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BEATITUDES

*A Blessed Life*  
in a Fallen World

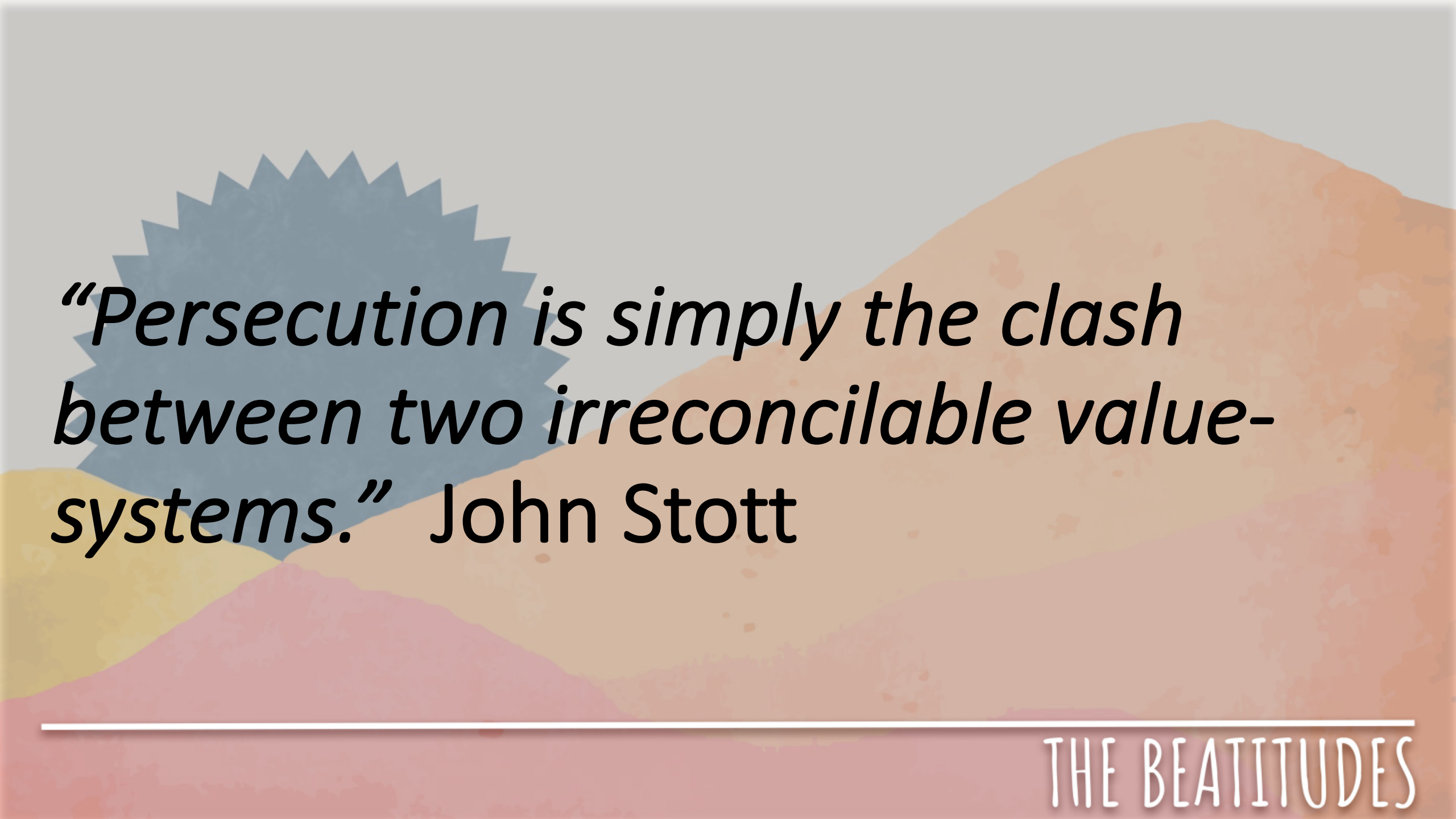


# At What Cost?

Matthew 5:10-12

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*“Persecution is simply the clash between two irreconcilable value-systems.”* John Stott



2Tim 3:12 *“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted”*

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...

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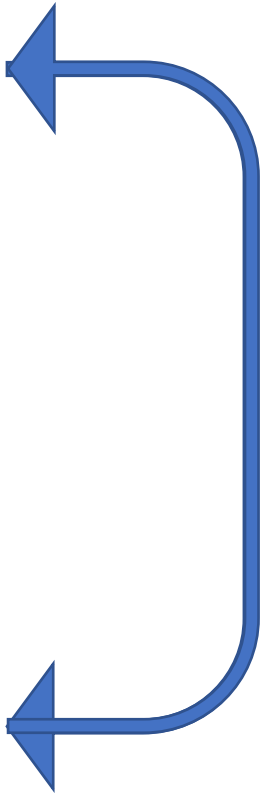
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8 Blessed are...

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

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.





**IN HEAVEN**  
**ON EARTH**

**EMPTY OF SELF**

1 Poor  
in Spirit

2 Mourn

3 Meek

4 Hunger  
& Thirst

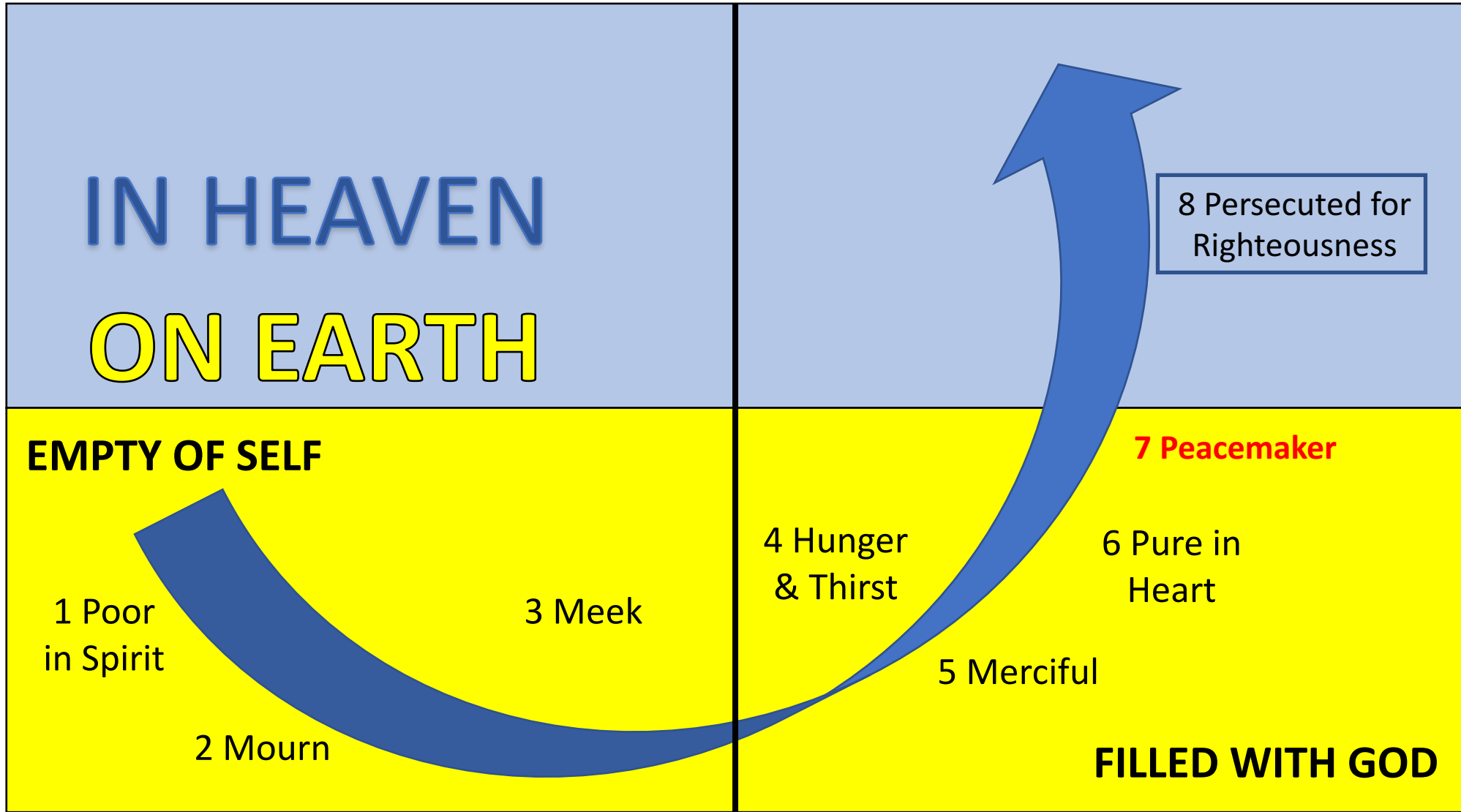
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Heart

