

# HIGH HOLY DAYS

*where history and hope find fulfillment in Jesus the Messiah*



*Rosh Hashanah*  
*September 16*

*Yom Kippur*  
*September 23*

*Sukkot*  
*September 30*



# THE MERCY SEAT UNVEILED



God is perfect.

Oh, the depth of the riches  
of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable his judgments,  
and his paths beyond tracing out!  
“Who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counselor?”  
“Who has ever given to God,  
that God should repay them?”  
For from him and through him  
and for him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.  
-Romans 11:32-34

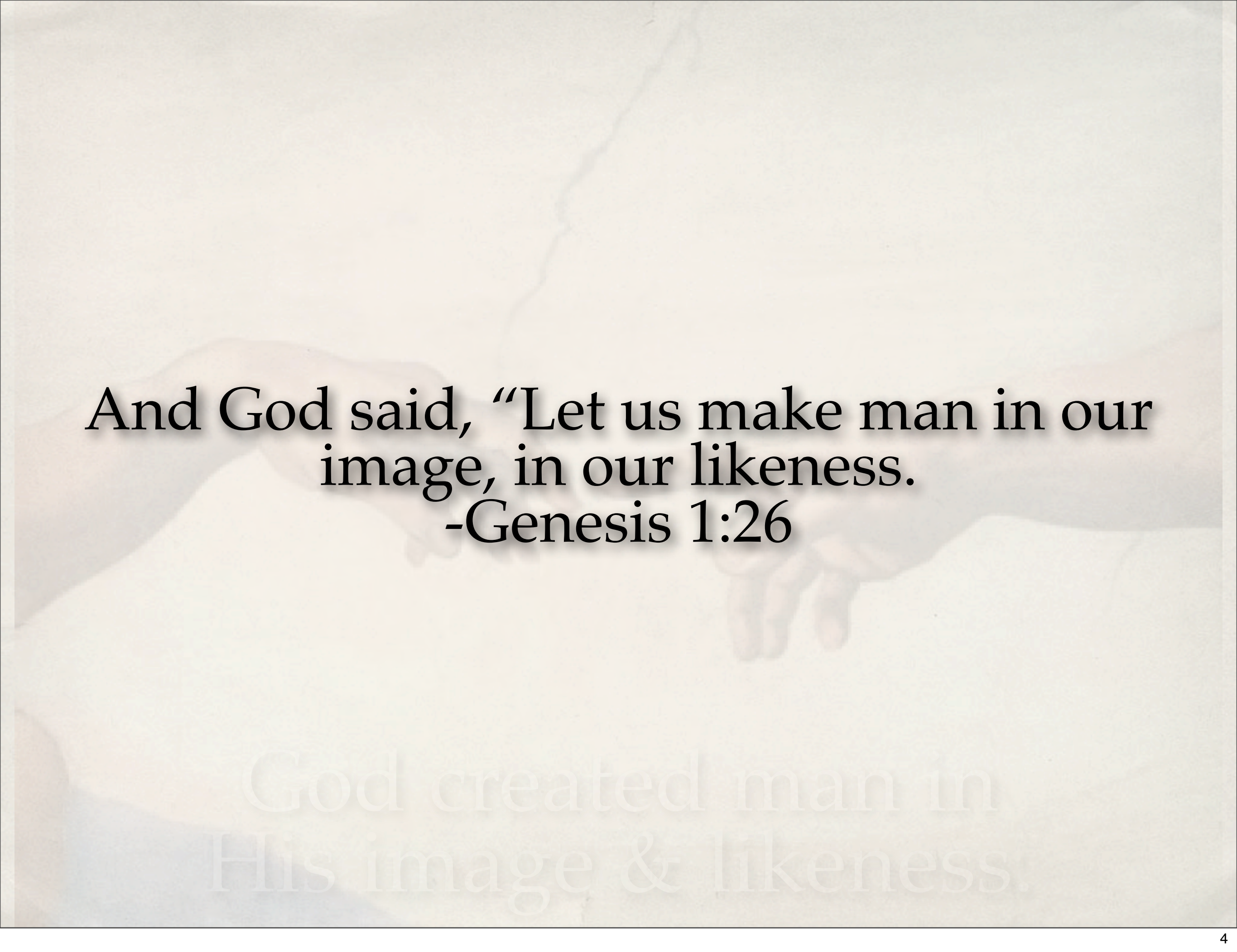
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And God said, "Let us make man in our  
image, in our likeness."  
-Genesis 1:26

