



A Psalm for All Seasons

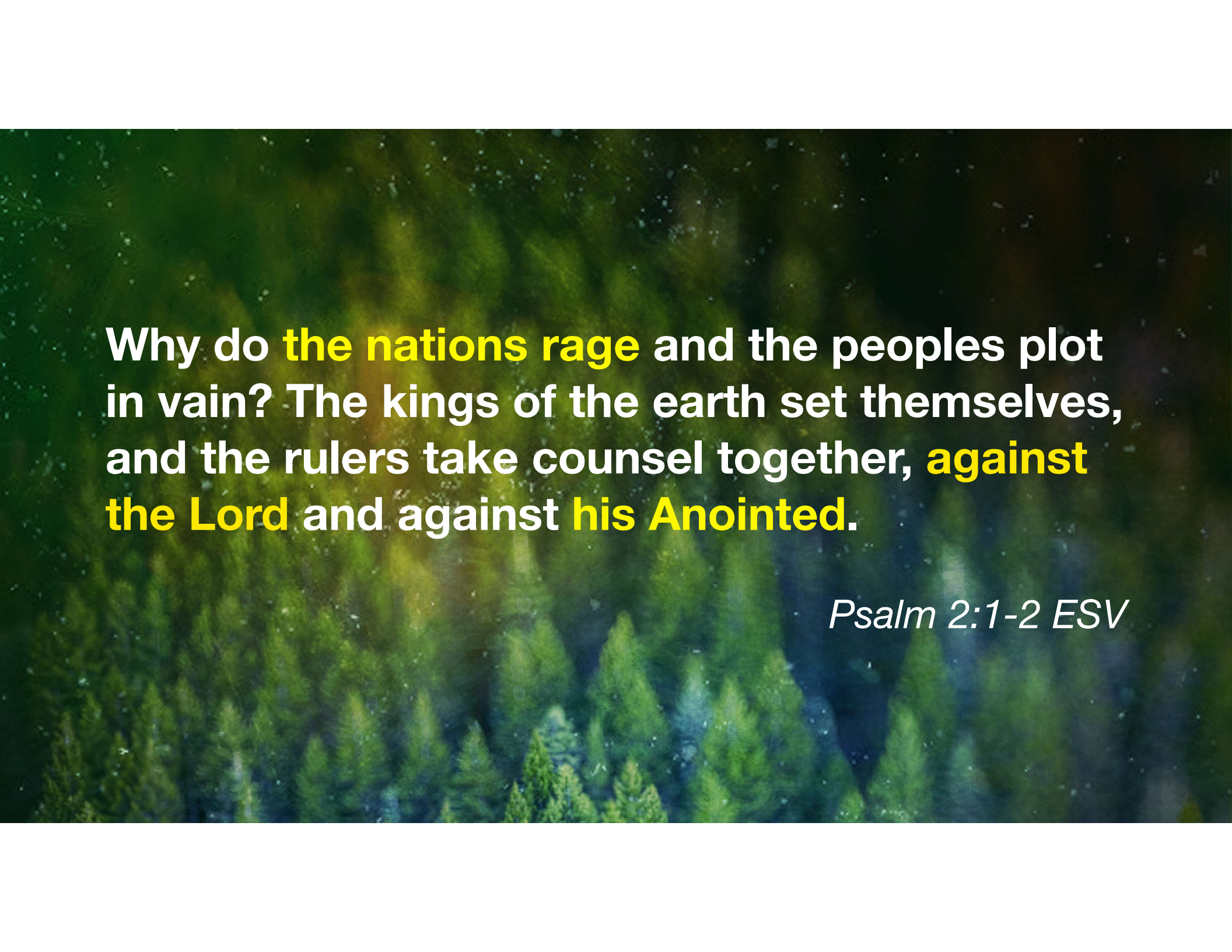
Week 1: The Proper Position for Worship

Psalm 1

Senior Teaching Pastor Jim Supp - Reston Bible Church - Sunday, November 10th 2024

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An aerial photograph of a dense evergreen forest. The trees are dark green and tightly packed. A bright, ethereal light source is visible in the upper left quadrant, creating a soft glow and lens flare effect that filters through the canopy. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

Why do **the nations rage** and the peoples plot
in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together, **against**
the Lord and against **his Anointed**.

