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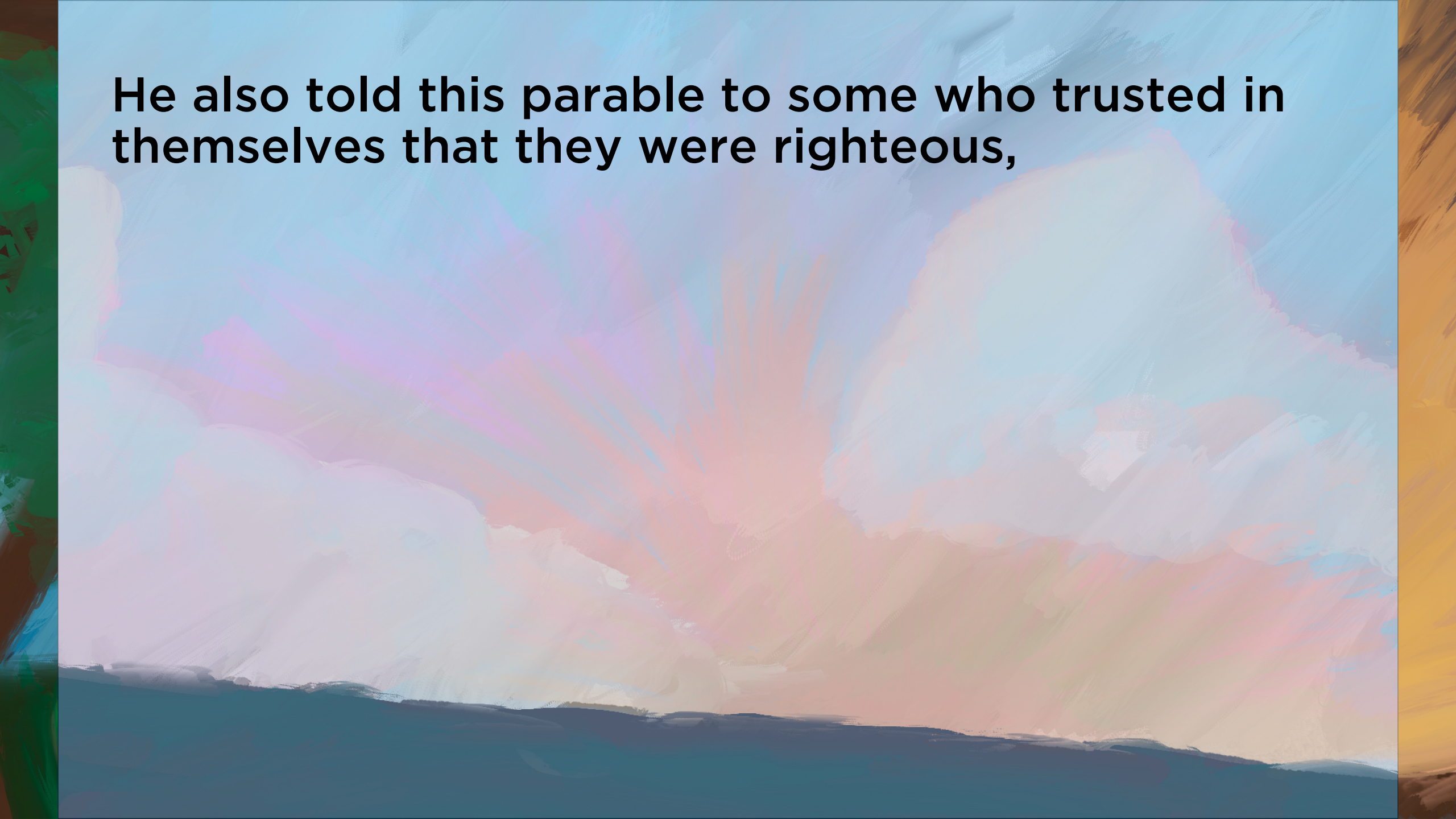
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“Beloved, the legalist [in us] is a great deal older than the Christian. If I were a legalist today, I should be some fifteen or sixteen years older than I am as a Christian; for we are all born legalists.”

