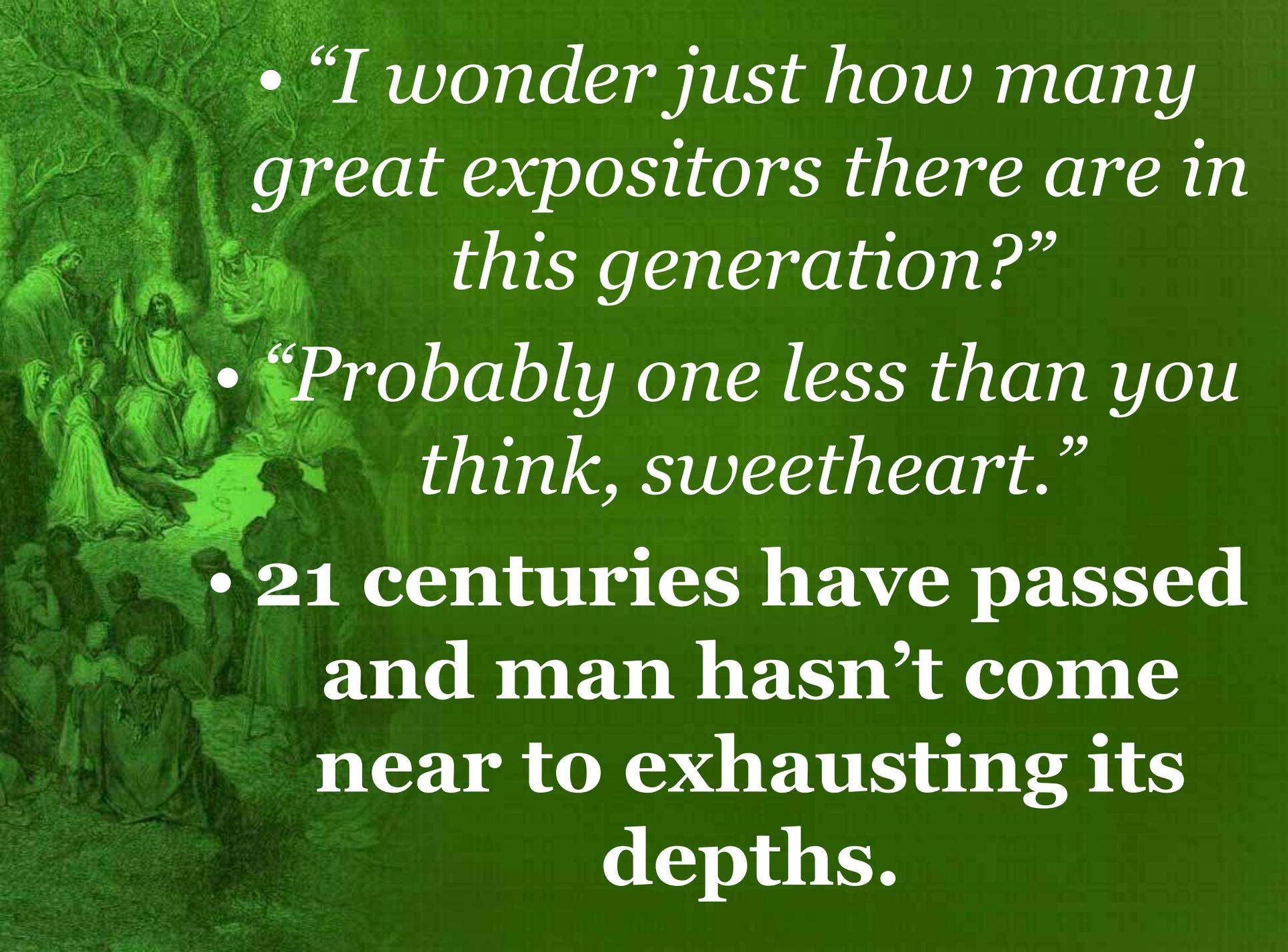




Jesus' Sermon On The Mount

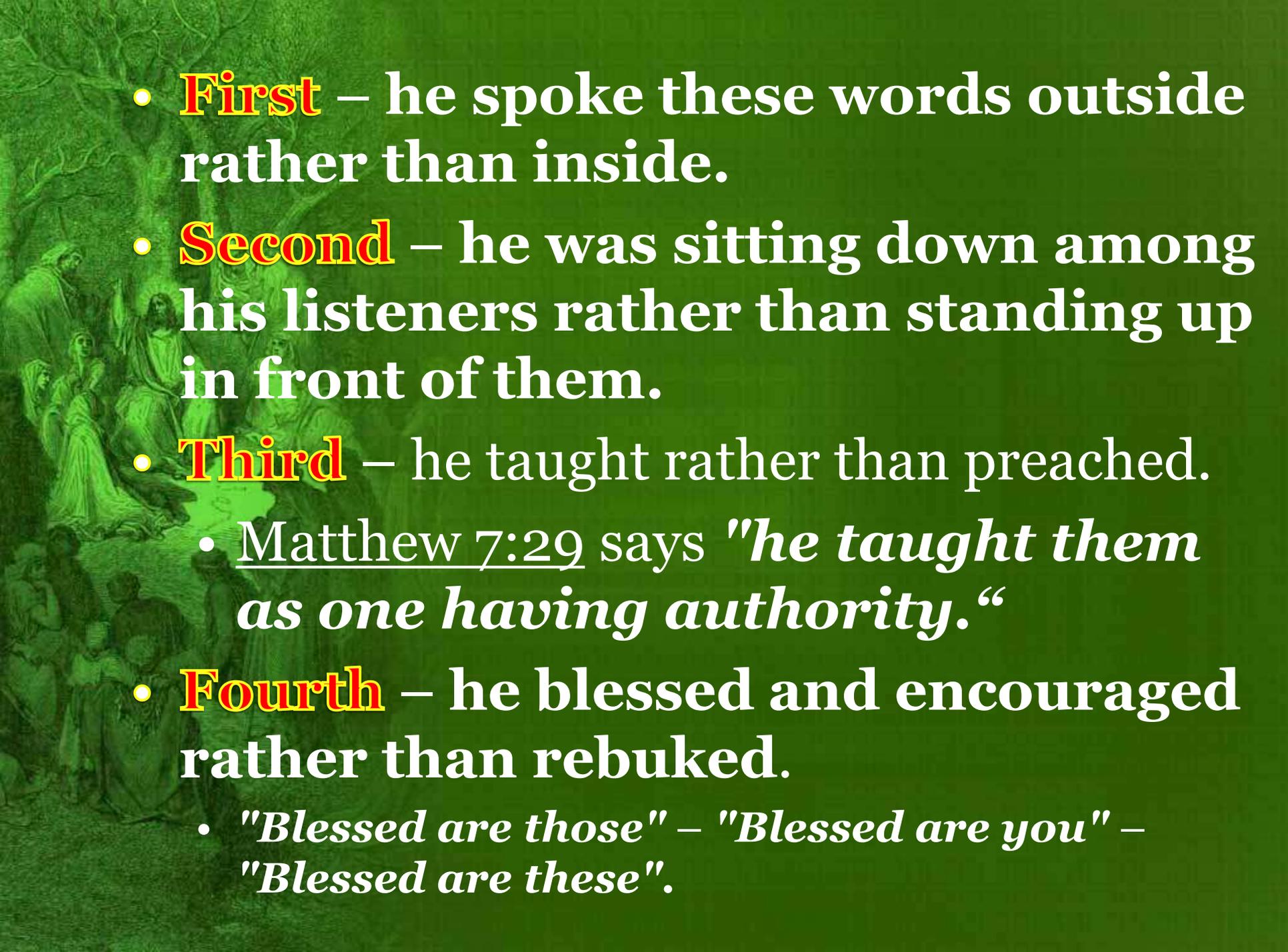
Matthew 5:1-12



• *“I wonder just how many great expositors there are in this generation?”*

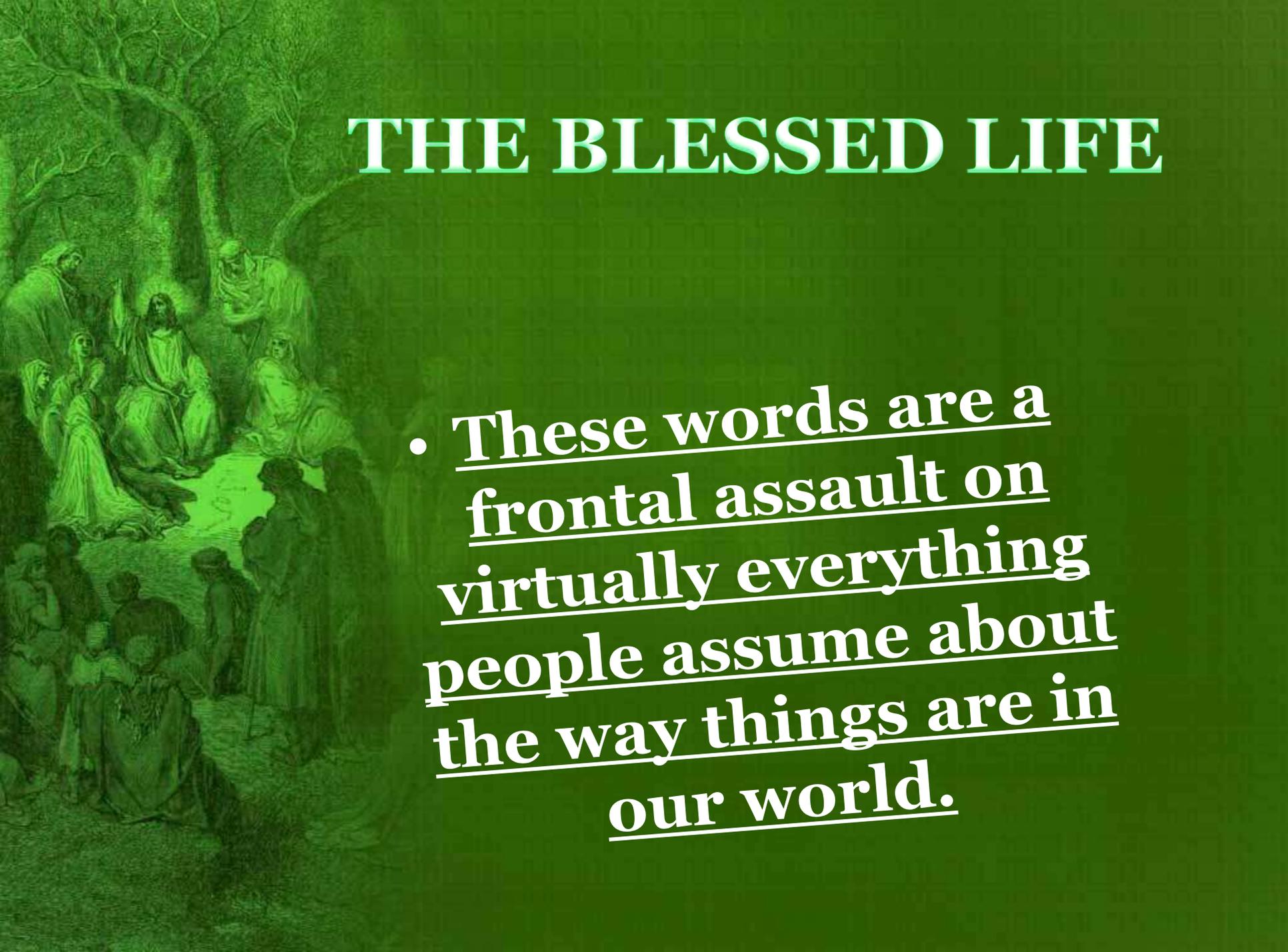
• *“Probably one less than you think, sweetheart.”*

• **21 centuries have passed and man hasn't come near to exhausting its depths.**

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- **First** – he spoke these words outside rather than inside.
 - **Second** – he was sitting down among his listeners rather than standing up in front of them.
 - **Third** – he taught rather than preached.
 - Matthew 7:29 says *"he taught them as one having authority."*
 - **Fourth** – he blessed and encouraged rather than rebuked.
 - *"Blessed are those"* – *"Blessed are you"* – *"Blessed are these"*.