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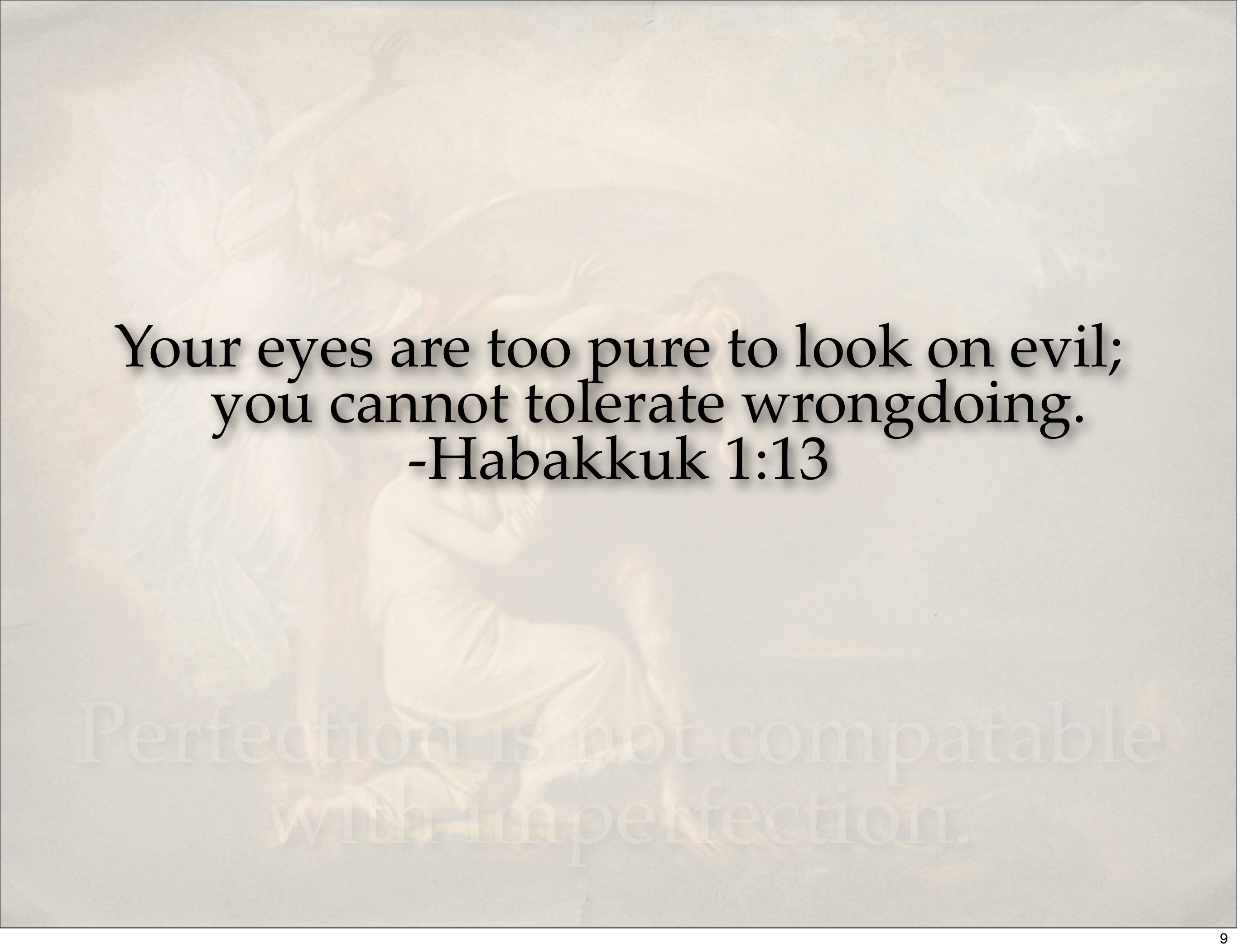
God Loves Us.







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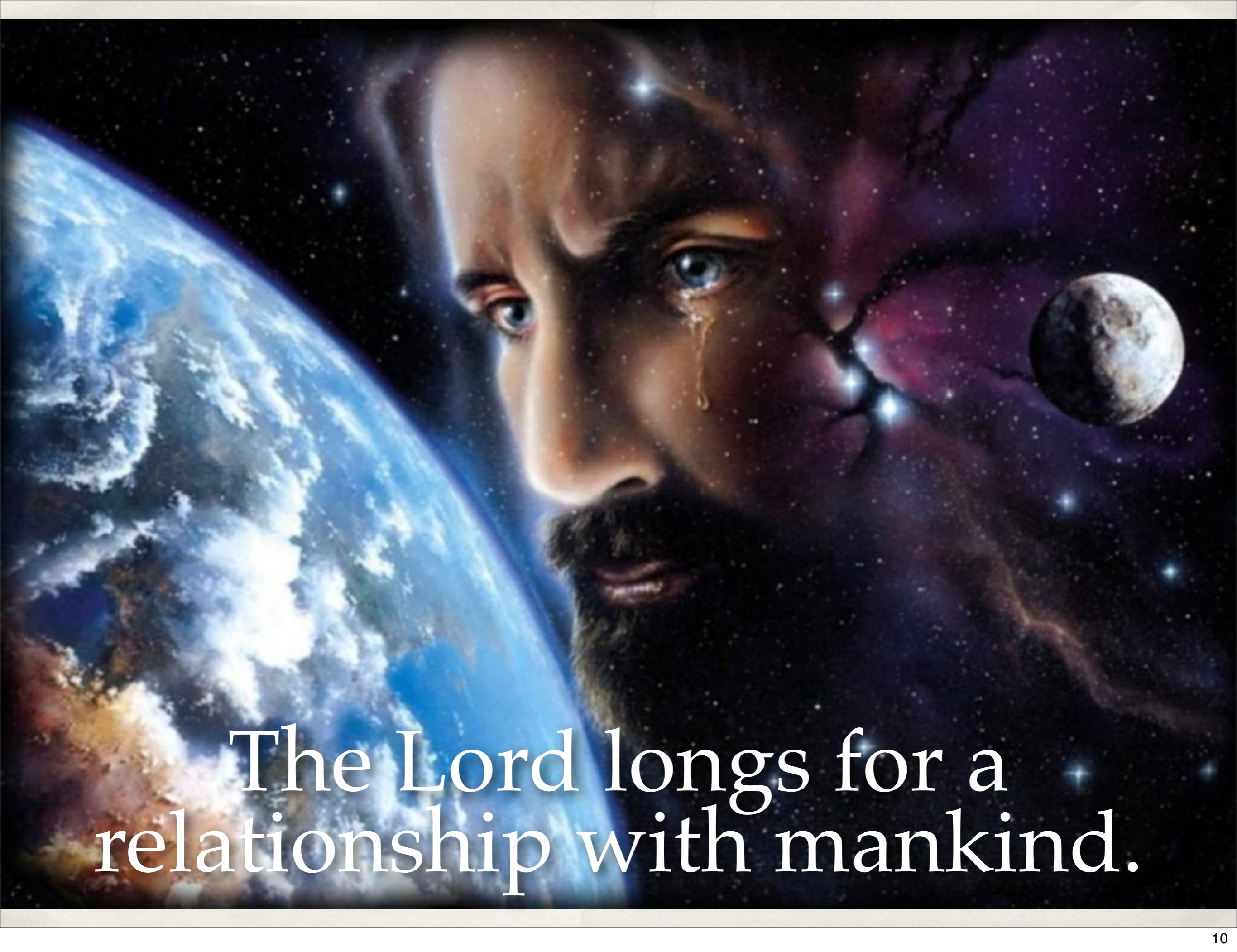
Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;  
you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.  
-Habakkuk 1:13

