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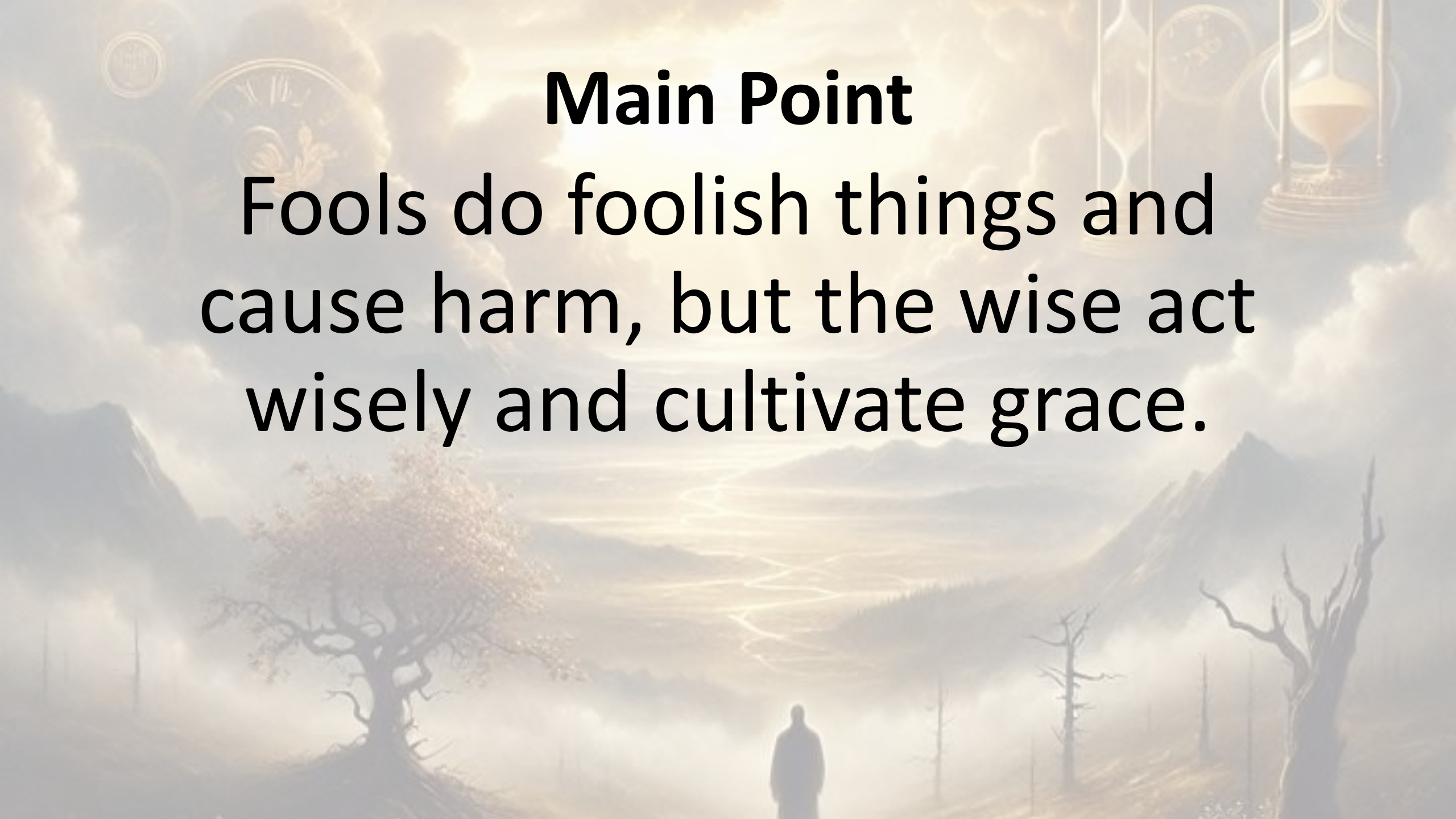
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Main Point

**Fools do foolish things and
cause harm, but the wise act
wisely and cultivate grace.**



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Fools Speak Foolishly



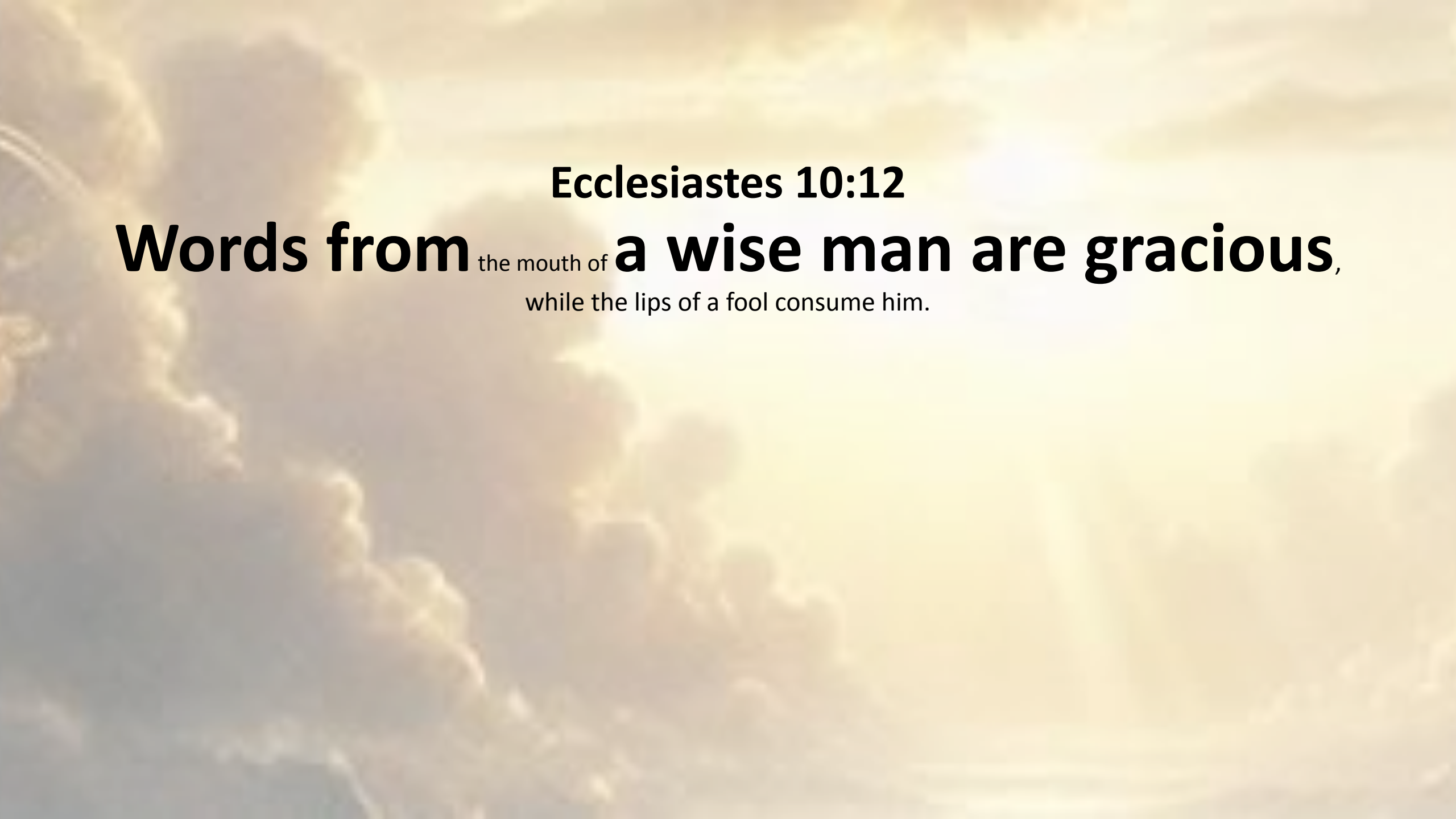
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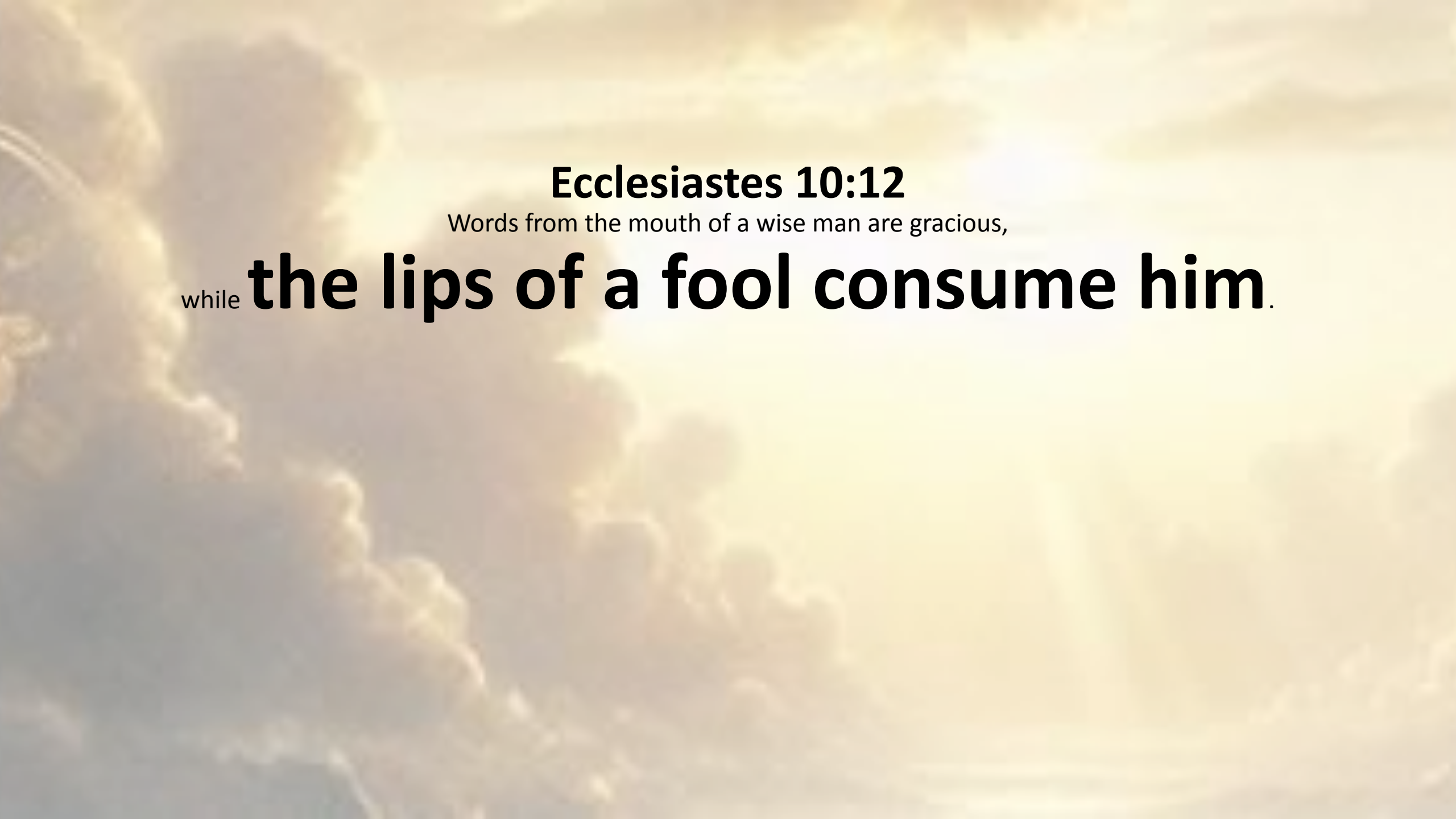
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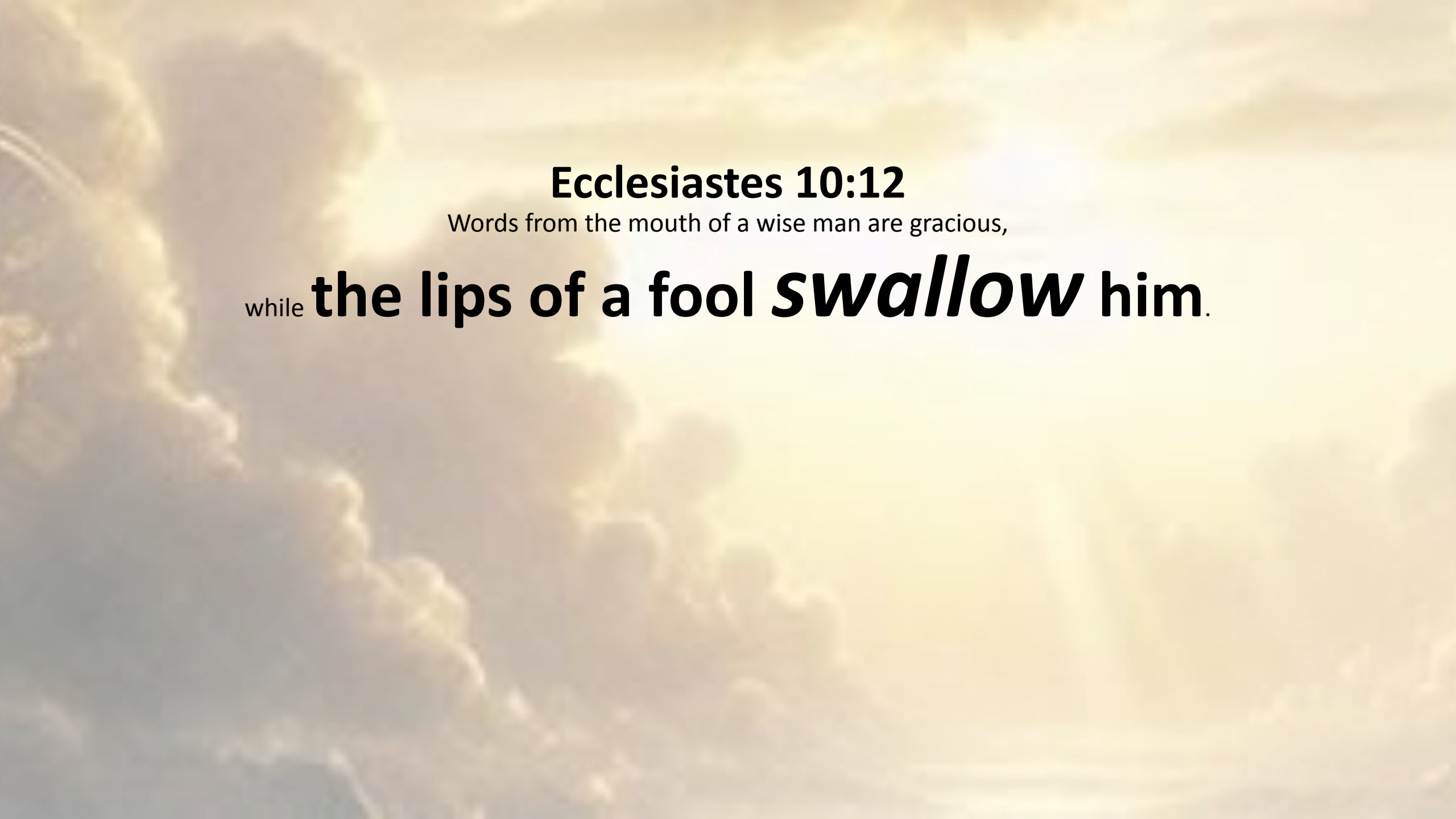
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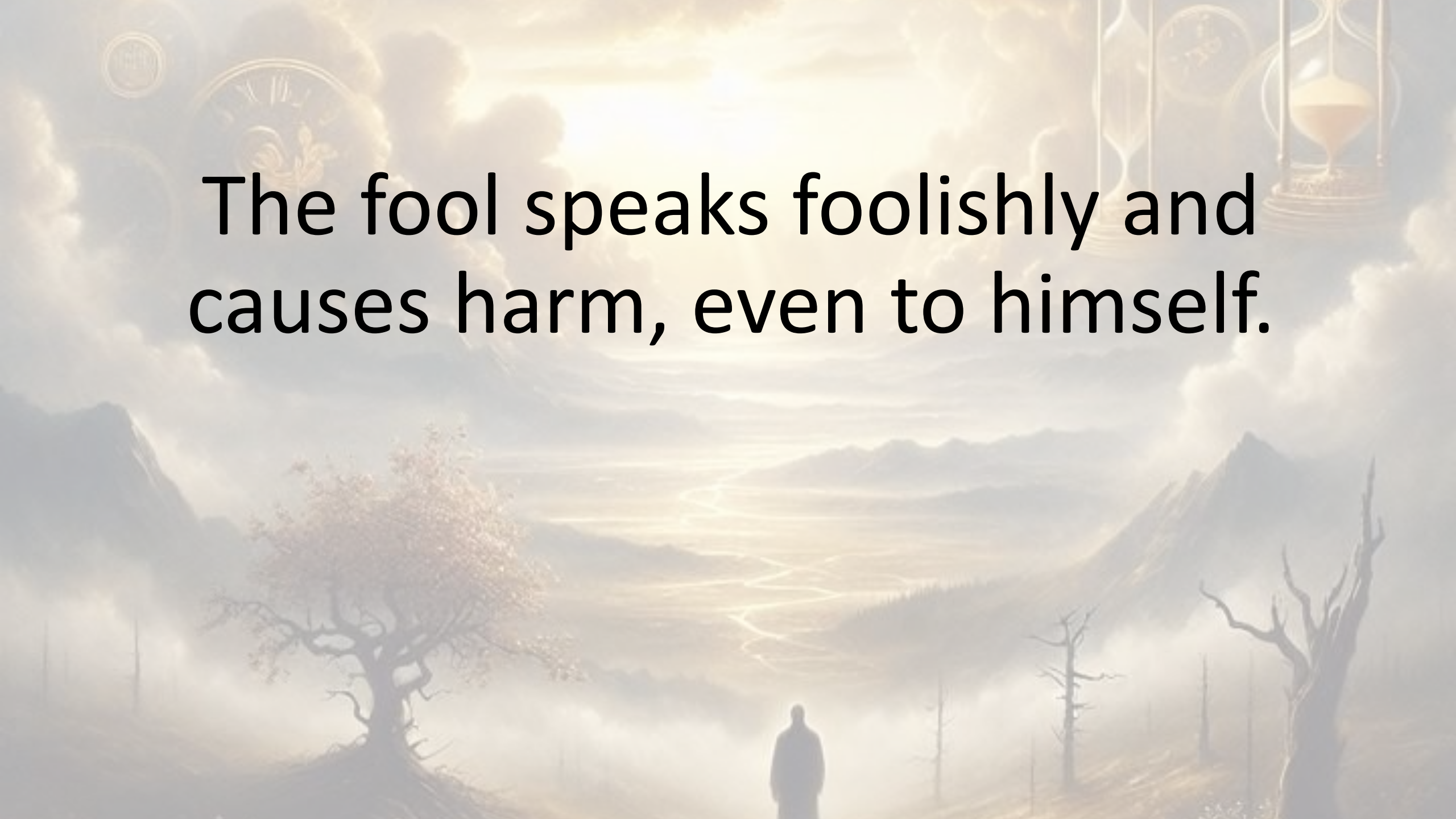
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The fool speaks foolishly and
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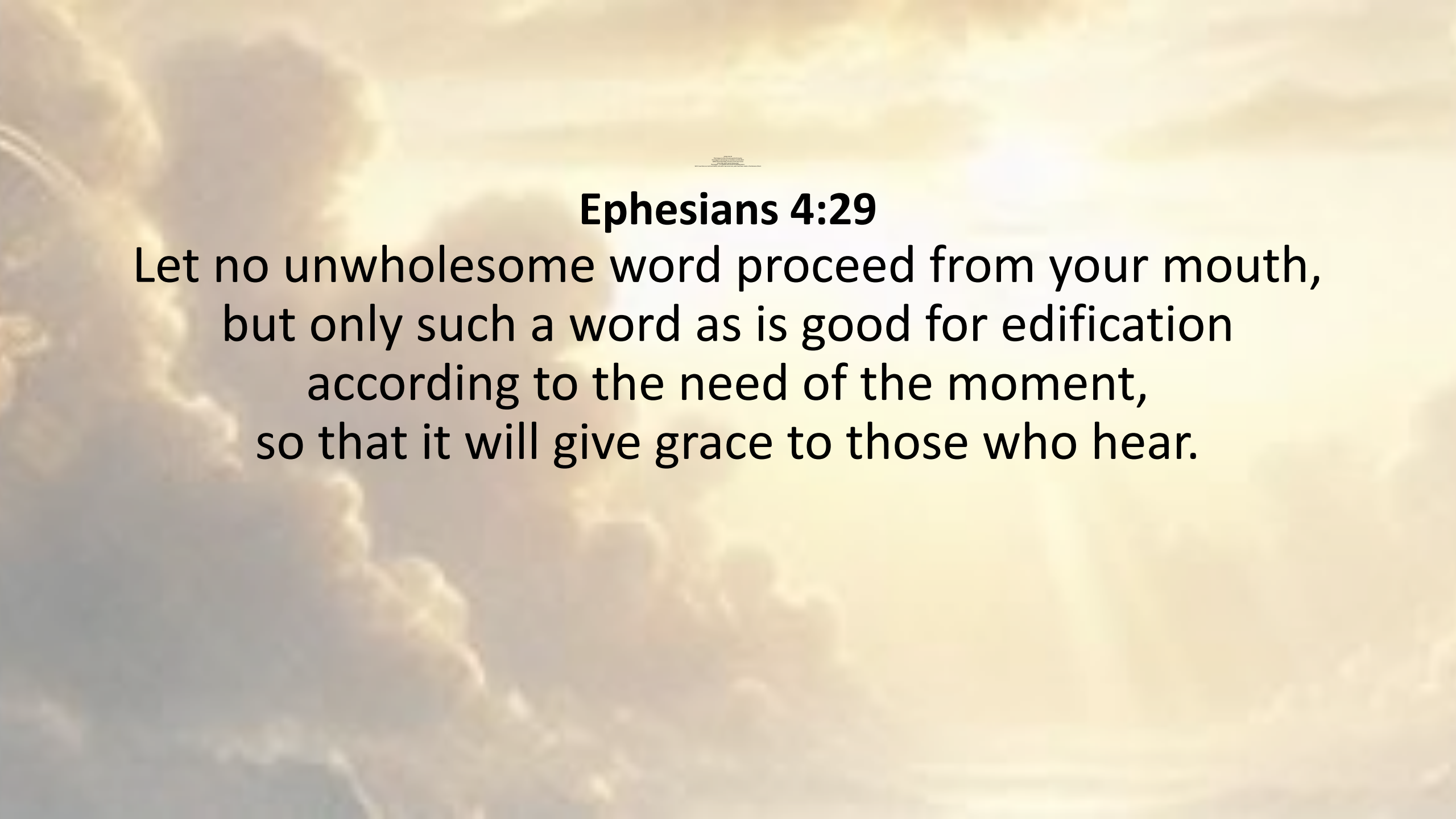
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The wise consider their words, even
while in private, and speak to give grace.