THE BLESSED LIFE

- These words are a frontal assault on virtually everything people assume about the way things are in our world.





Upside down World Map

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LEGEND

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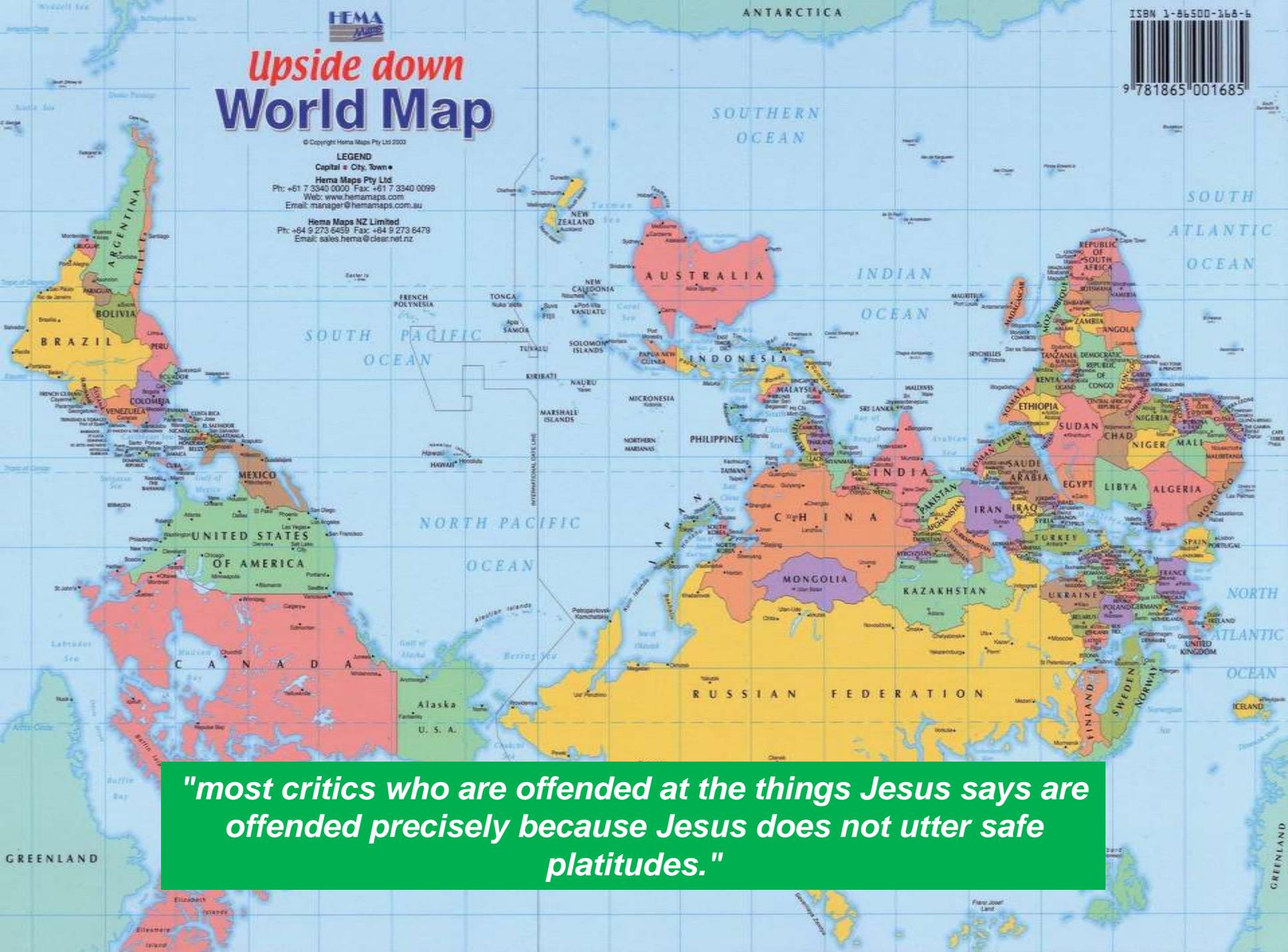
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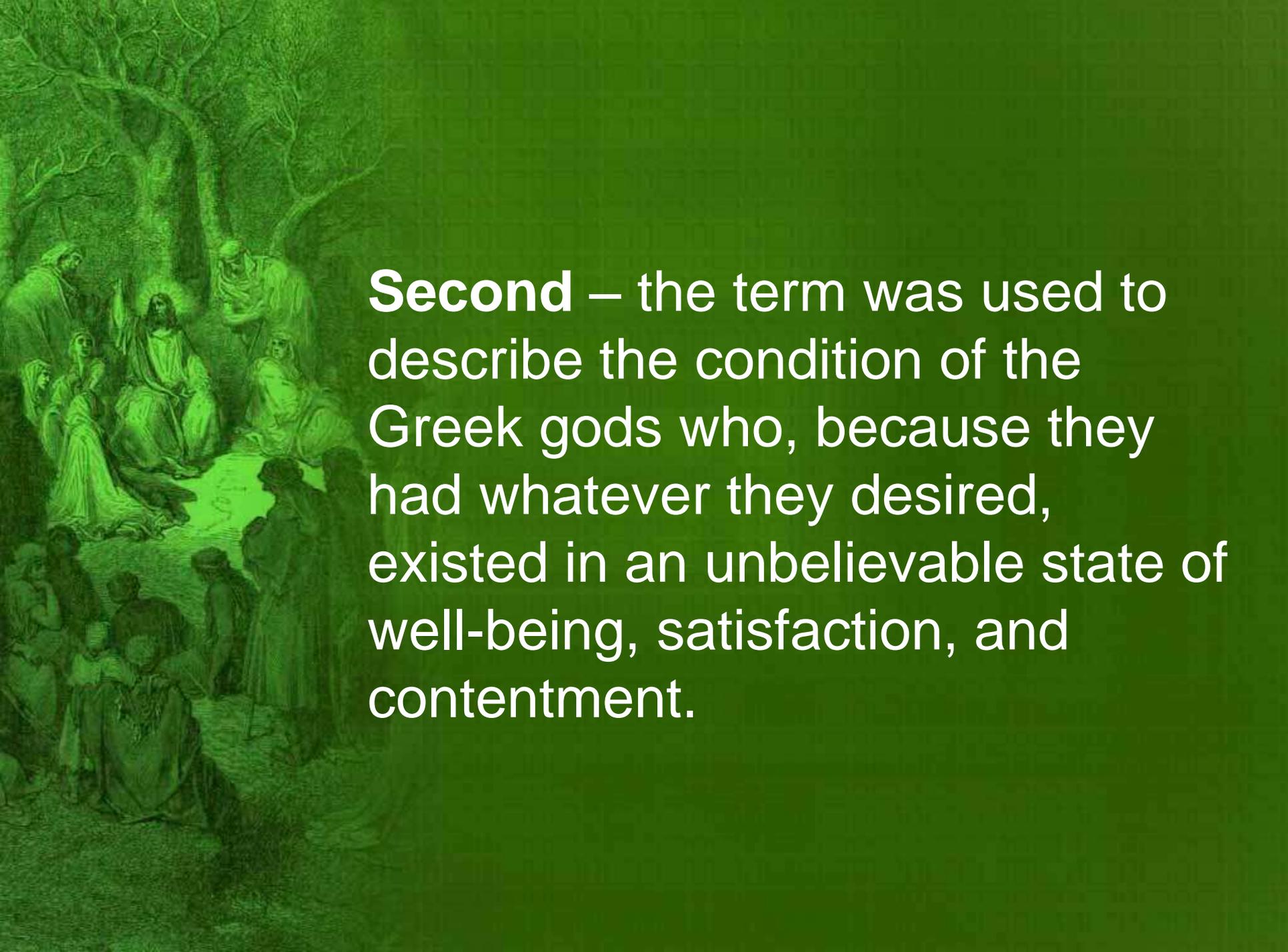
"most critics who are offended at the things Jesus says are offended precisely because Jesus does not utter safe platitudes."



