

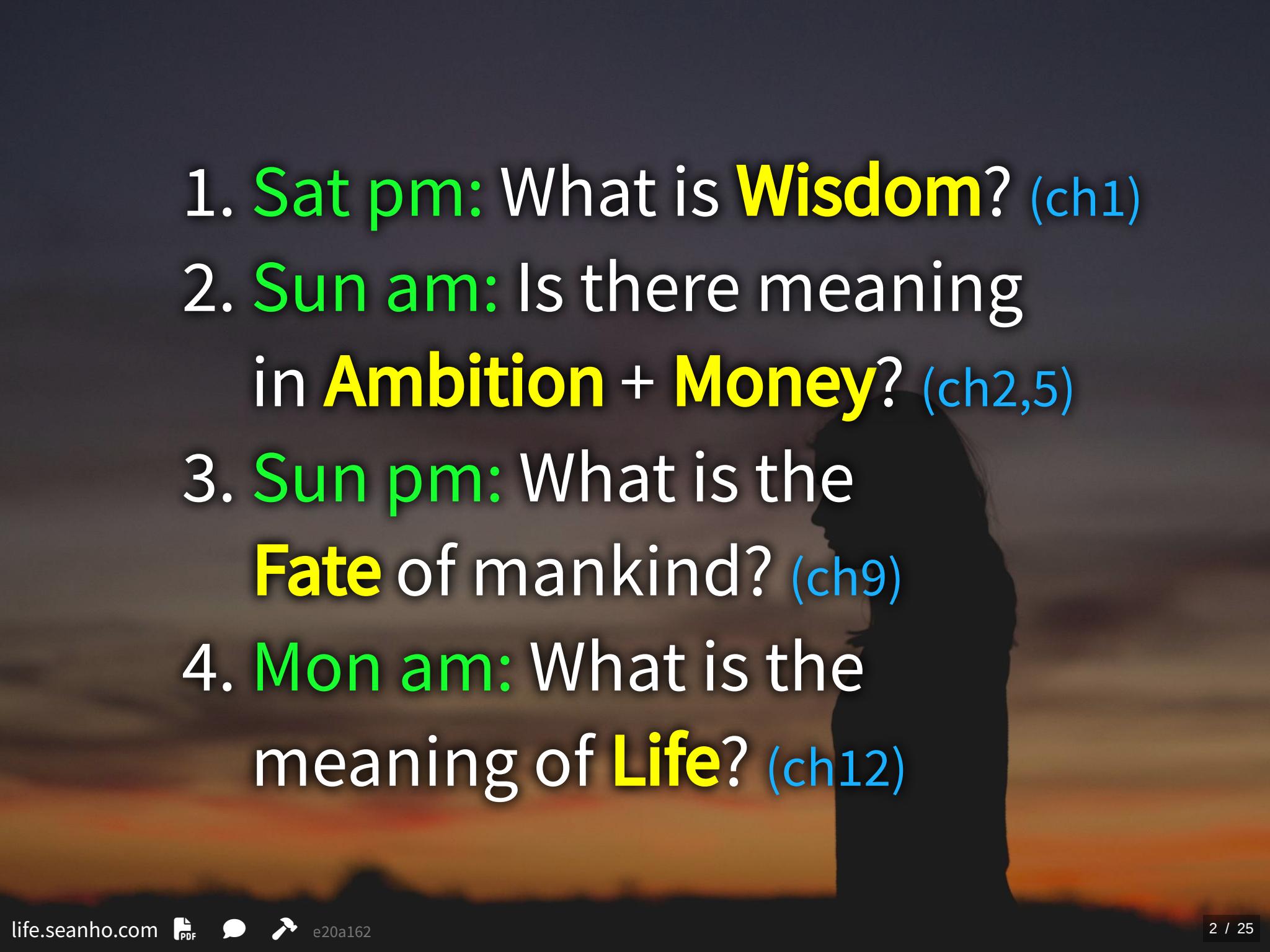
# Life

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## Ecclesiastes 12

### The Search for Meaning (4/4)

Montreal, CA. Marc-Olivier Jodoin

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- A dark silhouette of a person's head and shoulders is centered against a background of a sunset or sunrise with warm orange and yellow hues.
1. Sat pm: What is **Wisdom**? (ch1)
  2. Sun am: Is there meaning in **Ambition** + **Money**? (ch2,5)
  3. Sun pm: What is the **Fate** of mankind? (ch9)
  4. Mon am: What is the meaning of **Life**? (ch12)

What is the  
meaning of life?

1 Remember also your Creator  
in the days of your youth,  
  
before the evil days come  
and the years draw near of which you will say,  
“I have no pleasure in them” ...  
  
7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was,  
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 12:1,7 (ESV) (p.1/3)

8 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher;  
all is vanity.

11 The words of the wise are like goads,  
and like nails firmly fixed  
are the collected sayings;  
they are given by one Shepherd.

Ecclesiastes 12:8,11 (ESV) (p.2/3)

13 The end of the matter; all has been heard.

Fear God and keep his commandments,  
for this is the whole duty of man.