Psalm 2:1-2 ESV

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Psalms are Songs of Praise for
Gathered Worship.

Worship: The process of positioning
one's proper place before God.

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I will **extol you**, my God and King, and
bless your name forever and ever.

Psalm 145:1 ESV

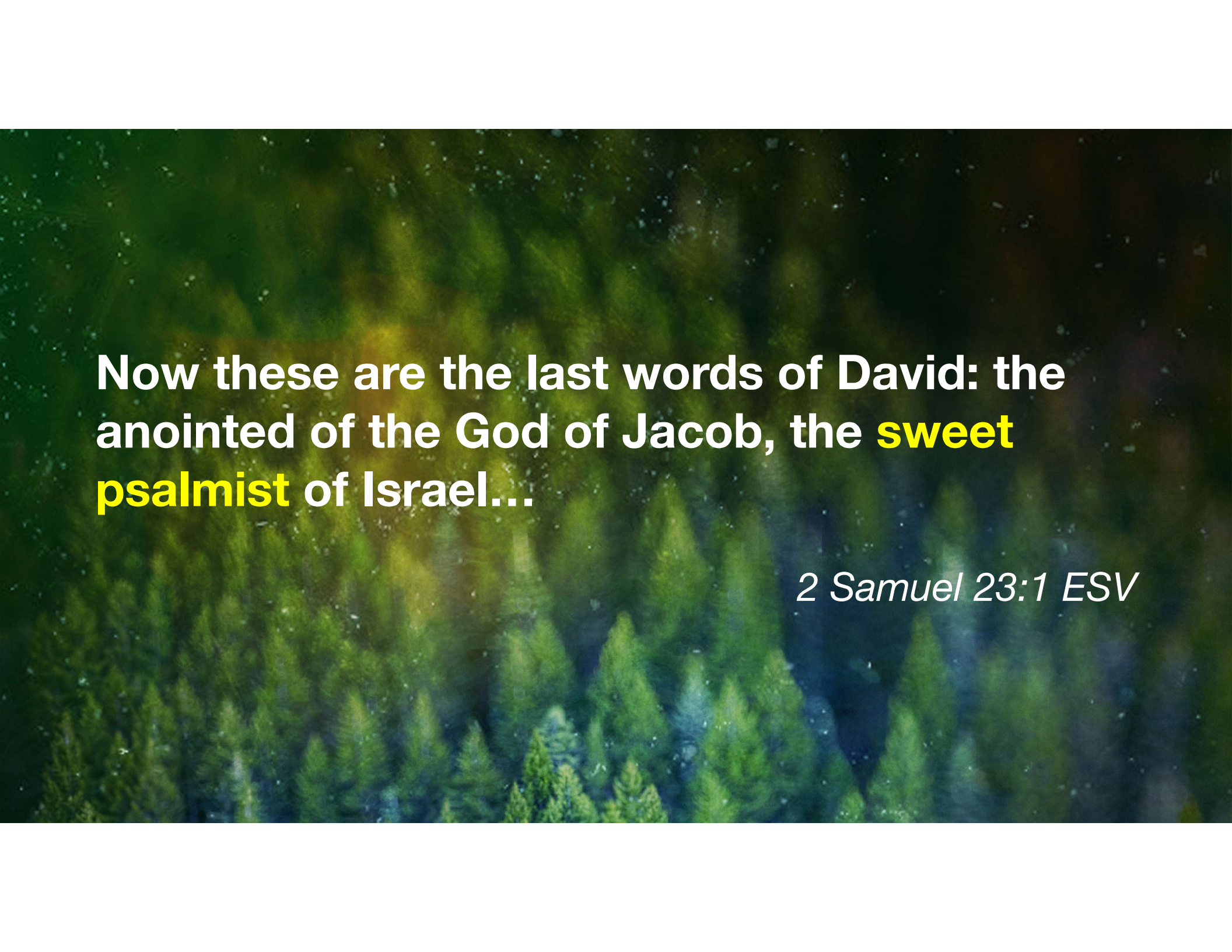
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An aerial photograph of a dense evergreen forest at night. The trees are illuminated from below, creating a warm, golden glow that contrasts with the dark, starry sky above. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down on the forest canopy.