– Charles Spurgeon

# Religion vs Christianity

## Religion

- Relate to God by being good
- God owes me
- Saved by being better than everyone else
- Details of the law matter for salvation

## Christianity

- Relate to God through Jesus
- I owe God
- Saved by accepting I am no better than anyone else
- The Law is an example



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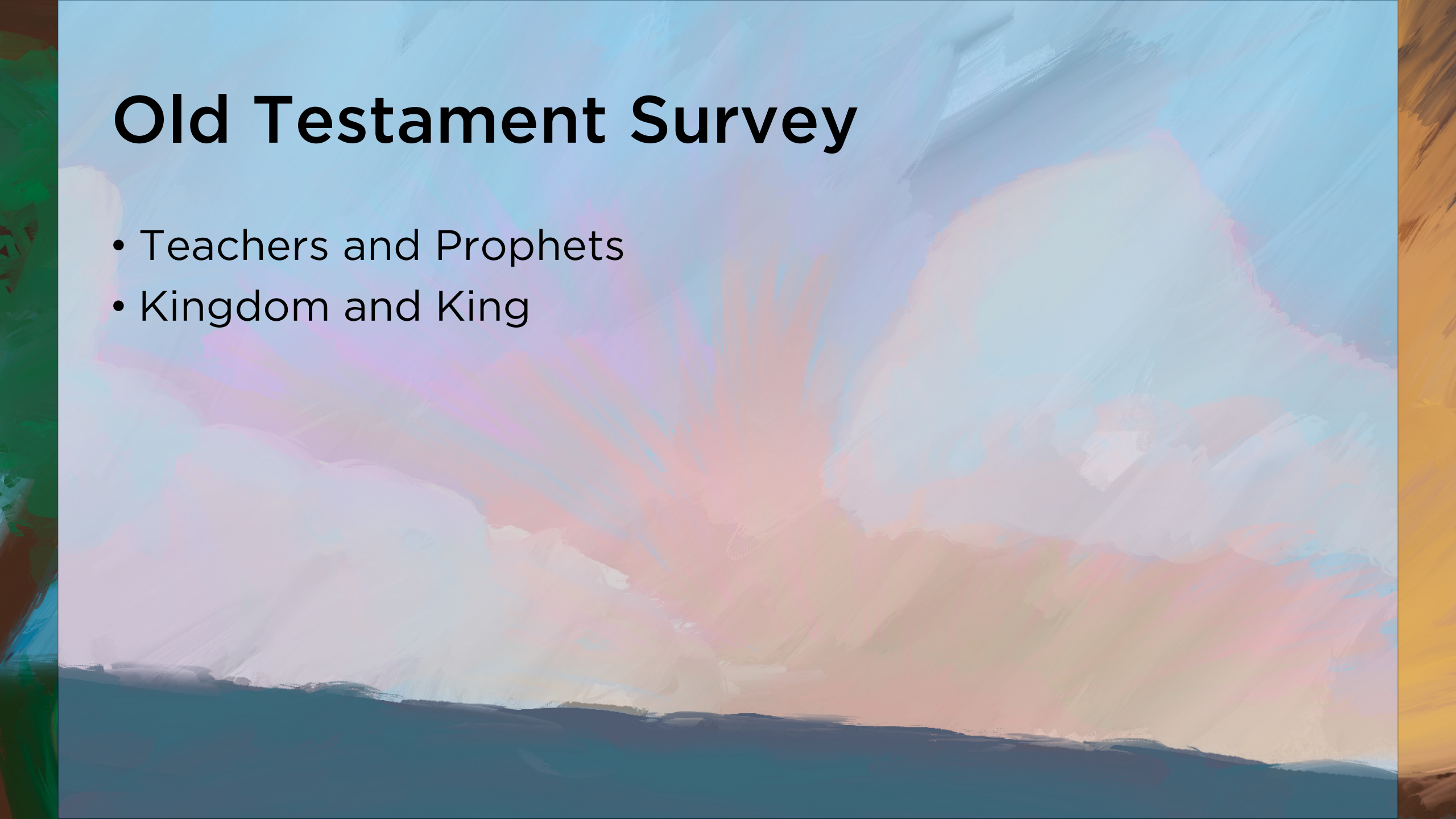
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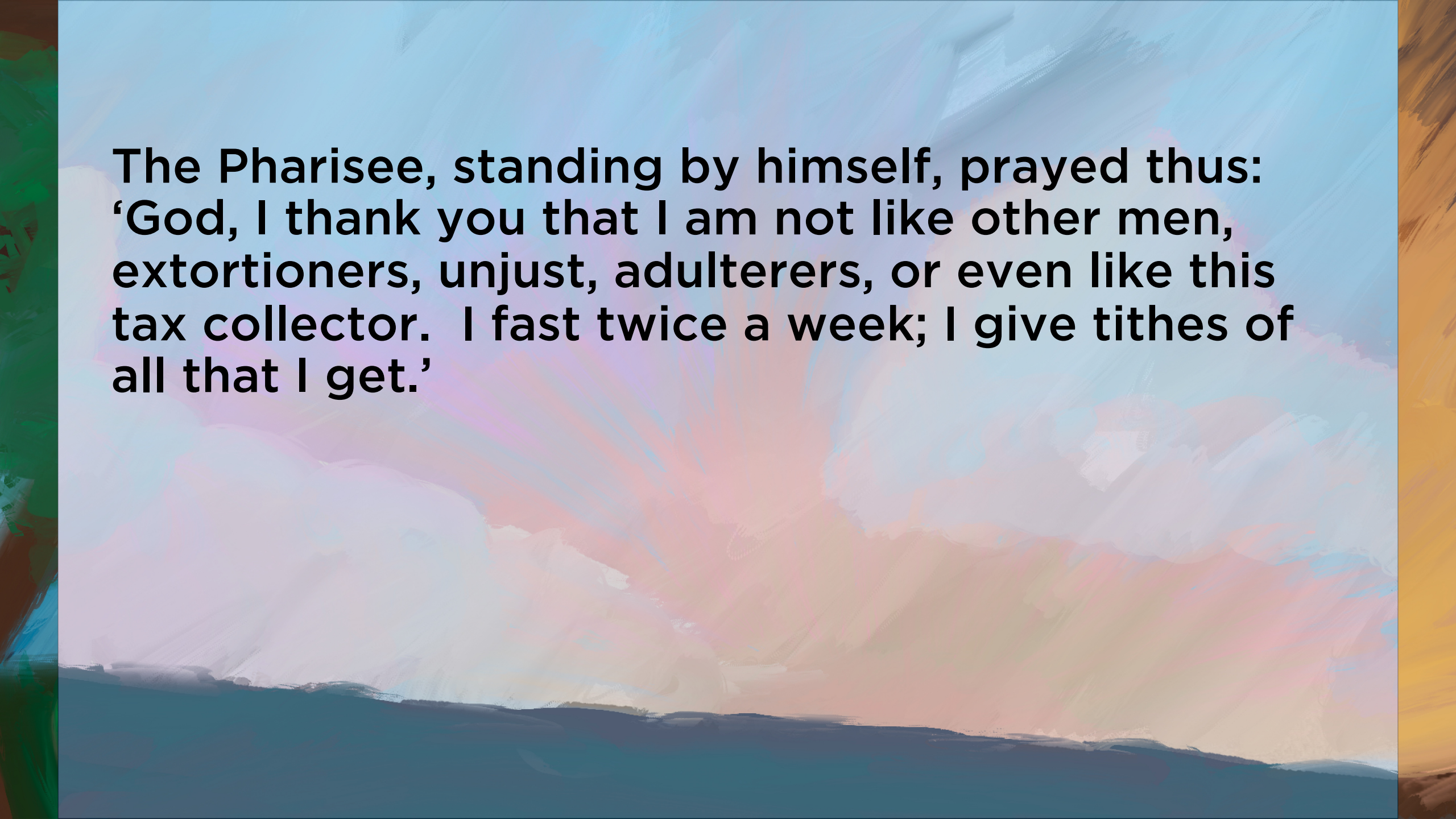
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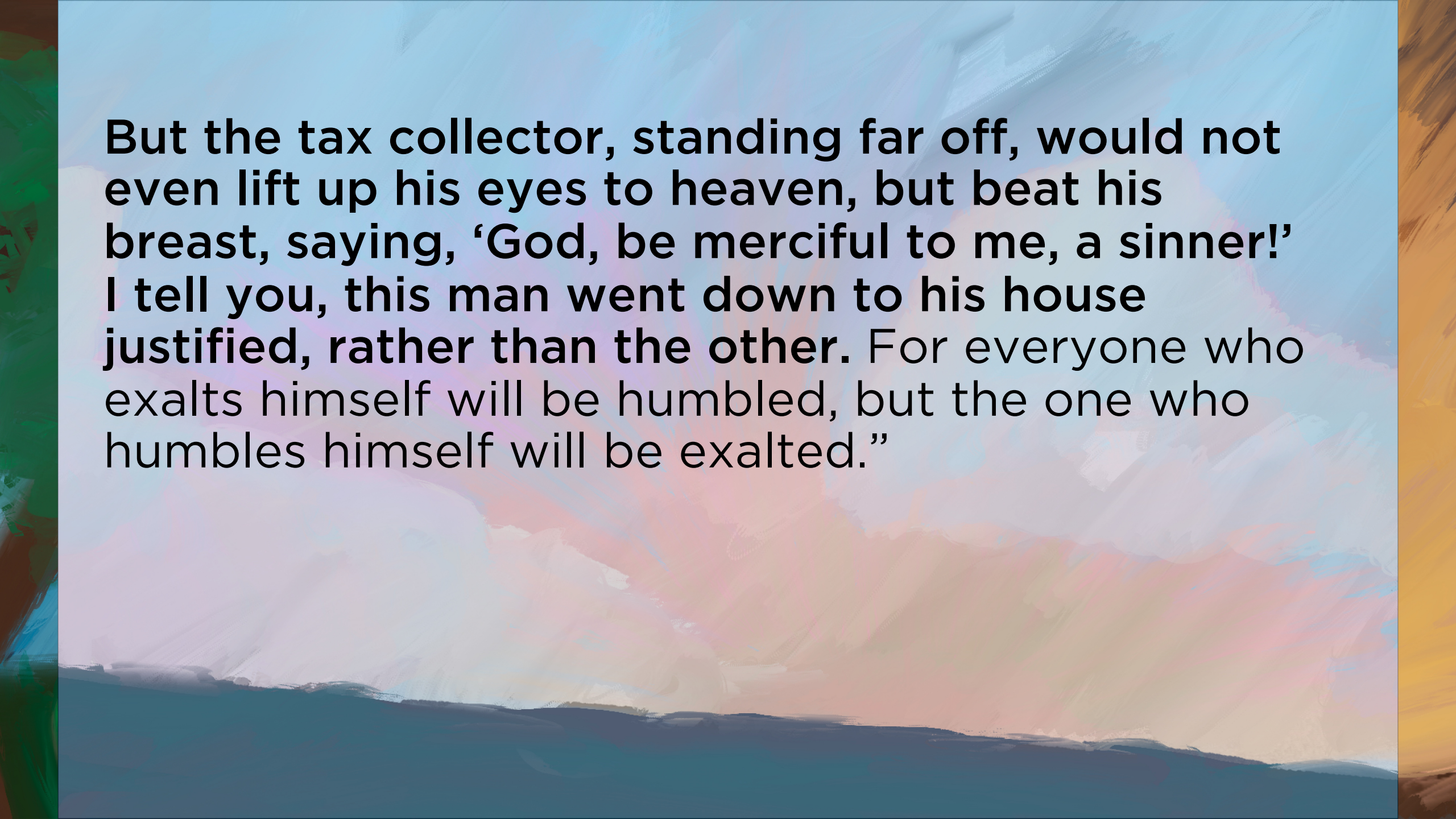
