



SOLOMON: the God pursuit

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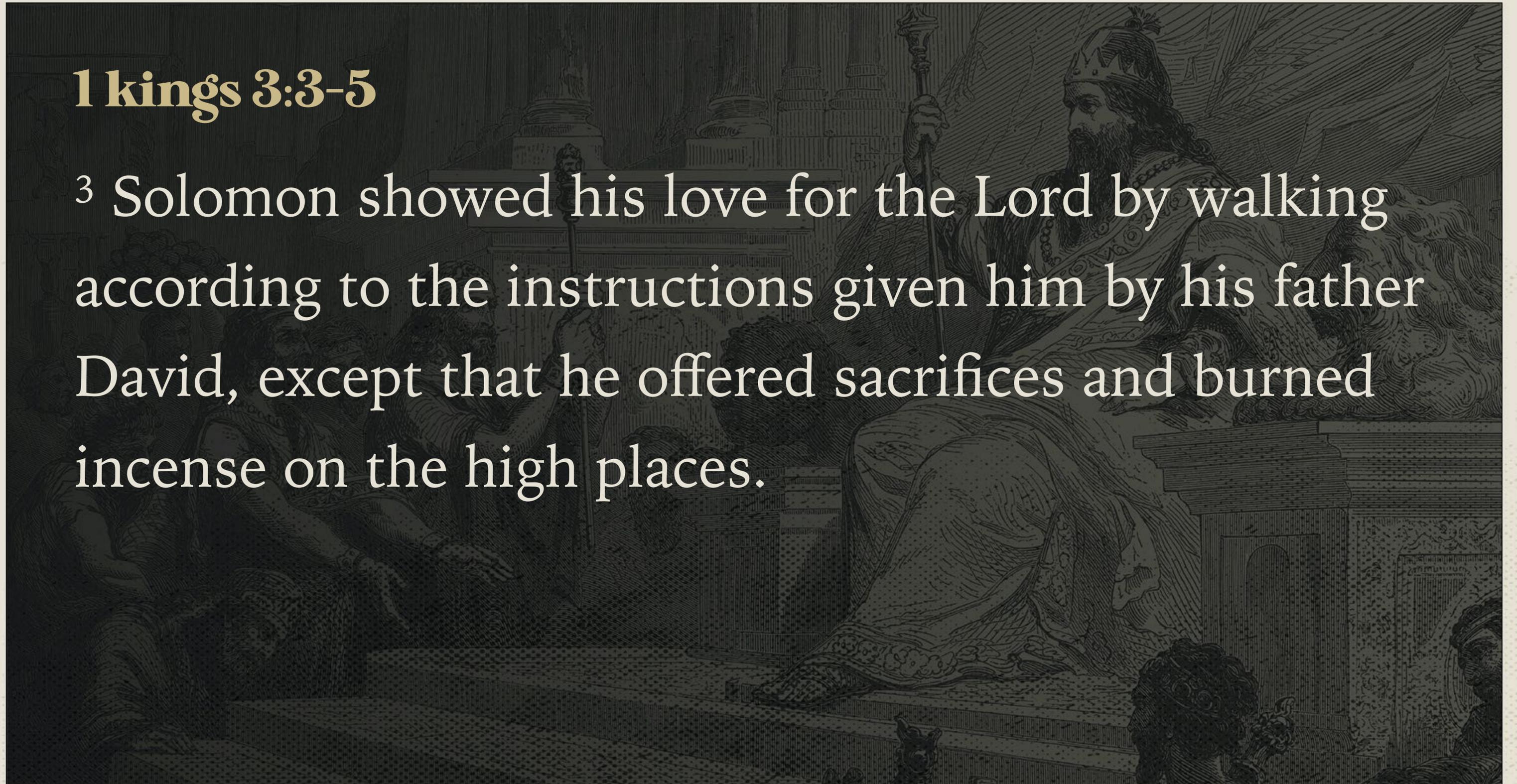
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“EXTRAVAGANT WORSHIP &
GOD’S PRESENCE”

1 KINGS 3:3-13

1 kings 3:3-5

³ Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.



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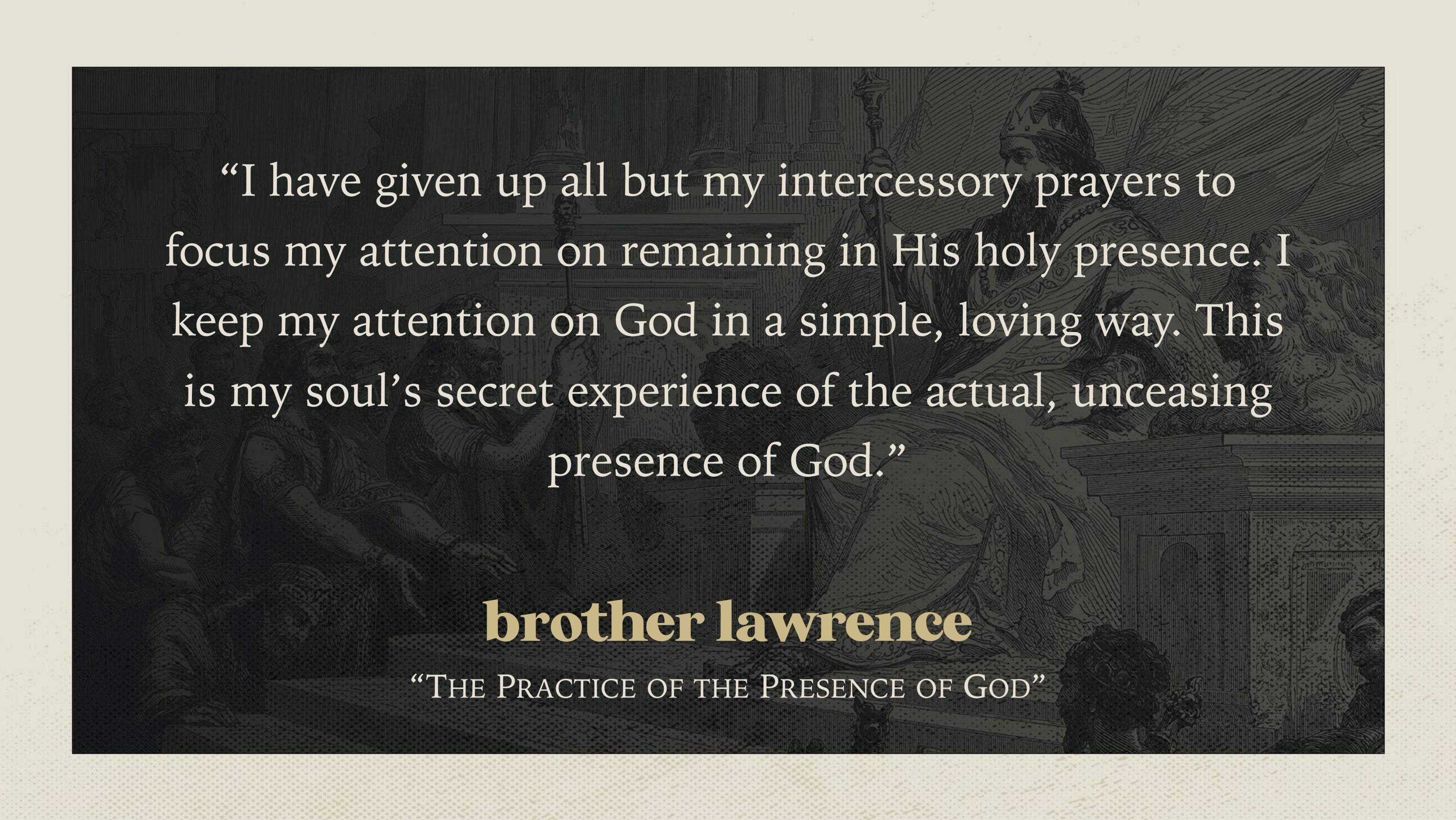
A dark, monochromatic illustration of King Solomon seated on a throne, holding a scepter, surrounded by attendants and a temple interior. The scene is rendered in a detailed, engraved style. The king is the central figure, wearing a crown and ornate robes. He is seated on a high throne, holding a scepter in his right hand. To his left, several attendants are seated, some holding staffs. The background shows the interior of a temple with architectural details like columns and a doorway. The overall tone is somber and historical.

watch solomon's extravagant worship



³ Now Solomon loved the Lord...

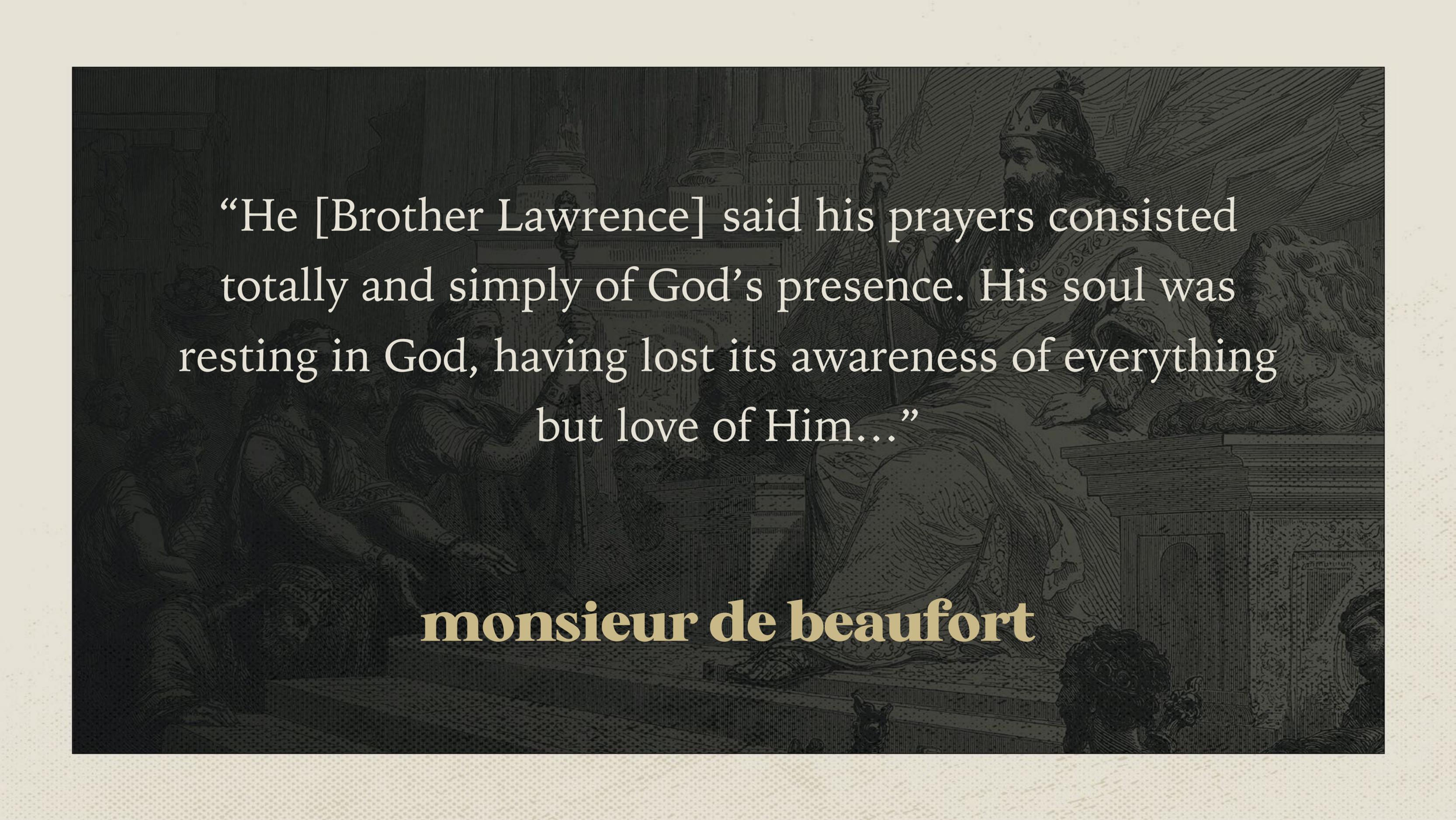
1 kings 3:3a (nasb)