Now these are the last words of David: the
anointed of the God of Jacob, the **sweet**
psalmist of Israel...

2 Samuel 23:1 ESV

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An aerial photograph of a dense evergreen forest. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a dappled light effect with bright spots and deep shadows. The trees are a mix of dark green and lighter, sunlit green. The overall scene is serene and natural.

Types of Psalms

Occasions

Literary Features

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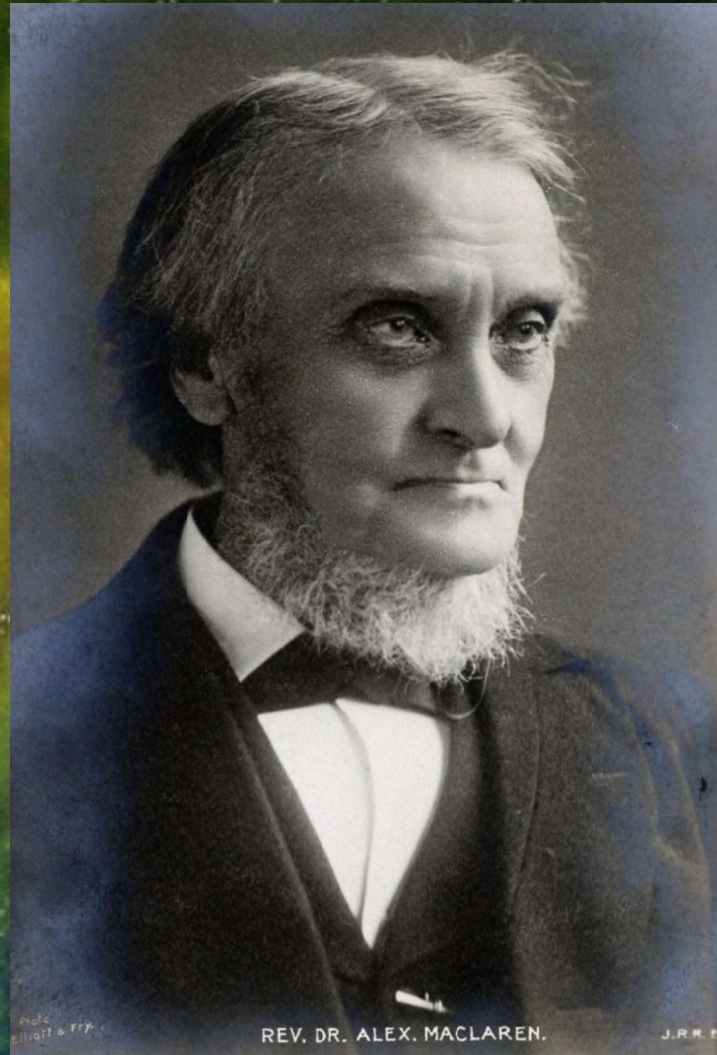


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An aerial photograph of a dense evergreen forest. The trees are a vibrant green, and sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a dappled light effect. The overall scene is serene and natural.

“If the rest of Scripture may be called the speech of the Spirit of God to men, this book is the answer of the Spirit of God in men.”

