



Redeeming the Weekends

Isaiah 58

**What are my
weekends for?**

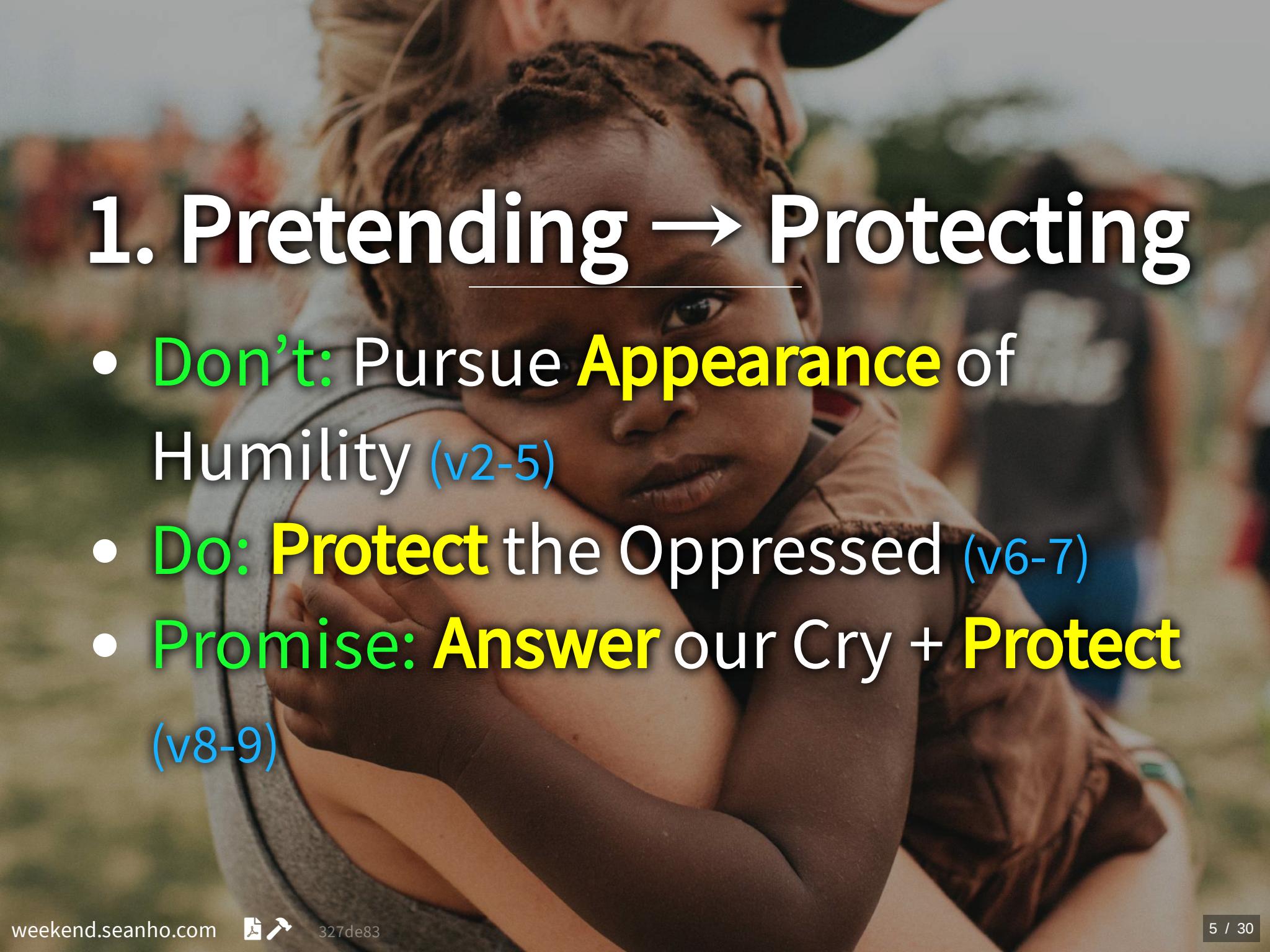
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1. Pretending → **Protecting**(v3-9a)
2. Pride → **Providence**(v9b-12)
3. Pleasure → **Praise** (v13-14)



