

Hosea

A landscape photograph showing rolling hills and mountains in the background under a blue sky with white clouds. The foreground is filled with the colorful, layered rock formations of the Painted Hills in Oregon.

Behold, I will allure her, will bring her into the wilderness... Hosea 2:14

Cause

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Effect

Therefore the land will mourn; And everyone who dwells there will waste away with the beasts of the field and the birds of the air; even the fish of the sea will be taken away.”

¹²Now the man who acts presumptuously and will not heed the priest who stands to minister there before the **LORD** your God, or the judge, that man shall die. So you shall put away the evil from Israel. ¹³And all the people shall hear and fear, and no longer act presumptuously.

Deuteronomy 17:12-13

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Therefore you shall stumble in the day; the prophet also shall stumble with you in the night; and I will destroy your mother.

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My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

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Effect

Because you have rejected knowledge,
I will also reject you from being priest
for Me.

Cause

Because you have forgotten the law of
your God,



Cause

Because you have forgotten the law of
your God,

Effect

I will also forget your children

¹“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

Deuteronomy 28:1

¹⁵“But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

Deuteronomy 28:15

⁴⁵“Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

Cause

The more they increased, the more
they sinned against Me;

Cause

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Effect

I will change their glory into shame.

Cause

They eat up the sin of my people;
they set their heart on their iniquity.

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Effect

And it shall be: like people, like priest.
So I will punish them for their ways,
and reward them for their deeds. For
they shall eat, but not have enough;
They shall commit harlotry, but not
increase; Because they have ceased
obeying the Lord.

Cause

Harlotry, wine, and new wine



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Effect

enslave the heart.

Cause

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Effect

Therefore people who do not understand will be trampled.

Cause

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Effect

now the Lord will let them forage like a lamb in open country.

¹⁶For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer; now the Lord will feed them as a lamb in a large place. A lamb in a broad field.

Hosea 4:16 KJV

Cause

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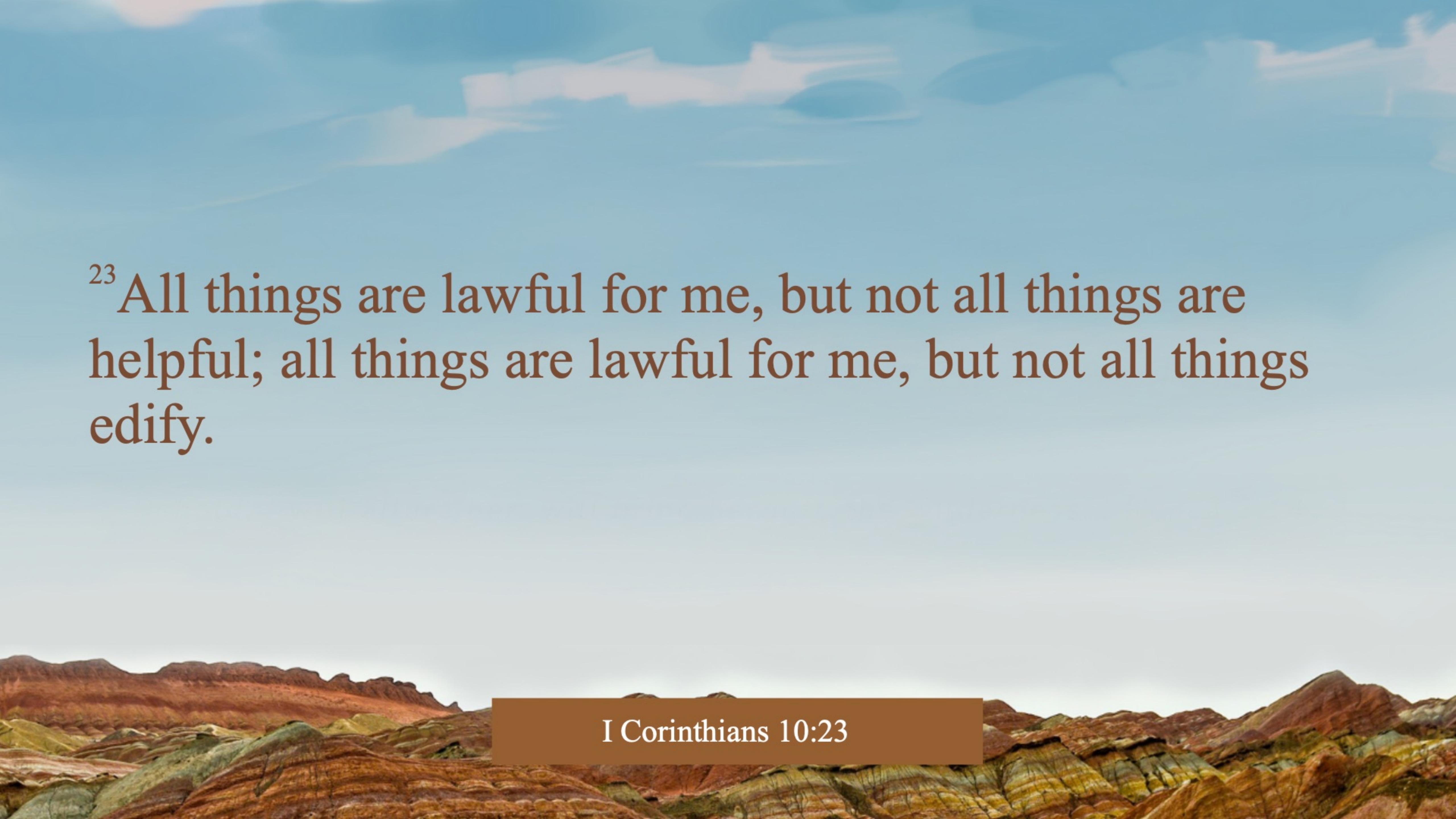
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Effect

