



Love the Sinner, Hate Sin!

[Luke 15:2](#): “This man receives sinners and eats with them



I. JESUS AND SINNERS



What does your care or concern
for sinners look like?





There's nothing glamorous about sin



Are we sending people the message
that we really do care about them?



“Publicans and Sinners”

(See Matthew 9:10, John 4:35)



“Publicans and Sinners”

They are associated in the New Testament with prostitutes (Matthew 21:32), extortionists, the unjust, adulterers (Luke 18:11) and Gentiles (Matthew 18:17).



“Publicans and Sinners”

John the Baptist told these tax-collectors that they needed to repent of this practice (Luke 3:12-13).



“Publicans and Sinners”

Leviticus 25:36 (NKJV)

Take no usury or interest from him; but fear your God, that your brother may live with you.



II. SINNERS SHOULDN'T THROW STONES



“The Woman Caught in Adultery”

John 8:1-12



“He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone.” (John 8:7, KJV)



Adultery

Job 31:35b (NLT)

...Let my accuser write out the charges against me.



“ADULTERY”
“FORNICATION”
“IDOLATRY
“SODOMY”
“EXTORTION”
“LUST”
“GREED”
“IMPURITY”

1 Corinthians 6:9-10



1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.



“Neither do I condemn you”

John 8:11

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**“Neither do I condemn you,
go and sin no more”**

John 8:11



A Woman of the Street

Luke 7:36-50



**Simon saw a woman
of the street, a sinner!**



Jesus saw in this woman
a person who needed forgiveness!



