

Call Upon the LORD in Truth

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The LORD keeps all who love Him,
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My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
And all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

Main Point

Because the LORD is righteous in all His ways and kind in all his deeds, we can count on Him to be near to us when we call upon Him in truth.

Call Upon the LORD in Truth

The LORD is righteous in all His ways.



The background of the image is a soft-focus landscape during a sunset or sunrise. The sun is positioned on the left side, partially obscured by light, wispy clouds, creating a bright, hazy glow. The sky transitions from a pale yellow near the sun to a soft blue. In the lower portion of the image, the silhouettes of mountains and a body of water are visible, though they are out of focus and appear as dark, muted shapes against the lighter sky.

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Righteous literally means *straight* but
came to mean conforming to a standard.

The LORD is not righteous because He
conforms to a standard;
He *is* the standard.
He *is* righteous;
He *is* the way that is straight!

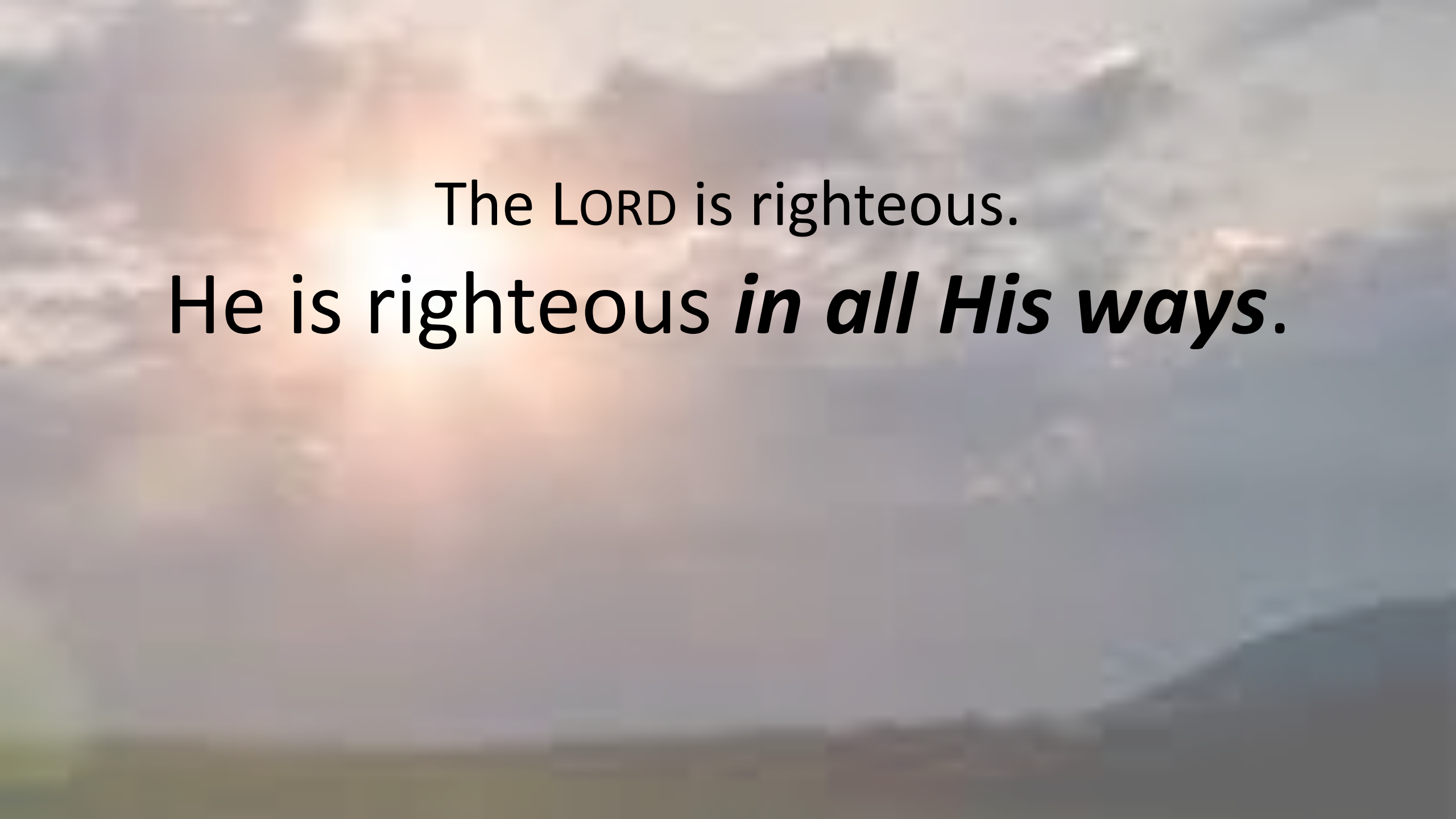
Psalm 11:7

For the LORD is righteous,
He loves righteousness...

