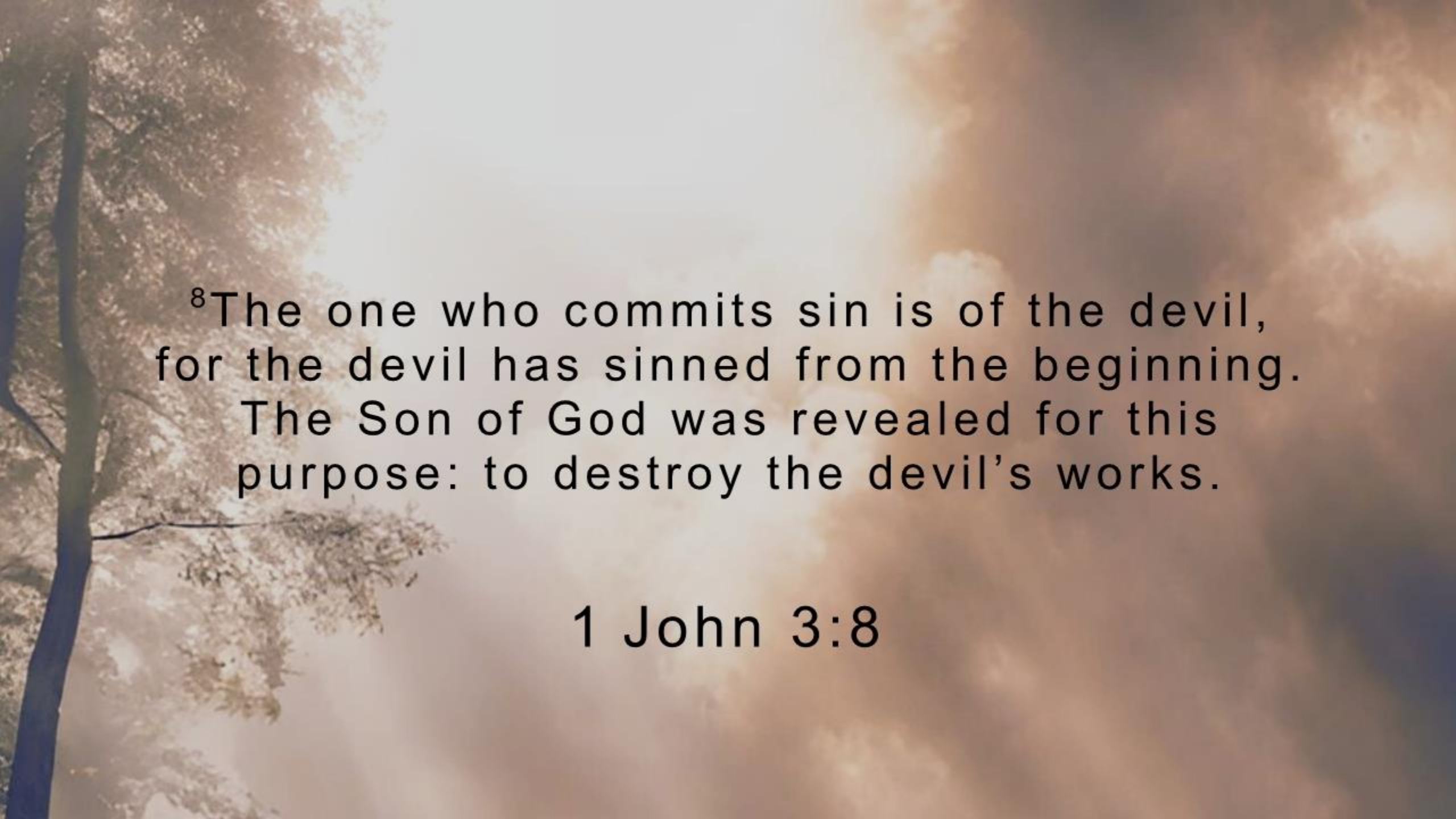


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1. Our Association with Destruction



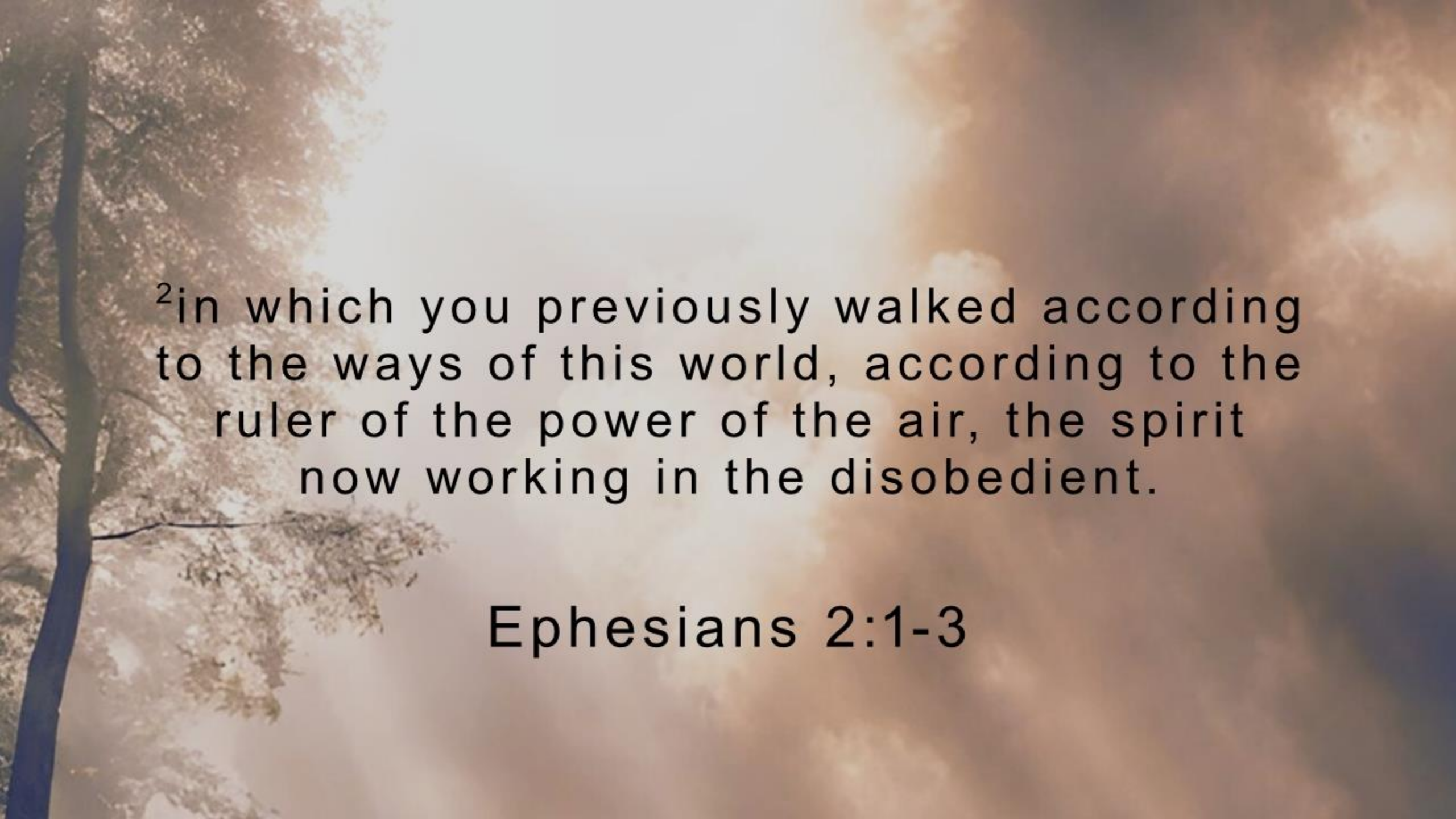
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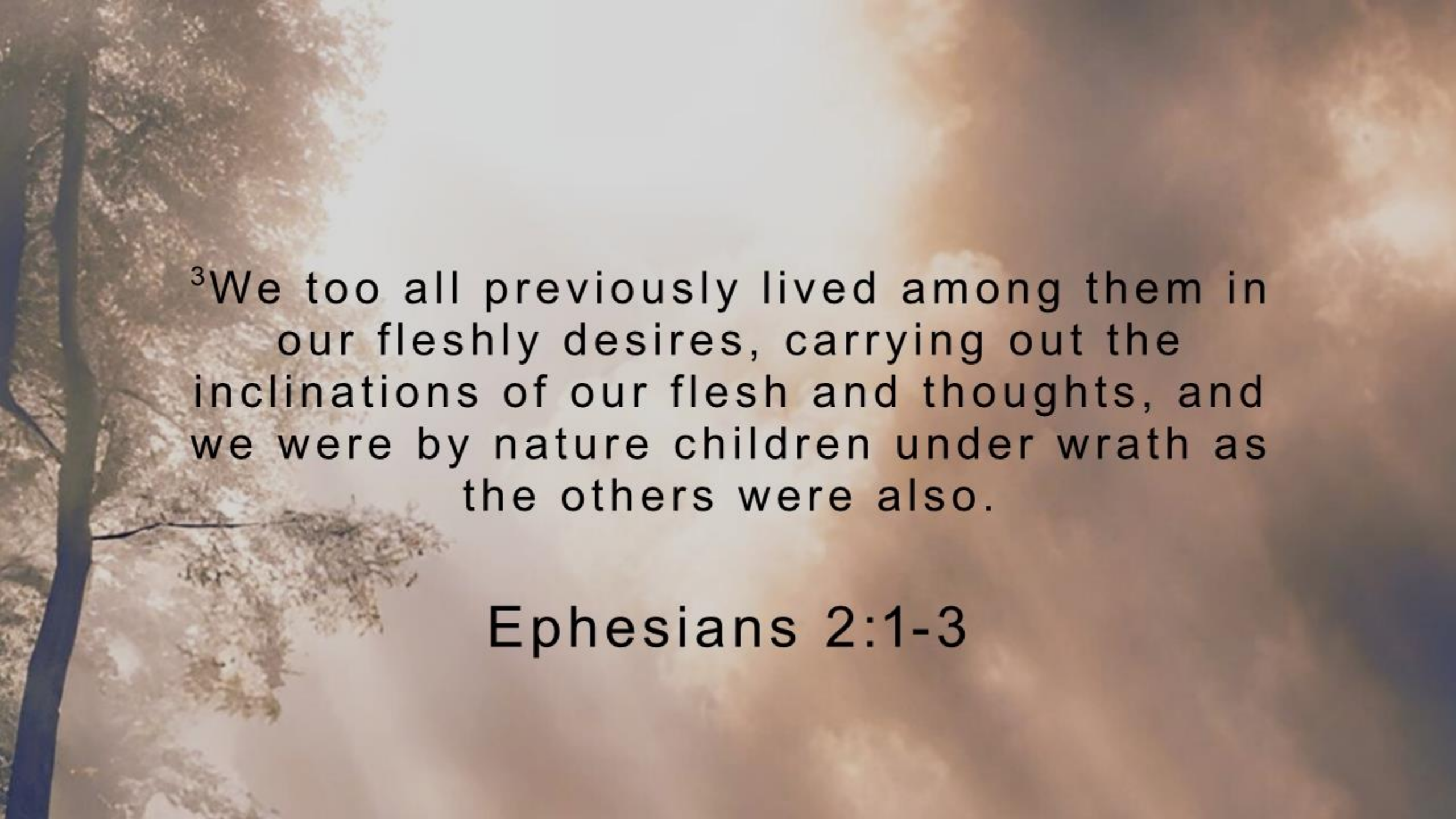
¹And you were dead in your
trespasses and sins

Ephesians 2:1-3



²in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient.

