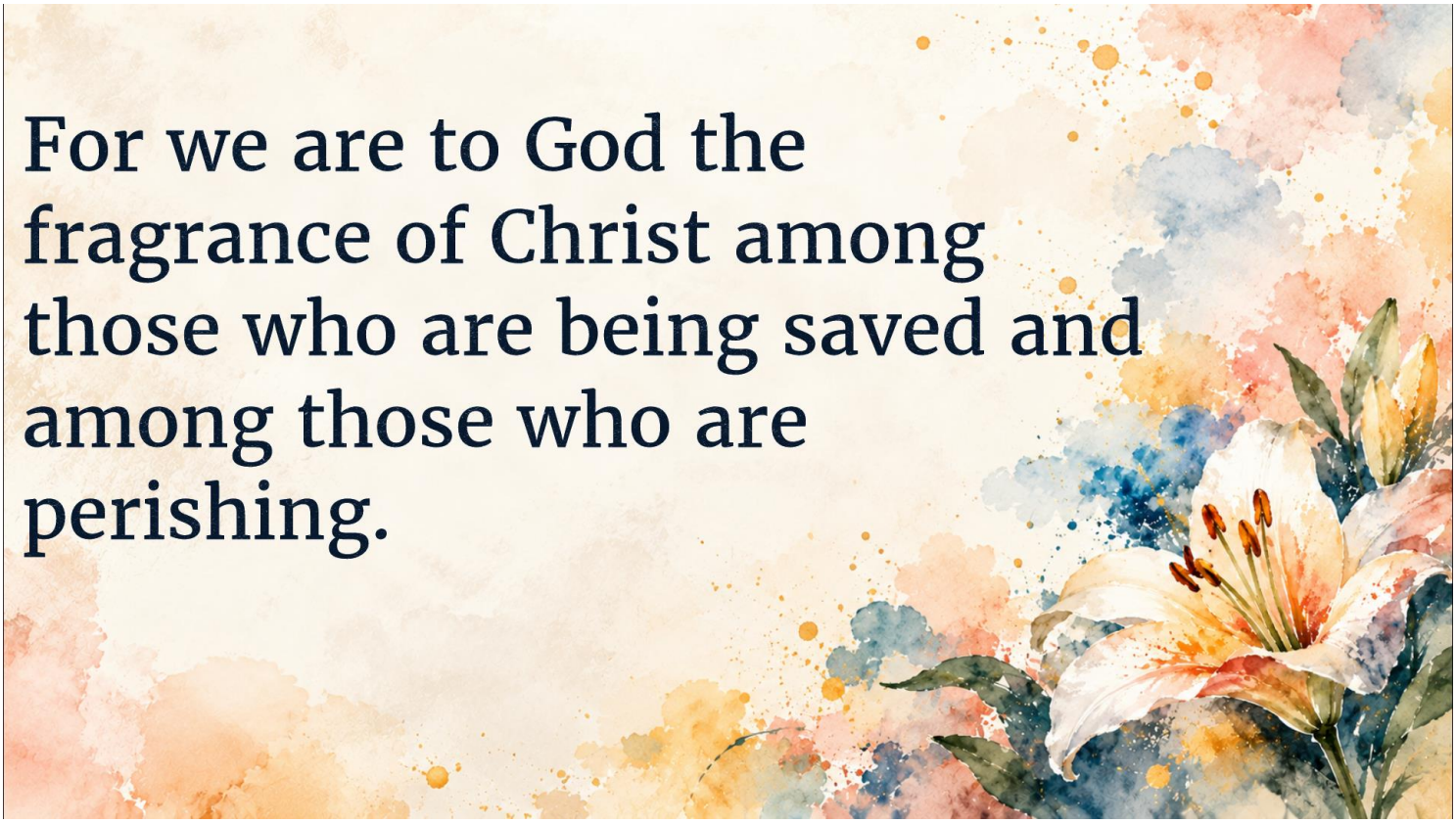

What Do You
Smell Like
- sermon by Patti Bowman

Now thanks *be* to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

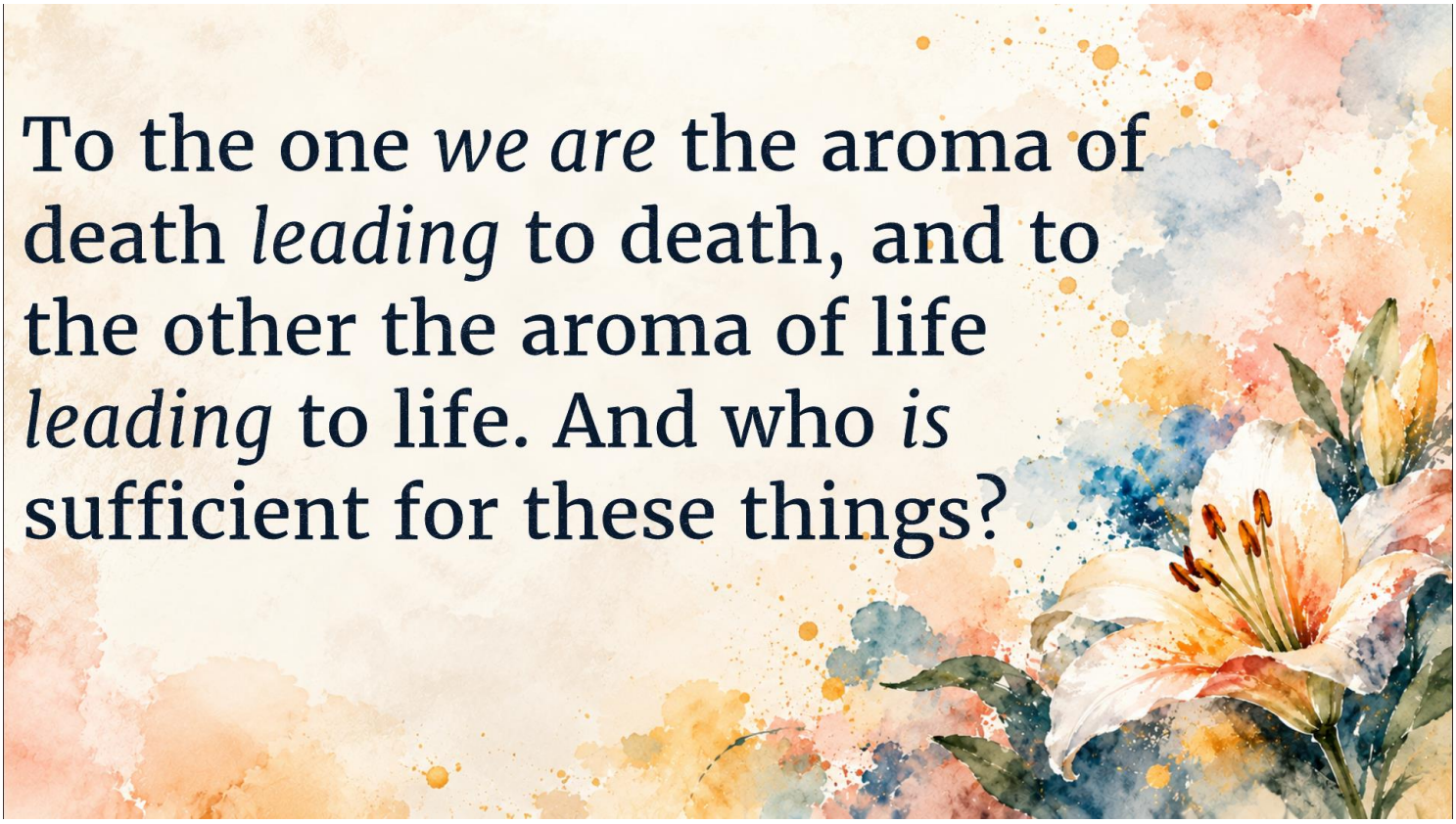
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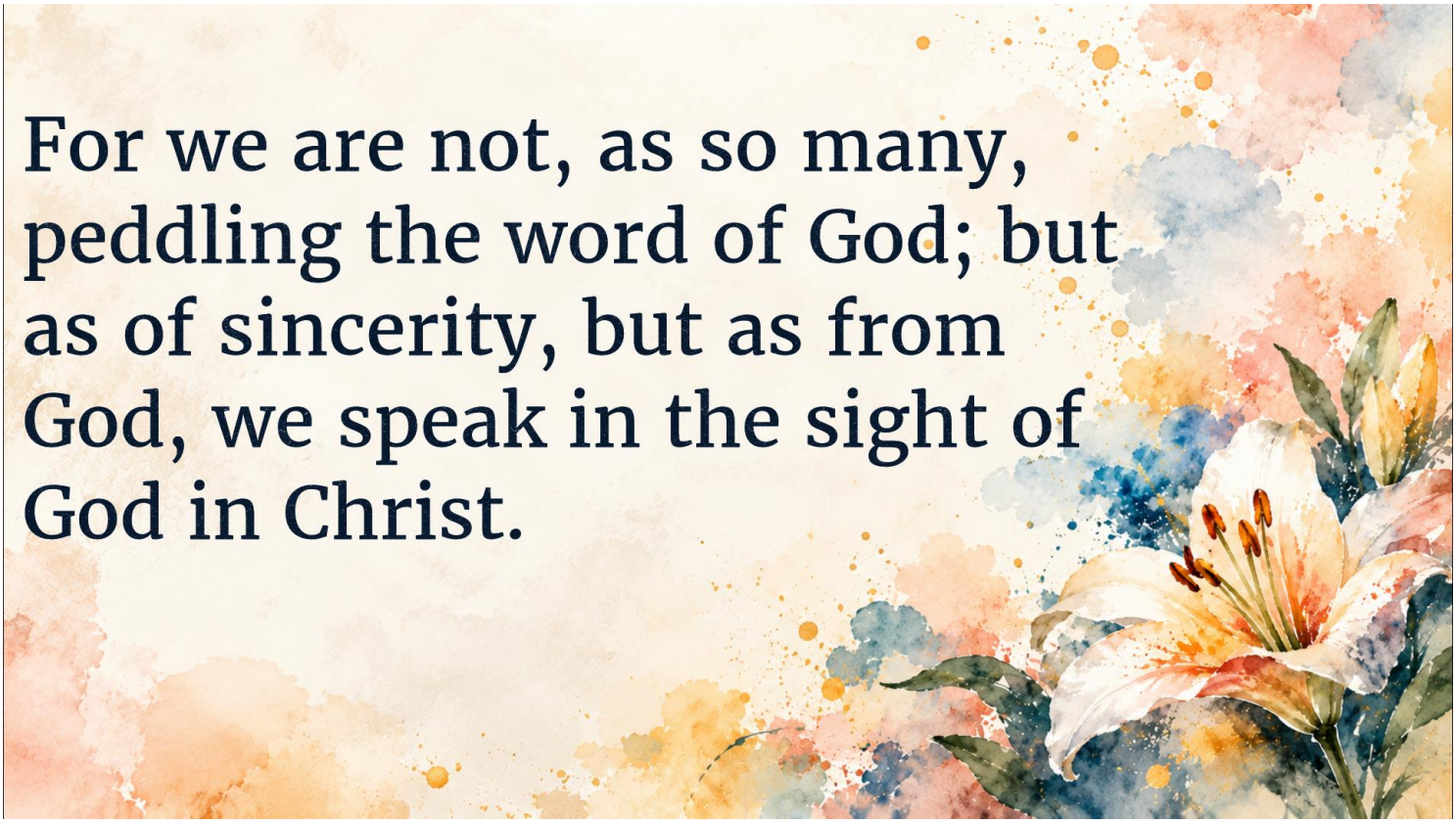
For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.



To the one *we are* the aroma of death *leading* to death, and to the other the aroma of life *leading* to life. And who *is* sufficient for these things?



