

A white dove with its wings spread wide, flying over a sunset over water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. The sky is filled with dark clouds, some of which are illuminated by the setting sun. The overall scene is peaceful and symbolic.

Men's Conference

Strength by Surrender

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Conference Theme Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 (AMP)

But we belong to the day; therefore, let us be sober and put on the breastplate (corslet) of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not appointed us to [incur His] wrath [He did not select us to condemn us], but [that we might] obtain [His] salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)

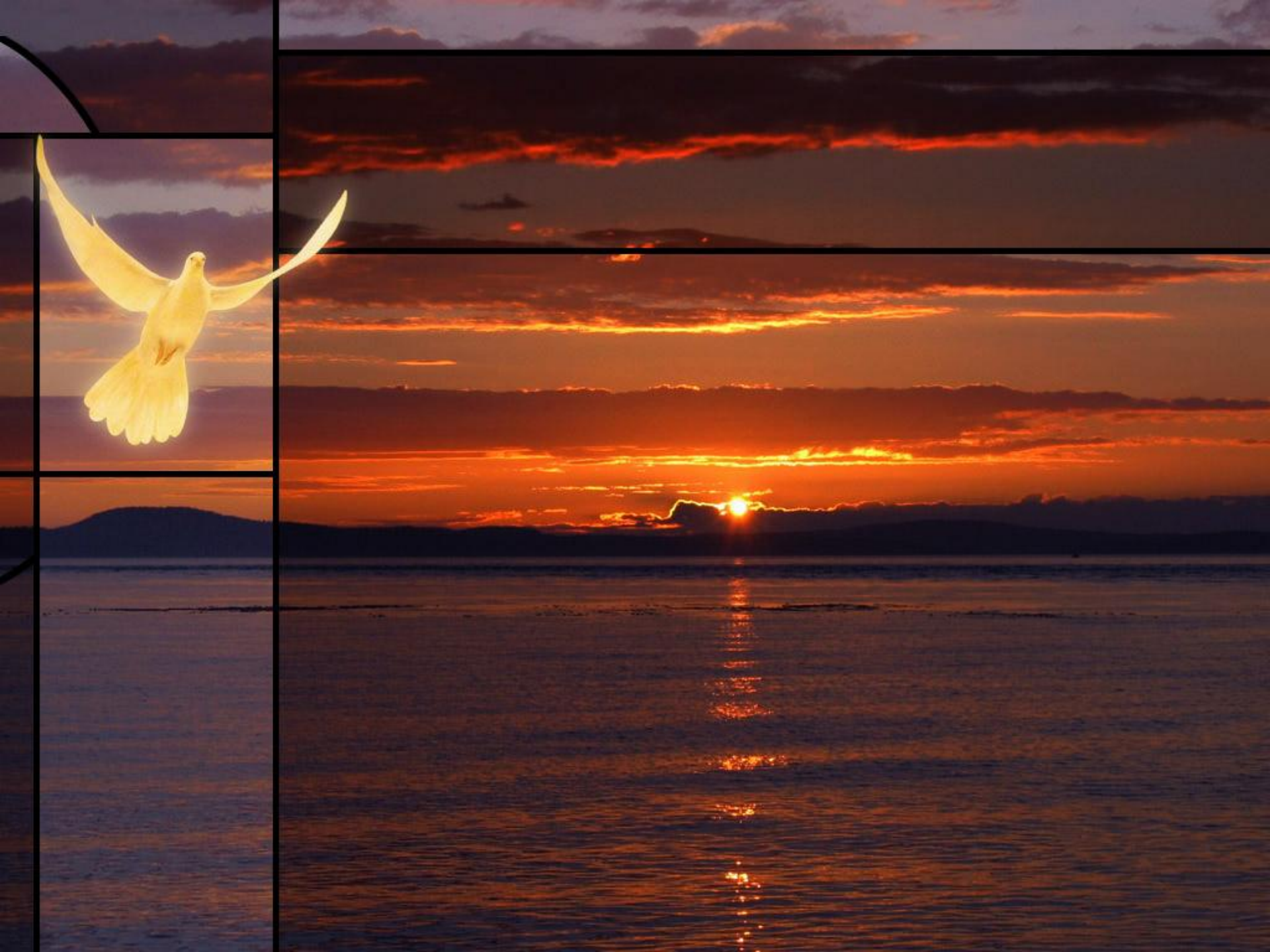
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Who died for us so that whether we are still alive or are dead [at Christ's appearing], we might live together with Him *and* share His life.

Therefore encourage (admonish, exhort) one another and edify (strengthen and build up) one another, just as you are doing.



Definitions:

- **Strength – noun**
 - mental power, force, or vigor.
 - moral power, firmness, or courage.
 - power by reason of influence, authority, resources, numbers, etc.
 - vigor of action, language, feeling, etc.
 - something or someone that gives one strength or is a source of power or encouragement; sustenance.
 - **Synonyms:** backbone, durability, firmness, health, security, soundness, stability, stableness, steadiness, substance, vitality



Definitions:

- **surrender - verb** (Paraphrased from dictionary.com)
 - resign
 - to give oneself up, as into the power of another
 - submit or yield.
- **Synonyms:** entrust, give in, go along with, let go, part with, relinquish, renounce, submit, succumb, yield





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- True Surrender is walking so deep in God's strength that we have pure love for God, self & others.**
- Importance of surrendering to Gods strength in these end times.**



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- **1 Chronicles 16:23-31 (AMP)**
- Sing to the Lord, all the earth; show forth from day to day His salvation. ²⁴ Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all peoples. ²⁵ For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; He also is to be [reverently] feared above all so-called gods. ²⁶ For all the gods of the people are [lifeless] idols,

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but the Lord made the heavens. ²⁷

Honor and majesty are [found] in His presence; strength and joy are [found] in His sanctuary. ²⁸ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, ²⁹ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name. Bring an offering and come before Him;

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worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness *and* in holy array. ³⁰ Tremble *and* reverently fear before Him, all the earth's peoples; the world also shall be established, so it cannot be moved. ³¹ Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice; and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigns!



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- **Acts 16:30-31 (AMP)**

And he brought them out [of the dungeon] and said, Men, what is it necessary for me to do that I may be saved? And they answered,

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For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) *of Christ*, for it is God's power working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] to everyone who believes *with* a personal trust *and* a confident surrender *and* firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek, For in the Gospel a righteousness

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which God ascribes is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed through the way of faith that arouses to more faith]. As it is written, The man who through faith is just *and* upright shall live *and* shall live by faith.



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3. We receive the strength of peace and blessings once we surrender to God:

- **Psalms 84:5 (AMP)**

Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.



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Mark the blameless man and behold the upright, for there is a happy end for the man of peace. ³⁸ As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together; in the end the wicked shall be cut off. ³⁹ But the salvation of the [consistently] righteous is of the Lord; He is their Refuge *and* secure Stronghold in the time of trouble.

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- **Psalms 62:5-8 (AMP)**

My soul, wait only upon God *and* silently submit to Him; for my hope *and* expectation are from Him. ⁶ He only is my Rock and my Salvation; He is my Defense *and* my Fortress, I shall not be moved. ⁷ With God rests my salvation and my glory; He is my Rock of unyielding strength *and* impenetrable hardness,

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and my refuge is in God! ⁸ Trust in, lean on, rely on, *and* have confidence in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts before Him. God is a refuge for us (a fortress and a high tower). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!



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- **Isaiah 40:28-31 (AMP)**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not faint or grow weary; there is no searching of His understanding.

He gives power to the faint *and* weary, and to him who has no might He increases strength [causing it to multiply and making it to abound].

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But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change *and* renew their strength *and* power; they shall lift their wings *and* mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint *or* become tired.



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And to keep me from being puffed up *and* too much elated by the exceeding greatness (preeminence) of these revelations, there was given me a thorn (a splinter) in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to rack *and* buffet *and* harass me, to keep me from being excessively exalted.

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Three times I called upon the Lord *and* besought [Him] about this *and* begged that it might depart from me; But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully];



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for *My* strength *and* power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) *and show themselves most effective* in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses *and* infirmities, that the strength *and* power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me!

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So for the sake of Christ, I am well pleased *and* take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities *and* distresses; for when I am weak [in human strength], then am I [truly] strong (able, powerful in divine strength).



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5. Surrendering to God is evidenced in obedience and in obedience we gain strength:

- **2 Chronicles 30:7-8 (AMP)**

Do not be like your fathers and brethren, who were unfaithful to the Lord, the God of their fathers, so that He gave them up to desolation [to be an astonishment], as you see.

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Now be not stiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the Lord and come to His sanctuary, which He has sanctified forever, and serve the Lord your God, that His fierce anger may turn away from you.



