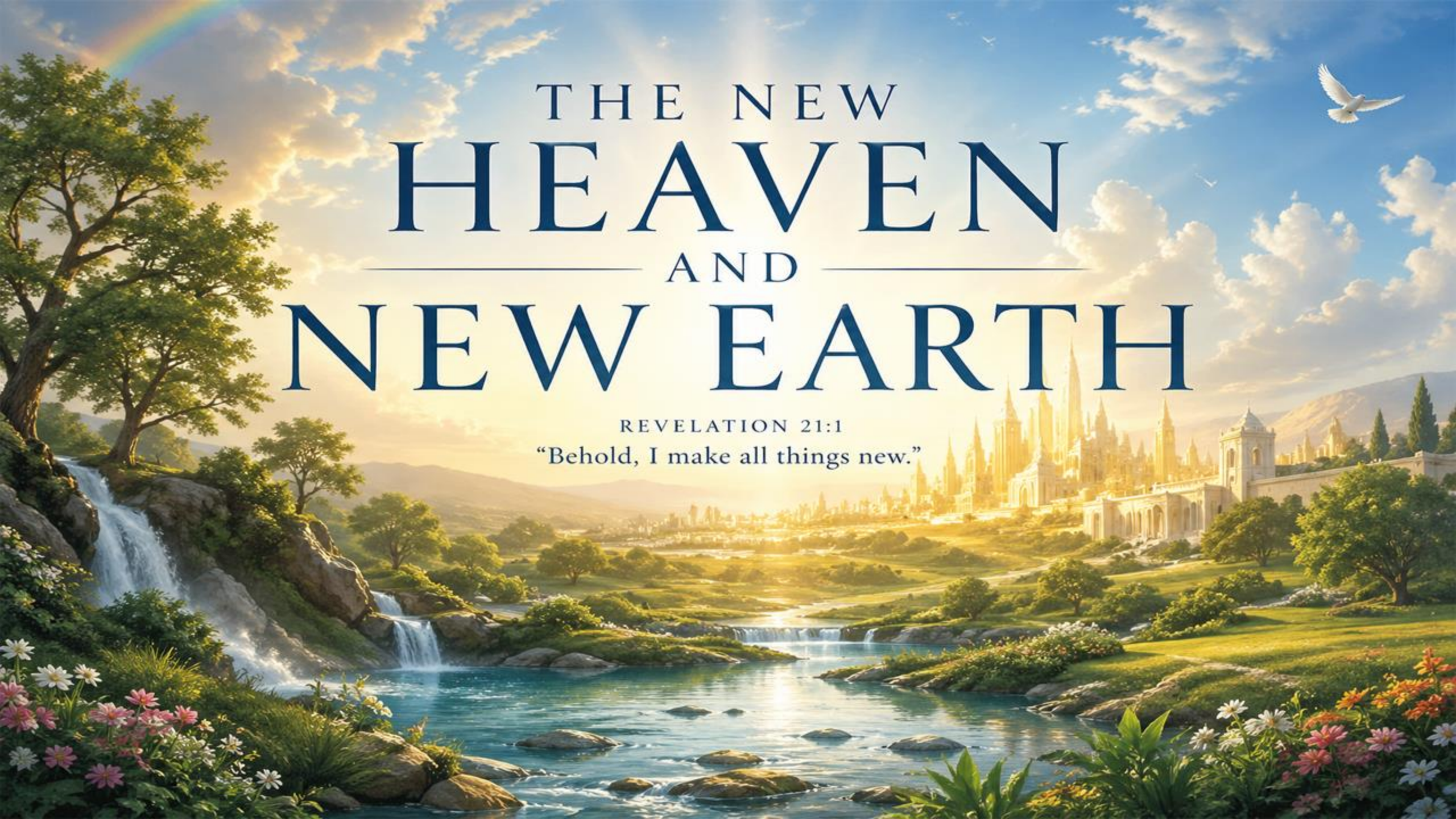
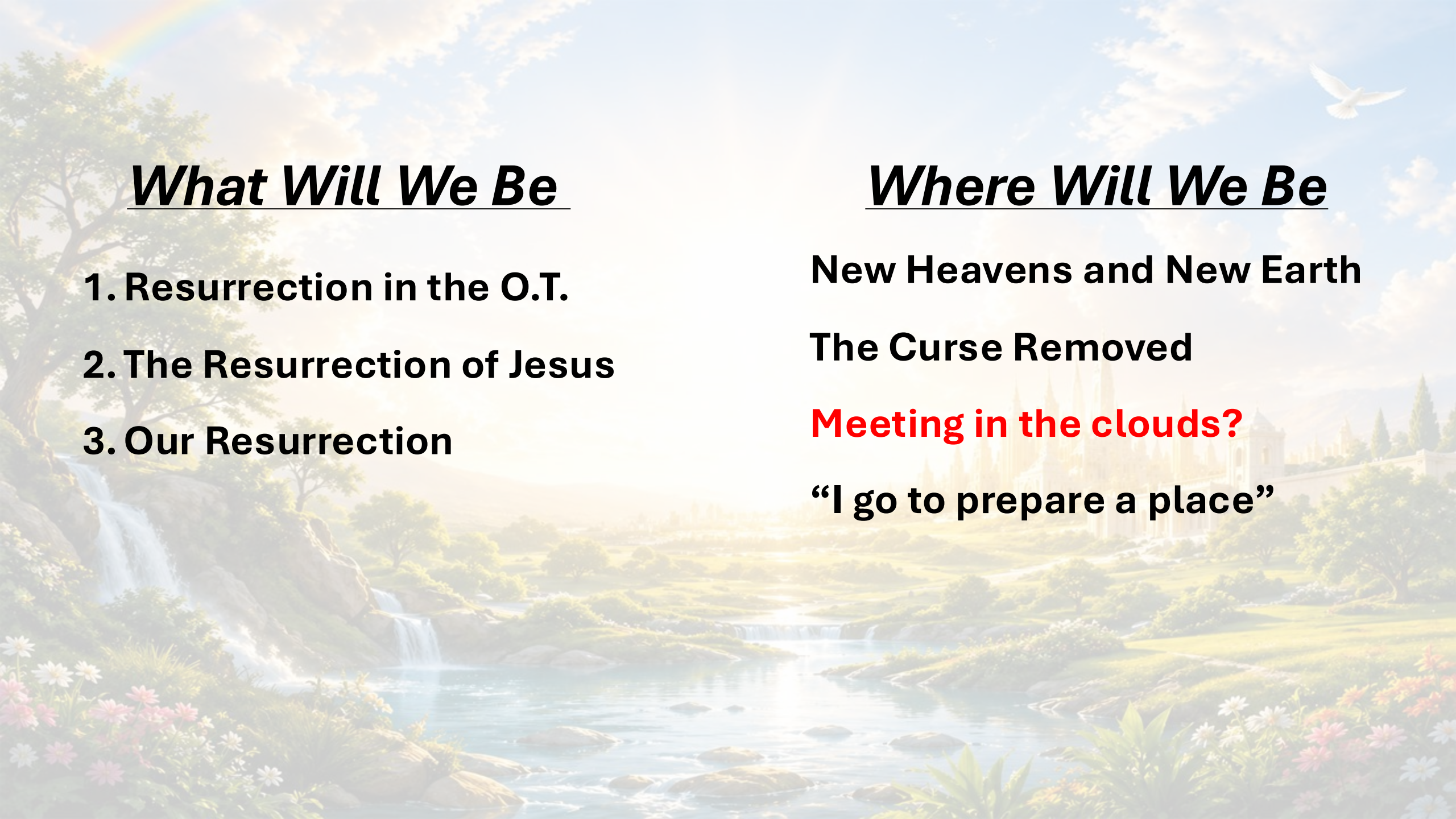




THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

REVELATION 21:1

“Behold, I make all things new.”



What Will We Be

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- 2. The Resurrection of Jesus**
- 3. Our Resurrection**

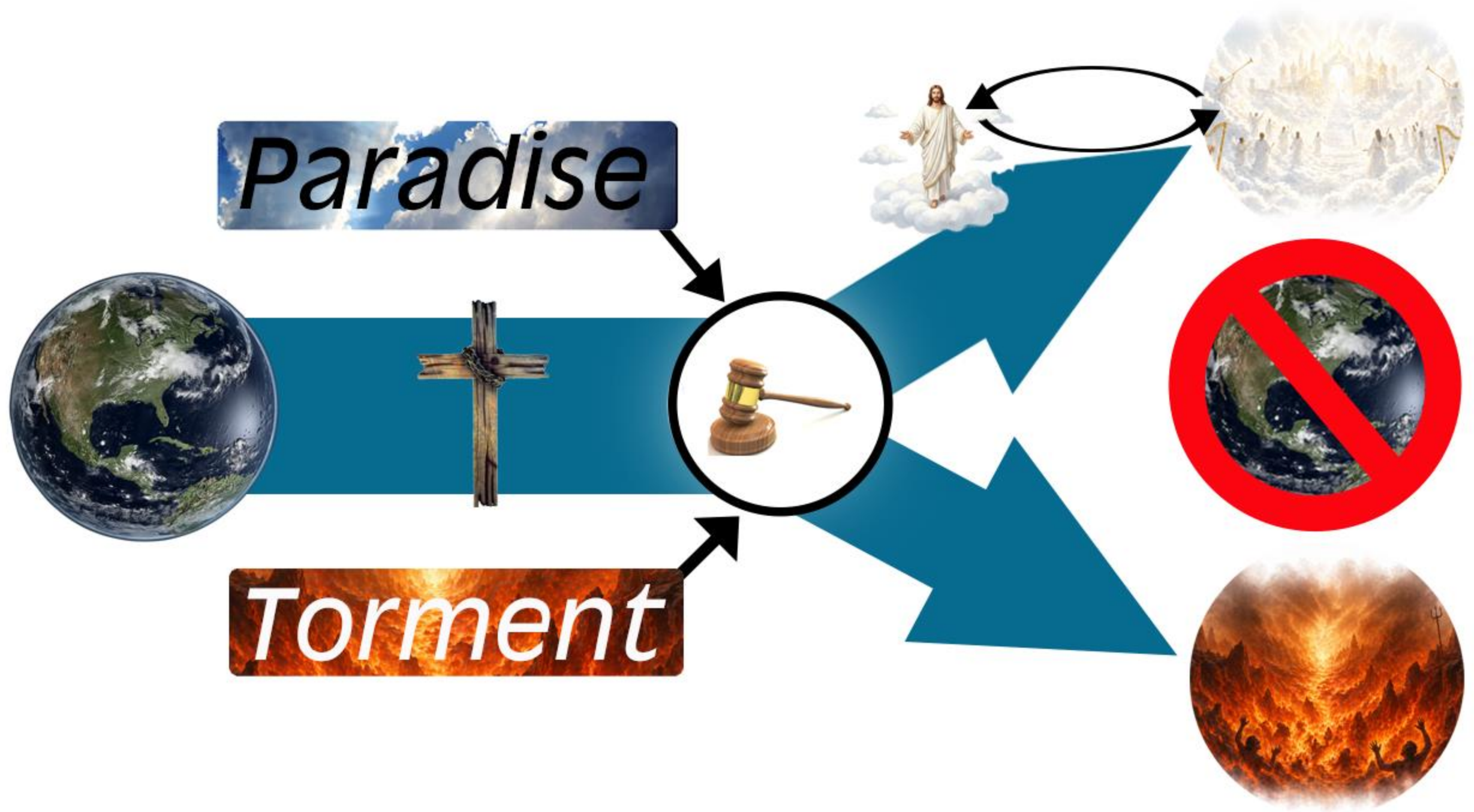
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New Heavens and New Earth

The Curse Removed

Meeting in the clouds?

“I go to prepare a place”



Acts 1:9-11

⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, *will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.*”

