

# 2 John

## *Limits to Love*



**Key Word**

297

**Limits**

**2 John**

# Theme

23

## Limits to Love

2 John

# Key Verses

297

**“Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your home or welcome him” (Verses 9-10).**

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# Summary Statement

John exhorts ***limitations to love*** for a Christian woman and her children who show hospitality to missionaries but need warning not to extend the same to false teachers to warn against ***aiding the spread of destructive heresies.***

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# Kingdom Statement

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**The kingdom life balances love and truth (vv. 1-6) so that neither invalidates the other.**

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# Covenant

27f

**An anonymous woman and her children are addressed (v. 1), who likely opened their home for church services and housed traveling preachers.**

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# Redemption

27f

**One evidence of salvation is continuing to believe that Jesus died in a real body (v. 7), whereas those who deny this “do not have God” (v. 9), likely meaning they lose reward (v. 8).**

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# Prophecy (Lord, Deity)

**Jesus is Lord even though he is human, as  
“many deceivers have gone out into the  
world. They deny that Jesus Christ came in a  
real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an  
antichrist” (v. 7 NLT).**

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# 2 John – Summary Chart

## Limits to Love

<b>Aid True Teachers</b>			<b>Avoid False Teachers</b>	
<b>Verses 1-6</b>			<b>Verses 7-13</b>	
<b>Walk in Commandments</b>			<b>Watch for Counterfeits</b>	
<b>Positive</b>			<b>Negative</b>	
<b>Demonstrate Truth</b>			<b>Defend Truth</b>	
<b>Greeting in Truth &amp; Love (1-3)</b>	<b>Obedience Commended (4)</b>	<b>Exhortation to Love (5-6)</b>	<b>Prohibition to Help False Teachers (7-11)</b>	<b>Expected Visit &amp; Greetings (12-13)</b>
<b>Ephesus</b>				
<b>AD 85-95</b>				

# 2 John

- 1-3 **L**ove for the lady
- 4-6 **A**dmonished for loving others
- 7-11 **D**eception of the Antichrist
- 12-13 **Y**earning to pay visit

## *Limits to Love*



# Be Discerning

A pair of hands holds a pair of black-rimmed glasses over a body of water. The reflection in the lenses shows a port with many cranes. The background is a bright, slightly blurred outdoor scene.

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# A Case Study...

- Suppose two Jehovah's Witnesses come to your door. Will you invite them inside your home? Why or why not?
- Please get into the right group...



Podium

Keep  
them  
out

It depends

Let  
them  
in

# The Gospel

**Is it really  
changing our  
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How can you **live out** the  
gospel?

**Two ways...**



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# I. Aid **true** teachers (1-6).



## II. Avoid **false** teachers (7-13).



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# Main Idea

**Live the gospel  
by not aiding  
those who  
hinder the  
gospel**



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# How do Christians aid heresy?



- Encouraging itinerate heretics
- Giving money to cults (YouTube preachers, etc.)
- Buying heretical books
- Attending movies that violate Scripture
- Accepting literature from false evangelists

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**How can the  
existence of creation  
be explained?**

# **Gnosticism: Perplexing Questions**

**What is the  
origin of evil?**

*How can a holy  
God create a  
universe with sin?*

**Chart 43**

# Essential Components of Gnosticism

- (1) *Dualism***
- (2) *Emanations***
- (3) *Knowledge***

**God**  
**(Pure Spirit)**

**Demiurge**

**World**

**Man**



**Chart 44**

# Gnosticism's Concept of Salvation

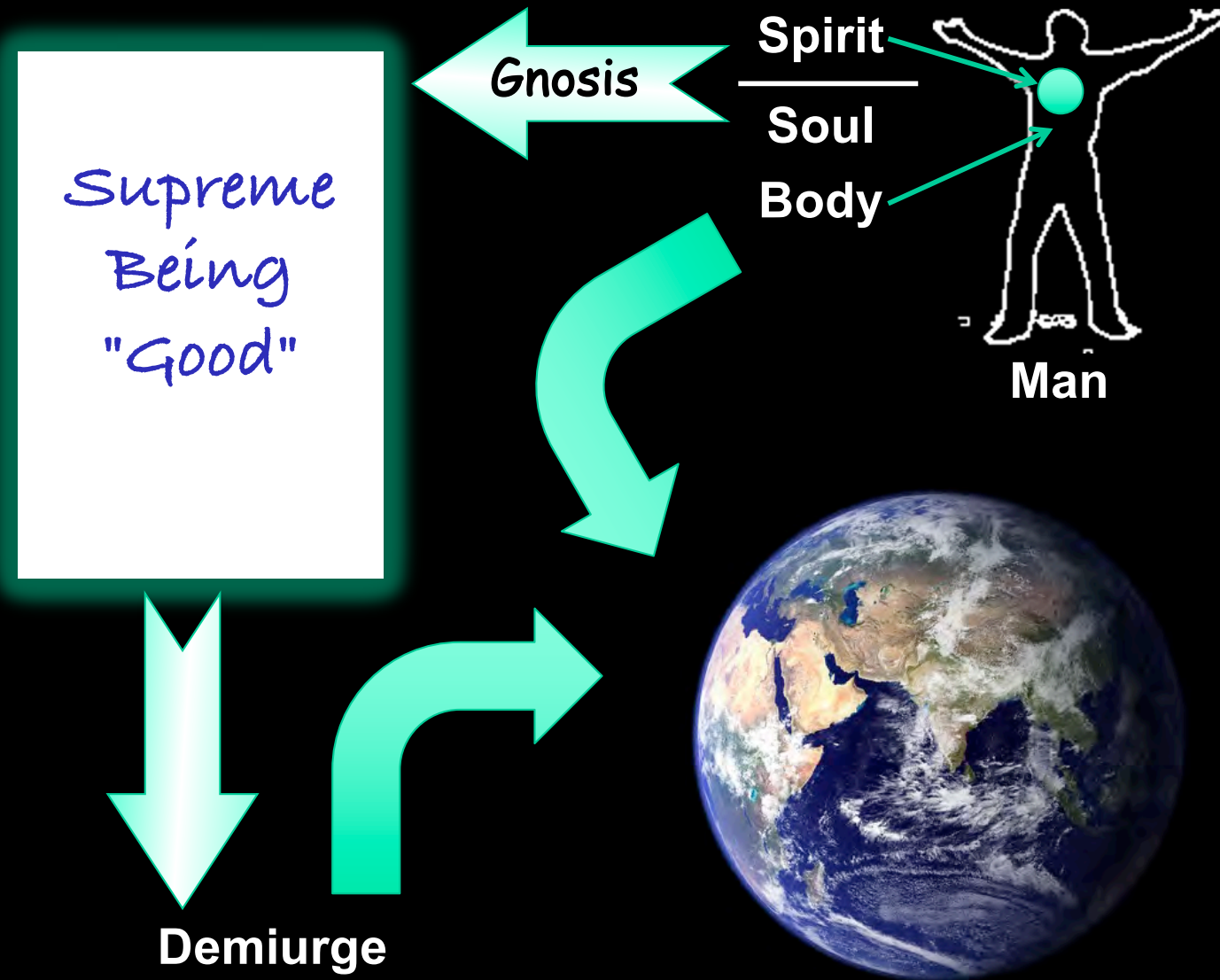


Chart 45

# The Gospel of Judas

- Judas said, "Master, could it be that my seed is under the control of the rulers?" Jesus answered and said to him, "... you will grieve much when you see the kingdom and all its generation." When he heard this, Judas said to him, "What good is it that I have received it? For you have set me apart for that generation." Jesus answered and said, "You will become the thirteenth, and you will be cursed by the other generations—and you will come to rule over them. In the last days they will curse your ascent [47] to the holy [generation]."

# The Gospel of Judas

- Judas said to Jesus, "Look, what will those who have been baptized in your name do?" Jesus said, "... Truly [I] say to you, Judas, [those who] offer sacrifices to Saklas [...]God [—three lines missing—] everything that is evil. But you will exceed all of them. For you will sacrifice the man that clothes me."

# Irenaeus (AD 180)



*Against Heresies*  
1.31.1

1. Others again declare that Cain derived his being from the Power above, and acknowledge that Esau, Korah, the Sodomites, and all such persons, are related to themselves. On this account, they add, they have been assailed by the Creator, yet no one of them has suffered injury. For Sophia was in the habit of carrying off that which belonged to her from them to herself. They declare that Judas the traitor was thoroughly acquainted with these things, and that he alone, knowing the truth as no others did, accomplished the mystery of the betrayal; by him all things, both earthly and heavenly, were thus thrown into confusion. They produce a fictitious history of this kind, which they style the ***Gospel of Judas.***



# The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

# Teachings of the Heretic Arius

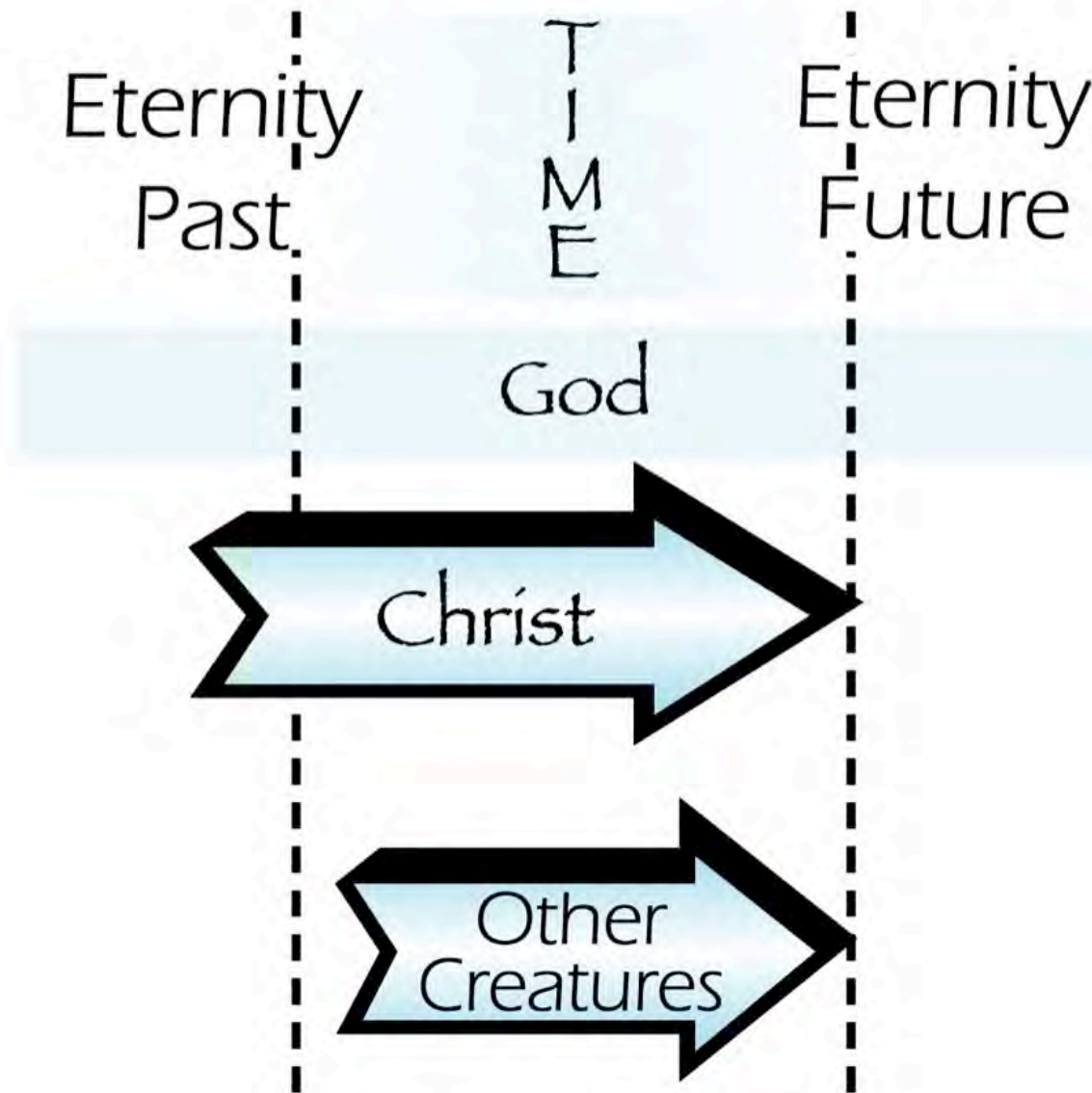


Chart 61

# Alexander versus the Heretic Arius

Alexander:  
*Bishop of  
Alexandria*

**Father**

**Son**

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**Creation**

Arius:  
*Presbyter under  
Alexander*

**Father**

**Son**

**Creation**

Chart 62

# What About Nicea (AD 325)?

Bishops throughout  
the Eastern Empire  
gathered &  
excommunicated  
Arius of Alexandria



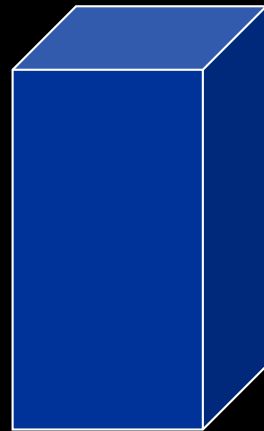
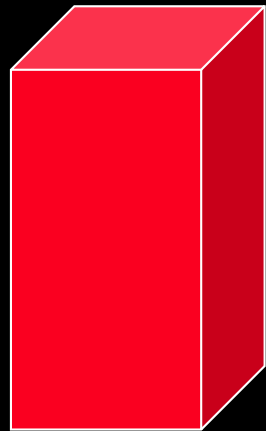
Alexander

Arius

# What About Nicaea?

**Fiction**

**Fact**



**Arians:**  
"Jesus Not God"

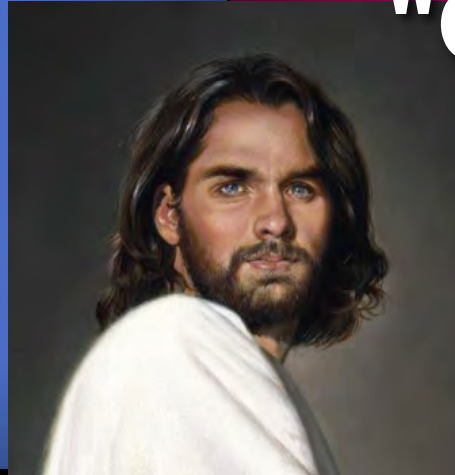
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**AD 325**  
**Council of Nicaea**

**Paul:**  
**"Christ, who is  
God over all"**  
**Rom. 9:5**



**Peter:**  
**"God and Savior  
Jesus Christ"**  
**2 Pet. 1:1**

## **1st century belief in Deity**

**The Father:**  
**"About the Son He  
says, 'Your throne,  
O God...'"** Heb. 1:8

**Jesus:**  
**"I and the Father  
are one"**  
**John 10:30**

# Belief in Christ's Deity Before Nicaea

Ignatius: "God Himself was manifest in human form" (AD 105)

Clement: "It is fitting that you should think of Jesus Christ as of God" (AD 150)

Irenaeus: "He is God, for the name Emmanuel indicates this" (AD 180)

Tertullian: "... Christ our God" (AD 200)

Origen: "No one should be offended that the Savior is also God" (AD 225)

Lactantius: "We believe Him to be God" (AD 304)

# The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

We believe in one God,  
the Father All Governing,  
Creator of all things  
visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God



# The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

begotten not created,  
of the same essence  
as the Father,  
through whom all things  
came into being,  
both in heaven and on earth;  
Who for us men and for our salvation  
came down and was incarnate,  
becoming human.



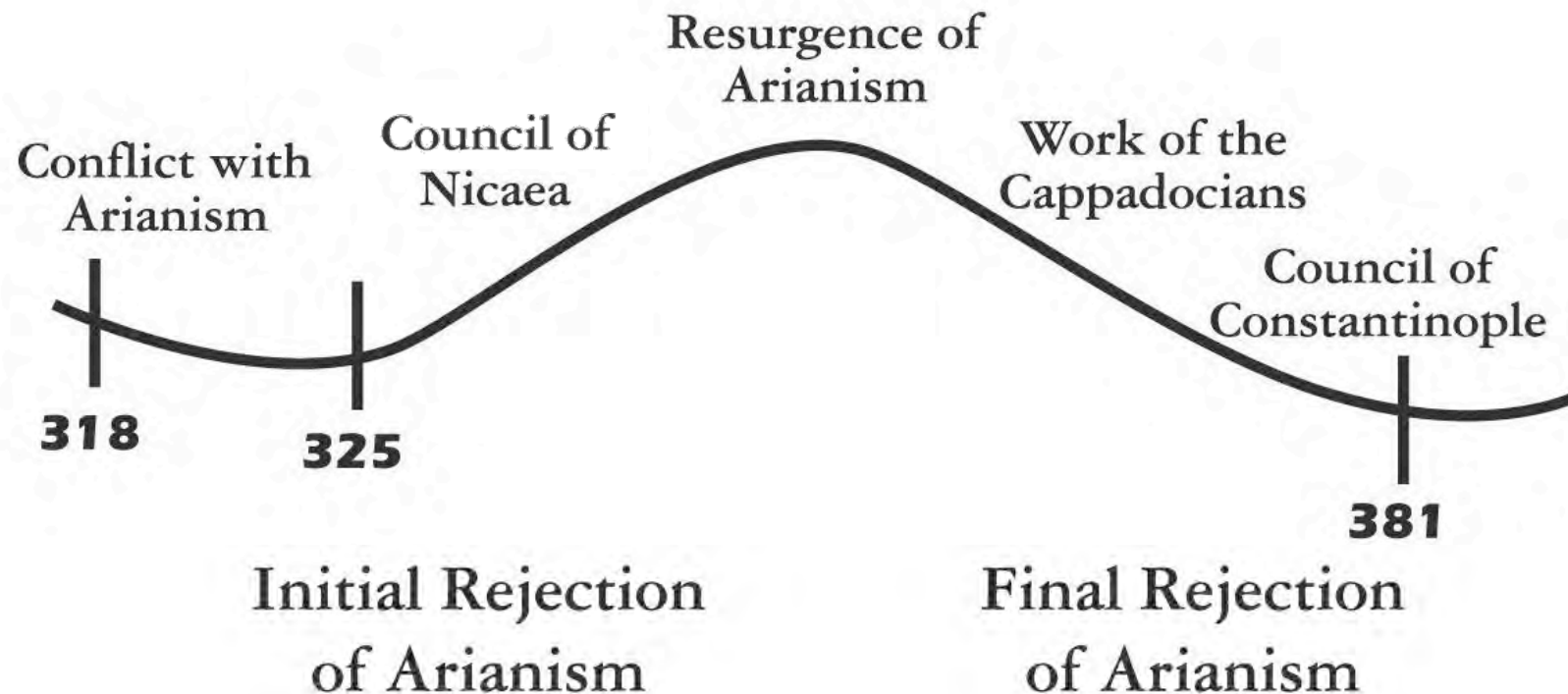
## The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

He suffered  
and the third day he rose,  
and ascended  
into the heavens.  
And he will come to judge  
both the living and the dead.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit.



