



WELCOME!
Asbury United Methodist Church
Open Doors with Loving Hearts
August 16, 2026



PRELUDE

CENTERING SONG

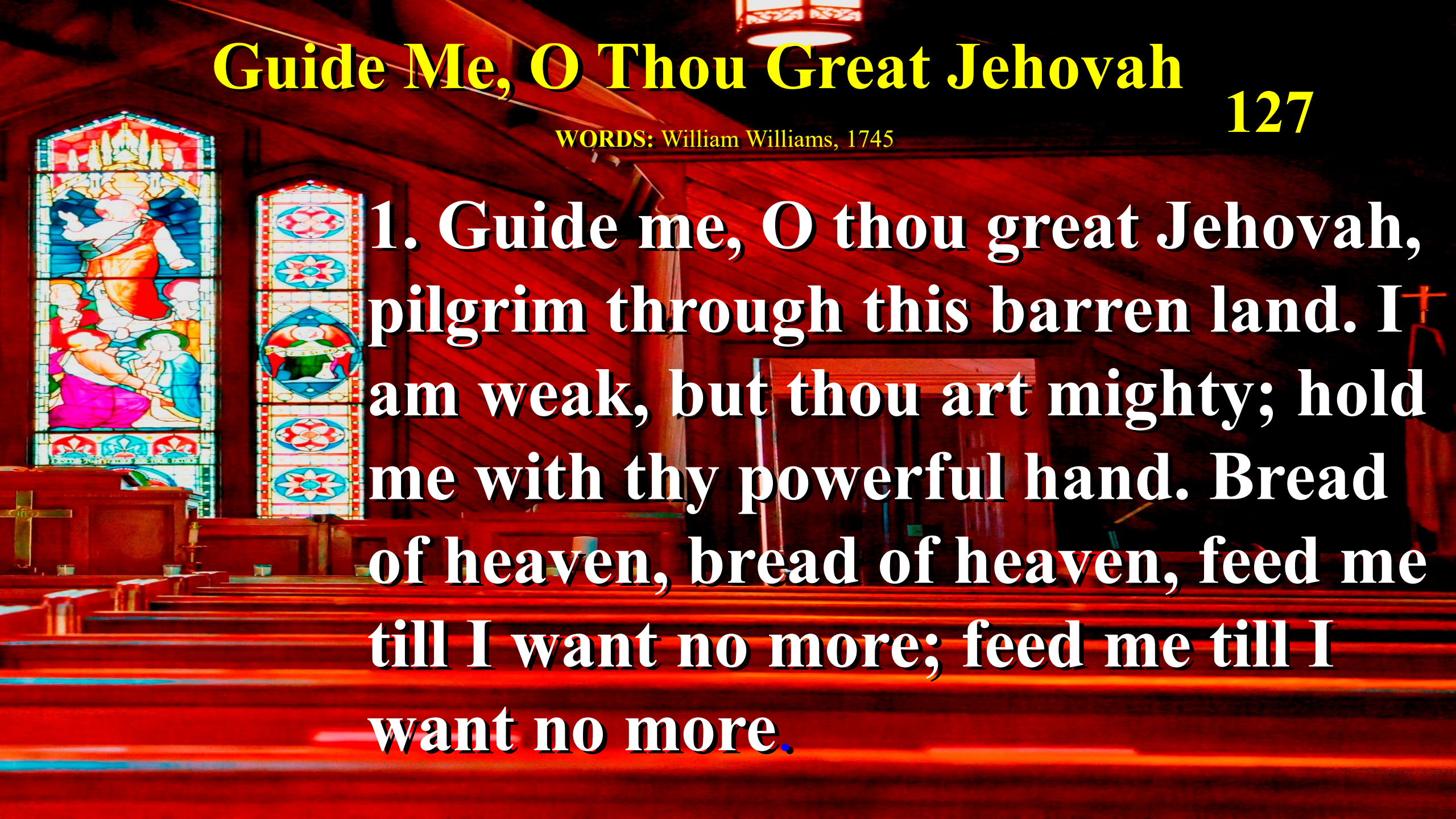


“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