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

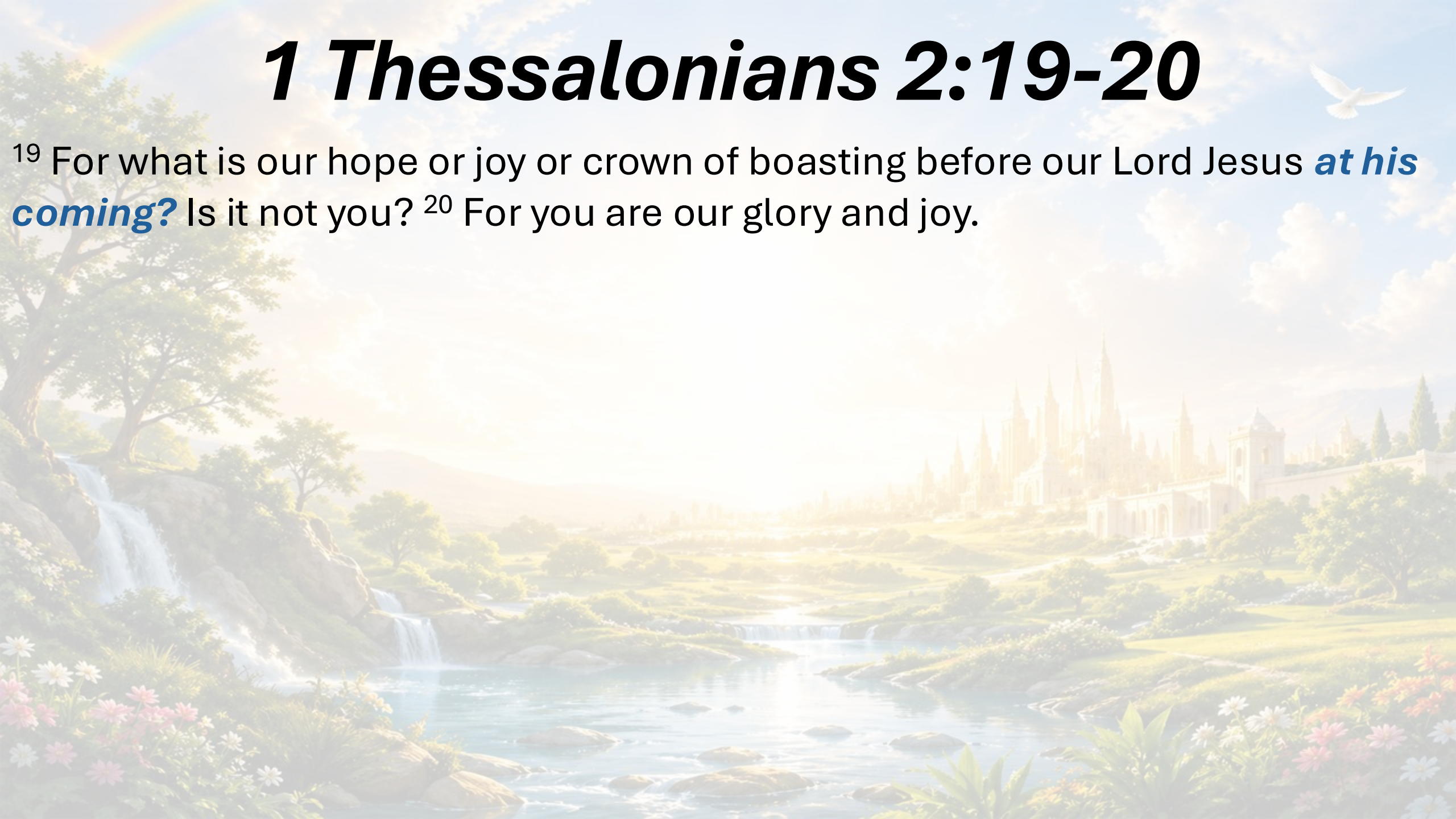
⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and ***to wait for his Son from heaven***, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.