Ephesians 2:1-3



³We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also.

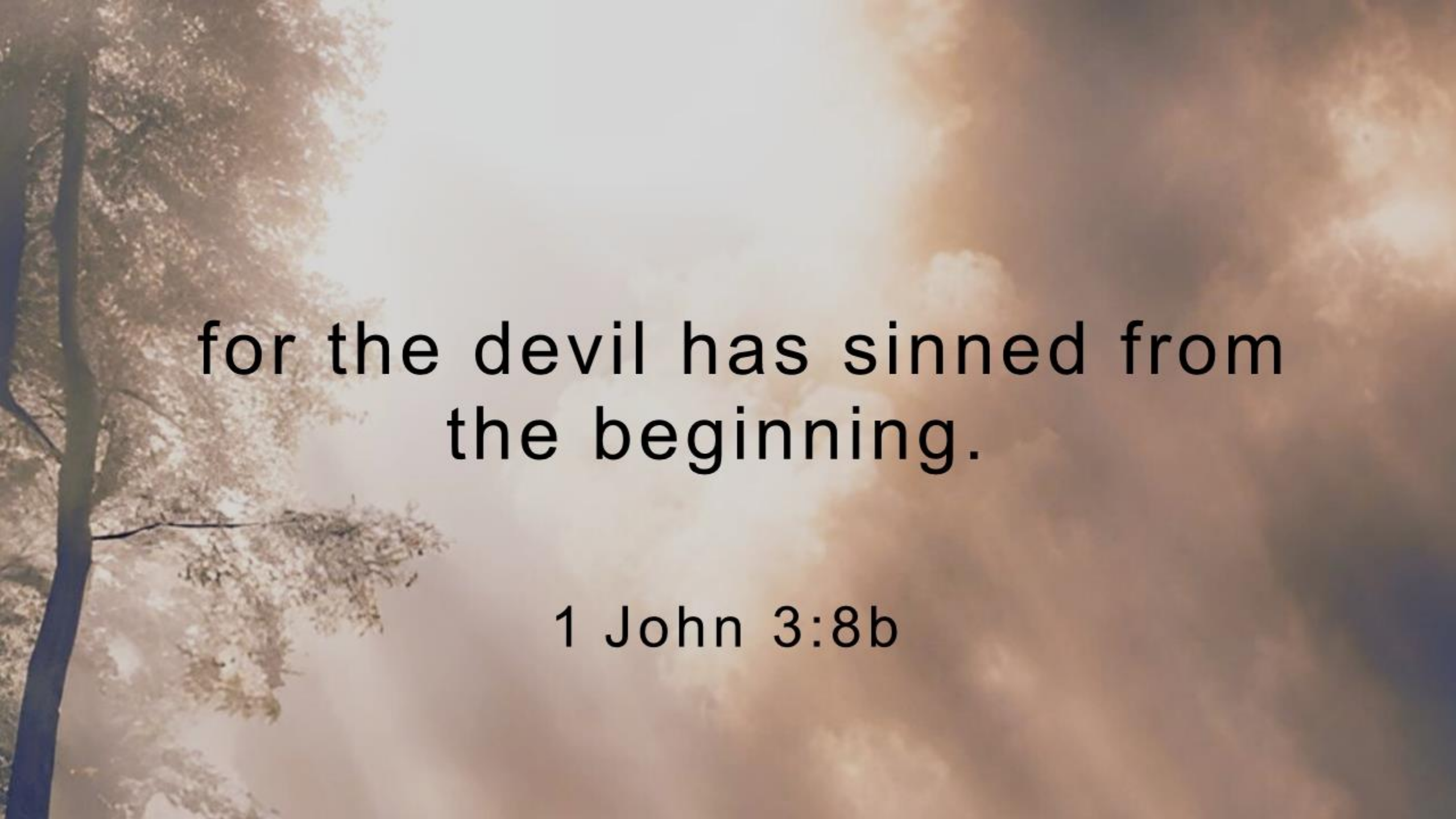
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2. The Origins of Destruction



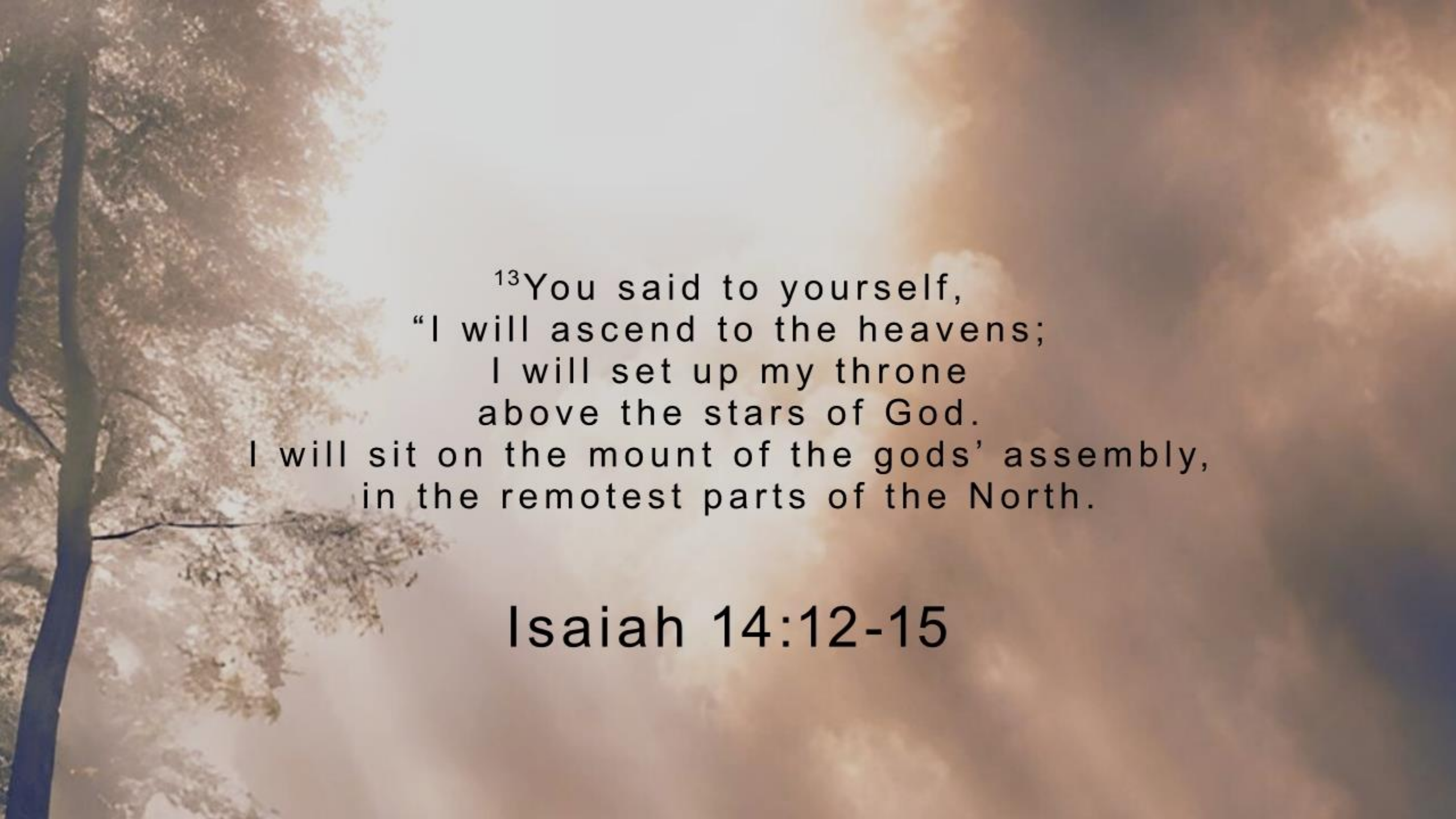
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1 John 3:8b



¹²Shining morning star,
how you have fallen from the heavens!
You destroyer of nations,
you have been cut down to the ground.

Isaiah 14:12-15



¹³You said to yourself,
“I will ascend to the heavens;
I will set up my throne
above the stars of God.
I will sit on the mount of the gods’ assembly,
in the remotest parts of the North.

Isaiah 14:12-15




¹⁴I will ascend above the highest
clouds;
I will make myself like the Most
High.”

Isaiah 14:12-15




¹⁵But you will be brought down to
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into the deepest regions of the Pit.

Isaiah 14:12-15



¹¹The word of the LORD came to
me:

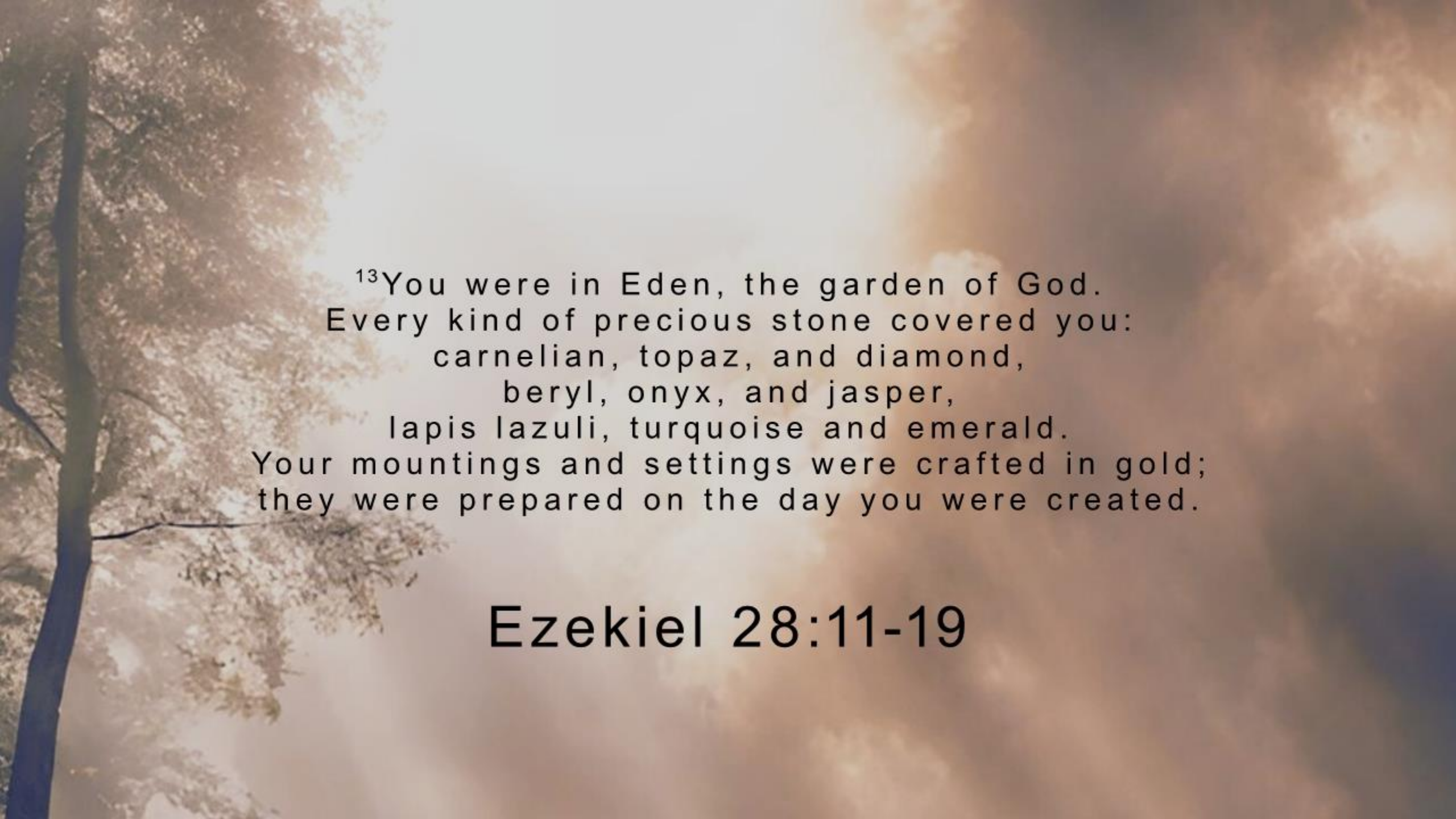
Ezekiel 28:11-19



¹²“Son of man, lament for the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says:

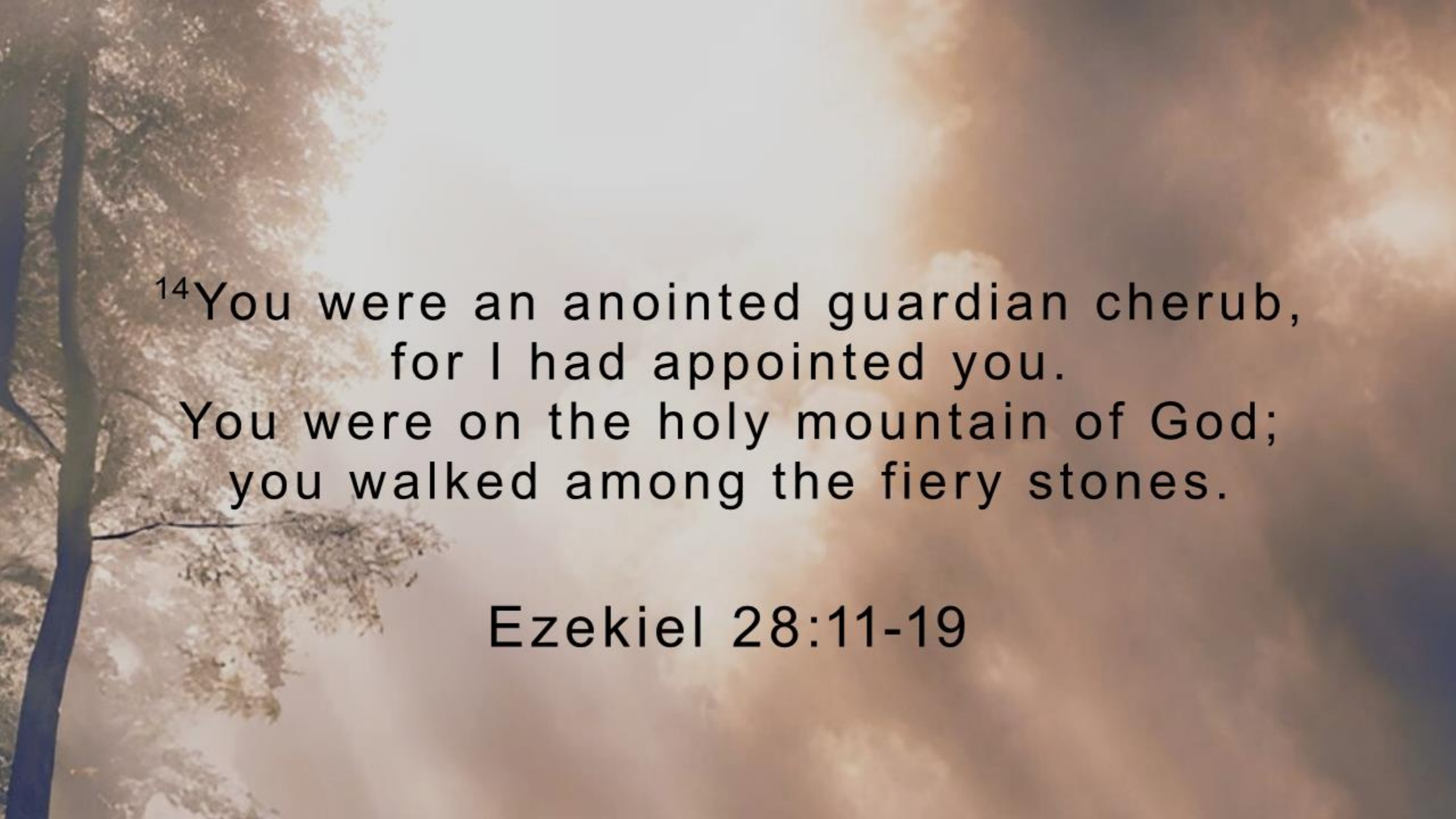
You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

Ezekiel 28:11-19



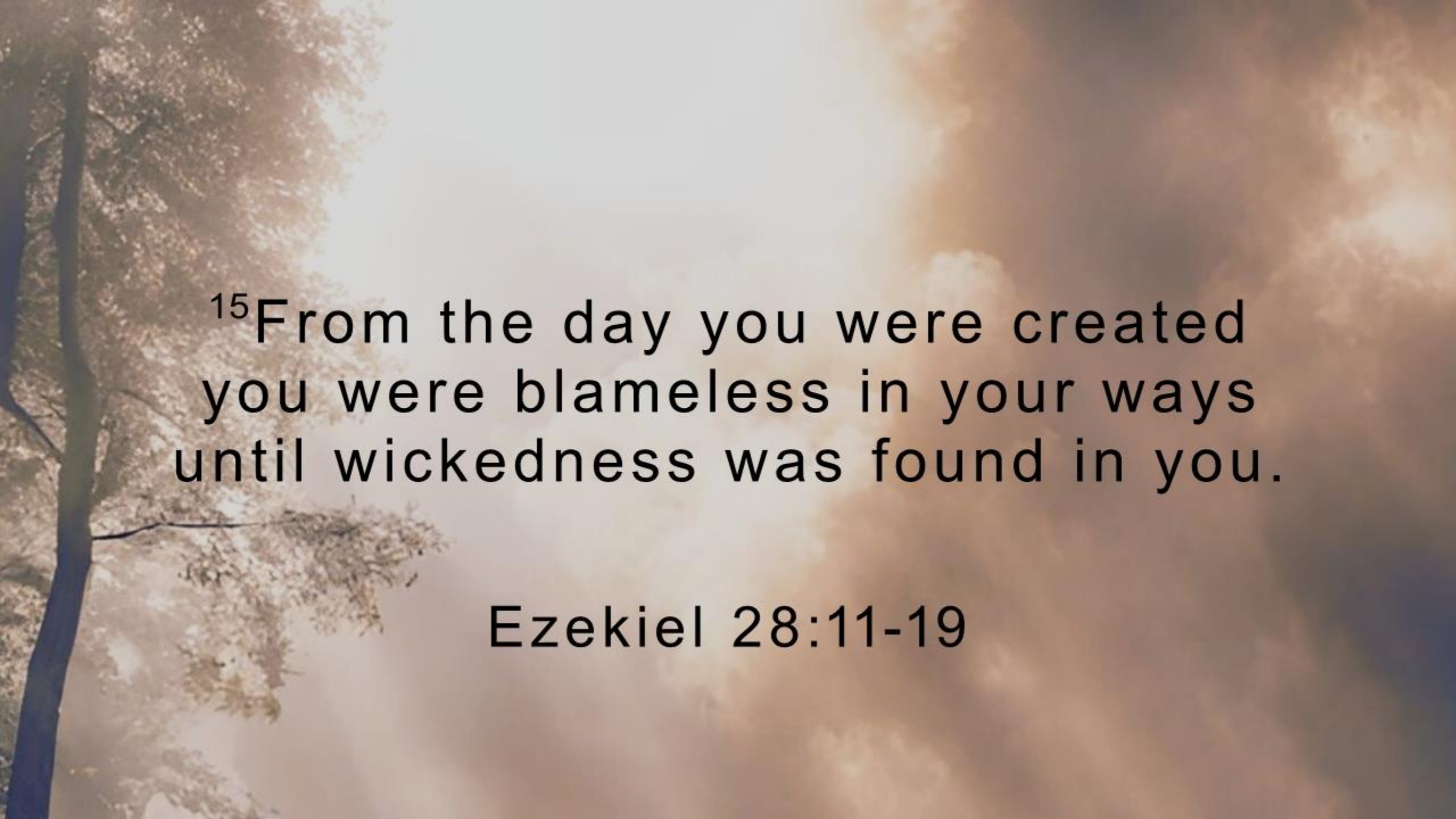
¹³You were in Eden, the garden of God.
Every kind of precious stone covered you:
carnelian, topaz, and diamond,
beryl, onyx, and jasper,
lapis lazuli, turquoise and emerald.
Your mountings and settings were crafted in gold;
they were prepared on the day you were created.

