
Right Attitudes for
Kingdom Living
Matthew 5:1-12


MERCY
Treating Others the Way
God Treats Me
Matthew 5:7

MATTHEW 5:7 (ESV)

"Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.

BIG IDEA

When we truly experience the mercy of God, His mercy begins to flow through us to others. Mercy is treating others the way God treats me.

MATTHEW 5:1–2 (ESV)

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

MATTHEW 5:3 (ESV)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 5:4 (ESV)

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

MATTHEW 5:5 (ESV)

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

MATTHEW 5:6 (ESV)

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

MATTHEW 5:7 (ESV)

"Blessed are the merciful,
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MATTHEW 5:8 (ESV)

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"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

MATTHEW 5:9 (ESV)

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

MATTHEW 5:10 (ESV)

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 5:11 (ESV)

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

MATTHEW 5:12 (ESV)

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of God for the People of God!

Thanks Be to God!


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But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

EPHESIANS 2:4–5 ESV

1 PETER 1:3 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

TITUS 3:4–5 (ESV)

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22–23 ESV

PSALM 103:8 (ESV)

PSALMS

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.


What is Mercy?
Biblical mercy is God's goodness and compassion toward people in misery and distress, expressed by moving toward them with help rather than ignoring their need.


I. RECEIVE MERCY

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

LUKE 18:9 ESV

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

LUKE 18:10 ESV

The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

LUKE 18:11 ESV

I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

LUKE 18:12 ESV

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

LUKE 18:13 ESV

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

LUKE 18:14 ESV

The Unmerciful Servant

Matthew 18:23-35


1. Mercy begins in
recognizing our need.


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2. Mercy is personified in the person of Jesus.

HEBREWS 2:17 (ESV)

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.


II. RELEASE MERCY

We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:3–5 ESV

LUKE 10:30 (ESV)

Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.

LUKE 10:31 (ESV)

Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

LUKE 10:32 (ESV)

So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

LUKE 10:33 (ESV)

But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

LUKE 10:34 (ESV)

He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

LUKE 10:35 (ESV)

And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’

Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”

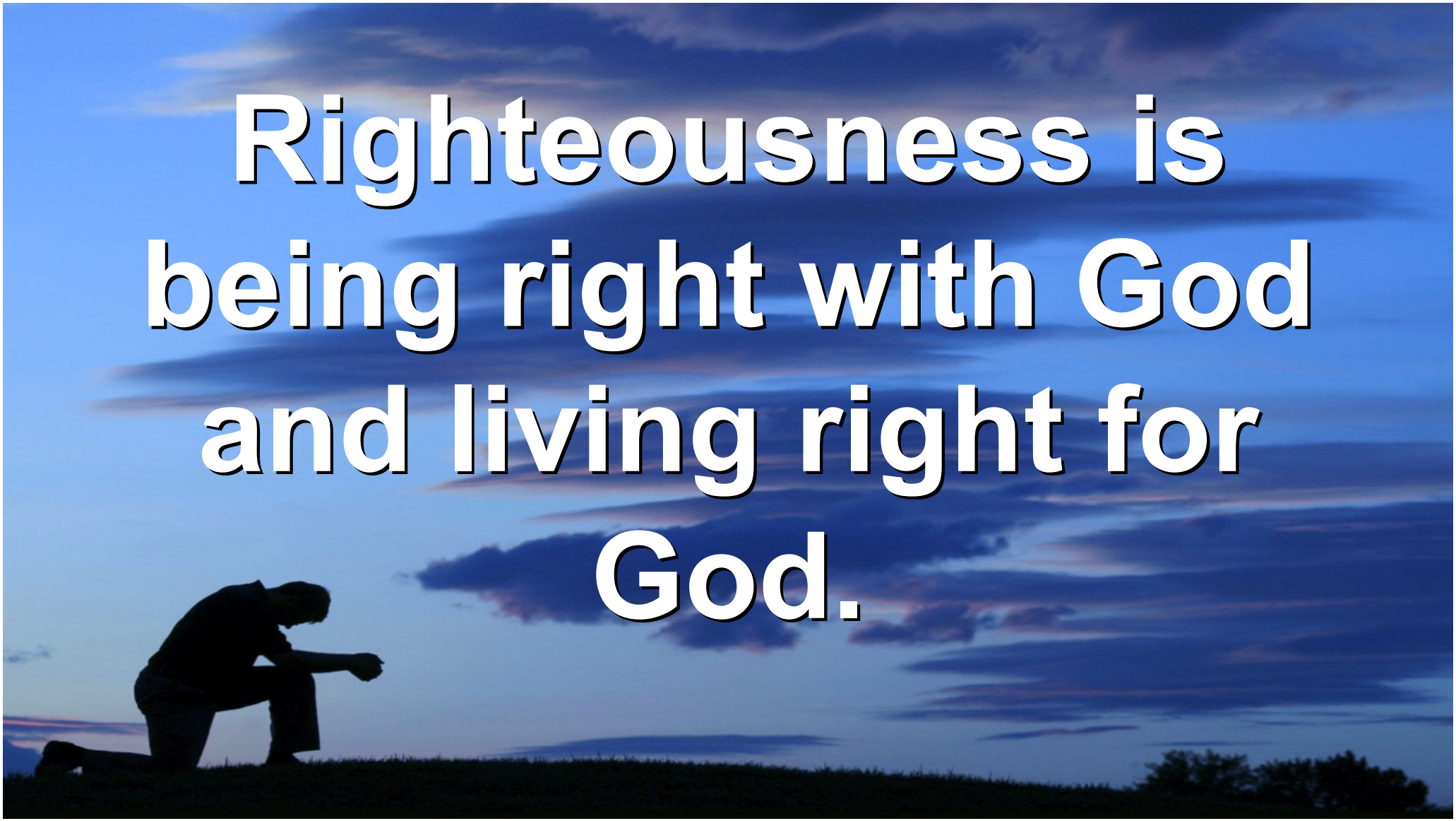
LUKE 10:37 (ESV)

