



WELCOME!

Asbury United Methodist Church

Open Doors with Loving Hearts

February 22, 2026





CENTERING SONG

**“SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT”
UMH 334**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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WORDS: Doris Akers, 1962

There's a sweet,
sweet Spirit
in this place,
and I know that it's
the Spirit of the Lord



**there are sweet
expressions
on each face,
and I know
they feel the presence
of the Lord.**

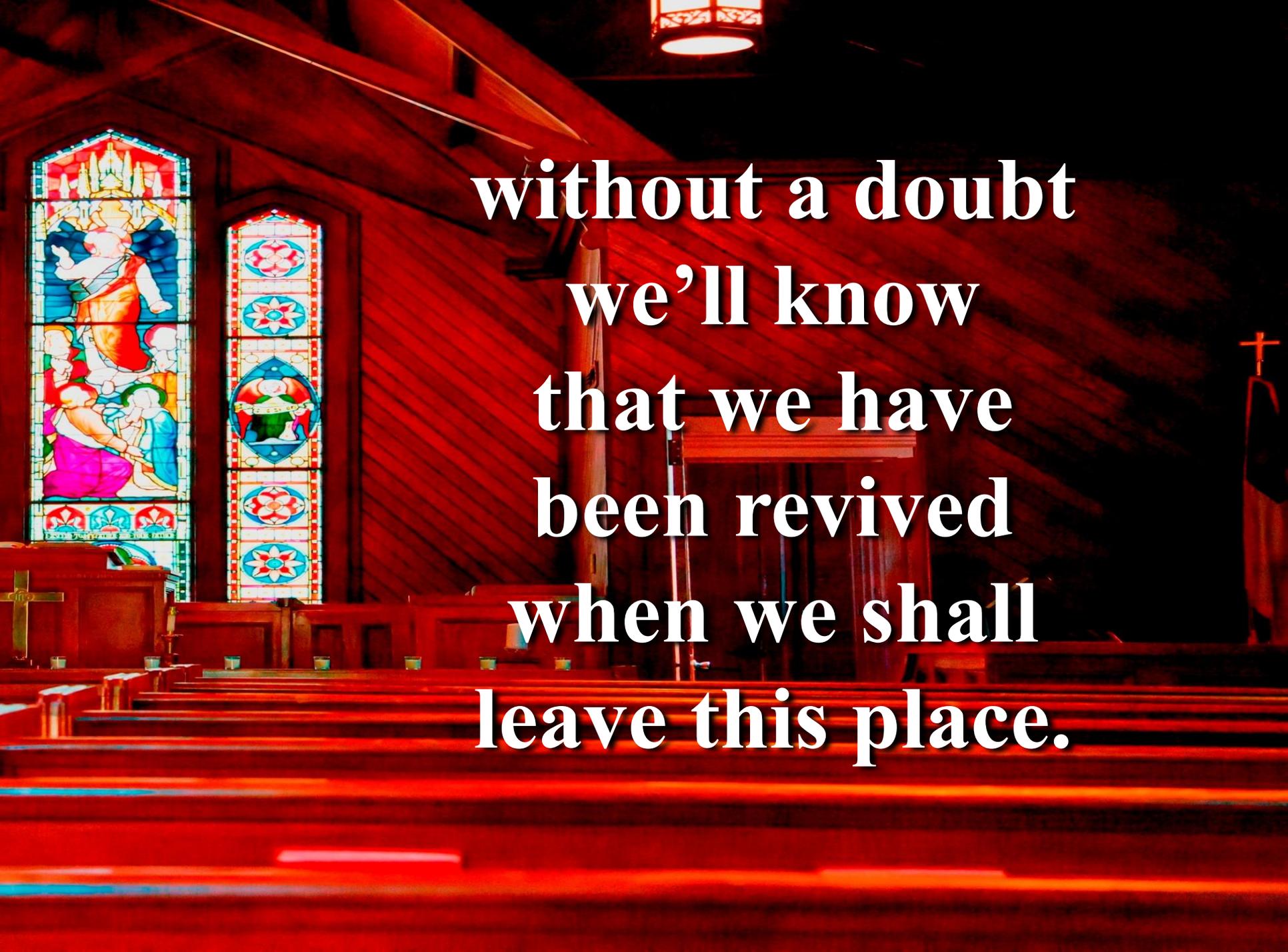


Refrain

**Sweet Holy Spirit,
sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us,
filling us with your love;**



**and for these blessings
we lift our hearts
in praise;**



**without a doubt
we'll know
that we have
been revived
when we shall
leave this place.**



UNITY IN THE
Body of Christ

EPHESIANS 4

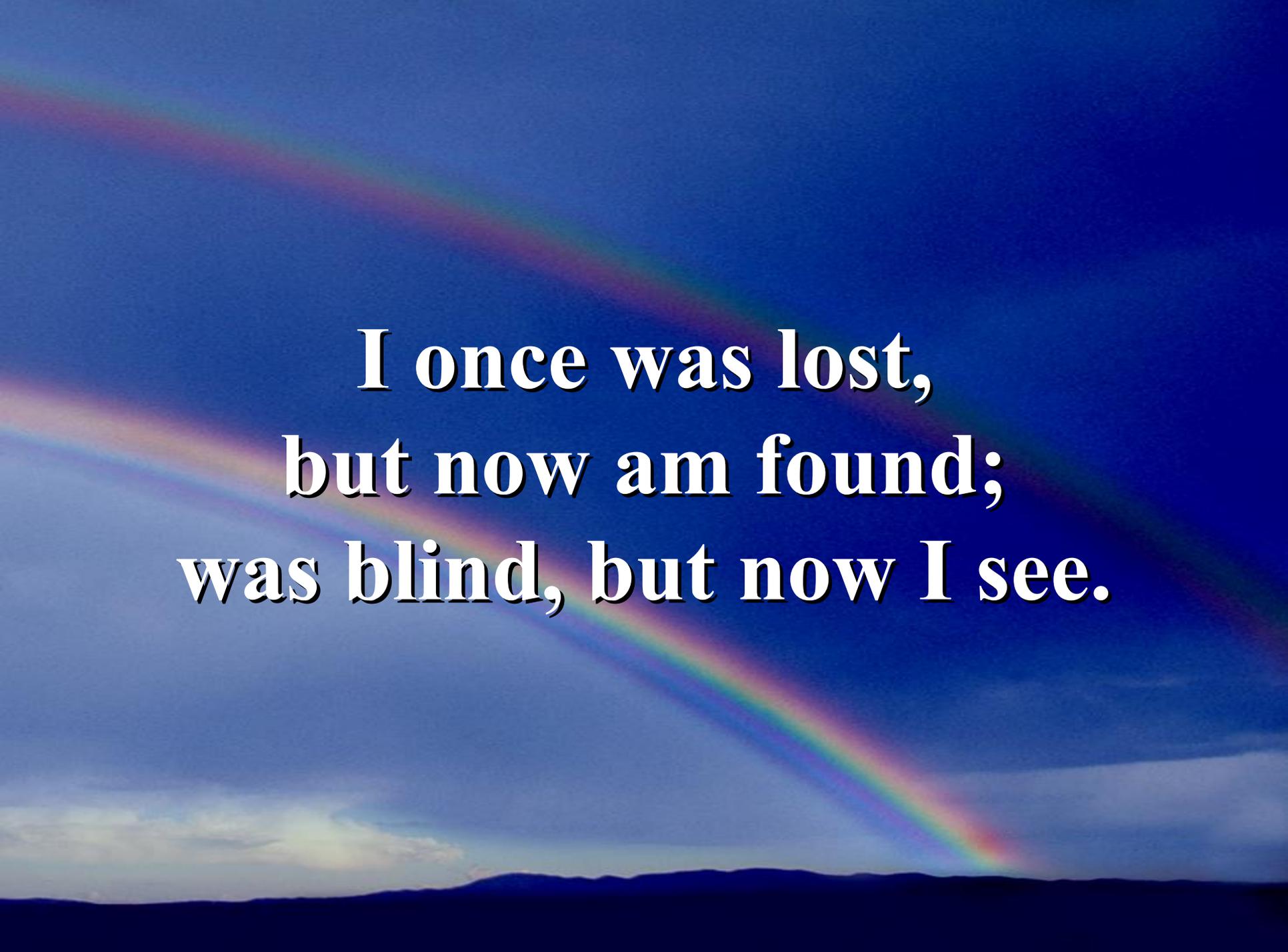
“AMAZING GRACE”

Amazing Grace

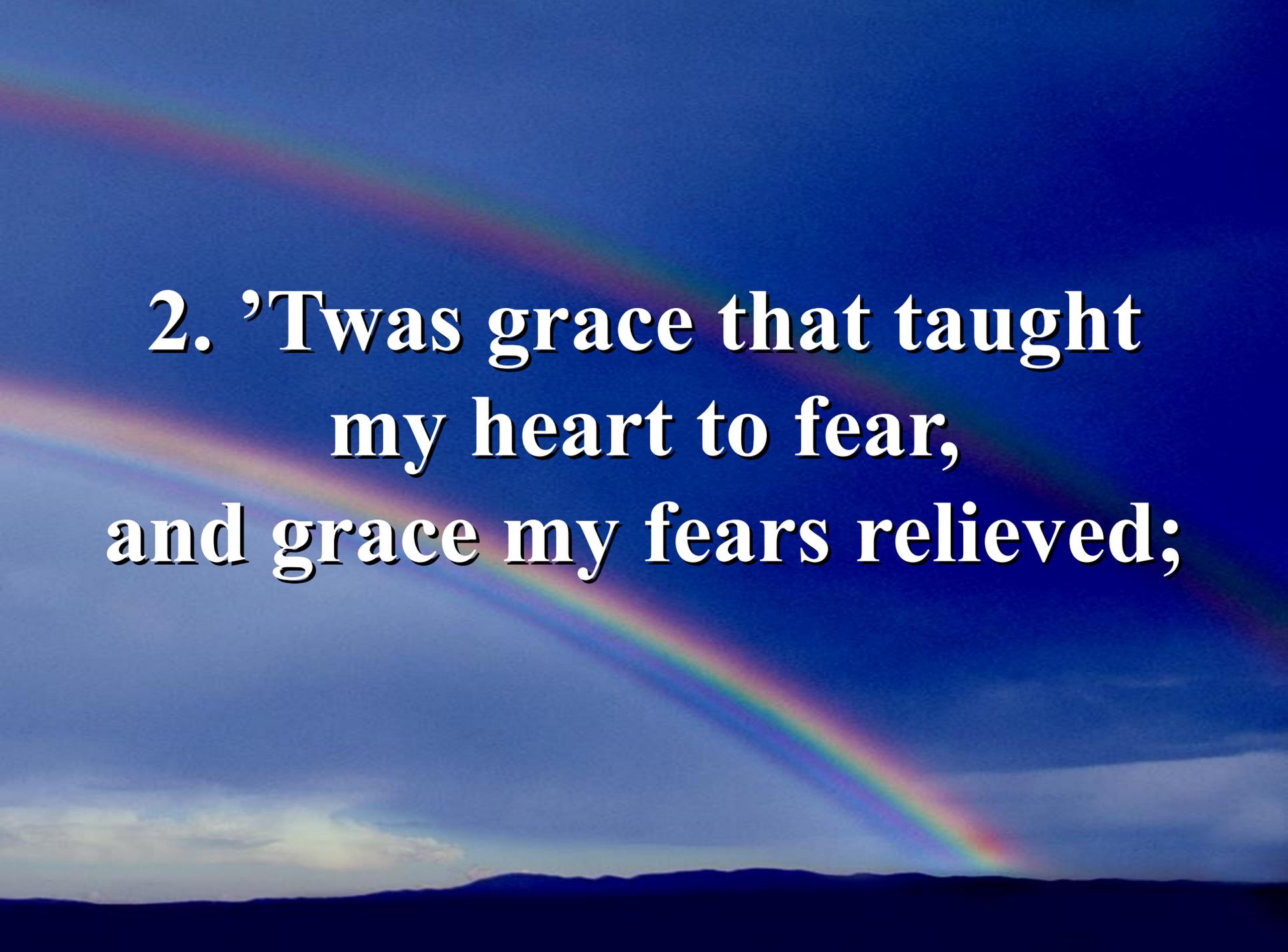
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WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 6 anon. (1 Chr. 17:16-17)