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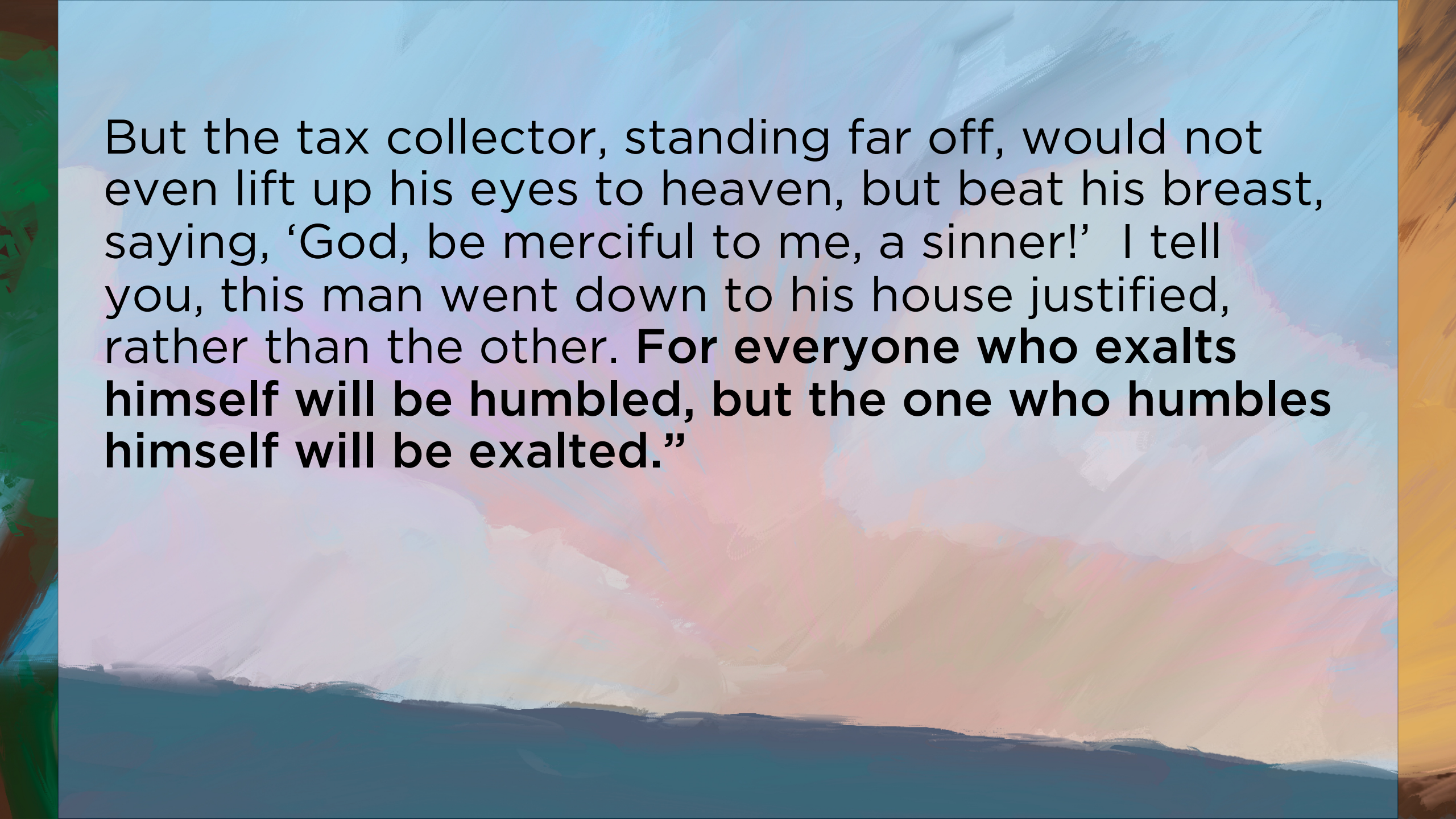
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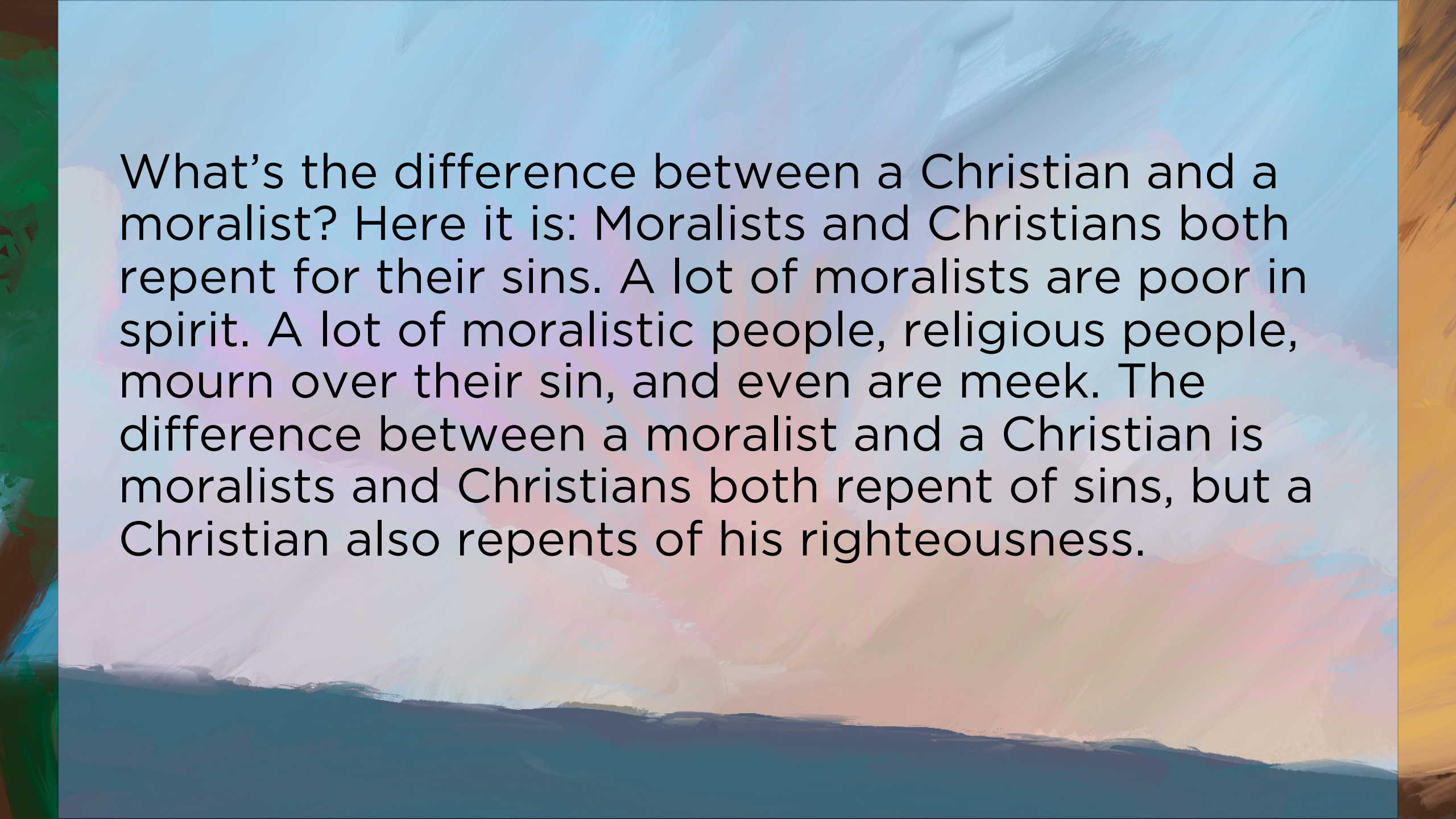
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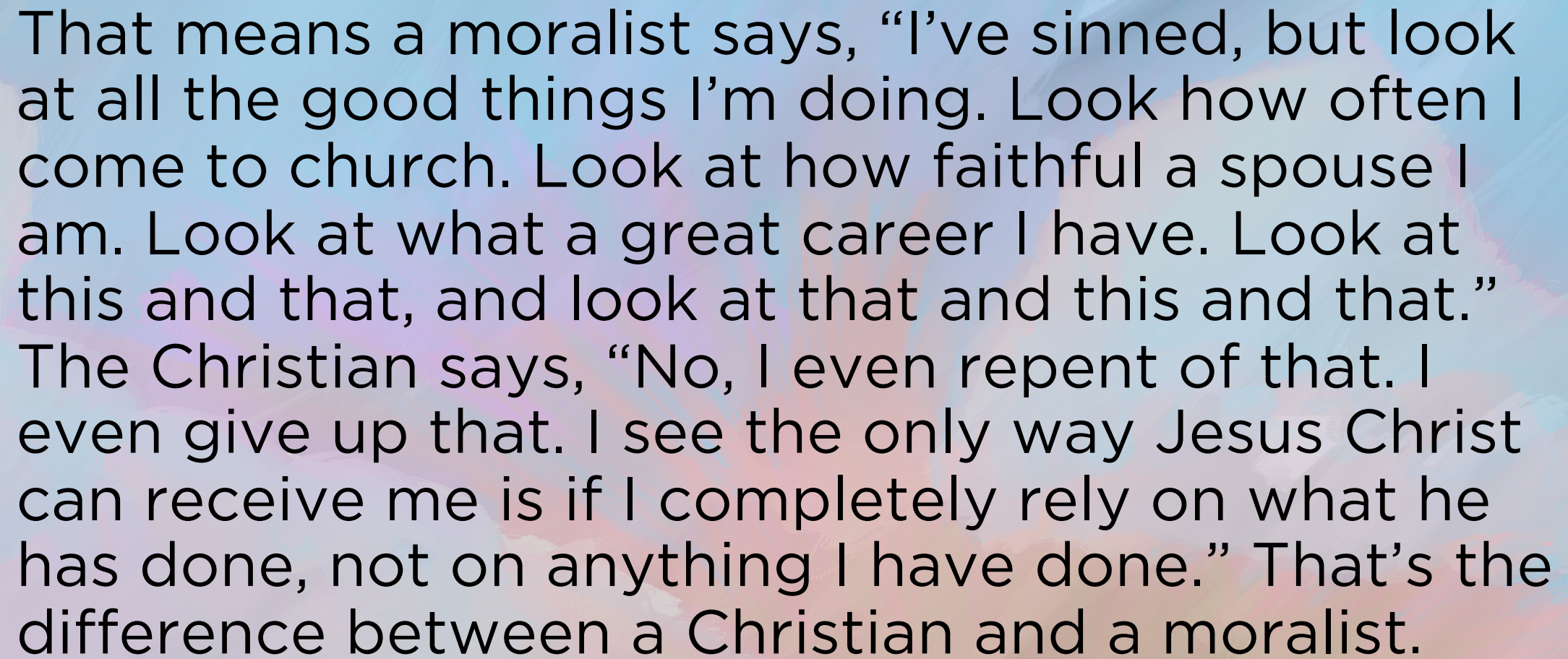