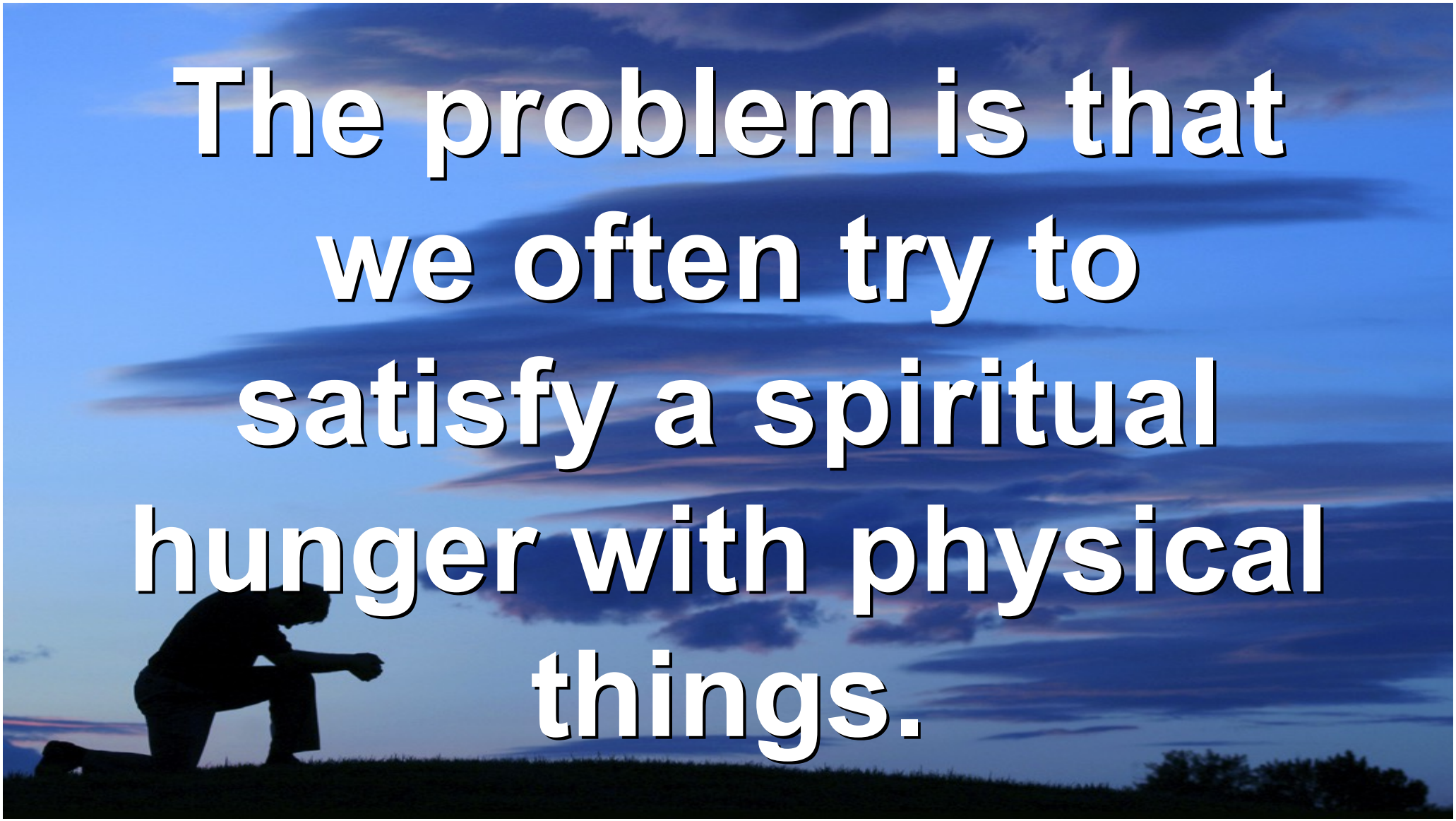
He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