For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

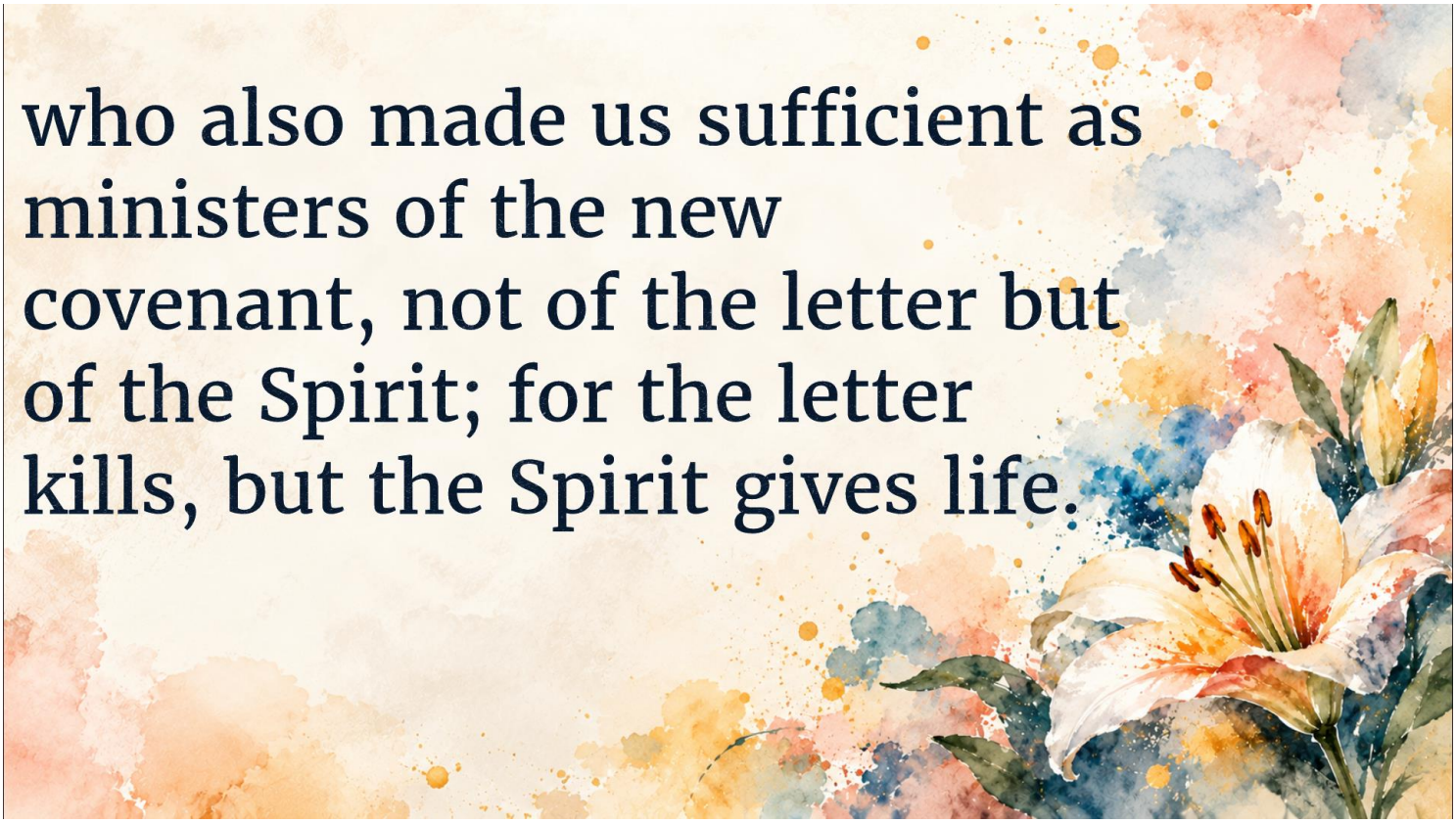


Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* from God,

2 Corinthians 3:5–6

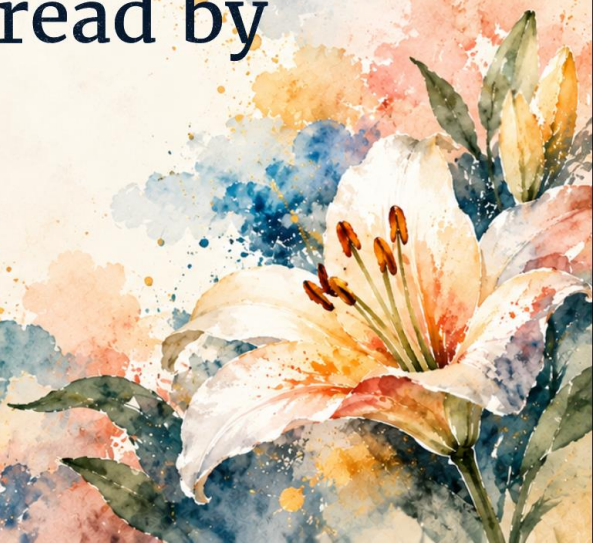


who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

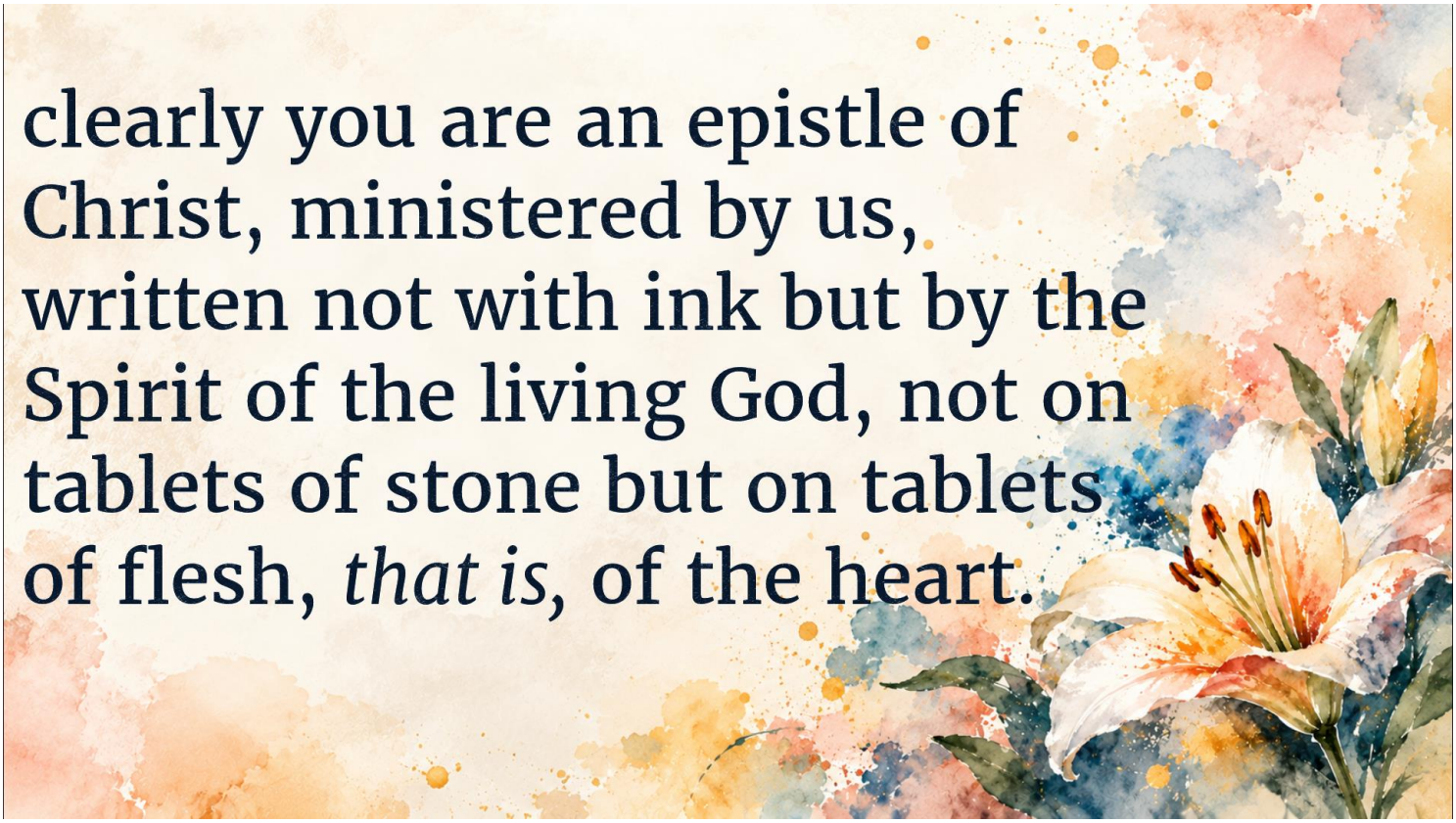


You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;

2 Corinthians 3:2–3



clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, *that is*, of the heart.

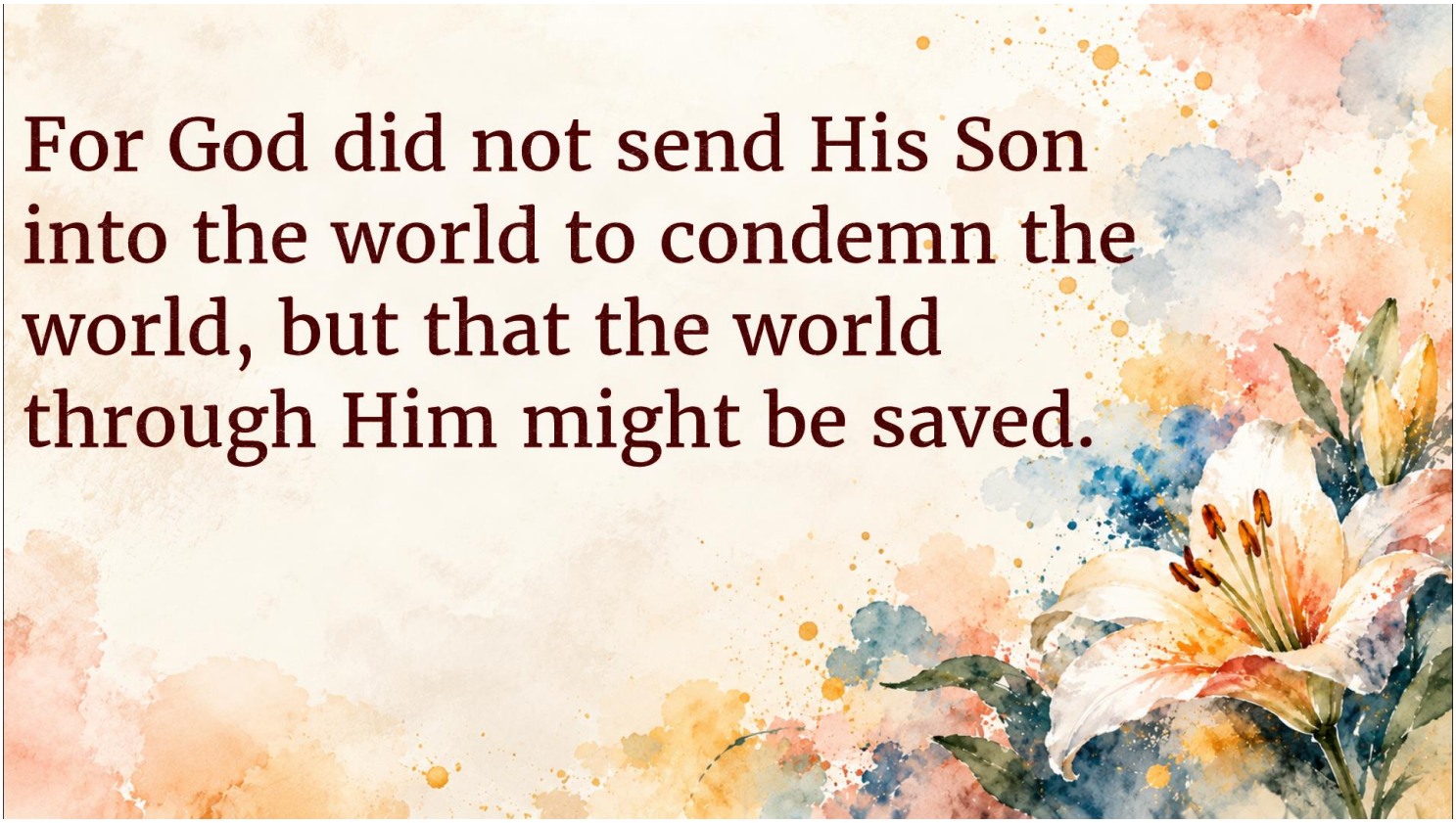


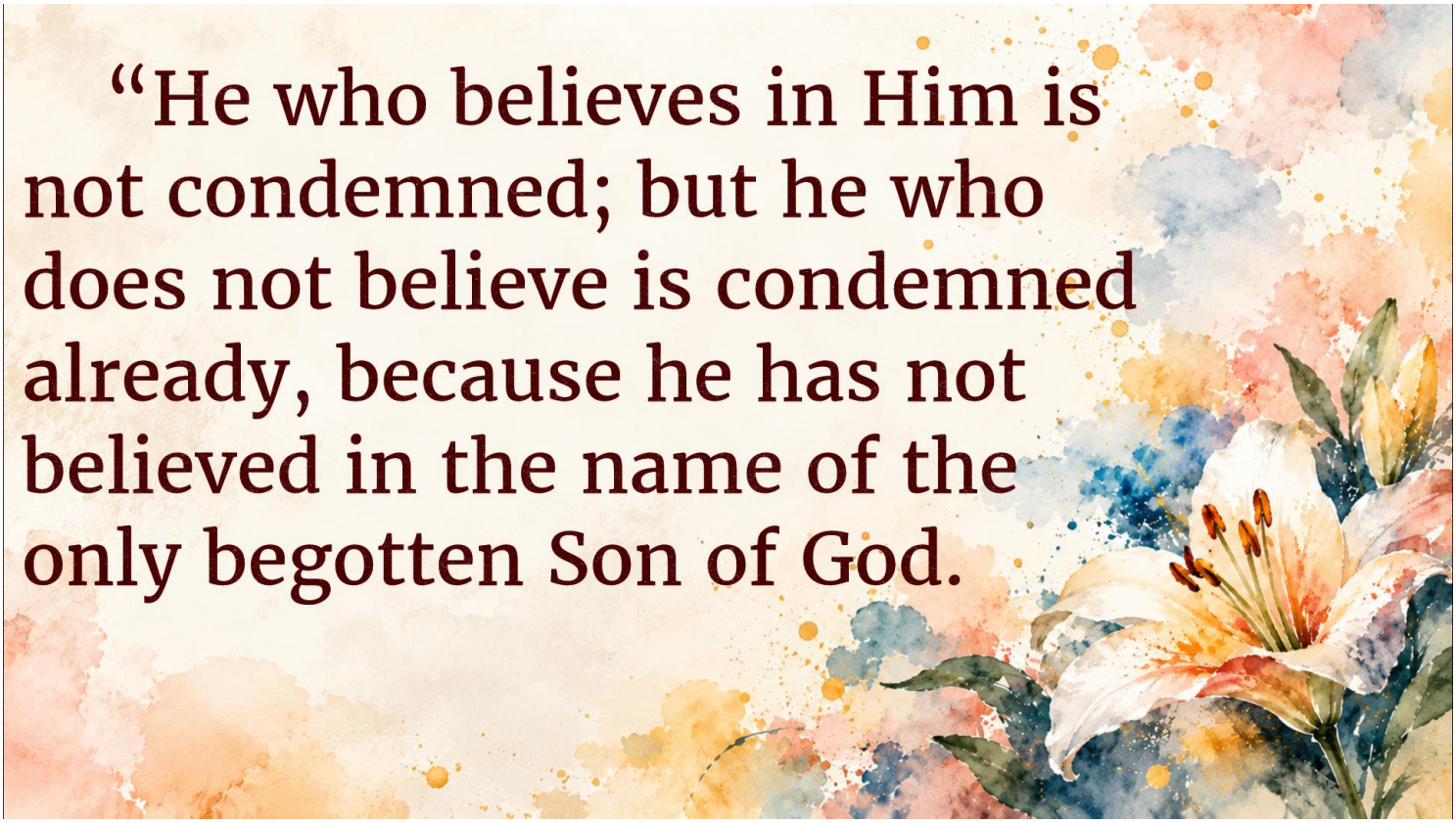
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16–21