The wind has wrapped her up in its wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

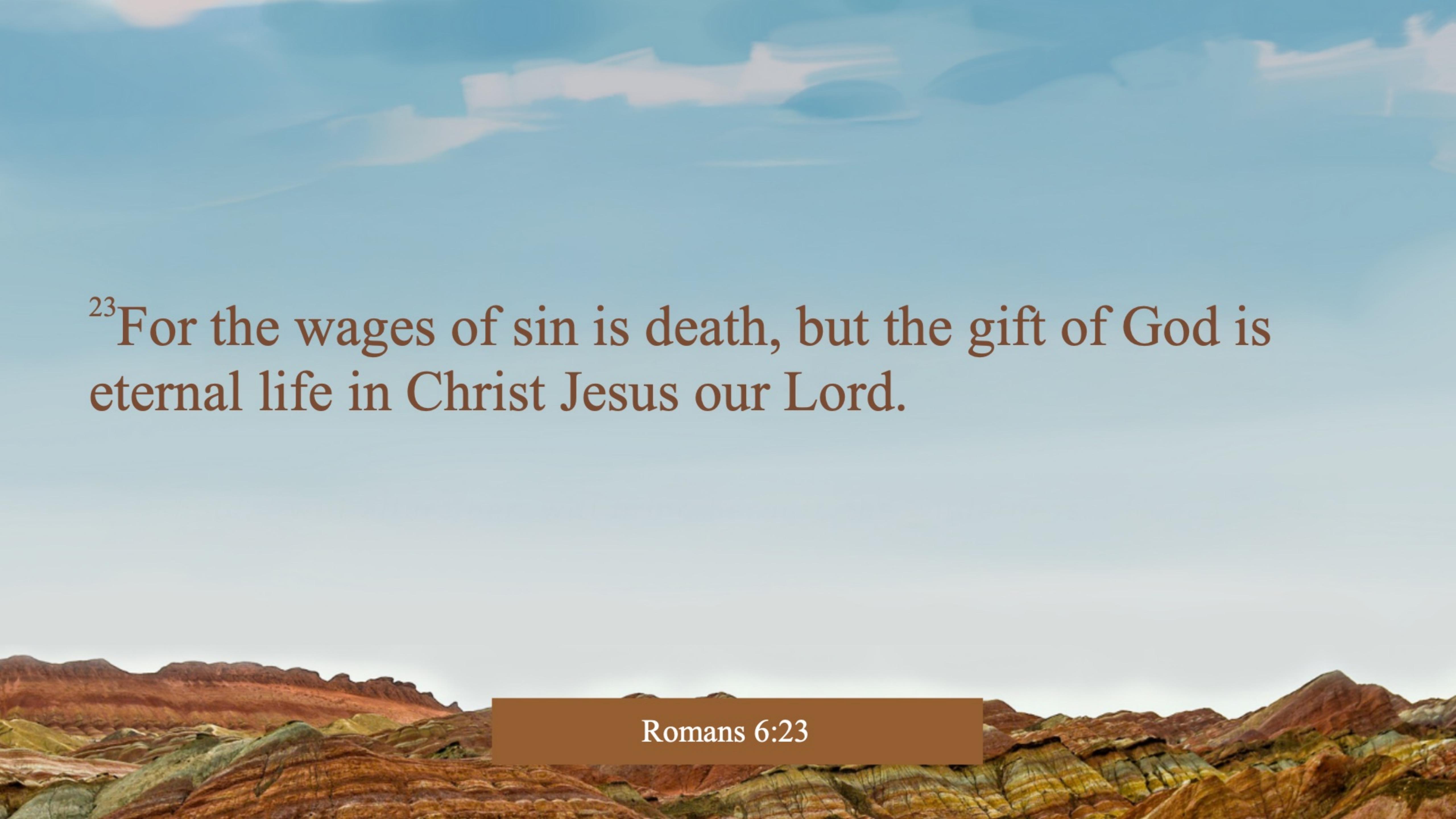
¹¹Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:11



