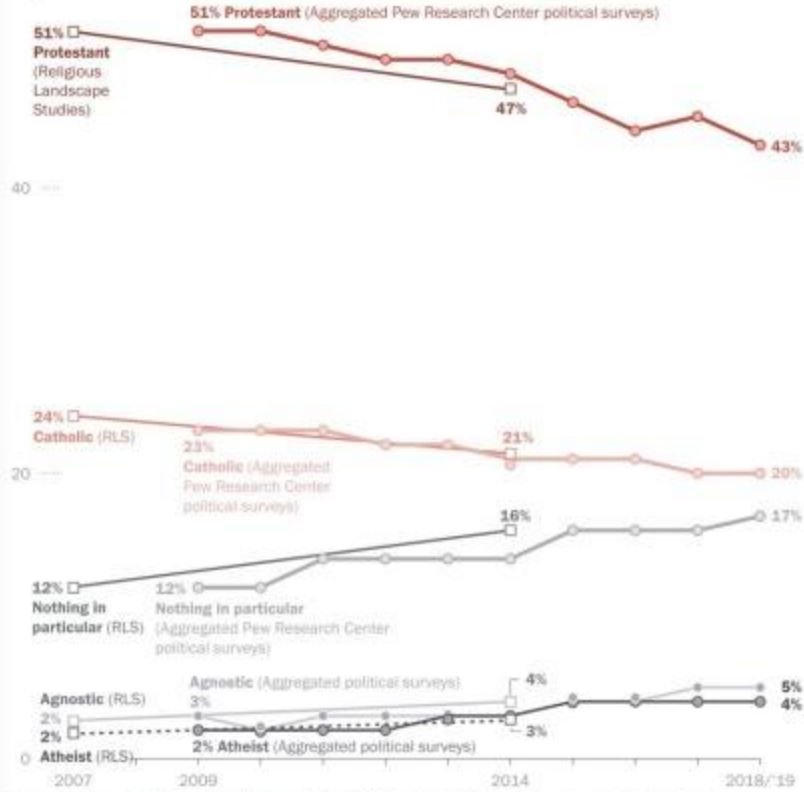




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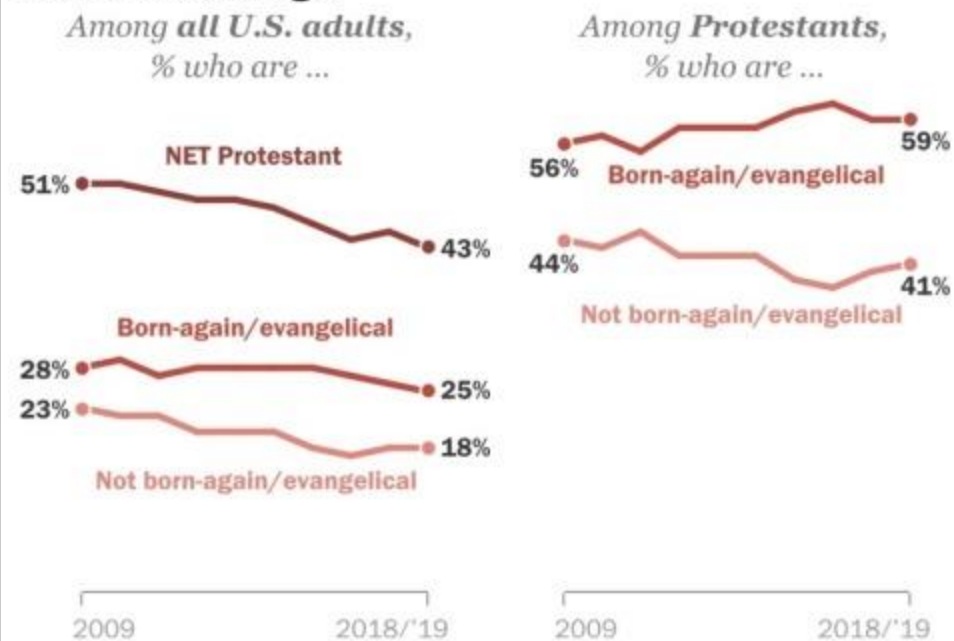
% of U.S. adults who identify as ...



