

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a lush green forest. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a hazy, golden atmosphere. The path is the central focus, leading the eye into the woods. The text is overlaid on the path and trees.

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Wisdom is for the weakened

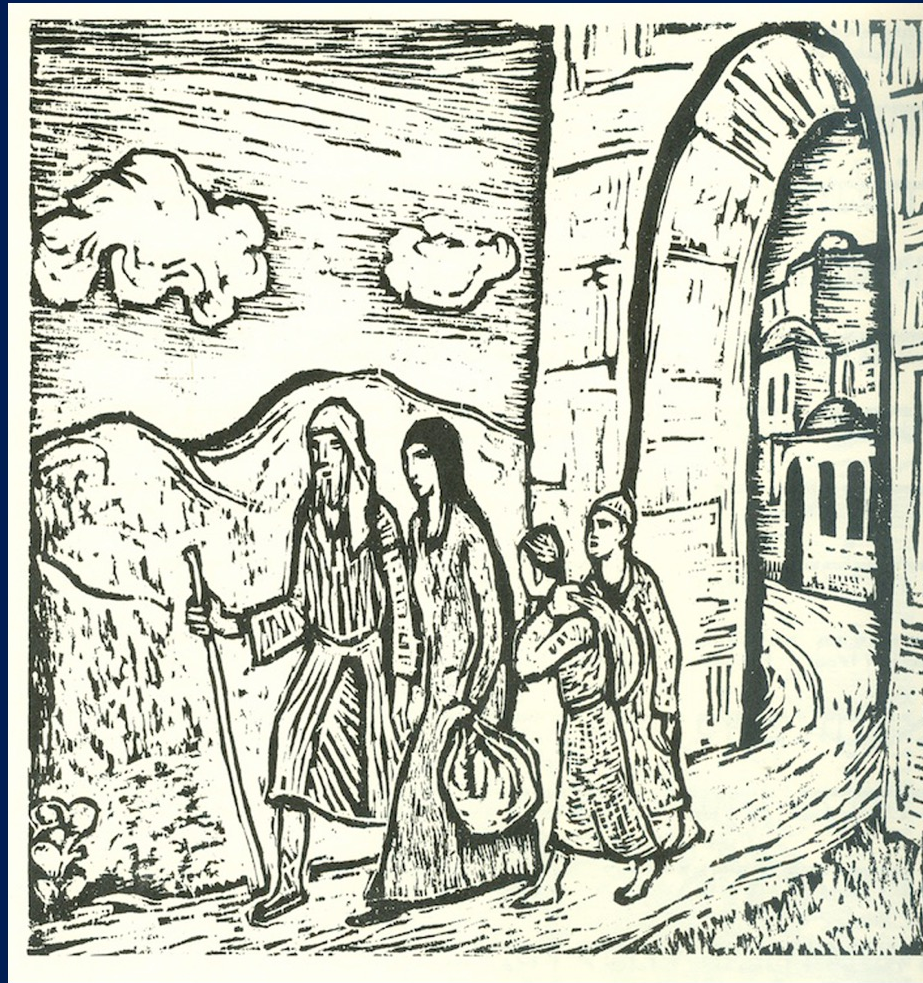


*A nation's greatness is
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its weakest members.*

