

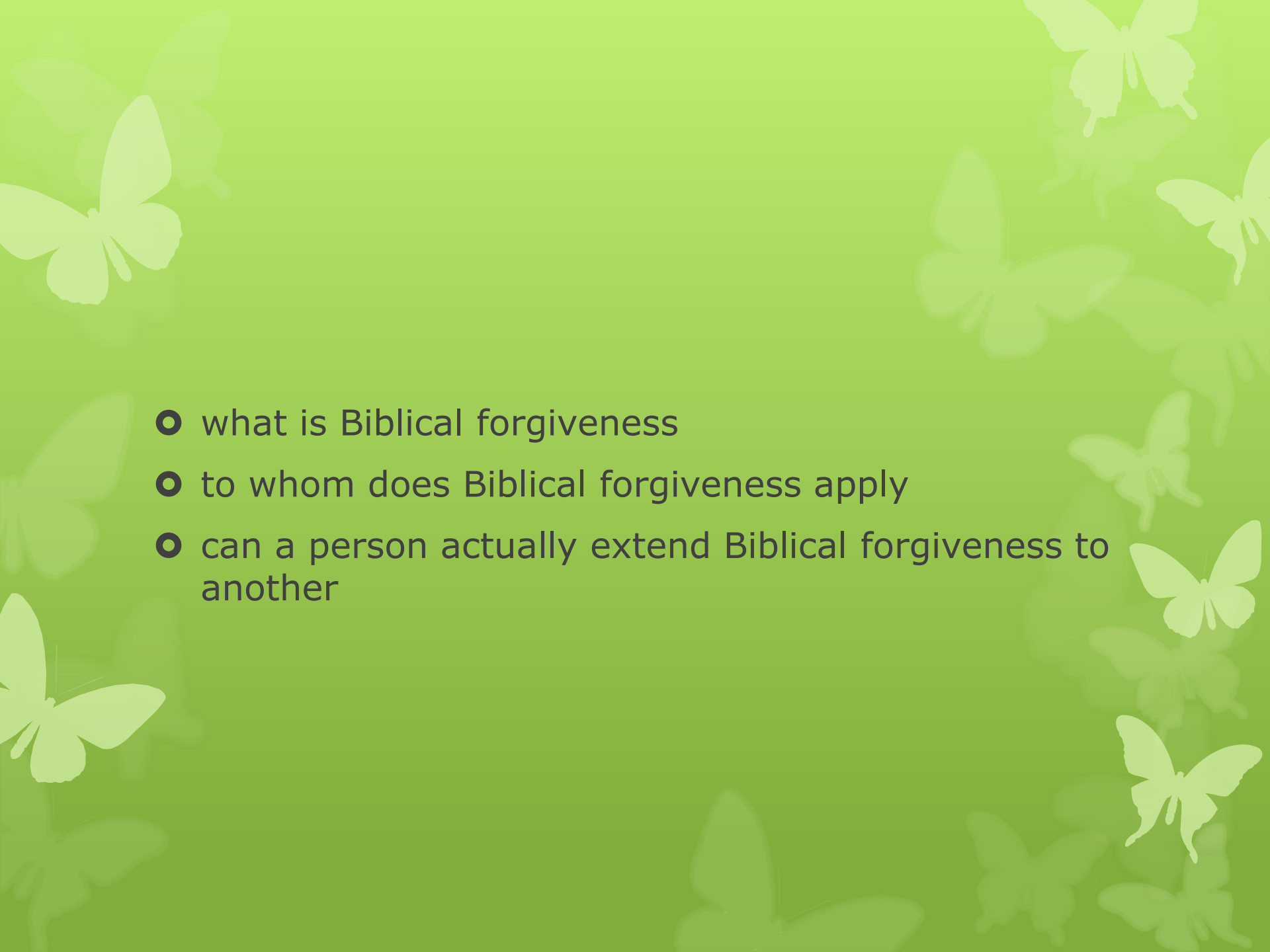
Can you really
FORGIVE?



Fig. 1



NKJ **Leviticus 19:15** ... do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.

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- what is Biblical forgiveness
 - to whom does Biblical forgiveness apply
 - can a person actually extend Biblical forgiveness to another

Biblical Forgiveness

“Psychologists generally define forgiveness as a conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment or vengeance toward a person or group who has harmed you, regardless of whether they actually deserve your forgiveness.”

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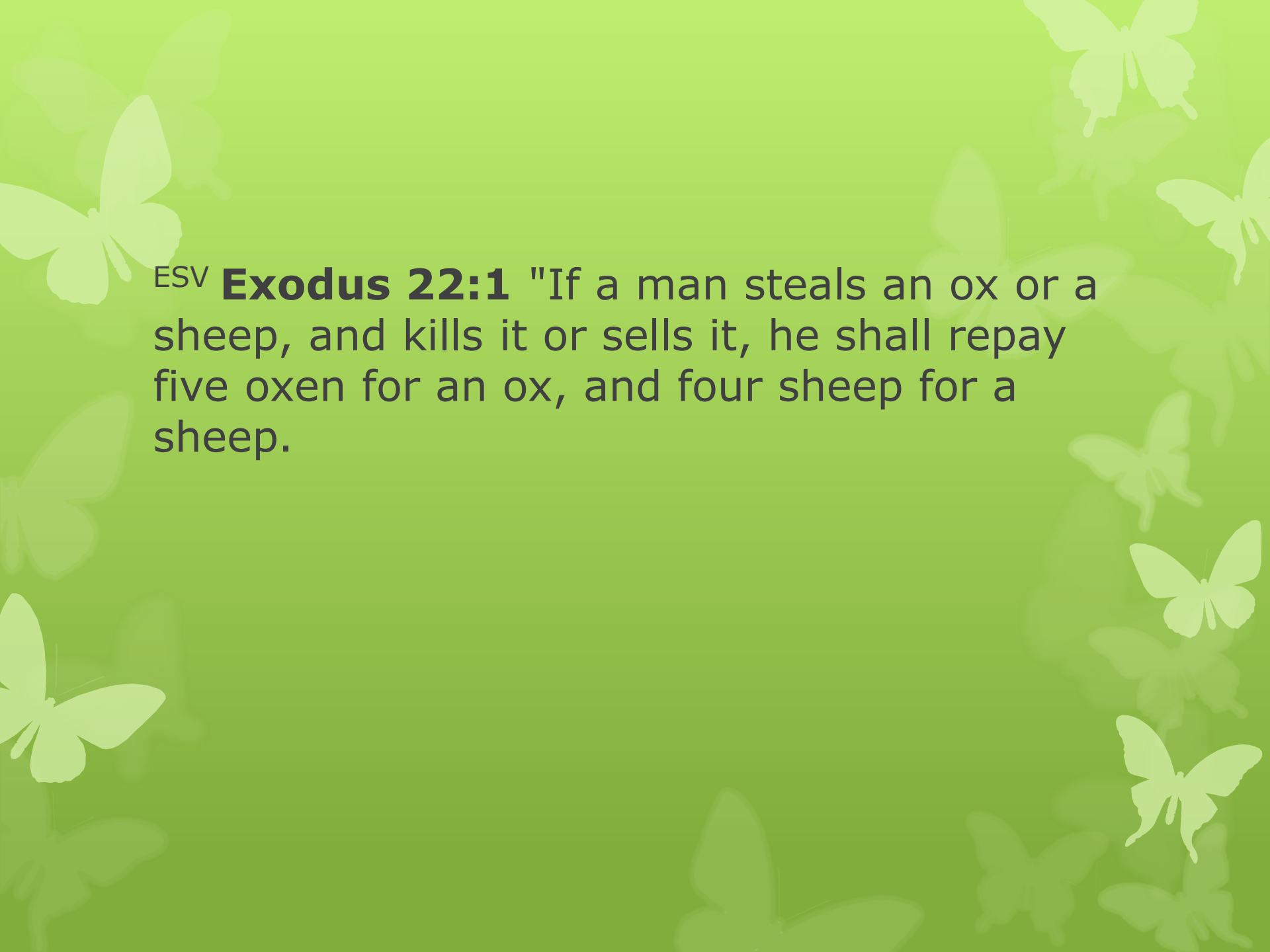
“Forgiveness is the act of pardoning an offender ... We forgive others when we let go of resentment and give up any claim to be compensated for the hurt or loss we have suffered.”