Our world claims to love justice while
rejecting moral absolutes, but justice is
the outworking of righteousness.

Psalm 89:14

Righteousness and justice are
the foundation of Your throne...



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The great objection to God's sovereignty is the charge of injustice, which amounts to a charge of unrighteousness.

Romans 9:14

What shall we say then?

There is no injustice with God, is there?

But that the LORD is sovereign *and*
righteous in ***all His ways*** forms the basis
for our appeals to Him for justice.

Jeremiah 12:1

Righteous are You, O LORD,
that I would plead my case with You;
Indeed I would discuss matters of justice with You...

Because the LORD is righteous
in all His ways you can cry out
to Him for justice knowing
that He will always do right.

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The background of the image is a soft-focus landscape. A bright, glowing light source, likely the sun, is positioned in the upper left quadrant, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky. The sky is filled with light, wispy clouds. In the lower portion of the image, the silhouettes of rolling hills or mountains are visible, though they are out of focus and appear in shades of blue and grey. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

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The LORD's kindness is tied to His mercy.

Psalm 145:8

The LORD is gracious and merciful;
Slow to anger and great in loving ***kindness***.

The LORD is kind:
He is merciful to sinners and
disposed to give grace to the
brokenhearted.

2 Corinthians 1:3

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the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.

1 Peter 1:3

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How do you think of God?



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The kindness of God is suspect among an entitled people who are committed to comfort and personal happiness.

You will not entrust yourself to the LORD if you do not believe that He is kind and that all His deeds are done in kindness.

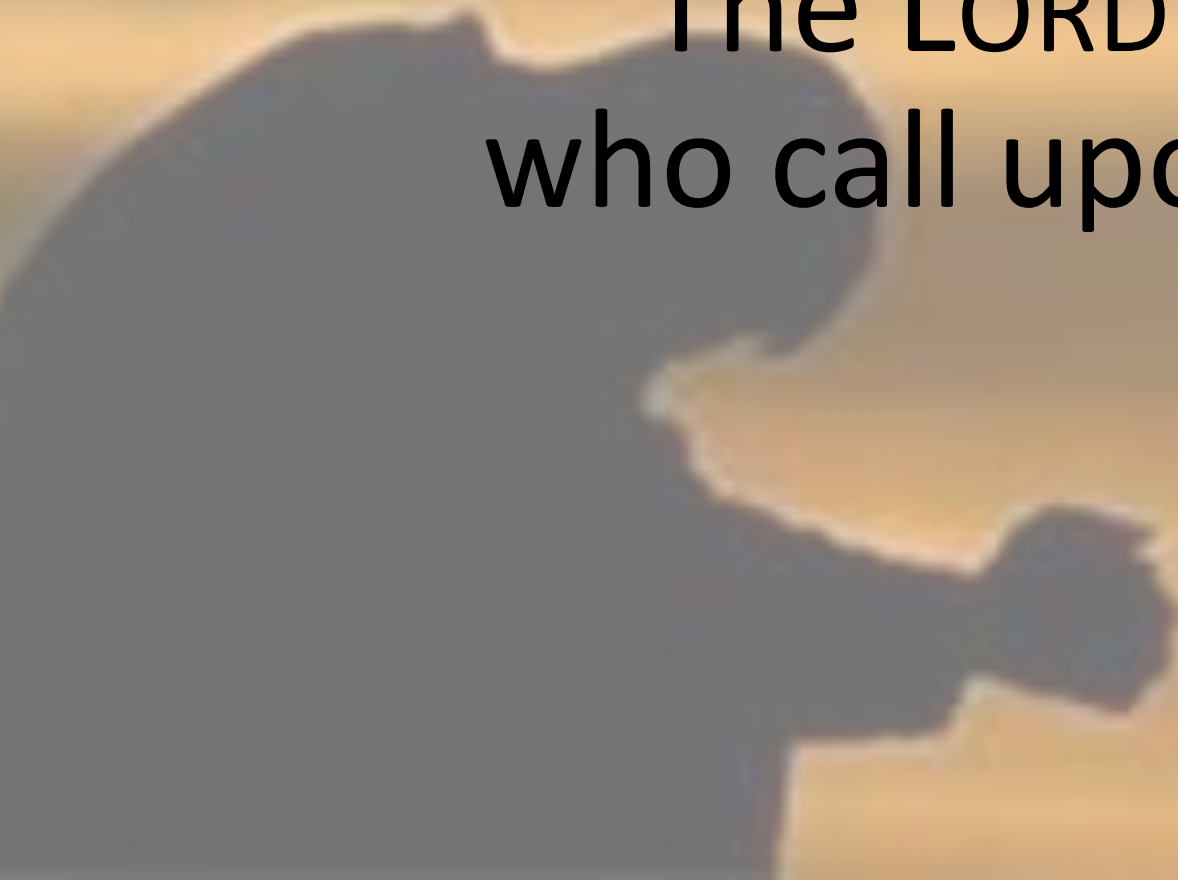
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who call upon Him in truth.