Ezekiel 28:11-19



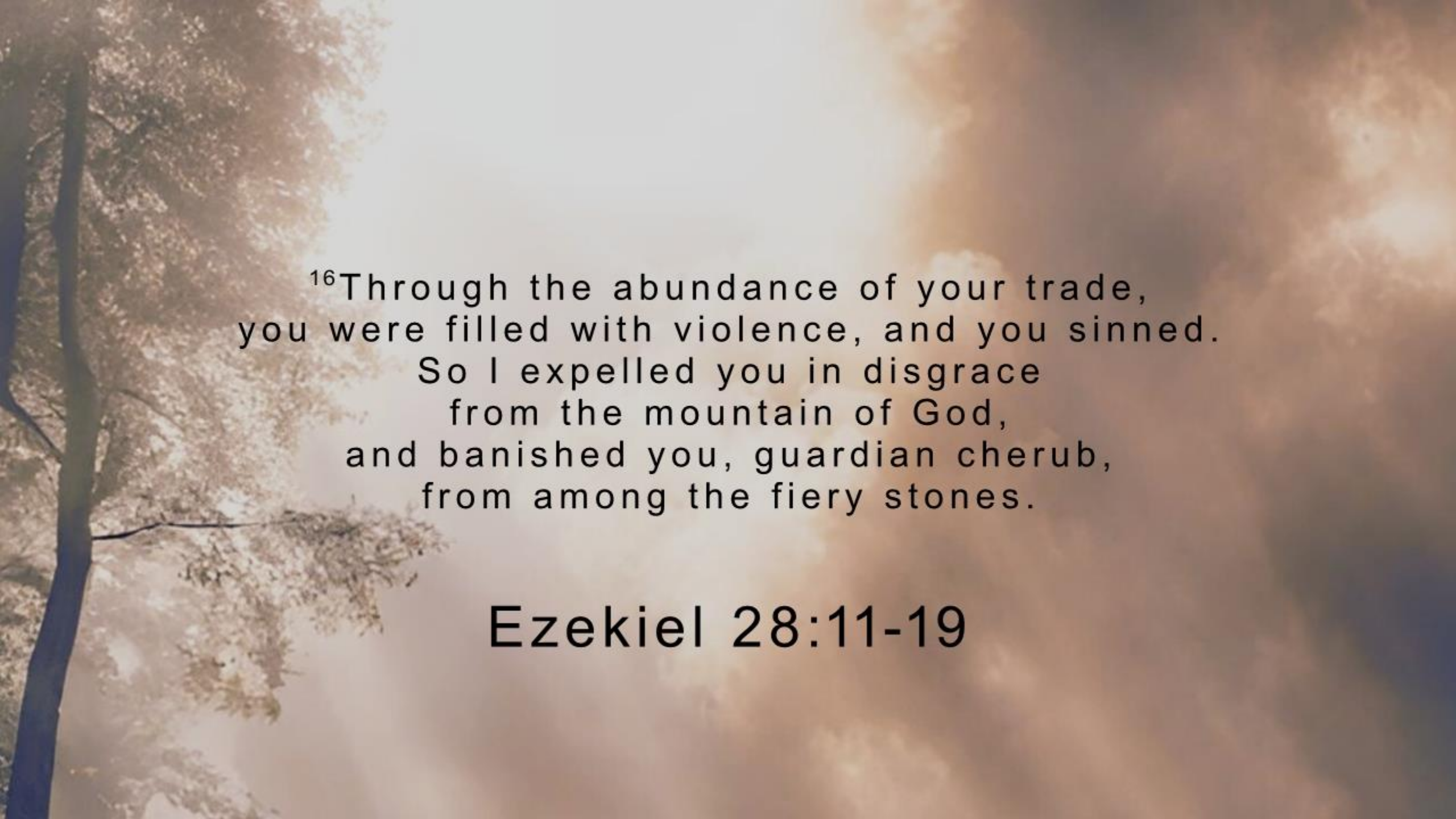
¹⁴You were an anointed guardian cherub,
for I had appointed you.
You were on the holy mountain of God;
you walked among the fiery stones.

Ezekiel 28:11-19




¹⁵From the day you were created
you were blameless in your ways
until wickedness was found in you.

Ezekiel 28:11-19



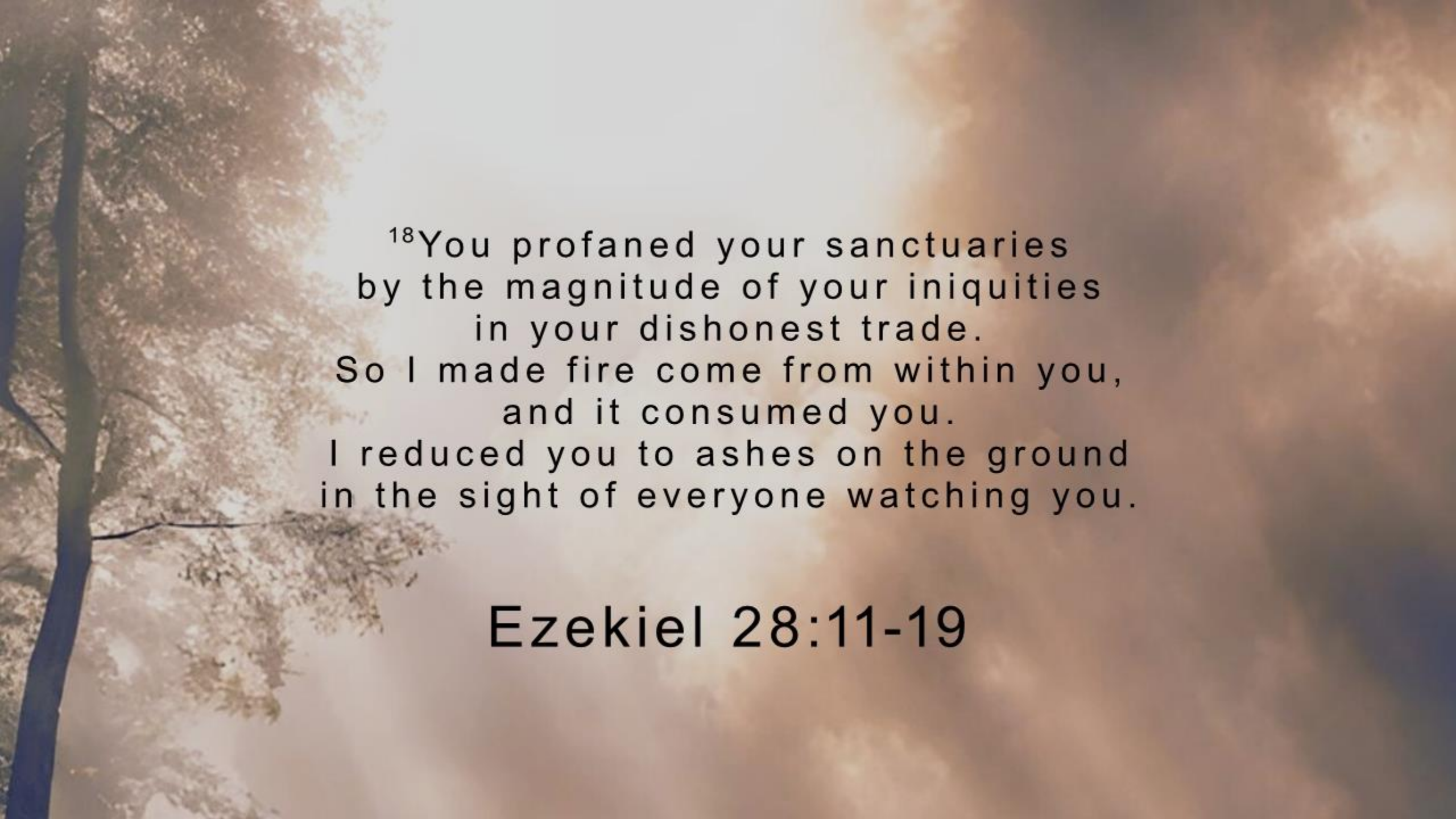
¹⁶Through the abundance of your trade,
you were filled with violence, and you sinned.
So I expelled you in disgrace
from the mountain of God,
and banished you, guardian cherub,
from among the fiery stones.

Ezekiel 28:11-19



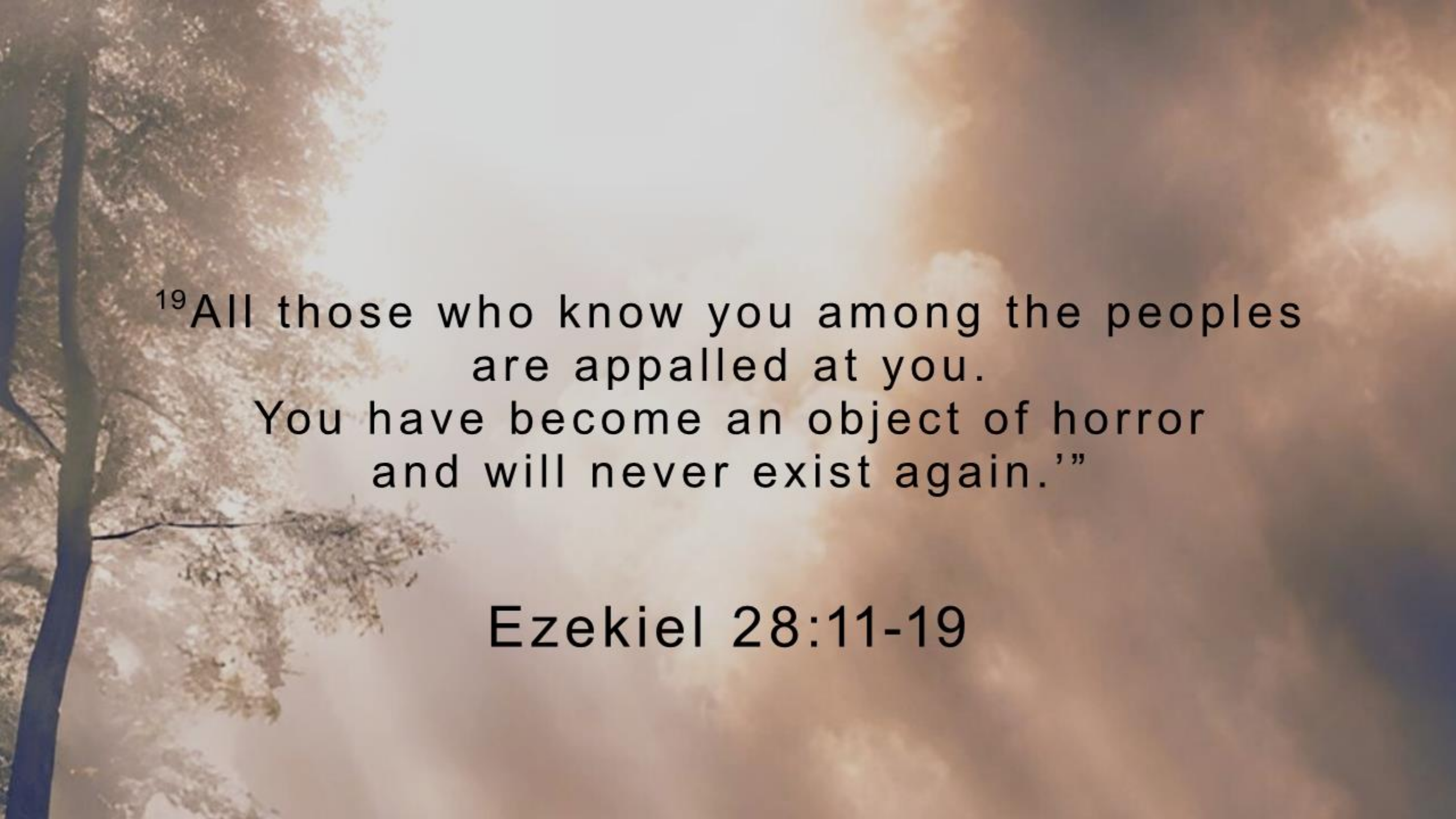
¹⁷Your heart became proud because of your beauty;
For the sake of your splendor
you corrupted your wisdom.
So I threw you down to the ground;
I made you a spectacle before kings.

