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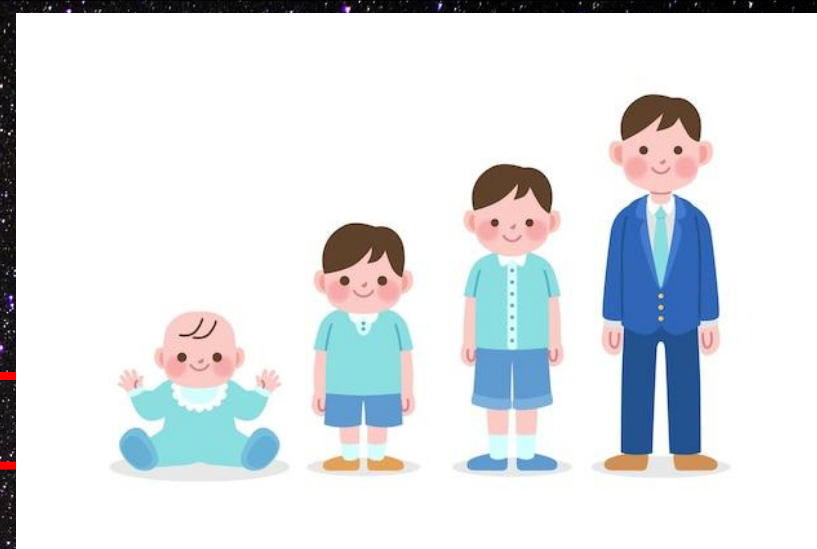
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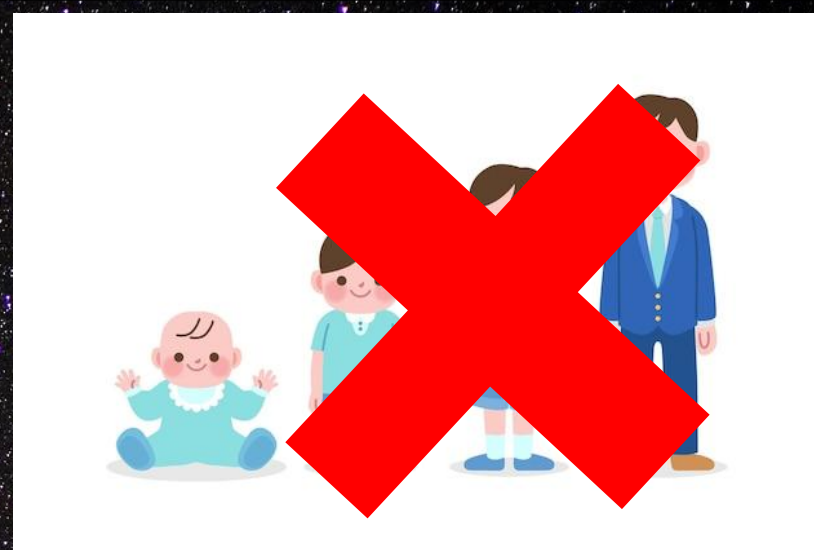
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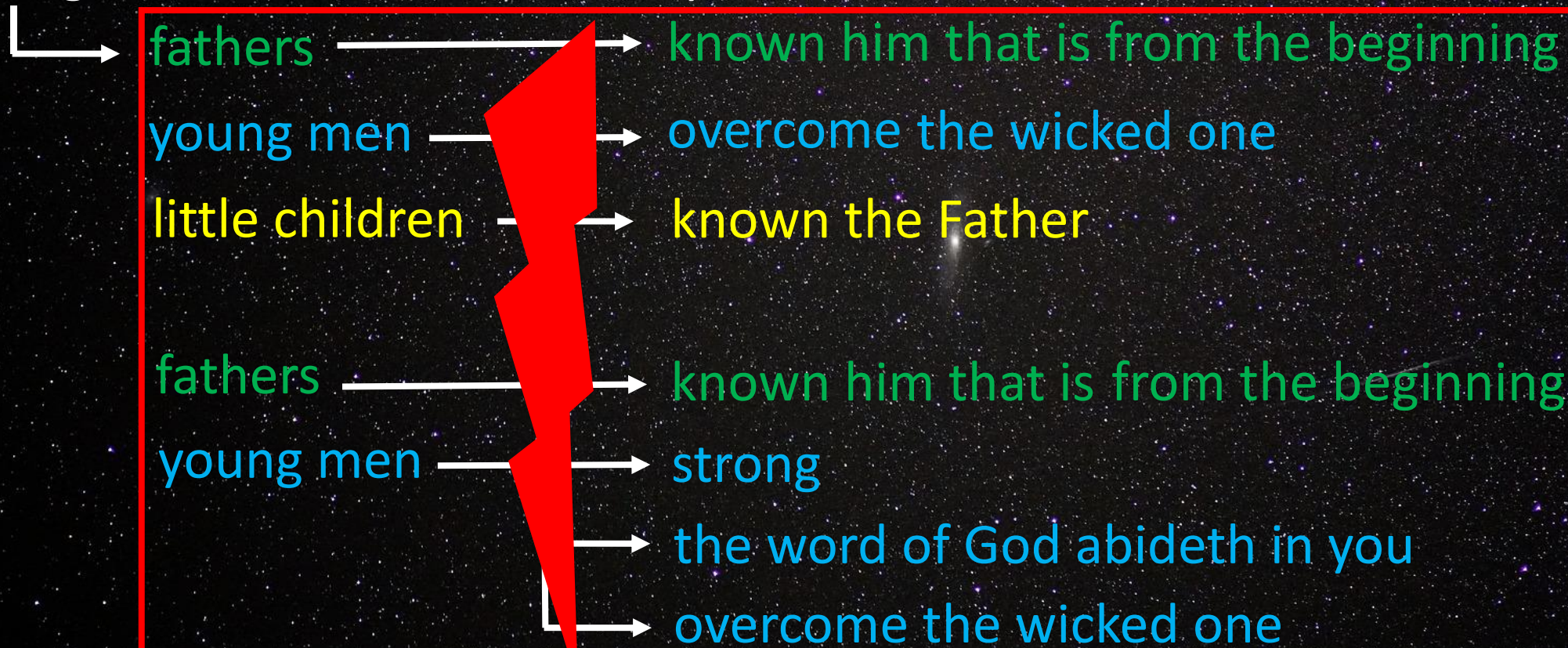
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Lust