James 3:6-10

The tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity;
the tongue is set among our members as that which
defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course
of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

The tongue...is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.
With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse
men, who have been made in the likeness of God.



Ephesians 4:29

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth,
but only such a word as is good for edification
according to the need of the moment,
so that it will give grace to those who hear.

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Fools go on and on but say nothing.



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The fool doesn't know what he's talking
about, but that doesn't stop him.

Proverbs 10:19

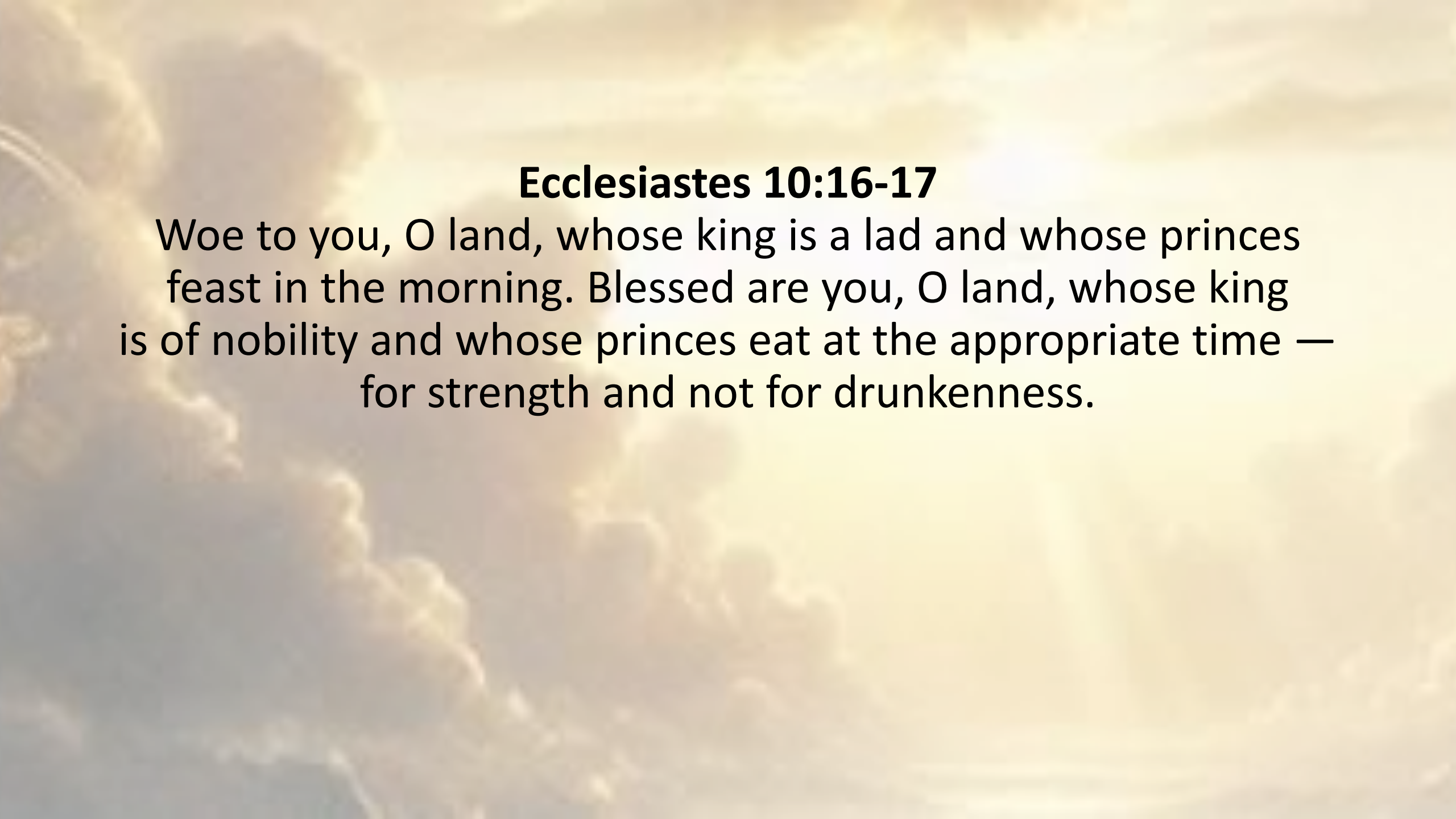
When there are many words,
transgression is unavoidable,
but he who restrains his lips is wise.