UMH 127

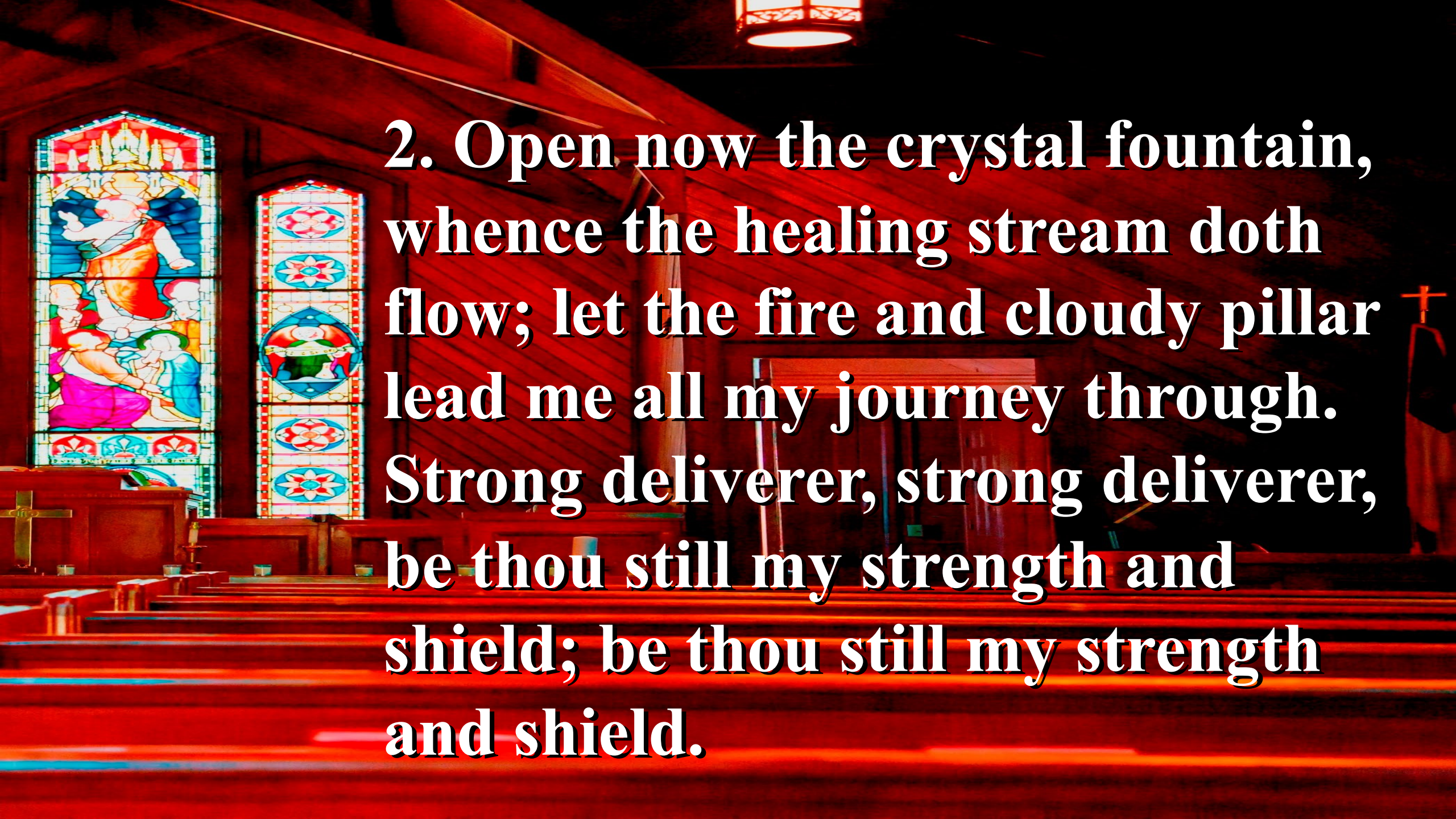
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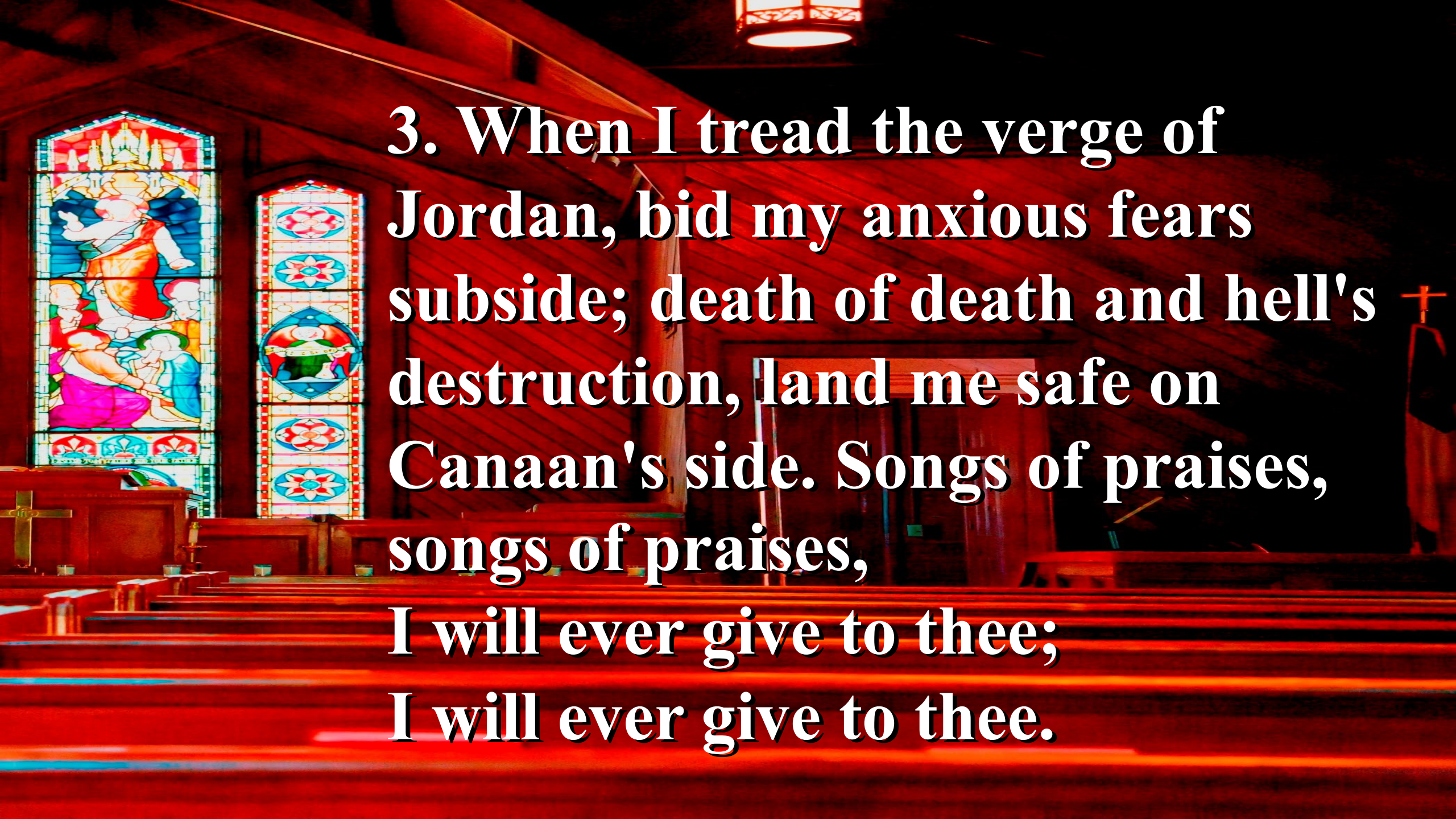
WORDS: William Williams, 1745



