

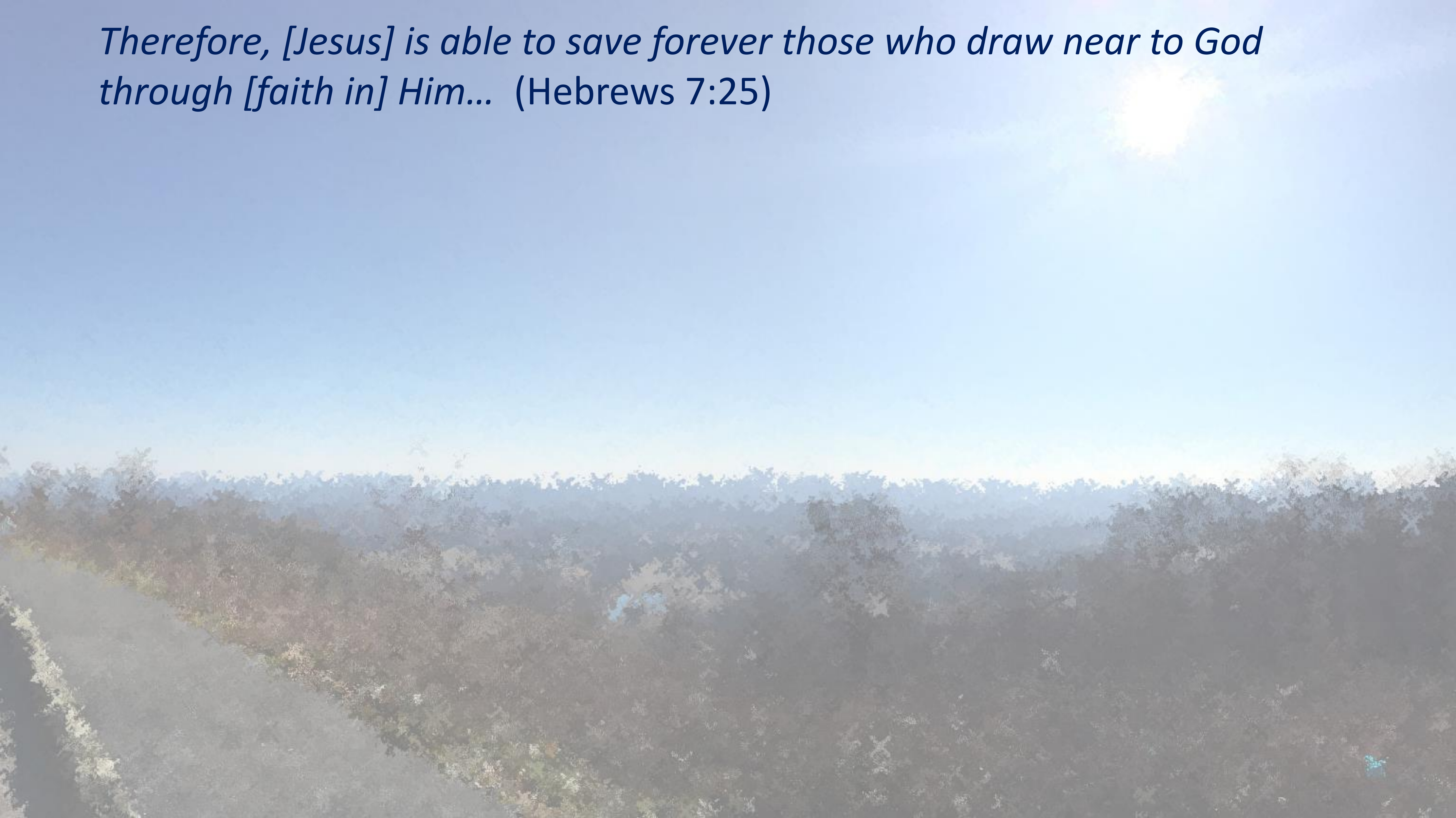


# FOLLY-ODOLOGY OR FOLLOW-ODOLOGY

Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

ECCLESIASTES: LIFE UNDER THE SON

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*For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit... (1 Peter 3:8)*

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*We have seen and testify that 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)*

It is the **contrasting counsel** to God's counsel "*instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age.*" (Titus 2:12)