Alexander Maclaren

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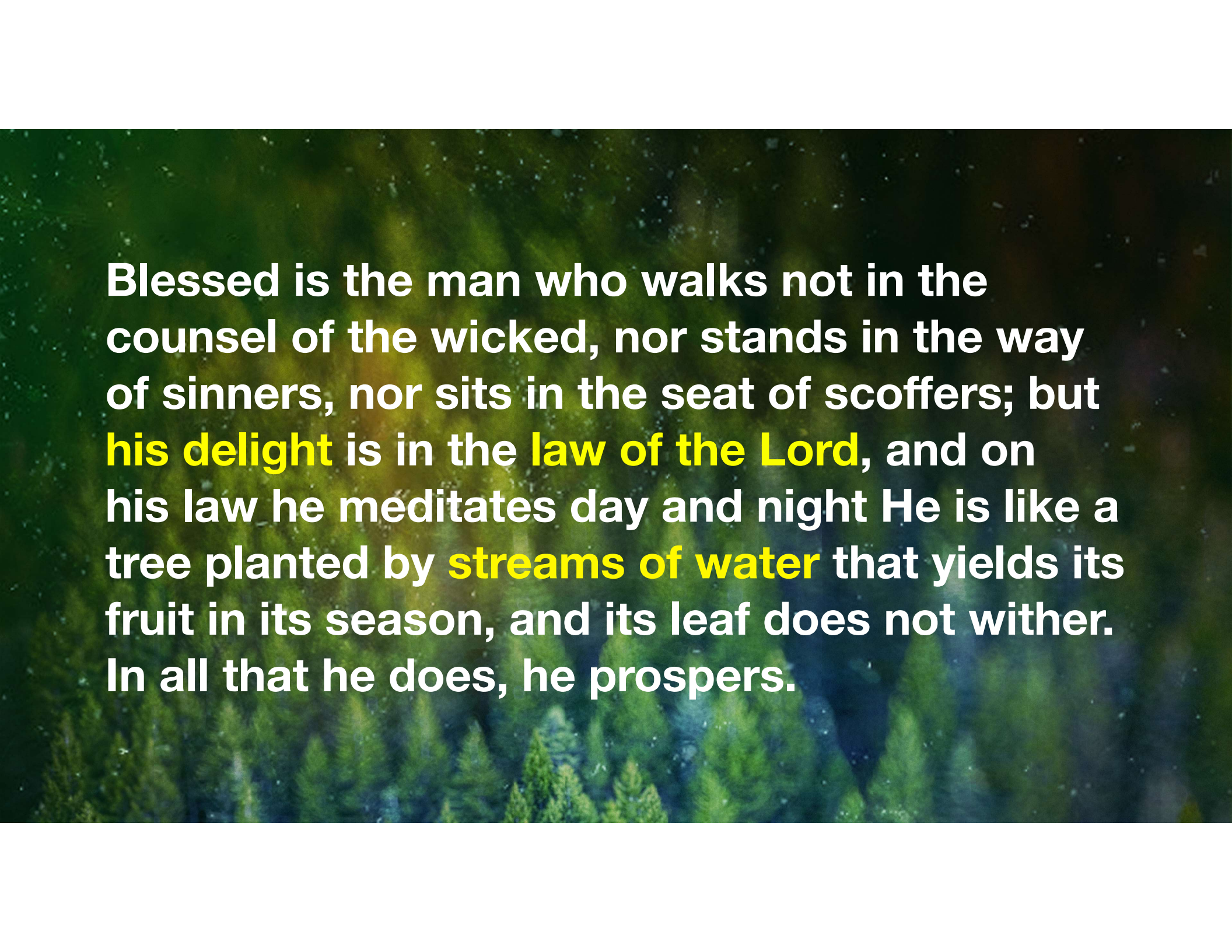




