

THE GREATEST LOVE SONG
March Sermon Series

I Love You to the Moon & Beyond

 Mount Zion Church
Sunday Service
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INTRO:

It's not exactly clear when the hyperbolic expression emerged, but a character delivers a form of it in Tom Topor's 1979 play *Nuts*: "When I was a little girl, I used to say to her, 'I love you to the moon and down again and around the world and back again.' And she used to say to me, 'I love you to the sun and down again and around the stars and back again.'"

Whatever its precise origins, the saying spread in the 1990–2000s, as evidenced by its use in popular culture. In 1992, the band Spectrum released a song titled "(I Love You) To the Moon and Back." **The theme of a parent's love for their child** is also reflected in the 1994 picture book *Guess How Much I Love You?* In the book, a small hare tells his father "I love you right up to the moon," and the father replies "I love you right up to the moon – and back."



In this book we can read in a poem style how the bride and the bridegroom **admiring** each other (praising one another, think high, speak high). And it was so complete and thoroughly, so honest, so deep so that we can learn **the exclusiveness of love within marriage!**

An admiration that could only & must only be happened within the marriage.



EPHESIANS 5

³¹ “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.



EFESUS 5

31 Sebab itu laki-laki akan meninggalkan ayahnya dan ibunya dan bersatu dengan isterinya, sehingga keduanya itu menjadi satu daging.

32 Rahasia ini besar, tetapi yang aku maksudkan ialah hubungan Kristus dan jemaat.

Do the believers need to have marriage so that they can learn that greatest mystery about the divine relationship between Christ and the church?

There is a gift of celibacy *Mat.19:12*.

¹² For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs **for the kingdom of heaven’s sake**. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.”

¹² Ada orang yang tidak dapat kawin karena ia memang

lahir demikian dari rahim ibunya, dan ada orang yang dijadikan demikian oleh orang lain, dan ada orang yang membuat dirinya demikian **karena kemauannya sendiri oleh karena Kerajaan Sorga**. Siapa yang dapat mengerti hendaklah ia mengerti."

By understanding the purpose and the enjoyment of holy marriage from the perspective of the Bible, every believer (including those with the gift of celibacy) will be able to understand and experience that deeper love!

I LOVE YOU TO THE MOON & BEYOND

There is a saying: **Love is blind!** Is that also applicable in the heavenly love?

How to experience love that **stronger** than any conflict that may arise?

What is the sign of **a true love**?





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:1: Love You to the Moon & Beyond

Love Without Spot

SONGS 4 *The Beloved to the Shulamite*

⁷ You are all fair, my love, and
there is no spot in you.

⁸ Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon. Look from the top of Amana, from the top of Senir and Hermon, **from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.**



KIDUNG AGUNG 4:7-8

⁷ Engkau cantik sekali, manisku, tak ada cacat cela padamu.

⁸ Turunlah kepadaku dari gunung Libanon, pengantinku, datanglah kepadaku dari gunung Libanon, turunlah dari puncak Amana, dari puncak Senir dan Hermon, dari liang-liang singa, dari pegunungan tempat macan tutul!

She was used to live with lion and leopard, but then she become the bride for the Beloved!



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ISAIAH 1

¹⁸ “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, **they shall be as white as snow**; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.



YESAYA 1

18 Marilah, baiklah kita berperkara! --firman TUHAN--
Sekalipun dosamu merah seperti kirmizi, akan menjadi putih seperti salju; sekalipun berwarna merah seperti kain kesumba, akan menjadi putih seperti bulu domba.

Actually there is huge of spot, but because of His love, so that the spot was completely gone **without any mark** at all! Even in the book of Hoshea, God gave a picture that His love is so great to receive again the wife that had been fallen in to adultery sins!

JEREMIAH 31

³ The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you **with an everlasting love**; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

³ Dari jauh TUHAN menampakkan diri kepadanya: Aku mengasihi engkau **dengan kasih yang kekal**, sebab itu Aku melanjutkan kasih setia-Ku kepadamu.



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1 PETER 4

⁸ And above all things have fervent love for one another, for **“love will cover a multitude of sins.”**



So, this is the Biblical explanation about **“love is blind.”**

Yes, when someone come into Christ, His love will be blind for multitude of sins that already happened in the past. And also as the body of Christ, we must be ready to be blind as well for the history that happened in the past. Just like how Joseph had forgiven and forgotten all the evil things that had been made by his brother.



