

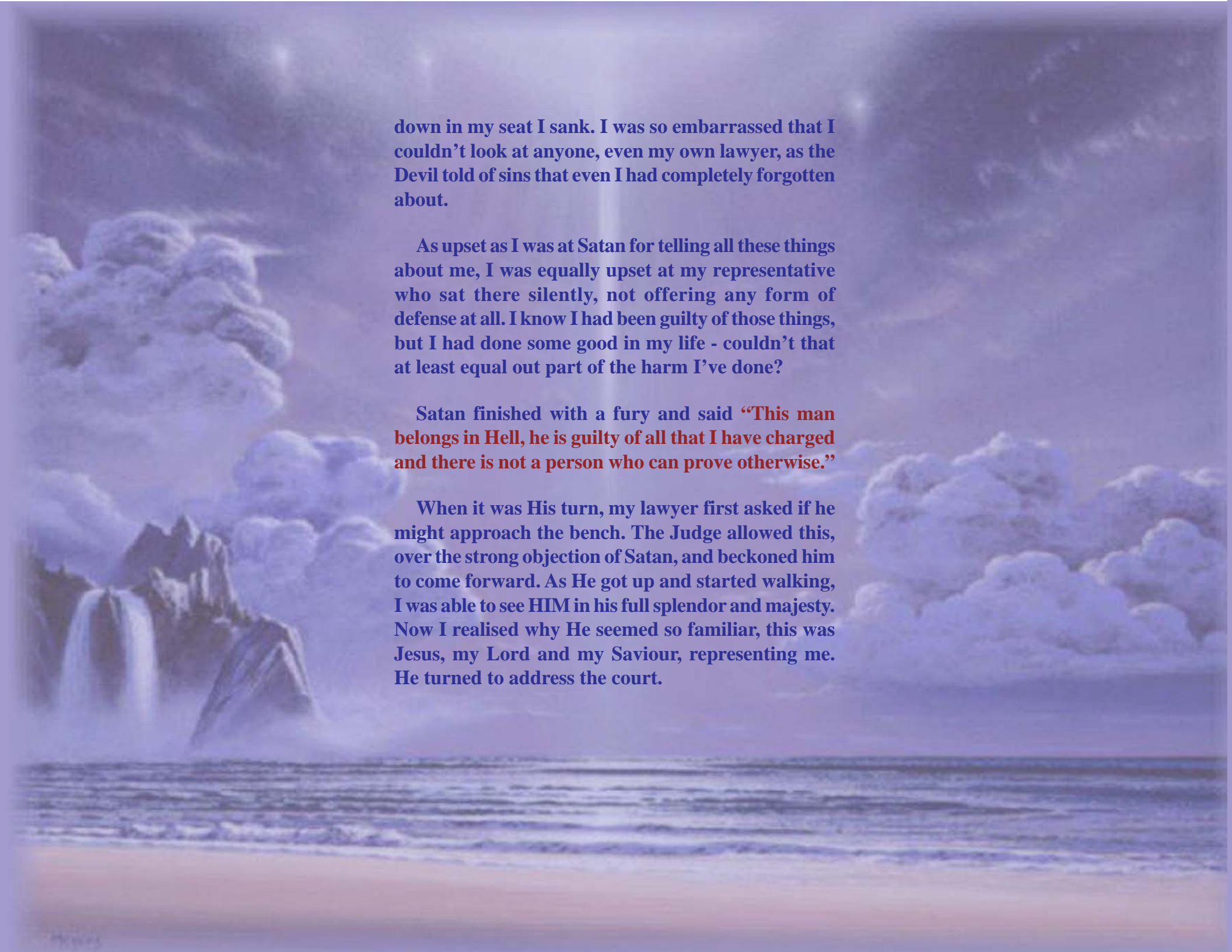
A scenic landscape with a waterfall, mountains, and a beach under a cloudy sky. The scene is bathed in a soft, golden light, suggesting either dawn or dusk. The sky is filled with large, billowing white clouds. In the foreground, a sandy beach meets gentle waves. In the middle ground, a waterfall cascades down a rocky cliff. In the background, jagged mountain peaks rise against the sky.

My time on earth had come to an end.

The first thing I remember is sitting on a bench in the waiting room of what I thought to be a court house. The doors opened and I was instructed to come in and have a seat by the defense table. As I looked around, I saw the “prosecutor.” He was a villainous looking gent who snarled as he stared at me. He definitely was the most evil person I have ever seen. I sat down and looked to my left and there sat my lawyer, a kind and gentle looking man, whose appearance seemed very familiar to me.

The corner door flew open and there appeared The Judge in full flowing robes. He commanded an awesome presence as He moved across the room and I couldn’t take my eyes off of Him. As He took his seat behind the bench He said, **“Let us begin.”**

The prosecutor rose and said, **“My name is Satan and I am here to show you why this man belongs in Hell.”** He proceeded to tell of lies that I told, things that I stole and in the past when I cheated others. Satan told of other horrible perversions that were once in my life and the more he spoke, the further

