



ECCLESIASTES

Review:

Week One (Chapter 1) – Life is short, illusive, repetitive...

“life under the sun”

“vanity of vanities”

Week Two (Chapter 2) – Quest for meaning ‘under the sun’...

“profit or gain”

Transition point – author begins to provide a divine perspective on life....

Eccl. 2:24&25 “A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without Him, who can eat or find enjoyment?”

Ecclesiastes 3 – Perspective on Time

Appointed Times in Life

3:1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:



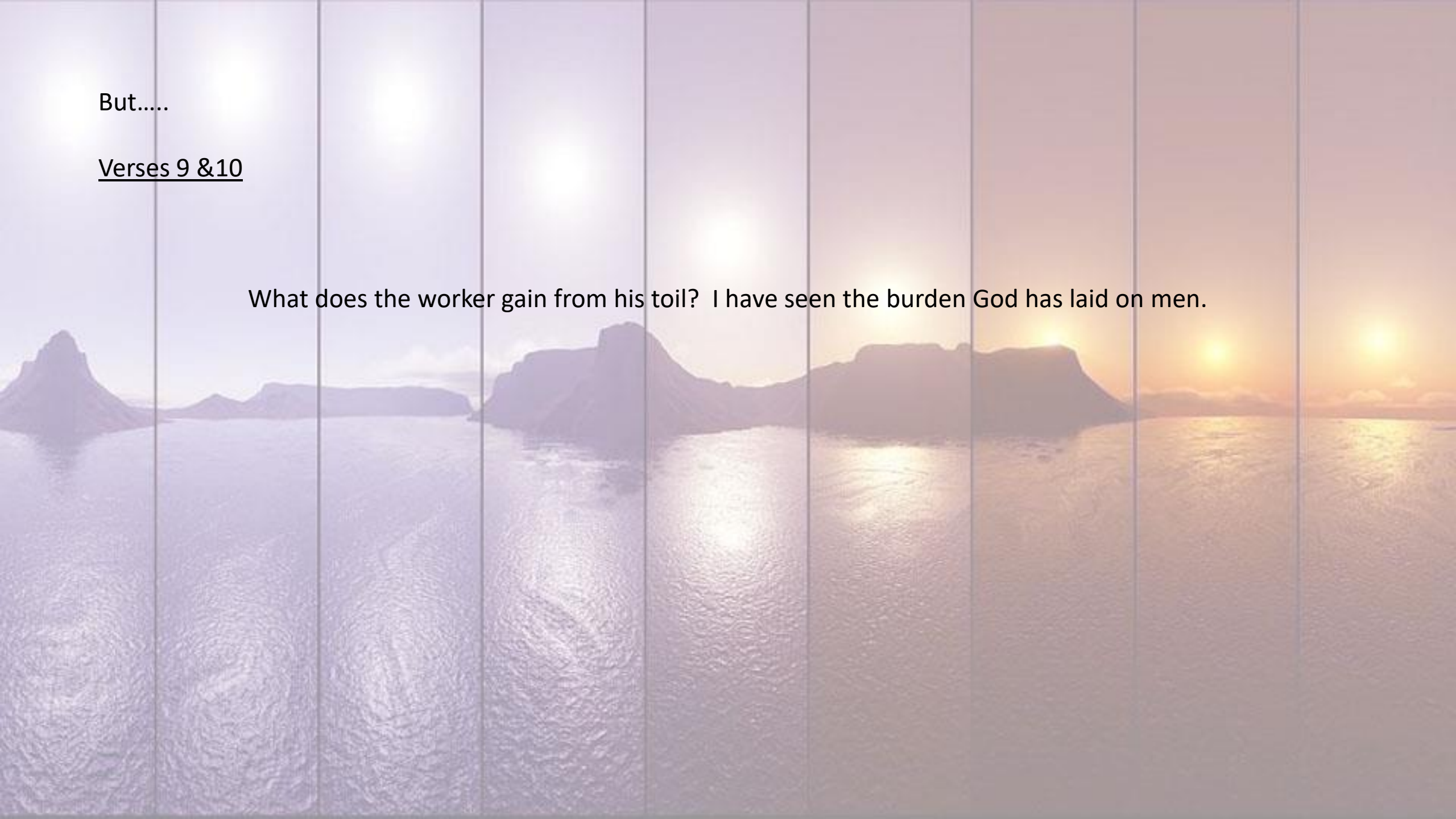
Verses 2-8

a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

But.....

