

View the Present through the Promise

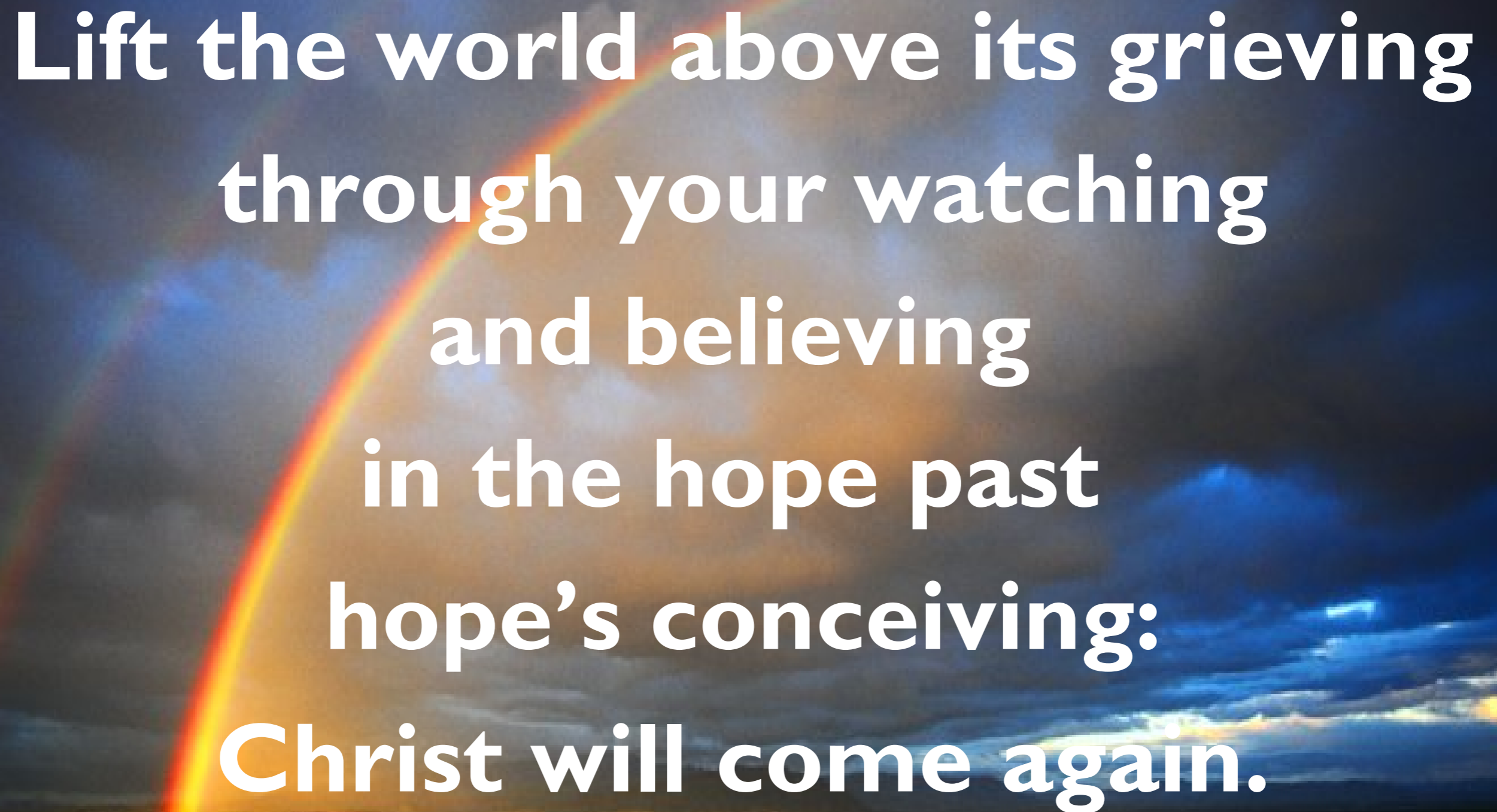
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