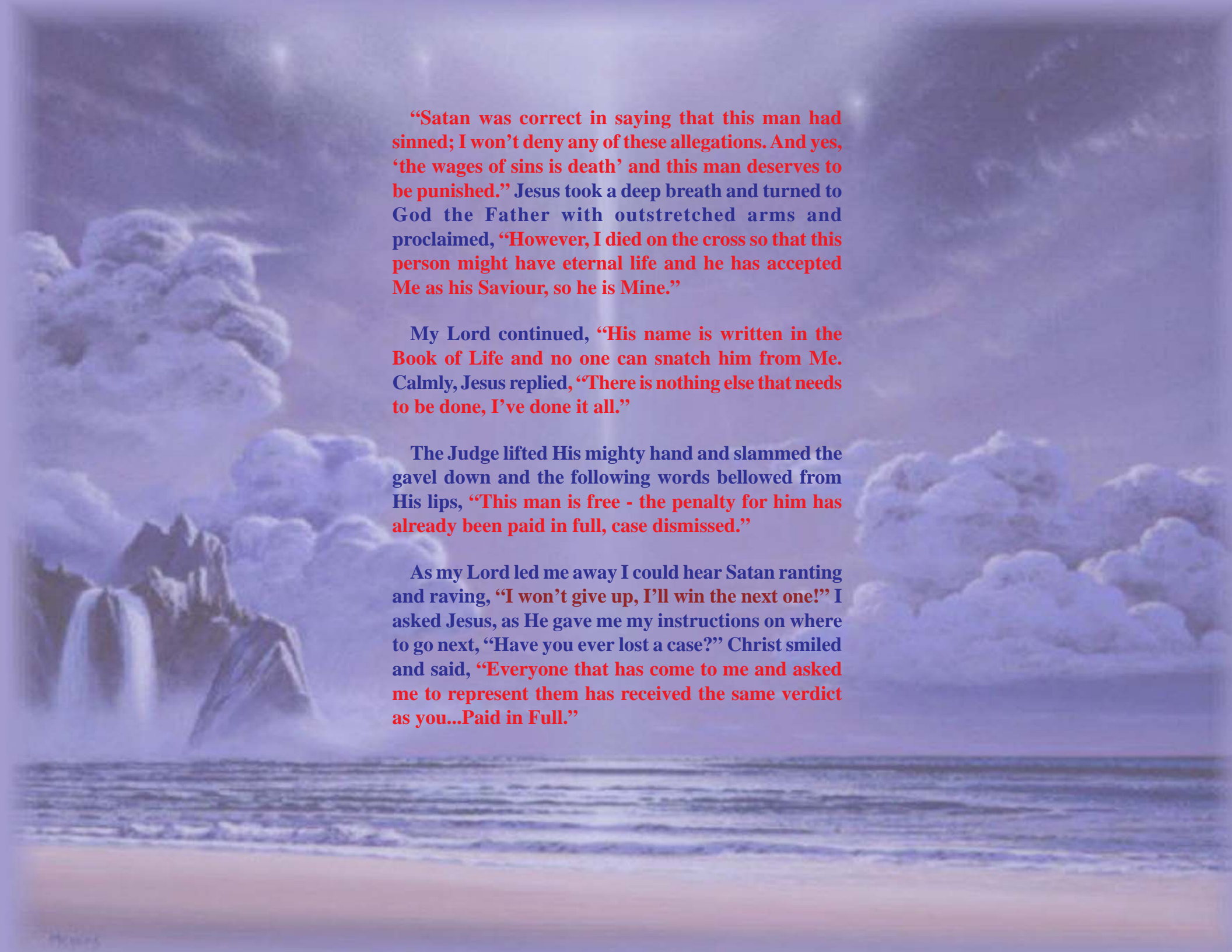
A scenic landscape featuring a waterfall cascading over dark, jagged rocks on the left side. The background shows a range of mountains under a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. In the foreground, there is a sandy beach with gentle waves lapping at the shore. The overall lighting is soft, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting.

down in my seat I sank. I was so embarrassed that I couldn't look at anyone, even my own lawyer, as the Devil told of sins that even I had completely forgotten about.

As upset as I was at Satan for telling all these things about me, I was equally upset at my representative who sat there silently, not offering any form of defense at all. I know I had been guilty of those things, but I had done some good in my life - couldn't that at least equal out part of the harm I've done?

Satan finished with a fury and said **“This man belongs in Hell, he is guilty of all that I have charged and there is not a person who can prove otherwise.”**

When it was His turn, my lawyer first asked if he might approach the bench. The Judge allowed this, over the strong objection of Satan, and beckoned him to come forward. As He got up and started walking, I was able to see HIM in his full splendor and majesty. Now I realised why He seemed so familiar, this was Jesus, my Lord and my Saviour, representing me. He turned to address the court.

A scenic landscape featuring a waterfall cascading over rocks on the left, a range of mountains in the background, and a sandy beach with waves in the foreground. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

“Satan was correct in saying that this man had sinned; I won’t deny any of these allegations. And yes, ‘the wages of sins is death’ and this man deserves to be punished.” Jesus took a deep breath and turned to God the Father with outstretched arms and proclaimed, “However, I died on the cross so that this person might have eternal life and he has accepted Me as his Saviour, so he is Mine.”

My Lord continued, “His name is written in the Book of Life and no one can snatch him from Me. Calmly, Jesus replied, “There is nothing else that needs to be done, I’ve done it all.”

The Judge lifted His mighty hand and slammed the gavel down and the following words bellowed from His lips, “This man is free - the penalty for him has already been paid in full, case dismissed.”

As my Lord led me away I could hear Satan ranting and raving, “I won’t give up, I’ll win the next one!” I asked Jesus, as He gave me my instructions on where to go next, “Have you ever lost a case?” Christ smiled and said, “Everyone that has come to me and asked me to represent them has received the same verdict as you...Paid in Full.”