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Fools Lead Foolishly



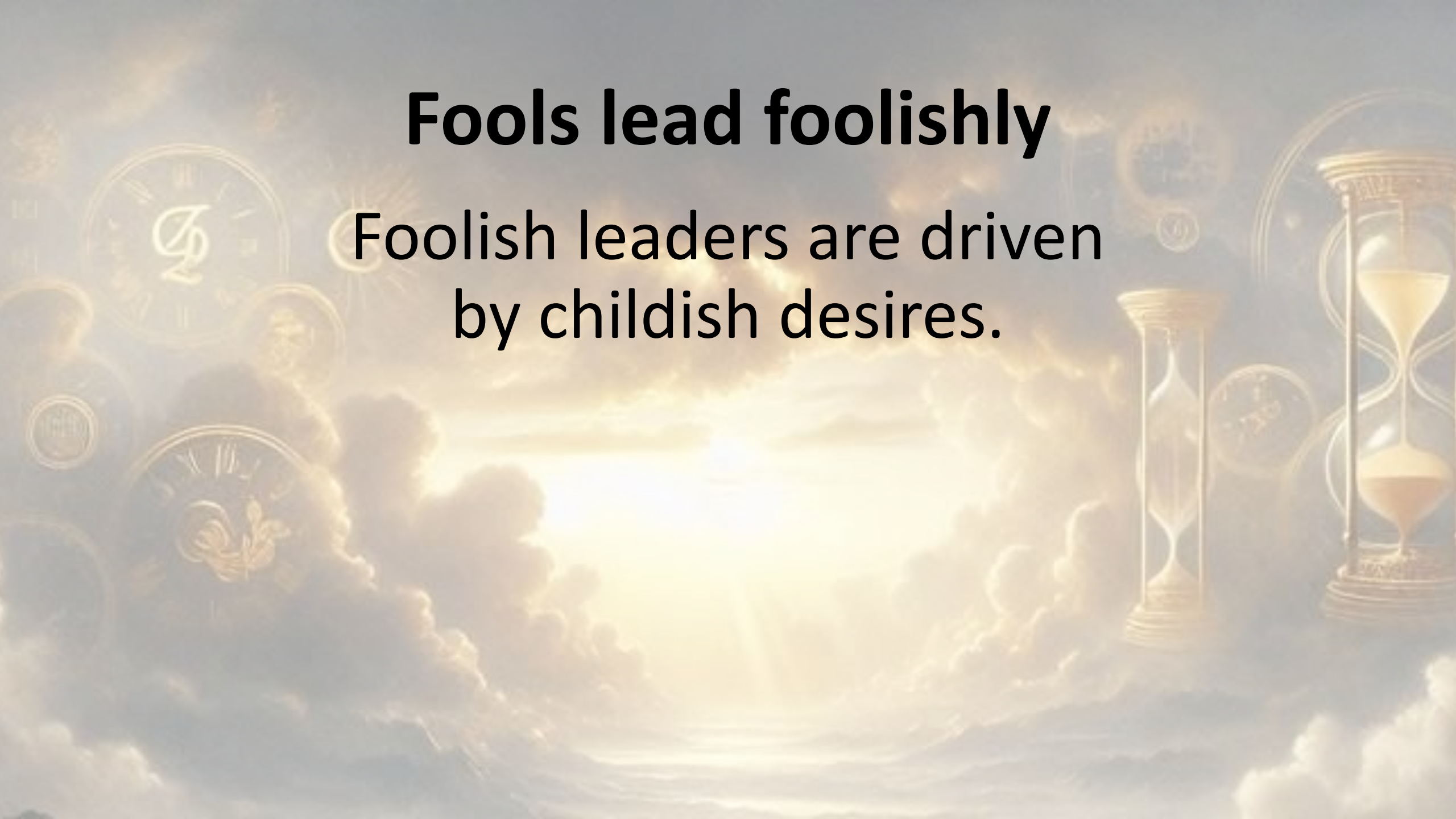


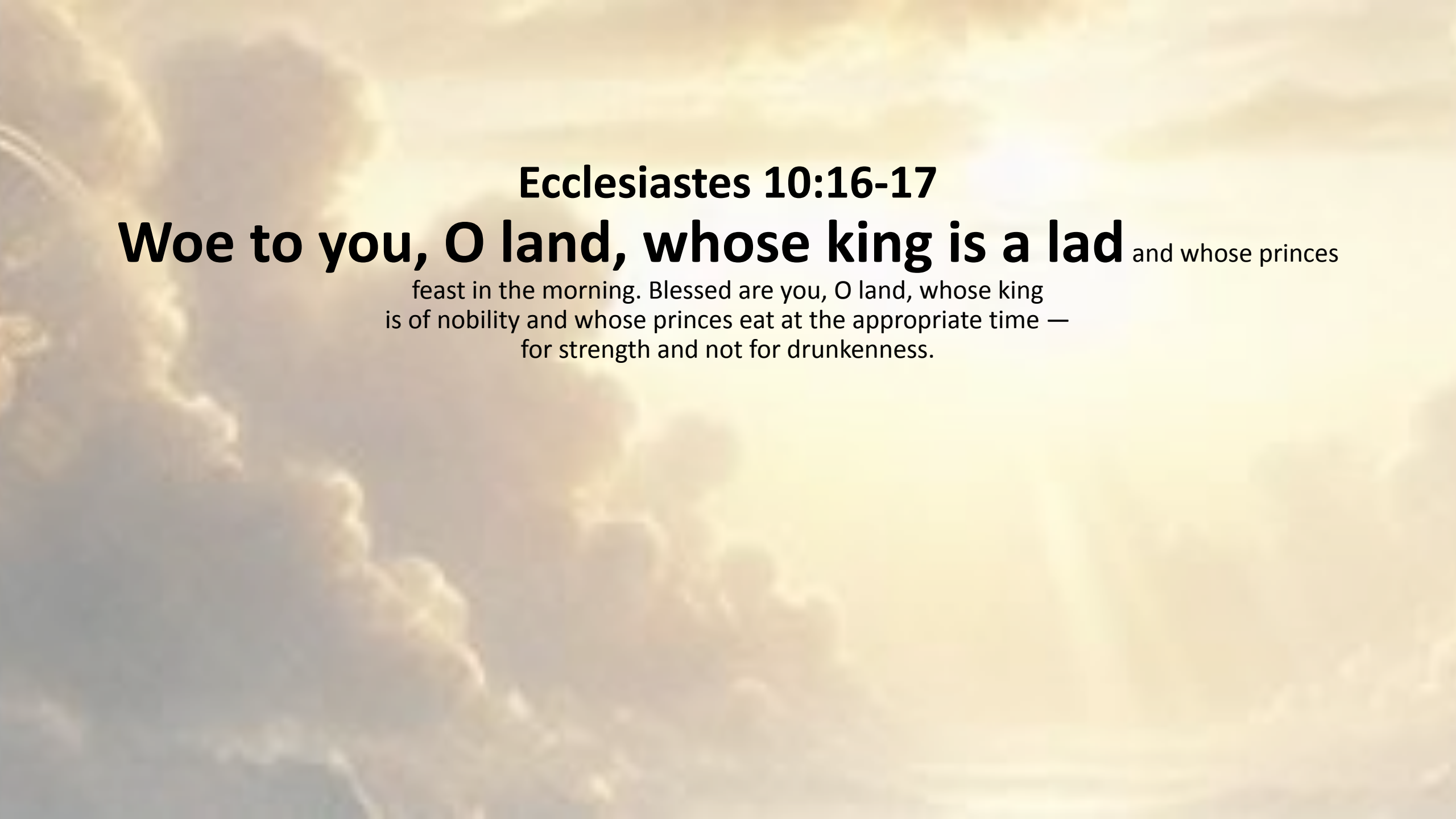
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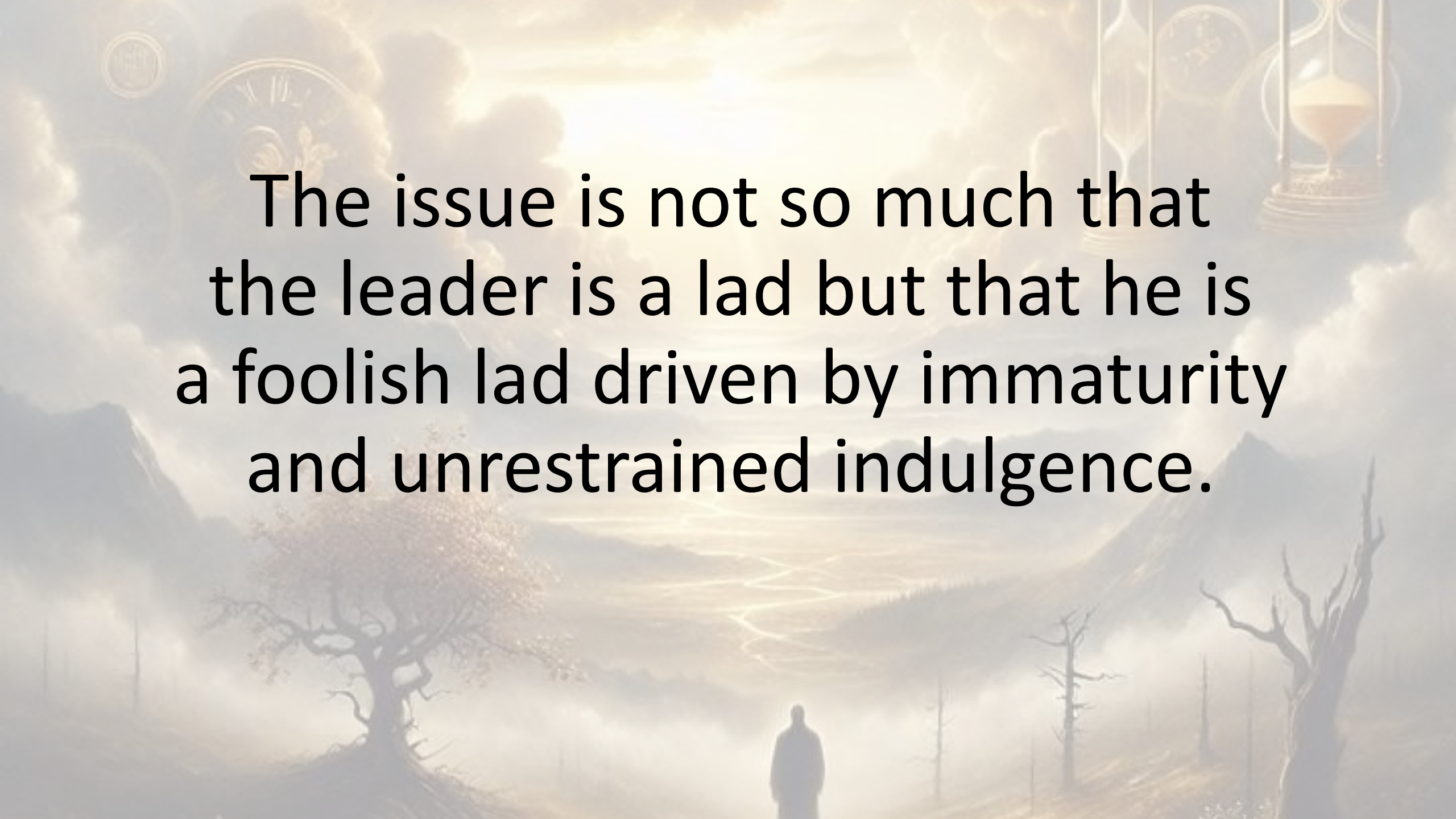
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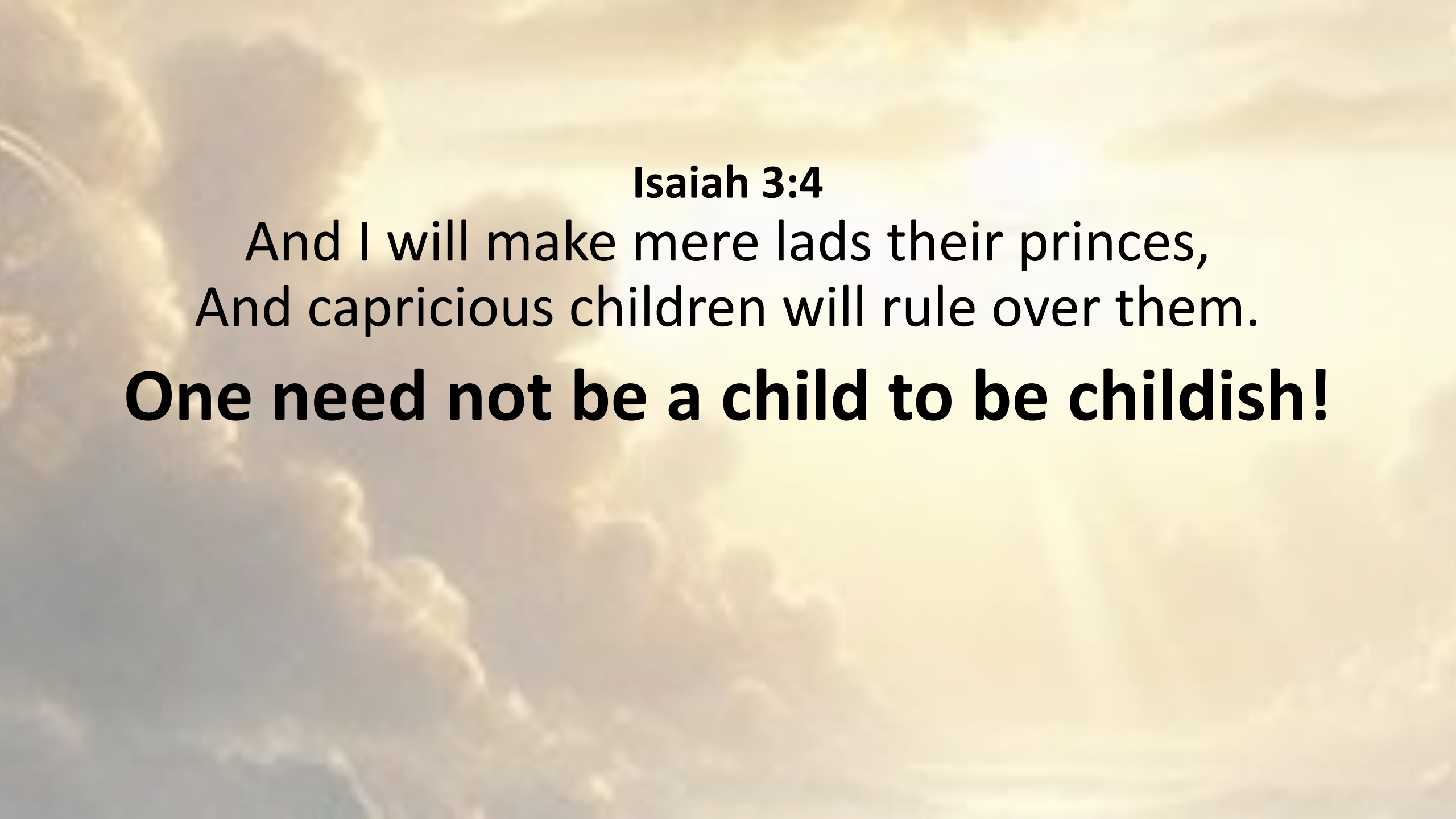
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The issue is not so much that
the leader is a lad but that he is
a foolish lad driven by immaturity
and unrestrained indulgence.



