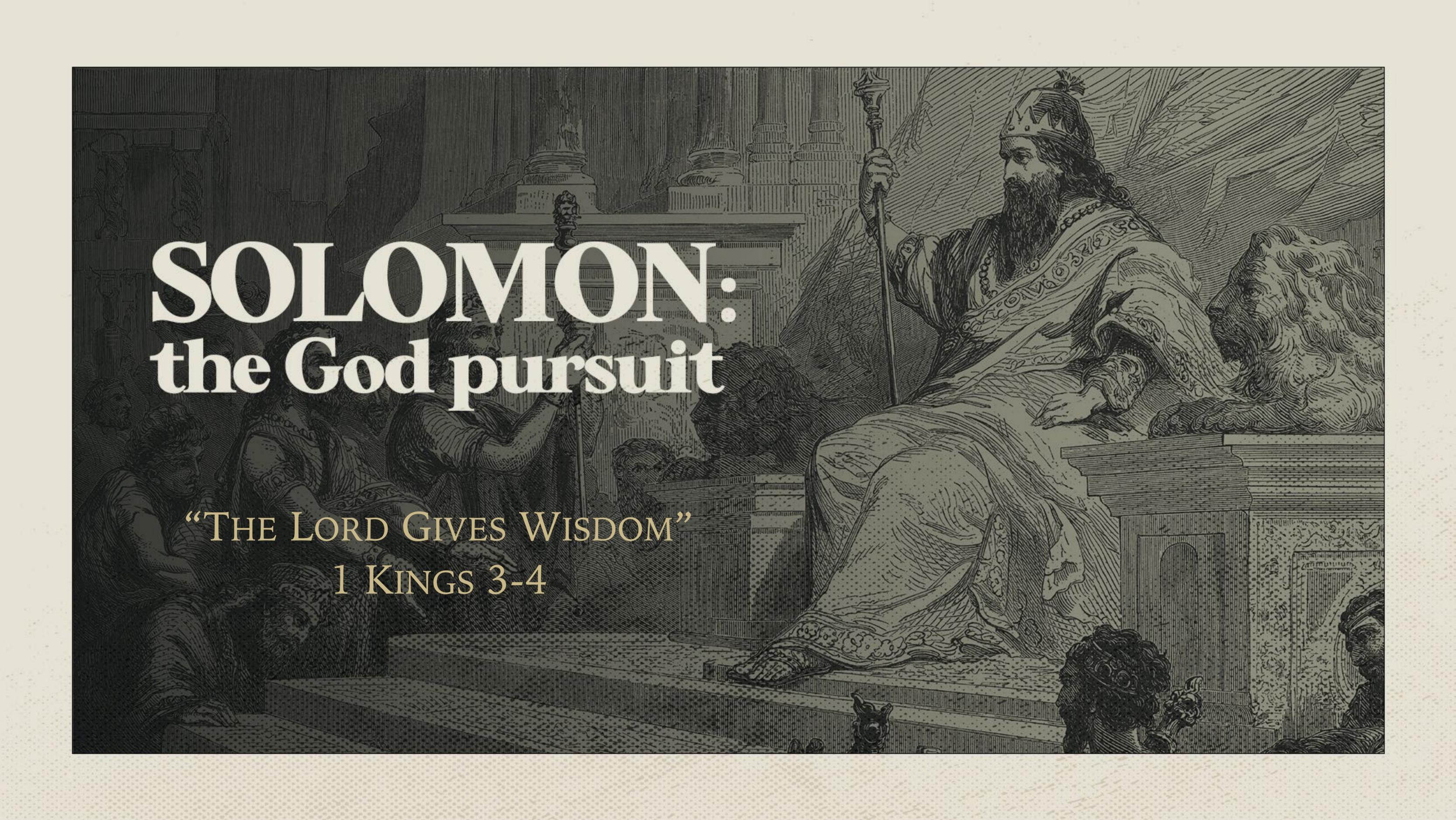




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“THE LORD GIVES WISDOM”

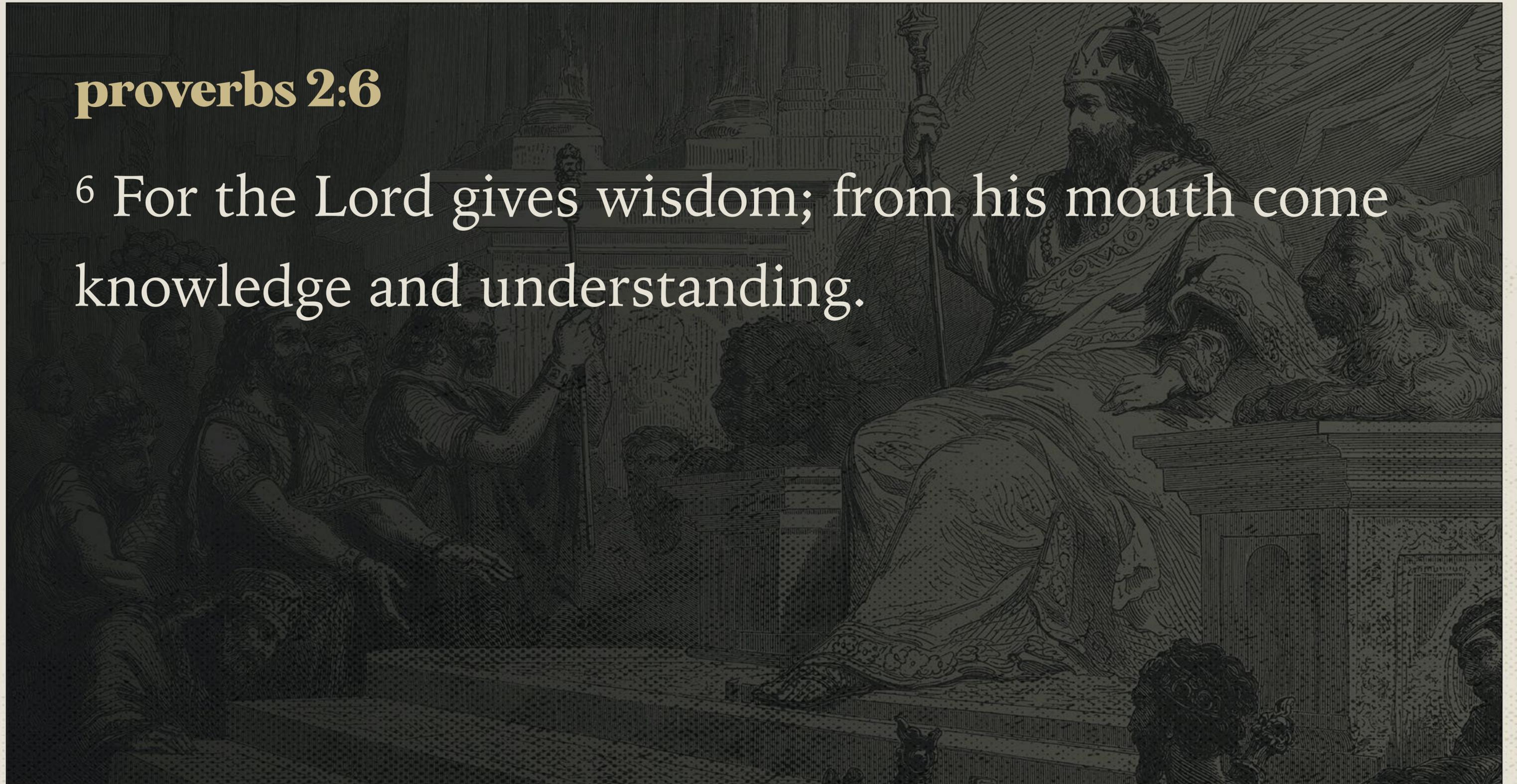
1 KINGS 3-4



carry this with you...

