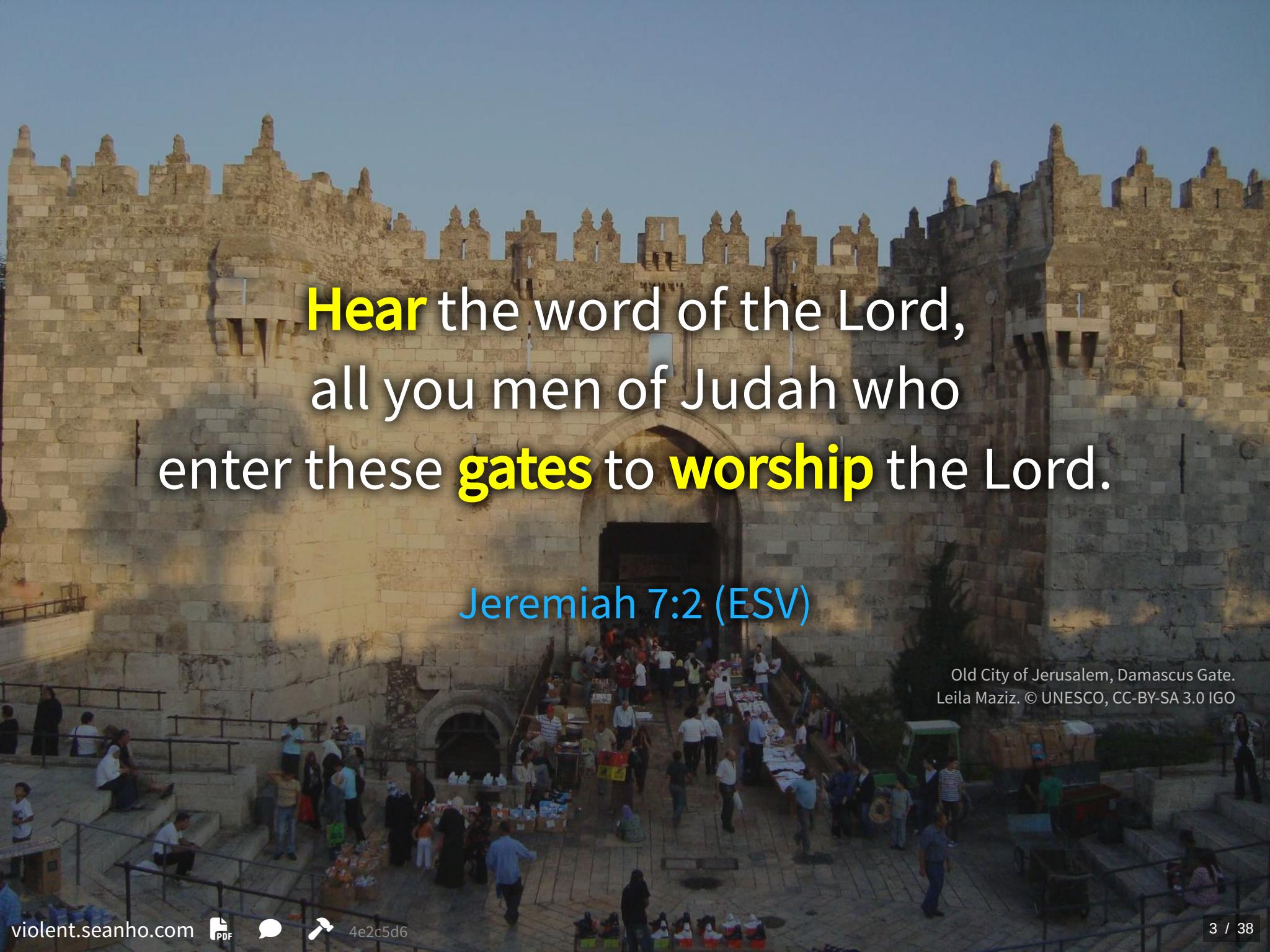


Refuge of the Violent

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)

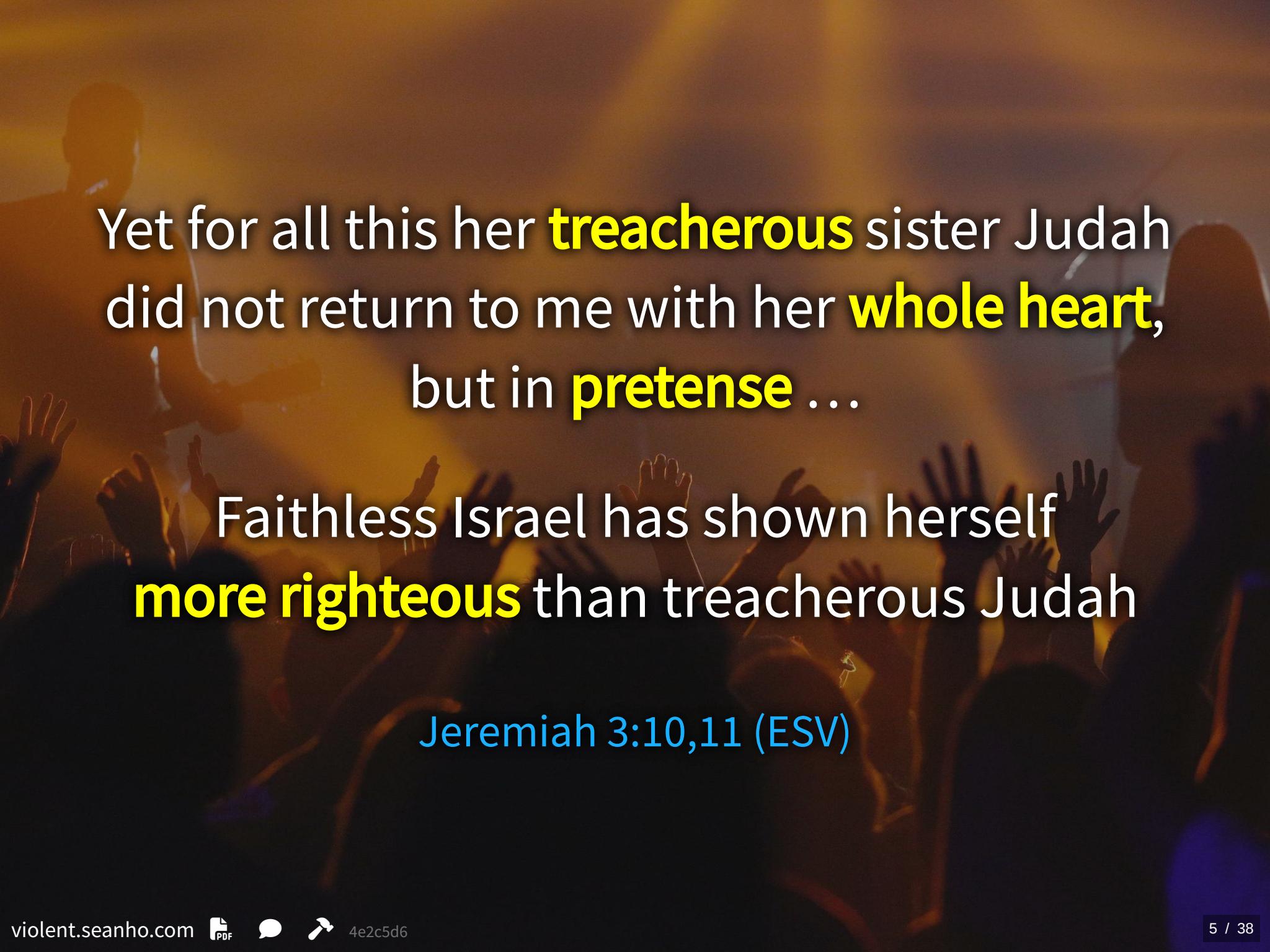
Old City of Jerusalem, Damascus Gate.
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Have you seen what she did,
that **faithless** one, Israel?

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)

