

# WHAT MATTERS IS THAT GOD MATTERS

Ecclesiastes 9:11-18

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Christian living is a **response**.

You need to think of your life as a response to God. Your **lifestyle** is saying something about God and, more importantly, your lifestyle is saying something to God. It's either a message that **God doesn't really matter**, or a message that **God is who really matters**.



*...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...*

1 Timothy 1:15

*...the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.  
Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God abides in him, and he in God.*

1 John 4:14-15



Your love for Jesus **answers** His love for you.

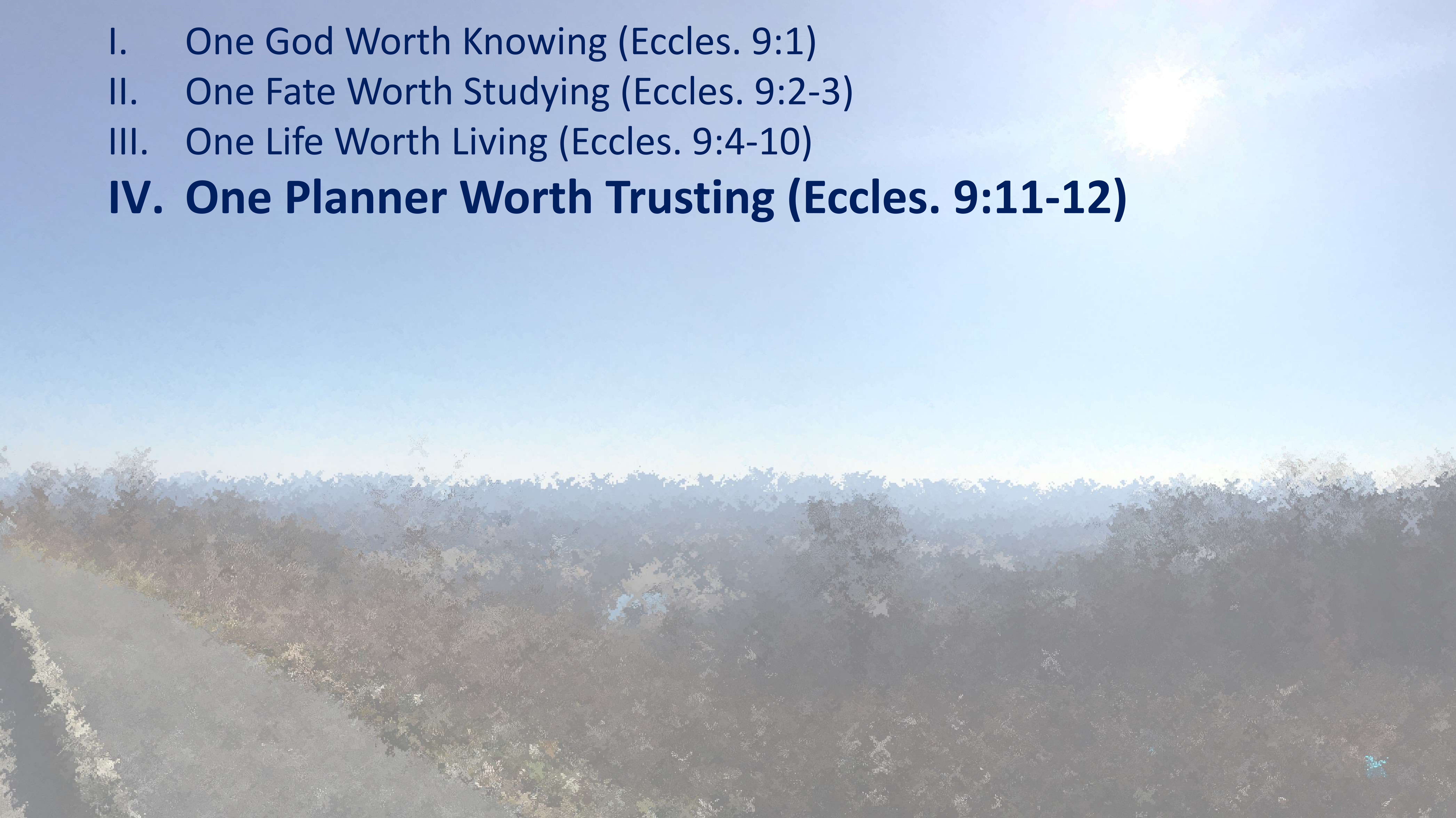
And so you live your life each day  
**answering with love** the love Jesus has for you.  
Your life is a **response to what matters most** to God:  
His Son, His Word, and His people.



