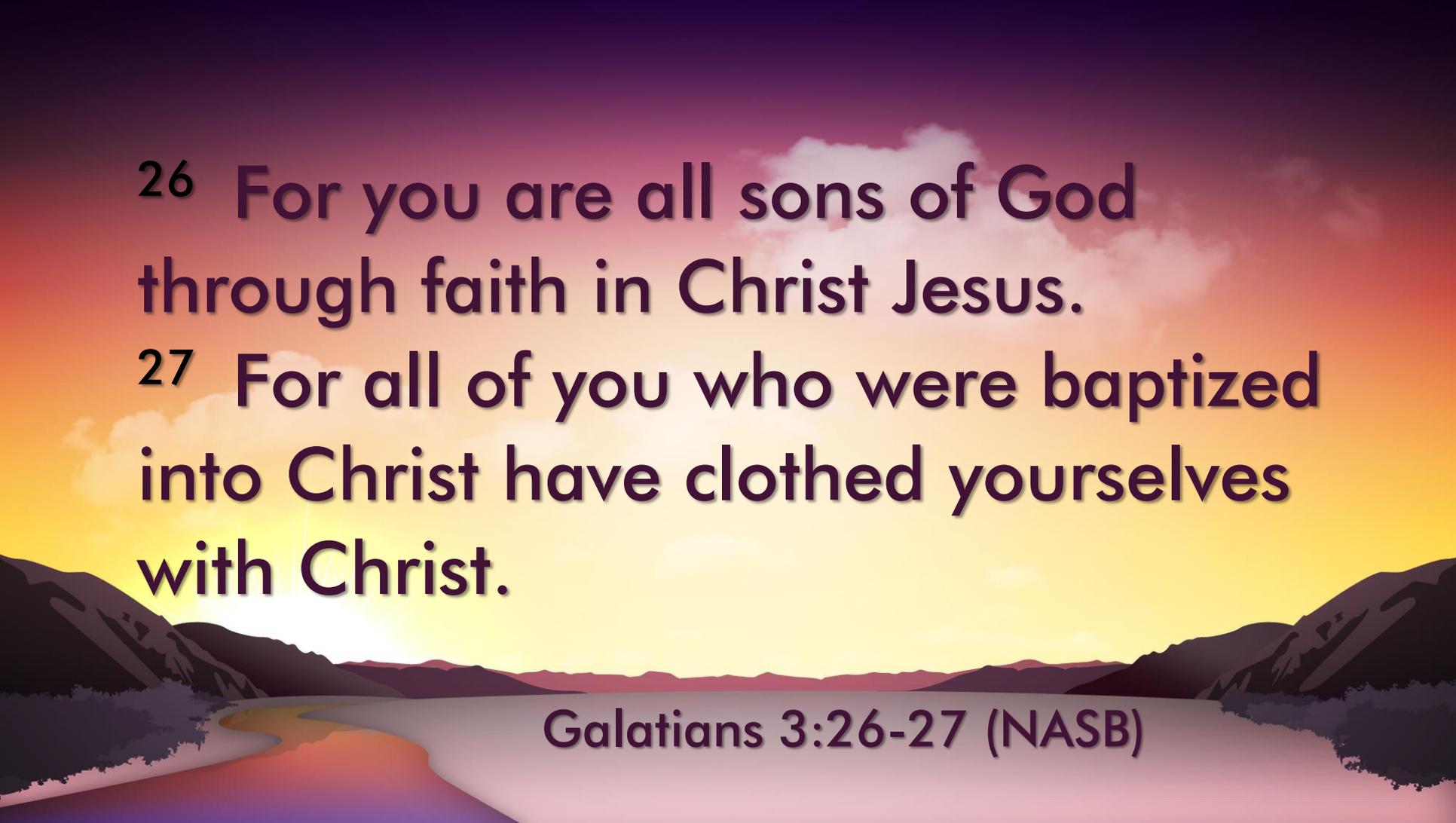




What's Baptism All About?

Matthew 3:1-17 (NASB)



A scenic landscape with a sunset sky, mountains, and a winding river. The sky is a mix of purple, pink, and orange, with soft clouds. The mountains are dark and silhouetted against the bright sky. A winding river flows through the foreground, reflecting the colors of the sky.

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:26-27 (NASB)

