



# Redeeming the Weekends

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## Isaiah 58

**What are my  
weekends for?**



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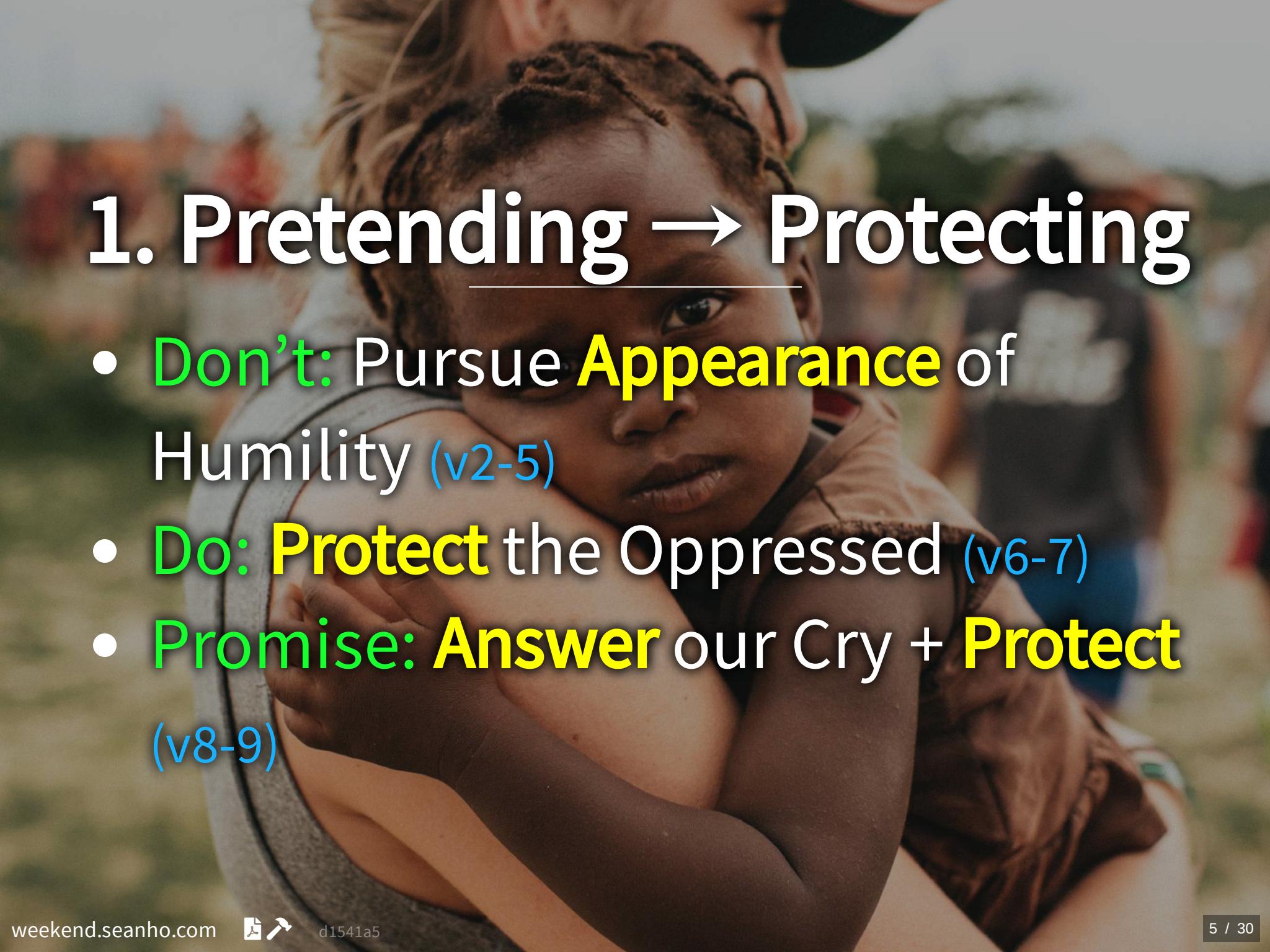
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1. Pretending → **Protecting**(v3-9a)
2. Pride → **Providence**(v9b-12)
3. Pleasure → **Praise** (v13-14)



Declare to my people their **rebellion**  
and to the descendants of Jacob their **sins**.

Isaiah 58:1 (NIV)



