

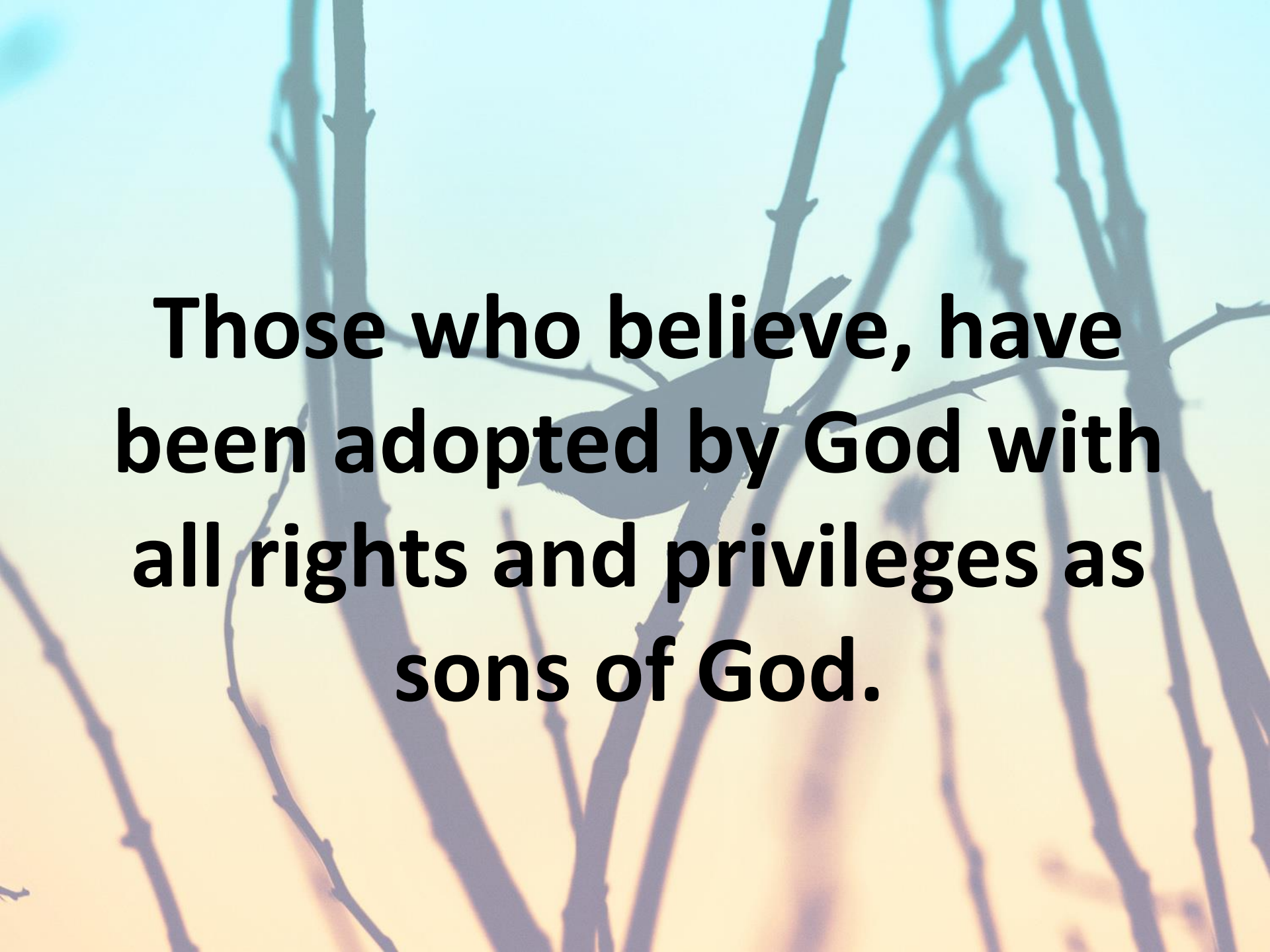


# FREEDOM BY FAITH

A STUDY OF GALATIANS

A silhouette of a bird perched on a branch against a soft, warm background. The background is a gradient of light blue at the top and yellow at the bottom, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The bird is positioned in the center, facing left. The branches are dark and thin, creating a delicate, web-like pattern.