Isaiah 3:4

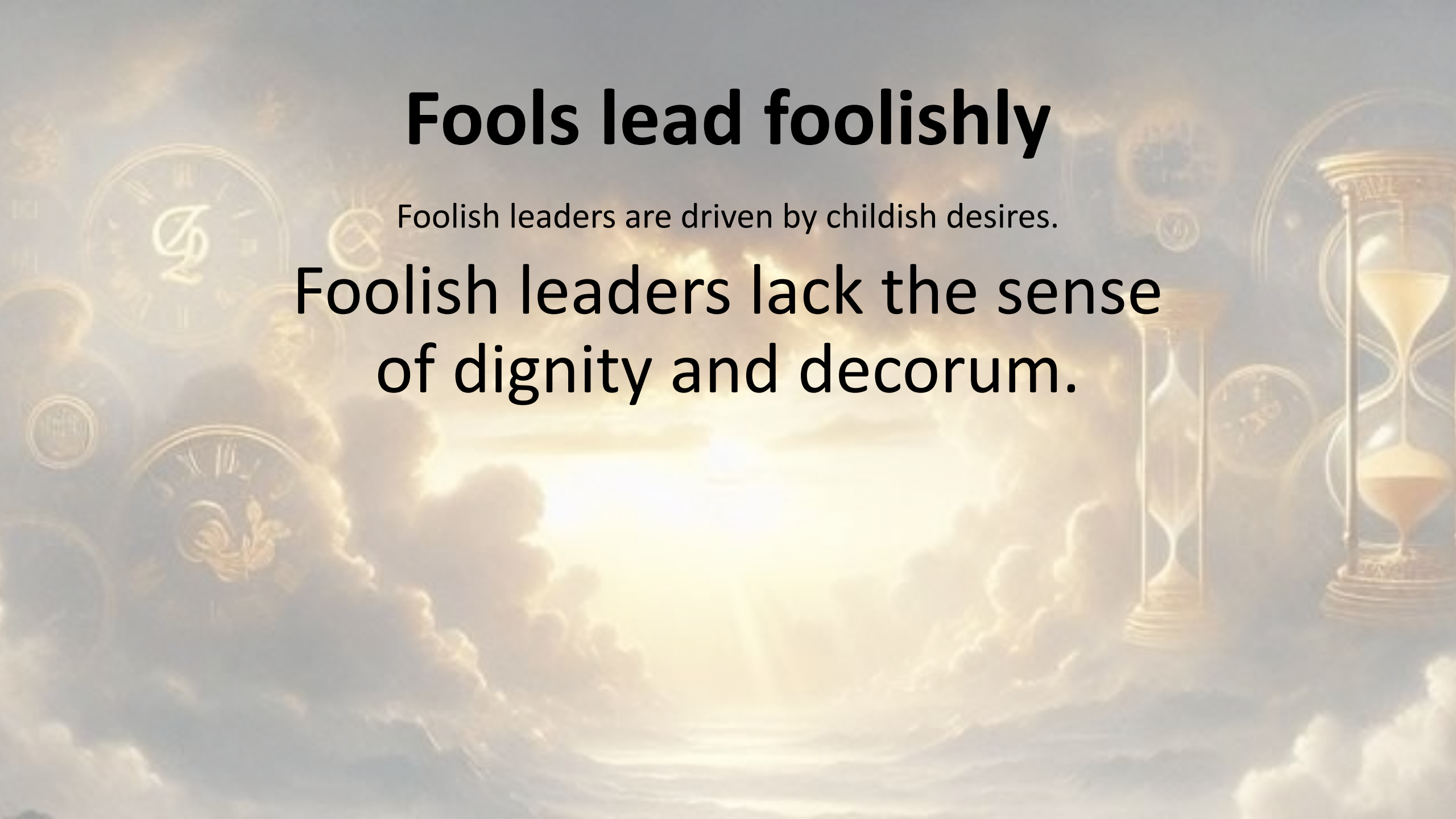
And I will make mere lads their princes,
And capricious children will rule over them.

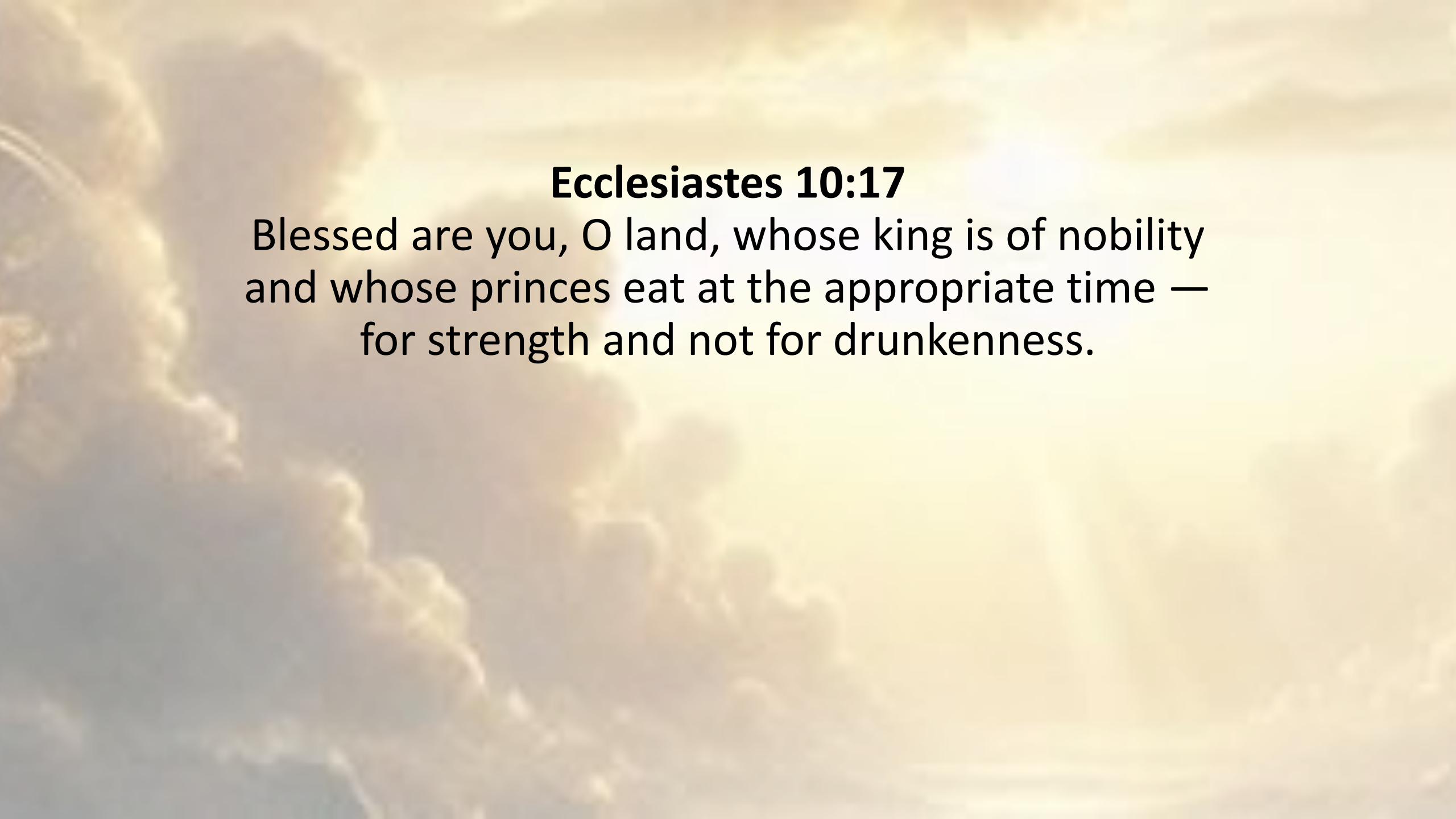
One need not be a child to be childish!

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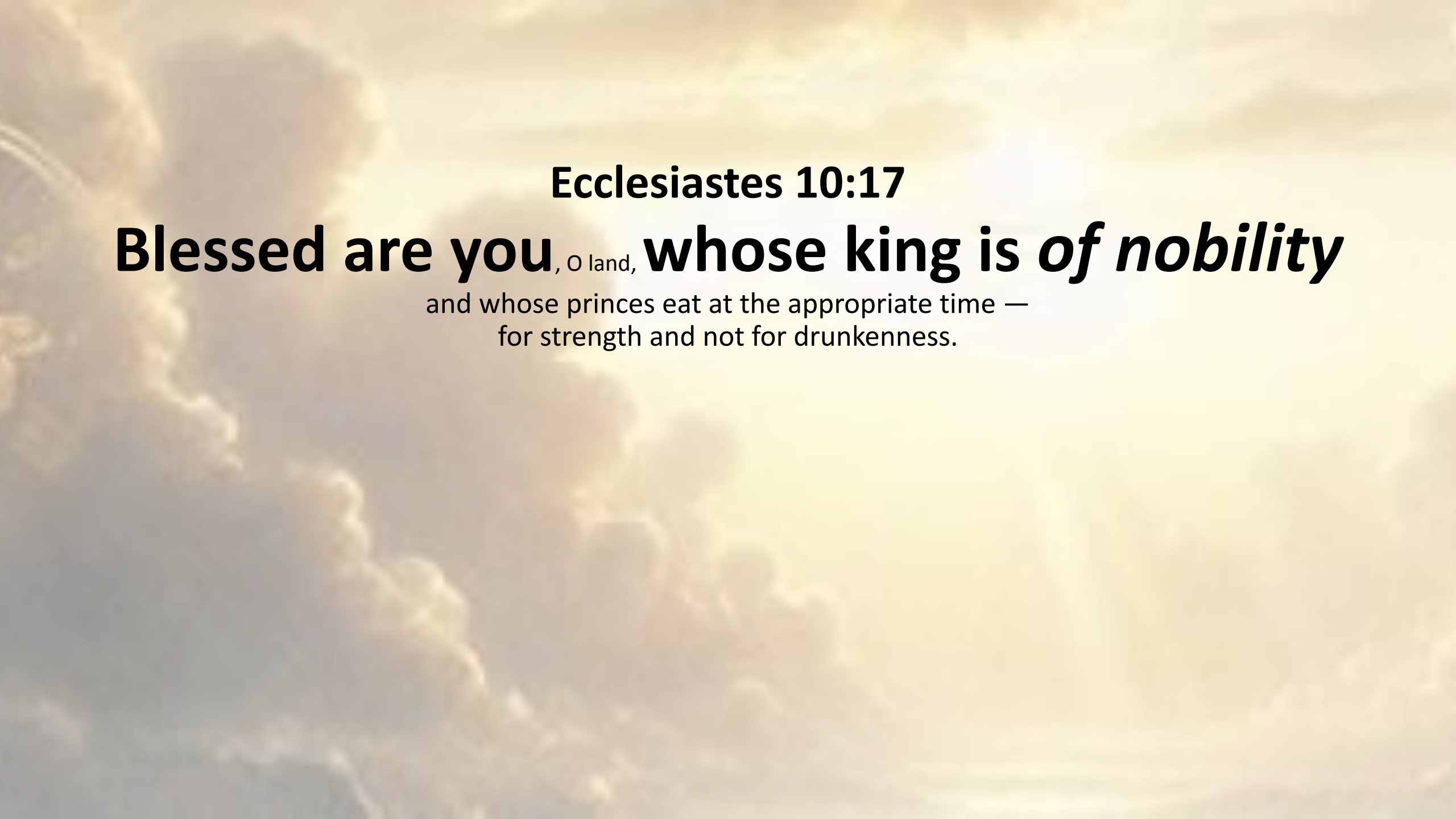
**Foolish leaders lack the sense
of dignity and decorum.**





