

Bless the LORD, O My Soul

Psalm 103:1-7

Alberto Restifo

**Why is worship
worth it?**

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

Psalm 103:1-7 (ESV) (p.1/4)

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who heals all your diseases,

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Psalm 103:1-7 (ESV) (p.2/4)

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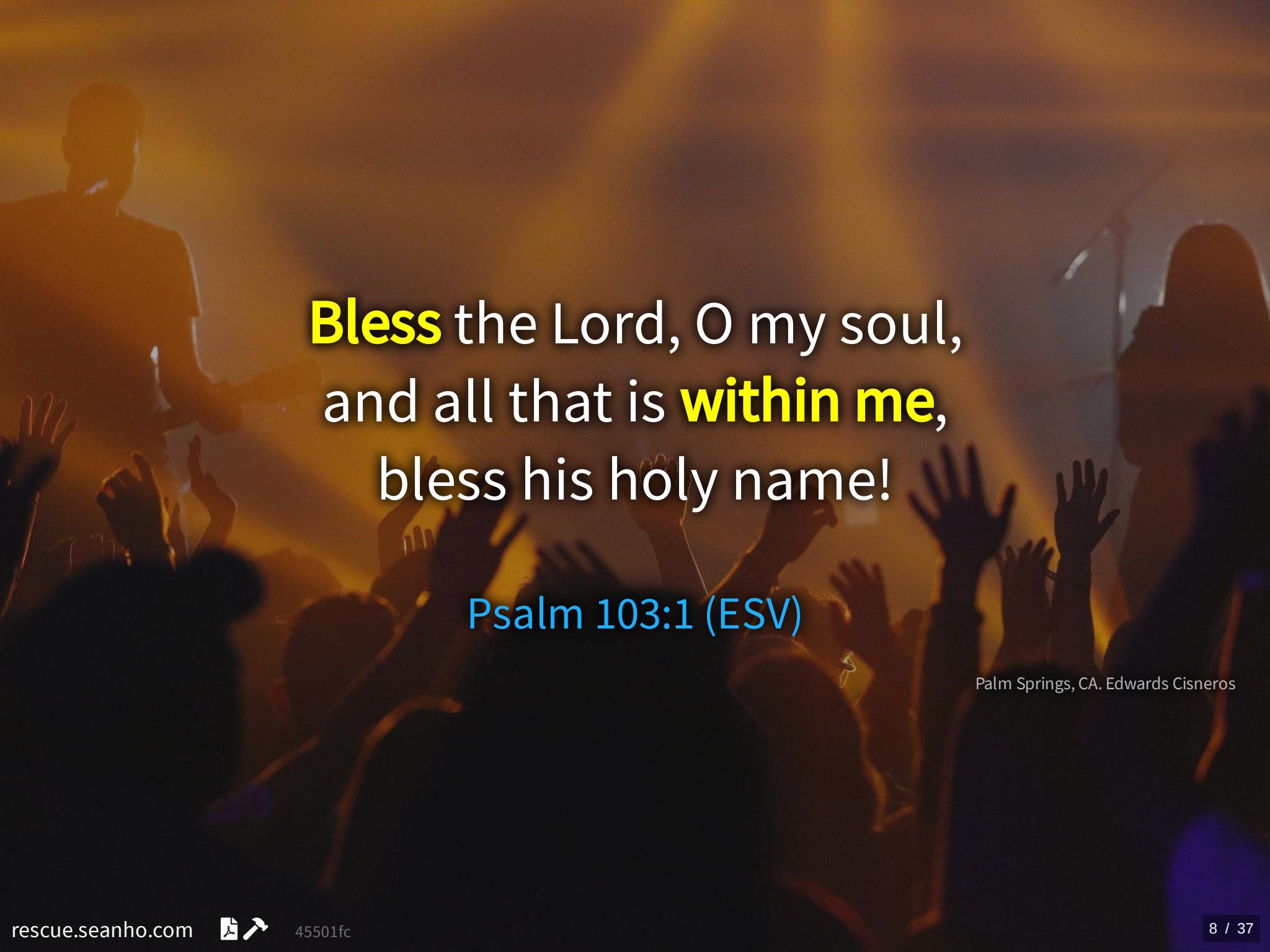
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Ps 103 Overview

1. God's **Conduct** with Us (v1-7)
2. God's **Compassion** toward Us (v8-14)
3. God's **Constancy** in Love and Might (v15-22)

Montreal, CA. Marc-Olivier Jodoin



Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is **within me**,
bless his holy name!

Psalm 103:1 (ESV)

Palm Springs, CA. Edwards Cisneros

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and **forget** not all his **benefits**,

Psalm 103:2 (ESV)

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Bless the LORD (Ps103)

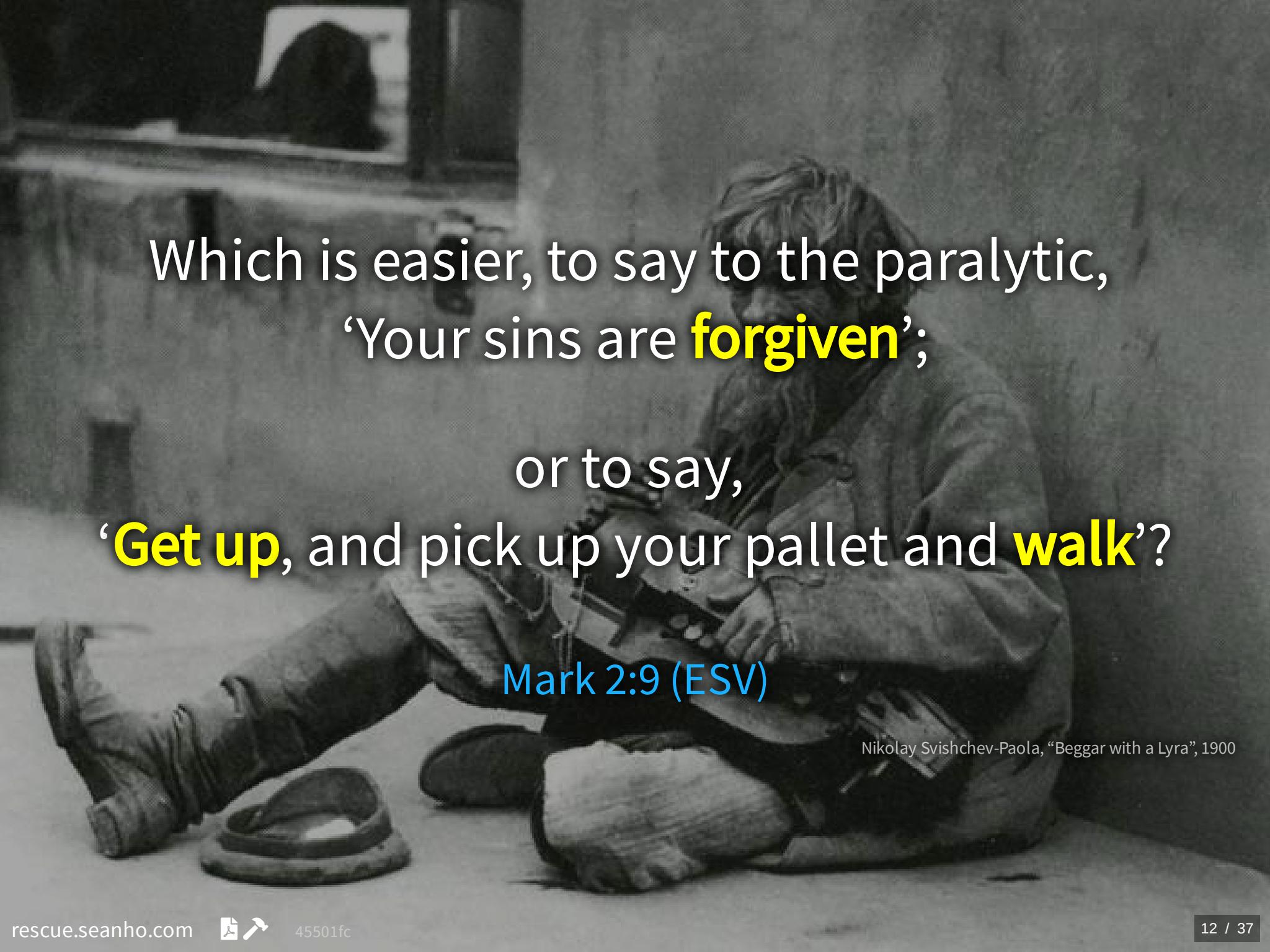
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A classical oil painting depicting a scene from the New Testament. In the center, Jesus Christ stands in a red robe, looking down at a woman who is kneeling and reaching out to touch his garment. To the left, another woman in a green and red robe looks on. To the right, a man in a brown robe stands, and further right, a woman in a yellow and white robe is kneeling in prayer. The background shows architectural elements like columns and a cloudy sky.