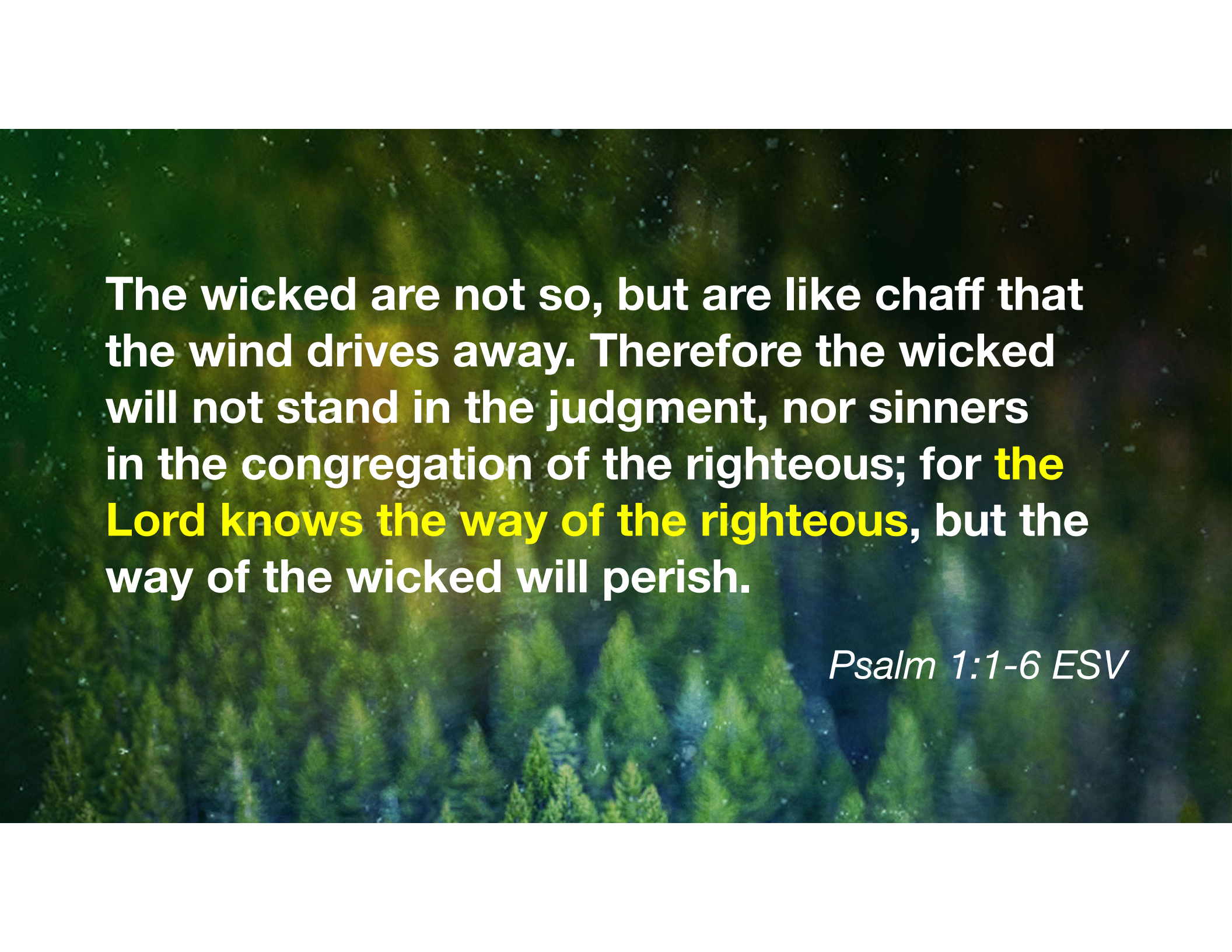


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Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but **his delight** is in the **law of the Lord**, and on his law he meditates day and night He is like a tree planted by **streams of water** that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.




The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for **the Lord knows the way of the righteous**, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1:1-6 ESV

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Theme of Psalm 1 – The proper position
for Worship is to embrace the
instruction of the Lord.

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1. Embracing God's Counsel - The Starting Point for Worship

Blessed is the man who **walks** not in the counsel of the wicked, nor **stands** in the way of sinners, nor **sits** in the seat of scoffers; but his **delight** is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 1:1-2 ESV