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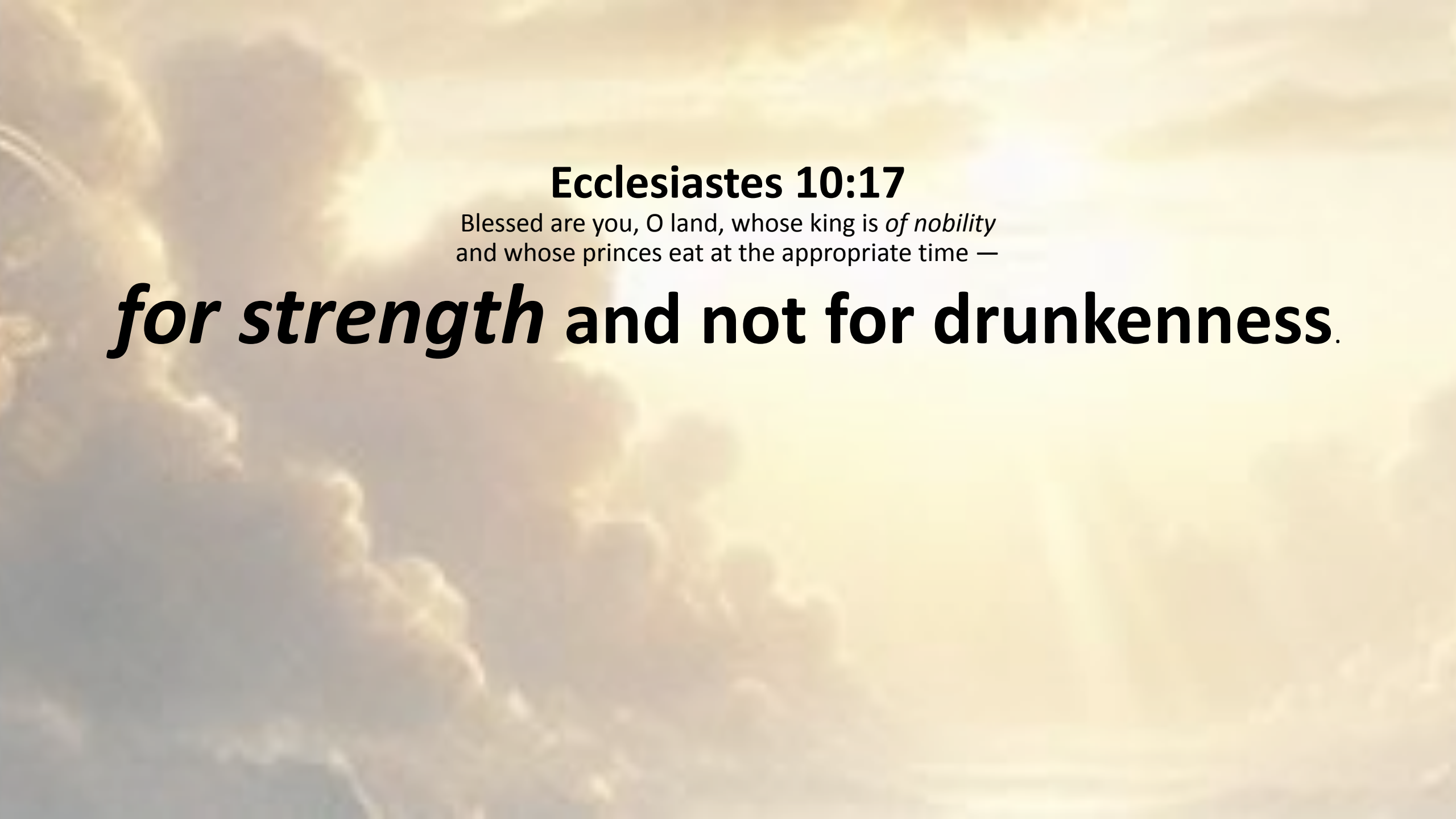
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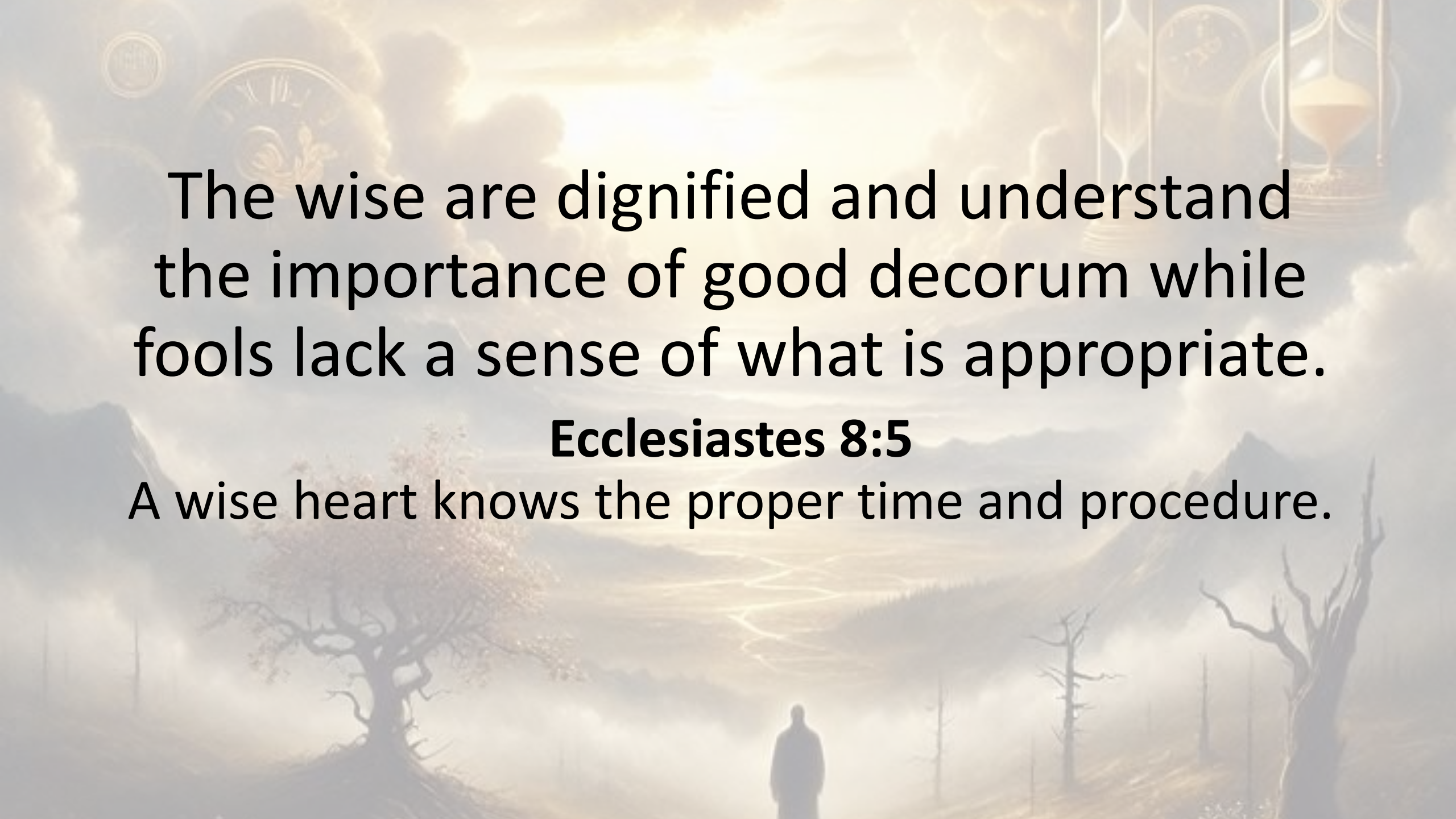
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The wise are dignified and understand
the importance of good decorum while
fools lack a sense of what is appropriate.

Ecclesiastes 8:5

A wise heart knows the proper time and procedure.

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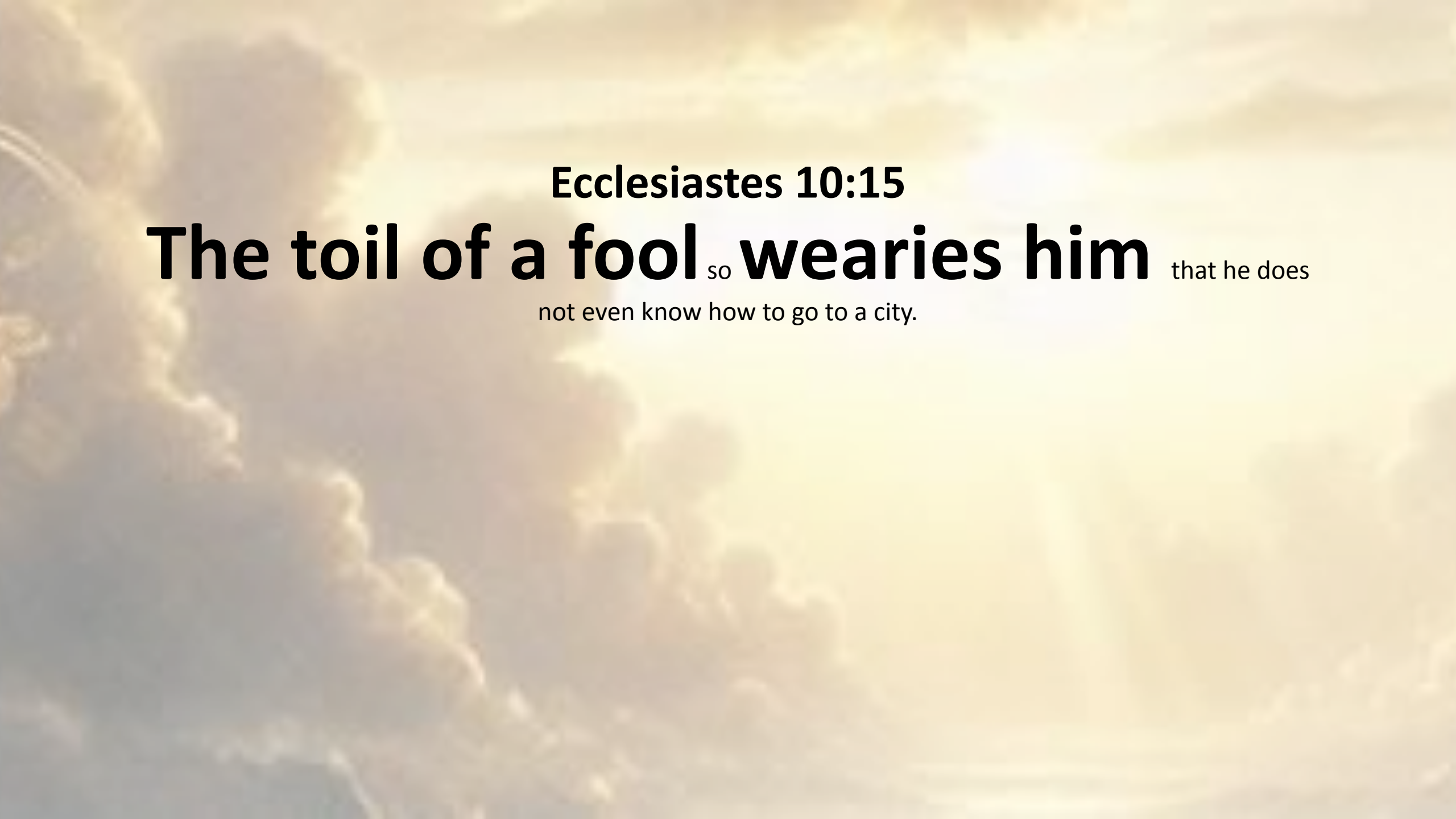
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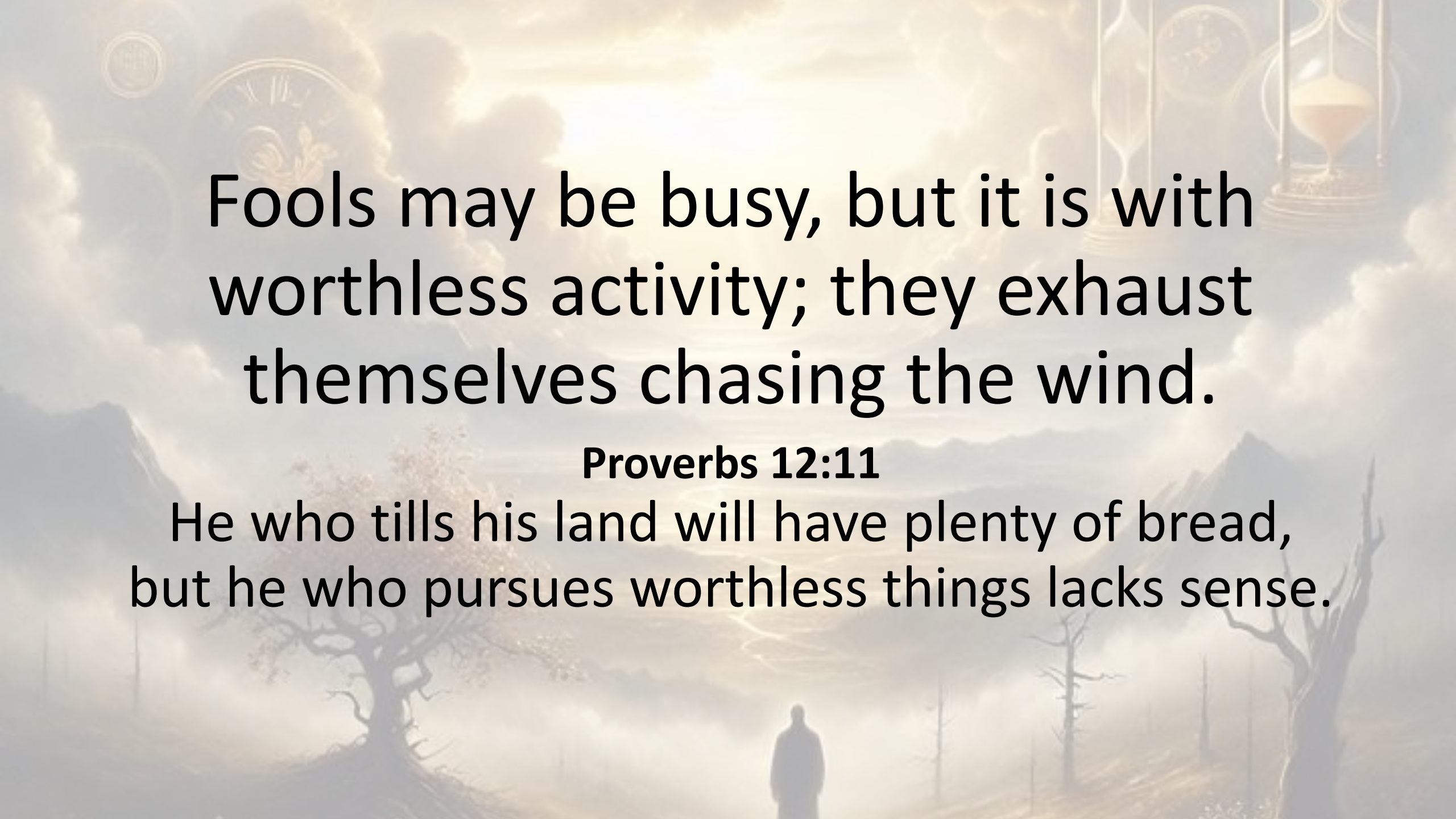


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Fools may be busy, but it is with
worthless activity; they exhaust
themselves chasing the wind.