proverbs 2:6

⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

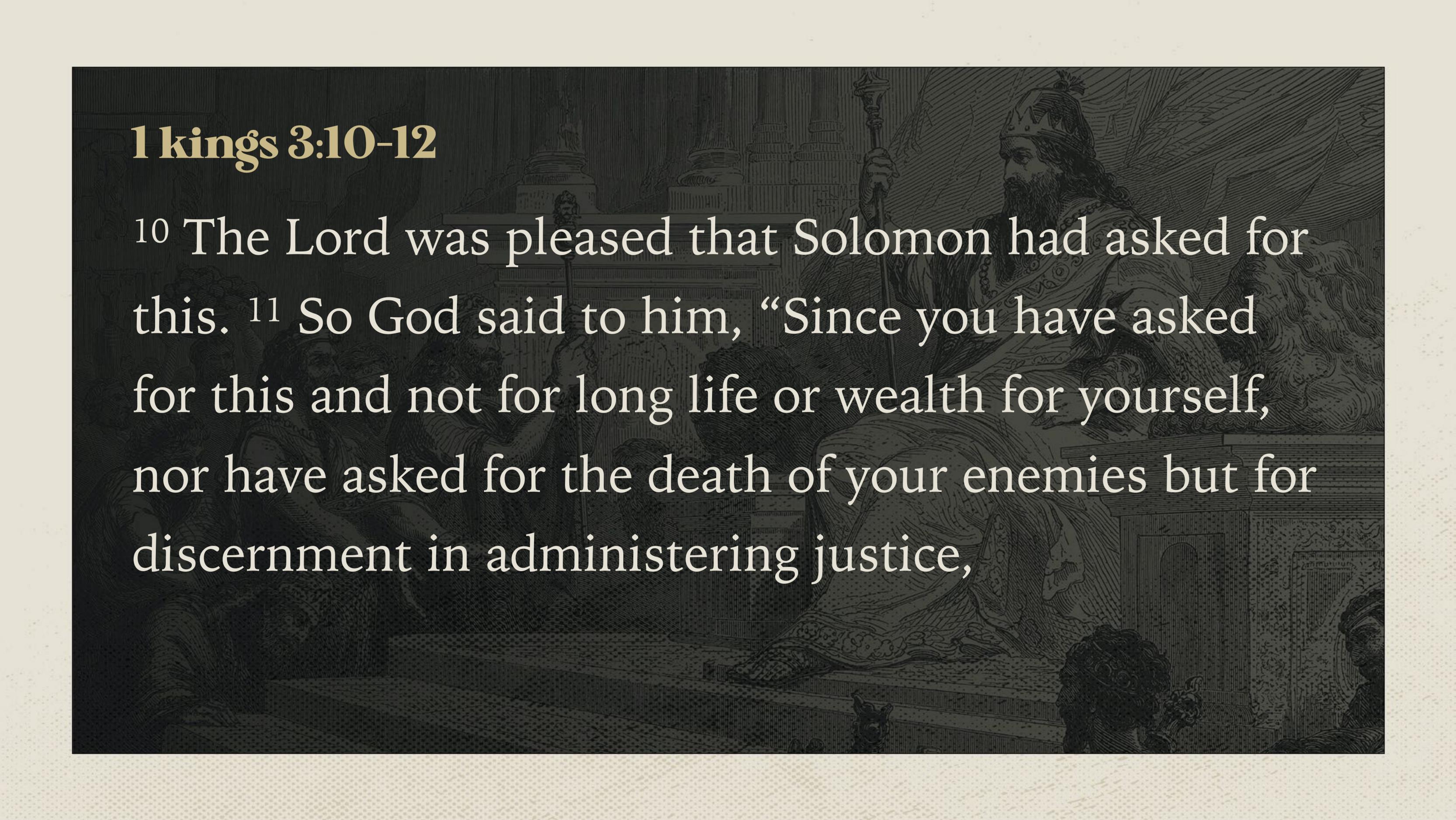


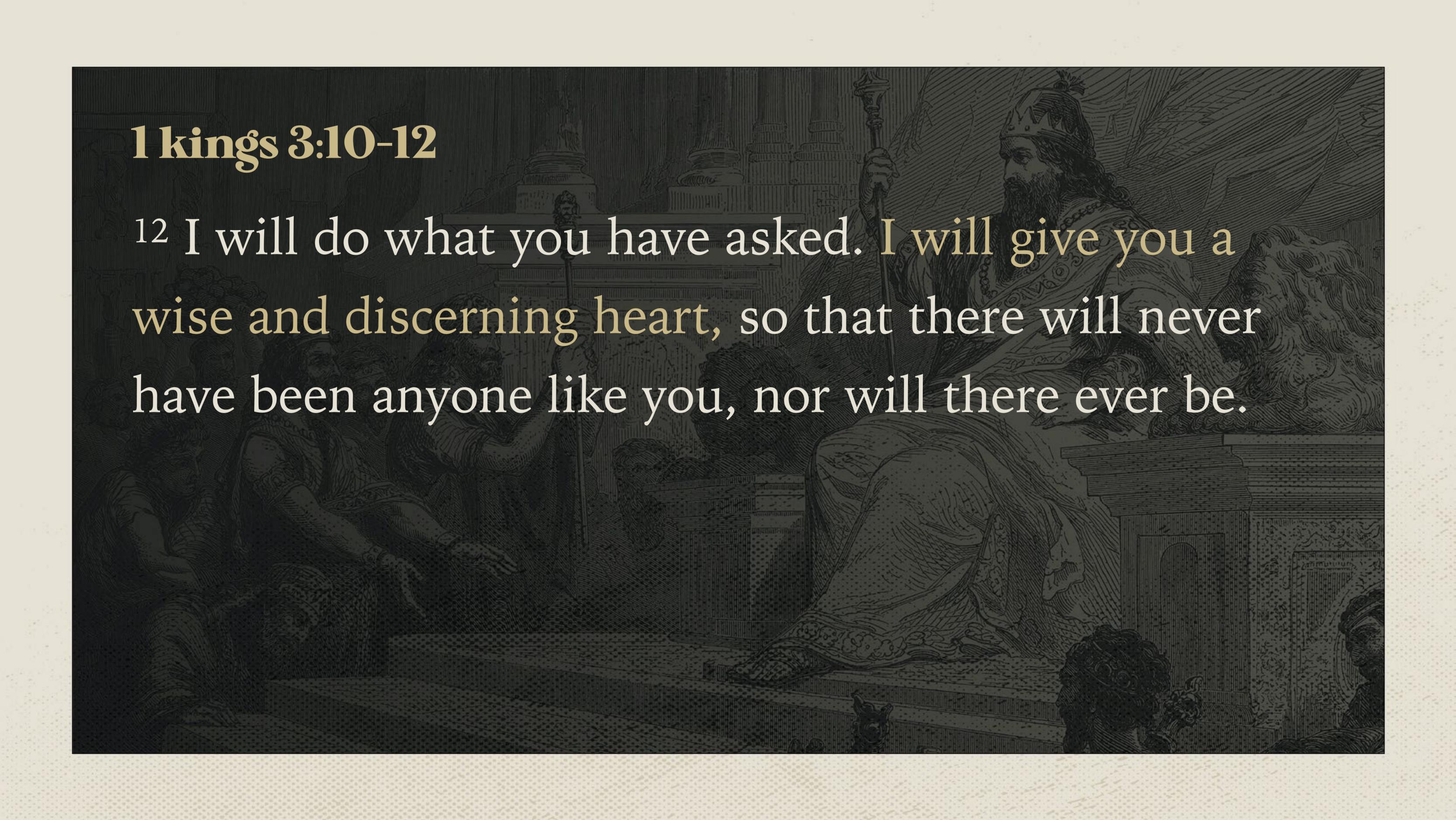


the back story...

1 kings 3:10-12

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice,



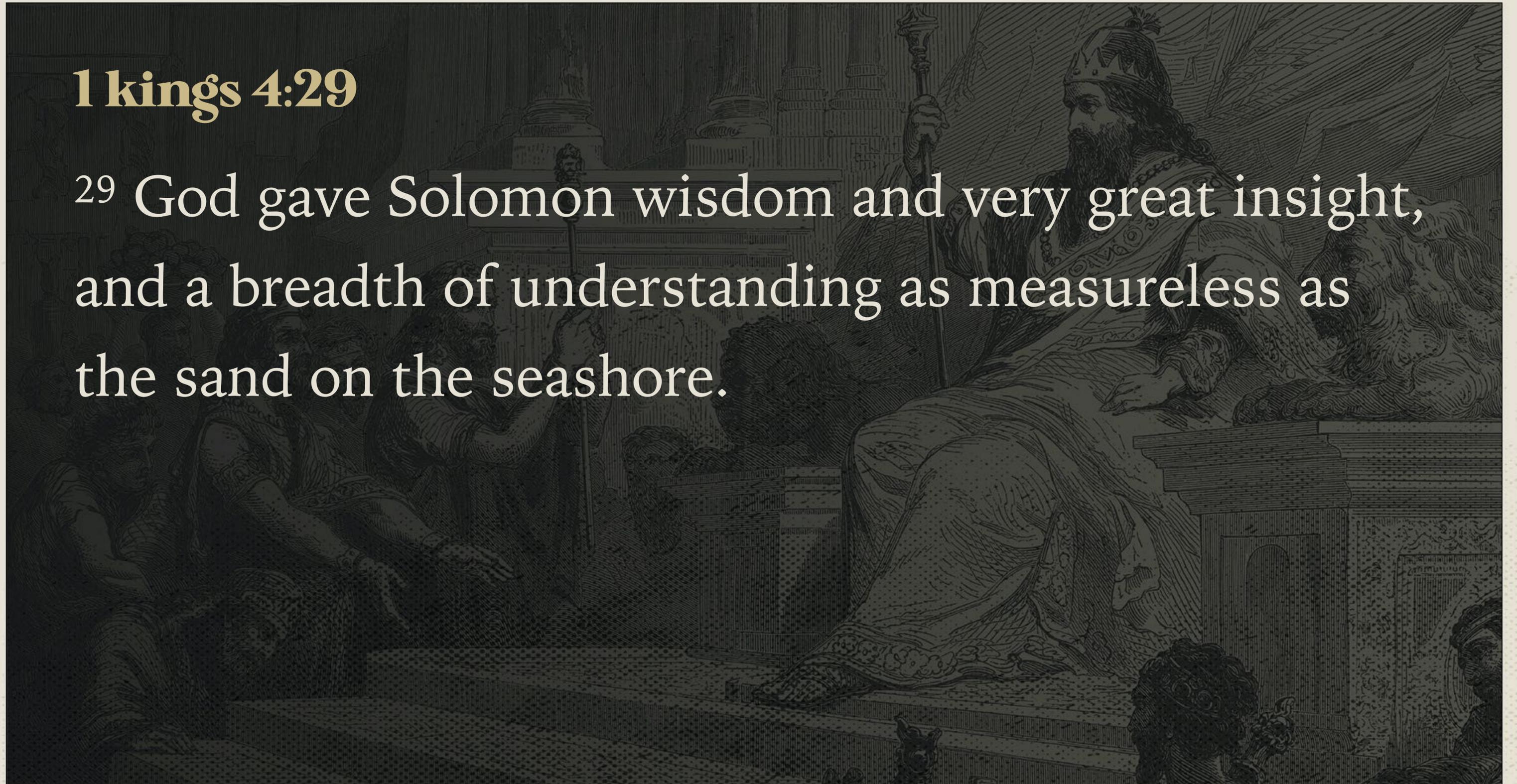


1 kings 3:10-12

¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

1 kings 4:29

29 God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight,
and a breadth of understanding as measureless as
the sand on the seashore.



A dark, monochromatic woodcut-style illustration of a king on a throne. The king is seated on a high, ornate throne, wearing a crown and a long, patterned robe. He holds a scepter in his right hand. To his left, several attendants are seated, some holding staffs. To his right, a lion's head is visible, possibly representing a heraldic symbol. The background shows architectural details like columns and a doorway. The overall scene is a classic representation of a royal court.

