



# TRUST GOD'S PROPHETIC WORD IN THE COMING IMPENDING CONFLICT

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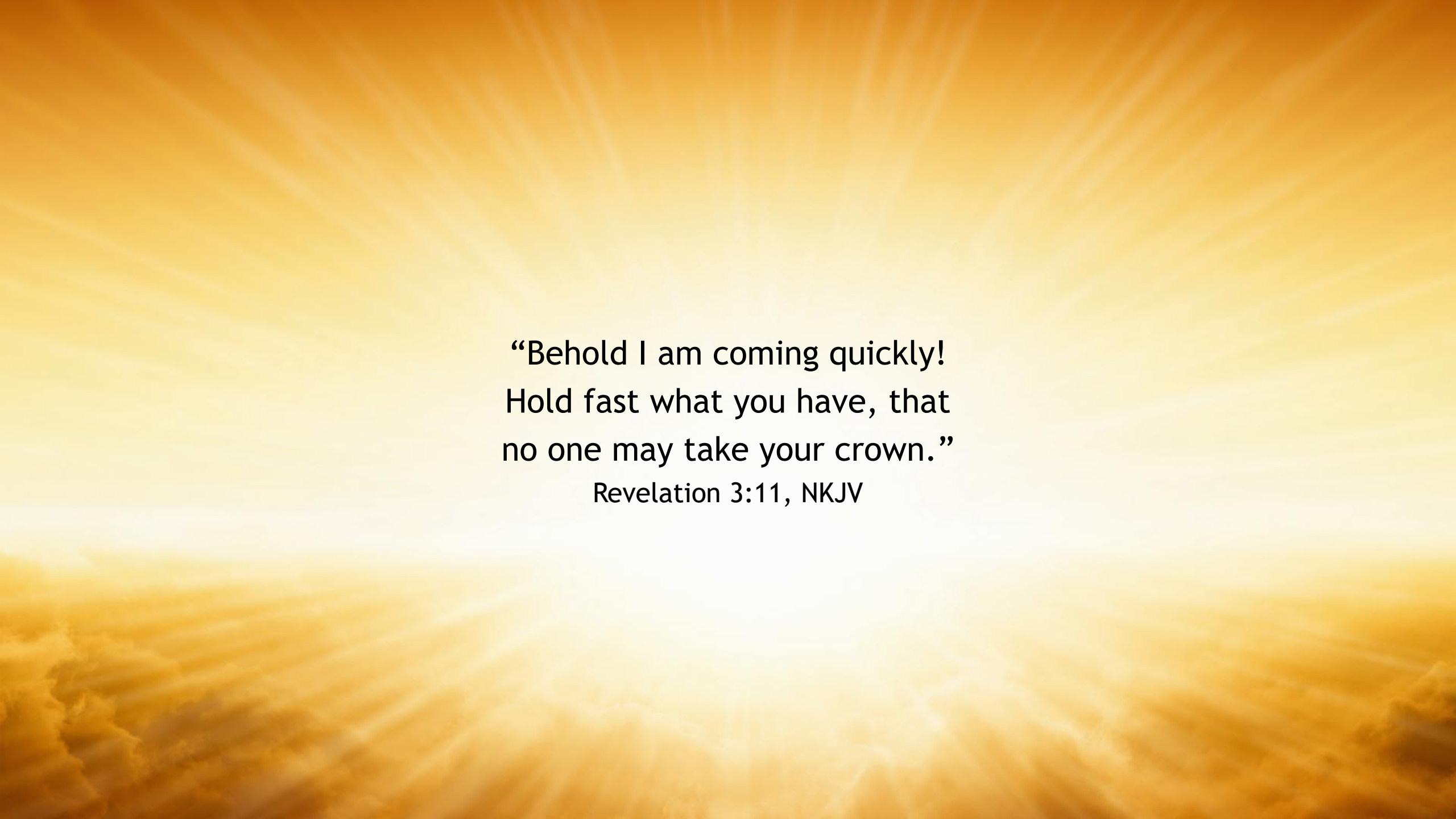
“To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isaiah 8:20, NKJV

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“If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.” 1 Timothy 6:3-5, NKJV





“Behold I am coming quickly!  
Hold fast what you have, that  
no one may take your crown.”

Revelation 3:11, NKJV

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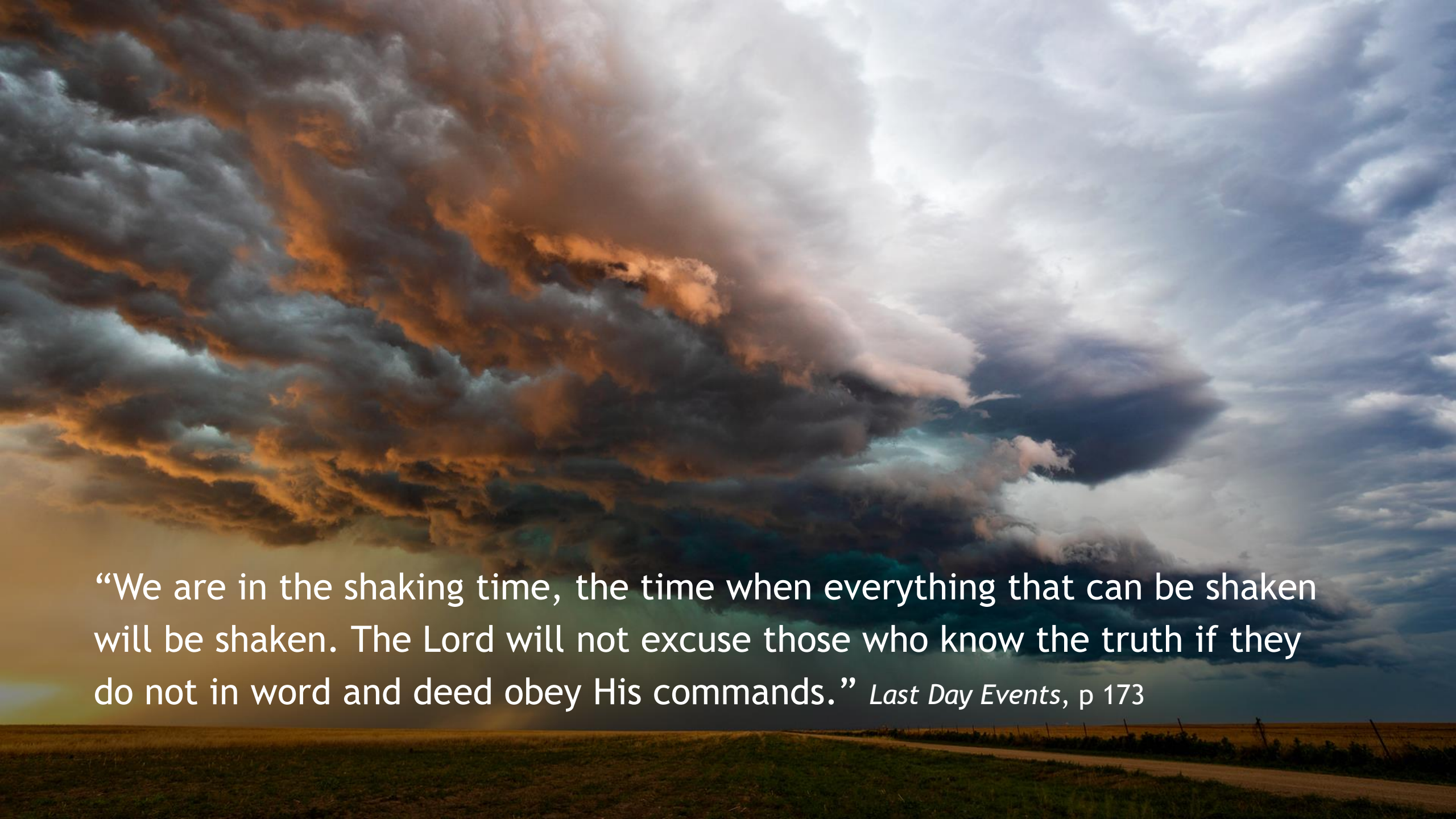


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A dramatic sky with large, dark, orange-tinted clouds over a flat landscape. The clouds are massive and billowing, with a mix of dark grey, blue, and bright orange-gold hues, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The lower portion of the image shows a flat, greenish-brown landscape under a dark, stormy sky. A dirt road or path is visible in the distance on the right side.

“We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The Lord will not excuse those who know the truth if they do not in word and deed obey His commands.” *Last Day Events*, p 173

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**The Word of God  
is Not Accepted  
as Authoritative**



“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17, NKJV





“For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” Revelation 22:18-19, NKJV





“The most learned men in the days of Christ—philosophers, legislators, priests, in all their pride and superiority—could not interpret God’s character. . . . The earth was languishing for a teacher sent from God, but when He came just as the living Oracles specified He would come, the priests and instructors of the people could not discern that He was their Saviour, nor could they understand the manner of His coming.”



*“Unaccustomed to accept God’s Word exactly as it reads or to allow it to be its own interpreter, they read it in the light of their maxims and traditions. So long had they neglected to study and contemplate the Bible that its pages were to them a mystery. They turned with aversion from the truth of God to the traditions of men (emphasis supplied).”* *Christ Triumphant*, p. 226

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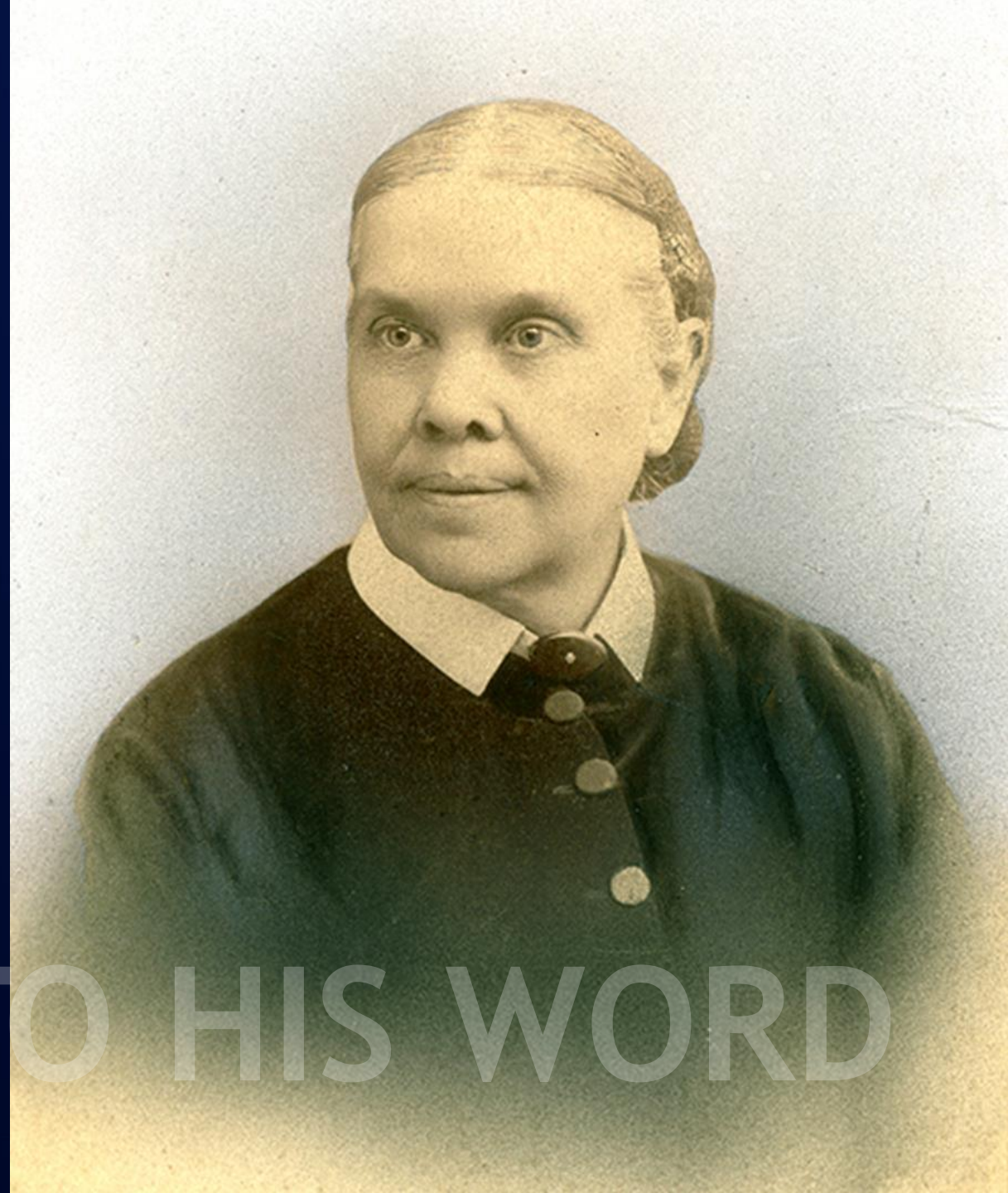


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## Attempts to Diminish the Spirit of Prophecy

“The result of such work will be unbelief in the Testimonies, and as far as possible, they will make of none effect the work that I have for years been doing.”