“I have given up all but my intercessory prayers to focus my attention on remaining in His holy presence. I keep my attention on God in a simple, loving way. This is my soul’s secret experience of the actual, unceasing presence of God.”

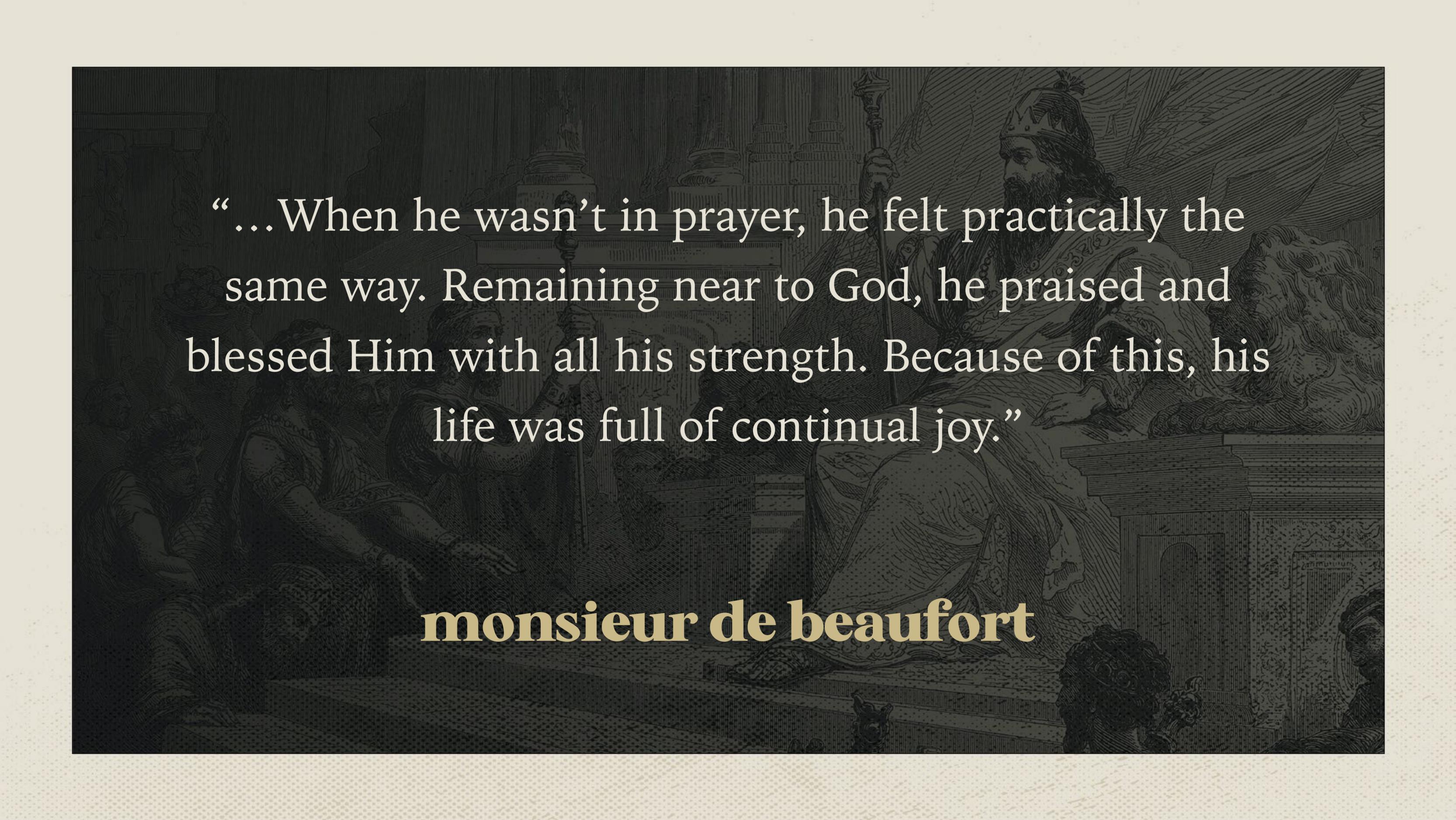
brother lawrence

“THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD”



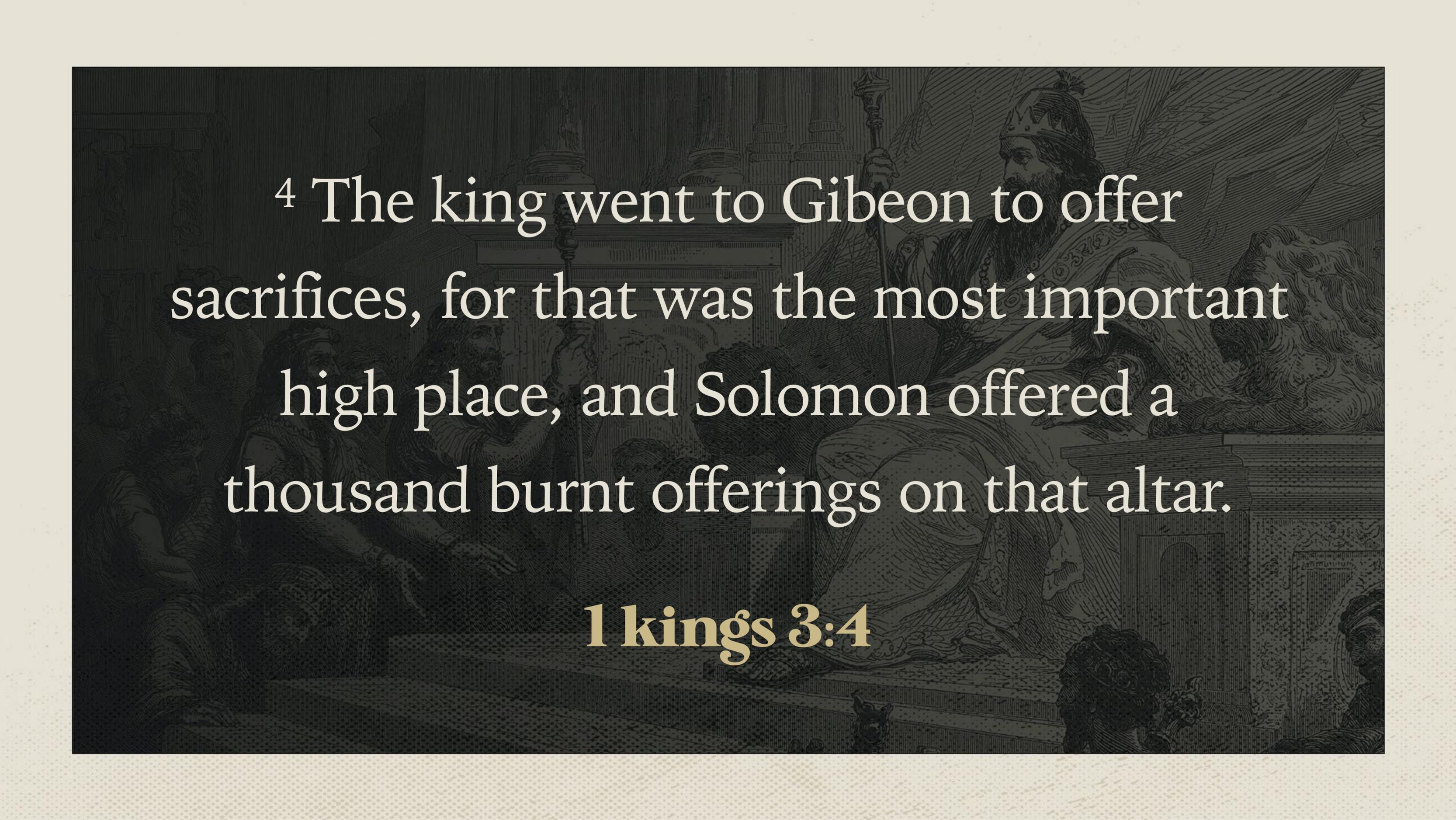
“He [Brother Lawrence] said his prayers consisted totally and simply of God’s presence. His soul was resting in God, having lost its awareness of everything but love of Him...”

monsieur de beaufort



“...When he wasn’t in prayer, he felt practically the same way. Remaining near to God, he praised and blessed Him with all his strength. Because of this, his life was full of continual joy.”

