

The Blessed Life

Luke 6:20-26

**What constitutes
a blessed life?**

20 And he lifted up his eyes
on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

Luke 6:20-26 (ESV) (p.1/7)

21 “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you shall laugh.

Luke 6:20-26 (ESV) (p.2/7)

22 “Blessed are you when people hate you
and when they exclude you and revile you
and spurn your name as evil,
on account of the Son of Man!

Luke 6:20-26 (ESV) (p.3/7)

23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,
for behold, your reward is great in heaven;
for so their fathers did to the prophets.

Luke 6:20-26 (ESV) (p.4/7)

24 “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

Luke 6:20-26 (ESV) (p.5/7)

25 “Woe to you who are full now,
for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now,
for you shall mourn and weep.


Luke 6:20-26 (ESV) (p.6/7)

26 “Woe to you,
when all people speak well of you,
for so their fathers did to the false prophets.”

Luke 6:20-26 (ESV) (p.7/7)

The Blessed Life (Luke 6)

1. A Rich **Inheritance** (v20/24)
2. A Bright **Future** (v21/25)
3. A Good **Name** (v22-23/26)



Blessed are you who are **poor**,
for yours is the **kingdom** of God.

Luke 6:20 (ESV)

Nikolay Svishchev-Paola, "Beggar with a Lyra", 1900



Or do you not know that the **unrighteous**
will not inherit the **kingdom of God?**

I Corinthians 6:9-11 (ESV) (p.1/3)

Dylan Roberts, Strumble Head Lighthouse, UK


9 Do not be deceived:
neither the sexually **immoral**, nor **idolaters**,
10 ... nor the **greedy**, ... nor **revilers**, ...
will **inherit** the kingdom of God.

I Corinthians 6:9-11 (ESV) (p.2/3)

11 And such were some of **you**.

But you were **washed**,
you were **sanctified**, you were **justified**
in the name of the Lord **Jesus Christ**
and by the **Spirit** of our God.

I Corinthians 6:9-11 (ESV) (p.3/3)

A stack of several coins, likely US pennies, is the central focus on the right side of the image. The coins are slightly out of focus, with a soft bokeh effect. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a table, with a few other coins scattered around. The lighting is warm and directional, coming from the upper right, creating a soft glow and highlighting the edges of the coins.

But woe to you who are **rich**,
for you have received your **consolation**.

Luke 6:24 (ESV)



For the **sun** rises with its scorching **heat**
and **withers** the grass;
its **flower** falls, and its **beauty** perishes.

So also will the rich man **fade away**
in the **midst** of his pursuits.

James 1:11 (ESV)

Do I feel I am **rich**
because I am
dependent on God?

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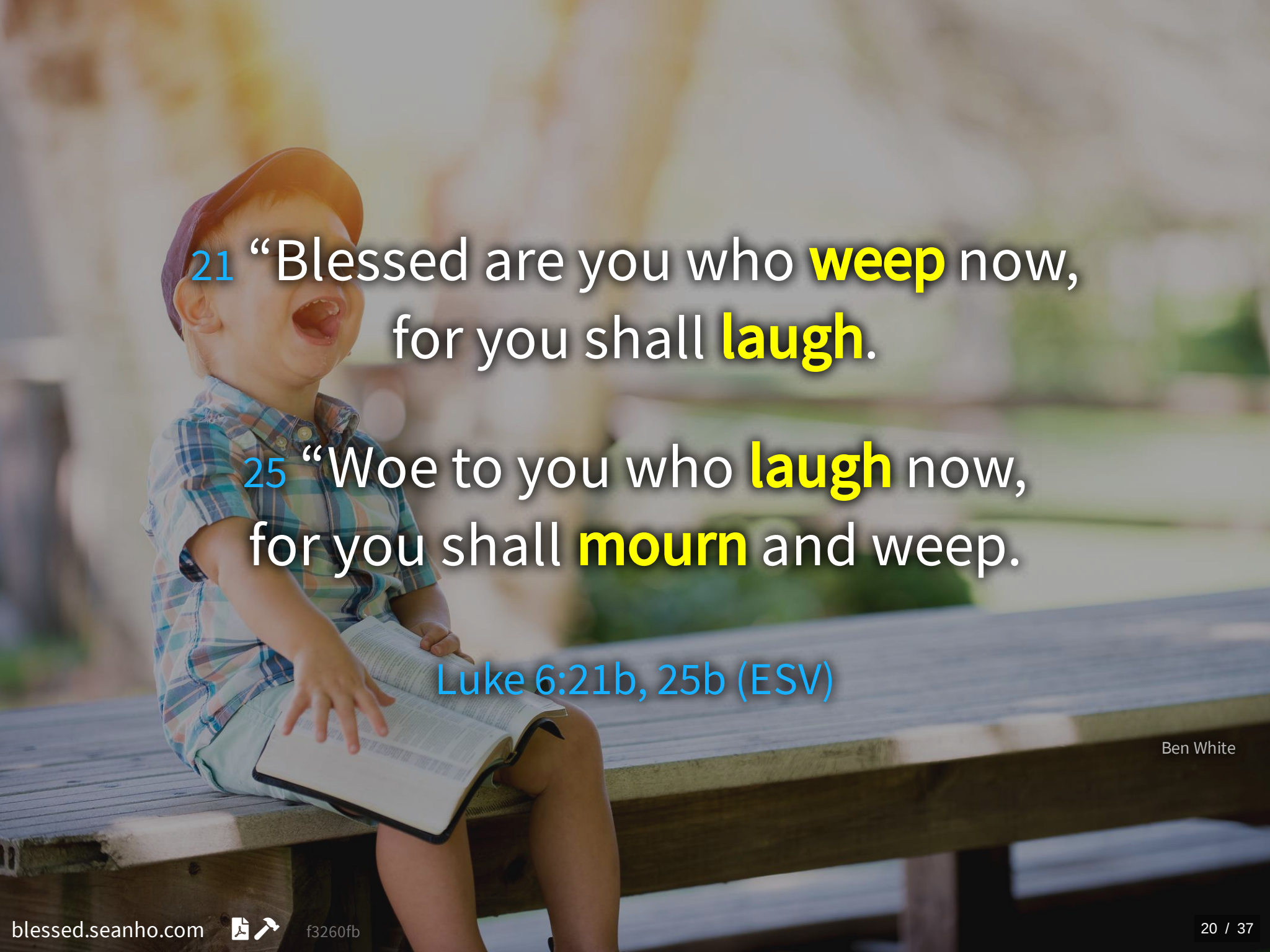


