

A photograph of a desert landscape featuring rolling sand dunes in the foreground and a range of mountains in the distance under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

For there must needs be  
opposition in all things.

II Nephi 1:80-83

# Opposition in all things

II Nephi 1: 88-93

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If no law – no sin

If no sin – no righteousness

If no righteousness – no happiness

If no righteousness/happiness – no punishment/misery

If these things are not – no God.

No God – no people, no earth

For there is a God, and he hath created all things,  
both the heavens and the earth, and all things  
that in them is;

Both things to act, and things to be acted upon;

And to bring about his eternal purposed in the end of man, after he  
had created our first parents...and in fine, all things which are created,  
it must needs be that there was an opposition;

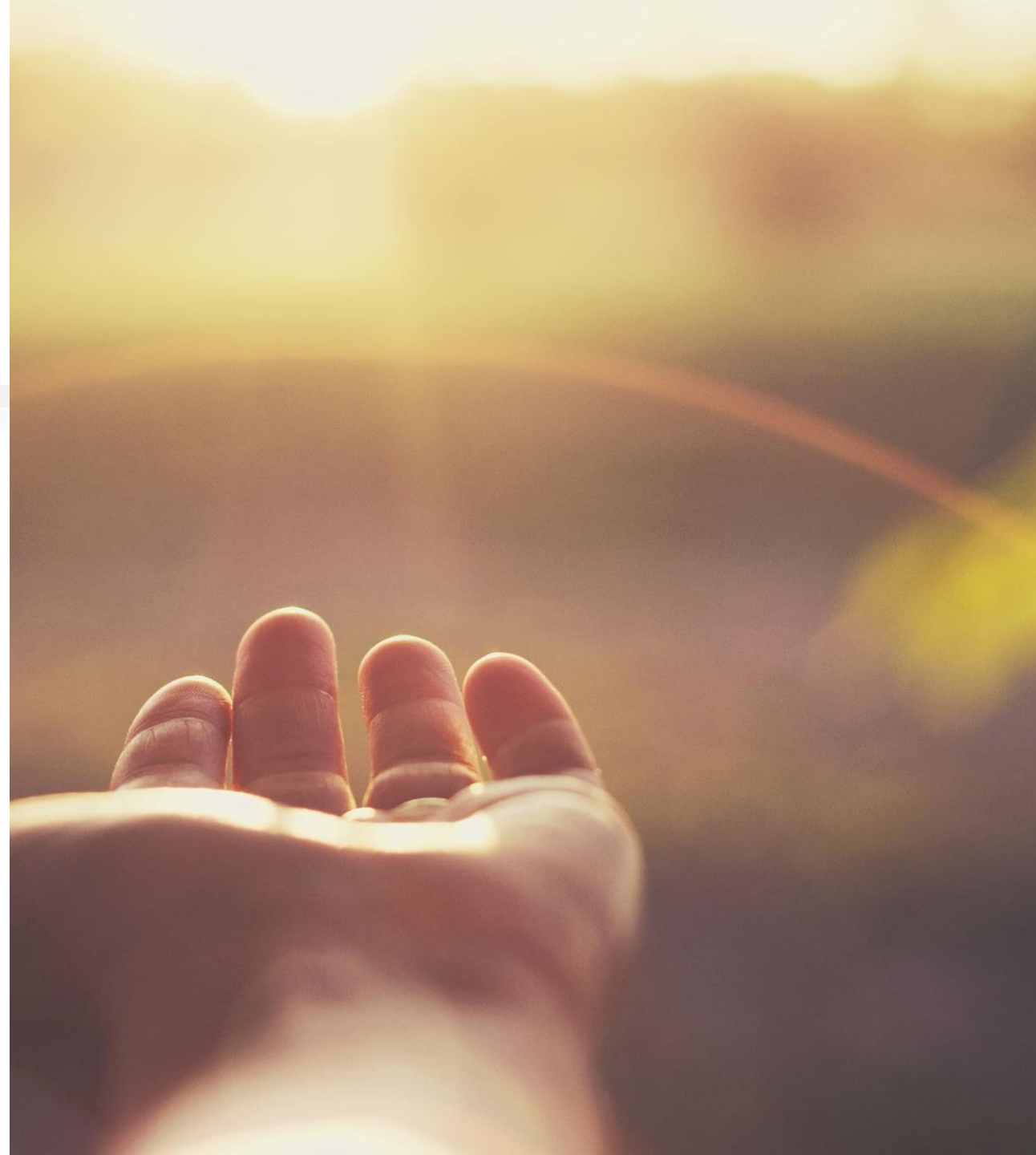
Even the forbidden fruit in opposition to the tree of life; the one being  
sweet and the other bitter.

