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When Heaven
Celebrates



Jesus said, “In the same way there is more happiness in heaven because of one sinner who turns to God than over ninety-nine good people who don’t need to.”

(Luke 15:7, CEV)



“...then she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, “Let’s celebrate! I’ve found the coin I lost.”

(Luke 15:9,CEV)

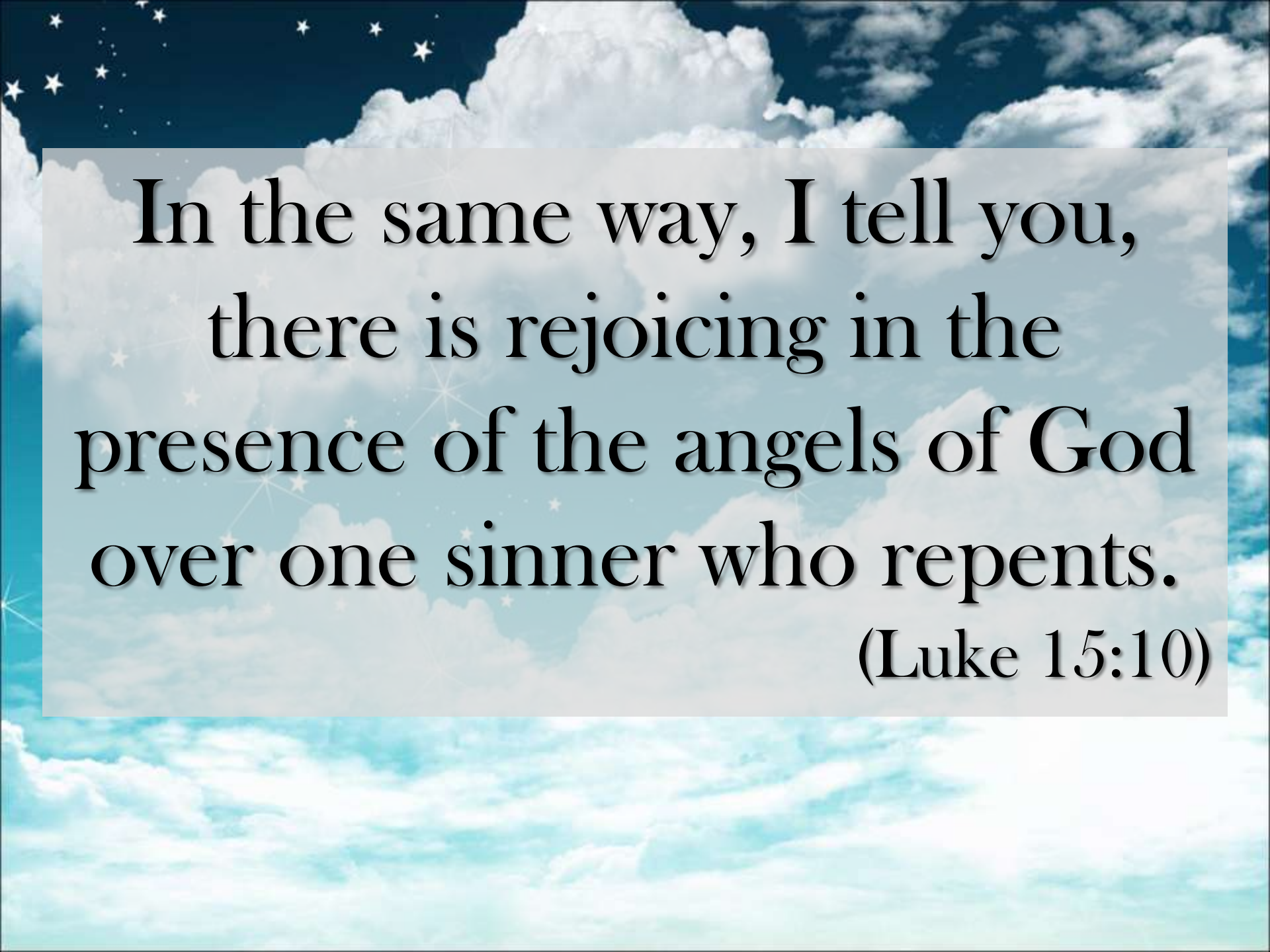
But we should be glad and celebrate! Your brother was dead, but he is now alive. He was lost and has now been found.”

(Luke 15:32, CEV)



“...rejoicing in heaven over
one sinner who repents,”
(Luke 15:7)





In the same way, I tell you,
there is rejoicing in the
presence of the angels of God
over one sinner who repents.
(Luke 15:10)



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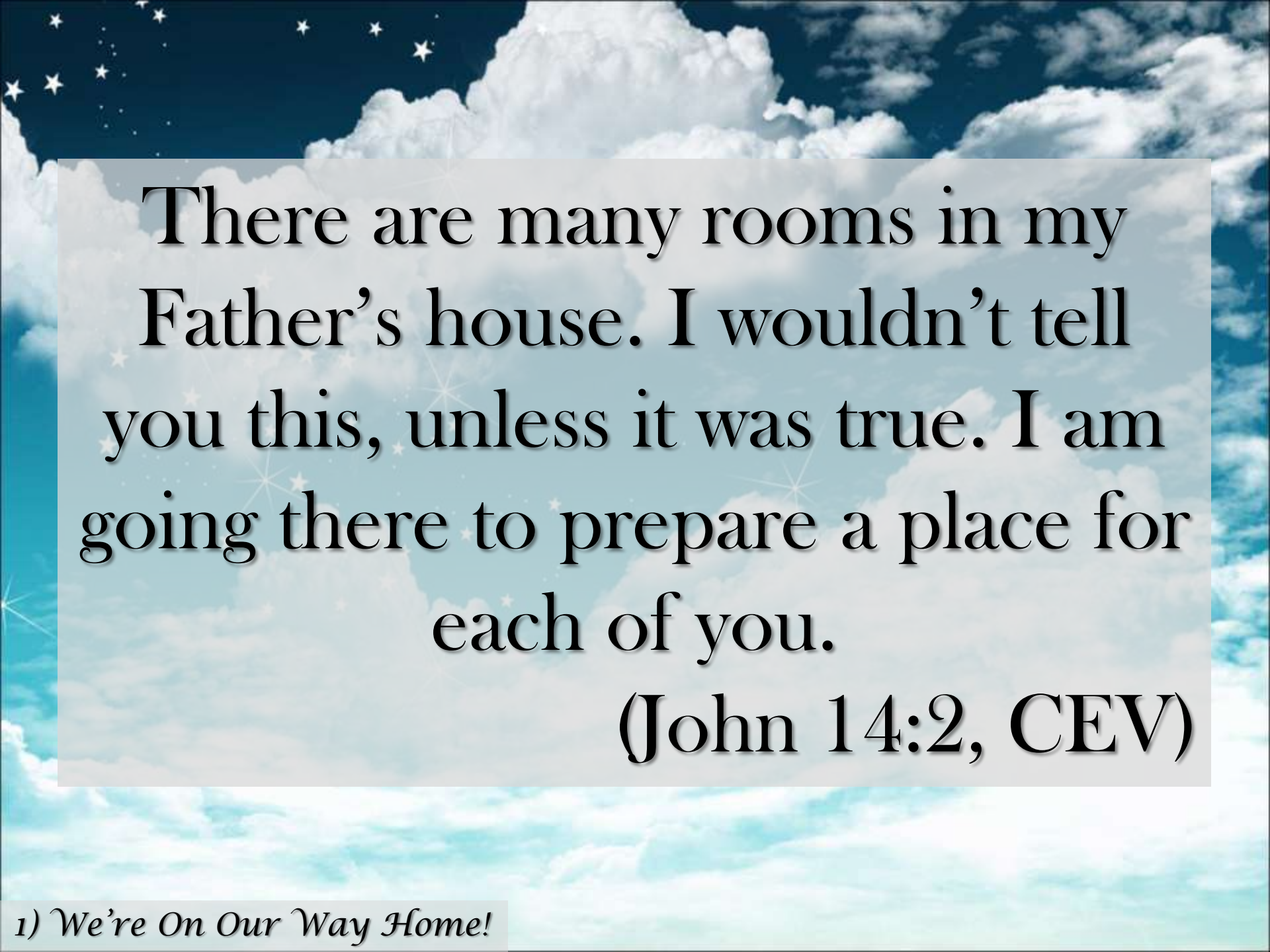


