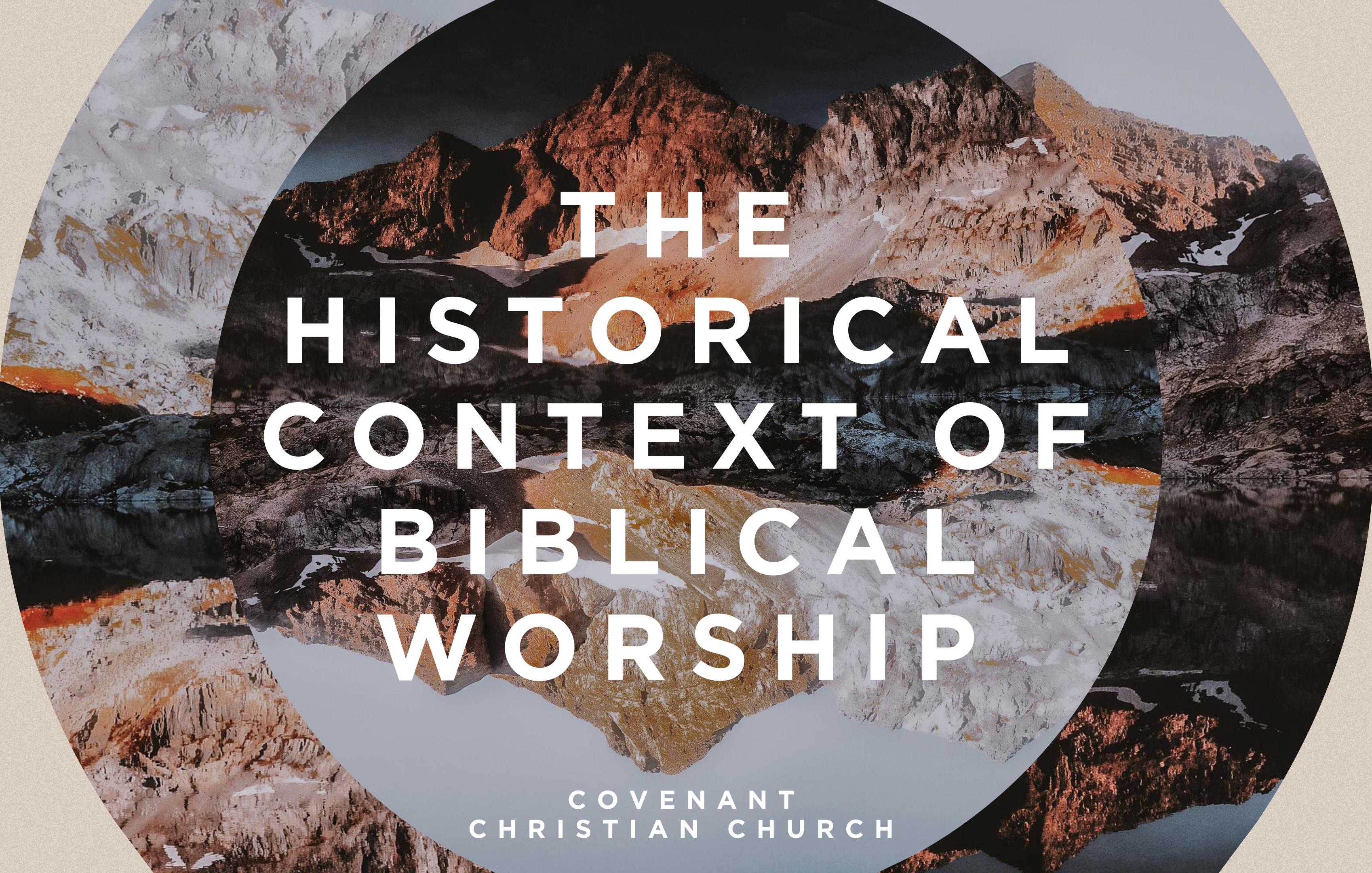




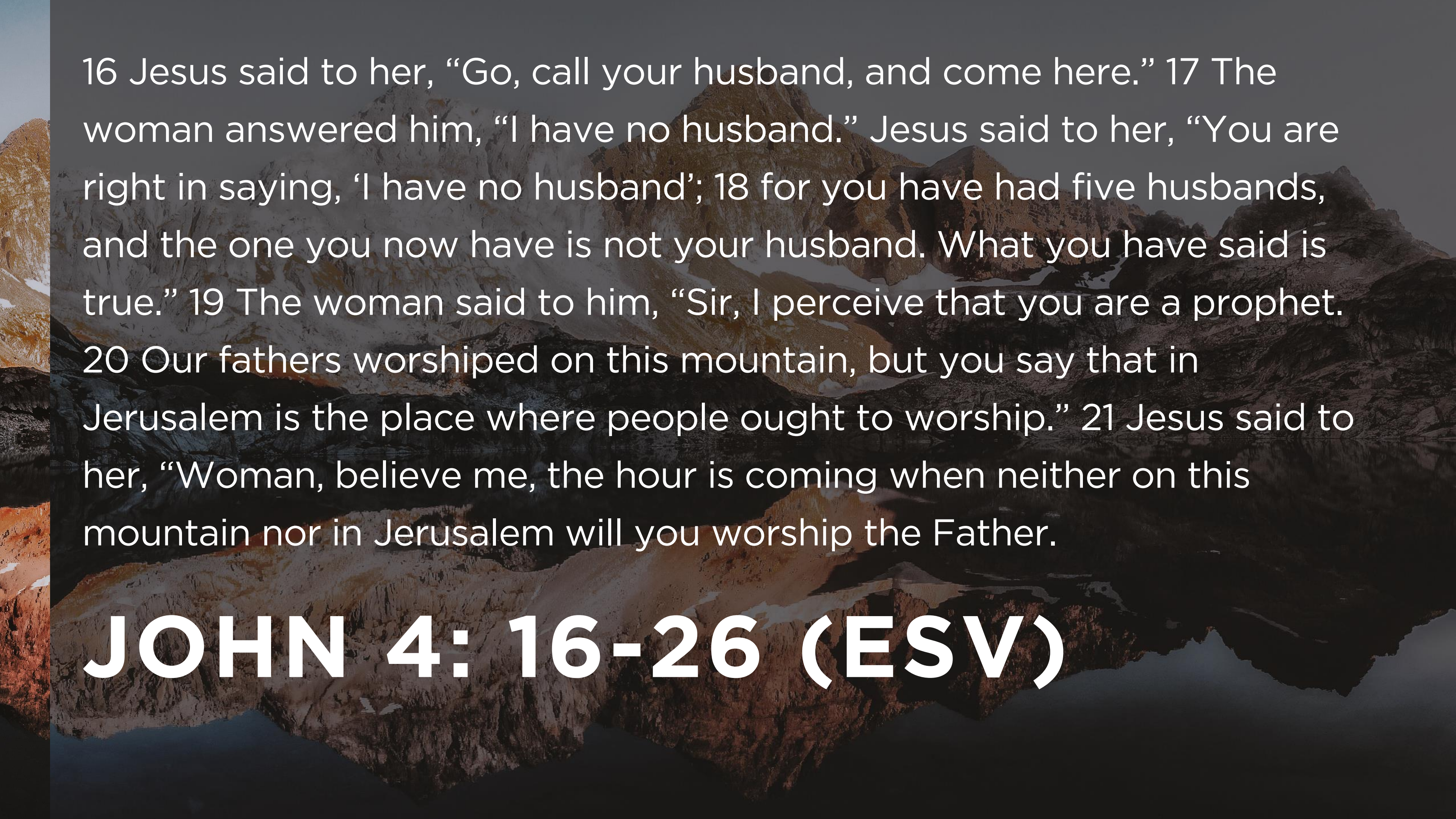
THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF BIBLICAL WORSHIP