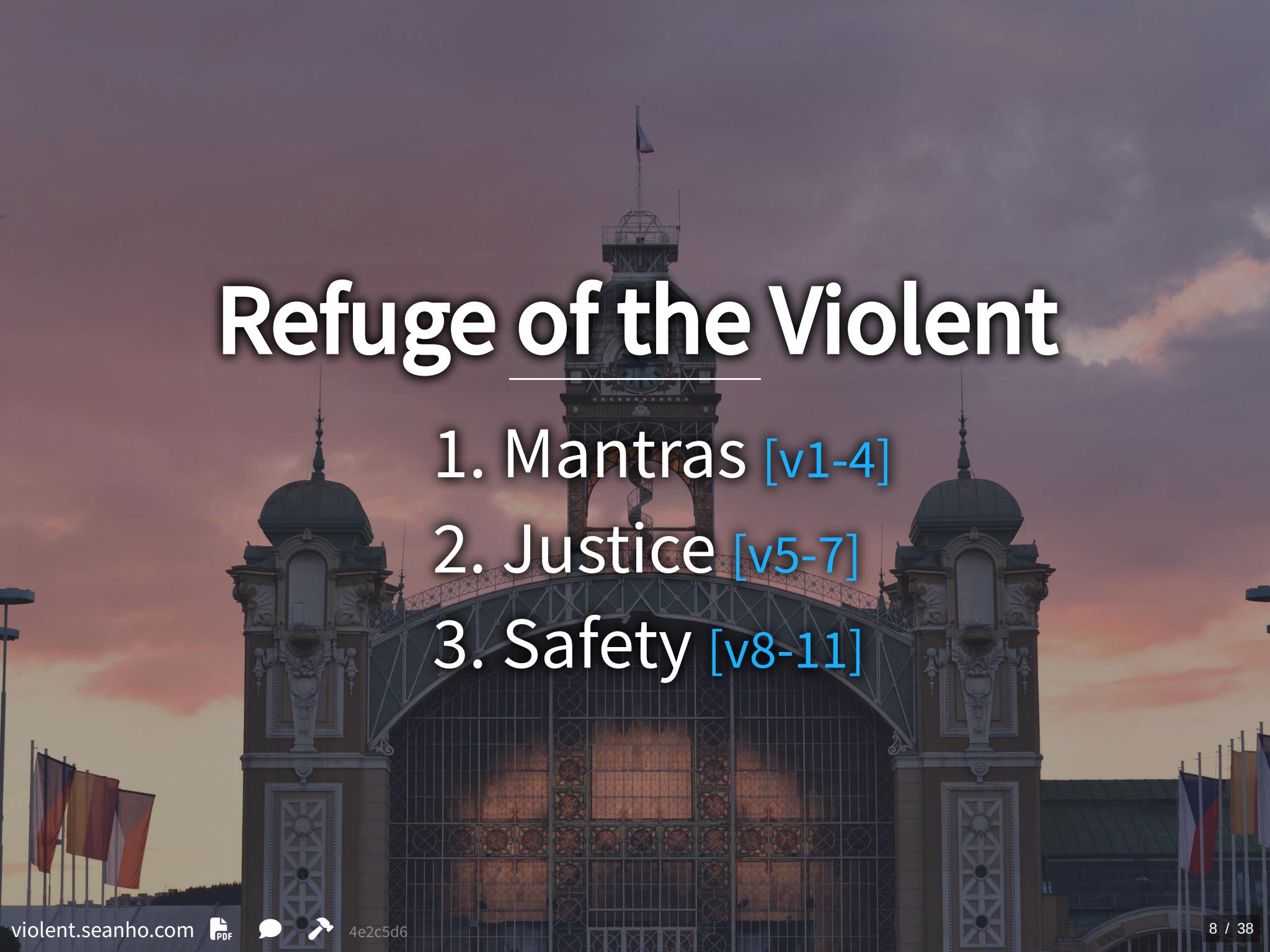
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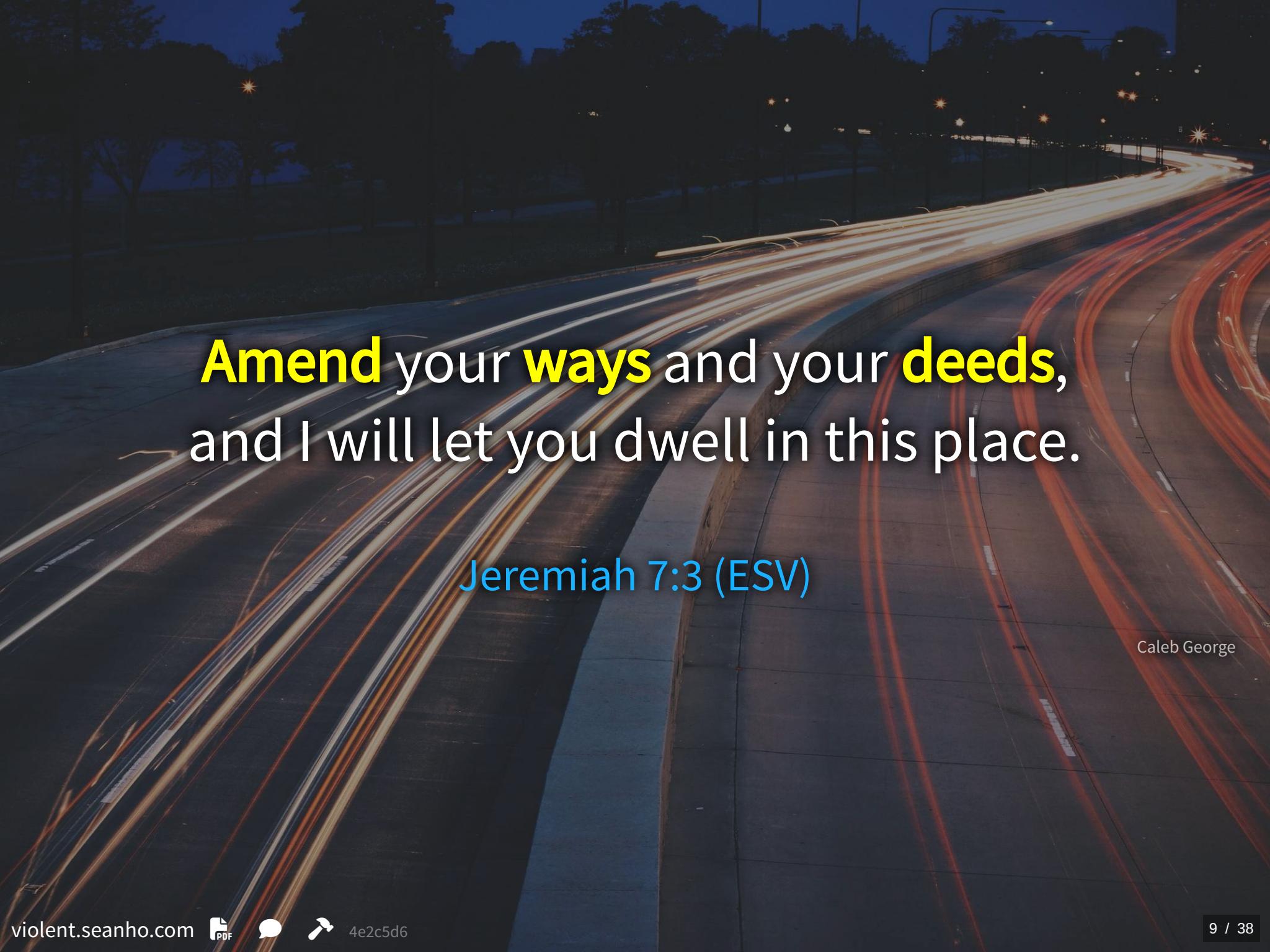
They have healed the **wound**
of my people **lightly**,
saying, ‘**Peace, peace**,’ when there is no peace.

Jeremiah 6:14 (ESV)

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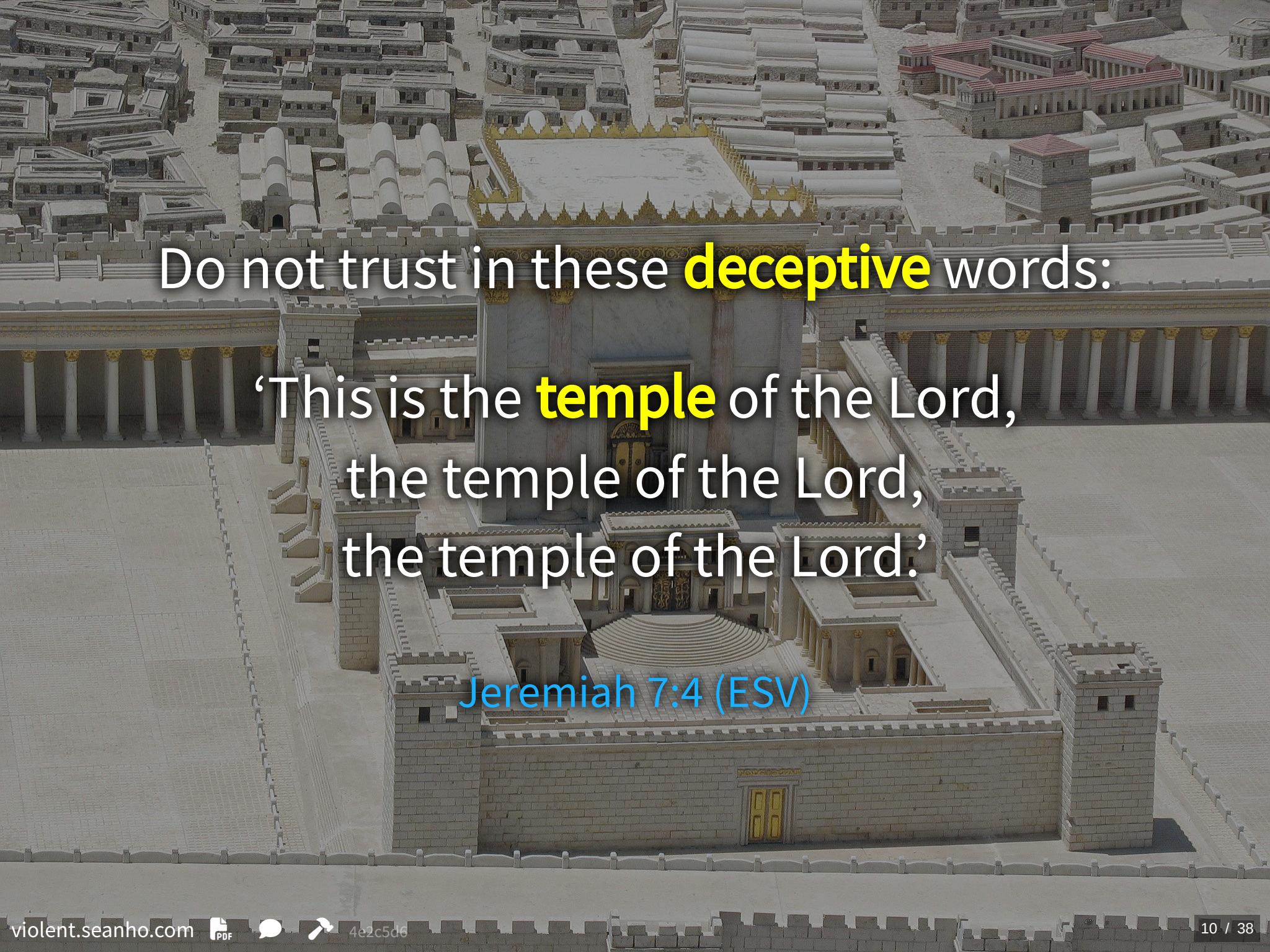




Amend your **ways** and your **deeds**,
and I will let you dwell in this place.

Jeremiah 7:3 (ESV)

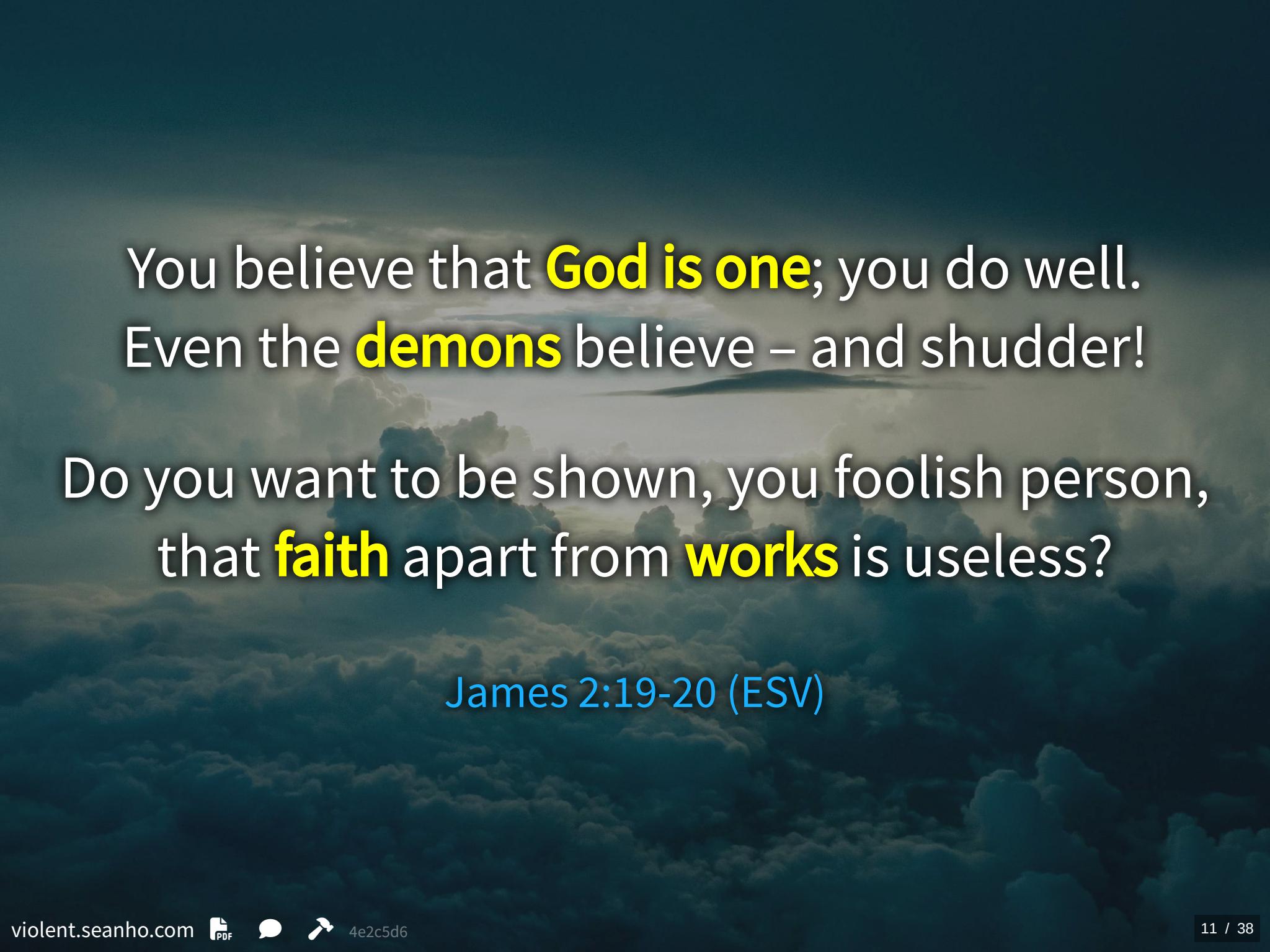
Caleb George

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!