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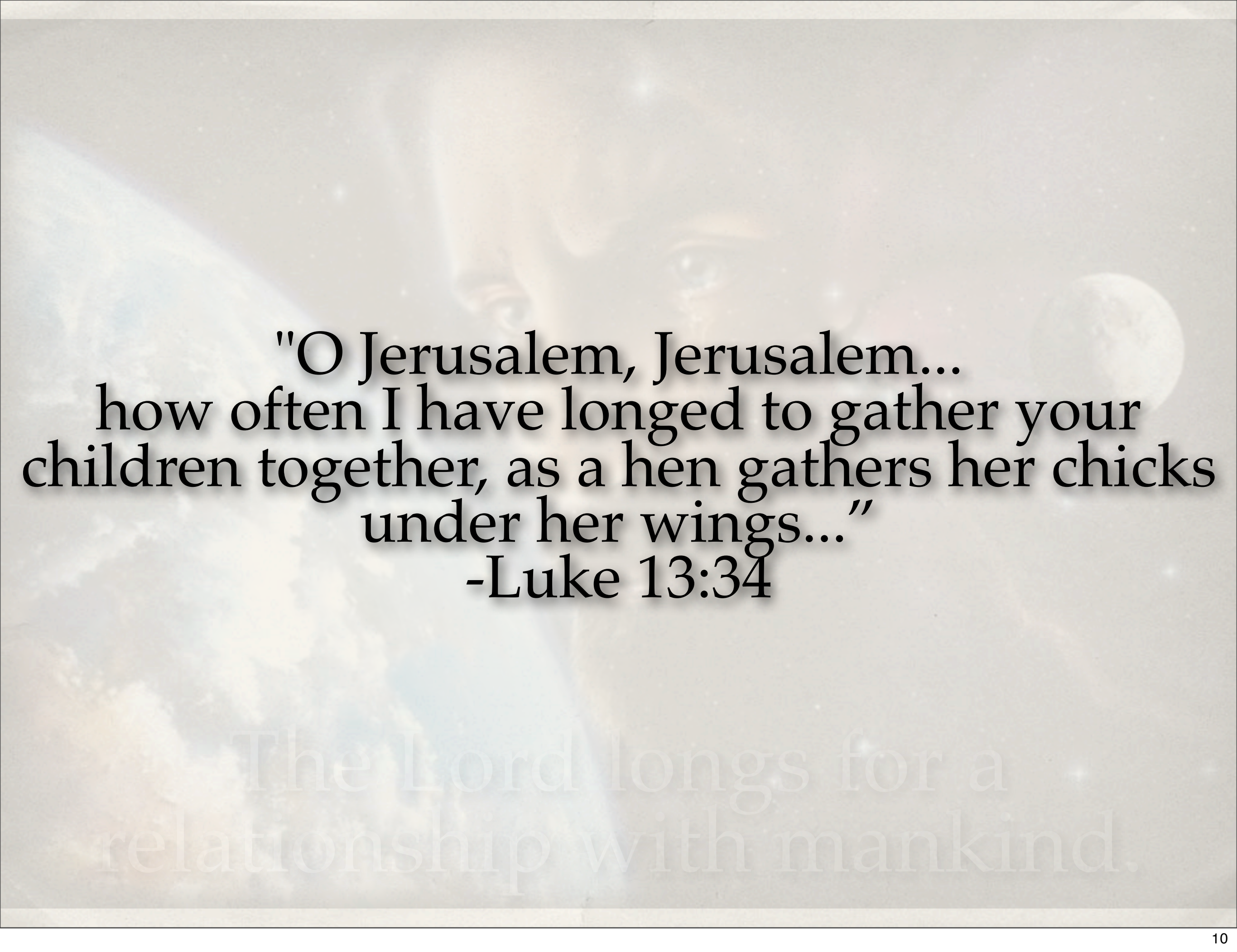




