

PILLARS OF FAITH

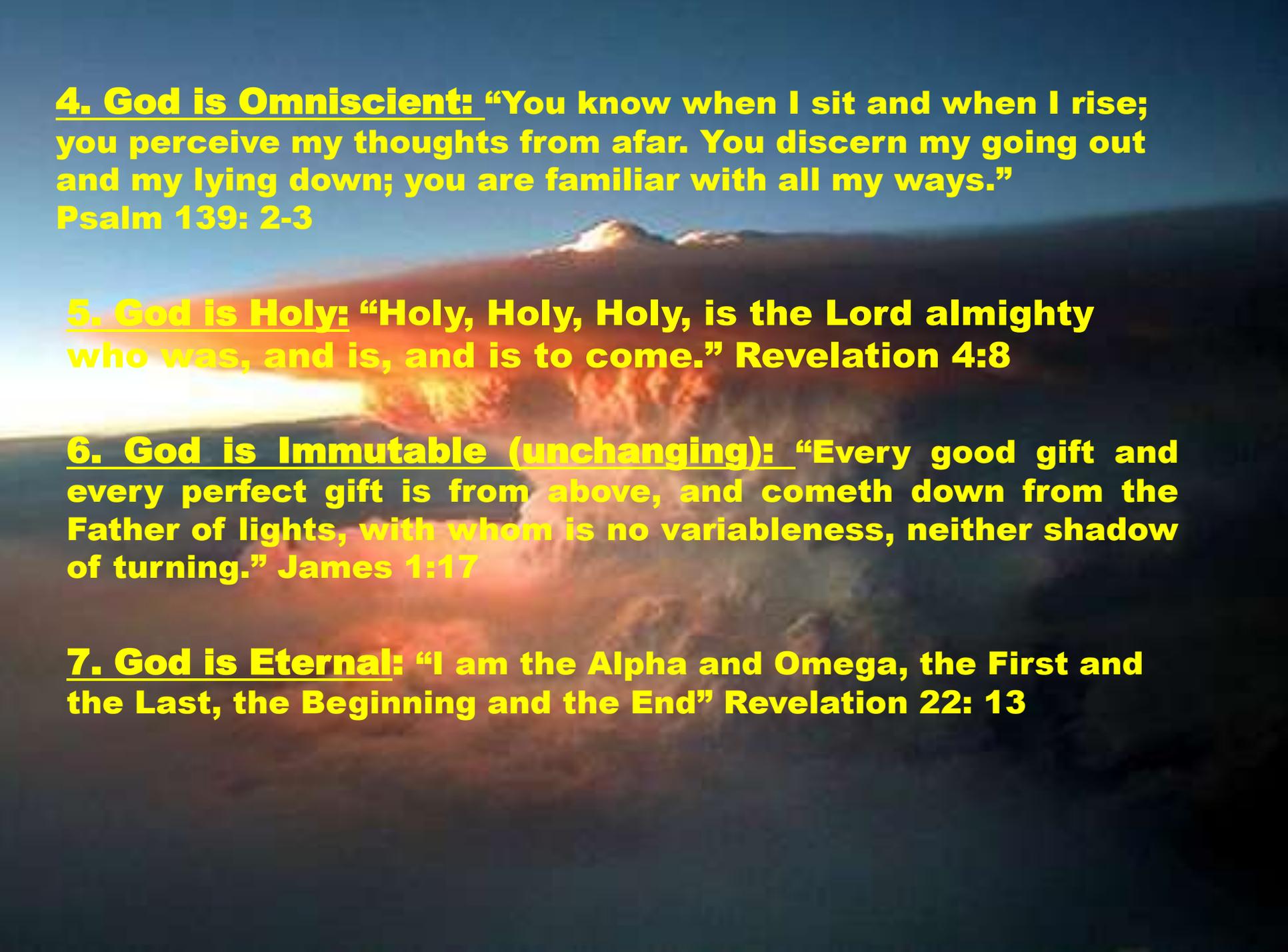
If God is good why do bad things
happen?

Who is God?

