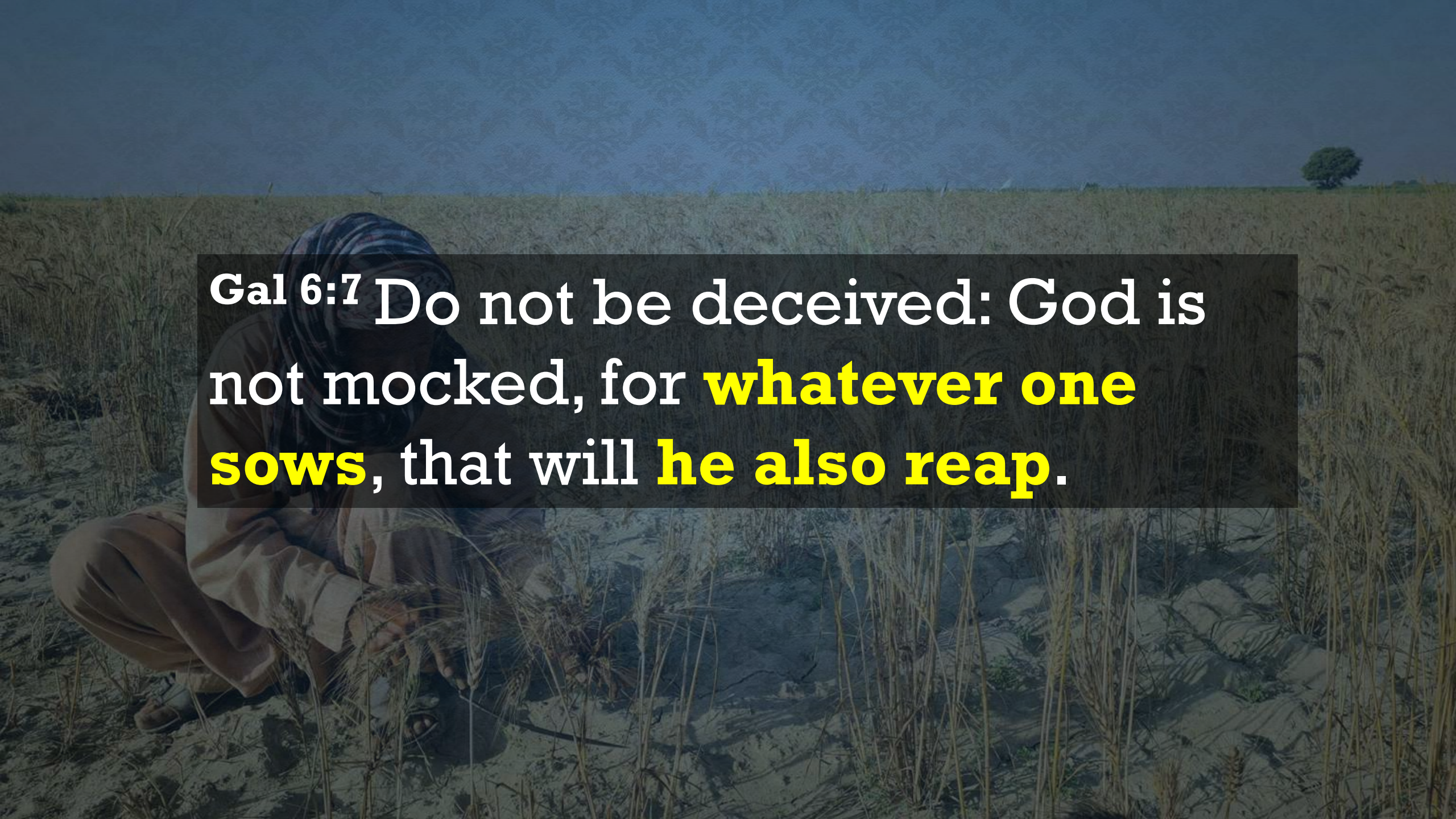


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