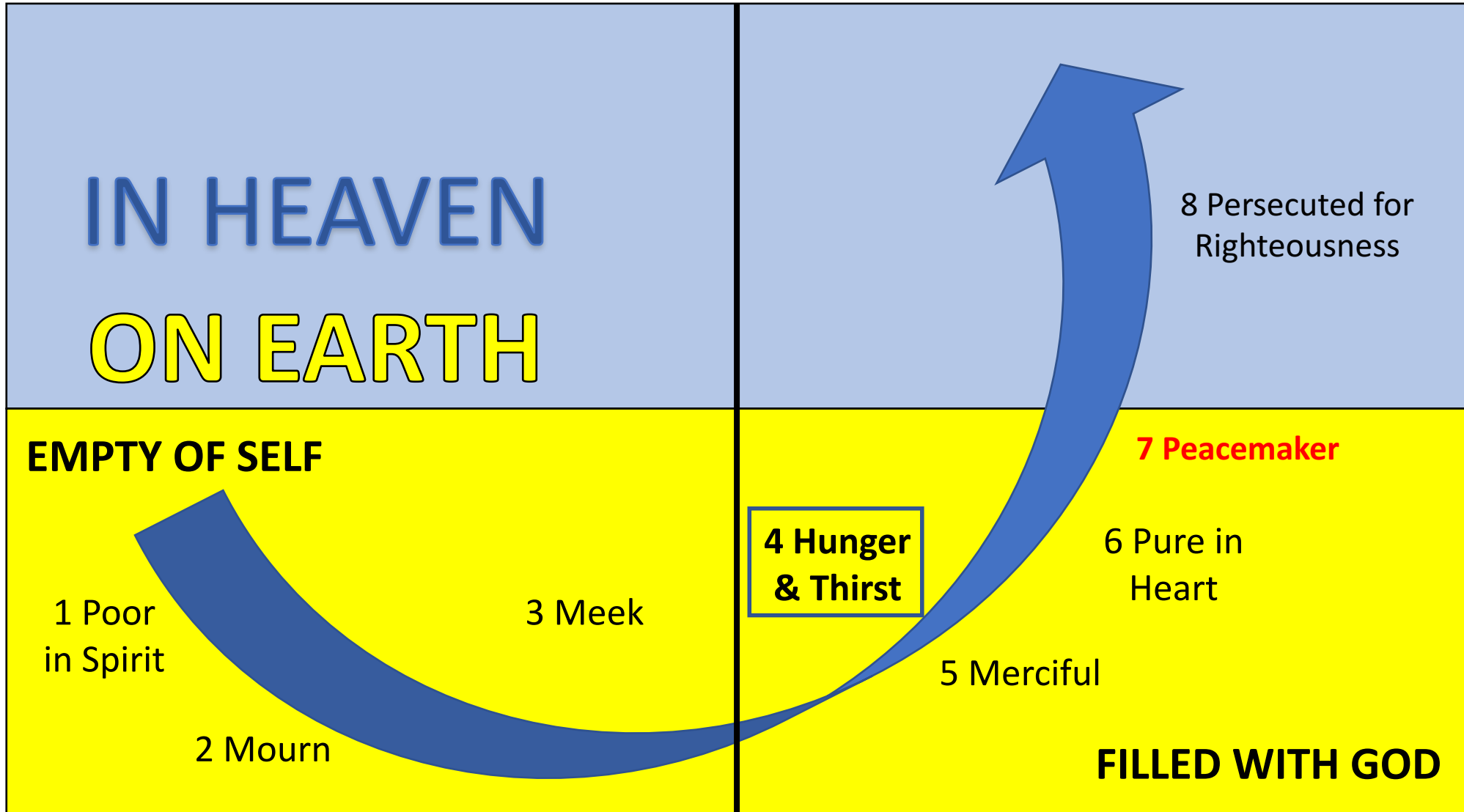
5 Merciful

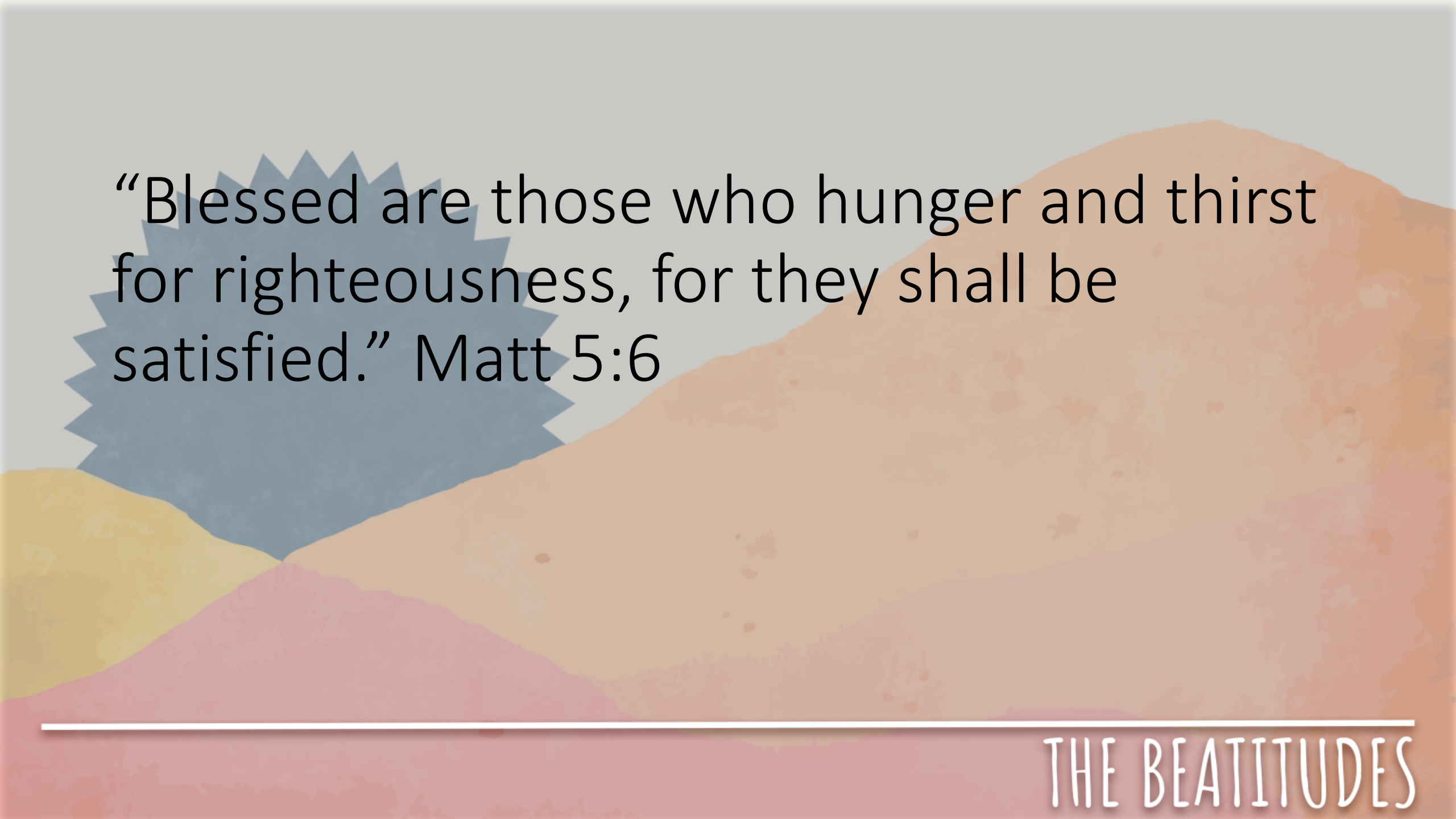
6 Pure in
Heart

7 Peacemaker

8 Persecuted for
Righteousness

FILLED WITH GOD