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

Isaiah 58:1 (NIV)



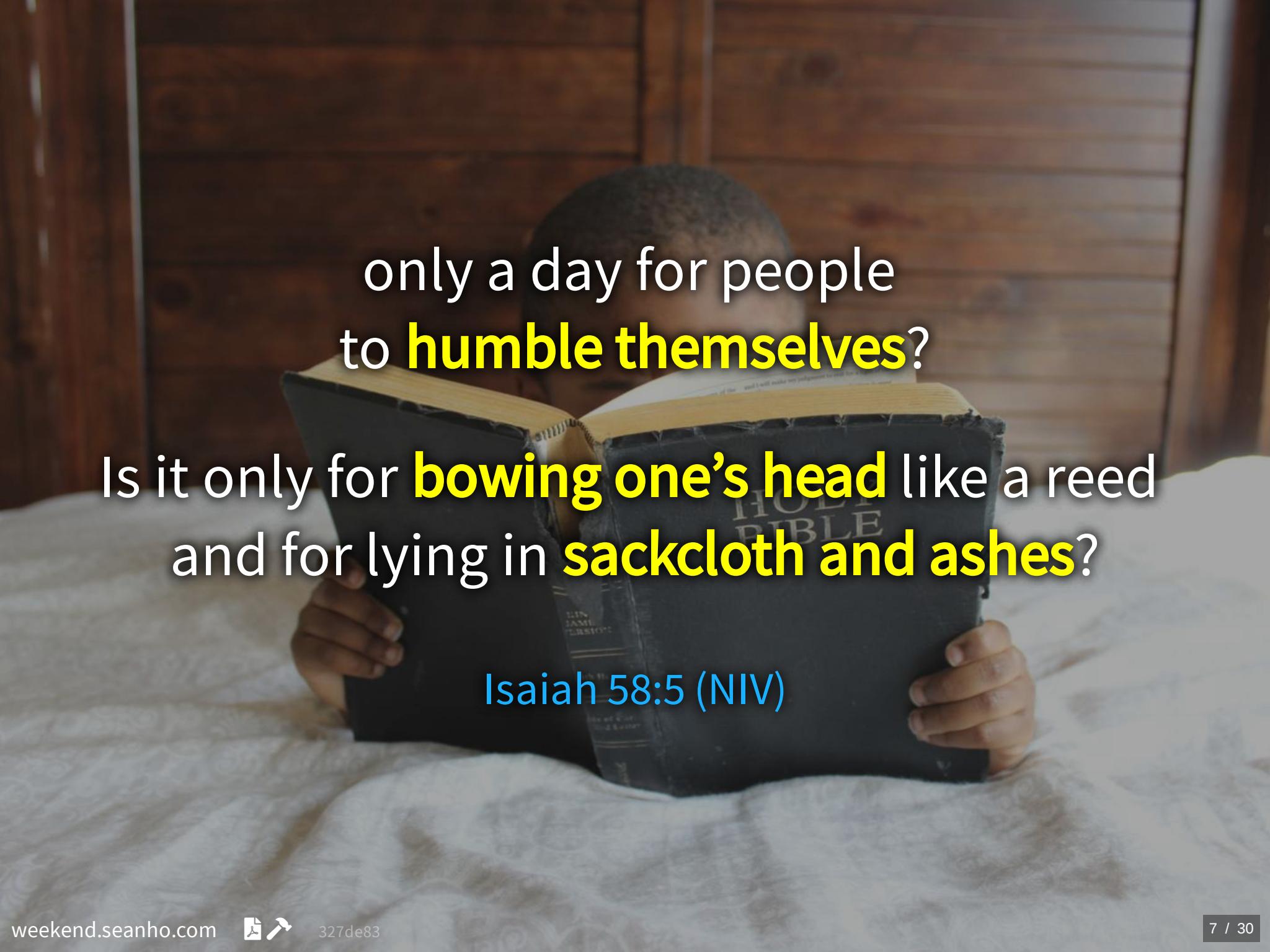
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- Don't: Pursue **Appearance** of Humility (v2-5)
- Do: **Protect** the Oppressed (v6-7)
- Promise: **Answer** our Cry + **Protect** (v8-9)

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.