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- **Proverbs 10:29 (AMP)**

The way of the Lord is strength *and* a stronghold to the upright, but it is destruction to the workers of iniquity.



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- **Luke 9:28-36 (AMP)**

Now about eight days after these teachings, Jesus took with Him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as He was praying, the appearance of His countenance became altered (different), and His raiment became dazzling white [flashing with the brilliance of lightning].

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And behold, two men were conversing with Him—Moses and Elijah, Who appeared in splendor *and* majesty *and* brightness and were speaking of His exit [from life], which He was about to bring to realization at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep,

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but when they fully awoke, they saw His glory (splendor and majesty and brightness) and the two men who stood with Him. And it occurred as the men were parting from Him that Peter said to Jesus, Master, it is delightful *and* good that we are here; and let us construct three booths *or* huts—

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one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah! not noticing *or* knowing what he was saying. But even as he was saying this, a cloud came and began to overshadow them, and they were seized with alarm *and* struck with fear as they entered into the cloud.

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Then there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, My Chosen One *or My Beloved*; listen to *and* yield to *and* obey Him! And when the voice had died away, Jesus was found there alone. And they kept still, and told no one at that time any of these things that they had seen.



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- **Romans 6:6-23 (AMP)**

We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective *and* inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin. For when a man dies, he is freed (loosed, delivered) from [the power of] sin [among men].

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Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, Because we know that Christ (the Anointed One), being once raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has power over Him. For by the death He died, He died to sin [ending His relation to it] once for all; and the life that He lives,

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He is living to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him]. Even so consider yourselves also dead to sin *and* your relation to it broken, but alive to God [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore rule as king in your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies,

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to make you yield to its cravings *and* be subject to its lusts *and* evil passions. Do not continue offering or yielding your bodily members [and faculties] to sin as instruments (tools) of wickedness. But offer *and* yield yourselves to God as though you have been raised from the dead to [perpetual] life,

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and your bodily members [and faculties] to God, presenting them as implements of righteousness. For sin shall not [any longer] exert dominion over you, since now you are not under Law [as slaves], but under grace [as subjects of God's favor and mercy].
What then [are we to conclude]?

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Shall we sin because we live not under Law but under God's favor *and* mercy? Certainly not! Do you not know that if you continually surrender yourselves to anyone to do his will, you are the slaves of him whom you obey, whether that be to sin, which leads to death,

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or to obedience which leads to righteousness (right doing and right standing with God)? But thank God, though you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient with all your heart to the standard of teaching in which you were instructed *and* to which you were committed.

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And having been set free from sin, you have become the servants of righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in thought, purpose, and action). I am speaking in familiar human terms because of your natural limitations.

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For as you yielded your bodily members [and faculties] as servants to impurity and ever increasing lawlessness, so now yield your bodily members [and faculties] once for all as servants to righteousness (right being and doing) [which leads] to sanctification.

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For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

But then what benefit (return) did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? [None] for the end of those things is death.

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But now since you have been set free from sin and have become the slaves of God, you have your present reward in holiness and its end is eternal life. For the wages which sin pays is death, but the [bountiful] free gift of God is eternal life through (in union with) Jesus Christ our Lord.









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- **James 3:11-18 (AMP)**

Does a fountain send forth [simultaneously] from the same opening fresh water and bitter? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine figs? Neither can a salt spring furnish fresh water. Who is there among you who is wise and intelligent?

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Then let him by his noble living show forth his [good] works with the [unobtrusive] humility [which is the proper attribute] of true wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry, selfish ambition) in your hearts, do not pride yourselves on it and thus be in defiance of *and* false to the Truth.

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This [superficial] wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual (animal), even devilish (demoniacal). For wherever there is jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry and selfish ambition),

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there will also be confusion (unrest, disharmony, rebellion) and all sorts of evil *and* vile practices. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure (undefiled); then it is peace-loving, courteous (considerate, gentle). [It is willing to] yield to reason, full of compassion and good fruits;

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it is wholehearted *and* straightforward, impartial *and* unfeigned (free from doubts, wavering, and insincerity).

And the harvest of righteousness (of conformity to God's will in thought and deed) is [the fruit of the seed] sown in peace by those who work for *and* make peace [in themselves and in others,

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that peace which means concord, agreement, and harmony between individuals, with undisturbedness, in a peaceful mind free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].



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7. To maintain Gods strength requires our continual surrender and perseverance:

- **Mark 12:28-31 (AMP)**

Then one of the scribes came up and listened to them disputing with one another, and, noticing that Jesus answered them fitly *and* admirably, he asked Him, Which commandment is first *and* most important of all [in its nature]? Jesus answered, The first *and* principal *one of all commands* is: Hear, O Israel,

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The Lord our God is one Lord; And you shall love the Lord your God out of *and* with your whole heart and out of *and* with all your soul (your life) and out of *and* with all your mind (with your faculty of thought and your moral understanding) and out of *and* with all your strength. *This is the first and principal commandment.*

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The second *is like it and* is this, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.



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- **Hebrews 12:3-16a (AMP)**

Just think of Him Who endured from sinners such grievous opposition *and* bitter hostility against Himself [reckon up and consider it all in comparison with your trials], so that you may not grow weary *or* exhausted, losing heart *and* relaxing *and* fainting in your minds.

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You have not yet struggled *and* fought agonizingly against sin, *nor* have you yet resisted *and* withstood to the point of pouring out your [own] blood. And have you [completely] forgotten the divine word of appeal *and* encouragement in which you are reasoned with *and* addressed as sons?

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My son, do not think lightly *or* scorn to submit to the correction *and* discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage *and* give up *and* faint when you are reproved *or* corrected by Him; For the Lord corrects *and* disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges,

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every son whom He accepts *and* welcomes to His heart *and* cherishes. You must submit to *and* endure [correction] for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train *and* correct *and* discipline?

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Now if you are exempt from correction *and* left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then you are illegitimate offspring *and* not true sons [at all]. Moreover, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we yielded [to them] *and* respected [them for training us].

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Shall we not much more cheerfully submit to the Father of spirits and so [truly] live? For [our earthly fathers] disciplined us for only a short period of time *and* chastised us as seemed proper *and* good to them; but He disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness

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For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous *and* painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness—in conformity to God's will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with God].

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So then, brace up *and* reinvigorate *and* set right your slackened *and* weakened *and* drooping hands and strengthen your feeble *and* palsied *and* tottering knees, And cut through *and* make firm *and* plain *and* smooth, straight paths for your feet [yes, make them safe and upright and happy paths that go in the right direction],

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so that the lame *and* halting [limbs] may not be put out of joint, but rather may be cured. Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration *and* holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord. Exercise foresight *and* be on the watch to look [after one another],

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to see that no one falls back from *and* fails to secure God's grace (His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing), in order that no root of resentment (rancor, bitterness, or hatred) shoots forth and causes trouble *and* bitter torment, and the many become contaminated *and* defiled by it—

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That no one may become guilty of sexual vice, or become a profane (godless and sacrilegious) person as ...



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- **James 4:4-10 (AMP)**

You [are like] unfaithful wives [having illicit love affairs with the world and breaking your marriage vow to God]!

Do you not know that being the world's friend is being God's enemy? So whoever chooses to be a friend of the world takes his stand as an enemy of God.

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Or do you suppose that the Scripture is speaking to no purpose that says, The Spirit Whom He has caused to dwell in us yearns over us *and* He yearns for the Spirit [to be welcome] with a jealous love? But He gives us more and more grace (power of the Holy Spirit, to meet this evil tendency and all others fully).

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That is why He says, God sets Himself against the proud and haughty, but gives grace [continually] to the lowly (those who are humble enough to receive it). So be subject to God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you. Come close to God and He will come close to you.

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[Recognize that you are] sinners, get your soiled hands clean; [realize that you have been disloyal] wavering individuals with divided interests, and purify your hearts [of your spiritual adultery]. [As you draw near to God] be deeply penitent and grieve, even weep [over your disloyalty].