For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

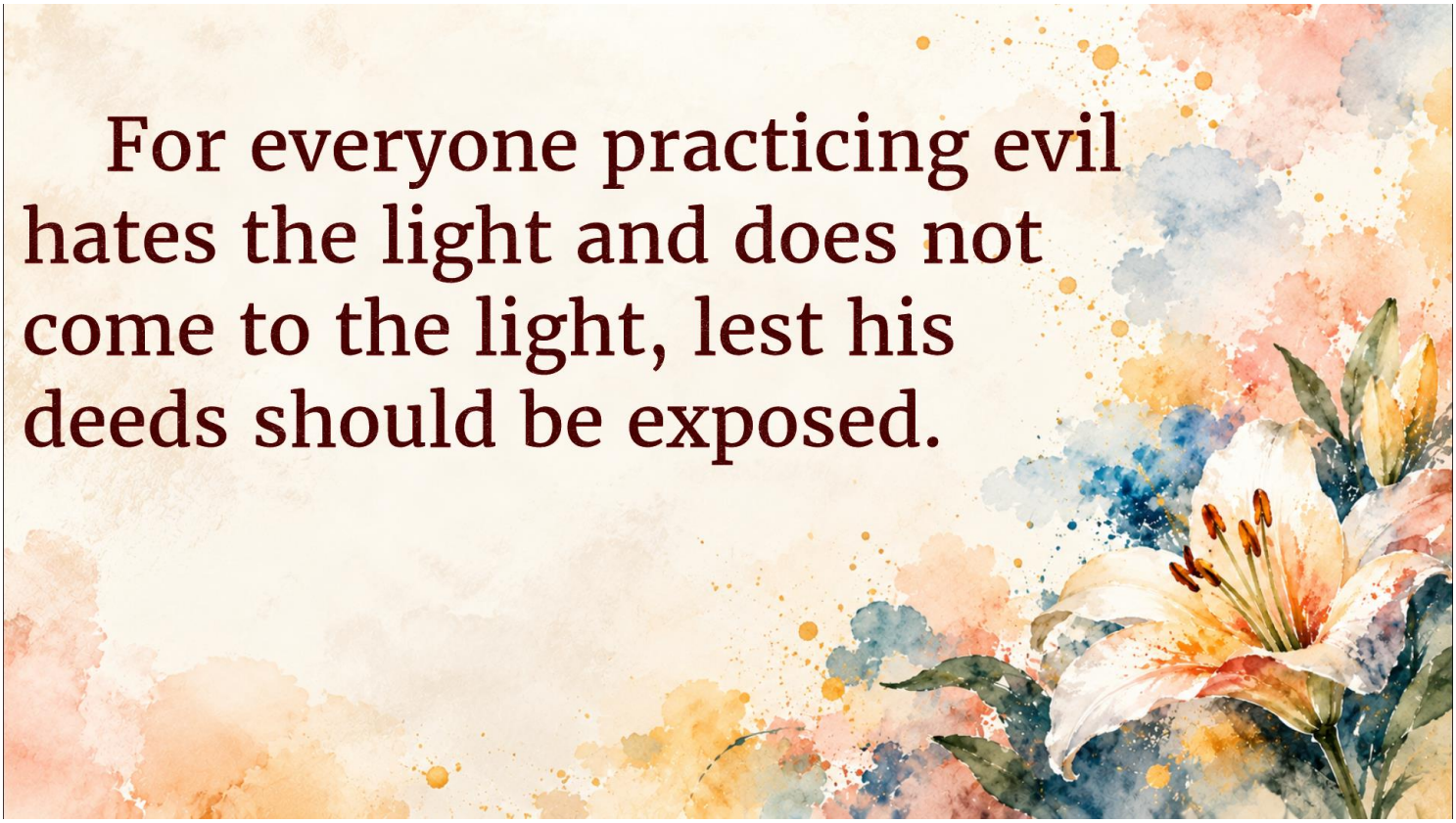



“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

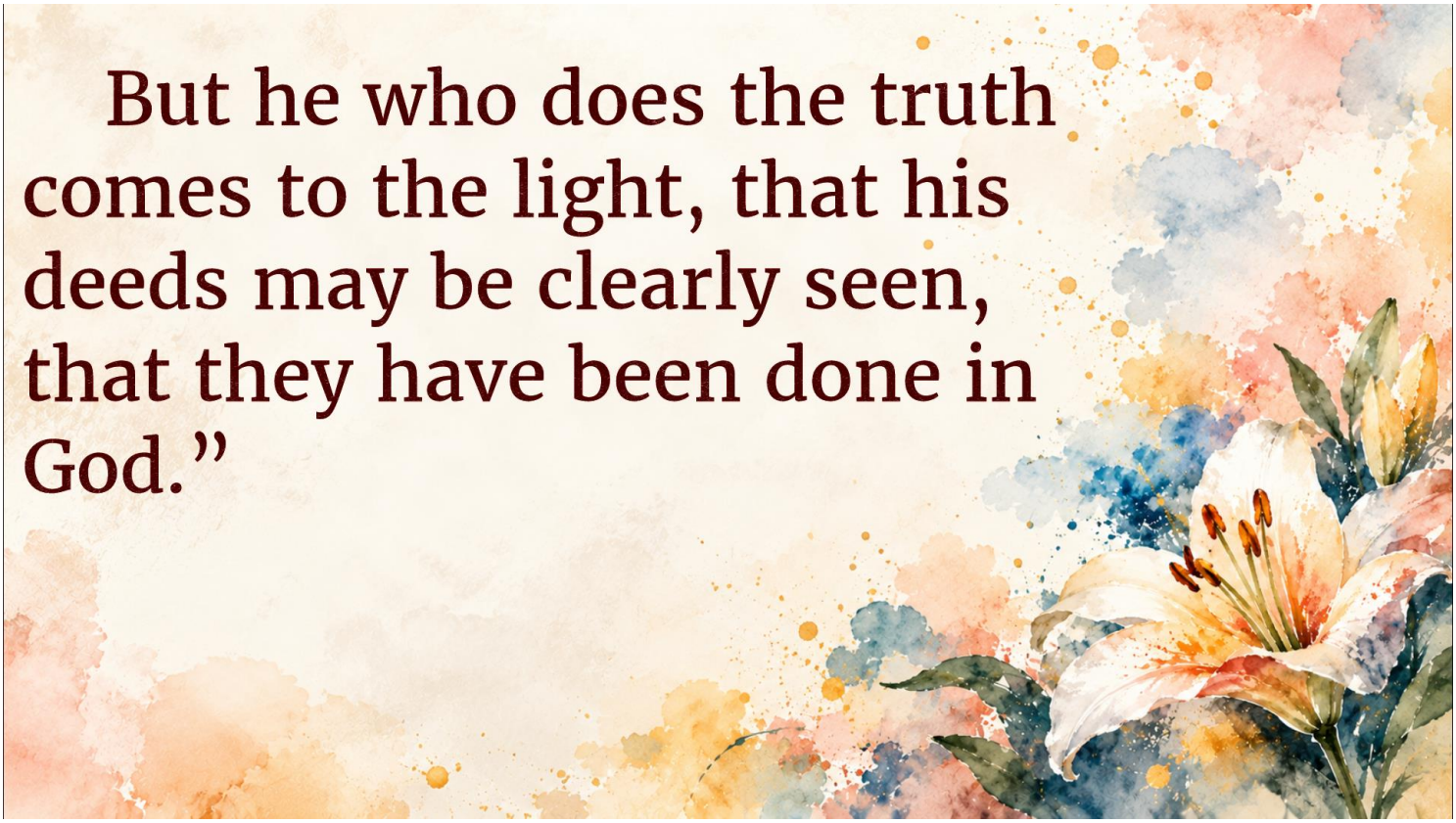
And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.



For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

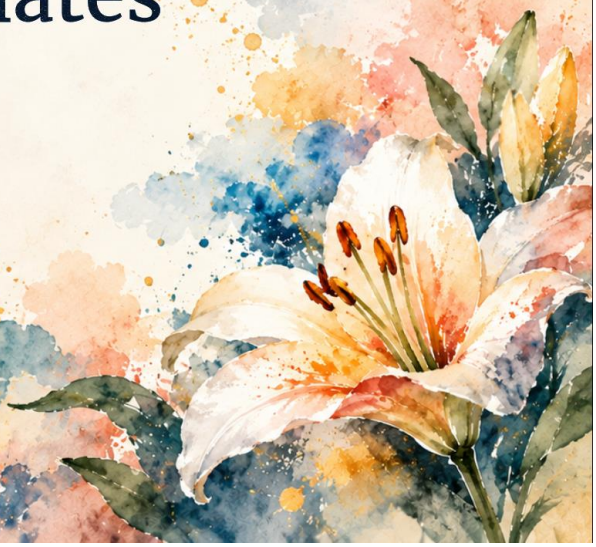


But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”



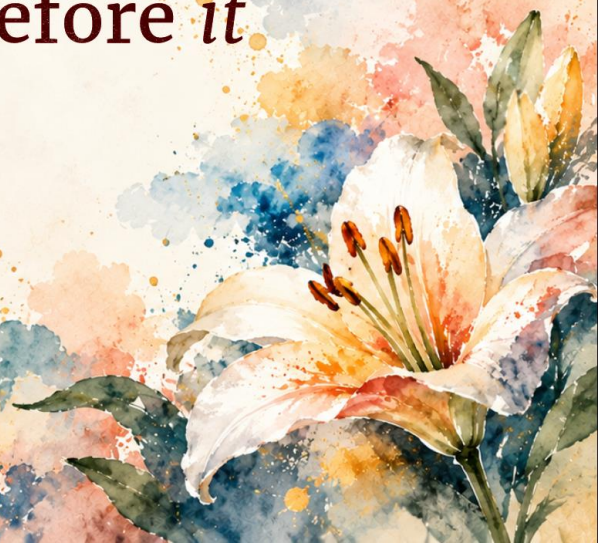
Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.

1 John 3:13

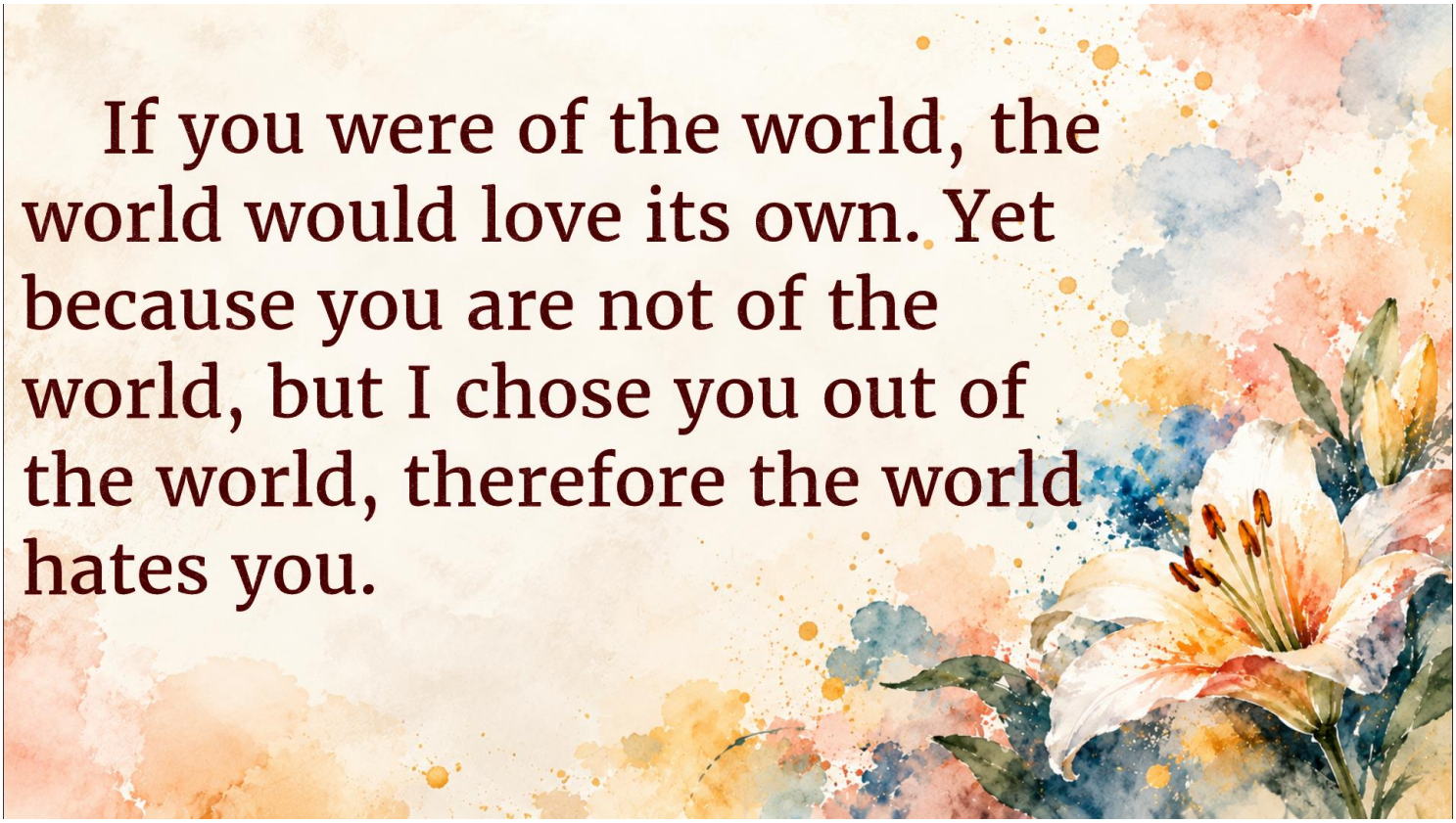


“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you.

John 15:18–22



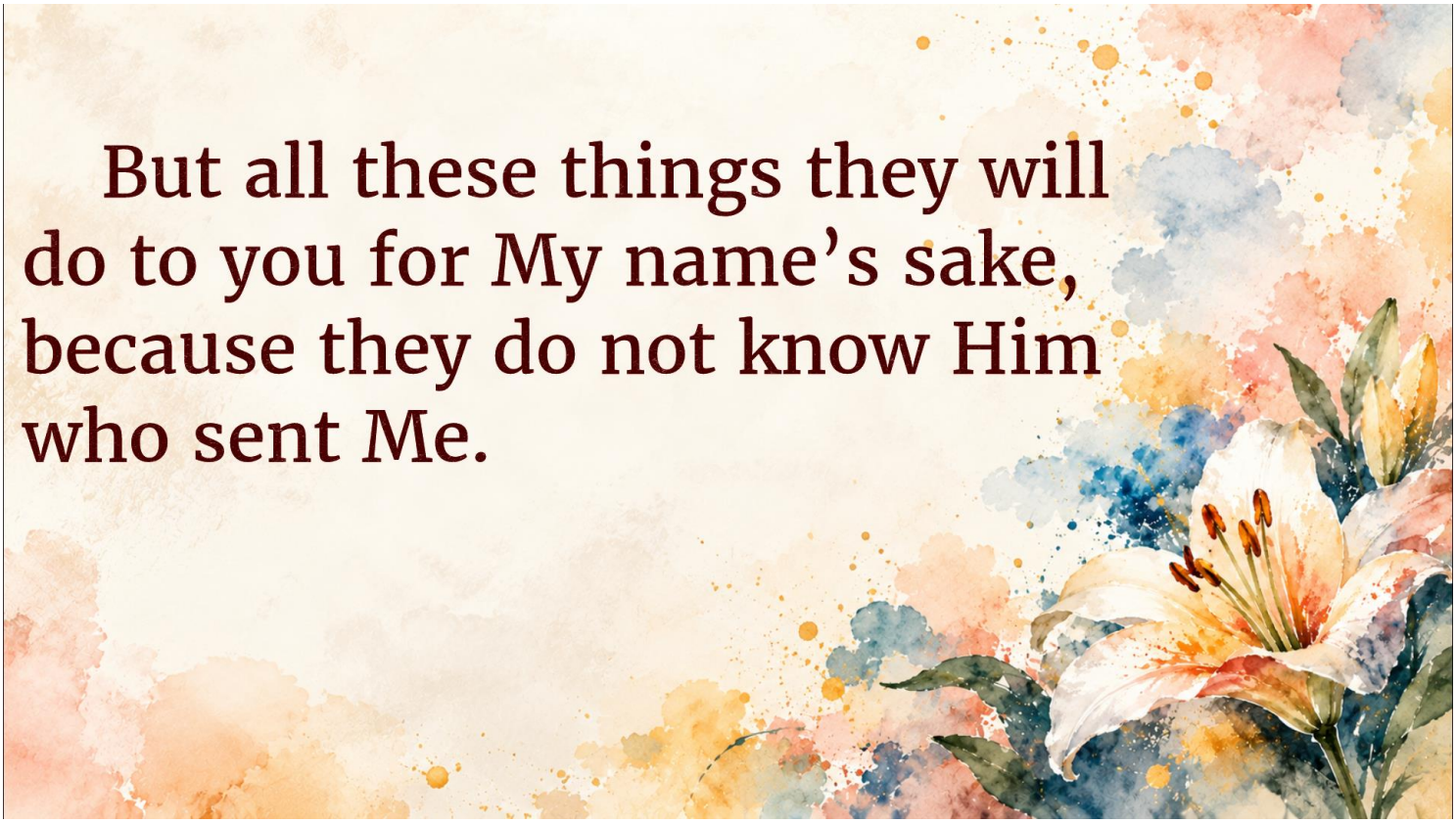
If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.



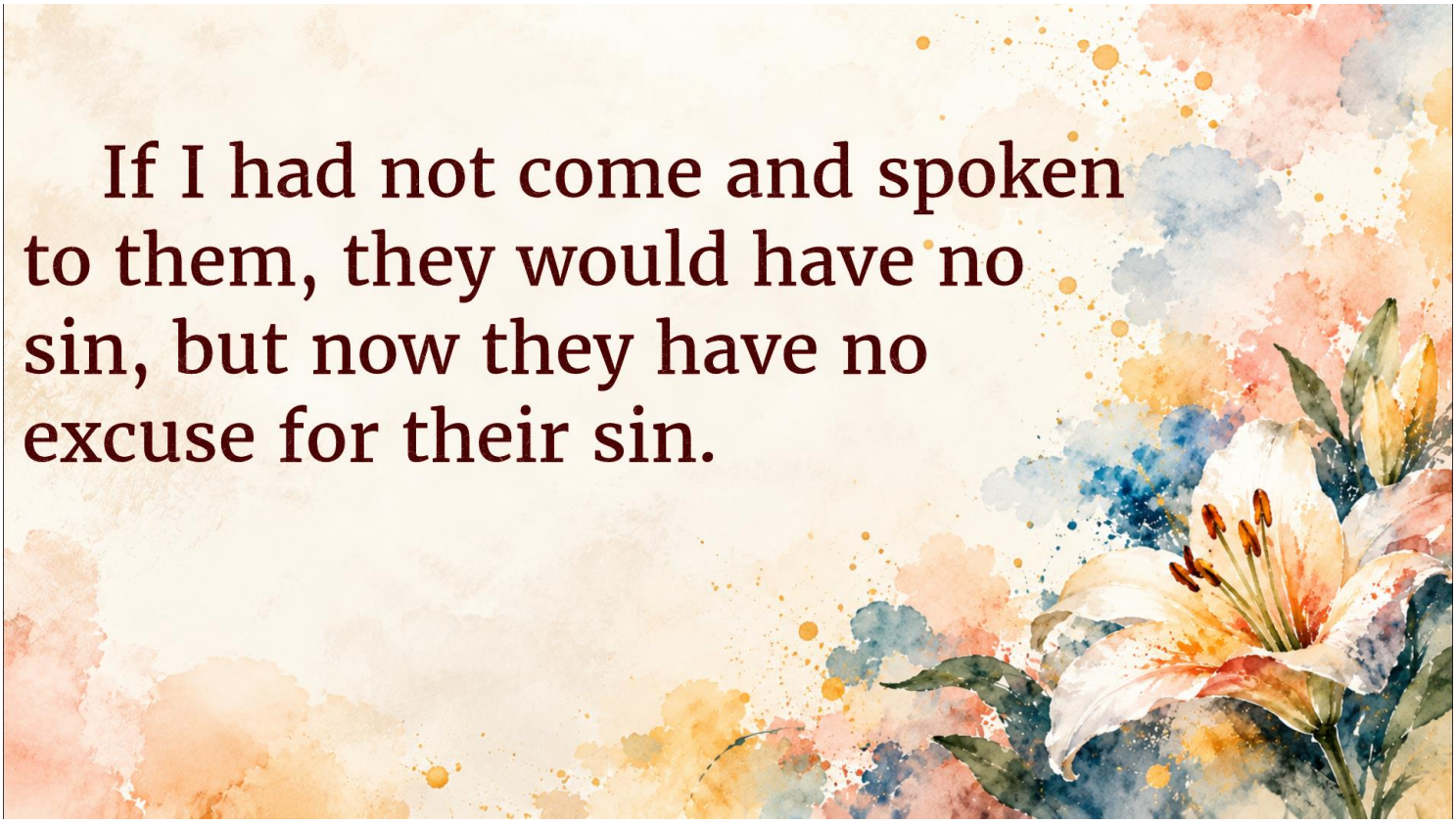
Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