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## Among Protestants, share who say they are 'born-again or evangelical' Christians is as high as or higher than a decade ago

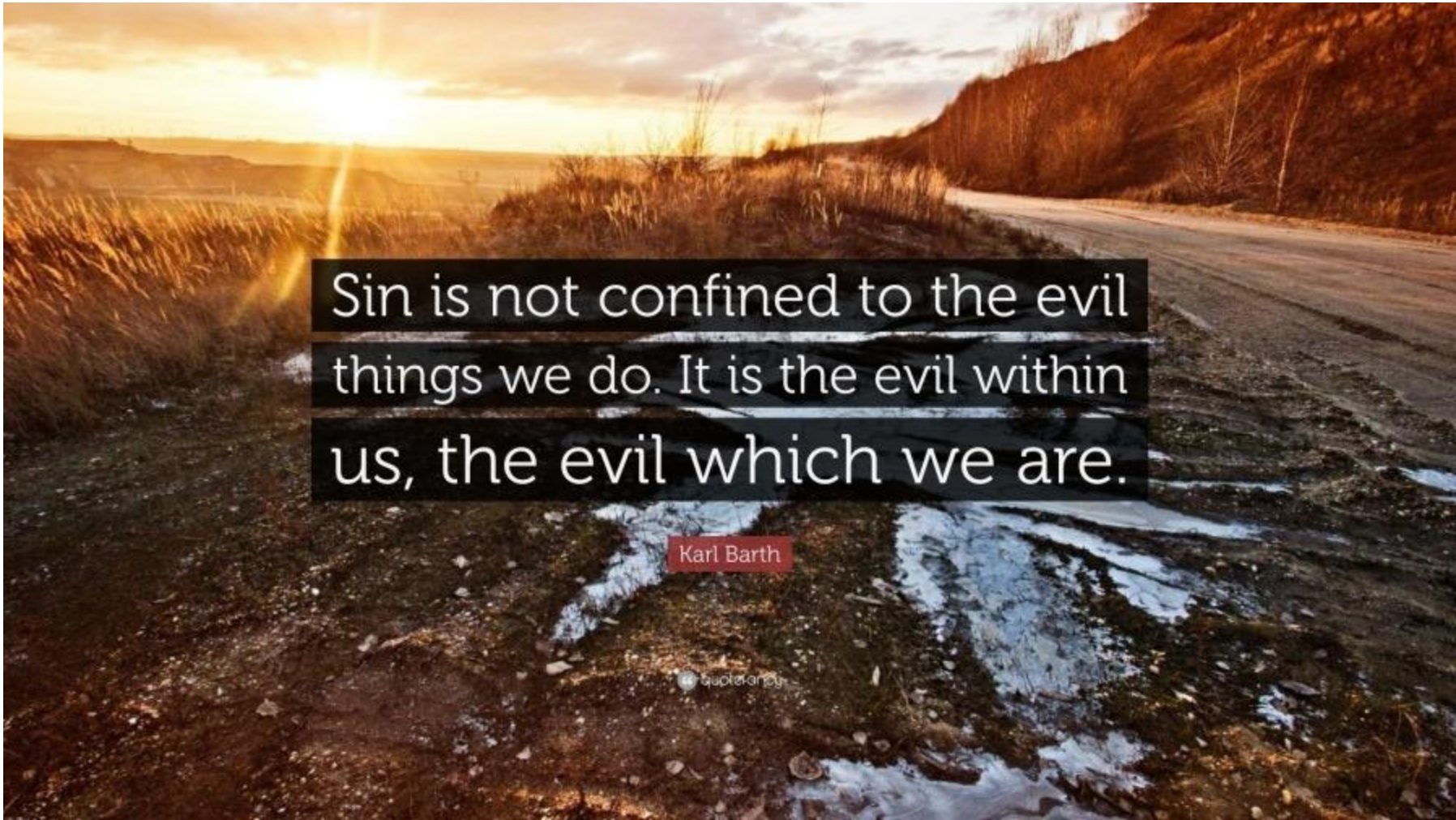


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**THE SERPENT IS  
REAL**

A landscape photograph showing a dirt road winding through a field of tall, golden-brown grasses. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and a lens flare effect. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. In the background, there are rolling hills and a line of trees. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Sin is not confined to the evil things we do. It is the evil within us, the evil which we are.


Karl Barth

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**Genesis 3: 1-6 (ESV)  
(cont.)**



5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”  
6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.



