

Ecclesiastics 02:01 I said in mine
heart, Go to now, I will prove thee
with mirth, therefore enjoy
pleasure: and, behold, this also is
vanity.

Ecclesiastics 02:02 I said of
laughter, It is mad: and of mirth,
What doeth it?



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Ecclesiastics 02:03 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

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Ecclesiastics 02:04 I made me great
works; I builded me houses; I
planted me vineyards:



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Ecclesiastics 02:05 I made me
gardens and orchards, and I
planted trees in them of all kind of
fruits:

A close-up photograph of several vibrant pink roses in full bloom, set against a backdrop of lush green foliage. The roses are the central focus, with their delicate petals clearly visible. The background is softly blurred, showing more green leaves and hints of other flowers, creating a sense of depth and a peaceful garden atmosphere.

Ecclesiastics 02:06 I made me
pools of water, to water therewith
the wood that bringeth forth trees:

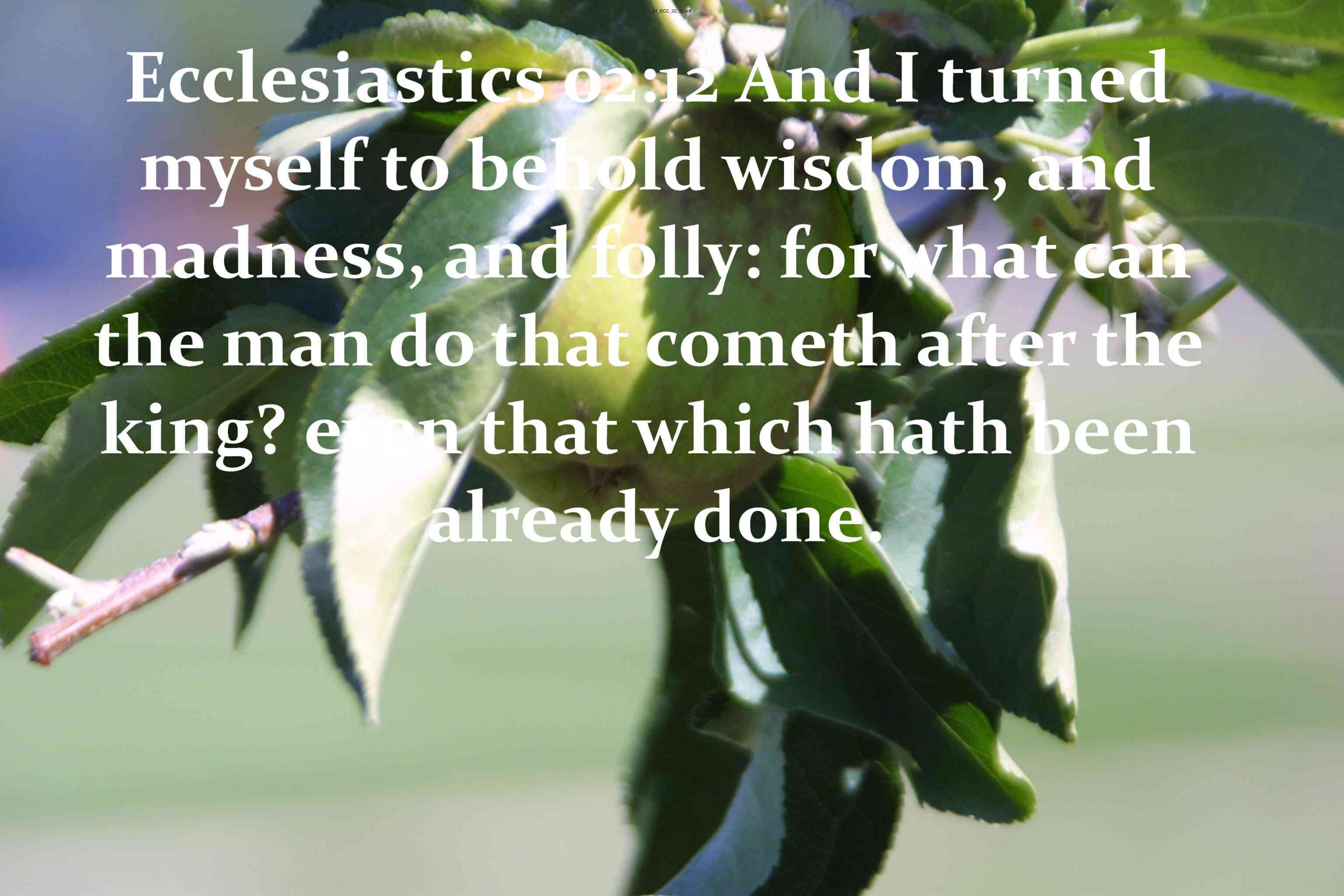
**Ecclesiastics 02:07 I got me
servants and maidens, and had
servants born in my house; also I
had great possessions of great and
small cattle above all that were in
Jerusalem before me:**

Ecclesiastics 02:08 I gathered me
also silver and gold, and the
peculiar treasure of kings and of
the provinces: I gat me men
singers and women singers, and
the delights of the sons of men, as
musical instruments, and that of
all sorts.

Ecclesiastics 02:09 So I was great,
and increased more than all that
were before me in Jerusalem: also
my wisdom remained with me.