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1 kings 3:4



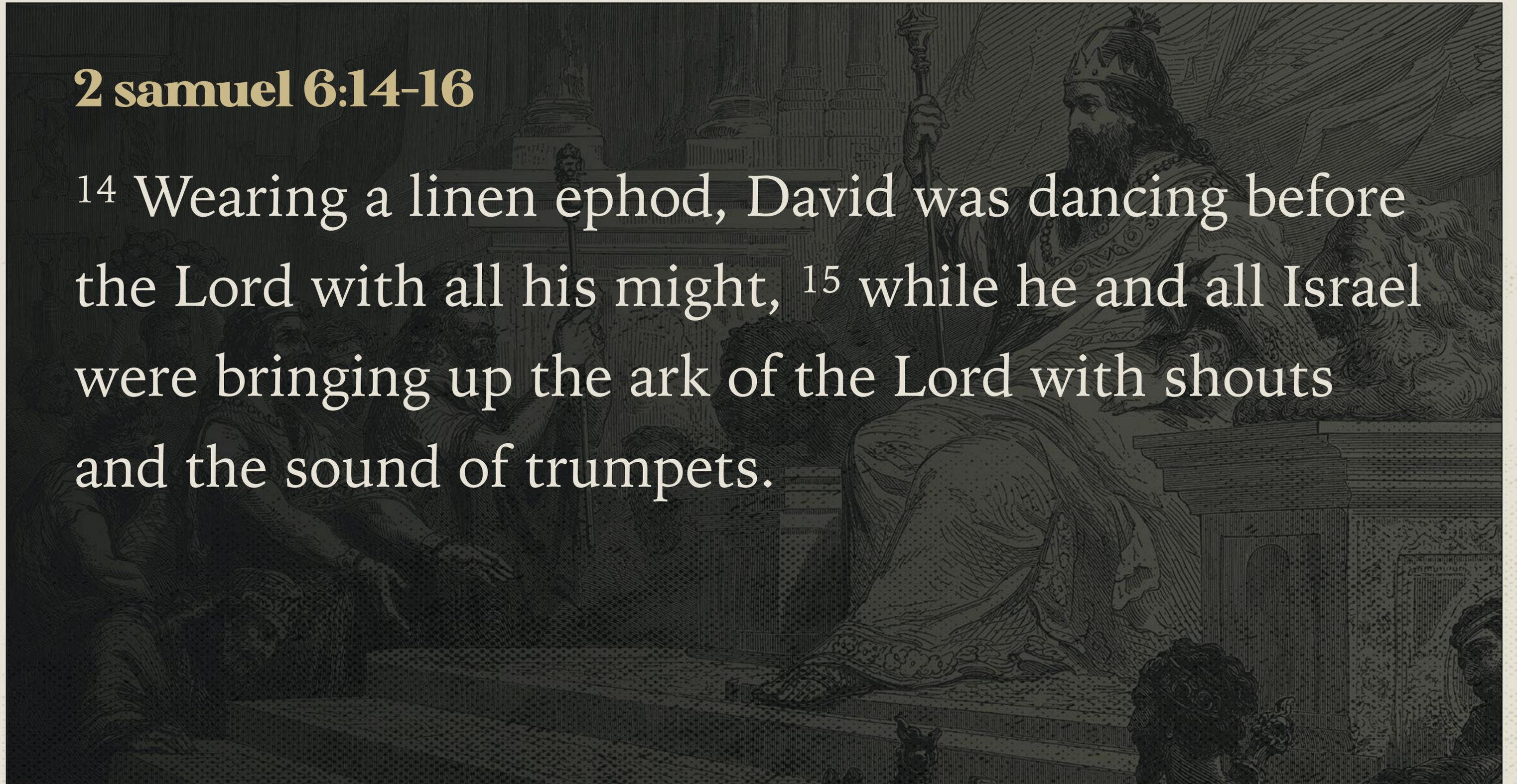
wholehearted worship



“a thousand burnt offerings”

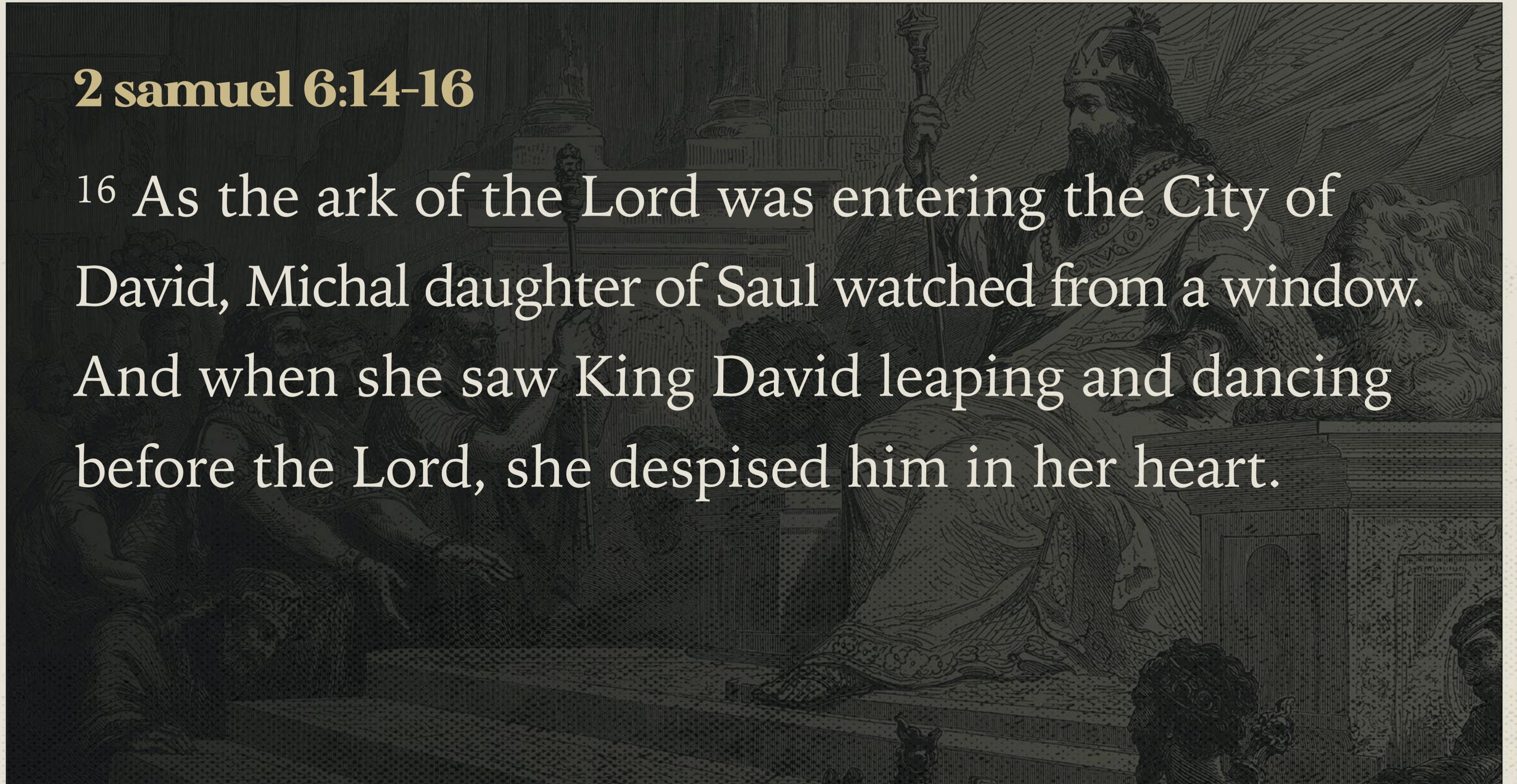
2 samuel 6:14-16

¹⁴ Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, ¹⁵ while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.



2 samuel 6:14-16

¹⁶ As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart.