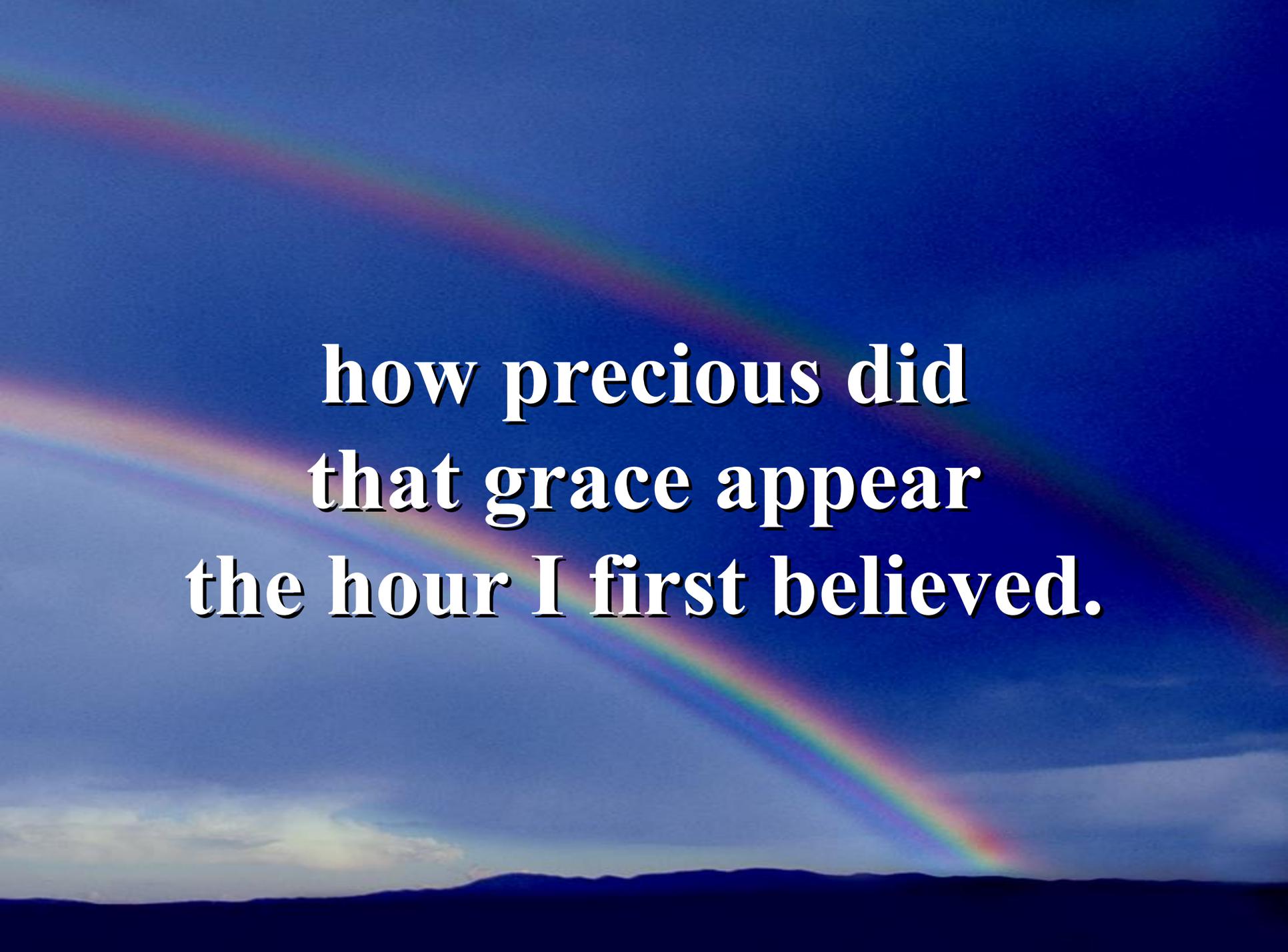
1. Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
that saved a
wretch like me!

A vibrant rainbow arches across a deep blue sky, with its colors transitioning from red at the top to violet at the bottom. The rainbow is set against a backdrop of a dark, silhouetted mountain range at the bottom of the frame. The overall scene is serene and evocative, symbolizing hope and discovery.

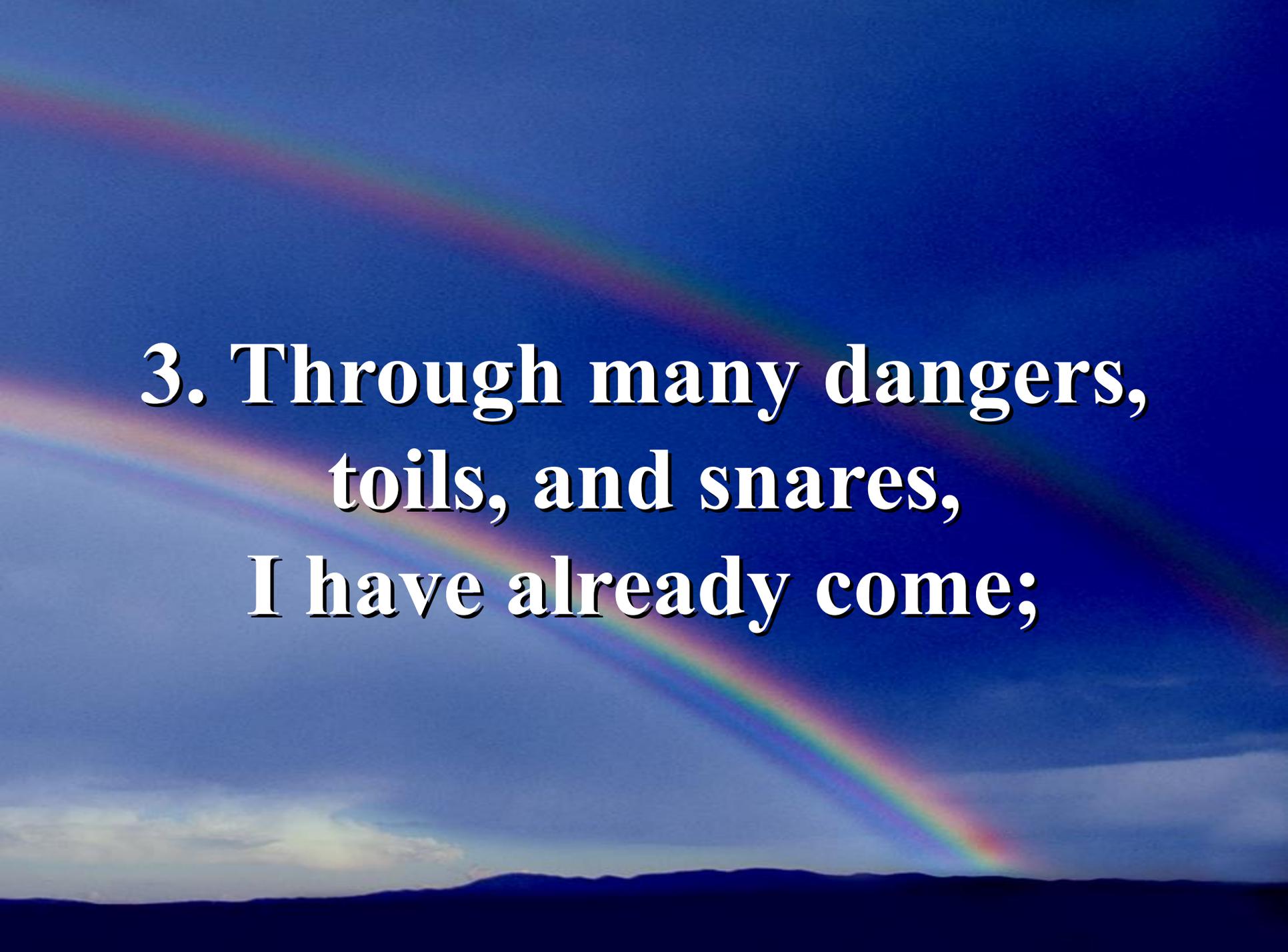
**I once was lost,
but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**