- G1939
 - ἐπιθυμία
 - Epithumia - ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah
 - From G1937; a longing (especially for what is forbidden): - concupiscence, desire, lust (after).
- Total KJV occurrences: 38
- To OVER-desire



Example – Children of Israel in the Wilderness

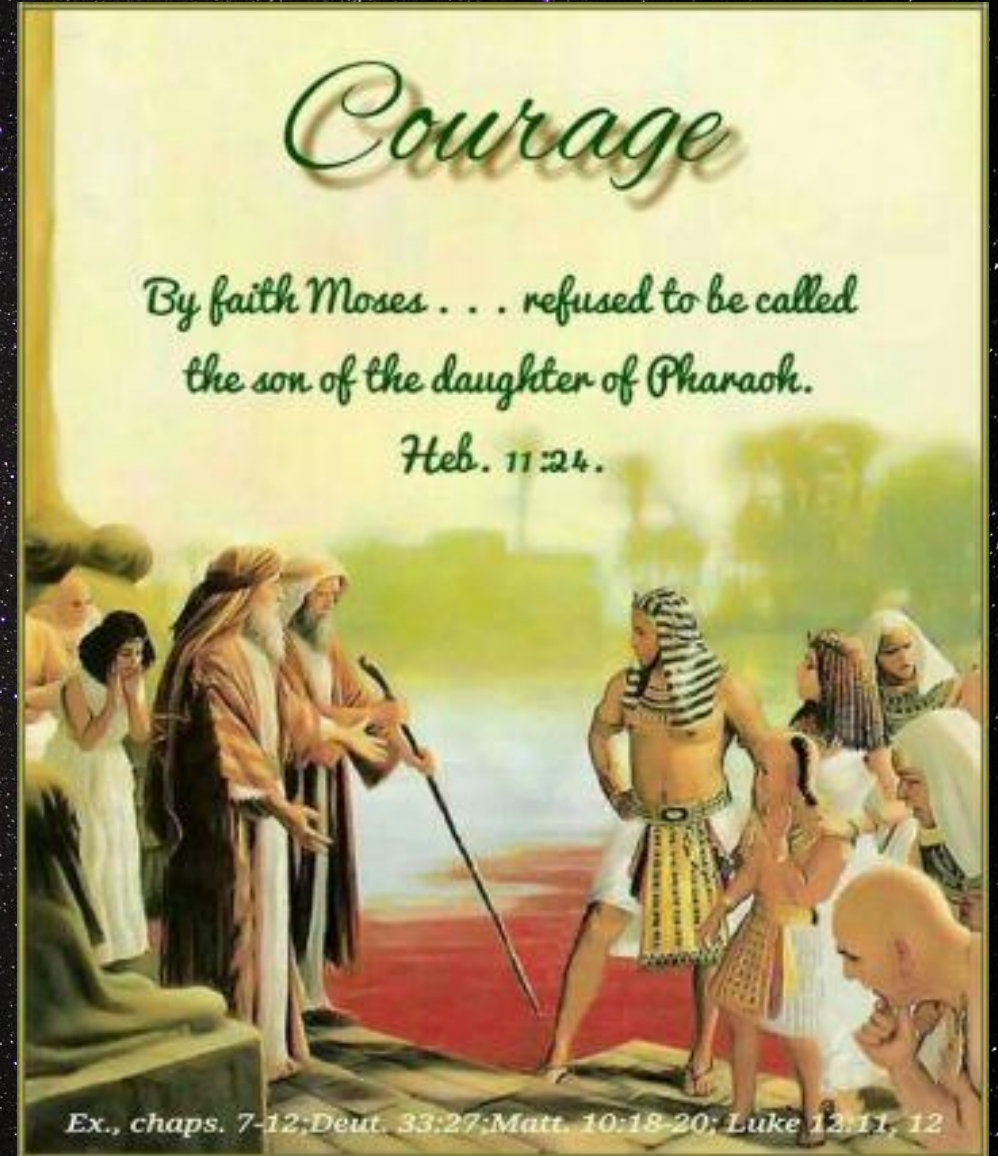
- Numbers 11:4-5
 - “And the mixt multitude that was among them **fell a lusting**: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?
 - We remember the fish, which we **did eat in Egypt** freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:”



- Eph. 2:3 – “Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”

