



Heaven on Earth
1 Corinthians 15:35-58

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What will we learn?

- ❖ The resurrection of Jesus is a model for our resurrection.
- ❖ The curse of sin will be lifted for humanity and for all of creation.
- ❖ We should live in anticipation of heavenly rewards.

Biblical Answers to Common Questions

HEAVEN

RANDY
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❖ *Heaven*
— by Randy Alcorn

Week one:

- ❖ We should set our hearts and minds on Heaven.
- ❖ Heaven is not the default setting for fallen humanity.
- ❖ Salvation is assured for believers in Jesus.

Last week:

- ❖ The present Heaven is above us, but it will come down to Earth after Jesus returns.
- ❖ Deceased believers are already in Heaven with the Lord.
- ❖ One day, we will all be changed, and Heaven itself will be changed.

Paul Marshall:

“Our destiny is an earthly one: a new earth, an earth redeemed and transfigured. An earth reunited with heaven, but an earth, nevertheless.”

Human history:

- ❖ Paradise: Genesis 1-2
- ❖ Fall and Redemption: Genesis 3 - Revelation 20
- ❖ Paradise regained: Revelation 21-22

Genesis and Revelation:

- ❖ Garden
- ❖ No sin, death, curse
- ❖ Tree of life
- ❖ Redemption promised/fulfilled
- ❖ Paradise lost/regained



Paul Marshall:

“This world is our home: we are made to live here. It has been devastated by sin, but God plans to put it right. Hence we look forward with joy to newly restored bodies and to living in a newly restored heaven and earth. We can love this world because it is God’s, and it will be healed, becoming at last what God intended from the beginning.”

New Heaven and Earth:

- ❖ Isaiah 65:17
- ❖ Isaiah 66:22
- ❖ 2 Peter 3:13
- ❖ Revelation 21:1

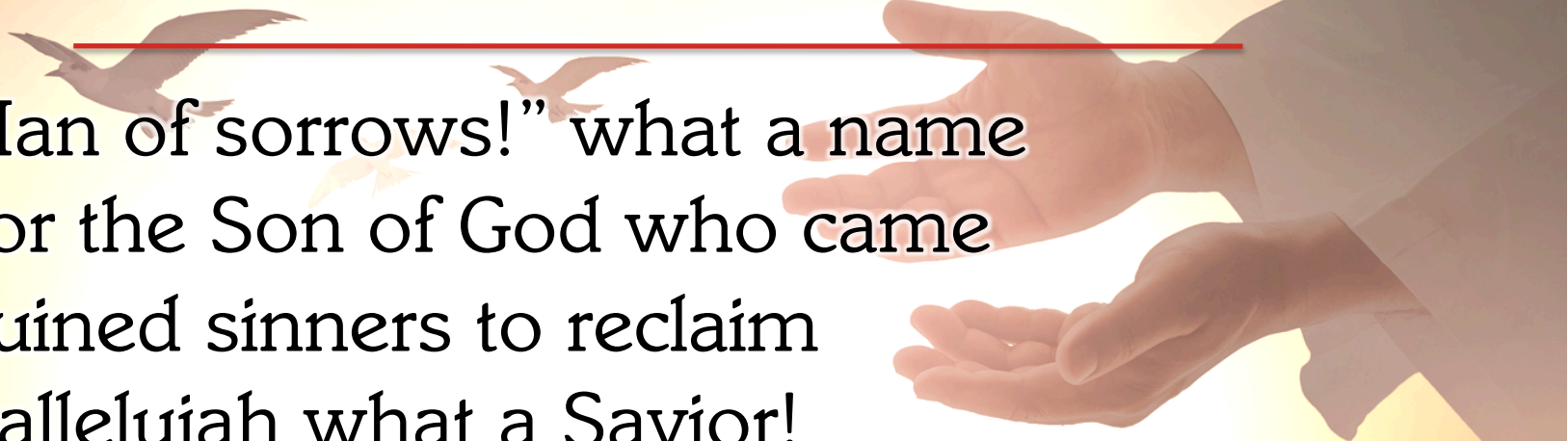


Randy Alcorn:

“Upon creating the heavens and the earth, he called them ‘very good.’ Never once has he renounced his claim on what he made. He isn’t going to abandon his creation. He’s going to restore it.”