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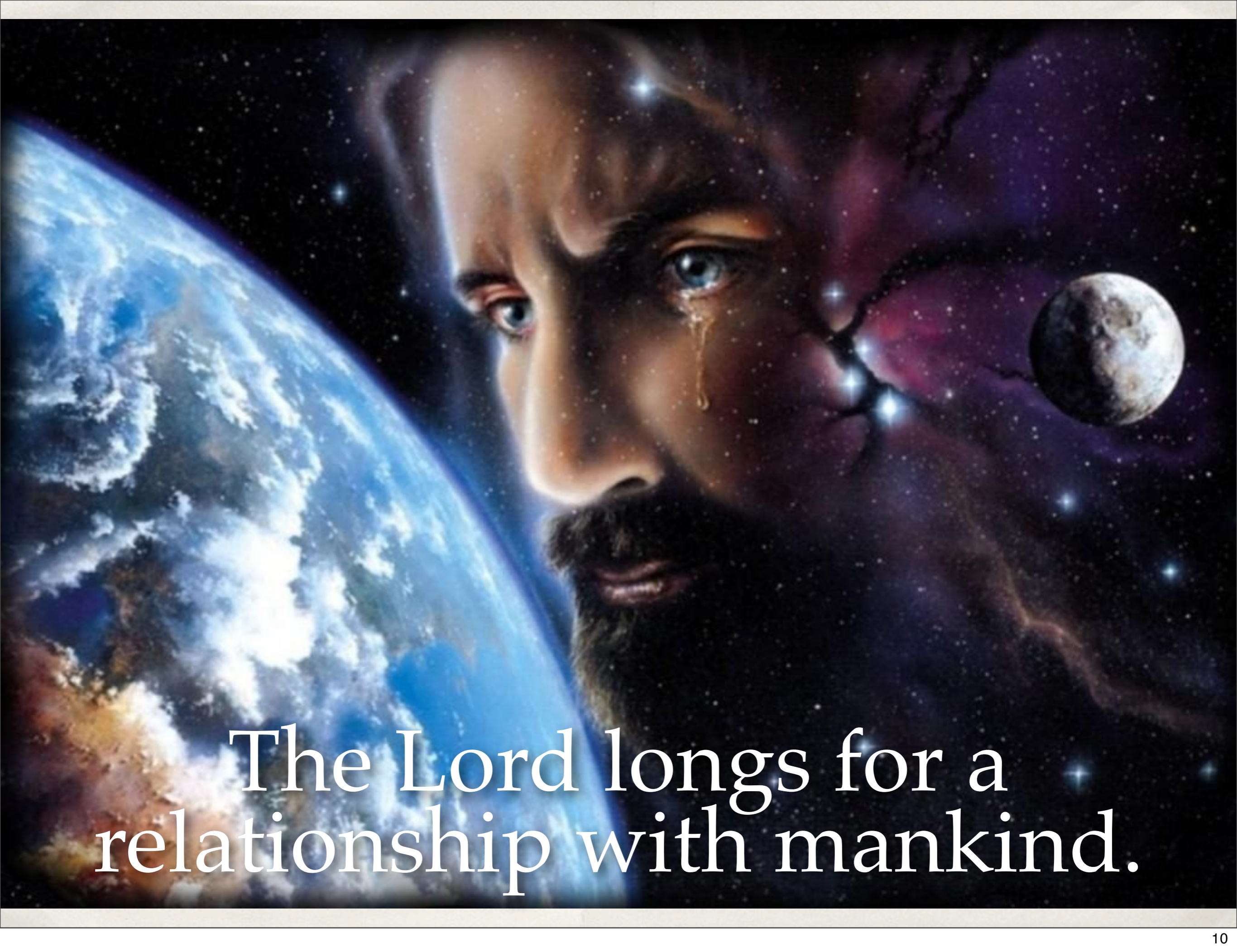


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"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...  
how often I have longed to gather your  
children together, as a hen gathers her chicks  
under her wings..."  
-Luke 13:34

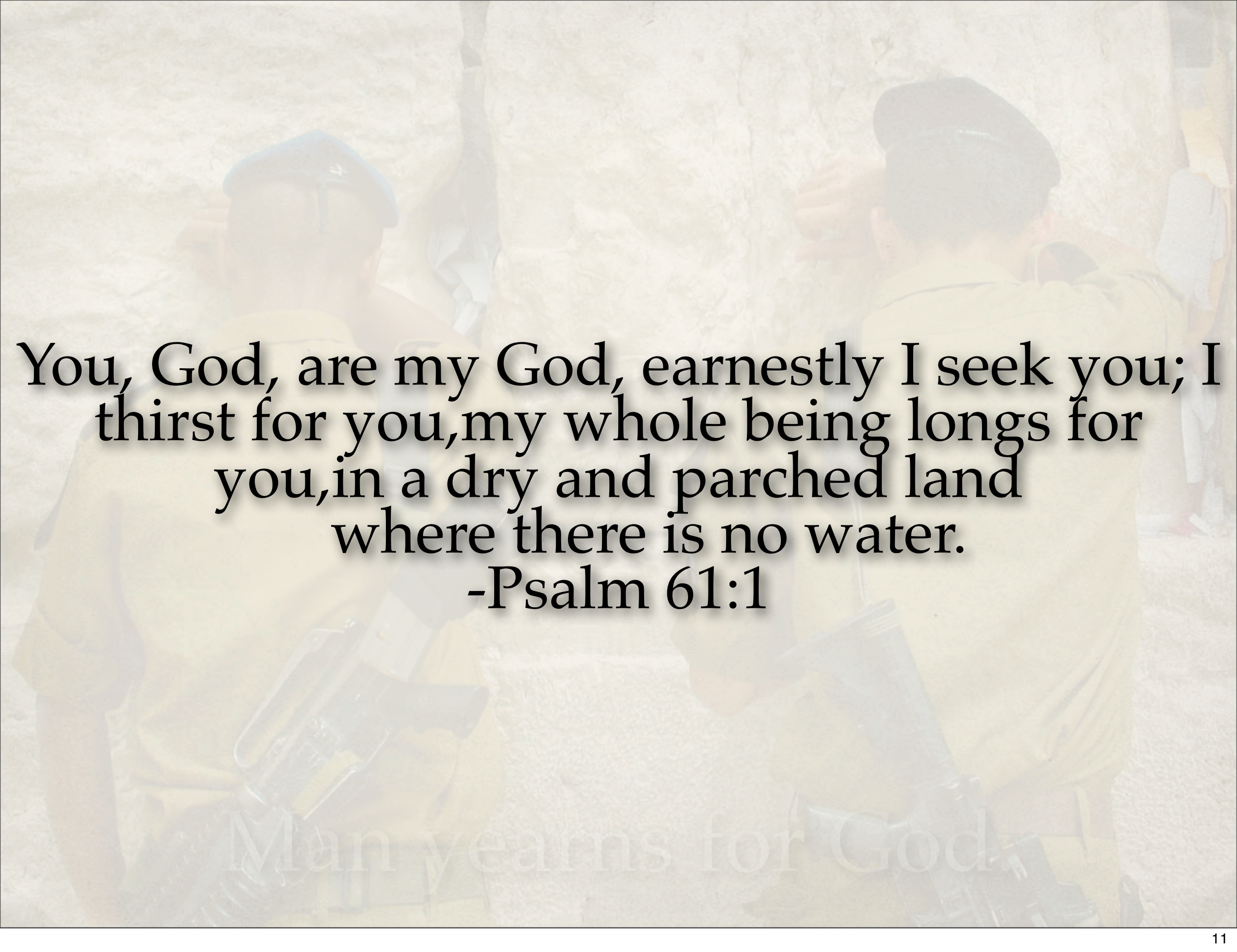
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Man yearns for God.