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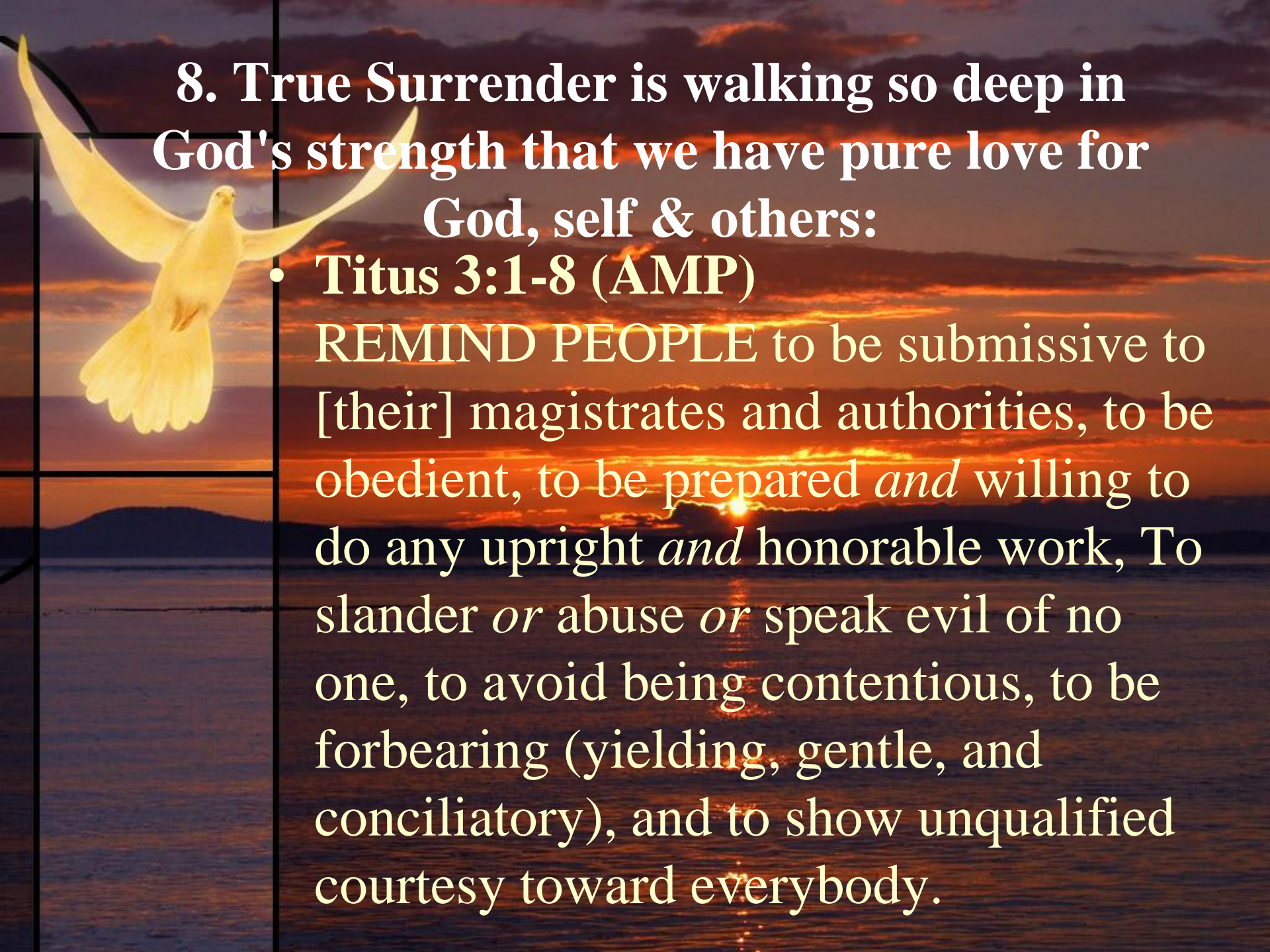
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Let your laughter be turned to grief and your mirth to dejection *and* heartfelt shame [for your sins].

Humble yourselves [feeling very insignificant] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up and make your lives significant].