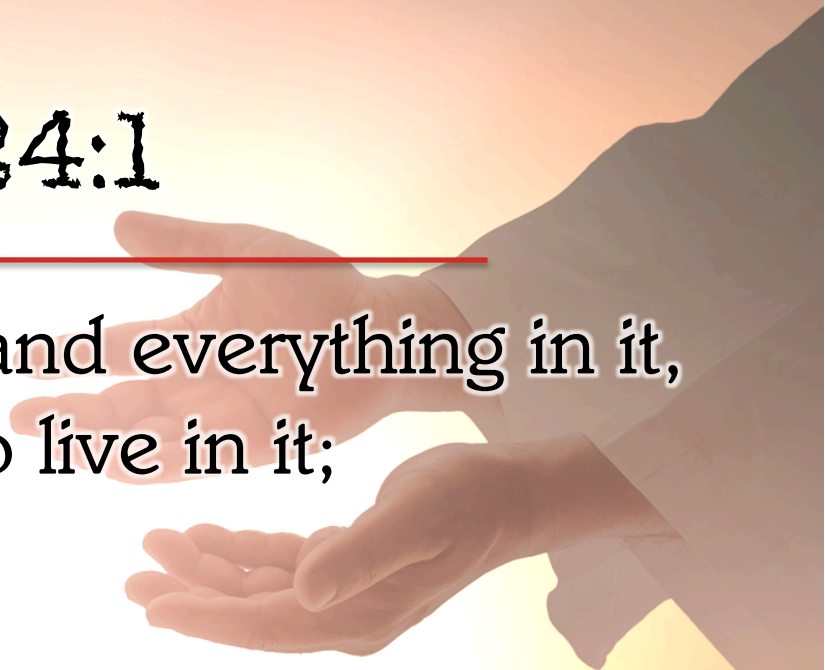
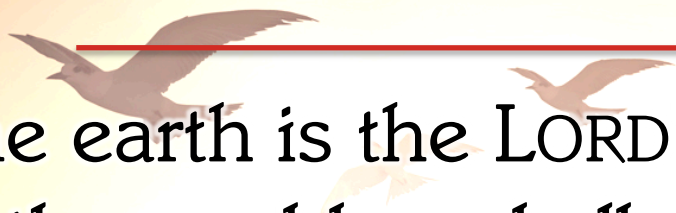
Philip P. Bliss:

“Man of sorrows!” what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah what a Savior!



