



# Wake Up!

## 2 Peter 3:3-12

The **end** is near!

So **what?**

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4 They will say,  
“Where is this ‘coming’ he **promised?**  
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everything **goes on**  
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2 Peter 3:3-4 (NIV) (p.1/6)

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2 Peter 3:5 (NIV) (p.2/6)

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7 By the same word  
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are reserved for **fire**,  
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2 Peter 3:6-7 (NIV) (p.3/6)

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2 Peter 3:10 (NIV) (p.5/6)

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in this way,

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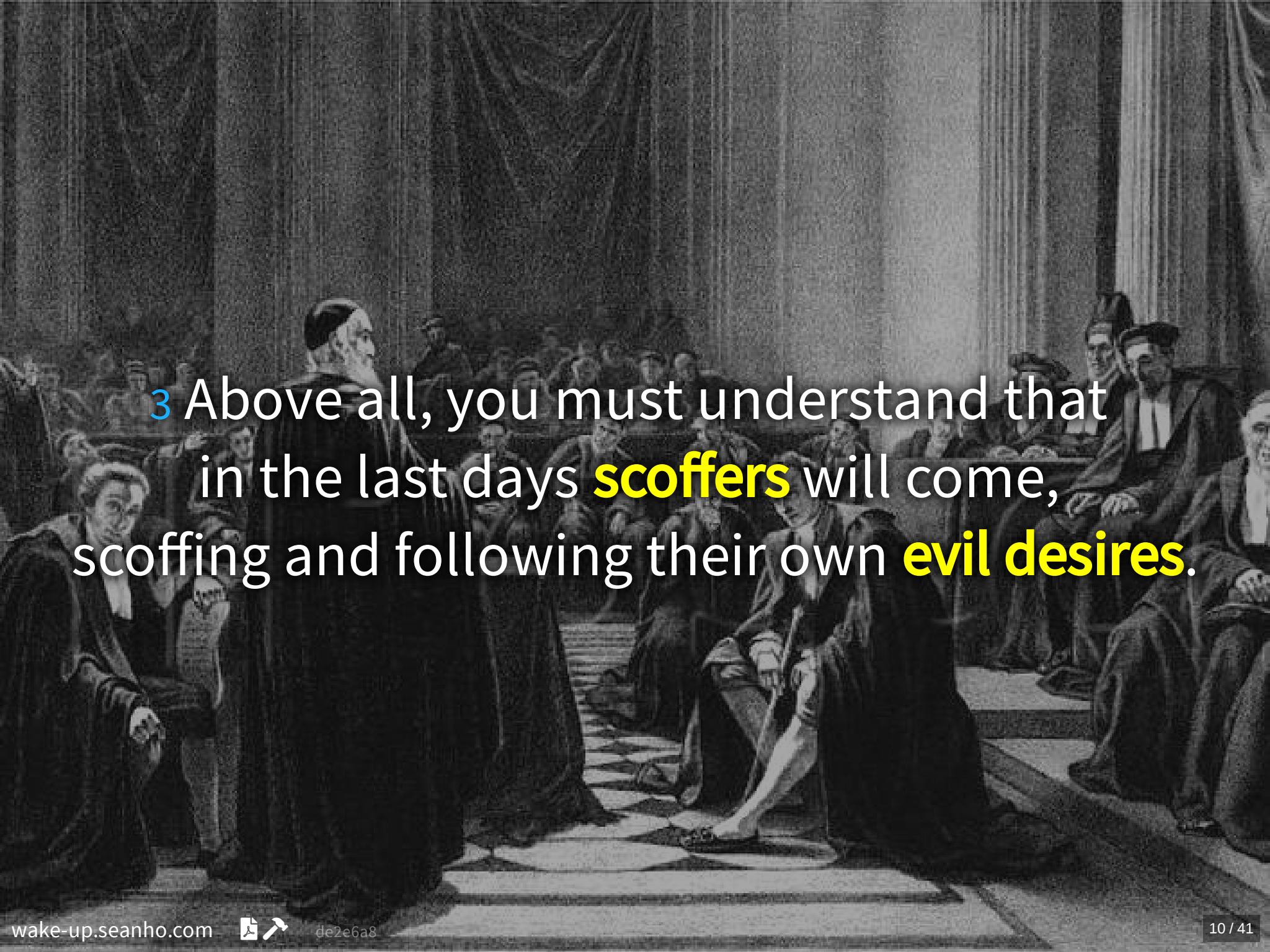
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2 Peter 3:11-12 (NIV) (p.6/6)

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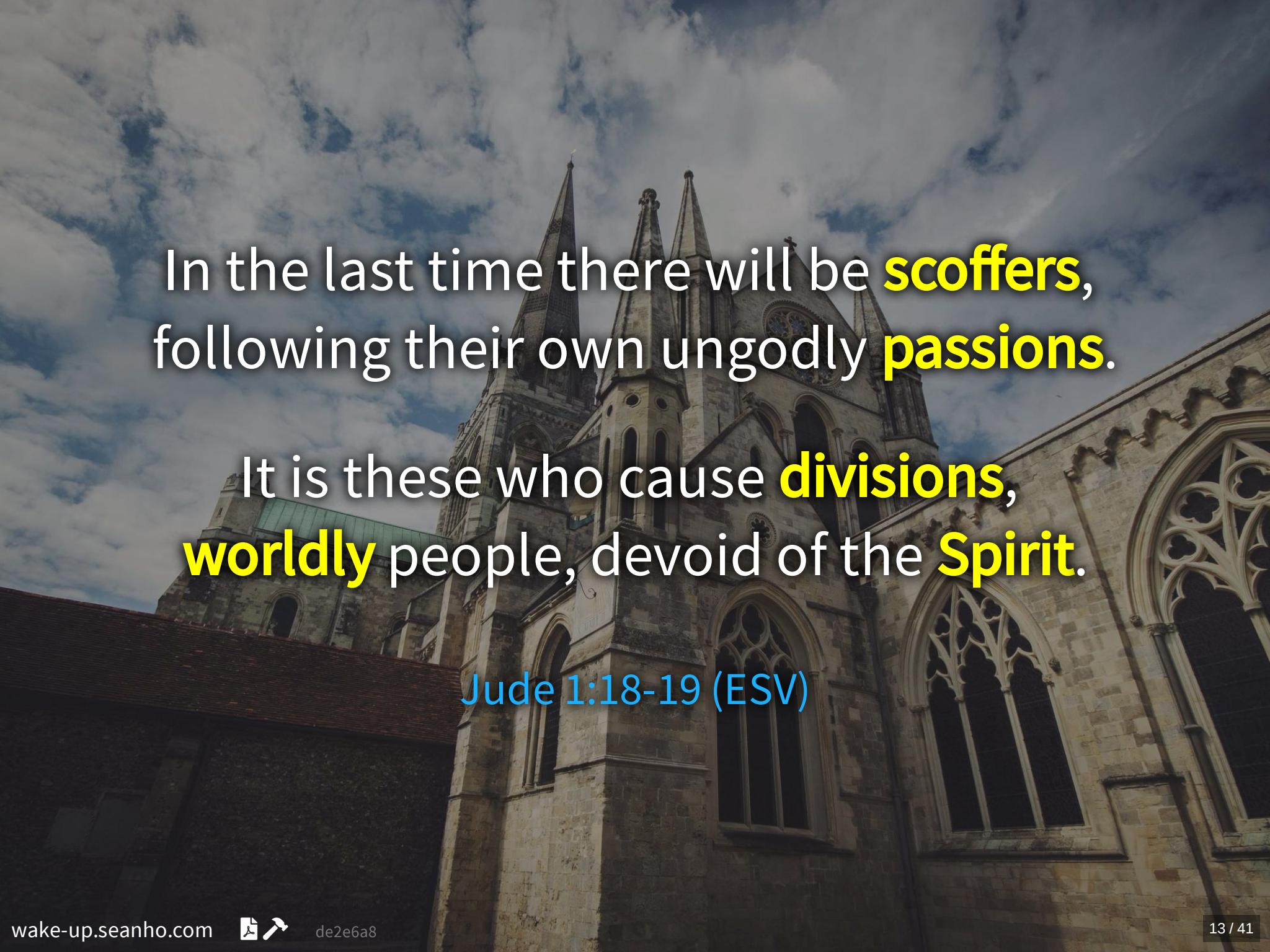