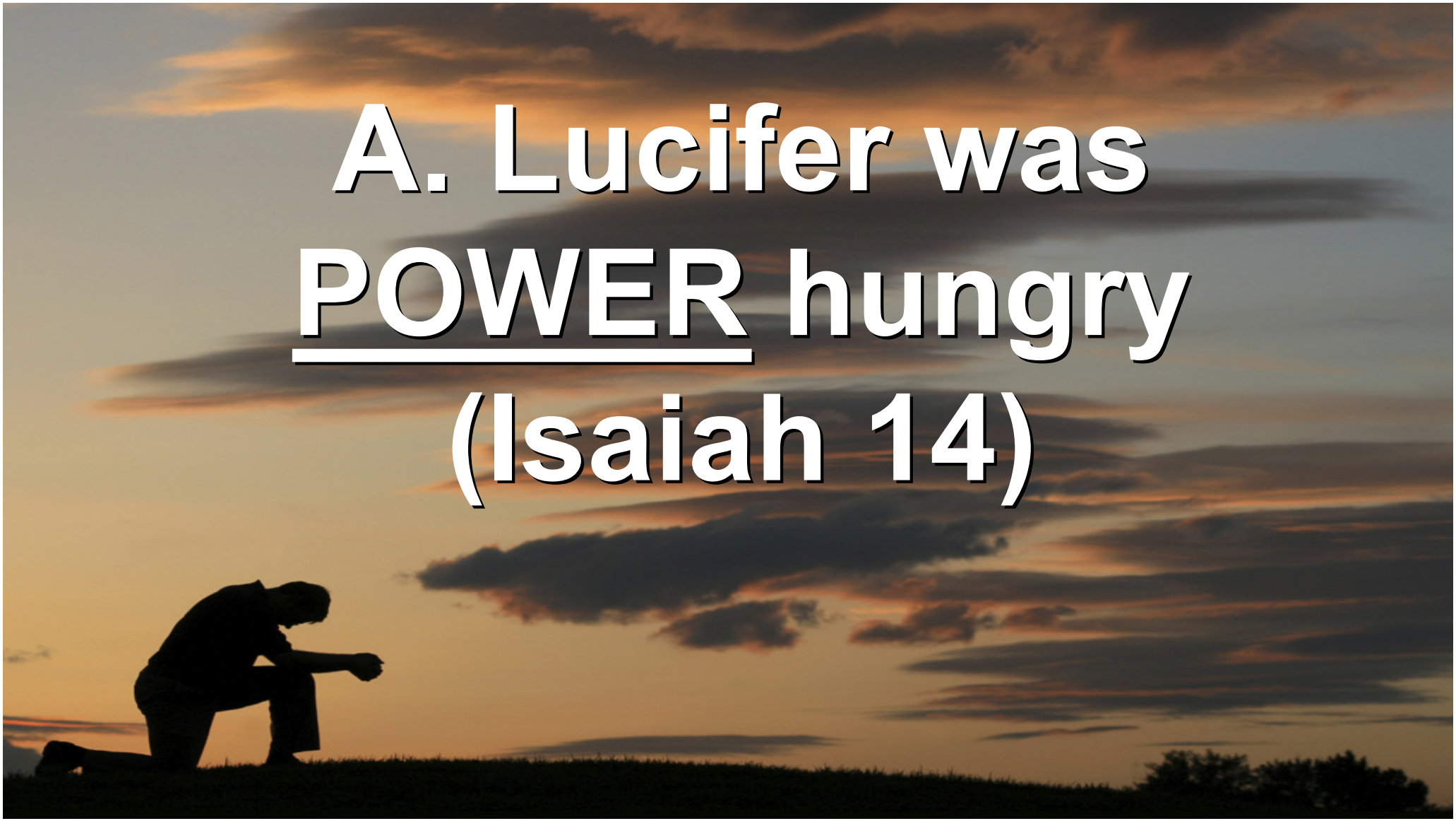

III. RECEIVE MORE
MERCY

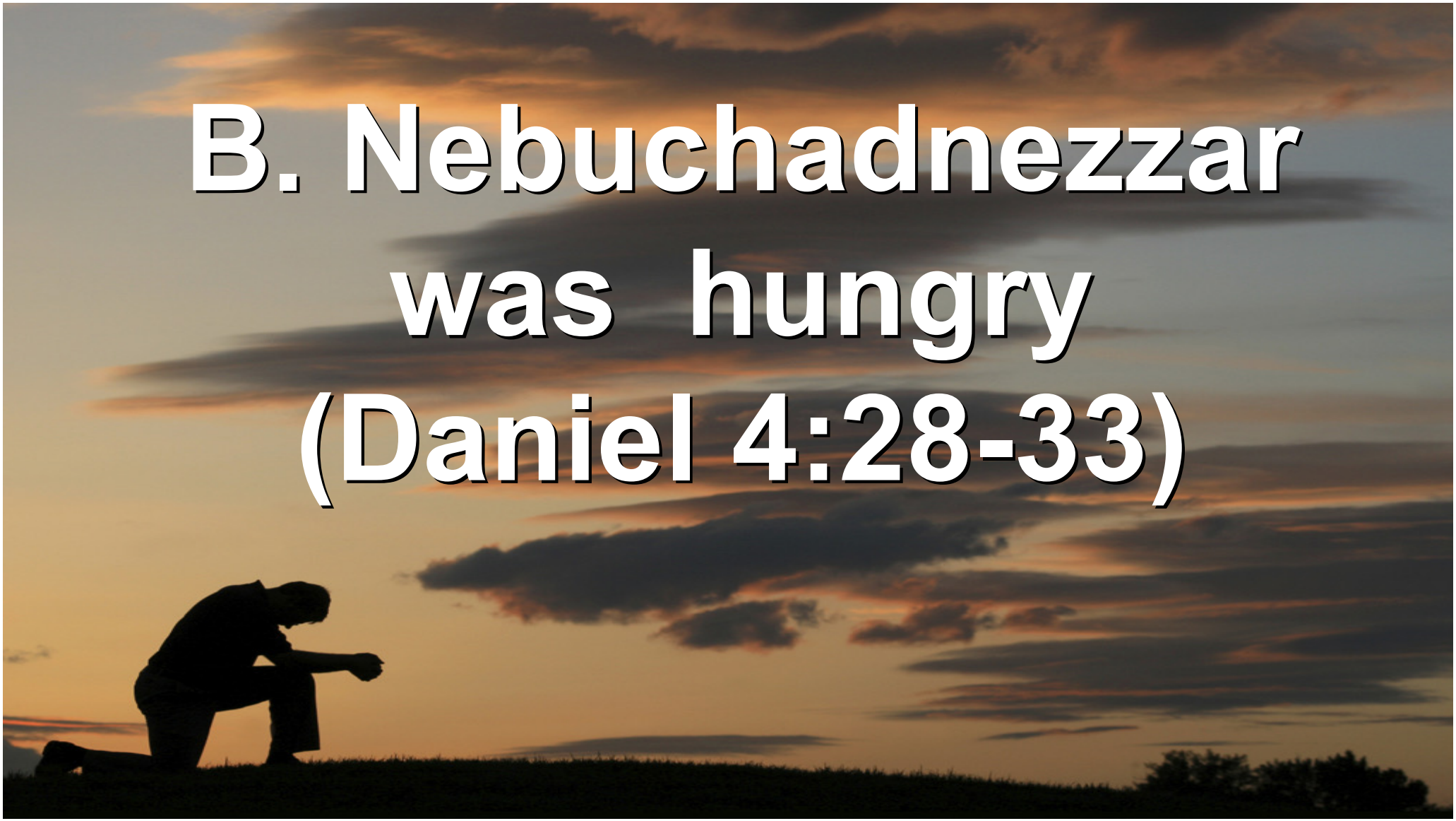
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LAMENTATIONS 3:22–23 ESV


Righteousness is being right with God and living right for God.


The problem is that
we often try to
satisfy a spiritual
hunger with physical
things.


