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Ministry of
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Recap:

The WHY? (8 Keys)

1) Opens the line of communication with God by means of the dialogue of prayer
2) Opens the door to developing a personal and very intimate relationship with Jesus Christ
3) Opens the door to TRUE FREEDOM to any bondage in our lives
4) Opens the door to becoming more than conquerors



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The WHY? (8 Keys)

5) Opens the door to powerful and effective prayer
6) Opens the door to insight into Spiritual Warfare
7) Opens the door to faith that pleases God
8) Opens the door to preparation for ourselves and others in all that God is unfolding in these times

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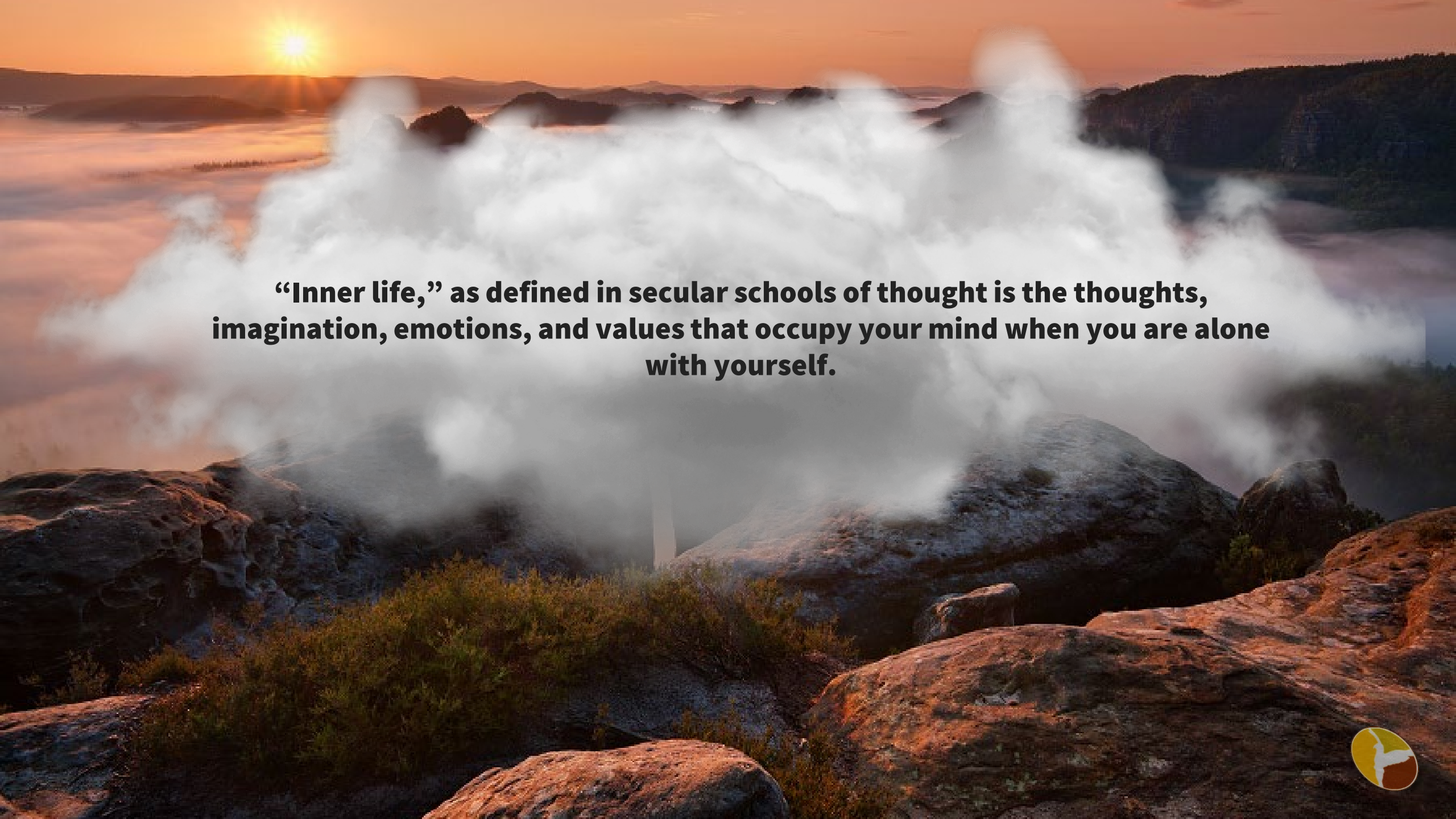
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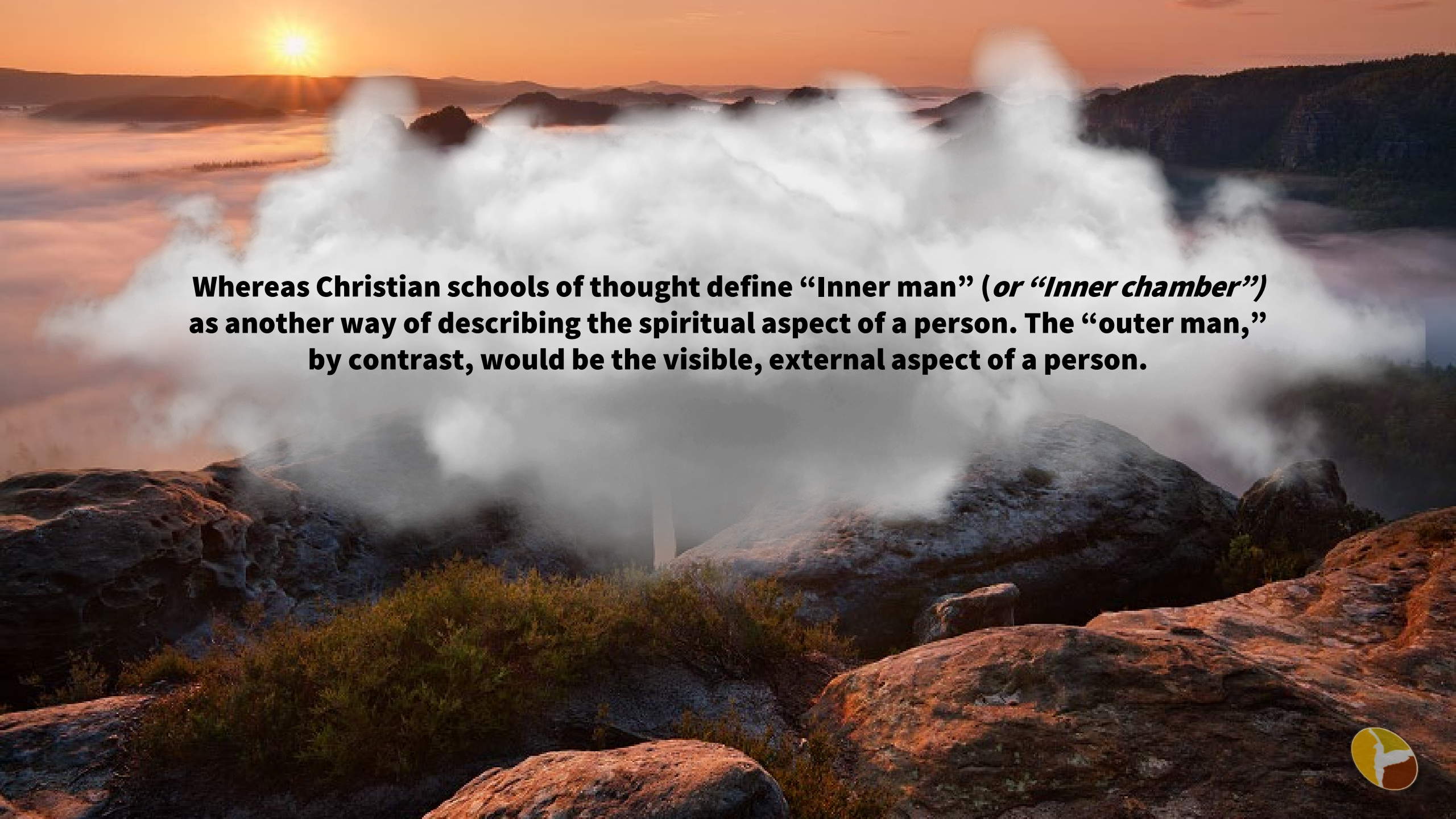
The HOW? (8 Spiritual Tools)

1) Tool of Surrender – *admit our powerlessness*
2) Tool of Repentance –*seeking change*
3) Tool of Obedience –*just doing it*
4) Tool of Examination –*taking an honest look*
5) Tool of Forgiveness –*evaluate relationships*
6) Tool of Redemption –*cleaning the closet*
7) Tool of True Fellowship –*spirit of accountability and unity*
8) Tool of Servant Leadership –*helping others*

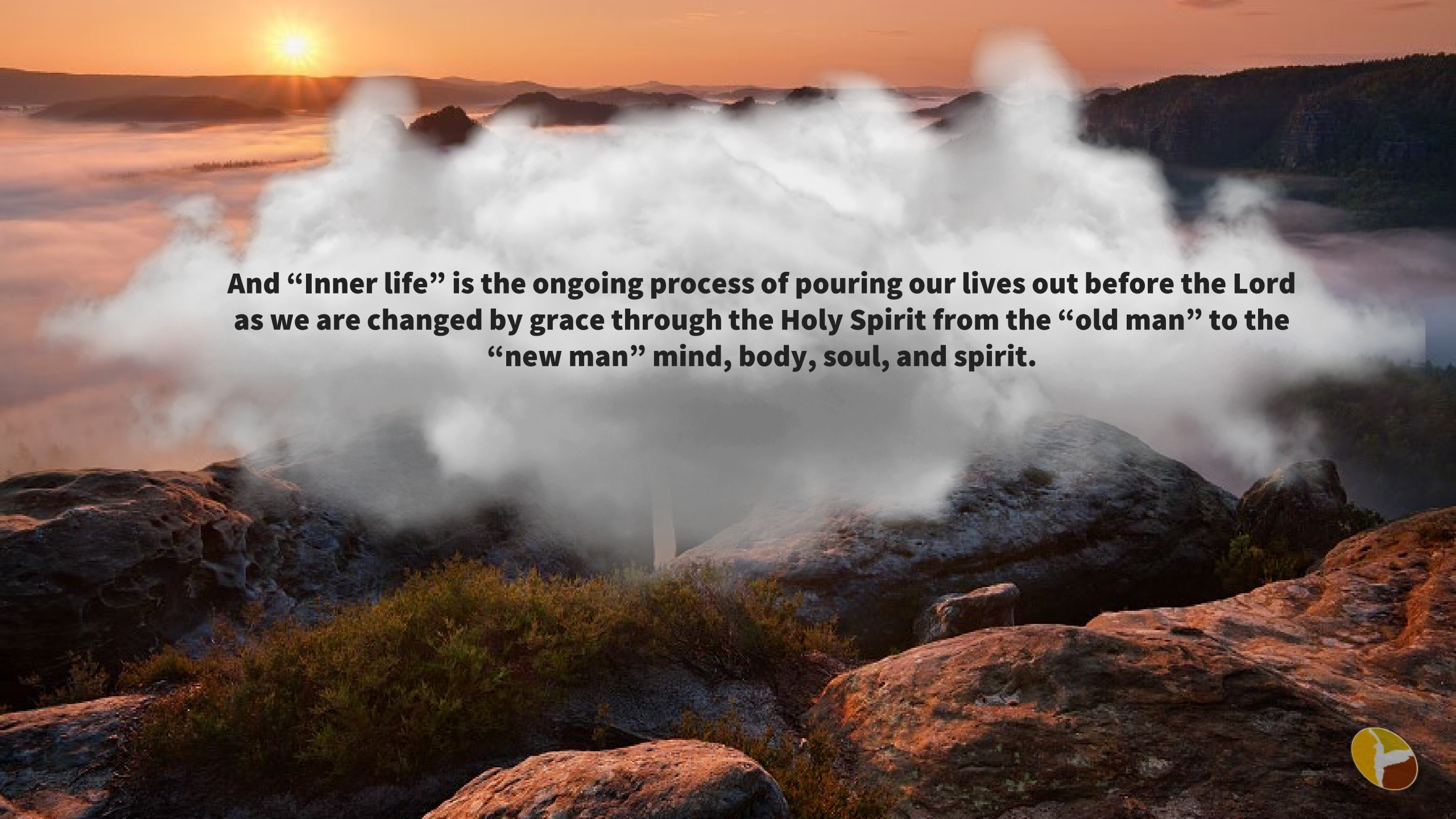
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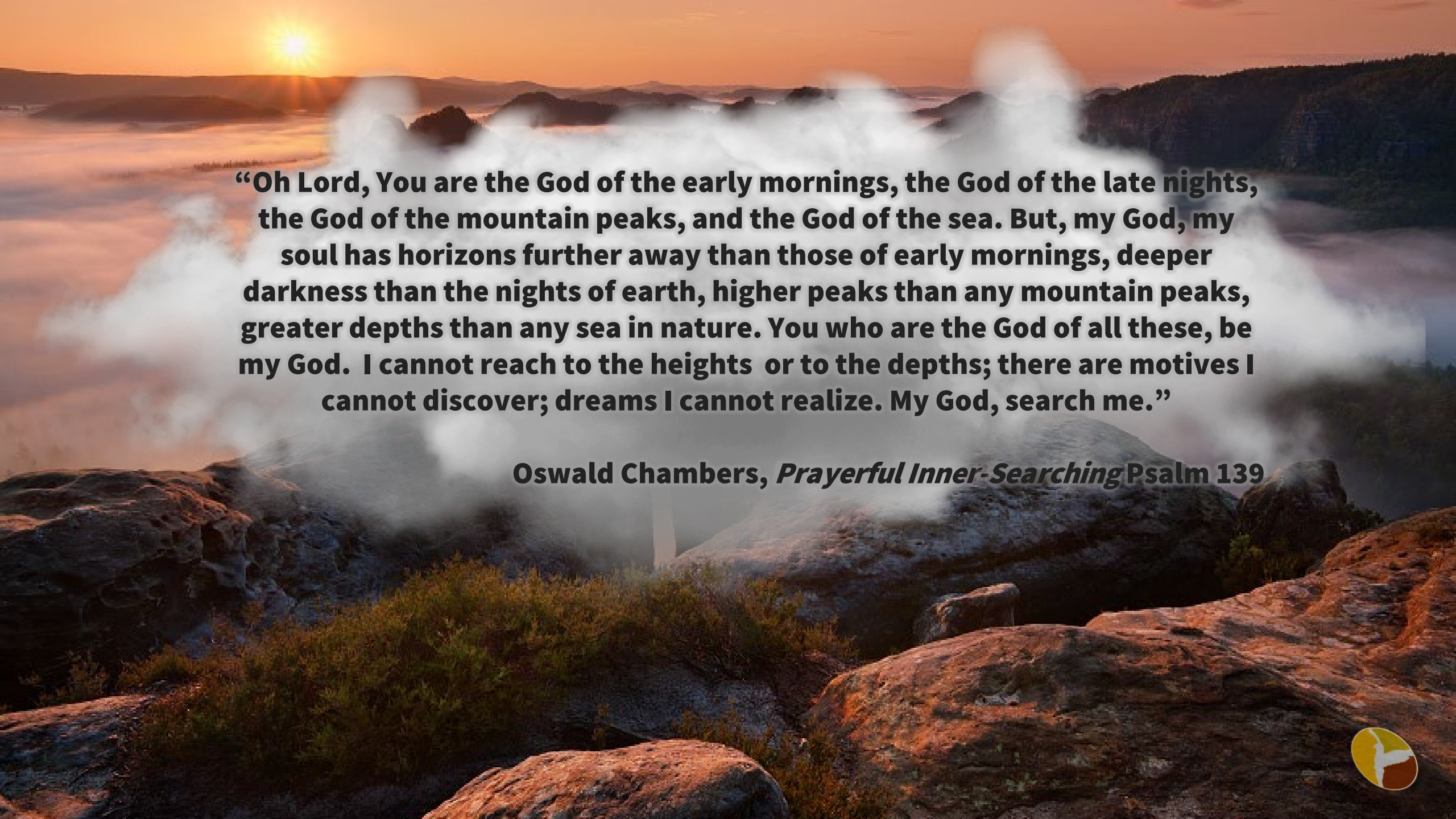