A faded background image showing two soldiers in military uniforms and berets standing in a dry, cracked, and parched landscape. The soldiers are facing away from the camera, looking towards the horizon. The ground is parched and cracked, with some sparse, dry vegetation. The overall tone is somber and emphasizes the theme of thirst and longing for God.

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I  
thirst for you, my whole being longs for  
you, in a dry and parched land  
where there is no water.  
-Psalm 61:1

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Exodus 25:10-22

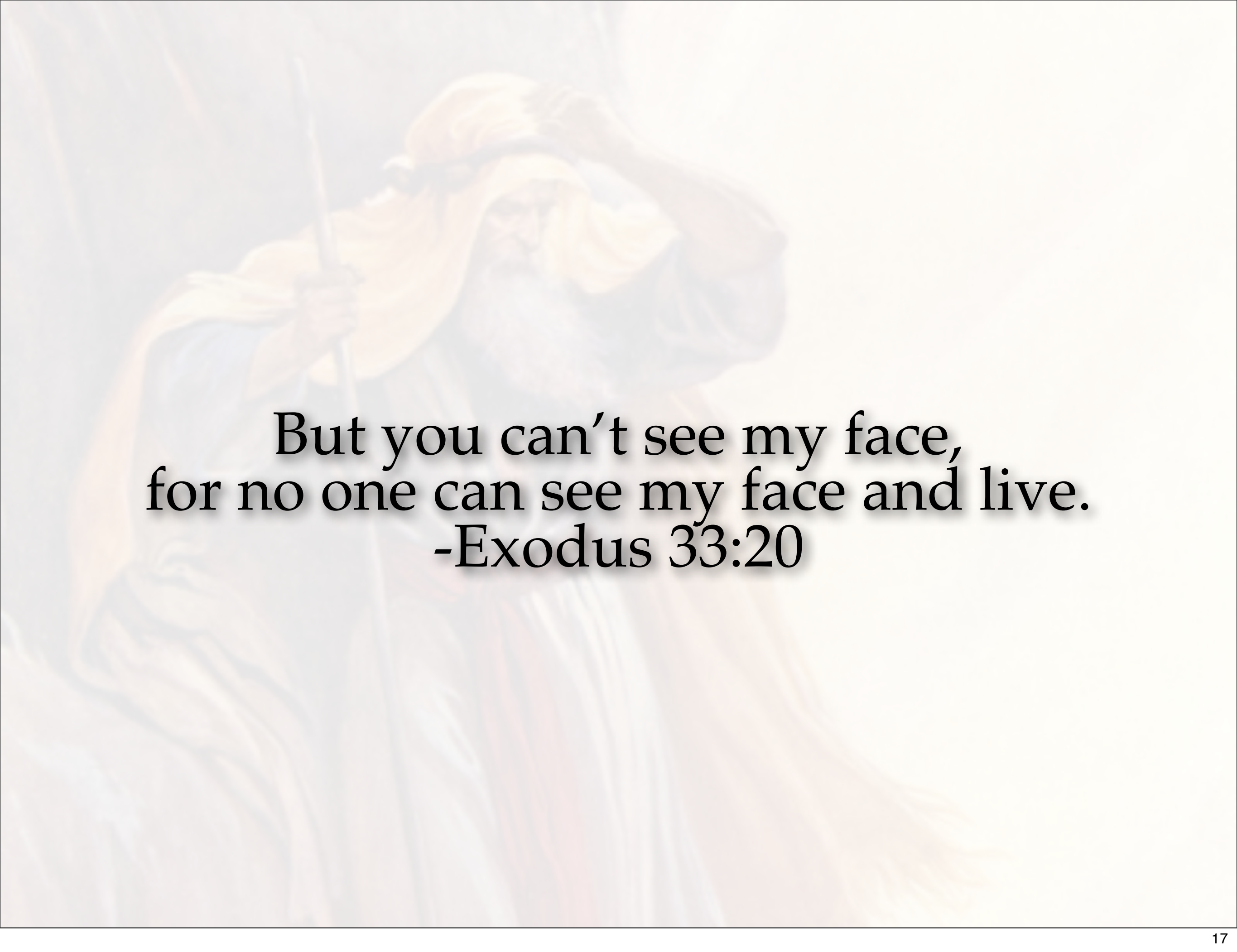


The LORD said to Moses: “Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die. For I will appear in the cloud over the atonement cover.