1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

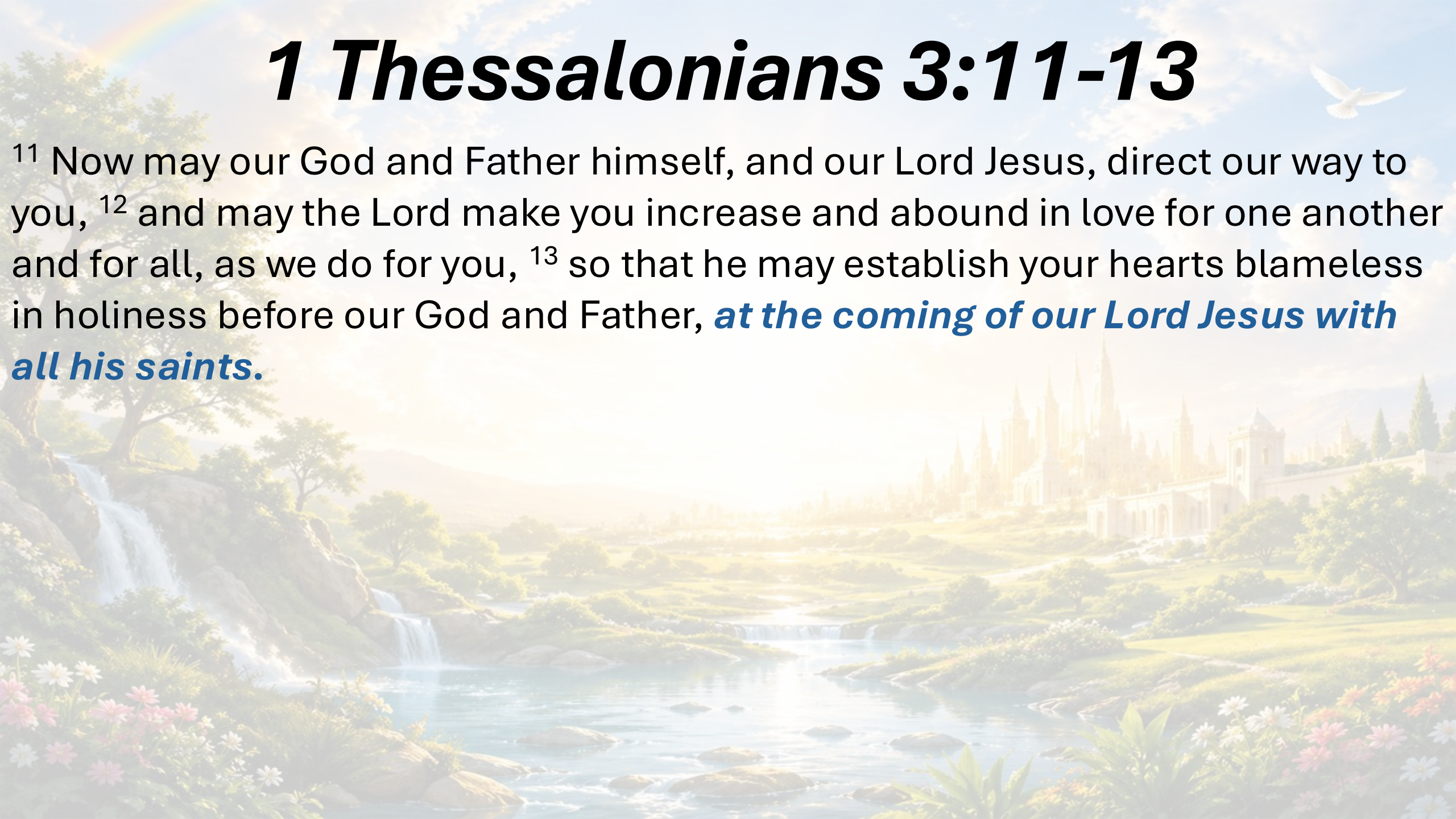


¹⁹ For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus **at his coming?** Is it not you? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.



