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What a Day That Will Be

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What will we learn?

- ❖ In Heaven:
 - ❖ We will see God.
 - ❖ We will worship.
 - ❖ We will work/serve.
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Biblical Answers to Common Questions

HEAVEN

RANDY
ALCORN

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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.

Week two

- ❖ 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.

Human history:

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

Last week:

- ❖ 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.

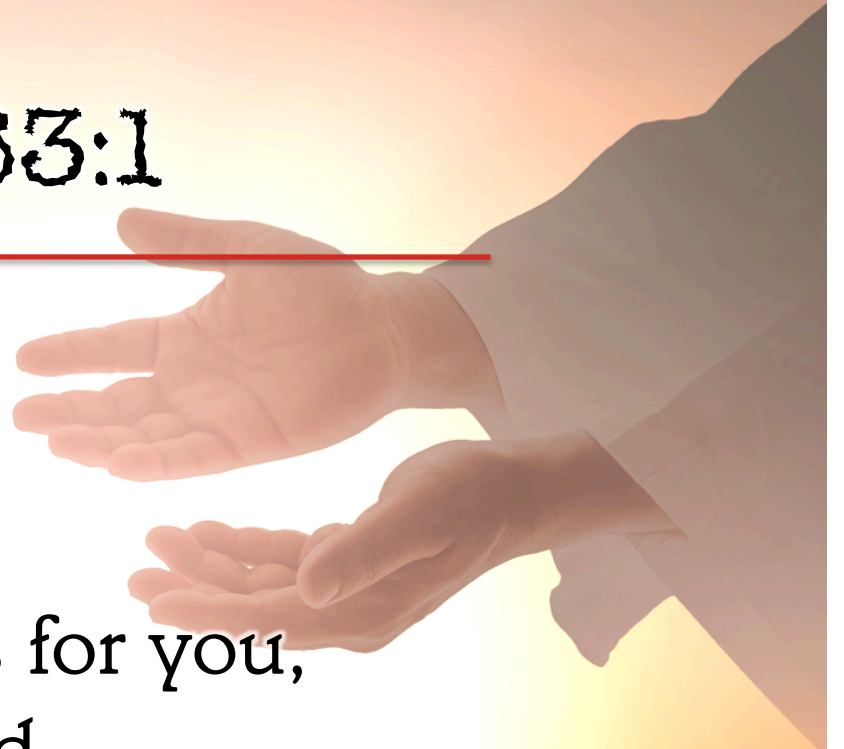
Assumptions vs. Scripture

- ❖ Disembodied
- ❖ Otherworldly
- ❖ Boring

- ❖ Resurrected bodies
- ❖ Earthly
- ❖ Fascinating

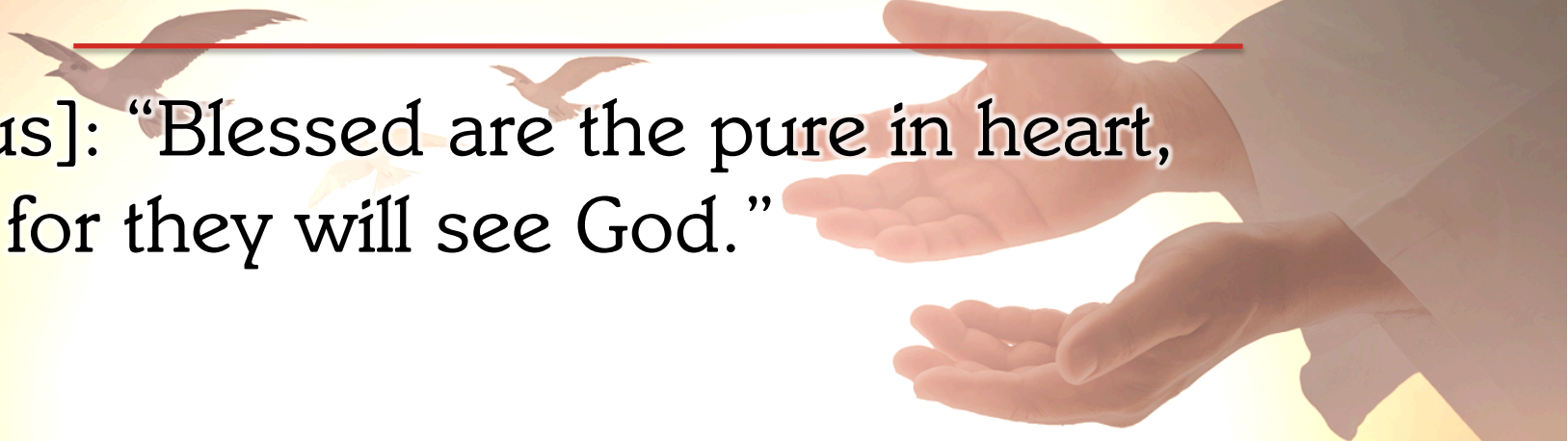
Psalm 63:1

You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.



