

A large tree stands in the center of the frame, split vertically. The left side of the tree is lush with vibrant green leaves, while the right side is a skeletal, leafless branch structure. The background features a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow light breaking through dark, heavy clouds. In the distance, rolling hills or mountains are visible under the twilight sky. The foreground consists of a green field on the left and a cracked, dry earth path on the right.

Faith without Works is Dead





DISAGREEMENT

When opinions differ, the one with the biggest mouth wins.





conflict
resolution





The Inward Battle and the Outward War

Preaching Statement

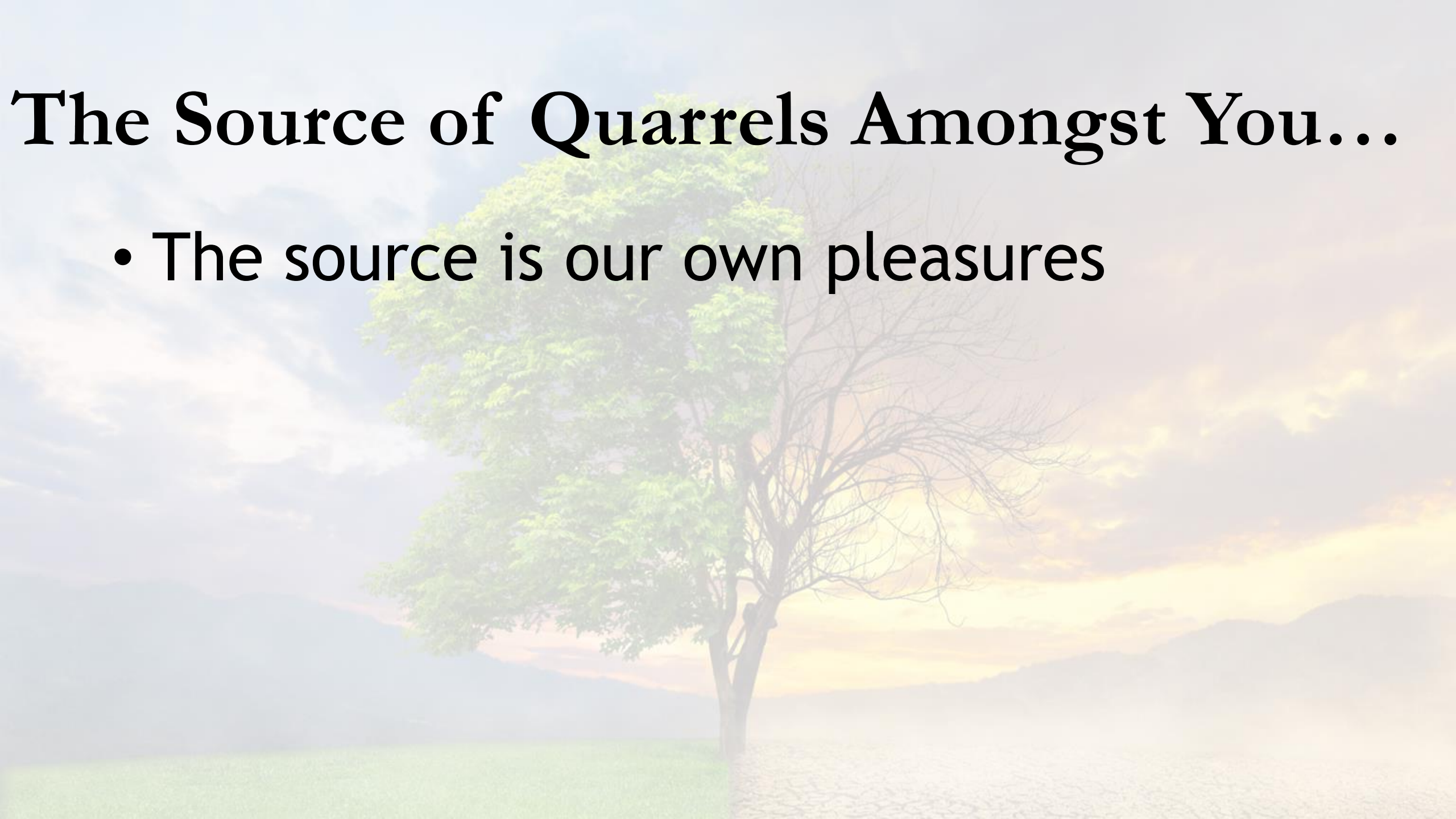
Desiring the world
leads to quarrels;
God's desire leads to
grace

Flow of James 4:1-6

- The Great War Wagging on the Inside
- The Greater War Wagging on the Outside
- Going from Quarreling with God to Having Peace with God

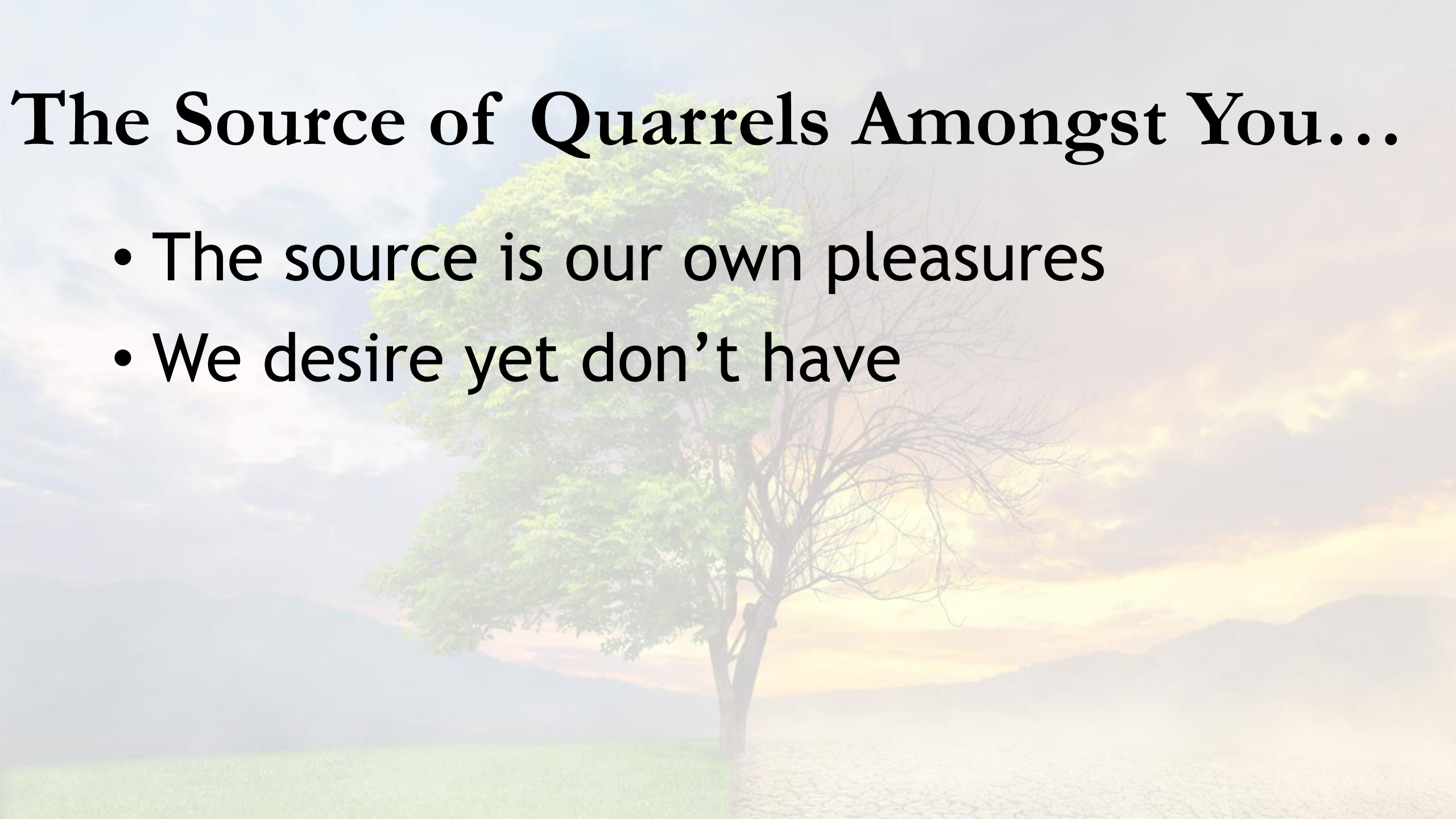
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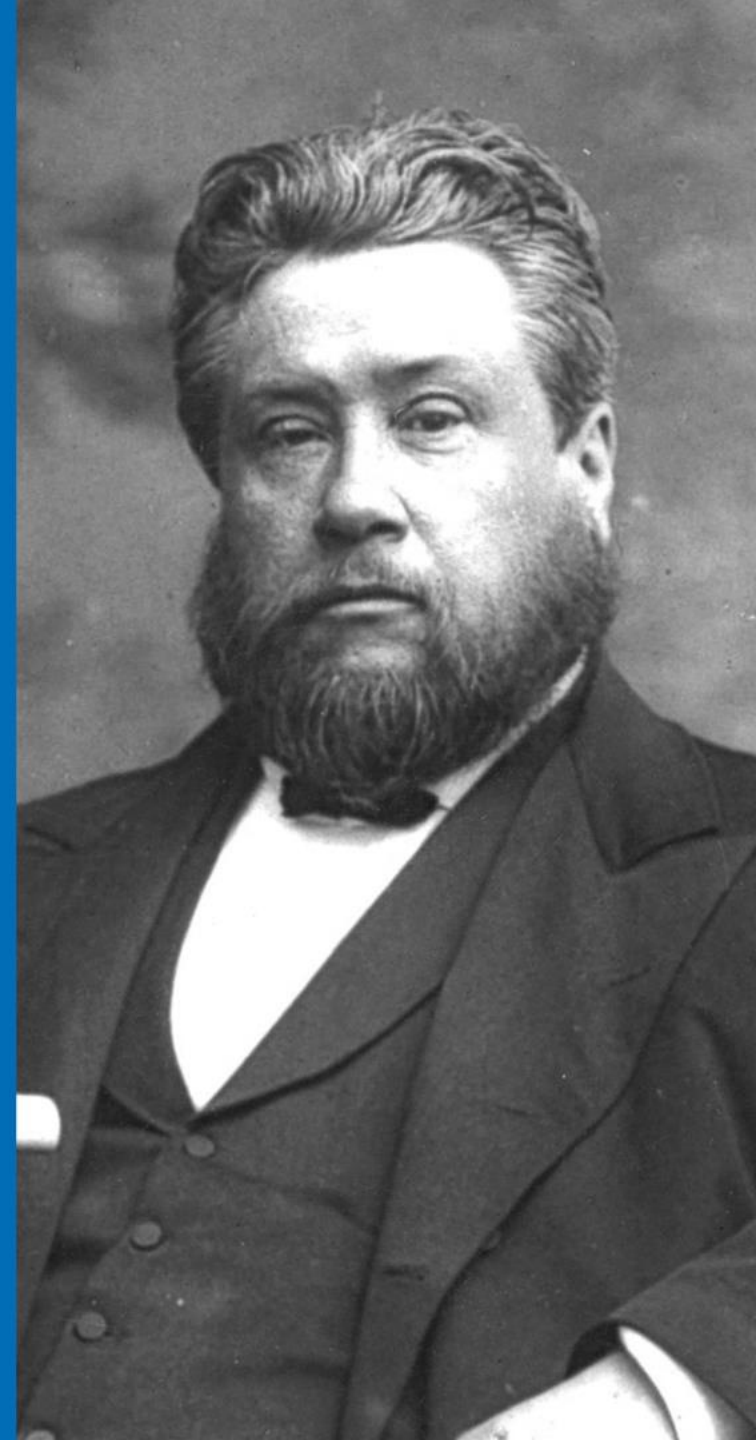


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- Our motives are the problem

You desire and do not have." Worldly desires, however strong they may be, do not in many cases obtain what they seek. A person longs to be happy, but he is not. He pines to be great, but he grows more ordinary every day. He aspires after what he thinks will content him, but he is still unsatisfied. One way or another his life is a disappointment. How can it be otherwise? If we sow the wind, must we not reap the whirlwind and nothing else?