*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 51



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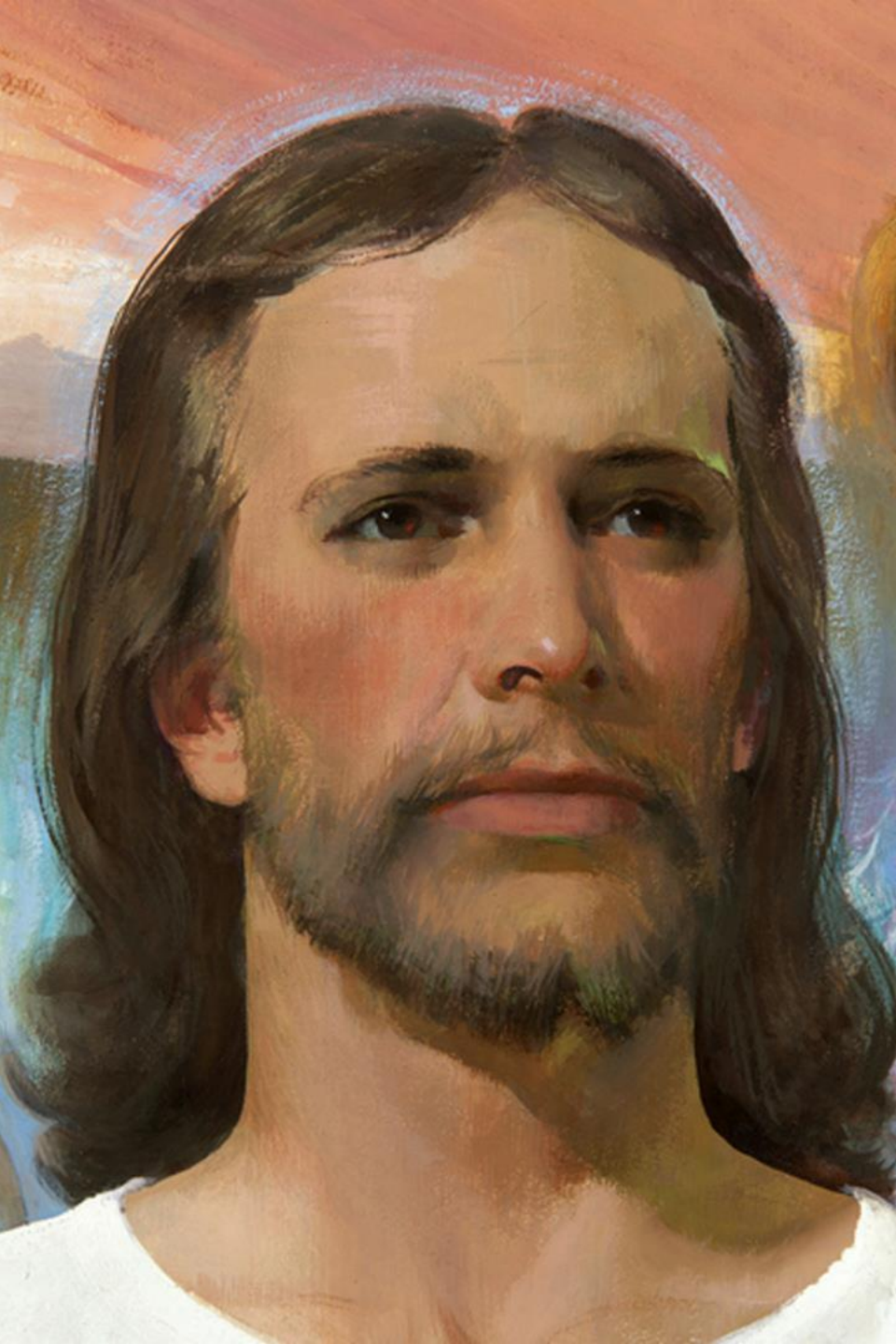
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## Misconceptions of Justification and Sanctification

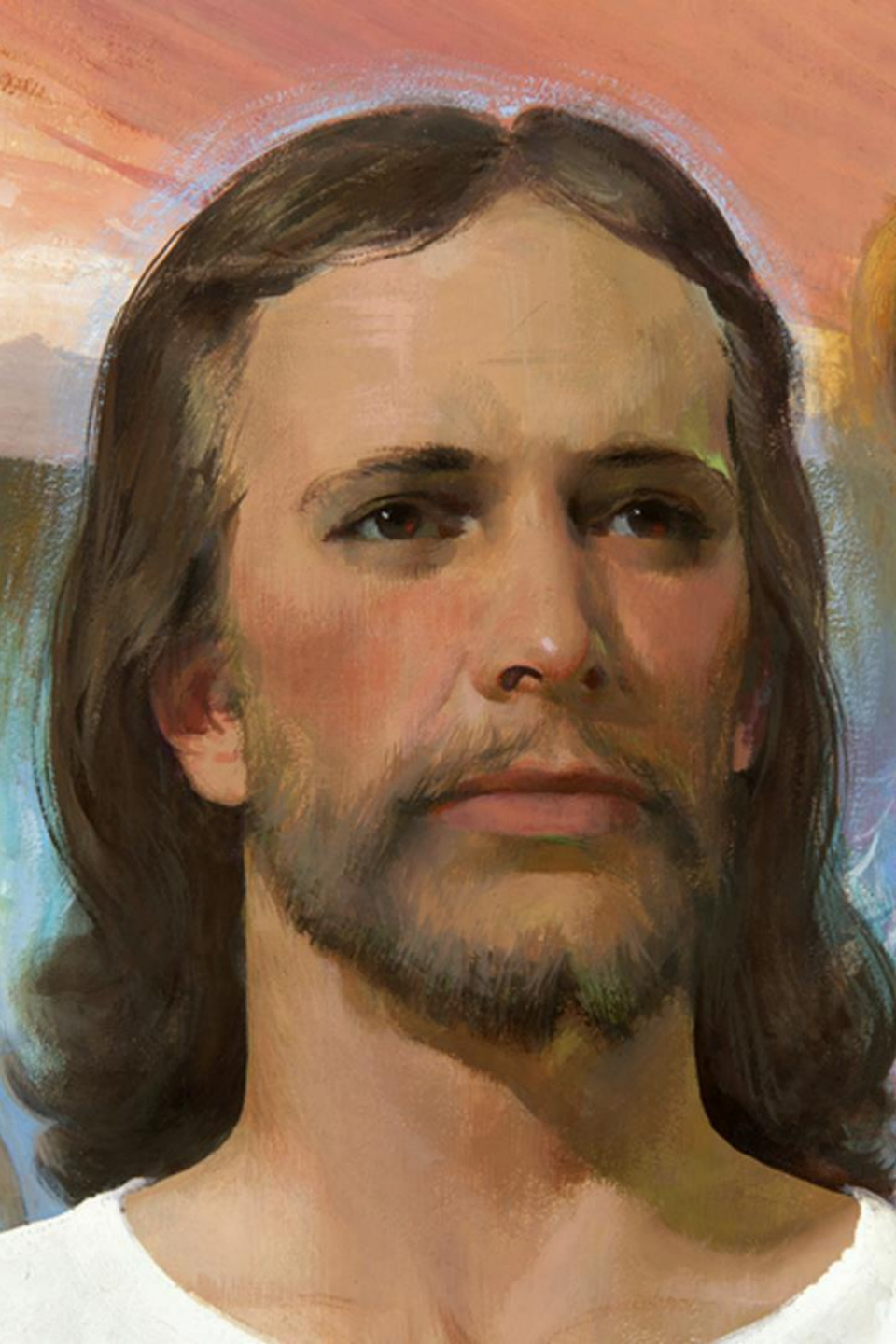






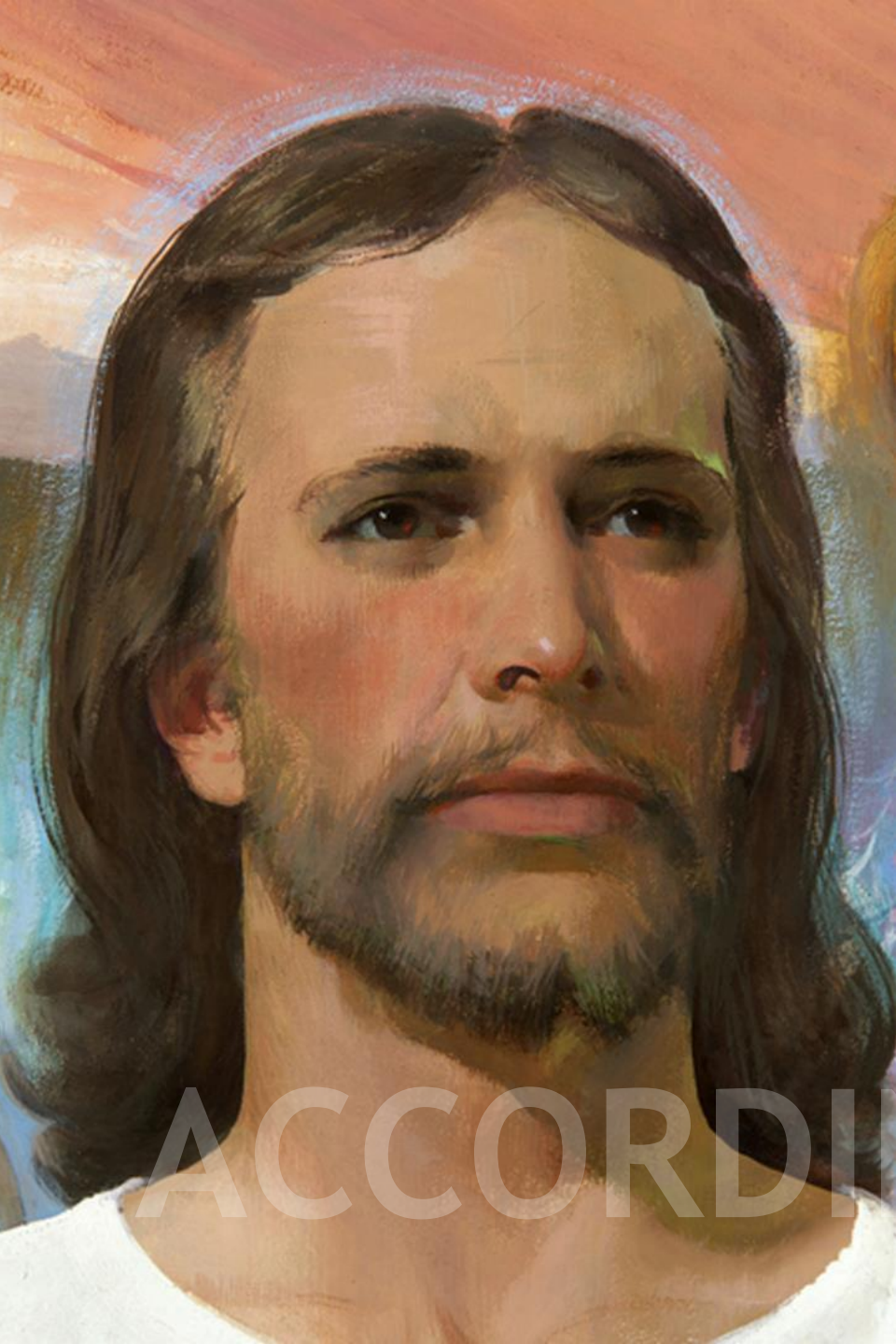


“We have no righteousness of our own with which to meet the claims of the law of God. But Christ has made a way of escape for us. He lived on earth amid trials and temptations such as we have to meet. He lived a sinless life. He died for us, and now He offers to take our sins and give us His righteousness. . . .



“More than this, Christ changes the heart. He abides in your heart by faith. You are to maintain this connection with Christ by faith and the continual surrender of your will to Him; and so long as you do this, He will work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. . . .





“Then with Christ working in you, you will manifest the same spirit and do the same good works—works of righteousness, obedience. So we have nothing in ourselves of which to boast. . . . Our only ground of hope is in the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and in that wrought by His Spirit working in and through us.” *Steps to Christ*, p. 62-63

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A dramatic, low-angle shot of a stormy sky. Dark, heavy clouds fill the upper portion of the frame, while a bright, glowing light source, likely the sun or moon, breaks through the clouds near the bottom center, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the surrounding cloud layers. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues, greys, and bright whites from the light source.

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# Denial of the Urgency of the Times



“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. . . . Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God.”