# The Arian Controversy and Trinitarianism



# The Resurgence of Arianism

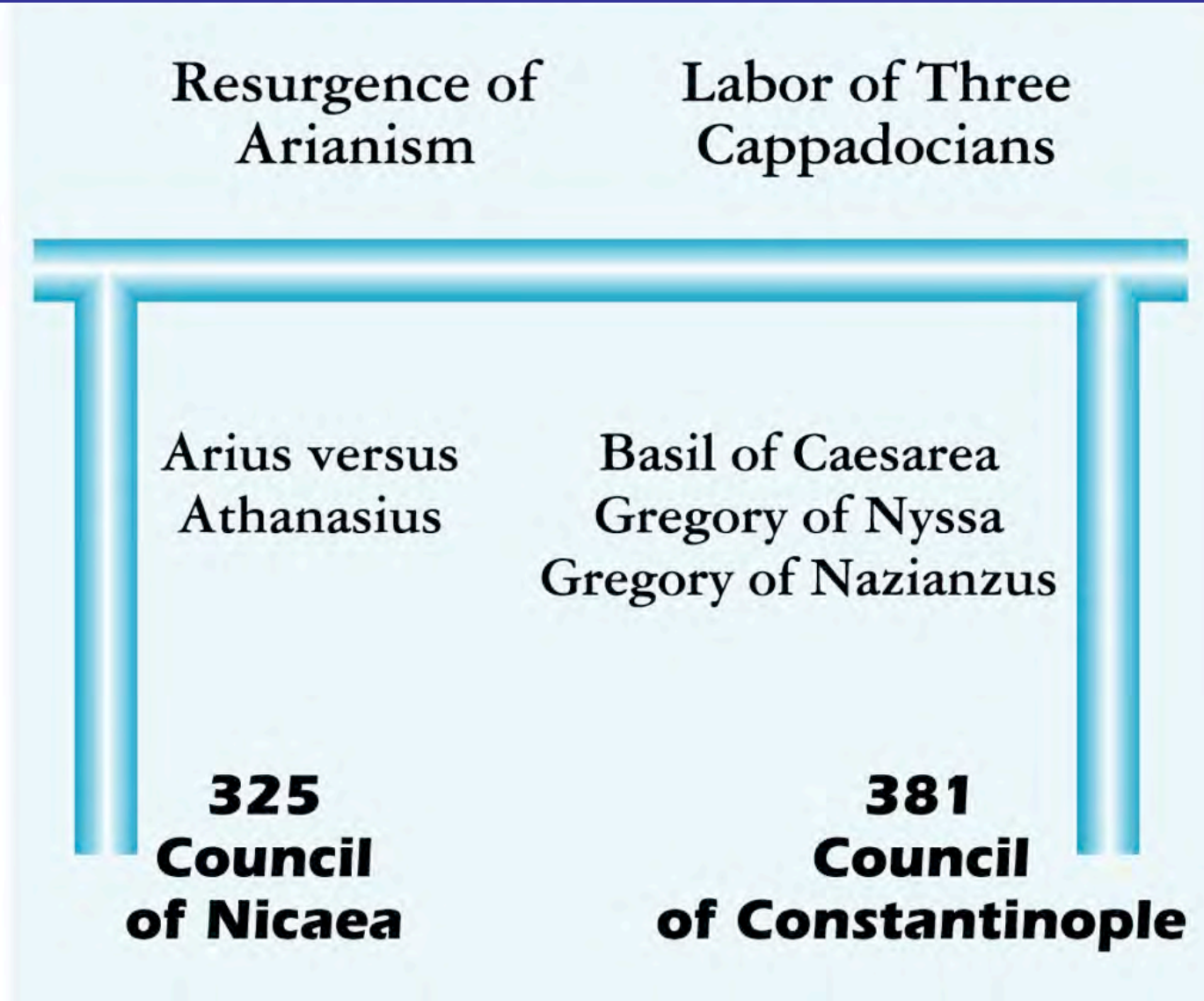


Chart 65

## Contrasts



In **2 John** the Apostle John warns against **supporting false** teachers

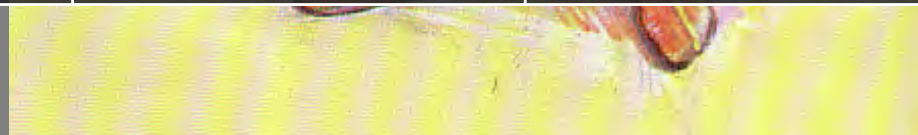
In **3 John** he gives the "flip-side": believers should **support true** missionary teachers.



## Contrasts



	2 John	3 John
<b>Recipient</b>	a Woman	a Man
<b>Names</b>	Anonymous	Gaius, Diotrephes, Demetrius
<b>Mood</b>	Condemns	Commends
<b>Missionaries</b>	False	True
<b>Hospitality/Support</b>	Misplaced	Missing (Diotrephes) Maintained (Gaius)
<b>Verses</b>	13	15
<b>Words (Greek text)</b>	245	219



# Be Discerning

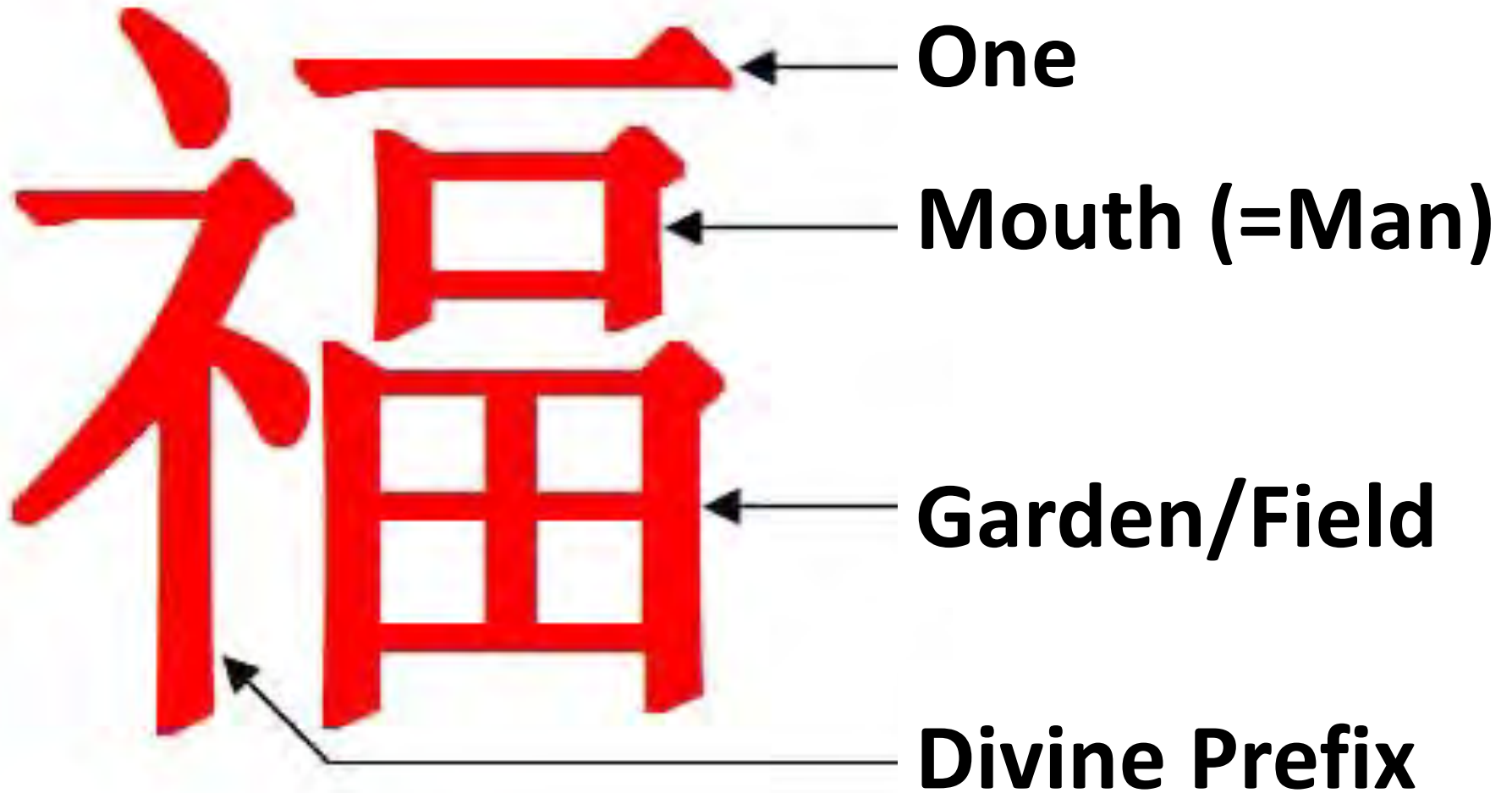


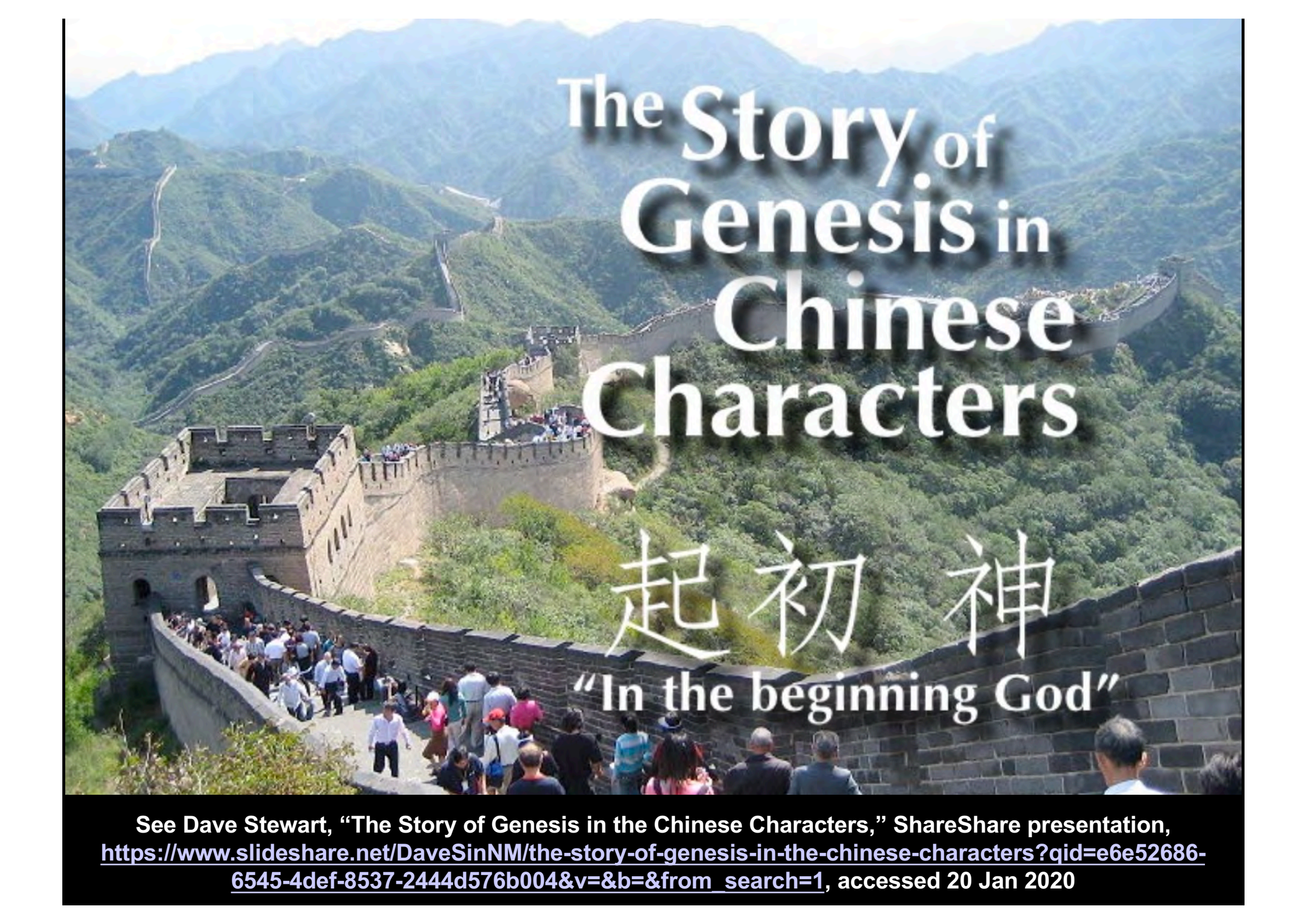
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# “Blessing”





# The Story of Genesis in Chinese Characters

起初神

“In the beginning God”

See Dave Stewart, “The Story of Genesis in the Chinese Characters,” ShareShare presentation, [https://www.slideshare.net/DaveSinNM/the-story-of-genesis-in-the-chinese-characters?qid=e6e52686-6545-4def-8537-2444d576b004&v=&b=&from\\_search=1](https://www.slideshare.net/DaveSinNM/the-story-of-genesis-in-the-chinese-characters?qid=e6e52686-6545-4def-8537-2444d576b004&v=&b=&from_search=1), accessed 20 Jan 2020

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to create

“Create”

Create means to  
speak to dust to  
give life to a man  
so he can walk

告 土 丩 口 之

Speak = dust, life, man + walk/mud

# “Devil” & “Tempter”

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鬼 = 厶 + 丿 + 儿 + 田

Devil

Secret

Life

Man

Garden

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魔 = 鬼 + 广 + 林

Tempter

Devil

Cover

Forest/  
Two Trees

船

**Boat**

**“Boat”**

**The boat was a  
vessel of eight  
people**

舟 八 口

**Vessel + Eight + People**

Lamb

羊



義



我

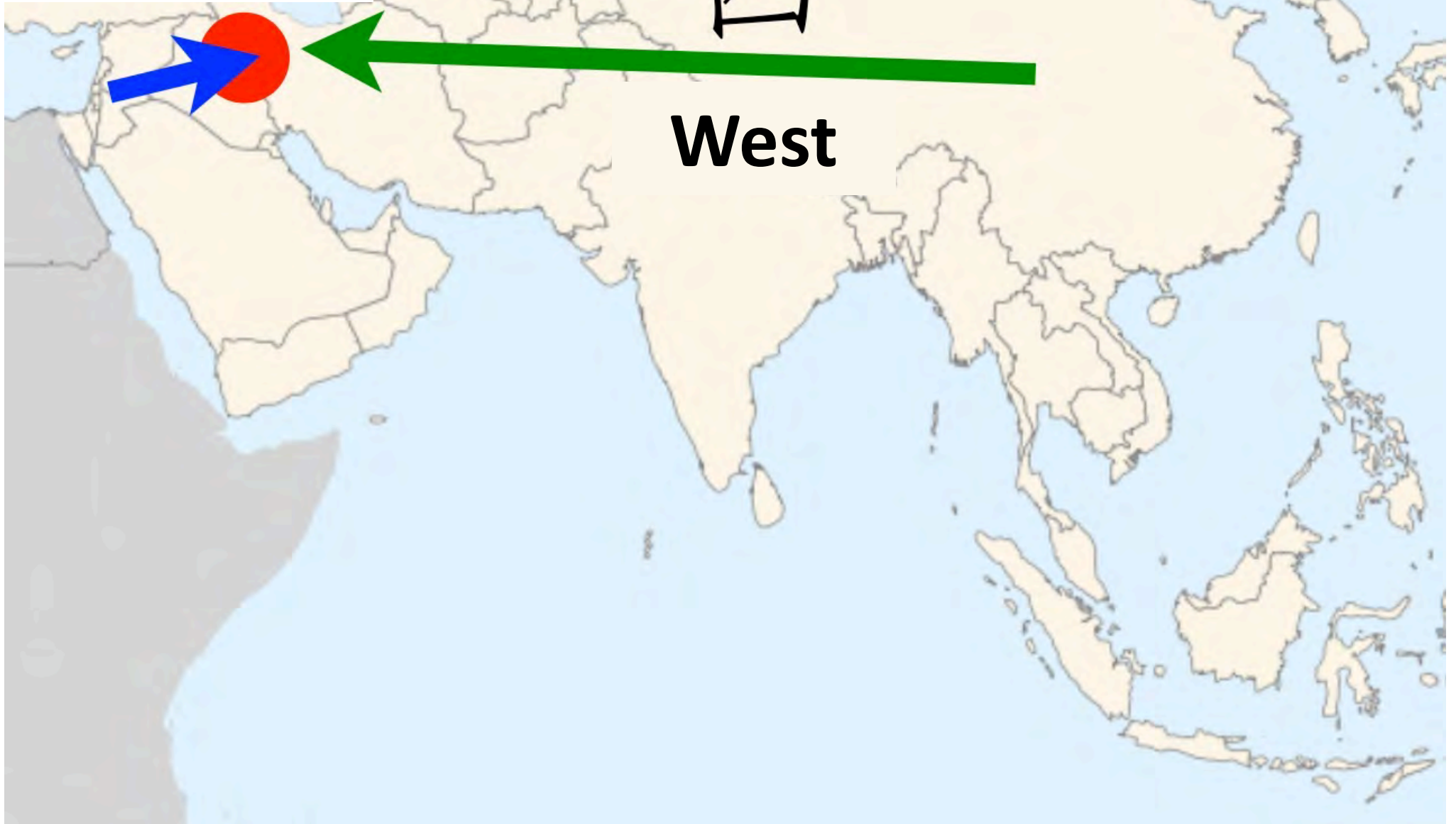
“Righteousness”

I or Me

**Garden  
of Eden**

西

**West**



**One man in a garden = West**

一 + 儿 + 口 = 西

**One**

**Person**

**Enclosure,  
Garden**

**West**

# The Discovery of Genesis

How the Truths of Genesis  
Were Found Hidden  
in the Chinese Language



C.H. Kang and Ethel R. Nelson

# C. H. Kang

上帝 Shang Di

Buddha

2500

1500

400

33

2000

BC | AD

Chinese  
Language  
First  
Written

First 5  
Books  
of Bible  
Written

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Death  
of Jesus



**“Lucky”?**  
**“Blessing”?**



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**2 John**



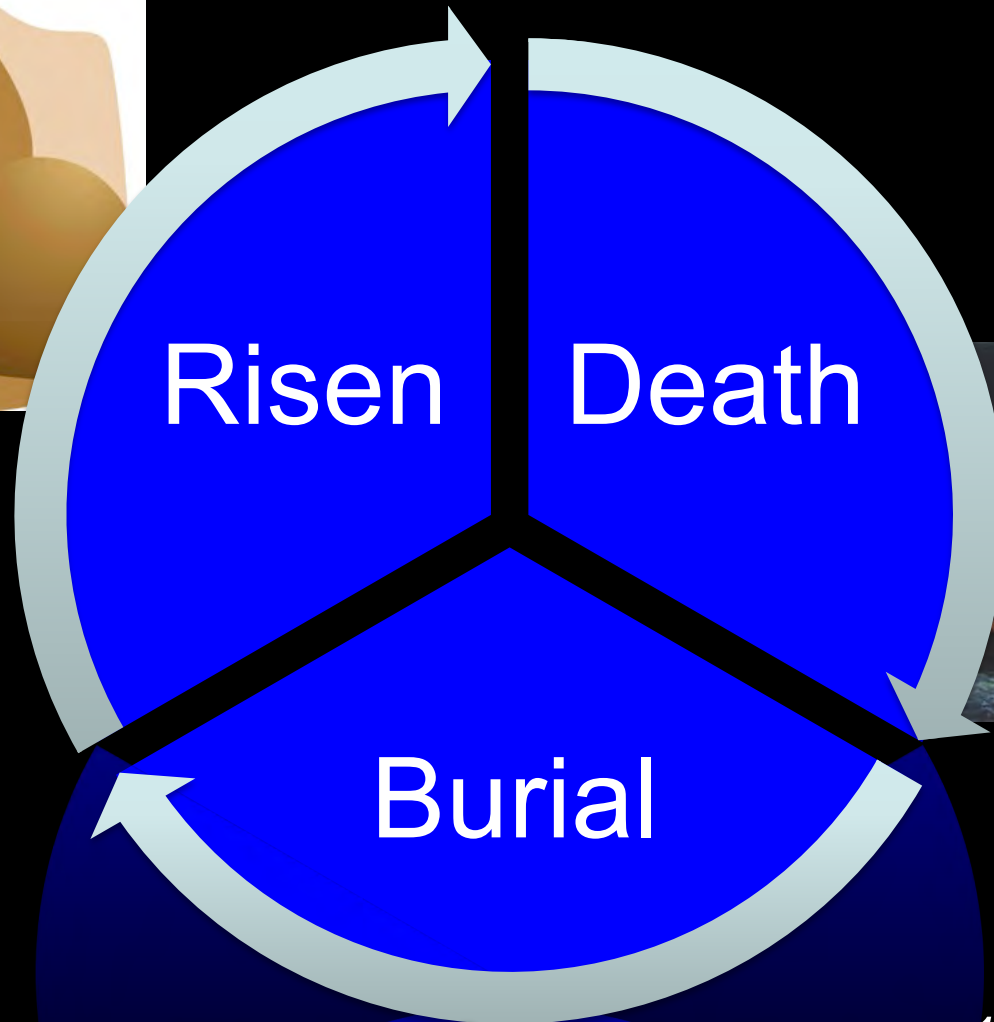
**What's the Gospel?**

# The Full Gospel

"Let me now remind you... of the Good News [Gospel] I preached to you before..." (NLT)



"He was raised from the dead on the third day..."