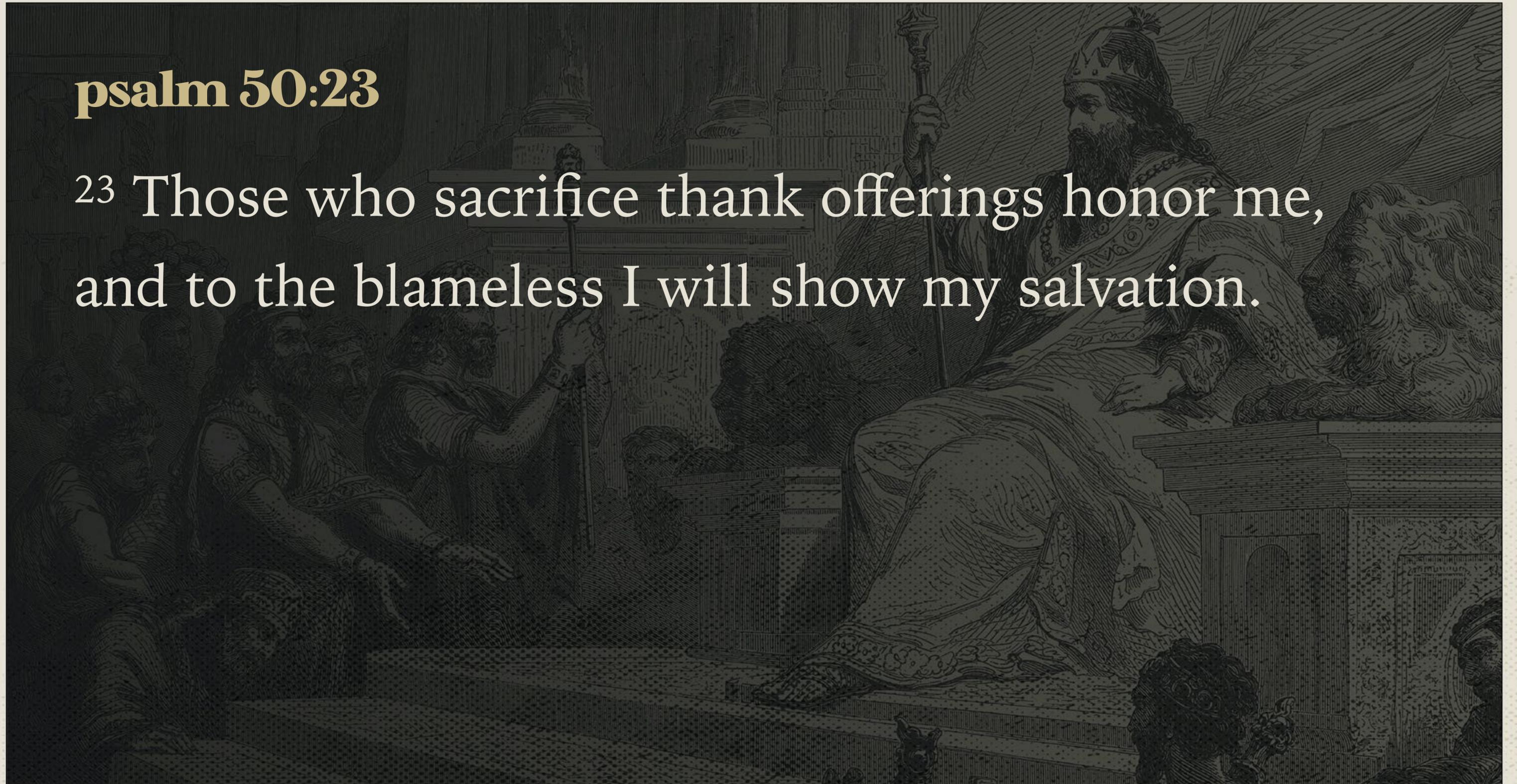
thankful worship

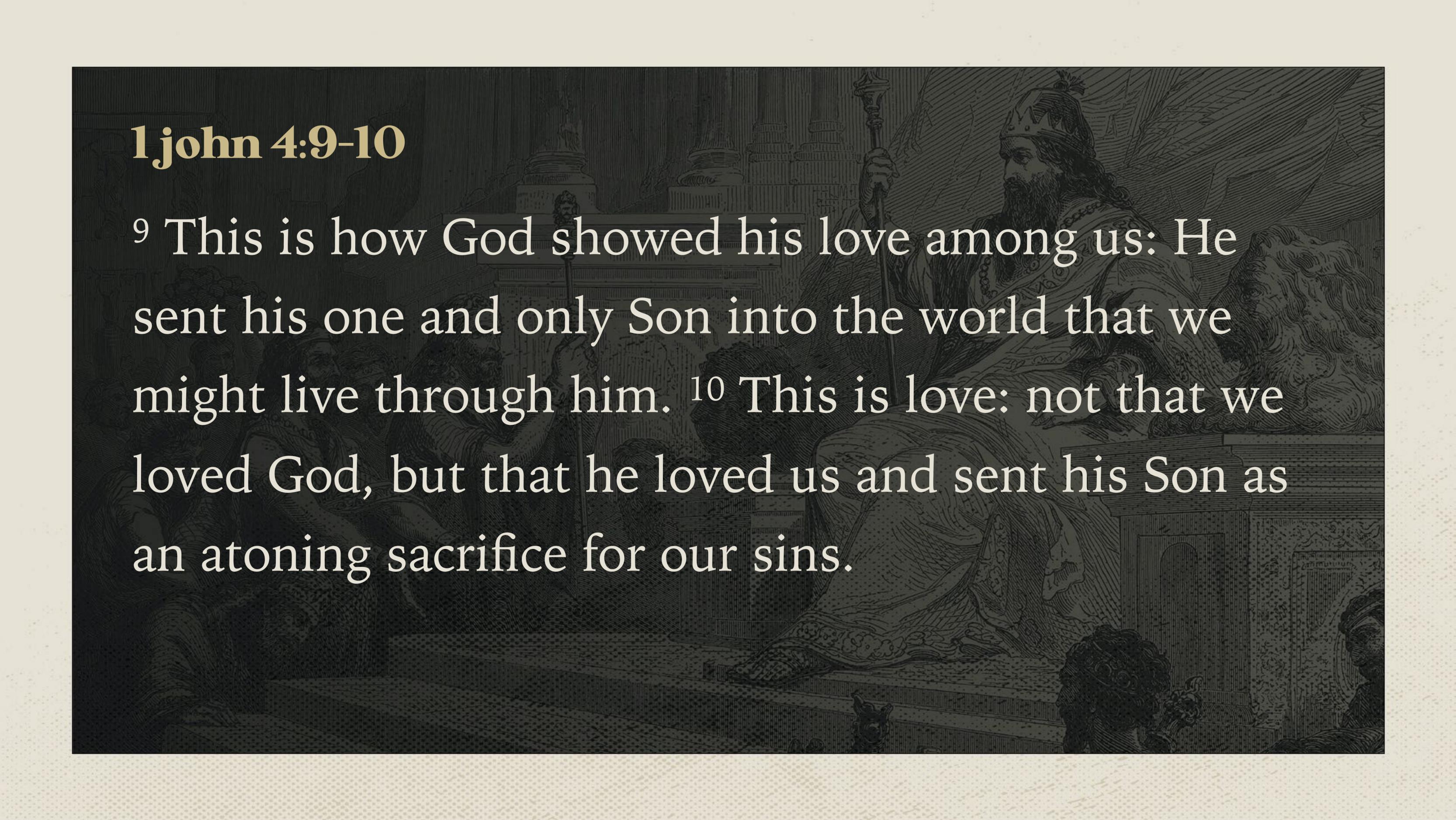


“the king went to... offer sacrifices”

psalm 50:23

23 Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me,
and to the blameless I will show my salvation.