“Inner life,” as defined in secular schools of thought is the thoughts, imagination, emotions, and values that occupy your mind when you are alone with yourself.

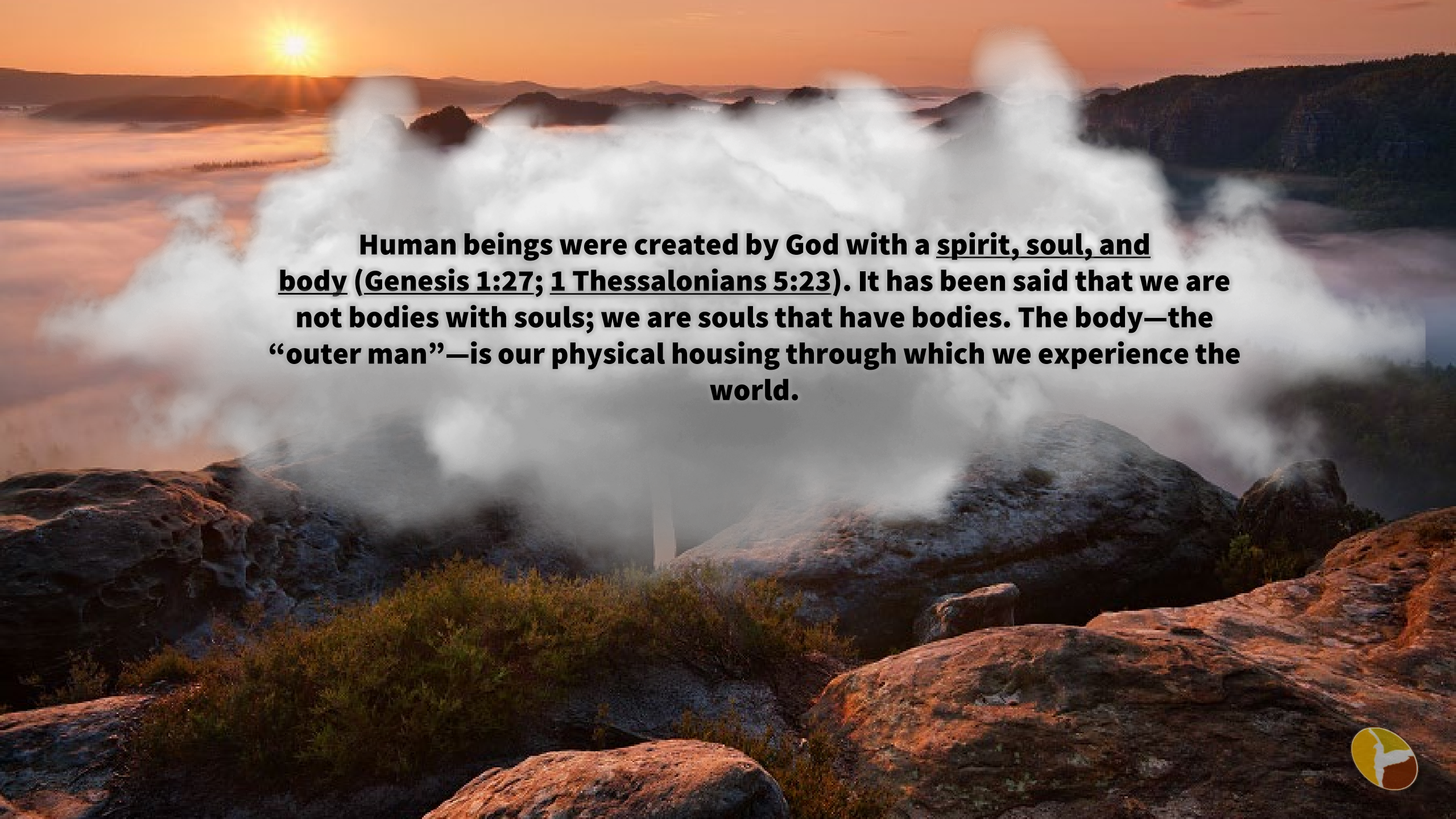


Whereas Christian schools of thought define "Inner man" (*or "Inner chamber")* as another way of describing the spiritual aspect of a person. The "outer man," by contrast, would be the visible, external aspect of a person.

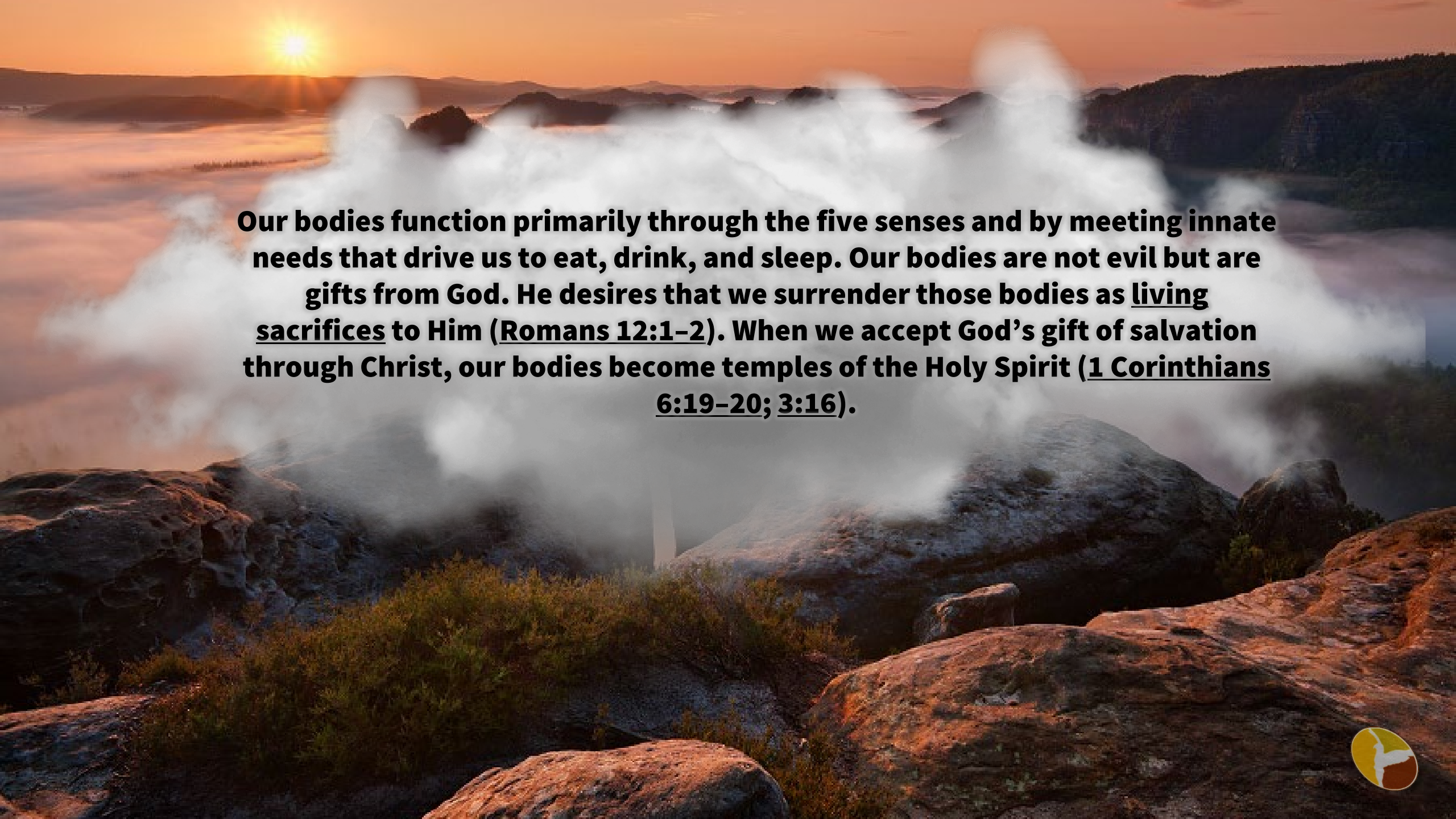

And “Inner life” is the ongoing process of pouring our lives out before the Lord as we are changed by grace through the Holy Spirit from the “old man” to the “new man” mind, body, soul, and spirit.