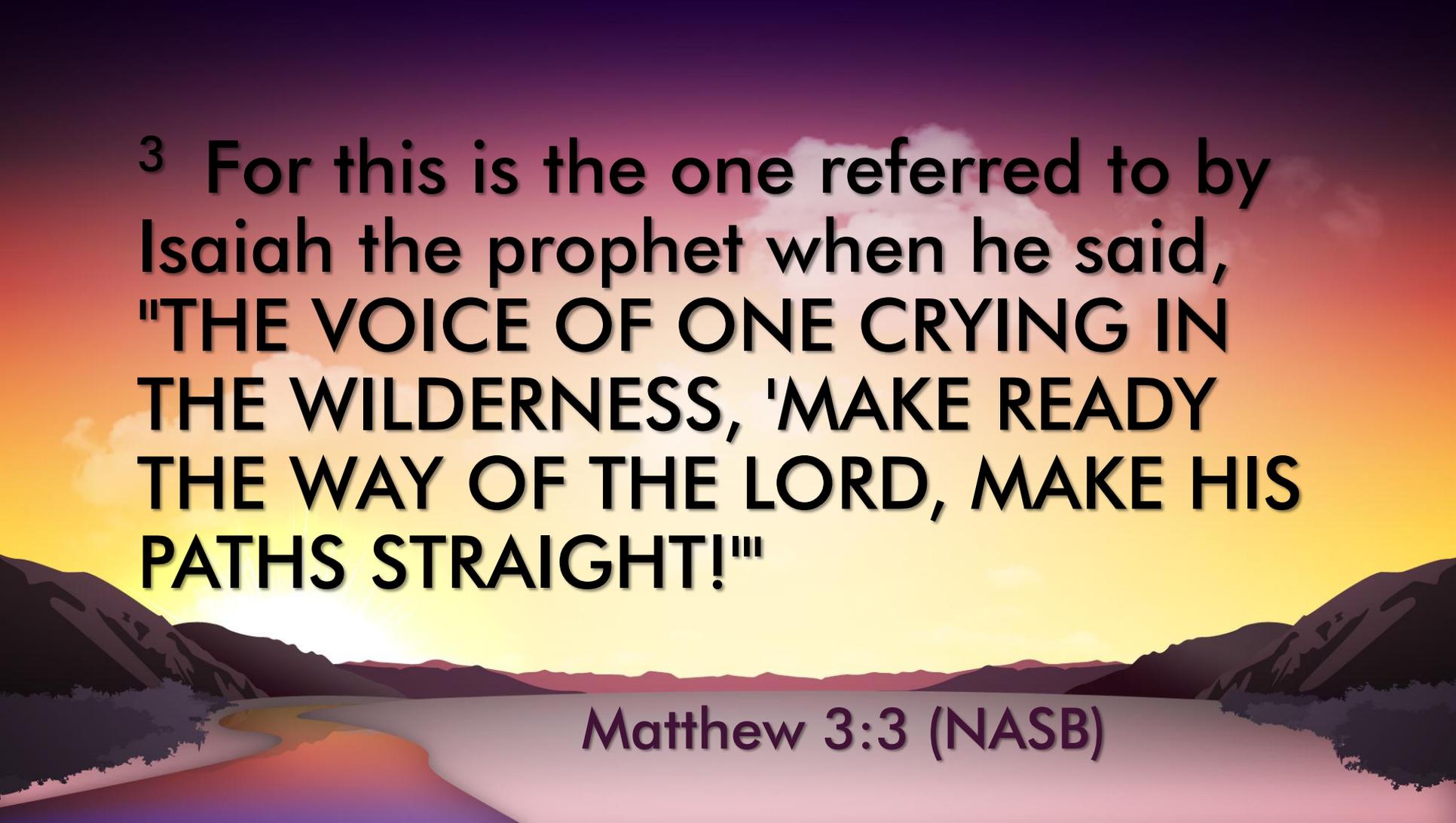


I. Baptism of John the Baptist
A. Repentance from Sin



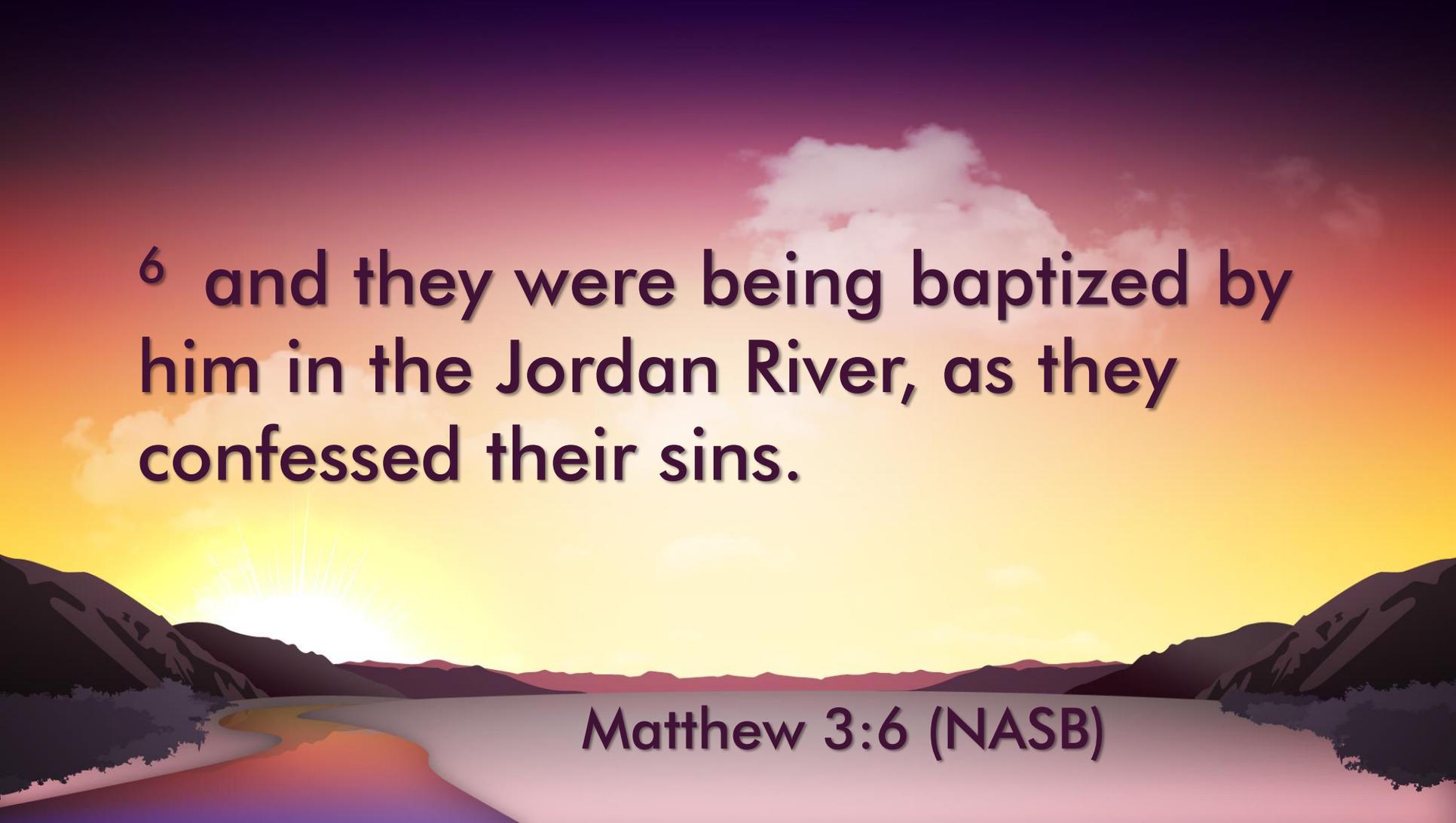
¹ Now in those days John the Baptist
*came, preaching in the wilderness
of Judea, saying,
² "Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand."

Matthew 3:1-2 (NASB)



³ For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!'"

Matthew 3:3 (NASB)

A sunset landscape with a river and mountains. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and purple. The river flows through the foreground, reflecting the light of the setting sun. The mountains in the background are silhouetted against the bright sky.

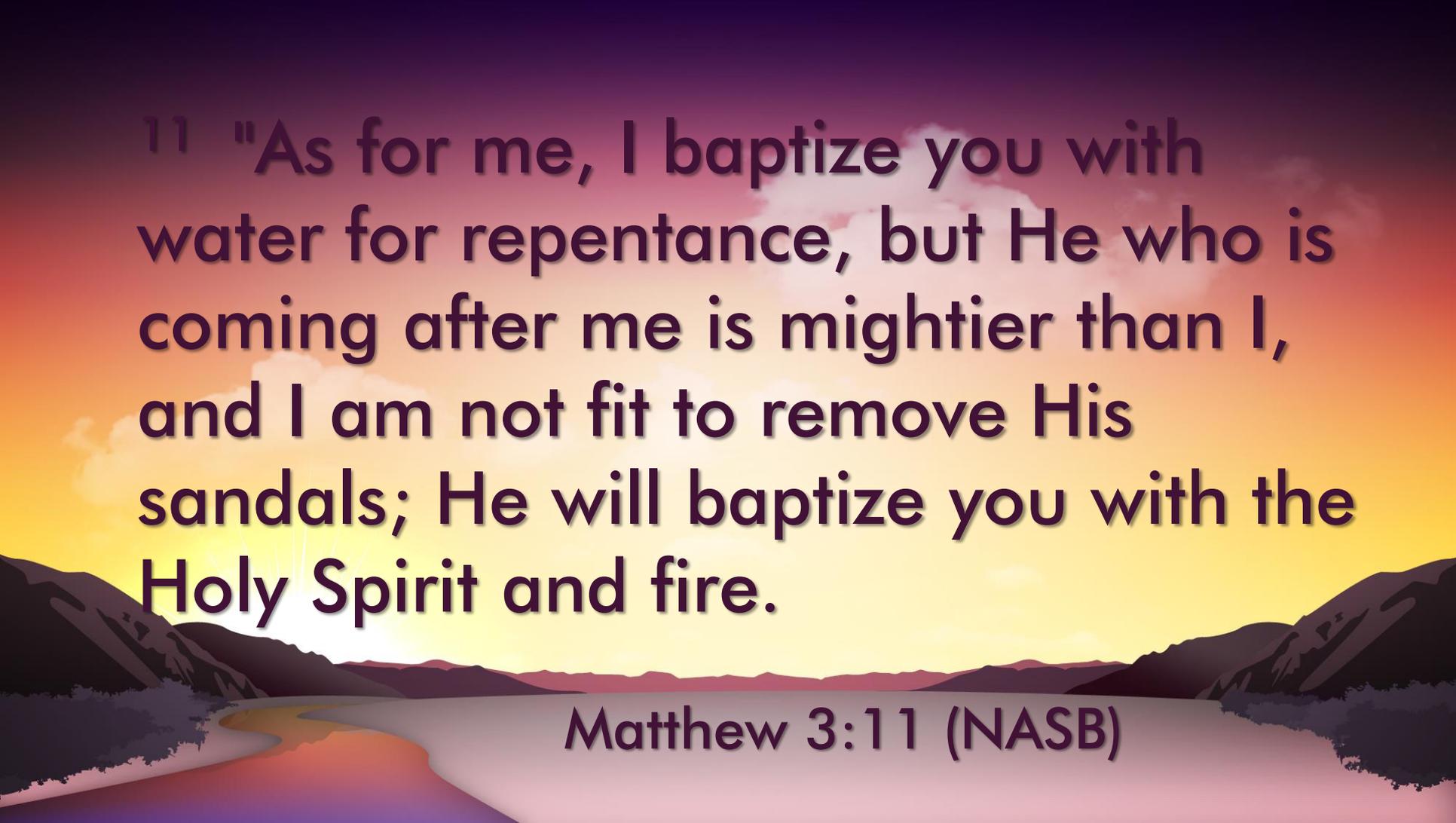
6 and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