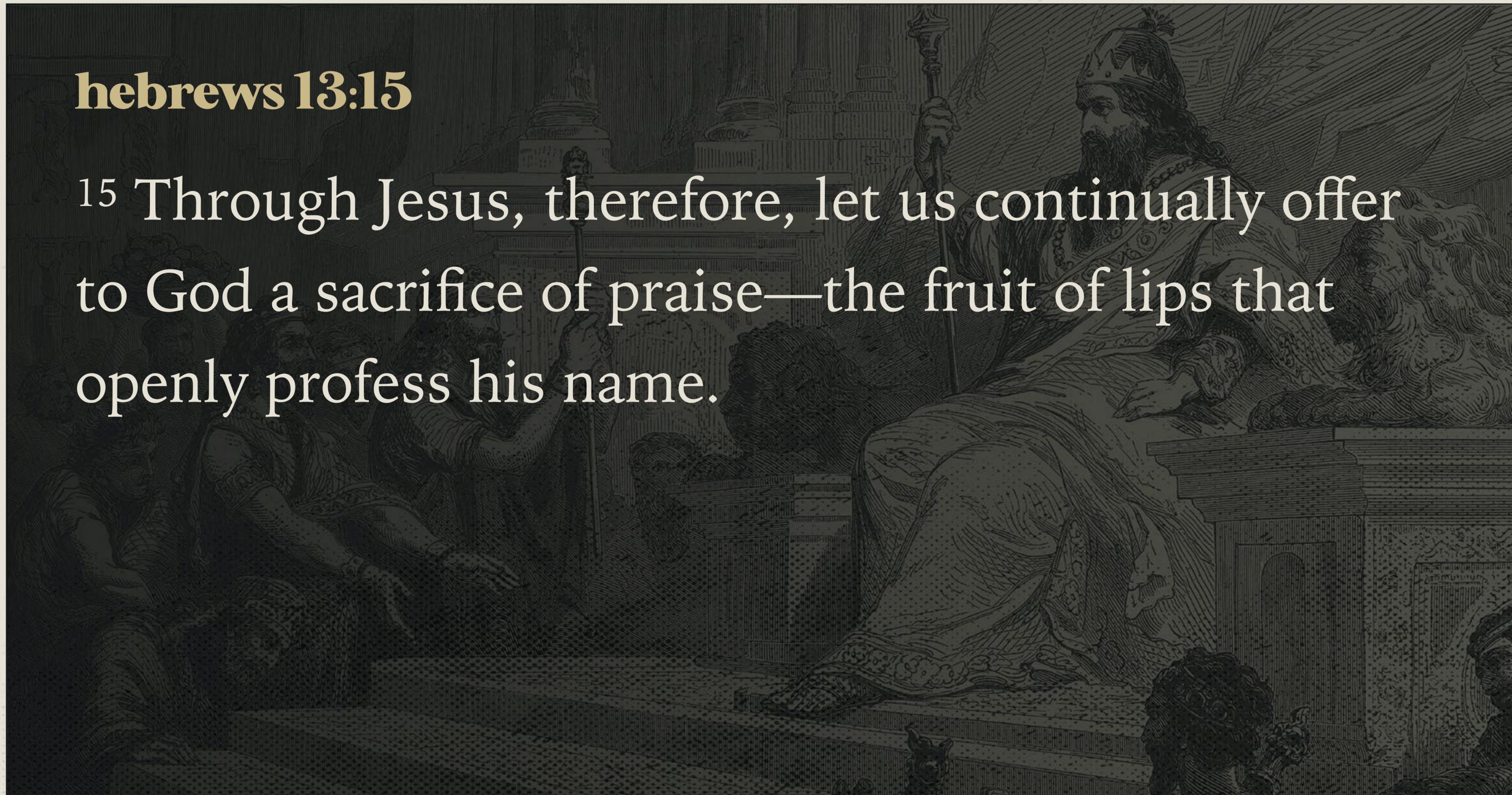


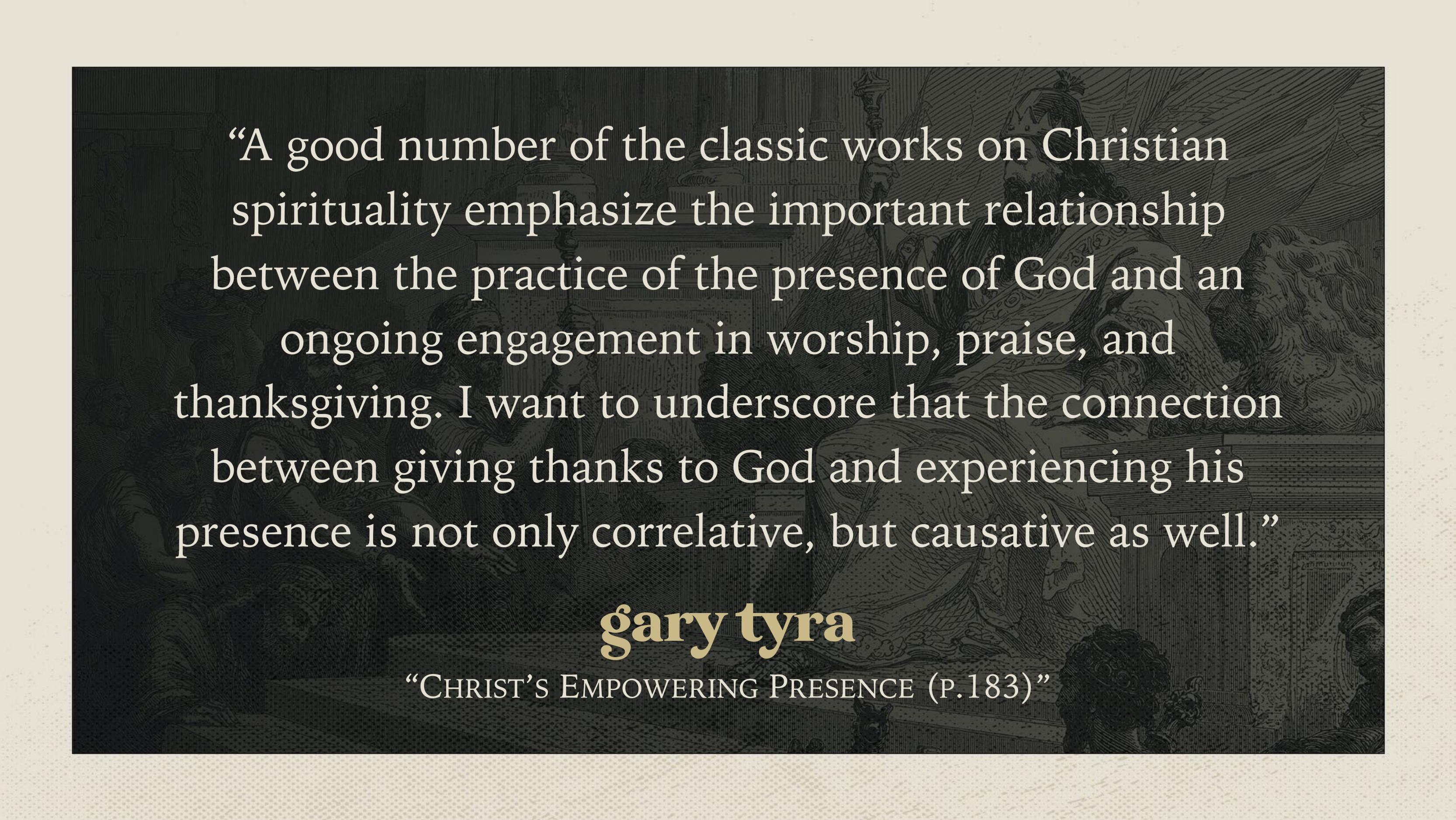
1 john 4:9-10

⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

hebrews 13:15

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

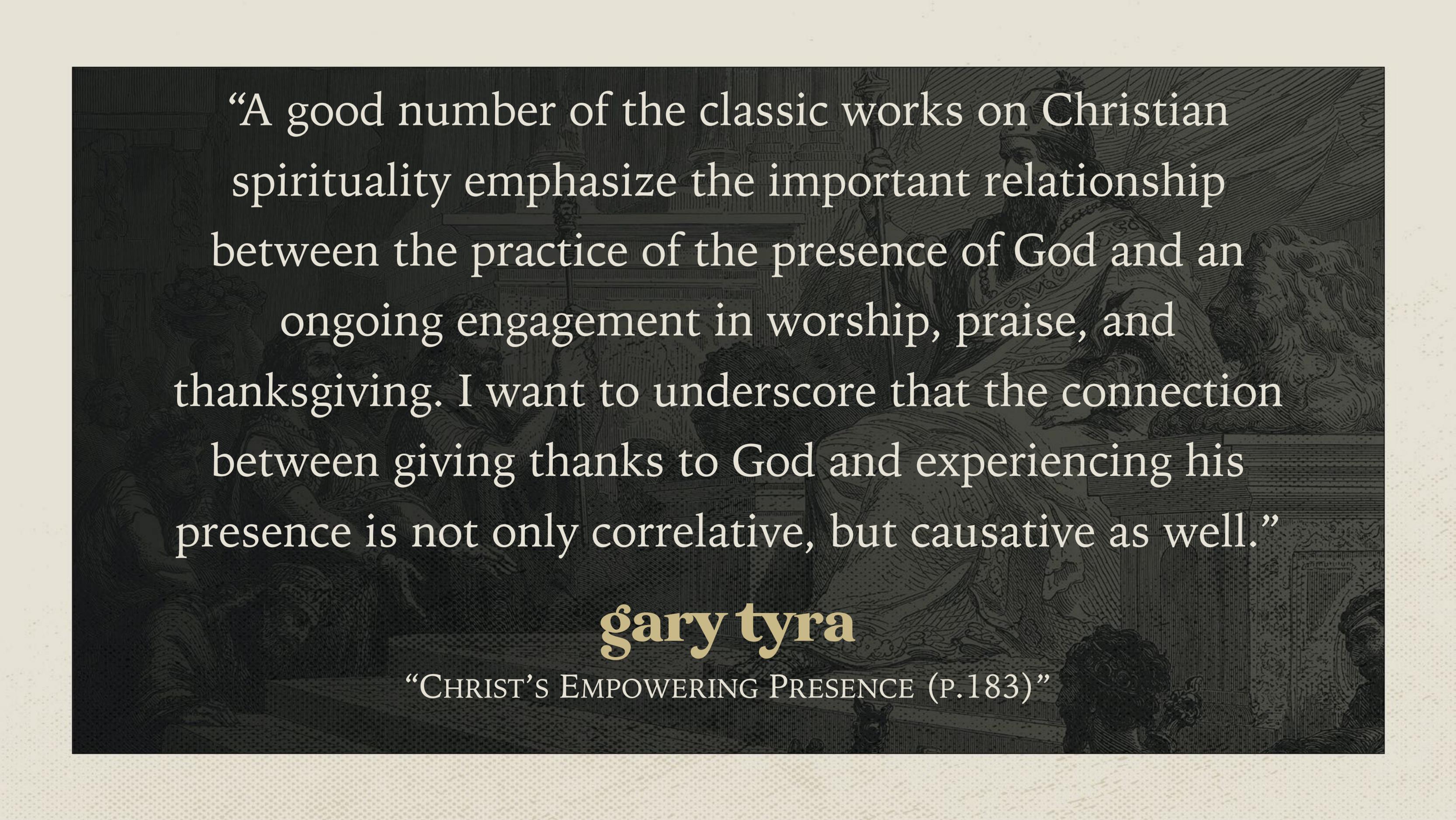




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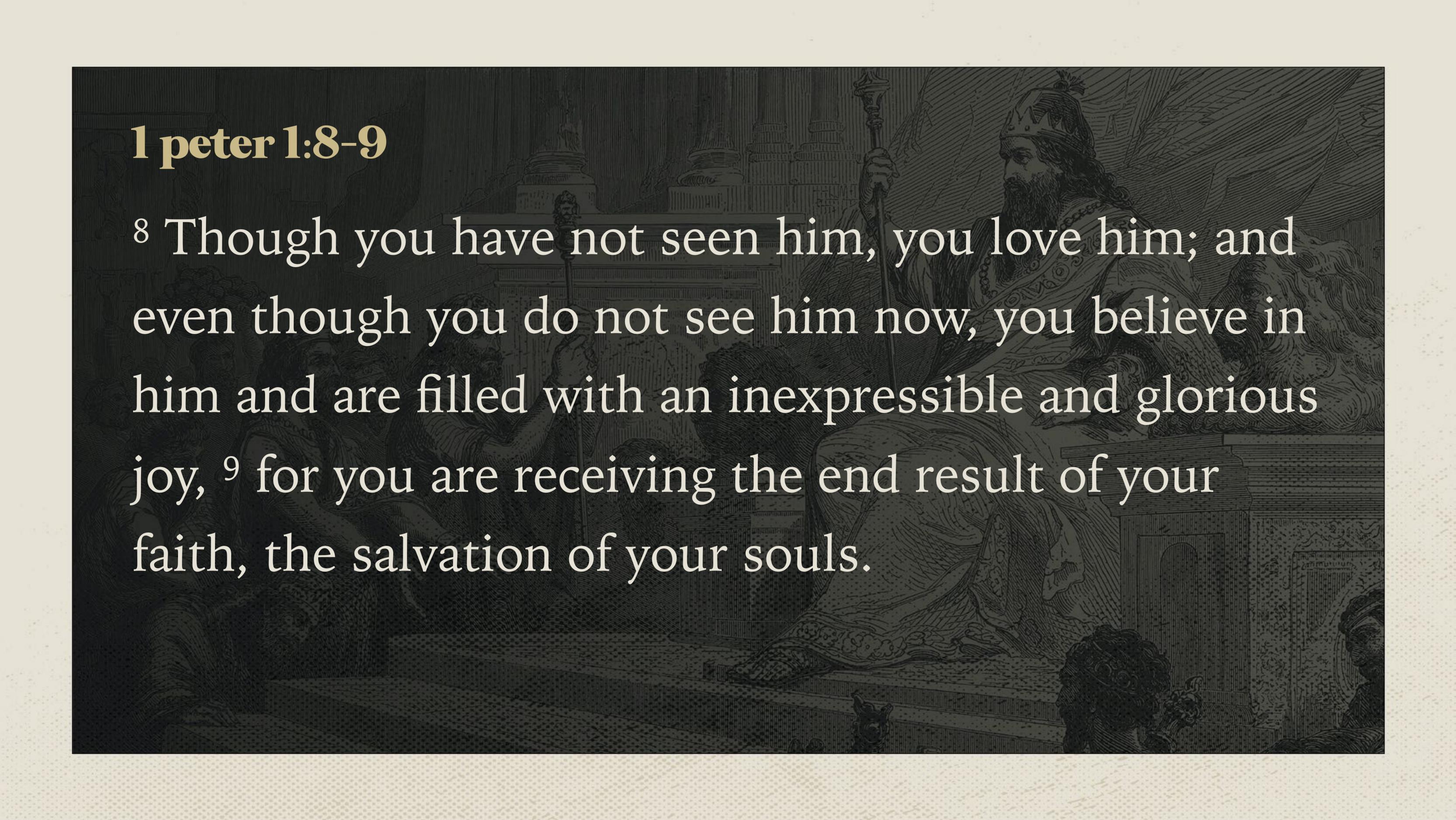
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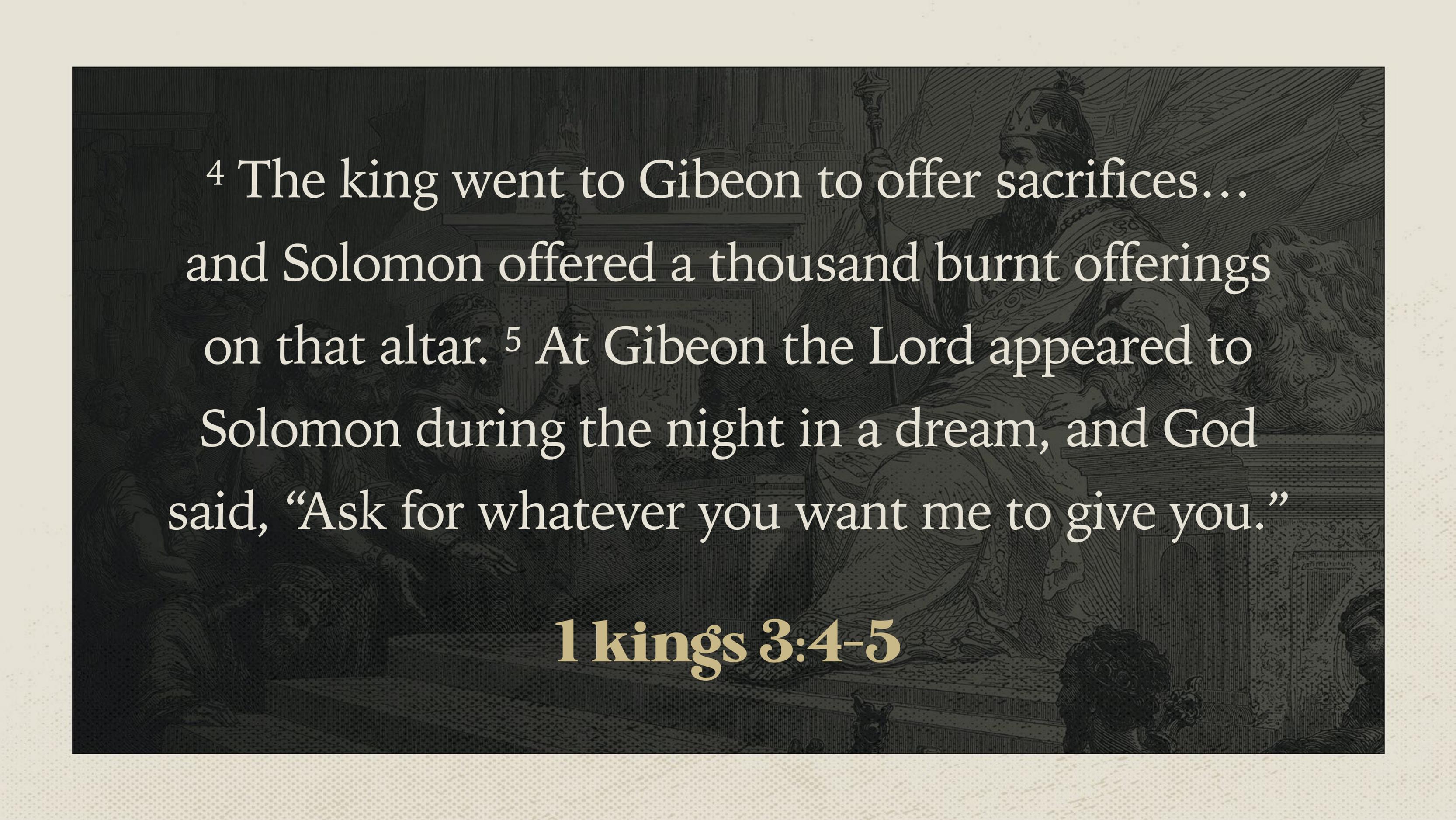
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“CHRIST’S EMPOWERING PRESENCE (P.183)”