A. Lucifer was
POWER hungry
(Isaiah 14)

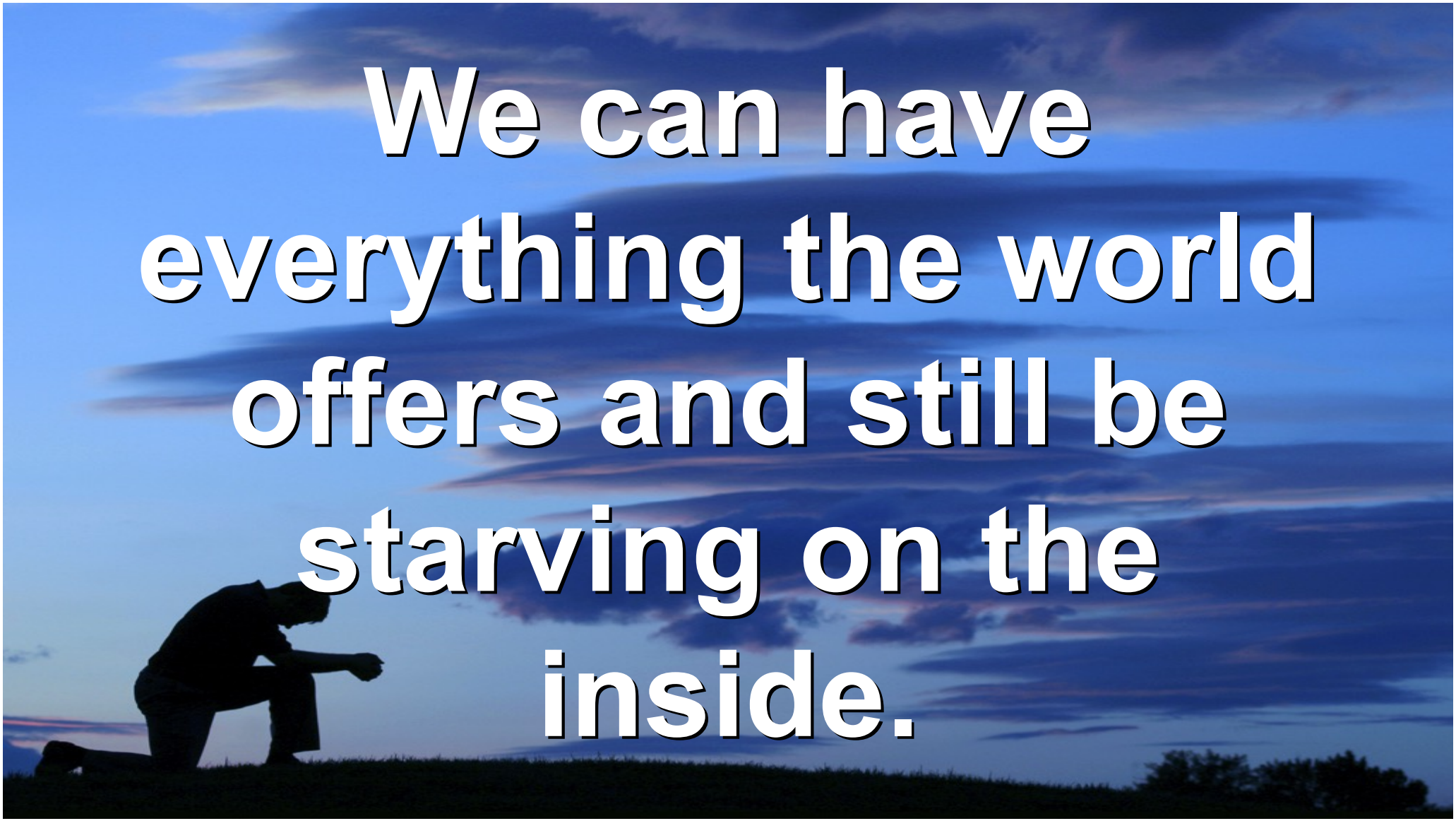

B. Nebuchadnezzar
was hungry
(Daniel 4:28-33)


C. The Rich Fool was
POSSESSION hungry
(Luke 12)

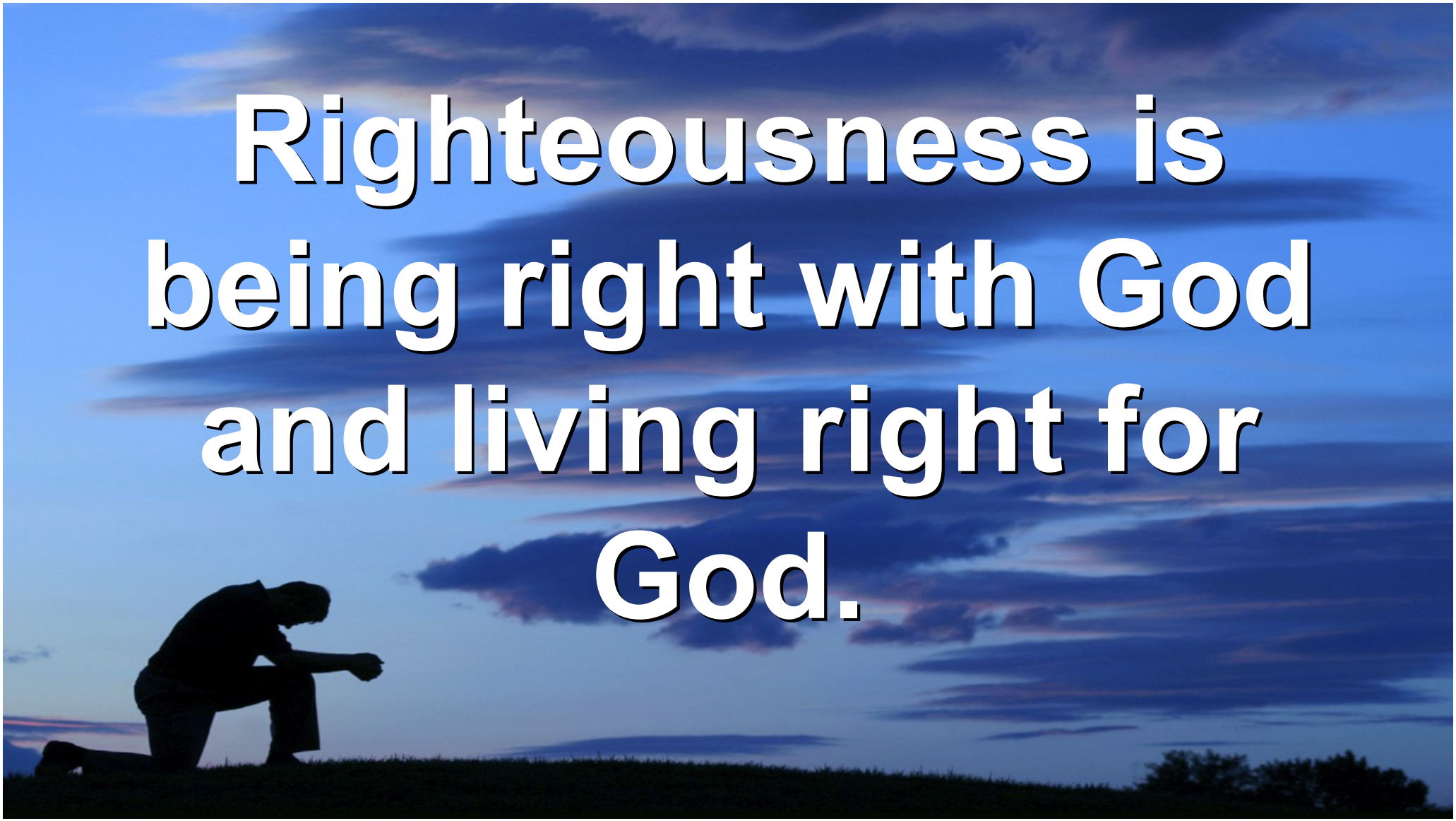

