



# RESTORING THE DEPARTED GLORY

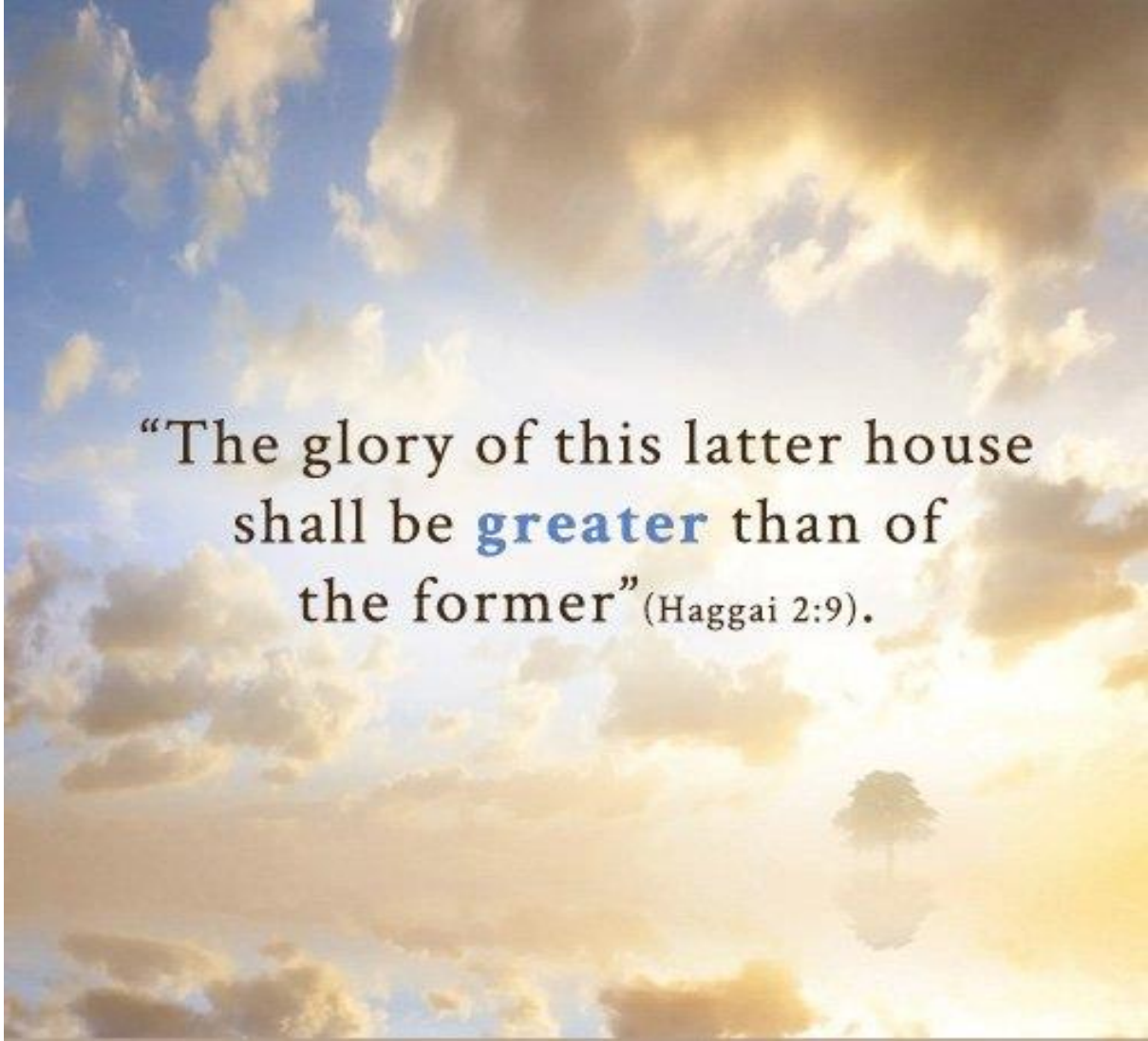
– *Haggai 2:3,8,9*





## KEY THOUGHT

Israel lost beauty before they lost the battle: the glory departed long before the ark was taken. If we would **enjoy** God and be **used** of Him, we cannot be satisfied with the motions of religion: we need a **recovery** of grace, virtue, faith and fire before the **glory** is restored!



“The glory of this latter house shall be **greater** than of the former” (Haggai 2:9).