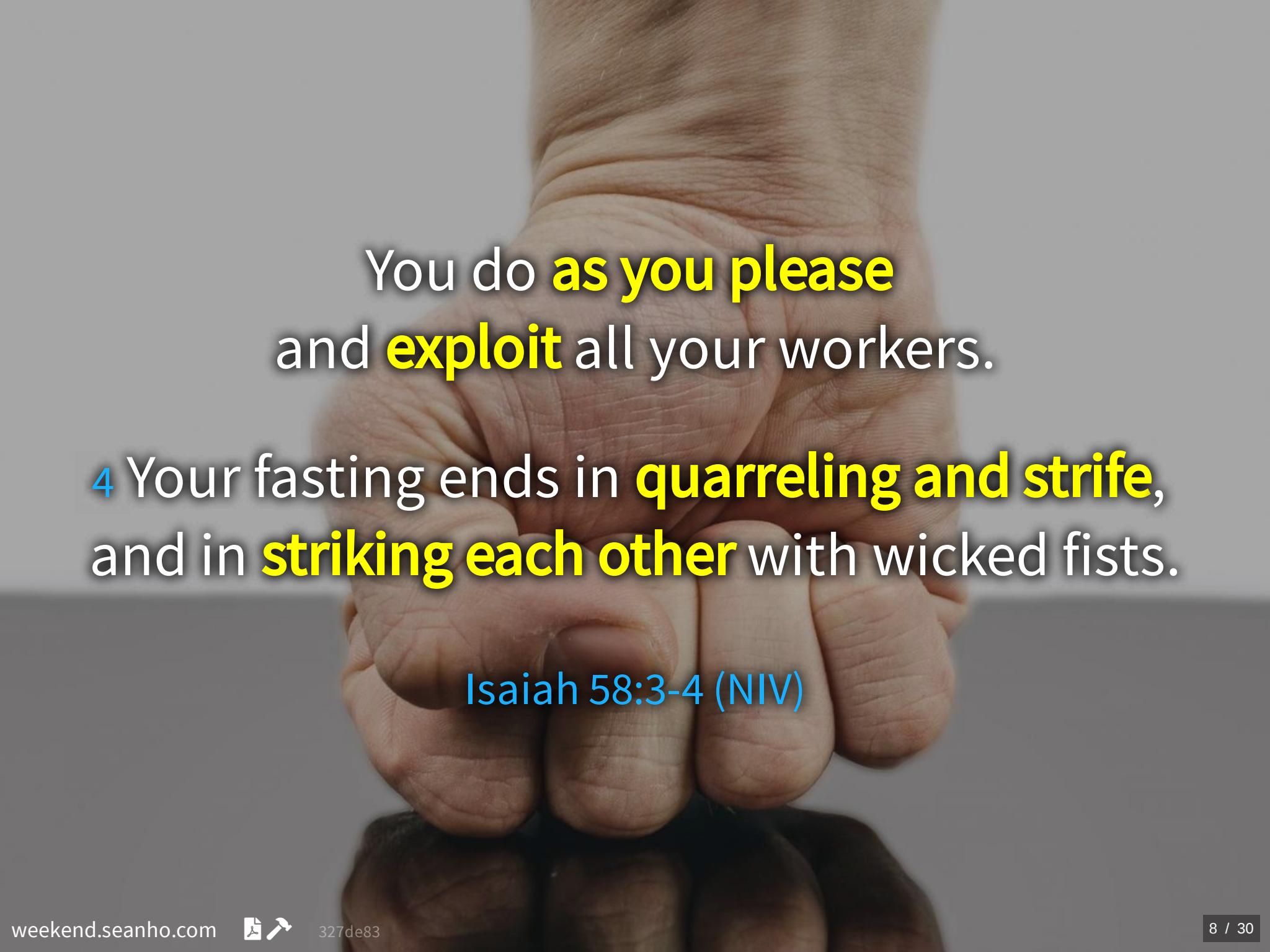
Isaiah 58:2 (NIV)



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**?