<https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-forgiveness/>

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Fig. 2



ESV **Exodus 22:1** "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it or sells it, he shall repay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep."

ESV **Leviticus 6:2-7** "... If anyone sins and commits a breach of faith against the LORD by deceiving his neighbor in a matter of deposit or security, or through robbery, or if he has oppressed his neighbor ³ or has found something lost and lied about it, swearing falsely- in any of all the things that people do and sin ...

... thereby- ⁴ if he has sinned and has realized his guilt and will restore what he took by robbery or what he got by oppression or the deposit that was committed to him or the lost thing that he found, ⁵or anything about which he has sworn falsely, he shall restore it in full and shall add a fifth to it, and give it to him to whom it belongs on the day he realizes his guilt. ⁶ And he shall bring to the priest as his compensation to the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flock, or its equivalent for a guilt offering. ⁷ And the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD, and he shall be forgiven for any of the things that one may do and thereby become guilty."

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Micah 7:18-19 Who is a God like you, **pardoning** iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

“to make things right so as restore a relationship
and remove the burden of guilt.”



Fig. 3

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To Whom Does It Apply?

^{ESV} **Amos 3:1-2** Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt: "You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

ESV **1 Corinthians 5:9 - 6:1** I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people- ¹⁰ not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. ¹¹ But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler- not even to eat with such a one. ¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? ¹³ God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."

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Forgiveness Without Repentance?



Forgiveness in the Tnakh		
Passage	Key Word	Comment
<p>ESV Genesis 50:17 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."</p>	nasa	<p><i>The brothers offer to give their lives as slaves in order to repay the evil they did to Joseph. Joseph did not accept their offer. Never-the-less, he took care of them looking at the good that was done by their evil deeds.</i></p>
<p>Exodus 32:30-33 ³⁰ Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." ³¹ Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! ³² "Yet now, if You will forgive their sin -- but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." ³³ And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book."</p>	nasa	<p><i>Moses appears to have offered his eternal life in exchange for God giving the Hebrews their lives. God did not accept his offer and said that the people will pay for their own sins.</i></p>
<p>KJV Exodus 34:7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear <i>the guilty</i>; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.</p> <p>ESV Numbers 14:18 'The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but <u>he will by no means clear the guilty</u>, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.'</p> <p>LXE Exodus 34:7 and keeping justice and mercy for thousands</p>	nasa	<p><i>If God does not clear the guilty, how can He forgive? Because if you are guilty you have yet to repent. Notice that God "takes away" the sins of the repentant.</i></p>

Forgiveness

The tables below list all the passages in the King James version of the Bible that specifically mentions one of these words: forgive, forgiven, forgiveness, forgivenesses, forgiveth, and forgiving

Along with the verse, I've listed the Hebrew / Greek word from which the "forgive" word is derived as well as a brief comment that helps bring the verse into context.

The Hebrew words used are:

5375 נָסָא nasa - to lift, bear up, carry, take, take away, carry off, forgive

5545 כָּלַח calach - to forgive, pardon

722 כָּפַר kaphar - to cover, purge, make an atonement, make reconciliation, cover over with pitch

The Greek words are:

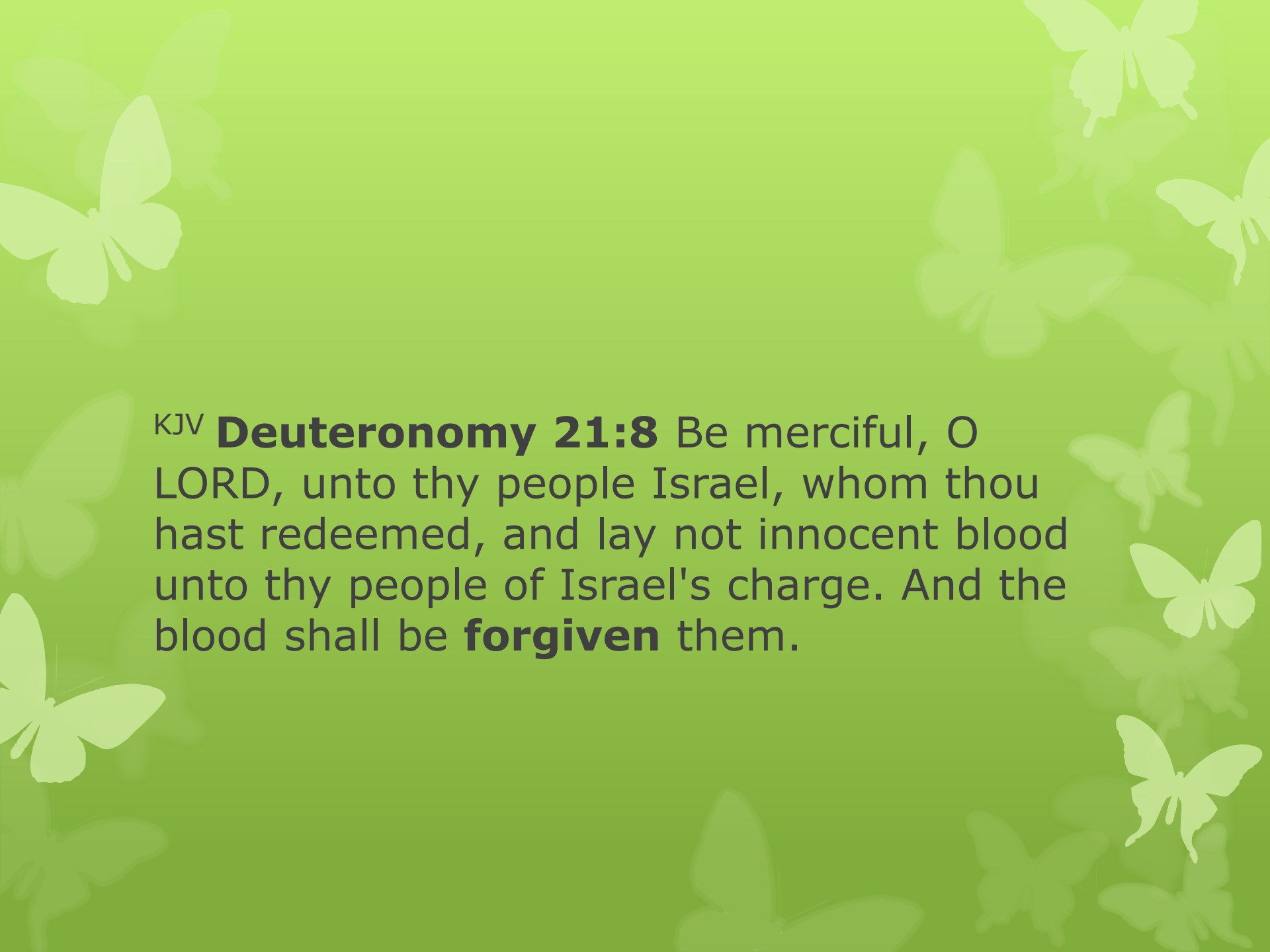
863 ἀφίημι aphiemi - to send away, yield up, to expire, to let go, let alone, let be, to disregard, to leave, not to discuss now, to give up a thing to a person