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# Complacency of Continuity

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- **Legalism** / pride: up to us to save the world
- **Lusts**: indulge own desires (Jude 1:18-19)
- **Laziness**: when Master is away (Mt 24:45-51)

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

In the last time there will be **scoffers**,  
following their own ungodly **passions**.

It is these who cause **divisions**,  
**worldly** people, devoid of the **Spirit**.

Jude 1:18-19 (ESV)

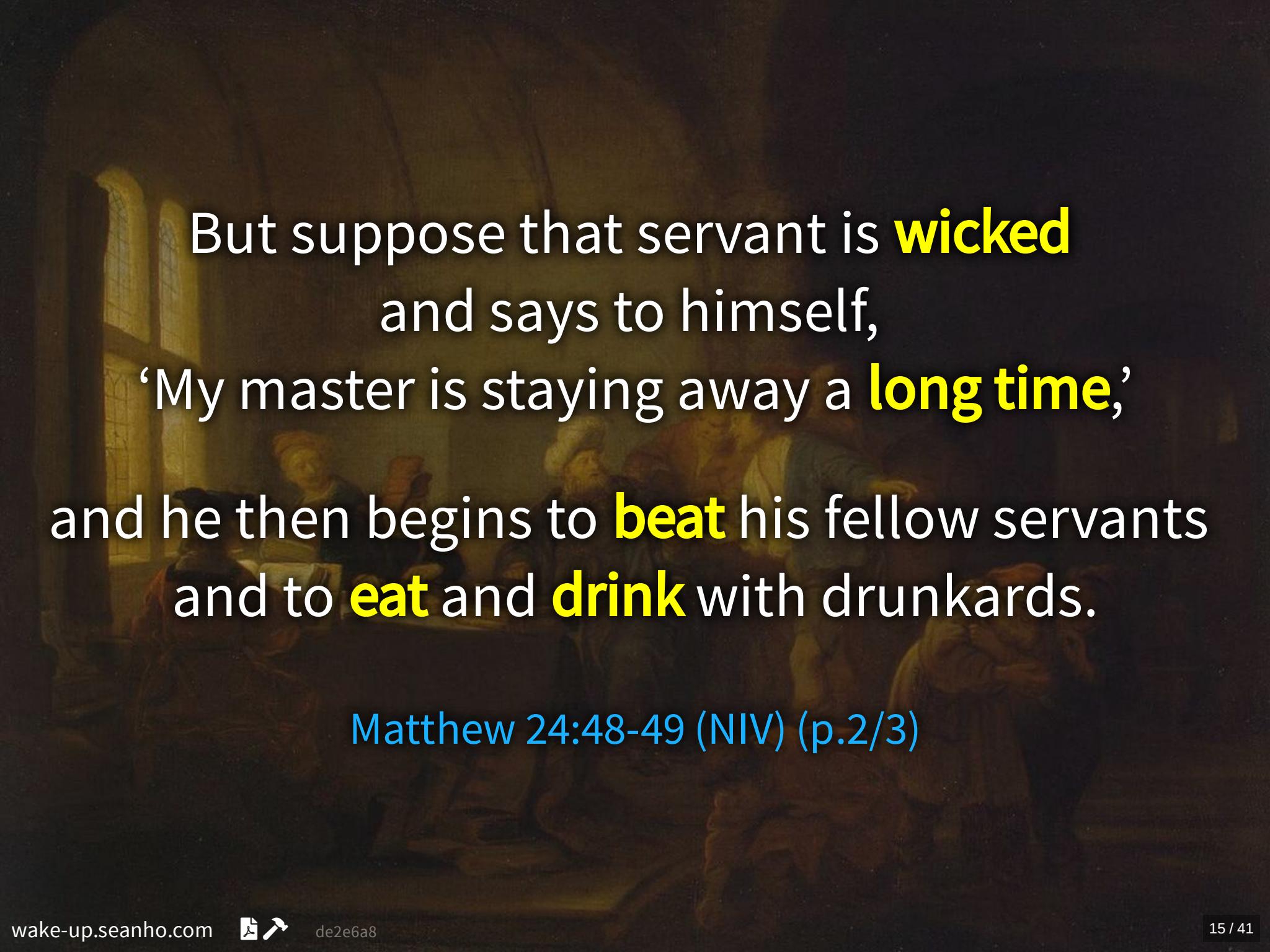


Who then is the **faithful** and **wise** servant,  
whom the master has put in **charge**  
of the servants in his household ... ?

It will be **good** for that servant  
whose master finds him **doing** so  
when he **returns**.

Matthew 24:45-46 (NIV) (p.1/3)

Salomon Koninck, "Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard"  
Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg. 1648.

