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# **I Will Sing Of The Mercies**

**I will sing of the mercies  
of the Lord forever**

**I will sing, I will sing.**

**I will sing of the mercies  
of the Lord forever**

**I will sing of the mercies  
of the Lord.**

**With my mouth  
will I make known  
Thy faithfulness,  
Thy faithfulness,**

**With my mouth  
will I make known  
Thy faithfulness  
to all generations.**

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of the Lord forever**

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# **Create In Me**

**Create in me a clean heart,**

**O God**

**And renew a right spirit  
within me.**

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**And renew a right spirit  
within me.**



**Cast me not away  
from Thy presence,  
O Lord, and take not  
Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me  
the joy of Thy salvation  
And renew a right spirit  
within me**

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**Worthy Of Worship**

**Worthy of worship**

**worthy of praise**

**Worthy of honor and glory**

**Worthy of all the glad songs**

**we can sing**

**Worthy of all of the off'rings**

**we bring**

**You are worthy**

**Father Creator**

**You are worthy**

**Savior Sustainer**

**You are worthy**

**worthy and wonderful**

**Worthy of worship and praise**



**Worthy of rev'ence**

**worthy of fear**

**Worthy of love and devotion**

**Worthy of bowing and**

**bending of knees**

**Worthy of all this and**

**added to these**

**You are worthy Father Creator**

**You are worthy Savior Sustainer**

**You are worthy**

**worthy and wonderful**

**Worthy of worship and praise**

**Almighty Father Master and Lord**  
**King of all kings and Redeemer**  
**Wonderful Counselor**  
**Comforter Friend**  
**Savior and Source**  
**of our life without end**



**You are worthy Father Creator**  
**You are worthy Savior Sustainer**  
**You are worthy**  
**worthy and wonderful**  
**Worthy of worship and praise**

**WORSHIP THE LORD  
IN HIS WORD**



# **Journey Into Success**

## **How To Stay on the Path to Success (Joshua 21-24)**

**TEXT: Joshua 23:1-8;**



**Joshua 23:1-8** “A long time afterward, when the Lord had given rest to Israel from all their surrounding enemies, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years,  
2 Joshua summoned all Israel, its elders and heads, its judges and officers, and said to them, “I am now old and well advanced in years.  
3 And you have seen all that the Lord



**your God has done to all these nations for your sake, for it is the Lord your God who has fought for you. 4 Behold, I have allotted to you as an inheritance for your tribes those nations that remain, along with all the nations that I have already cut off, from the Jordan to the Great Sea in the west. 5 The Lord your God will push them back before you and drive**



**them out of your sight. And you shall possess their land, just as the Lord your God promised you. 6 Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left, 7 that you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of**



**their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them, 8 but you shall cling to the Lord your God just as you have done to this day.”**

## **Introduction:**

**One of the tragedies of the Bible is that many people greatly used of God became sidetracked in their later years.**

**This was true of Noah,**

**Saul,**

**David,**

**and Solomon.**

However, even though at times **Joshua** made mistakes, he consistently followed God's will for his life, as he understood it until the day he died.

During his entire life he never intentionally and knowingly acted contrary to the will or Word of God.



**As this wonderful book comes to a close, chapter 21 describes the appointment of the Levitical Cities scattered throughout the land.**

**The Levites are given the towns promised to them by Moses in Numbers 35:1-8.**

**The Levites are dispersed throughout the land to serve as priest, teachers of God's Law, and pastors.**

**This was designed to help protect the tribes from idolatry.**

**Every person needs a local church and pastor to help them stay on the path to success.**



**Hebrews 10:25** “not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

**Hebrews 13:17** “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”



**In chapter 22, after keeping their promise to help the other tribes conquer the Promised Land, the tribes of Rueben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh return to the land they have been given east of the Jordan River.**

**On their return they build an altar :**

**Joshua 22:10,12 "And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that are in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to...  
12 And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them."**



**The leaders of the children of Israel sends Phineas the high priest and a delegation to these tribes to enquire about their sin.**