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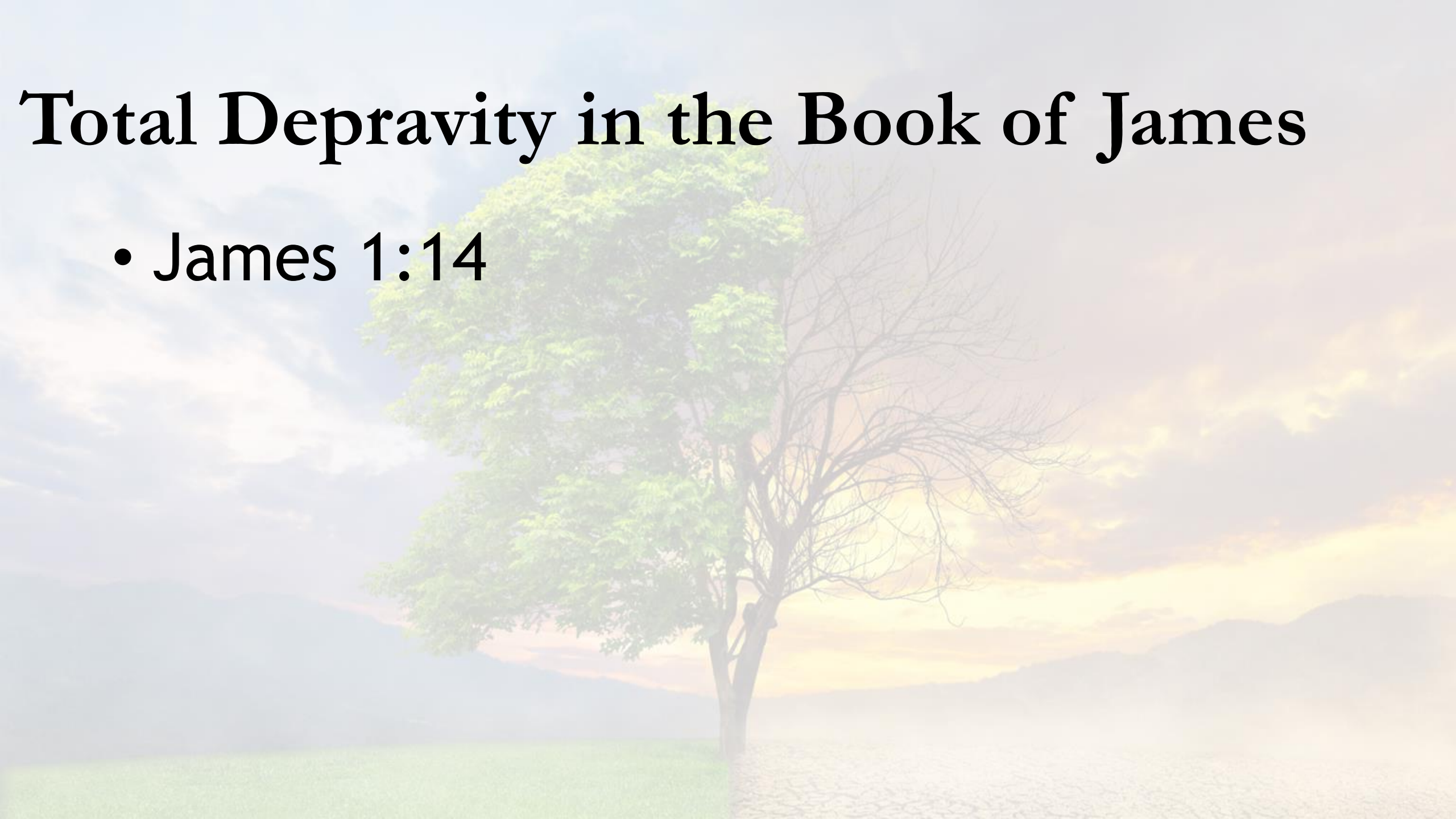
If a person's desires are the longings of fallen nature, if they begin and end with self, if the chief end for which one lives is not to glorify God but to glorify self, then one can desire but will not have.

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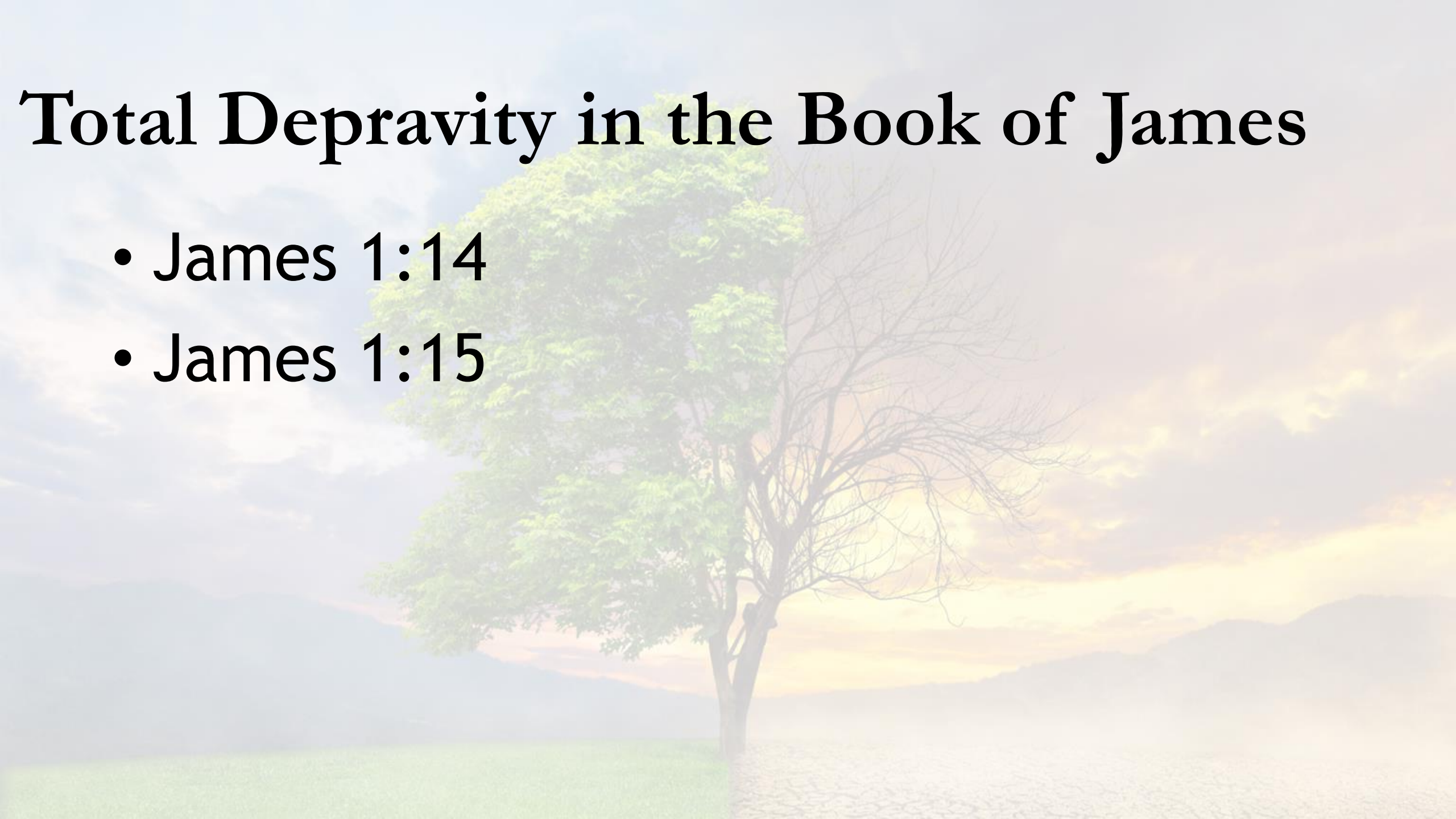
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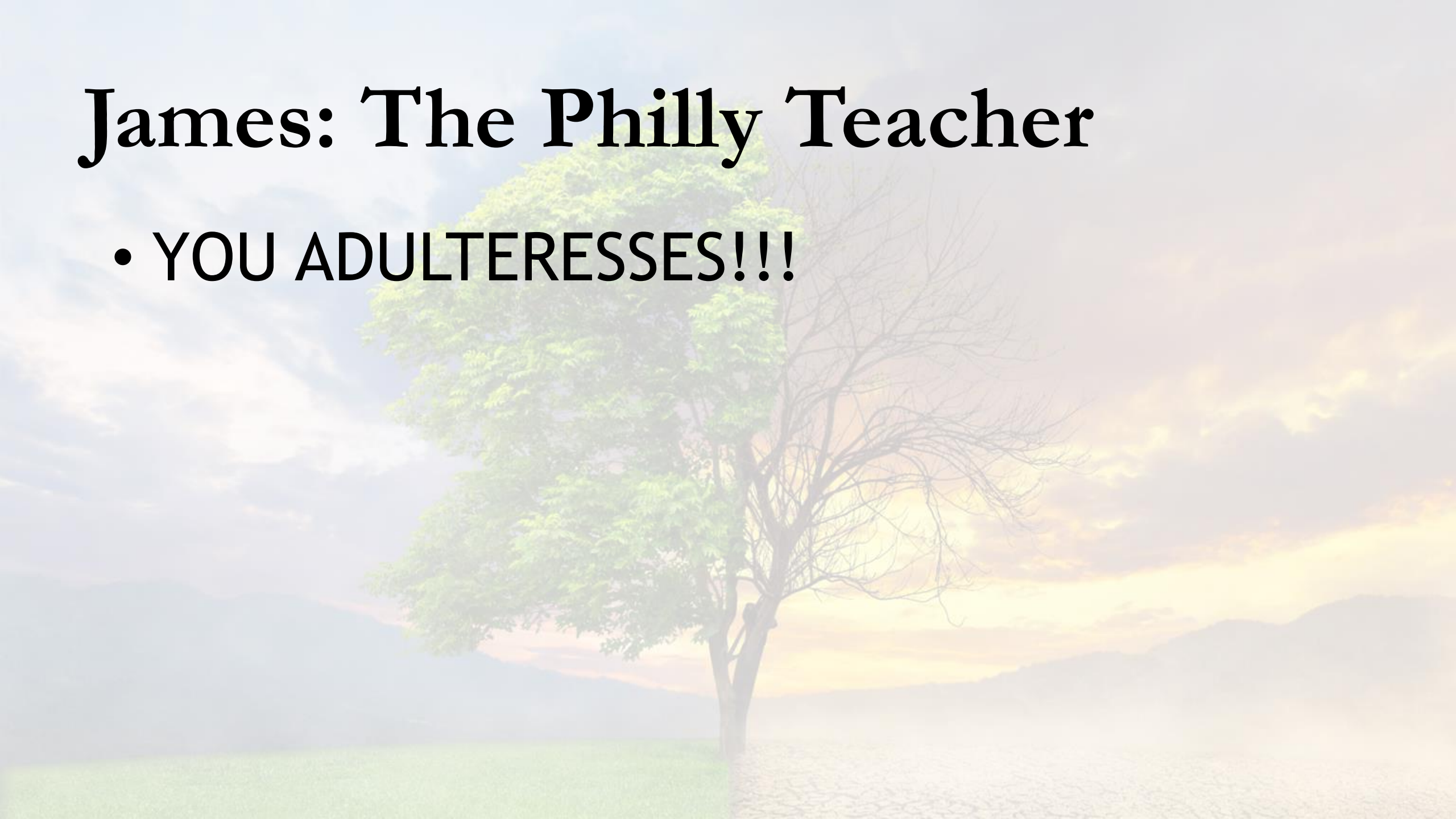


