

# FAITH THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS



# Two things to know about God.

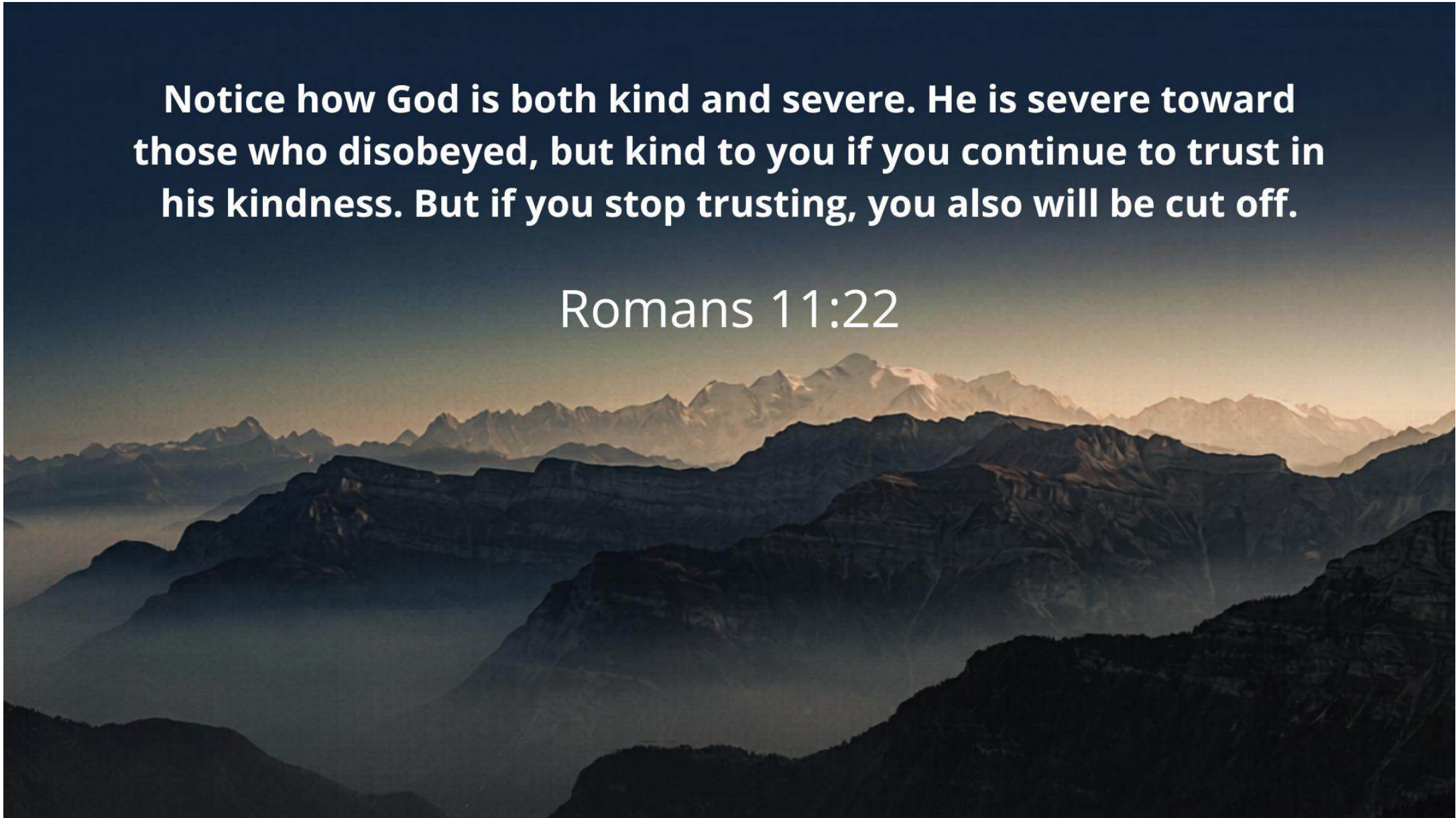
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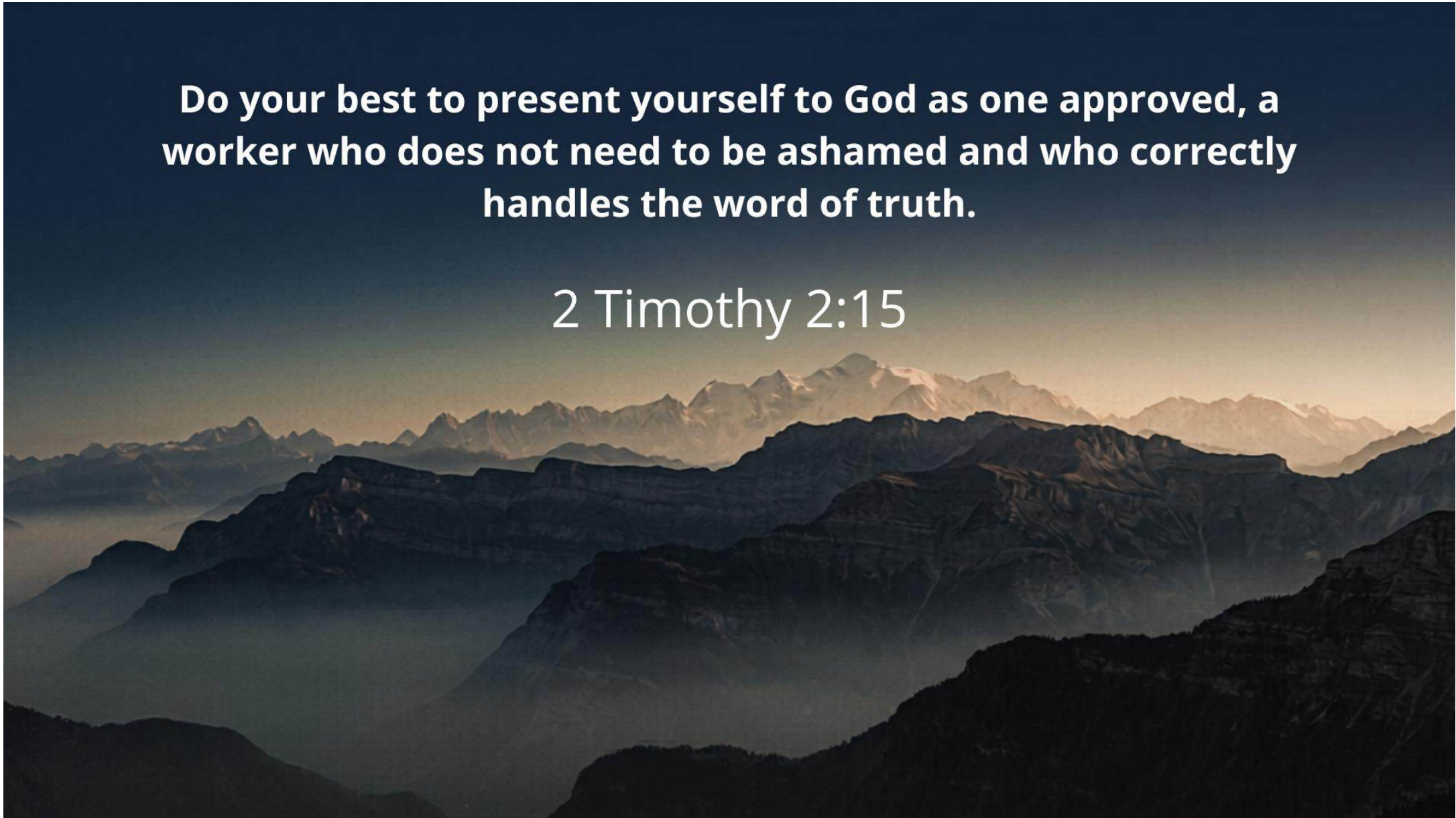
**Notice how God is both kind and severe. He is severe toward those who disobeyed, but kind to you if you continue to trust in his kindness. But if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off.**

