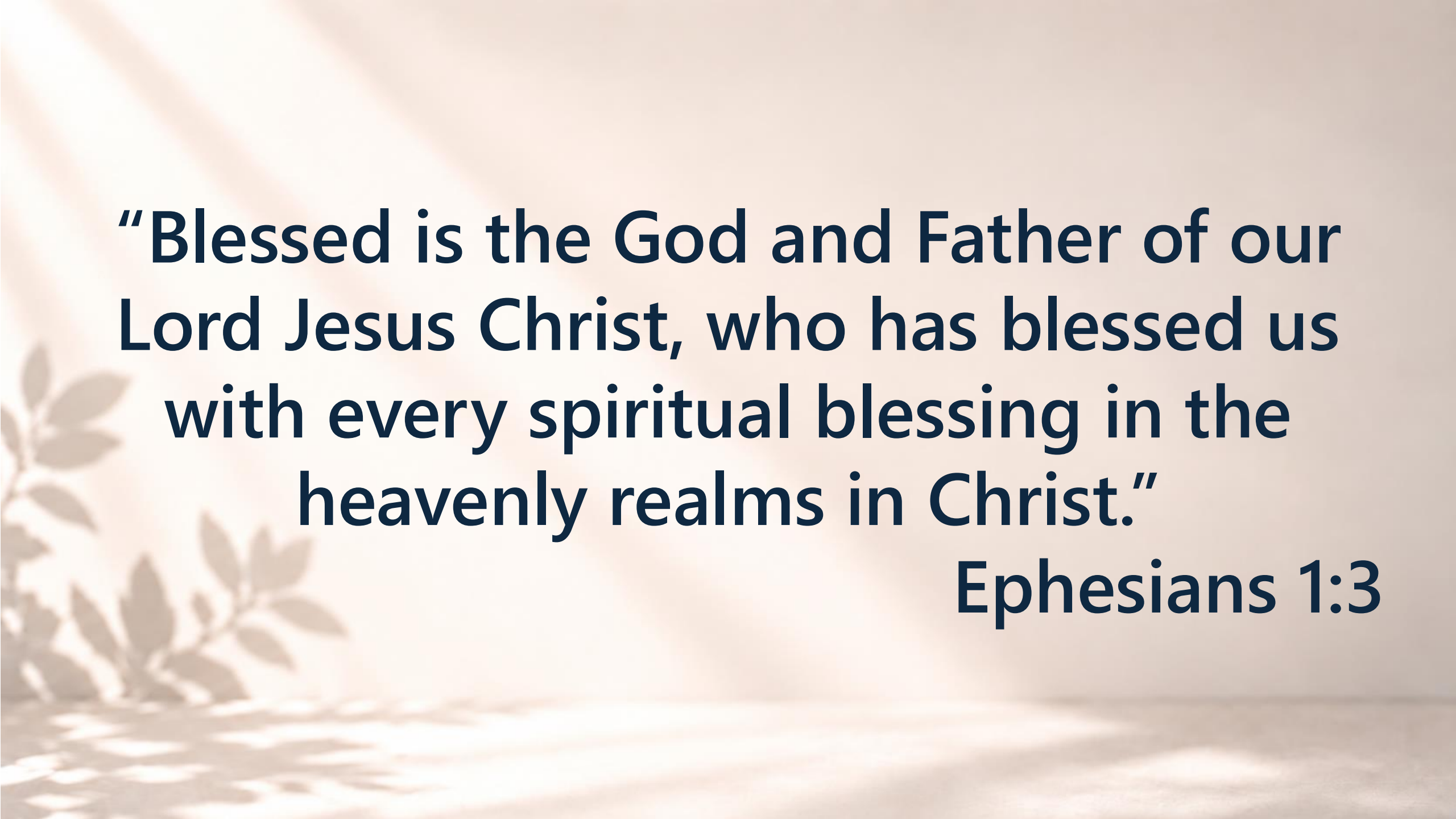


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