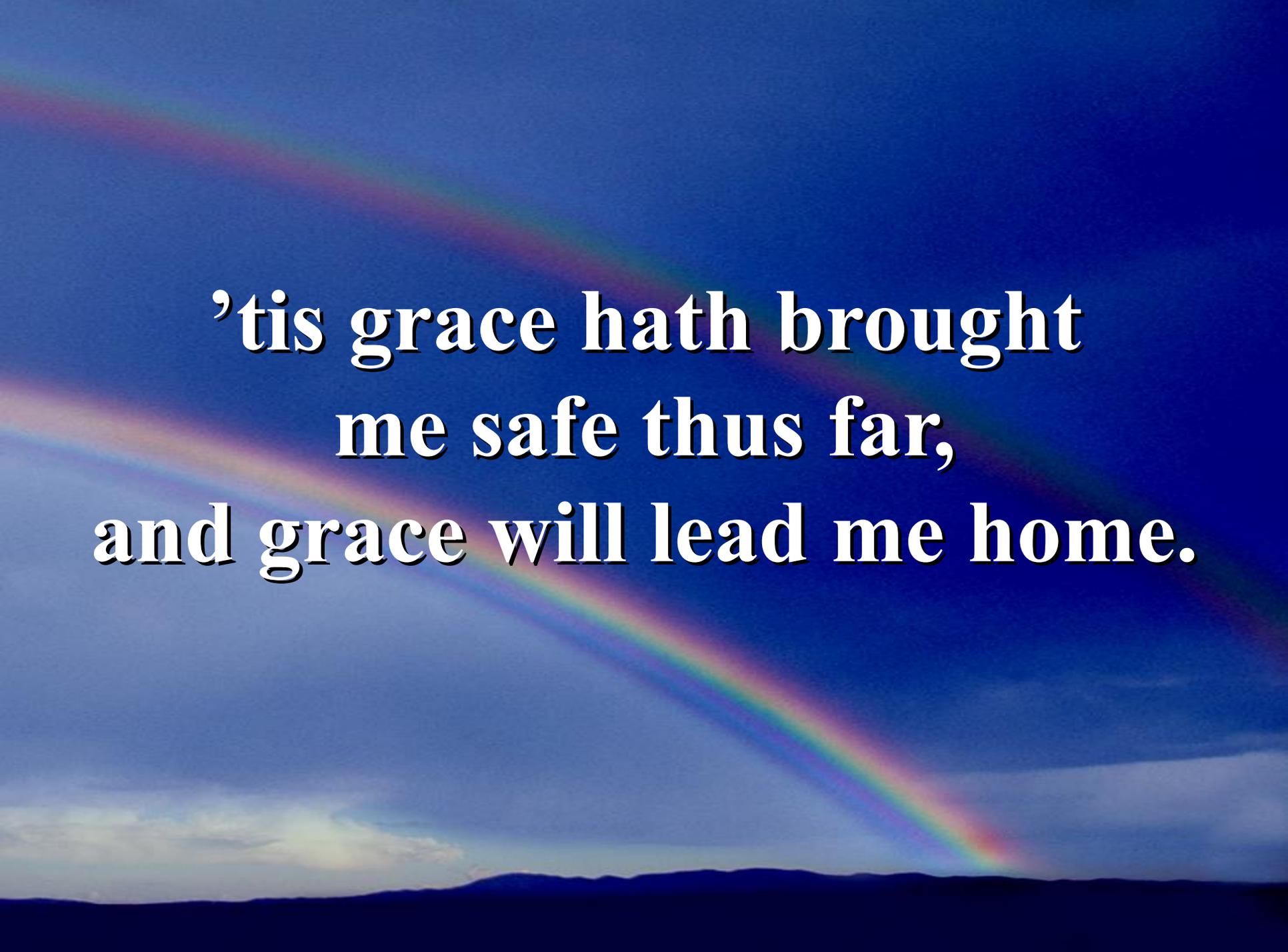
**2. 'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;**

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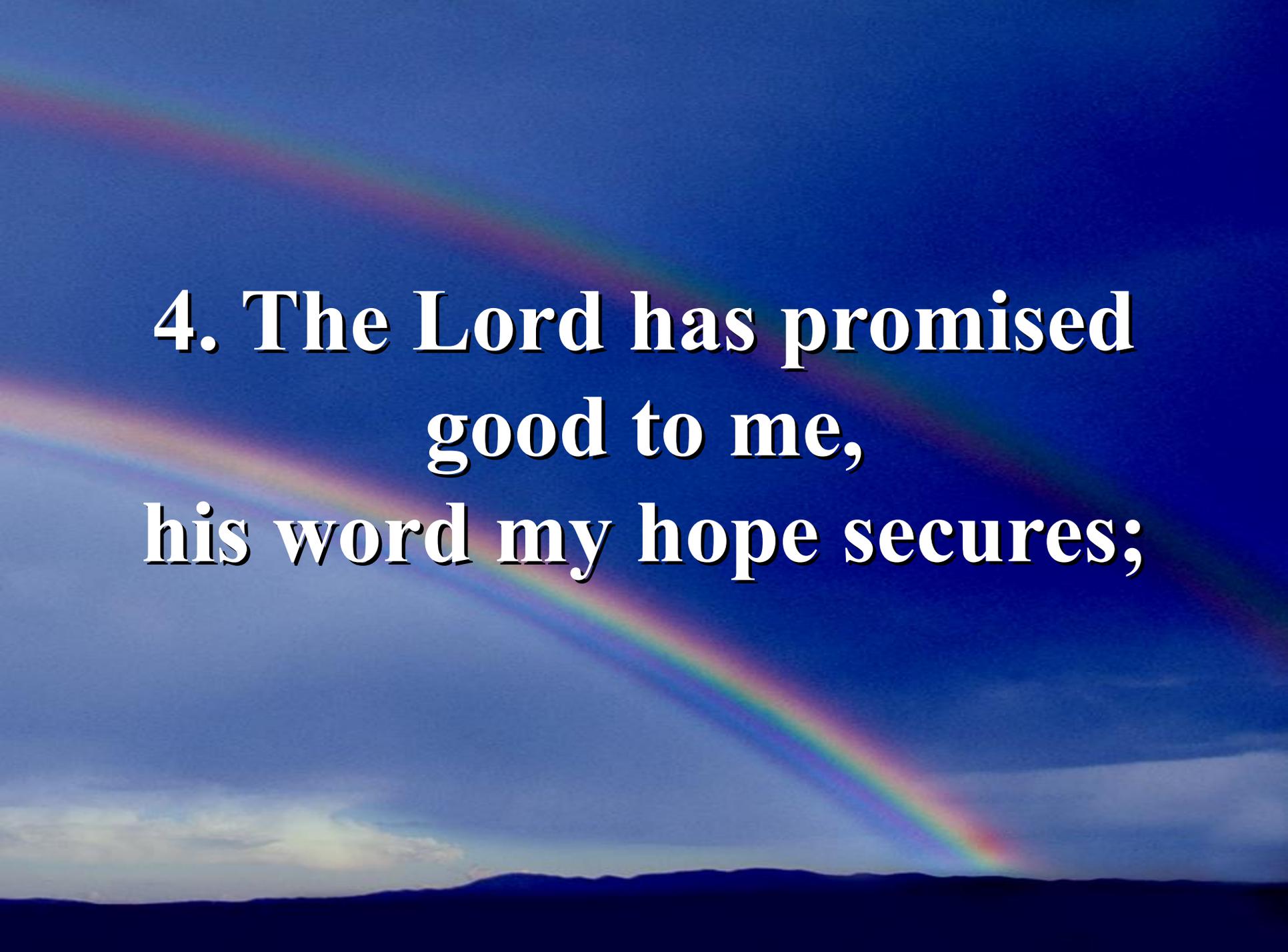
**how precious did
that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

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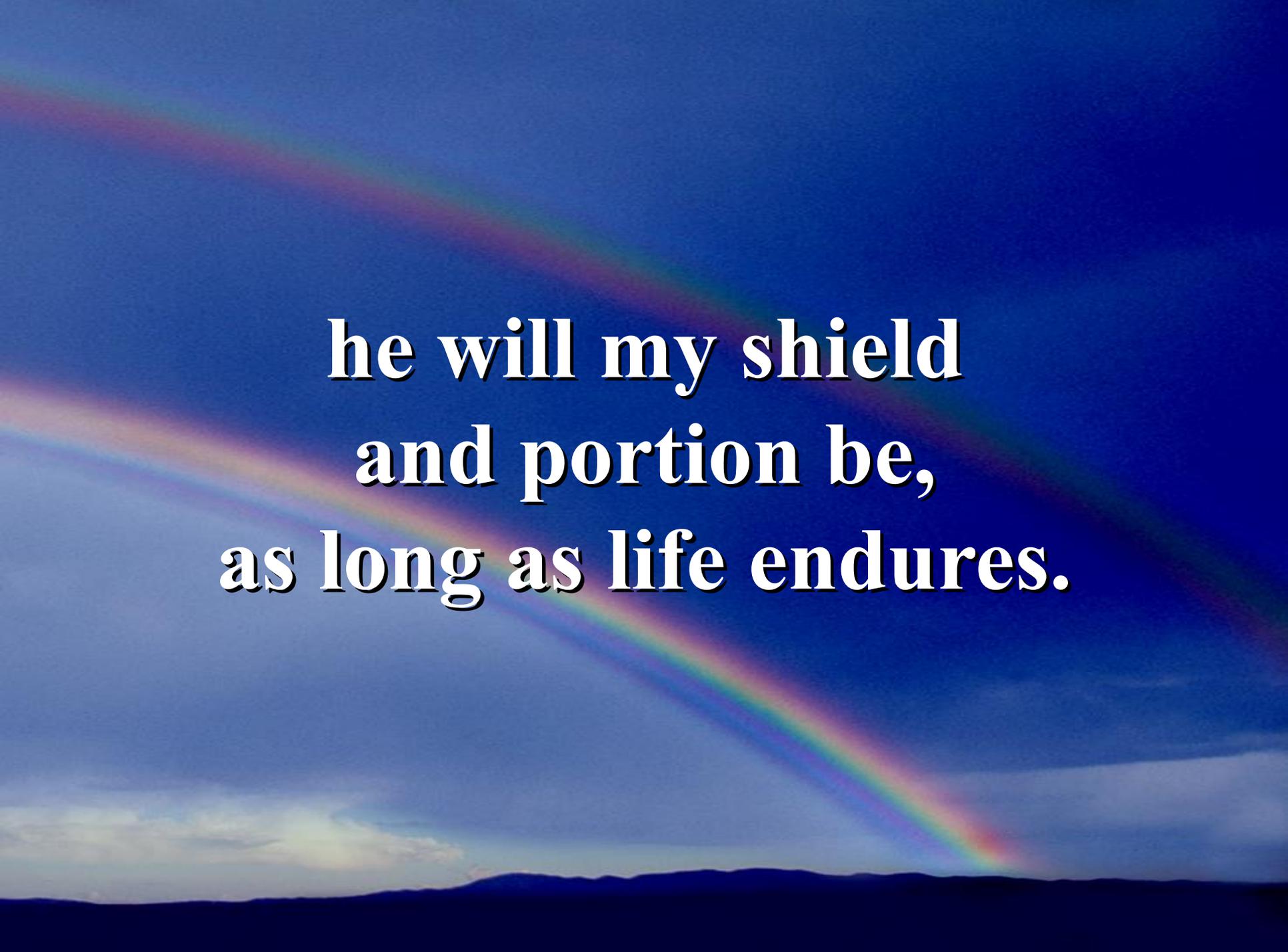
**3. Through many dangers,
toils, and snares,
I have already come;**

