

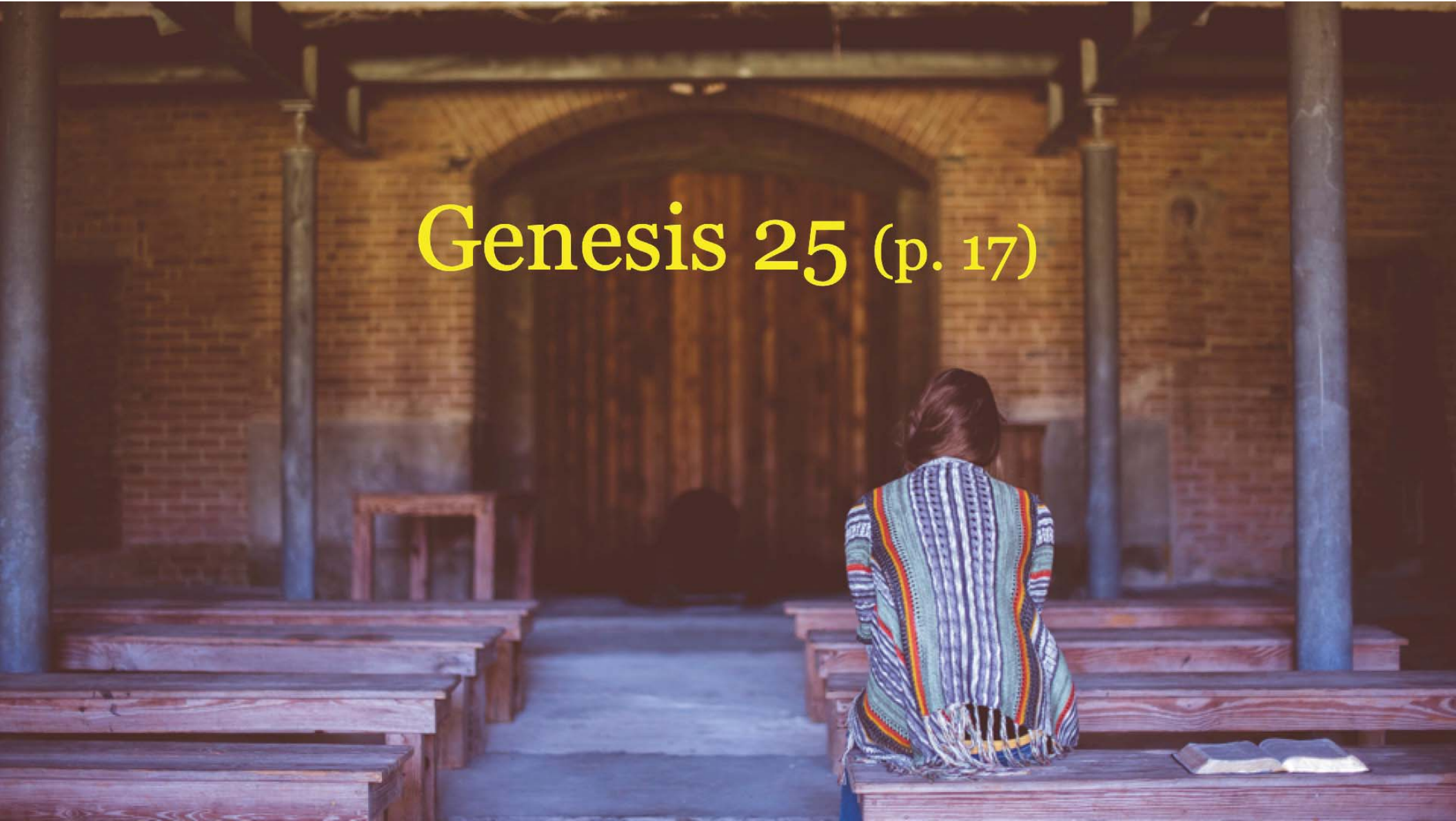
A stage with red curtains and a wooden floor. The curtains are a deep red color and are drawn to the sides, revealing a wooden floor made of light-colored planks. The lighting is focused on the center of the stage, creating a warm, golden glow on the floor and the curtains.