Proverbs 12:11

He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,
but he who pursues worthless things lacks sense.

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Fools weary themselves with activity.

Fools neglect mundane necessities.



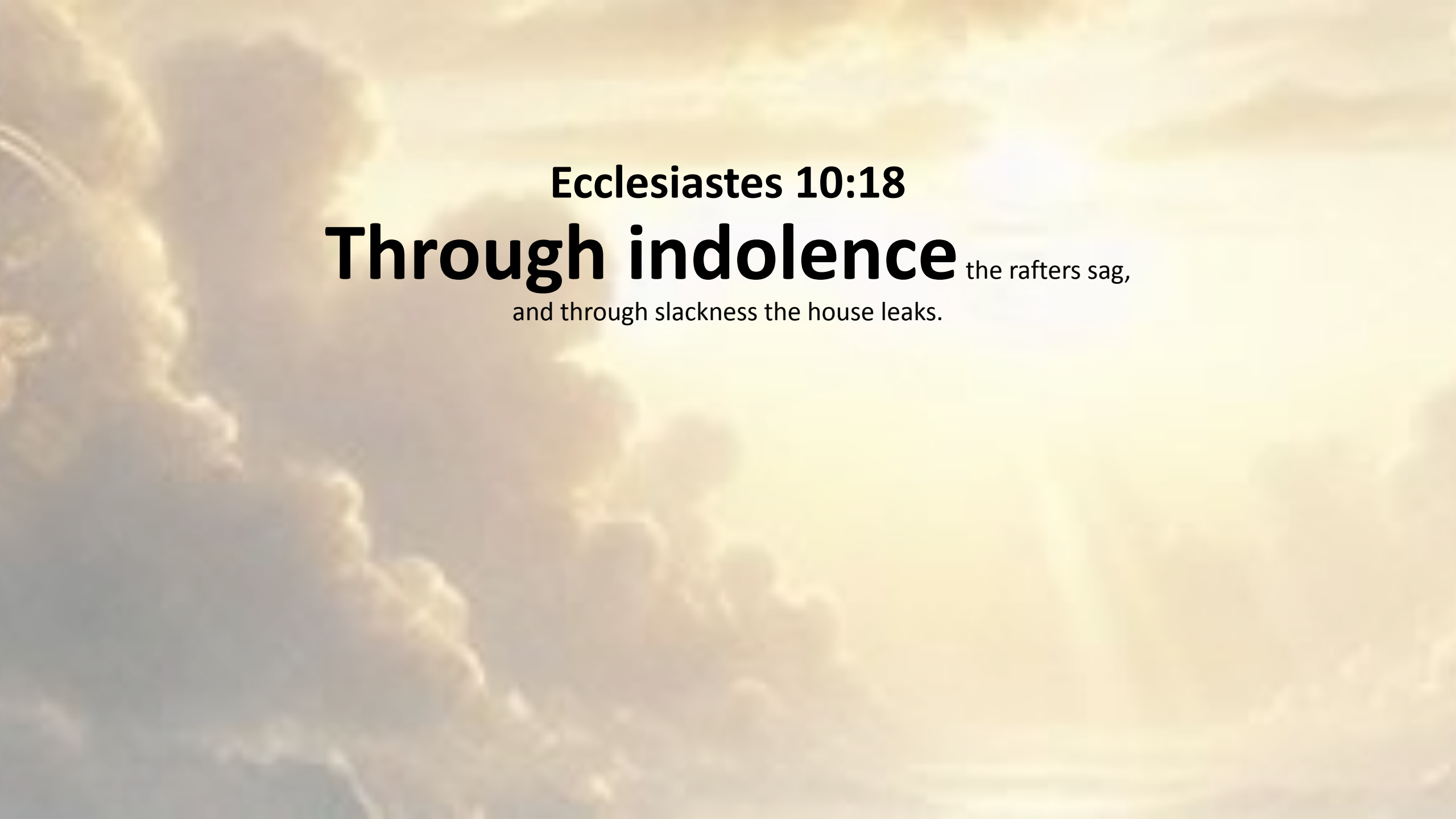
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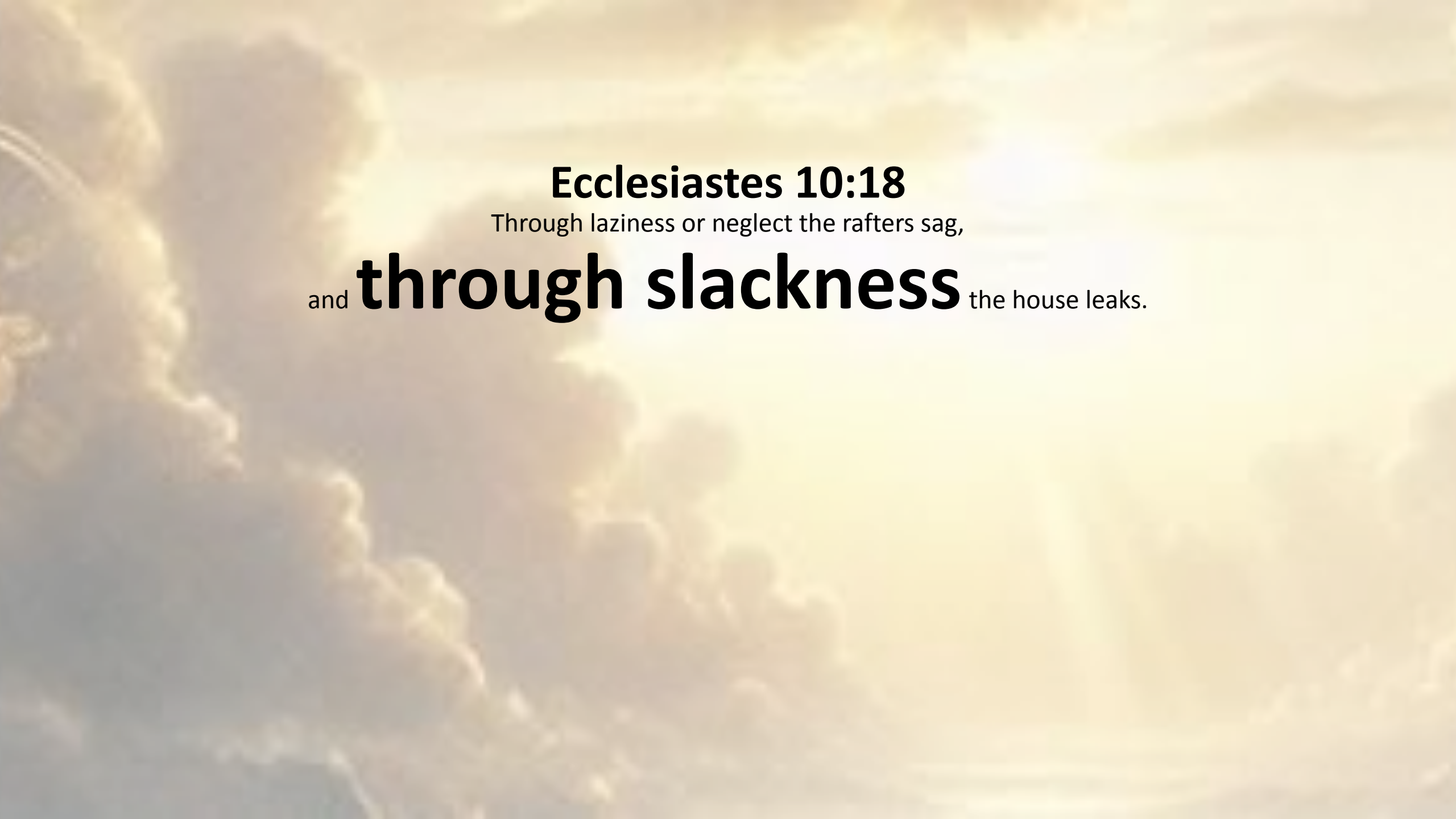
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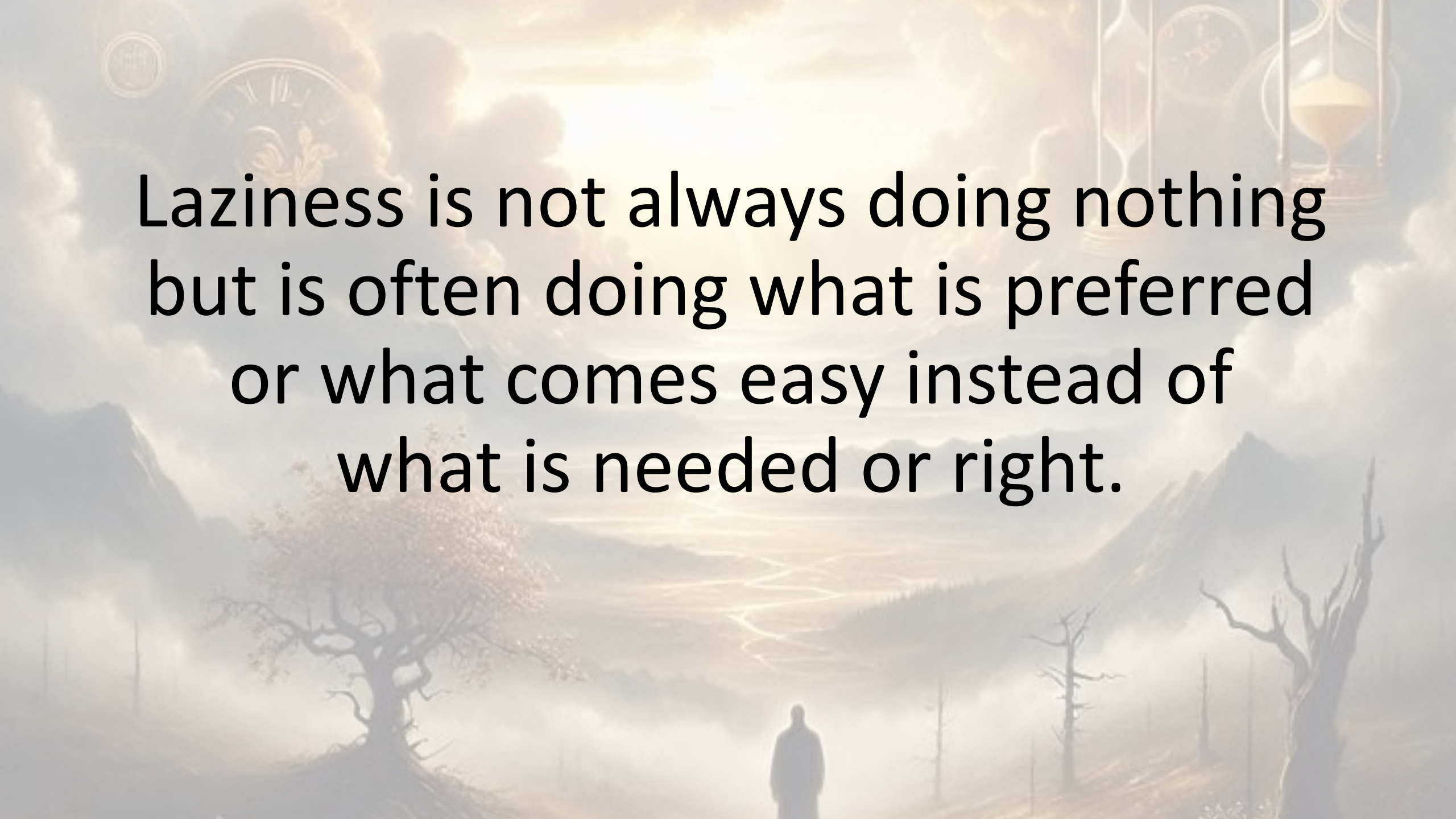
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Proverbs 24:30-31

I passed by the field of the sluggard
And by the vineyard of the man lacking sense,
And behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles;
Its surface was covered with nettles,
And its stone wall was broken down.