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²⁵ Husbands, love your wives,
just as **Christ also loved the
church and gave Himself for
her**, ²⁶ that He might **sanctify**
and **cleanse** her with the
washing of water by the word,





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²⁷ that He might present her to Himself **a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing**, but that she should be **holy** and **without blemish**.





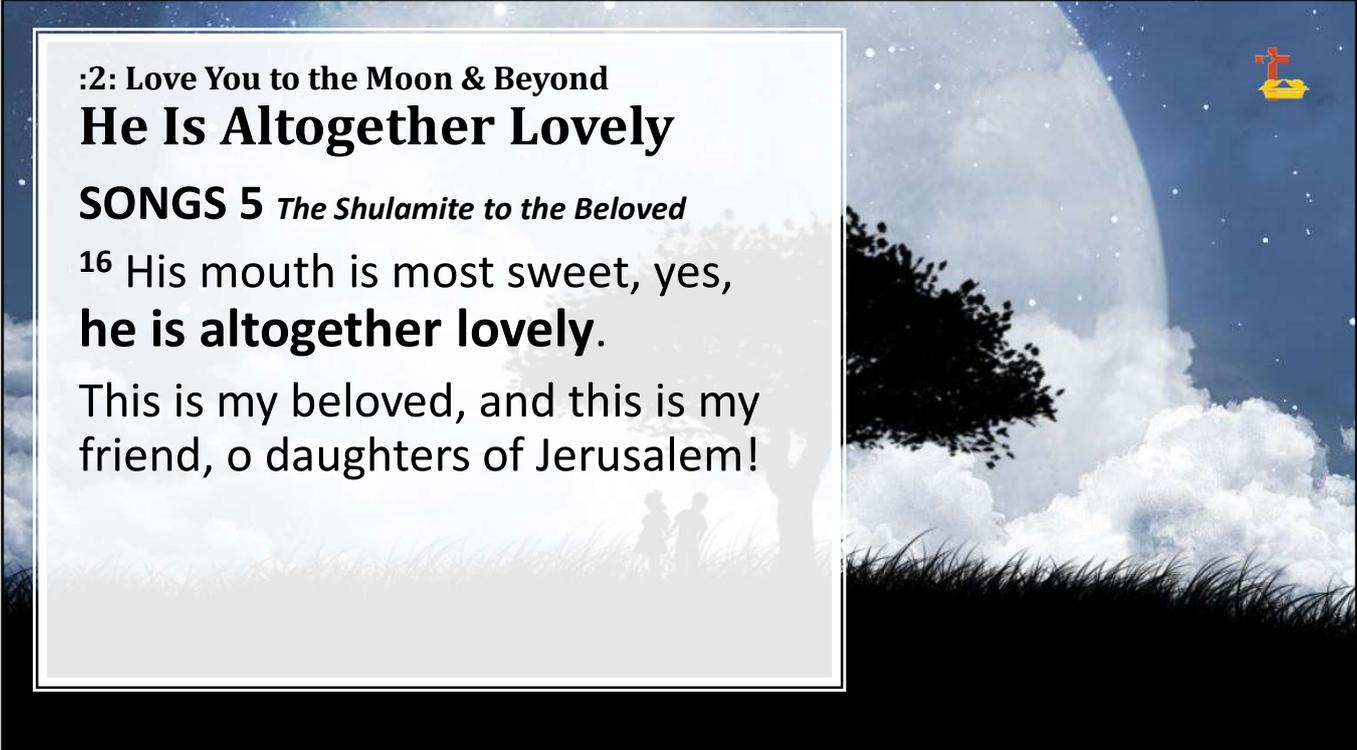
:2: Love You to the Moon & Beyond

He Is Altogether Lovely

SONGS 5 *The Shulamite to the Beloved*

¹⁴ His hands are rods of gold set with beryl. His body is carved ivory inlaid with sapphires.

¹⁵ His legs are pillars of marble set on bases of fine gold. His countenance is like Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.



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¹⁶ His mouth is most sweet, yes,
he is altogether lovely.

This is my beloved, and this is my
friend, o daughters of Jerusalem!

ALTOGETHER LOVELY – there is nothing wrong with You,
You always right and will never ever change! There is
nothing to blame on.



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JOB 1

²⁰ Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

AYUB 1 :20-22

20 Maka berdirilah Ayub, lalu mengoyak jubahnya, dan mencukur kepalanya, kemudian sujudlah ia dan menyembah,

21 katanya: "Dengan telanjang aku keluar dari kandungan ibuku, dengan telanjang juga aku akan kembali ke dalamnya. TUHAN yang memberi, TUHAN yang mengambil, terpujilah nama TUHAN!"