21 Blessed are you who are **hungry** now,
for you shall be **satisfied**.

25 Woe to you who are **full** now,
for you shall be **hungry**.

Luke 6:21a, 25a (ESV)

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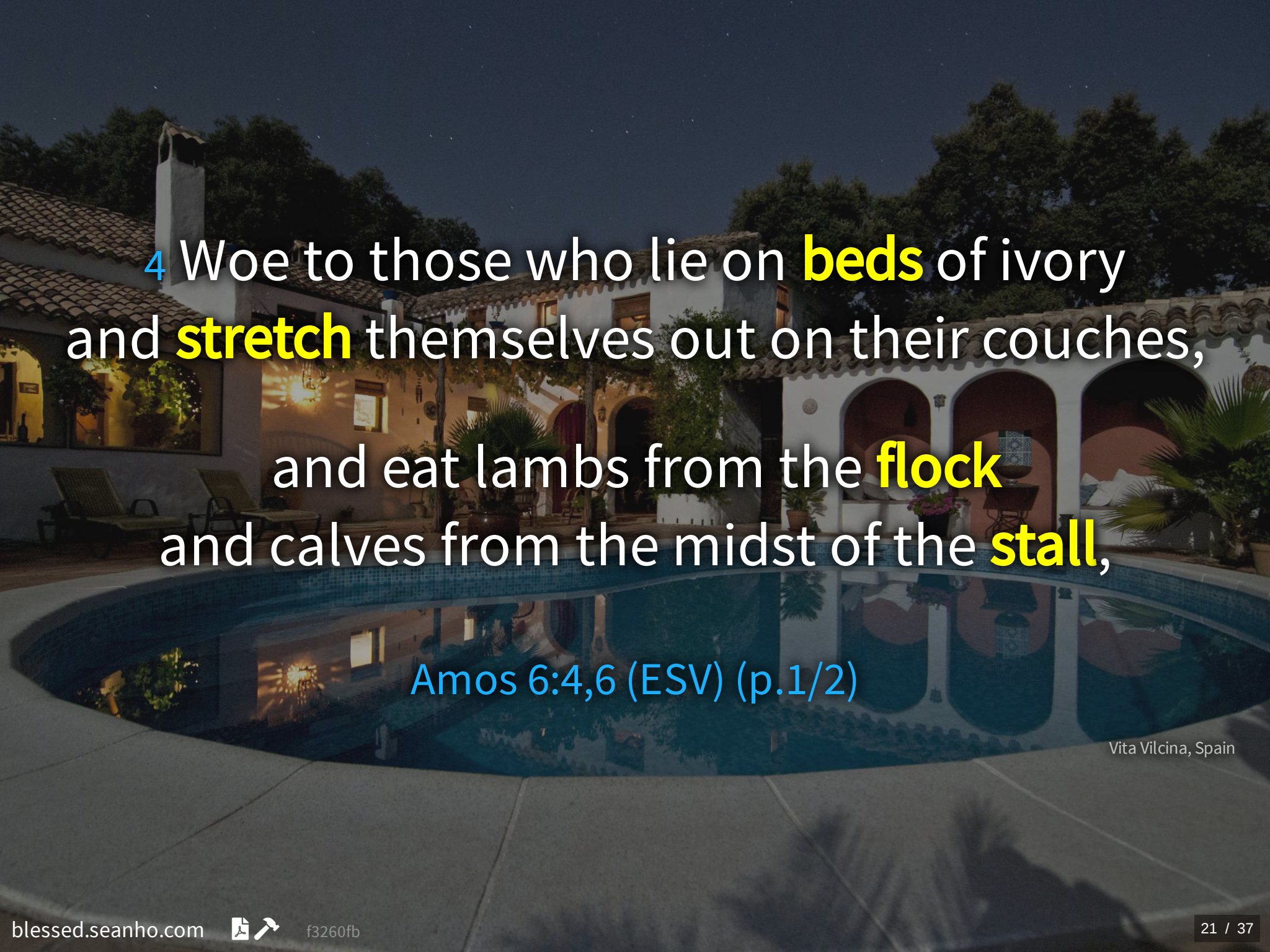


21 “Blessed are you who **weep** now,
for you shall **laugh**.

