

GENESIS

THE UPPER AND LOWER STORY





Genesis 21:1-7

God keeps His Promises

Genesis 22:1-8

“Some time later, God tested Abraham’s faith. *Abraham!* God called.”



Tests of our faith

“How could this happen ?”

or “Let’s glorify God”

Tests of our faith



as a blacksmith “tests” steel
John 6:21 “been wrought in God”

“Abraham”

a holy God calls a man by name....

God created us to worship, have
relationship and fellowship with Him

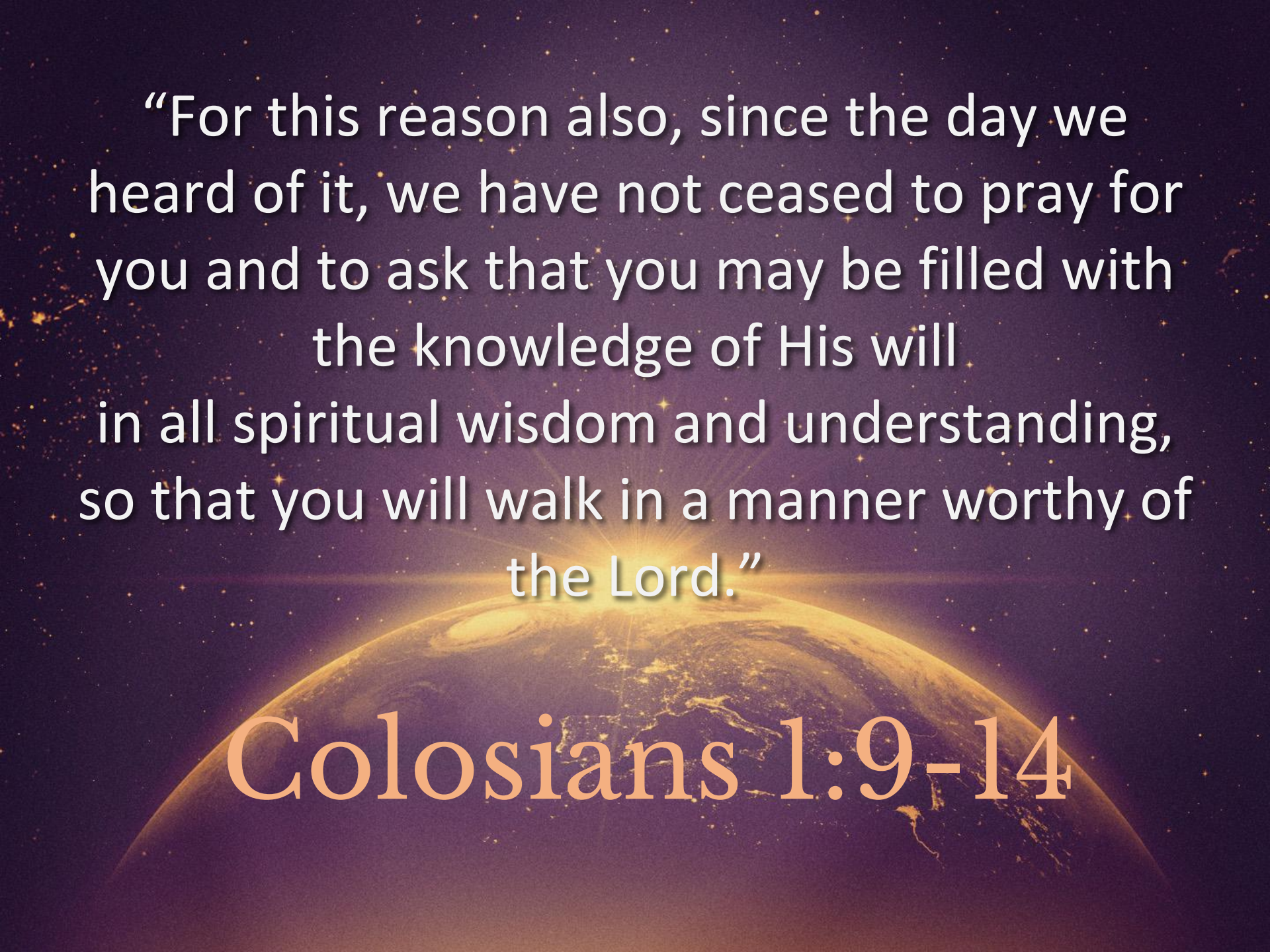
Has God called your name ?