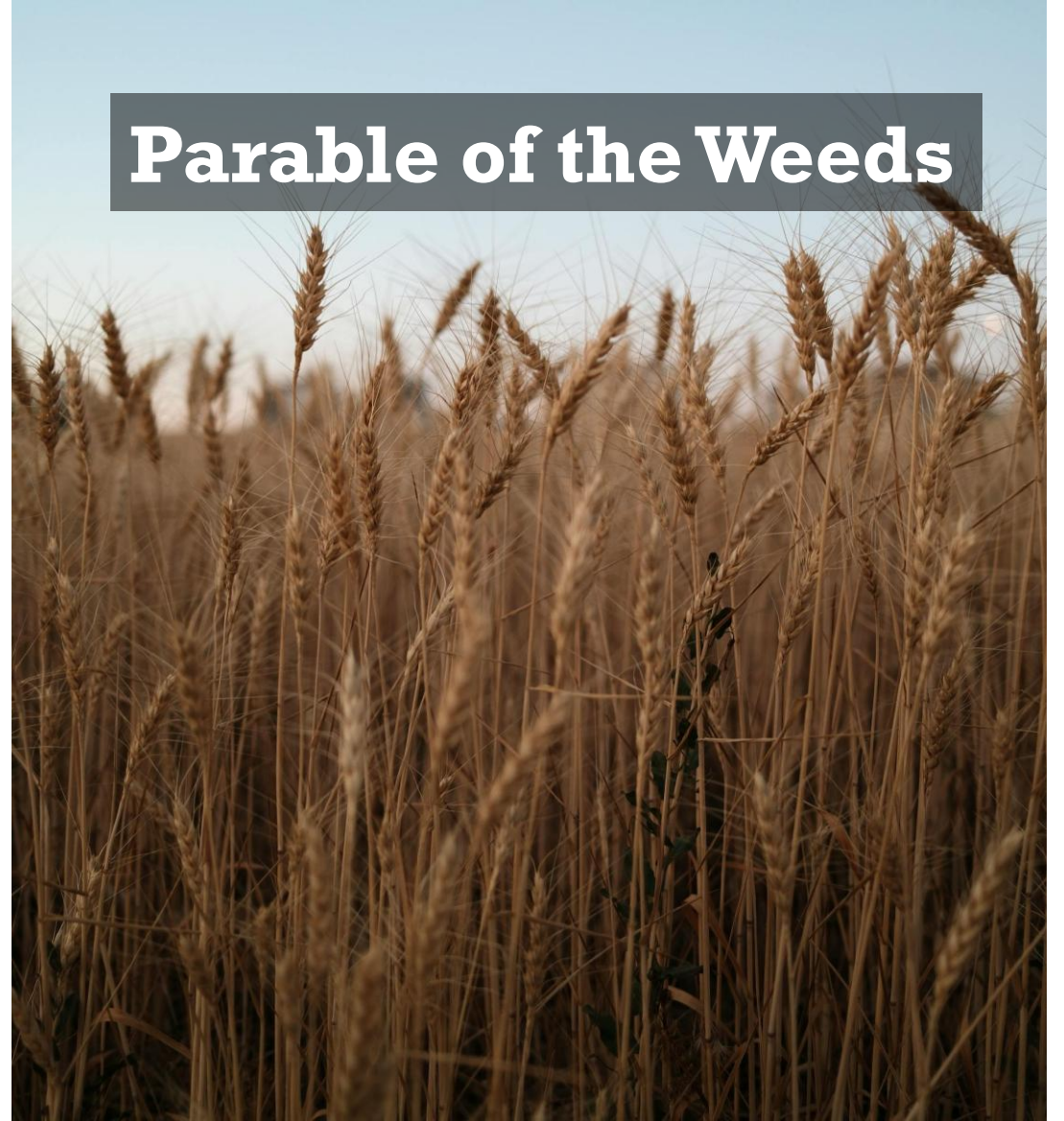
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