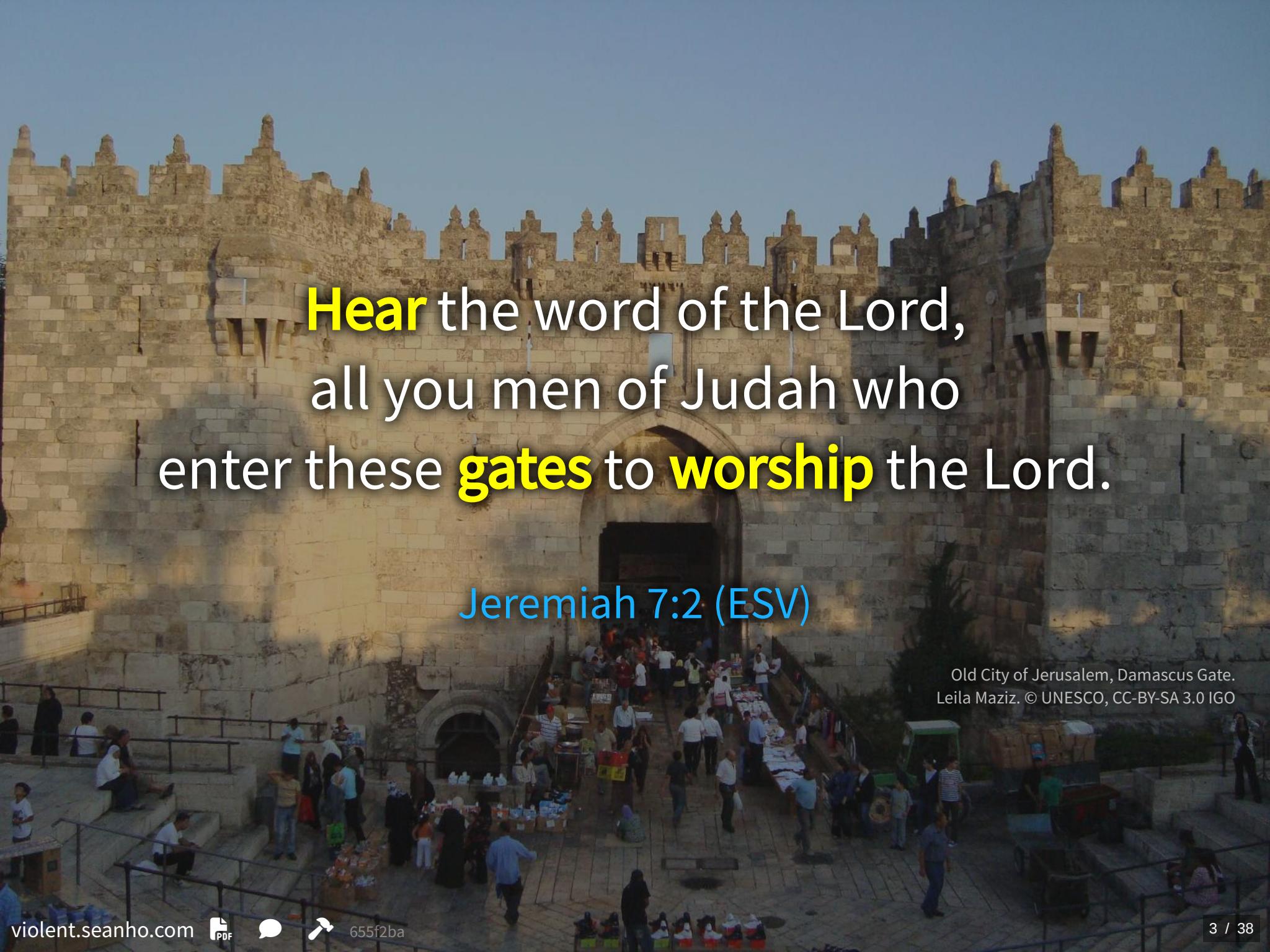


# Refuge of the Violent

## Jeremiah 7:1-11

Julian Böck

What is  
the illness  
of the church?



**Hear** the word of the Lord,  
all you men of Judah who  
enter these **gates** to **worship** the Lord.

Jeremiah 7:2 (ESV)

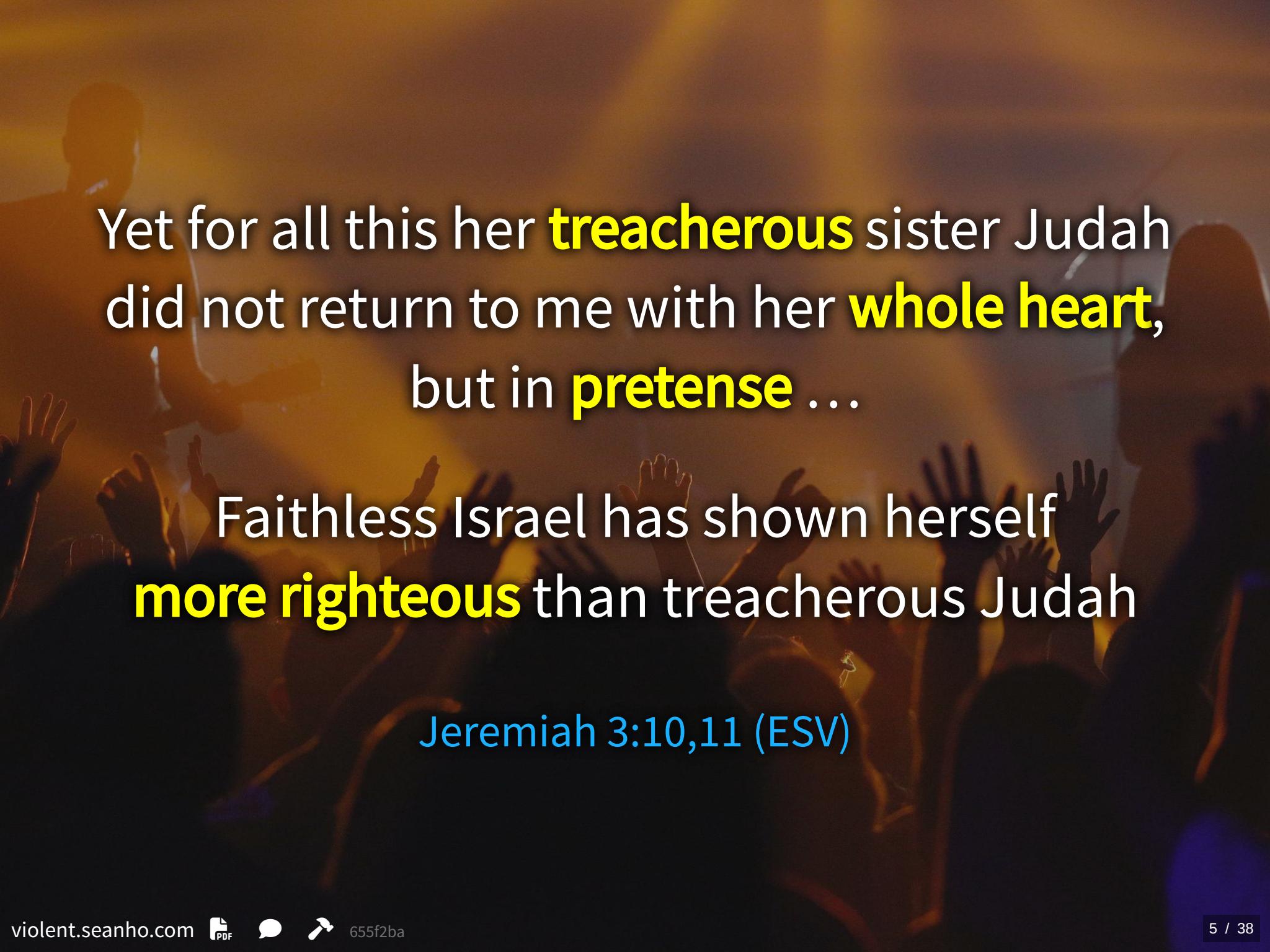
Old City of Jerusalem, Damascus Gate.  
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Have you seen what she did,  
that **faithless** one, Israel?

Jeremiah 3:6 (ESV)

Palm Springs, CA. Edwards Cisneros



Yet for all this her **treacherous** sister Judah  
did not return to me with her **whole heart**,  
but in **pretense** ...

Faithless Israel has shown herself  
**more righteous** than treacherous Judah

Jeremiah 3:10,11 (ESV)

For from the least to the greatest of them,  
everyone is **greedy** for unjust gain;  
  
and from prophet to priest,  
everyone deals **falsely**.

Jeremiah 6:13 (ESV)

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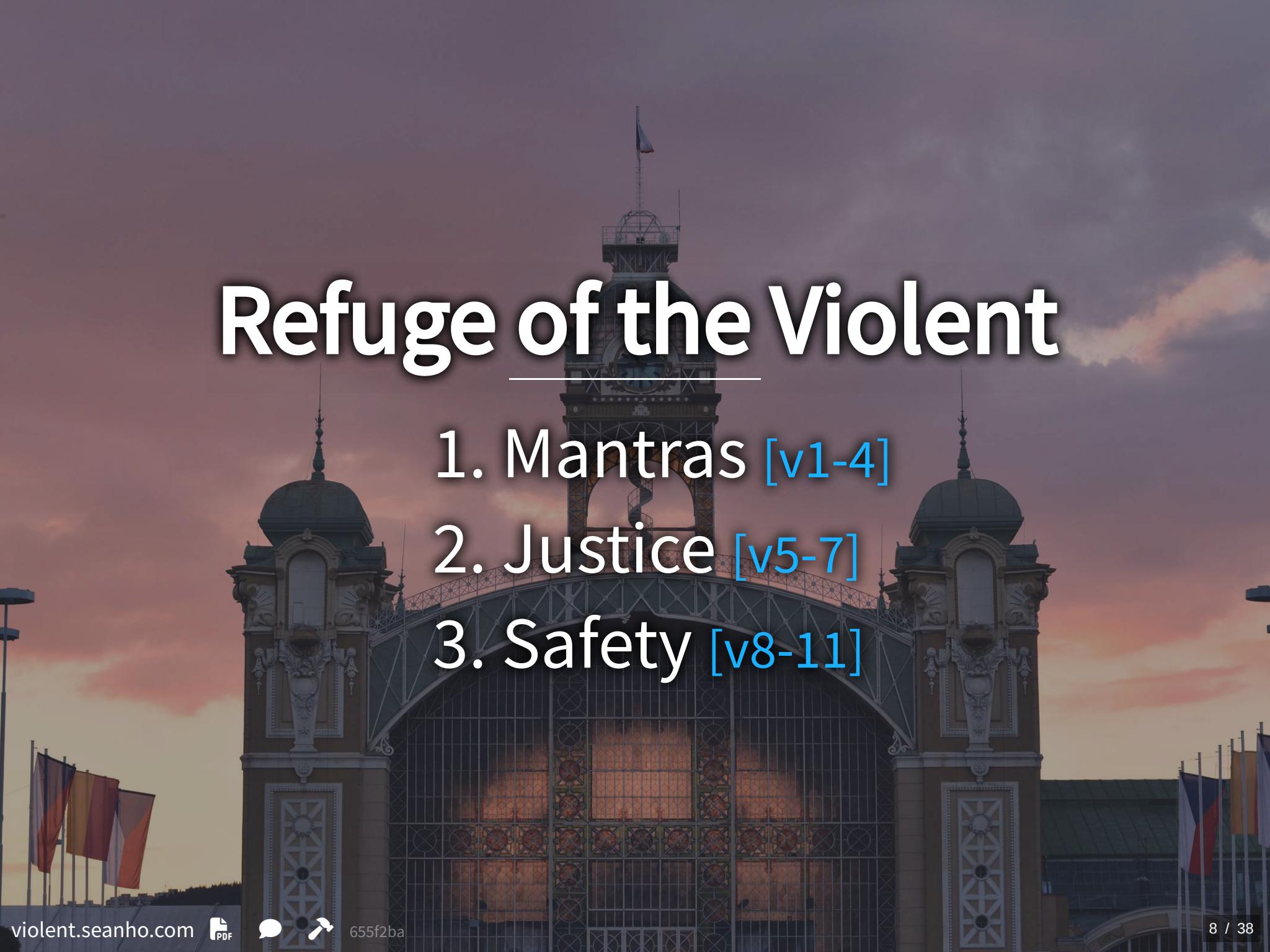
They have healed the **wound**  
of my people **lightly**,  
saying, ‘**Peace, peace**,’ when there is no peace.