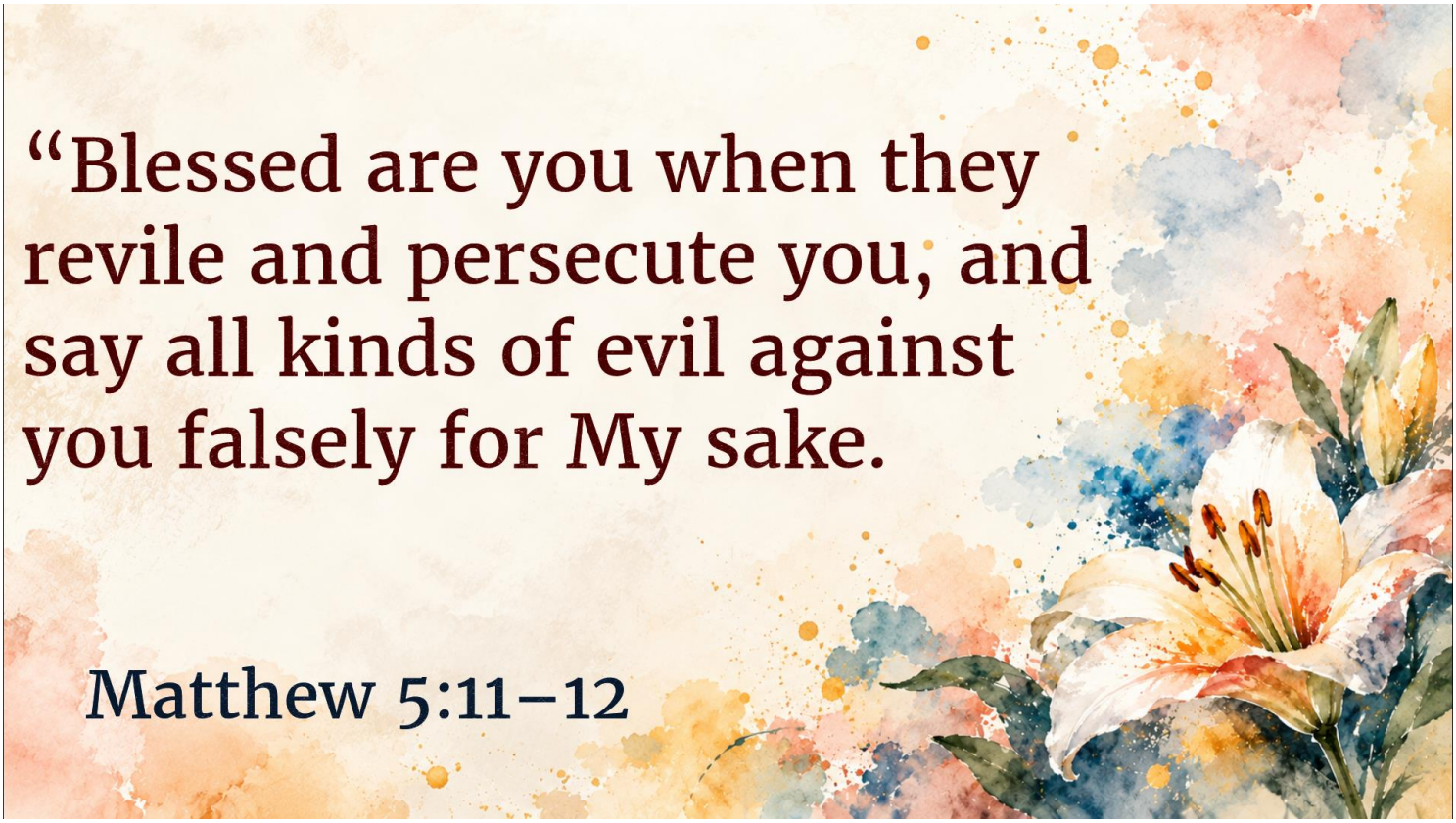


But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

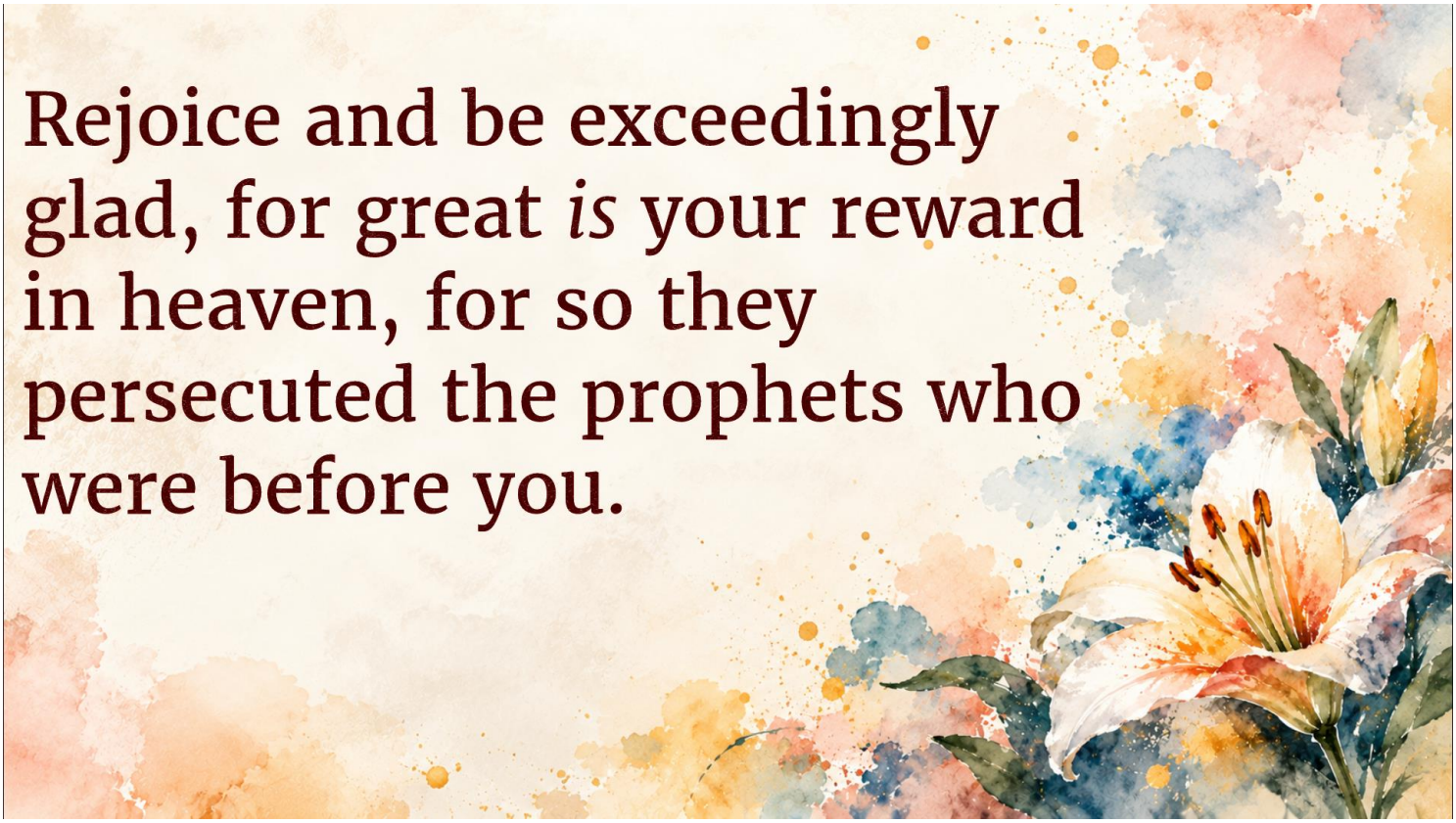


If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.




“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.
Matthew 5:11–12

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

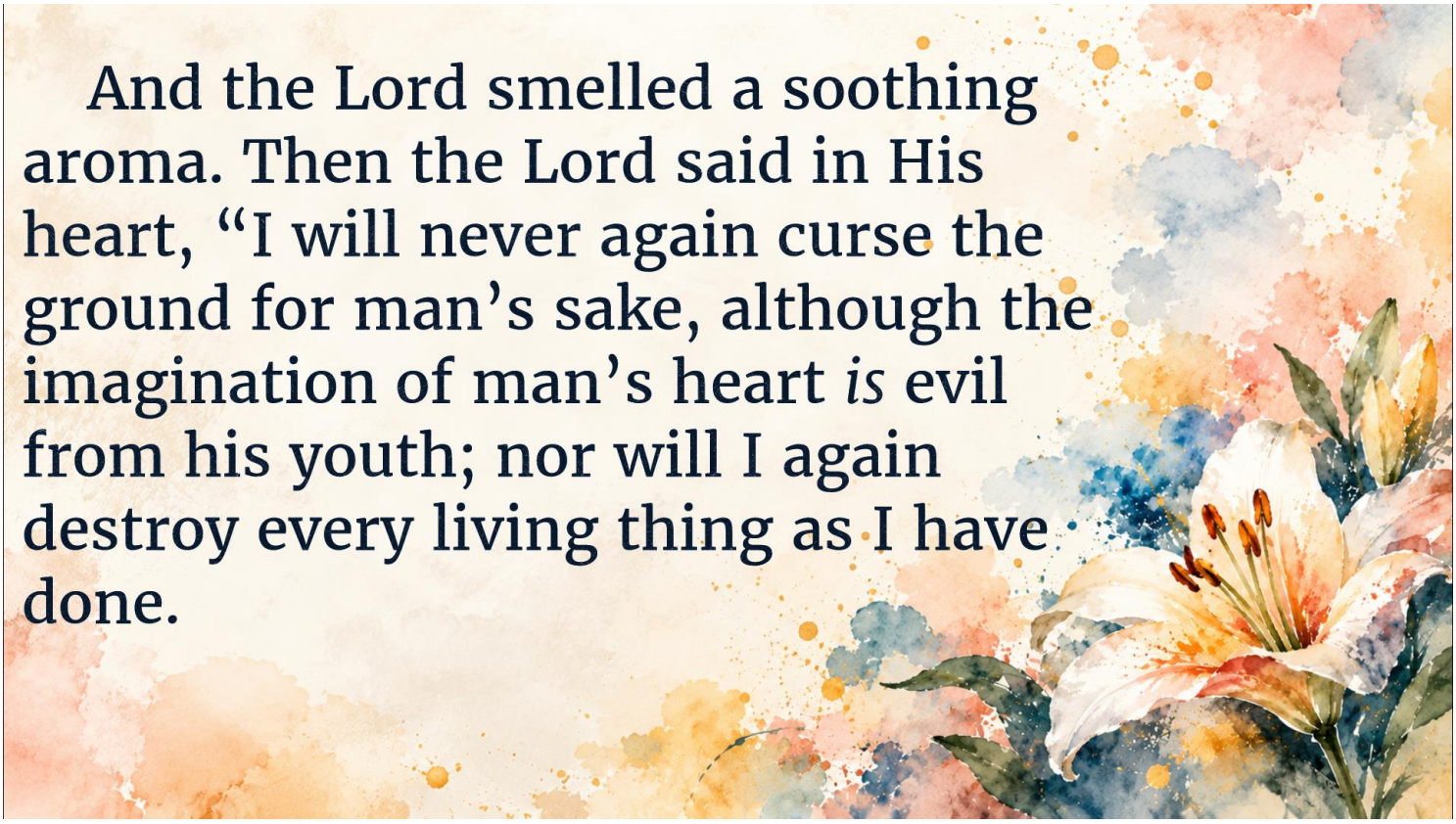


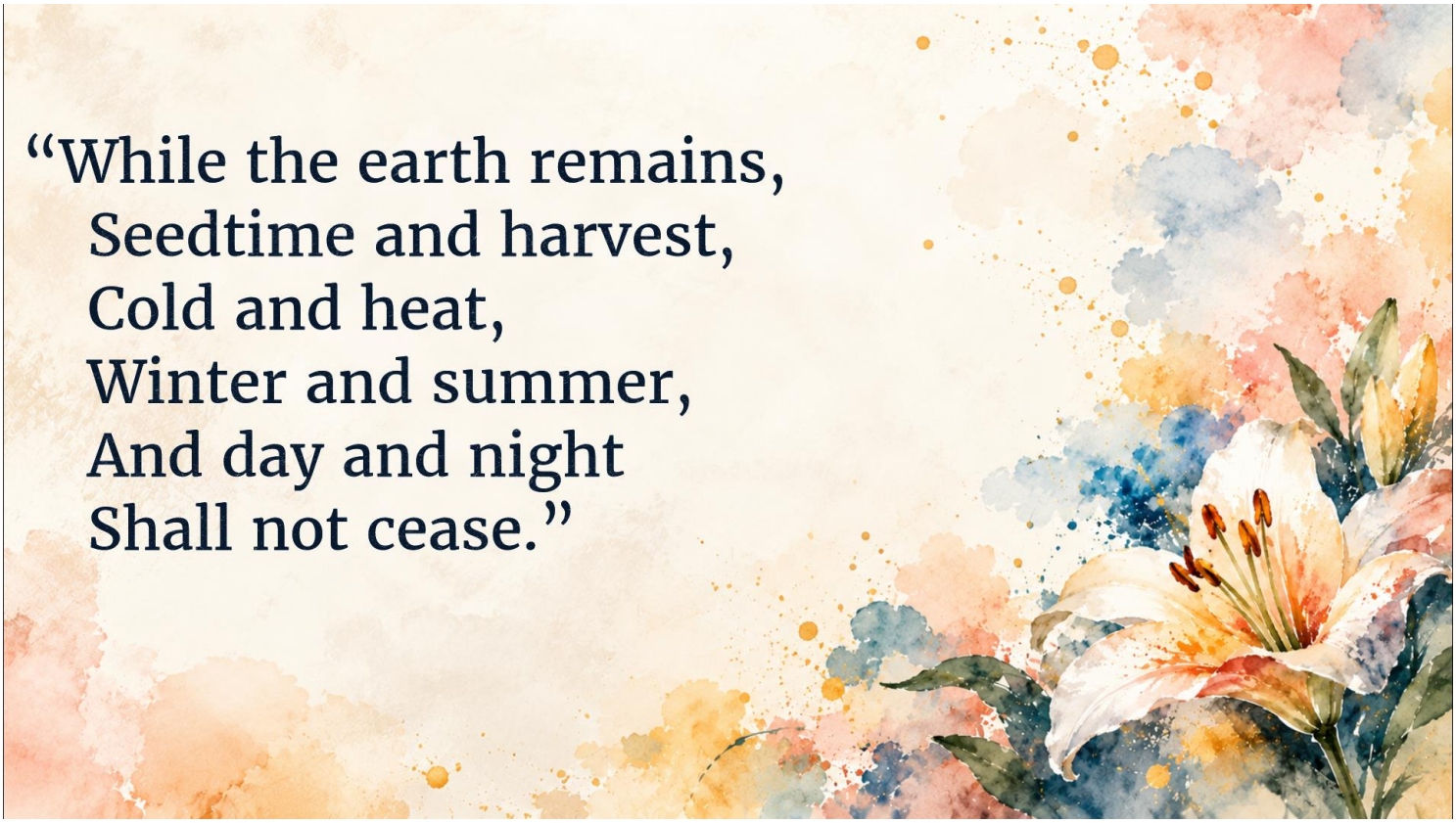
Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

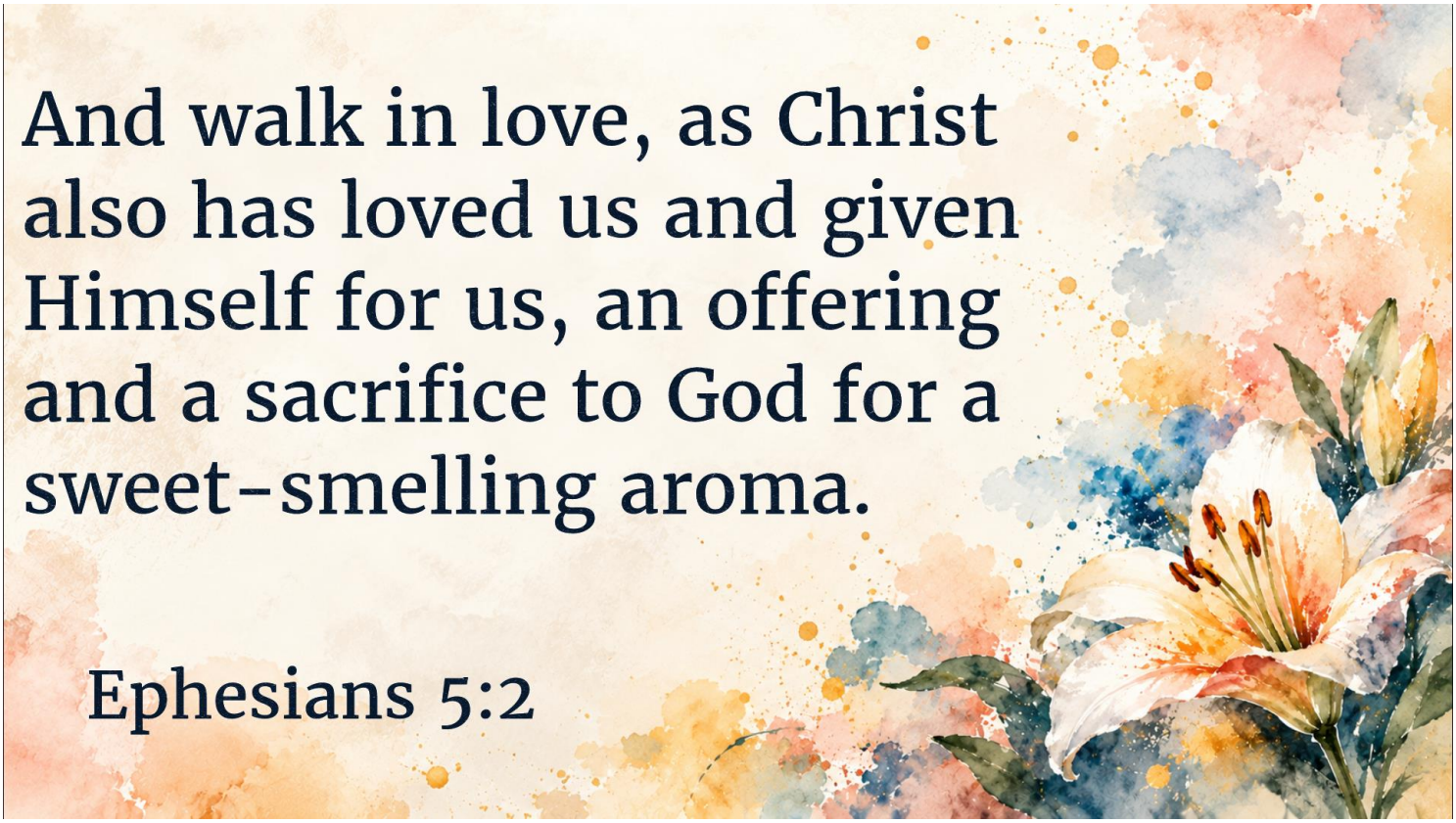
Genesis 8:20–22



And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.




