


Submitting to God's Sovereign Providence

Ecclesiastes 7:8-14

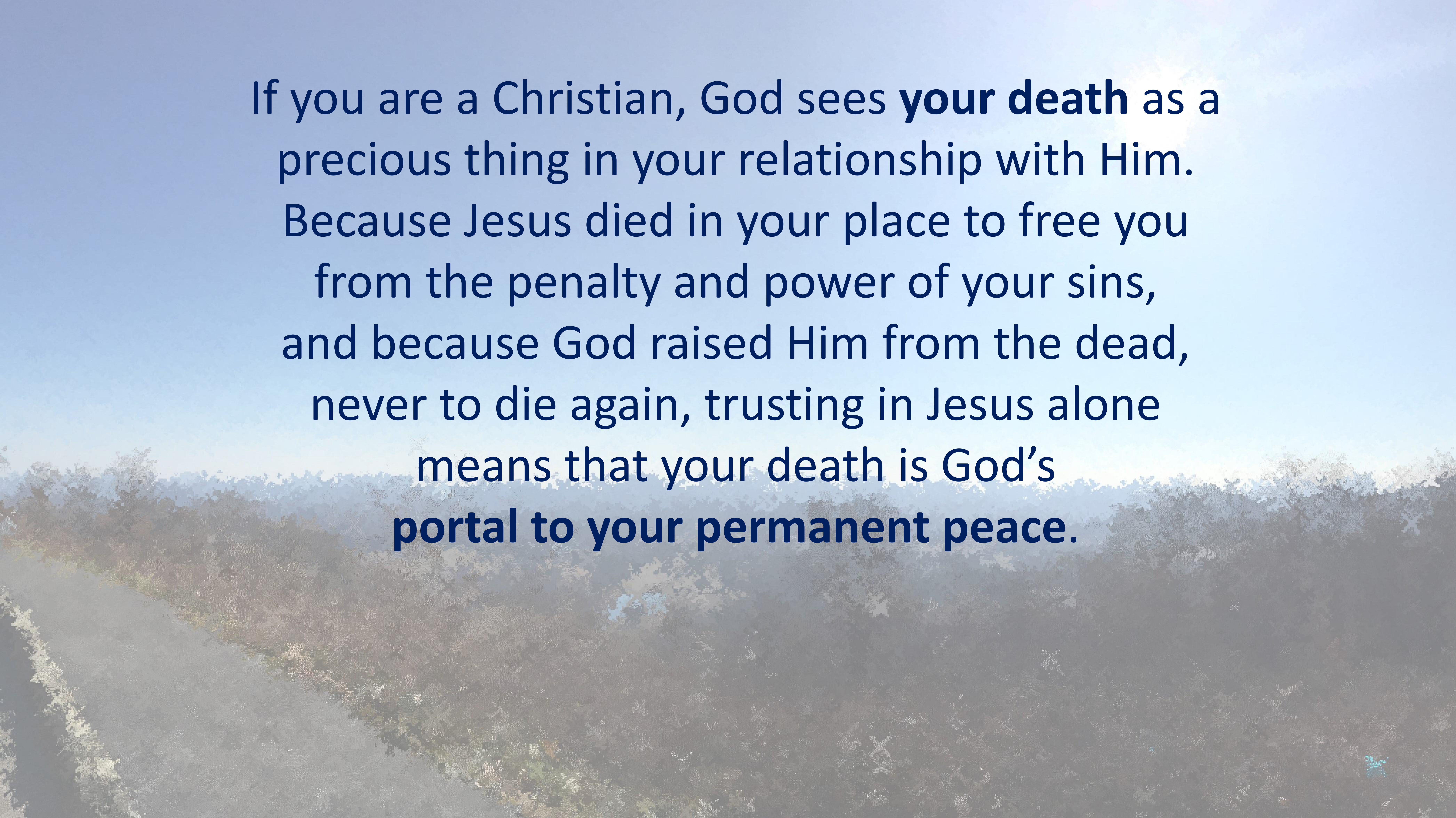
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A landscape photograph showing a paved road on the left side, leading into a dense forest of trees. The sky is a clear, bright blue, and a large, bright sun is visible in the upper right corner, creating a lens flare effect. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

memento mori:
remember you must die

*Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His godly ones.*

Psalm 116:15


A scenic landscape with a dirt road winding through a field of tall grass and trees under a bright sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a dark blue font.

If you are a Christian, God sees **your death** as a precious thing in your relationship with Him. Because Jesus died in your place to free you from the penalty and power of your sins, and because God raised Him from the dead, never to die again, trusting in Jesus alone means that your death is God's **portal to your permanent peace.**

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*The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom,
And before honor comes humility.*

Proverbs 15:33

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Godly contentment “is inner satisfaction in God
alone, whatever the circumstances.”