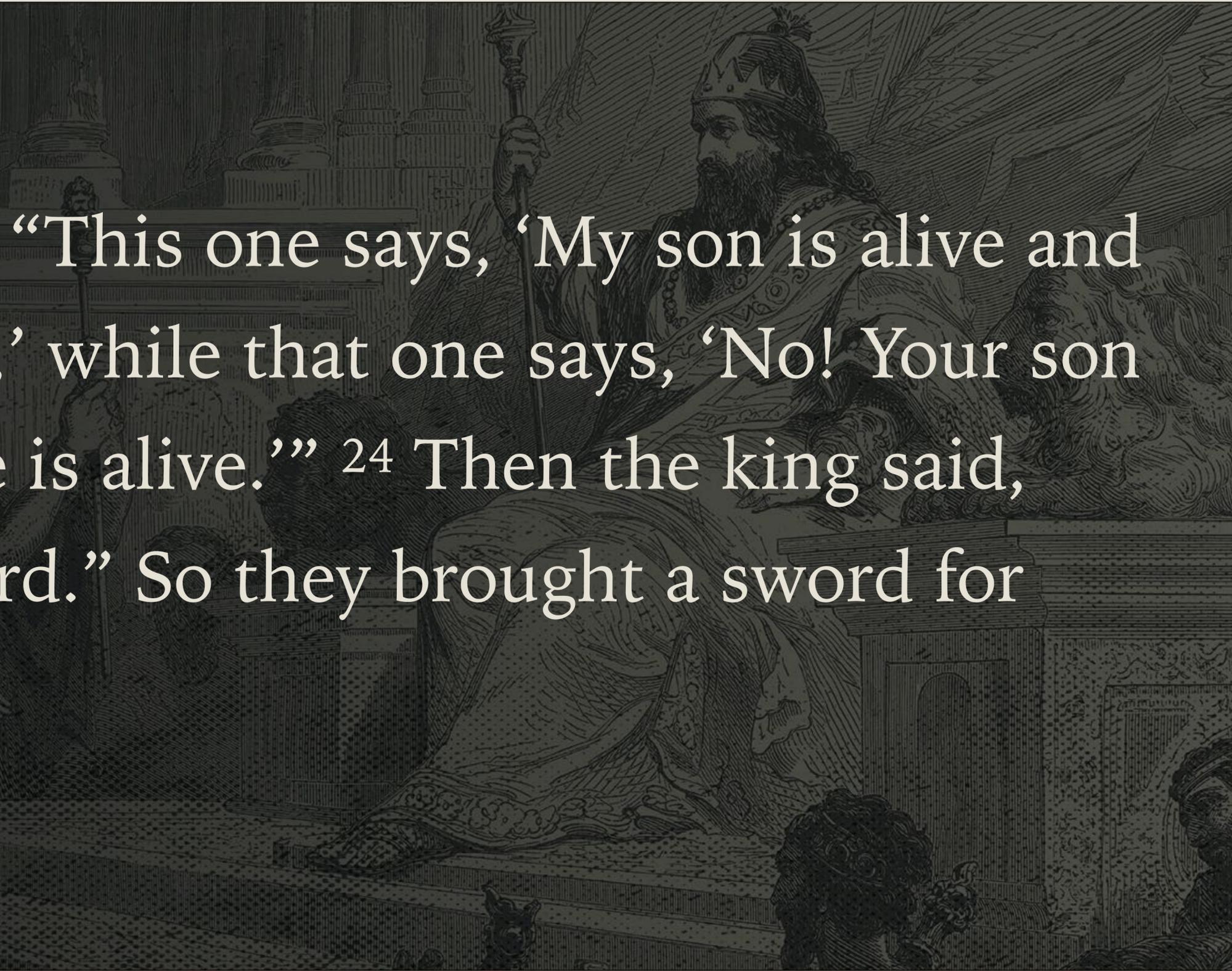
five types of wisdom...

- Discerning Wisdom



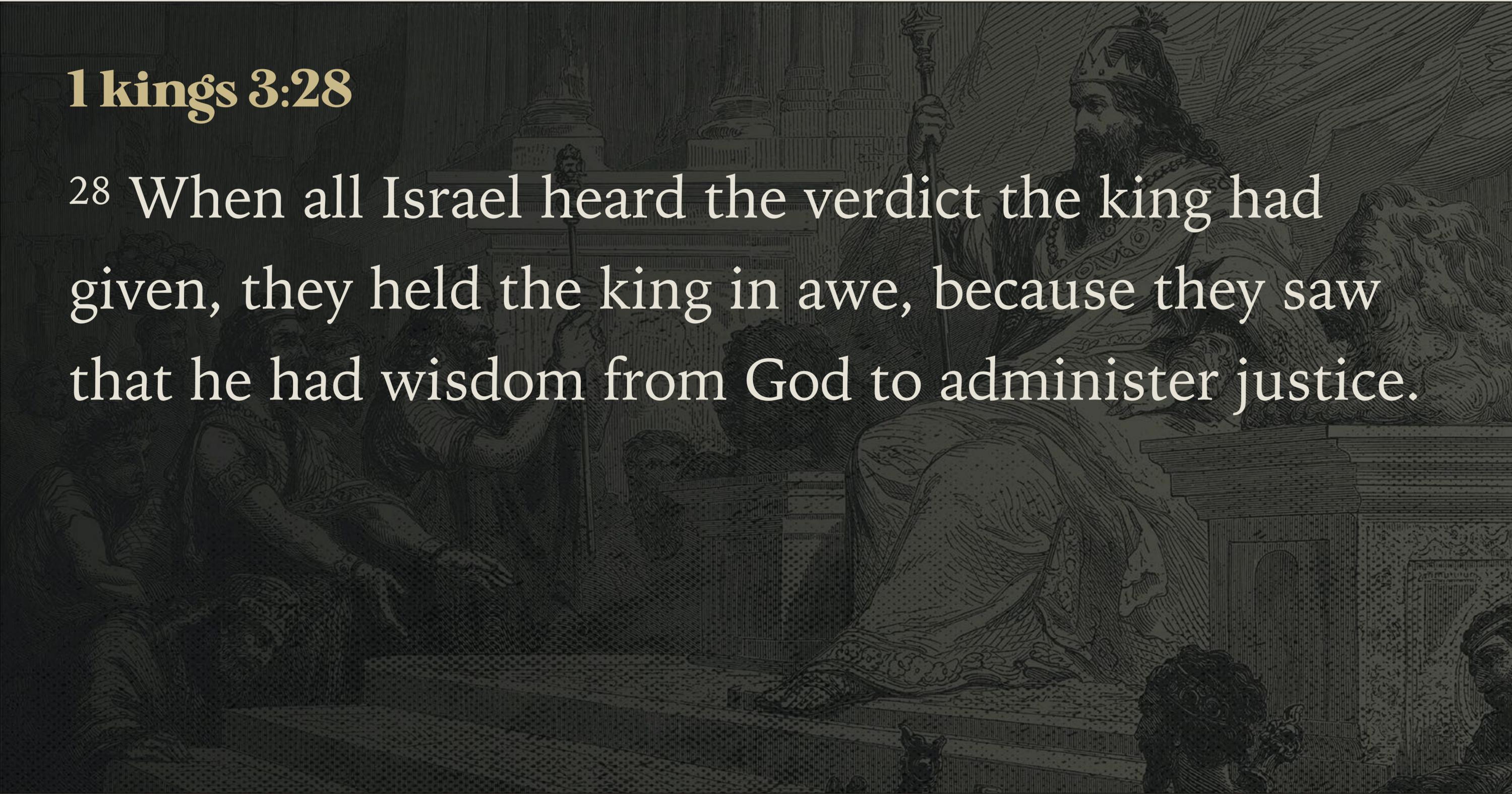
1 kings 3:23-24

²³ The king said, “This one says, ‘My son is alive and your son is dead,’ while that one says, ‘No! Your son is dead and mine is alive.’” ²⁴ Then the king said, “Bring me a sword.” So they brought a sword for the king.



1 kings 3:28

28 When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.

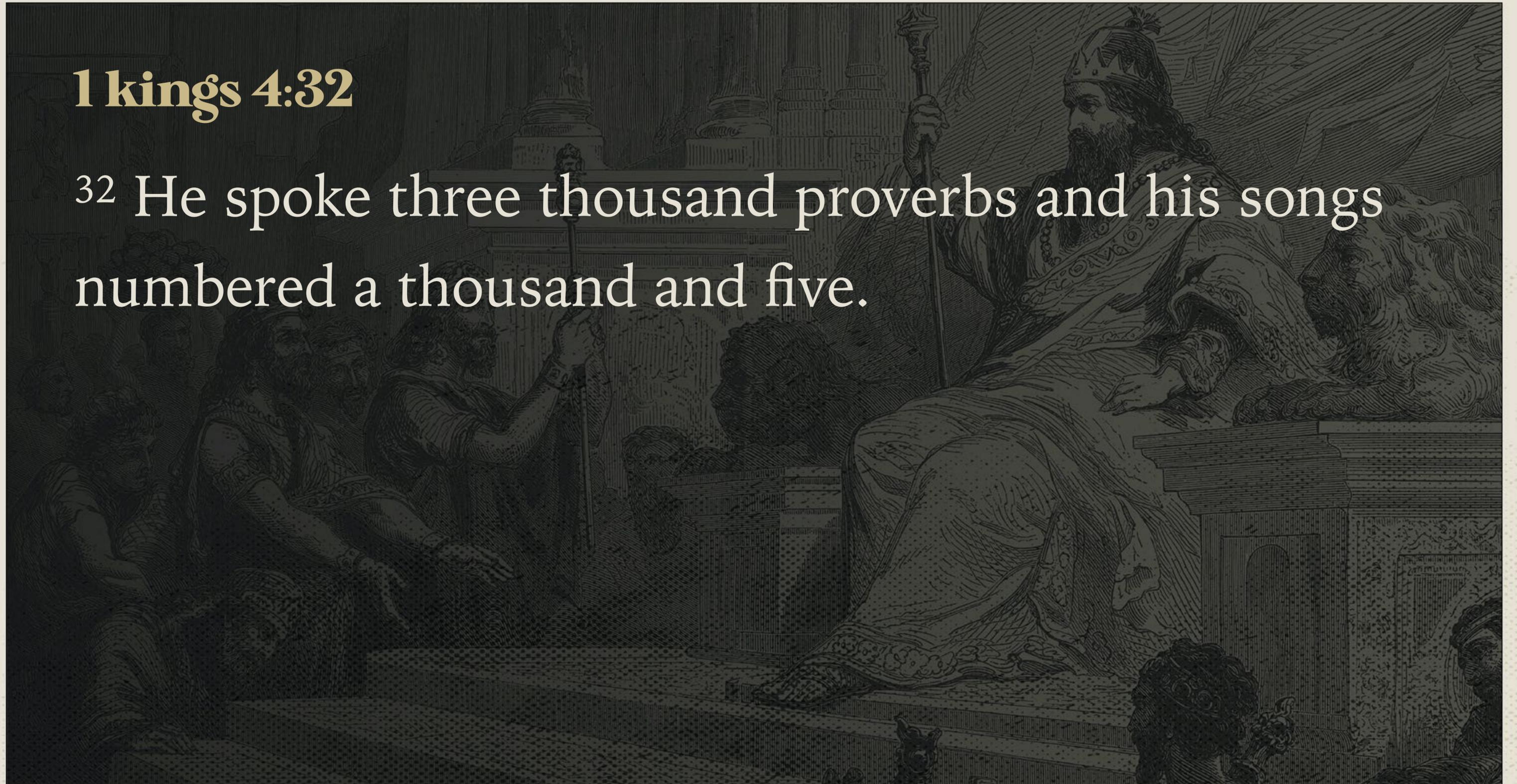
A dark, monochromatic illustration of a king sitting on a throne, holding a scepter, with a crowd of people gathered around him in a palace setting. The king is the central figure, wearing a crown and holding a scepter. He is surrounded by people, some of whom are bowing or kneeling in awe. The background shows architectural details like columns and a doorway.