630 ἀπολύω apoluo - to set free, to let go, dismiss, (to detain no longer), to bid depart, send away, to let go free, release, to give him liberty to depart, to acquit one accused of a crime, to release a debtor, i.e. not to press one's claim against him, to remit his debt

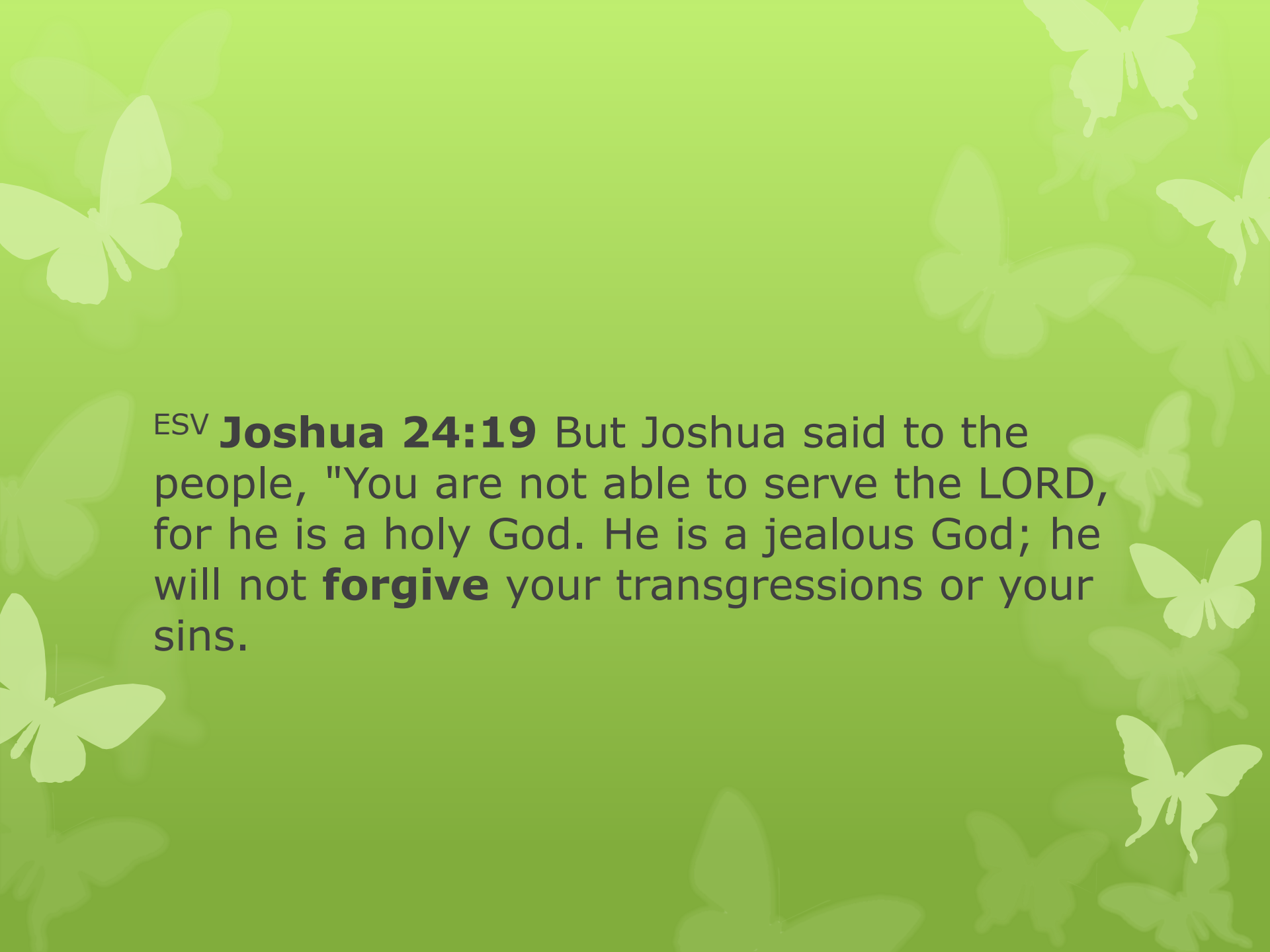
859 ἀφεςις aphesis - release from bondage or imprisonment, forgiveness or pardon, of sins (letting them go as if they had never been committed), remission of the penalty

5483 χαρίζομαι charizomai - to do something pleasant or agreeable (to one), to do a favour to, gratify, to show one's self gracious, kind, benevolent, to grant forgiveness, to pardon