25 “Woe to you who **laugh** now,
for you shall **mourn** and weep.

Luke 6:21b, 25b (ESV)

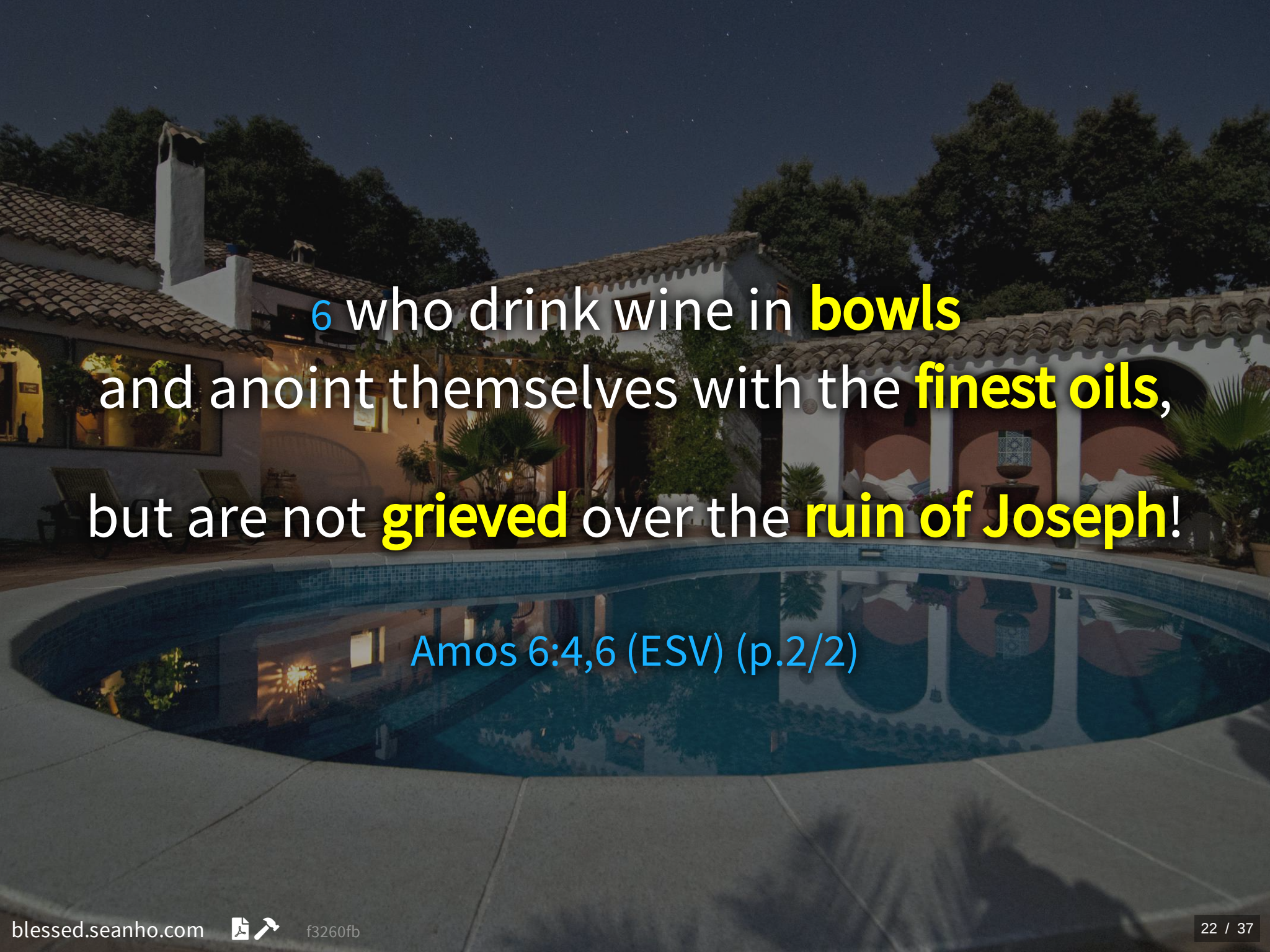
Ben White



4 Woe to those who lie on **beds** of ivory
and **stretch** themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the **flock**
and calves from the midst of the **stall**,

Amos 6:4,6 (ESV) (p.1/2)

Vita Vilcina, Spain



6 who drink wine in **bowls**
and anoint themselves with the **finest oils**,
but are not **grieved** over the **ruin of Joseph!**

Amos 6:4,6 (ESV) (p.2/2)