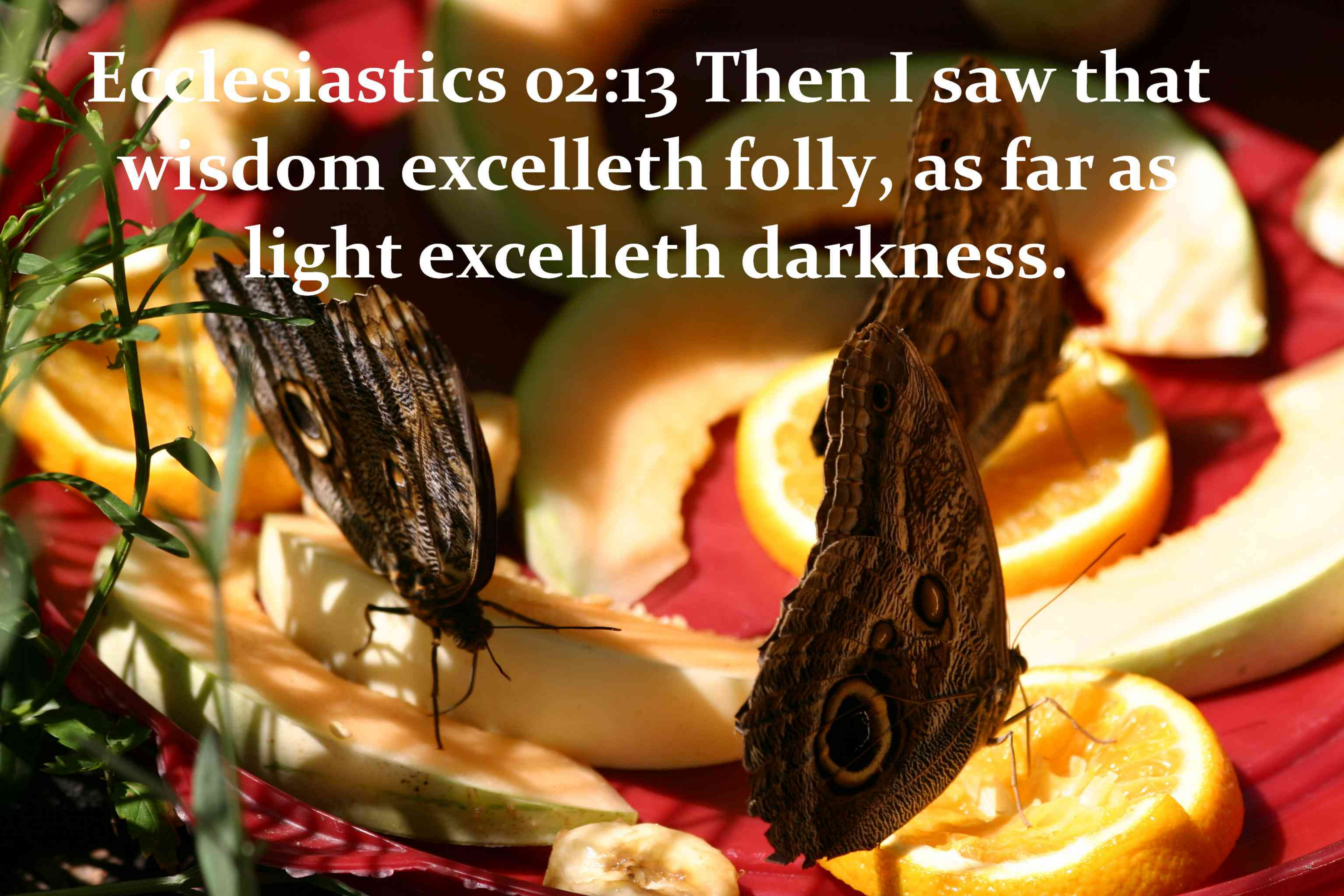
Ecclesiastics 02:10 And whatsoever
mine eyes desired I kept not from
them, I withheld not my heart
from any joy; for my heart rejoiced
in all my labour: and this was my
portion of all my labour.