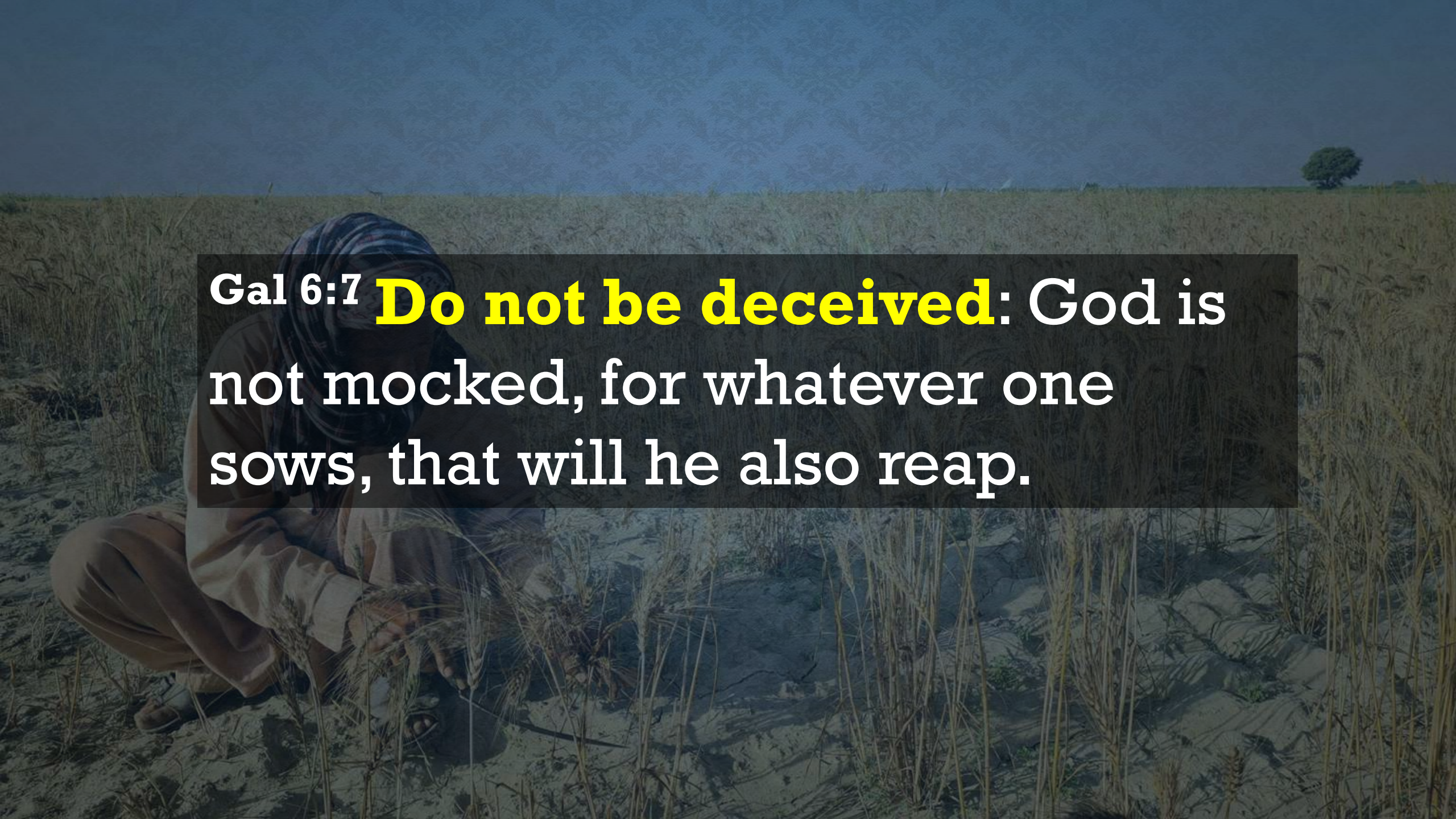
Hos 8:7 - For they **sow the wind**, and they shall **reap the whirlwind**.

