

# Journey of a lifetime

Luke 24: 13 – 35  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2022



Bowthorpe  
Church



# Notices

- Roger Hinton's funeral will take place at Colney Woodland on Wednesday 27th April at 3.00pm. It was Roger's wish that people attending the funeral should **not** wear black.



- 14th May 2022 at 18:00  
Christian Aid Quiz and Supper –  
a choice of meal (sausage and  
chips or a ploughman's), quiz  
plus donation for the work of  
Christian Aid. See sign up sheet.



# Call to worship

People, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you:

to do what is right, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God.

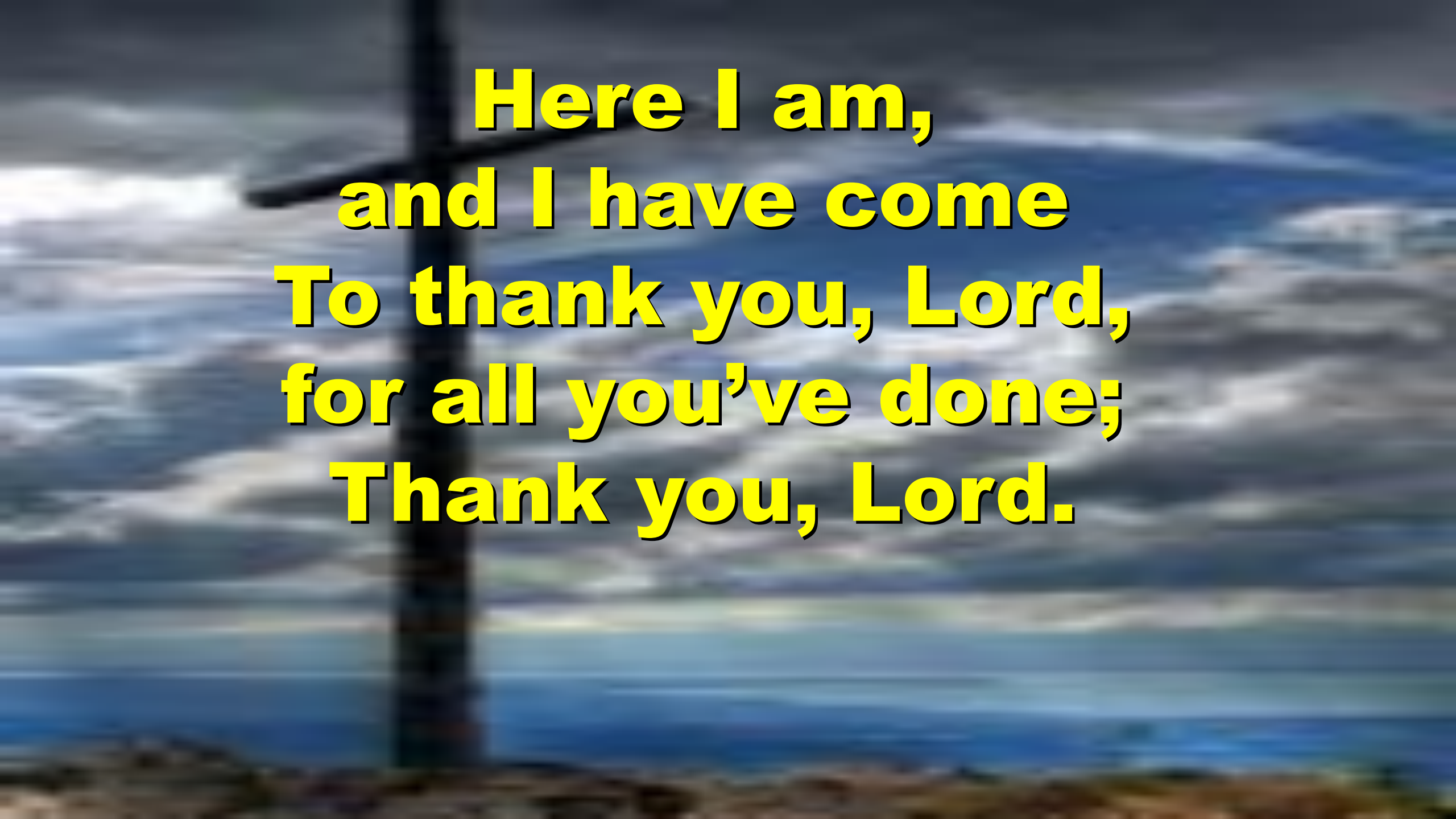
Micah 6:8 (NLT)



# Opening songs/hymn

- Here I am to worship
- May our homes be filled with dancing
- To you O Lord



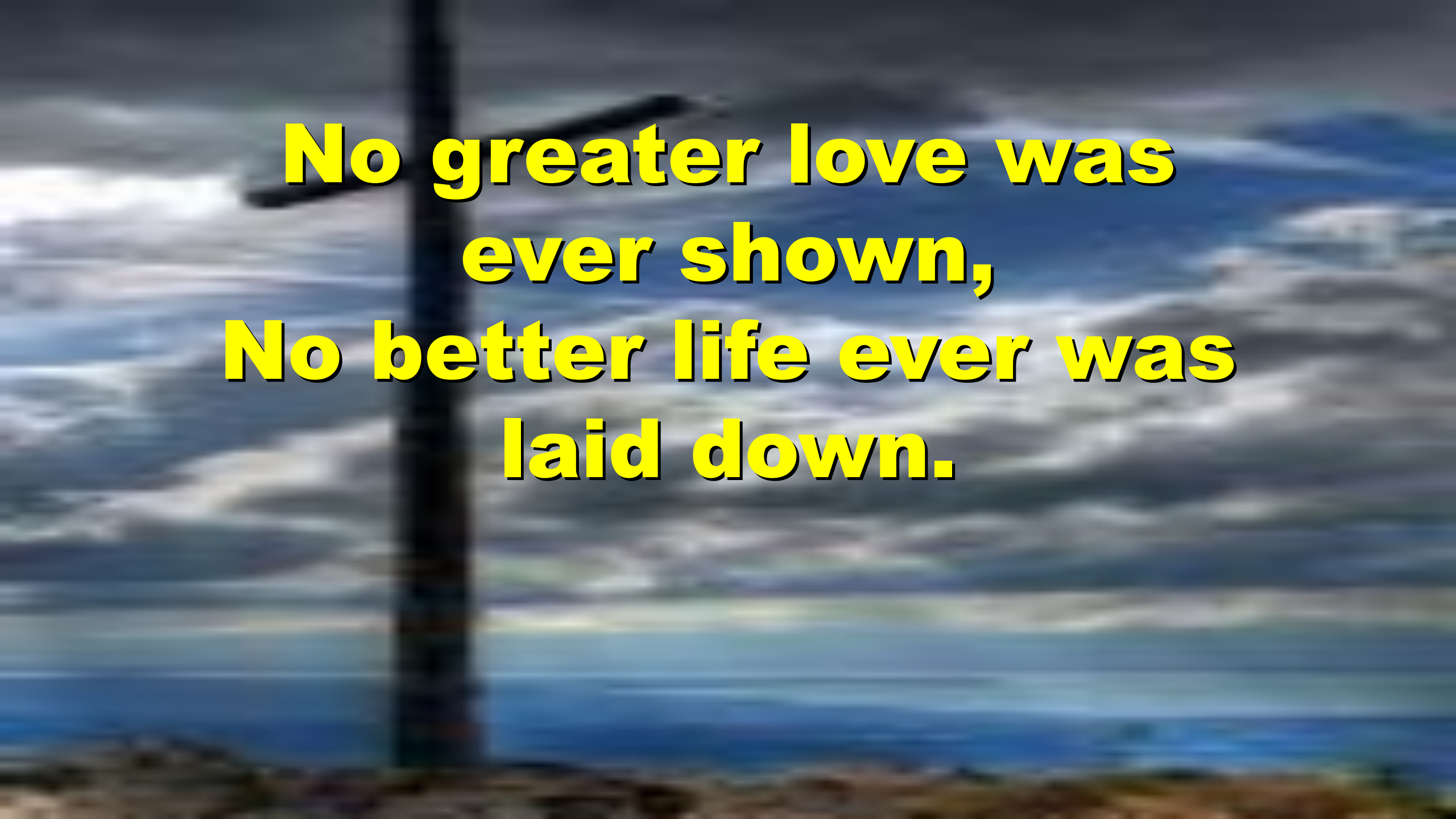


**Here I am,  
and I have come  
To thank you, Lord,  
for all you've done;  
Thank you, Lord.**

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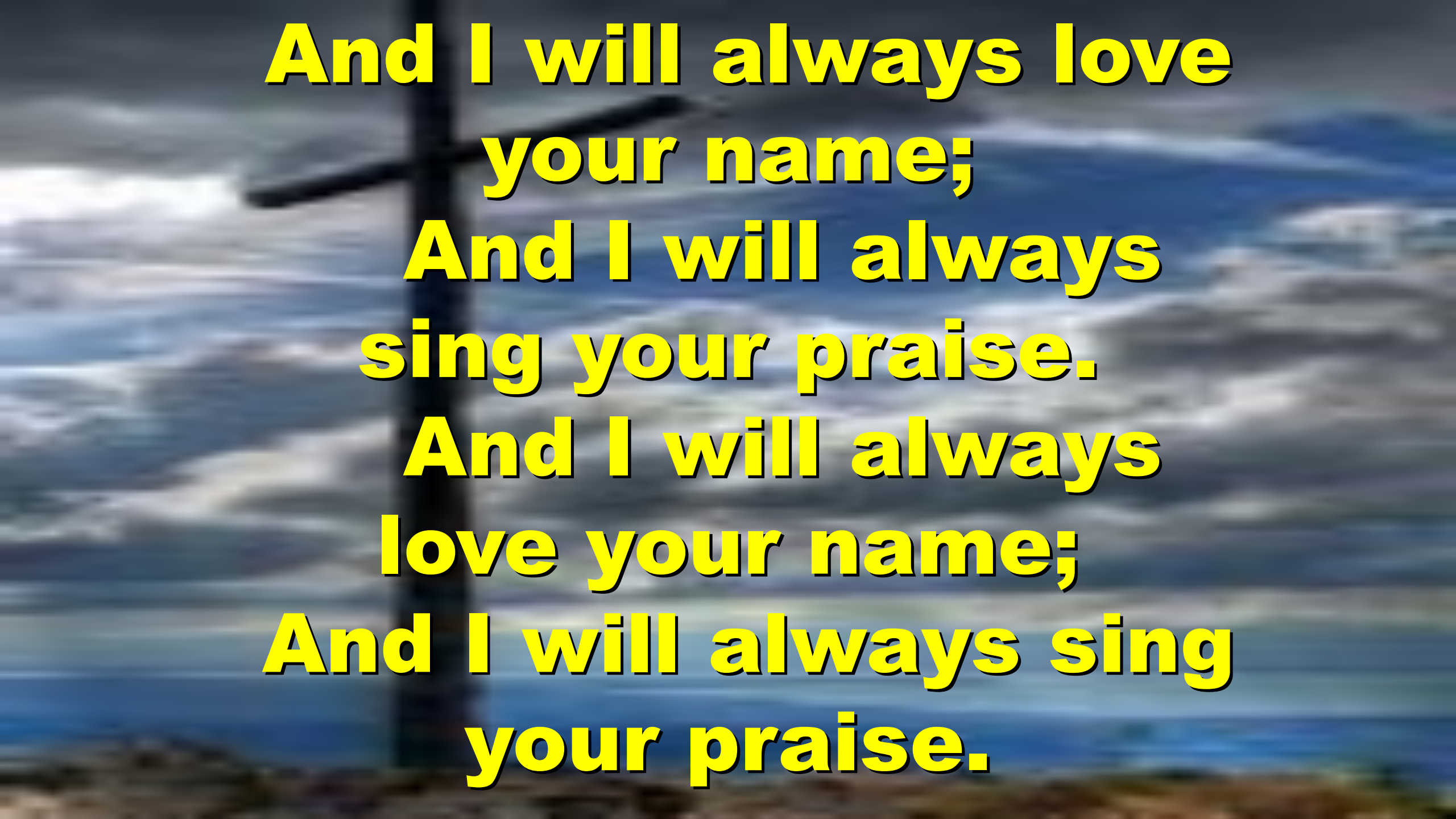
**You paid the price  
at Calvary,  
You shed your blood, you  
set me free;  
Thank you, Lord.**



A wooden cross stands on a grassy hill overlooking a blue body of water under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, yellow font with a black outline.