22 Dalam kesemuanya itu Ayub tidak berbuat dosa dan **tidak menuduh Allah berbuat yang kurang patut.**

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JOB 1

²¹ And he said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; **Blessed be the name of the Lord.**”

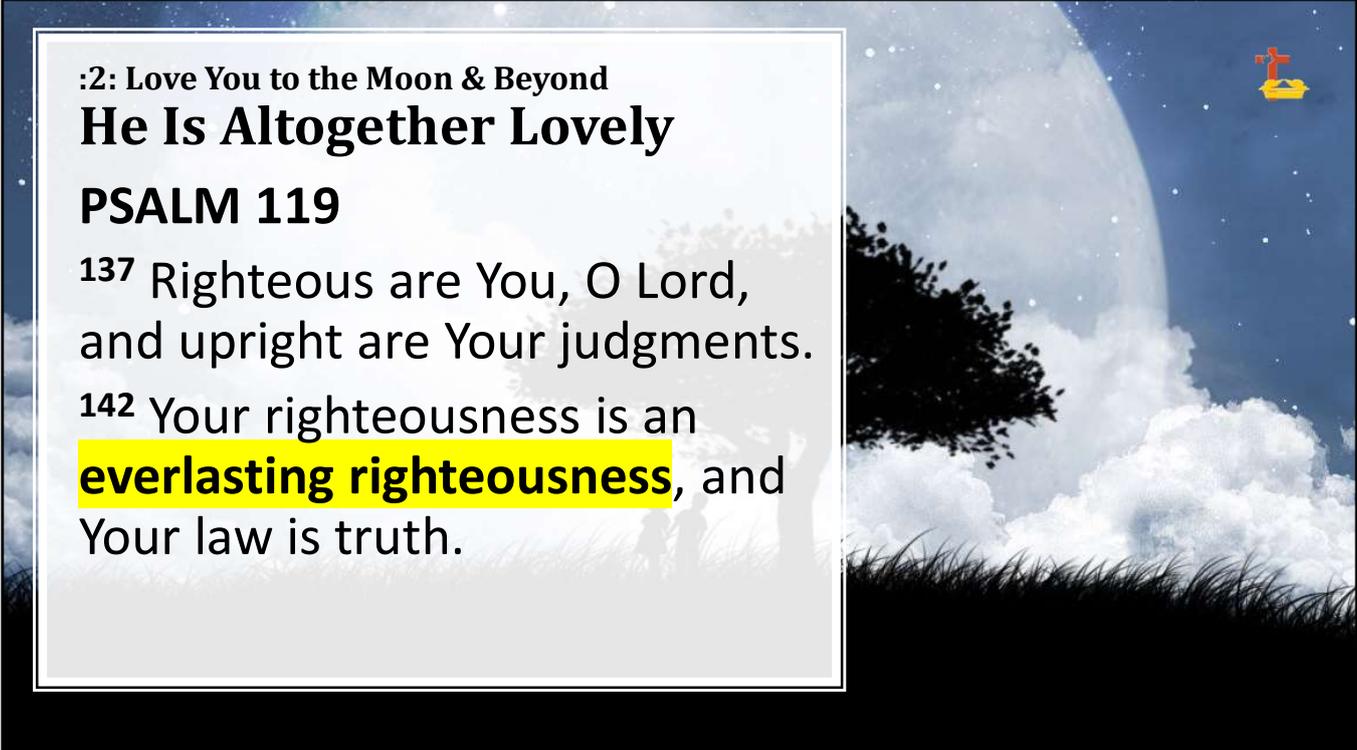


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22 In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.