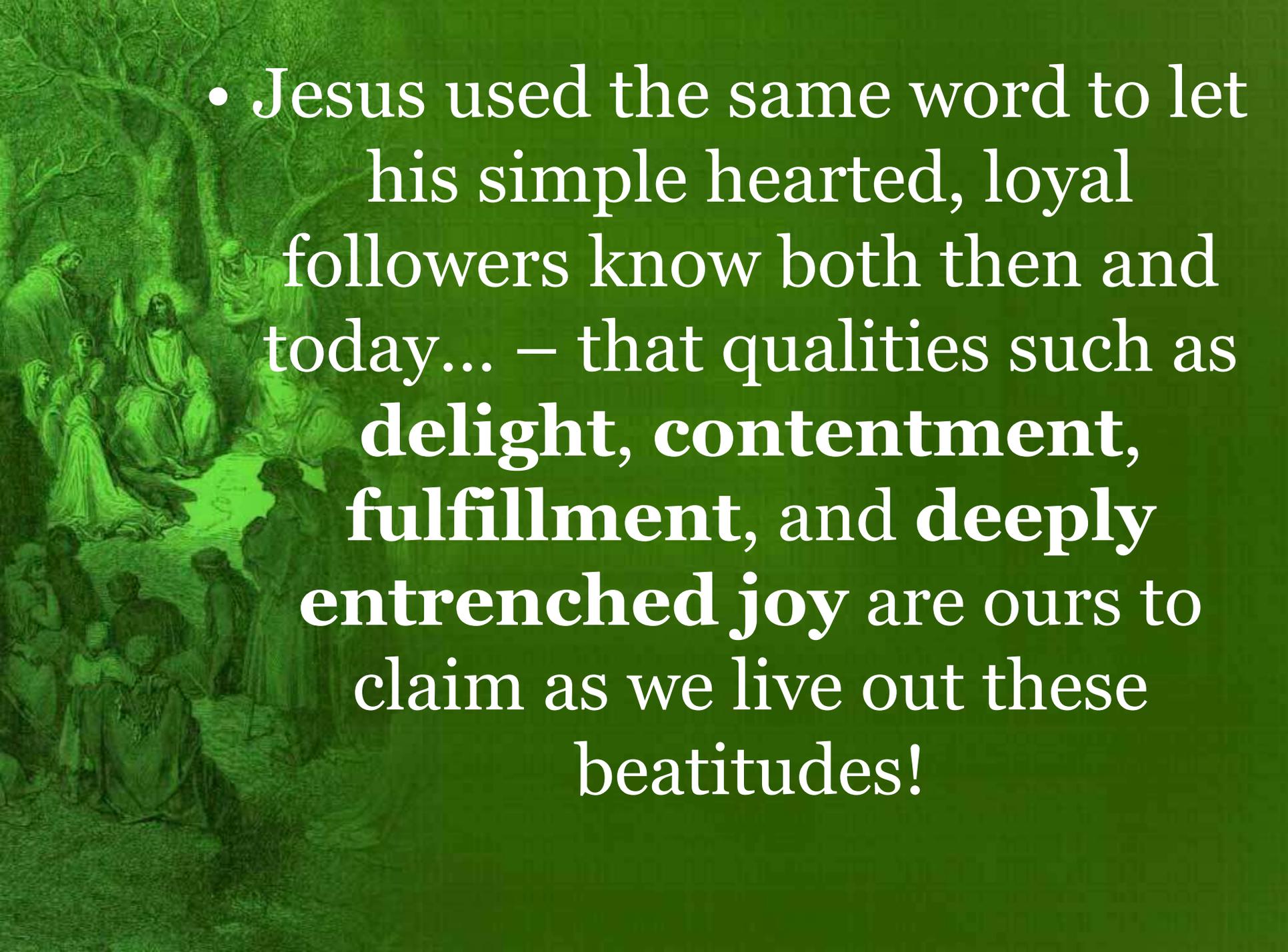
BLESSED

- the Greek word *makarios* translated blessed was used to describe two different conditions.
- To describe the social stratum of the wealthy who, by virtue of their riches, lived above the normal cares and worries of lesser folk.
- **Second** – the term was used to describe the condition of the Greek gods who, because they had whatever they desired, existed in an unbelievable state of well-being, satisfaction, and contentment.