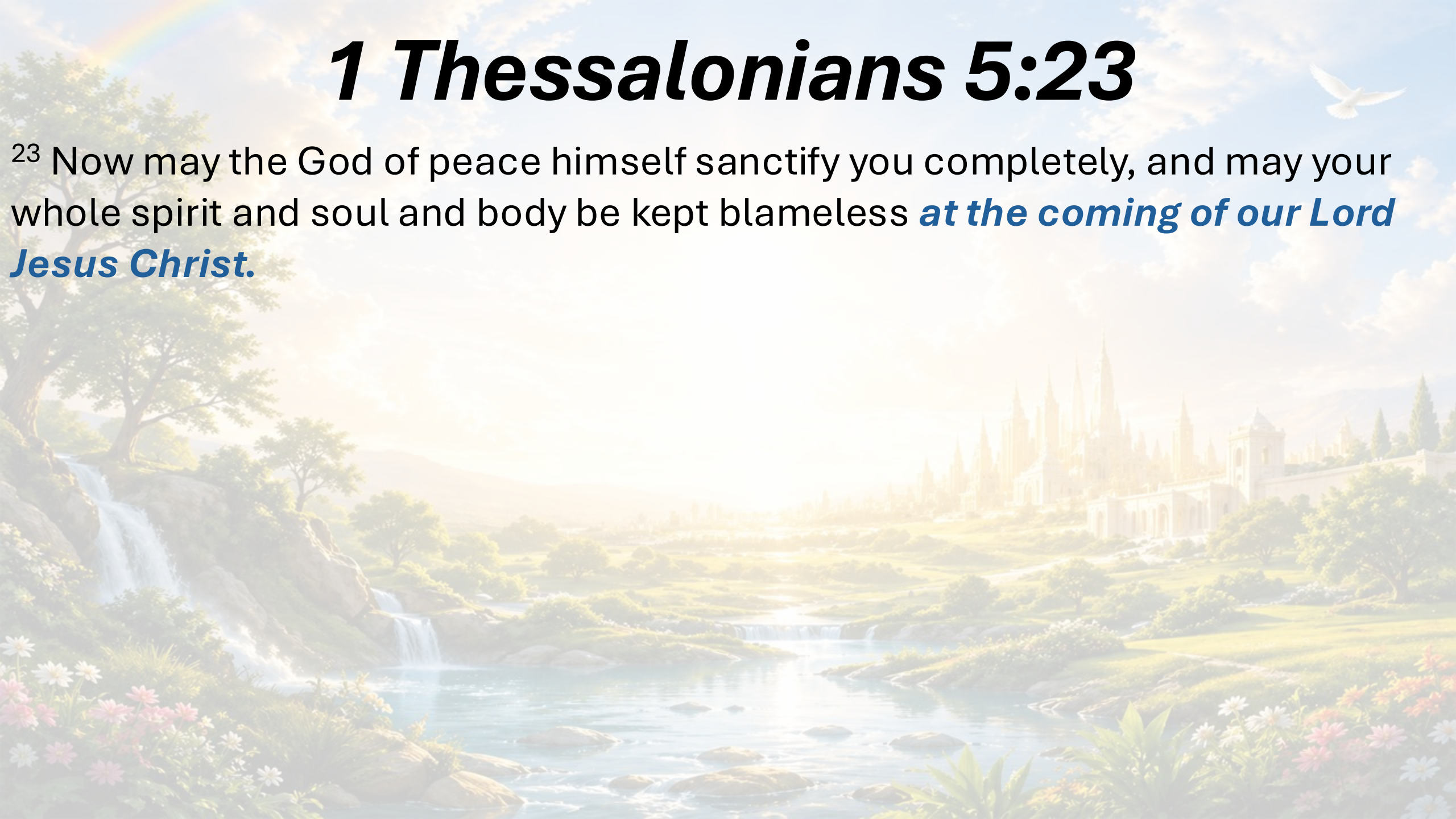
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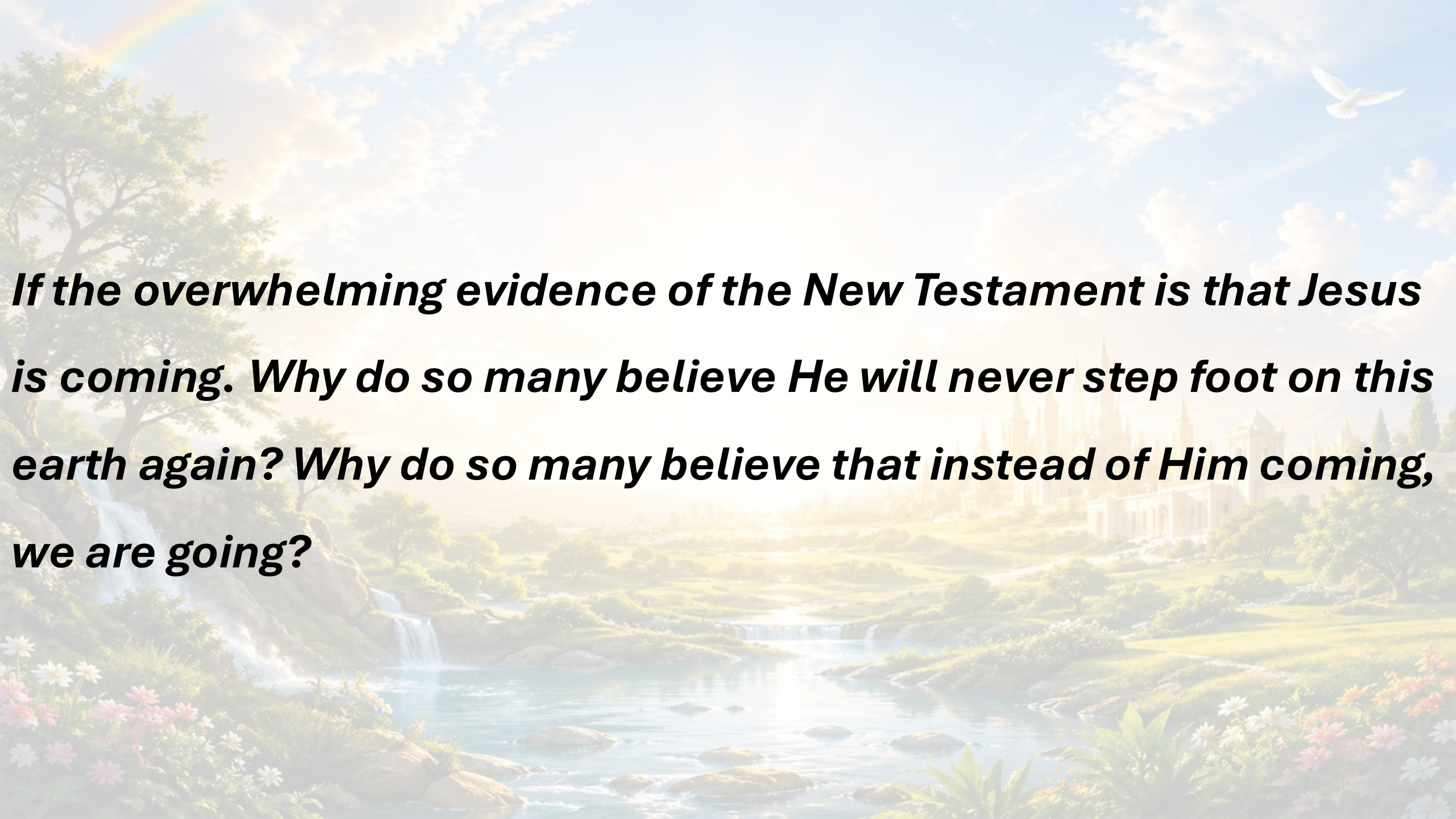
¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, ***at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.***



