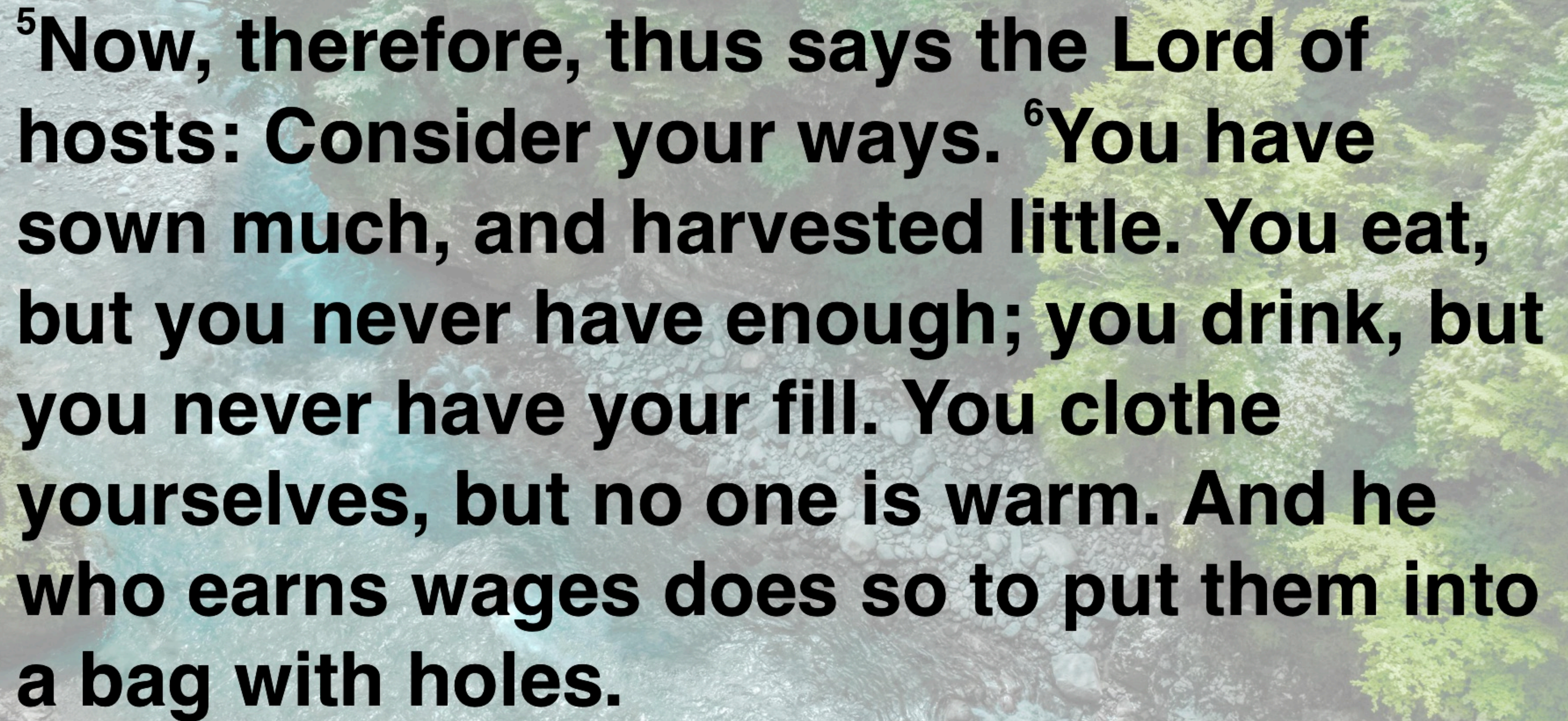
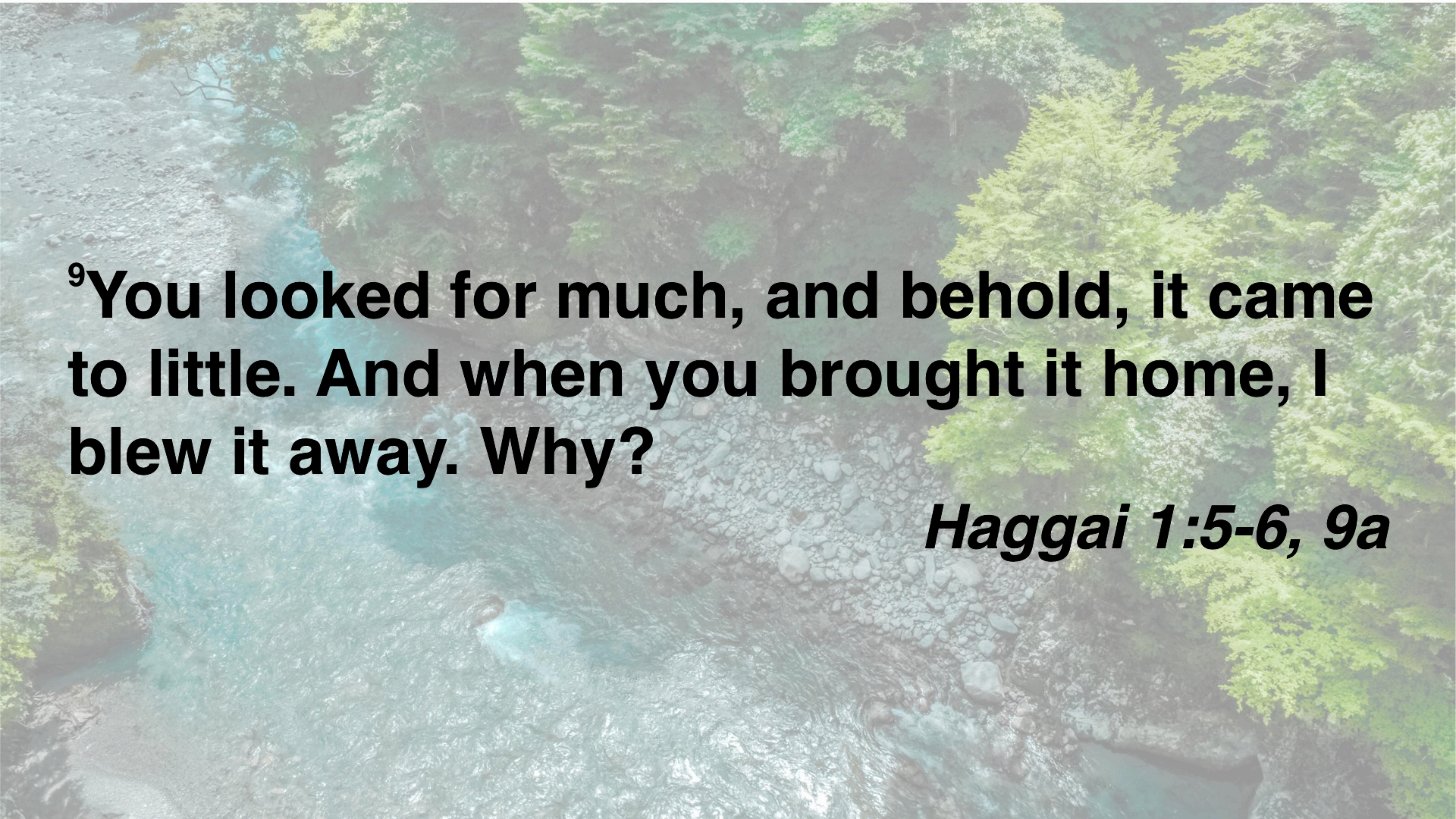