D. We are
PLEASURE hungry

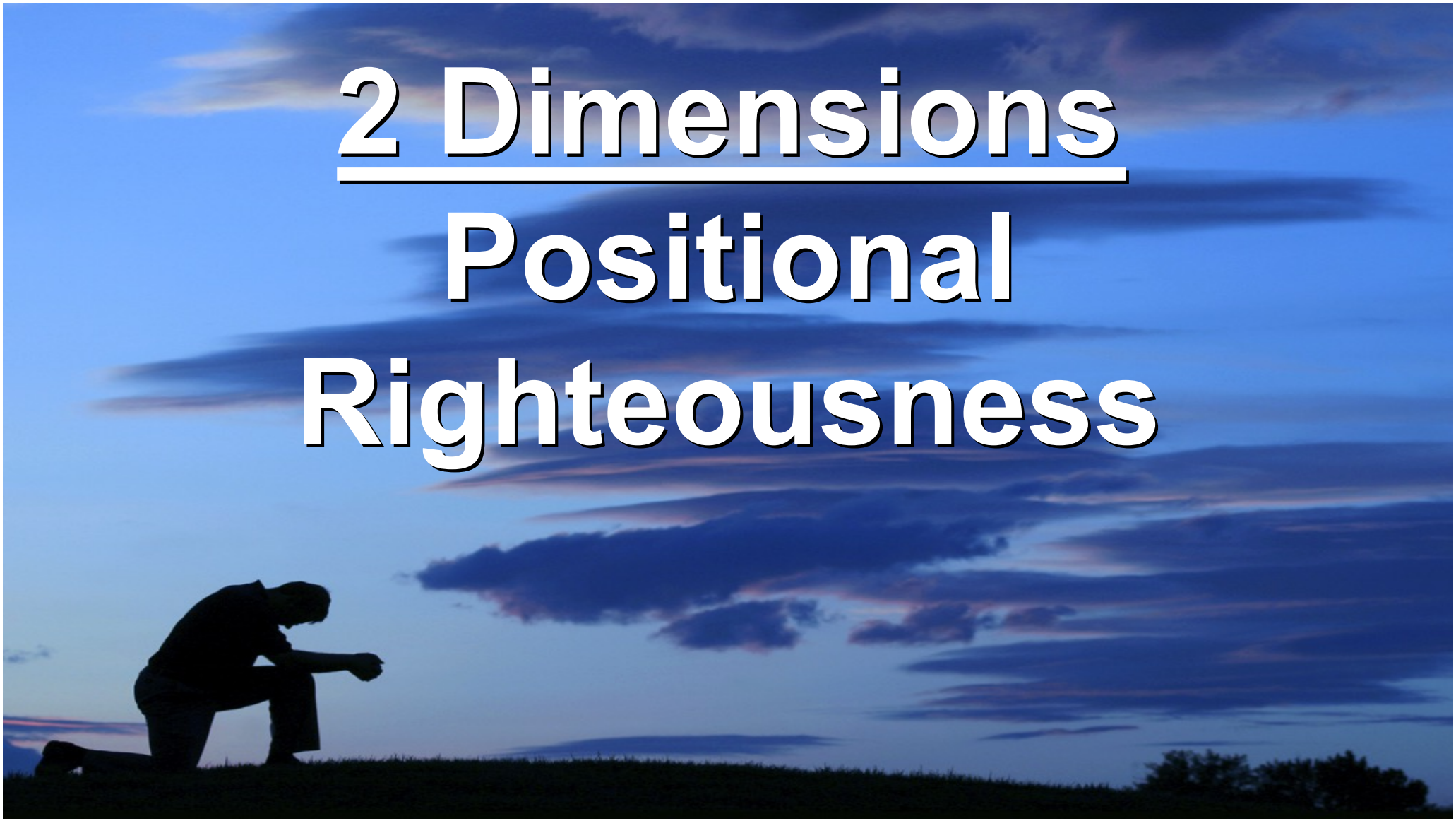
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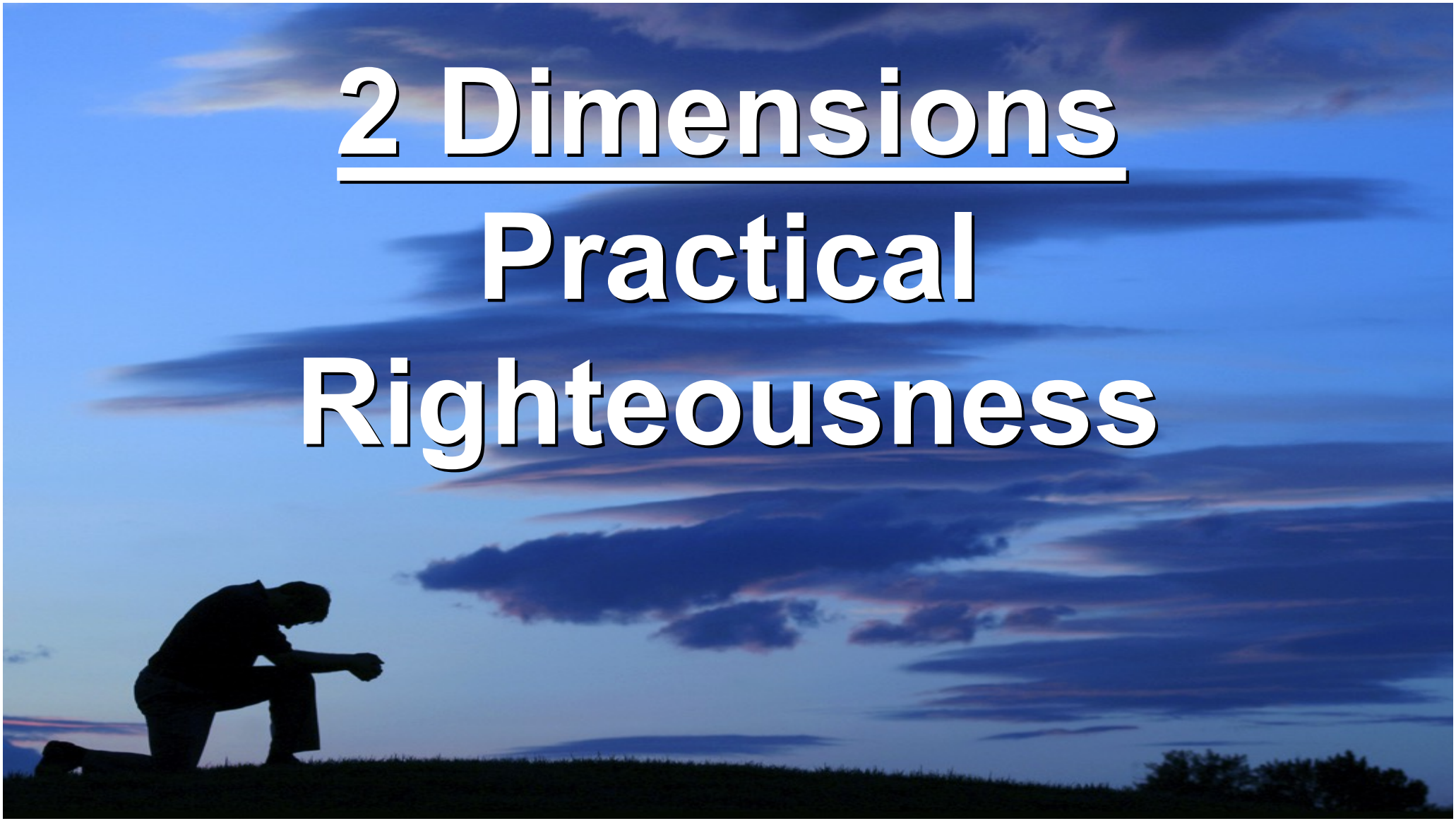
For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