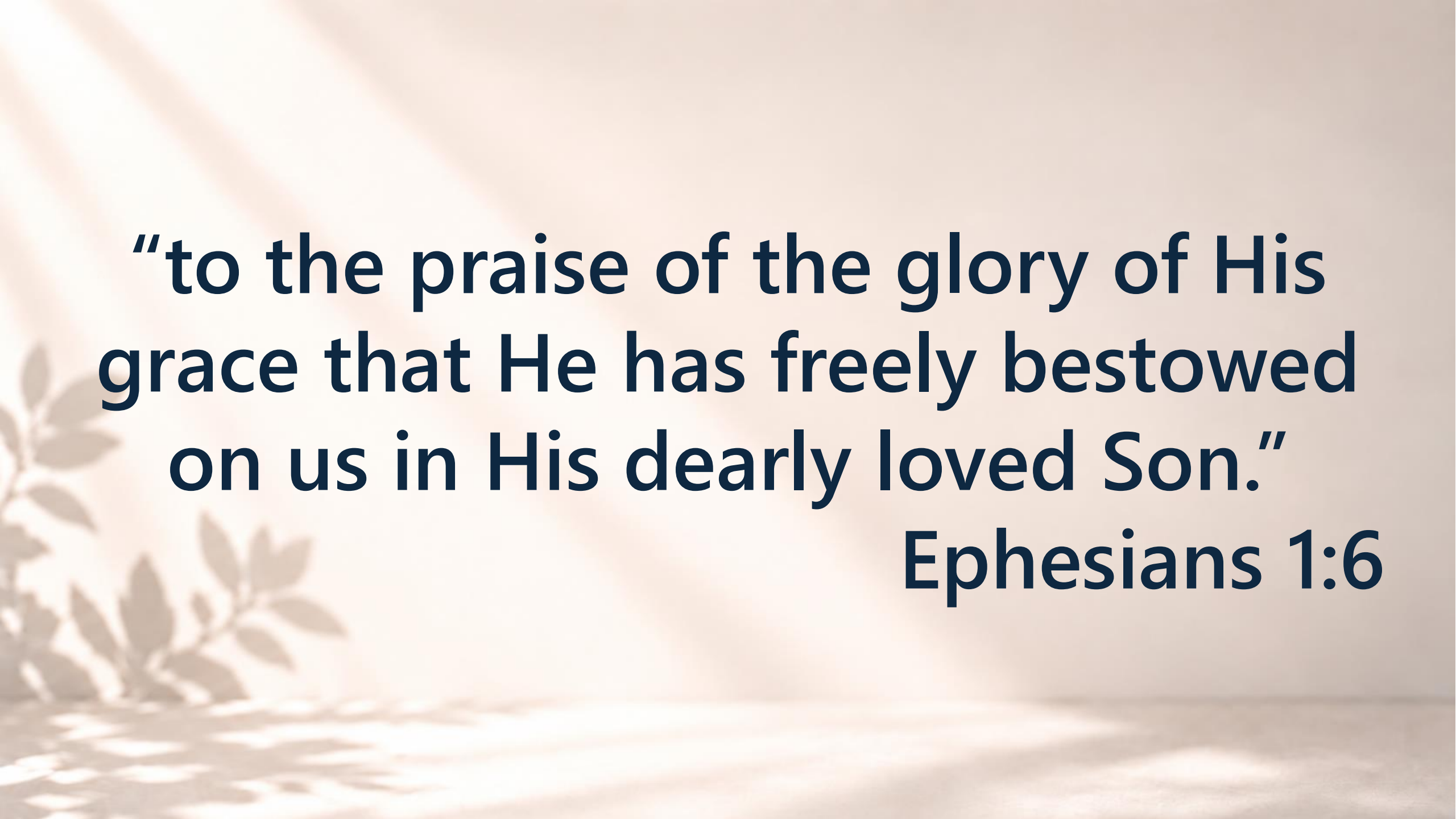
THE RICHES OF GRACE





