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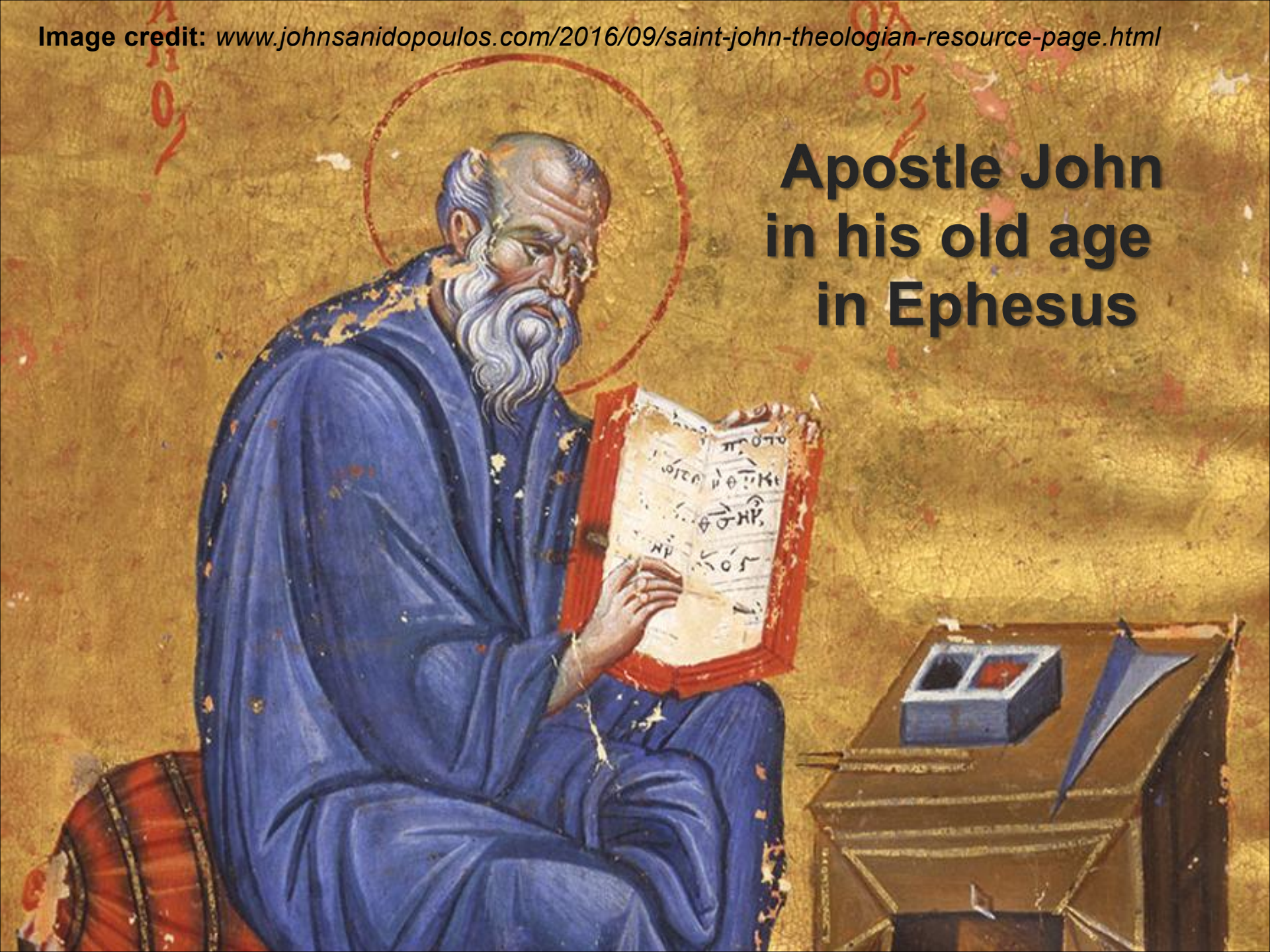
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1 John 5:4~5