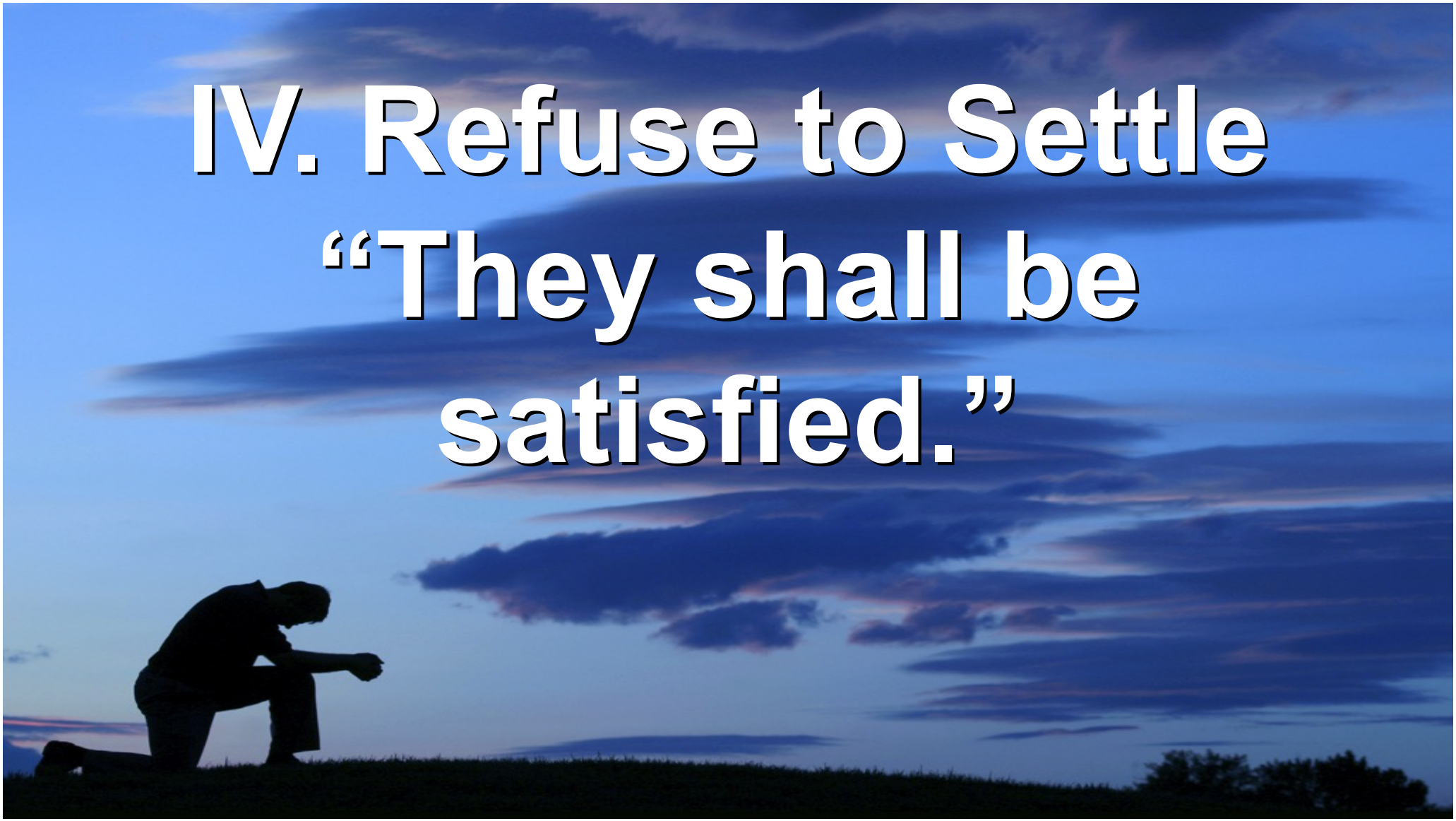

We can have
everything the world
offers and still be
starving on the
inside.

