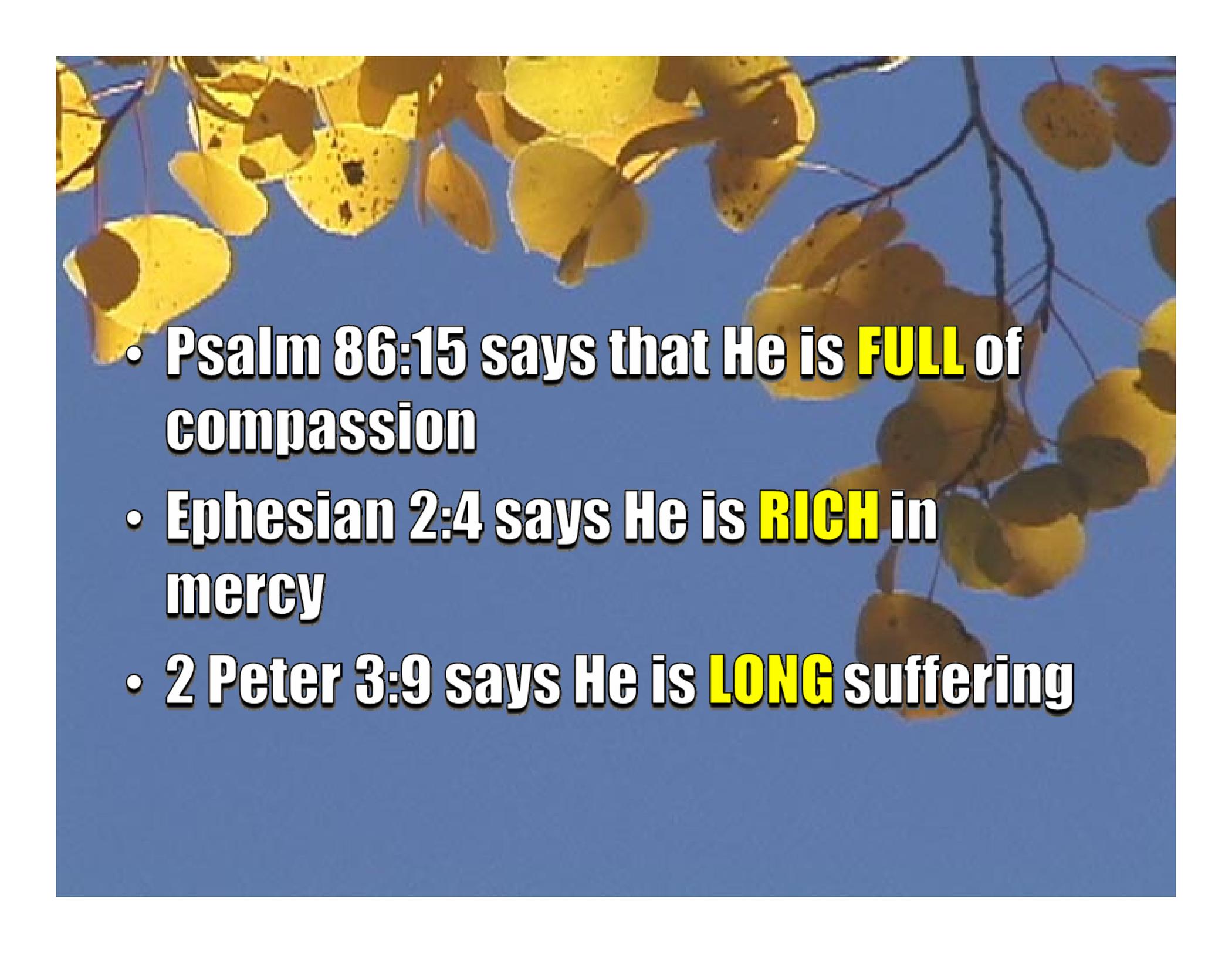


A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy, set against a warm, orange-hued sunset background. The person's head is tilted back, and their arms are extended upwards. The overall mood is one of hope and spiritual uplift.