1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land. I
am weak, but thou art mighty; hold
me with thy powerful hand. Bread
of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me
till I want no more; feed me till I
want no more.

A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews, a wooden altar, and two large stained glass windows. The left window depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes. The right window has a geometric pattern. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth
flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and
shield; be thou still my strength
and shield.**

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**3. When I tread the verge of
Jordan, bid my anxious fears
subside; death of death and hell's
destruction, land me safe on
Canaan's side. Songs of praises,
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.**



“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.**



CALL TO WORSHIP



Leader: Come, people of God, even when
answers seem delayed.

People: We come trusting that God is always
working.

Leader: Come, even when the way is unclear.

People: We come believing that God's ways
are higher than our ways.



Leader: Come, even when trouble surrounds us.

People: We come remembering that God can turn evil toward good.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who speaks, saves, guides, and redeems.

People: We worship the God who is faithful, even when He seems silent.



OPENING SONG
“My Hope is Built”
UMH 368

My Hope Is Built

Words: Edward Mote 1834

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**1. My hope is built on nothing
less than Jesus' blood and
righteousness. I dare not trust
the sweetest frame, but wholly
lean on Jesus' name.**



(Refrain)

On Christ the solid rock I
stand, all other ground is
sinking sand; all other ground
is sinking sand.



**2. When Darkness veils his
lovely face, I rest on his
unchanging grace. In every
high and stormy gale, my
anchor holds within the veil.**

(Refrain)



**3. His oath, his covenant, his
blood supports me in the
whelming flood. When all
around my soul gives way, he
then is all my hope and stay.**

(Refrain)



**4. When he shall come with
trumpet sound, O may I then
in him be found! Dressed in his
righteousness alone, faultless to
stand before the throne!**

(Refrain)





OPENING PRAYER

A red decorative graphic consisting of a vertical line and a stylized flame or leaf shape on the left side of the text.