The Corrupt Tax Collector

Luke 19:1-10

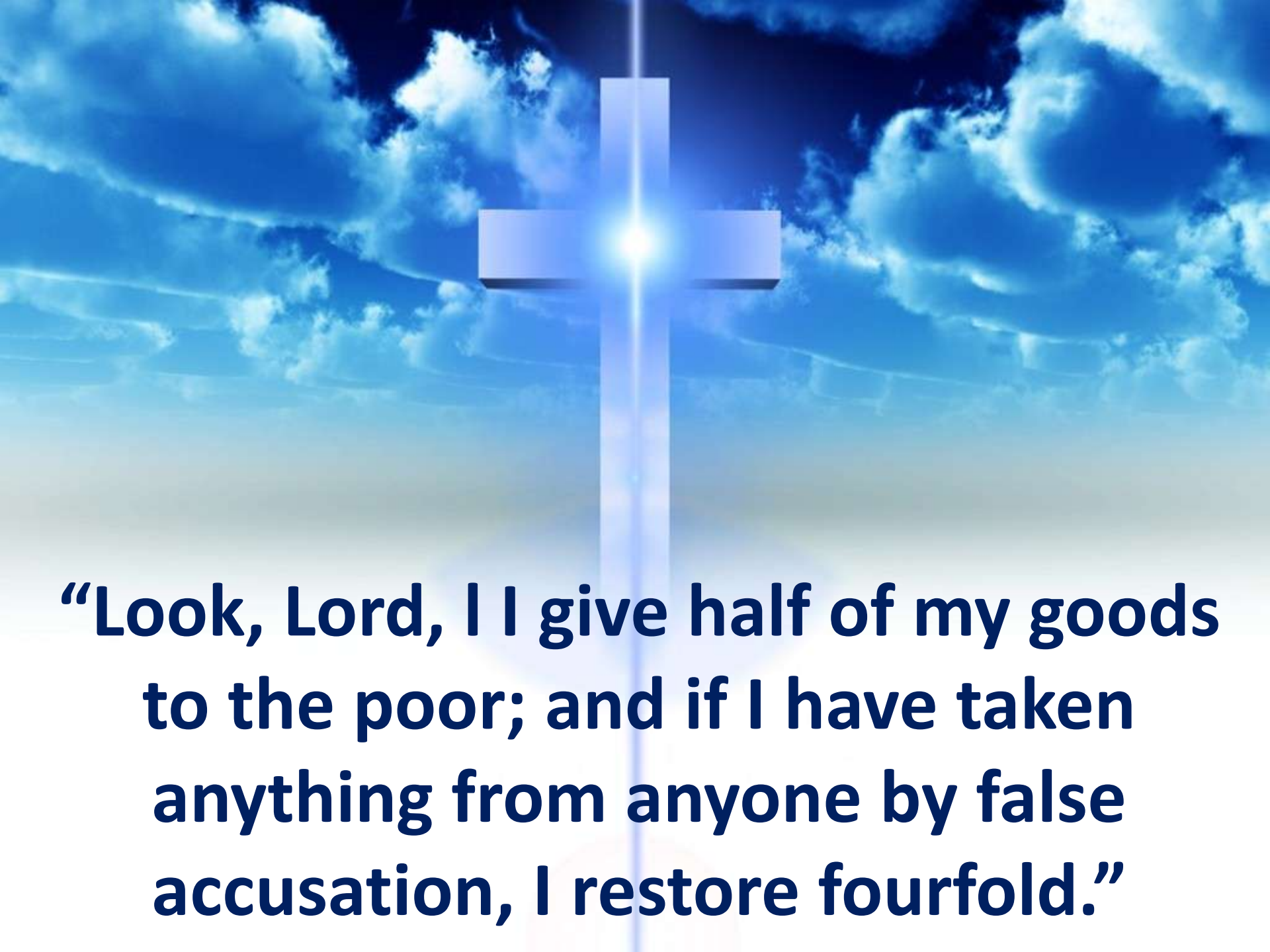


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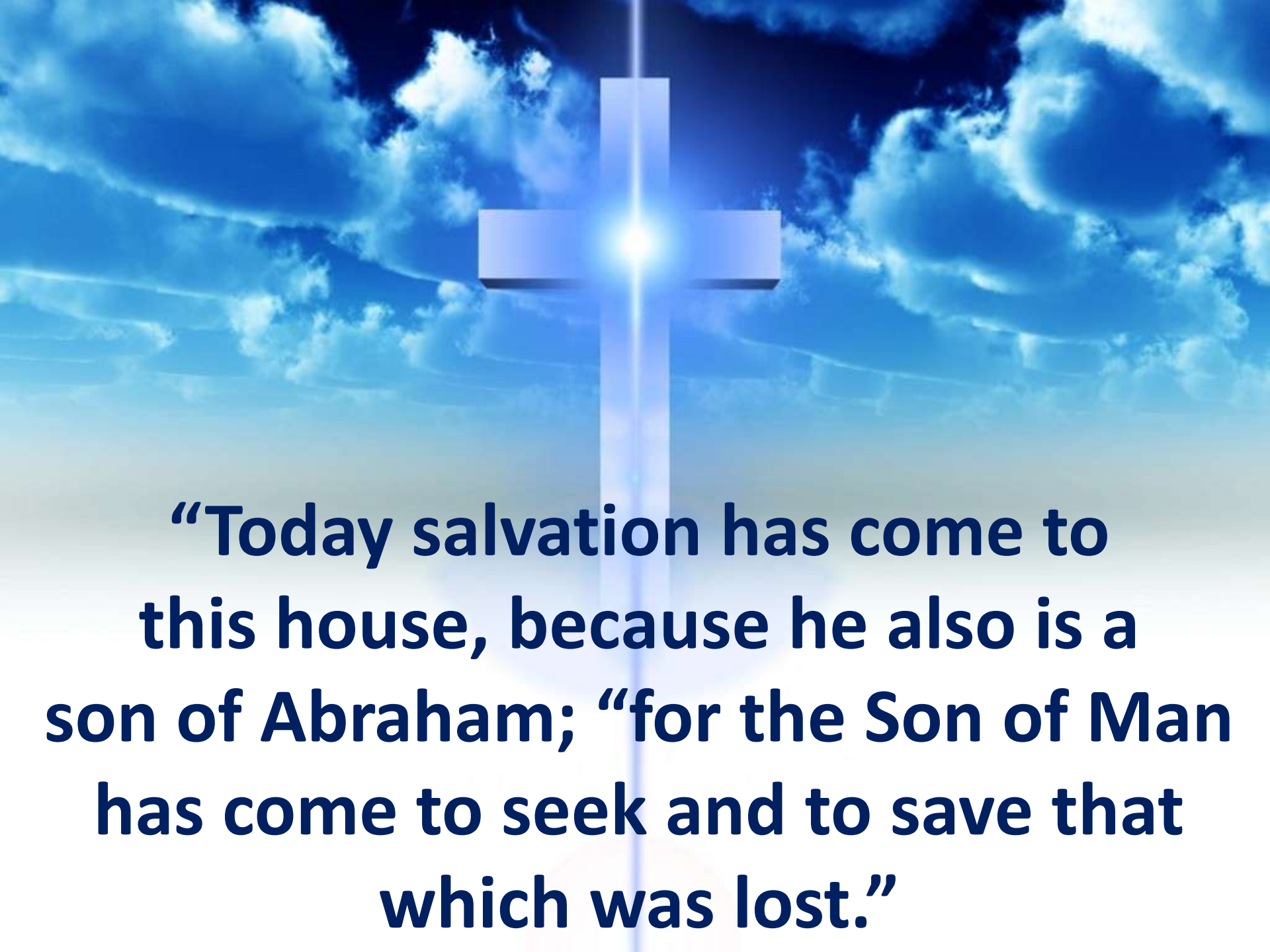
Luke 19:1-10