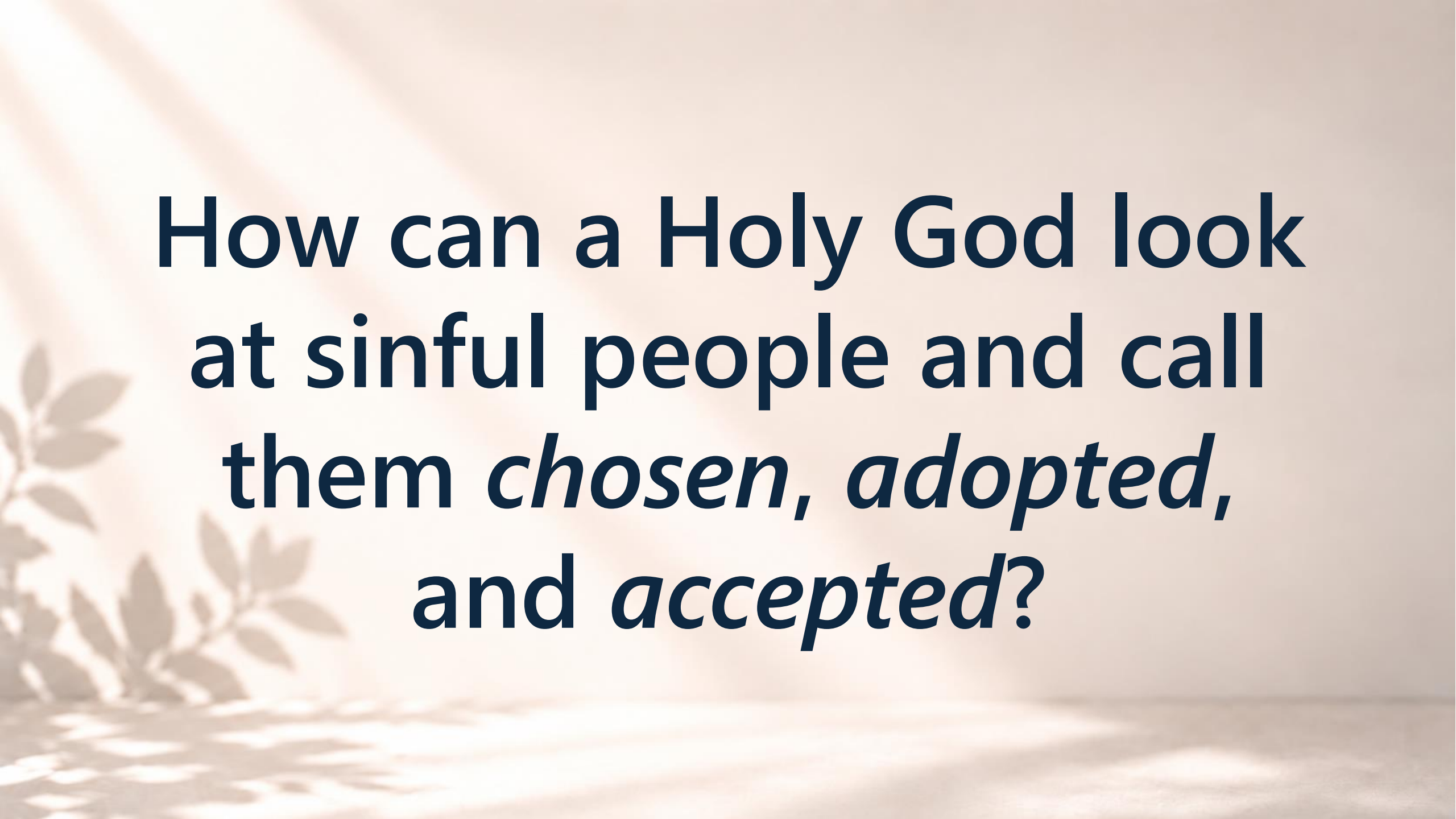
**“Blessed is the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us
with every spiritual blessing in the
heavenly realms in Christ.”**

Ephesians 1:3



**“to the praise of the glory of His
grace that He has freely bestowed
on us in His dearly loved Son.”**

Ephesians 1:6



How can a Holy God look
at sinful people and call
them *chosen, adopted,*
and *accepted?*