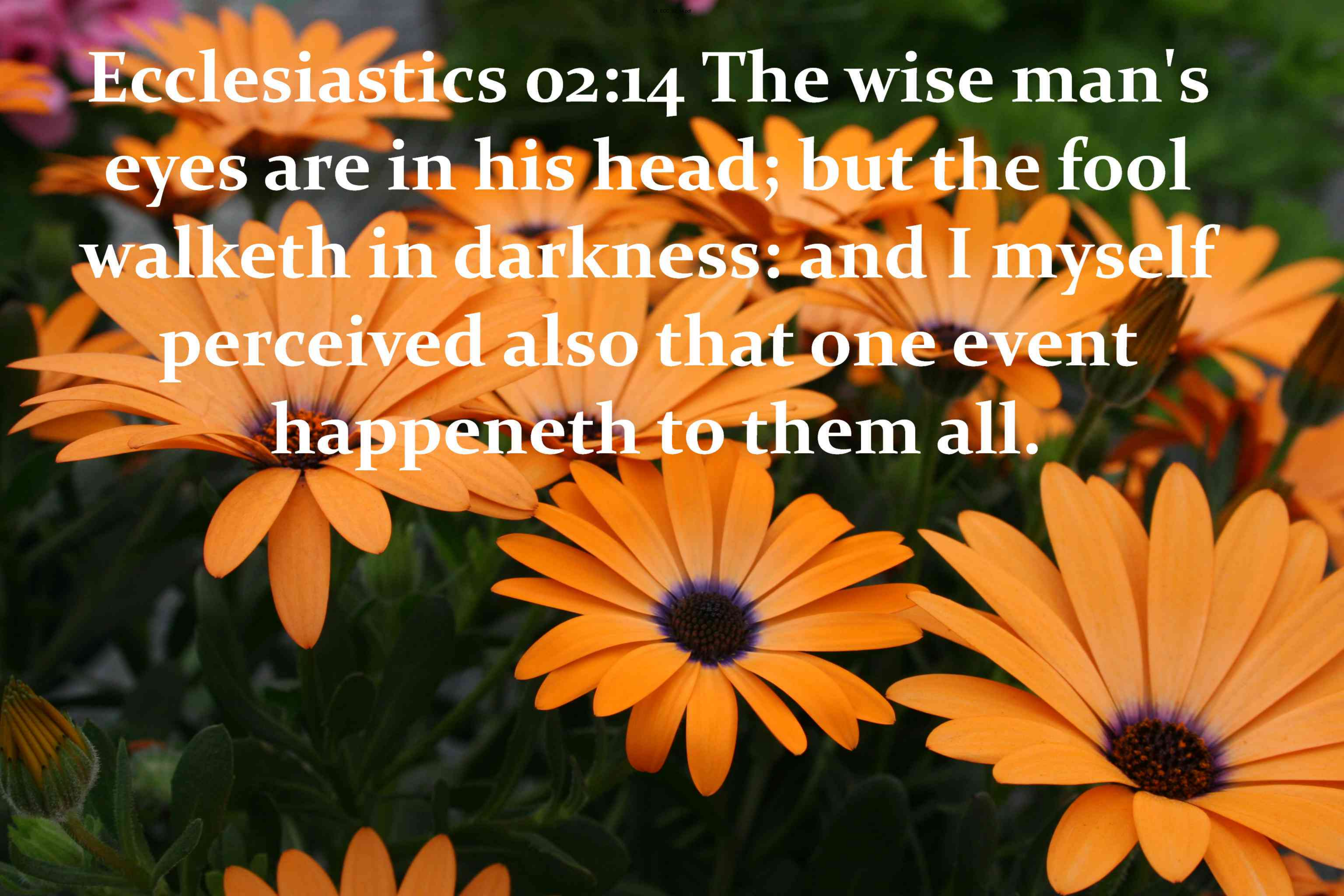
Ecclesiastics 02:11 Then I looked
on all the works that my hands had
wrought, and on the labour that I
had laboured to do: and, behold,
all was vanity and vexation of
spirit, and there was no profit
under the sun.



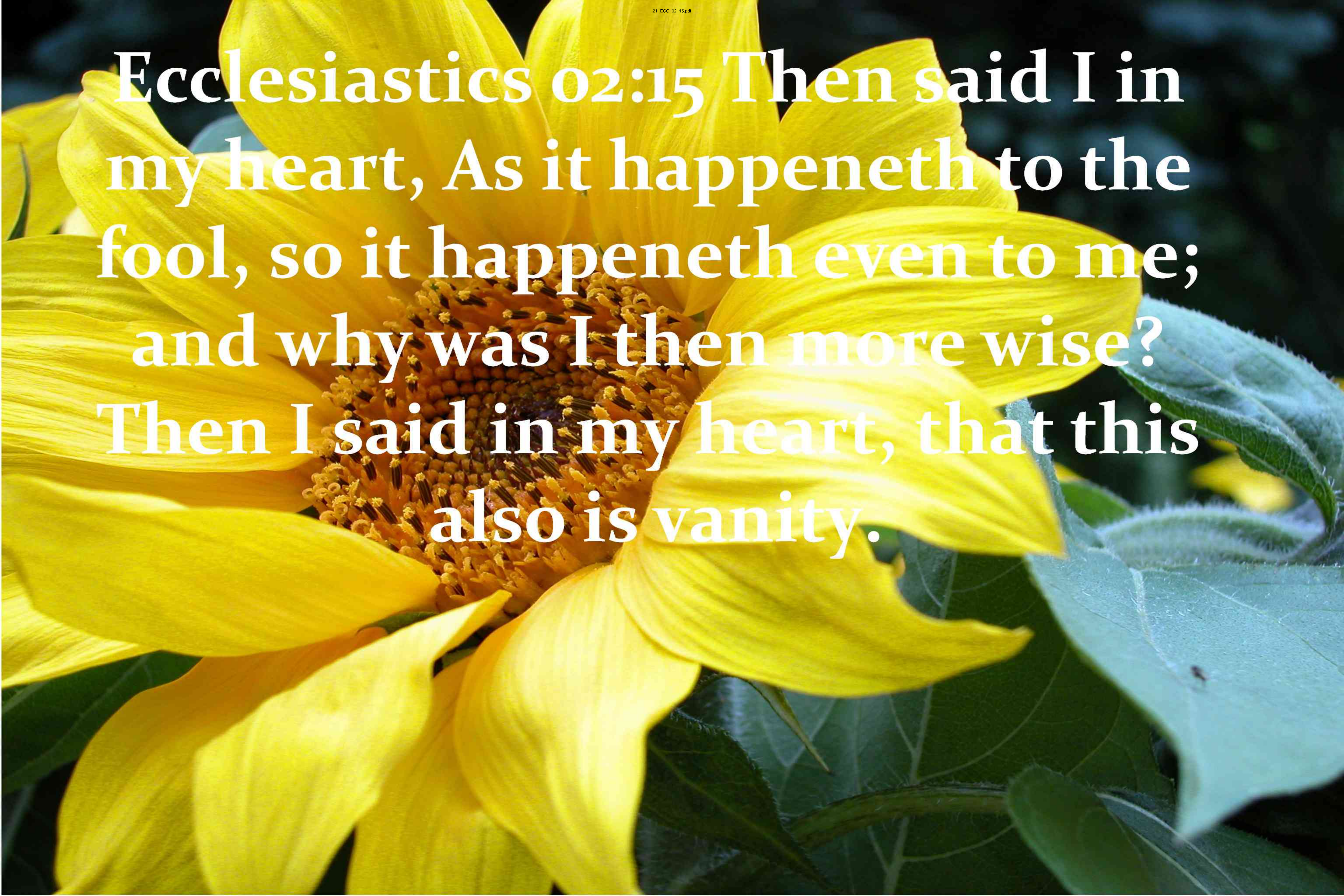
Ecclesiastics 02:12 And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that cometh after the king? even that which hath been already done.