who **forgives** all your iniquity,
who **heals** all your diseases,

Psalm 103:3 (ESV)

“Christ Healing the Mother of Simon Peter’s Wife”
John Bridges, 1839



Which is easier, to say to the paralytic,
‘Your sins are **forgiven**’;

or to say,

‘**Get up**, and pick up your pallet and **walk**’?

Mark 2:9 (ESV)

Nikolay Svischchev-Paola, “Beggar with a Lyra”, 1900

And the prayer of **faith**
will **save** the one who is sick,
and the Lord will **raise** him up.
And if he has committed **sins**,
he will be **forgiven**.

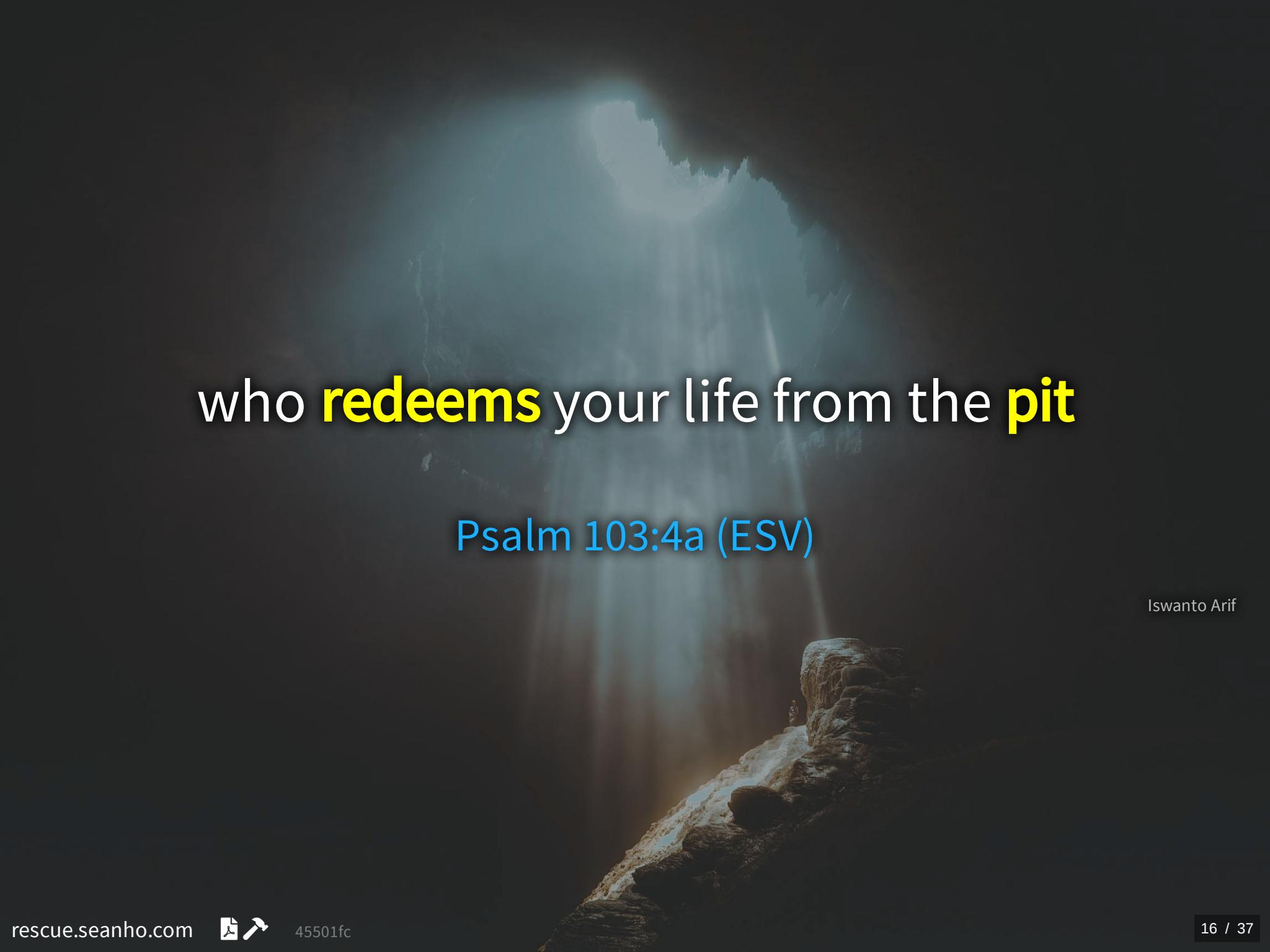
James 5:15 (ESV)

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How has God
healed us,
body and soul?

