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Isaiah 52 v 14:

His appearance was so disfigured

beyond that of any man

*and his form marred beyond human
likeness*

Isaiah 53 v 3:

He was despised and rejected by men,

a man of sorrow,

and familiar with suffering.

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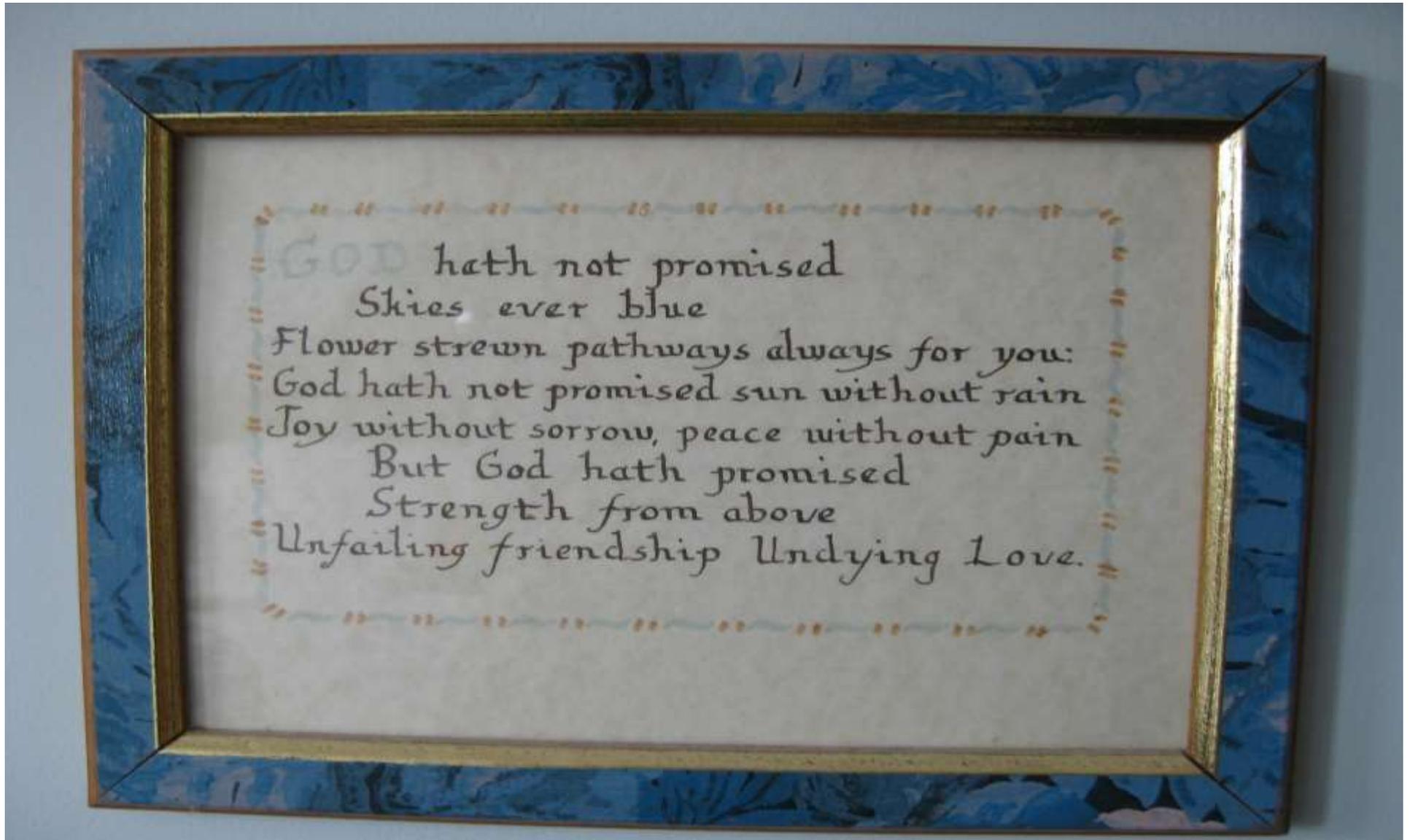
'Promises'

- Our sins forgiven
- Salvation
- Eternal Life
- A home in heaven ...

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- God will make 'good' his promises

God has not promised ...



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Romans 5 v 3 & 4:

*We know that suffering produces perseverance
perseverance, character;
and character, hope.*