Romans 11:22



**Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.**

2 Timothy 2:15



**<sup>6</sup> Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,**

2 Corinthians 12:6-10



**<sup>7</sup> or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.**

2 Corinthians 12:6-10



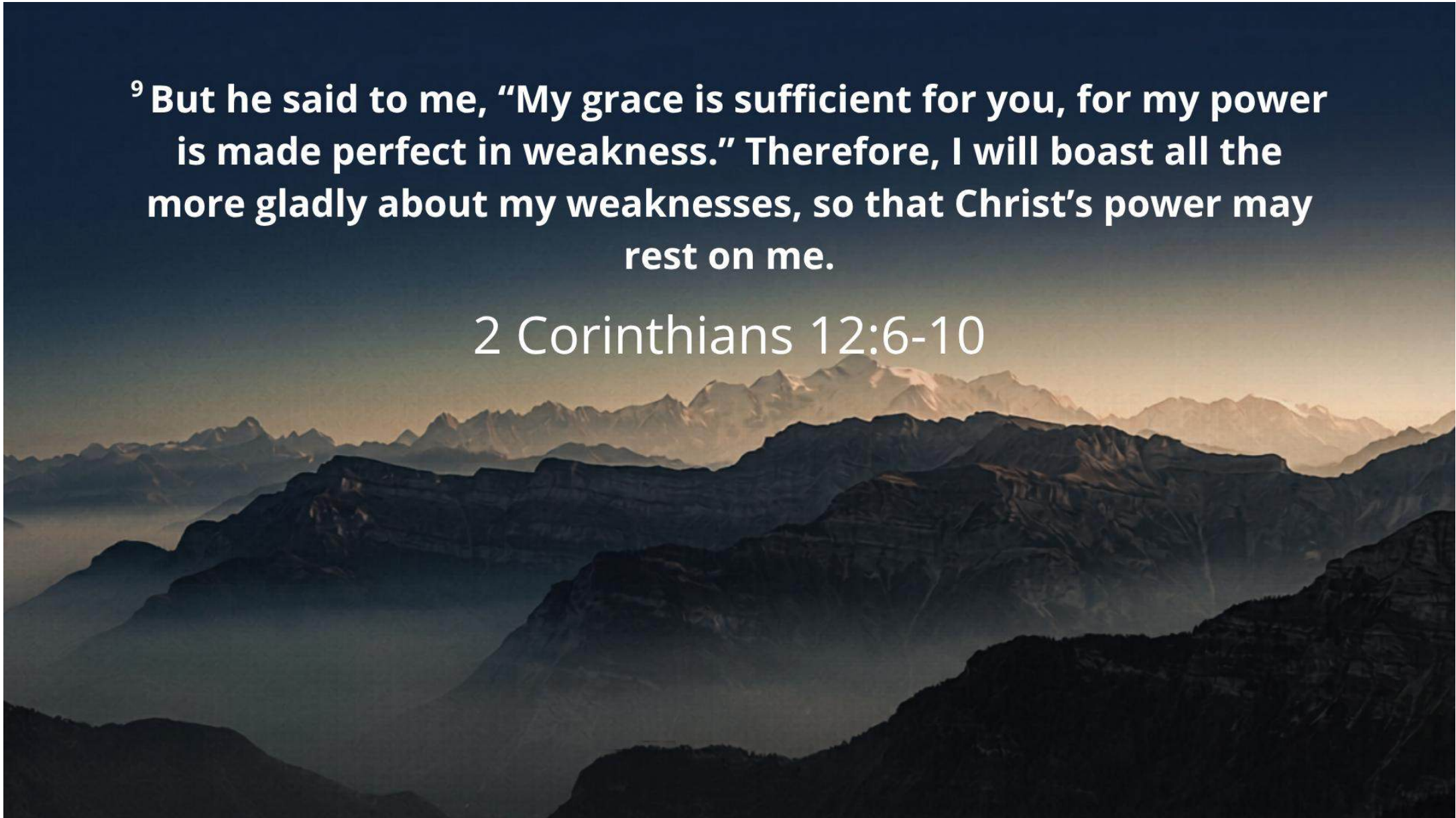
**<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.**