**Walk in the Counsel of the Wicked -
Accepting Their Advice**

**Stands in the Way of Sinners - Being Party
to Their Ways**

**Sits in the Seat of Scoffers - Adopting
Their Attitudes**

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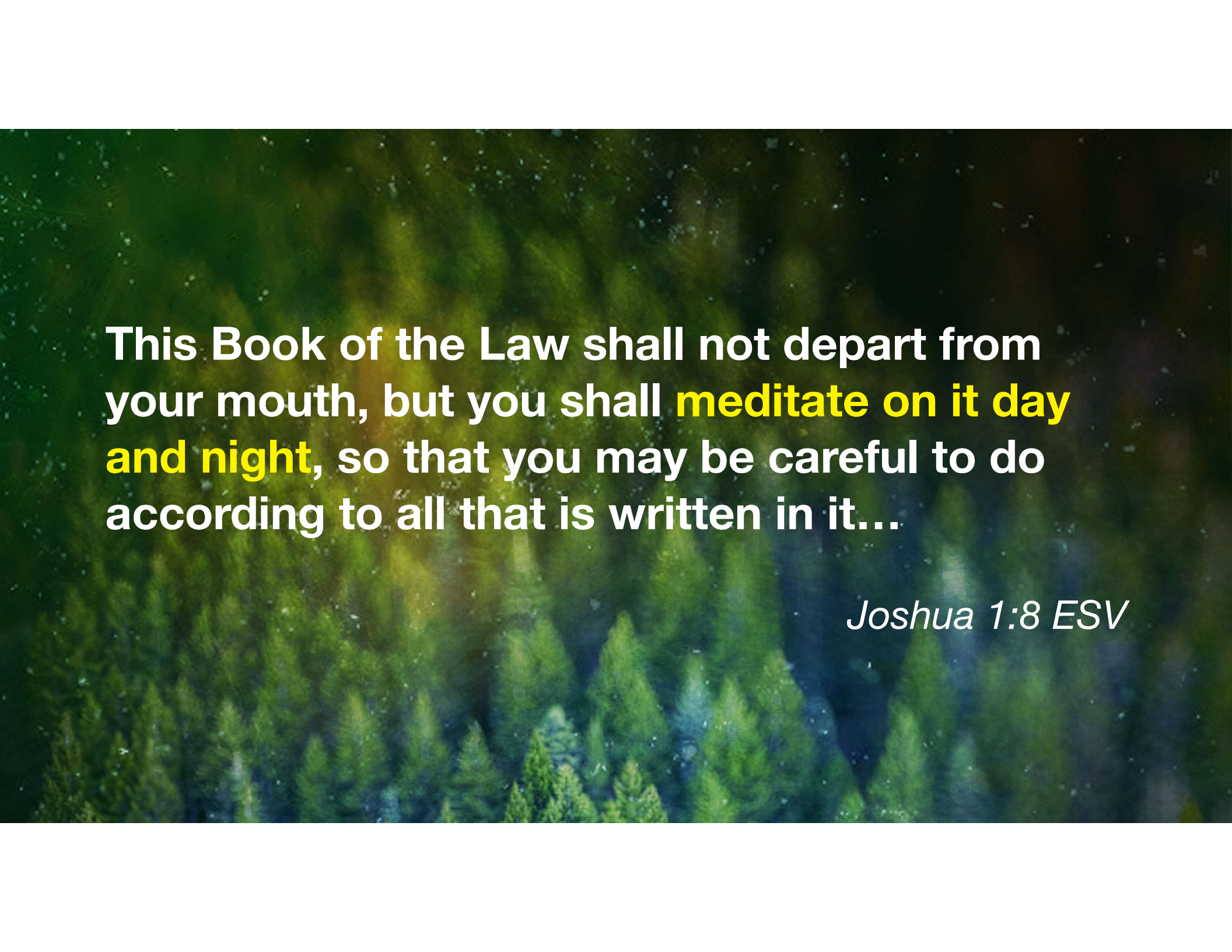
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An aerial photograph of a dense evergreen forest, likely a coniferous forest, with a soft, ethereal light flare or lens flare effect in the center. The trees are a deep green color, and the overall scene is slightly blurred, giving it a dreamlike or contemplative feel. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**What molds a man's thinking & touches
his heart shapes his life.**

An aerial photograph of a dense evergreen forest. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a dappled light effect with bright green and yellow highlights against the darker green of the trees. The perspective is from above, looking down on the forest floor.

**Law of Lord: A collection of teachings,
instruction or direction.**



This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it...

Joshua 1:8 ESV

An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. The trees are tightly packed, and the overall color palette is various shades of green, from deep forest green to bright, almost yellow-green highlights. A soft, ethereal glow, resembling a rainbow or a light flare, emanates from the center of the image, creating a sense of depth and tranquility. The lighting is soft and diffused, highlighting the texture of the foliage.