Apostle John in his old age in Ephesus



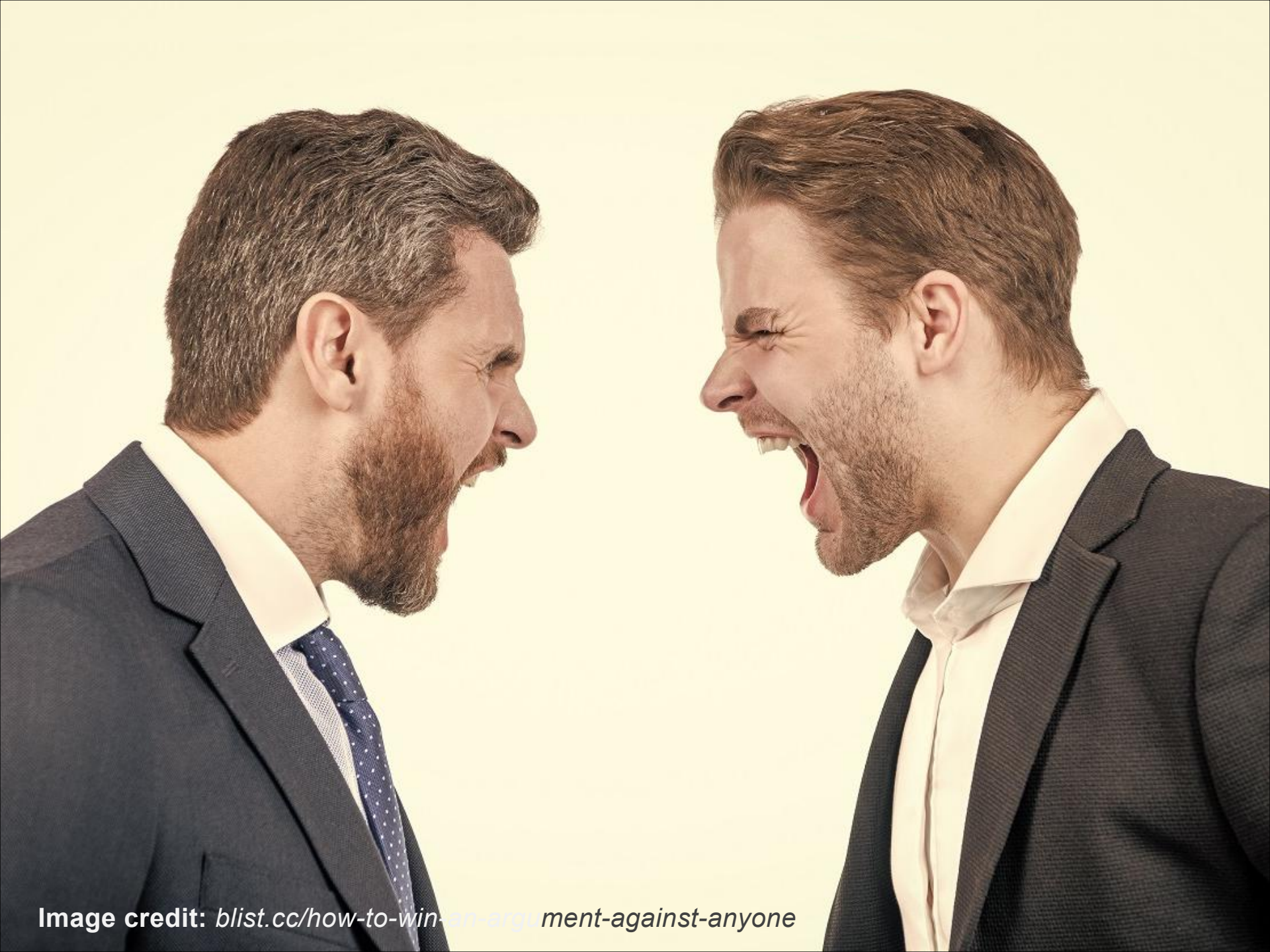


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Reference to False Teachers in 1 John and 2 John

*...you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many **antichrists** have come. (2:18)*

*This is the spirit of the **antichrist**, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. (4:3)*

*Who is the **liar**? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the **antichrist**—denying the Father and the Son. (2:22)*

*This is how we know...who the **children of the devil** are... (3:10)*

*...many **deceivers**, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the **deceiver** and the **antichrist**. (2 John*

Jesus IS the Son of God and the Christ (Messiah)

*...our fellowship is with the Father and with **His Son, Jesus Christ.***
(1:3)

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*...believe in the name of **His Son, Jesus Christ,**...* (3:23)

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(5:1)

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How do we know if a person is from Camp A or B?

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Matthew 7:16, 18

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1 John 2:9, 10a, 11a

Anyone who claims to be in the light
but **hates a brother or sister**
is still in the **darkness**.

Anyone who **loves their brother and sister**
lives in the **light**, ...