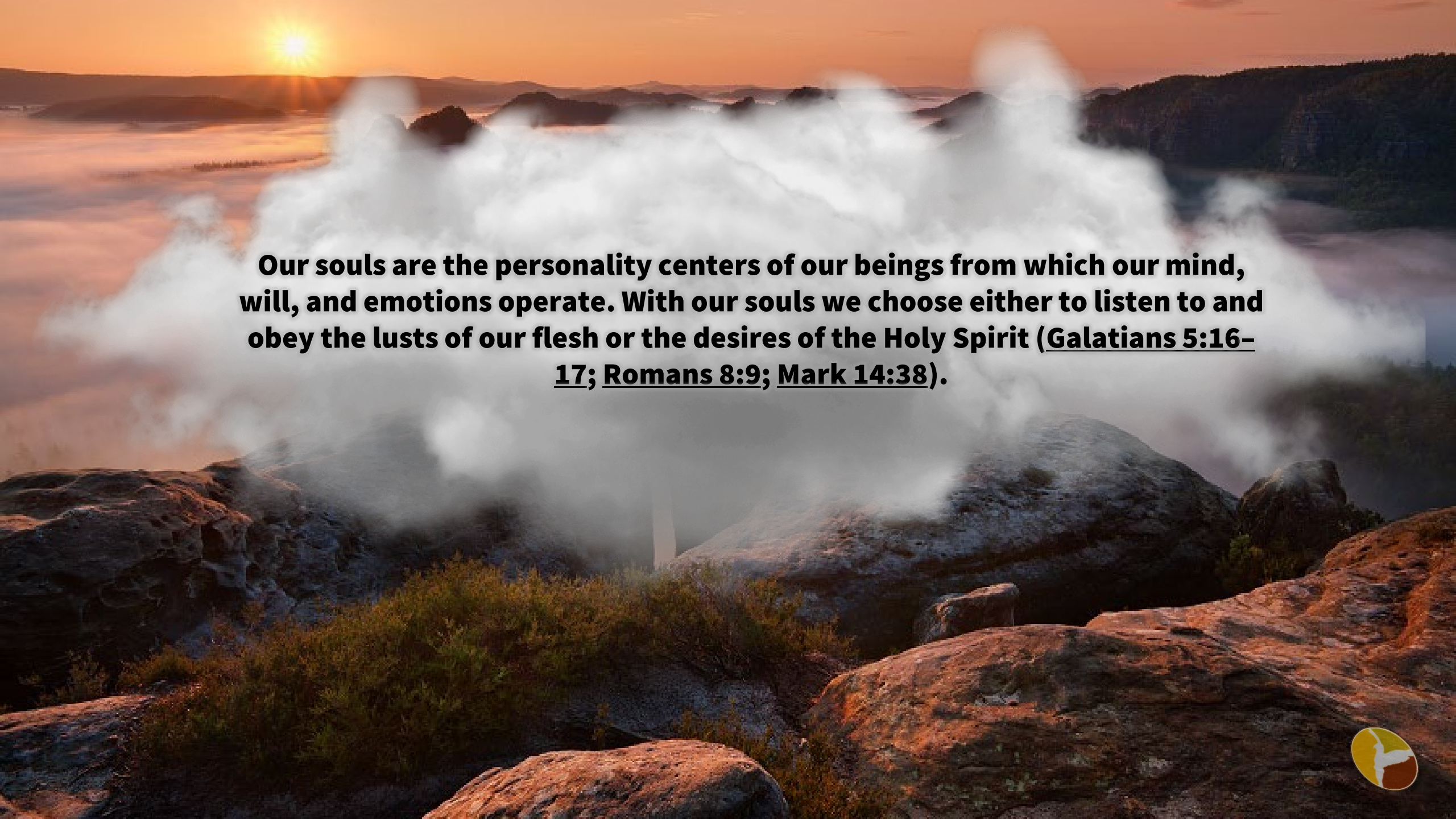

The great, mysterious work of the Holy Spirit is in the deep recesses of our being which we cannot reach.
Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost For His Highest*

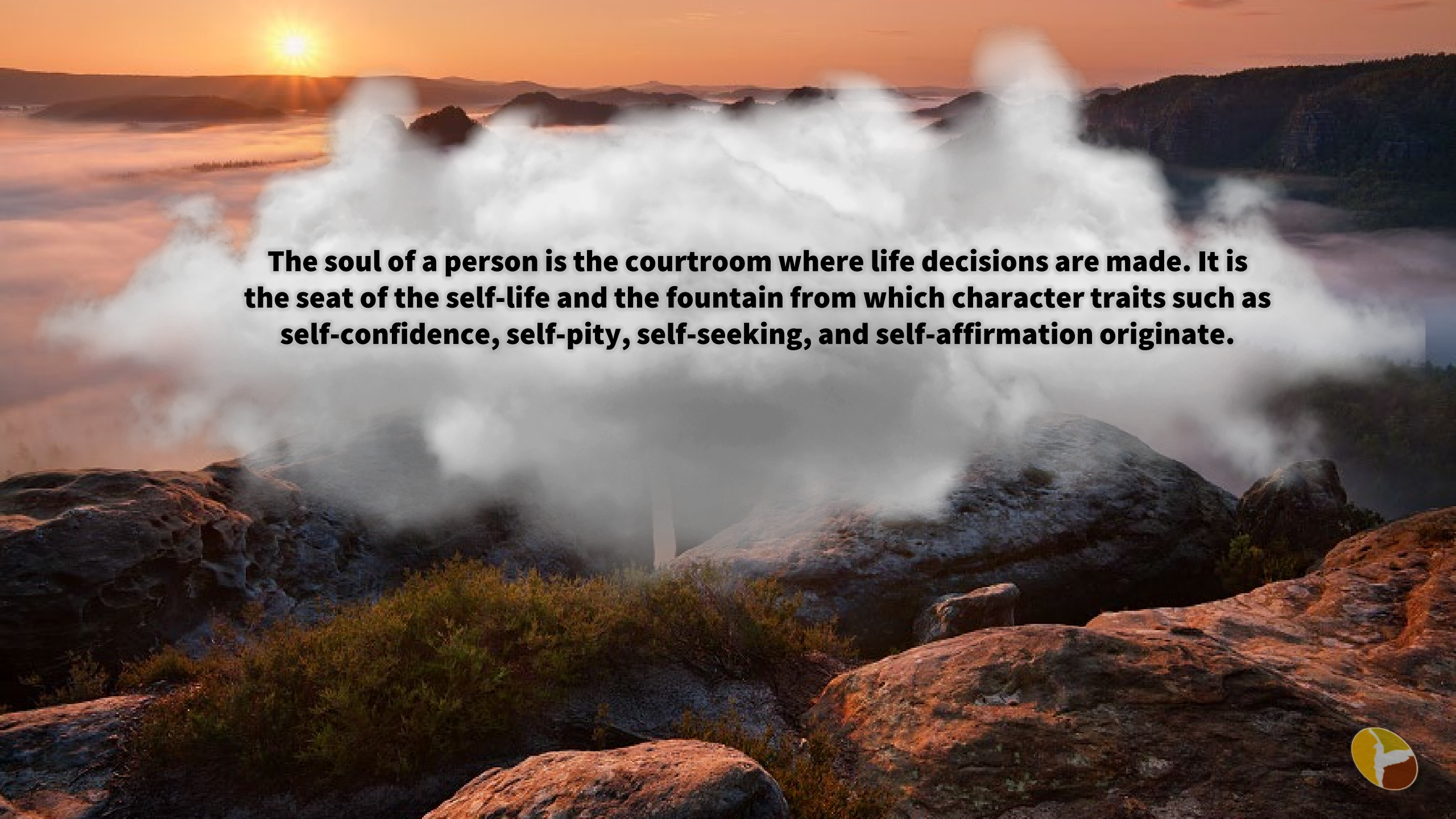

“Oh Lord, You are the God of the early mornings, the God of the late nights, the God of the mountain peaks, and the God of the sea. But, my God, my soul has horizons further away than those of early mornings, deeper darkness than the nights of earth, higher peaks than any mountain peaks, greater depths than any sea in nature. You who are the God of all these, be my God. I cannot reach to the heights or to the depths; there are motives I cannot discover; dreams I cannot realize. My God, search me.”
Oswald Chambers, *Prayerful Inner-Searching* Psalm 139



Human beings were created by God with a spirit, soul, and body (Genesis 1:27; 1 Thessalonians 5:23). It has been said that we are not bodies with souls; we are souls that have bodies. The body—the "outer man"—is our physical housing through which we experience the world.

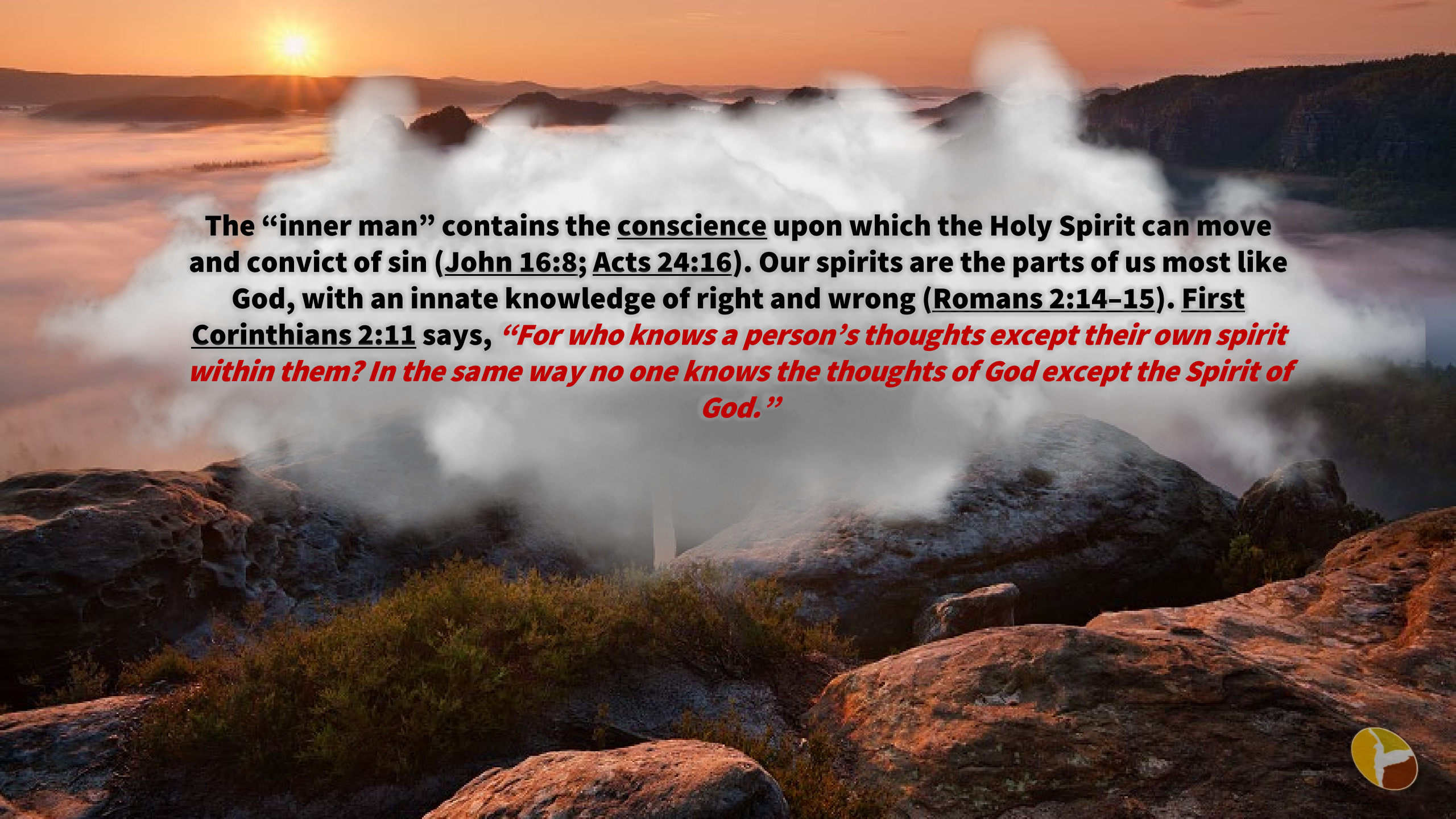

Our bodies function primarily through the five senses and by meeting innate needs that drive us to eat, drink, and sleep. Our bodies are not evil but are gifts from God. He desires that we surrender those bodies as living sacrifices to Him (Romans 12:1–2). When we accept God's gift of salvation through Christ, our bodies become temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19–20; 3:16).

