

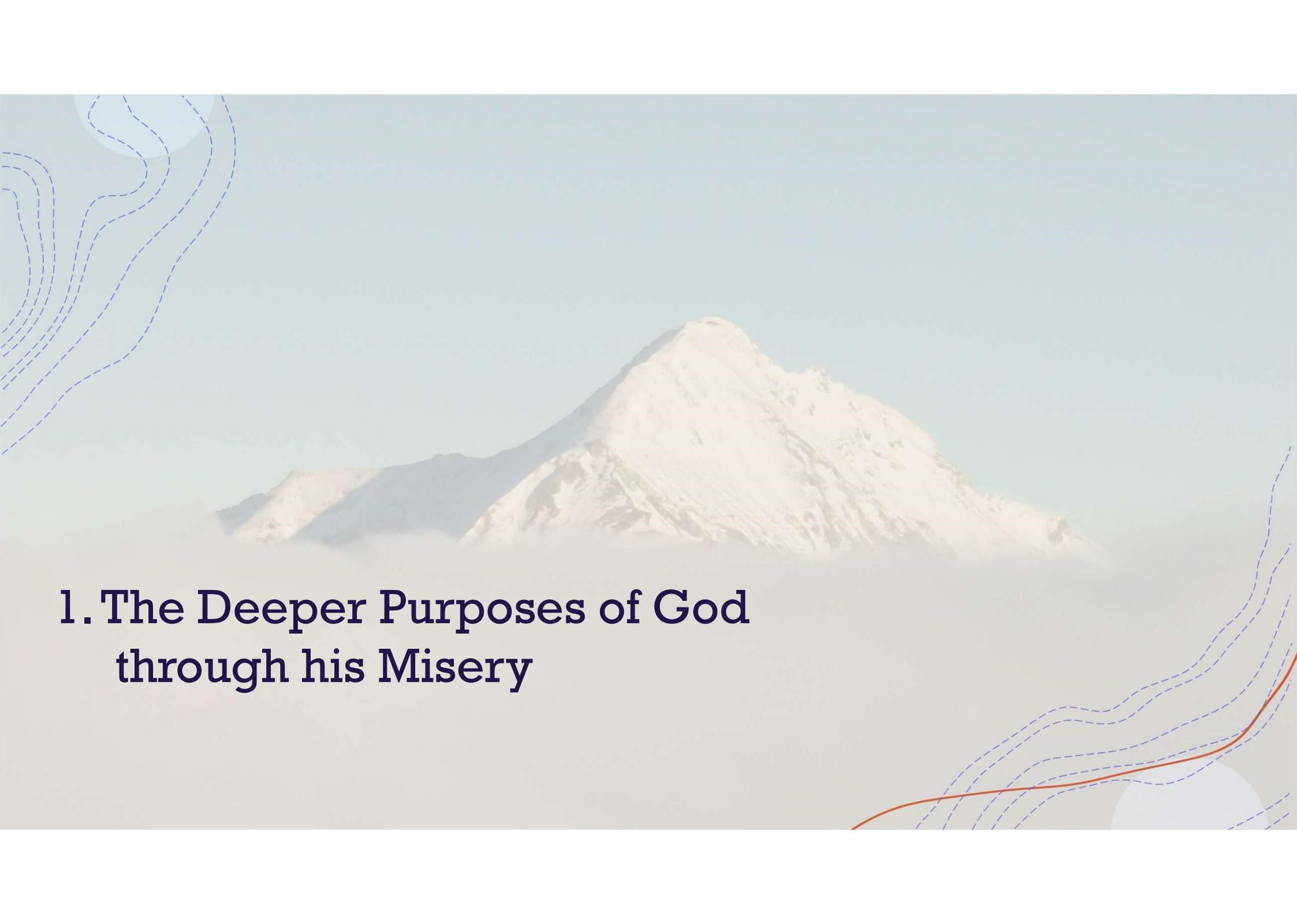
Future Focussed Faith

Joseph's faith (Hebrews 11:22)

Notes and slides from Julian Hardyman's sermon at the online service
Sunday 11th April 2021

Genesis 50:19-21

But Joseph said to them, ‘Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.’ And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.