# 1. Pretending → Protecting

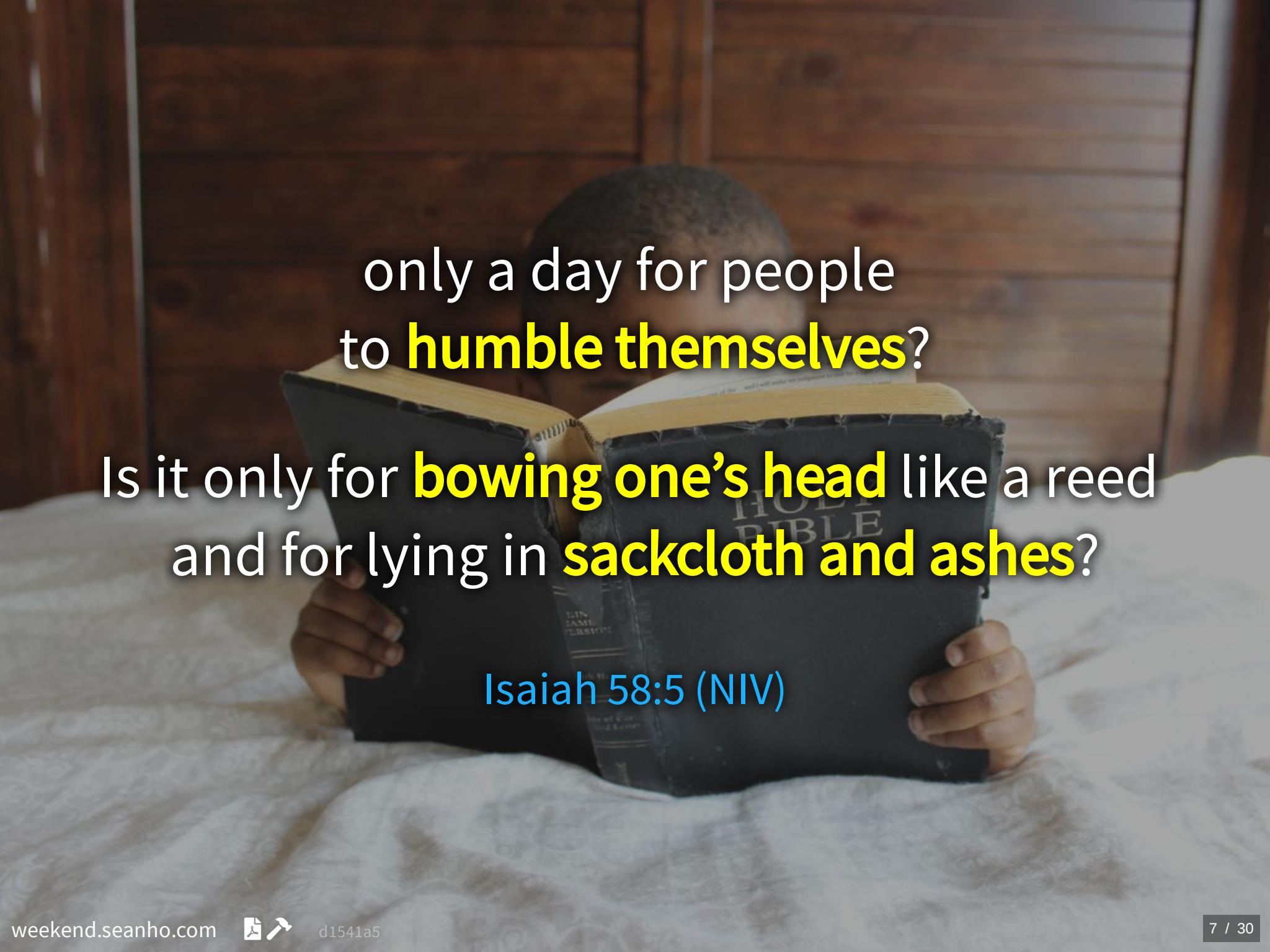
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- Don't: Pursue **Appearance** of Humility (v2-5)
- Do: **Protect** the Oppressed (v6-7)
- Promise: **Answer** our Cry + **Protect** (v8-9)

day after day they **seek me out**;  
they **seem eager** to know my ways, [...]

They ask me for **just decisions**  
and seem eager for God to **come near** them.