Matthew 5:8

[Jesus]: “Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.”



Revelation 22:3-4

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. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Job 19:25, 27

I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth ...

I myself will see him
with my own eyes — I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

Psalm 73:25



Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

John 17:3

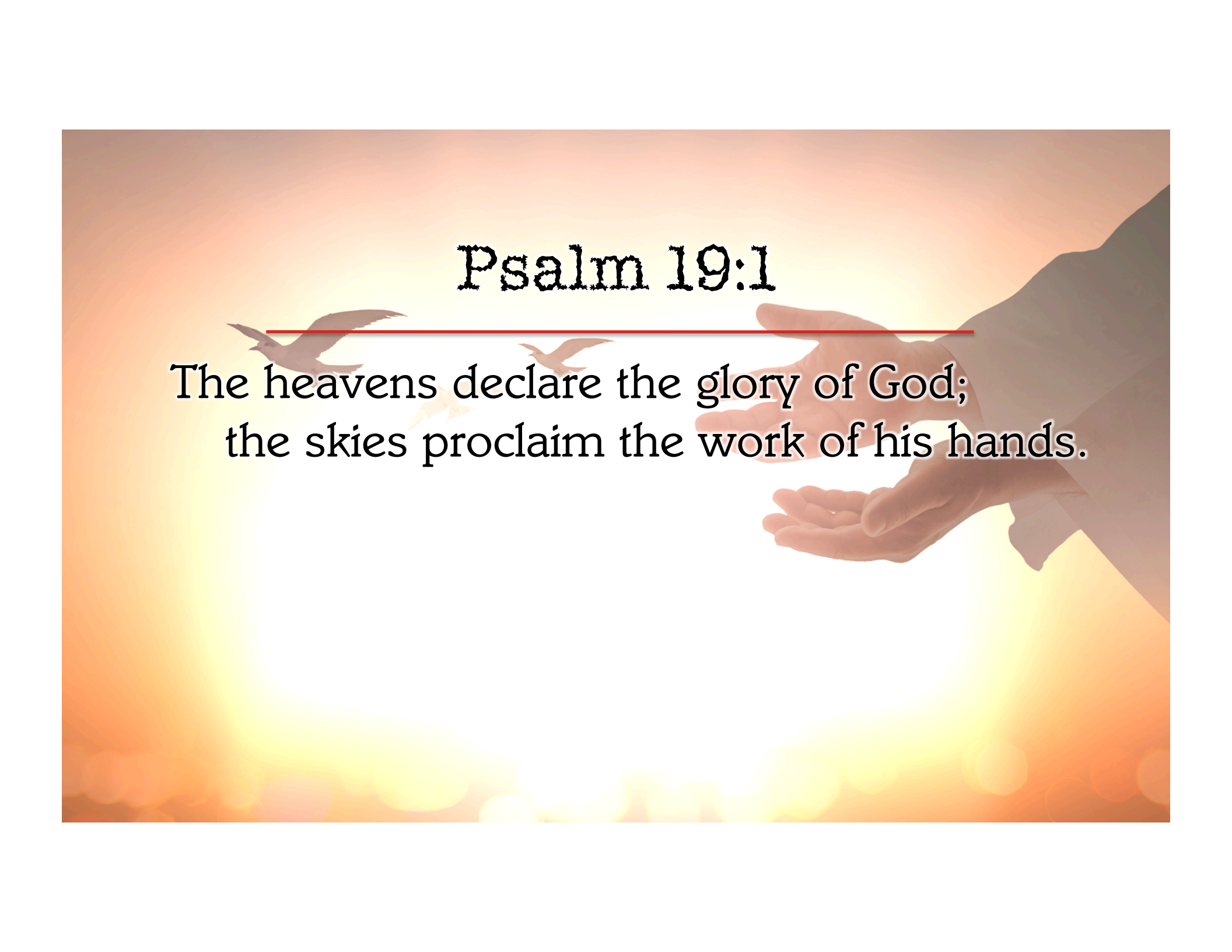
[Jesus]: “Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.



