



“Choose Life!”

Deuteronomy 30:1-20

A Call to Return to the Lord

“In the future, when you experience all these blessings and curses I have listed for you, and when you are living among the nations to which the Lord your God has exiled you, take to heart all these instructions. ²If at that time you and your children return to the Lord your God, and if you obey with all your heart and all your soul all the commands I have given you today, ³then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes. He will have mercy on you and gather you back from all the nations where he has scattered you. ⁴Even though you are banished to the ends of the earth, the Lord your God will gather you from there and bring you back gain. ⁵The Lord your God will return you to the land that belonged to your ancestors, and you will possess that land again. Then he will make you even more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors!

⁶The Lord your God will change your heart and the hearts of all your descendants, so that you will love him with all your heart and soul so you may live! ⁷The Lord your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate and persecute you. ⁸Then you will again obey the Lord and keep all his commands that I am giving you today. ⁹The Lord your God will then make you successful in everything you do. He will give you many children and numerous livestock, and he will cause your fields to produce abundant harvests, for the Lord will again delight in being good to you as he was to your ancestors. ¹⁰The Lord your God will delight in you if you obey his voice to keep the commands and decrees written in this Book of Instruction, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

The Choice of Life or Death

¹¹“This command I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not beyond your reach. ¹²It is not kept in heaven, so distant that you must ask, ‘Who will go up to heaven and bring it down so we can hear it and obey?’ ¹³It is not kept beyond the sea, so far away that you must ask, ‘Who will cross the sea to bring it to us so we can hear it and obey?’ ¹⁴No, the message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart so that you can obey it.

¹⁵“Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster. ¹⁶For I command you this day to love the Lord your God and to keep his commands, decrees, and regulations by walking in his way. If you do this, you will live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy.

¹⁷“But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and if you are drawn away to serve and worship other gods, ¹⁸then I warn you now that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live a long, good life in the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy.

¹⁹“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! ²⁰You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying Him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

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One horrible
choice may have
devastating
effects.





Jesus will work
miraculously
for those who
choose life.

19 “Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!

Deuteronomy 30:19 (NLT)