**No greater love was  
ever shown,  
No better life ever was  
laid down.**



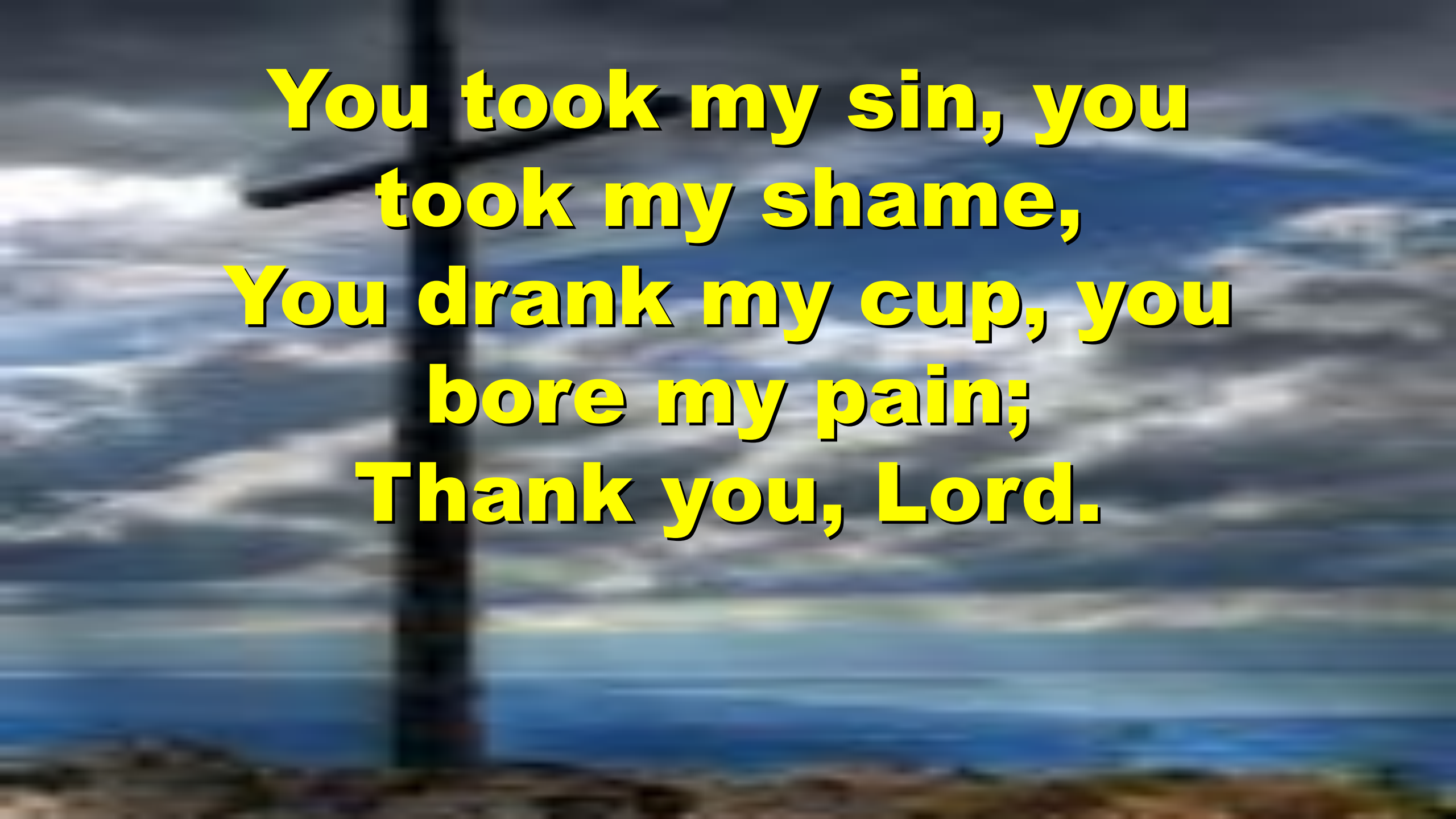


**And I will always love  
your name;**

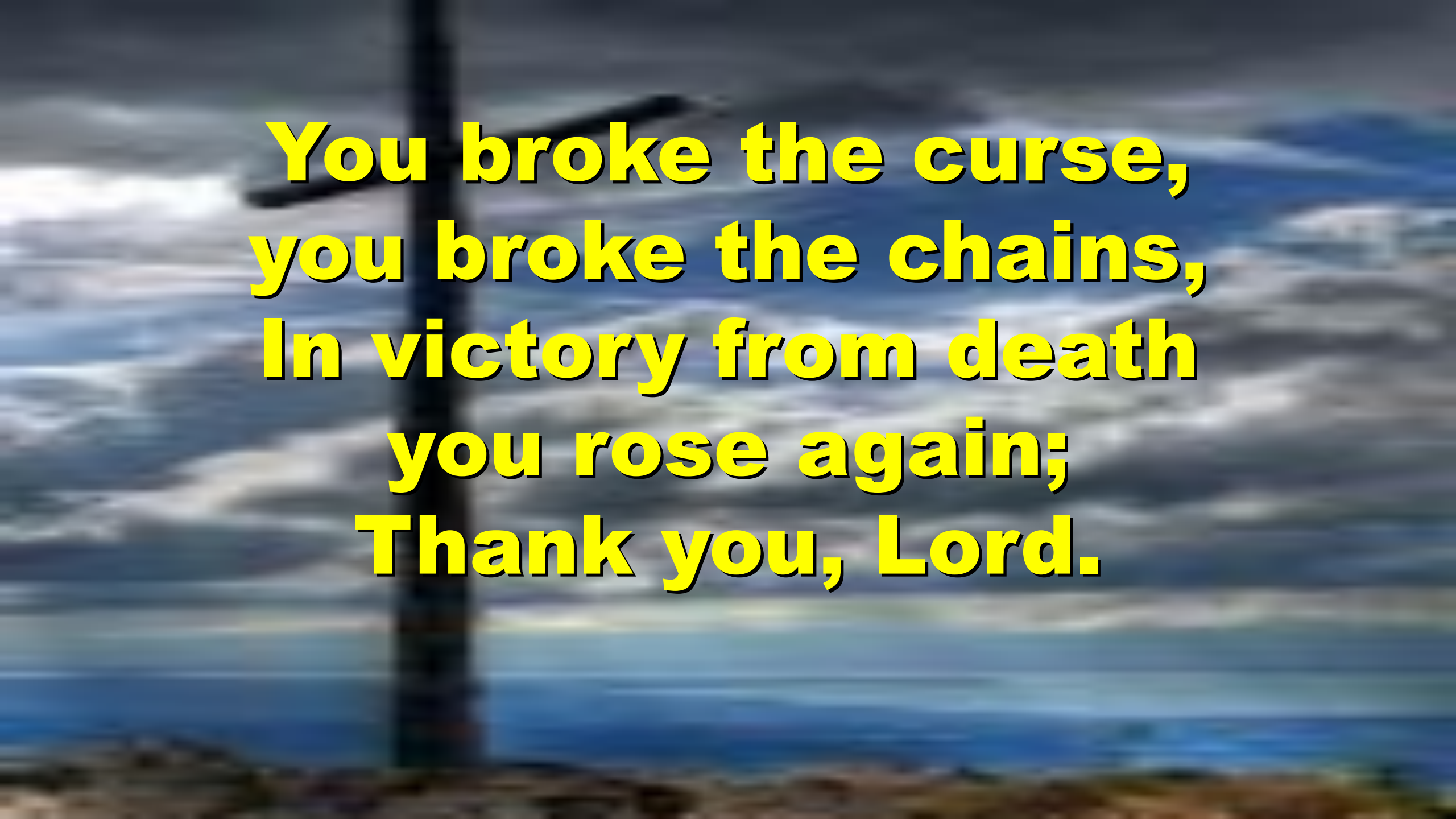
**And I will always  
sing your praise.**

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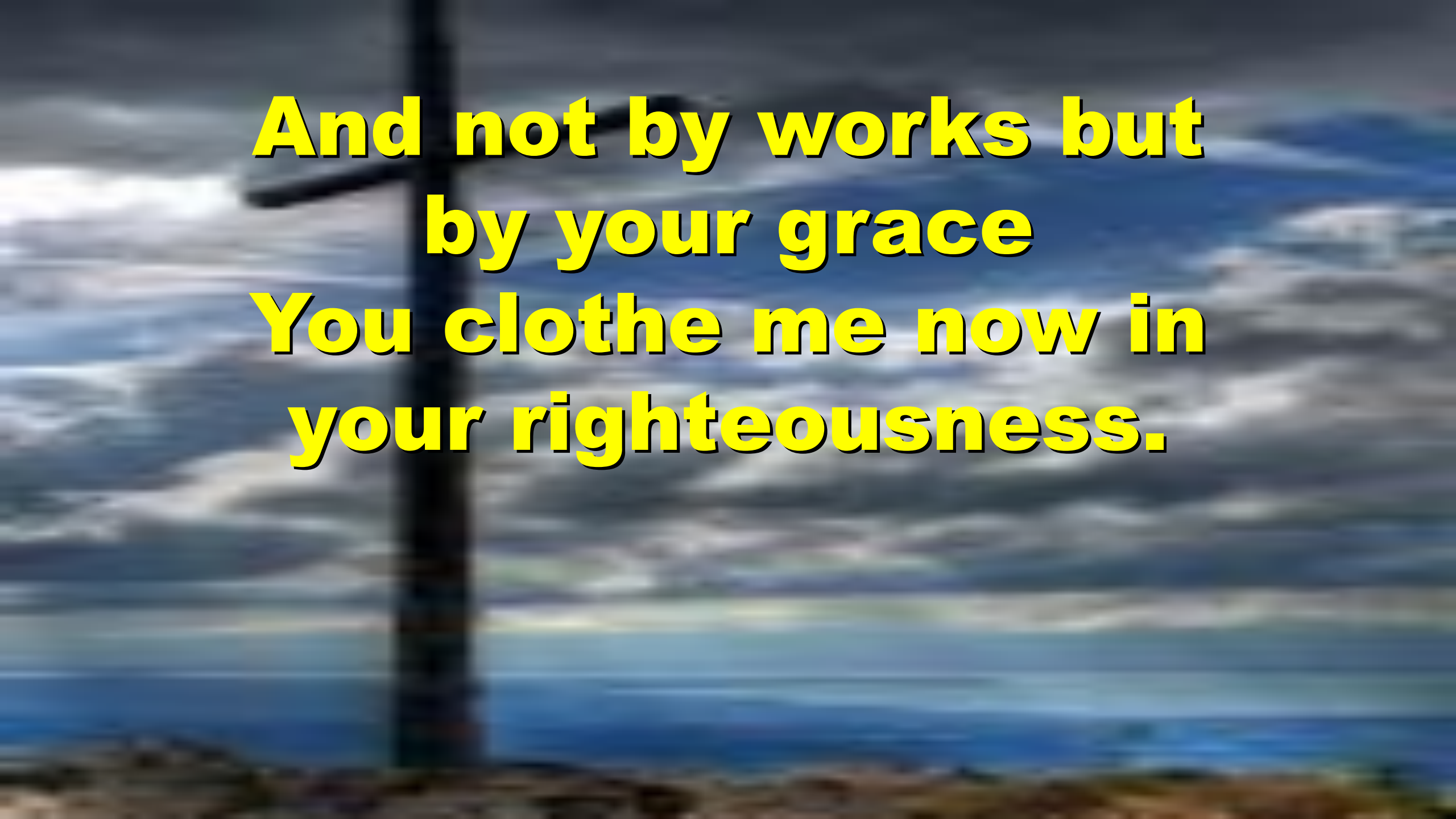


