

1st Samuel

Lesson 3

1 Samuel Chapters 7-9

Samuel's Ministry and Israel's **Desire** for a King

Isaiah 55:8-9 [*]



Two Themes For This Study

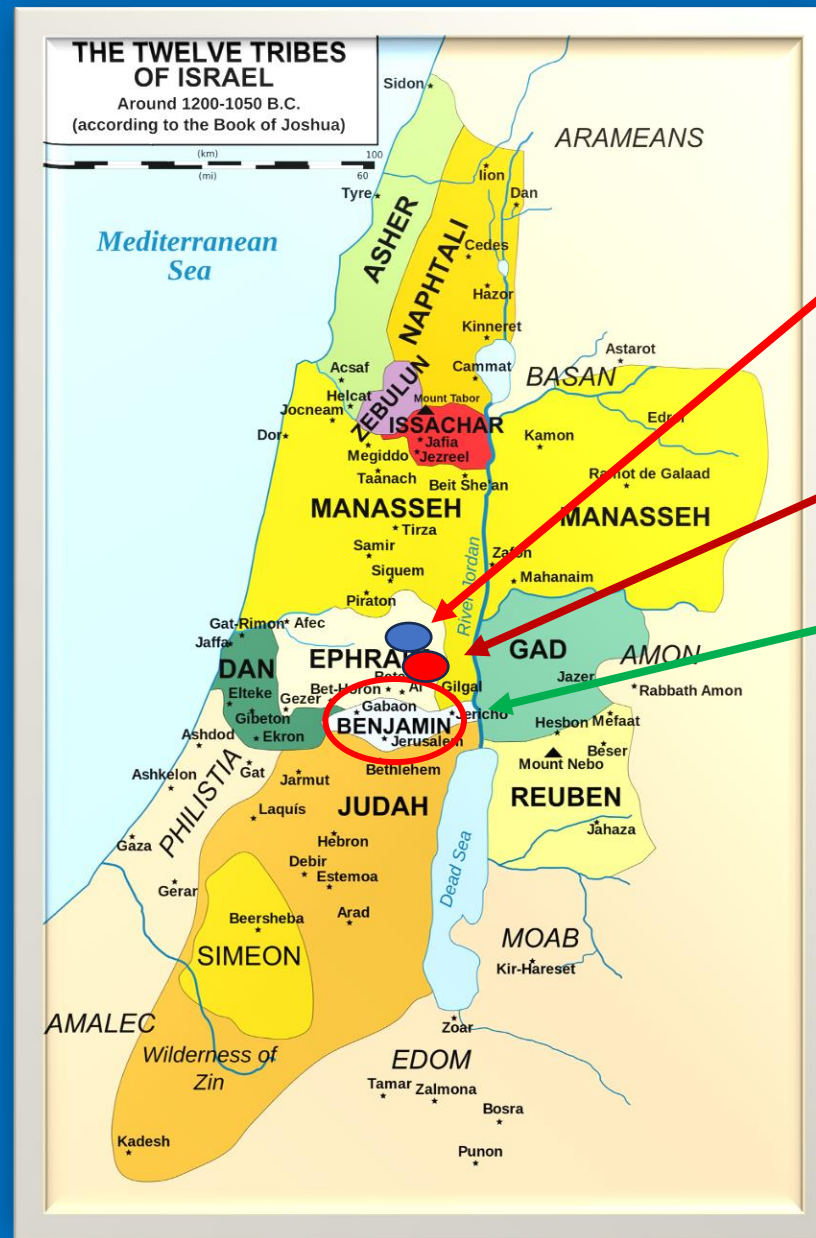
1. Follow God's Commands
2. Repent

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

1 John 1:9

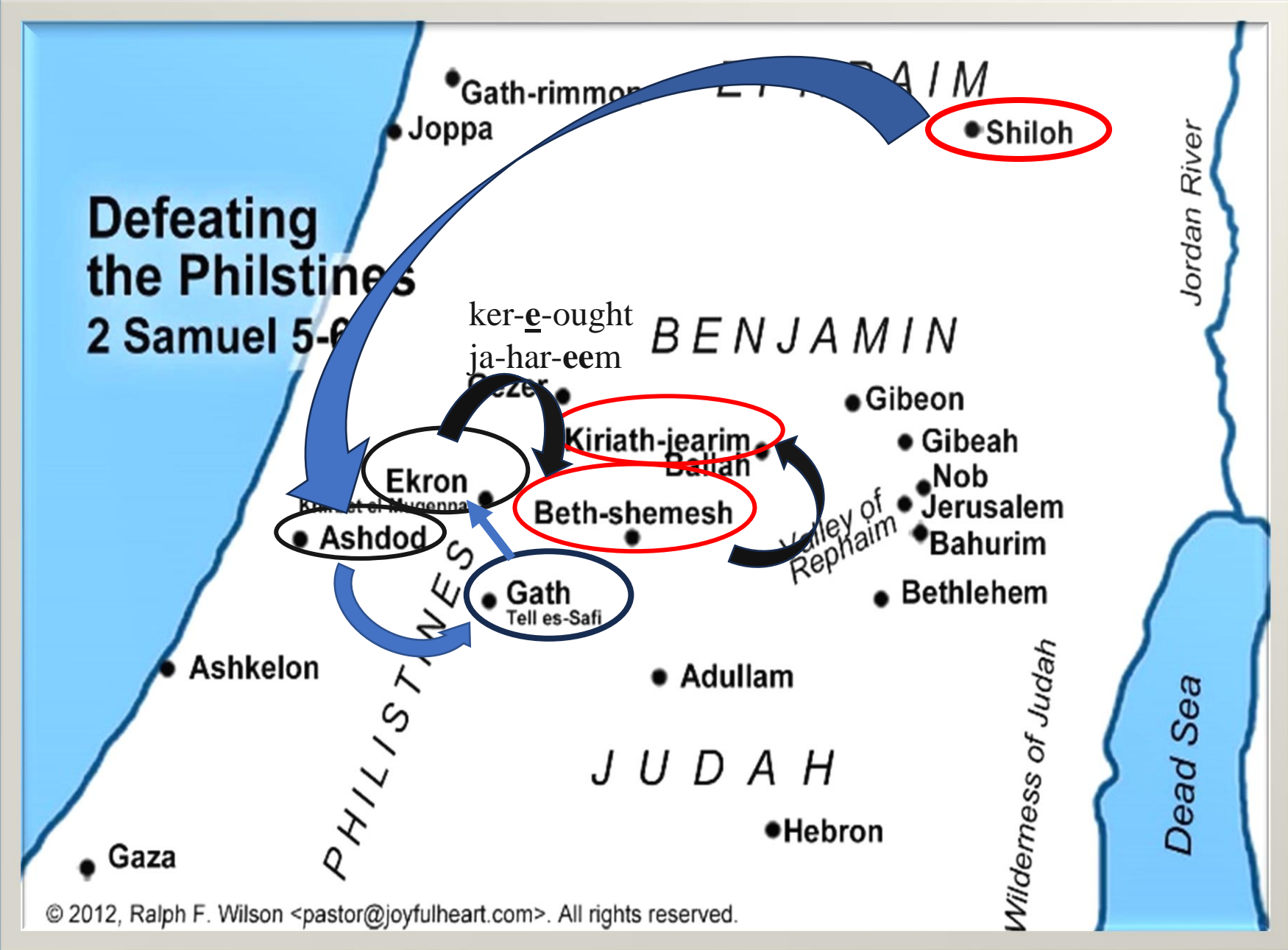
9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Romans 8:28-30) []



