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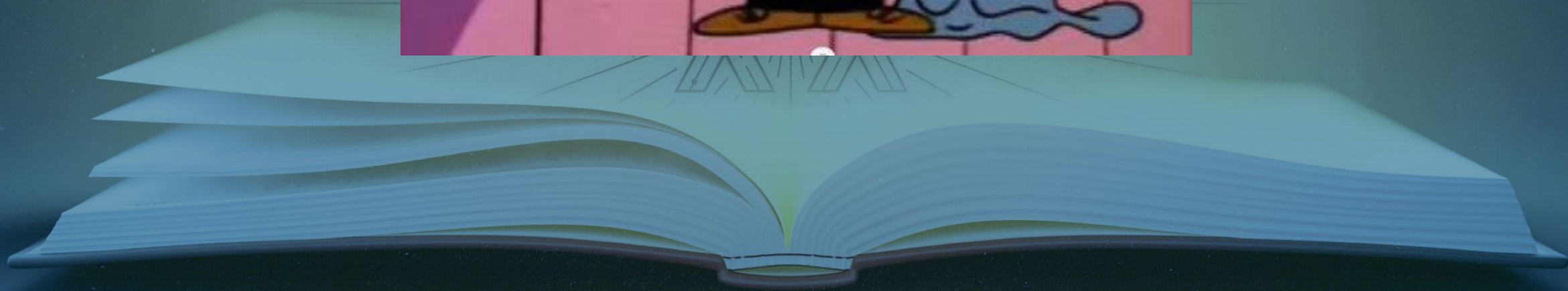
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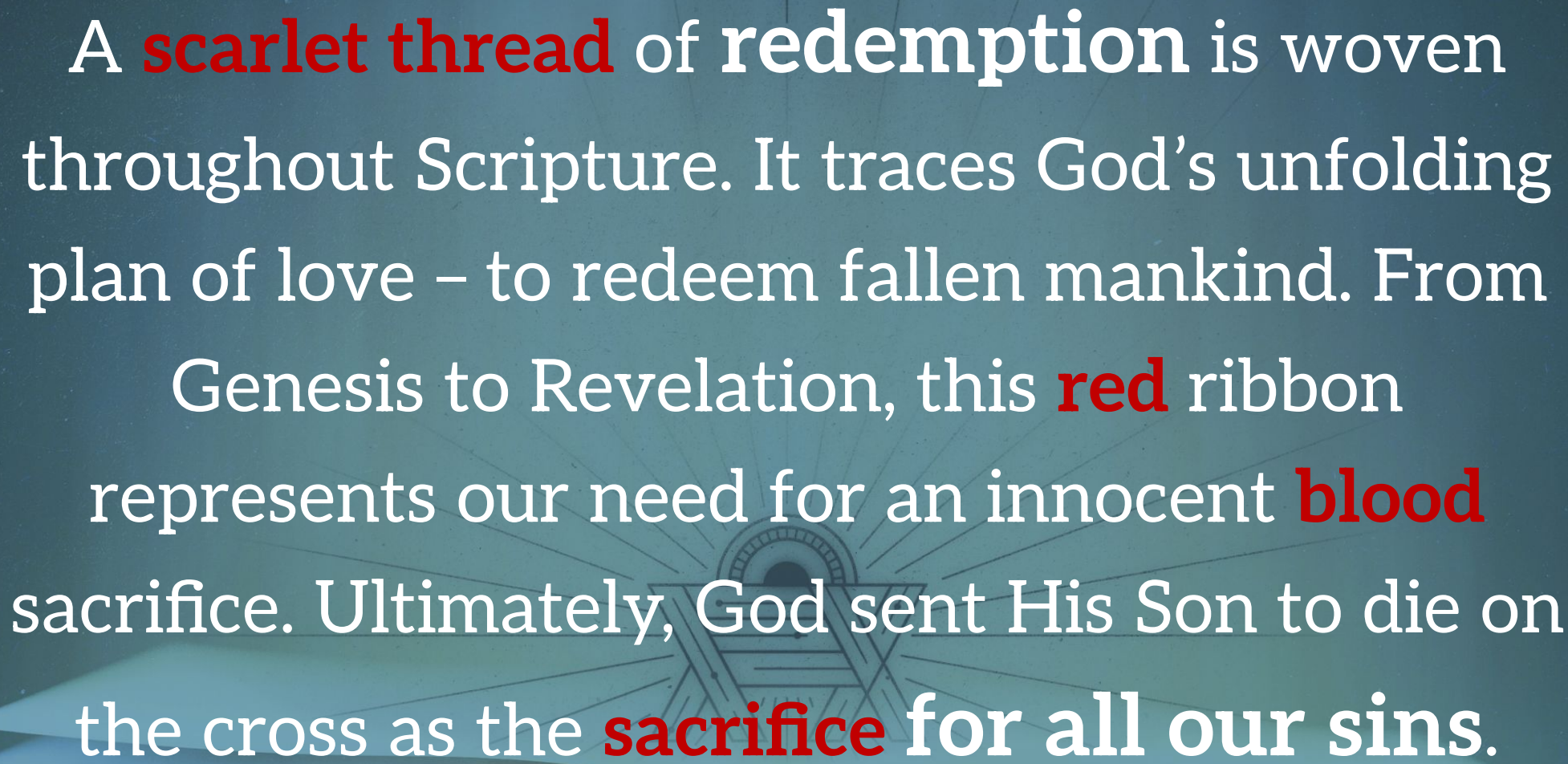












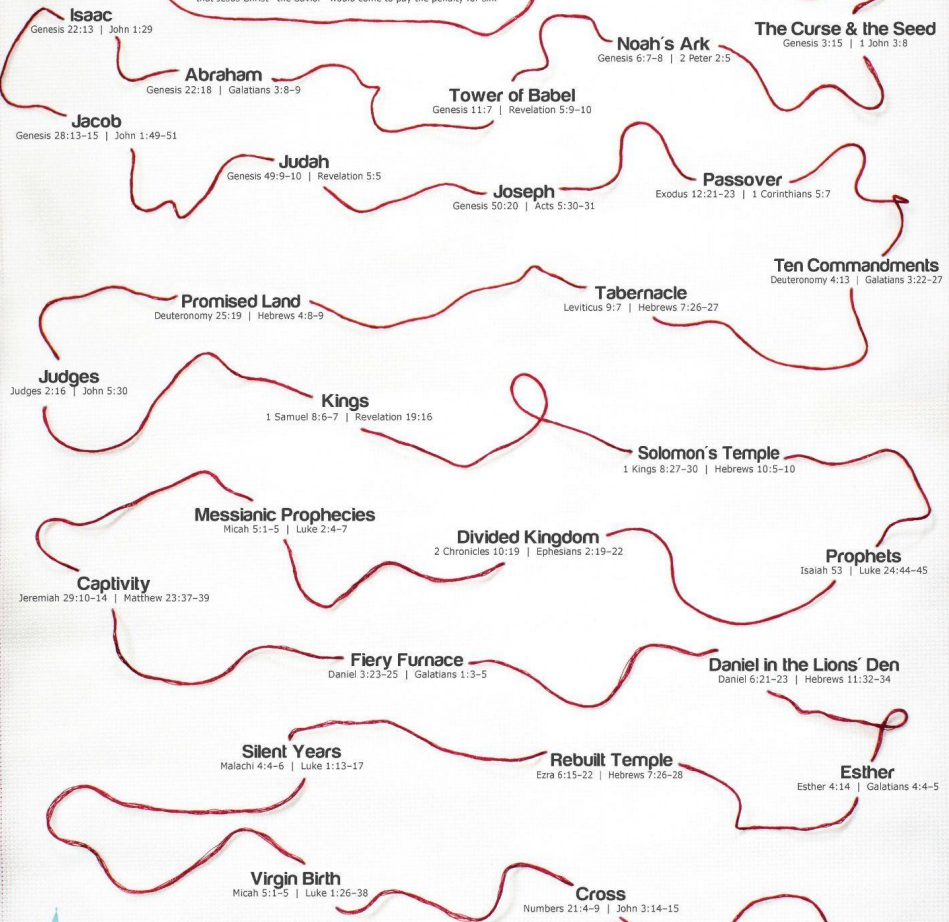
A **scarlet thread** of **redemption** is woven throughout Scripture. It traces God's unfolding plan of love – to redeem fallen mankind. From Genesis to Revelation, this **red** ribbon represents our need for an innocent **blood** sacrifice. Ultimately, God sent His Son to die on the cross as the **sacrifice** for all our sins.

- W.A. Criswell



# Scarlet Thread

Before God created the world, He planned to redeem mankind from its fall into sin. From the promise of Genesis 3:15 to the sacrifices offered as a covering for sin, God's Word points forward to Jesus. This scarlet thread—the plan of mankind's redemption—is one that God has woven into the fabric of history. It is a reminder throughout Scripture that Jesus Christ—the Savior—would come to pay the penalty for sin.