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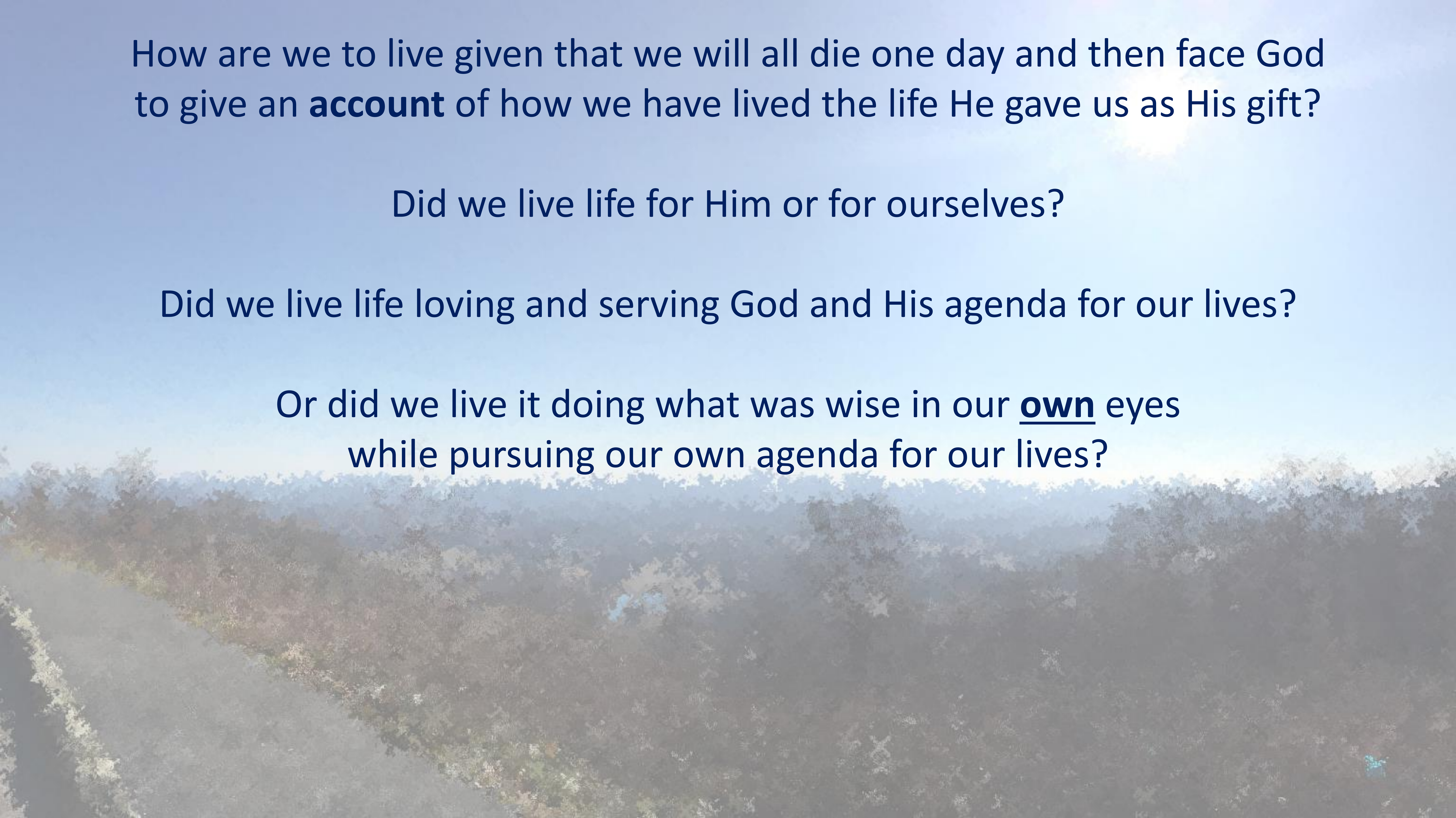




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II. **The Response to God's Judgment (12:9-14)**





How are we to live given that we will all die one day and then face God to give an **account** of how we have lived the life He gave us as His gift?

Did we live life for Him or for ourselves?

Did we live life loving and serving God and His agenda for our lives?

Or did we live it doing what was wise in our **own** eyes while pursuing our own agenda for our lives?

“fellowship knowledge, that comes in the context of knowing a person...”


*Michael Eaton*

Solomon wants us to know and follow God.

Verse 13 is about **life as worship**.

Your every action and reaction are more about your soteriology than your sociology and physiology.

Soteriology refers to **how we are related to God**—either we are worshiping Him in our relationship to Jesus, or we are worshiping something other than God, leaving us in the emptiness of idols and self.

A scenic landscape with a sun in a blue sky and a forest in the foreground. The sun is in the upper right, casting a glow. The forest is dense and green, with a path or stream visible in the lower left.

You are either  
**fearing God = keeping His commandments**  
(worship God/live for God)

Or, you are worshiping something else and living for what you are worshiping.

Don't be fooled into a life of **folly-ology**.  
**Worship creates conduct!**

## 1 Corinthians 3:20

*The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are useless. (NASB)*

*The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile. (ESV)*



“The vanity, emptiness, and futility of fallen reason are the affliction visited upon sinners by God’s judgment... What the postmodern world celebrates in its rejection of all absolutes and in its assumed right to define all reality privately is a sign of God’s wrath (cf. Rom. 1:22)”

*David Wells*

A scenic landscape featuring a bright blue sky with a sun in the upper right corner. Below the sky is a dense forest of trees in various shades of green and brown, suggesting an autumn or late summer setting. The foreground shows a dark, shadowed area, possibly a path or a clearing.

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