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A close-up photograph of a cluster of purple flowers, likely azaleas, with prominent stamens. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, showing vibrant purple petals and yellowish centers. The background is a dark, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage.

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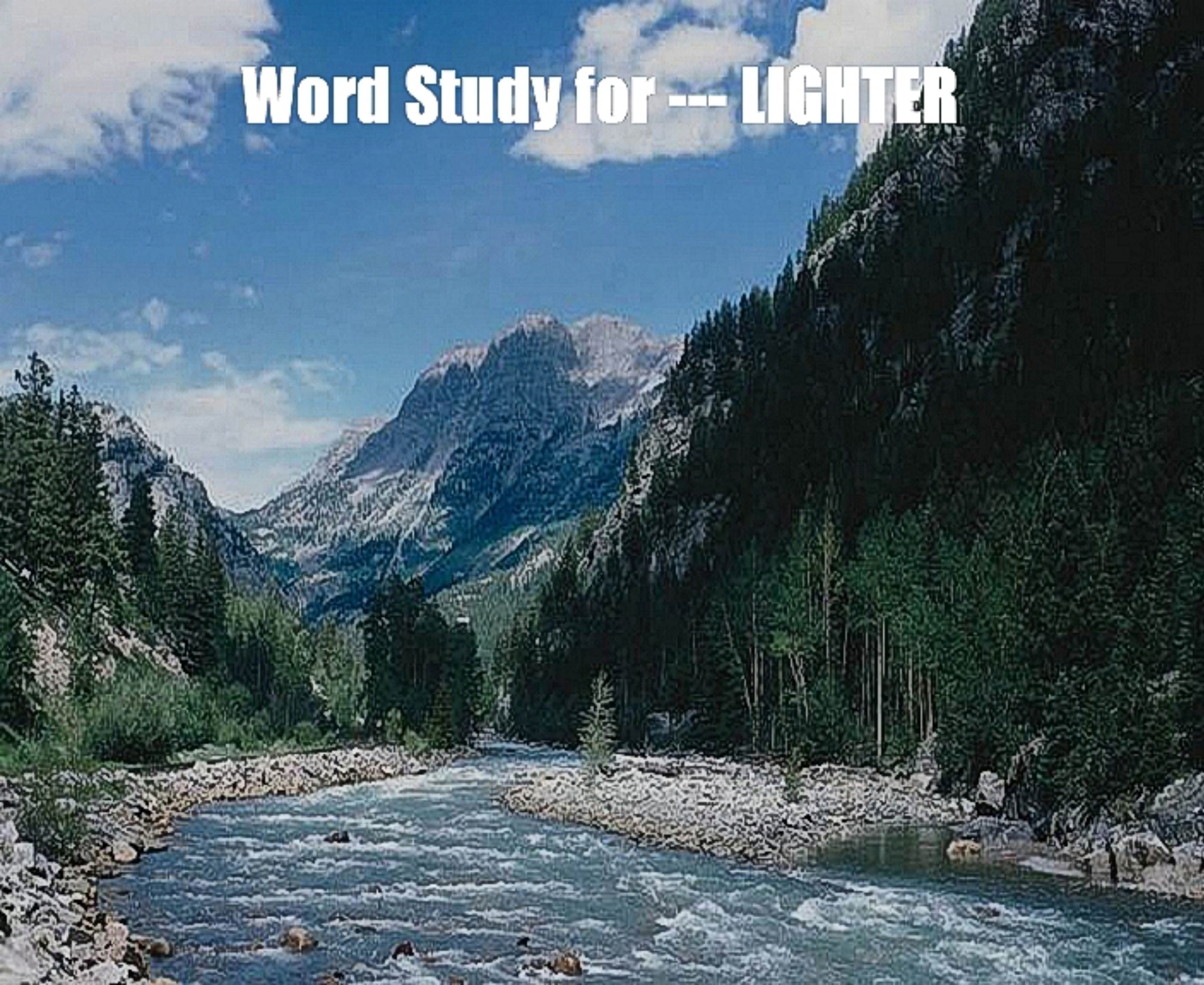
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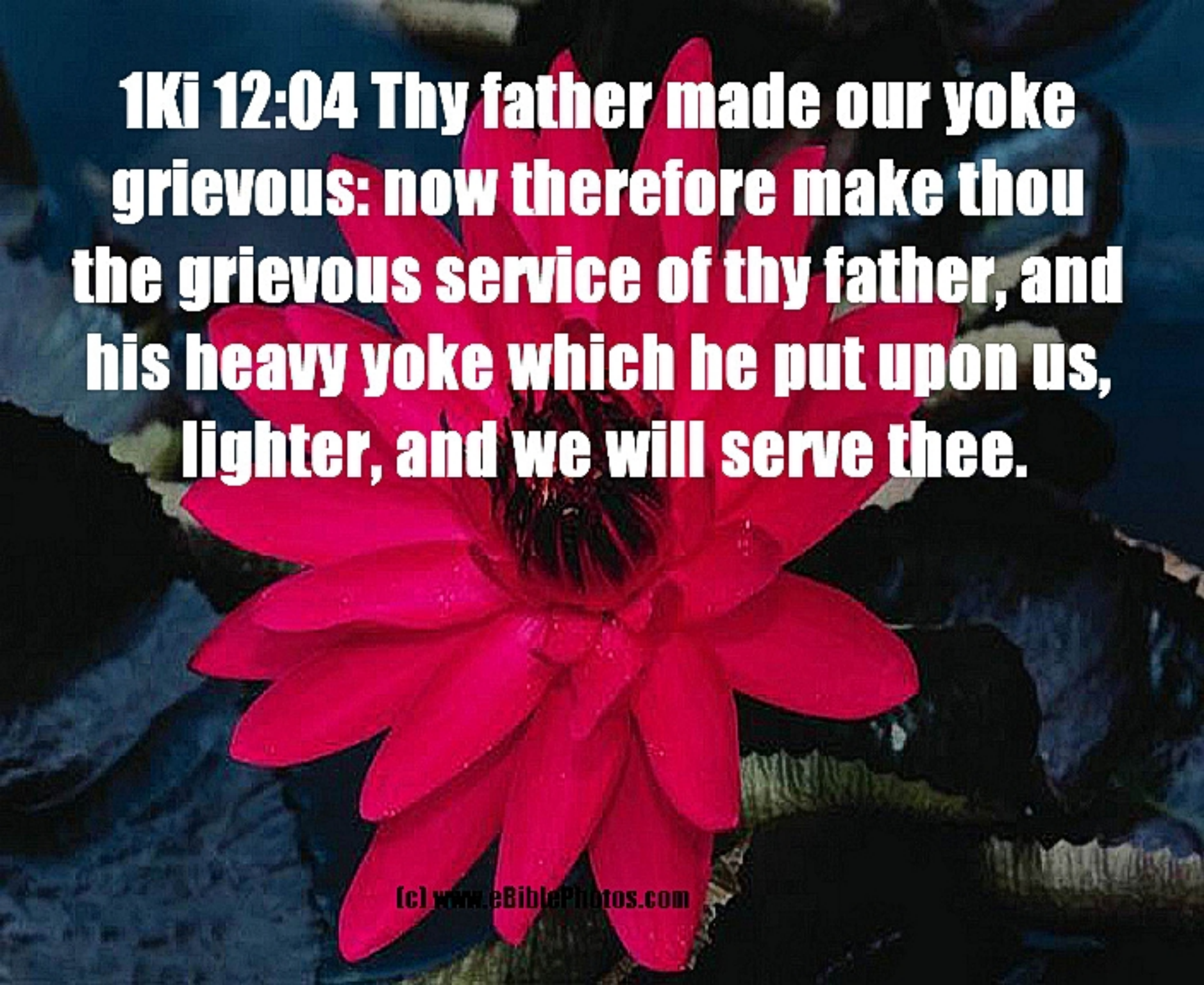