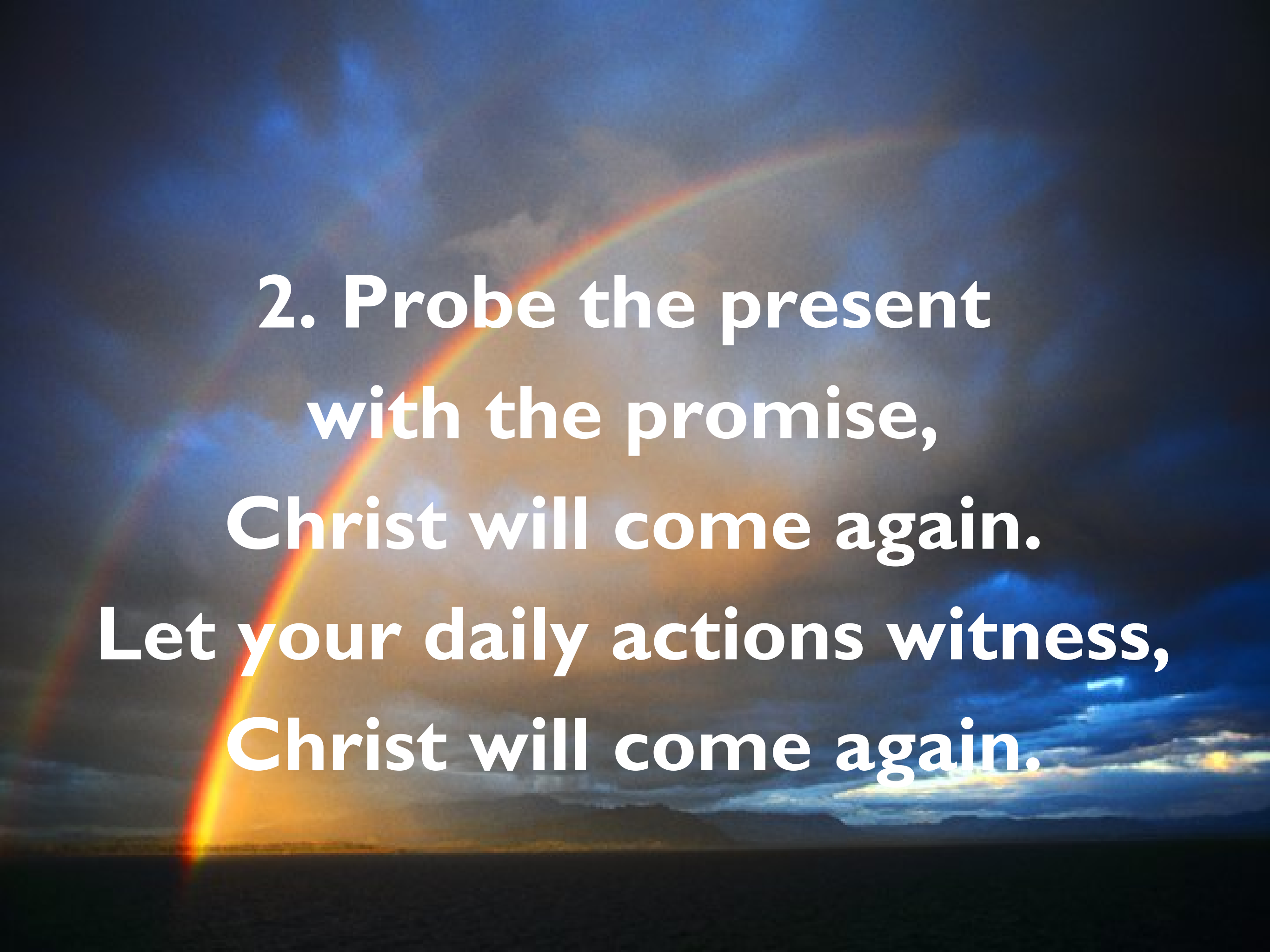
**I. View the present
through the promise,
Christ will come again.**