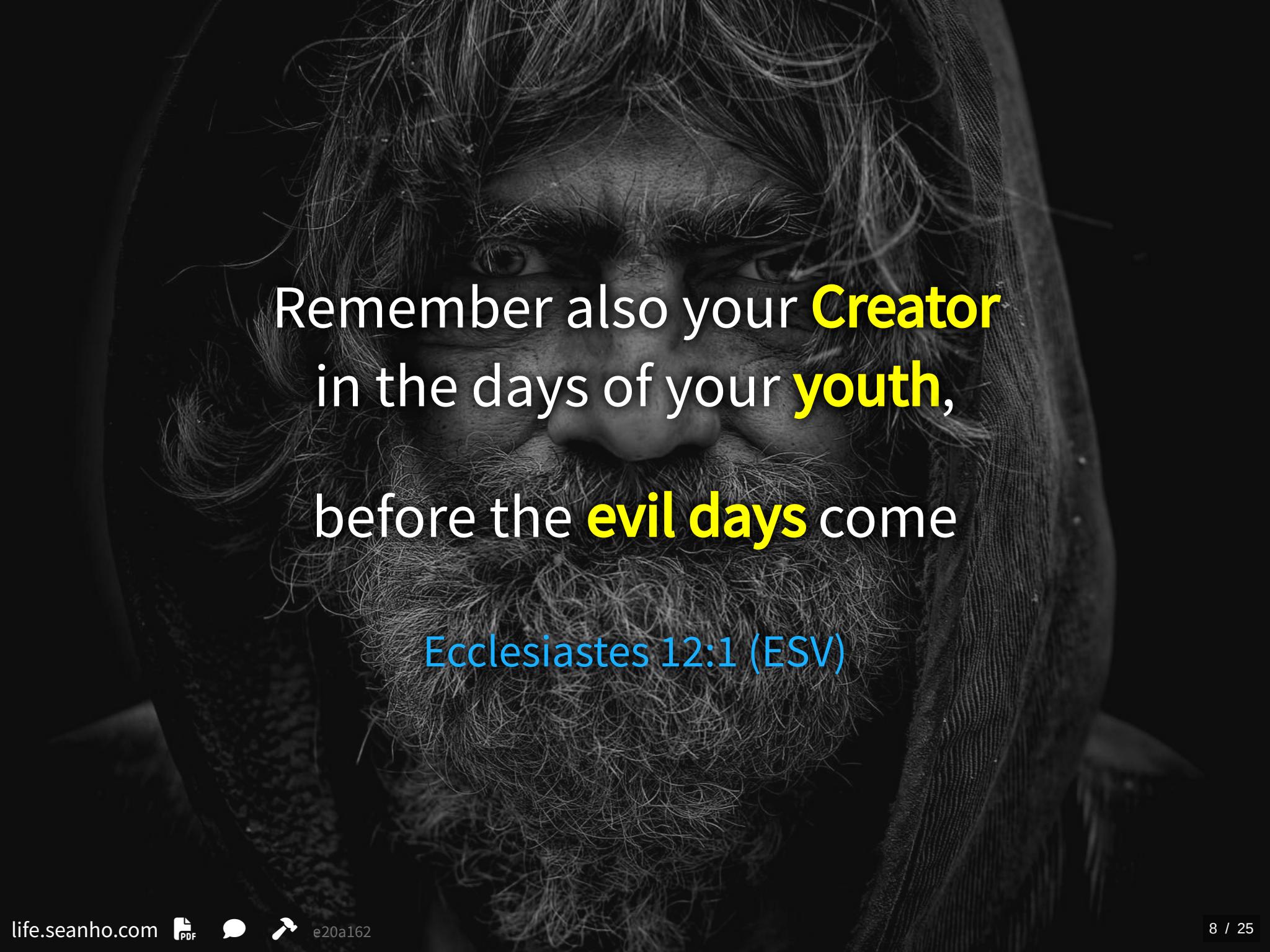
14 For God will bring every deed into judgment,  
with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (ESV) (p.3/3)

# Life (Ecc12)

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1. Our Eternal **Home** (v1-8)
2. The Shepherd's **Goads** (v9-12)
3. The **Fear** of the LORD (v13-14)



Remember also your **Creator**  
in the days of your **youth**,  
  
before the **evil days** come

Ecclesiastes 12:1 (ESV)

Man is going to his **eternal home**,  
and the **mourners** go about the streets

Ecclesiastes 12:5 (ESV)