# **Adoption: From Slave to Son**

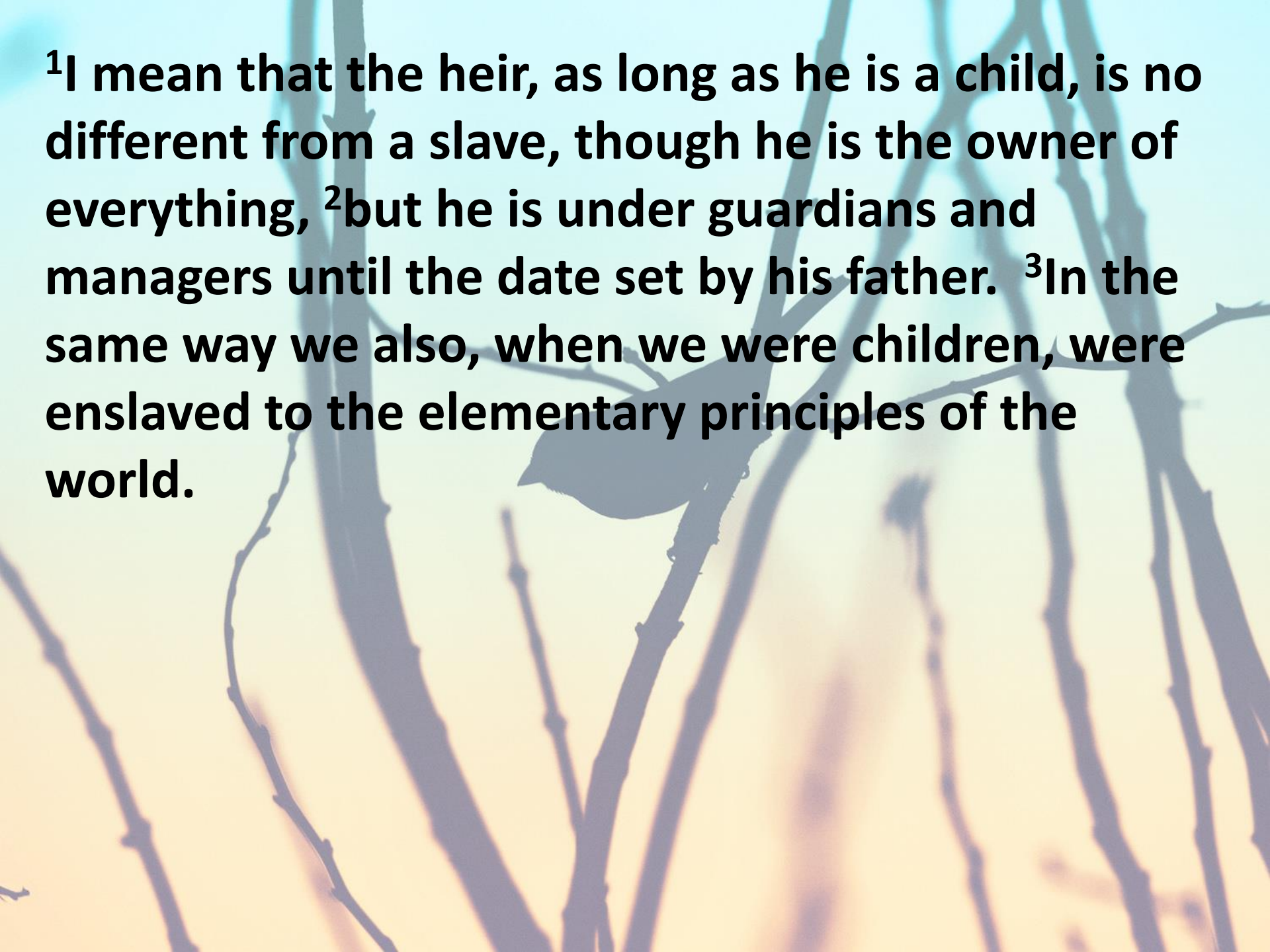
A silhouette of a bird perched on a branch, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise with a gradient from light blue to orange. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Those who believe, have  
been adopted by God with  
all rights and privileges as  
sons of God.**

A silhouette of a bird perched on a branch against a light blue and yellow background. The bird is facing left, and its wings are slightly tucked. The background is a soft gradient of light blue at the top and yellow at the bottom, with several dark, thin branches crisscrossing the scene.