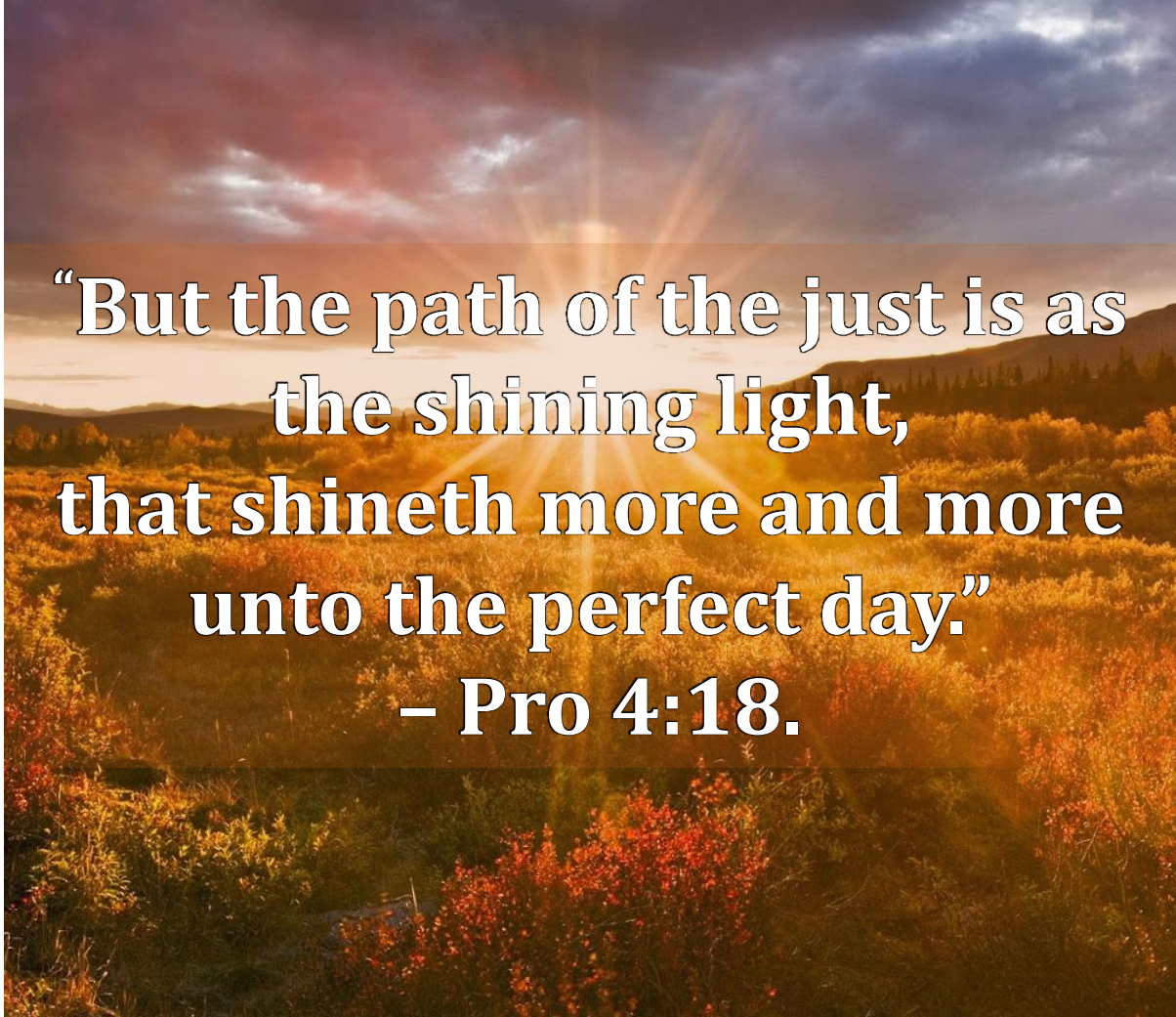


# THE PICTURE OF A BUOYANT, VIBRANT CHRISTIAN

What do we see in a vibrant Christian?

- Inner peace: **Isa 32:17**
- Tenderness of heart: **1 Sam 24:4-6**
- Devotional prayer: **Acts 9:11**
- Love for fellowship: **Acts 2:46,47**
- Heavenly passion: **Heb 10:34**
- Fervent & joyful service: **Rom 12:11-13**
- Watchfulness & sobriety: **1 Thes 5:5-8**
- Gratitude: **Acts 5:41,42**

When these things are lost, the believer is reduced to an empty shell: mere professor.