A dramatic sky with a rainbow and dark clouds. The rainbow is on the left side, arching across the sky. The sky is dark blue with some lighter clouds. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

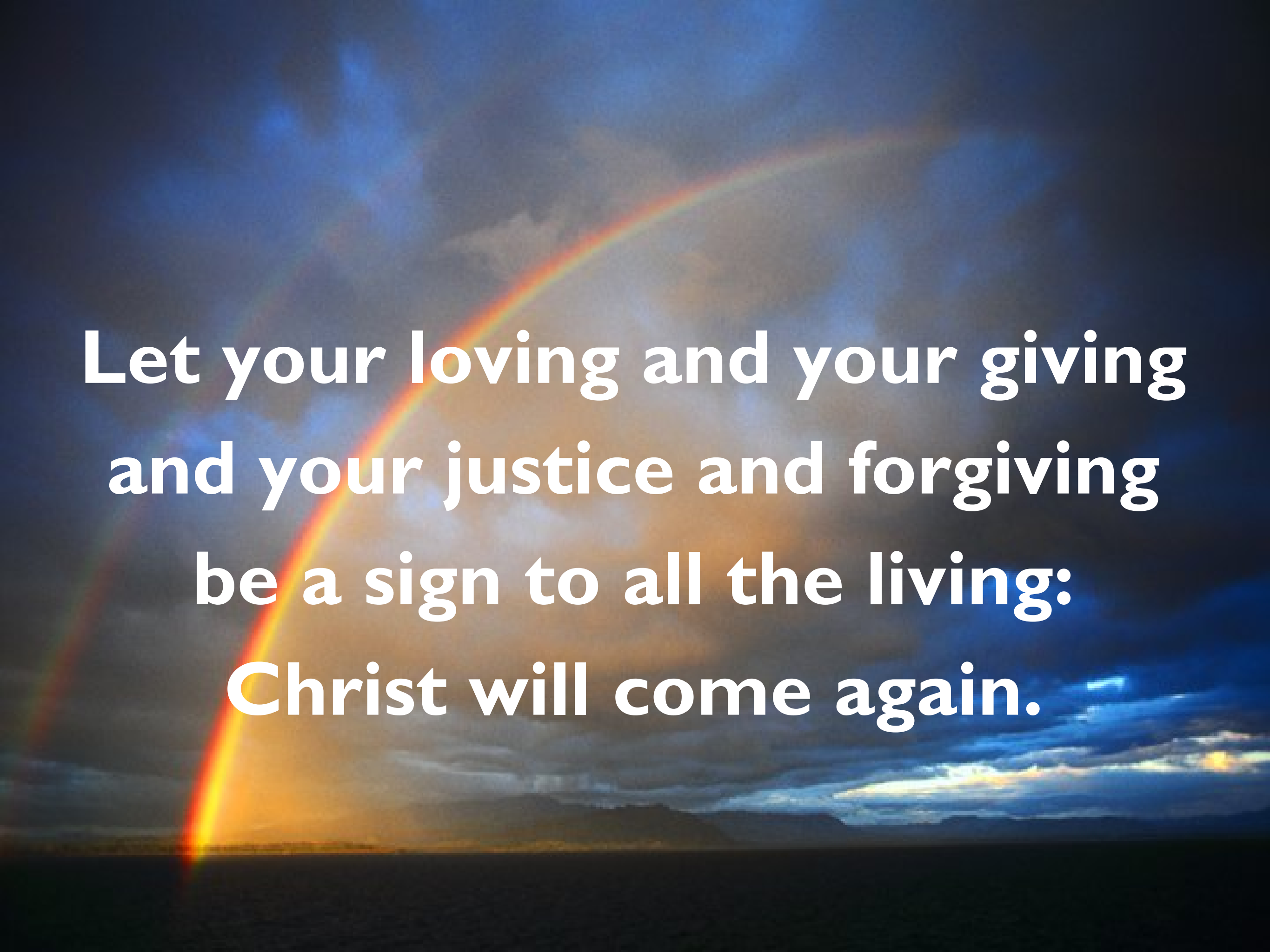
**Trust despite the
deepening darkness,
Christ will come again.**



