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MALACHI 3:13-4:6



ARACHNOPHOBIA

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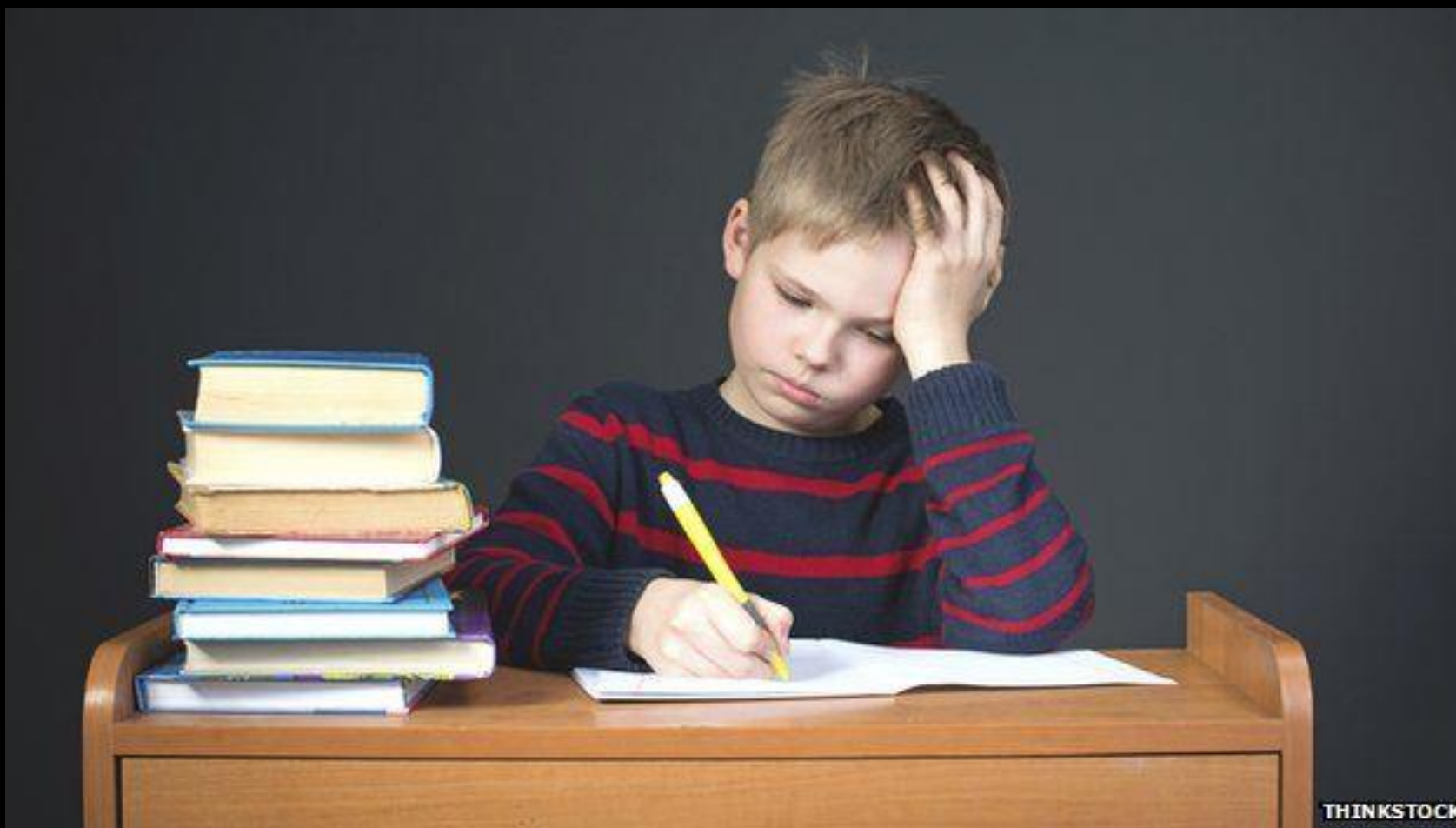


A misty mountain landscape with evergreen trees in the foreground and rolling hills in the background. The scene is hazy, with soft light filtering through the clouds and mist. The text is overlaid on this background.