But anyone who **hates a brother or sister**
is in the **darkness** and walks around in the **darkness**.

The Love Test

1 John 3:10~11,23

*This is how we know who the children of God are
and who the children of the devil are:*

*...anyone who does not **love their brother and sister**.*

For this is the message you heard from the beginning:

*We should **love one another**.*

And this is His command:

*...to **love one another** as He commanded us.*

The Love Test

1 John 4:7~8,11~12,21

*...let us **love one another**, for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

*...since God so loved us, we also ought to **love one another**.
No one has ever seen God; but if we **love one another**,
God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.*

And He has given us this command:

*Anyone who loves God must also **love their brother and sister**.*

The Love Test

2) The Obedience Test in 1 John 5

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1 John 2:3~5

*We know that we have come to know Him
if we **keep His commands**.*

*Whoever says, “I know Him,”
but does not **do what He commands** is a liar,
and the truth is not in that person.*

*But if anyone **obeys His word**,
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The Obedience Test

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1 John 2:15~16

Do not **love the world** or anything in the world.

If anyone **loves the world**, love for the Father is not in them.

For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh,
the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—
comes not from the Father but from the world.

The Worldliness Test

4) The Eternity Test in 1 John 5

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**Do you have
eternal life?**

Maybe

**Not
sure**

I hope so

See how

1 John 2:17,24~25

*...whoever does the will of God **lives forever**.*

...see that

what you have heard from the beginning remains in you.

If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.

*And this is what He promised us—**eternal life**.*

The Eternity Test

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= keep on sinning

= go on sinning

= make sin a way of life

= make a practice of
sinning

~~= habitually sin~~

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**How do
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Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.

