

CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL

Commandments of God and Faith of Jesus

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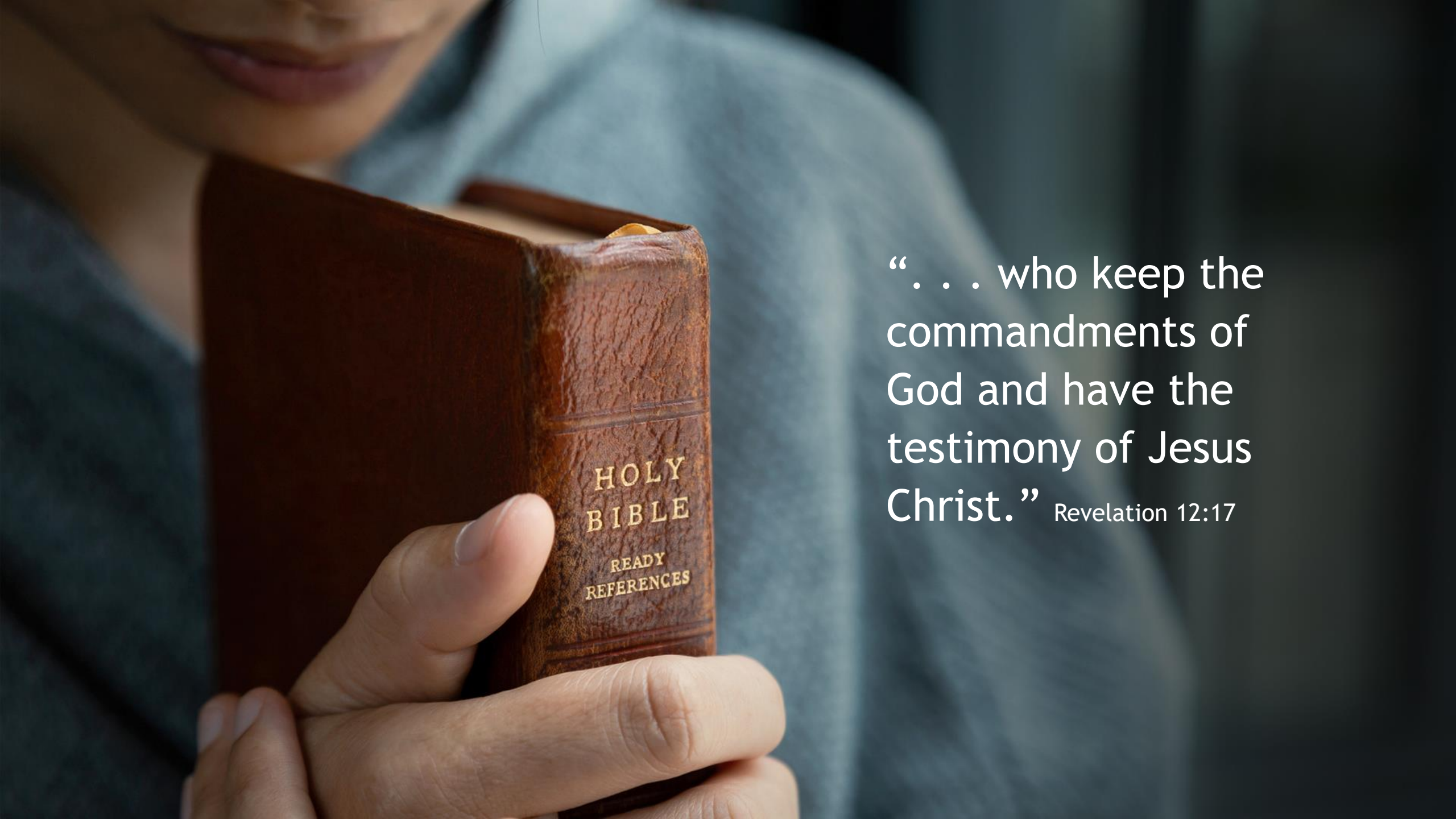