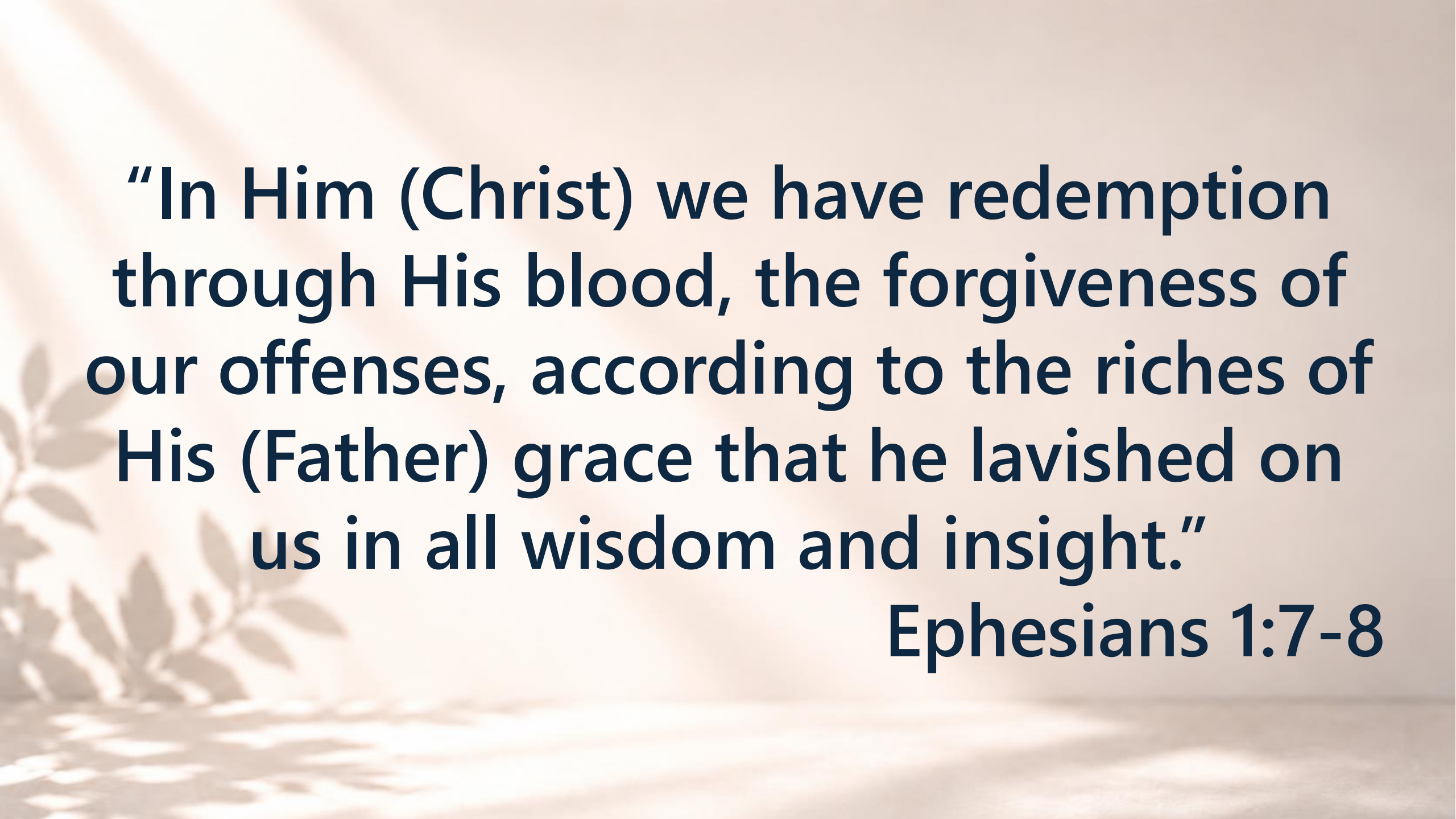
We see: Bondage



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**We see:
Bondage**

**God sees:
Redeemed & Forgiven**



“In Him (Christ) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our offenses, according to the riches of His (Father) grace that he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight.”