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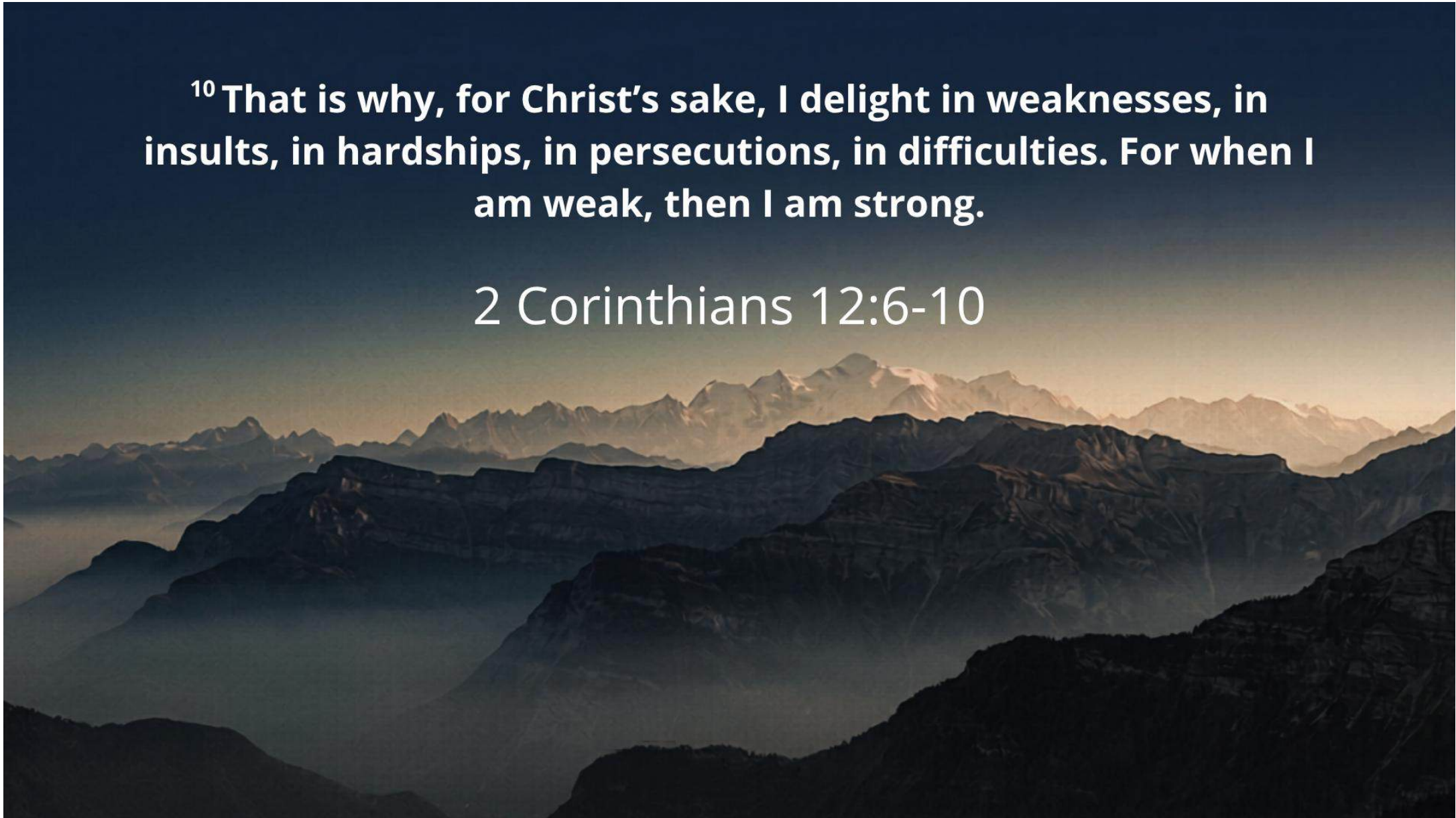
**<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.**

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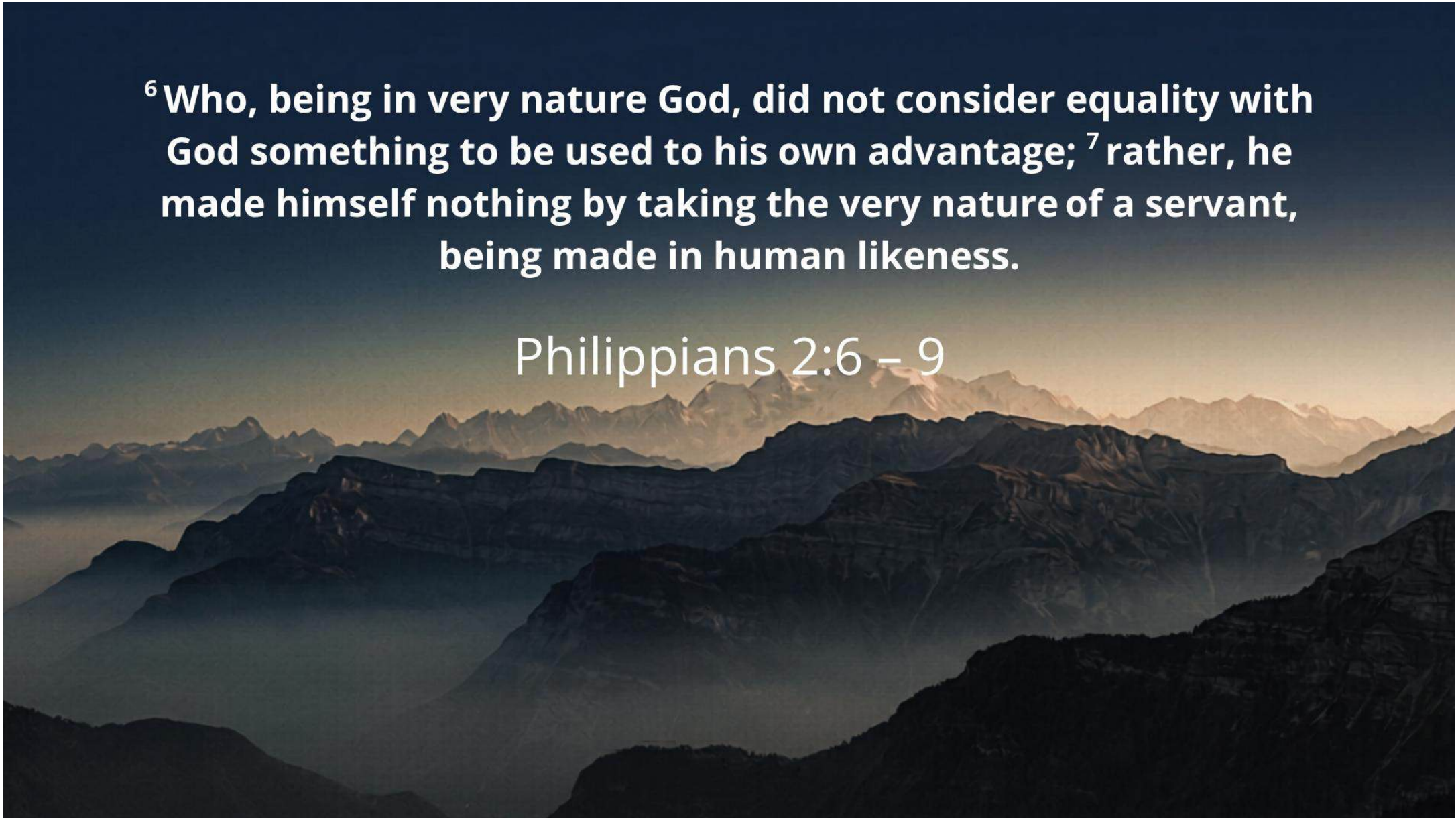
**<sup>10</sup>That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