**Joshua 22:16 "Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded**



**you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the LORD?"**

**Joshua 22:28 "Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say again, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it is a witness between us and you."**

# **I. FIRST, we must REMEMBER**

## **A. HIS LOVE -**

### **1. GIVEN**

**Joshua 23:3 "And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you."**



## **2. EXPECTED -**

**Joshua 23:11 "Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God."**

## **3. COMMANDED -**

**Deuteronomy 6:5 "And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."**

## 4. EVIDENCED -

**Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."**

**John 14:21 "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: ..."**



## **5. EXHORTED -**

**Psalms 103:2 "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:"**

## **6. ILLUSTRATED -**

**Psalms 103:2-5 "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy**

diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life  
from destruction; who crowneth thee  
with lovingkindness and tender  
mercies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth  
with good things; so that thy youth is  
renewed like the eagle's."

**a. Forgiveth all thine iniquities =**  
**FULL PARDON**



**b. Healeth all thy (SOUL) diseases;**

**c. Redeemeth thy (SPIRITUAL) life;**

**d. Crowneth thee with  
lovingkindness and tender mercies;  
MERCY / GRACE**

**e. Satisfieth thy mouth**

**f. Youth is renewed**

**1 Corinthians 15:58** "... always  
abounding in the work of the Lord,  
..."

**There are more than 7000 promises  
in the BIBLE and GOD has kept  
every one.**

**REMEMBER HIS LOVE AND  
HIS ...**



## B. HIS PROMISES -

### 1. POSITIVE -

Joshua 23:14 "... not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof."

## 2. NEGATIVE -

Joshua 23:15 "Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you."



### **3. DEFINITIVE -**

**Joshua 23:16 "When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you."**

**To stay on the road to success we must REMEMBER God's LOVE & His PROMISES and we must ...**

## **II. RECOMMIT OURSELVES -**

**Joshua 24:1 "And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God."**



## **A. God's Promise to Abraham 500 years earlier -**

**Genesis 12:6-7 "And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, ... 7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him."**



# THE GREAT SEA

# SHECHEM





**In Shechem at Sychar, that's the well of Jacob, that's Ebal and Gerizim, that's the little valley that runs up between those two peaks.**

**It's in the very heart of Palestine.**

**B. Speaking through Joshua, God reviews His past blessings through Abraham, Moses, the victory at Jericho, and the fruits of the land.**



**Joshua 24:14-15 "Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but**



as for me and my house, we will serve  
the LORD."

### **C. The Choosing -**

**Joshua 24:25-26** "So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. 26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great

**stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.."**

**The people had to personally decide if they would recommit themselves to serving the Lord who had never broken a promise, who had proven His faithfulness, and who had given them the Promised Land with all its blessings.**



**Joshua 24:27-28 "And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God. 28 So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance."**



**On a daily basis we have to decide for ourselves whom we will serve, to whom or to what we will commit our lives.**

**We cannot live today on the commitments of the past.**



# Invitation:

Joshua 24:15 "... choose you  
this day whom ye will  
serve; ...."

Commit or Recommit your  
life this day to serve the  
LORD JESUS CHRIST.





# **I Know Whom I Have Believed**

**I know not why  
God's wondrous grace  
To me He hath made known  
Nor why unworthy  
Christ in love  
Redeemed me for His own**