# LESSONS IN FORGIVENESS

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- Psalm 86:15 says that He is **FULL** of compassion
  - Ephesian 2:4 says He is **RICH** in mercy
  - 2 Peter 3:9 says He is **LONG** suffering



**Psalm 51:1**

**Have mercy upon me, O  
God, according to thy  
lovingkindness:  
according unto the  
multitude of thy tender  
mercies blot out my  
transgressions. GO ON!!!**

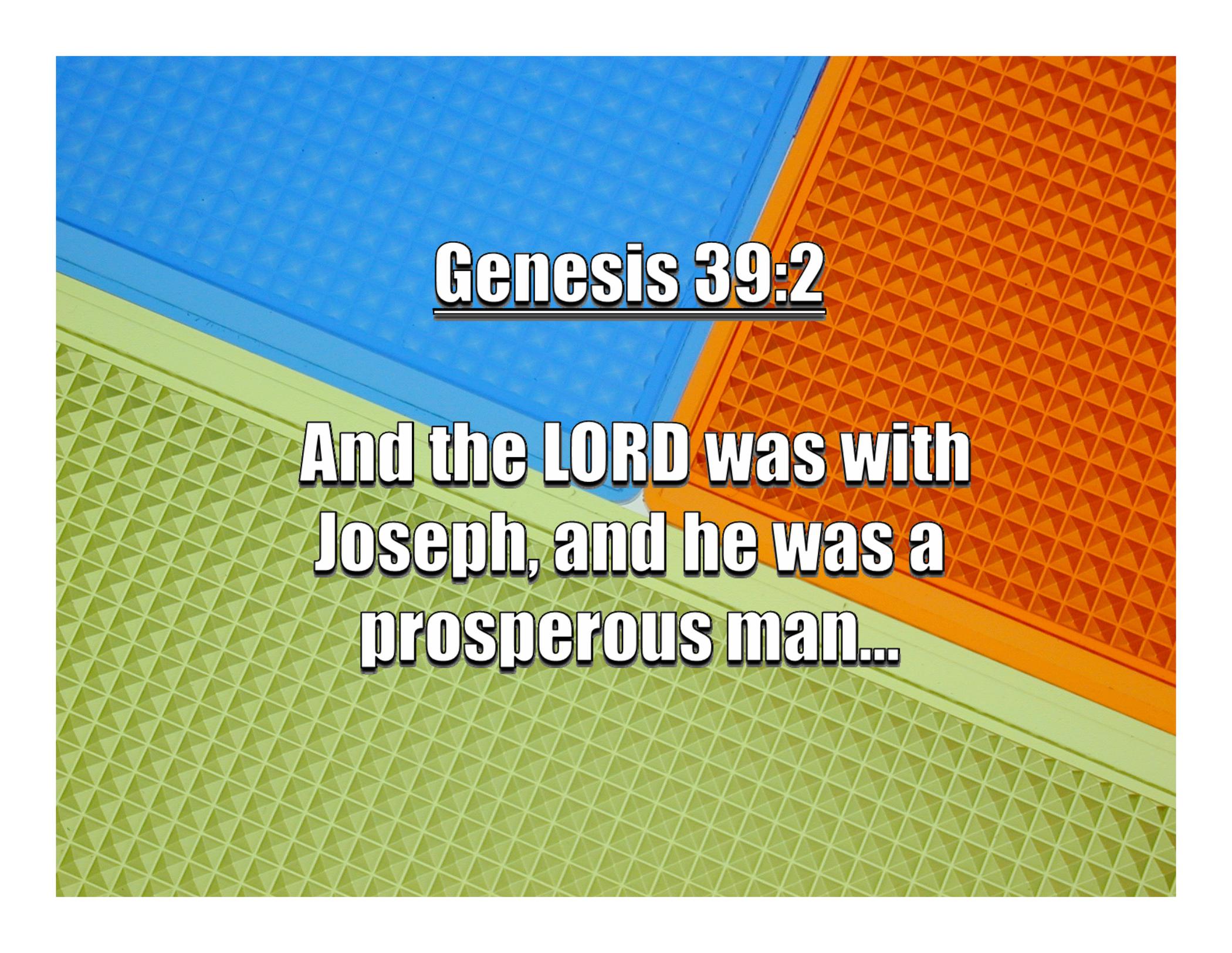


**From a divine perspective  
forgiveness is forgetting the  
unforgettable**



***Micah 7:19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.***

***1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***



**Genesis 