COVENANT
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), 3 he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. 4 And he had to pass through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

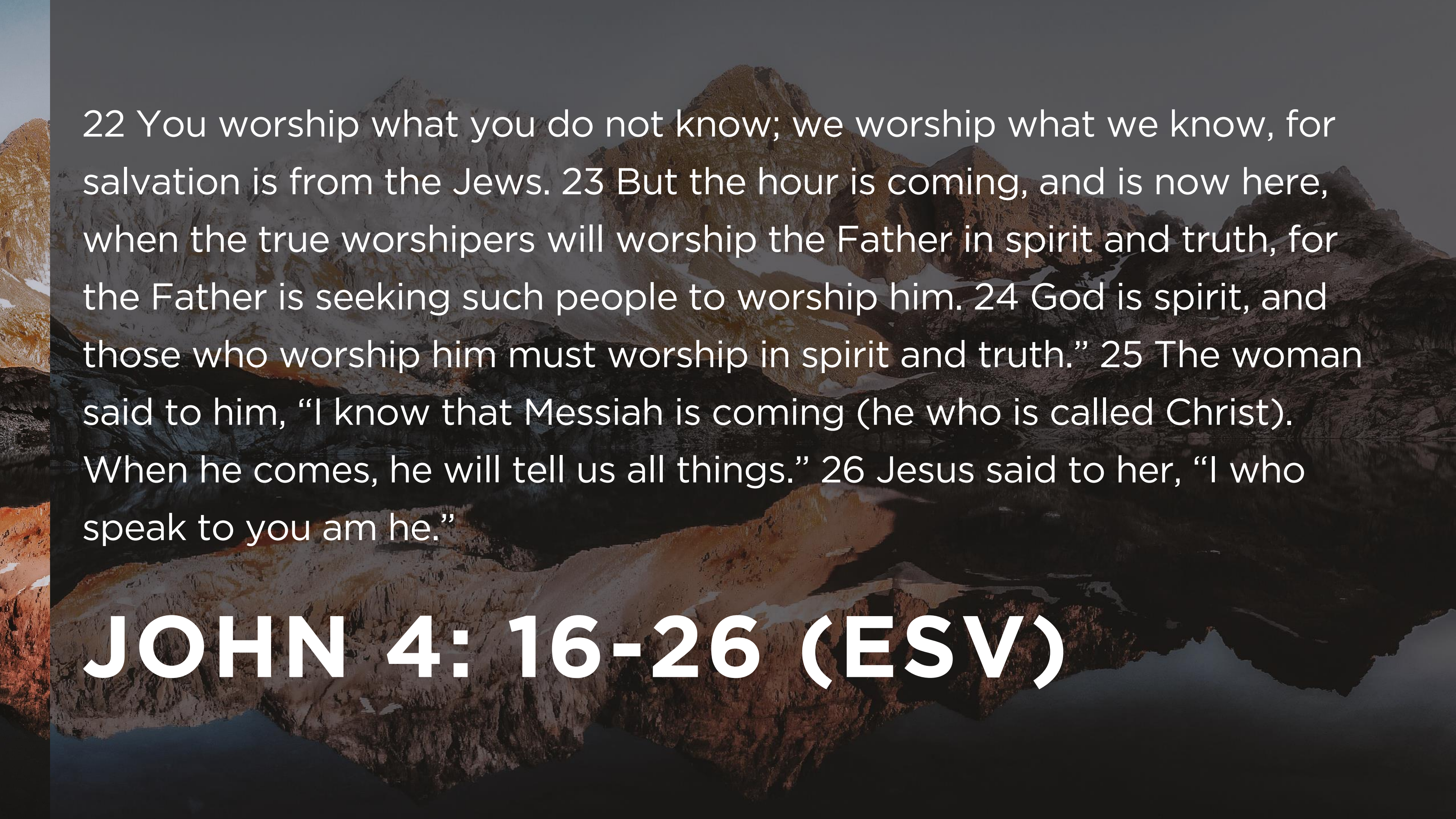
7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water.