Parable of the Sower

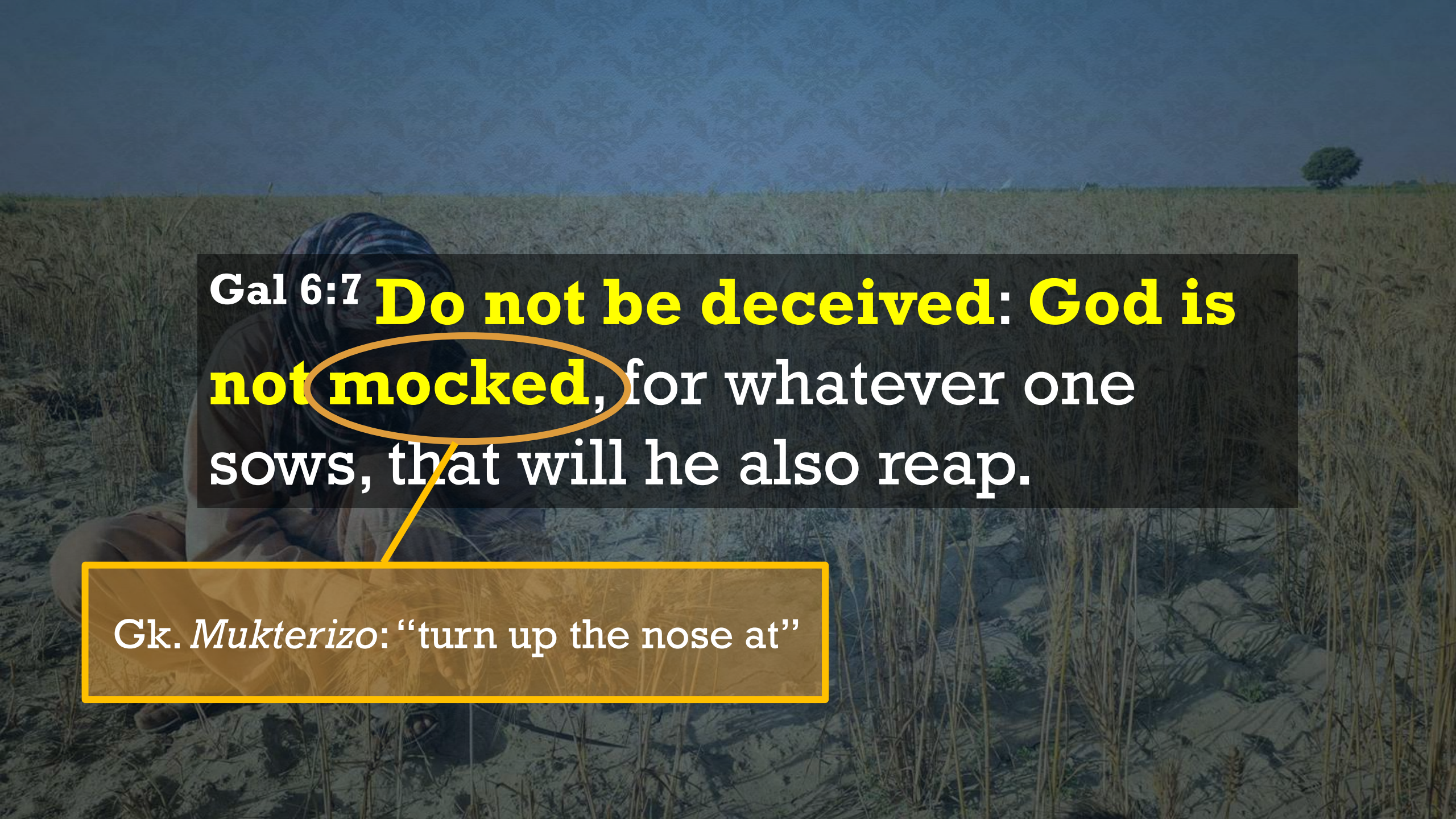


Parable of the Weeds





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A person wearing a headscarf is kneeling in a field of tall, dry grass. A semi-transparent dark rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing text. The word 'not' in the text is circled in orange, and a line connects this circle to a separate orange-bordered box at the bottom of the image.