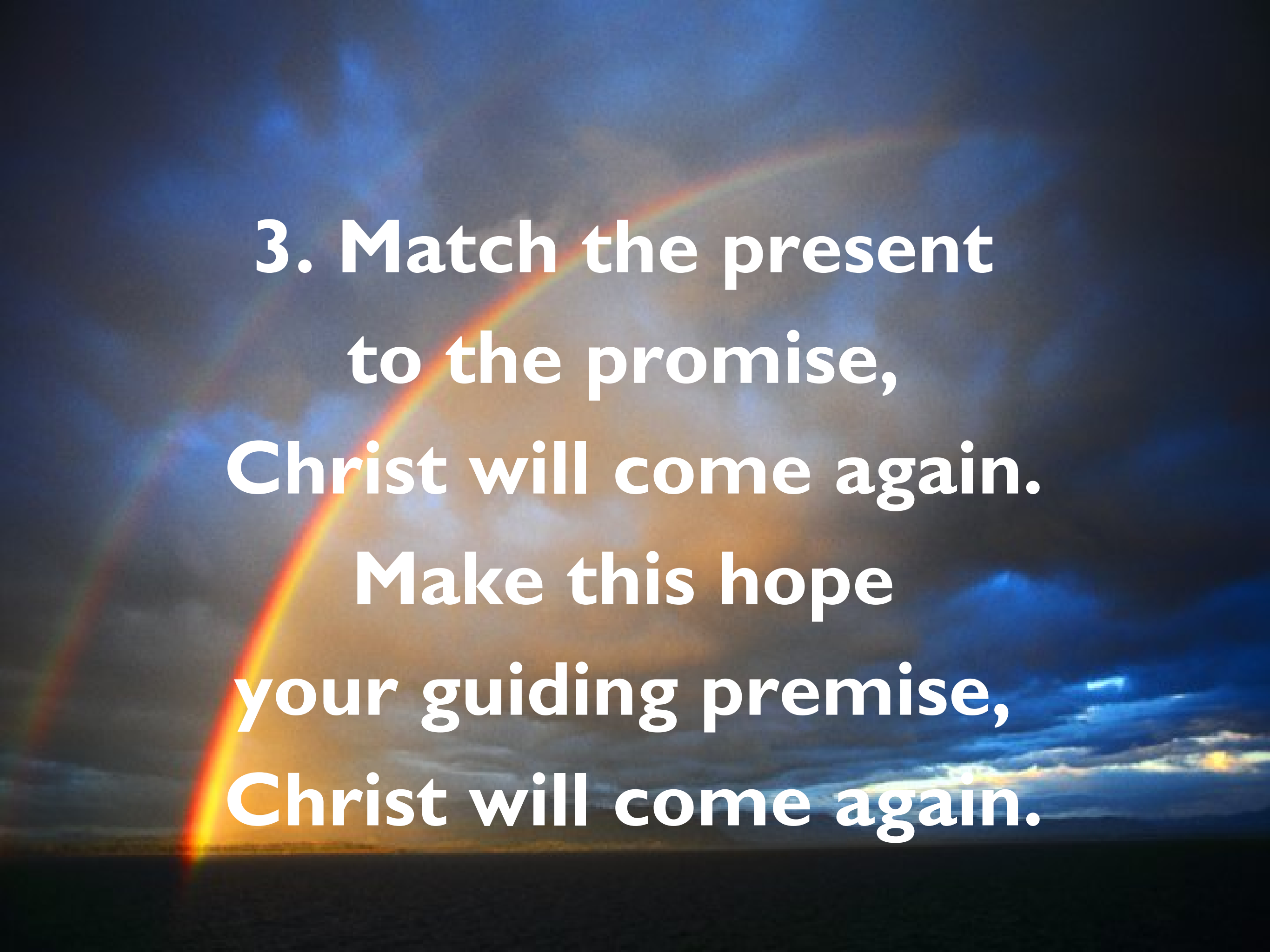
**Lift the world above its grieving
through your watching
and believing
in the hope past
hope's conceiving:
Christ will come again.**

A dramatic sky with a rainbow and a bright light source. The background is a deep blue sky with a bright light source on the right, creating a rainbow that arches across the frame. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