Matthew 3:6 (NASB)

A scenic background image featuring a sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright glow across the sky, which transitions from yellow near the horizon to a deep purple at the top. A river flows through the foreground, reflecting the colors of the sky. The river is flanked by dark, silhouetted mountains and hills. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**8 "Therefore bear fruit in keeping
with repentance;**

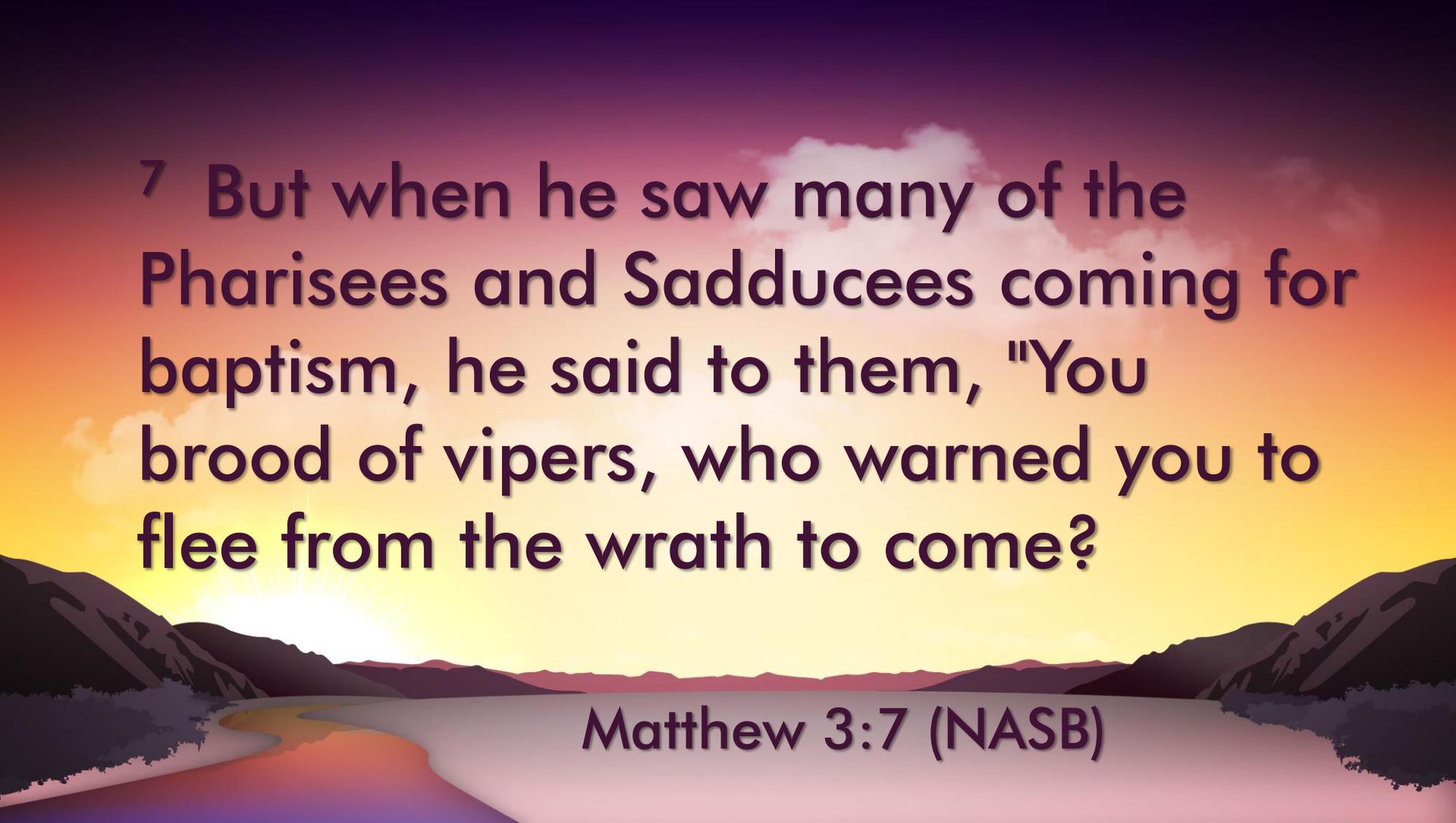
Matthew 3:8 (NASB)