DEVWHARPHOBIA

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THINKSTOCK



MELEAGRISPHOBIA

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13"Your words against me are harsh," says the LORD. Yet you ask, "What have we spoken against you?" 14You have said: "It is useless to serve God. What have we gained by keeping his requirements and walking mournfully before the LORD of Armies? 15So now we consider the arrogant to be fortunate. Not only do those who commit wickedness prosper, they even test God and escape." 16At that time those who feared the LORD spoke to one another.

The LORD took notice and listened. So a book of remembrance was written before him for those who feared the LORD and had high regard for his name. ¹⁷"They will be mine," says the LORD of Armies, "my own possession on the day I am preparing. I will have compassion on them as a man has compassion on his son who serves him. ¹⁸So you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

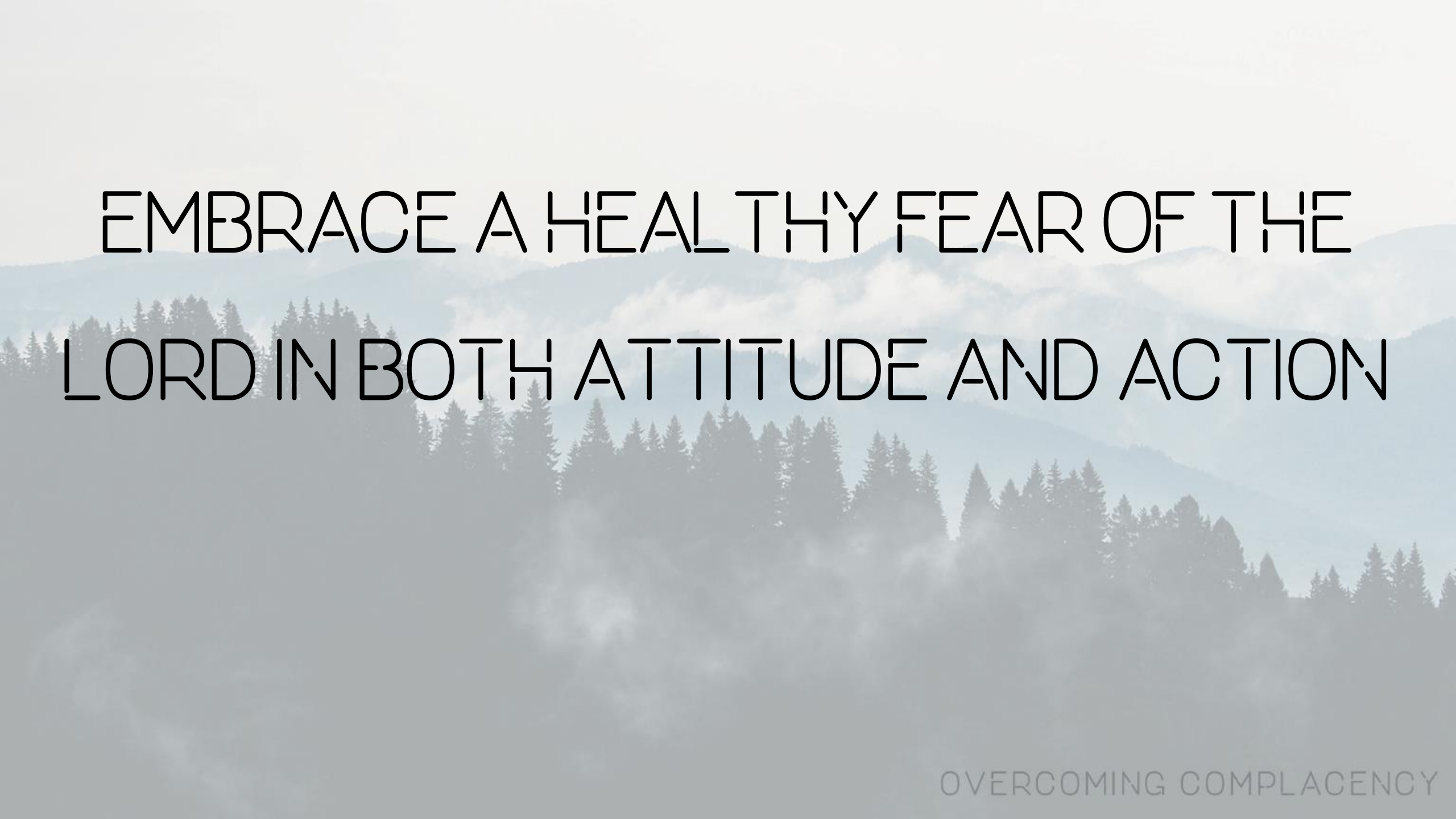
1" For look, the day is coming, burning like a furnace, when all the arrogant and everyone who commits wickedness will become stubble. The coming day will consume them," says the LORD of Armies, "not leaving them root or branches. 2But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go out and playfully jump like calves from the stall.