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⁵Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁶You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

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Haggai 1:5-6, 9a

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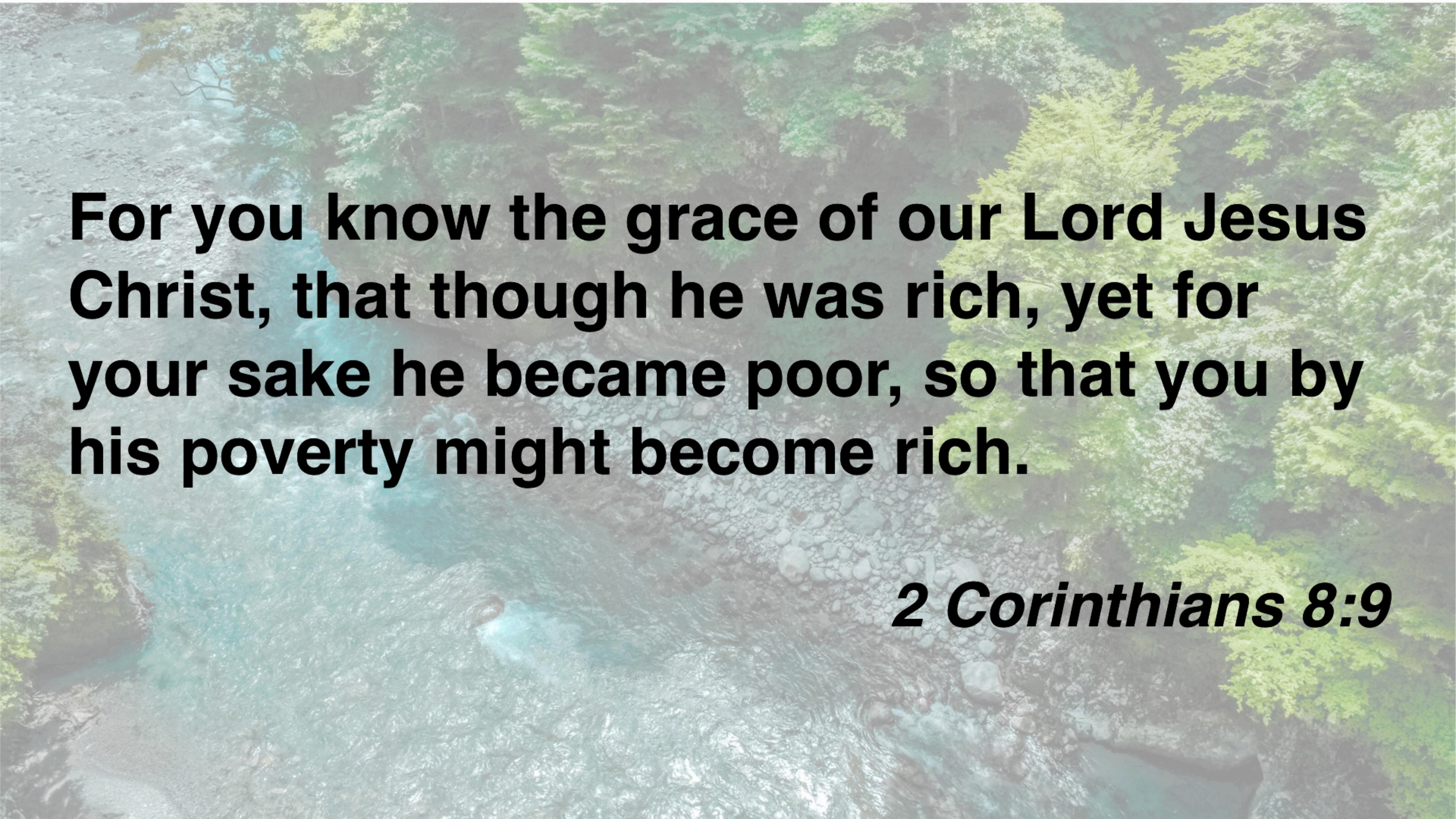
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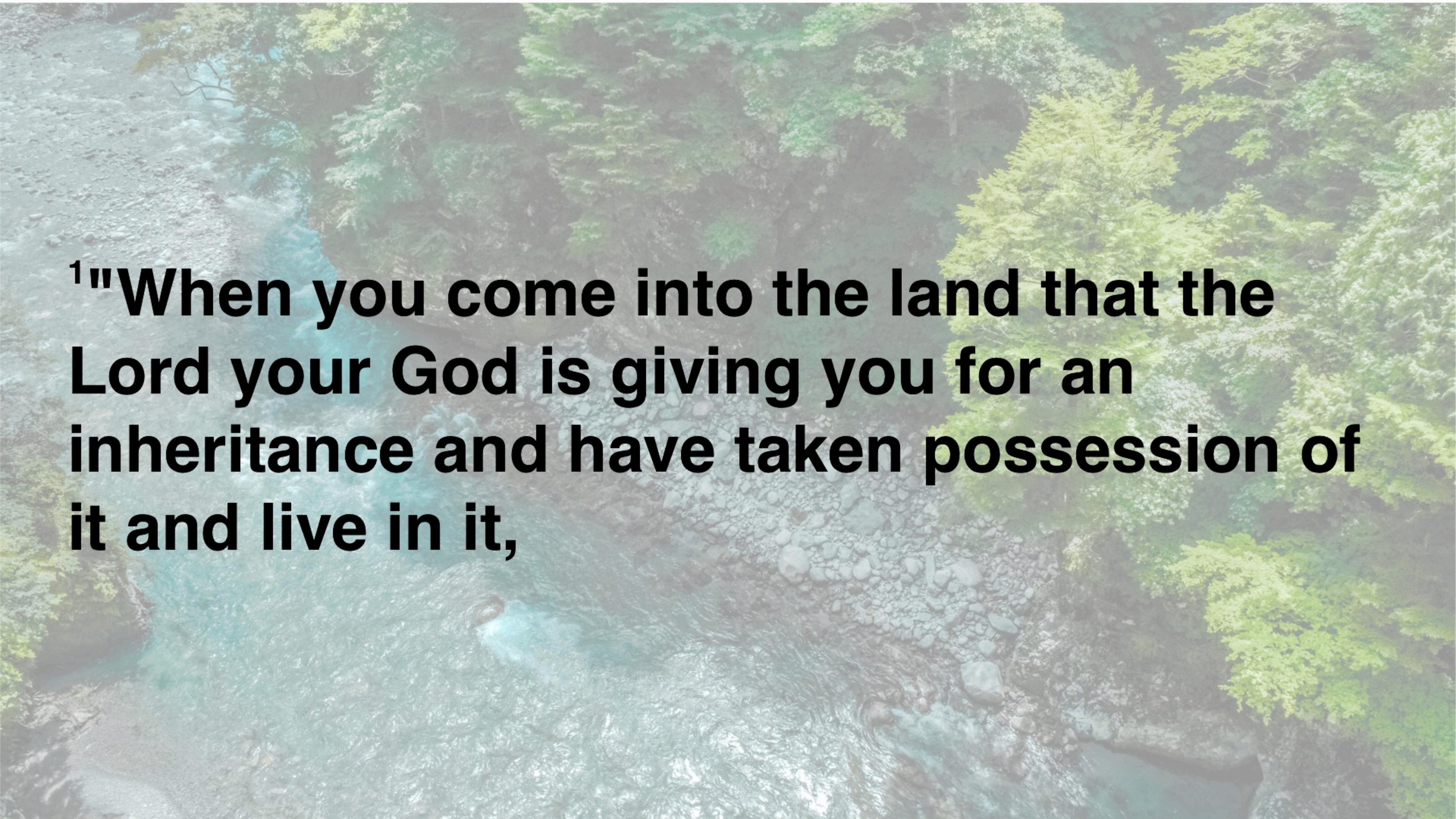
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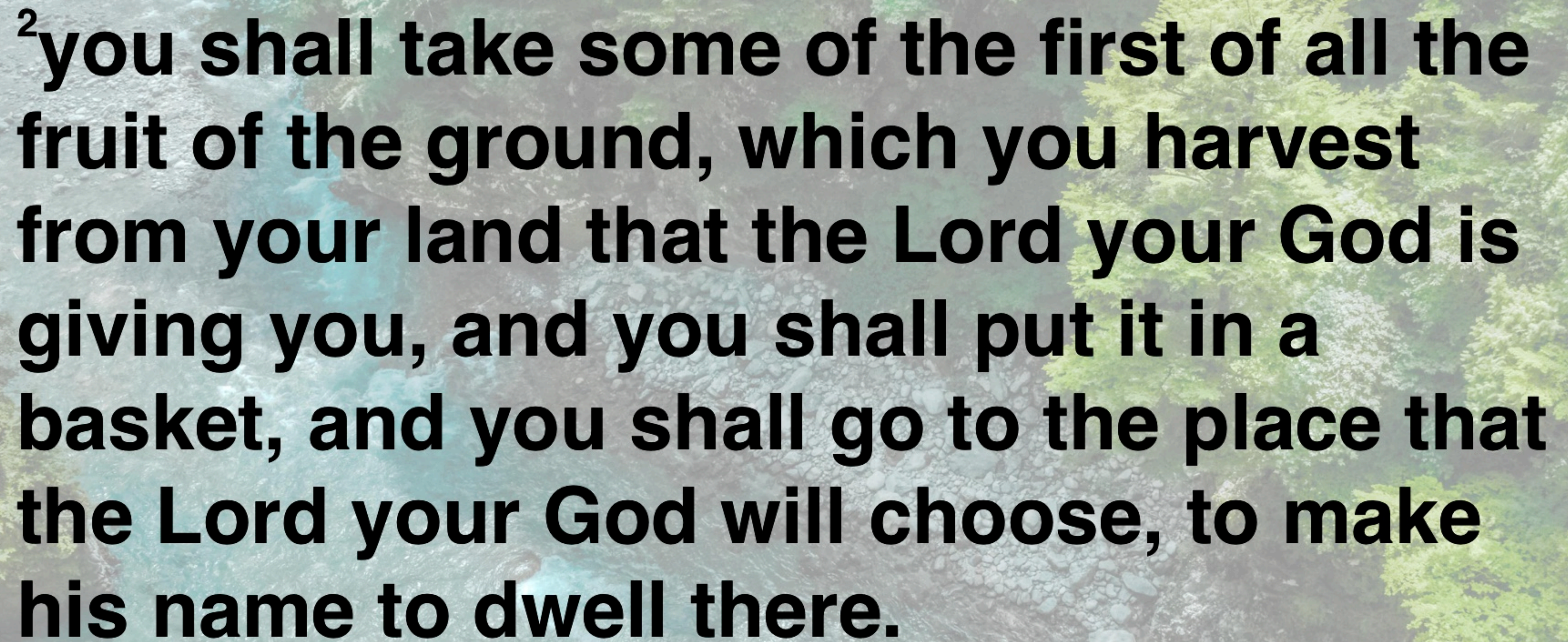
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For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