**“But the path of the just is as  
the shining light,  
that shineth more and more  
unto the perfect day.”  
– Pro 4:18.**

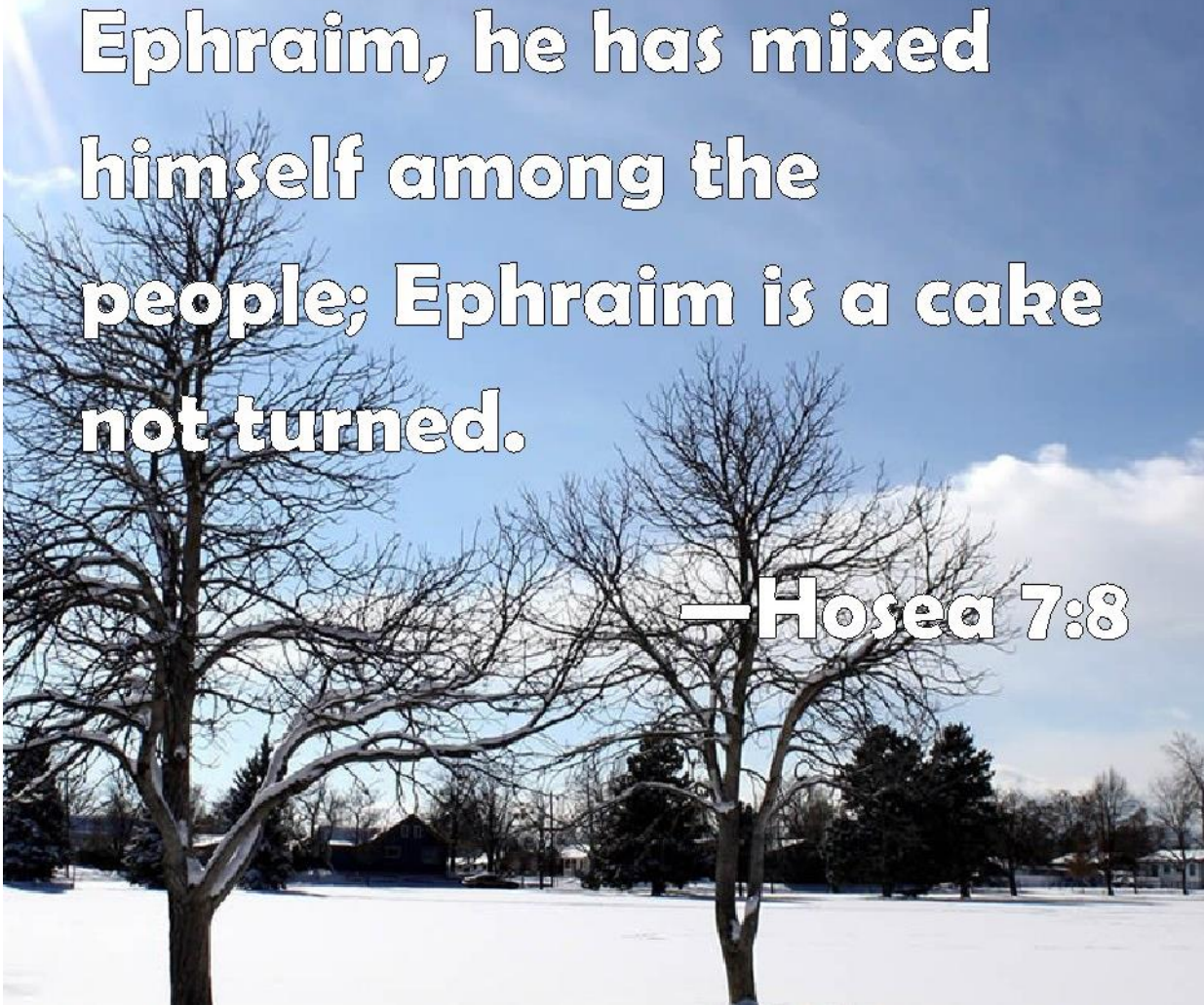


# THE POINTERS OF BESETTING, VICIOUS COLDNESS

There are pointers that signify spiritual defect and an urgent need for recovery:

- A wearisome altar: **1 Sam 14:35; 28:4-6**
- Love of 'officiating': **Mat 23:5-7**
- External, earthly focus: **Rev 3:17**
- Leaking tongue / loose lips: **Pro 25:28**
- Irritability, harshness, strife...: **Pro 12:18**
- Distaste of humble service: **Neh 3:5**
- Scorning of leadership: **Num 12:1-3**

When you see any of these or similar traits, the need for restoration is evident!