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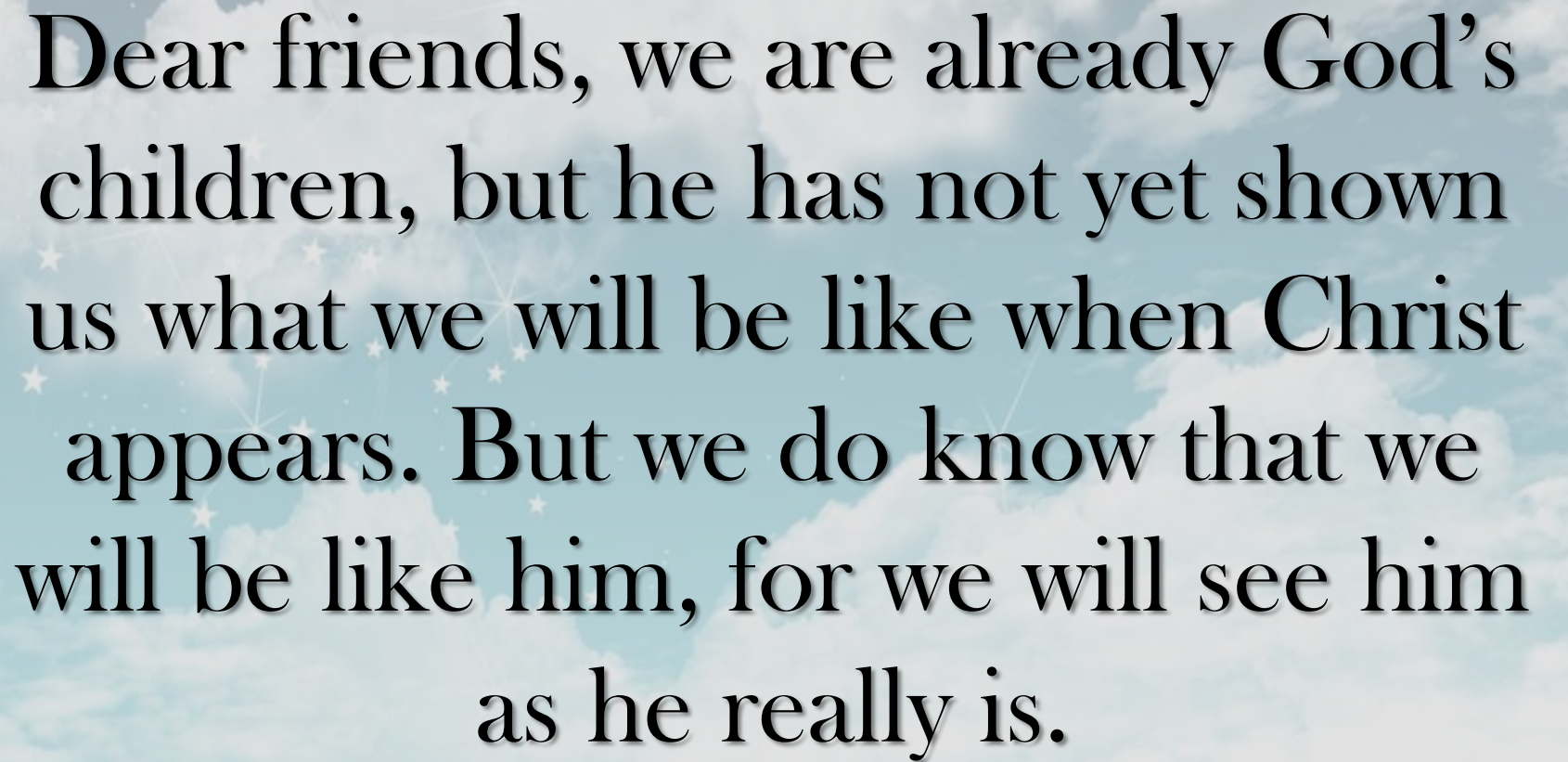


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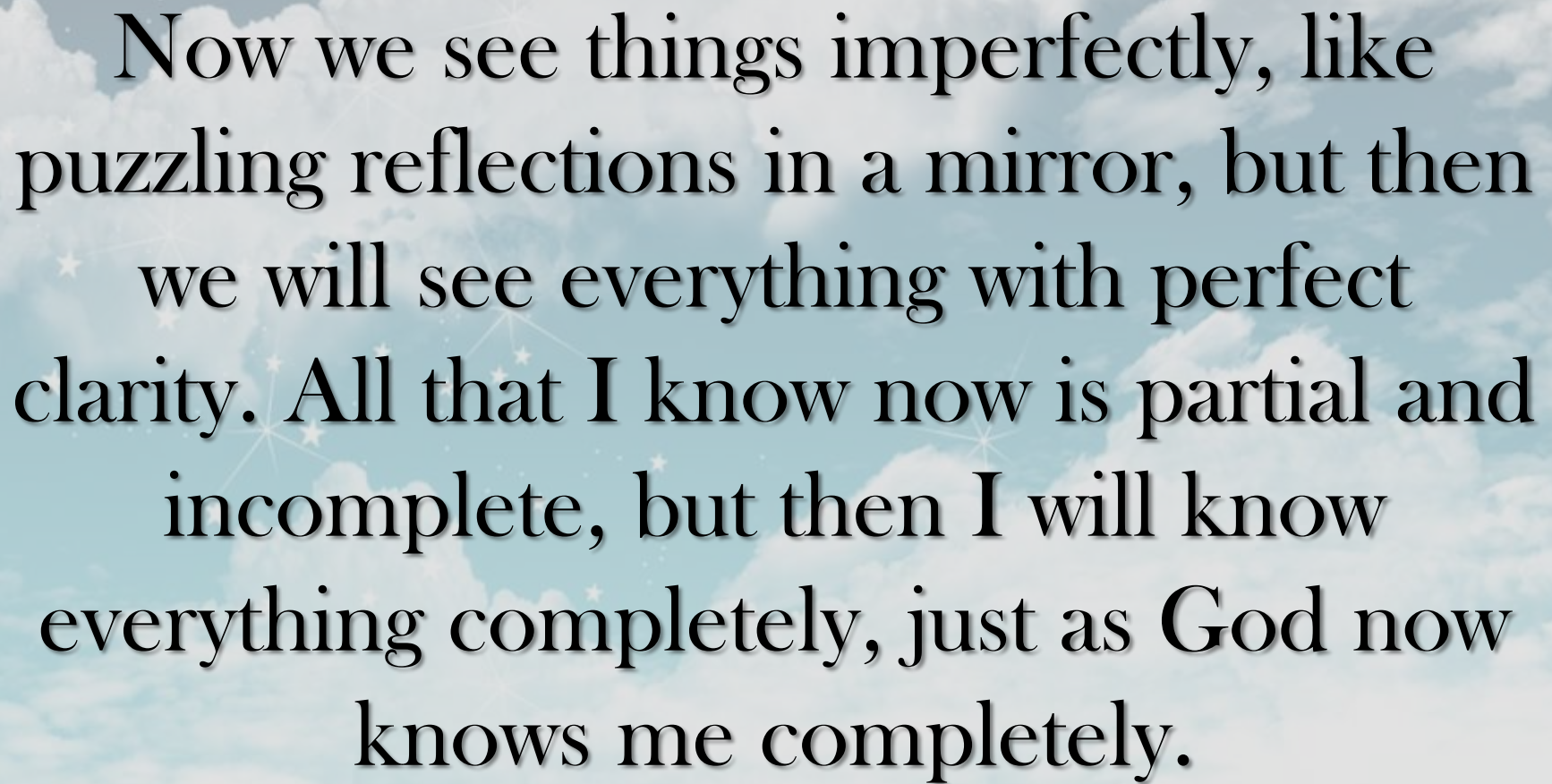
There are many rooms in my
Father's house. I wouldn't tell
you this, unless it was true. I am
going there to prepare a place for
each of you.