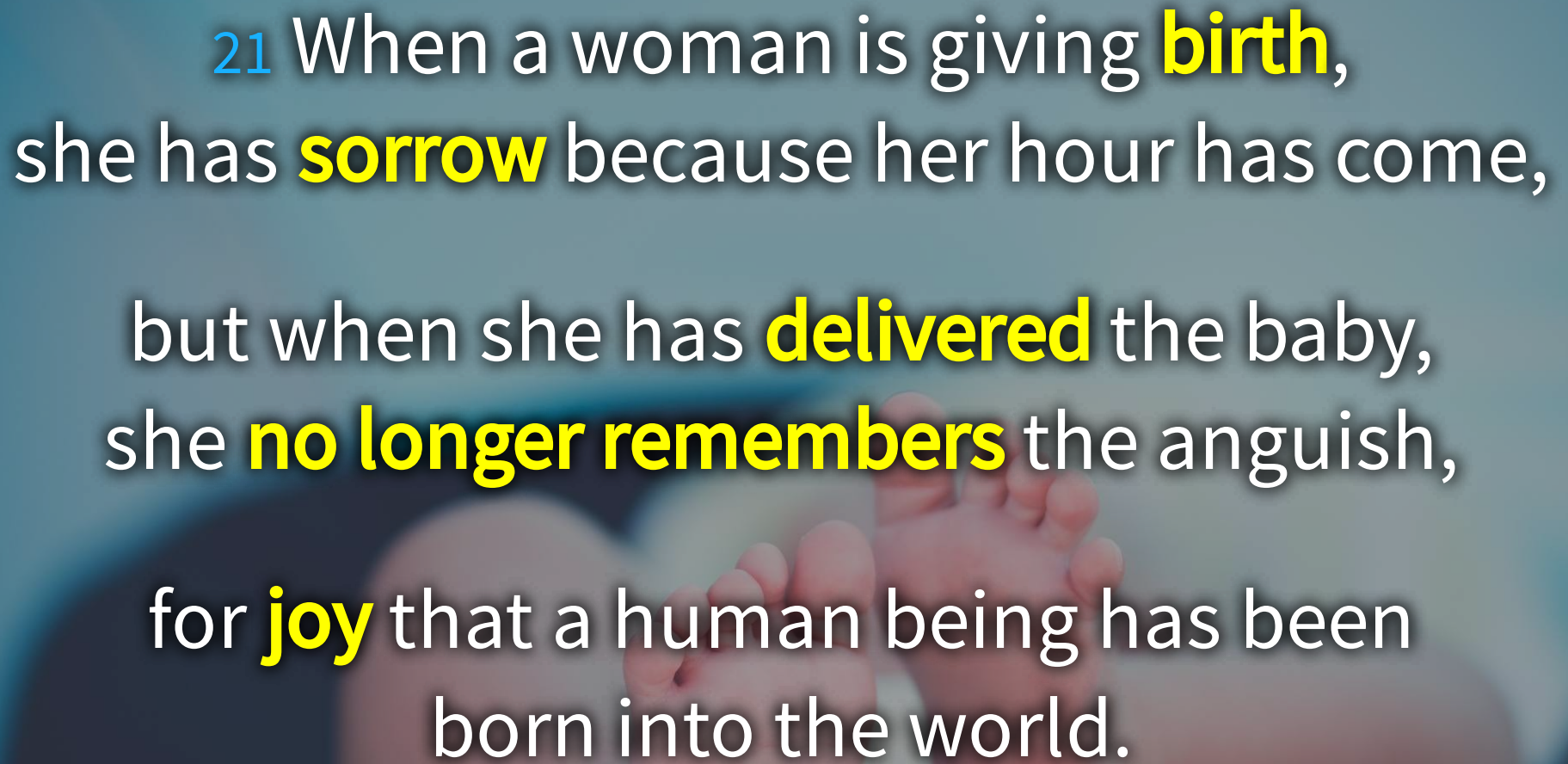


20 You will **weep** and lament,
but the world will **rejoice**.

You will be **sorrowful**,
but your sorrow will turn into **joy**.