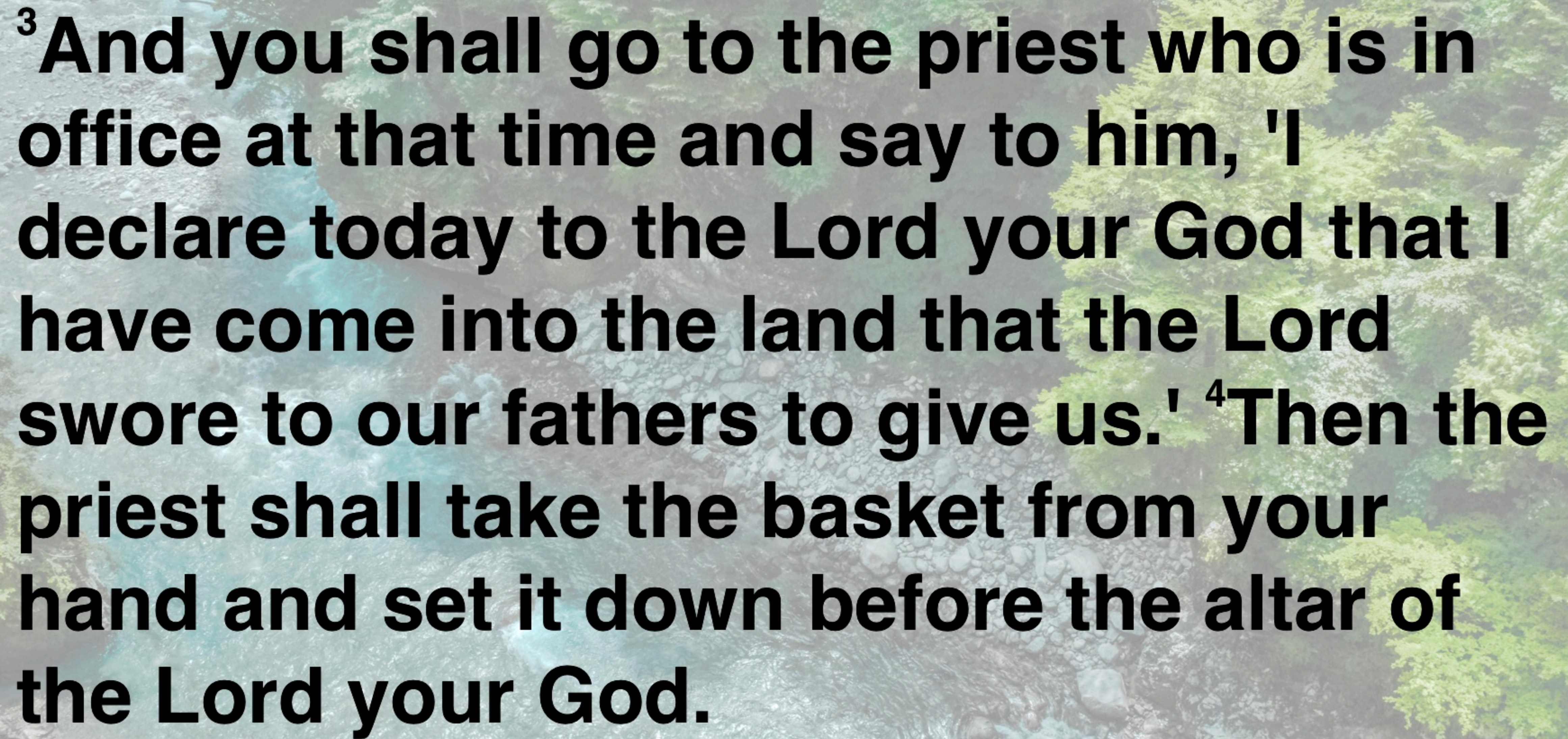
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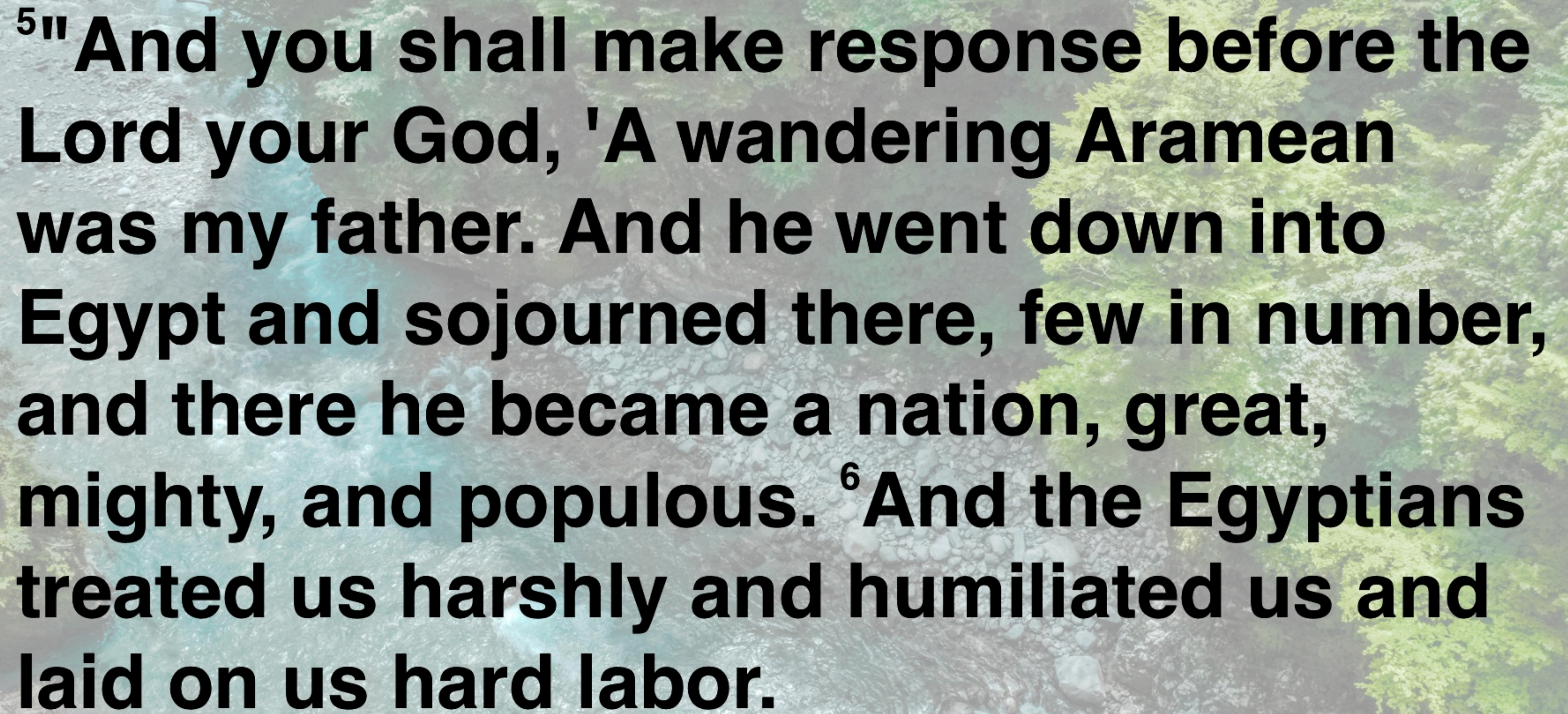
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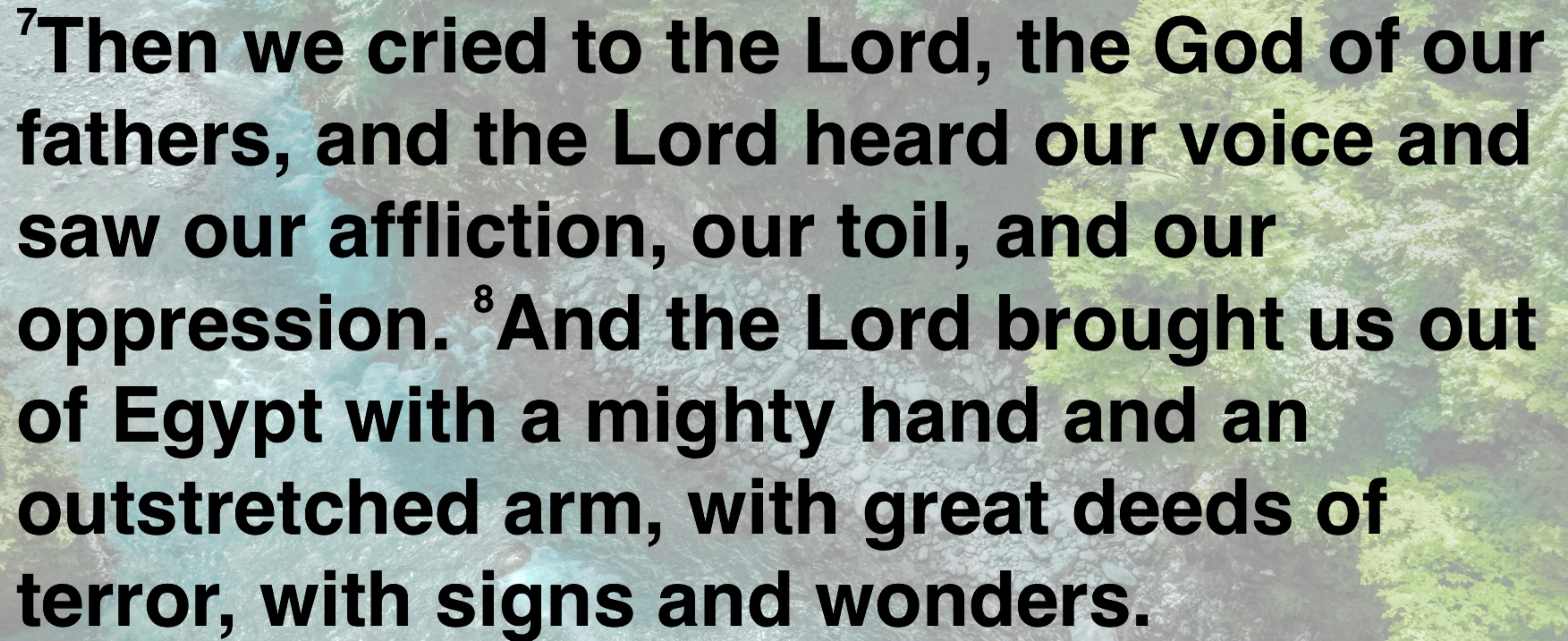
²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there.