**Foundation of the World**  
Genesis 1:1 | Ephesians 1:3-4

**Isaac**  
Genesis 22:13 | John 1:29

**Noah's Ark**  
Genesis 6:7-8 | 2 Peter 2:5

**The Curse & the Seed**  
Genesis 3:15 | 1 John 3:8

**Abraham**  
Genesis 22:18 | Galatians 3:8-9

**Tower of Babel**  
Genesis 11:7 | Revelation 5:9-10

**Jacob**  
Genesis 28:13-15 | John 1:49-51

**Judah**  
Genesis 49:9-10 | Revelation 5:5

**Joseph**  
Genesis 50:20 | Acts 5:30-31

**Passover**  
Exodus 12:21-23 | 1 Corinthians 5:7

**Ten Commandments**  
Deuteronomy 4:13 | Galatians 3:22-27

**Promised Land**  
Deuteronomy 25:19 | Hebrews 4:8-9

**Tabernacle**  
Leviticus 9:7 | Hebrews 7:26-27

**Judges**  
Judges 2:16 | John 5:30

**Kings**  
1 Samuel 8:6-7 | Revelation 19:16

**Solomon's Temple**  
1 Kings 8:27-30 | Hebrews 10:5-10

**Messianic Prophecies**  
Micah 5:1-5 | Luke 2:4-7

**Divided Kingdom**  
2 Chronicles 10:19 | Ephesians 2:19-22

**Prophets**  
Isaiah 53 | Luke 24:44-45

**Captivity**  
Jeremiah 29:10-14 | Matthew 23:37-39

**Fiery Furnace**  
Daniel 3:23-25 | Galatians 1:3-5

**Daniel in the Lions' Den**  
Daniel 6:21-23 | Hebrews 11:32-34

**Silent Years**  
Malachi 4:4-6 | Luke 1:13-17

**Rebuilt Temple**  
Ezra 6:15-22 | Hebrews 7:26-28

**Esther**  
Esther 4:14 | Galatians 4:4-5

**Virgin Birth**  
Micah 5:1-5 | Luke 1:26-38

**Cross**  
Numbers 21:4-9 | John 3:14-15

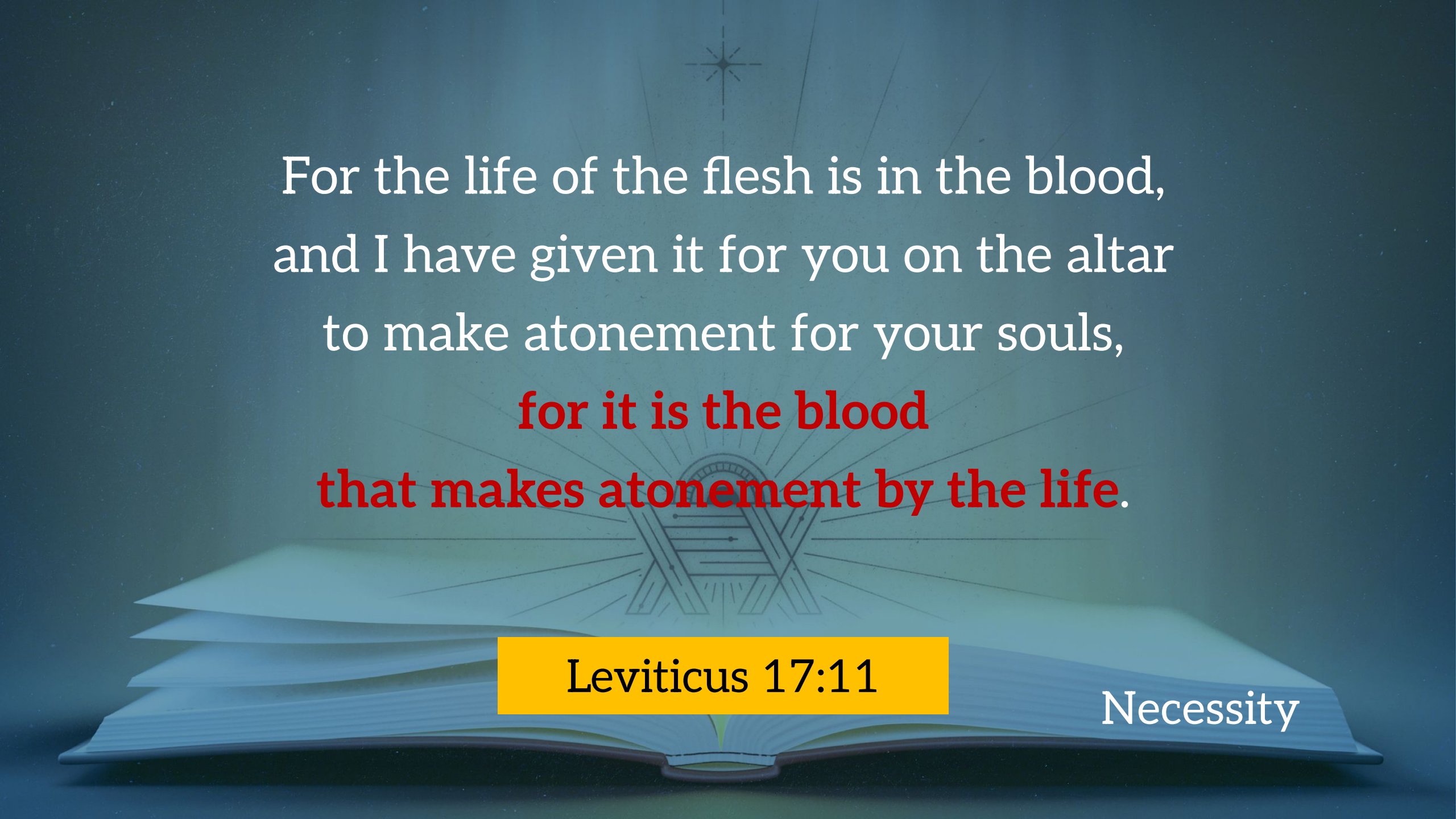


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And the LORD God made  
for Adam and for his wife  
**garments of skins**  
and clothed them.

Genesis 3:21

Beginning

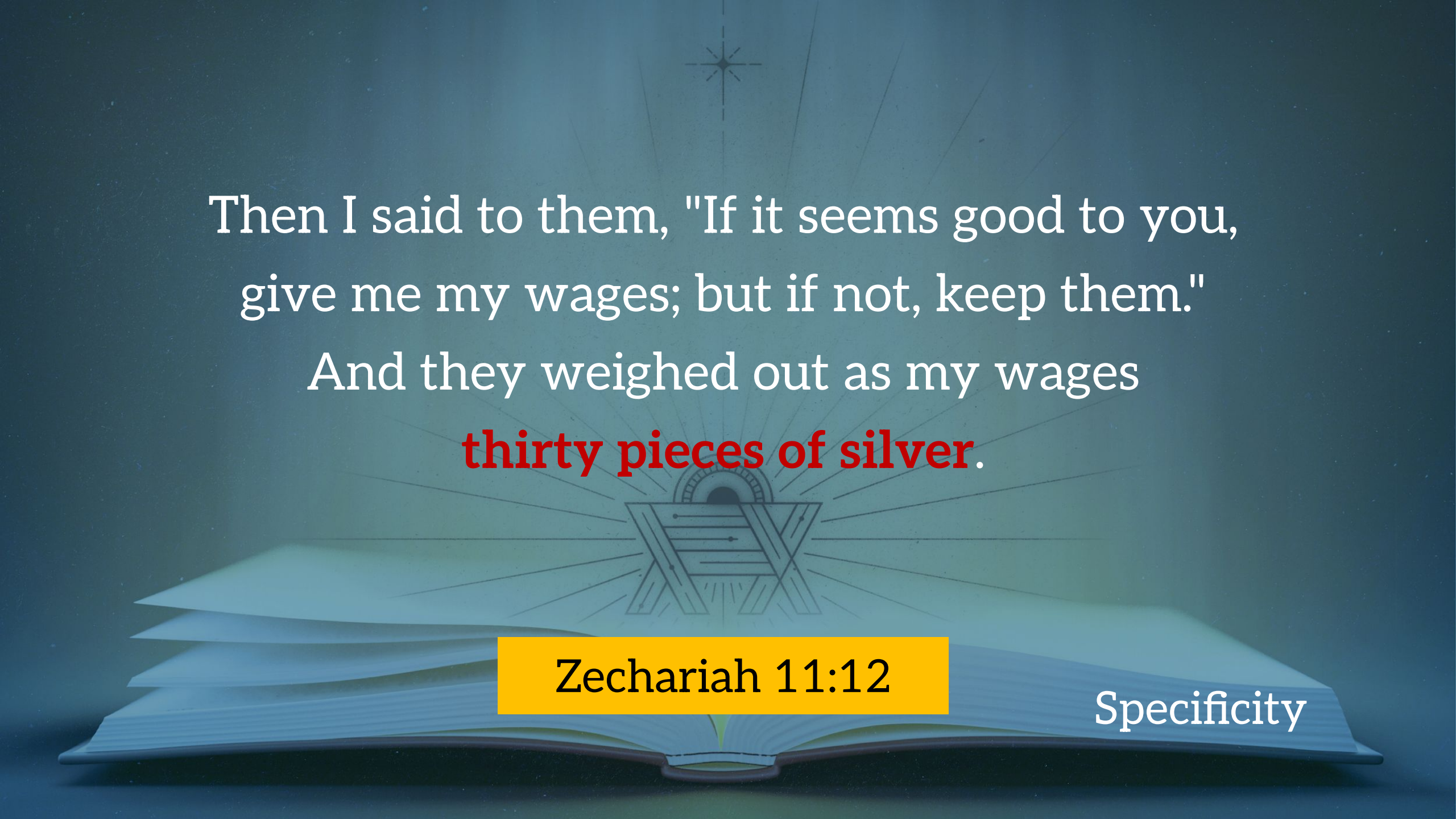


For the life of the flesh is in the blood,  
and I have given it for you on the altar  
to make atonement for your souls,  
**for it is the blood**  
**that makes atonement by the life.**

Leviticus 17:11

Necessity





Then I said to them, "If it seems good to you,  
give me my wages; but if not, keep them."

And they weighed out as my wages  
**thirty pieces of silver.**

Zechariah 11:12

Specificity



You shall beat some of it very small, and put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting where **I shall meet with you.** It shall be most holy for you.

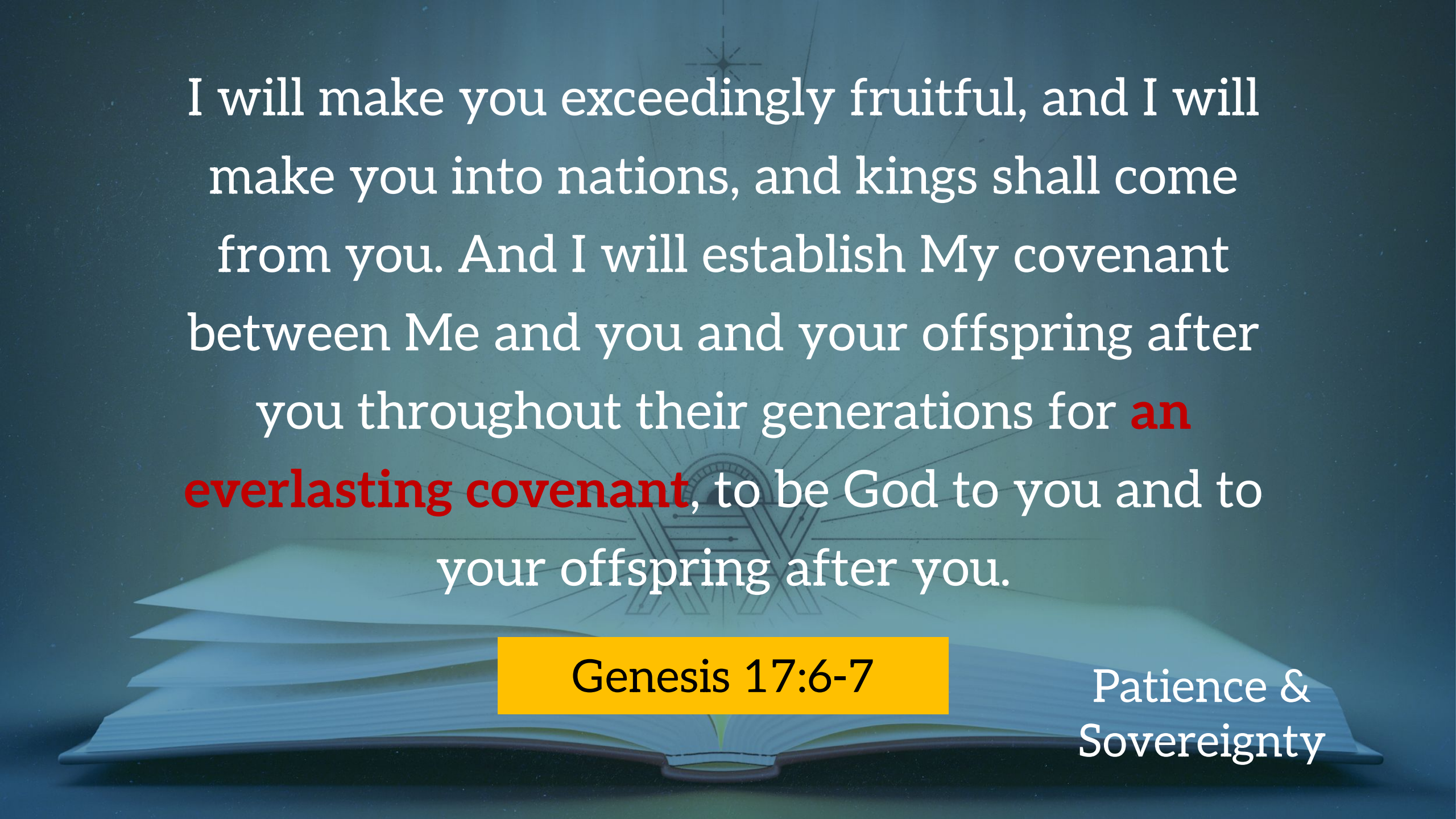
As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of **the LORD filled the temple.**