2 Peter 3:10-12, NKJV

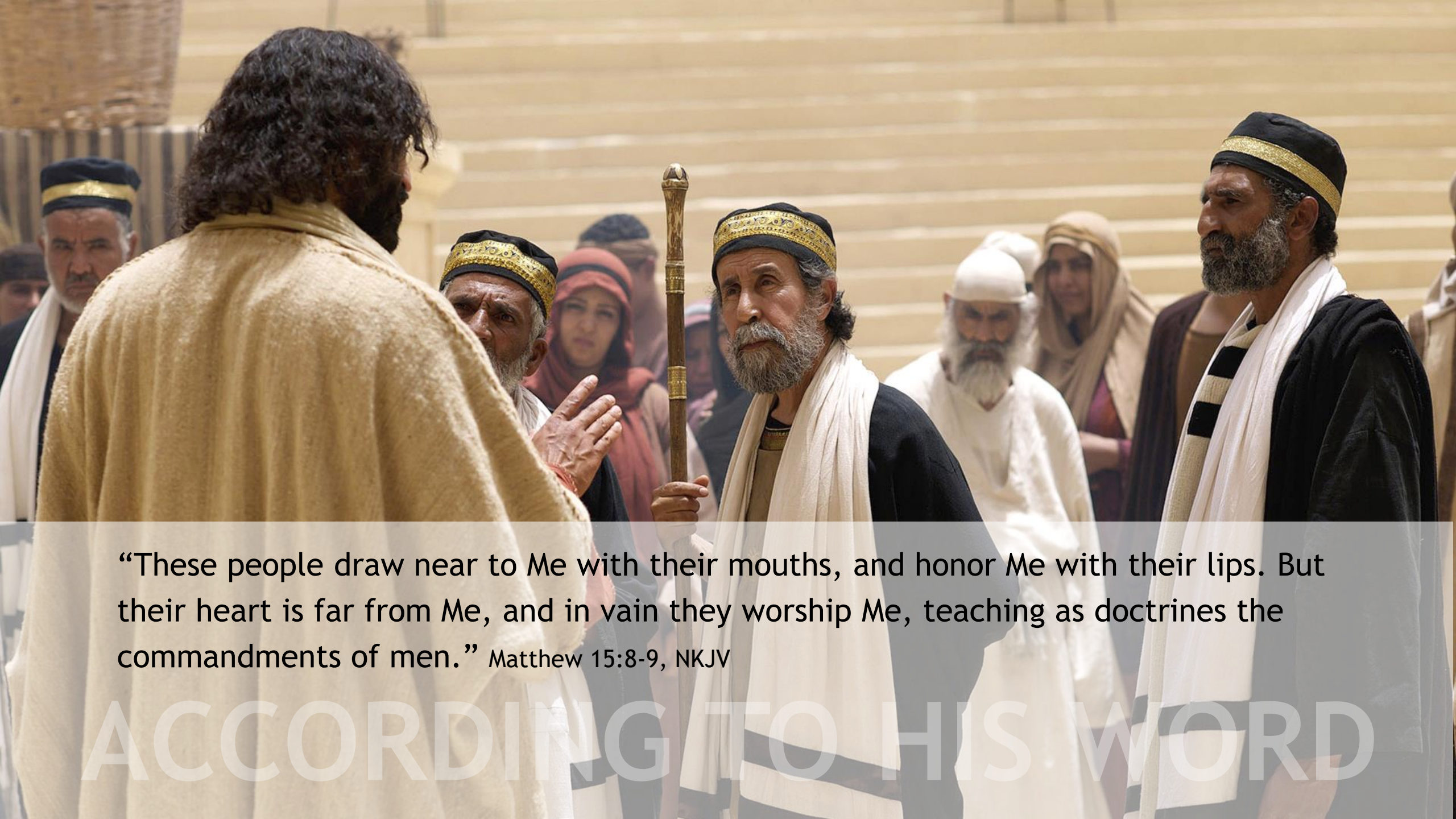
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Humanism  
versus Heavenly  
Inspiration





“These people draw near to Me with their mouths, and honor Me with their lips. But their heart is far from Me, and in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.” Matthew 15:8-9, NKJV

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6

**Disregard for  
the Sanctuary  
Service and the  
Gospel message**



“The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith.”

*Last Day Events, p. 177*



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# 7

## Ecumenism Versus the Shaking and Sifting of God's Church







“Soon God’s people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal. . . . The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It remains, while the sinners in Zion will be sifted out—the chaff separated from the precious wheat. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place.” *Last Day Events*, p. 180

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The background of the entire slide is a dramatic, low-key photograph of a stormy sky. Dark, heavy clouds are illuminated from below, creating a bright, ethereal glow that contrasts with the deep blues and greys of the upper atmosphere. The lighting suggests a sunset or sunrise, adding a sense of awe and intensity to the overall composition.

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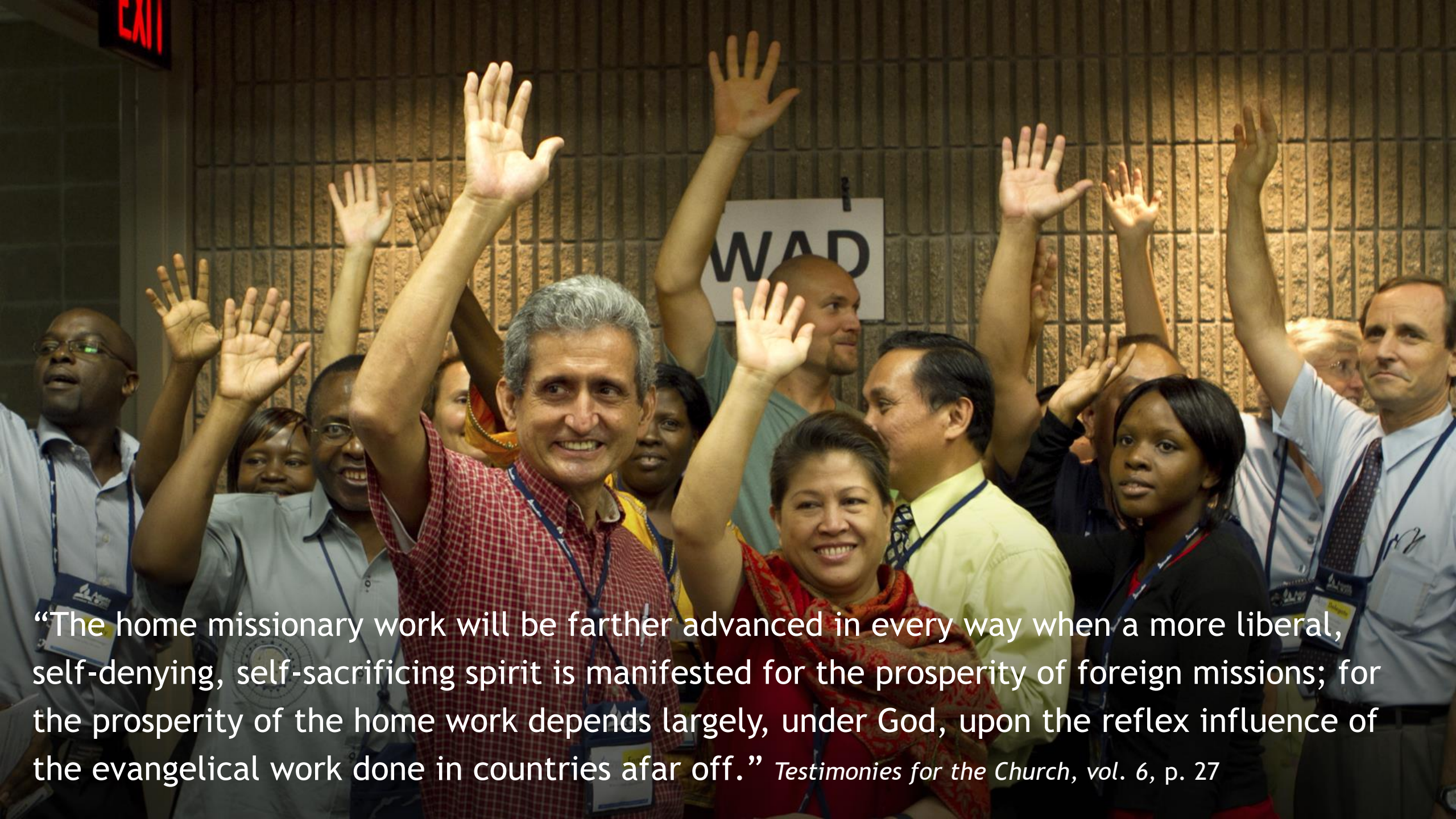
**Congregationalism  
Versus God's  
Worldwide  
Seventh-day  
Adventist  
Remnant Church**





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“The home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off.” *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 27





# 9

## Attacks Against the Godhead

**10**

**Opposition to  
God's Law  
and His 10  
Commandments**



“When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord, when champions are few—this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason.” *Last Day Events*, p. 180


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# Evolution Versus Biblical Creation





“Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” Genesis 1:31, NKJV

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**12**

**Aberrant Lifestyle  
Behavior Versus  
Biblical View  
of Sexuality**





“ . . . For even their women exchanged the natural use of what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.” Romans 1: 26, 27, NKJV





“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.” 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, NKJV

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A dark, textured heart shape, resembling a cracked stone or concrete, is centered on a dark wood-grain background. The heart is split vertically down the middle, with several smaller cracks radiating from the center and along the edges. The wood grain runs horizontally across the entire image.

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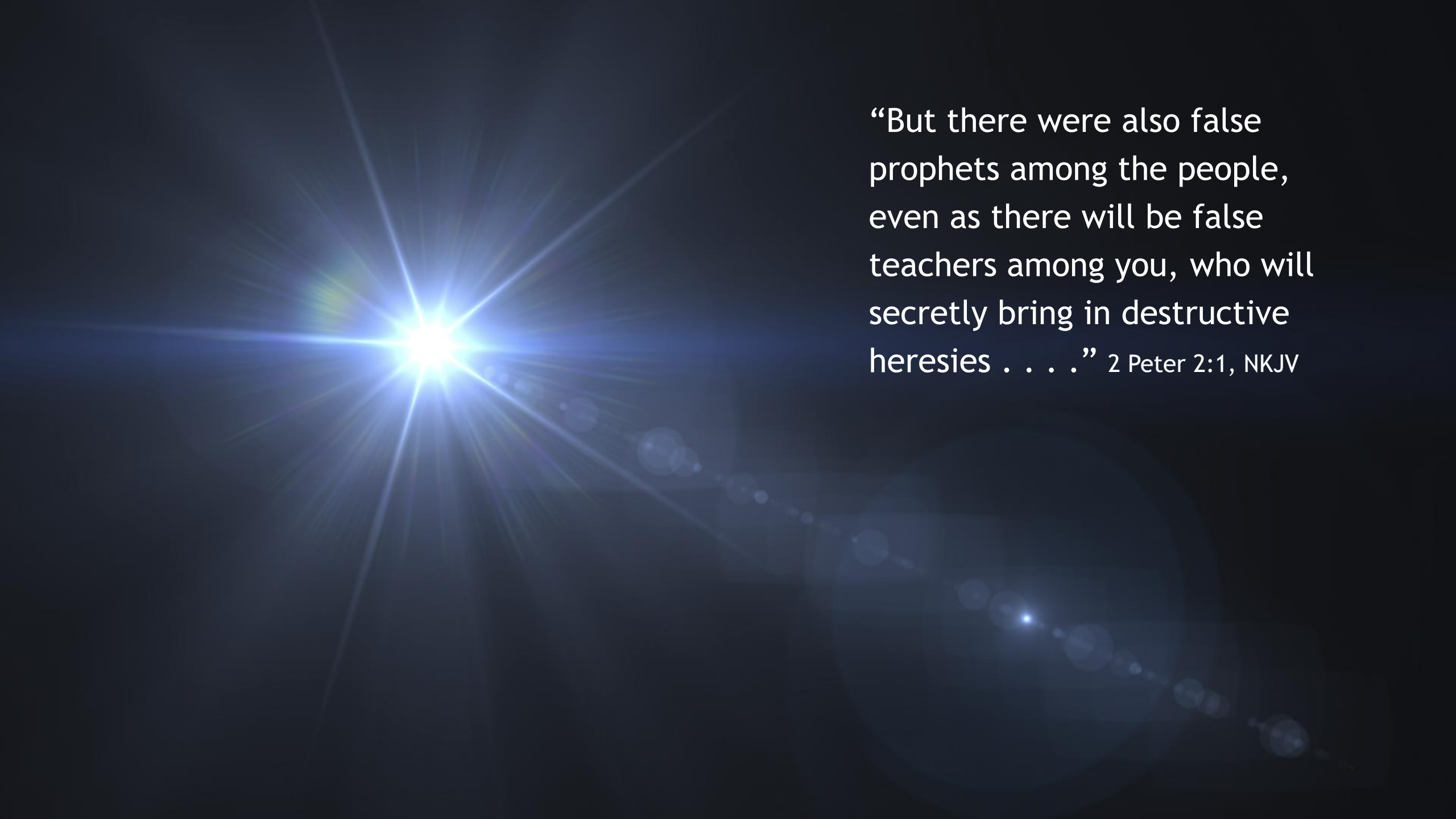
**Rejection of  
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Comprehensive  
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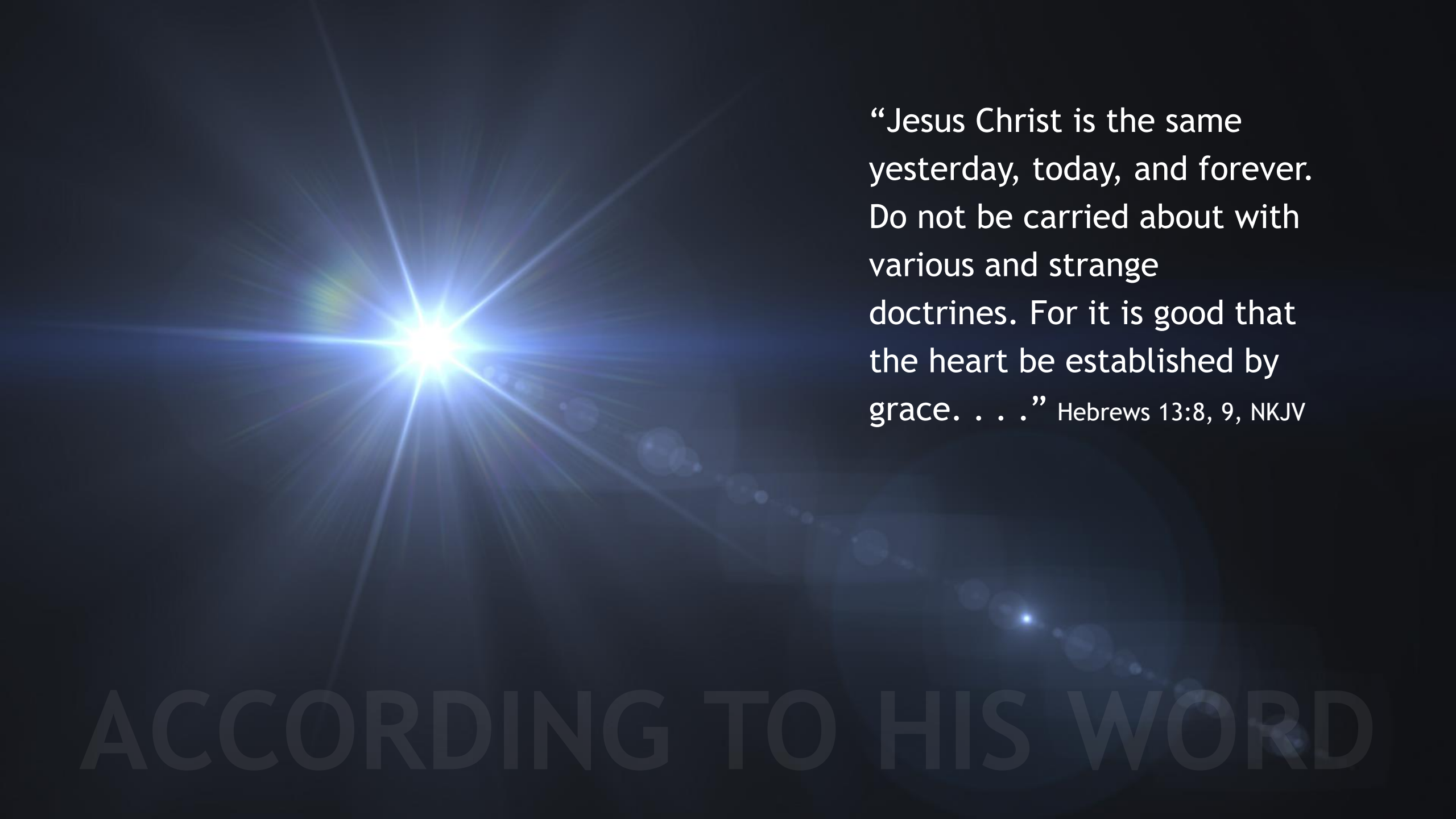
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**Disastrous  
Influences  
of Eastern  
Mysticism**