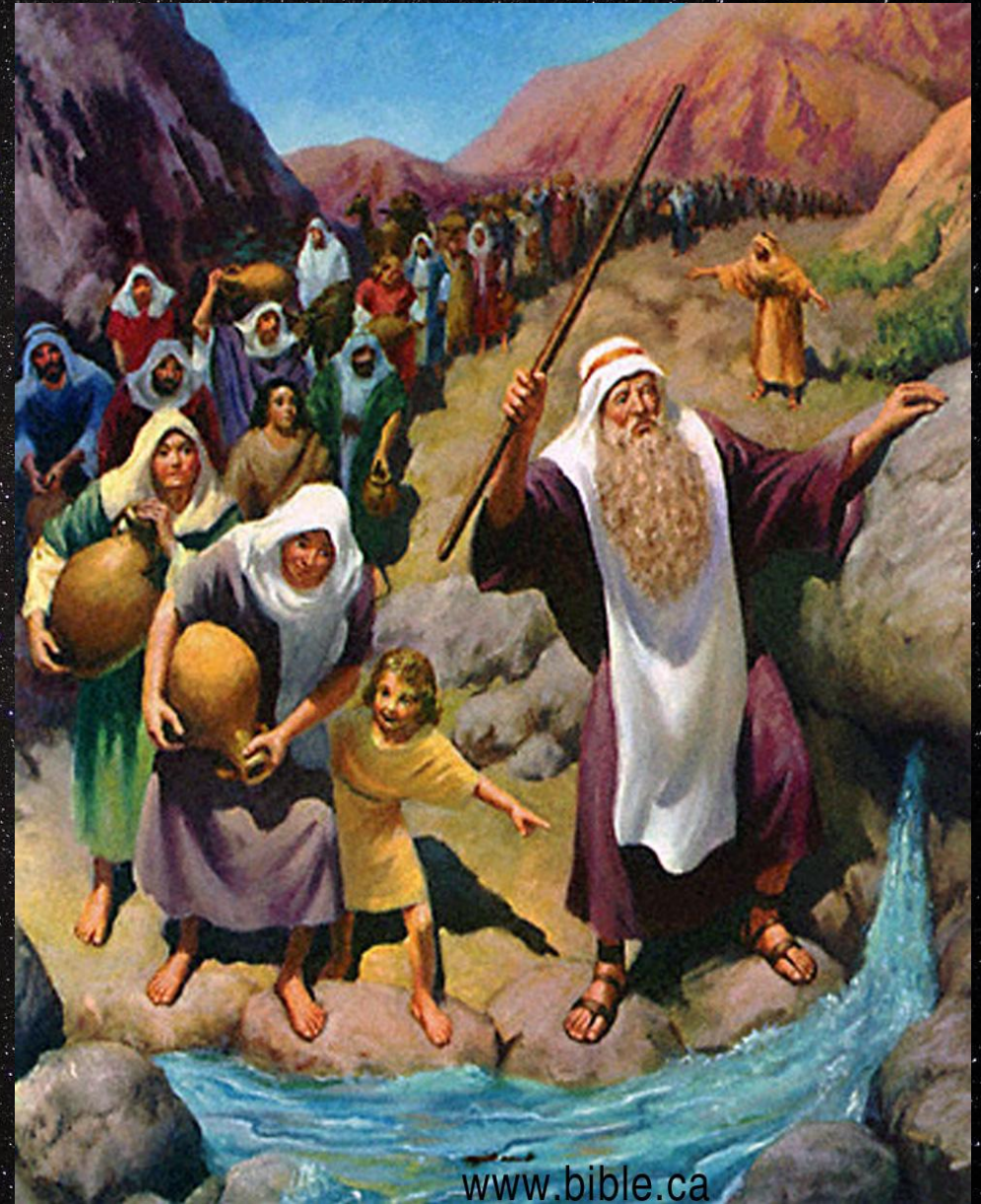
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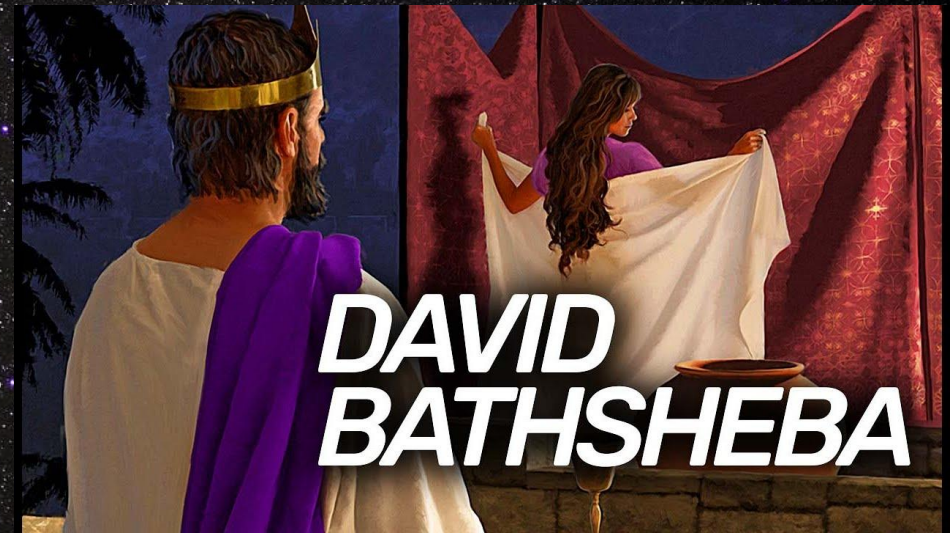


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Example – David’s Adultery with Bathsheba

- 2 Sam. 11:2-4
- “And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof **he saw** a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.
- And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?
- And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.”