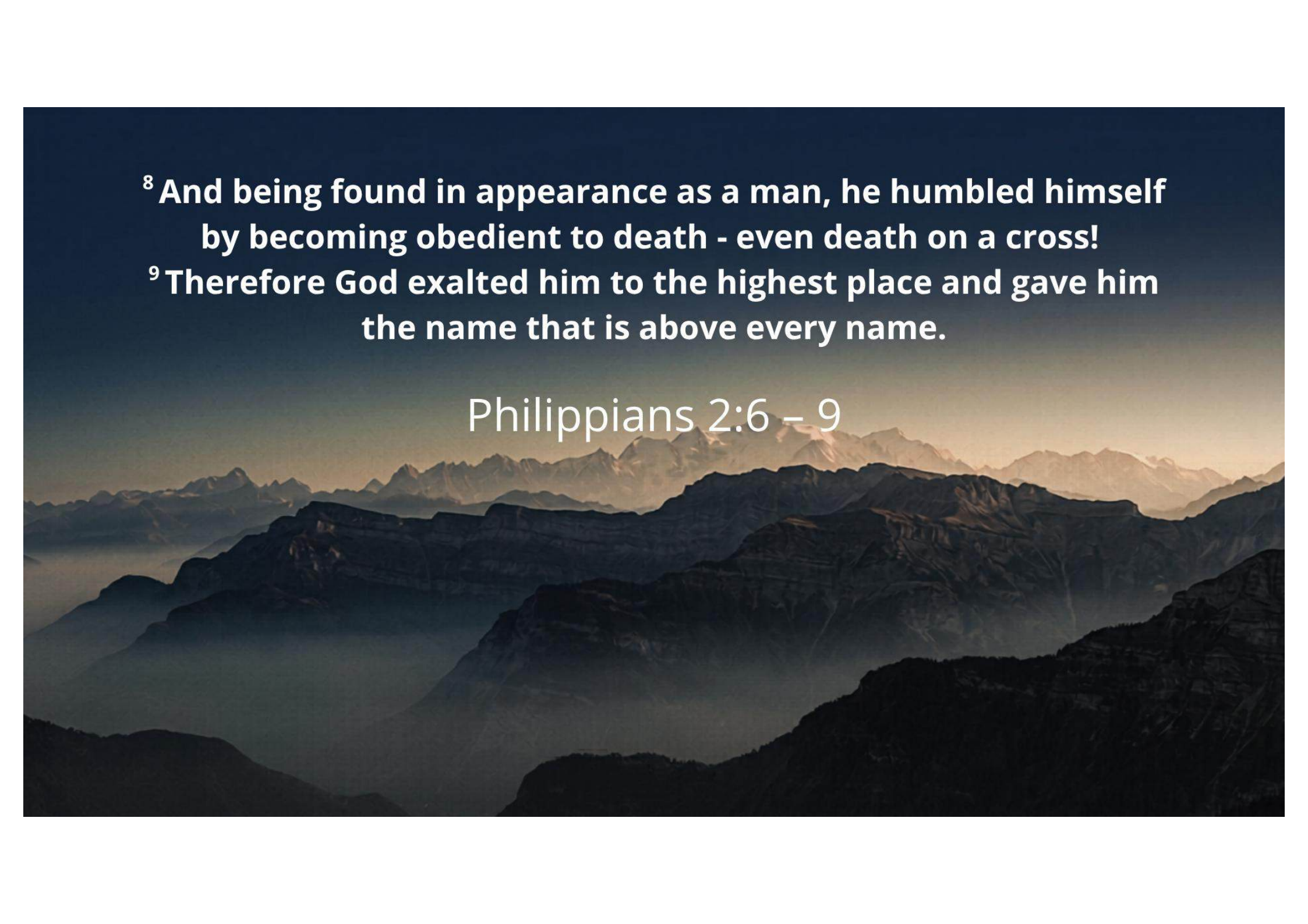
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**<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.**