Blessed - happy is the one

Delight - a feeling of extreme pleasure or satisfaction

Meditates - mutter, read in an undertone

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2. Embracing God's Counsel - the Illustration

He is like a tree planted by **streams of water** that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

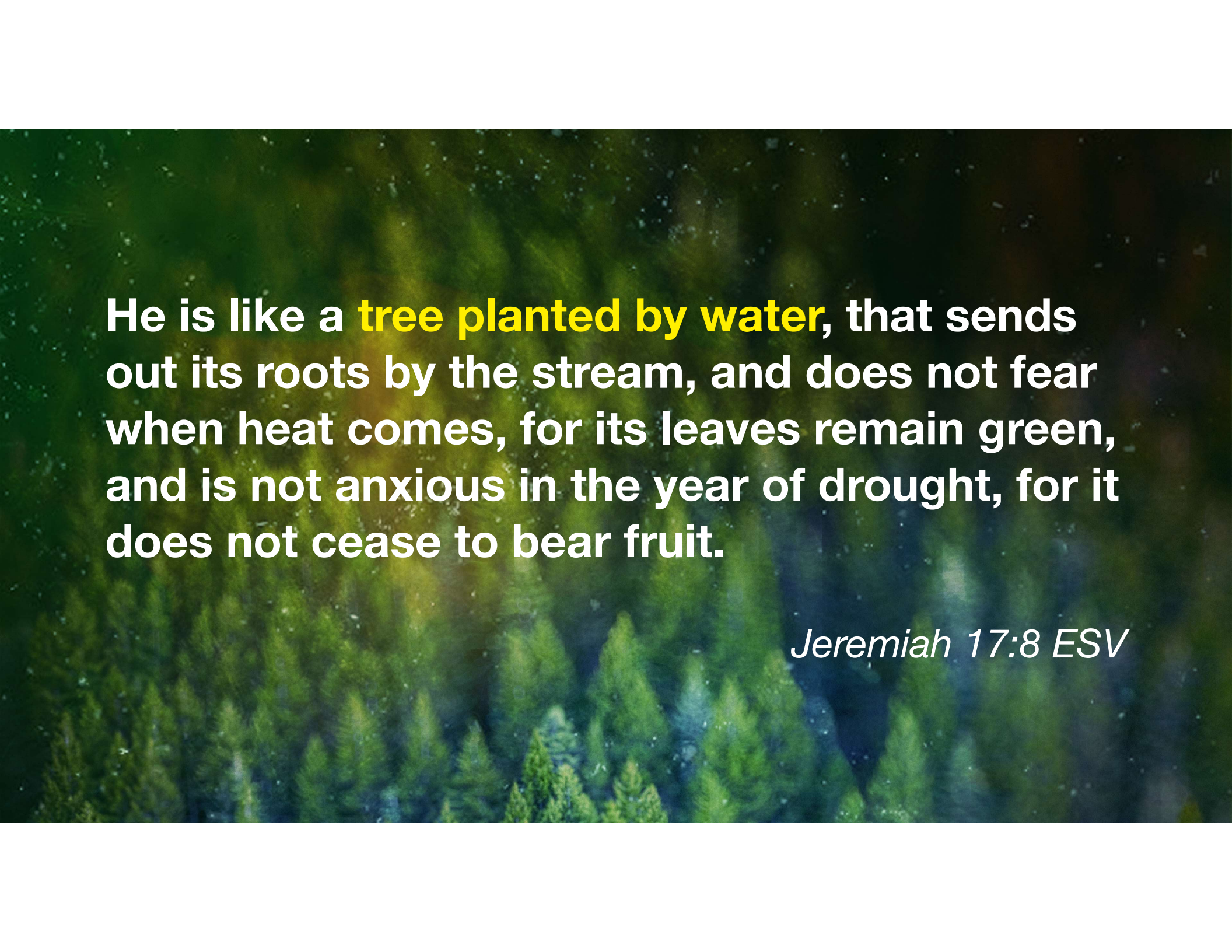
Psalm 1:3 ESV

An aerial photograph of a dense forest, likely a coniferous forest, with a network of narrow, straight channels dug through the trees. The channels are arranged in a grid-like pattern, suggesting a system for water distribution or irrigation. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

**Division of Water - channels of water dug
for irrigation**

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An aerial photograph of a lush green forest. A narrow stream flows through the center of the forest, surrounded by dense evergreen trees. The lighting is soft, creating a serene and natural atmosphere.