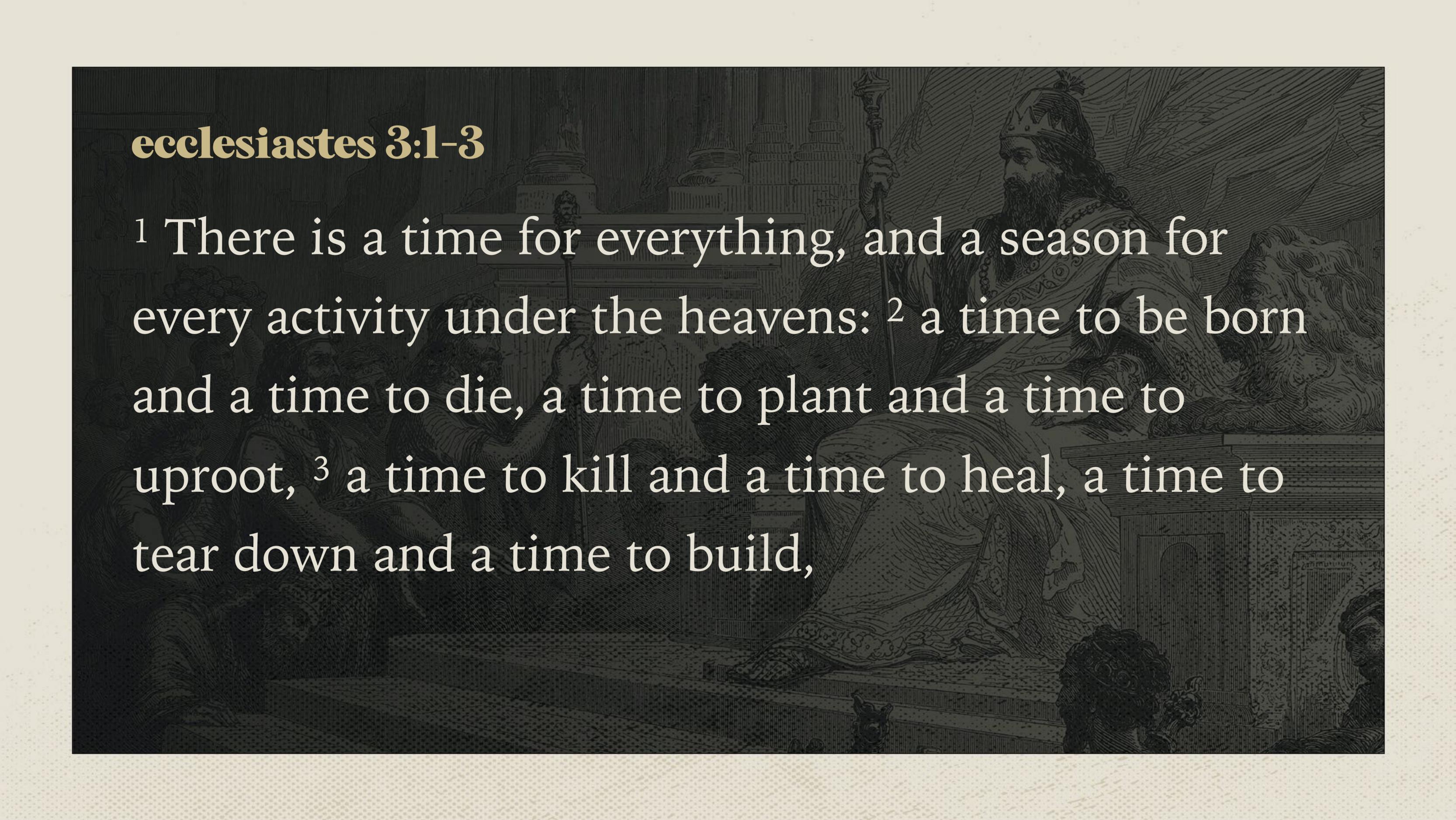
- Discerning Wisdom
- Artistic Wisdom



1 kings 4:32

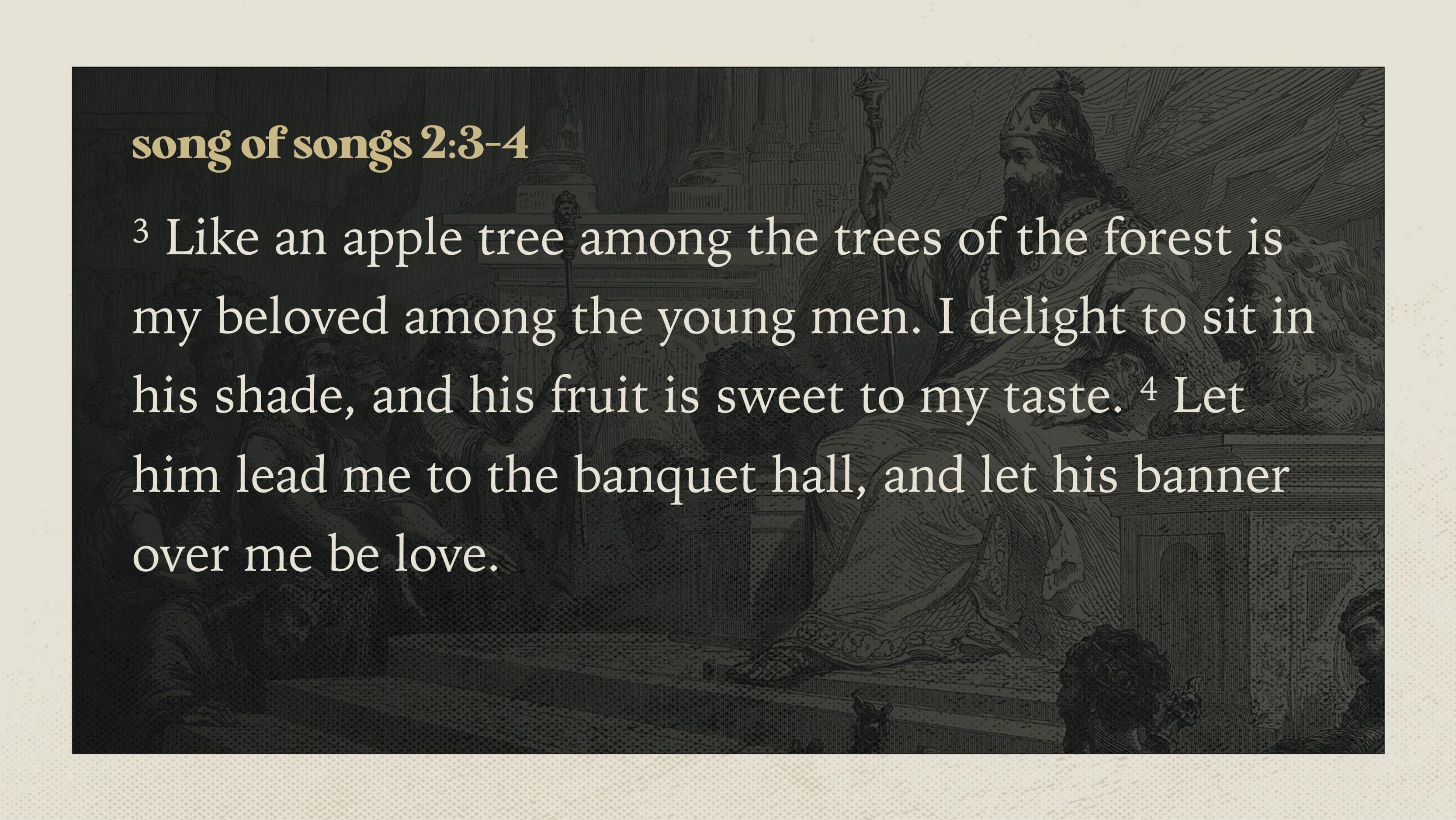
³² He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five.





ecclesiastes 3:1-3

¹ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, ³ a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,