Philippians 2:6 – 9



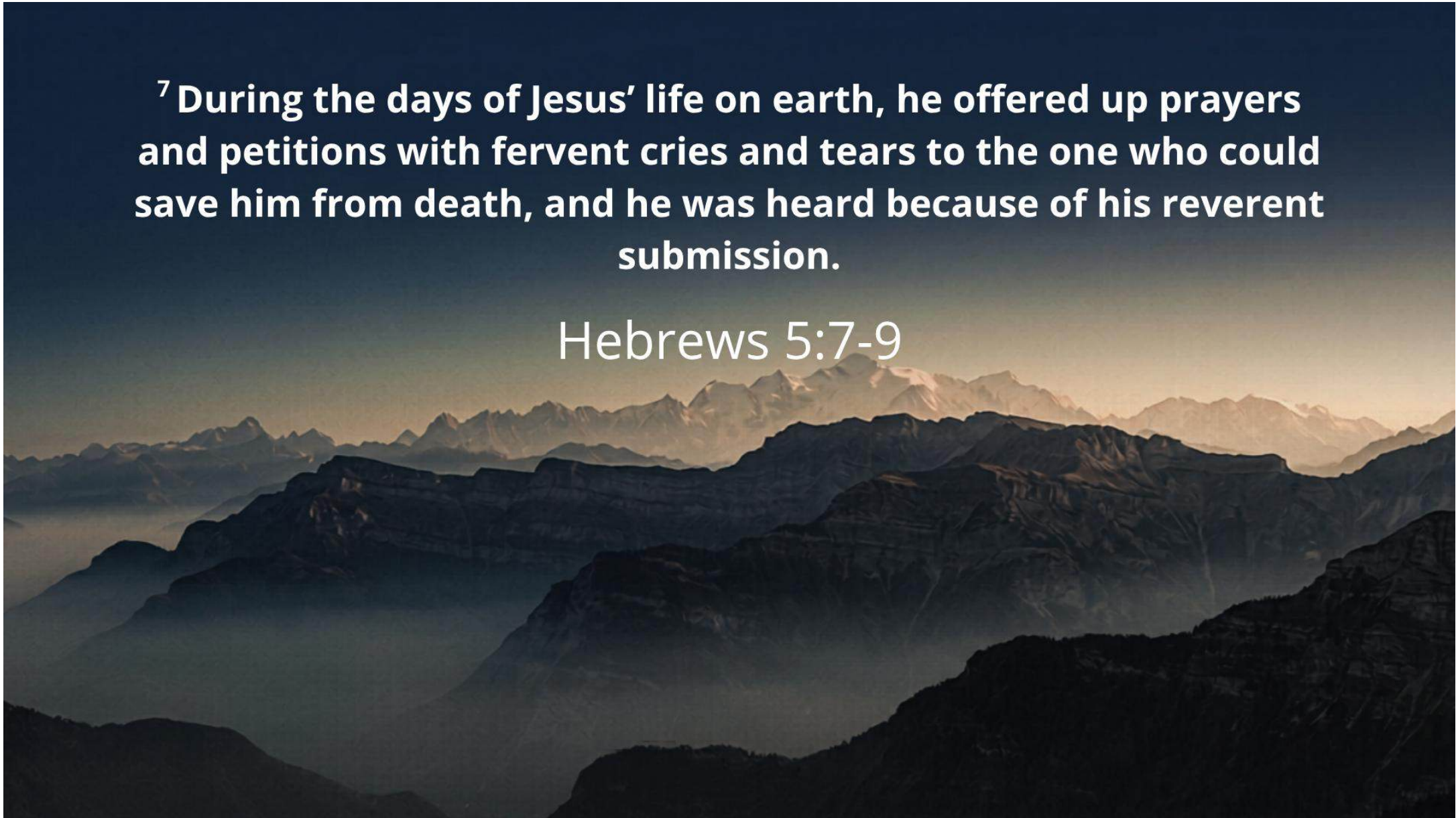


**<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him  
the name that is above every name.**

Philippians 2:6 – 9

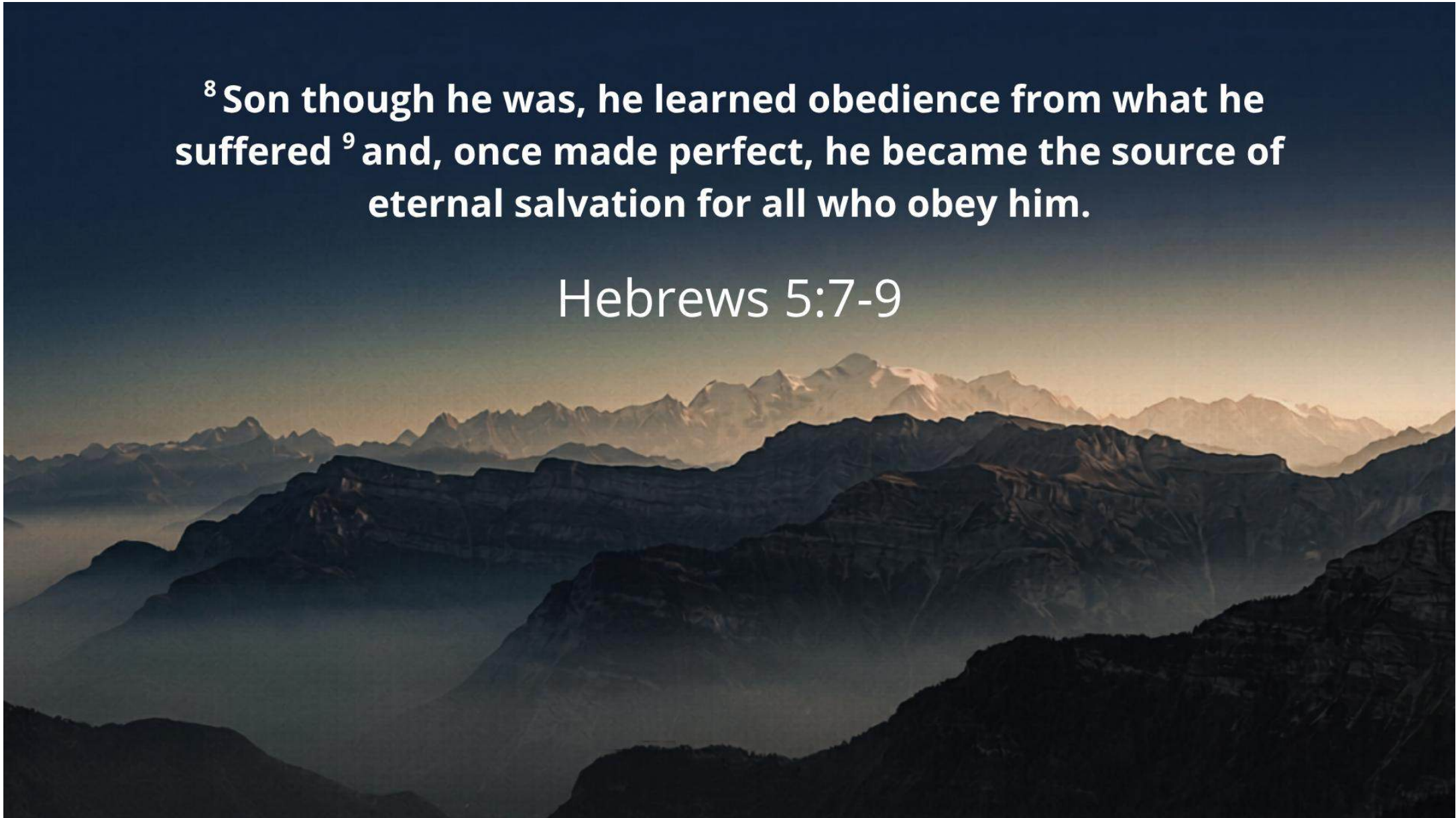
**<sup>7</sup> During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.**

Hebrews 5:7-9



**<sup>8</sup> Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered <sup>9</sup> and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.**

Hebrews 5:7-9



# Two things to know about God.

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God is both good and severe.