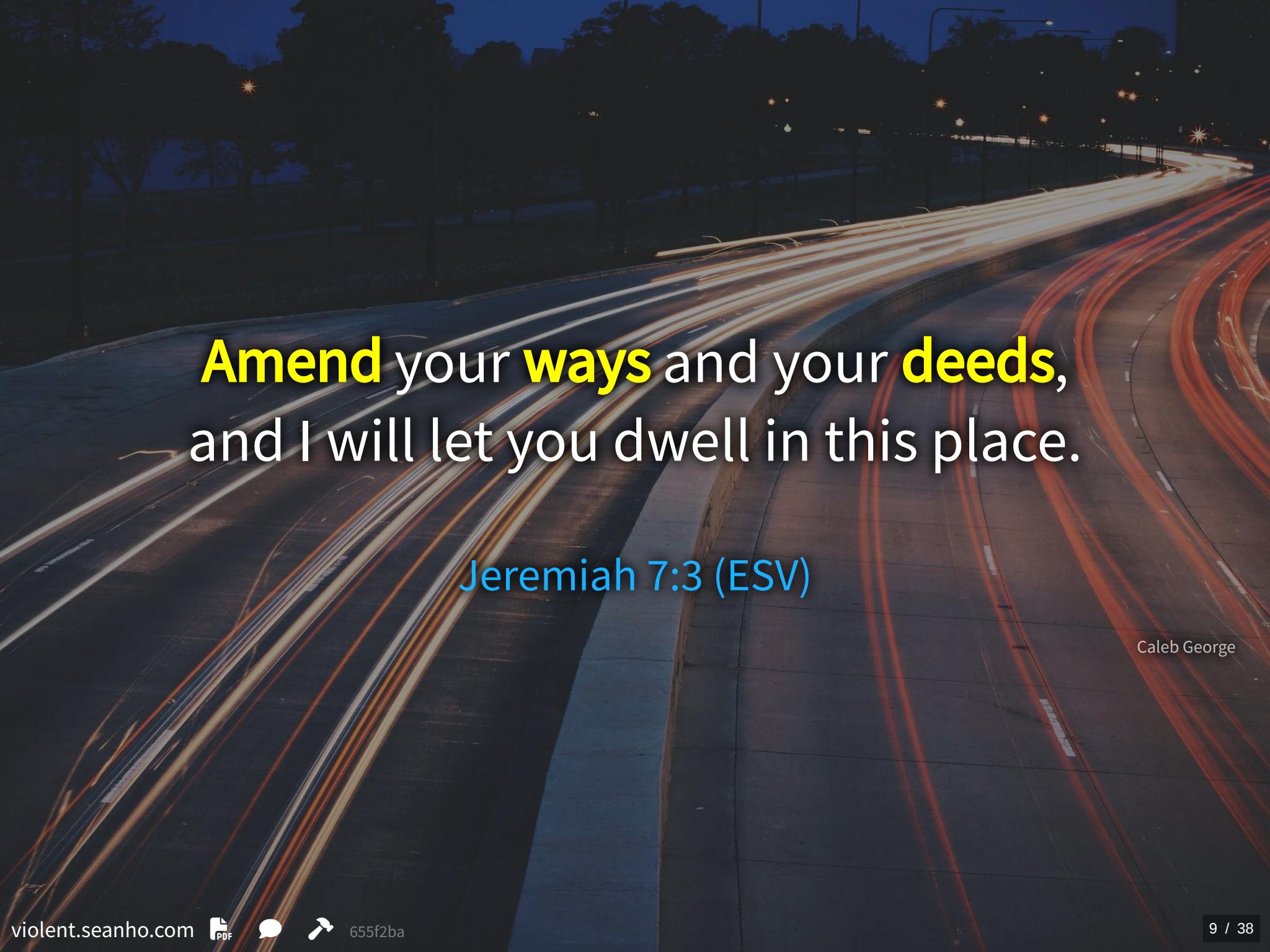
Jeremiah 6:14 (ESV)

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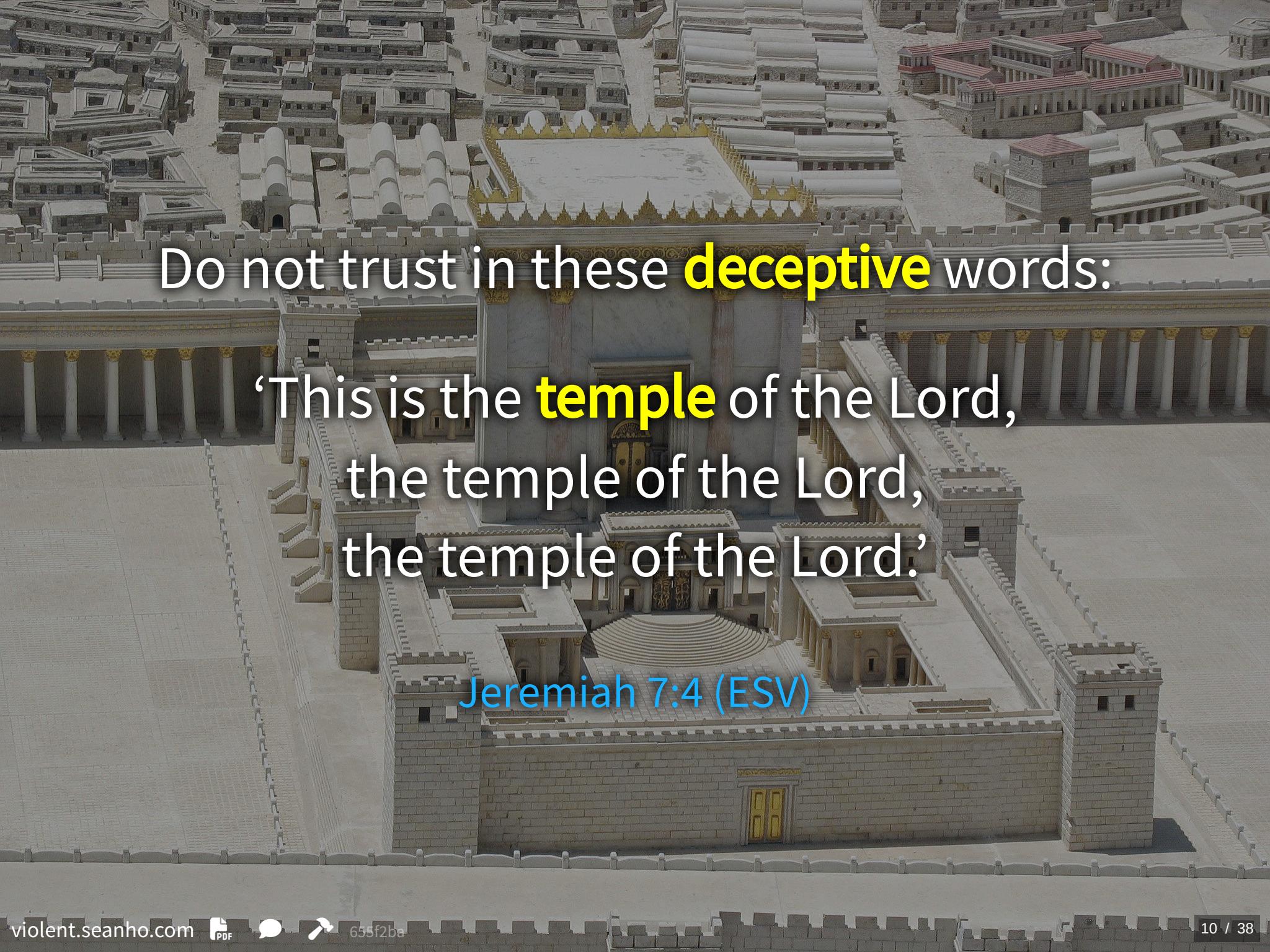




**Amend** your **ways** and your **deeds**,  
and I will let you dwell in this place.

Jeremiah 7:3 (ESV)

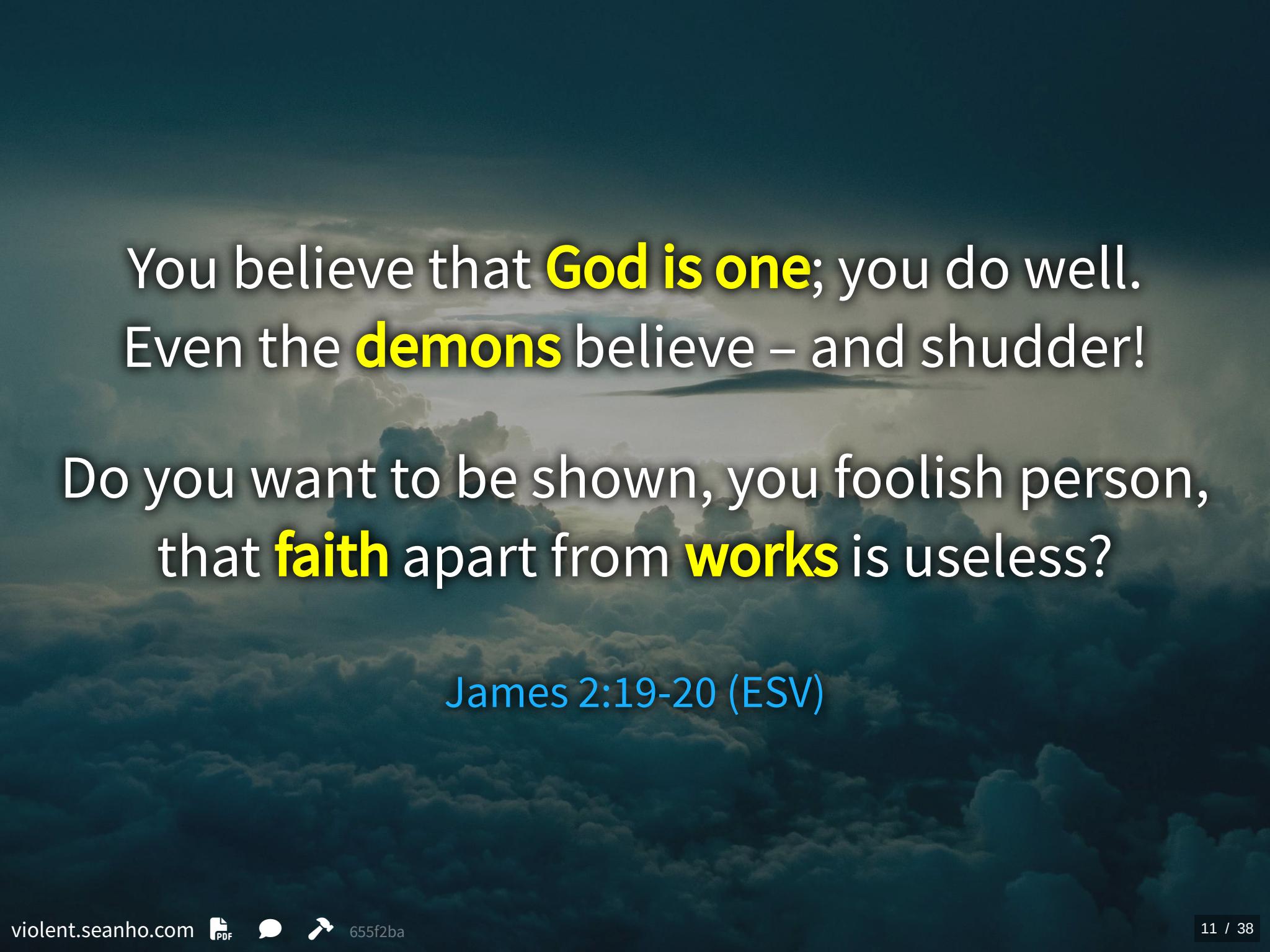
Caleb George

The background image is a detailed architectural model of the Second Temple of Jerusalem. It features a large, ornate temple complex with multiple courtyards, colonnades, and a prominent golden-gabled roof. The temple is surrounded by a city wall with towers and gates. The entire model is made of light-colored stone blocks.