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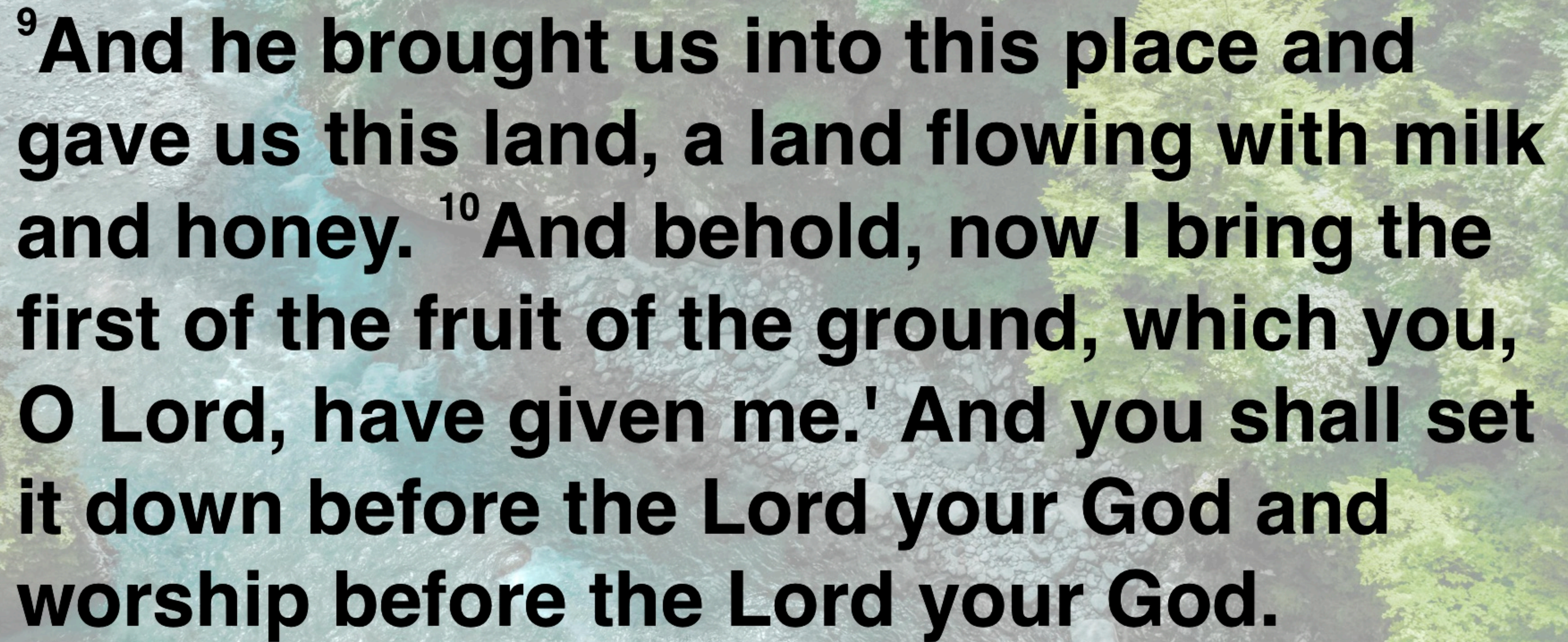
³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

