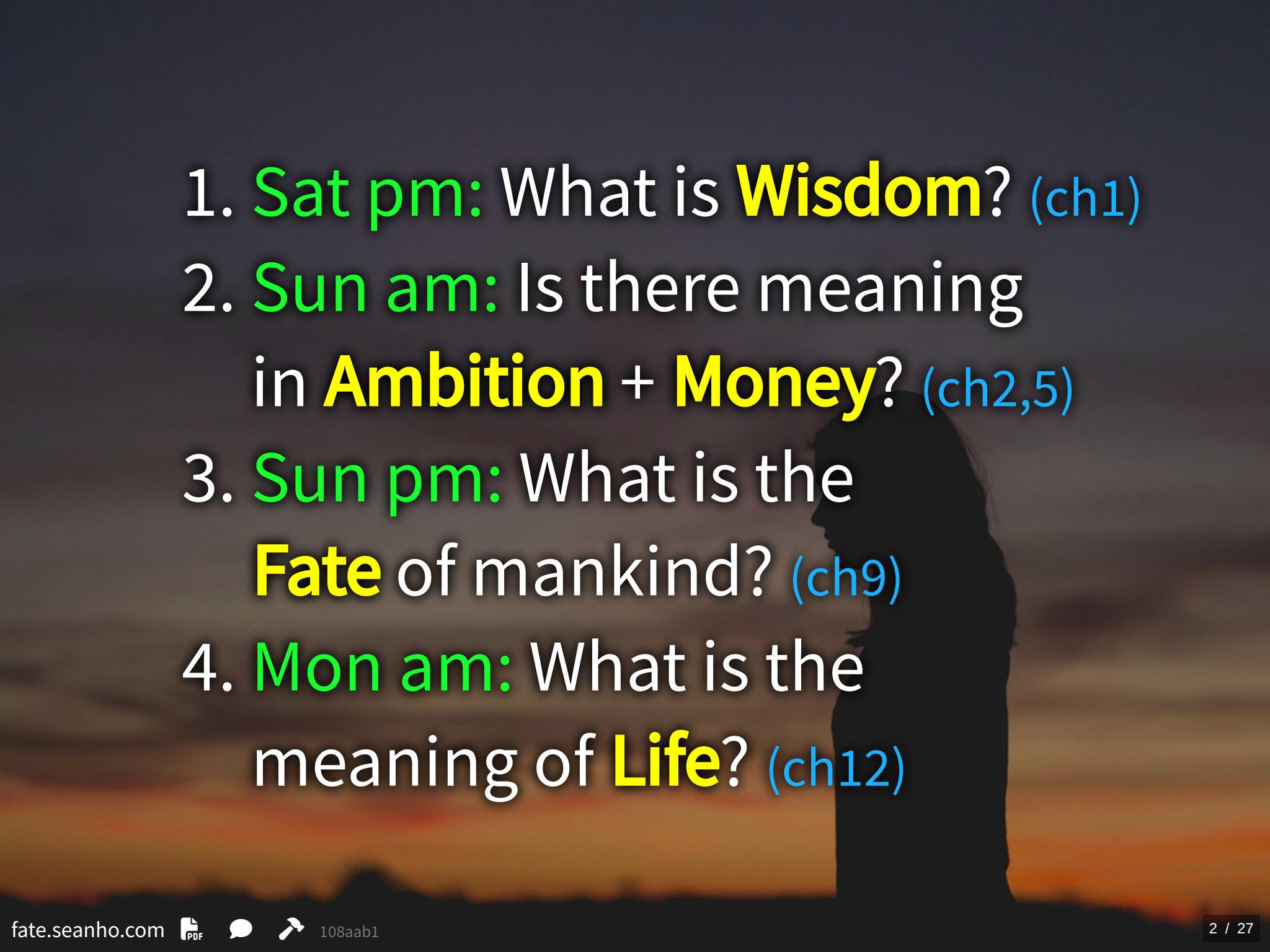


# Fate

Ecclesiastes 9:1-10

The Search for Meaning (3/4)

Neil Thomas

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- A dark silhouette of a person's head and shoulders is positioned on the right side of the slide, facing left. The background is a warm, orange and yellow sunset or sunrise over a landscape.
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 our fate?**

**1** But all this I laid to heart, examining it all,  
how the righteous and the wise  
and their deeds are in the hand of God.

**2** It is the same for all, since the same event  
happens to the righteous and the wicked,

Ecclesiastes 9:1a,2a (ESV) (p.1/5)

Also, the hearts of the children of man  
are full of evil,  
and madness is in their hearts while they live,  
and after that they go to the dead.

Ecclesiastes 9:3 (ESV) (p.2/5)

4 But he who is joined with all the living  
has hope,  
for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they will die,  
but the dead know nothing,  
and they have no more reward,  
for the memory of them is forgotten.

Ecclesiastes 9:4-5 (ESV) (p.3/5)

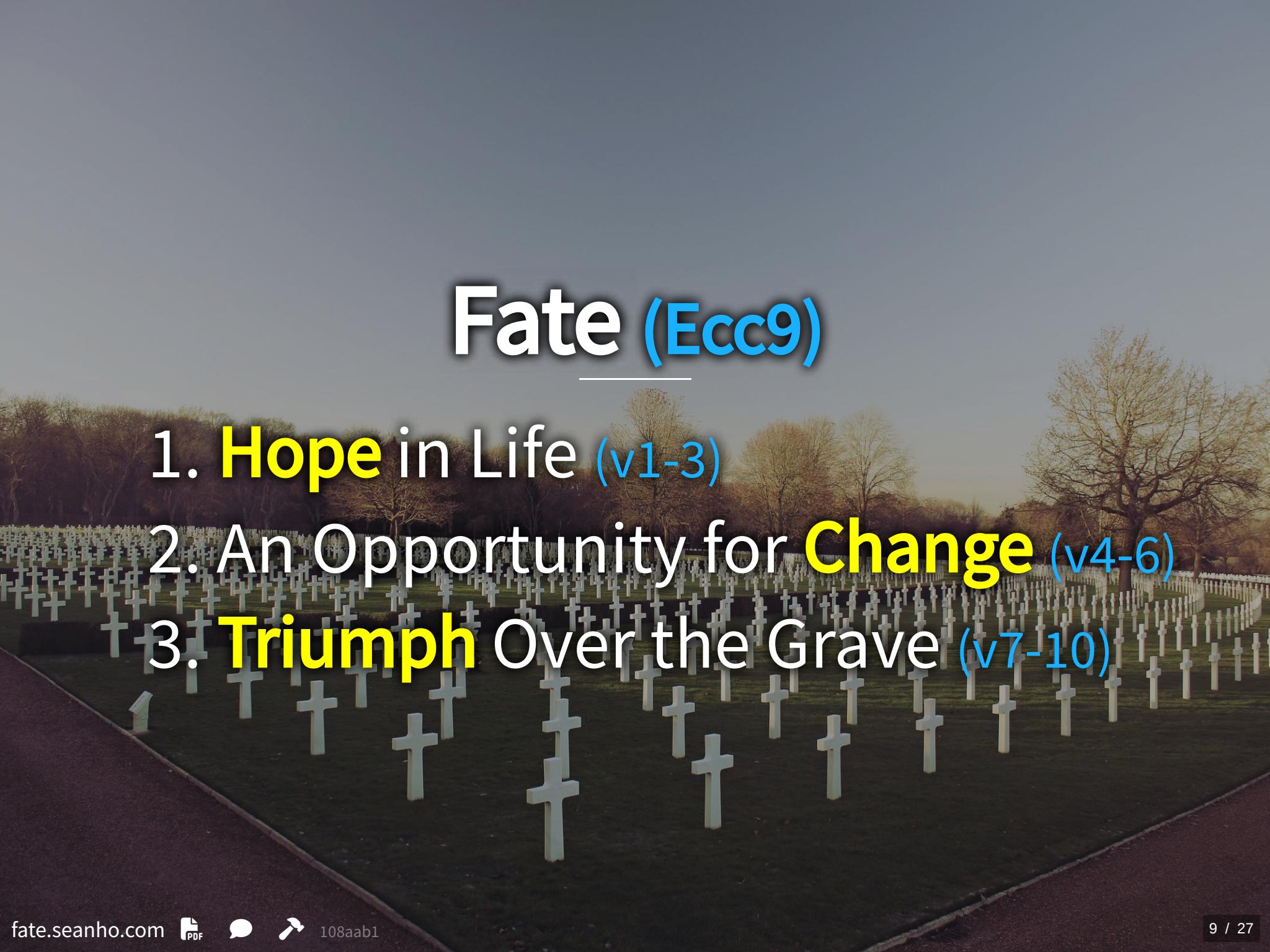
9 Enjoy life with the wife whom you love,  
all the days of your vain life  
that he has given you under the sun,  
  
because that is your portion in life  
and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 9:9 (ESV) (p.4/5)

