A scenic landscape featuring a large body of water (likely a lake or bay) in the middle ground, surrounded by rolling hills and mountains in the distance. The foreground is filled with lush green grass and numerous purple flowers, possibly irises, in bloom. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

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a person who believes a catastrophic disaster or emergency is likely to occur in the future and makes active preparations for it, typically by stockpiling food, ammunition, and other supplies.

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Literally “ask back, call for return of what is due, demand back.”

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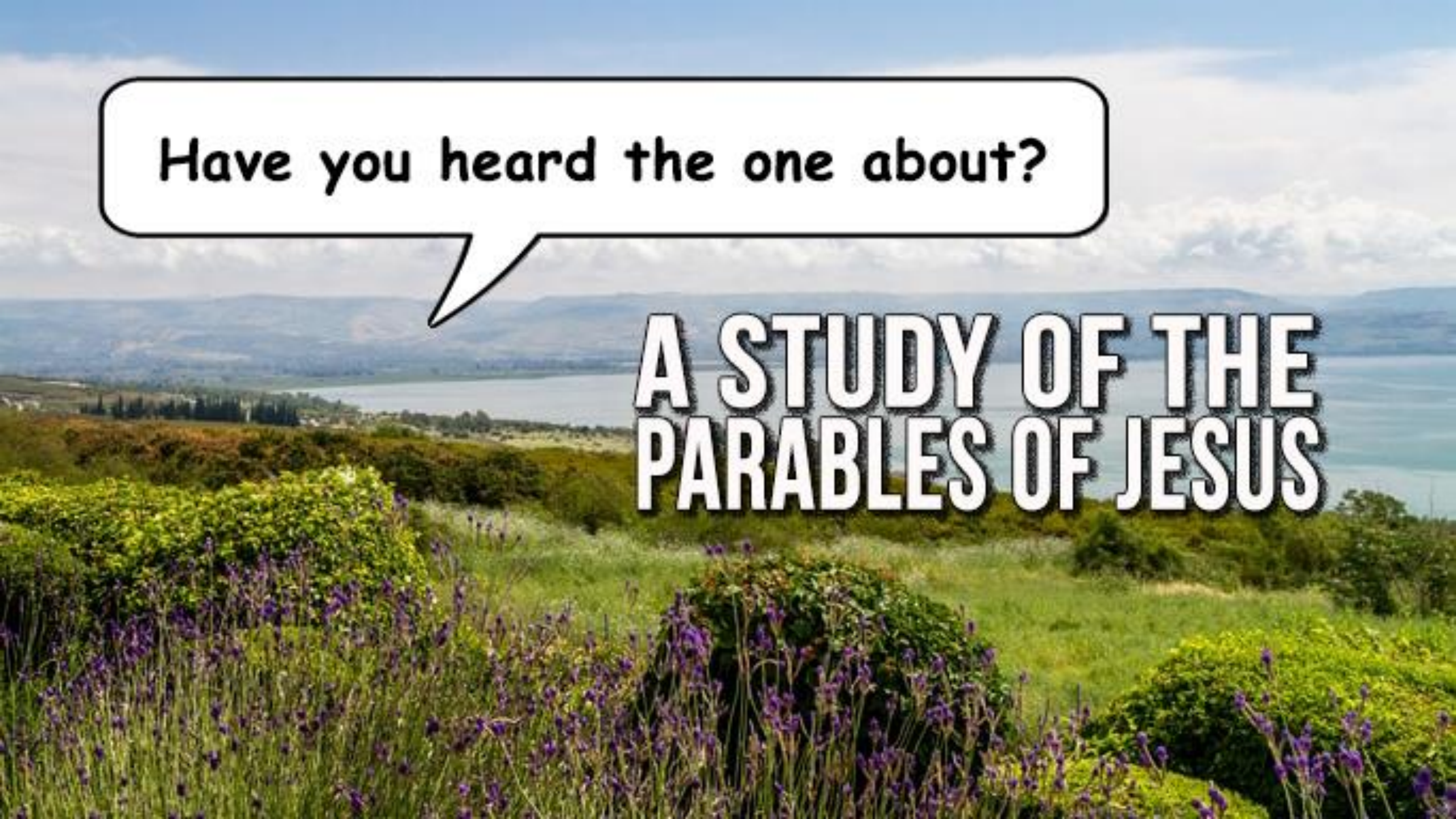
God essentially said, “Mine!”

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- Cry out to God and pray for the Holy Spirit's help.



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