Bless the LORD (Ps103)

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A dramatic scene of a person standing on a rocky cliff edge, looking down into a deep, dark, misty abyss.

who **redeems** your life from the **pit**

Psalm 103:4a (ESV)

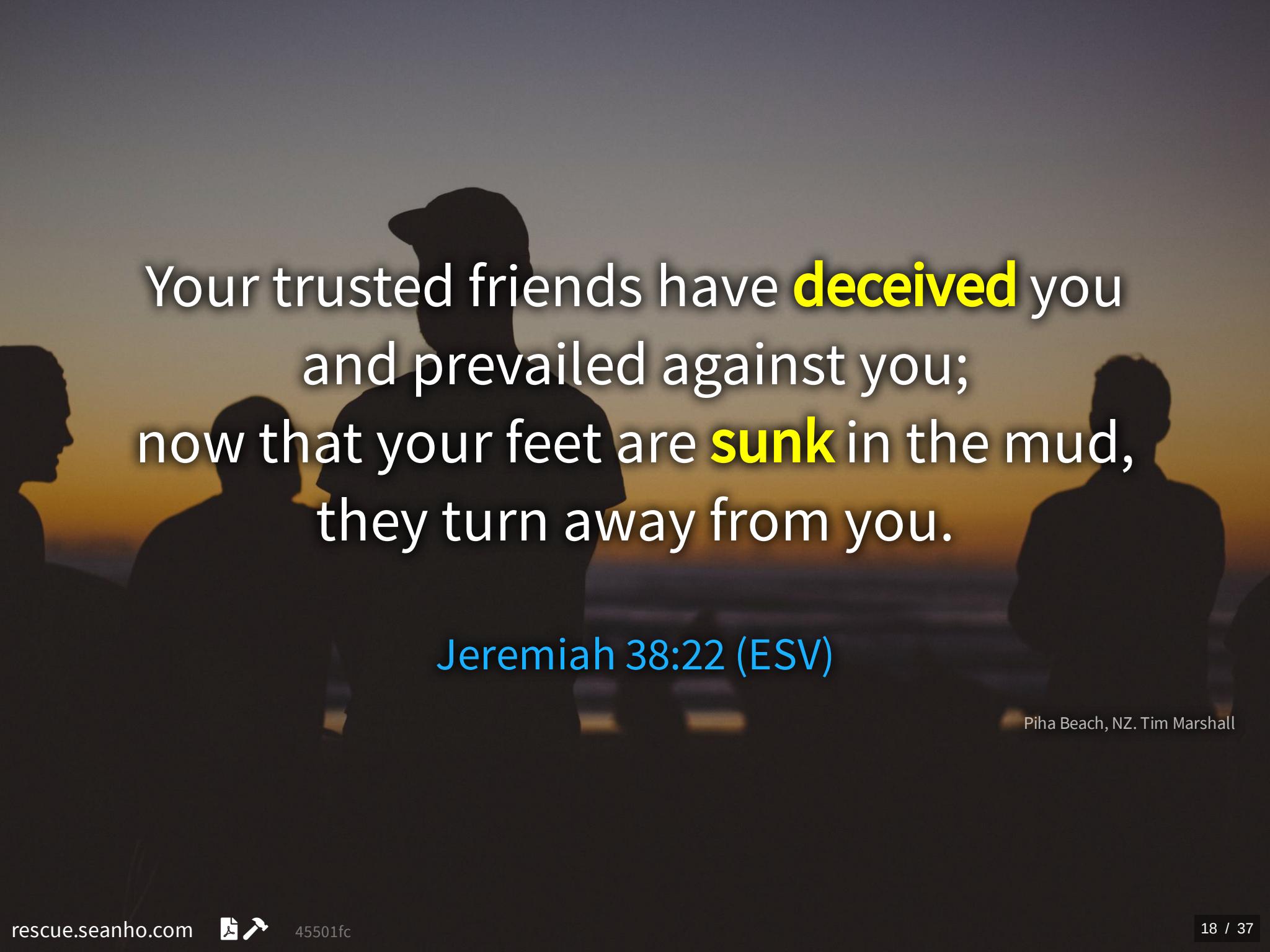
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And there was no water in the **cistern**,
but only mud, and Jeremiah **sank** in the mud.

Jeremiah 38:6b (ESV)

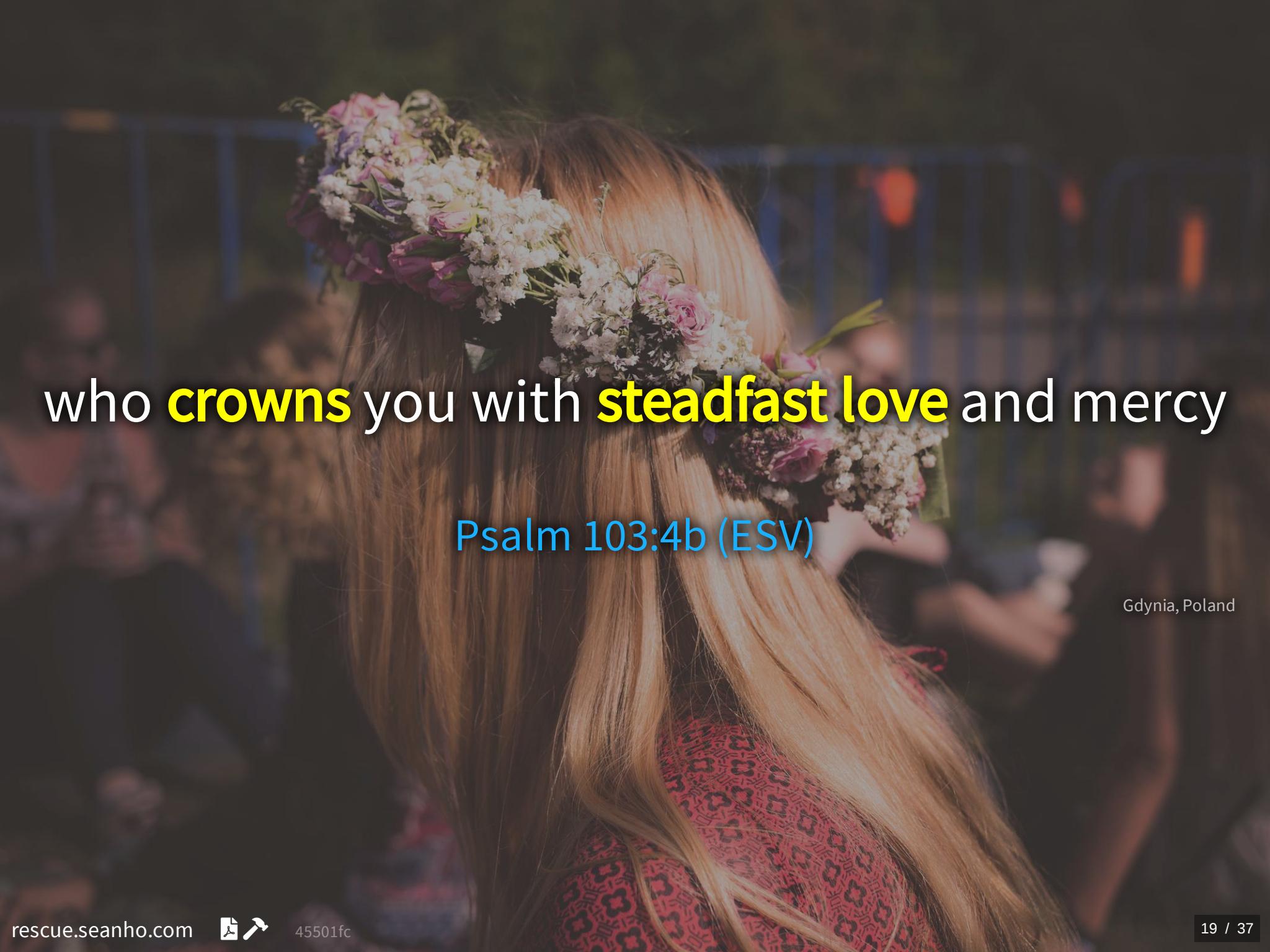
Hagars Well in the Desert of Beersheba. Archibald Forder, 1863

A photograph showing silhouettes of several people walking along a beach at sunset. The sky is a gradient from blue to orange and yellow. The figures are dark against the bright background.