³You will trample the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day I am preparing," says the LORD of Armies.

⁴"Remember the instruction of Moses my servant, the statutes and ordinances I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵Look, I am going to send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.

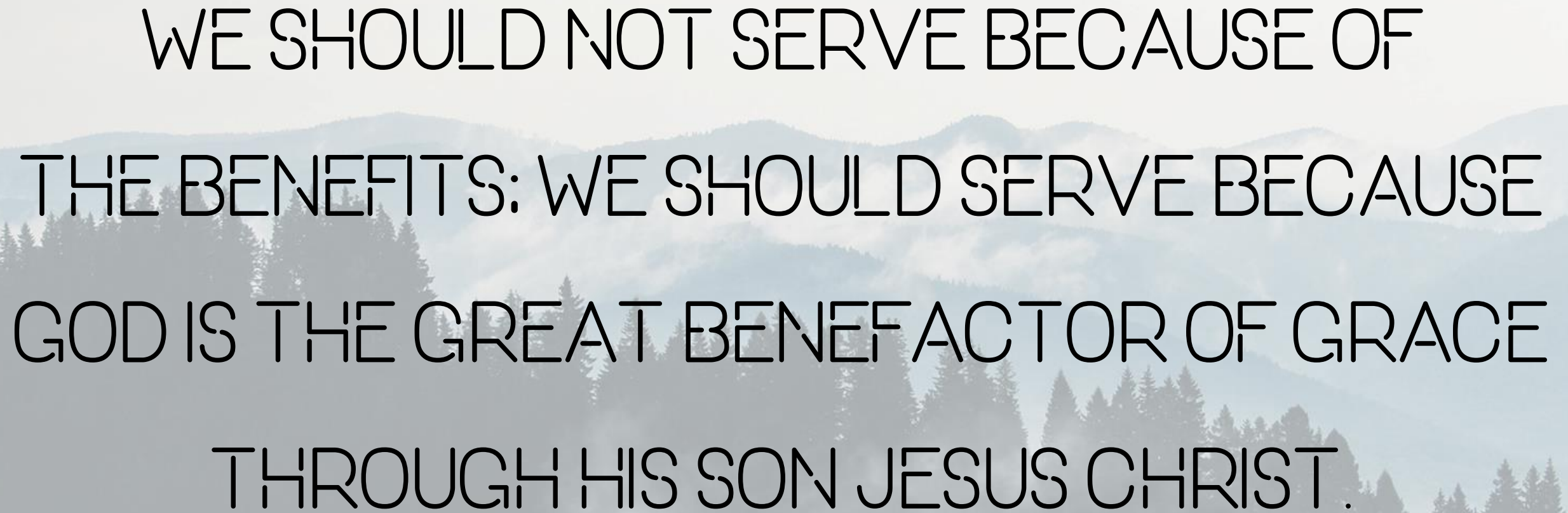
⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with a curse."