JOHN 4: 1-7 (ESV)



16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” 17 The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” 19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” 21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

JOHN 4: 16-26 (ESV)



22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

JOHN 4: 16-26 (ESV)

A dramatic landscape photograph of a mountain range. The mountains are rugged, with patches of snow and ice clinging to their slopes. The sky is a deep, dark blue. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the mountains and the sky, creating a mirror-like effect. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

**WE ARE
CREATED TO
WORSHIP.**

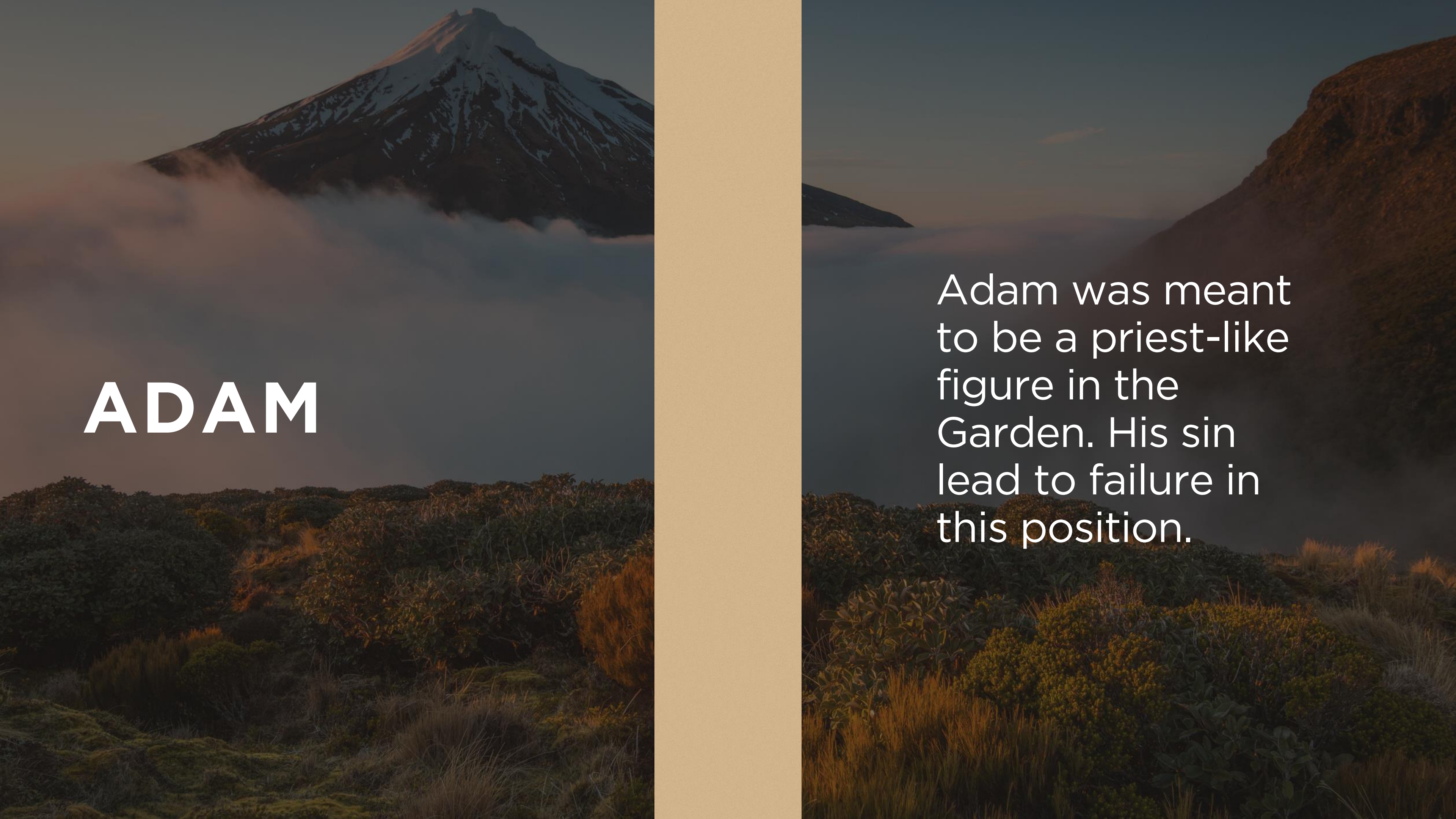


I appeal to you therefore, brothers,[a](#) by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

ROMANS 12:1 (ESV)