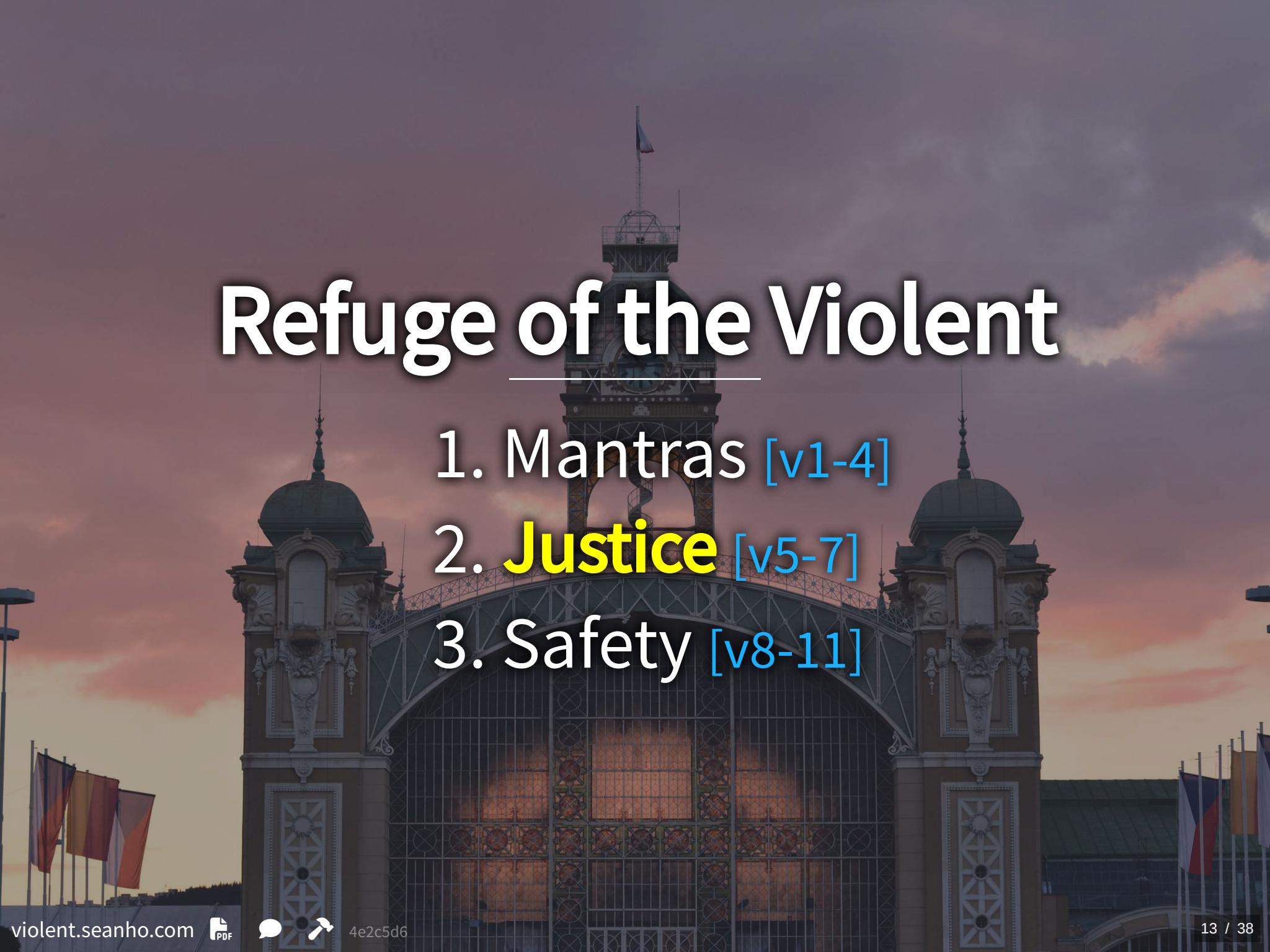
Do you want to be shown, you foolish person,
that **faith** apart from **works** is useless?

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,

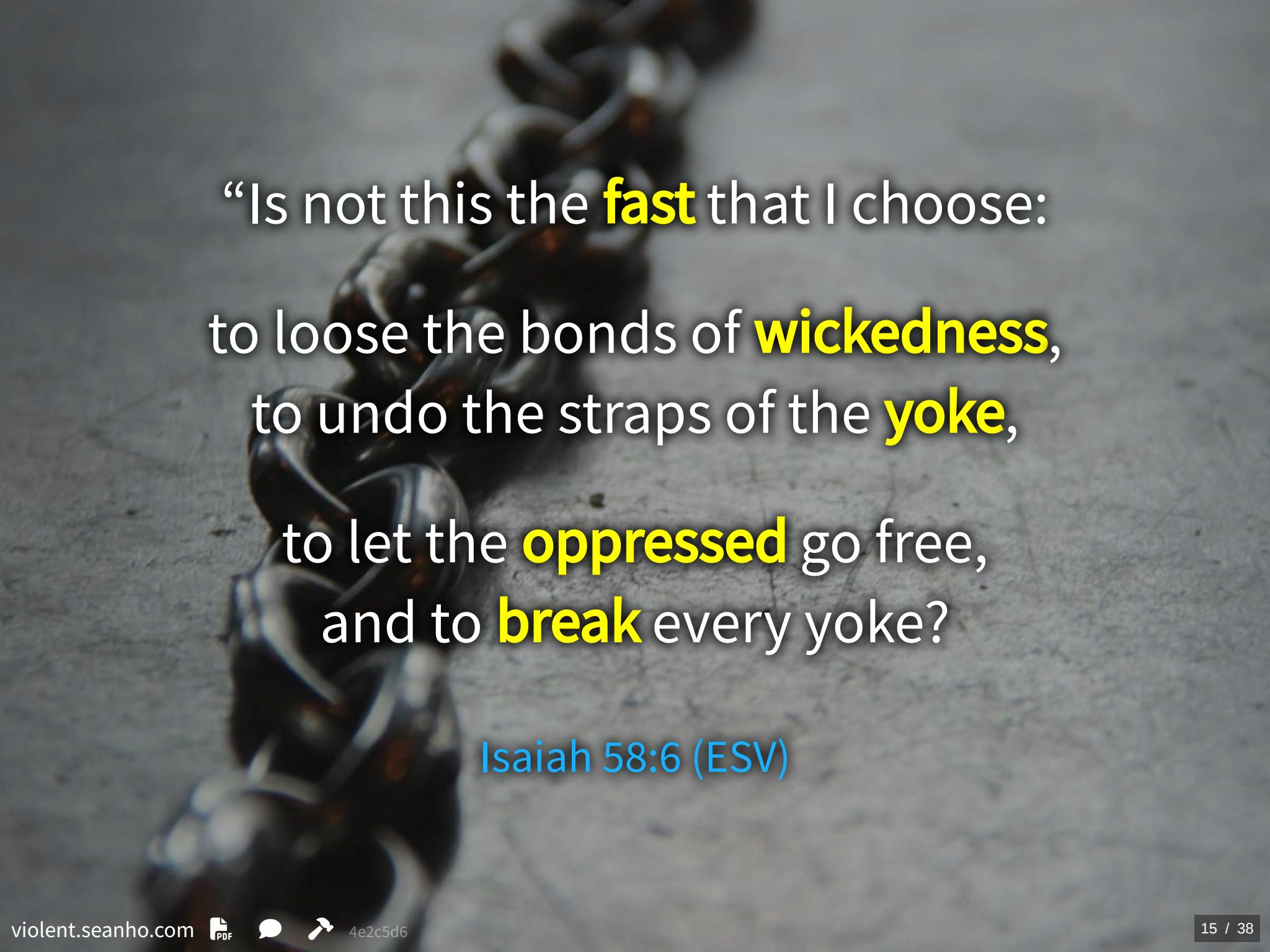
if you do not **oppress** the sojourner,
the fatherless, or the widow,

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

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

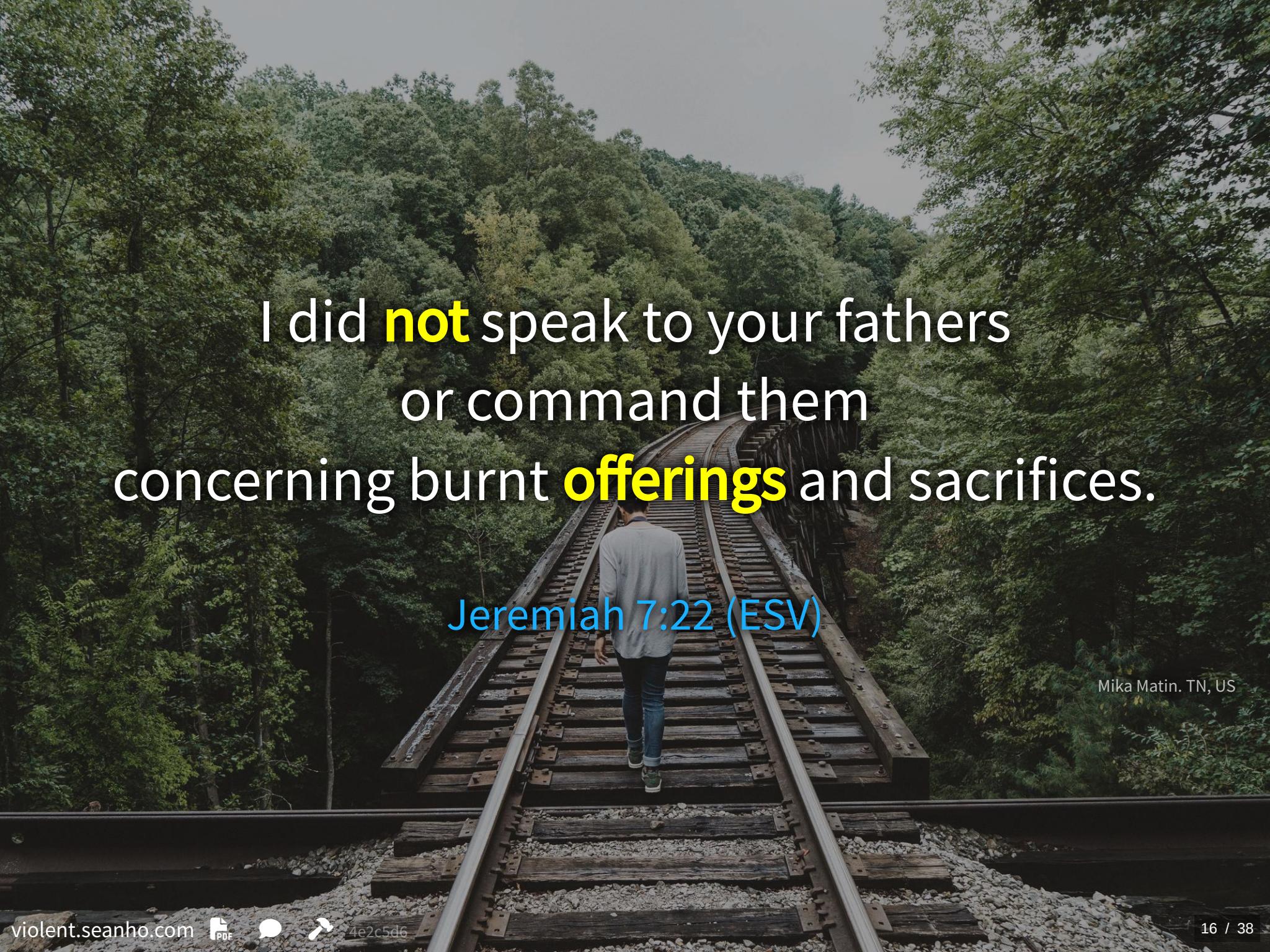
Jeremiah 7:5-6 (ESV)

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?