Your trusted friends have **deceived** you
and prevailed against you;
now that your feet are **sunk** in the mud,
they turn away from you.

Jeremiah 38:22 (ESV)

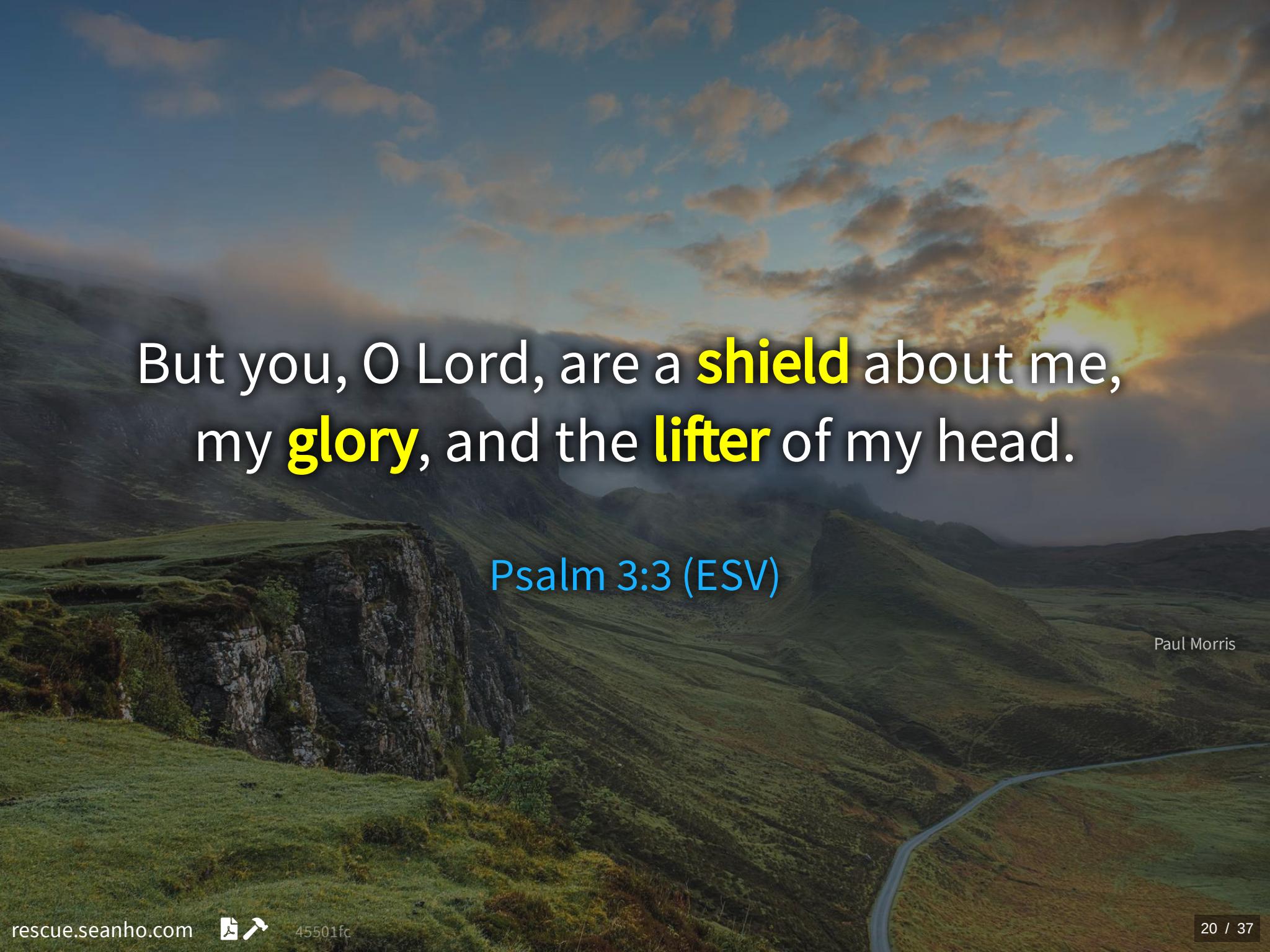
Piha Beach, NZ. Tim Marshall

A photograph of a woman from behind, showing her long blonde hair and a large bouquet of pink and white flowers she is holding. She is wearing a red dress with a black geometric pattern. The background is dark and out of focus.

who **crowns** you with **steadfast love** and mercy

Psalm 103:4b (ESV)

Gdynia, Poland

A wide-angle photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there's a grassy field with a dark, craggy rock formation on the left. A paved road curves through the middle ground. The background consists of rolling green hills under a dramatic sky filled with scattered clouds, some of which are illuminated by the setting or rising sun.

But you, O Lord, are a **shield** about me,
my **glory**, and the **lifter** of my head.

Psalm 3:3 (ESV)

Paul Morris

When have I
been in the **pit**?

How has God
lifted me?

Bless the LORD (Ps103)

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A photograph of a man sitting on a rocky outcrop, looking out over a turquoise lake and snow-capped mountains under a dramatic sunset sky.

who **satisfies** you with **good**

Psalm 103:5a (ESV)