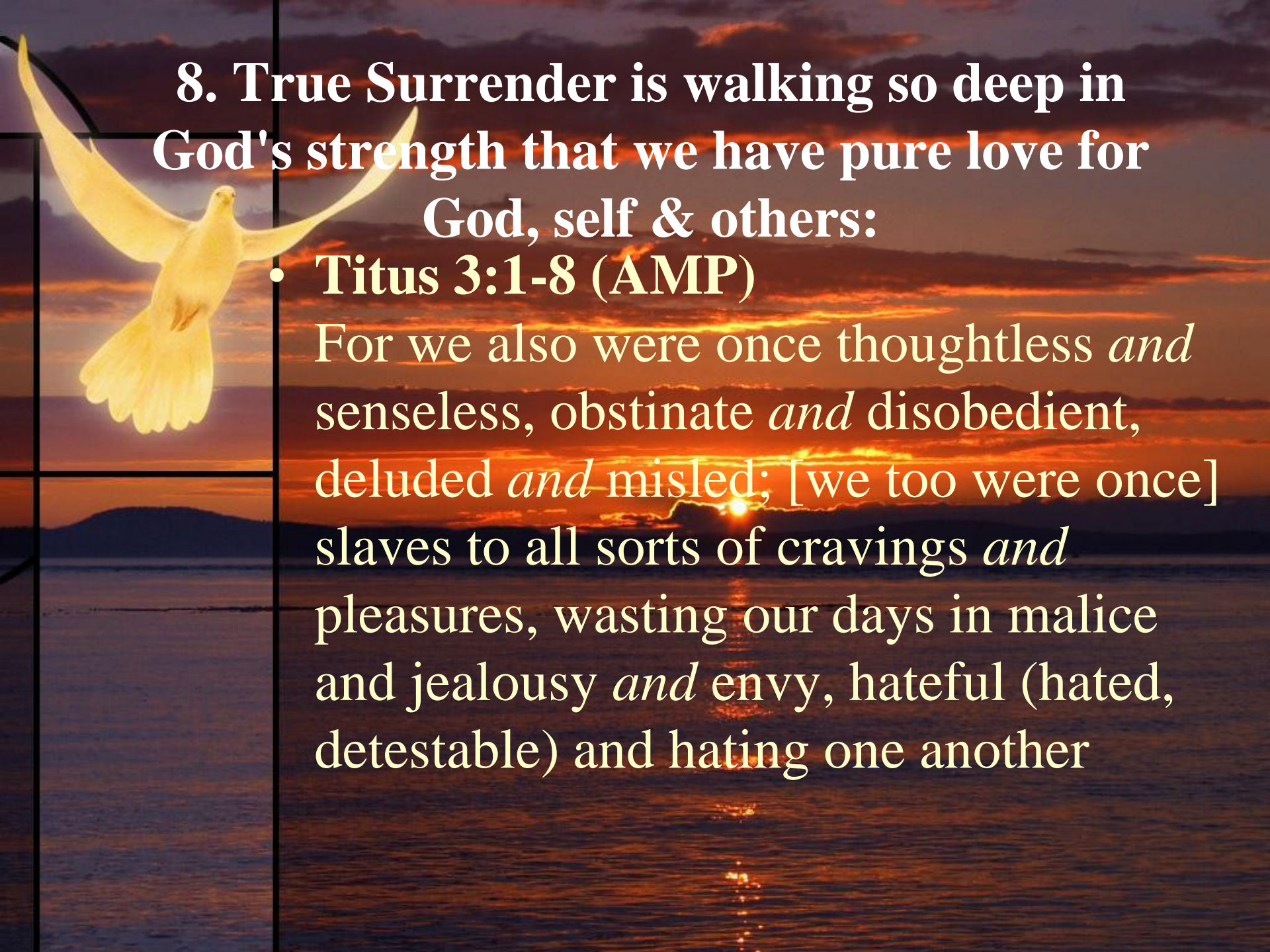


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- **Titus 3:1-8 (AMP)**

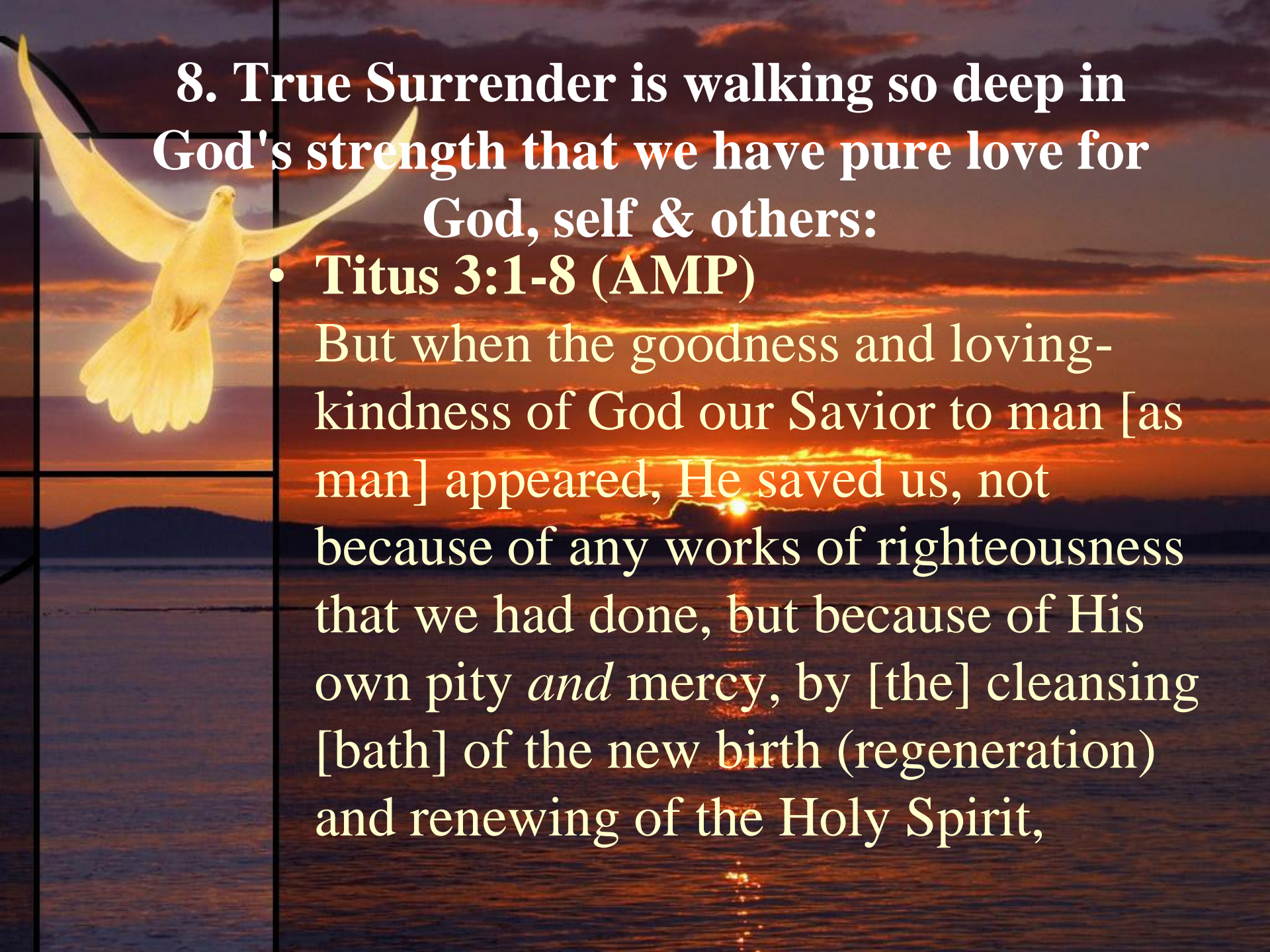
REMIND PEOPLE to be submissive to [their] magistrates and authorities, to be obedient, to be prepared *and* willing to do any upright *and* honorable work, To slander *or* abuse *or* speak evil of no one, to avoid being contentious, to be forbearing (yielding, gentle, and conciliatory), and to show unqualified courtesy toward everybody.

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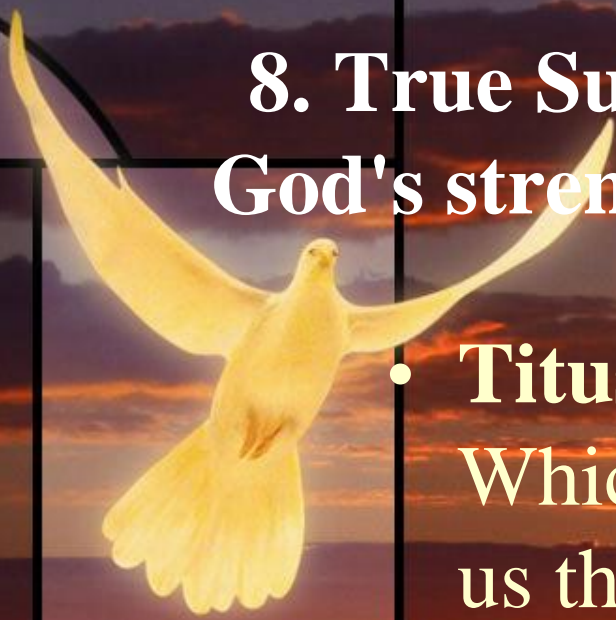
For we also were once thoughtless *and* senseless, obstinate *and* disobedient, deluded *and* misled; [we too were once] slaves to all sorts of cravings *and* pleasures, wasting our days in malice and jealousy *and* envy, hateful (hated, detestable) and hating one another

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But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior to man [as man] appeared, He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but because of His own pity *and* mercy, by [the] cleansing [bath] of the new birth (regeneration) and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

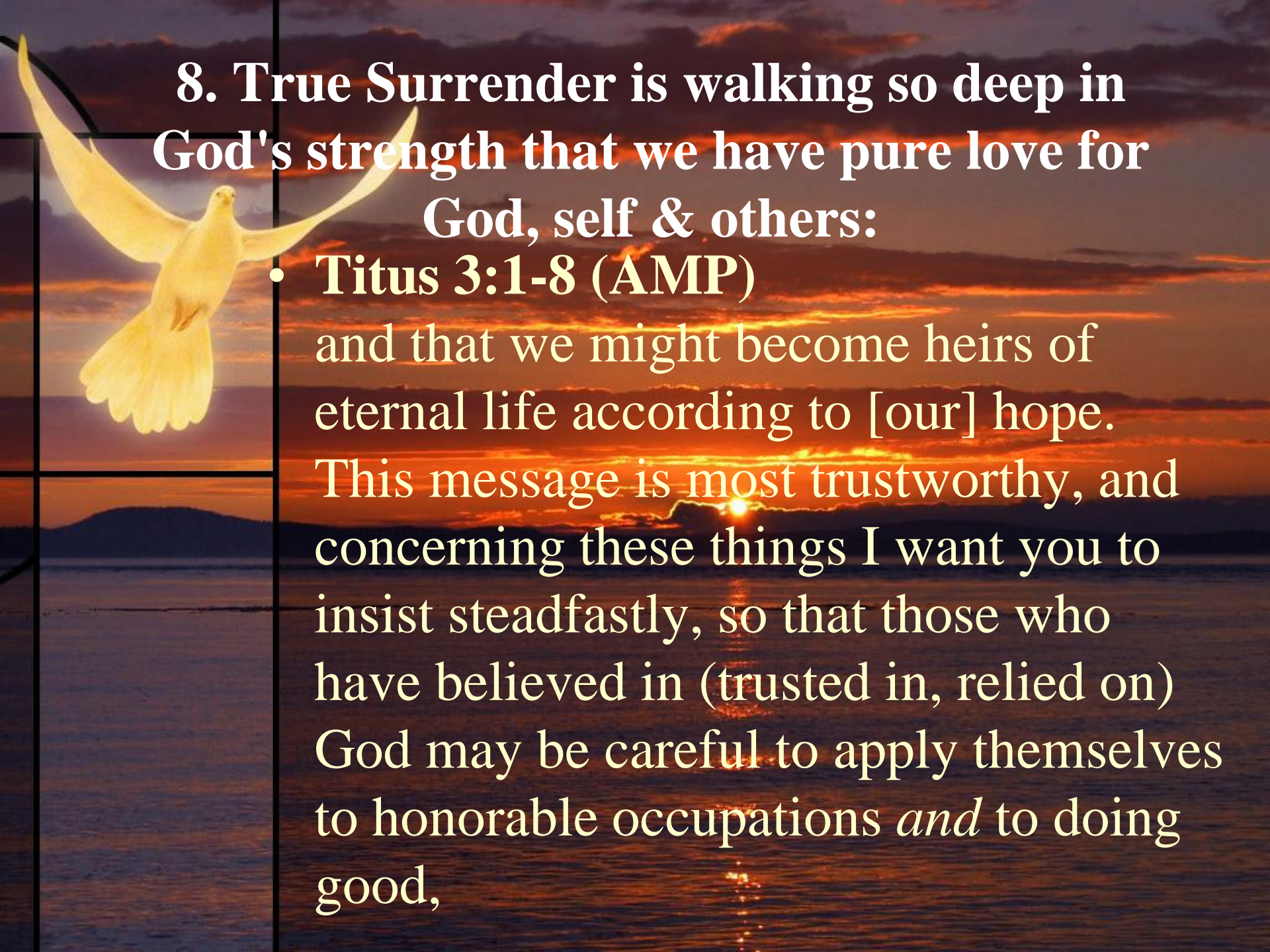
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Which He poured out [so] richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

[And He did it in order] that we might be justified by His grace (by His favor, wholly undeserved), [that we might be acknowledged and counted as conformed to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action],