Exodus 30:36

2 Chronicles 7:1

Glory of the  
Lord with people



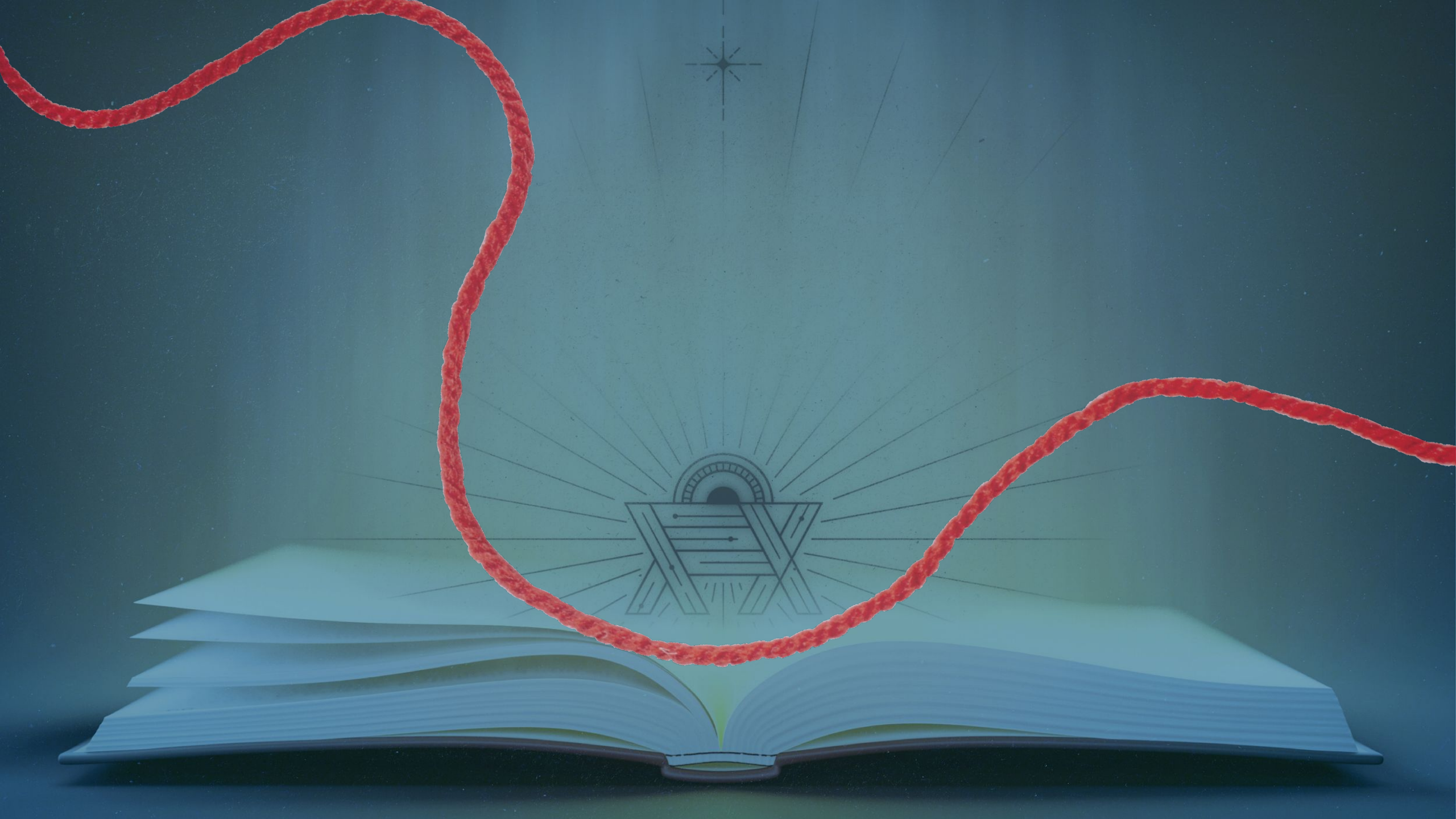


I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for **an everlasting covenant**, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Genesis 17:6-7

Patience &  
Sovereignty







# Knowledge



Awareness of facts, a familiarity with individuals and situations, or a practical skill





keep my commandments and live;  
keep my teaching as the apple of your eye;  
bind them on your fingers;  
write them on the tablet of your heart.

Proverbs 7:2-3

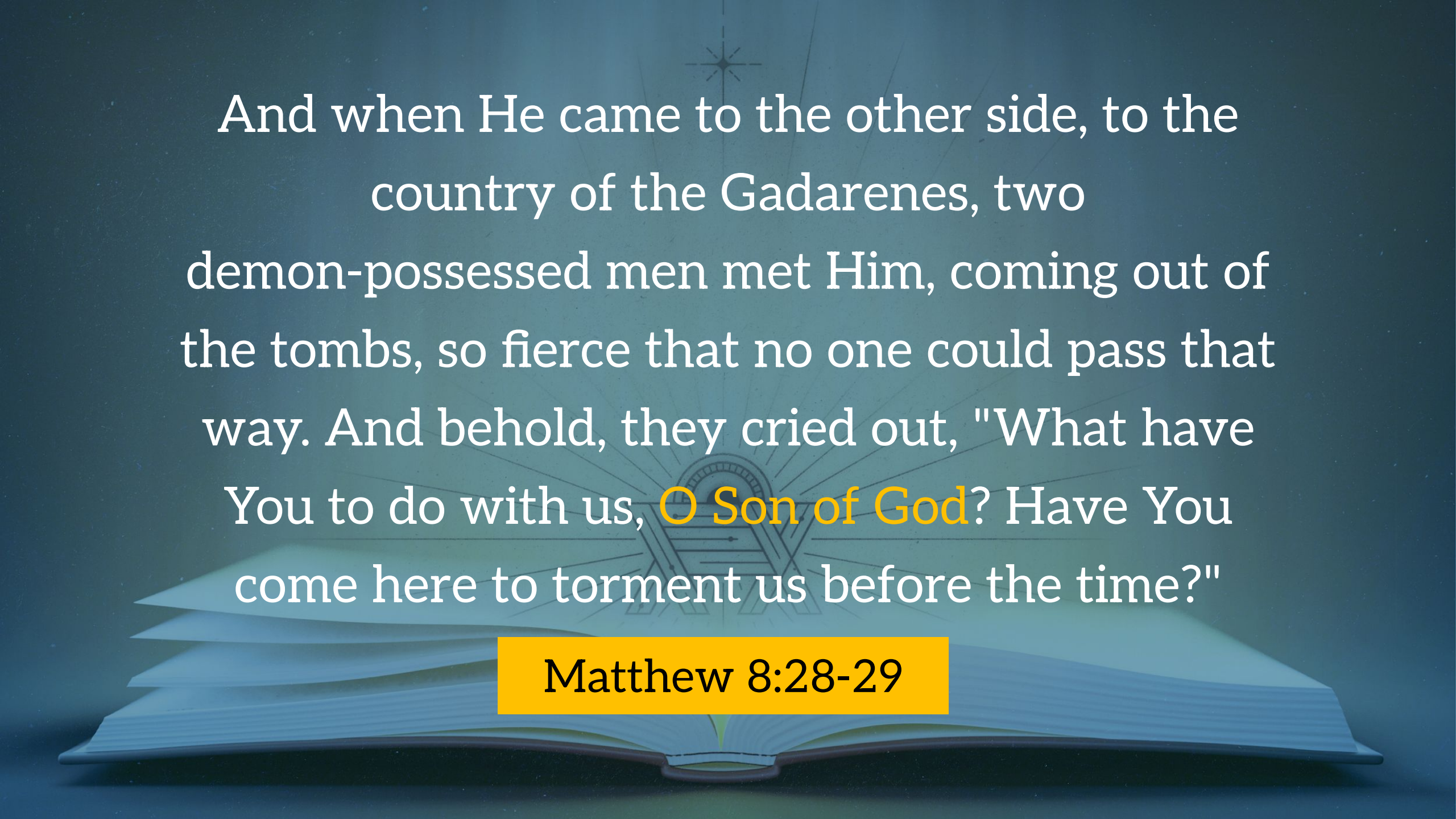




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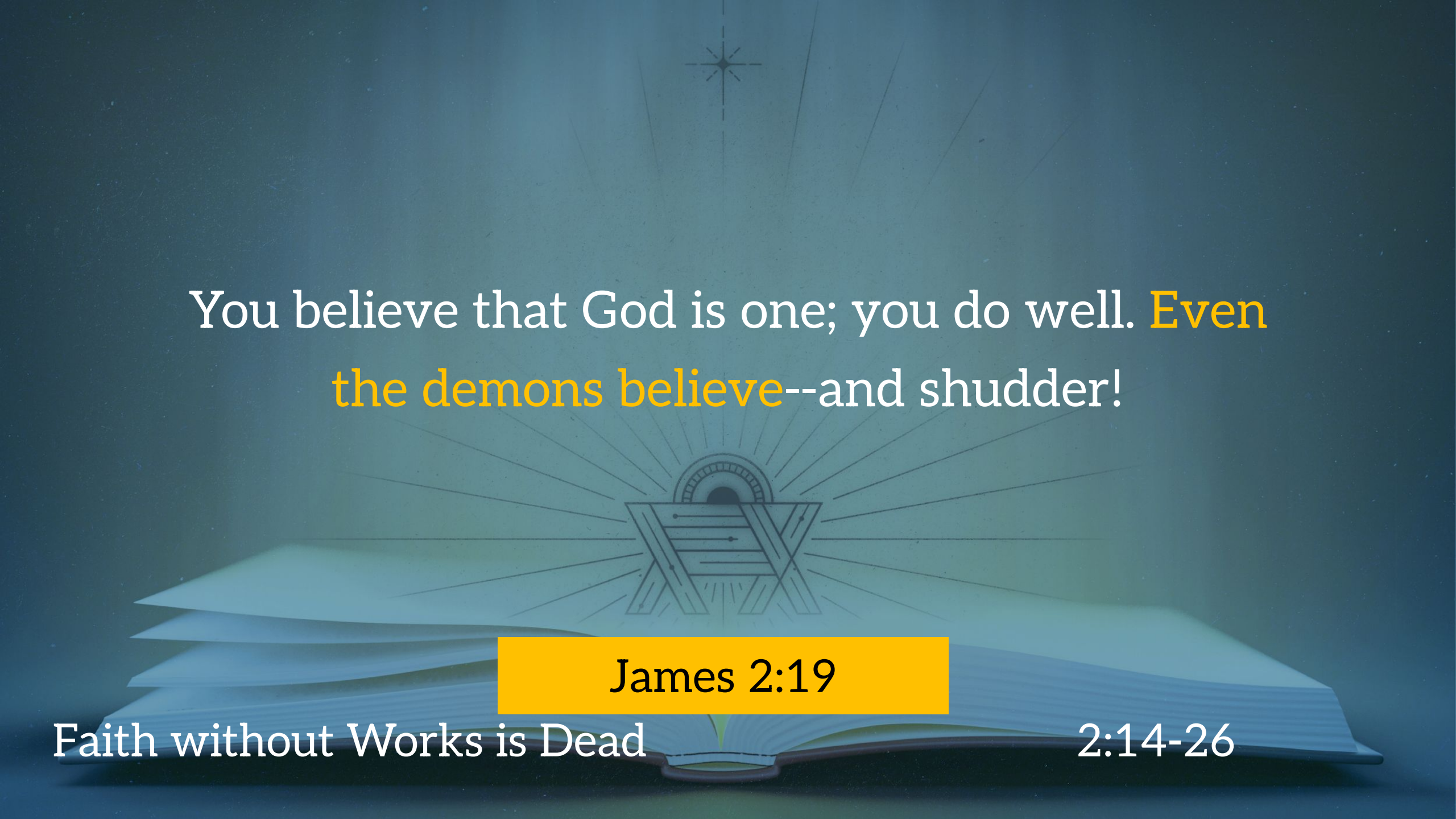




And when He came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have You to do with us, **O Son of God**? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