(John 14:2, CEV)



Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.

(1 John 3:2, NLT)



Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

(1 Cor. 13:12, NLT)



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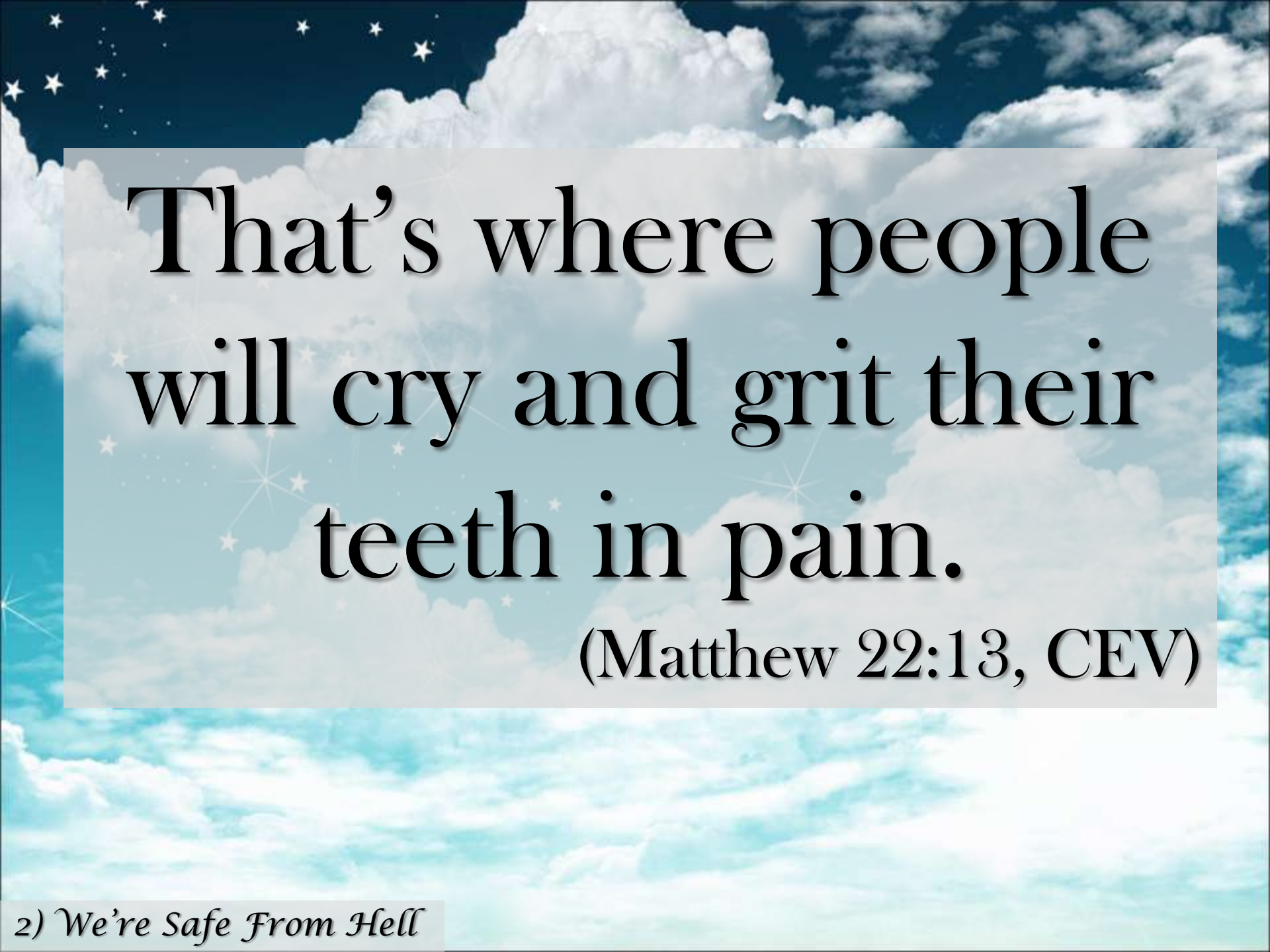
They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.

(2 Thess. 1:9, NLT)



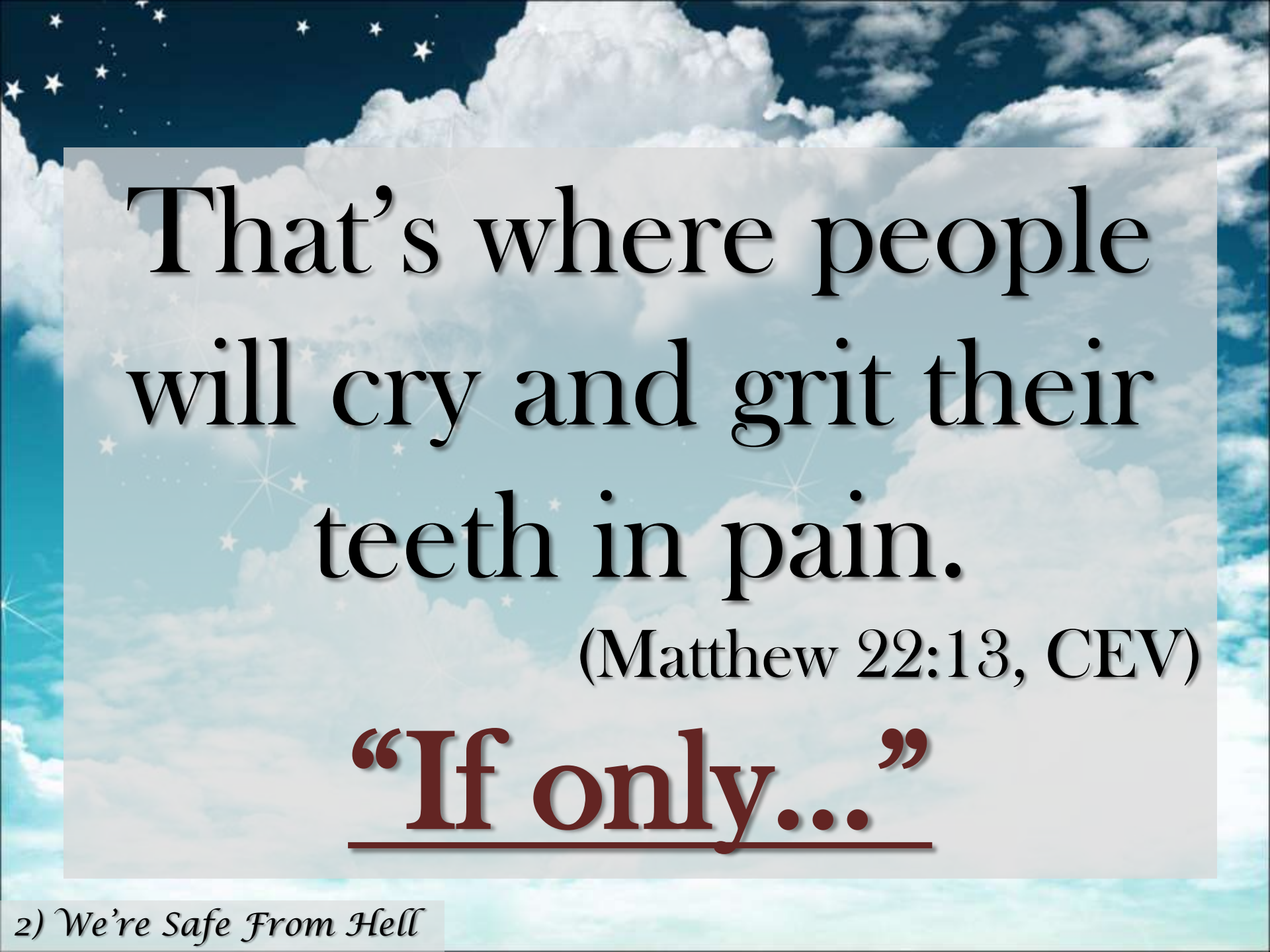
What if God
wasn't here on
earth?