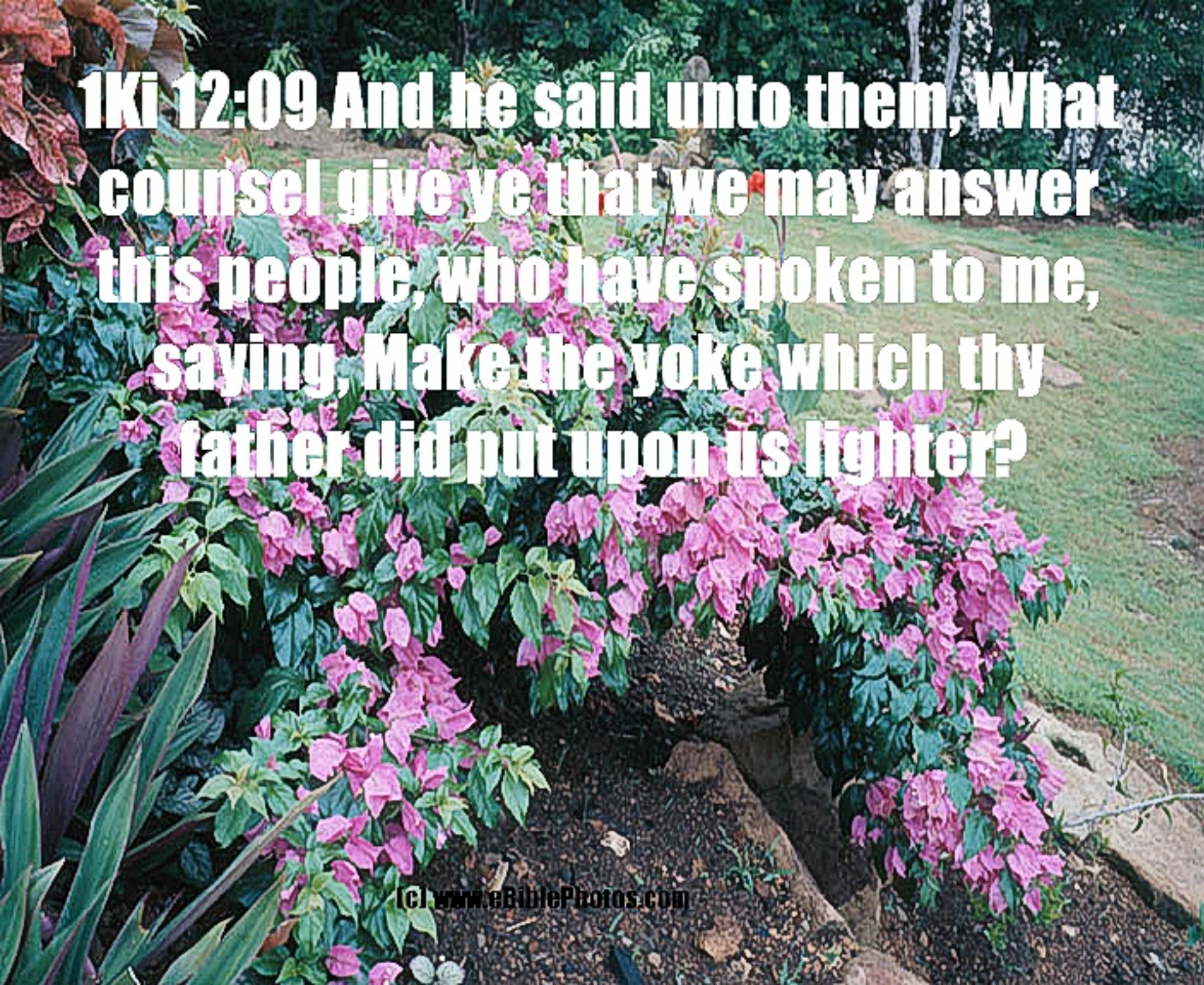
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# Word Study for --- LIGHTER