“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” Matt 5:6

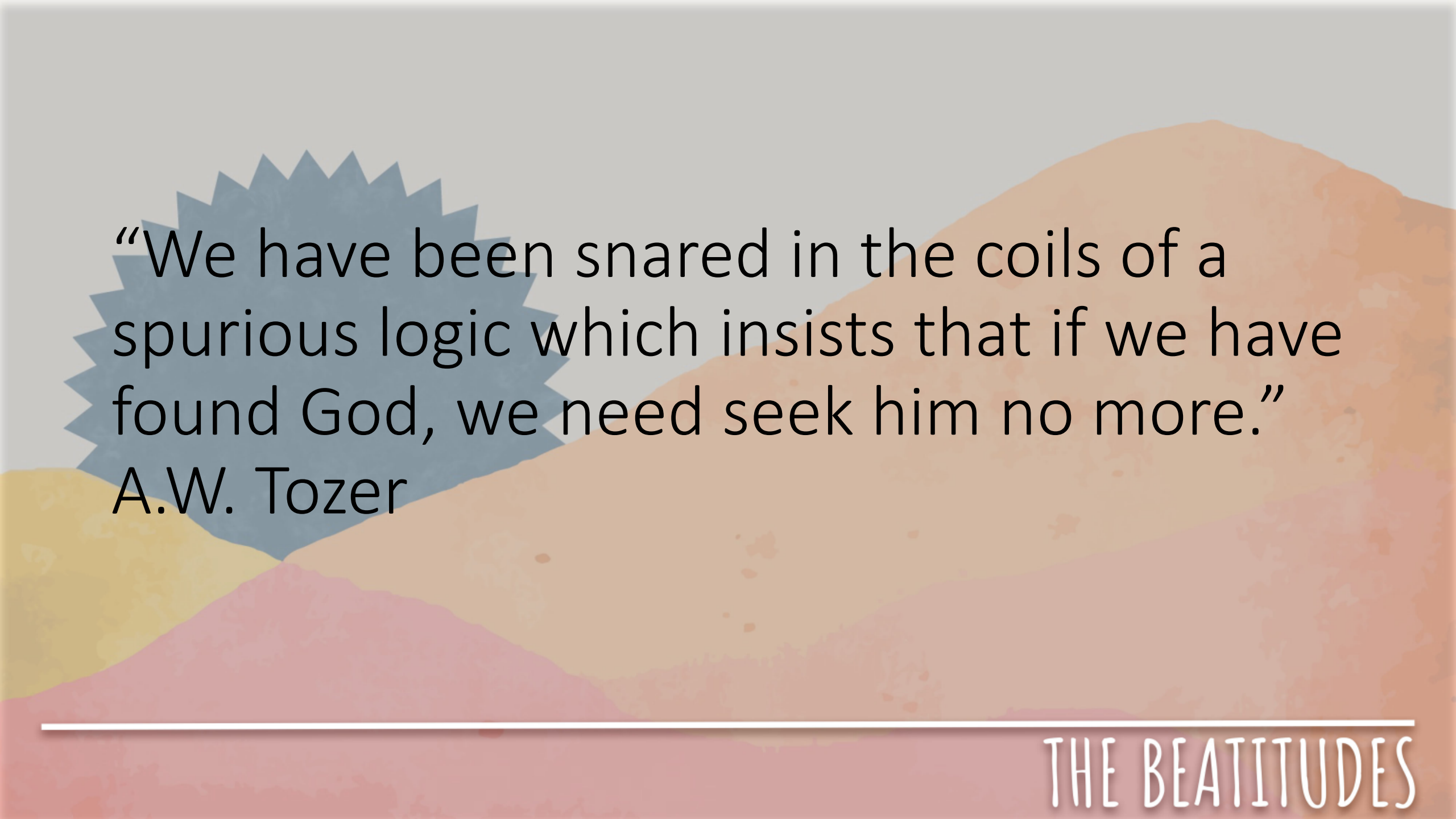
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Isaiah 55:2