2) *We're Safe From Hell*



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“If only...”



We die only once,
and then we are
judged.

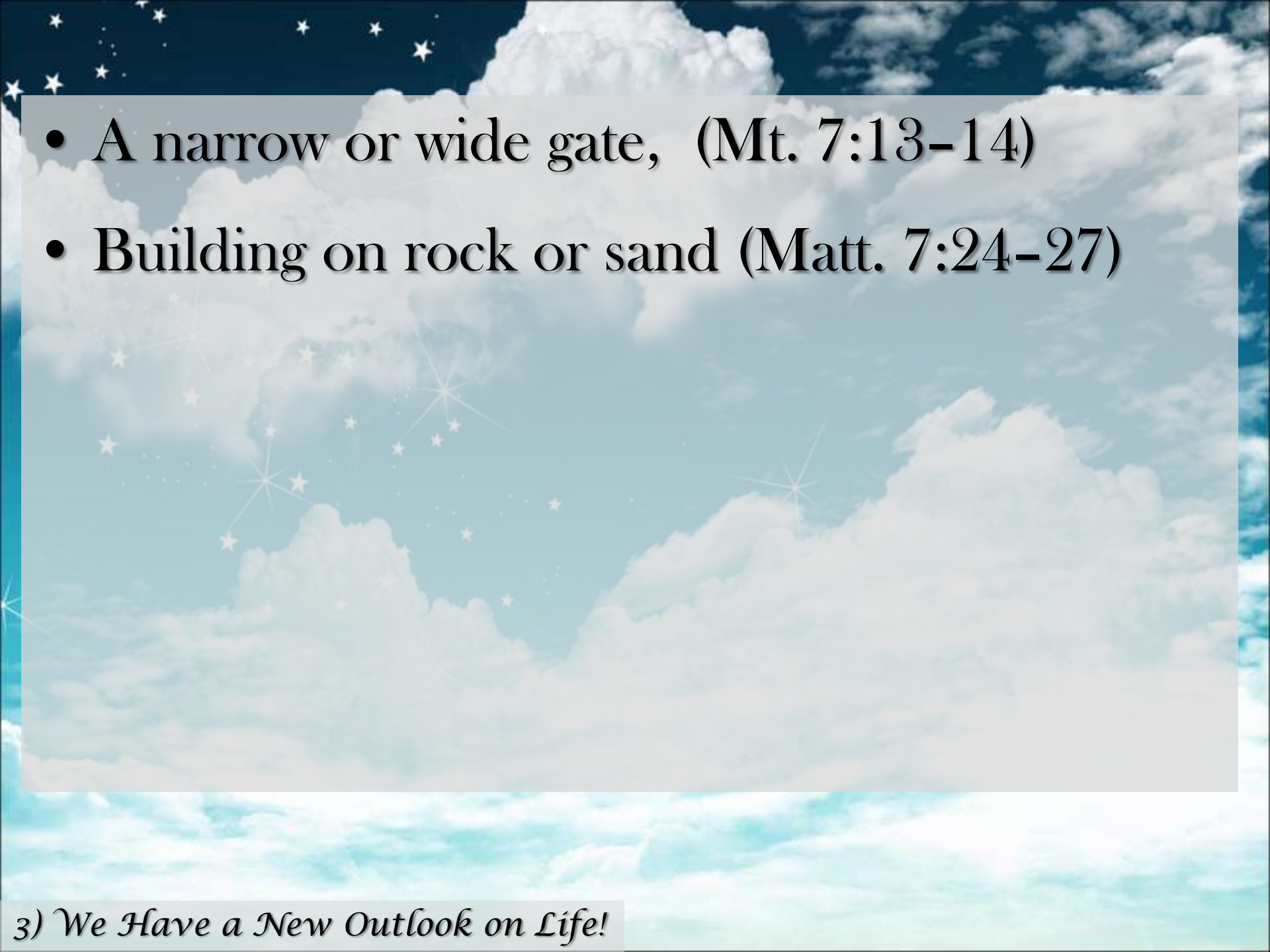
(Hebrews 9:27, CEV)