Ecclesiastics 02:13 Then I saw that
wisdom excelleth folly, as far as
light excelleth darkness.



A close-up photograph of several bright orange daisy flowers with dark brown centers, set against a blurred background of more flowers and green foliage. The text is overlaid in a white, serif font, centered horizontally and spanning across the upper half of the image.

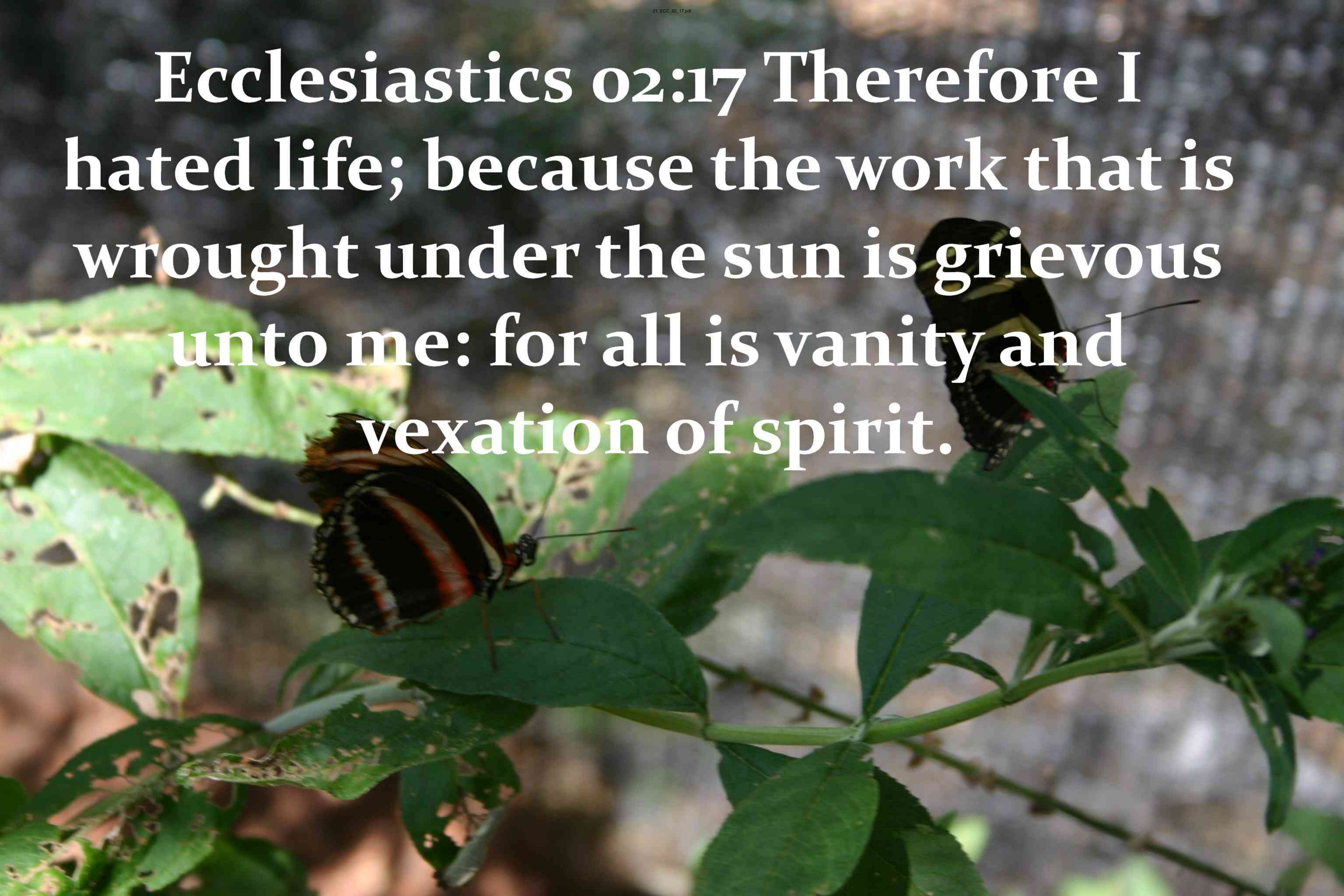
Ecclesiastics 02:14 The wise man's
eyes are in his head; but the fool
walketh in darkness: and I myself
perceived also that one event
happeneth to them all.

