



encounter Jesus

The Glorified King

Revelation 1:9-19

What is God like?



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Hebrews 1:3a He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Colossians 1:15, 19 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation... For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell...

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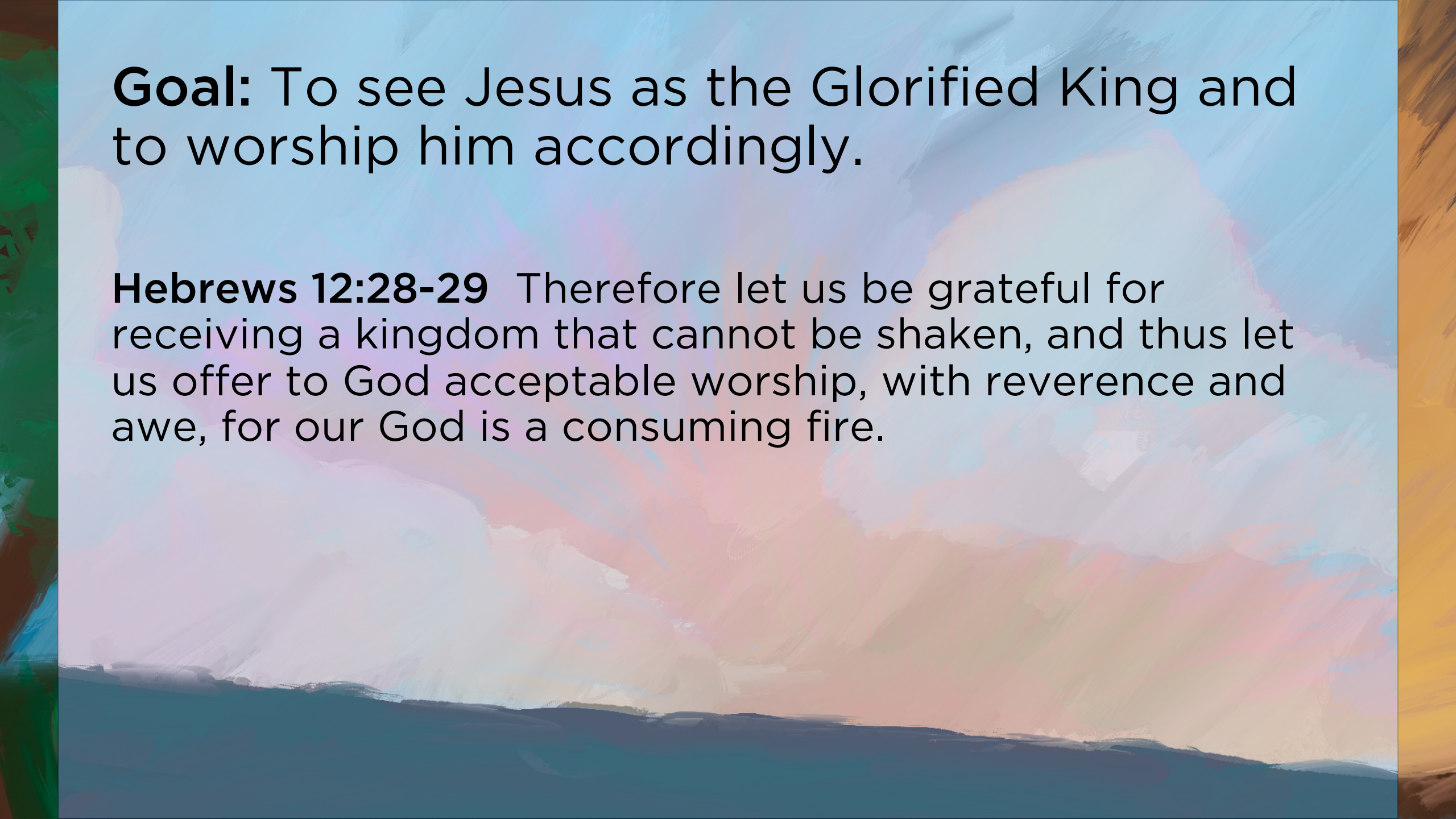
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- His willingness to cross social boundaries.
- The way he gently redirects those who are straying.
- His befriending of those others would avoid.
- His willingness to empty himself to make himself accessible.
- His compassion for the hurting.
- The way he intentionally pursues the outcast.