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8 Persecuted for  
Righteousness

**FILLED WITH GOD**



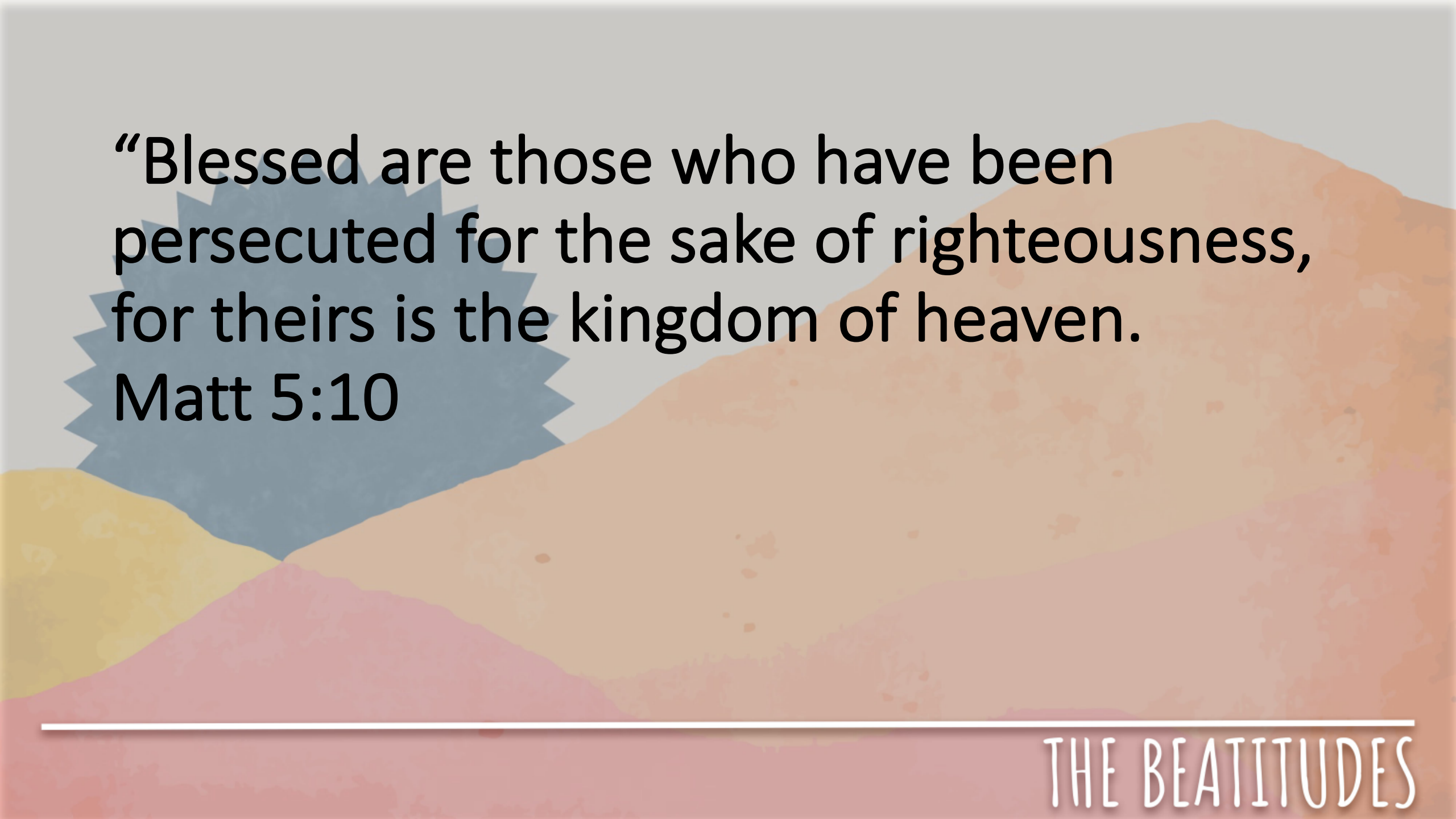


*“When Christ calls a man, he bids  
him come and die.”*