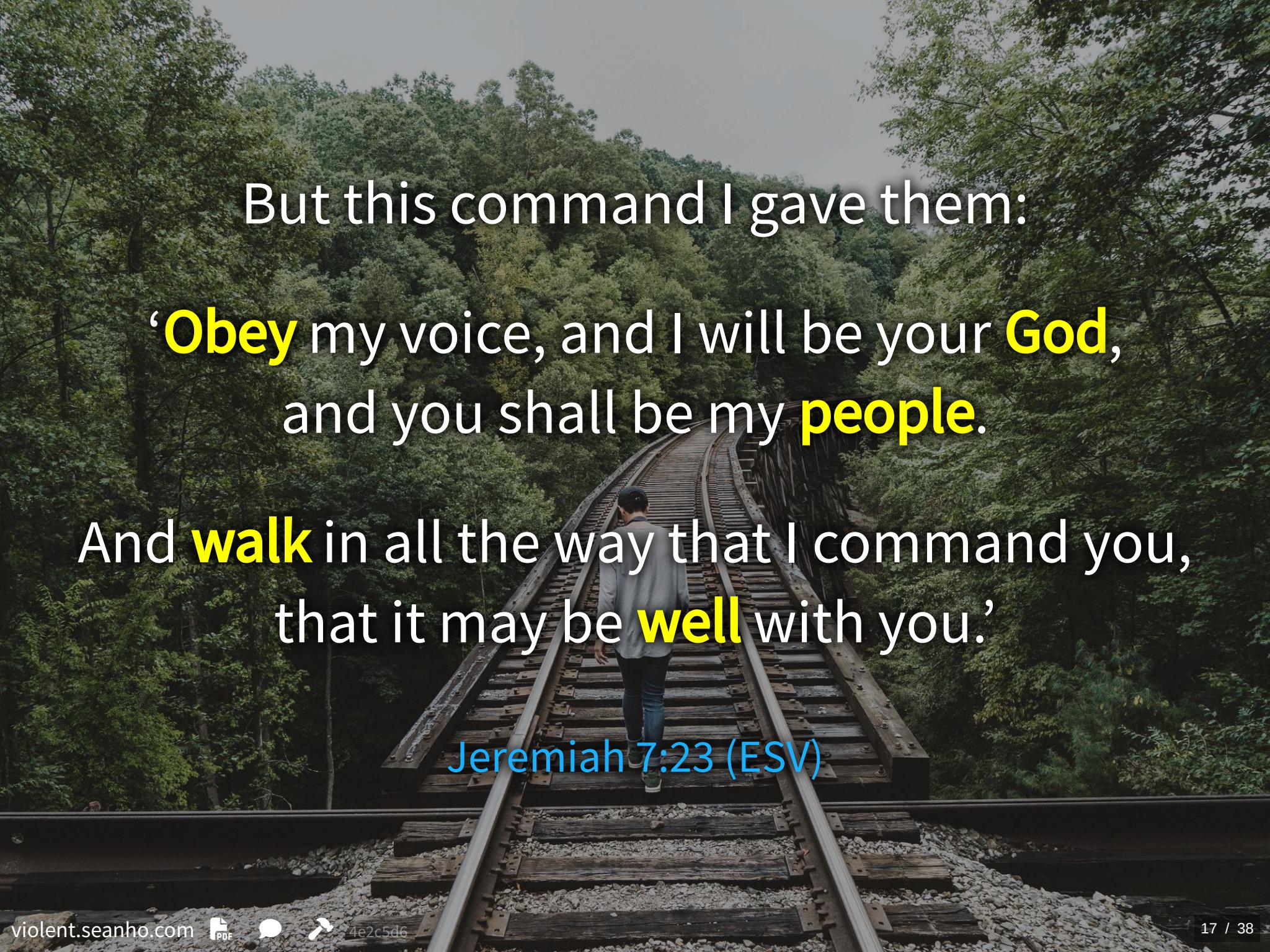
Isaiah 58:6 (ESV)

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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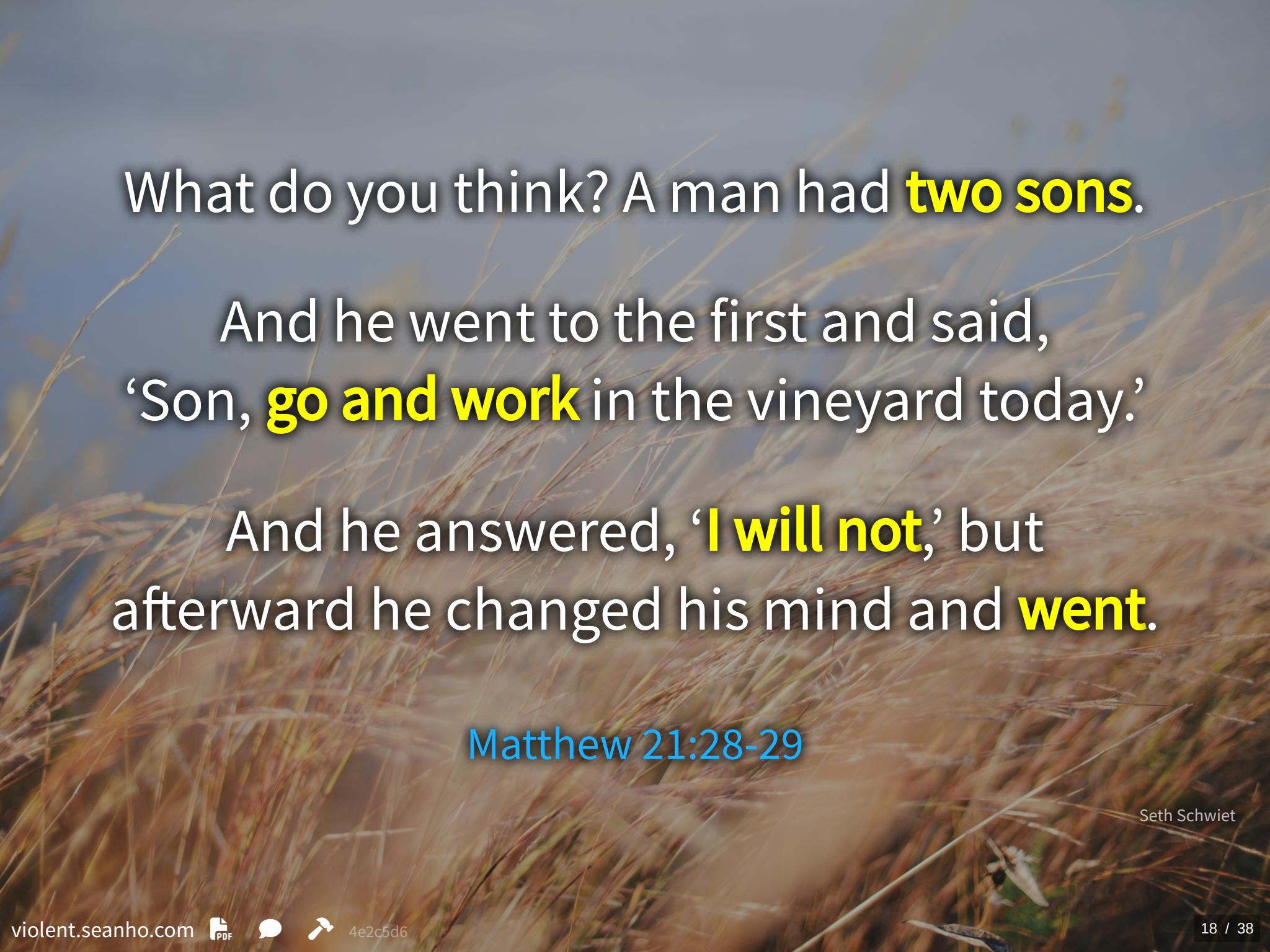


But this command I gave them:

‘**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)



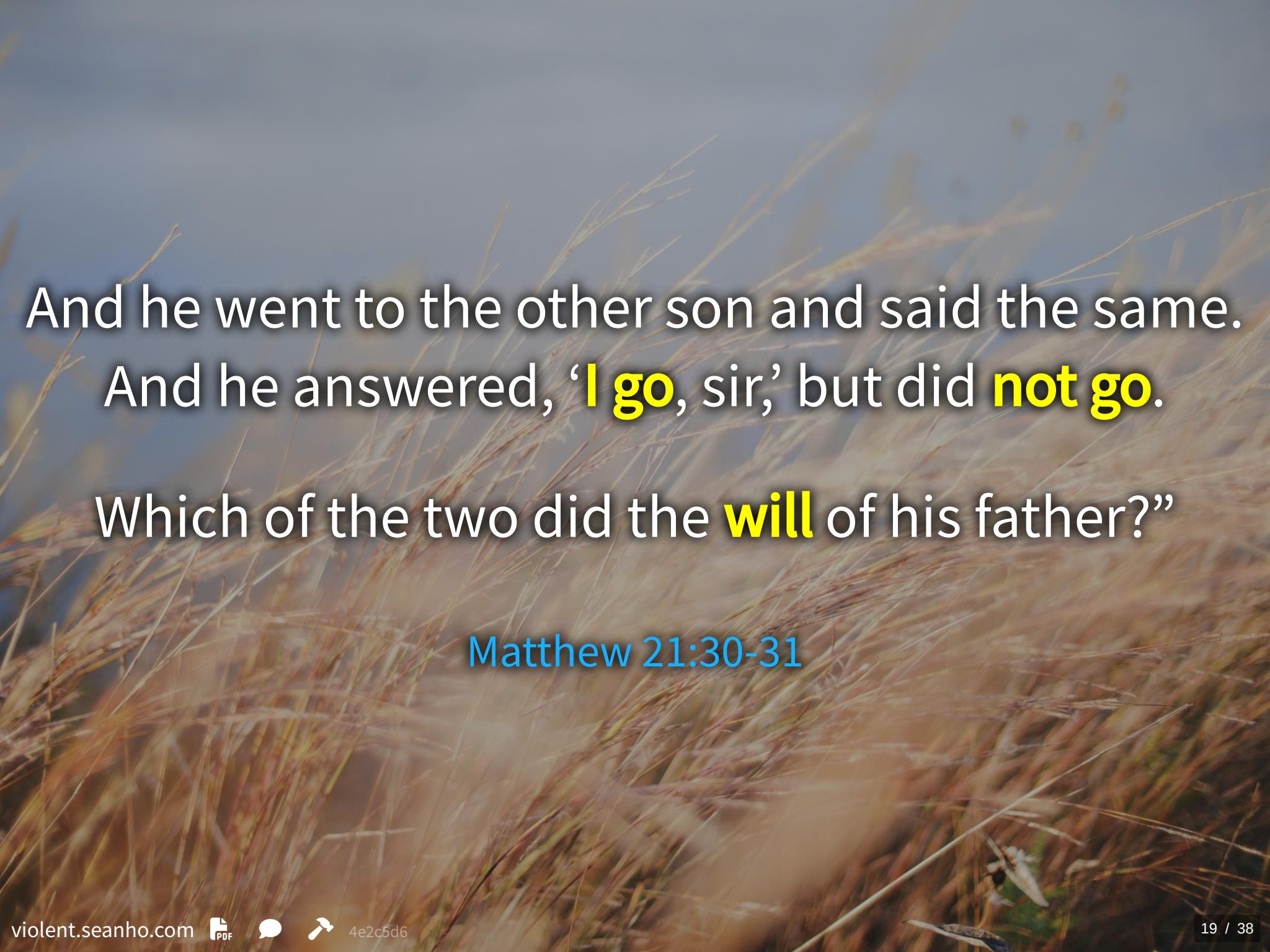
What do you think? A man had **two sons**.