"Christ died for our sins..."



"He was buried..."

1 Cor. 15:3-4

# The Gospel

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How can you *live out* the  
gospel?

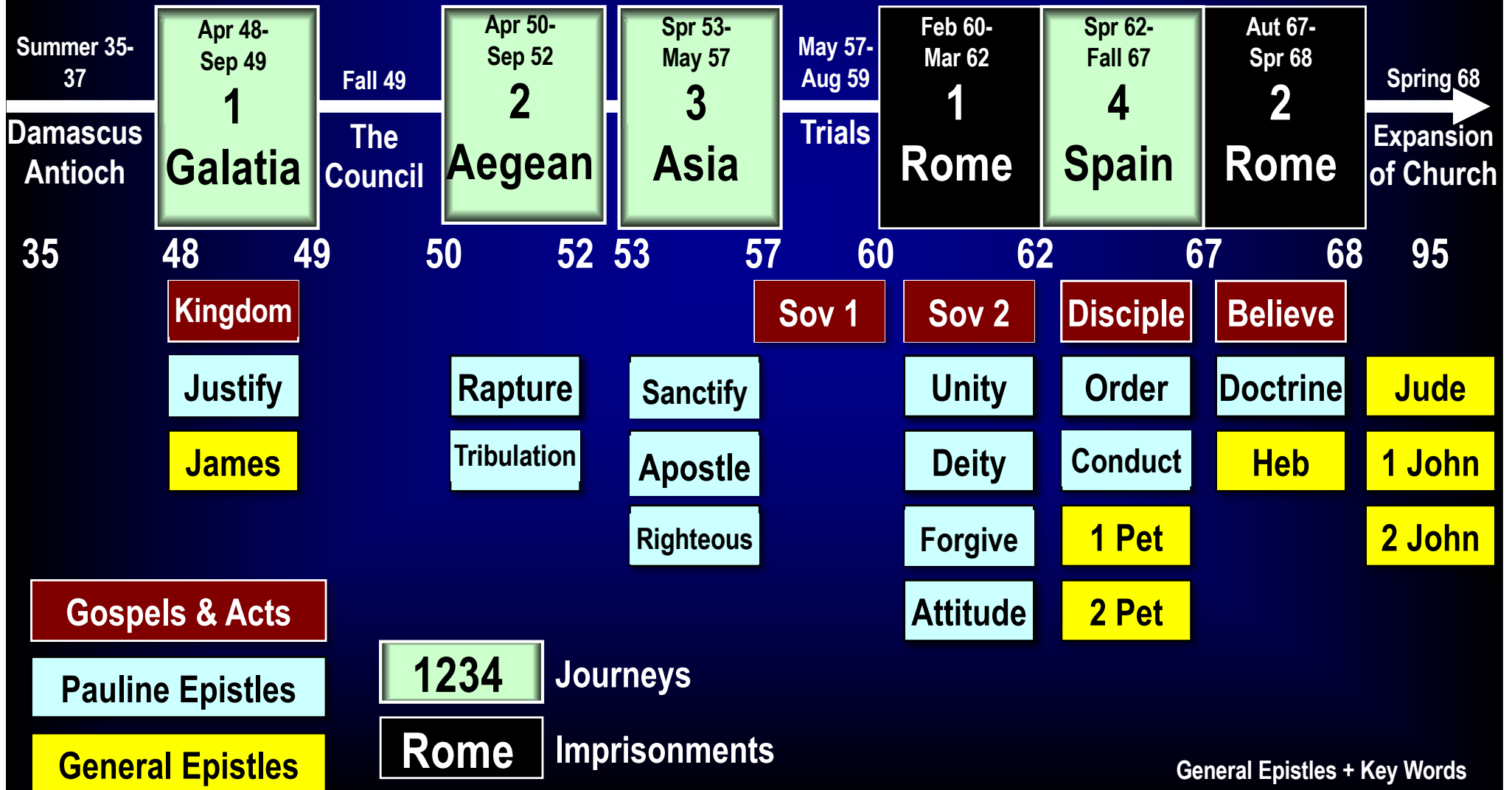


# NT Overview (General + Key Words)

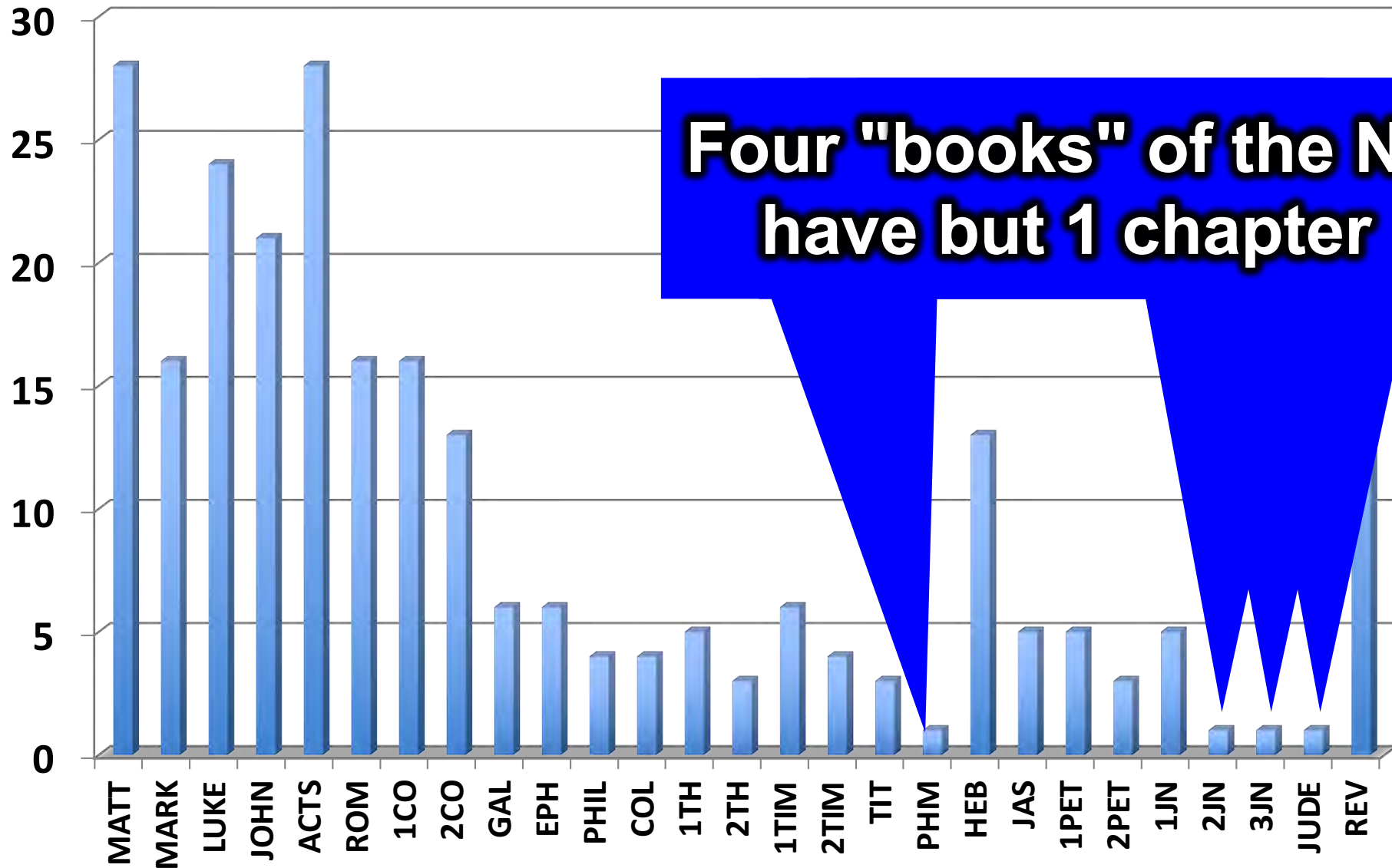
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124  
39-41

"To the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28



# Chapters in NT Books



Four "books" of the NT have but 1 chapter

# Verses in NT Emails

25

20

15

10

5

0

PHILEMON

2 JOHN

3 JOHN

JUDE

13

15

Words

245

219

# Date of Writing

**Most scholars believe that John recorded this epistle about AD 90, although nothing in it excludes an earlier date.**

**Thus it was written in about AD 85-95.**

# Gnostics Taught a "Secret Knowledge"

## *Two Types Addressed in 1-3 John*

### **Docetic Gnosticism**

From *dokeo*, "to seem"  
(Christ only *seemed* to  
be a man)

**Matter is Evil**

**Depreciated Materialism**

**Denied Christ's Humanity**

**Touched Jesus (1:1)**

**Led to Asceticism**

**Immorality exalted**

### **Cerinthian Gnosticism**

From Cerinthus, founder in Asia  
(Christ only *seemed* to be  
God)

**Spirit is Good**

**Exalted Knowledge (*gnosis*)**

**Denied Christ's Deity**

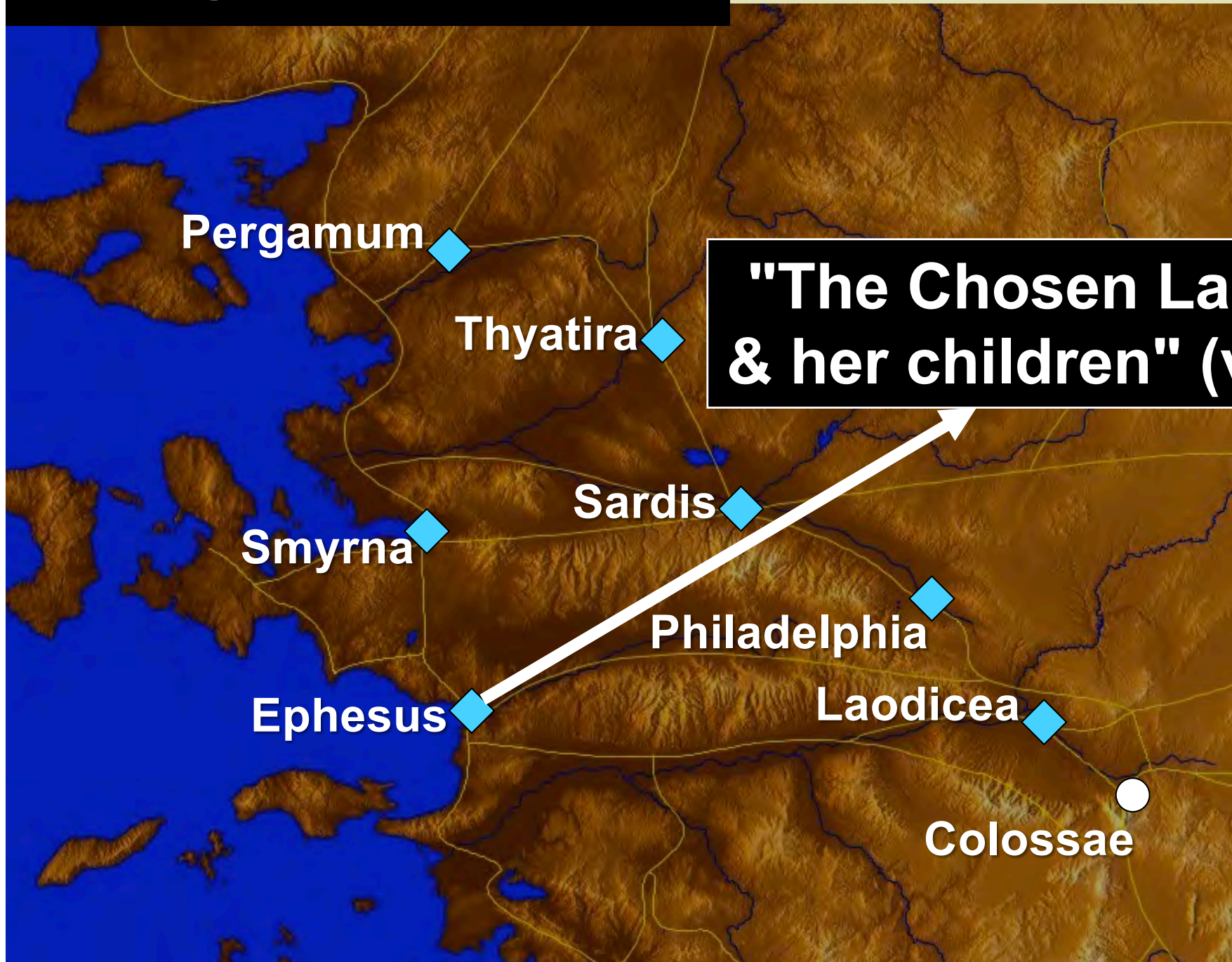
**Water & Blood (5:6)**

**Led to Pride**

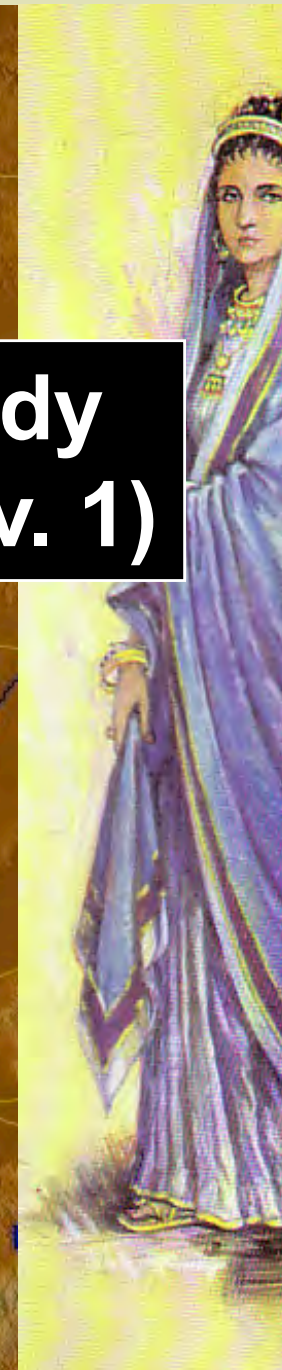
**Education exalted**

# Origin/Recipient

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**"The Chosen Lady & her children" (v. 1)**



## Who is "the Chosen Lady & Her children"?

- A figure for a local **church**?
- The **Virgin Mary**?
- An anonymous **woman** & her children who opened their home for church services & housed traveling preachers



## Occasion



**Before the NT was completed and circulated among the early believers, churches relied on traveling preachers and teachers for truth.**

**Since inns were unsafe and few, these teachers stayed with Christians.**

## Occasion



Many hosts wondered,  
***"Which*** teachers should I  
welcome to my home?"

**John commands a hospitable woman to "put limits on her love" by refusing to house false teachers or to encourage them in any way.**

How can you **live out** the  
gospel?

**Two ways...**



**2 John**

**2 John 1-6**

# I. Aid **true** teachers (1-6).



**2 John**

# Balancing Love and Truth



**"All you need is love..." (The Beatles)**  
*Do you agree? Why or why not?*



**Mushiness**

**Love**

**Truth**



**Harshness**

**Love**


**Truth**



"This letter is from John, the elder. I am writing to the chosen lady and to her children, whom I love in the **truth**—as does everyone else who knows the **truth**—<sup>2</sup>because the **truth** lives in us and will be with us forever" (2 John 1-2 NLT).

"Grace, mercy, and peace, which come from God the Father and from Jesus Christ—the Son of the Father—will continue to be with us who live in **truth** and **love**. <sup>4</sup>How happy I was to meet some of your children and find them living according to the **truth**, just as the Father commanded" (2 John 3-4 NLT).

**"I am writing to remind you, dear friends [Greek: "lady"], that we should love one another. This is not a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning. <sup>6</sup>Love means doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning" (2 John 5-6 NLT).**

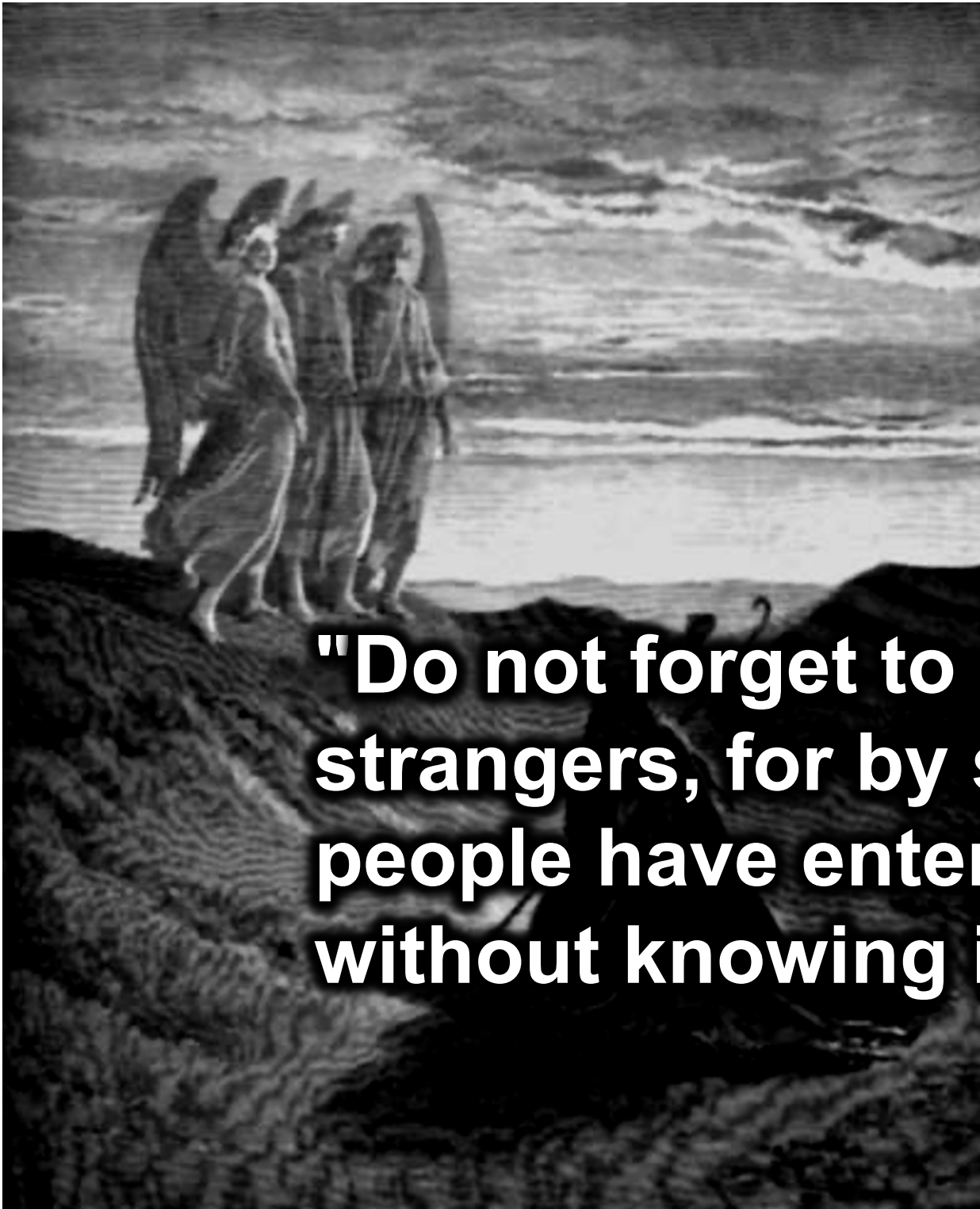


**"Share with God's people  
who are in need. Practice  
hospitality."**

**Romans 12:13 (NIV)**

**"Now the overseer must be . . .  
hospitable" 1 Timothy 3:2 (NIV)**

**"Offer hospitality to one another  
without grumbling." 1 Peter 4:9 (NIV)**



**"Do not forget to entertain  
strangers, for by so doing some  
people have entertained angels  
without knowing it."**