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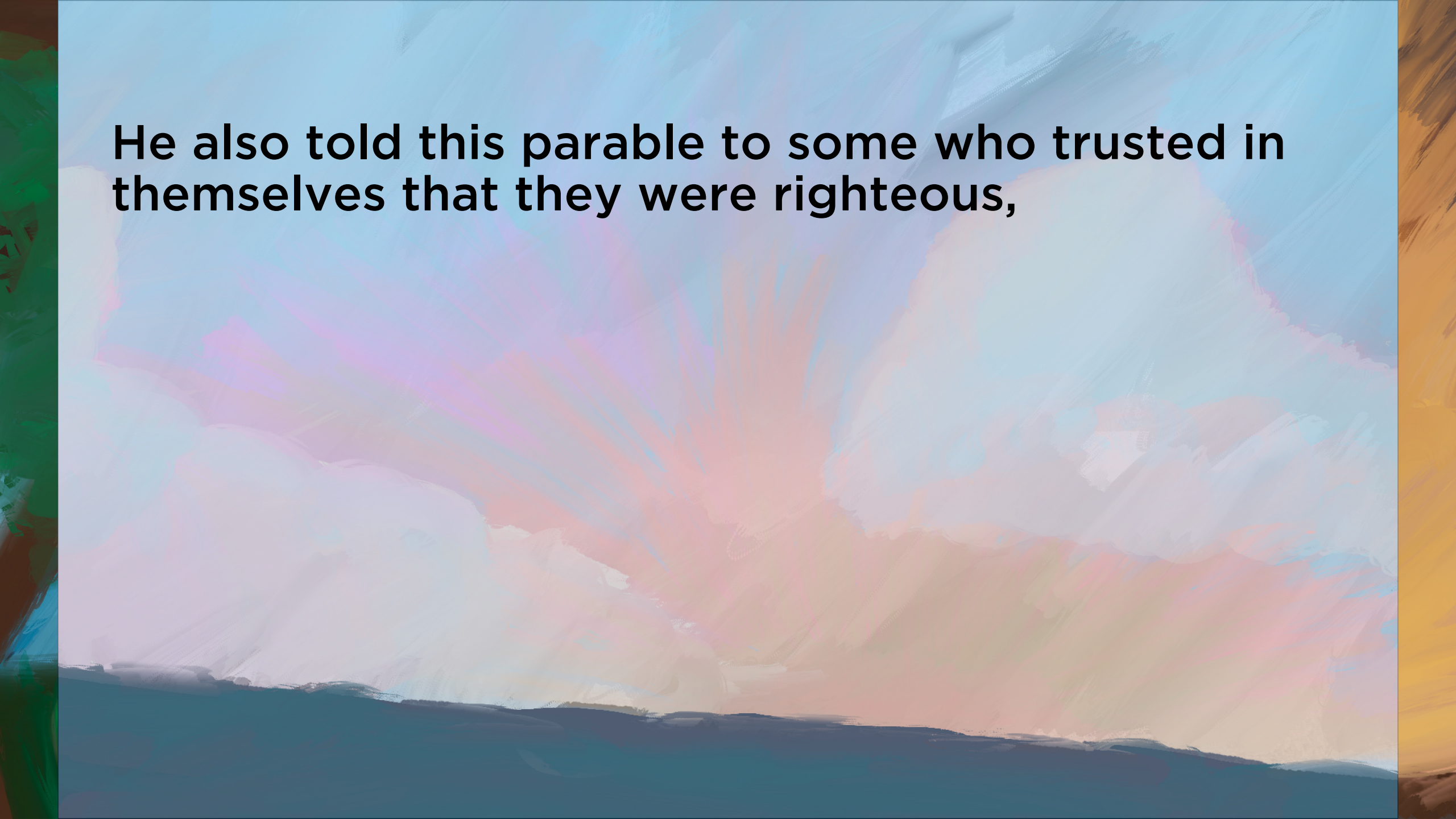
What's the difference between a Christian and a moralist? Here it is: Moralists and Christians both repent for their sins. A lot of moralists are poor in spirit. A lot of moralistic people, religious people, mourn over their sin, and even are meek. The difference between a moralist and a Christian is moralists and Christians both repent of sins, but a Christian also repents of his righteousness.



That means a moralist says, “I’ve sinned, but look at all the good things I’m doing. Look how often I come to church. Look at how faithful a spouse I am. Look at what a great career I have. Look at this and that, and look at that and this and that.” The Christian says, “No, I even repent of that. I even give up that. I see the only way Jesus Christ can receive me is if I completely rely on what he has done, not on anything I have done.” That’s the difference between a Christian and a moralist.

– Tim Keller

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# Kids Question

Christians don't just repent of their sin they also repent of their \_\_\_\_\_ ?