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**
to your own harm,

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.

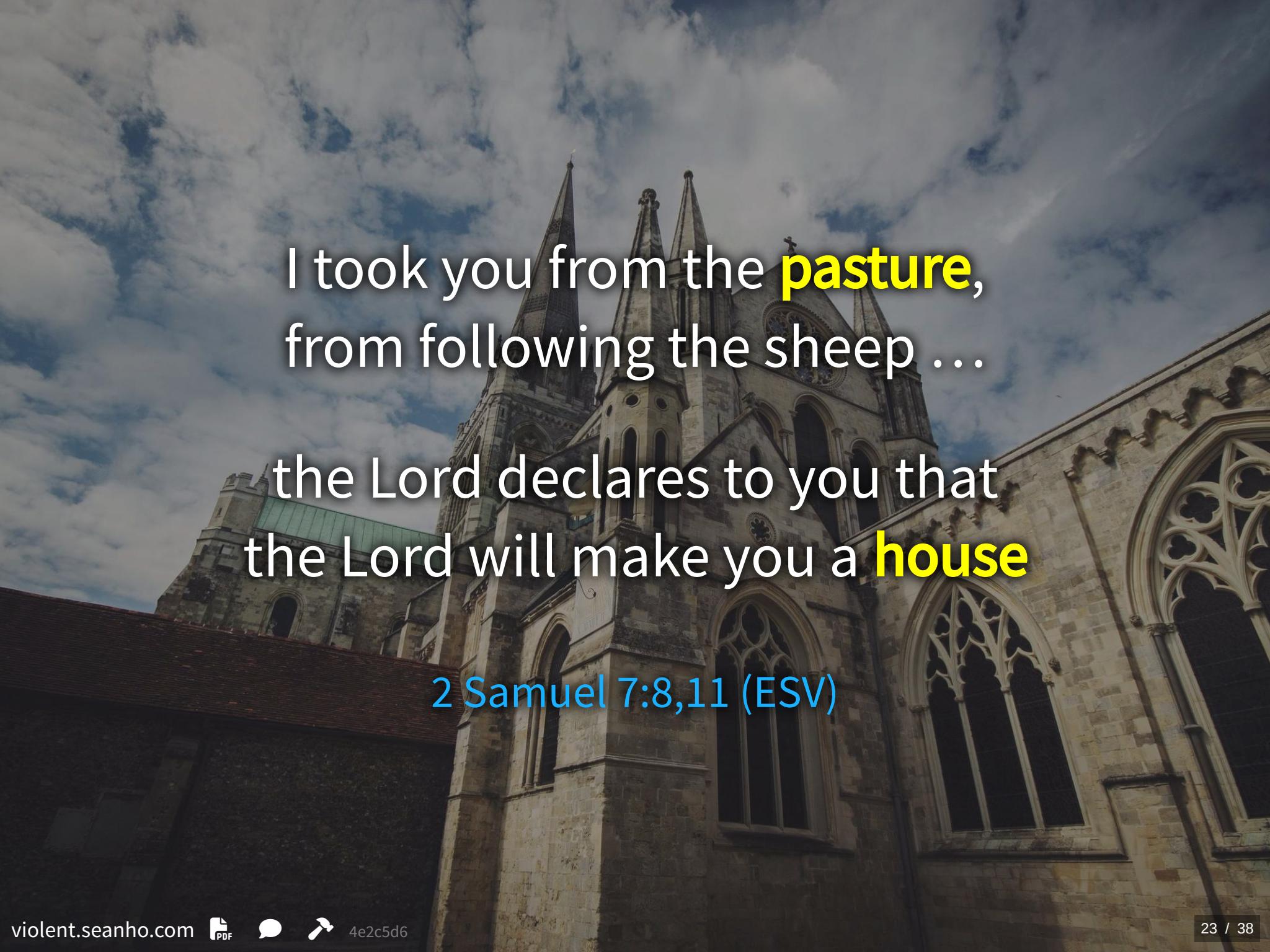
Jeremiah 7:7 (ESV)



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

2 Samuel 7:5 (ESV)

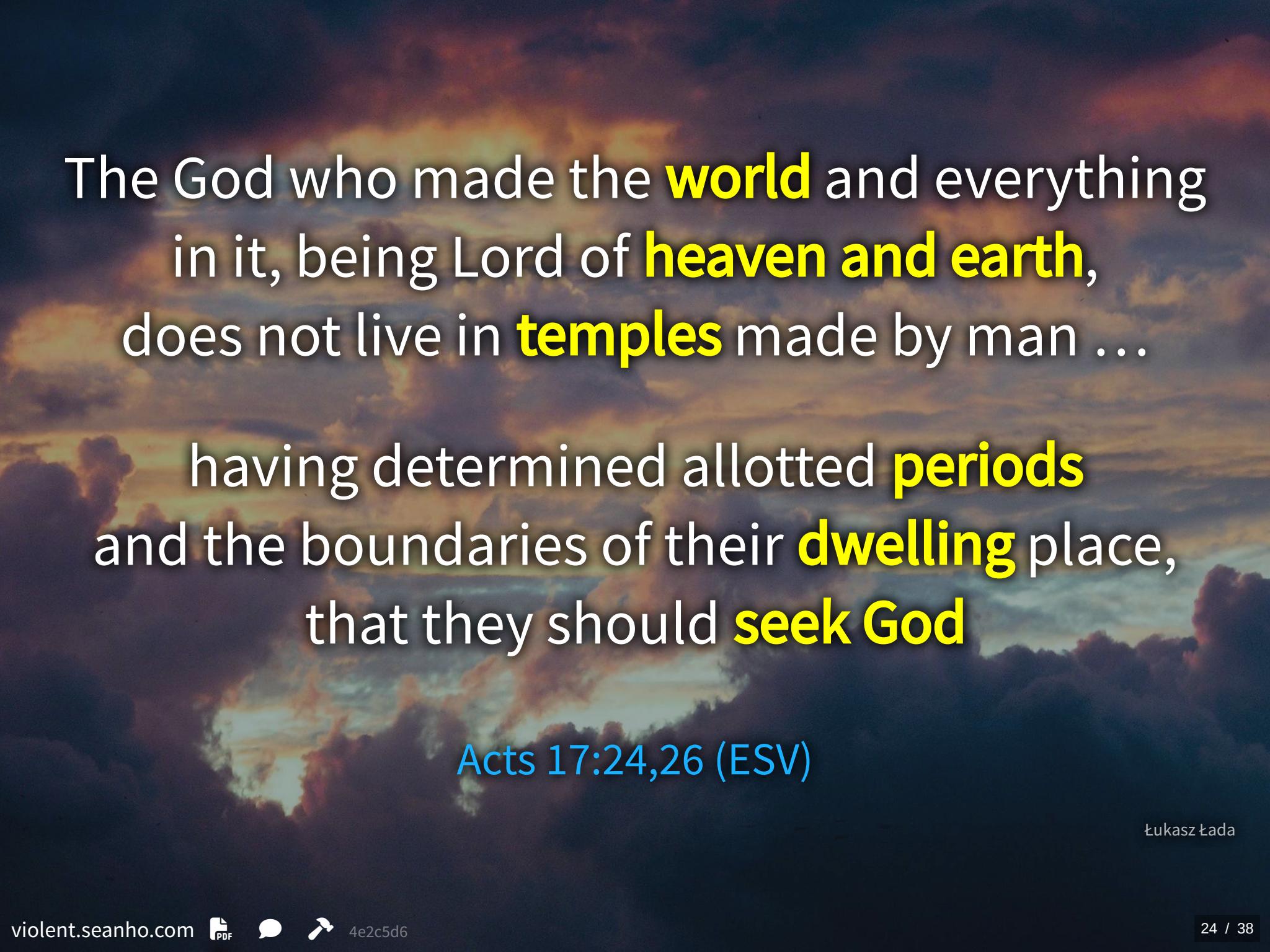
Dan Edwards

The background image shows a Gothic-style church with multiple spires and intricate stonework, 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**