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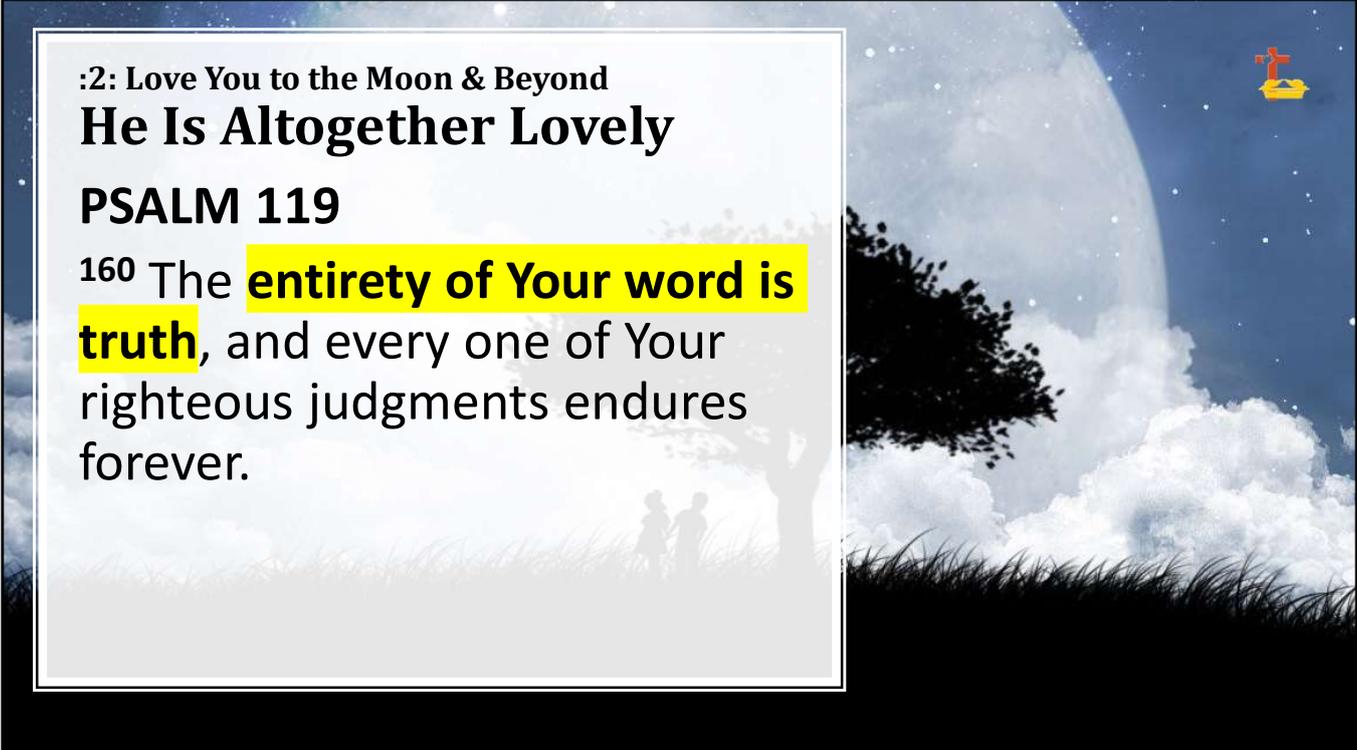
PSALM 119

137 Righteous are You, O Lord,
and upright are Your judgments.

142 Your righteousness is an
everlasting righteousness, and
Your law is truth.

137 Engkau adil, ya TUHAN, dan hukum-hukum-Mu benar.

142 Keadilan-Mu adil untuk selama-lamanya, dan Taurat-Mu benar.



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PSALM 119

160 The **entirety of Your word is truth**, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

160 Dasar firman-Mu adalah kebenaran dan segala hukum-hukum-Mu yang adil adalah untuk selamanya.

ROMANS 8

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

28 Kita tahu sekarang, bahwa Allah turut bekerja dalam segala sesuatu untuk mendatangkan kebaikan bagi mereka yang mengasihi Dia, yaitu bagi mereka yang terpanggil sesuai dengan rencana Allah.