**Genesis 3:15** (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel."



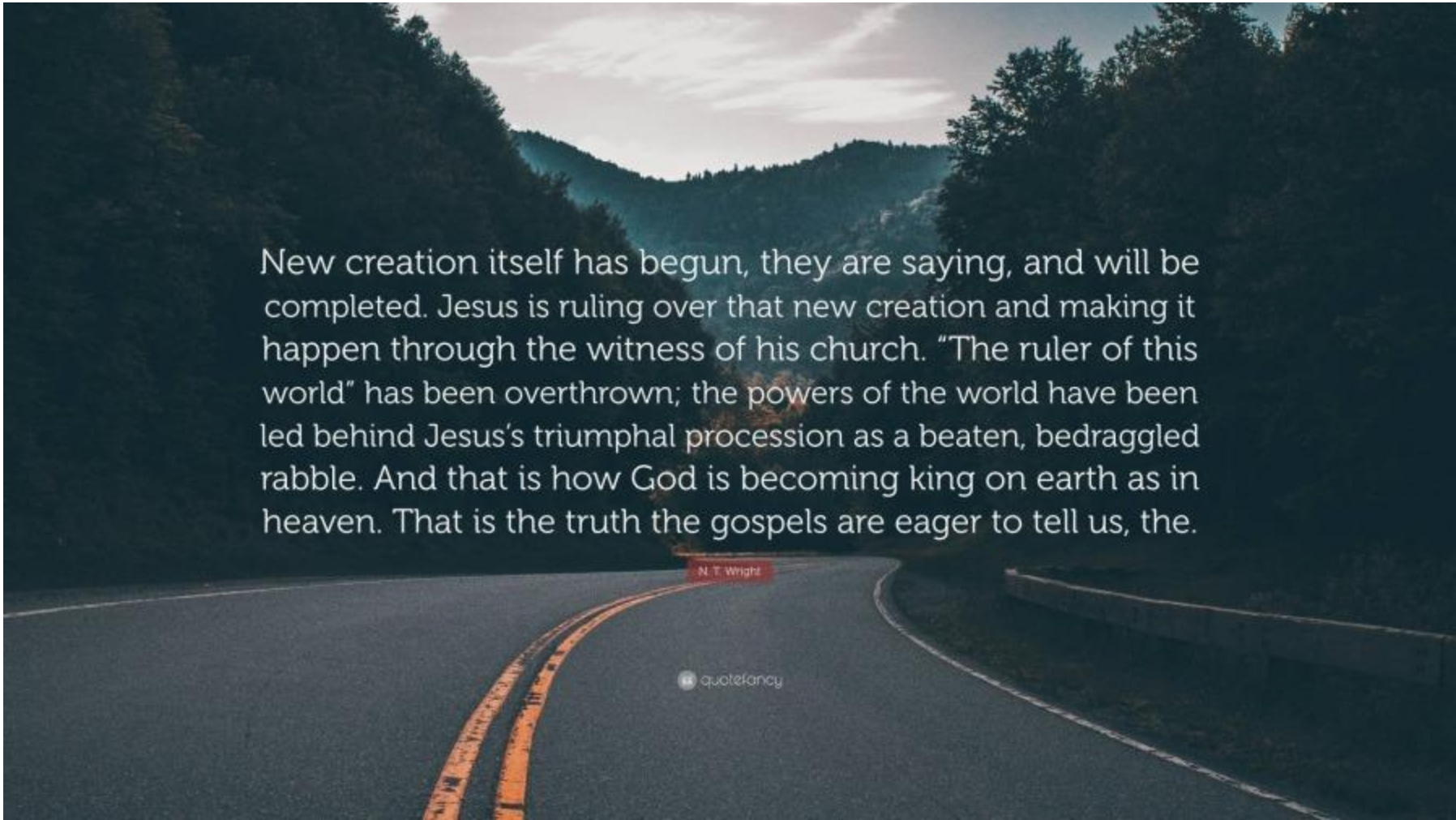
The problem of good as it faces the atheist is this: Nature, which is the nuts-and-bolts reality for the atheist, has no values and thus can offer no grounding for good and evil. Values on the atheist view are subjective and contingent.