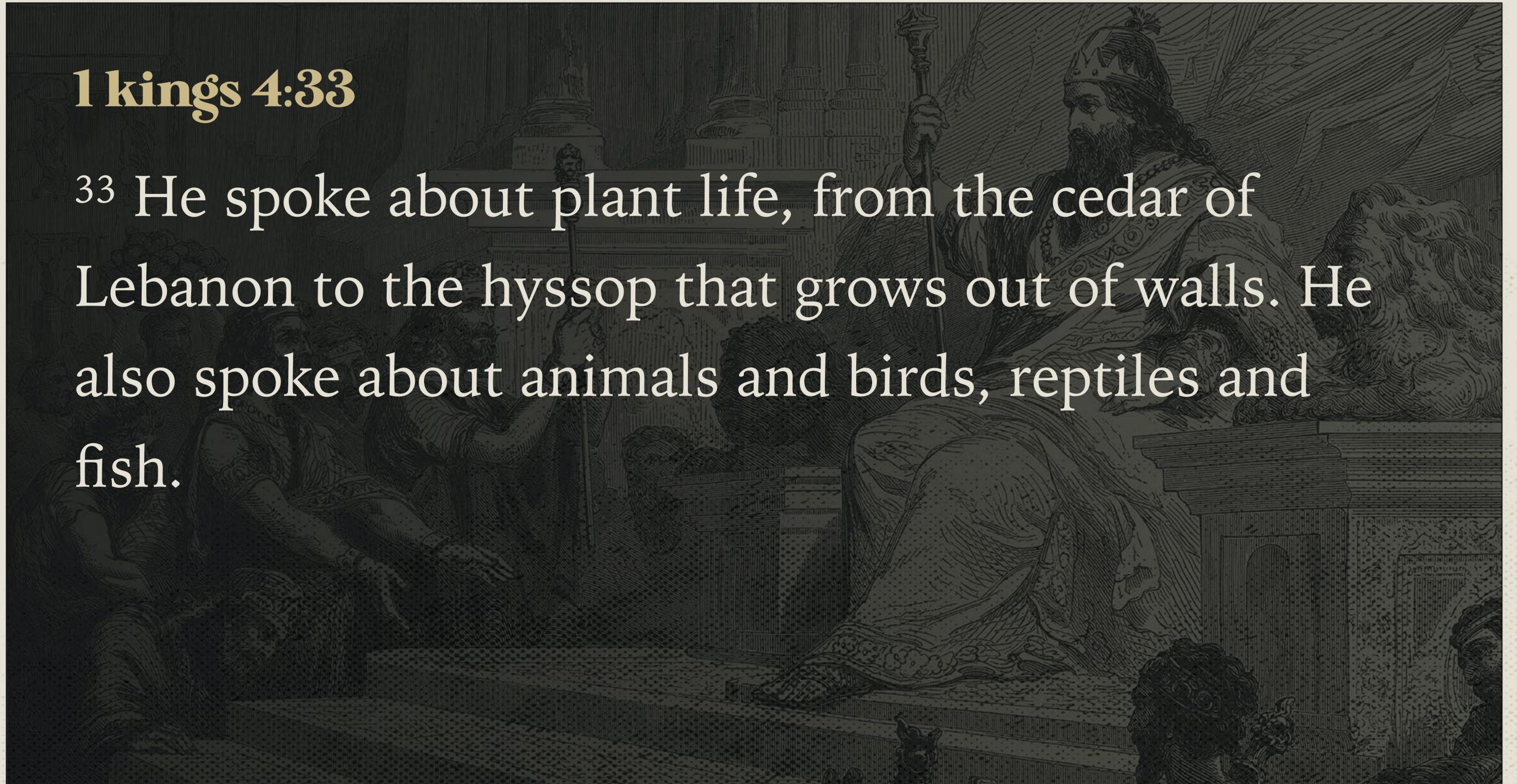
song of songs 2:3-4

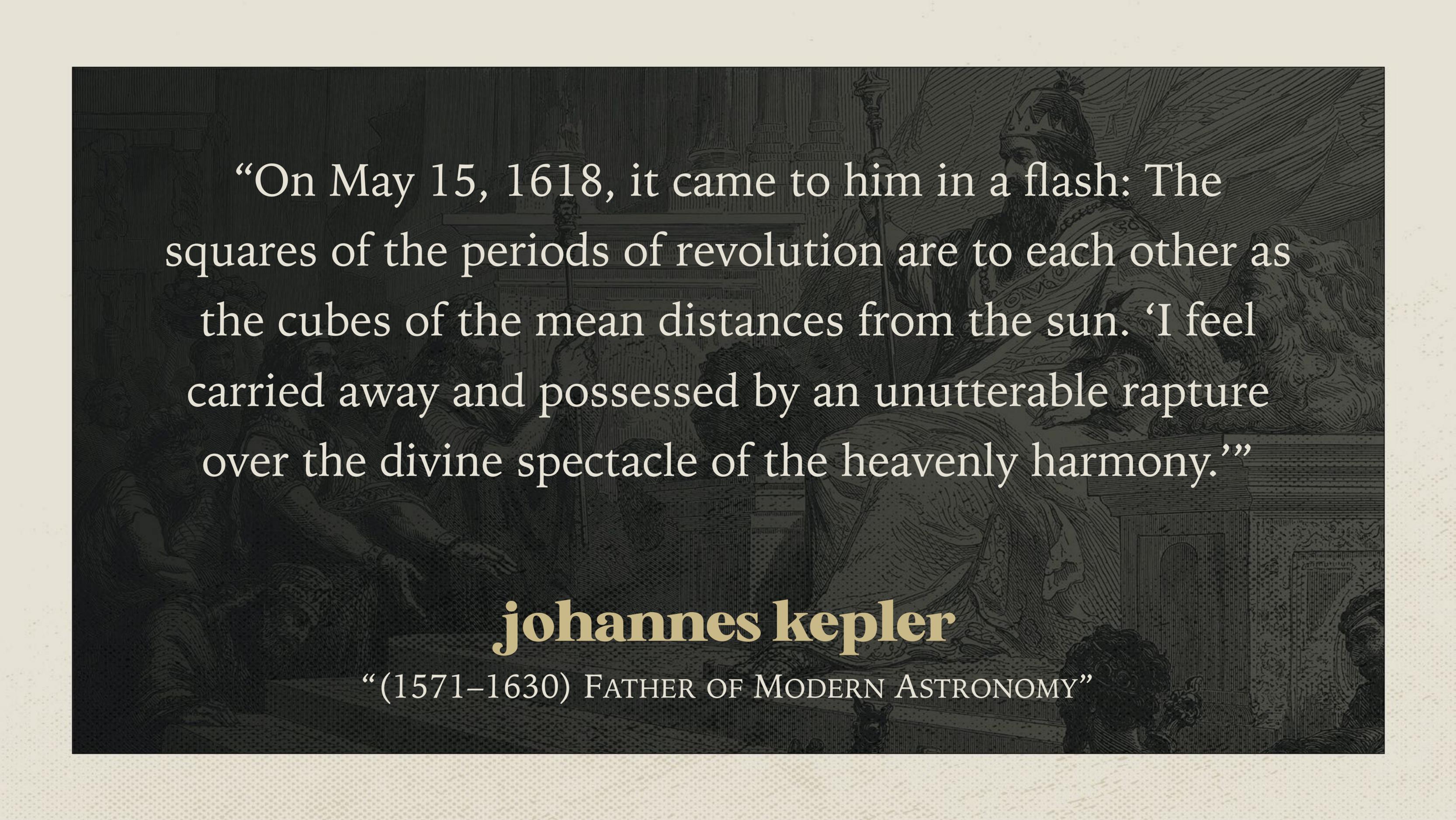
³ Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my beloved among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste. ⁴ Let him lead me to the banquet hall, and let his banner over me be love.

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- Discerning Wisdom
 - Artistic Wisdom
 - Scientific Wisdom

1 kings 4:33

³³ He spoke about plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also spoke about animals and birds, reptiles and fish.