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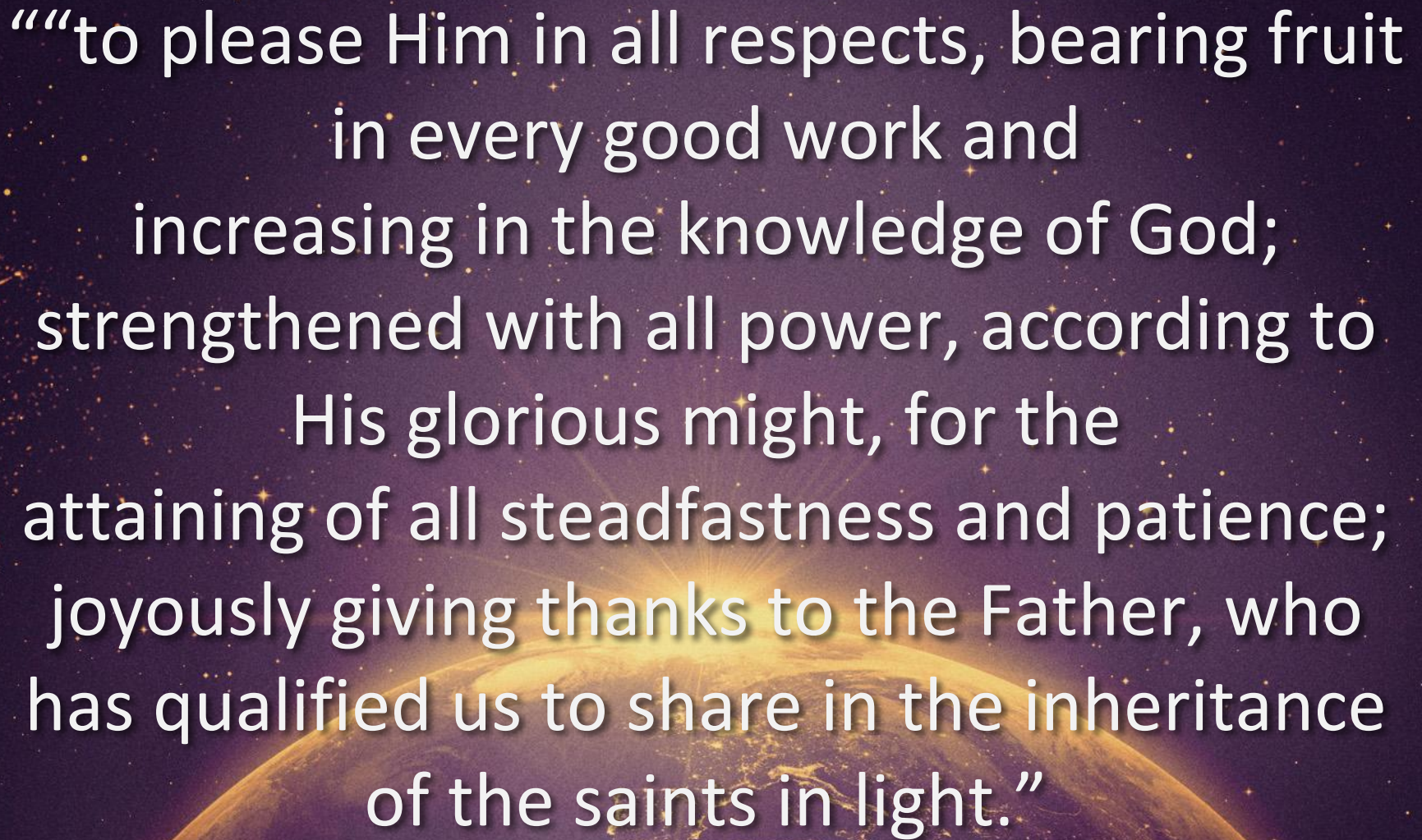
“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” and immediately they left their nets, and followed Him.”

Matthew 4:19, 20



“For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord.”

Colosians 1:9-14



““to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”

“For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ”



Abraham's response

“here I am”



“Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.”

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“The next morning Abraham got up early,
He saddled his donkey and took two of his
servants with him, along with his son,
Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for
a burnt offering and set out for the place
God had told him about.

On the third day of their journey,

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“It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him.

Abraham, who had received God’s promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, even though God had told him, “Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted.” Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again.”

Hebrews 11: 17-19

“Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. “Stay here with the donkey,” Abraham told the servants. “The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back.”