Deitrich Bonhoeffer

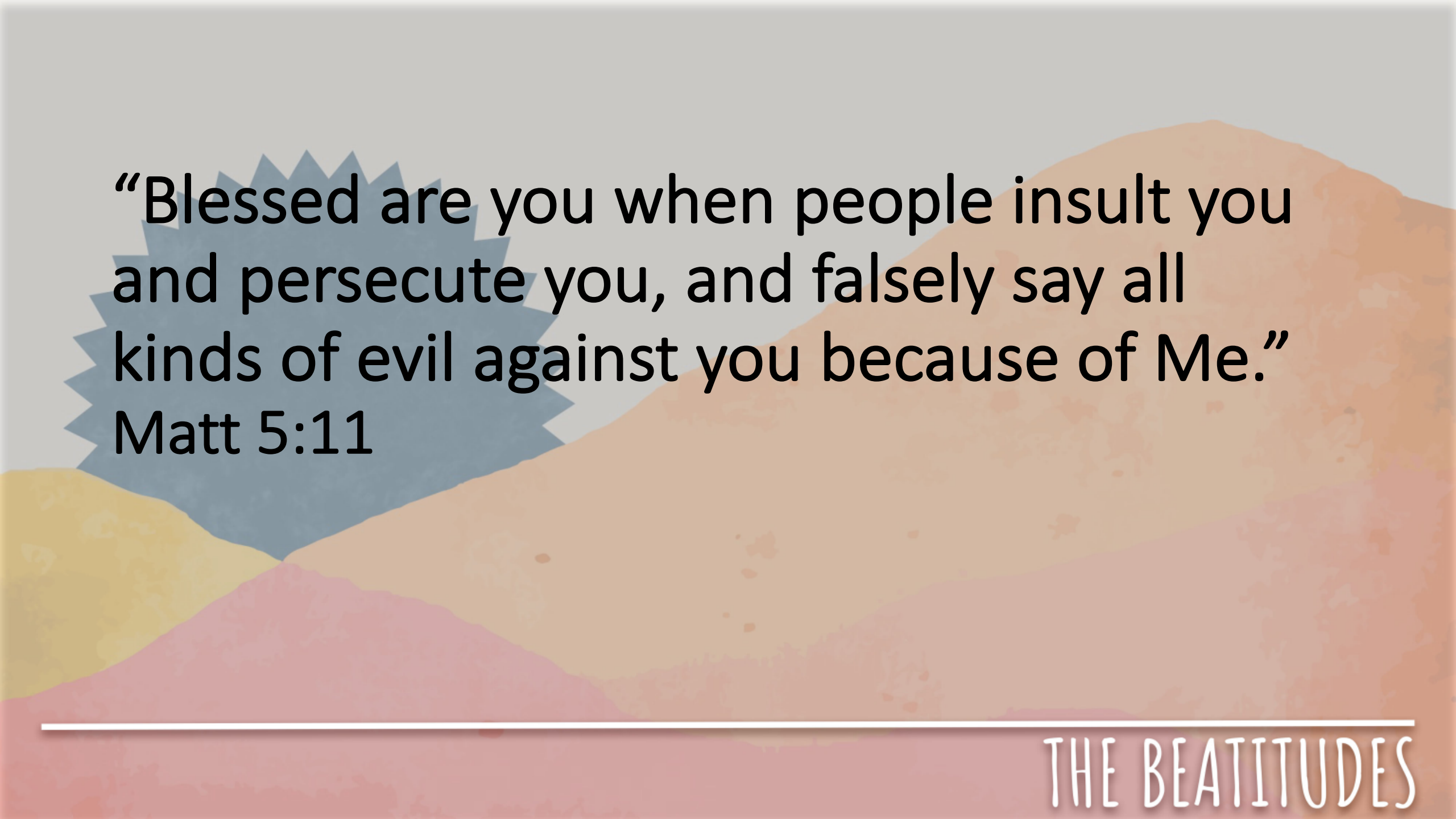
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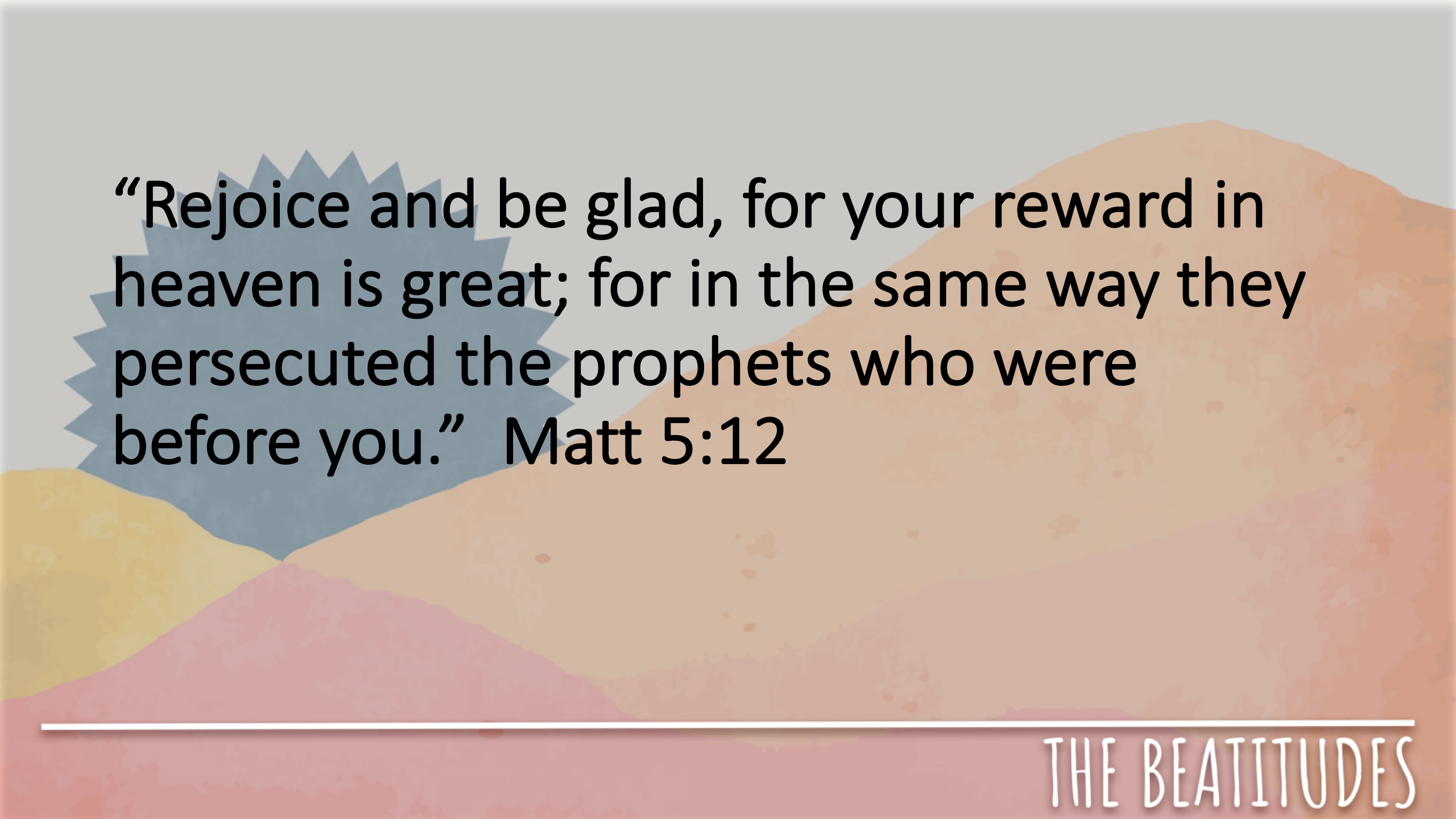
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Matt 5:11