**Matthew 8:28-29**



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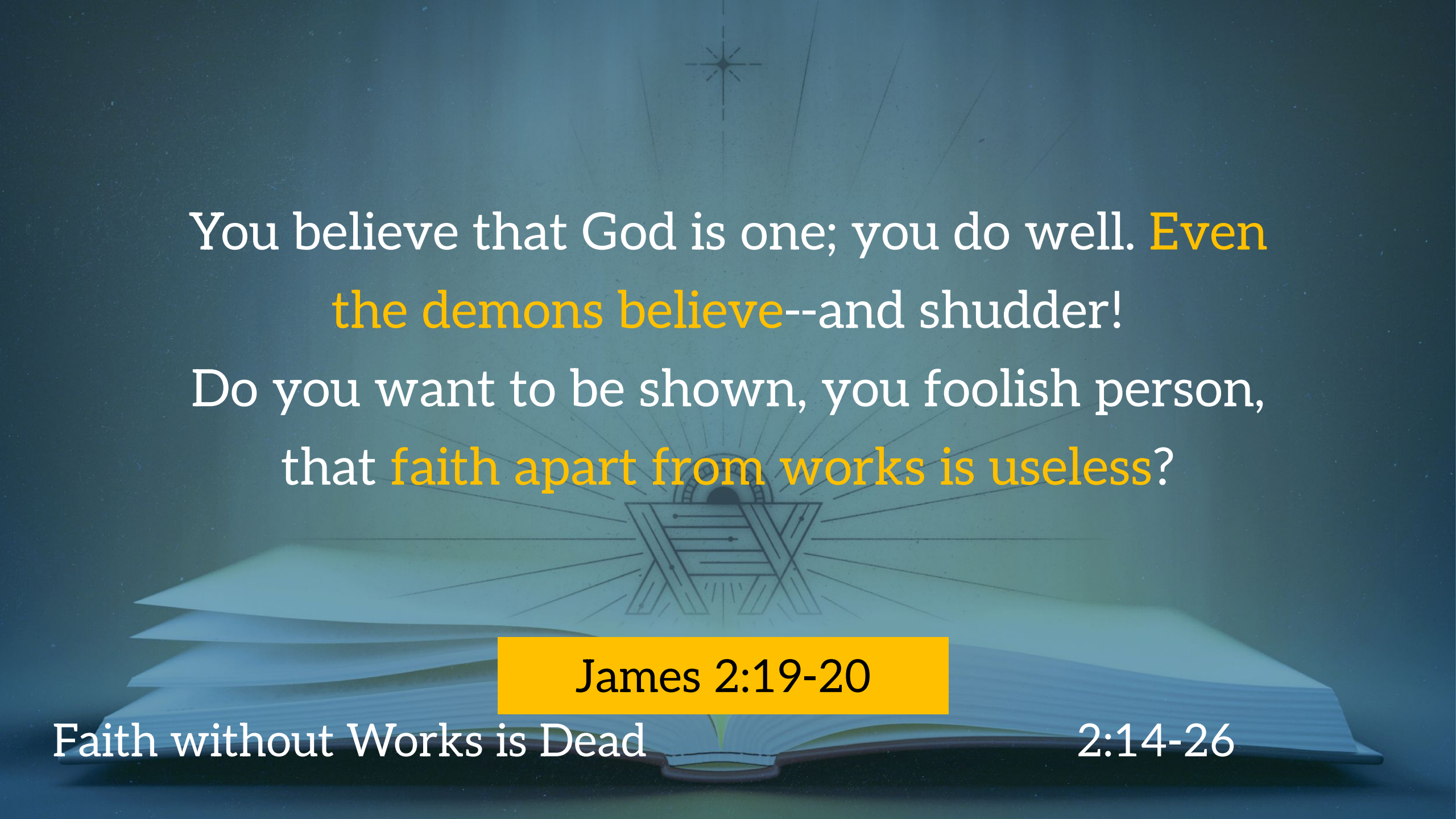
You believe that God is one; you do well. **Even  
the demons believe**--and shudder!

James 2:19

Faith without Works is Dead

2:14-26





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Do you want to be shown, you foolish person,  
that **faith apart from works is useless?**

**James 2:19-20**

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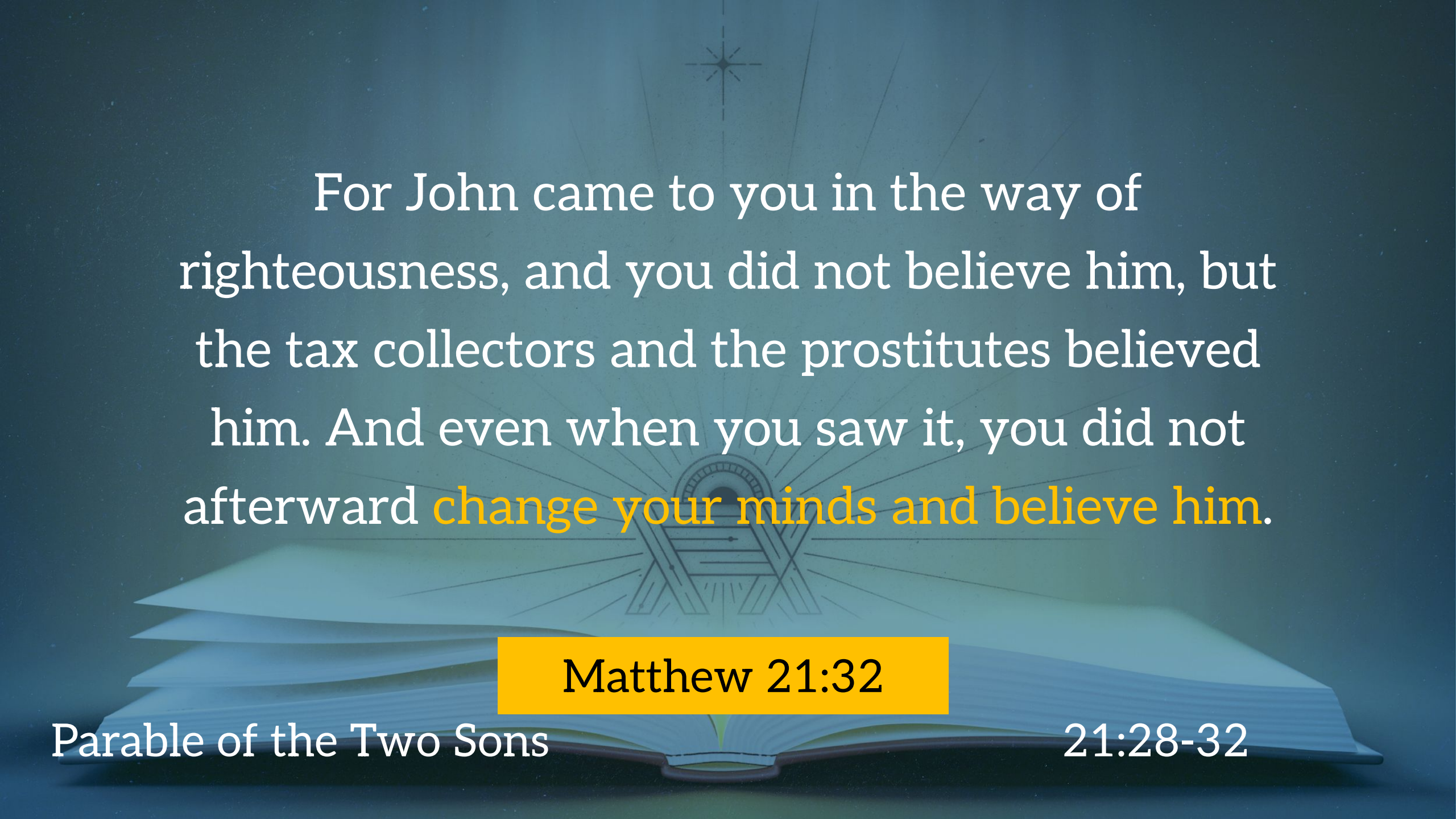
Knowledge

Faith



Assurance and understanding (present) in  
what can not be seen but is known



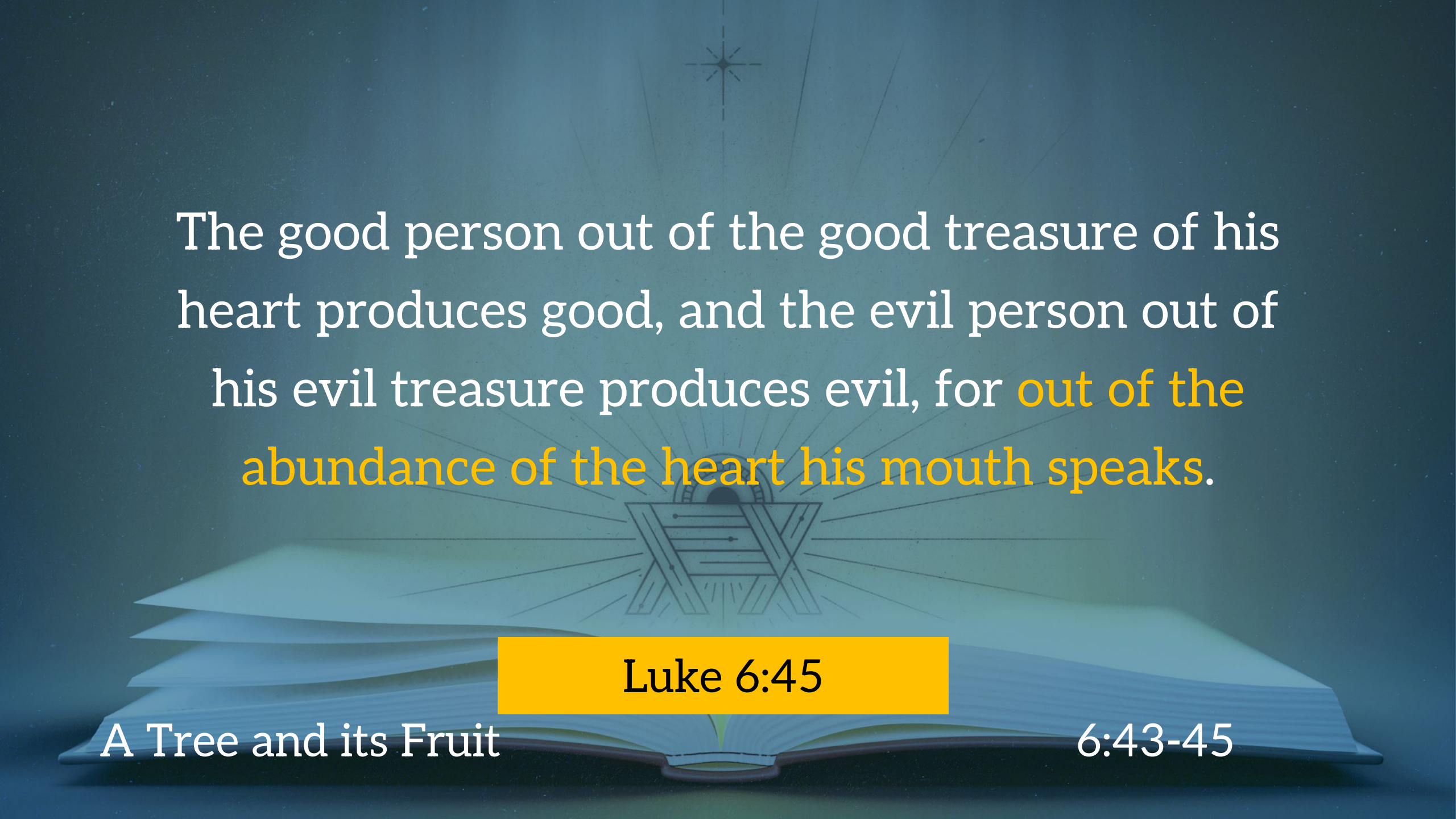


For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward **change your minds and believe him.**