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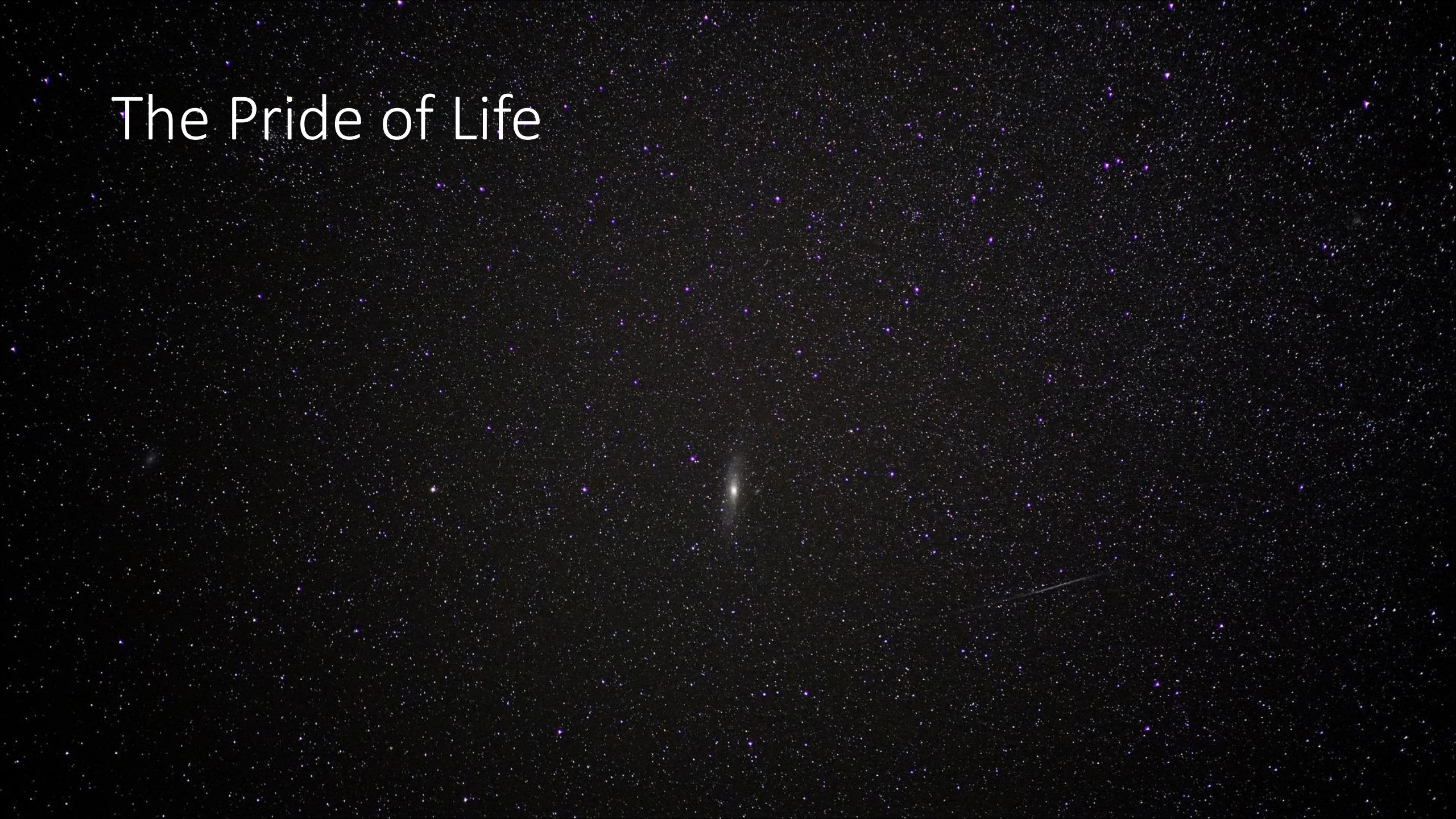
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“And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

And he was sad at that saying, and **went away grieved**: for he **had great possessions.**”