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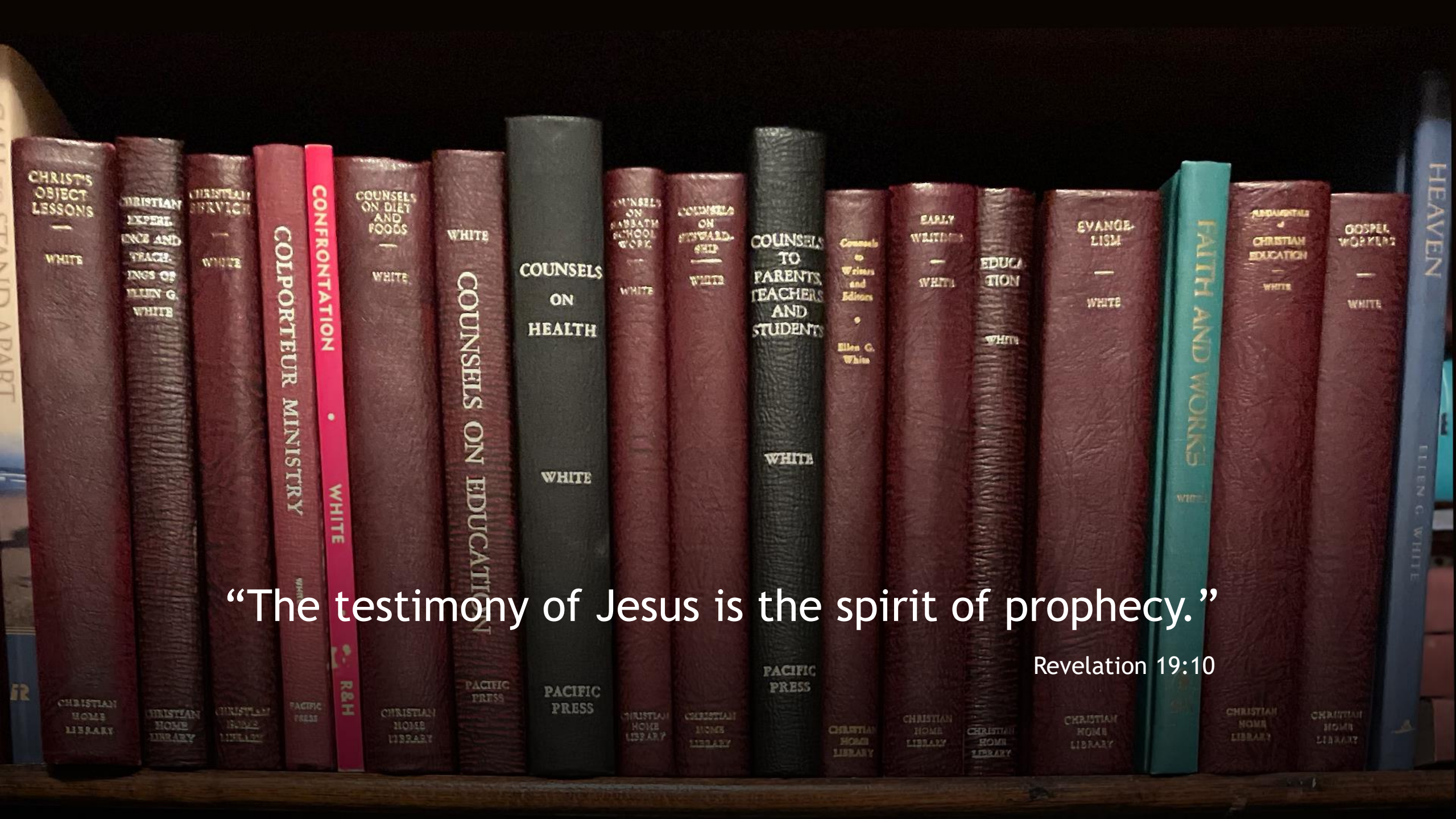
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“Be faithful until death,
and I will give you the
crown of life.” Revelation 2:10





