



KEEPING
CHRISTMAS

The Ghost of Christmas Past: "Sorrow"

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Video Clip from the Movie “A Christmas Carol”



“Humbug!”

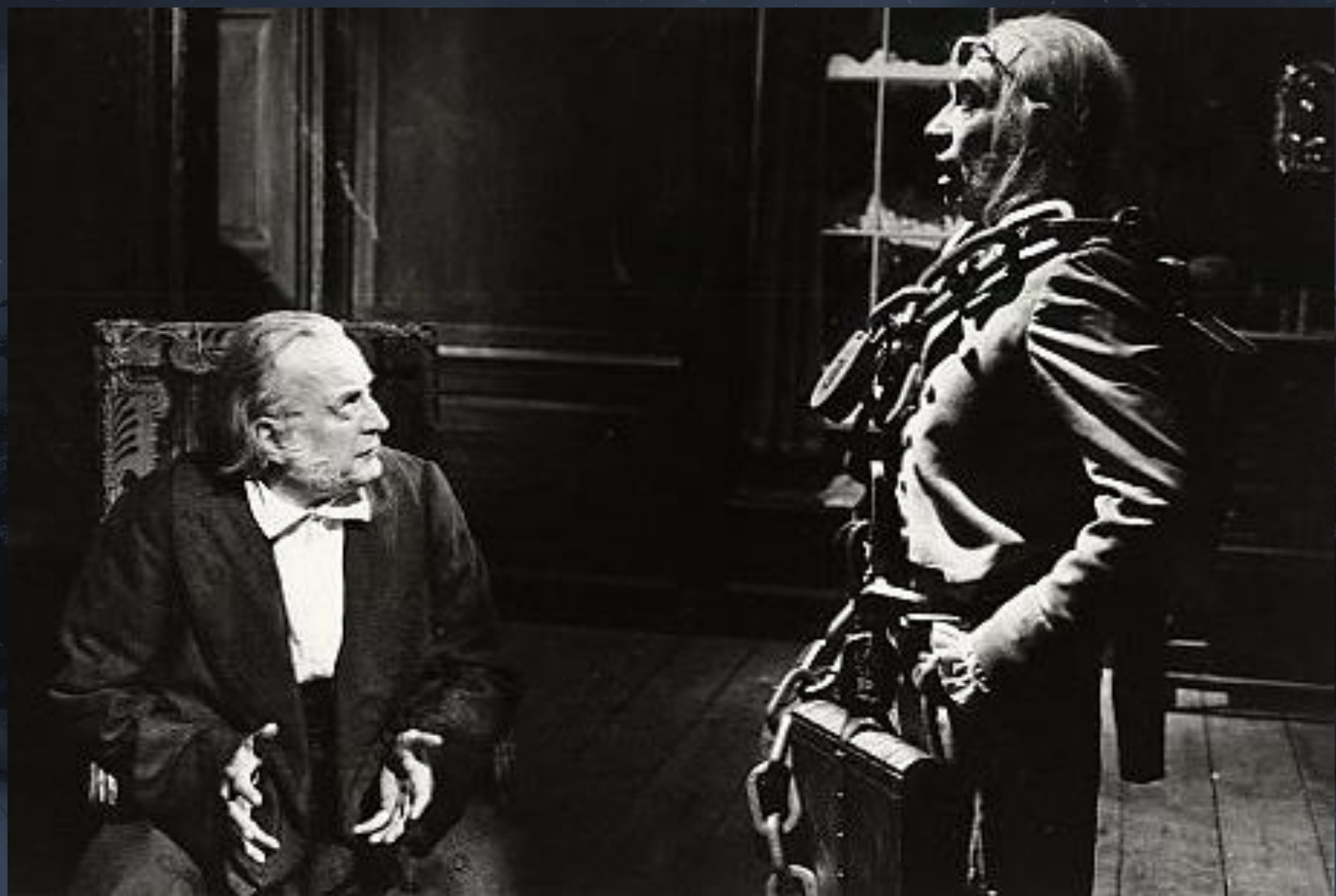




Sorrow

“But
you
don't
keep
it!”







“In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.”
- Luke 16:23



Biblical truth:

Before we can turn to
God, we must first be
broken by the Law.

“Godly sorrow brings repentance
that leads to salvation
and leaves
no regret . . .