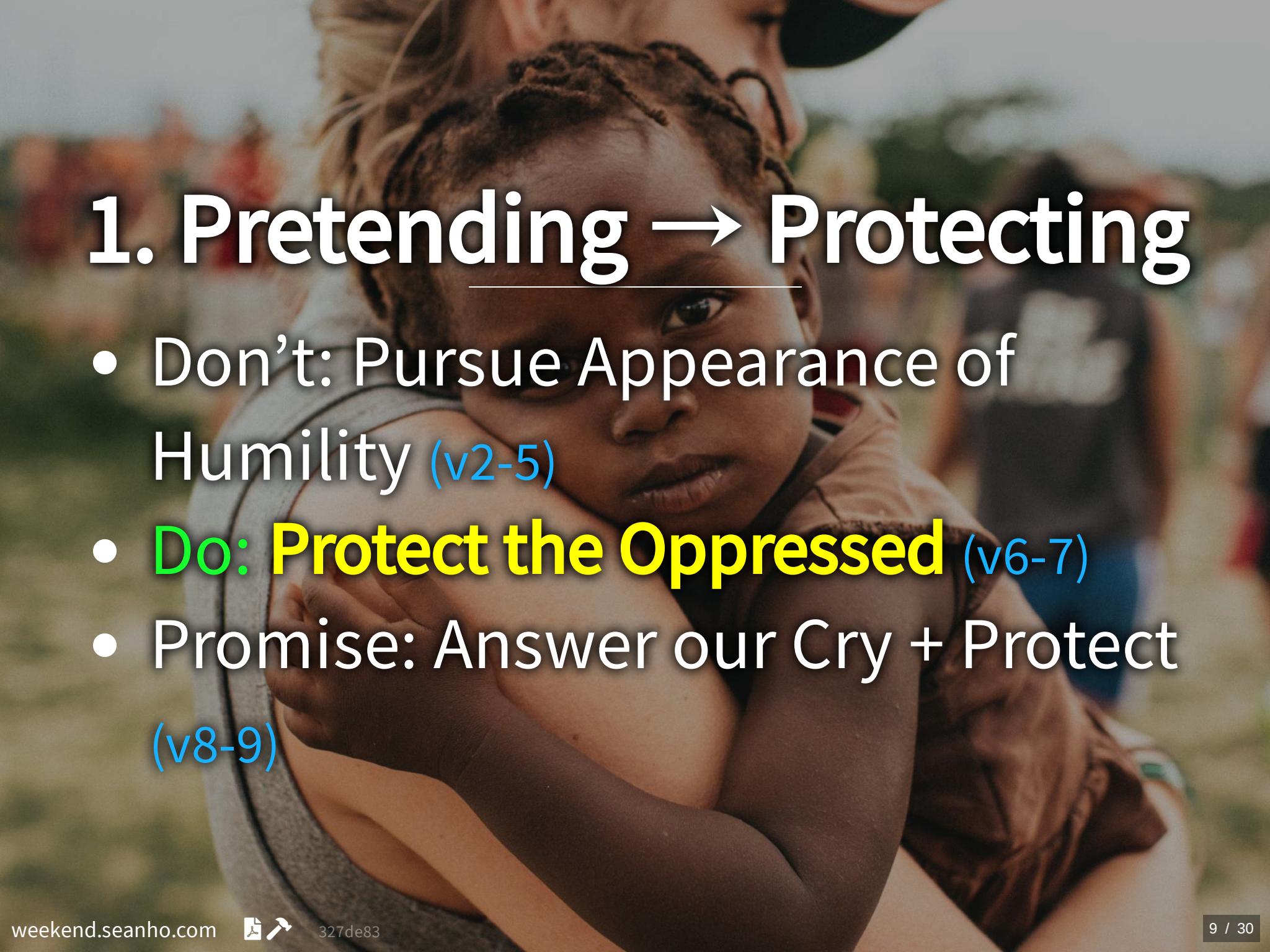
Isaiah 58:5 (NIV)