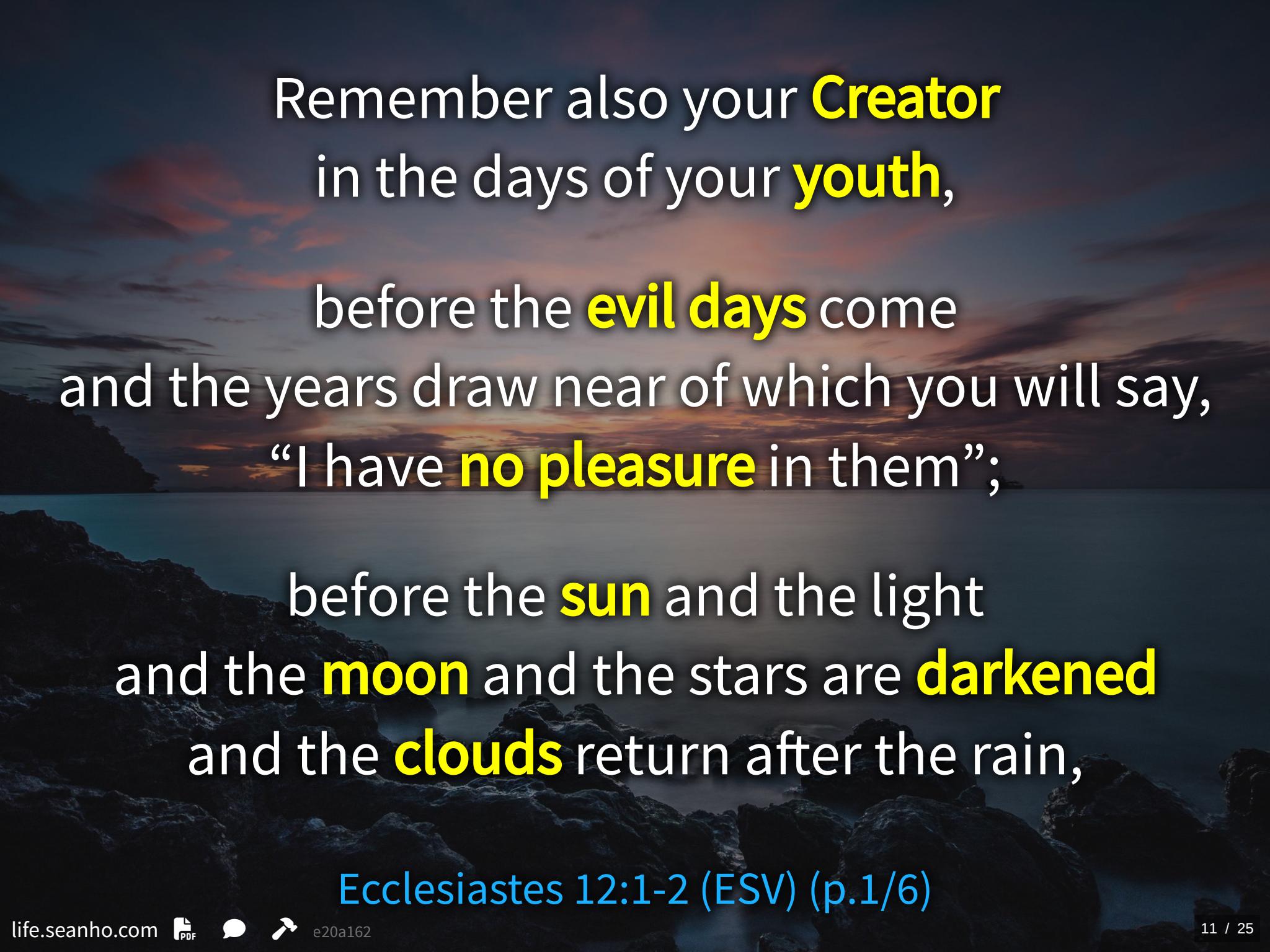
Ukraine. Paul Itkin

Just as it is appointed for man to **die once**,  
and after that comes **judgment**,

so **Christ**, having been **offered once**  
to bear the **sins** of many,

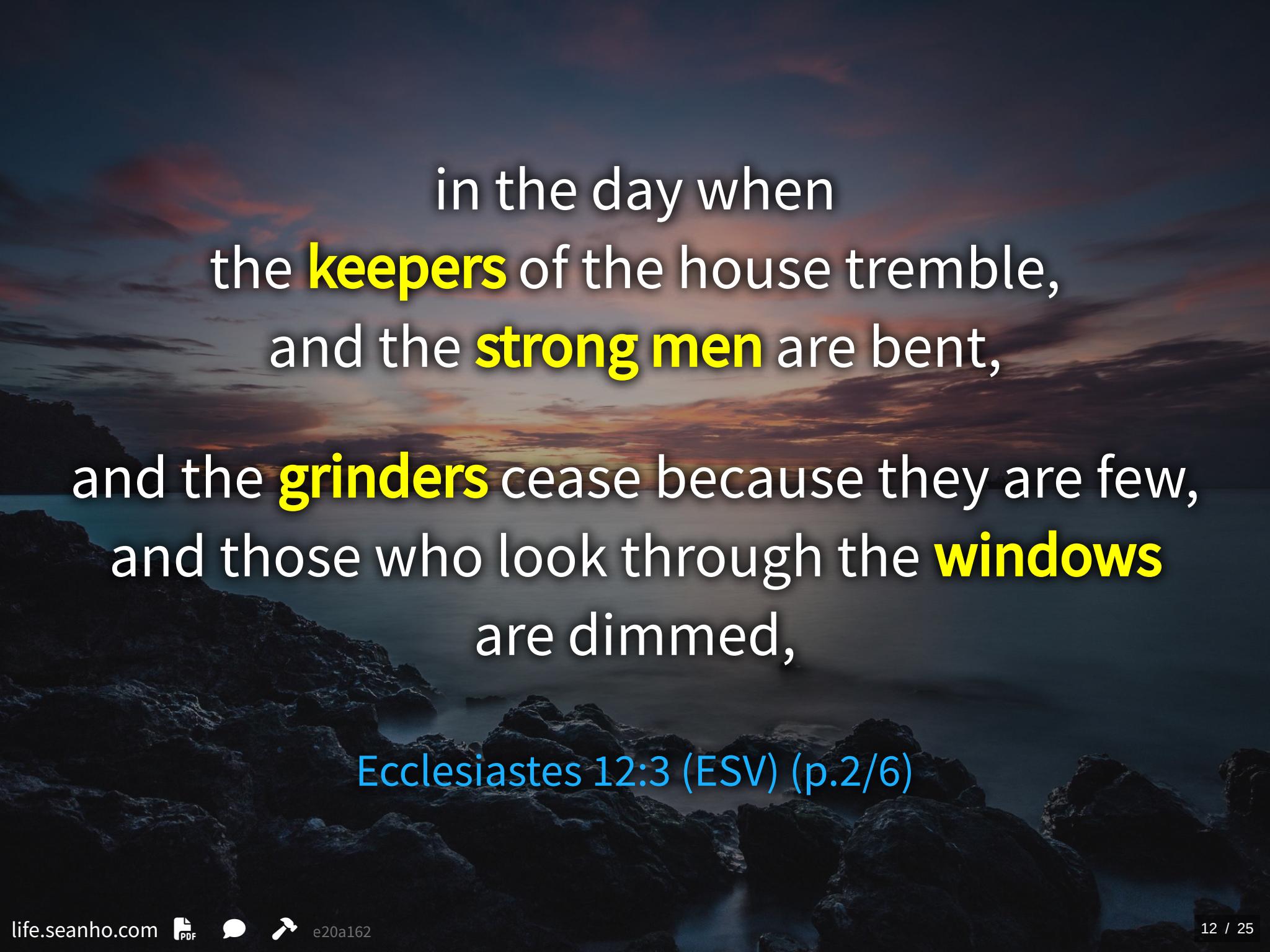
will appear a **second** time, not to deal with **sin**  
but to **save** those  
who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:27-28 (ESV)