A silhouette of a person in a prayerful pose, with their hands clasped together, set against a soft, golden background that suggests a sunrise or sunset.

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What does it mean to call
upon Him in truth?

John 4:24

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Hebrews 10:22

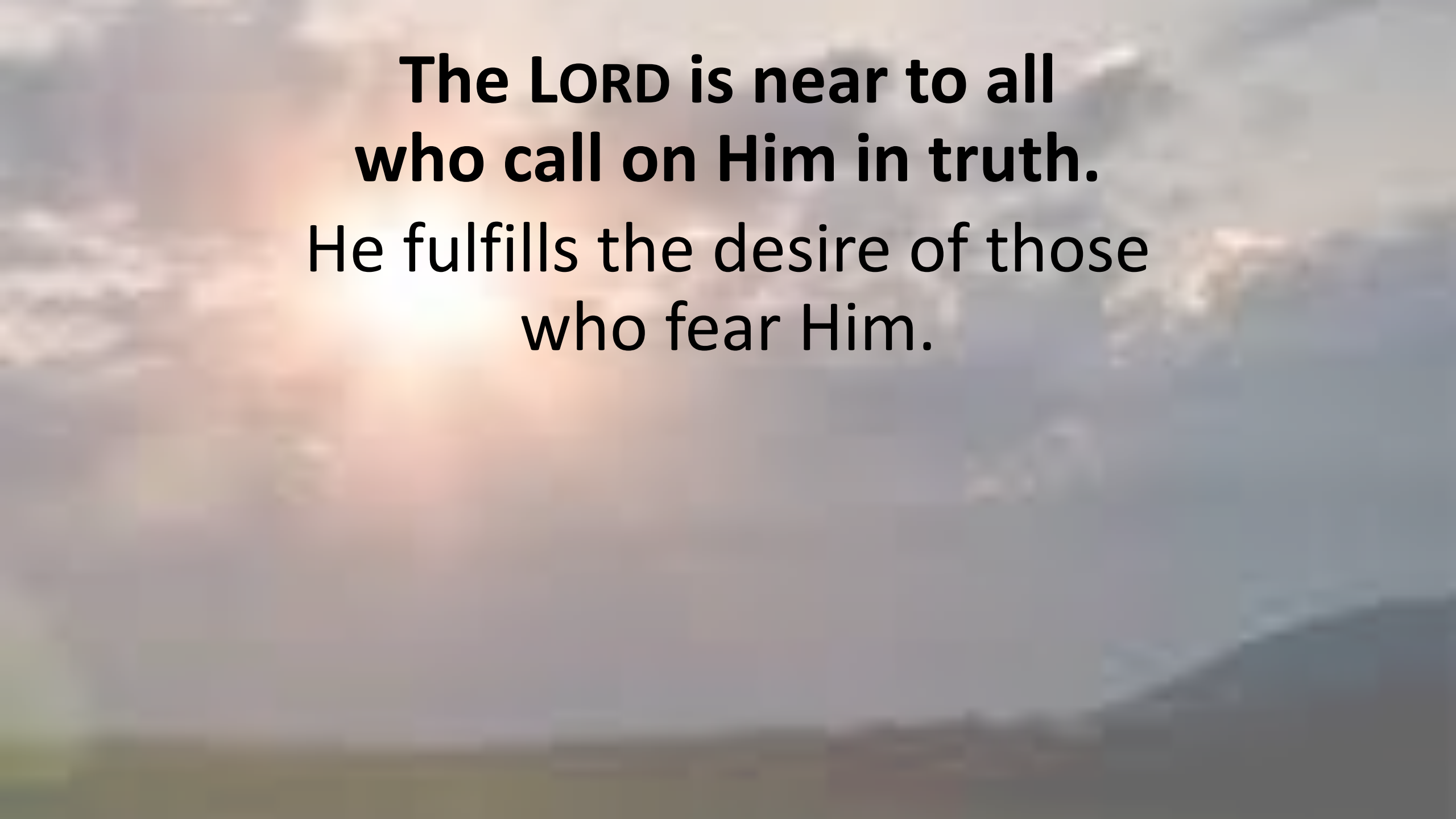
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To fear the LORD is to love and worship
Him and to desire to please Him.

Deuteronomy 6:13

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and **you shall worship** Him and swear by His name.

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Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the LORD;
And He will give you the desires of your heart.

We are made to worship the LORD –
worship is intimately tied to desire.