1 peter 1:8-9

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

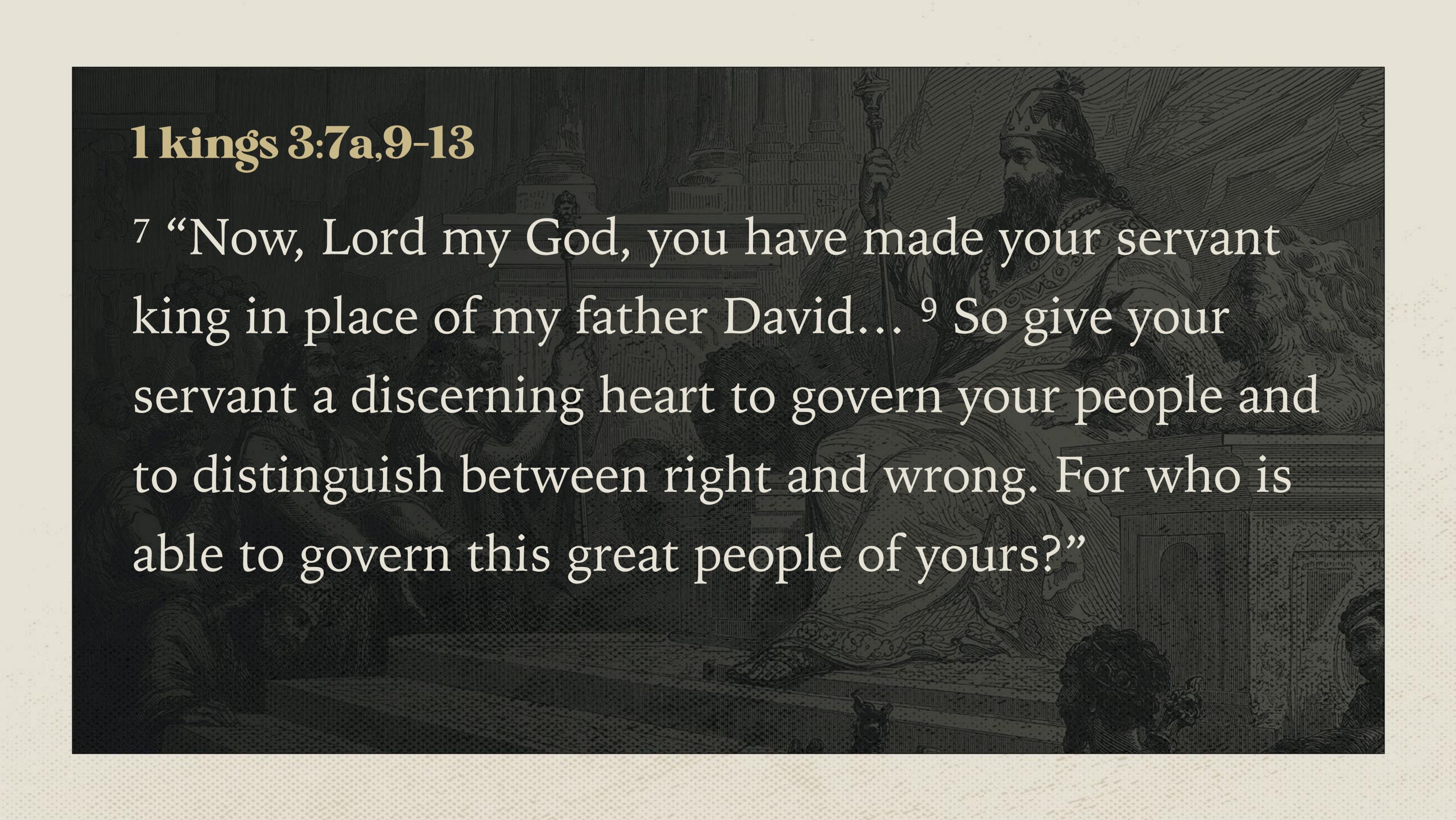


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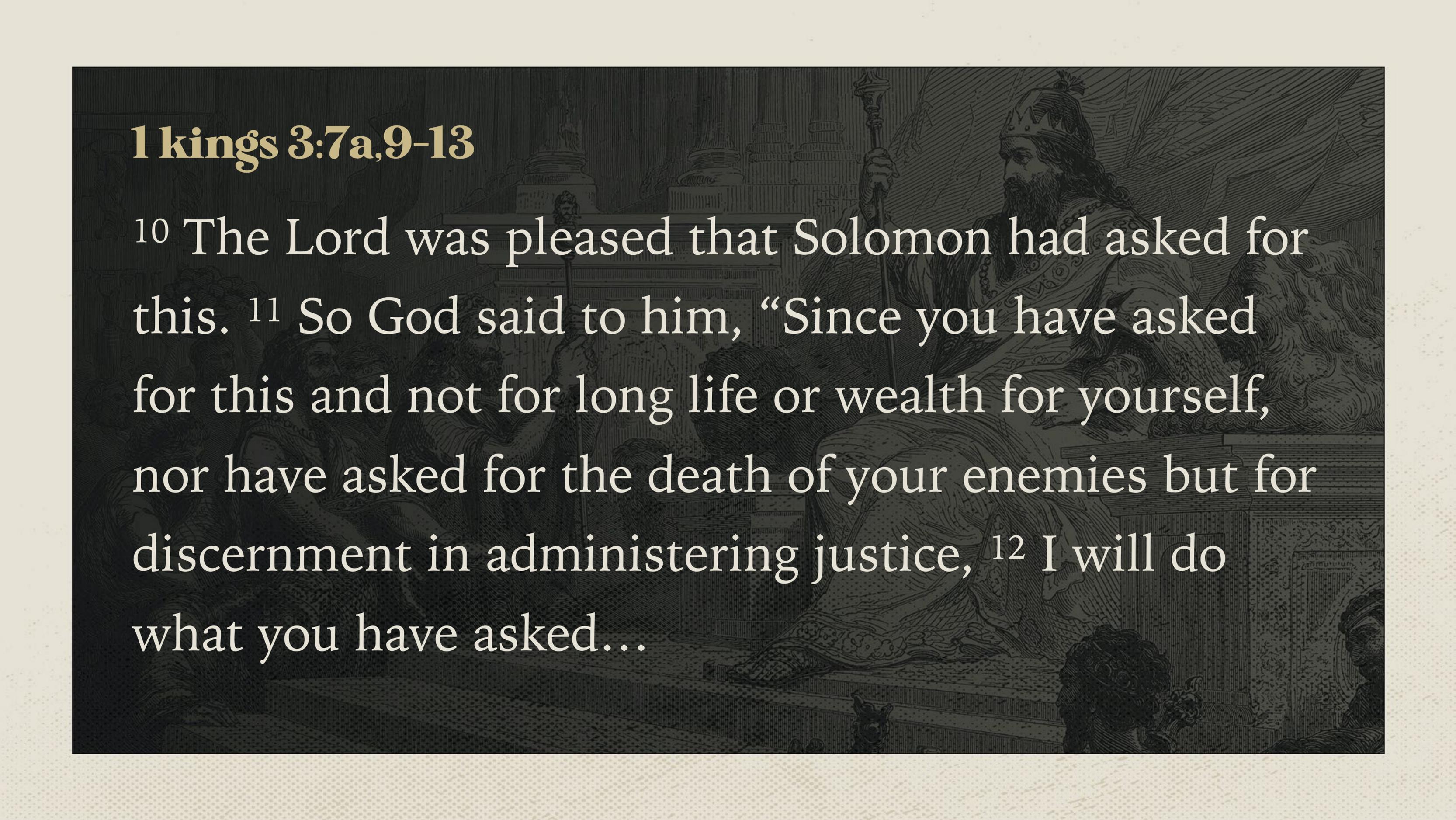
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experience God's extravagant response