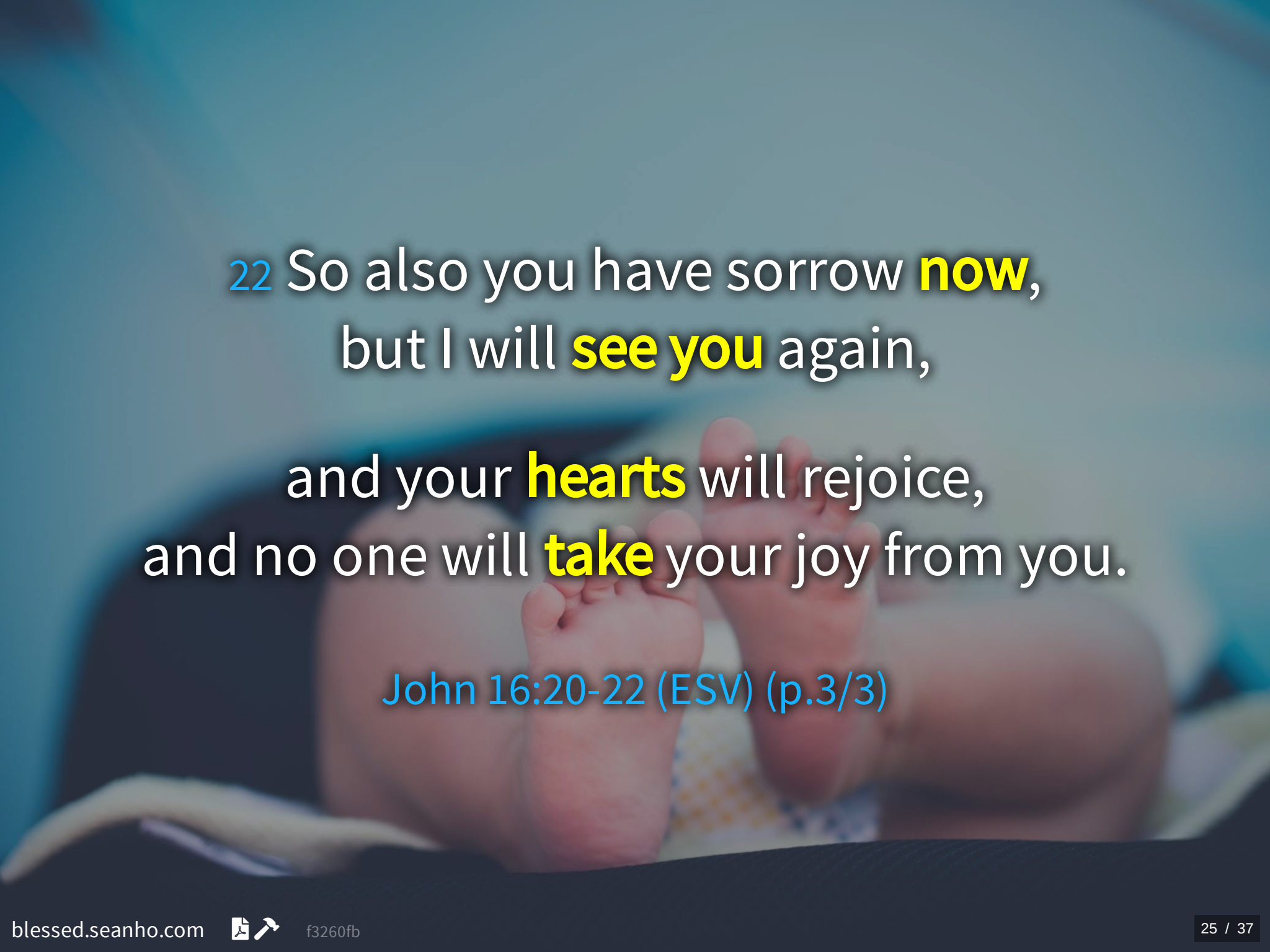
John 16:20-22 (ESV) (p.1/3)

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21 When a woman is giving **birth**,
she has **sorrow** because her hour has come,
but when she has **delivered** the baby,
she **no longer remembers** the anguish,
for **joy** that a human being has been
born into the world.

John 16:20-22 (ESV) (p.2/3)



22 So also you have sorrow **now**,
but I will **see you** again,
and your **hearts** will rejoice,
and no one will **take** your joy from you.

John 16:20-22 (ESV) (p.3/3)

Do I **grieve** over
the **ruin** of
our world?

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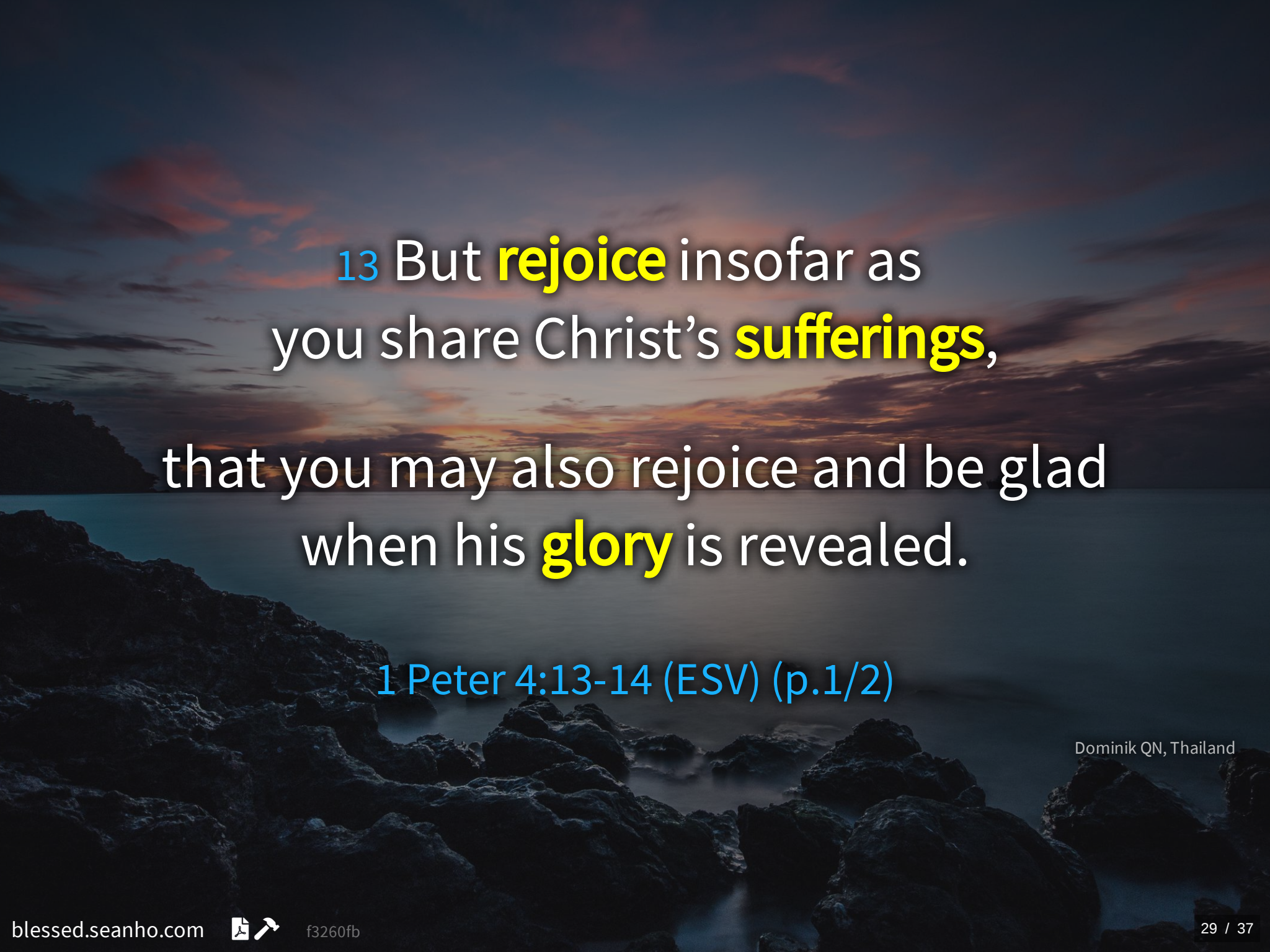
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Blessed are you when people **hate** you
and when they **exclude** you and **revile** you
and spurn your **name** as evil,
on account of the **Son of Man!**