**Hebrews 13:2 (NIV)**



**"I hope to visit you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there [Spain], after I have enjoyed your company for a while."**

**Romans 15:24 (NIV)**



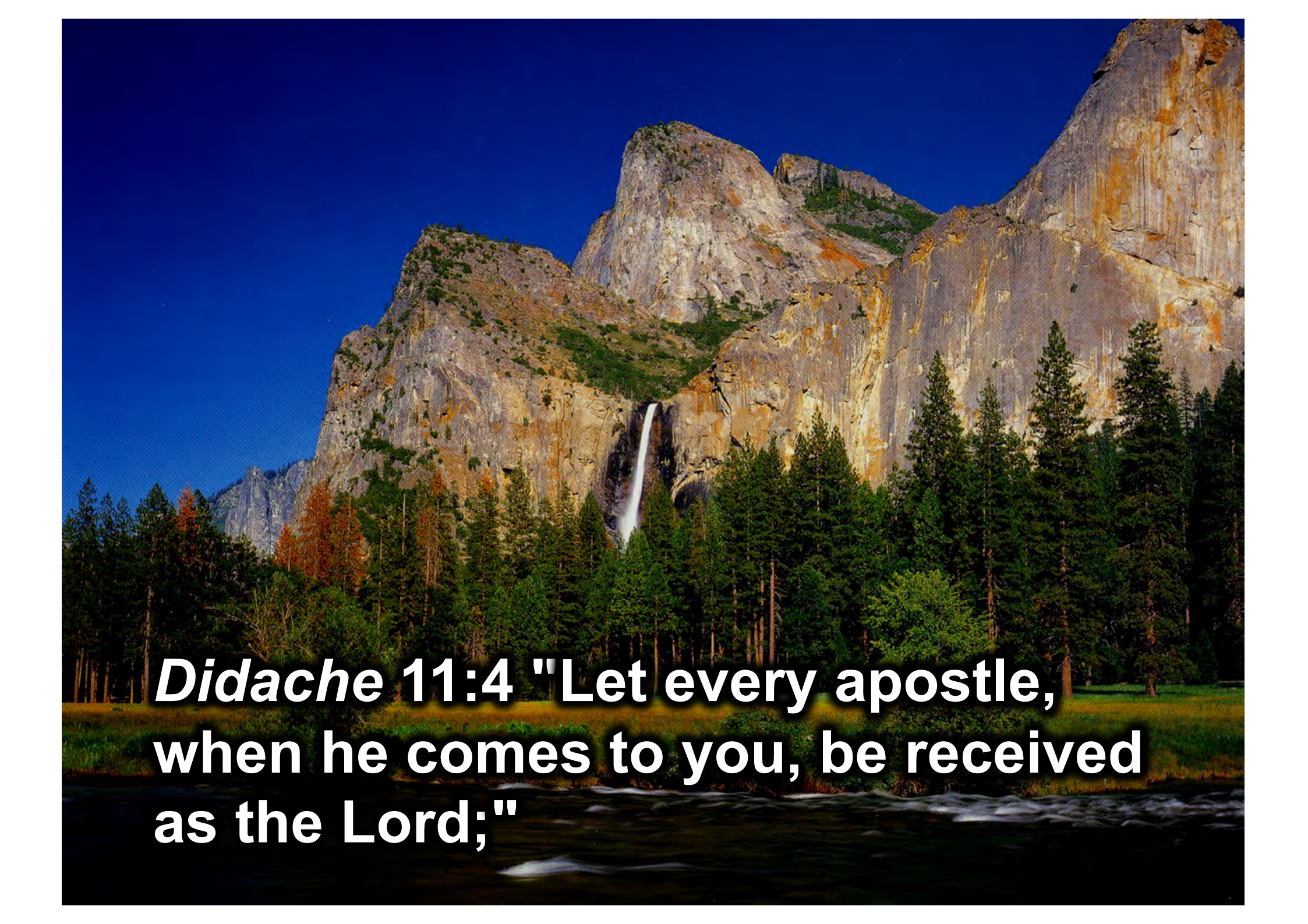
**"Perhaps I will  
stay with you  
awhile, or even  
spend the winter,  
so that you can  
help me on my  
journey, wherever  
I go."**

**1 Corinthians 16:6**

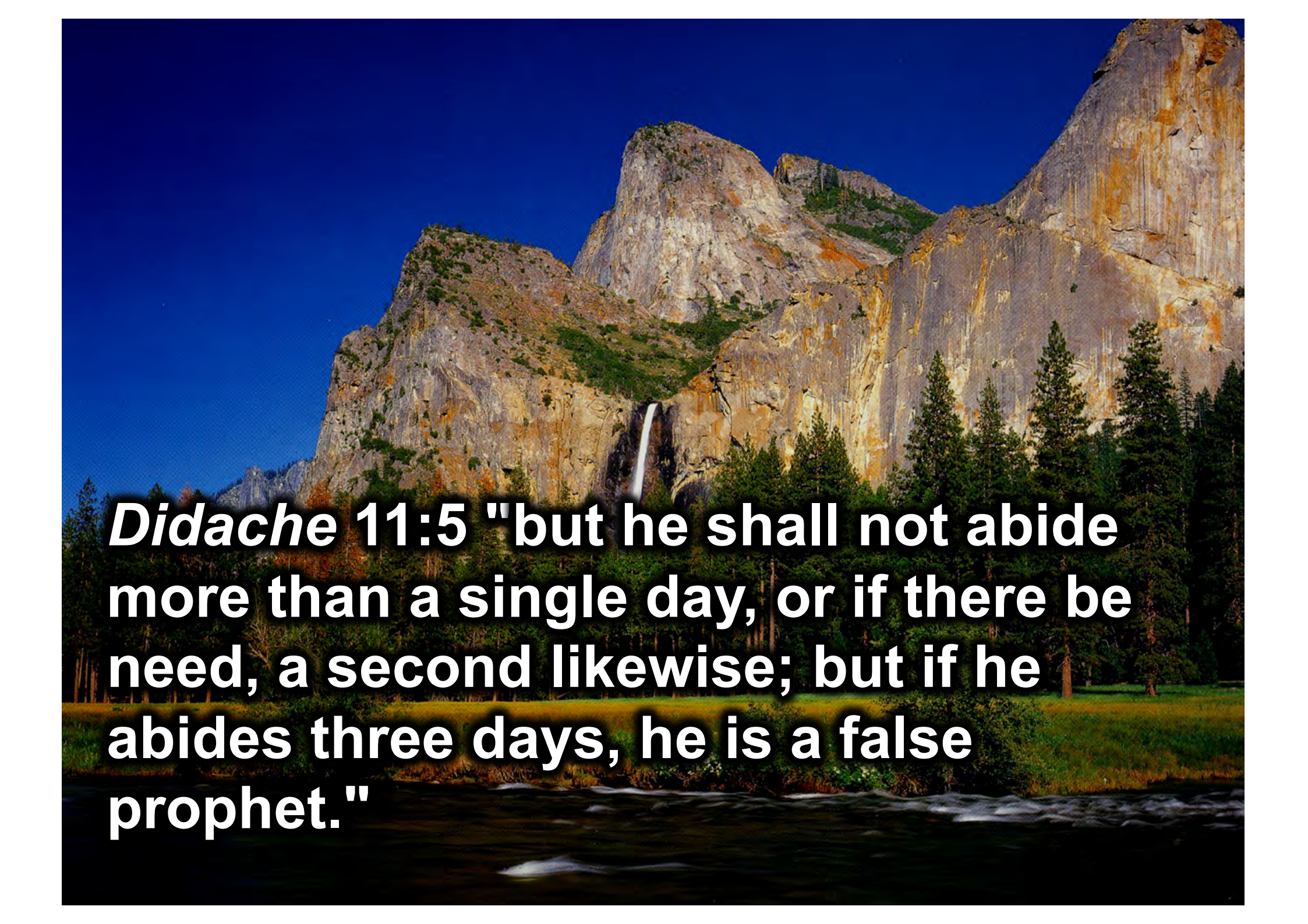
**"Do everything  
you can to help  
Zenas the lawyer  
and Apollos on  
their way and see  
that they have  
everything they  
need."**

**Titus 3:13 (NIV)**

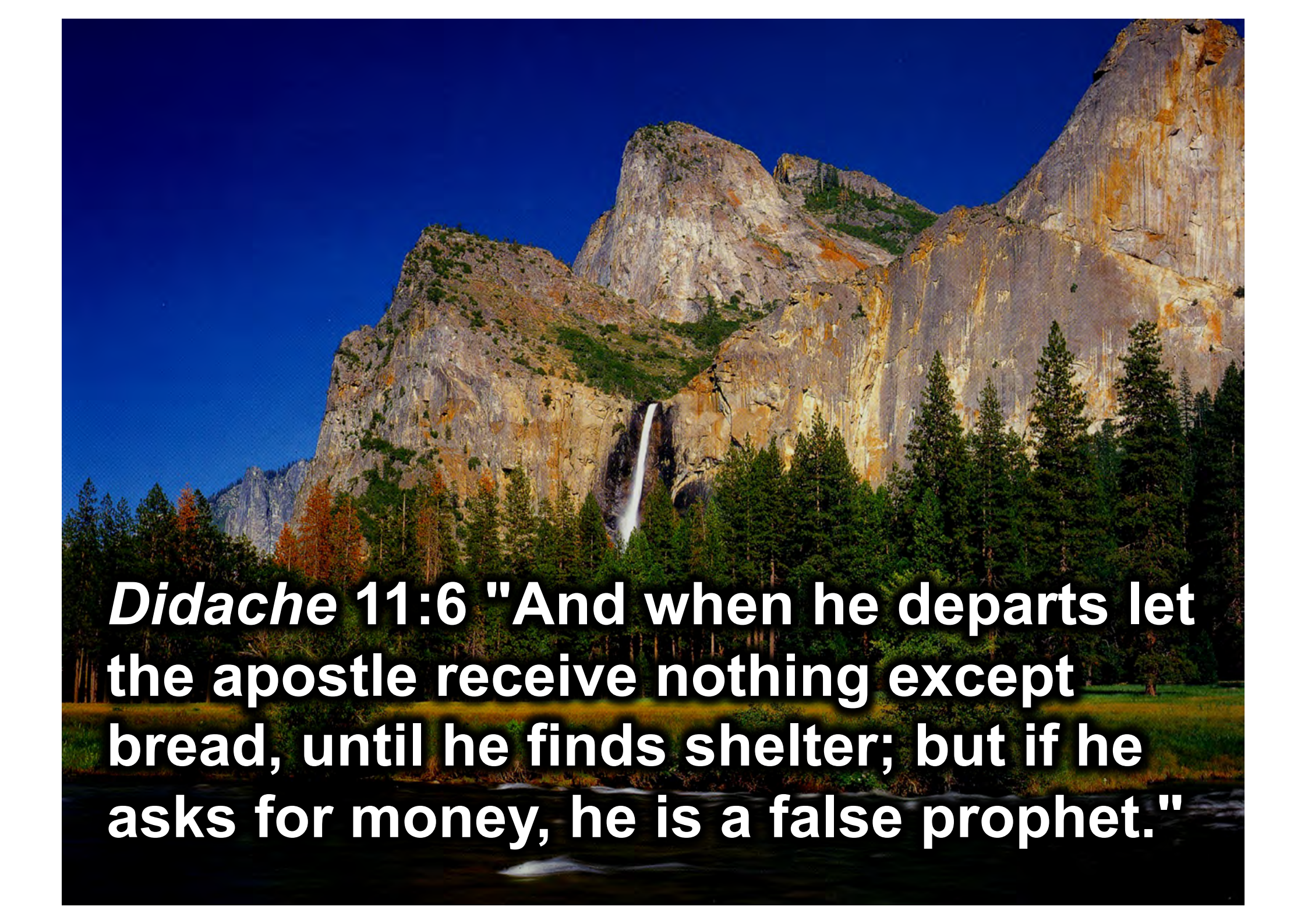




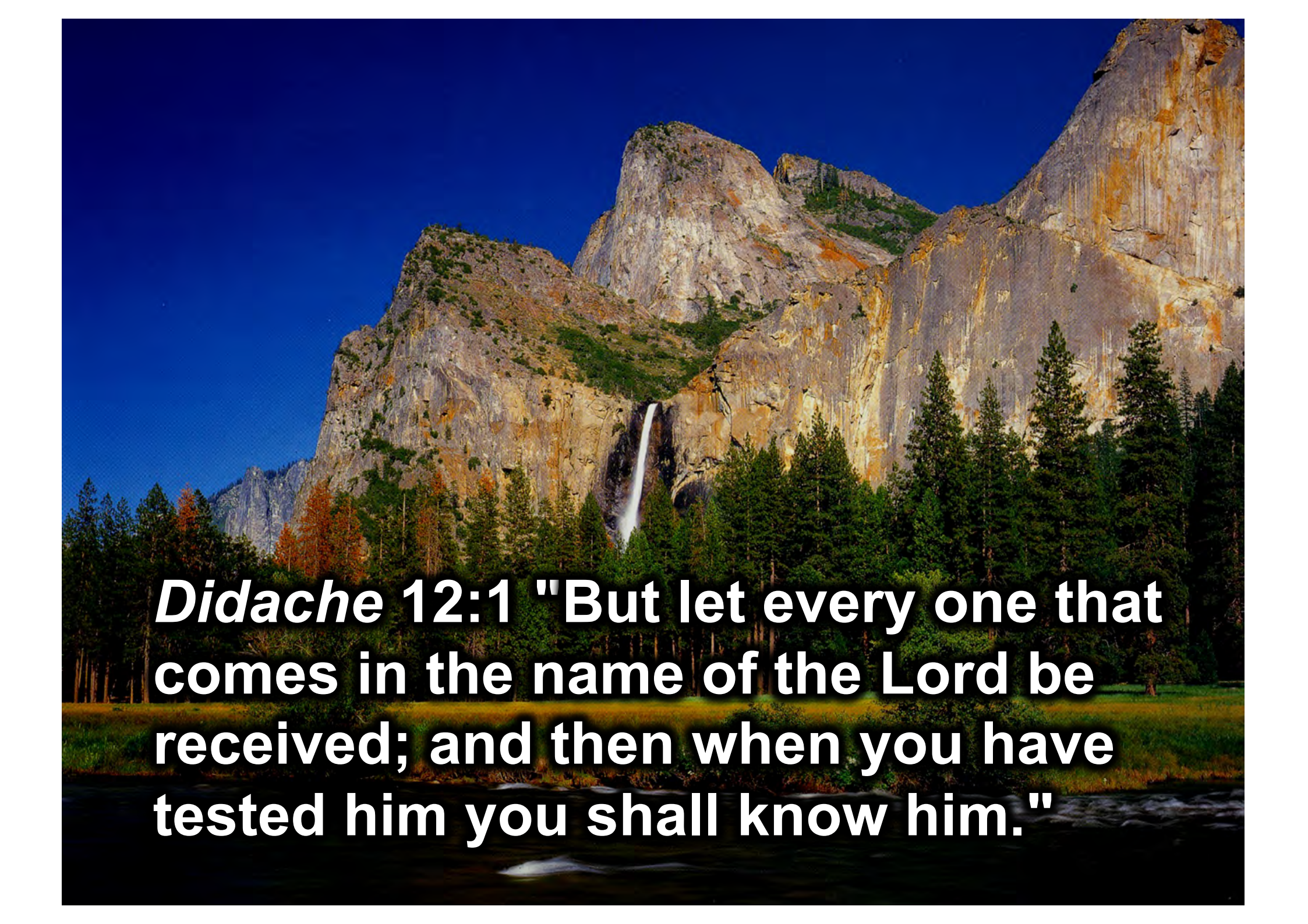
***Didache* 11:4 "Let every apostle,  
when he comes to you, be received  
as the Lord;"**



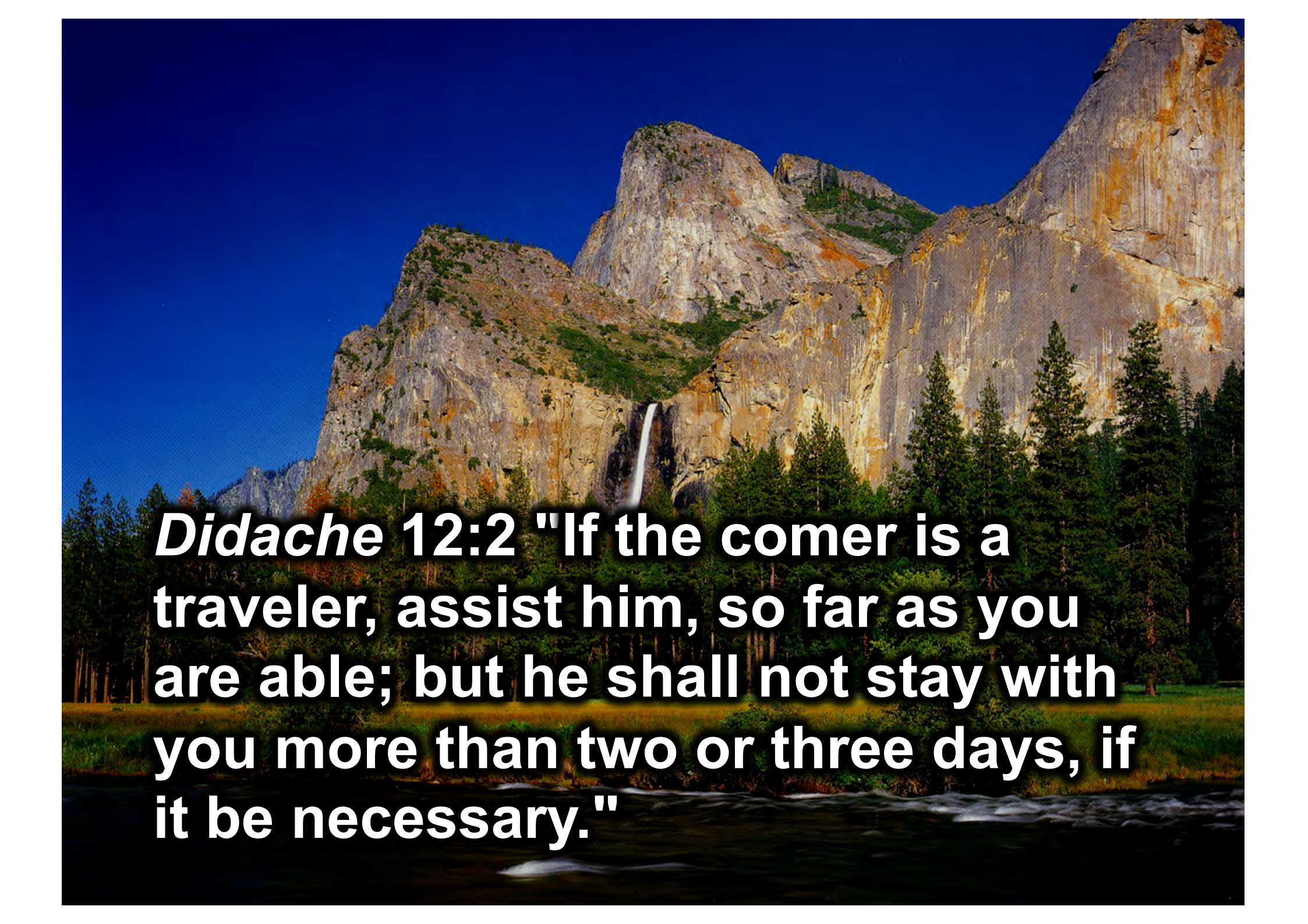
***Didache* 11:5 "but he shall not abide more than a single day, or if there be need, a second likewise; but if he abides three days, he is a false prophet."**