-Leviticus 16:2







But you can't see my face,  
for no one can see my face and live.  
-Exodus 33:20







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And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

-Matthew 27:52-54





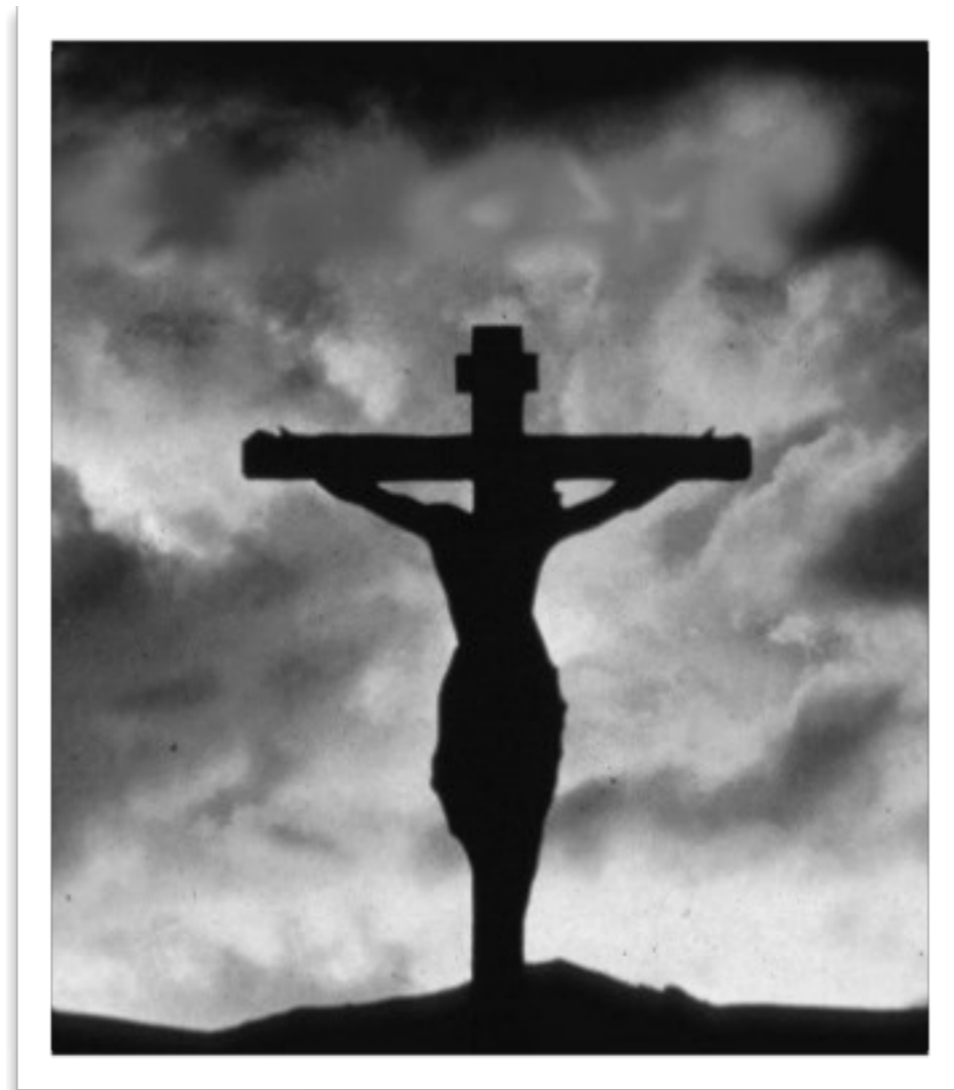
But when Christ came as high priest... he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands... not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

-Hebrews 9:11-12



The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.  
-Hebrews 9:13





How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!  
-Hebrews 9:14



For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

-Hebrews 9:15

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## OLD COVENANT

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one...



# Hebrews 9:25

## NEW COVENANT

he entered heaven  
itself, now to  
appear for us in  
God's presence.



# Hebrews 9:26

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## OLD COVENANT

Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.