CONCLUSION

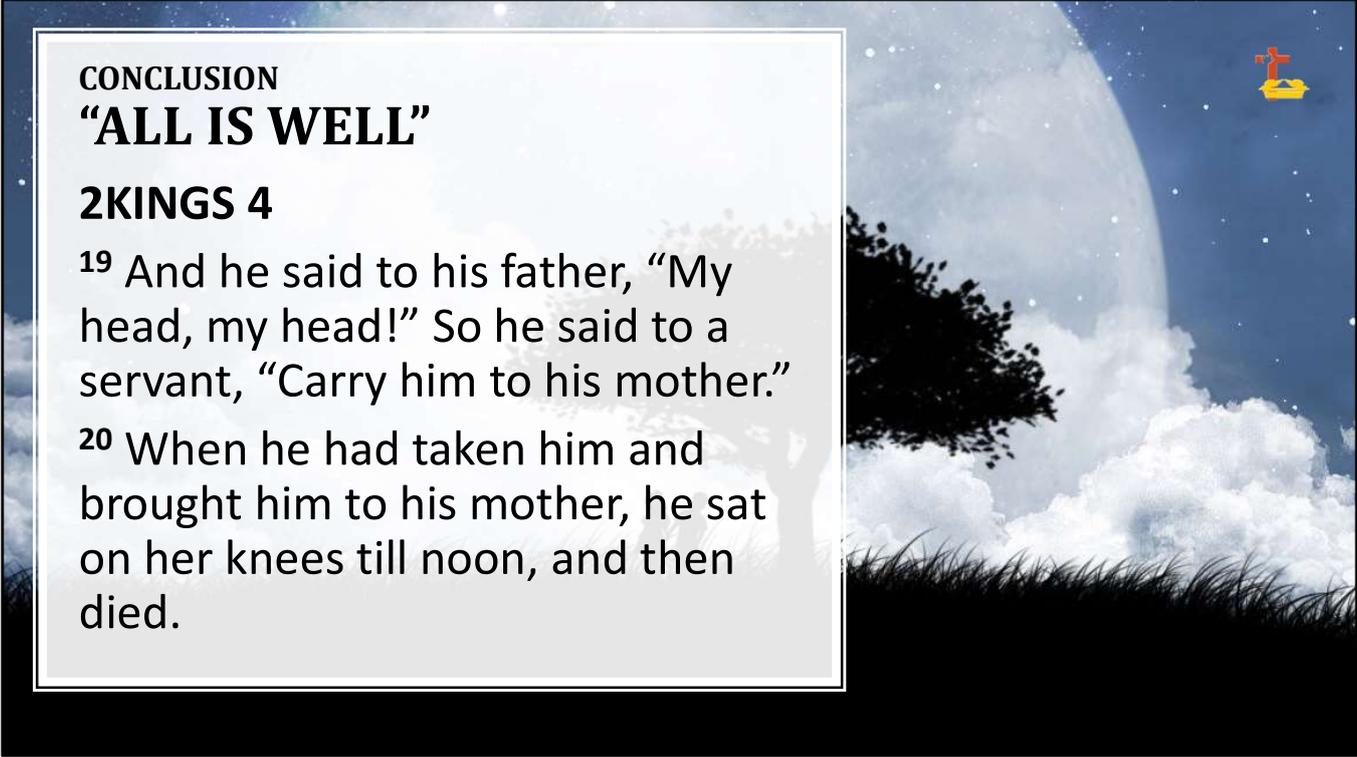
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2KINGS 4

¹⁷ But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her.

¹⁸ And the child grew. Now it happened one day that he went out to his father, to the reapers.





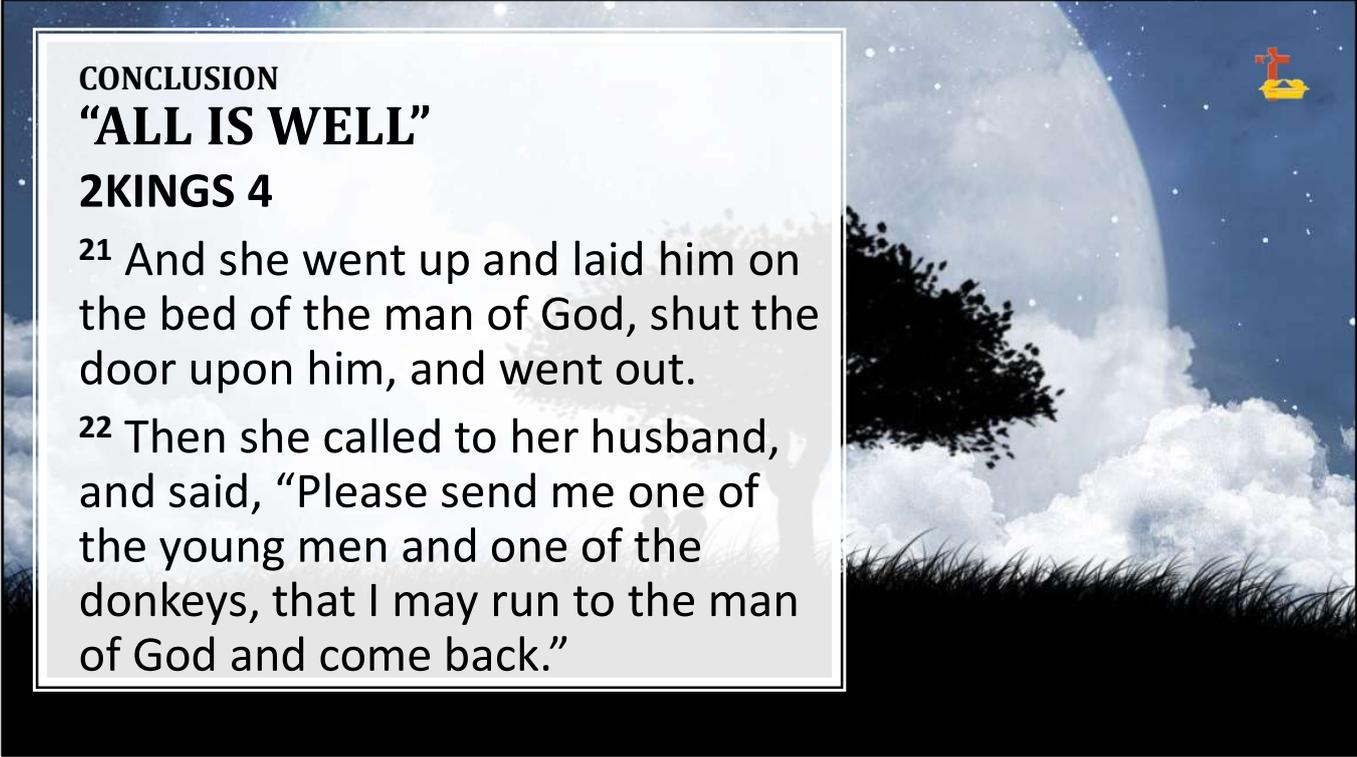
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¹⁹ And he said to his father, “My head, my head!” So he said to a servant, “Carry him to his mother.”