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Gk. *Mukterizo*: “turn up the nose at”

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Galations 5:19-2 (ESV)

¹⁹ Now the **works of the flesh** are evident:
sexual immorality, impurity,
sensuality, ²⁰ **idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife,**
jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries,
dissensions, divisions, ²¹ **envy, drunkenness,**
orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I
warned you before, that those who do such
things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Sowing to our own flesh, starts from our thoughts, hearts and minds...

- 2 Cor 10:5 - ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and **take every thought captive** to obey Christ,
- Ro 12:2 - ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
- Phil 4:8 - ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is **true**, whatever is **honorable**, whatever is **just**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **commendable**, if there is any **excellence**, if there is anything **worthy of praise**, **think** about these things.

“To “sow to the flesh” is to pander to it, to cosset, cuddle and stroke it, instead of crucifying it! **The seeds we sow are largely thoughts and deeds.** Every time we allow our mind to harbor a grudge, nurse a grievance, entertain an impure fantasy, or wallow in self-pity, we are sowing to the flesh. Every time we linger in bad company, whose insidious influence we know we cannot resist, Every time we lie in bed when we ought to be up and praying, every time we read pornographic literature, every time we take a risk which strains our self-control, we are sowing, sowing, sowing to the flesh...”

~ John Stott ~

Sowing to the Spirit is to Obey the Spirit

Gal 5:16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁸ But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law.

²² But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

²⁵ If we **live by the Spirit**, let us also **keep in step with the Spirit**.

*“To ‘sow to the Spirit’ is the same as ‘to set the mind on the Spirit’ and to ‘walk by the Spirit’. **Again, the seeds we sow are our thoughts and deeds.** We are to ‘seek’ and to ‘set our minds on’ the things of God, ‘things that are above, not . . . things that are on earth’. By the books we read, the company we keep and the leisure occupations we pursue, we can be ‘sowing to the Spirit’. Then we are to foster disciplined habits of devotion in private and in public, in daily prayer and in Bible reading, and in worship with the Lord’s people on the Lord’s Day. All this is ‘sowing to the Spirit’; without it, there can be no harvest of the Spirit, no ‘fruit of the Spirit’.”*

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Sow a *thought* and you reap an *action*.

Sow an *act* and you reap a *habit*.

Sow a *habit* and you reap a *character*.

Sow a *character* and you reap a *destiny*.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



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Sowing to the Spirit with the end in mind

