

WHAT IS LIFE ABOUT?

Ecclesiastes 7:15-18

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The Bible **always** gives us the reality and **never** lies about or glosses over that reality.

Particularly during times of adversity, and in light of our **mortality** (the transient nature of life), we need to “consider the work of God” which deals with **what life is about**.

So consider the work of God and **accept** that
God's work to straighten (bring **good** into your life)
and God's work to bend (bring **adversity** into your life)
are in His **caring control**. Consider, remember, own
that you will never fully grasp, change, be able to
predict or control how God works in your life.

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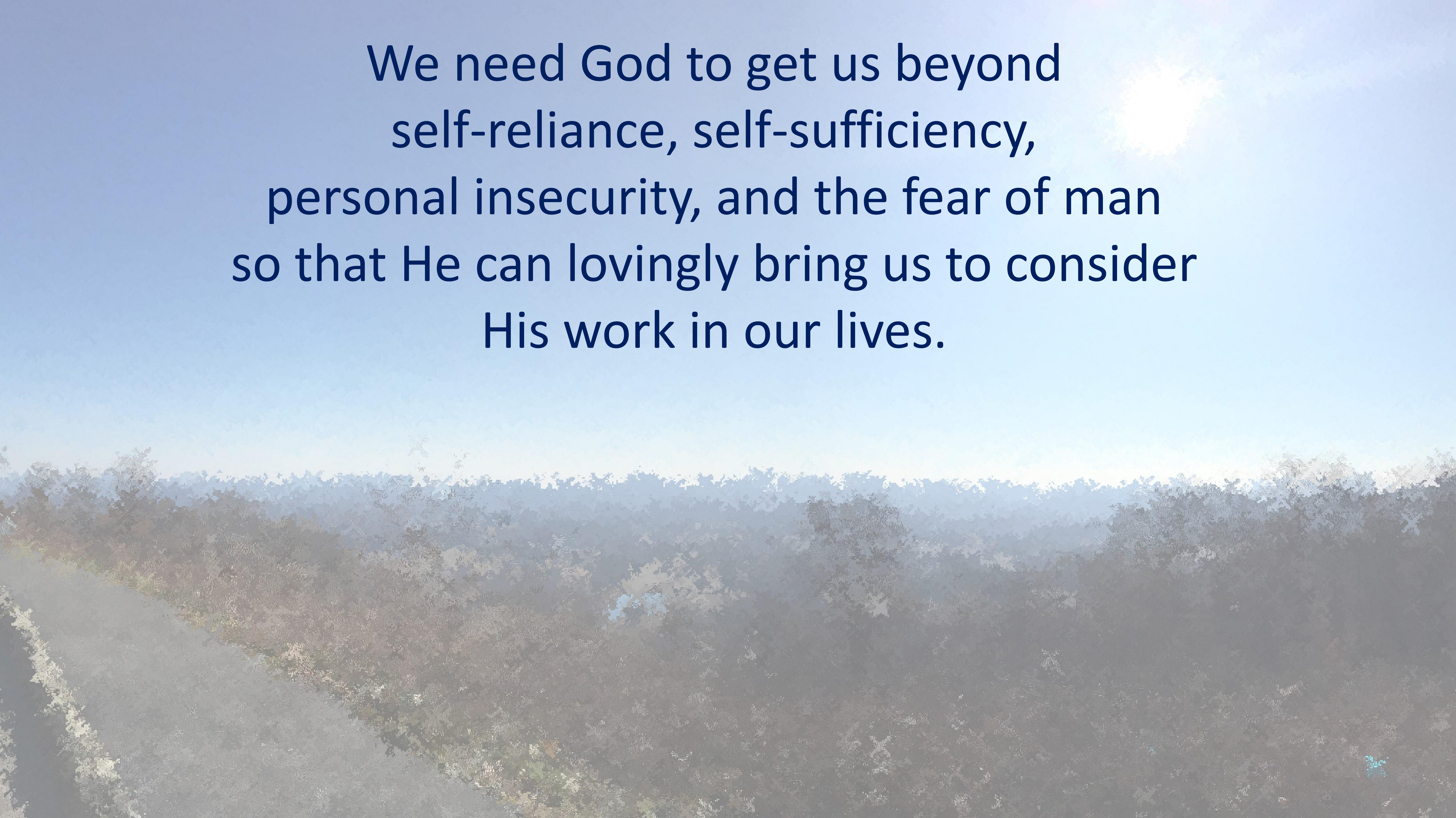
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2. By His wisdom He brings both prosperity and adversity to your life.
3. You can never work out the full measure of God's ways in doing any of this.

1. Life is not about excesses; it's about fearing God. (7:15-18)



What **God plans** to do or not to do with each person is a knowledge which is **beyond us** in this life.

So when God acts in a person's life, don't allow what God chooses to do with you or with others to ruin you, -- to conflict, confuse, or discourage you.

A scenic landscape featuring a dirt road on the left, a dense line of trees in the middle ground, and a bright, hazy sky with a sun flare in the upper right. The text is overlaid in the upper half of the image.

We need God to get us beyond
self-reliance, self-sufficiency,
personal insecurity, and the fear of man
so that He can lovingly bring us to consider
His work in our lives.



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