“Why spend money on that which is not bread, and your labor on that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of foods.”

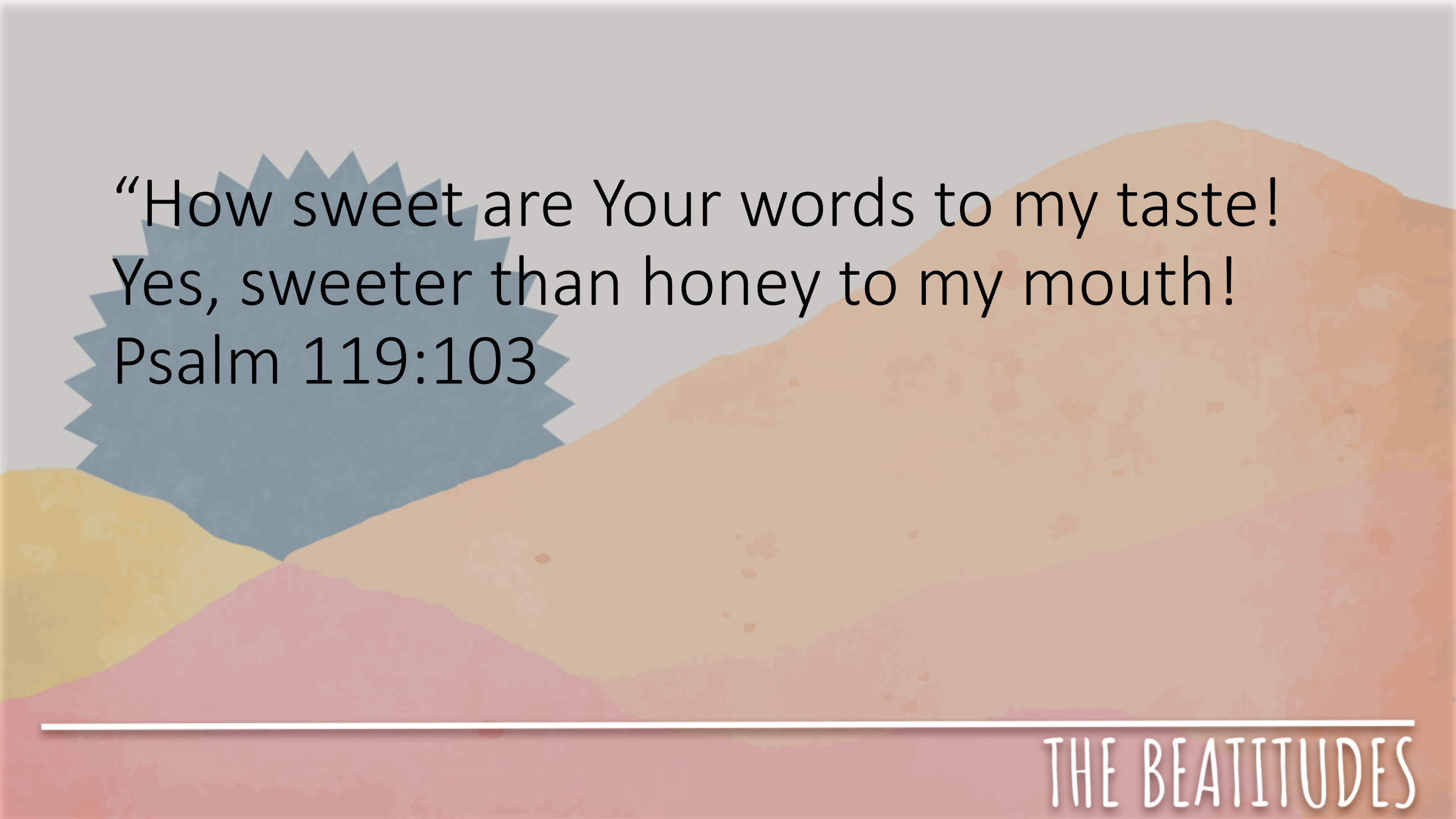
Design – from Creation

- Creation - placed in a Garden
- Common Signs:
 - Sign of Life
 - Sign of Health
 - Sign of Need