Jesus took advantage of teachable moments.



A large, leafy tree stands in the center of a dusty, rural setting. The tree has a thick, gnarled trunk and a dense canopy of green leaves. In the background, there are several stone buildings, some with small windows, and a dirt road that curves to the left. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

## Mark 11:12-14 (NLT)

12 The next morning, as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. 13 He noticed a fig tree in full leaf a little way off, so he went over to see if he could find any figs. But there were only leaves because it was too early in the season for fruit. 14 Then Jesus said to the tree, "May no one ever eat your fruit again!"  
And the disciples heard him say it.



## Triumphal Entry

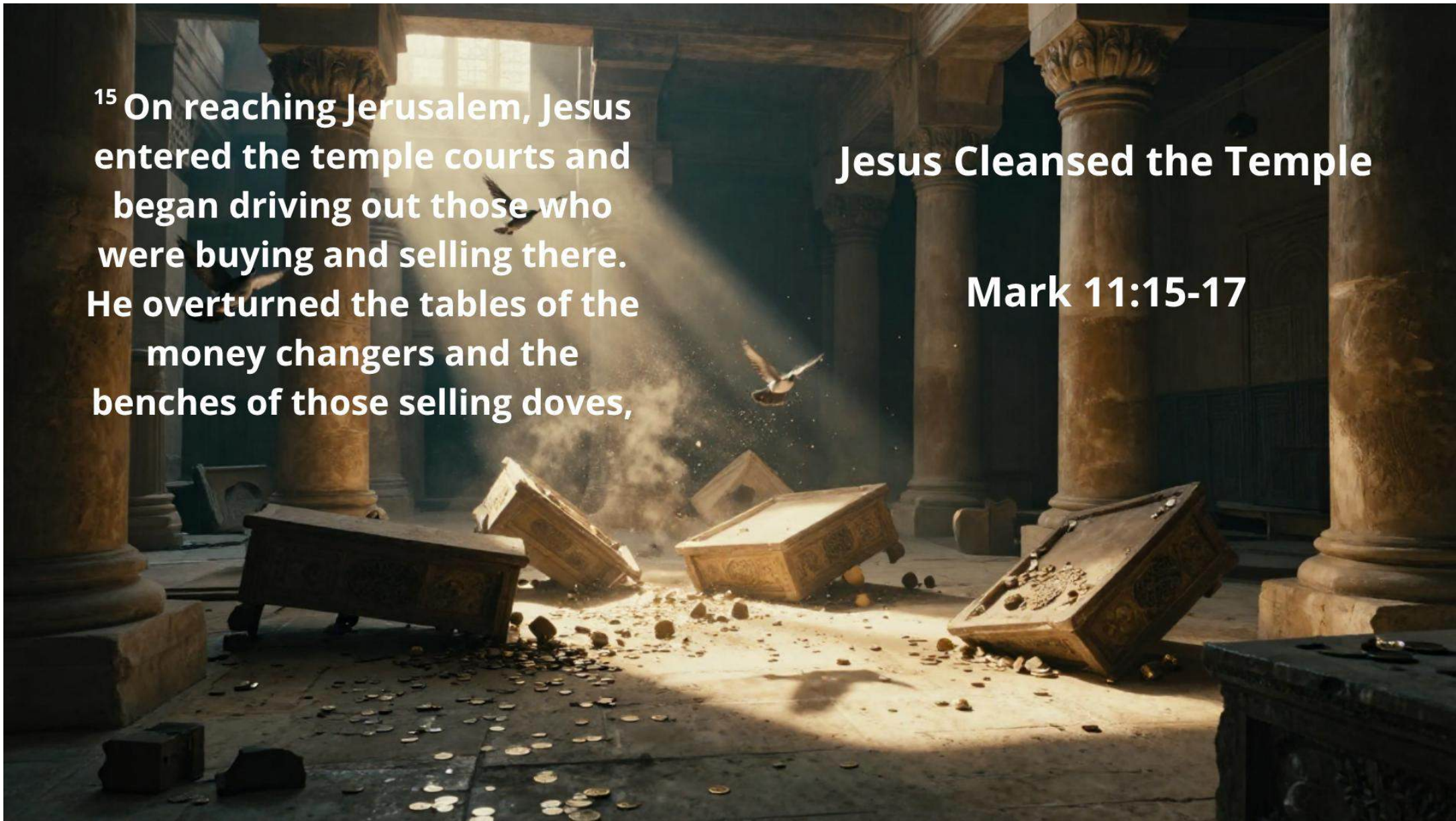
<sup>41</sup> As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup> and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes."