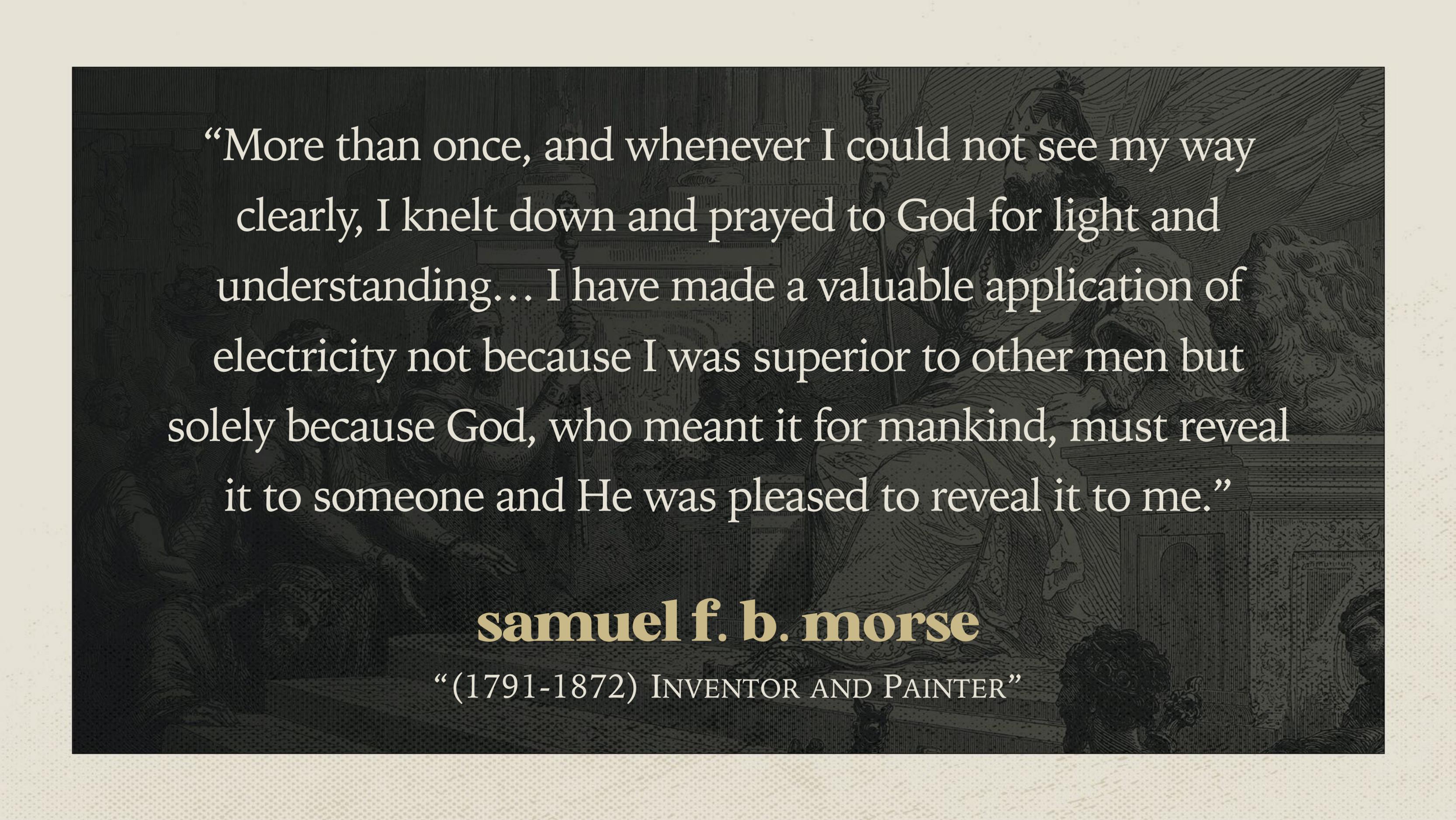




“On May 15, 1618, it came to him in a flash: The squares of the periods of revolution are to each other as the cubes of the mean distances from the sun. ‘I feel carried away and possessed by an unutterable rapture over the divine spectacle of the heavenly harmony.’”

johannes kepler

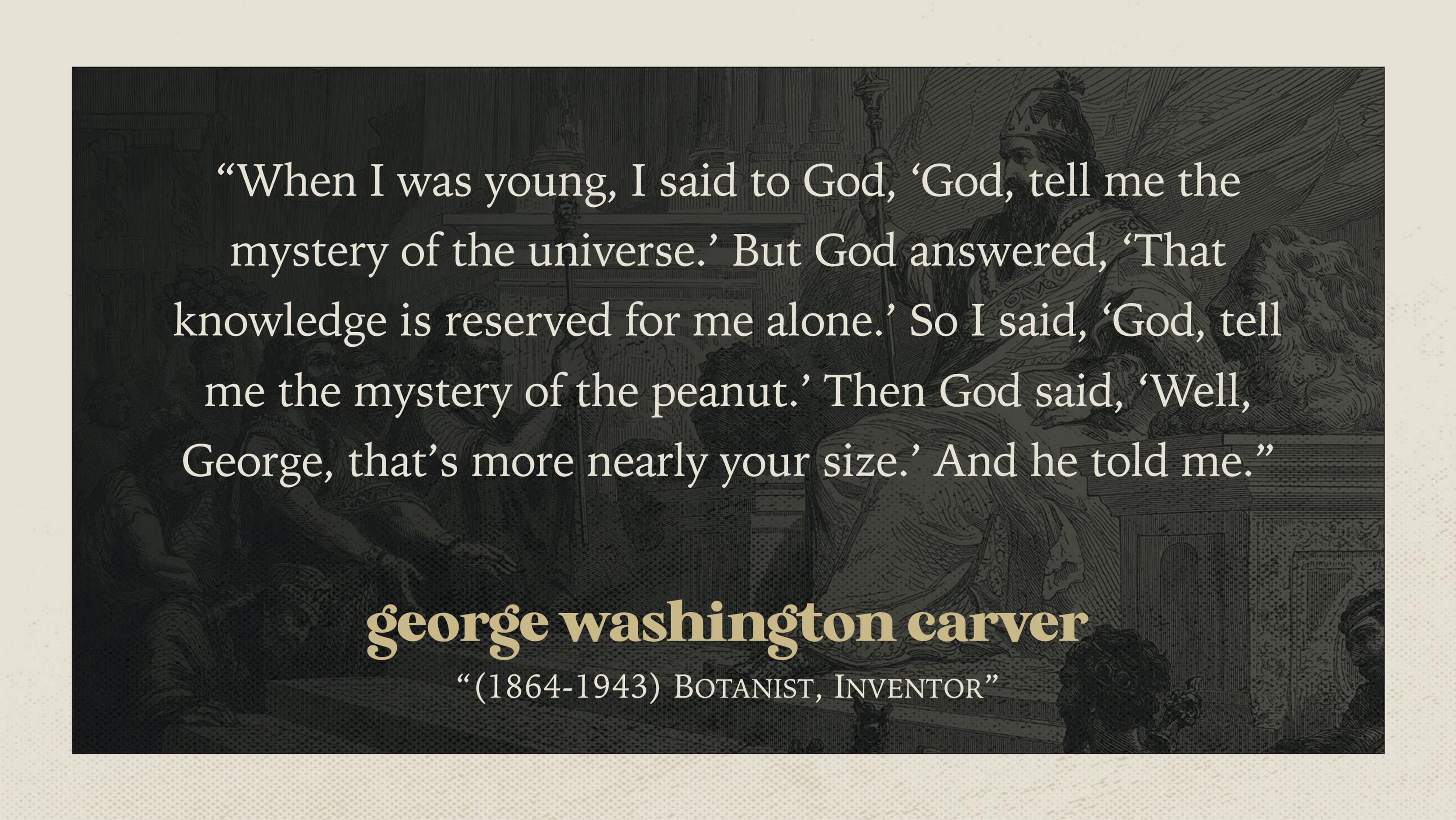
“(1571–1630) FATHER OF MODERN ASTRONOMY”



“More than once, and whenever I could not see my way clearly, I knelt down and prayed to God for light and understanding... I have made a valuable application of electricity not because I was superior to other men but solely because God, who meant it for mankind, must reveal it to someone and He was pleased to reveal it to me.”

samuel f. b. morse

“(1791-1872) INVENTOR AND PAINTER”



“When I was young, I said to God, ‘God, tell me the mystery of the universe.’ But God answered, ‘That knowledge is reserved for me alone.’ So I said, ‘God, tell me the mystery of the peanut.’ Then God said, ‘Well, George, that’s more nearly your size.’ And he told me.”

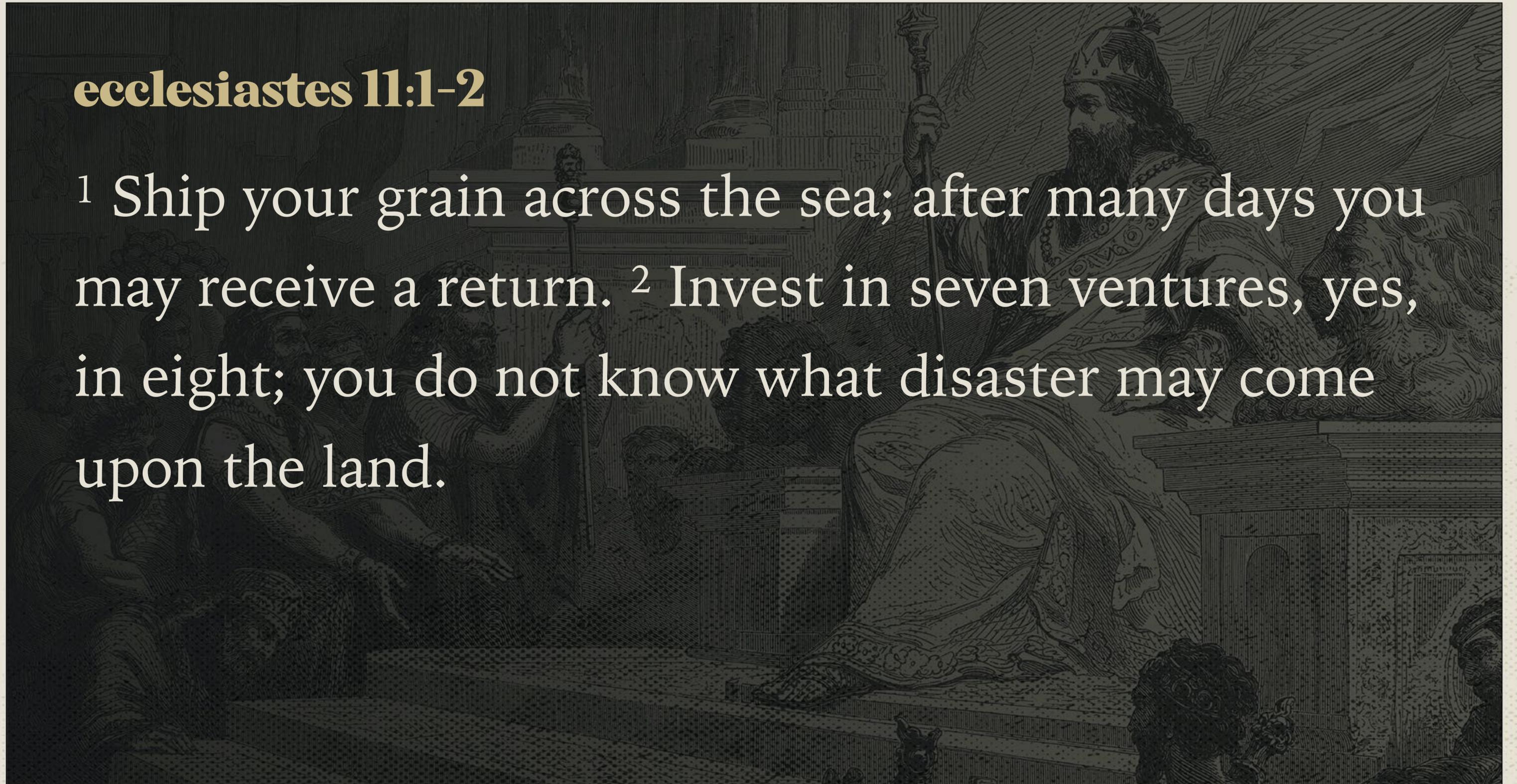
george washington carver

“(1864-1943) BOTANIST, INVENTOR”

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- Discerning Wisdom
 - Artistic Wisdom
 - Scientific Wisdom
 - Vocational Wisdom

ecclesiastes 11:1-2

¹ Ship your grain across the sea; after many days you may receive a return. ² Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.



