Session 6
Poetry

The Story of Scripture: Understanding the Bible from Genesis to Revelation

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Session Objectives:

1. Understand Covenant Worship
2. Recognize the purpose of Wisdom Literature.

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Old Testament

Pentateuch	History	Poetry	Major Prophets	Minor Prophets
5 Books	12 Books	5 Books	5 Books	12 Books

Creation

The Problem

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The Solution: Covenant God

Covenant Promises

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The Covenant King

Covenant Kingship

* 1 Samuel 8
* 2 Samuel 7:1-16 (1Chronicles 17:1-14)
    1) 7:8-11a
    2) 7:11b-16

* House (11a), Seed (12), Kingdom
* Psalm (2 and110)
* Sonship
* Messianic Expectations

The Covenant King

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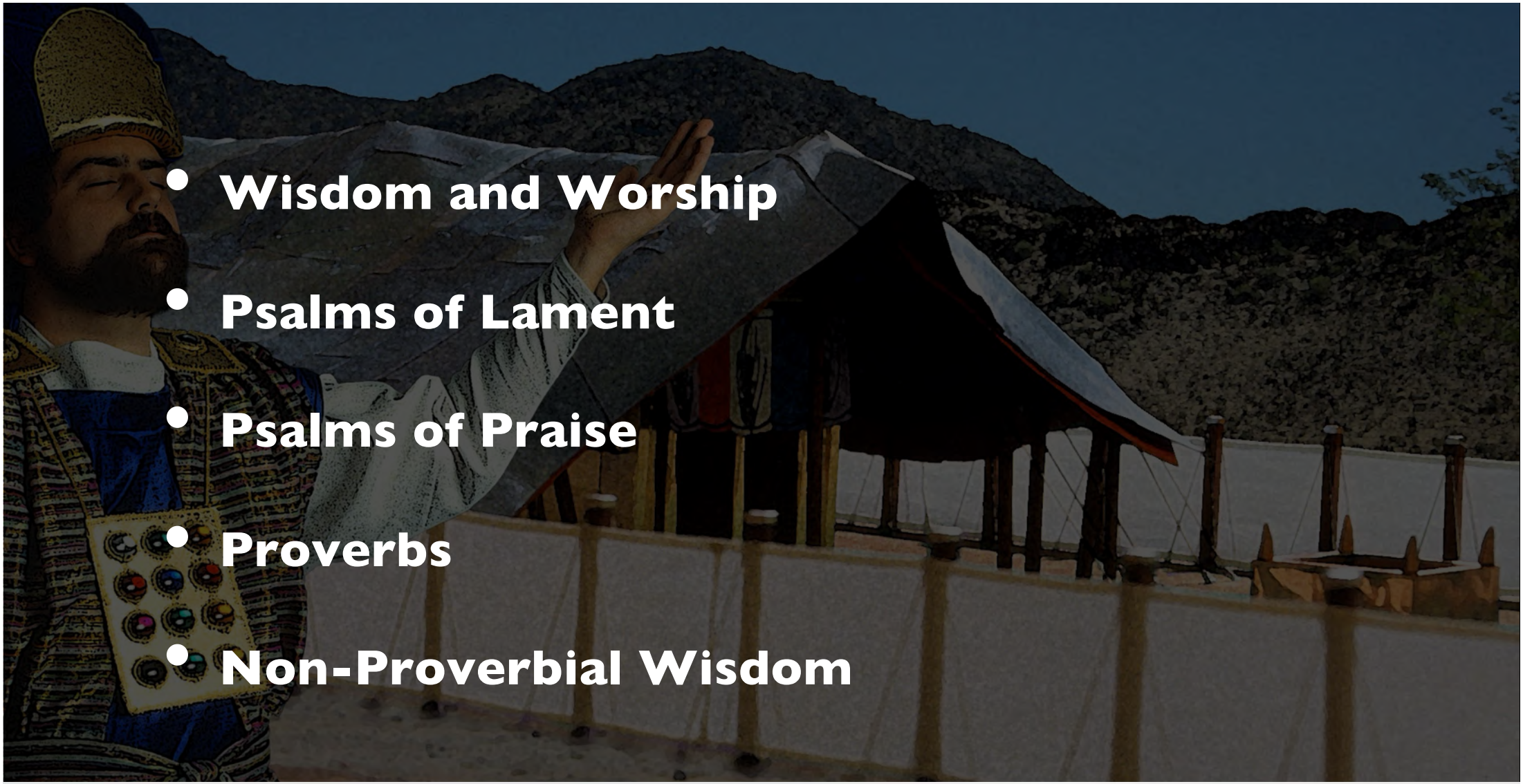