**“He has gone to be a guest
with a man who is a sinner.”**



“Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

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**“Today salvation has come to
this house, because he also is a
son of Abraham; “for the Son of Man
has come to seek and to save that
which was lost.”**



**I have not come to call *the* righteous,
but sinners, to repentance."**

Luke 5:32




"They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Mark 2:17).

Again he said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).



III. SAINTS SHOULD BE MERCIFUL



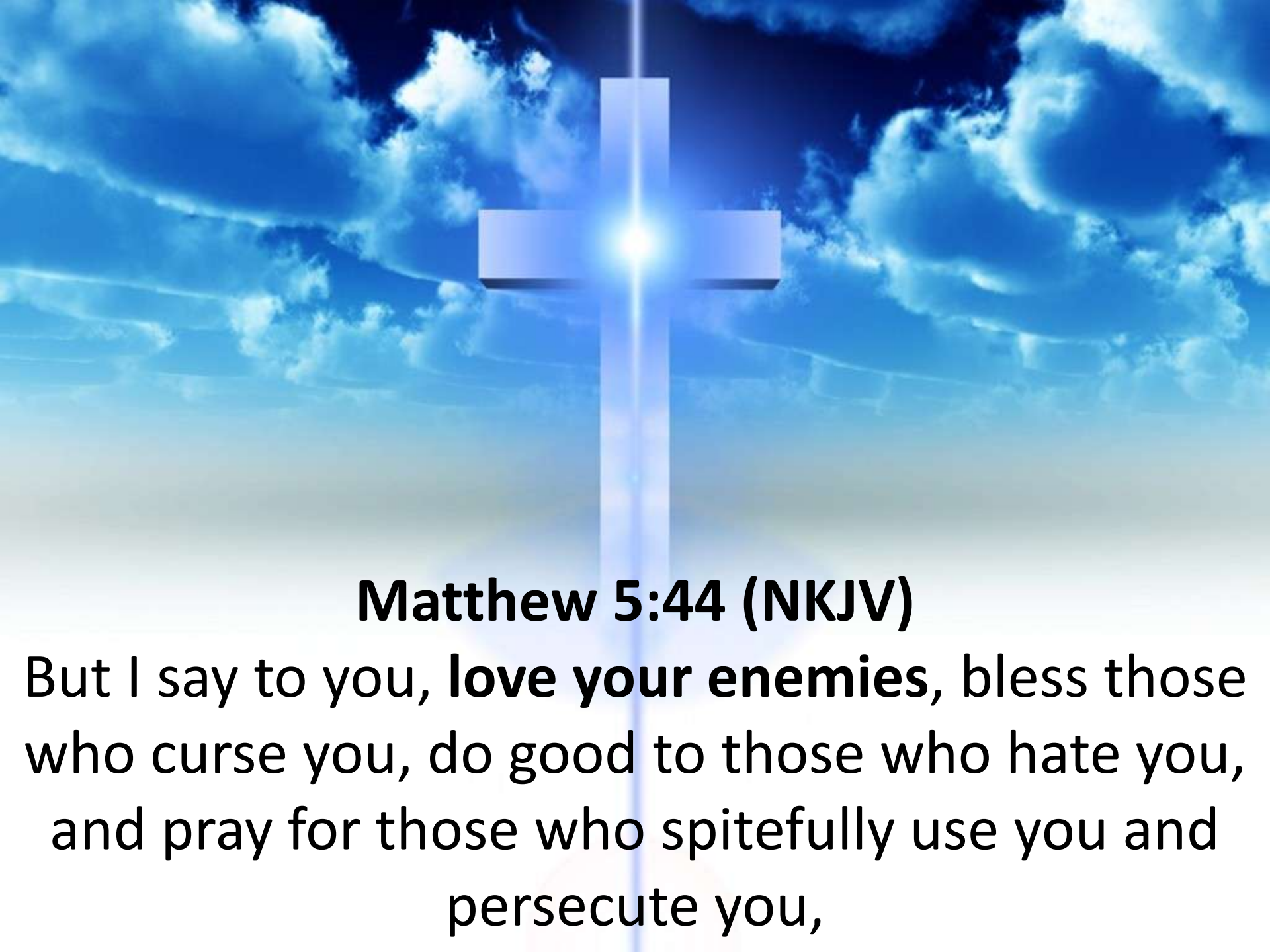
Matthew 9:10-13 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ But go and learn what *this* means: ***'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'*** For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."