Malachi 3:13-4:6 (CSB)

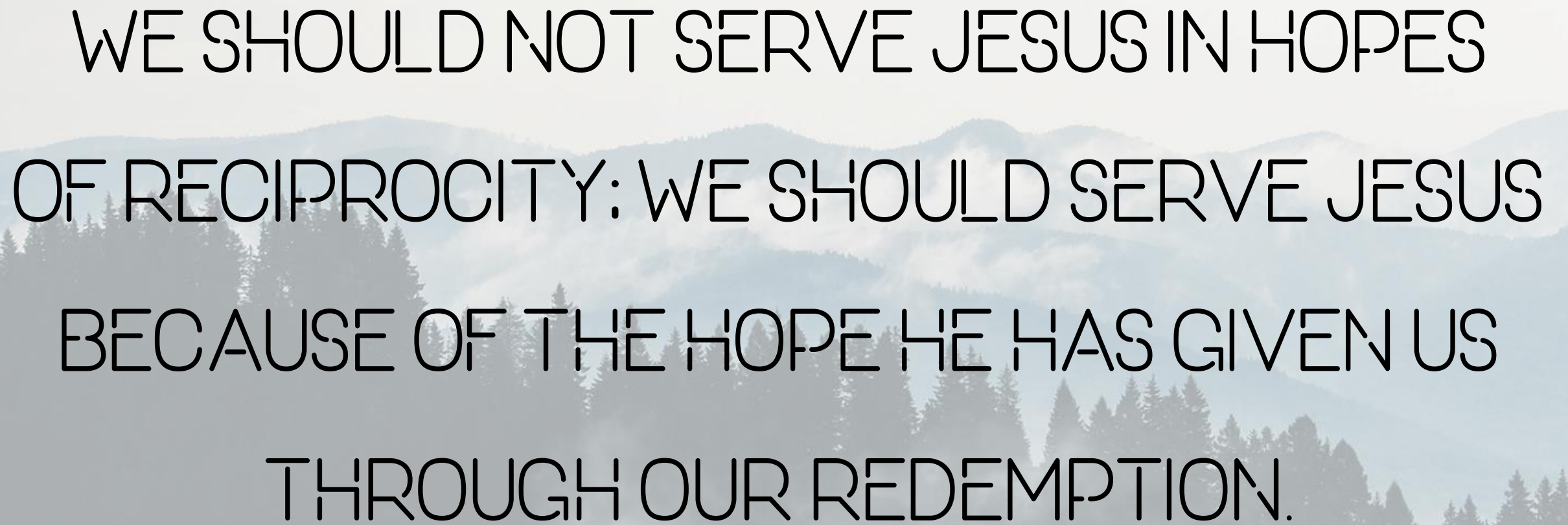


EMBRACE A HEALTHY FEAR OF THE
LORD IN BOTH ATTITUDE AND ACTION

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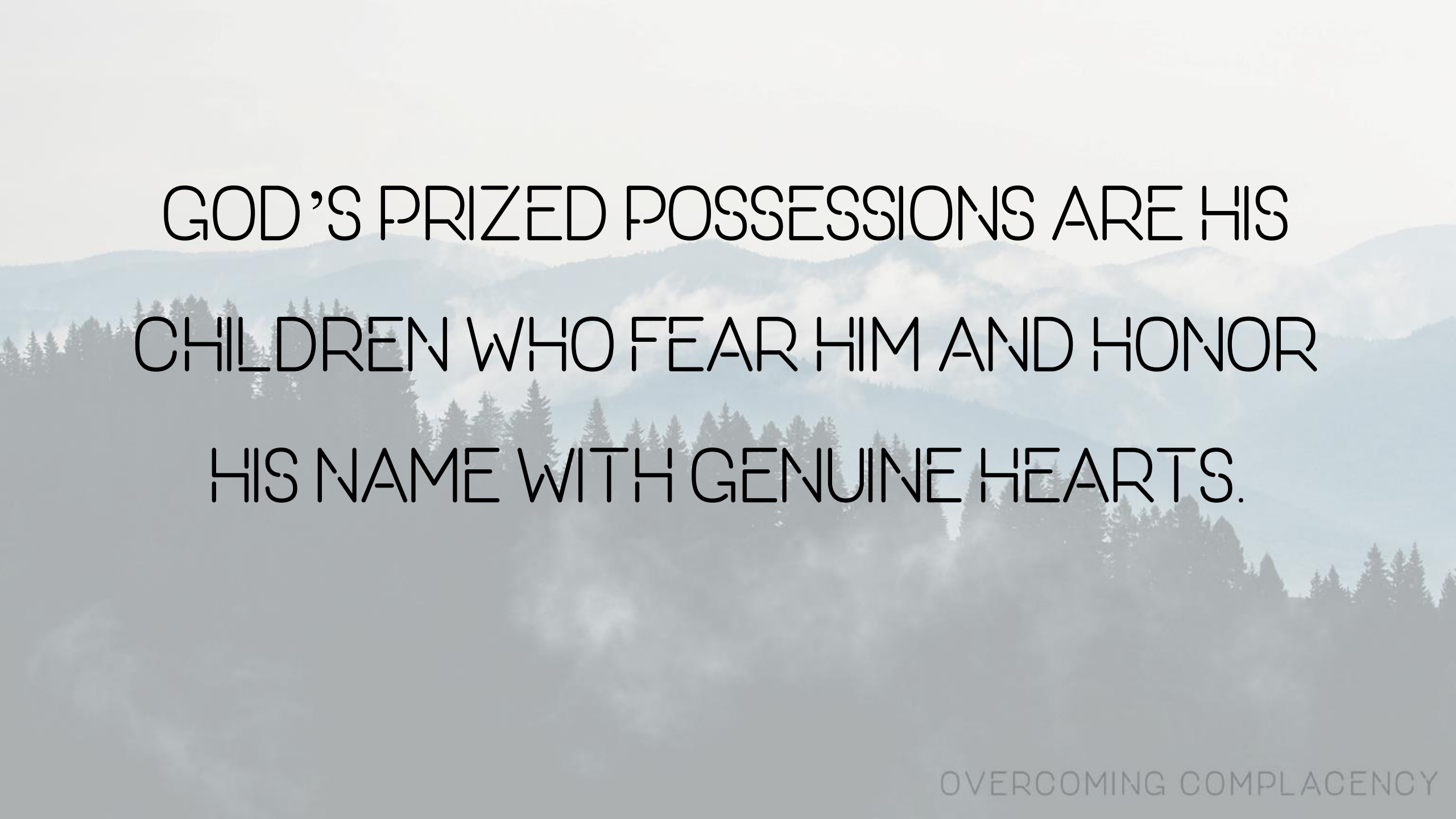
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THE BENEFITS: WE SHOULD SERVE BECAUSE
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THROUGH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.

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WE SHOULD NOT SERVE JESUS IN HOPES
OF RECIPROCITY: WE SHOULD SERVE JESUS
BECAUSE OF THE HOPE HE HAS GIVEN US
THROUGH OUR REDEMPTION.



GOOD WORKS THAT DO NOT ARISE OUT OF
GENUINE FAITH AND GRATITUDE FOR JESUS
ARE USELESS.