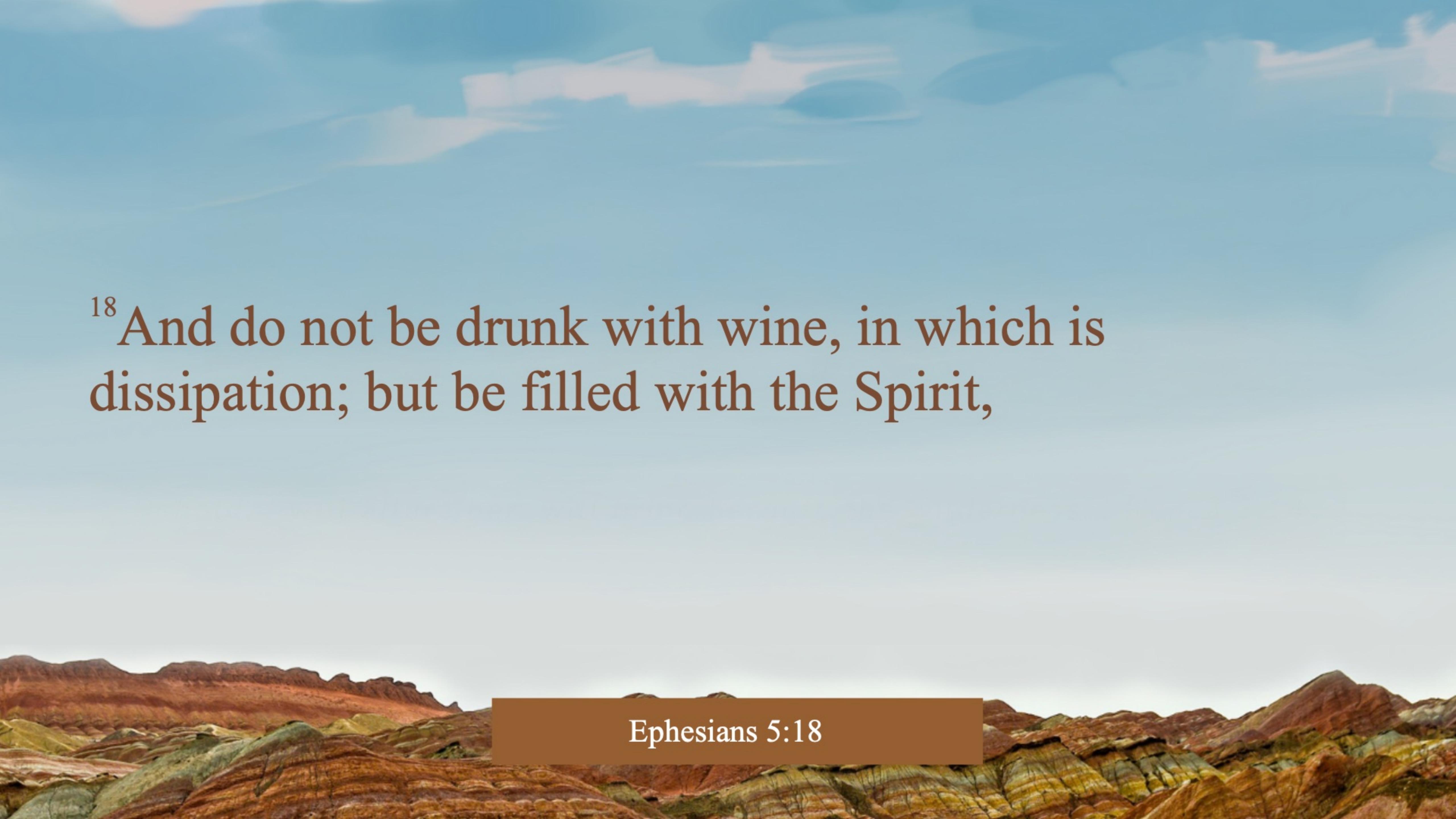
²³All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.

