



SUMMER ON THE MOUNT

Adultery and Divorce Redefined

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- 1) The Covenant Design of Marriage
- 2) The Consuming Desire of Lust
- 3) The Concession of Divorce

Matthew 5:27-32

*²⁷ “You have heard that it was said,
‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But
I tell you that anyone who looks at a
woman lustfully has already
committed adultery with her in his
heart.*

Matthew 5:27-32

²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Matthew 5:27-32

³¹ “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.



The Covenant Design of Marriage

The background features a stylized landscape. On the left, there are dark blue and black silhouettes of mountains. On the right, there are rolling hills in shades of green. The sky is a mix of light blue and white, suggesting clouds. A diagonal line separates the green field area from the sky area.

Consumer relationship

The background features a stylized landscape with rolling hills and mountains. The sky is a deep blue with soft, white clouds. The hills are depicted in various shades of green and blue, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere. The overall composition is serene and naturalistic.

Consumer relationship

“You adjust to me.”



Covenant Relationship



Covenant Relationship

“I will adjust to you.”



Consumer vs. Covenant

Insecurity

vs.

Refuge of Safety

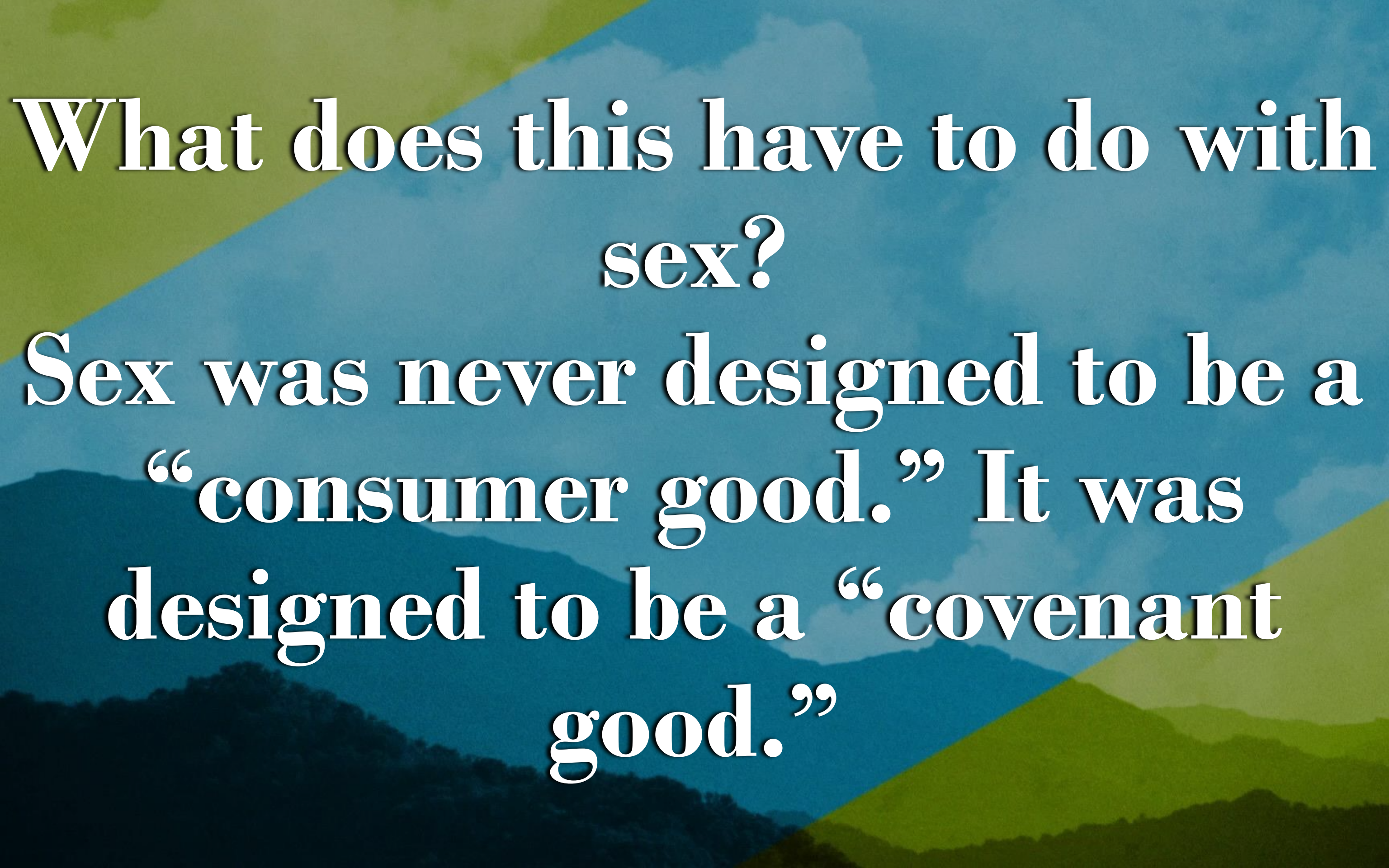


Consumer vs. Covenant

Personal Happiness

vs.

Lasting and Deepening Love



What does this have to do with
sex?


Sex was never designed to be a
“consumer good.” It was
designed to be a “covenant
good.”

Genesis 2:24

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife [covenant marriage], and the two will become one flesh [sexual consummation].

“The monstrosity of sex outside marriage is that those who indulge in it are trying to isolate one kind of union (the sexual) from all the other kinds of union which were intended to go along with it and make up the total union.”

-C.S. Lewis

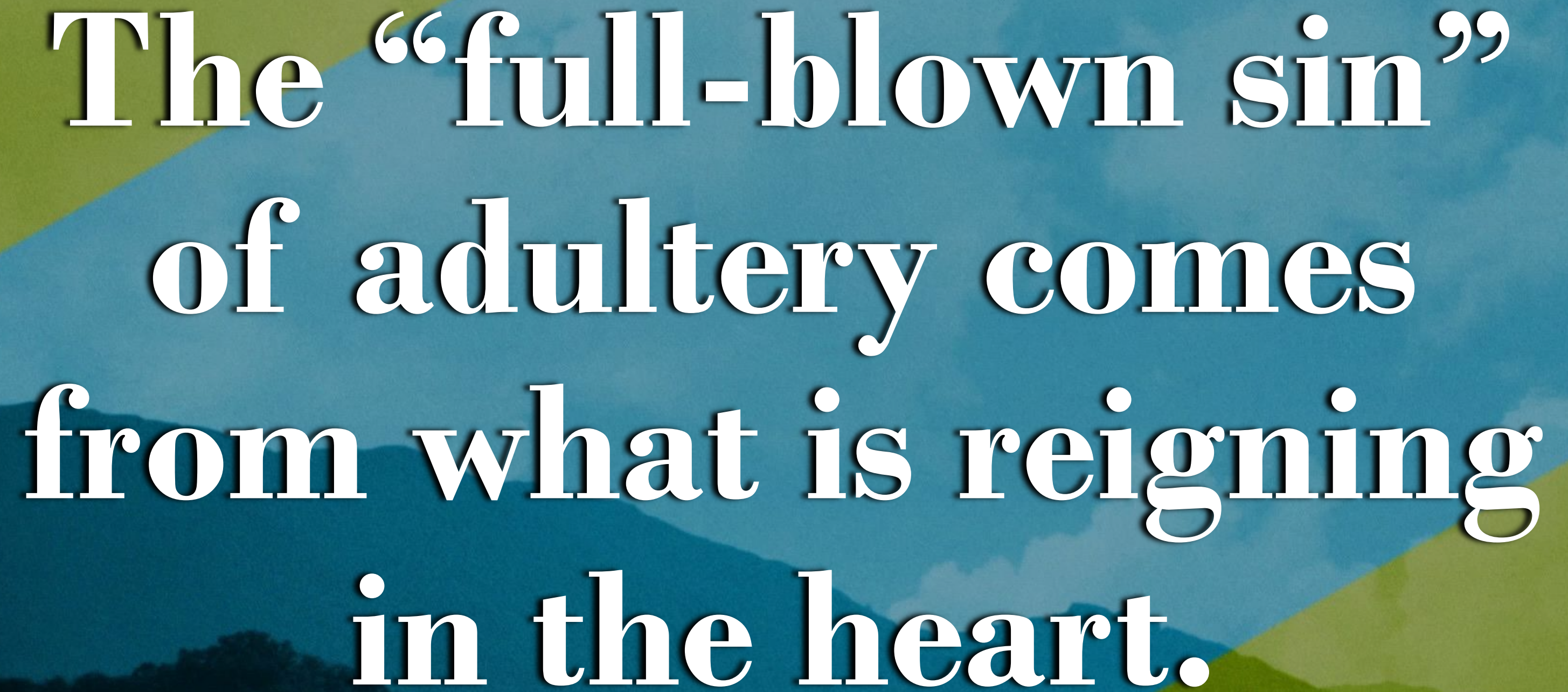


The Consuming Desire of Lust.