Luke 6:22 (ESV)

Ukraine. Paul Itkin

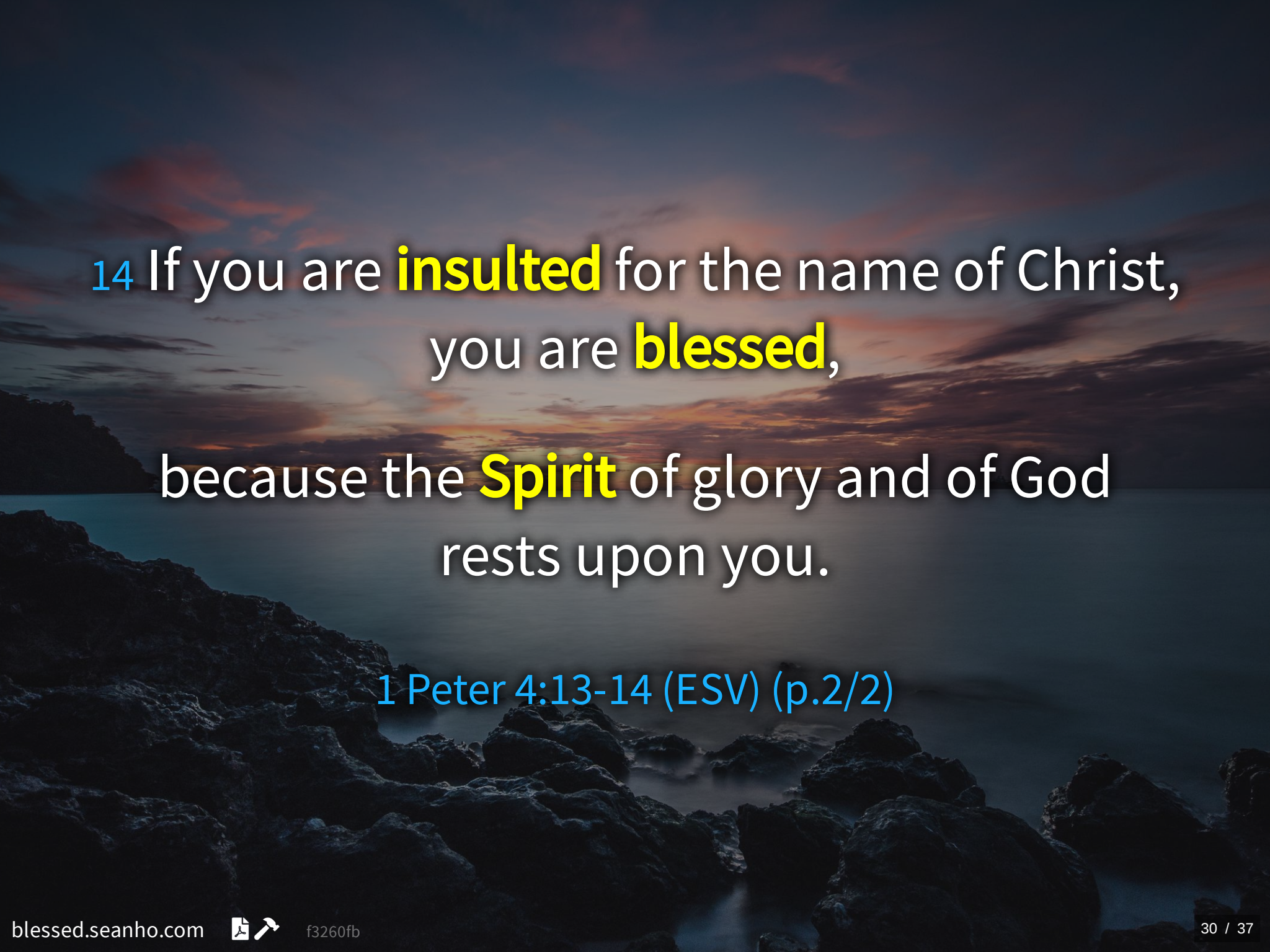




13 But **rejoice** insofar as
you share Christ's **sufferings**,
that you may also rejoice and be glad
when his **glory** is revealed.

1 Peter 4:13-14 (ESV) (p.1/2)

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14 If you are **insulted** for the name of Christ,
you are **blessed**,
because the **Spirit** of glory and of God
rests upon you.

1 Peter 4:13-14 (ESV) (p.2/2)

A painting by Briton Rivière titled "Daniel in the Lion's Den" (1892). It depicts Daniel, a man with a shaved head and a beard, wearing a red robe with a gold border, standing in a dark, stone-walled den. He