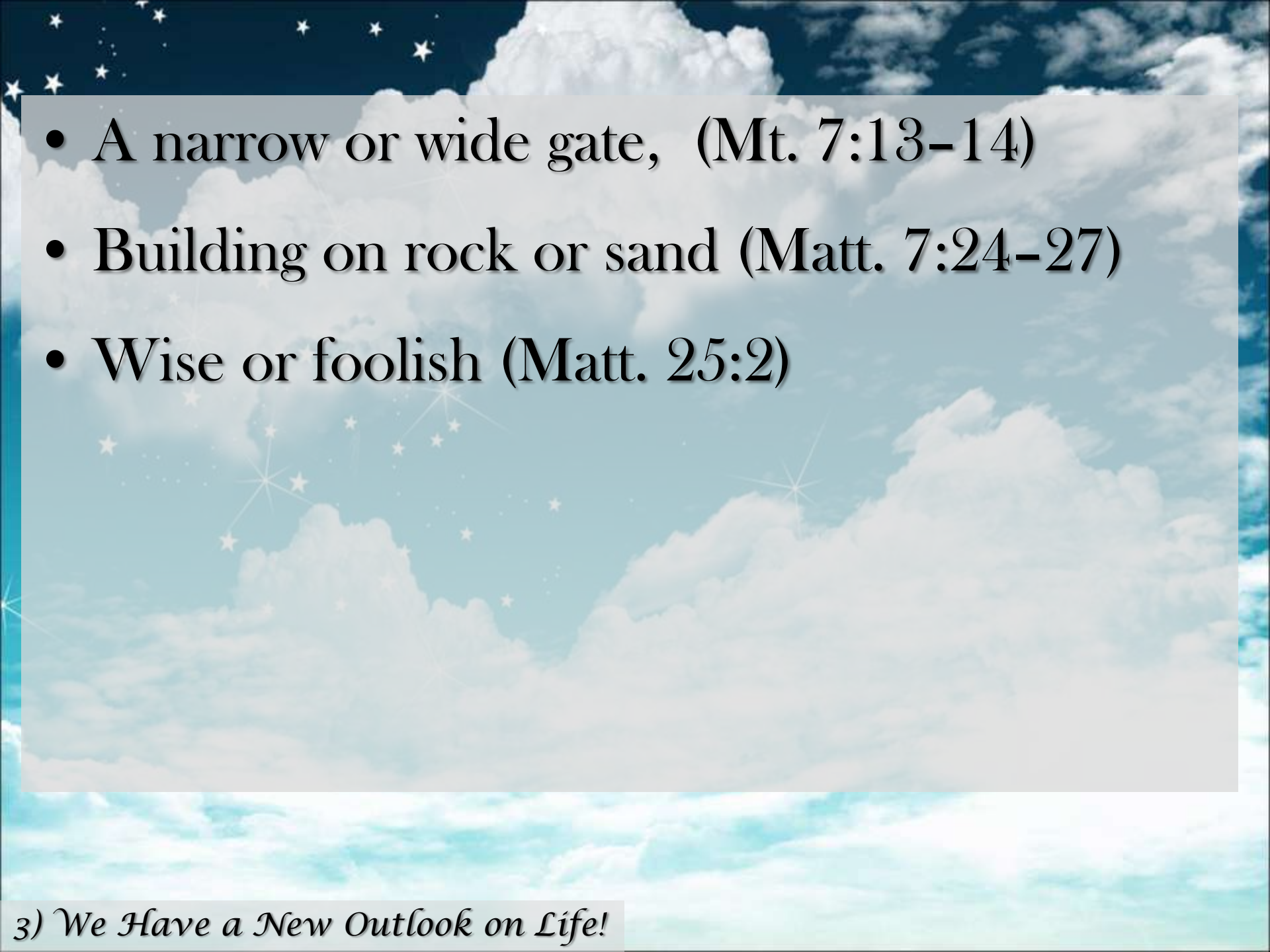
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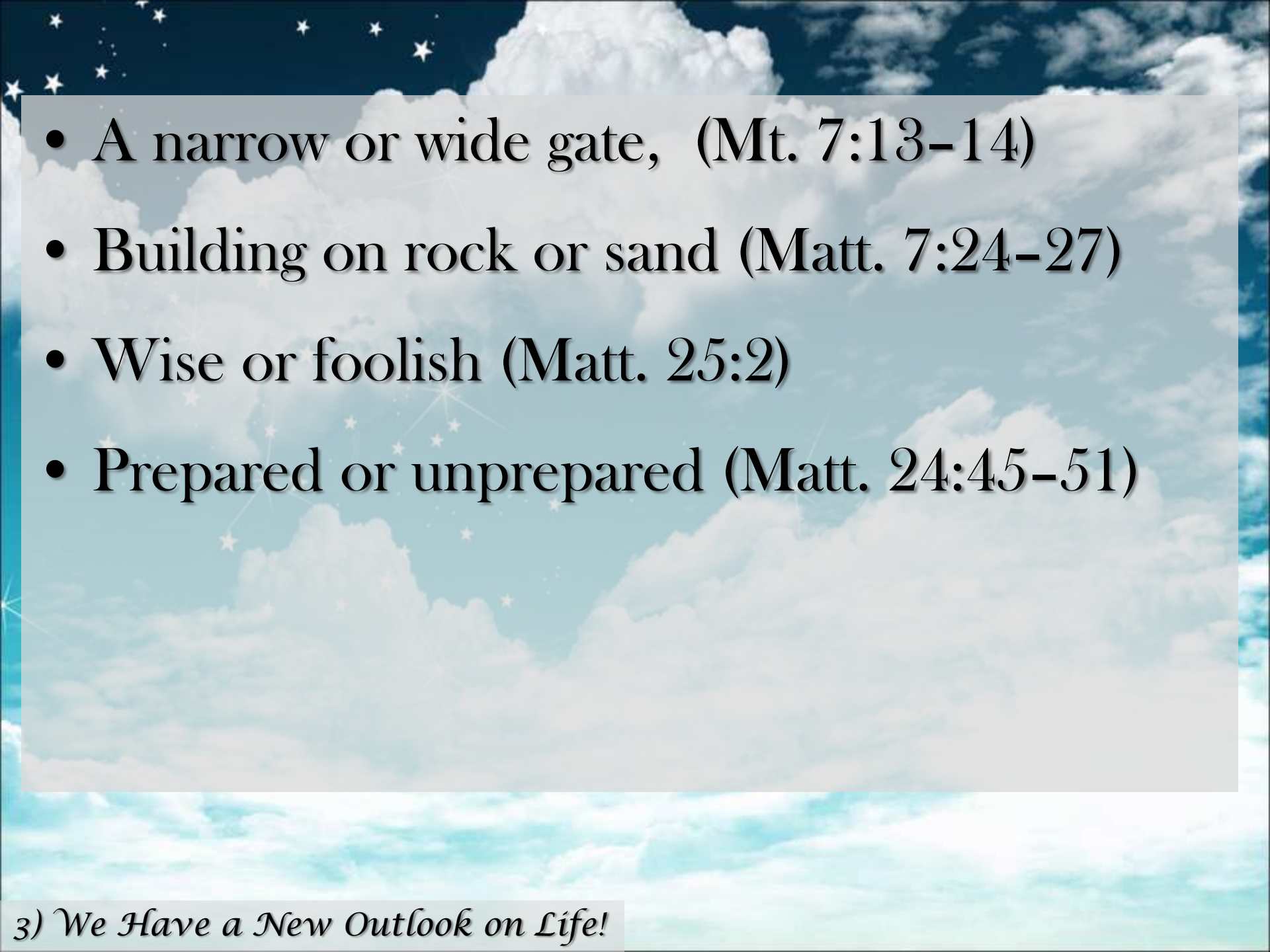
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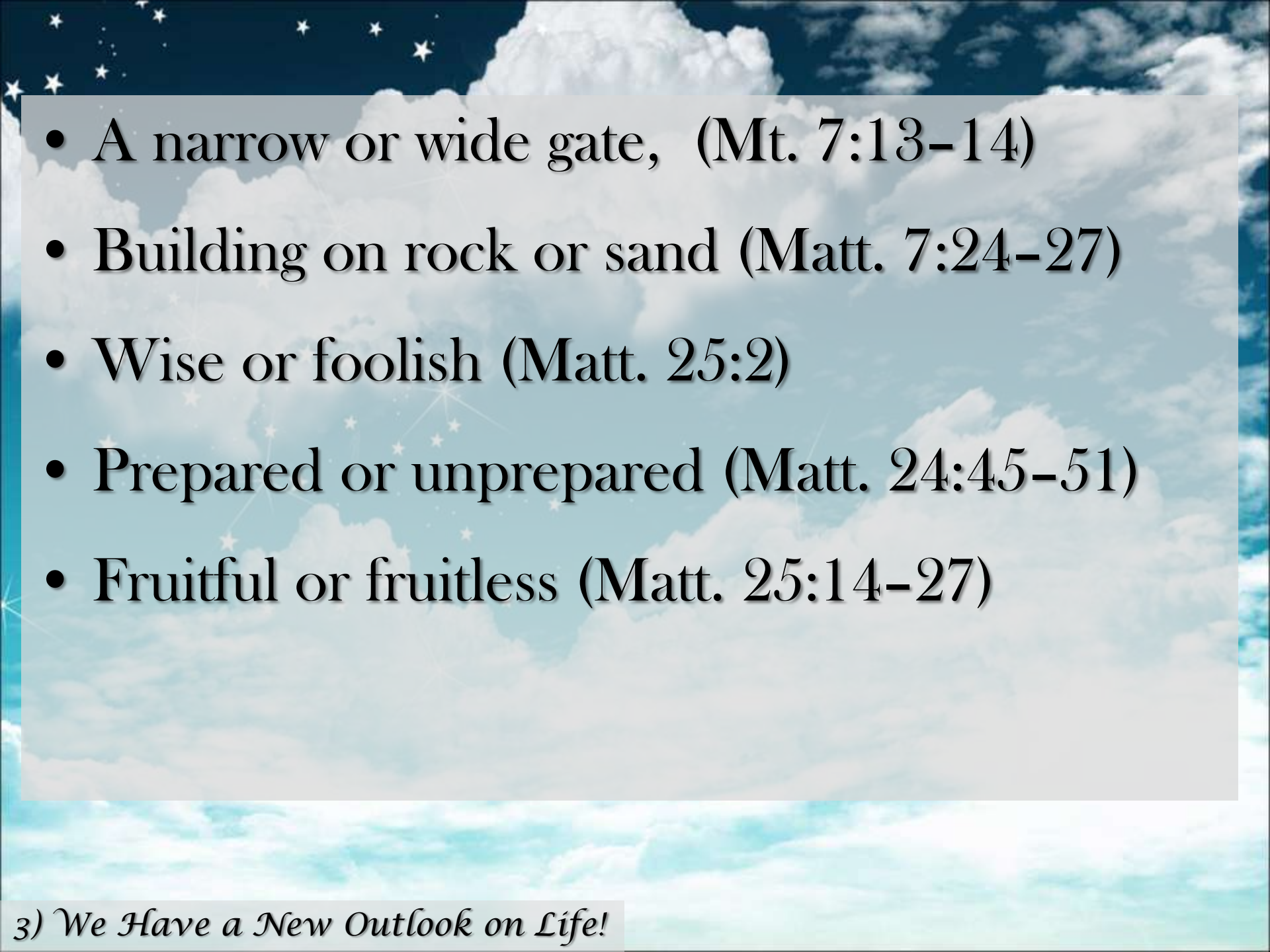
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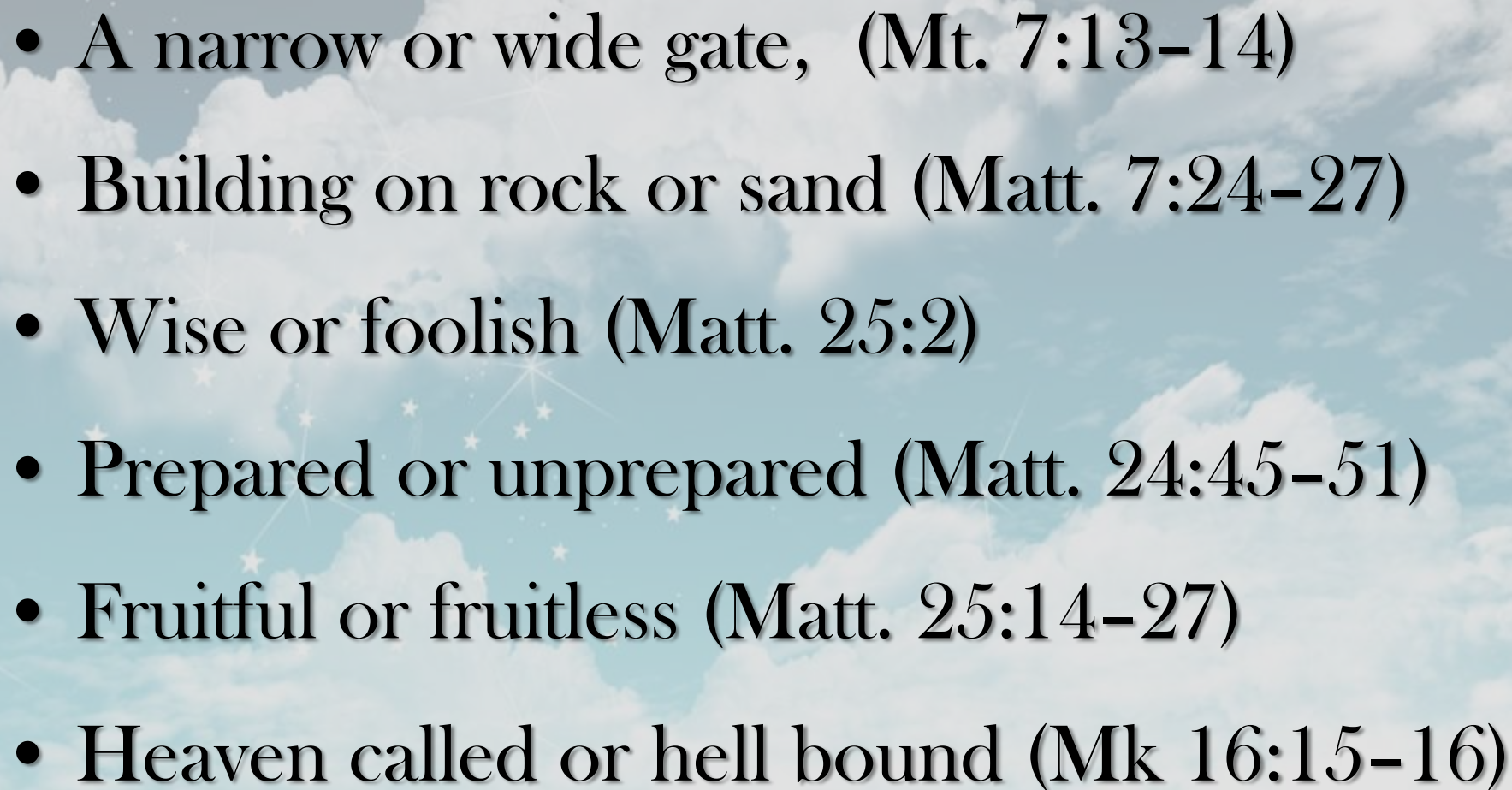