“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Matt 5:12

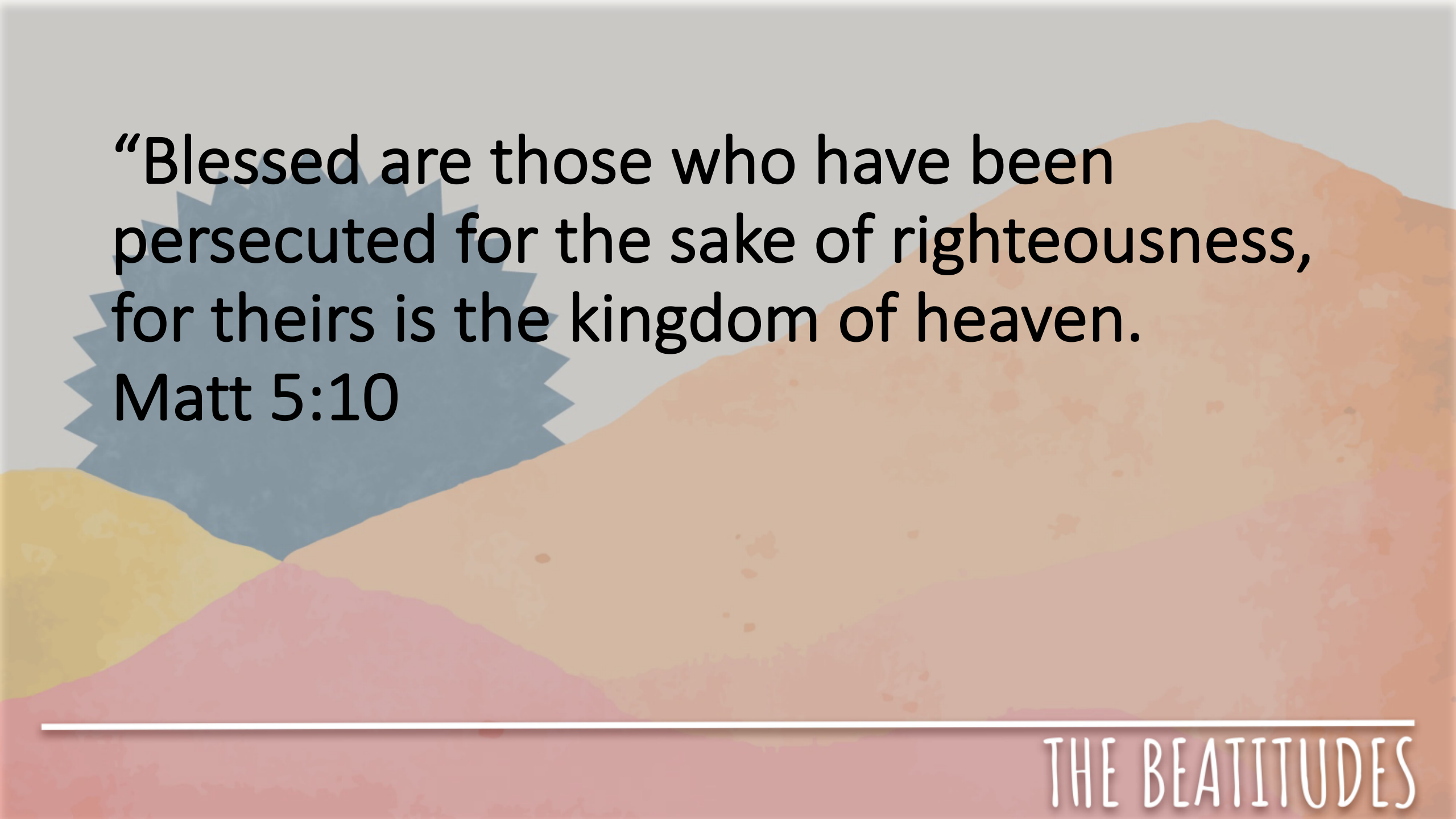
# Unique Verses

- 1. It is the last beatitude.
- 2. It is the longest beatitude (3 verses)
- 3. It is the only beatitude with a command -“rejoice”
- 4. It is the only beatitude with an explanation
- 5. It is the only beatitude that is repeated by Jesus
- 6. It is the only beatitude addressed to the reader