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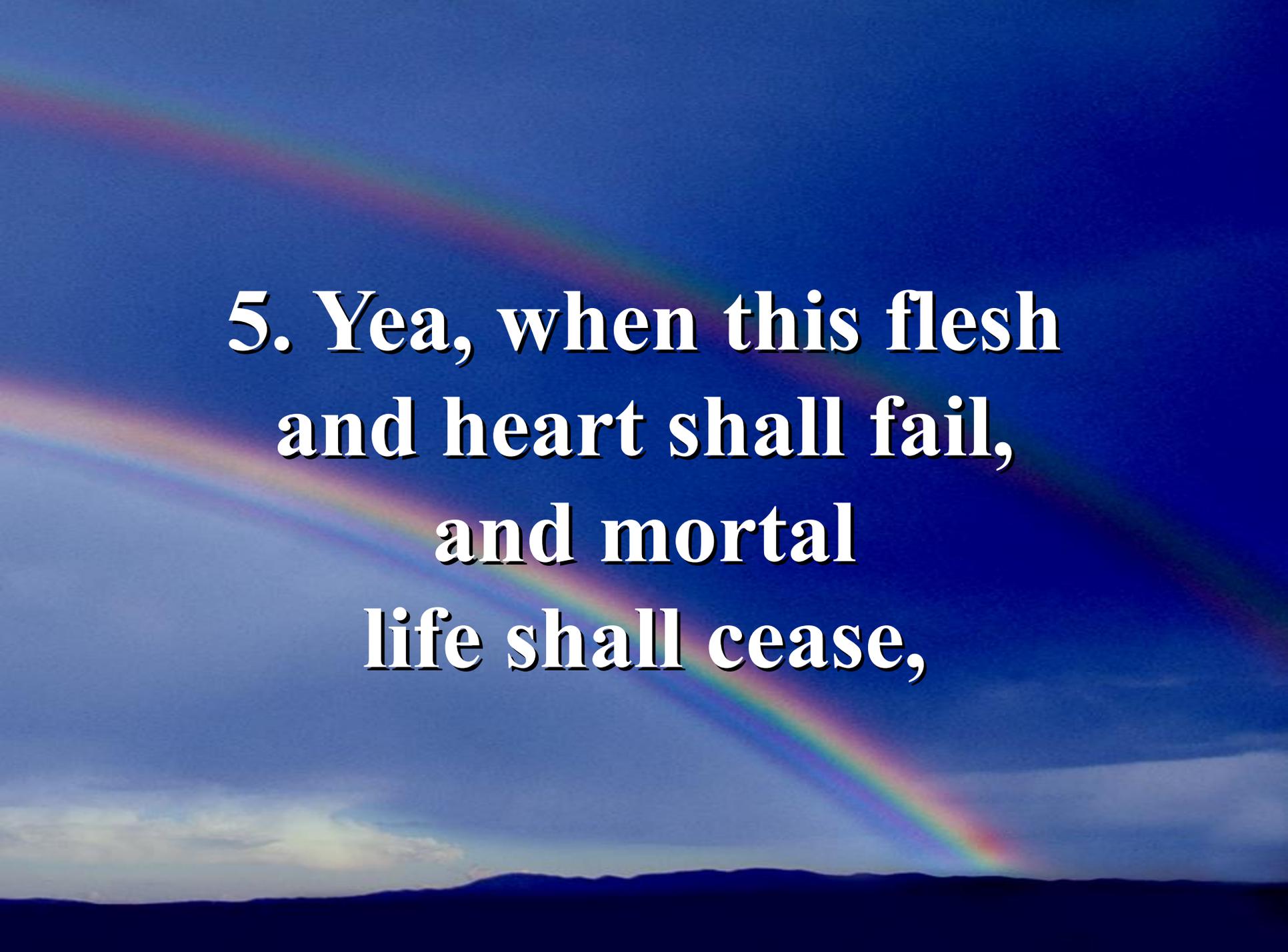
**'tis grace hath brought
me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

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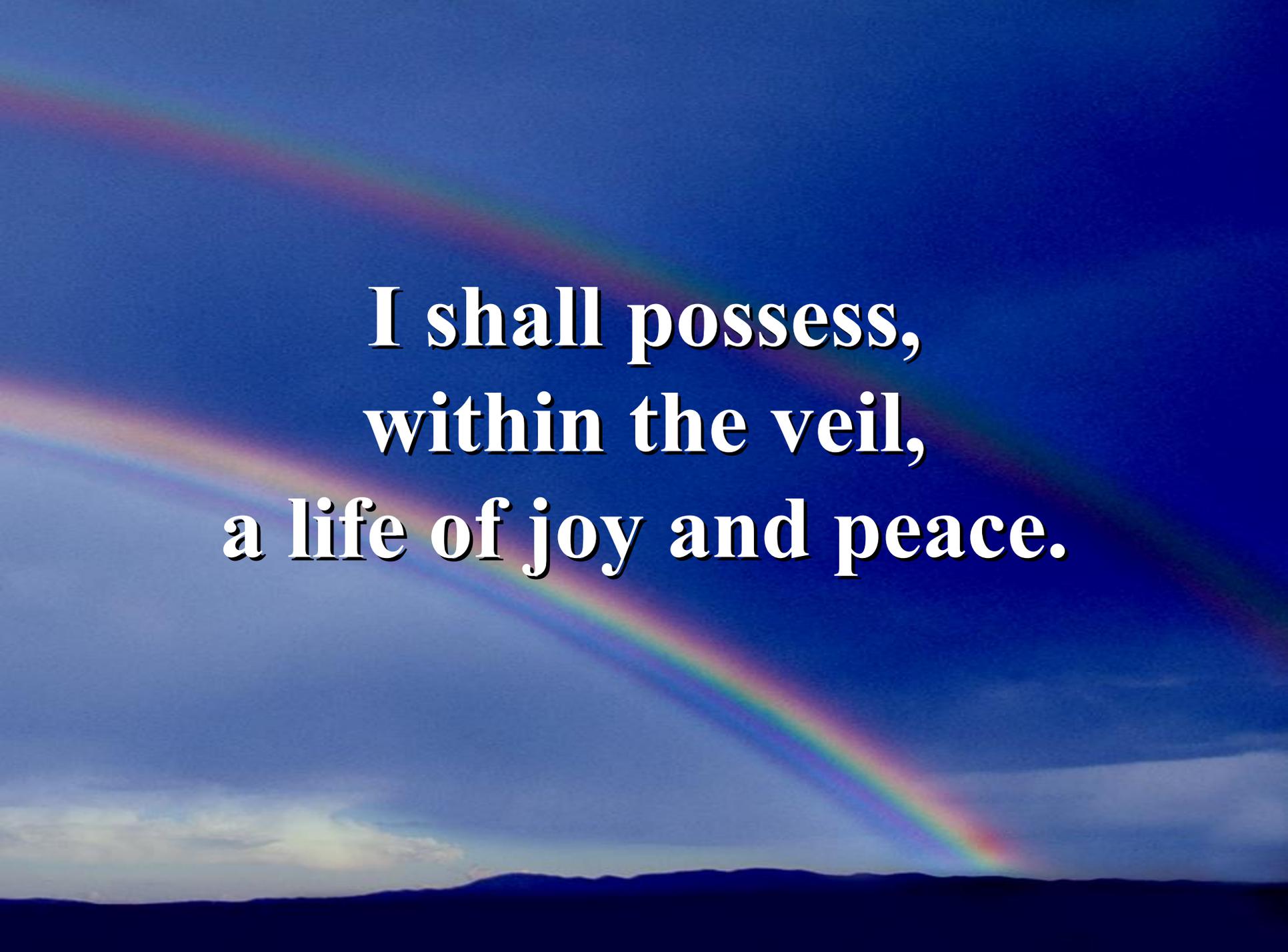
**4. The Lord has promised
good to me,
his word my hope secures;**

A vibrant rainbow arches across a deep blue sky, with its colors clearly visible. Below the rainbow, a dark silhouette of a mountain range stretches across the horizon. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

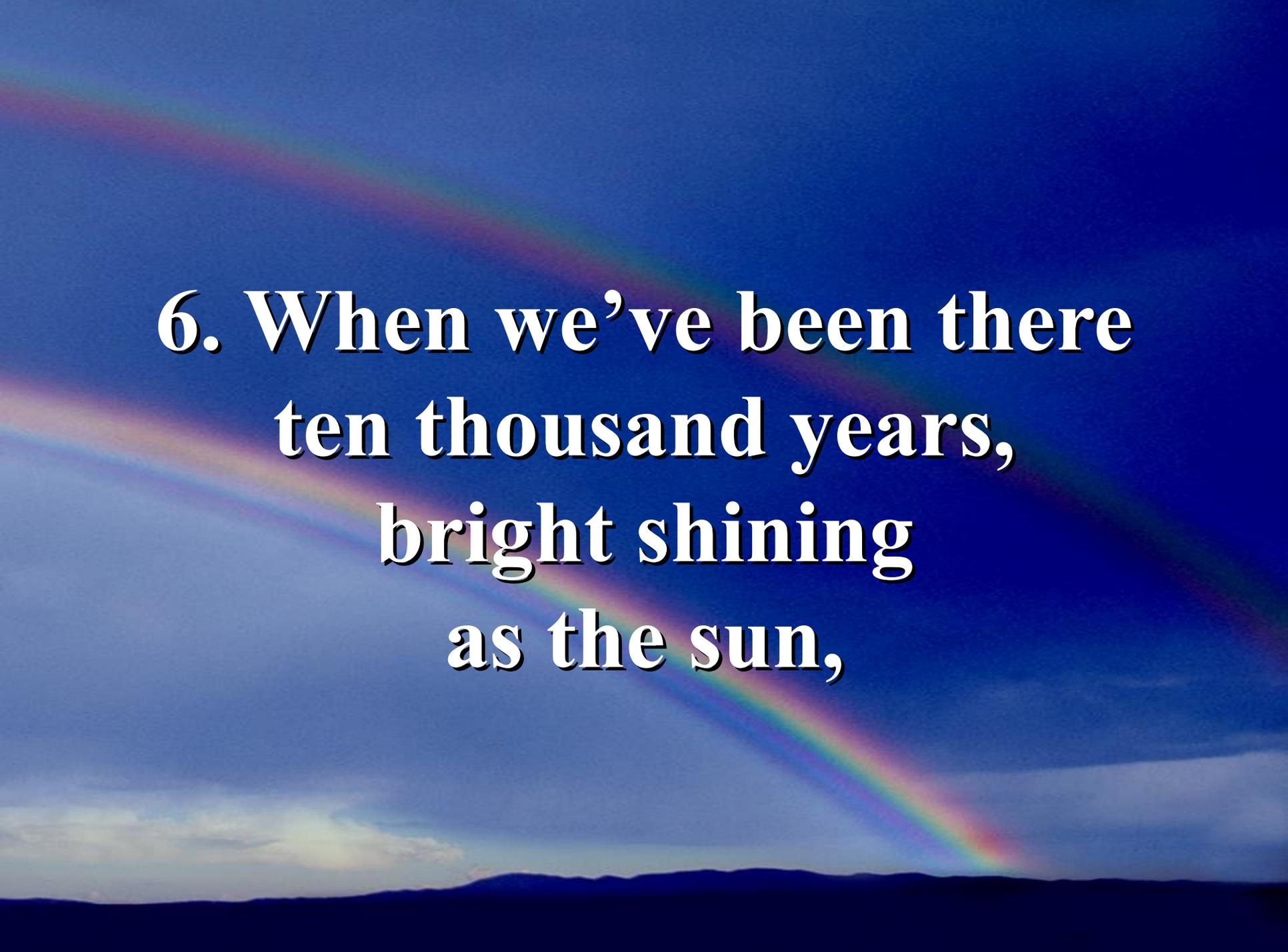
**he will my shield
and portion be,
as long as life endures.**

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**5. Yea, when this flesh
and heart shall fail,
and mortal
life shall cease,**

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**I shall possess,
within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.**

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**6. When we've been there
ten thousand years,
bright shining
as the sun,**

A vibrant rainbow arches across a deep blue sky, with its colors transitioning from red on the left to violet on the right. The rainbow is set against a backdrop of a dark, silhouetted mountain range at the bottom of the frame. The overall scene is serene and inspirational.