**Matthew 21:32**

Parable of the Two Sons

21:28-32

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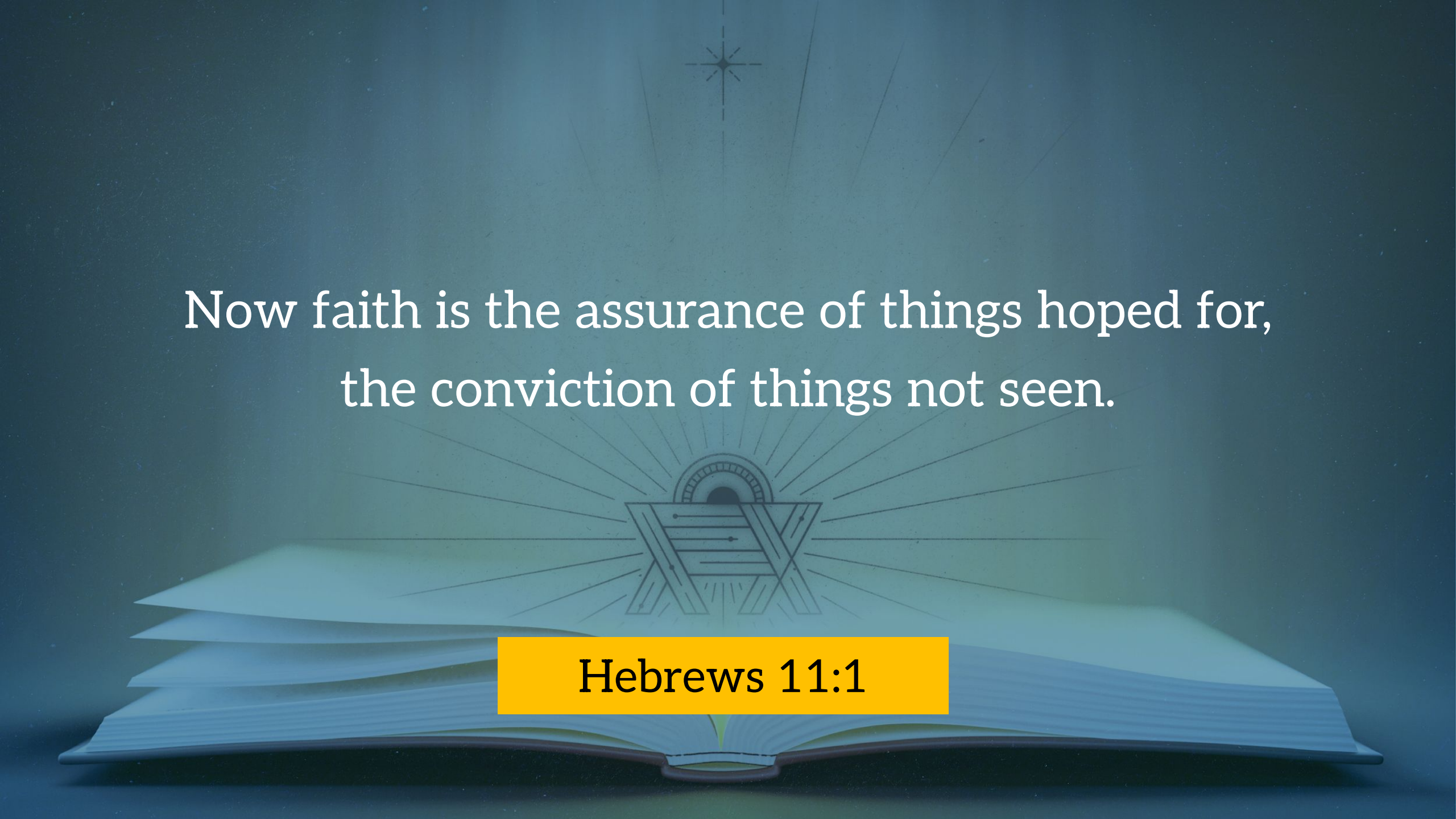
The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for **out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.**

Luke 6:45

A Tree and its Fruit

6:43-45





Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1



**Knowledge**

**Faith**

**Hope**

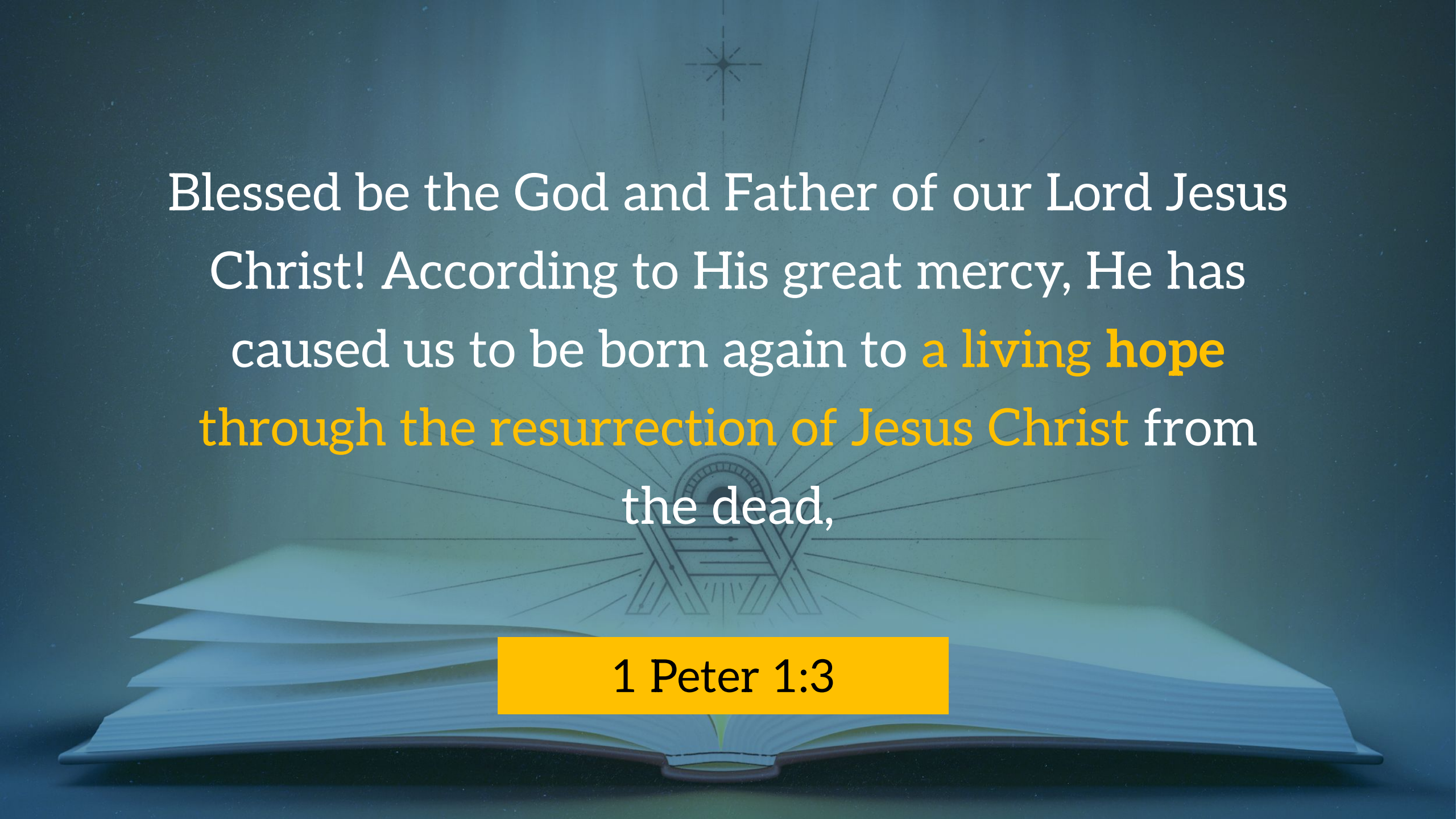
**Reliance and anticipation (future) on things  
promised**





For through the Spirit, by **faith**, we ourselves  
eagerly wait for the **hope** of righteousness.

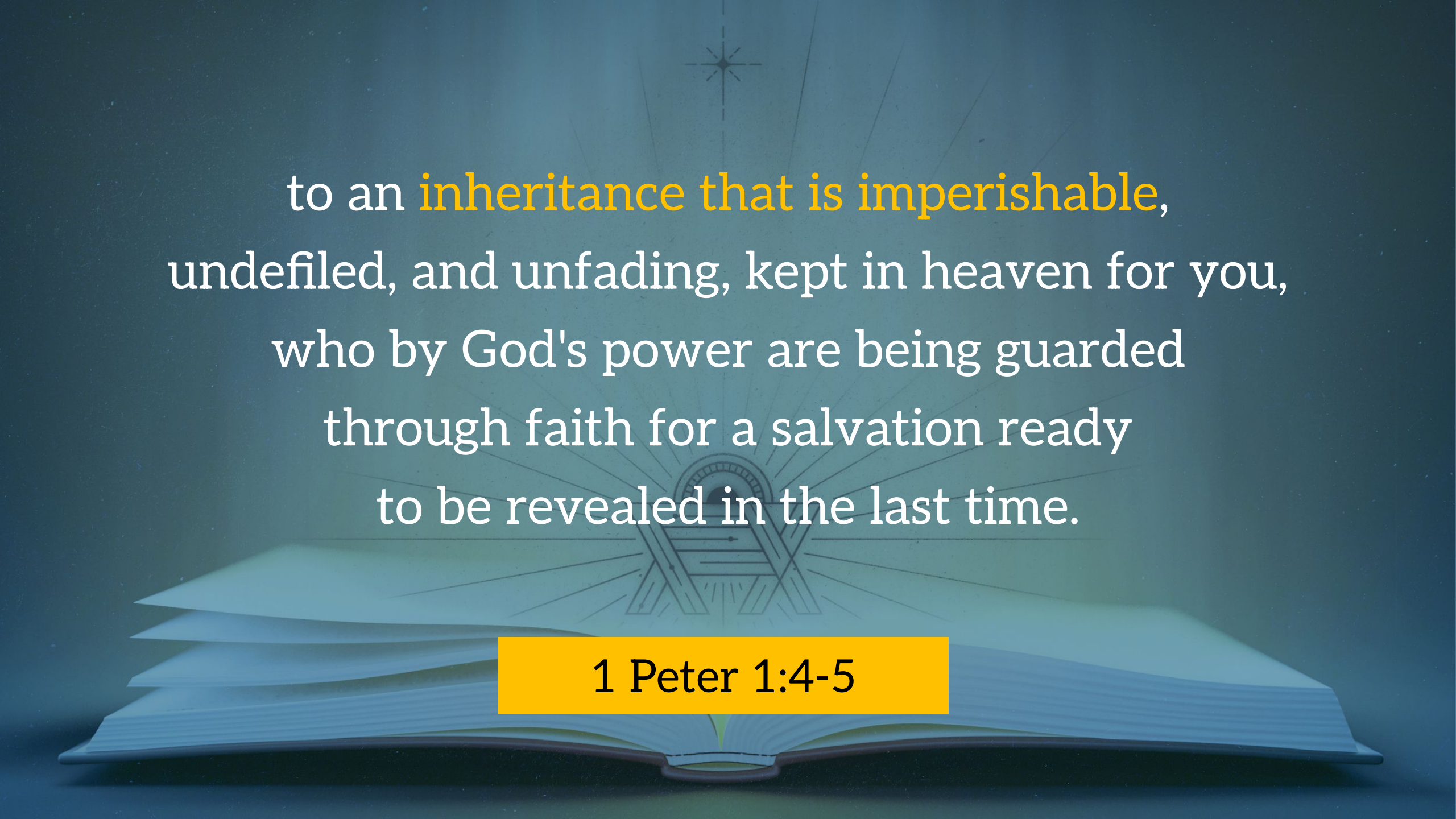
Galatians 5:5



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to **a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead,