**You took my sin, you  
took my shame,  
You drank my cup, you  
bore my pain;  
Thank you, Lord.**

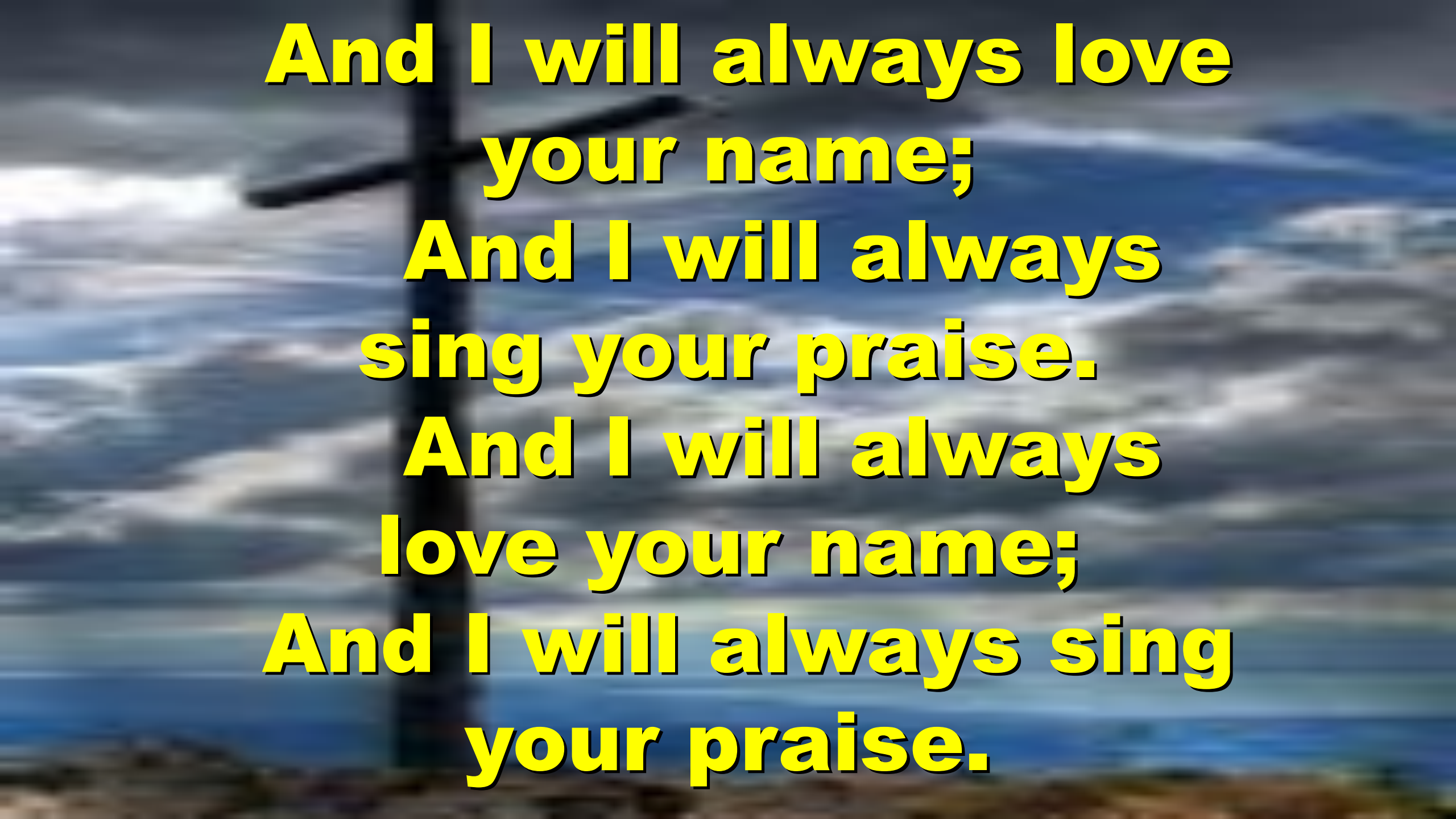


**You broke the curse,  
you broke the chains,  
In victory from death  
you rose again;  
Thank you, Lord.**





**And not by works but  
by your grace  
You clothe me now in  
your righteousness.**

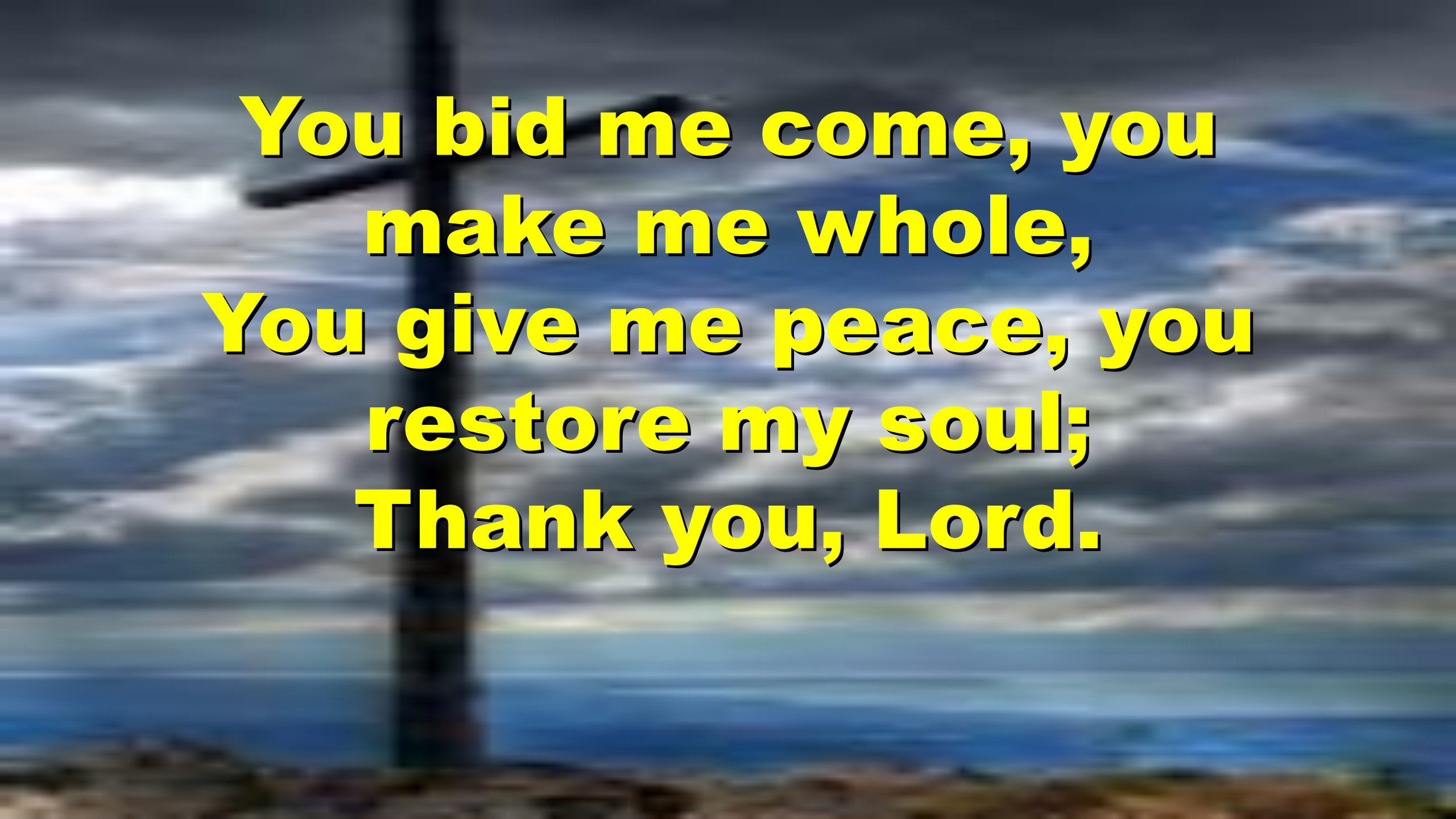


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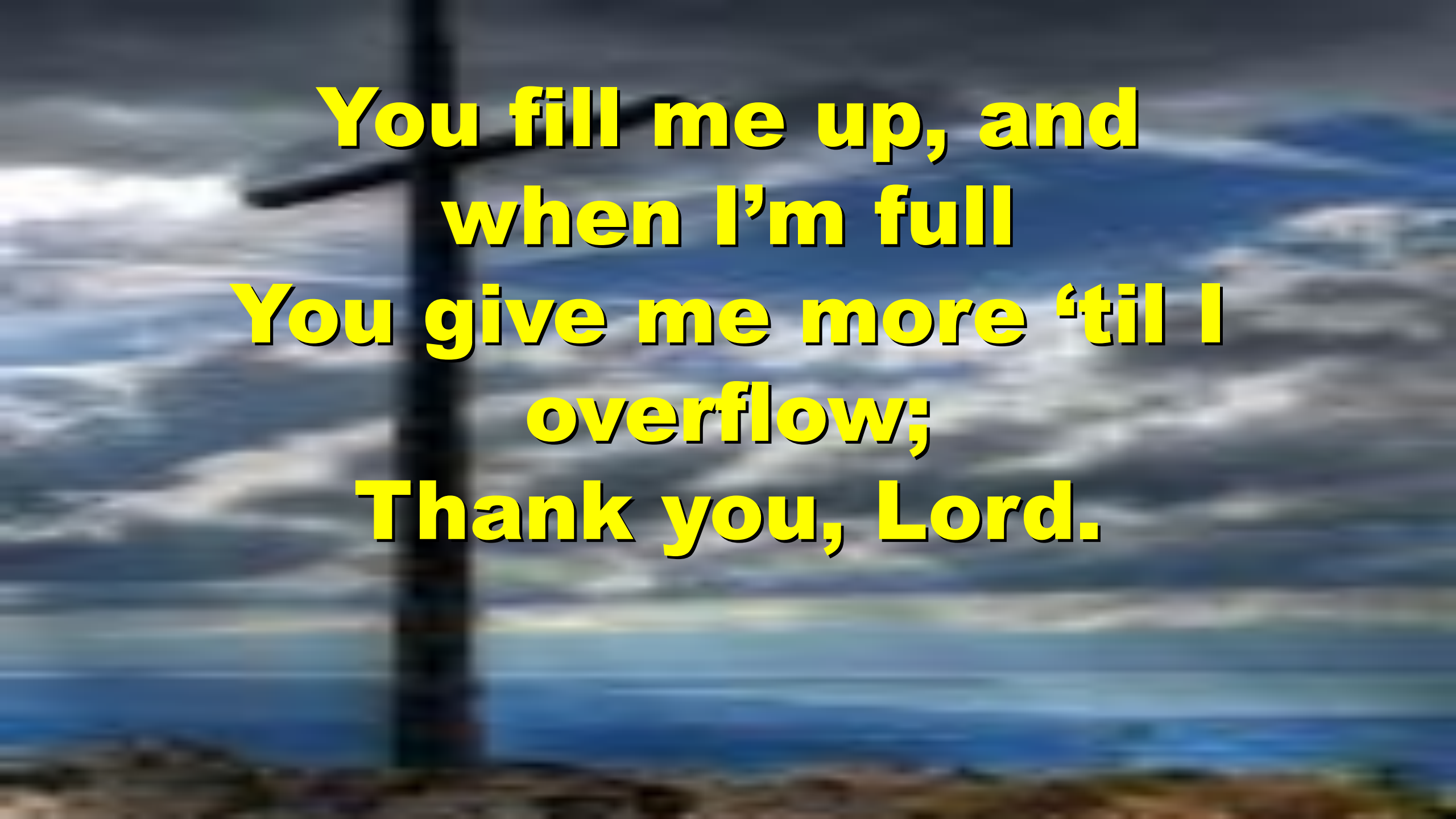
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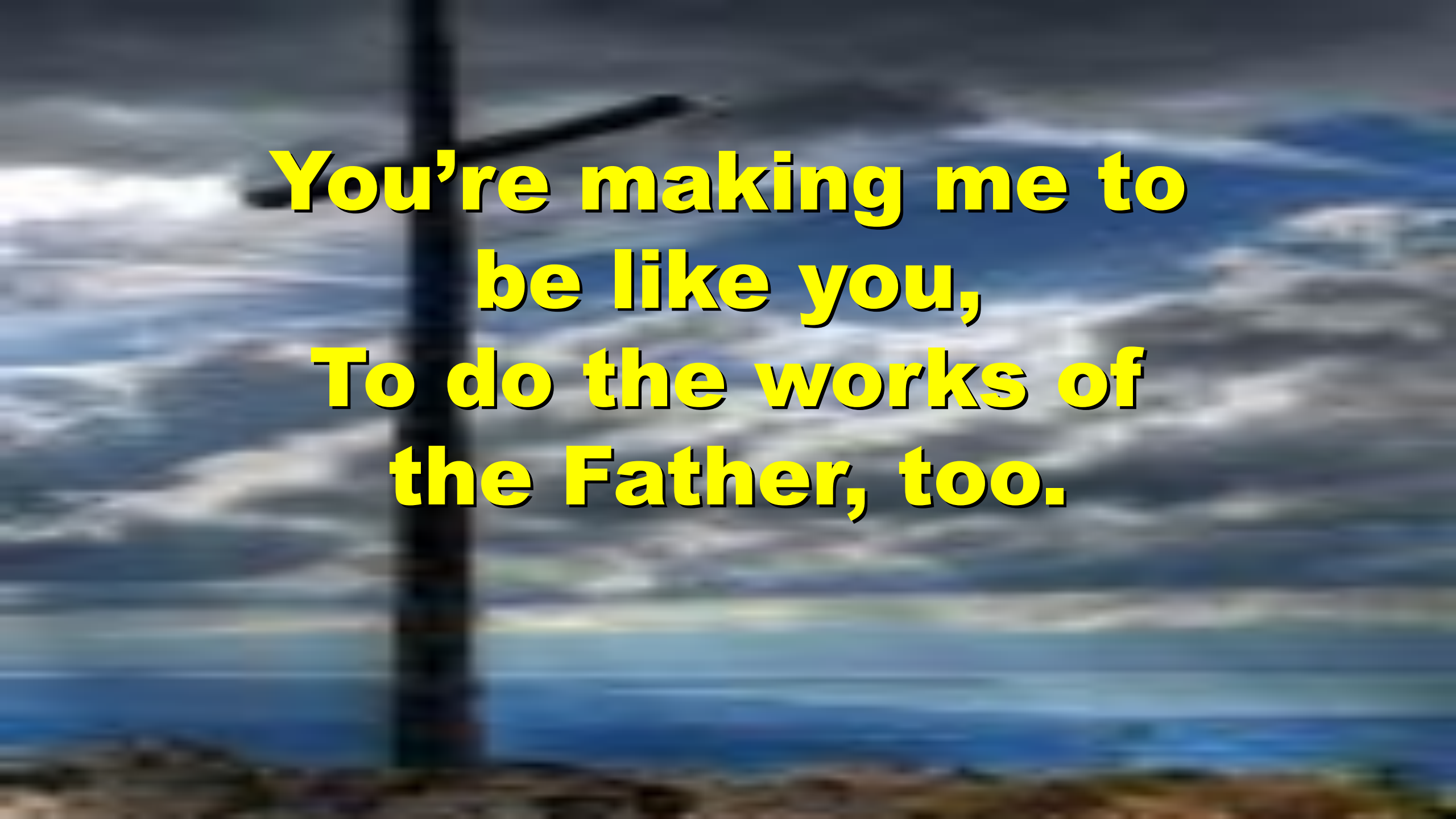


