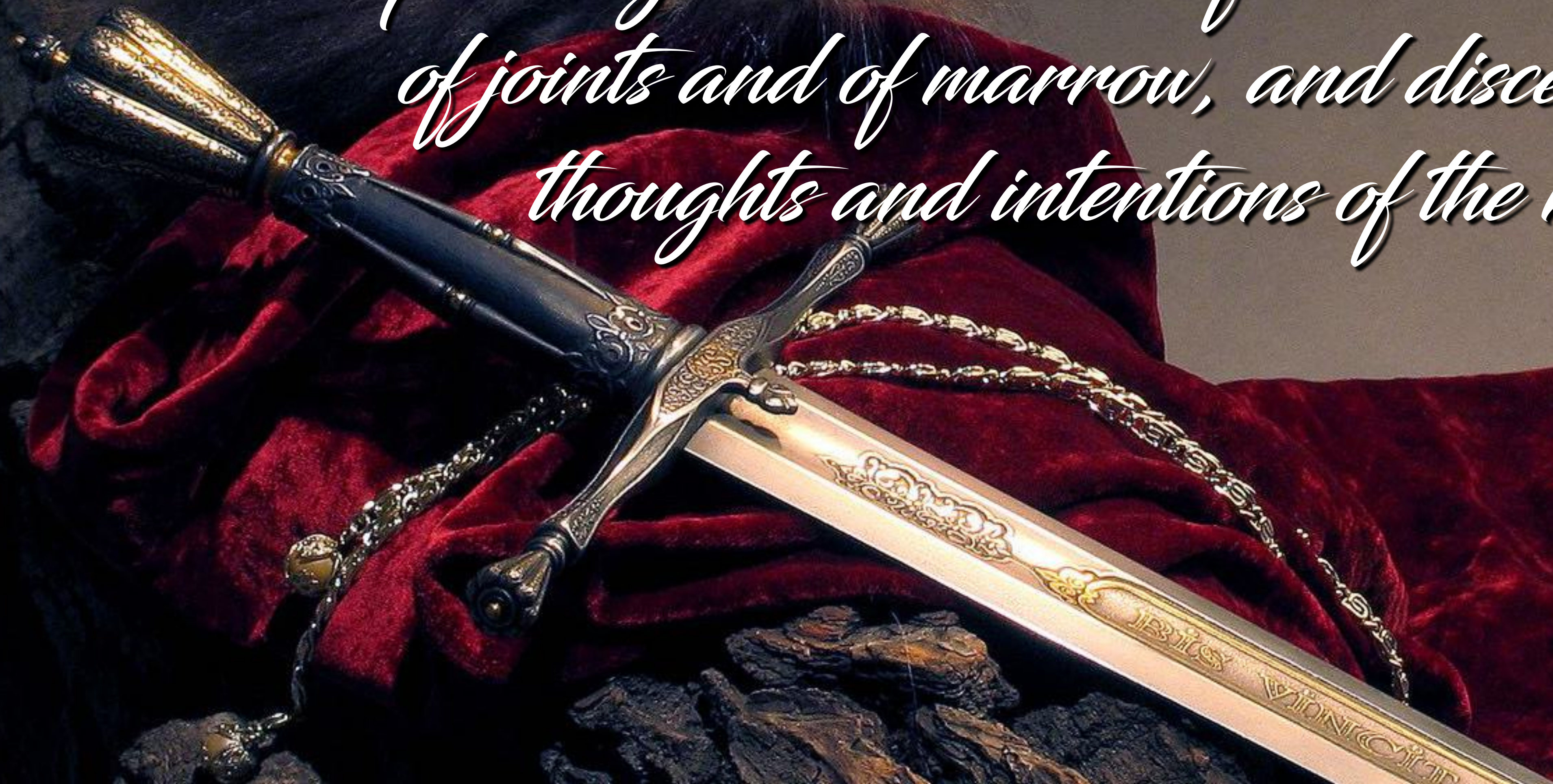


*For the word of God is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing to the division of soul and of spirit,
of joints and of marrow, and discerning the
thoughts and intentions of the heart.*





Love, bless and pray for your enemies

Matthew 5:43–45

You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

Luke 6:27-28

... Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

The last shall be first and the least shall be greatest!