1 Timothy 6:17

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

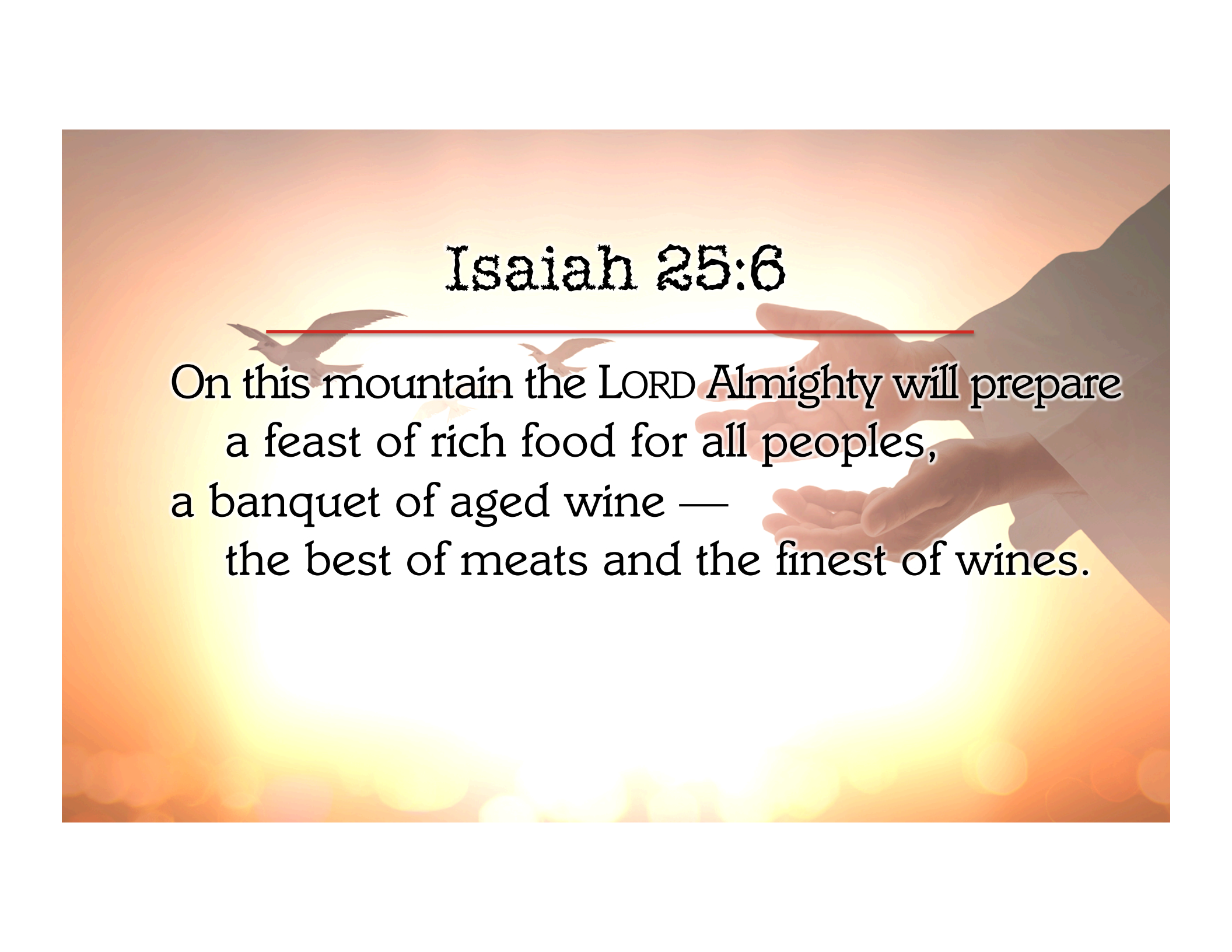
God with us:

- ❖ Leviticus 26:11-12
- ❖ Ezekiel 37:27
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 6:16
- ❖ John 14:3
- ❖ Revelation 21:3



Isaiah 25:6

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine —
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5:19-20

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 15:15

[Jesus]: “I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”

Revelation 19:9

Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

Revelation 21:2

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Revelation 19:7-8

“Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.
Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands
for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)


Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and
people and nation.