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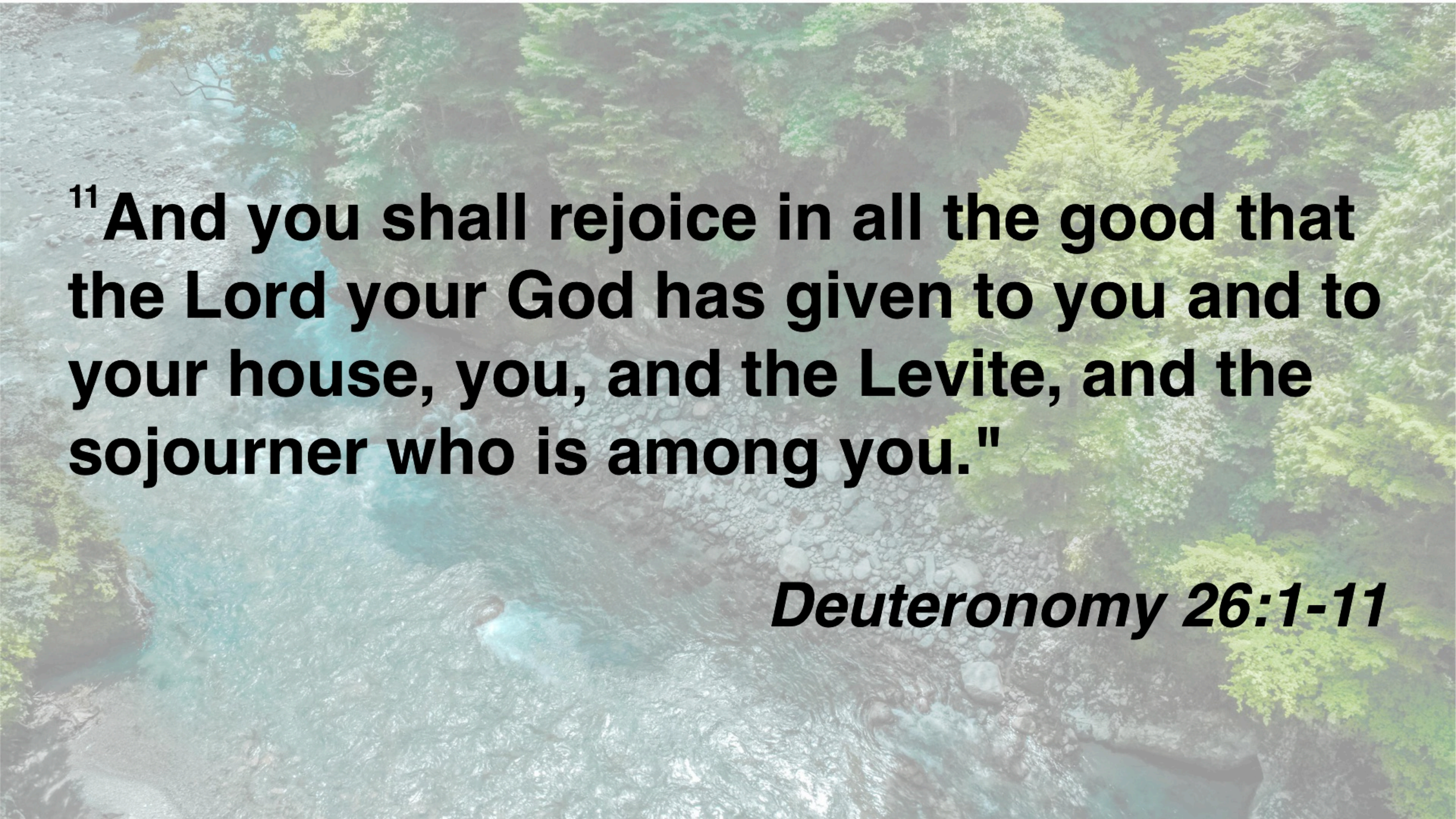
⁵"And you shall make response before the Lord your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor.