**But I know whom**

**I have believed**

**And am persuaded**

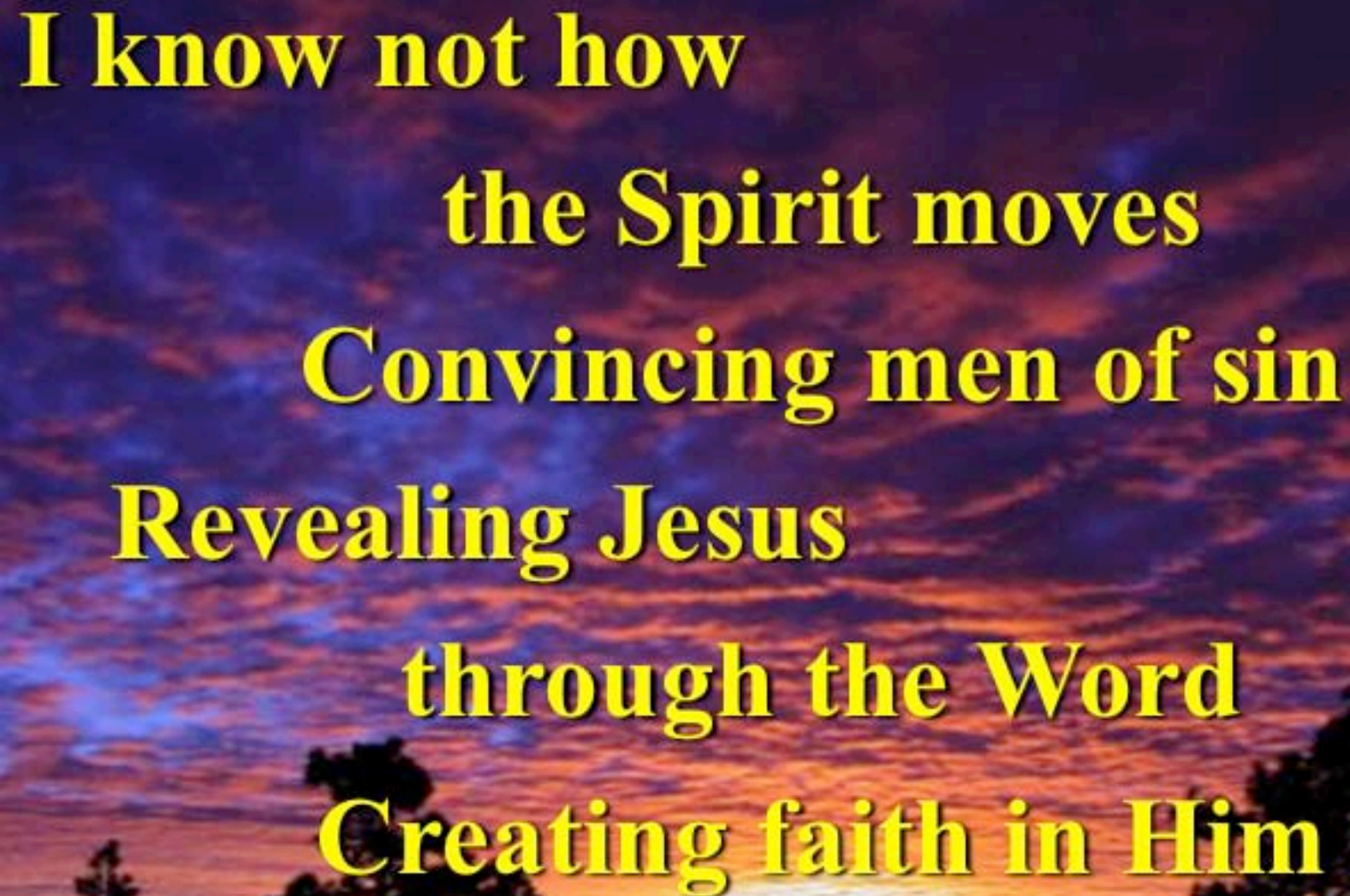
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**To keep that**