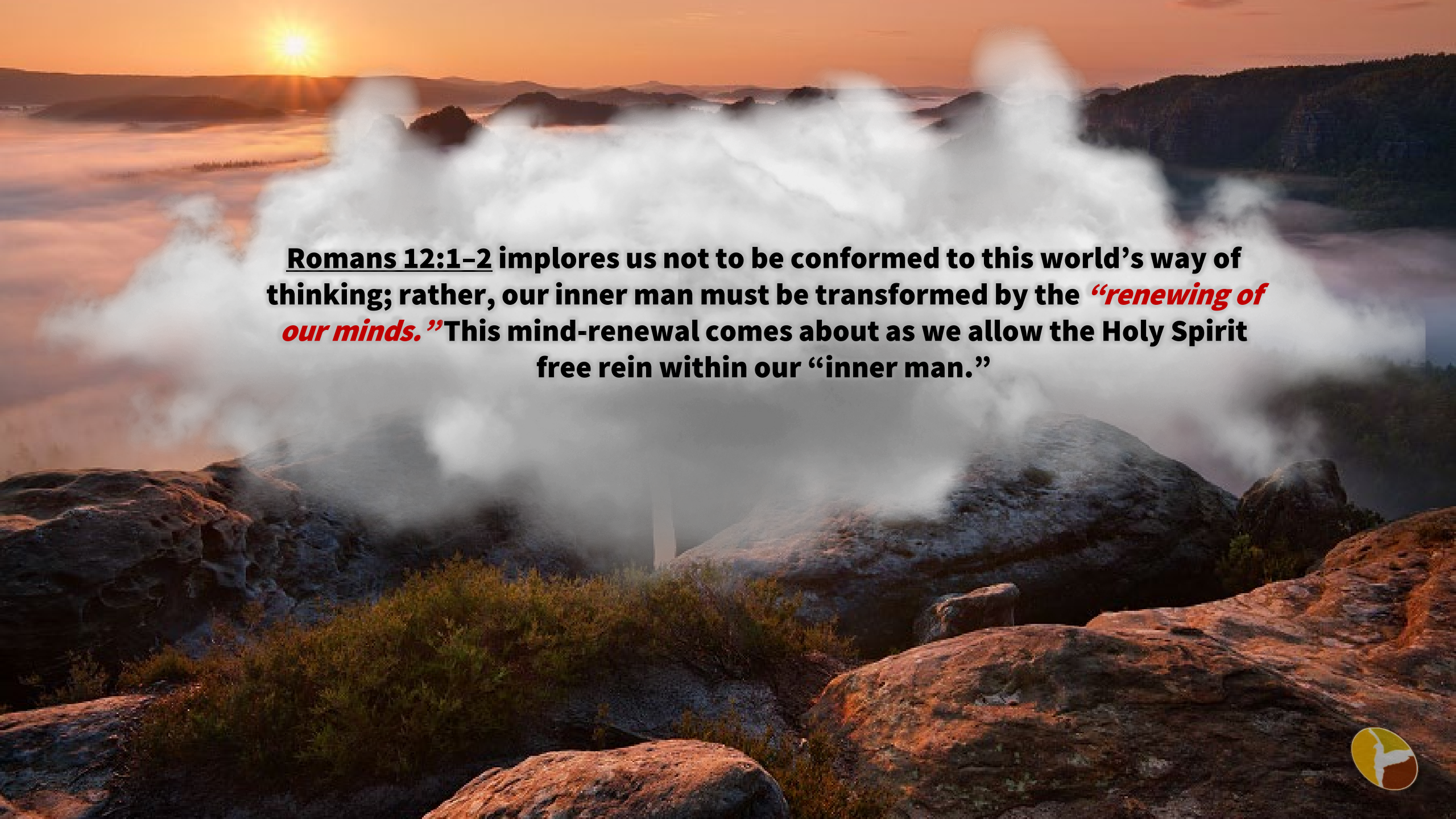

Our souls are the personality centers of our beings from which our mind, will, and emotions operate. With our souls we choose either to listen to and obey the lusts of our flesh or the desires of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16–17; Romans 8:9; Mark 14:38).

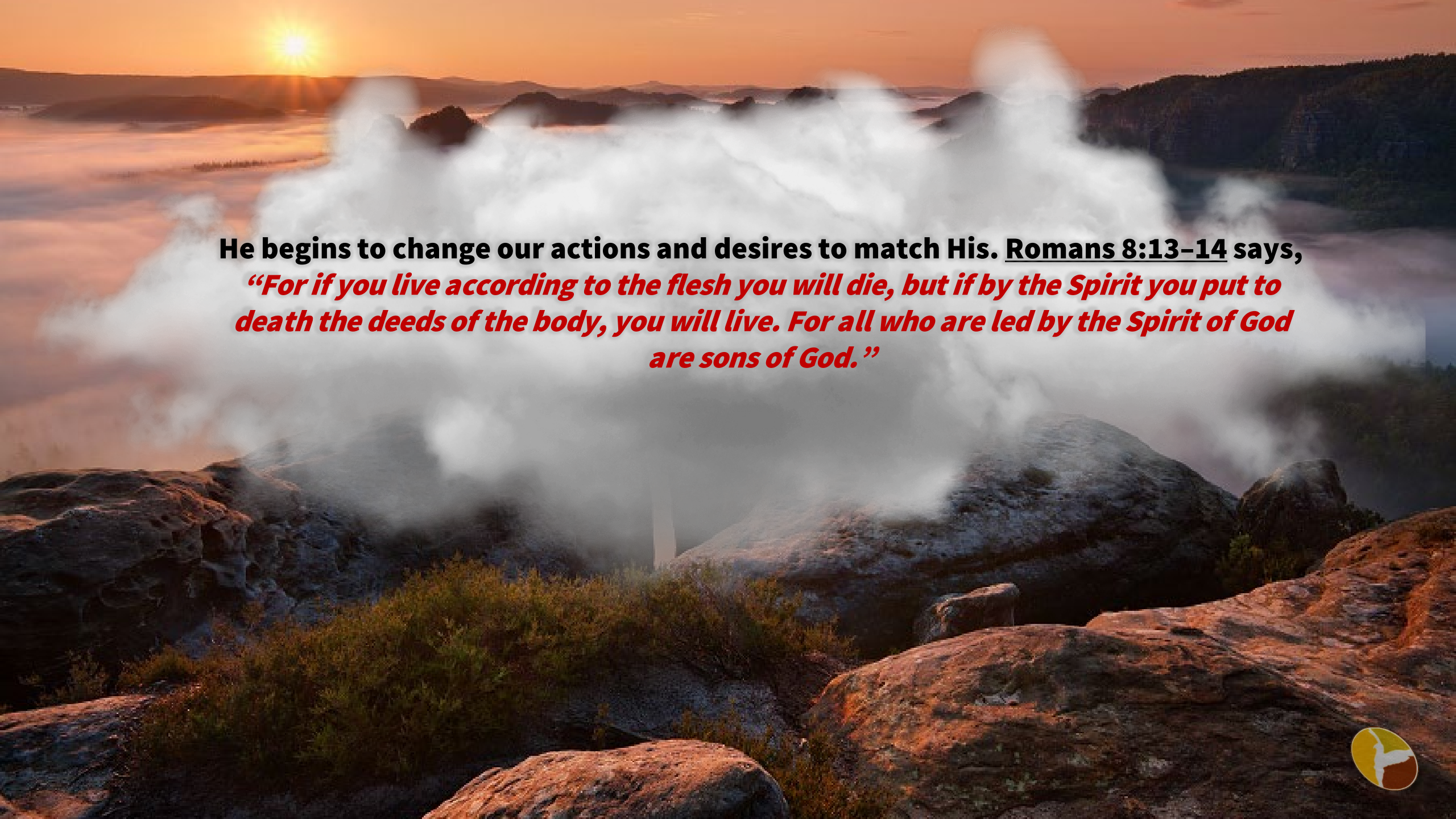

The soul of a person is the courtroom where life decisions are made. It is the seat of the self-life and the fountain from which character traits such as self-confidence, self-pity, self-seeking, and self-affirmation originate.



Our spirits contain the inner man about which the Scriptures speak. Our spirits are where the Spirit of God communes with us. *Jesus said, "God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth"* (John 4:24). It is within our spirits that we are born again (John 3:3–6).

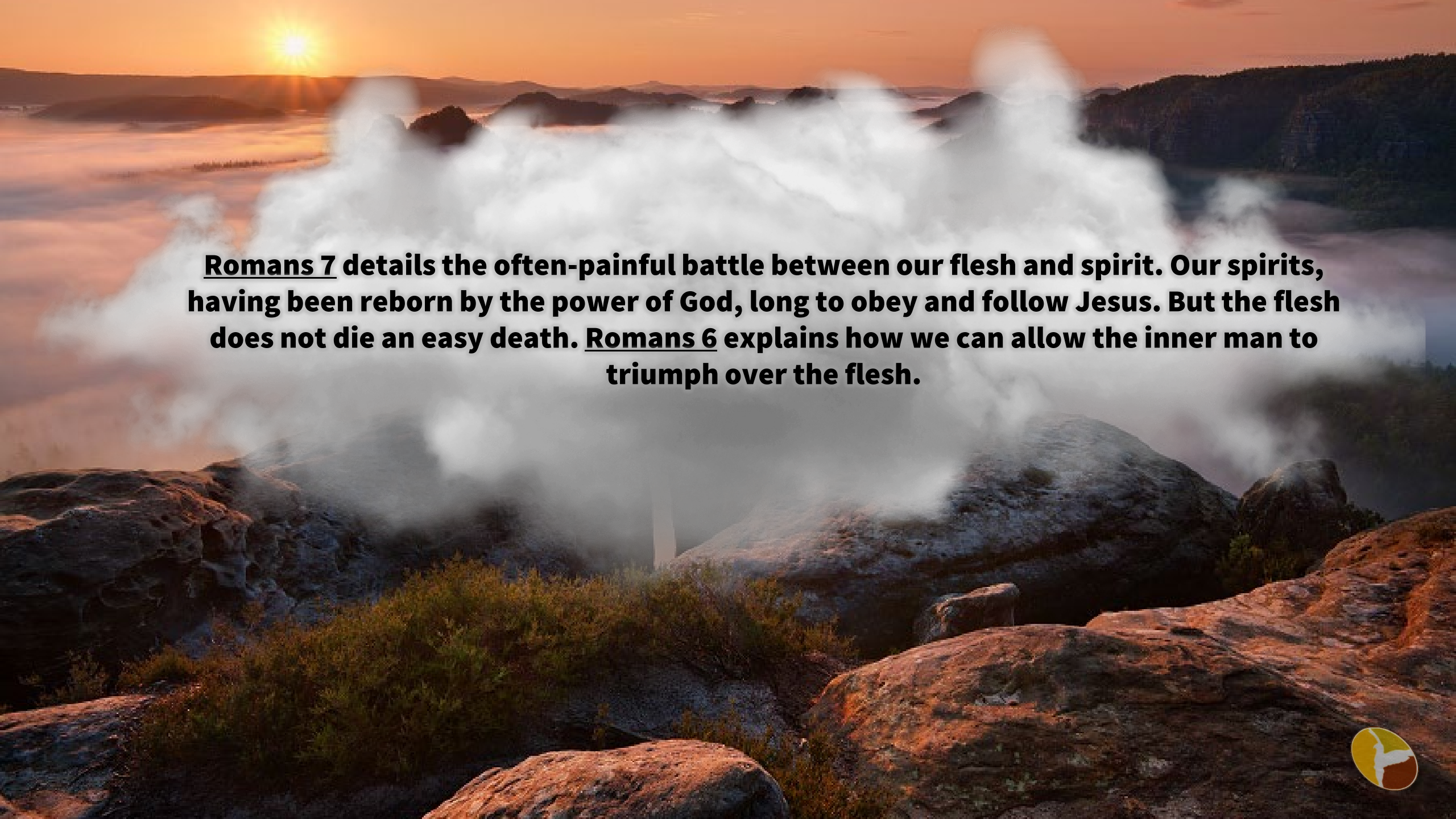

The “inner man” contains the conscience upon which the Holy Spirit can move and convict of sin (John 16:8; Acts 24:16). Our spirits are the parts of us most like God, with an innate knowledge of right and wrong (Romans 2:14–15). First Corinthians 2:11 says, “For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”