1. The Deeper Purposes of God through his Misery



What can you learn from Joseph's looking back and seeing 'the deeper purposes of God through his misery'?

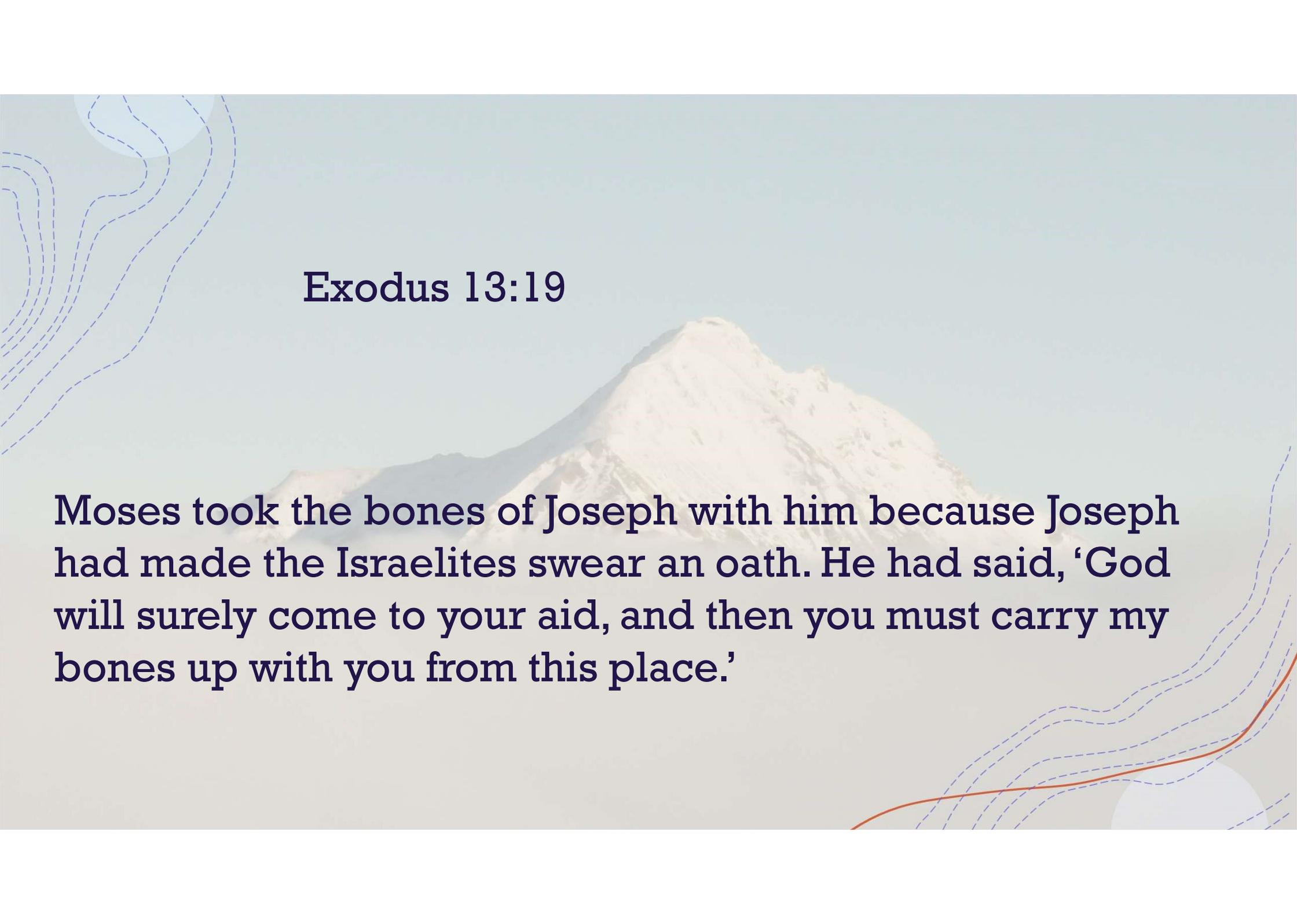


Genesis 50:22-26

Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to

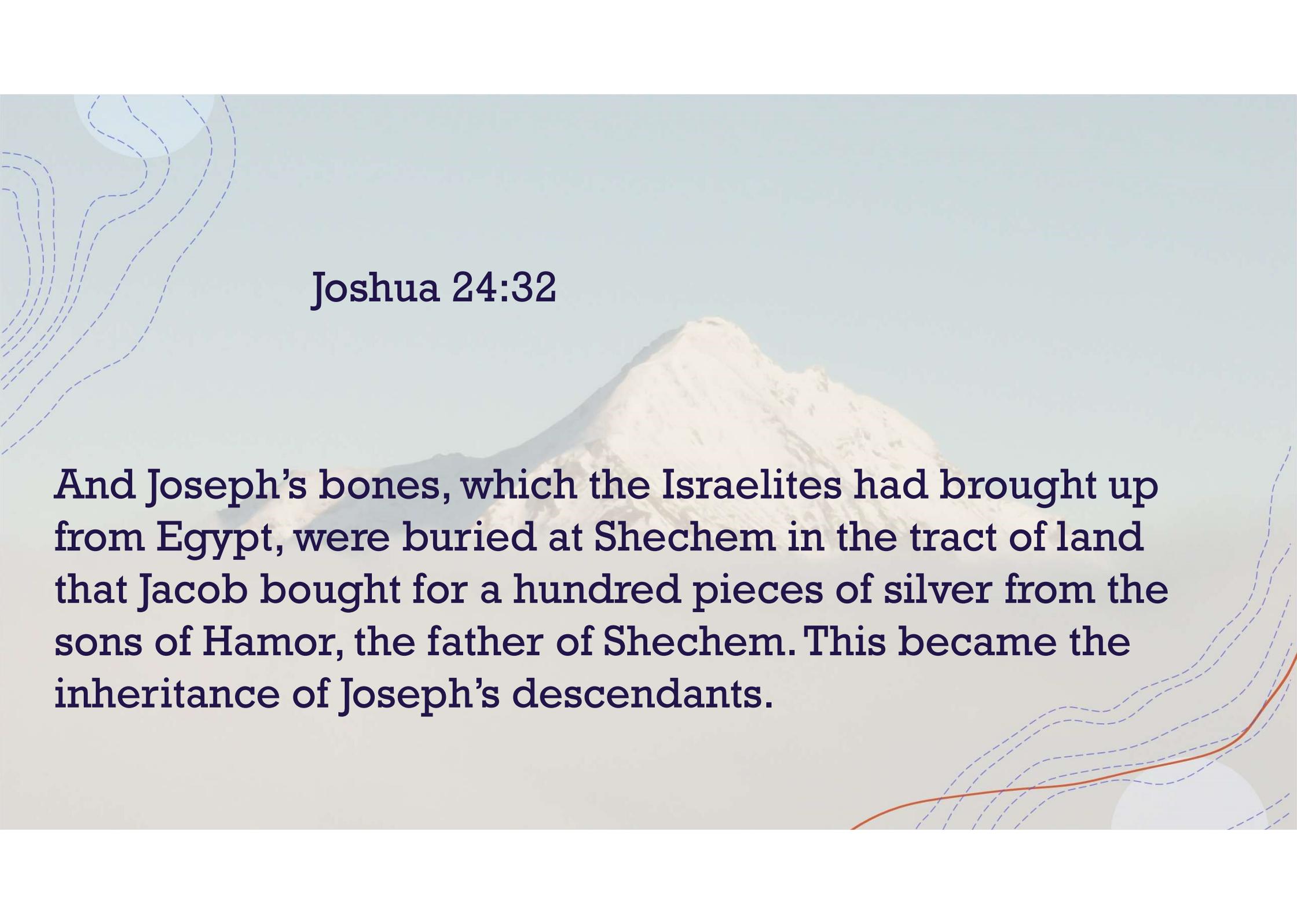
Genesis 50:22-26

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.’ And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, ‘God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place.’ So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.



Exodus 13:19

Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, 'God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place.'