1 Peter 1:3





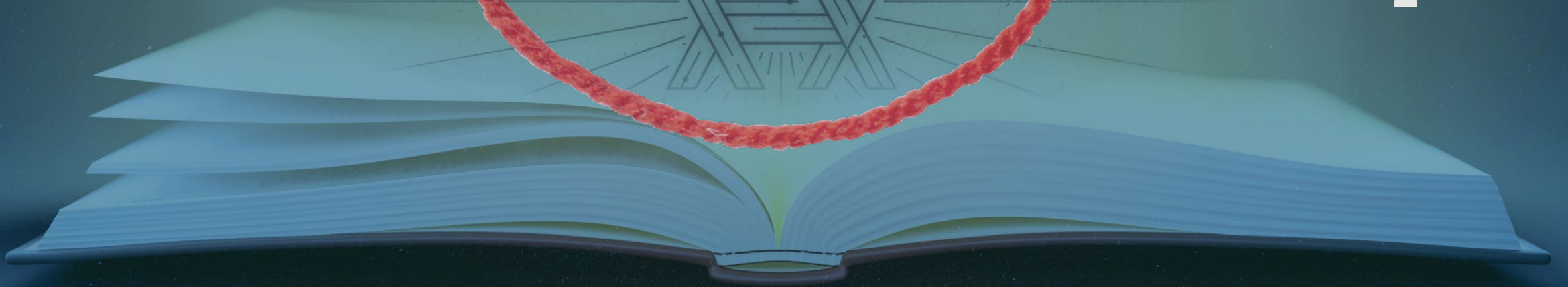
to an inheritance that is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,  
who by God's power are being guarded  
through faith for a salvation ready  
to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:4-5

**Knowledge**

**Faith**

**Hope**

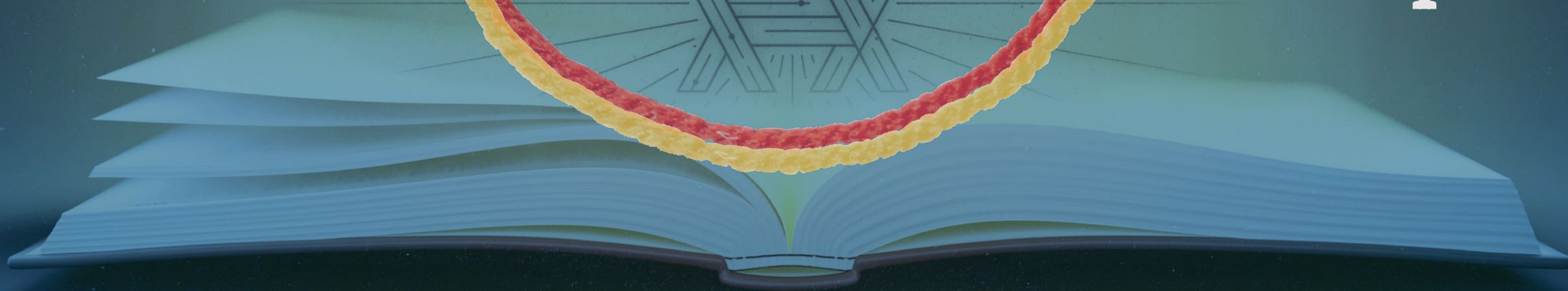


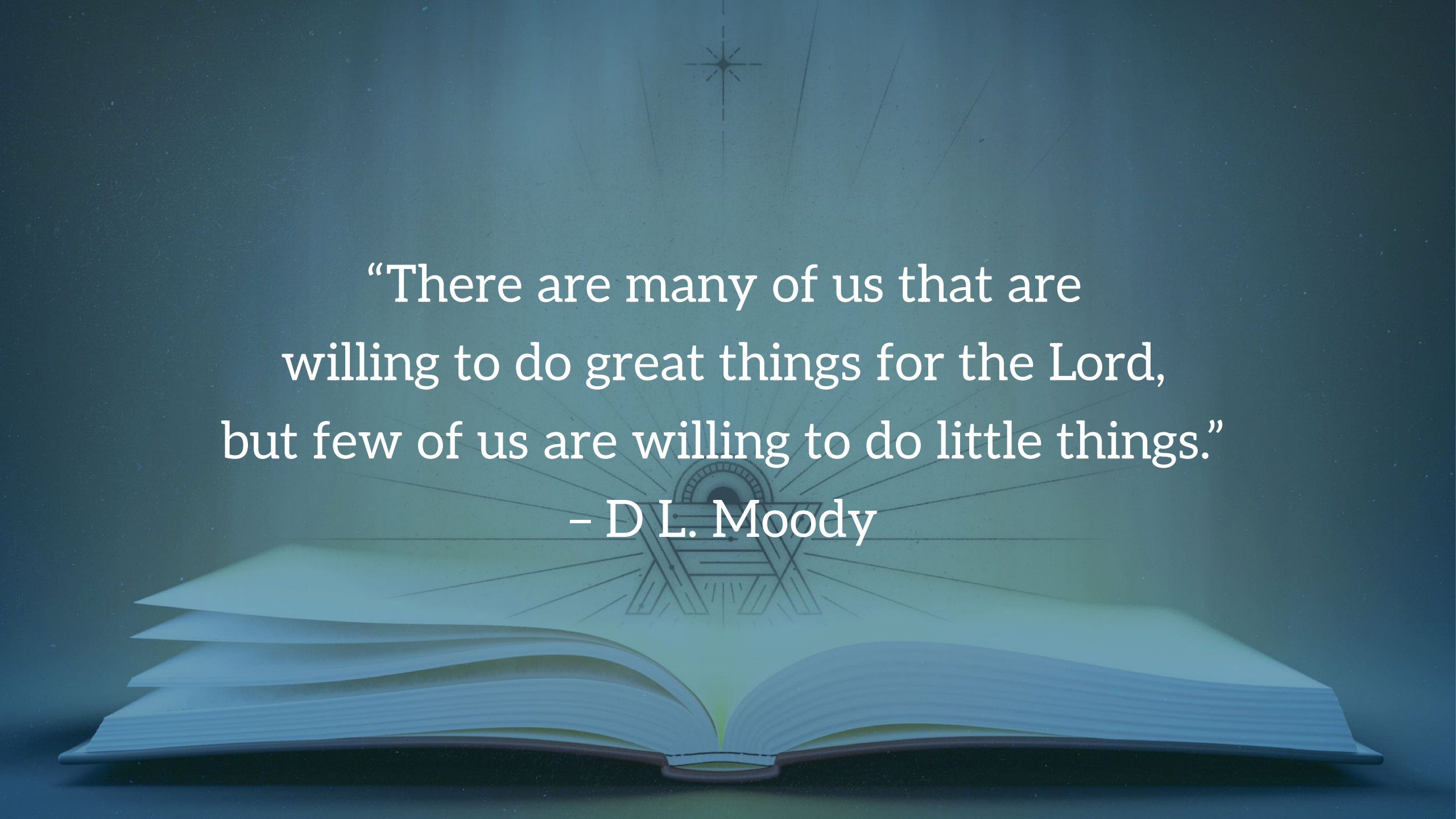


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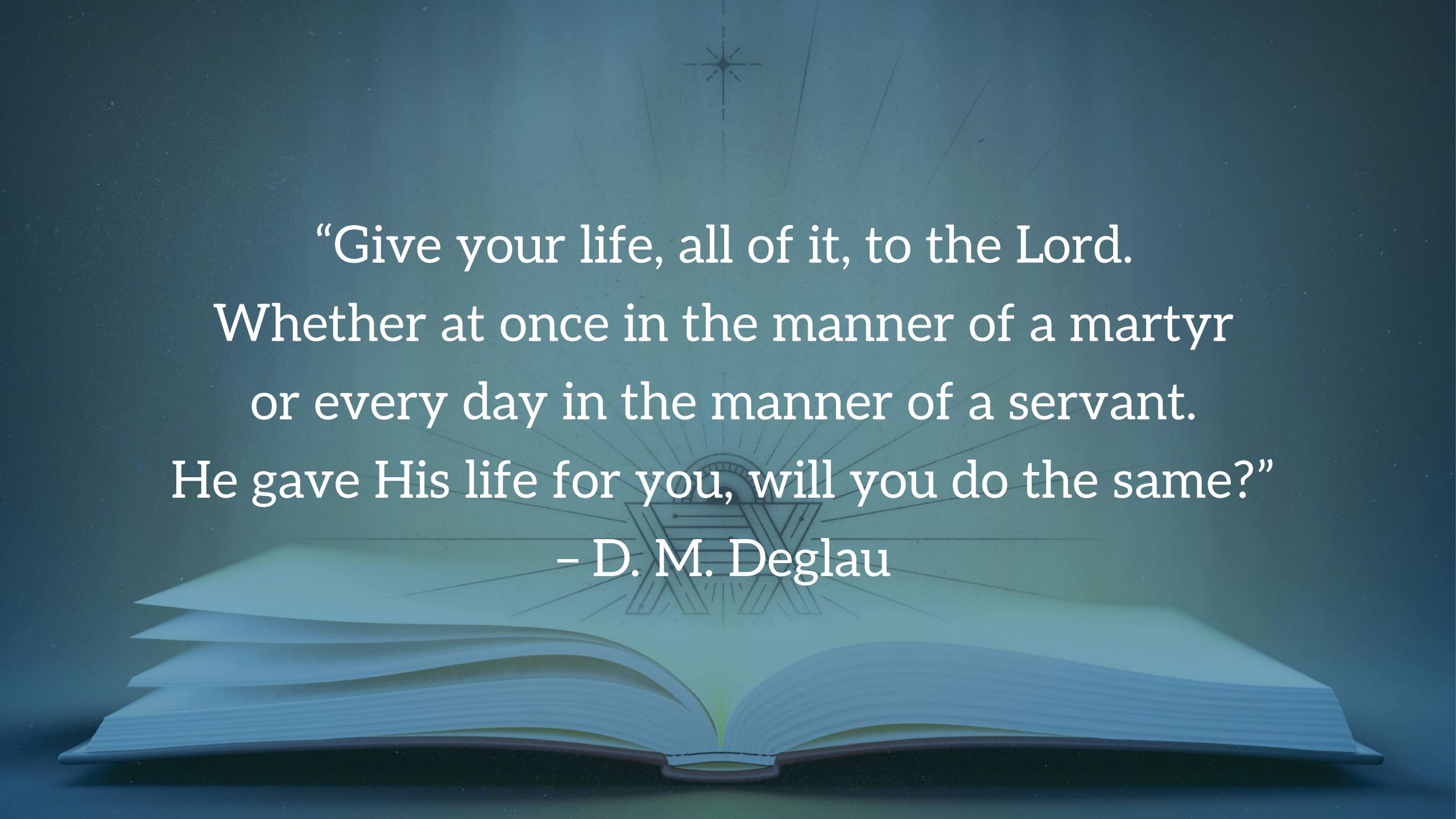


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“There are many of us that are  
willing to do great things for the Lord,  
but few of us are willing to do little things.”