¹¹ "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

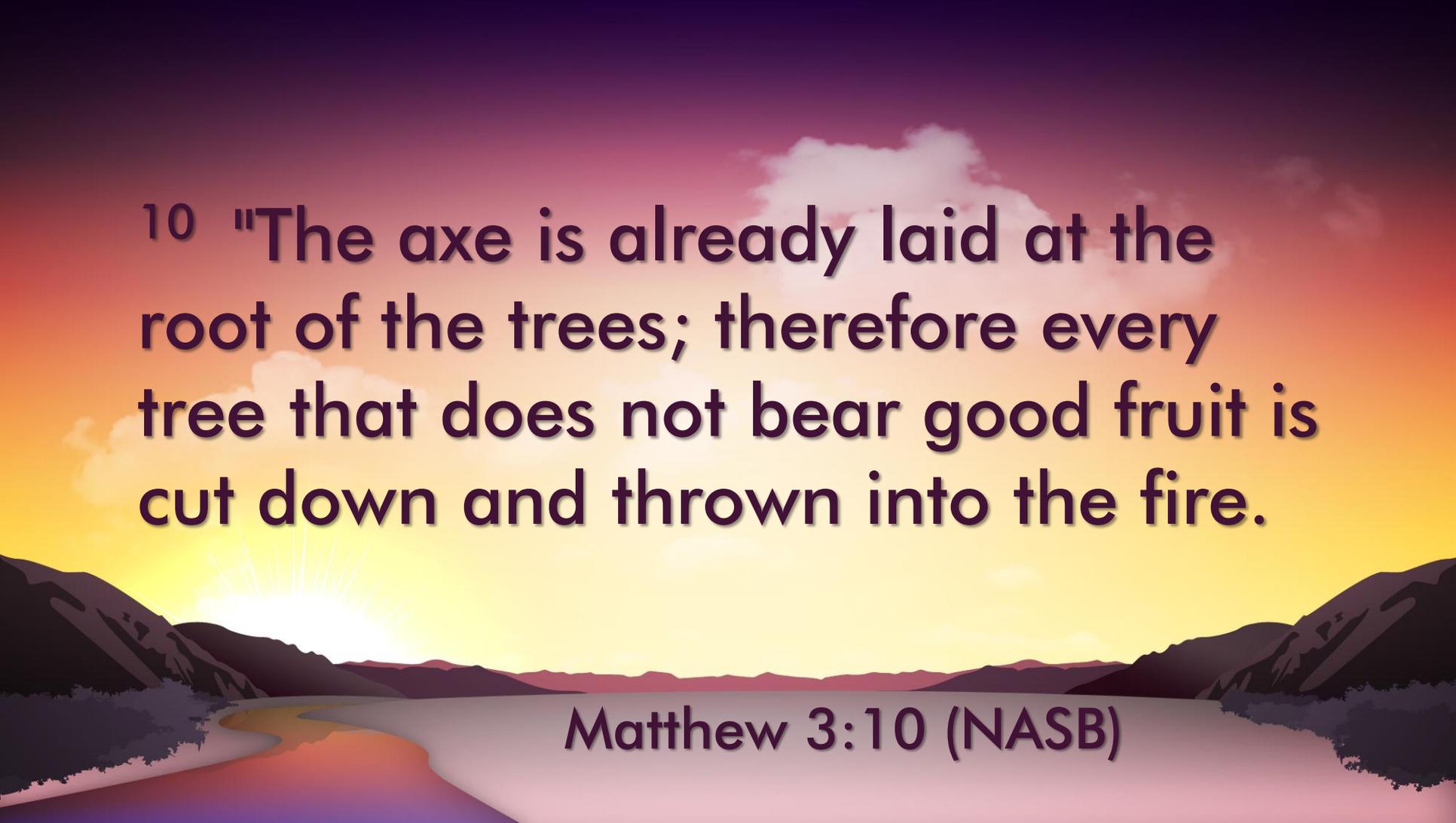
Matthew 3:11 (NASB)

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- I. Baptism of John the Baptist**
 - A. Repentance from Sin**
 - B. Judgment of Sin**

A scenic landscape featuring a winding river in the foreground, dark silhouettes of mountains on either side, and a vibrant sunset sky with orange, yellow, and purple hues. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long shadows.

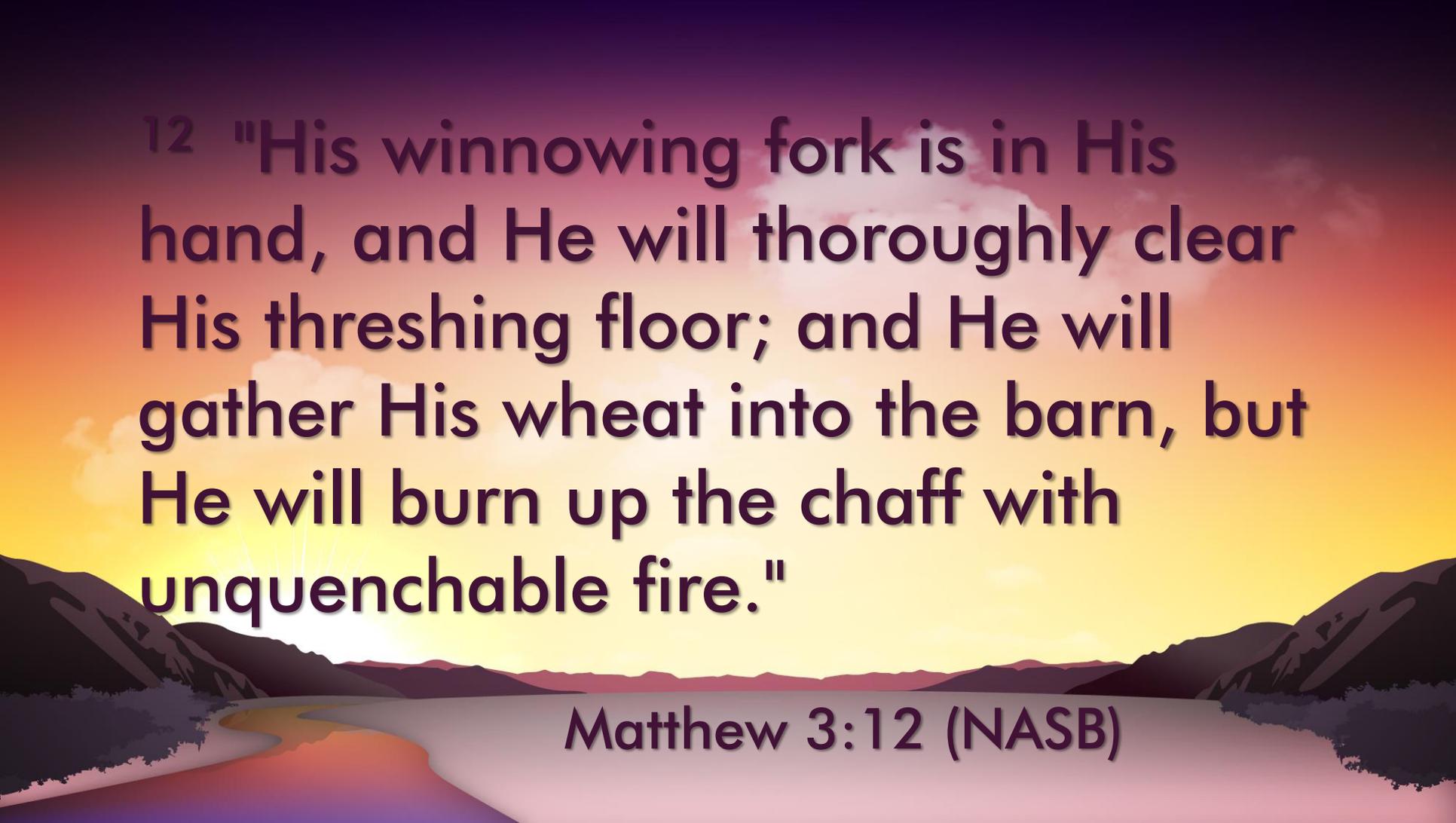
7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Matthew 3:7 (NASB)