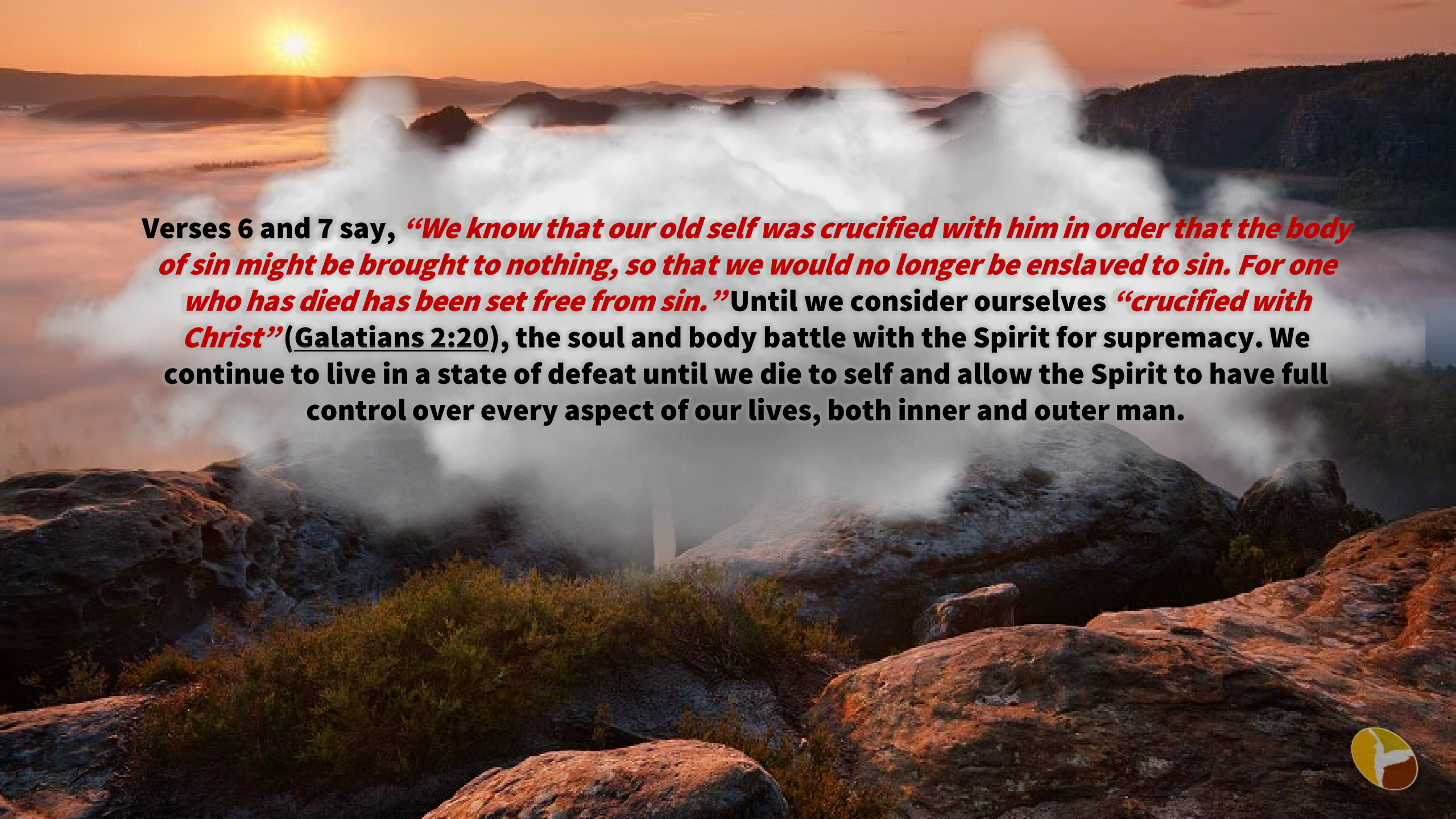

Romans 12:1–2 implores us not to be conformed to this world's way of thinking; rather, our inner man must be transformed by the "renewing of our minds." This mind-renewal comes about as we allow the Holy Spirit free rein within our "inner man."



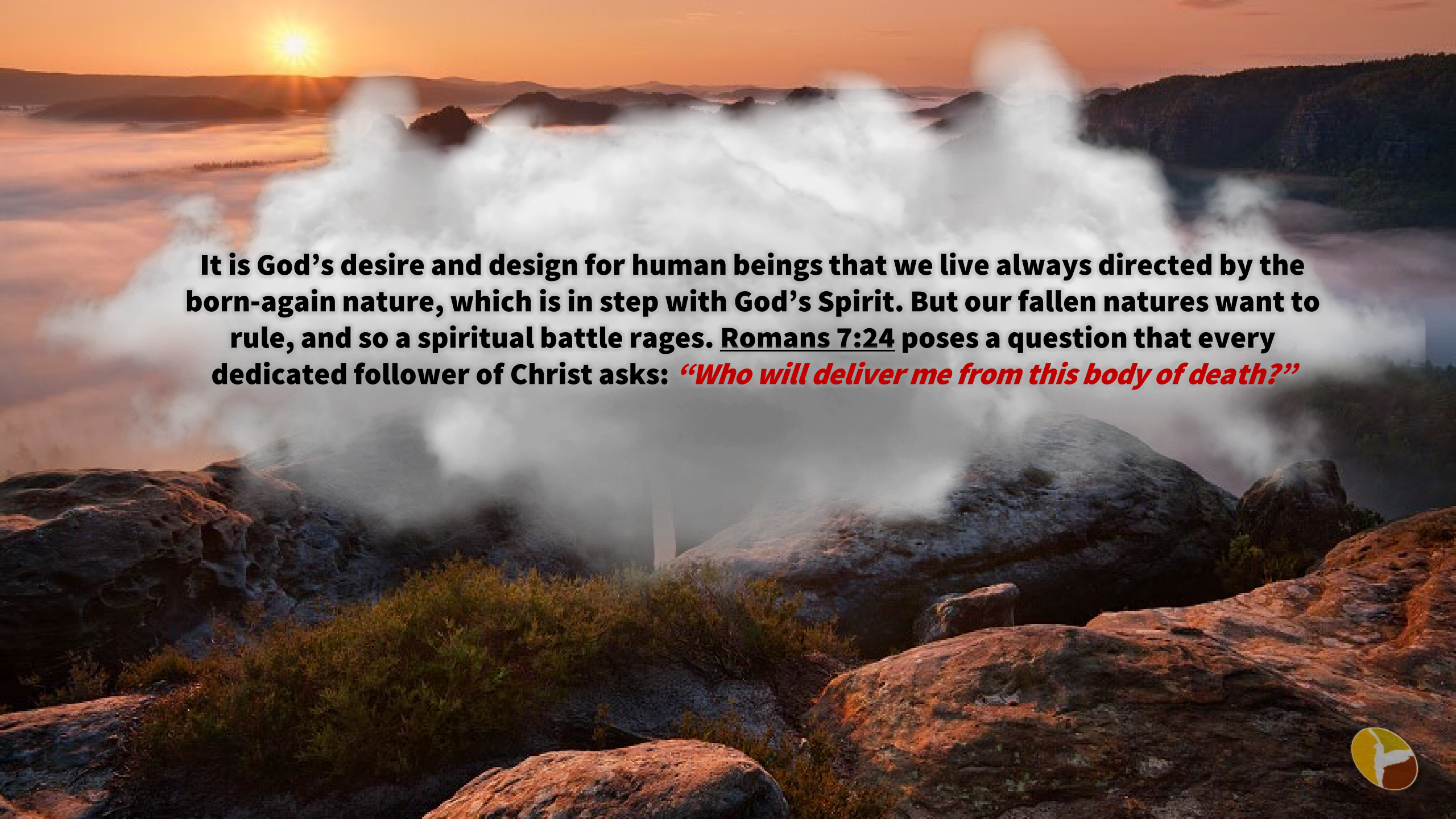
He begins to change our actions and desires to match His. Romans 8:13–14 says,

"For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."


Romans 7 details the often-painful battle between our flesh and spirit. Our spirits, having been reborn by the power of God, long to obey and follow Jesus. But the flesh does not die an easy death. Romans 6 explains how we can allow the inner man to triumph over the flesh.



Verses 6 and 7 say, *"We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin."* Until we consider ourselves *"crucified with Christ"* (Galatians 2:20), the soul and body battle with the Spirit for supremacy. We continue to live in a state of defeat until we die to self and allow the Spirit to have full control over every aspect of our lives, both inner and outer man.


It is God's desire and design for human beings that we live always directed by the born-again nature, which is in step with God's Spirit. But our fallen natures want to rule, and so a spiritual battle rages. Romans 7:24 poses a question that every dedicated follower of Christ asks: "Who will deliver me from this body of death?"


Verse 25 answers that question: “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” The extent to which we surrender that inner man to the control of the Holy Spirit is the extent to which we walk in continual victory over our fallen flesh.
What is the Inner Man?
https://www.gotquestions.org/inner-man.html

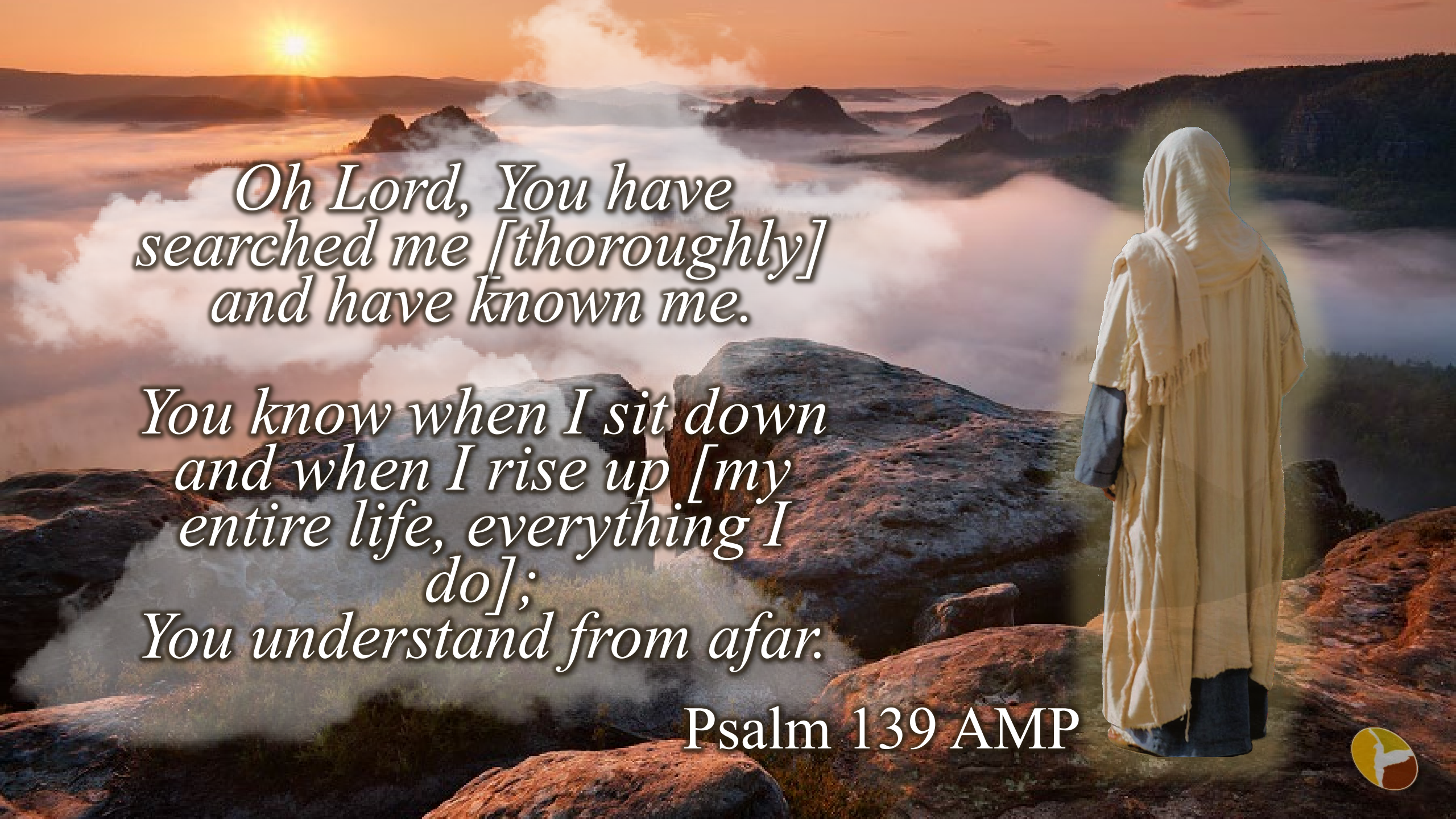
How do you enter into "The Ministry of The Inner Life" each day?

