

A dramatic landscape featuring a large body of water in the foreground, reflecting a bright light source (likely the sun) breaking through a heavy, dark, cloudy sky. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under the same dramatic lighting. The overall mood is serene yet powerful.

SEEK

Isaiah 40:3-11

**What will it be like
to **see** God?**

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3 A voice of one calling:

“In the wilderness **prepare**
the way for the **Lord**;
make **straight** in the desert
a highway for our **God**.

Isaiah 40:3 (NIV) (p.1/6)

4 Every **valley** shall be raised up,
every **mountain** and hill made low;
the **rough** ground shall become level,
the **rugged** places a plain.

5 And the **glory** of the Lord will be revealed,
and **all** people will see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah 40:4-5 (NIV) (p.2/6)

6 A voice says, “**Cry** out.”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

“All **people** are like grass,
and all their **faithfulness**
is like the flowers of the field.

Isaiah 40:6 (NIV) (p.3/6)

7 The grass **withers** and the flowers **fall**,
because the **breath** of the Lord blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.

8 The **grass** withers and the **flowers** fall,
but the **word** of our God endures forever.”

Isaiah 40:7-8 (NIV) (p.4/6)

9 You who bring **good news** to Zion,
go up on a high **mountain**.
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be **afraid**;
say to the towns of Judah,
“**Here is your God!**”

Isaiah 40:9 (NIV) (p.5/6)

10 See, the Sovereign Lord comes with **power**,
and he rules with a **mighty** arm.

See, his **reward** is with him,
and his **recompense** accompanies him.

11 He tends his flock like a **shepherd**:
He **gathers** the lambs in his arms
and **carries** them close to his heart;
he **gently leads** those that have young.

Isaiah 40:10-11 (NIV) (p.6/6)

Seek (Is40)

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2. We Are But **Grass** (v6-8)
3. **Behold**, Your God! (v9-11)



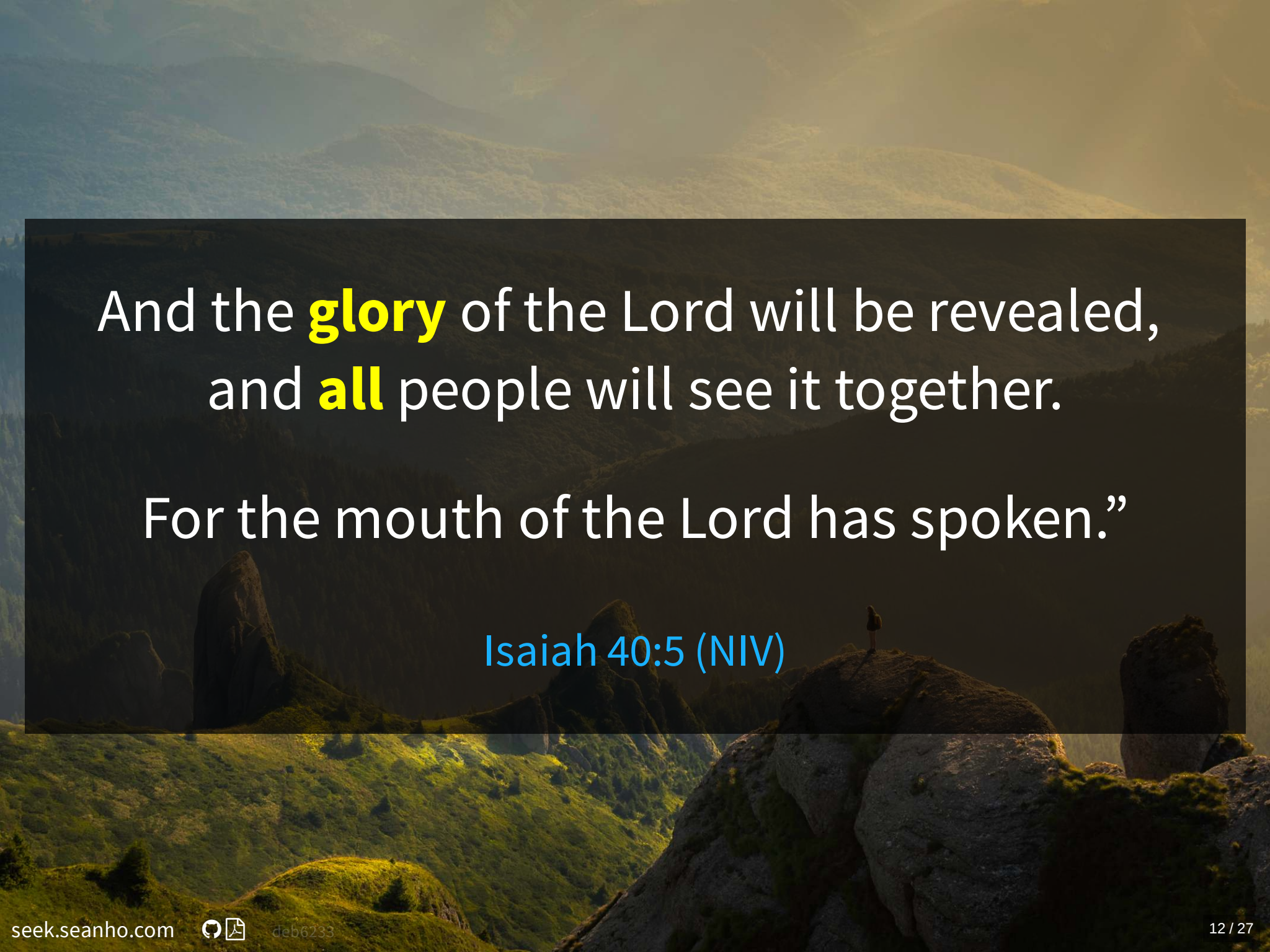
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Isaiah 40:3 (NIV)