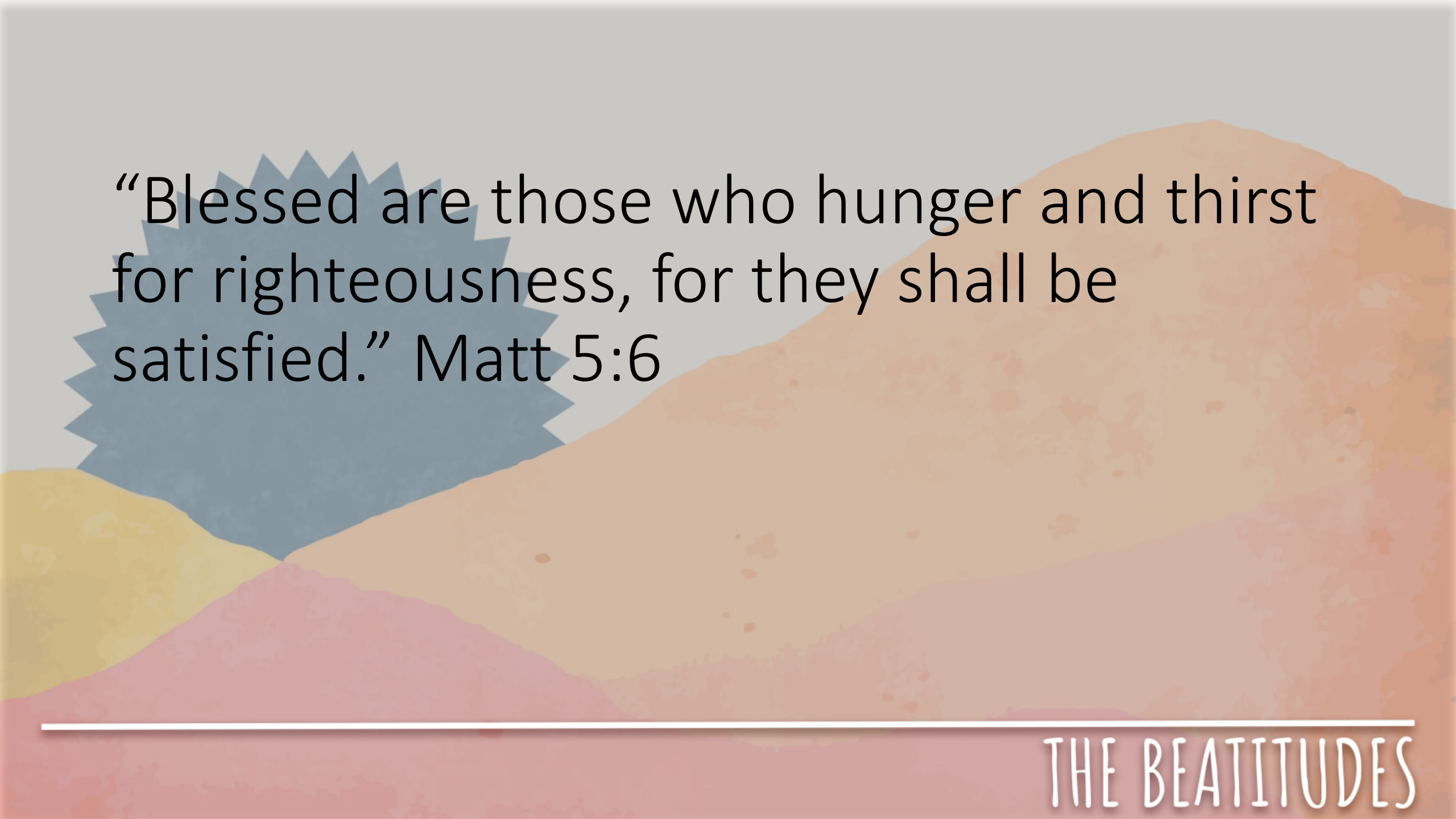


“We have been snared in the coils of a spurious logic which insists that if we have found God, we need seek him no more.”