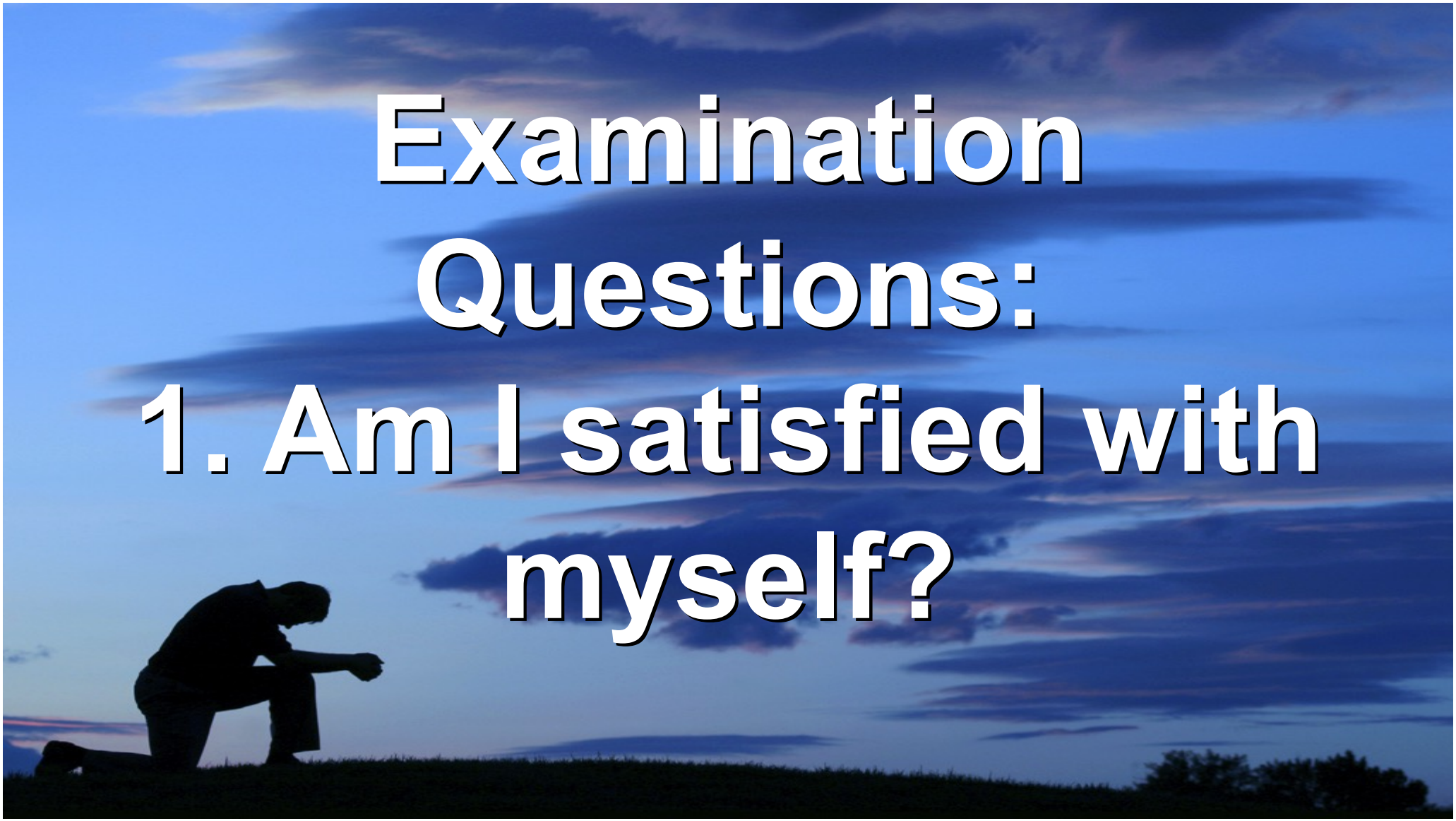

III. Redirect the Pursuit

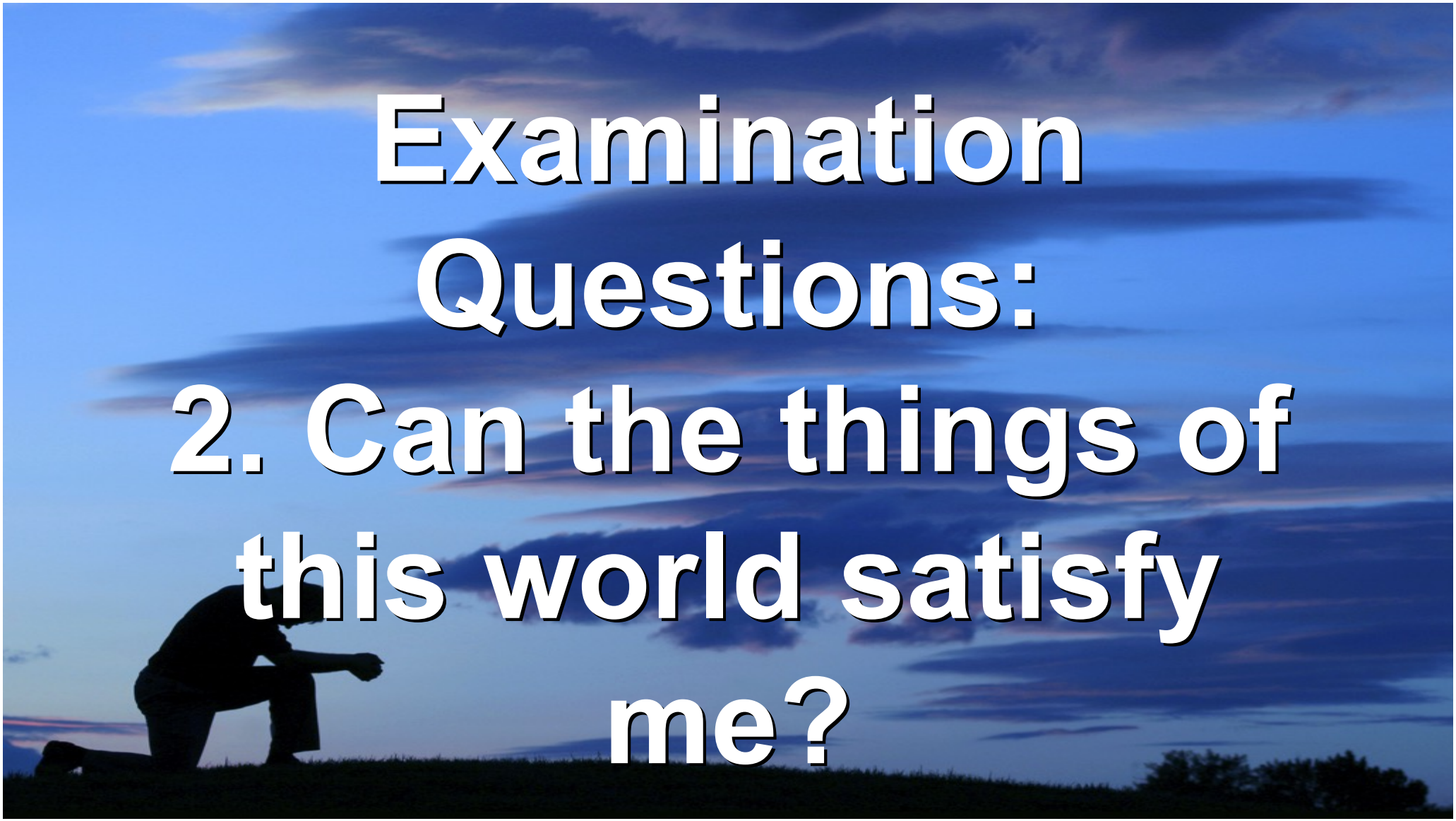

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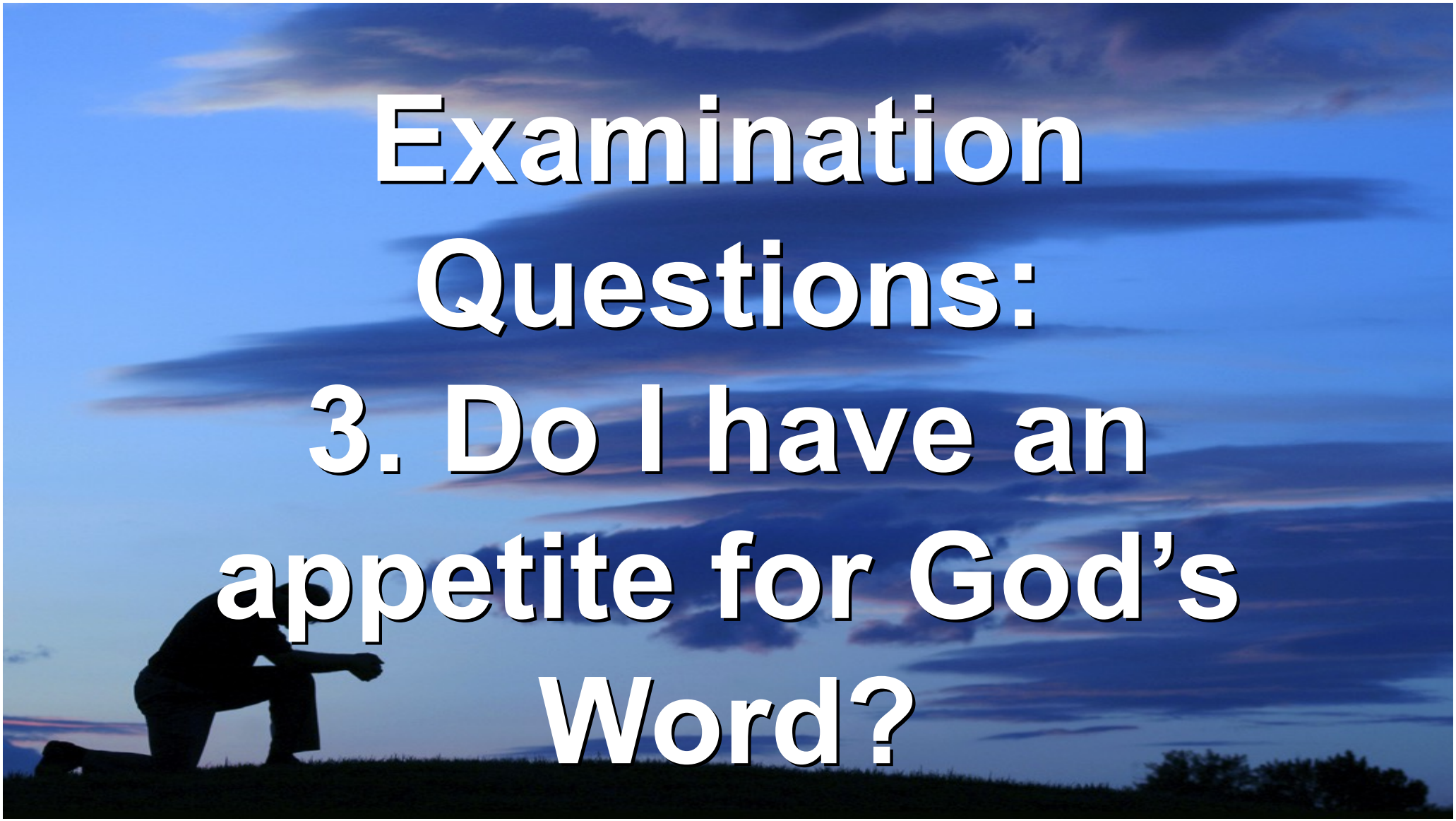