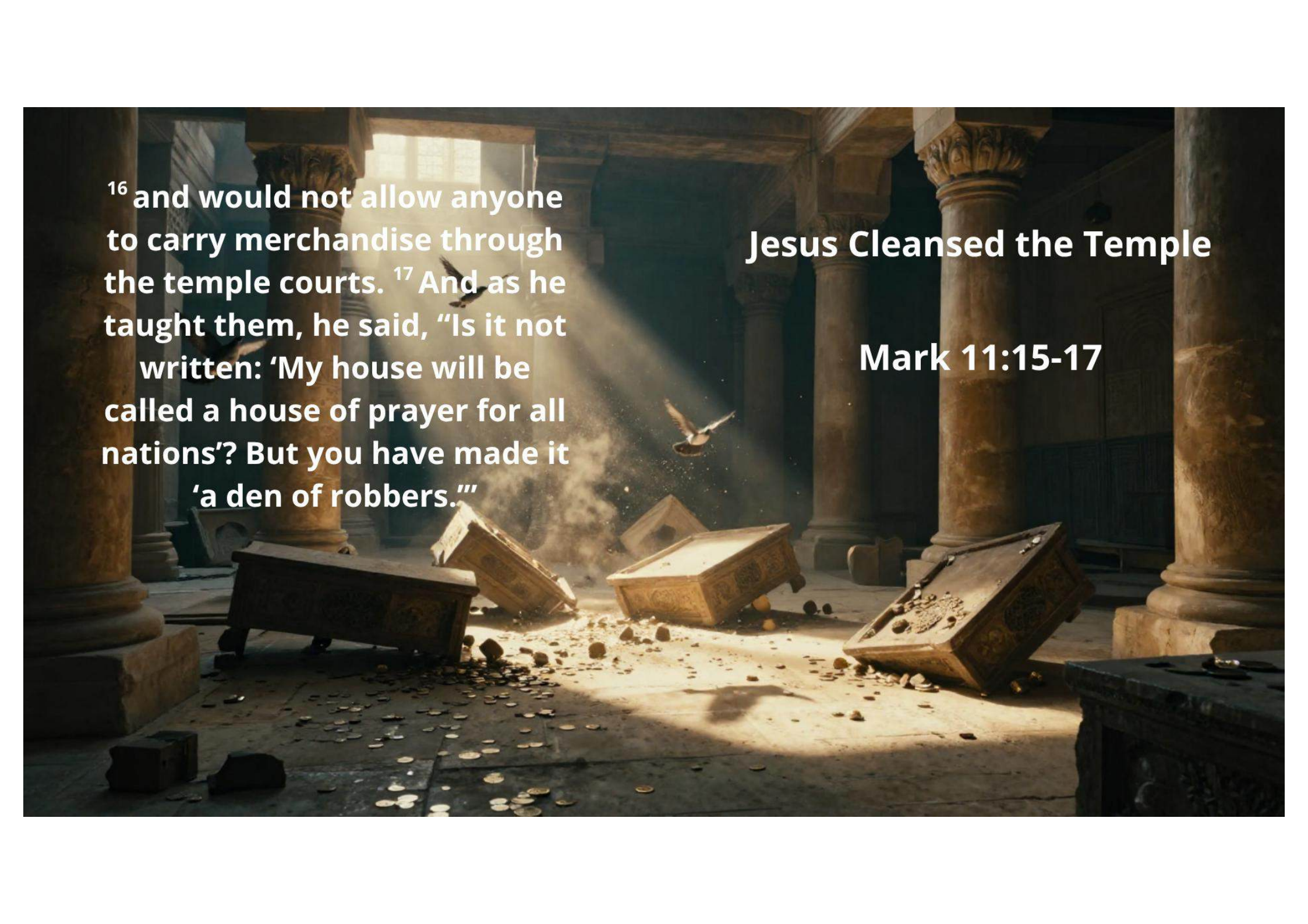
Luke 19:41-42

**<sup>15</sup> On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves,**

## **Jesus Cleansed the Temple**

**Mark 11:15-17**



A dramatic scene of a temple interior. The floor is covered with overturned tables and scattered coins, symbolizing the cleansing of the temple. Sunlight streams through an opening in the background, illuminating the scene. Several birds are flying in the air, and dust is rising from the overturned tables. The architecture features large, ornate columns and a high ceiling.

**<sup>16</sup> and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. <sup>17</sup> And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"**

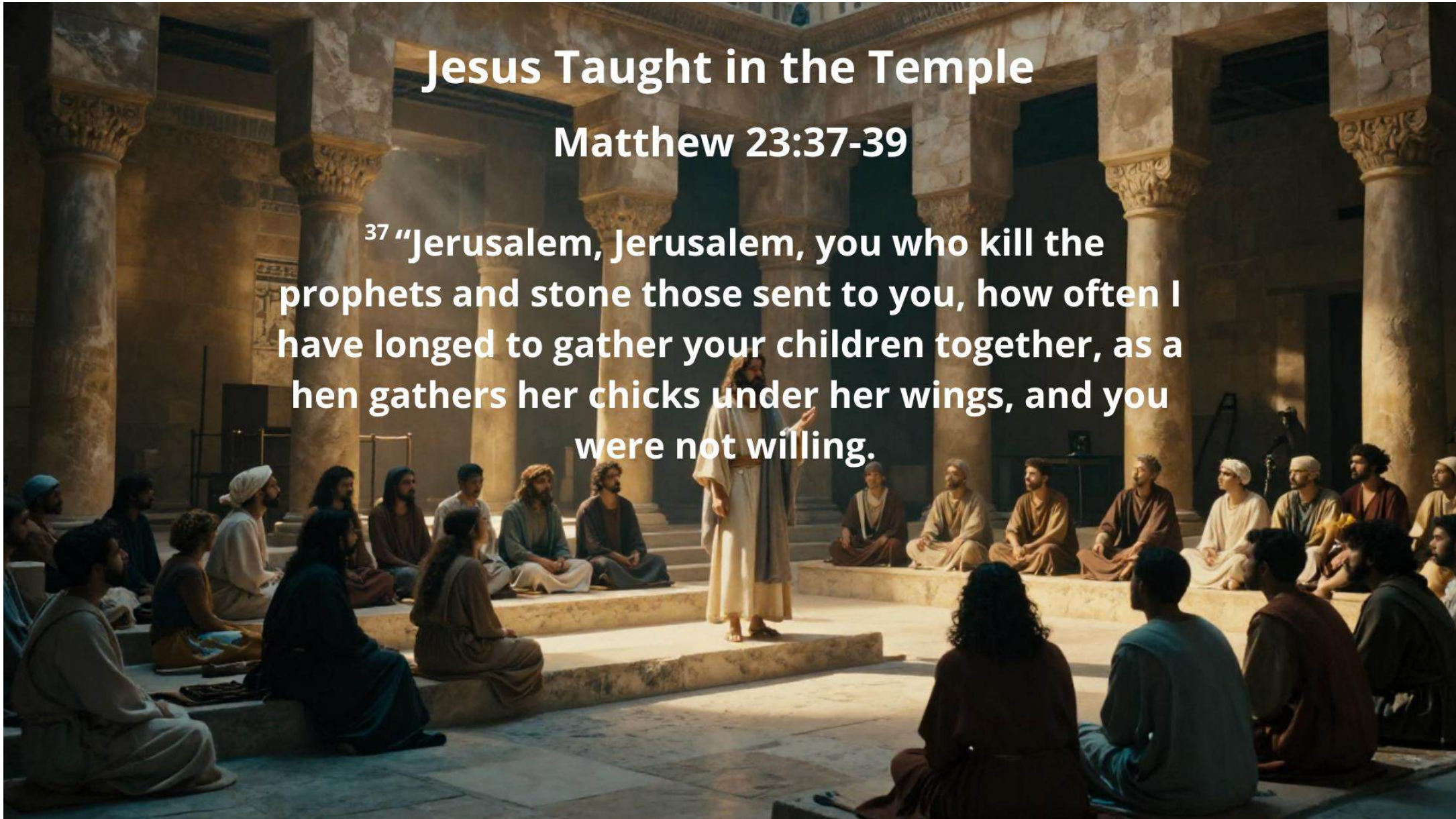
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# Jesus Taught in the Temple