39:2**

**And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man...**

**Hatred**

**Envy**

**Slavery**

**Temptation**

**False Accusation**

**Prison life**

**Ingratitude**

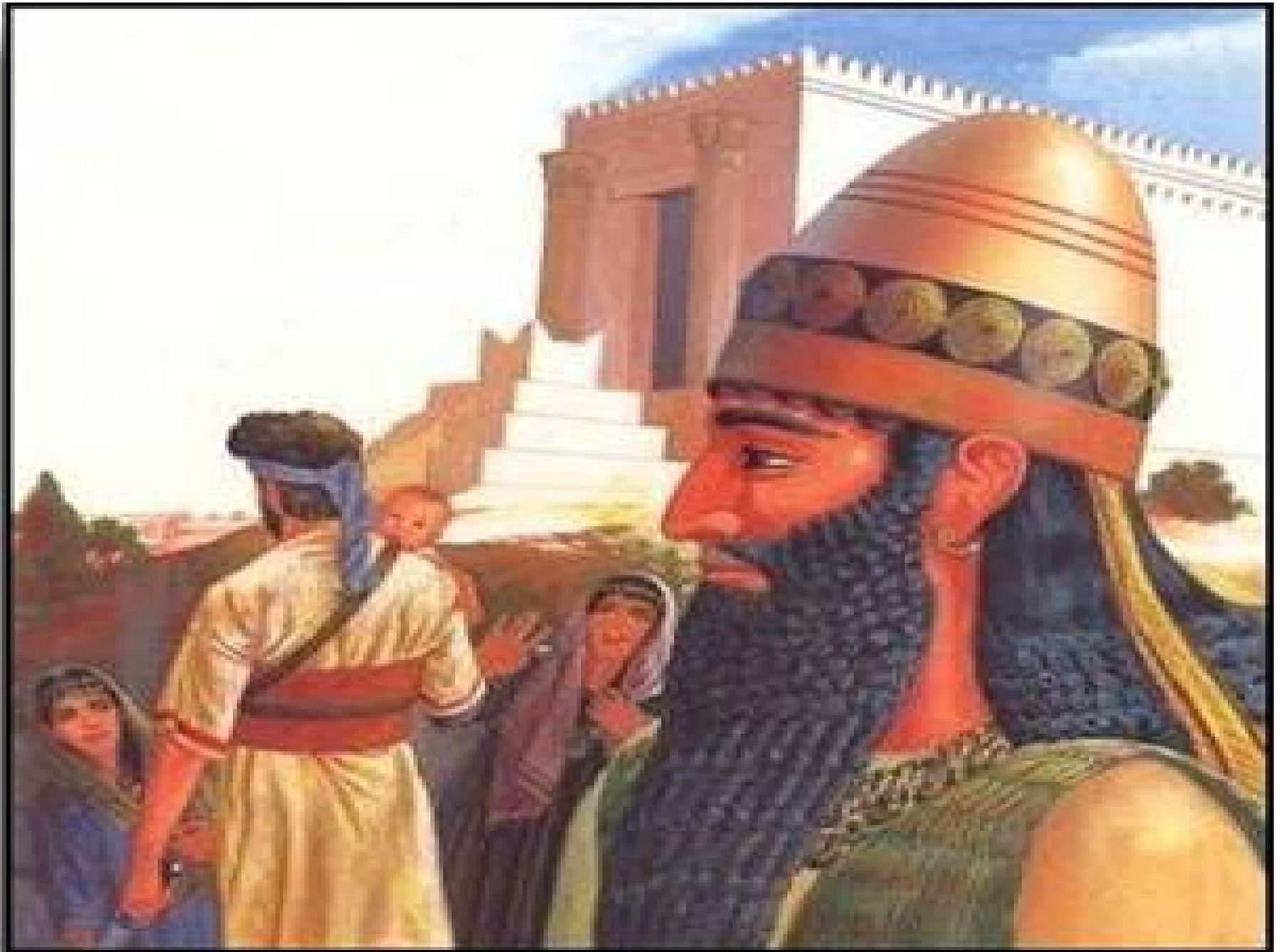




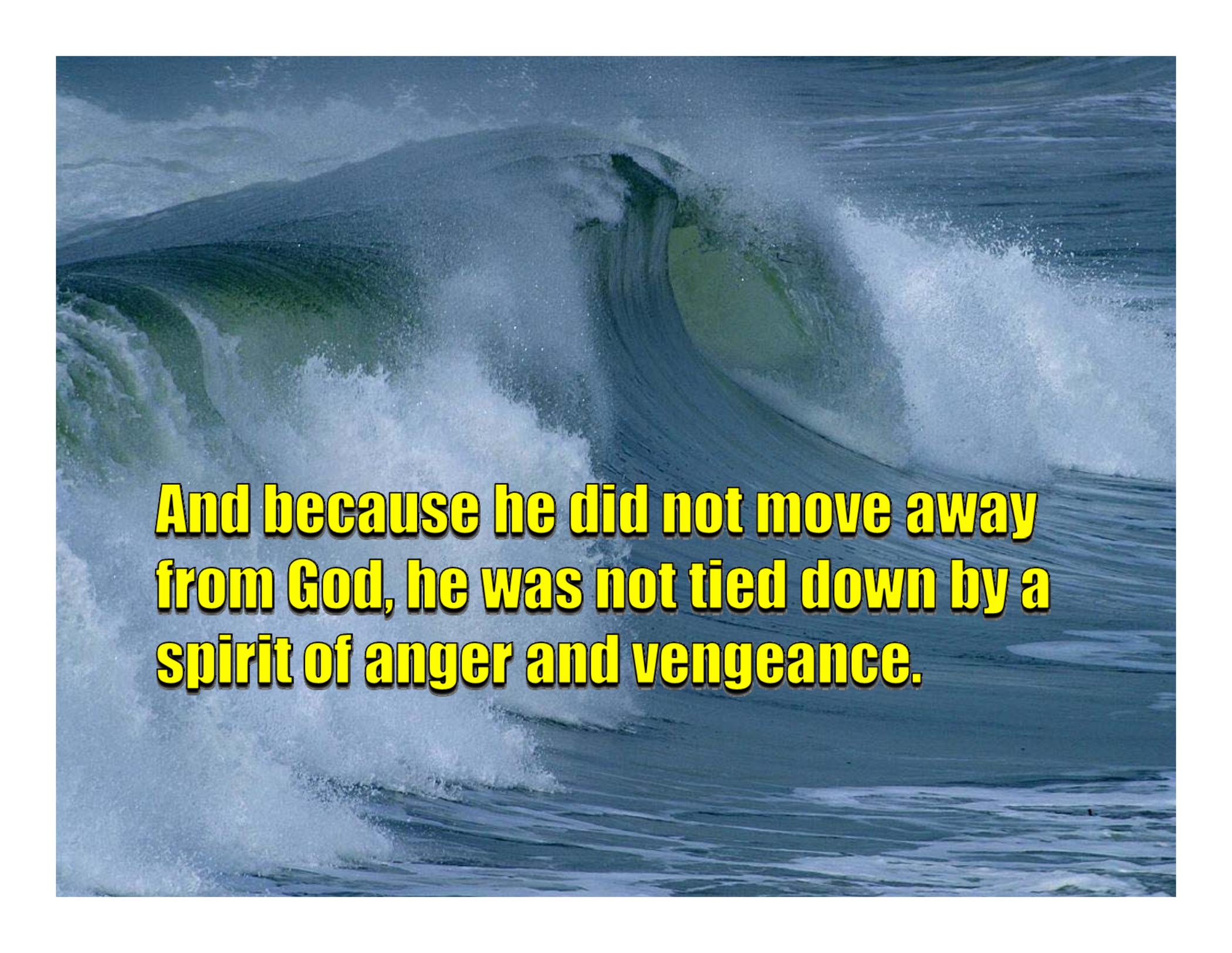
**His fortitude was a  
powerful secret of his  
fruitfulness.**