I Corinthians 10:23



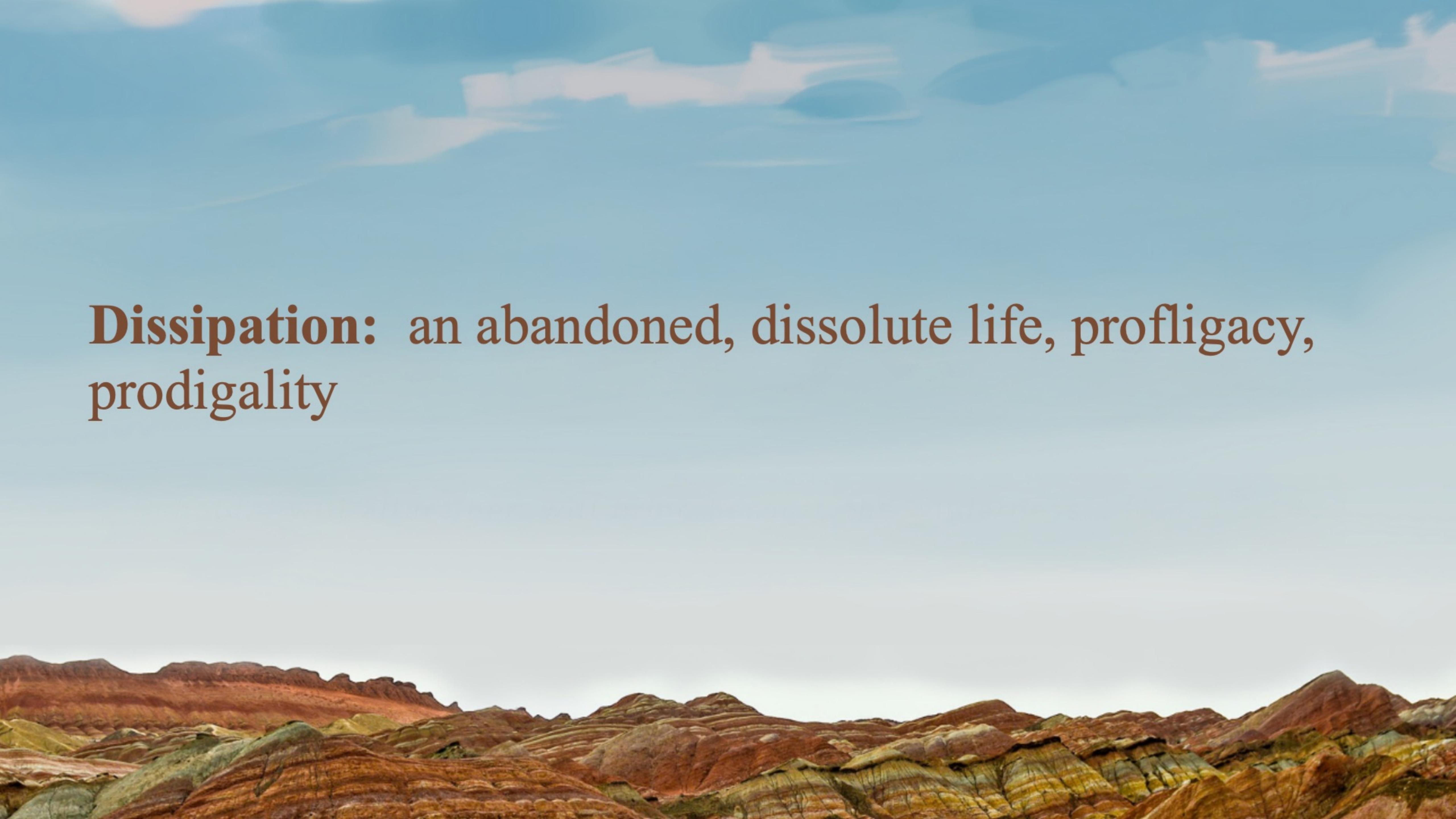
²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23