¹⁰ "The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

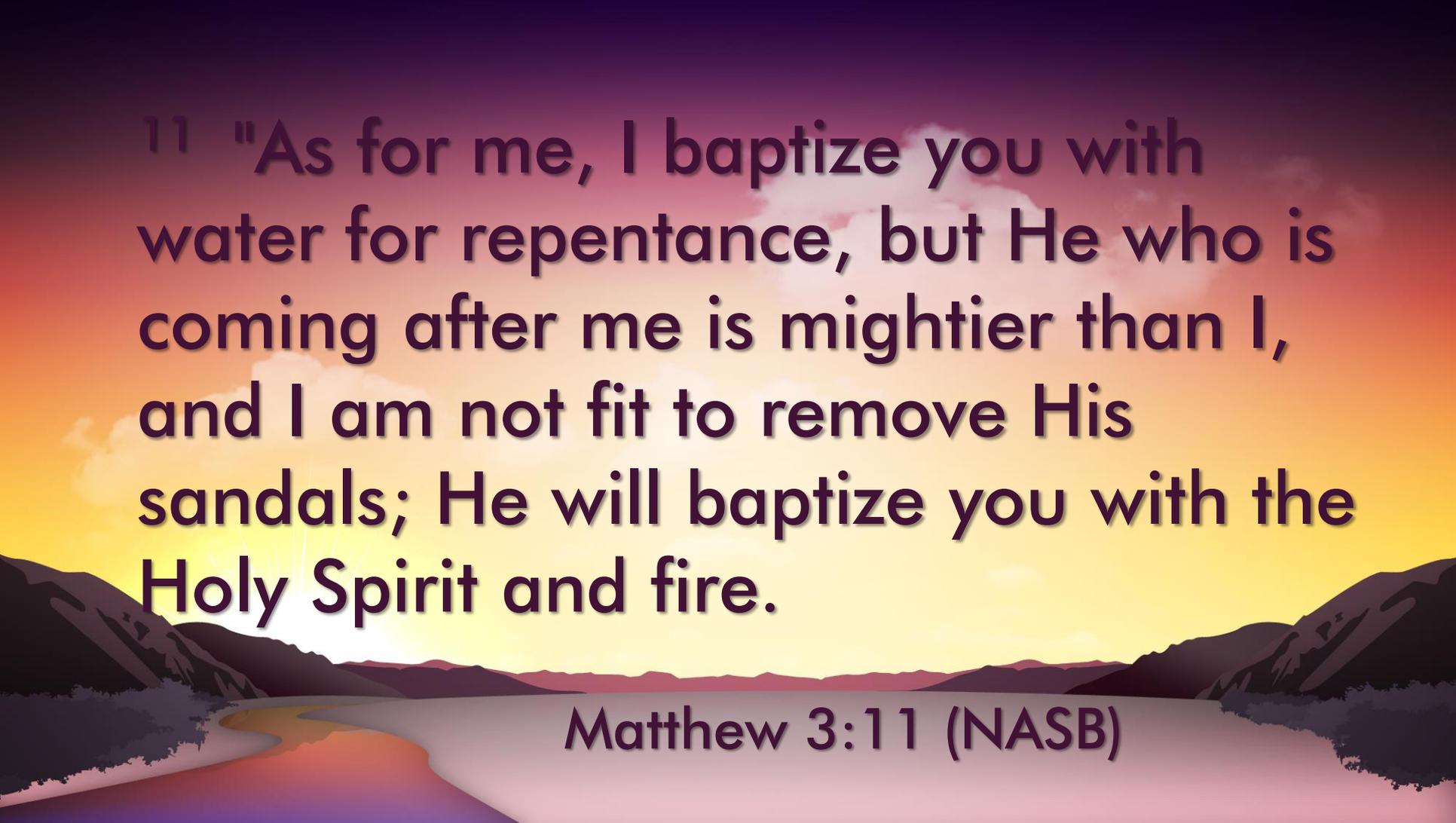
Matthew 3:10 (NASB)



¹² "His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 3:12 (NASB)

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- I. **Baptism of John the Baptist**
 - A. **Repentance from Sin**
 - B. **Judgment of Sin**
 - II. **Baptism of Jesus**
 - A. **Baptism of the Spirit**



11 "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:11 (NASB)