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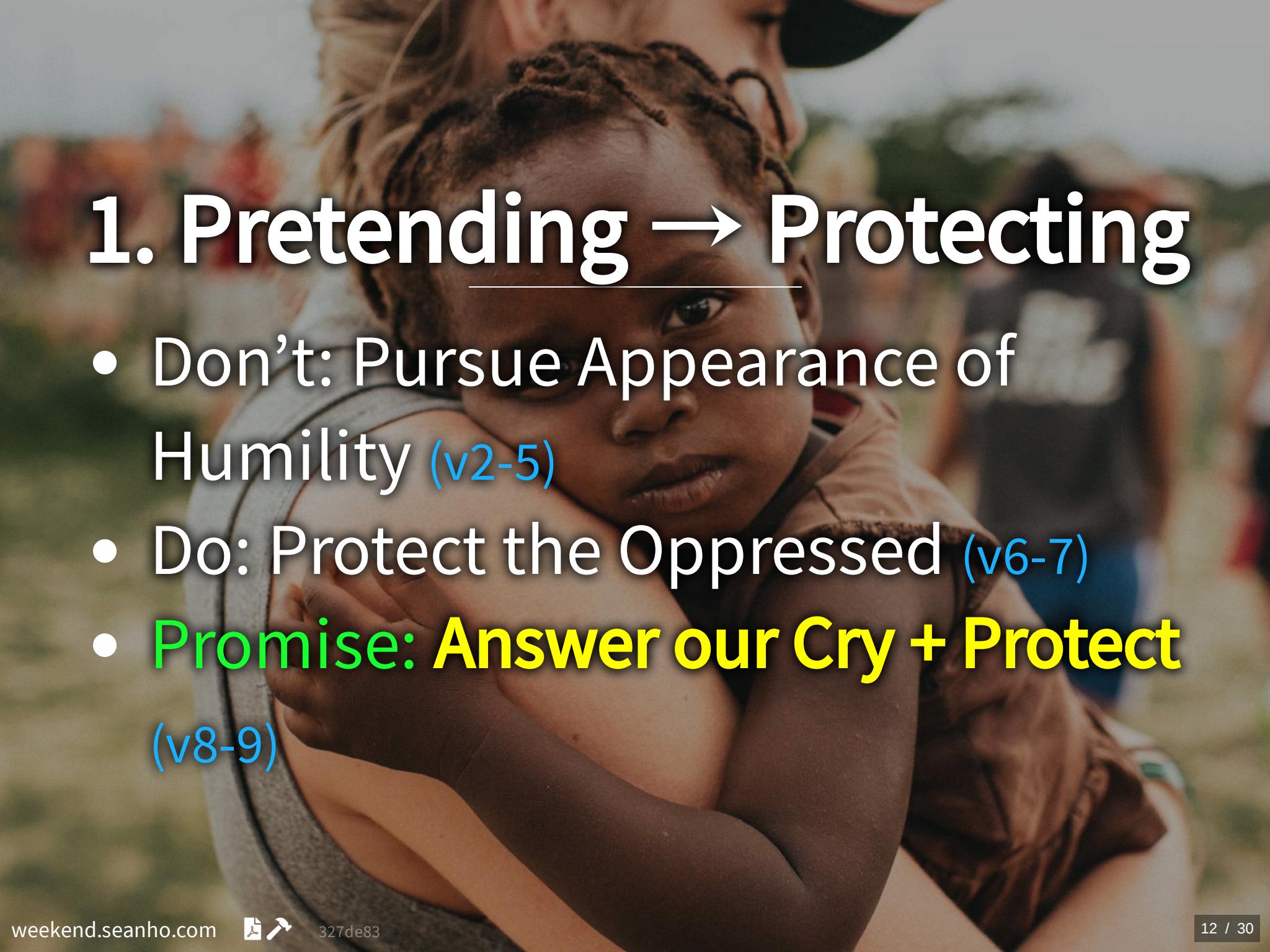
To loose the **chains of injustice**
and untie the **cords of the yoke**,
to set the **oppressed** free
and break every **yoke**?