**And because he did not move away  
from God, he was not tied down by a  
spirit of anger and vengeance.**



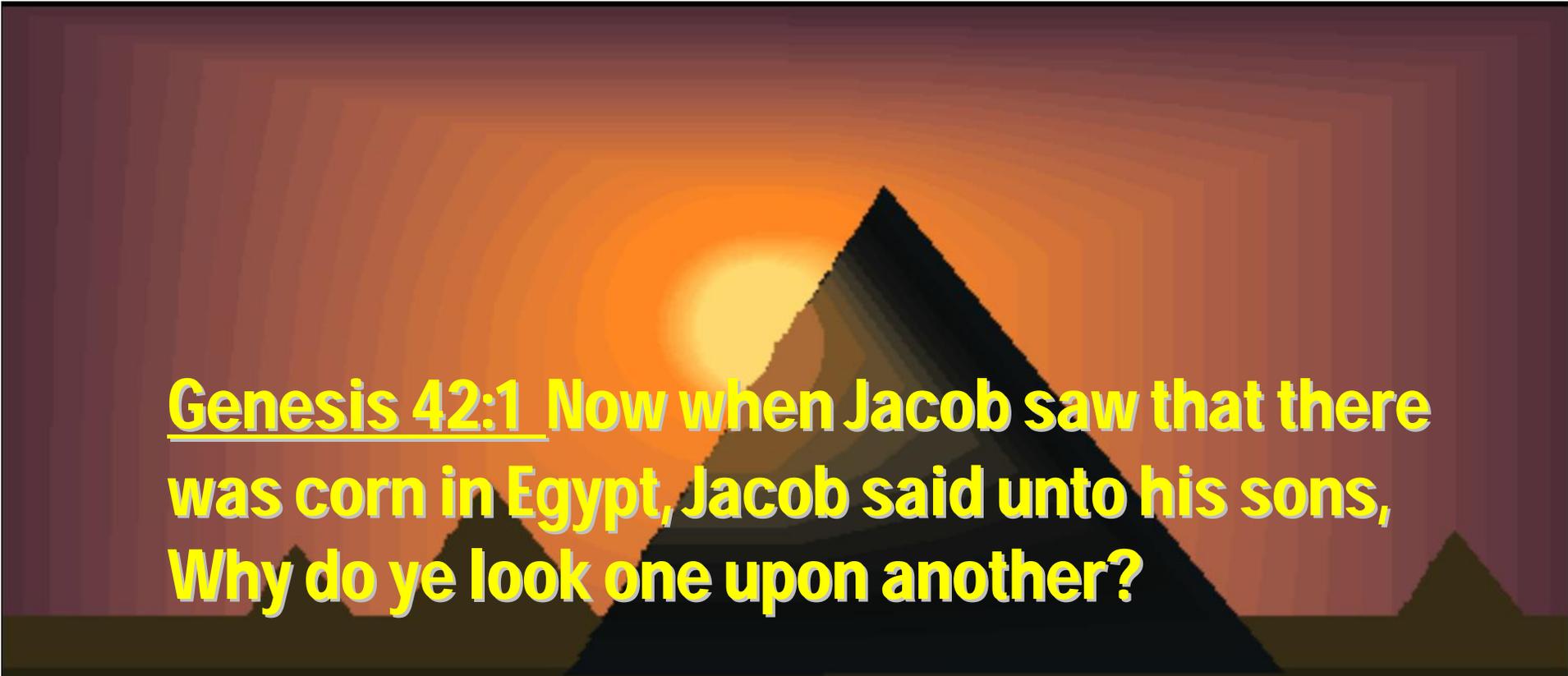
**But in spite of all this suffering he maintained a heart of forgiveness.**