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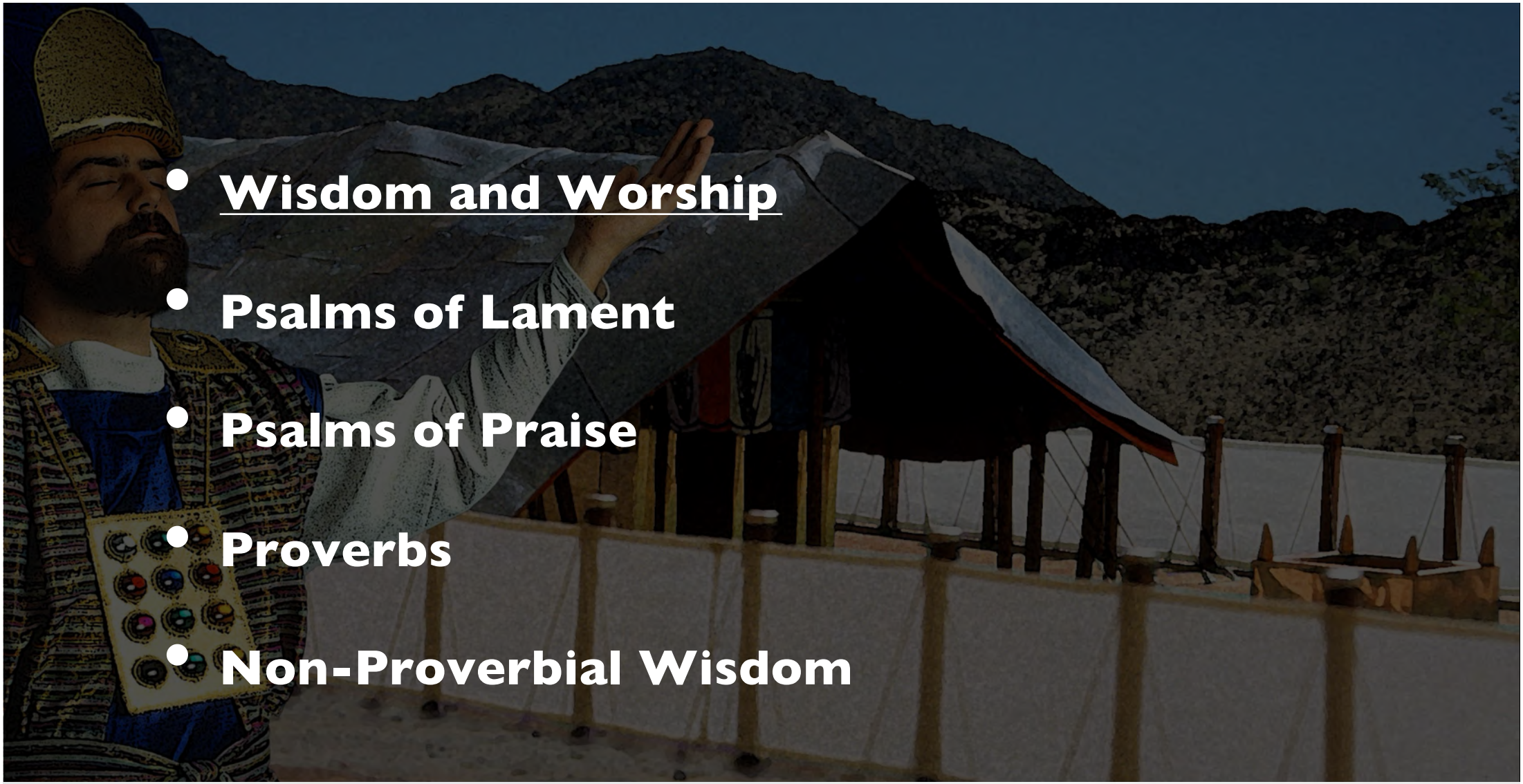