Do not trust in these **deceptive** words:

‘This is the **temple** of the Lord,  
the temple of the Lord,  
the temple of the Lord.’

Jeremiah 7:4 (ESV)



You believe that **God is one**; you do well.  
Even the **demons** believe – and shudder!

Do you want to be shown, you foolish person,  
that **faith** apart from **works** is useless?

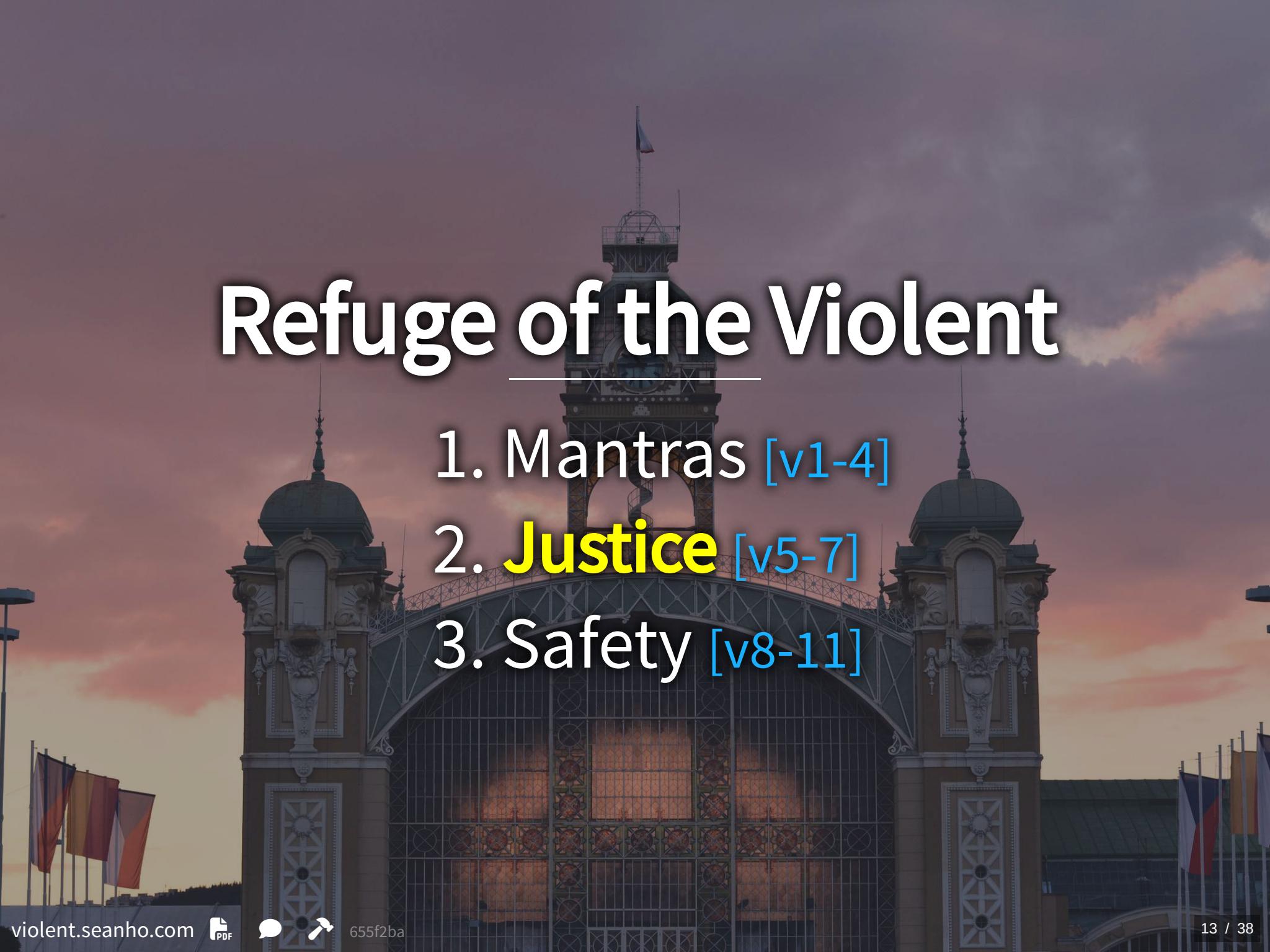
James 2:19-20 (ESV)

Do I trust in  
any talismans  
or mantras?

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if you truly execute **justice** one with another,

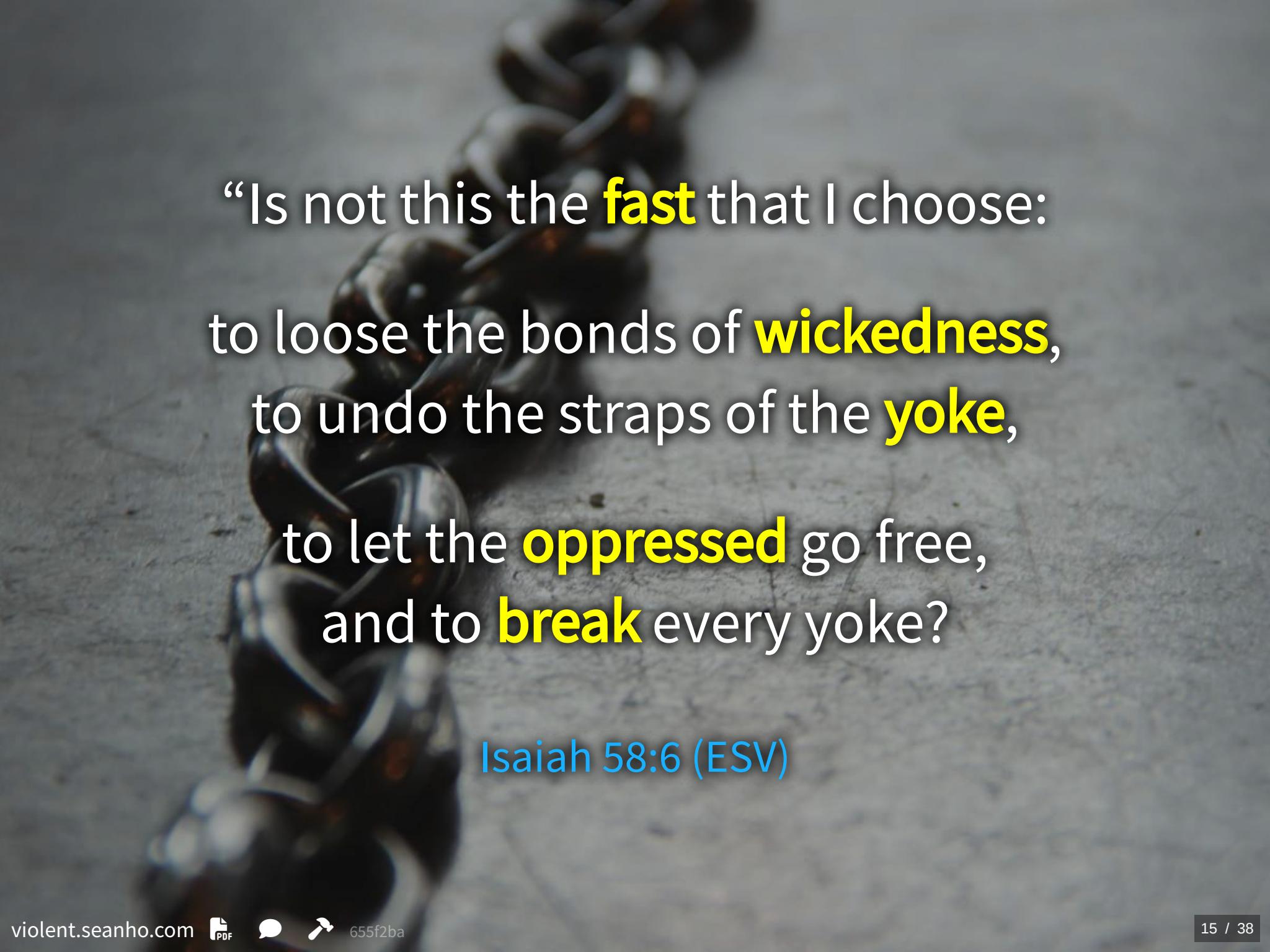
if you do not **oppress** the sojourner,  
the fatherless, or the widow,

or shed **innocent blood** in this place,

and if you do not go after **other gods**  
to your own harm,

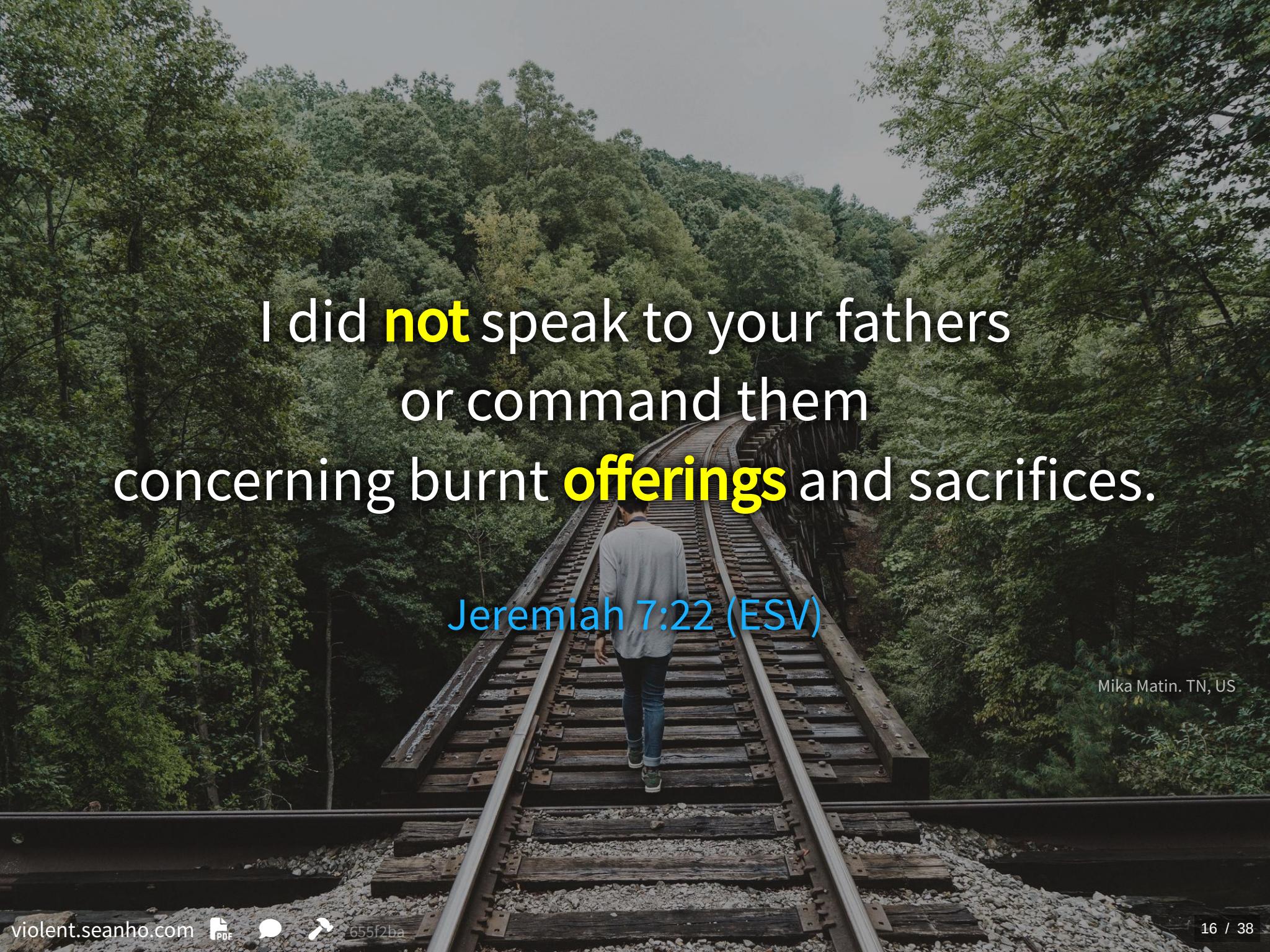
Jeremiah 7:5-6 (ESV)

Alex Jones



“Is not this the **fast** that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of **wickedness**,  
to undo the straps of the **yoke**,  
to let the **oppressed** go free,  
and to **break** every yoke?