## Genesis 45:1

**Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.**

***Genesis 41:51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.***

***Genesis 41:52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.***



**Genesis 42:1 Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?**

**Genesis 42:2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.**

## **Genesis 42:9**

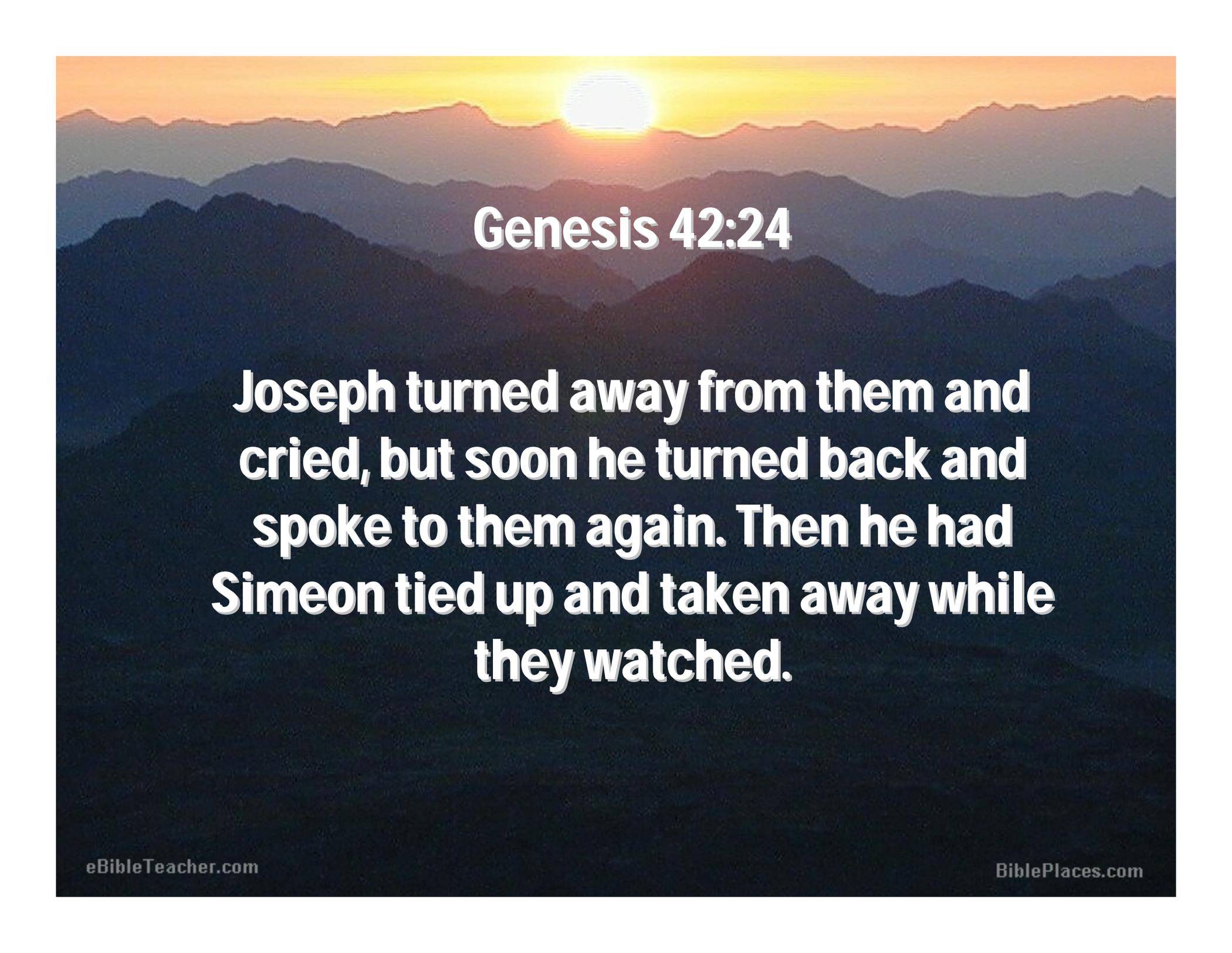
**Joseph remembered what he had dreamed about them and said, "You're spies! You've come here to find out where our country is weak."**