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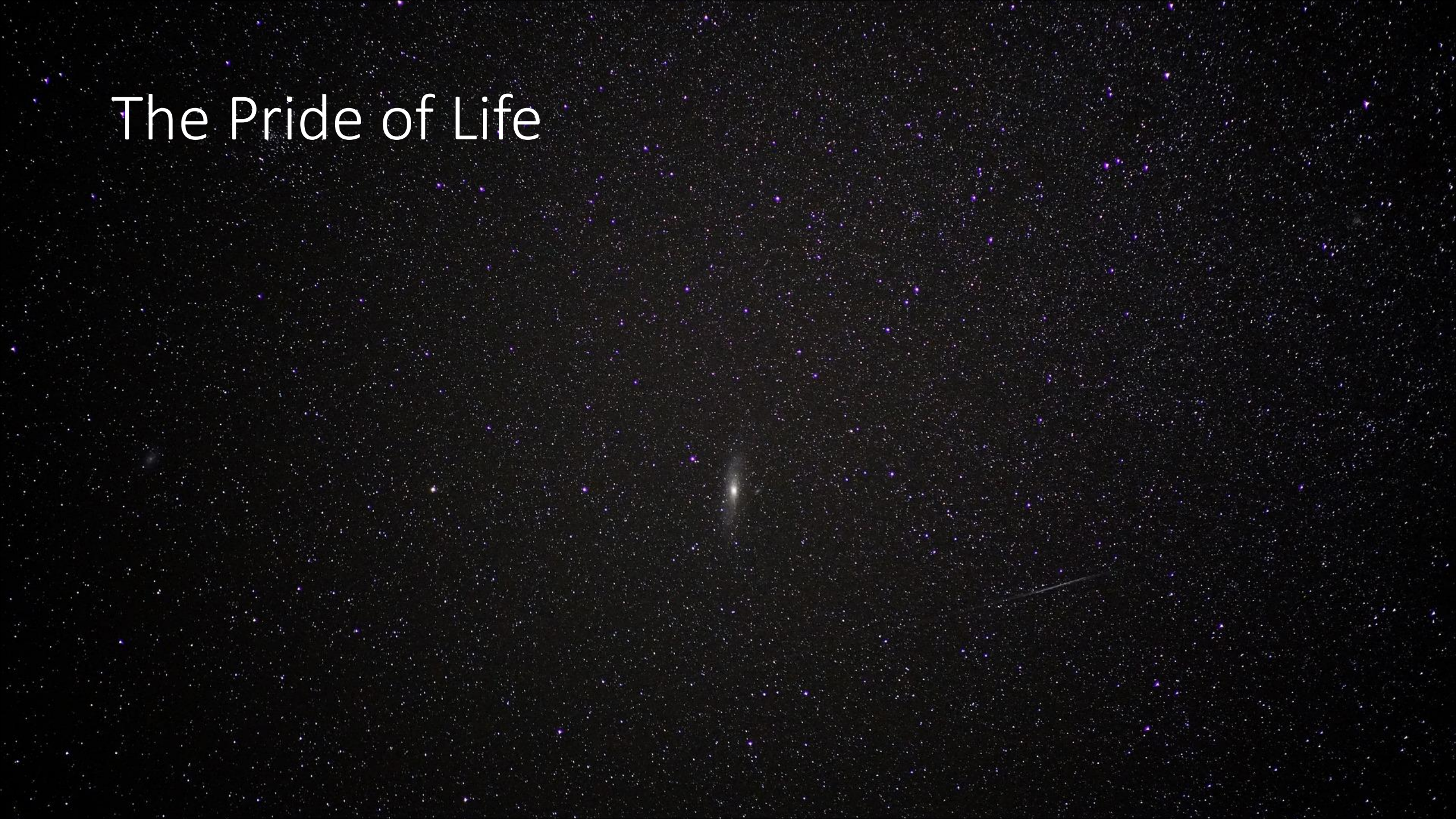


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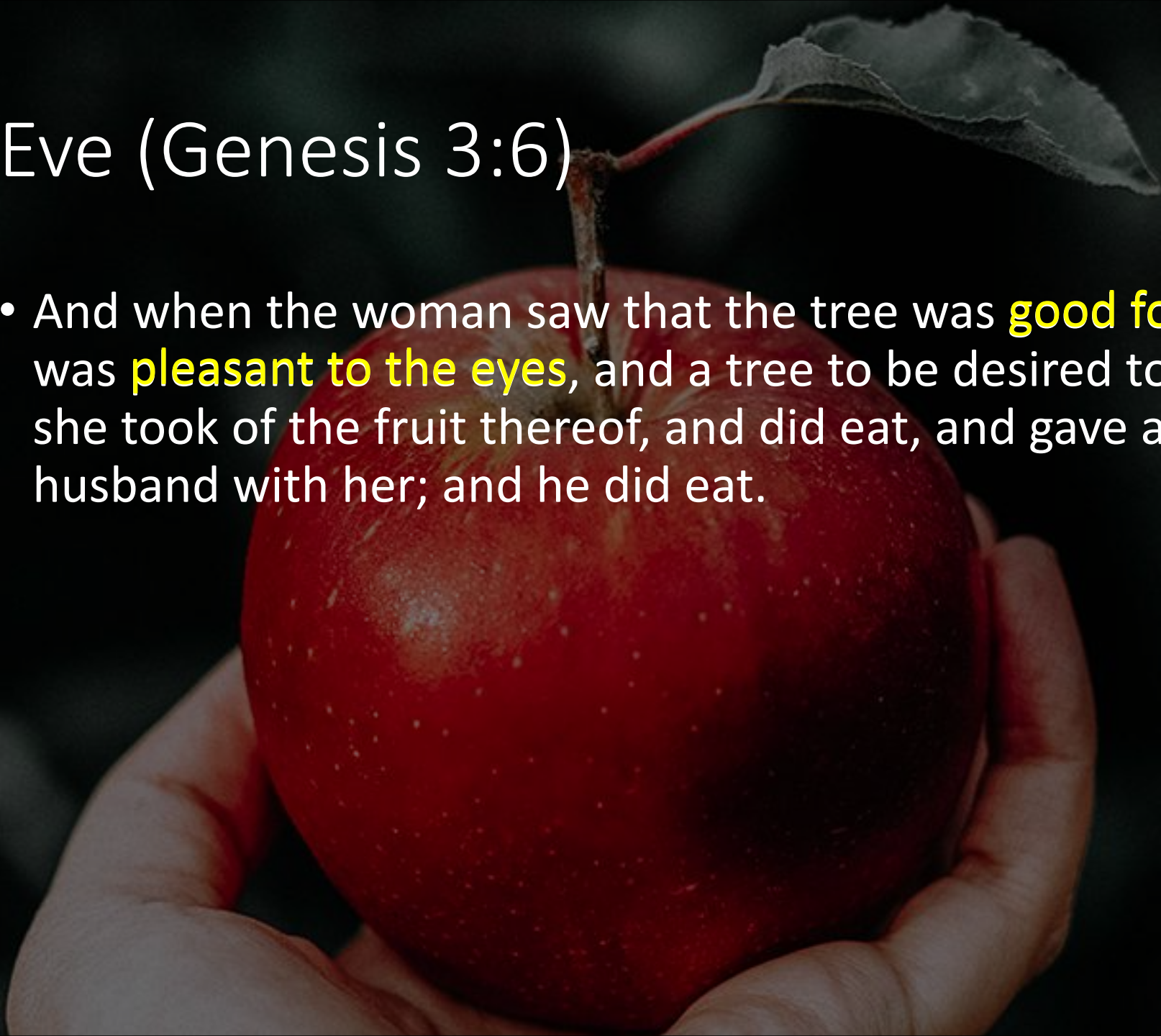
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- Pride of life → make one wise