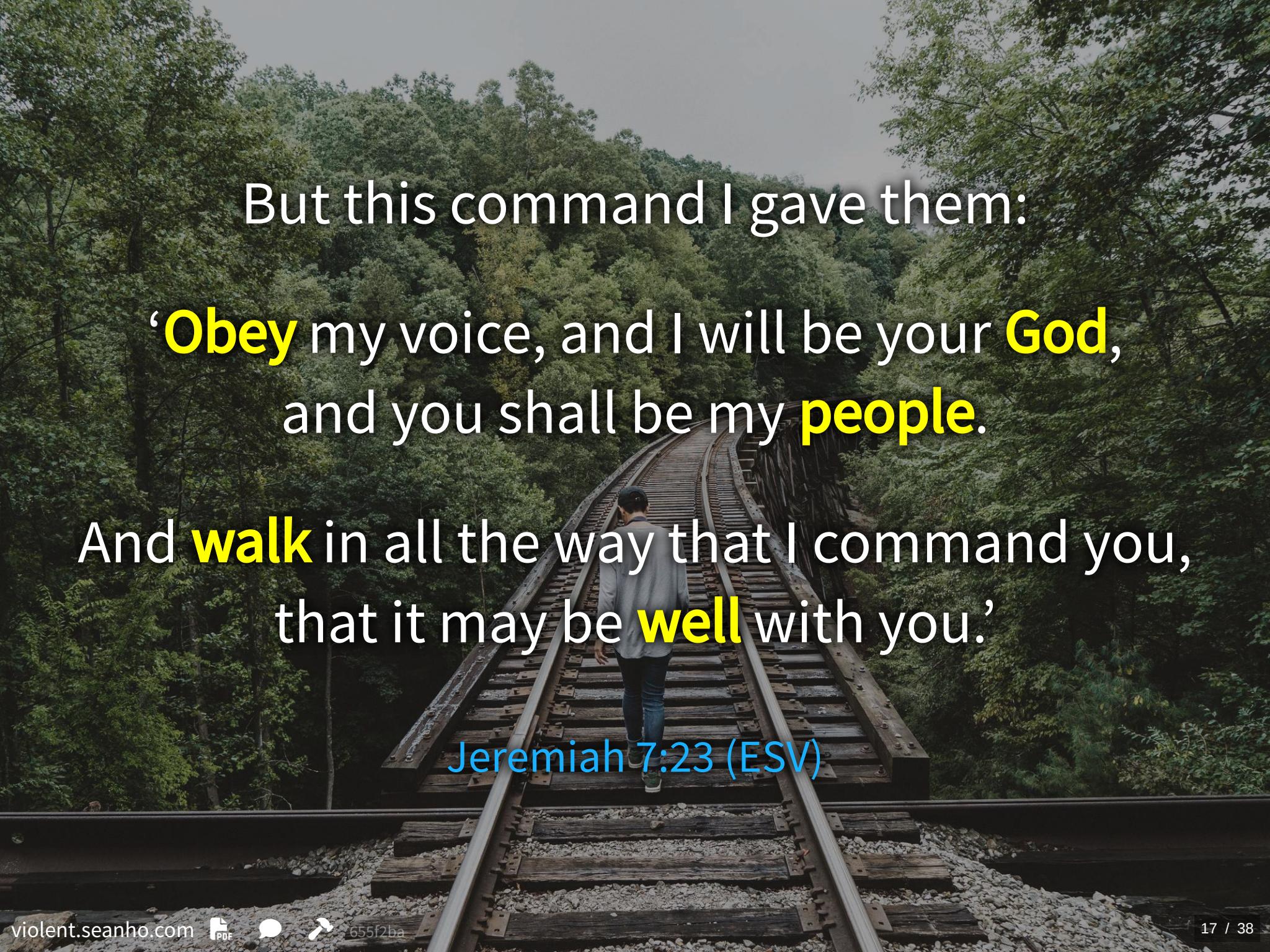
Isaiah 58:6 (ESV)

A photograph of a person walking away from the camera on a set of railroad tracks that curve through a dense forest. The person is seen from behind, wearing a light-colored shirt and jeans. The tracks are made of wood and metal, and they lead into a lush green forest under a clear sky.

I did **not** speak to your fathers  
or command them  
concerning burnt **offerings** and sacrifices.

Jeremiah 7:22 (ESV)

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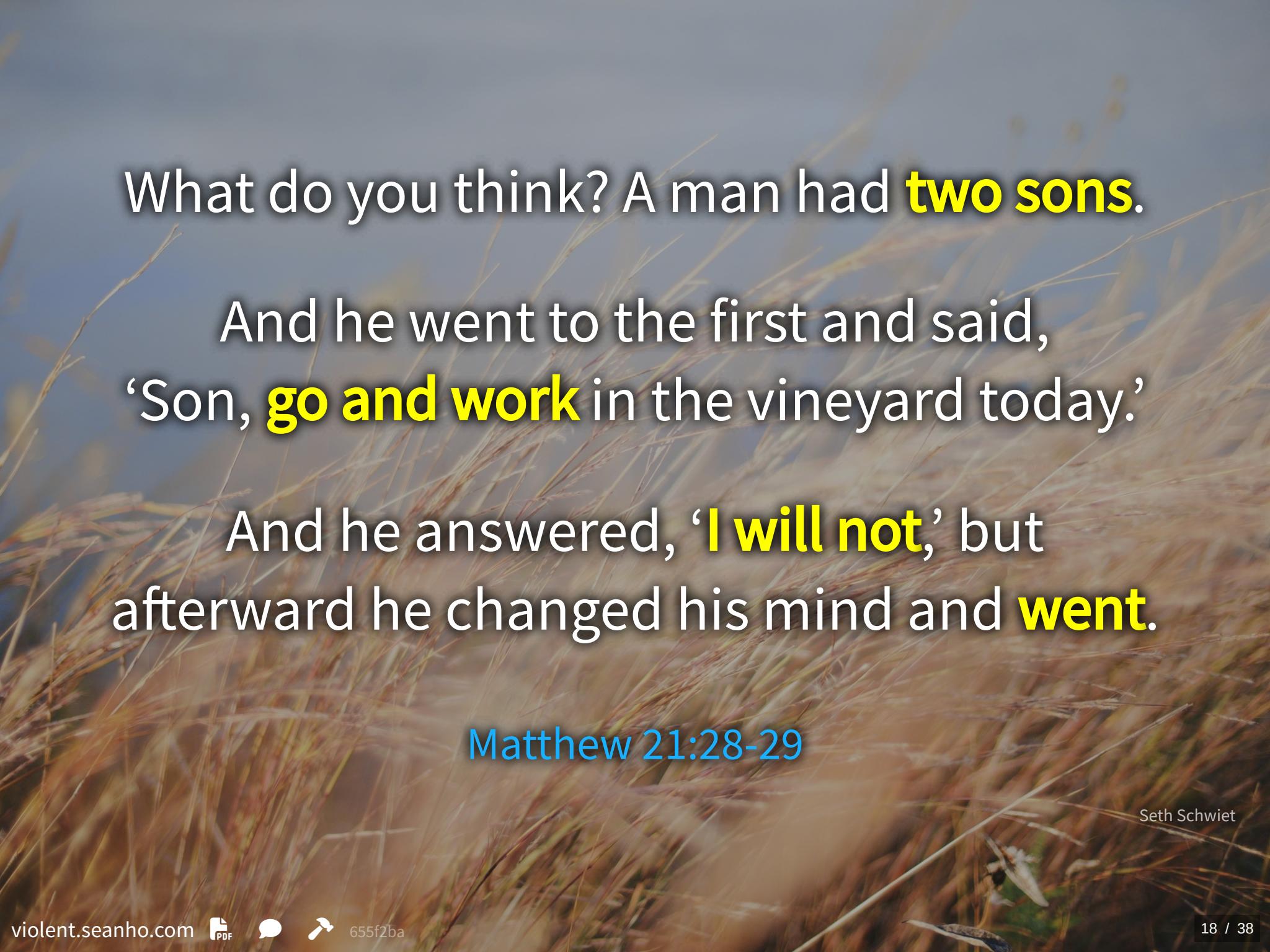


But this command I gave them:

‘**Obey** my voice, and I will be your **God**,  
and you shall be my **people**.

And **walk** in all the way that I command you,  
that it may be **well** with you.’

Jeremiah 7:23 (ESV)



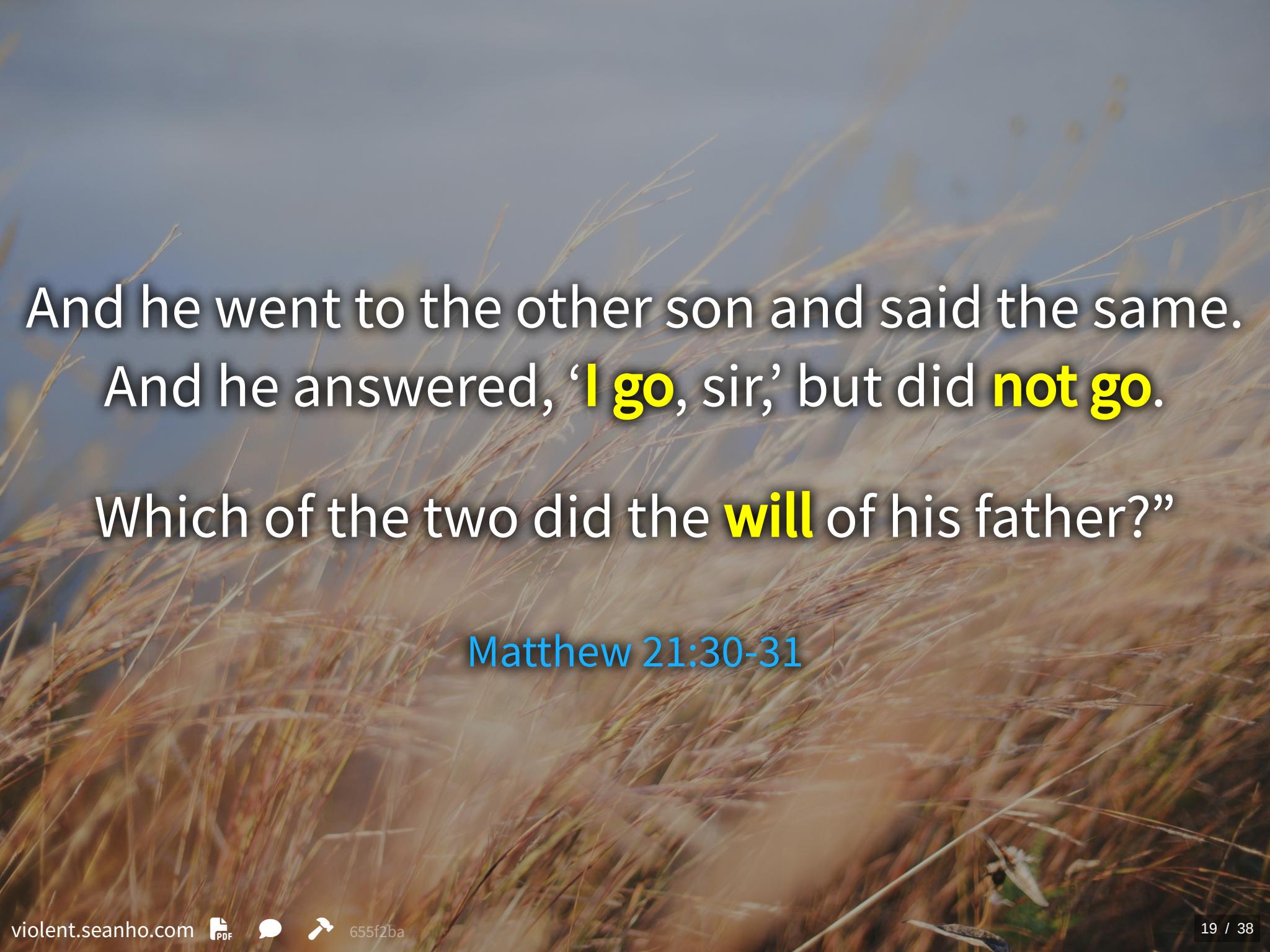
What do you think? A man had **two sons**.