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- James 3:2 (c.f. James 1:19; Matthew 15:17-19, Luke 6:45)

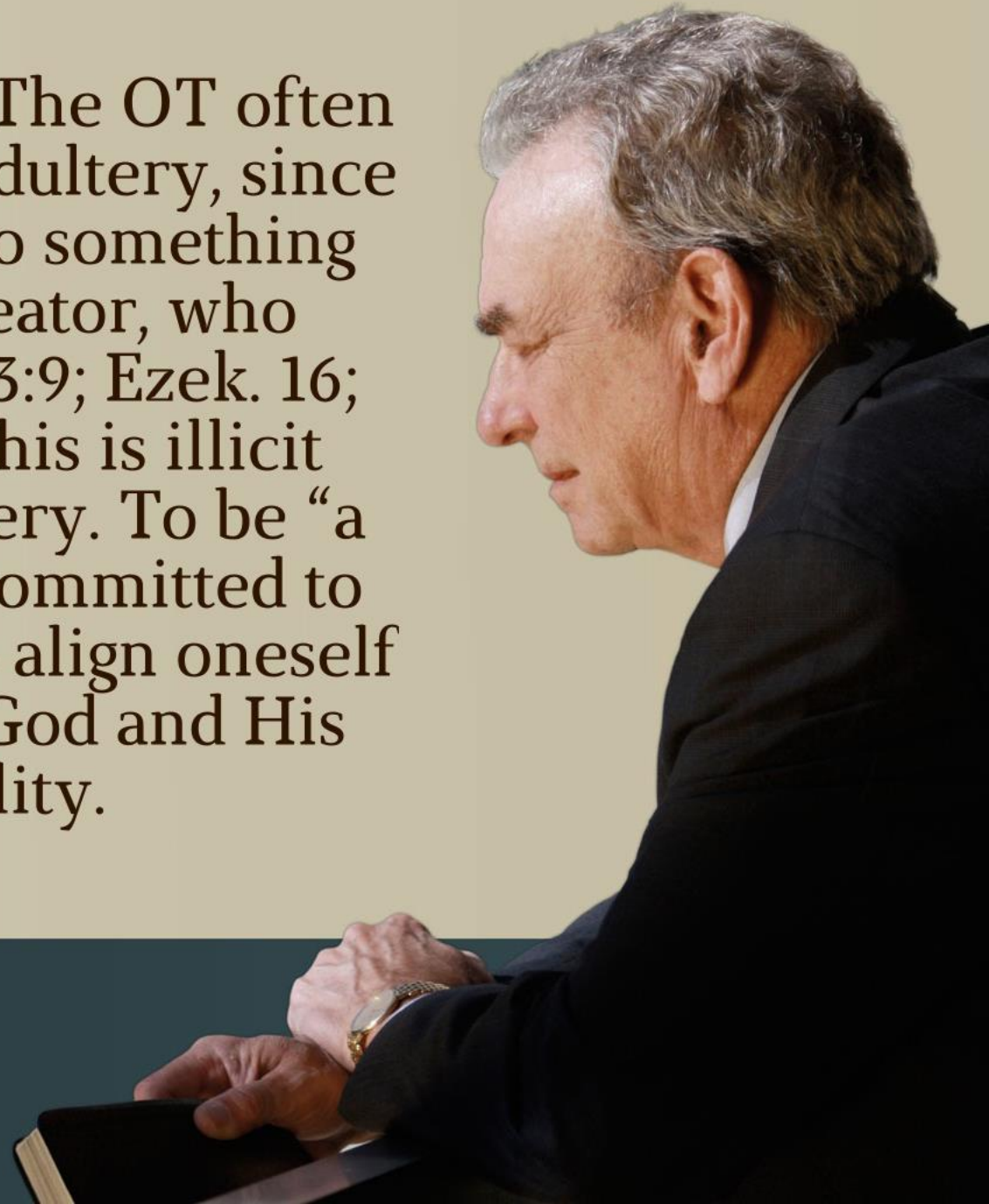
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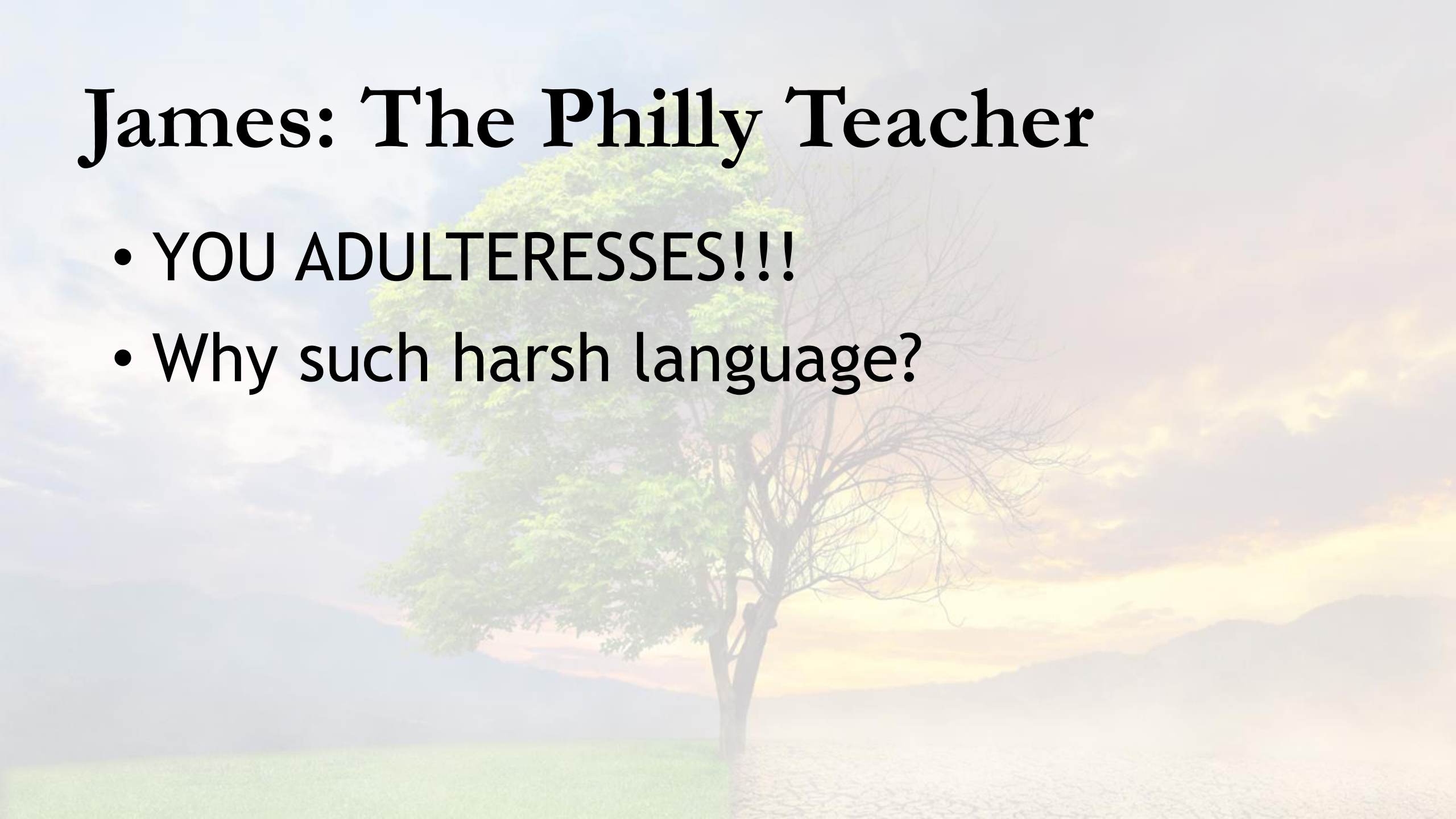
Spiritual infidelity is in view here. The OT often saw that Israel's idol worship was adultery, since it was showing covenantal loyalty to something of this creation instead of to the Creator, who was the husband of Israel (e.g., Jer. 3:9; Ezek. 16; 23:37; Hos. 4:13; cf. Rev. 2:20–22). This is illicit spiritual intercourse and thus adultery. To be “a friend of the world” is to be more committed to the “world” than to God and thus to align oneself with the evil world system against God and His people. There is no spiritual neutrality.

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- **Why such harsh language?**