II Nephi 1:95-98

# Agency

Wherefore, the Lord  
God gave unto man,  
that he should act  
for himself.

II Nephi 1: 99



# Adam and Eve

Opposition in all things

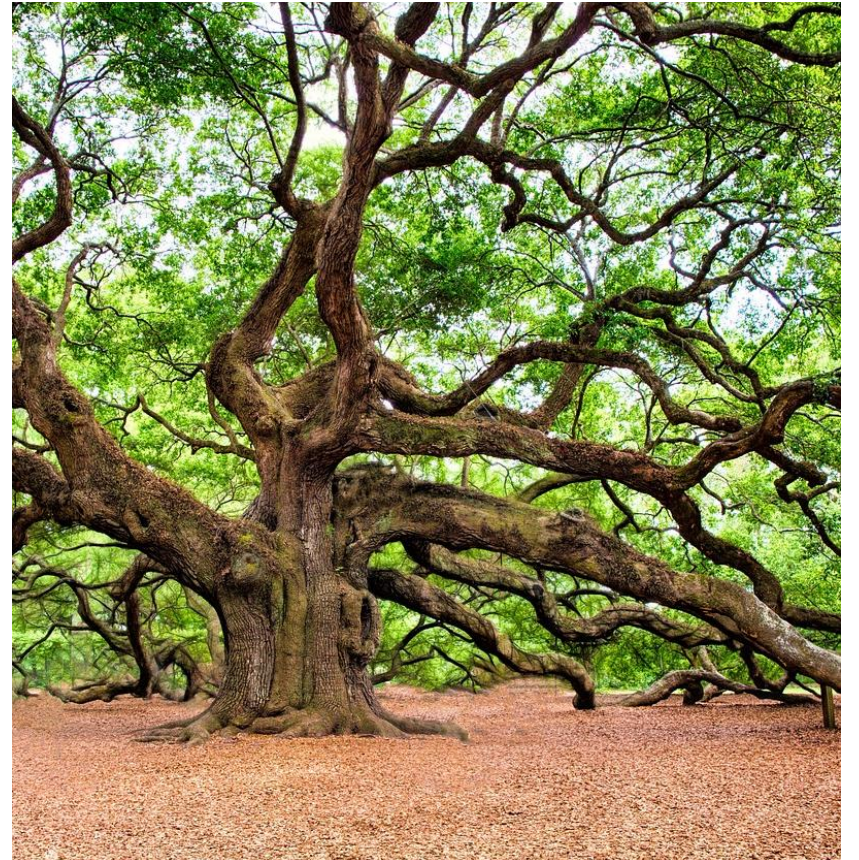
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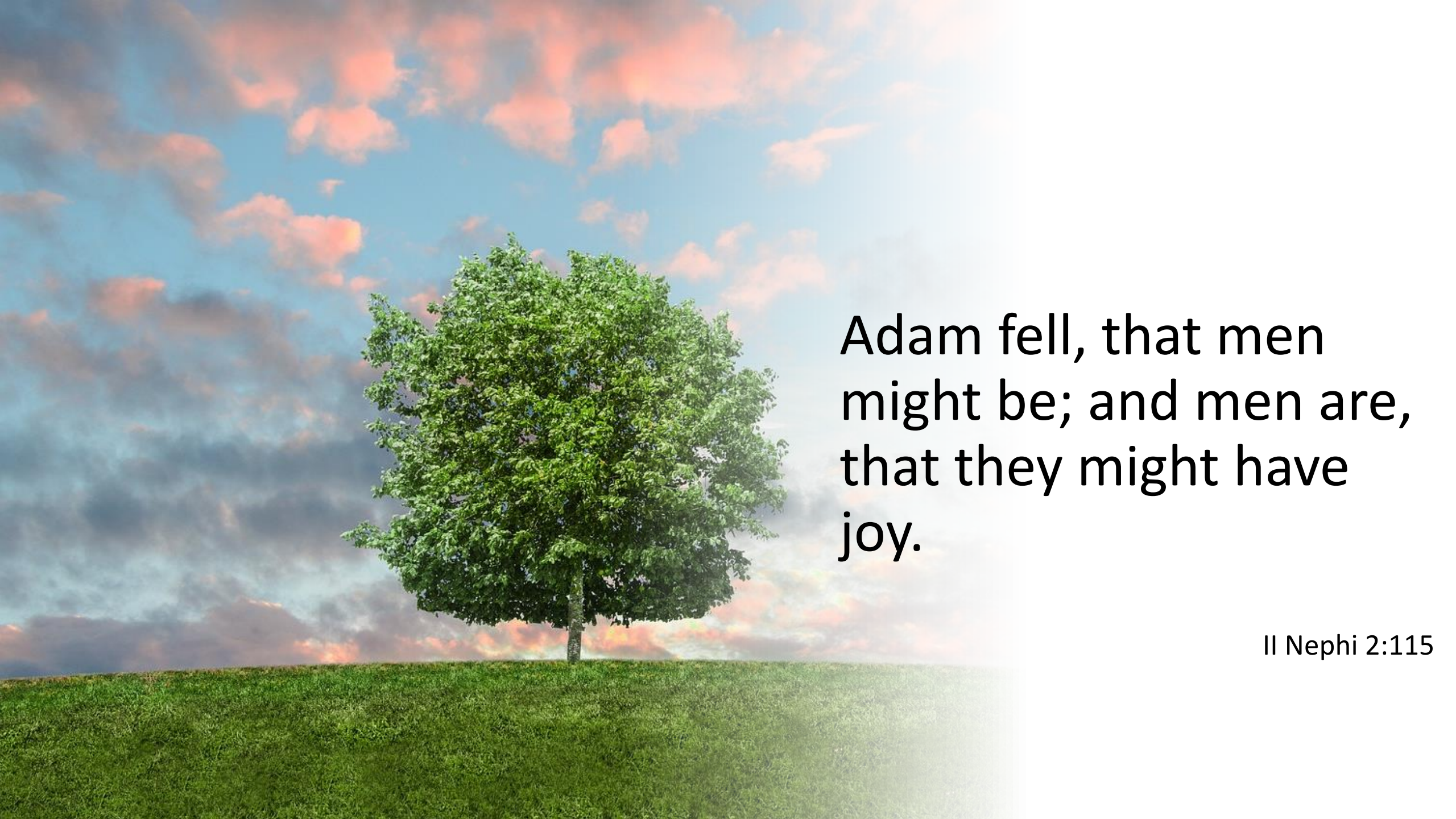
No transgression – no fall