A.W. Tozer

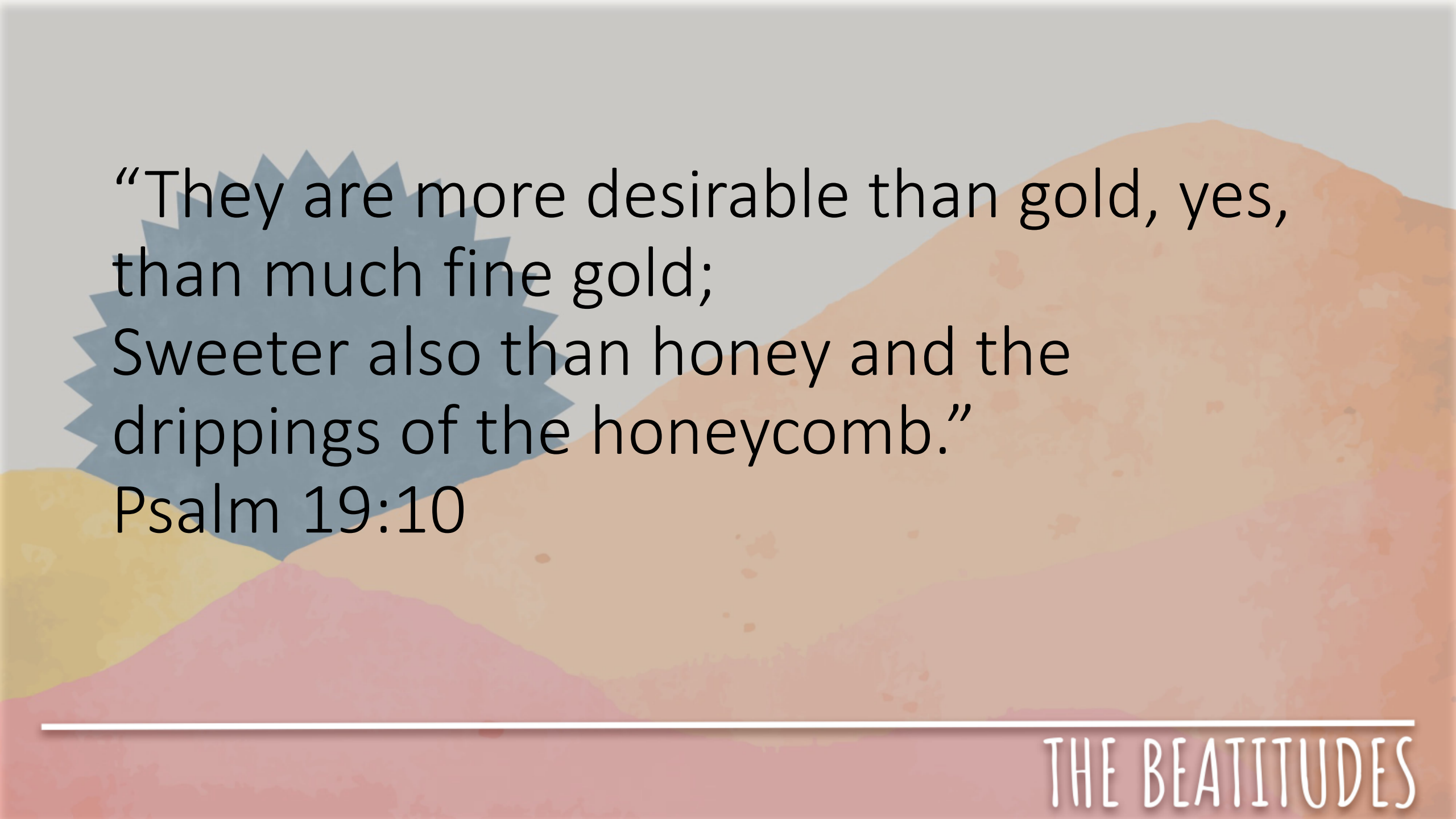


“How sweet are Your words to my taste!
Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Psalm 119:103