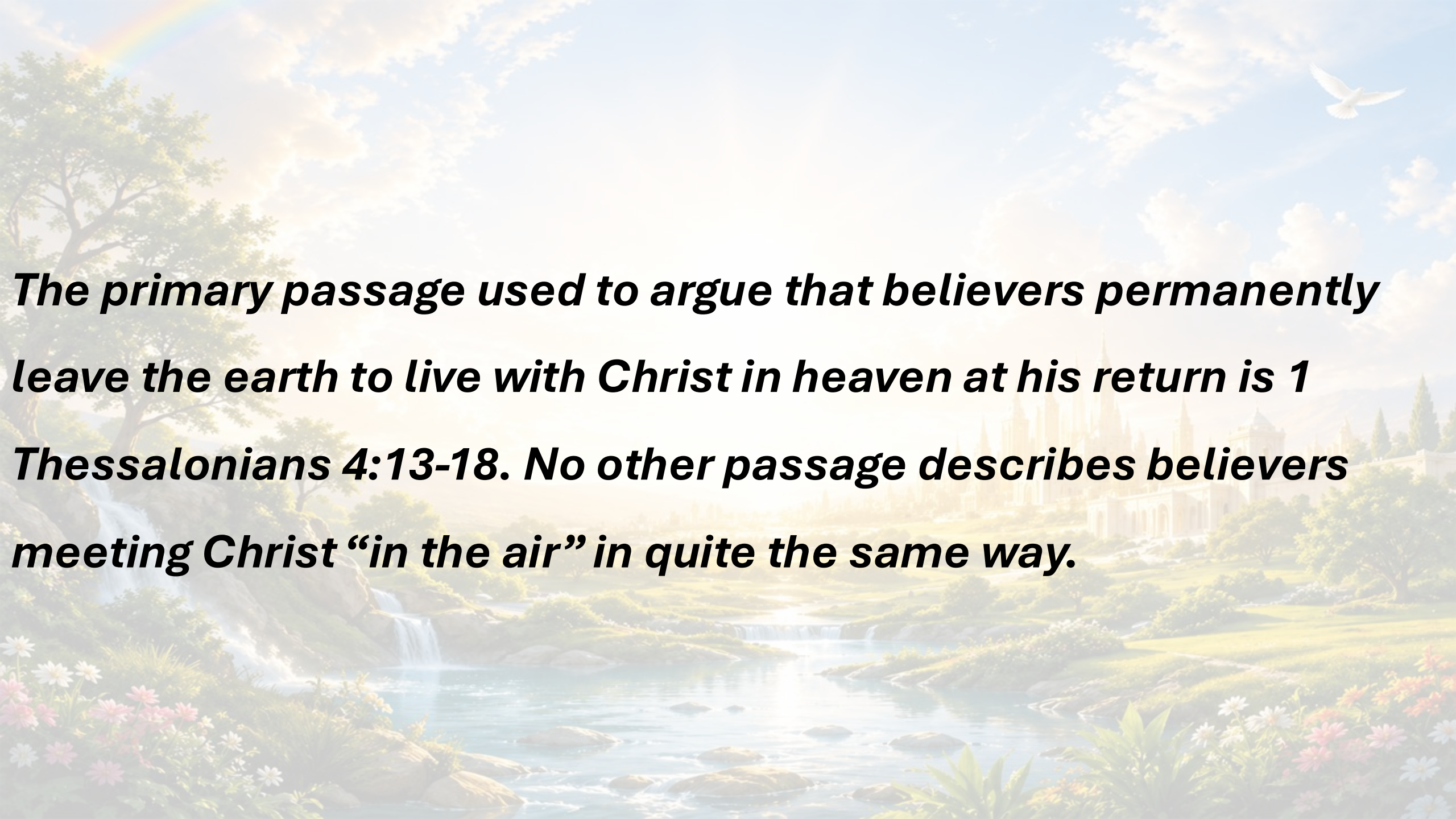
1 Thessalonians 5:23

²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless ***at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.***





If the overwhelming evidence of the New Testament is that Jesus is coming. Why do so many believe He will never step foot on this earth again? Why do so many believe that instead of Him coming, we are going?