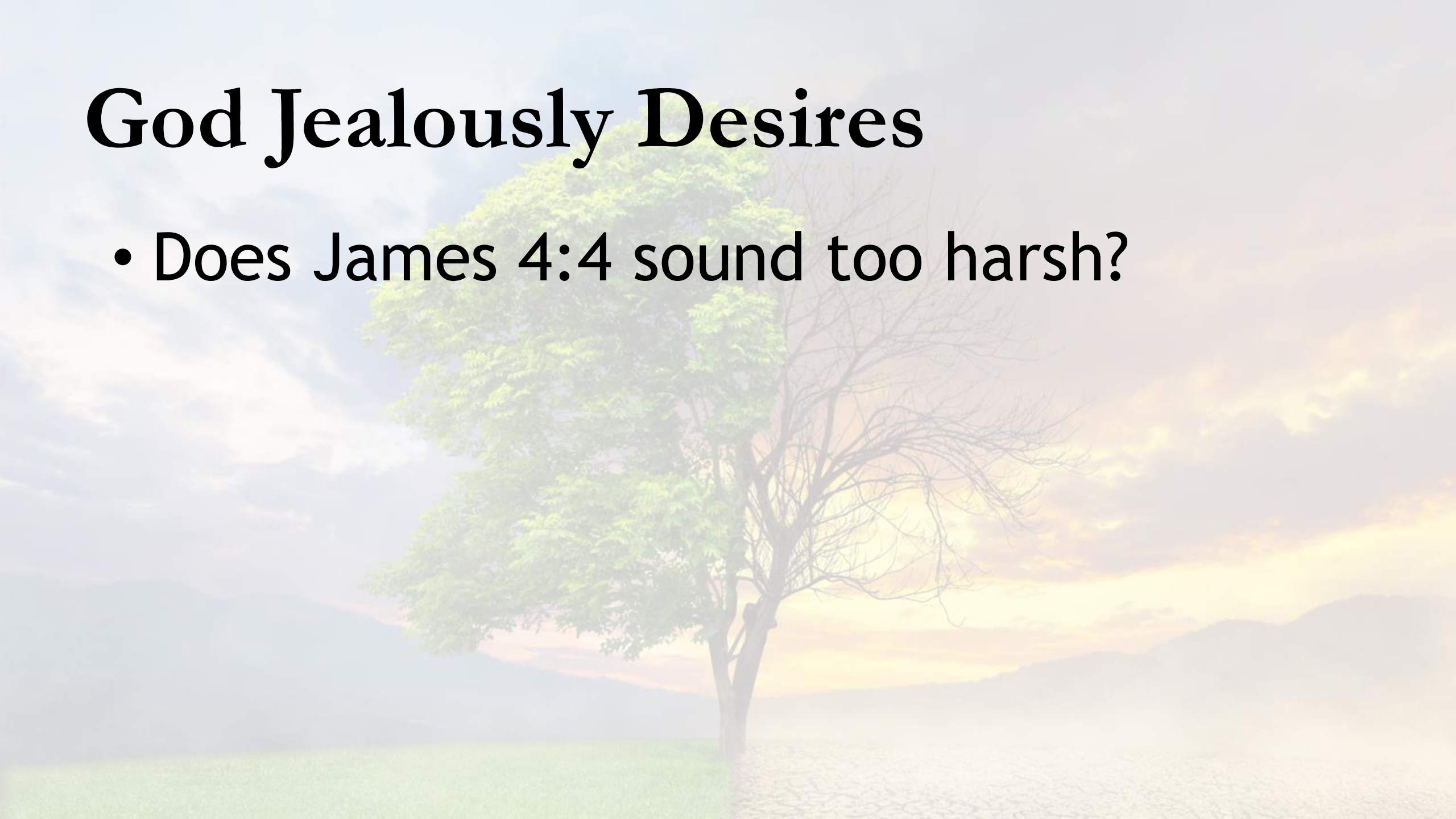


A Friend of the World is an Enemy of God

- Matthew 6:24
- John 7:7
- John 1:10
- John 14:17-31, the word world is used 6x
- John 15:18-19
- John 16:33

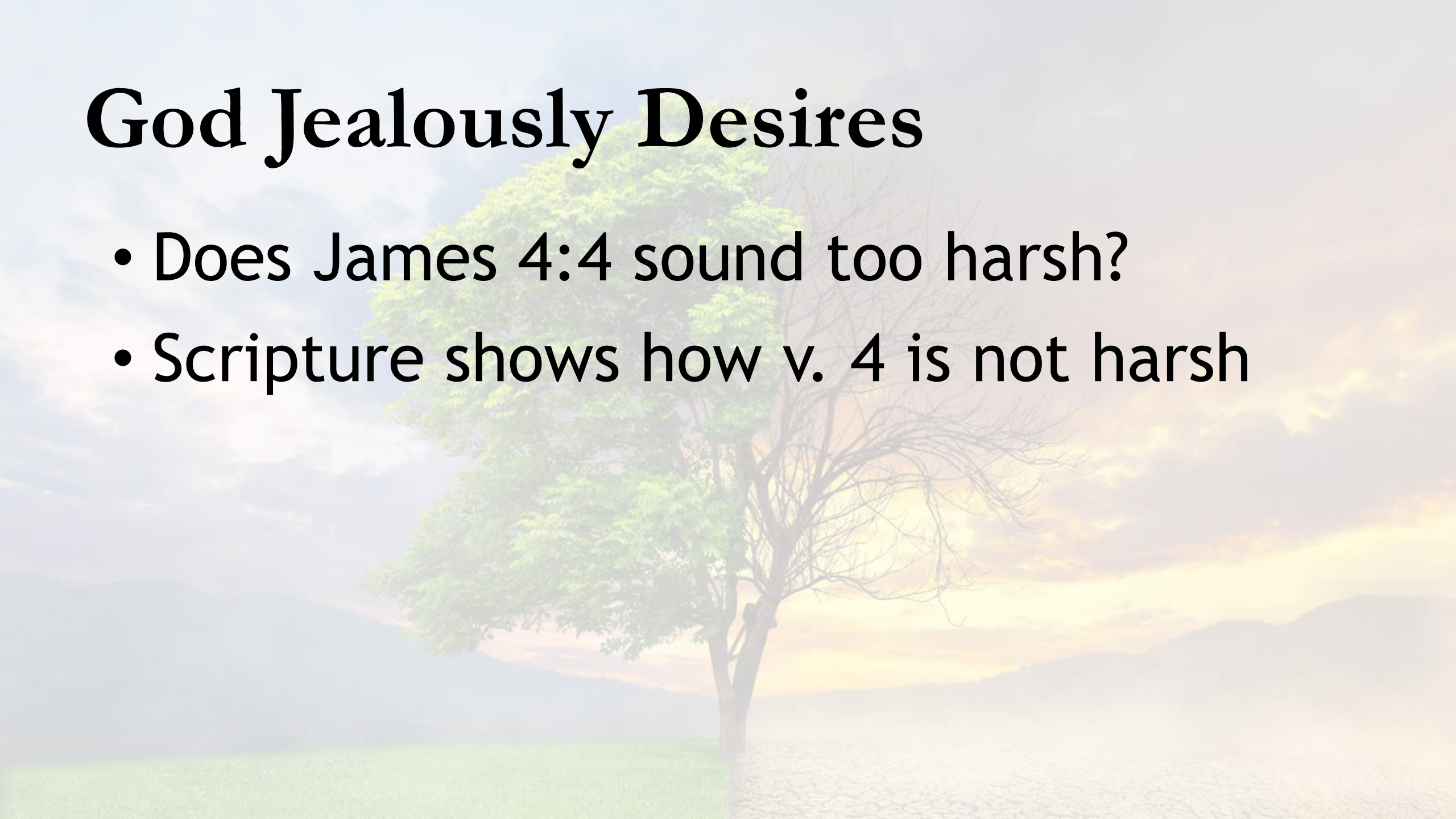
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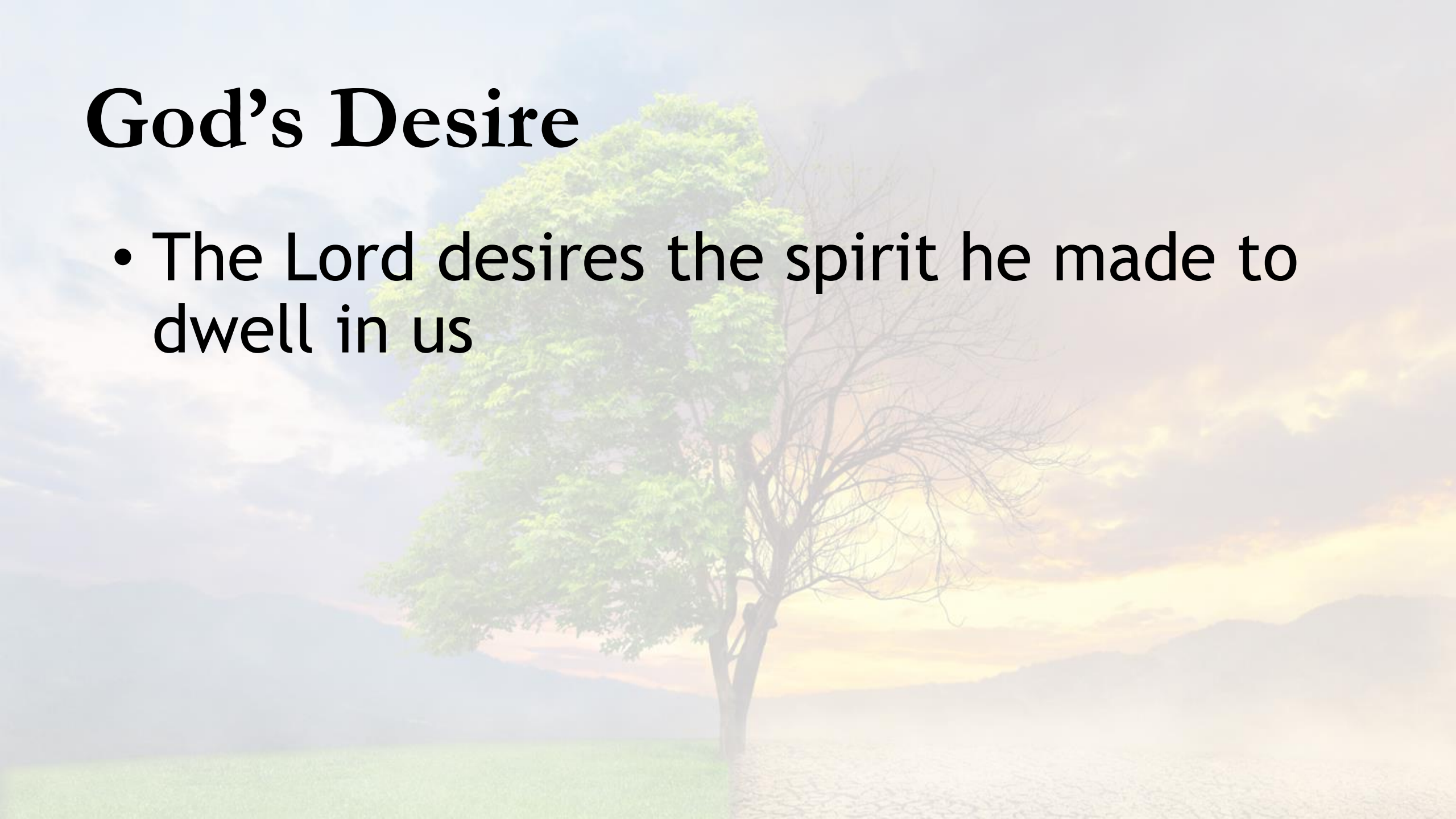
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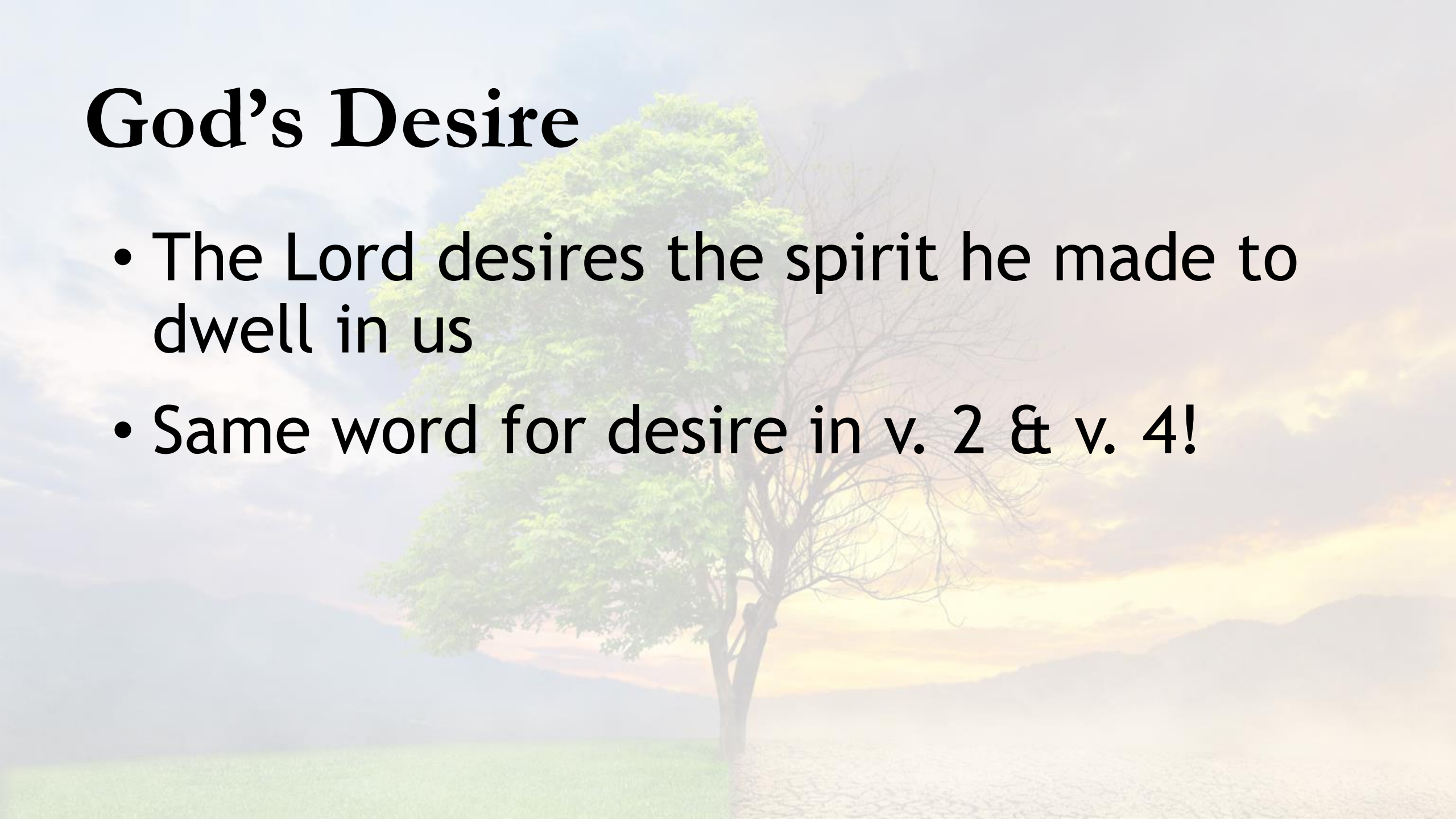
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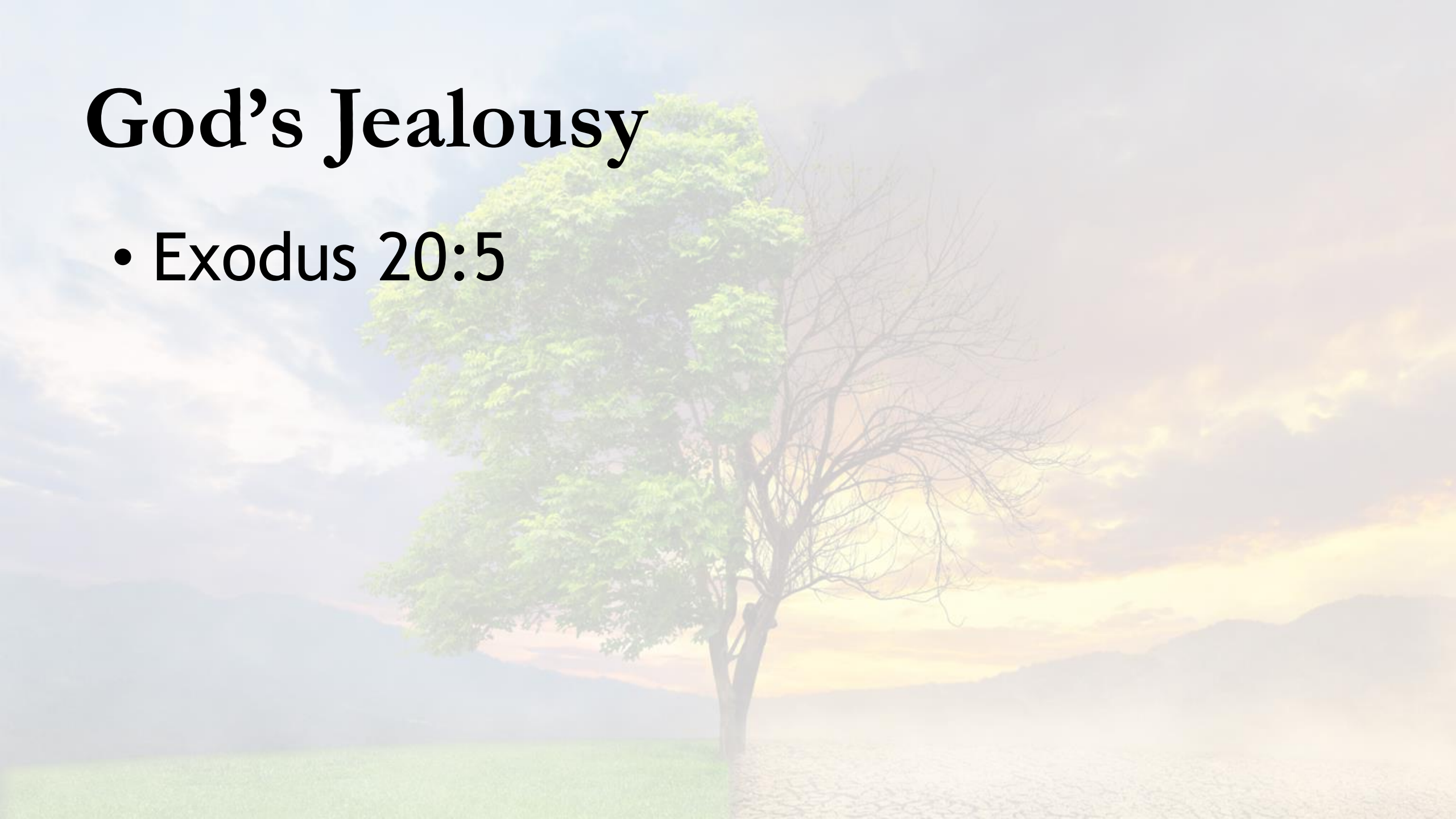