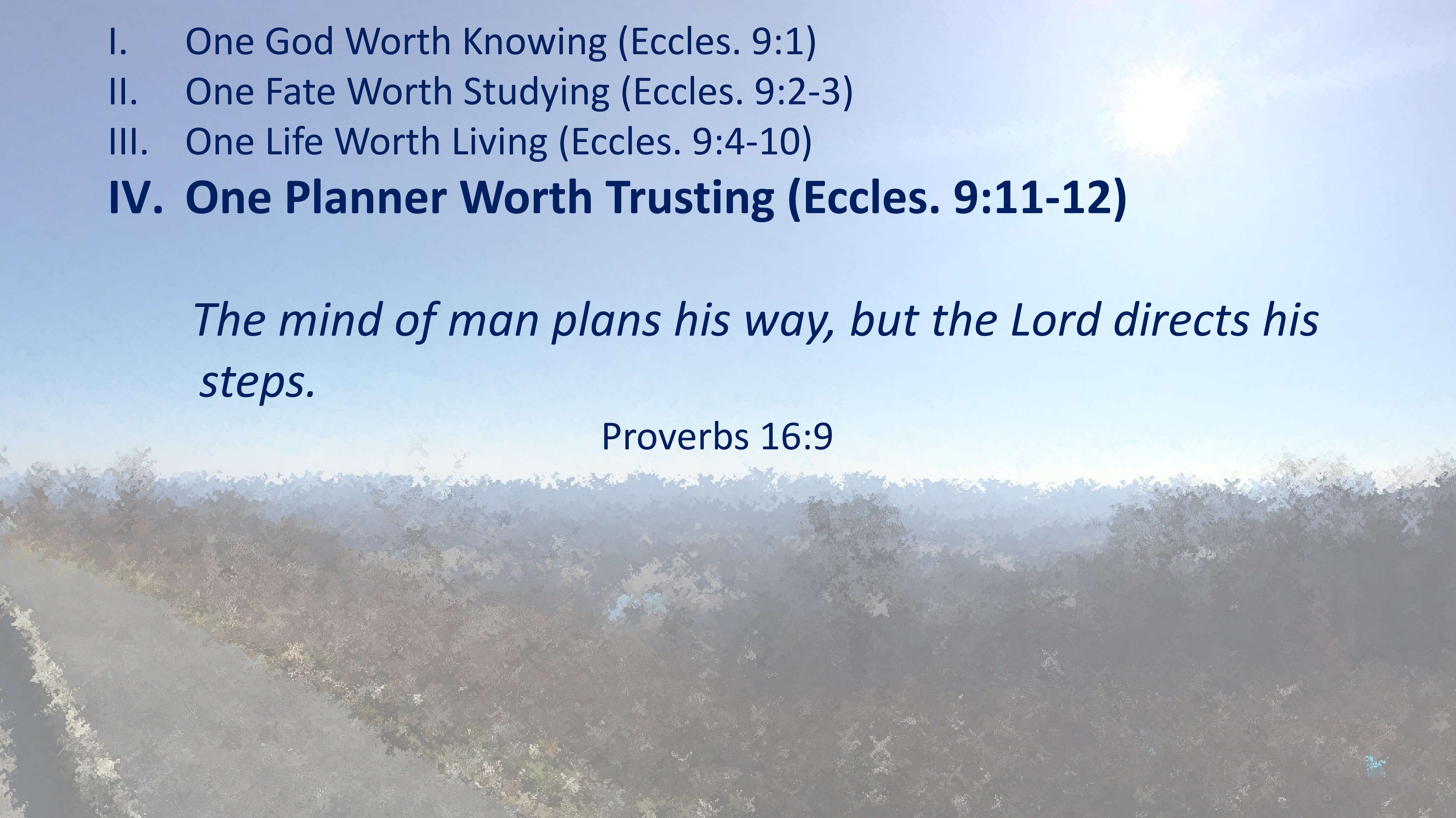
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