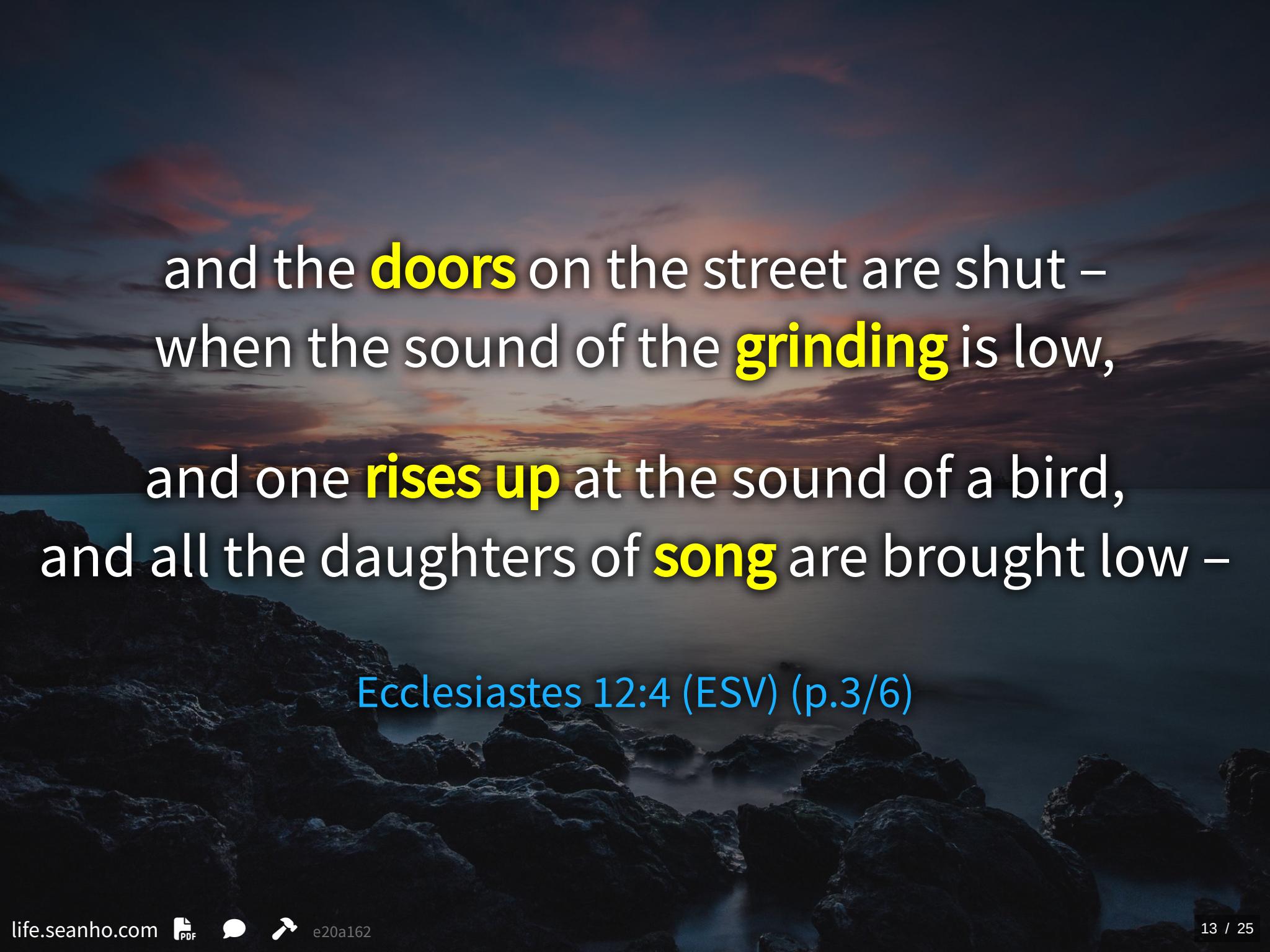
Remember also your **Creator**  
in the days of your **youth**,  
  
before the **evil days** come  
and the years draw near of which you will say,  
“I have **no pleasure** in them”;  
  
before the **sun** and the light  
and the **moon** and the stars are **darkened**  
and the **clouds** return after the rain,

Ecclesiastes 12:1-2 (ESV) (p.1/6)



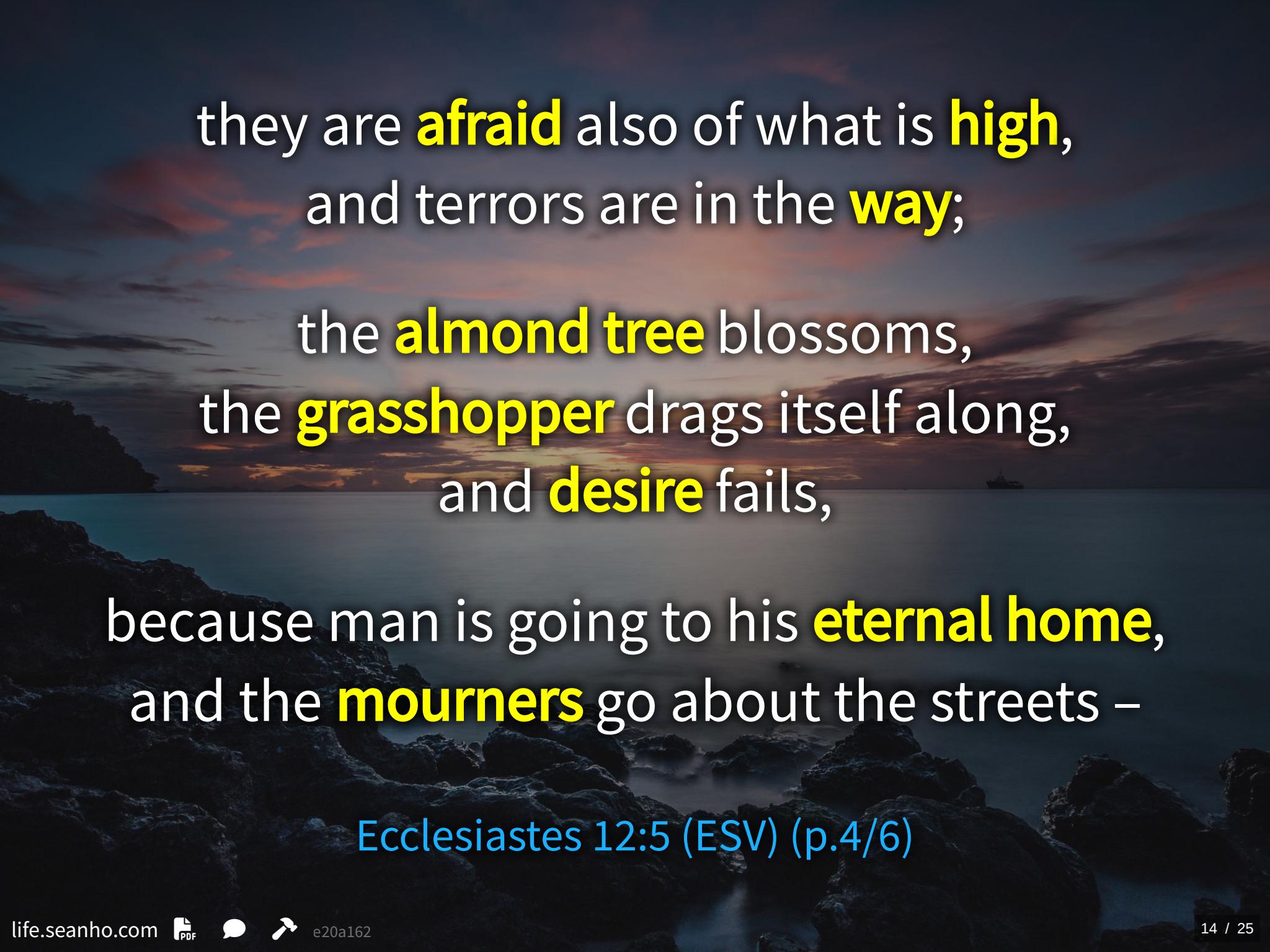
in the day when  
the **keepers** of the house tremble,  
and the **strong men** are bent,  
and the **grinders** cease because they are few,  
and those who look through the **windows**  
are dimmed,