Matthew 23:37-39

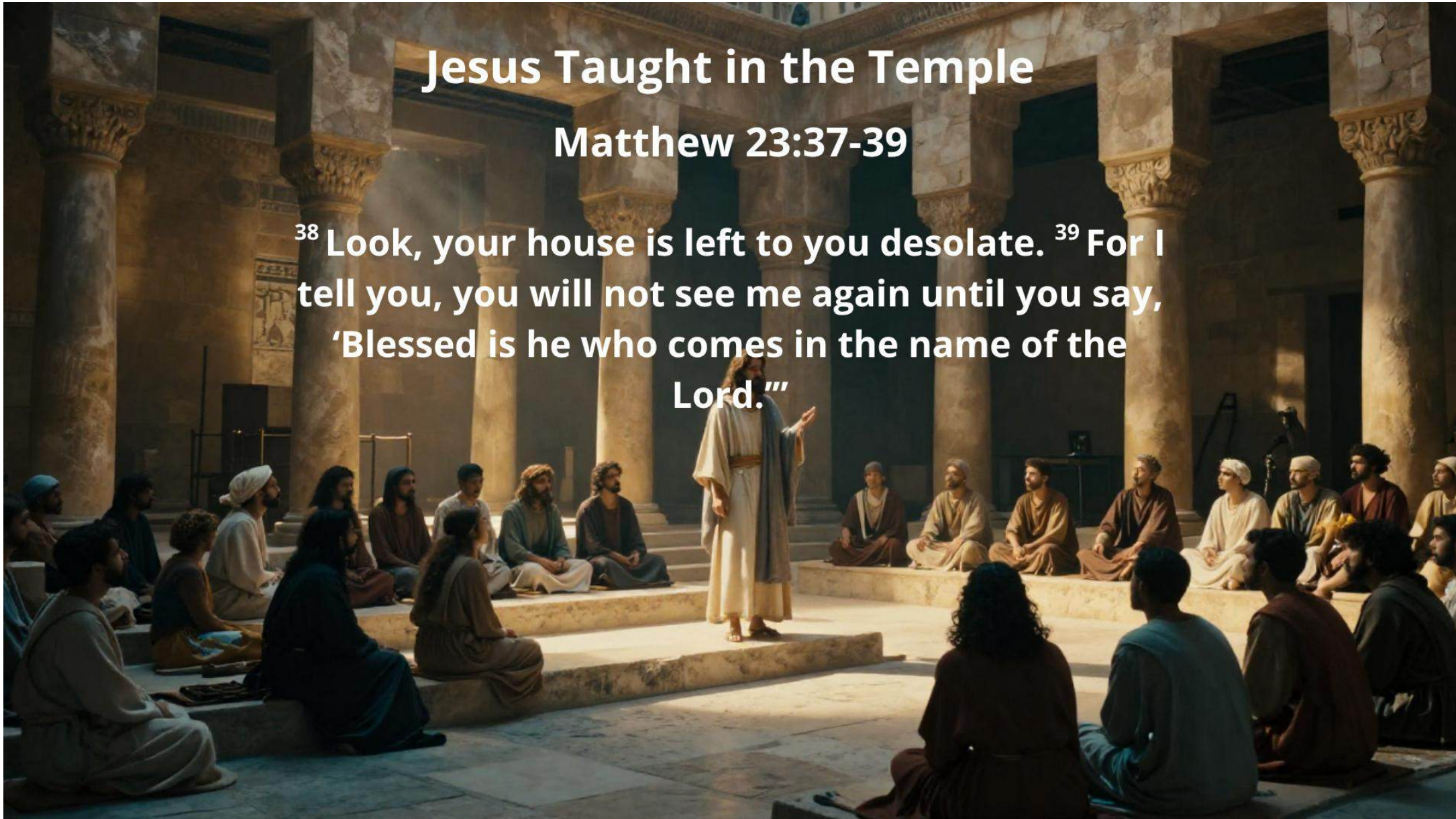
<sup>37</sup> "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.



# Jesus Taught in the Temple

Matthew 23:37-39

<sup>38</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. <sup>39</sup> For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"



# The Fig Tree

Jeremiah 8:13

Hosea 2:12

Joel 1:7



## Matthew 24:1 – 2



<sup>1</sup> Jesus left the temple area and was going on His way when His disciples came up to Him to call His attention to the [magnificent and massive] buildings of the temple.

## Matthew 24:1 – 2 Amp.



<sup>2</sup>And He said to them,  
“Do you see all these  
things? I assure you and  
most solemnly say to  
you, not one stone here  
will be left on another,  
which will not be torn  
down.”

**Mark 11:12 – 14**

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**Jesus examined the tree**

**Jesus condemned the tree**





**The curse should not be understood as an act of punishing the tree for not producing, nor should it be explained as an irrational, selfish act of Jesus, who was displeased at not finding figs. That the tree would no longer bear fruit indicated it once bore fruit, but from now on would produce no more. The fruitless tree personified the sinfulness of "pretentiousness," which he condemned.**



## **Pretentiousness**

**Refers to an individual or thing that claims or aspires to be more important or impressive than it actually is.**

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