Isaiah 58:6 (NIV)



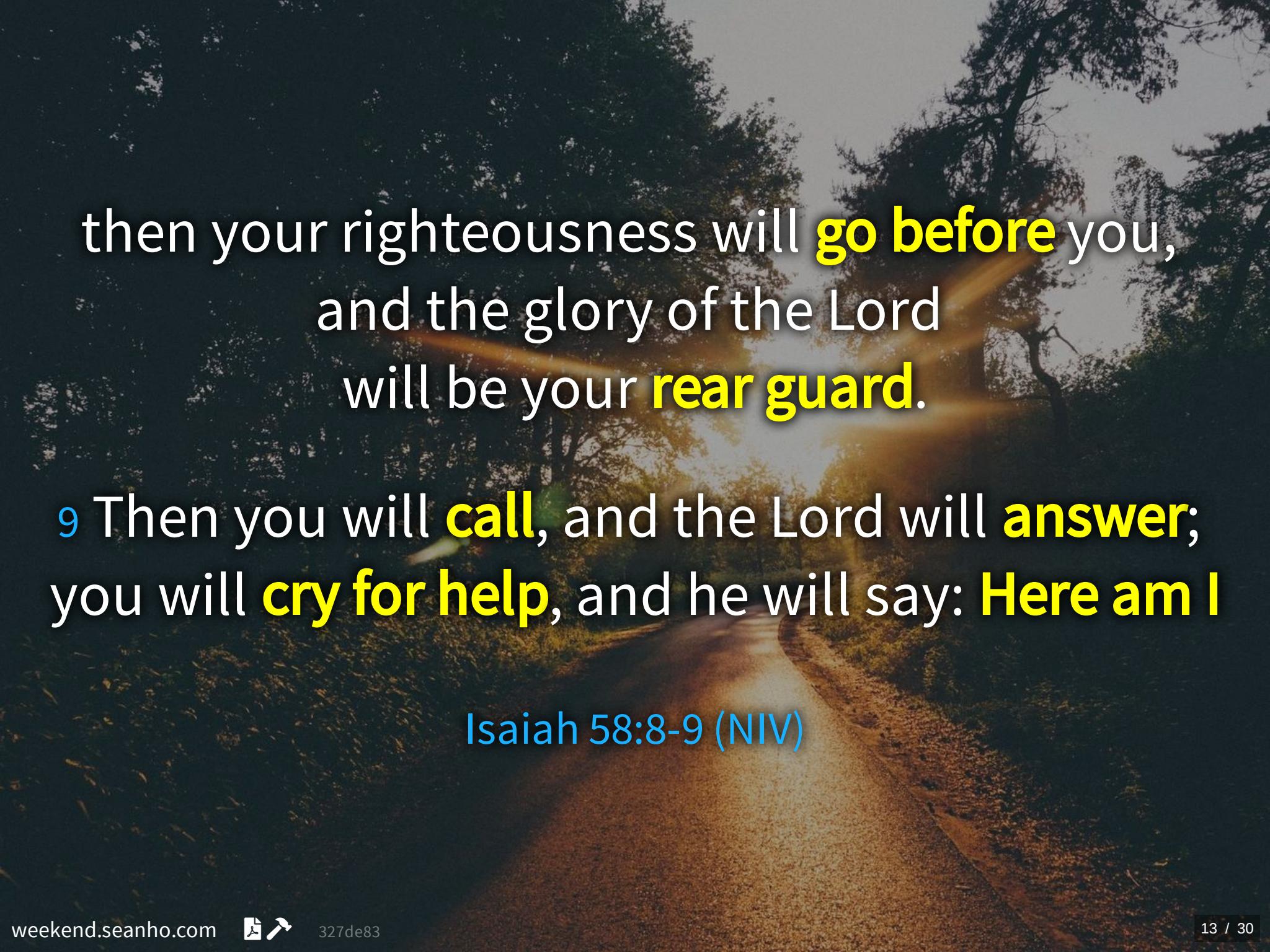
To **share your food** with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with **shelter**
when you see the naked, to **clothe them**,
and not to turn away
from your own **flesh and blood**?