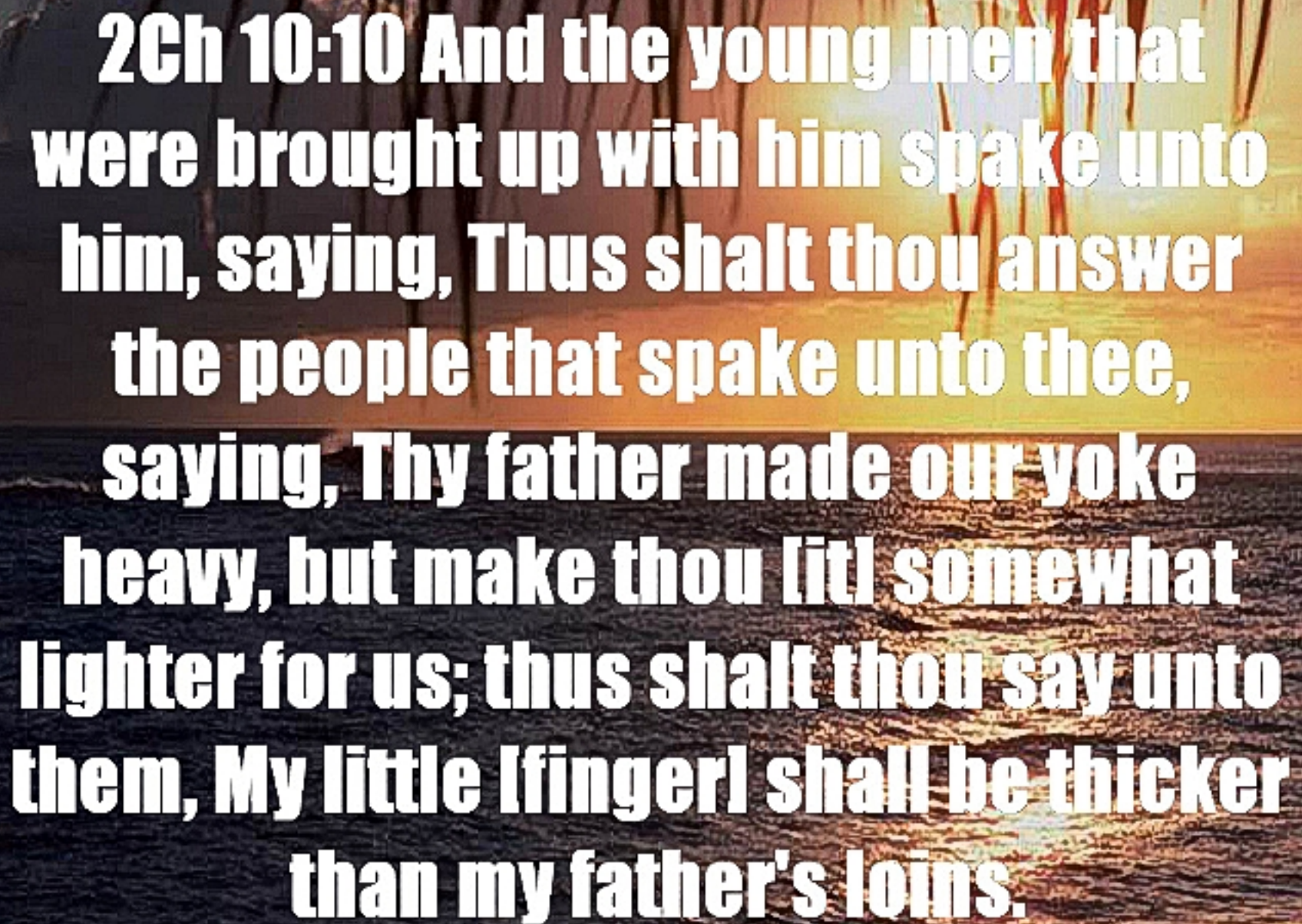
**1Ki 12:04 Thy father made our yoke  
grievous: now therefore make thou  
the grievous service of thy father, and  
his heavy yoke which he put upon us,  
lighter, and we will serve thee.**

A photograph of a garden scene. In the foreground, there are several large, vibrant pink bougainvillea flowers with green leaves. To the left, there are some purple-tinged plants. The background shows a green lawn and some trees. The text is overlaid in white, bold font across the top half of the image.

**1Ki 12:09 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?**



**1Ki 12:10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou [it] lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little [finger] shall be thicker than my father's loins.**

A sunset over a body of water with reeds in the foreground. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and water. The reeds are dark and silhouetted against the bright sky.

**2Ch 10:10 And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou [it] somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little [finger] shall be thicker than my father's loins.**

**Psa 62:09 Surely men of low degree [are] vanity, [and] men of high degree [are] a lie: to be laid in the balance, they [are] altogether [lighter] than vanity.**