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Positional
Righteousness

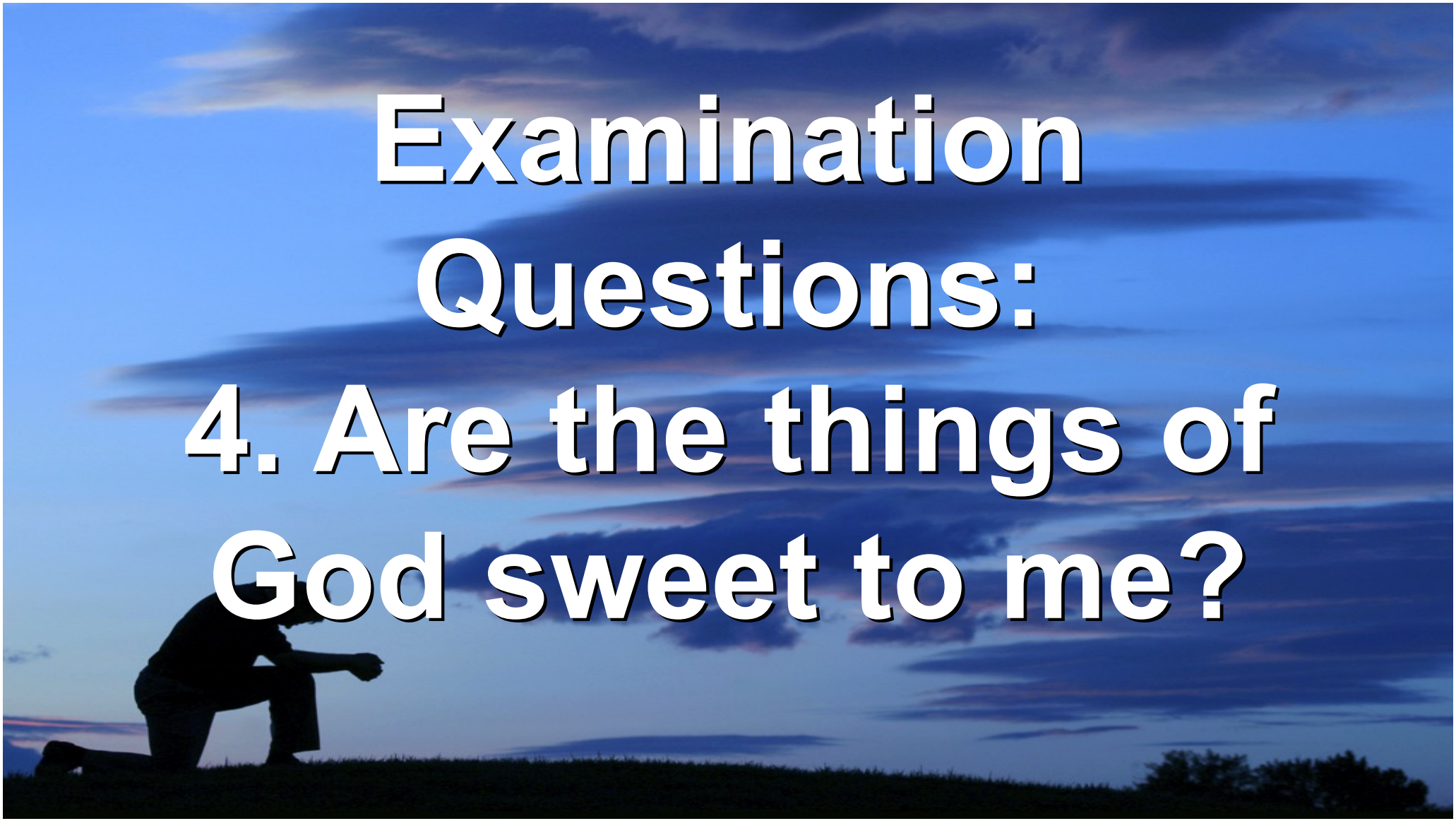

2 Dimensions
Practical
Righteousness

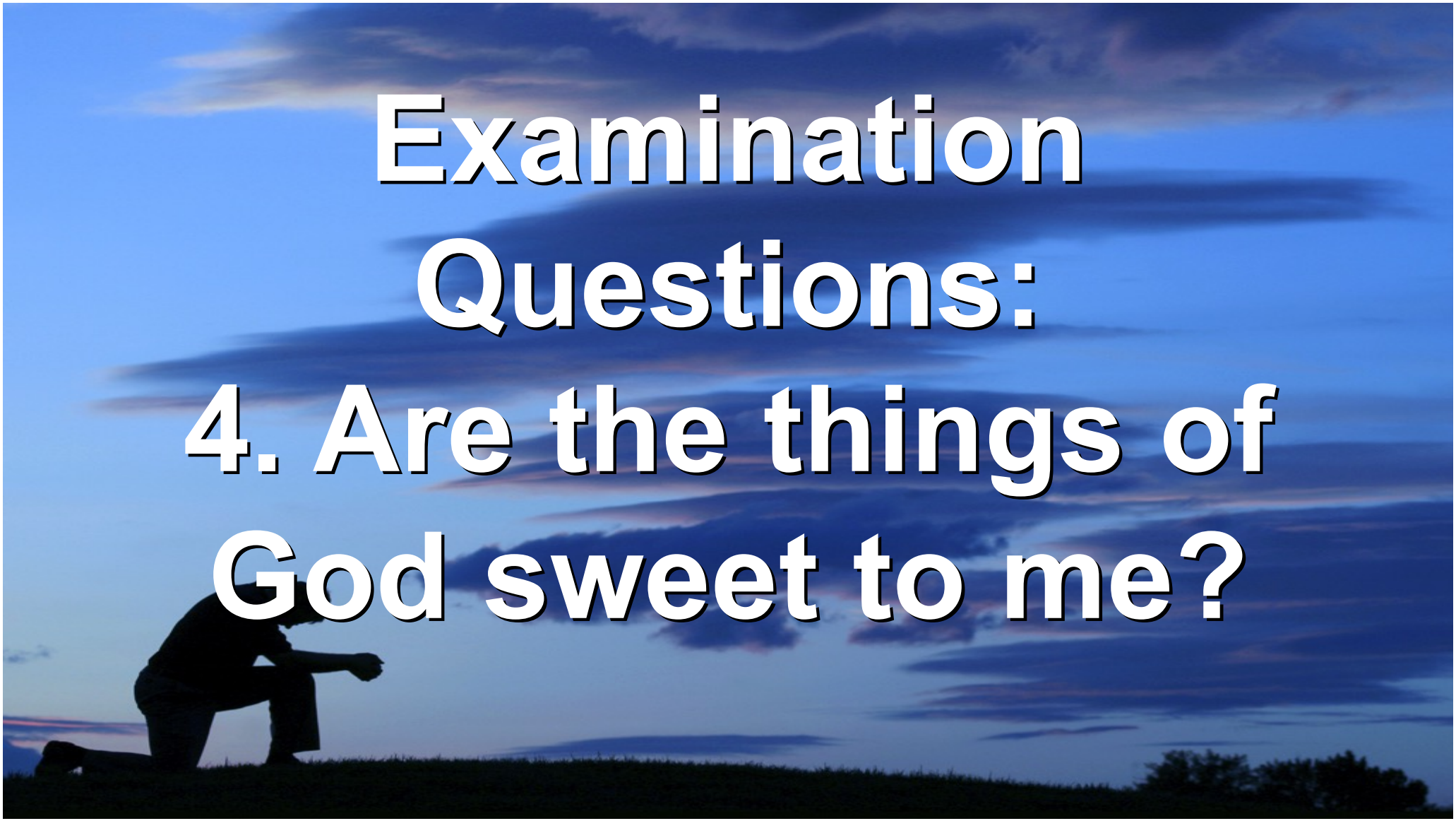

IV. Refuse to Settle
“They shall be satisfied.”


Examination
Questions:
1. Am I satisfied with
myself?

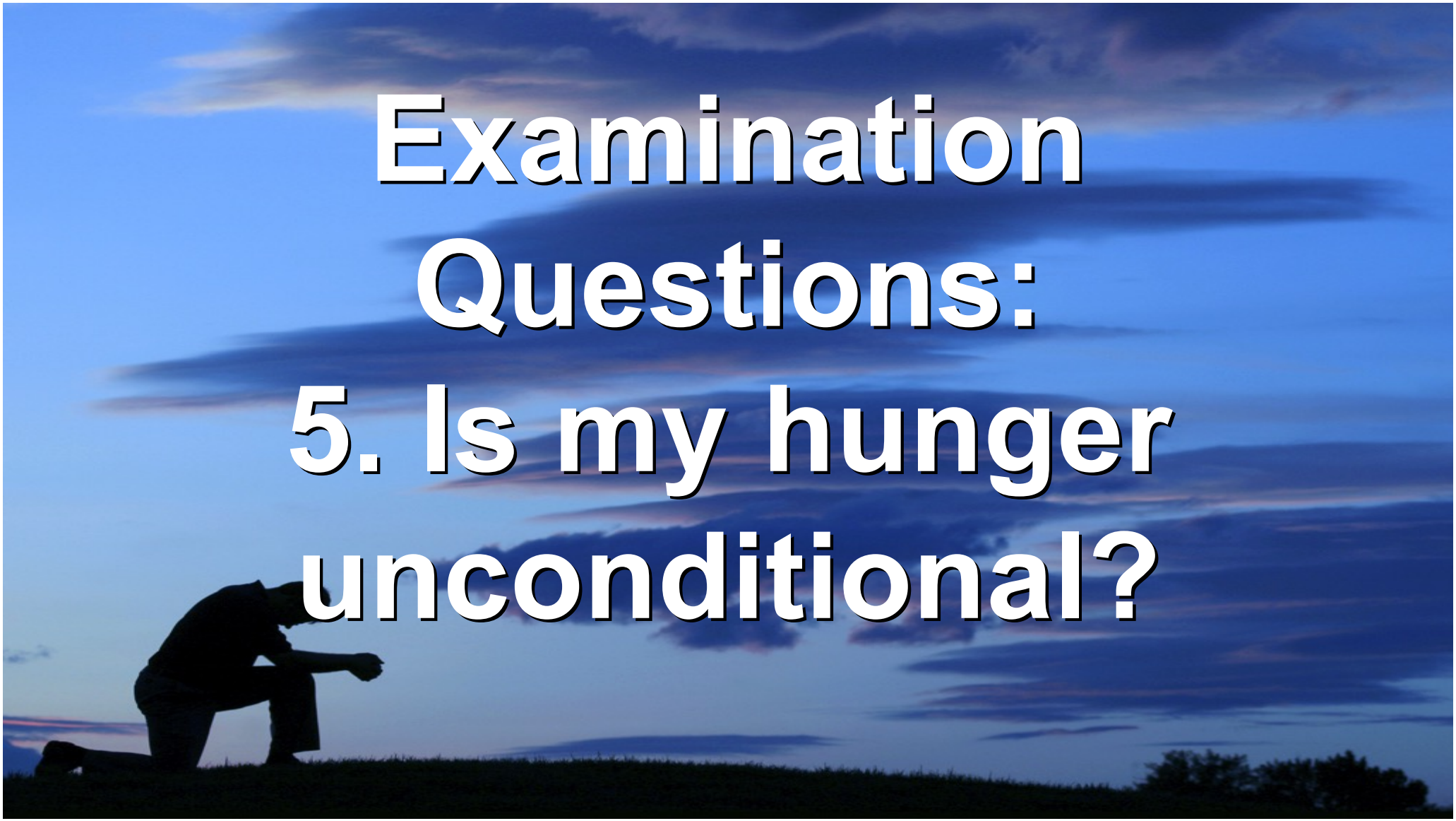

Examination
Questions:
2. Can the things of
this world satisfy
me?


Examination
Questions:
3. Do I have an
appetite for God's
Word?


Examination
Questions:
4. Are the things of
God sweet to me?


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To one who is hungry
everything bitter is sweet.


Examination
Questions:
5. Is my hunger
unconditional?