Isaiah 58:7 (NIV)



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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 casting deep 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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2. **Pride** → **Providence** (v9b-12)
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2. Pride → Providence

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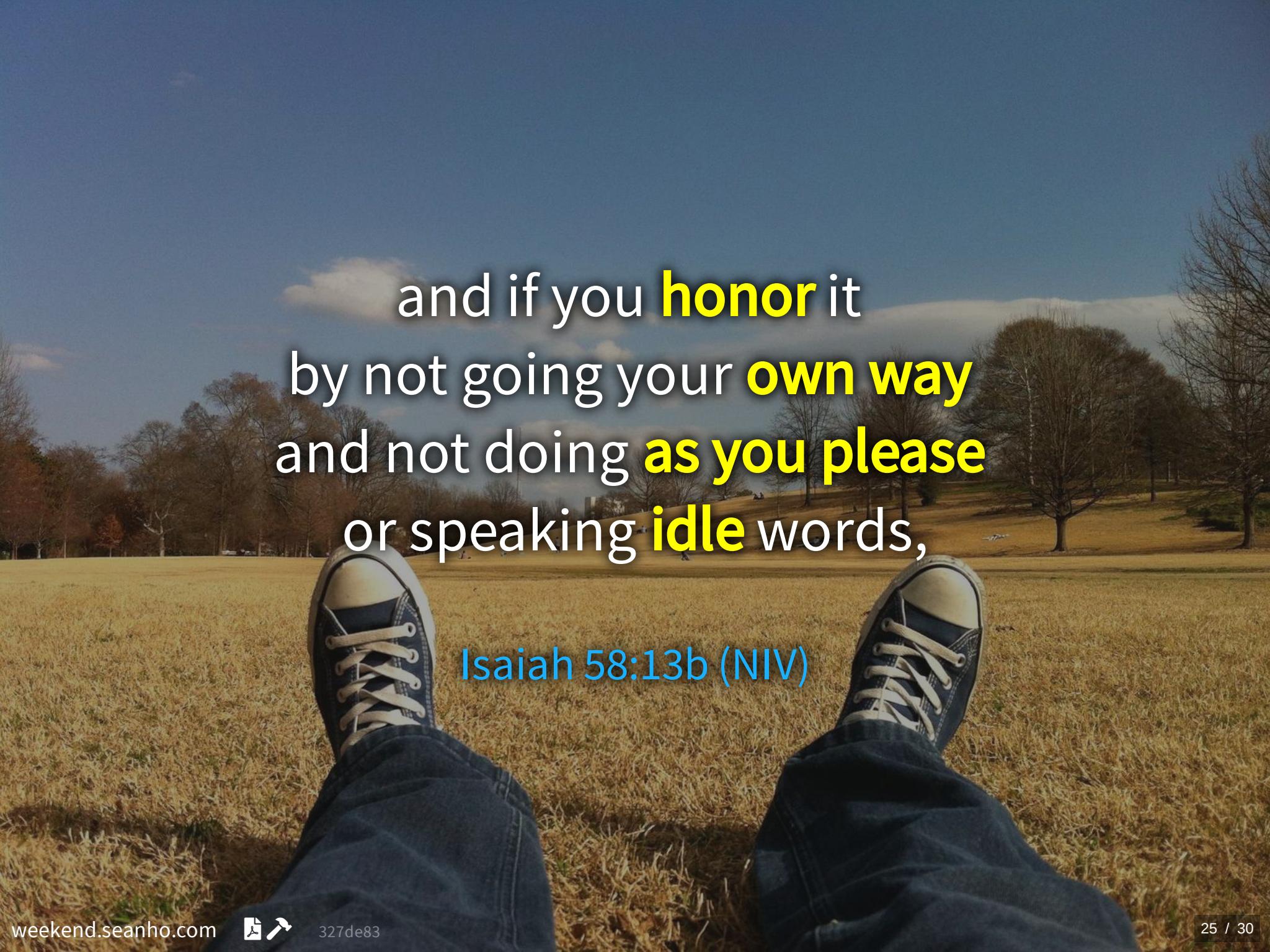
- Don't: Do as We **Please** on Sabbath
(v13)
- Do: Consider Its **Joy** and **Gravity**
(v13b)
- Promise: Be Our **Joy** and **Triumph**
(v14)





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 jeans and white sneakers with blue laces, sitting cross-legged on a dry, golden-brown grassy field. They are looking out over a landscape with bare trees and a blue sky 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 markings is held vertically by a person's fingers on the left side of the frame. 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 tall wooden cross stands on a hill. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, suggesting an evening or stormy atmosphere.

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 paved path leads through a field of tall grass under a cloudy sky.

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?