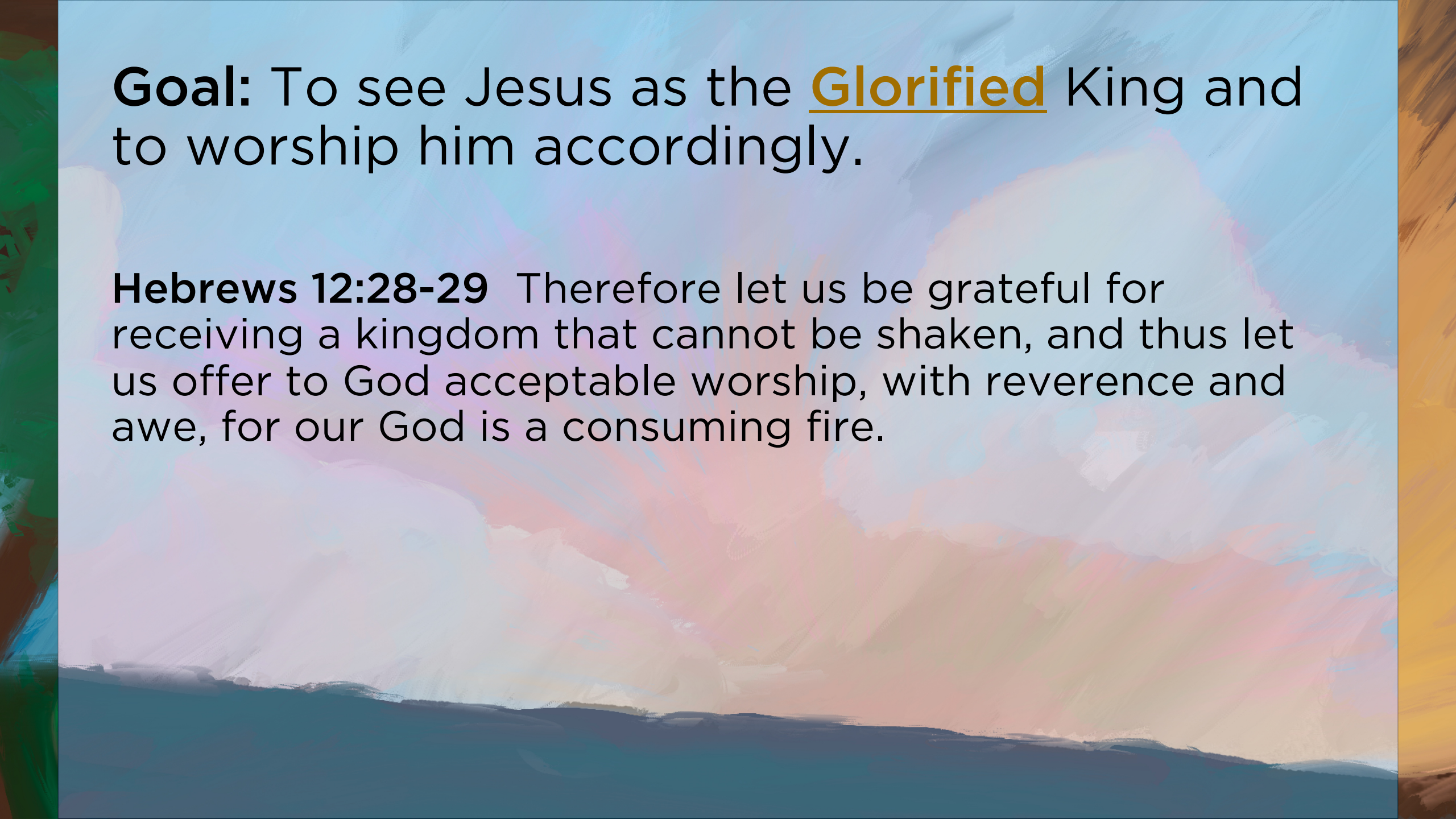
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The Weight of Glory

“Glory suggests two ideas to me, of which one seems wicked and the other ridiculous. Either glory means to me fame, or it means luminosity. As for the first, since to be famous means to be better known than other people, the desire for fame appears to me as a competitive passion and therefore of hell rather than heaven. As for the second, who wishes to become a kind of living electric light bulb?”

Glory

Hebrew (kah-bode): heaviness, burden

Greek (doxa): the condition of being shining; brightness, splendor, radiance

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“Heaven is, by definition, outside our experience, but all intelligible descriptions must be of things within our experience.”