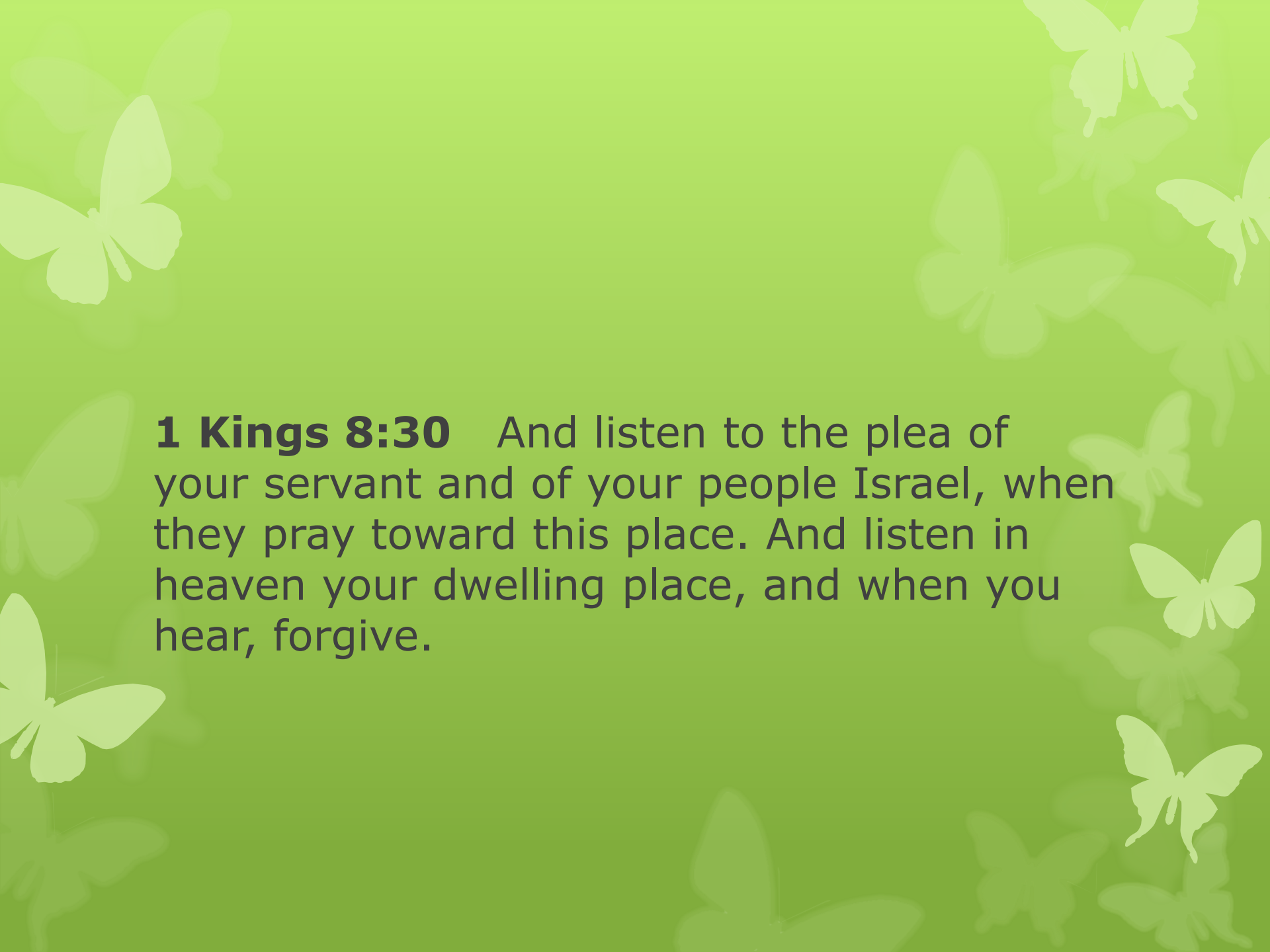
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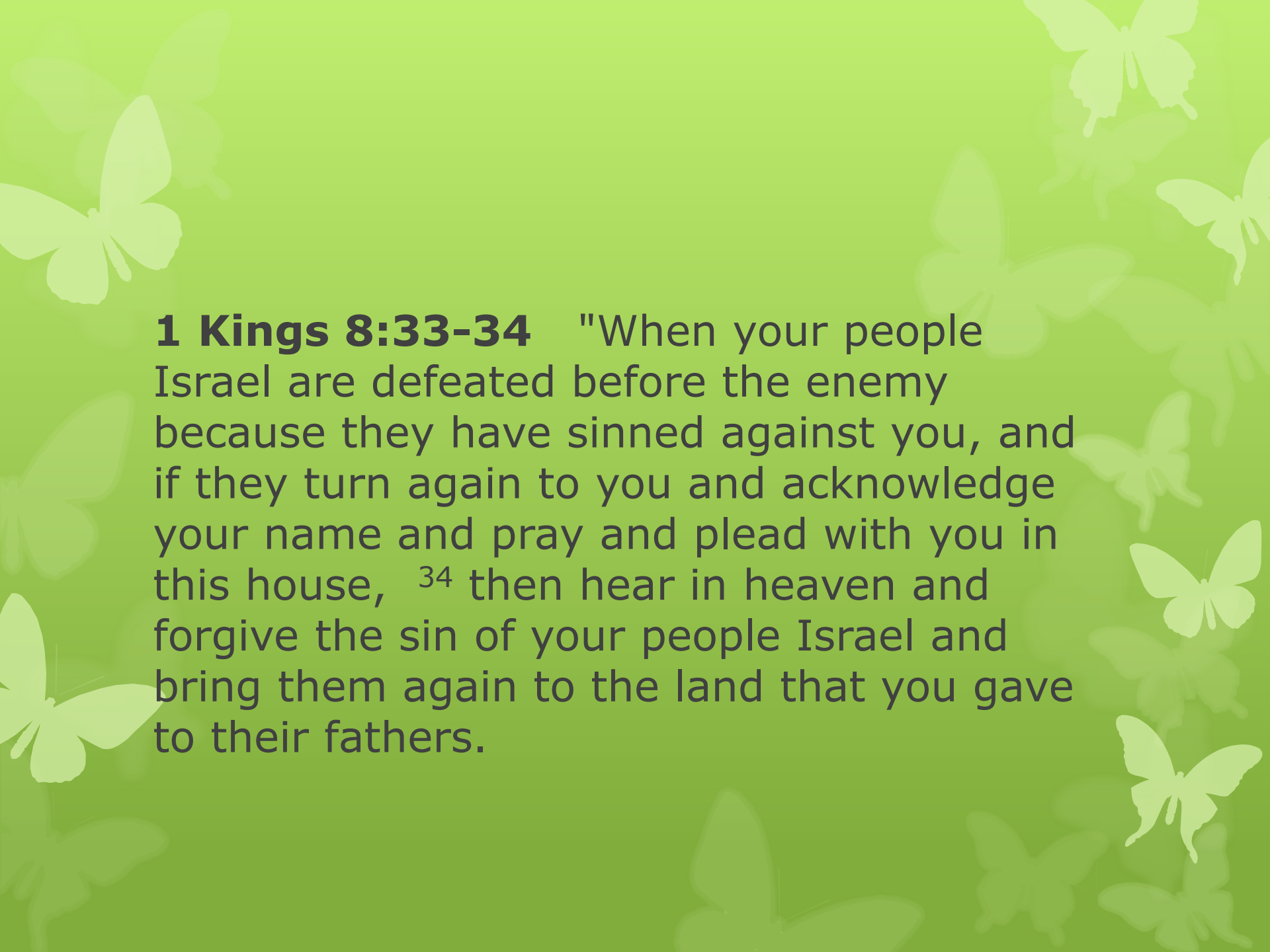
KJV **Deuteronomy 21:8** Be merciful, O LORD, unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay not innocent blood unto thy people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be **forgiven** them.