“While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
Cold and heat,
Winter and summer,
And day and night
Shall not cease.”


And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.
Ephesians 5:2

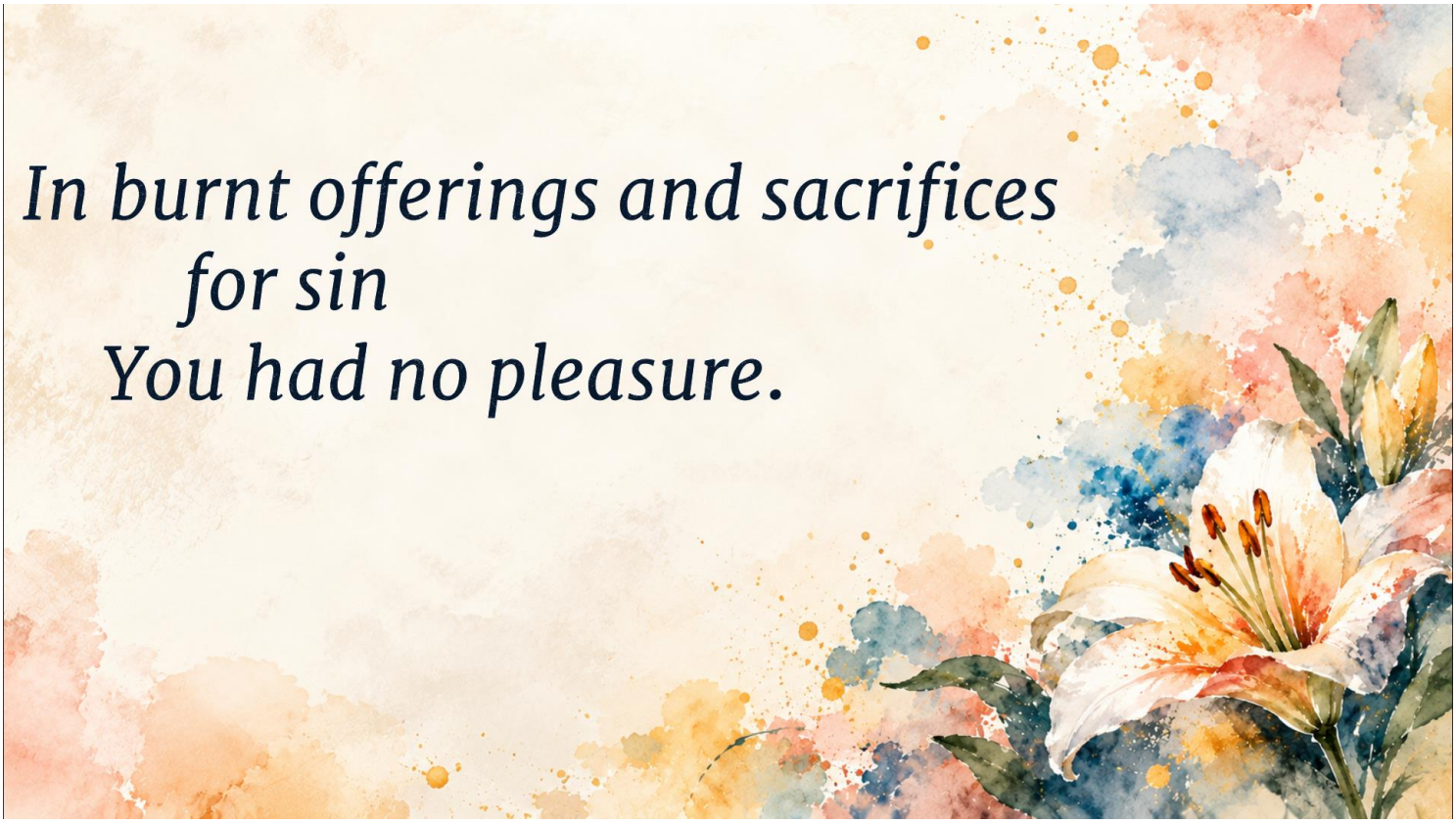
Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

"Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,
But a body You have prepared for Me.

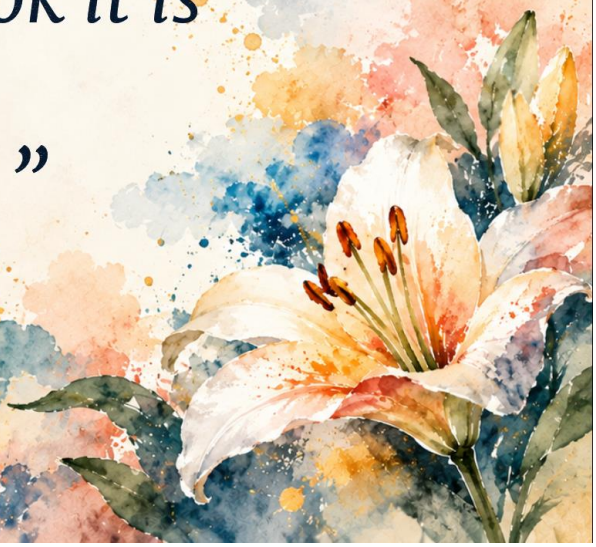
Hebrews 10:5–7



In burnt offerings and sacrifices
for sin
You had no pleasure.

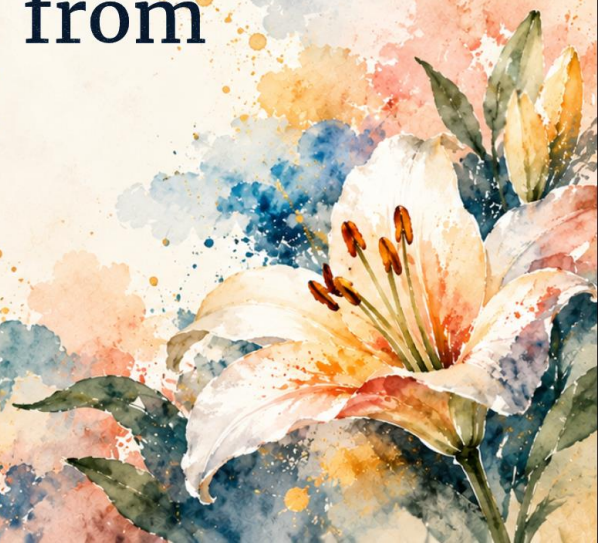


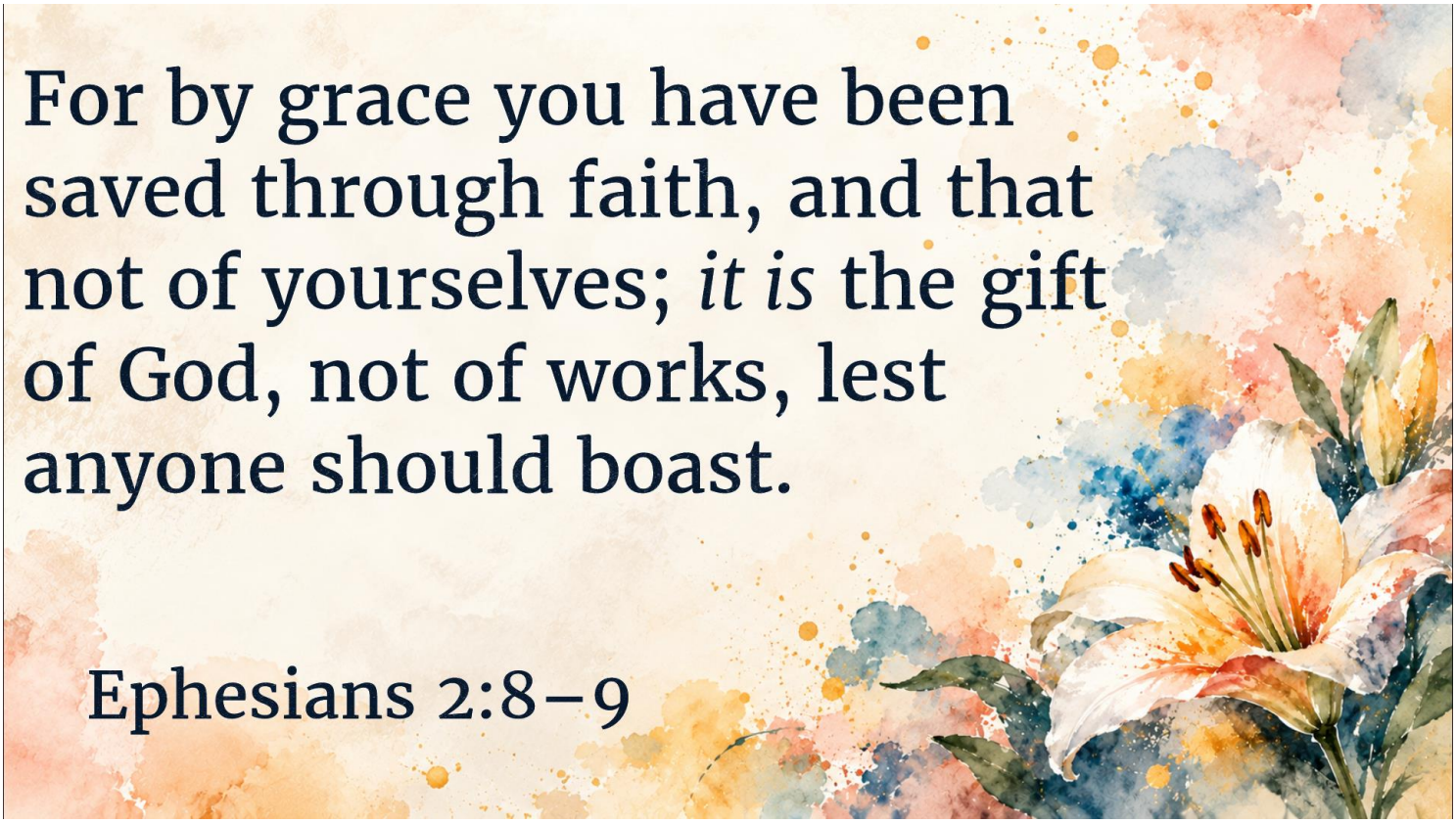
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come
—
In the volume of the book it is
written of Me—
To do Your will, O God.' "



having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

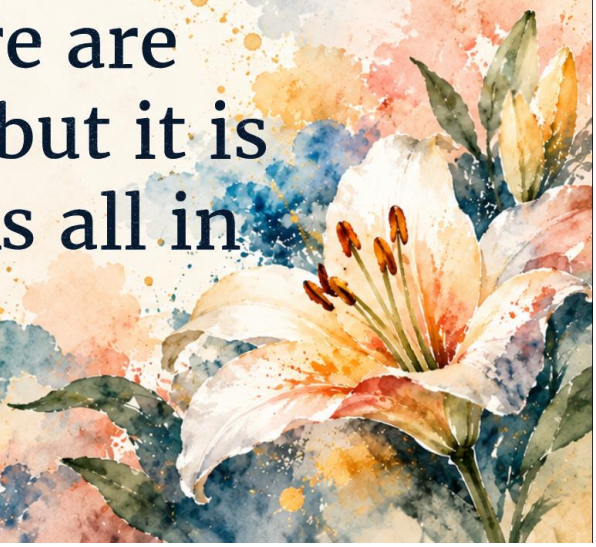
2 Timothy 3:5




For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.
Ephesians 2:8–9

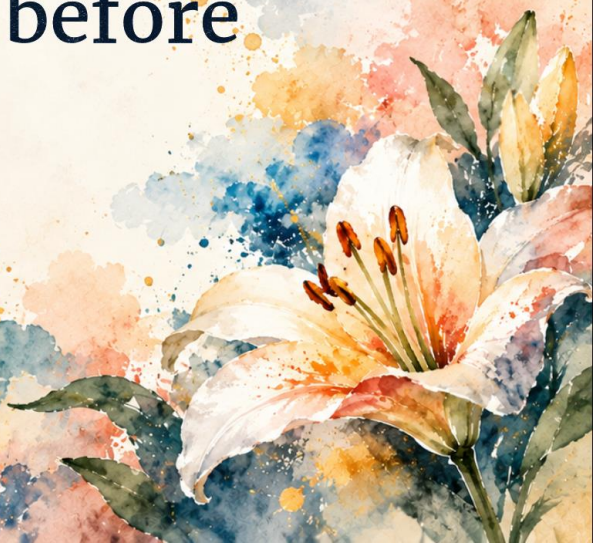
There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