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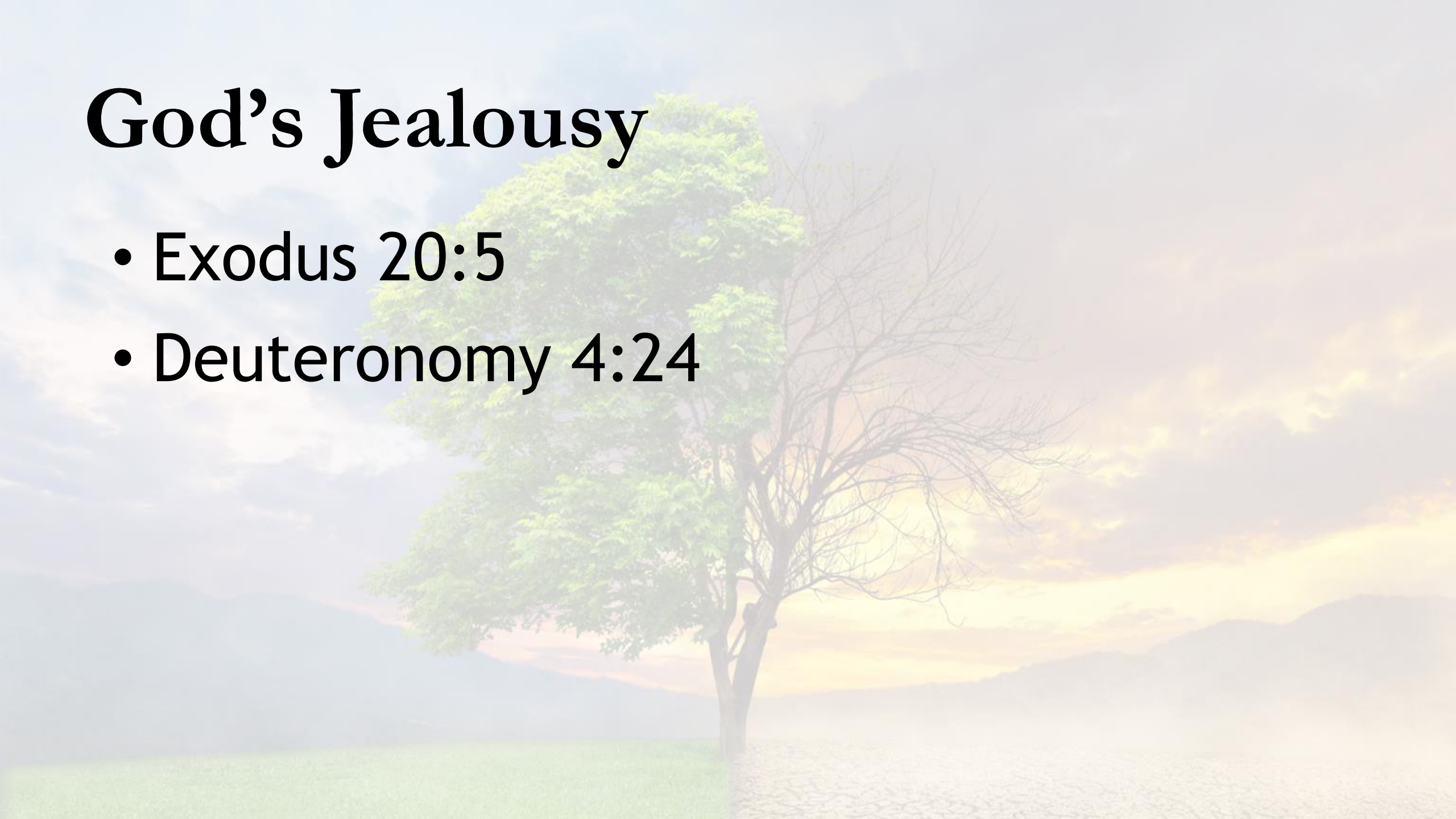
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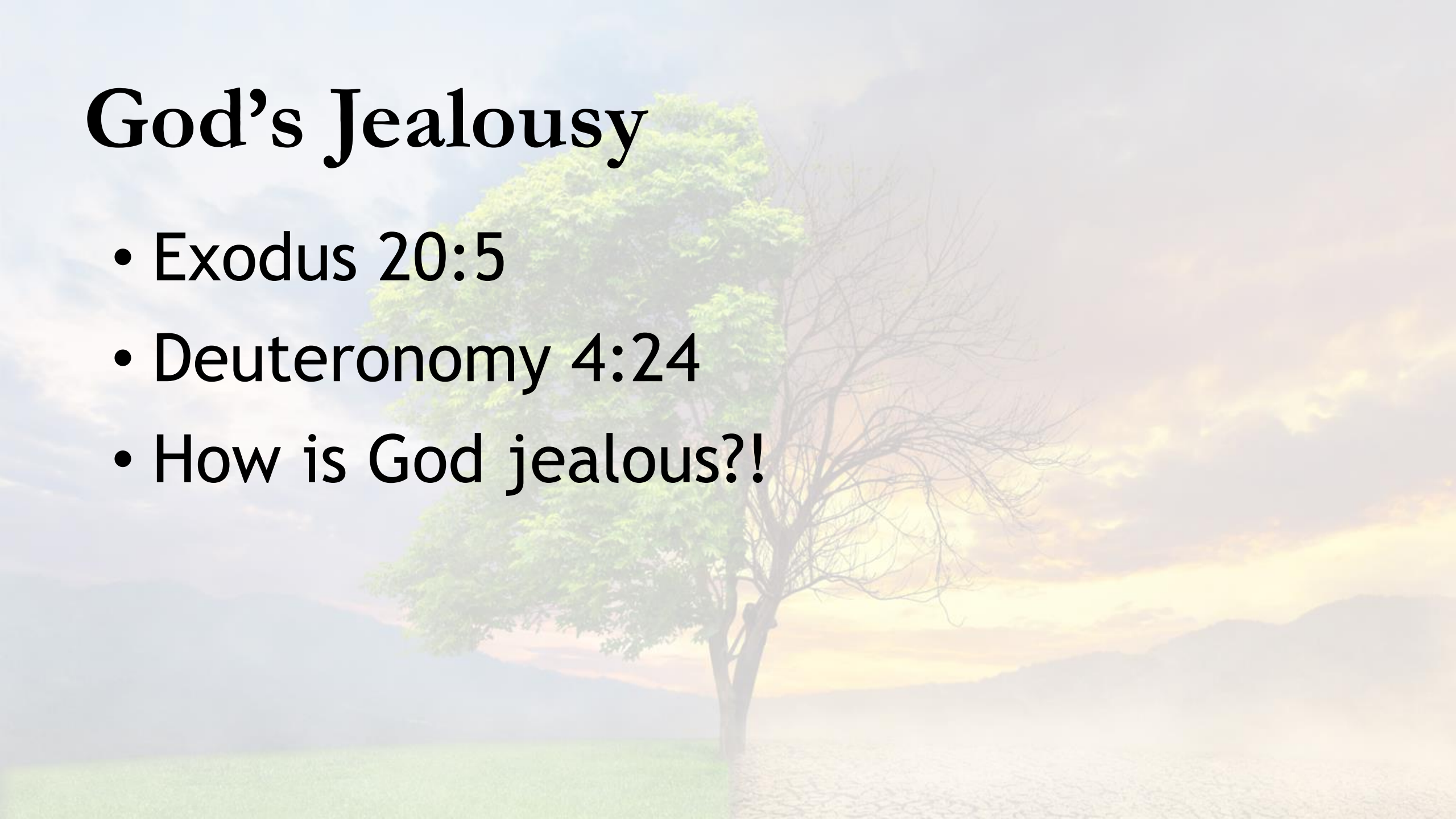
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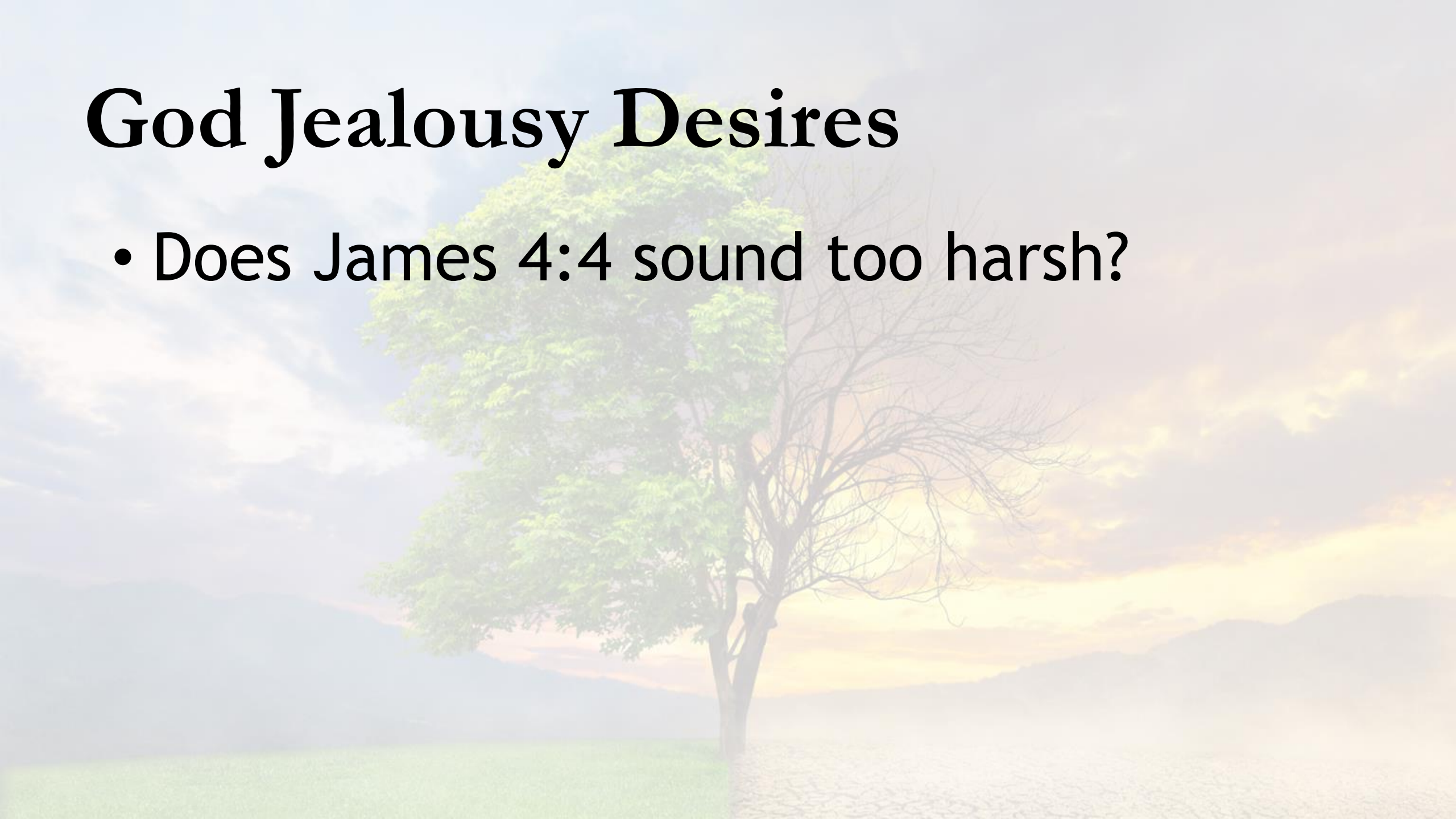
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- How is God jealous?!