And he went to the first and said,  
‘Son, **go and work** in the vineyard today.’

And he answered, ‘**I will not**,’ but  
afterward he changed his mind and **went**.

Matthew 21:28-29

Seth Schwiet



And he went to the other son and said the same.  
And he answered, ‘**I go**, sir,’ but did **not go**.  
Which of the two did the **will** of his father?”

Matthew 21:30-31

if you truly execute **justice** one with another,

if you do not **oppress** the sojourner,  
the fatherless, or the widow,

or shed **innocent blood** in this place,

and if you do not go after **other gods**  
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Jeremiah 7:5-6 (ESV)

then I will let you **dwell** in this place,  
in the land that I gave of old  
to your fathers forever.

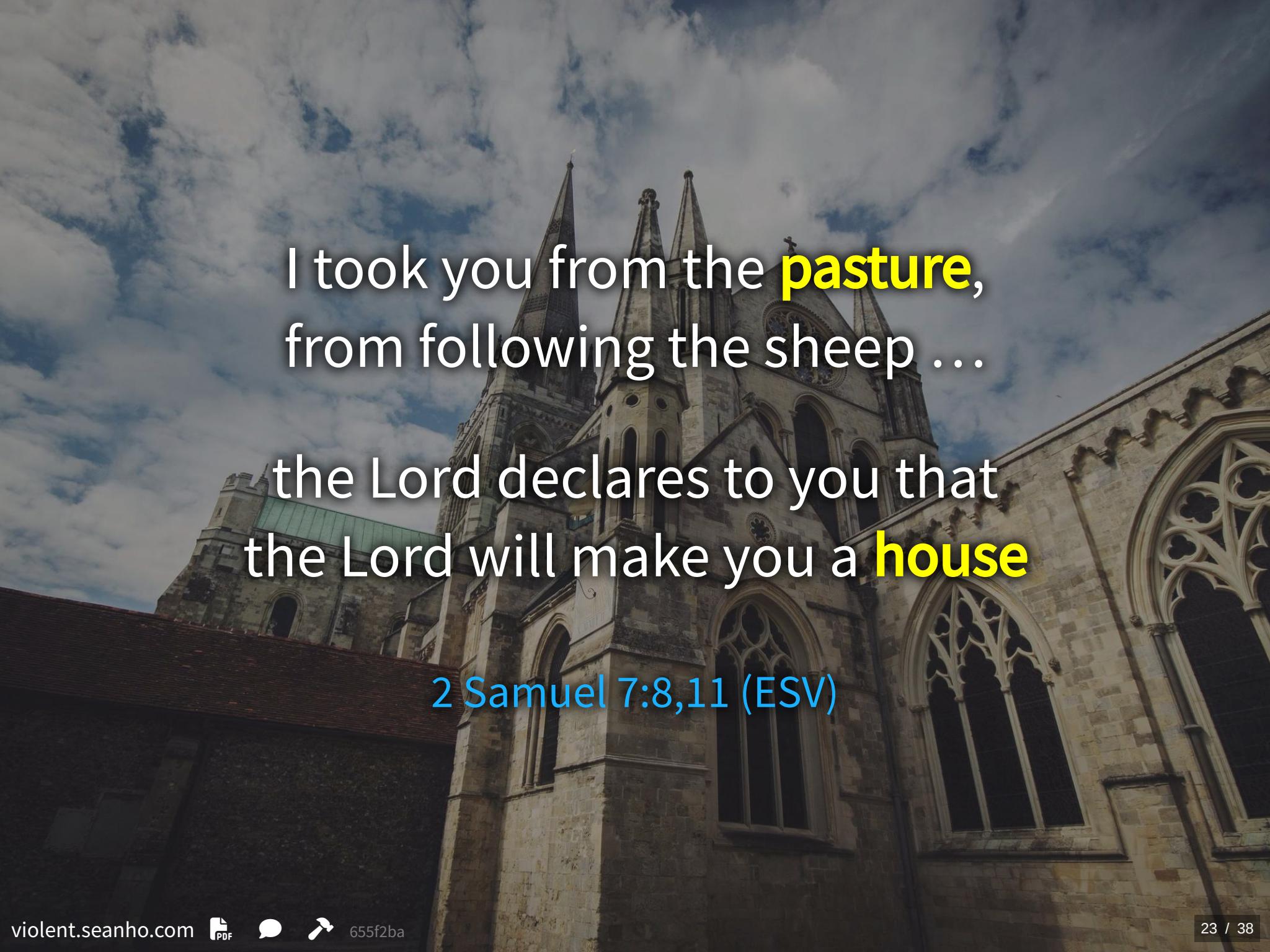
Jeremiah 7:7 (ESV)



Go and tell my servant David,  
‘Thus says the Lord:  
Would you build me a **house** to dwell in?’ ...

2 Samuel 7:5 (ESV)

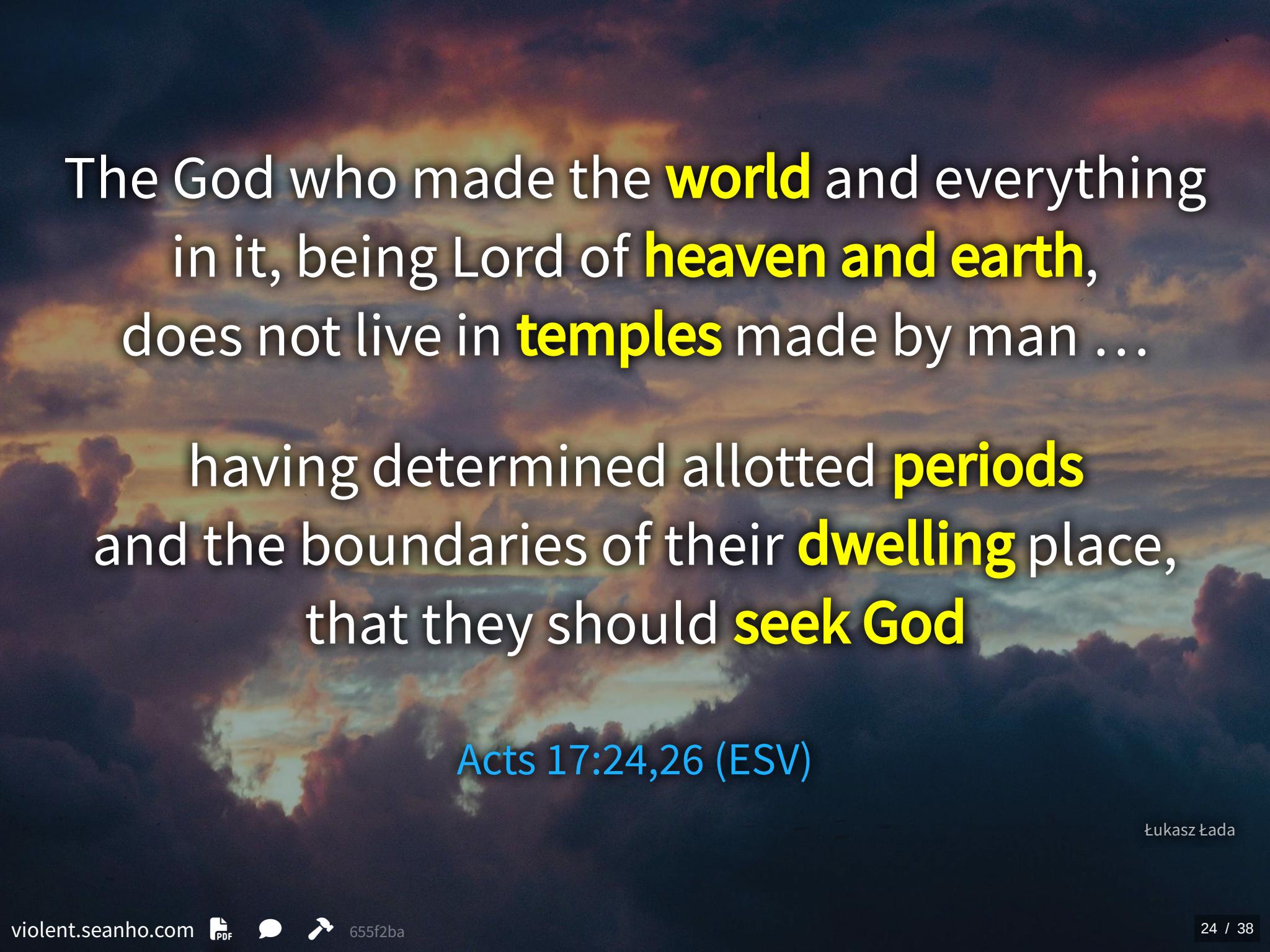
Dan Edwards

The background image shows a Gothic-style church with multiple spires and arched windows, set against a backdrop of a cloudy sky.