Ezekiel 28:11-19



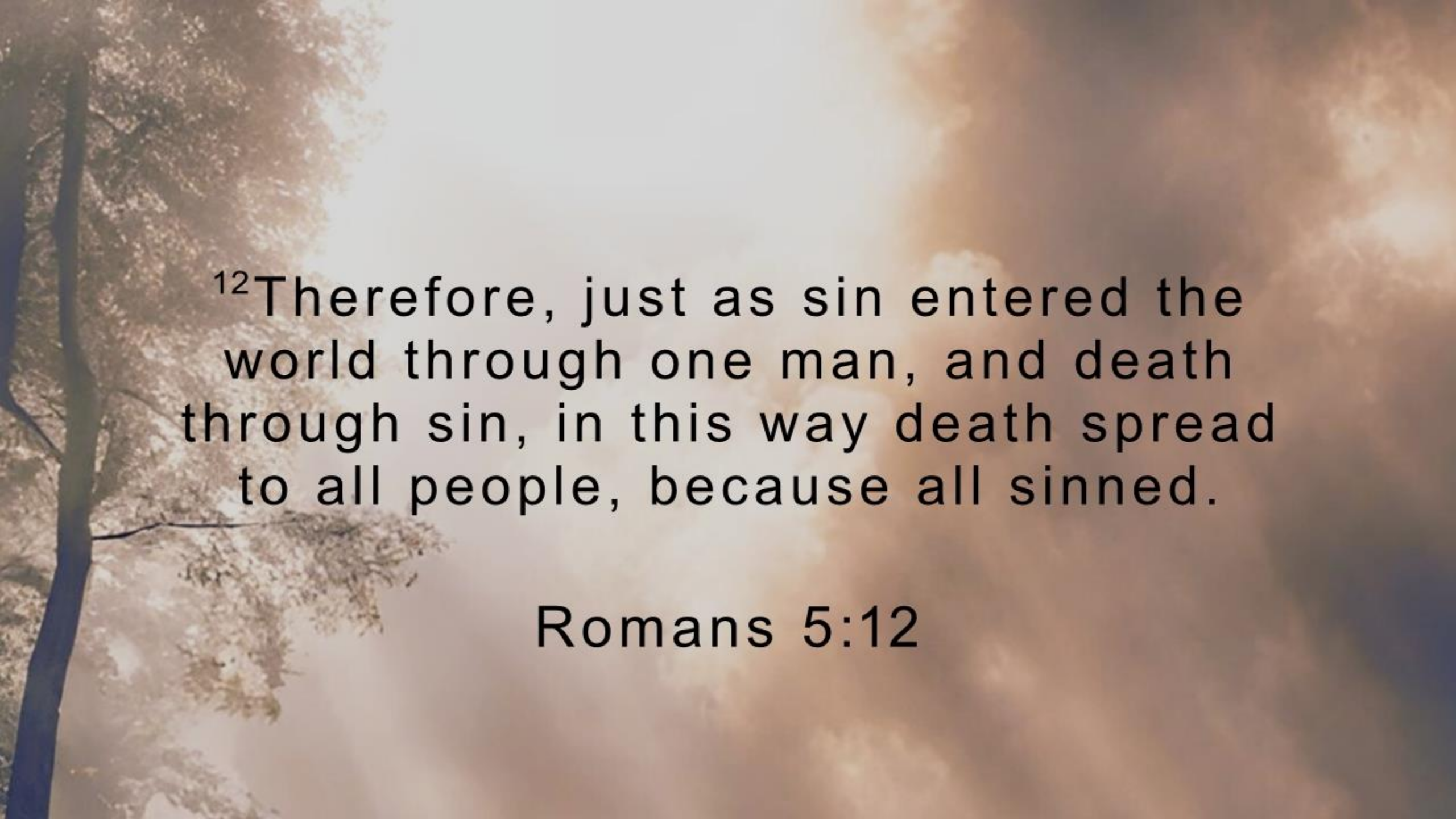
¹⁸You profaned your sanctuaries
by the magnitude of your iniquities
in your dishonest trade.
So I made fire come from within you,
and it consumed you.
I reduced you to ashes on the ground
in the sight of everyone watching you.

Ezekiel 28:11-19



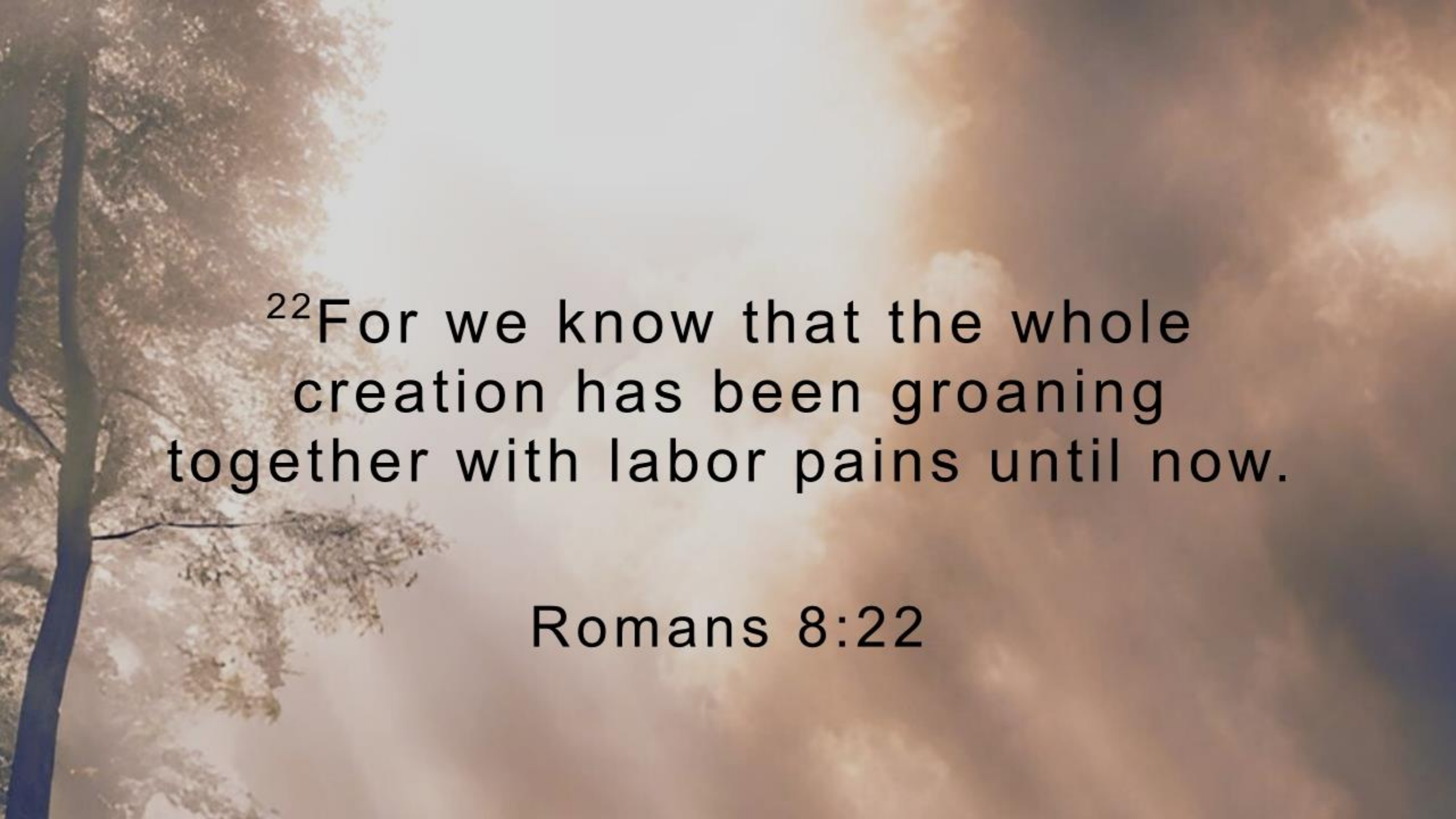
¹⁹All those who know you among the peoples
are appalled at you.
You have become an object of horror
and will never exist again.’”

Ezekiel 28:11-19



¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned.

Romans 5:12



²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now.