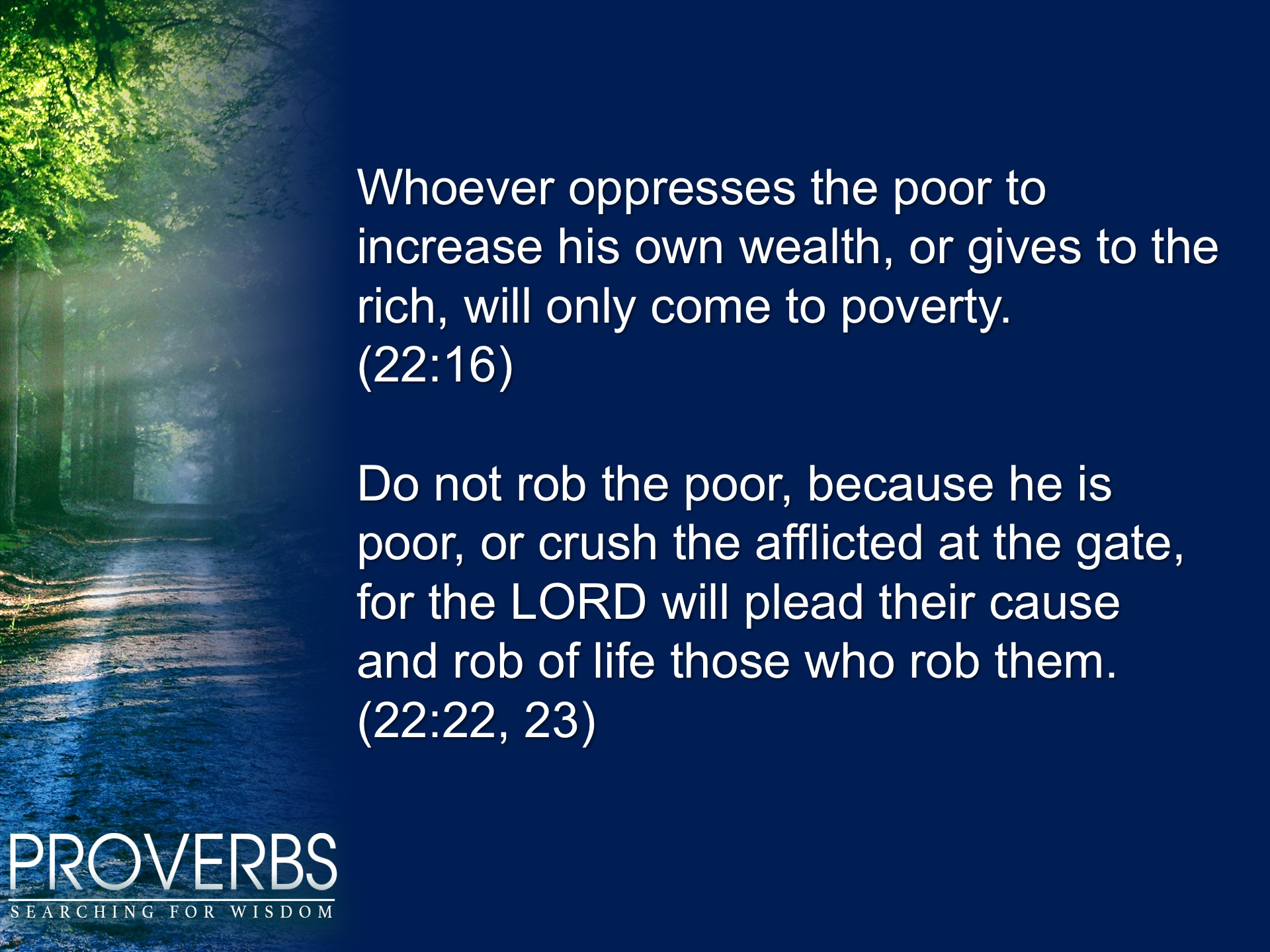
Gandhi



- *Shape of this concern*
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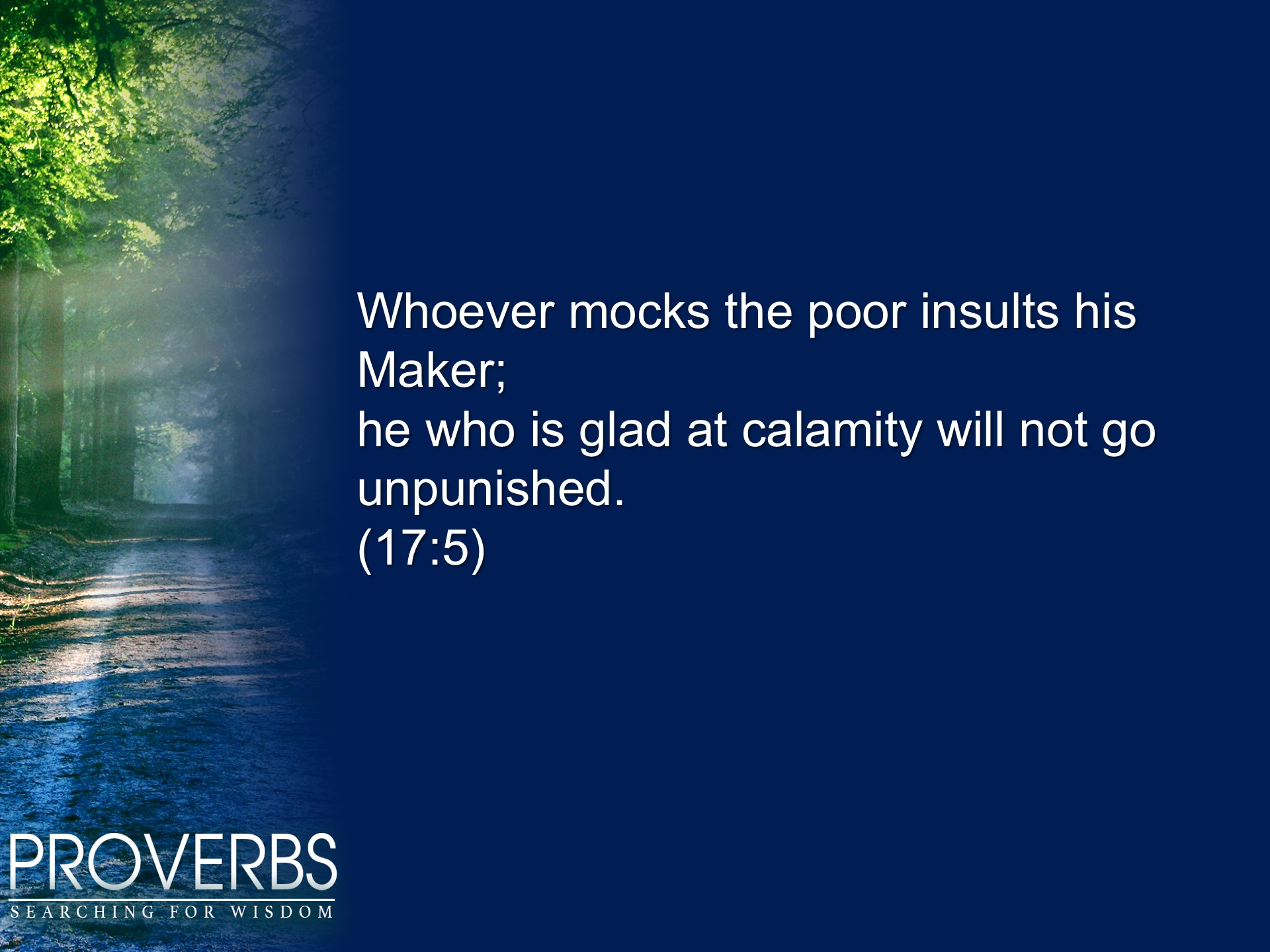


Leaving Bethlehem (1957) woodcut by Jacob Steinhardt

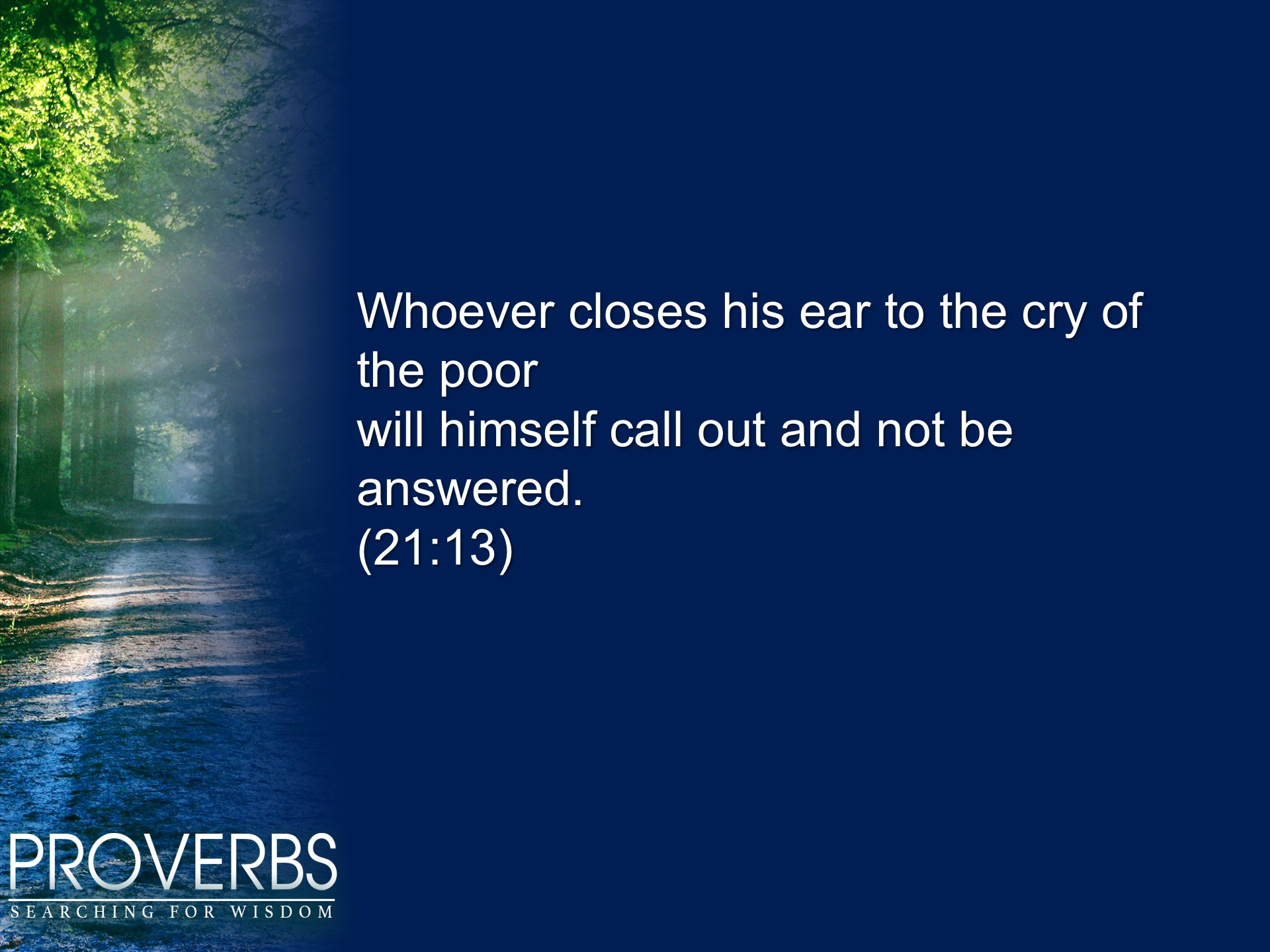
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(22:16)