**we've no less days
to sing God's praise
than when
we'd first begun.**

PRELUDE





UNITY IN THE
Body of Christ

EPHESIANS 4

**WELCOME
&
ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Birthday/Anniversary

CALL TO WORSHIP



Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

Leader: When we confess our transgressions, Christ's grace and forgiveness encompass us.

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.



Leader: Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.



Have Thine Own Way, Lord

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WORDS: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902 (Jer. 18:6)

1. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter;
I am the clay.

**Mold me and make me
after thy will,
while I am waiting,
yielded and still.**

2. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Savior today!

**Wash me just now, Lord,
wash me just now,
as in thy presence
humbly I bow.**

**3. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!**

**Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!**

**4. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.**

**Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!**

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and Loving God, we seek the freedom found in the grace we receive through Christ Jesus. We seek to know more fully your great love. Turn us from our temptations. Inspire us to open ourselves to the way of Christ, that as we examine our

**lives and live out these days, we
may become examples of your
abundant love for all people.
May your Divine Spirit tend us
as angels attended Jesus in the
wilderness, and may we feel
revived and sustained to follow
Jesus. Amen.**





“It Is Well with My Soul”

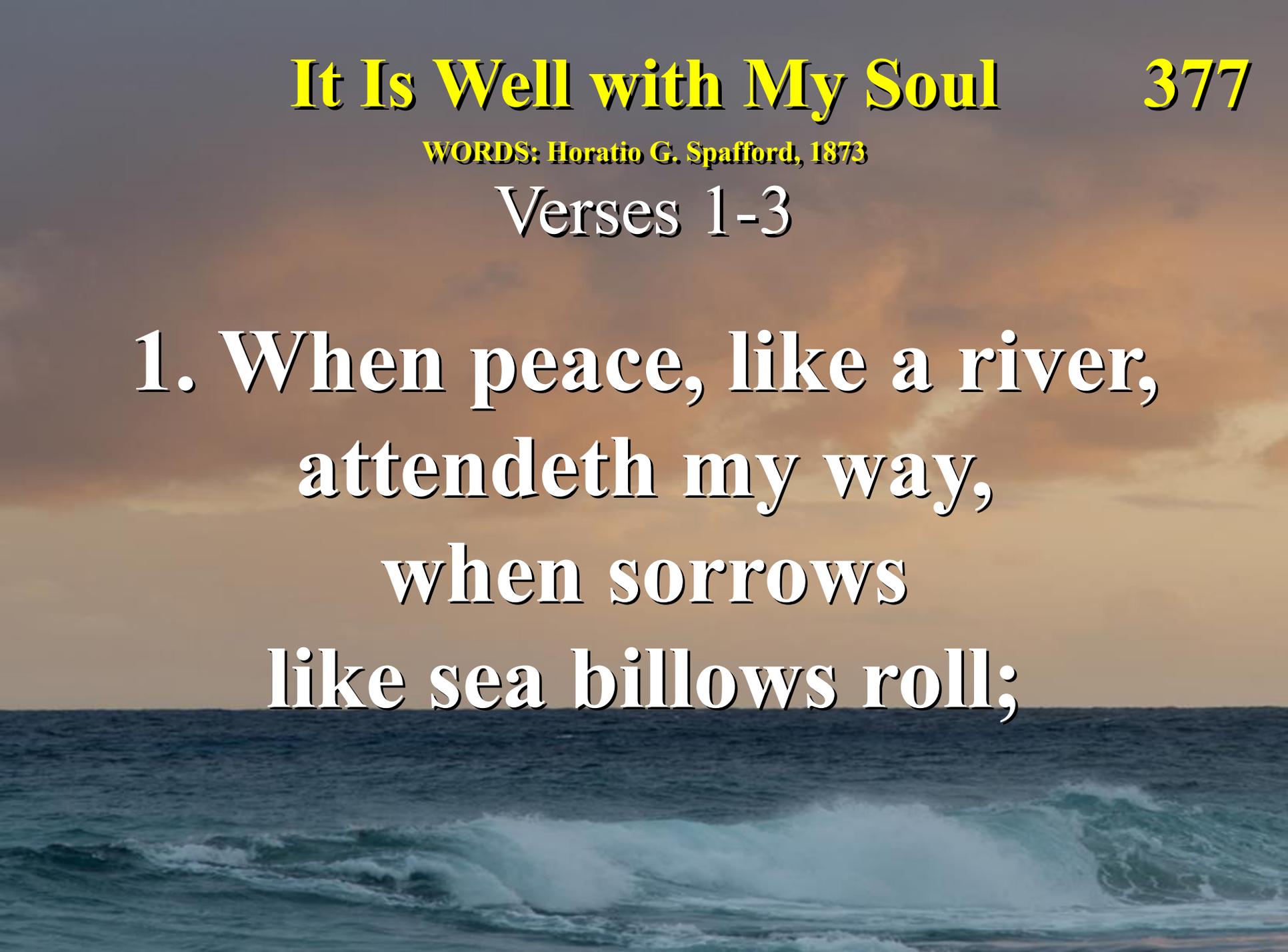
It Is Well with My Soul

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WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

Verses 1-3

1. When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way,
when sorrows
like sea billows roll;



whatever my lot,
thou hast taught
me to say, It is well,
it is well with my soul.



Refrain

**It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well,
it is well with my soul.**

**2. Though Satan
should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest
assurance control,**



that Christ has regarded
my helpless estate,
and hath shed
his own blood
for my soul.



Refrain

It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well,
it is well with my soul.

**3. My sin, oh, the bliss
of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part
but the whole,**



**is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
O my soul!**



Refrain

It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well,
it is well with my soul.



“DOXOLOGY”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.



“CHILDREN’S MESSAGE”



“PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION”

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.



SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 4:1–11



1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand

 on the highest point of the temple. 6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “ ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’ ”7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the

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 world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” 10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.



*THE TEMPTATION
OF JESUS*

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON



“A HARD SALE...!”



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Just as Jesus faced temptations in the wilderness, we too struggle with desires for power, glory, or riches. Teach us to turn from these temptations and to turn toward the power of scripture and prayer. Center us in our faith. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.



PRAYERS

OF THE

PEOPLE



The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in
heaven, hallowed be thy
name thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as
it is in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil, for
thine is the kingdom, and
the power and the glory
forever. Amen.**



CLOSING SONG

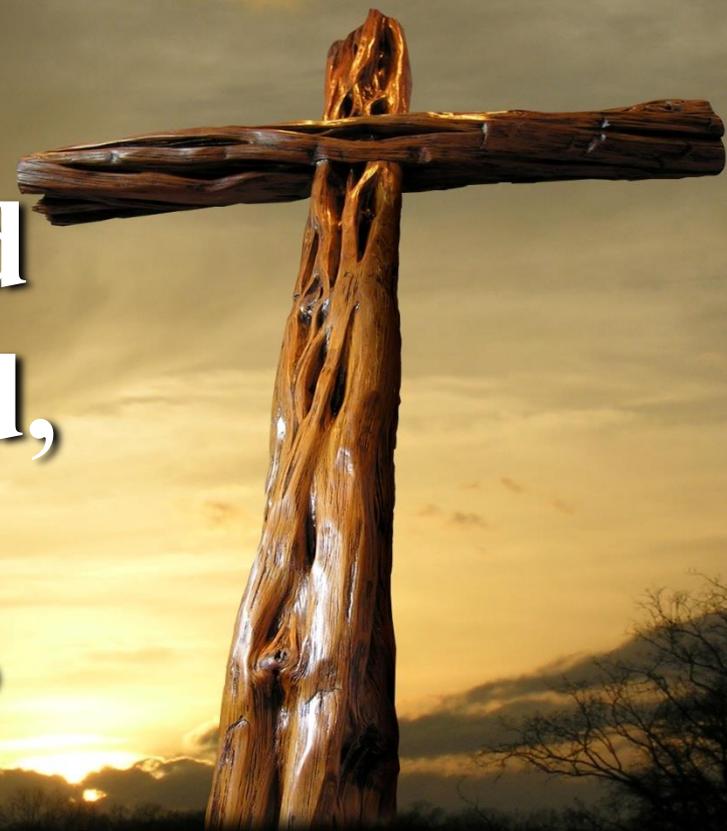
“ATLAS AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED”