is looking upwards with a look of awe or prayer. In the foreground and background, several lions are walking around. The floor is made of large stone tiles, and there are some small bones or debris scattered on it. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong light source from the left, casting long shadows.

Rejoice in that day, and **leap** for joy,
for behold, your **reward** is great in heaven;
for so their fathers did to the **prophets**.

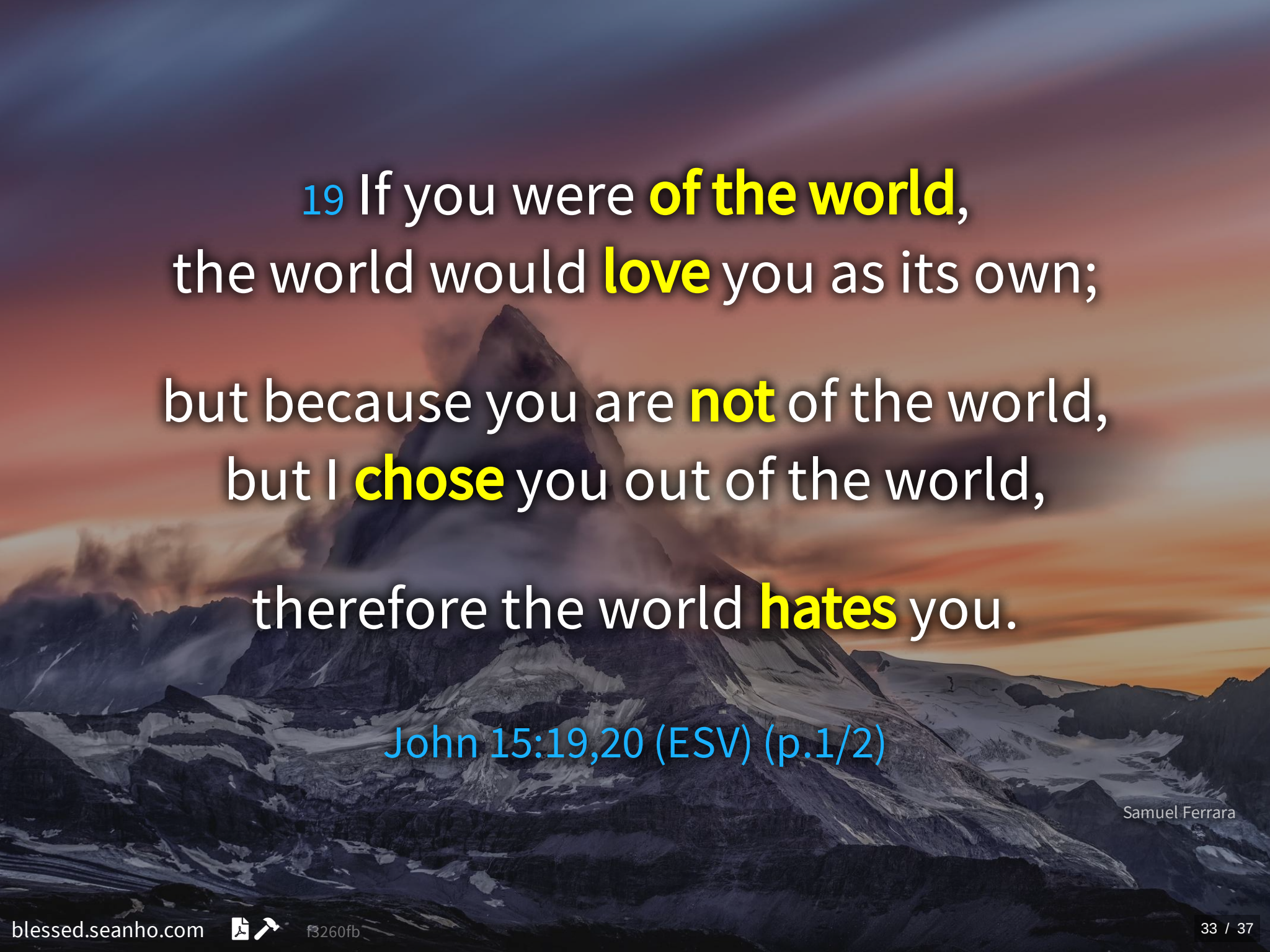
Luke 6:23 (ESV)

Briton Rivière, "Daniel in the Lion's Den", 1892

Woe to you,
when all people **speak well** of you,
for so their fathers did to the **false prophets**.