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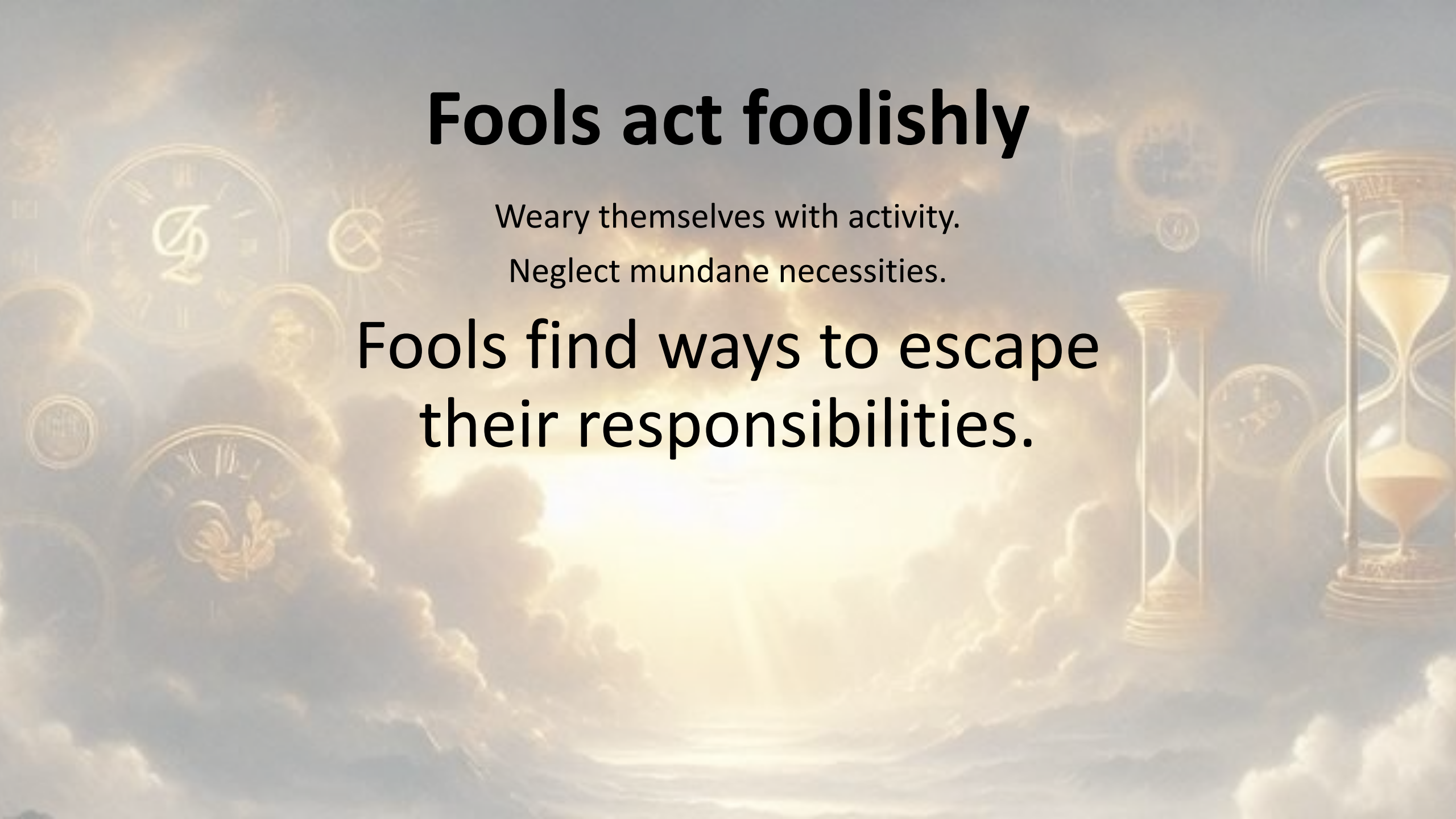
Laziness is not always doing nothing
but is often doing what is preferred
or what comes easy instead of
what is needed or right.

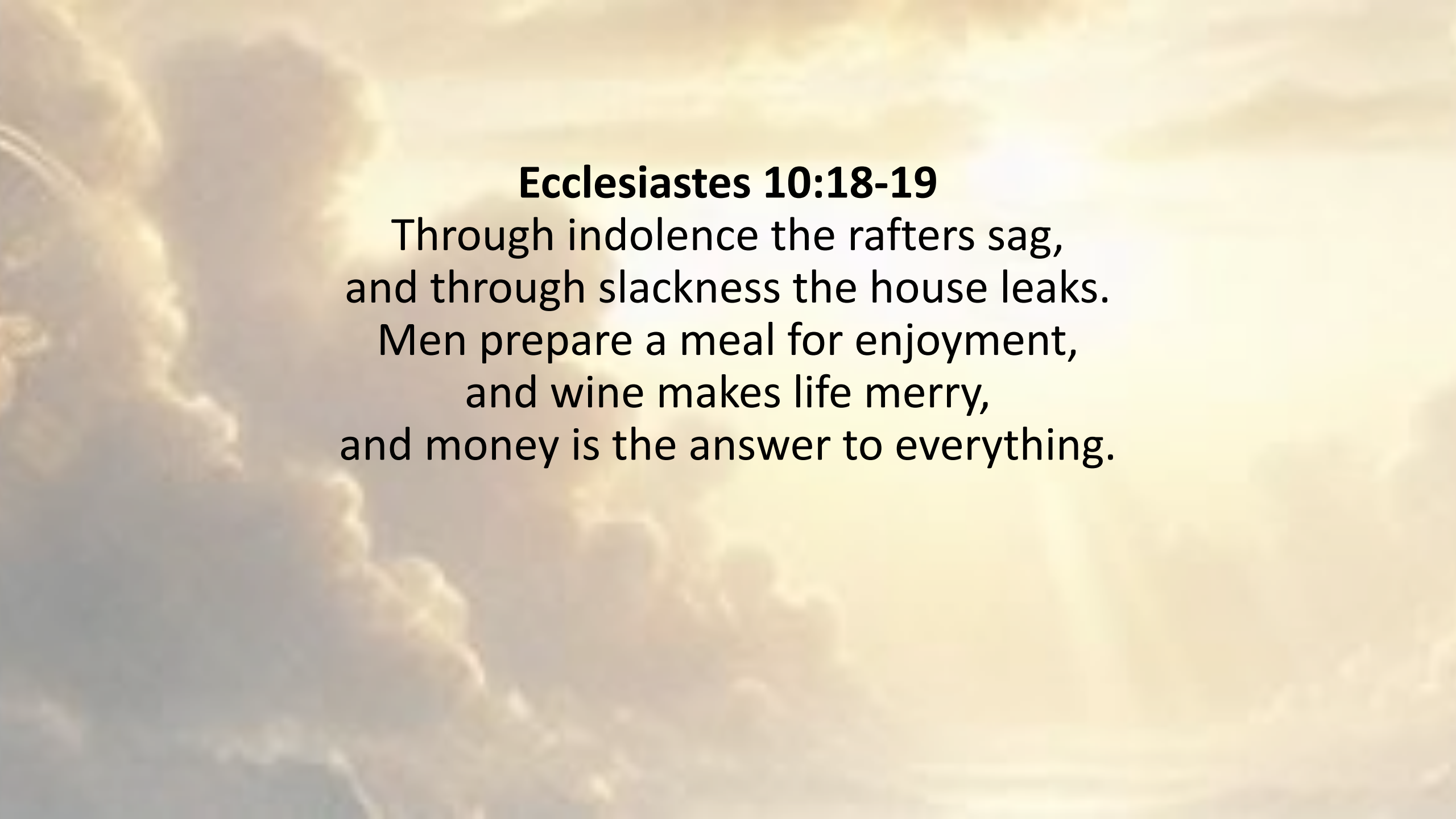
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Weary themselves with activity.