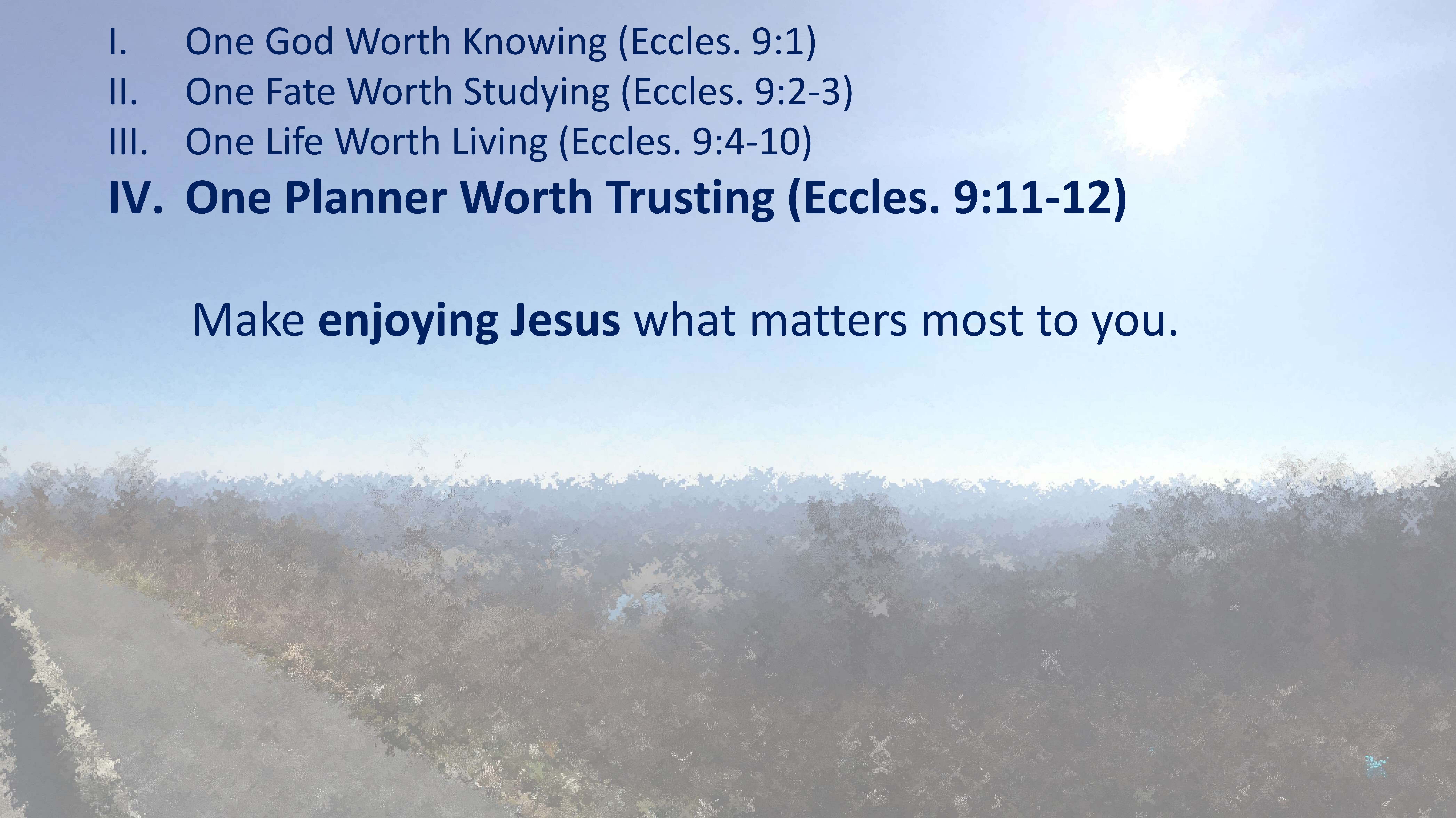
*Go...*