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

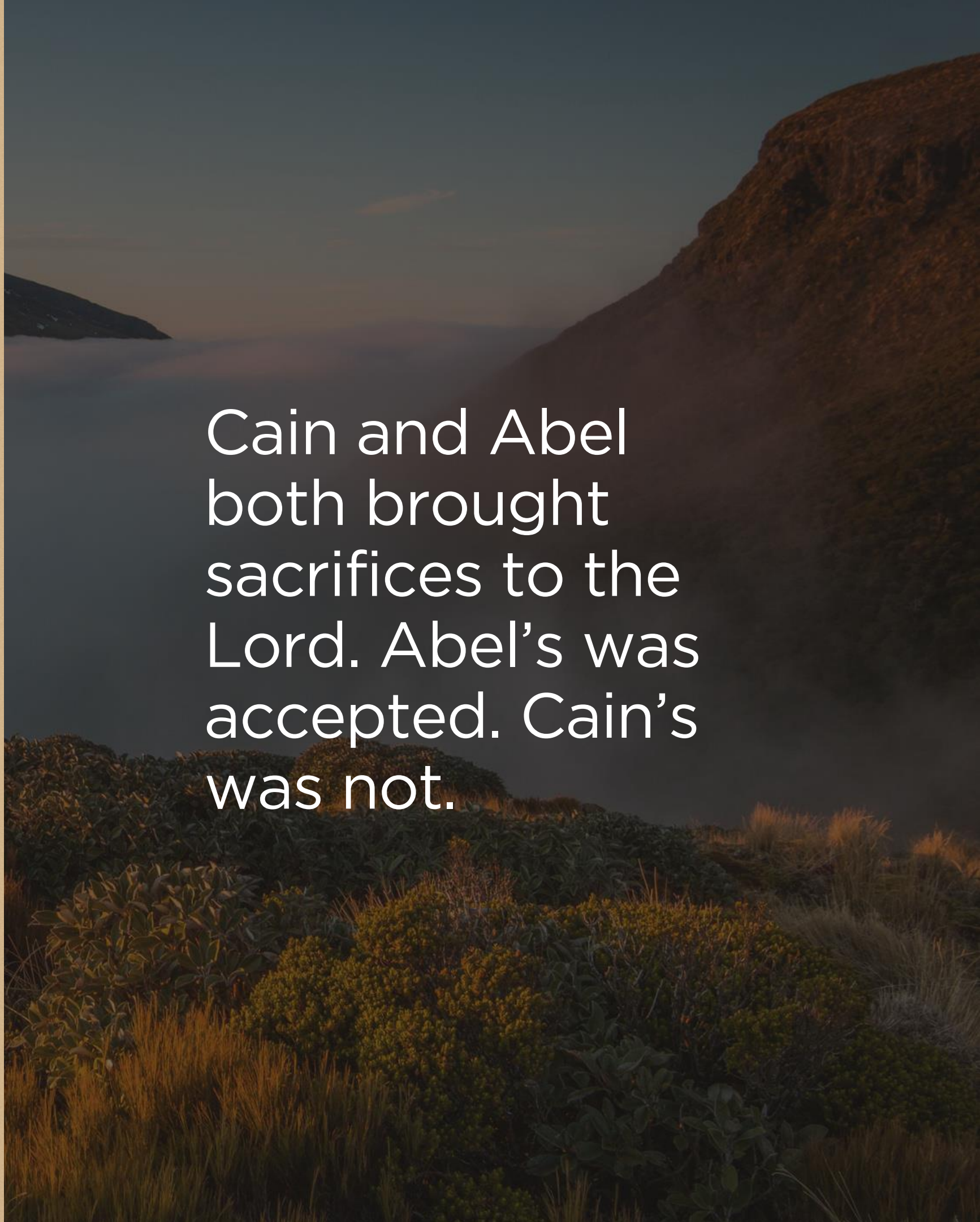


ADAM

Adam was meant to be a priest-like figure in the Garden. His sin lead to failure in this position.