“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies . . . .” 2 Peter 2:1, NKJV





“Jesus Christ is the same  
yesterday, today, and forever.  
Do not be carried about with  
various and strange  
doctrines. For it is good that  
the heart be established by  
grace. . . .” Hebrews 13:8, 9, NKJV

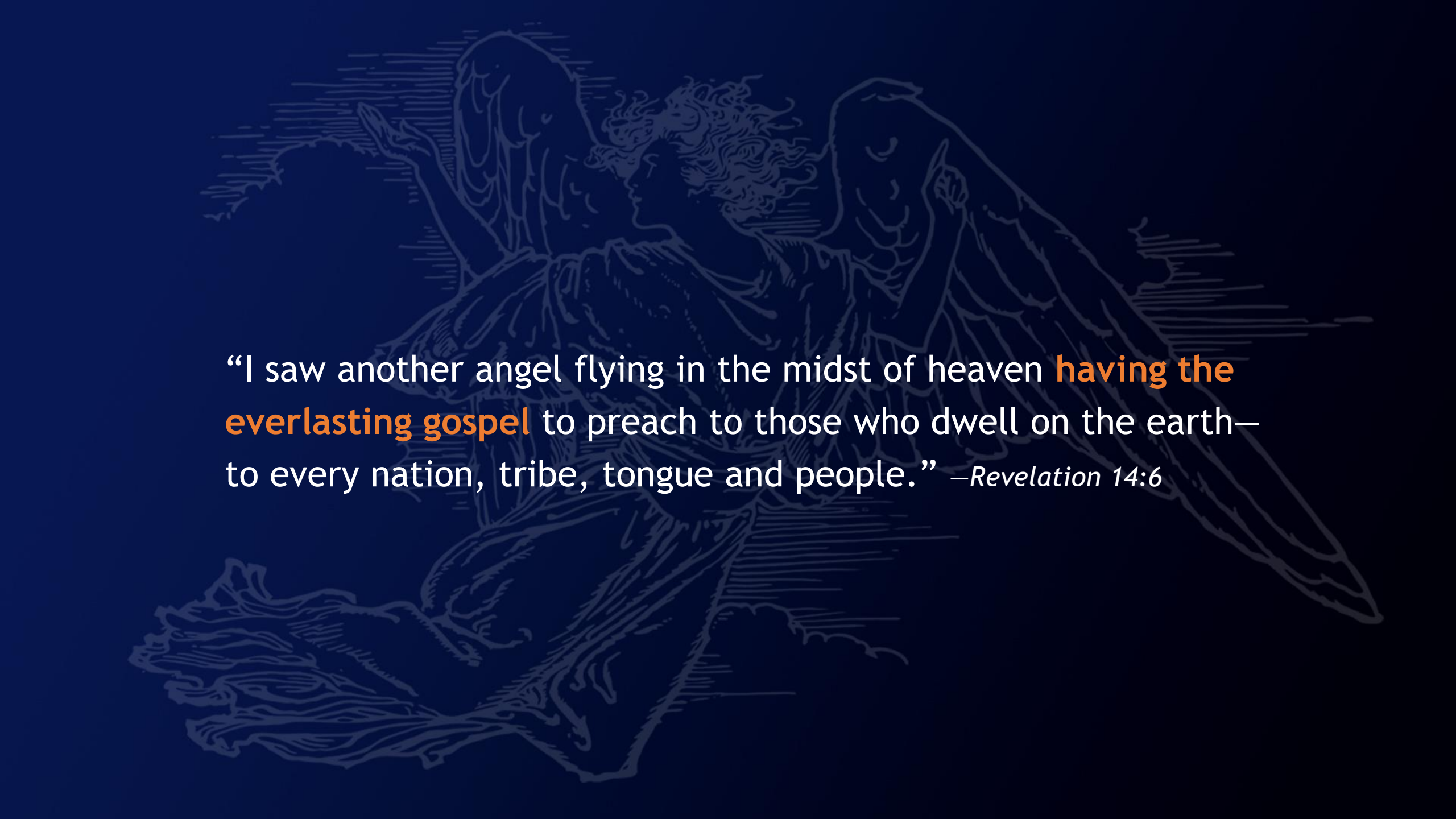
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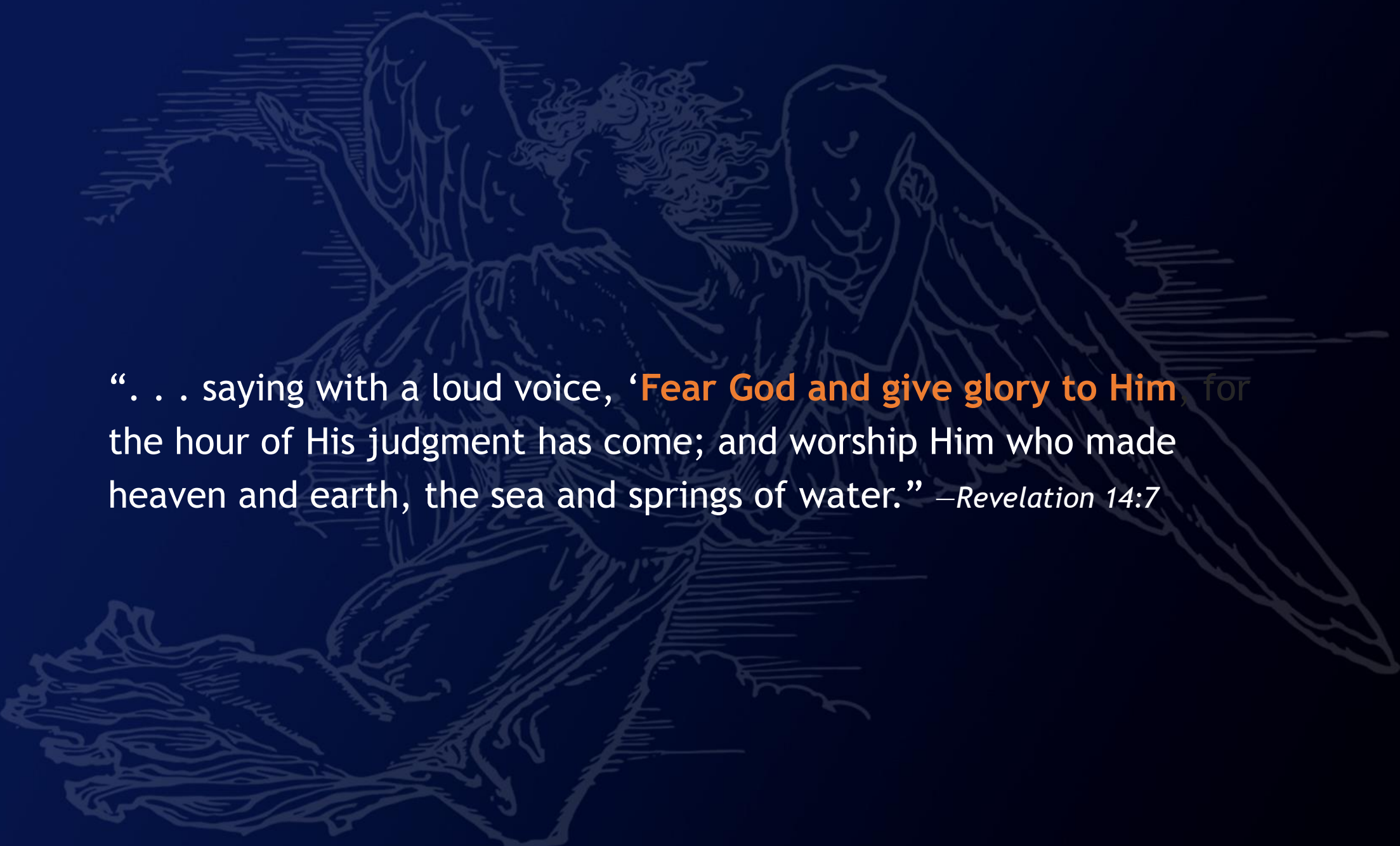
“In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as **watchmen** and **light bearers**. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.”