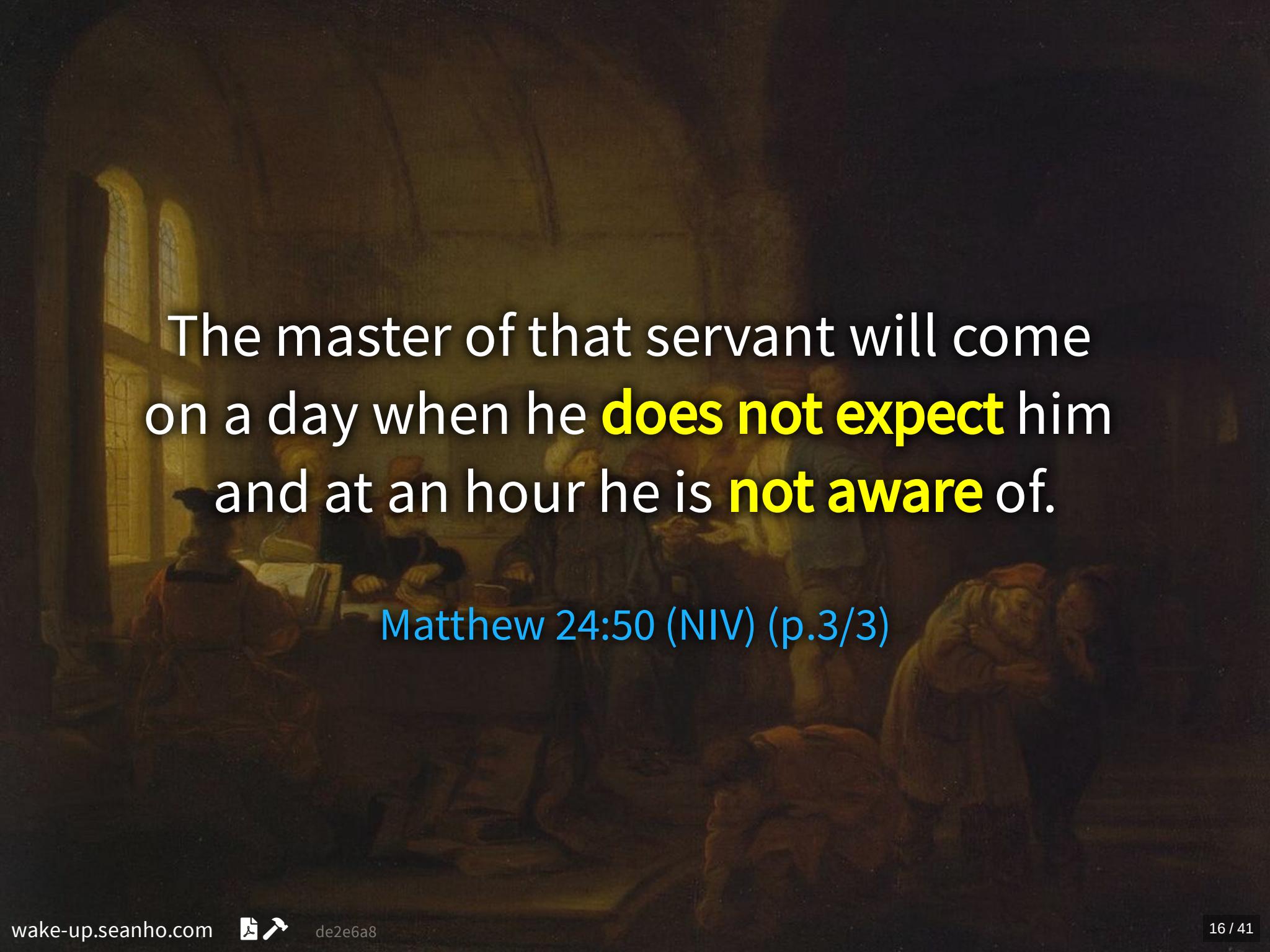


But suppose that servant is **wicked**  
and says to himself,

‘My master is staying away a **long time**,’

and he then begins to **beat** his fellow servants  
and to **eat** and **drink** with drunkards.

Matthew 24:48-49 (NIV) (p.2/3)



The master of that servant will come on a day when he **does not expect** him and at an hour he is **not aware** of.

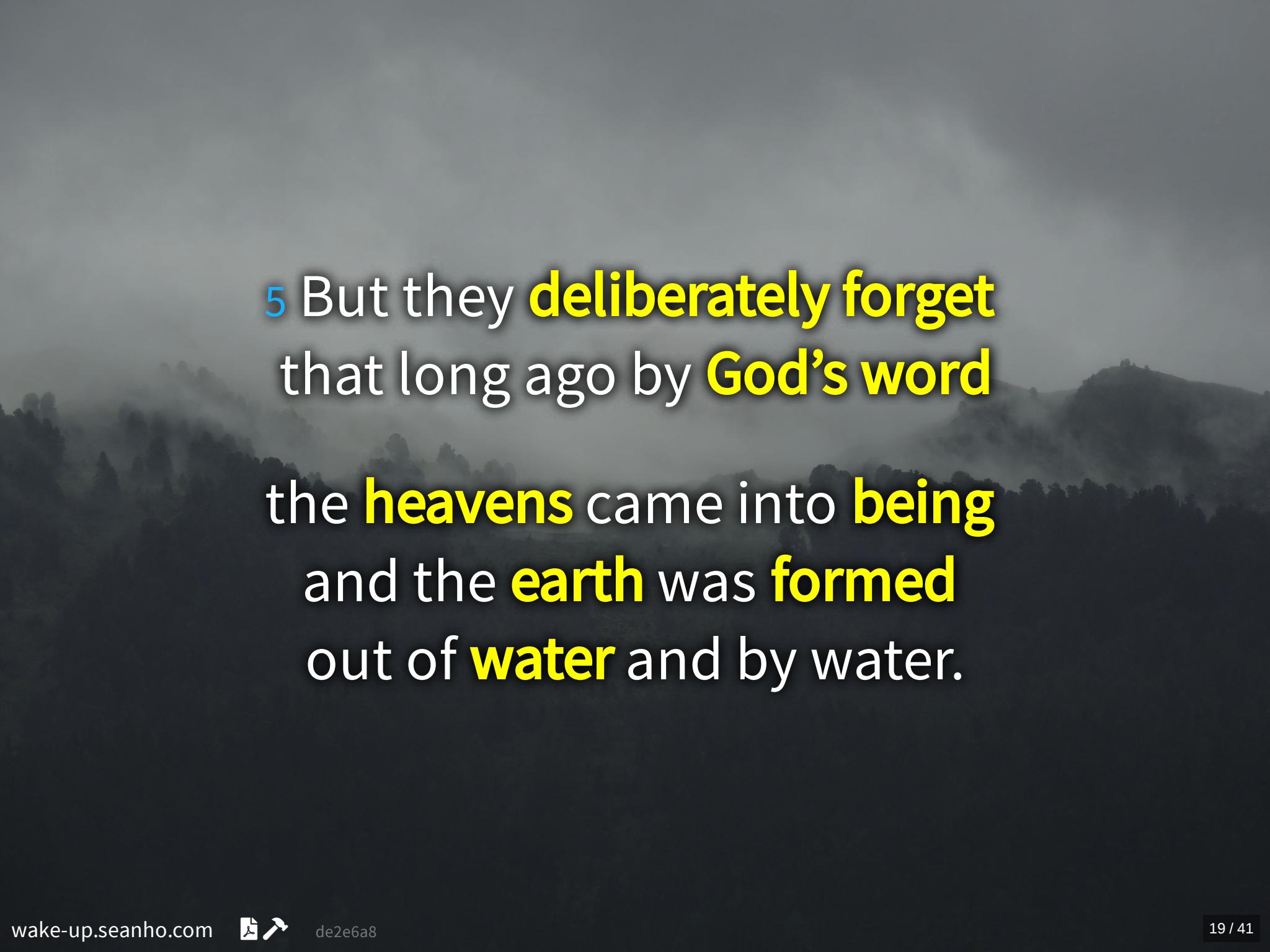
Matthew 24:50 (NIV) (p.3/3)

Have I succumbed to  
**legalism, lust, or laziness**  
by neglecting the **imminence**  
of Christ's return?