Shiloh-Ark
of the
Covenant

Ramah-Home of
Samuel

Saul from the
town of Gibeah
and from the
tribe of
Benjamin

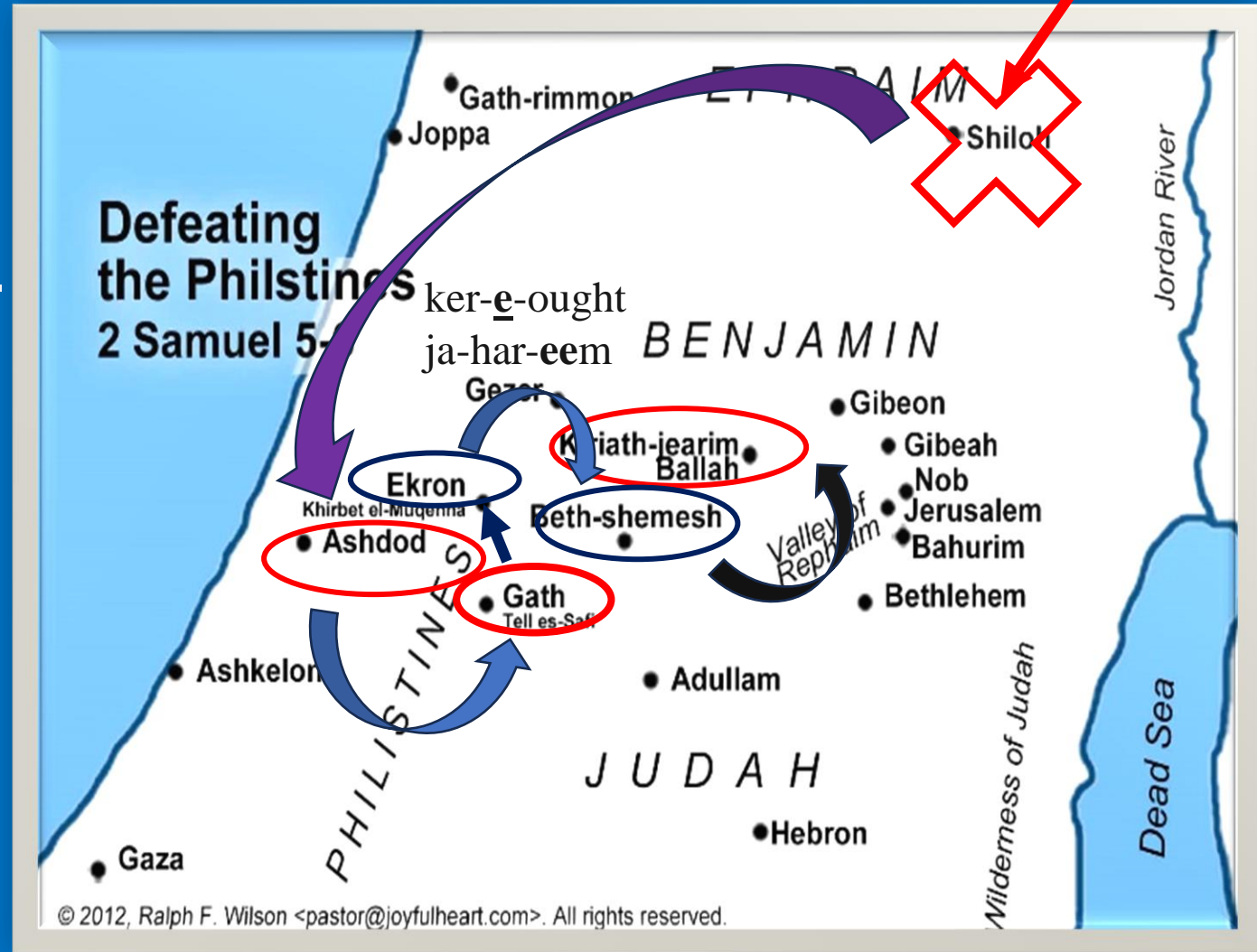


Chapter 7-Samuel's Ministry

Shiloh-place of ark originally

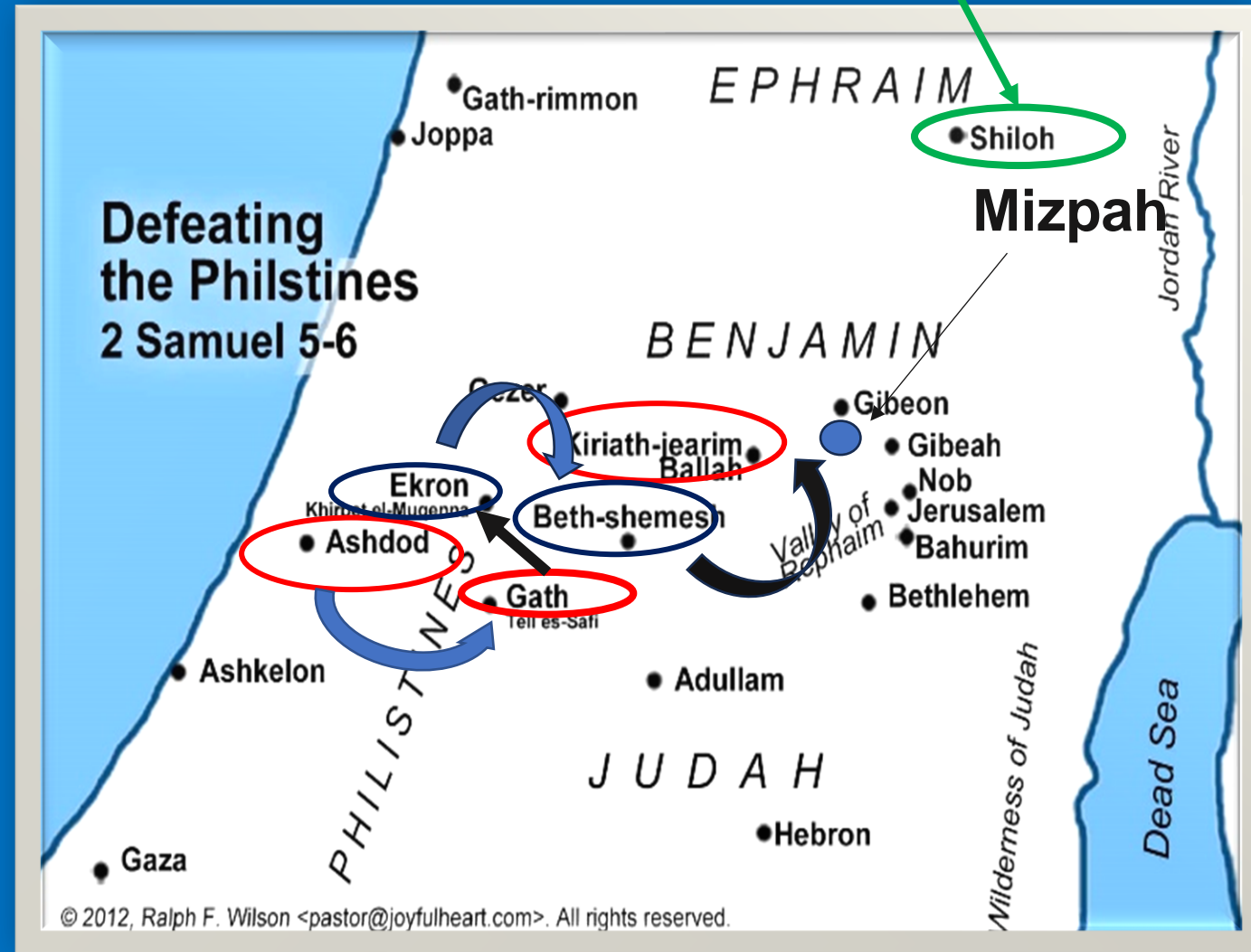
Vs. 1-2-Israel Turns to God

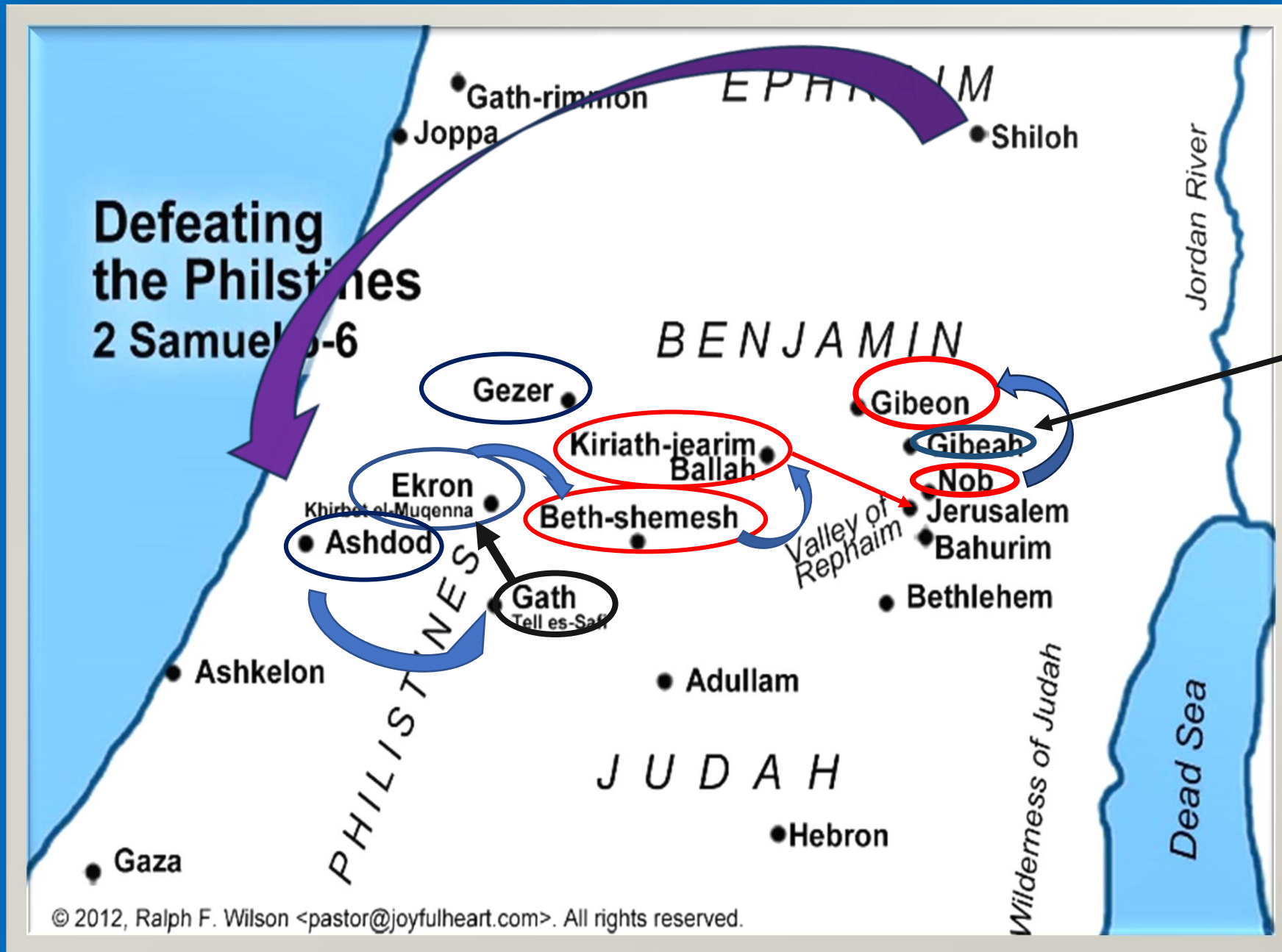
- The men of Kiriath-jearim [ker-e-ought ja-har-eem] took the Ark of the Lord from Beth-shemesh and brought it into the house of Abinadab, apparently a Levite, in the city of Kiriath-jearim [ker-e-ought ja-har-eem], possibly a Levitical city.



- The ark remained at Kiriath-Jearim [ker-e-ought ja-har-eem] for twenty years and Israel lamented after the Lord [*all Israel mourned because it seemed the Lord had abandoned them NLT*]. (1st Samuel 7:3-4) []
- They consecrated **Eleazar**, Abinadab's son, to keep the ark.

Shiloh-place of ark originally



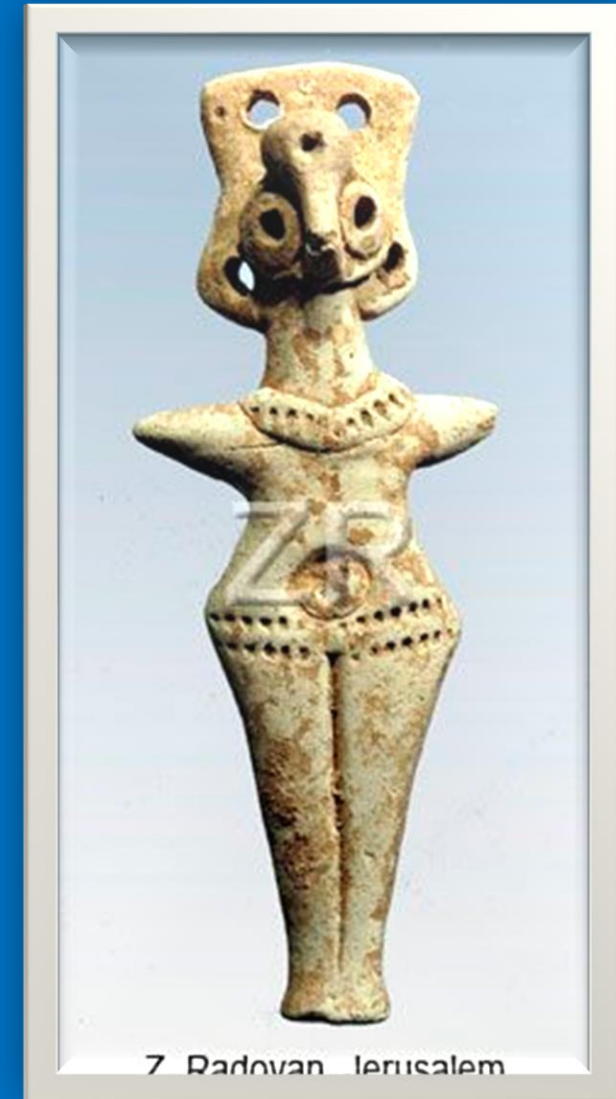


Gibeah-
Saul's Home

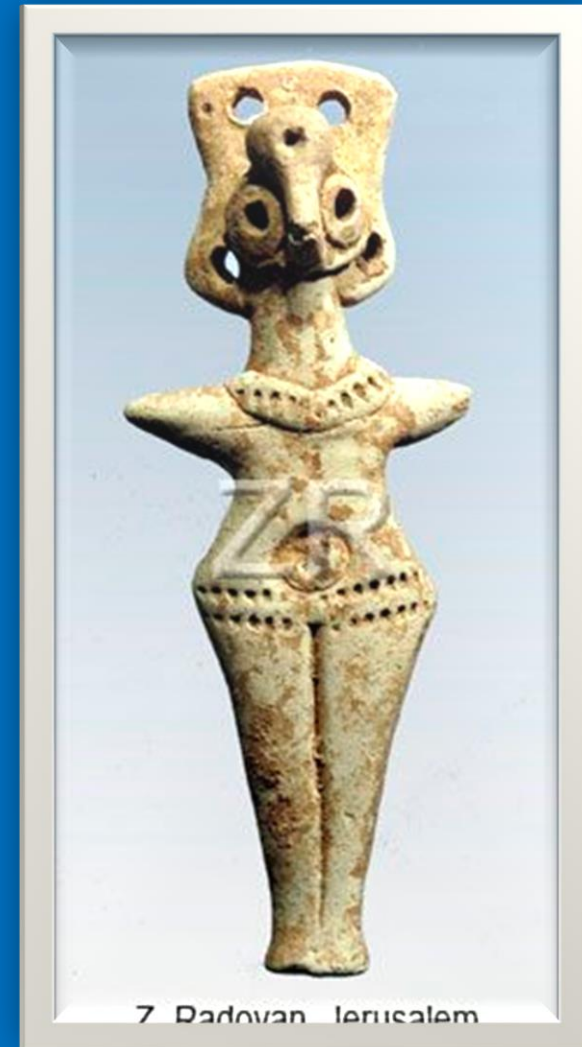
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Vs. 3-6-Samuel Admonishes Israel

- Samuel told the people of Israel to remove all the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth. Samuel also told them to follow the Lord with all their heart.
- Samuel said God would deliver Israel from the Philistines if they served the Lord.

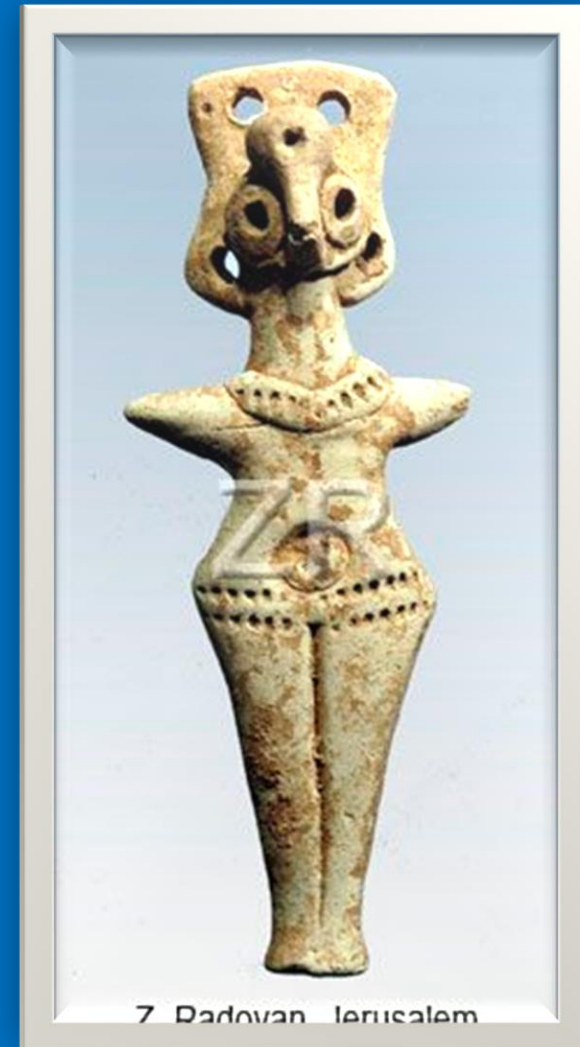


- The Israelites had fallen into **idolatry**.
- The Canaanites worshiped the Ashtaroath, the Canaanite fertility goddess and the female counterpart to Baal.
- Moses warned the Israelites what would happen if they did not follow God. (Deuteronomy 30:17-20) [].



