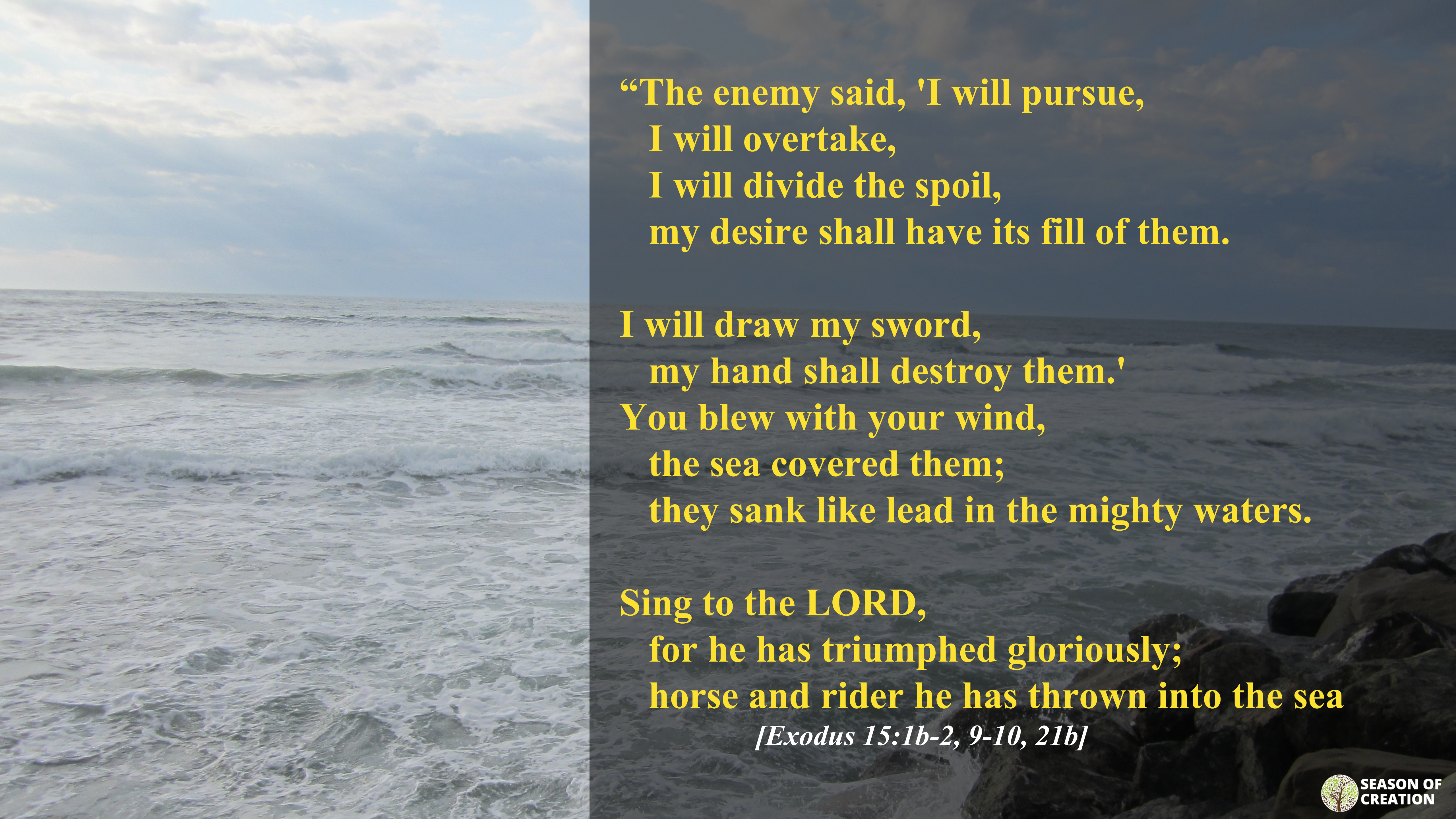


**"I will sing to the LORD,  
for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.**

**The LORD is my strength and my might,  
and he has become my salvation;  
This is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.**