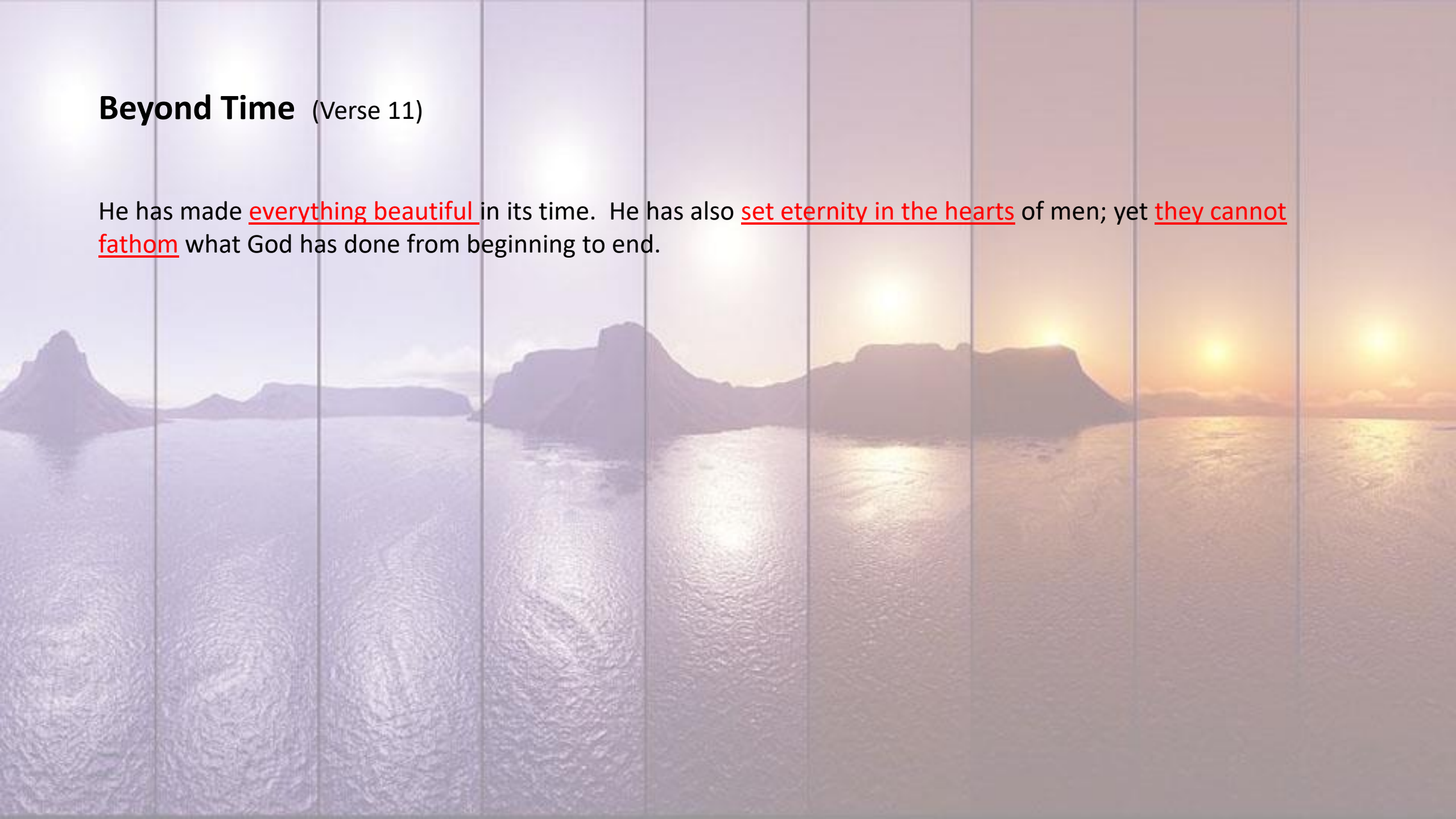
Verses 9 &10

What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men.



Beyond Time (Verse 11)

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.



Living In Time (“living small”) – Verses 12 &13 (NASB)

I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one’s lifetime; moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor – it is the gift of God.