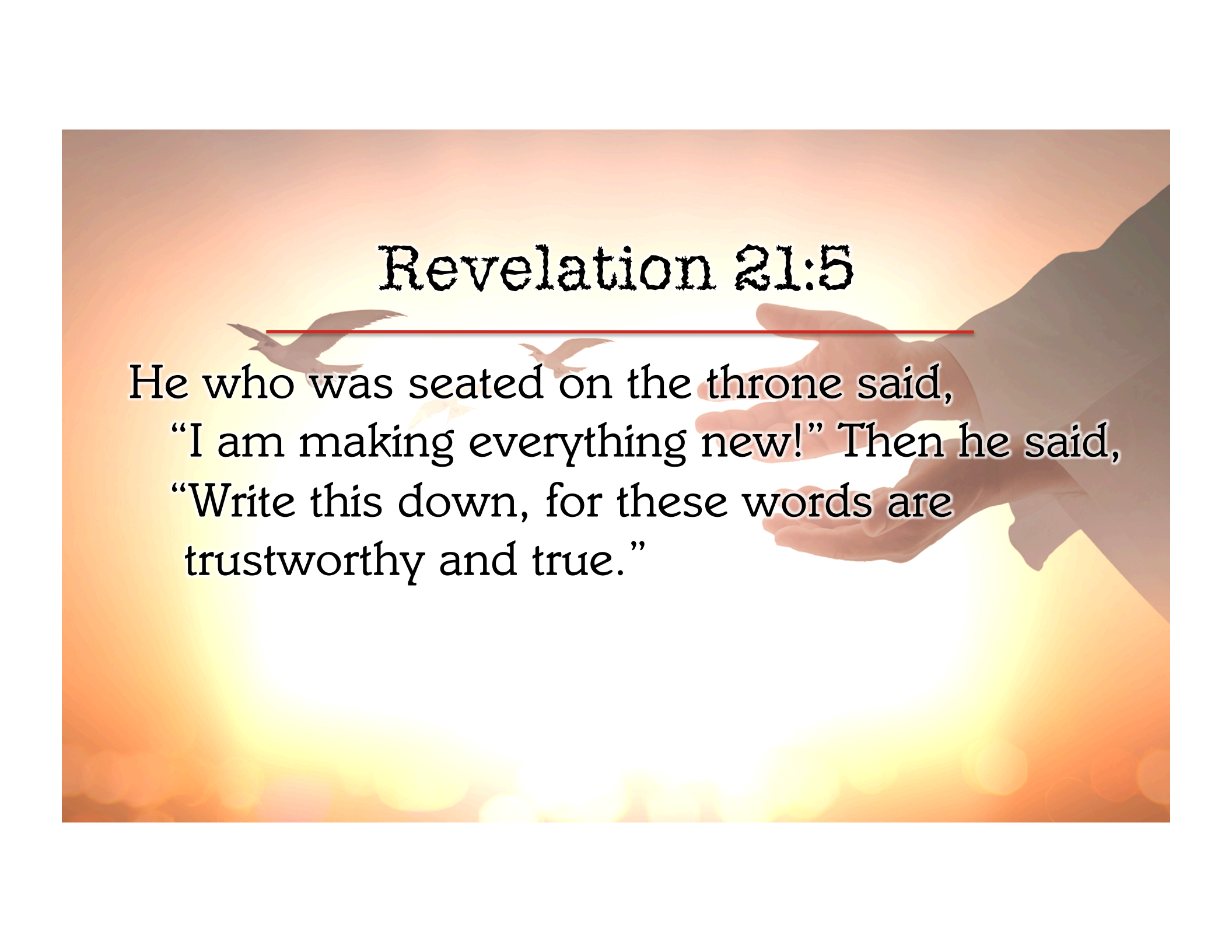
Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;



Revelation 21:5

He who was seated on the throne said,
“I am making everything new!” Then he said,
“Write this down, for these words are
trustworthy and true.”



1 Corinthians 15:22-24

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

God's glory in the nations:

- ❖ Psalm 102:15-16
- ❖ Isaiah 11:9-10
- ❖ Isaiah 66:19-20
- ❖ Haggai 2:6-7



Jesus the Redeemer:

- ❖ “her offspring” (Genesis 3:15)
- ❖ Abraham’s seed (Genesis 22:18)
- ❖ From the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10)
- ❖ From the house of David (2 Samuel 7:12-13)
- ❖ Suffering servant (Isaiah 42:1-4; 49:5-7; 52:13-15; 53)