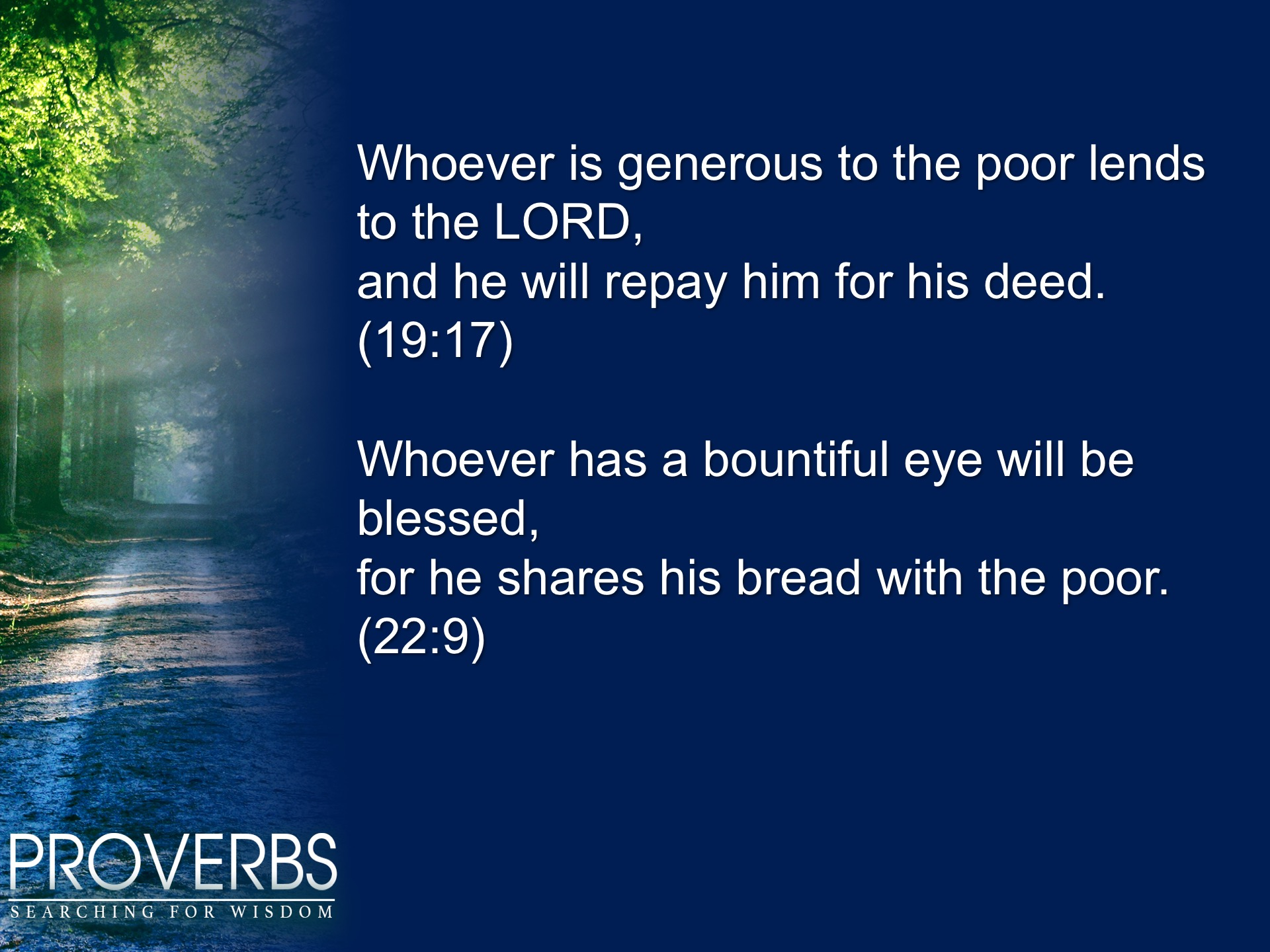
Do not rob the poor, because he is
poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate,
for the LORD will plead their cause
and rob of life those who rob them.
(22:22, 23)

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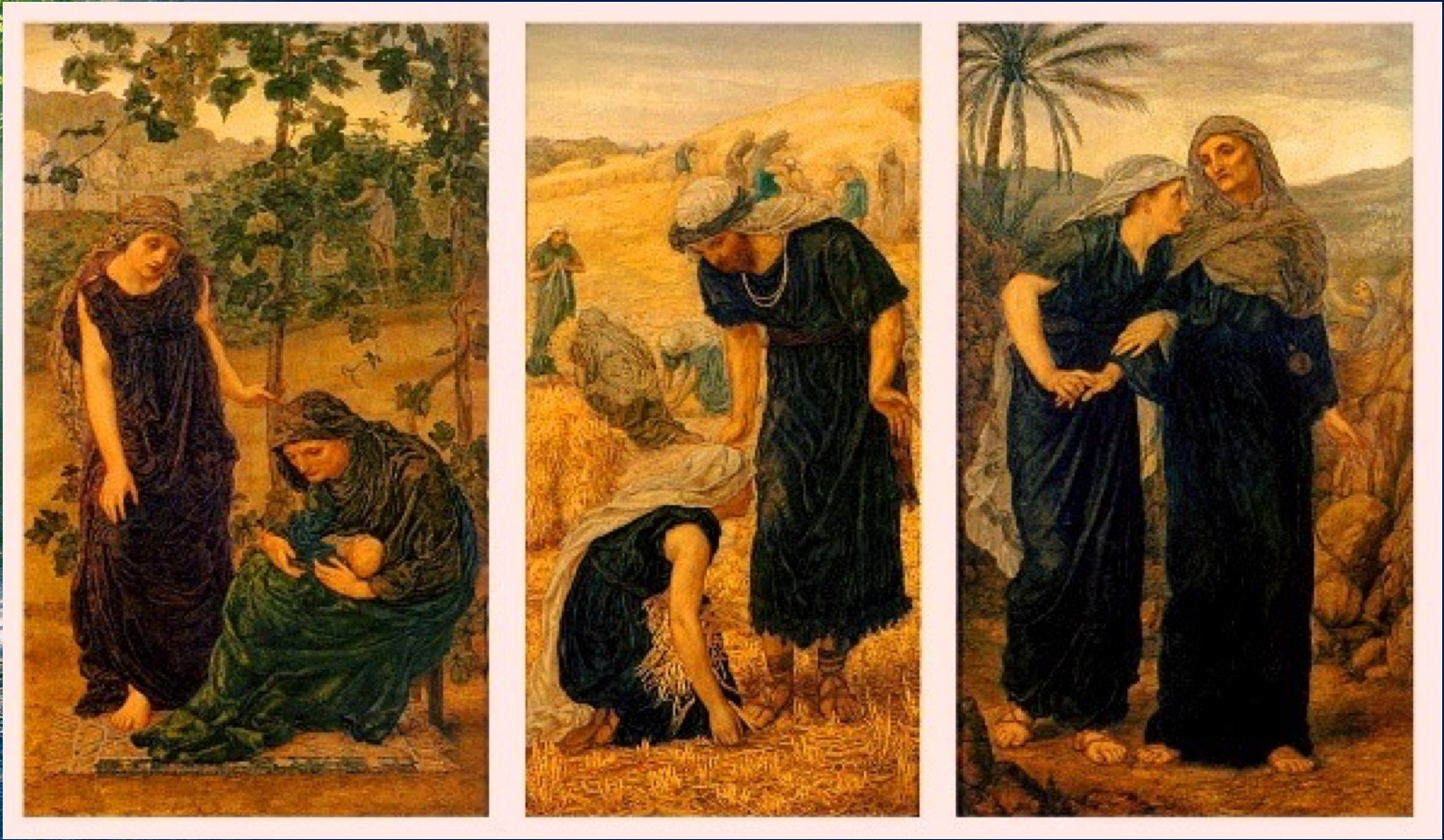
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Whoever closes his ear to the cry of
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Whoever is generous to the poor lends
to the LORD,
and he will repay him for his deed.
(19:17)