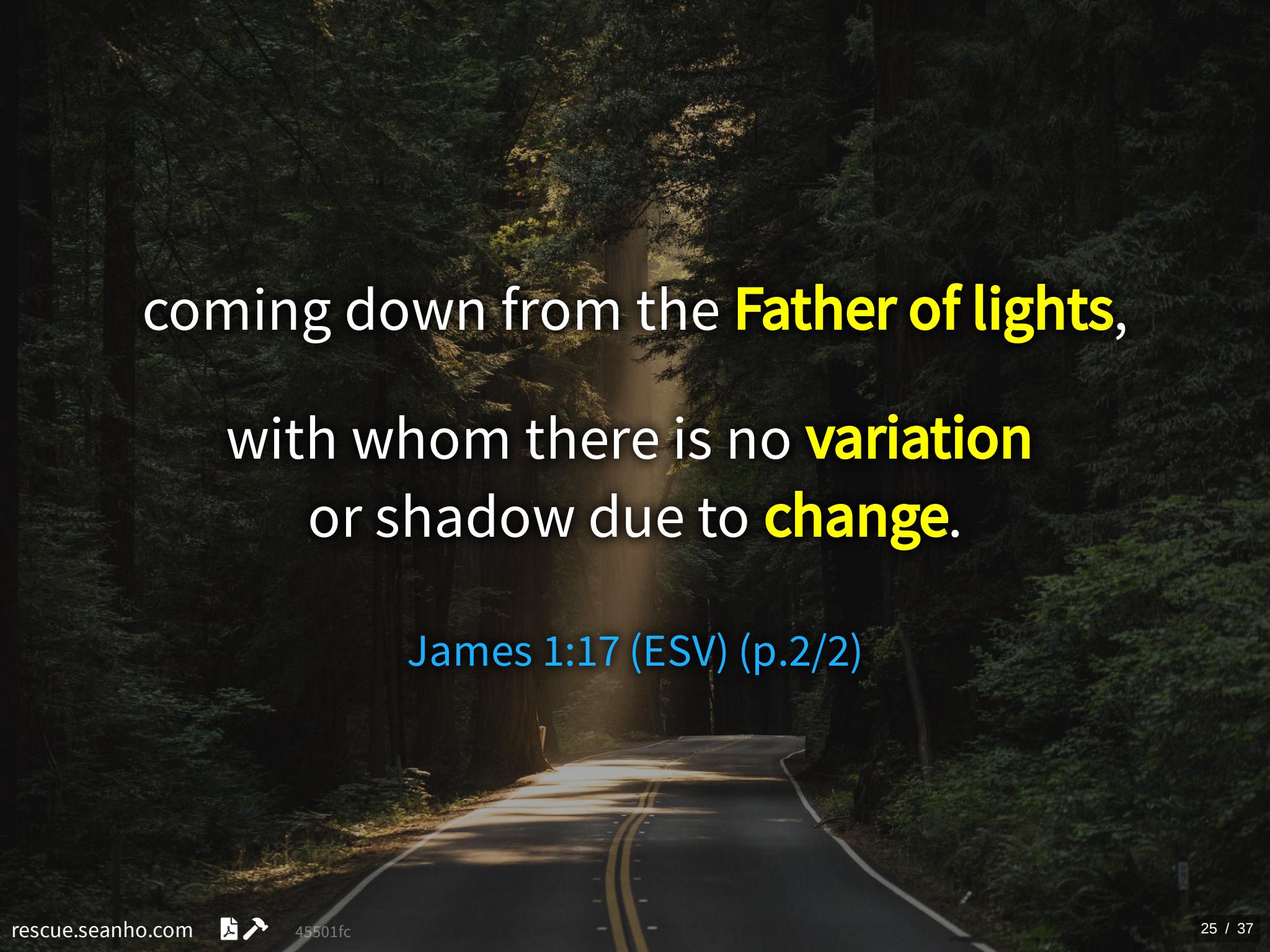
Banff, AB. Kalen Emsley



Every **good gift** and every **perfect gift**
is from above,

James 1:17 (ESV) (p.1/2)

Avenue of the Giants, CA. John Towner

A photograph of a dark, winding road through a dense forest. Sunlight filters through the tall evergreen trees, creating bright highlights on the asphalt and the surrounding foliage. The road curves away from the viewer into the distance.

coming down from the **Father of lights**,
with whom there is no **variation**
or shadow due to **change**.

James 1:17 (ESV) (p.2/2)



so that your **youth** is renewed
like the **eagle's**.



Psalm 103:5b (ESV)

Woodbine, NJ. Ray Hennessy

What good and
perfect gifts has
God given to me?

Bless the LORD (Ps103)

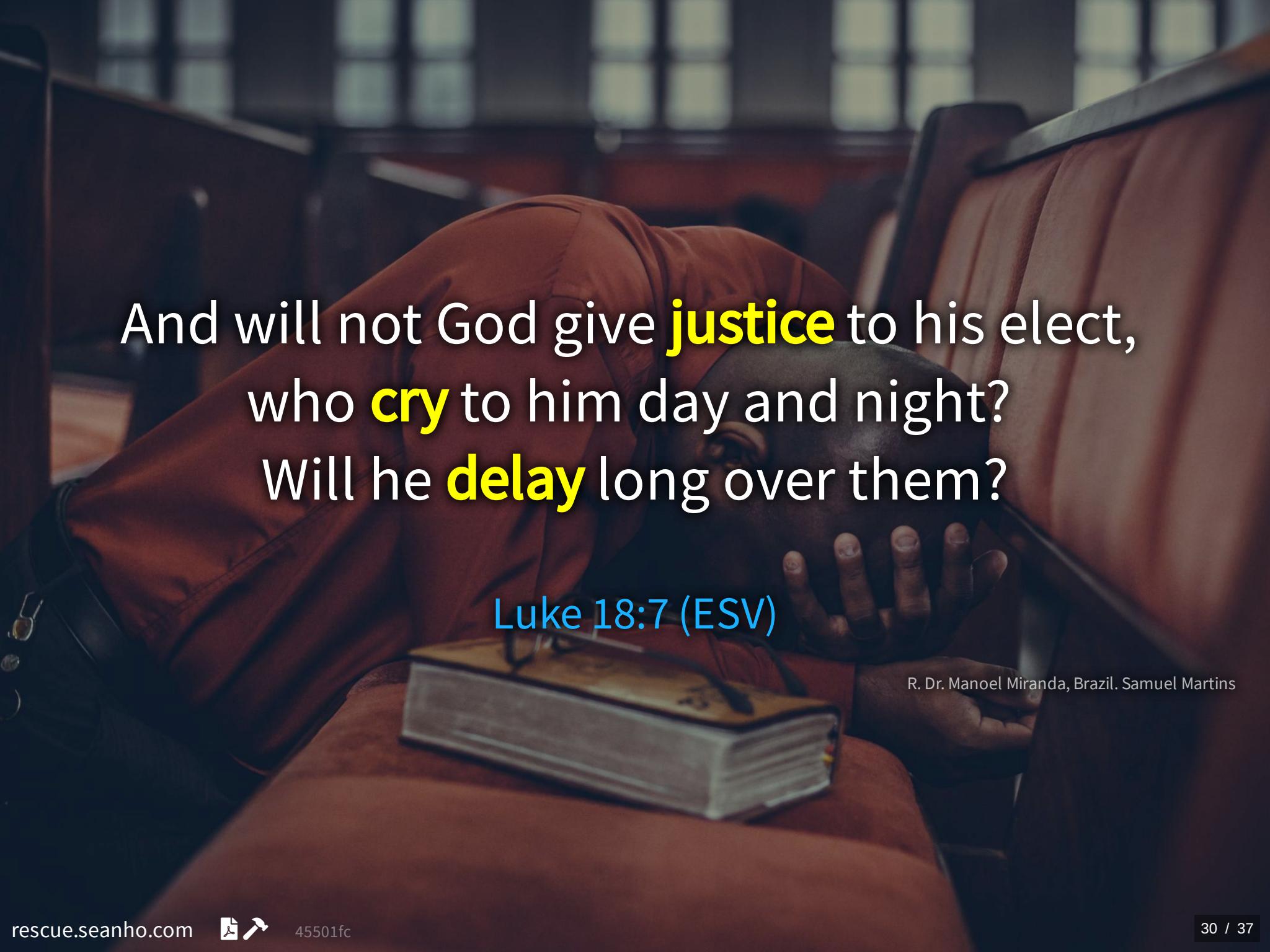
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A photograph of a forest floor covered in green grass and low-lying plants. Sunlight filters down from the canopy of tall trees, creating bright highlights and deep shadows. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

The Lord works **righteousness**
and **justice** for all who are **oppressed**.