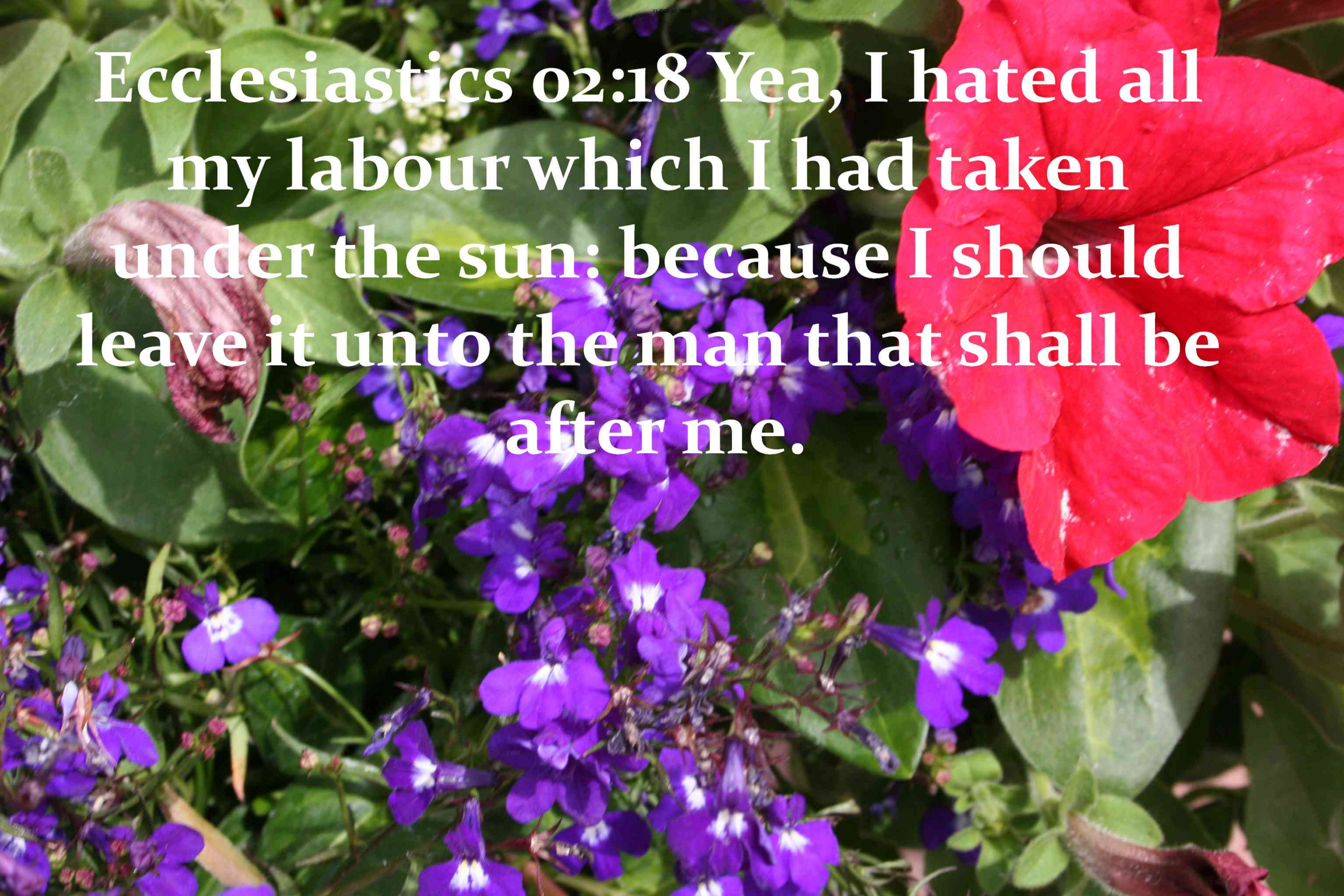


Ecclesiastics 02:15 Then said I in
my heart, As it happeneth to the
fool, so it happeneth even to me;
and why was I then more wise?
Then I said in my heart, that this
also is vanity.

Ecclesiastics 02:16 For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man ? as the fool.