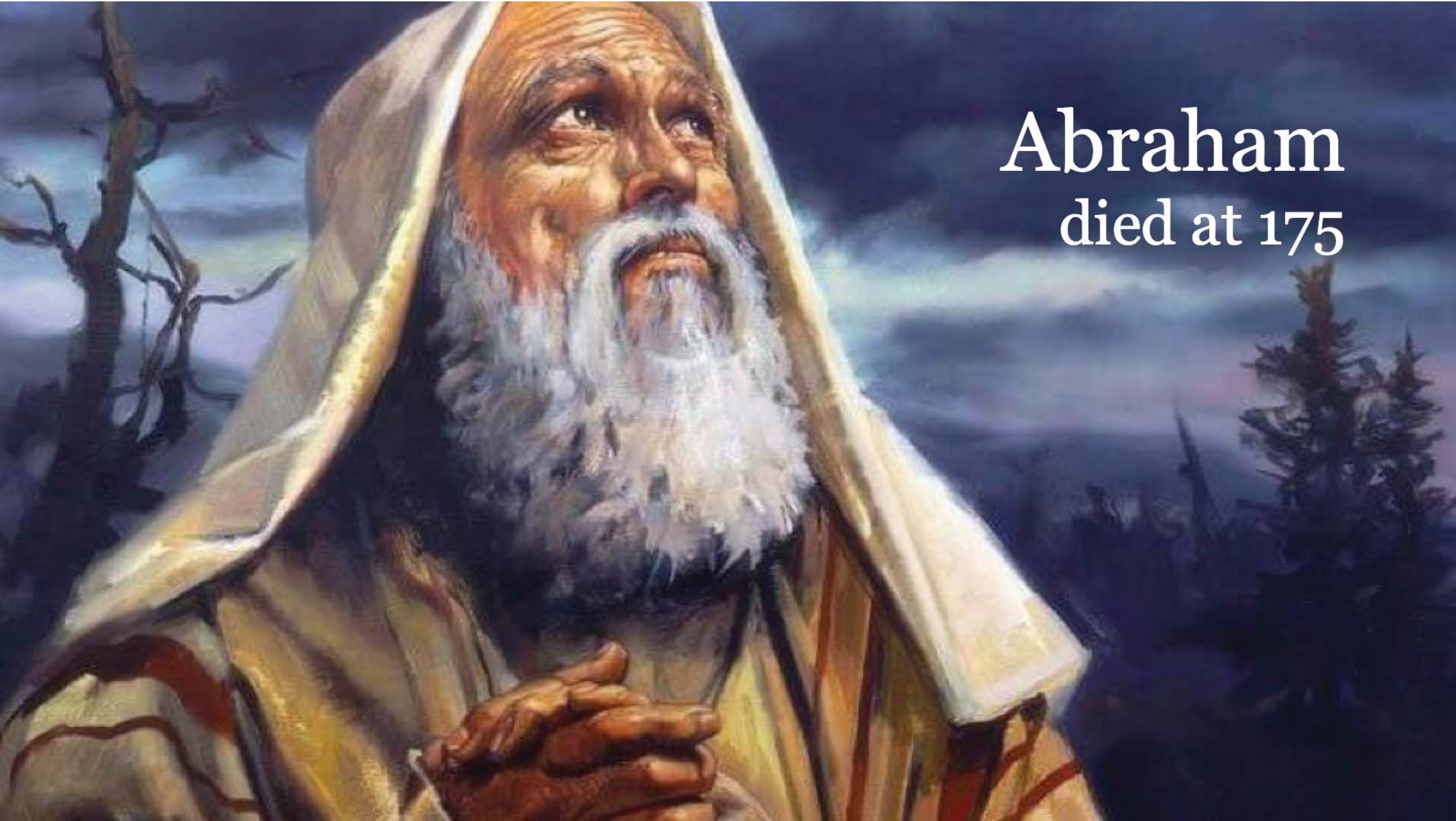
# Jacob and Esau

A stage with red curtains and a wooden floor. The text "Or - 'The Twins'" is written in yellow on the curtains.

Or - "The Twins"

# Genesis 25 (p. 17)





Abraham  
died at 175

19 This is the account of the family  
line of Abraham's son Isaac.  
Abraham became the father of Isaac,

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



20 and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Armean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Armean.

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer, set against a vibrant sunset sky with horizontal bands of orange, pink, and blue. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a head covering. The background shows a dark horizon line with faint mountain ranges.

# The Covenant made to Abraham

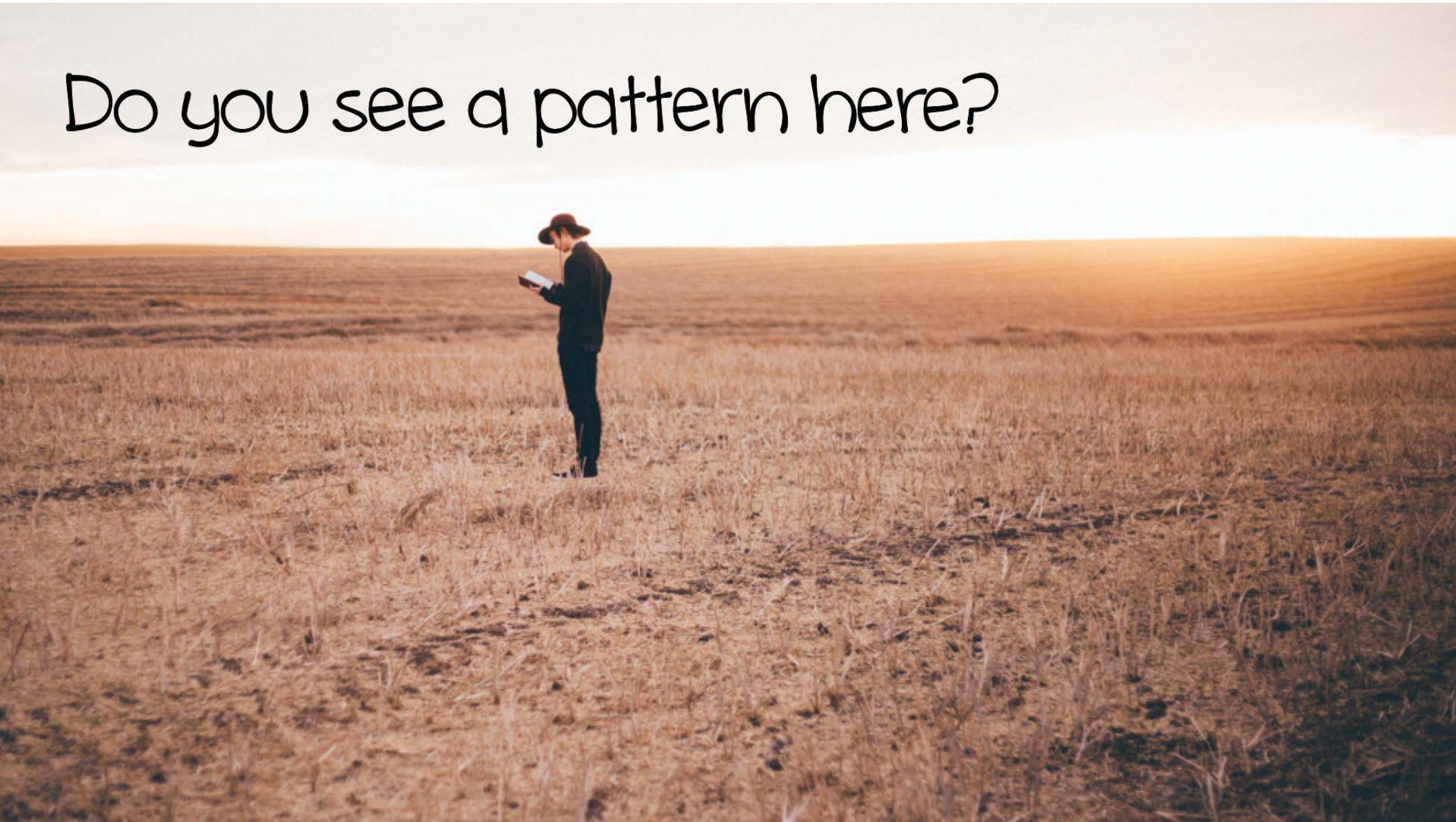
21 Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. -