Psalm 103:6 (ESV)

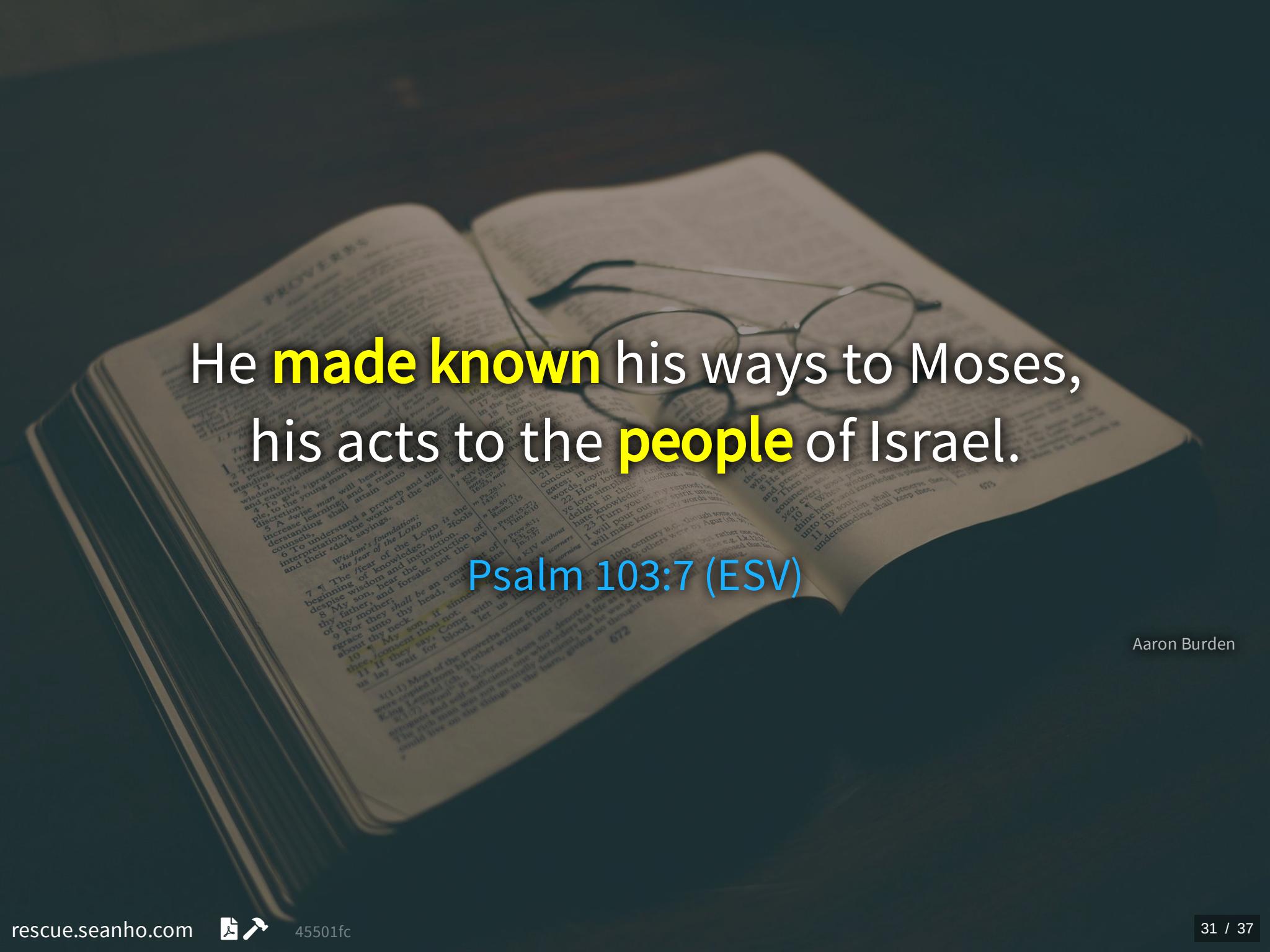
Bad Pyrmont, Germany. Sebastian Unrau



And will not God give **justice** to his elect,
who **cry** to him day and night?
Will he **delay** long over them?

Luke 18:7 (ESV)