Psalm

119:18

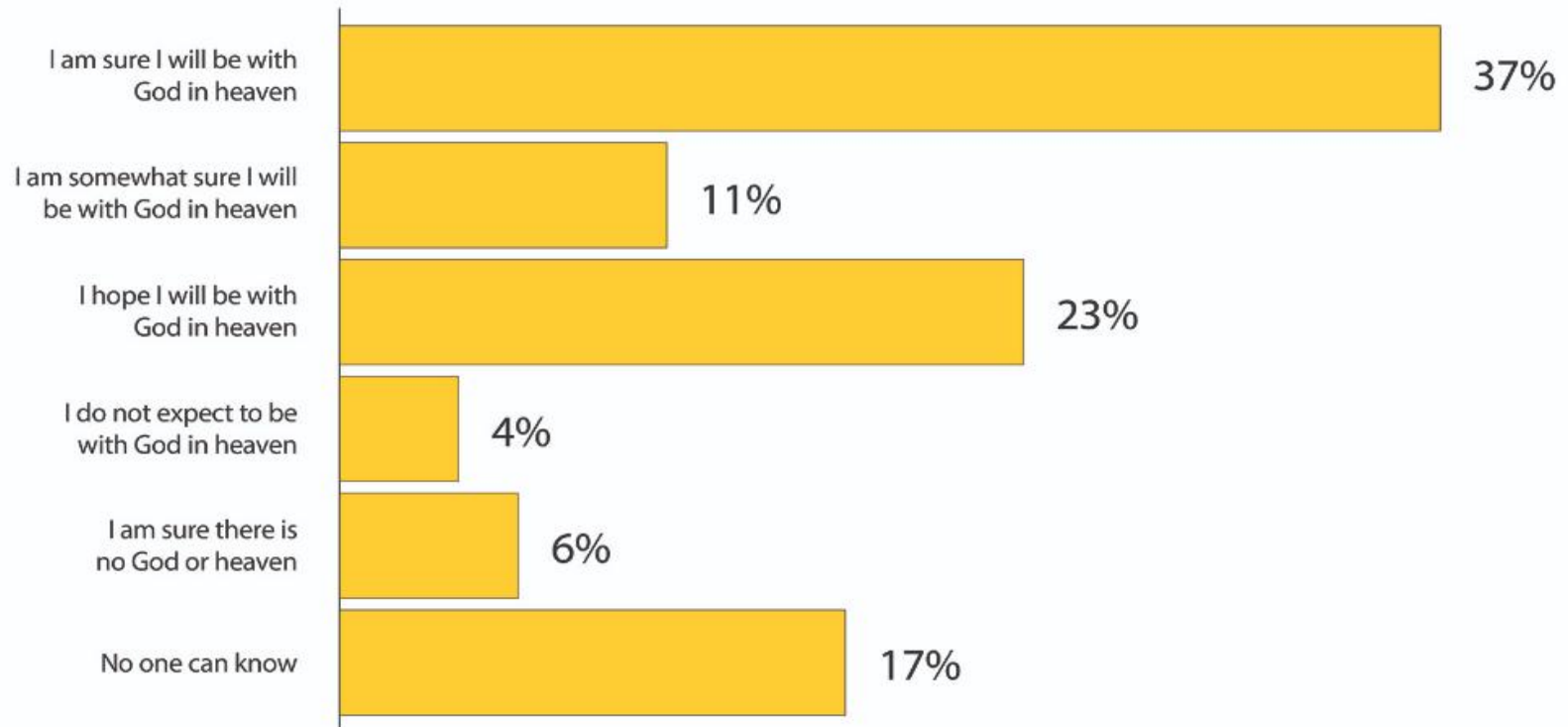
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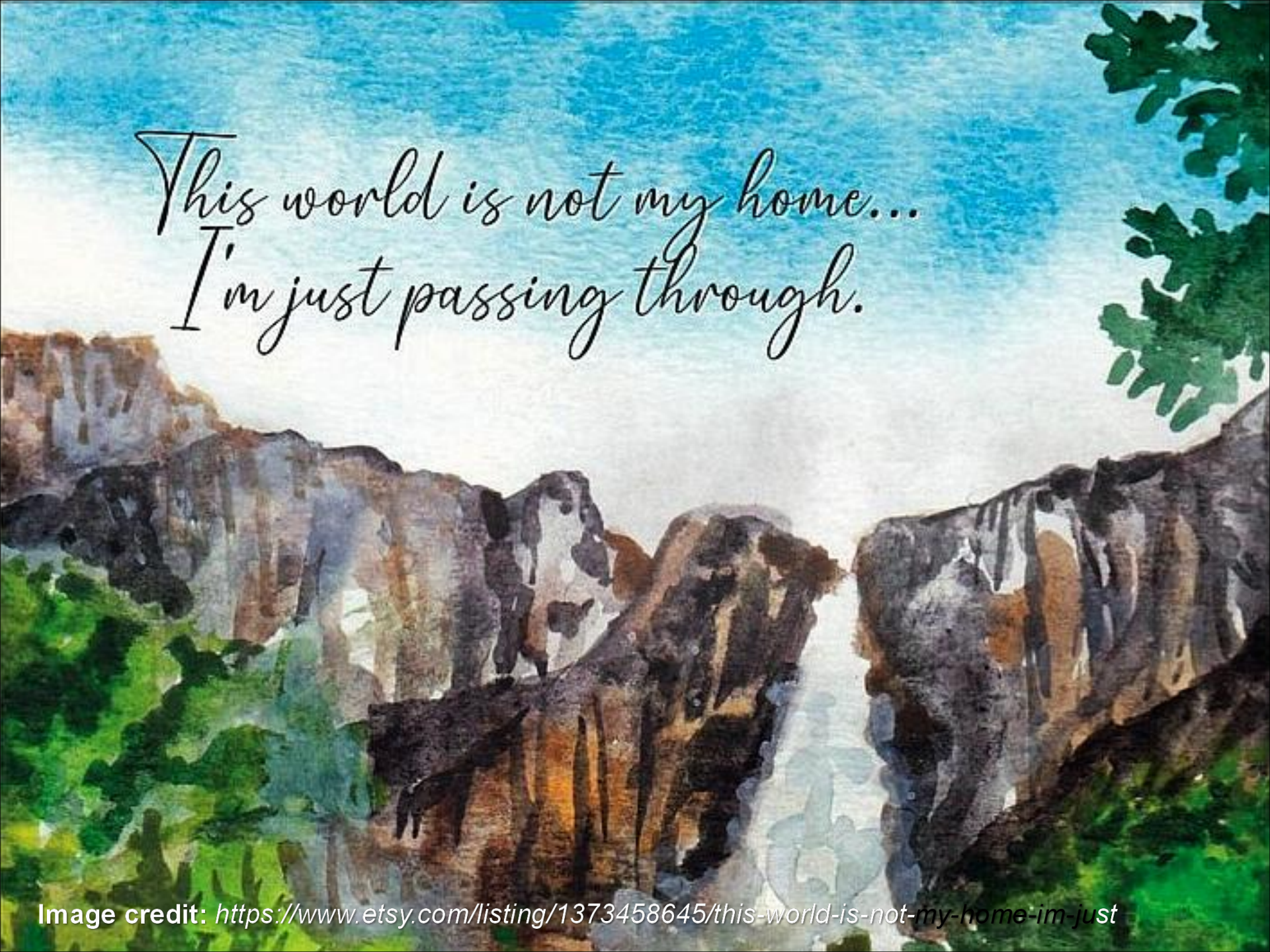