Ephesians 1:7-8

We see: Uncertainty



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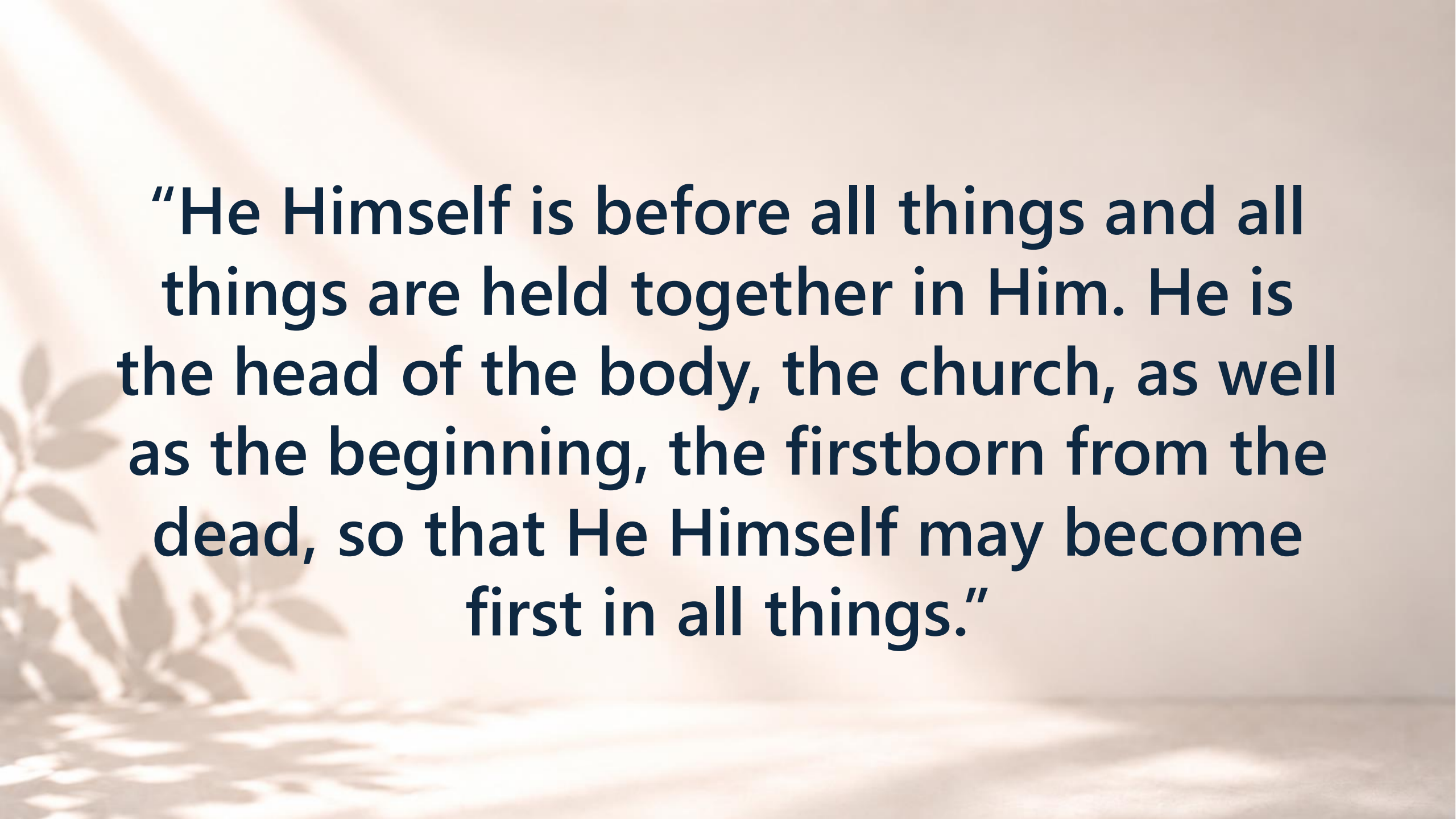
**God sees:
His Eternal Plan**