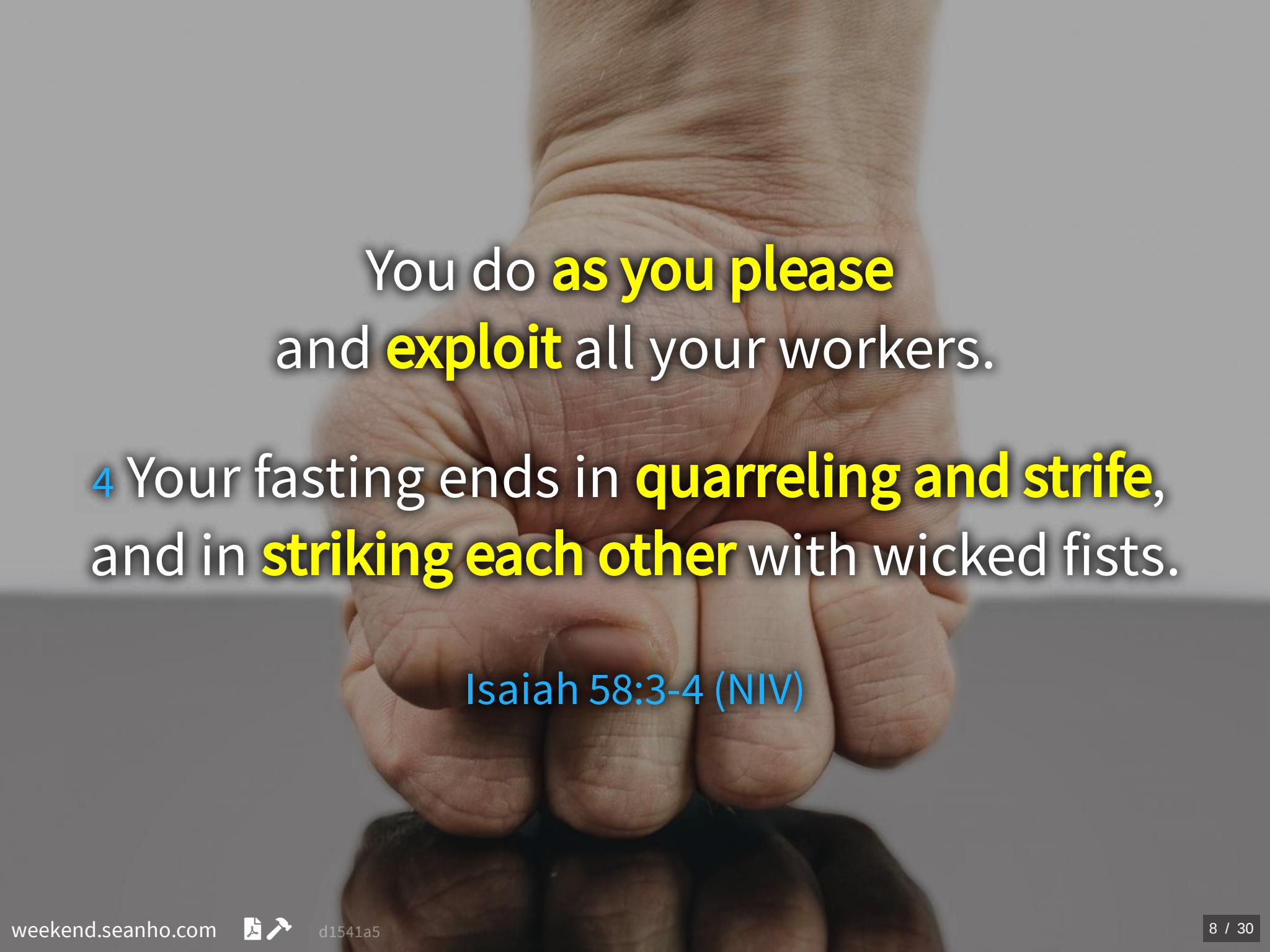
Isaiah 58:2 (NIV)

A photograph of a person's hands holding an open Bible. The person's head is bowed, resting on their hands, symbolizing humility. The Bible is dark-colored with gold lettering on the cover. The background is a wooden wall.

only a day for people  
to **humble themselves**?

Is it only for **bowing one's head** like a reed  
and for lying in **sackcloth and ashes**?

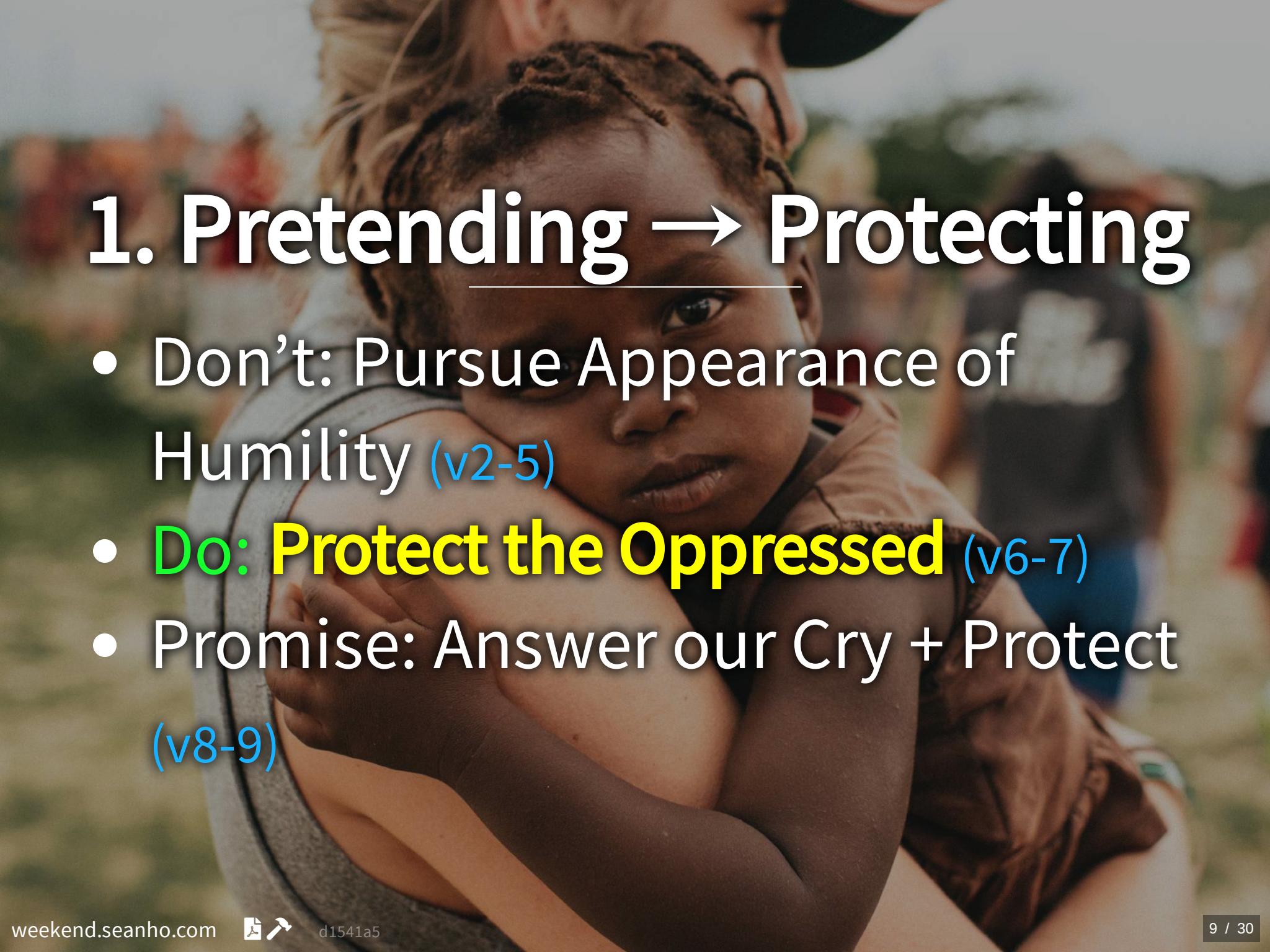
Isaiah 58:5 (NIV)