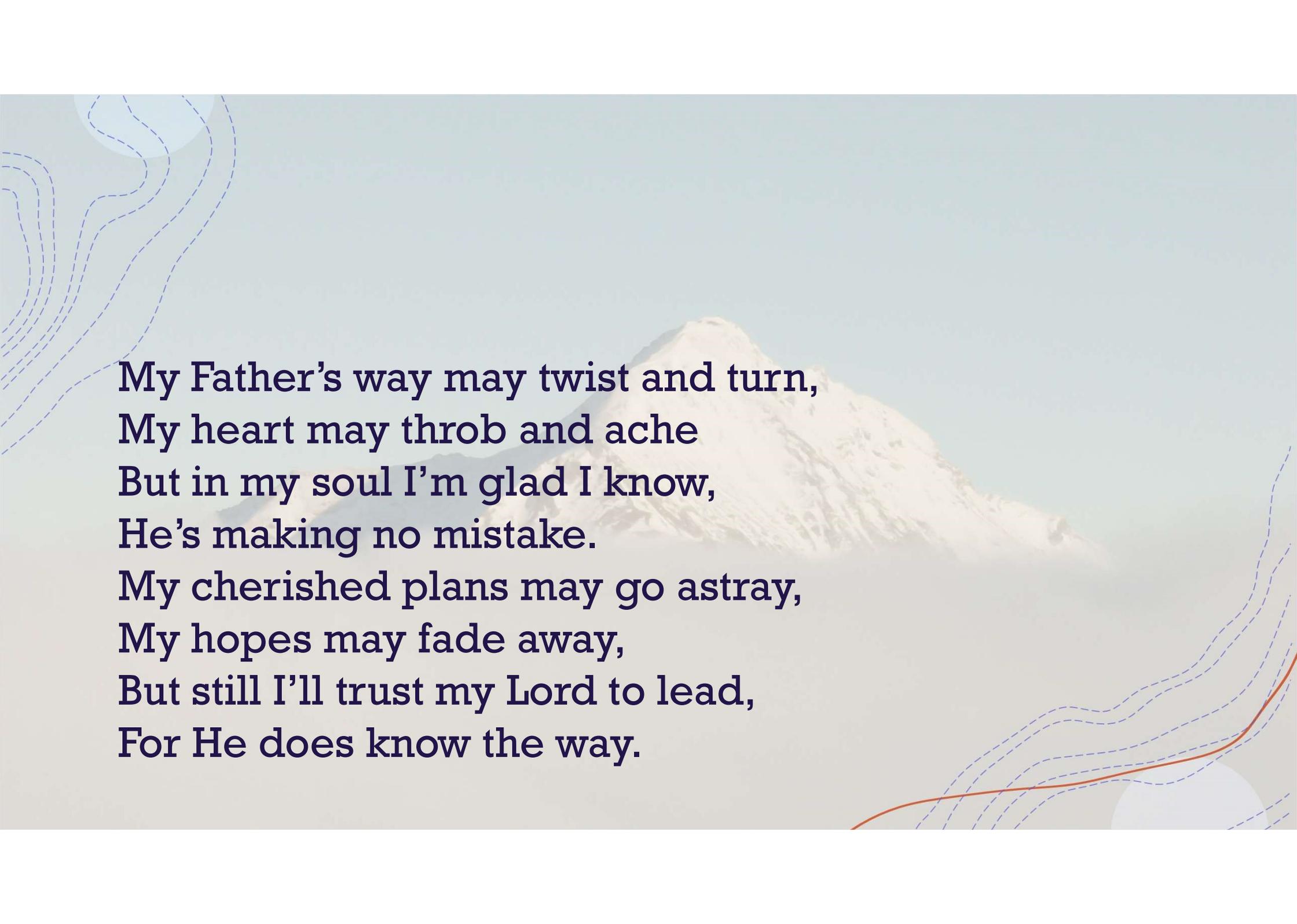


Joshua 24:32

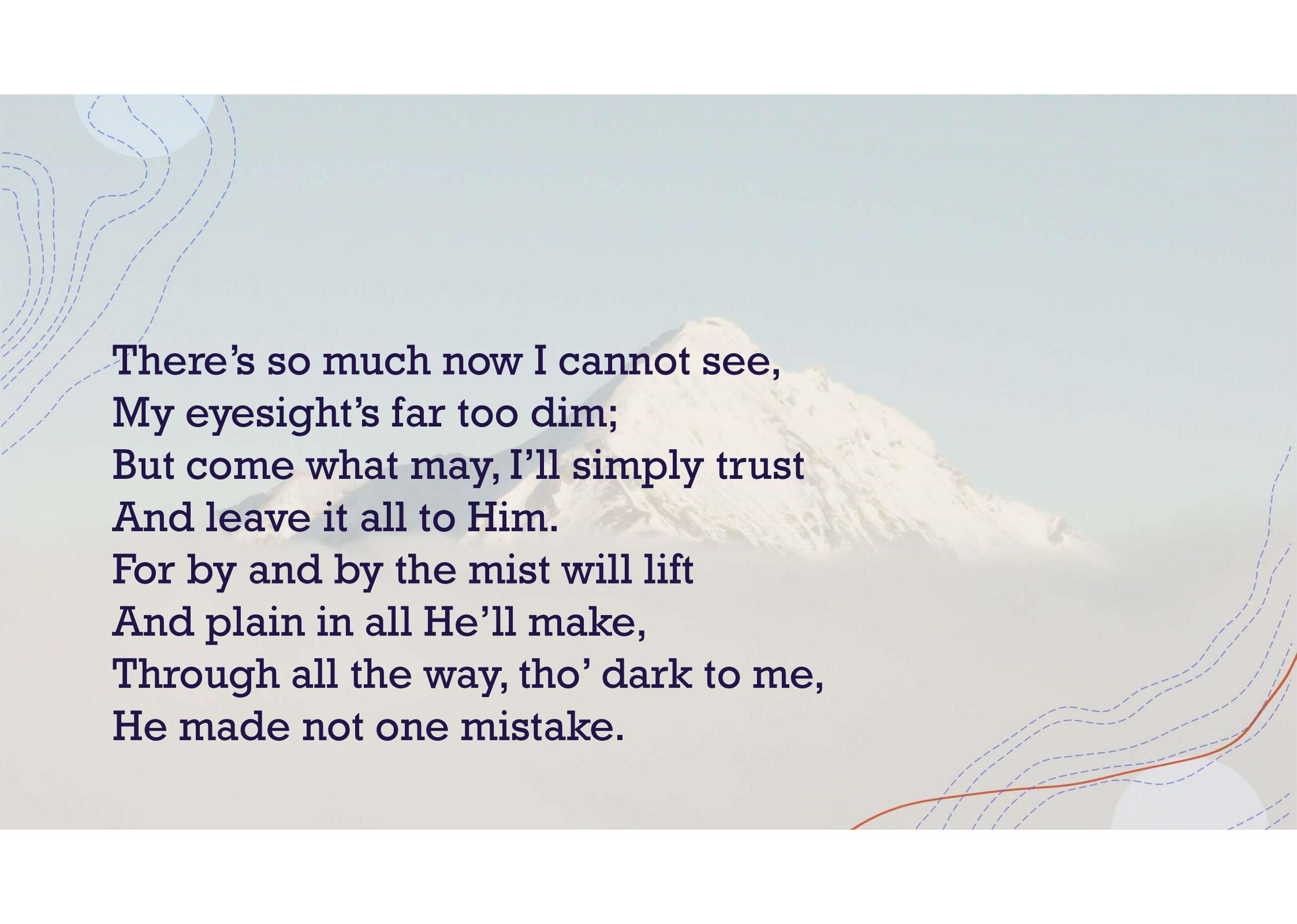
And Joseph's bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph's descendants.



2. The Higher Purposes of God beyond his success



**My Father's way may twist and turn,
My heart may throb and ache
But in my soul I'm glad I know,
He's making no mistake.
My cherished plans may go astray,
My hopes may fade away,
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead,
For He does know the way.**



**There's so much now I cannot see,
My eyesight's far too dim;
But come what may, I'll simply trust
And leave it all to Him.
For by and by the mist will lift
And plain in all He'll make,
Through all the way, tho' dark to me,
He made not one mistake.**