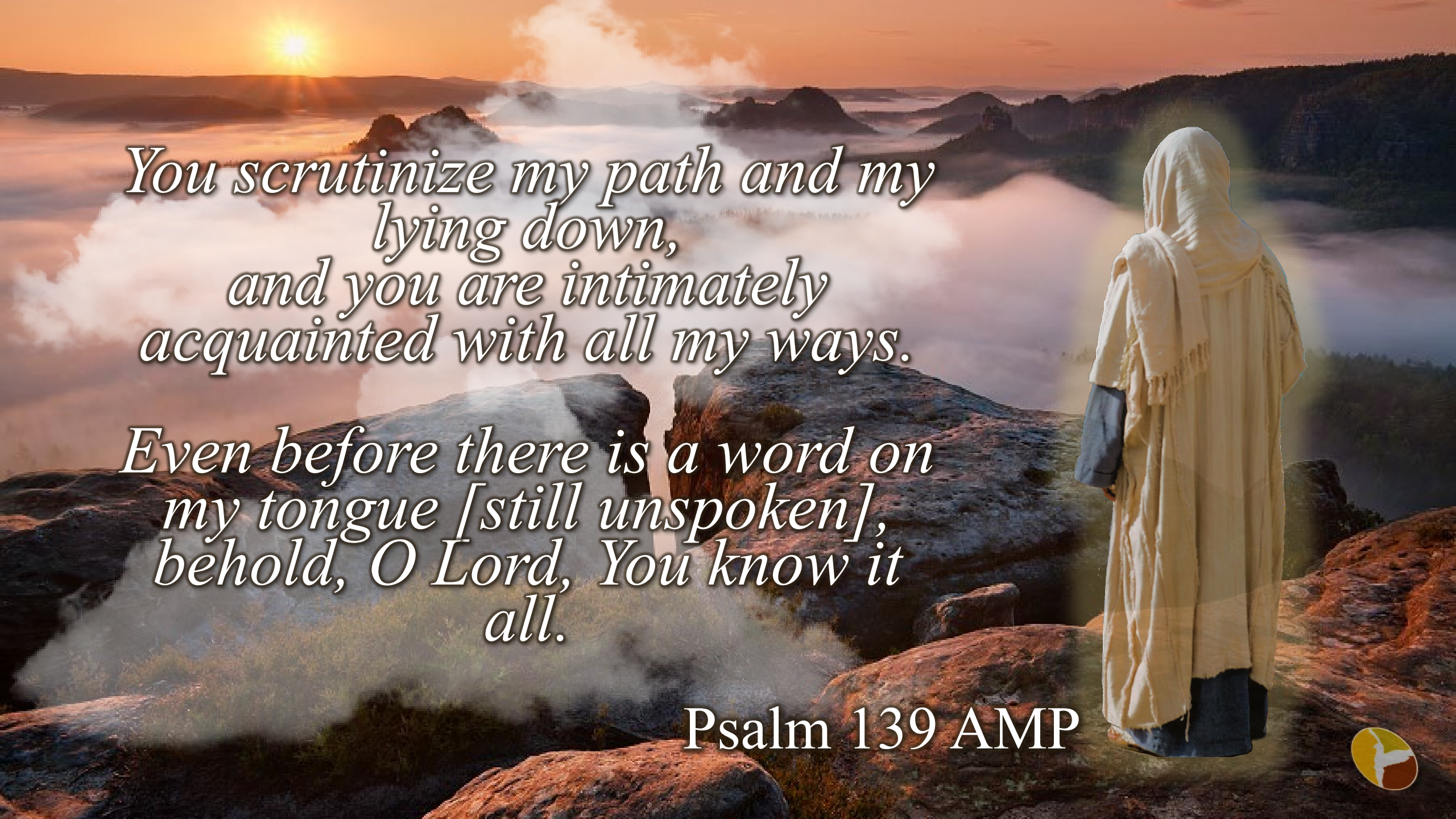


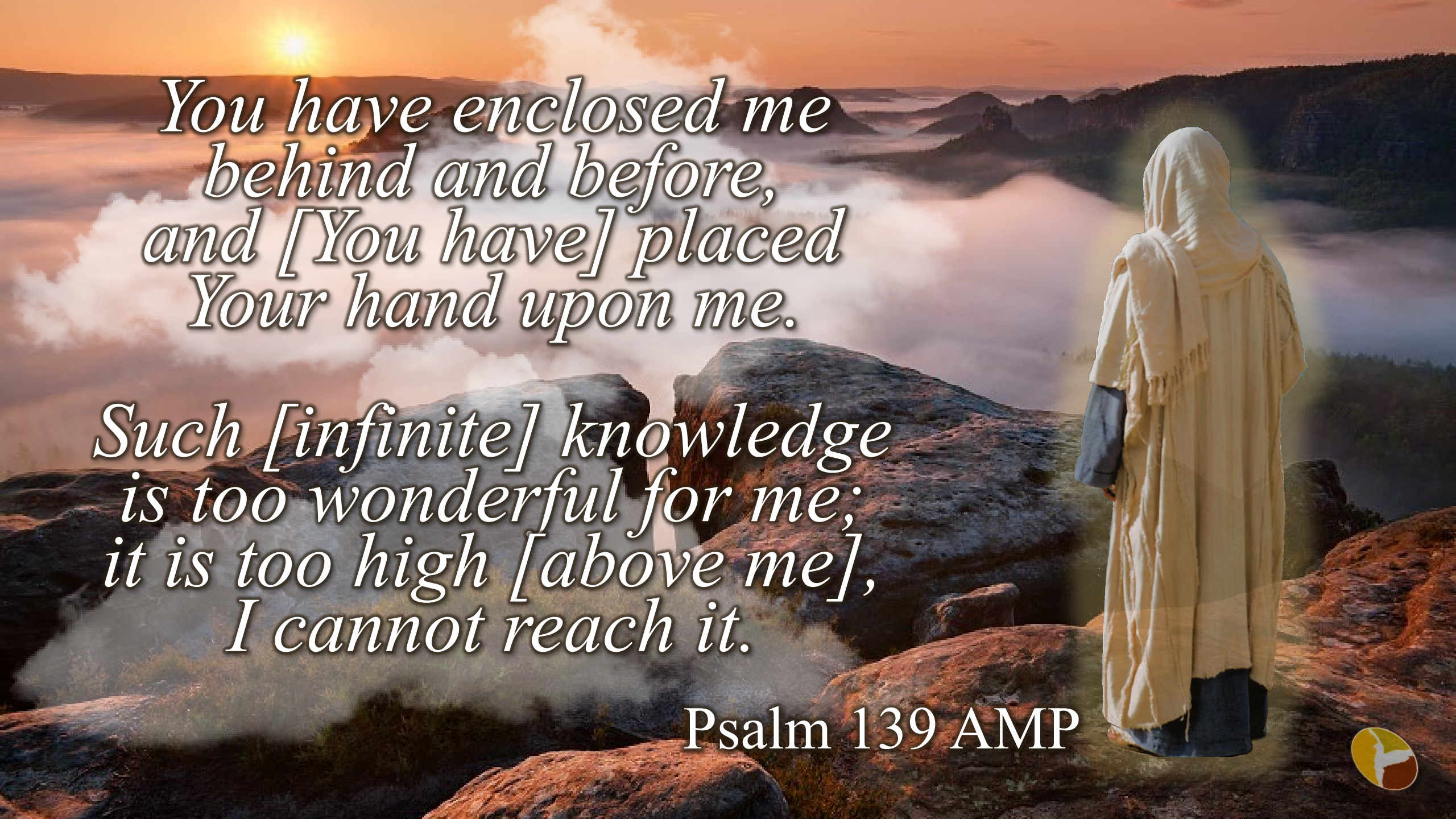
Biblical definition of Ministry

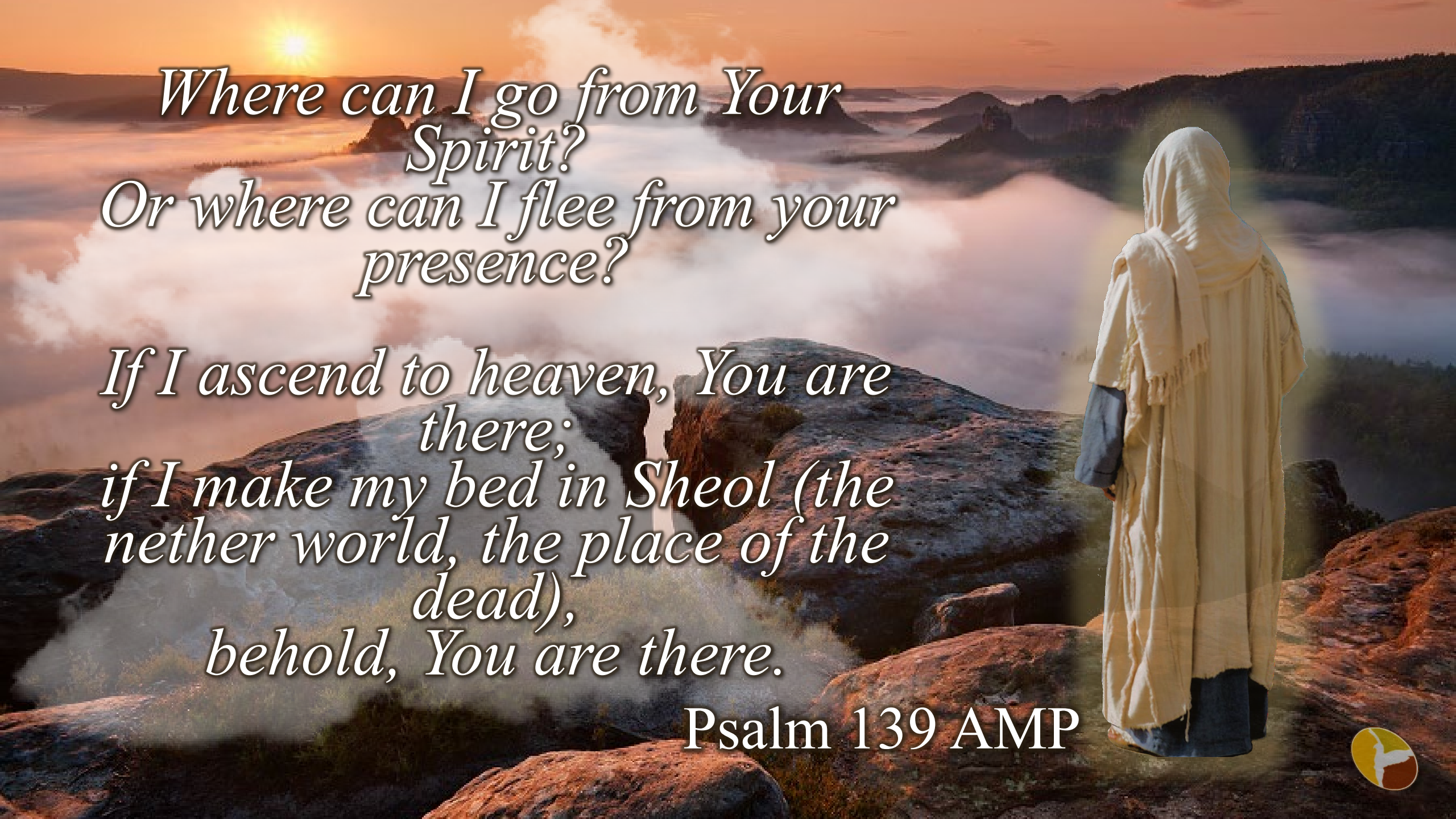
Ministry means serving in the function of a priest by offering up "spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God." (1 Peter 2:5)


In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my request before you and wait expectantly.
Psalm 5:3

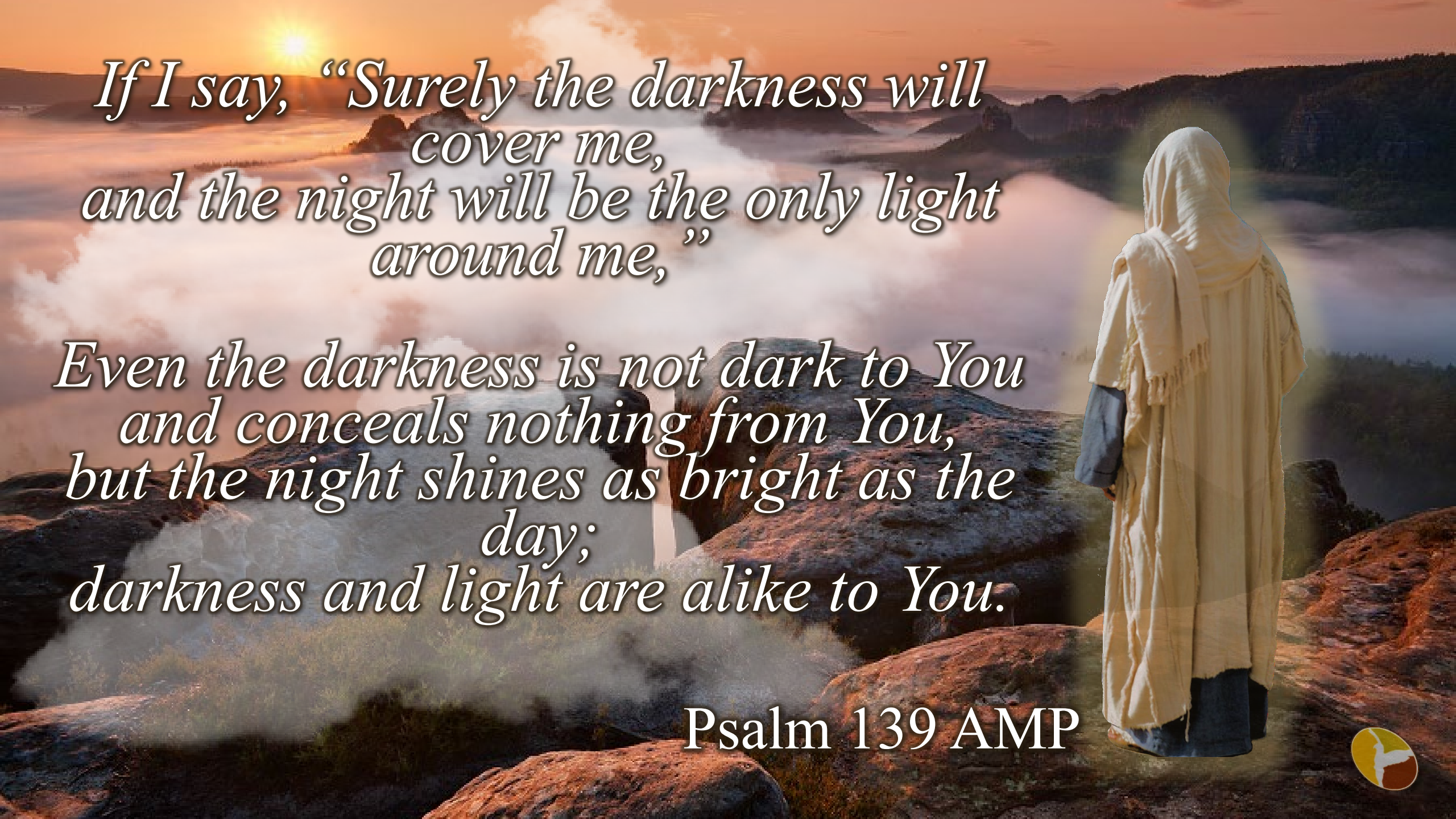

Oh Lord, You have searched me [thoroughly] and have known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up [my entire life, everything I do];
You understand from afar.
Psalm 139 AMP