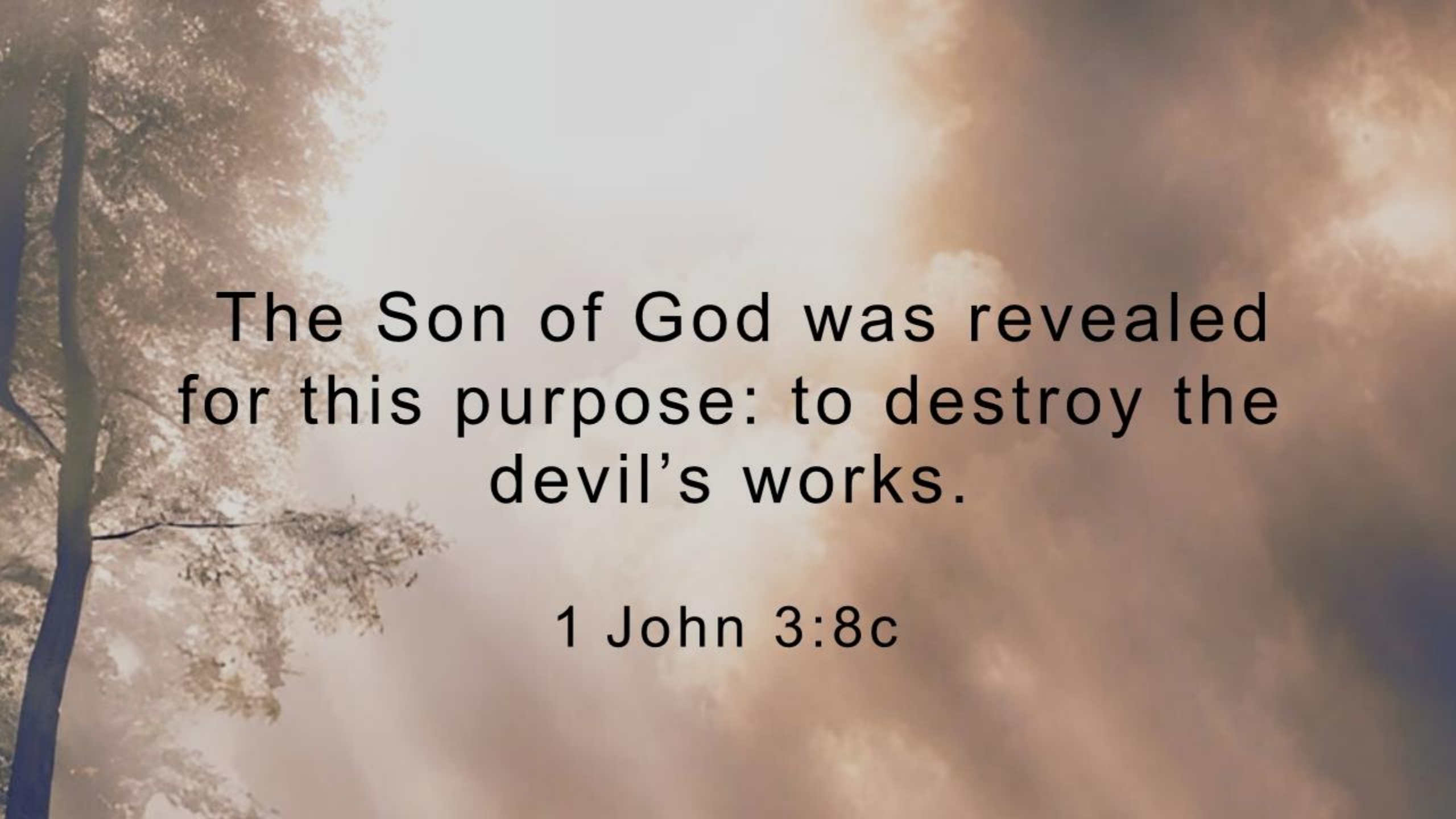
Romans 8:22

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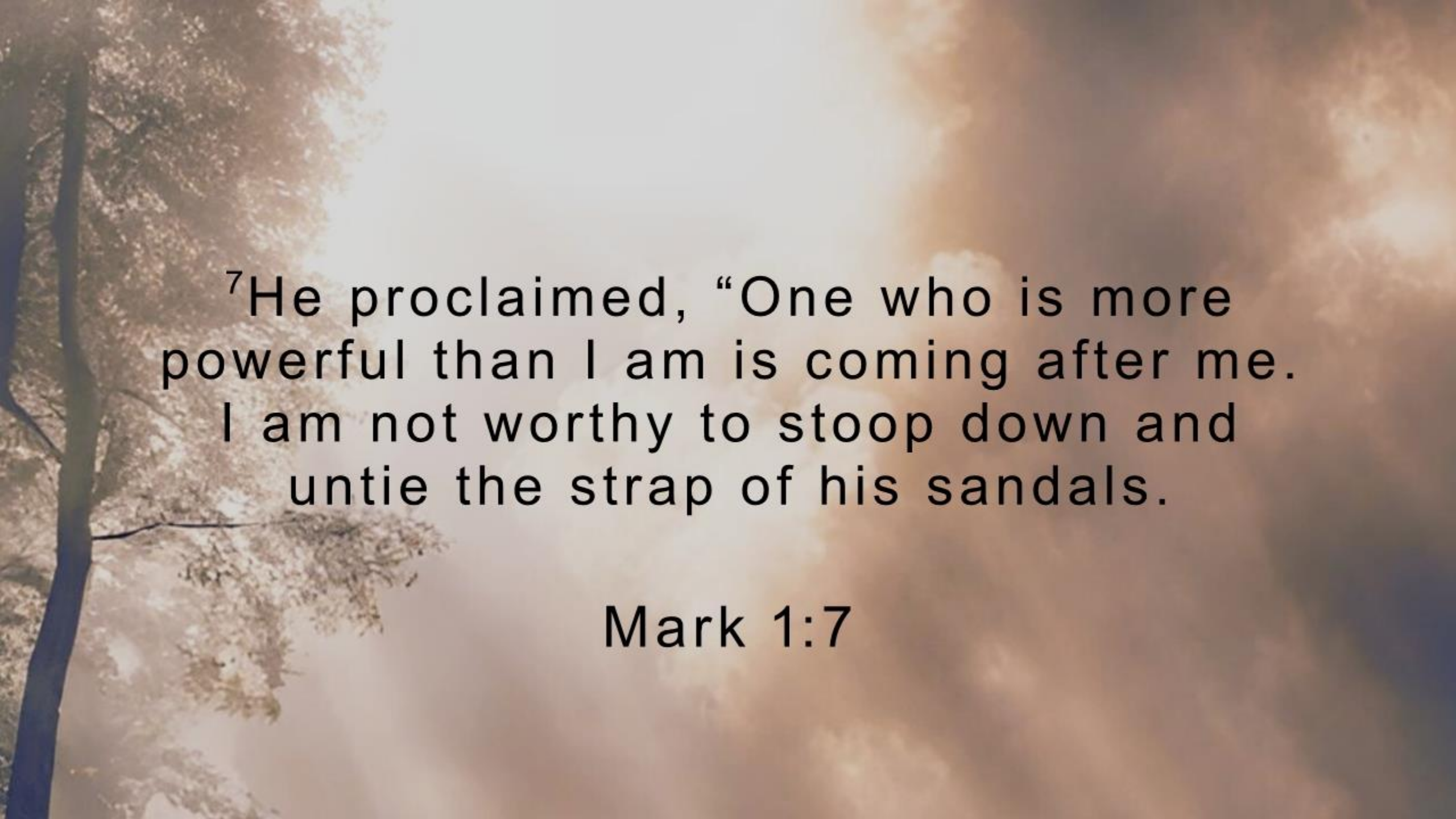


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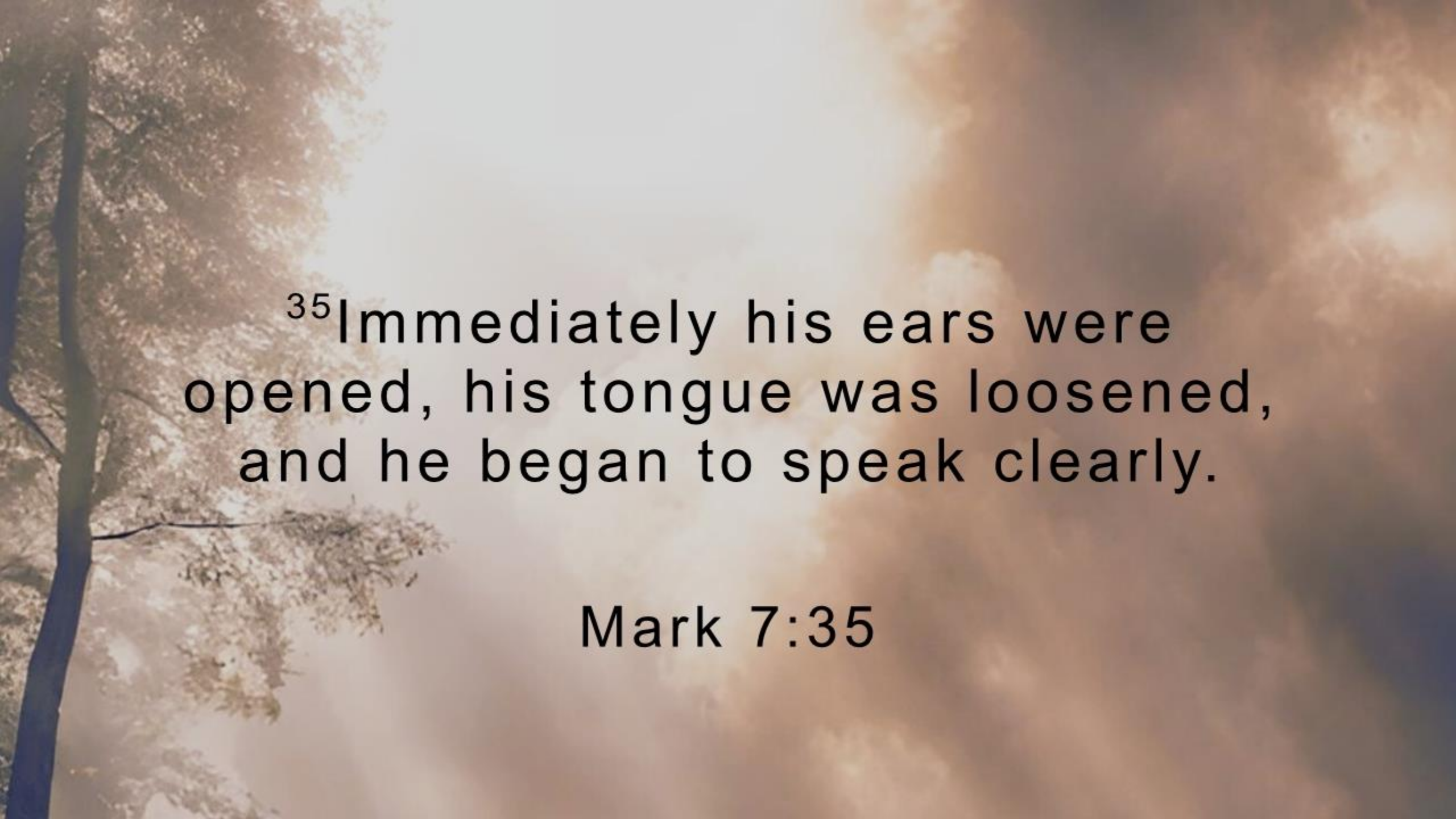
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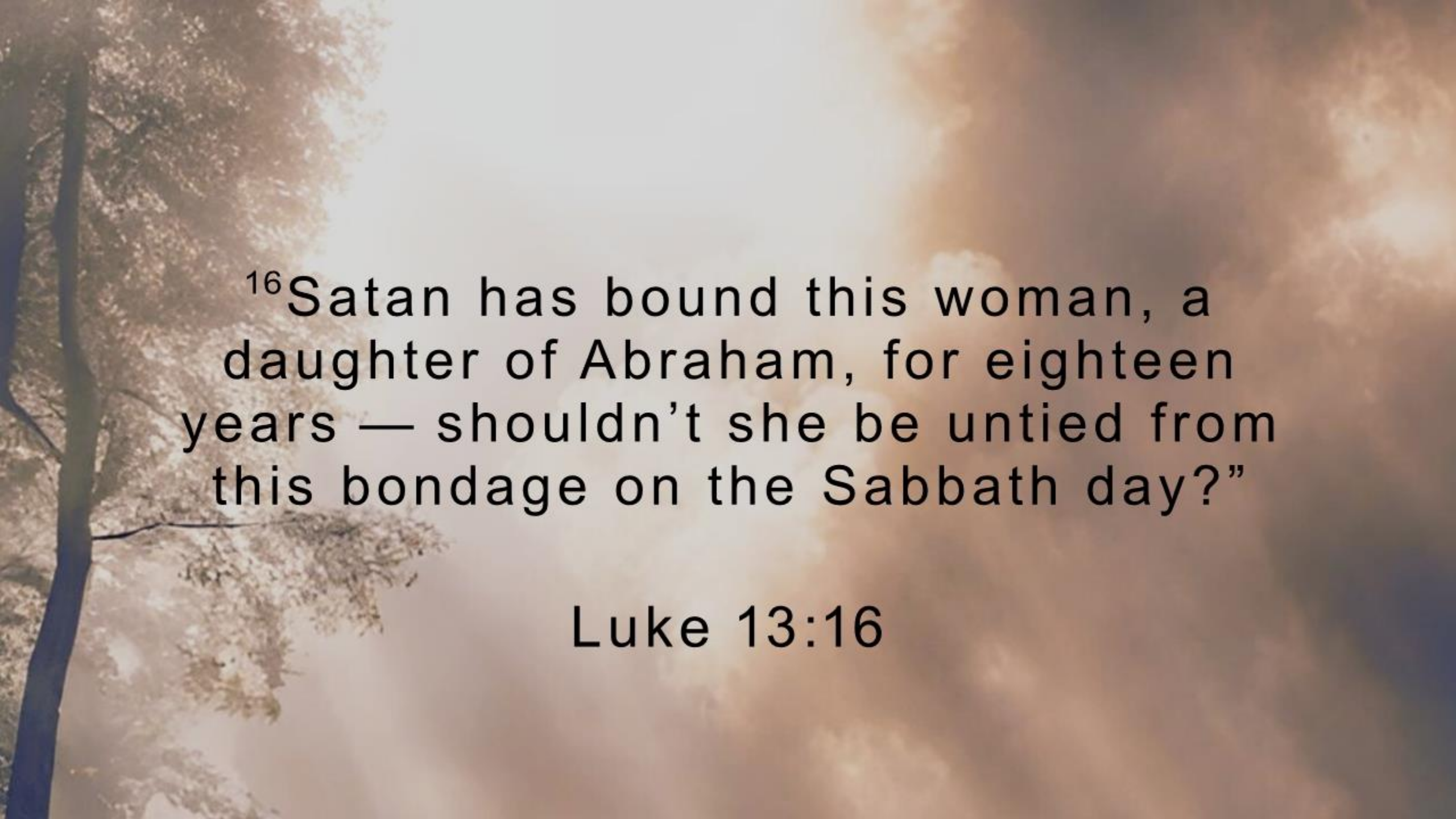
⁷He proclaimed, “One who is more powerful than I am is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals.