Luke 22:24-27

24. A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.
25. And Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors.
26. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.
27. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.



Matthew 20:16

So those who are last now will be first then,
and those who are first will be last.

A white dove with its wings spread wide, flying in a blue sky. A lightning bolt is visible in the background. The dove is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image.

**God uses the weak and foolish things
of this world to confound the wise.**

1 Corinthians 1:27 (Amplified Bible)

For God selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is foolish to put the wise to shame, and what the world calls weak to put the strong to shame.



**Jesus defeated the devil by dying on the Cross,
where He made a public spectacle
of principalities and powers.**

Colossians 2:15

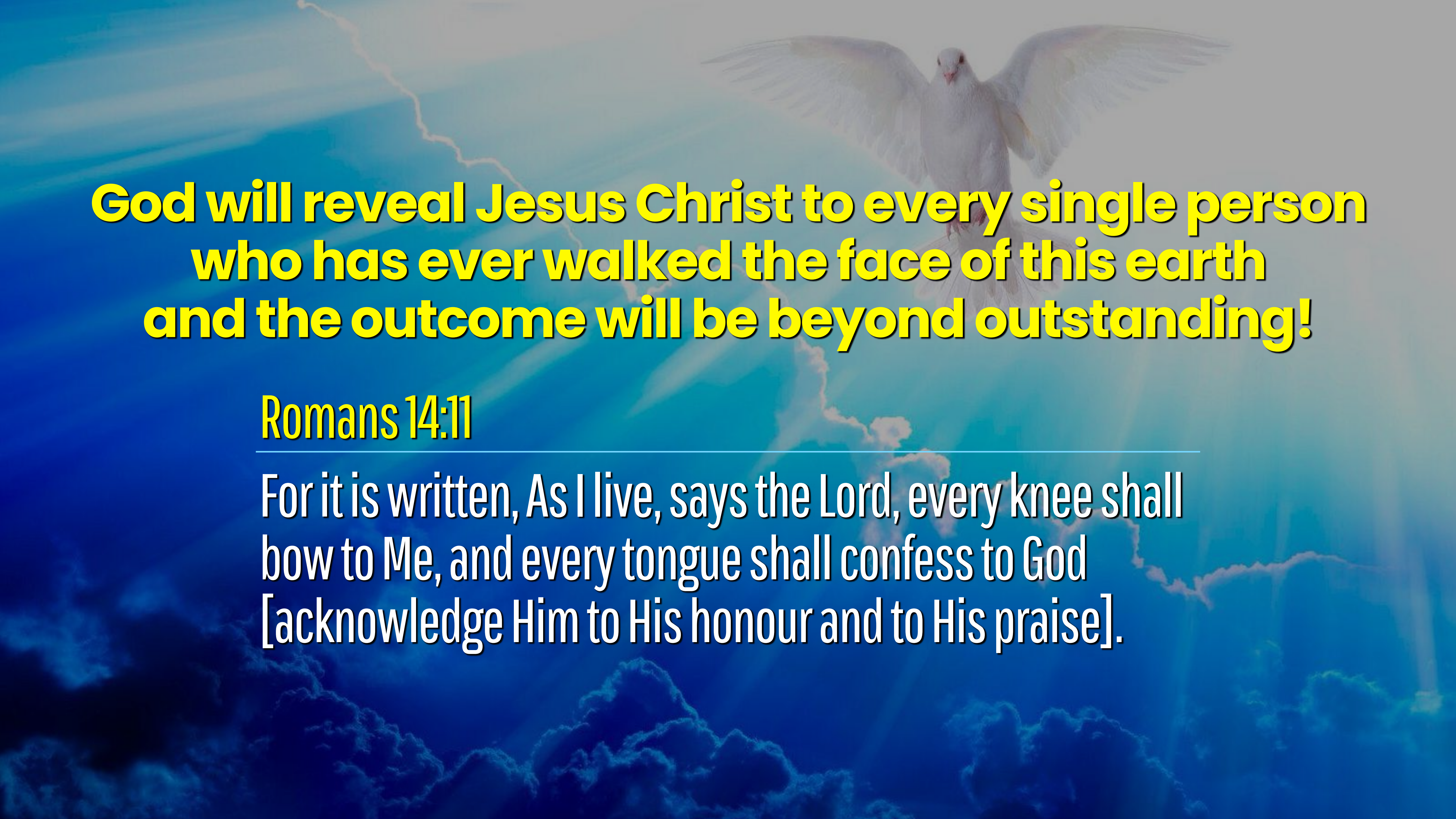
[God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the cross].