**which I've committed**

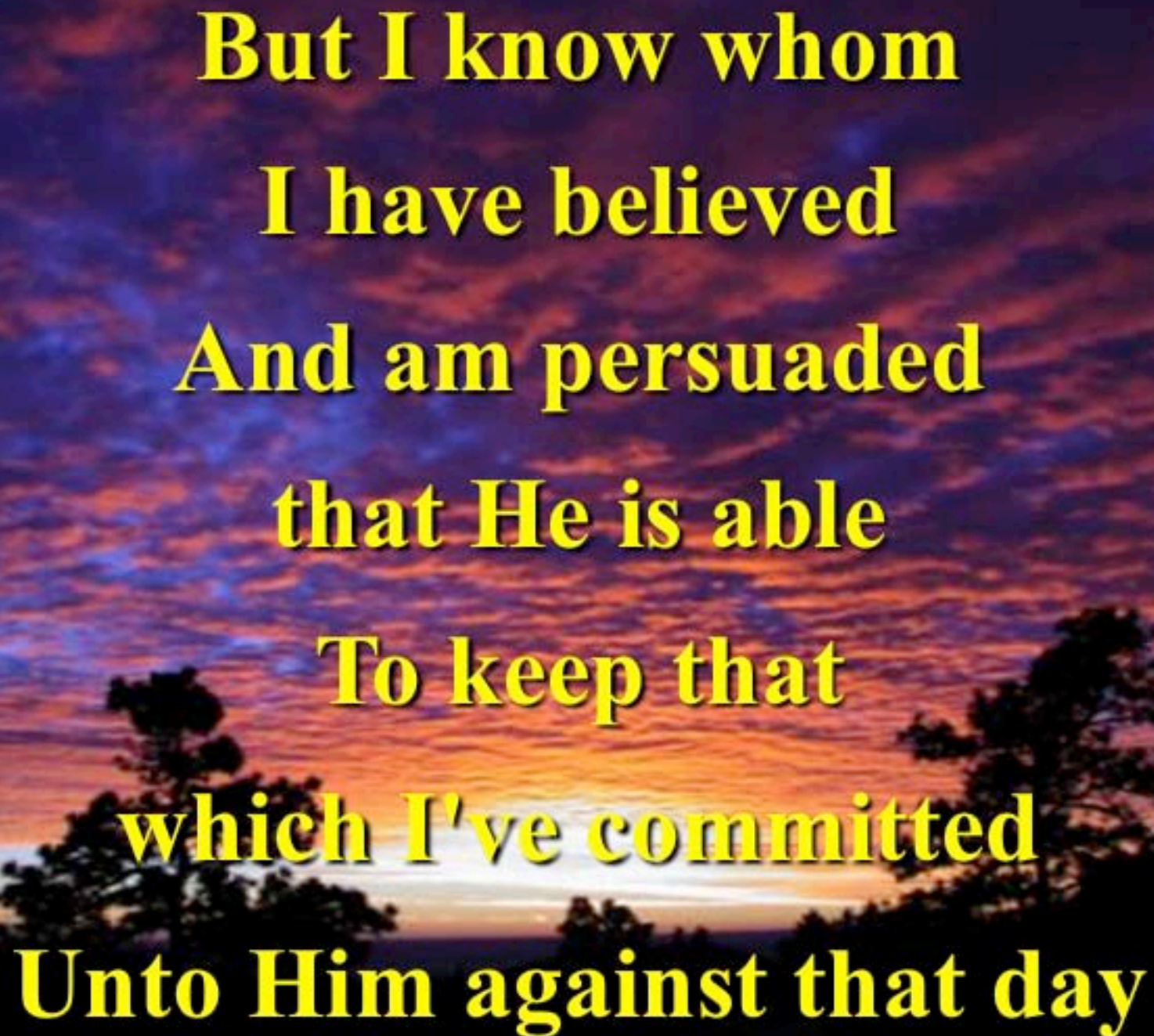
**Unto Him against that day**



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**I know not how**  
**the Spirit moves**  
**Convincing men of sin**  
**Revealing Jesus**  
**through the Word**  
**Creating faith in Him**





**But I know whom  
I have believed  
And am persuaded  
that He is able  
To keep that  
which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day**