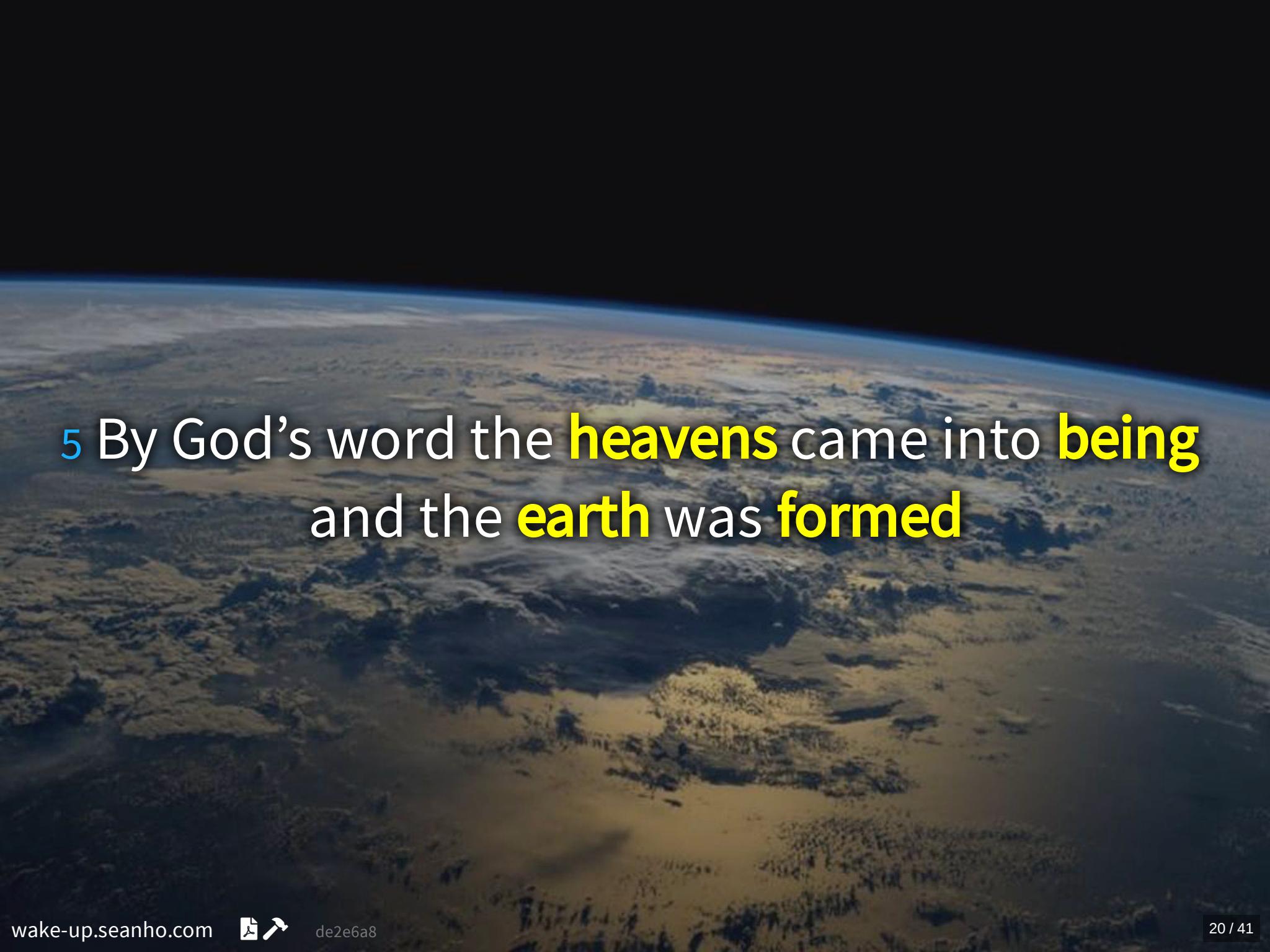
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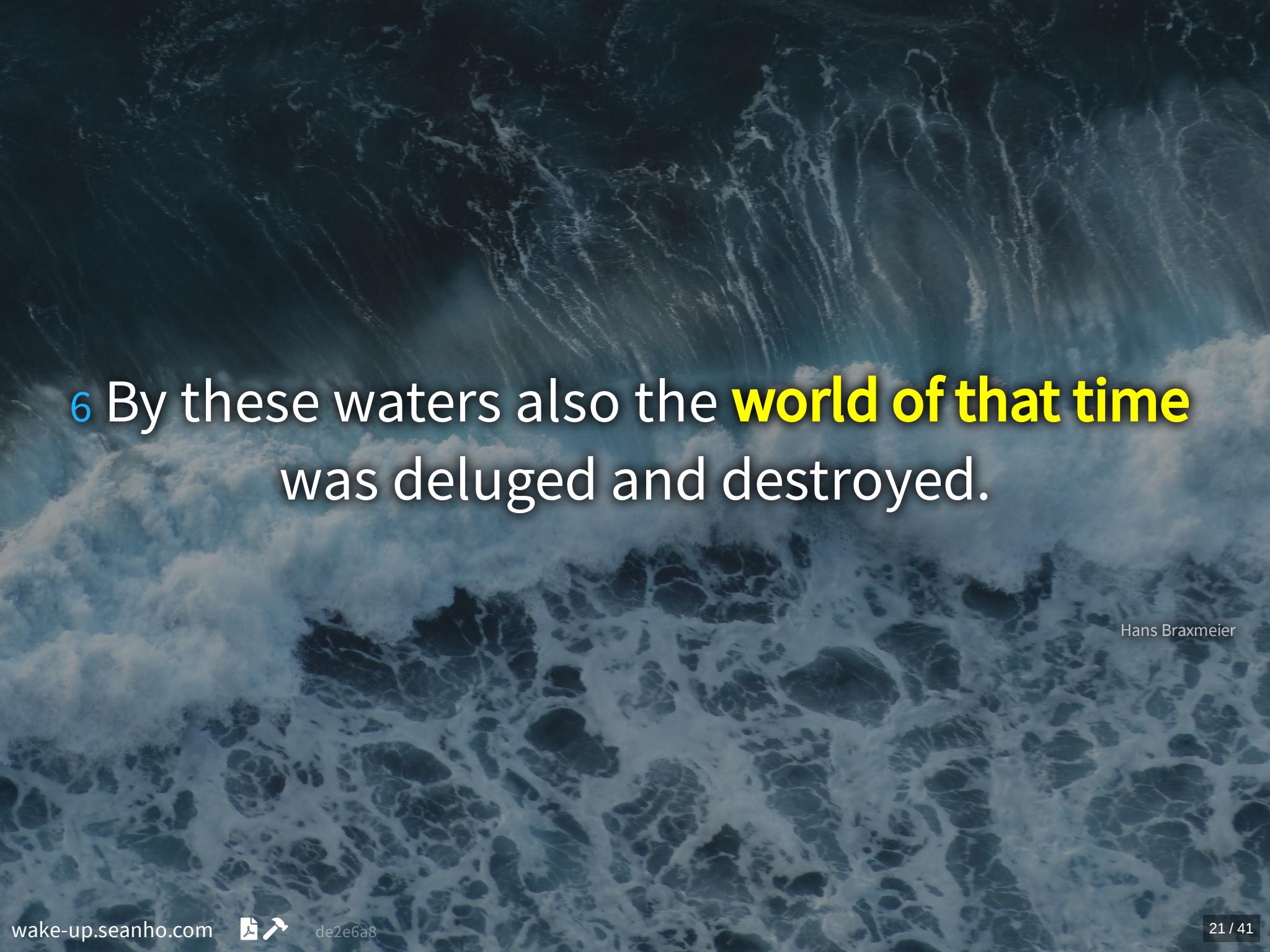
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Hans Braxmeier

A photograph of a vibrant rainbow arching across a sky filled with dark, dramatic clouds. The rainbow is bright and multi-colored. Below the sky, a lush green field stretches towards distant mountains under a clear blue sky.