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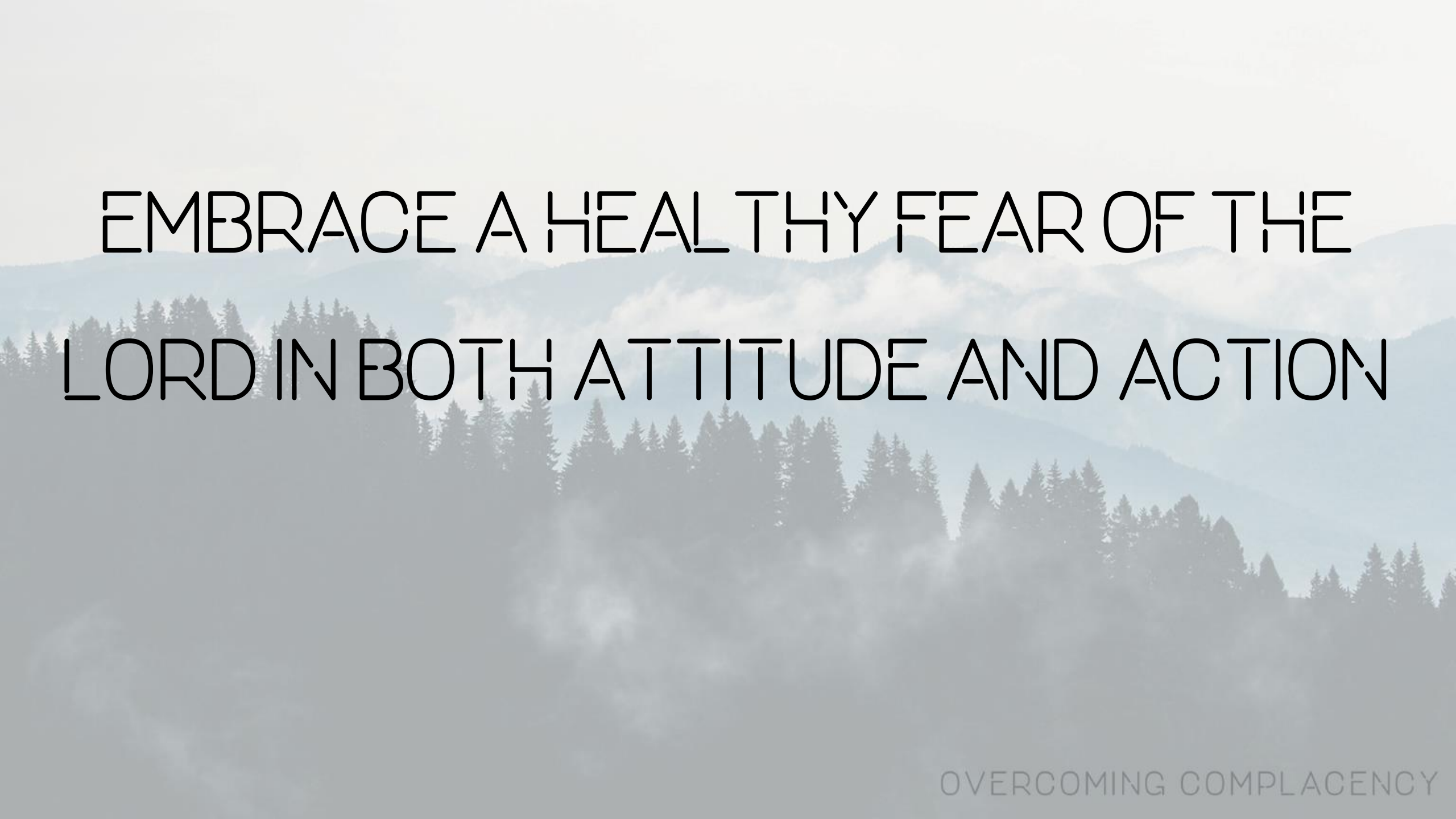
GOD'S PRIZED POSSESSIONS ARE HIS
CHILDREN WHO FEAR HIM AND HONOR
HIS NAME WITH GENUINE HEARTS.

**¹How happy is the one who does not walk in the advice of the wicked or stand in the pathway with sinners or sit in the company of mockers!
²Instead, his delight is in the LORD's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night. ³He is like a tree planted beside flowing streams that bears its fruit in its season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

⁴The wicked are not like this; instead, they are like chaff that the wind blows away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand up in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

Psalm 1:1-6 (CSB)



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