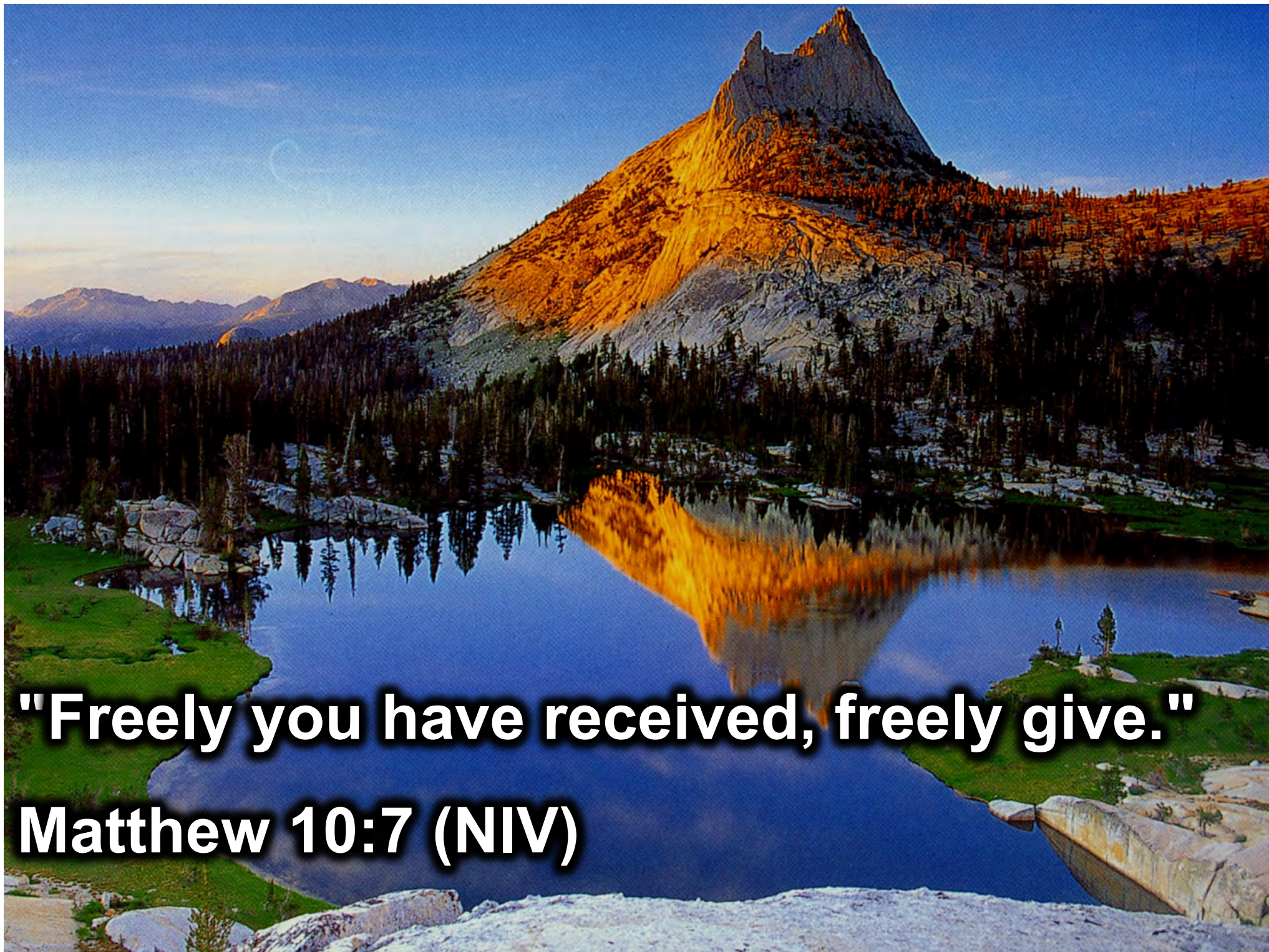
***Didache* 11:6 "And when he departs let the apostle receive nothing except bread, until he finds shelter; but if he asks for money, he is a false prophet."**

A scenic landscape featuring a waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff face, surrounded by dense evergreen trees and a clear blue sky. The waterfall is the central focus, with water falling from a high point on the cliff. The surrounding area is lush with greenery, including tall evergreen trees and a grassy field in the foreground. The sky is a deep, clear blue.

***Didache* 12:1 "But let every one that comes in the name of the Lord be received; and then when you have tested him you shall know him."**

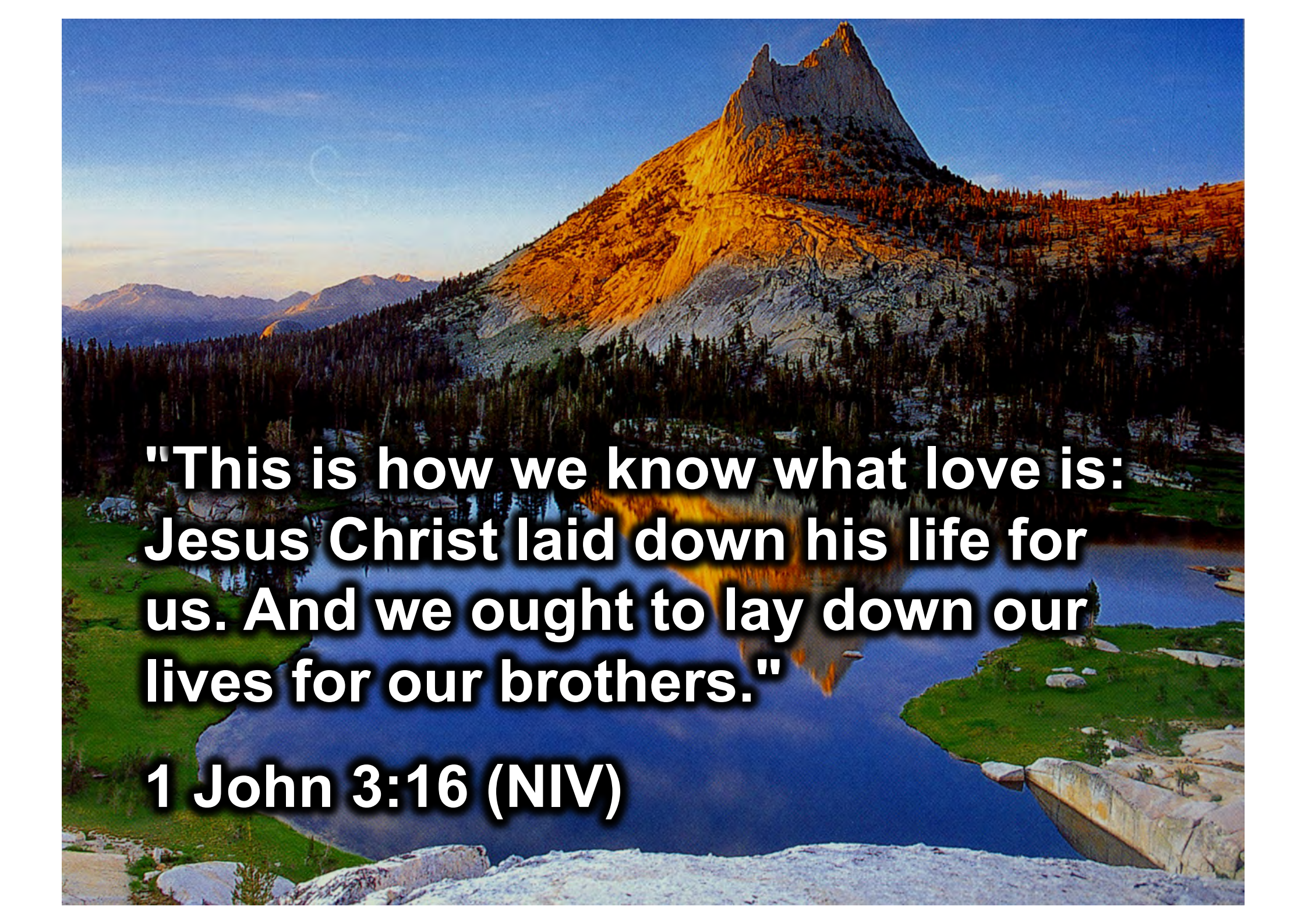
A scenic landscape featuring a waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff face, surrounded by dense evergreen trees and a river in the foreground. The sky is a clear, deep blue. The text is overlaid in the lower half of the image.

***Didache* 12:2 "If the comer is a traveler, assist him, so far as you are able; but he shall not stay with you more than two or three days, if it be necessary."**



**"Freely you have received, freely give."**

**Matthew 10:7 (NIV)**



**"This is how we know what love is:  
Jesus Christ laid down his life for  
us. And we ought to lay down our  
lives for our brothers."**

**1 John 3:16 (NIV)**

How can you **live out** the  
gospel?

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**2 John**

# I. Aid **true** teachers (1-6).



**2 John**

**2 John 7-13**

## II. Avoid **false** teachers (7-13).



2 John

**"I say this because many deceivers have gone out into the world. They deny that Jesus Christ came in a real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an antichrist"  
(2 John 7 NLT).**



**"Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward. <sup>9</sup>Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the Father and the Son"**  
**(2 John 8-9 NLT).**

**"If anyone comes to your meeting and does not teach the truth about Christ, don't invite that person into your home or give any kind of encouragement.**

**<sup>11</sup>Anyone who encourages such people becomes a partner in their evil work"  
(2 John 10-11 NLT).**



## The Meaning of 2 John 10

### Summary of Differing Views

### Can False Teachers...

<u>View</u>	<u>Stay in Believers Homes?</u>	<u>Enter Believers' Homes?</u>	<u>Adherents</u>
1	Yes	Yes	John R. Stott F. F. Bruce
2	No	Yes	Stanley Toussaint
3	No	?	I. Howard Marshall B. F. Westcott Robert Weldon Wilson
4	No	No	Rick Griffith



## Keys

### Key Word Limits

### Key Verse

**"Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your home or welcome him" (2 John 9-10 NIV).**



**Too  
good  
to be  
true  
the-  
ology**



**Joyce Meyers in her  
\$2 million jet, etc.**





**Oprah Winfrey**

- No preaching on sin

- Led in prayer at gay "wedding"



Joel Osteen



## **Motivational Speaking**

**Magical prayers, feel good messages, have it your way theology; surely this is too awesome to be what Paul warned us about**



**CEO Richard Stearns**



**World Vision Controversy**

# Jacqueline Fuller



**World Vision Controversy**

## 2 John – Summary Chart

### Limits to Love

<b>Aid True Teachers</b>			<b>Avoid False Teachers</b>	
<b>Verses 1-6</b>			<b>Verses 7-13</b>	
<b>Walk in Commandments</b>			<b>Watch for Counterfeits</b>	
<b>Positive</b>			<b>Negative</b>	
<b>Demonstrate Truth</b>			<b>Defend Truth</b>	
<b>Greeting in Truth and Love (1-3)</b>	<b>Obedience Commended (4)</b>	<b>Exhortation to Love (5-6)</b>	<b>Prohibition to Help False Teachers (7-11)</b>	<b>Expected Visit &amp; Greetings (12-13)</b>
<b>Ephesus</b>				
<b>AD 85-95</b>				

# **Follow Up Relationally (12-13)**

**"I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to do it with paper and ink. For I hope to visit you soon and talk with you face to face. Then our joy will be complete. <sup>13</sup>Greetings from the children of your sister, chosen by God"  
(2 John 12-13 NLT).**

# How can you live out the gospel?



# Main Idea



**Live the gospel  
by not aiding  
those who  
hinder the  
gospel**

# Salvation by Grace Cannot be Lost



"If you didn't **earn** your salvation, how are you going to **un-earn** it?"

—*Timothy Keller*—

**However, Christ promises rewards for perseverance (Rev. 3:11b).**



**"I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown" (NLT).**

# Rewards can be lost!

**"Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward" (2 John 8 NLT)**



# Inheritance Today

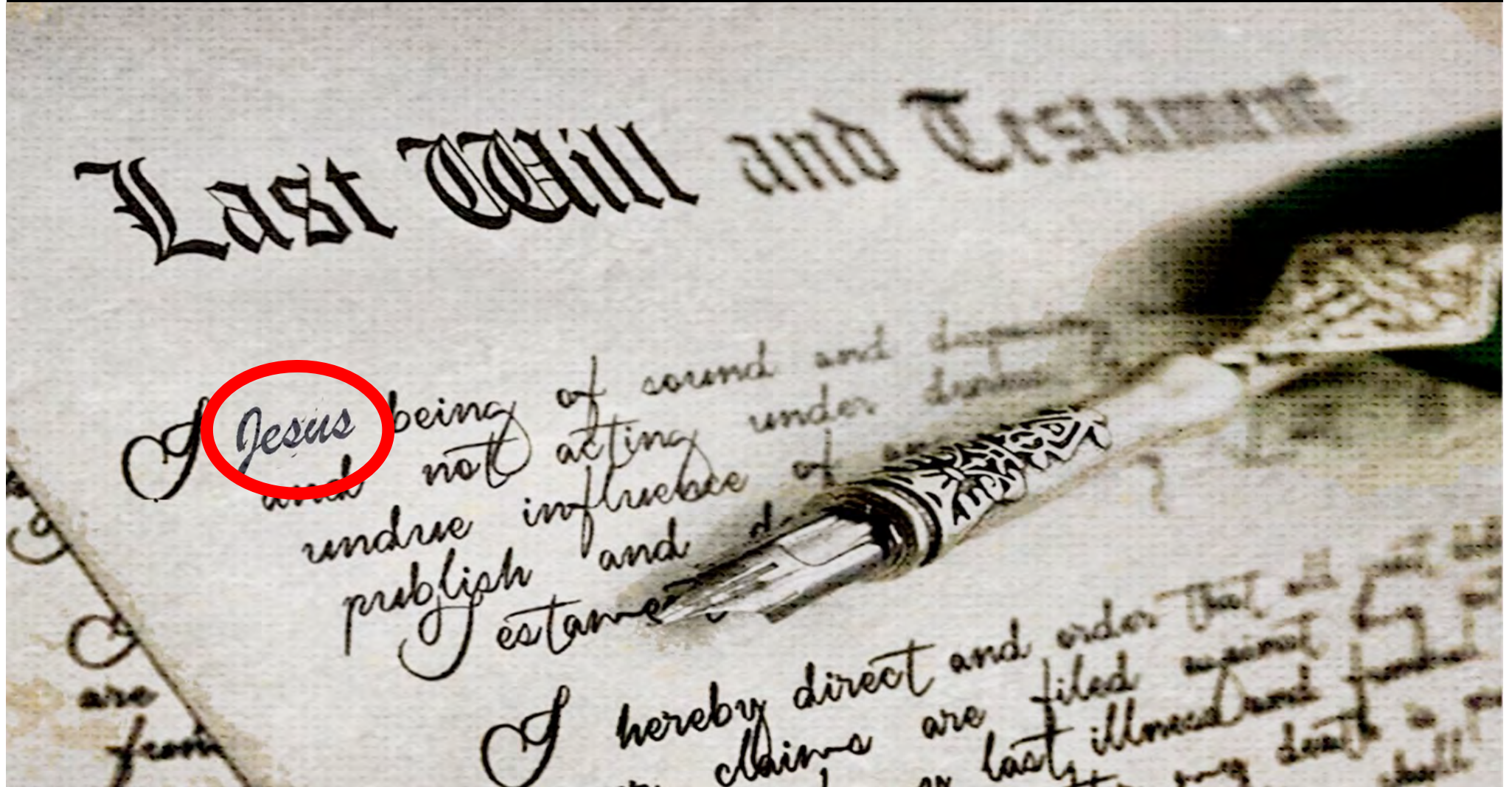
Last Will and Testament

I being of sound and disposing  
and not acting under duress,  
undue influence or coercion,  
publish and declare my last  
Testament

I hereby direct and order that all just  
claims are filed against my estate  
or last illness and funeral  
expenses shall

are  
from

# Inheritance from Christ



**Jody Dillow is the key author of the Partakers View**



# **Final Destiny**

***The Future Reign of the  
Servant Kings***

***Joseph Dillow***



# Inheritance in the OT



# Inheritance in the OT

- 1. A difference exists between inheriting the land of Canaan and living there. The former refers to ownership and the latter to mere residence.**
- 2. While Israel was promised the inheritance as a nation, the condition for maintaining their inheritance right to the land of Canaan was faith, obedience, and completion of one's task. The promise, while national, was applied only to the believing and obedient remnant.**

# Inheritance in the OT

- 3. The inheritance is not to be equated with heaven but with something in addition to heaven, promised to those believers who faithfully obey the Lord.**
- 4. Just as Old Testament believers forfeited their earthly inheritance through disobedience, we can also forfeit our future reward (inheritance) by a similar failure. Loss of inheritance, however, does not mean loss of salvation.**

# Inheritance in the OT

**5. Two kinds of inheritance were enjoyed in the Old Testament. All Israelites who had believed and were therefore regenerate had God as their inheritance but not all inherited the land. This paves the way for the concept that the New Testament may also teach two inheritances. We are all heirs of God, but we are not all joint-heirs with Christ, unless we persevere to the end of life. The former refers to our salvation and the latter to our reward.**

# Inheritance in the OT

**6. A child of Israel was both an heir of God and an heir of Canaan by virtue of faith in God resulting in regeneration. Yet only those believers in Israel who were faithful would maintain their status as firstborn sons who would actually receive what had been promised to them as an inheritance.**

# Inheritance in the NT



# Two Types of Inheritance

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—  
**heirs of God** and **co-heirs with Christ**, if  
indeed we share in his suffering in order that  
we may also share in his glory"  
(Rom. 8:17 NIV).