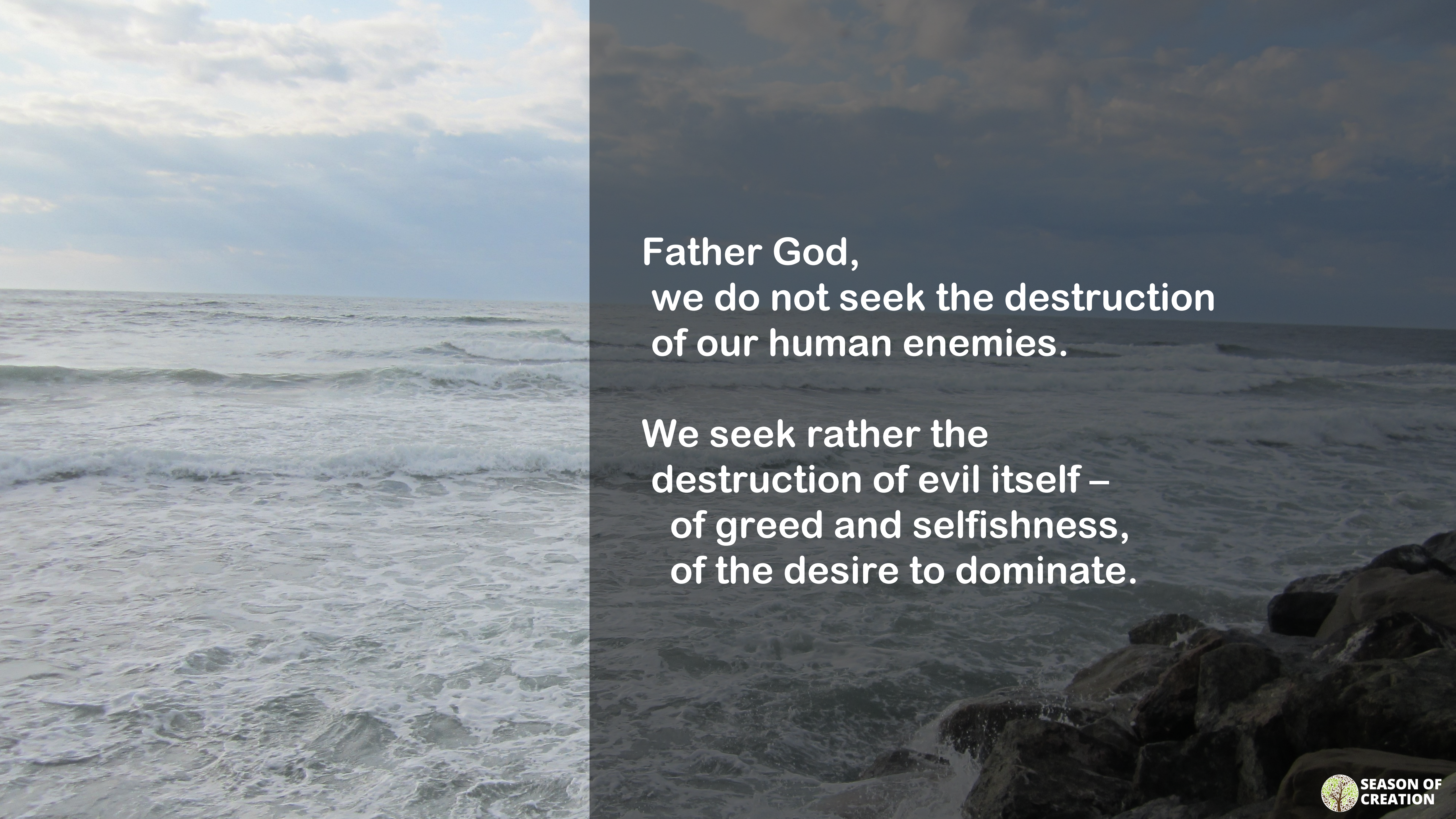


**“The enemy said, 'I will pursue,  
I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil,  
my desire shall have its fill of them.**

**I will draw my sword,  
my hand shall destroy them.'**  
**You blew with your wind,  
the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.**