“. . . who keep the
commandments of
God and have the
testimony of Jesus
Christ.” Revelation 12:17



“The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Revelation 19:10

“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” Revelation 14:12



“Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.”

Deuteronomy 7:9

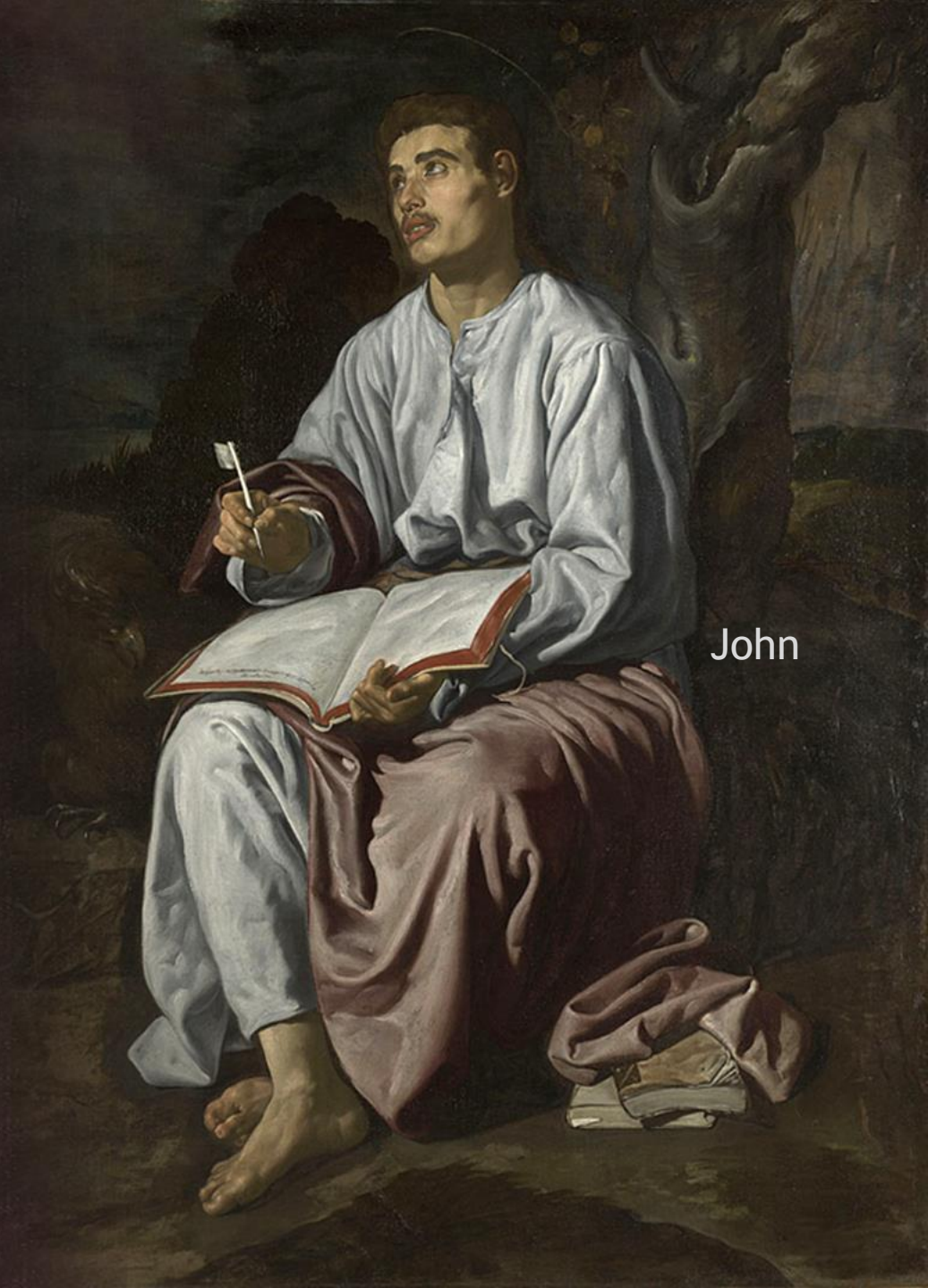


“In the issue of the contest all Christendom will be divided into two great classes—those who keep the commandments of God the faith of Jesus, and those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark. Although church and state will unite their power to compel ‘all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond’ (Revelation 13:16), to receive ‘the mark of the beast,’ yet the people of God will not receive it.