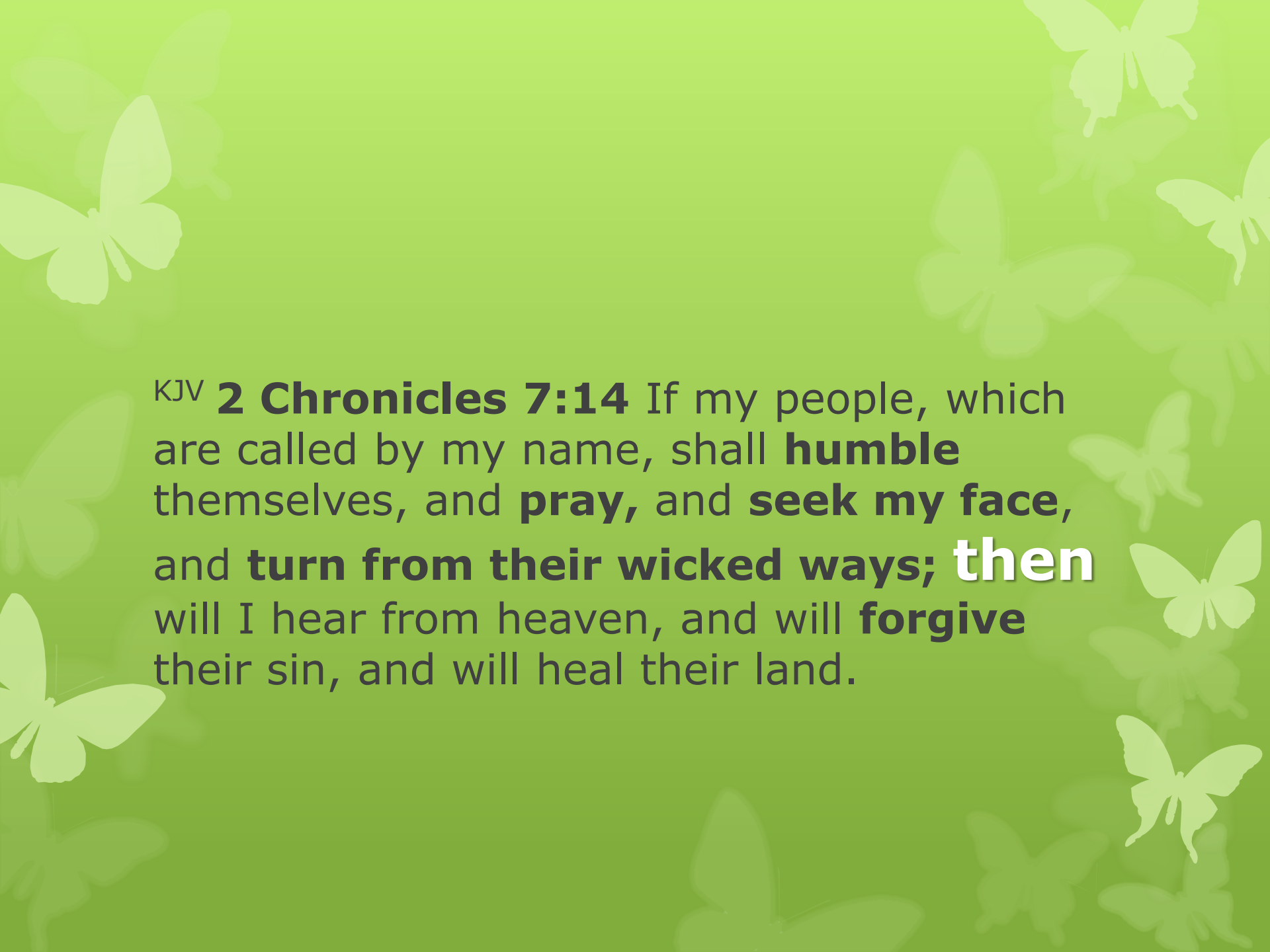
ESV **Joshua 24:19** But Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not **forgive** your transgressions or your sins.



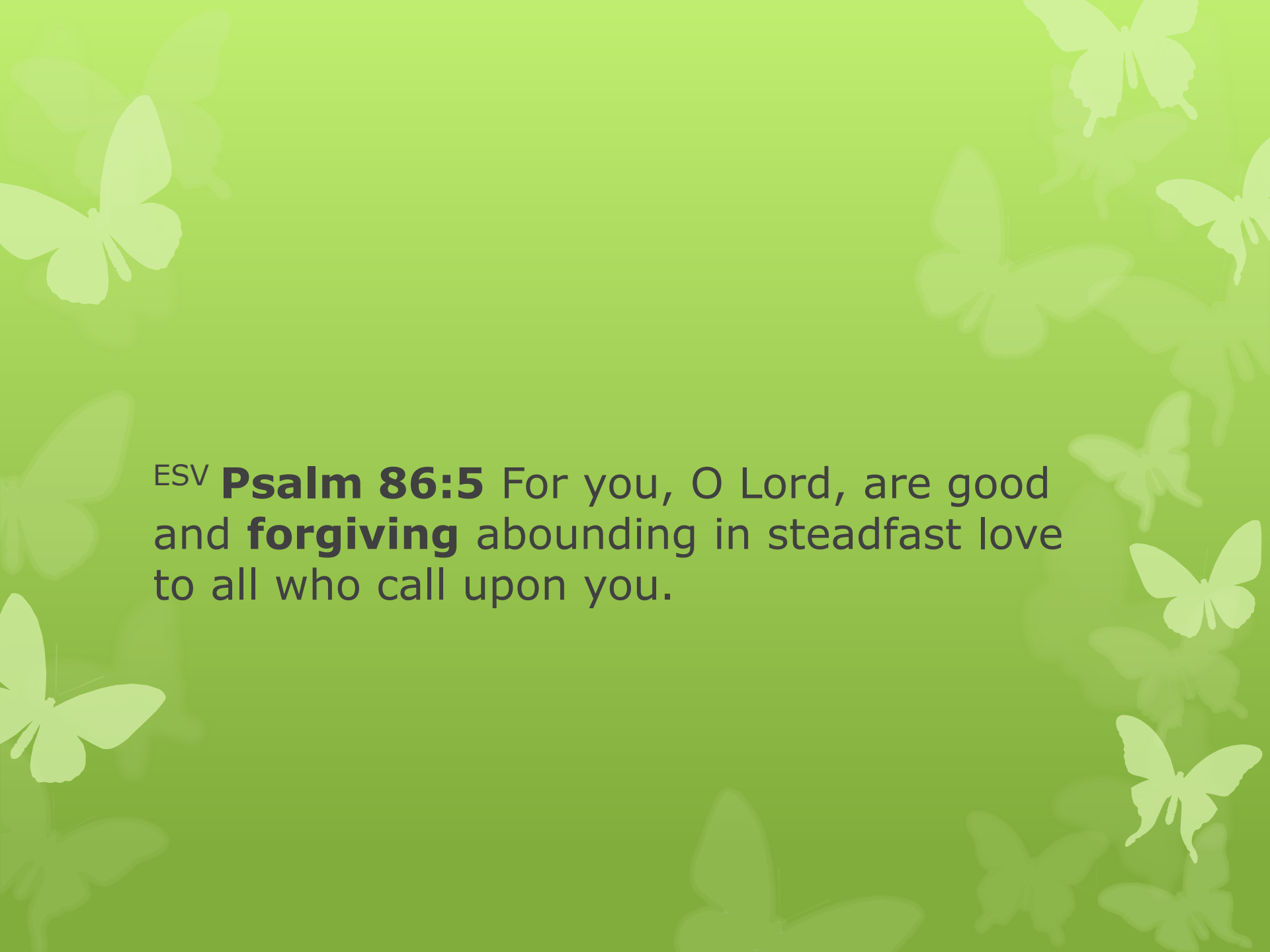
1 Kings 8:30 And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.