**= Salvation**



**= Reward**

# Crowns in the NT

**Incorruptible**

**1 Cor. 9:25**



**Hope**

**1 Thess. 2:19**

**Righteousness**

**2 Tim. 4:8**

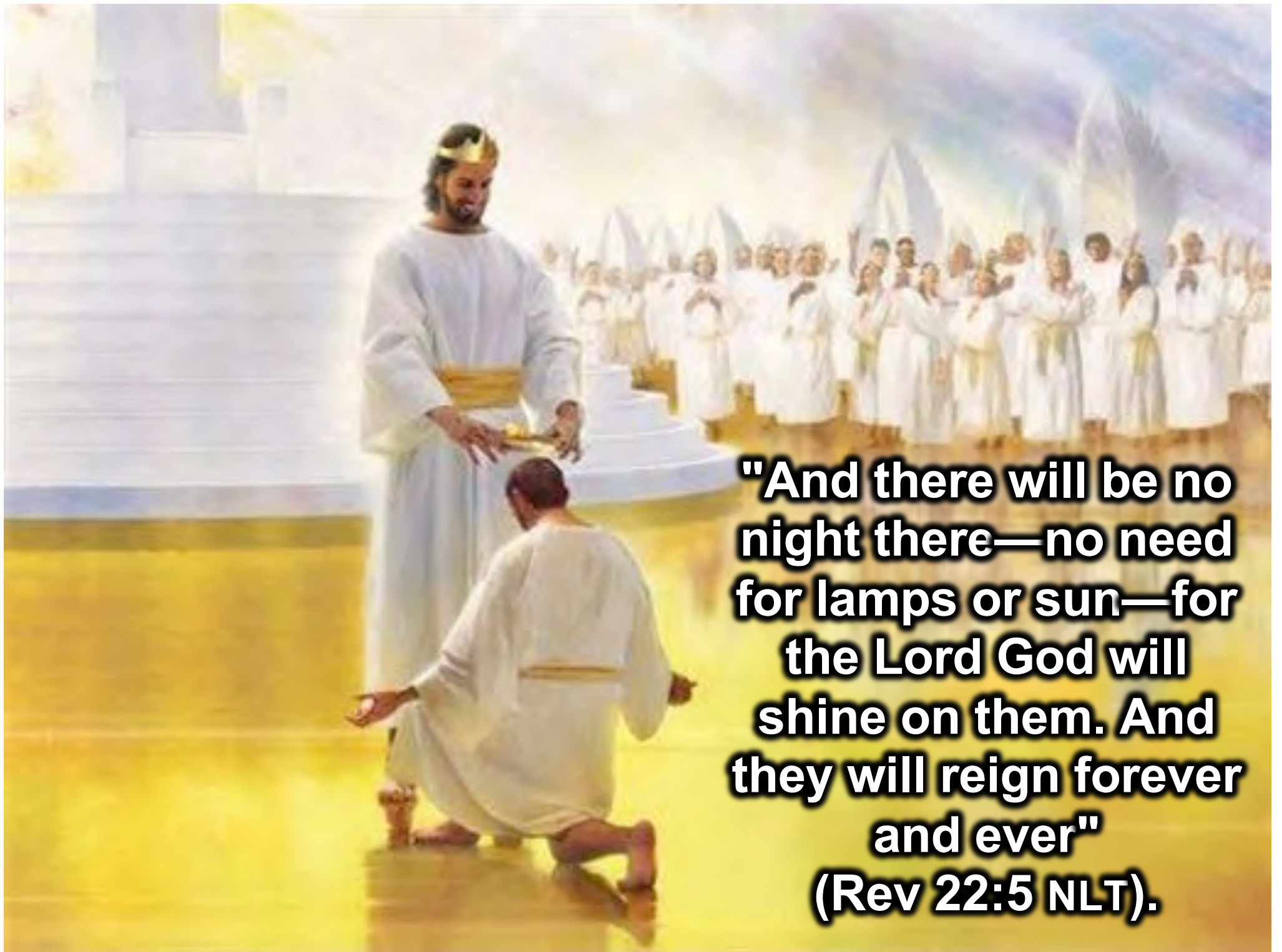


**Life**  
**Jas 1:12;**  
**Rev 2:10**



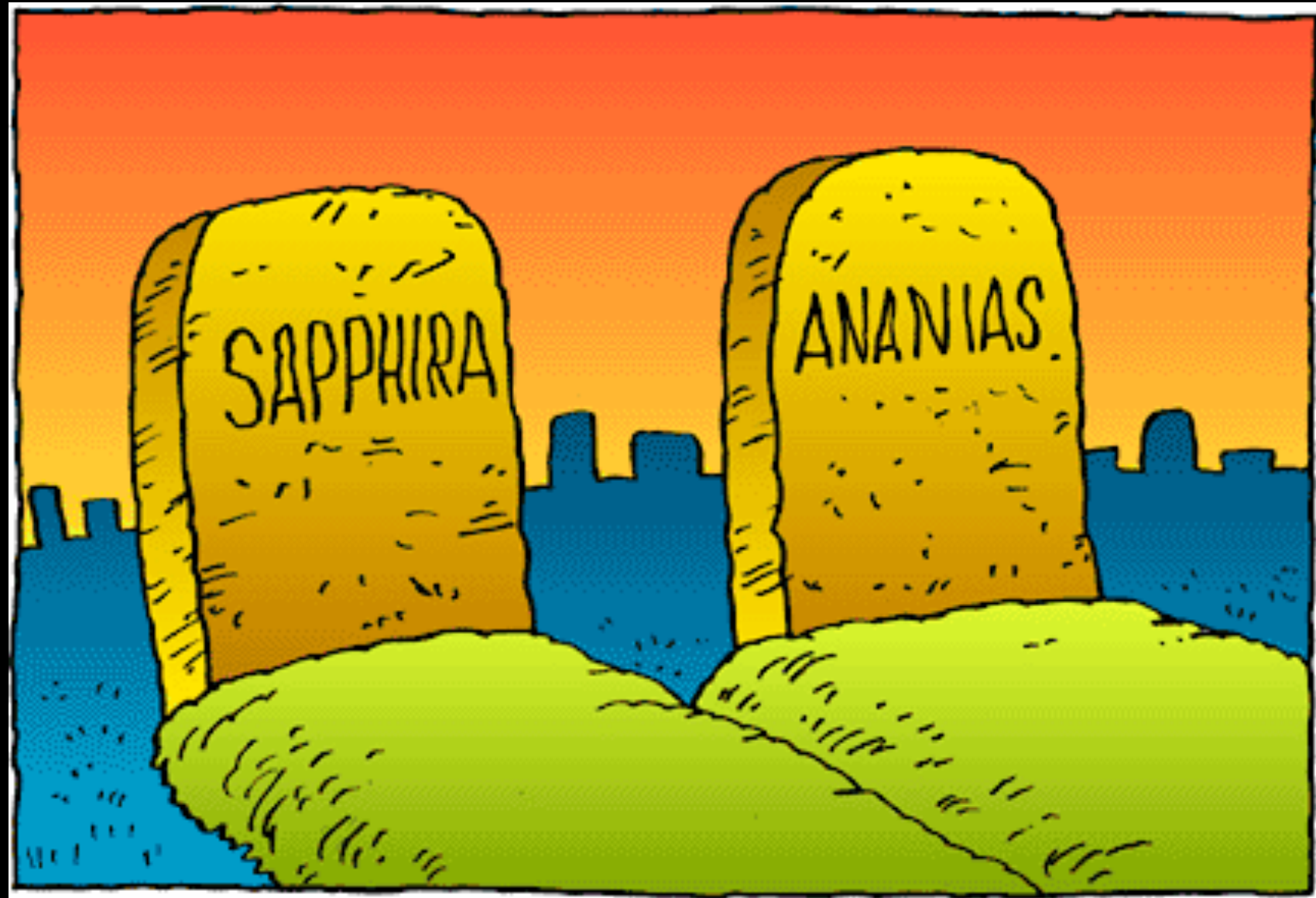
**Glory**  
**1 Pet. 5:4**





**"And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever"  
(Rev 22:5 NLT).**

# Divine Discipline



# The Overcomers (Rev. 2–3)

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Pergamum

2:17

Thyatira

2:26

Smyrna

2:11

He who overcomes, I will grant to him to **sit down with Me on My throne**, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne (3:21)

Sardis

3:5

Ephesus

2:7

Philadelphia

3:12

Laodicea

3:21



***Rule with  
Christ just as  
he rules with  
the Father  
(Rev 3:21-22).***

**Promise**

**Overcomers  
will eat with  
Christ and  
rule with  
Christ**



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**Are you ready to rule  
the world?**



# **The Rule of Christ**

***Psalm 2:8-9 quoted in Rev. 2:27***




# Our Future (Rev. 19–20)



## Revelation 20:4 (NAU)

**<sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**



***"Do you not know  
that saints will  
judge the world?"  
(1 Cor. 6:2a)***

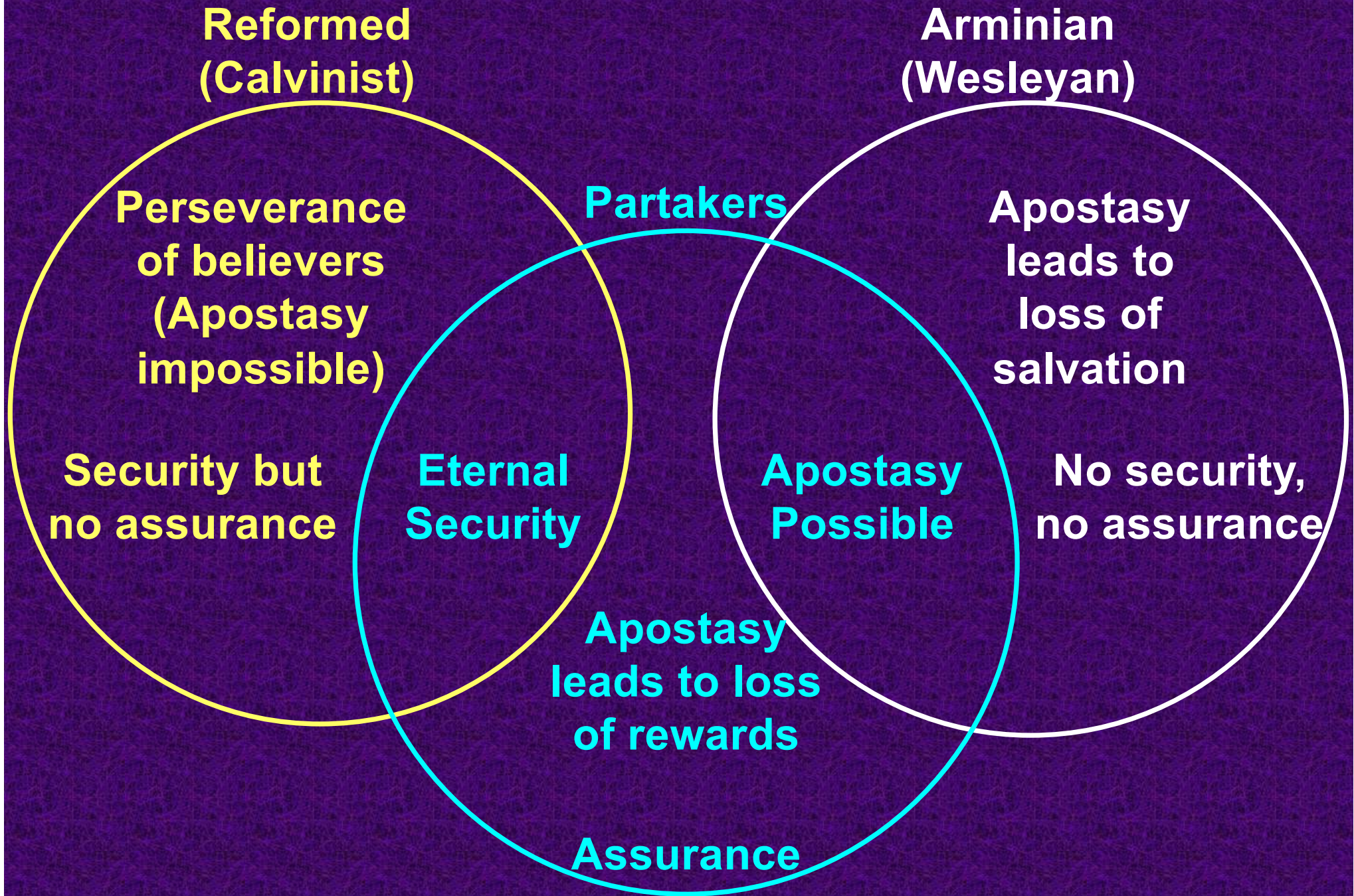


**"If we endure hardship,  
we will reign with him"**  
(2 Tim. 2:12 NLT)

**"Those who  
are victorious  
will sit with me  
on my throne,  
just as I was  
victorious and  
sat with my  
Father on his  
throne"  
(Rev. 3:21  
NLT).**



# Assurance and Apostasy



# Assurance and Apostasy

The Bible distinguishes our two inheritances.

Only overcomers will reign with Christ.

Believers abandoning Jesus lose rewards and rule.

Arminian  
(Wesleyan)

Apostasy leads to loss of salvation

No security, no assurance

Partakers

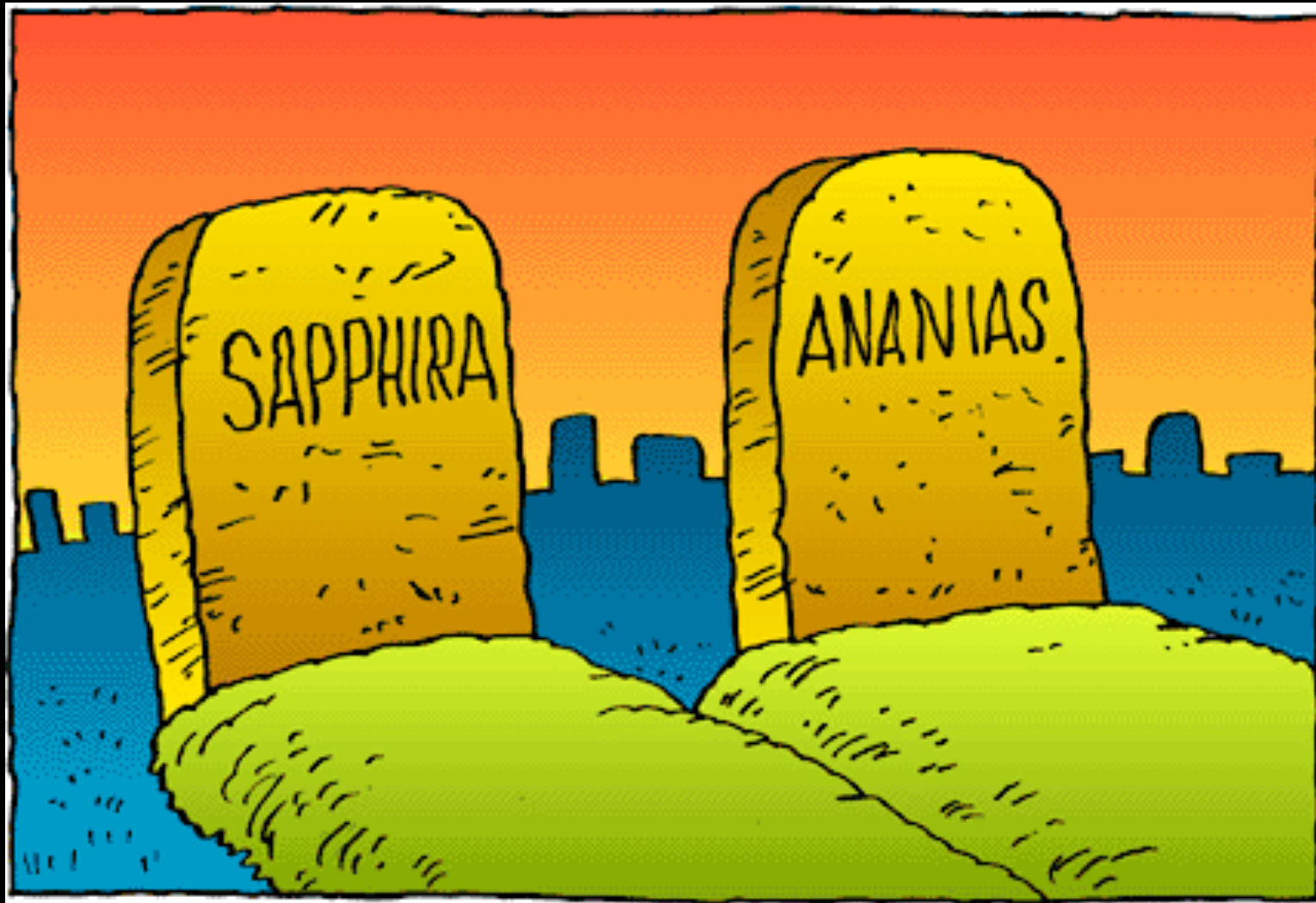
Apostasy Possible

Apostasy leads to loss of rewards

Assurance

How can we hold both apostasy and assurance?

**However, there is still  
divine discipline...**



# Ananias & Sapphira



**Acts 5**

# Believers Can Be "Disqualified"

"Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! <sup>25</sup>All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. <sup>26</sup>So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. <sup>27</sup>I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, **I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified**"  
(1 Cor. 9:24-27 NLT).



# 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup>Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For **anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.**

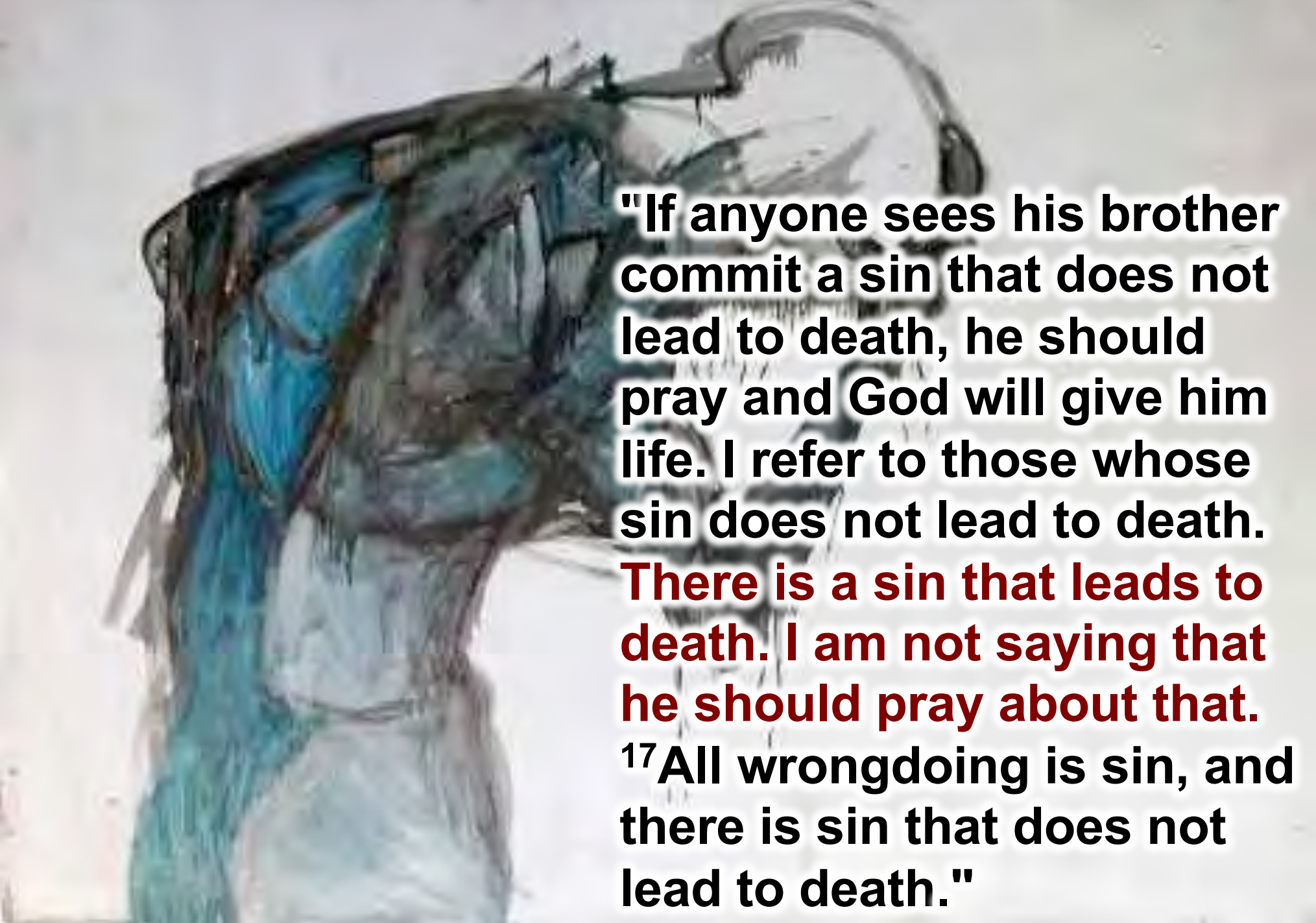


# 1 Corinthians 11:30-32 (NIV)

**<sup>30</sup> That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. <sup>32</sup> When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.**