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- A green-tinted illustration of Jesus teaching a group of people in a forest setting. Jesus is seated on the left, surrounded by a group of people, including a woman in a white robe who appears to be the subject of his teaching. The scene is set in a wooded area with large trees and a path leading through them. The overall mood is serene and focused.
- Jesus used the same word to let his simple hearted, loyal followers know both then and today... – that qualities such as **delight, contentment, fulfillment, and deeply entrenched joy** are ours to claim as we live out these beatitudes!

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

- Romans 3:10 - *"As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous— not even one."*
- Romans 3:10 (LBLA) *10 como está escrito: NO HAY JUSTO, NI AUN UNO;*

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

- Romans 3:23- *"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."*
- Romans 3:23 (LBLA) *23 por cuanto todos pecaron y no alcanzan la gloria de Dios,*
- Ecclesiastes 7:20- *20 Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.*
- Ecclesiastes 7:20 (LBLA) *20 Ciertamente no hay hombre justo en la tierra que haga el bien y nunca peque.*

Luke 18:11-12 - *'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'* NASU

Luke 18:11-12 (LBLA) *11 “Dios, te doy gracias porque no soy como los demás hombres: estafadores, injustos, adúlteros; ni aun como este recaudador de impuestos. 12 “Yo ayuno dos veces por semana; doy el diezmo de todo lo que gano.”*

THE CHURCH AT LAODICEA

- Revelation 3:14- 18
- *"I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing."* (vs 17a).
- *"wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked"* (vs 17b).

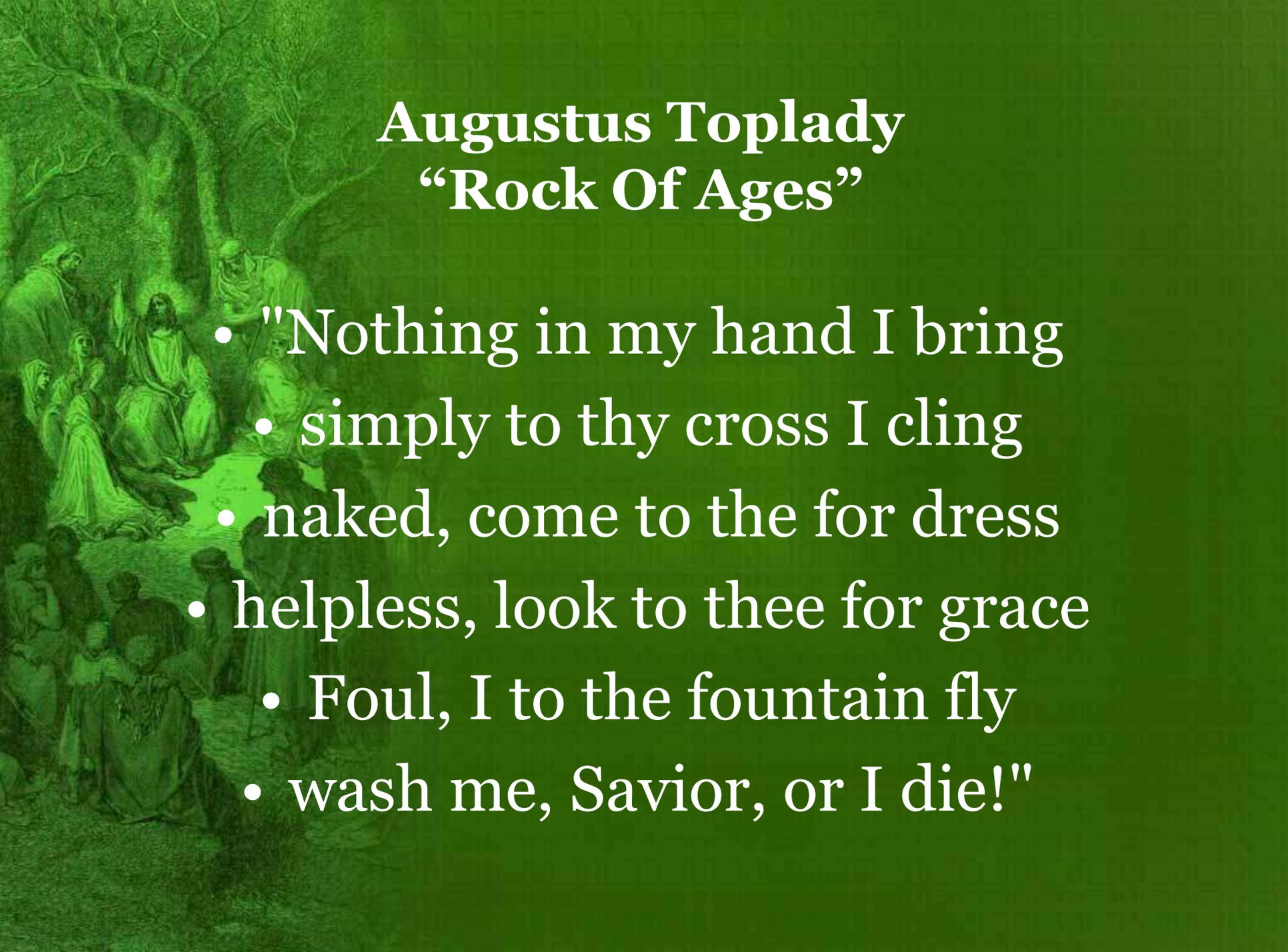


- *"God, be merciful to me, the sinner!"*



The difference?