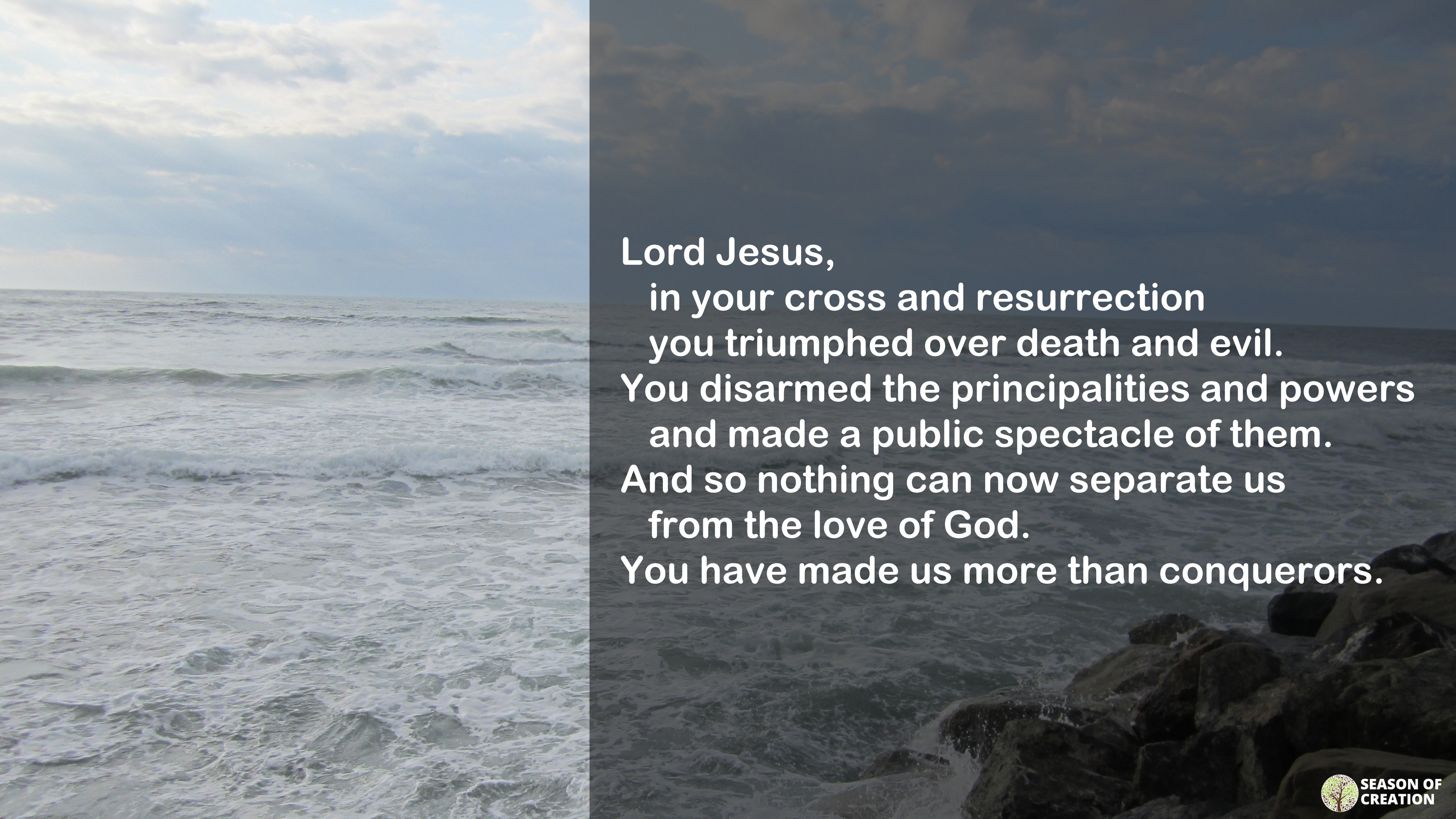
**Sing to the LORD,  
for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea**

*[Exodus 15:1b-2, 9-10, 21b]*



Father God,  
we do not seek the destruction  
of our human enemies.

We seek rather the  
destruction of evil itself –  
of greed and selfishness,  
of the desire to dominate.



Lord Jesus,  
in your cross and resurrection  
you triumphed over death and evil.  
You disarmed the principalities and powers  
and made a public spectacle of them.  
And so nothing can now separate us  
from the love of God.  
You have made us more than conquerors.

A photograph of a rocky coastline with waves crashing against the shore under a cloudy sky. The image is split vertically: the left side shows the natural scene, and the right side is a dark overlay with white text.

