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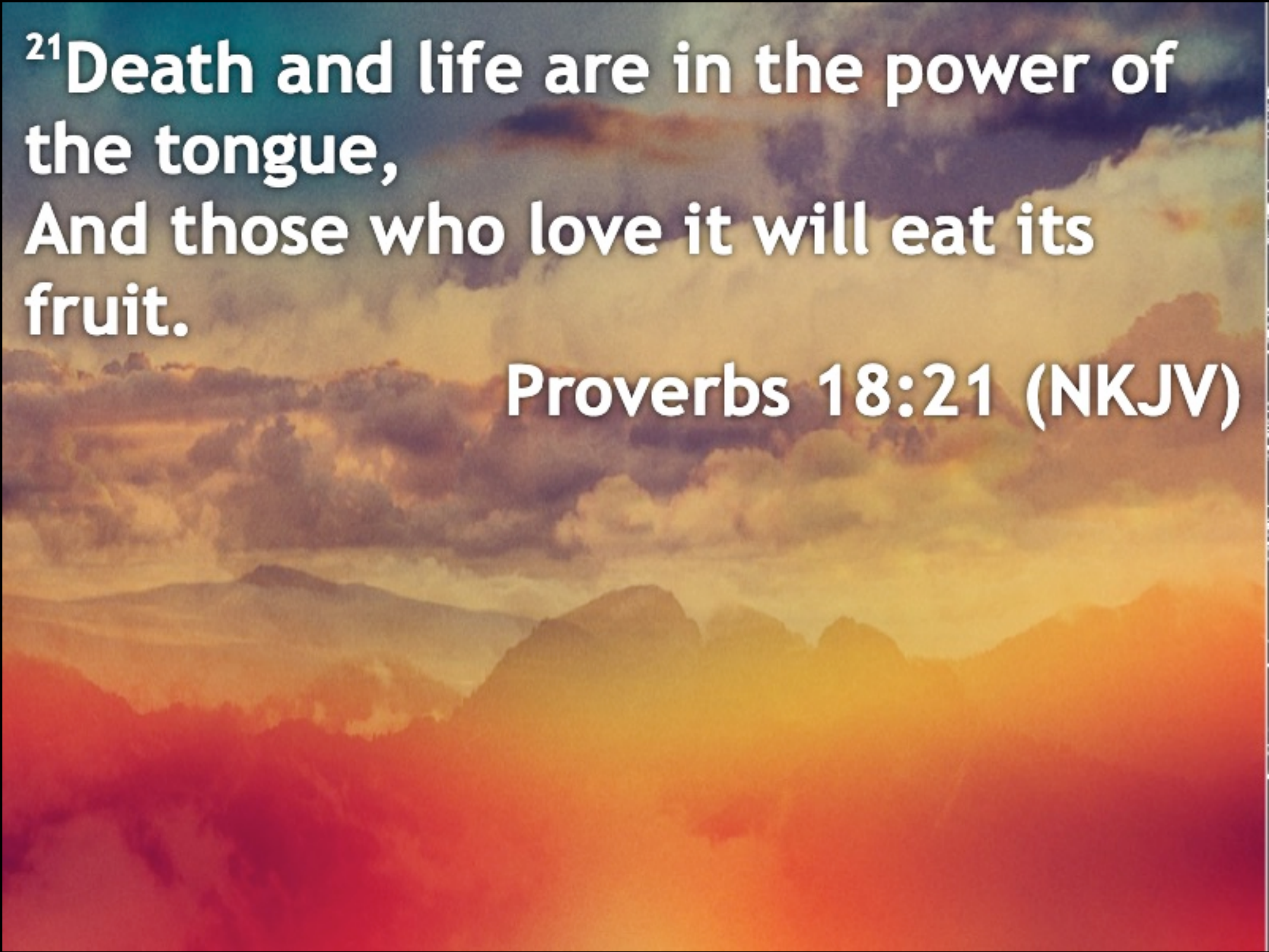


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Proverbs 18:21

James 3:3-10

Matthew 12:34-37

A dramatic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a sky filled with large, billowing clouds. The sky is illuminated with warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The mountains in the foreground are silhouetted against the bright sky, while the background shows more distant, hazy mountain ranges.

**²¹Death and life are in the power of
the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its
fruit.**

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)

³Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. ⁴Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. ⁵Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. ⁸But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

James 3:3-10 (NKJV)

³⁴Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. ³⁶But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Matthew 12:34-37 (NKJV)