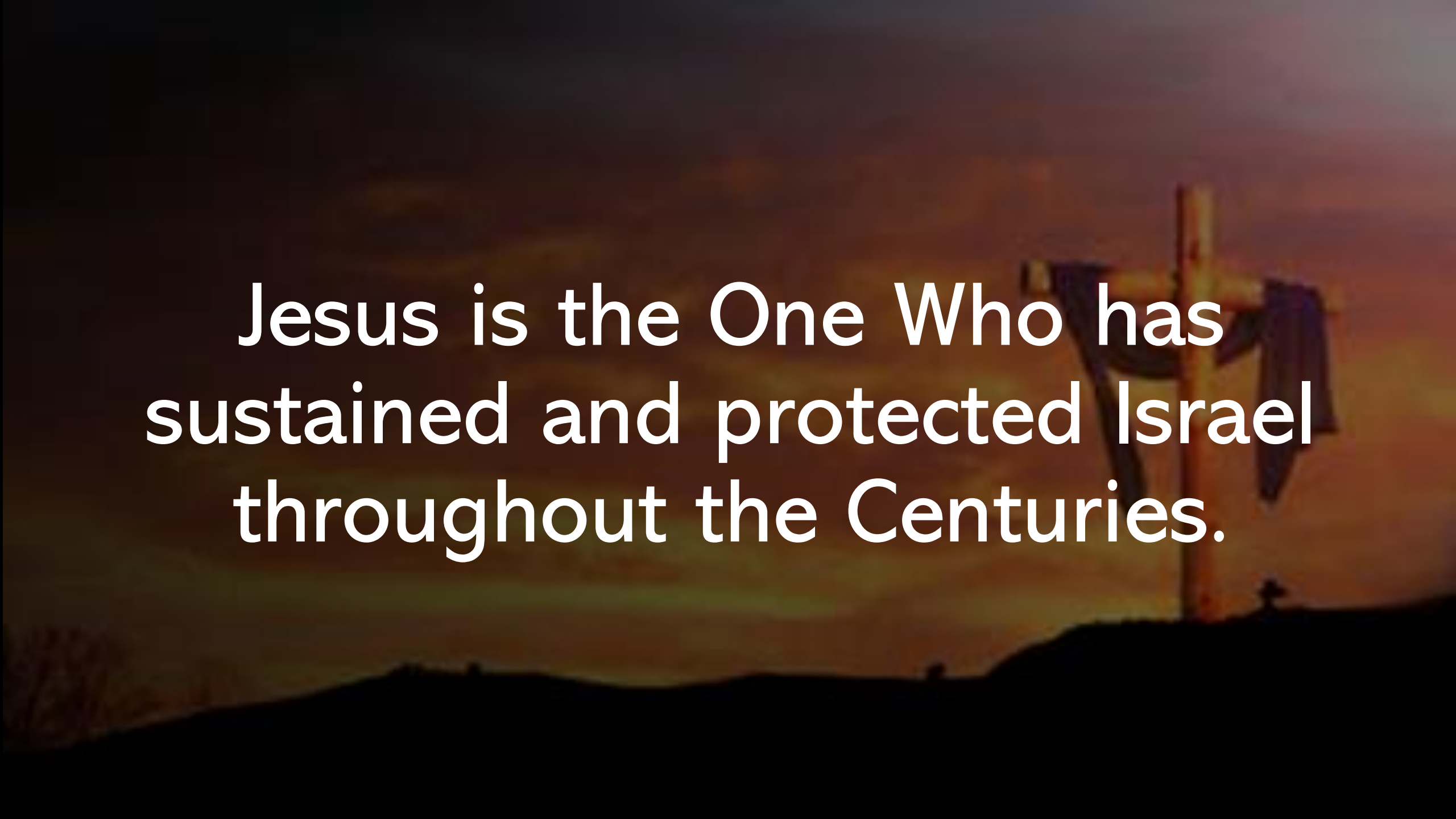


1). CHOOSE HIM!

2 If at that time you and your children return to the LORD your God, and if you obey with all your heart and all your soul all the commands I have given you today, 3 then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes. He will have mercy on you and gather you back from all the nations where he has scattered you. 4 Even though you are banished to the ends of the earth, the LORD your God will gather you from there and bring you back again.

Deuteronomy 30:2-4 (NLT)



The background of the image shows a landscape at dusk or dawn. The sky is a mix of dark purple, orange, and yellow. In the foreground, there are dark, silhouetted hills. On the right side, a wooden cross stands on a small hill, with a purple cloth draped over its arms. The text is overlaid on the left and center of the image.


Jesus is the One Who has
sustained and protected Israel
throughout the Centuries.



When we repent,
God will more
than restore
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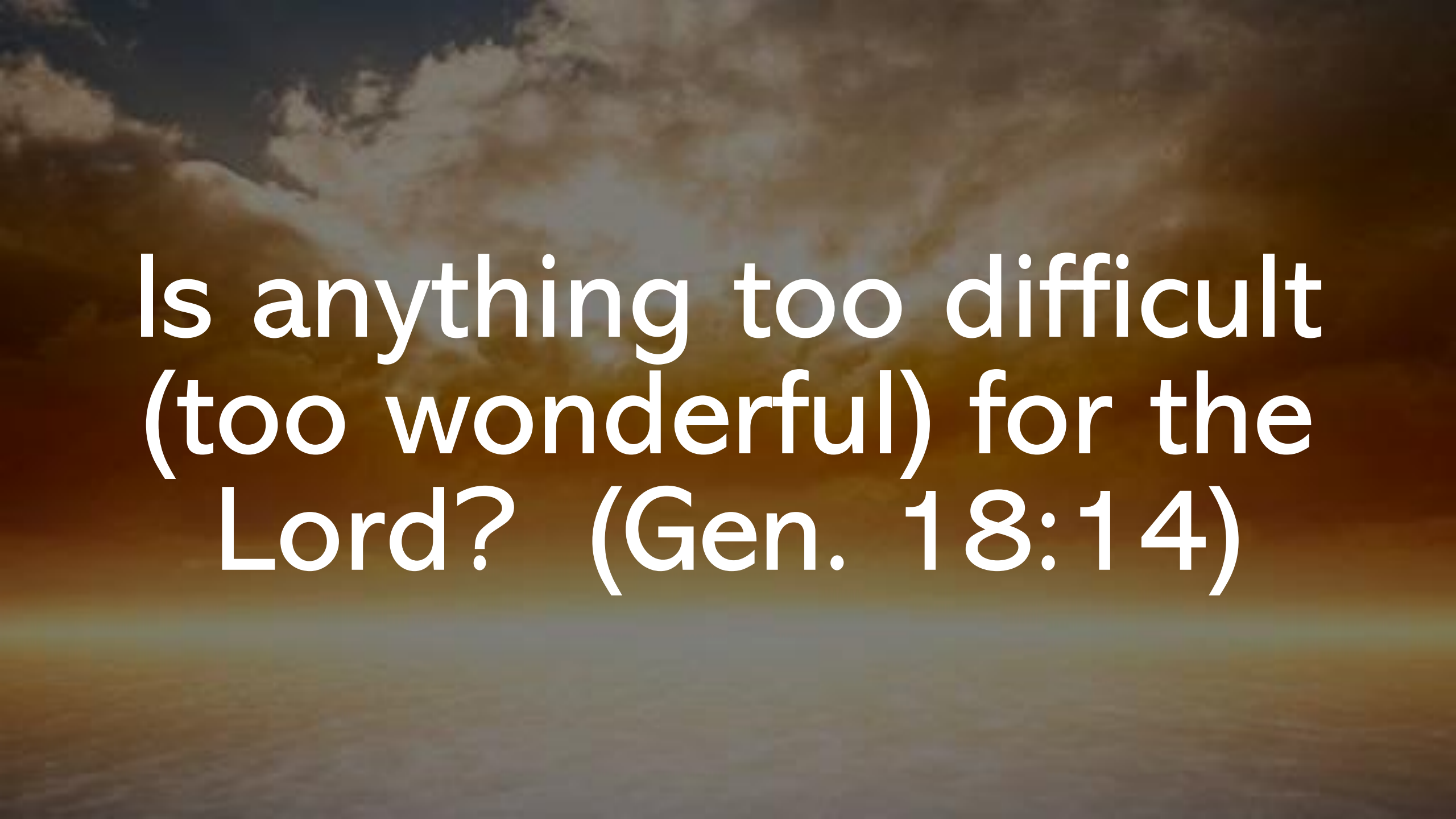
OH v1 “washed
away” = exiled