**Ecclesiastics 02:17 Therefore I
hated life; because the work that is
wrought under the sun is grievous
unto me: for all is vanity and
vexation of spirit.**

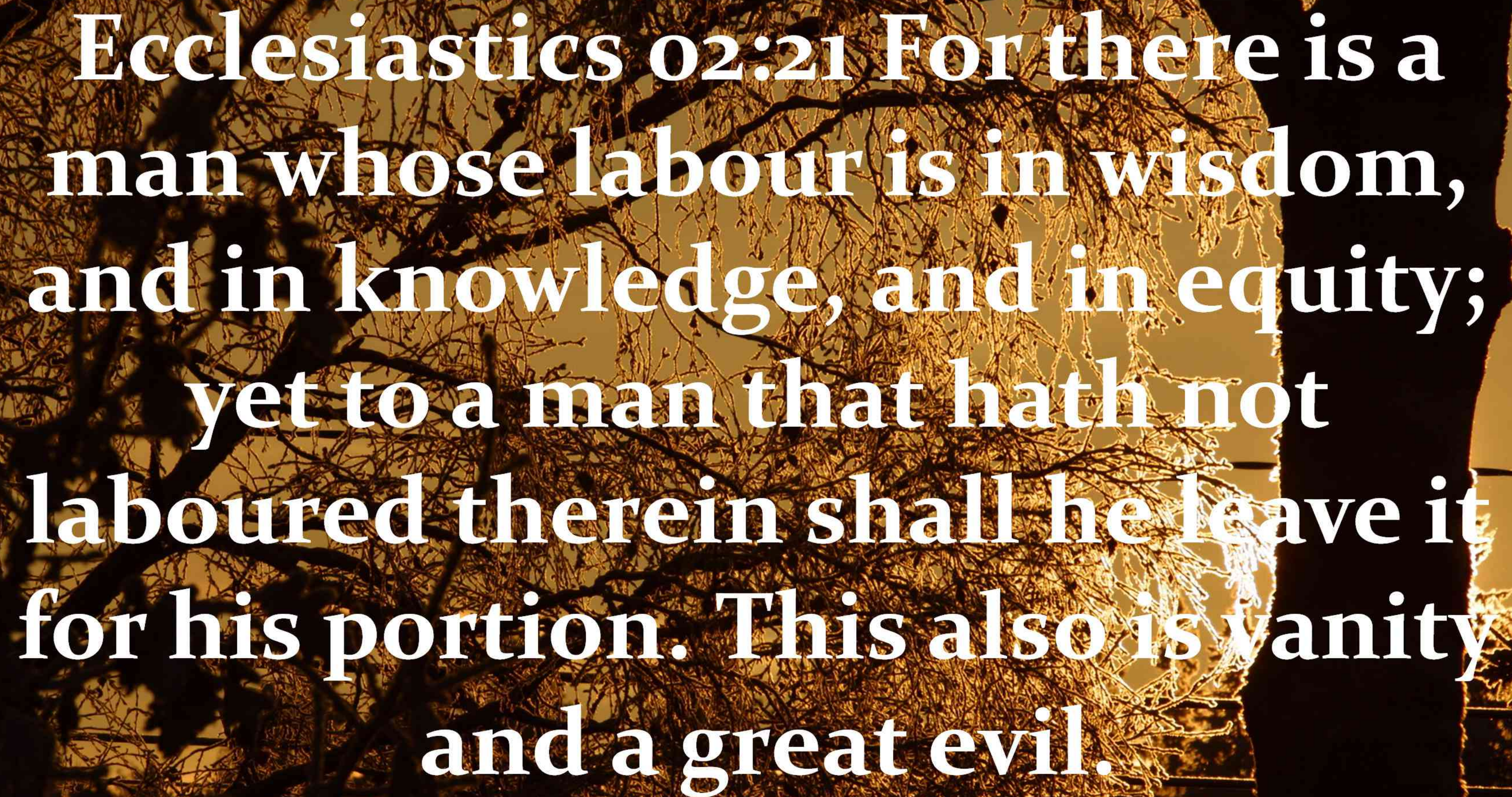




Ecclesiastics 02:18 Yea, I hated all
my labour which I had taken
under the sun: because I should
leave it unto the man that shall be
after me.

Ecclesiastics 02:19 And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have showed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity.

**Ecclesiastics 02:20 Therefore I
went about to cause my heart to
despair of all the labour which I
took under the sun.**