*“Seducers are more dangerous enemies  
to the church than persecutors.”*

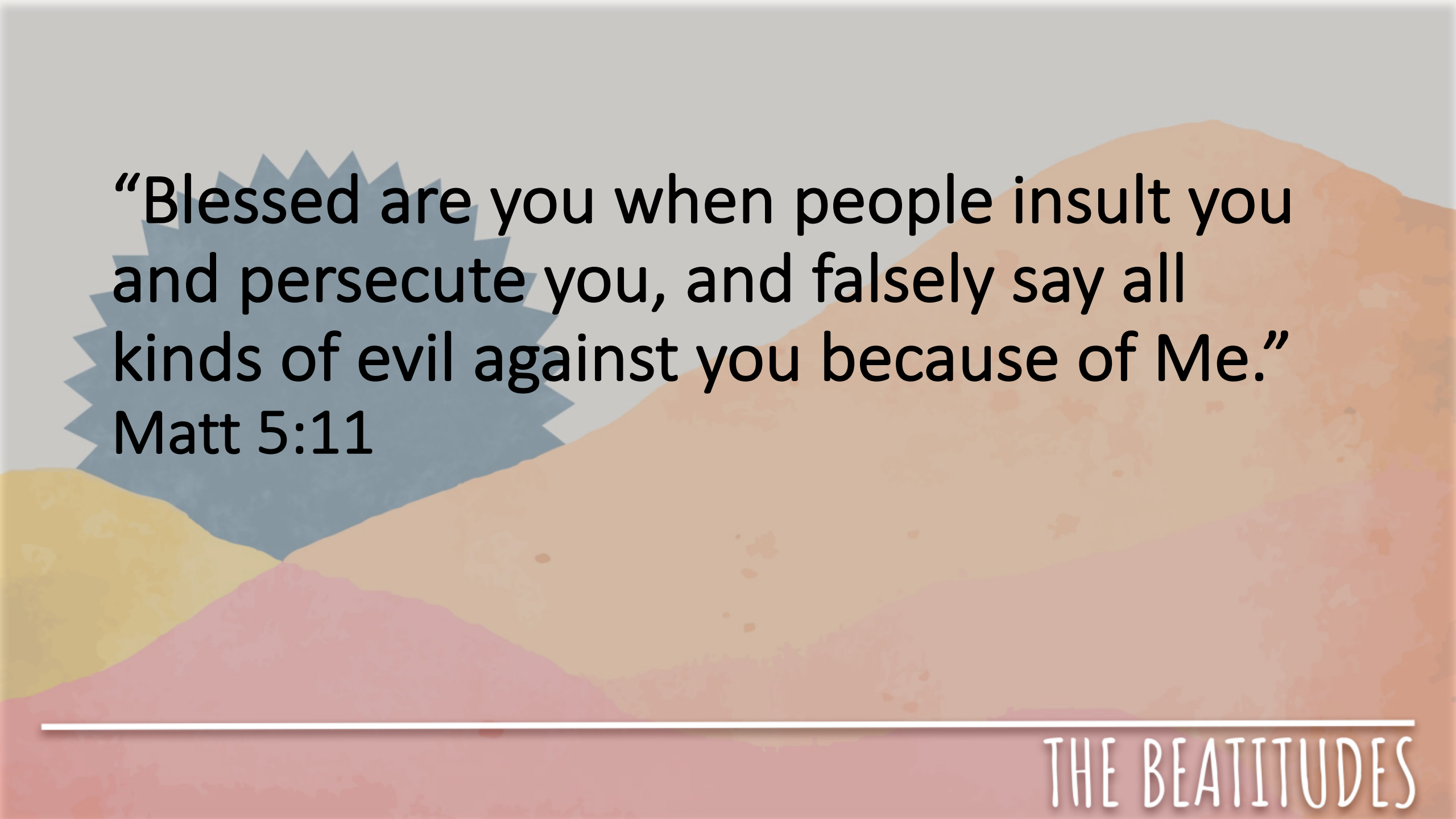
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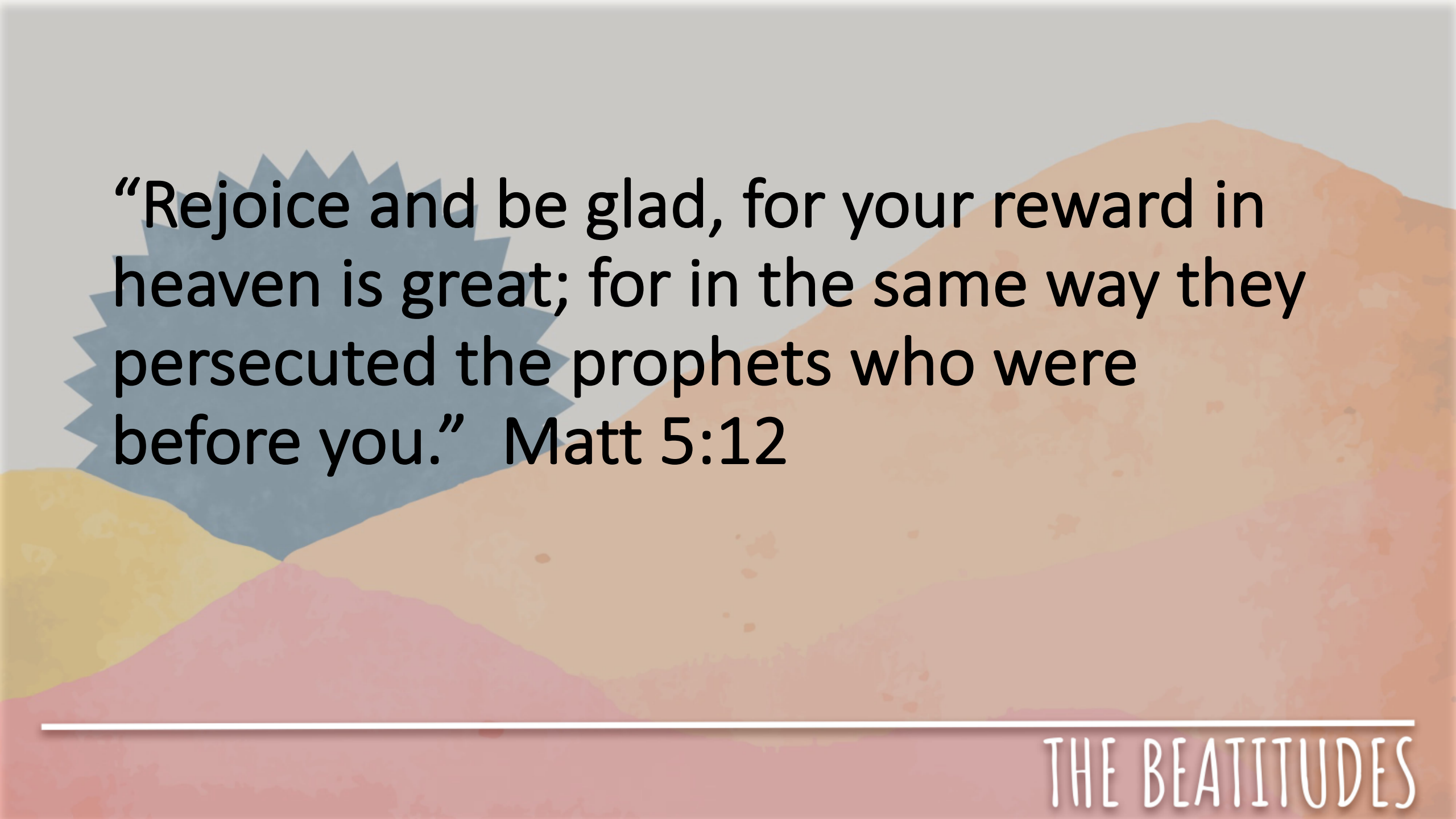
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# Unique Examples

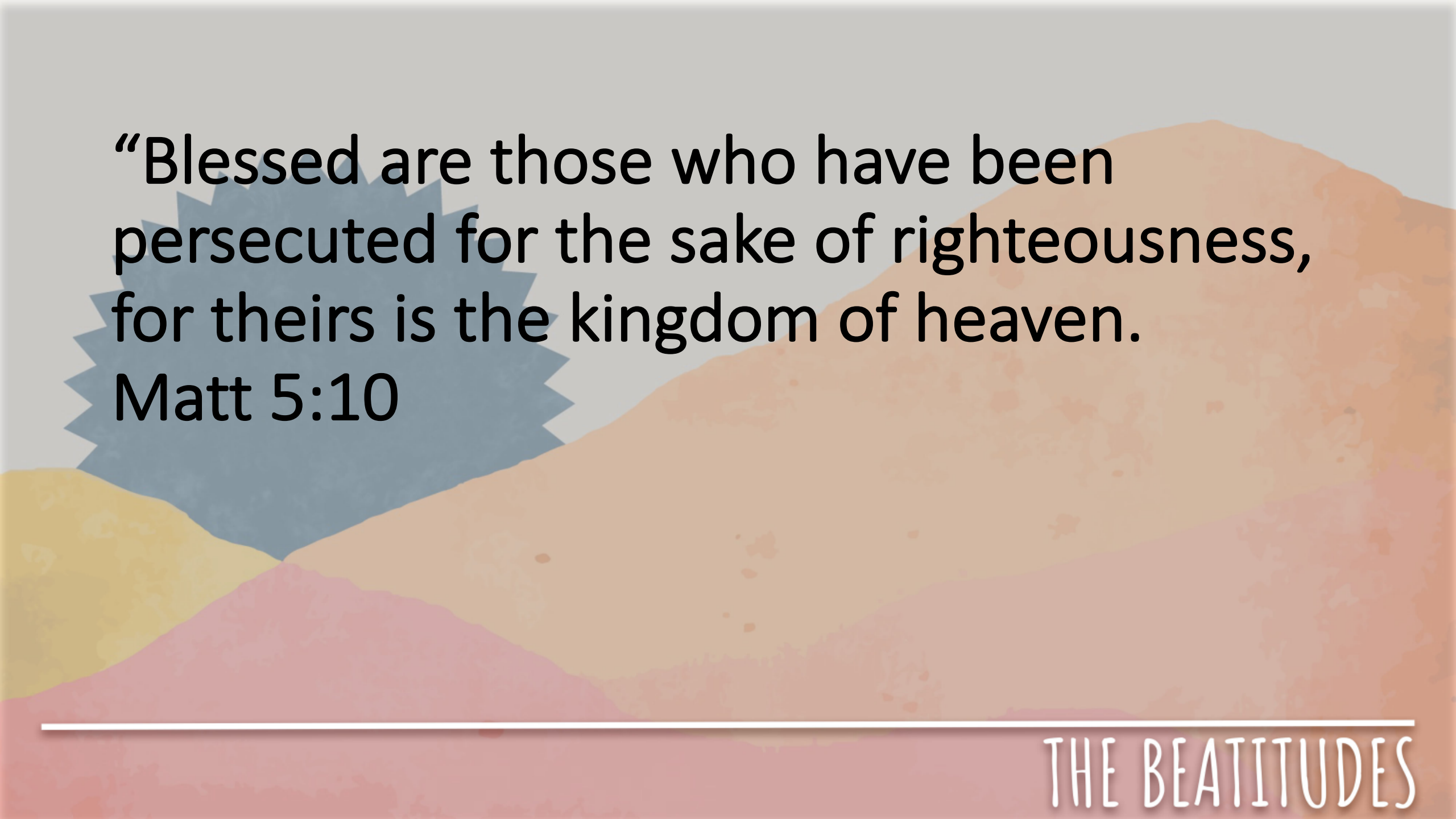
- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Today