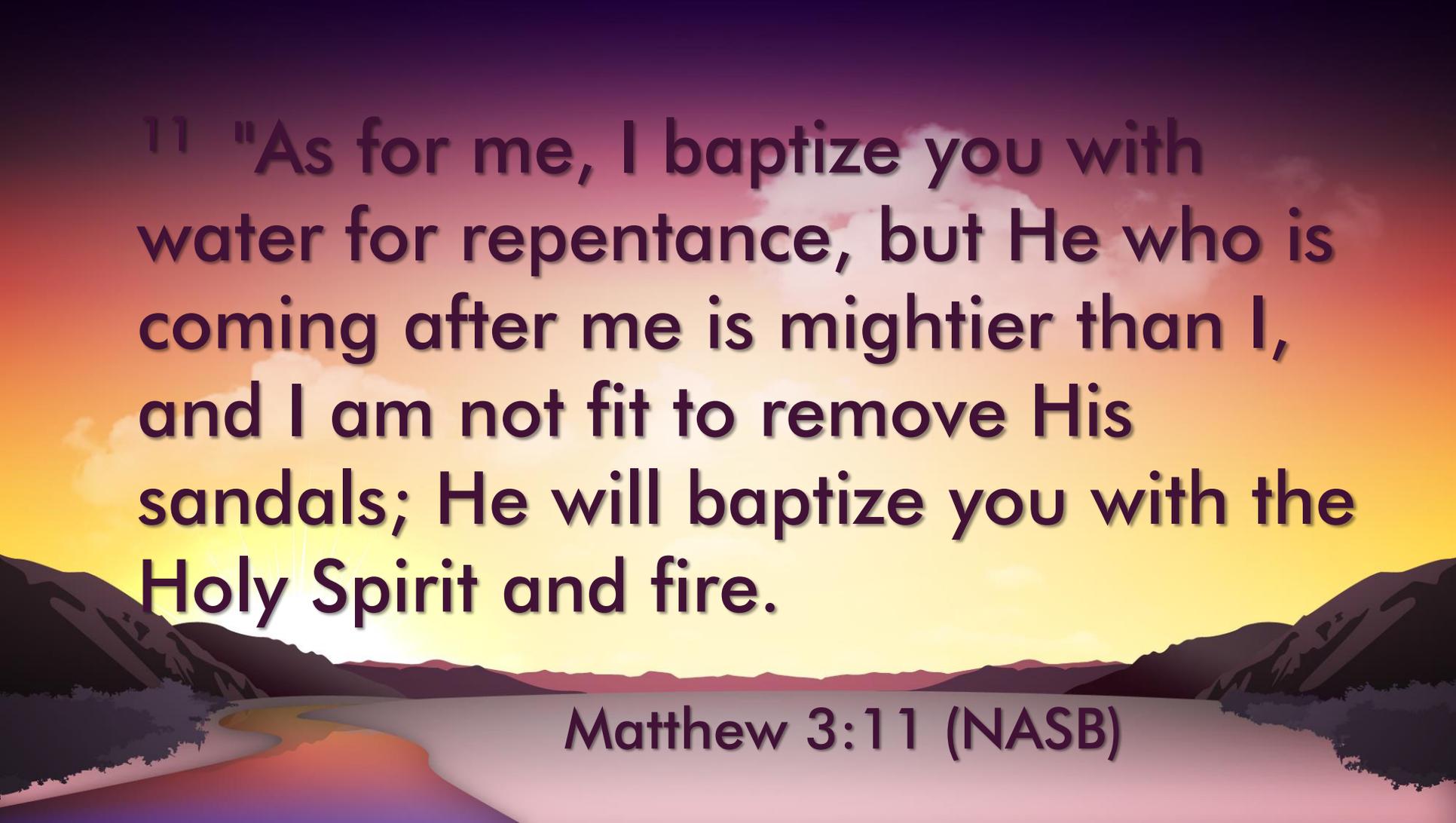


I. Baptism of John the Baptist

II. Baptism of Jesus

A. Baptism of the Spirit

B. Baptism of Fire



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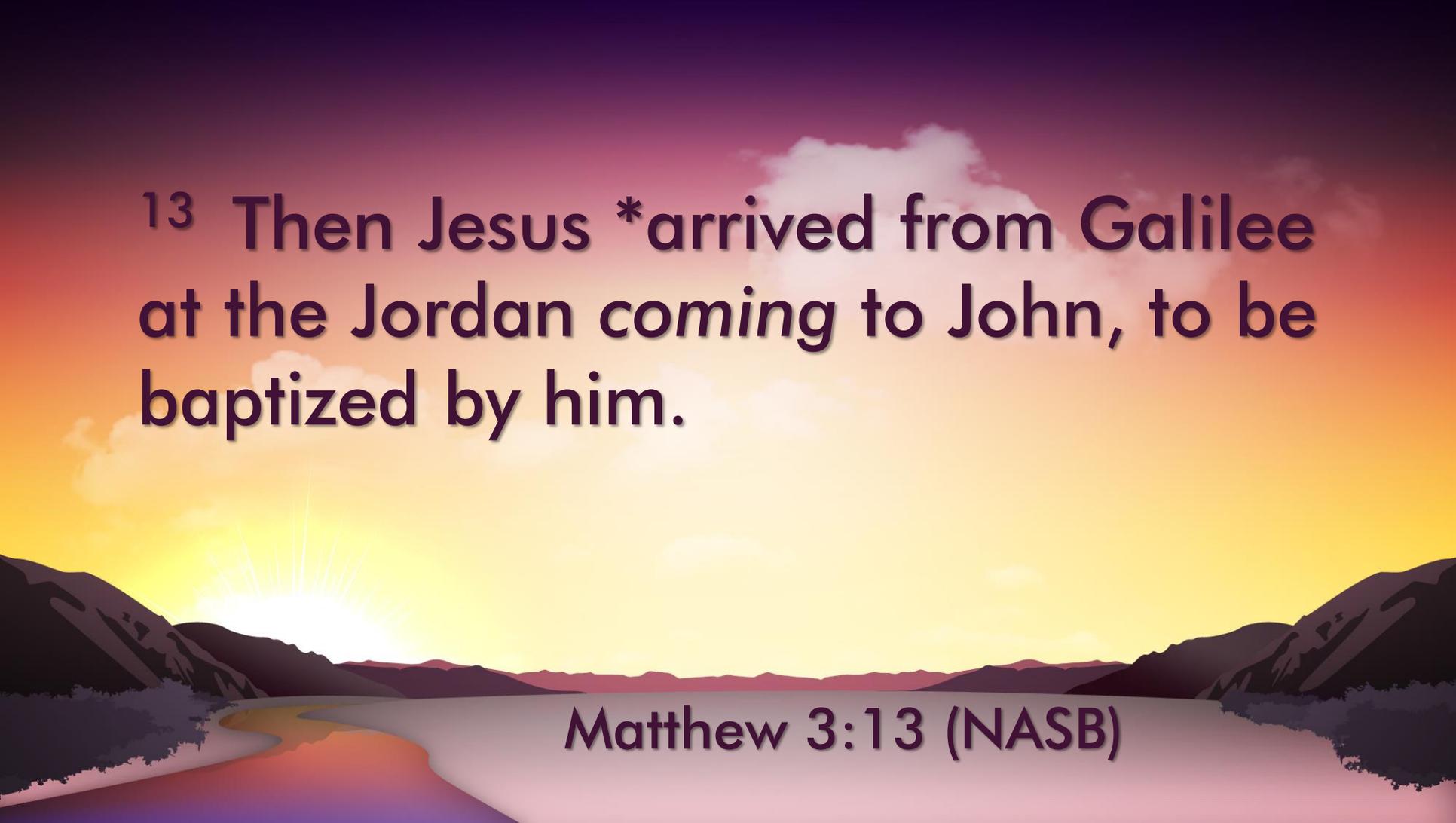
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II. Baptism of Jesus