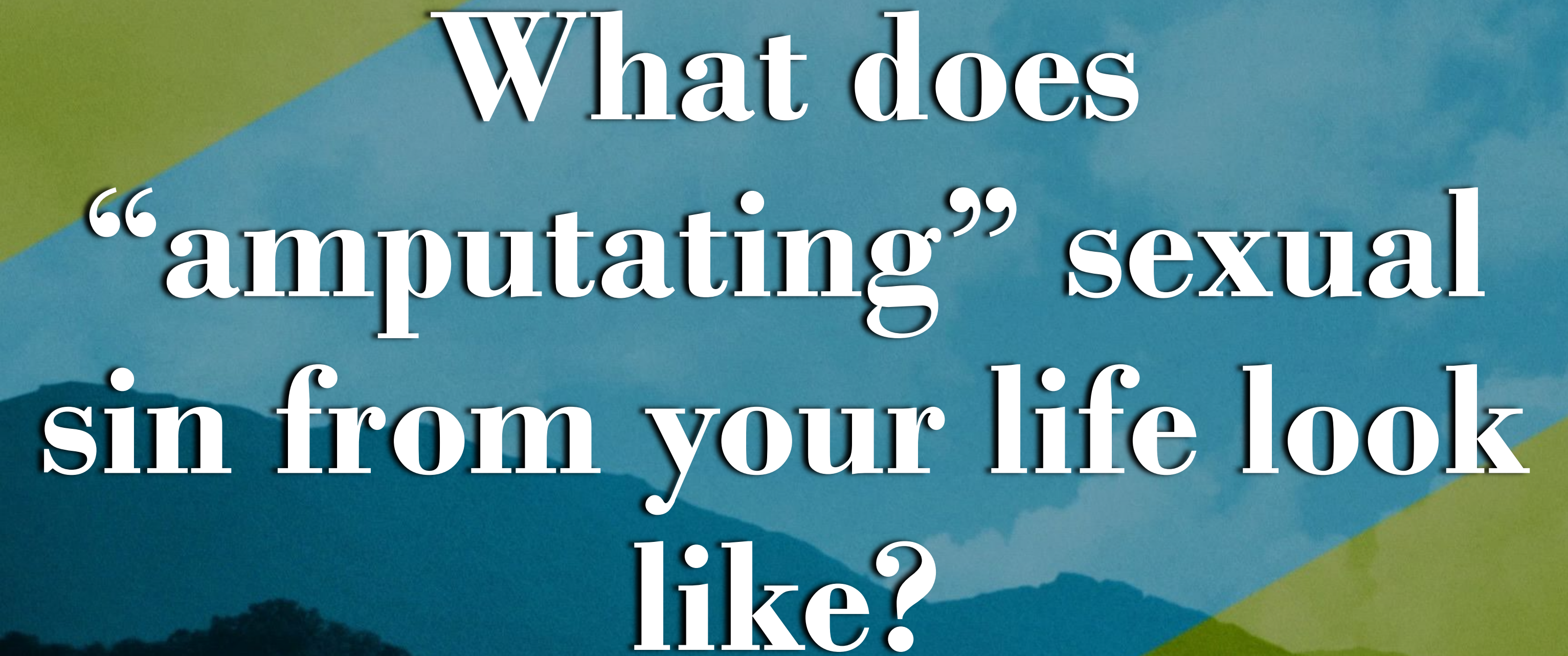


Matthew 5:28

But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.



The “full-blown sin”
of adultery comes
from what is reigning
in the heart.



What does
“amputating” sexual
sin from your life look
like?



The Concession of Divorce

Matthew 5:31-32

It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.



Matthew 19:6

*What God has joined together
let no one separate.*

Questions about Divorce and Remarriage

1) When is it permissible to seek
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Sexual Infidelity (Matthew 5:32, 19:9)

Desertion (1 Corinthians 7:15).

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Last Option vs. First Option

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Get out and get help!