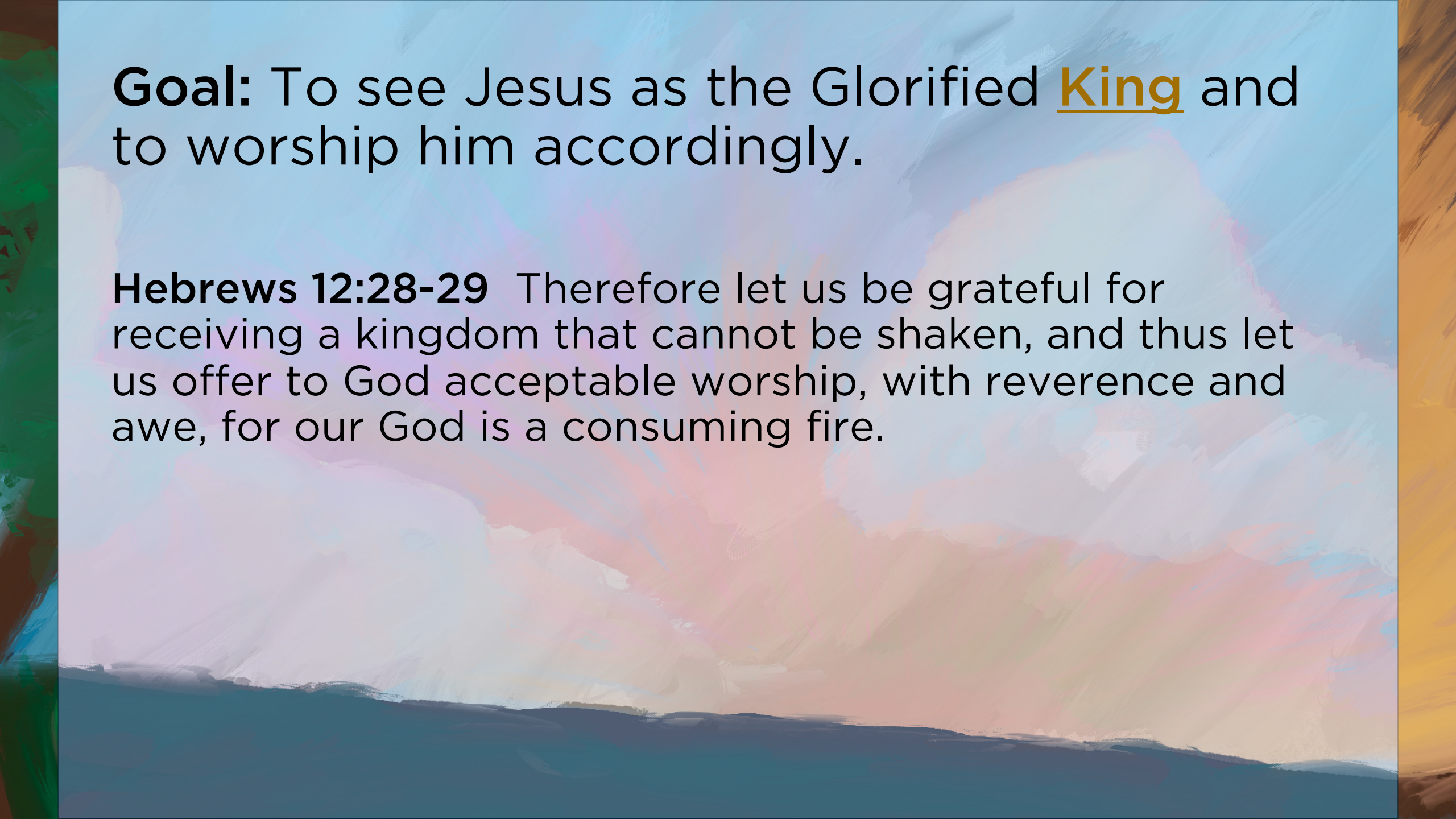
Psalm 19:1-3

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.









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The Imperial Cult

After Caesar Augustus died in AD 14, the Roman Senate officially declared him *divus Augustus* (“the divine Augustus”), initiating state-sponsored worship across the empire, with priests known as *Augustales* promoting his cult.

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Caligula openly demanded worship, had a temple built to himself in Rome, and installed a golden statue of himself in the Temple of Jerusalem (though this was halted before completion). He appointed priests to serve in his personal cult during his lifetime.

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Domitian had himself called Dominus et Deus noster (“Our Lord and God”), and provincial cities dedicated altars and inscriptions to him as a deity before his death.

Luke 12:4-5

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Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Kids Question



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What is glory?



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Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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Psalm 46:6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

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2. It lessens the weight of your global concerns.
3. It eliminates entitlement and gives peace.

Job 42:2-3 “I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

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3. It eliminates entitlement and gives peace.
4. It draws you into joyful dependence.

Revelation 1:17-18

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

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