. . . but worldly
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brings death.”

- 2 Cor 7:10



A close-up photograph of a person's hands, wrists, and forearms. The hands are held open, palms facing upwards, in a gesture of surrender or despair. The wrists are bound with heavy, dark metal chains. The background is dark and out of focus. The image is overlaid with white text.

Self-centered...excuses...regret...death

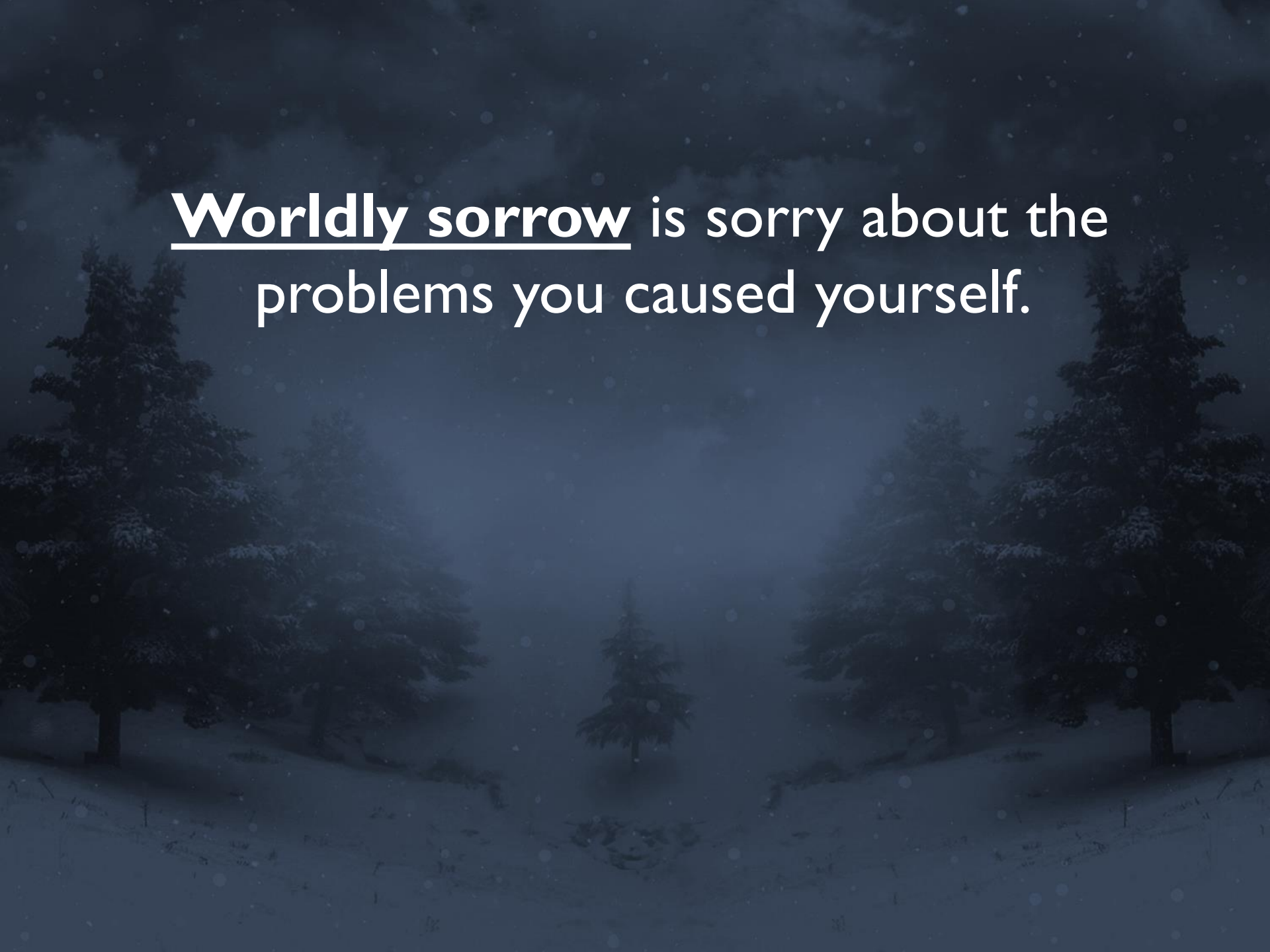
Worldly Sorrow

Godly Sorrow

God-centered...confession...relief...growth



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Godly sorrow is sorry about the problems that you cause others, and ultimately God.

Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—
9 yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us!

- 2 Corinthians 7:8-9





“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

- Jeremiah 29:11

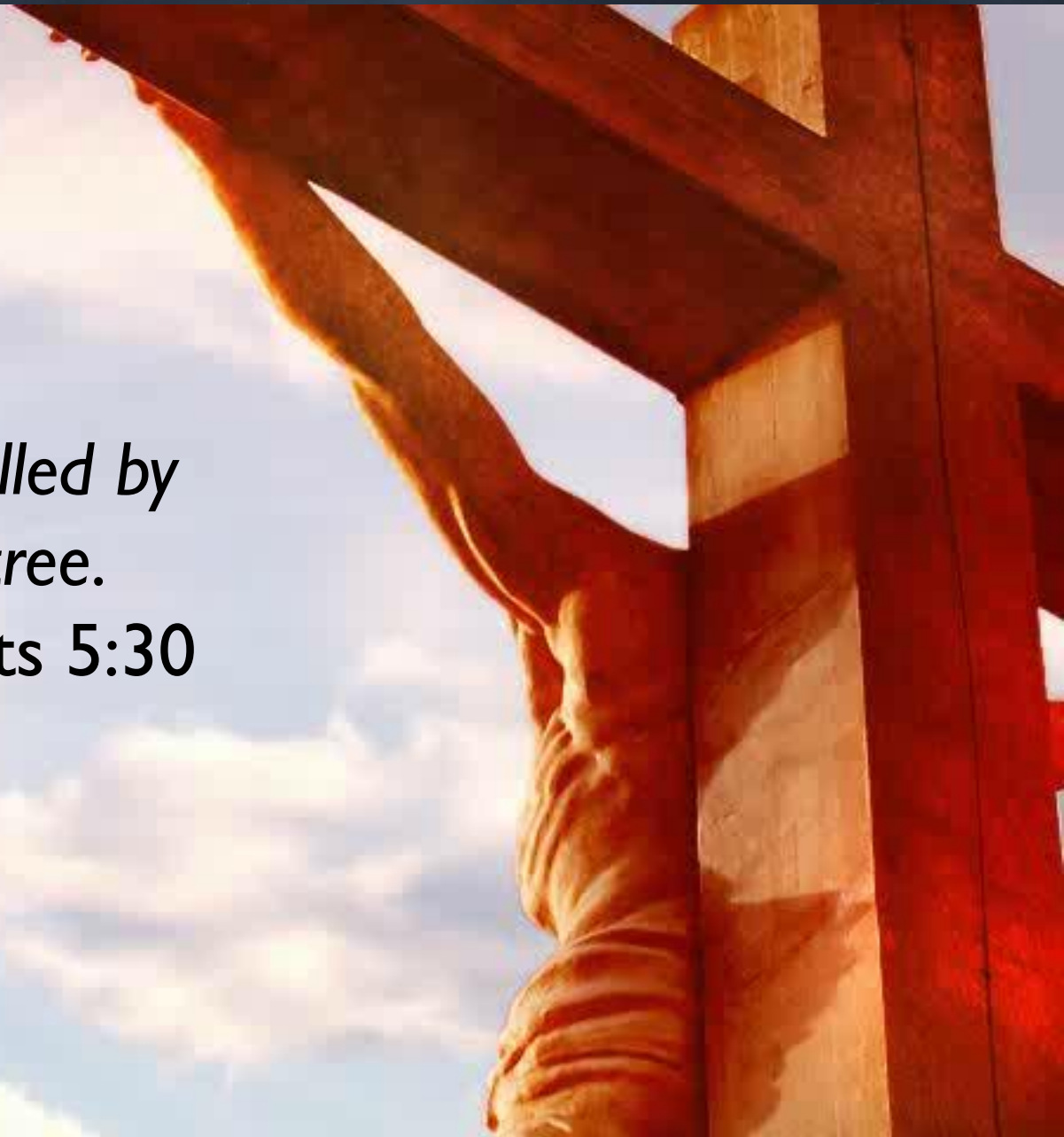


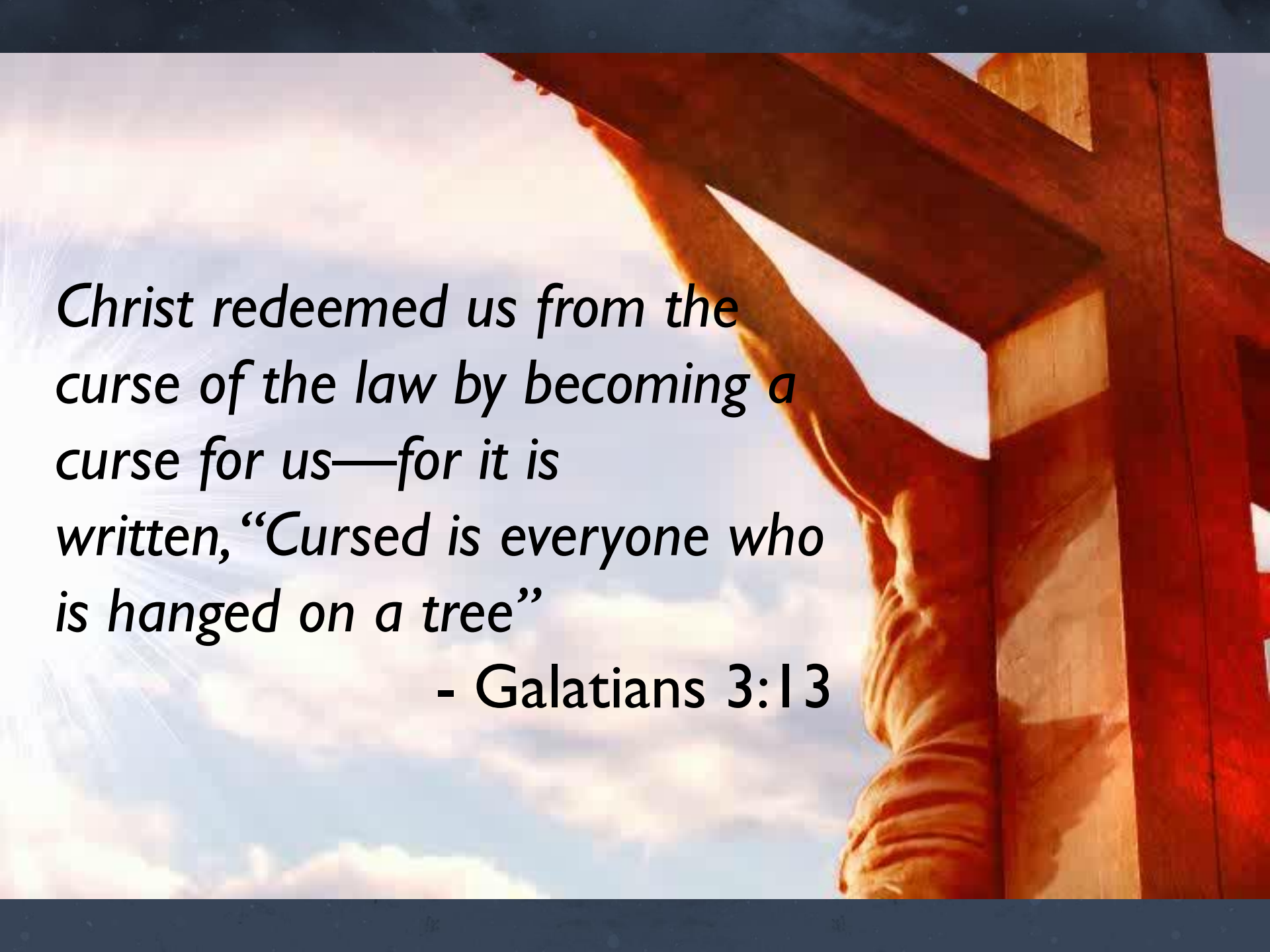
“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you” - 2 Corinthians 7:10-11a