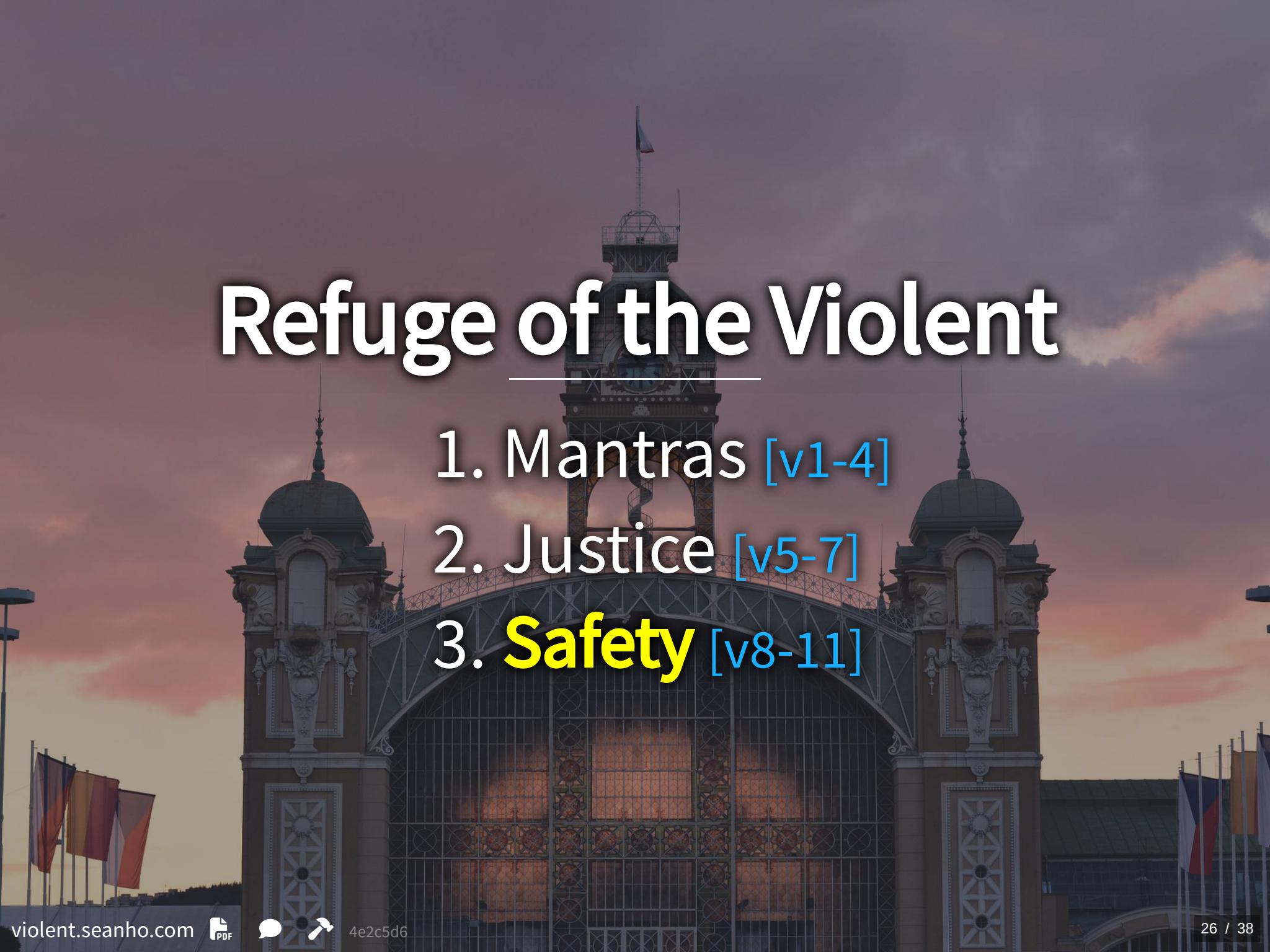
Acts 17:24,26 (ESV)

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

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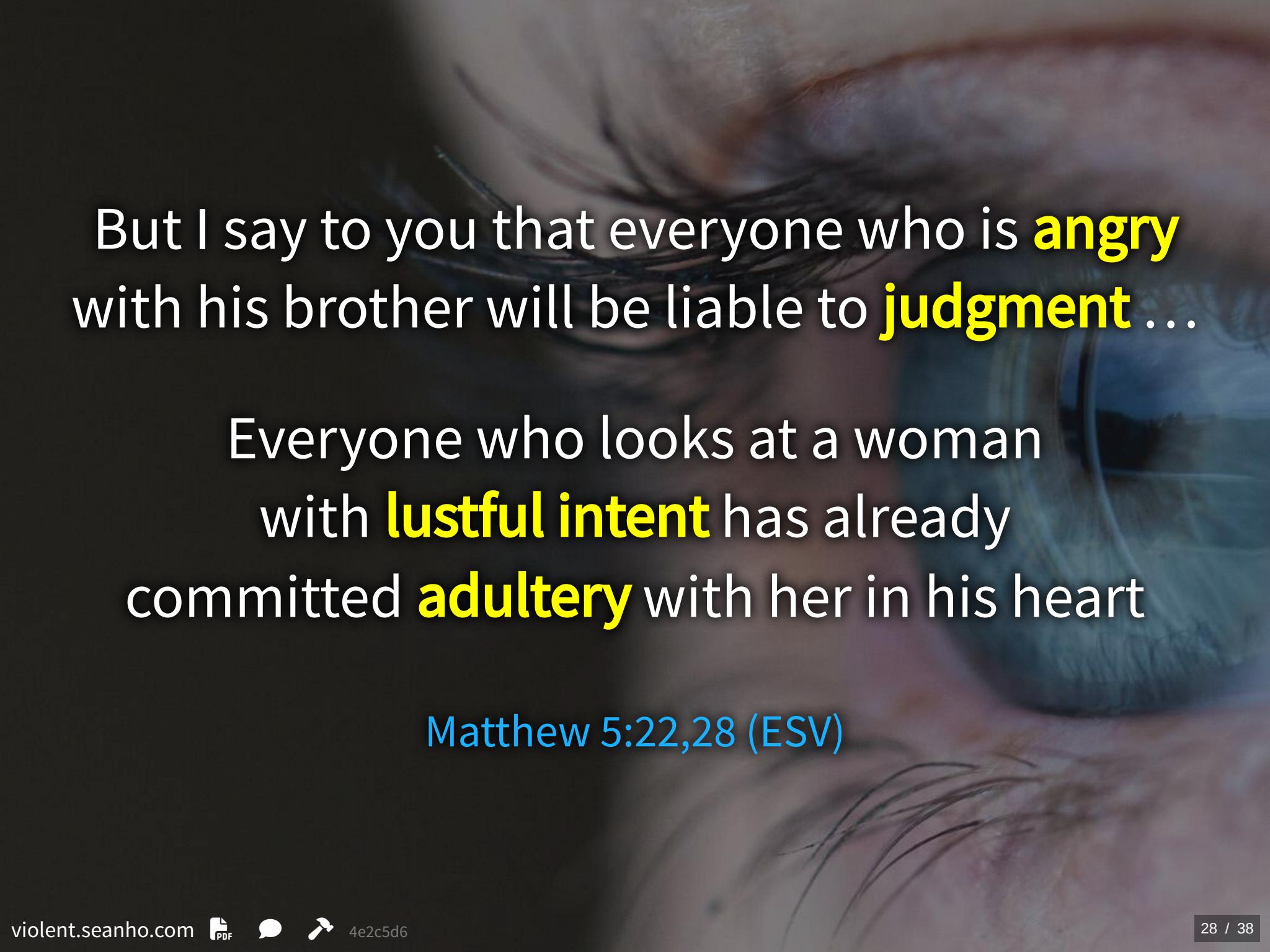


“Behold, you trust in deceptive words
to no avail.

Will you **steal**, **murder**, commit **adultery**,
swear **falsely**, make offerings to **Baal**, and
go after **other gods** that you have not known,

Jeremiah 7:8-9 (ESV)

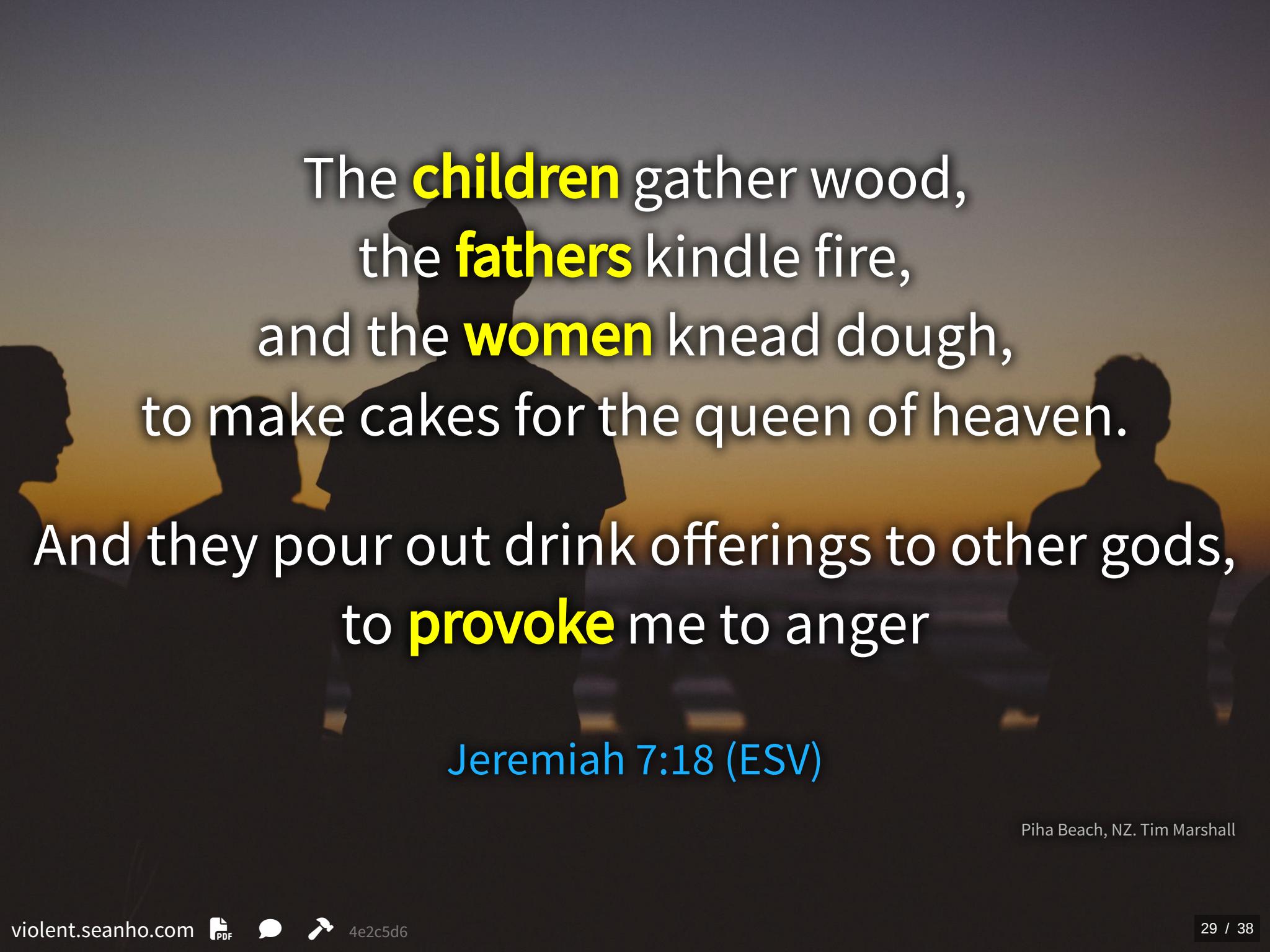
Luis Quintero



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)