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness,
preaching a baptism of **repentance**
for the **forgiveness** of sins.

[...] **5 Confessing** their sins,
they were **baptized** by him in the Jordan River.

Mark 1:4-5 (NIV)



And the **glory** of the Lord will be revealed,
and **all** people will see it together.

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah 40:5 (NIV)

Therefore God **exalted** him to the highest place

[...] **10** that at the name of **Jesus**

every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and **every tongue** acknowledge
that **Jesus Christ** is **Lord**,
to the glory of **God** the Father.


Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)

**Am I prepared to
see Jesus?**

**Do I prepare
others?**


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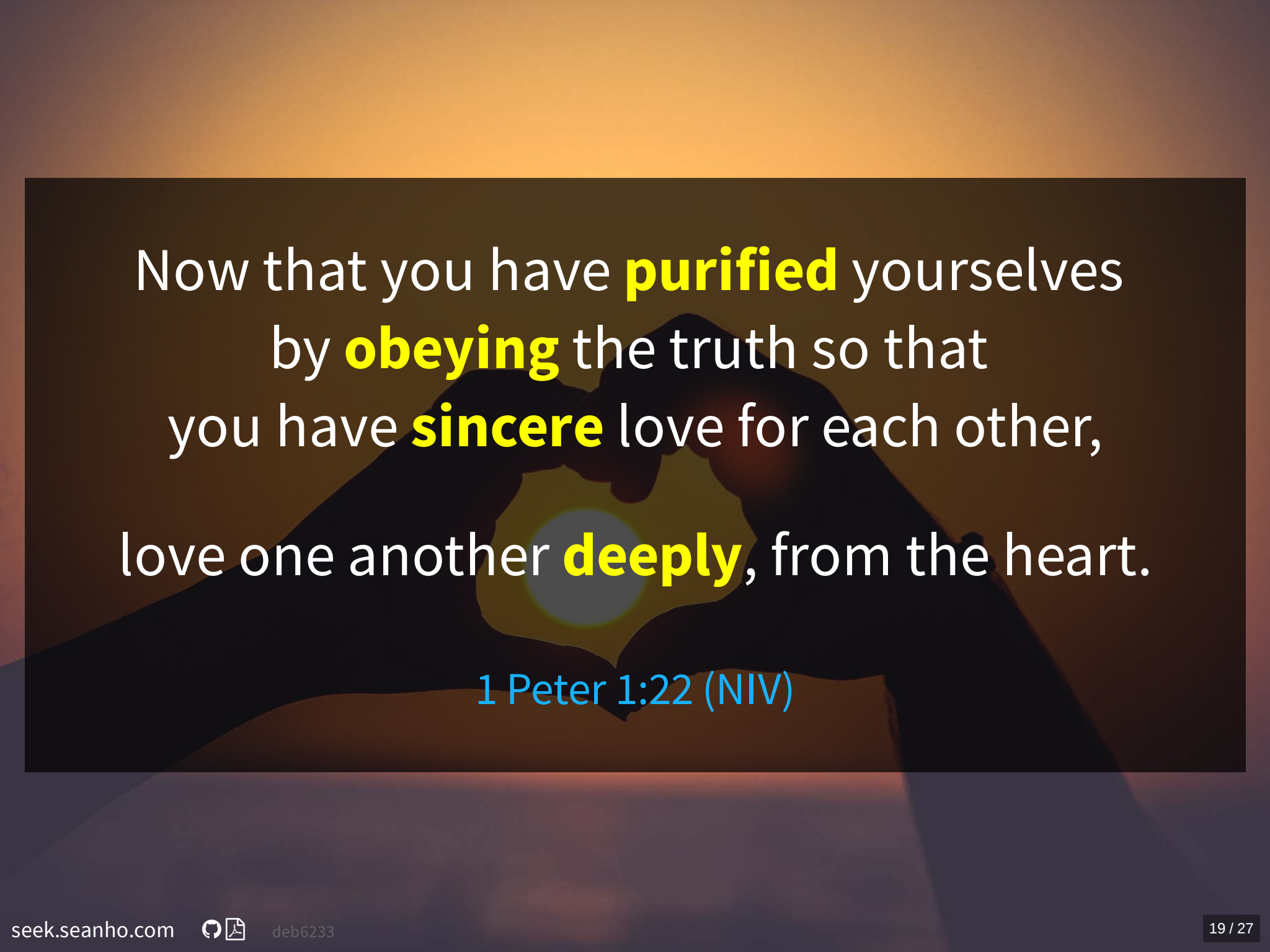
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Isaiah 40:7 (NIV)

An open Bible is shown from a high angle, resting on a dark surface. The pages are slightly aged and the text is visible but mostly obscured by a dark, semi-transparent overlay. The overlay contains a quote in white and yellow text. The background behind the Bible is a soft-focus green, suggesting grass or foliage.

The **grass** withers and the **flowers** fall,
but the **word** of our God endures forever.”

Isaiah 40:8 (NIV)



Now that you have **purified** yourselves
by **obeying** the truth so that
you have **sincere** love for each other,
love one another **deeply**, from the heart.

1 Peter 1:22 (NIV)

Is my love **fading**
like a flower,
or **enduring**, deep,
from God's **Word**?

Seek (Is40)

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A young boy with a purple cap and a plaid shirt is sitting on a wooden bench. He is holding an open book and has a wide, joyful expression on his face, as if shouting or singing. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and a bright light source, possibly the sun, creating a warm and happy atmosphere.