R. Dr. Manoel Miranda, Brazil. Samuel Martins

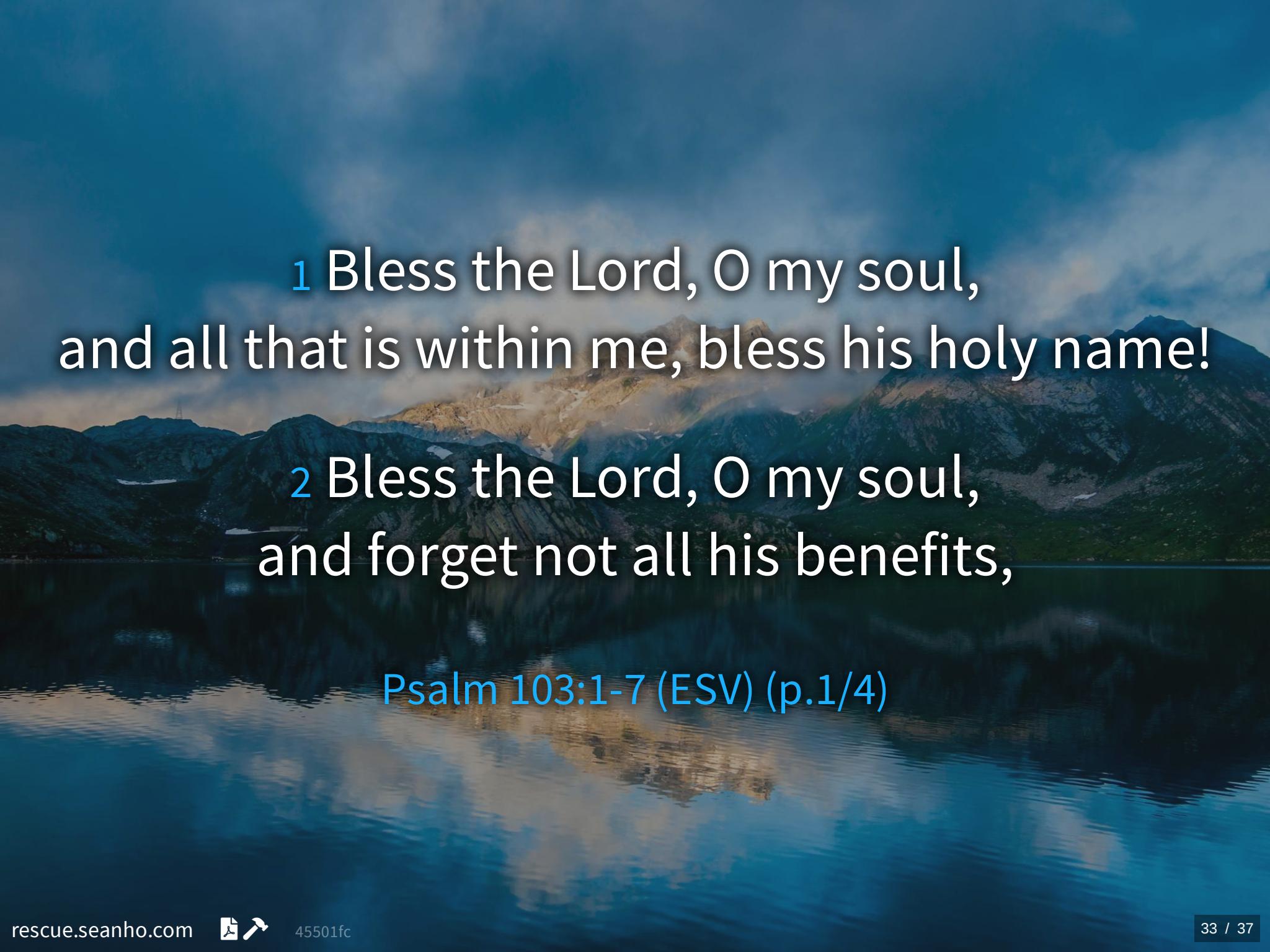


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Psalm 103:7 (ESV)