You do **as you please**  
and **exploit** all your workers.

4 Your fasting ends in **quarreling and strife**,  
and in **striking each other** with wicked fists.

Isaiah 58:3-4 (NIV)



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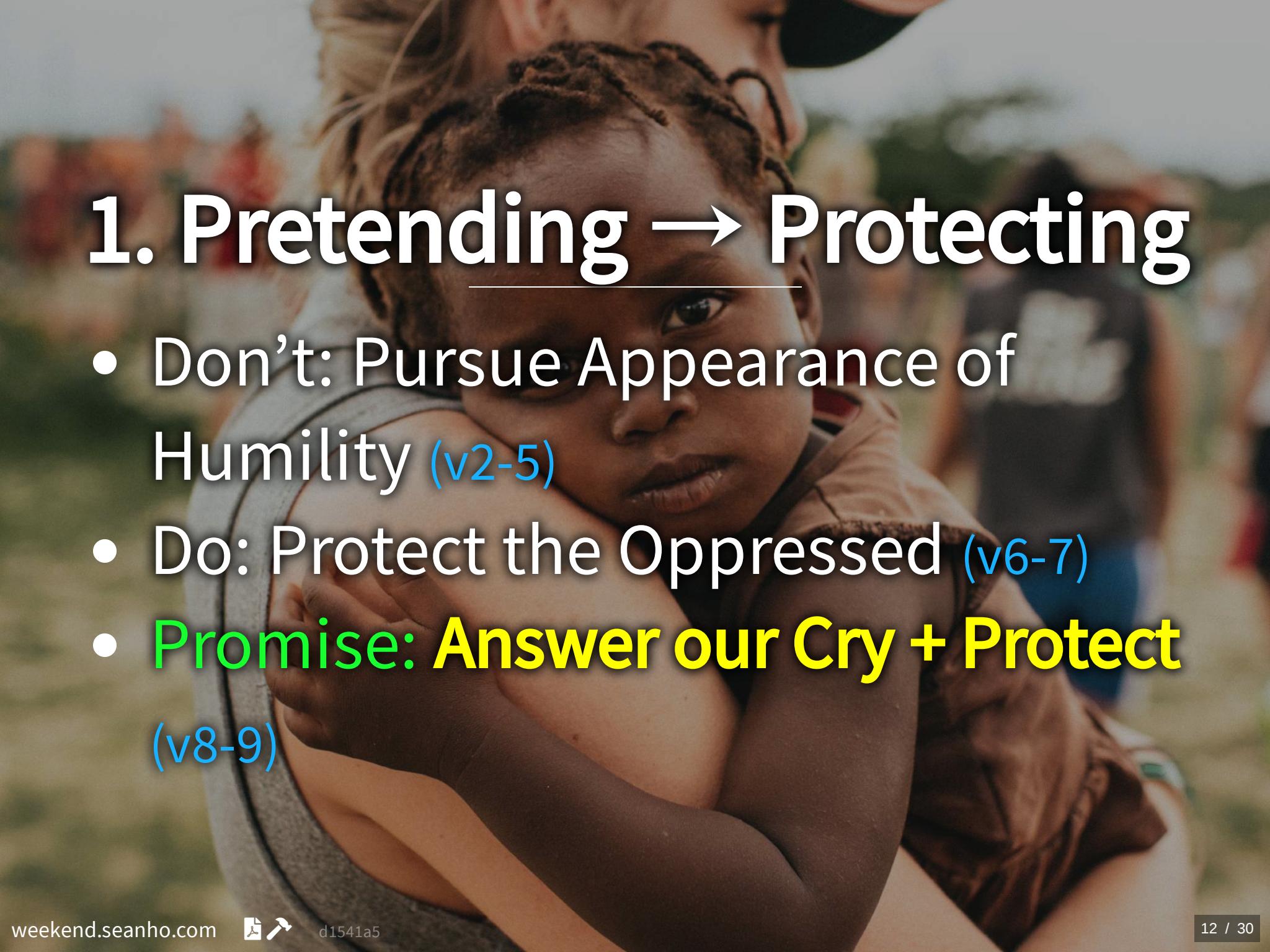
To loose the **chains of injustice**  
and untie the **cords of the yoke**,  
to set the **oppressed** free  
and break every **yoke**?