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“So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac’s shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together,


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“Isaac turned to Abraham and said,
“Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“We have the fire and the wood,” the boy
said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt
offering?”

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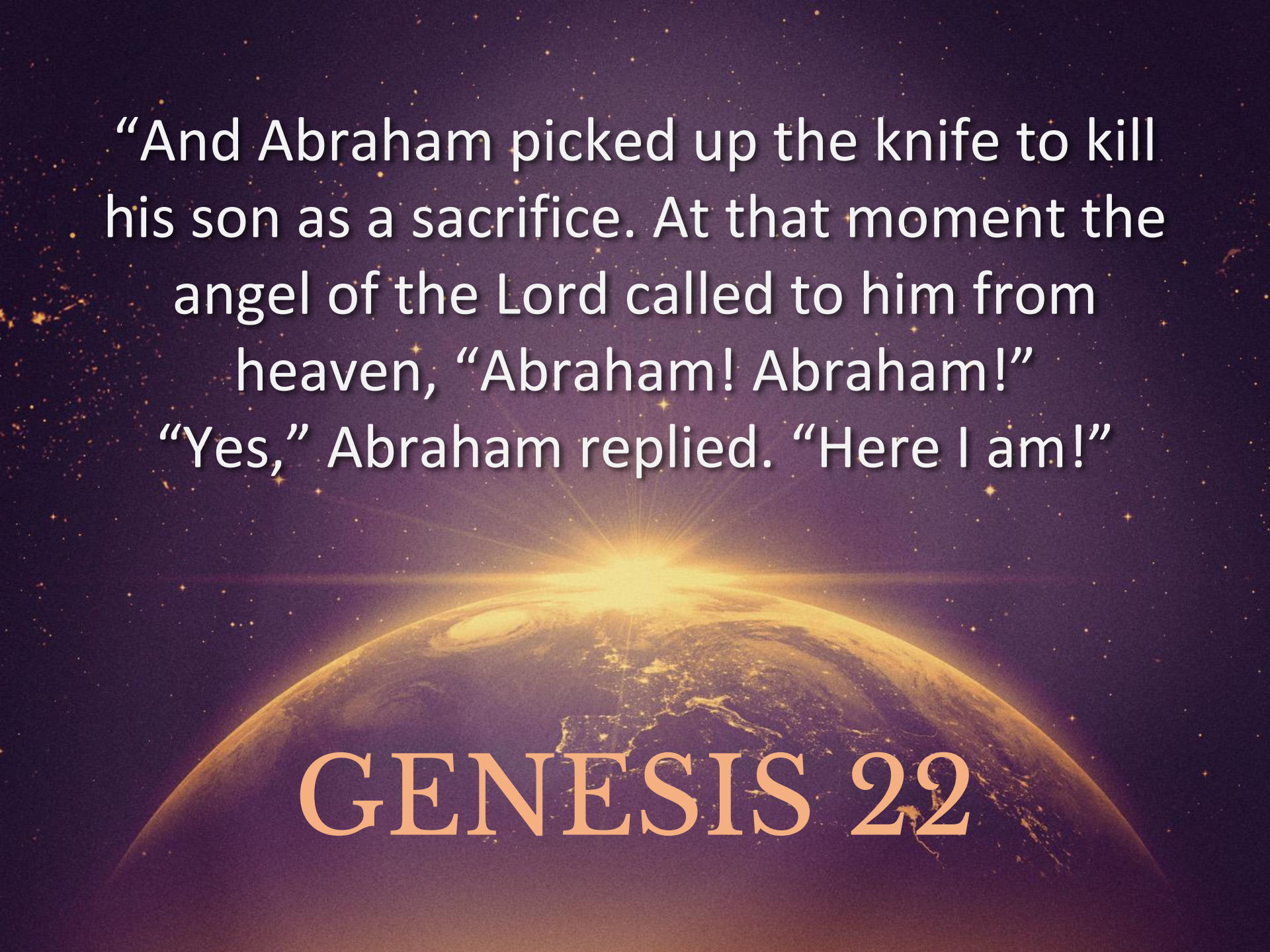


“God will provide a lamb for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.”

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“When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.”

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“And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”
“Yes,” Abraham replied. “Here I am!”

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“Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said.
“Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that
you truly fear God. You have not withheld from
me even your son, your only son.”



“ Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son.