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**Jesus conquered death and rose again
on the third day!**

Revelation 1:17-18

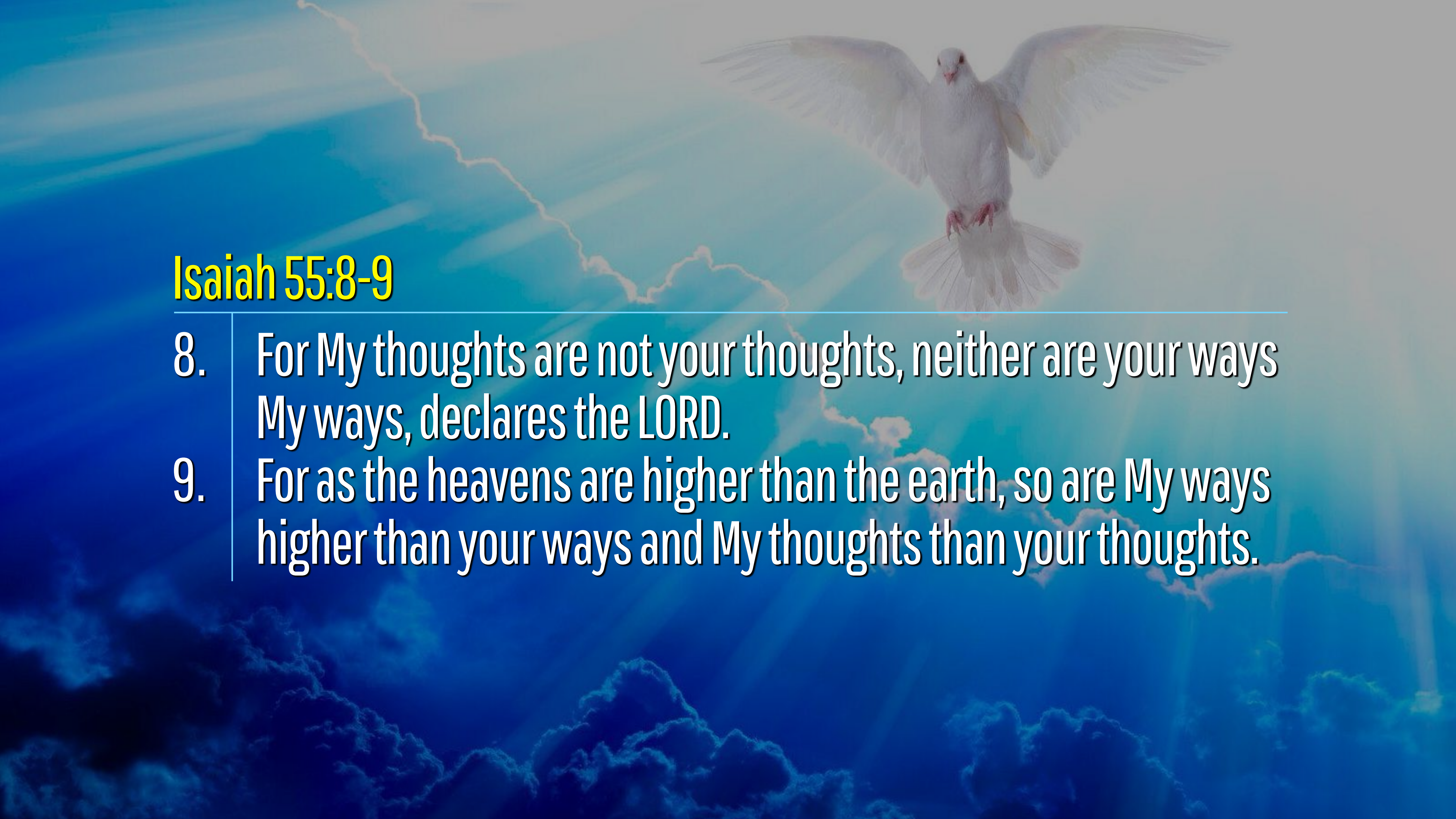
Jesus said: "I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."