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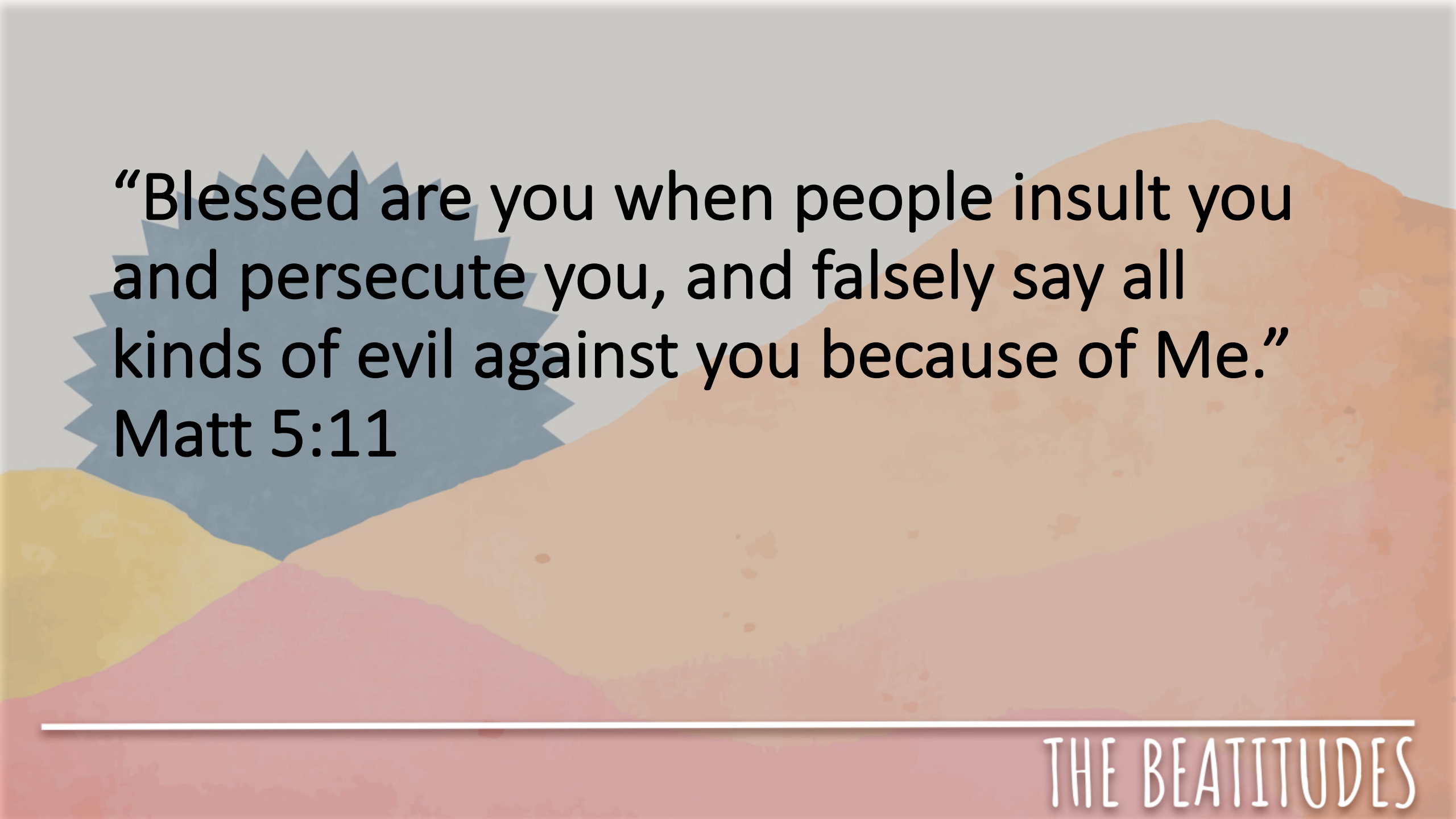
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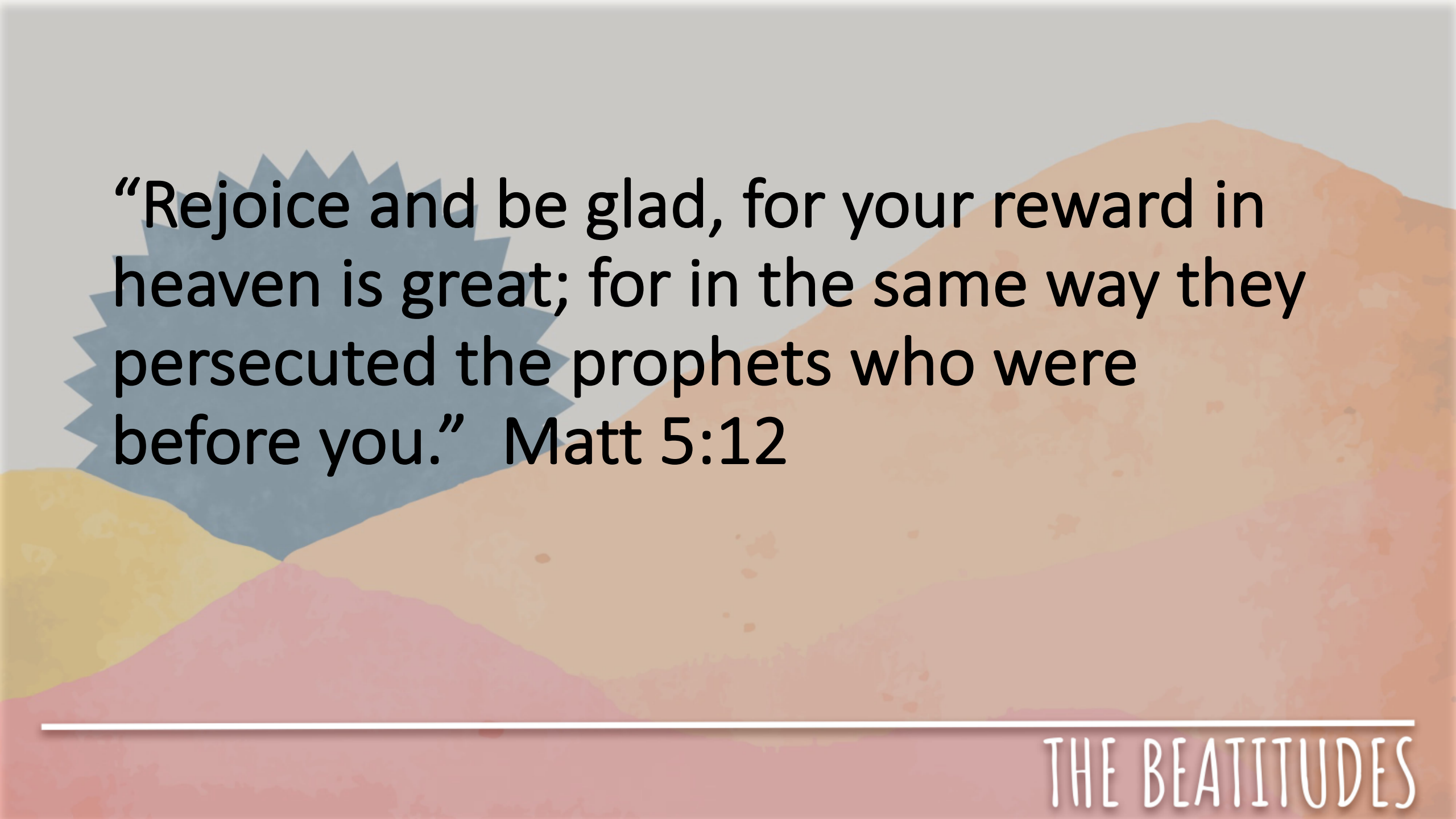