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be
blessed,
for he shares his bread with the poor.
(22:9)



'The Story of Ruth', Thomas Matthews Rooke, 1876

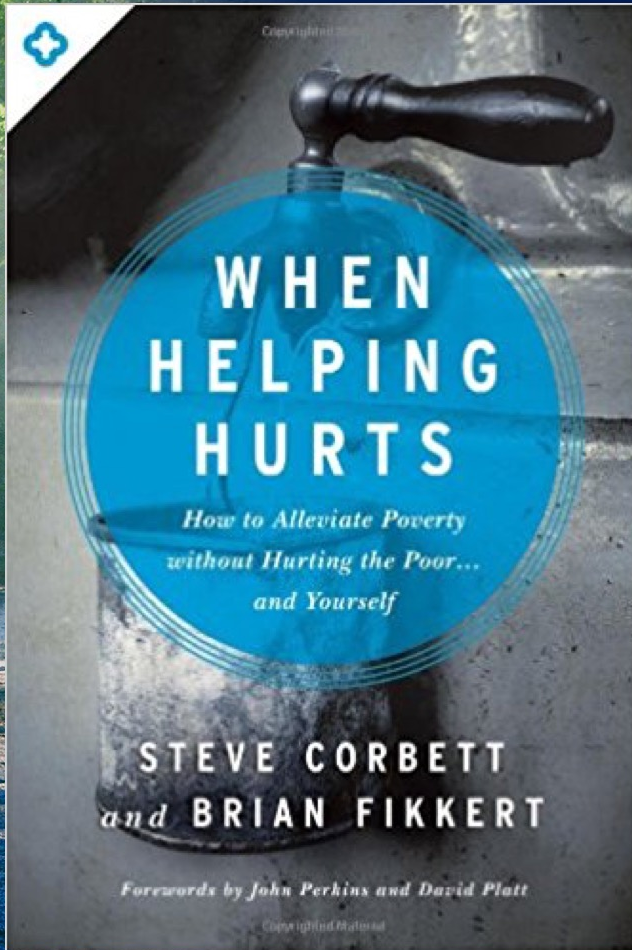


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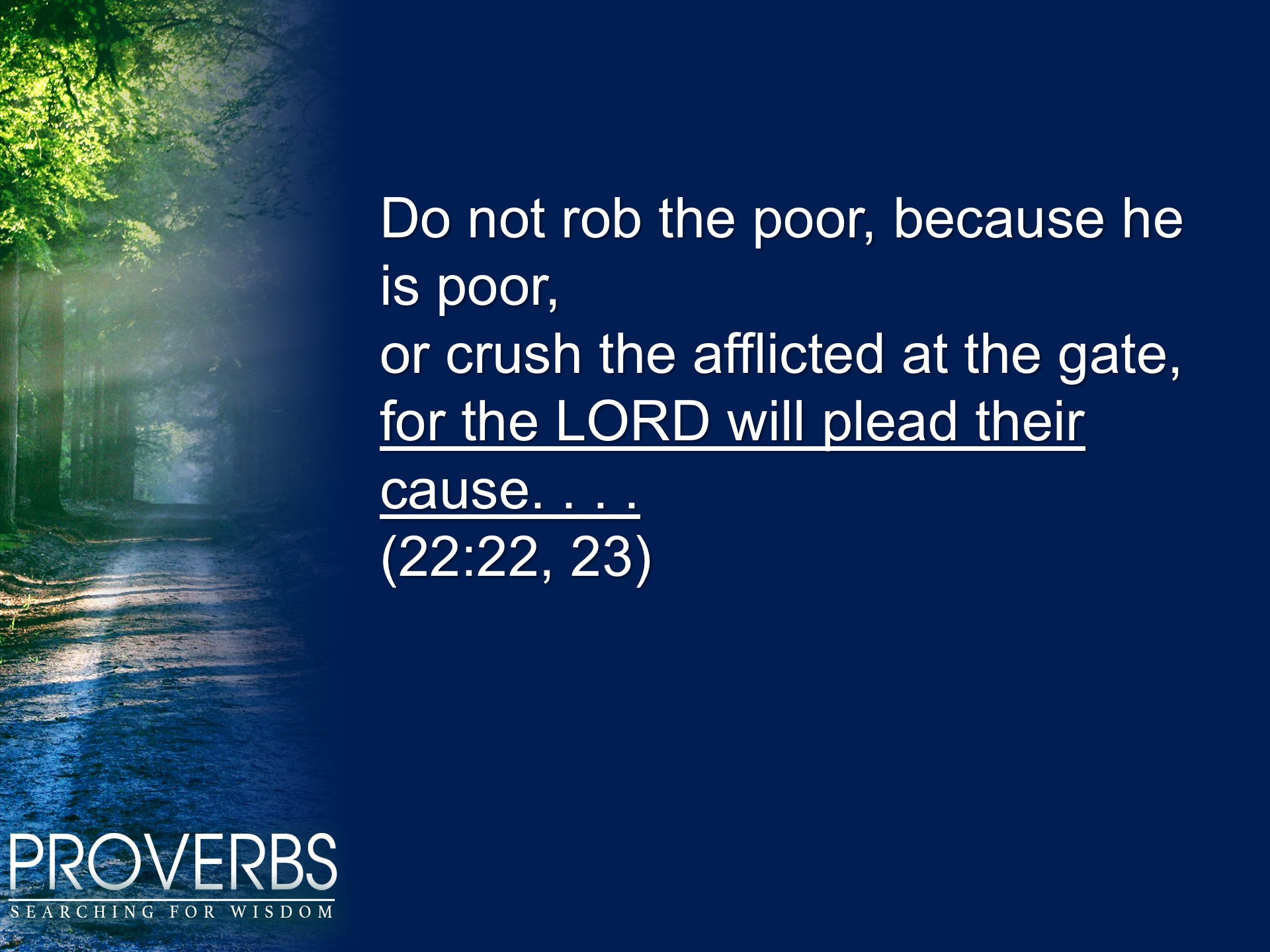
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More than ensuring that people have enough material things, [care for the poor] includes the harder task of empowering people to earn what they need through their own labor.