**God will reveal Jesus Christ to every single person
who has ever walked the face of this earth
and the outcome will be beyond outstanding!**

Romans 14:11

For it is written, As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God [acknowledge Him to His honour and to His praise].



Isaiah 55:8-9

8. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither 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.



FEAR GOD!

But... FEAR NOT!

A white dove is shown in flight, wings spread wide, against a blue sky. A bright lightning bolt strikes down from the upper left. The background is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall scene is dramatic and symbolic.

The meaning of FEAR ranges from:

sincere & genuine reverence, respect, overwhelming awe...
through to being afraid, trembling & terrified!

The Greek root word for fear is PHOBEO
from which we get the word PHOBIA!



The Hebrew word translated into 'awe' in the Bible is **yirah** (יראה, pronounced yir-ah).

It often directly translates into fear, like "fear of the Lord," and it can also mean respect, reverence, & worship. But make no mistake about it, **yirah** is strongly connected to 'trembling'.

A white dove with its wings spread wide, flying in a blue sky with soft clouds and a faint lightning bolt in the background. The dove is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image.

Deuteronomy 10:12

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.



Luke 12:4-5

4. I tell you, My friends, do not fear (dread or be afraid of) those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do.
5. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear Him who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear Him!

For those who fear the LORD there is:

DELIVERANCE

2 Kings 17:39

You shall fear the LORD your God, and He will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

FRIENDSHIP & REVELATION

Psalms 25:14

The secret [of the sweet, satisfying companionship] of the Lord have they who fear (revere and worship) Him, and He will show them His covenant and reveal to them its [deep, inner] meaning.



For those who fear the LORD there is:

GOODNESS

Psalm 31:19

Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which
You have stored up for those who fear You.

BLESSING

Psalm 115:13

He will bless those who fear the LORD,
both the small and the great.



For those who fear the LORD there is:

HELP & PROTECTION

Psalm 115:11

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.

LISTENER & PROVIDER

Psalm 145:19

He will fulfil the desires of those who reverently and worshipfully
fear Him; He also will hear their cry and will save them