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)





Do you see a pattern here?





Sarah was  
childless as well

**21 - The Lord answered his  
prayer, and his wife Rebekah  
became pregnant.**

**-Genesis 25 (p. 17)**



22 The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the Lord.

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



A large, fluffy white cumulus cloud dominates the center of the frame, set against a deep blue sky. The cloud has a soft, textured appearance with various shades of white and light blue. The text "The Lord said to her," is centered over the lower part of the cloud.

The Lord said to her,

23 - “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; -

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)

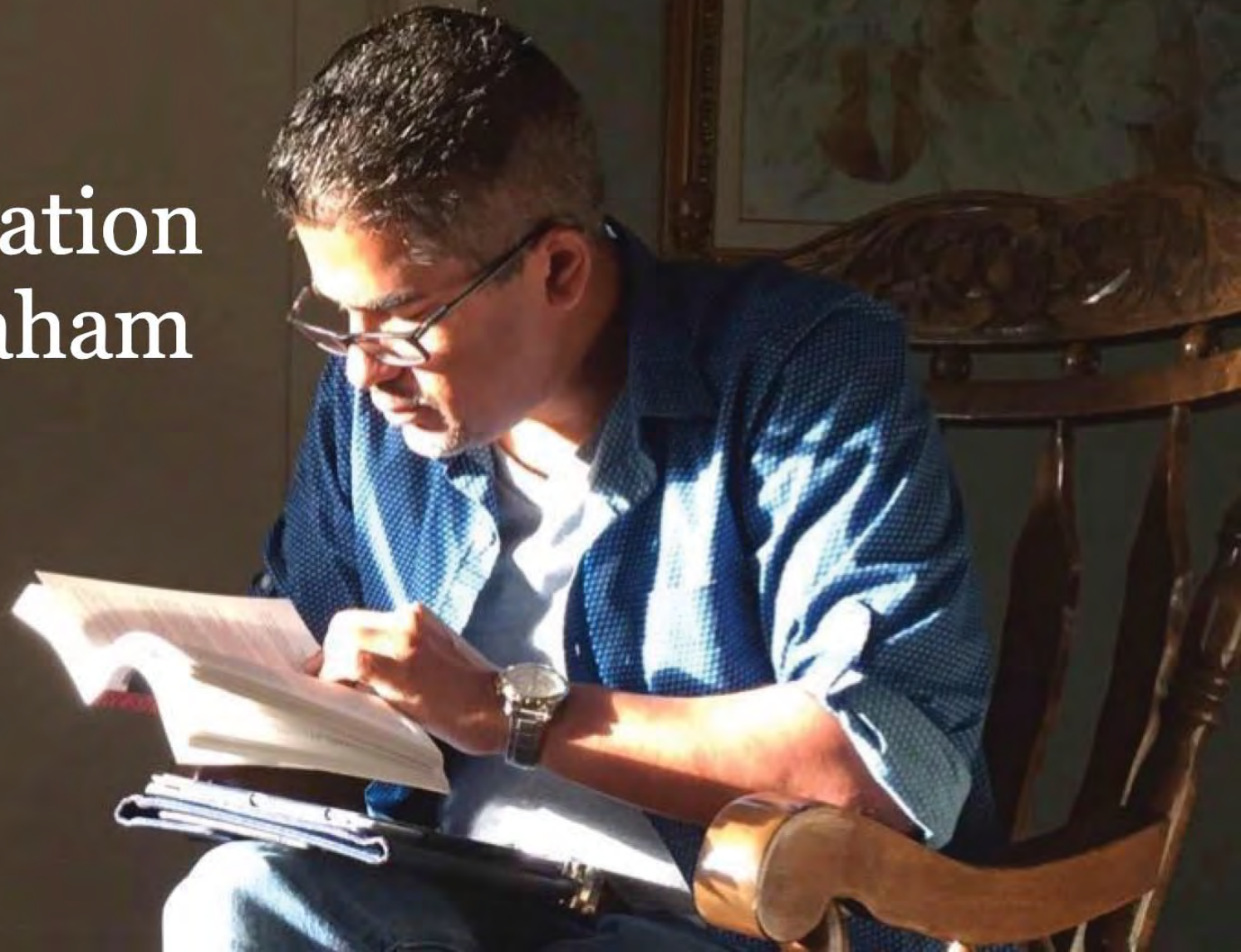


23 - one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.”