1 Kings 8:33-34 "When your people Israel are defeated before the enemy because they have sinned against you, and if they turn again to you and acknowledge your name and pray and plead with you in this house, ³⁴ then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them again to the land that you gave to their fathers.

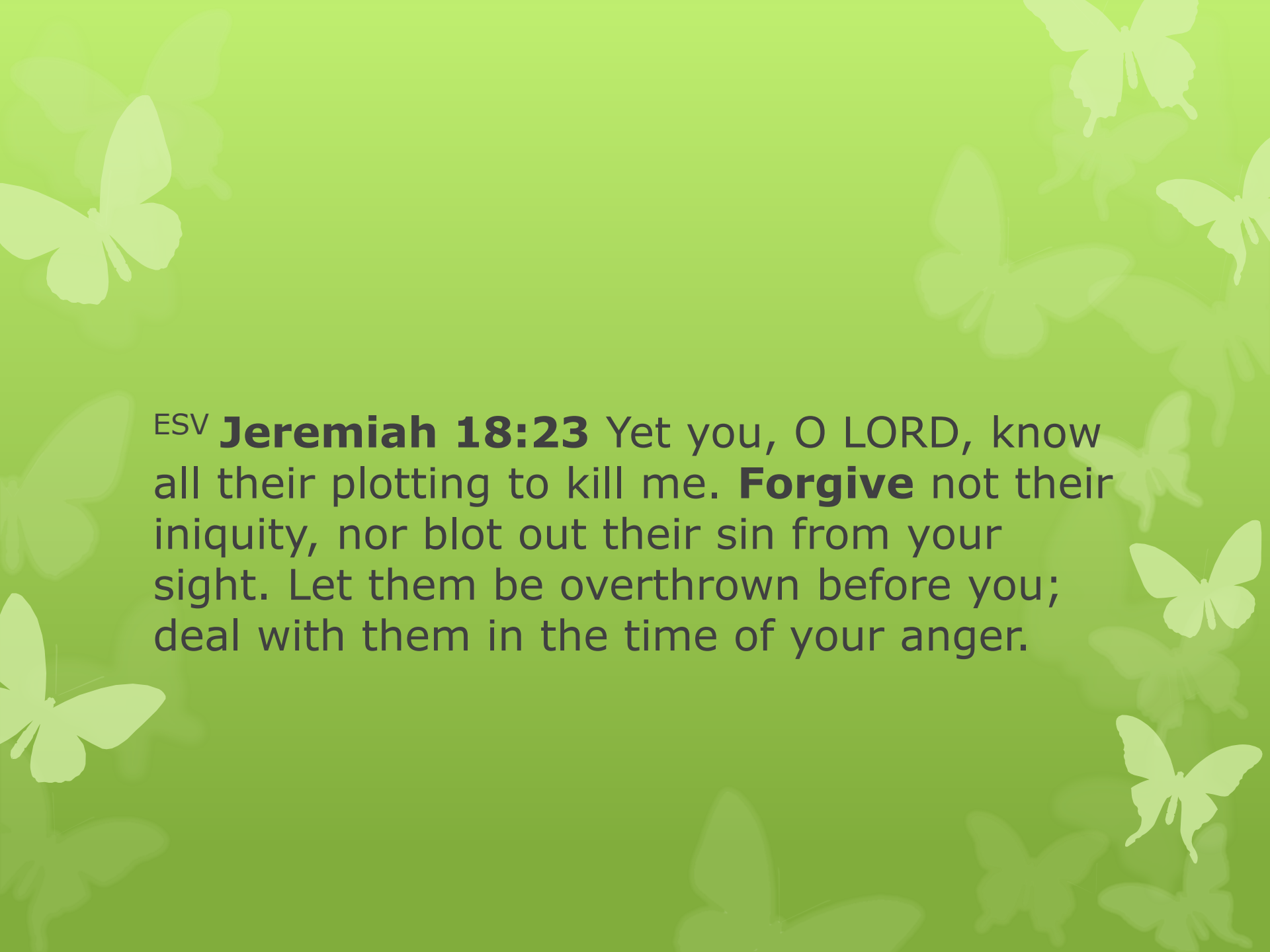


KJV **2 Chronicles 7:14** If my people, which are called by my name, shall **humble** themselves, and **pray**, and **seek my face**, and **turn from their wicked ways; then** will I hear from heaven, and will **forgive** their sin, and will heal their land.