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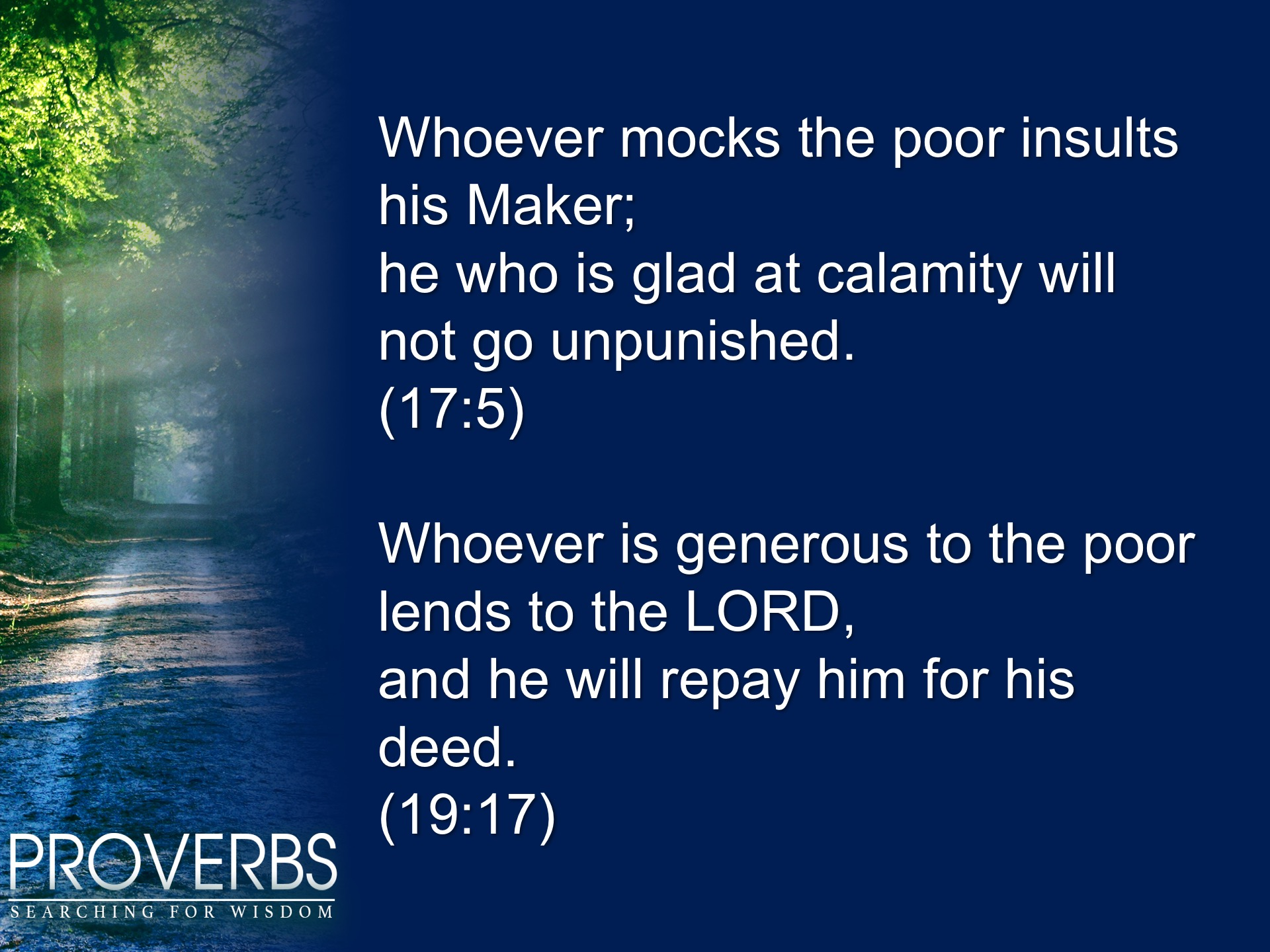
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Why America's Black Mothers and Babies Are in a Life-or-Death Crisis

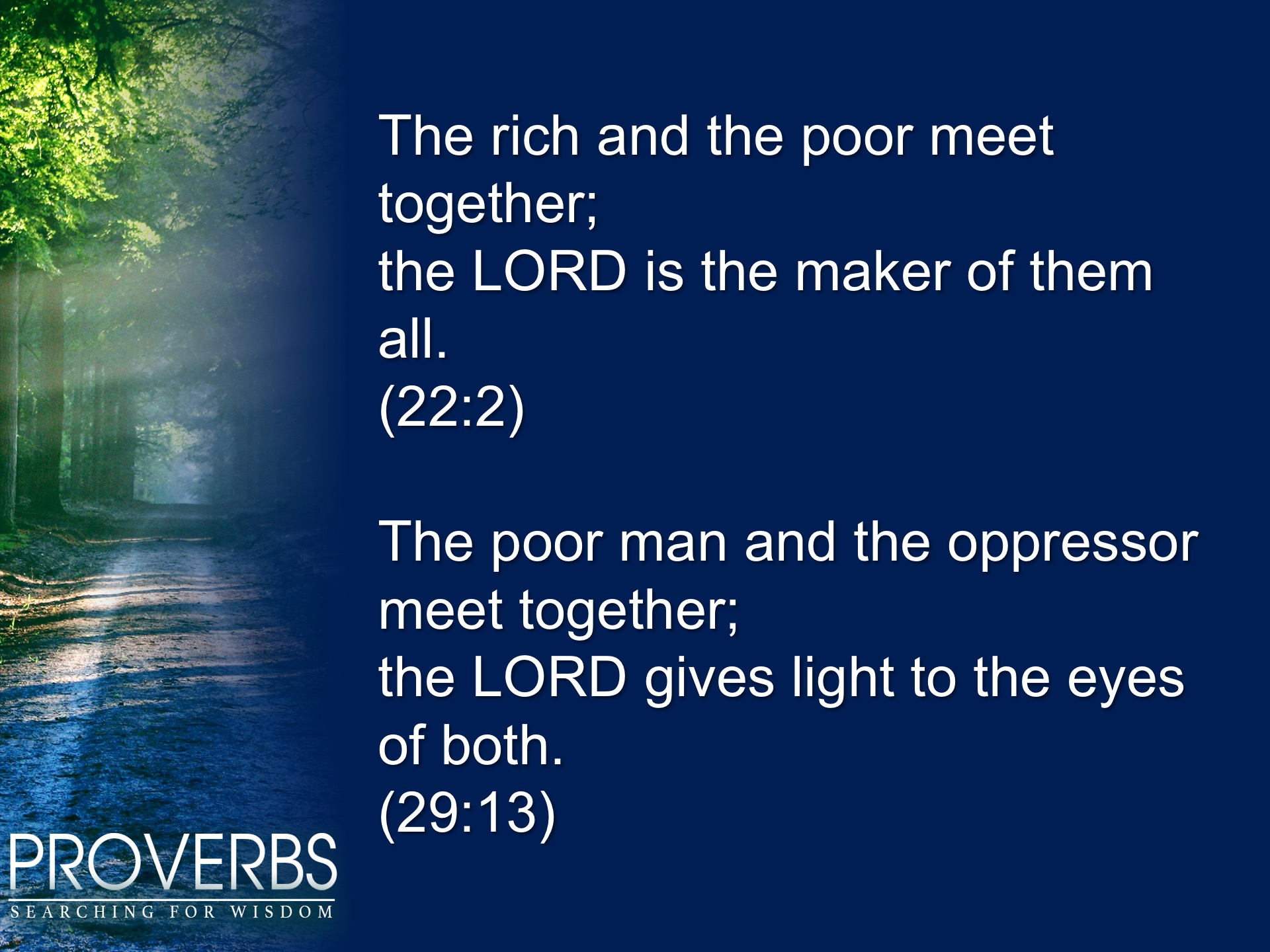
The answer to the disparity in death rates has everything to do with the lived experience of being a black woman in America.

