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1 Corinthians 15:1–8

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1. The gospel is a victory announcement (15:1–2)

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Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings **good news**,
who publishes peace,
who brings **good news** of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, “**Your God reigns.**”

2. The gospel is a received gift (15:1–2)

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¹¹ ...so we preach and so you **believed**.



3. The gospel is a dynamic power (15:1–2)

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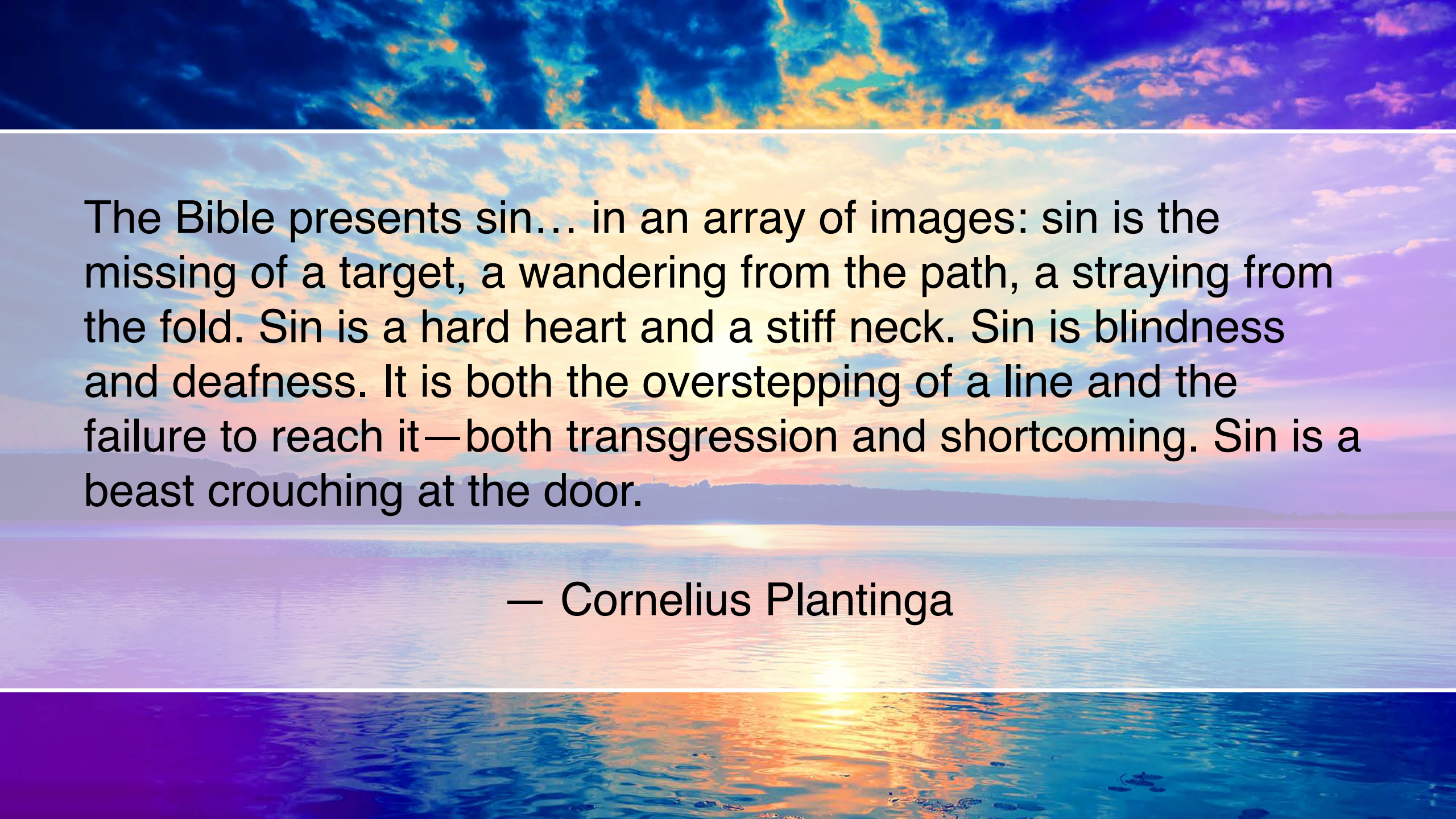
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Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation
to everyone who believes...