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- Overcoming the lust of the flesh
- Matthew 4:3-4
 - “And when the tempter came to him, he said, **If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.**
 - But he answered and said, **It is written,** Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”



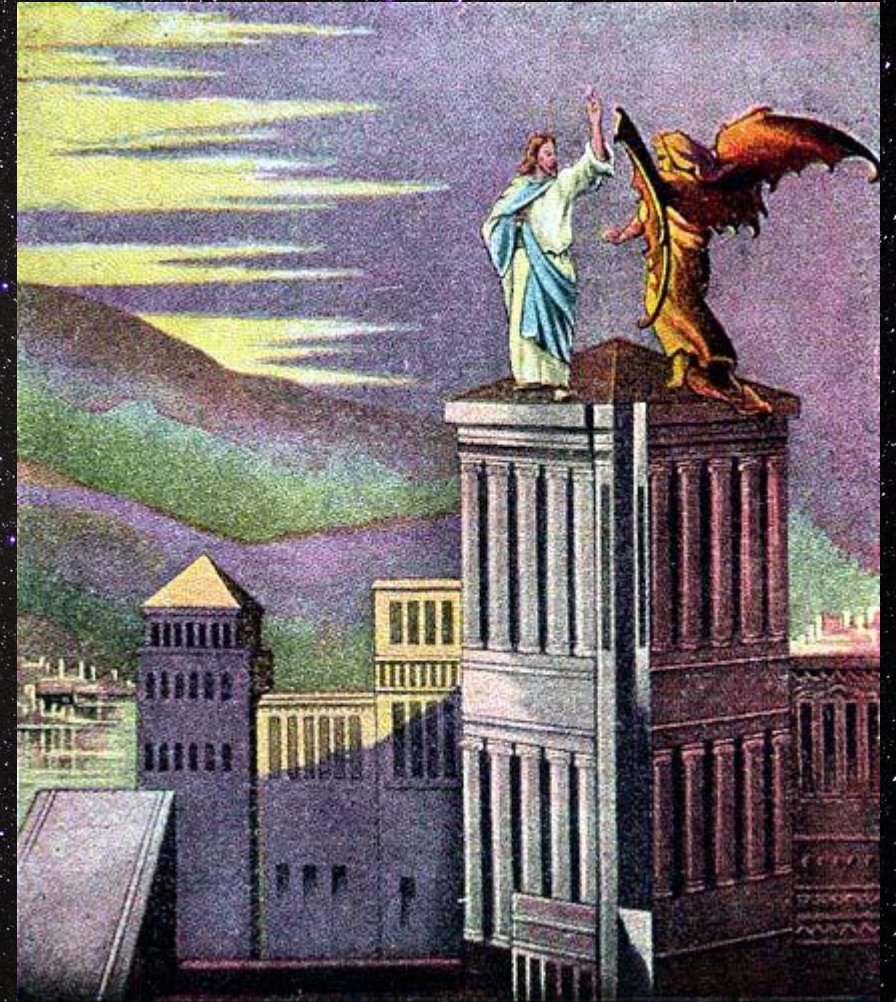
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- Matthew 4:8-10
 - “Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;
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 - Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for **it is written**, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”



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- Matthew 4:5-7
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 - Matt. 6:24 – “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

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Isaac – To love Jacob or Esau?



Gen. 25:28 – “And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.”

Jacob – To love Rachel or Leah?



Gen. 29:30 – “...and he loved also Rachel more than Leah...”

Jacob – To love Joseph or his brethren?



Gen. 37:3 – “Now **Israel loved Joseph more** than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.”

The Lord Jesus knew we can't love equally

- Luke 14:26 – “If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.”
- To “hate” is to “love less”





Friend of the World, Enemy of God

- James 4:4 – “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”



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In the World vs. Of the World

- John 17:14-16
 - “I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are **not of the world**, even as I am **not of the world**.”
 - I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.
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His Kingdom – not of this world

- John 18:36 – “Jesus answered, My kingdom is **not of this world**: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.”



Worldliness is the opposite of Godliness

- Not characteristics of God
- Spiritual, not fleshly
 - Not to be confused with physical
- God looks at the heart
 - Not the outward appearance
- The Lord Jesus is meek and lowly (humble)

Why?

- If I lust after what my flesh desires – I covet pleasure and satisfaction
- If I lust after what my eyes see – I covet what is not mine
- If I love pride – I covet independence from God

- Worldliness opposes God's character

Why do we seek the things in this world?

- Is it because we find our worth in this world?
- Do we find our worth in this world or in God?

The Parable of the Rich Fool

- Luke 12:19-21
- “And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, **eat, drink, and be merry.**
- But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
- So is he that **layeth up treasure** for himself, and is **not rich toward God.**”



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At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
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As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
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I will not boast in wealth or might
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1 Tim. 6:6

- For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.