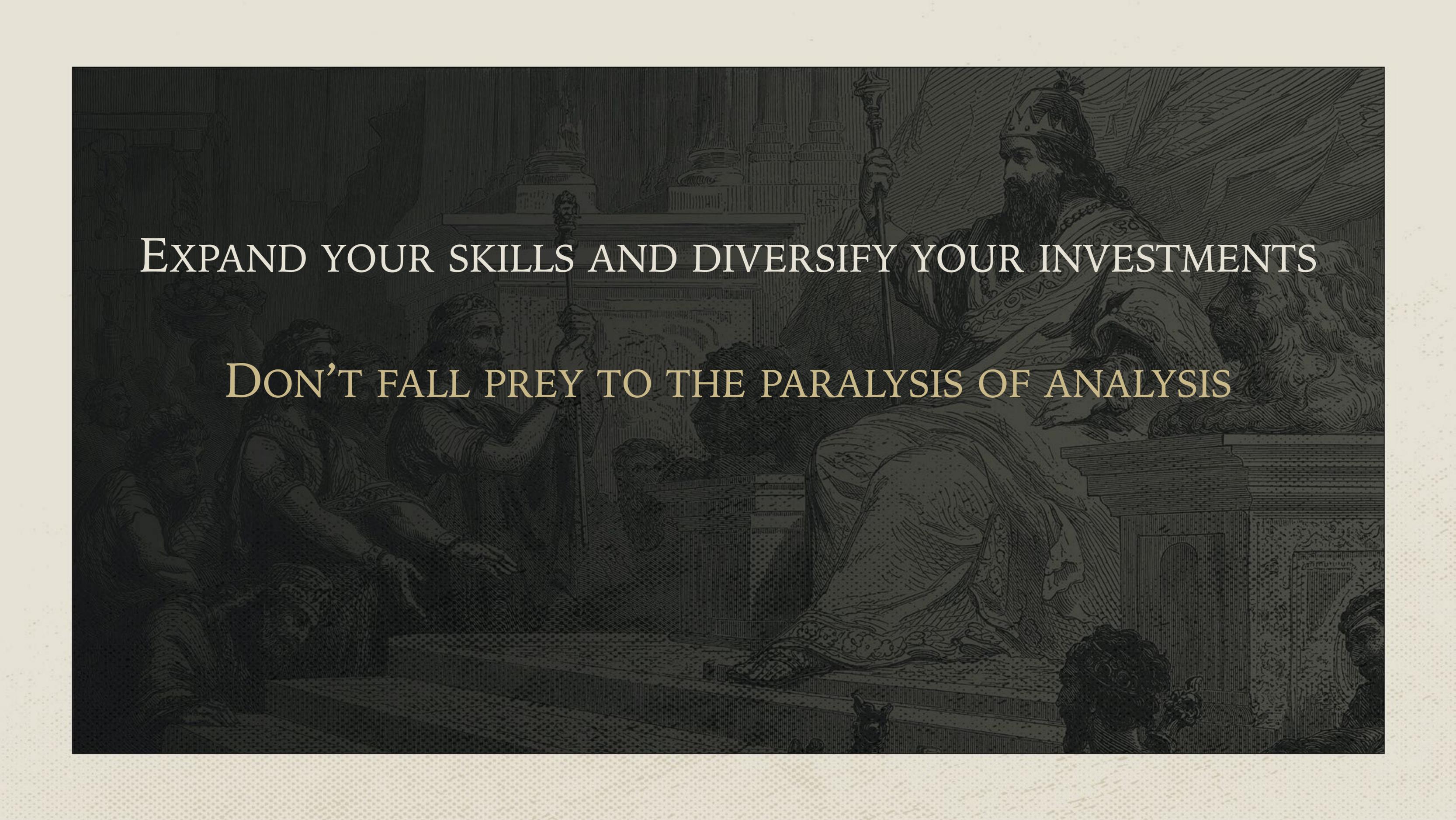
EXPAND YOUR SKILLS AND DIVERSIFY YOUR INVESTMENTS



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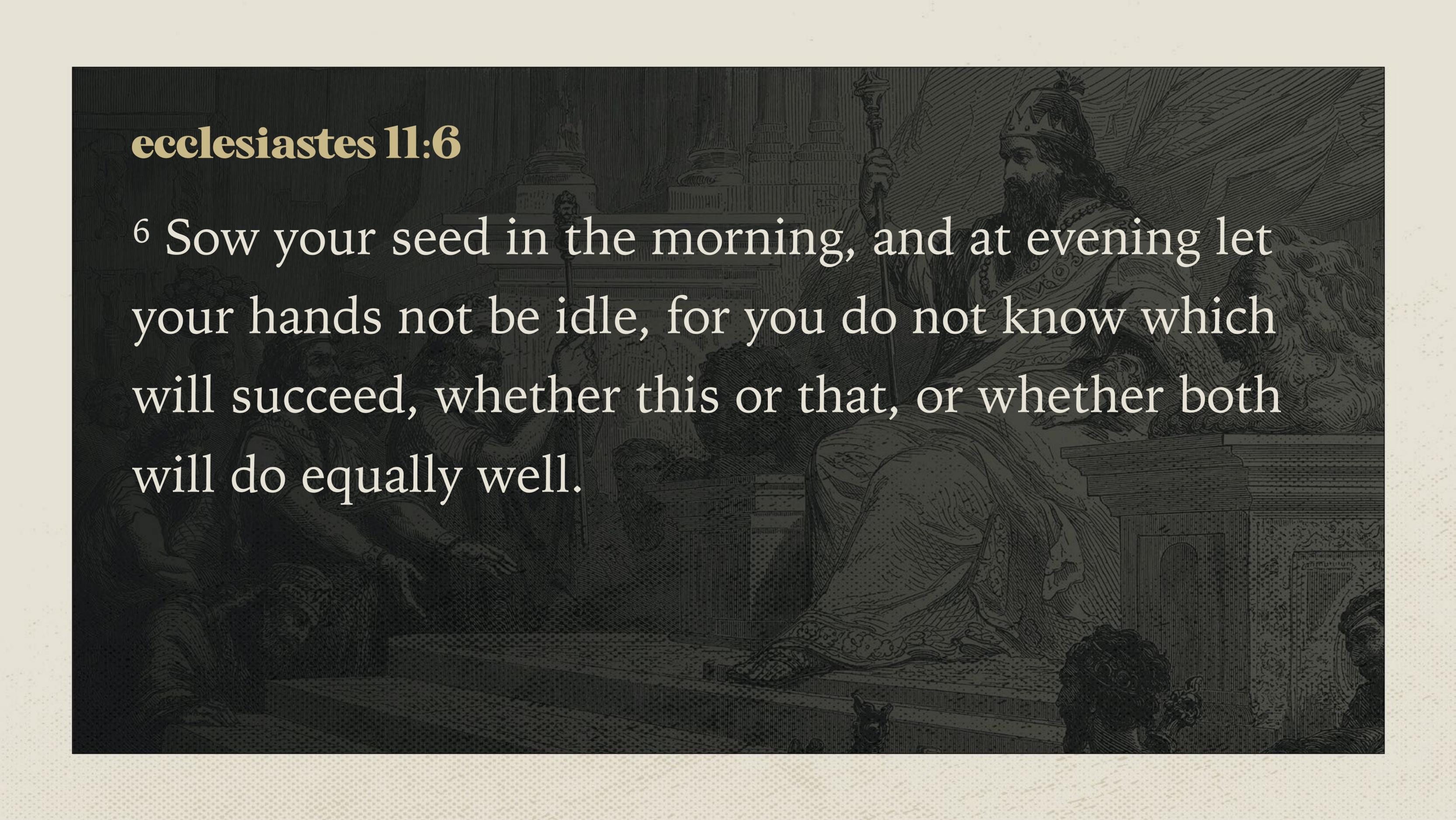
⁴ Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.





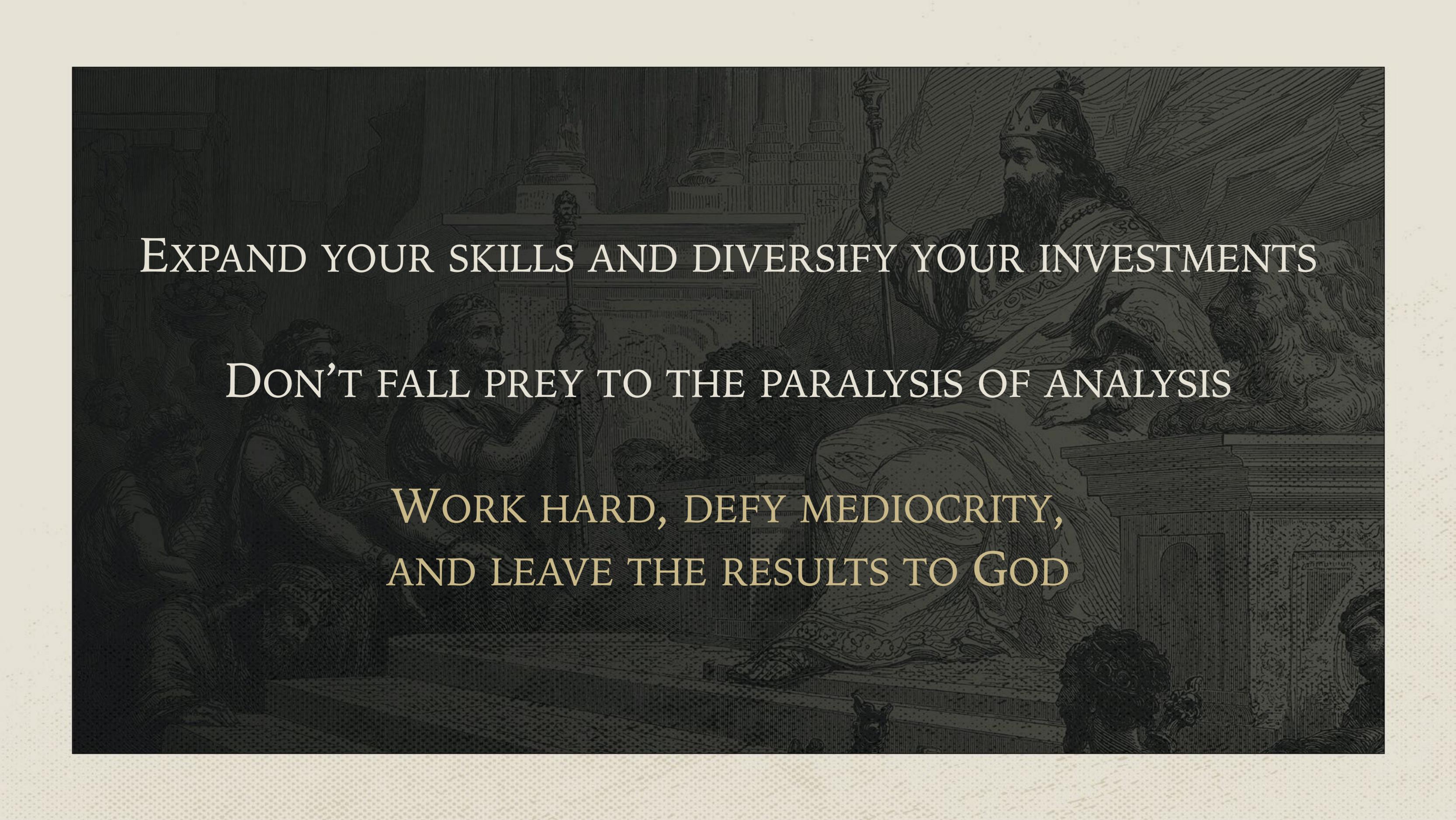
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DON'T FALL PREY TO THE PARALYSIS OF ANALYSIS