— *William A. Dembski* —

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**JESUS THE  
DELIVERER**

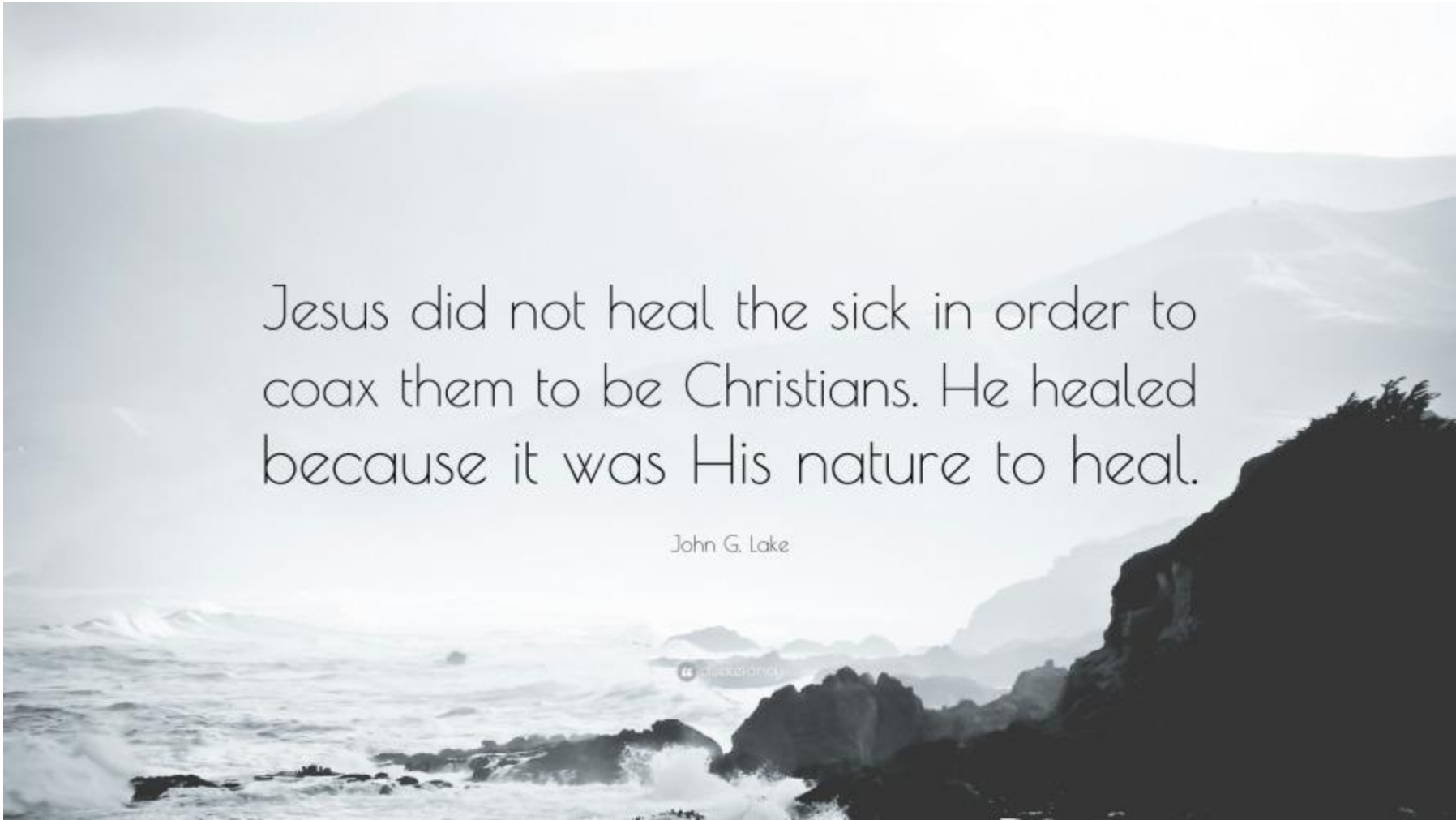


New creation itself has begun, they are saying, and will be completed. Jesus is ruling over that new creation and making it happen through the witness of his church. "The ruler of this world" has been overthrown; the powers of the world have been led behind Jesus's triumphal procession as a beaten, bedraggled rabble. And that is how God is becoming king on earth as in heaven. That is the truth the gospels are eager to tell us, the.