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

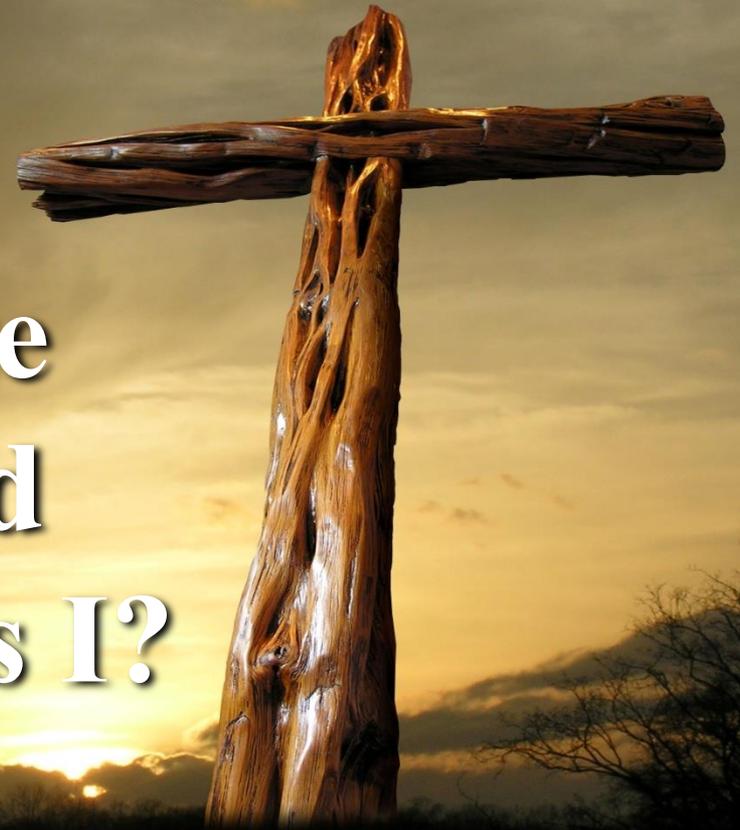
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WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707; refrain by Ralph E. Hudson, 1885

1. Alas! and did
my Savior bleed,
and did my
Sovereign die?

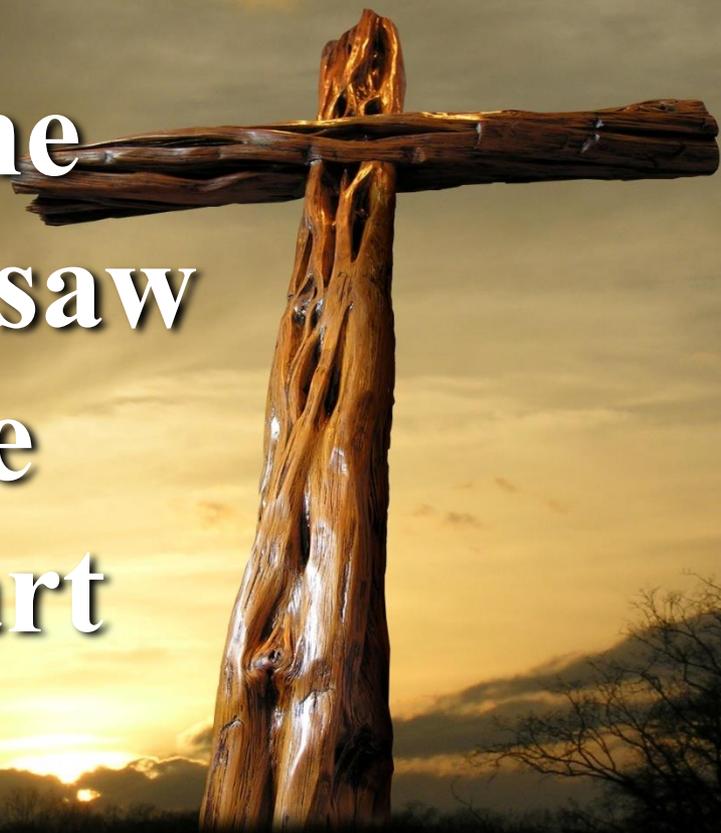


**Would he devote
that sacred head
for sinners such as I?**

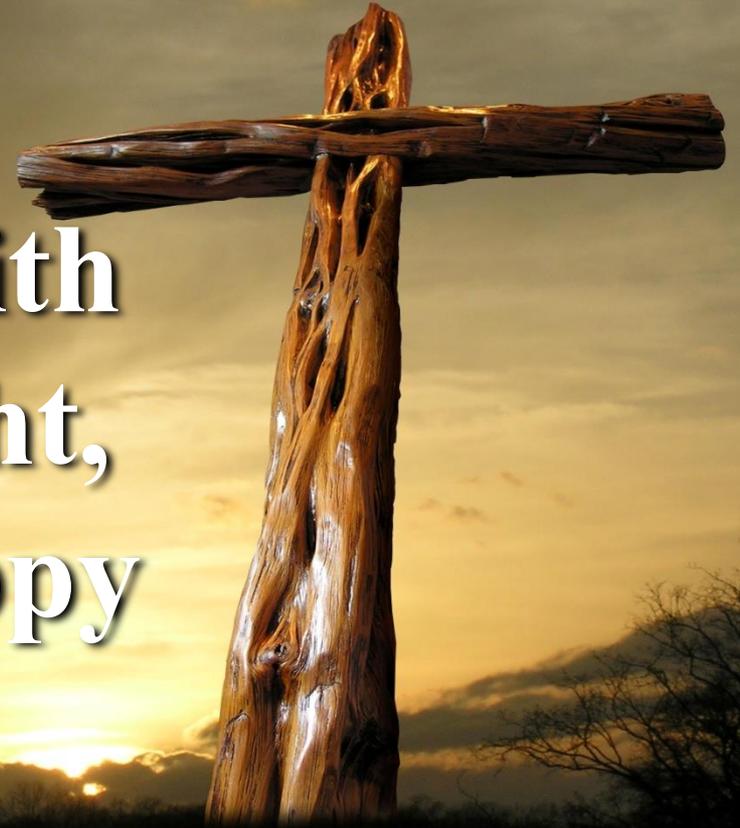


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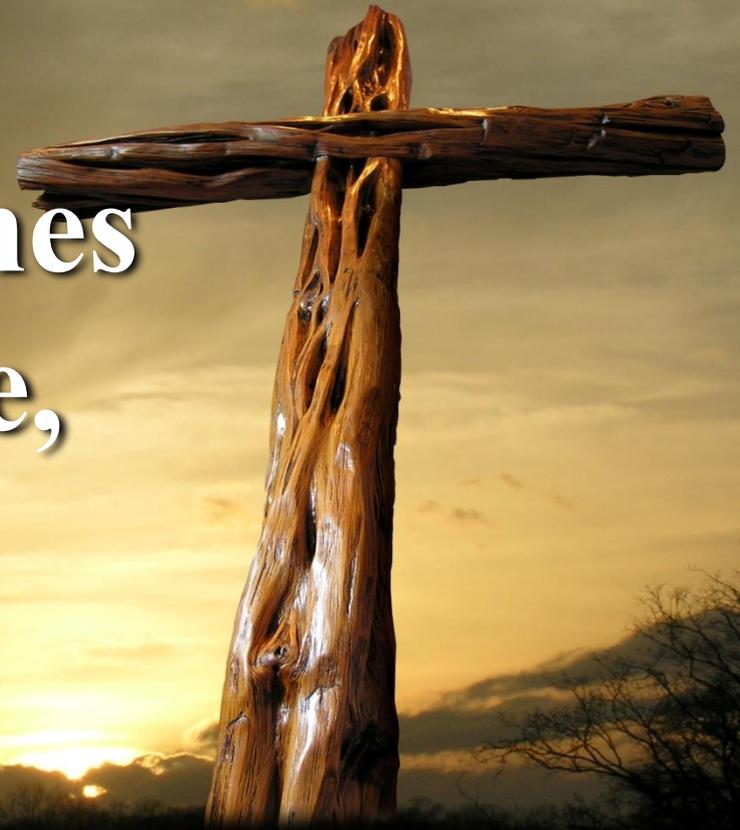
At the cross, at the
cross, where I first saw
the light, and the
burden of my heart
rolled away;