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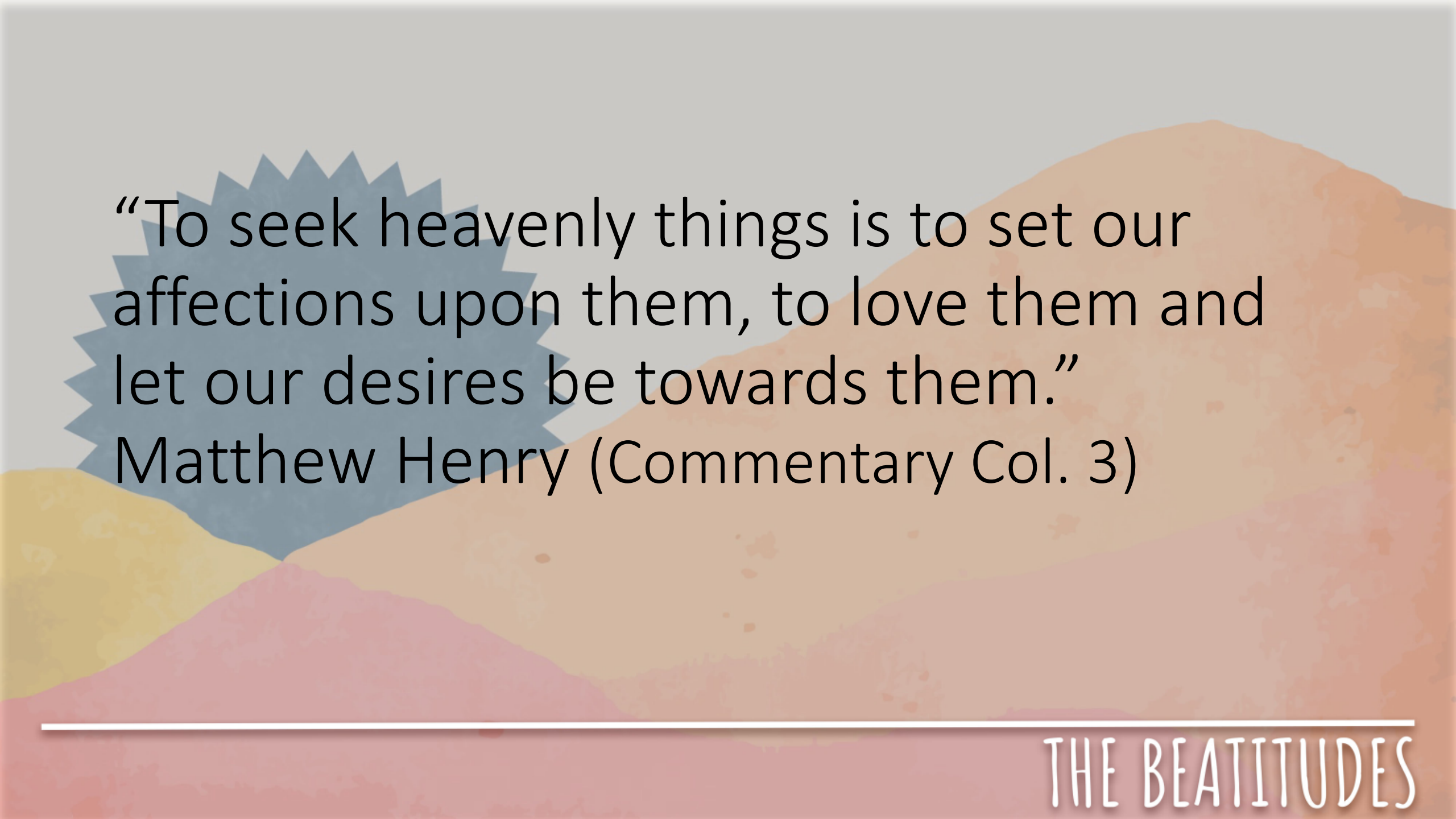
“They are more desirable than gold, yes,
than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the
drippings of the honeycomb.”

Psalm 19:10

Duty – poor incentive!

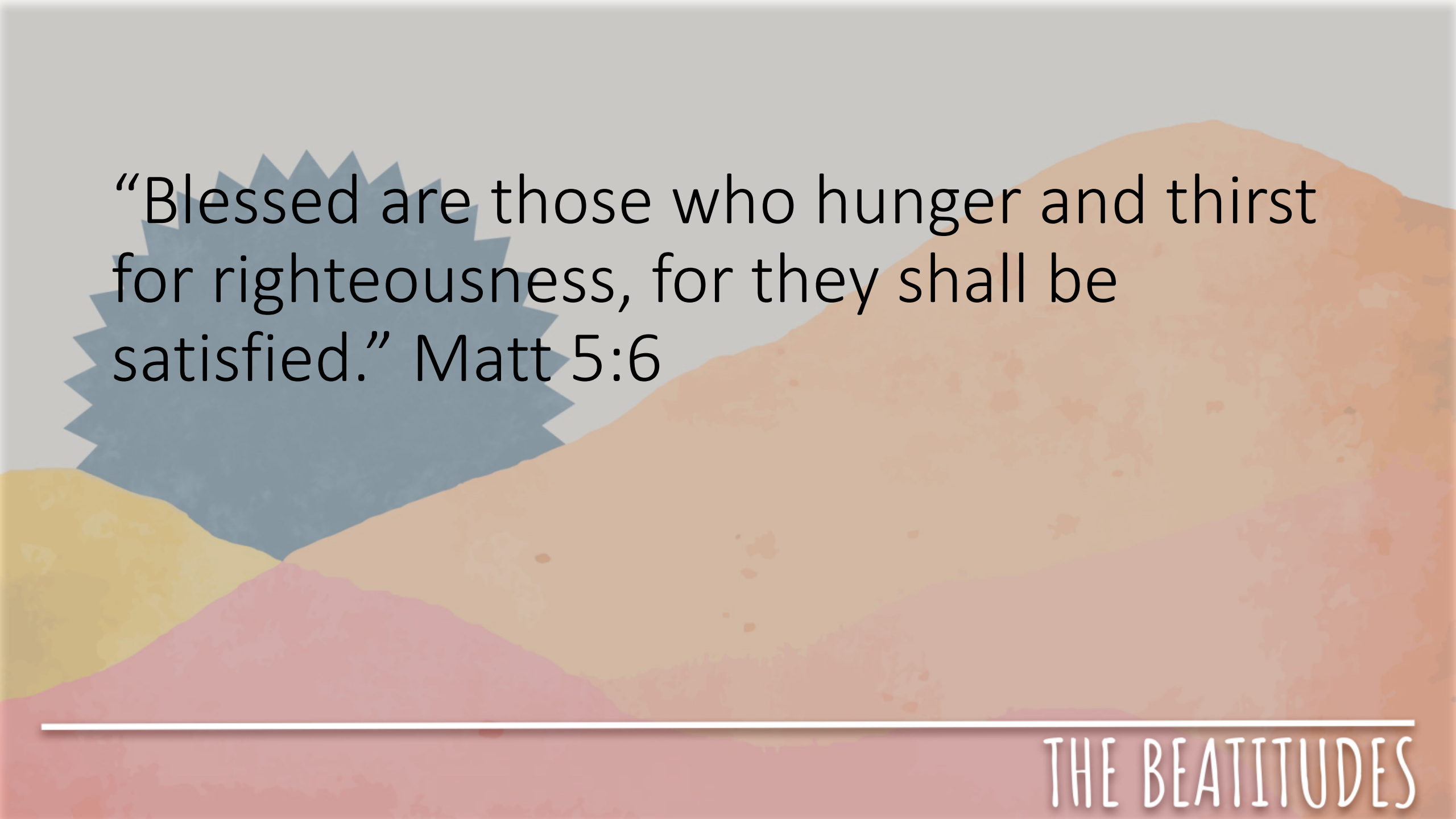
- Ought
 - Duty is inferior motivation
 - Love is superior motivation
 - “If you love Me...”
- Owe
 - Debt weighs heavy – burden!
 - Debt – Debtor is sin relationship
 - Loving Father – Forgiven Child is grace relationship