## Some sin leads to premature death (1 John 5:16-17 NIV)



**"If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. <sup>17</sup>All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death."**

**All believers will be clothed  
with Christ's righteousness**



**All believers will enjoy heaven**



**Jesus will judge the earth**



**Jesus will reward the faithful**



# Live Towards Your Future!



# How can you **live out** the gospel?



# Main Idea



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gospel

2 John

## Outline



I. John **encourages** a woman in both truth and love to prepare her for his later rebuke (1-6).

II. John **warns** the woman not to help false teachers to help her see love's limits (7-13).

# I. Aid **true** teachers (1-6).



**2 John**

**Well, Charles, when I  
baptize you...**



**Everything that goes under  
belongs to God.**





**"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me"**

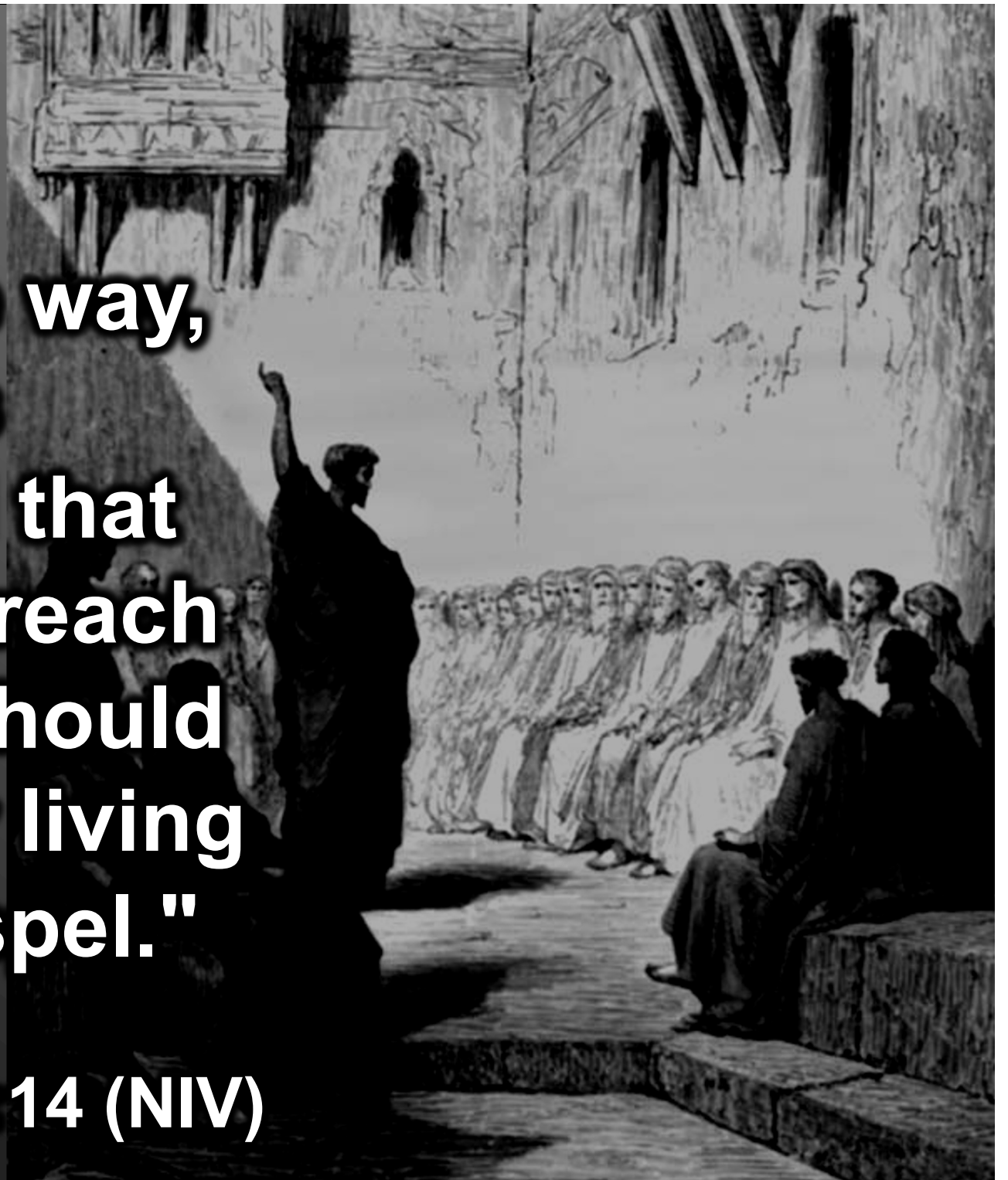
**Matthew 10:40 (NIV)**

**"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward"**

**Matthew 10:42 (NIV)**

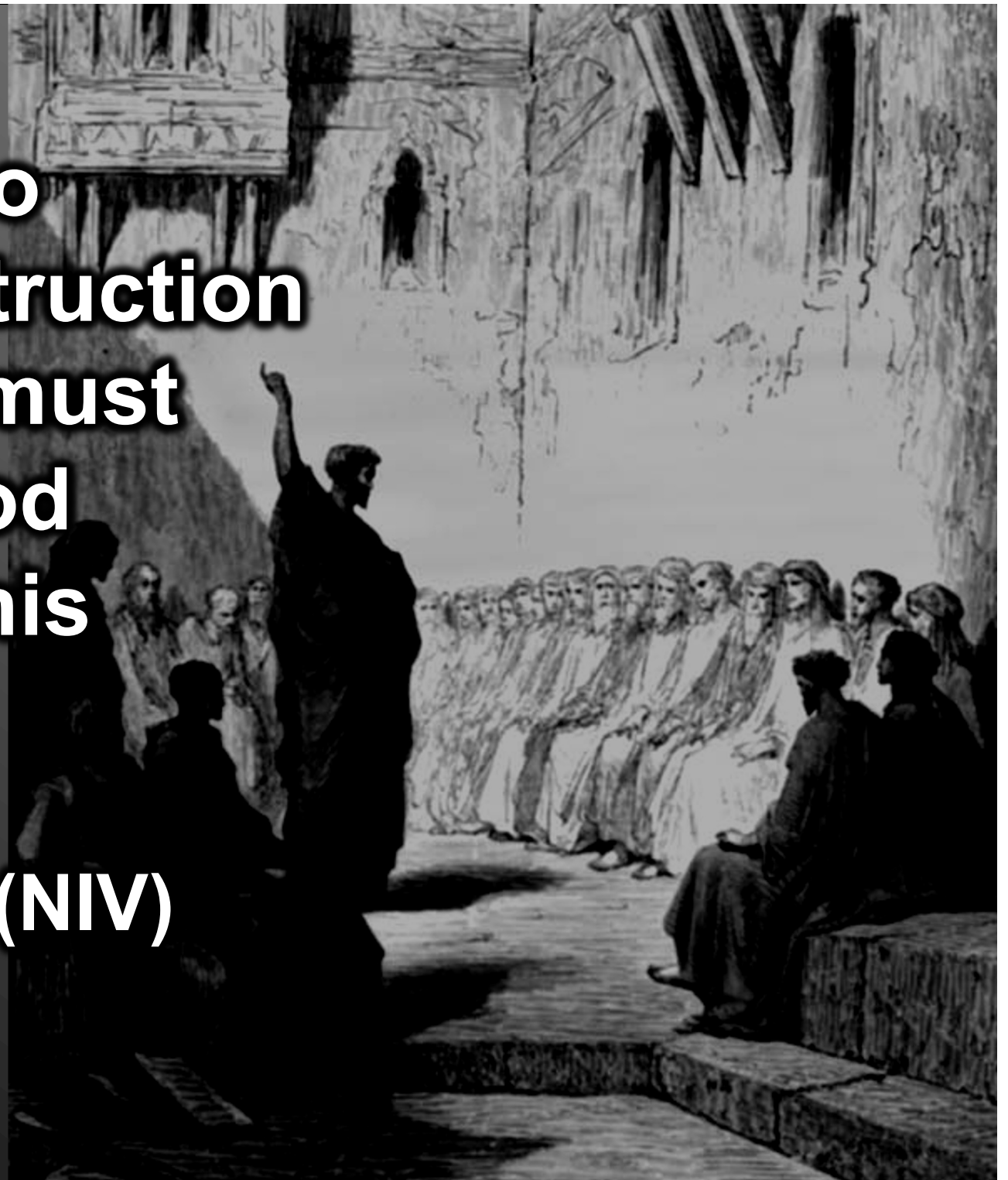
**"In the same way,  
the Lord has  
commanded that  
those who preach  
the gospel should  
receive their living  
from the gospel."**

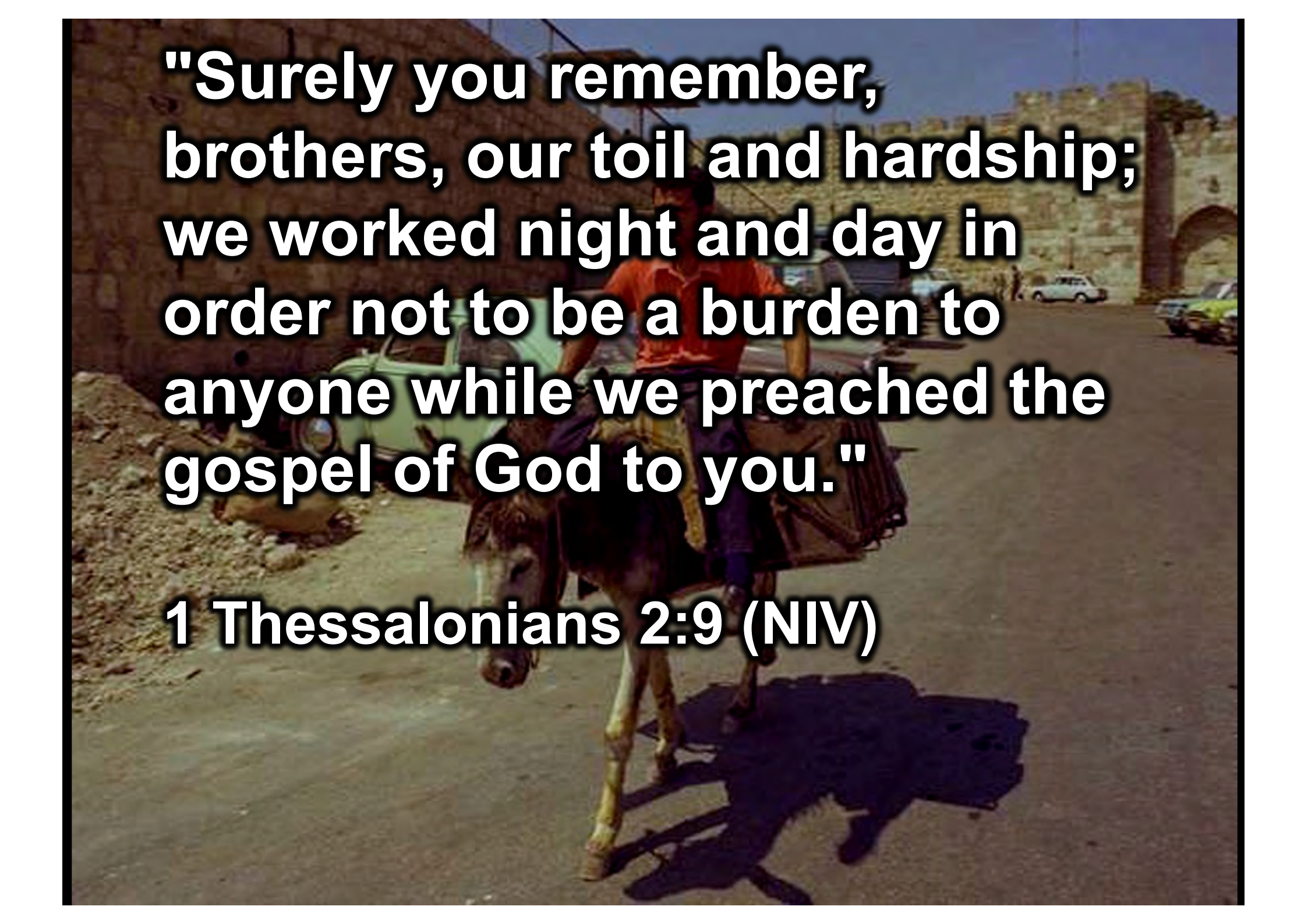
**1 Corinthians 9:14 (NIV)**



**"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor."**

**Galatians 6:6 (NIV)**



A man in a red shirt is riding a brown donkey down a dusty street. The donkey is carrying a large, dark, rectangular bundle on its back. The street is lined with stone buildings and several parked cars. The scene is set in a town with a prominent stone archway in the background. The lighting suggests it is daytime, and the overall atmosphere is one of a busy, dusty urban environment.

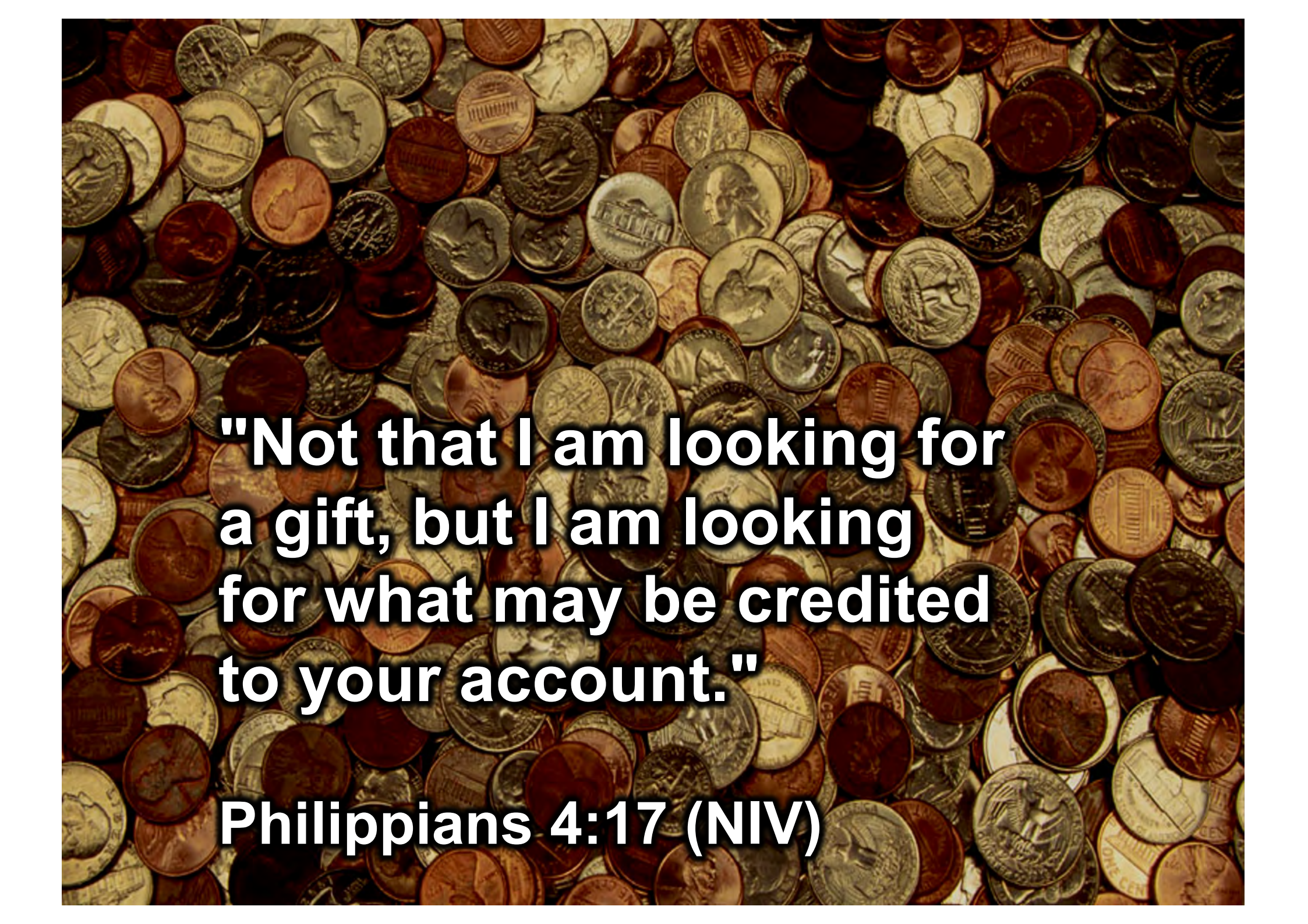
**"Surely you remember,  
brothers, our toil and hardship;  
we worked night and day in  
order not to be a burden to  
anyone while we preached the  
gospel of God to you."**

**1 Thessalonians 2:9 (NIV)**



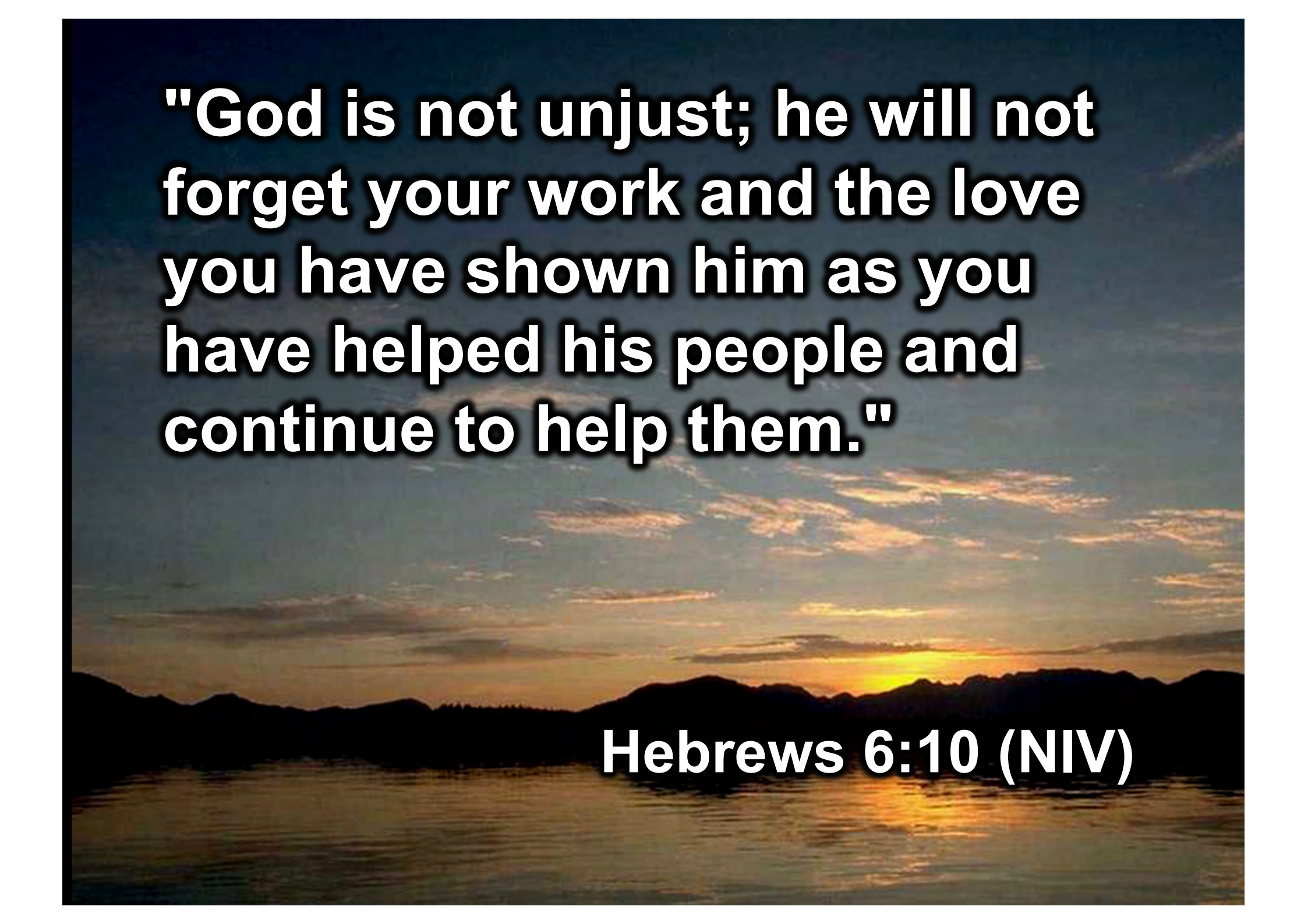
**"The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike."**

**1 Samuel 30:24 (NIV)**



**"Not that I am looking for  
a gift, but I am looking  
for what may be credited  
to your account."**

**Philippians 4:17 (NIV)**

A serene landscape photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the foreground shows the dark silhouette of mountains and a calm lake.

