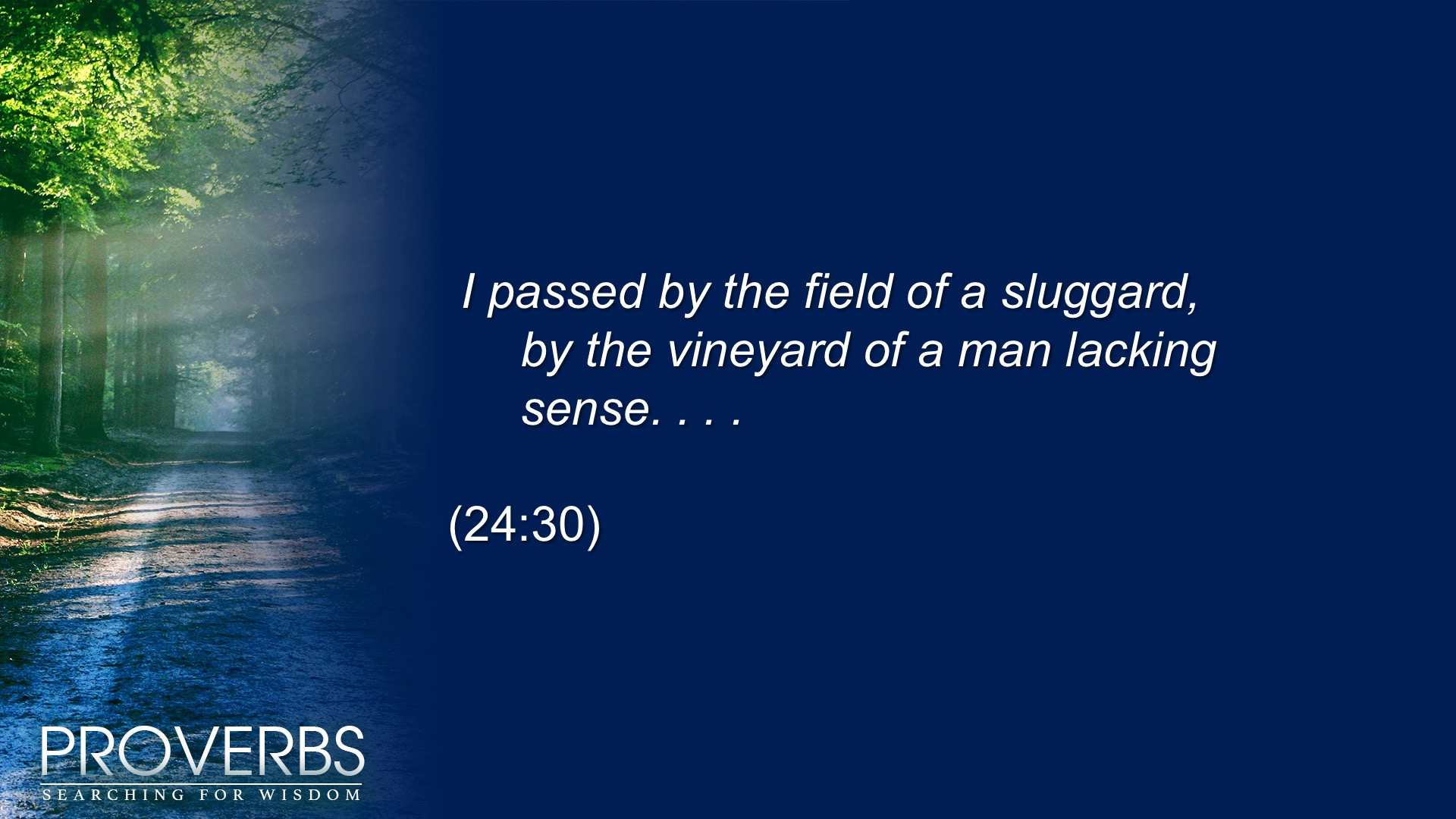




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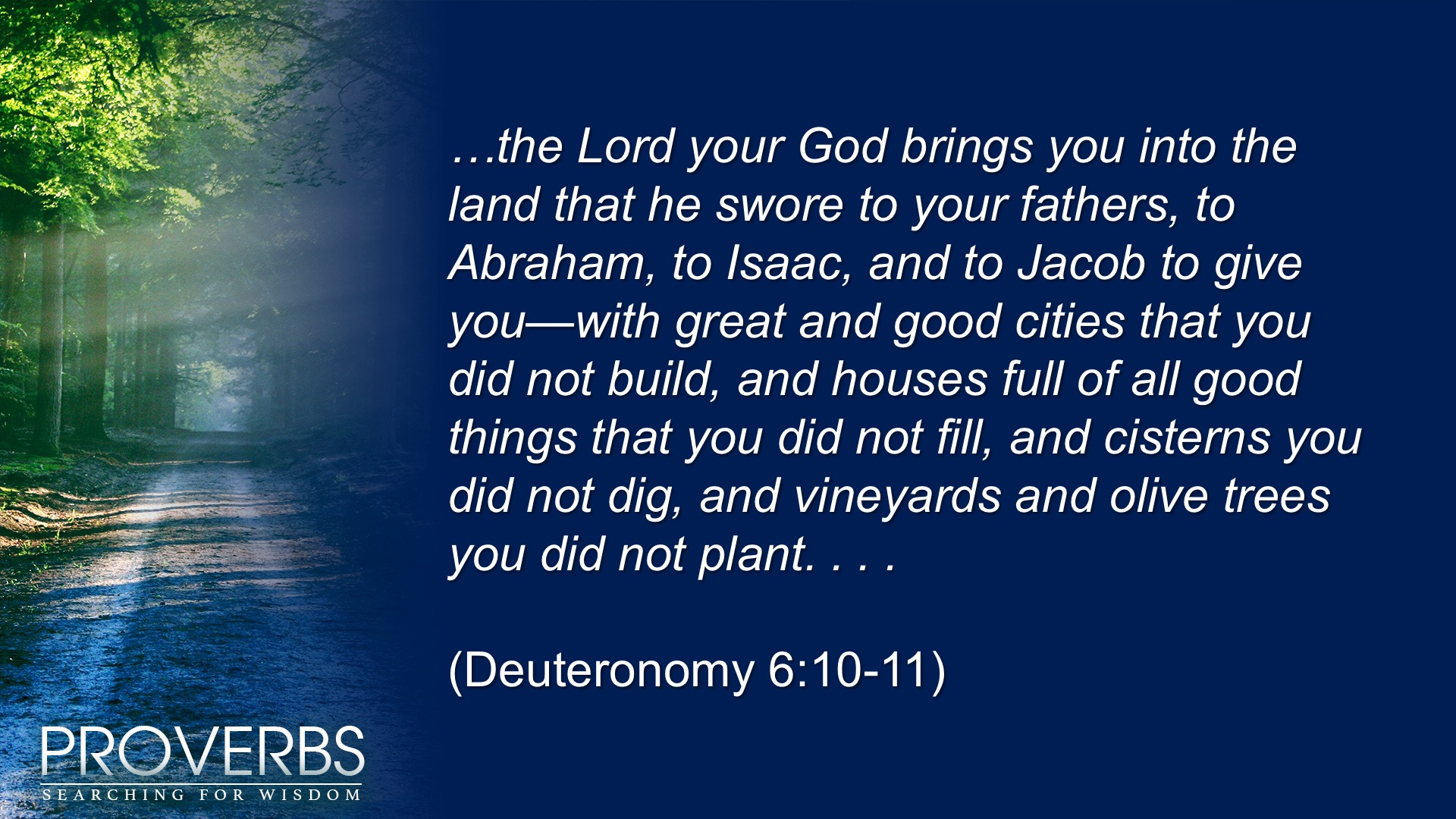
A misty forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a serene and atmospheric scene. The path is wet and reflects the light, leading the viewer's eye into the distance. The trees are tall and leafy, with a soft glow from the sunbeams.

*I passed by the field of a sluggard,
by the vineyard of a man lacking
sense. . . .*

(24:30)



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A misty forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a serene and ethereal atmosphere. The path is wet and reflects the light, leading the viewer's eye into the distance. The trees are tall and leafy, with green foliage. The overall tone is peaceful and contemplative.


...the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees you did not plant. . . .

(Deuteronomy 6:10-11)

A misty forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a serene and contemplative atmosphere. The path is wet and reflects the light, leading the viewer's eye into the distance. The trees are tall and leafy, with a soft glow from the sun on the left side.