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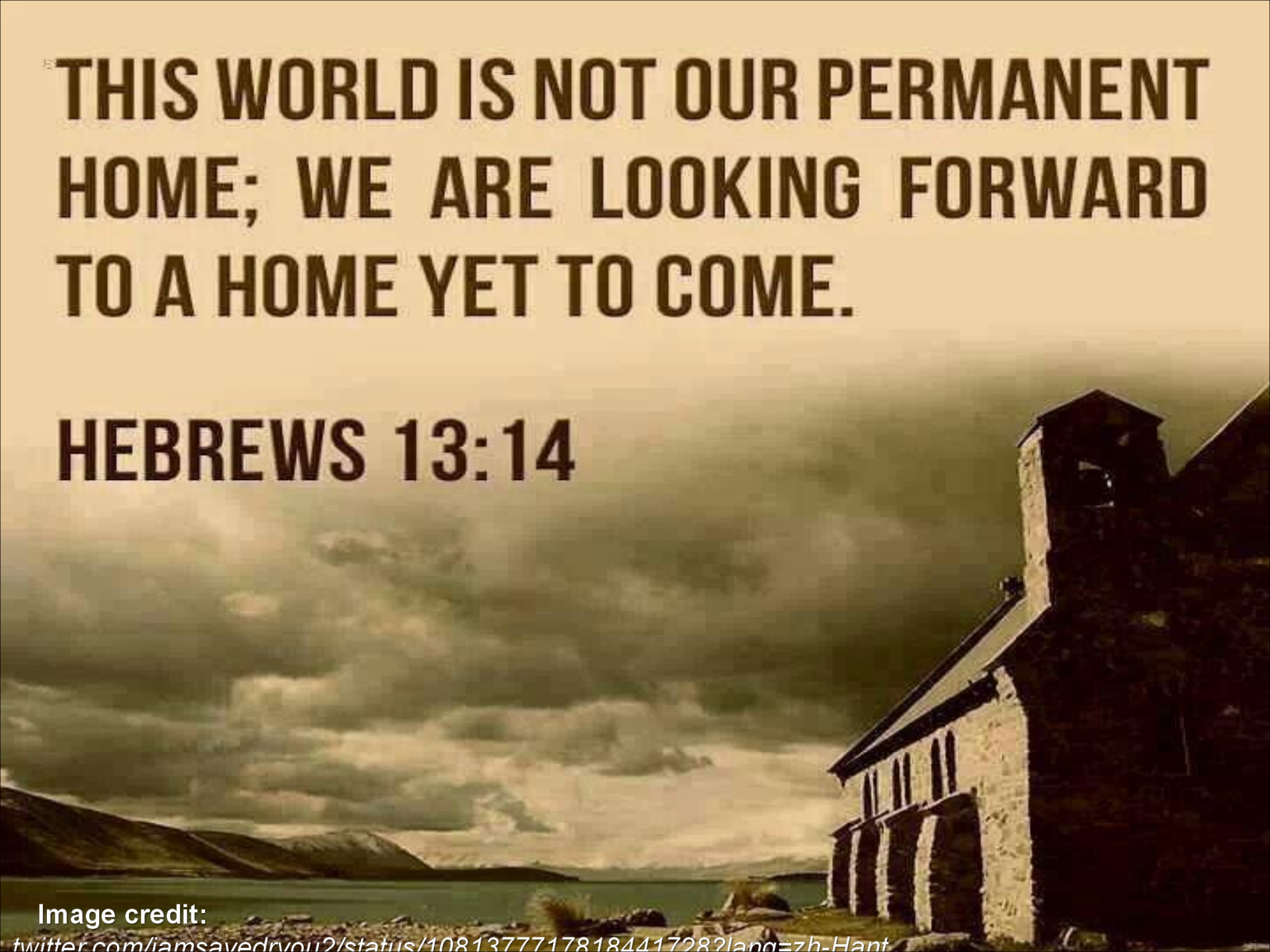
This world is not my home...
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**THIS WORLD IS NOT OUR PERMANENT
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