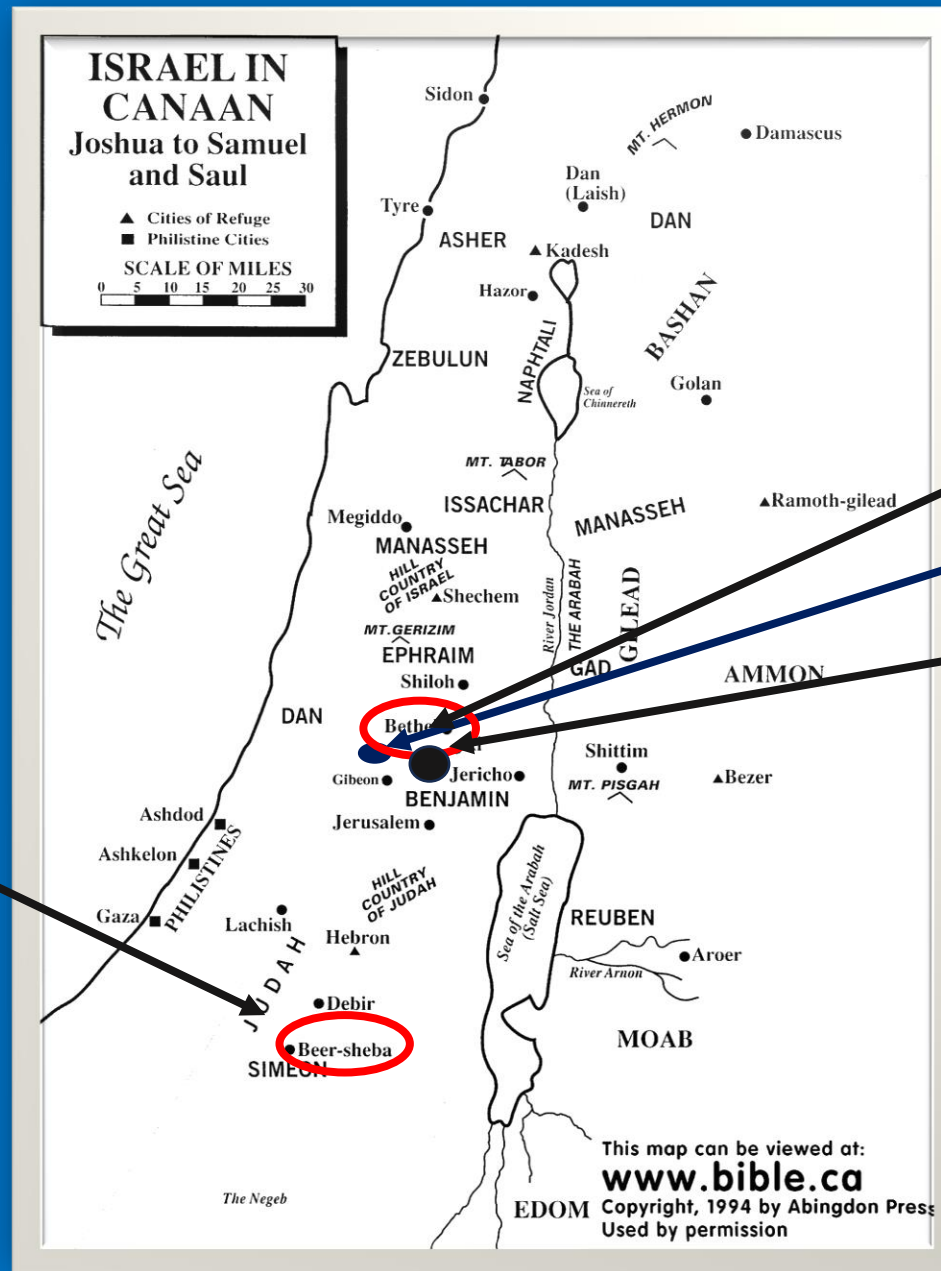
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- Moses gave Deuteronomy 30:1-5 as a promise if Israel returned to God. This prophecy specifically foretold Christ's second coming. It also shows the forgiveness God offers to those with a repentant heart. []



- Samuel gathered all the people at Mizpah and prayed for them.

Beersheba



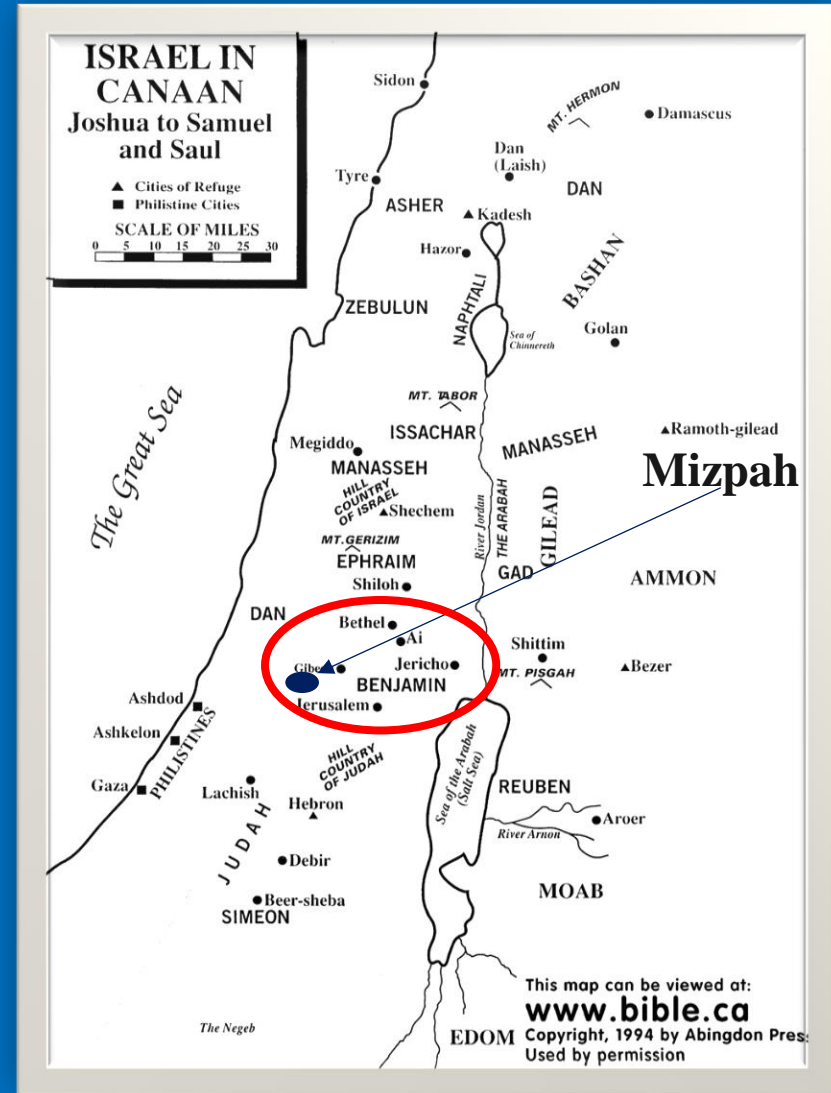
Bethel

Mizpah

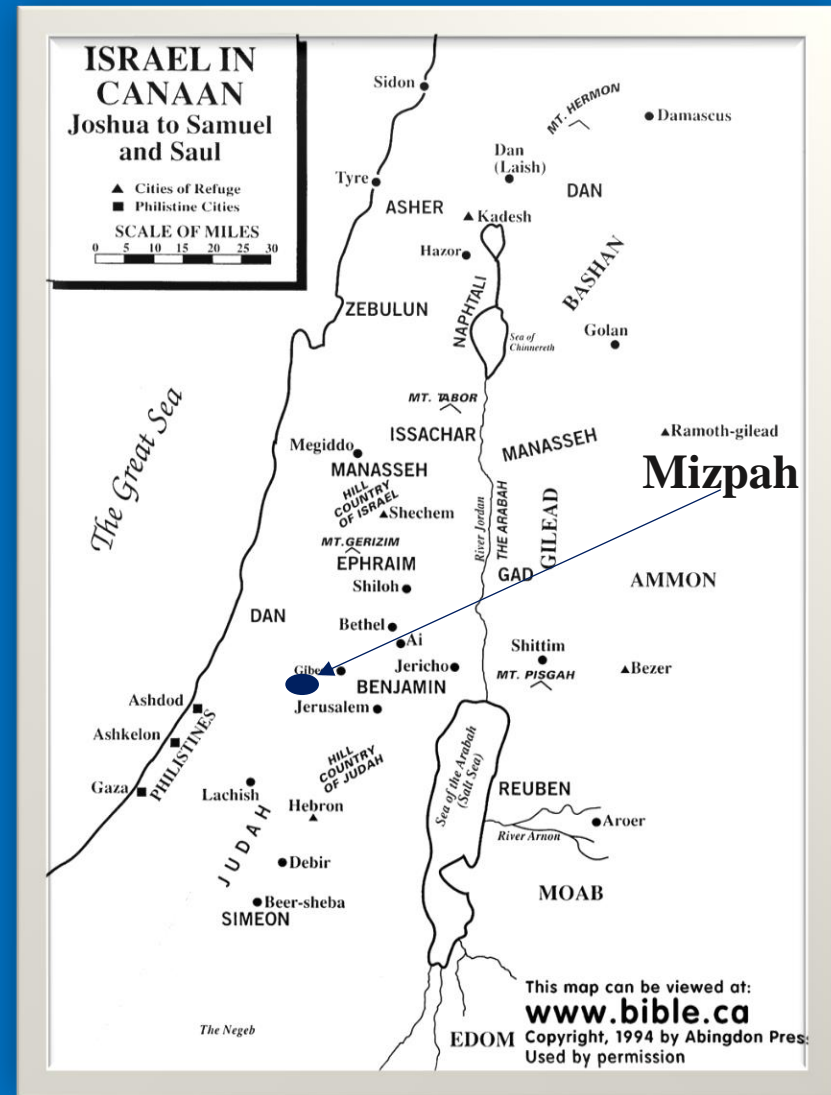
Ramah

Vs. 7-17-The Philistines Attack Israel

- When the Philistines heard Israel had gathered at Mizpah, they decided to attack.
- Overcome with fear, the Israelites cried out to Samuel asking the Lord to save them. [1st Samuel 7:7-9; [*]
- God has a special heart for the elderly (Isaiah 46:4; Leviticus 19:32; Psalm 92:14) []



The Israelites finally recognized the weakness of their own strength and of their foreign gods.



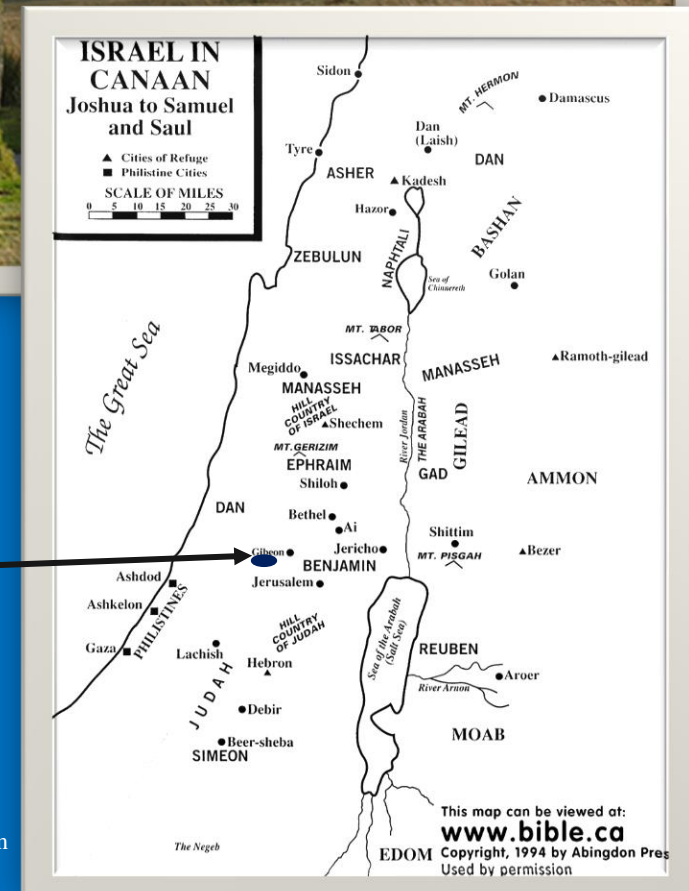
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- When Samuel offered up a burnt offering, scripture states the Lord thundered with a great thunder and confused the Philistines. With God's help, the Israelites defeated the Philistine army.

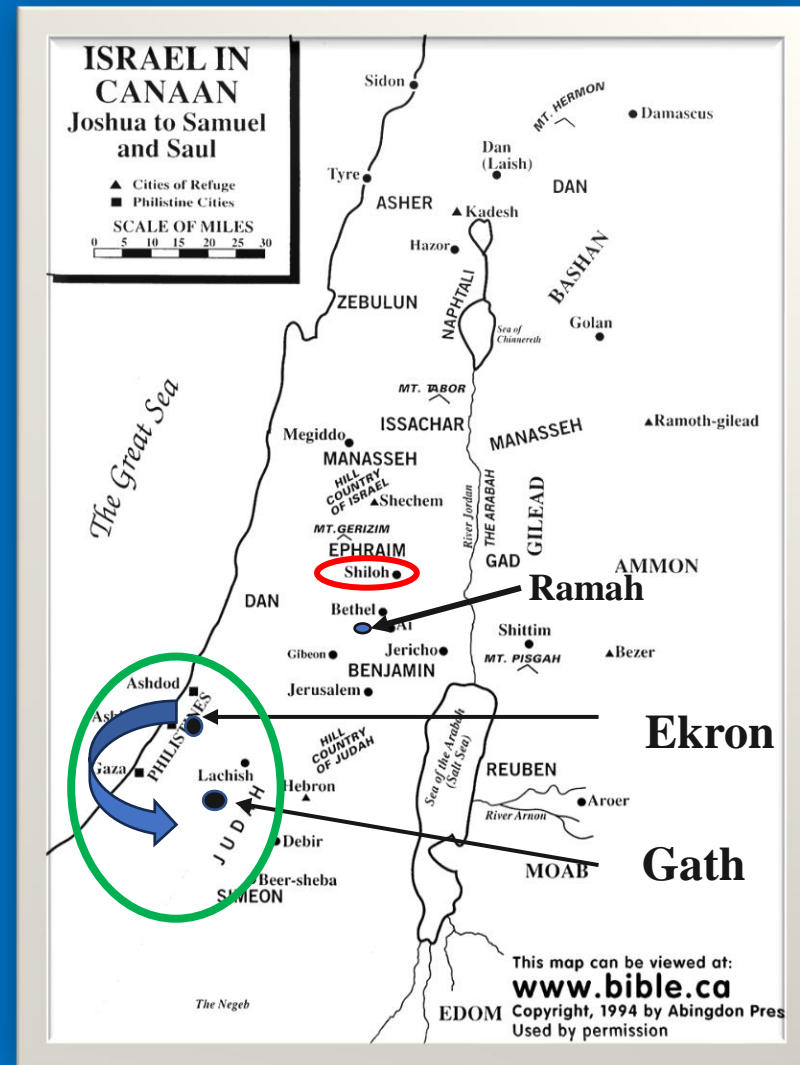
- In remembrance of the victory, Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen (apparently a place close to Mizpah) and named it **Ebenezer** saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."