10 Whatever your hand finds to do,  
do it with your might,

for there is no work or thought or knowledge  
or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (ESV) (p.5/5)

The background of the slide is a photograph of a cemetery at dusk or dawn. The sky is a dark, hazy grey. In the foreground, there is a paved walkway on the left and right sides. The middle ground is filled with rows upon rows of white crosses, each representing a grave. The crosses are evenly spaced and extend deep into the background.

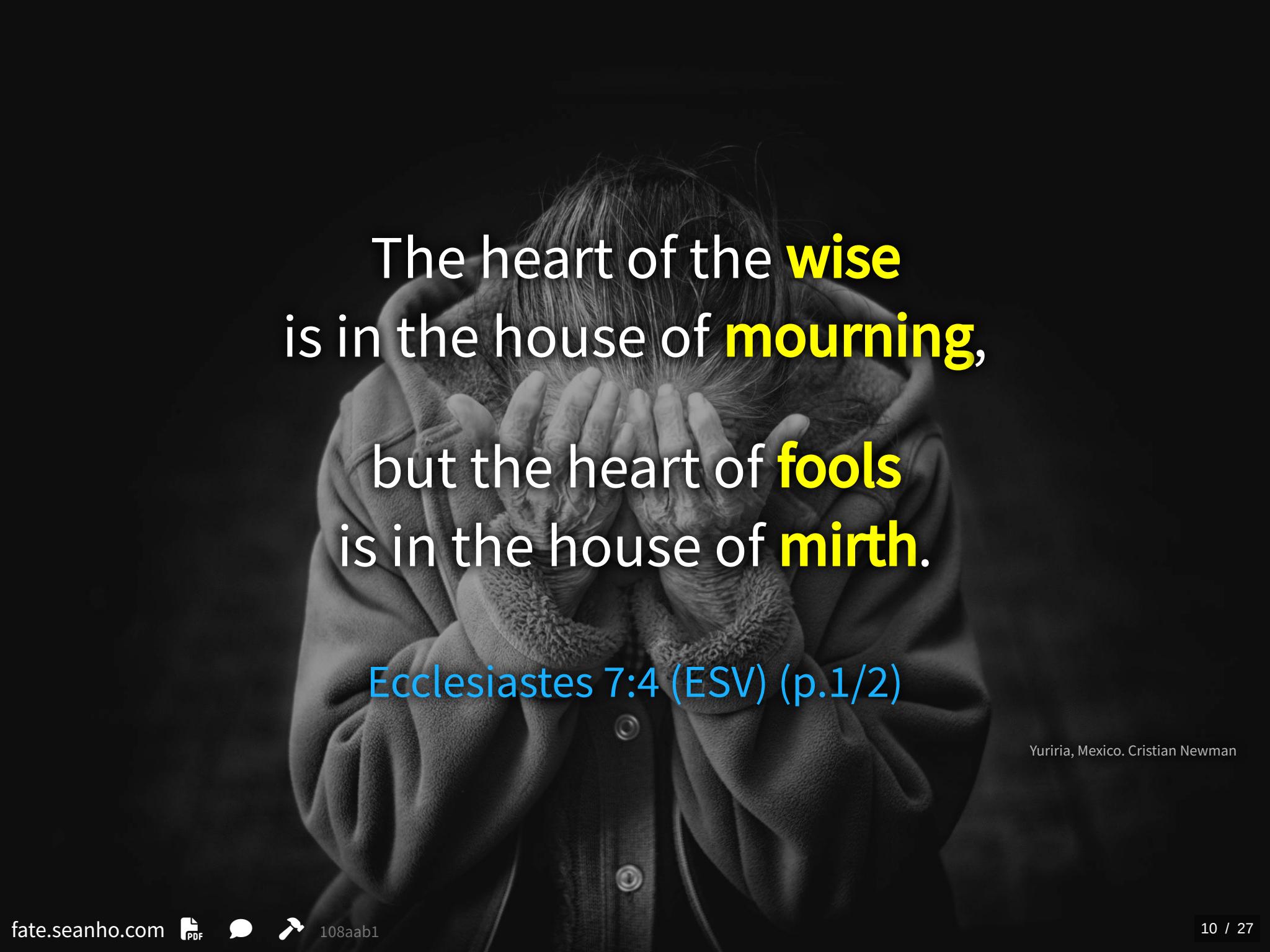
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2. An Opportunity for **Change** (v4-6)

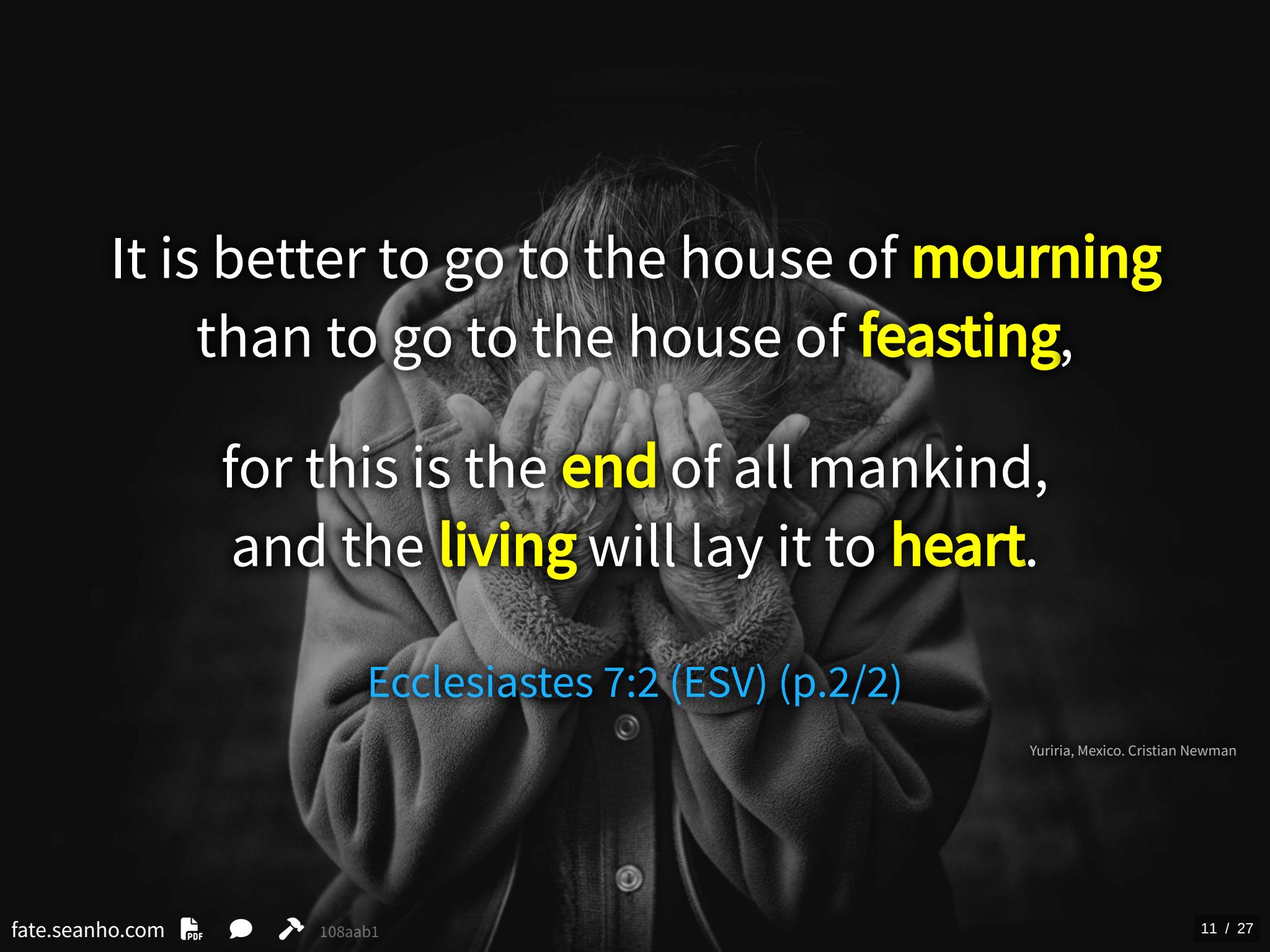
3. **Triumph** Over the Grave (v7-10)