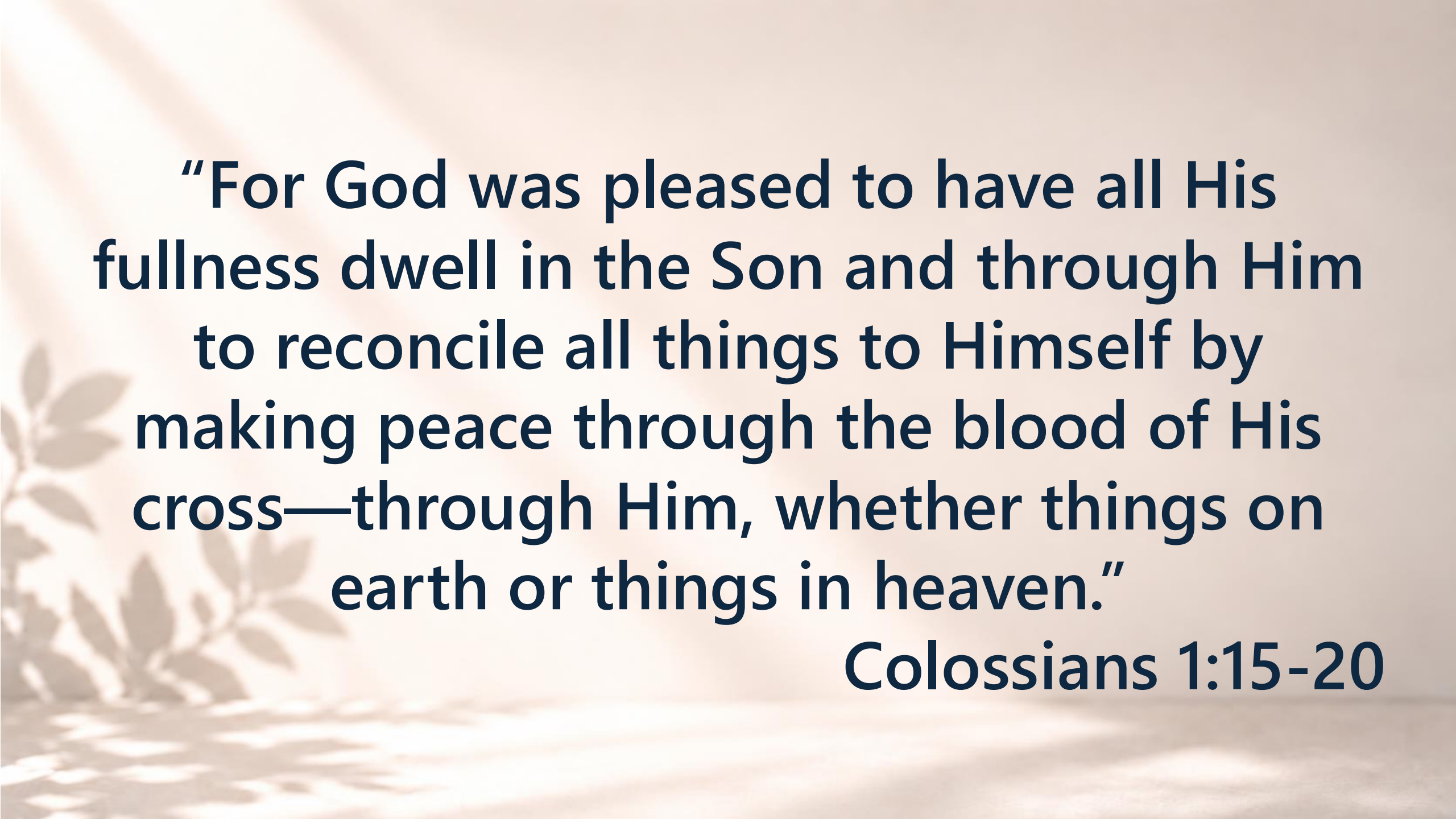
“He did this when He (Father) revealed to us the mystery of His (Father) will, according to His (Father) good pleasure that He (Father) set forth in Christ, toward the administration of the fullness of the times, *to head up all things in Christ*—the things in heaven and the things on earth.”

Ephesians 1:9-10

“He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, for all things in heaven and on earth were created in Him, all things, whether visible or invisible, whether thrones or dominions, whether principalities or powers—all things were created through Him and for Him. ”



“He Himself is before all things and all things are held together in Him. He is the head of the body, the church, as well as the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself may become first in all things.”



“For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in the Son and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself by making peace through the blood of His cross—through Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven.”