“Abraham named the place Jehovah-Jireh (which means “the Lord will provide”). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”



John 1:29

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”





John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

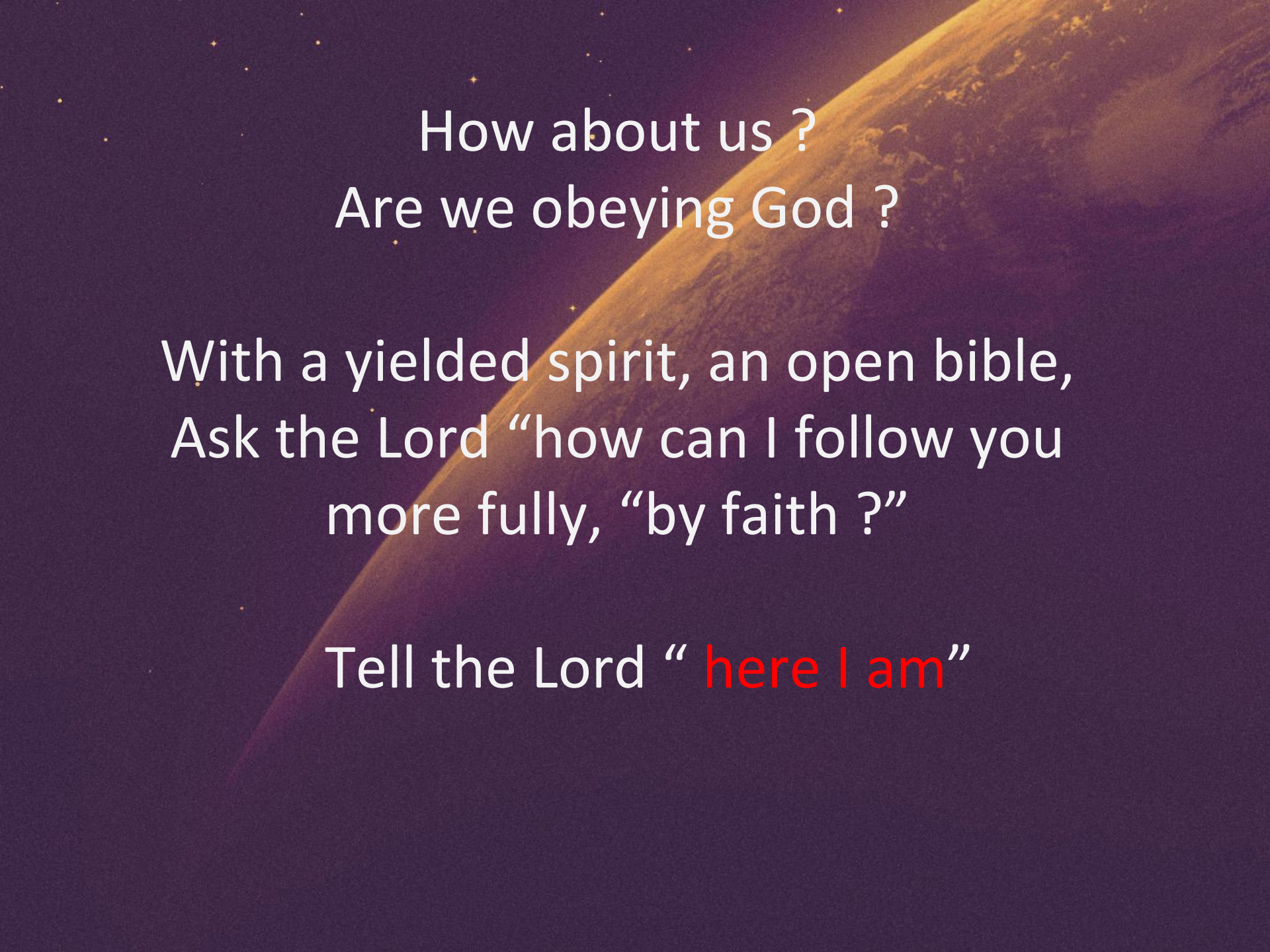


Romans 8:31-32

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”

Genesis 22: 18 “And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me.”





How about us ?
Are we obeying God ?

With a yielded spirit, an open bible,
Ask the Lord “how can I follow you
more fully, “by faith ?”

Tell the Lord “ **here I am**”



How is the Lord strengthening, refining,
purifying your faith in Christ ?

What challenges of obedience has He
brought to you ?

How do you see the **provision of God** in
those challenges ?