“The prophet of Patmos beholds ‘them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God’ and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. [Revelation 15:2, 3].”

The Great Controversy, p. 450



“At times we shall be in great perplexity, and not know just what to do. But at such times it is our privilege to take our Bibles, and read the messages He has given us; and then get down on our knees, and ask Him to help us. Over and over again, He has given evidence that He is a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God. He fulfills His promises in far greater measure than we expect to receive help.”

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Alphabet for the New Year

Attend carefully to details.
Be prompt in all things.
Consider well, and then decide positively.
Dare to do right; fear to do wrong.
Endure trials patiently.
Fight life's battles bravely.
Go not into the society of the vicious.
Hold integrity sacred.
Injure not another's reputation.
Join hands only with the virtuous.
Keep your mind free from evil thoughts.
Lie not for any consideration.
Make few special acquaintances.
Never try to appear what you are not.
Observe good manners.
Pay your debts promptly.
Question not the veracity of a friend.
Respect the counsel of your parents.
Sacrifice money rather than principle.
Touch not, taste not, handle not, intoxicating drinks.
Use your leisure for improvement.
Venture not upon the threshold of wrong.
Watch carefully over your passions.
Extend to every one a kindly greeting.
Yield not to discouragement.
Zealously labor for the right, and success is certain.

—Selected.

A VISIT TO LOMA LINDA By W. C. White

From November 6 to December 6, we were in Southern California, most of the time at Loma Linda. Mother and Sister McEnterfer spent the entire time of our visit there. Brother Crisier and I spent a few days in Los Angeles and Glendale, and I was at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium Thanksgiving day.

At Glendale, we found the sanitarium full of patients. In the large main building and hospital, there was but one vacant room. The outlook for this institution is very encouraging.

At Paradise Valley, very important additions have been made to the buildings. The nurses' dormitory has been enlarged. The business office and ladies' treatment-rooms have also been enlarged, and an elevator installed. Thus this institution is well prepared for the large patronage that usually comes after the holidays.

At Loma Linda, our people were very busy and of good courage. The Loma Linda Sanitarium had a splendid patronage during October. In November, there were not many patients, but busy preparations were being made for the rush that usually comes in the latter part of the winter.

In the medical school, there were sixty-two students, and about the same number in the nurses' training classes. Dr. Rubie said, “The students returned this year with a strong determination to make the school better than it has ever been before. In our faculty there is unity and courage.”