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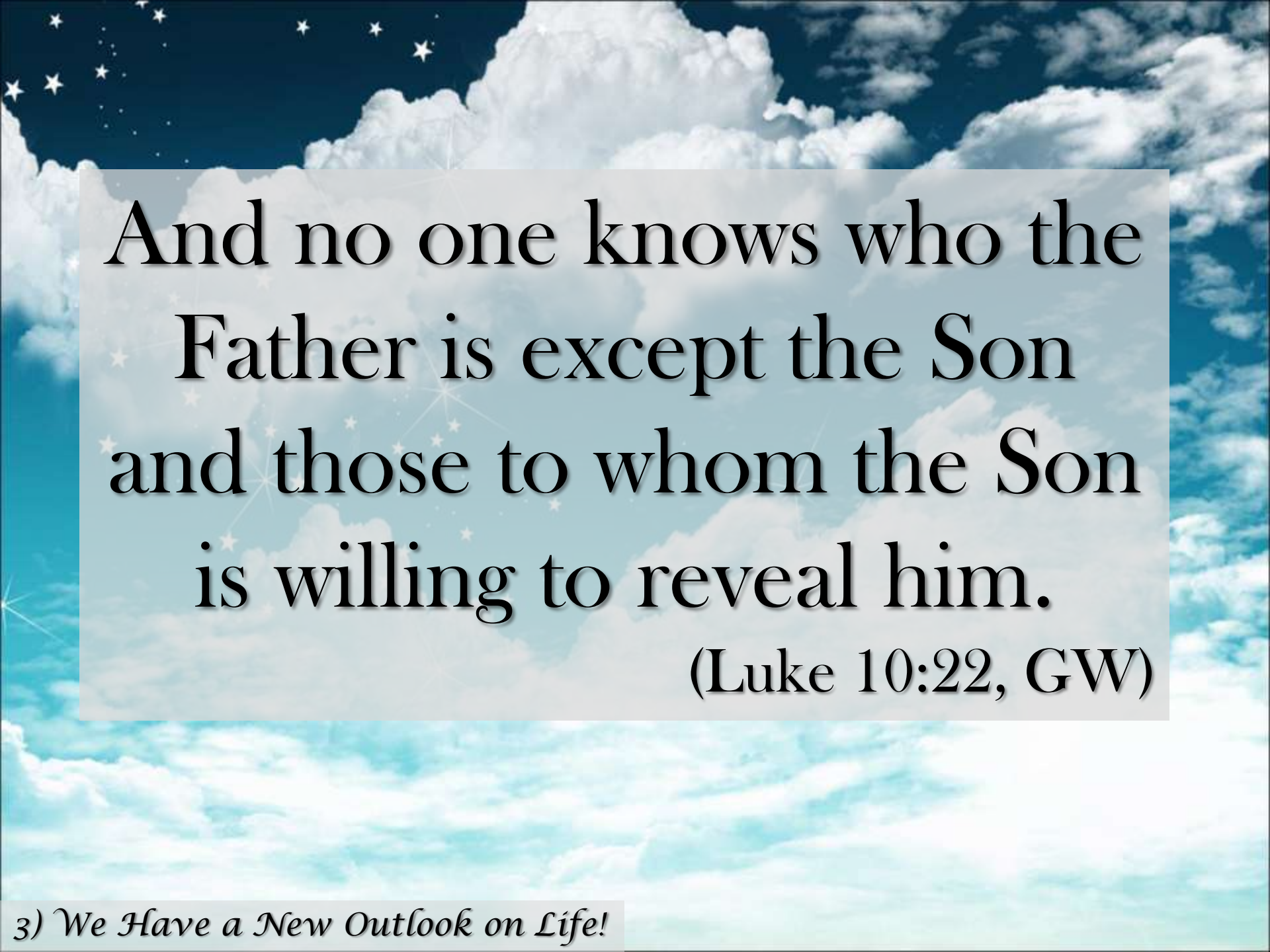
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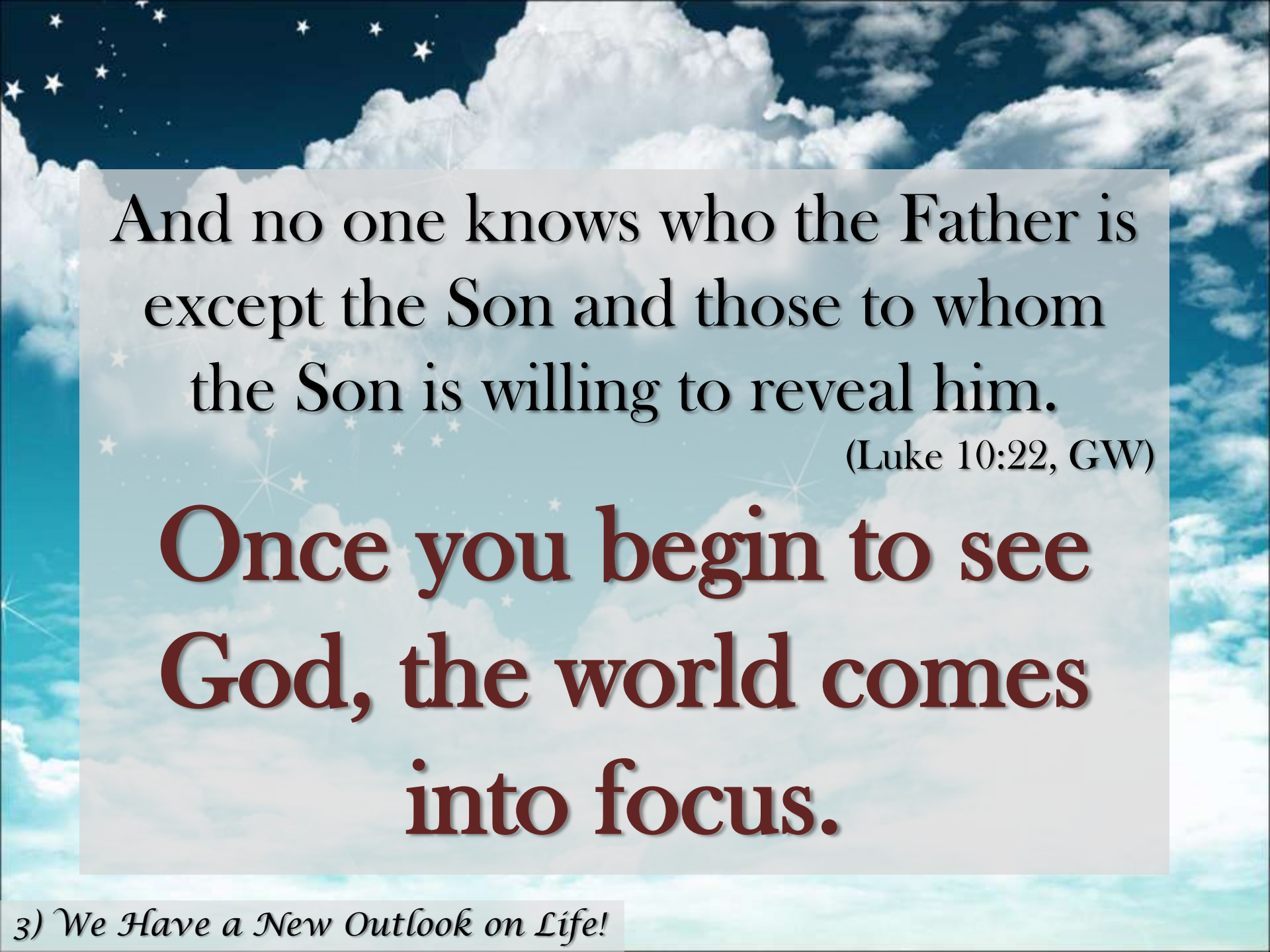
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 - Heaven called or hell bound (Mk 16:15–16)