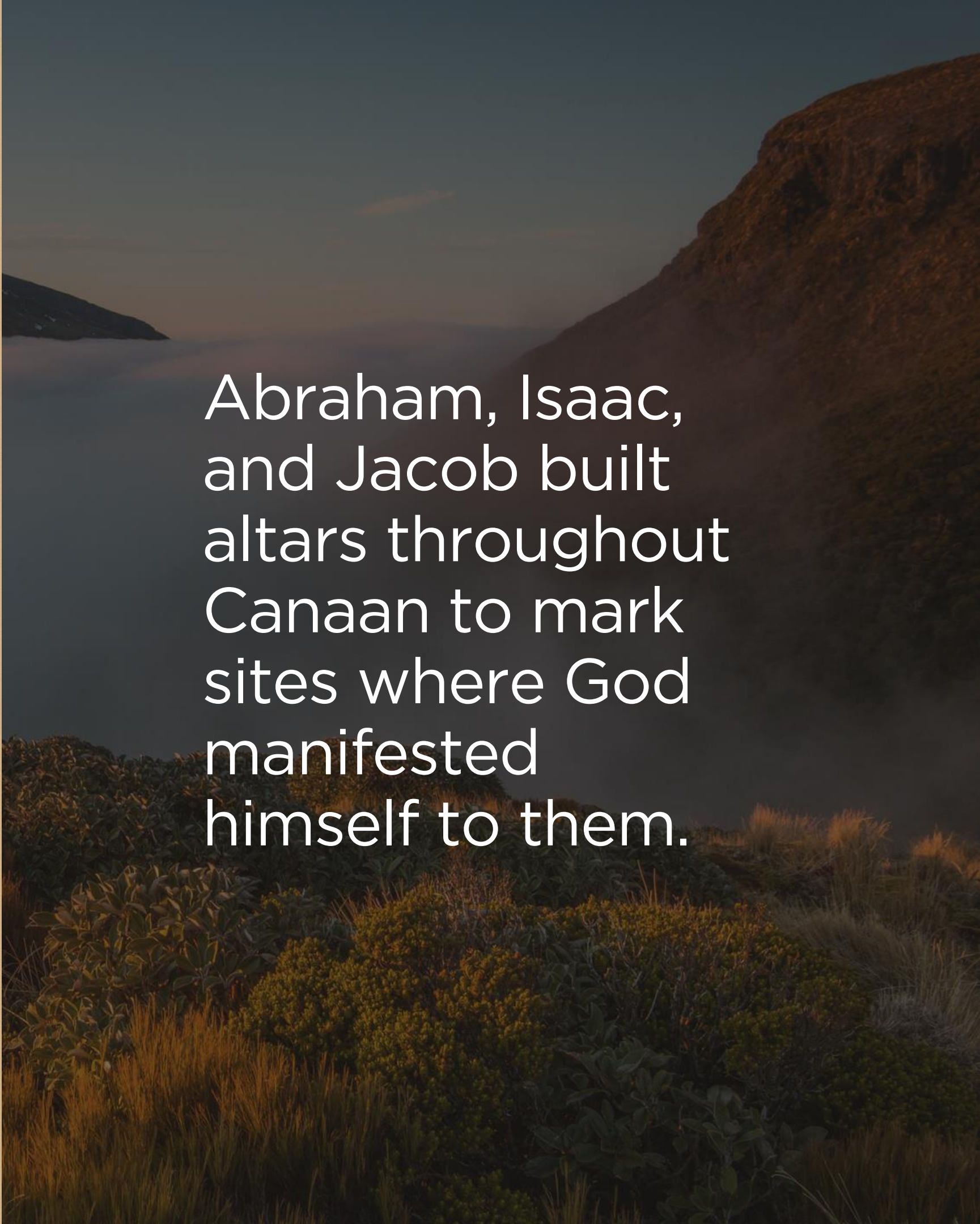
CAIN + ABEL



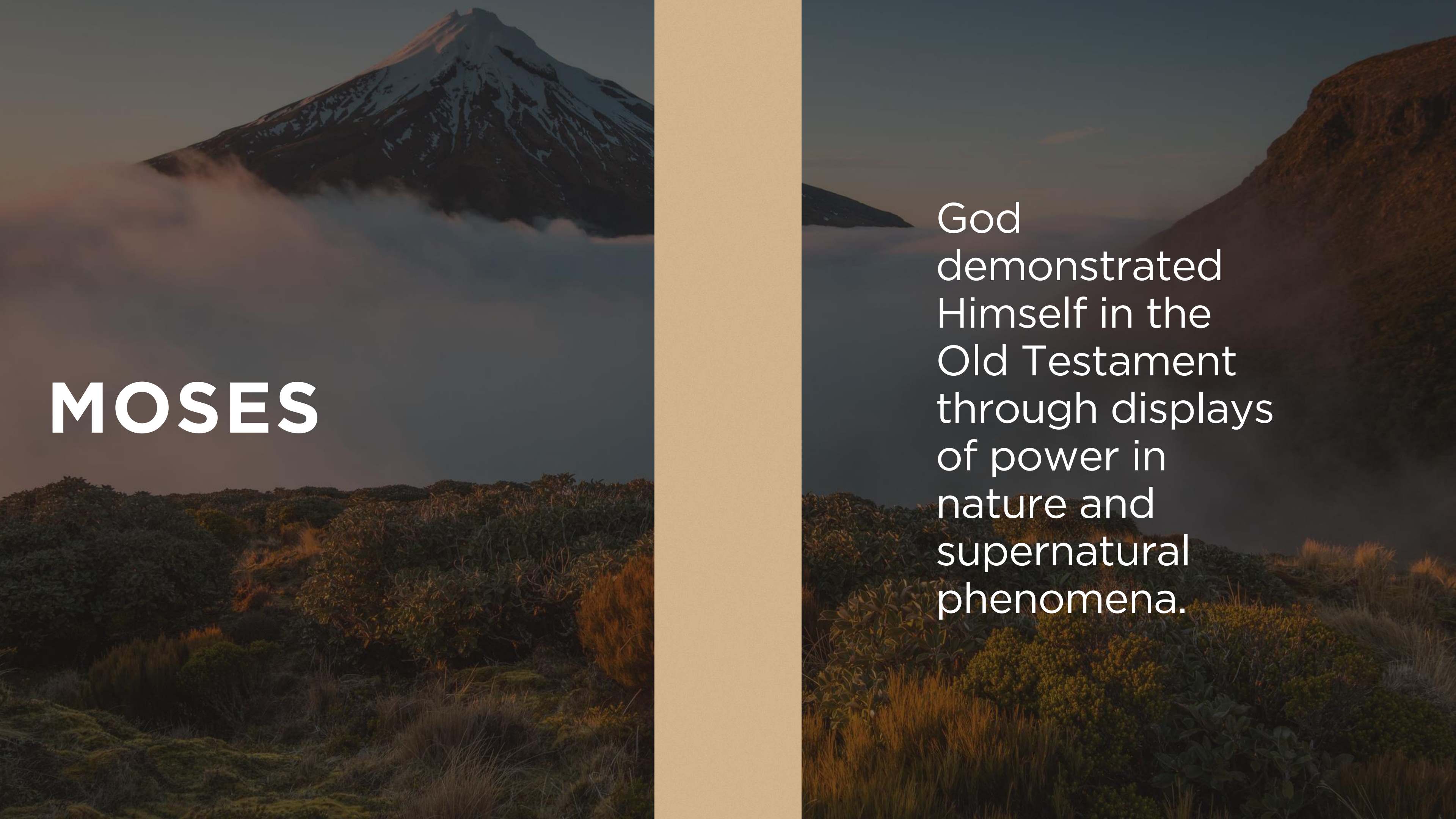
Cain and Abel
both brought
sacrifices to the
Lord. Abel's was
accepted. Cain's
was not.



ABRAHAM (AND THE PATRIARCHS)



Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob built
altars throughout
Canaan to mark
sites where God
manifested
himself to them.