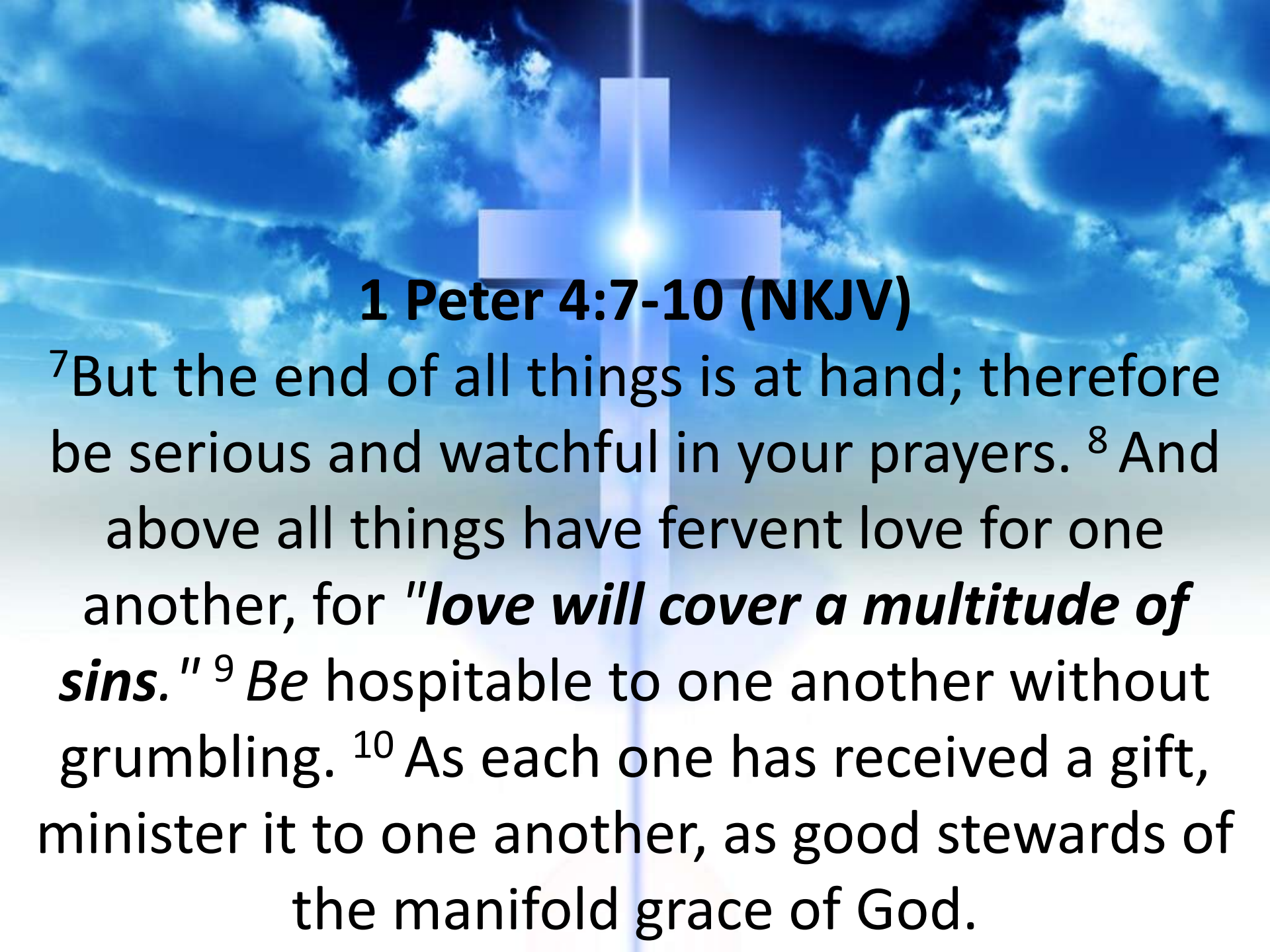
The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Luke 18:9-14

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Matthew 5:44 (NKJV)

But I say to you, **love your enemies**, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,



1 Peter 4:7-10 (NKJV)

⁷But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. ⁸And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "***love will cover a multitude of sins.***" ⁹Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.



Romans 12:21 (NKJV)

**Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.**