Isaiah 58:6 (NIV)



To **share your food** with the hungry  
and to provide the poor wanderer with **shelter**  
when you see the naked, to **clothe them**,  
and not to turn away  
from your own **flesh and blood**?

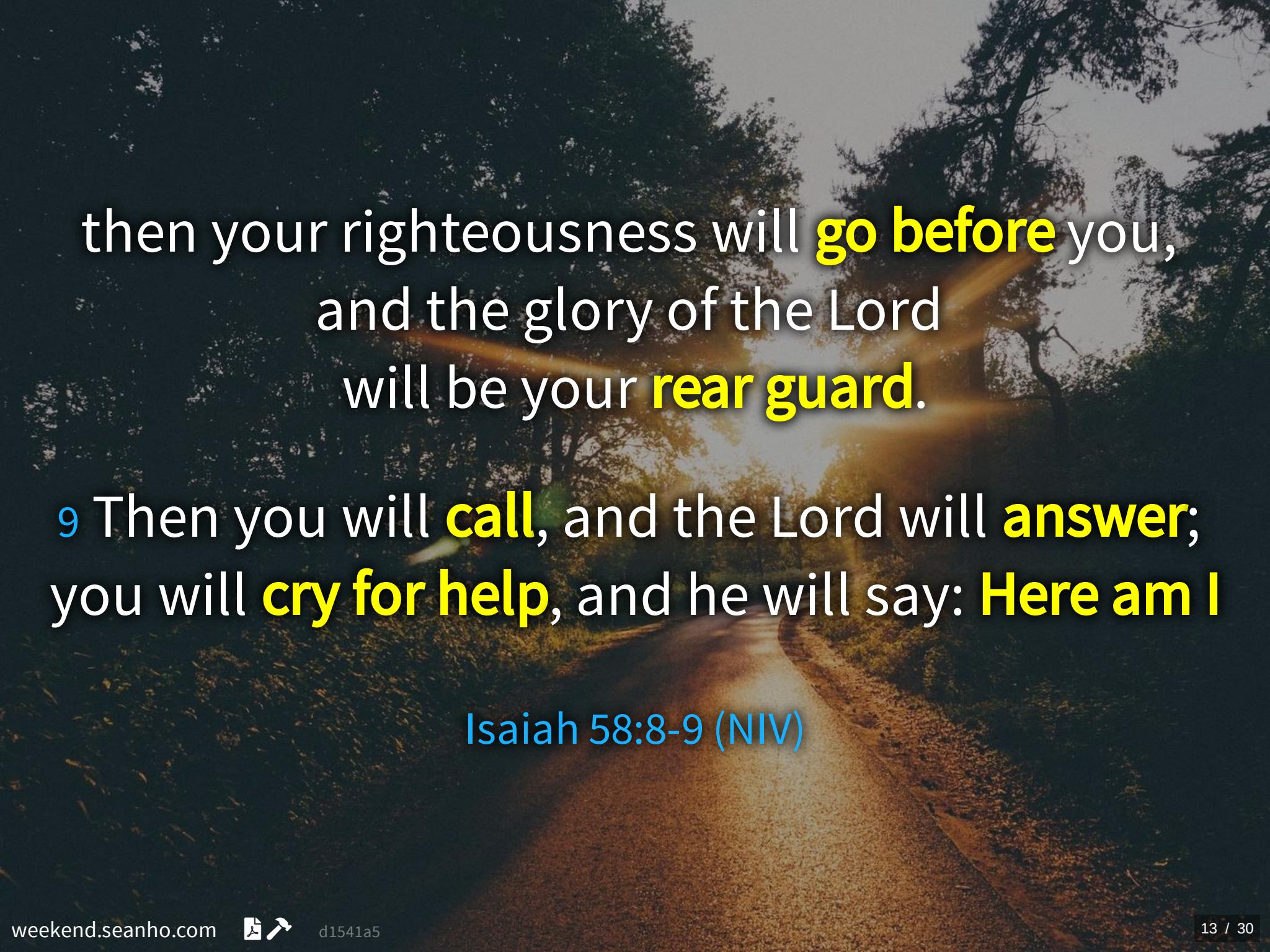
Isaiah 58:7 (NIV)



# 1. Pretending → Protecting

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- **Promise: Answer our Cry + Protect**  
(v8-9)

A photograph of a dirt road winding through a dense forest. Sunlight filters through the leaves of tall trees, creating bright highlights on the path and dappled shadows. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and spiritual.

then your righteousness will **go before** you,  
and the glory of the Lord  
will be your **rear guard.**

9 Then you will **call**, and the Lord will **answer**;  
you will **cry for help**, and he will say: **Here am I**

Isaiah 58:8-9 (NIV)

Do I care more  
about appearing  
humble than  
protecting the  
oppressed?