Mizpah

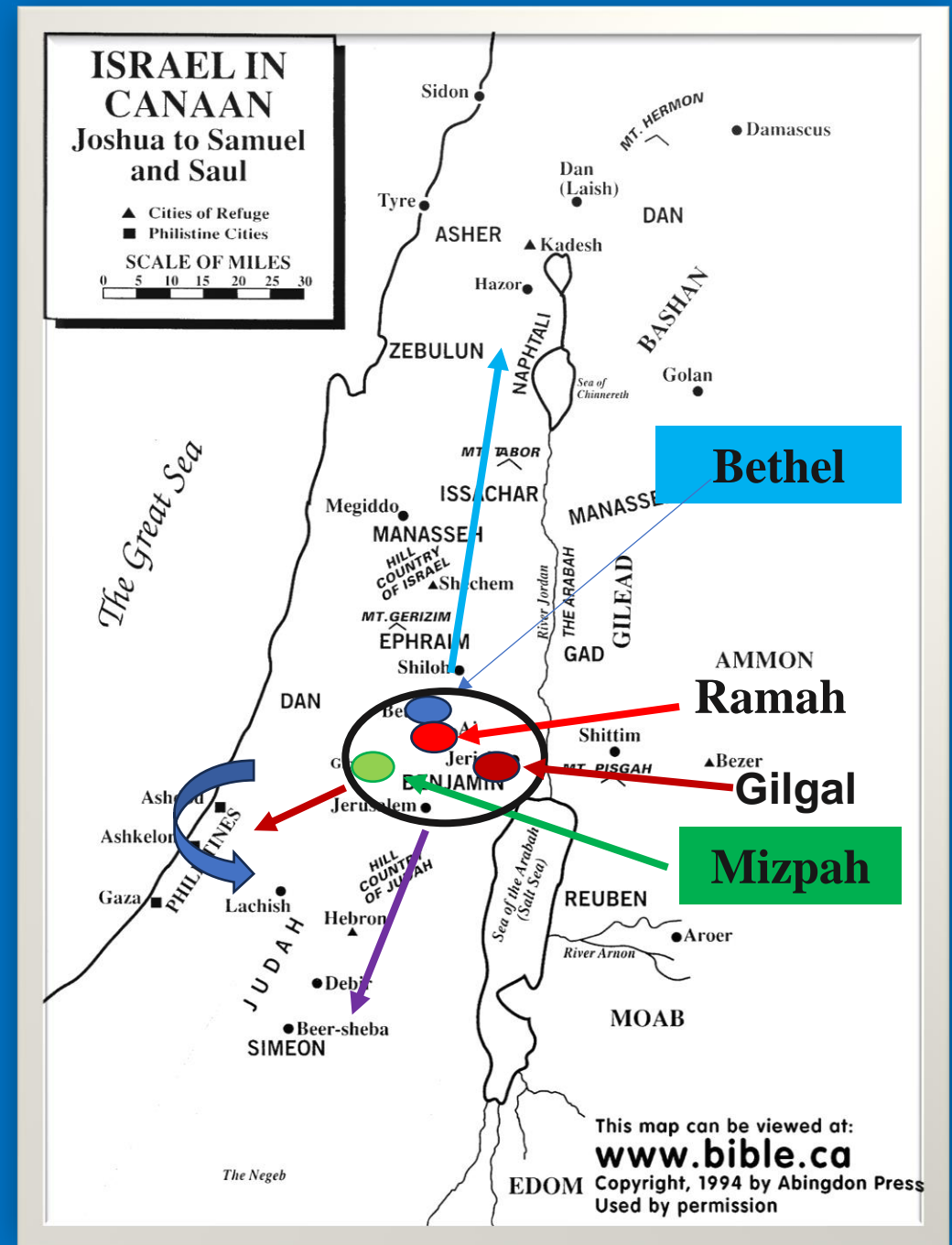


- The Lord punished the Philistines all the days of Samuel.
- The Israelites regained the captured cities from Ekron to Gath.
- The Israelites experienced peace within the Amorite territory (Amorites-a general name for the original inhabitants of Canaan).



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- Samuel returned to his home in **Ramah** and continued to judge Israel.
- Samuel, a circuit-rider judge, traveled while performing religious, military, and civil duties.
- He went to Bethel, Mizpah, and Bethel.

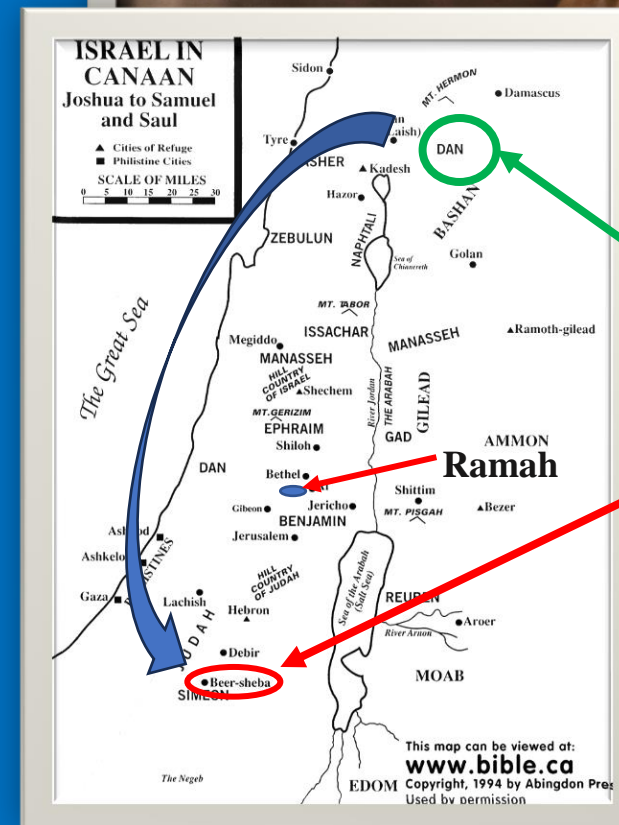
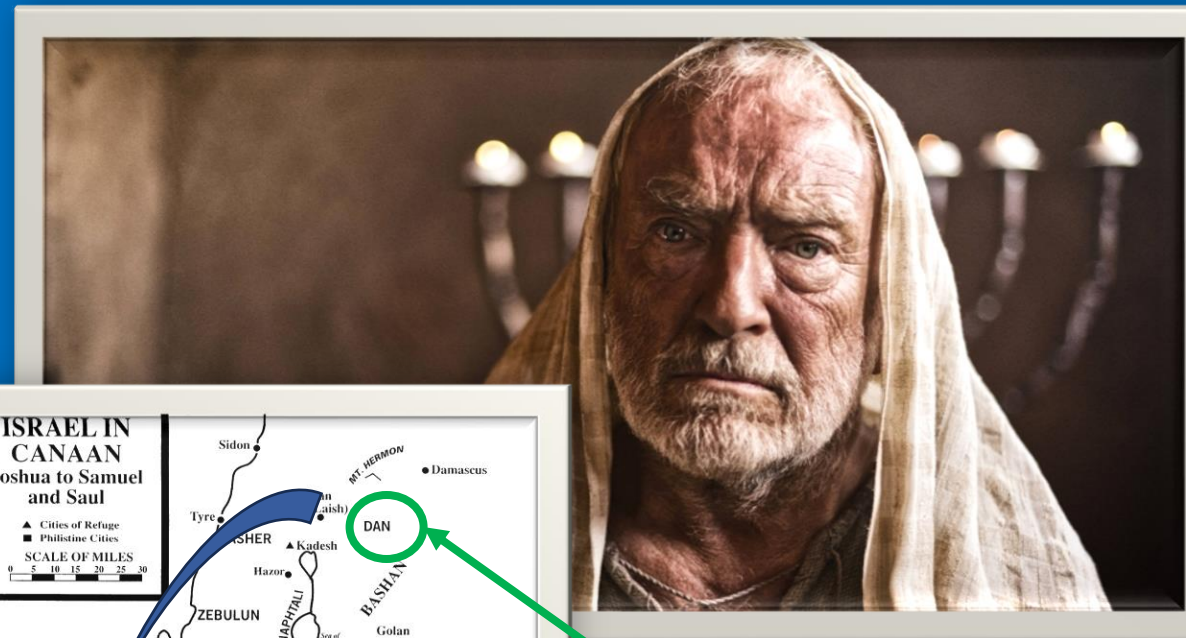


Chapter 8-Israel Asks for a King

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Vs. 1-8-Israel Asks for a King

- As Samuel grew older, he appointed his sons as judges over Israel. His sons, Joel and Abijah judged in Beersheba.
- Unfortunately, Joel and Abijah **did not** follow God's laws. They behaved dishonestly, took bribes, and perverted justice.



Dan

Beersheba

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- Due to their behavior, the elders of Israel came to Samuel and asked for a King.
- Years earlier, Moses predicted Israel would not serve God (Deuteronomy 31:16, 20, 29).[]
- God intended Israel to serve Him as king, however, they wanted an earthly king.



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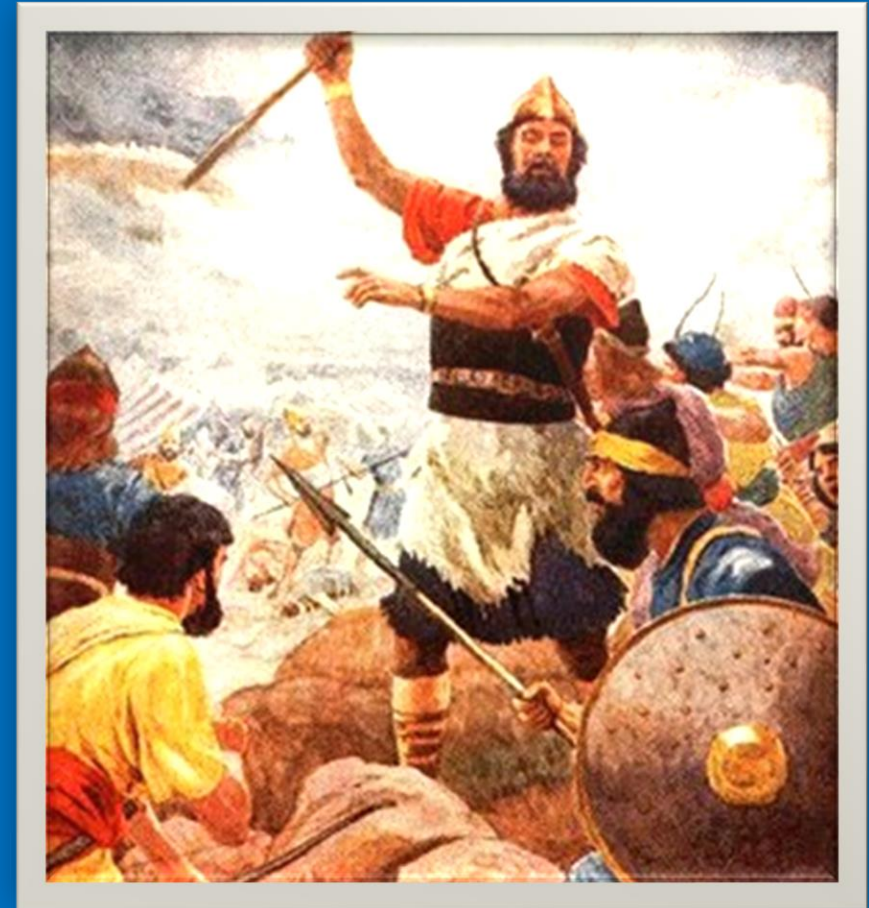
- This request displeased Samuel and he prayed to the Lord. The Lord told Samuel to listen to the voice of the people and to give them a king.
- The Lord assured Samuel the people rejected Him and not Samuel.



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Vs. 9-22-Samuel Warns Israel About Kingly Behavior

- Samuel warned a king would:
 - Take their sons for war
 - Establish-commanders of thousands and of fifties
 - Force the people to do the King's plowing and reaping
 - Make weapons of war



<http://godcenteredmom.com/2011/08/03/hear-the-whisper-king-saul/>

- Take their daughters for perfumers, cooks, and bakers
- Take the best of their fields, vineyards, and olive groves
- Take a tenth of their seed and vineyards
- Take the best Israelites for male and female servants
- Take a tenth of their donkeys and flocks



<http://cookit.e2bn.org/historycookbook/27-314-Life-in-normans-medieval.html>

- Samuel warned they would cry for help, but the Lord would not answer their voice.
- The Israelites refused to listen to Samuel's words. They wanted a king like the other nations. They wanted a king to judge them and go with them into battle .



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- Samuel told God what the people wanted, and the Lord granted them their wish.
- Samuel dismissed the men of Israel and told them to go home.



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Chapter 9-Saul Chosen as King

Vs. 1-14-God Prepares Saul to rule as King

- Saul, born in the land of Benjamin to a man named Kish, stood taller and had a more handsome countenance than any man in Israel.



Samue
Ramah

Saul
Gibeah

- Kish had great wealth and the people knew him as a man of mighty valor (*Be careful of outward appearances*) (Zechariah 4:6). []
- When Kish's donkeys went missing, he asked Saul to take one of his servants and look for them.