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- Joseph had forgiven his brothers but he had them make **atonement** for their dark and bloody treachery.

**Genesis 42:22 Reuben spoke up, "Didn't I tell you not to harm the boy?" But you wouldn't listen, and now we have to pay the price for killing him."**

**Genesis 42:23 They did not know that Joseph could understand them, since he was speaking through an interpreter.**

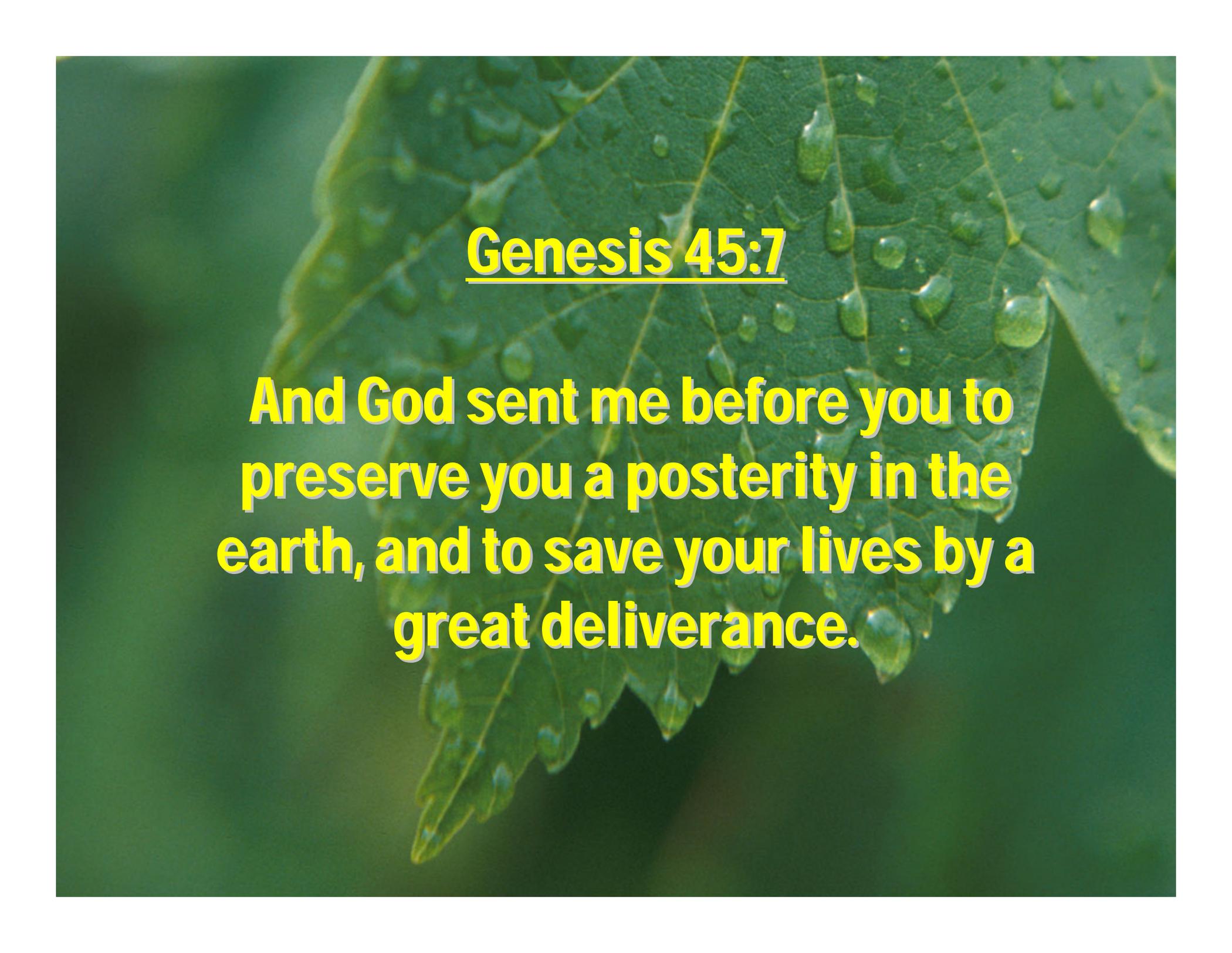
A background image showing a sunset over a range of mountains. The sun is a bright white circle with a yellow and orange glow, positioned in the upper center. The mountains are silhouetted against the sky, with the foreground mountains in dark blue and the background ones in lighter shades of blue and orange.