**it was there by faith
I received my sight,
and now I am happy
all the day.**



**2. Was it for crimes
that I have done,
he groaned
upon the tree?**



**Amazing pity!
Grace unknown!
And love
beyond degree!**

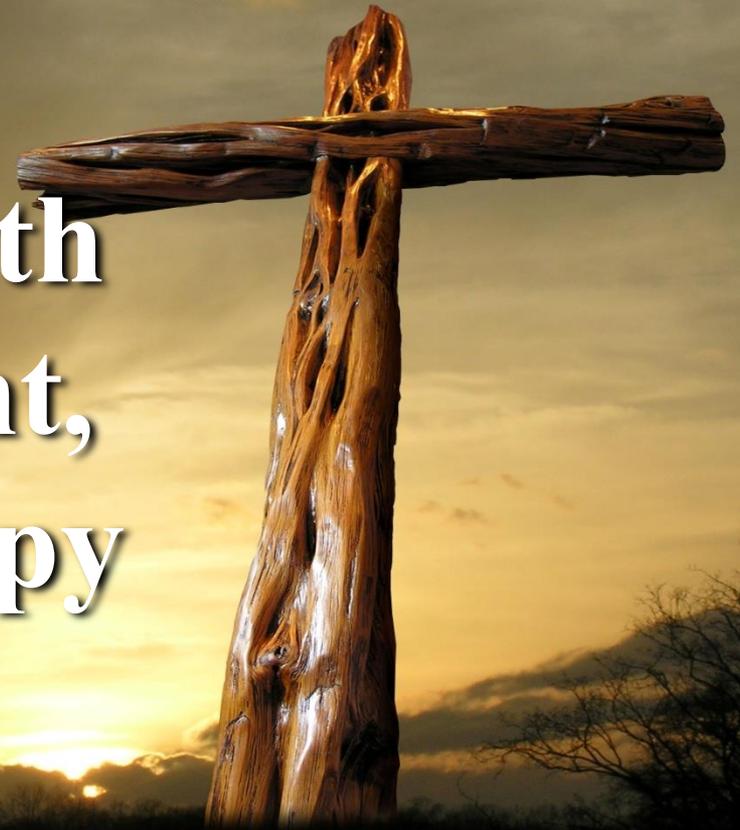


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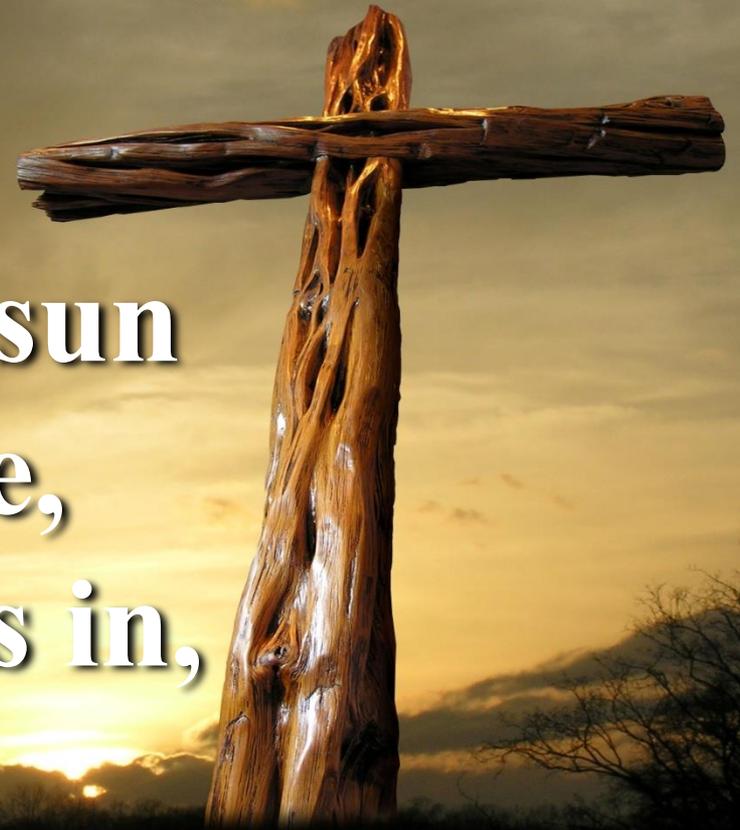
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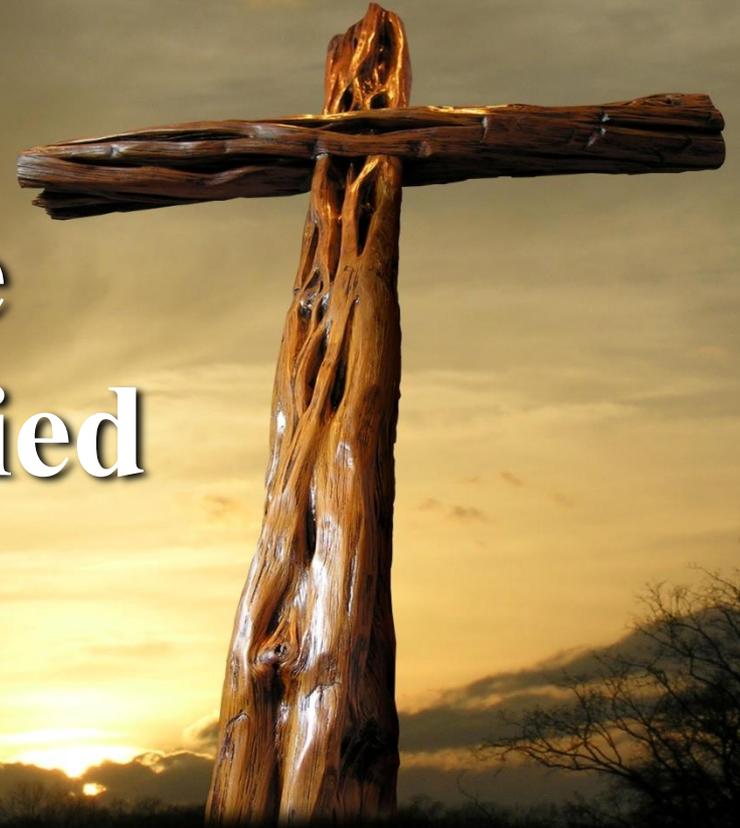
**it was there by faith
I received my sight,
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**3. Well might the sun
in darkness hide,
and shut its glories in,**

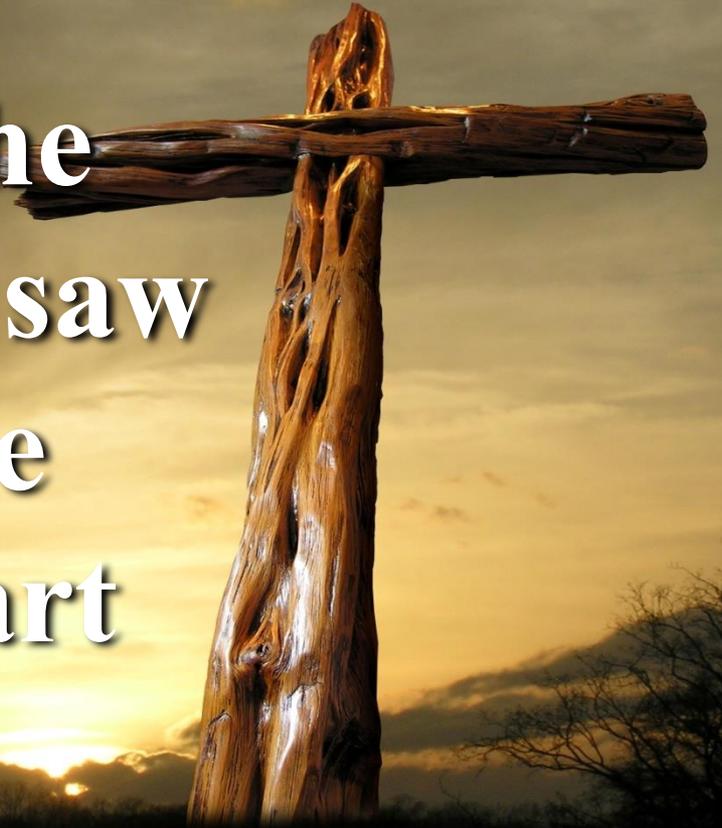


**when God, the
mighty maker, died
for his own
creature's sin.**

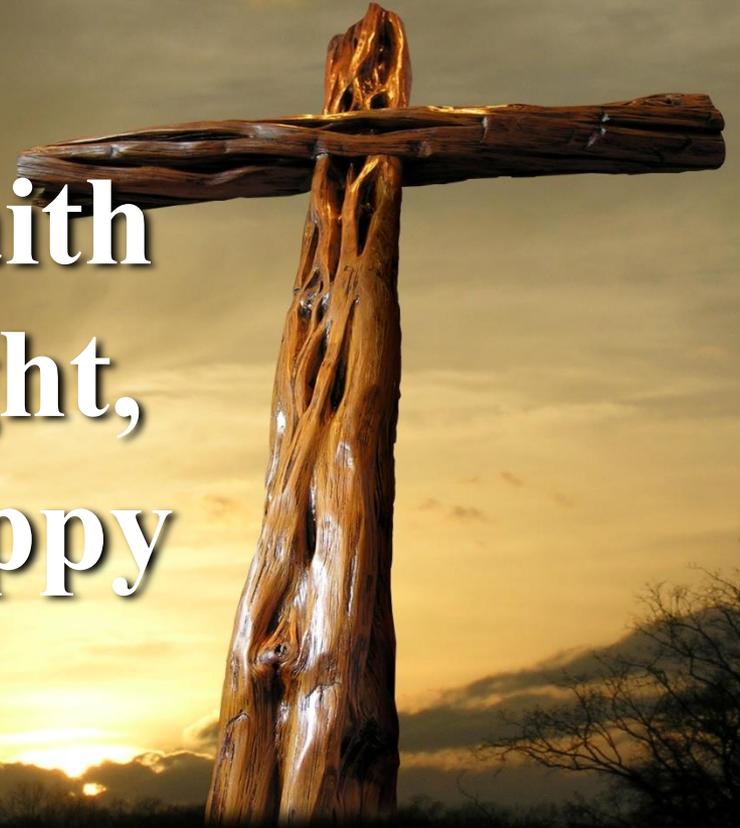


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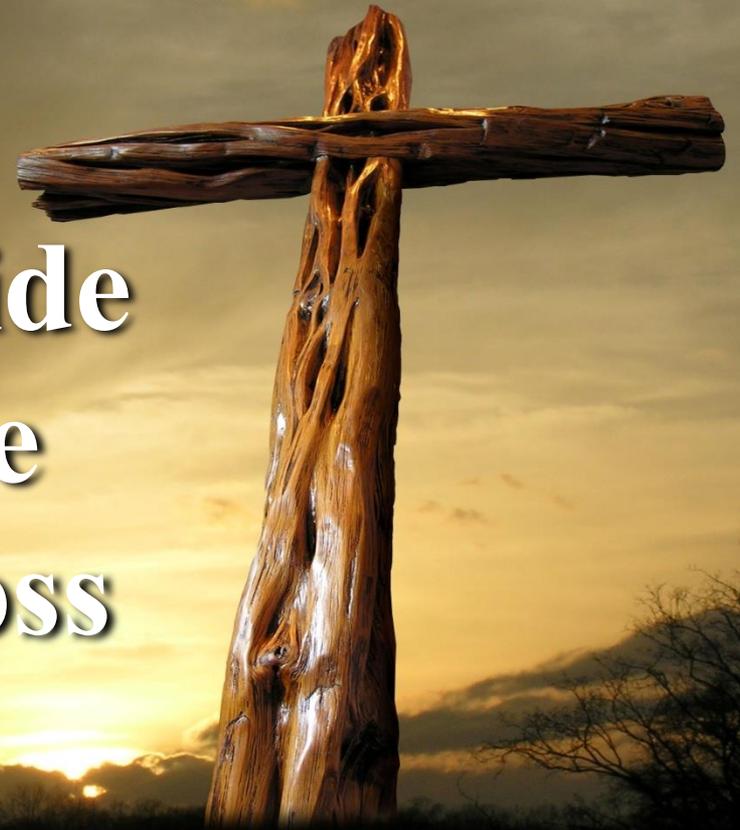
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**4. Thus might I hide
my blushing face
while his dear cross
appears;**