**You bid me come, you  
make me whole,  
You give me peace, you  
restore my soul;  
Thank you, Lord.**



A wooden cross stands on a hill, overlooking a vast blue body of water under a sky filled with soft, white clouds. The scene is peaceful and serene.

**You fill me up, and  
when I'm full  
You give me more 'til I  
overflow;  
Thank you, Lord.**



**You're making me to  
be like you,  
To do the works of  
the Father, too.**

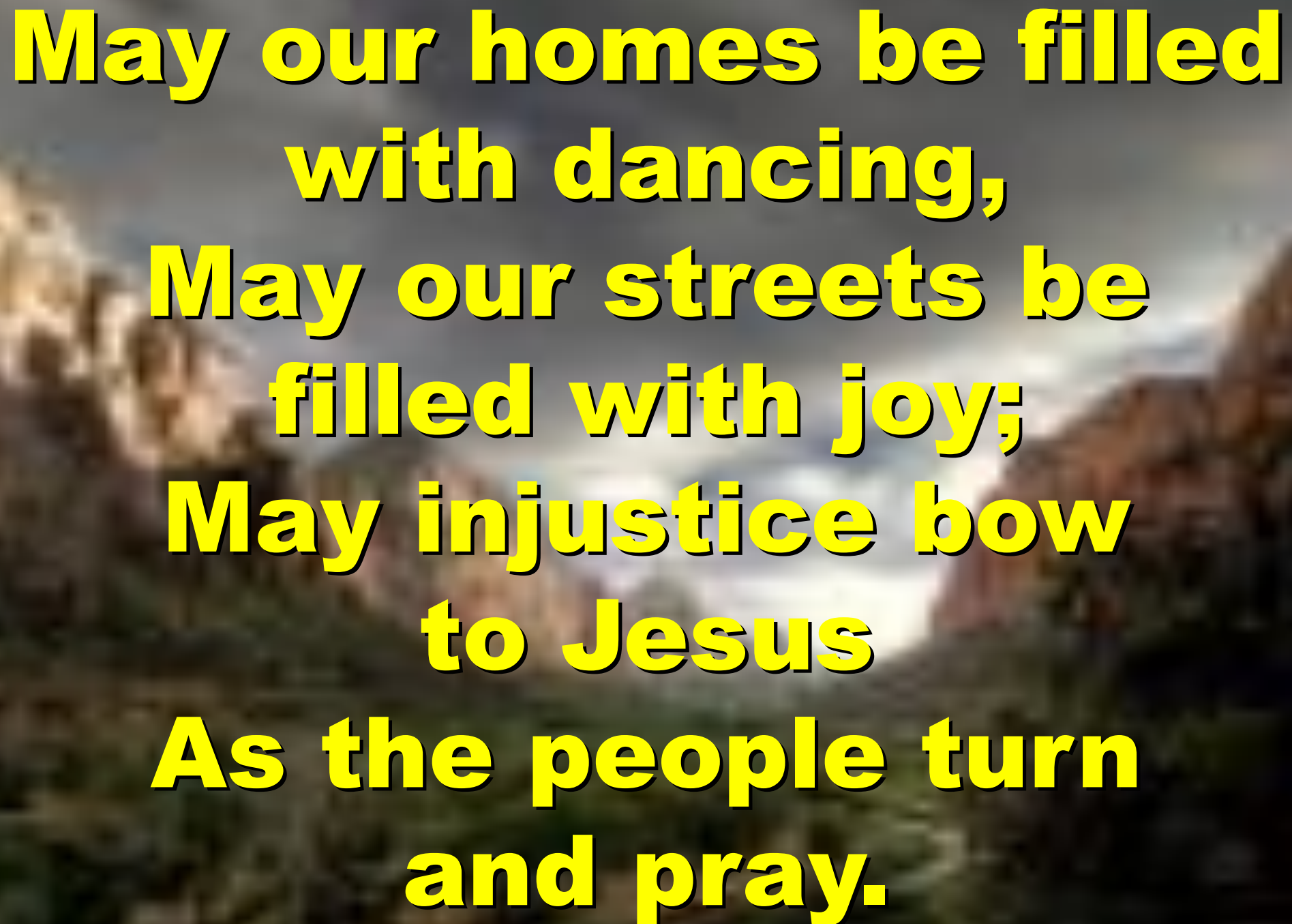
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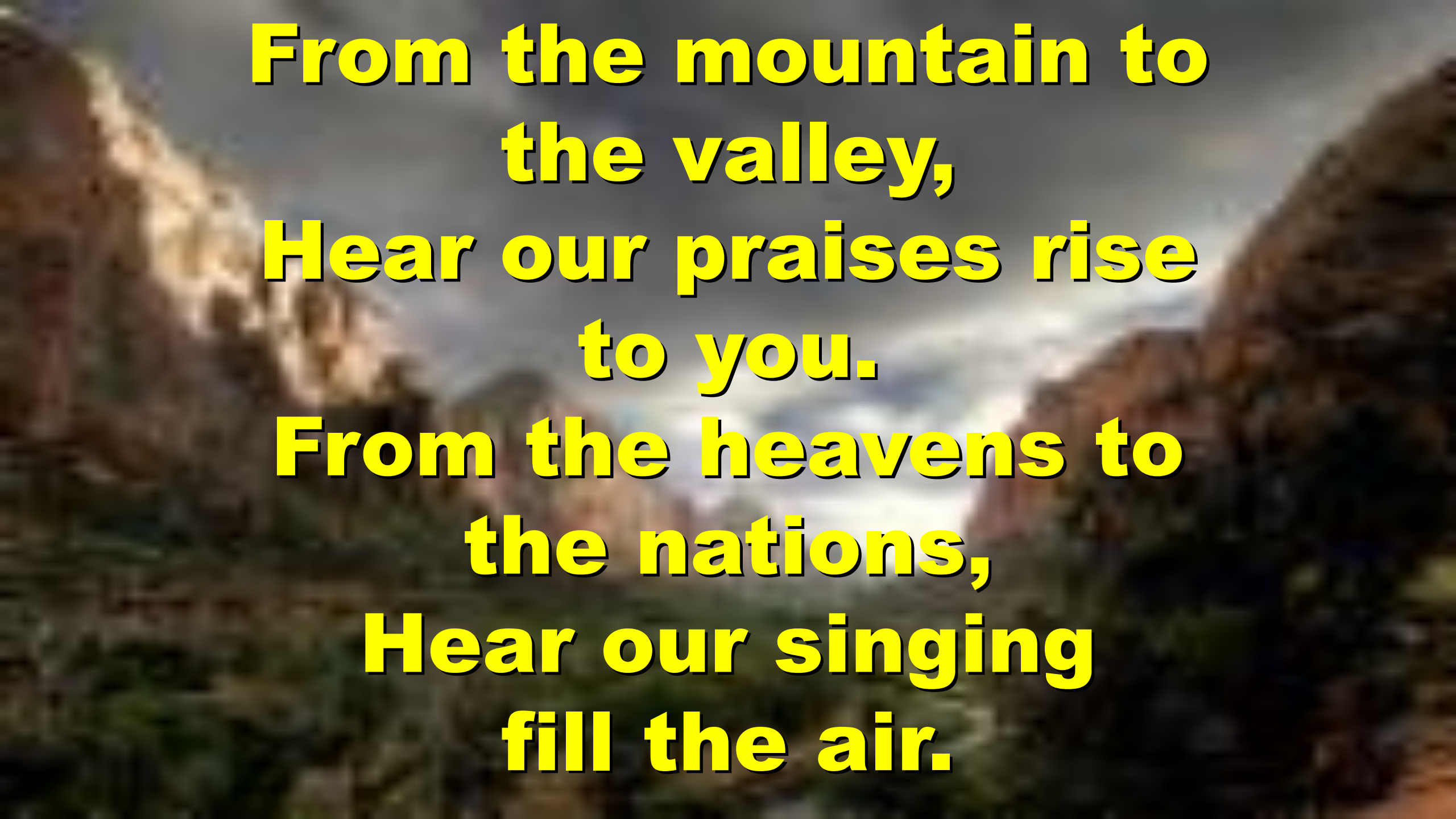
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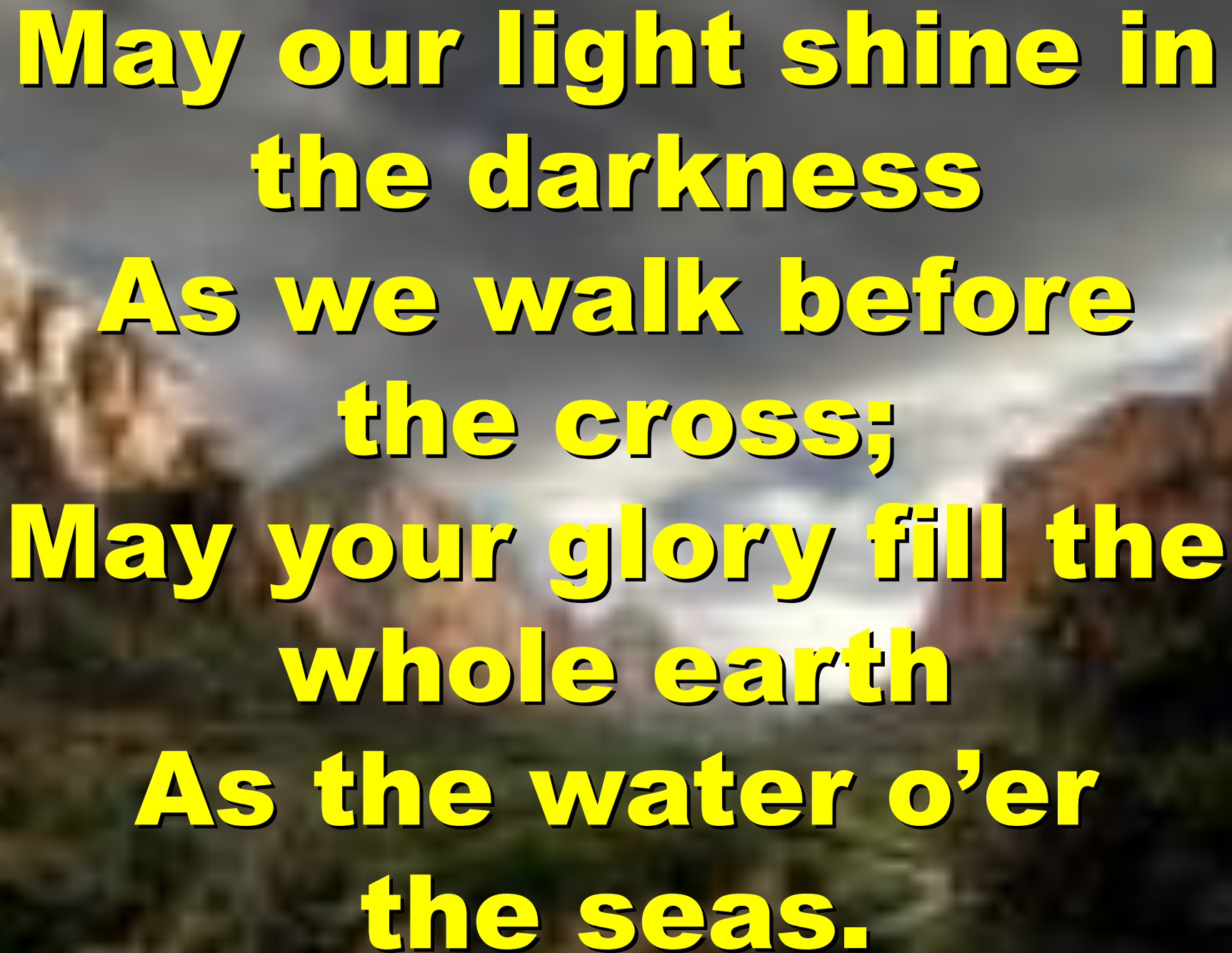
A scenic view of a mountain valley with a winding road and a small town in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, yellow font with a black outline.