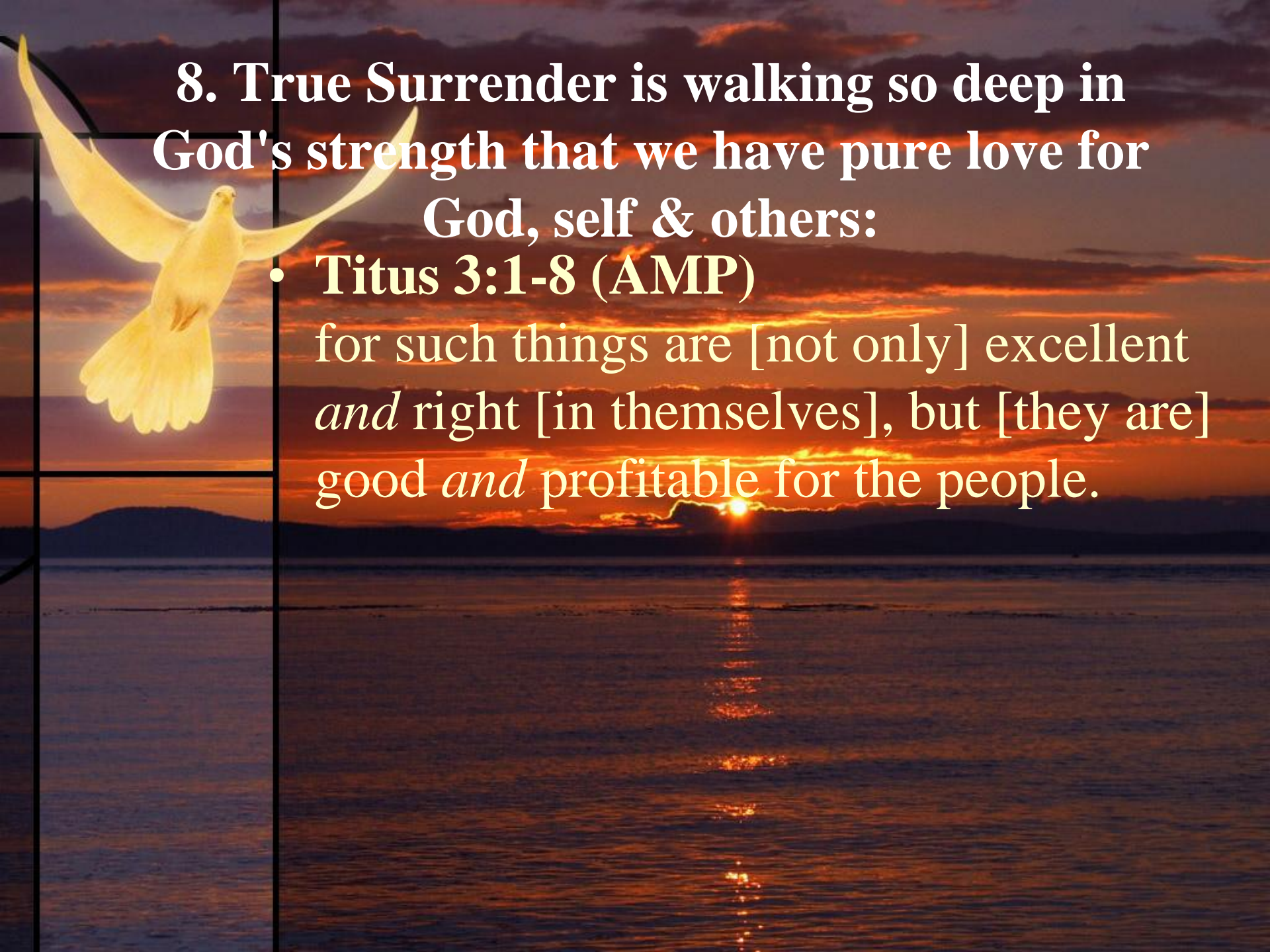
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and that we might become heirs of eternal life according to [our] hope.

This message is most trustworthy, and concerning these things I want you to insist steadfastly, so that those who have believed in (trusted in, relied on) God may be careful to apply themselves to honorable occupations *and* to doing good,

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for such things are [not only] excellent
and right [in themselves], but [they are]
good *and* profitable for the people.



A white dove with its wings spread, flying over a sunset over water. The background is a sunset over water with a white dove in flight. The dove is on the left side of the image, flying towards the right. The sunset is in the center, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a reflection on the water. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds. The water is dark blue with some ripples. The overall scene is peaceful and symbolic.

9. Importance of surrendering to Gods strength in these end times:

- a) Maintaining a surrendered life will give us God's strength, which is the only power to keep us in the tribulation prior to the great tribulation:**
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a. Maintaining a surrendered life will give us God's strength, which is the only power to keep us in the tribulation prior to the great tribulation:

- **Psalms 46:1-3 (AMP)**

... GOD IS our Refuge and Strength [mighty *and* impenetrable to temptation], a very present *and* well-proved help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains be shaken into the midst of the seas

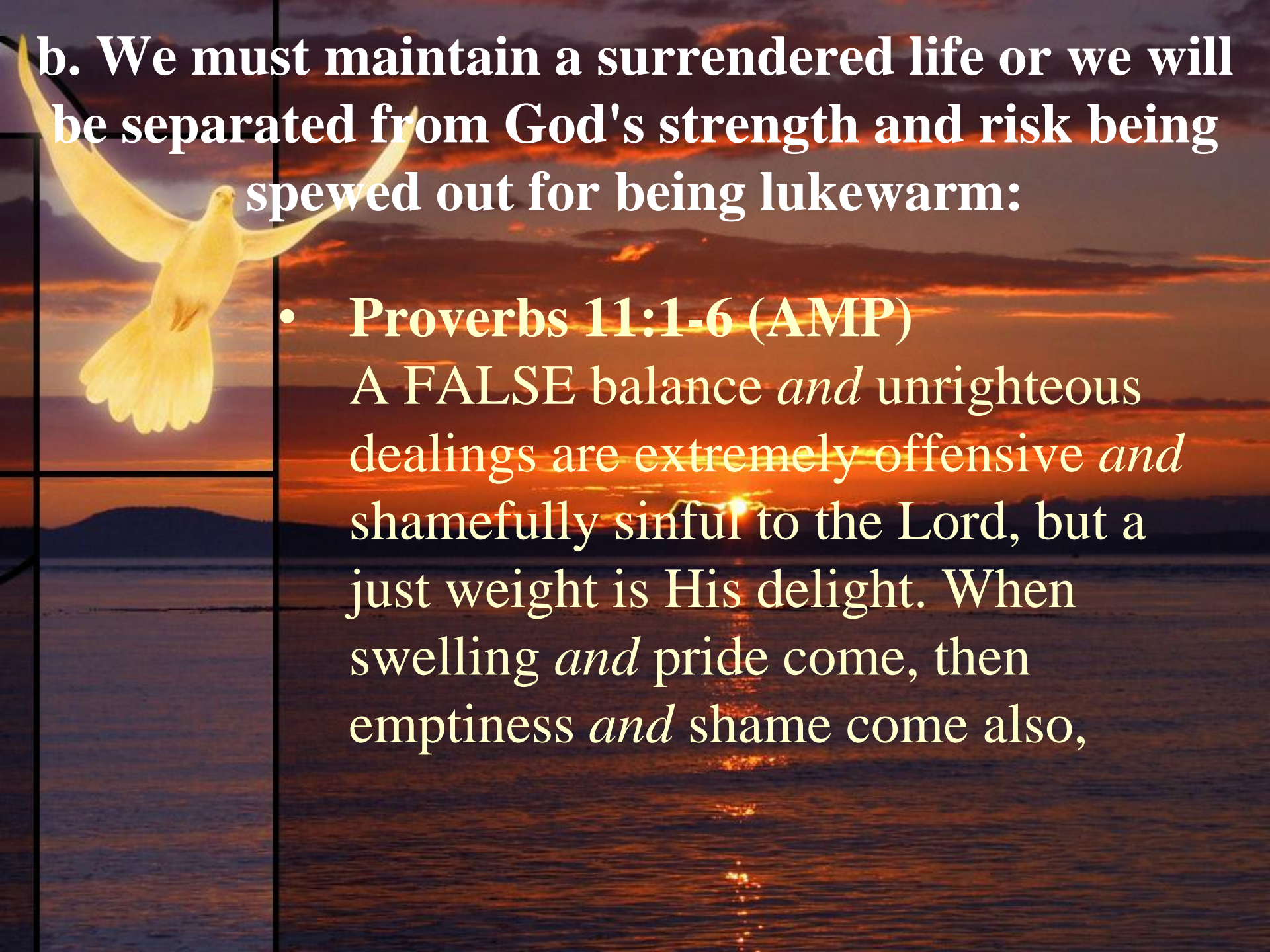
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³ Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling *and* tumult. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!