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



# Another nation from Abraham





24 When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb.

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



**25 The first to come out was red,  
and whole body was like a hairy  
garment. So they named him Esau.**

**-Genesis 25 (p. 17)**



"Red" - edom



"Red" - edom

Esau's descendants were  
The Edomites



26 After this, his brother came out,  
with his hand grasping Esau's heel;  
so he was named Jacob. -

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



Jacob -  
"to take by the heel"



Jacob -  
"to take by the heel"  
"deceiver"



**26 - Isaac was sixty years old when  
Rebekah gave birth to them.**

**-Genesis 25 (p. 17)**





27 The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, and man of the open country, -

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



**27 - while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents.**

**-Genesis 25 (p. 17)**



28 Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



Isaac loved Esau  
Rebekah loved Jacob



29 Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished.

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



30 He said to Jacob, “Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished! (That is why he was also called Edom.)

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



31 Jacob replied, “First sell me your birthright.”

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



32 “Look, I am about to die,” Esau said, “What good is a birthright to me?”

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)





# The Birthright



# The Birthright

1. Would receive the family's inheritance
2. Would be the family's spiritual leader.



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# The Promise of the Redeemer to Come

# The Birthright

1. Devote his life to the service of God

2. In marriage, he must consult God.



33 But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



34 Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

-Genesis 25 (p. 17)



**34 - So Esau despised his birthright.**

**-Genesis 25 (p. 17)**



In a short time, he bartered away the glorious heritage that God Himself had promised to his fathers.

**-Genesis 25 (p. 17)**





Esau didn't value his Birthright



Jacob coveted his brother's  
Birthright



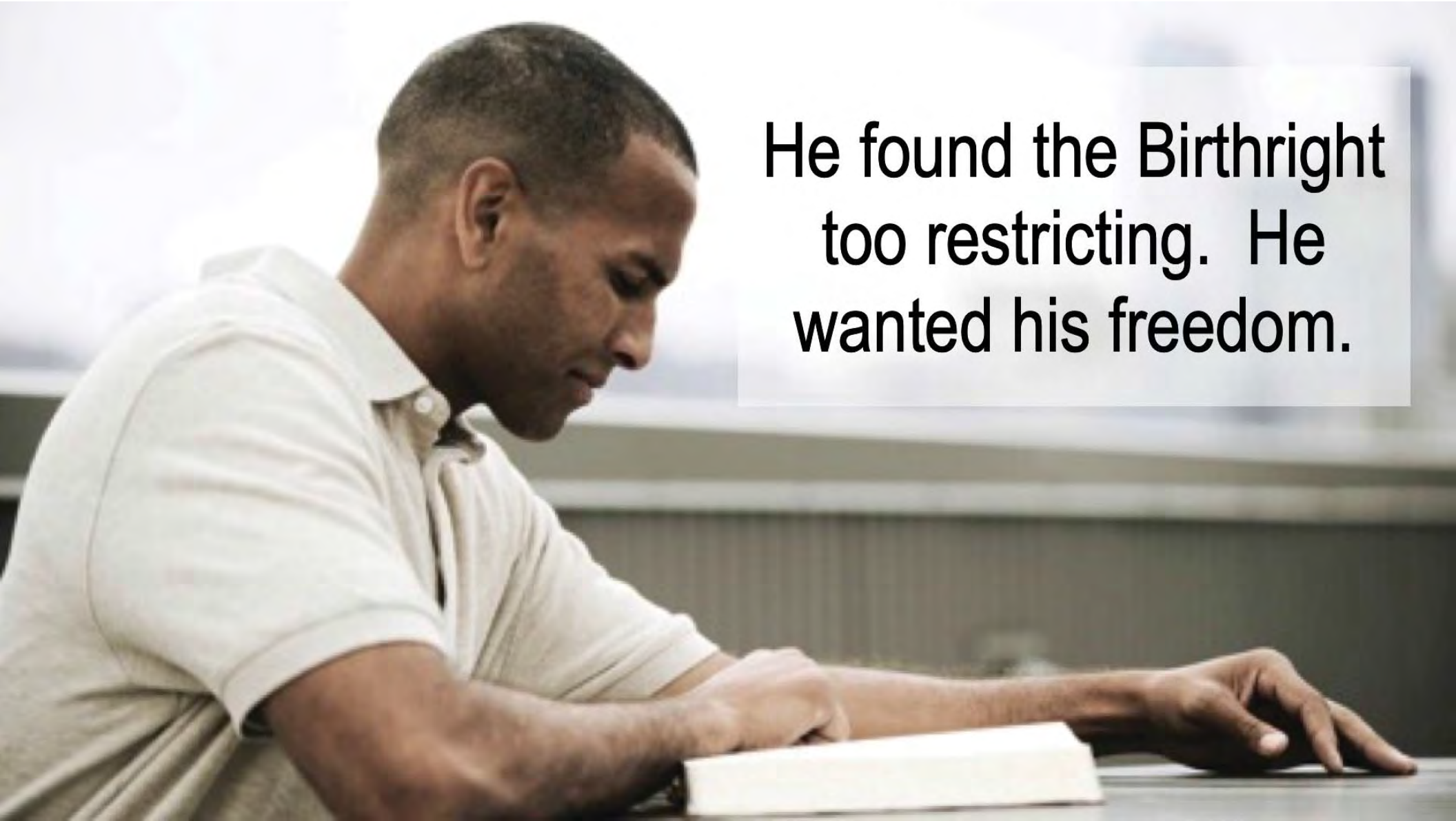
How could Ezau not find value  
in the Birthright?