The heart of the **wise**  
is in the house of **mourning**,  
  
but the heart of **fools**  
is in the house of **mirth.**

Ecclesiastes 7:4 (ESV) (p.1/2)

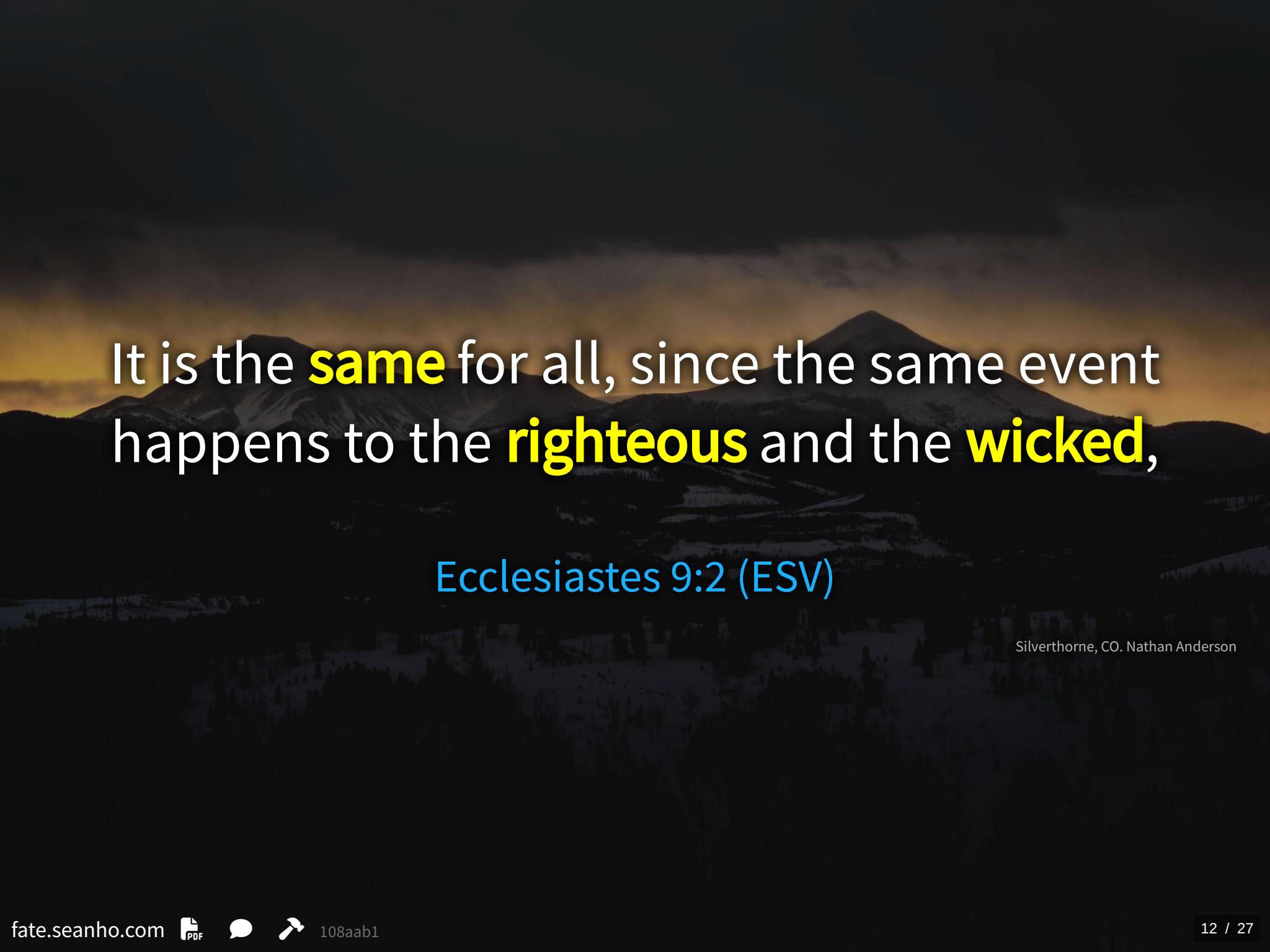
Yuriria, Mexico. Cristian Newman



It is better to go to the house of **mourning**  
than to go to the house of **feasting**,  
for this is the **end** of all mankind,  
and the **living** will lay it to **heart**.

Ecclesiastes 7:2 (ESV) (p.2/2)

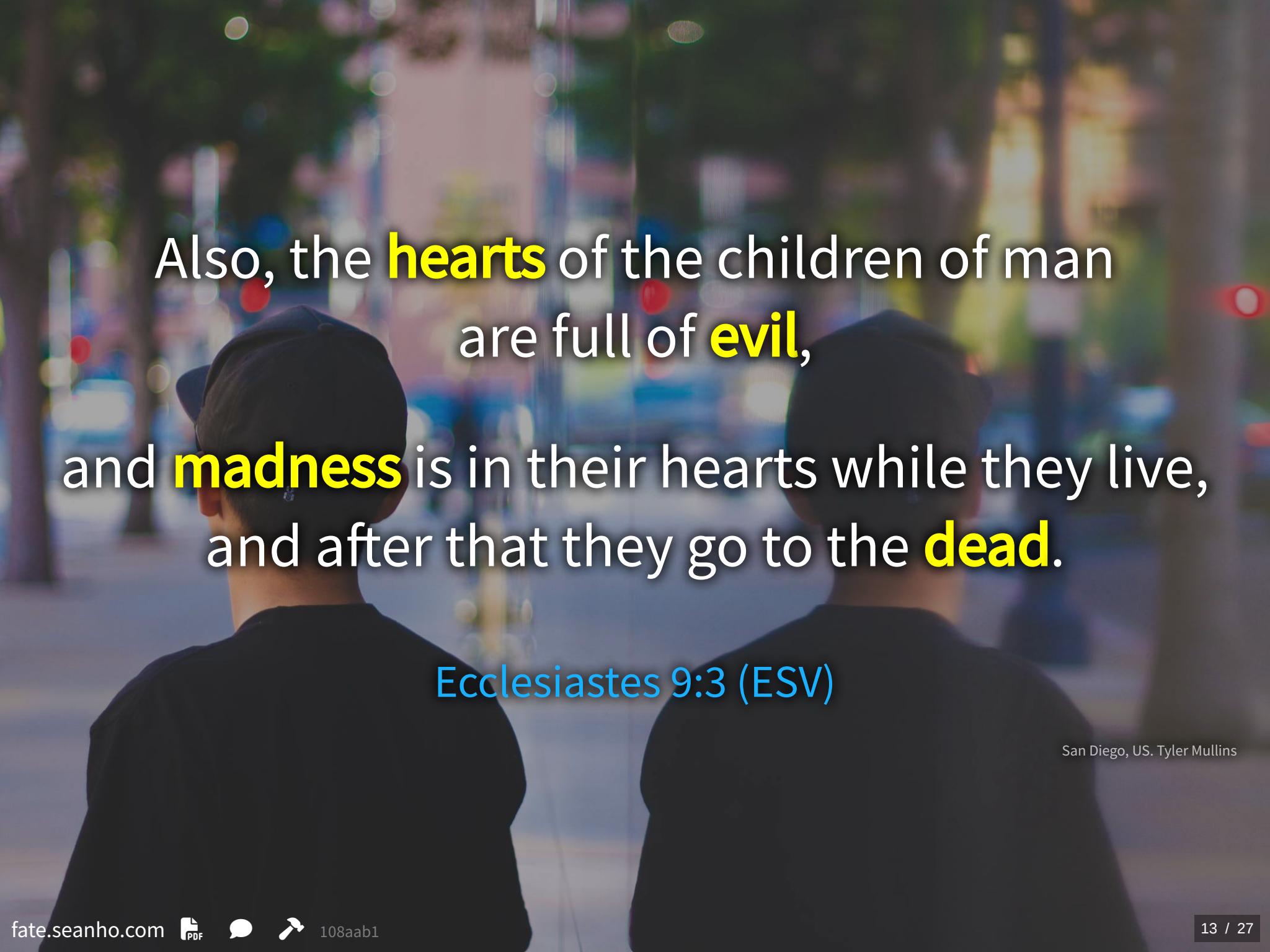
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It is the **same** for all, since the same event  
happens to the **righteous** and the **wicked**,