**Gracious and sovereign God, we gather in
Your presence trusting that even when You
seem silent, You are never absent. Your ways
are higher than our ways, and Your
thoughts are higher than our thoughts.
When we cannot trace Your hand, teach us
to trust Your heart. Open our spirits to hear
Your Word. Quiet our fears. Strengthen our
faith.**



**Remind us that You are always working,
even in seasons we do not understand. What
others may mean for evil, You are able to
turn toward good. Come, Holy Spirit. Lead
our worship. Lift our hearts. Center us in
Christ. Let this time together renew our
trust in the God who works all things
together for good. In the name of Jesus
Christ, we pray. Amen.**



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT



Birthday/Anniversary



Asbury UMC Choir



OFFERING

Praising God with Our Gifts

Open Doors with Loving Hearts

“OFFERTORY RESPONSE”



**All Things Come Of Thee, O Lord,
And Of Thine Own Have We Given
Thee. Amen.**



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, as Your Word is read and proclaimed, open our hearts to receive what You are saying. Help us not to mistake silence for absence, delay for denial, or mystery for neglect. By Your Holy Spirit, teach us to trust Your wisdom, Your timing, and Your purpose. Let Your Word strengthen our faith and lead us closer to Christ. Amen.

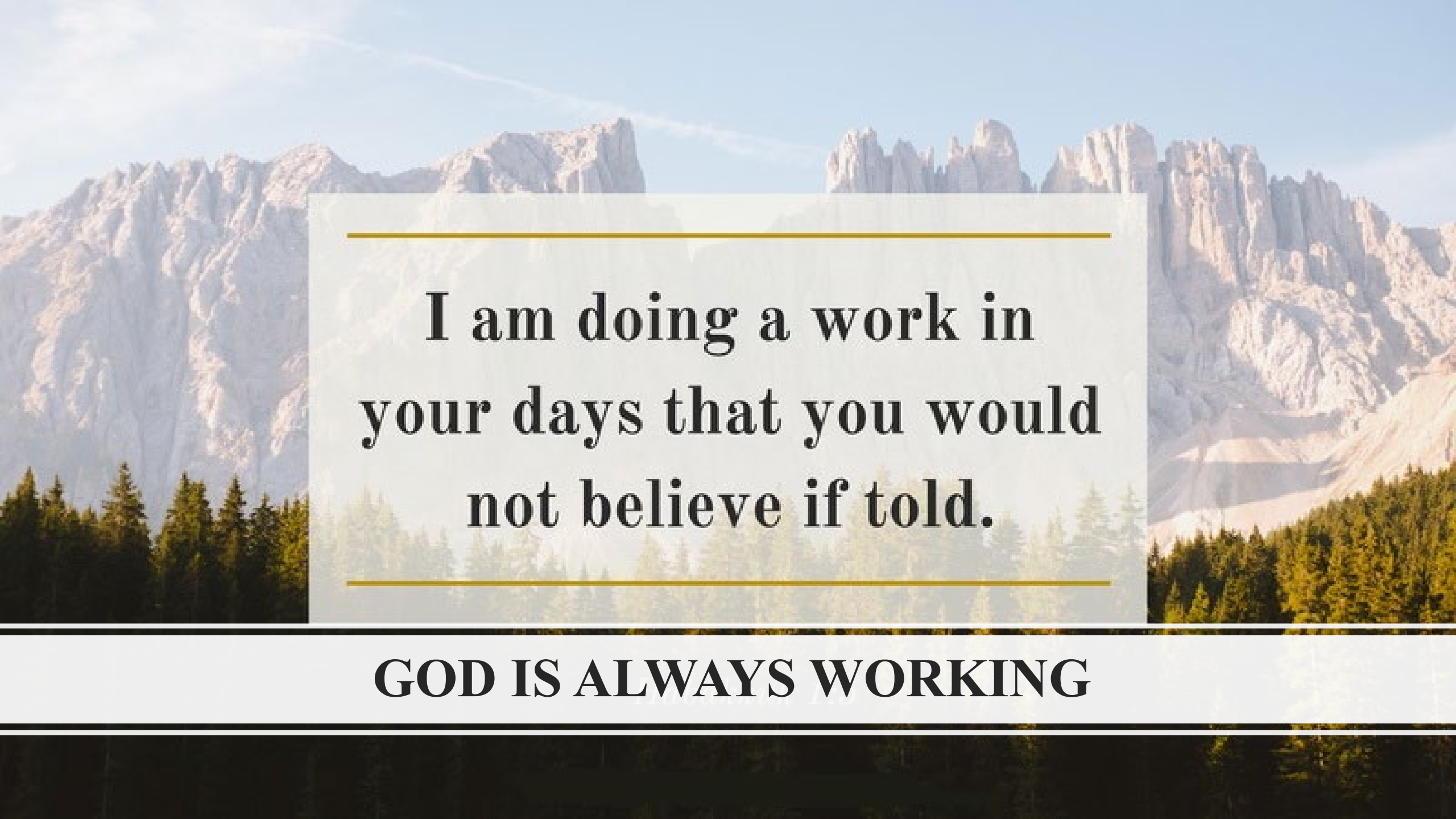


SCRIPTURE

HABAKKUK 1:5



5. “Look among the nations and watch—Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days. Which you would not believe, though it were told you”.



**I am doing a work in
your days that you would
not believe if told.**

GOD IS ALWAYS WORKING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that when You seem silent, we often become anxious, impatient, and afraid. We confess that we sometimes trust what we can see more than what You have promised. We question Your timing, resist Your ways, and forget Your faithfulness. Forgive us for judging Your

**goodness by our circumstances. Forgive us
for doubting that You are working when we
do not understand what You are doing.
Forgive us for trying to take control instead
of surrendering to Your will. Renew our
faith. Teach us to wait with hope, to trust
with humility, and to walk by faith when the
path is unclear. In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News! God's silence is not God's absence. God's delay is not God's denial. In Jesus Christ, God has already spoken mercy, forgiveness, and grace over all who repent and trust in Him. What was meant for evil, God is able to turn toward good.



What feels uncertain is still held in God's faithful hands. And for those who love God, He is working all things together according to His redeeming purpose. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

Thanks be to God. Amen.



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.