I took you from the **pasture**,  
from following the sheep ...

the Lord declares to you that  
the Lord will make you a **house**

2 Samuel 7:8,11 (ESV)



The God who made the **world** and everything  
in it, being Lord of **heaven and earth**,  
does not live in **temples** made by man ...

having determined allotted **periods**  
and the boundaries of their **dwelling** place,  
that they should **seek God**

Acts 17:24,26 (ESV)

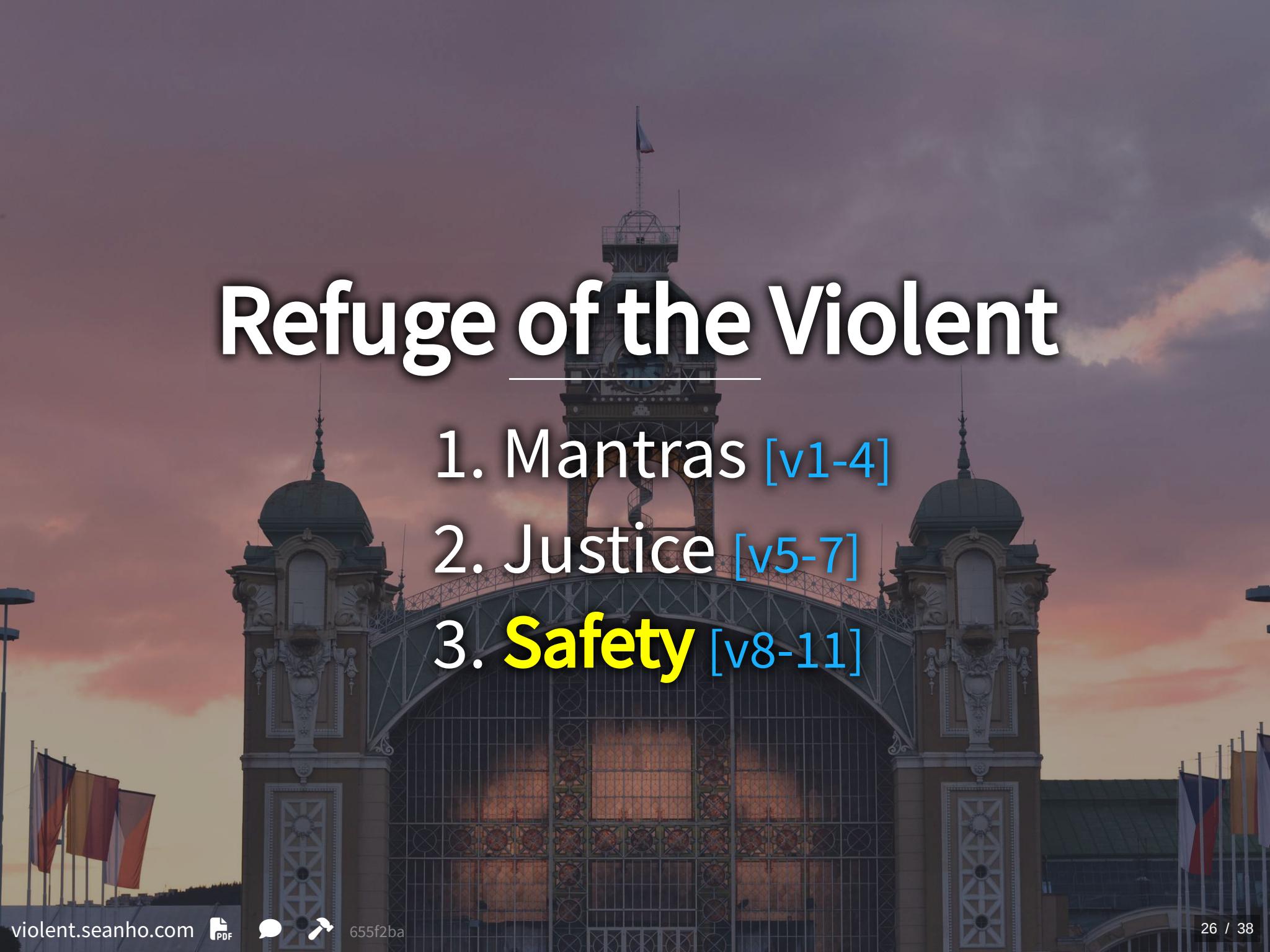
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Have I wronged  
my neighbour,  
the vulnerable,  
the innocent, or God?

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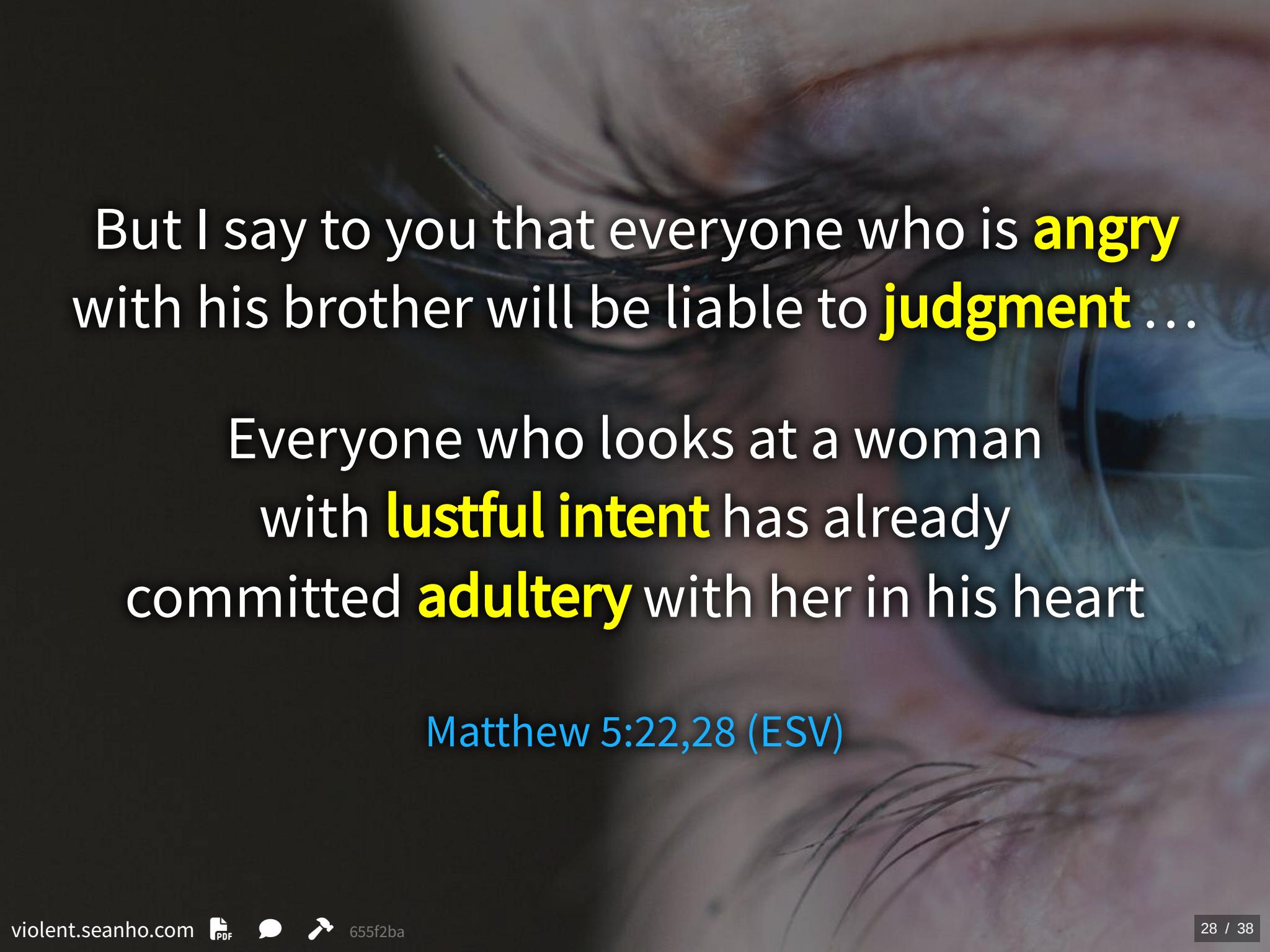


“Behold, you trust in deceptive words  
to no avail.

Will you **steal**, **murder**, commit **adultery**,  
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go after **other gods** that you have not known,

Jeremiah 7:8-9 (ESV)

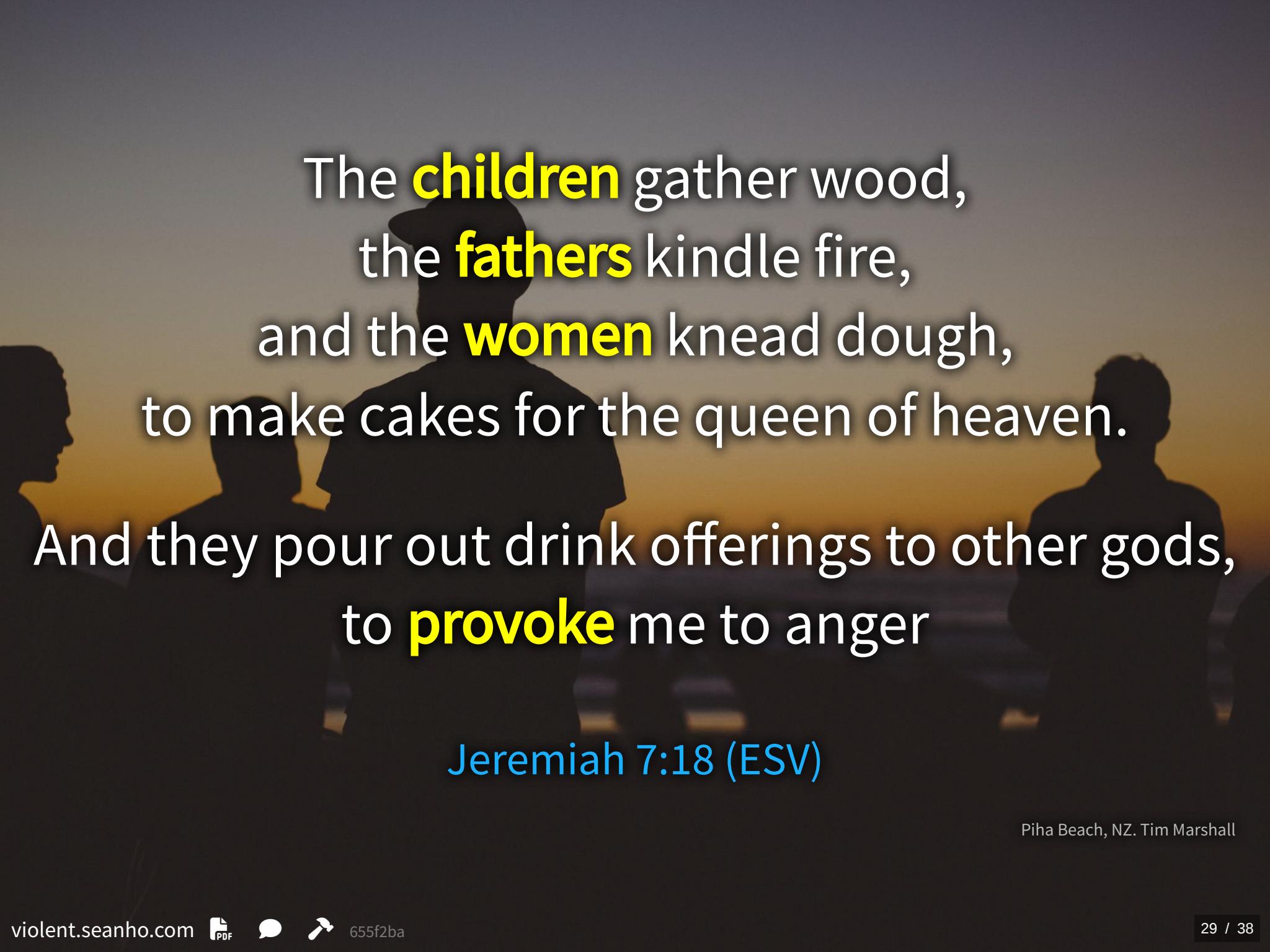
Luis Quintero



But I say to you that everyone who is **angry** with his brother will be liable to **judgment** ...