**...the tax gatherer
was poor in spirit.**



Augustus Toplady “Rock Of Ages”

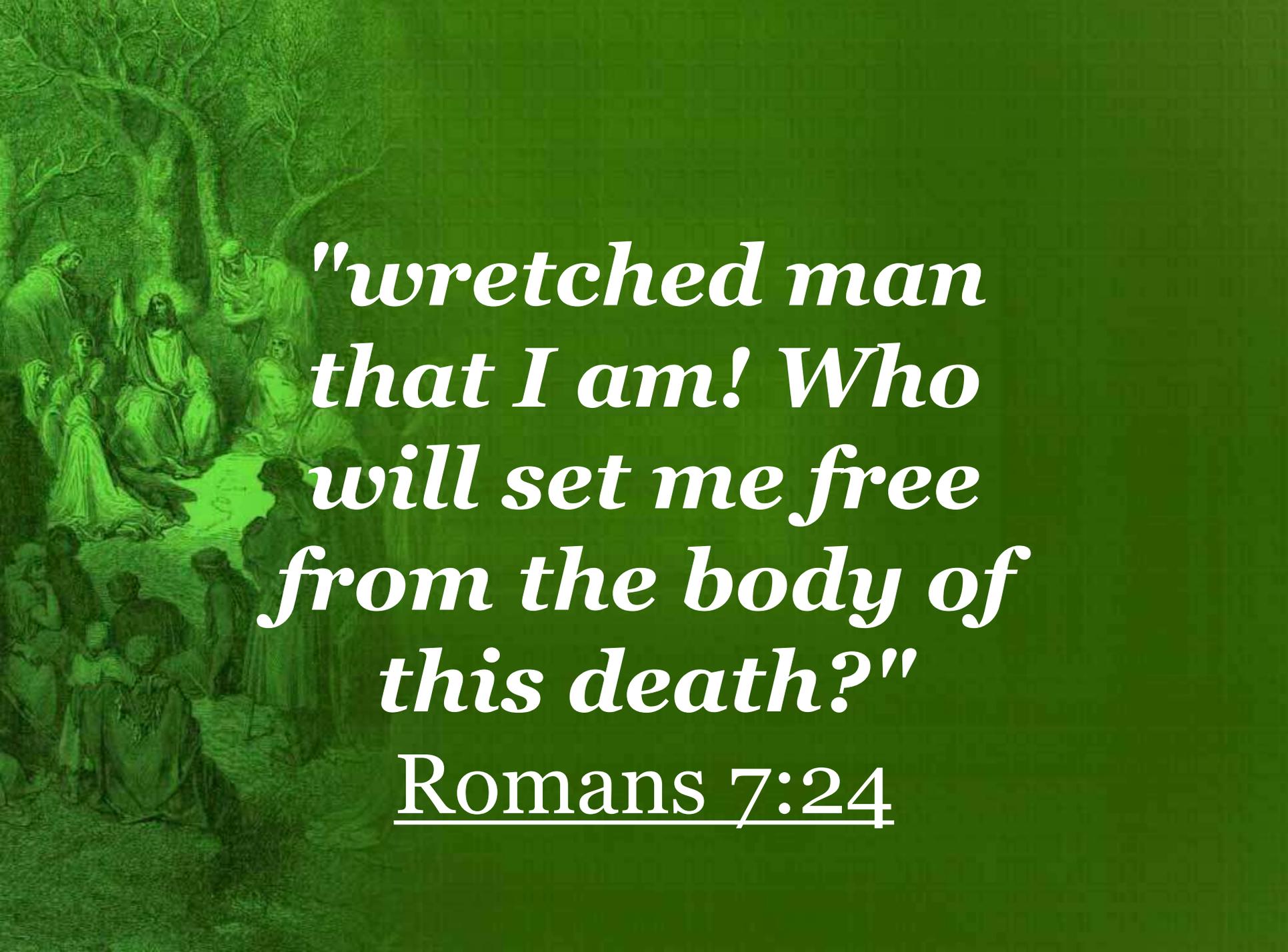
- "Nothing in my hand I bring
- simply to thy cross I cling
- naked, come to thee for dress
- helpless, look to thee for grace
- Foul, I to the fountain fly
- wash me, Savior, or I die!"

The background of the image is a green-tinted photograph of a forest. In the upper left, there are several people, possibly a group of pilgrims or travelers, standing on a path. The trees are dense and their leaves are a vibrant green. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

The promised blessing for
such a humble, dependent,
poor in spirit attitude -
***theirs is the kingdom
of heaven!***