Ephesians 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,

Ephesians 1:9-10

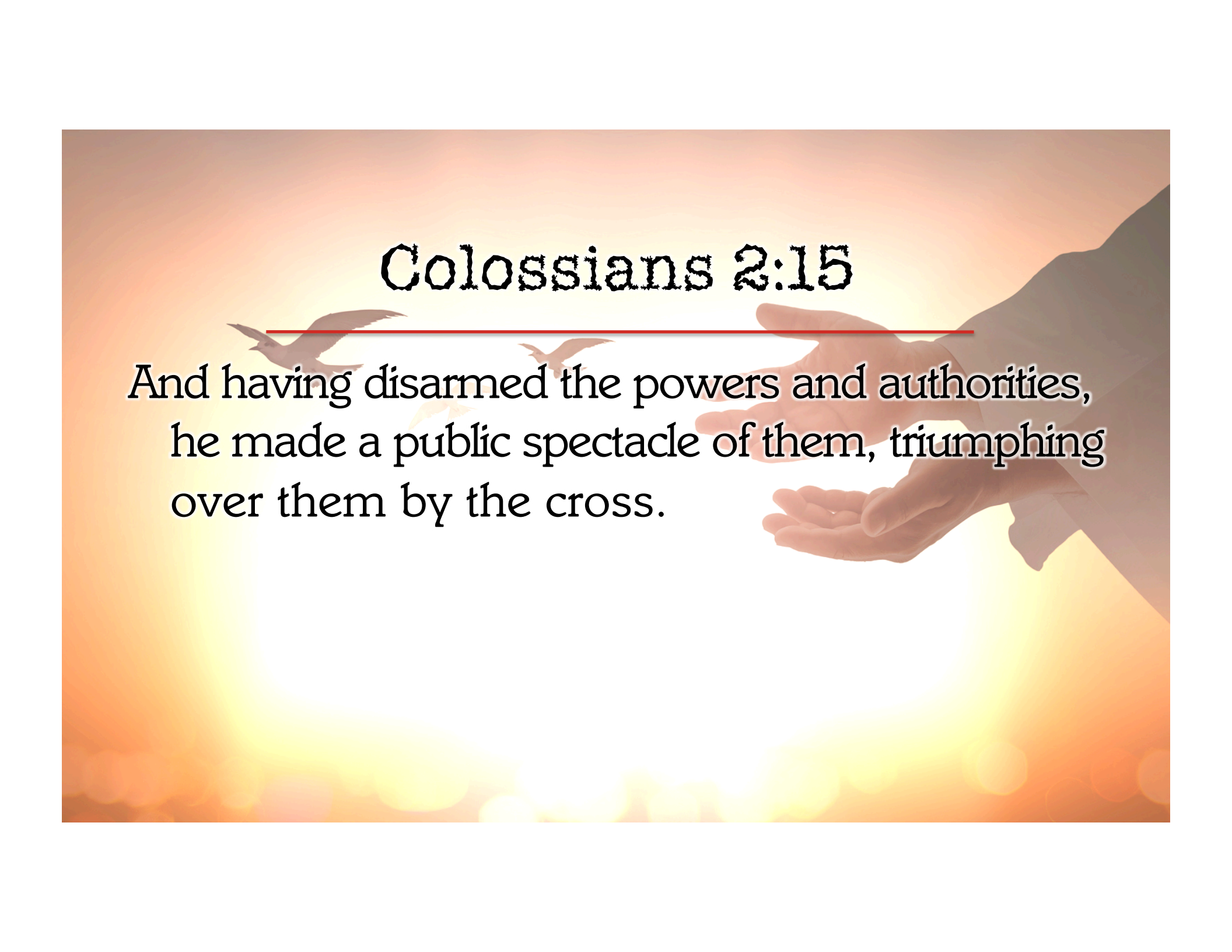
he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment — to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Randy Alcorn:

“Christ has already defeated Satan, but the full scope of his victory has not yet been manifested on Earth.”

Colossians 2:15

And having disarmed the powers and authorities,
he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing
over them by the cross.



Revelation 19:16

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On his robe and on his thigh
he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 22:3

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

Anthony Hoekema:

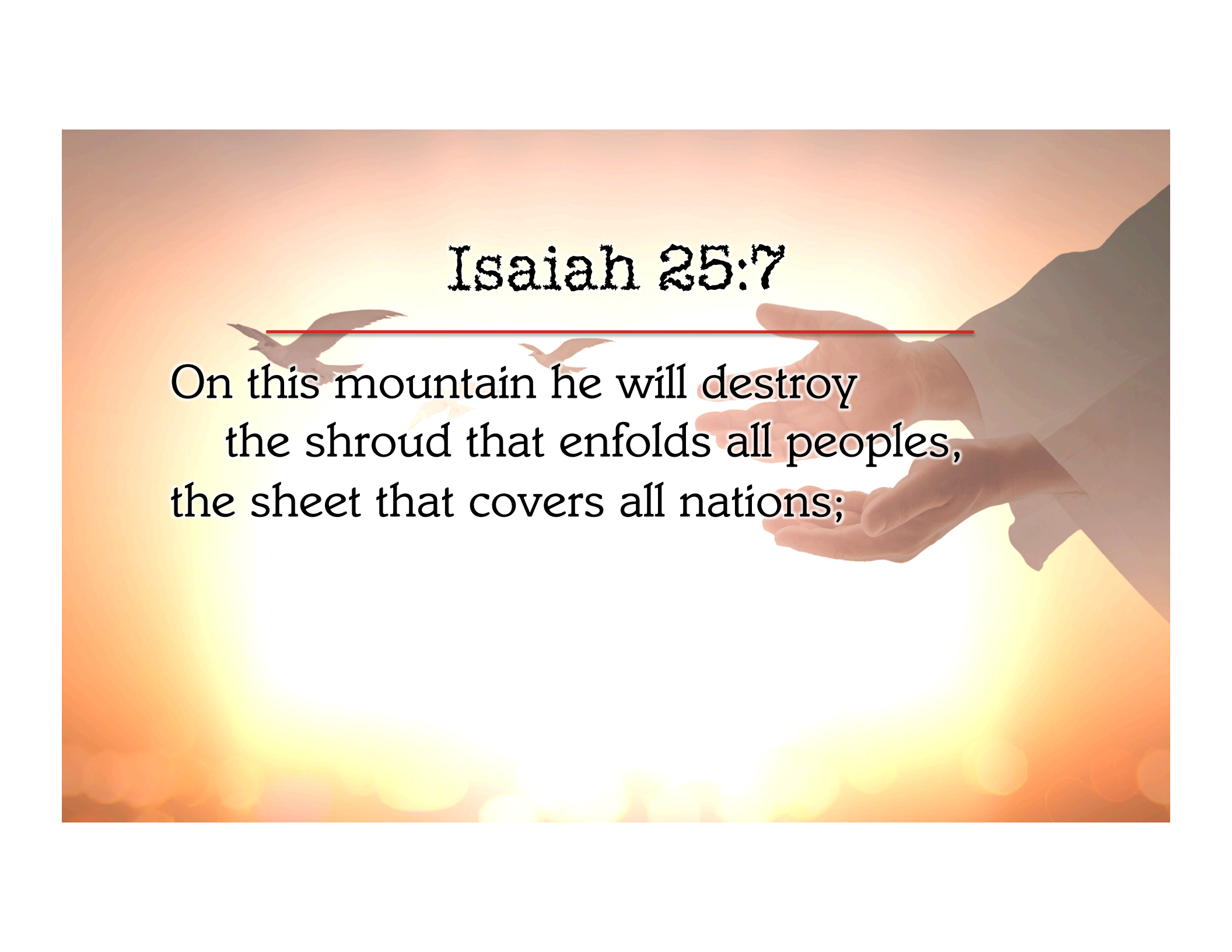
“The total work of Christ is nothing less than to redeem this entire creation from the effects of sin. That purpose will not be accomplished until God has ushered in the new earth, until Paradise Lost has become Paradise Regained.”

Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

Isaiah 25:7

On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;



Isaiah 25:7-8

he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

Isaac Watts:

No more let sin and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

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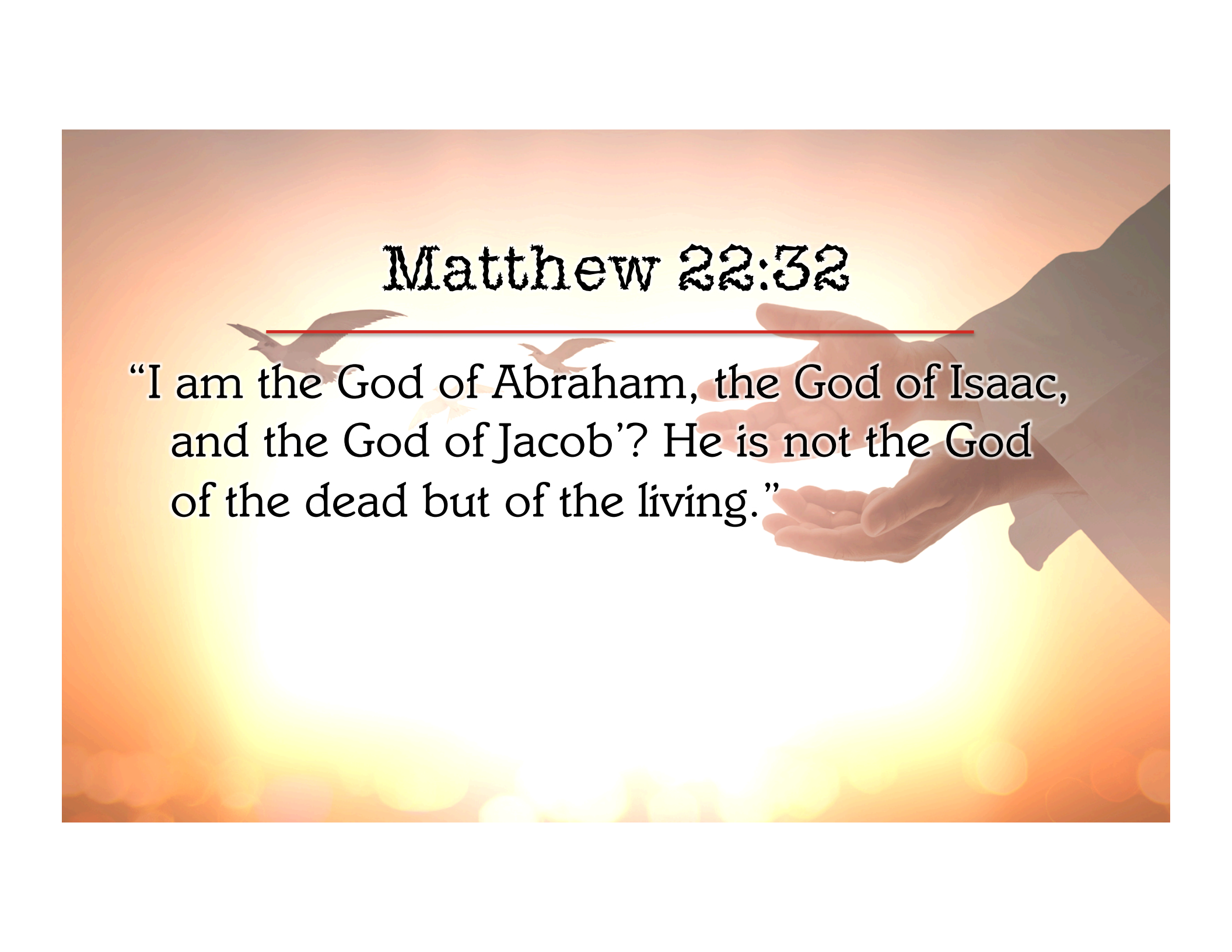
“We will not be disembodied spirits in the world to come, but redeemed spirits, in redeemed bodies, in a redeemed universe.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Matthew 22:32

“I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”



1 John 3:2

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Resurrected Jesus:

- ❖ He walked and talked.
- ❖ He cooked and ate.
- ❖ He taught and reasoned.
- ❖ He continued his relationships.