An aerial photograph of a river with white-water rapids, surrounded by a dense, lush green forest. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

⁷Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders.

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⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God.

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¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

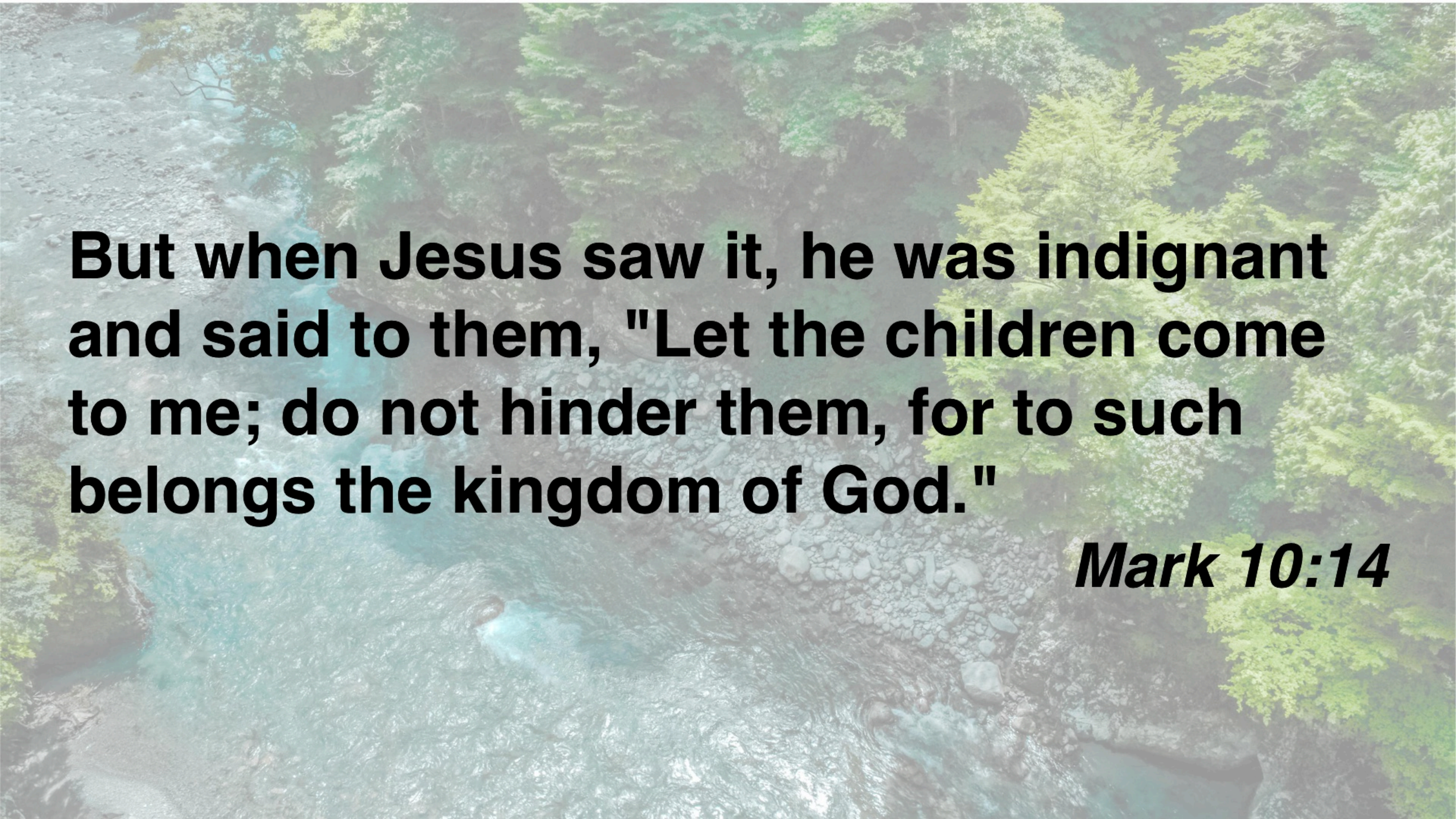
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But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:14