We will never be fully satisfied
until we worship the LORD in truth,
desiring Him above all and finding
our greatest delight in Him.

Psalm 37:4-5

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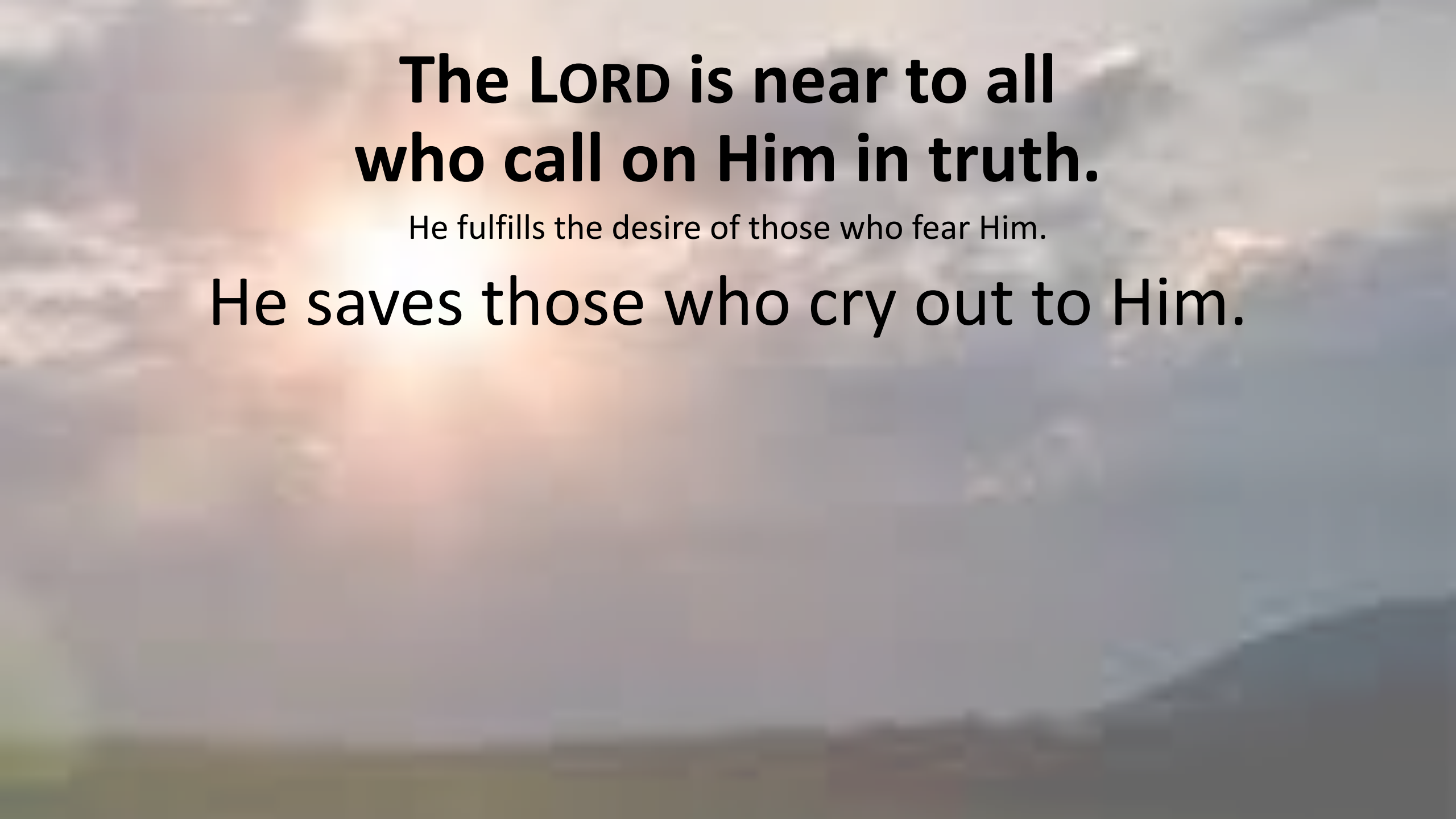
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Crying out to the LORD in truth
requires recognition of need;
it is a cry of humble dependence.

Psalm 34:6

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
And saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalm 34:18

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Are you crying out to Him in truth?

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Our love for God and faith in His Son
are gifts of grace that flow out of His
work of regeneration.

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Our assurance is grounded in God's promise to keep and protect those He has brought to life and to whom He has given the grace of faith.

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Those whom the LORD has caused to
be born again will heed His warnings
and be preserved by grace.

Conclusion

Have you embraced entitlement,
or do you see your need for mercy?

Are you relying on yourself,
or are you calling on the LORD in truth?

Are you drawing near to the LORD
and taking joy in His nearness to you?