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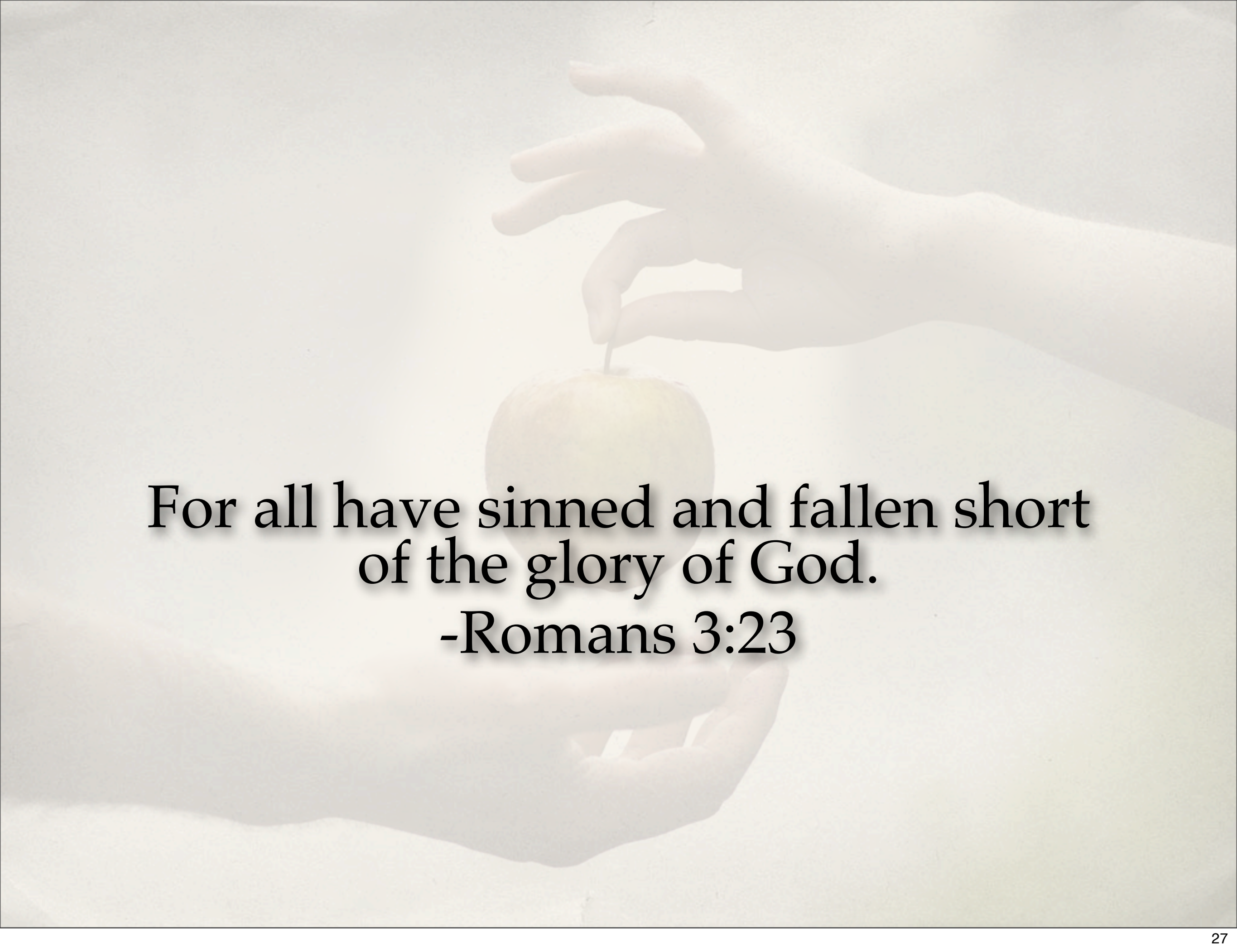
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But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.







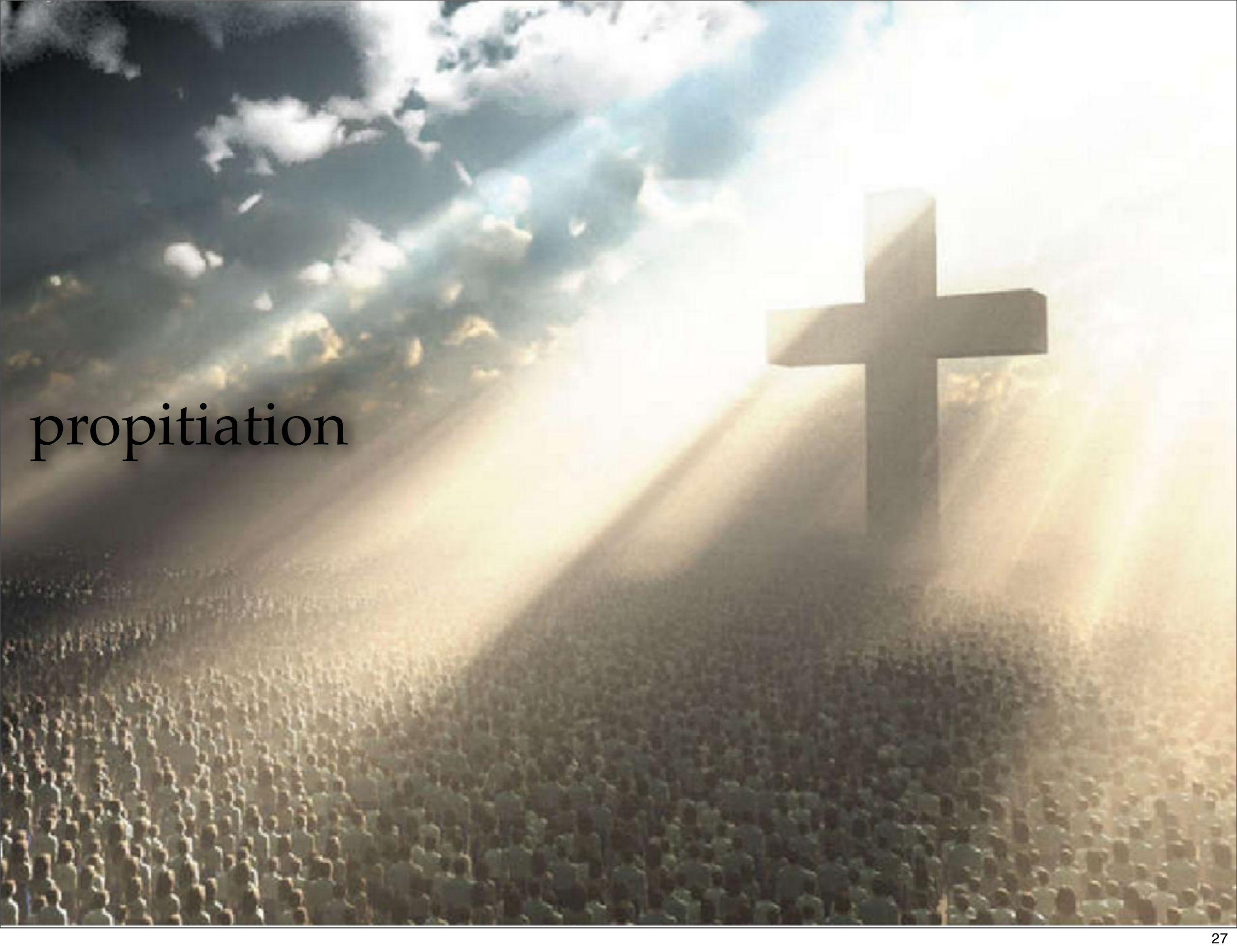
A faint, artistic background image showing a hand from the right side holding a yellow apple by its stem. Below the apple, another hand is visible, palm up, as if offering or supporting it. The scene is set against a light, neutral background.