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**Fools find ways to escape
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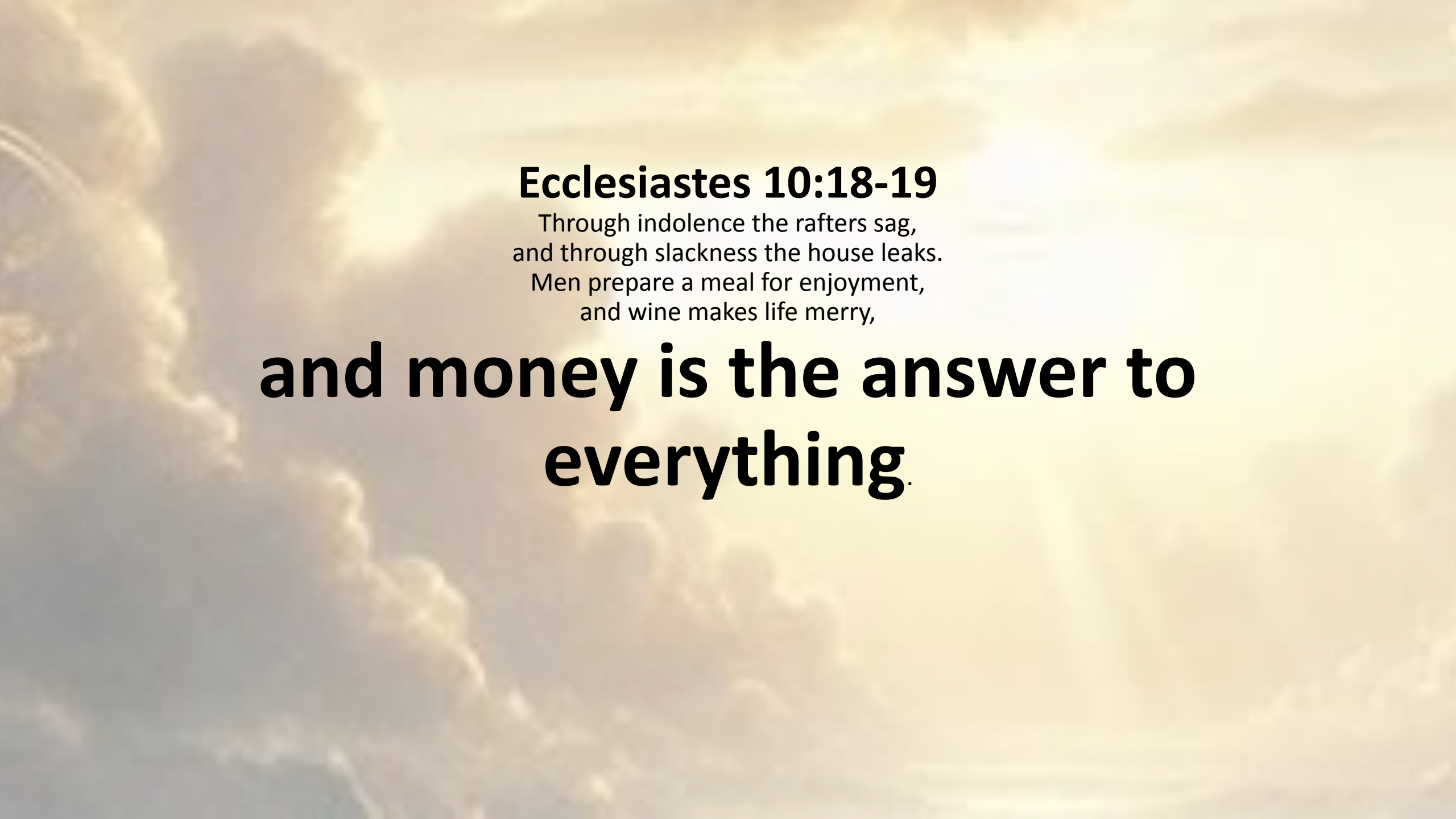
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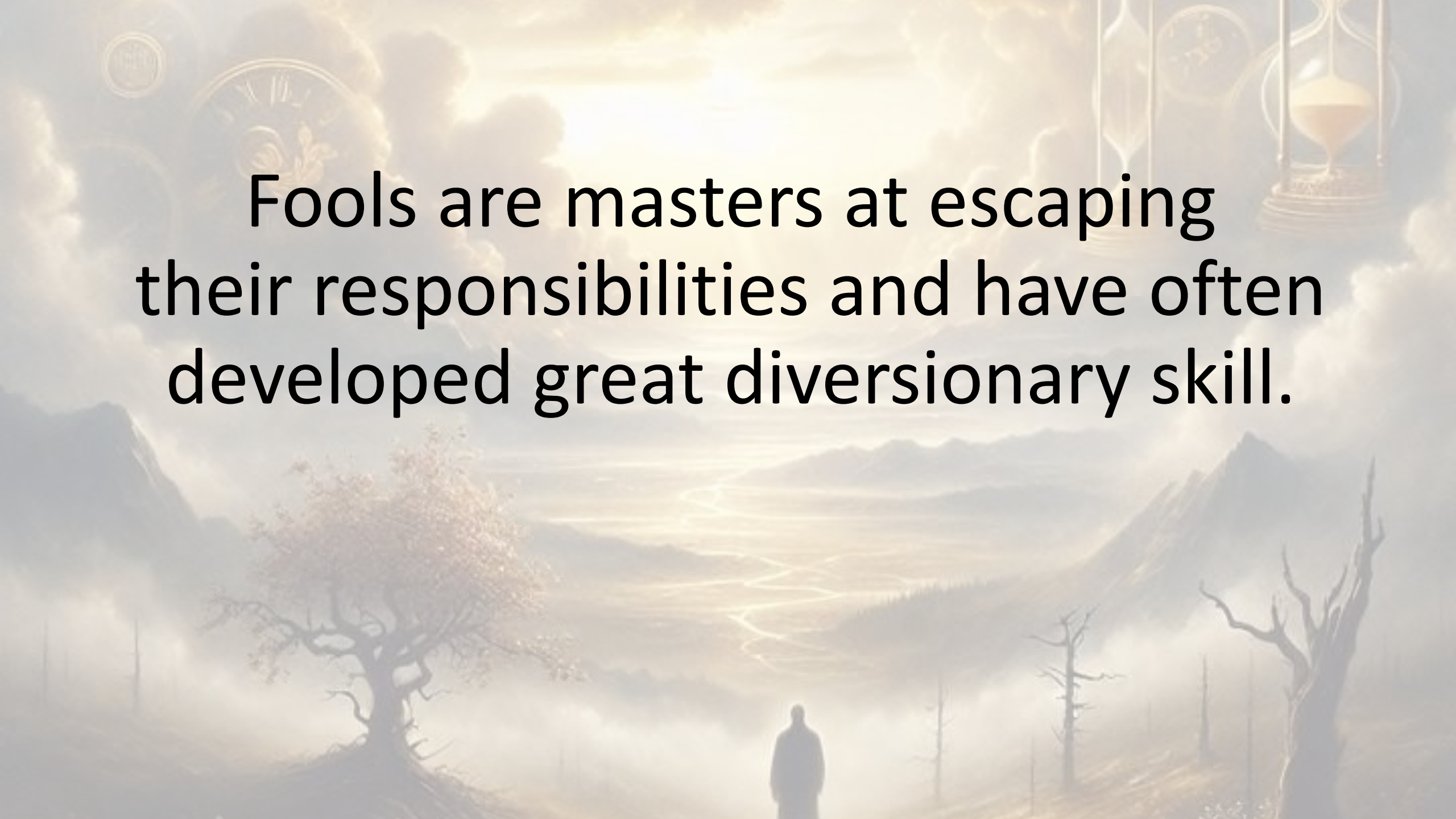
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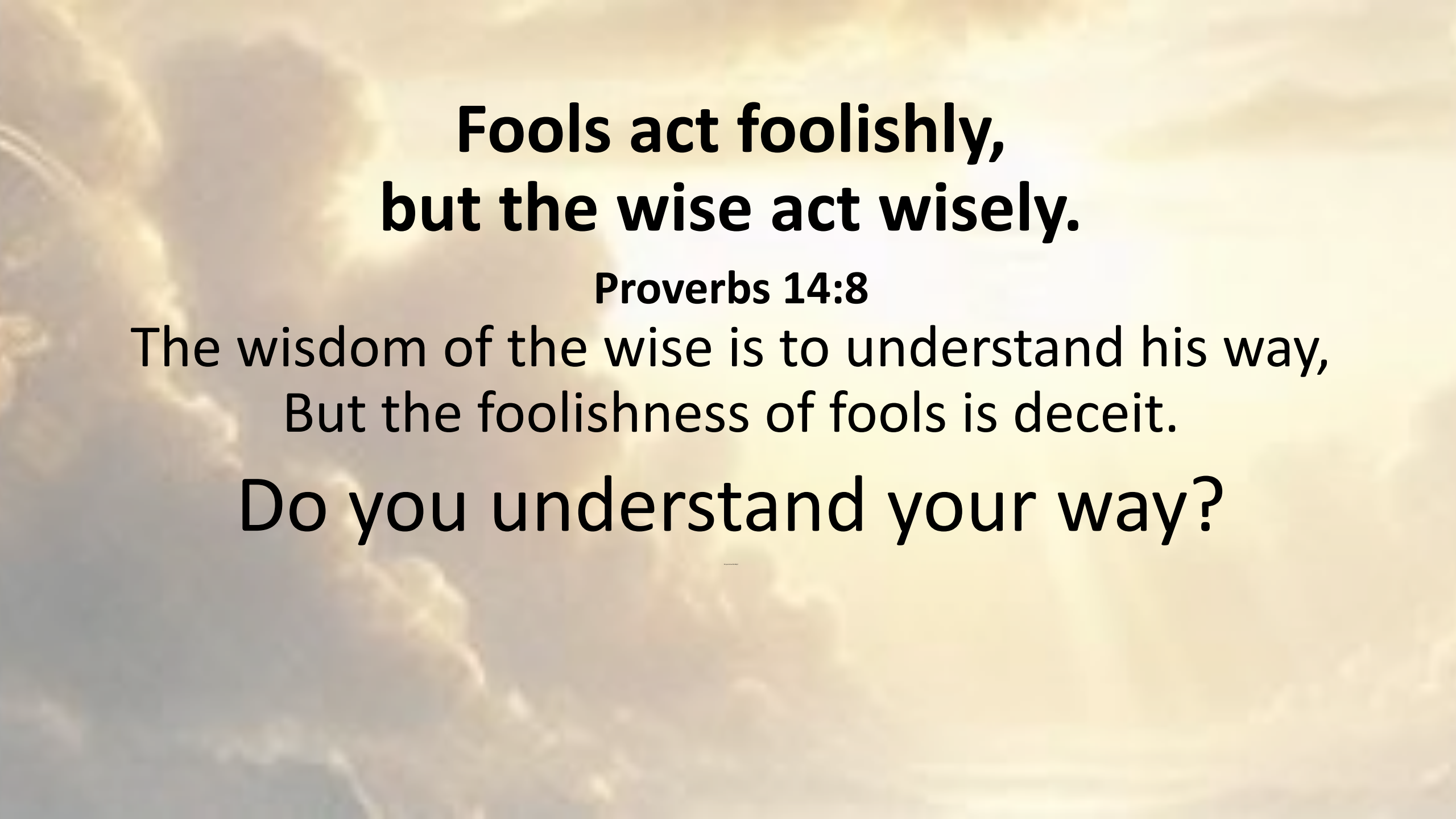
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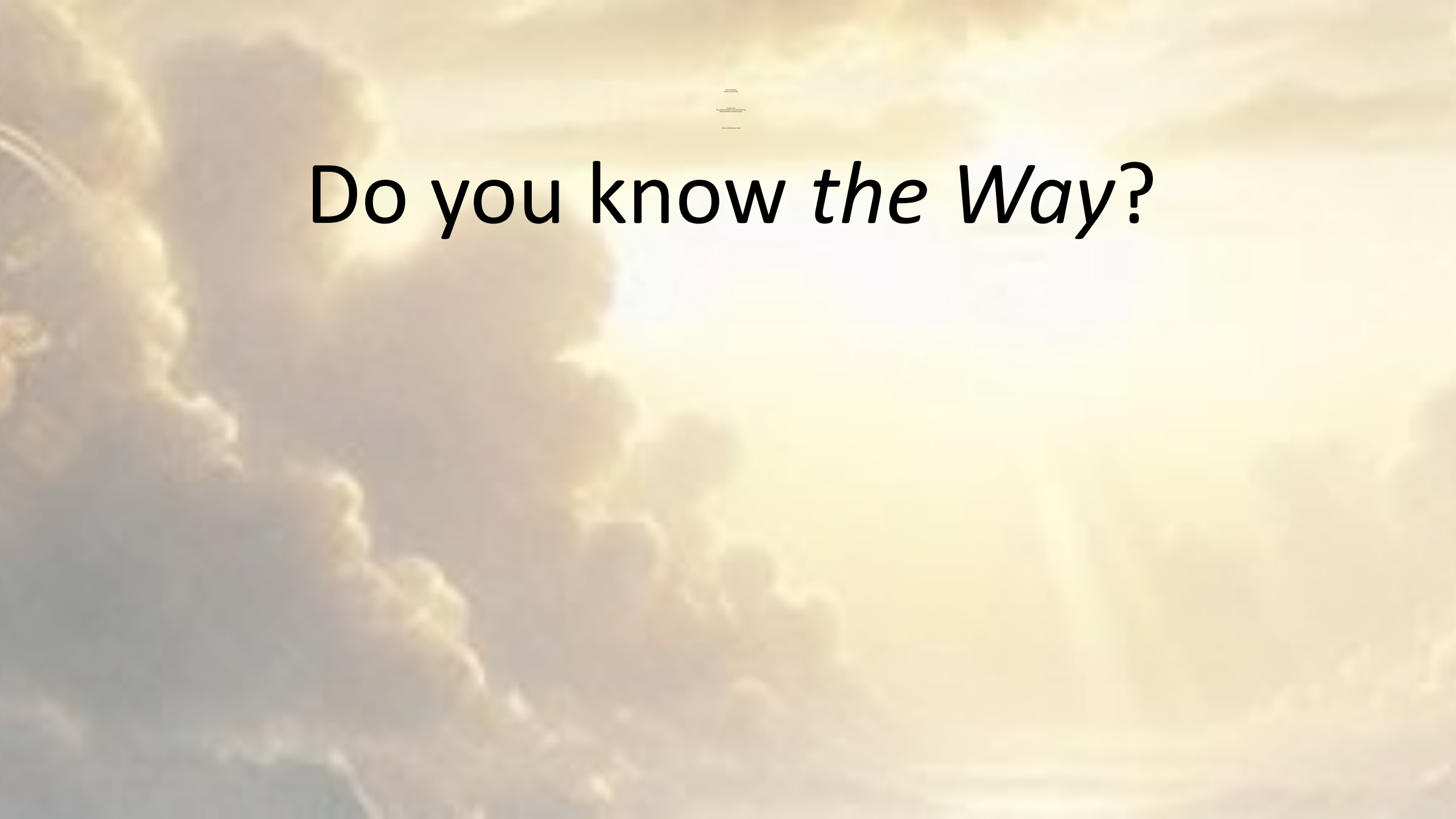


**Fools act foolishly,
but the wise act wisely.**

Proverbs 14:8

The wisdom of the wise is to understand his way,
But the foolishness of fools is deceit.

Do you understand your way?



Do you know *the Way*?

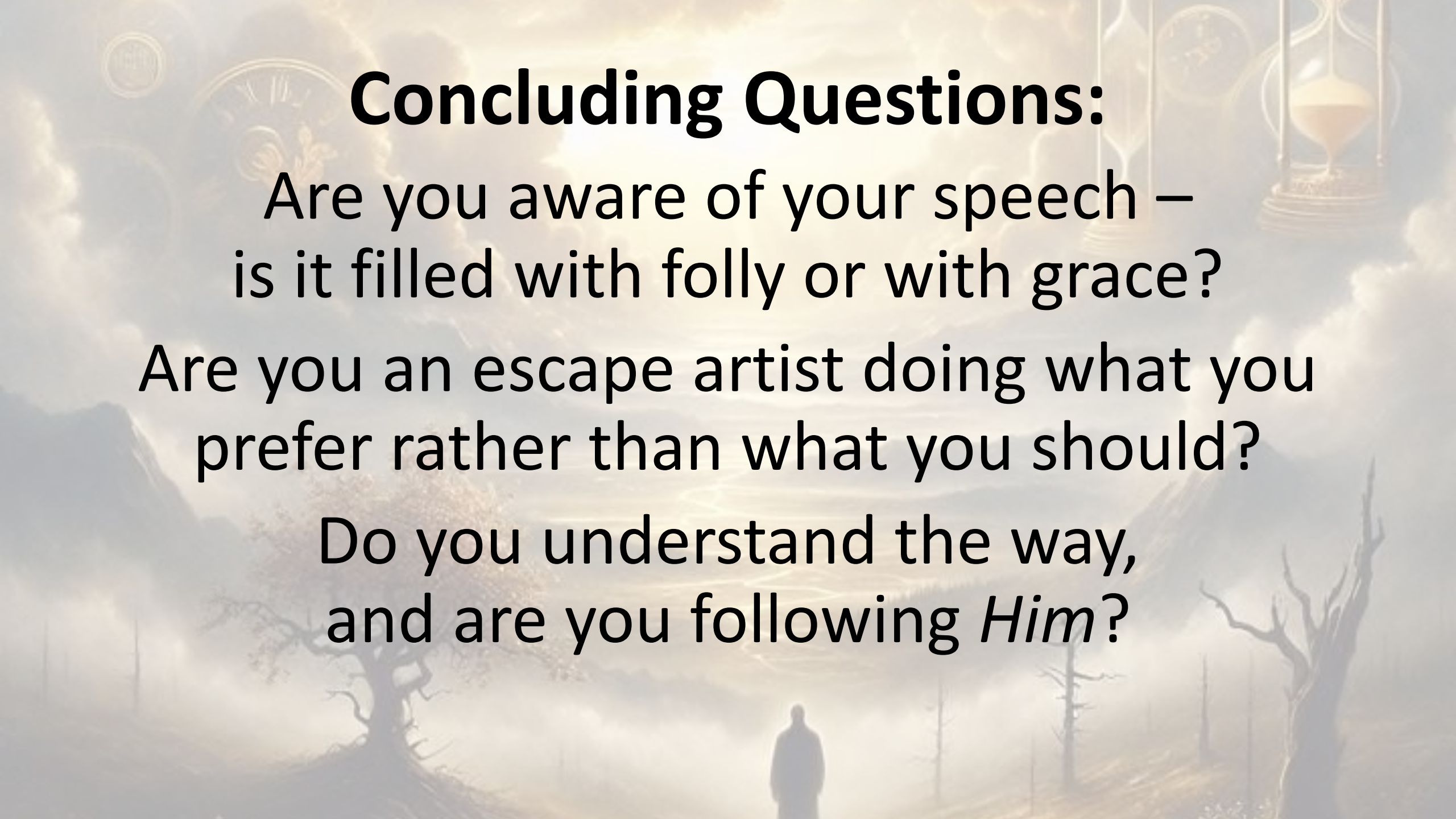
**The foolishness of fools causes harm,
but the wisdom of the wise cultivates grace.**

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Colossians 4:6

Let your speech always be with grace,
as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know
how you should respond to each person.



Concluding Questions:

Are you aware of your speech –
is it filled with folly or with grace?

Are you an escape artist doing what you
prefer rather than what you should?

Do you understand the way,
and are you following *Him*?