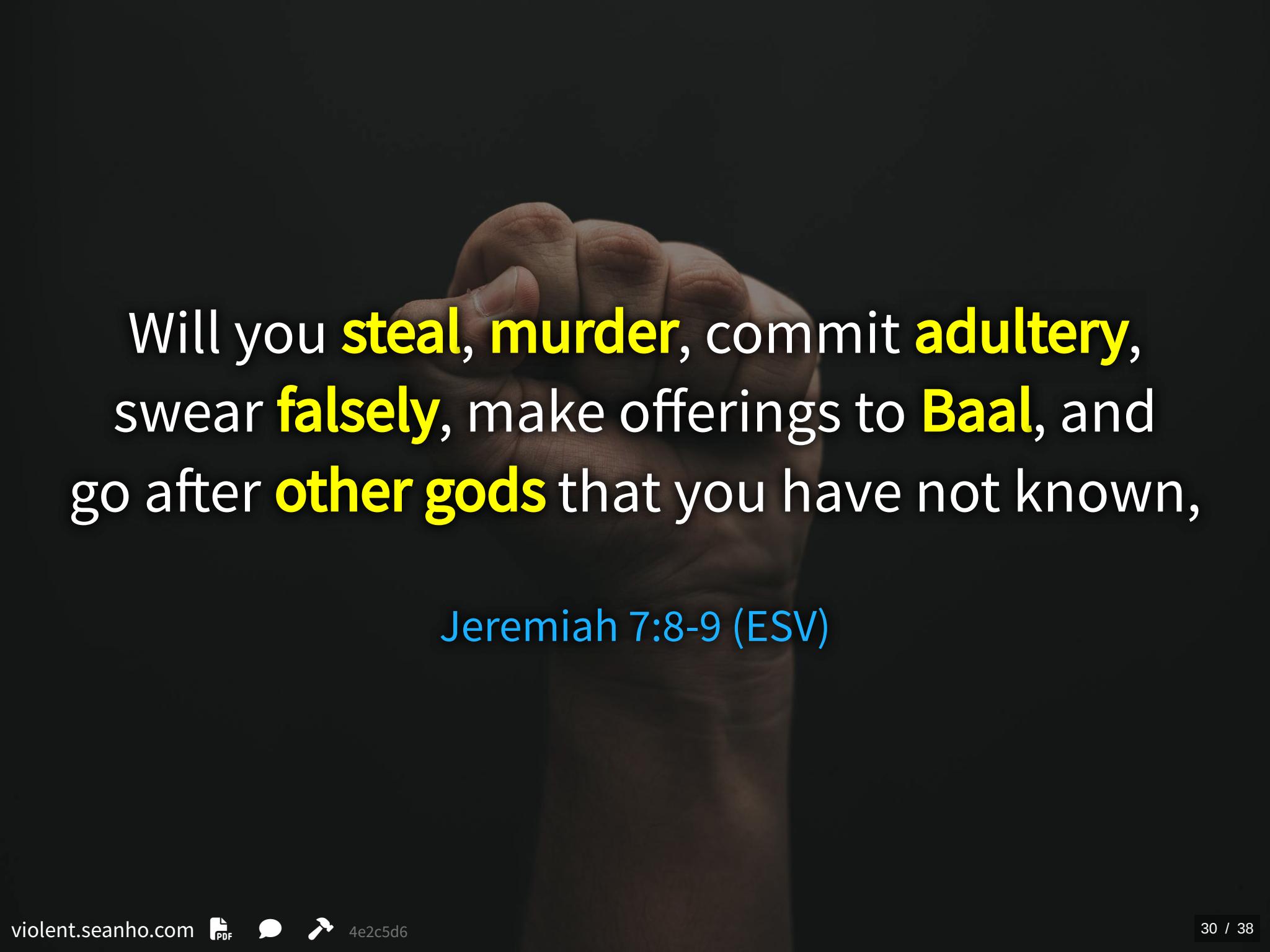
A photograph showing several dark silhouettes of people against a bright, orange and yellow sunset sky. Some figures appear to be sitting around a small fire or light source. The overall atmosphere is somber and reflective.

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

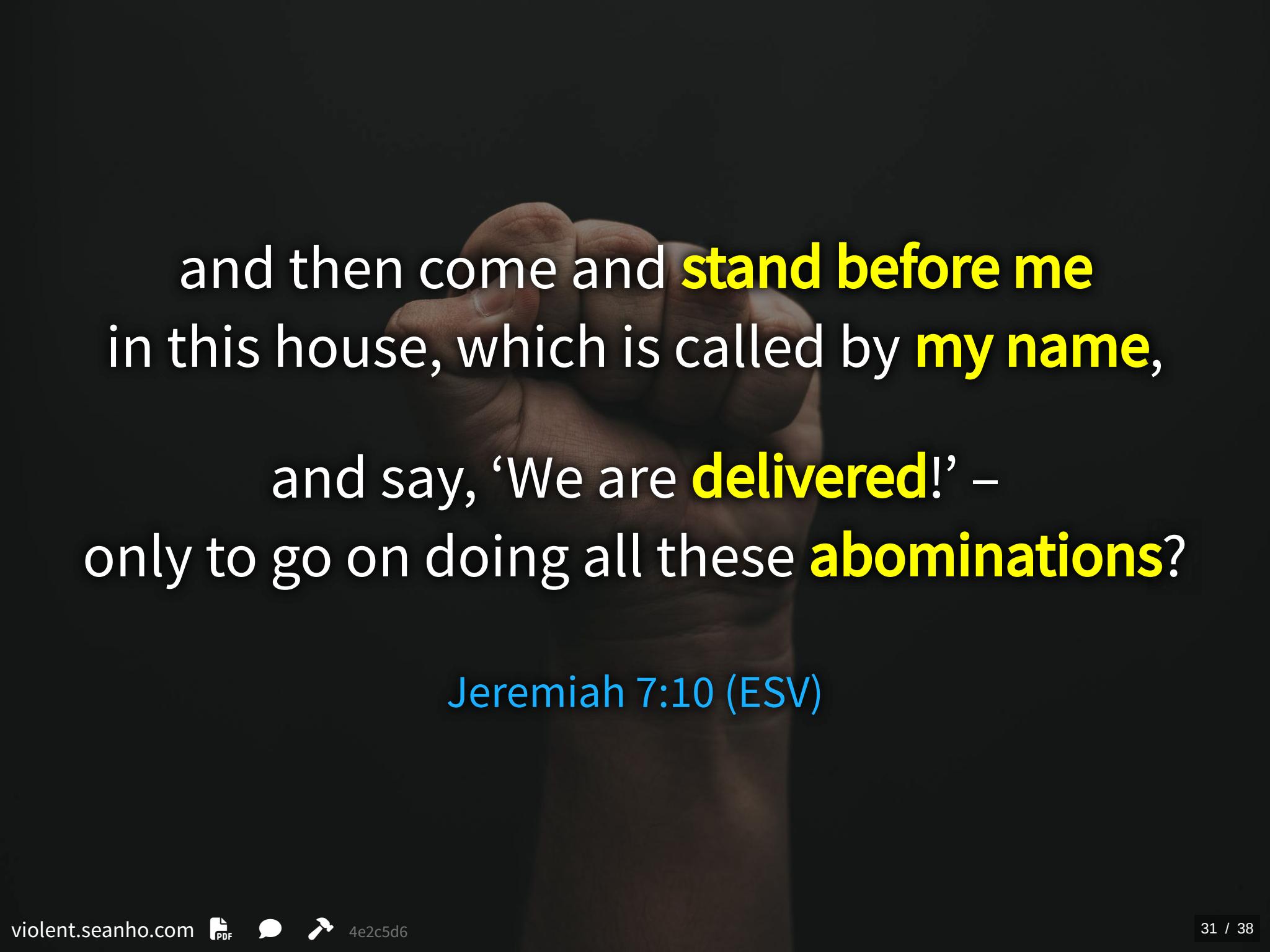
Jeremiah 7:18 (ESV)

Piha Beach, NZ. Tim Marshall



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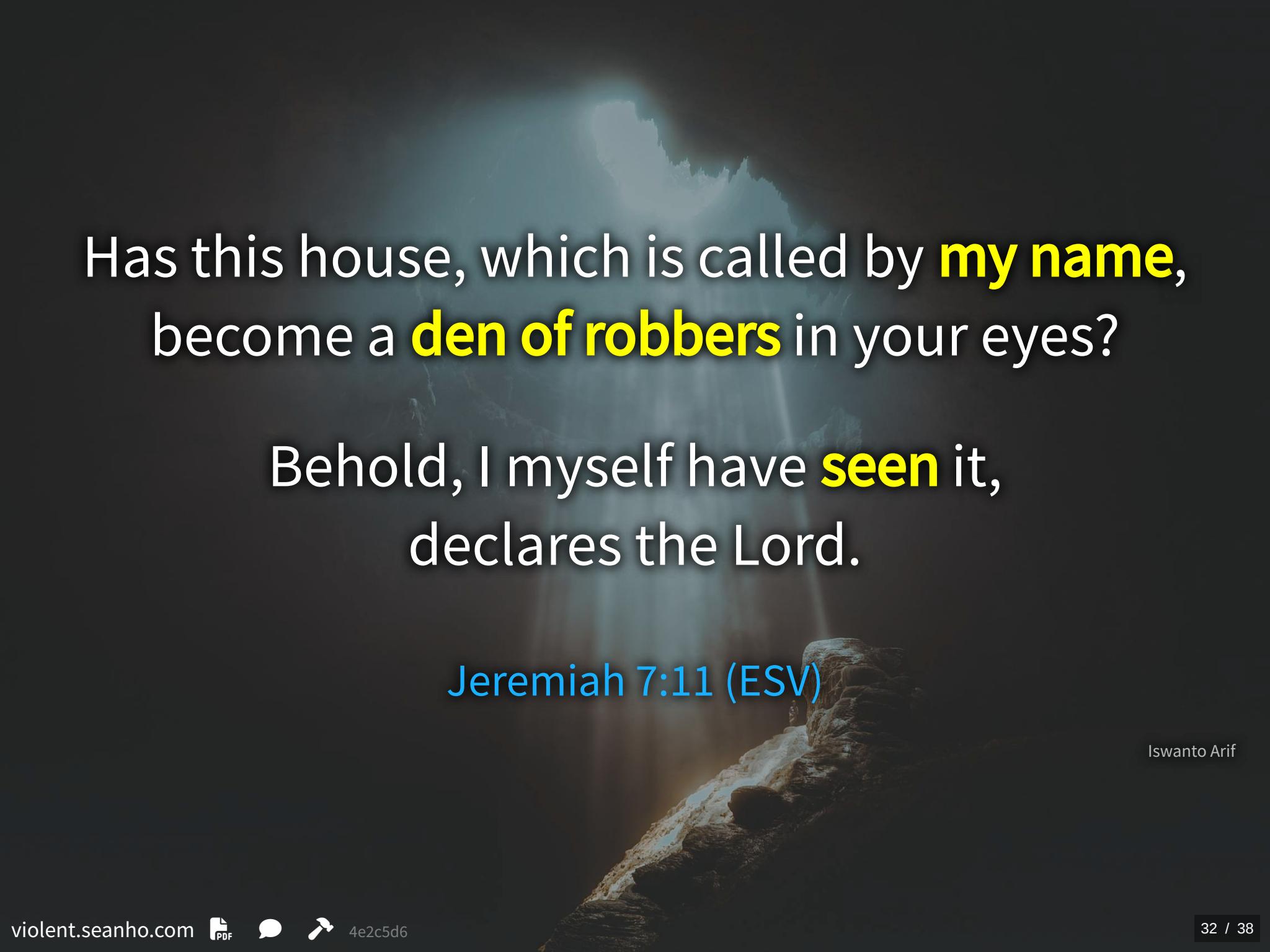
Jeremiah 7:8-9 (ESV)



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)