By LINDA VILLAROSA APRIL 11, 2018

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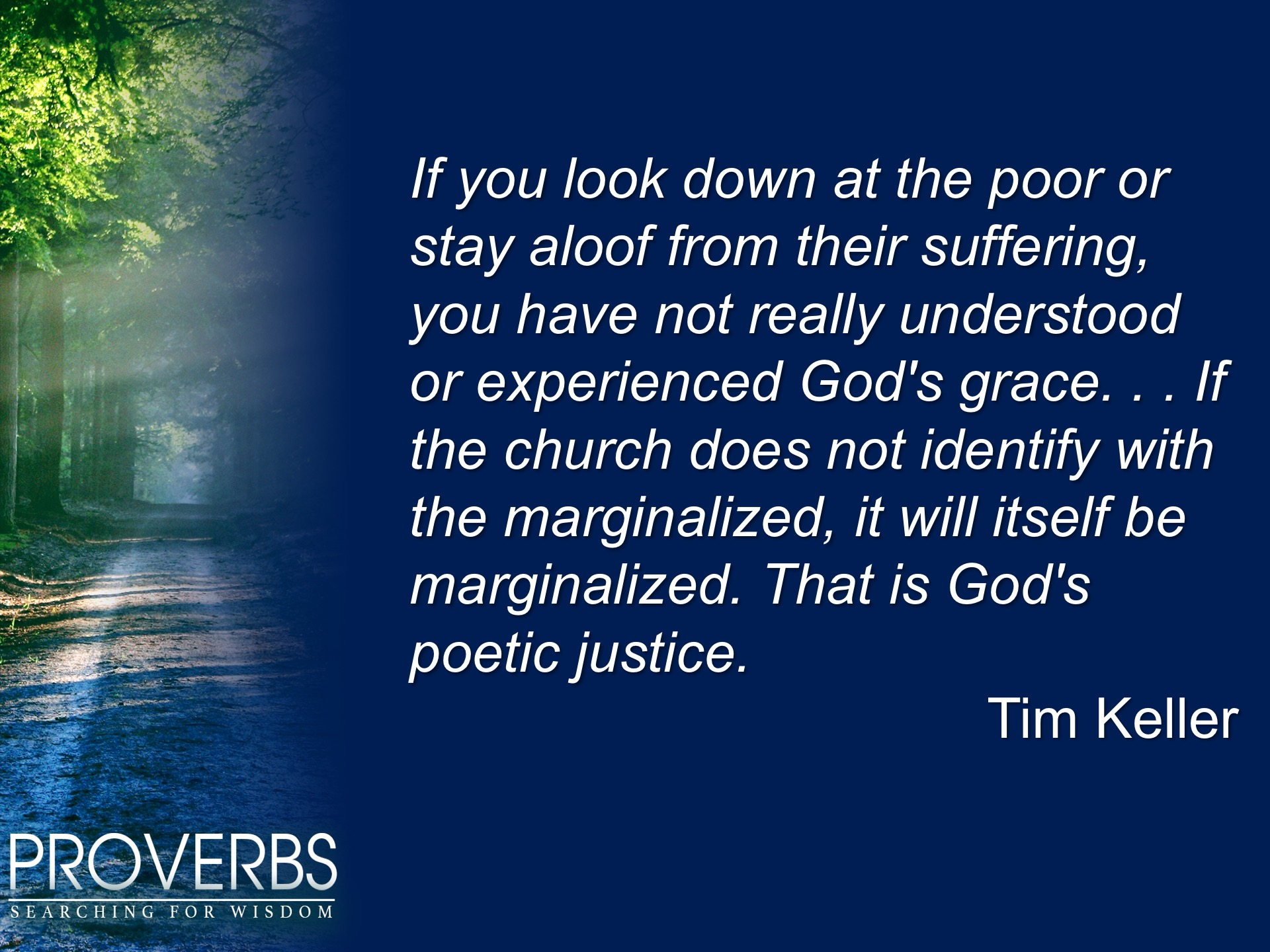
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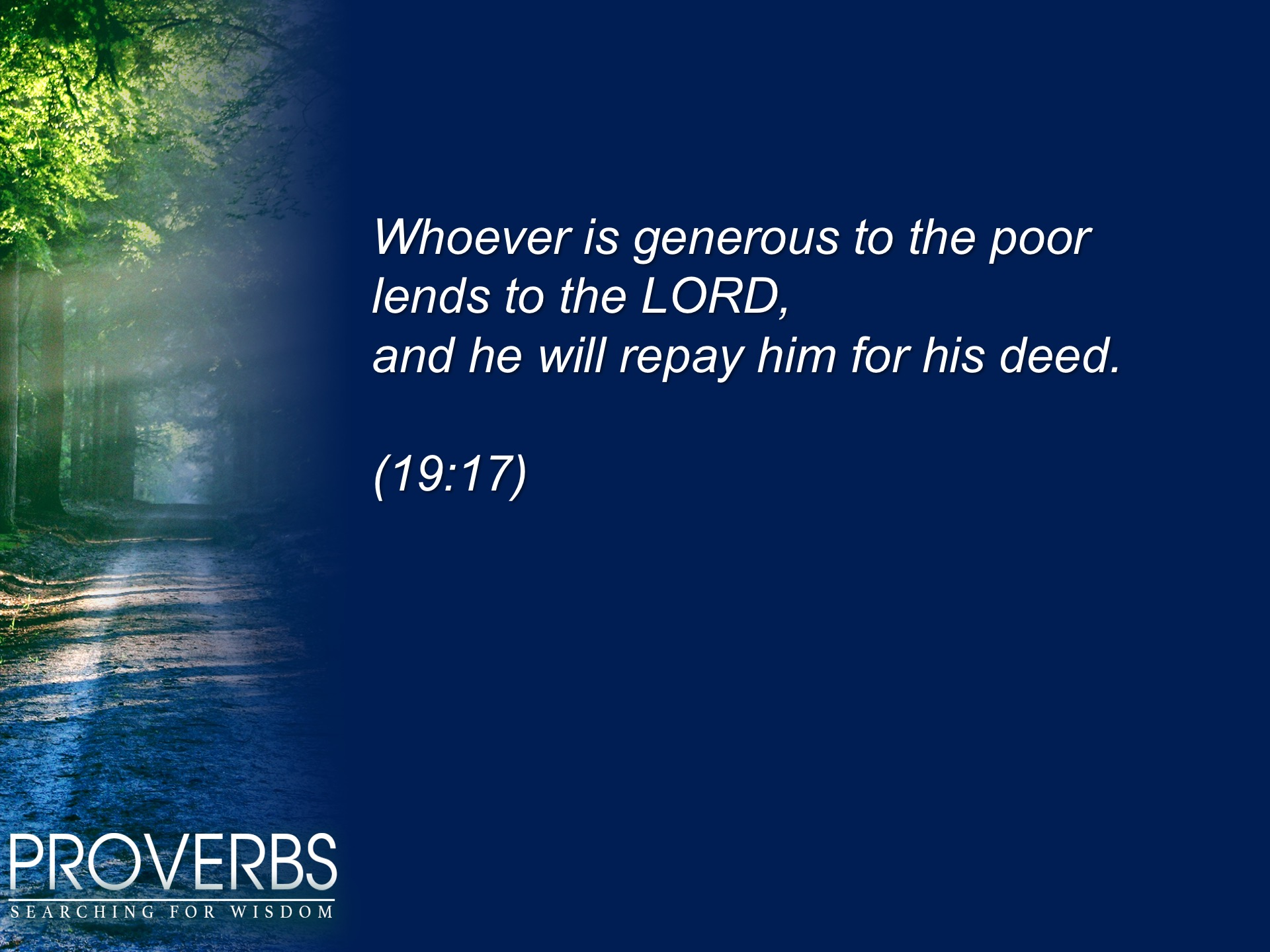
The rich and the poor meet
together;
the LORD is the maker of them
all.
(22:2)