**"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."**

**Hebrews 6:10 (NIV)**

## II. Avoid **false** teachers (7-13).



2 John



## Keys

### Key Word Limits

### Key Verse

**"Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your home or welcome him" (2 John 9-10 NIV).**

## Summary Statement

John exhorts *limits to love* for a Christian woman and her children who show hospitality to missionaries but need warning not to extend the same to false teachers to warn against *aiding the spread of destructive heresies.*



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**Thesis: The earth must be destroyed due to man not taking care of the environment!**



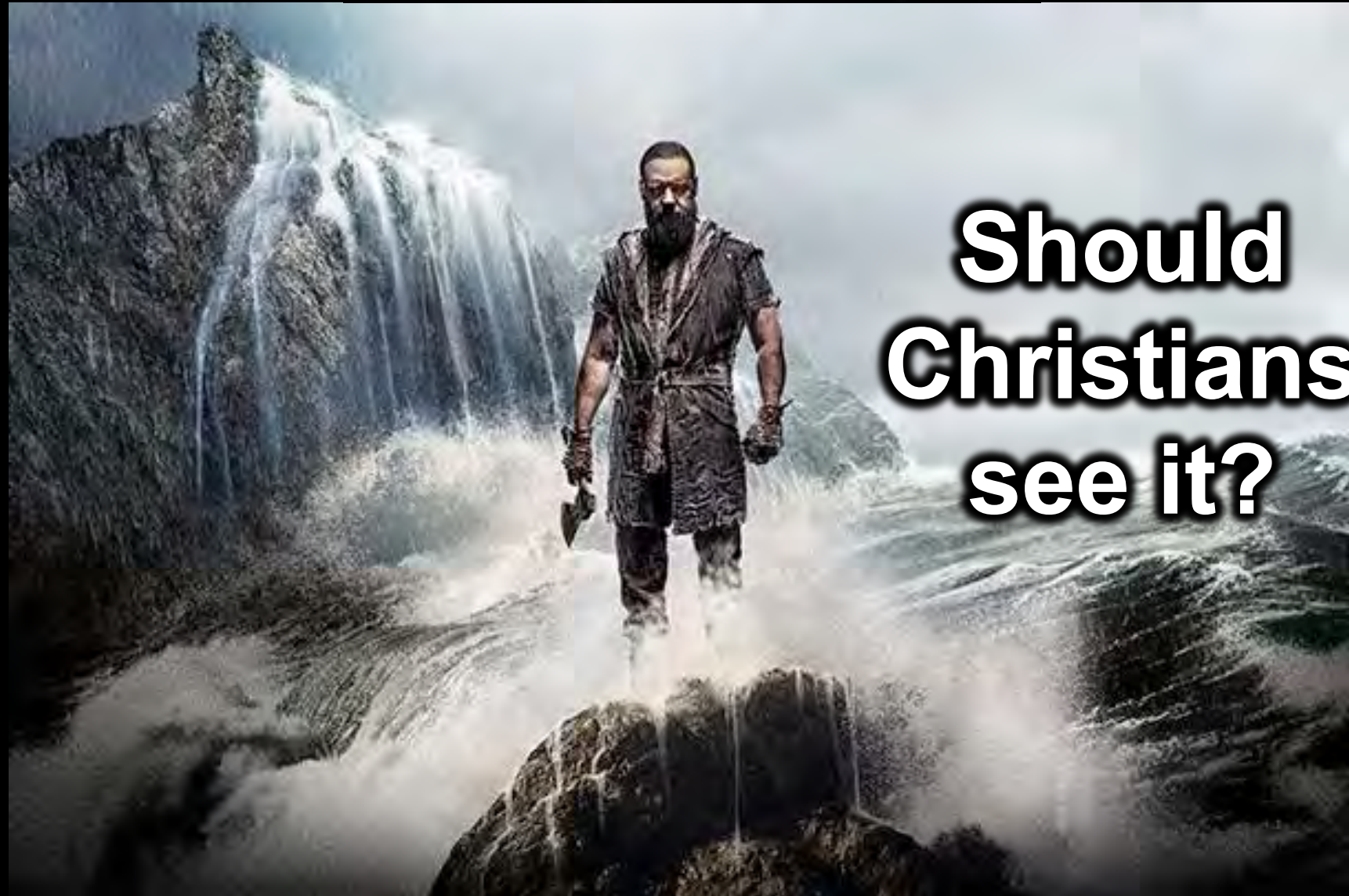
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**"least biblical  
biblical film  
ever made."**

**Atheist Producer Darren Aronofsky**

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# NOAH



**Should  
Christians  
see it?**

# Praise of "Noah"



**Focus on the Family** president Jim Daly stated that: "[Noah] is a creative interpretation of the scriptural account that allows us to **imagine the deep struggles Noah may have wrestled with** as he answered God's call on his life. This cinematic vision of Noah's story **gives Christians a great opportunity to engage our culture with the biblical Noah**, and to have conversations with friends and family about matters of eternal significance."

# Criticism of "Noah"

**Ken Ham (Answers in Genesis):**  
"Also, while the extreme wickedness of man was depicted, the real sin displayed in the film was the people's destruction of the earth. Lost within the film's extreme environmentalist message is that the actual sins of the preflood people were rebellion against God and man's inhumanity to man."



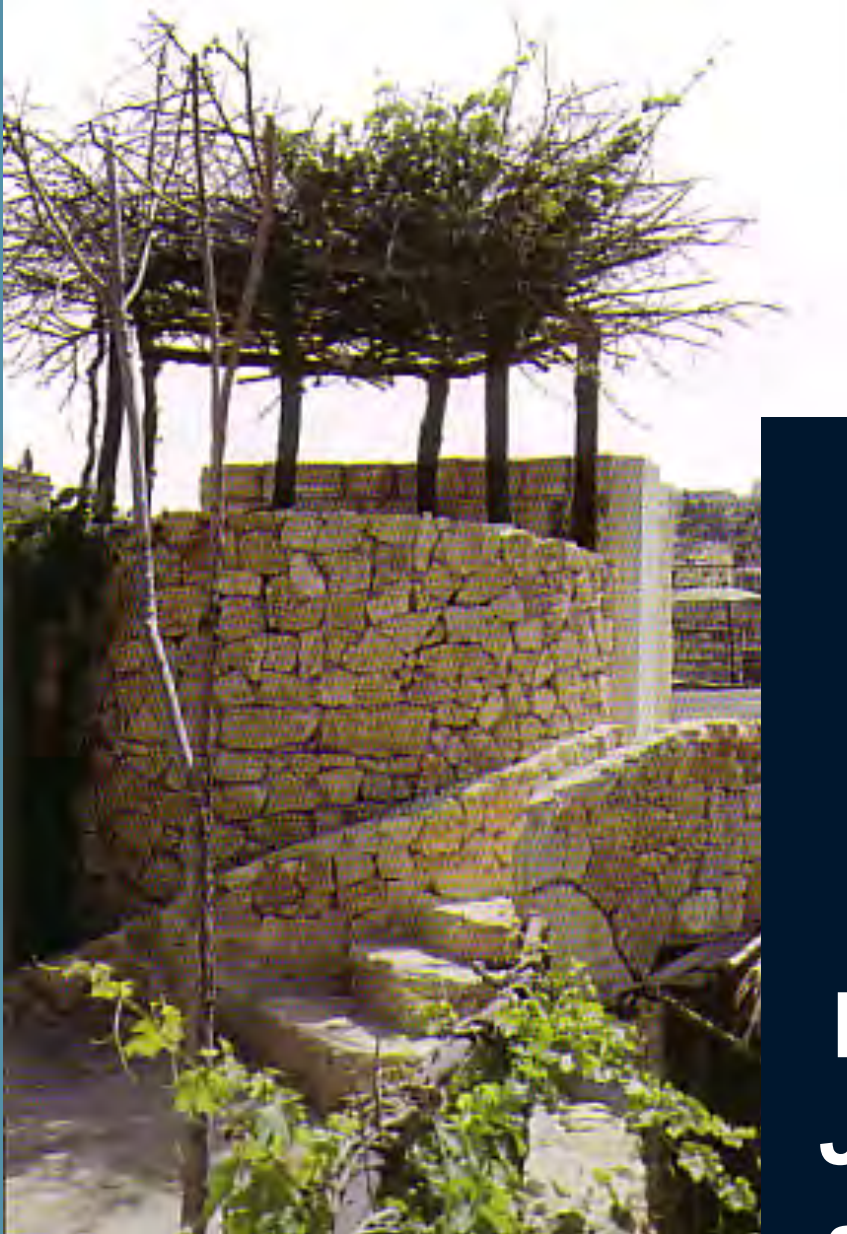
# How do Christians aid heresy?



- Encouraging itinerate heretics
- Giving money to cults (YouTube preachers, etc.)
- Buying heretical books
- Attending movies that violate Scripture
- Accepting literature from false evangelists

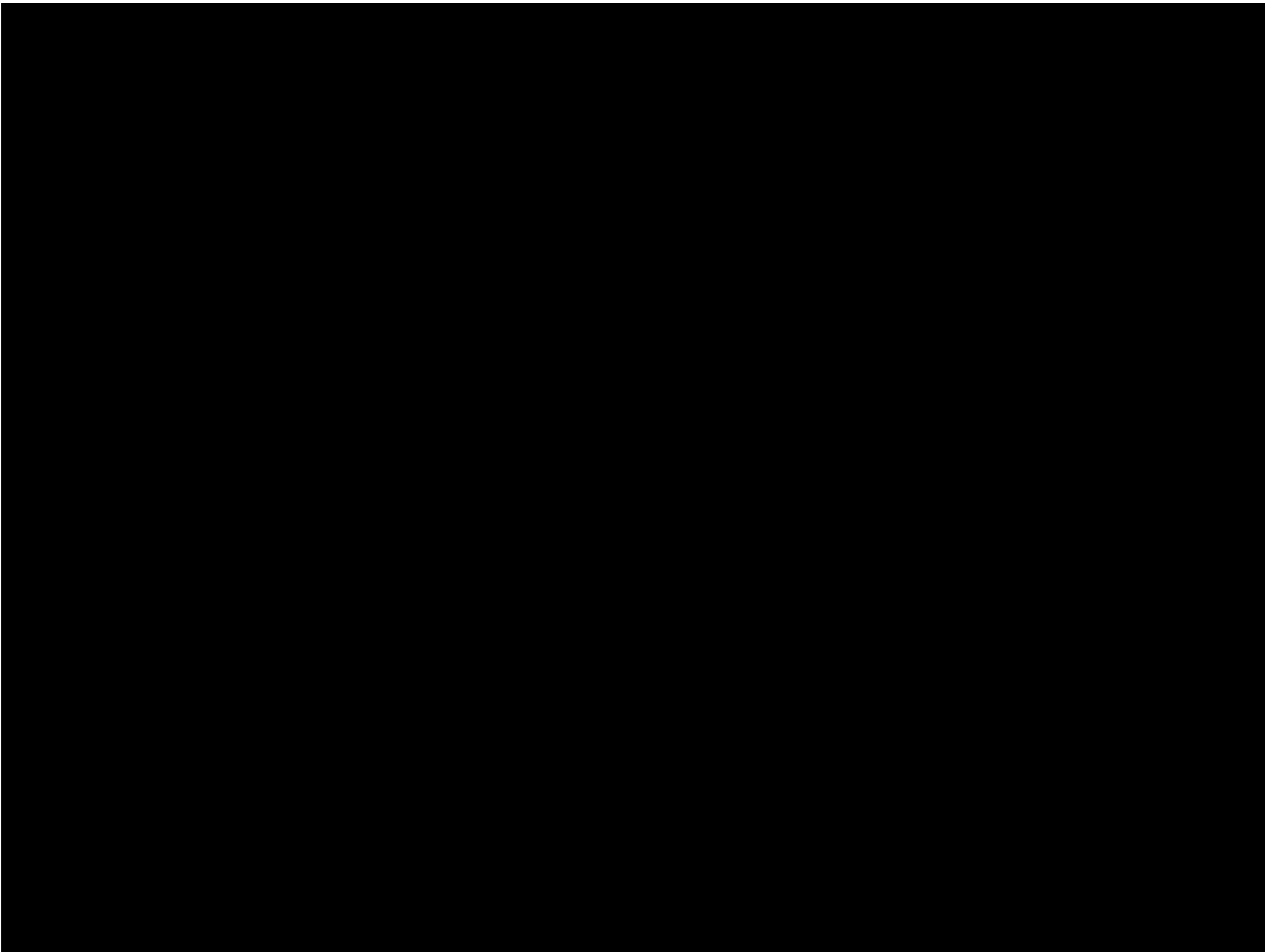
## What Does All This Mean?

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**You are a watchtower!**

**Don't contribute to or encourage in any way Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses or any other false religion.**



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## Title

**The Greek title  
( 'Ιωάννου β *Second of John*)  
follows the standard  
practice of naming the  
General Epistles after their  
authors and distinguishes  
this epistle from John's two  
others**

# Authorship

## External Evidence

Church tradition has long viewed this epistle as from the pen of the Apostle John. He was the leader of the church of Ephesus in Asia Minor & author of the Gospel, 1 John, 3 John & Revelation.

## Internal Evidence

- The designation "the elder" (v. 1) has always been considered another designation for John until the rise of liberal scholarship.
- Themes such as love, joy, truth, and antichrist, bear remarkable resemblance to emphases in 1 John & the Gospel of John.

- This letter is the 2<sup>nd</sup> shortest book in the Bible (245 Greek words while 3 John has 219 Greek words). However, 2 John has the **fewest verses** (13 but 15 in 3 John).
- This is the only NT letter addressed to a **woman**.
- Verse 10 is the most controversial statement in this short letter. The issue is whether false teachers should be allowed to:
  - (1) stay in believer's homes,
  - (2) just enter their homes, or
  - (3) neither.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> interpretation is the normal interpretation so that believers are not involved in promoting false teaching even in the slightest sense.

## Argument

John's 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle **warns** a woman zealous in hospitality against providing lodging to false teachers so she wouldn't help spread their destructive doctrines.

His greeting with its **balance** between truth & love illustrates this point, followed by a commendation of the woman for her love balanced with the importance of truth.

Next follows the main teaching of the letter, which warns her to demonstrate her love with discerning limits by **refusing hospitality** to false teachers.



# Synthesis

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## Limits to love

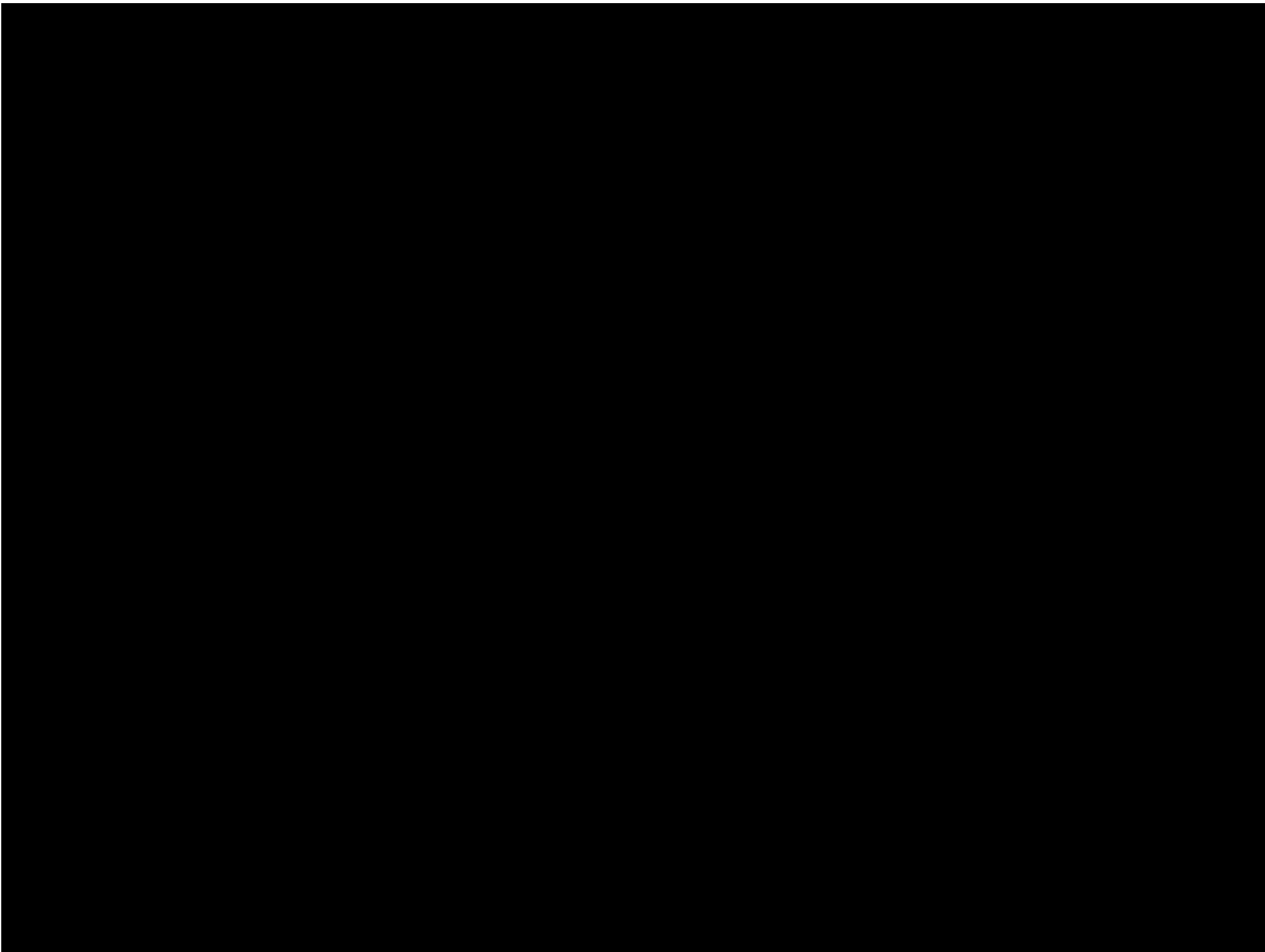
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**Aid True Teachers**

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**Avoid False Teachers**





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