“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.” Col 3:1,2



“To seek heavenly things is to set our affections upon them, to love them and let our desires be towards them.”

Matthew Henry (Commentary Col. 3)



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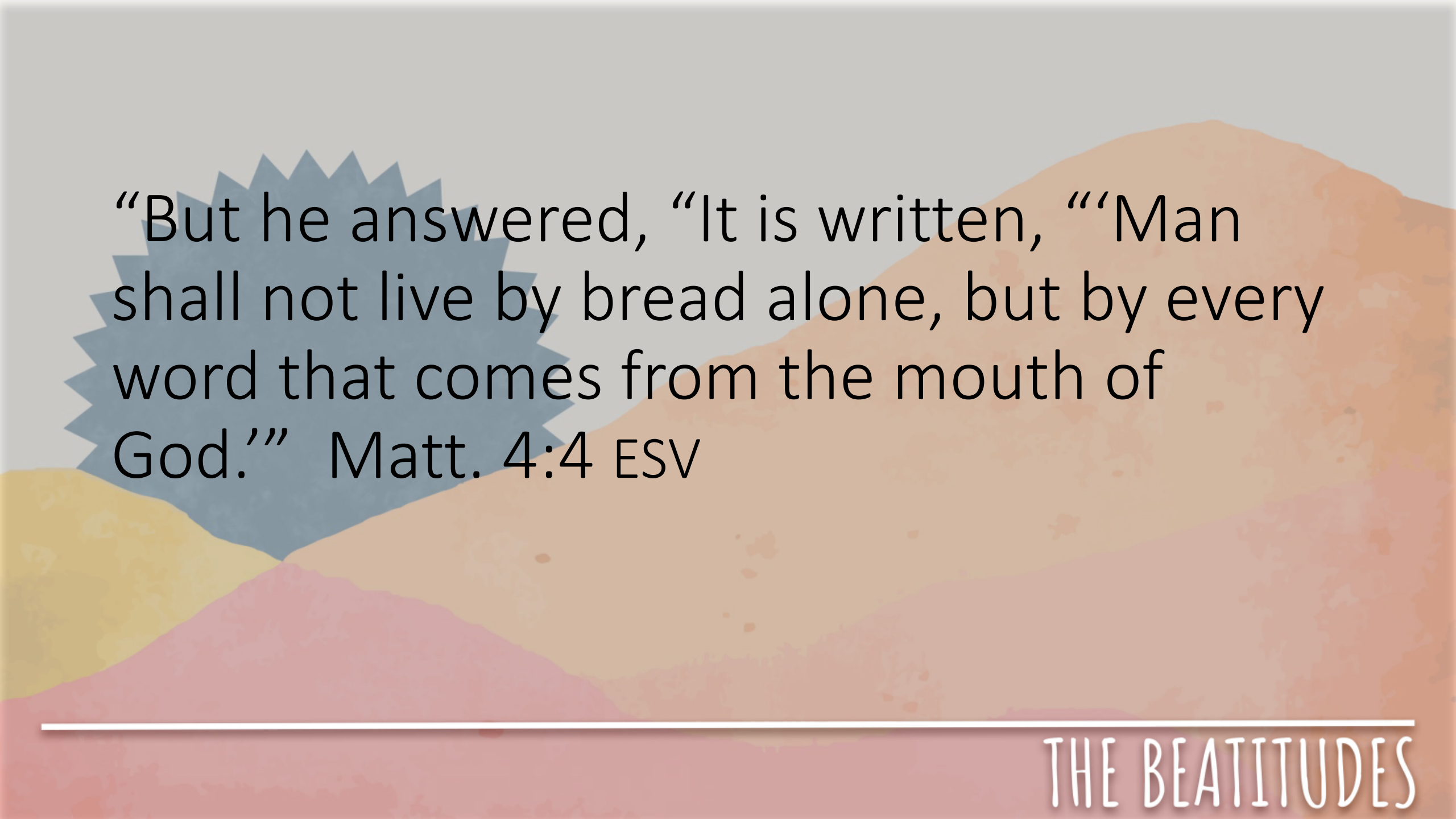
Desire – rightly directed