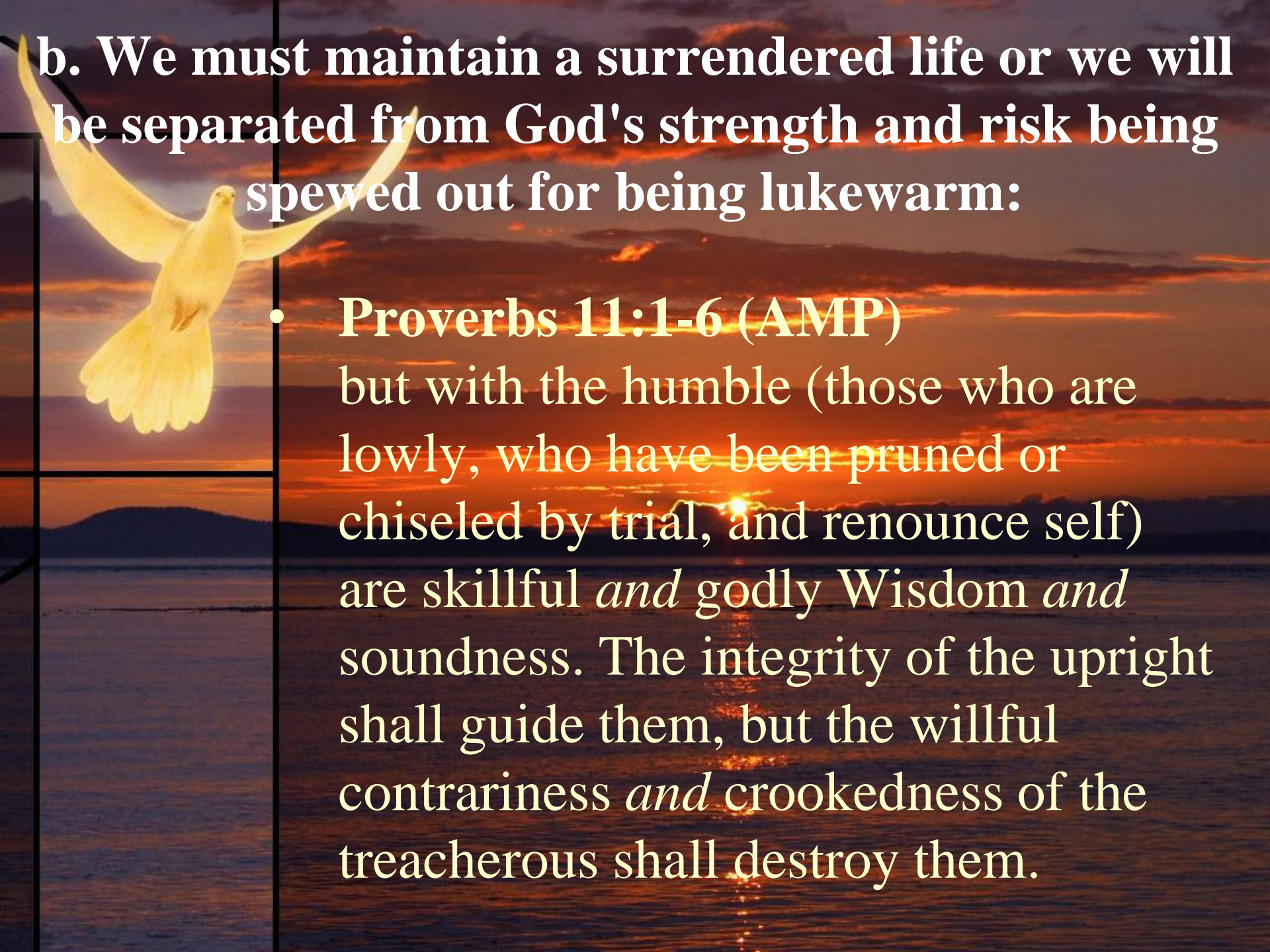


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b. We must maintain a surrendered life or we will be separated from God's strength and risk being spewed out for being lukewarm:

- **Proverbs 11:1-6 (AMP)**

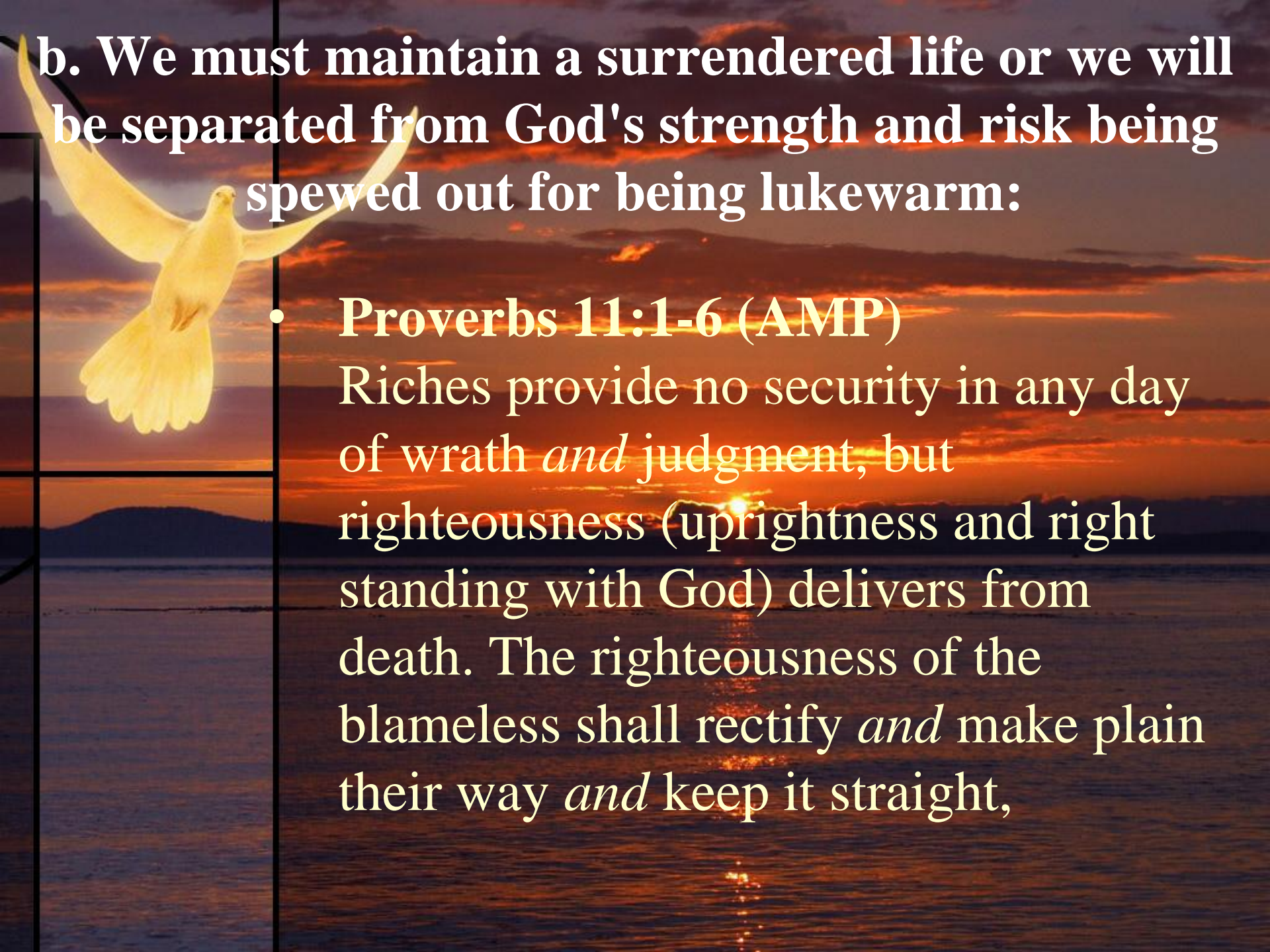
A FALSE balance *and* unrighteous dealings are extremely offensive *and* shamefully sinful to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight. When swelling *and* pride come, then emptiness *and* shame come also,