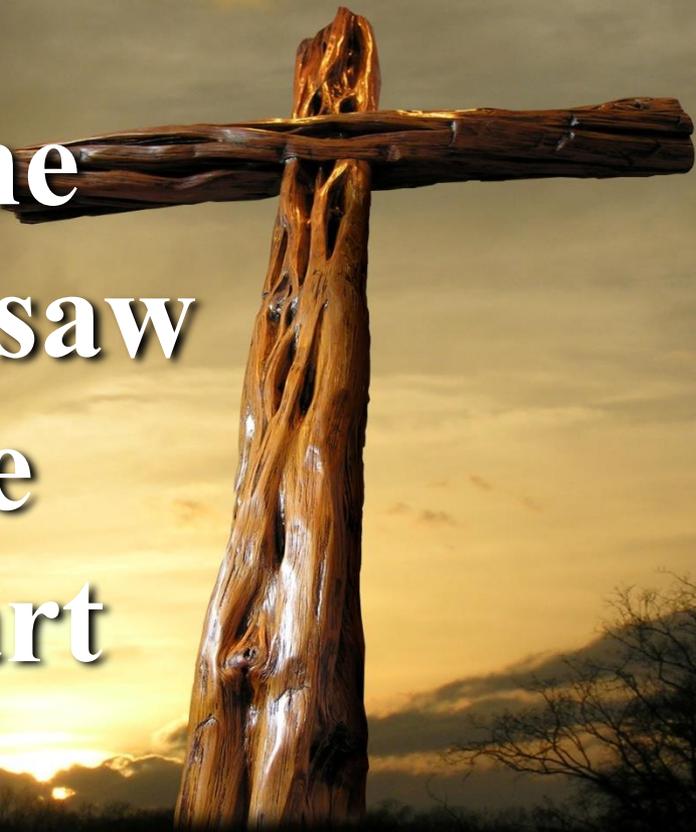


**dissolve my heart
in thankfulness,
and melt mine
eyes to tears.**

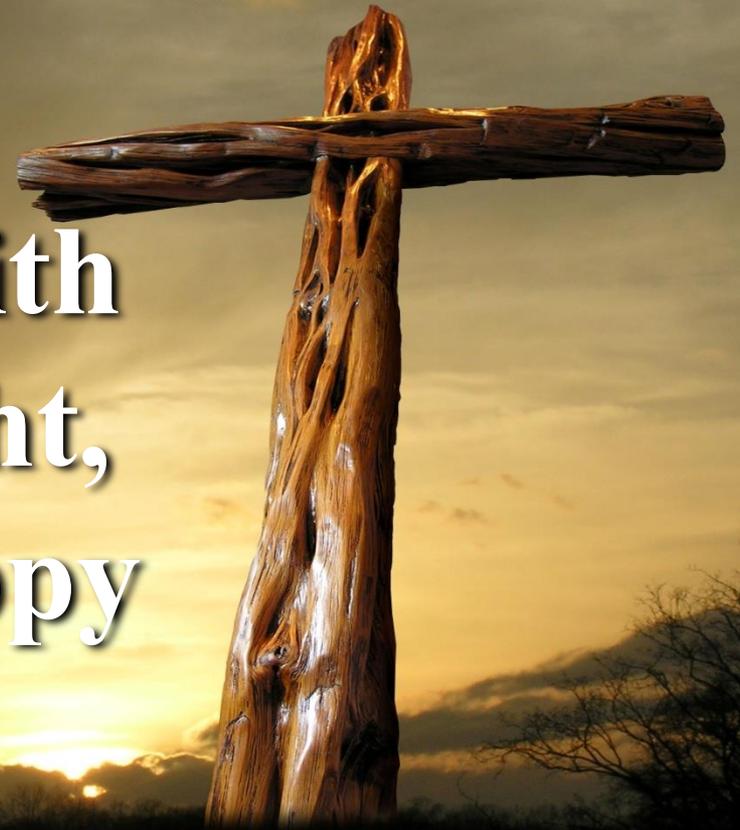


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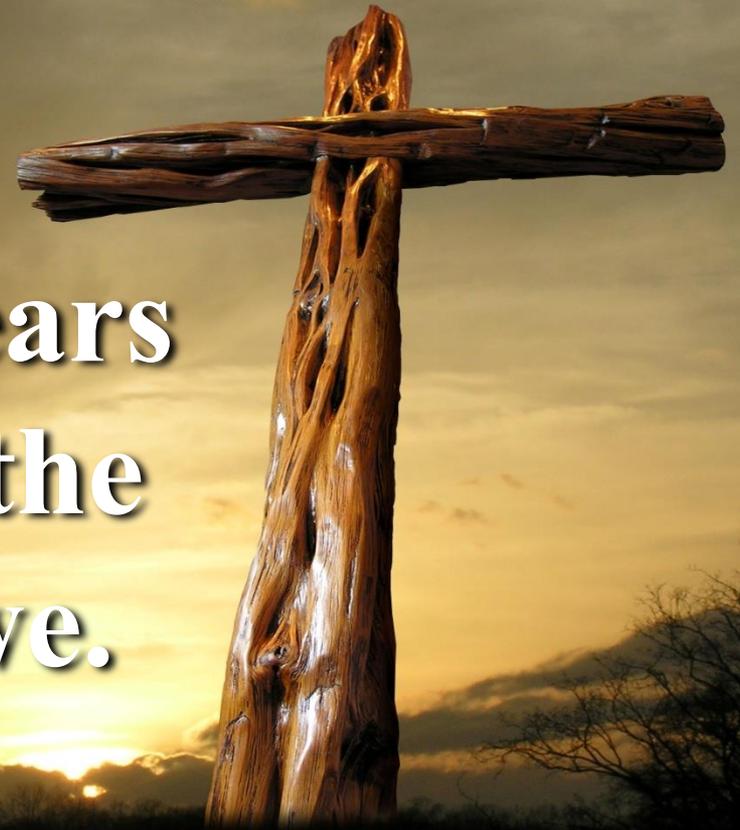
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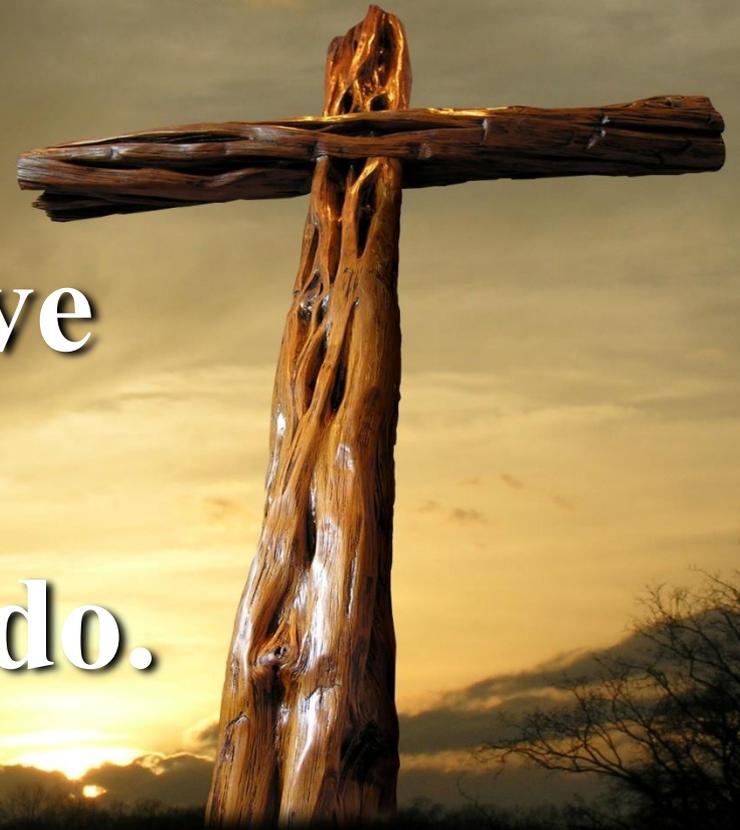
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I received my sight,
and now I am happy
all the day.**



**5. But drops of tears
can ne'er repay the
debt of love I owe.**

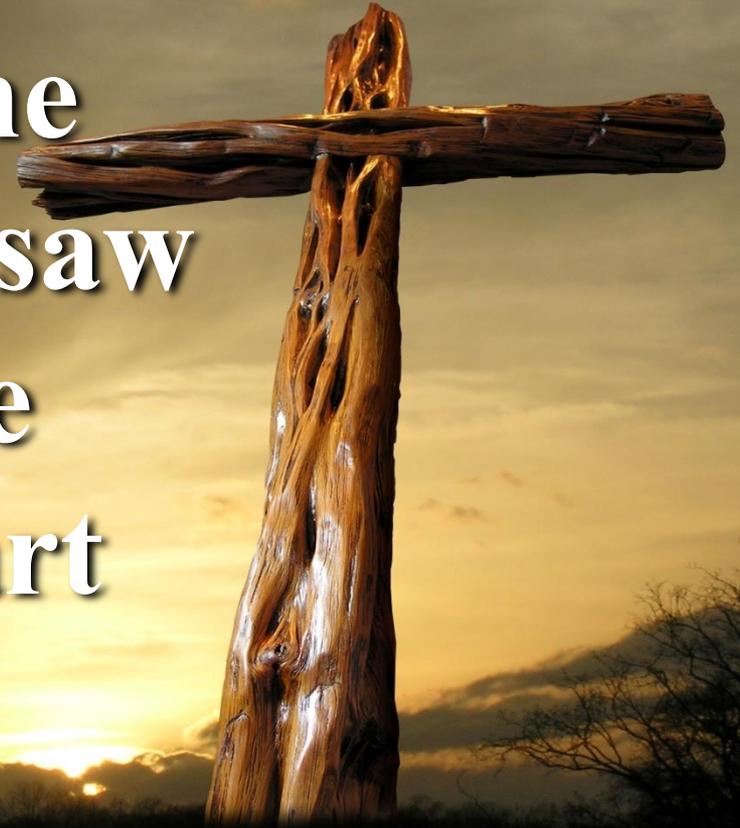


**Here, Lord, I give
myself away;
'tis all that I can do.**

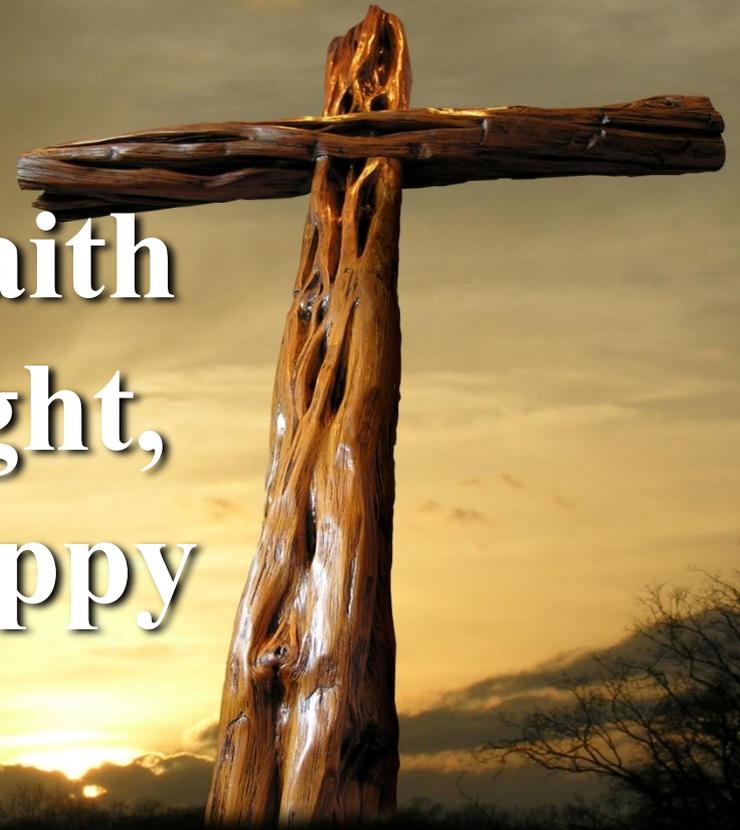


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BENEDICTION

Climb the mountain of God. We will walk in the light and truth of God. Do not fear the voice that calls from the heavens. We will heed our call to follow Jesus. Draw near to God's holy fire. We will bathe in the warmth of our God. Shine the light of Christ in the world. We will be bold, for God goes with us.



564 Threefold Amen

Walter Henry Hall (1862-1935)

A-men, A-men, A - - - men.

CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