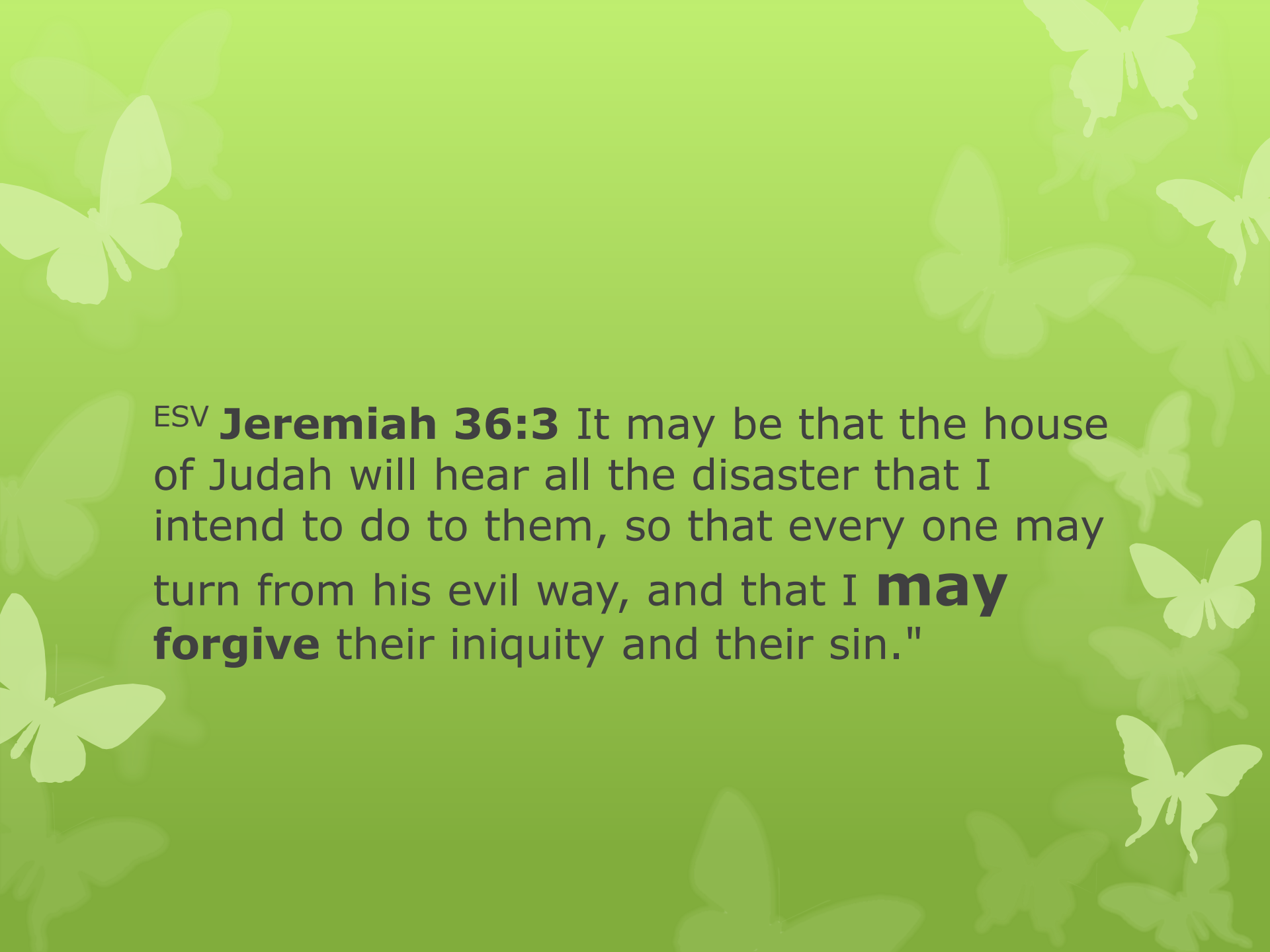


ESV **Psalm 86:5** For you, O Lord, are good
and **forgiving** abounding in steadfast love
to all who call upon you.

ESV **Isaiah 2:9** So man is humbled, and each one is brought low- do not **forgive** them!



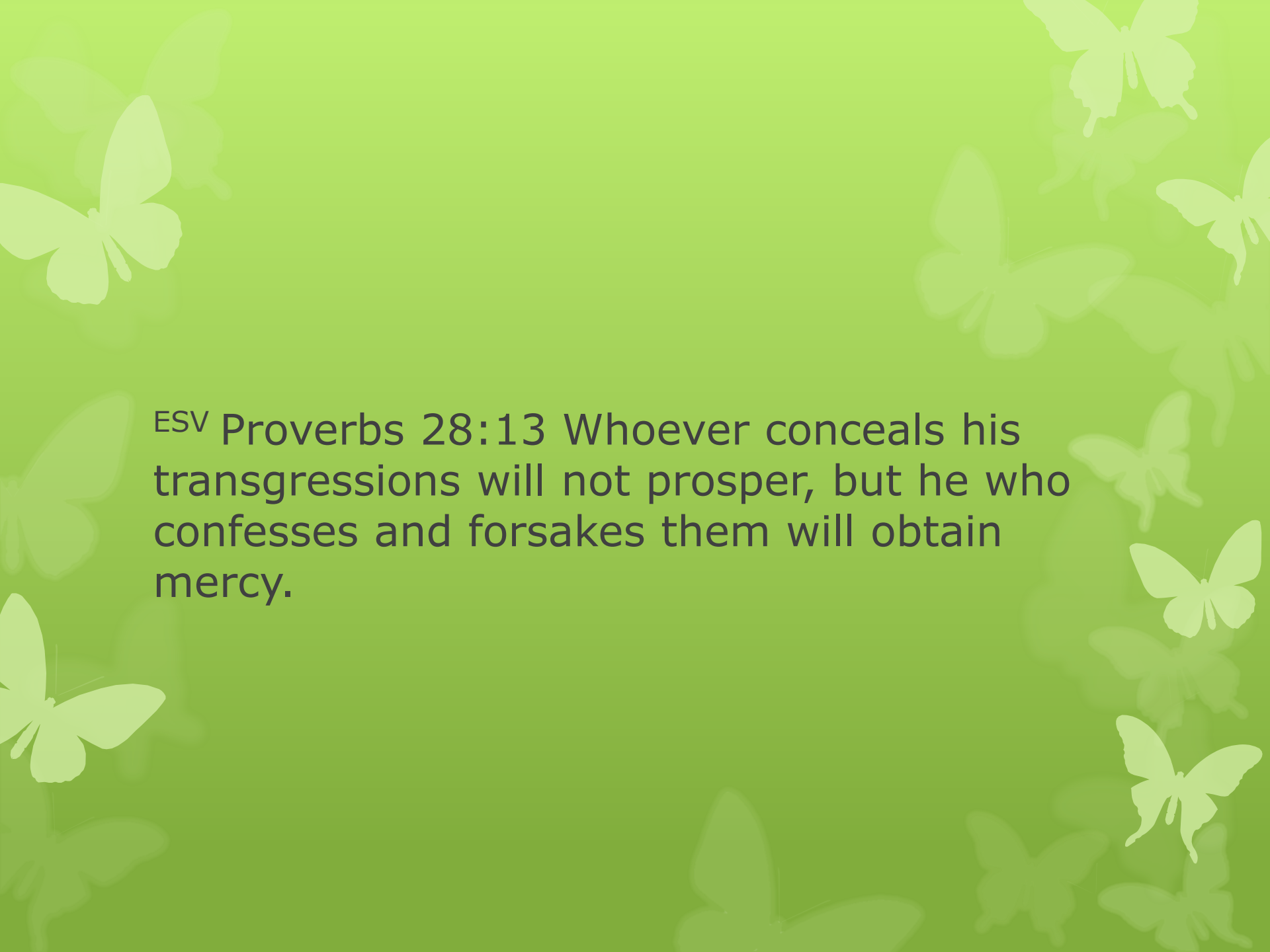
^{ESV} **Jeremiah 18:23** Yet you, O LORD, know all their plotting to kill me. **Forgive** not their iniquity, nor blot out their sin from your sight. Let them be overthrown before you; deal with them in the time of your anger.