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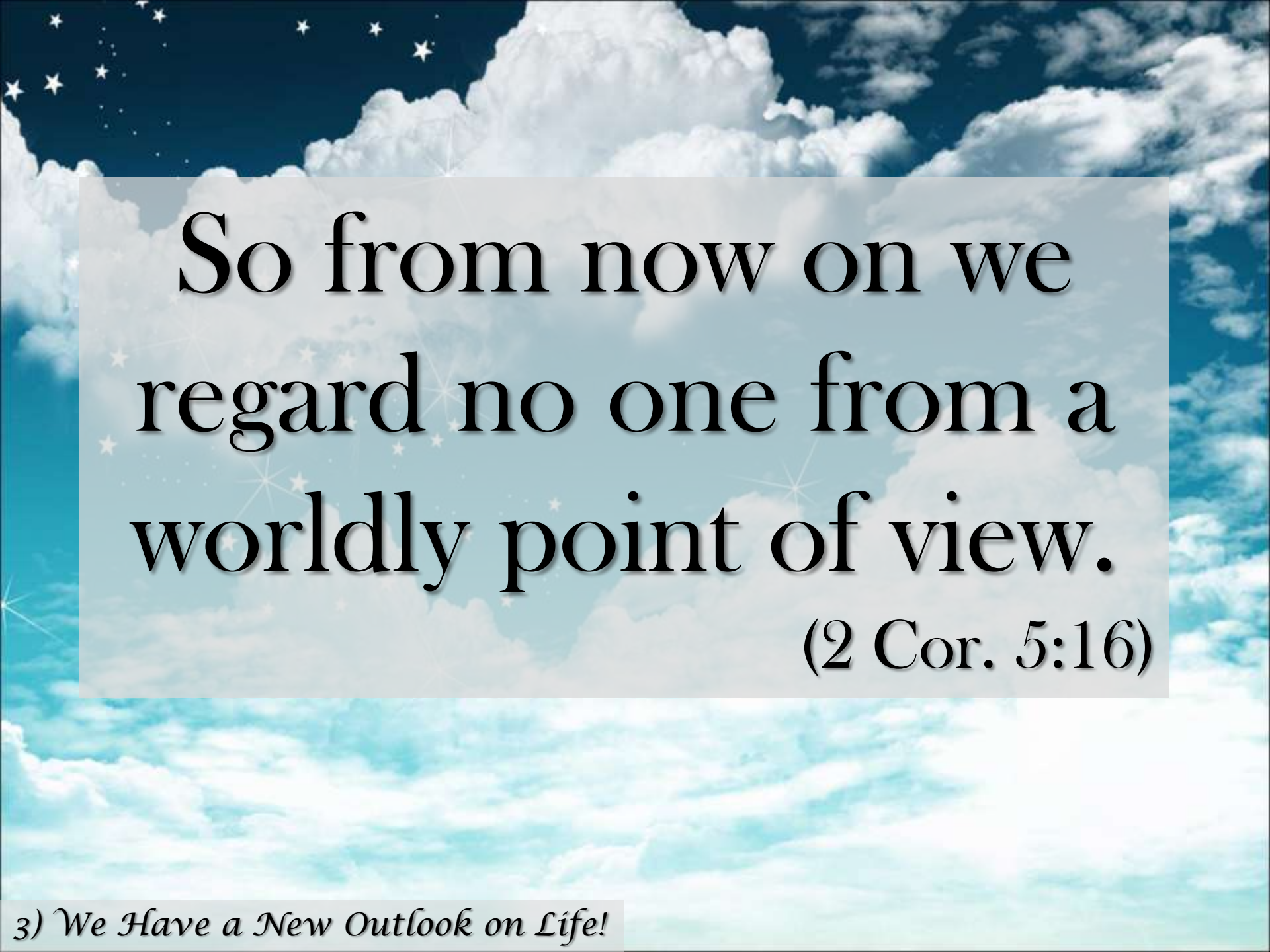