Ecclesiastes 9:2 (ESV)

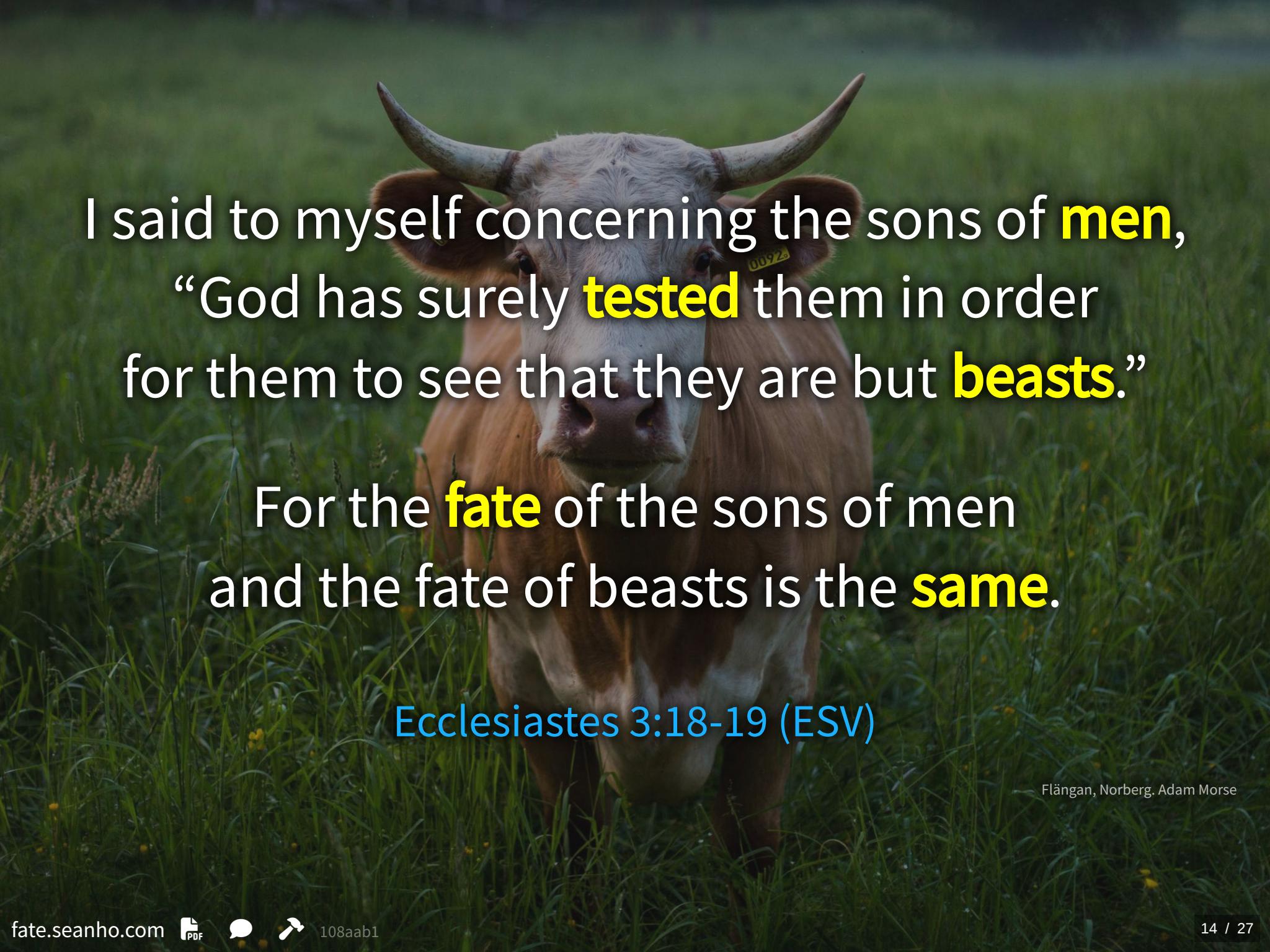
Silverthorne, CO. Nathan Anderson

A photograph showing the silhouettes of two people's heads and shoulders from behind, walking away on a city street at night. The background is blurred with colorful lights from buildings and traffic.

Also, the **hearts** of the children of man  
are full of **evil**,  
and **madness** is in their hearts while they live,  
and after that they go to the **dead**.

Ecclesiastes 9:3 (ESV)

San Diego, US. Tyler Mullins



I said to myself concerning the sons of **men**,  
“God has surely **tested** them in order  
for them to see that they are but **beasts**.”

For the **fate** of the sons of men  
and the fate of beasts is the **same**.

Ecclesiastes 3:18-19 (ESV)

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What are my hopes  
for myself and my  
loved ones?