Whenever ...  
the **rainbow** appears in the clouds,

I will remember my **covenant**  
between me and you ...

Never again will the **waters**  
become a flood to destroy all life.

Genesis 9:14-15 (NIV)



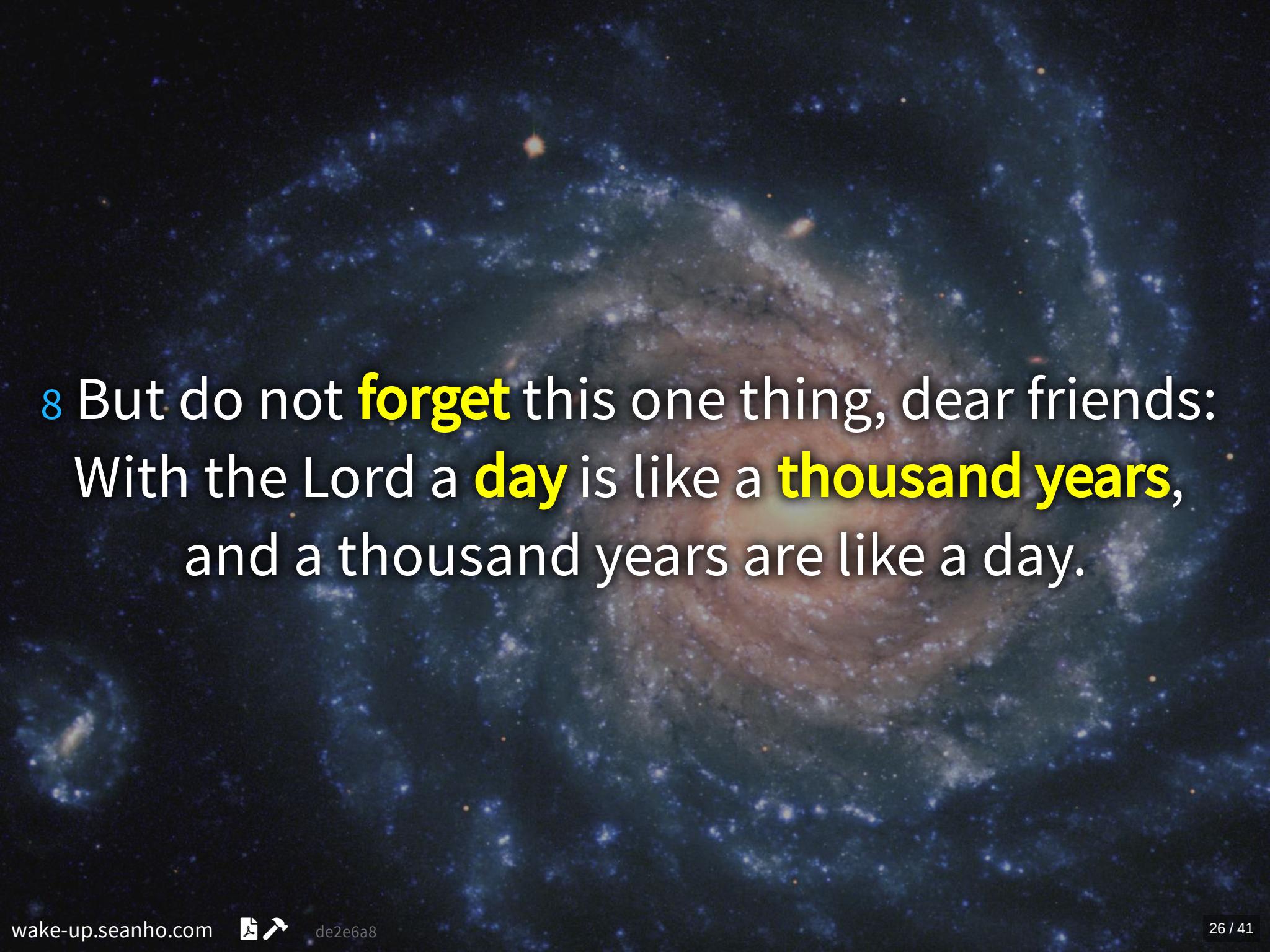
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Creation and  
the Flood?