*eat...*

*drink...*

*enjoy life...*



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Make **enjoying Jesus** what matters most to you.

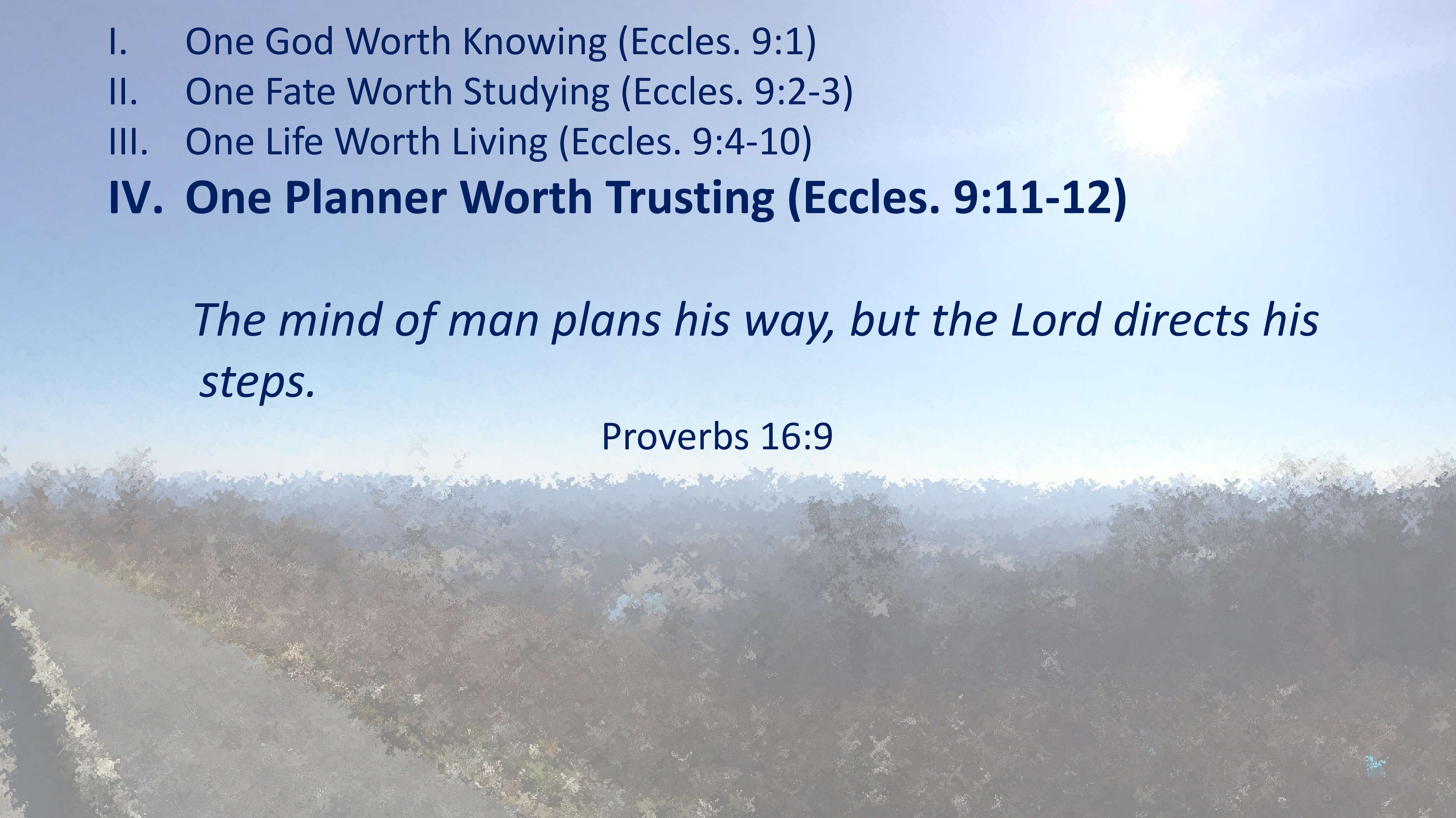


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“The only way our enjoyment of God’s gifts would threaten our joy in God is if we separated the gift from the Giver, failing to thank Him for all that we receive at His hands.”