Hebrews 12:16

“a profane or godless person”





**He found the Birthright  
too restricting. He  
wanted his freedom.**



**He wanted to be free to  
do as he pleased.**

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open, small book. The book has a dark brown cover and yellowed pages. The person is wearing a light-colored t-shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. The text "2 Corinthians 4 (p. 804-5)" is overlaid in white at the bottom of the image.

2 Corinthians 4 (p. 804-5)

17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

2 Corinthians 4 (p. 804-5)





18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4 (p. 804-5)





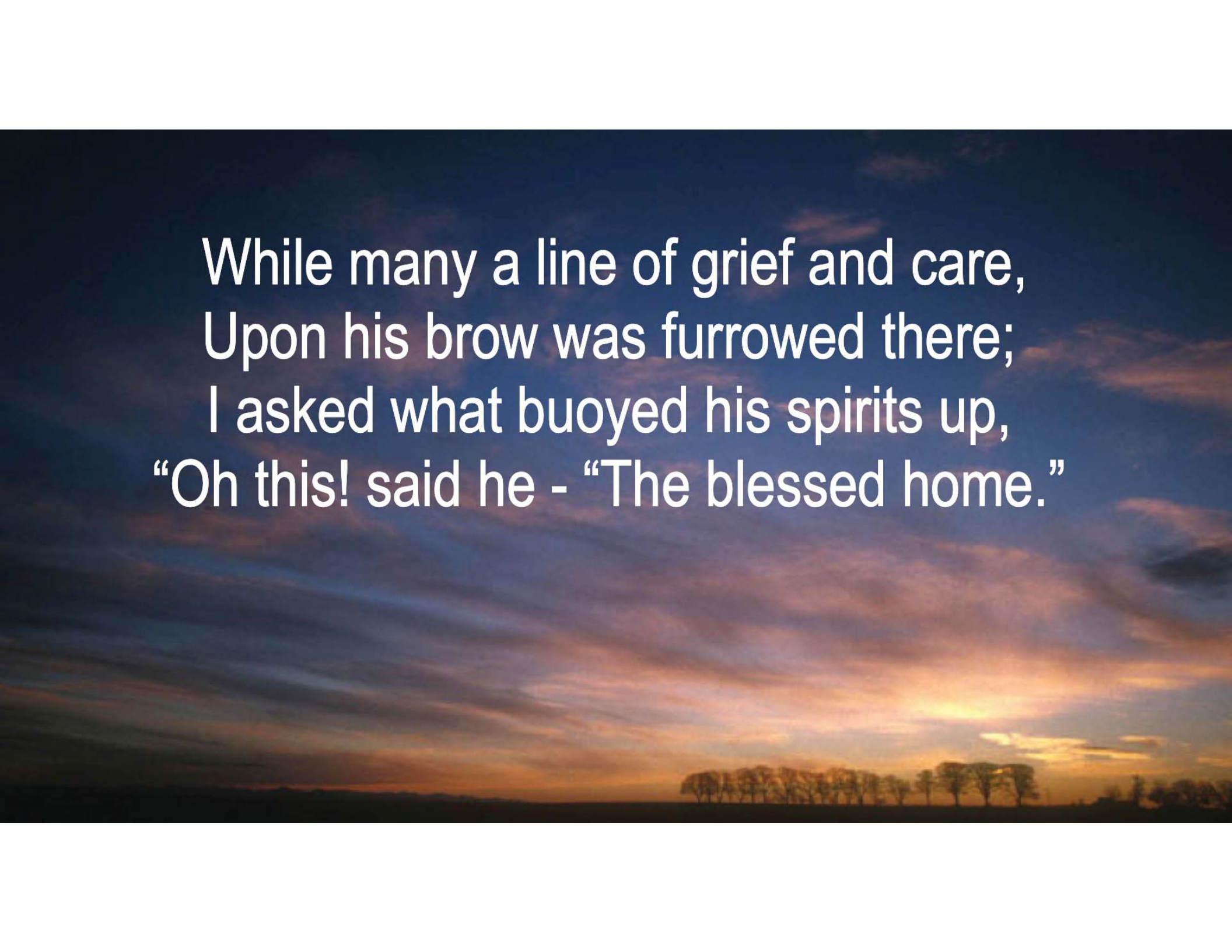
Do we have a  
“Birthright?”

Sobering Decision



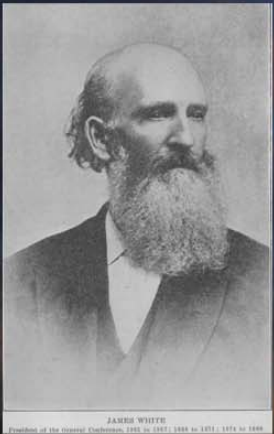
(1) I saw one weary, sad and torn,  
With eager steps press on the way,  
Who long the hallowed cross had borne,  
Still looking for the promised day;



A photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a field. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm glow. In the foreground, there is a dark silhouette of a field and a line of trees on the horizon.