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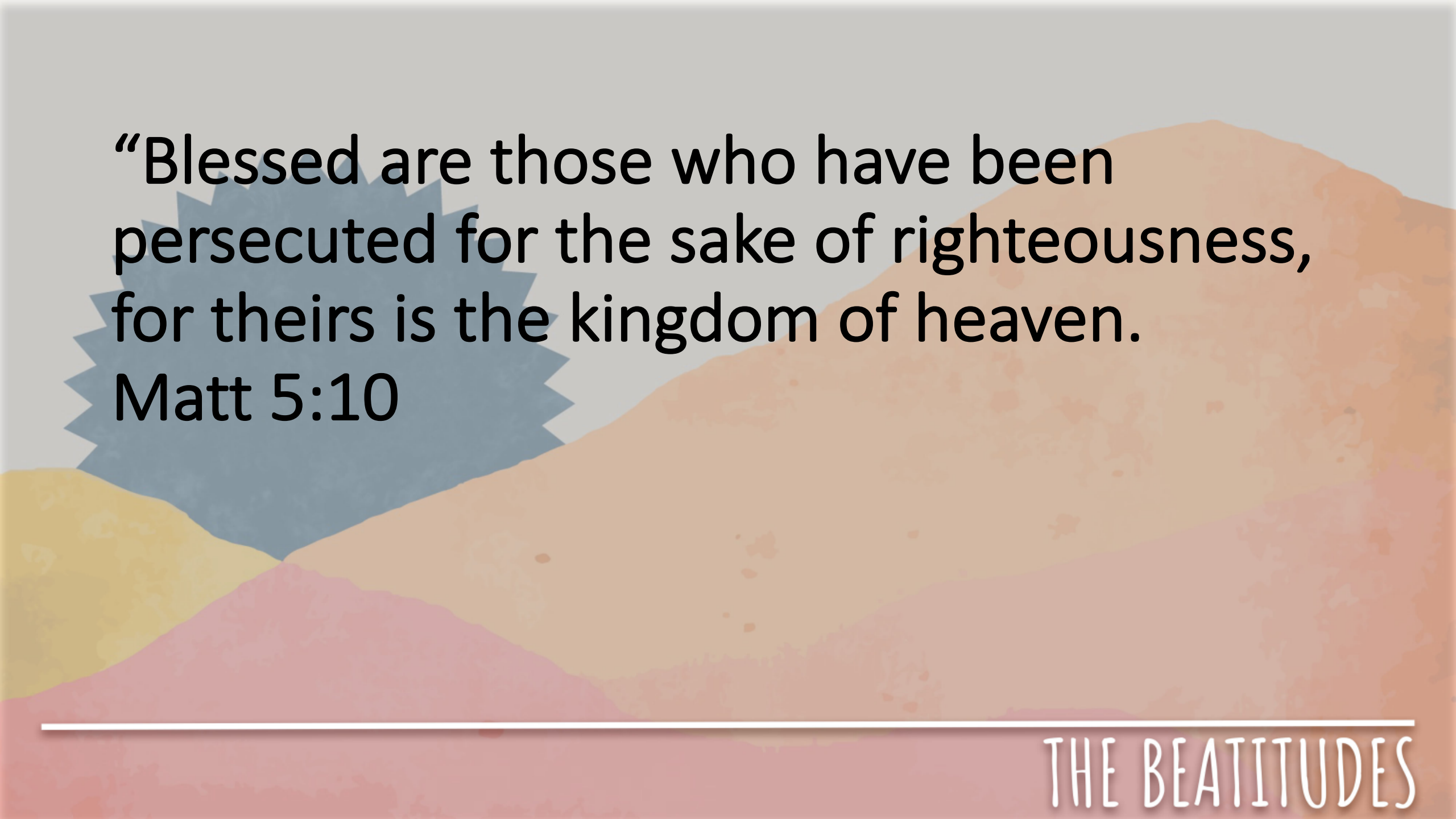
# Unique Outcomes

- Righteousness – 1 Peter 3
- Rewards – Heb 11:26



*“If you are going to walk with Jesus Christ, you are going to be opposed .... In our days, to be a true Christian is really to become a scandal.”*