No fall – all things remain same

No joy – because no misery

No good – because no sin



A single, full-canopied green tree stands on a grassy hill. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds in shades of blue, orange, and pink, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

Adam fell, that men  
might be; and men are,  
that they might have  
joy.

II Nephi 2:115

# Freedom

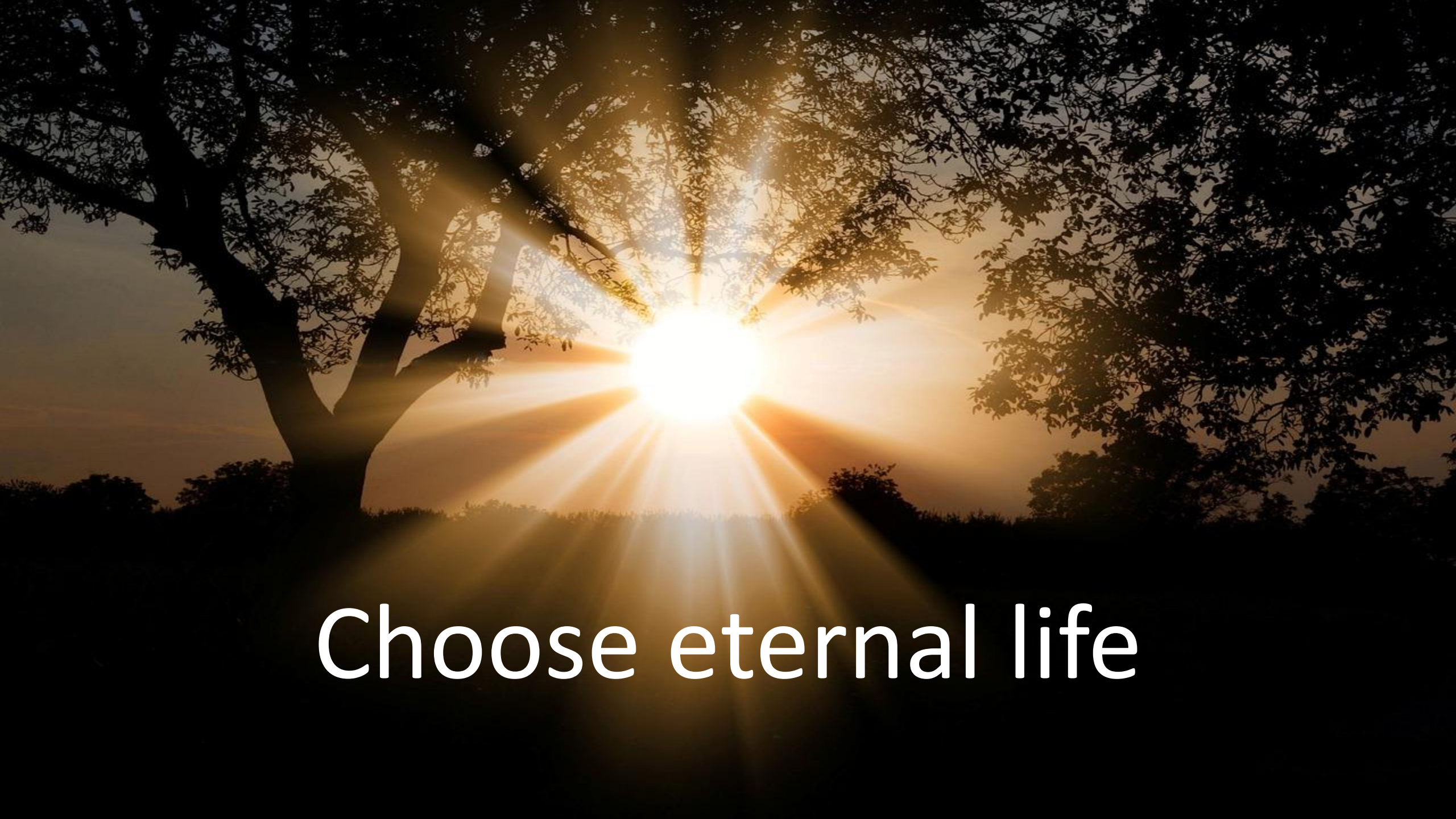
II Nephi 1: 117-120

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And because they are redeemed from the fall, they have become free for ever, knowing good from evil;

To act for themselves, and not to be acted upon (except in final judgement according to the commandments).

Free to choose liberty and eternal life [through Jesus], or to choose captivity and death.



Choose eternal life



# *To Joseph*

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Descendent of Joseph who saw  
their day



# Promise to Joseph of Egypt

## II Nephi 2, Genesis 50

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Righteous branch raised up unto house of Israel

Broken off, but remembered in the covenants

Messiah made manifest to them in the latter days

Seer raised up from the fruit of Joseph's loins

# Writings of Joseph Writings of Judah

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II Nephi 2:19-23

Confounding of false doctrine

Laying down of contentions

Establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins

Bringing them to a knowledge of their fathers in latter days

Bringing them to a knowledge of the covenants

# *To the grandkids*

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Laman and Lemuel's children

II Nephi 3: 11-16

- If brought up on in the way they should go, won't depart from it
- If cursed, taken from them and put on parents
- Their seed won't perish – God will be merciful forever





# Nephi's prayer

II Nephi 3: 31-66

Repentance

Praise

God's mercy

Request for deliverance

Commitment



I know that God will give liberally to him that asketh.

Yea, my God will give me, if I ask not amiss: therefore I will cry unto thee, my God, the rock of my righteousness. Behold, my voice shall forever ascend up unto thee, my rock and mine everlasting God.

II Nephi 3:64-66

# Next Sunday

II Nephi 5-6