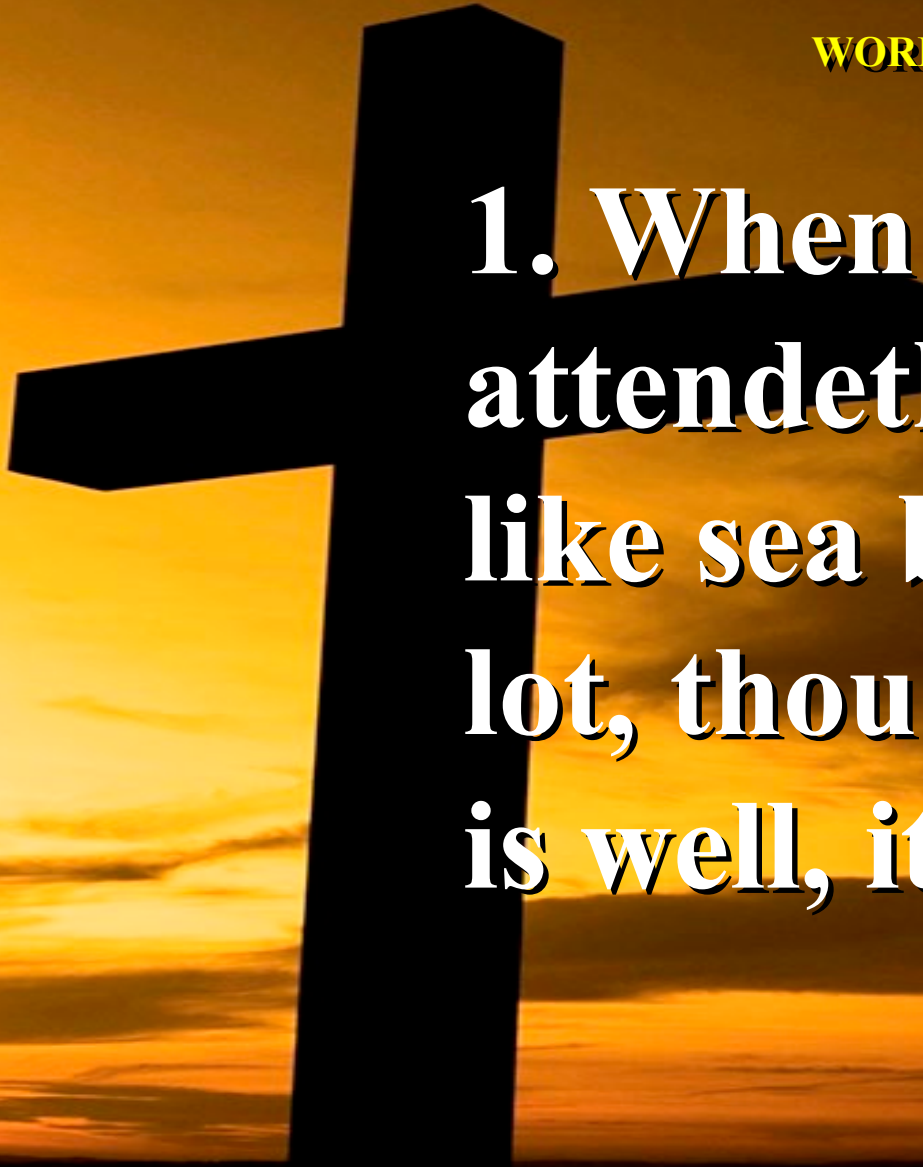


CLOSING SONG
“It Is Well with My Soul”
UMH 377

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WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford 1873)