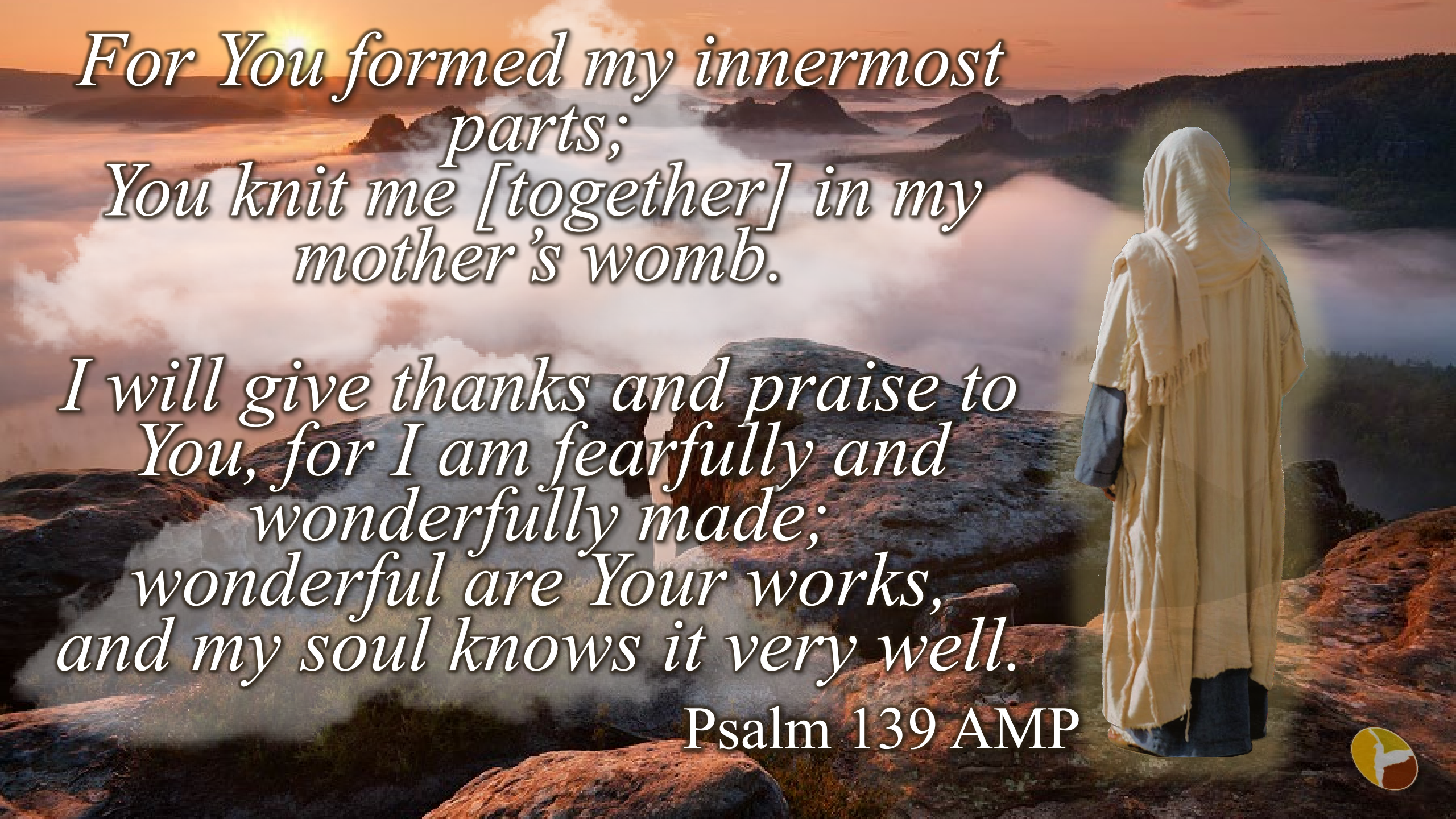

You scrutinize my path and my lying down,
and you are intimately acquainted with all my ways.
Even before there is a word on my tongue [still unspoken], behold, O Lord, You know it all.
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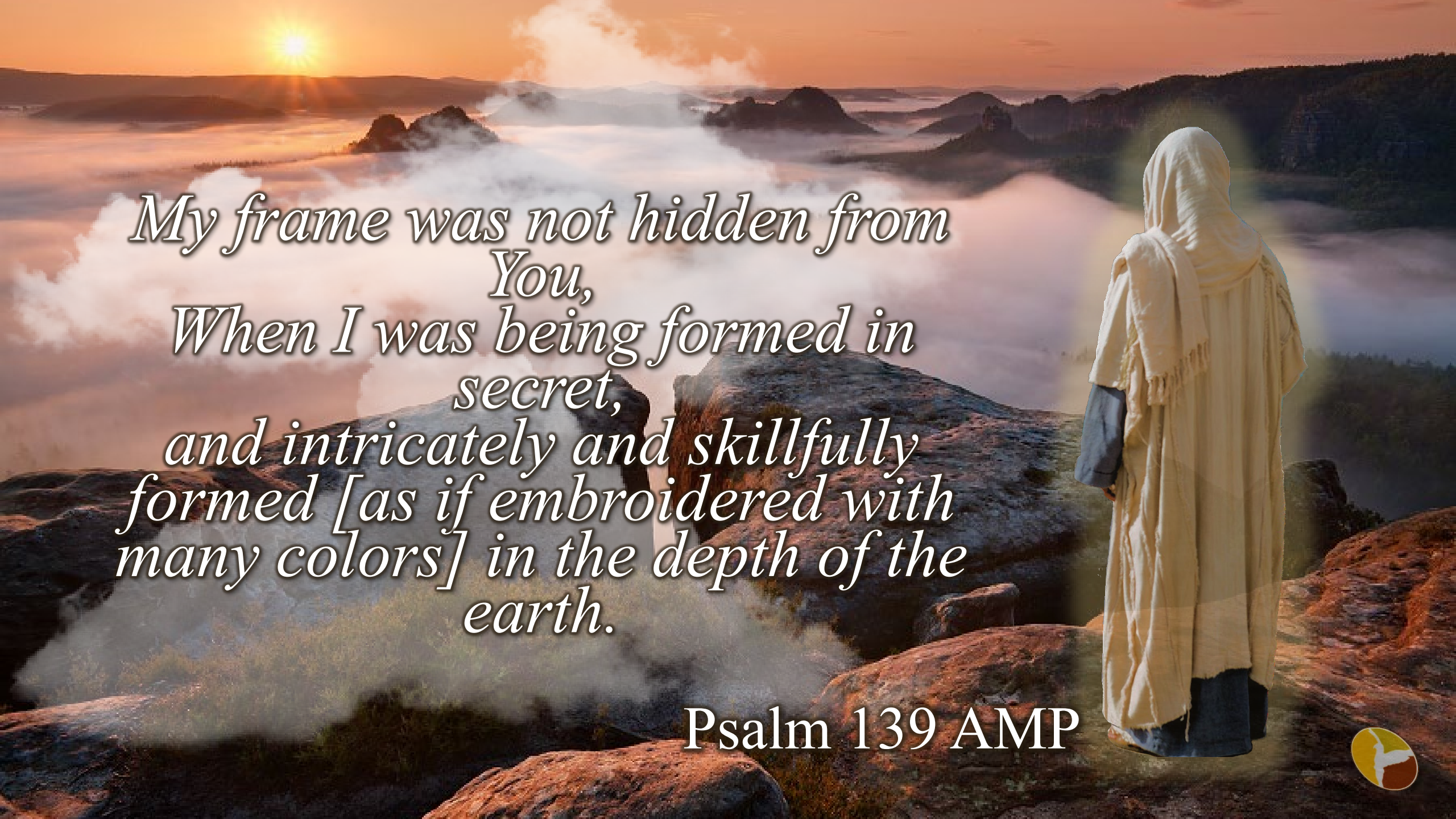

You have enclosed me
behind and before,
and [You have] placed
Your hand upon me.
Such [infinite] knowledge
is too wonderful for me;
it is too high [above me],
I cannot reach it.
Psalm 139 AMP

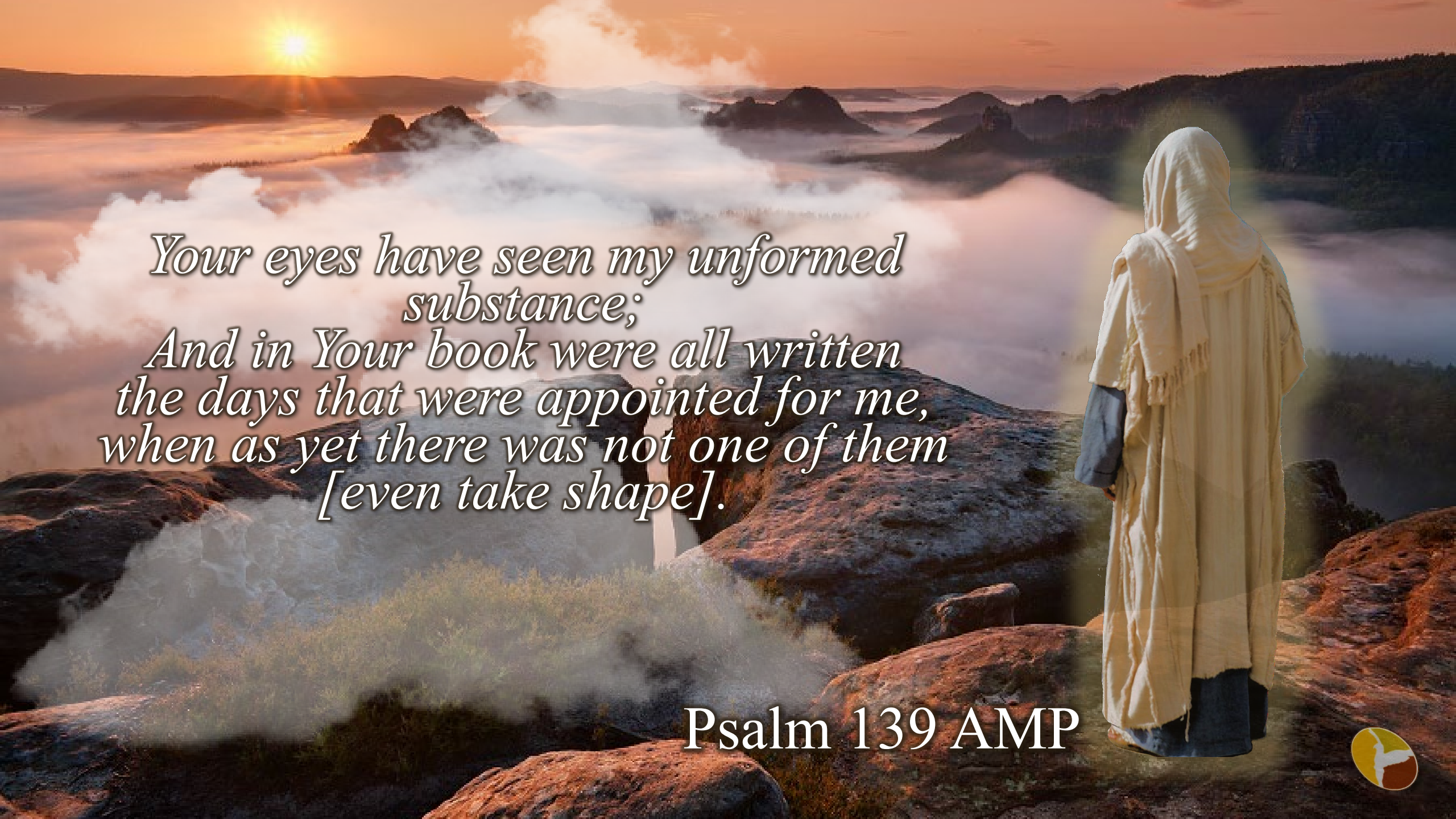

Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol (the nether world, the place of the dead),
behold, You are there.
Psalm 139 AMP