**May our homes be filled  
with dancing,  
May our streets be  
filled with joy;  
May injustice bow  
to Jesus  
As the people turn  
and pray.**




**From the mountain to  
the valley,  
Hear our praises rise  
to you.**

**From the heavens to  
the nations,  
Hear our singing  
fill the air.**



**May our light shine in  
the darkness  
As we walk before  
the cross;  
May your glory fill the  
whole earth  
As the water o'er  
the seas.**





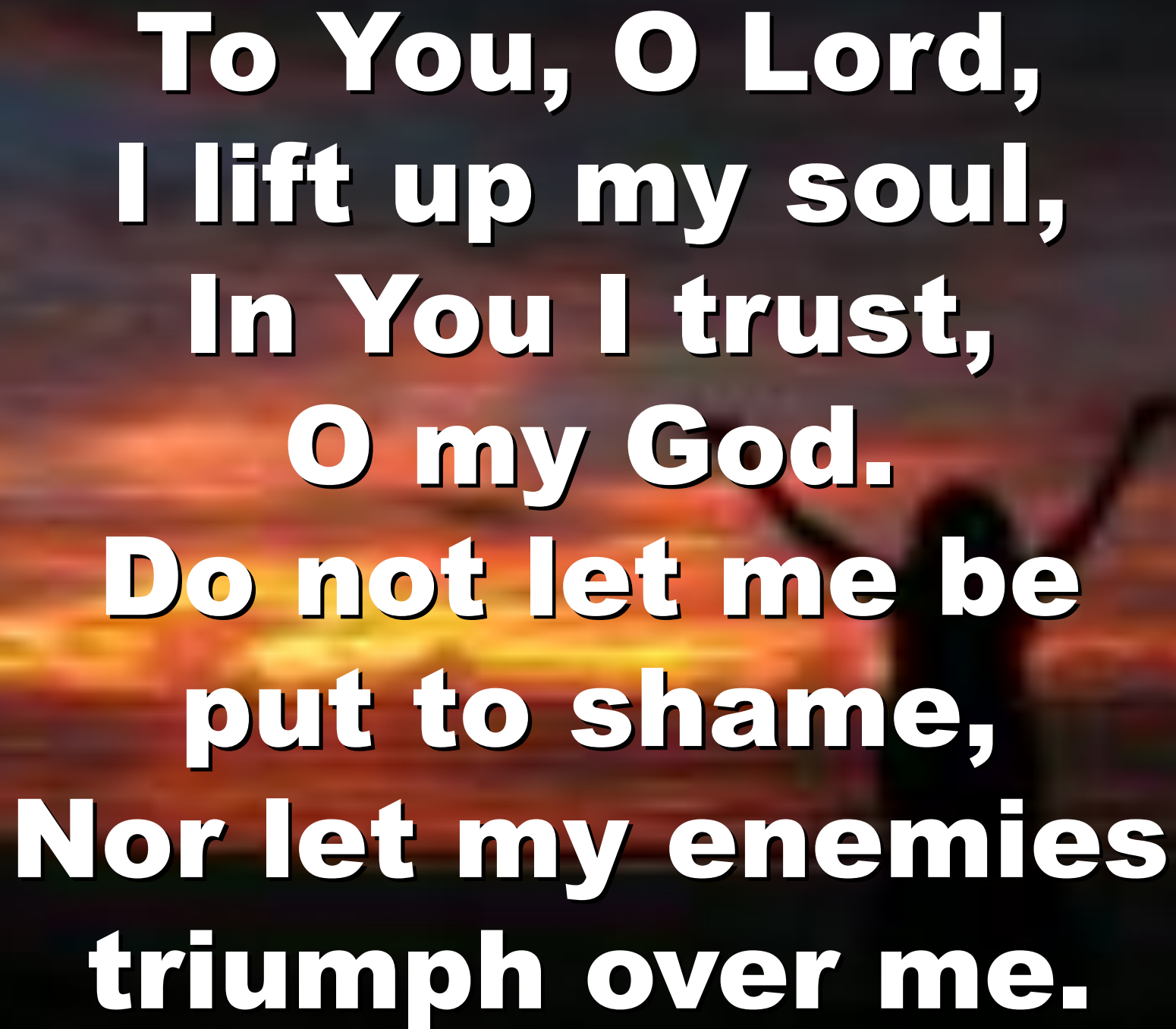
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**Hallelujah (x8)**