1 Corinthians 12:4–6

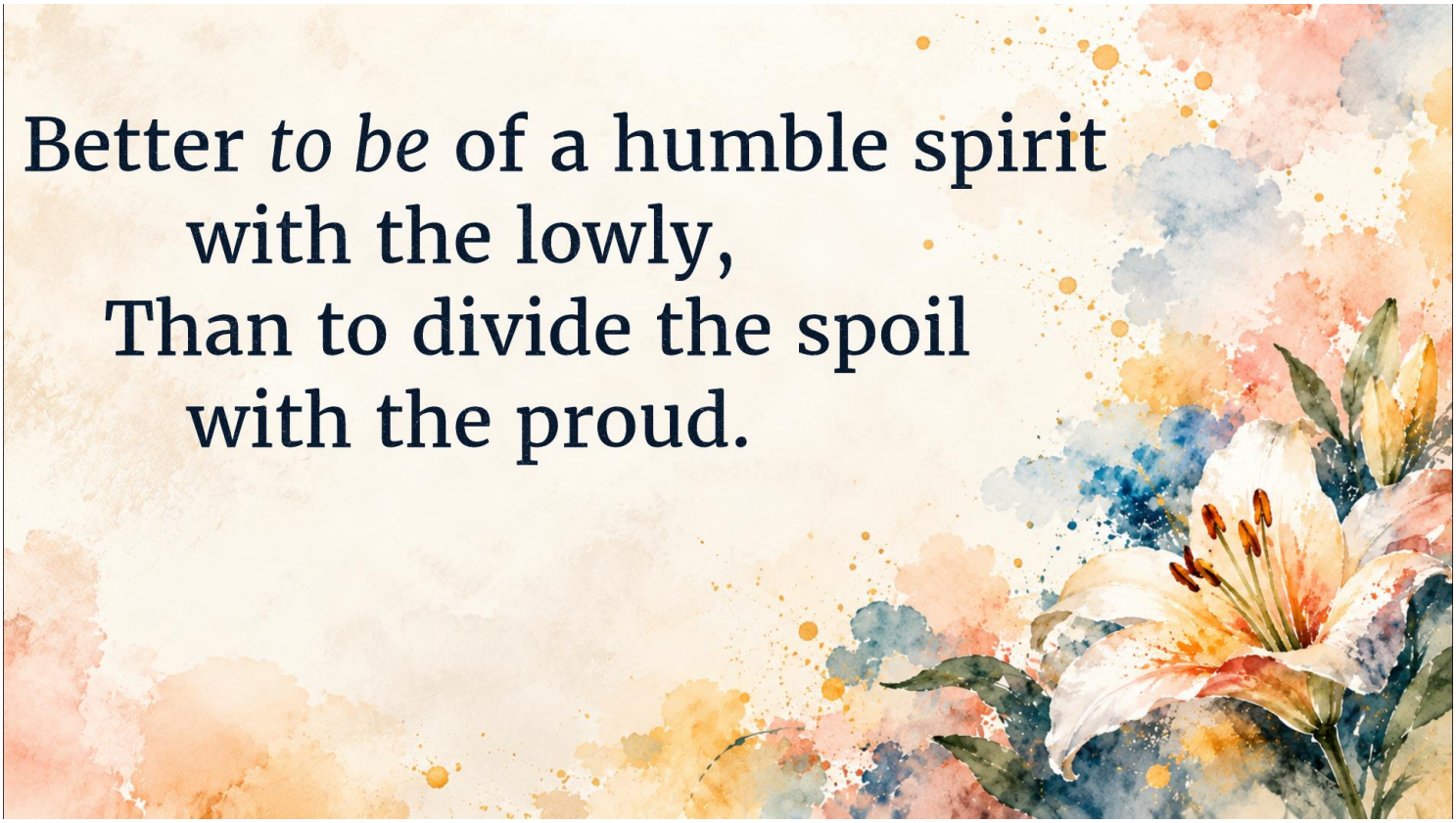


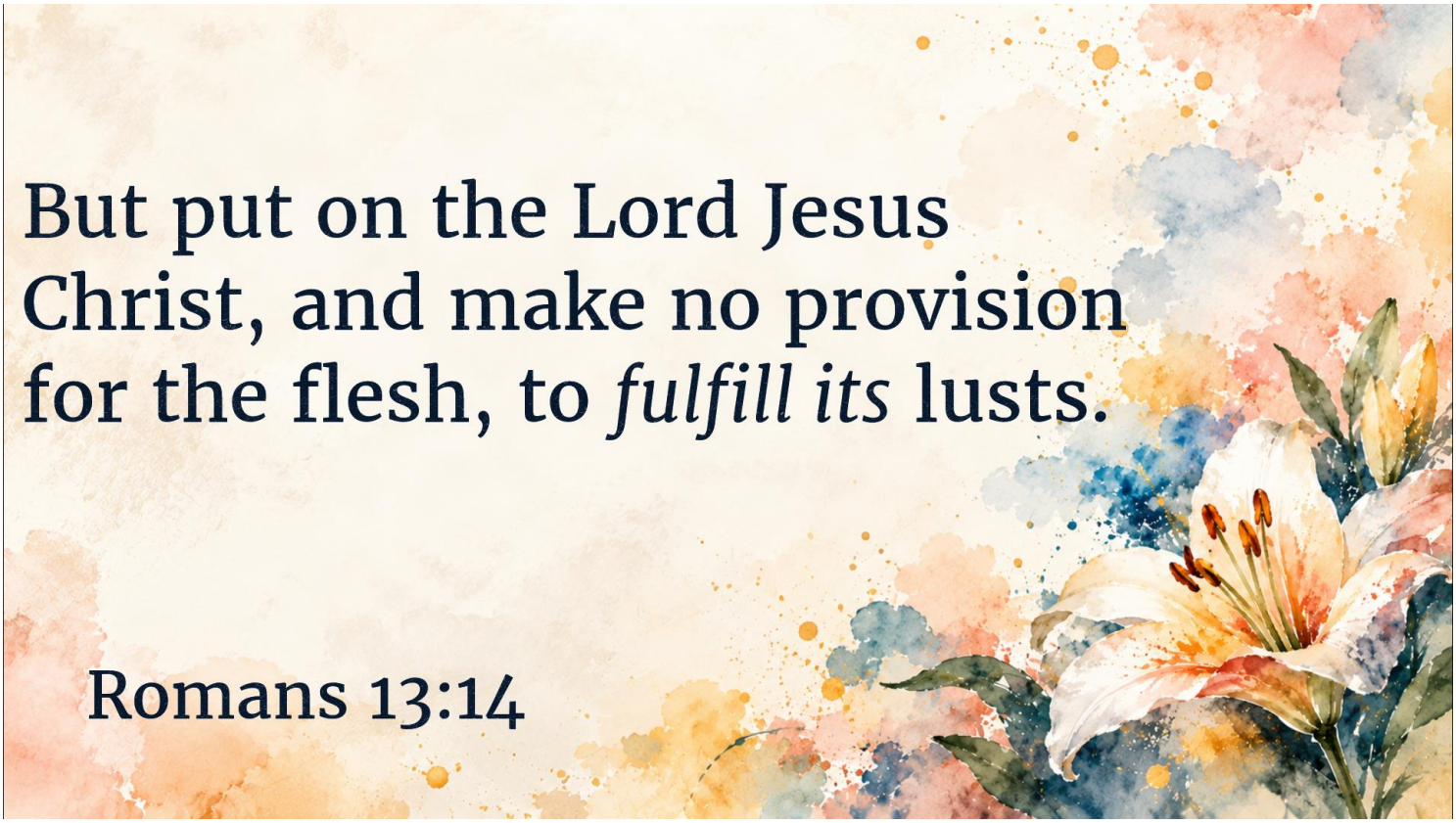
Pride *goes* before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18–19



Better *to be* of a humble spirit
with the lowly,
Than to divide the spoil
with the proud.

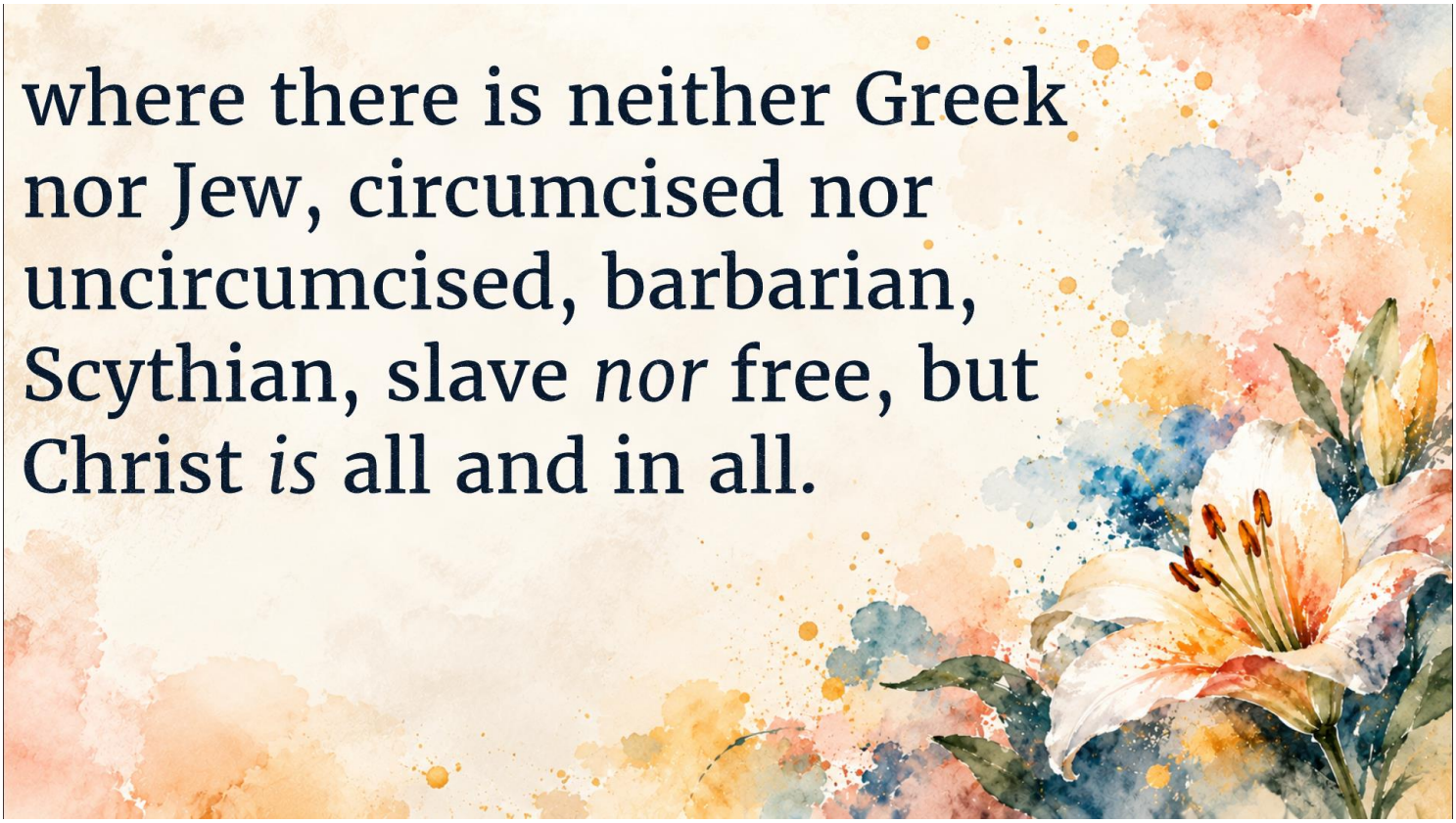



But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.
Romans 13:14

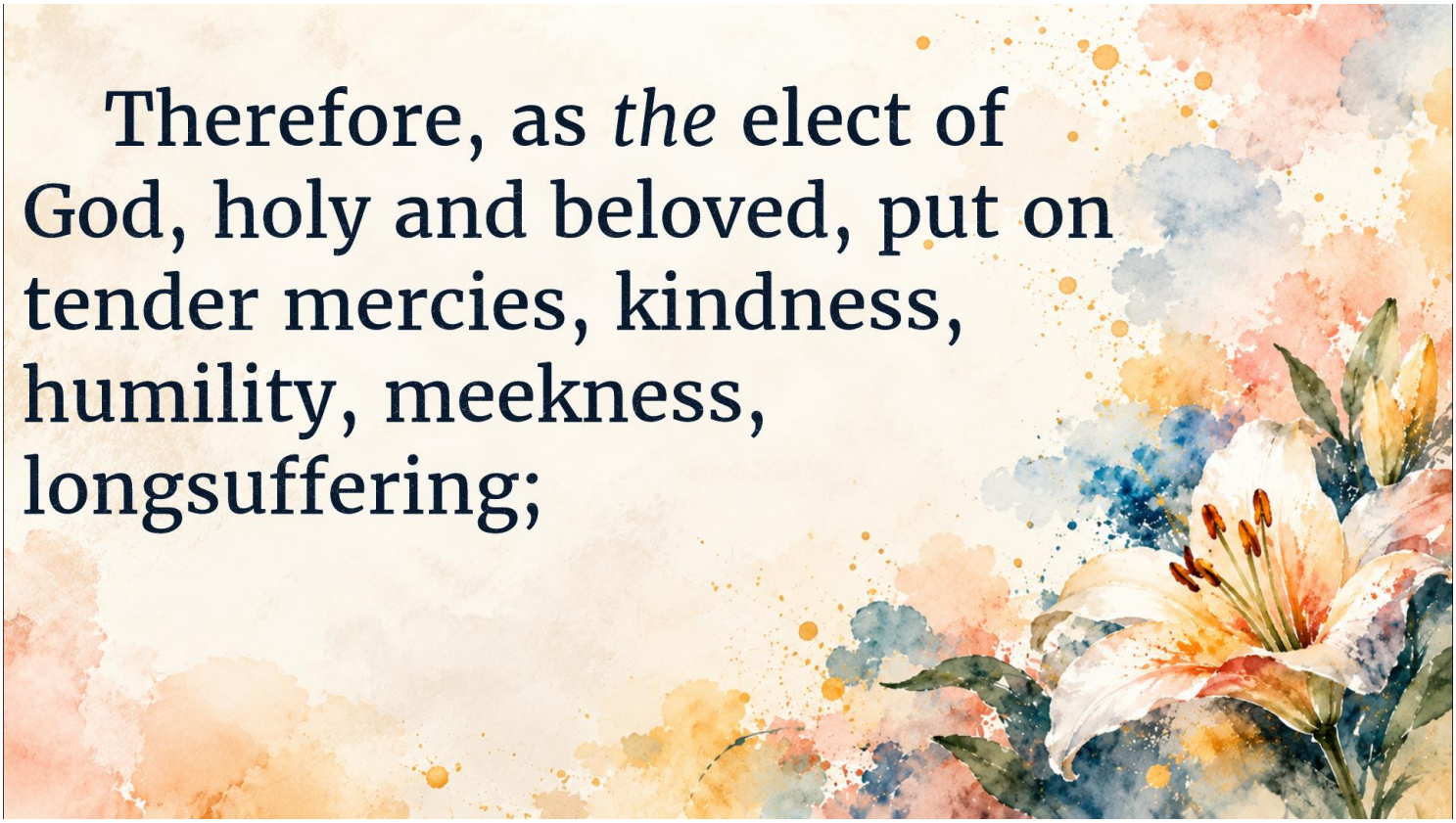
and have put on the new *man*
who is renewed in knowledge
according to the image of Him
who created him,