The poor man and the oppressor
meet together;
the LORD gives light to the eyes
of both.
(29:13)

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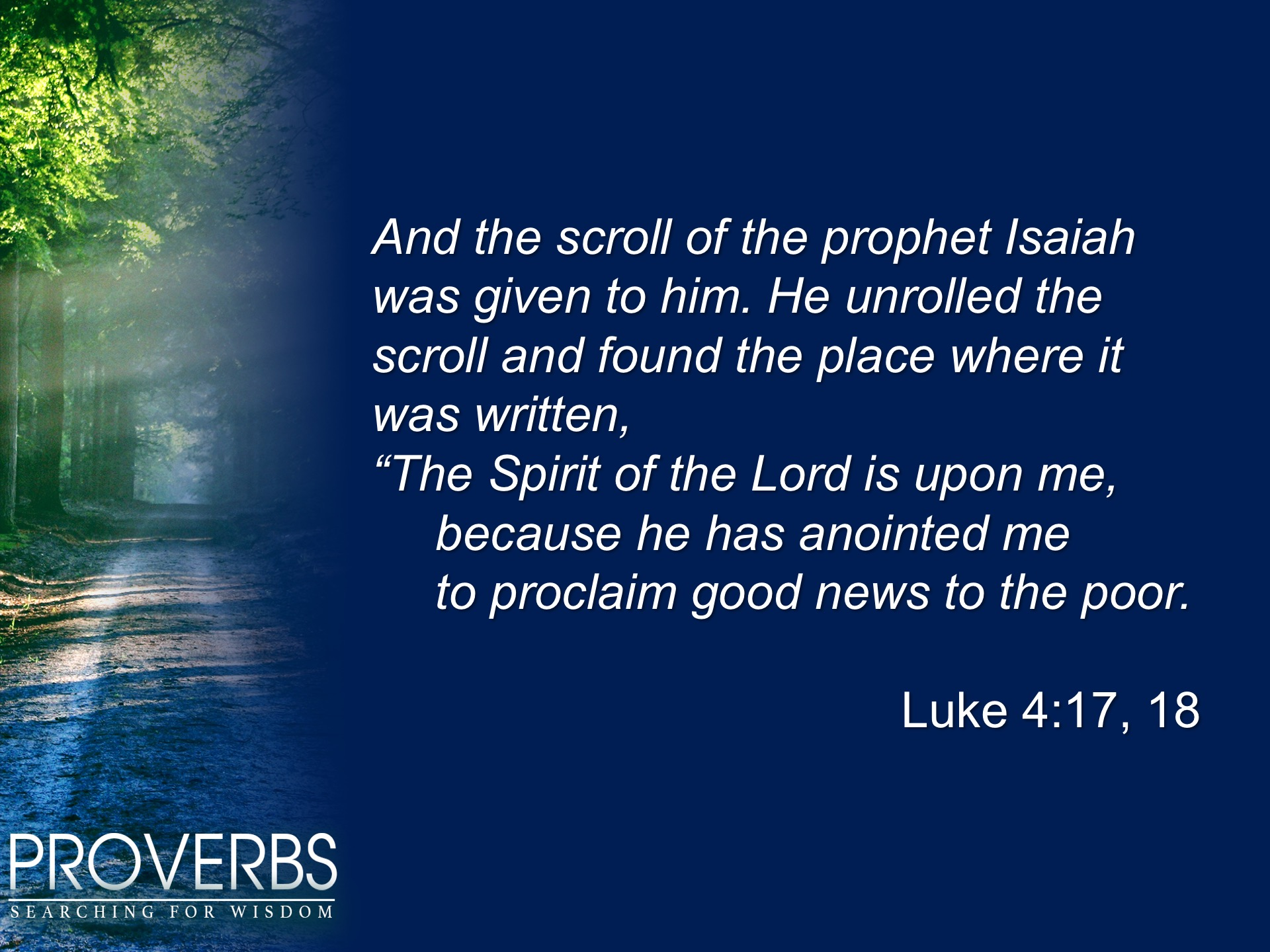
If you look down at the poor or stay aloof from their suffering, you have not really understood or experienced God's grace. . . . If the church does not identify with the marginalized, it will itself be marginalized. That is God's poetic justice.