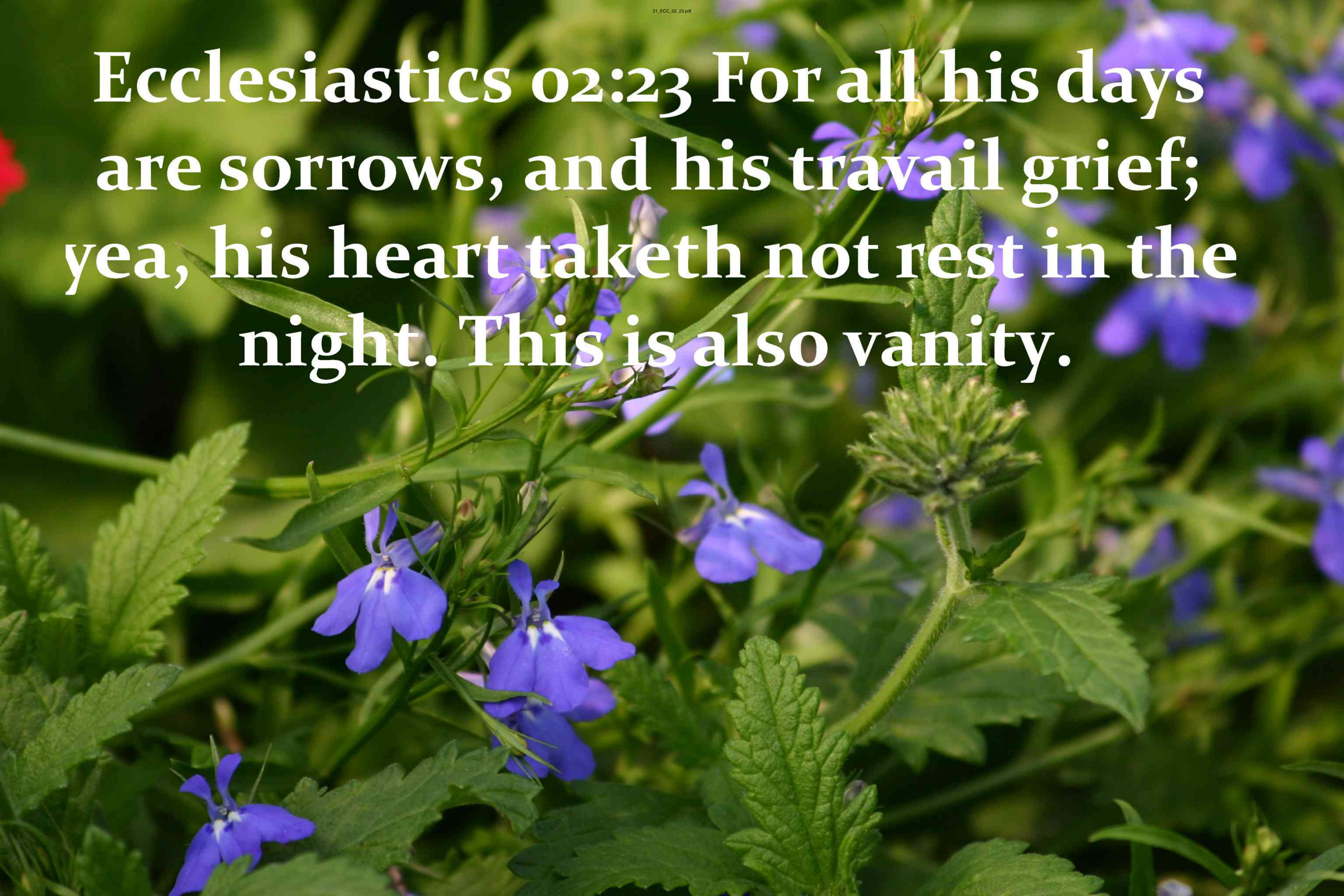


Ecclesiastics 02:21 For there is a
man whose labour is in wisdom,
and in knowledge, and in equity;
yet to a man that hath not
laboured therein shall he leave it
for his portion. This also is vanity
and a great evil.

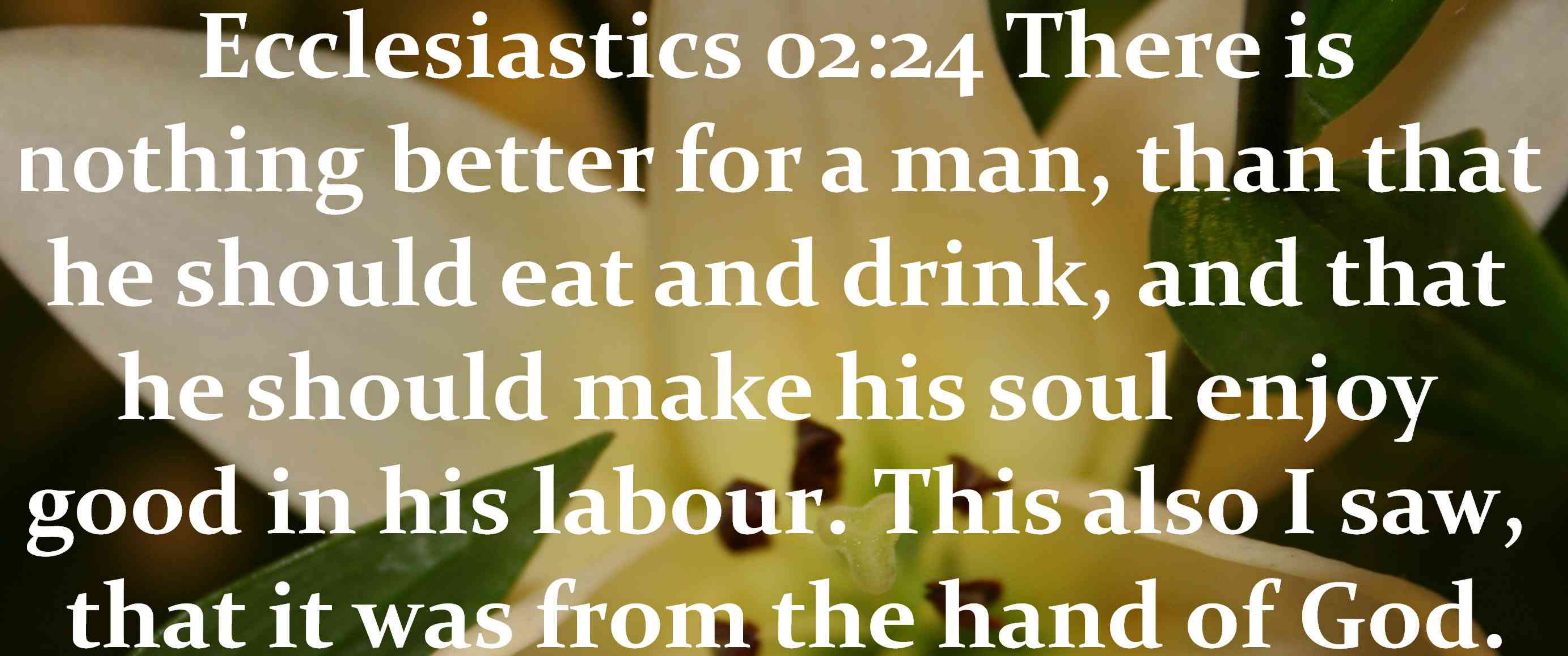
**Ecclesiastics 02:22 For what hath
man of all his labour, and of the
vexation of his heart, wherein he
hath laboured under the sun?**