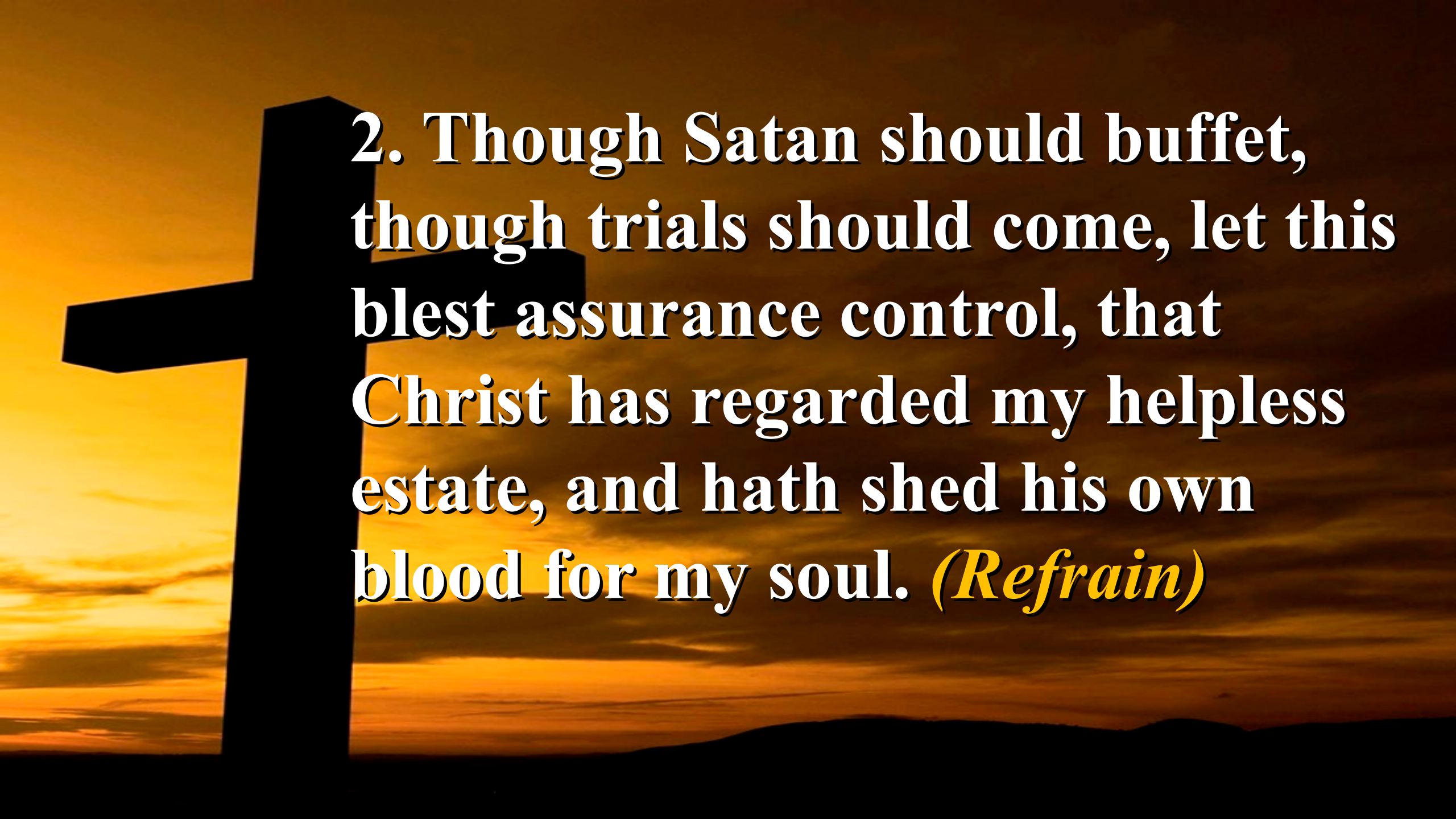
1. When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way, when sorrows
like sea billows roll; whatever my
lot, thou hast taught me to say, It
is well, it is well with my soul.