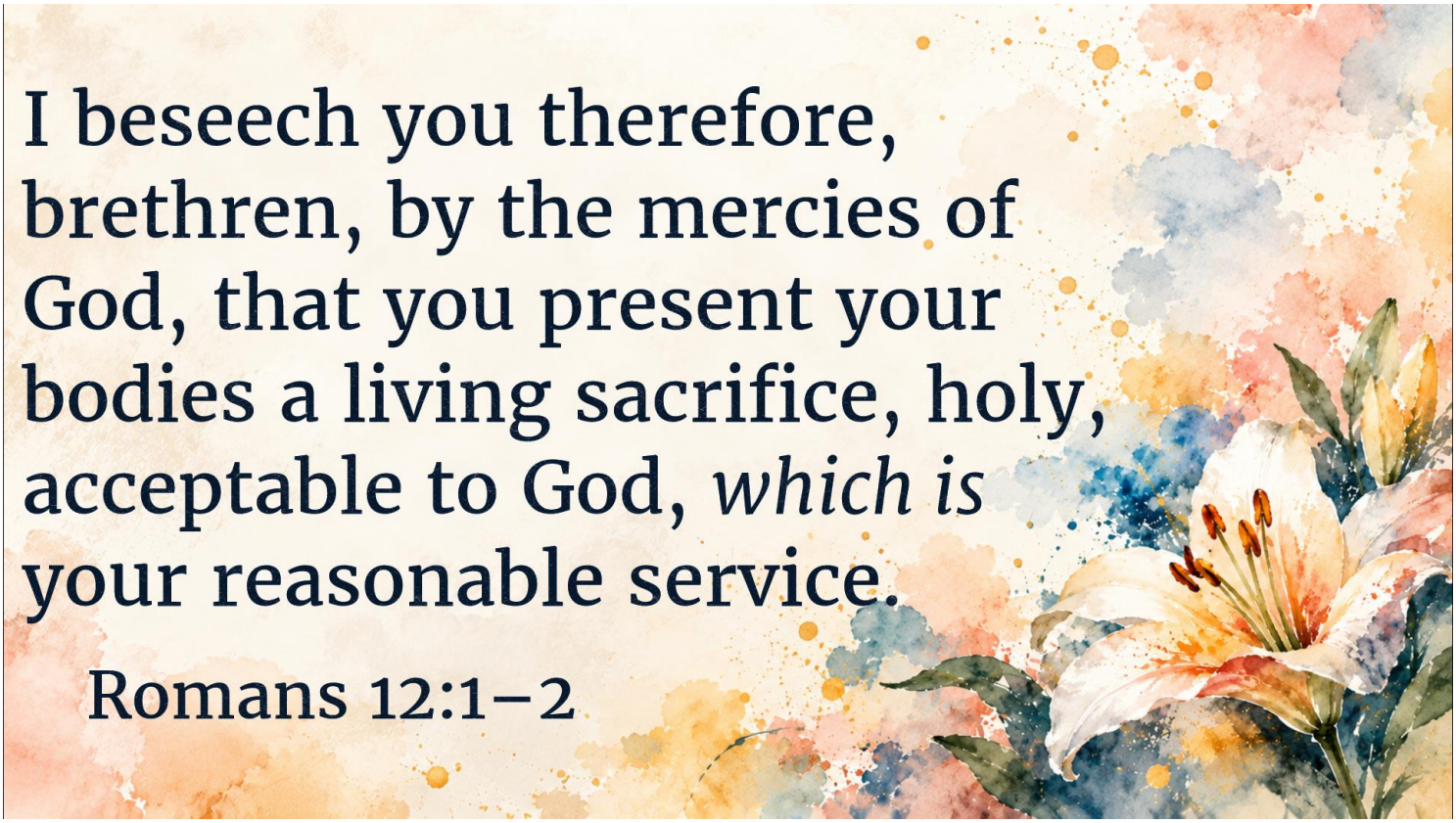
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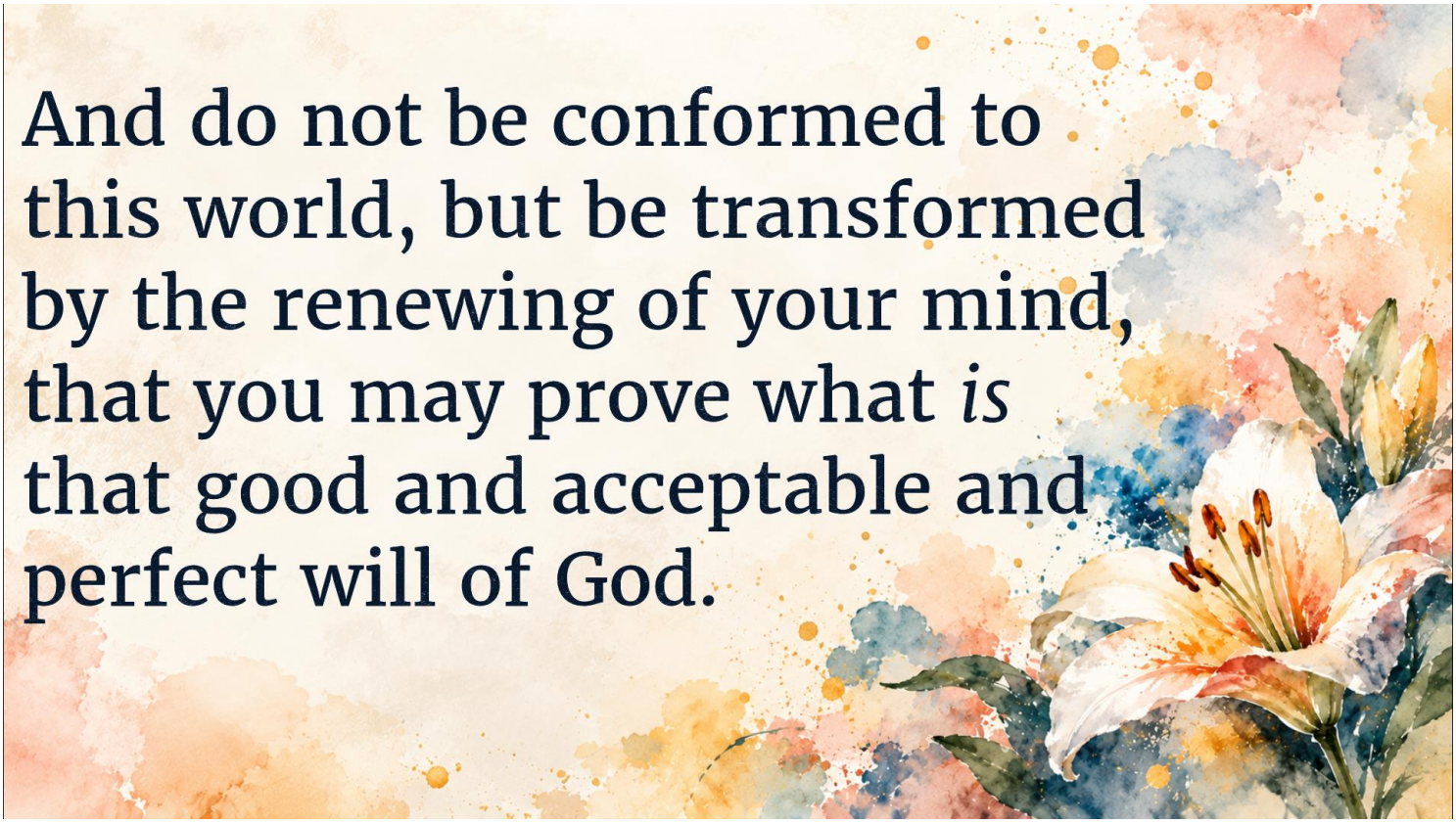



where there is neither Greek
nor Jew, circumcised nor
uncircumcised, barbarian,
Scythian, slave *nor* free, but
Christ *is* all and in all.

Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

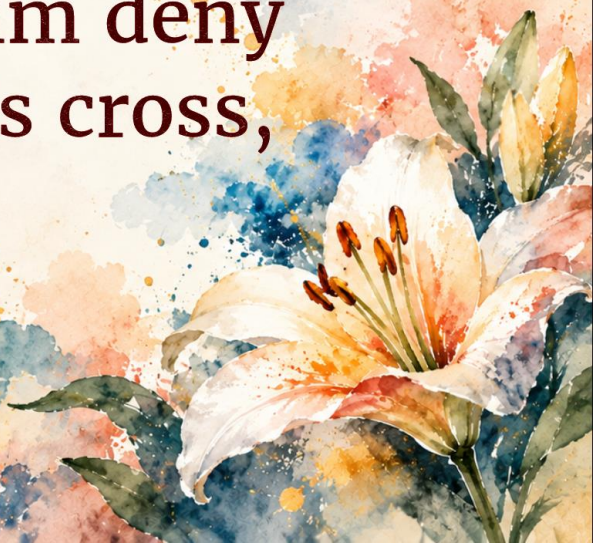



I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.
Romans 12:1–2

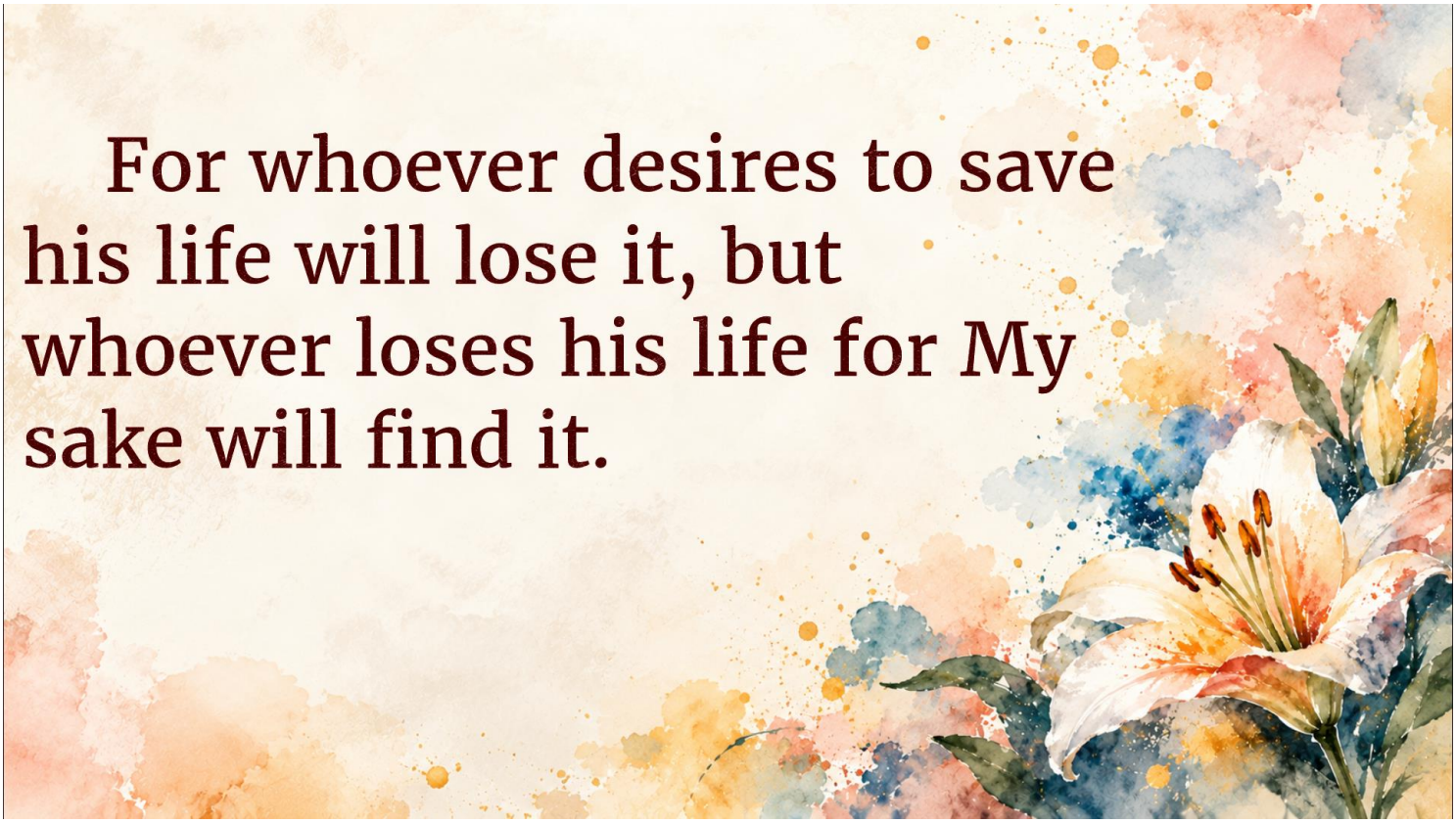

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

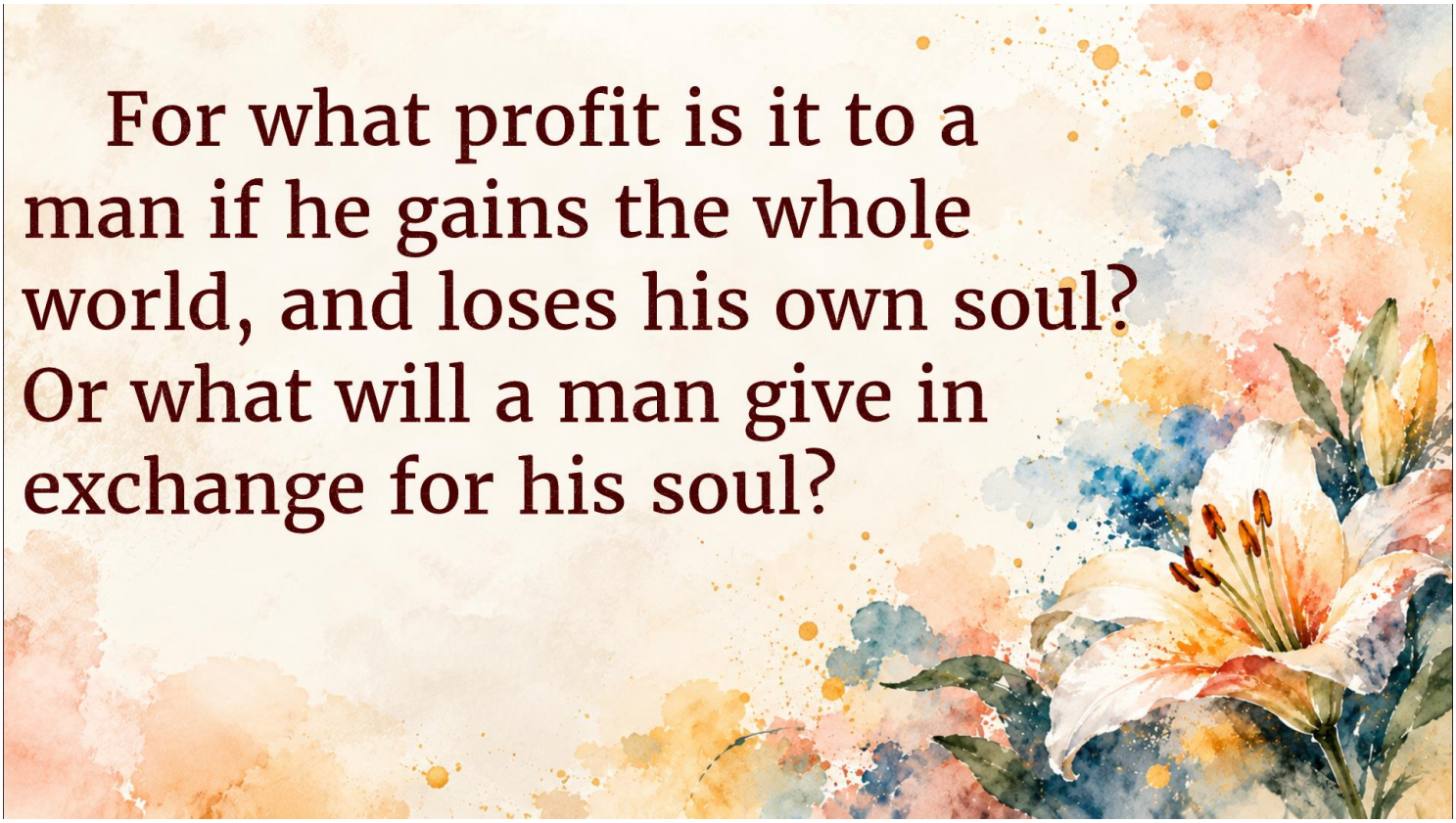
Matthew 16:24–27



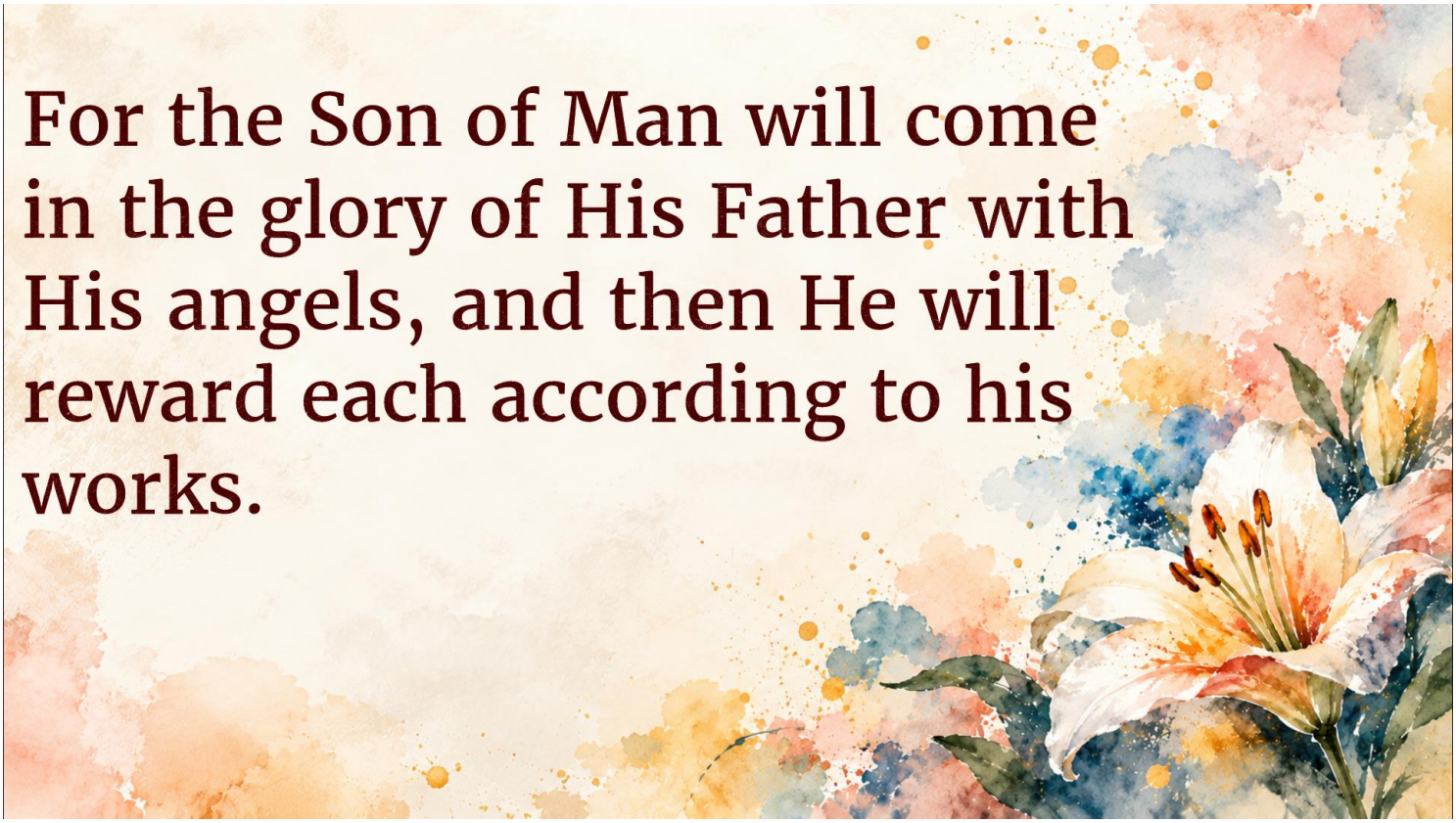
For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.