—*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 19





“I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven **having the everlasting gospel** to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue and people.” —*Revelation 14:6*



“ . . . saying with a loud voice, ‘**Fear God and give glory to Him**, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.’ —*Revelation 14:7*”

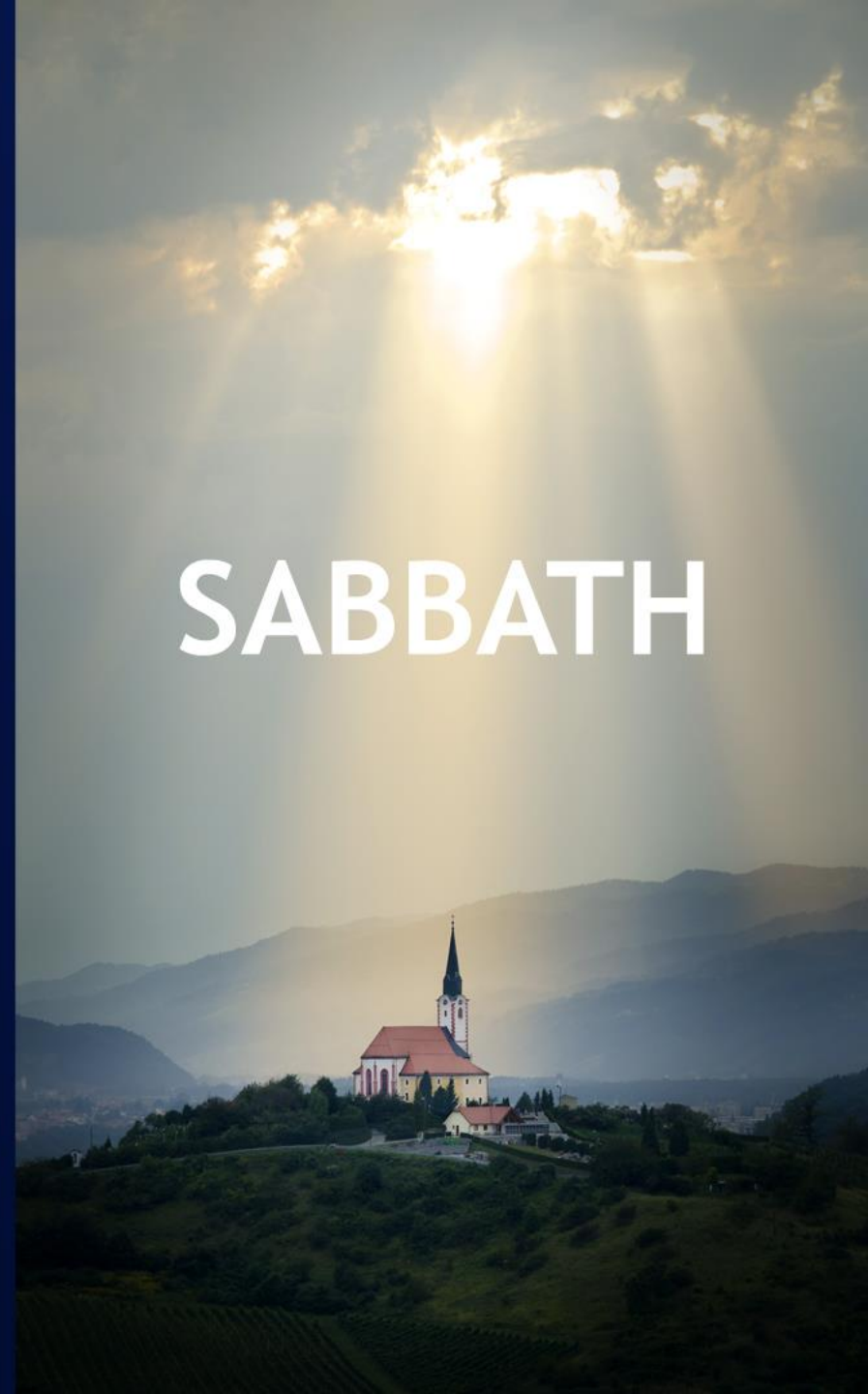


A dramatic landscape photograph featuring a sun low on the horizon, partially obscured by a mountain peak on the right. The sun's light creates a strong golden glow across the sky and a sea of clouds below. The clouds are thick and textured, with some peaks catching the light. The overall mood is majestic and awe-inspiring.

**God is all powerful as the Creator.**

SUNDAY  
MONDAY  
TUESDAY  
WEDNESDAY  
THURSDAY  
FRIDAY

SABBATH





“With the issue thus clearly brought before him, whoever shall trample upon God’s law to obey a human enactment receives the mark of the beast.” *The Great Controversy*, p. 604



“The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty, for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve Him not. While the observance of the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal





“of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God’s law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark of **the** beast, **the** other, choosing **the** token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God.”

*The Great Controversy, p. 605*



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“As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour’s advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: ‘Christ has come! Christ has come!’



“The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed.”

*The Great Controversy, p. 624*

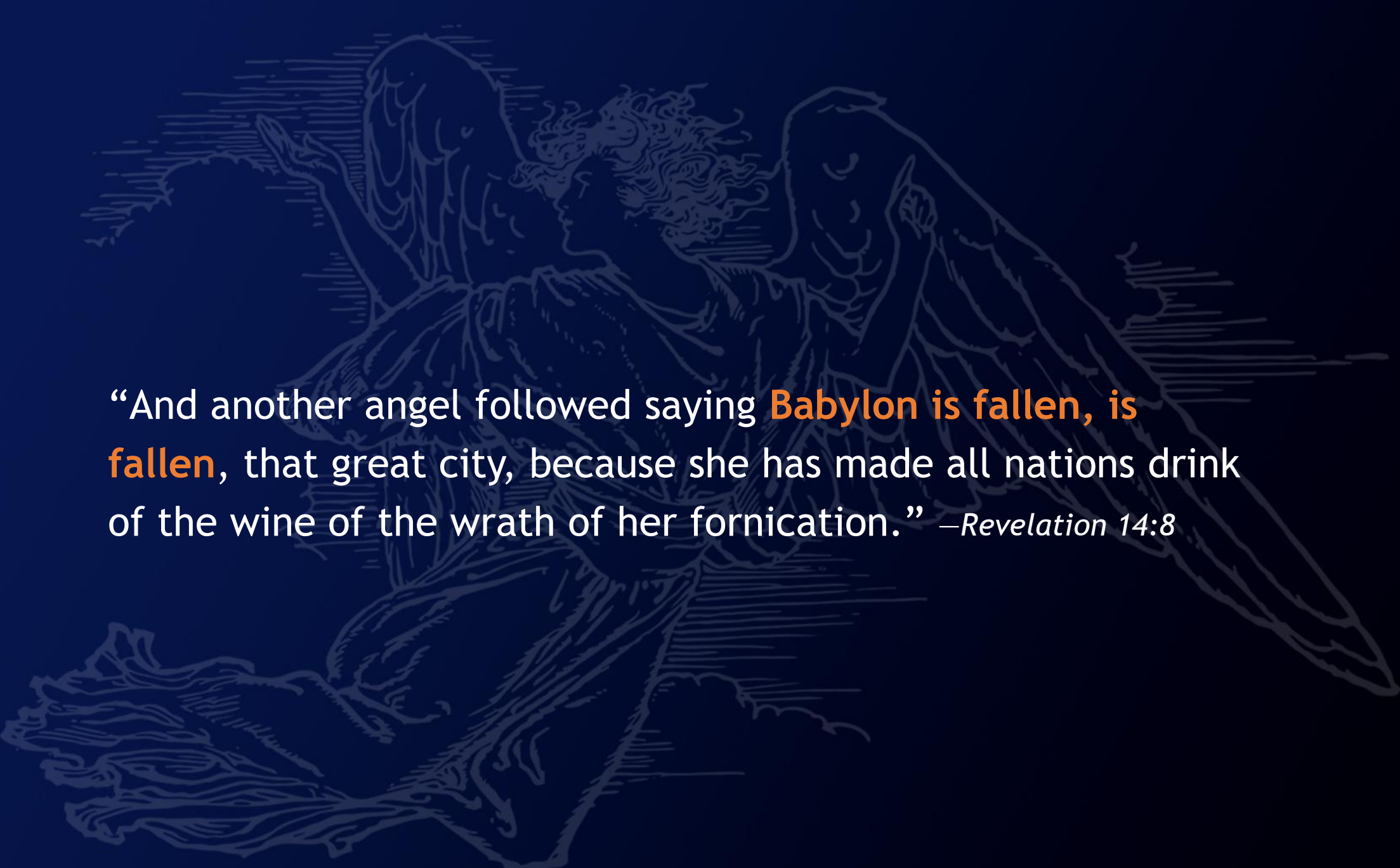




“He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels, sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion.”

*The Great Controversy, p. 624*





“And another angel followed saying **Babylon is fallen, is fallen**, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” —*Revelation 14:8*

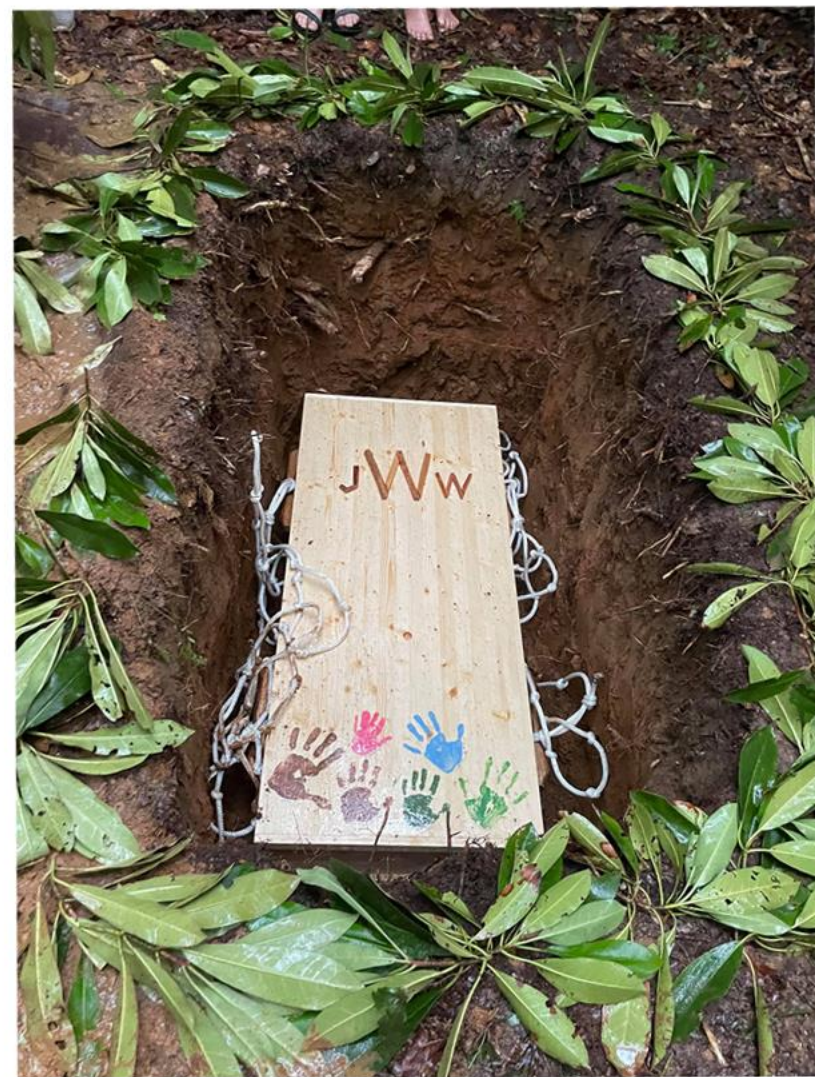


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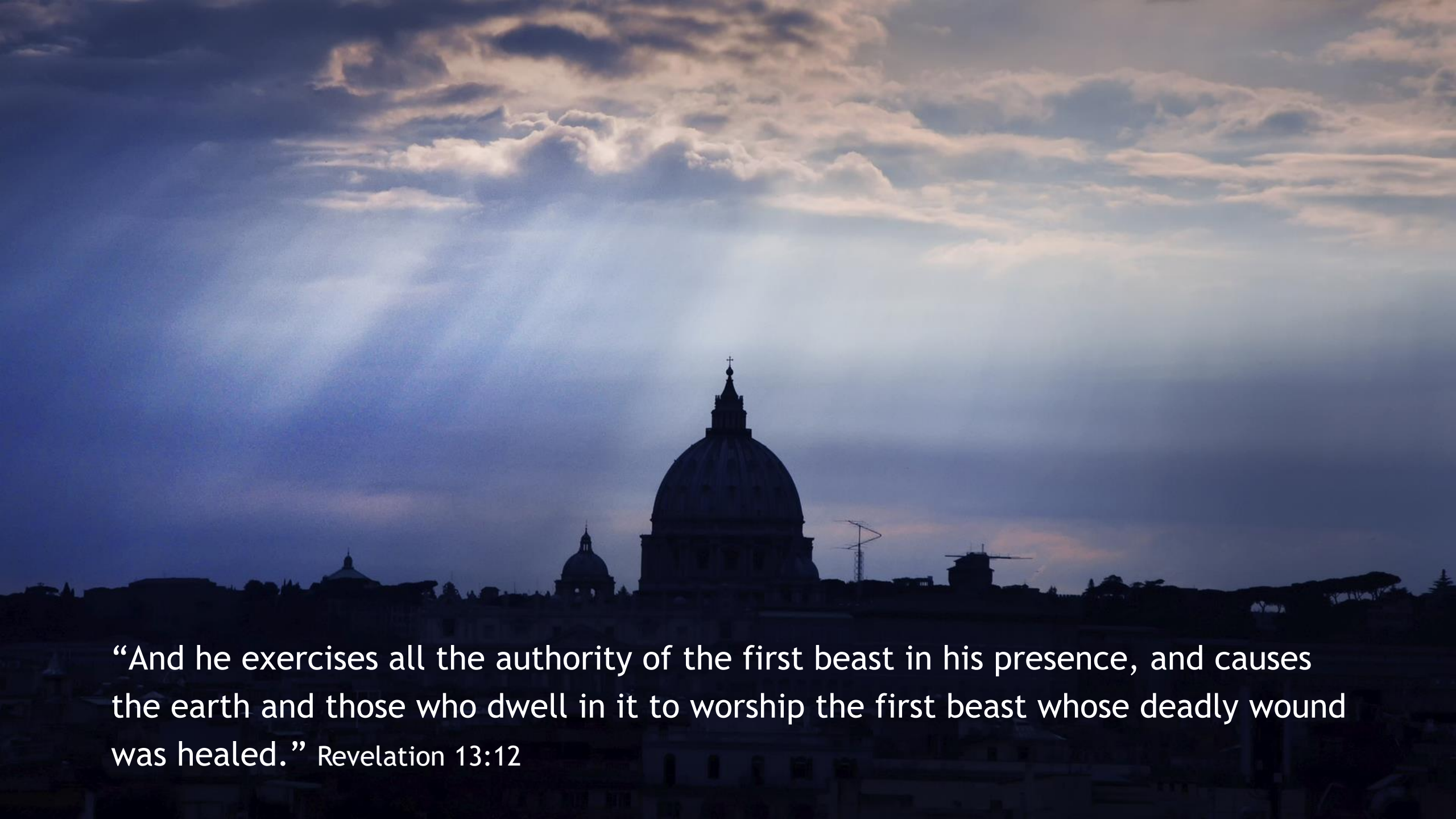


“Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism. They will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in this step of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.”