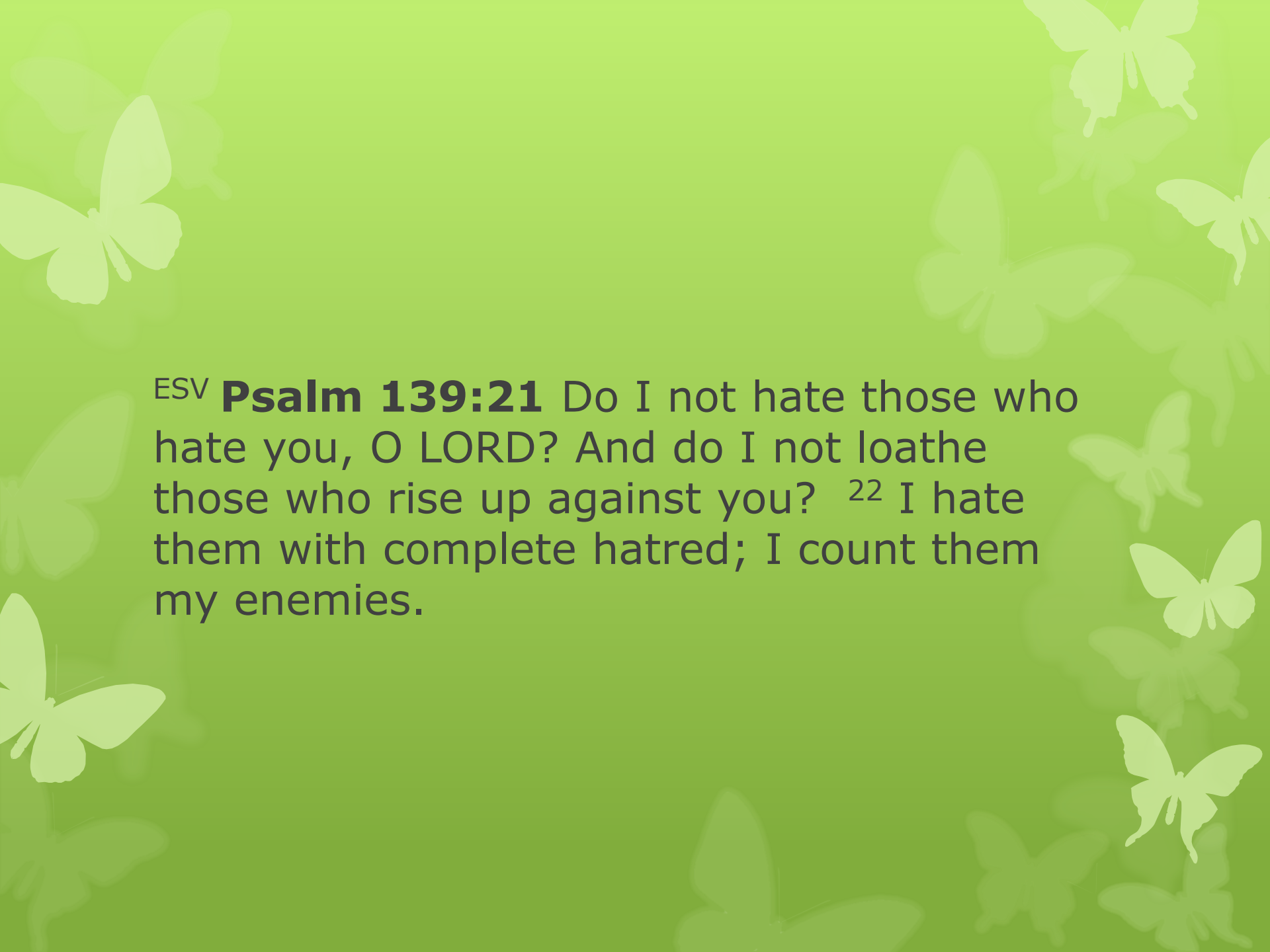
ESV **Jeremiah 36:3** It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them, so that every one may turn from his evil way, and that I **may forgive** their iniquity and their sin."

ESV **Daniel 9:9** To the Lord our God belong mercy and **forgiveness** for we have rebelled against him

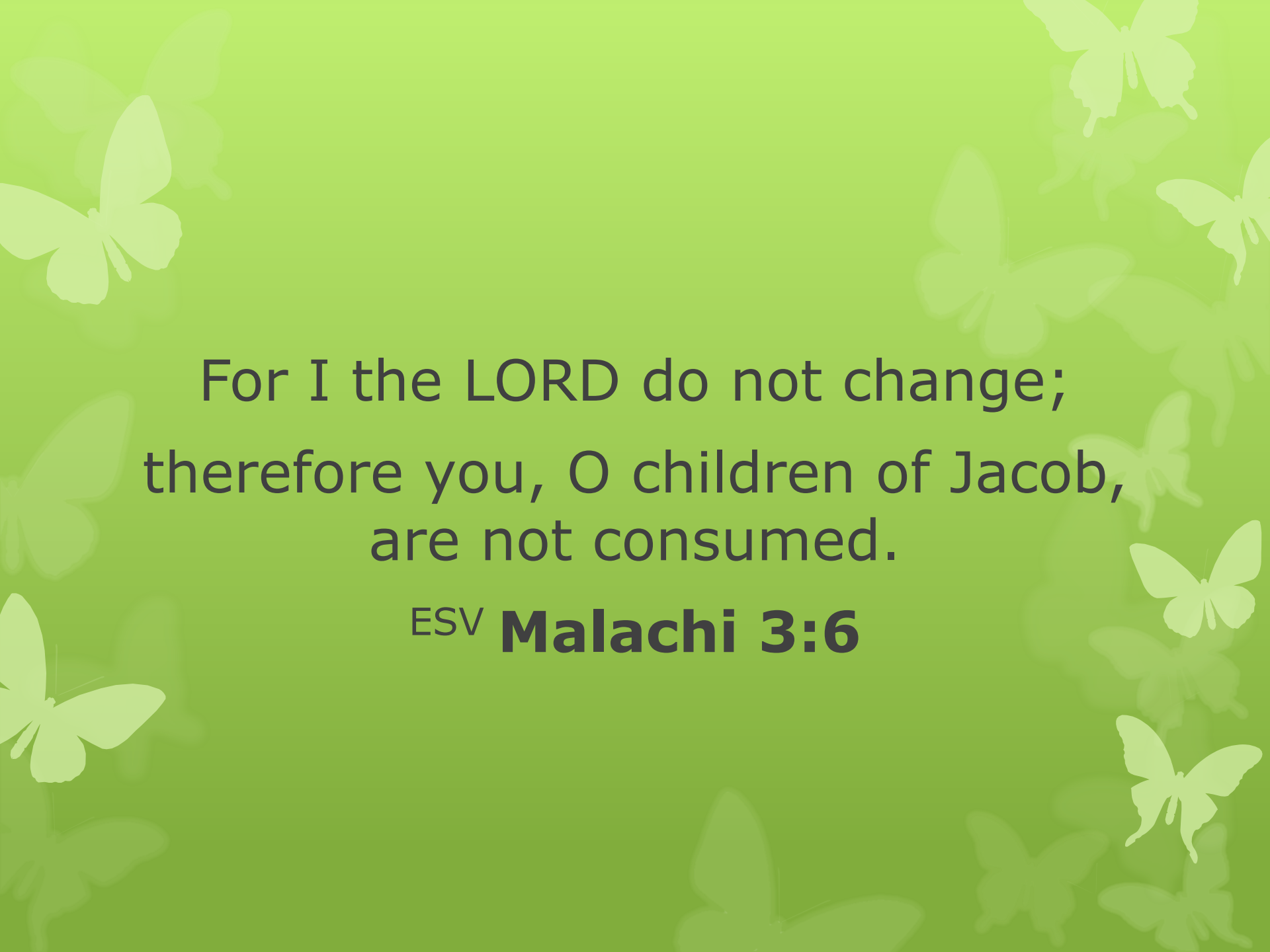
ESV **Daniel 9:18-19** O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. ¹⁹ O Lord, hear; O Lord, **forgive**. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."



ESV Proverbs 28:13 Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.



ESV **Psalm 139:21** Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? ²² I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.



For I the LORD do not change;
therefore you, O children of Jacob,
are not consumed.

ESV **Malachi 3:6**

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Fig. 1

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Shalom Aleichem

Peace be Unto You