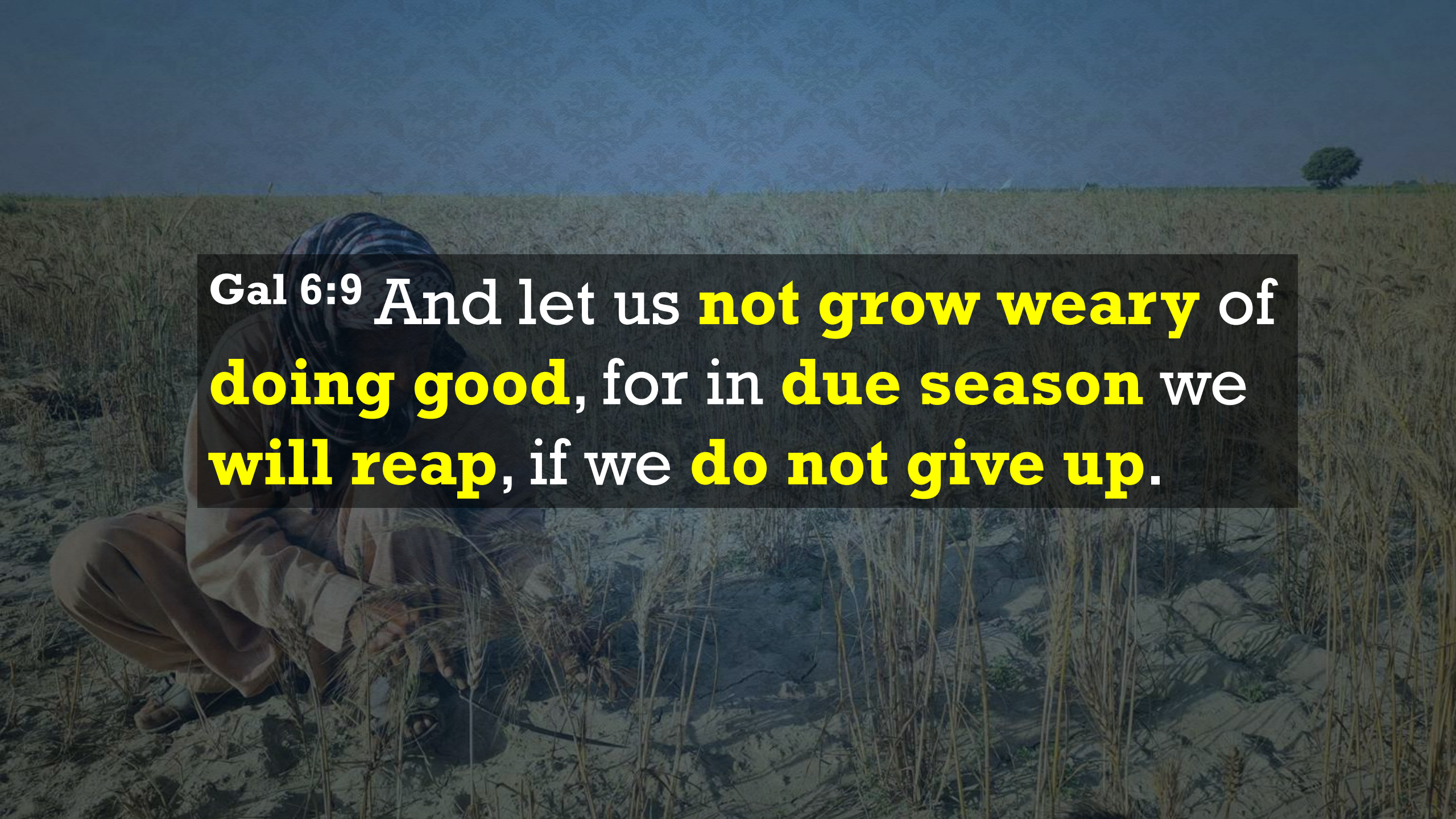
1. It's not just moral cause and effect — it's **spiritual** and **eternal**.
2. **Redemption** is possible — even for those who have sown to the flesh
3. **The Spirit empowers sowing**: We don't sow alone — the Spirit leads and strengthens
4. **Grace** is central: We reap blessings we didn't sow — Christ and His Spirit is a gift to us