A. Baptism of the Spirit

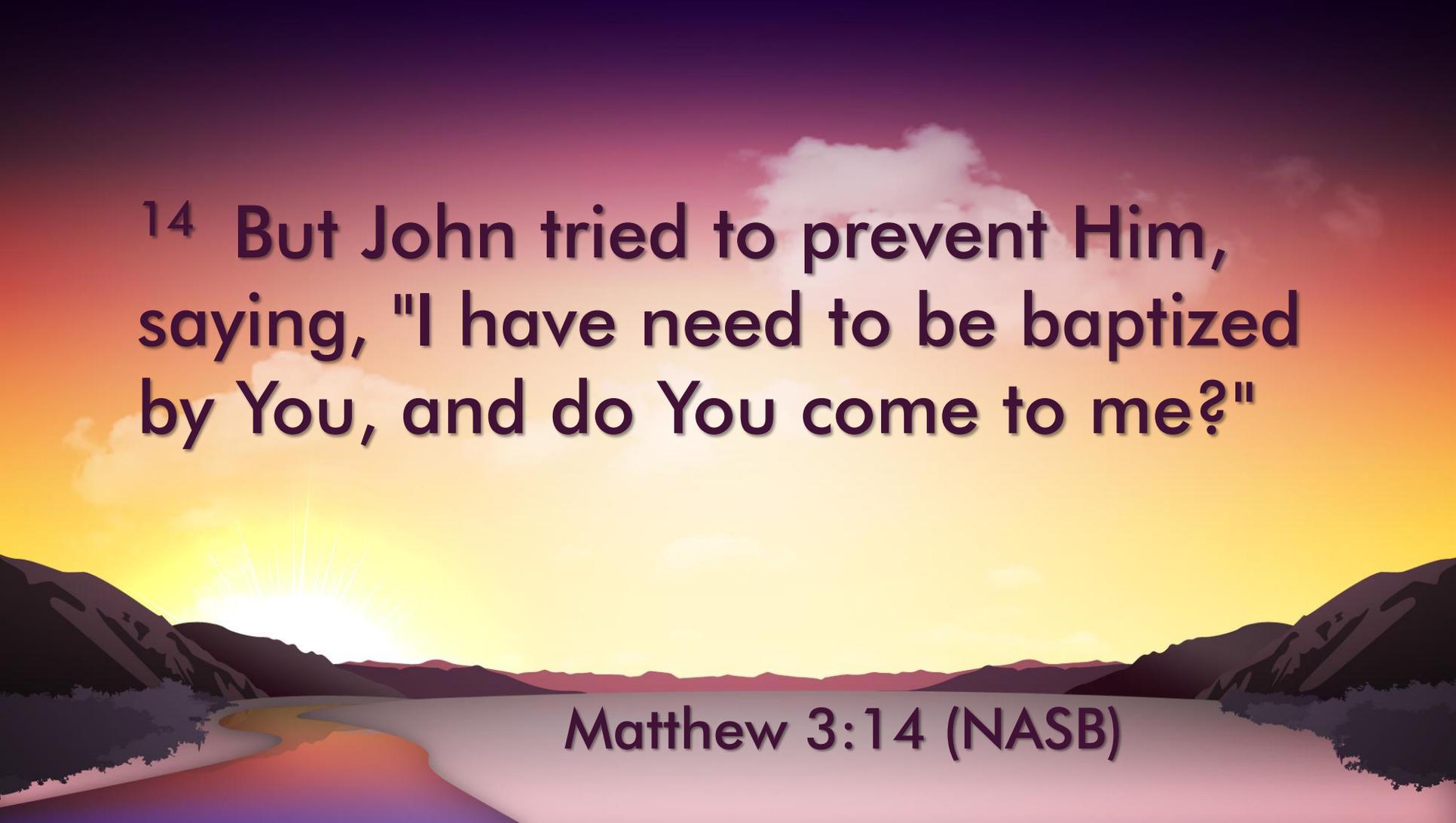
B. Baptism of Fire

C. Baptism of Identification with Sin



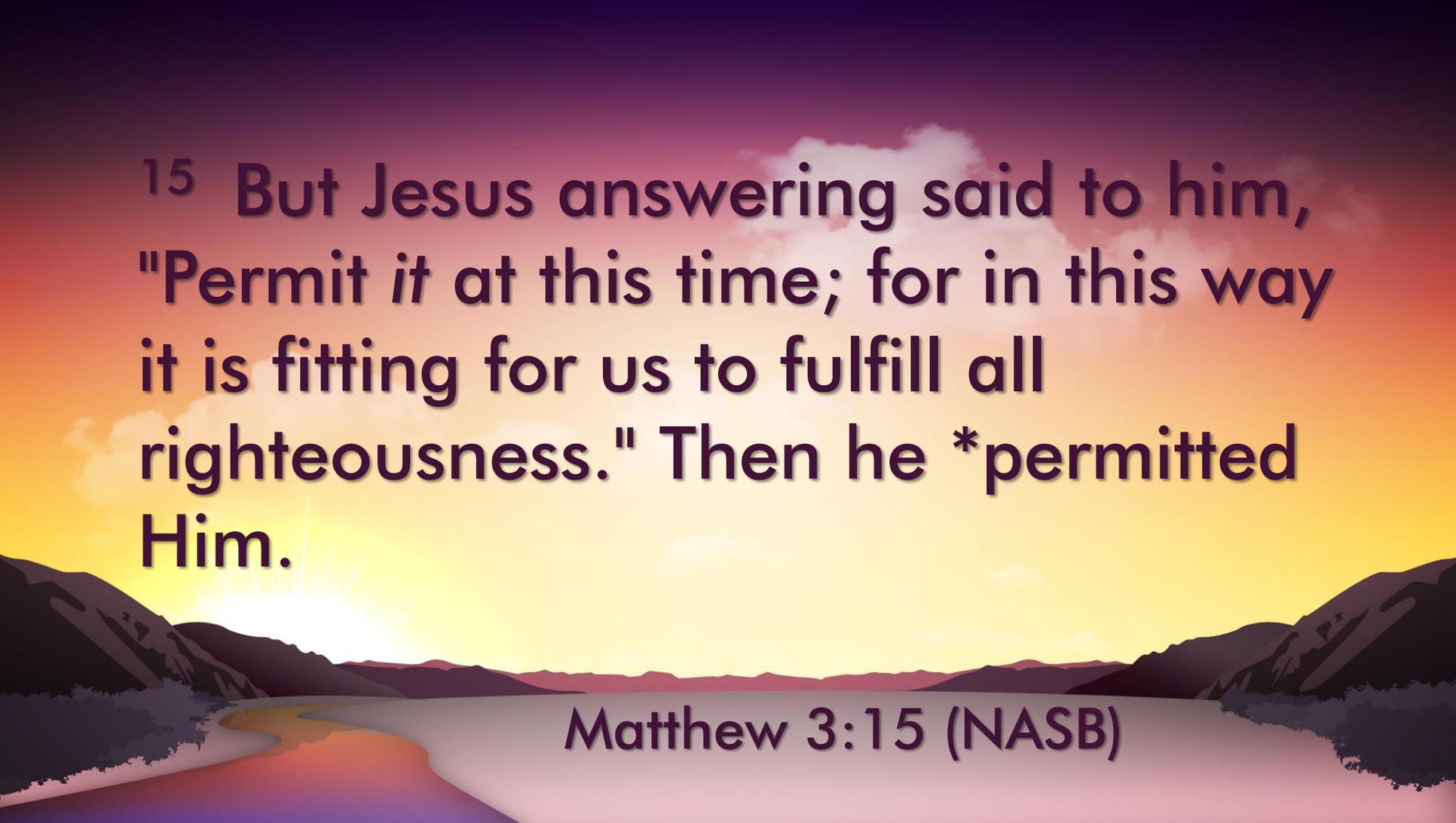
13 Then Jesus *arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming* to John, to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:13 (NASB)



14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

Matthew 3:14 (NASB)



¹⁵ But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he *permitted Him.

Matthew 3:15 (NASB)