Robert D. Jones

Contentment is “that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God’s wise and fatherly disposal in every situation.”

Jeremiah Burroughs



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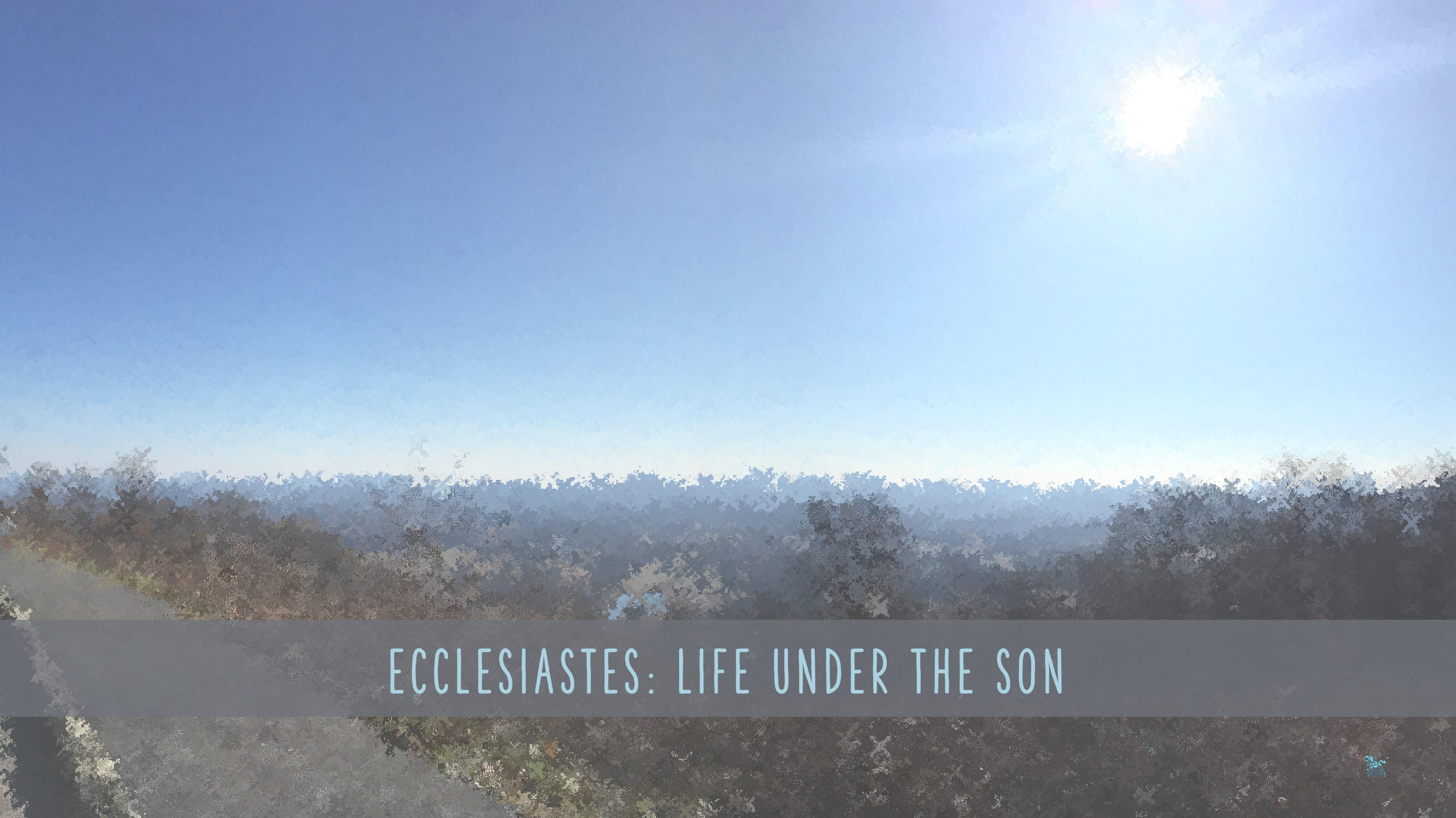
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2. **Strive** in this process with humility and according to His power.

*He who gives attention to the word will find good,
And blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.*

Proverbs 16:20

Death, impending death, loss, suffering, and the sorrows of life can help you **mine the love and Christlike character** that the Lord is working into your heart. **False perspectives** on death, adversity, sorrow, and suffering work against what God is doing in your heart. **False perspectives** draw you into **yourself** and **aim** your love at worldly pursuits. **God's perspectives** teach you to deny yourself and to aim your love at relationships with Him and with others.



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