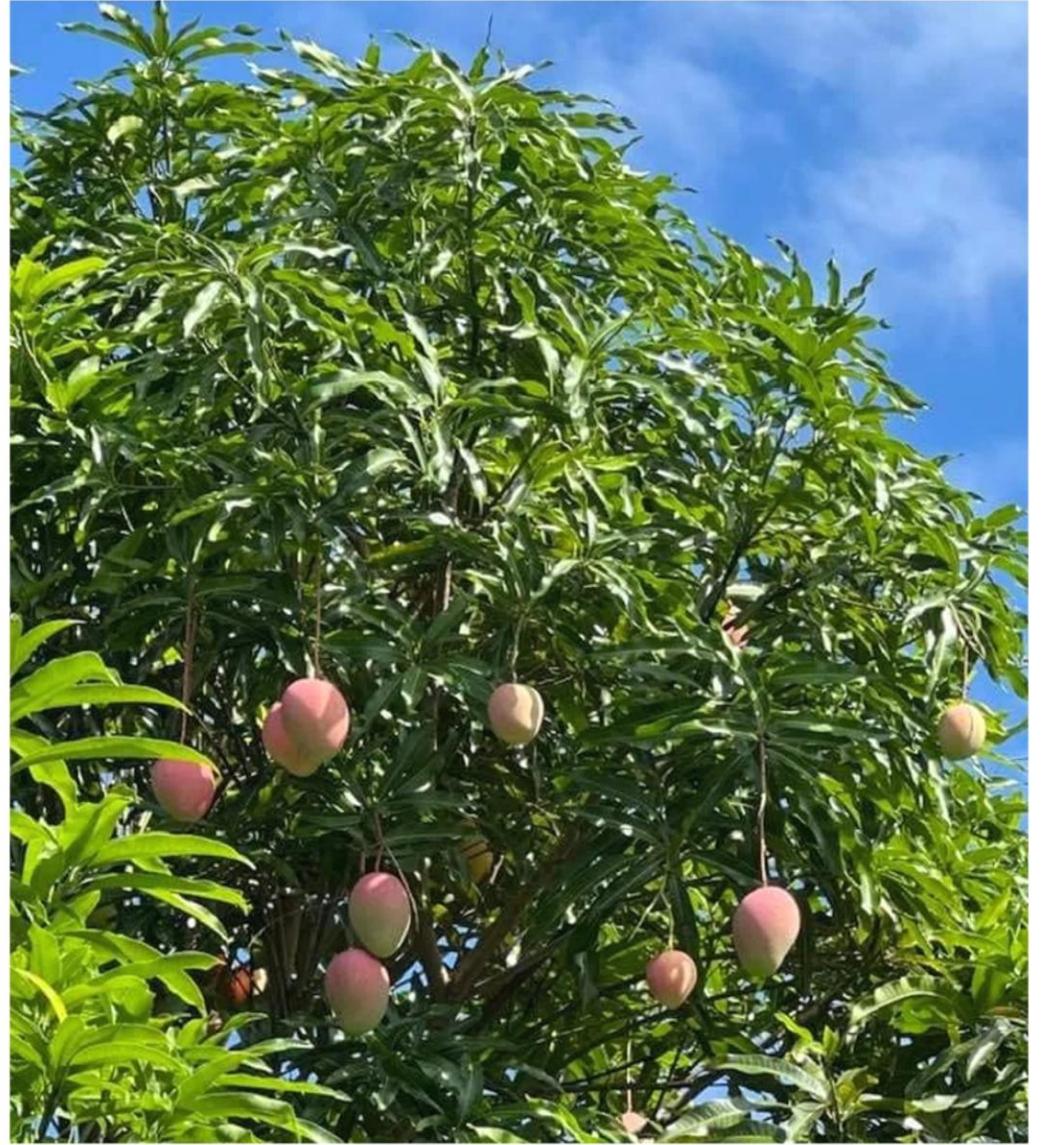
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Gal 6:9 And let us **not grow weary** of **doing good**, for in **due season** we **will reap**, if we **do not give up**.