²⁰ When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.



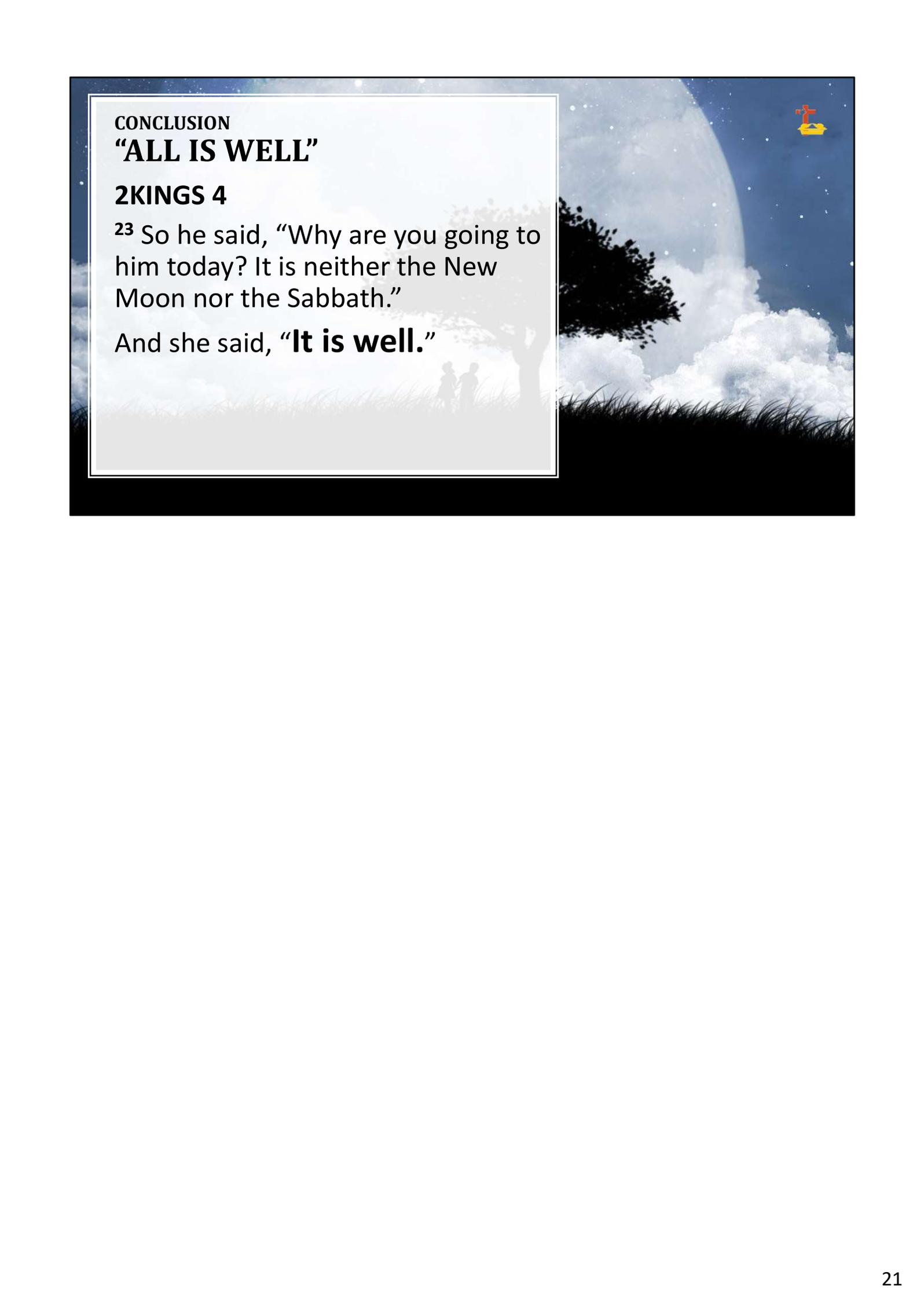
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²¹ And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shut the door upon him, and went out.