*The Great Controversy, p. 588*

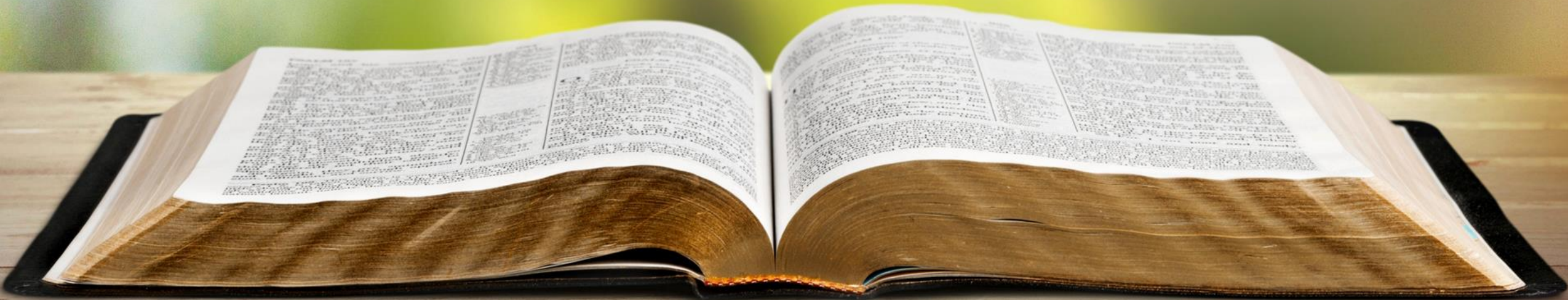




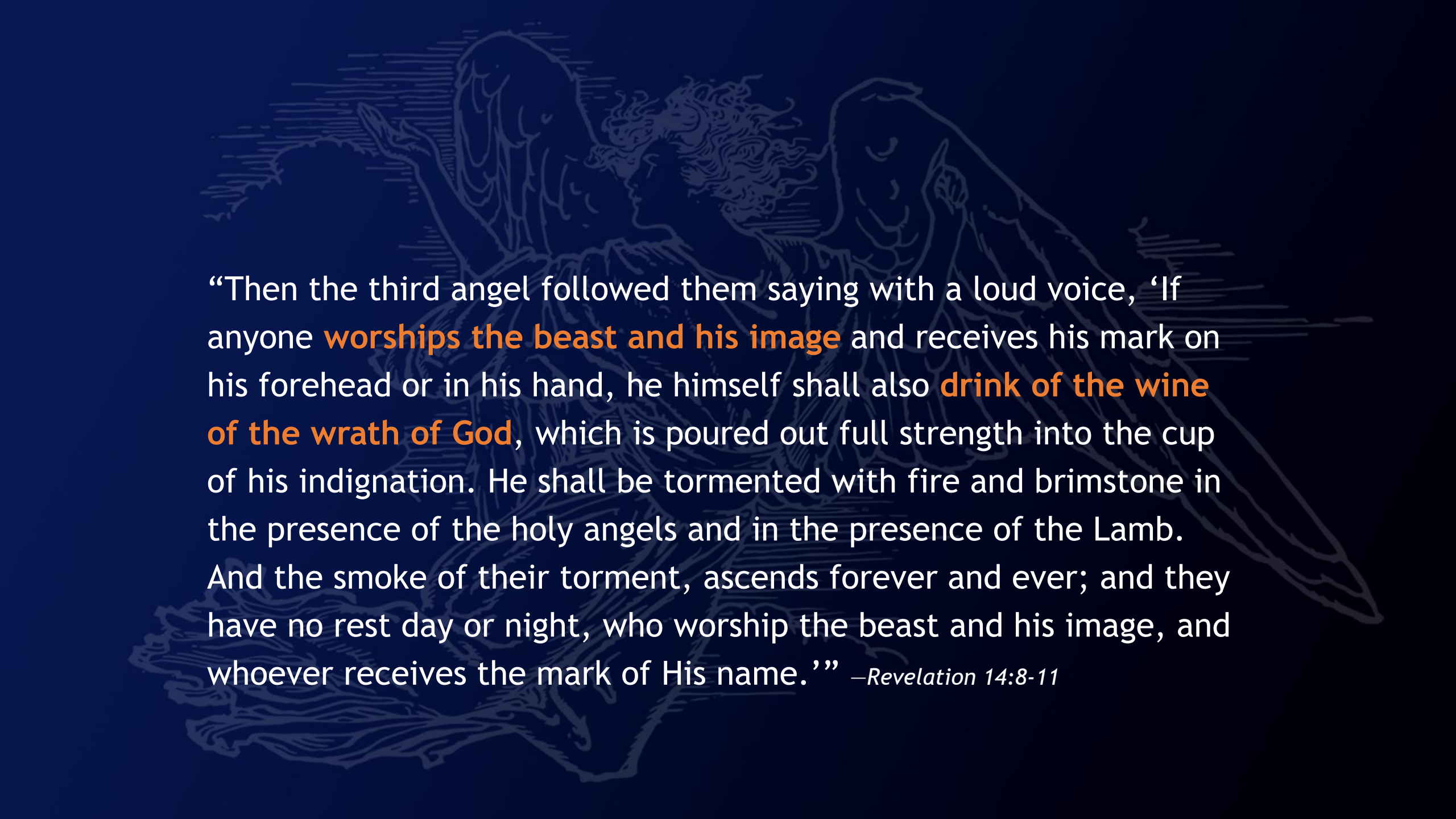


“And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed.” Revelation 13:12

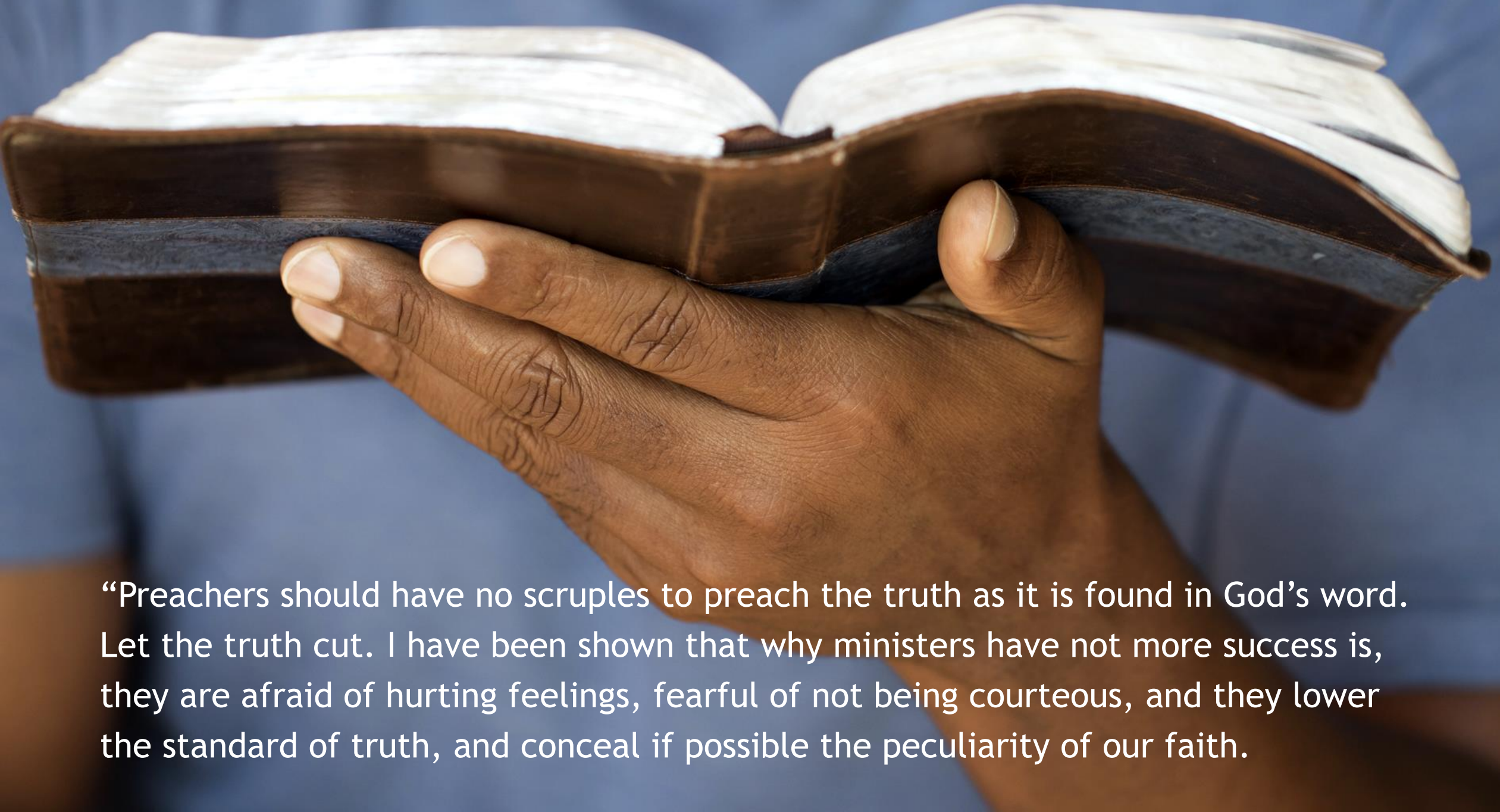
“Ministers who have preached the truth with all zeal and earnestness may apostatize and join the ranks of our enemies, but does this turn the truth of God into a lie? “Nevertheless,” says the apostle, “the foundation of God standeth sure.” The faith and feelings of men may change; but the truth of God, never. The third angels’ message is sounding; it is infallible.” *Testimonies to the Church*, vol. 4, p. 595





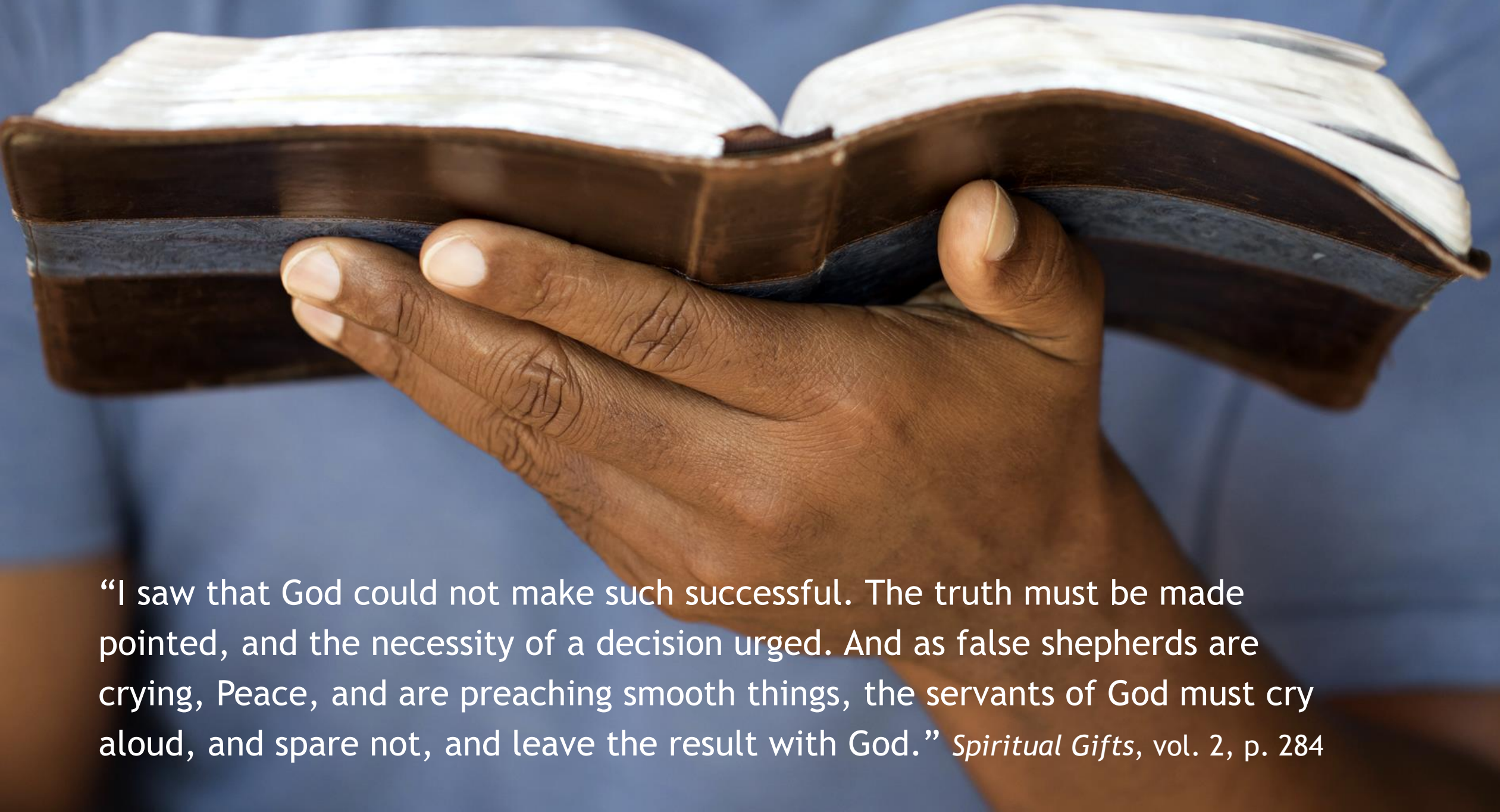


“Then the third angel followed them saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone **worships the beast and his image** and receives his mark on his forehead or in his hand, he himself shall also **drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out full strength into the cup of his indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment, ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of His name.’” —*Revelation 14:8-11*



“Preachers should have no scruples to preach the truth as it is found in God’s word. Let the truth cut. I have been shown that why ministers have not more success is, they are afraid of hurting feelings, fearful of not being courteous, and they lower the standard of truth, and conceal if possible the peculiarity of our faith.