Ecclesiastes 12:3 (ESV) (p.2/6)



and the **doors** on the street are shut –  
when the sound of the **grinding** is low,  
  
and one **rises up** at the sound of a bird,  
and all the daughters of **song** are brought low –

Ecclesiastes 12:4 (ESV) (p.3/6)

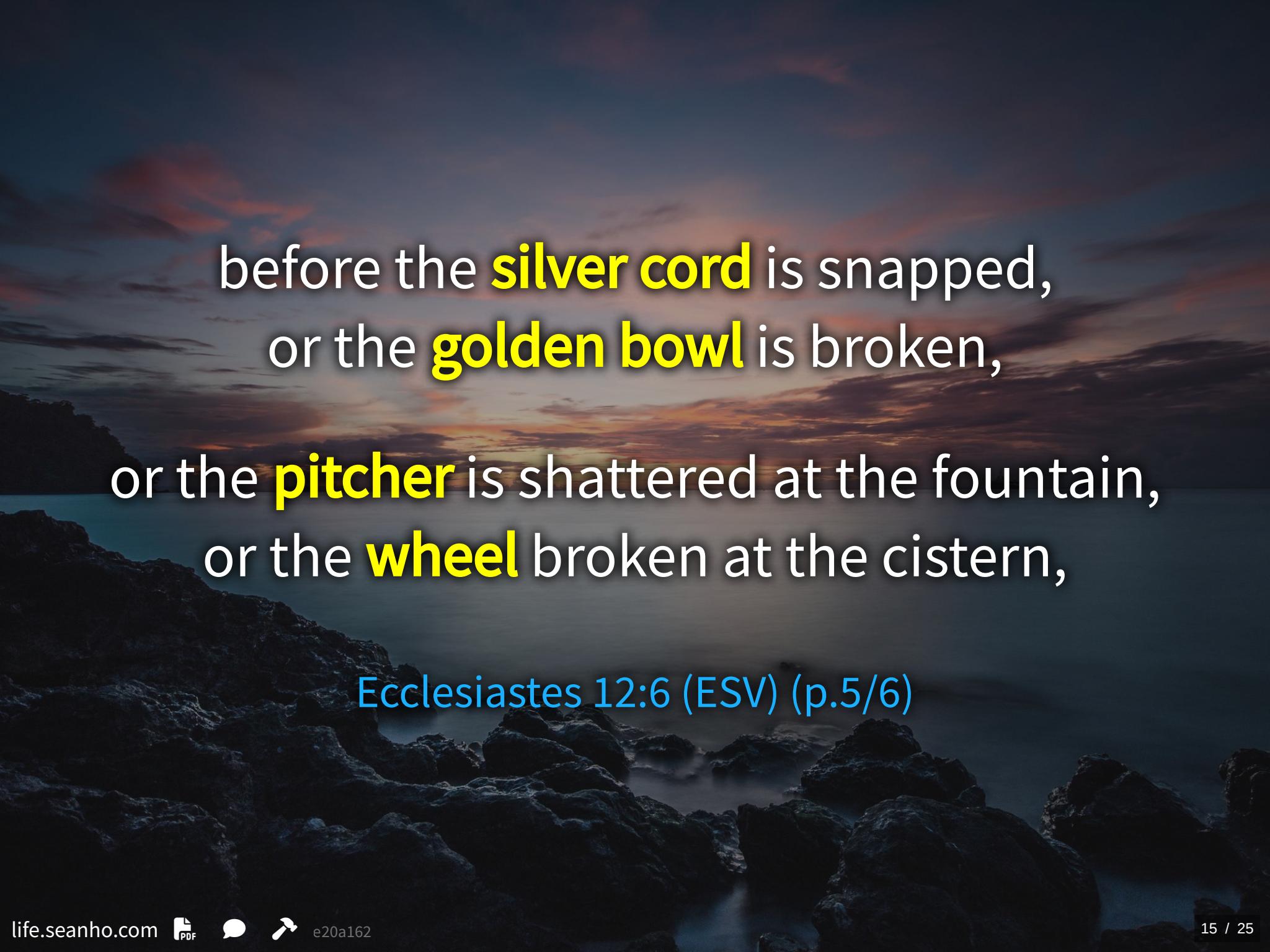
The background of the slide features a dramatic sunset or sunrise over a body of water. In the foreground, dark, silhouetted mountain peaks are visible against the bright sky. The sky is filled with large, wispy clouds that are colored in shades of orange, yellow, and red, transitioning into darker blues and purples at the top.