1. God is Love: “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son so that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16

2. God is Omnipotent (Almighty Creator): “Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.” John 1: 3

3. God is Omnipresent: “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths you are there.” Psalm 139: 7-8



4. God is Omniscient: “You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.”
Psalm 139: 2-3

5. God is Holy: “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord almighty who was, and is, and is to come.” Revelation 4:8

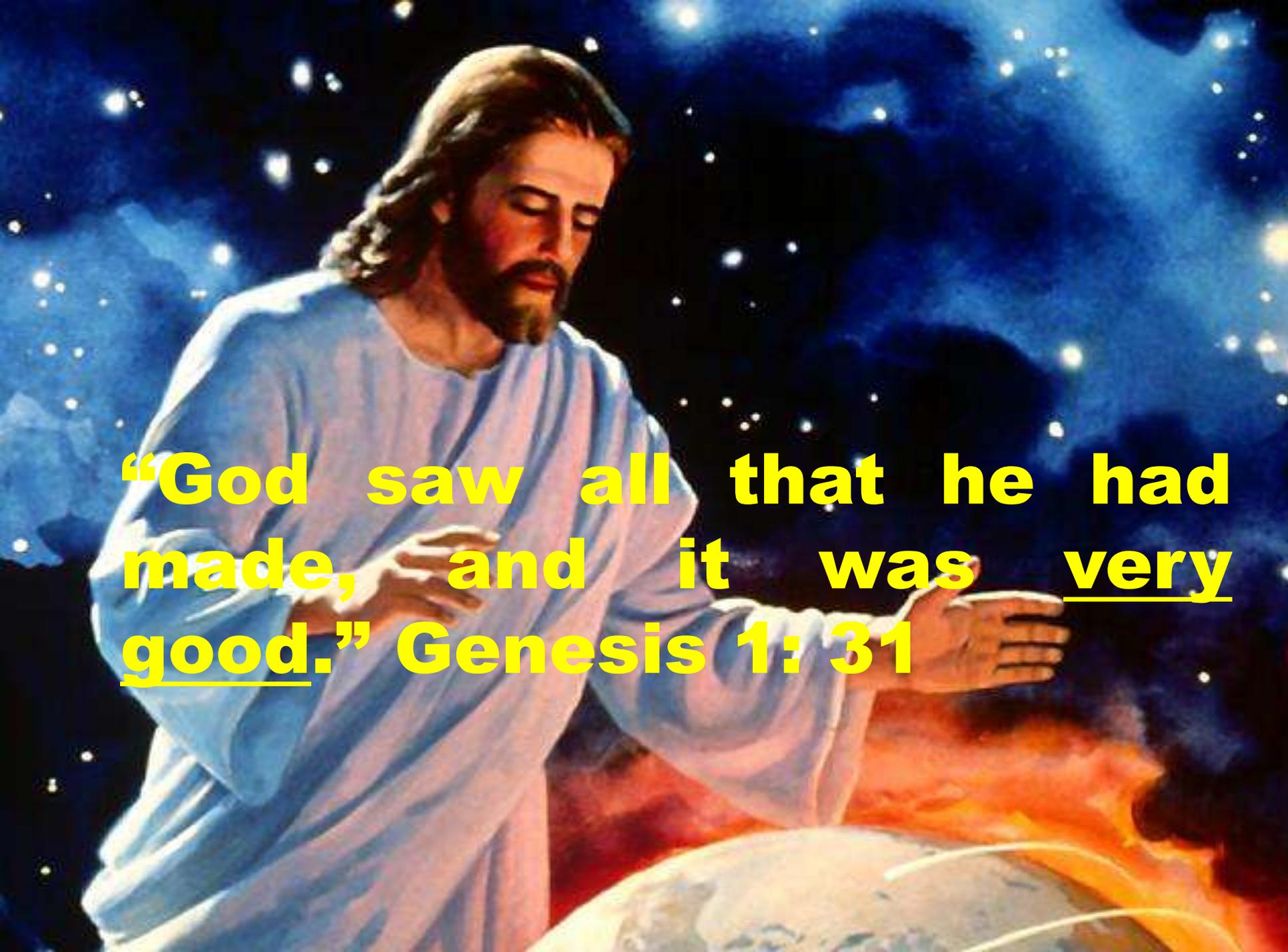
6. God is Immutable (unchanging): “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” James 1:17