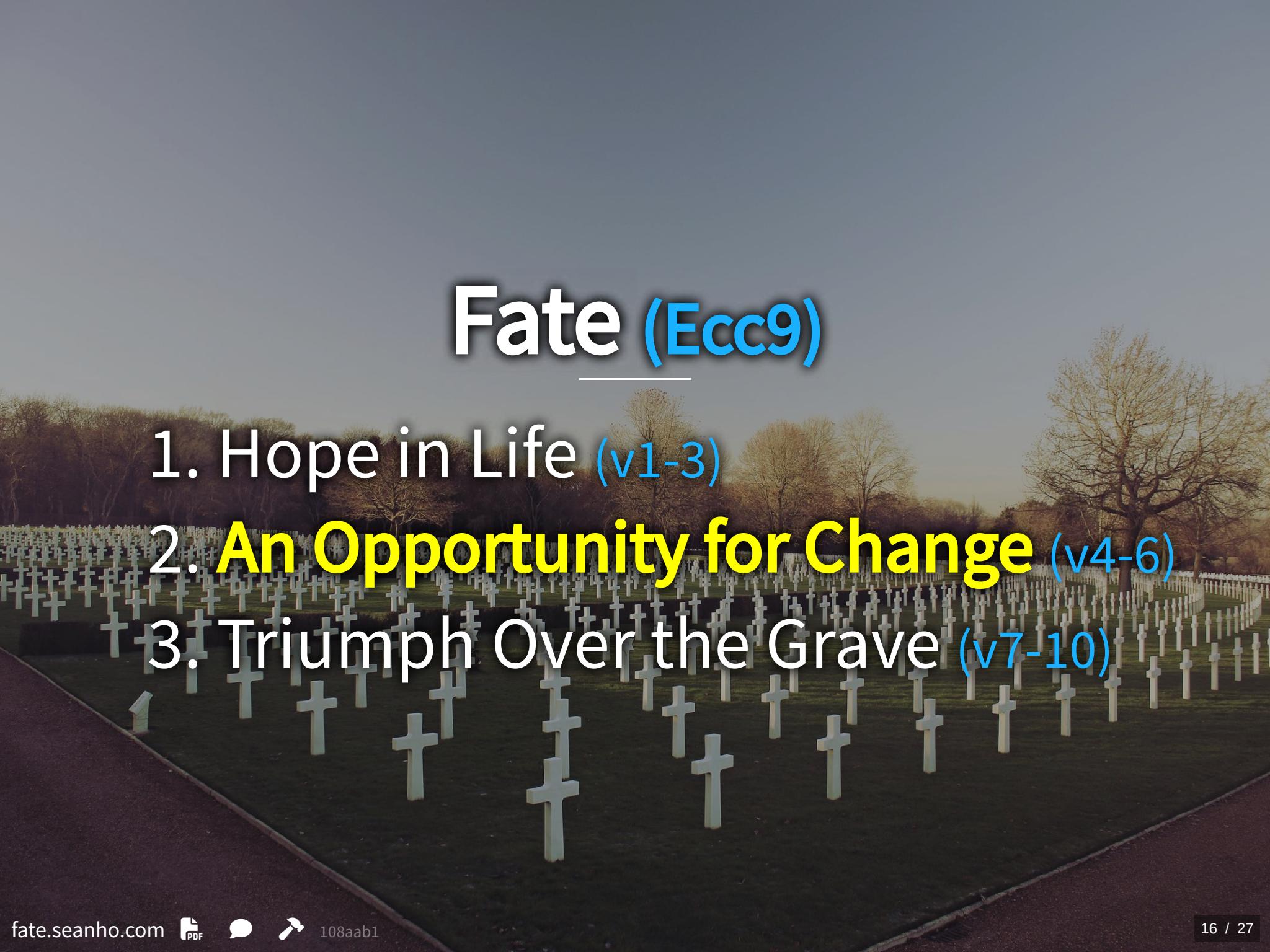
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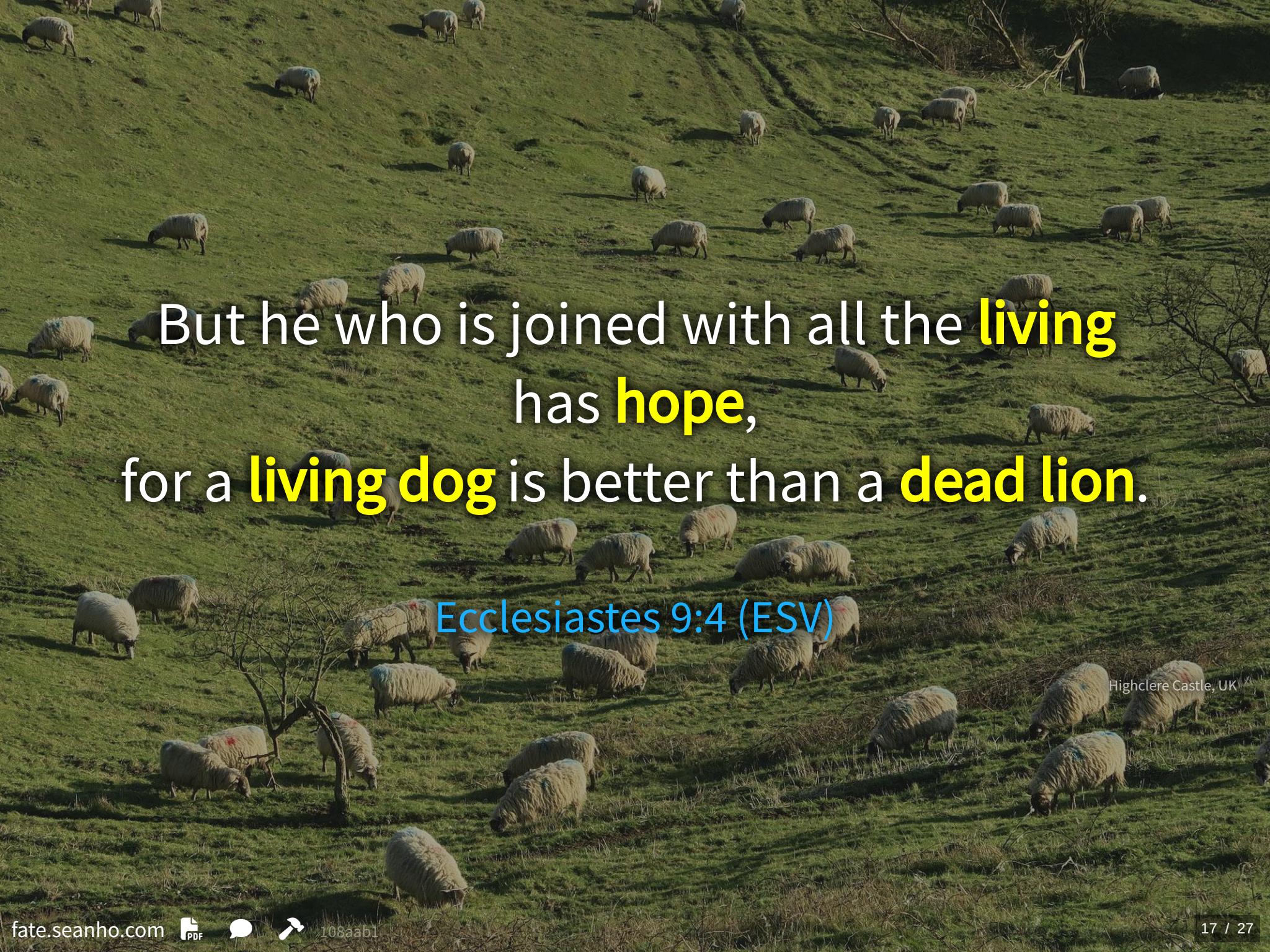
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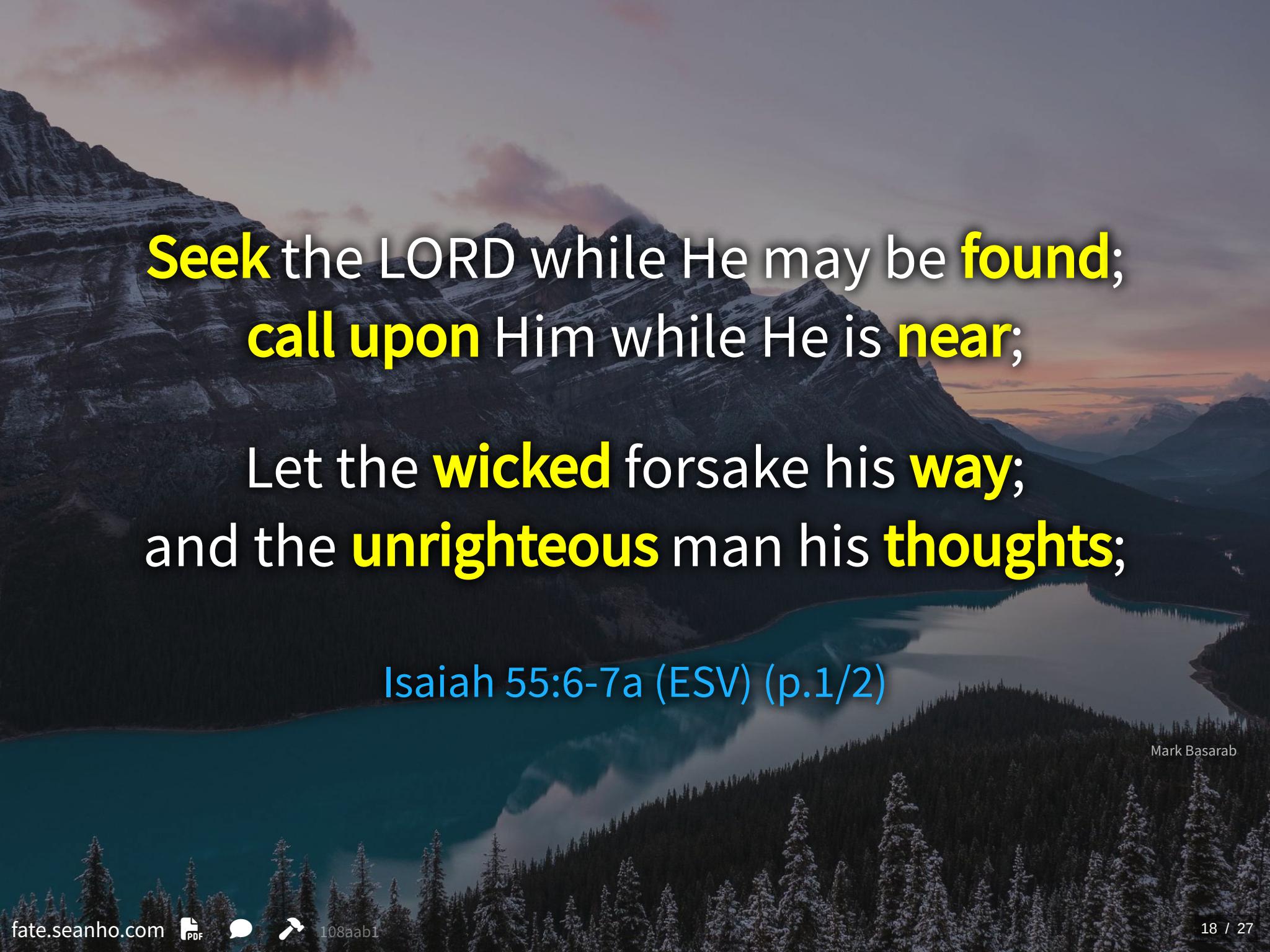