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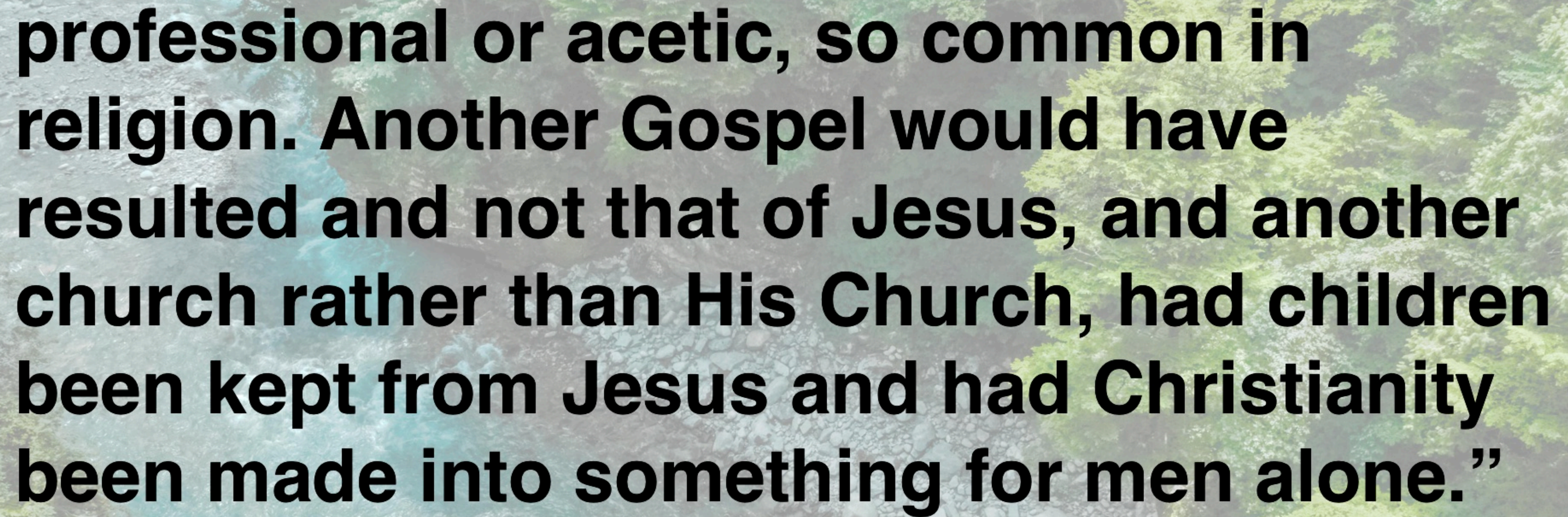
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“One will search ancient literature in vain for sympathy toward the young comparable to that shown them by Jesus...The touch of Jesus was a tangible expression of God’s unconditional love for the unclean, foreigners, women, and children. It also became an essential characteristic of the movement He founded, sparing it from the incipient hierarchy and elitism, whether

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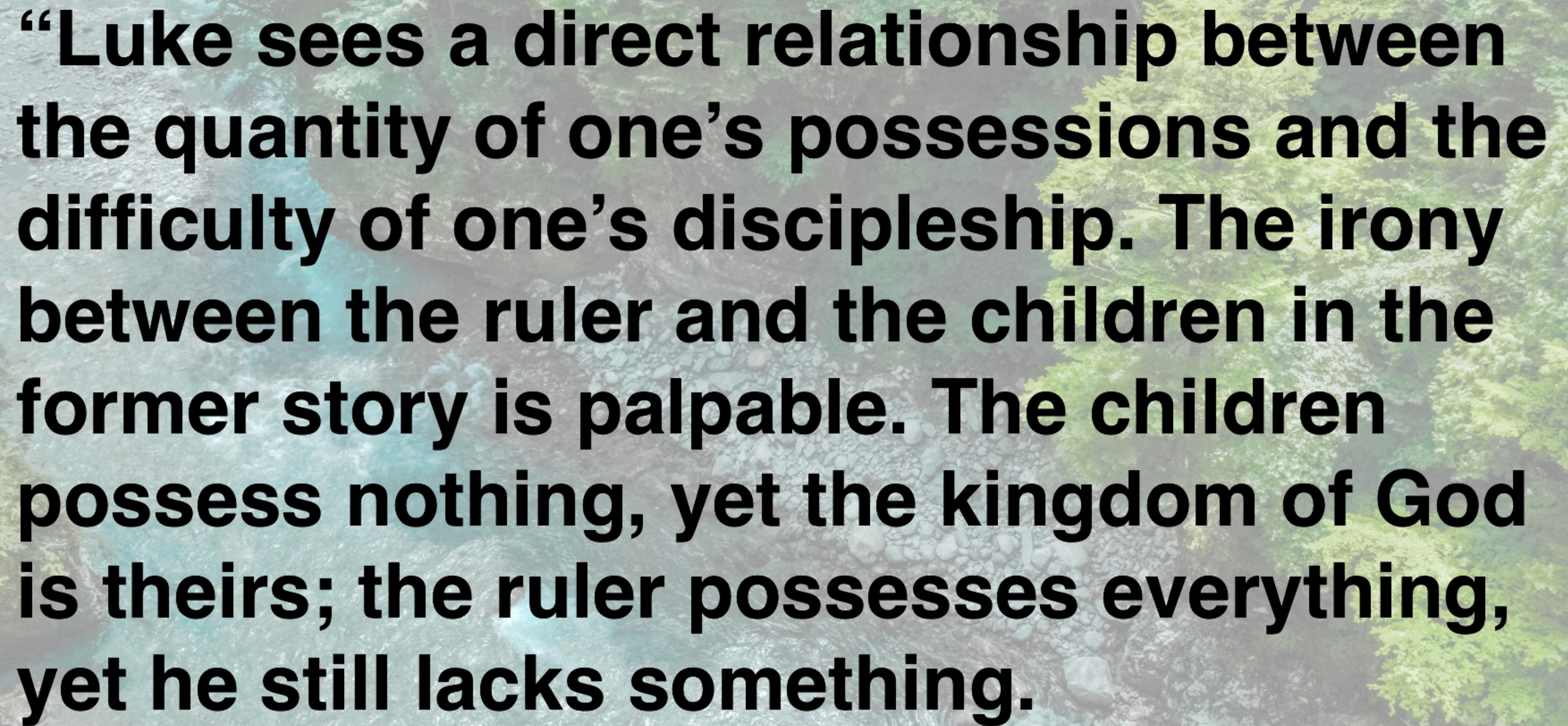
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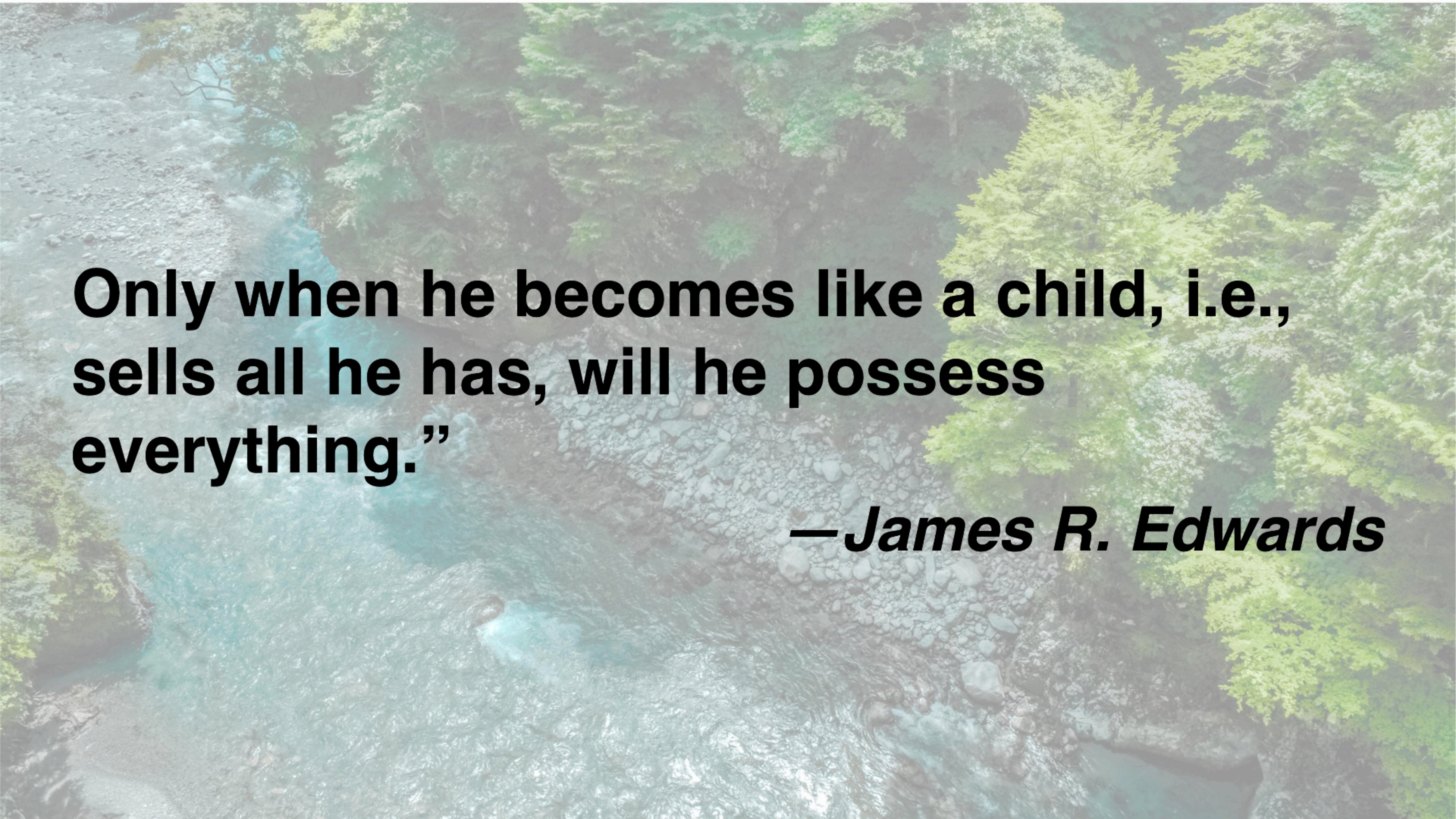
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Wealth Suppressing Generosity in Luke