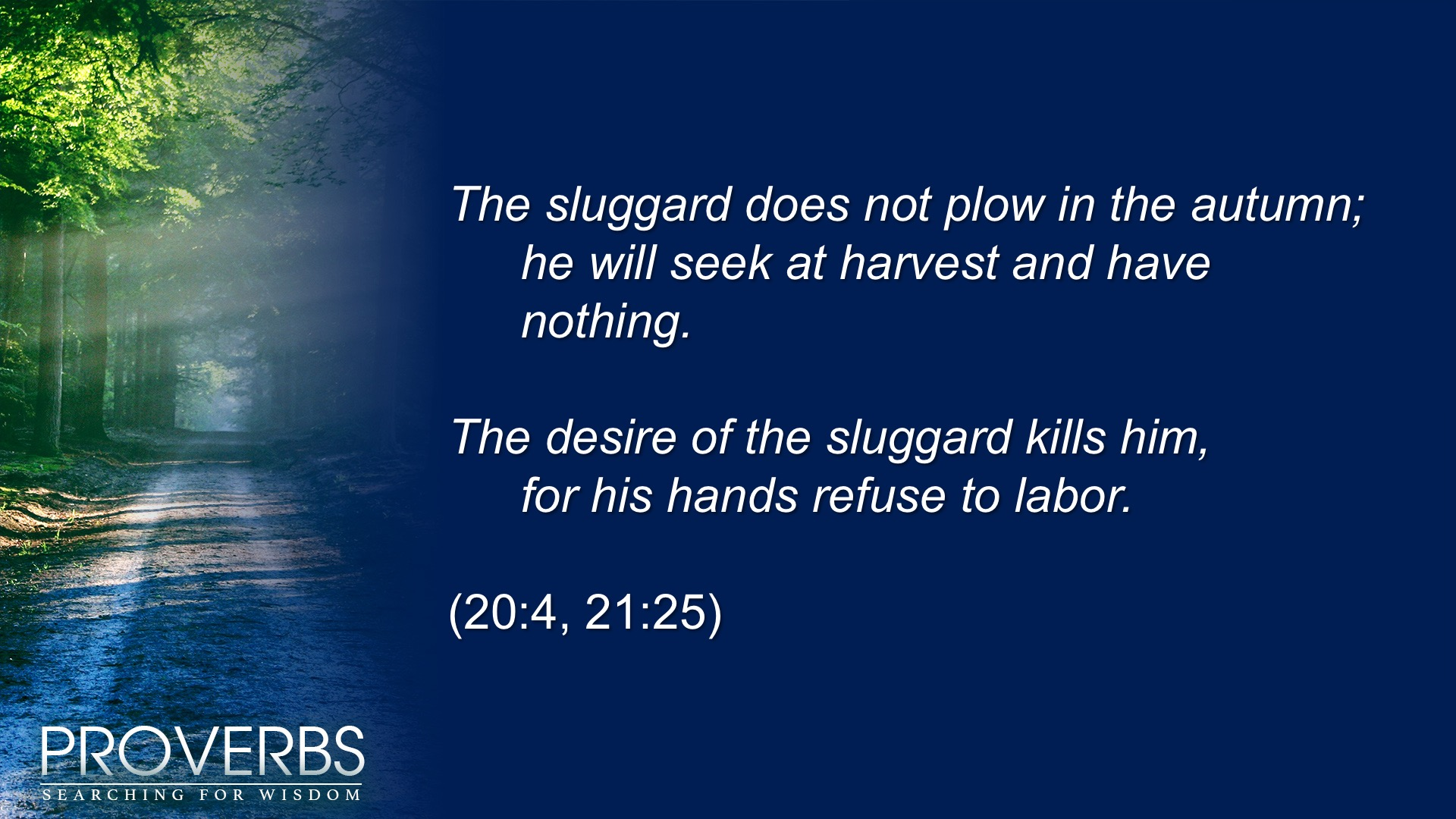
*How long will you lie there, O sluggard?
When will you arise from your sleep?*

(6:9)

A misty forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a serene and atmospheric scene. The path is wet and reflects the light, leading the viewer's eye into the distance. The trees are tall and leafy, with the sunlight creating a dappled effect on the ground.

*Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,
so is the sluggard to those who send him*

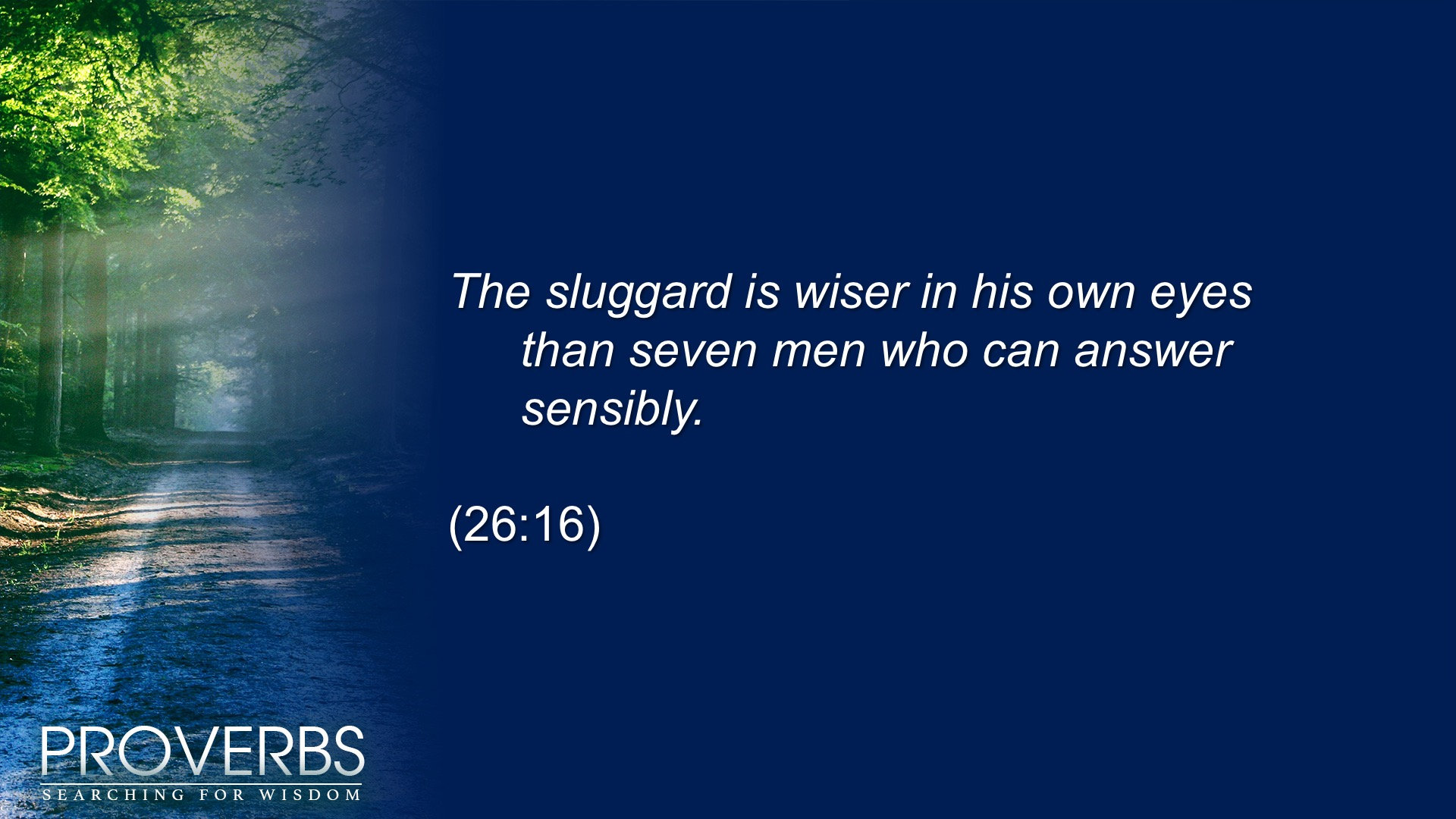
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*The sluggard does not plow in the autumn;
he will seek at harvest and have
nothing.*

*The desire of the sluggard kills him,
for his hands refuse to labor.*

(20:4, 21:25)

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*The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes
than seven men who can answer
sensibly.*