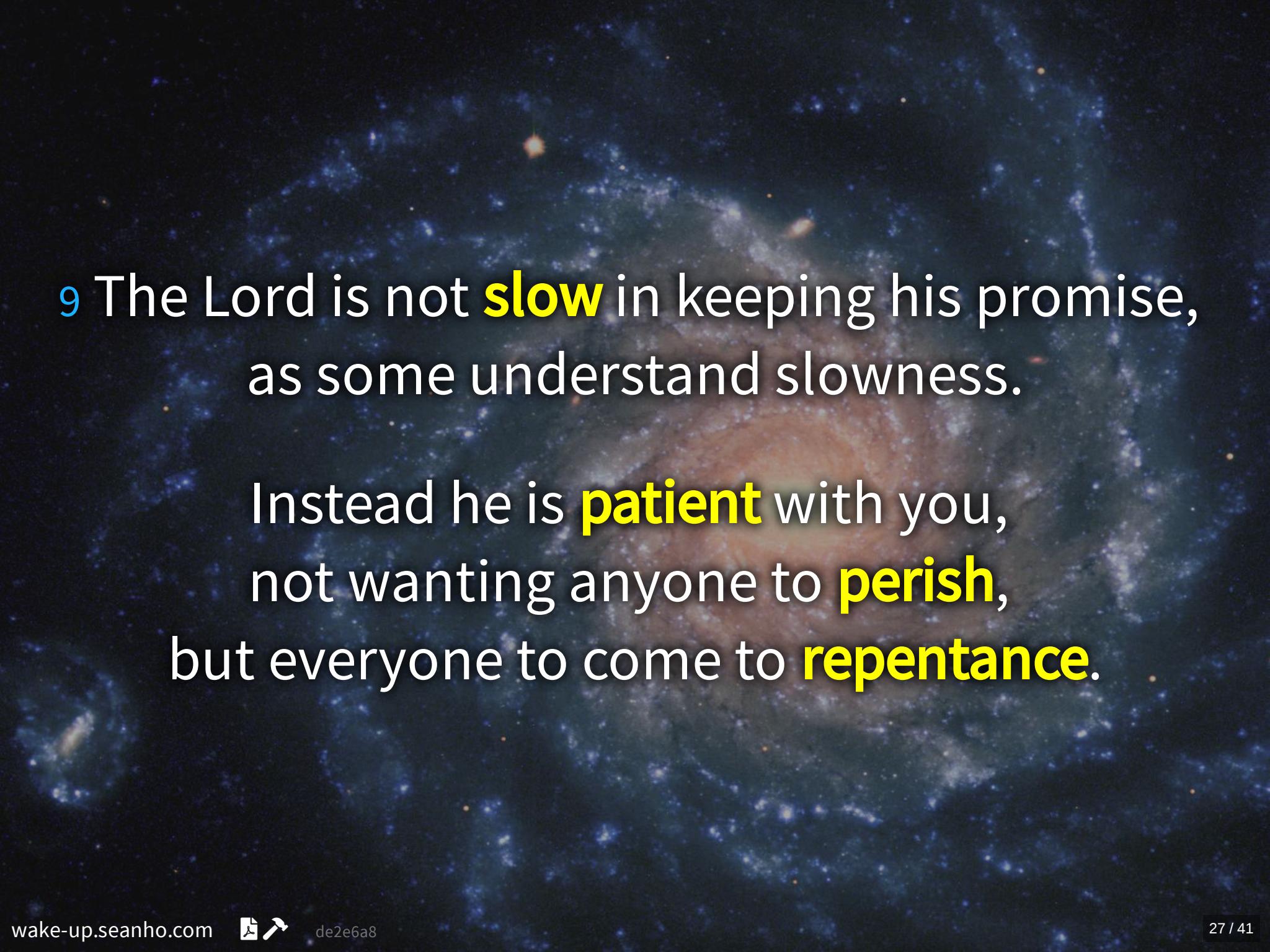
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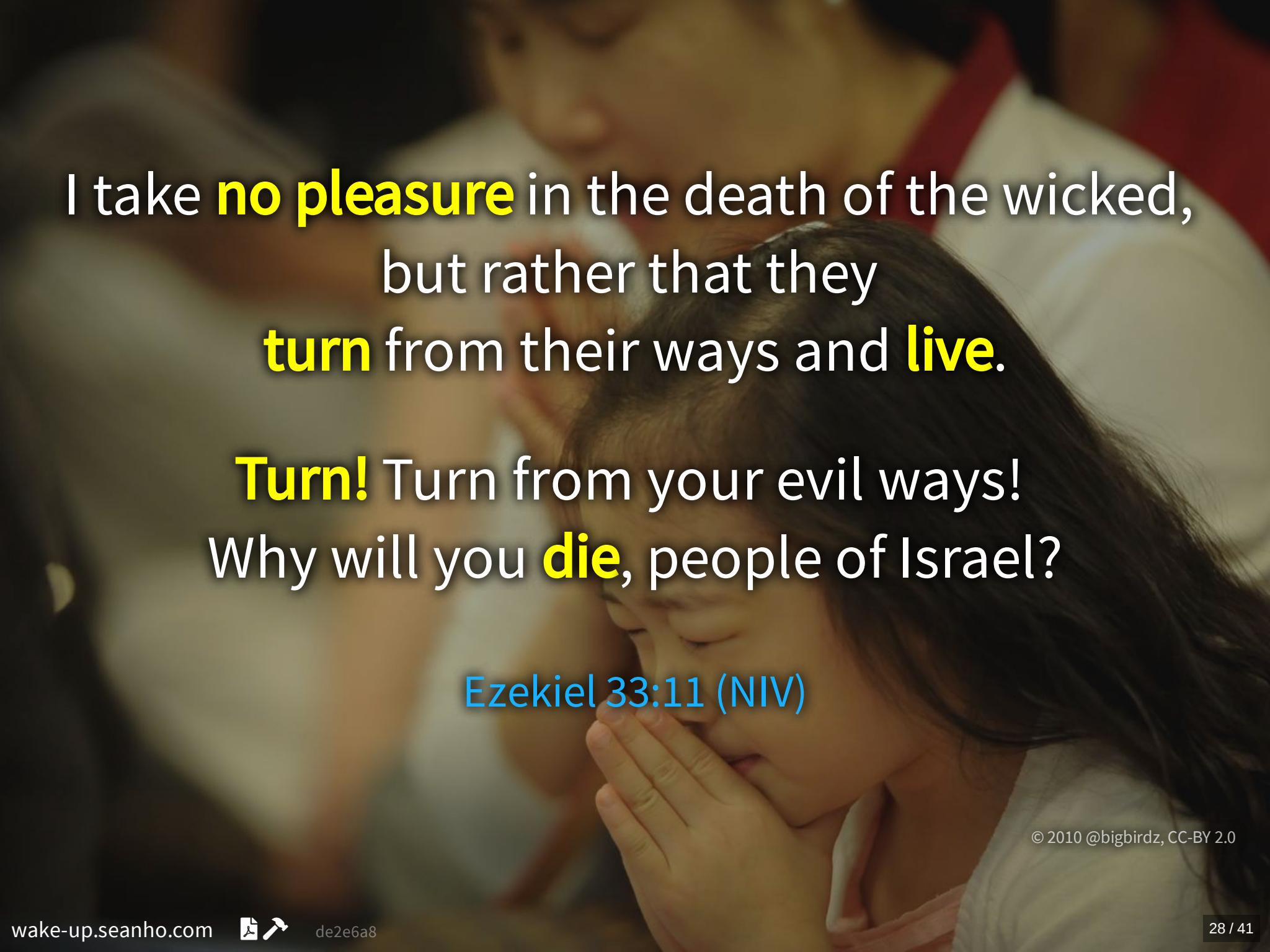


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I take **no pleasure** in the death of the wicked,  
but rather that they  
**turn** from their ways and **live.**

**Turn!** Turn from your evil ways!  
Why will you **die**, people of Israel?

Ezekiel 33:11 (NIV)

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If it is only God's patience  
to the not-yet-repentant  
that holds back  
the judgment,  
how does that change  
how I view them?

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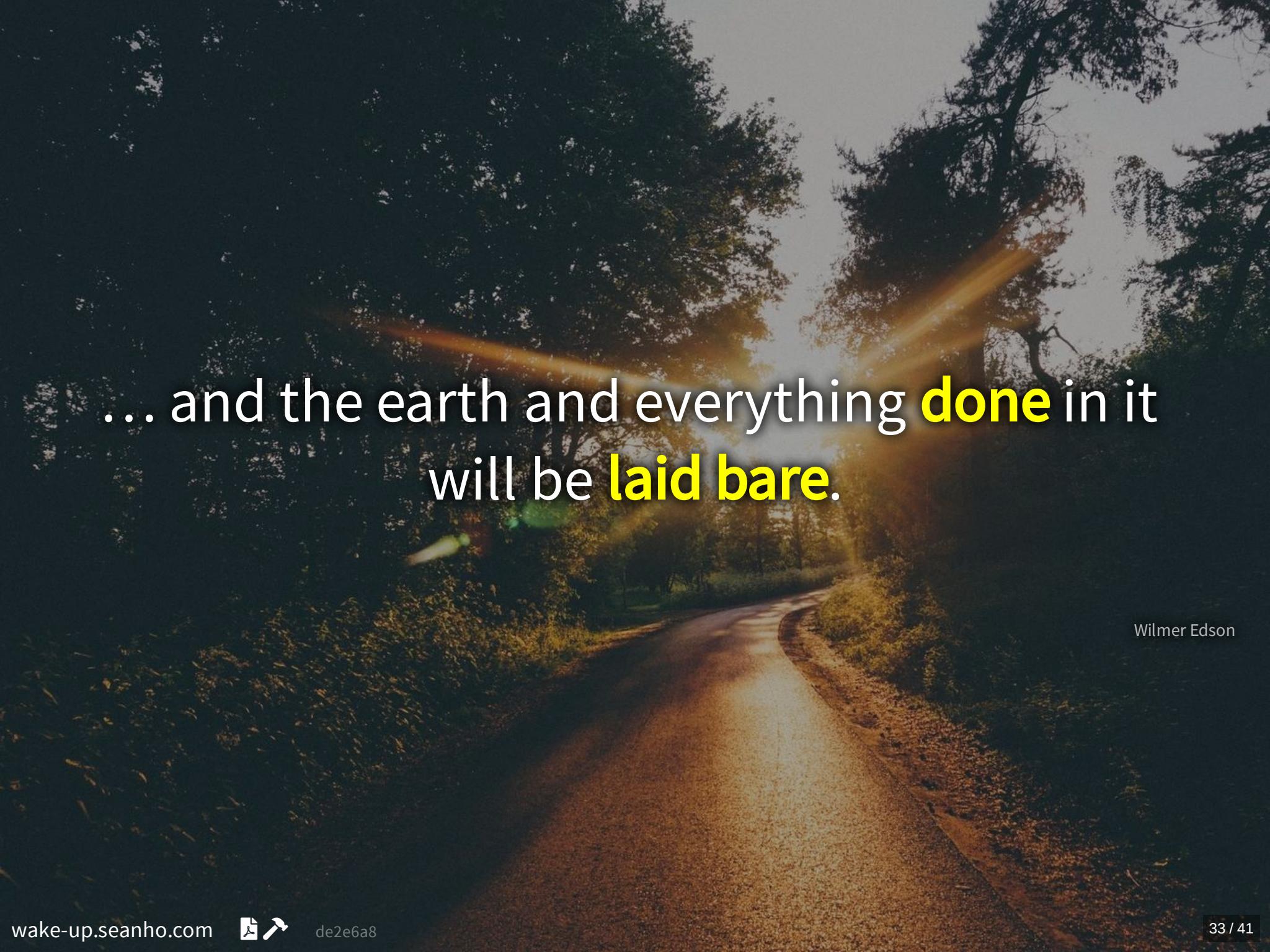
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Lisa Runnels