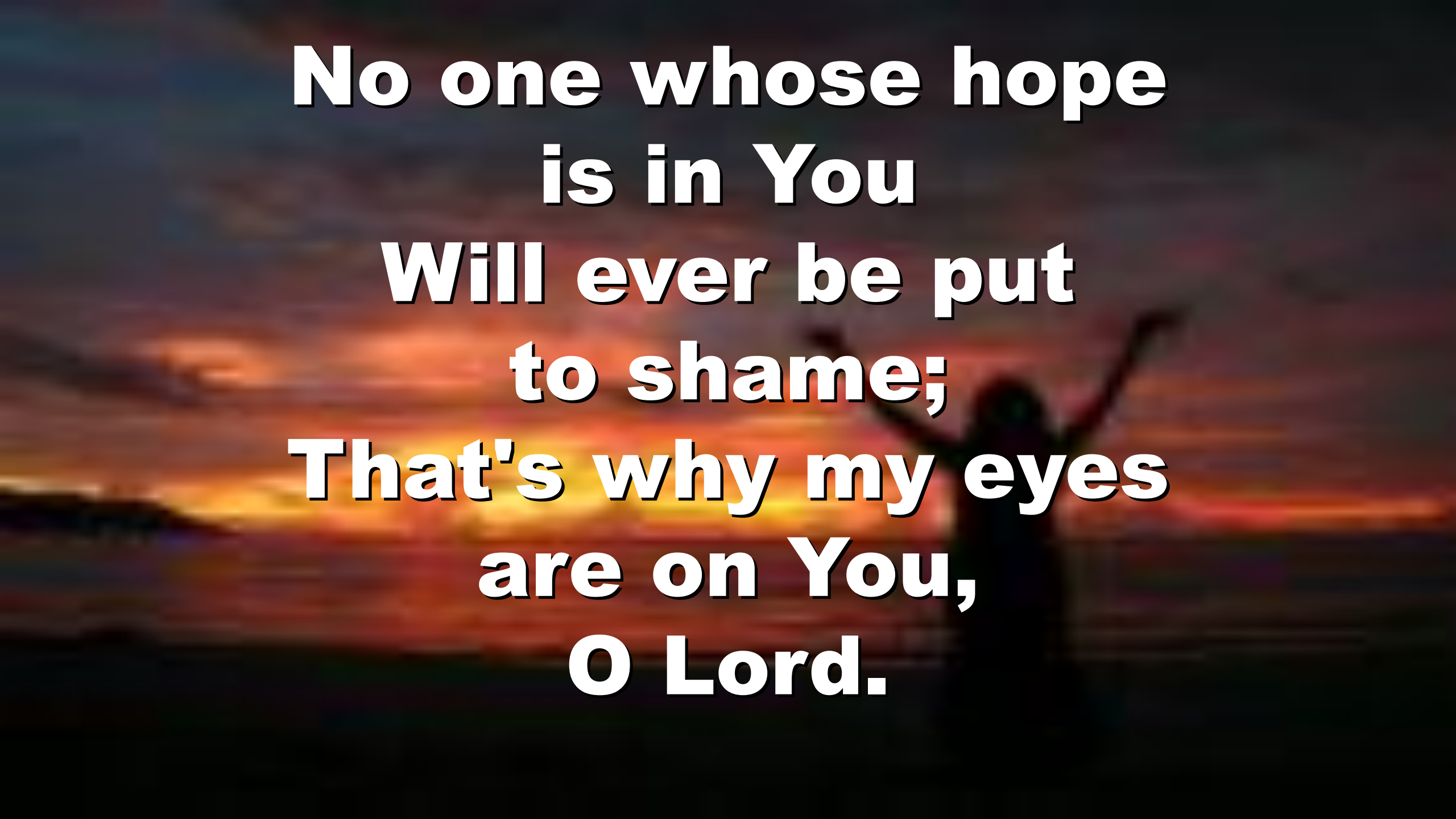


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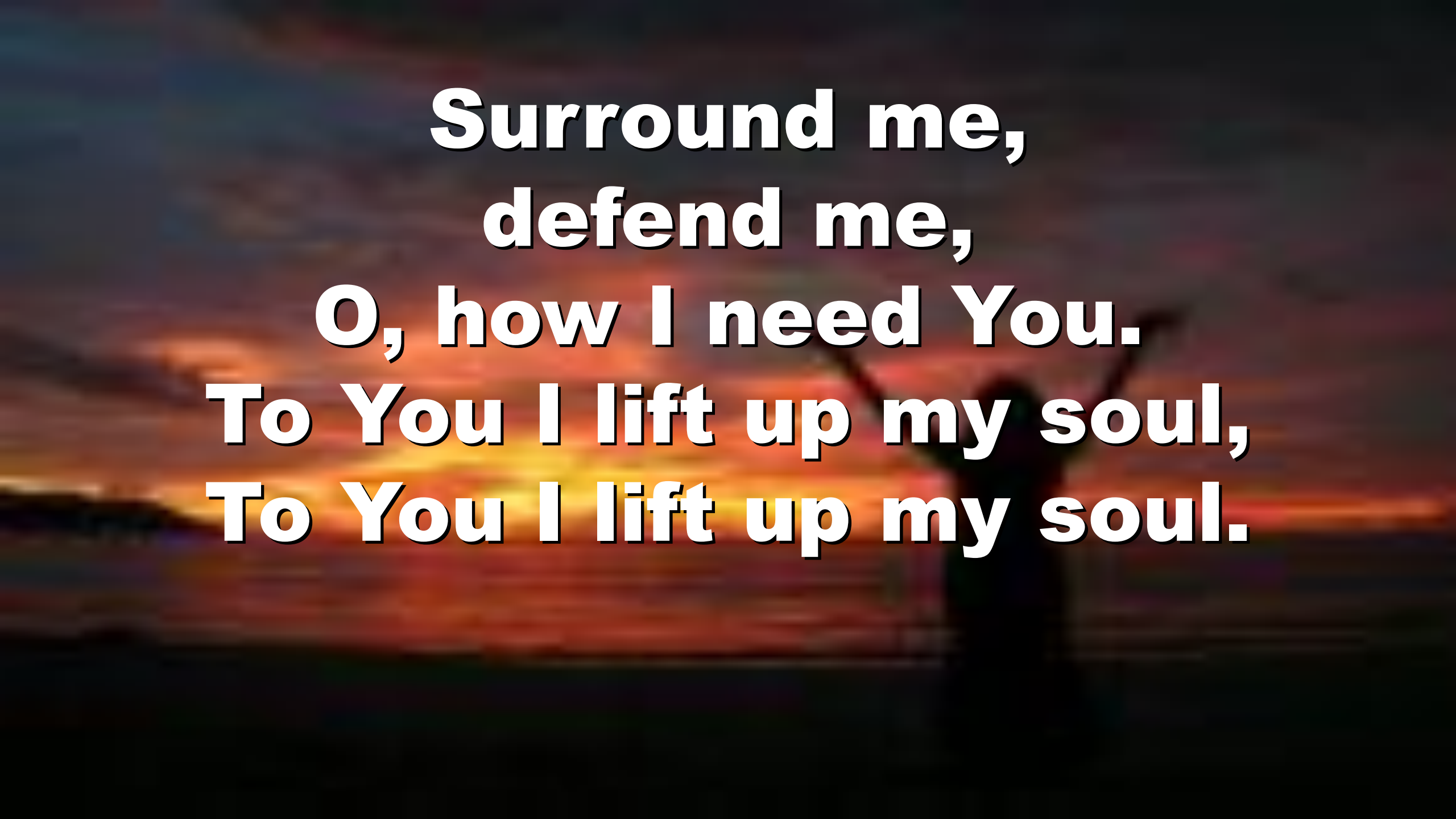
A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in prayer, set against a vibrant sunset background with orange, yellow, and red hues. The text is overlaid in white with a black outline.

**To You, O Lord,  
I lift up my soul,  
In You I trust,  
O my God.  
Do not let me be  
put to shame,  
Nor let my enemies  
triumph over me.**

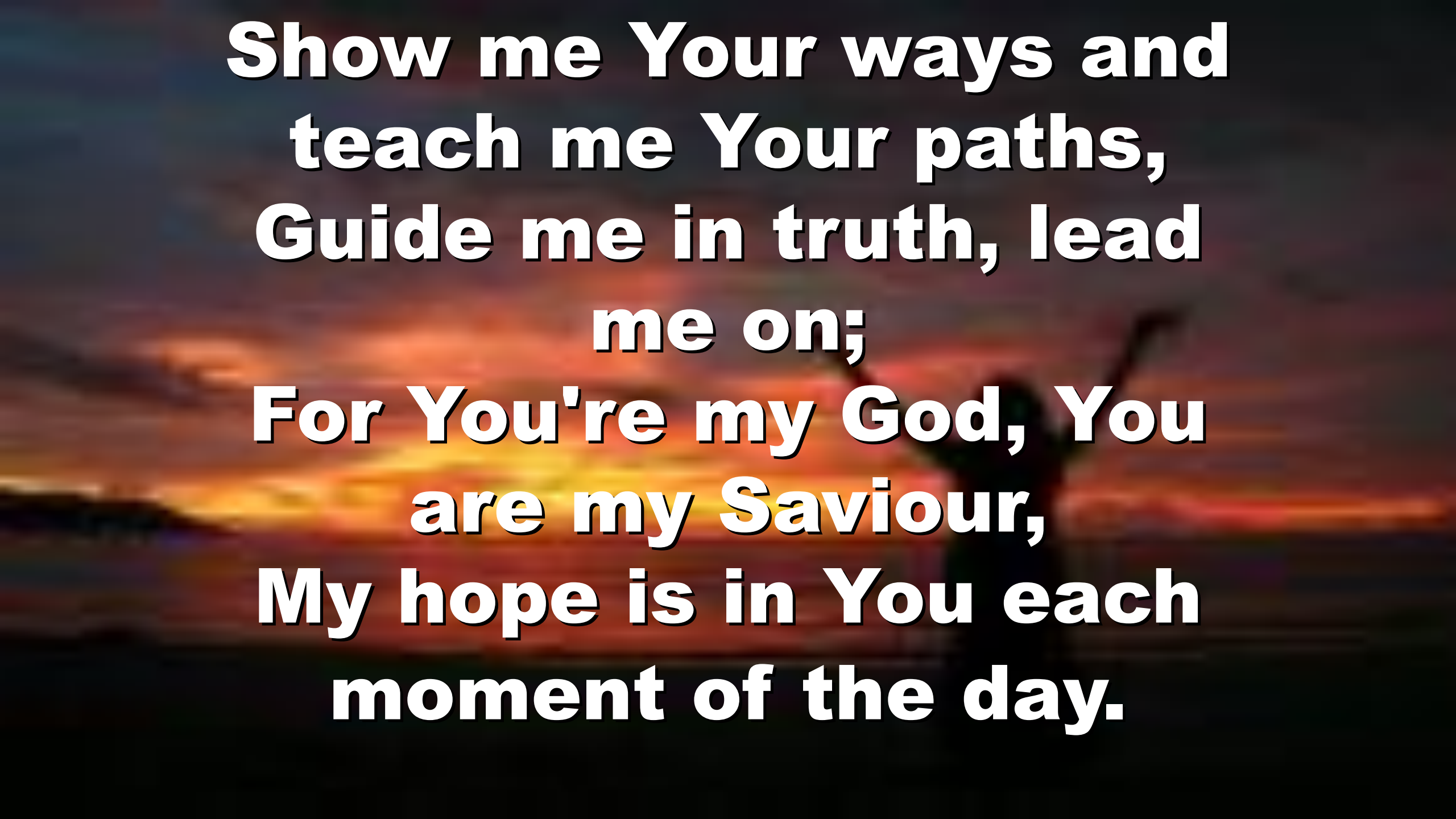


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**No one whose hope  
is in You  
Will ever be put  
to shame;  
That's why my eyes  
are on You,  
O Lord.**



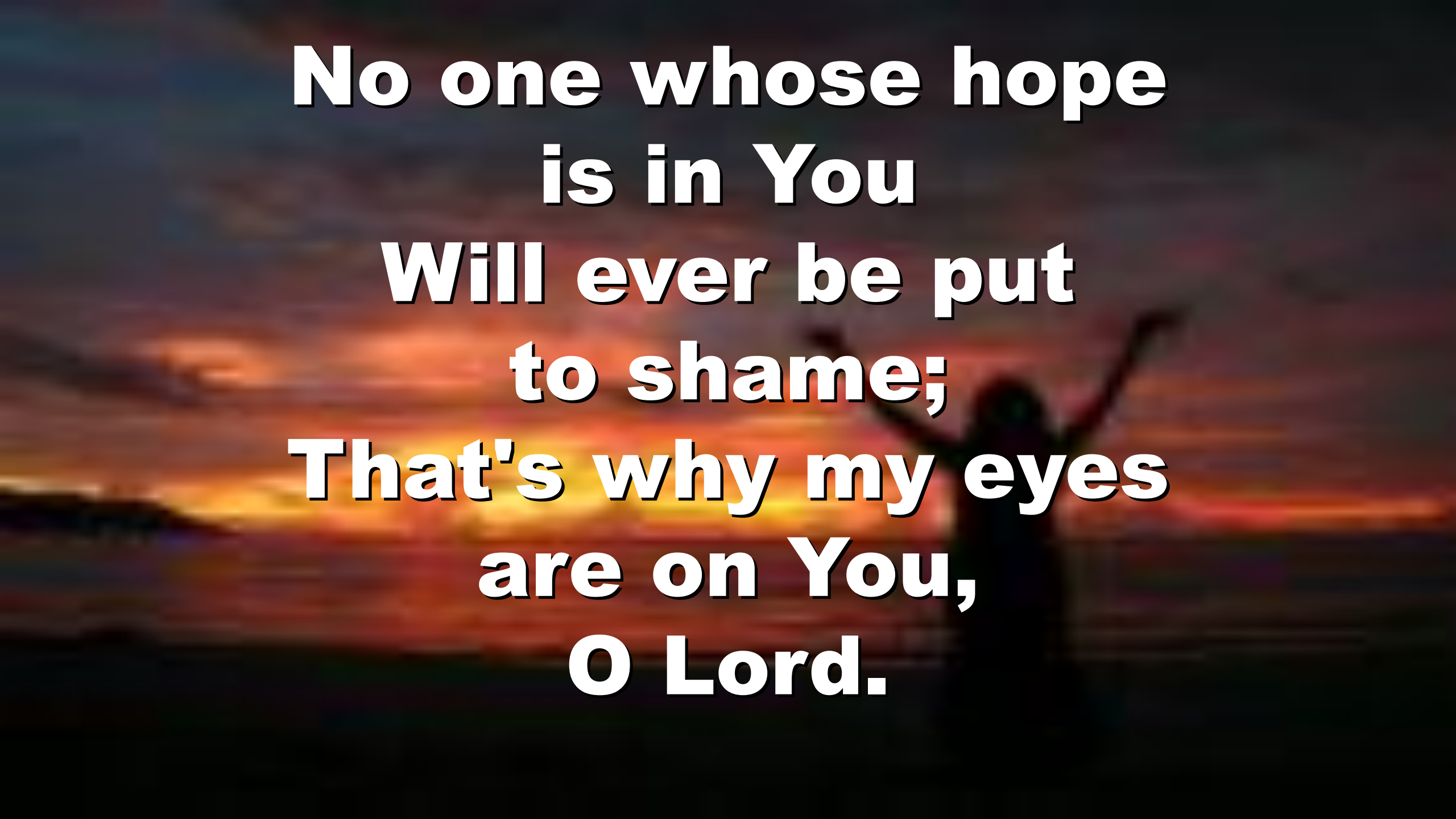
**Surround me,  
defend me,  
O, how I need You.  
To You I lift up my soul,  
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The background features a vibrant sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is filled with warm, glowing colors of orange, red, and yellow, transitioning into a darker blue at the top. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a person is visible, possibly standing on a boat or a pier, looking out towards the horizon. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