ecclesiastes 11:6

⁶ Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let your hands not be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.



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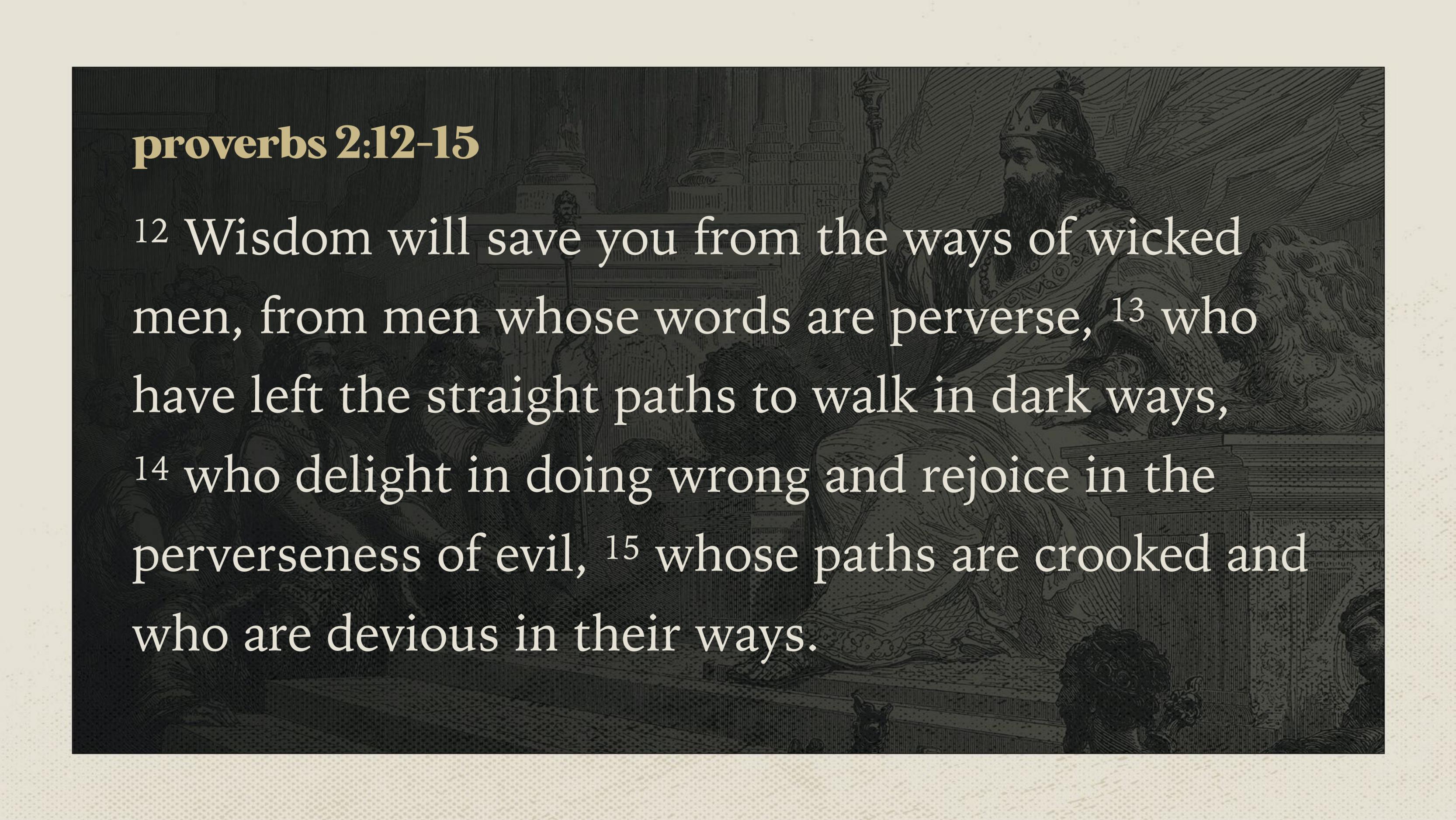
WORK HARD, DEFY MEDIOCRITY,
AND LEAVE THE RESULTS TO GOD

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- Discerning Wisdom
 - Artistic Wisdom
 - Scientific Wisdom
 - Vocational Wisdom
 - Moral Wisdom

proverbs 9:10a

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...



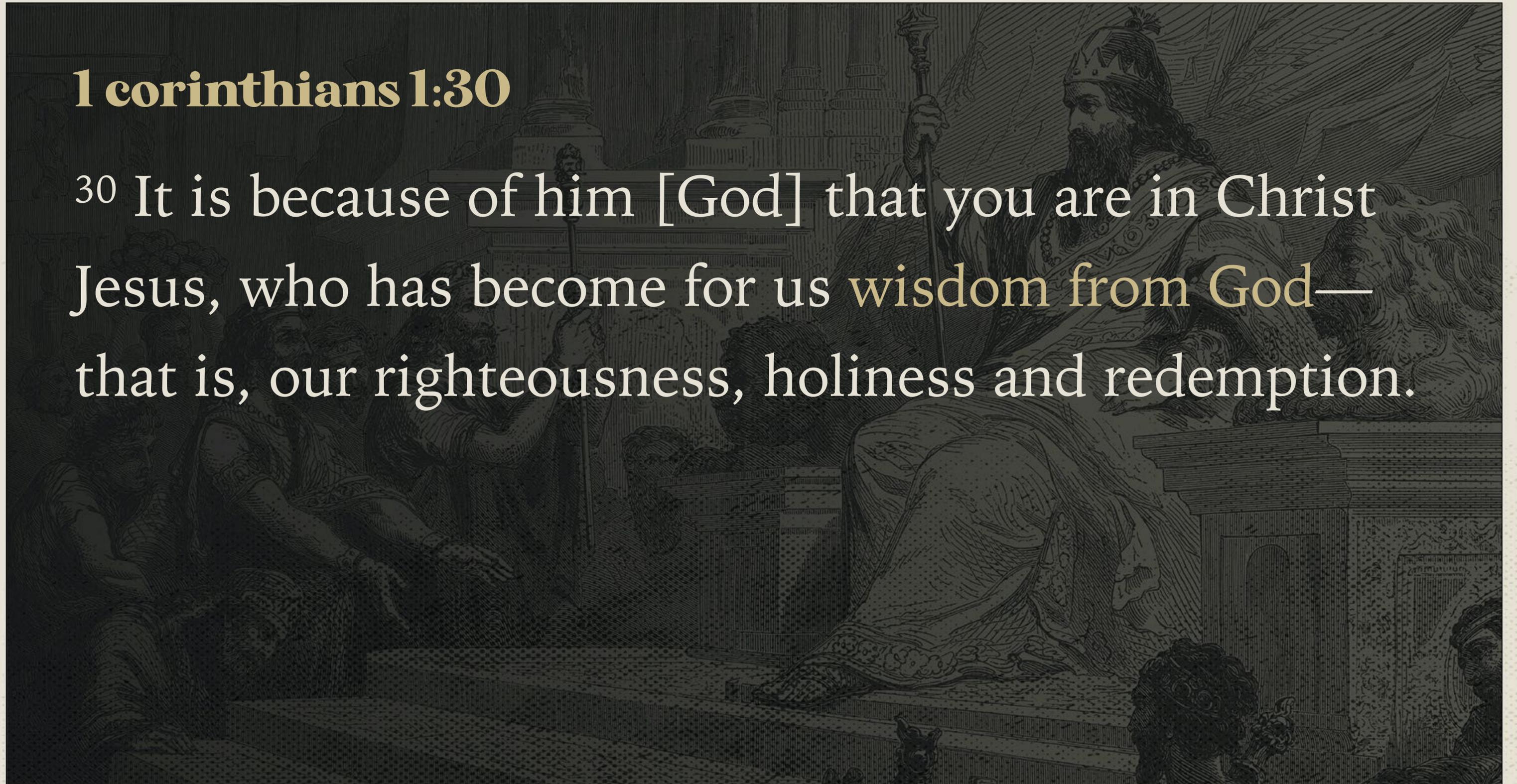


proverbs 2:12-15

¹² Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse, ¹³ who have left the straight paths to walk in dark ways, ¹⁴ who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil, ¹⁵ whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways.

1 corinthians 1:30

³⁰ It is because of him [God] that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us **wisdom from God**—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.



galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