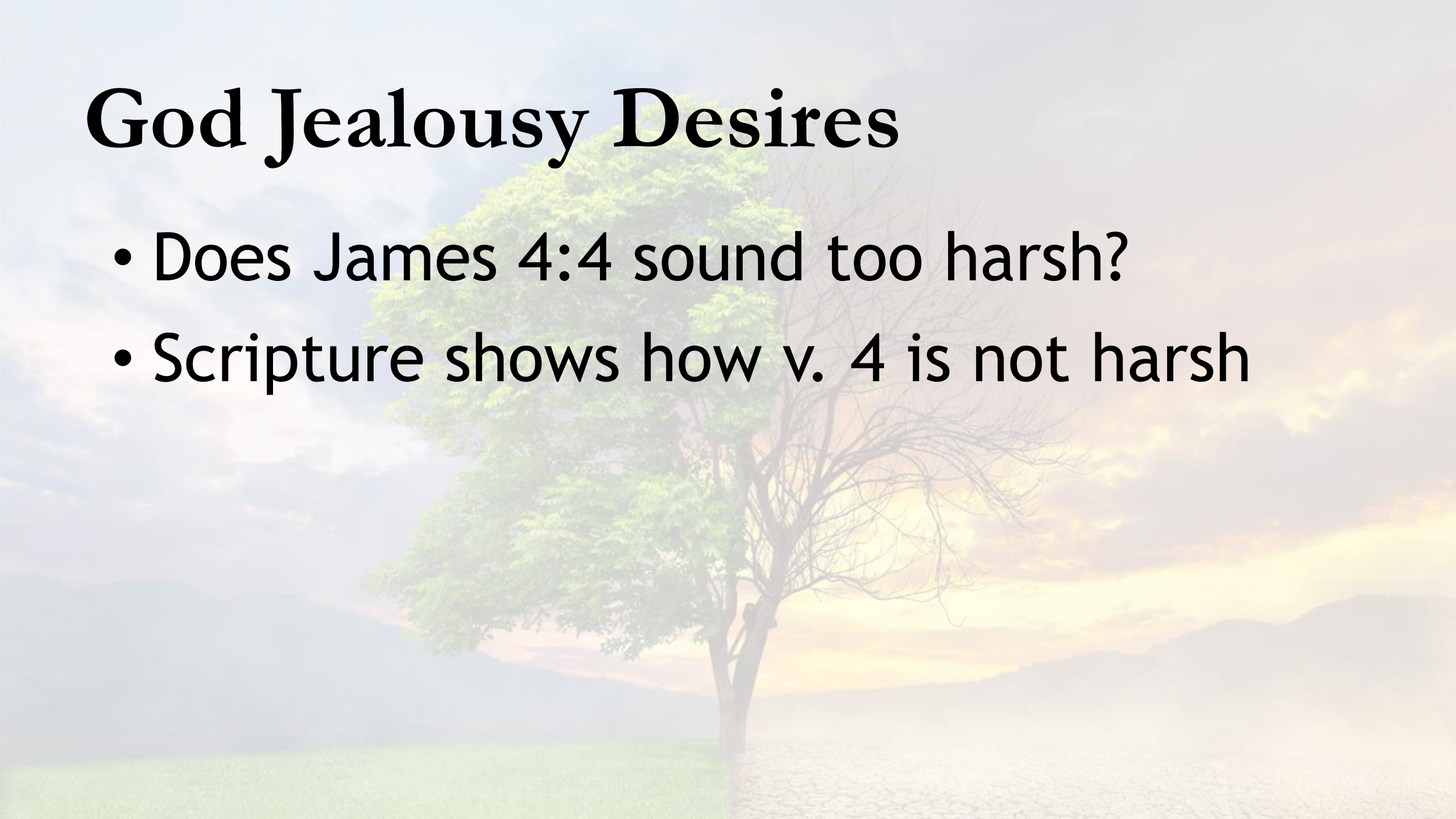
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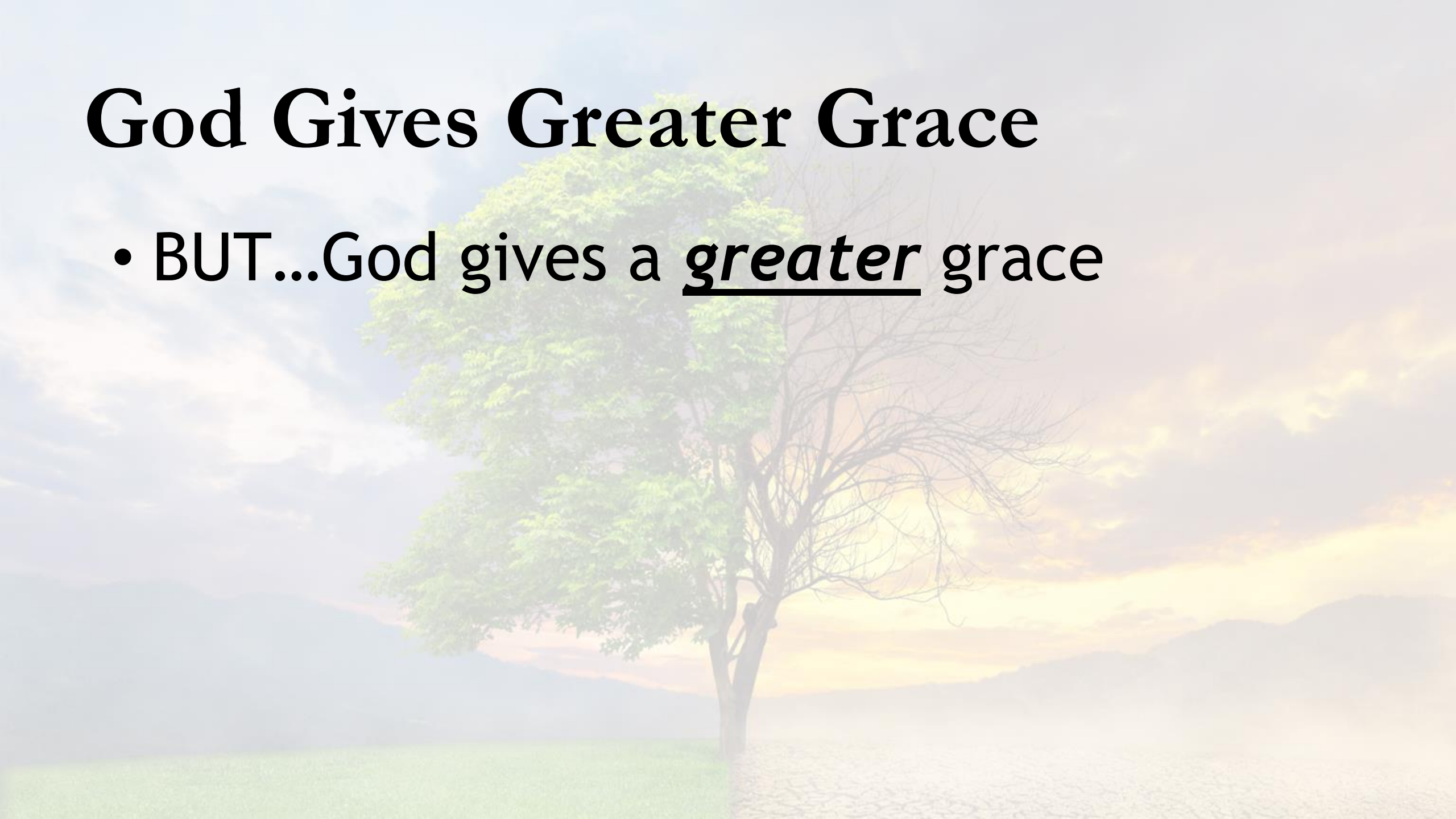