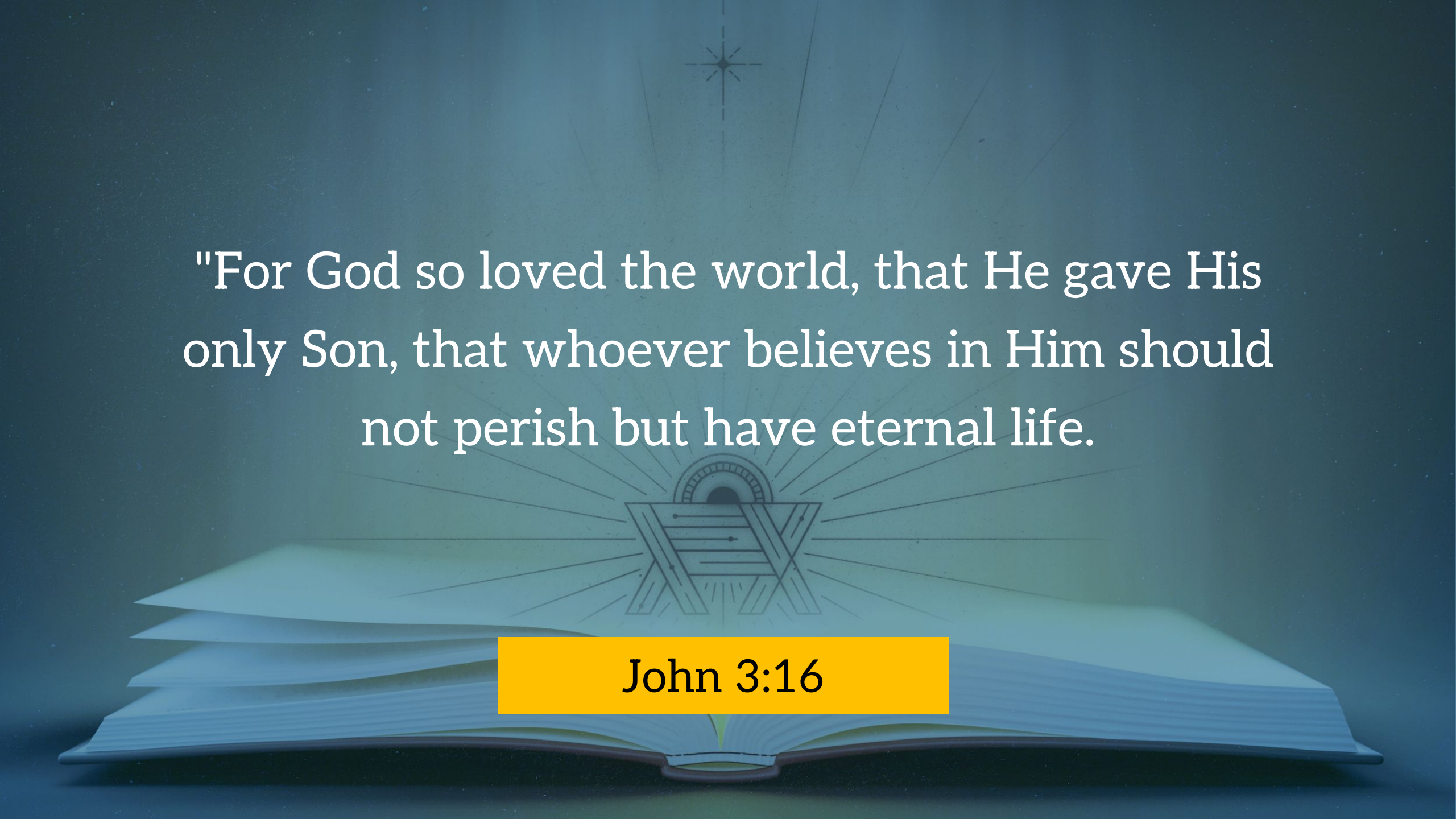
– D. L. Moody



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“Give your life, all of it, to the Lord.  
Whether at once in the manner of a martyr  
or every day in the manner of a servant.  
He gave His life for you, will you do the same?”

– D. M. Deglau



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

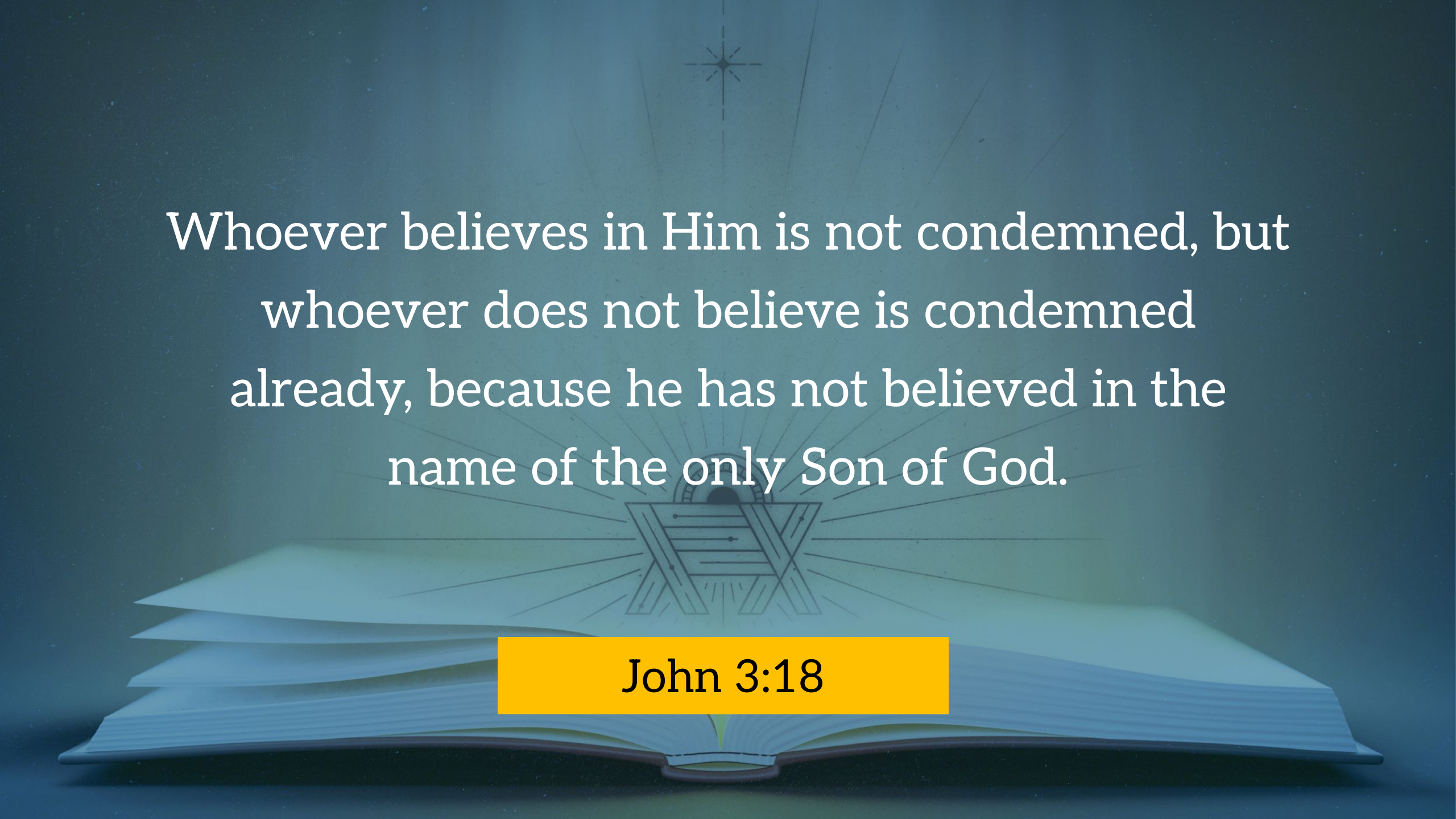
John 3:16



For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

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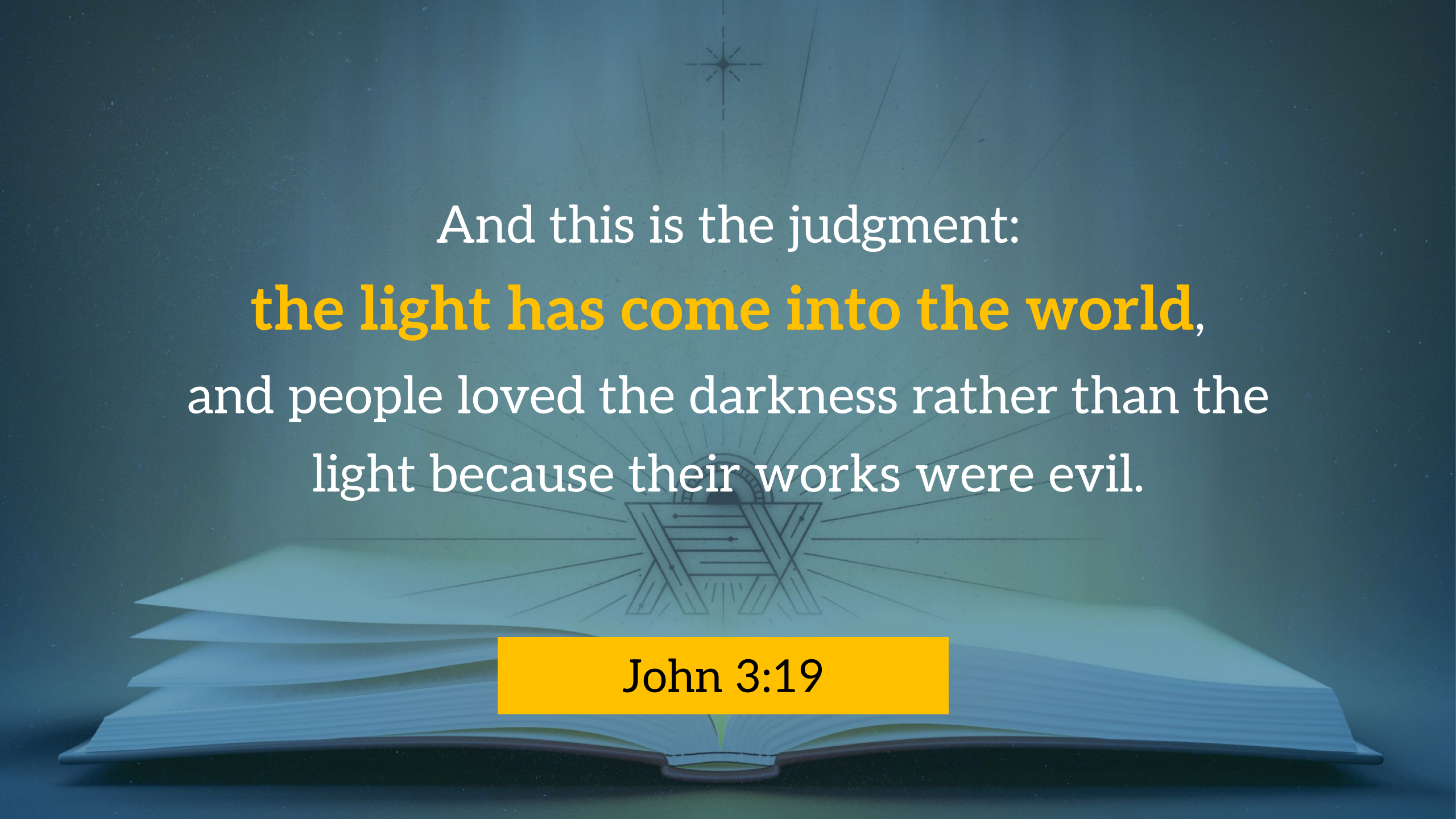
John 3:17



Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but  
whoever does not believe is condemned  
already, because he has not believed in the  
name of the only Son of God.

John 3:18





And this is the judgment:  
**the light has come into the world,**  
and people loved the darkness rather than the  
light because their works were evil.