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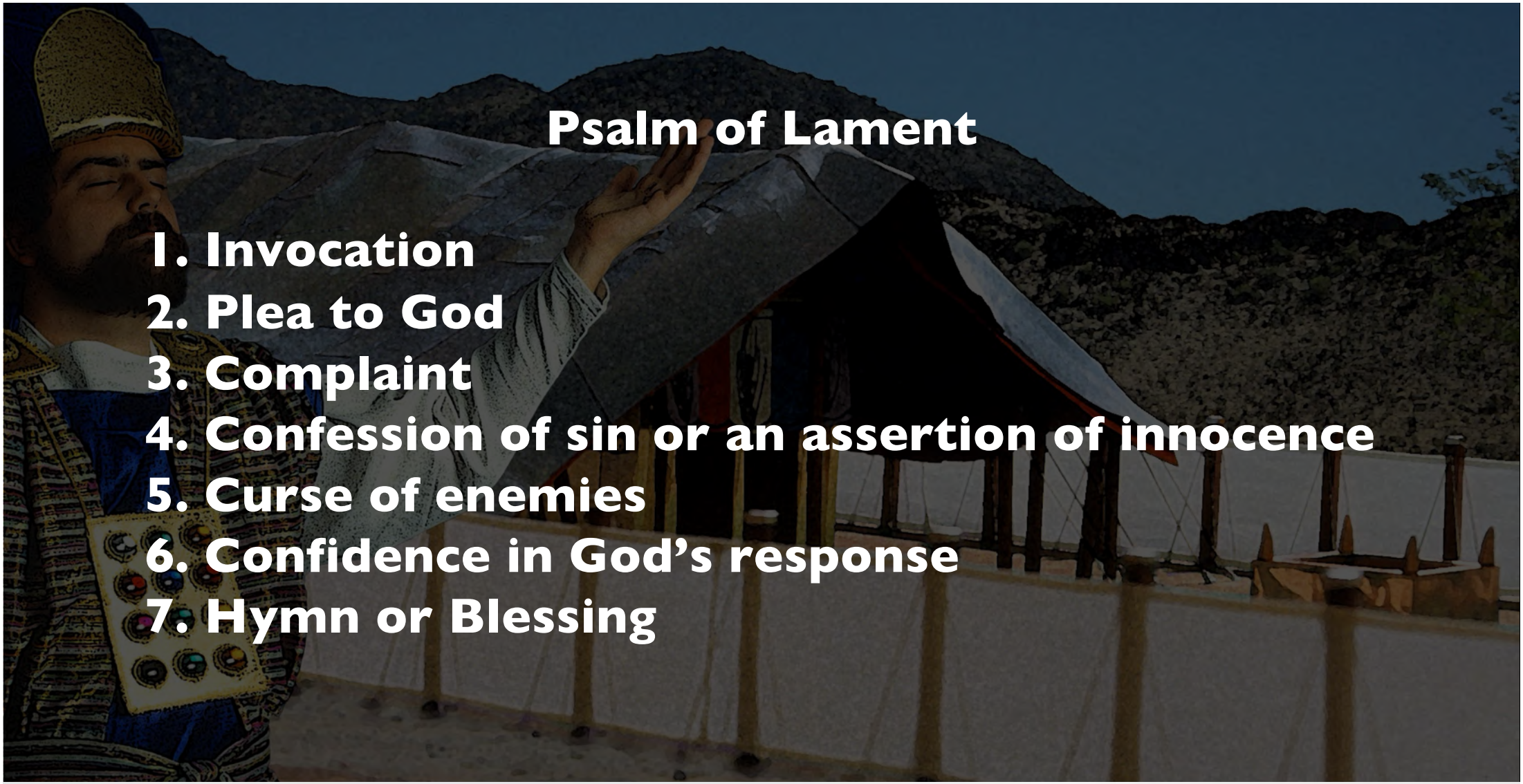
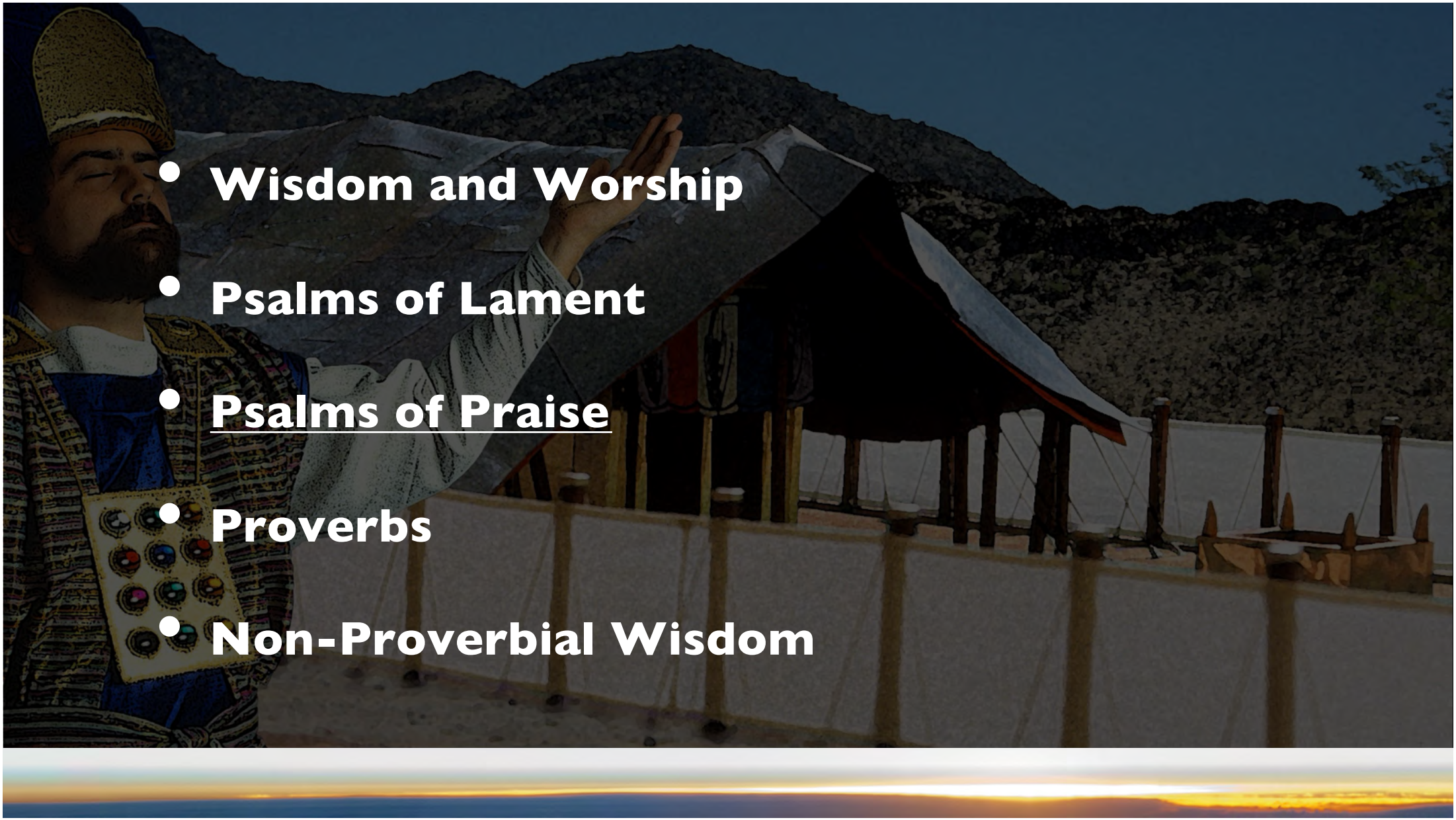