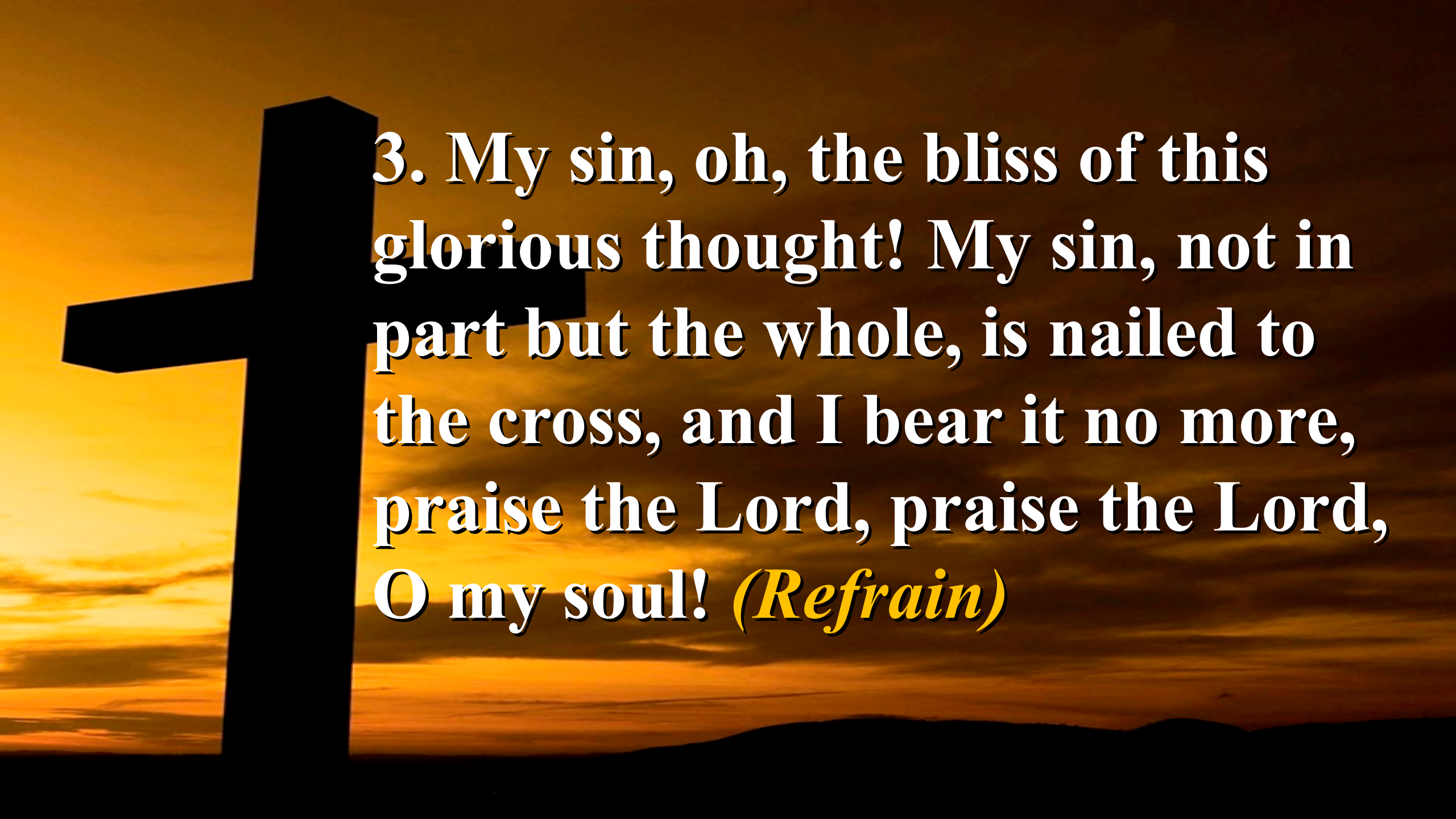
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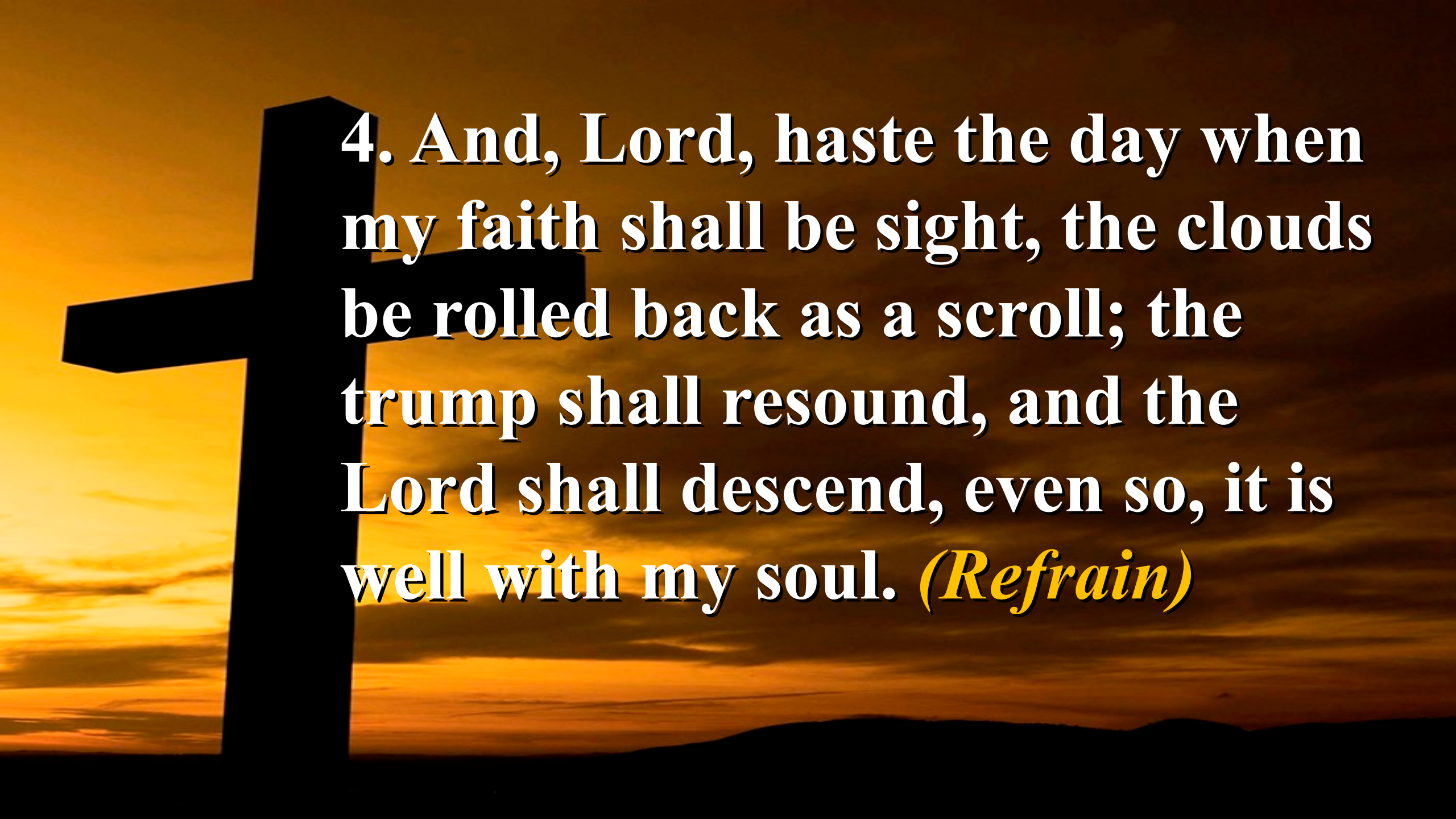
it is well, it is well with my soul.



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)*



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)*



4. And, Lord, haste the day when
my faith shall be sight, the clouds
be rolled back as a scroll; the
trump shall resound, and the
Lord shall descend, even so, it is
well with my soul. *(Refrain)*



BENEDICTION



Go in the peace of Christ, trusting God who has never stopped speaking. When your way is uncertain, may His Word guide you, His Spirit strengthen you, and His grace sustain you. And now, may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.



564 Threefold Amen

Walter Henry Hall (1862-1935)

Musical score for 'Threefold Amen' in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody is written in the top staff, and the bass line is in the bottom staff. The lyrics 'A-men, A-men, A - - - men.' are written below the top staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

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

CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