A photograph of a dirt road curving through a dense forest. Sunlight filters through the leaves, creating bright rays and lens flare effects. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

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Wilmer Edson

What am I  
holding onto  
which will be  
burned with  
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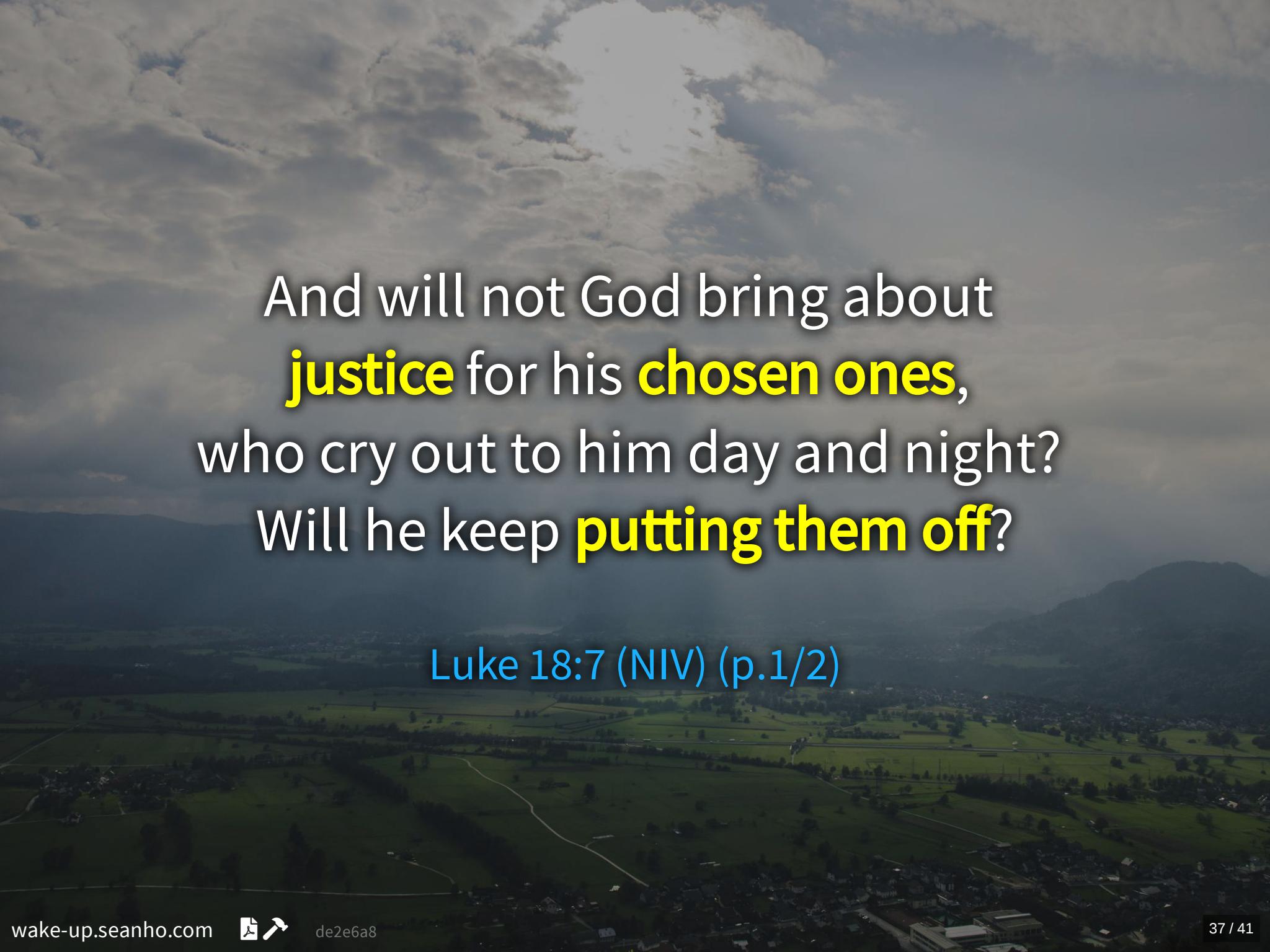
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A close-up photograph of a woman with long, wavy brown hair. She is looking down with a contemplative expression, her hands clasped together near her chin. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with warm lighting.