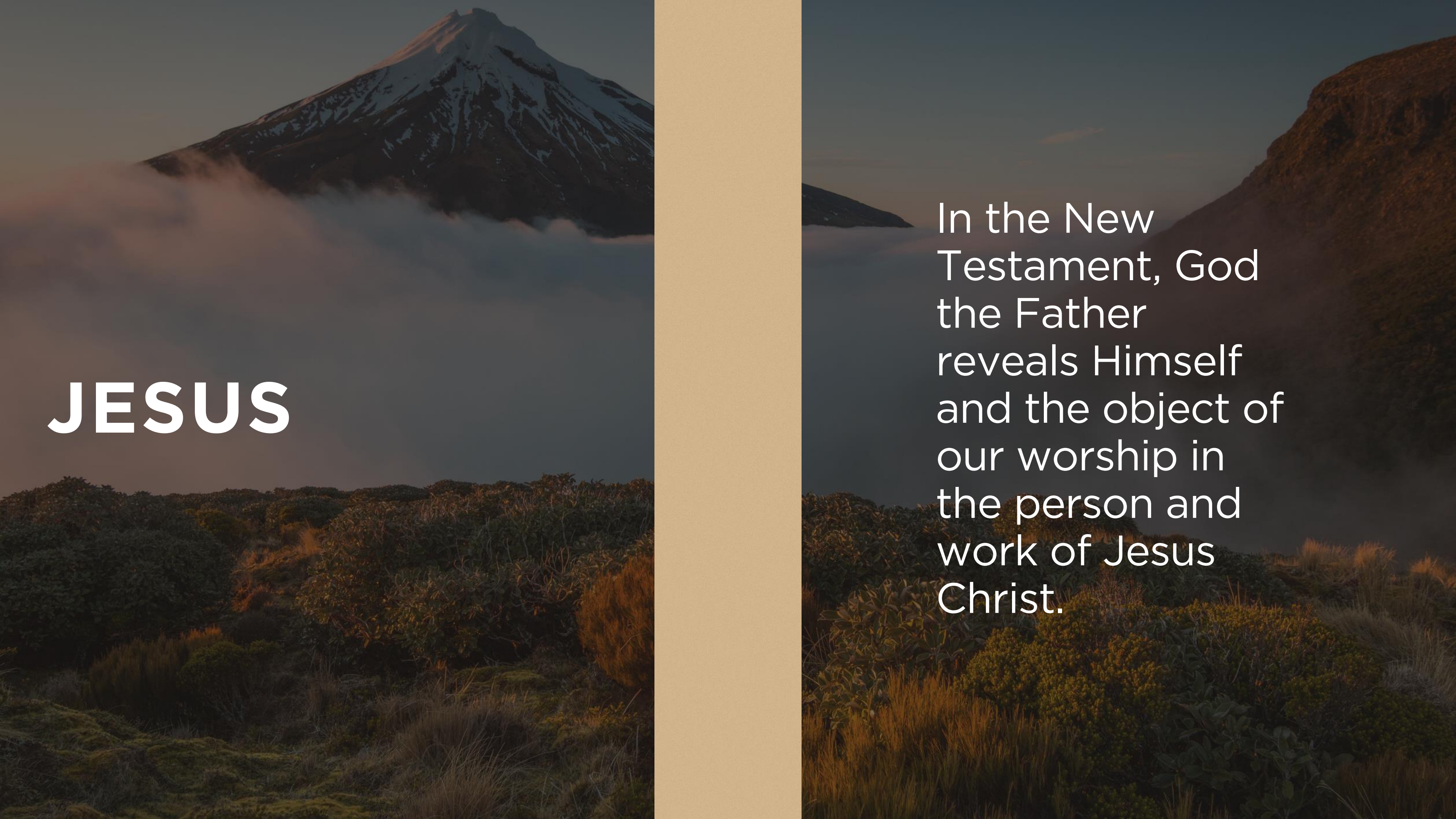
MOSES

God
demonstrated
Himself in the
Old Testament
through displays
of power in
nature and
supernatural
phenomena.



KING DAVID

God anointed
Jerusalem as His
new sanctuary,
when King David
brought the Ark
of the Covenant
into the city.



JESUS

In the New Testament, God the Father reveals Himself and the object of our worship in the person and work of Jesus Christ.



THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

The New
Testament
teaches that
God's dwelling
on earth was no
special building
or sanctuary
within a building:
it is the people of
God themselves.



HEBREW AND GREEK WORDS OF WORSHIP

The background of the image is a photograph of a waterfall cascading over dark, jagged rocks. The water is blurred, creating a sense of motion. The overall tone is dark and moody, with the text providing a stark contrast.

HEBREW: HISTAHAWA GREEK: PROSKYNEO

To worship, but more literally means
“prostrated before a superior.”



HEBREW: KARA

To bow down



HEBREW: BARAK

To kneel

HEBREW: YARE

Describes an attitude of fear; to shake or tremble.