He is like a **tree planted by water**, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:8 ESV

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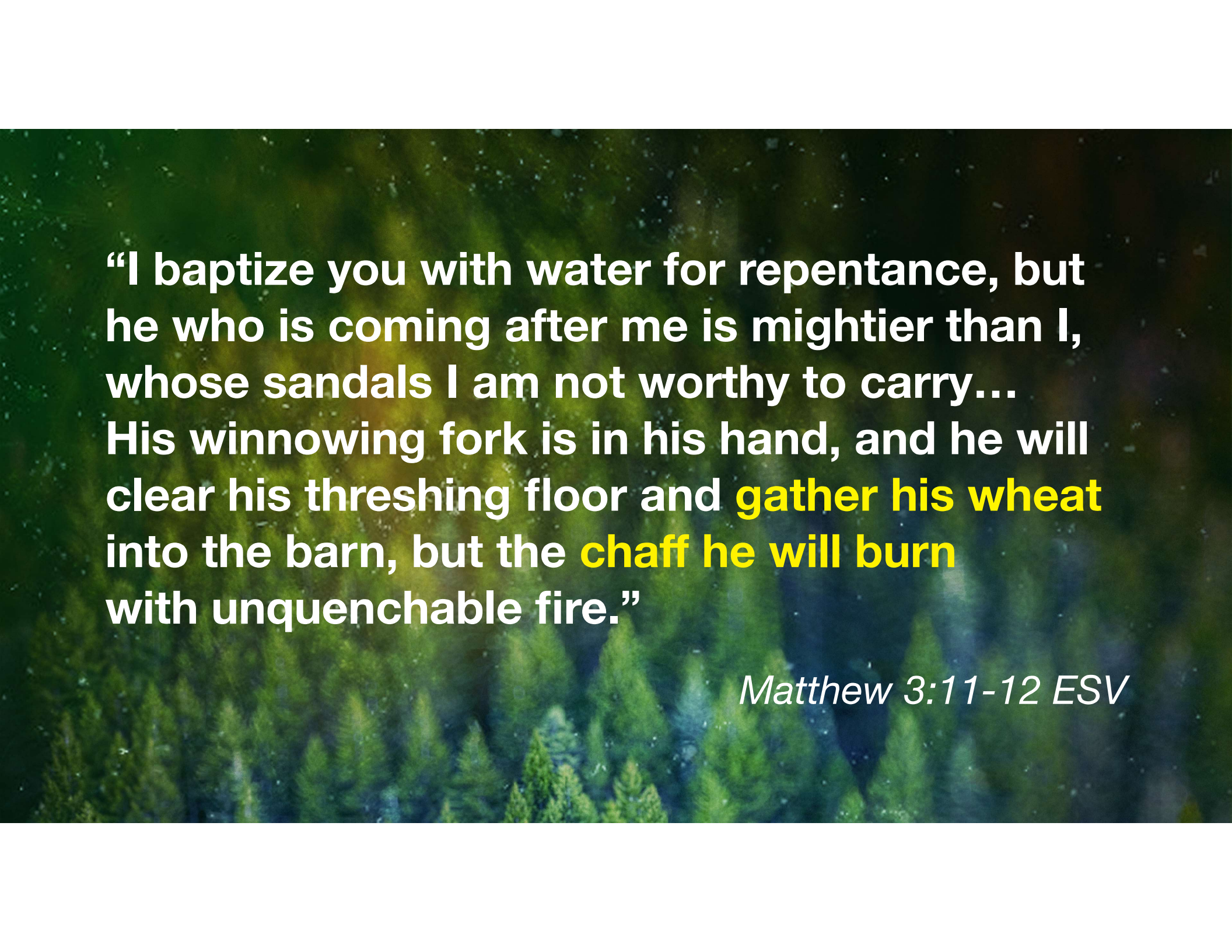
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**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff
that the wind drives away.**

Psalm 1:4 ESV



“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry... His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and **gather his wheat** into the barn, but the **chaff he will burn** with unquenchable fire.”

Matthew 3:11-12 ESV


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3. Embracing God's Counsel - the Reward of His Presence

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for **the Lord knows the way of the righteous**, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1:5-6 ESV

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**There is none who does good,
not even one.**

Psalm 14:3 ESV



**1. Renew Your Commitment to the
Instruction of God**

2. Refuse the Counsel of the World

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Worship: The process of positioning one's proper place before God.

The foundation for worship is a commitment to embracing the collection of teachings & instruction, primarily the Gospel.

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