Revelation 5:10

“You have made them to be a kingdom and
priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”



Inherit the Earth:

❖ Psalm 8:6

❖ Psalm 24:1

❖ Psalm 25:13

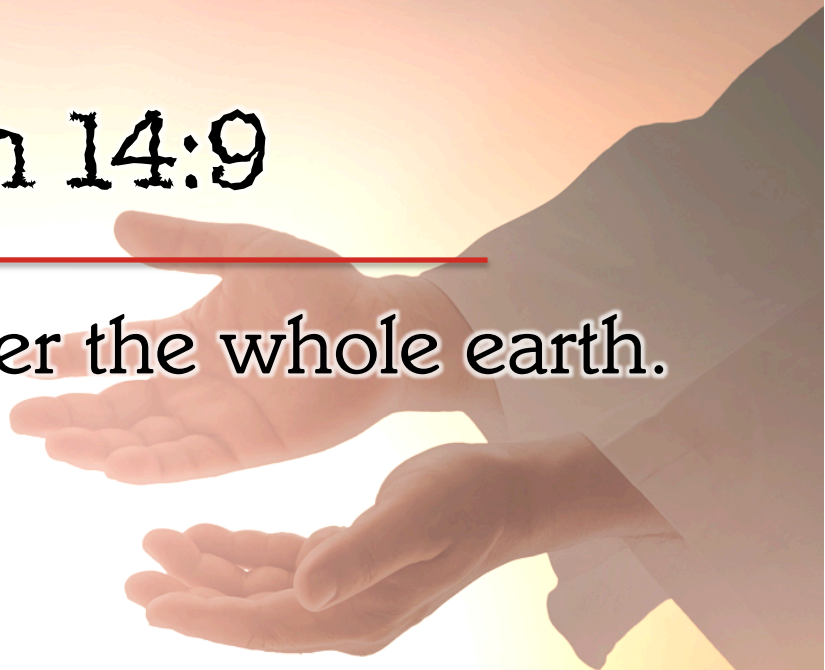
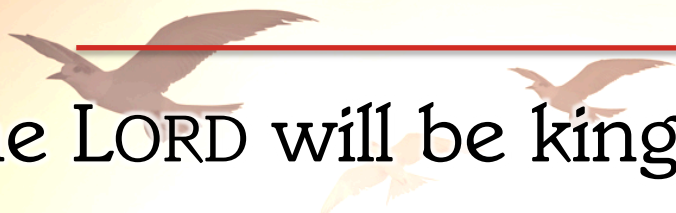
❖ Psalm 37:11

❖ Isaiah 49:8

❖ Isaiah 57:13

Zechariah 14:9

The LORD will be king over the whole earth.



Genesis 1:28

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Psalm 8:6-8

You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

1 Corinthians 6:2-3

Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

Crowns in Revelation:

❖ 2:10

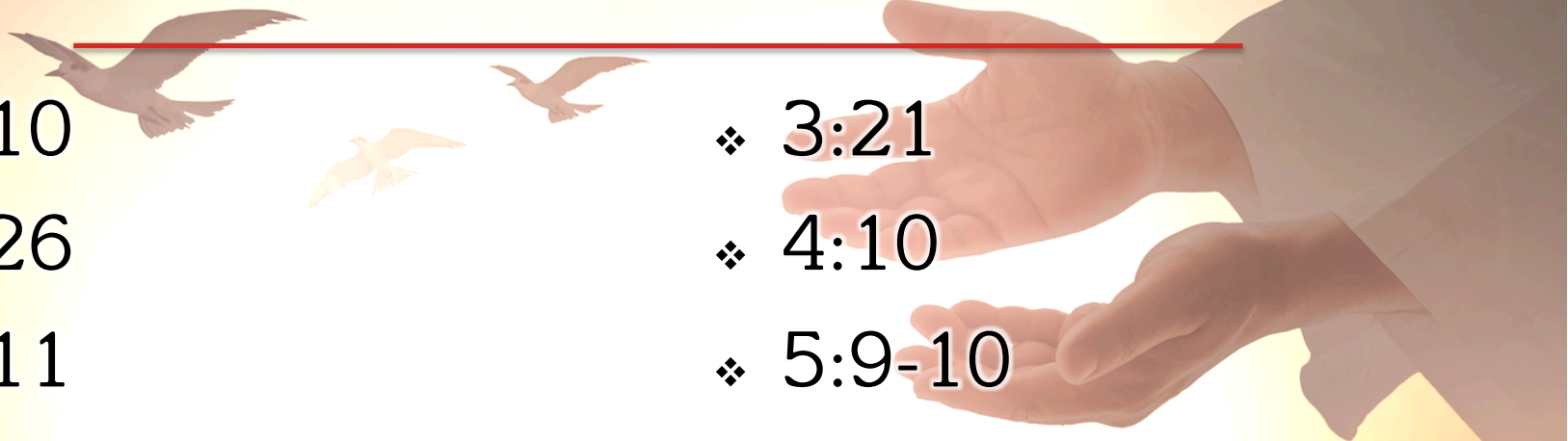
❖ 2:26

❖ 3:11

❖ 3:21

❖ 4:10

❖ 5:9-10




Romans 8:16-17

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Luke 14:11

[Jesus]: “For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”



Luke 16:10

[Jesus]: “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”

Randy Alcorn:

“God is grooming us for leadership. He’s watching to see how we demonstrate our faithfulness. He does that through his apprenticeship program, one that prepares us for Heaven. Christ is not simply preparing a place for us; he is preparing us for that place.”

“forever”

- ❖ Joshua 14:9
- ❖ 2 Samuel 7:16
- ❖ Isaiah 34:17; 60:21
- ❖ Jeremiah 17:25
- ❖ Micah 4:7
- ❖ Revelation 22:5

Luke 1:32-33

[Gabriel to Mary]: “The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

Isaiah 9:7

Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

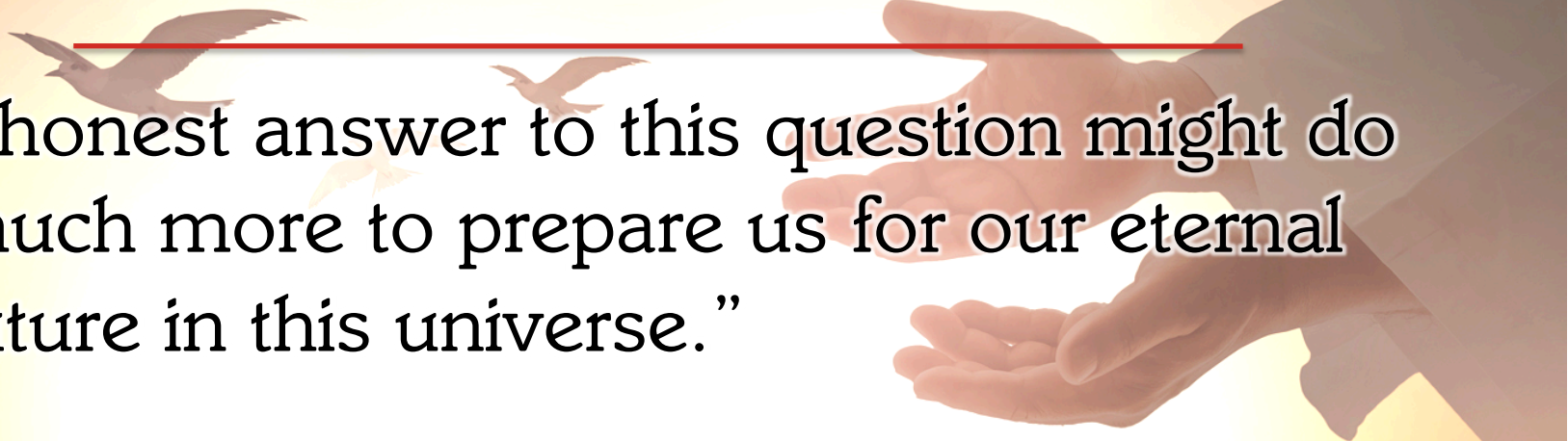
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

Dallas Willard:

“Perhaps it would be a good exercise for each of us to ask ourselves: Really, how many cities could I now govern under God? If, for example, Baltimore or Liverpool were turned over to me, with power to do what I want with it, how would things turn out?”

Dallas Willard:

“An honest answer to this question might do much more to prepare us for our eternal future in this universe.”



Ephesians 6:7-8

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

Beatitudes:

“Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.”
(Matthew 5:5)



Beatitudes:

“Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
(Matthew 5:10)

Beatitudes:

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

(Matthew 5:10)


1 Peter 5:5-6

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” (Proverbs 3:34)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

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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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