For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?



For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

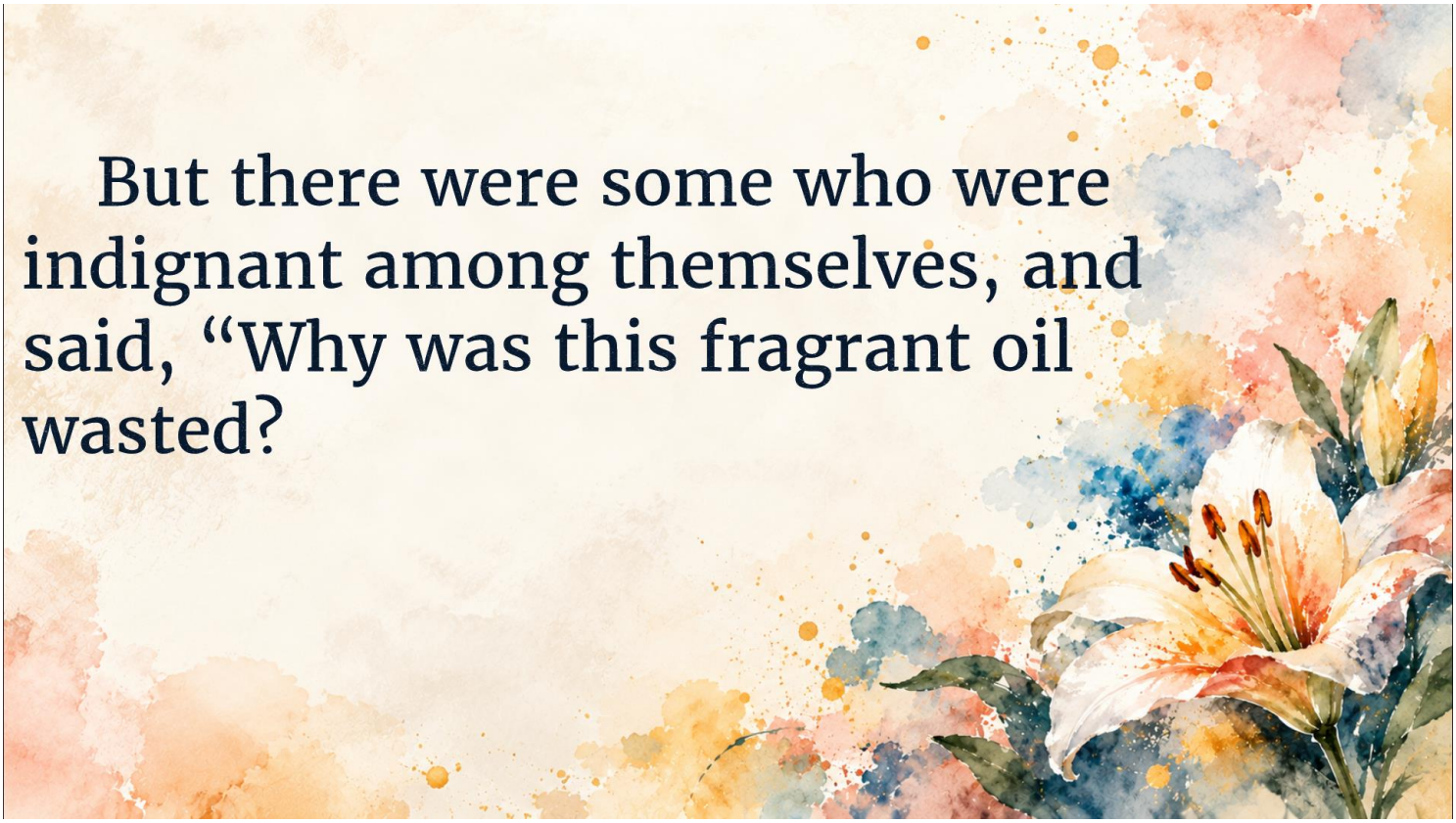


And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured *it* on His head.

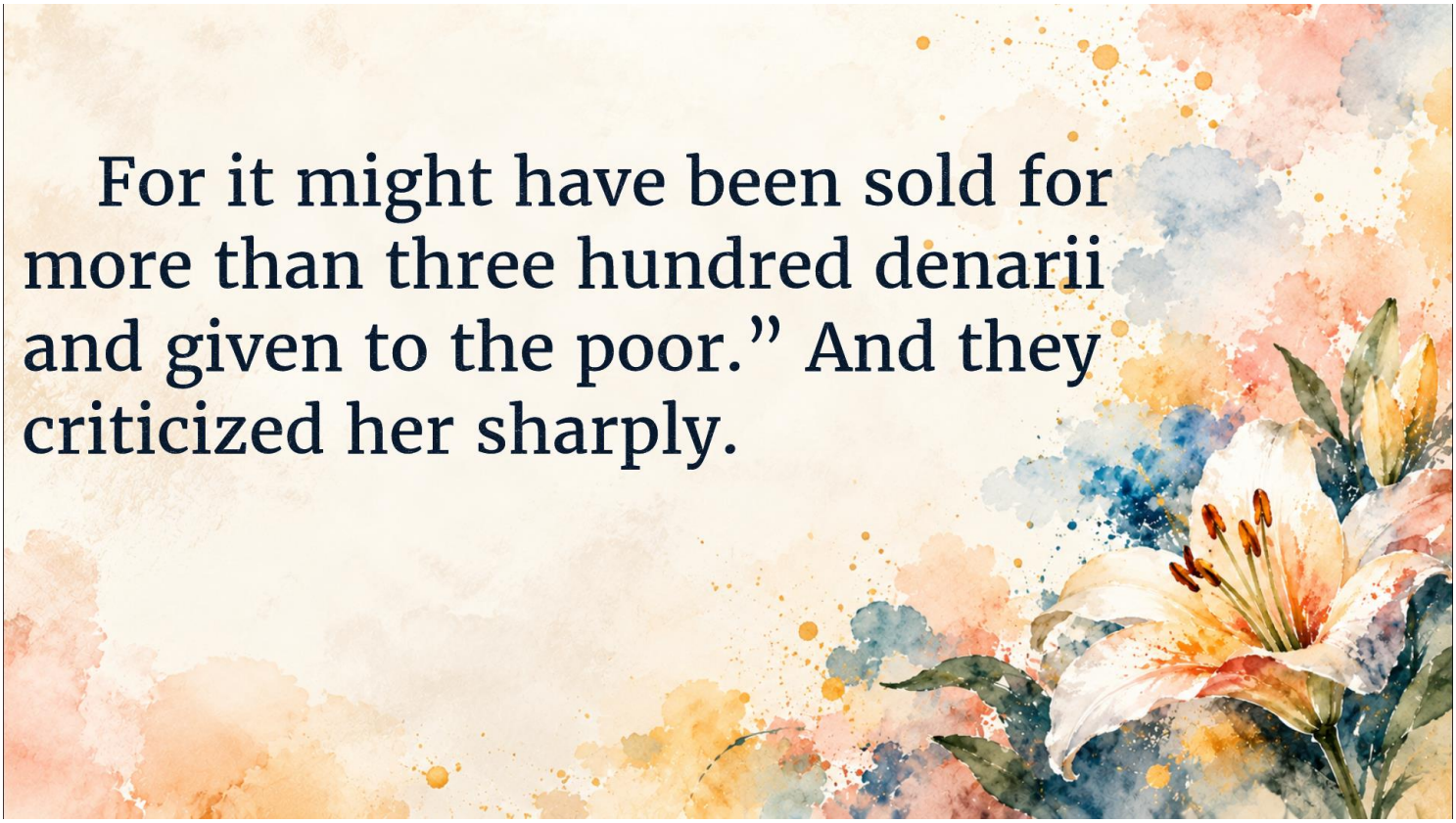
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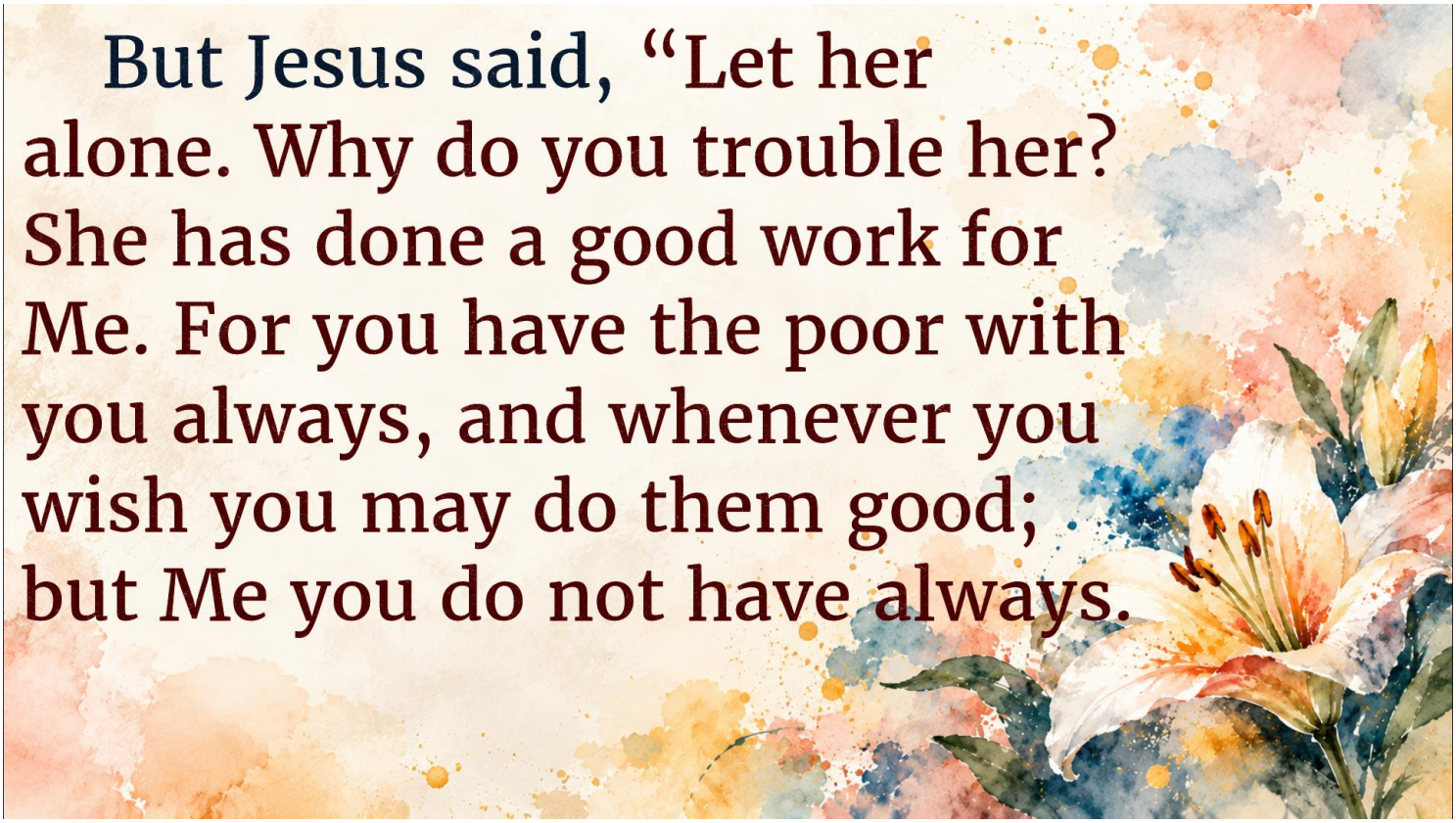
But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted?



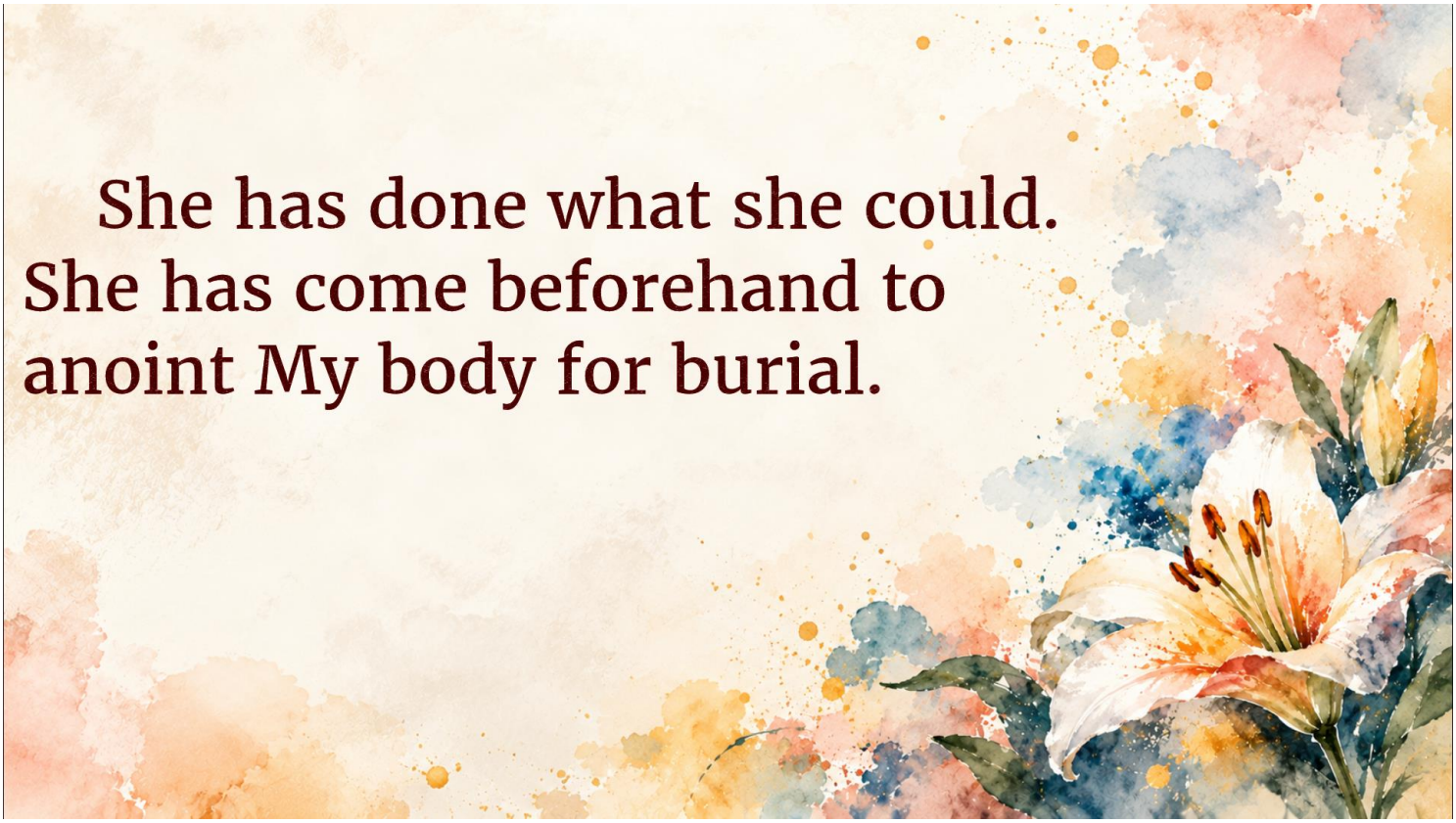
For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they criticized her sharply.



But Jesus said, “Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always.



She has done what she could.
She has come beforehand to
anoint My body for burial.



Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