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of the glory of God.  
-Romans 3:23

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the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;  
whom God displayed publicly as a  
propitiation in His blood through faith. This  
was to demonstrate His righteousness,  
because in the forbearance of God He  
passed over the sins previously committed;  
for the demonstration, I say, of His  
righteousness at the present time, so that He  
would be just and the justifier of the one  
who has faith in Jesus.

-Romans 3:23:26



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-John 20:11-12

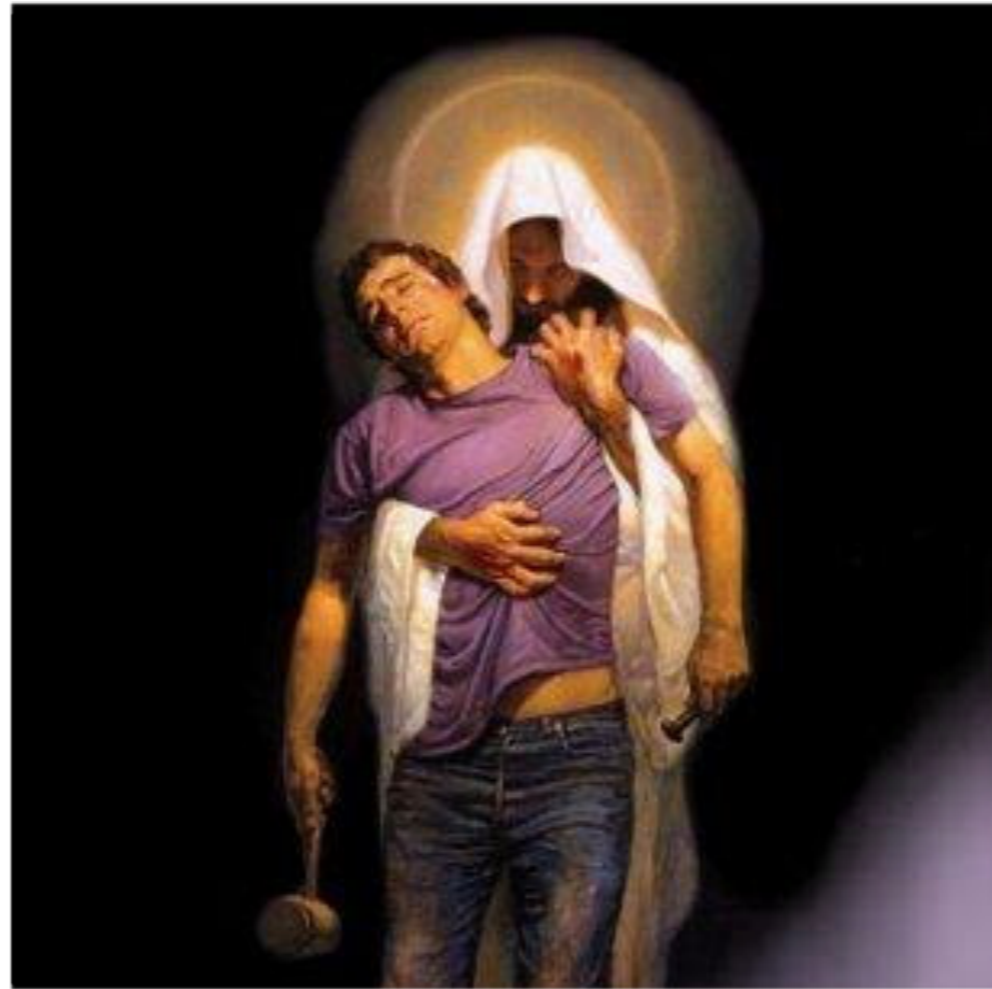
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You show that you are a letter from Christ...  
written not with ink but with the Spirit of the  
living God, not on tablets of stone but on  
tablets of human hearts.  
-2 Corinthians 3:3



Such confidence we have through Christ  
before God... He has made us competent as  
ministers of a new covenant...  
2 Corinthians 3:4,6



Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory... how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory.  
2 Corinthians 3:7,9-10



We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away.  
2 Corinthians 3:13



But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.  
2 Corinthians 3:16,18