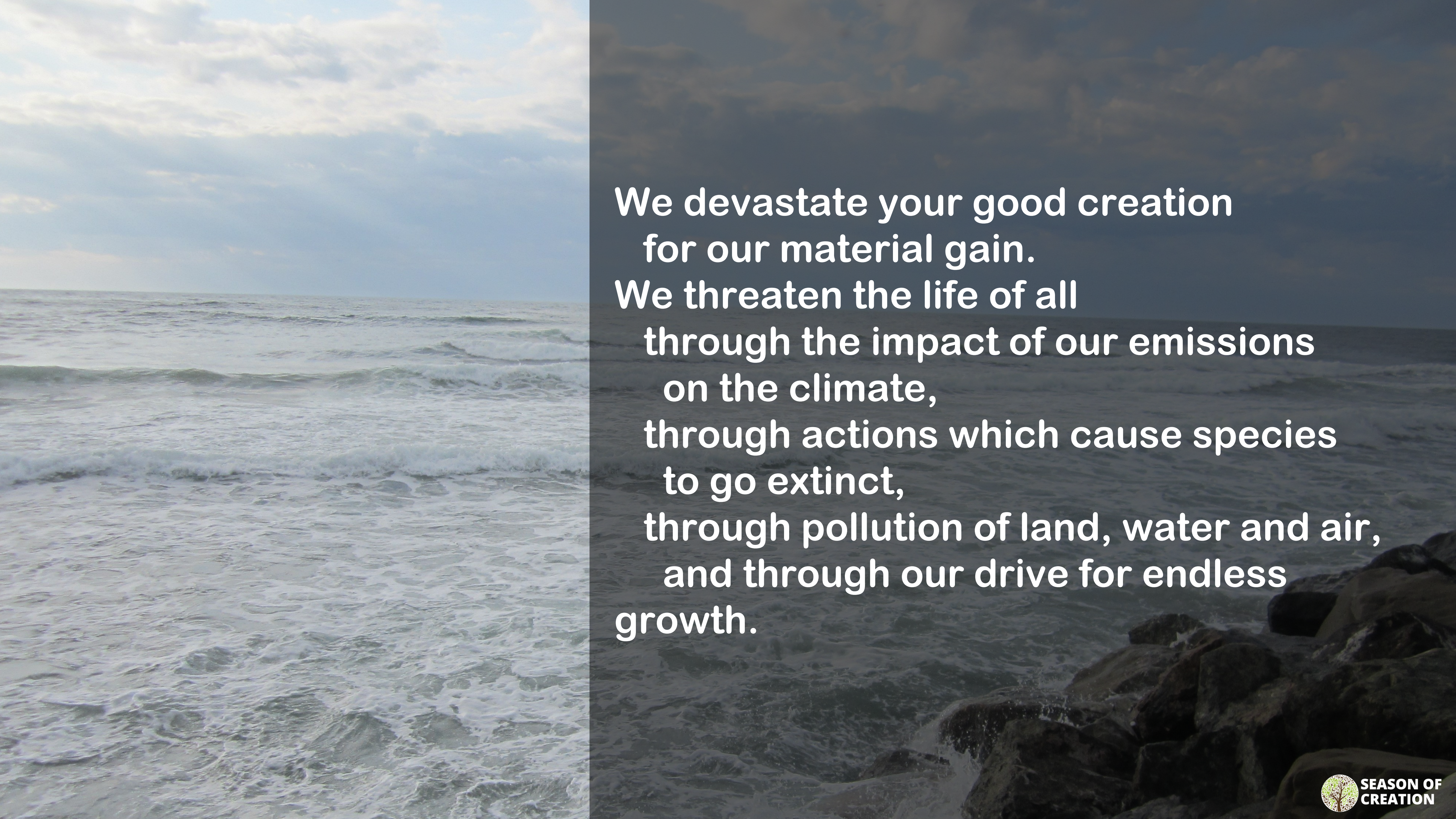
**And yet we act as if that is not enough.**