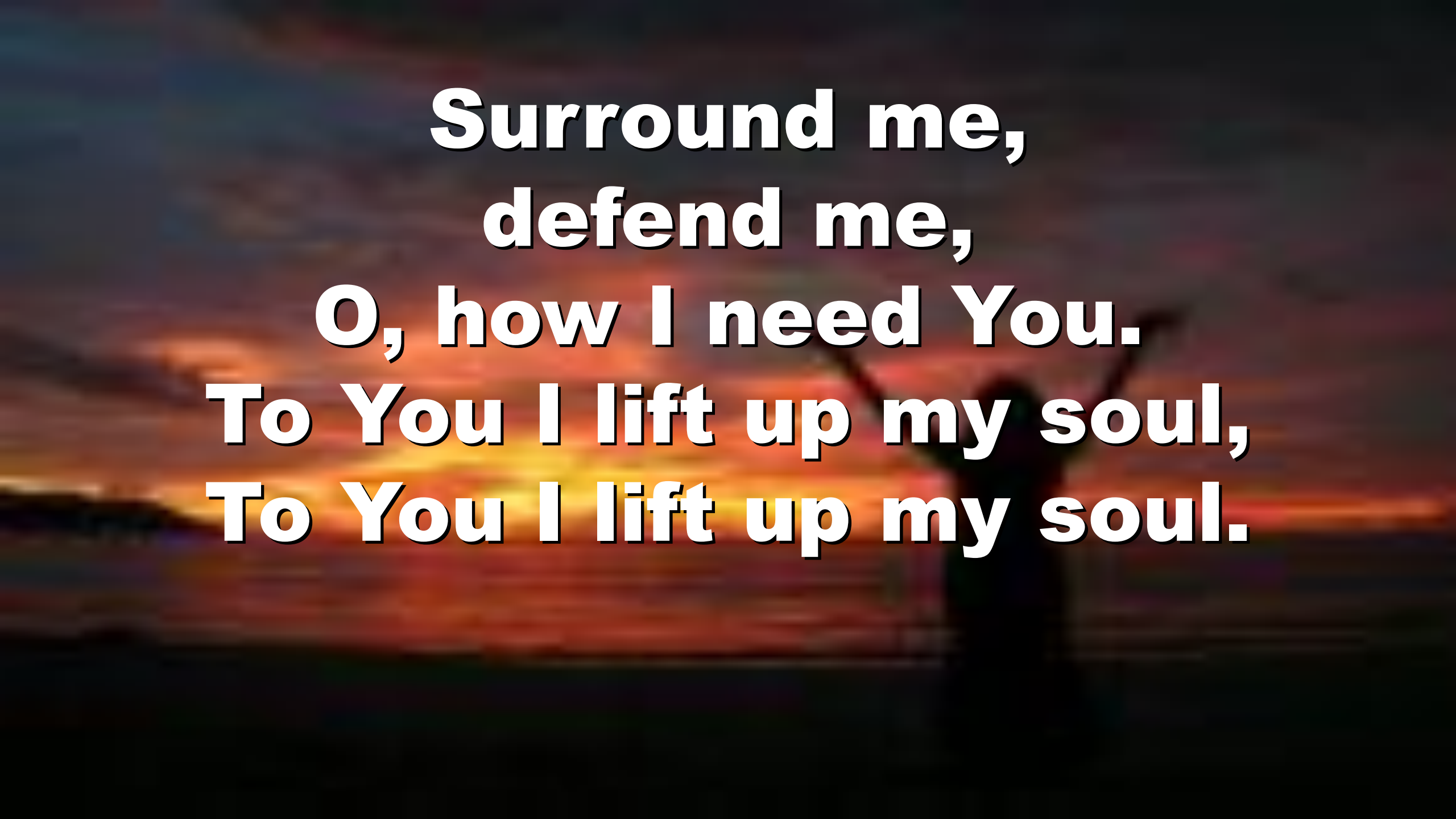
**Show me Your ways and  
teach me Your paths,  
Guide me in truth, lead  
me on;**

**For You're my God, You  
are my Saviour,  
My hope is in You each  
moment of the day.**

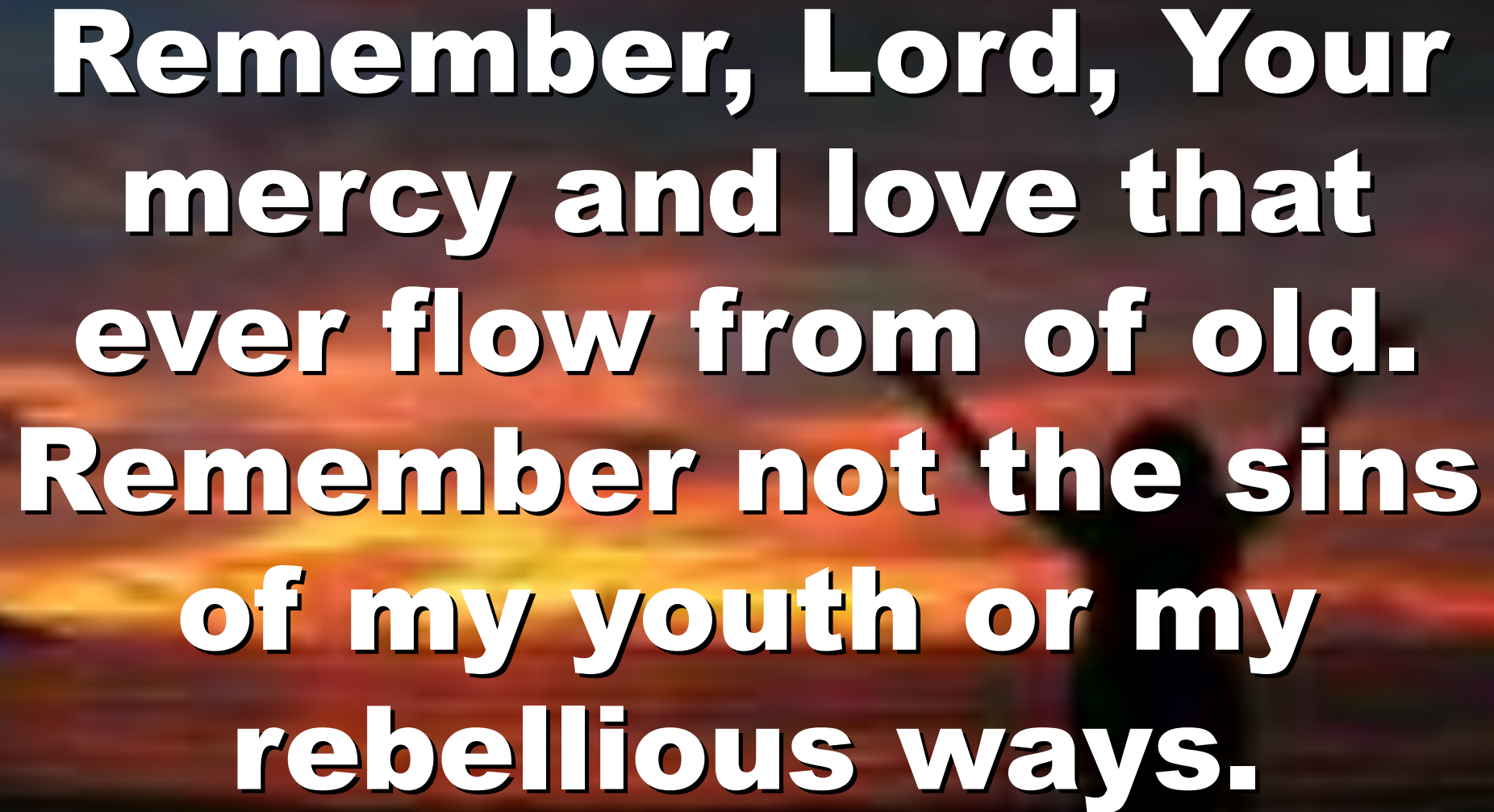


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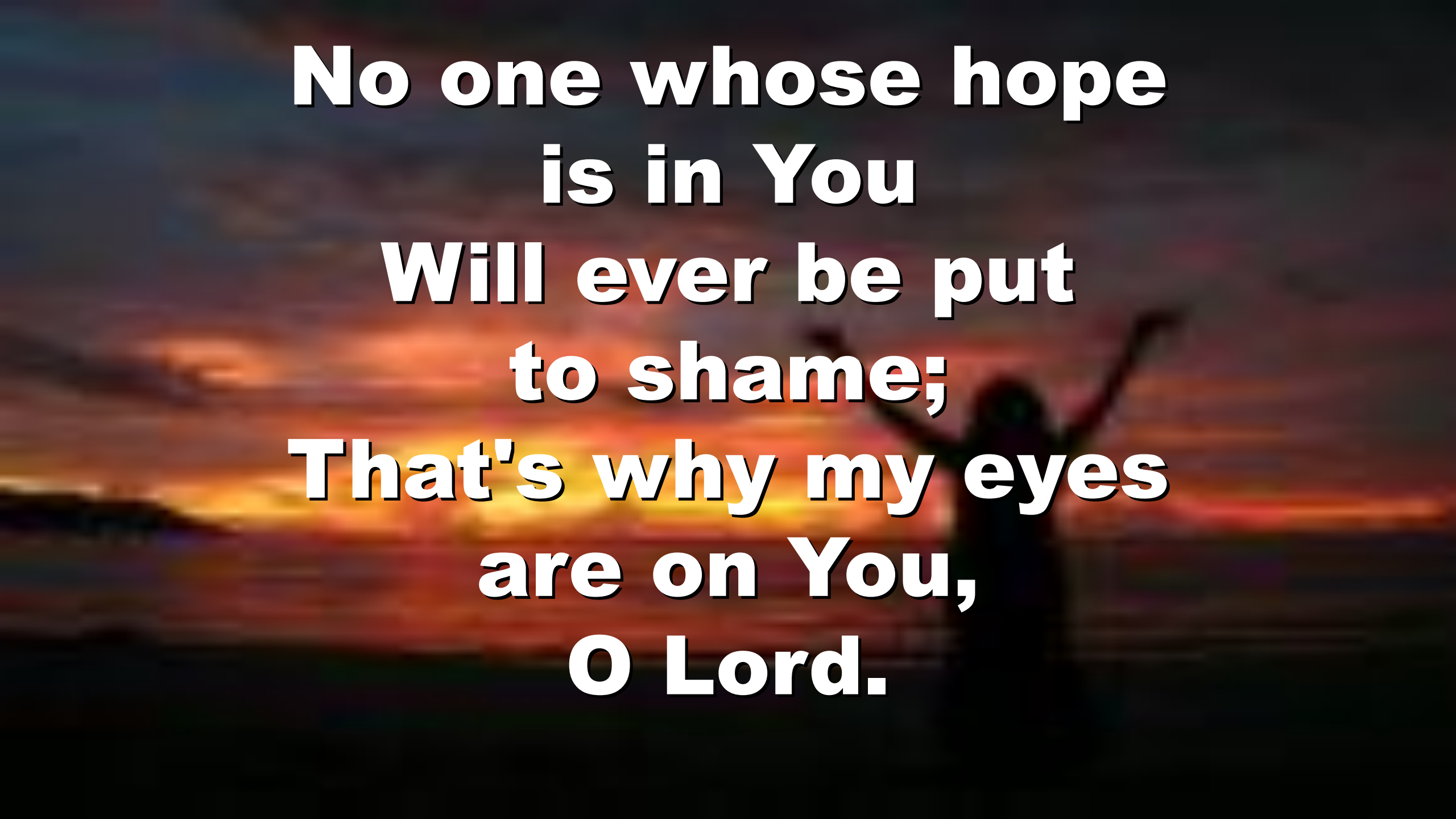


**Remember, Lord, Your  
mercy and love that  
ever flow from of old.  
Remember not the sins  
of my youth or my  
rebellious ways.**





**According to Your love,  
remember me,  
According to Your love,  
For You are good,  
O Lord.**

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O, how I need You.  
To You I lift up my soul,  
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# Opening prayers

Risen One, like those disciples on the road to Emmaus, we struggle to recognize you in the everyday journey of our lives.