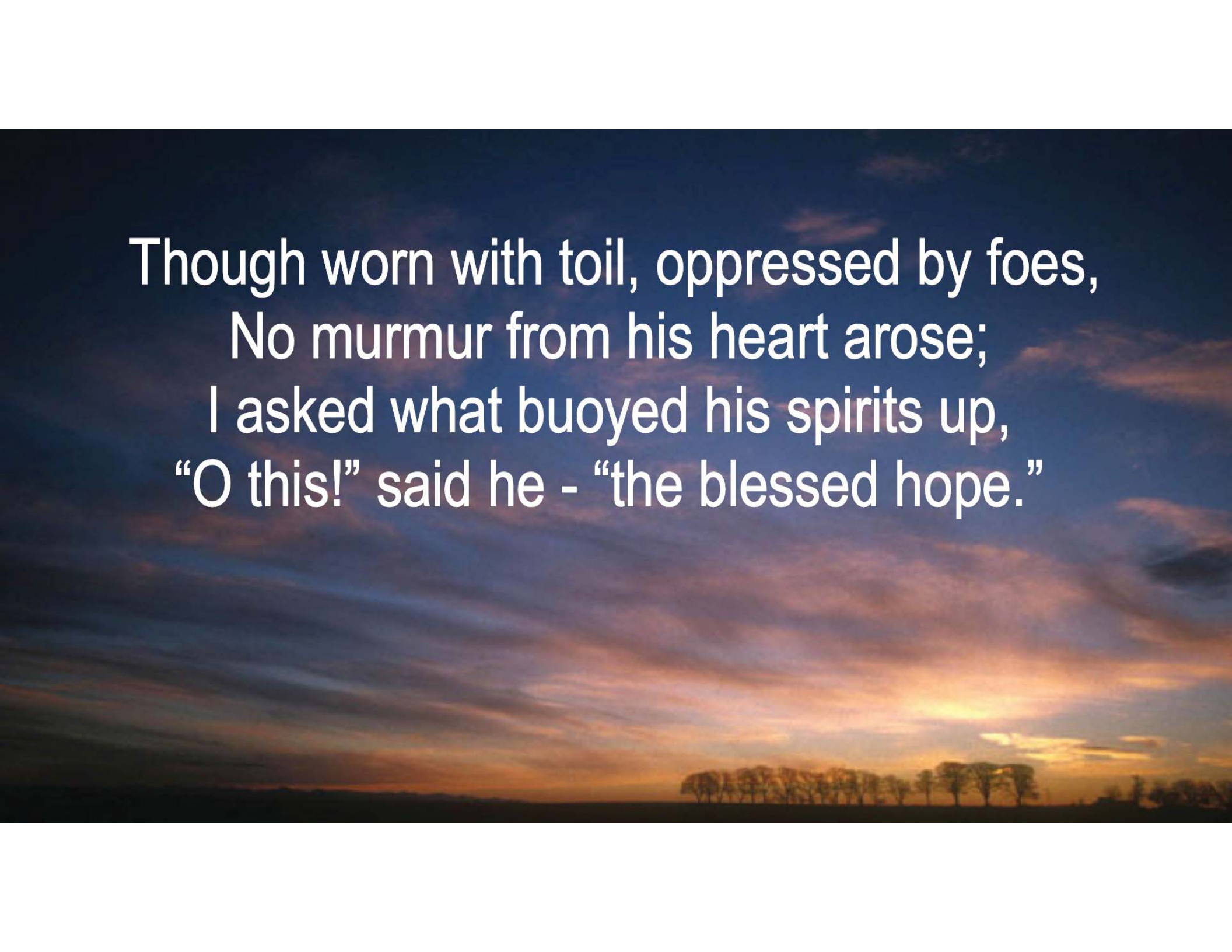
While many a line of grief and care,  
Upon his brow was furrowed there;  
I asked what buoyed his spirits up,  
“Oh this! said he - “The blessed home.”

(2) And one I saw, with sword and shield,  
Who boldly braved the worlds' cold frown,  
And fought, unyielding on the field,  
To win an everlasting crown.