Mark 1:7



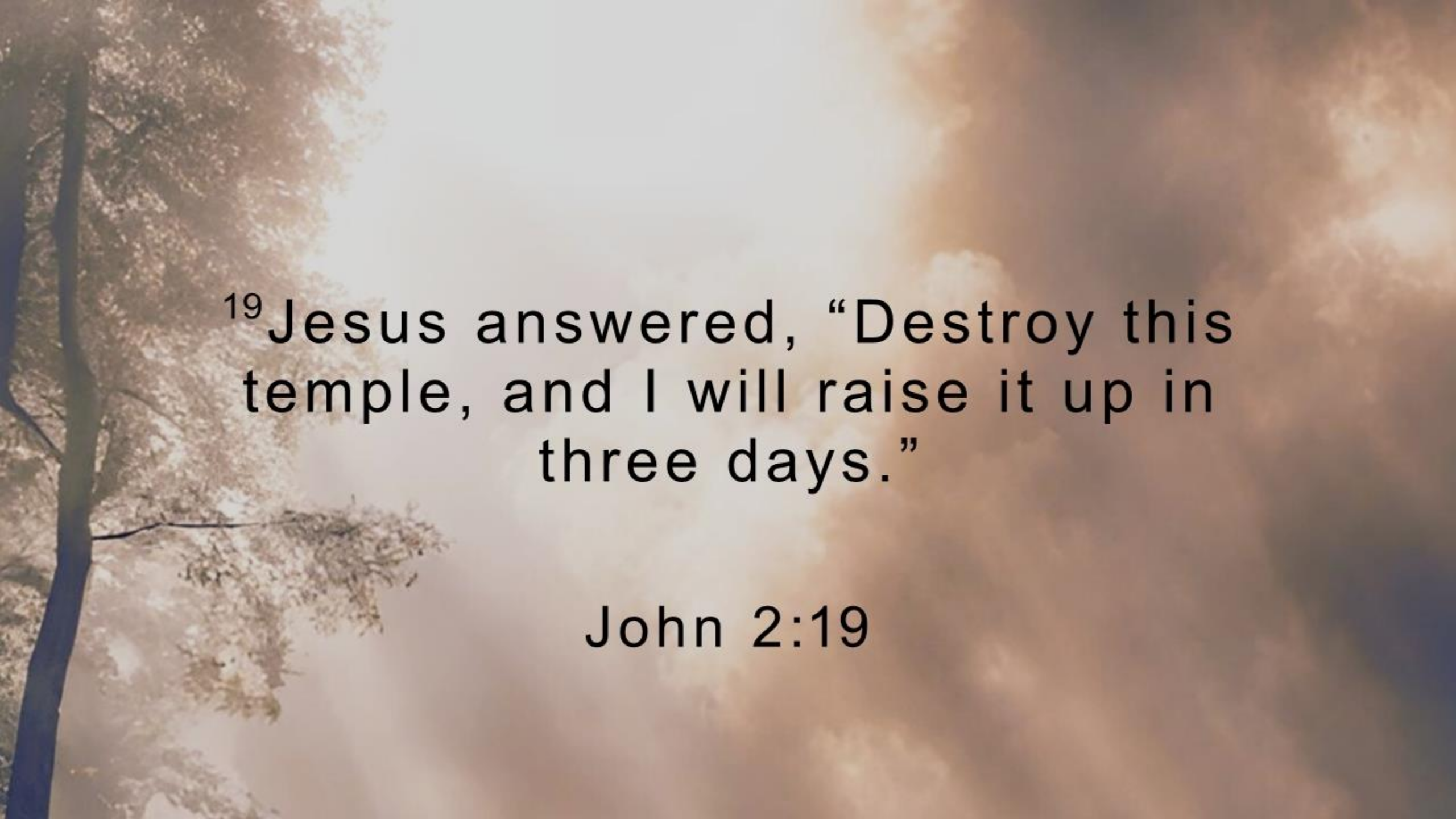
³⁵Immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was loosened, and he began to speak clearly.

Mark 7:35



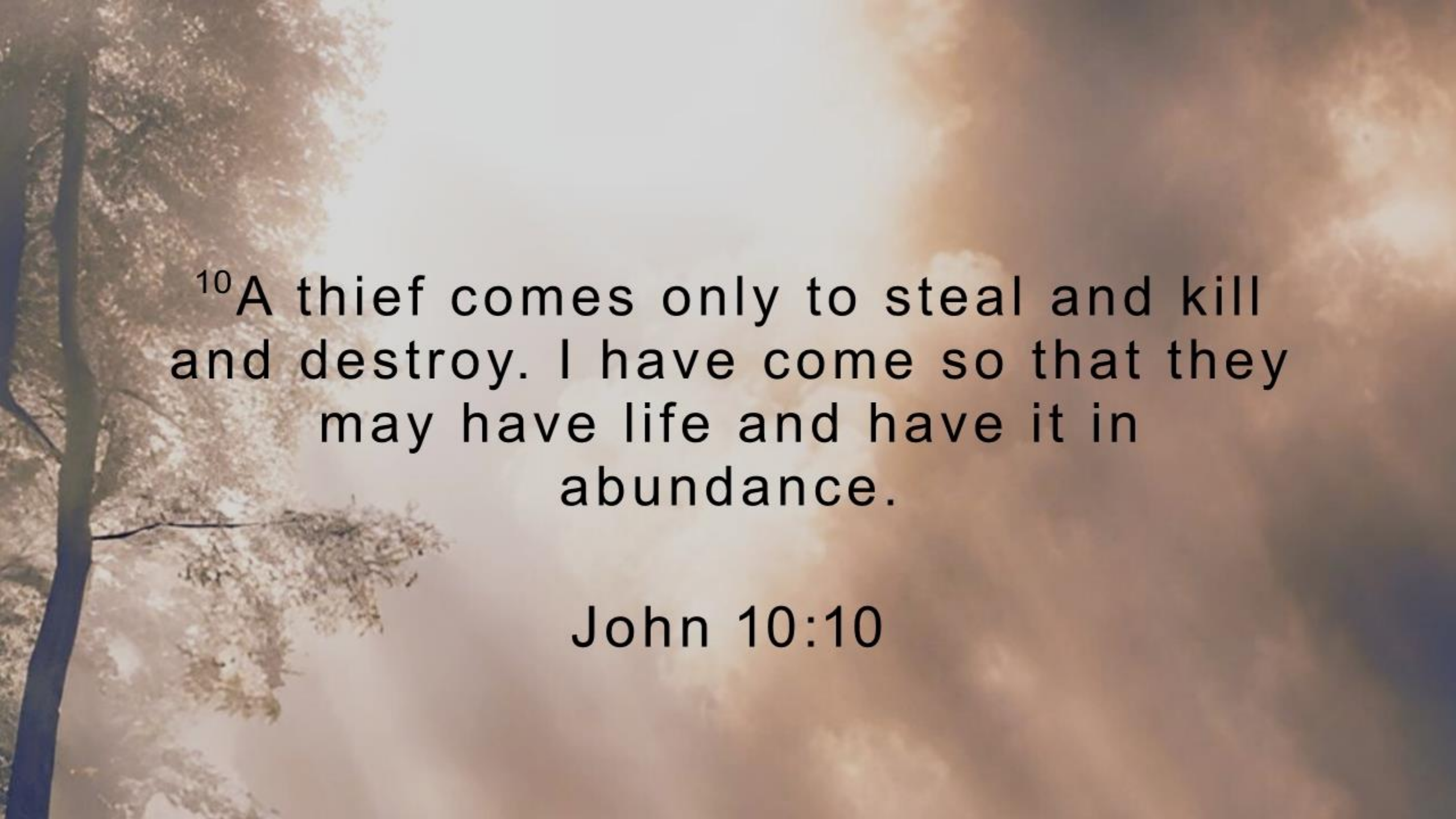
¹⁶Satan has bound this woman, a daughter of Abraham, for eighteen years — shouldn't she be untied from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"