11 “This command I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not beyond your reach.

Deuteronomy 30:11 (NLT)



Is anything too difficult
(too wonderful) for the
Lord? (Gen. 18:14)

Once in the
Promised Land,
Israel chose poorly.
They worshipped
foreign gods.



6 “The LORD your God will change your heart and the hearts of all your descendants, so that you will love him with all your heart and soul and so you may live!

Deuteronomy 30:6 (NLT)

2). CHOOSE TO LIVE

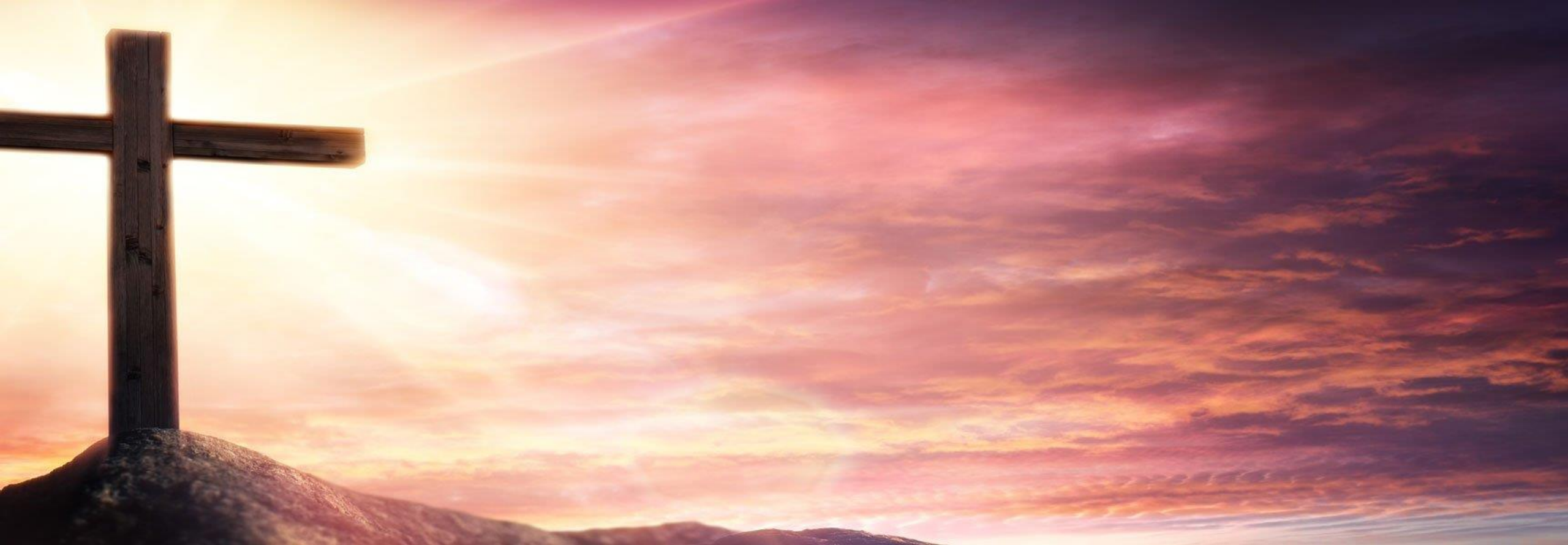


Romans 10:5-10 (NLT)

Salvation Is for Everyone

⁵ For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. ⁶ But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven?' (to bring Christ down to earth). ⁷ And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead?' (to bring Christ back to life again)." ⁸ In fact, it says, "The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart."

And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: ⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.



**3). CHOOSE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, NOT
YOUR OWN.**

Romans 5:1 (TPT) “Our faith in Jesus transfers
God’s righteousness to us and He now declares us
flawless in His eyes...”