## Genesis 42:24

**Joseph turned away from them and cried, but soon he turned back and spoke to them again. Then he had Simeon tied up and taken away while they watched.**

- Amid his emotional state he knows that this is not a time for hate, revenge, bitterness or resentment...it is a time for **forgiveness and healing.**





**Genesis 45:7**

**And God sent me before you to  
preserve you a posterity in the  
earth, and to save your lives by a  
great deliverance.**

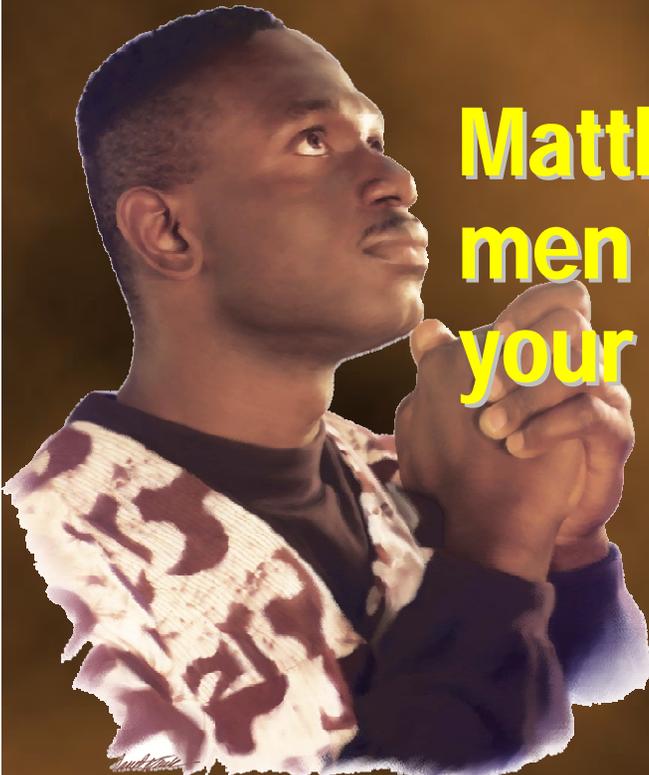


## Genesis 50:20

**But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.**

**Matthew 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:**

**Matthew 6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**





**And because divine forgiveness does not remember, God forgives without reservations.**





## **Micah 7:19**

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**And so with God forgiveness is available and the power to forgive is also available!**