Aaron Burden

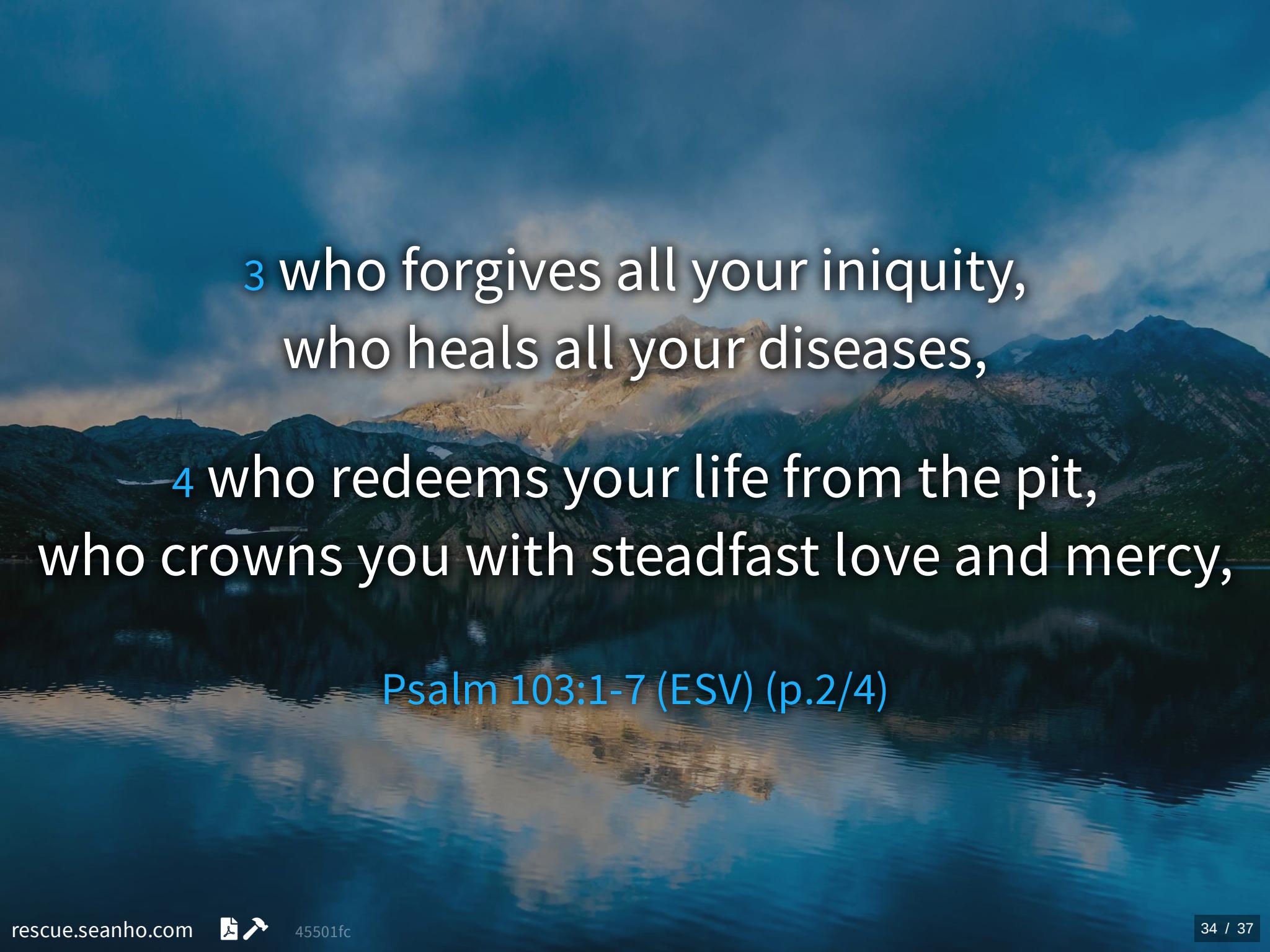
Do I believe God
works justice
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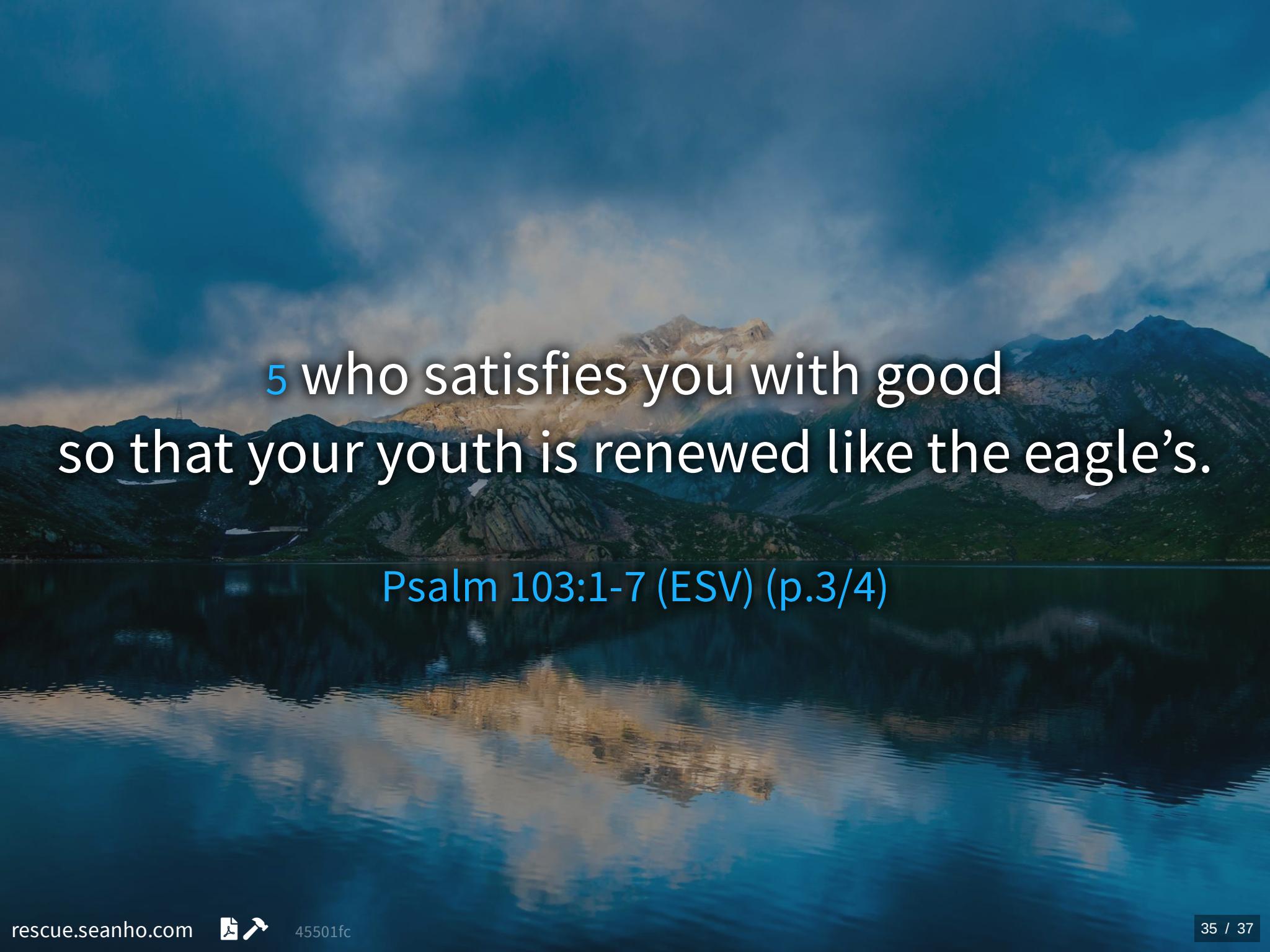
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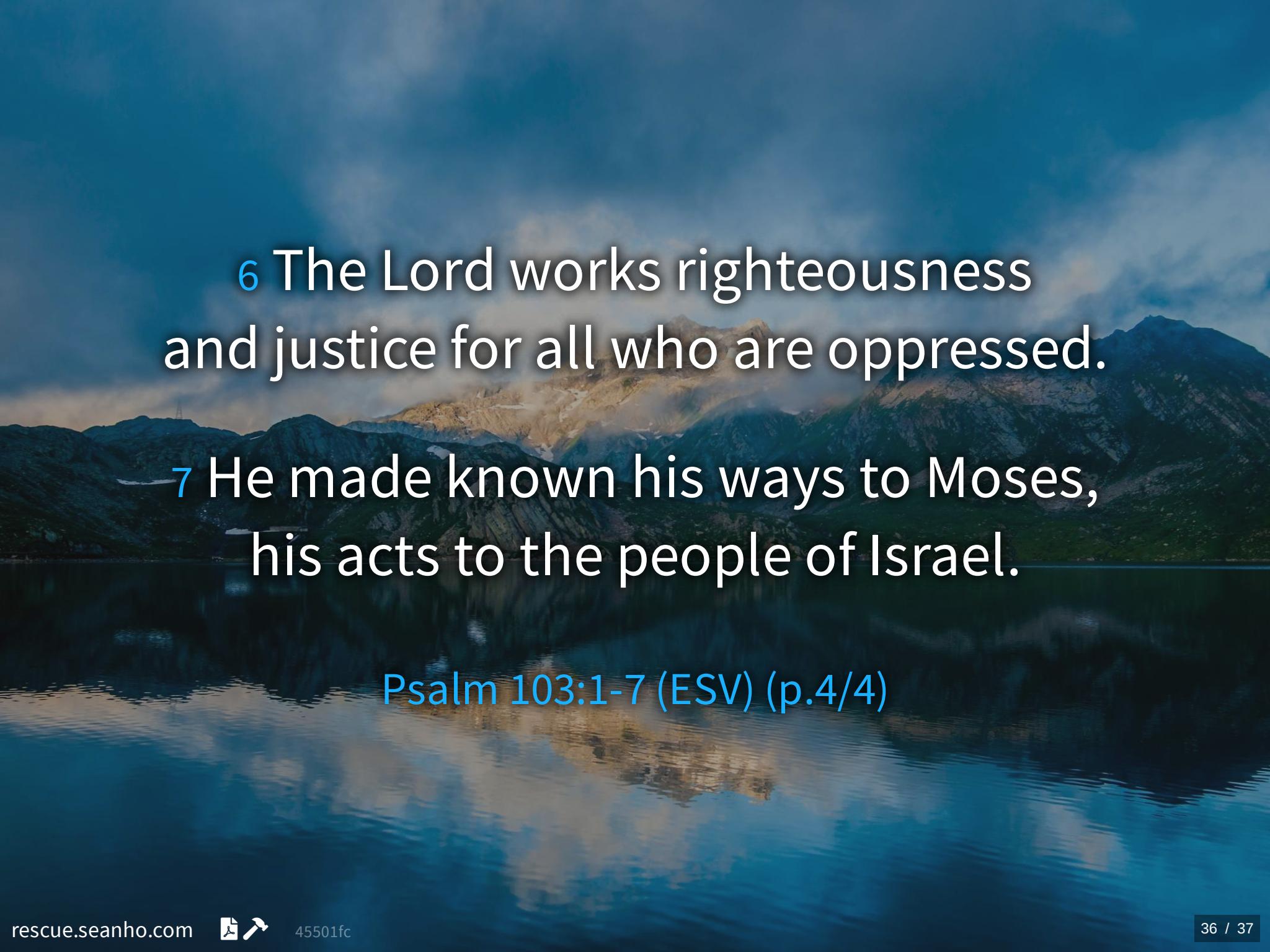
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