Ephraim, he has mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

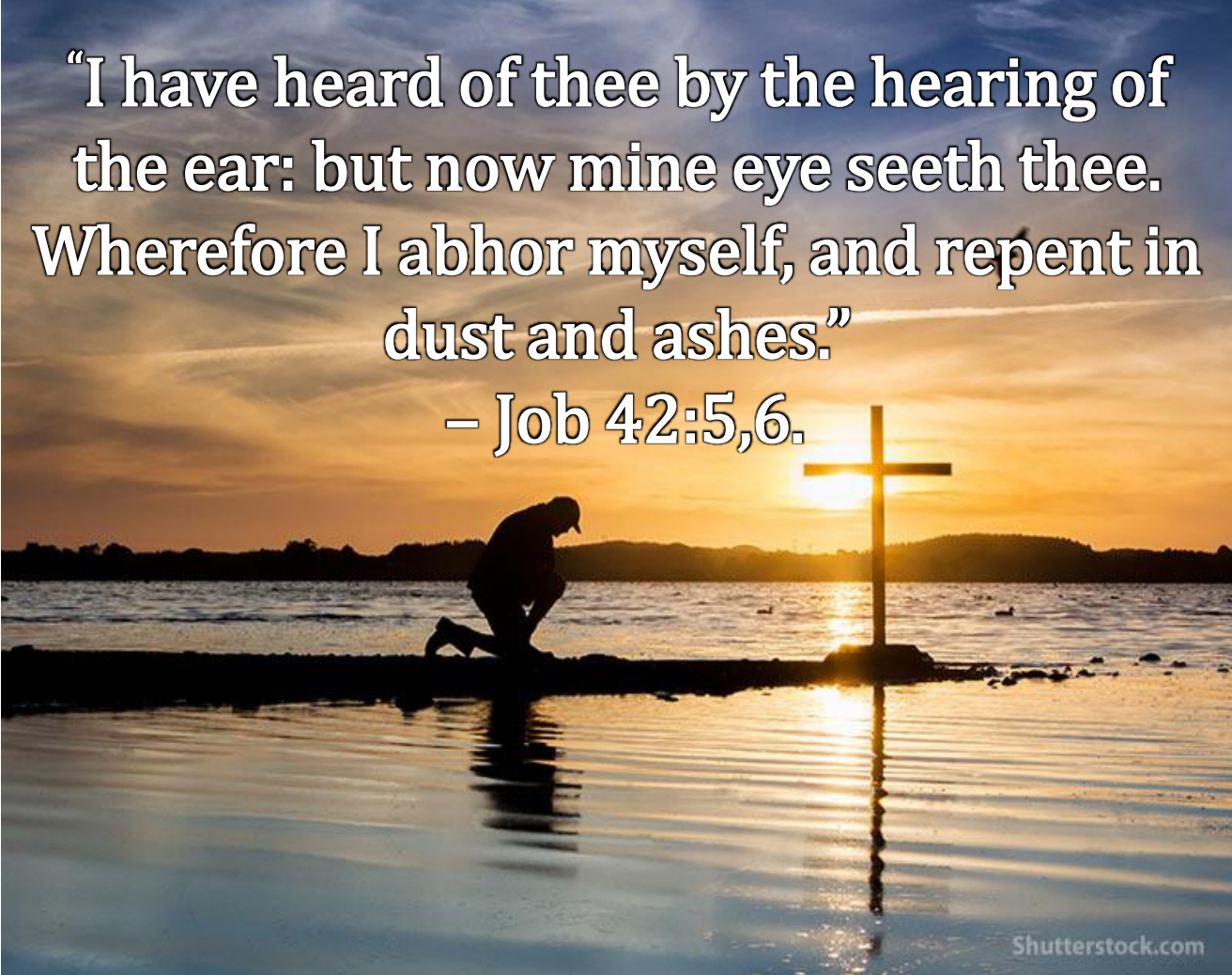
—Hosea 7:8

# THE PRICE OF BLESSED, VIGOROUS COMEBACK

Recovery is possible... and affordable!

- Repent: **Rev 3:18-20**
  - Acknowledge your state
  - Plead for mercy
  - Commit to recovery
- Consecrate: **Rom 12:1-3**
  - Yield yourself totally
  - Restore your altar
  - Commit to humble service

If you commit to the path of duty and humility, recovery will surely come!



“I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”  
– Job 42:5,6.



# TIME TO PRAY!