Everyone who looks at a woman with **lustful intent** has already committed **adultery** with her in his heart

Matthew 5:22,28 (ESV)

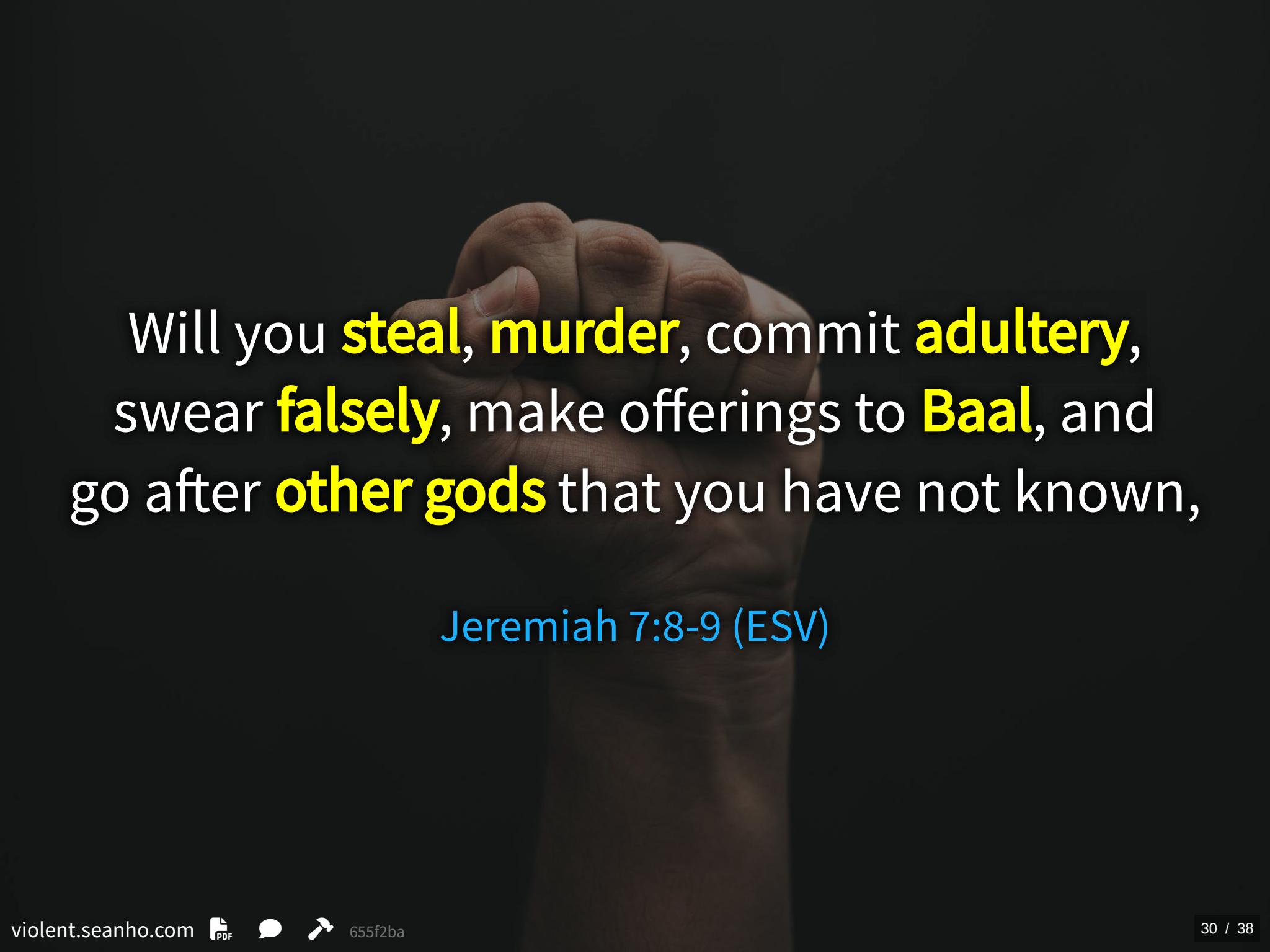
A photograph showing silhouettes of several people gathered around a campfire at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a warm orange and yellow, and the figures are dark against the bright background.

The **children** gather wood,  
the **fathers** kindle fire,  
and the **women** knead dough,  
to make cakes for the queen of heaven.

And they pour out drink offerings to other gods,  
to **provoke** me to anger

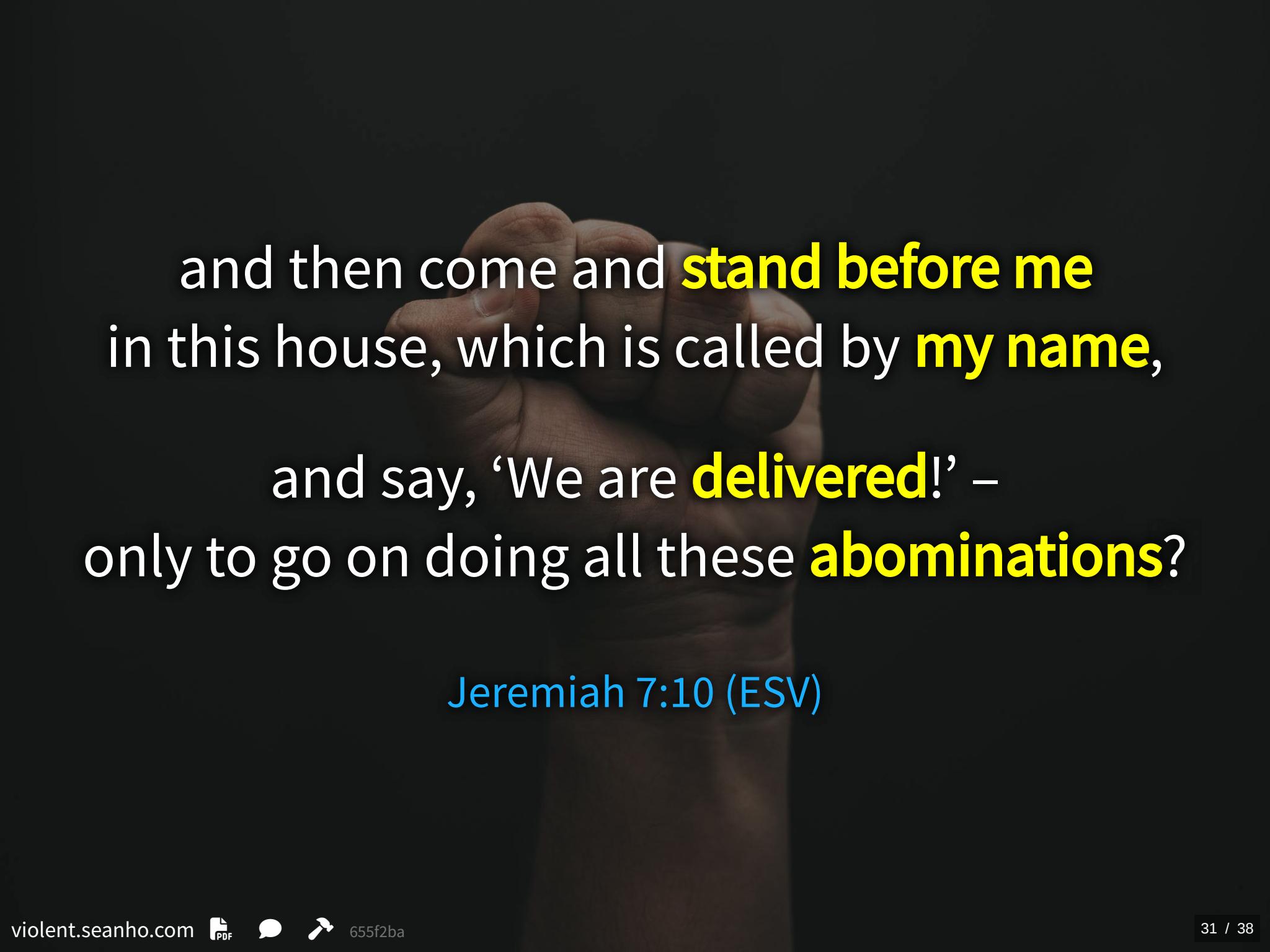
Jeremiah 7:18 (ESV)

Piha Beach, NZ. Tim Marshall



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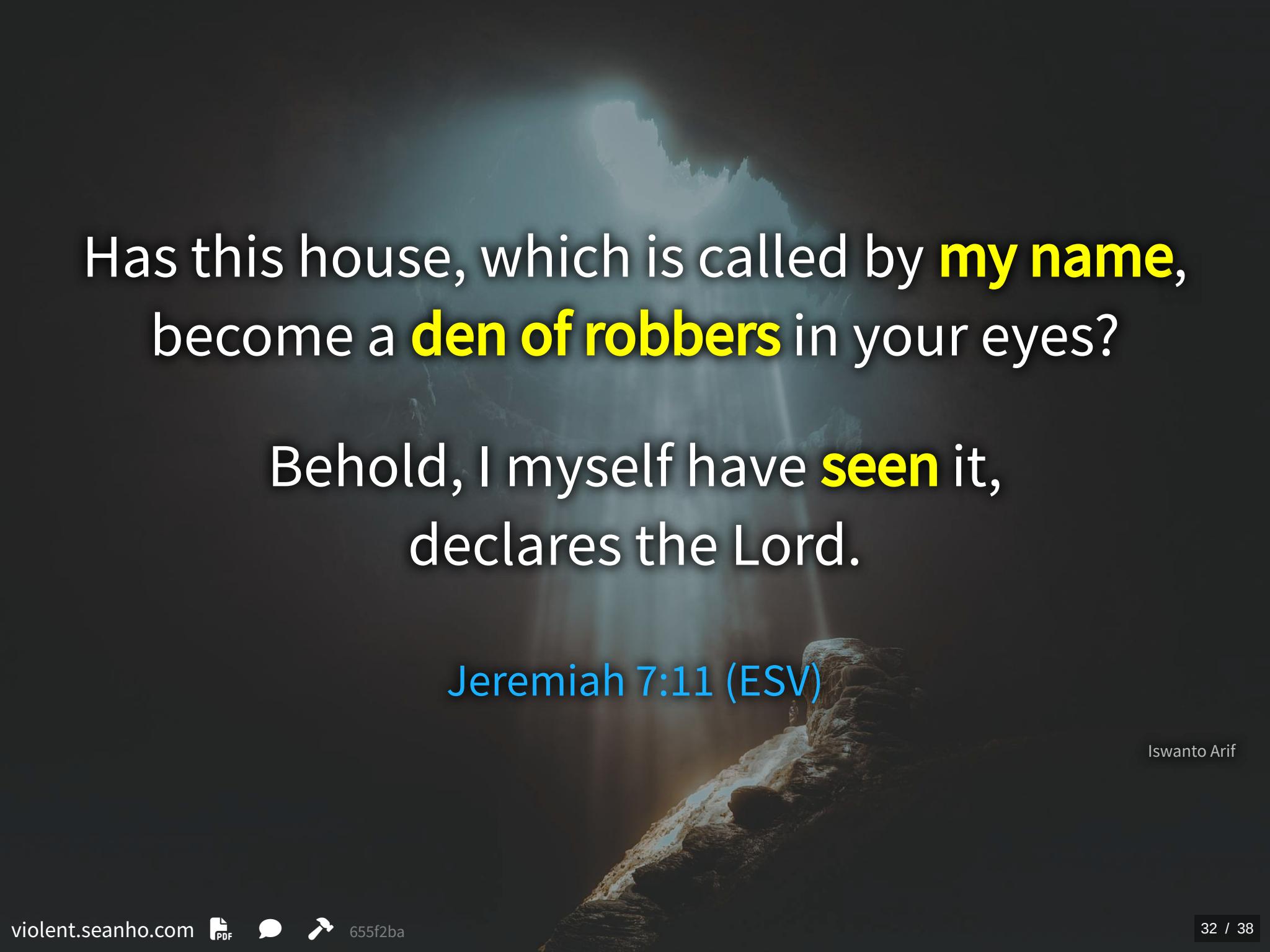
Jeremiah 7:8-9 (ESV)



and then come and **stand before me**  
in this house, which is called by **my name**,

and say, ‘We are **delivered!**’ –  
only to go on doing all these **abominations?**

Jeremiah 7:10 (ESV)