Luke 13:16



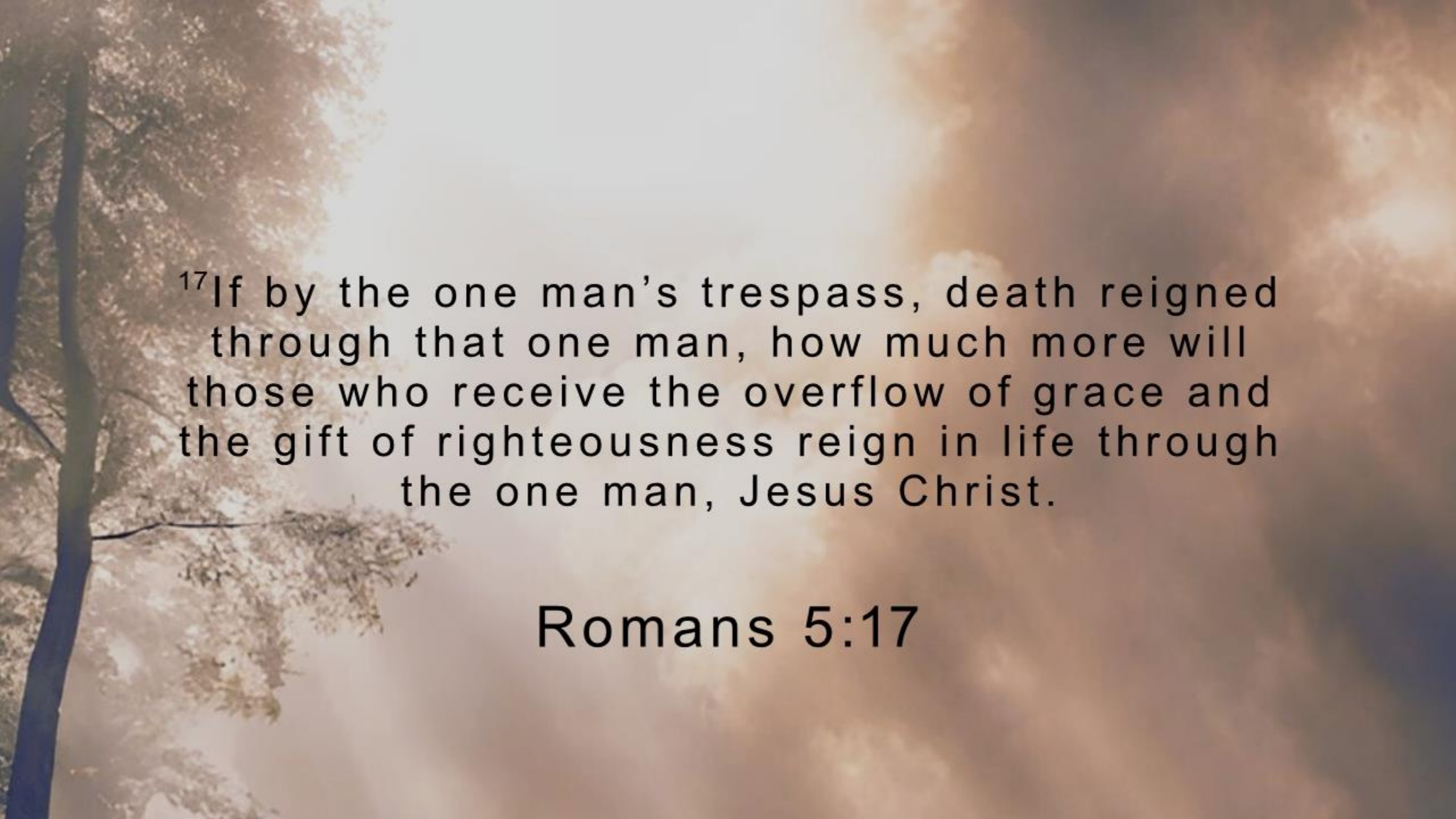
¹⁹ Jesus answered, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it up in three days.”

John 2:19



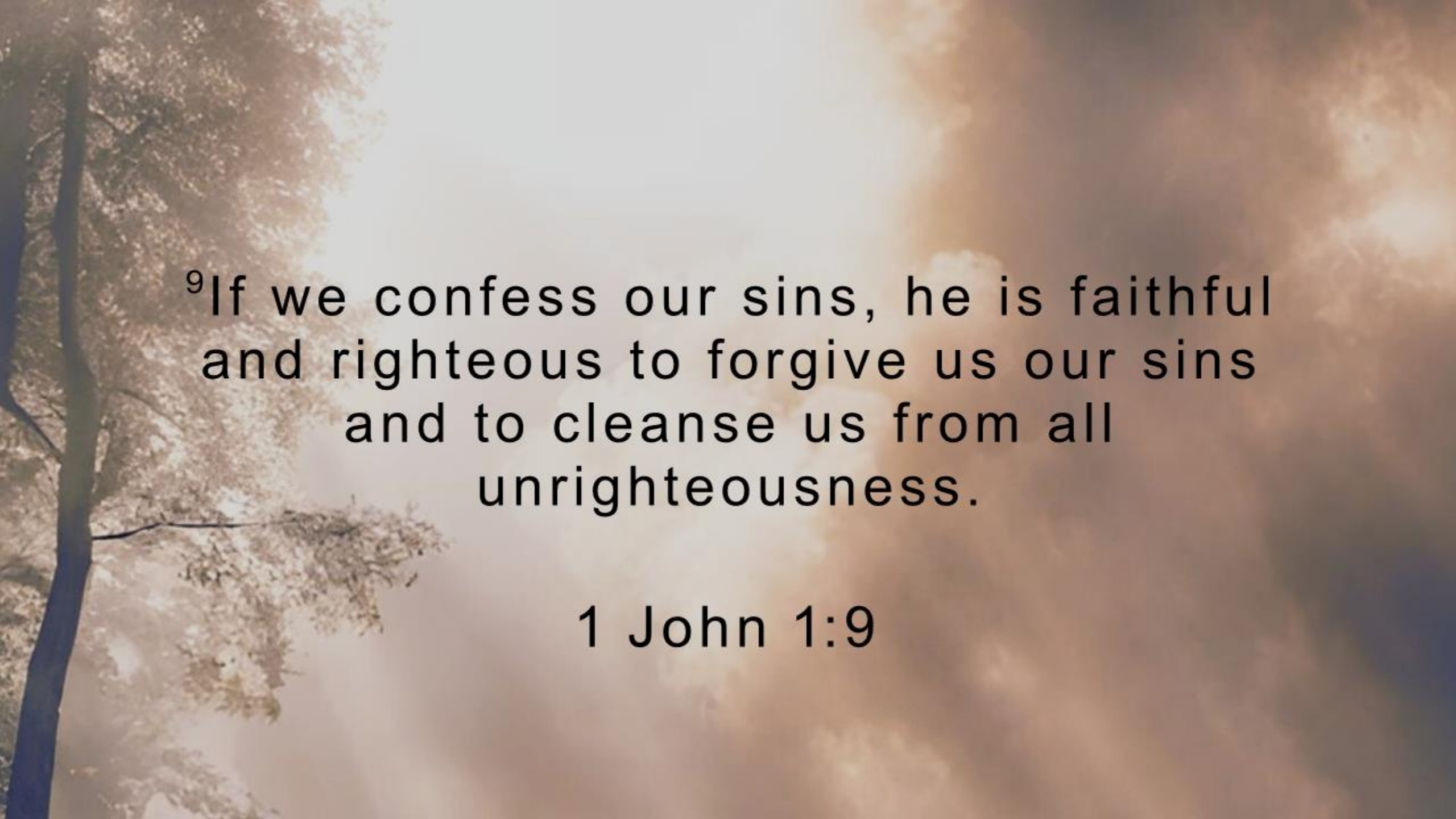
¹⁰A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.

John 10:10



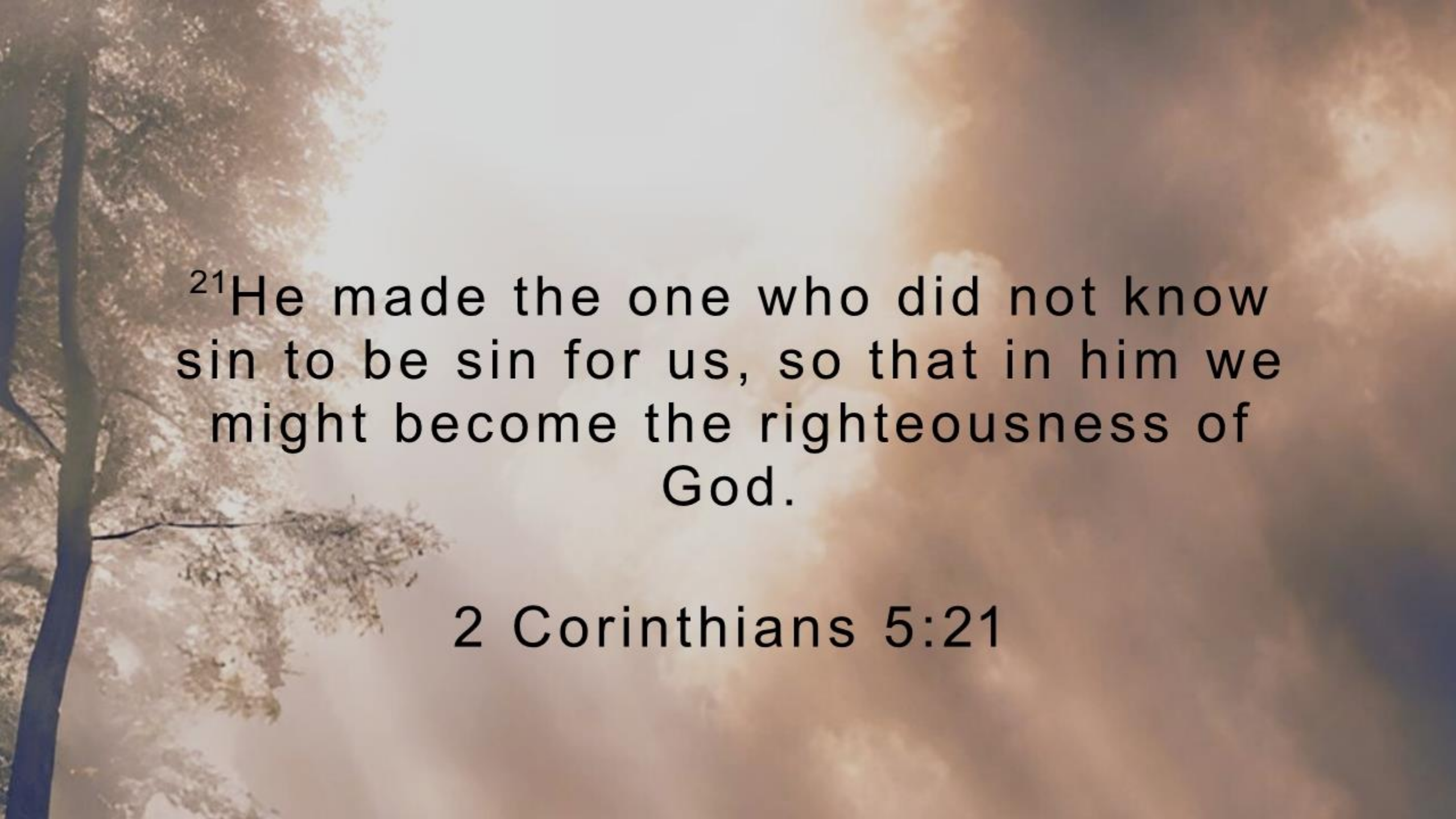
¹⁷If by the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:17



⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9



²¹He made the one who did not know
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2 Corinthians 5:21

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