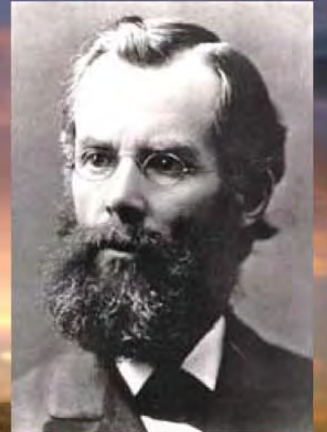
JAMES WHITE

President of the Western Conference, 1850 to 1851; 1860 to 1861; 1876 to 1880

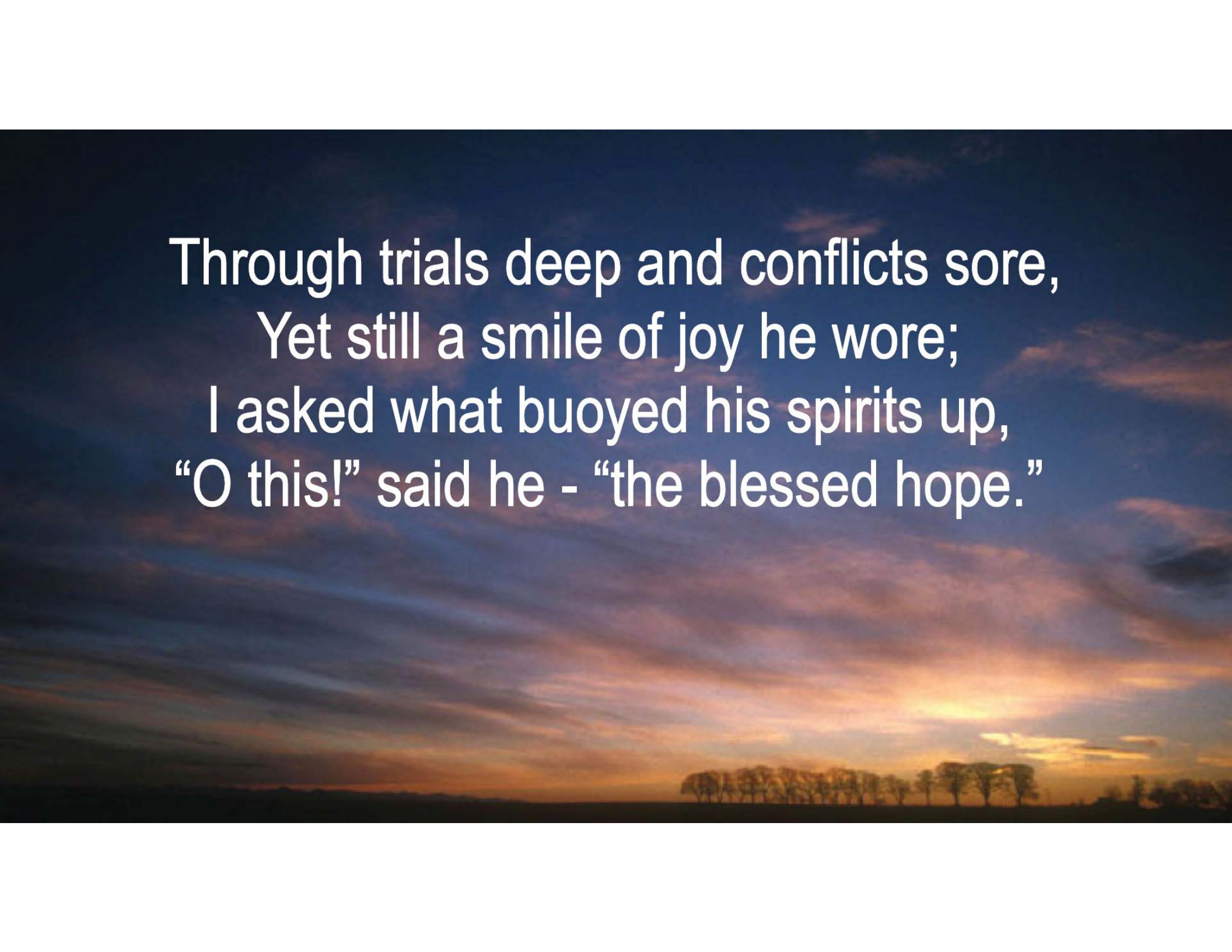
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Though worn with toil, oppressed by foes,  
No murmur from his heart arose;  
I asked what buoyed his spirits up,  
“O this!” said he - “the blessed hope.”

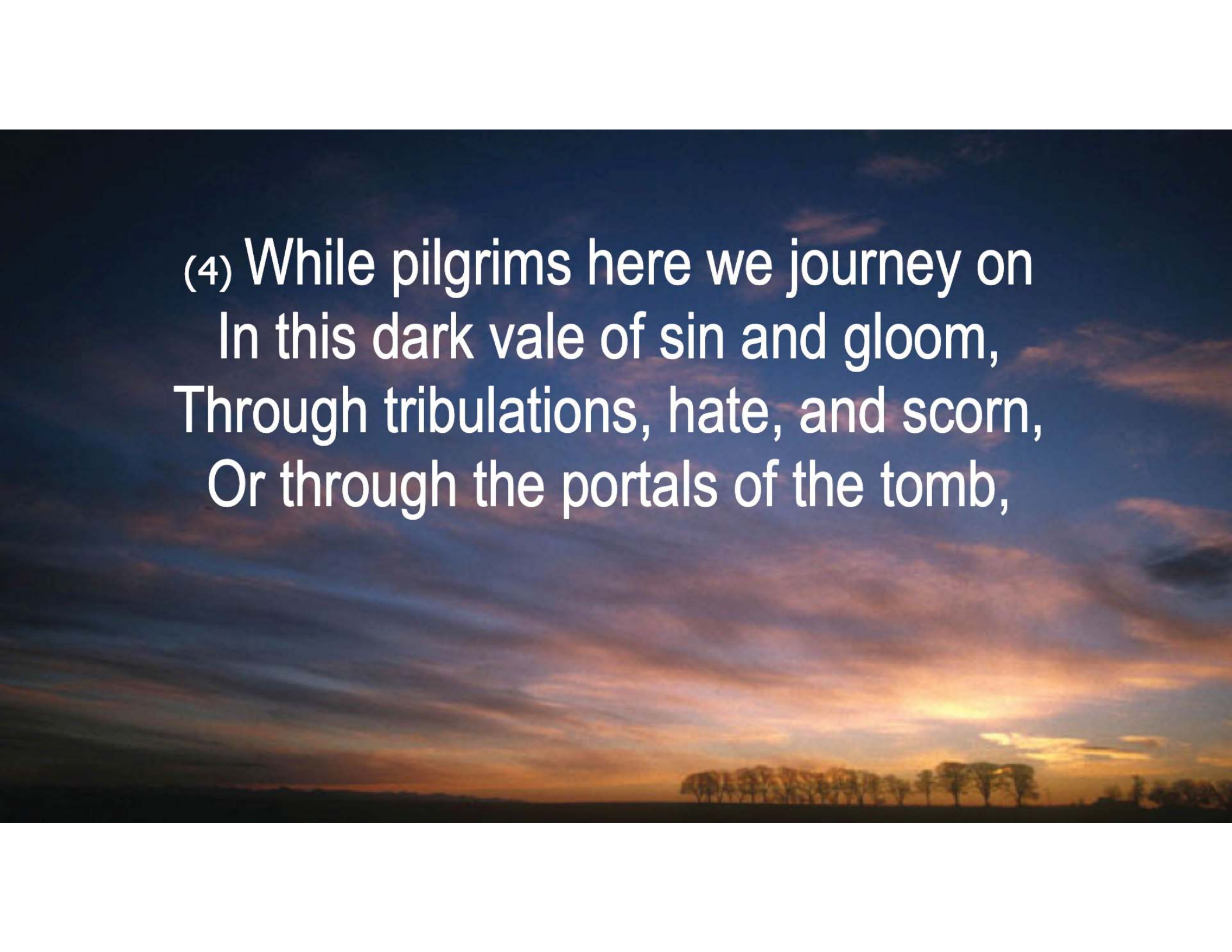
(3) And there was one who left behind  
The cherished friends of early years,  
And honor, pleasure, wealth resigned,  
To tread the path bedewed with tears.