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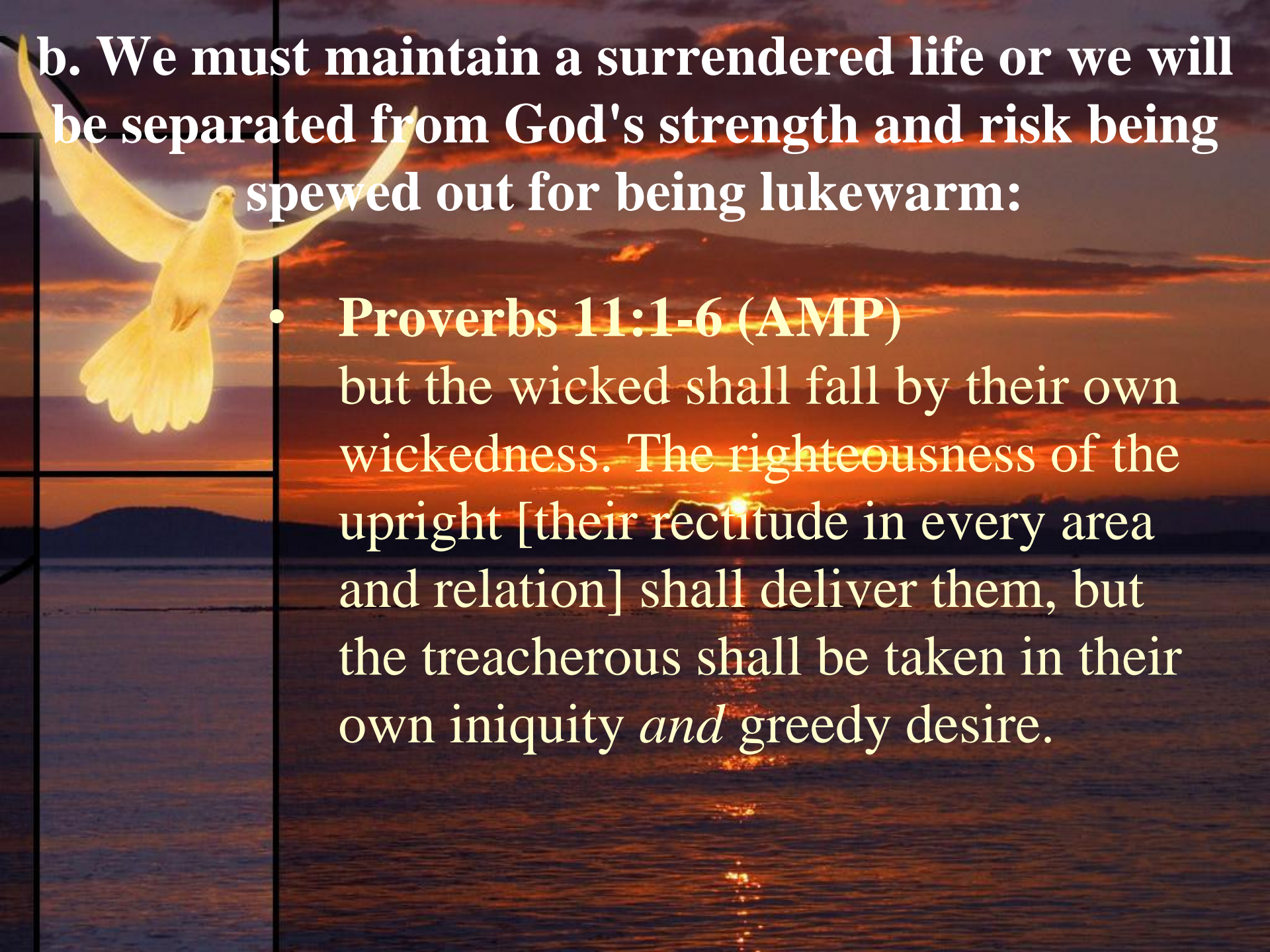
but with the humble (those who are lowly, who have been pruned or chiseled by trial, and renounce self) are skillful *and* godly Wisdom *and* soundness. The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the willful contrariness *and* crookedness of the treacherous shall destroy them.

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Riches provide no security in any day of wrath *and* judgment, but righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God) delivers from death. The righteousness of the blameless shall rectify *and* make plain their way *and* keep it straight,

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but the wicked shall fall by their own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright [their rectitude in every area and relation] shall deliver them, but the treacherous shall be taken in their own iniquity *and* greedy desire.



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c. We must maintain a surrendered life and remain faithful as it requires God's strength to gain the world to come:

- **Luke 16:9-13 (AMP)**


And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions), so that when it fails, they [those you have favored] may receive *and* welcome you into the everlasting habitations (dwellings

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He who is faithful in a very little [thing] is faithful also in much, and he who is dishonest *and* unjust in a very little [thing] is dishonest *and* unjust also in much.


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Therefore if you have not been faithful in the [case of] unrighteous mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions), who will entrust to you the true riches?

And if you have not proved faithful in that which belongs to another [whether God or man], who will give you that which is your own [that is, the true riches]?

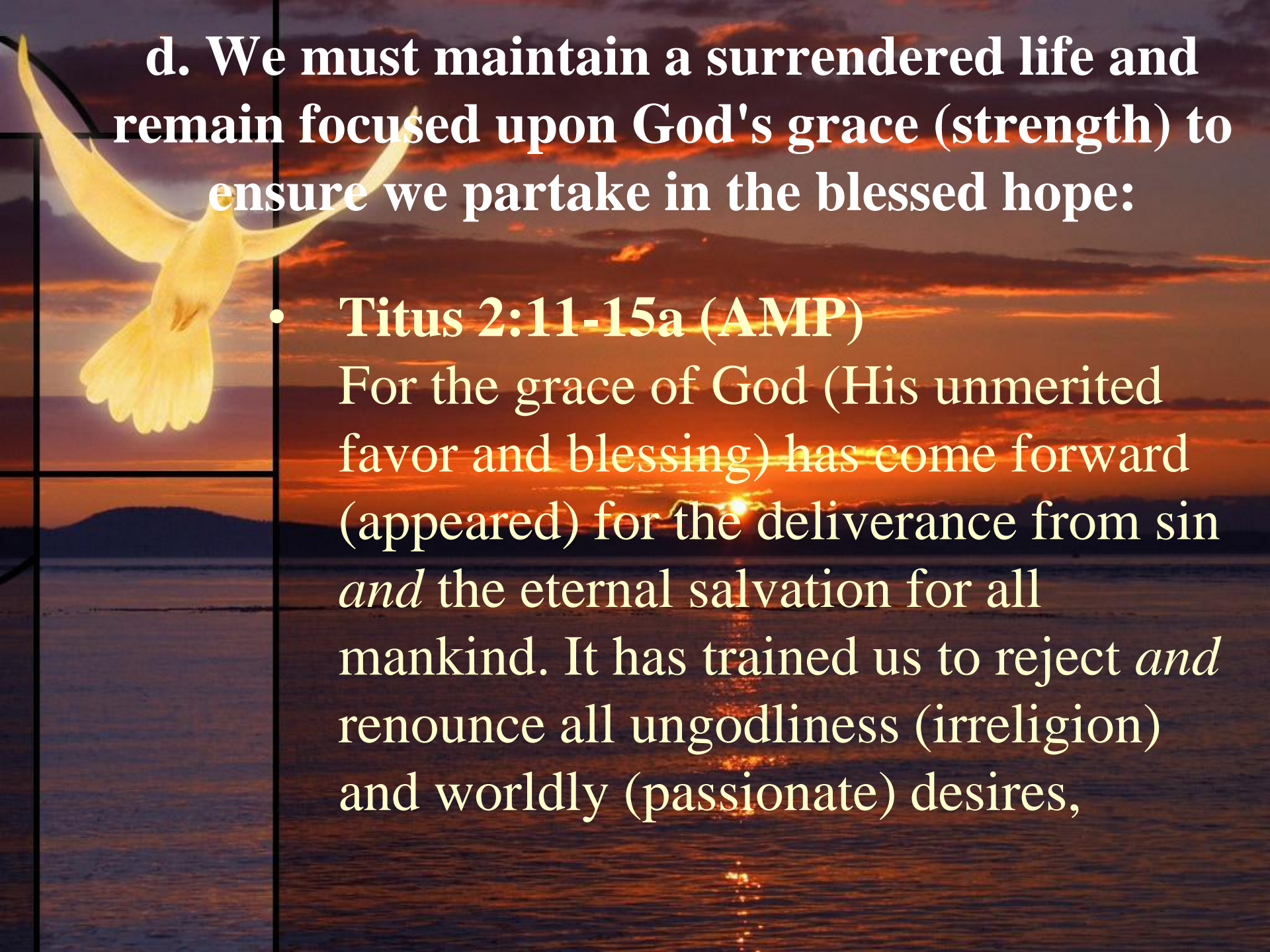
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No servant is able to serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by *and* be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (riches, or anything in which you trust and on which you rely).