A photograph of a large flock of white sheep grazing on a rolling green hillside. The sheep are scattered across the slope, some in the foreground and others further up the hill. The grass is lush and green, and the overall scene is peaceful and pastoral.

But he who is joined with all the **living**  
has **hope**,  
for a **living dog** is better than a **dead lion.**

Ecclesiastes 9:4 (ESV)

Highclere Castle, UK

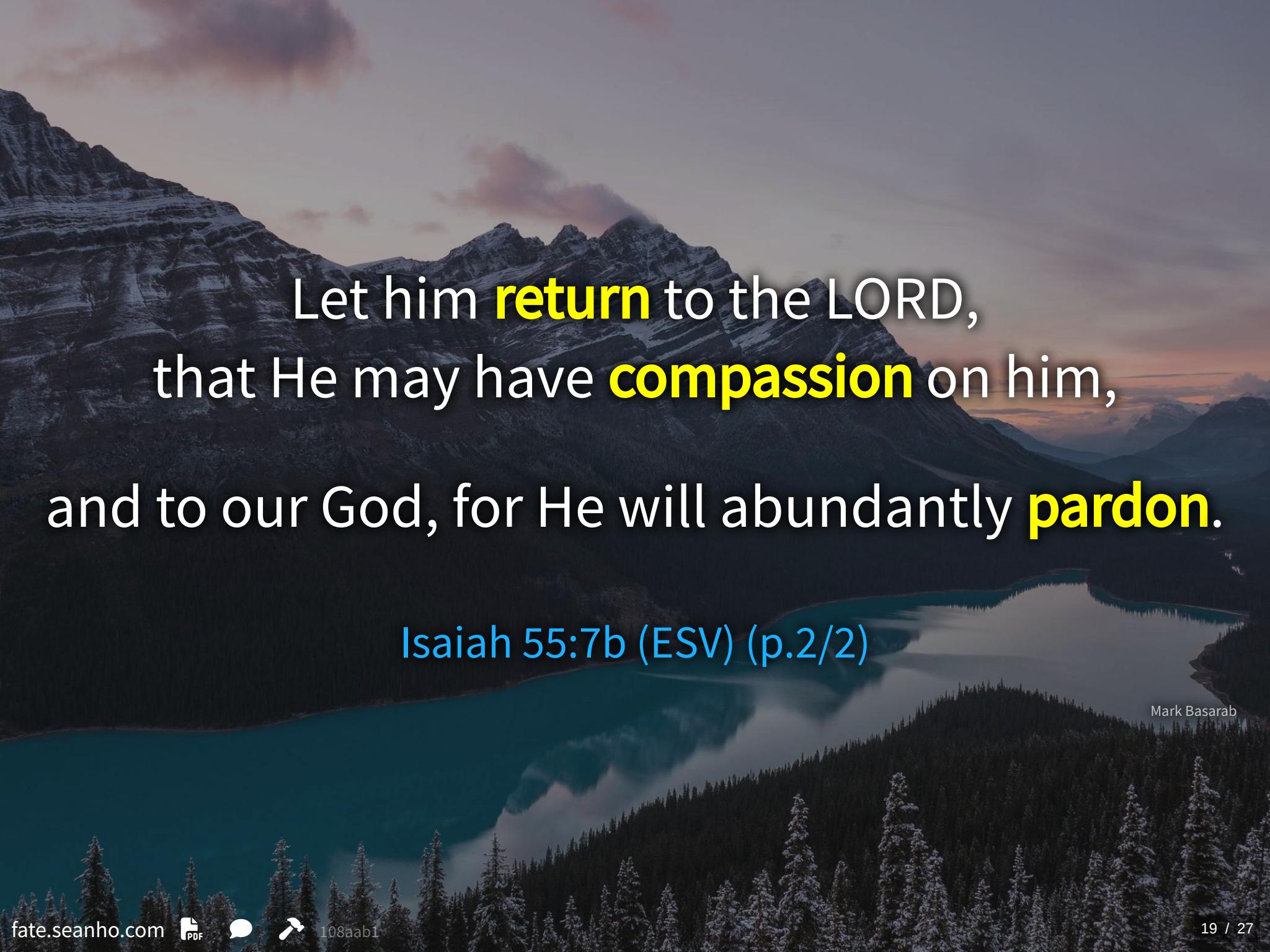
A scenic landscape featuring snow-capped mountains in the background, a deep blue lake in the foreground, and a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground. The sky is filled with soft, warm-colored clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

**Seek** the LORD while He may be **found**;  
**call upon** Him while He is **near**;

Let the **wicked** forsake his **way**;  
and the **unrighteous** man his **thoughts**;

Isaiah 55:6-7a (ESV) (p.1/2)

Mark Basarab

A wide-angle photograph of a mountain range during sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow hues. In the foreground, there's a dark, silhouetted area that appears to be a forest or a clearing. The middle ground shows a deep blue lake reflecting the sky. In the background, several majestic peaks rise, their slopes partially covered in snow. The overall atmosphere is serene and inspiring.

Let him **return** to the LORD,  
that He may have **compassion** on him,

and to our God, for He will abundantly **pardon**.

Isaiah 55:7b (ESV) (p.2/2)

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Is there hope that  
I can change?

That my loved ones  
can change?