4. The gospel provides full forgiveness (15:3)

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: **that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,** ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.



The Bible presents sin... in an array of images: sin is the missing of a target, a wandering from the path, a straying from the fold. Sin is a hard heart and a stiff neck. Sin is blindness and deafness. It is both the overstepping of a line and the failure to reach it—both transgression and shortcoming. Sin is a beast crouching at the door.

— Cornelius Plantinga

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Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death...



2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

5. The gospel offers eternal life (15:4)

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Psalm 16:10

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.



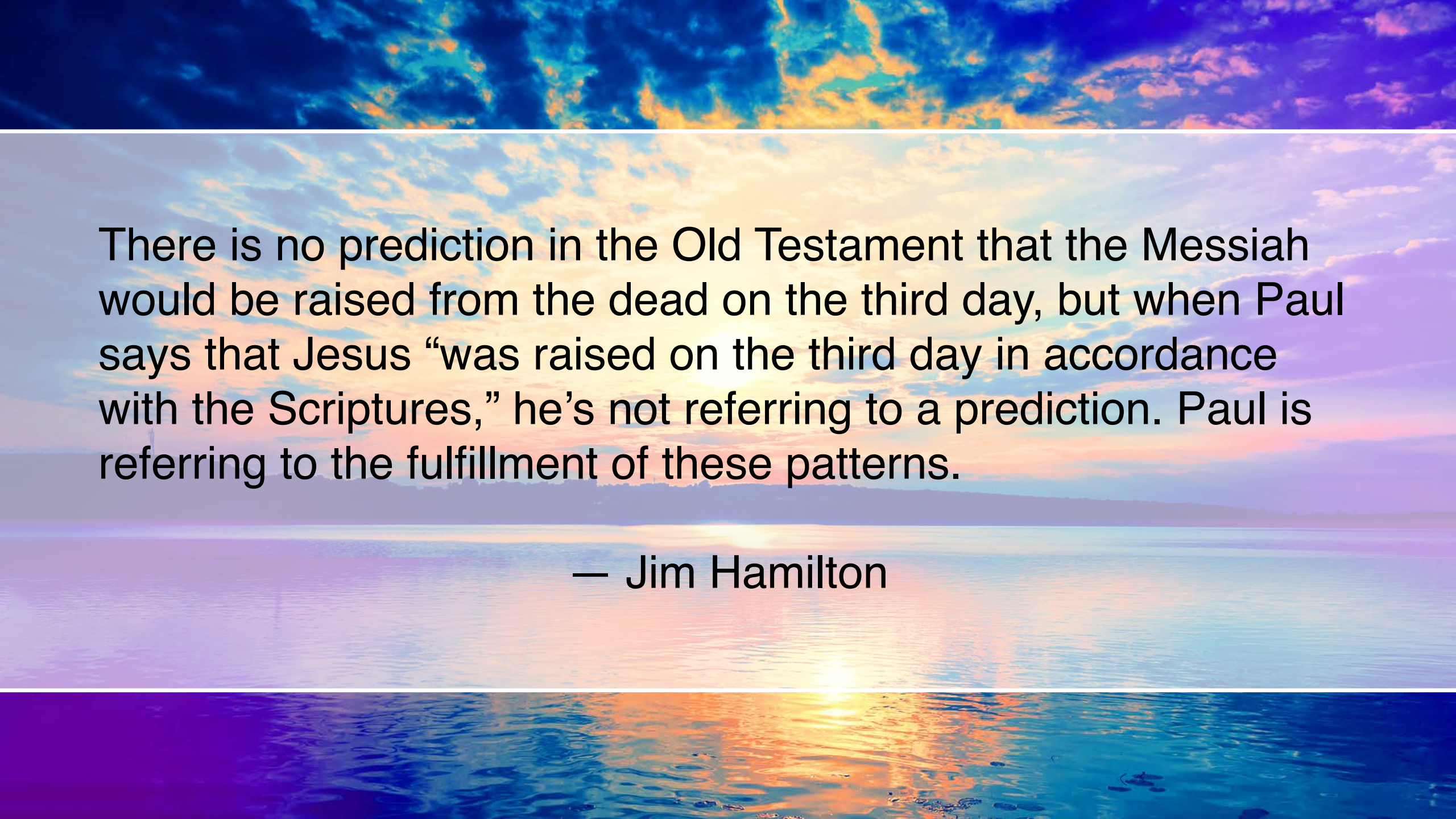
Acts 13:36–37

³⁶ For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, ³⁷ but he whom God raised up did not see corruption.