**I know not when**

**my Lord may come**

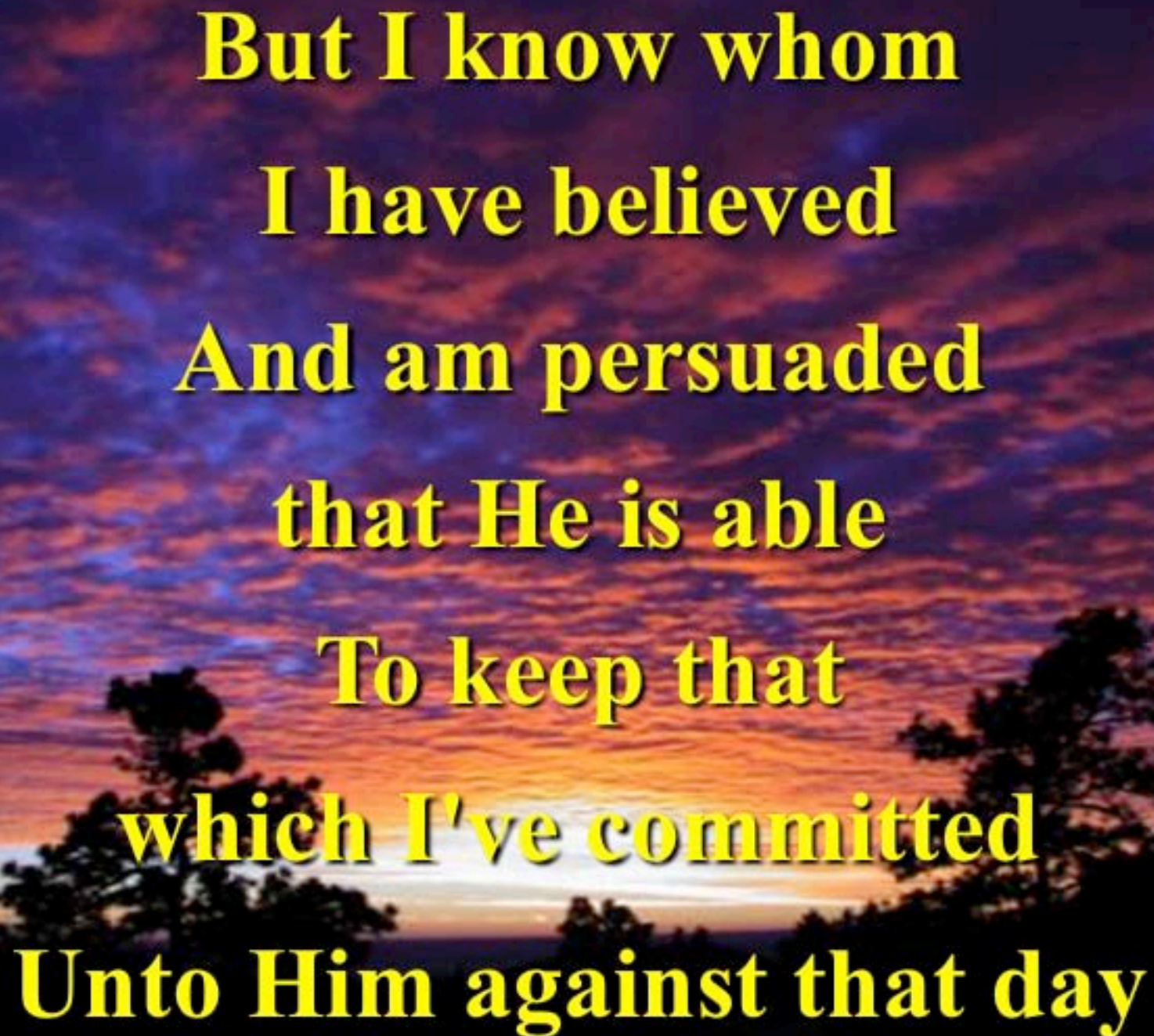
**At night or noontide fair**

**Nor if I'll walk the vale**

**with Him**

**Or meet Him in the air**





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A vibrant sunset or sunrise sky with orange, red, and blue hues, silhouetted trees in the foreground, and the text "Prayer TIME" overlaid.

**Prayer TIME**