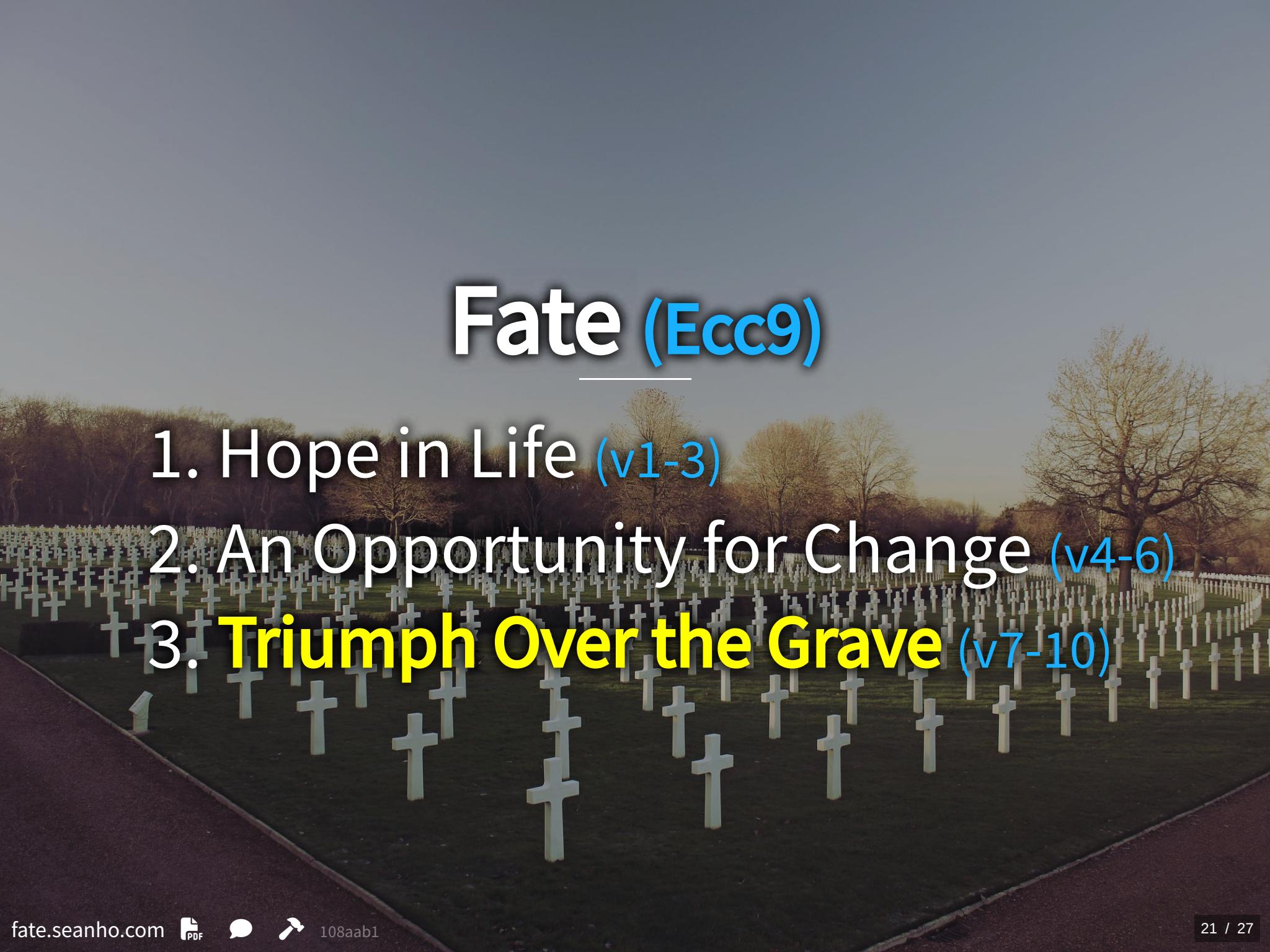
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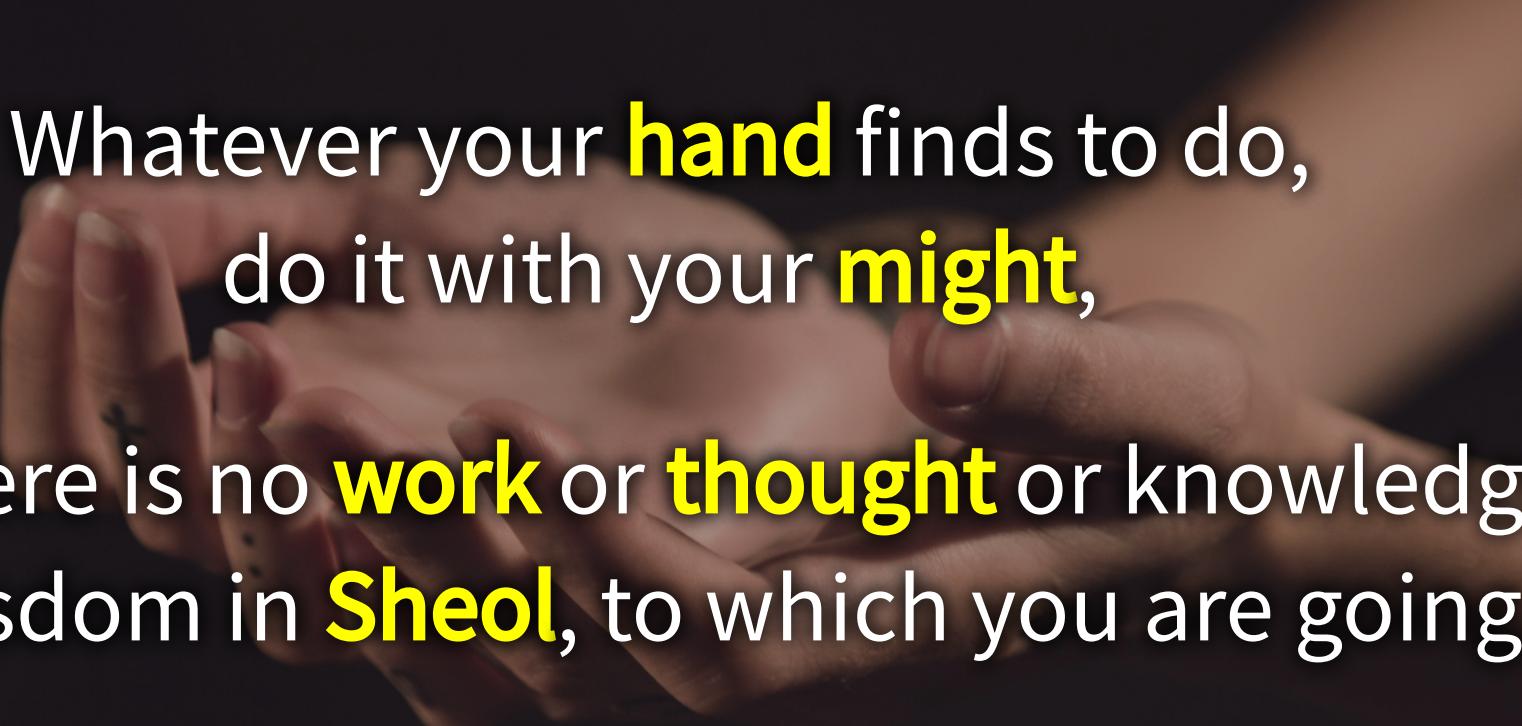
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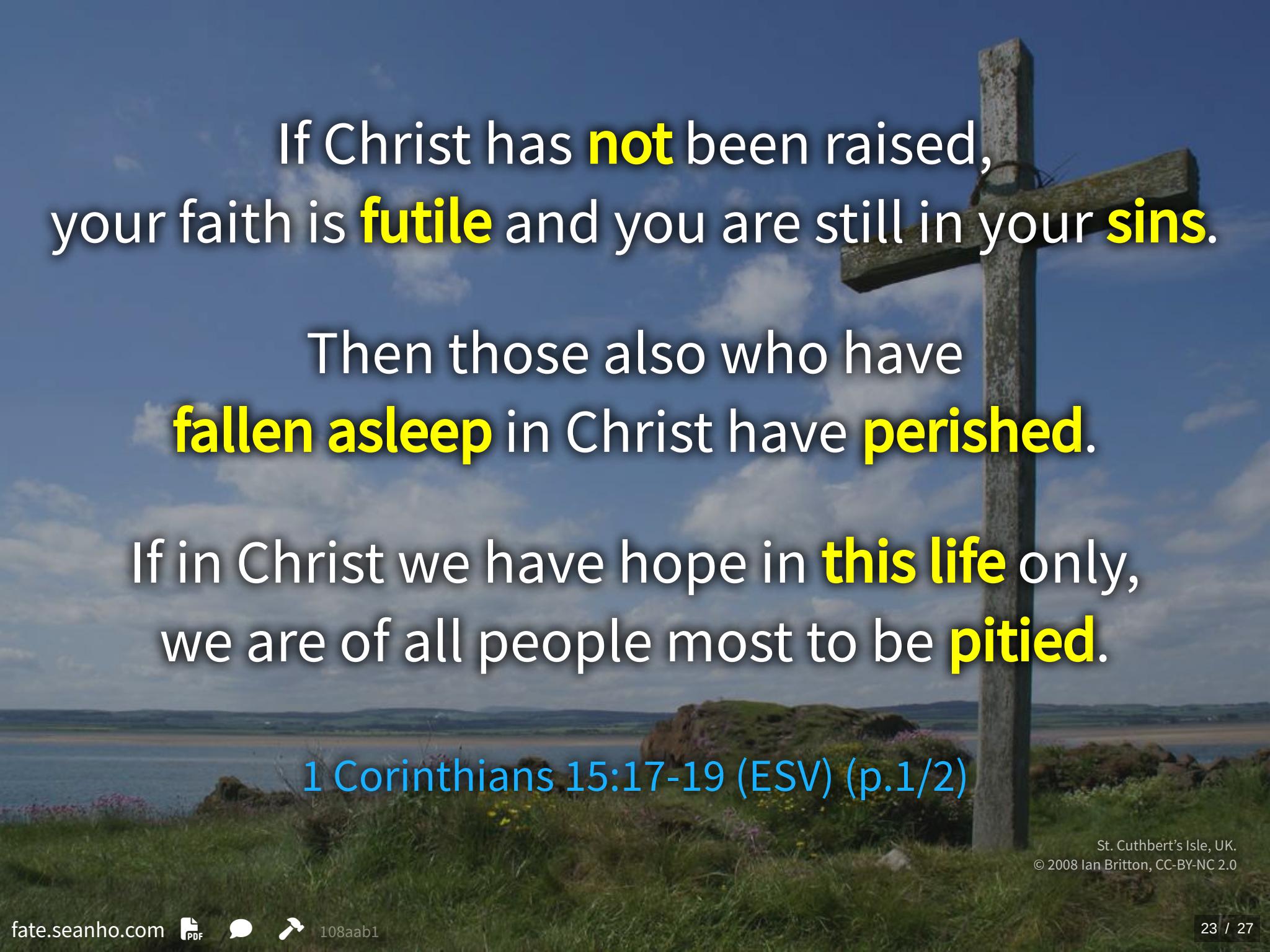