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**Once you begin to see
God, the world comes
into focus.**

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So from now on we
regard no one from a
worldly point of view.

(2 Cor. 5:16)

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“It is a serious thing to live in a society of potential heavenly beings, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as now you meet only in a nightmare.”

-C. S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory



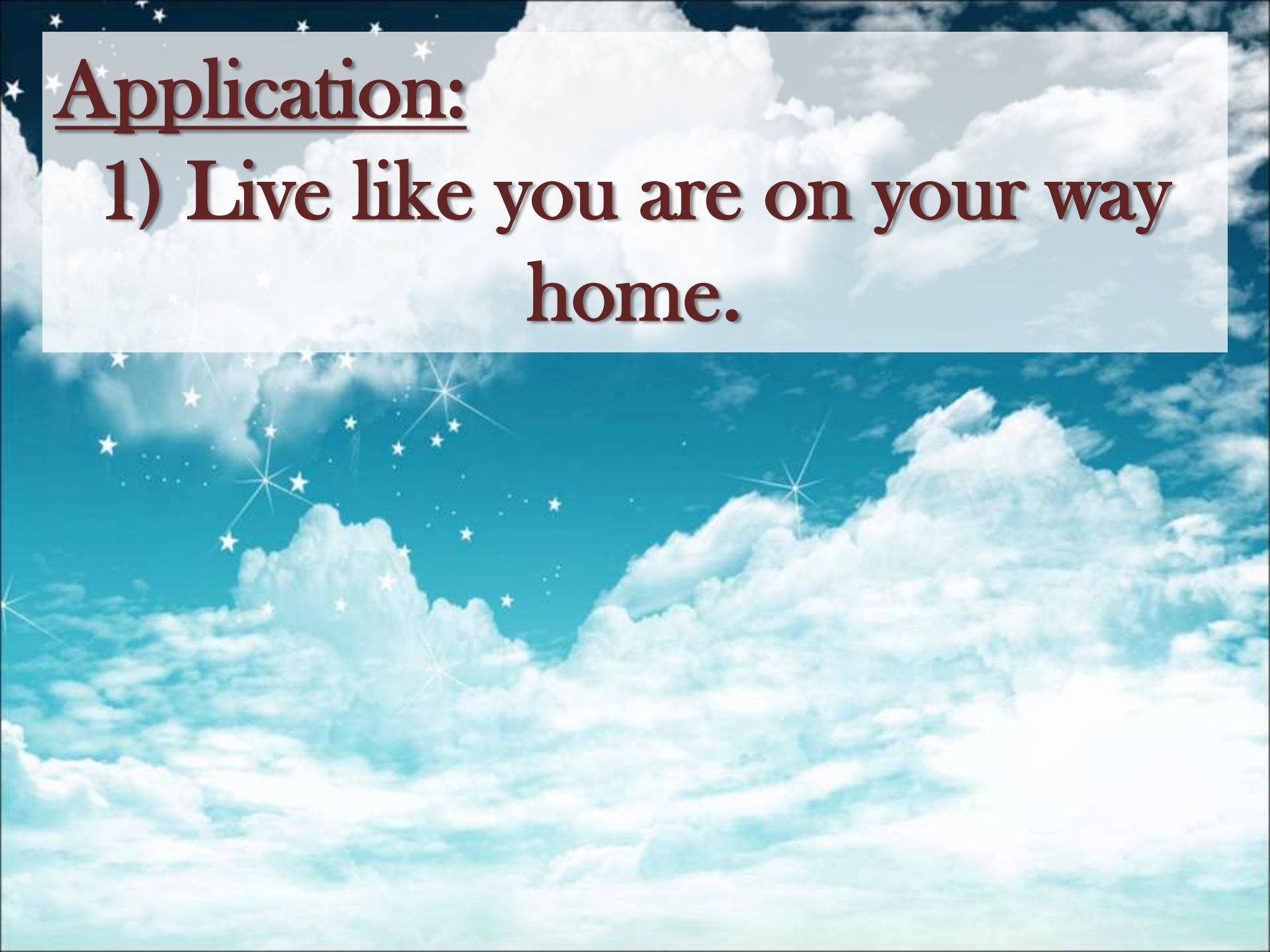
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“All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or the other of these destinations.”

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Our bodies are like tents that we live in here on earth. But when these tents are destroyed, we know that God will give each of us a place to live. These homes will not be buildings that someone has made, but they are in heaven and will last forever.

(2 Cor. 5:1, CEV)

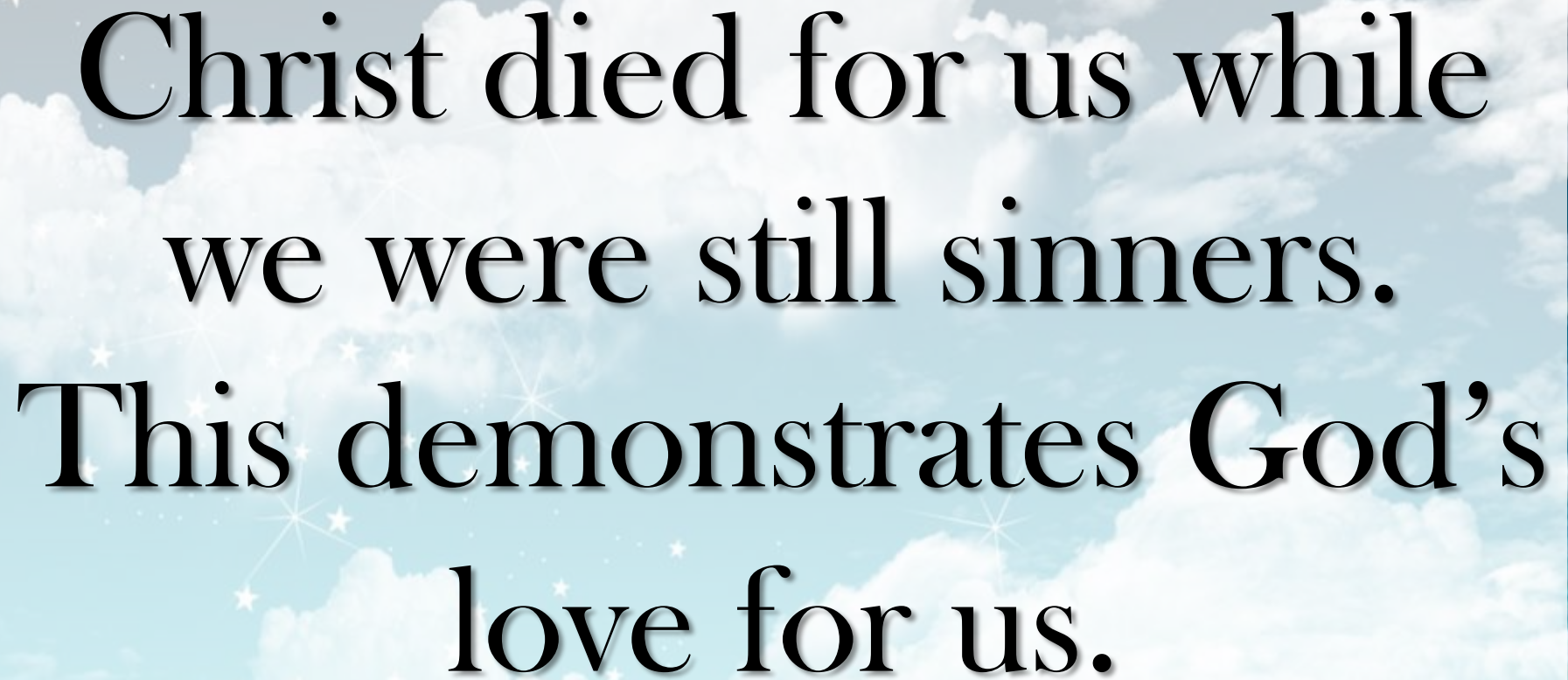


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- 3) Have you made your reservation with the host?



Christ died for us while
we were still sinners.
This demonstrates God's
love for us.

(Romans 5:8, GW)



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And what doth the
LORD require of
thee, but to do
justly, and to love
mercy, and to
walk humbly with
thy God.

(Micah 6:8, KJV)