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- The World is Temporary
- v. 17 – “And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”



“As grass” - The temporal nature of riches

- James 1:10-11
 - “But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.
 - For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.”



“As grass” - The temporal nature of life

- 1 Peter 1:24
 - “For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:”



The End of the World



- 2 Peter 3:10, 13
- But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
- Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

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We are sojourners – just camping temporarily

- Hebrews 11:13 – “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were **strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**”
- 2 Peter 1:14 – “Knowing that shortly I must put off this **my tabernacle**, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.”



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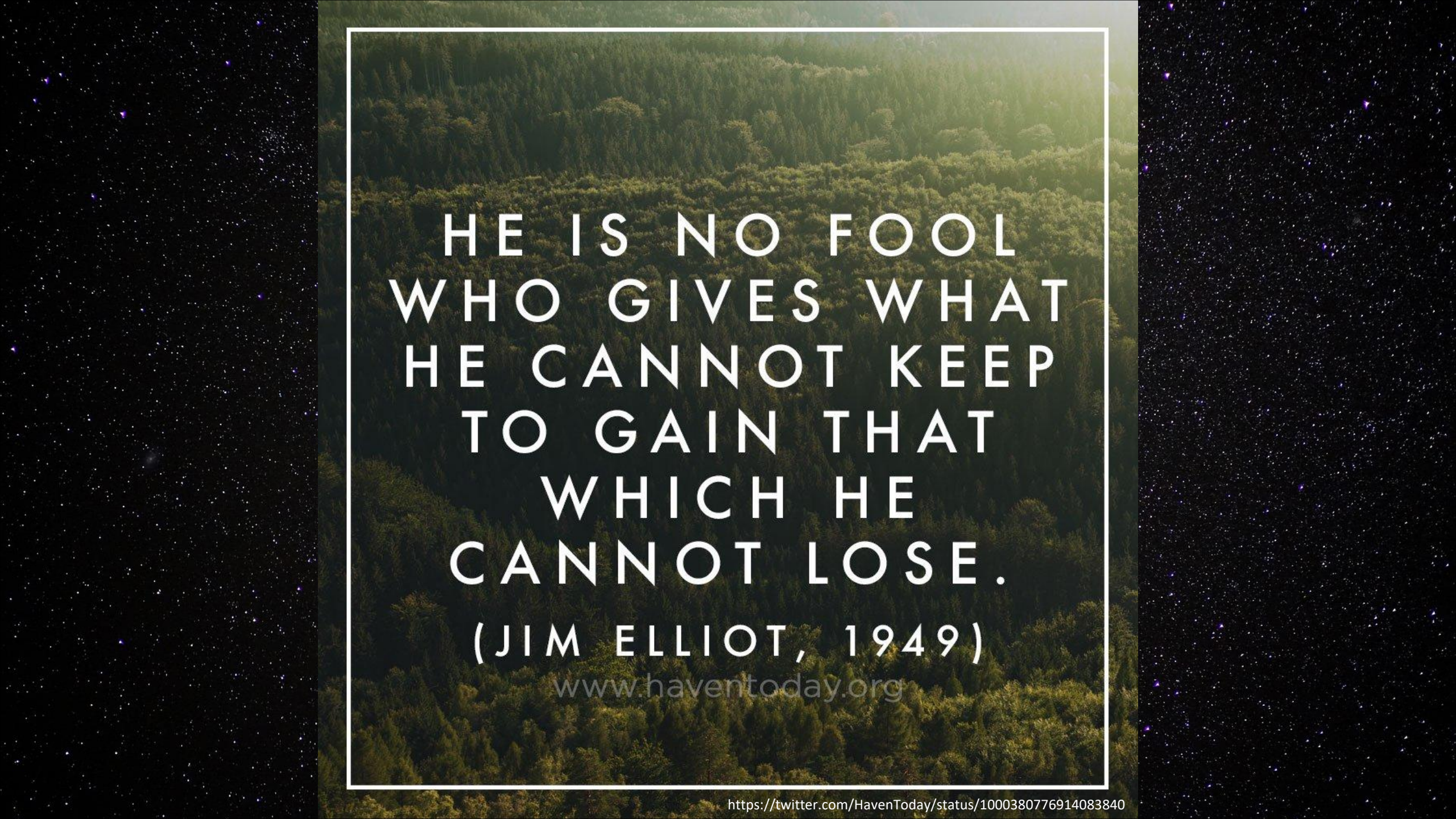
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- Huaorani (Auca) People
- Indigineous people in the Amazonian region
 - Savage / Violent



HE IS NO FOOL
WHO GIVES WHAT
HE CANNOT KEEP
TO GAIN THAT
WHICH HE
CANNOT LOSE.

(JIM ELLIOT, 1949)

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Temporary vs Eternal

- 2 Cor. 4:18
 - While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.





Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

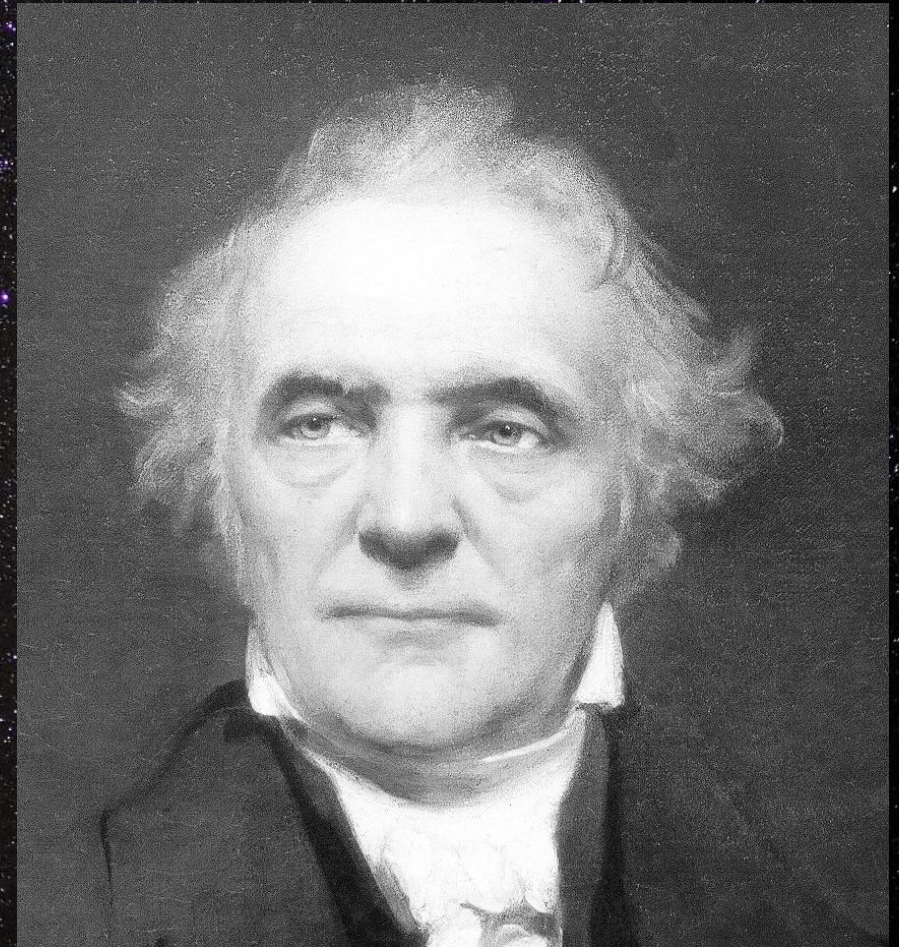
(by Helen Howarth Lemmel)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Thomas Chalmers

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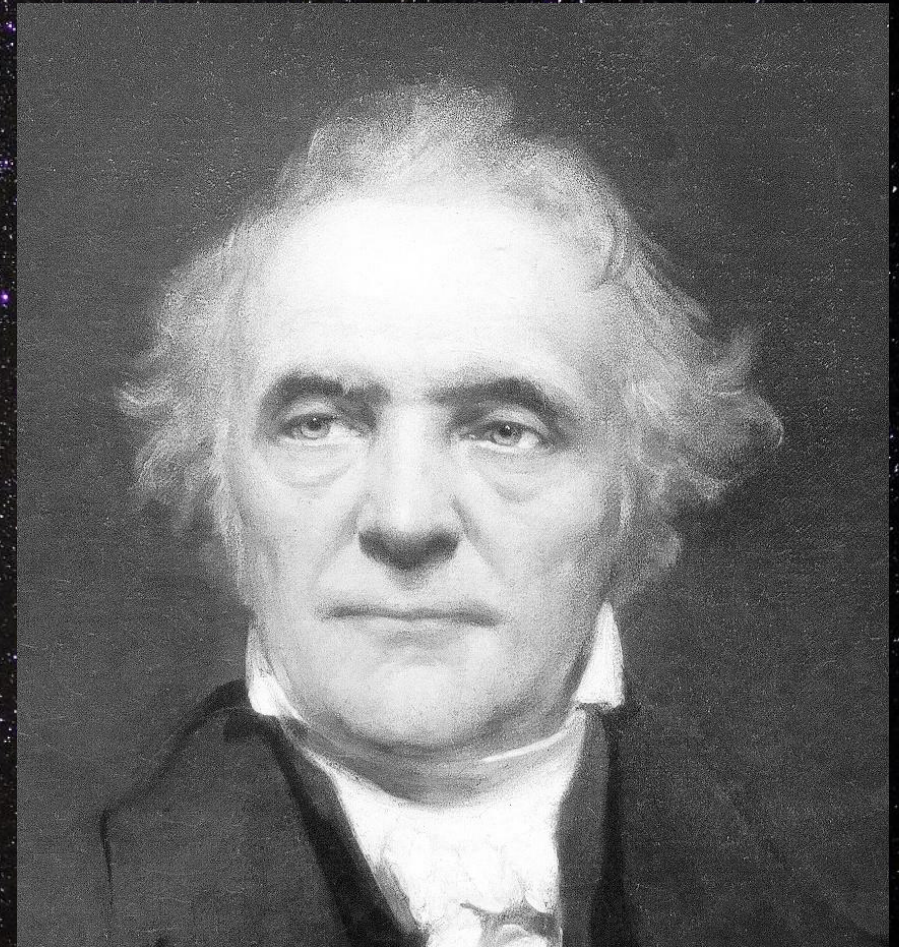
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The Commandment of Commandments

- Matt. 22:37
 - “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.





We love Him, because
He first loved us

1 John 4:19

Christ OR



Christ



1 John 2:15-17

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.
If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”



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“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.

Reason #1 → Loving the world is **INCOMPATIBLE** with loving God

Reason #2 → The world is the **INVERSE** of who God is

Reason #3 → The world is **INCONSEQUENTIAL** in comparison to God



What's Wrong with Loving the World

1 John 2:12-17