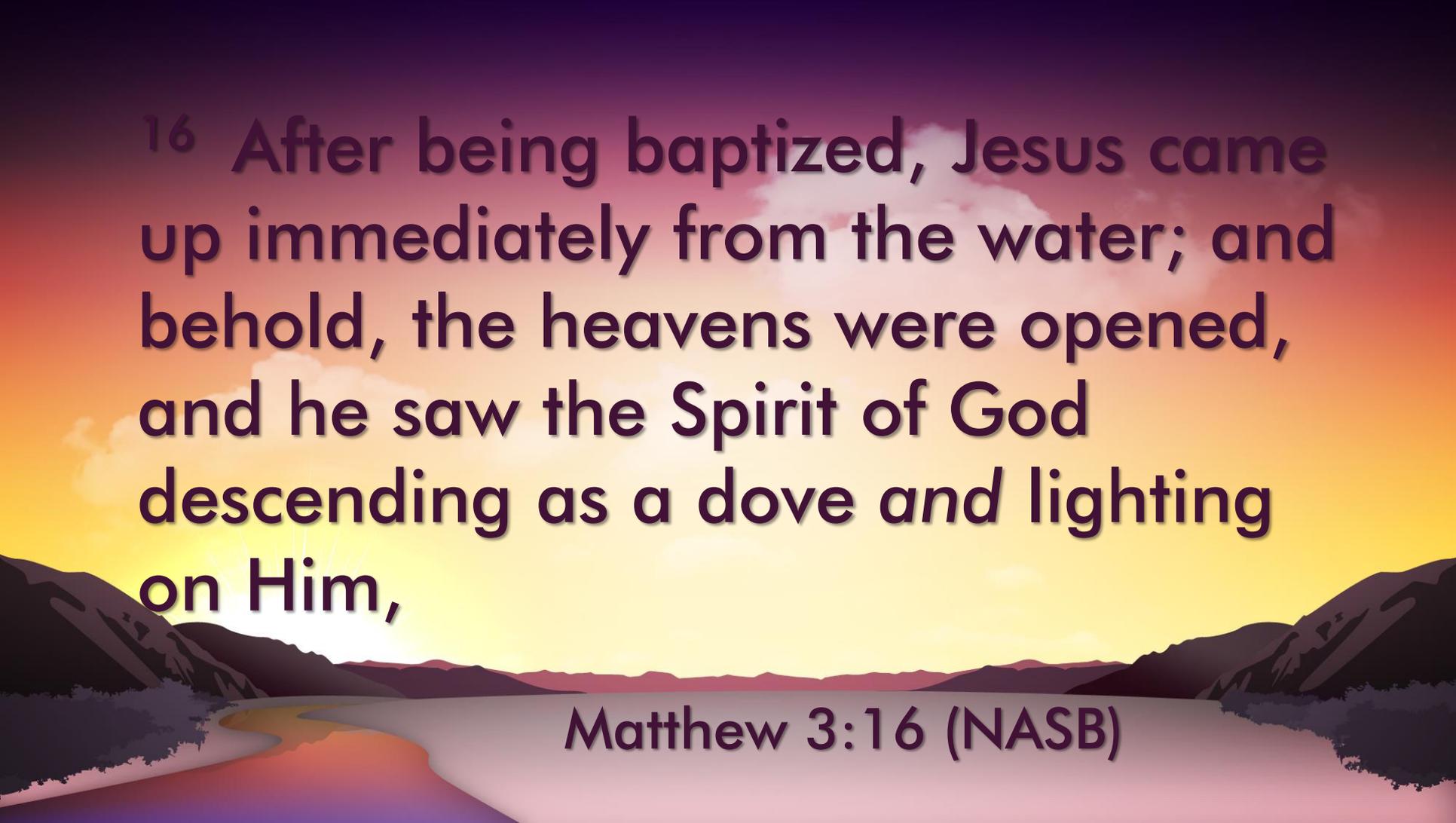
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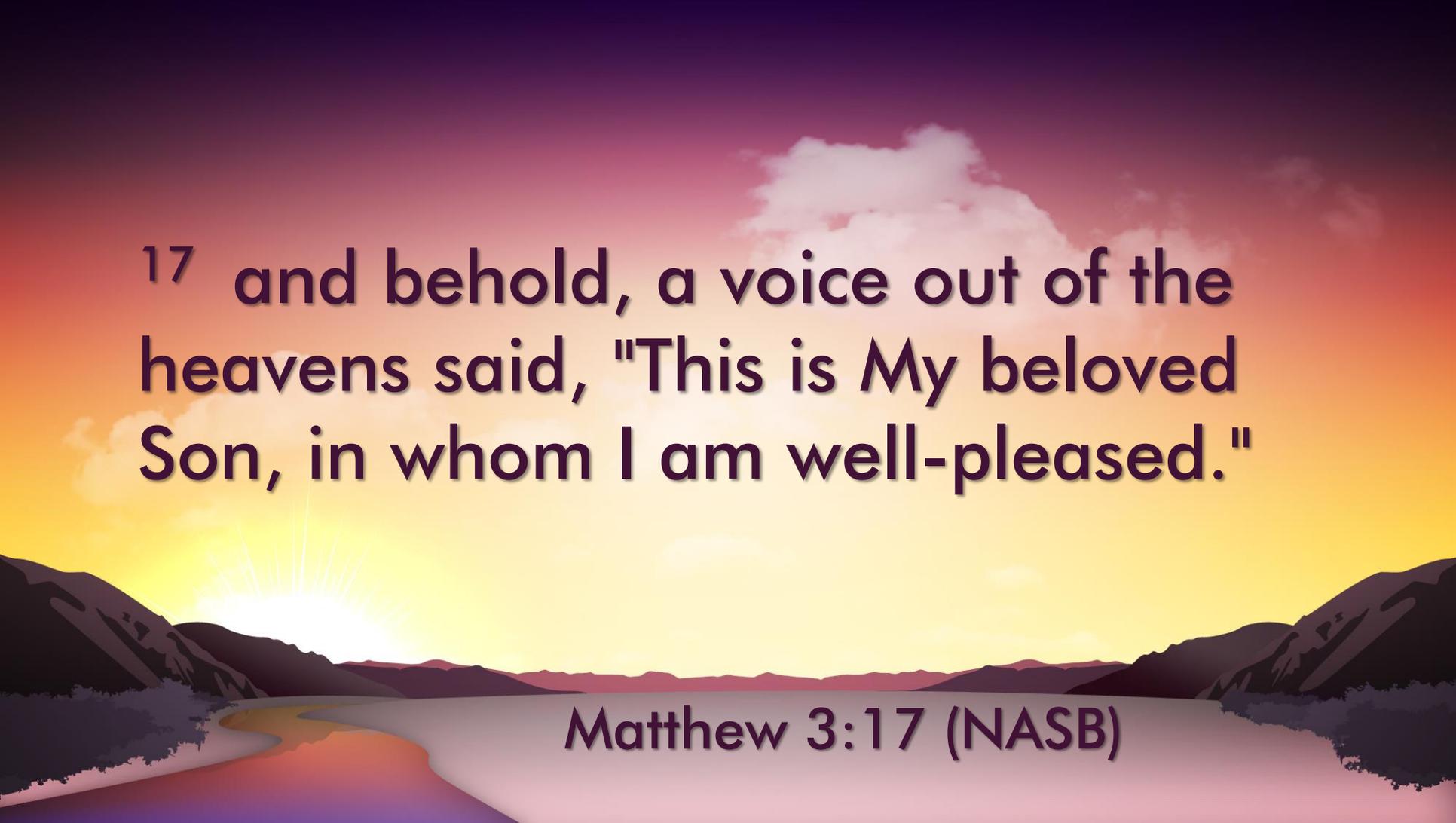
**C. Baptism of Identification with
Sin**

D. Baptism of Obedience

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¹⁶ After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him,

Matthew 3:16 (NASB)



17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is *My* beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Matthew 3:17 (NASB)

II. Baptism of Jesus

A. Baptism of the Spirit

B. Baptism of Fire

C. Baptism of Identification with Sin

D. Baptism of Obedience

E. Baptism of Our Identification with Christ

THE OLD ME

“FOR WE KNOW THAT OUR OLD SELF
WAS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM SO THAT
THE BODY RULED BY SIN MIGHT
BE DONE AWAY WITH, THAT WE
SHOULD NO LONGER BE SLAVES
TO SIN—BECAUSE ANYONE WHO
HAS DIED HAS BEEN SET FREE
FROM SIN.”

ROMANS 6:6-7

REST IN PEACE





Hebrews 12:1-2 (NASB)

¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Questions:

1. When you were baptized, how much water did it take? Share about your baptism experience.
2. What is repentance? Do you believe that repentance is emphasized enough in today's gospel and preaching? Why or why not?
3. What is the kingdom of heaven? How is the kingdom of heaven related to repentance?
4. What angered John the Baptist so much about the Pharisees and Sadducees?

Questions:

5. What do the images of judgment mean: the coming wrath? The ax? The fire? His winnowing fork?
6. What does baptism signify or symbolize?
7. Why did Jesus want to be baptized?
8. Is the water the main thing in baptism and the ritual, or is it the heart repentance and life change by Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? Why do people put so much emphasis on the physical and externals as opposed to the spiritual and internals?

Questions:

9. Who has been a John the Baptist in your life helping you to prepare to receive Jesus as your Lord, Savior and King?
10. How was repentance exhibited in your salvation story when you were born again?
11. Have you been baptized with the Holy Spirit? Share your experience.