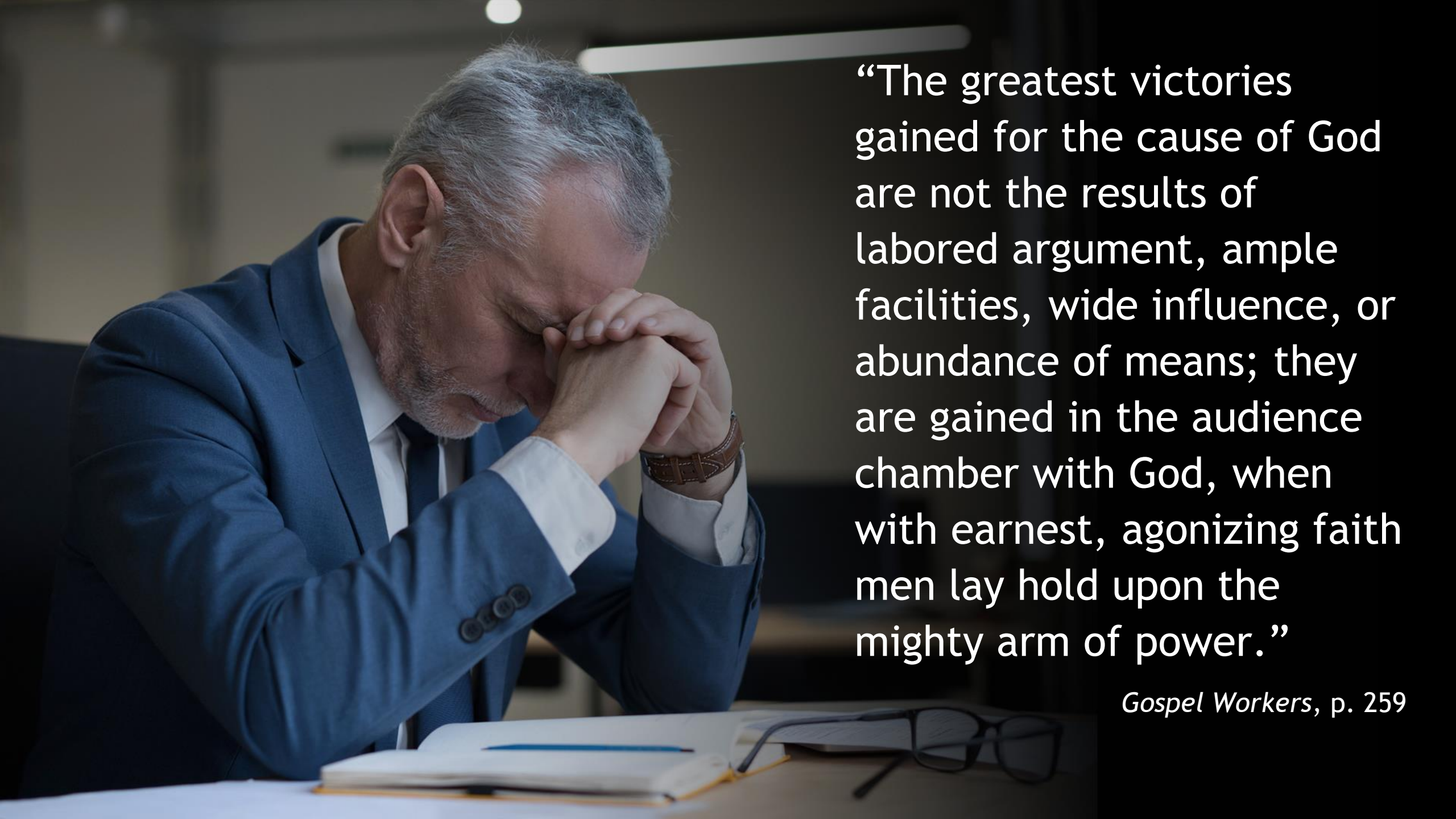
The day after our arrival there, mother spoke about twenty minutes to the board of directors, the college faculty, and the heads of departments. A portion of this

talk, under the title “Be of Good Cheer,” will be found in another column. After that, mother spoke one Sabbath in the Loma Linda chapel, one Sabbath in the meeting-house in San Bernardino, and one noon she read to the students and helps a manuscript regarding the duties and privileges of medical students. Here are a few statements copied from this manuscript:

“Opportunities are before you; if studious and upright, you may obtain an education of the highest value. Make the most of your privileges. Be not satisfied with ordinary attainments; seek to qualify yourselves to fill positions of trust in connection with the Lord's work in the earth. United with the God of wisdom and power, you may become intellectually strong, and increasingly capable as soul-winners. You may become men and women of responsibility and influence, if, by the power of your will, coupled with divine strength, you earnestly engage in the work of securing a proper training.”

“God will not require of man a more strict account of anything than of the way in which he has occupied his time. Have its hours been wasted and abused? God has granted to us the precious boon of life, not to be devoted to selfish gratification. Our work is too solemn, our time to serve God and our fellow men too short, to be spent in seeking for fame. O, if men would stop in their aspirations where God has set the bounds, what different service would the Lord receive!”

“The light that God has given in medical missionary lines will not cause His people to be regarded as inferior in scientific medical knowledge, but will fit them to stand upon the highest eminence. God would have them stand as a wise



“The greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the results of labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means; they are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power.”