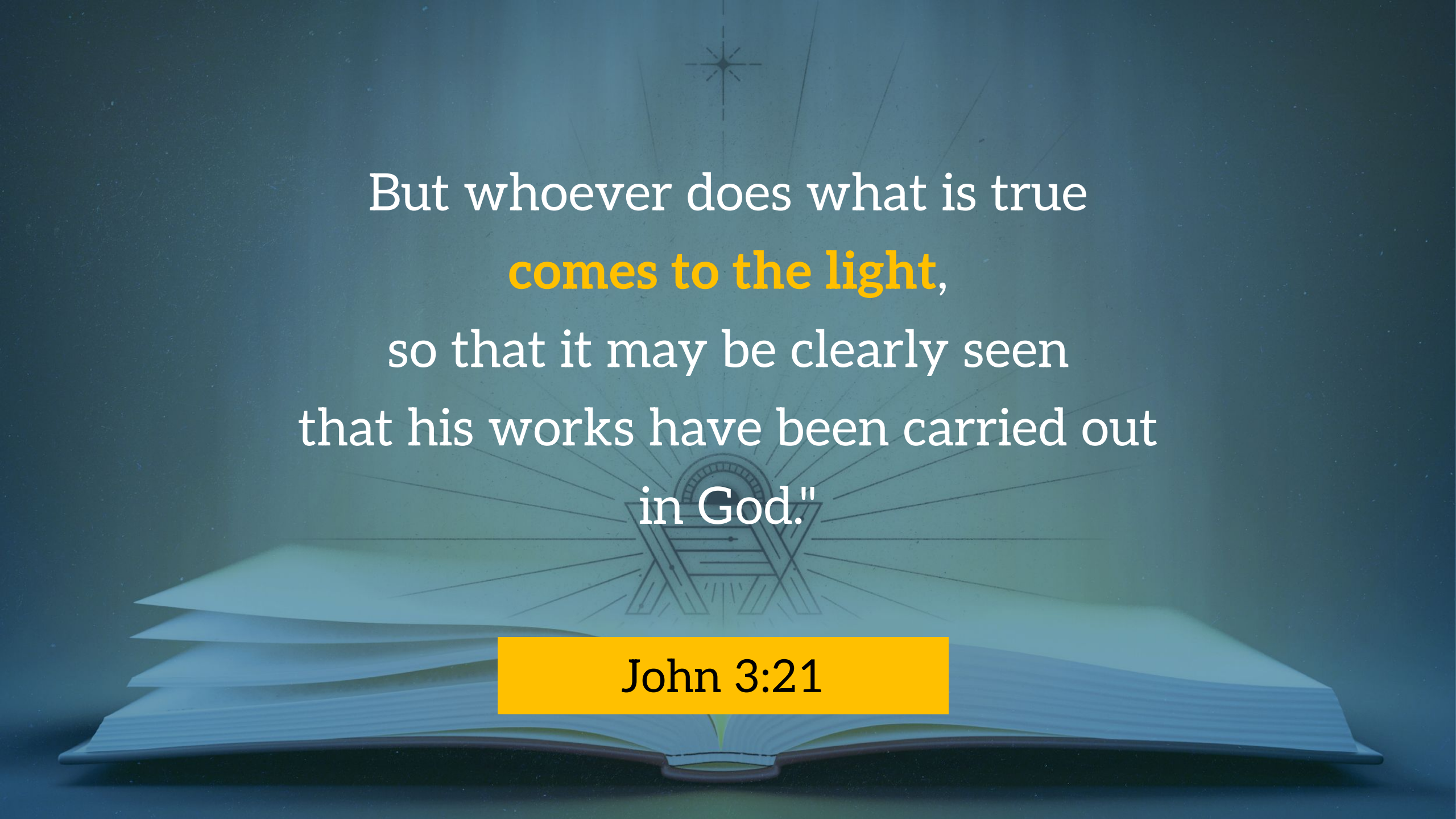
John 3:19

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.



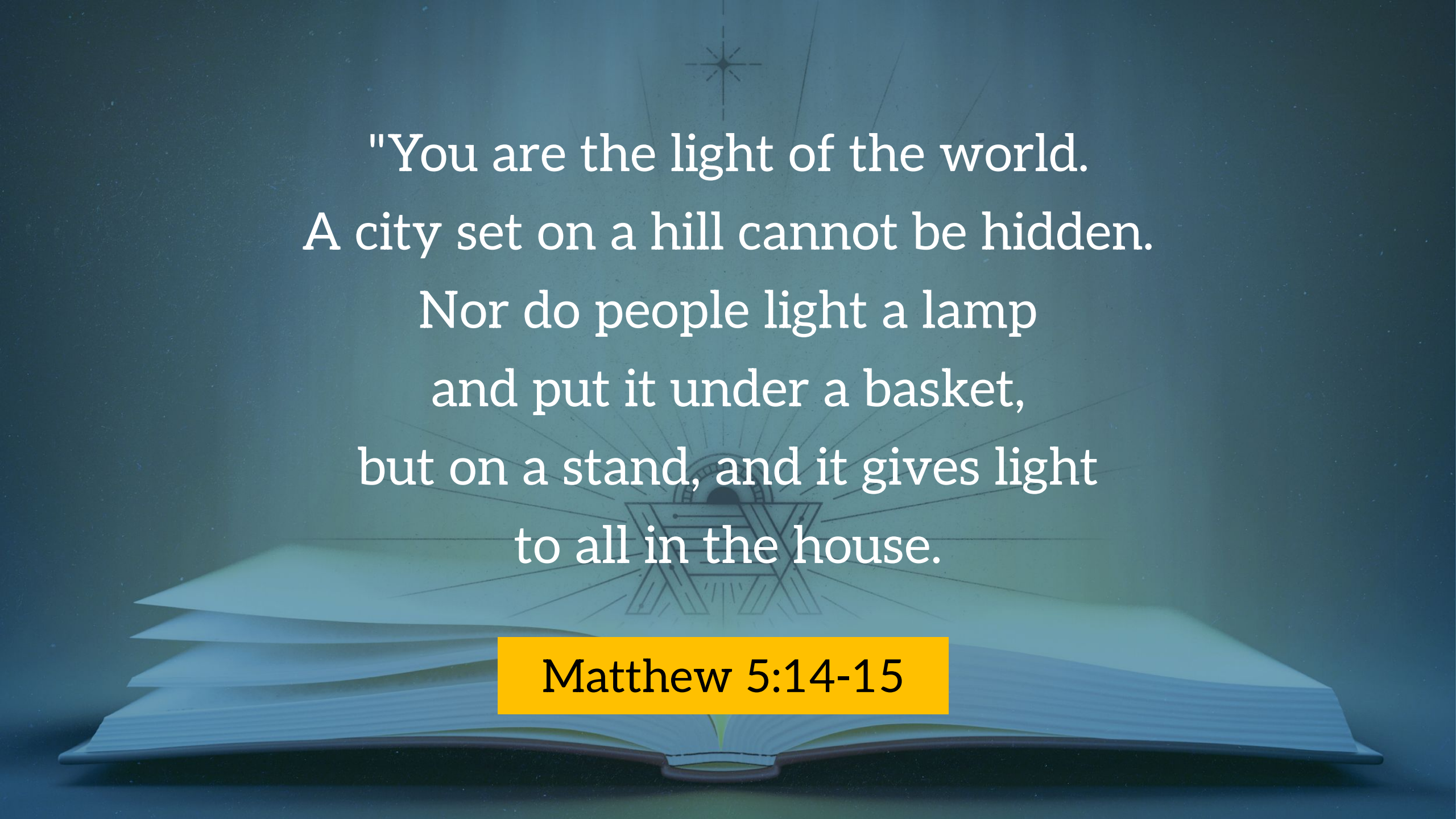
John 3:20





But whoever does what is true  
**comes to the light,**  
so that it may be clearly seen  
that his works have been carried out  
in God."

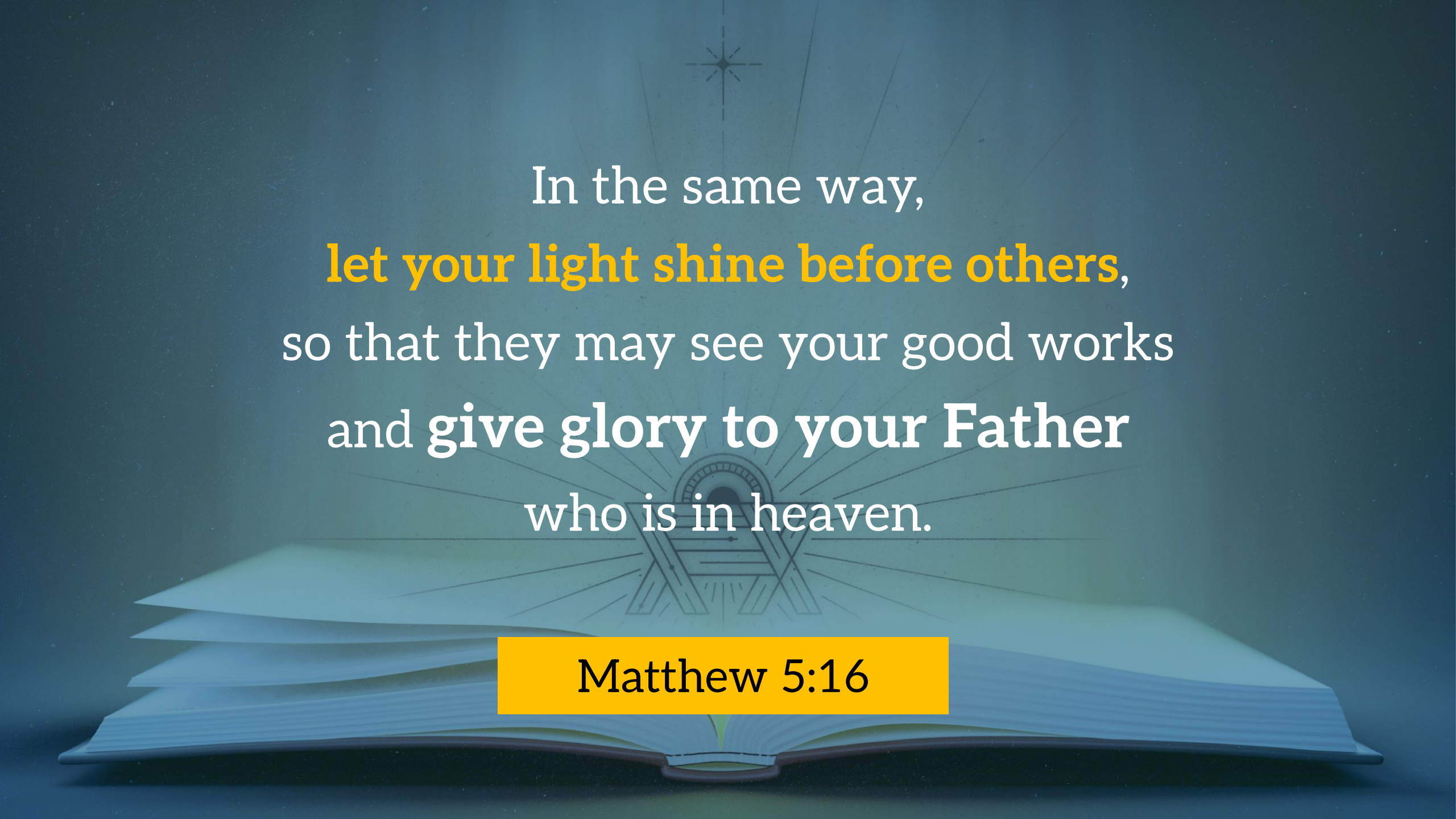
John 3:21

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"You are the light of the world.  
A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.  
Nor do people light a lamp  
and put it under a basket,  
but on a stand, and it gives light  
to all in the house.

**Matthew 5:14-15**





In the same way,  
**let your light shine before others,**  
so that they may see your good works  
and **give glory to your Father**  
who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16