- After their long absence and not to worry his father, Saul suggested they return home.
- The servant recommended they seek **Samuel's** advice since they journeyed in the land of Zuph (*Zu-ph*) a region in the hill country of Ephraim) and Samuel resided in the city for religious purposes.



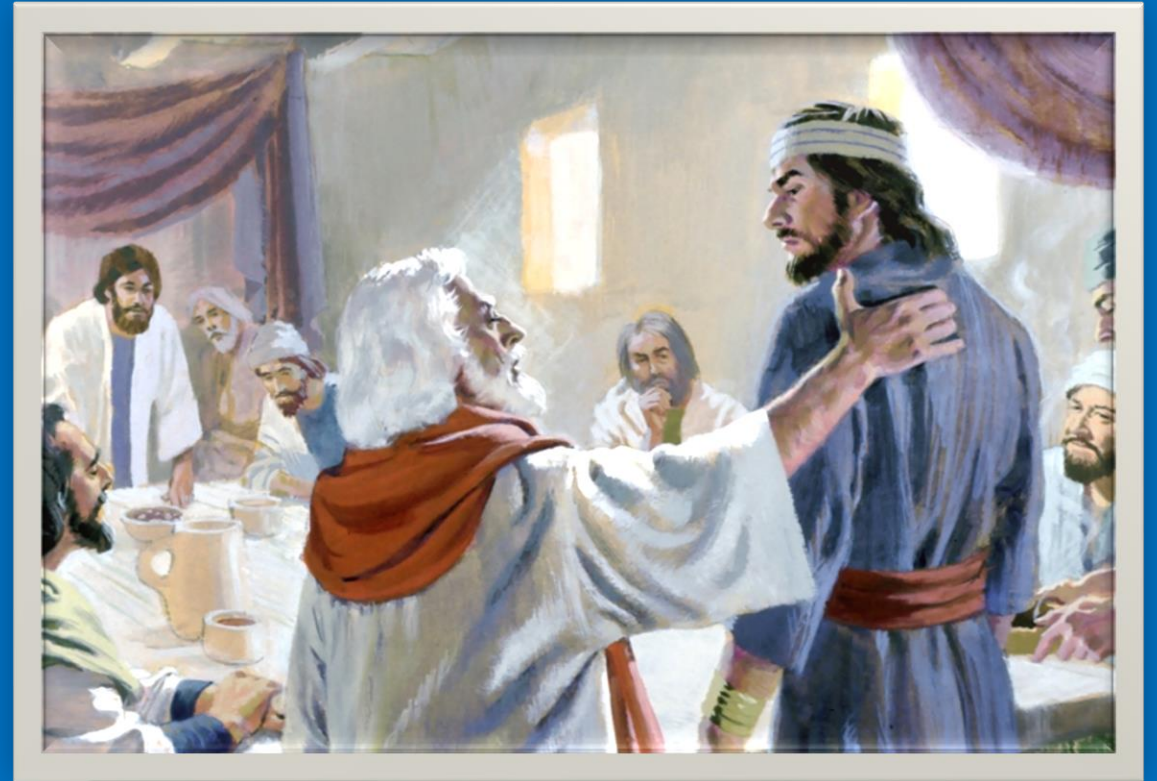
- They could not provide a food offering for Samuel, so Saul's servant offered to give him a fourth of a silver shekel.



- Saul and his servant met some women of the city and asked where they might find Samuel.
- As it happened, Samuel had come to the city to offer a sacrifice in the high place. Typically, hill-tops made sacrifices easier to see. (Psalm 121:1-2) []
- As Saul and his servant entered the city, they met Samuel coming out to the place of sacrifice.

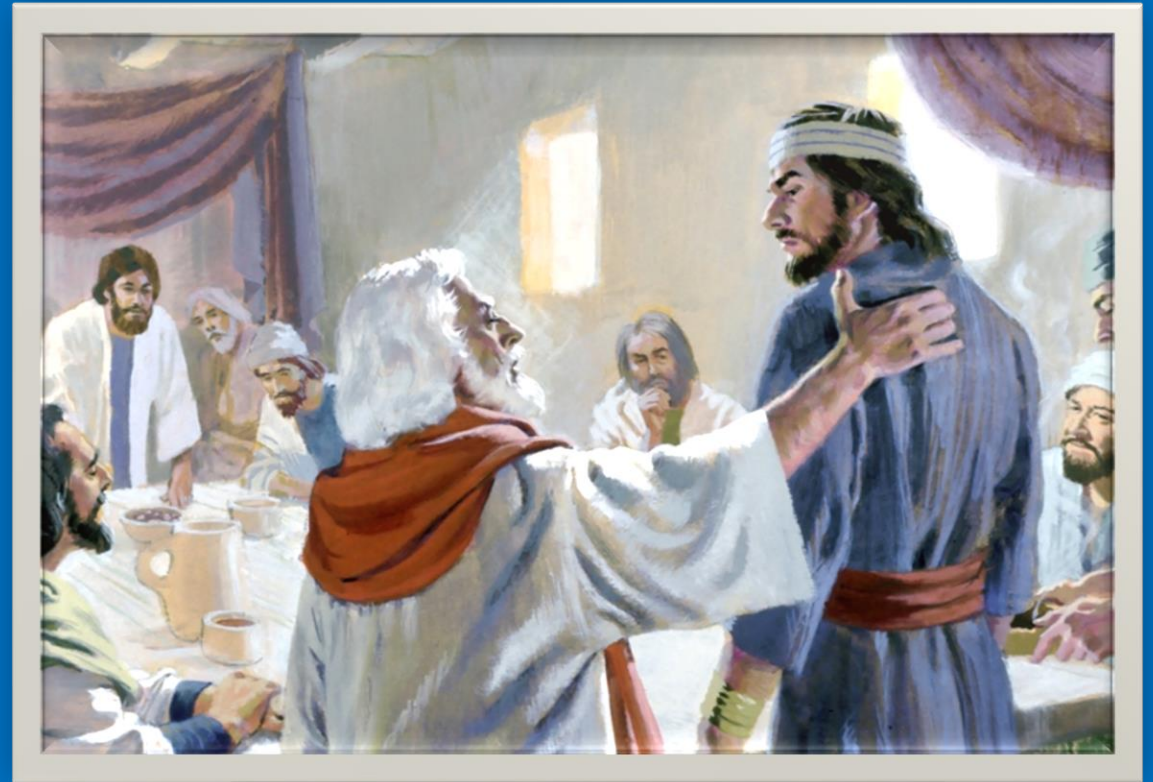


- The day prior, the Lord revealed to Samuel he would meet Saul and should anoint him **ruler** over the people.
- The Lord told Samuel He heard and would answer the people's cry against the Philistines (The Lord shows His **mercy** and graciousness even when we disobey Him).

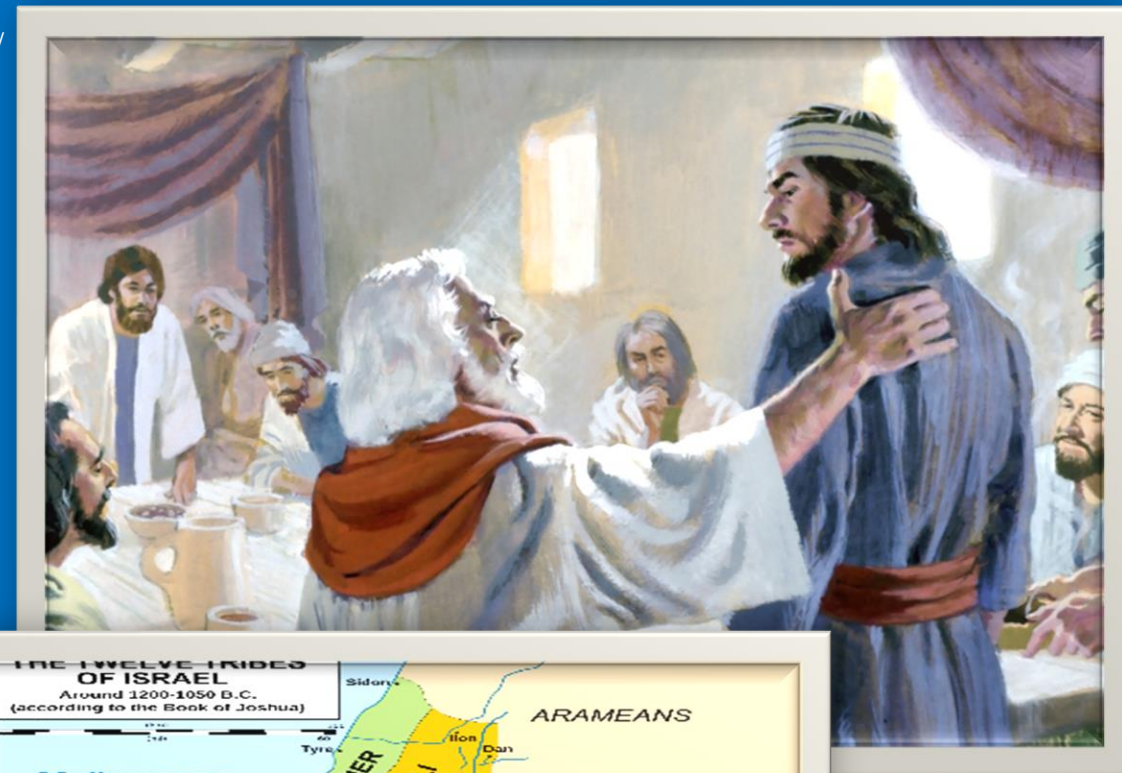


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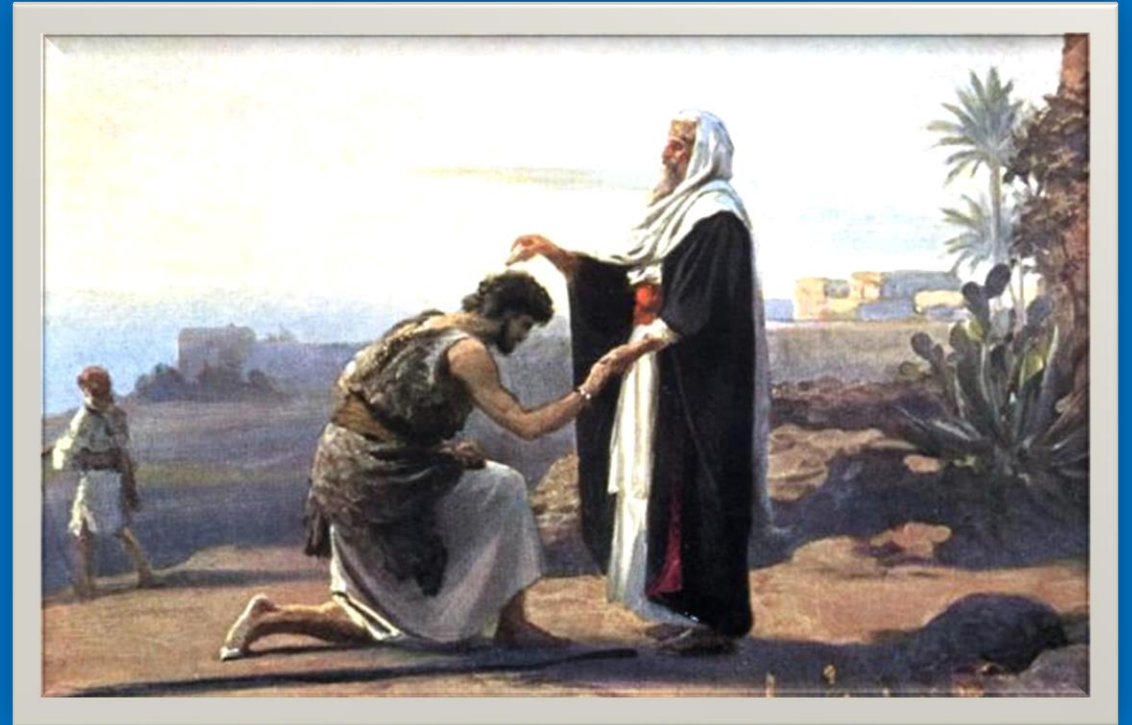
- Before Saul could explain about the donkeys, Samuel told Saul he would eat with him, and not to worry about the donkeys (Matthew 6:8). []
- Samuel also told Saul Israel's hopes would rest upon his family.



- Saul, amazed at these words, wondered why God would choose him since he came from the **smallest** tribe.
- During the dinner, Samuel gave Saul the leg portion of meat. According to **the Law**, the leg and upper part belonged to the Levitical priest (Leviticus 7:32-33). []



- Serving this portion of meat to Saul demonstrated God's plan for him.
- After dinner, Saul went to Samuel's home and spoke with him on the rooftop.
- The next day, as they went down to the edge of the city, Samuel told Saul about God's plan.



<http://www.travissnode.com/2013/09/06/mentoring-old-testament-5-7-samuel-saul/>

Summary

God never looks at us as too insignificant, too old, or too untalented for Him to use. We must believe God has a designed purpose for us. We should not worry about our future or the details of our future. We should allow God to direct our steps and accept the fact He knows best (Psalm 139:13-16). []

End---

Deuteronomy 30:17-20

17 But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong *your* days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse.

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So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, 20 by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them." []

Deuteronomy 30:1-5

1 "So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you, 2 and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons,

Over---

3 then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. 4 If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back. 5 The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. []

Deuteronomy 31:16, 20, 29

16 The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers; and this people will arise and play the harlot with the strange gods of the land, into the midst of which they are going, and will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.

Over---

20 For when I bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and are satisfied and become prosperous, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and spurn Me and break My covenant.

29 [*Now talking to Israel*] For I know that after my death you will act corruptly and turn from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days, for you will do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger with the work of your hands.” []

Zechariah 4:6

"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. []

Leviticus 7:32-33

32 You shall give the right thigh to the priest as a contribution from the sacrifices of your peace offerings. 33 The one among the sons of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings and the fat, the right thigh shall be his as his portion. []

Shiloh's loss of the Ark

Revelation 2:5

5 Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.