**We want more;**

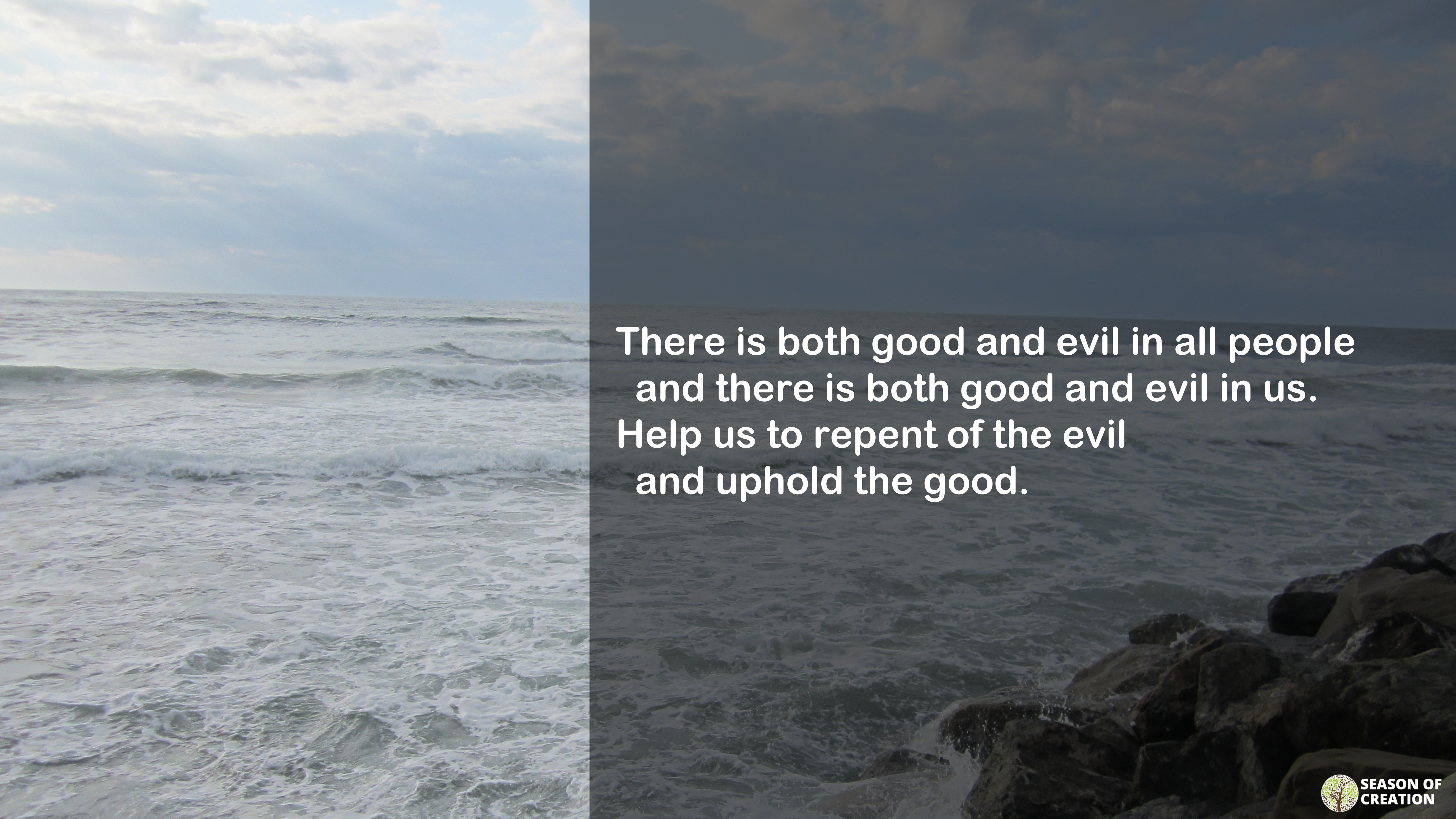
**we seek control and dominance.**

**We put our desires and appetites  
above others' needs.**

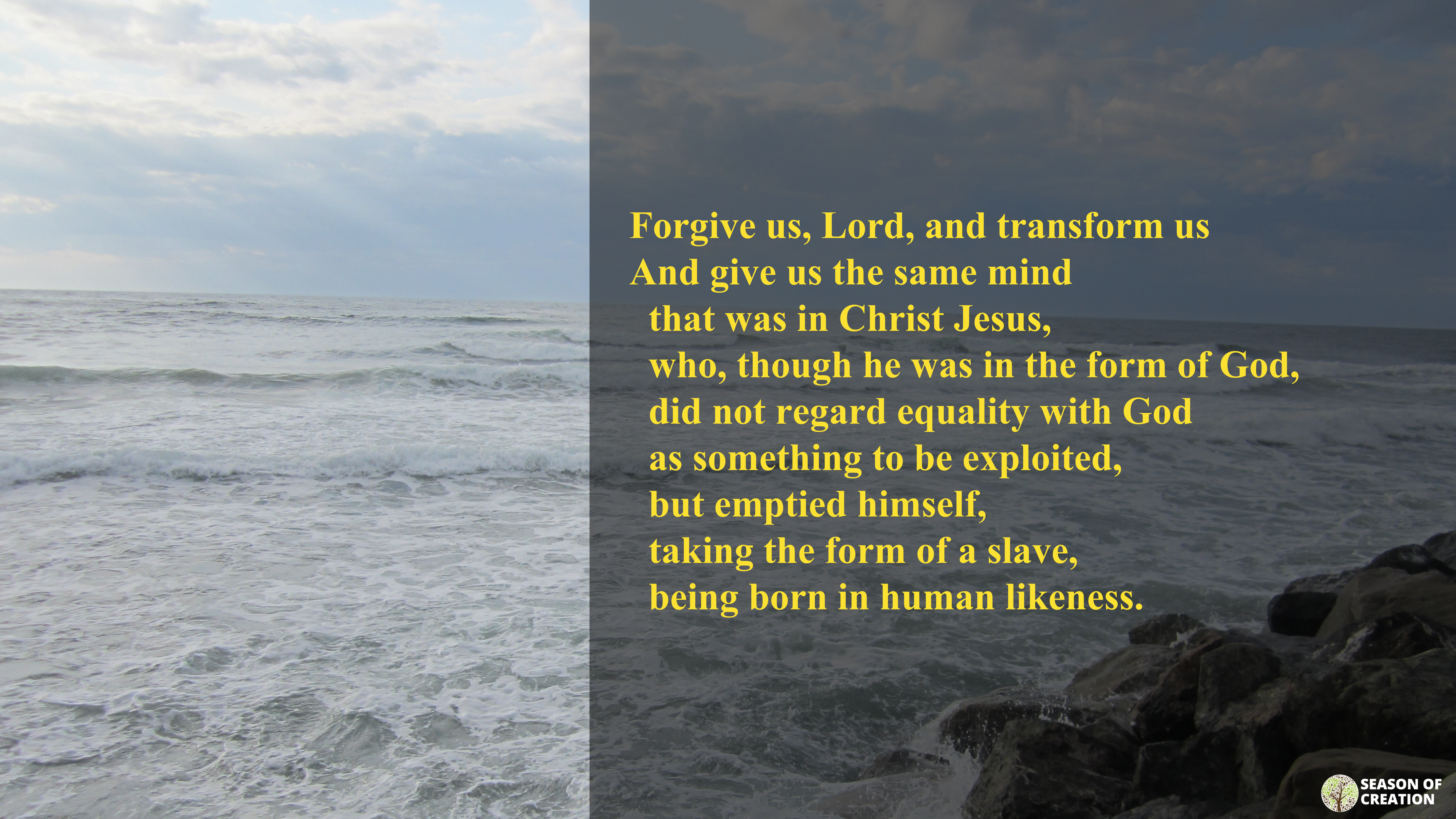
**We claim exclusive control  
of the bounty you created for sharing.**



We devastate your good creation  
for our material gain.  
We threaten the life of all  
through the impact of our emissions  
on the climate,  
through actions which cause species  
to go extinct,  
through pollution of land, water and air,  
and through our drive for endless  
growth.


A coastal scene with waves crashing against rocks under a cloudy sky. The image is split vertically: the left side shows a bright, overcast sky and white-capped waves, while the right side is a dark, moody overlay with the same scene. The text is centered on the dark overlay.

There is both good and evil in all people  
and there is both good and evil in us.  
Help us to repent of the evil  
and uphold the good.

A coastal scene with waves crashing against rocks under a cloudy sky. The image is split vertically: the left side shows a bright, overcast sky and white-capped waves, while the right side is a dark, moody overlay with the same scene. The text is overlaid on the dark right side.

**Forgive us, Lord, and transform us  
And give us the same mind  
that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.**





**And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death —  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*[Philippians 2:5-11]*



Amen.