Whatever your **hand** finds to do,  
do it with your **might**,  
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Ecclesiastes 9:10 (ESV)

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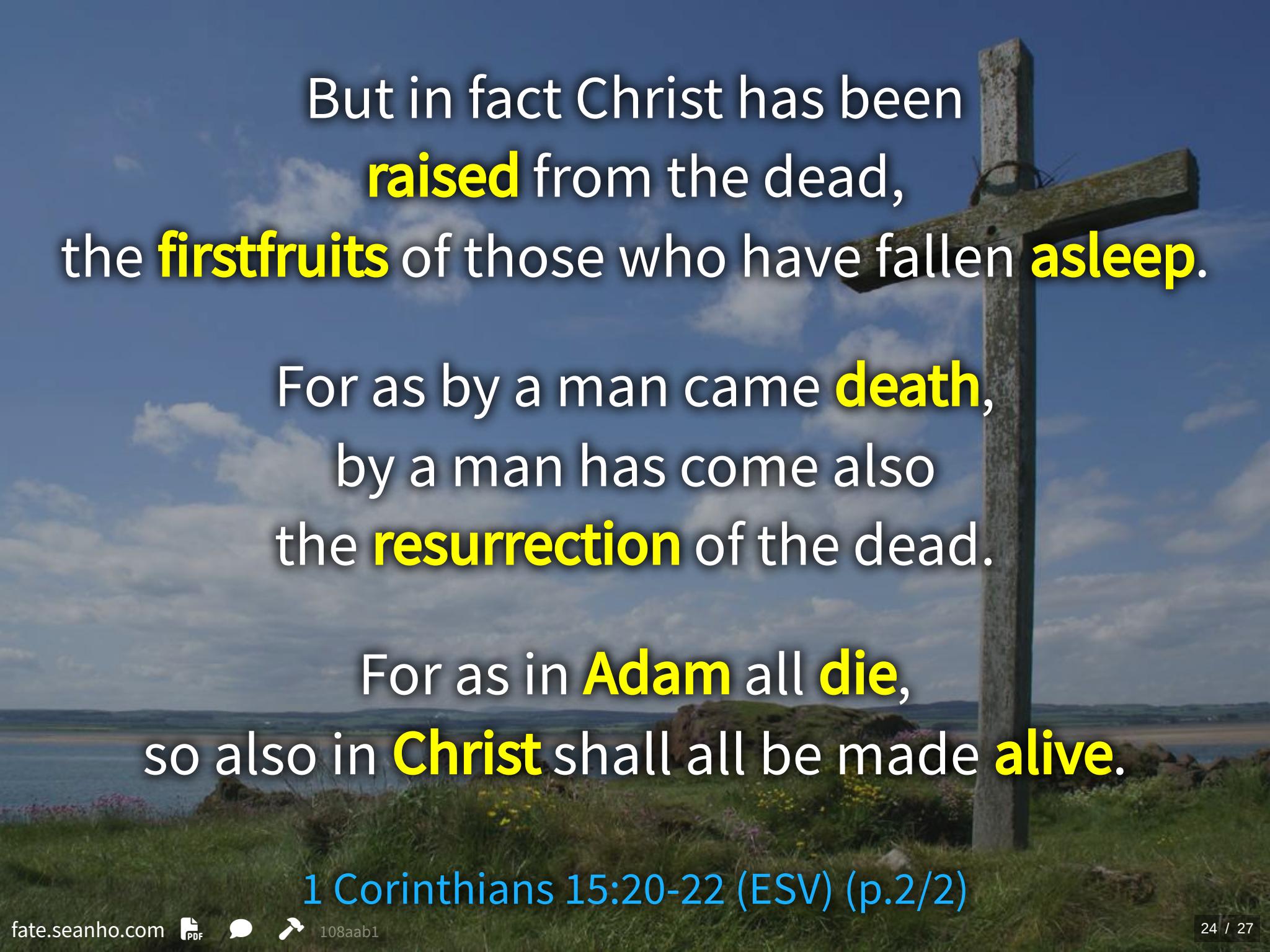
If Christ has **not** been raised,  
your faith is **futile** and you are still in your **sins**.

Then those also who have  
**fallen asleep** in Christ have **perished**.

If in Christ we have hope in **this life** only,  
we are of all people most to be **pitied**.

1 Corinthians 15:17-19 (ESV) (p.1/2)

St. Cuthbert's Isle, UK.  
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But in fact Christ has been  
**raised** from the dead,  
the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen **asleep**.

For as by a man came **death**,  
by a man has come also  
the **resurrection** of the dead.

For as in **Adam** all **die**,  
so also in **Christ** shall all be made **alive**.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 (ESV) (p.2/2)

Is there life  
after death?



1. What are my **hopes** for myself and my loved ones?
2. Is there **hope** that I / loved ones can **change**? (**Is55:7-11**)
3. Is there **life** after **death**?  
**(1Cor15:17-22)**