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN



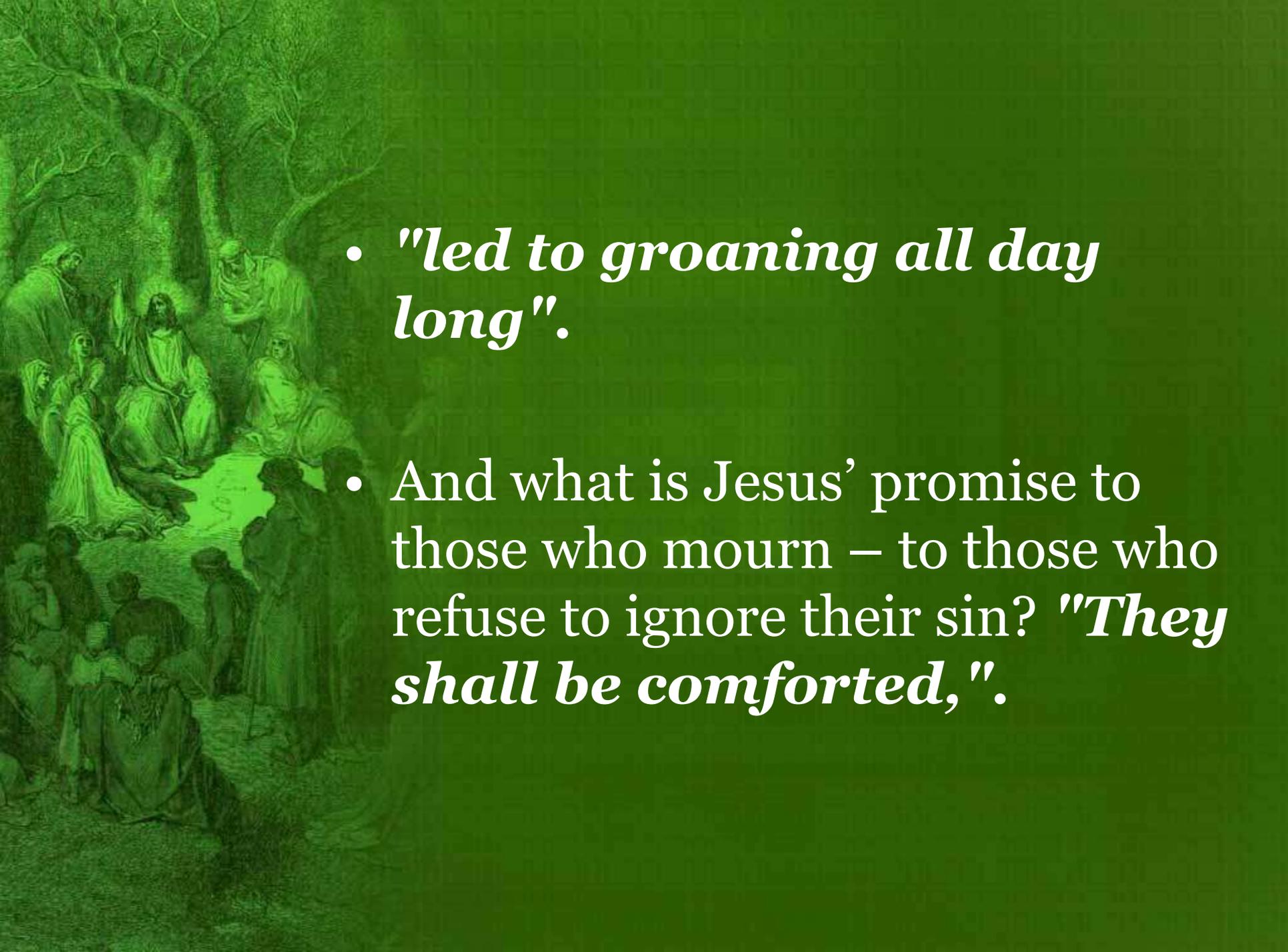


*"wretched man
that I am! Who
will set me free
from the body of
this death?"*

Romans 7:24



Luke 22:62 - *"and he went out and wept bitterly".*



- *"led to groaning all day long"*.
- And what is Jesus' promise to those who mourn – to those who refuse to ignore their sin? *"They shall be comforted,"*.

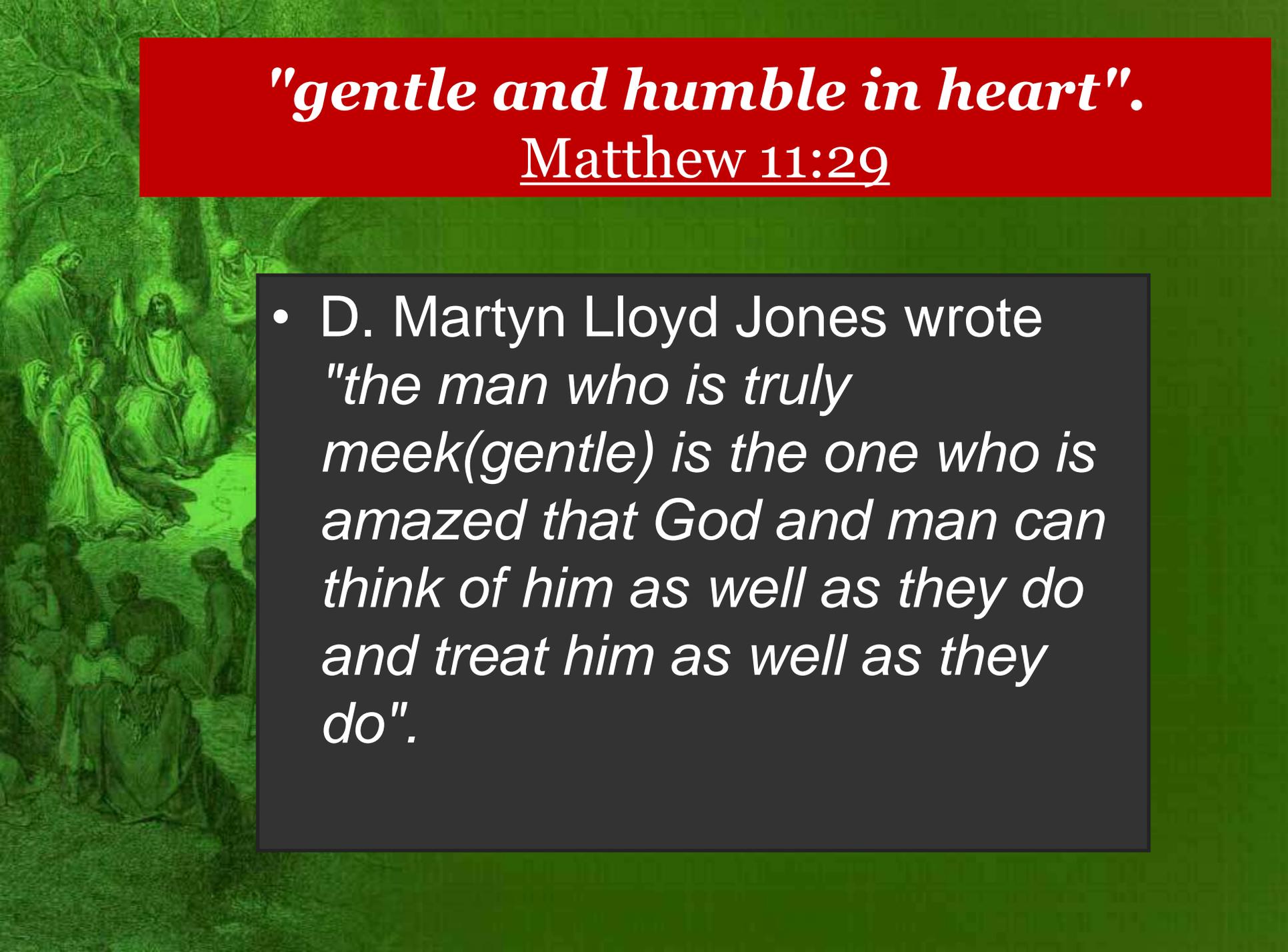
Psalms 51:16-17 - *16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.* NASU