We seek your wisdom in the midst of the questions we have about the circumstances we find ourselves in



circumstances sometimes beyond our control, but often of our own making.

Open our eyes, Light of the World,  
to your work of transformation in and around us.



As we walk with you day by day,  
may your new life be made manifest  
in what we say to others.

Help us to understand the power of  
our words to hurt or to heal;  
give us the graciousness to make all  
our conversations holy.





As you opened the scriptures to the disciples and taught them everything, open our eyes to behold you in your Word, in the beauty of nature, the beauty of another human being and the beauty of sacred art.



And in our seeing, help us to recognize  
and welcome the stranger in our midst.  
May our welcome be a celebration of  
the gifts and graces of persons who are  
different from us and not merely some  
token tolerance of an outsider.  
So often we forget, Holy One,



that you invite us to abide with you;  
to have our lives hidden in you.

We thank you that you walk with us  
in our joys and our concerns.

**Amen**





# Confession

Risen Lord Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us. Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence, so that, like those travellers on the road to Emmaus, we too hasten to share this great good news with others. **Amen.**



# Assurance of pardon

We know that we were ransomed from our futile and sinful ways by the precious blood of Christ and have been born anew through the living and enduring word of God. In this we recognize God's great love for the



world revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus, who came into the world not to condemn it but to save it. Therefore those who believe in him are not condemned; instead their sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**





# Offertory

Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this community of Bowthorpe. We ask this through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ who gave all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. **Amen.**



# Prayer for Sunday Club

Father God, we ask for your strong arms of protection to be around our children that they may be held safely within your love. Fill their days and nights with hope and joy; fill their hearts and minds with your truth and light. And bless them now, we pray, as they go to Sunday Club. **Amen.**



# Luke 24: 13 - 35

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.





15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognising him. 17 He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast.



18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' 19 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied.



‘He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going





to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen



a vision of angels, who said he was  
alive. 24 Then some of our  
companions went to the tomb and  
found it just as the women had said,  
but they did not see Jesus.' 25 He  
said to them, 'How foolish you are,  
and how slow to believe all that



the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they



approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. 29 But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the





table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while



he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’ 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, ‘It is true!



The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Hymn/Song





**My hope is built  
on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood  
and righteousness**



**I dare not trust the  
sweetest frame  
But wholly trust  
in Jesus' name**





**Christ alone,  
Cornerstone  
Weak made strong  
in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord, Lord of all**



**When darkness seems  
to hide His face  
I rest on His  
unchanging grace**





**In every high  
and stormy gale  
My anchor holds  
within the veil  
My anchor holds  
within the veil**



**Christ alone,  
Cornerstone  
Weak made strong  
in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord, Lord of all**






**When He shall come  
with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then  
in Him be found**



**Dressed in His  
righteousness alone  
Faultless, stand  
before the throne  
Faultless, stand  
before the throne**







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# Reflection

## Journey of a lifetime



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# Prayers of intercession





# The Lord's prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be  
done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**



**Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

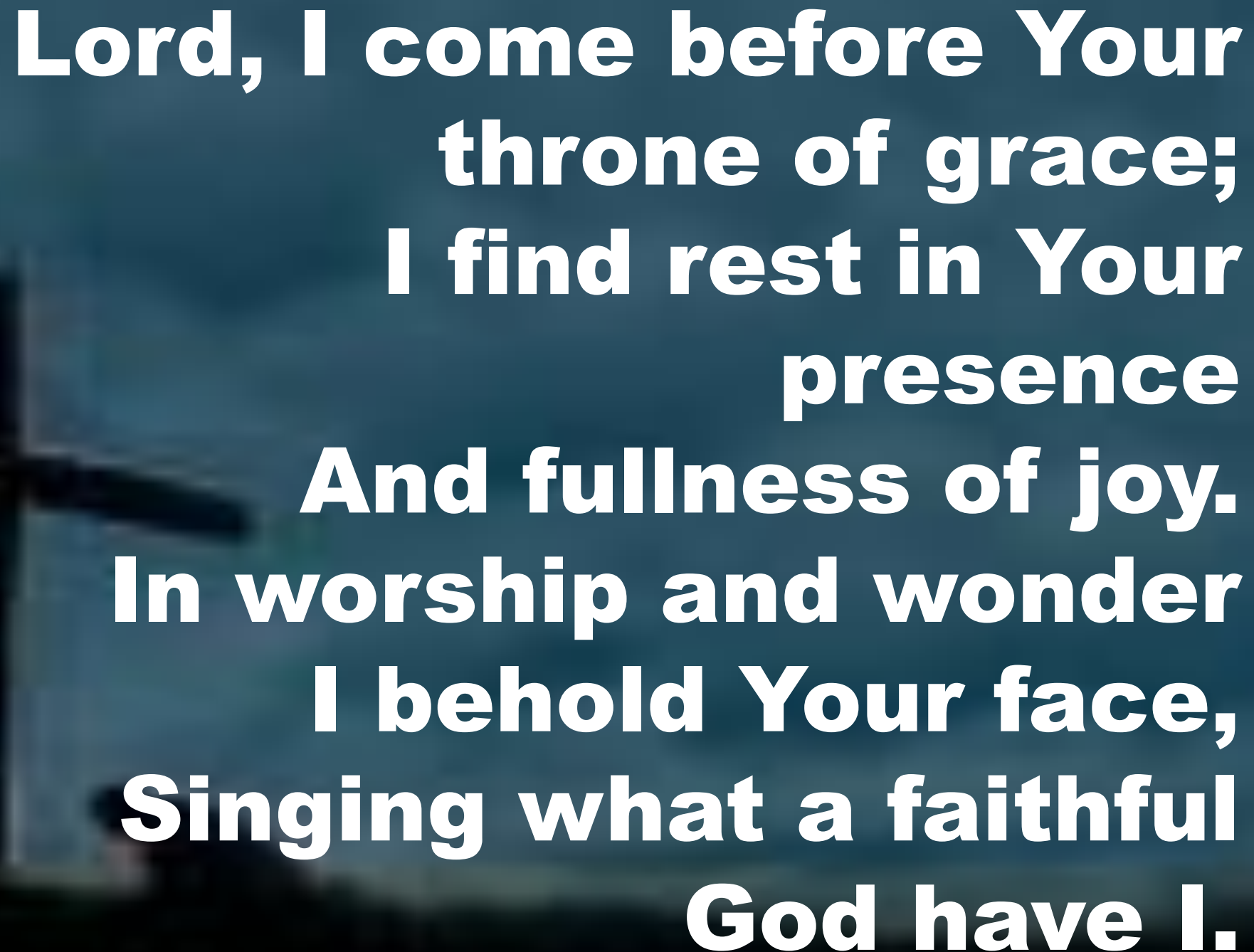
**For the kingdom, the power, and  
the glory are yours now and for  
ever. Amen.**





# Closing hymn/song





**Lord, I come before Your  
throne of grace;  
I find rest in Your  
presence  
And fullness of joy.  
In worship and wonder  
I behold Your face,  
Singing what a faithful  
God have I.**



**What a faithful God have I,  
What a faithful God.  
What a faithful God have I,  
Faithful in every way.**

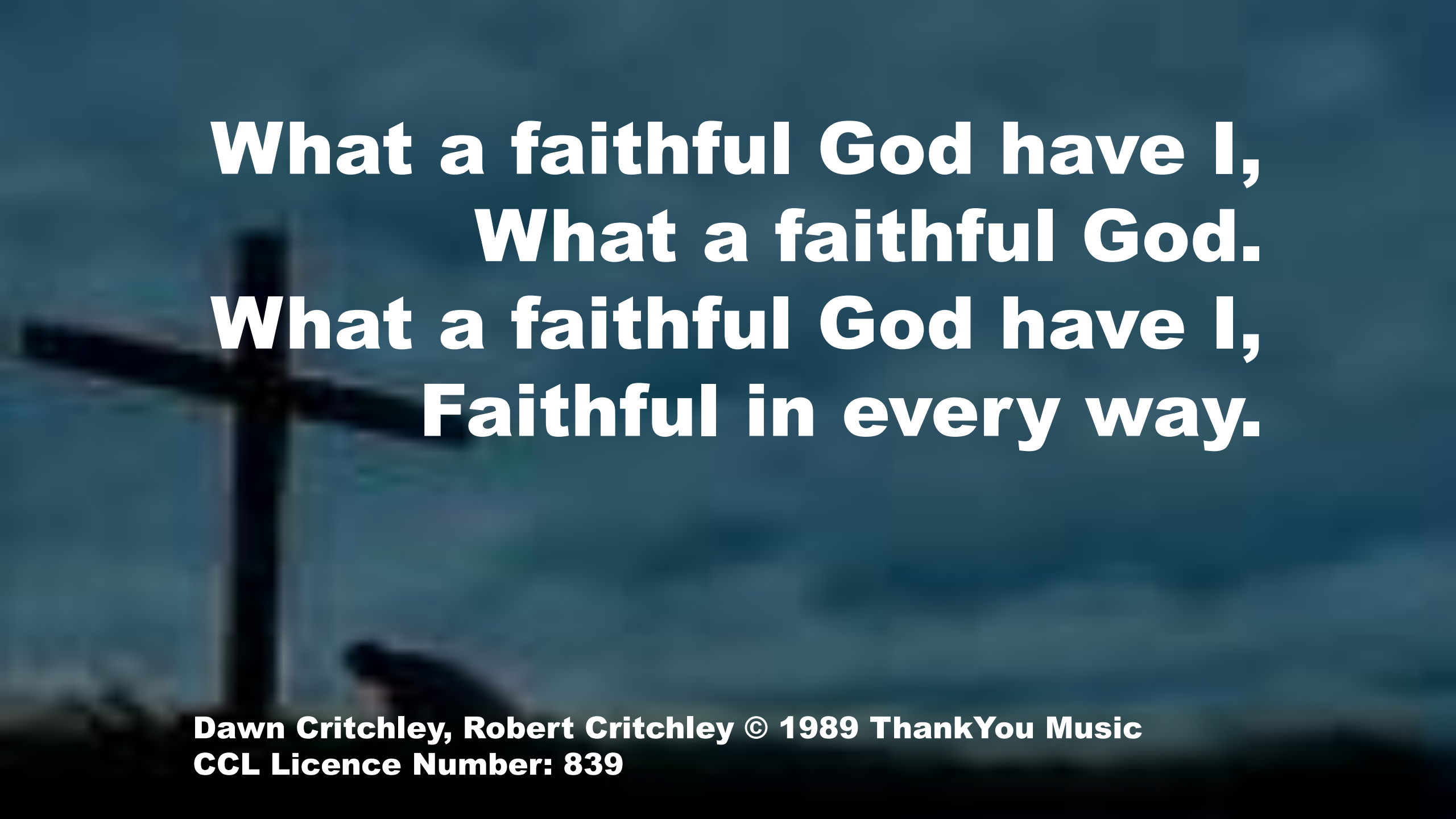
**Lord of mercy,  
You have heard my cry;  
Through the storm  
You're the beacon,  
My song in the night. In  
the shelter of Your wings  
Hear my heart's reply,  
Singing what a faithful  
God have I.**



**What a faithful God have I,  
What a faithful God.  
What a faithful God have I,  
Faithful in every way.**



**Lord, all sovereign,  
granting peace from heav'n,  
Let me comfort those who  
suffer with the comfort  
You have giv'n.  
I will tell of Your great love  
for as long as I live,  
Singing what a faithful  
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**What a faithful God have I,  
What a faithful God.  
What a faithful God have I,  
Faithful in every way.**

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# Closing prayer and blessing

Lord, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Thank you that we can live in Your light and, like the disciples on the Emmaus road, walk in Your truth. May the things that you



have revealed and thoughts that we  
have shared dwell in our hearts and  
stir us to action.

We ask all this in the precious name  
of Jesus. **Amen.**





And now may the blessing of God  
Almighty, Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit, be with us all; all those we  
love, all those we care for, and all  
those we pray for, now and always,  
**Amen.**



Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord.

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