Jeremiah 7:13-14

13 And now, because you have done all these things,” declares the Lord, “and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you but you did not answer, 14 therefore, I will do to the house which is called by My name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave you and your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. []

1st Samuel 7:7-9

7 Now when the Philistines heard that the sons of Israel had gathered to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the sons of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8 Then the sons of Israel said to Samuel, “Do not cease to cry to the Lord our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines.” 9 Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it for a whole burnt offering to the Lord; and Samuel cried to the Lord for Israel and the Lord answered him. []

Psalm 121:1-2

1 I will lift up my eyes to the mountains;

From where shall my help come?

2 My help comes from the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth. []

Psalm 139:13-16

13 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. 14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; 16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them. []

Romans 8:28-30

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. []

Isaiah 55-8-9

8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.

9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways
And My thoughts than your thoughts. []

Matthew 6:8

8 So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. []

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You, Lord

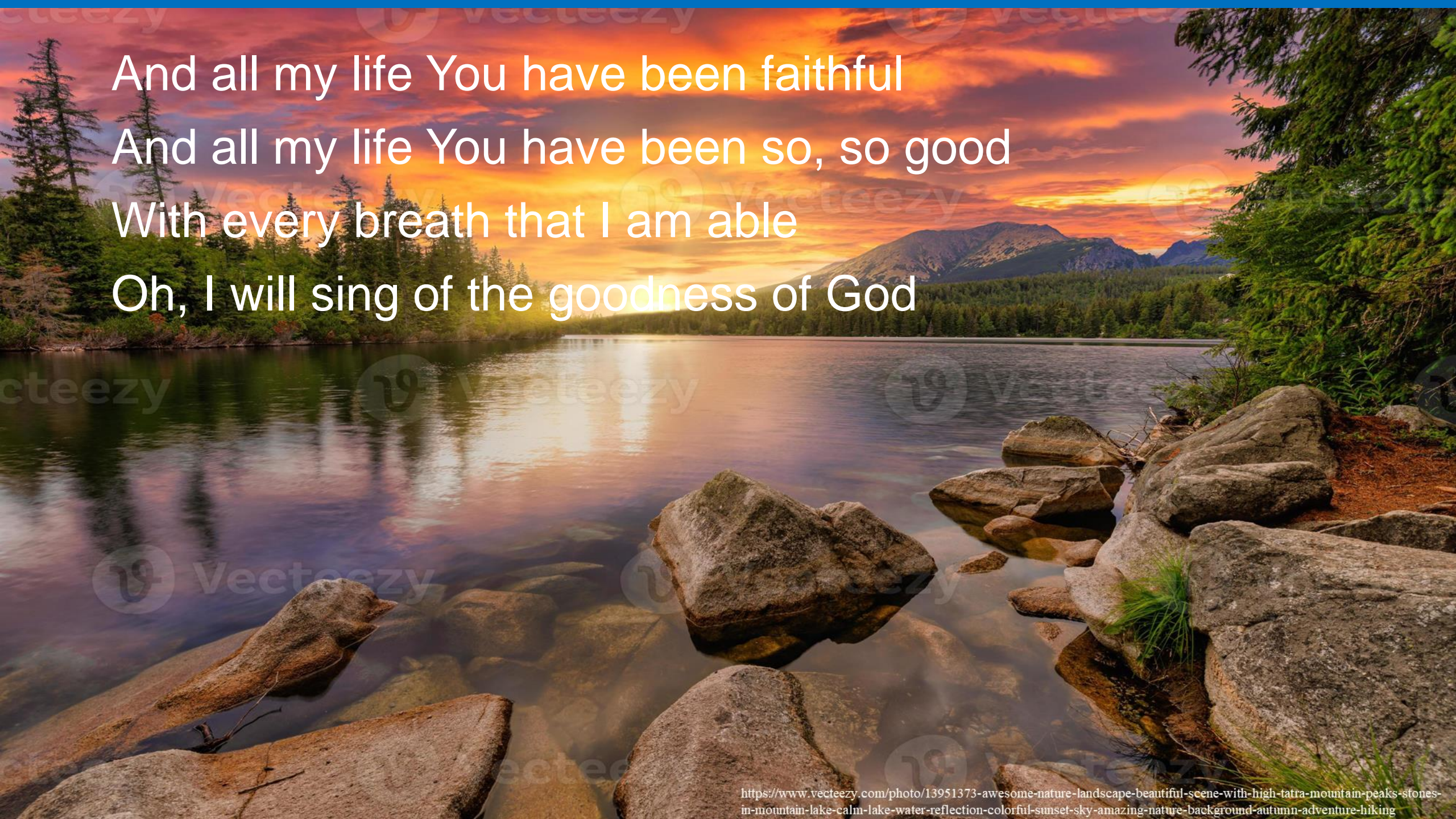
For Your mercy never fails me

All my days, I've been held in Your hands

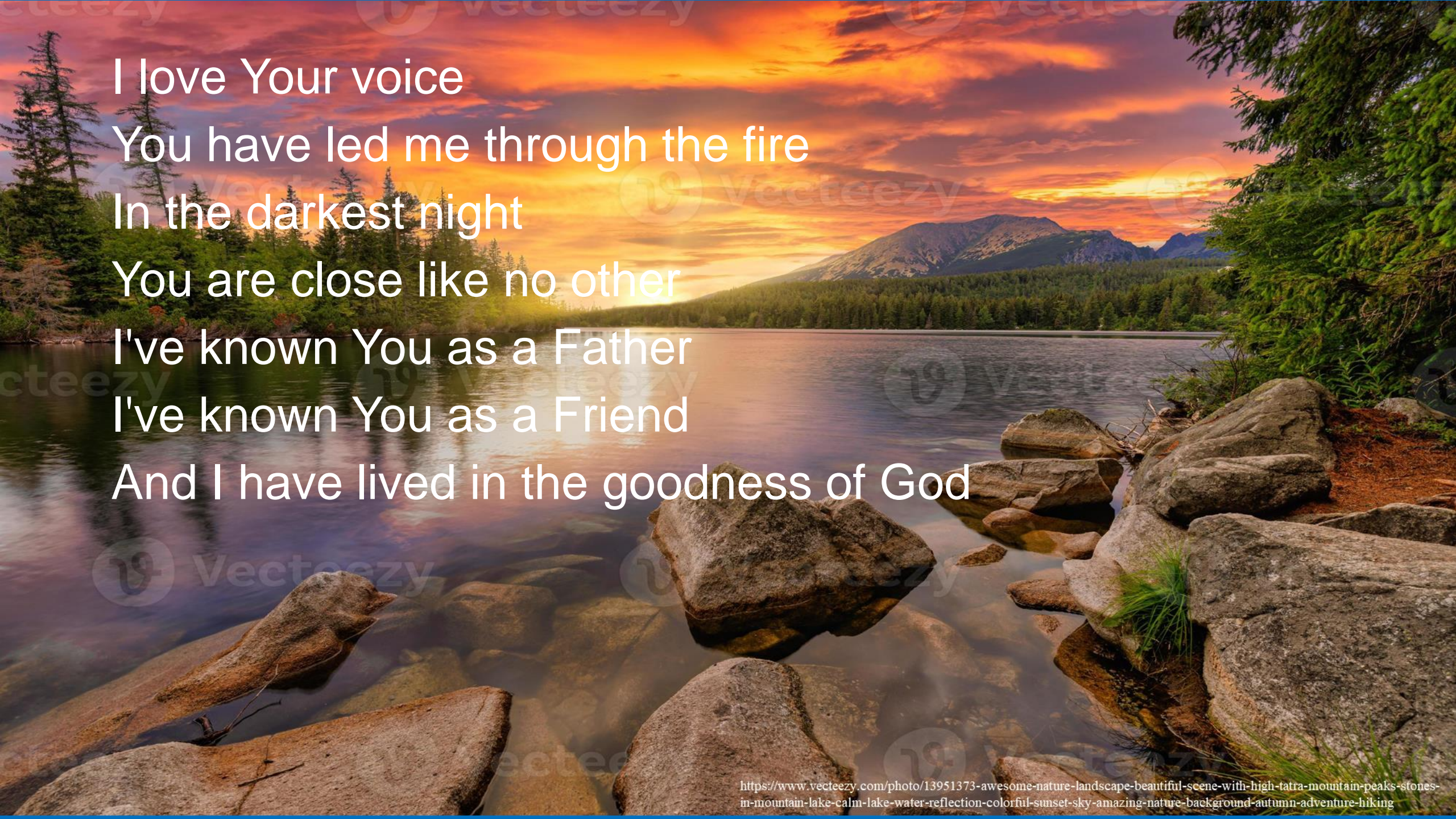
From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

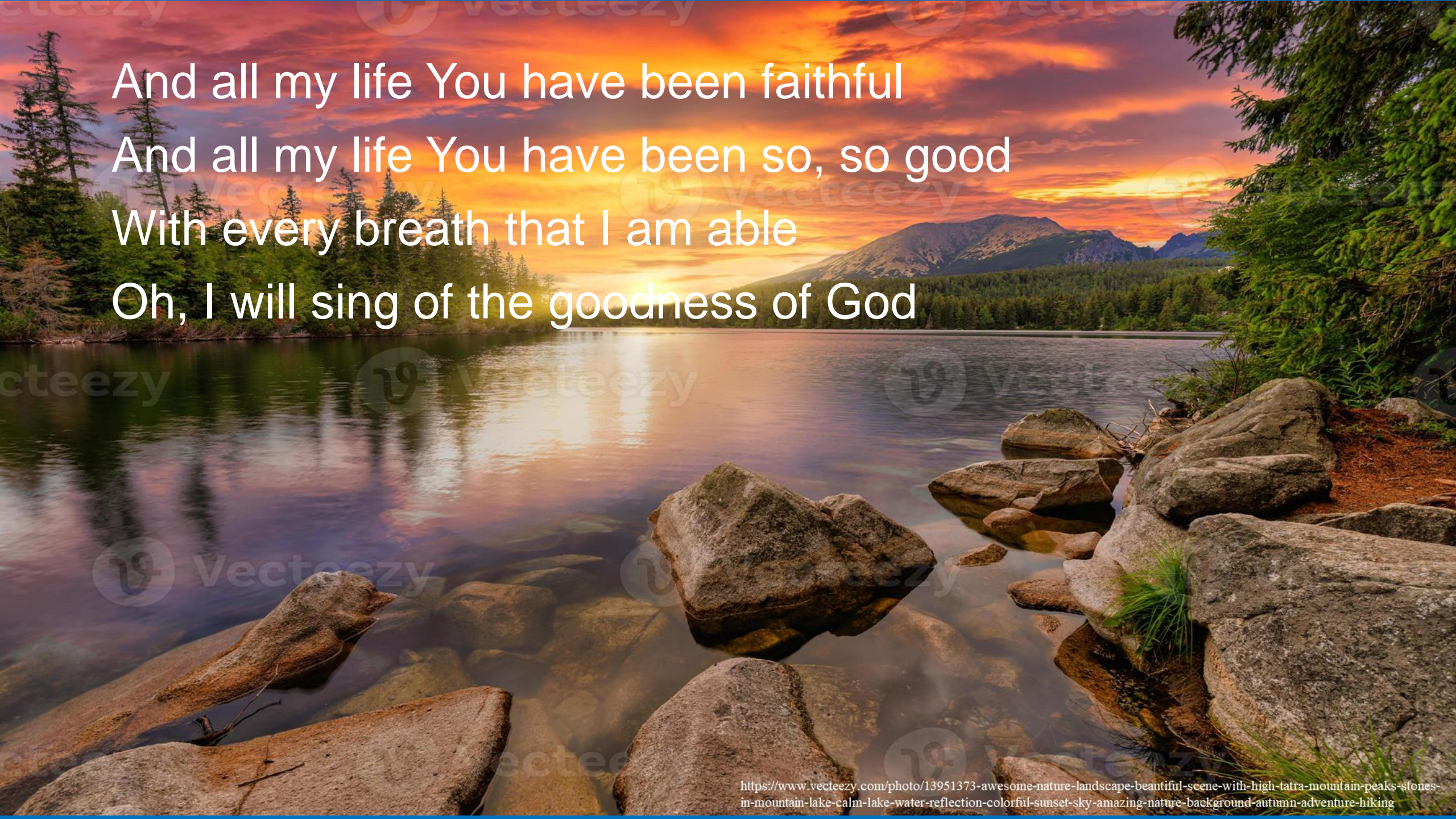
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God