Psalm 51:16-17 (LBLA) *16 Porque no te deleitas en sacrificio, de lo contrario yo lo ofrecería; no te agrada el holocausto.
17 Los sacrificios de Dios son el espíritu contrito; al corazón contrito y humillado, oh Dios, no despreciarás.*

BLESSED ARE THE GENTLE, FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH

- A wild stallion that had been ridden, broken, and brought under control was said to be "*gentle*".
- Words that calm strong emotion were "*gentle*" words.
- An ointment that drew fever and pain out of a wound was a "*gentle*" medication.
- In one of Plato's works, a child asked a physician to be tender with him. He use the same Greek word translated "*gentle*".
- Those who were polite, treating others with dignity, courtesy, and tact, were called "*gentle*."





"gentle and humble in heart".

Matthew 11:29

- D. Martyn Lloyd Jones wrote *"the man who is truly meek(gentle) is the one who is amazed that God and man can think of him as well as they do and treat him as well as they do"*.



And what blessing does
Jesus promised the
gentle?

*"They shall inherit
the earth".*



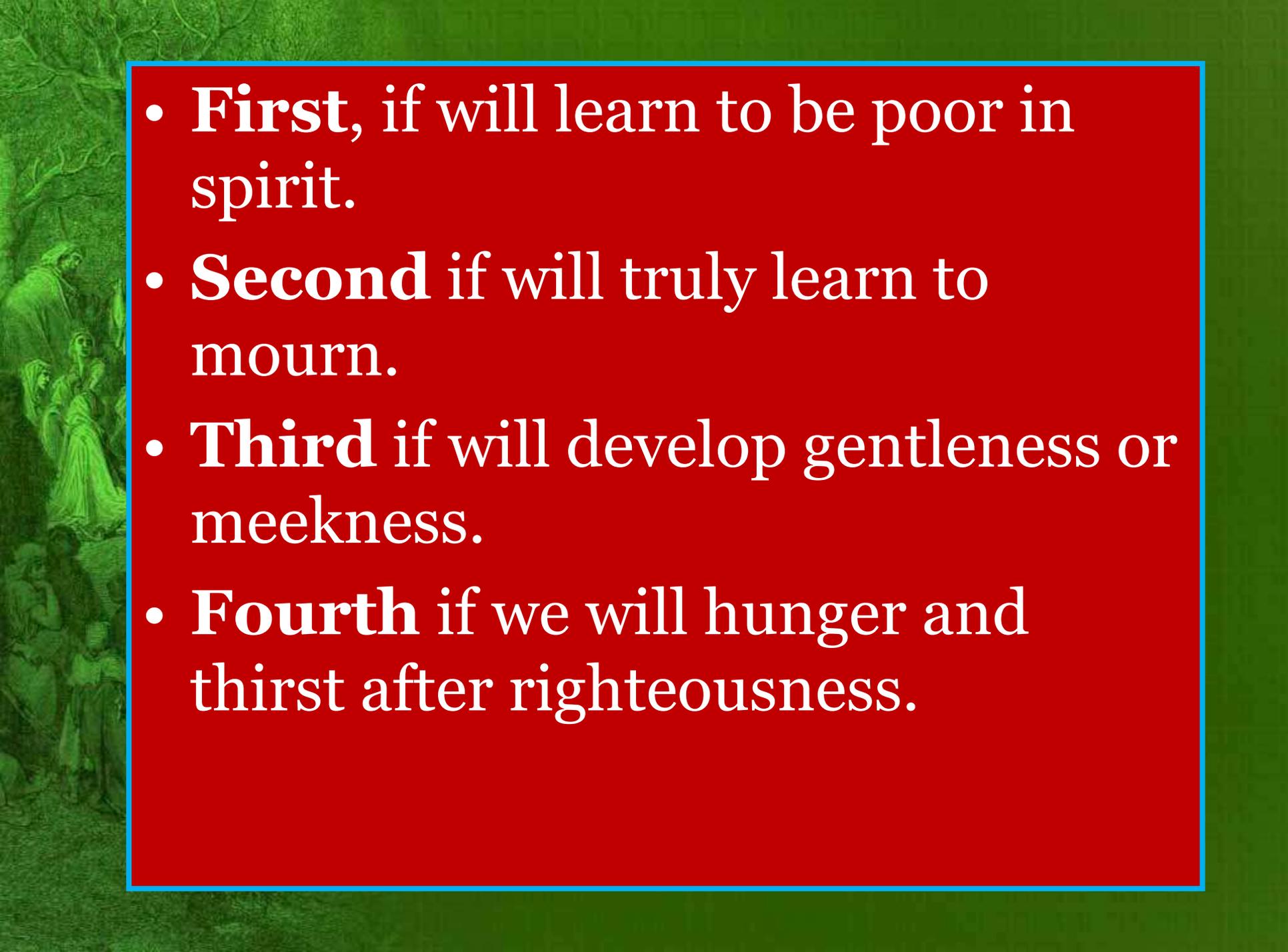
"I want a lawyer.!"

The attitude is "who wants to wait for God to provide if I can sue someone's pants off and get what I want now?"

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS



like hefty, well fed livestock – strong, stable, able to handle harsh conditions and endure uncomfortable circumstances.

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- **First**, if will learn to be poor in spirit.
 - **Second** if will truly learn to mourn.
 - **Third** if will develop gentleness or meekness.
 - **Fourth** if we will hunger and thirst after righteousness.