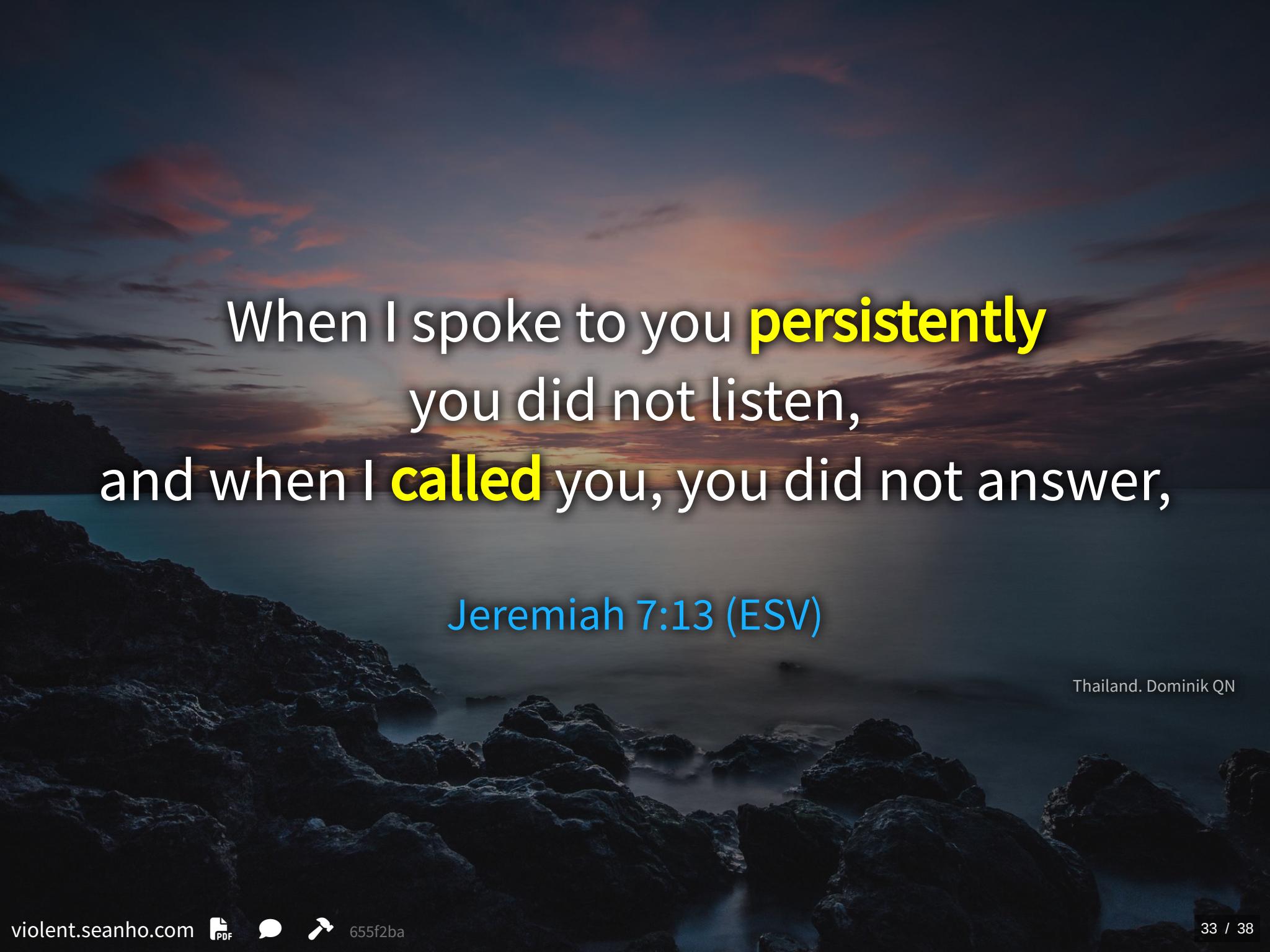


Has this house, which is called by **my name**,  
become a **den of robbers** in your eyes?

Behold, I myself have **seen** it,  
declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 7:11 (ESV)

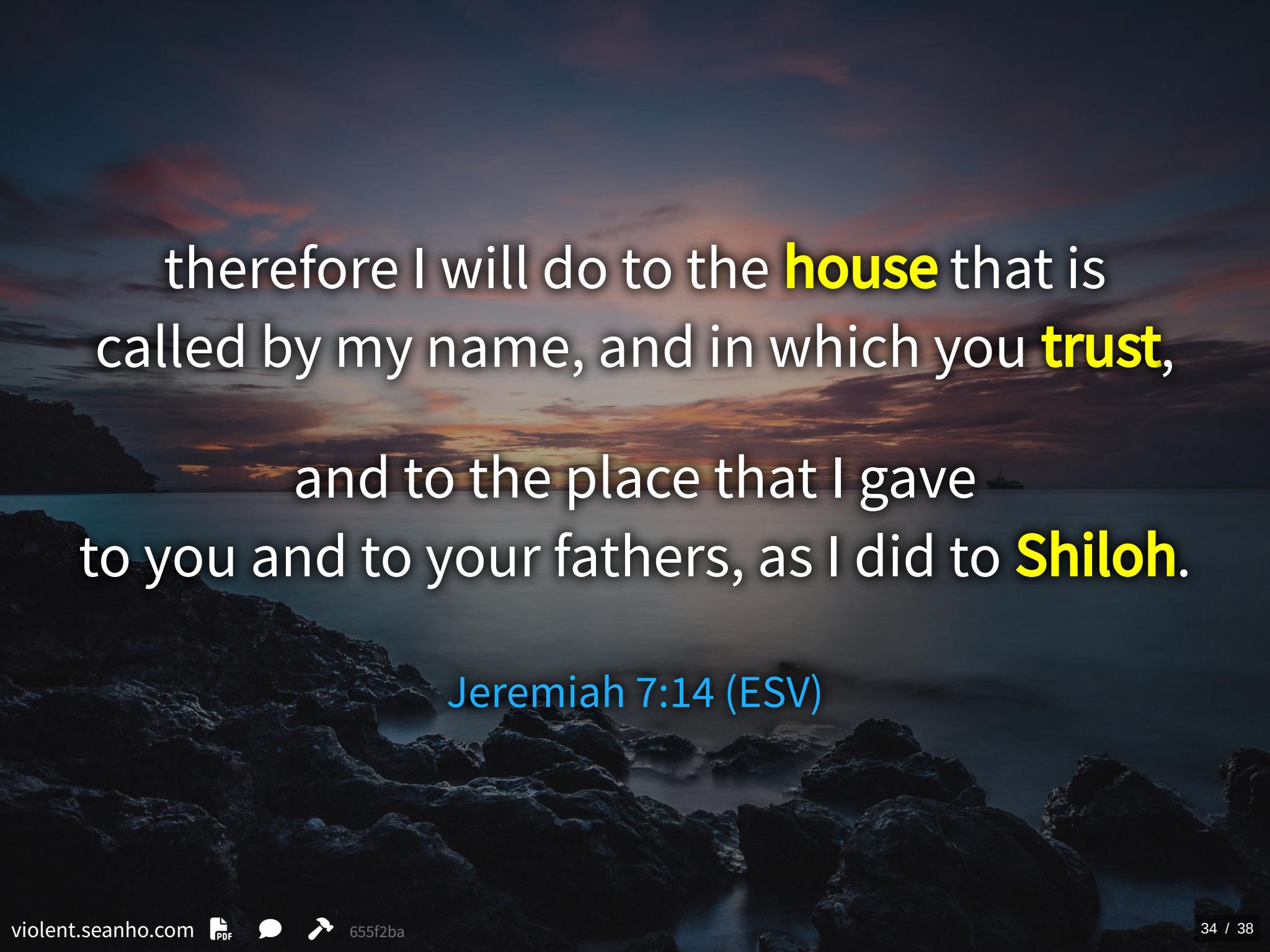
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When I spoke to you **persistently**  
you did not listen,  
and when I **called** you, you did not answer,

Jeremiah 7:13 (ESV)

Thailand. Dominik QN



therefore I will do to the **house** that is called by my name, and in which you **trust**,  
and to the place that I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to **Shiloh.**

Jeremiah 7:14 (ESV)

“And the **foreigners** who **join** themselves  
to the Lord, to minister to him,  
to **love** the name of the Lord,  
and to be his **servants**,  
everyone who keeps the **Sabbath**  
and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my **covenant** —

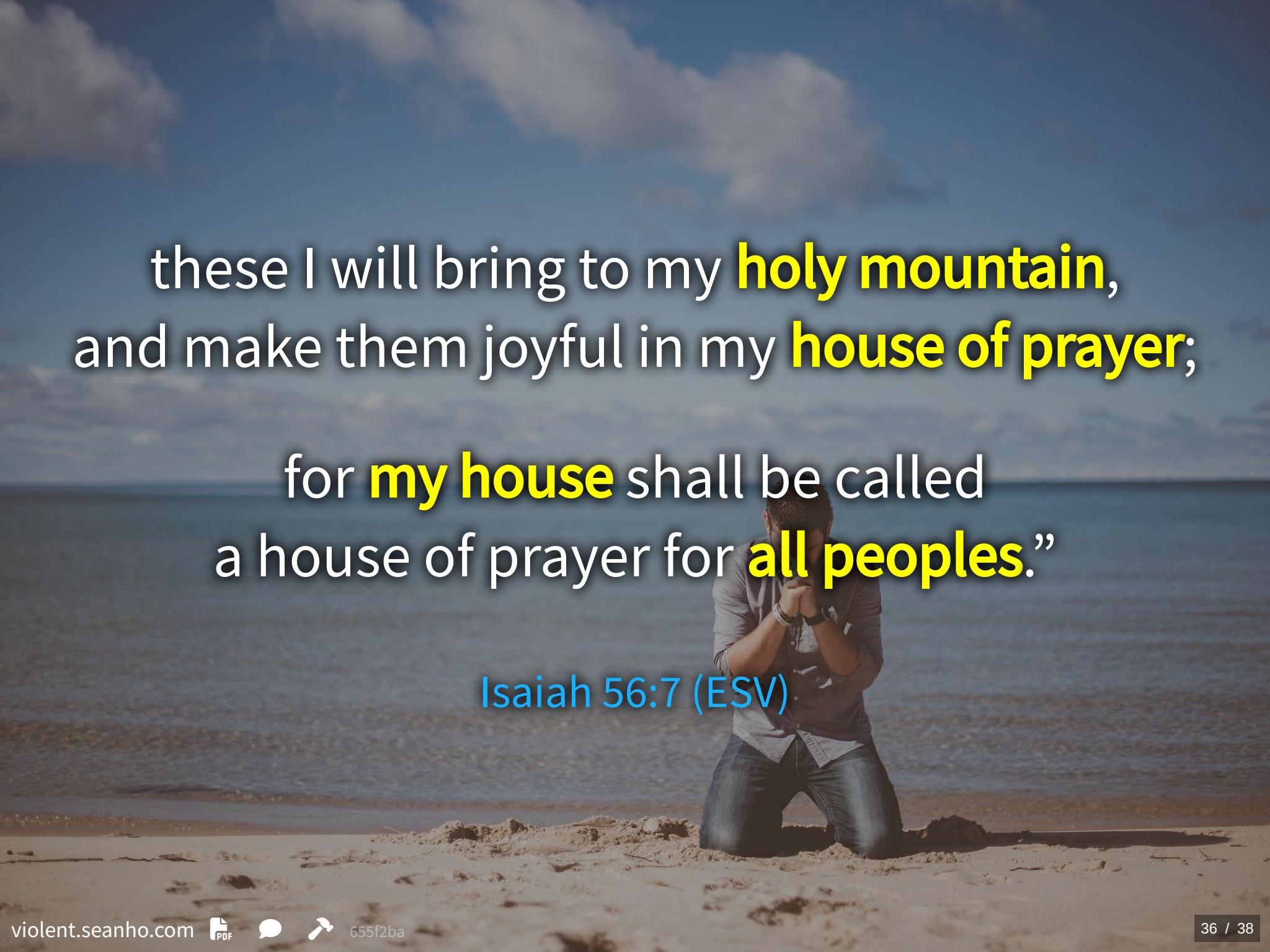
Isaiah 56:6 (ESV)

Ben White

these I will bring to my **holy mountain**,  
and make them joyful in my **house of prayer**;

for **my house** shall be called  
a house of prayer for **all peoples**.”

Isaiah 56:7 (ESV)



**Who is  
our church  
safe for?**