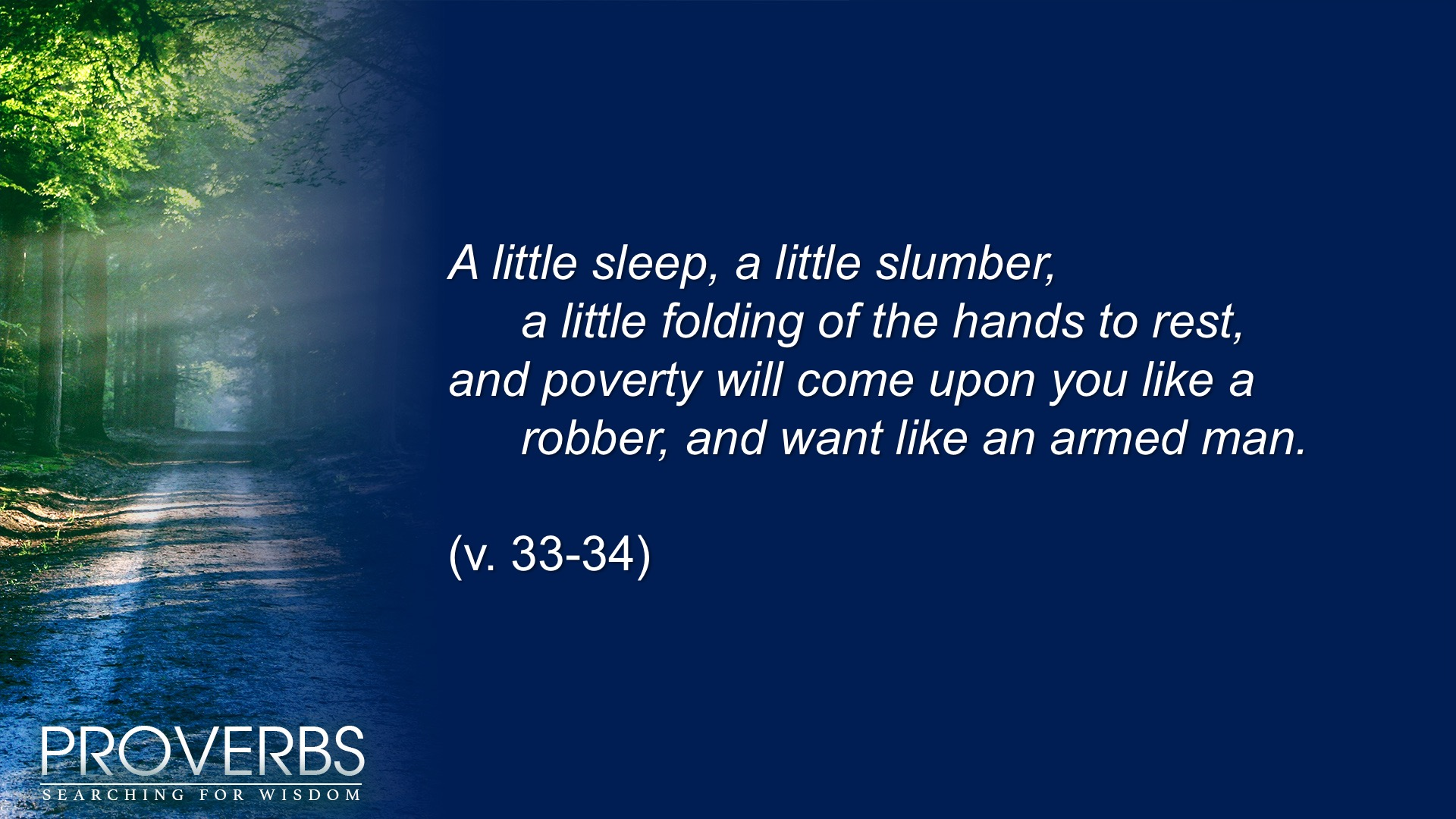
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A misty forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees. The path is narrow and appears to be made of dirt or stone, leading into the distance. The trees are tall and leafy, with sunlight creating a dappled effect on the ground. The overall atmosphere is serene and somewhat ethereal.

*and behold, it was all overgrown with
thorns;*

*the ground was covered with nettles,
and its stone wall was broken down.*

(v. 31)

A misty forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees. The path is wet and reflects the light. The trees are tall and thin, with green foliage. The background is a solid dark blue.

*A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest,
and poverty will come upon you like a
robber, and want like an armed man.*

(v. 33-34)



C.S. Lewis

The woman who makes a dog the centre of her life loses, in the end, not only her human usefulness and dignity but even the proper pleasure of dog-keeping. The man who makes alcohol his chief good loses not only his job but his palate and all power of enjoying the earlier (and only pleasurable) levels of intoxication... . You can't get second things by putting them first. You get second things only by putting first things first.

A misty forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a serene and ethereal atmosphere. The path is wet and reflects the light, leading the viewer's eye into the distance. The trees are tall and slender, with their leaves creating a canopy overhead.

*Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.*

(4:23)



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A misty forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees. The path is wet and reflects the light. The trees are tall and thin, with green leaves. The background is a solid dark blue.

*Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love,
but a faithful man who can find?*

(20:6)