George Whitefield

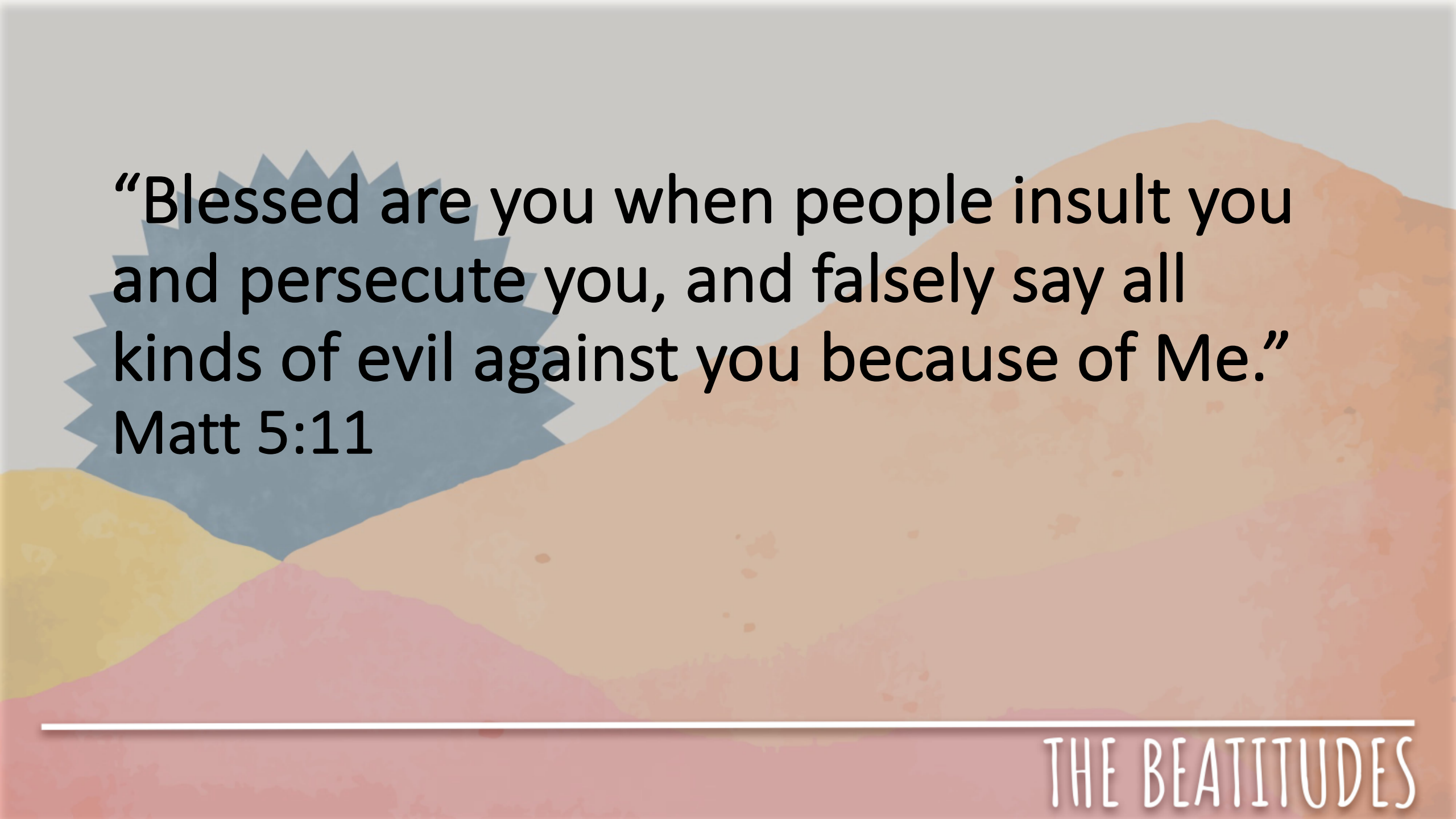


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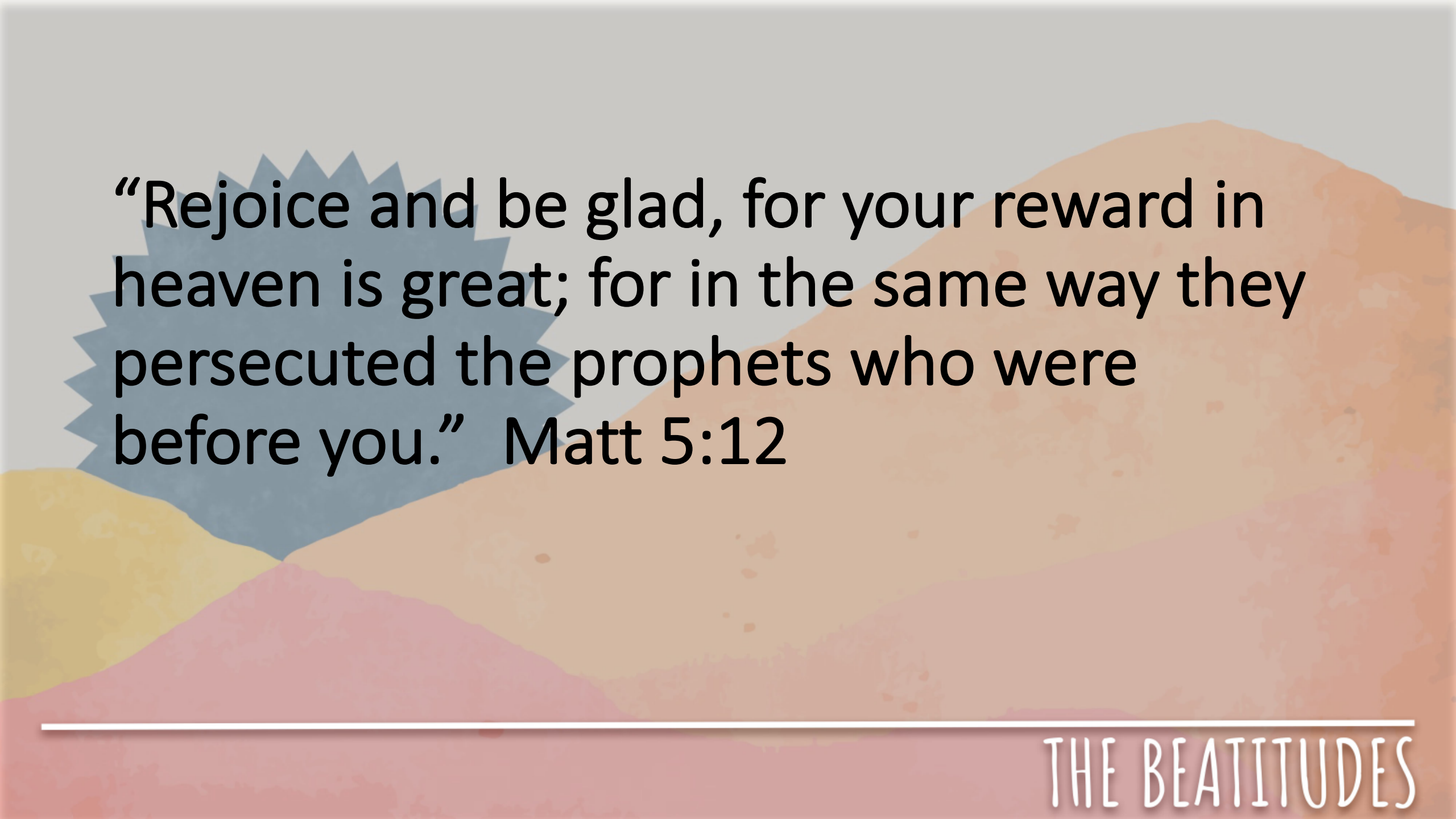
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*Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other.”*

# Unique Problems Luke 16:13-15

- Those who support the World
- Those who are indifferent to the World
- Those who are passionate for God

*“Persecution is an enemy the Church has met and mastered many times. Indifference could prove to be a far more dangerous foe.”* Brother Andrew

*1 Cor 4:18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*



# Unique People 2 Cor 4:17-18

- Shining – revealing
- Hiding – concealing
- Glowing - exalting



*Matt 5:44 “But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”*



*“The world never burned a casual  
Christian at the stake.”* John R. Rice

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