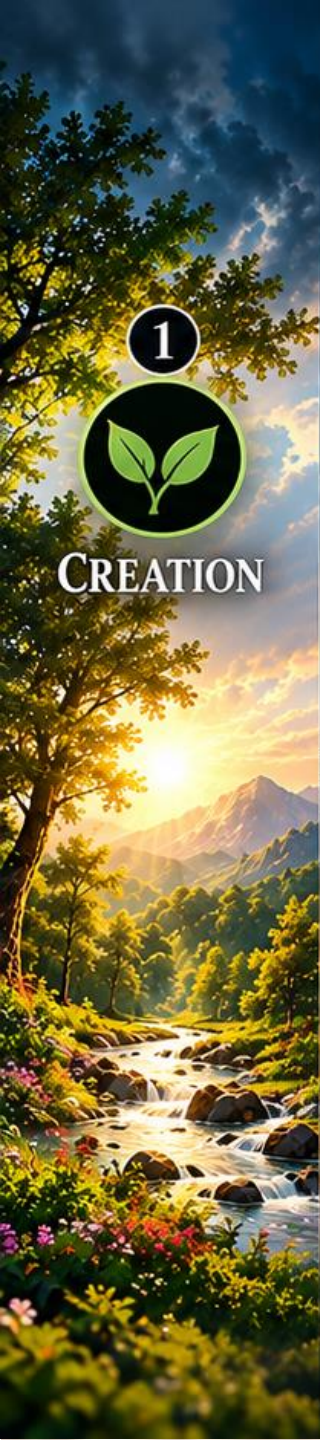
Colossians 1:15-20

THE STORY OF REDEMPTION

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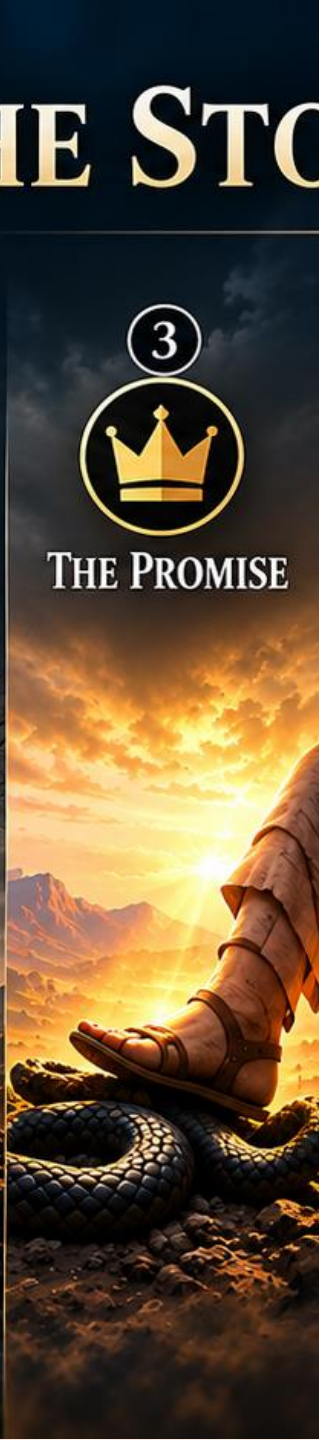
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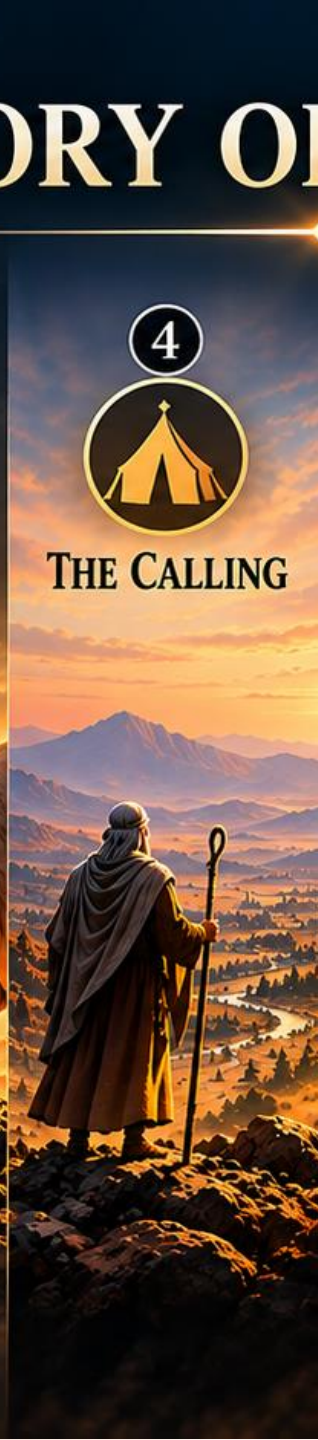
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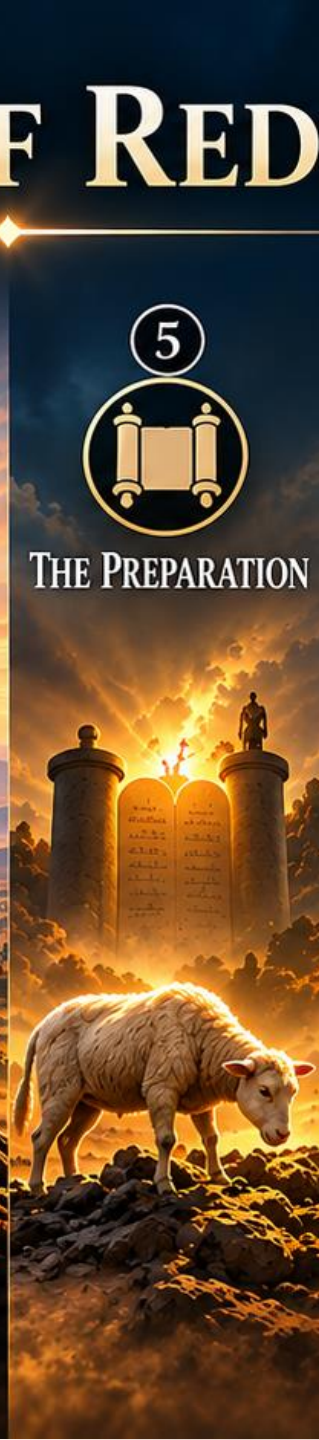
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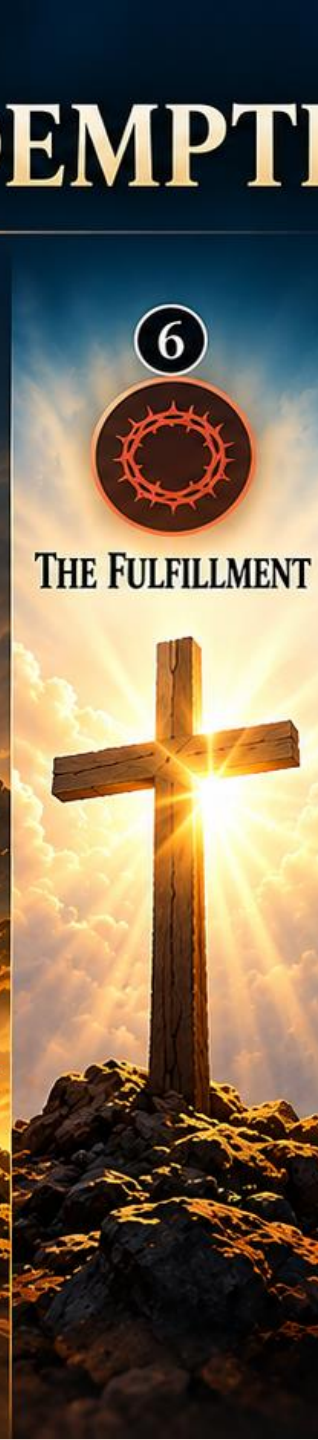
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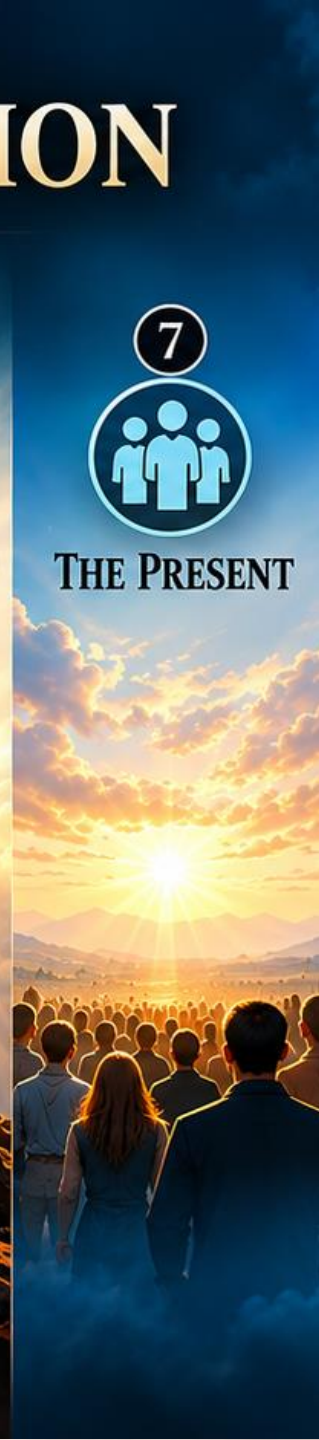
THE FULFILLMENT



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THE PRESENT



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THE FUTURE



Ultimate Plan

"...to bring everything together in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in Him."

Ephesians 1:10 & Colossians 1:15-20

**We see:
Insignificant**



**We see:
Insignificant**

**God sees:
His Inheritance**



“In Christ we too have been claimed as God’s own possession, since we were predestined according to the purpose of Him (Father) who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of His (Father) will so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, would be to the praise of His (Father) glory.”

Ephesians 1:11-12

The Mirror

What we lack → Blessed

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**What we lack → Blessed
Unwanted → Chosen**

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