HEBREW: ABAD

To serve or labor; cultivate

HEBREW: SHACHAH

To depress oneself; prostrate oneself



GREEK: EUSEBEO

Respect



GREEK: LATREIA

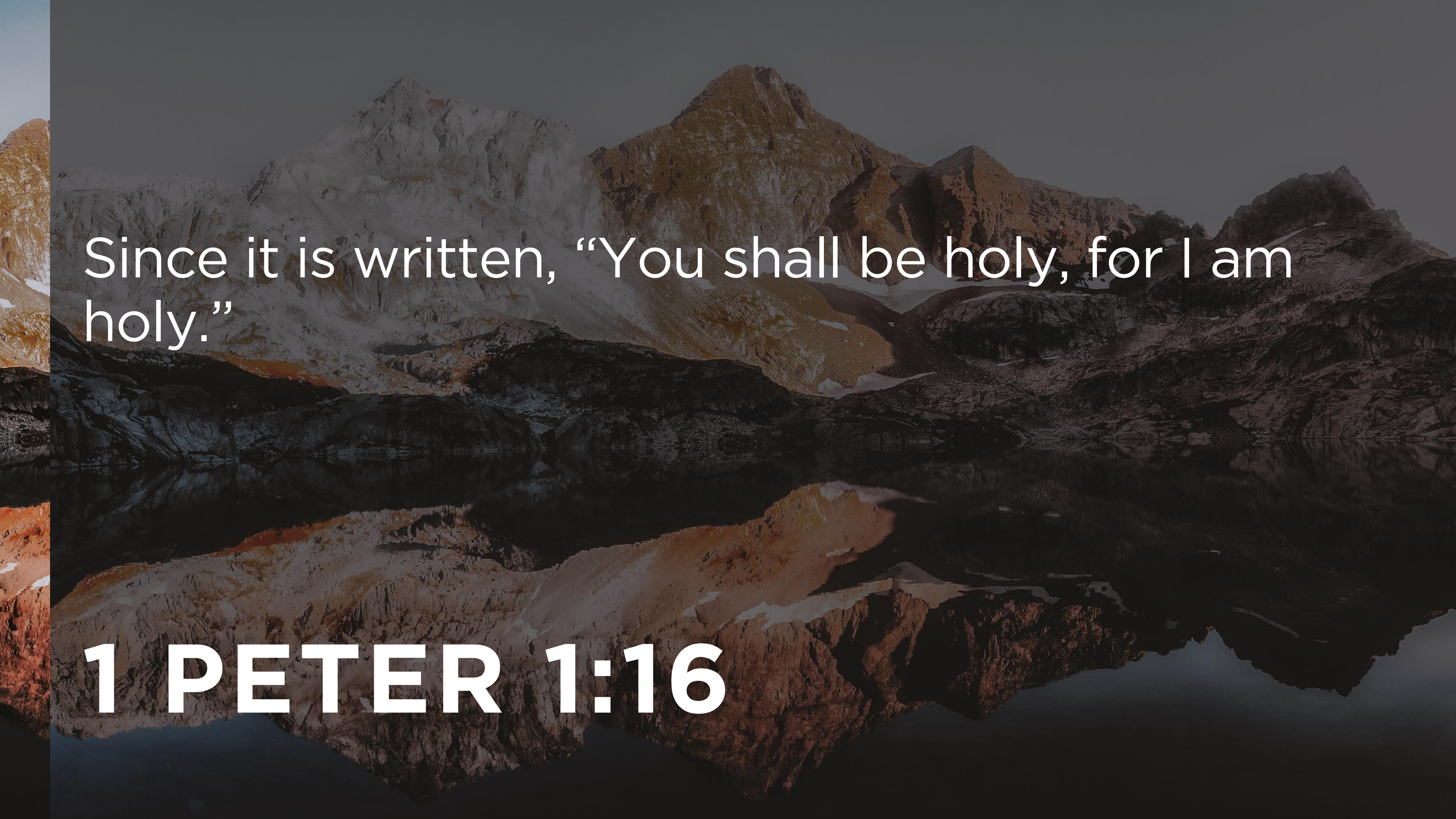
To serve; hired workman



KEY TAKEAWAYS



**1. THE GOD WE
WORSHIP IS THE
SAME GOD OF THE
OLD AND NEW
TESTAMENTS.**

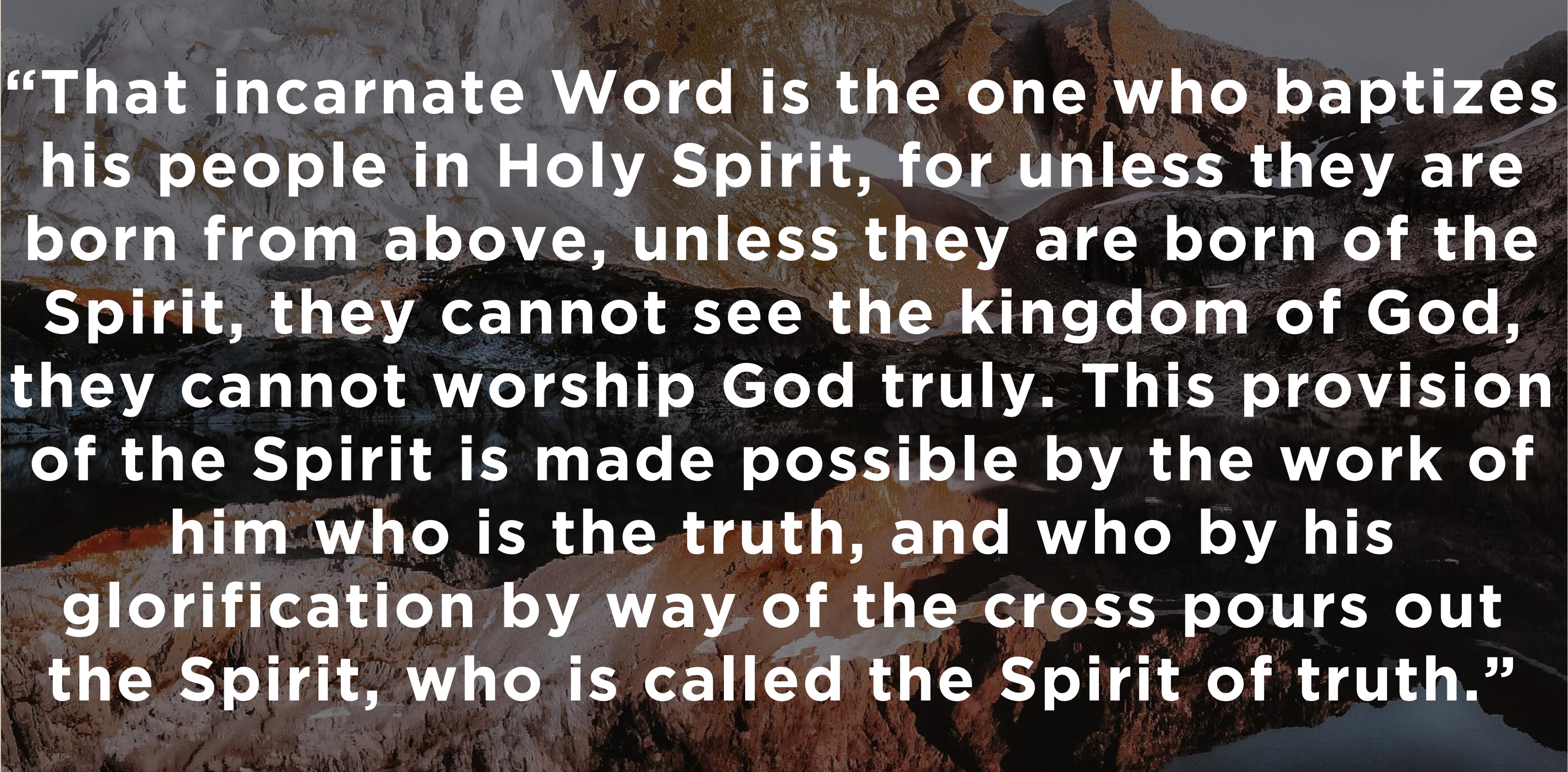


Since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

1 PETER 1:16

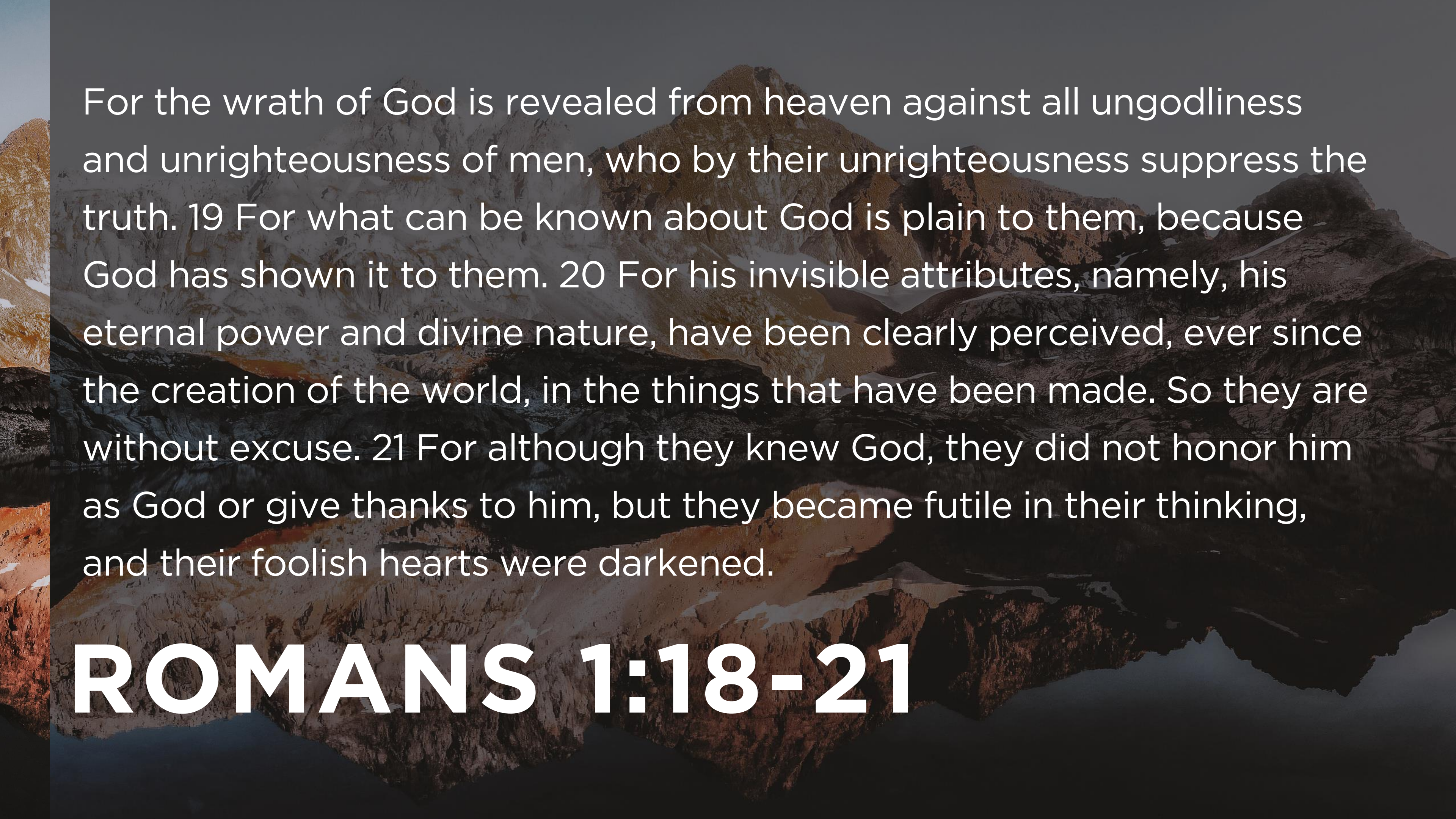


**2. THERE ARE
ACCEPTABLE AND
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FORMS OF WORSHIP.**



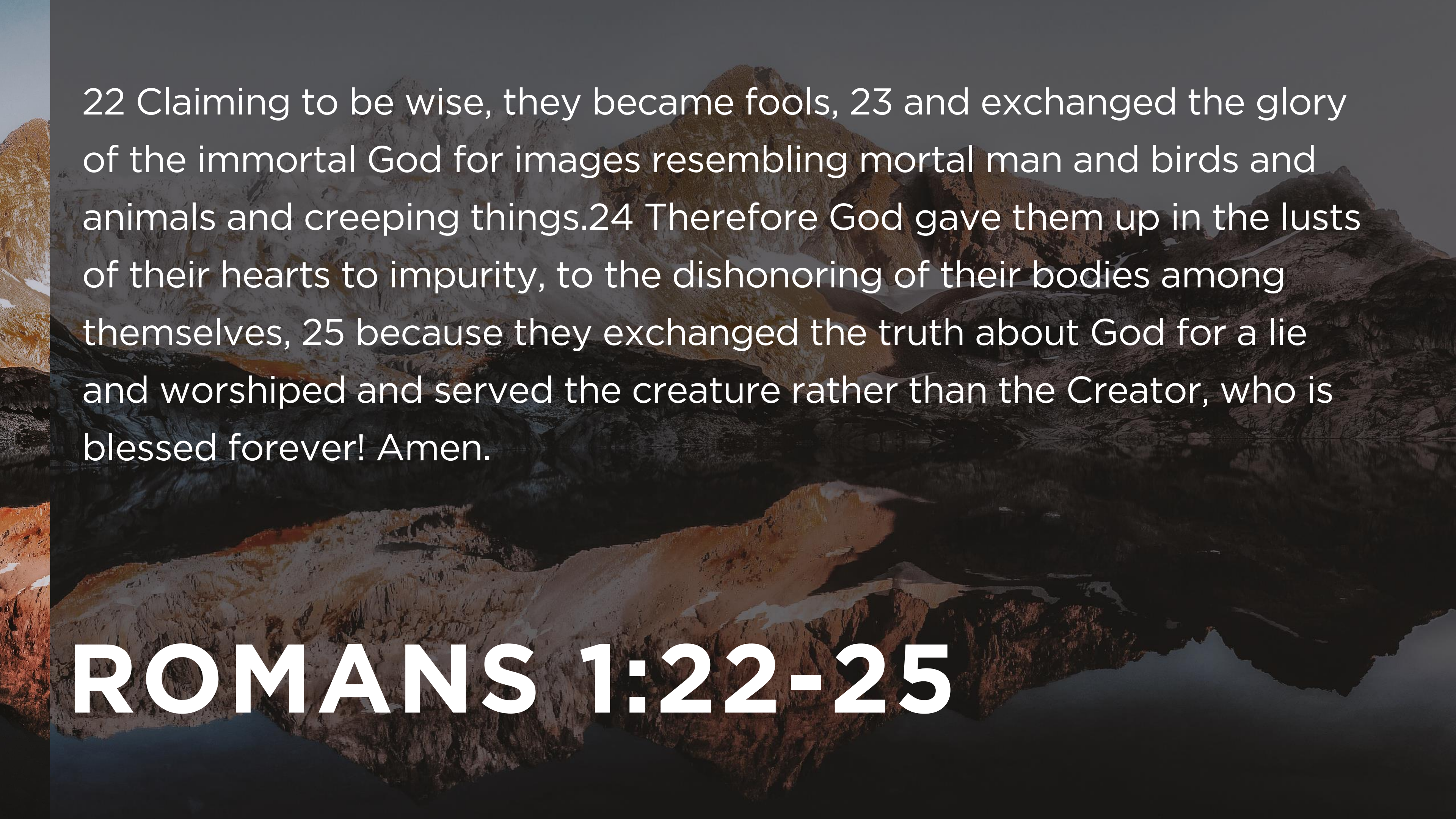
“That incarnate Word is the one who baptizes his people in Holy Spirit, for unless they are born from above, unless they are born of the Spirit, they cannot see the kingdom of God, they cannot worship God truly. This provision of the Spirit is made possible by the work of him who is the truth, and who by his glorification by way of the cross pours out the Spirit, who is called the Spirit of truth.”

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For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

ROMANS 1:18-21



22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

ROMANS 1:22-25



**IN ORDER TO HAVE
ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP,
WE MUST BE PURSUING
HOLINESS AND SACRIFICE
MUST BE INVOLVED.**