**Galatians 4:1**

**Seat Bibles page 671 or 832**

A background image showing a silhouette of a bird perched on a branch, set against a soft, warm sunset sky with orange and yellow tones. The branches are dark and create a network of lines across the frame.

**<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.**



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Guardian



Inheritance



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We



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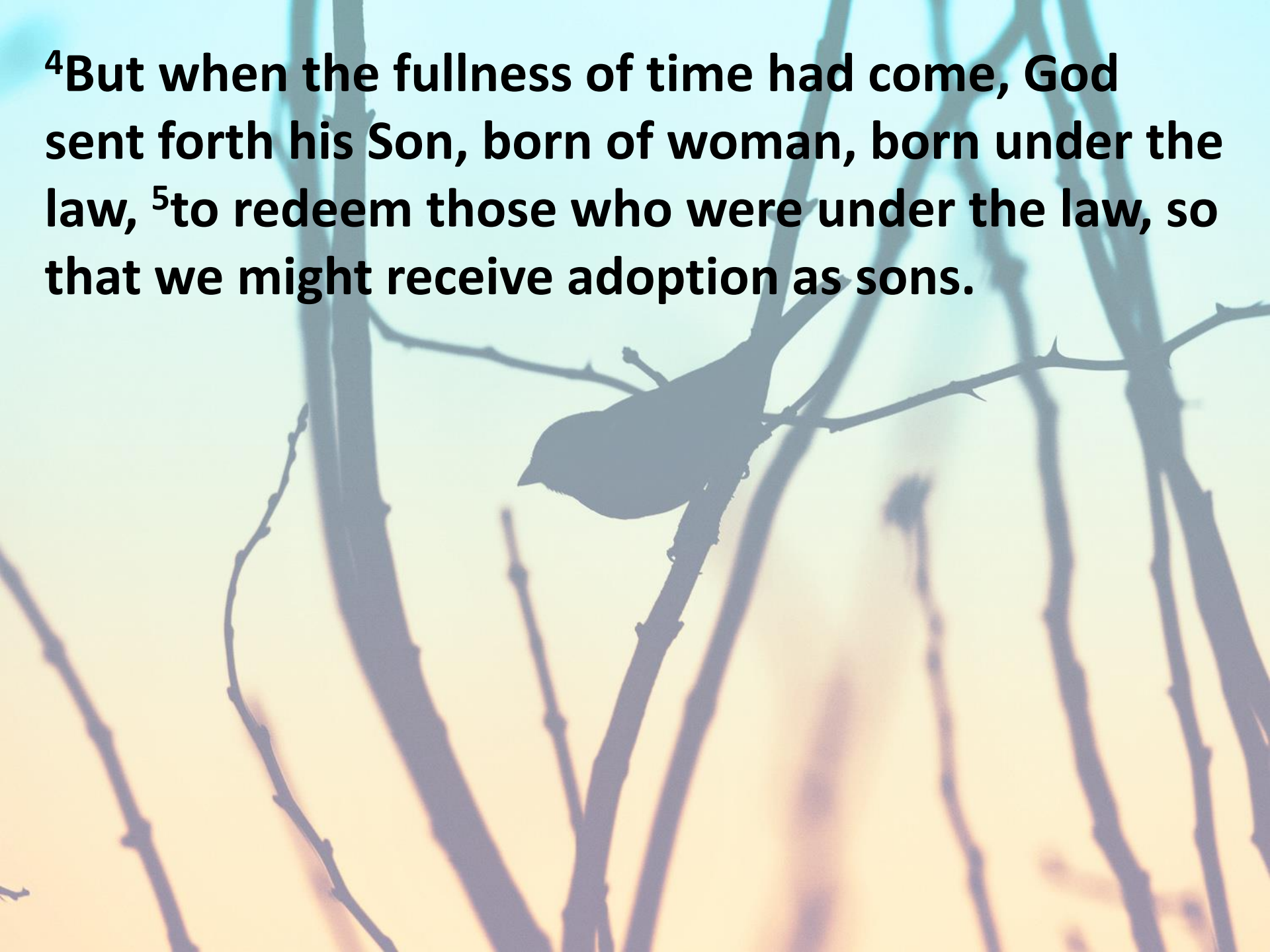
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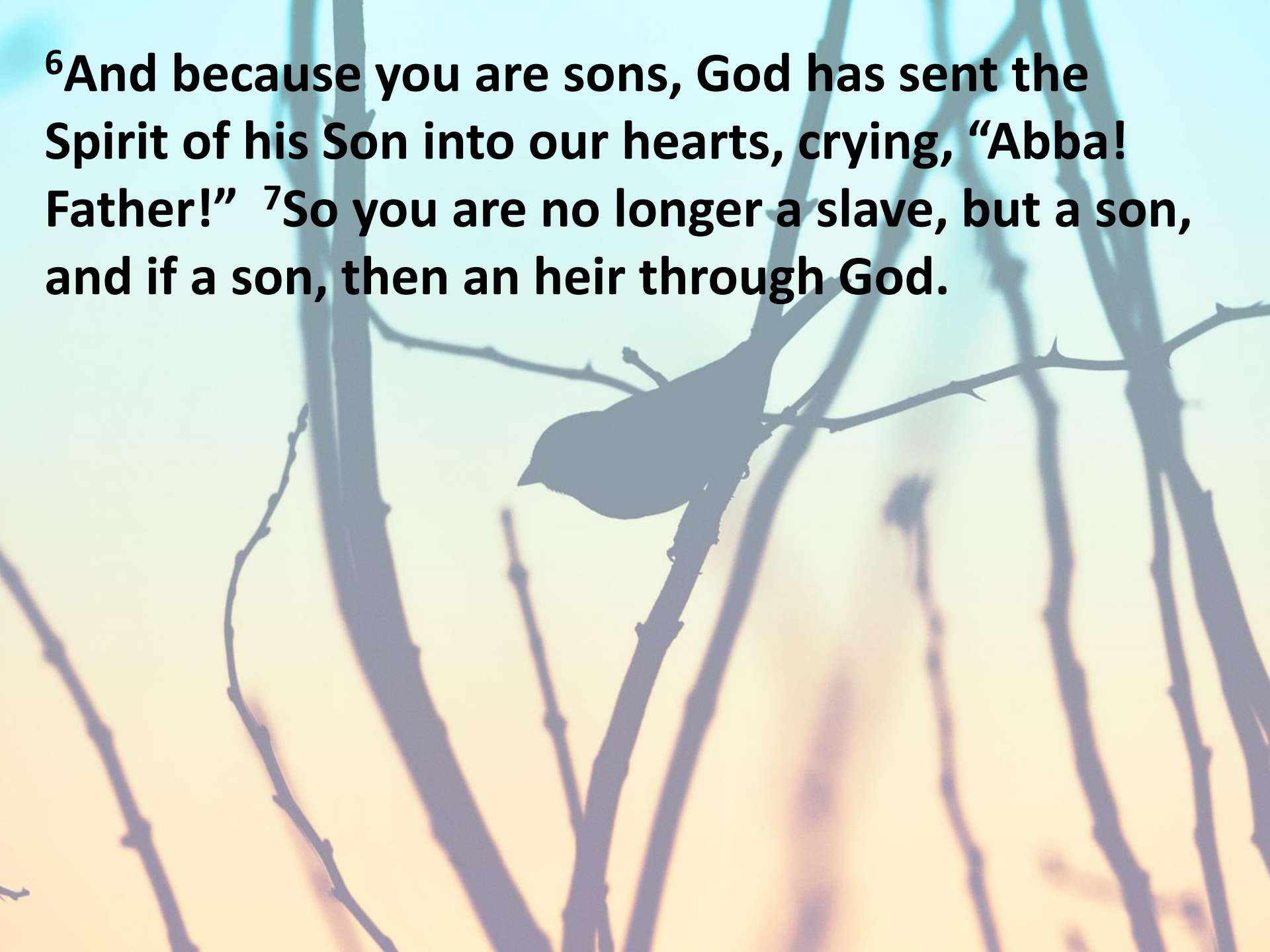