Questions about Divorce and Remarriage

3) Is it biblical to get remarried if I have been divorced?

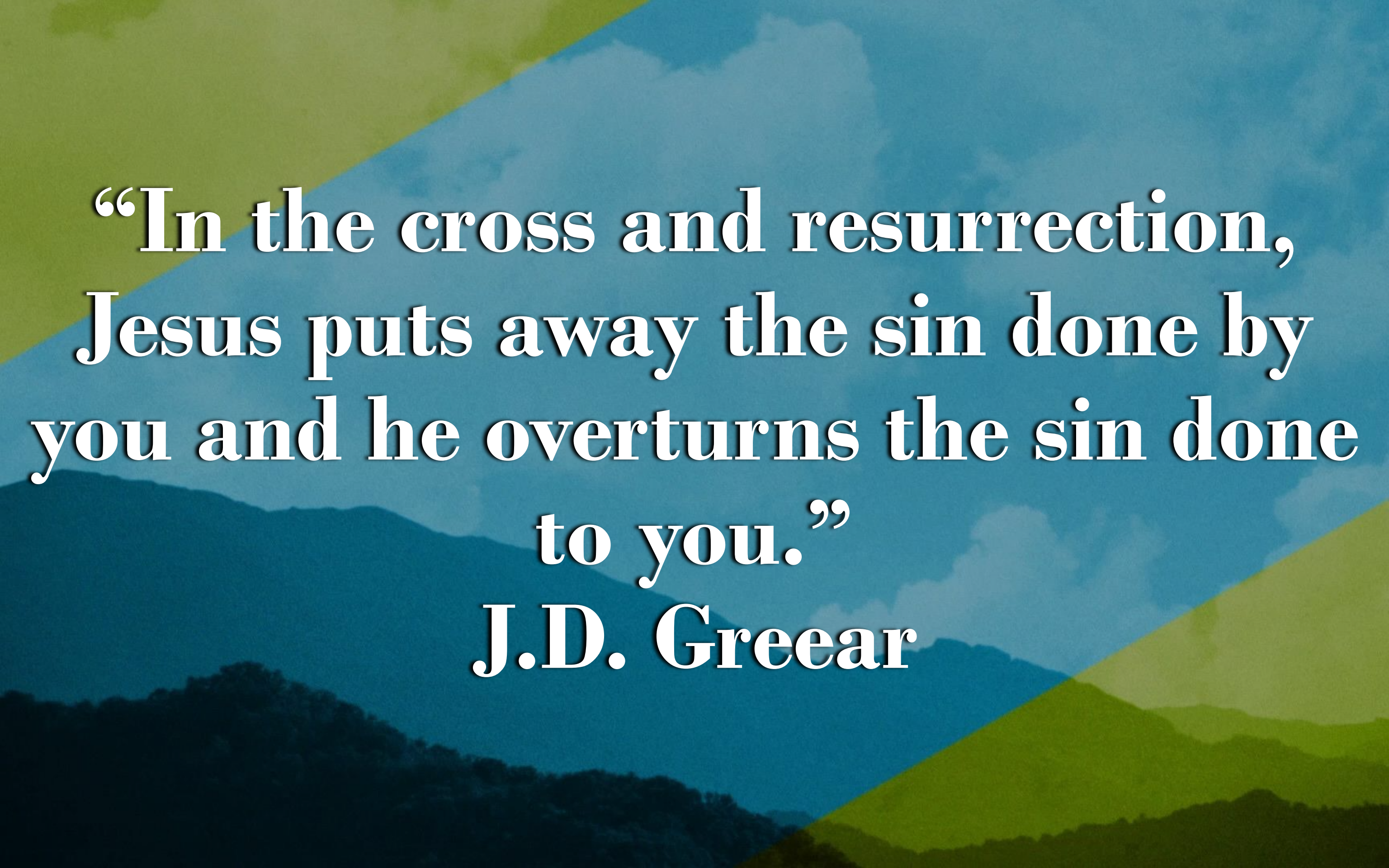
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Where God allows a concession for divorce, he allows for remarriage.

Questions about Divorce and Remarriage

4) If I participated in an unbiblical divorce or unbiblical remarriage, how does God see me?



**“In the cross and resurrection,
Jesus puts away the sin done by
you and he overturns the sin done
to you.”**

J.D. Greear



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