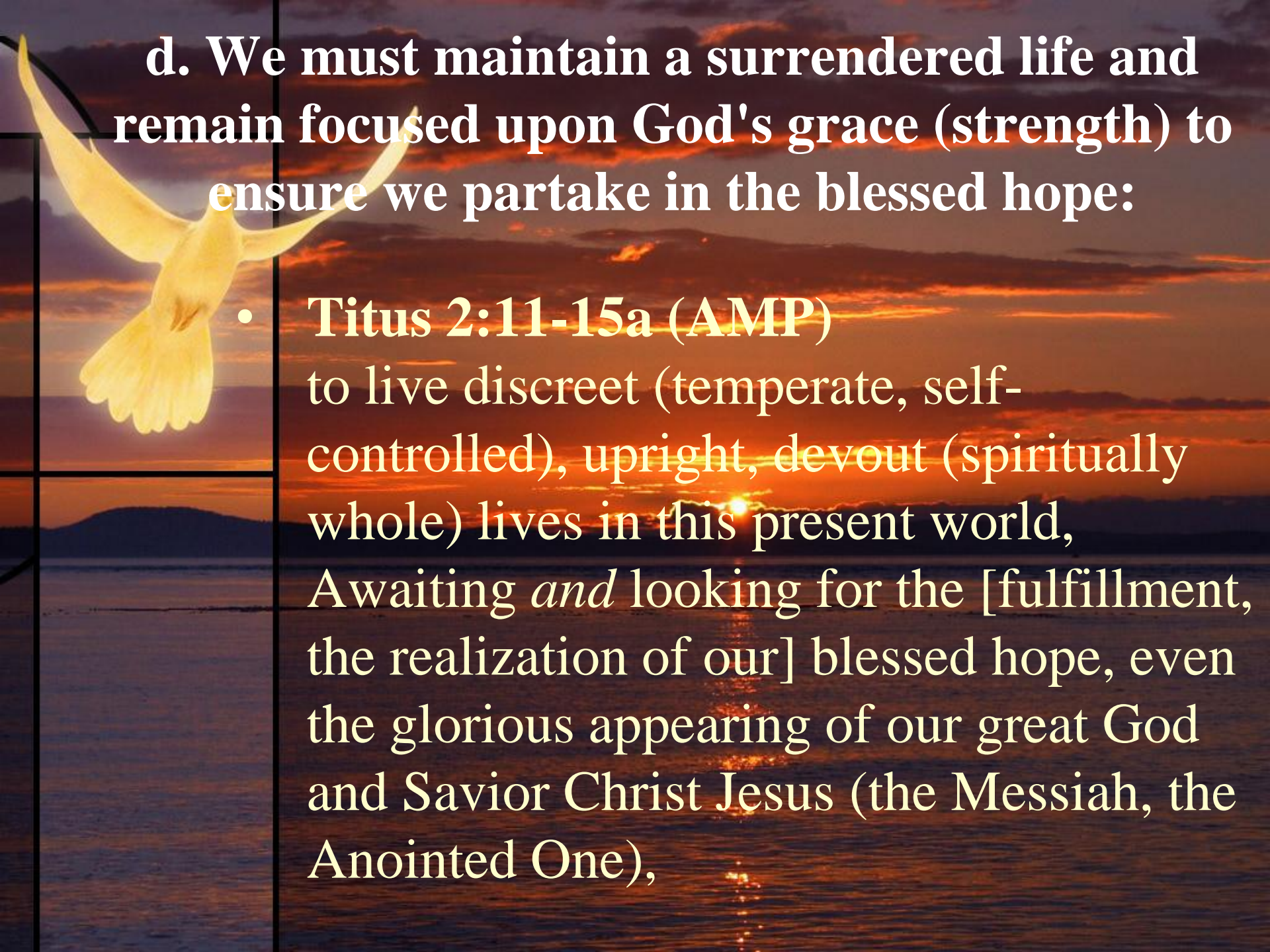


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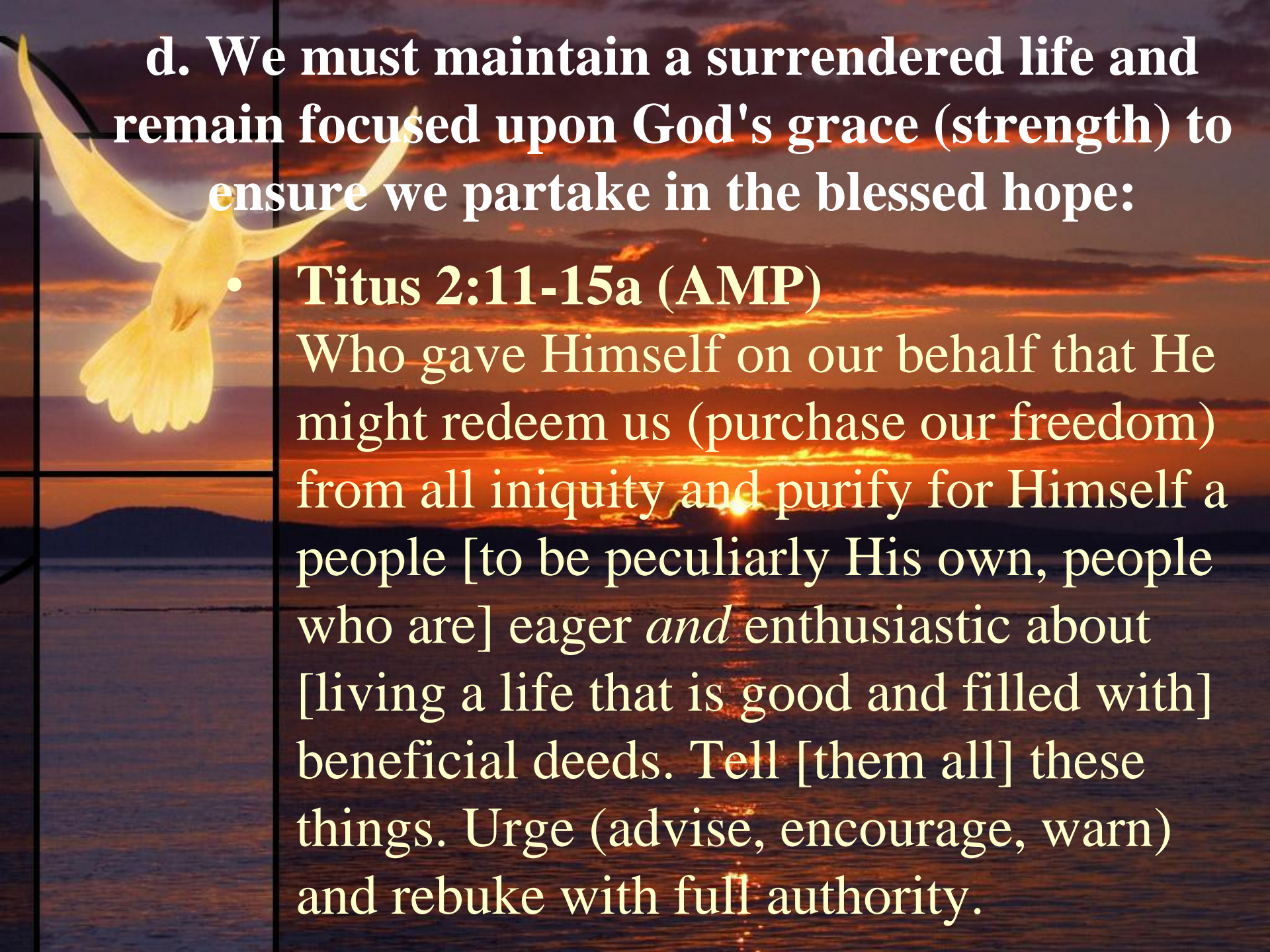
- **Titus 2:11-15a (AMP)**

For the grace of God (His unmerited favor and blessing) has come forward (appeared) for the deliverance from sin *and* the eternal salvation for all mankind. It has trained us to reject *and* renounce all ungodliness (irreligion) and worldly (passionate) desires,

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to live discreet (temperate, self-controlled), upright, devout (spiritually whole) lives in this present world, Awaiting *and* looking for the [fulfillment, the realization of our] blessed hope, even the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One),

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Who gave Himself on our behalf that He might redeem us (purchase our freedom) from all iniquity and purify for Himself a people [to be peculiarly His own, people who are] eager *and* enthusiastic about [living a life that is good and filled with] beneficial deeds. Tell [them all] these things. Urge (advise, encourage, warn) and rebuke with full authority.



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Summary

- **God is our strength and therefore worthy of the sacrifice of our surrender.**
- **Our strength is conditioned upon surrendering to Christ as Savior.**
- **We receive the strength of peace and blessings once we surrender to God.**
- **By surrendering to God - His strength becomes our strength.**

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- **The strength of obedience lies in our surrender in sanctification and holiness.**
- **To maintain Gods strength requires our continual surrender and perseverance.**

A white dove is shown in flight on the left side of the image, its wings spread wide. The background is a sunset over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. The entire image is framed by a black grid.

Summary

- True Surrender is walking so deep in God's strength that we have pure love for God, self & others.
- It is extremely importance to surrender to Gods strength in these end times.

Thank You