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*The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.*

Proverbs 16:9



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*And I saw every work of God...*

Ecclesiastes 8:17

*I again saw under the sun...*

*...for time and chance overtake them all.*

Ecclesiastes 9:11



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**Two words, time and chance, convey a  
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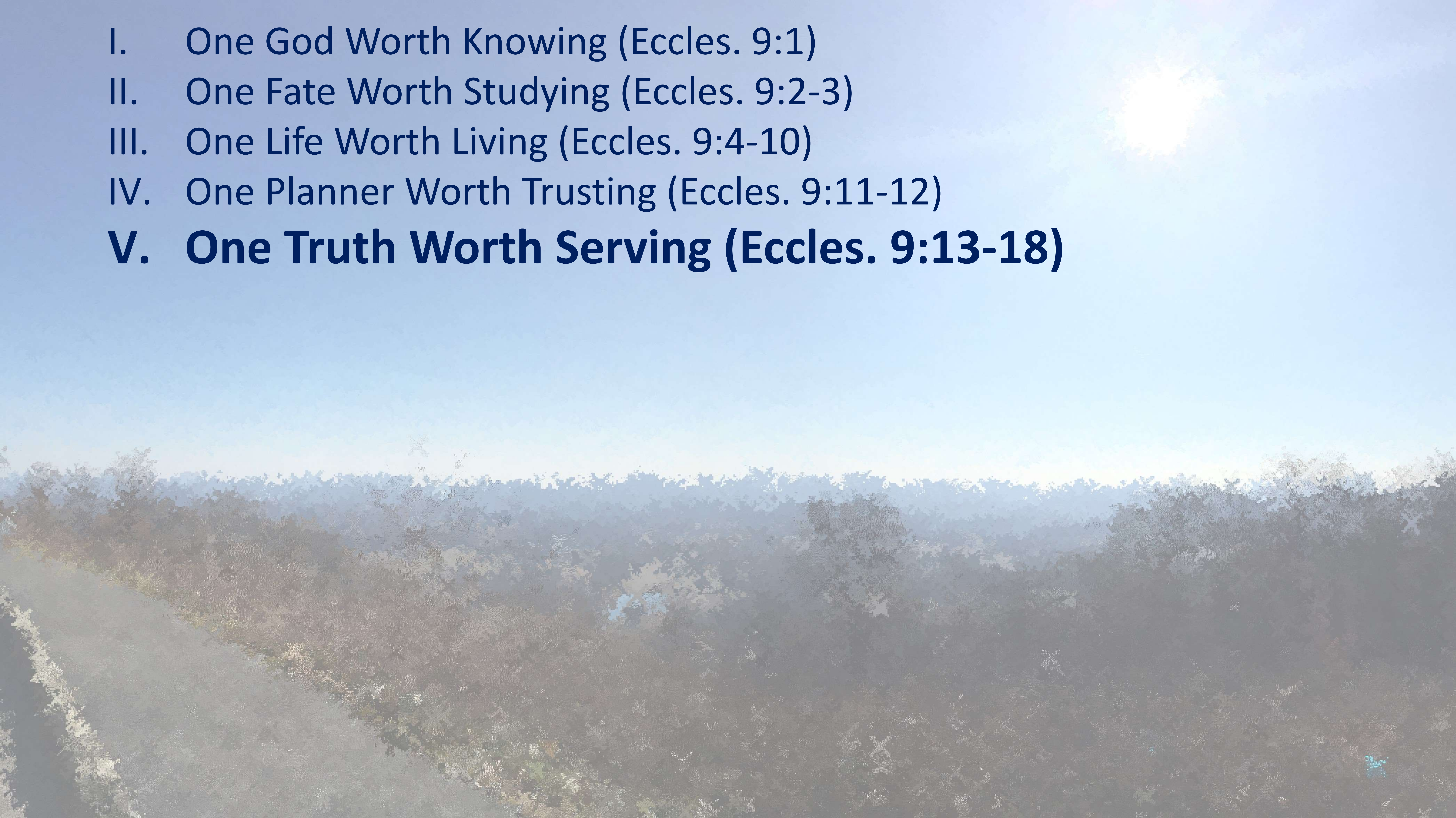


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*Many plans are in a man's heart, but the counsel of the Lord will stand.*

Proverbs 19:21



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- A scenic landscape with a sun in a blue sky and a dense forest in the foreground. The sun is bright and positioned in the upper right quadrant of the frame. The sky is a clear, light blue. The foreground is filled with a dense forest of trees, with some trees in the lower left appearing to be in bloom or have lighter foliage. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.
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*Let all the earth fear the Lord,  
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.*