they are **afraid** also of what is **high**,  
and terrors are in the **way**;

the **almond tree** blossoms,  
the **grasshopper** drags itself along,  
and **desire** fails,

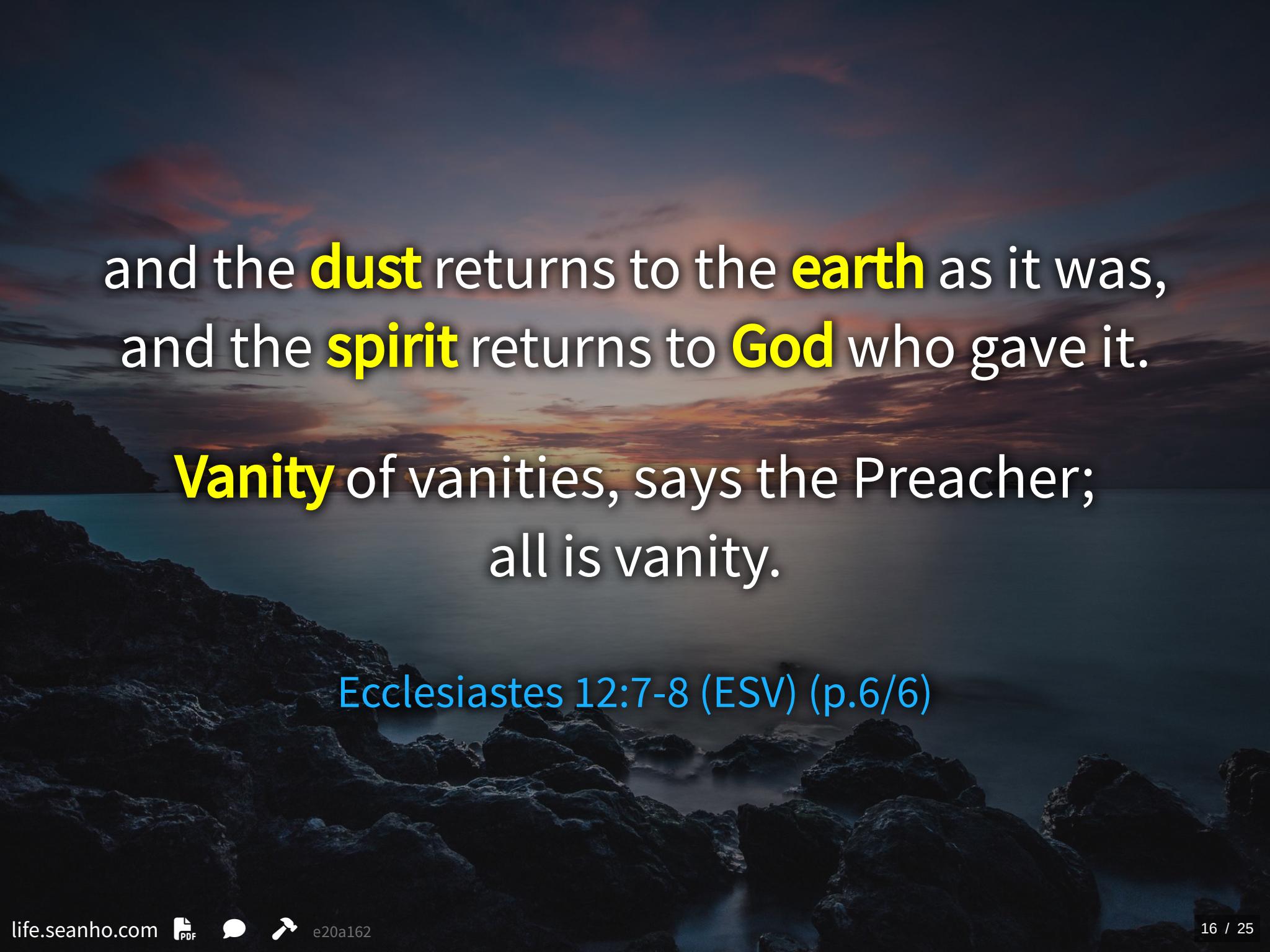
because man is going to his **eternal home**,  
and the **mourners** go about the streets –

Ecclesiastes 12:5 (ESV) (p.4/6)

The background of the slide features a dramatic, low-light landscape. In the foreground, dark, rugged mountain peaks are silhouetted against a sky filled with wispy, orange and yellow clouds. The overall atmosphere is somber and contemplative.

before the **silver cord** is snapped,  
or the **golden bowl** is broken,  
  
or the **pitcher** is shattered at the fountain,  
or the **wheel** broken at the cistern,

Ecclesiastes 12:6 (ESV) (p.5/6)



and the **dust** returns to the **earth** as it was,  
and the **spirit** returns to **God** who gave it.