1 kings 3:7a,9-13

⁷ “Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David... ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

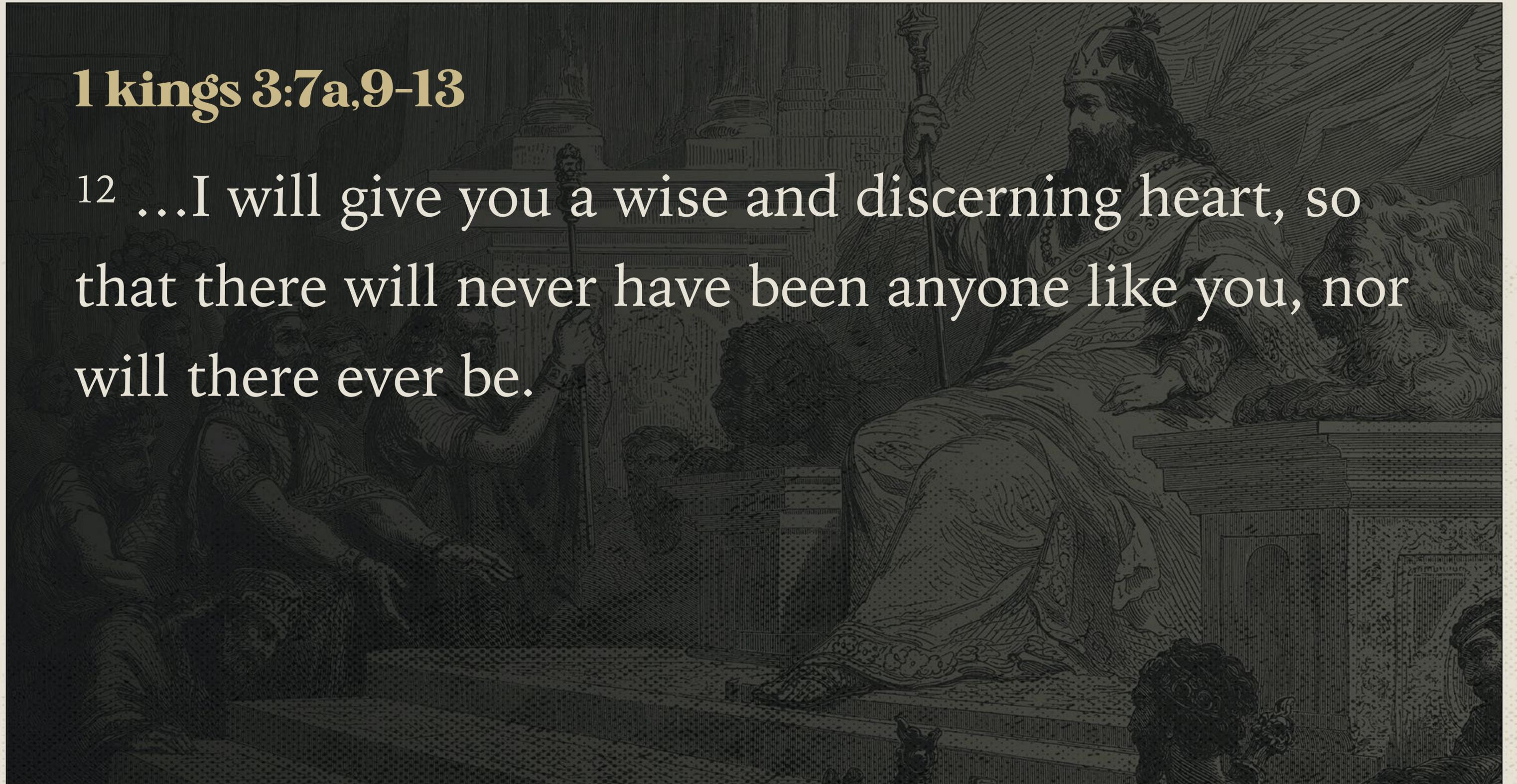


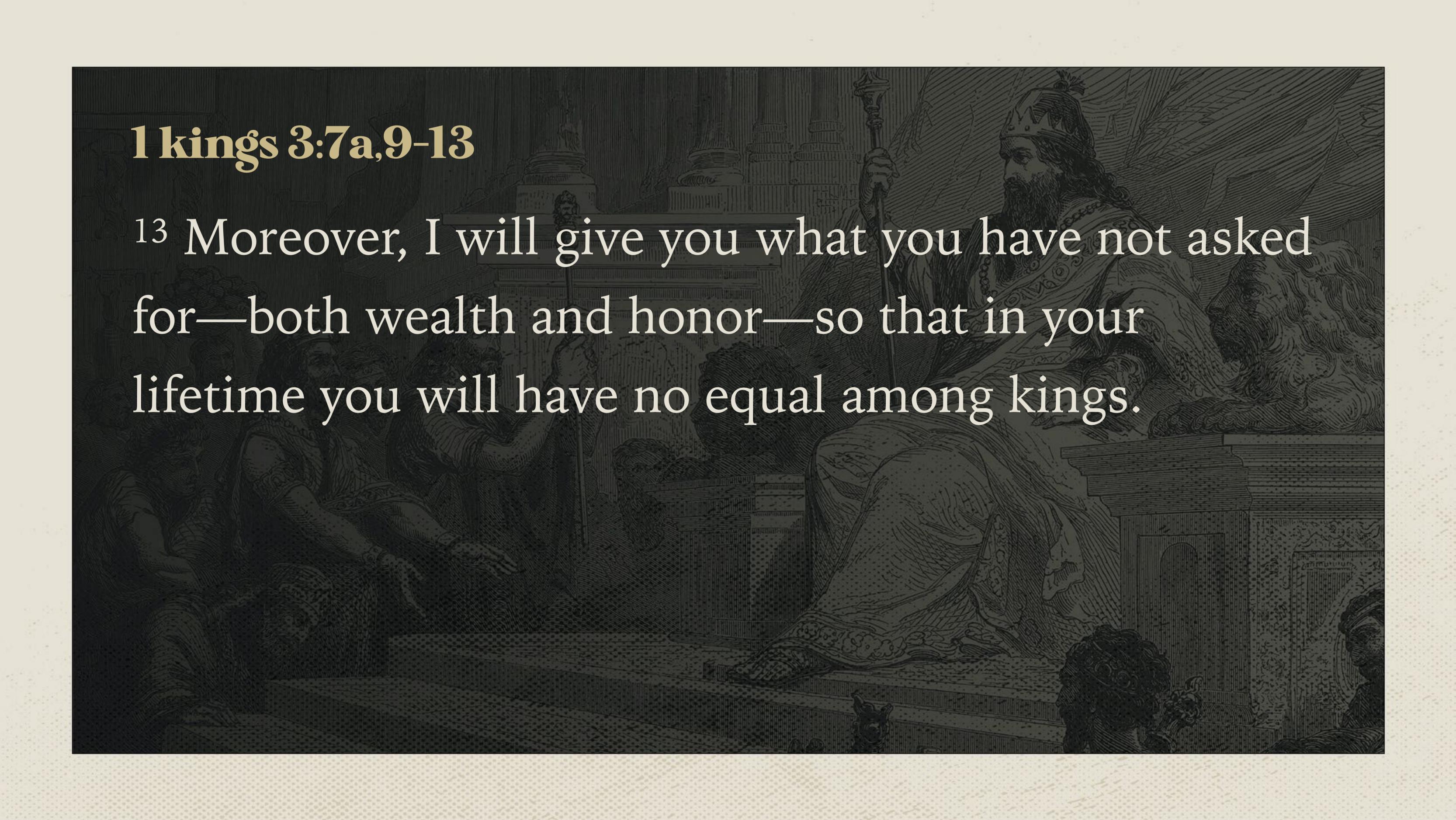
1 kings 3:7a,9-13

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, ¹² I will do what you have asked...