*For He spoke, and it was done;*

*He commanded, and it stood fast.*

*The Lord nullifies the counsel of the nations;*

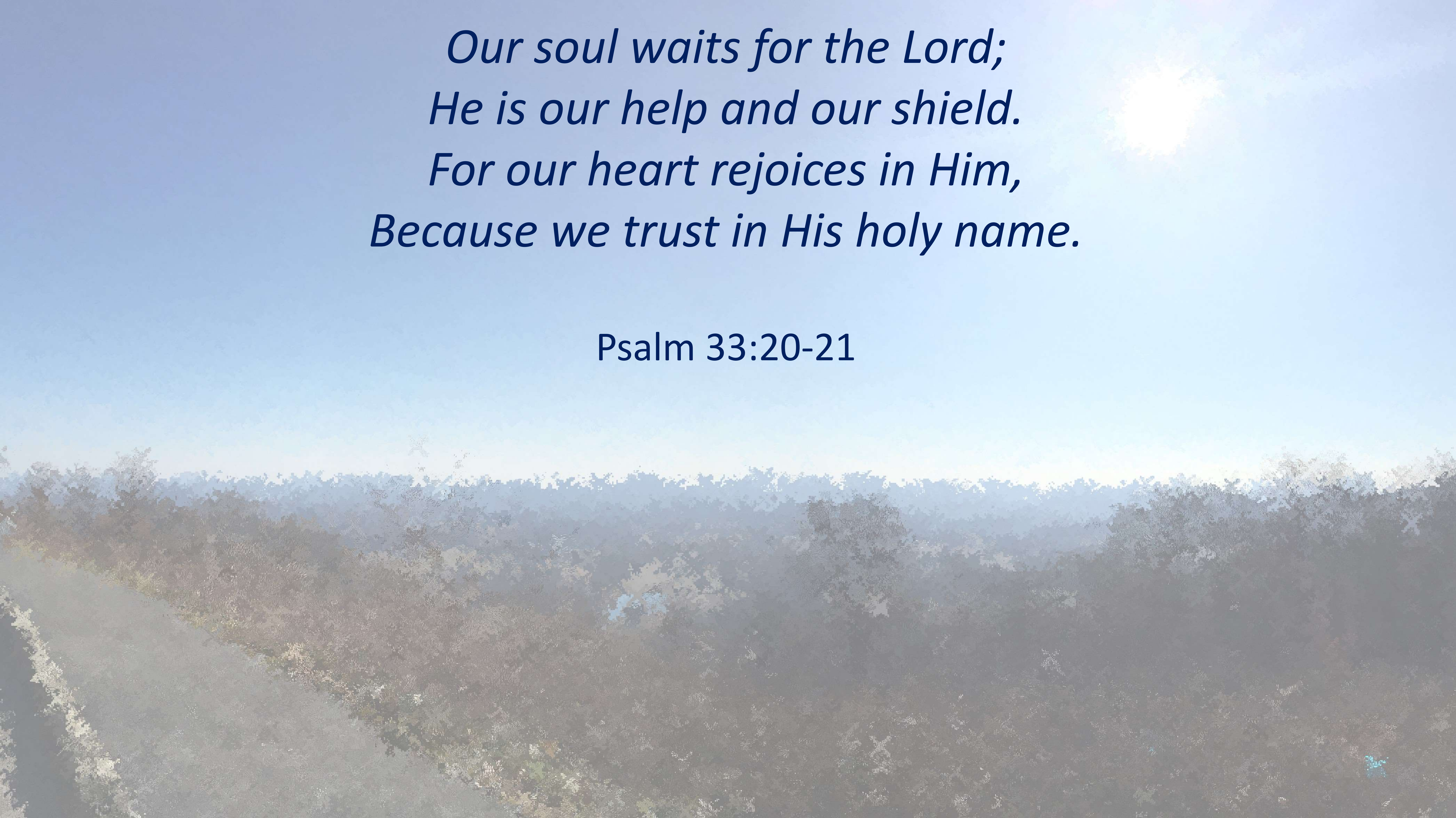
*He frustrates the plans of the peoples.*