²² Then she called to her husband, and said, “Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come back.”



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2KINGS 4

²³ So he said, “Why are you going to him today? It is neither the New Moon nor the Sabbath.”

And she said, **“It is well.”**

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“ALL IS WELL”

²⁵ So it was, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look, the Shunammite woman! ²⁶ Please run now to meet her, and say to her, ‘Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?’ ”

And she answered, **“It is well.”**



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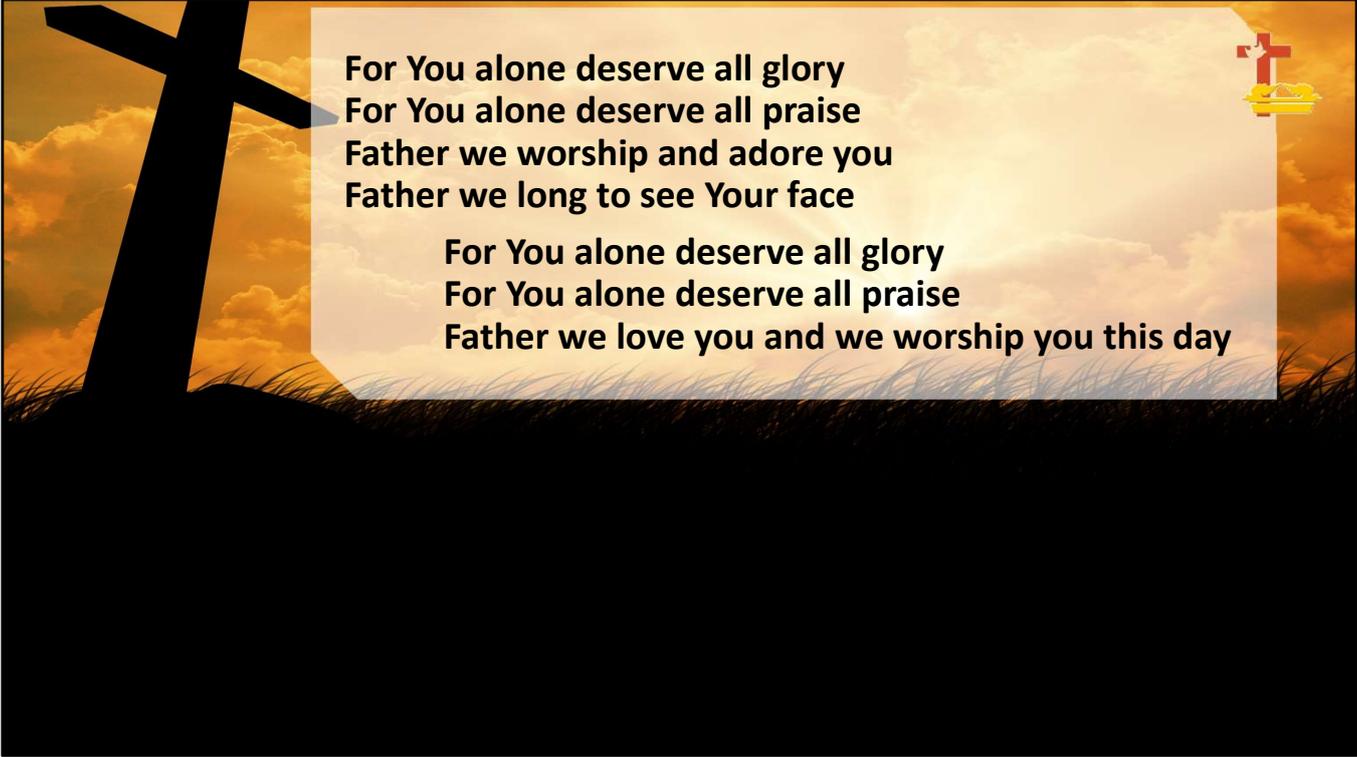
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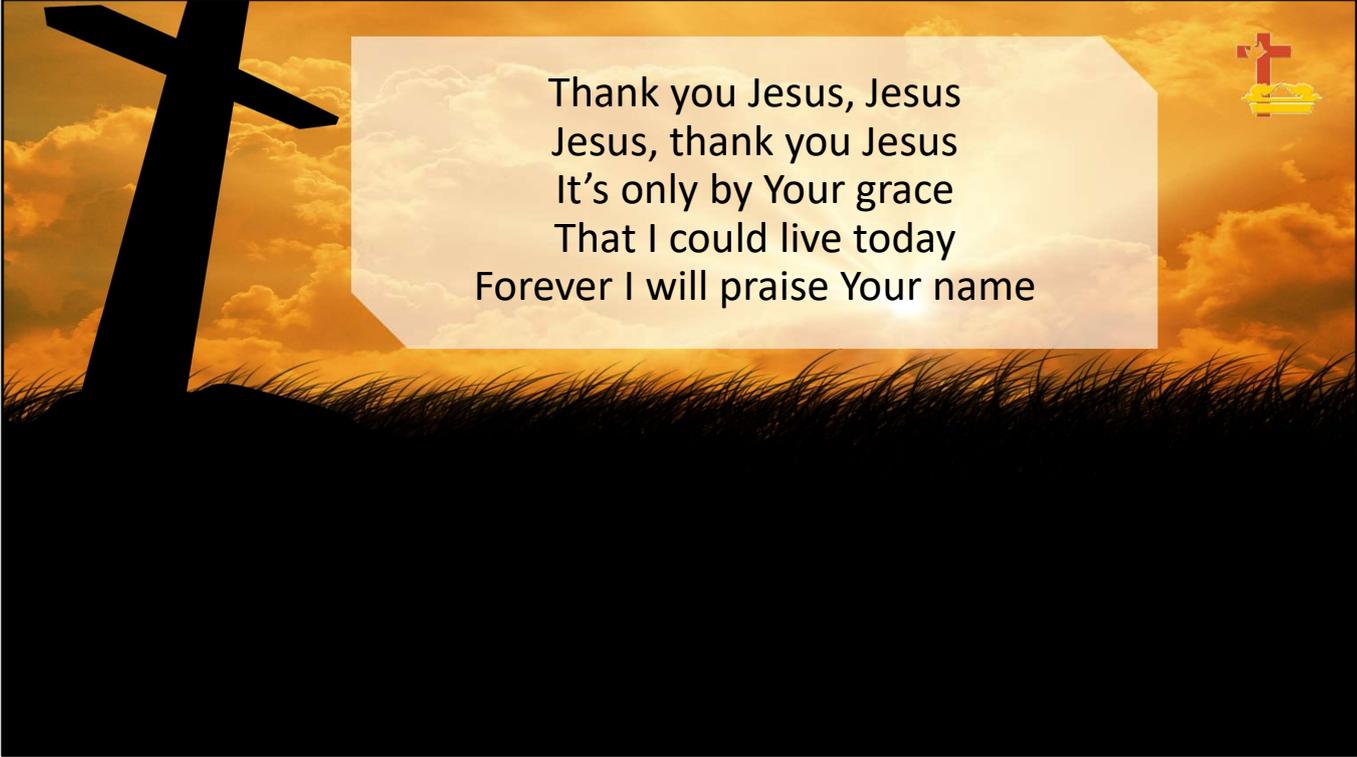
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**For You alone deserve all glory
For You alone deserve all praise
Father we worship and adore you
Father we long to see Your face**

**For You alone deserve all glory
For You alone deserve all praise
Father we love you and we worship you this day**



Thank you Jesus, Jesus
Jesus, thank you Jesus
It's only by Your grace
That I could live today
Forever I will praise Your name





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