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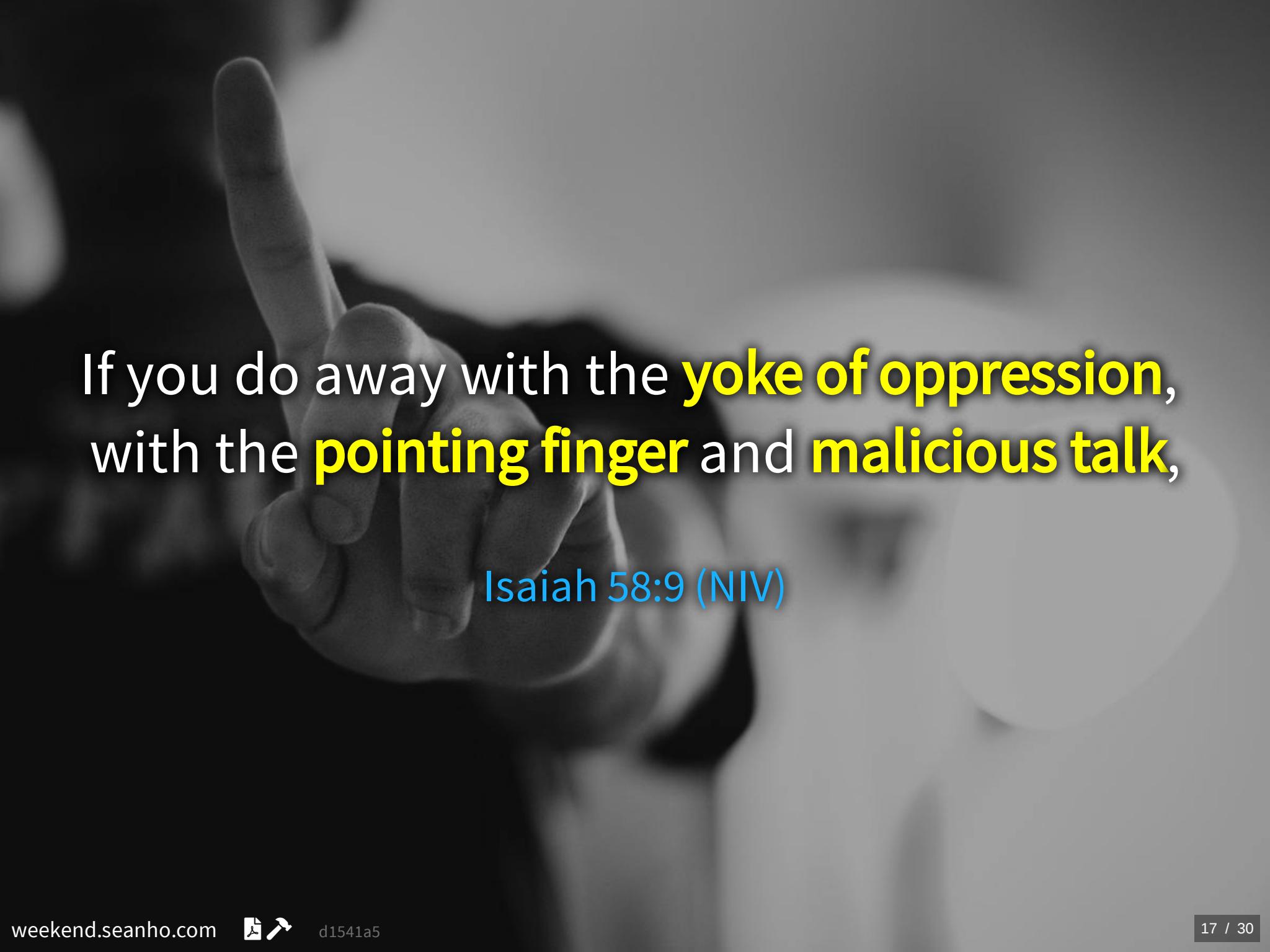
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3. Pleasure → Praise (v13-14)

## 2. Pride → Providence

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- Don't: Presume **Superiority** (v9b)
- Do: **Provide** for the Needy (v10a)
- Promise: **Satisfy** Needs + **Restore**  
(v10b-12)

A black and white photograph of a person's hand pointing upwards with their index finger. The background is blurred.

If you do away with the **yoke of oppression**,  
with the **pointing finger** and **malicious talk**,

Isaiah 58:9 (NIV)



if you **spend yourselves**  
in behalf of the hungry  
and **satisfy the needs** of the oppressed,

Isaiah 58:10 (NIV)



**satisfy your needs** in a sun-scorched land  
and will **strengthen** your frame.

You will be like a **well-watered garden**,  
like a **spring** whose waters never fail.

Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)



Your people will **rebuild** the ancient ruins  
and will **raise up** the age-old foundations;  
you will be called **Repairer** of Broken Walls,  
**Restorer** of Streets with Dwellings.

Isaiah 58:12 (NIV)

Do I care more  
about **justifying**  
myself than  
**providing** for the  
needy?

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### 3. Pleasure → Praise

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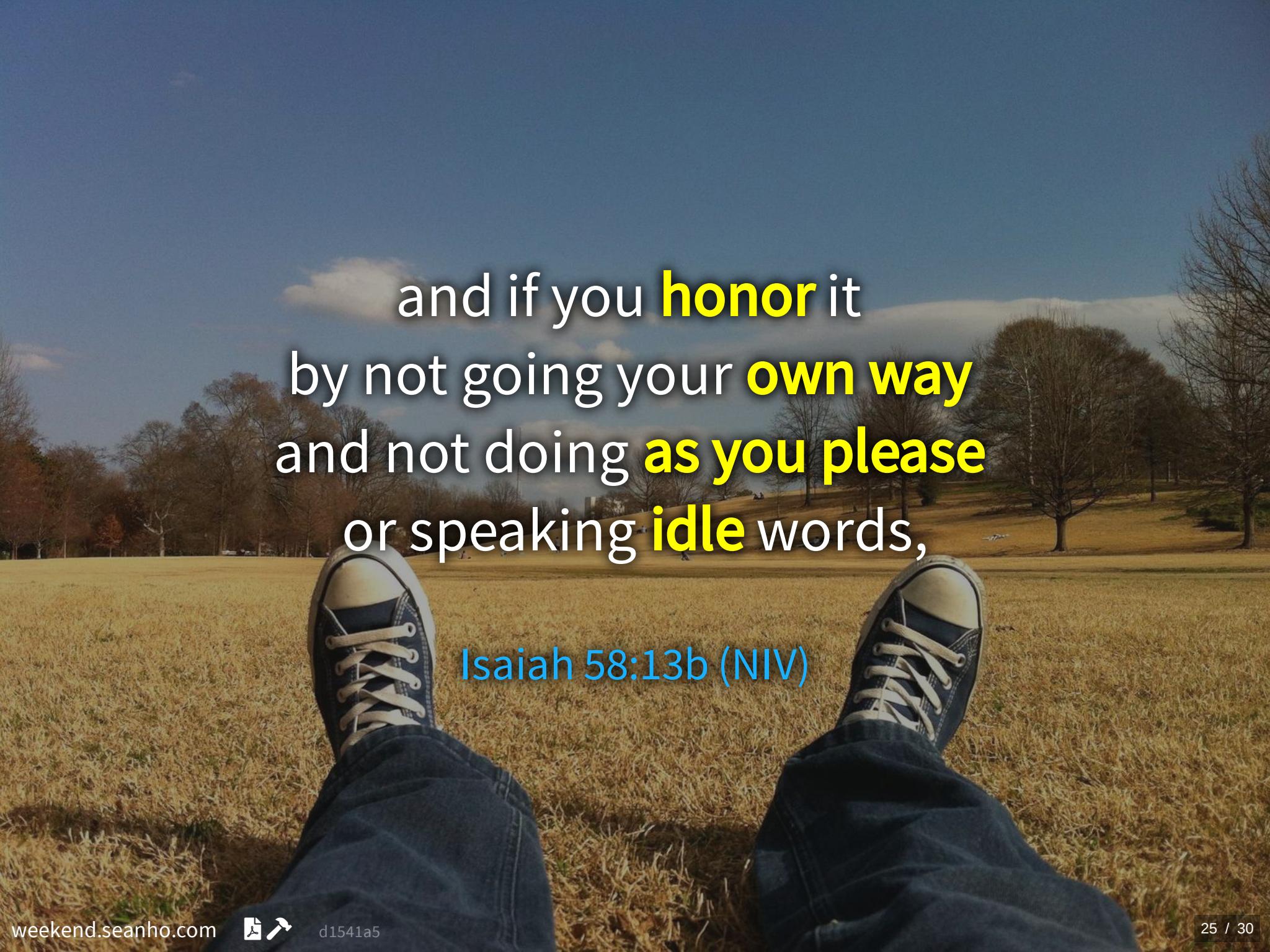
- Don't: Do as We **Please** on Sabbath  
(v13)
- Do: Consider Its **Joy** and **Gravity**  
(v13b)
- Promise: Be Our **Joy** and **Triumph**  
(v14)



A photograph of a person's lower legs and feet, wearing blue jeans and white lace-up sneakers, sitting on a grassy hillside. In the background, there's a park-like setting with trees, a path, and a few people in the distance under a blue sky with clouds.

If you keep your **feet**  
from breaking the **Sabbath**  
and from doing **as you please** on my holy day,

Isaiah 58:13a (NIVCUV)

A photograph of a person's legs and feet, wearing dark blue jeans and white lace-up sneakers, sitting cross-legged on a dry, golden-brown grassy field. They are looking out over a landscape that includes a line of bare trees in the foreground, a grassy hillside, and a sky filled with scattered clouds.