¹⁸And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

Ephesians 5:18

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. The foreground is filled with colorful, layered rock formations, possibly sandstone, in shades of red, orange, yellow, and green. The middle ground shows a vast, flat desert floor. The background features a range of mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

Dissipation: an abandoned, dissolute life, profligacy, prodigality

- **Dissolute:** lax in morals
- **Profligacy:** reckless extravagance, licentious or dissolute
- **Prodigality:** wasteful and extravagant to a reckless degree
- **Licentious:** promiscuous or unprincipled in sexual matters



¹Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

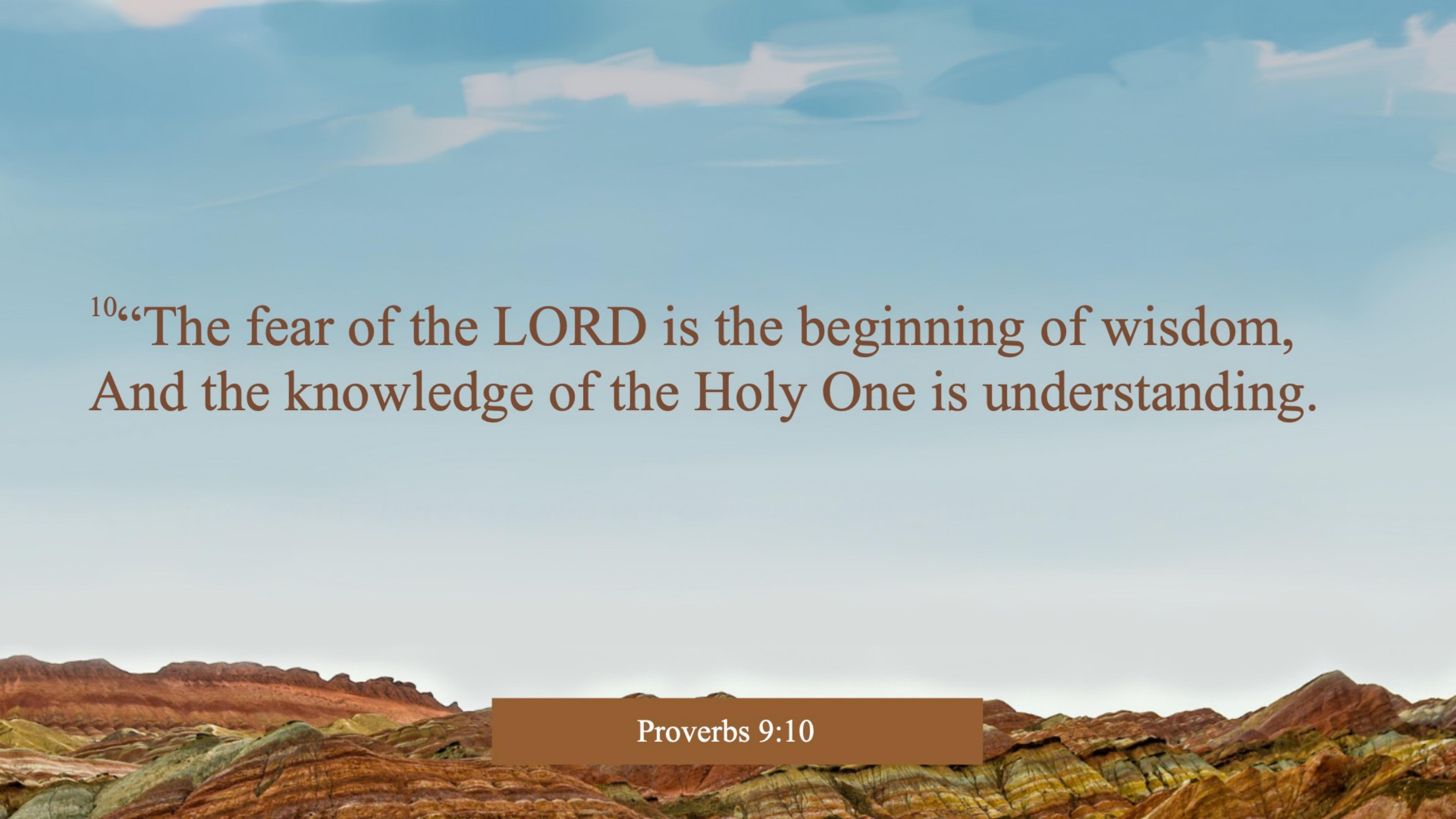
Hebrews 2:1

¹³Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;



⁴¹Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Matthew 26:41



10“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10