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- The Lord Jealously Desires His People

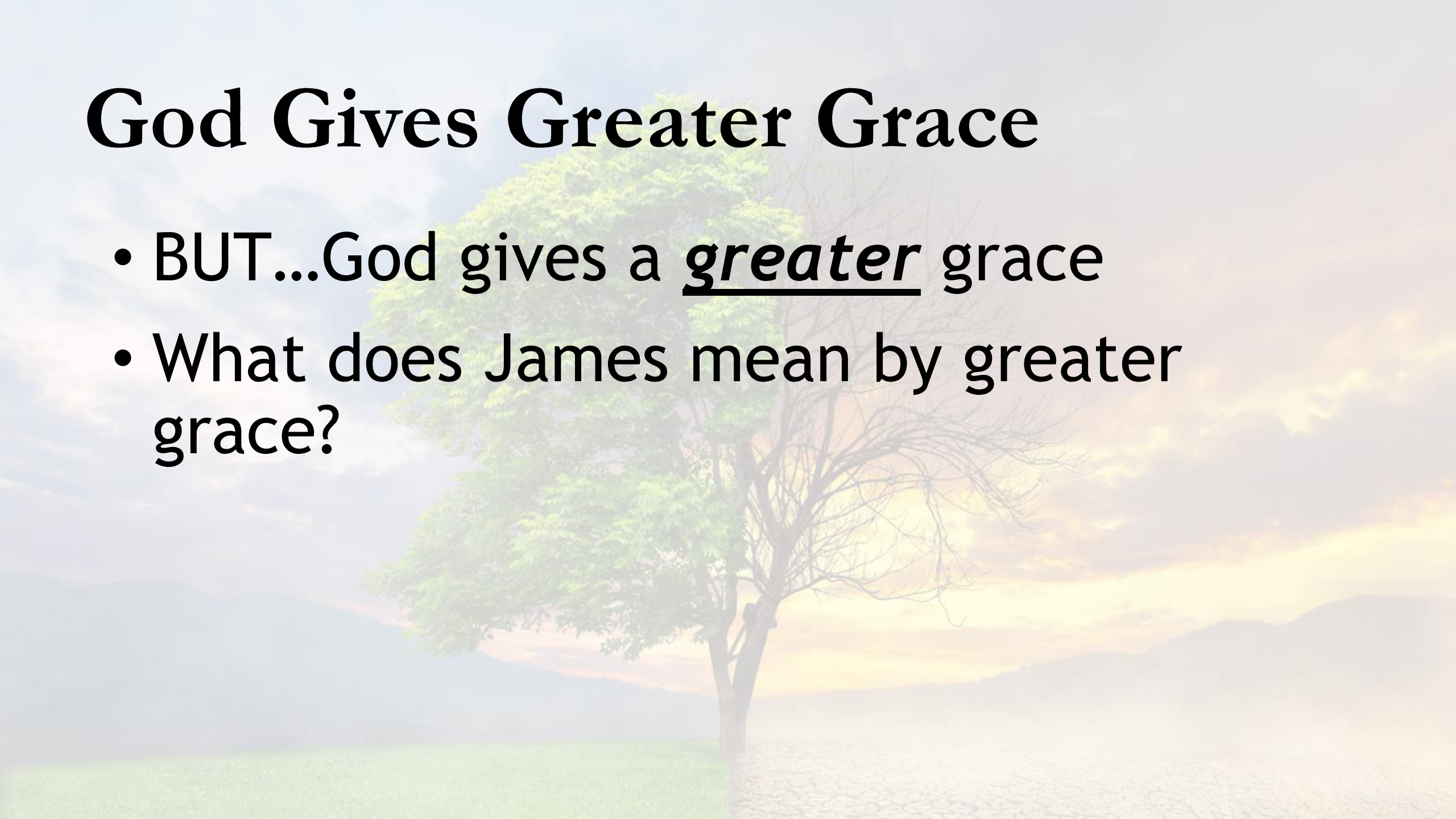
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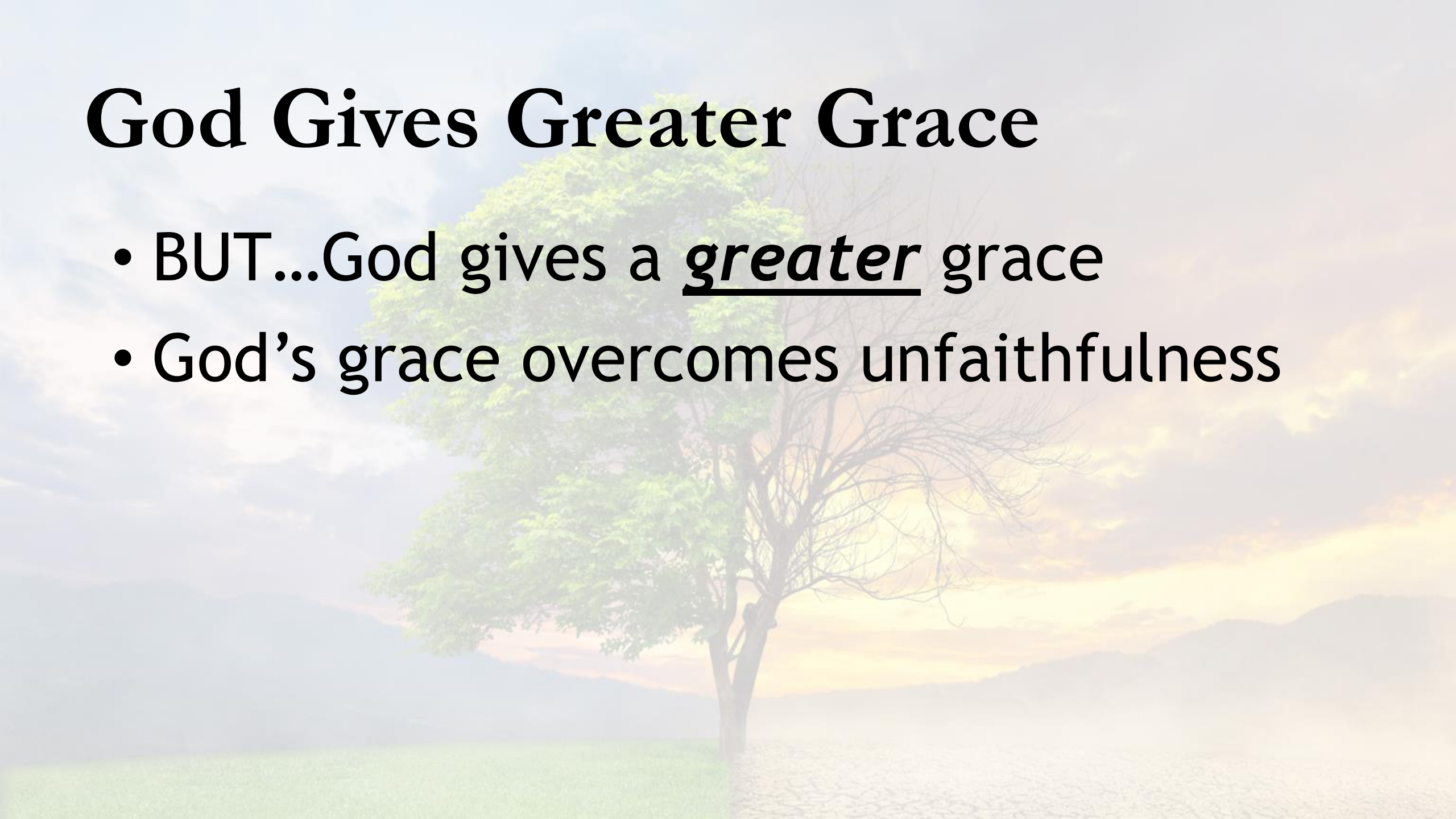
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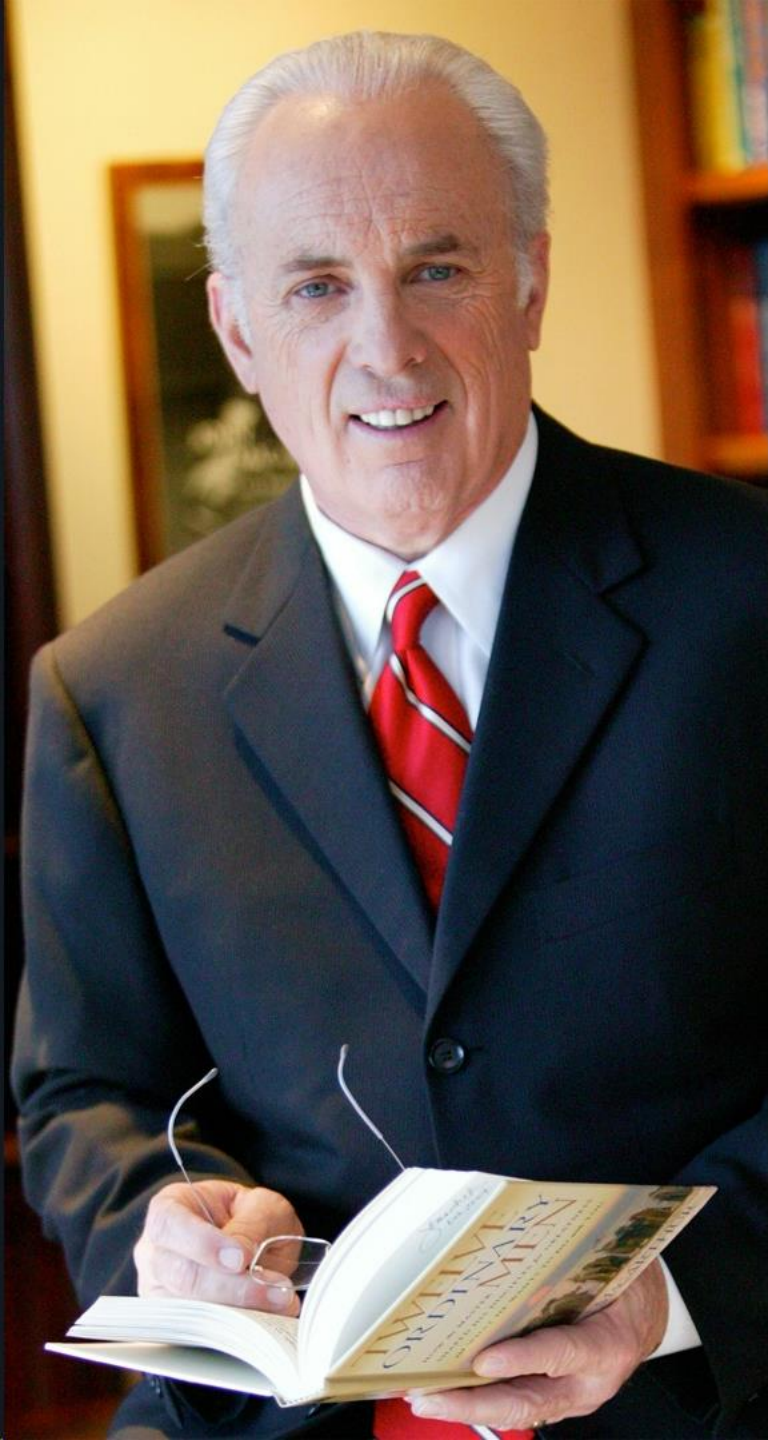
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- What does James mean by greater grace?