- Righteousness
 - Social
 - Moral
 - Eternal
- Relationship
 - Crave Companionship
 - Crave Fellowship

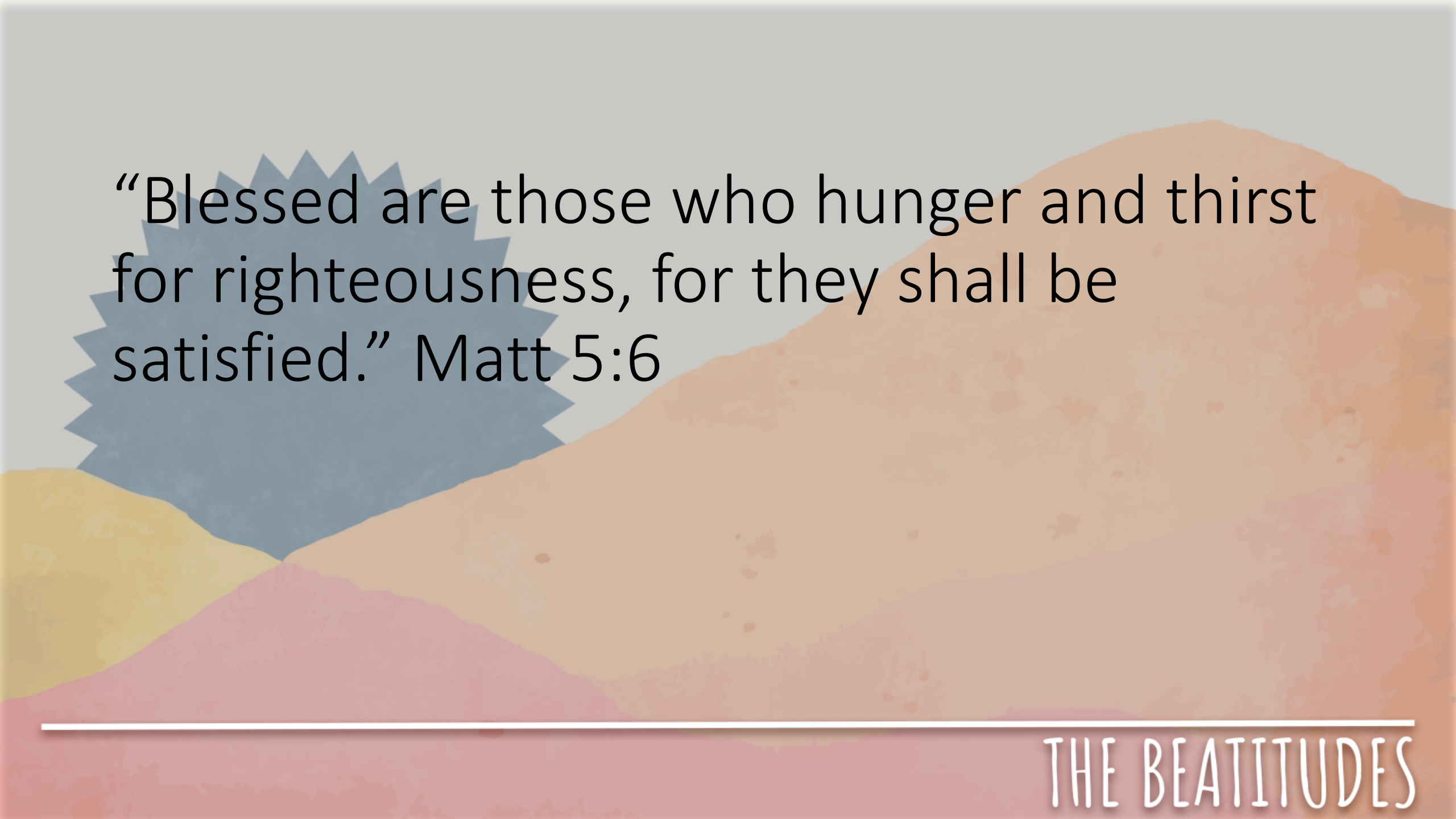


“To have found God and still pursue Him is the soul’s paradox of love.” A.W. Tozer

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“But he answered, “It is written, ““Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”” Matt. 4:4 ESV



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My hunger – My thirst

Do not confuse 'longing' for 'loving'

- We do what really want most –
 - Pursue
 - Delay
- We invest in our real priorities
 - Time
 - Talents
 - Treasury

“The Christian is one who at one and the same time is hungering and thirsting, and yet he is filled. And the more he is filled, the more he hungers and thirsts. That is the blessedness of the Christian life.”

M. Lloyd Jones



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