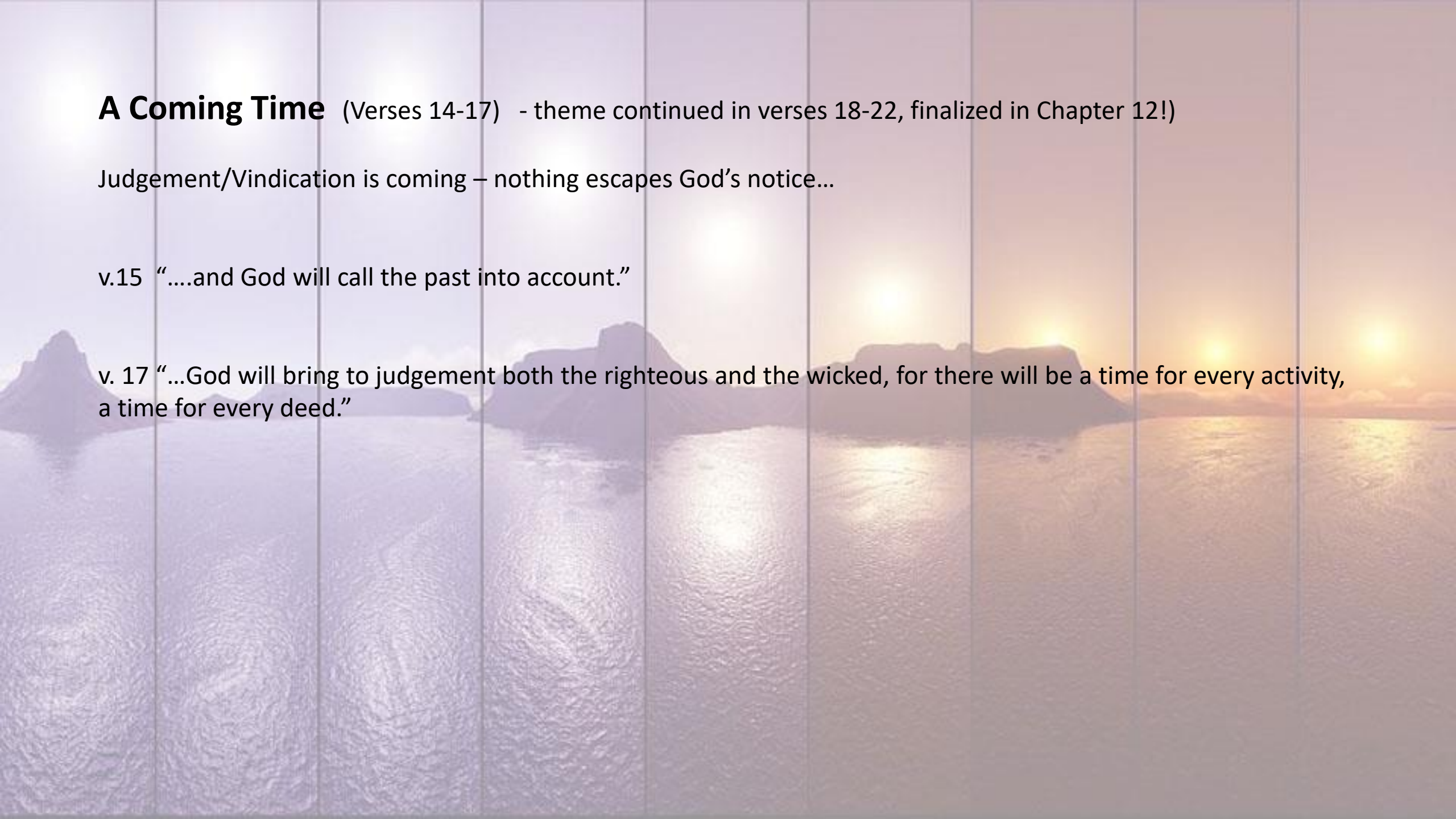
Rejoice/Giving Thanks – Psalm 118:24; Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Do good – Proverbs 3:27; Ephesians 2:10

Eat/Drink – 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Timothy 4:3,4

See Good in Labor – Ephesians 4:28; Ephesians 6:7&8

1 Timothy 6:17-19.....



A Coming Time (Verses 14-17) - theme continued in verses 18-22, finalized in Chapter 12!)

Judgement/Vindication is coming – nothing escapes God’s notice...

v.15 “...and God will call the past into account.”

v. 17 “...God will bring to judgement both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time for every deed.”

What is God speaking to you about today?