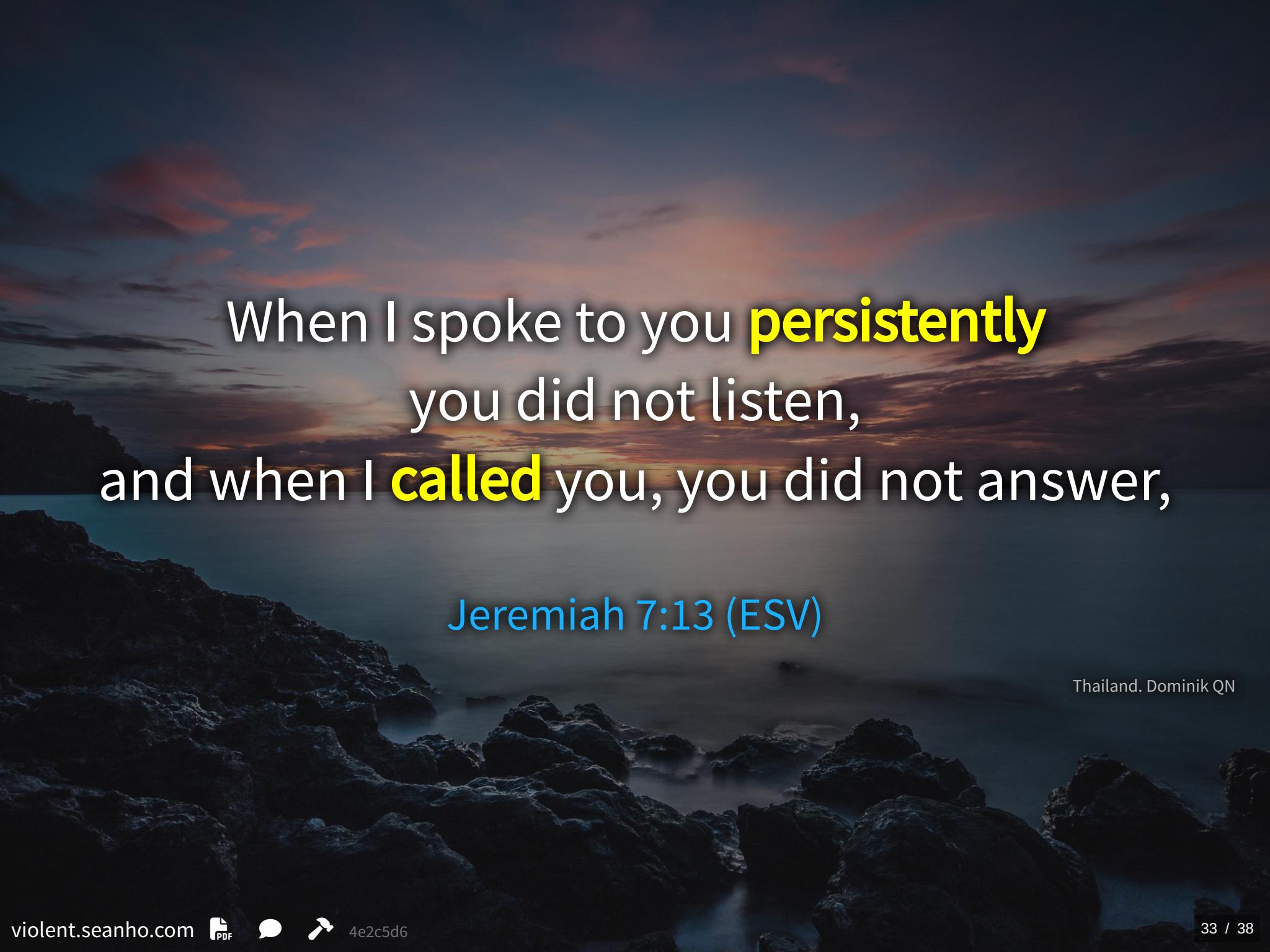


Has this house, which is called by **my name**,
become a **den of robbers** in your eyes?

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

Jeremiah 7:11 (ESV)

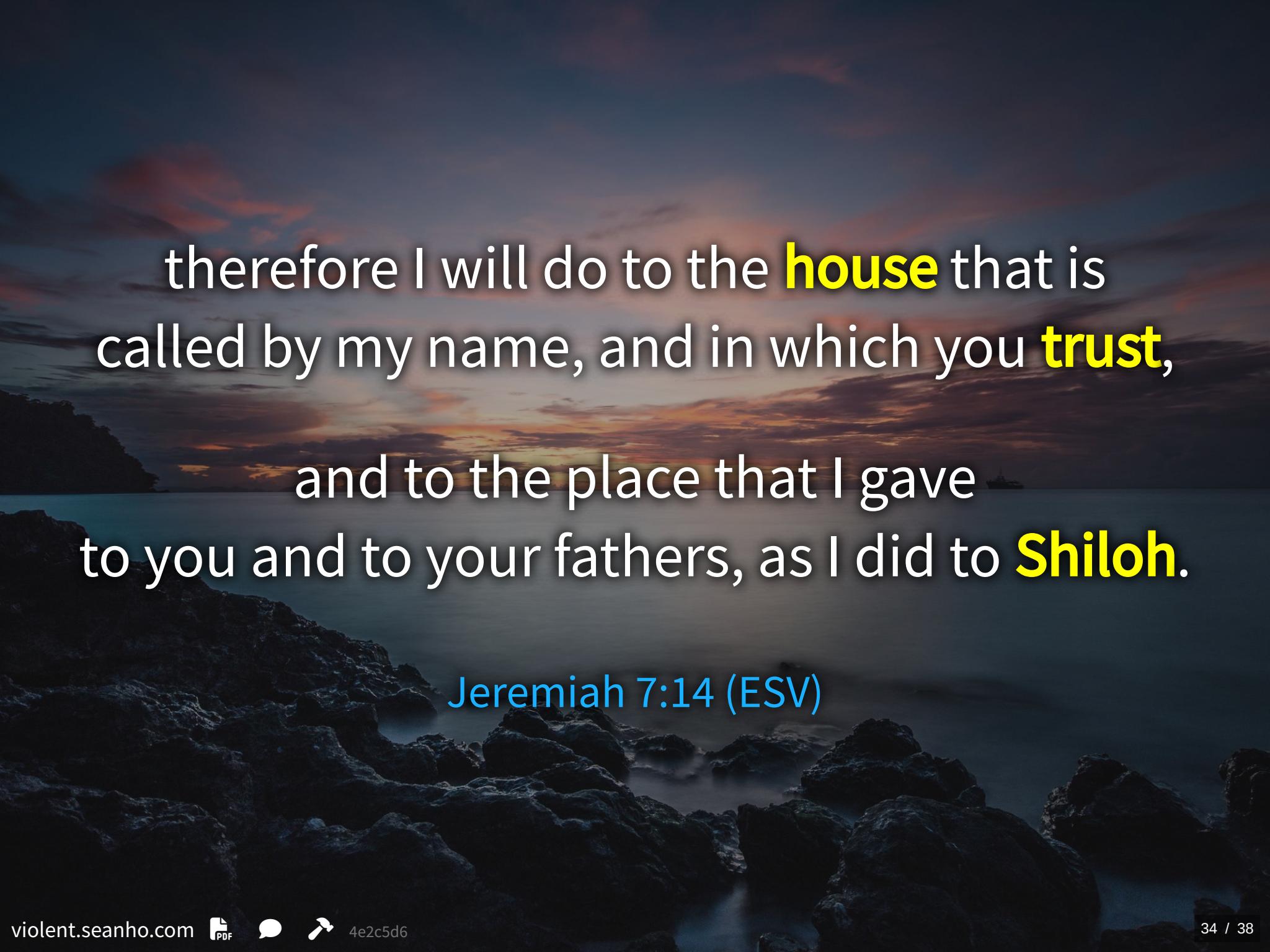
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The background image shows a coastal scene at sunset. The sky is filled with large, wispy clouds colored in shades of orange, red, and yellow, transitioning into darker blues and purples. In the foreground, dark, jagged rock formations are silhouetted against the bright horizon. Waves are visible crashing against the rocks on the left side.

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** —

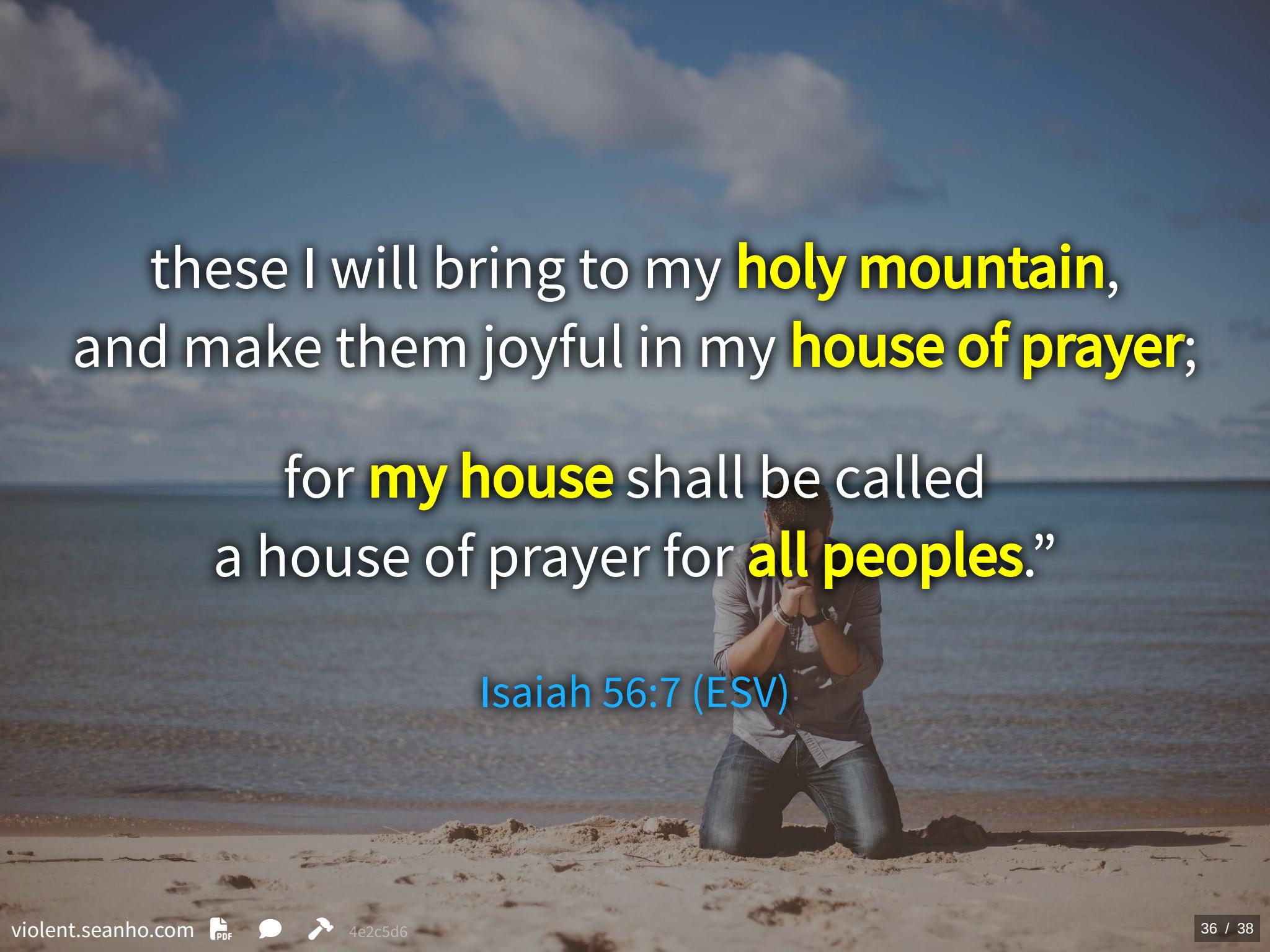
Isaiah 56:6 (ESV)

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?**