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lift it up, do not be **afraid**;
say to the towns of Judah,

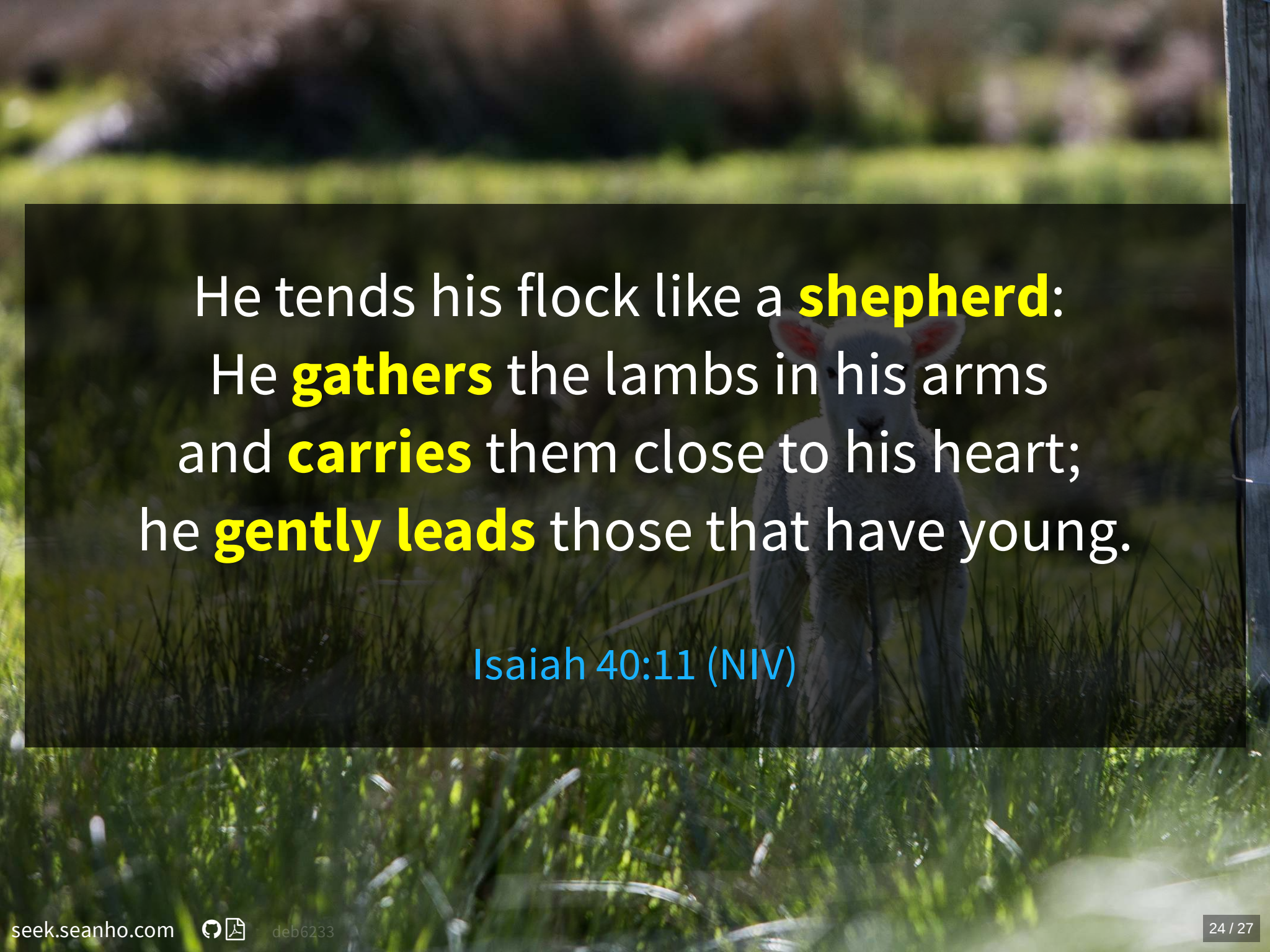
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Isaiah 40:10 (NIV)

A white lamb is the central focus, standing in a lush green field. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the field and some distant trees. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular area in the center of the image.

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Isaiah 40:11 (NIV)

**Do I believe the
gospel is good
news?**



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