Inheritance

**<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.**



**<sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.**

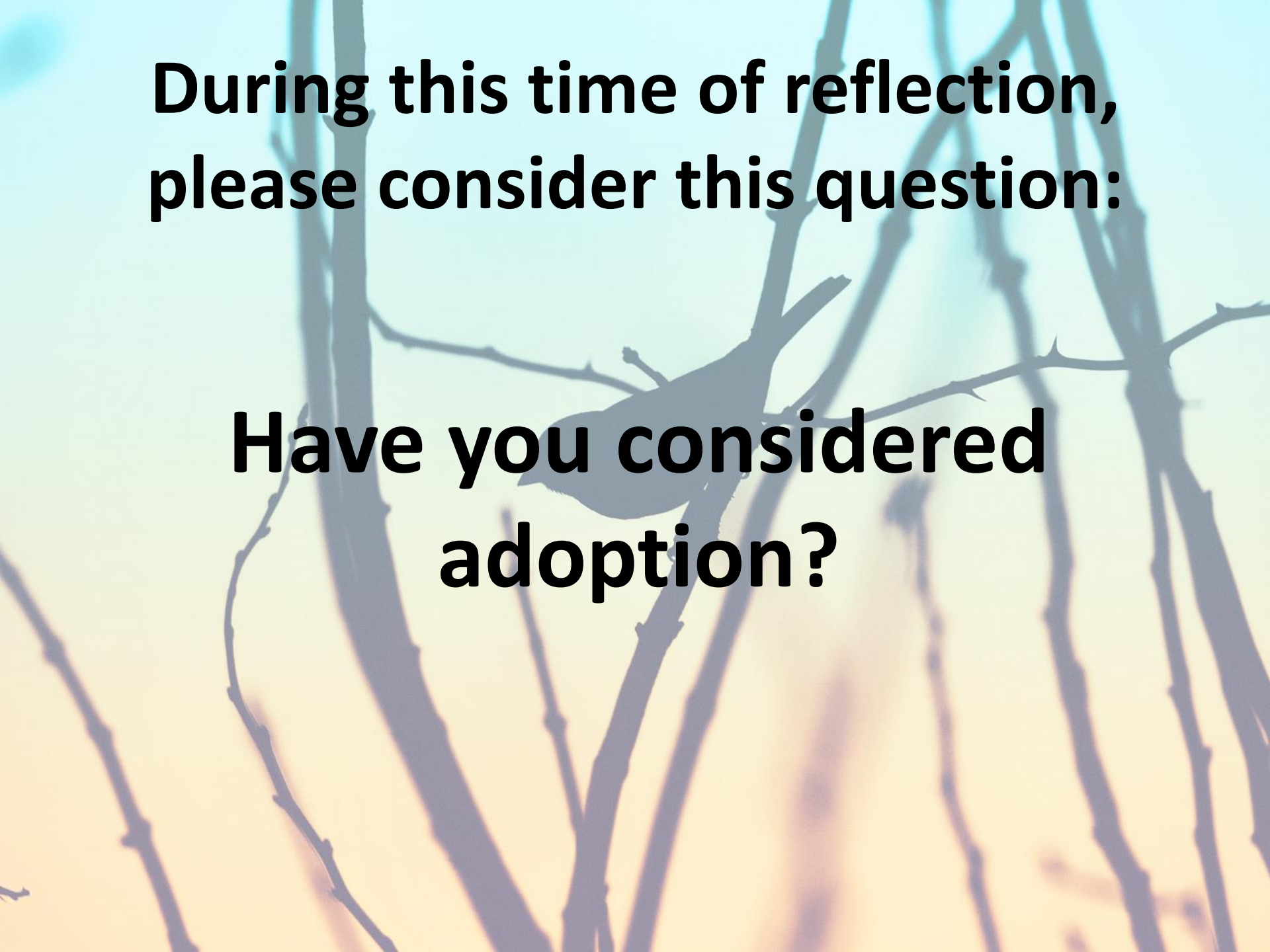


**<sup>8</sup>Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods.**

**<sup>9</sup>But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? <sup>10</sup>You observe days and months and seasons and years! <sup>11</sup>I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.**



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**During this time of reflection,  
please consider this question:**

**Have you considered  
adoption?**