And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God




I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God



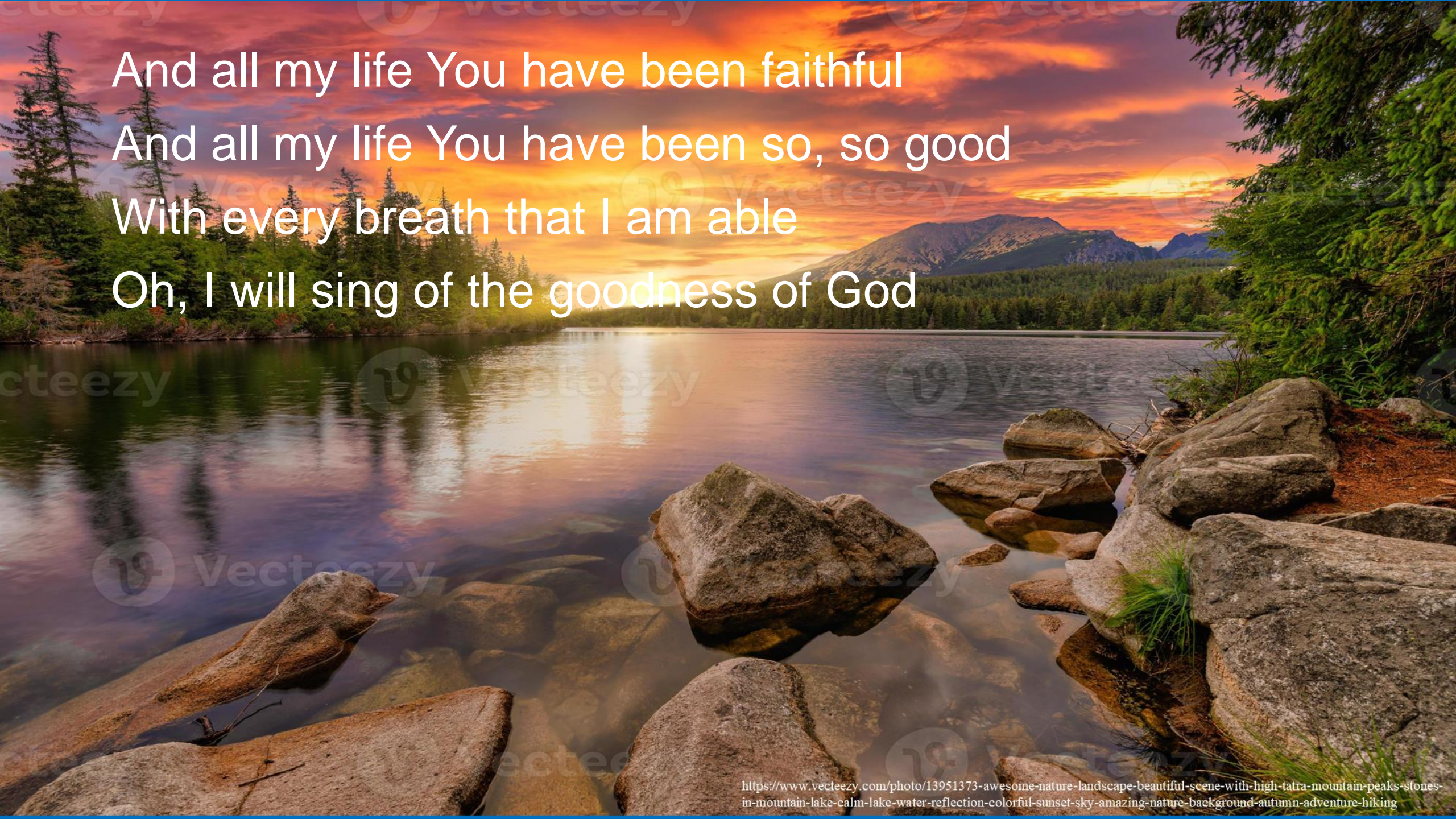
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A serene landscape photograph of a calm lake at sunset. The sky is filled with vibrant orange and red clouds, with the sun low on the horizon. In the background, there are dark, forested mountains. The foreground is dominated by large, smooth, grey rocks along the shoreline. The water is still, reflecting the colors of the sky and the surrounding trees. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

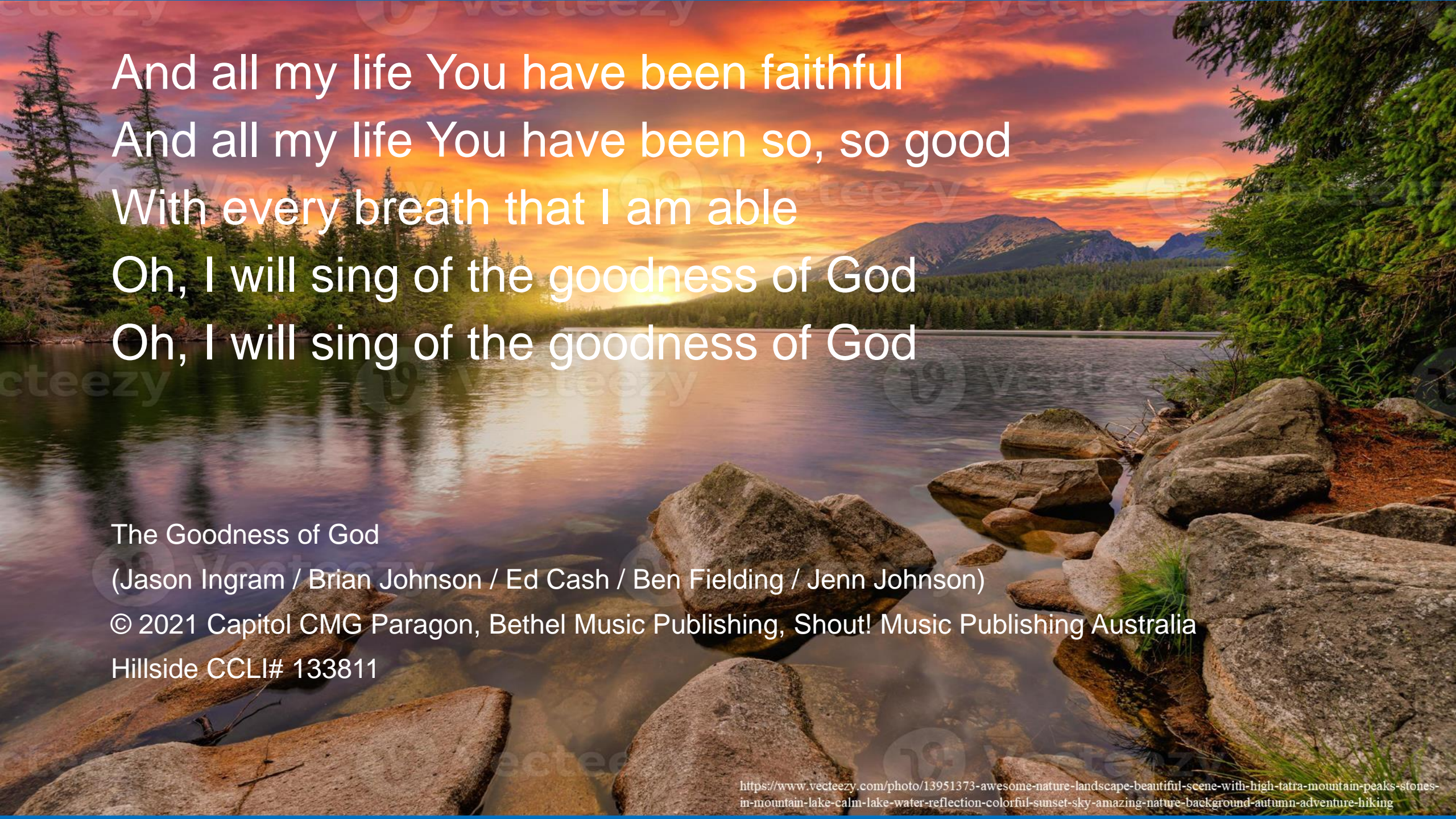
'Cause Your goodness is running after
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With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after
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The Goodness of God

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A scenic landscape featuring a large mountain range in the background, a calm lake in the middle ground, and a forest of evergreen trees in the foreground. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue. The mountains are rugged and rocky, with some snow patches. The lake reflects the surrounding scenery. The forest is dense and green, with some yellow flowers in the foreground.

Our God

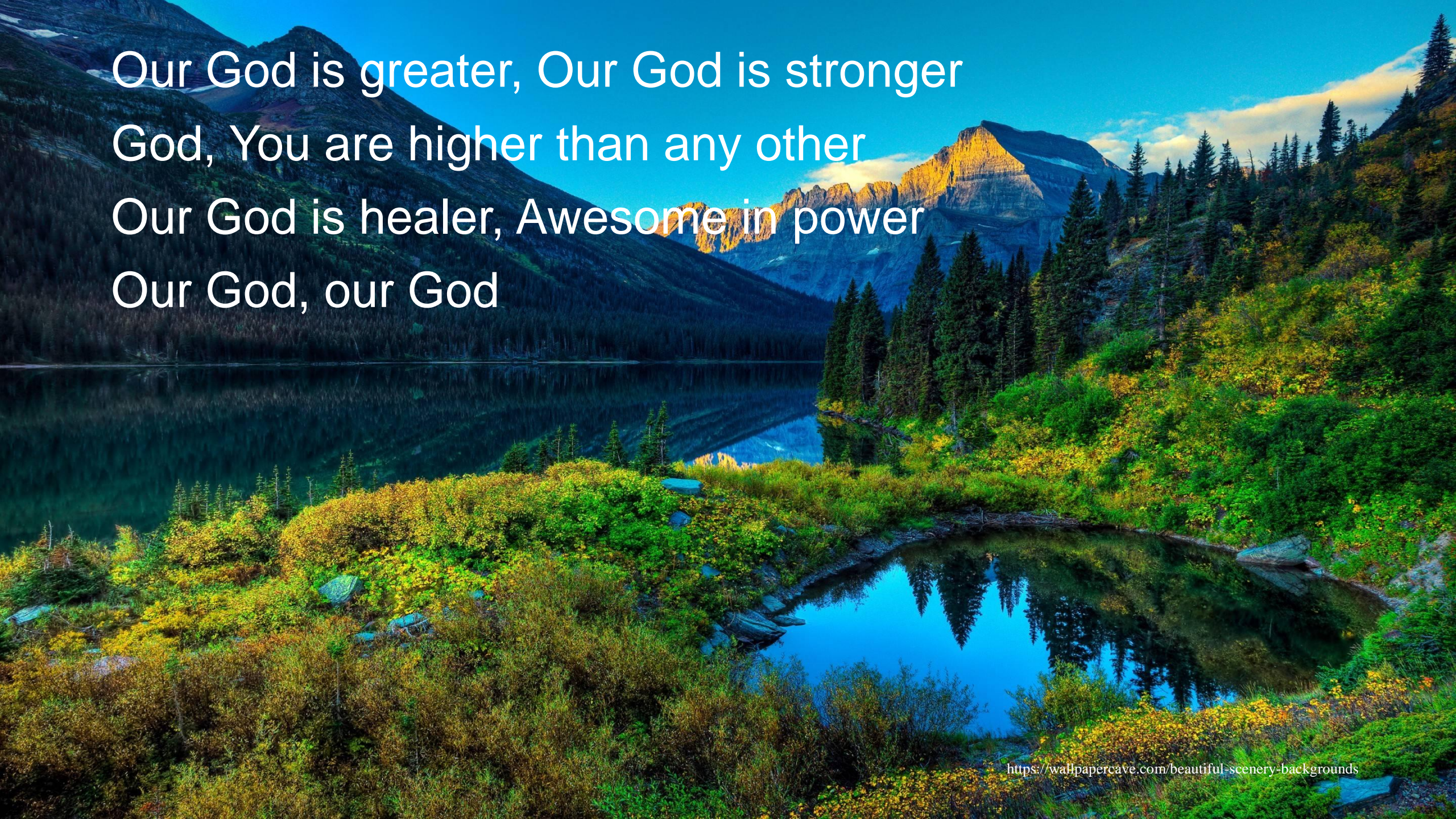
Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You,
None like You