**Vanity** of vanities, says the Preacher;  
all is vanity.

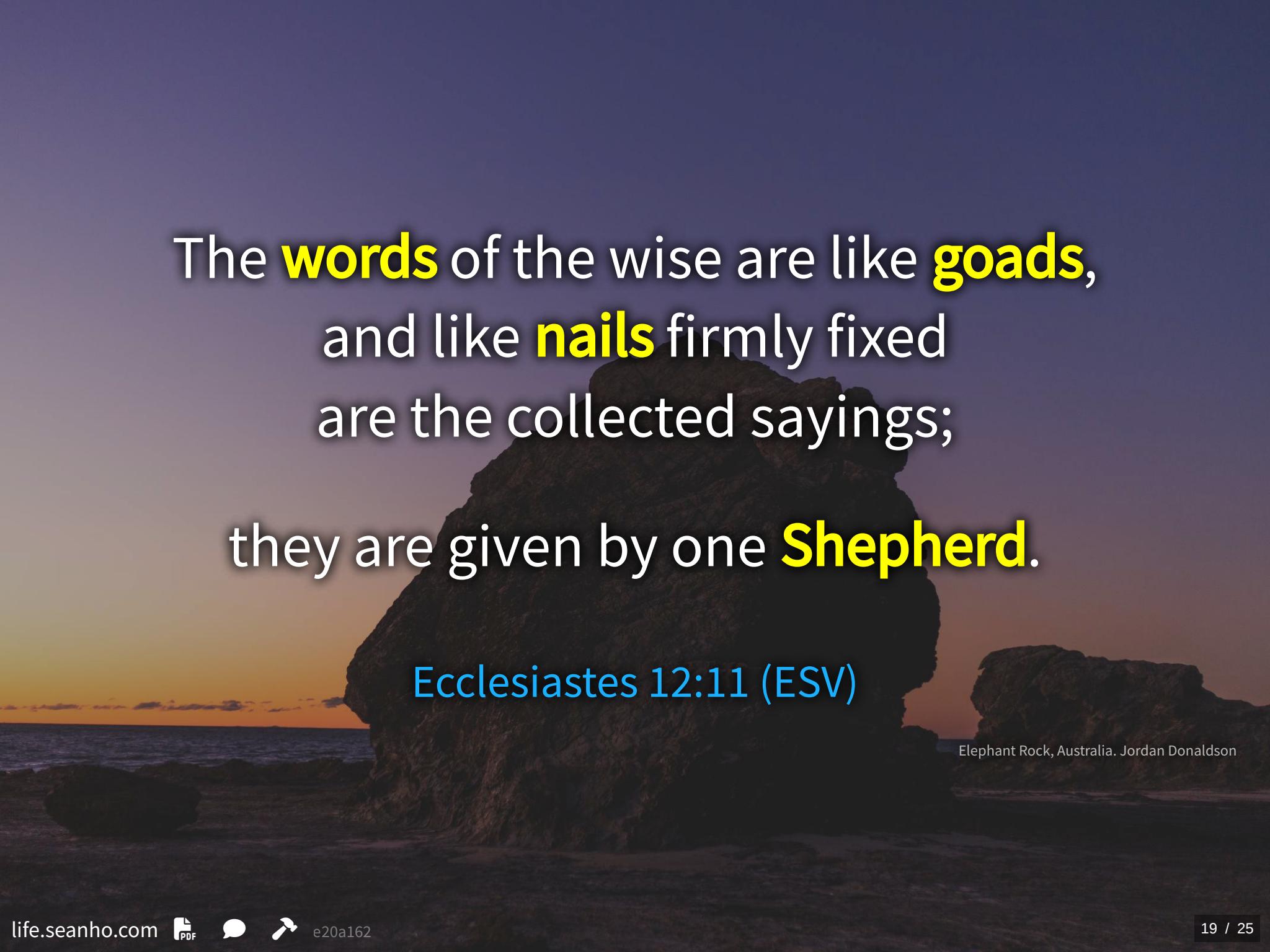
Ecclesiastes 12:7-8 (ESV) (p.6/6)

Am I prepared  
to go to  
my eternal home?

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The **words** of the wise are like **goads**,  
and like **nails** firmly fixed  
are the collected sayings;  
they are given by one **Shepherd**.

Ecclesiastes 12:11 (ESV)

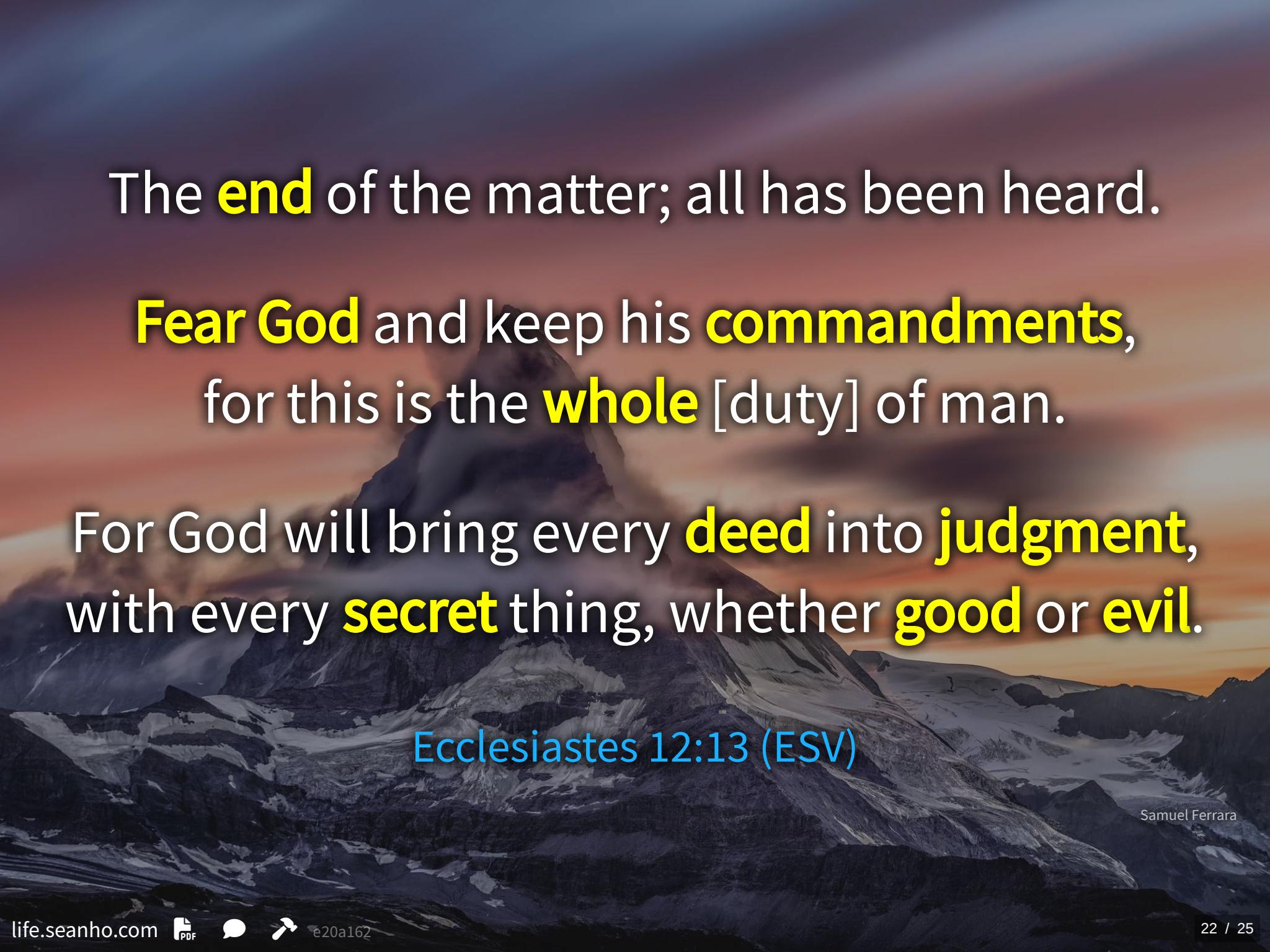
Elephant Rock, Australia. Jordan Donaldson