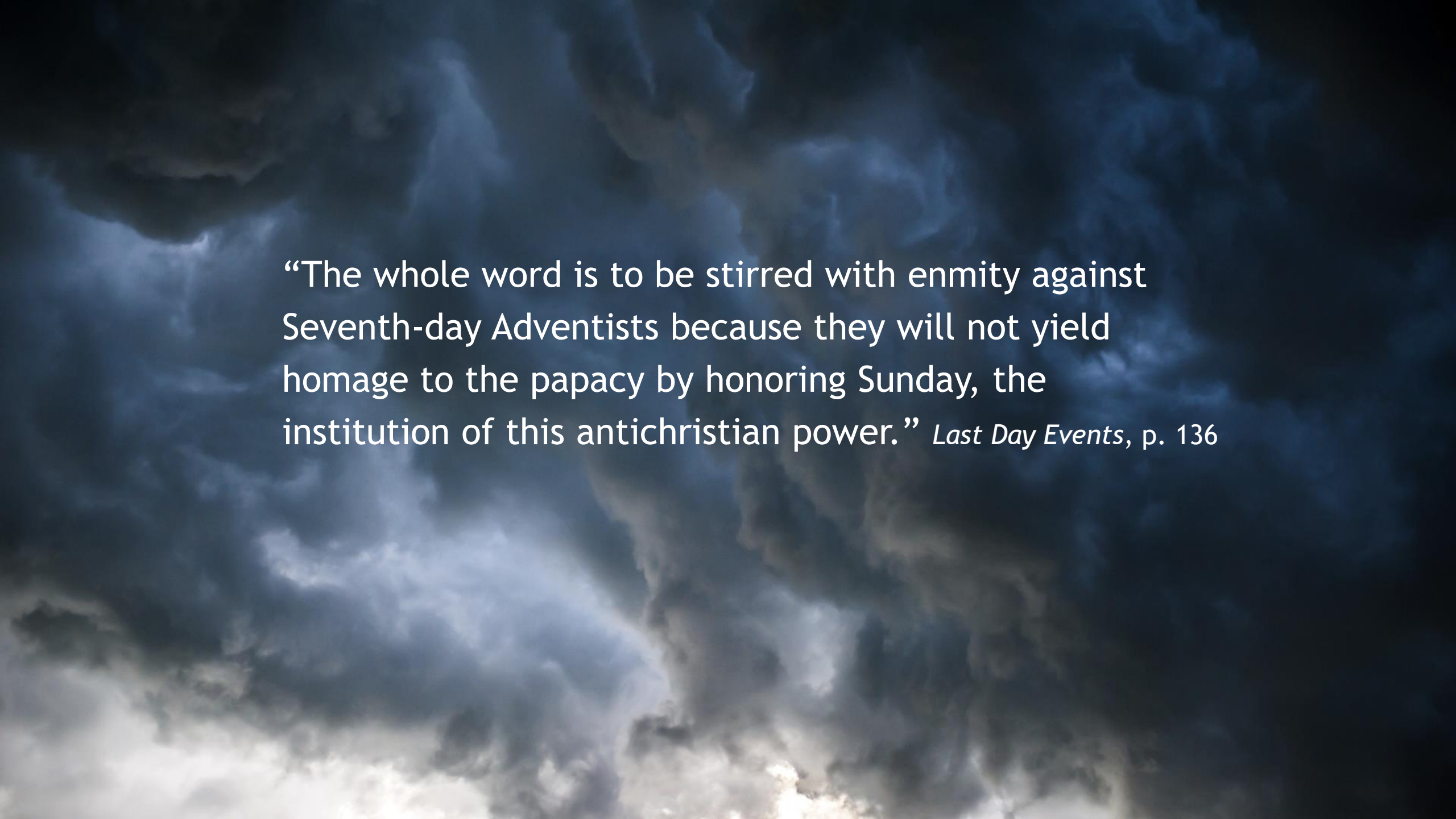
“I saw that God could not make such successful. The truth must be made pointed, and the necessity of a decision urged. And as false shepherds are crying, Peace, and are preaching smooth things, the servants of God must cry aloud, and spare not, and leave the result with God.” *Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 2, p. 284

“The **mark of the beast is the papal Sabbath** . . . . When the test comes, it will be clearly shown what the mark of the beast is. It is the keeping of Sunday. . . . The sign, or seal, of God is revealed in the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the Lord’s memorial of creation. The mark of the beast is the opposite of this—the observance of the first day of the week.”

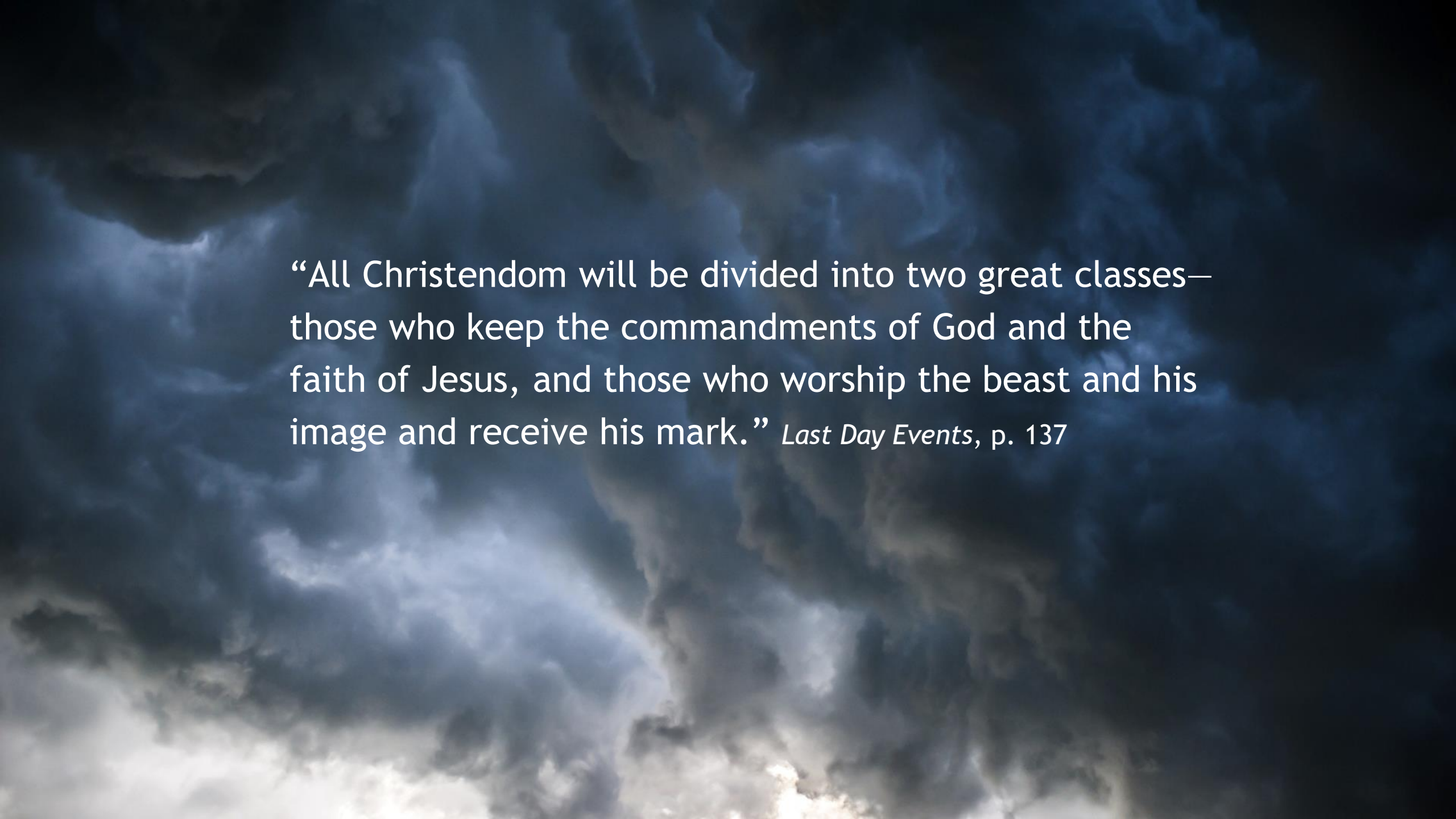
—*Last Day Events*, p. 224

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“The whole world is to be stirred with enmity against Seventh-day Adventists because they will not yield homage to the papacy by honoring Sunday, the institution of this antichristian power.” *Last Day Events*, p. 136




“All Christendom will be divided into two great classes—those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark.” *Last Day Events*, p. 137





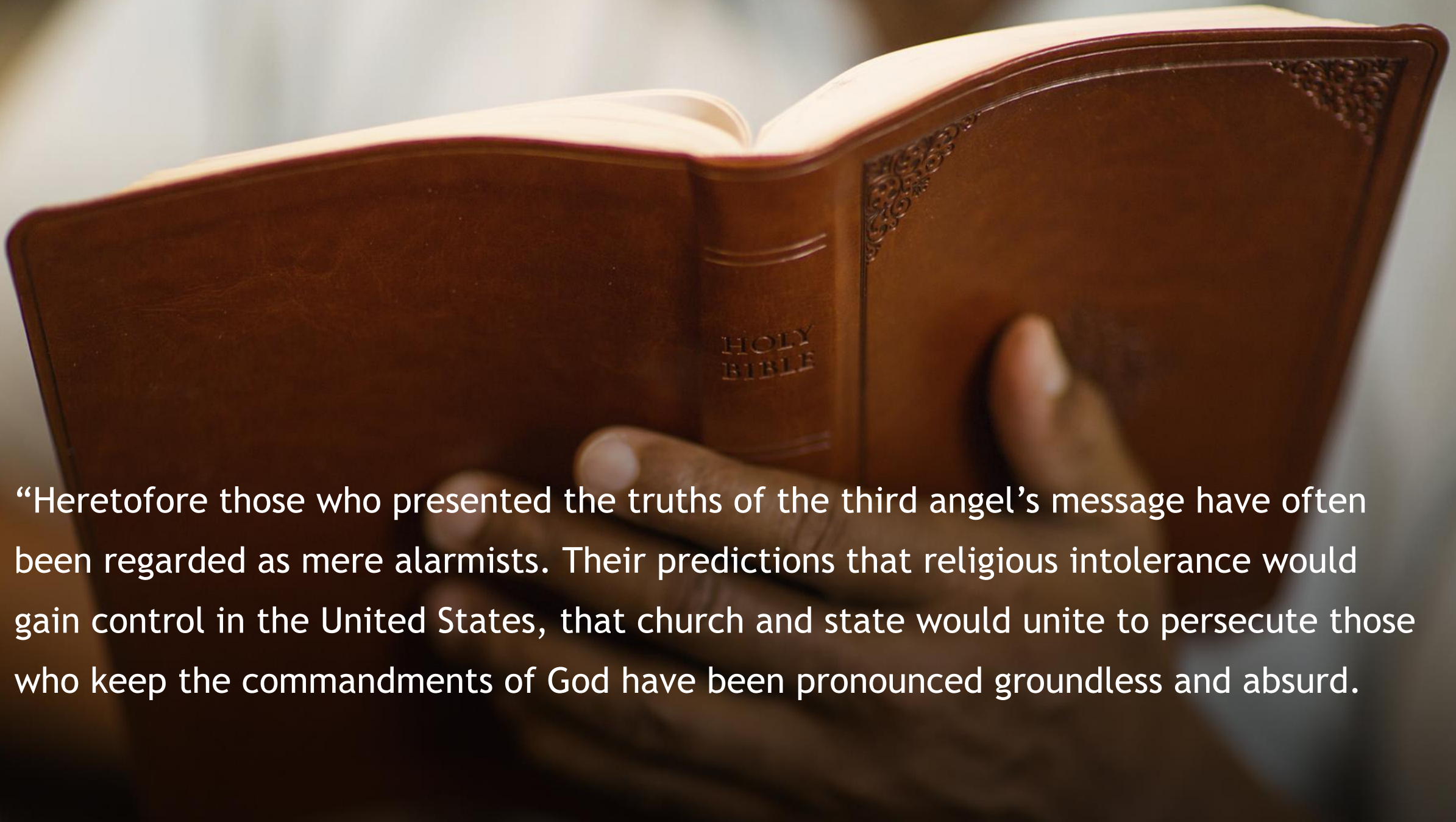
“Here is the **patience of the saints**; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”