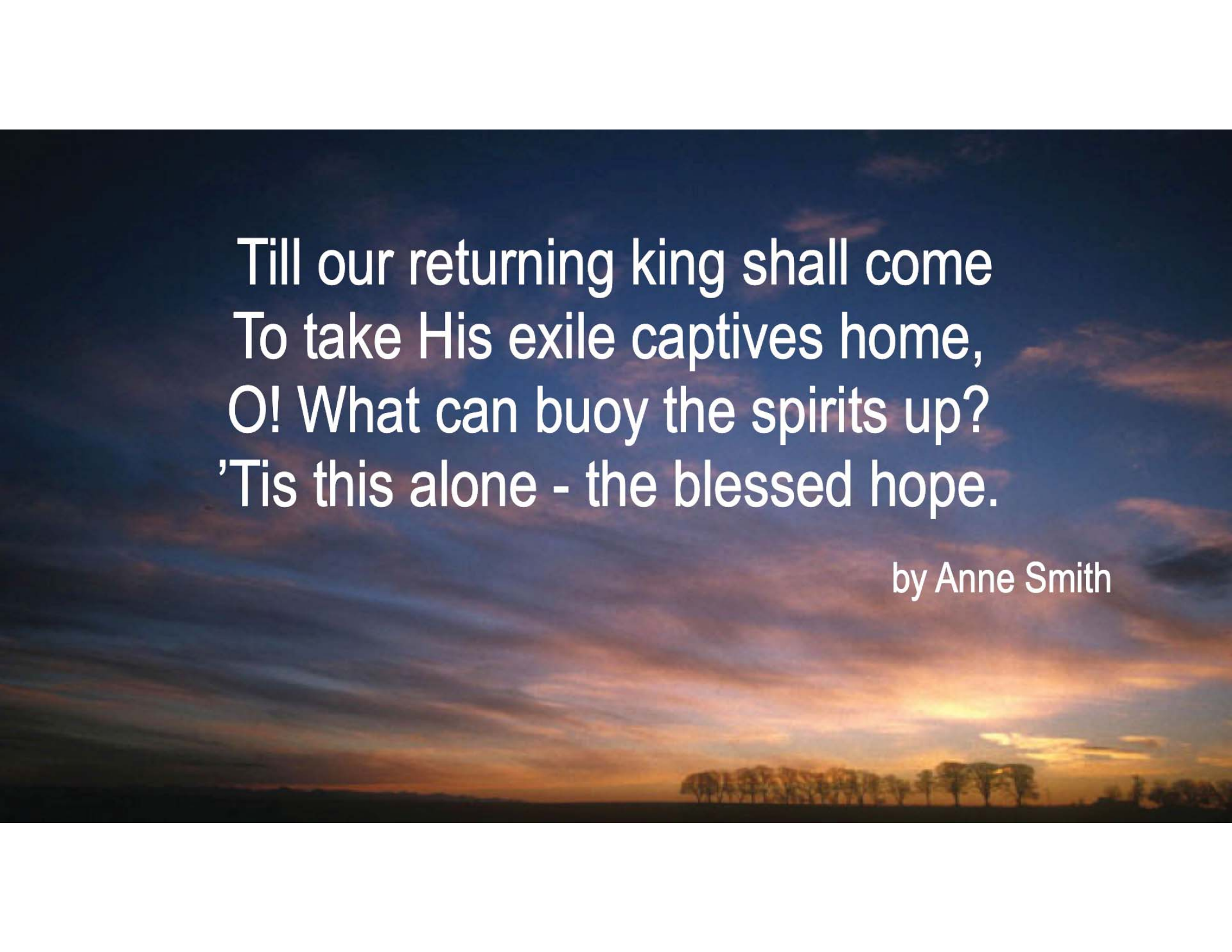


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Through trials deep and conflicts sore,  
Yet still a smile of joy he wore;  
I asked what buoyed his spirits up,  
“O this!” said he - “the blessed hope.”



(4) While pilgrims here we journey on  
In this dark vale of sin and gloom,  
Through tribulations, hate, and scorn,  
Or through the portals of the tomb,

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Till our returning king shall come  
To take His exile captives home,  
O! What can buoy the spirits up?  
'Tis this alone - the blessed hope.

by Anne Smith



As it is written: “What no eye  
has seen, what no ear has  
heard, and what no human  
mind has conceived-

-1 Corinthians 2:9



the things God has prepared  
for those who love him.”

-1 Corinthians 2:9