1 kings 3:7a,9-13

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



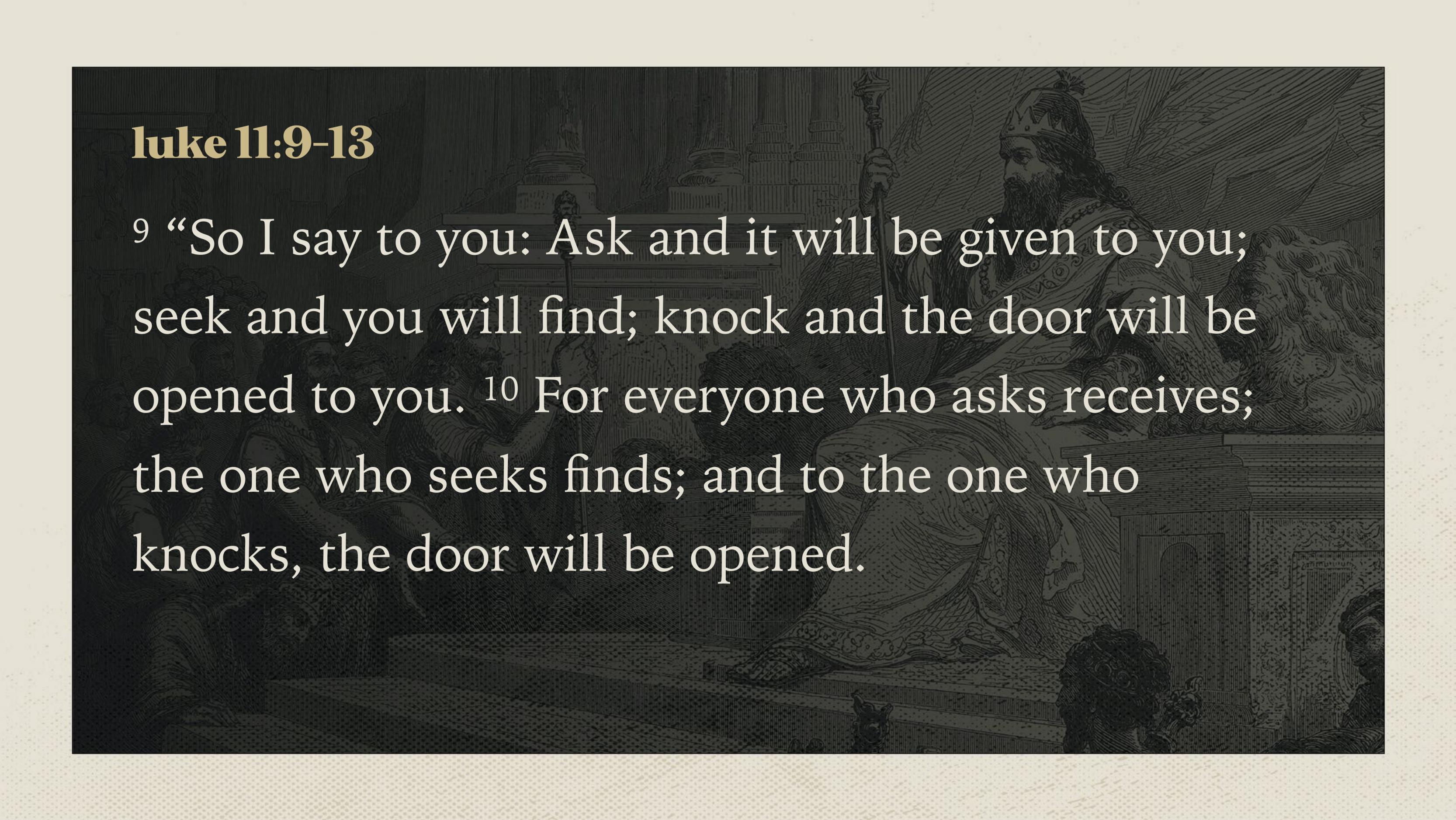


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¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.

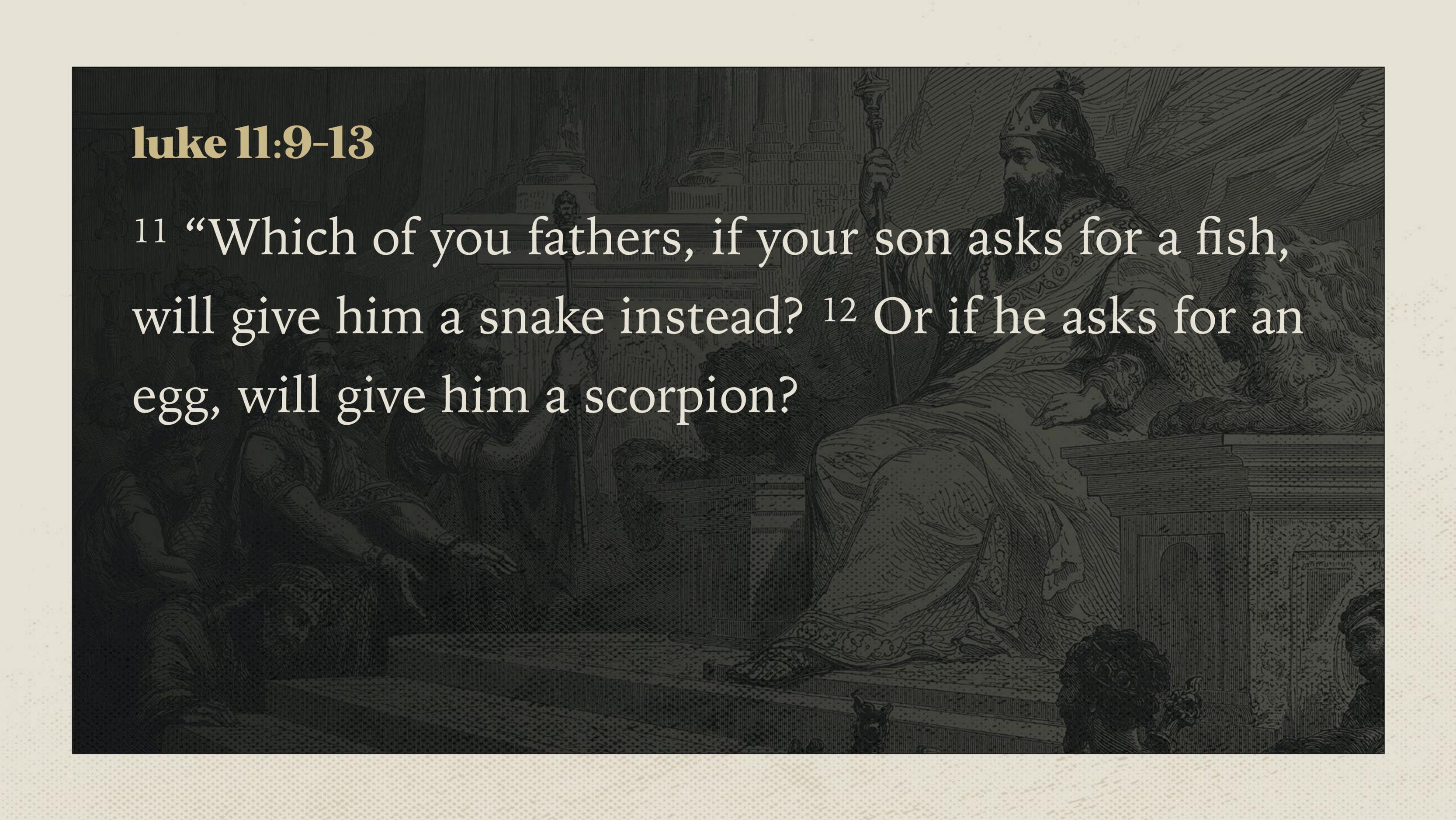
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the promise of jesus



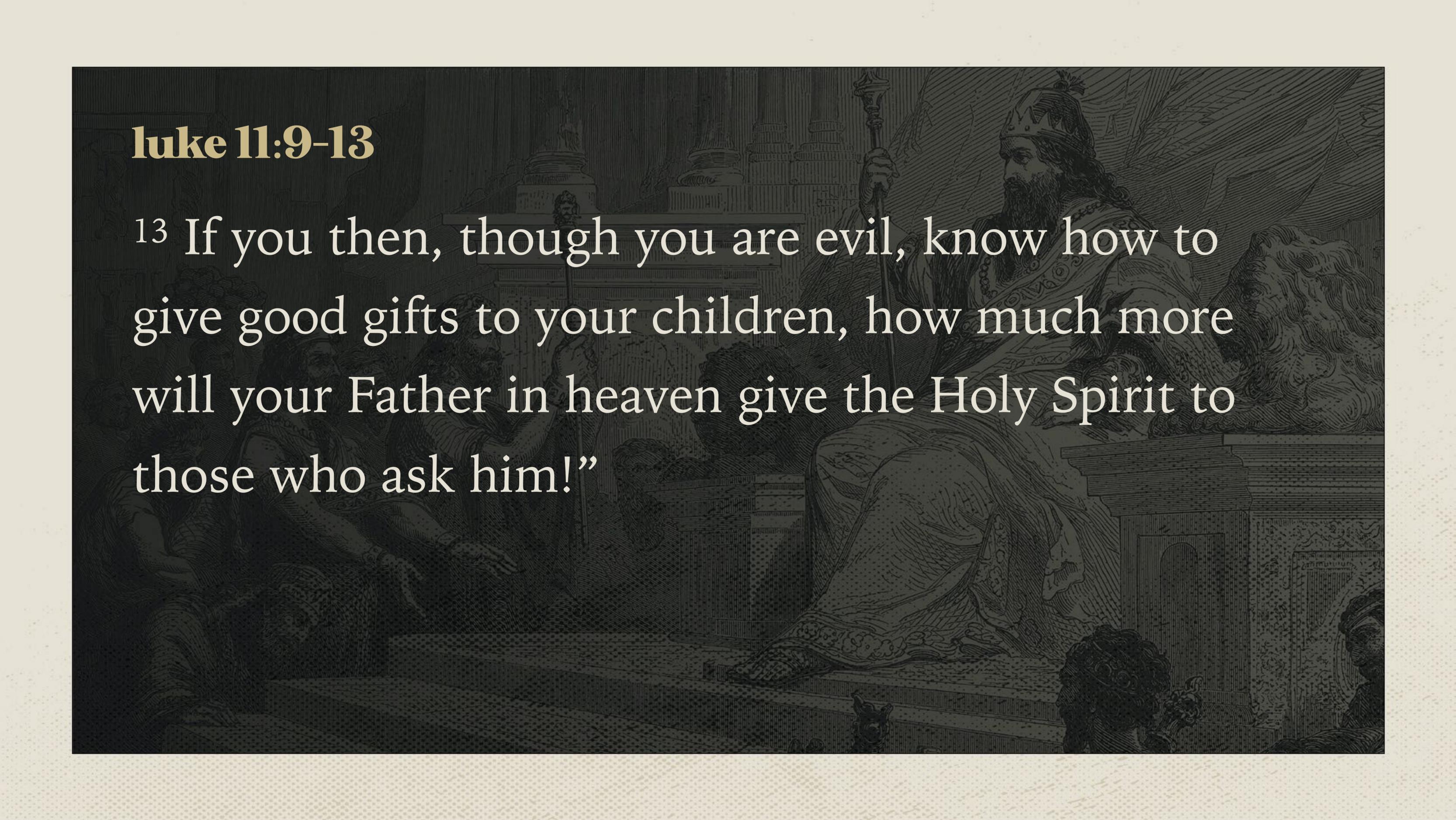
luke 11:9-13

⁹ “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.



luke 11:9-13

¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?”

A dark, monochromatic illustration of a king sitting on a throne, holding a scepter, with a crowd of people gathered around him. The king is wearing a crown and a long, patterned robe. He is looking towards the right. The background shows a palace interior with columns and a large window. The overall style is that of a woodcut or engraving.

luke 11:9-13

¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