Gospel Workers, p. 259

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“Too often the worker for Christ fails to realize his personal responsibility. He is in danger of shifting his burden upon organizations, instead of relying upon Him who is the source of all strength. It is a great mistake to trust in human wisdom or numbers in the work of God. Successful work for Christ depends not so much on numbers or talent as upon pureness of purpose, the true simplicity of earnest, dependent faith.”


Welfare Ministry, p. 265



“But hold fast
what you have
till I come.”

Revelation 2:25





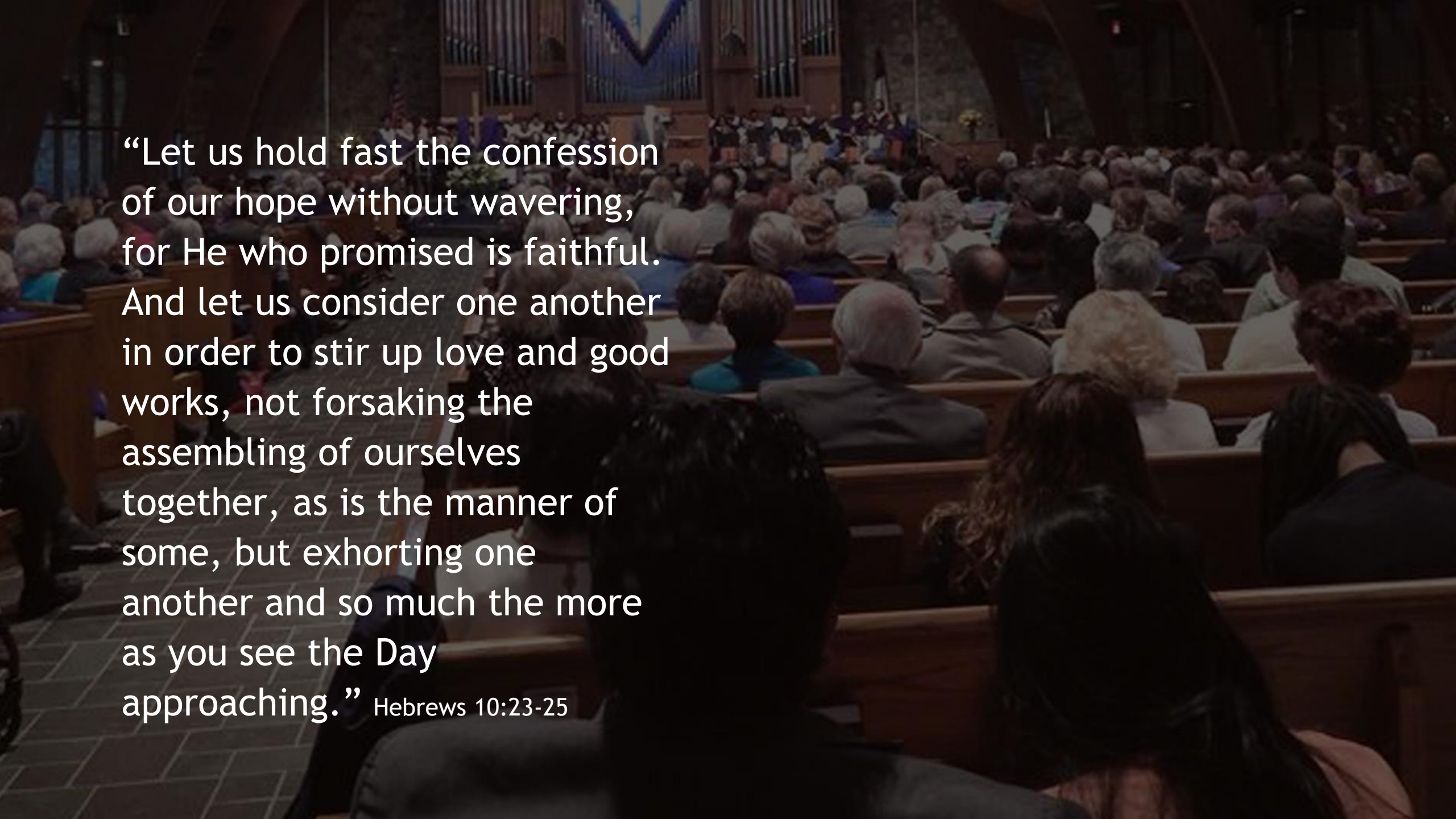
“... hold fast
and repent.”