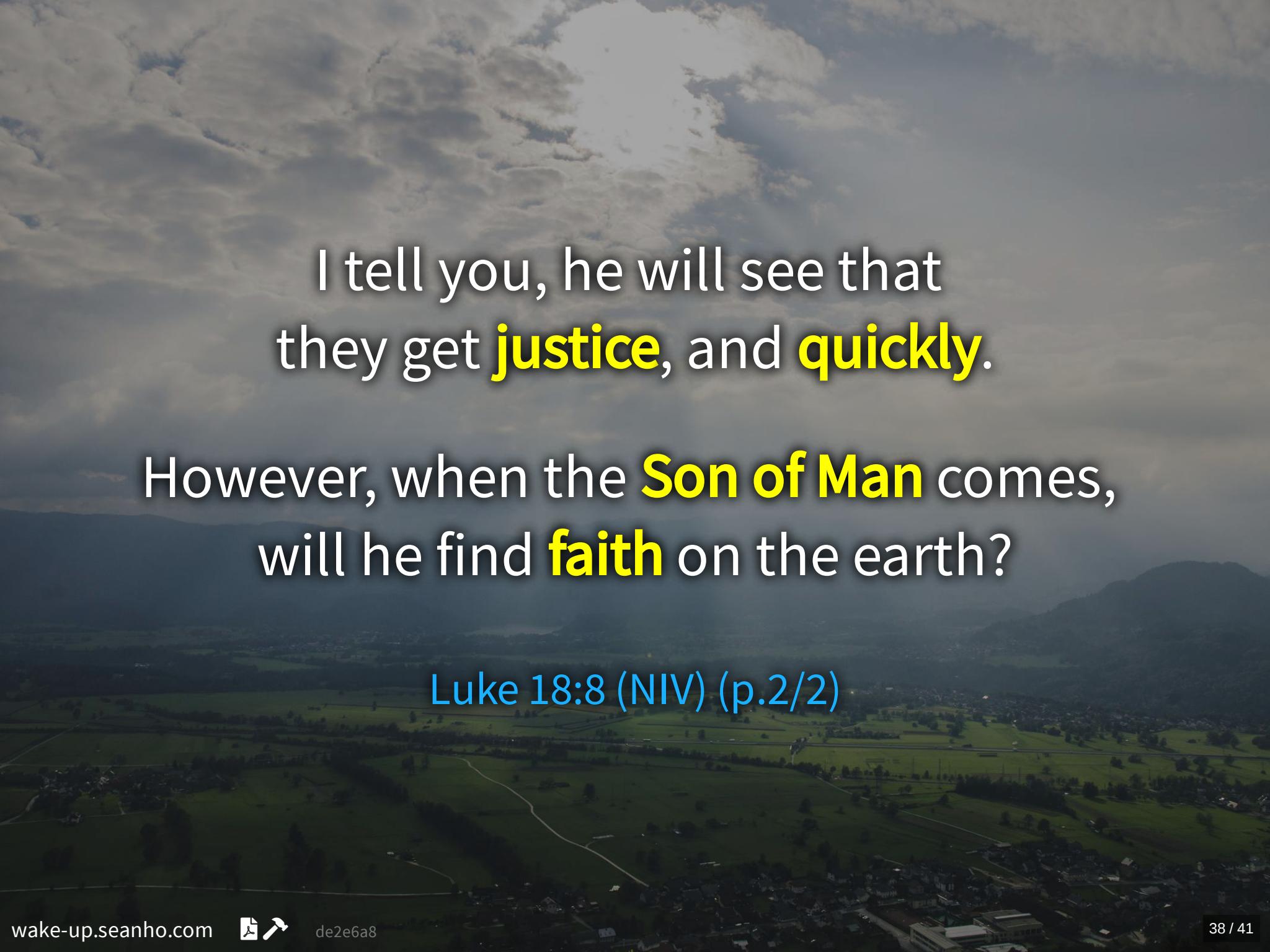
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And will not God bring about  
**justice** for his **chosen ones**,  
who cry out to him day and night?  
Will he keep **putting them off**?

Luke 18:7 (NIV) (p.1/2)

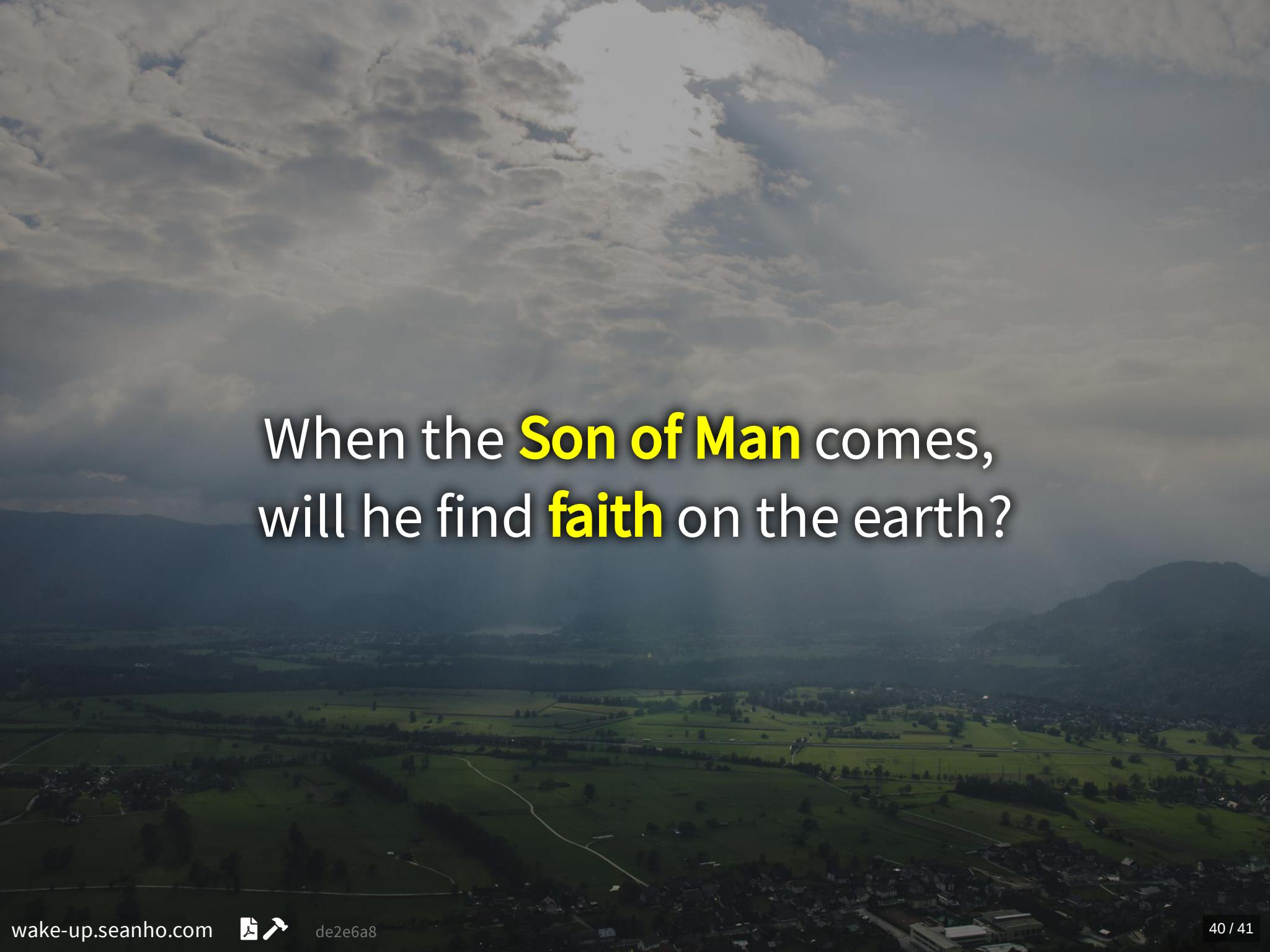


I tell you, he will see that  
they get **justice**, and **quickly**.

However, when the **Son of Man** comes,  
will he find **faith** on the earth?

Luke 18:8 (NIV) (p.2/2)

Do my **lifestyle** and  
**reverence**  
**welcome**  
**Christ's return?**

The background of the image is a wide-angle aerial photograph of a rural landscape. It features a patchwork of green fields separated by white roads and paths. In the distance, there are dark, silhouetted mountain ranges. The sky above is filled with heavy, grey clouds, creating a somber and dramatic atmosphere.

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