Luke 6:26 (ESV)

Litchfield Park, Australia. Andy Fitzsimon



19 If you were **of the world**,
the world would **love** you as its own;
but because you are **not** of the world,
but I **chose** you out of the world,
therefore the world **hates** you.

John 15:19,20 (ESV) (p.1/2)

Samuel Ferrara

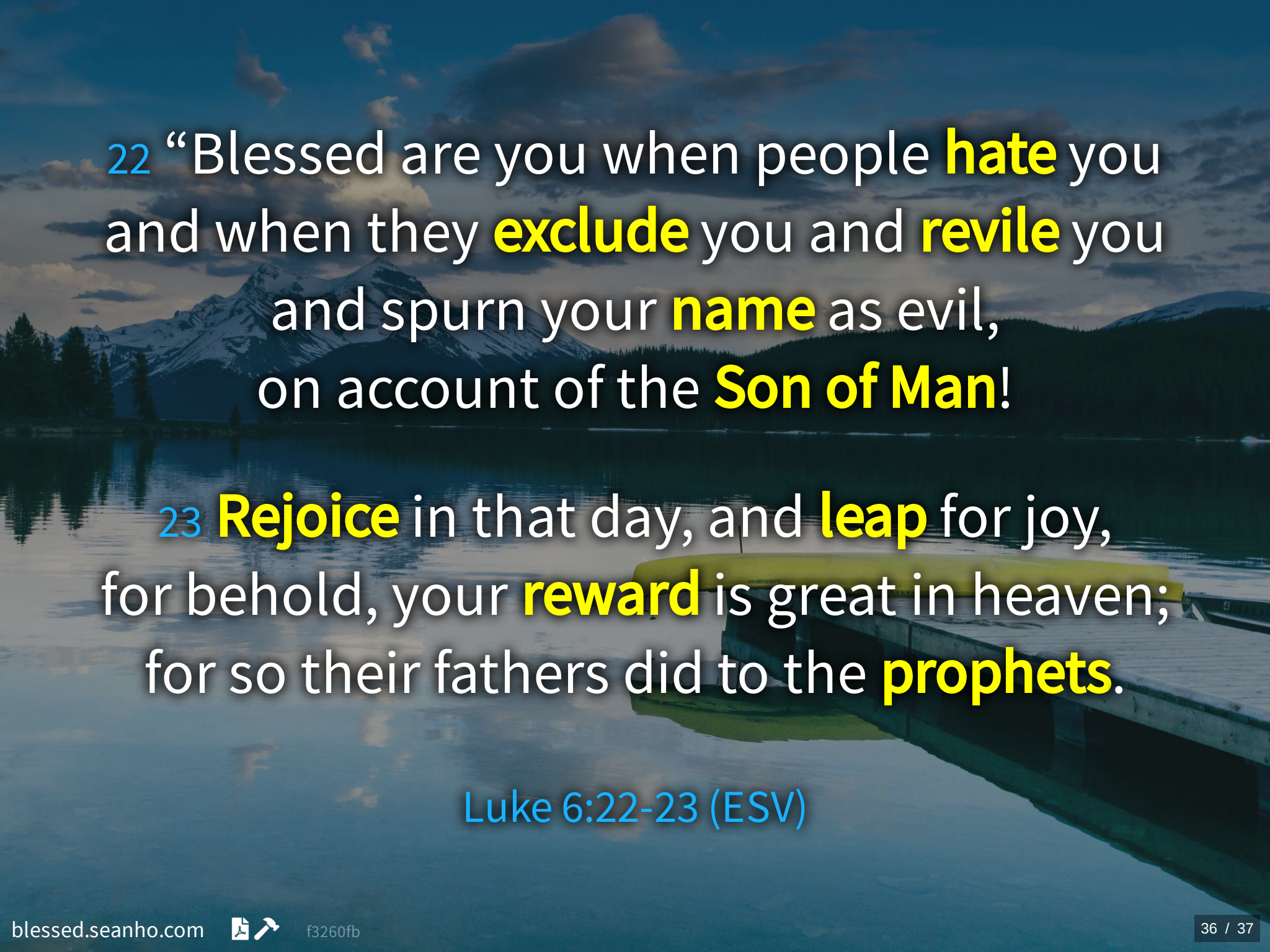


20 If they **persecuted** me,
they will also persecute you.

If they **kept** my word,
they will also keep yours.

John 15:19,20 (ESV) (p.2/2)

**Whose approval
do I crave?**



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