If I take the wings of the dawn,
if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
Even there Your hand will lead me,
and You right hand will take hold of me.
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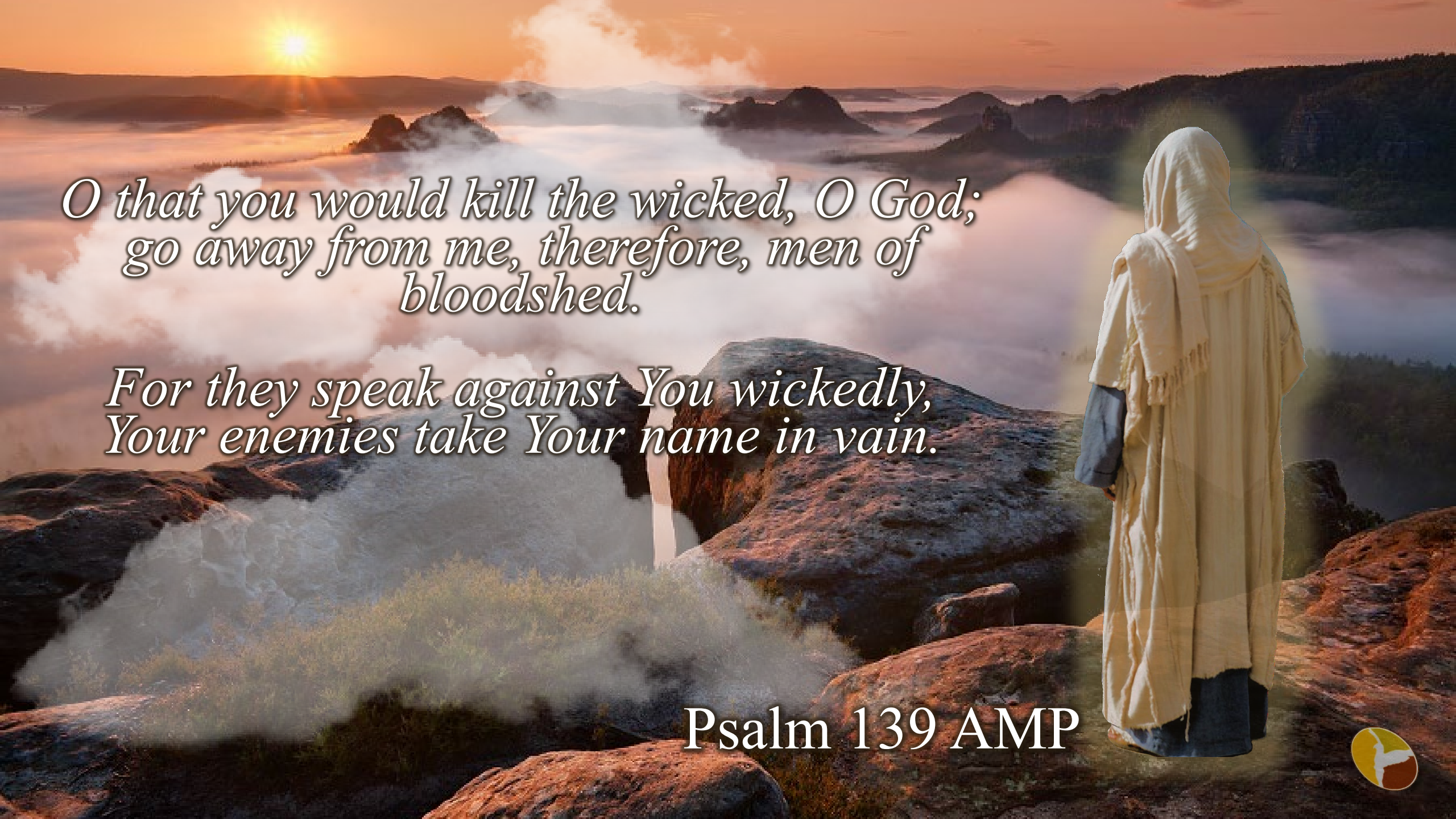

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the night will be the only light around me,"
Even the darkness is not dark to You and conceals nothing from You,
but the night shines as bright as the day;
darkness and light are alike to You.
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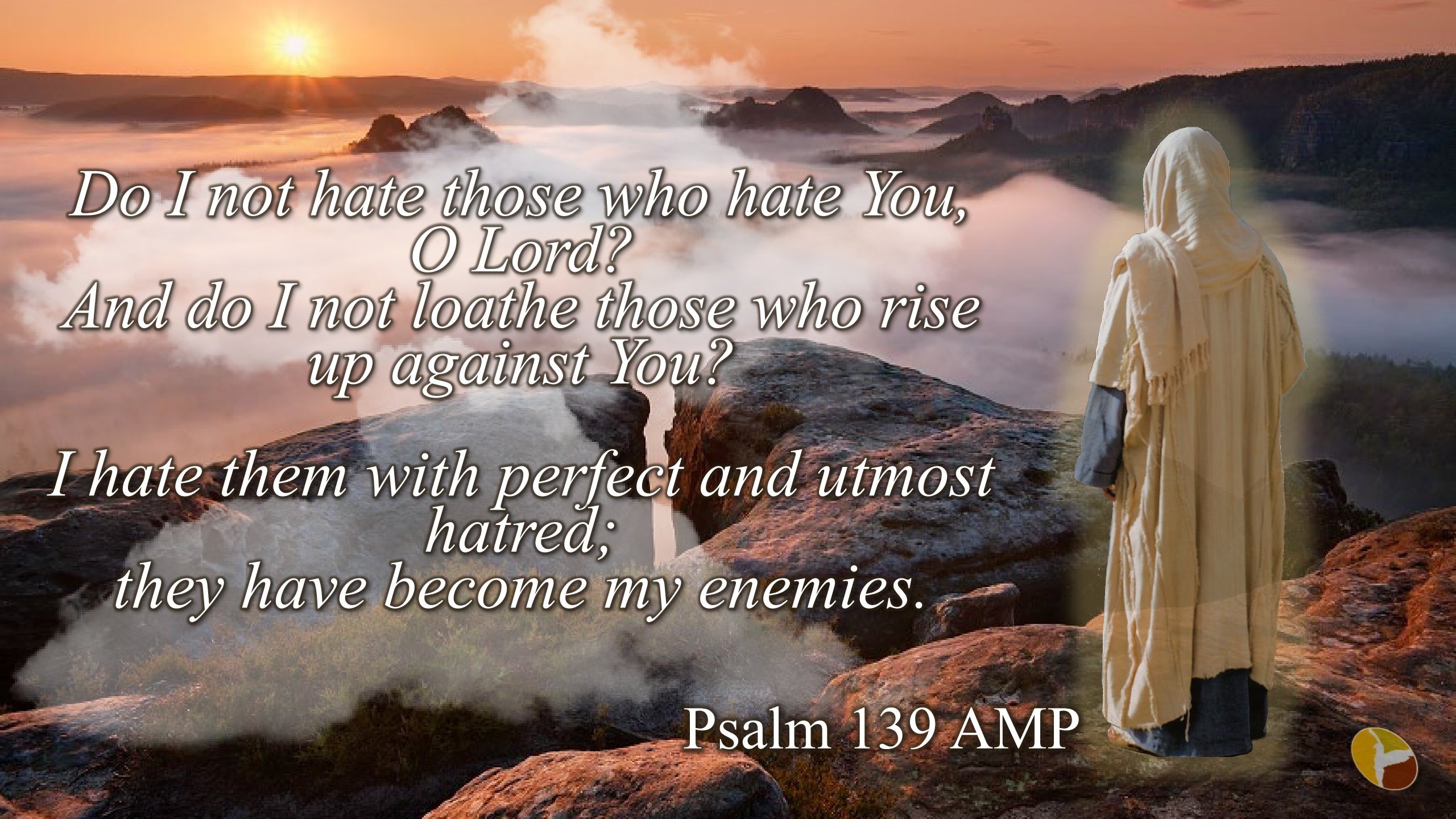

For You formed my innermost parts;
You knit me [together] in my mother's womb.
I will give thanks and praise to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
wonderful are Your works,
and my soul knows it very well.
Psalm 139 AMP

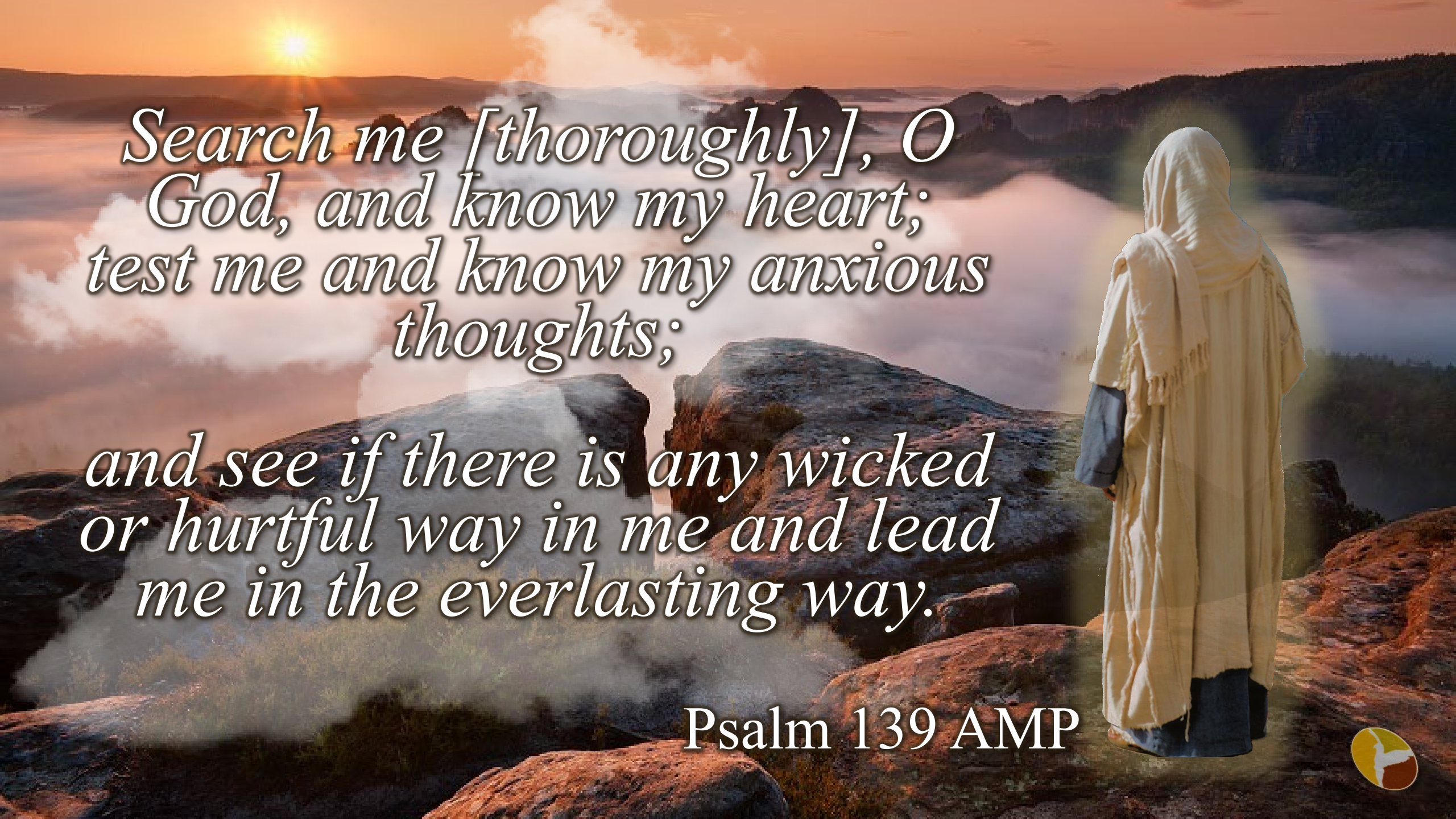

My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was being formed in secret,
and intricately and skillfully formed [as if embroidered with many colors] in the depth of the earth.
Psalm 139 AMP


Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in Your book were all written the days that were appointed for me, when as yet there was not one of them [even take shape].
Psalm 139 AMP


How precious also are your
thoughts to me, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
If I could count them, they would
outnumber the sand.
When I awake, I am still with You.
Psalm 139 AMP


O that you would kill the wicked, O God;
go away from me, therefore, men of
bloodshed.
For they speak against You wickedly,
Your enemies take Your name in vain.
Psalm 139 AMP


Do I not hate those who hate You,
O Lord?
And do I not loathe those who rise
up against You?
I hate them with perfect and utmost
hatred;
they have become my enemies.
Psalm 139 AMP


Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts;
and see if there is any wicked or hurtful way in me and lead me in the everlasting way.
Psalm 139 AMP

Keep fighting the "Good Fight"
of faith in Jesus Christ
one-day-at-a-time!



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