Tim Keller

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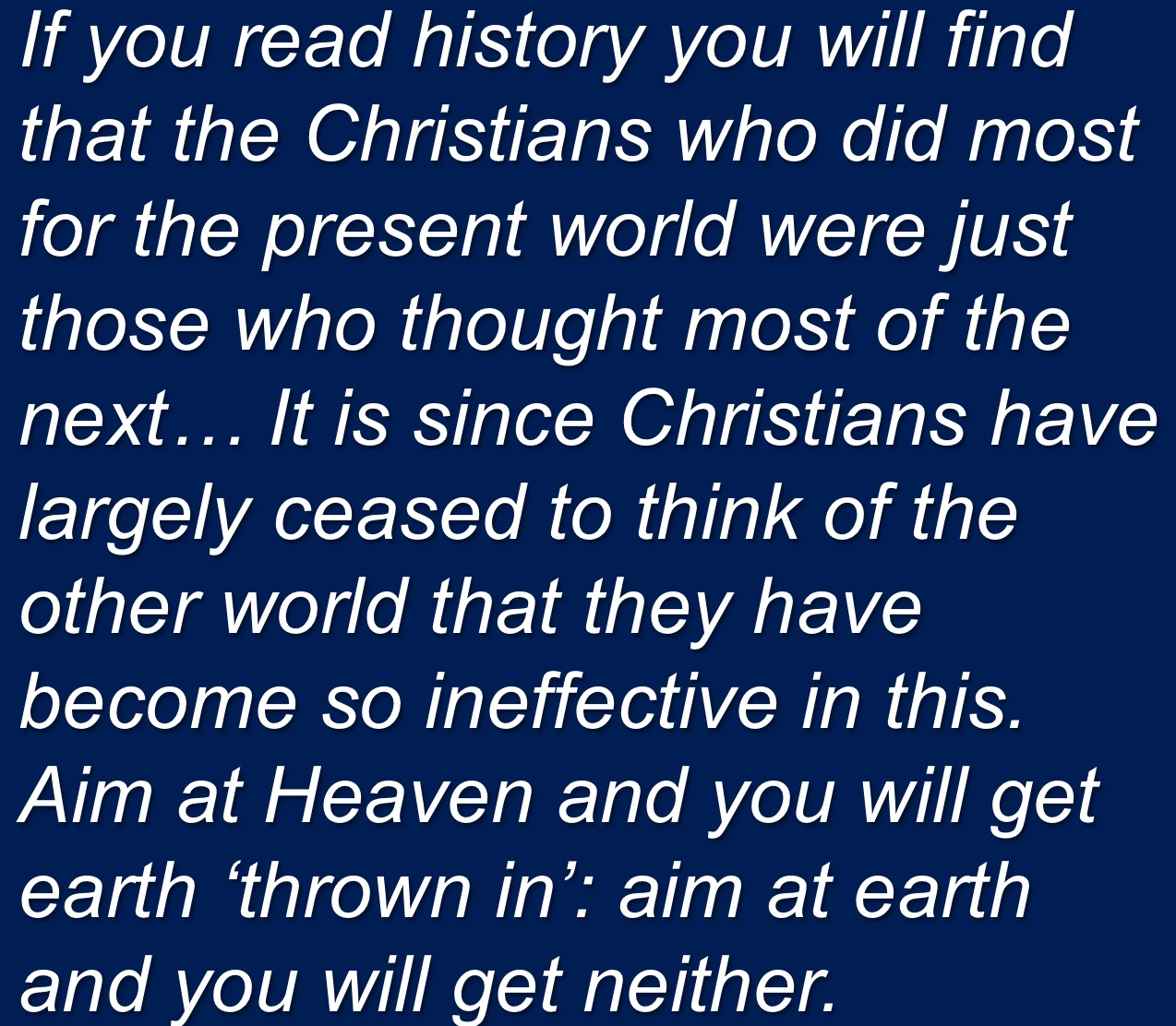
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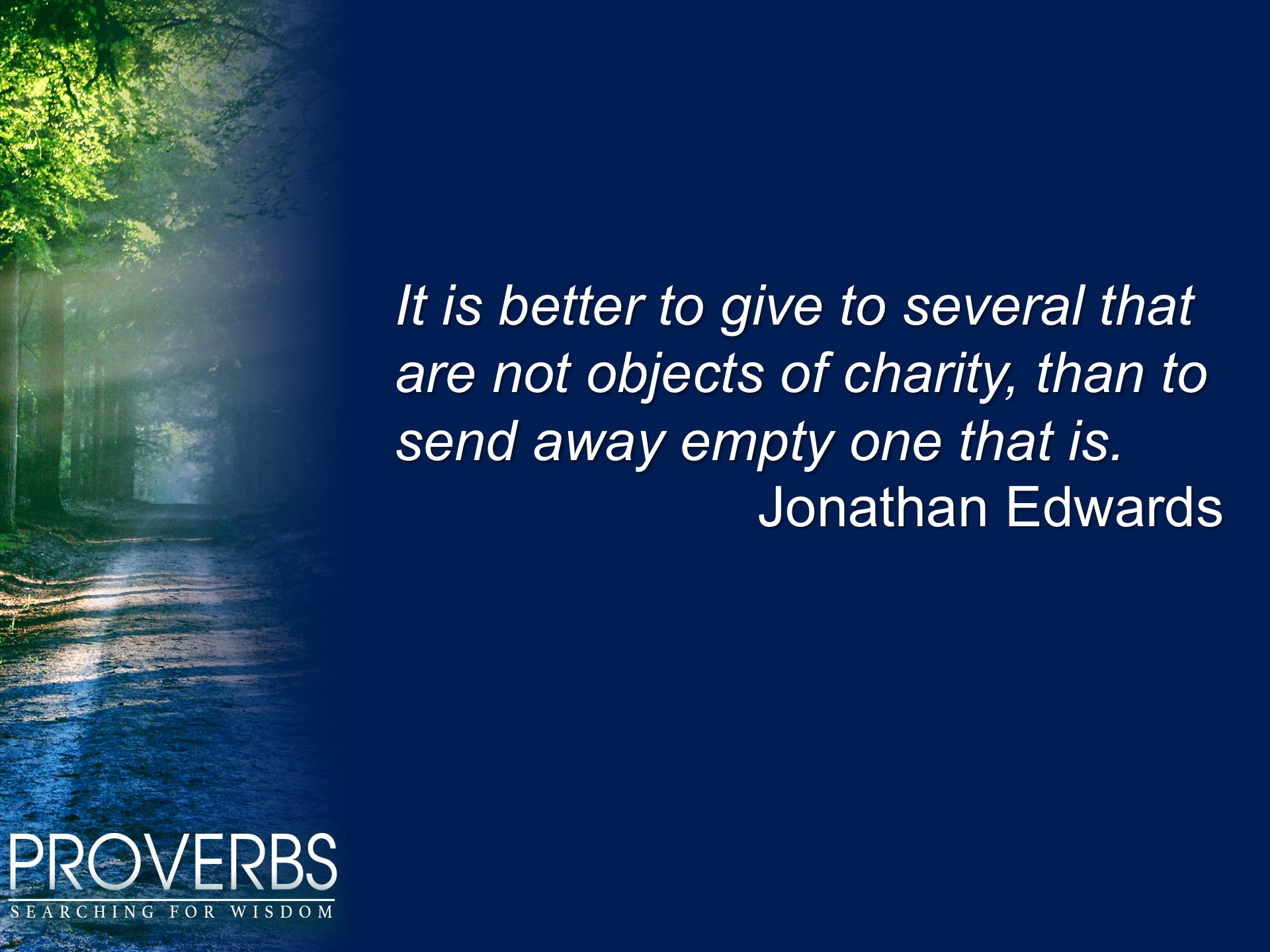
*And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.*

Luke 4:17, 18

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If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither.

C.S. Lewis

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*It is better to give to several that
are not objects of charity, than to
send away empty one that is.*

Jonathan Edwards



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Pope Francis helps relocate Syrian refugees

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Seeing the Pope help strangers made me tear up. Later I learned why.