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The only ray of hope in man's spiritual darkness is the sovereign grace of God, which alone can rescue man from his propensity to lust for evil things. That God gives "greater grace" shows that His grace is greater than the power of sin, the flesh, the world, and Satan (cf. Rom 5:20). The OT quote (from Pr 3:34; cf. 1 Pet 5:5) reveals who obtains God's grace—the humble, not the proud enemies of God.

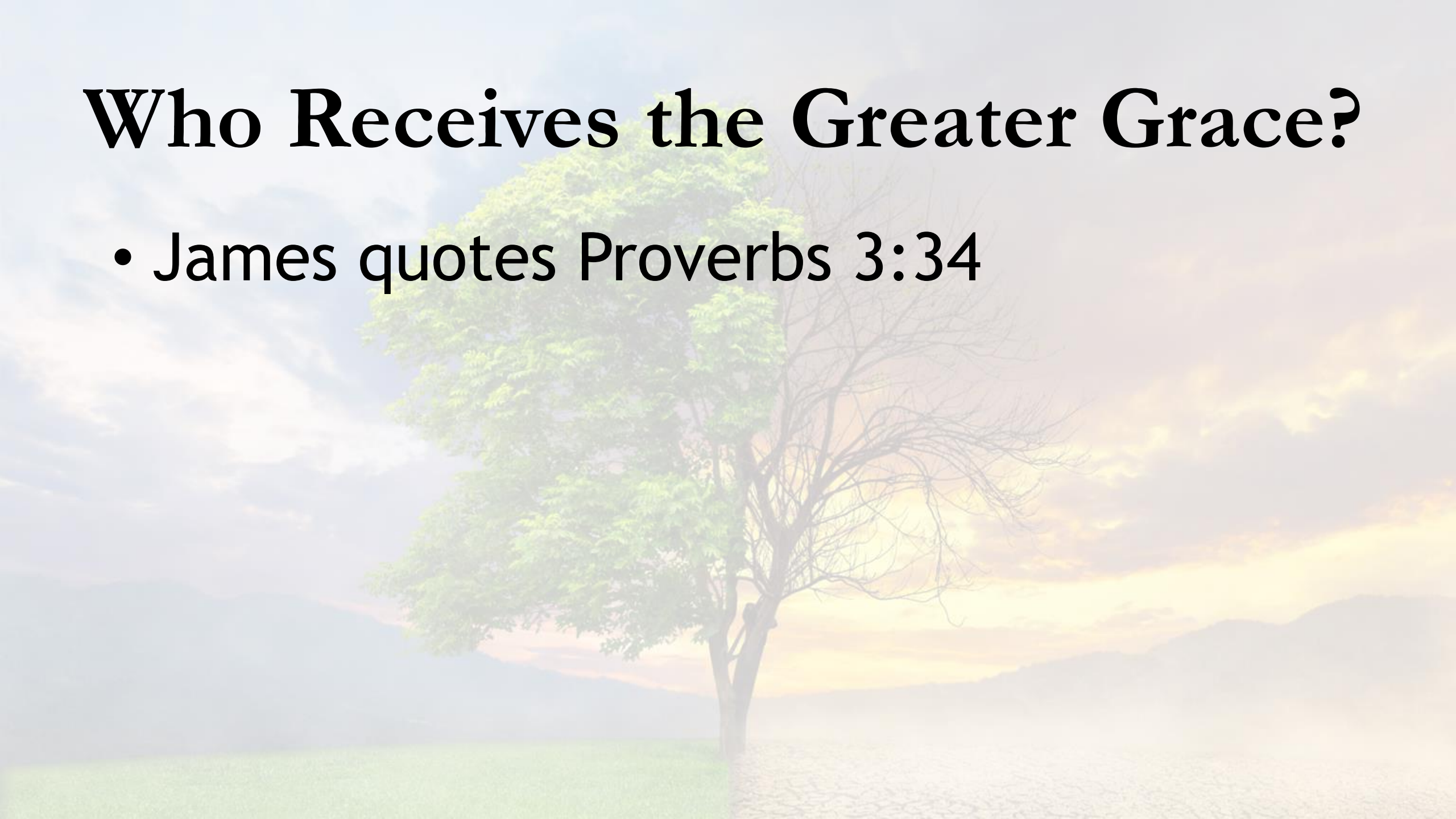
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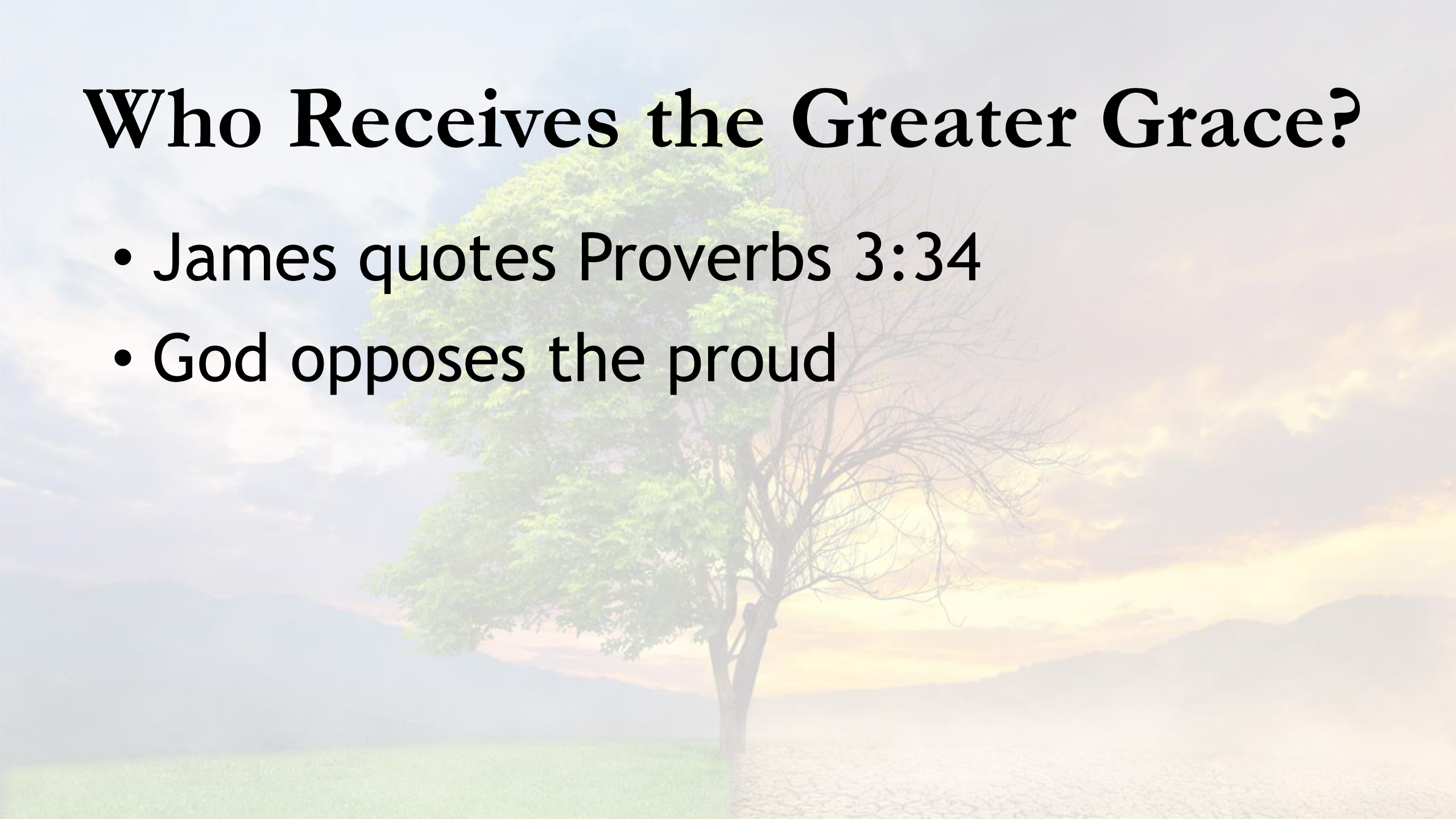
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Call to Action for James 4:1-6

Desire the Lord by being humble and
opposing the desires of the world
relying solely on the Lord Jesus
Christ