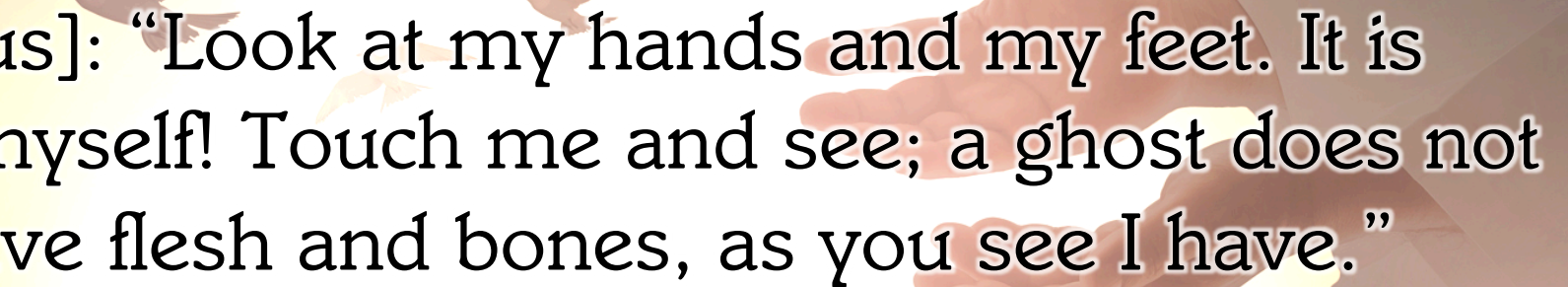


Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Luke 24:39

[Jesus]: “Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

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1 Corinthians 15:42-44

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead.

The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

Earthly body:

- ❖ Sown a perishable body
- ❖ Sown in dishonor
- ❖ Sown in weakness
- ❖ Sown a natural body

Resurrection body:

- ❖ Raised an imperishable body
- ❖ Raised in glory
- ❖ Raised in power
- ❖ Raised a spiritual body

Colossians 1:16-17

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:18

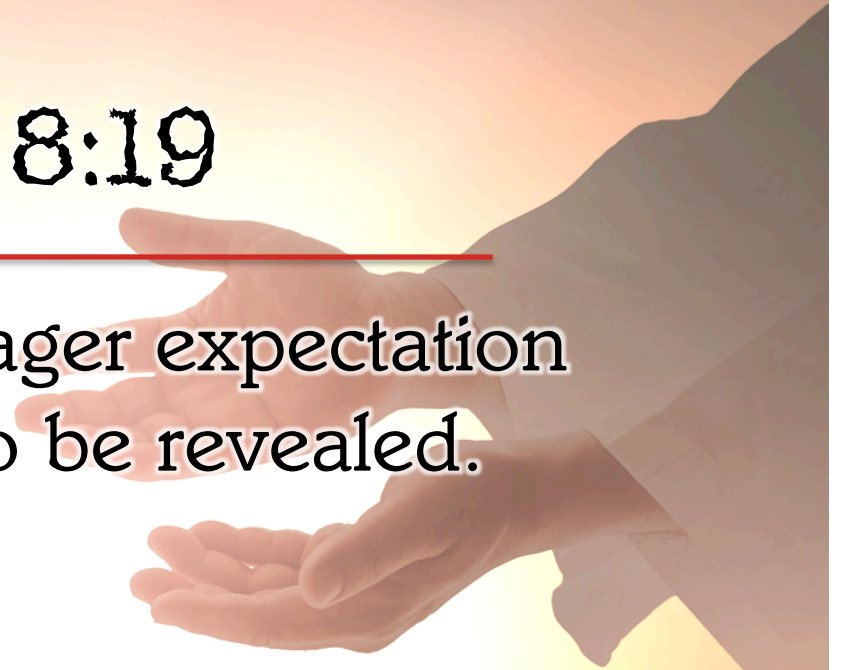
And he is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning and the firstborn from
among the dead, so that in everything
he might have the supremacy.

Colossians 1:19-20

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Romans 8:19

For the creation waits in eager expectation
for the children of God to be revealed.



John Calvin:

“I understand the passage to have this meaning — that there is no element and no part of the world which is being touched, as it were, with a sense of its present misery, that does not intensely hope for a resurrection.”

John Piper:

“What happens to our bodies and what happens to the creation go together. And what happens to our bodies is not annihilation but redemption... Our bodies will be redeemed, restored, made new, not thrown away. And so it is with the heavens and the earth.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters,
stand firm. Let nothing move you.
Always give yourselves fully to the work
of the Lord, because you know that
your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 3:12-13

If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work.

1 Corinthians 3:14-15

If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved — even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Revelation 14:13

Then I heard a voice from heaven say,
“Write this: Blessed are the dead who
die in the Lord from now on.”
“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest
from their labor, for their deeds
will follow them.”

What have we learned?

- ❖ The resurrection of Jesus is a model for our resurrection.
- ❖ The curse of sin will be lifted for humanity and for all of creation.
- ❖ We should live in anticipation of heavenly rewards.



Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper

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