Revelation 3:3

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

Revelation 3:11





“Let us hold fast the confession
of our hope without wavering,
for He who promised is faithful.
And let us consider one another
in order to stir up love and good
works, not forsaking the
assembling of ourselves
together, as is the manner of
some, but exhorting one
another and so much the more
as you see the Day
approaching.” Hebrews 10:23-25

“God has given sufficient evidence upon which to base faith if he wish to believe. In the last days the earth will be almost destitute of true faith. Upon the merest pretense, the Word of God will be considered unreliable, while human reasoning will be received, though it be in opposition to plain Scripture facts.”

Spiritual Gifts, Book 3, p. 94





“It is one thing to read the Bible through.
Another thing to read to learn and do.

Some read it with design to learn to read.
But to the subject pay but little heed.

Some read it as their duty once a week.
But no instruction from the Bible seek;

While others read it with but little care,
With no regard to how they read, nor where.

Some read it as a history to know
How people lived three thousand years ago.



“Some read to bring themselves into repute,
By showing others how they can dispute;

While others read because their neighbors do,
To see how long ‘twill take to read it through.

Some read it for the wonders that are there—
How David killed a lion and a bear;

While others read it with uncommon care,
Hoping to find some contradictions there!

Some read as if it did not speak to them,
But to the people at Jerusalem.



“One reads it as a book of mysteries,
And won’t believe the very thing he sees.

One reads with father’s specs upon his head,
And sees the thing just as his father said.

Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed,
Hence understand but little that they read;

For every passage in the Book they bend
To make it suit that all-important end!



“Some people read, as I have often thought,
To teach the Book instead of being taught;

And some there are who read it out of spite.
I fear there are but few who read it right.

So many people in these latter days
Have read the Bible in so many ways

That few can tell which system is best,
For every party contradicts the rest!



“But read it prayerfully, and you will see,
Although men contradict, God’s words agree;

For what the early Bible prophets wrote,
We find that Christ and His apostles quote.

So trust no creed that trembles to recall
What has been penned by one and verified
by all.”



“The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those ministers and church officers.”

Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 117



“Would that we might feel the importance of educating every individual member of the church to do something. We should individually sense the solemn obligation of Christians to bring into activity all their divinely entrusted resources and capabilities, to do to the utmost of their power the work the Lord expects them to do. . . .We need more faith, more sanctified ability.



“High and ennobling motives are before us. We have no time, no words to spend in controversy. . . . There is need of sanctified energy. The armies of heaven are on the move, and where is the human agent to cooperate with God?”

Testimonies to Southern Africa, pp.. 43-44



If you are hungry,
He is the **BREAD OF LIFE**.

If you are thirsty,
He is the **WATER OF LIFE**.

If you are lost,
He is **THE WAY**.

If you are on the outside,
He is **THE DOOR**.



If you are searching,
He is **THE TRUTH**.

If you are sick,
He is the **GREAT PHYSICIAN**.

If you need care,
He is the **GOOD SHEPHERD**.

If you are troubled,
He is the **COMFORTER**.



If you are in darkness,
He is **THE LIGHT**.

If you are in a battle,
He is the **LORD OF HOSTS**.

If you need guidance,
He is the **BRIGHT AND
MORNING STAR**.

If you admit your sins,
He is the **LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**.



If you are dead,
He is the **RESURRECTION**
AND THE LIFE.

He is the **ROSE OF SHARON,**
The **LILY OF THE VALLEY.**

He is the **SAVIOUR.**
He is **GOD.**

He is our **ALL SUFFICIENT.**



“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?” —Matthew 24:45

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“Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.” —Matthew 24:46

“I am instructed to say to Seventh-day Adventists the world over, God has called us as a people to be a peculiar treasure unto 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.”

—*Selected Messages*, Book 2, p. 397