N. T. Wright

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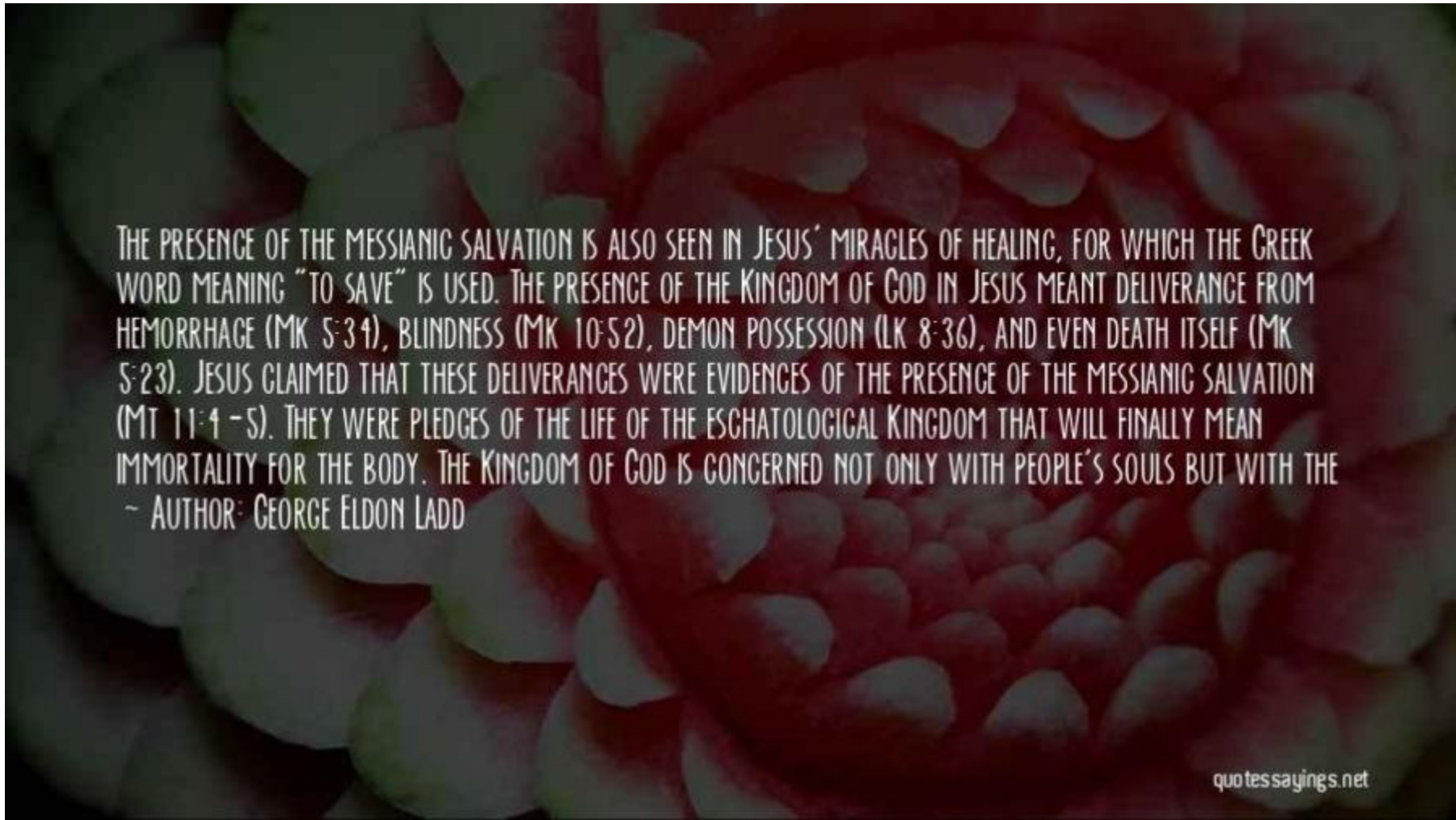
**JESUS THE HEALER**



Jesus did not heal the sick in order to coax them to be Christians. He healed because it was His nature to heal.

John G. Lake

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THE PRESENCE OF THE MESSIANIC SALVATION IS ALSO SEEN IN JESUS' MIRACLES OF HEALING, FOR WHICH THE GREEK WORD MEANING "TO SAVE" IS USED. THE PRESENCE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN JESUS MEANT DELIVERANCE FROM HEMORRHAGE (MK 5:34), BLINDNESS (MK 10:52), DEMON POSSESSION (LK 8:36), AND EVEN DEATH ITSELF (MK 5:23). JESUS CLAIMED THAT THESE DELIVERANCES WERE EVIDENCES OF THE PRESENCE OF THE MESSIANIC SALVATION (MT 11:4 -5). THEY WERE PLEDGES OF THE LIFE OF THE ESCHATOLOGICAL KINGDOM THAT WILL FINALLY MEAN IMMORTALITY FOR THE BODY. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS CONCERNED NOT ONLY WITH PEOPLE'S SOULS BUT WITH THE

~ AUTHOR: GEORGE ELDON LADD

**JESUS -  
THE LIVING GOD**

**Because God is the living God, He can hear; because He is a loving God, He will hear; because He is our covenant God, He has bound Himself to hear.**

Charles H. Spurgeon

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