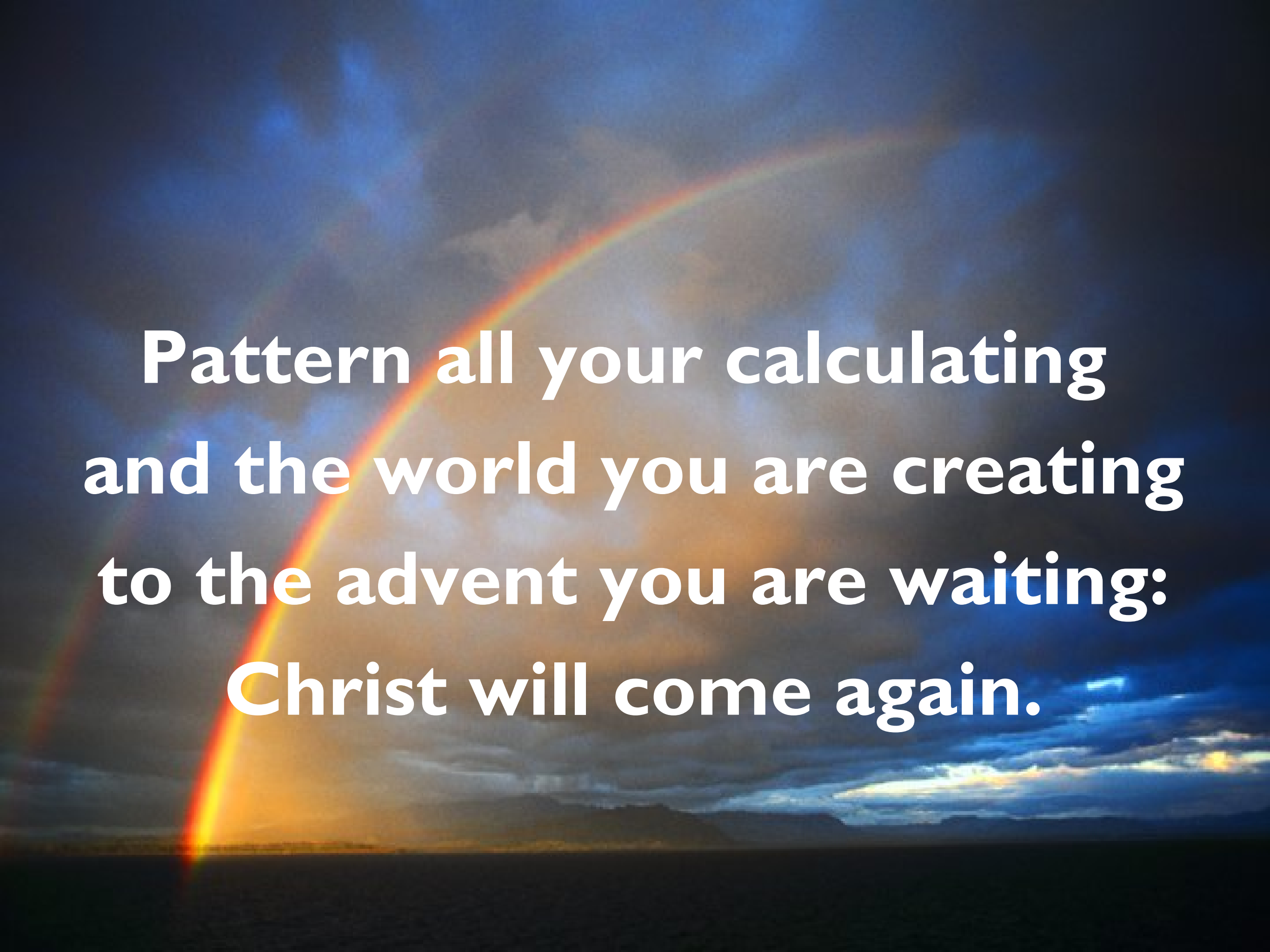
**2. Probe the present
with the promise,
Christ will come again.
Let your daily actions witness,
Christ will come again.**



**Let your loving and your giving
and your justice and forgiving
be a sign to all the living:
Christ will come again.**



**3. Match the present
to the promise,
Christ will come again.
Make this hope
your guiding premise,
Christ will come again.**



**Pattern all your calculating
and the world you are creating
to the advent you are waiting:
Christ will come again.**