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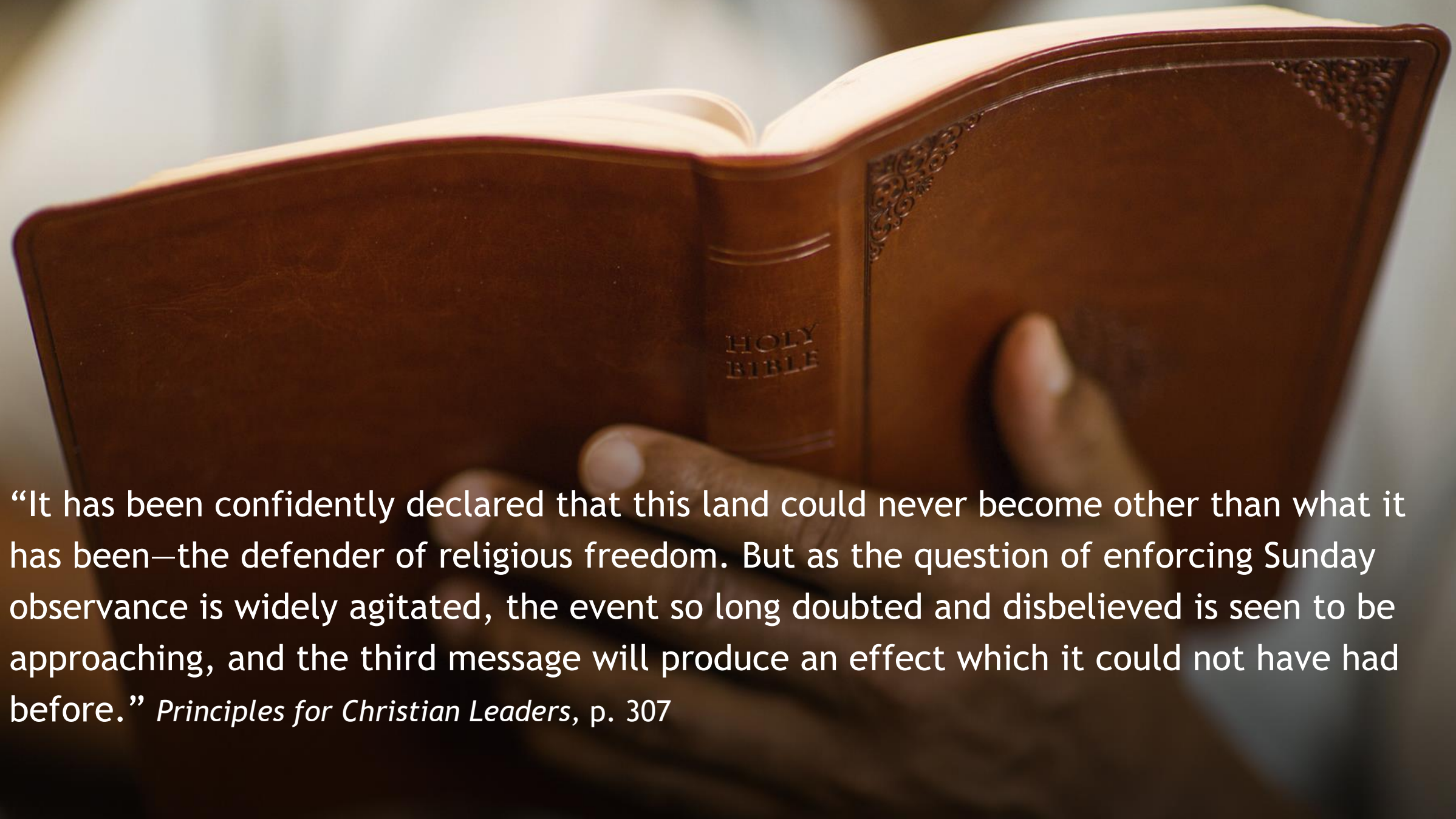
A group of people of various ages and ethnicities are standing in a circle outdoors, hugging each other from behind. The focus is on an older man with white hair and a beard, wearing a white shirt, who is hugging a woman with dark hair. Other people, including a young man and a bald man, are visible in the background, all participating in the group hug. The background is a blurred green field with trees.

“His transforming grace upon human hearts will lead to unity that has not yet been realized, for all who are assimilated to Christ will be in harmony with one another. The Holy Spirit will create unity. . . . I am instructed to say to Seventh-day Adventists the word over, God has called us as a people to be a peculiar treasure until Himself. He has appointed that His church on earth shall stand perfectly united in the Spirit and counsel of the Lord of hosts to the end of time.” *Principles for Christian Leaders*, p. 306



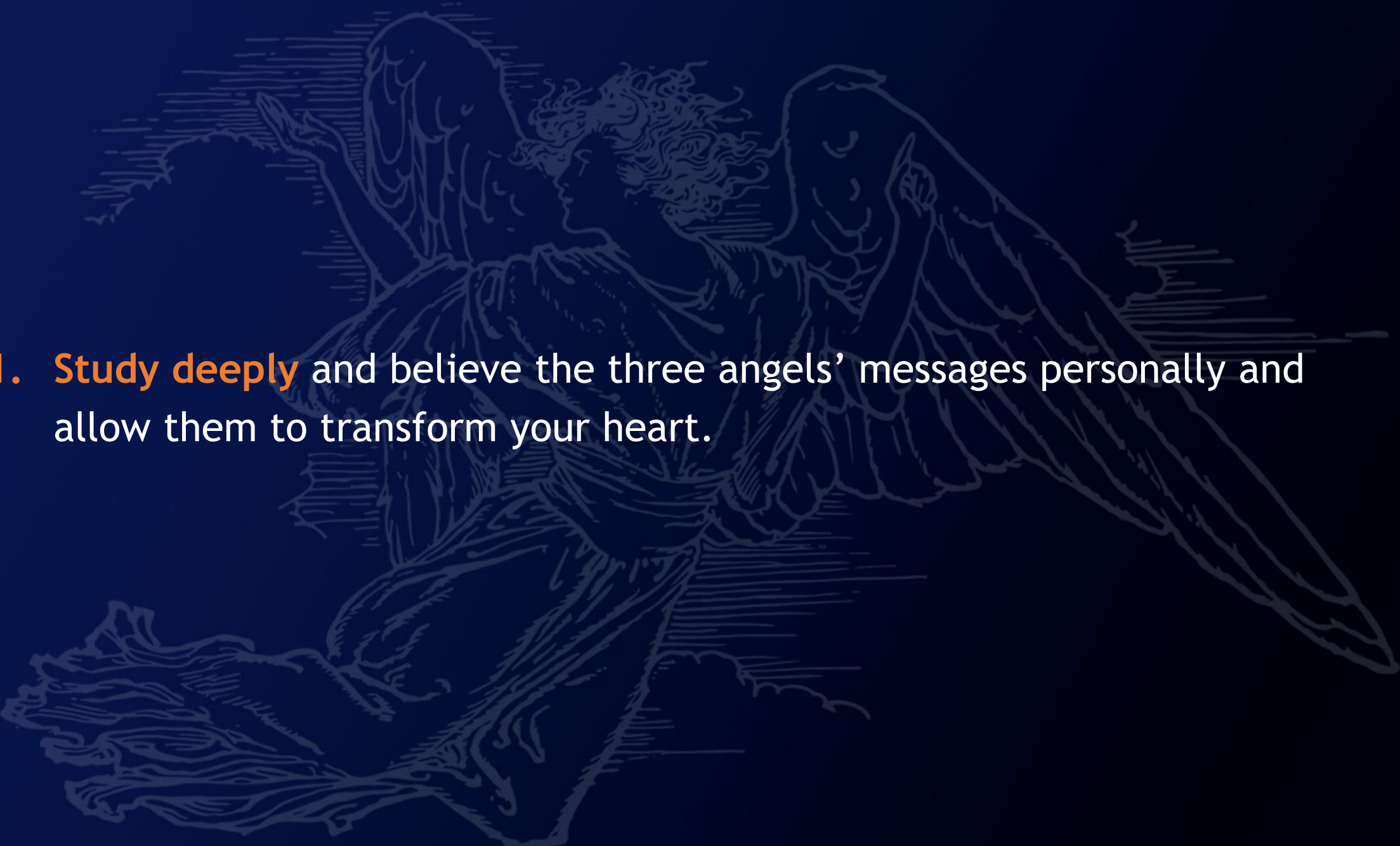


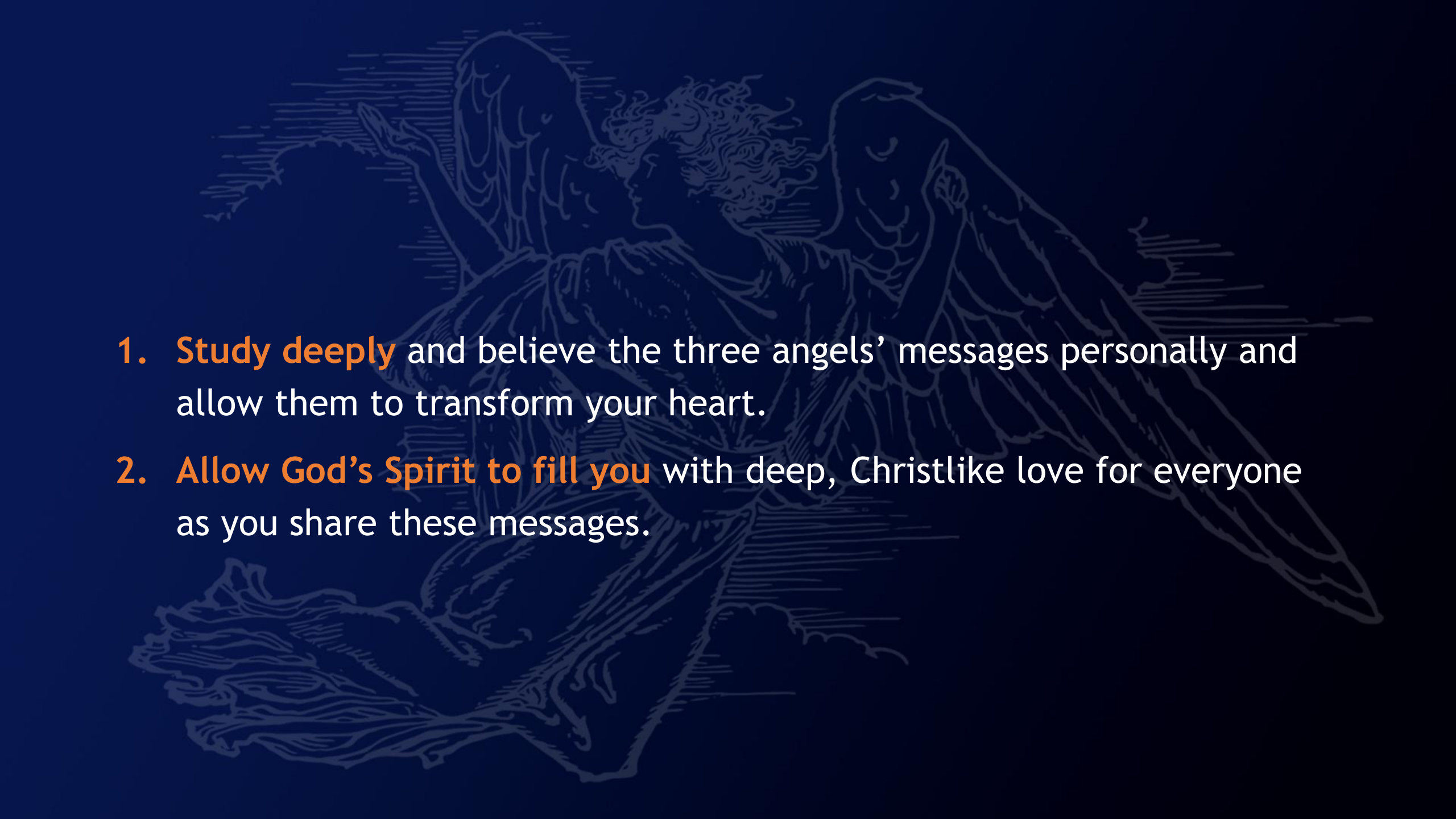
“Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third angel’s message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. Their predictions that religious intolerance would gain control in the United States, that church and state would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God have been pronounced groundless and absurd.




“It has been confidently declared that this land could never become other than what it has been—the defender of religious freedom. But as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will produce an effect which it could not have had before.” *Principles for Christian Leaders*, p. 307



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“Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?”





“Here I am! Send me.” —Isaiah 6:8









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