**What words of  
wisdom have been  
goad ing me?**

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The background of the slide features a wide-angle photograph of a mountain range under a dramatic sky. The colors transition from deep blues and purples at the top to warm oranges and yellows near the horizon, suggesting either a sunrise or a sunset. The mountains in the foreground are rugged and partially covered in snow or ice.

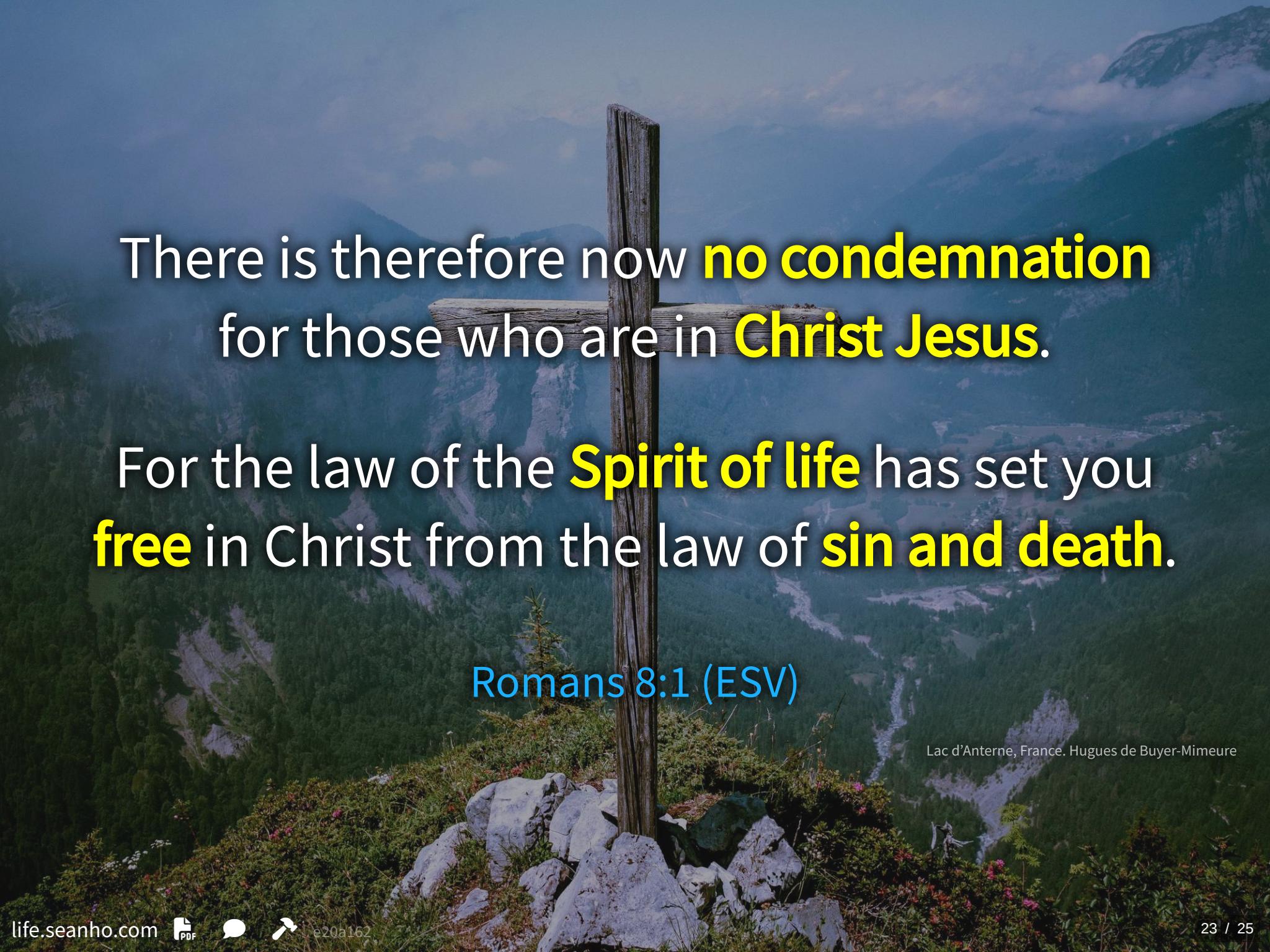
The **end** of the matter; all has been heard.

**Fear God** and keep his **commandments**,  
for this is the **whole** [duty] of man.

For God will bring every **deed** into **judgment**,  
with every **secret** thing, whether **good** or **evil**.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (ESV)

Samuel Ferrara



There is therefore now **no condemnation**  
for those who are in **Christ Jesus.**

For the law of the **Spirit of life** has set you  
**free** in Christ from the law of **sin and death.**

Romans 8:1 (ESV)

Lac d'Anterne, France. Hugues de Buyer-Mimeure

**Will I trust Jesus  
with my life?**