Farming Challenge



Modern Spiritual Parallel

- ❑ Emotional or spiritual **burnout, unanswered prayers, silence** from God
- ❑ **Overwhelming** circumstances—**grief, illness, job loss**
- ❑ **Temptation**, criticism, **relational conflict**
- ❑ Hard hearts, discouraging **environment, toxic culture**
- ❑ **Distractions**, busyness, social media, worldly desires

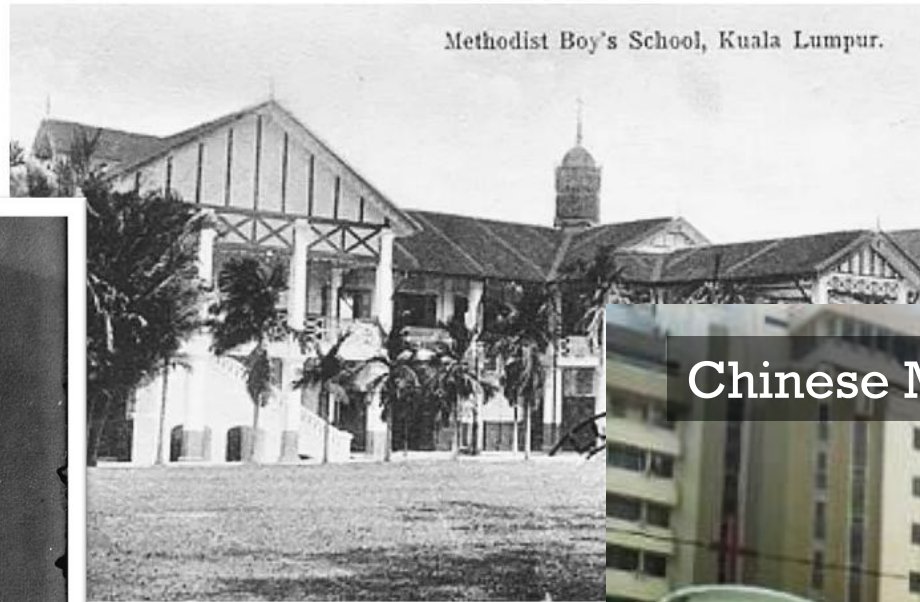
Gk. *Kairos*: Fitting Season, Appointed,
Opportune time in God's plan

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**Certainty, not
possibility**

Heb 10:35-36- ³⁵ Therefore do not throw away
your confidence, which has a great
reward. ³⁶ For you have need of **endurance**, so
that when you have done the will of God you
may **receive what is promised**.

Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur (1897)



William Fitzjames Oldam

Chinese Methodist (Cantonese) Church, KL



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2005-2011

- Membership grew from 97,509 to 114,065

End 2023

- 138,044 members
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Gk. *Koinonia*: Fellowship, Partnership

Gal 6:6 Let the one who is **taught the word share all good things** with the one who **teaches**.

Gal 6:10 So then, as we have

Gk. *Kairos*

opportunity, let us **do good** to **everyone**, and **especially** to those who are of the **household of faith**.



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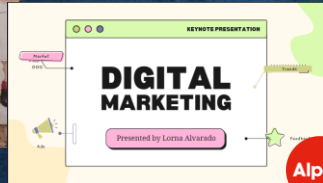
HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

*Here we are at the start committing to each other
By His word and from our hearts
We will be a family in a house that will be a home
And with faith we'll build it strong*

*We'll build a household of faith
That together we can make
And when the strong winds blow it won't fall down
As one in Him we'll grow and the whole world will know
We are a household of faith*

*Now to be a family we've got to love each other
At any cost unselfishly
And our home must be a place that fully abounds with
grace
A reflection of His face*







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Jn 12:24 - Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

A still life photograph with a dark, moody atmosphere. On the left, a wooden chalice with a bulbous body and a flared base stands on a wooden surface. To its right lies a large, rustic piece of bread, possibly a loaf or a thick slice, showing a porous, golden-brown interior. The background is a dark, textured wall. The title 'Lord's Supper' is centered in white serif font over the bread.

Lord's Supper

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-24

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for^[a] you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

[Partaking of the Bread]

1 CORINTHIANS 11:25-26

²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

[Partaking of the Cup]

Benediction

(Adapted from Col 3:23-24)

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. So go now — sow what matters, serve with joy, and live for the greater harvest that is to come