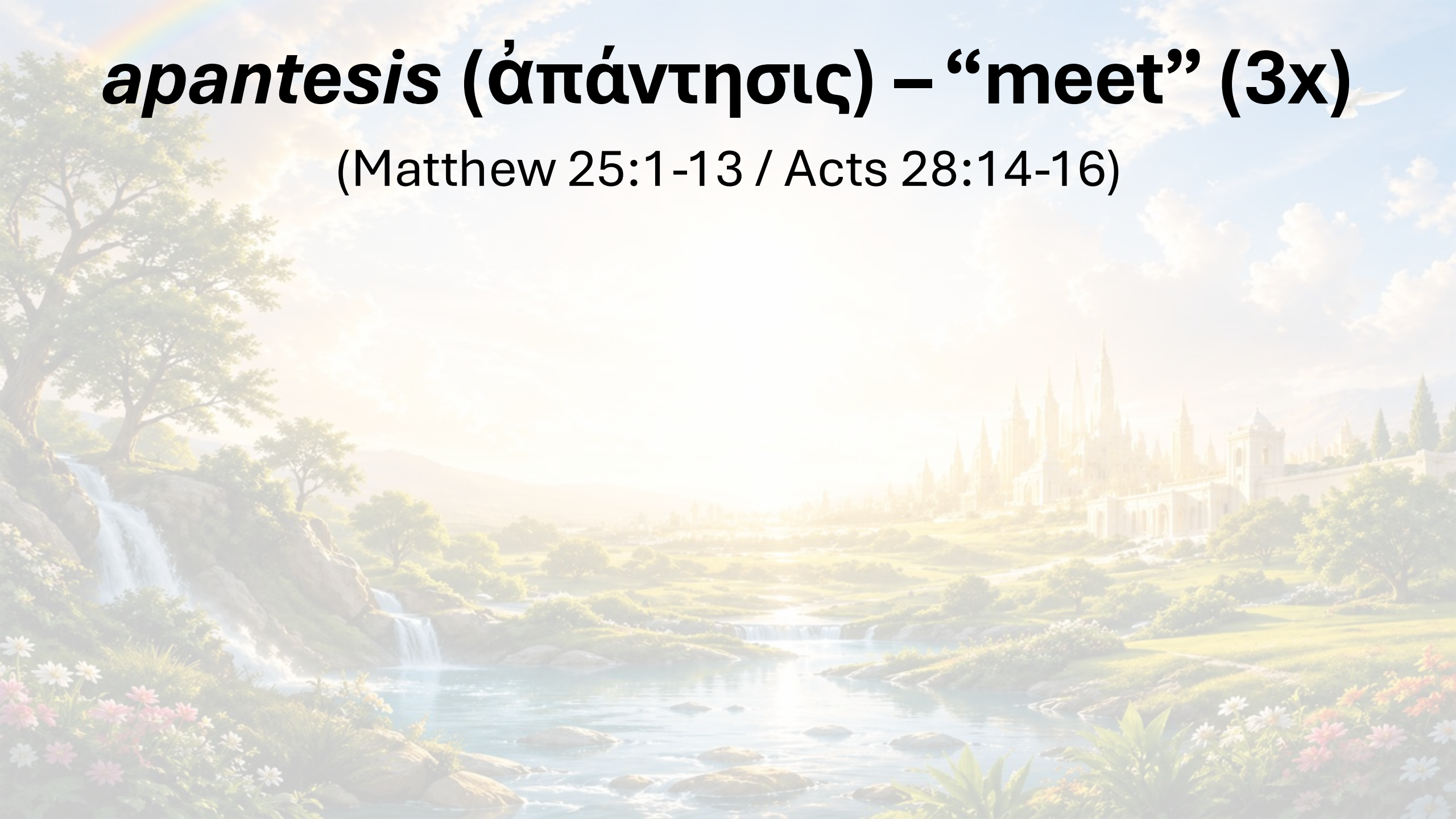
The primary passage used to argue that believers permanently leave the earth to live with Christ in heaven at his return is 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. No other passage describes believers meeting Christ “in the air” in quite the same way.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, **God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.** ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left **until the coming of the Lord**, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, **will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.** ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

***apantesis* (ἀπάντησις) – “meet” (3x)**

(Matthew 25:1-13 / Acts 28:14-16)



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¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! *Come out to meet him.*’

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⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, ***the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.*** ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



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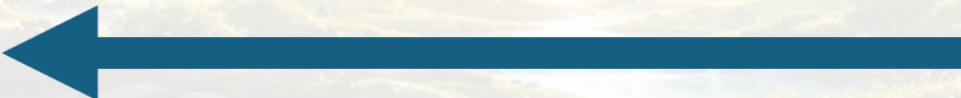
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¹⁴ There we found brothers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵ And the brothers there, when they heard about us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to **meet** us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. ¹⁶ And **when we came into Rome**, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him.



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