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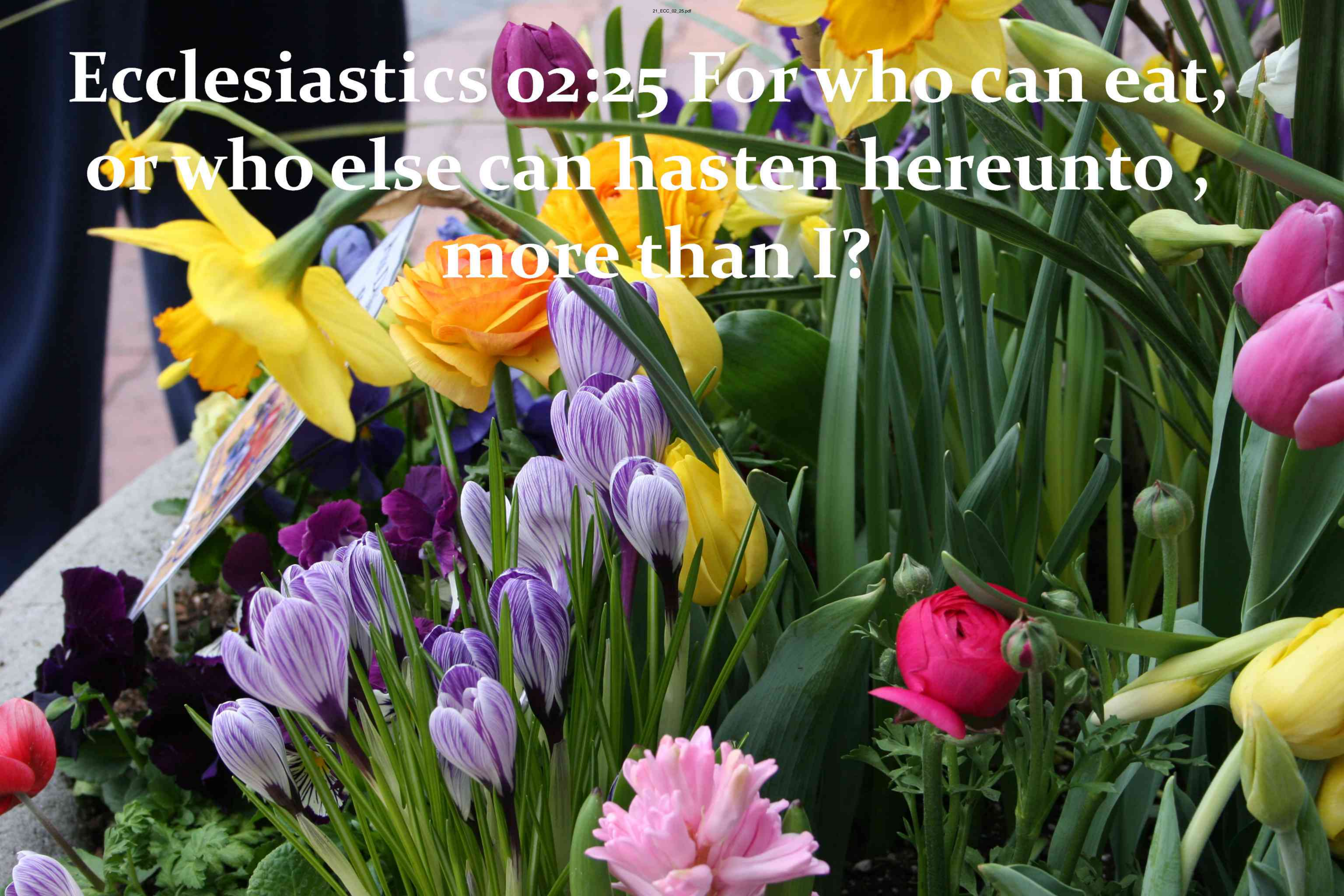
Ecclesiastics 02:23 For all his days
are sorrows, and his travail grief;
yea, his heart taketh not rest in the
night. This is also vanity.



Ecclesiastics 02:24 There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.



Ecclesiastics 02:25 For who can eat,
or who else can hasten hereunto,
more than I?



**Ecclesiastics 02:26 For God giveth
to a man that is good in his sight
wisdom, and knowledge, and joy:
but to the sinner he giveth travail,
to gather and to heap up, that he
may give to him that is good before
God. This also is vanity and
vexation of spirit.**