Psalm of Lament

1. Invocation
2. Plea to God
3. Complaint
4. Confession of sin or an assertion of innocence
5. Curse of enemies
6. Confidence in God's response
7. Hymn or Blessing



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Praising God

(C. S. Lewis, *Reflections on the Psalms*)

"I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation. It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed. It is frustrating to have discovered a new author and not to be able to tell anyone how good he is; to come suddenly, at the turn of the road, upon some mountain valley of unexpected grandeur and then to have to keep silent because the people with you care for it no more than for a tin can in the ditch; to hear a good joke and find no one to share it with....The Scotch catechism says that man's chief end is 'to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.' But we shall then know that these are the same thing. Fully to enjoy is to glorify. In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him."

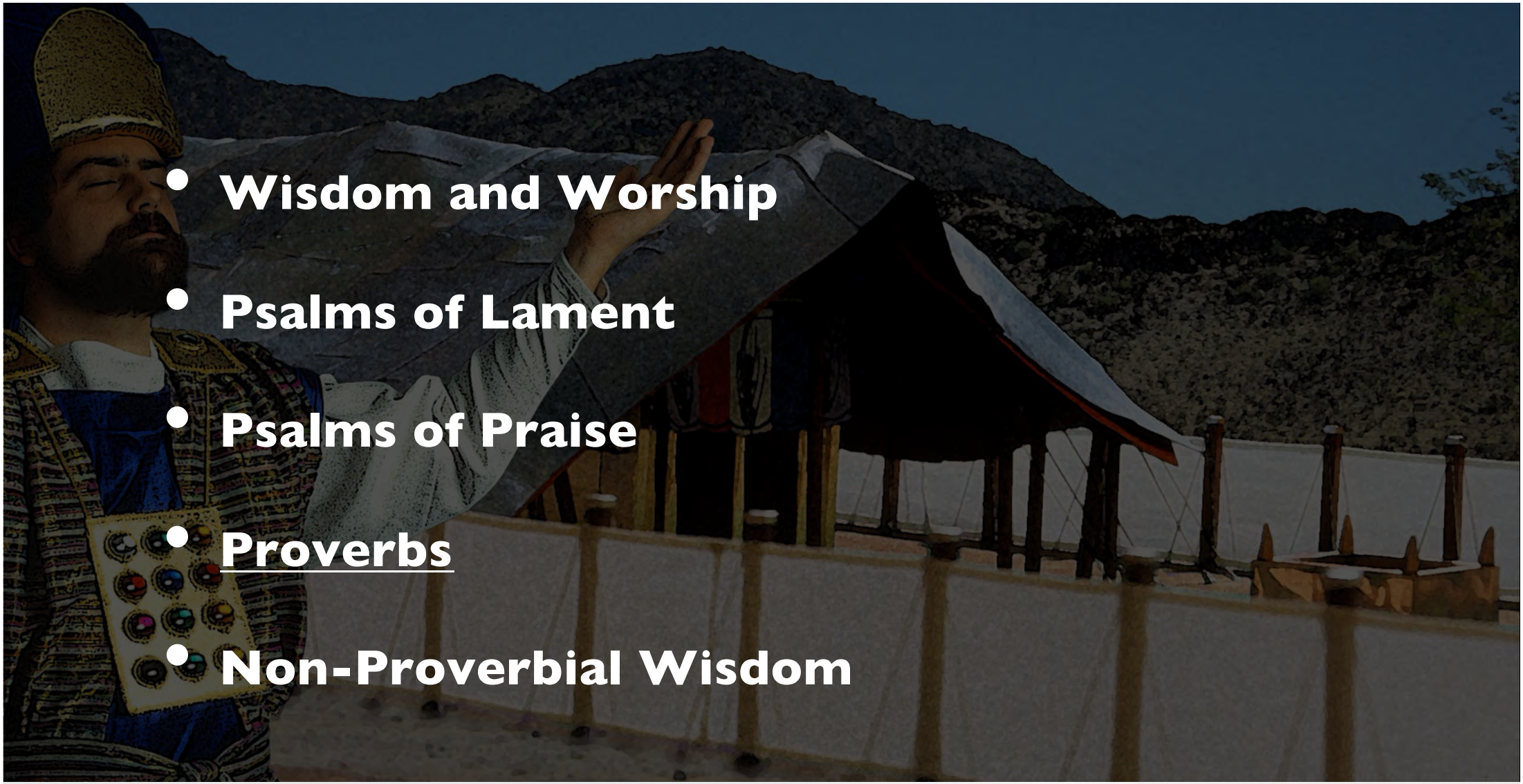
Two Types of Praise Psalms

Descriptive Praise—The praise of God for who He is and what He does

Example: Psalm 100

Declarative Praise—The praise of God for answered prayer, specific acts

Example: Psalm 40



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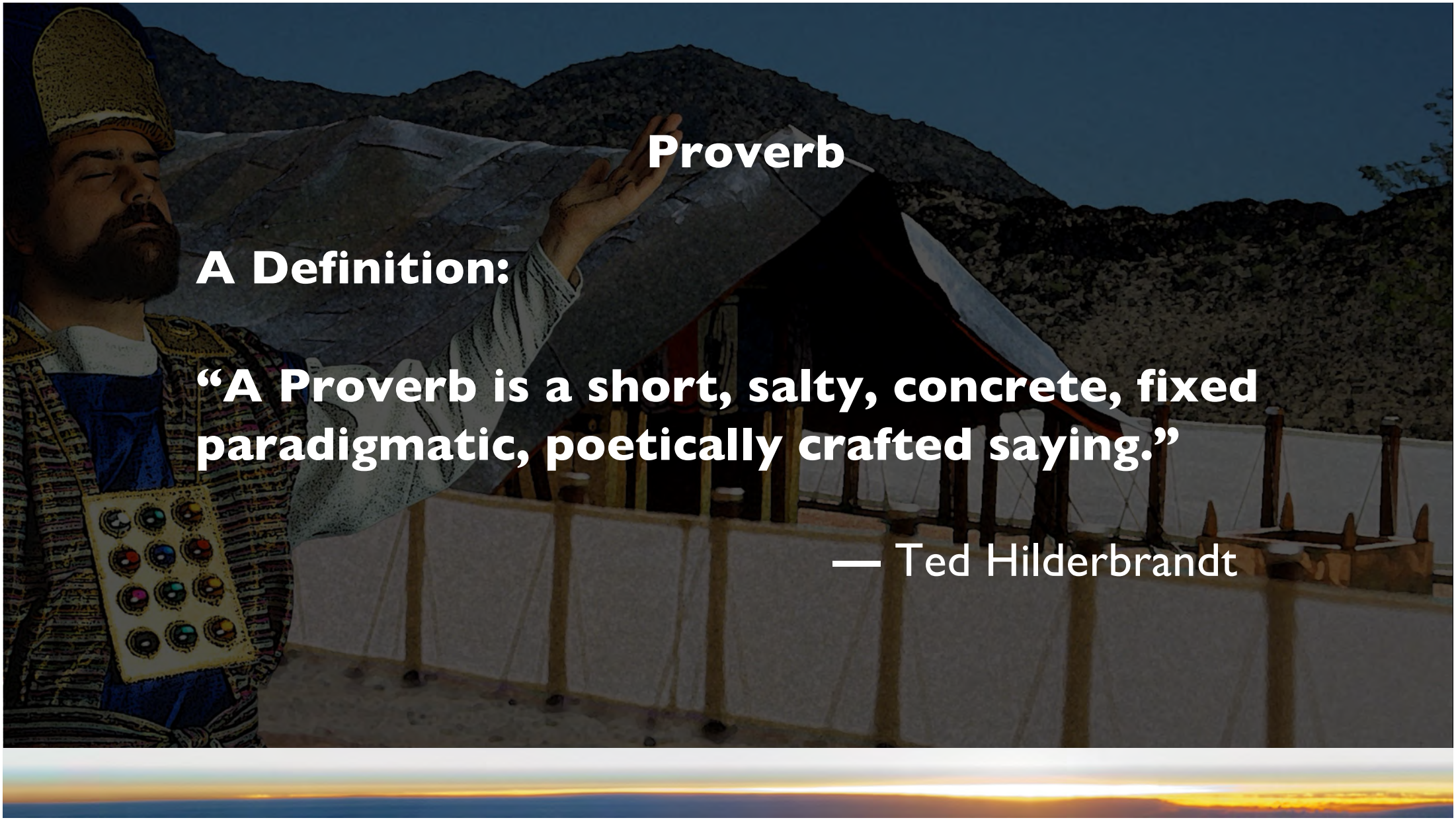
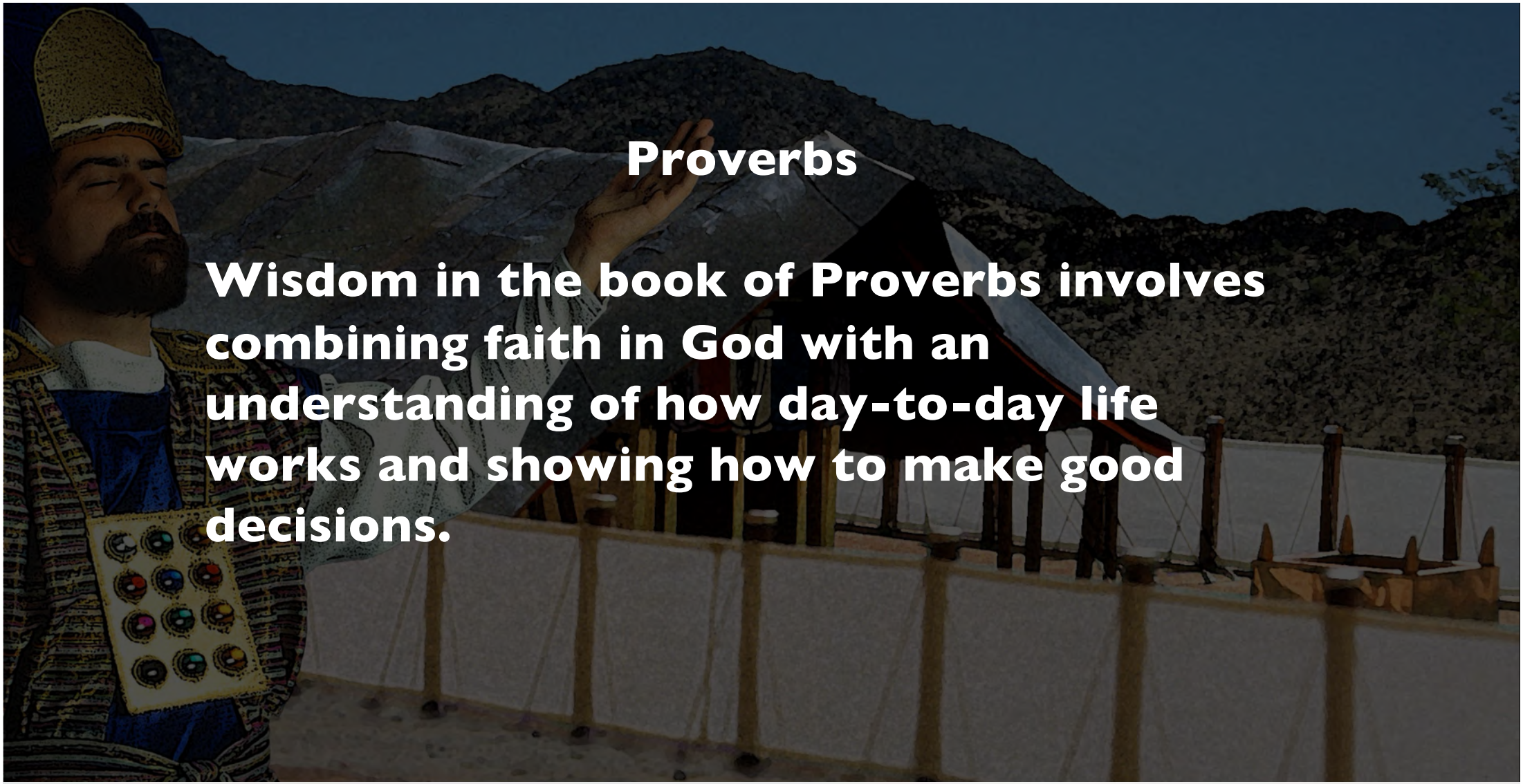