*The God of our
fathers raised
Jesus, whom you killed by
hanging him on a tree.*

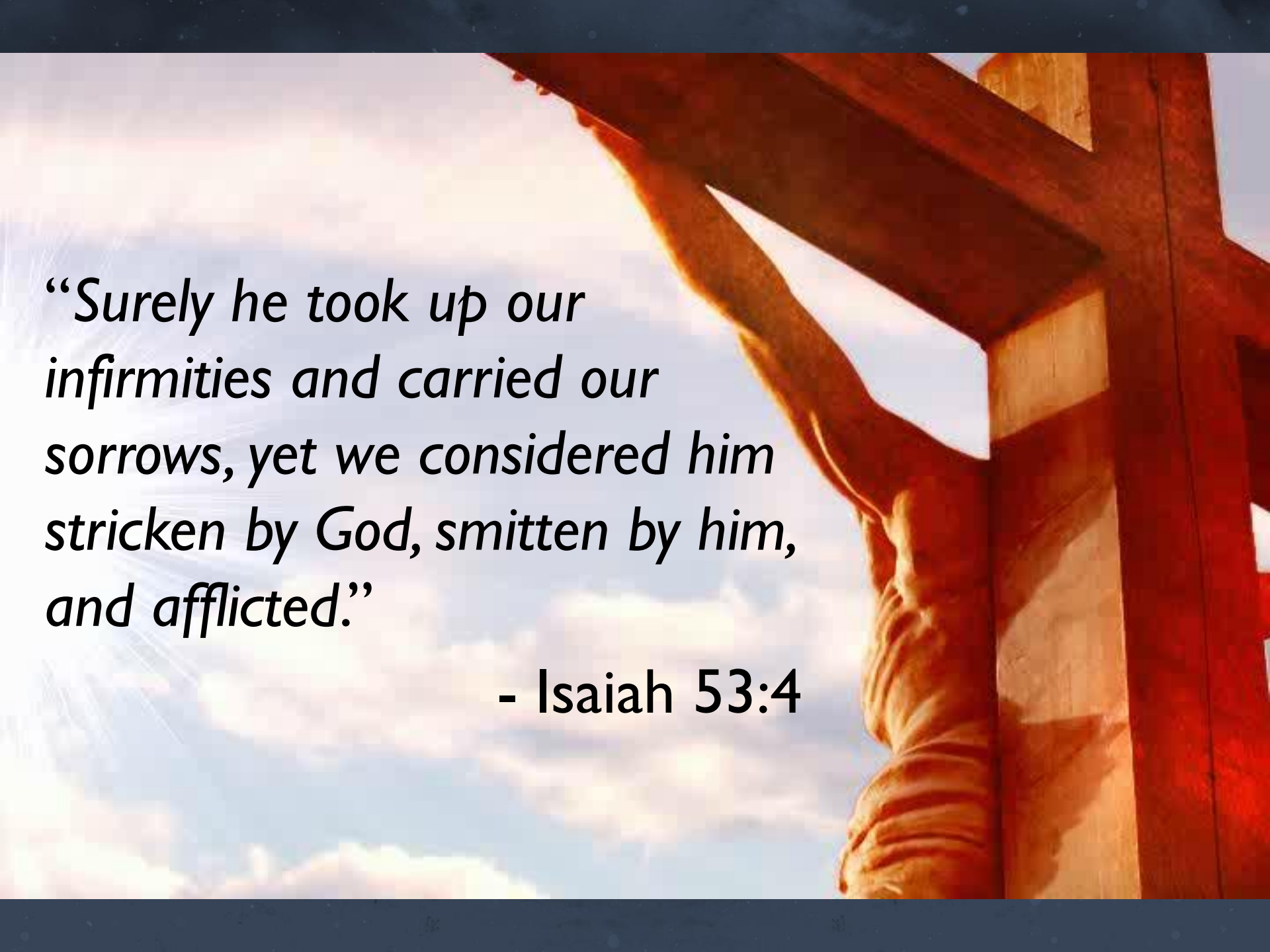
- Acts 5:30



A wooden crucifix is shown against a bright, cloudy sky. The crucifix is made of dark wood and is positioned on the right side of the image. The background is a bright, hazy sky with soft clouds, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall tone is warm and spiritual.

*Christ redeemed us from the
curse of the law by becoming a
curse for us—for it is
written, “Cursed is everyone who
is hanged on a tree”*

- Galatians 3:13



*“Surely he took up our
infirmities and carried our
sorrows, yet we considered him
stricken by God, smitten by him,
and afflicted.”*

- Isaiah 53:4