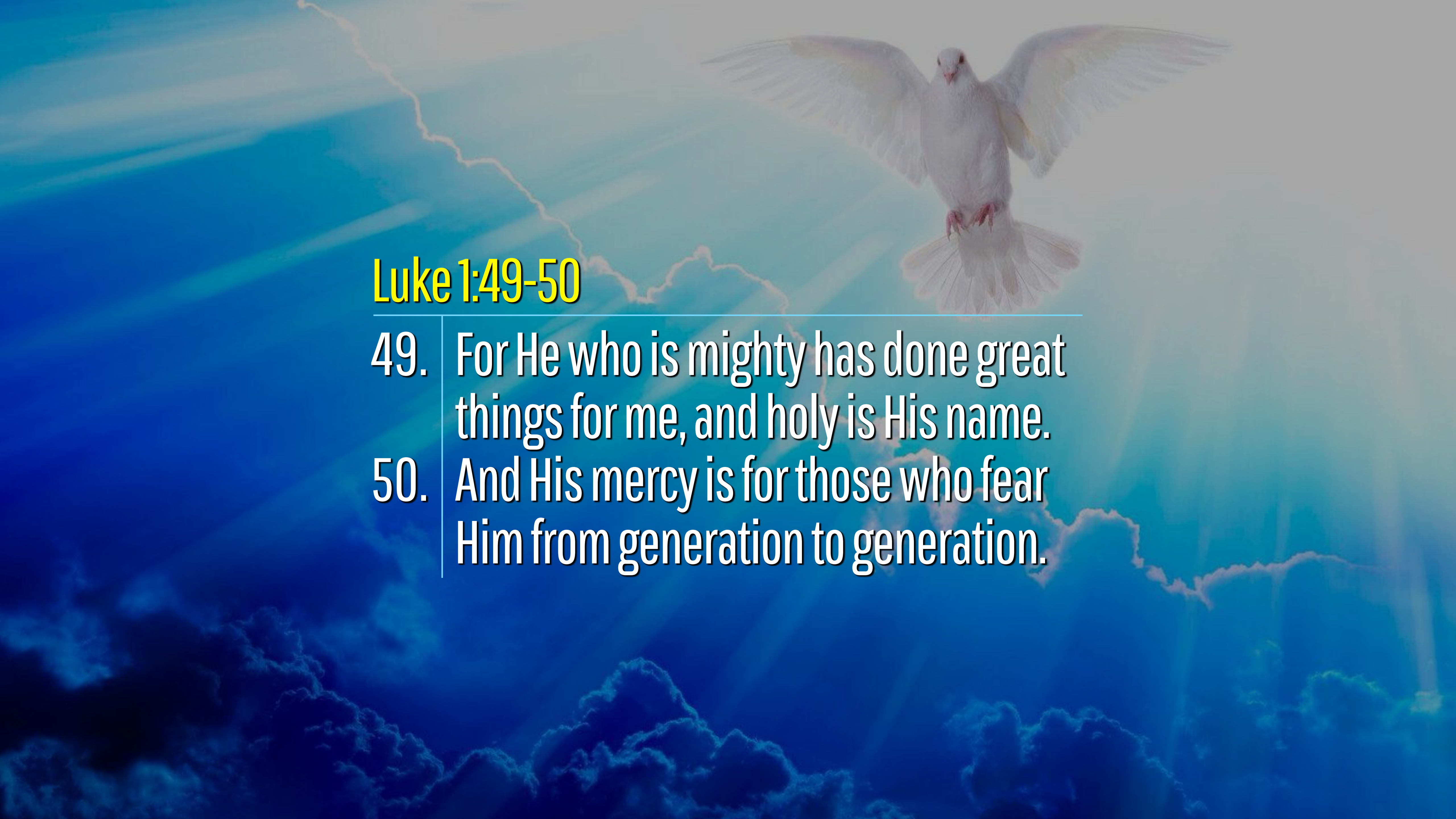


From Proverbs, the fear of the LORD is:

- The beginning of wisdom
- Hatred of and a turning away from evil
- Knowledge and insight of the Holy One
- Prolongs life
- Confidence and refuge
- A fountain of life, satisfaction and safety
- A reward of riches and honour and life

Exodus 20:18-20

18. Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off
19. and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”
20. Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of Him may be before you, that you may not sin.”



Luke 1:49-50

49. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.
50. And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.



Micah 6:8-9

8. He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
9. The voice of the LORD cries to the city—and it is sound wisdom to fear Your name. Hear of the rod and of Him who appointed it!