*The counsel of the Lord stands forever,*

*The plans of His heart from generation to generation.*

Psalm 33:8-11

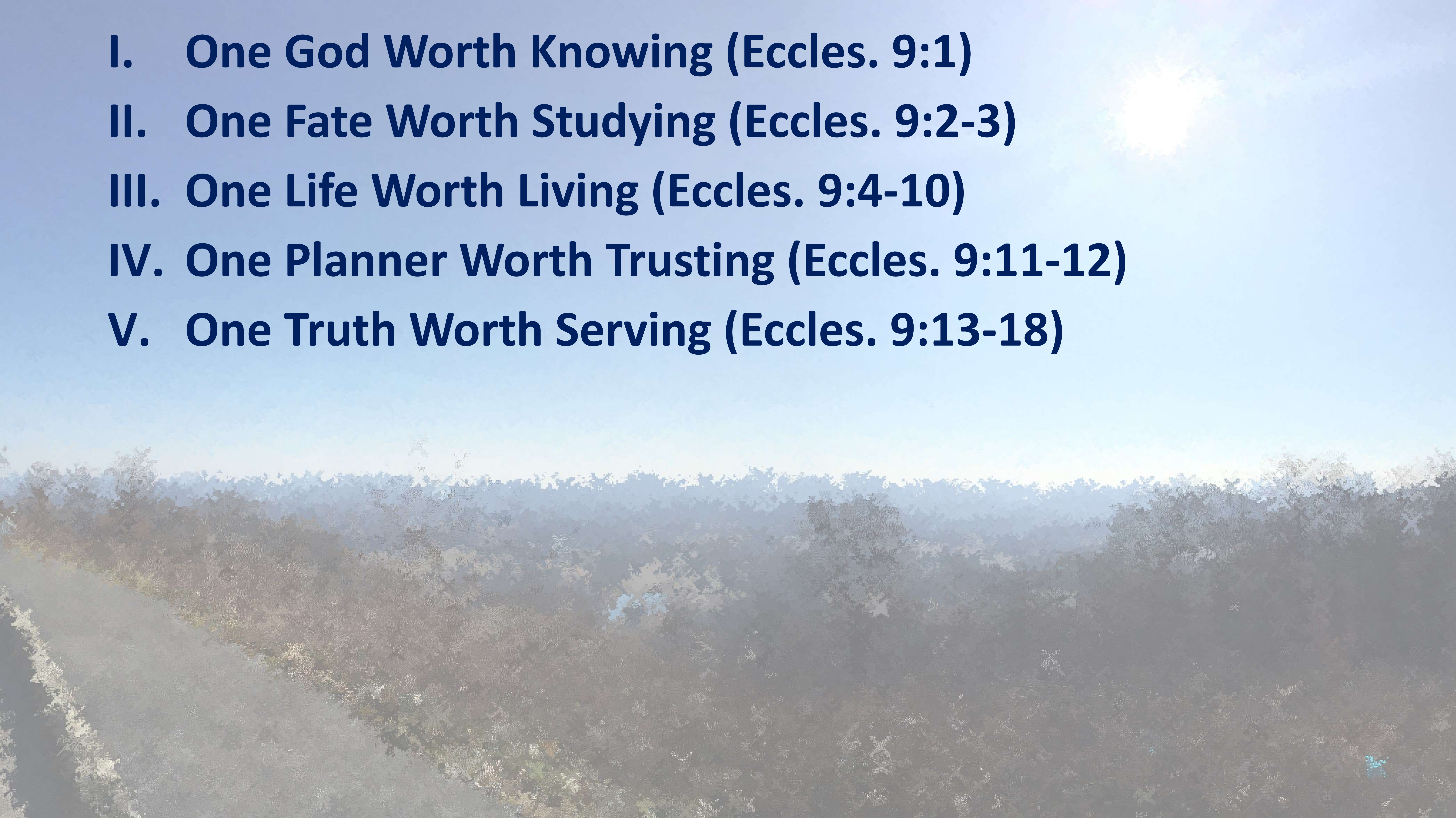


A scenic landscape with a sun in a blue sky and a forest in the foreground. The sun is in the upper right corner, casting a bright glow. The sky is a clear, light blue. The foreground is a dense forest of trees with green and brown foliage. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

*Our soul waits for the Lord;  
He is our help and our shield.  
For our heart rejoices in Him,  
Because we trust in His holy name.*

Psalm 33:20-21



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- The background of the slide features a bright sun in a clear blue sky, partially obscured by light, wispy clouds. Below the sky is a dense, dark green forest that stretches across the horizon. The overall scene is bright and serene, suggesting a natural, outdoor setting.
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