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“Luke sees a direct relationship between the quantity of one’s possessions and the difficulty of one’s discipleship. The irony between the ruler and the children in the former story is palpable. The children possess nothing, yet the kingdom of God is theirs; the ruler possesses everything, yet he still lacks something.

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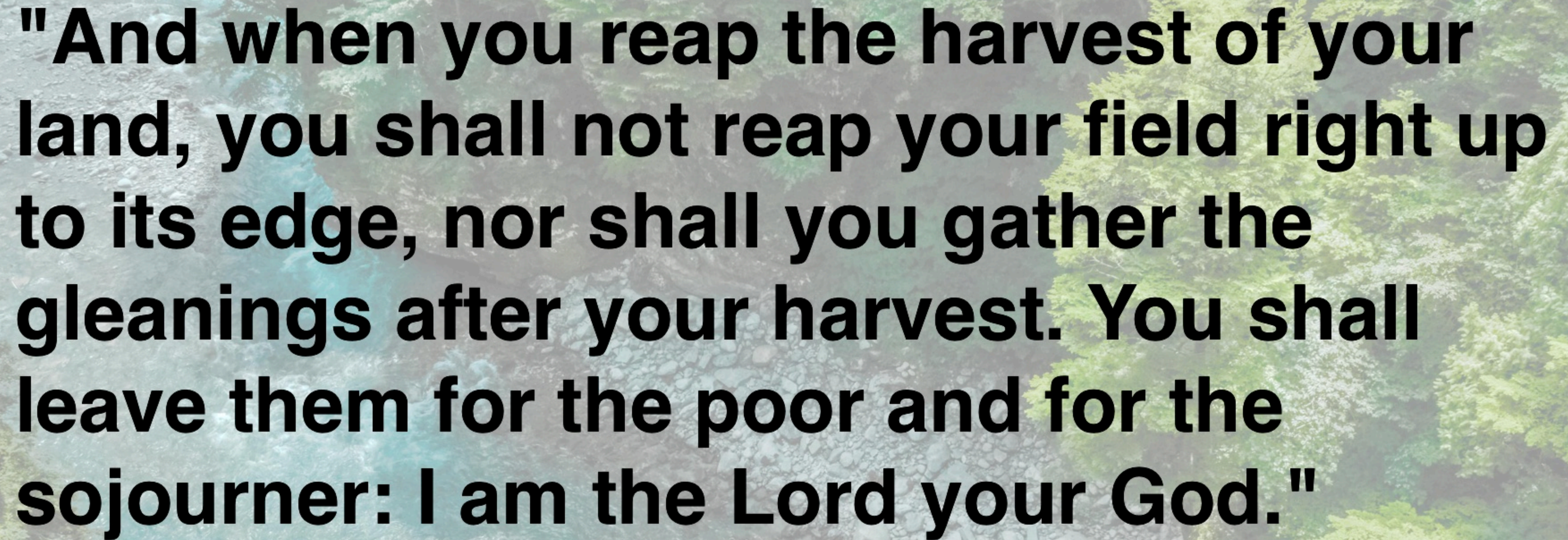
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