Isaiah 43:1-3

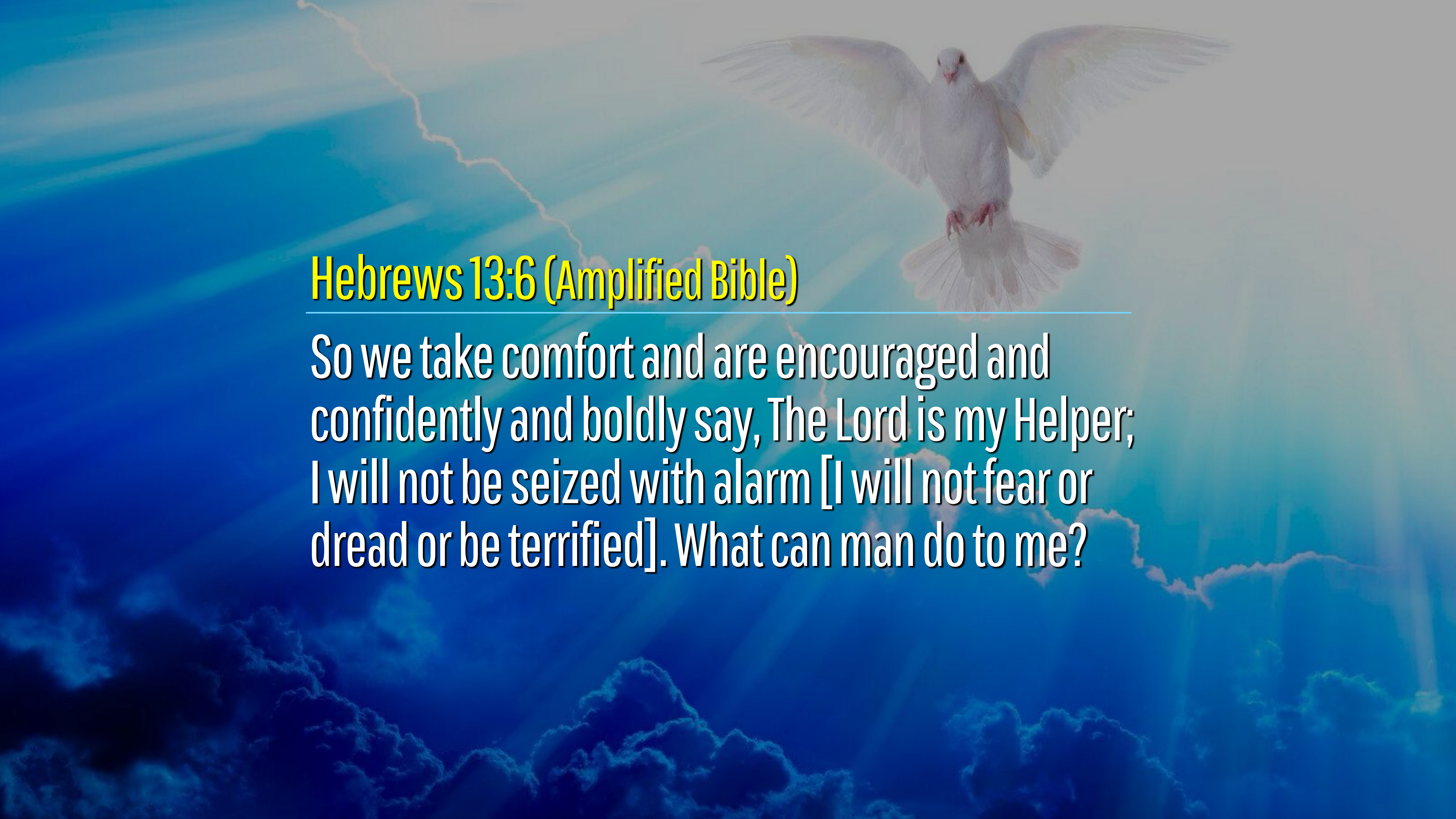
1. But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:
2. “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.
3. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.





Isaiah 41:10 (Amplified Bible)

Fear not [there is nothing to fear], for I am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up and retain you with My [victorious] right hand of rightness and justice.

A white dove with its wings spread wide, flying towards the viewer. The background is a vibrant blue sky with a bright lightning bolt striking down from the top left. The overall scene is dramatic and symbolic, representing peace and divine power.

Hebrews 13:6 (Amplified Bible)

So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear or dread or be terrified]. What can man do to me?



Deuteronomy 3:22–24

22. You shall not fear them, **for it is the LORD your God who fights for you.**
23. And I pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying,
24. ‘O Lord GOD, You have only begun to show your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as Yours?’



1 Corinthians 2:9

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard,
nor the heart of man imagined, what God
has prepared for those who love Him.



John 14:1 (Amplified Bible)

DO NOT let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me.

Philippians 4:6 (Amplified Bible)

Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.



2 Timothy 1:7 (Amplified Bible)

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.



Jeremiah 17:7-8

7. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.
8. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

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Acts 9:31 (Amplified Bible)

So the church throughout the whole of Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was edified [growing in wisdom, virtue, and piety] and walking in the respect and reverential fear of the Lord and in the consolation and exhortation of the Holy Spirit, continued to increase and was multiplied.