Matthew 12:40

For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.



There is no prediction in the Old Testament that the Messiah would be raised from the dead on the third day, but when Paul says that Jesus “was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,” he’s not referring to a prediction. Paul is referring to the fulfillment of these patterns.

— Jim Hamilton



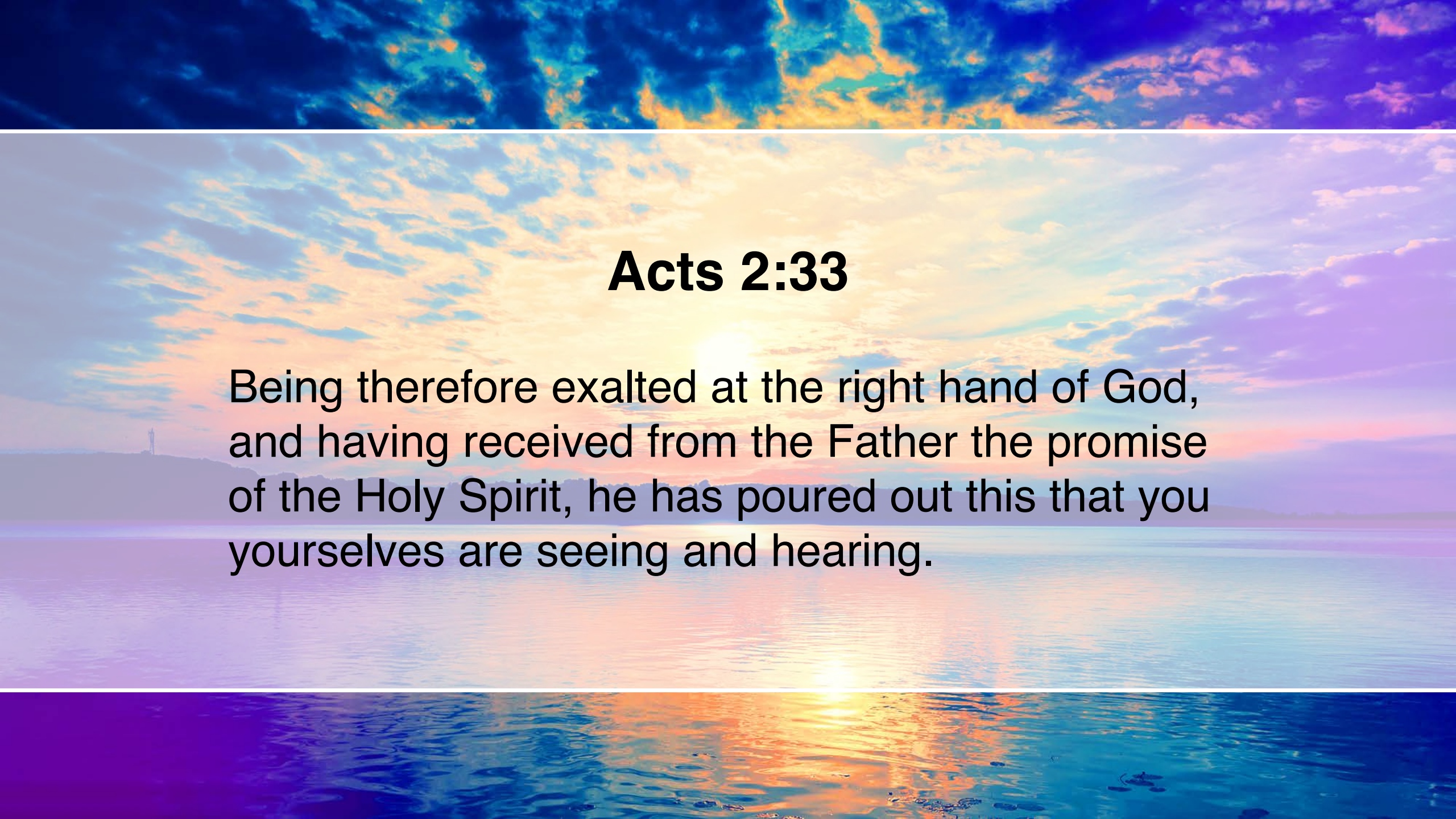
1 Corinthians 15:17

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

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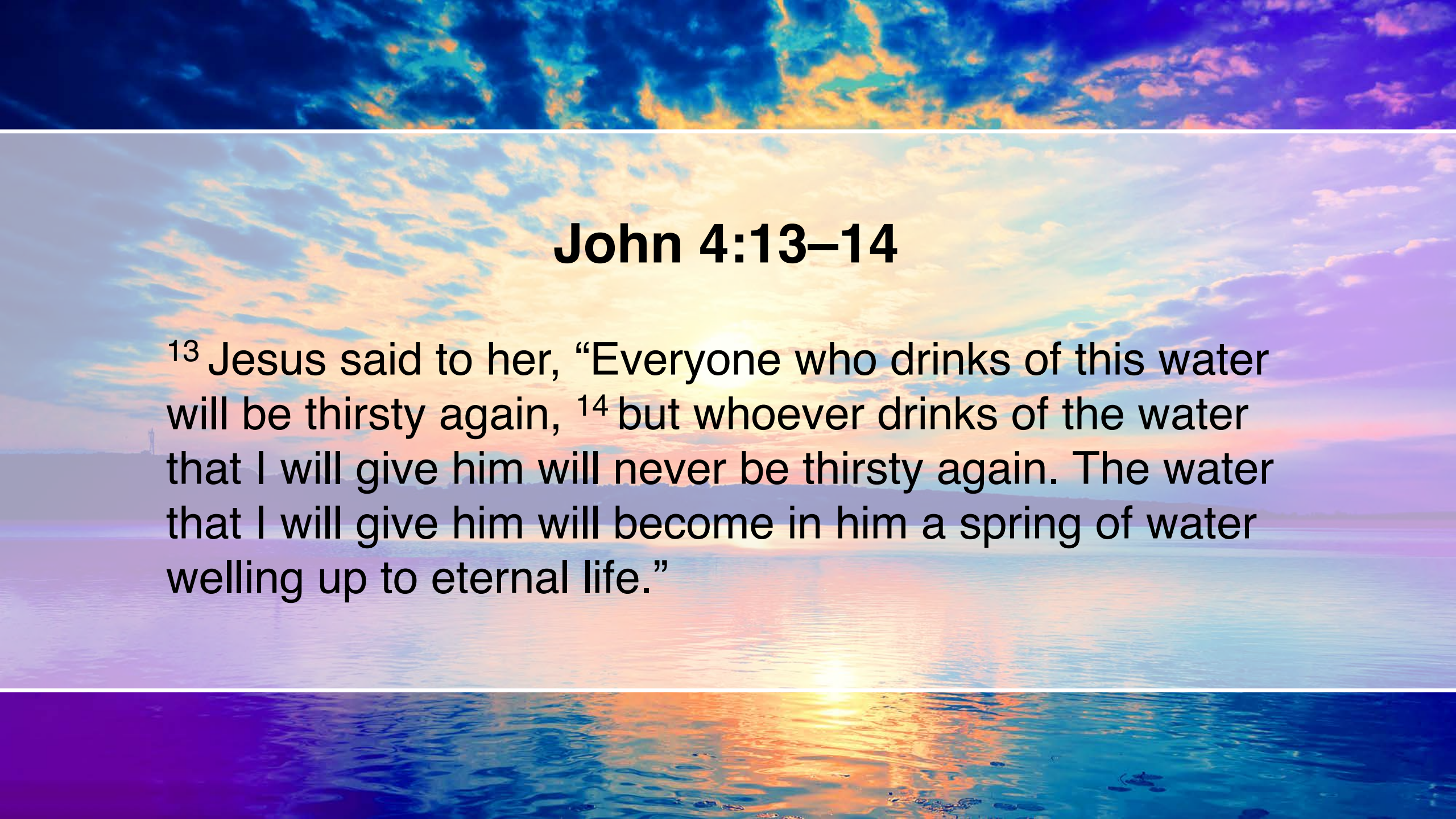
Romans 4:25

...who was delivered up for our trespasses
and raised for our justification.



Acts 2:33

Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God,
and having received from the Father the promise
of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you
yourselves are seeing and hearing.



John 4:13–14

¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

5. The gospel is historically credible (15:5–8)

⁵ ...and that he **appeared** to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he **appeared** to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he **appeared** to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he **appeared** also to me.

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