Proverb

A Definition:

“A Proverb is a short, salty, concrete, fixed paradigmatic, poetically crafted saying.”

— Ted Hilderbrandt



Proverbs

Wisdom in the book of Proverbs involves combining faith in God with an understanding of how day-to-day life works and showing how to make good decisions.

The Main Characters in Proverbs

1. **The Simple:**
   This person is not very smart and doesn't want to be.
2. **The Fool:**
   This person is not smart either, but they think they are.
3. **The Mocker:**
   This person is smart (humanly) but has no faith in God.
4. **The Wise:**
   This person is discerning, integrating faith in God with life.

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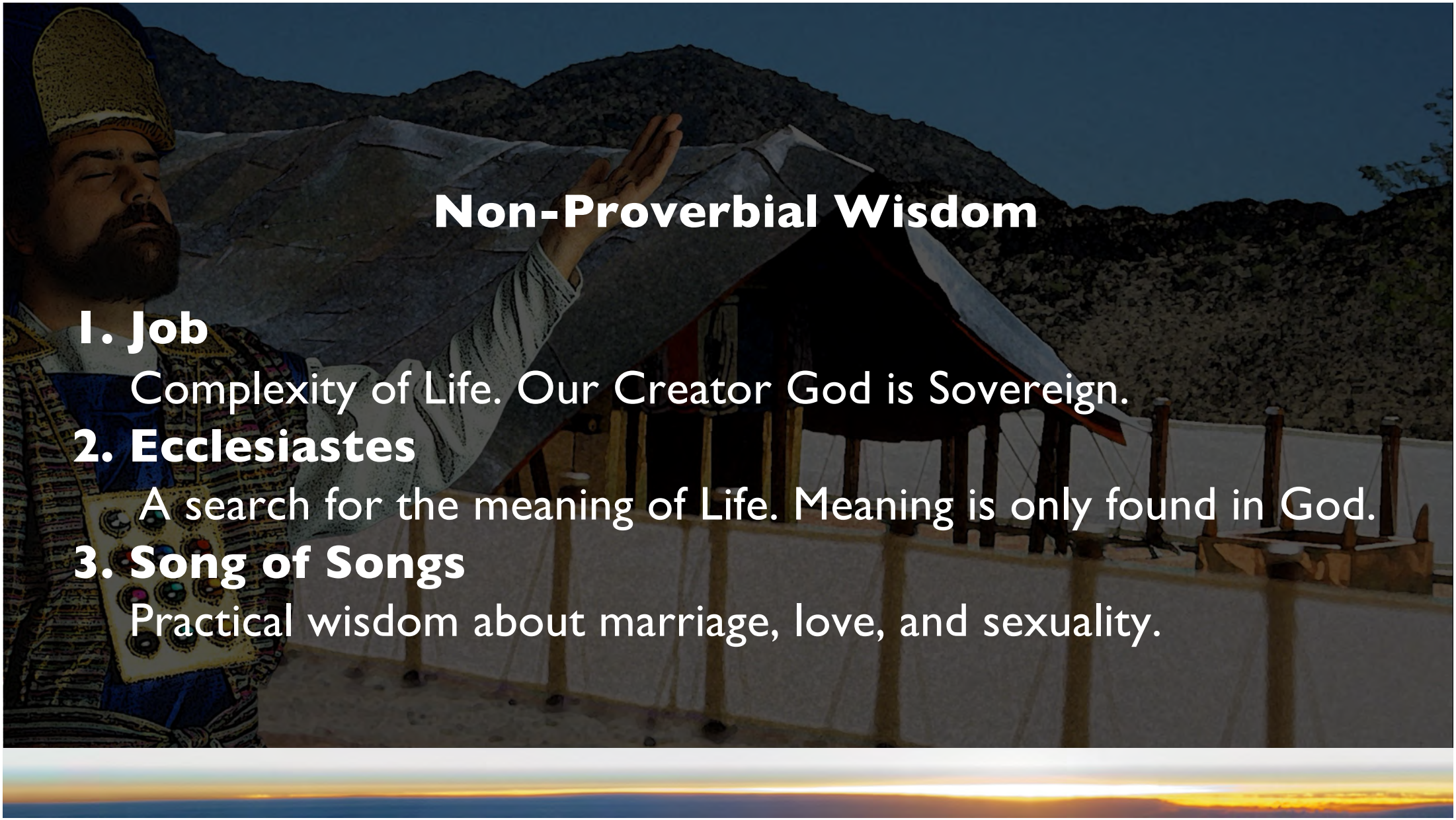

Non-Proverbial Wisdom

1. **Job**
   Complexity of Life. Our Creator God is Sovereign.
2. **Ecclesiastes**
   A search for the meaning of Life. Meaning is only found in God.
3. **Song of Songs**
   Practical wisdom about marriage, love, and sexuality.

Themes

I. About God

*Creator

*To be Feared and Worshiped

*Covenant Keeper

II. About Man

*Sinful Being (Covenant Betrayer)

*Needy

*May only be wise if . . . he/she fears and worships the Lord

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Covenant Consequences

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