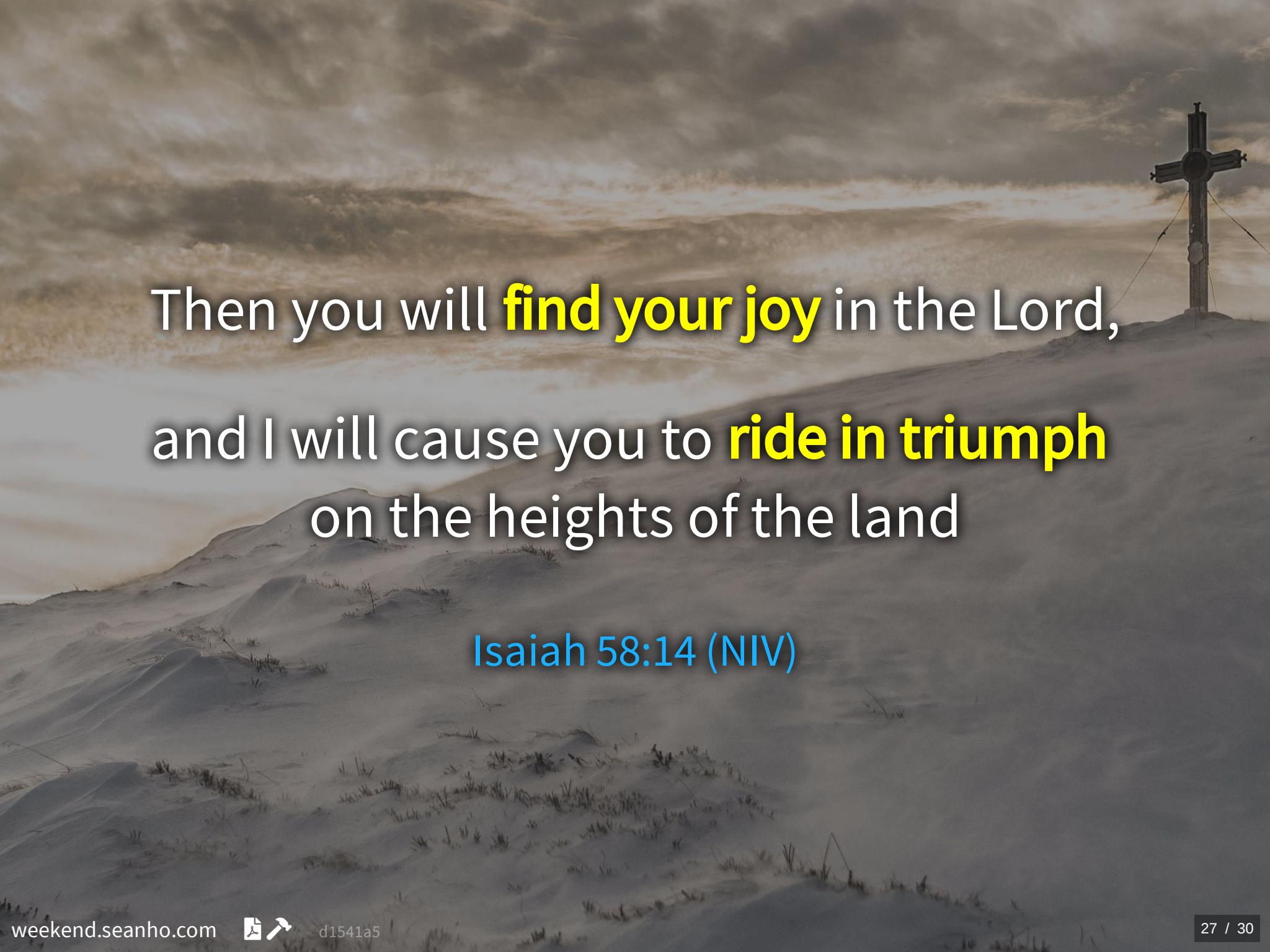
and if you **honor** it  
by not going your **own way**  
and not doing **as you please**  
or speaking **idle** words,

Isaiah 58:13b (NIV)

A large, light-colored feather with dark brown streaks is held diagonally across the frame by a person's fingers. The background is a solid blue.

if you call the Sabbath a **delight**  
and the Lord's holy day **honorable**,

Isaiah 58:13 (NIV)

A landscape painting featuring rolling hills covered in sparse vegetation. In the upper right corner, a dark wooden cross stands on a hill. The sky is filled with dramatic, layered clouds, with sunlight breaking through on the left side.

Then you will **find your joy** in the Lord,  
and I will cause you to **ride in triumph**  
on the heights of the land

Isaiah 58:14 (NIV)

A photograph of a paved path made of large, light-colored stones or tiles, leading through a field of tall, green grass. The path is flanked by trees and bushes on both sides. The sky above is filled with heavy, grey clouds.

**Delight** yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the **desires** of your heart.

5 **Commit** your way to the LORD;  
**trust** in him, and he will act.

Psalm 37:4-5 (ESV)

Do I care more  
about my own  
**plans** than  
declaring God's  
**glory?**