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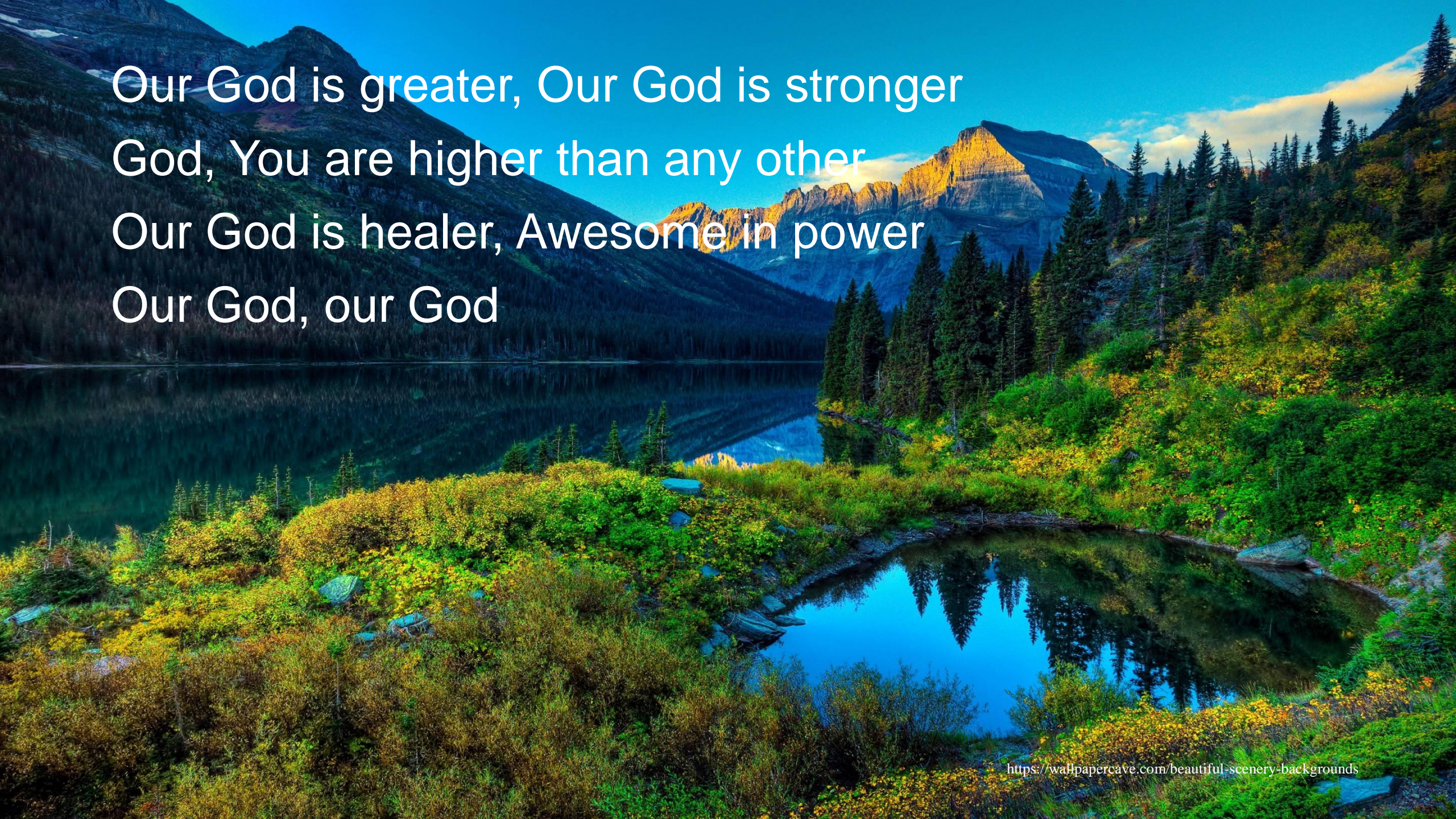
Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You,
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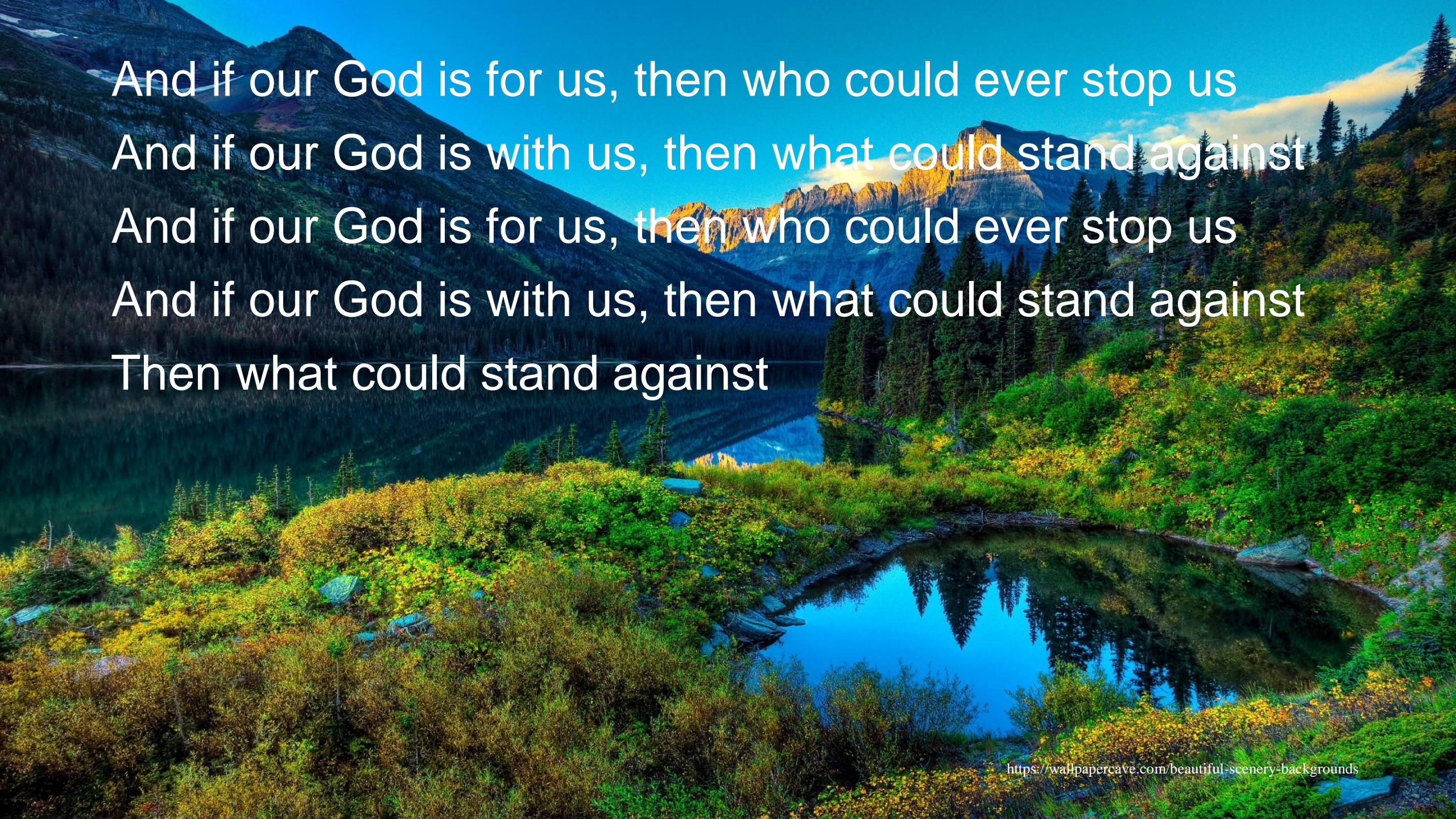
Our God is greater, Our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, Awesome in power
Our God, our God



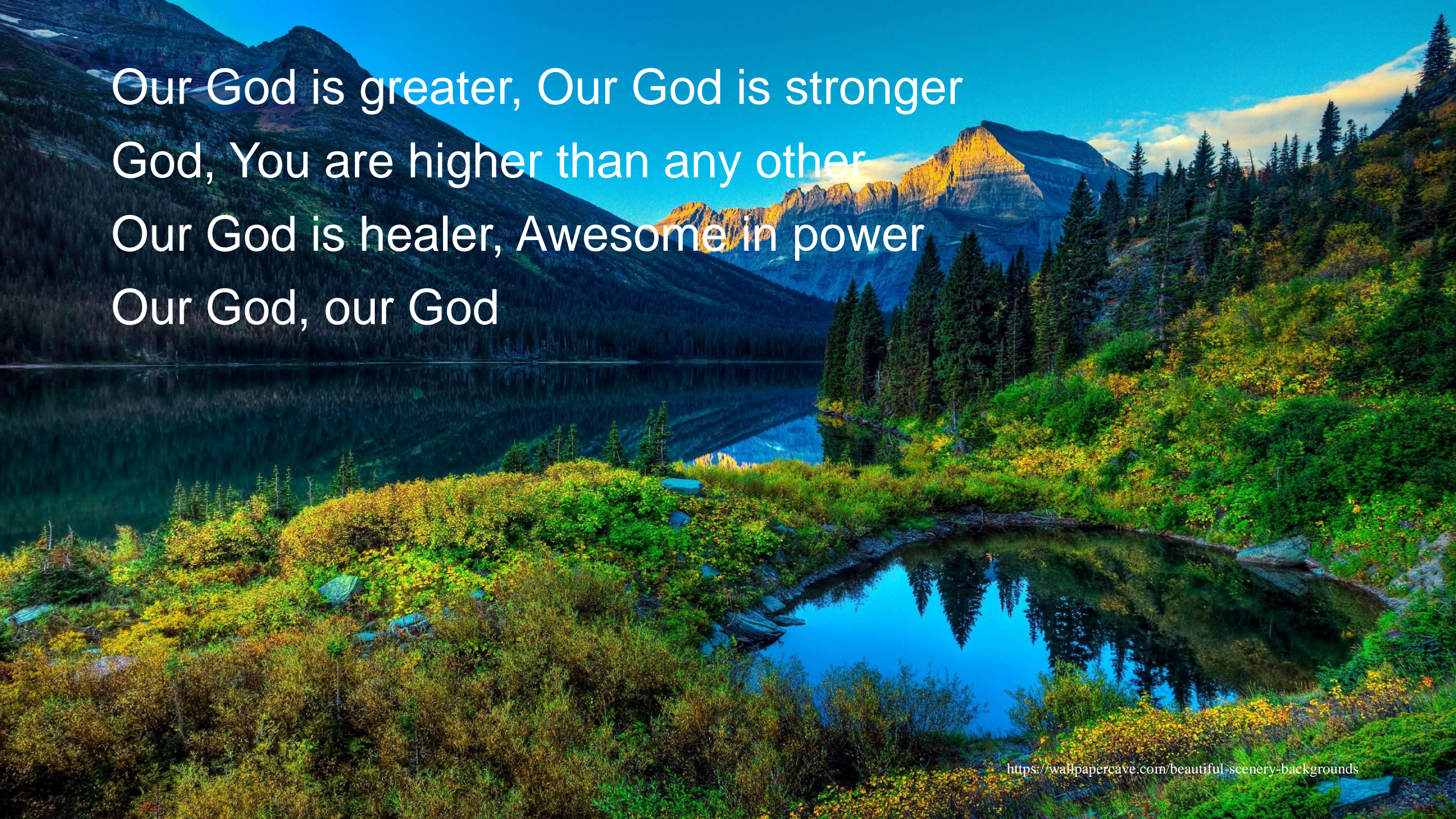
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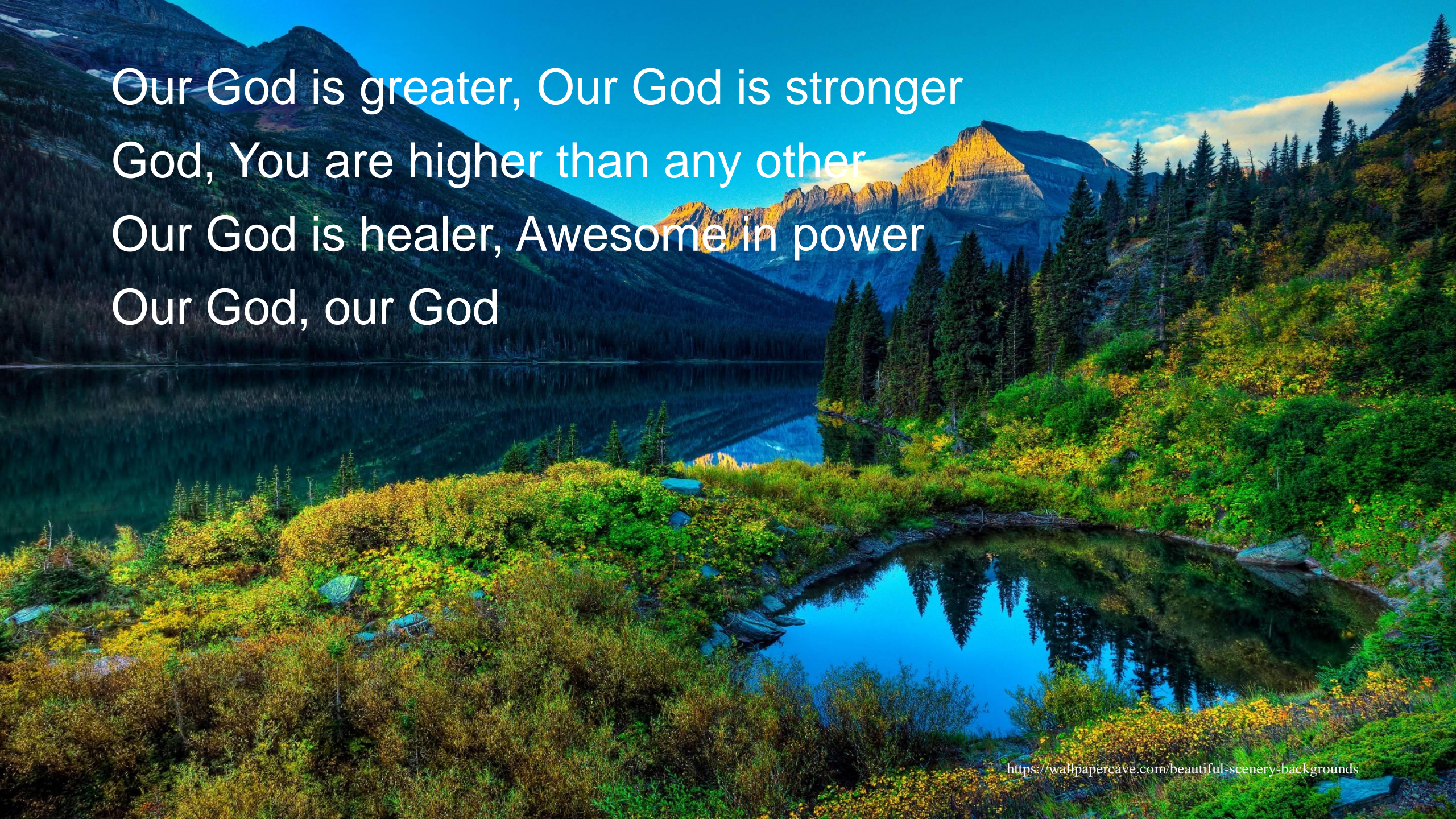
Our God is greater, Our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, Awesome in power
Our God, our God

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, surrounded by lush green and yellow foliage. In the background, there are dense evergreen forests and majestic mountains under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.


And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against
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A scenic landscape featuring a large lake in the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen trees on the right, and a range of rugged mountains in the background. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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Our God is healer, Awesome in power
Our God, our God


A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, surrounded by lush green and yellow autumn foliage. In the background, majestic mountains rise under a clear blue sky, with some peaks illuminated by a warm, golden light. The overall scene is peaceful and beautiful.

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1st Samuel 7:3-4

3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, “I if you return to the Lord with all your heart, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your hearts to the Lord and serve Him alone; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.” 4 So the sons of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroth and served the Lord alone. []

[Good example of repentance]

Isaiah 46:4; Leviticus 19:32; Psalm 92:14

Isaiah 46:4

4 Even to your old age I will be the same,
And even to your graying years I will bear you!
I have done it, and I will carry you;
And I will bear you and I will deliver you.

Leviticus 19:32

32'You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the Lord.

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Psalm 92:14

14 They will still yield fruit in old age;

They shall be full of sap and very green... [*]

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