7. God is Eternal: “I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End” Revelation 22: 13

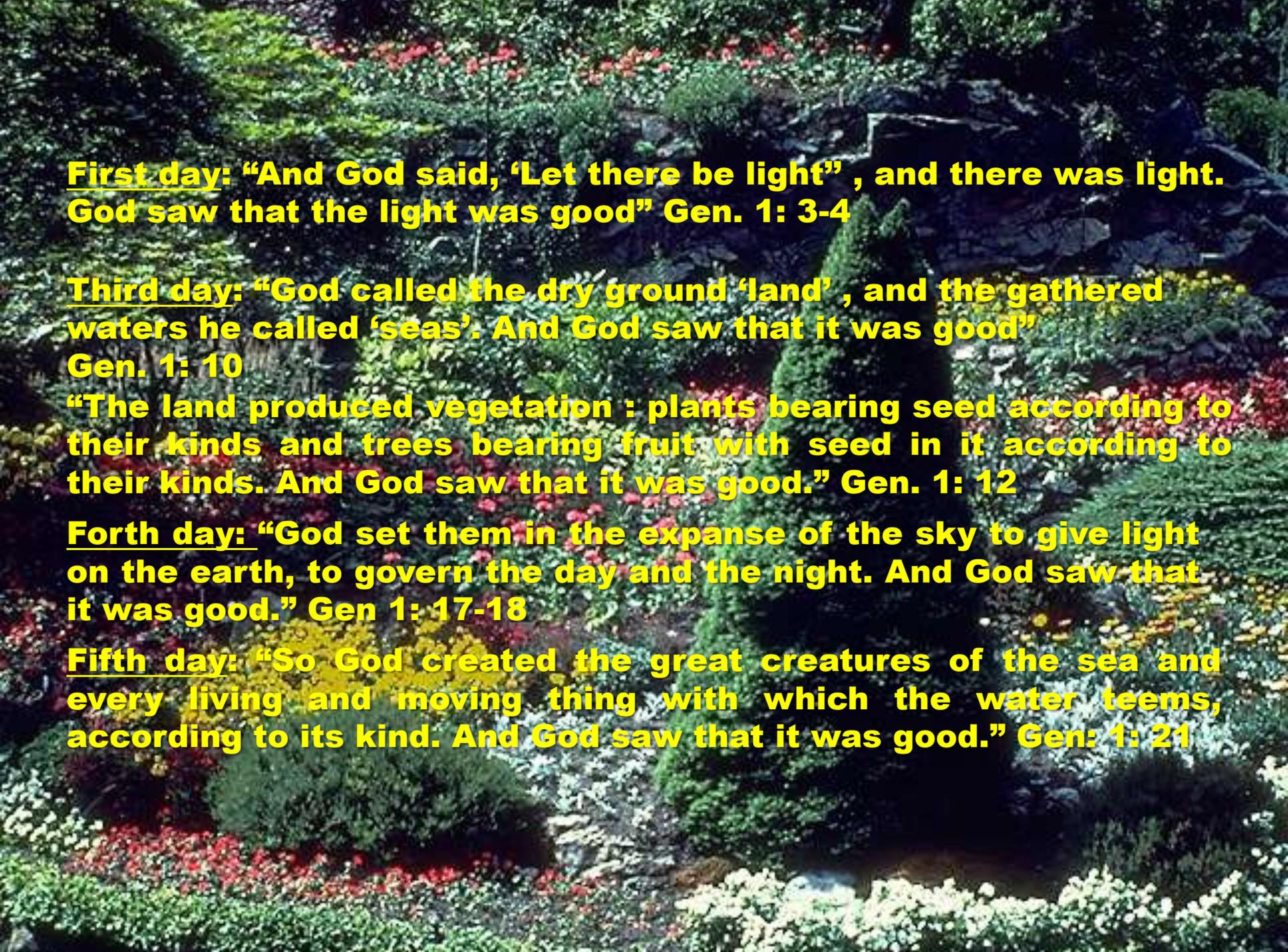


WHY?



A digital illustration of Jesus Christ with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a light blue robe. He is shown from the waist up, looking down at the Earth. The background is a deep blue space filled with stars and nebulae. The Earth is visible at the bottom, showing continents and oceans. The text is overlaid in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.” Genesis 1: 31

A lush garden with a stone path and various plants. The path is made of dark, irregular stones and is surrounded by green foliage, including a large, dark green tree in the center. There are patches of red flowers and white flowers scattered throughout the garden. The background is a dense wall of green plants.

First day: “And God said, ‘Let there be light’ , and there was light. God saw that the light was good” Gen. 1: 3-4

**Third day: “God called the dry ground ‘land’ , and the gathered waters he called ‘seas’. And God saw that it was good”
Gen. 1: 10**

“The land produced vegetation : plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.” Gen. 1: 12

Forth day: “God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night. And God saw that it was good.” Gen 1: 17-18

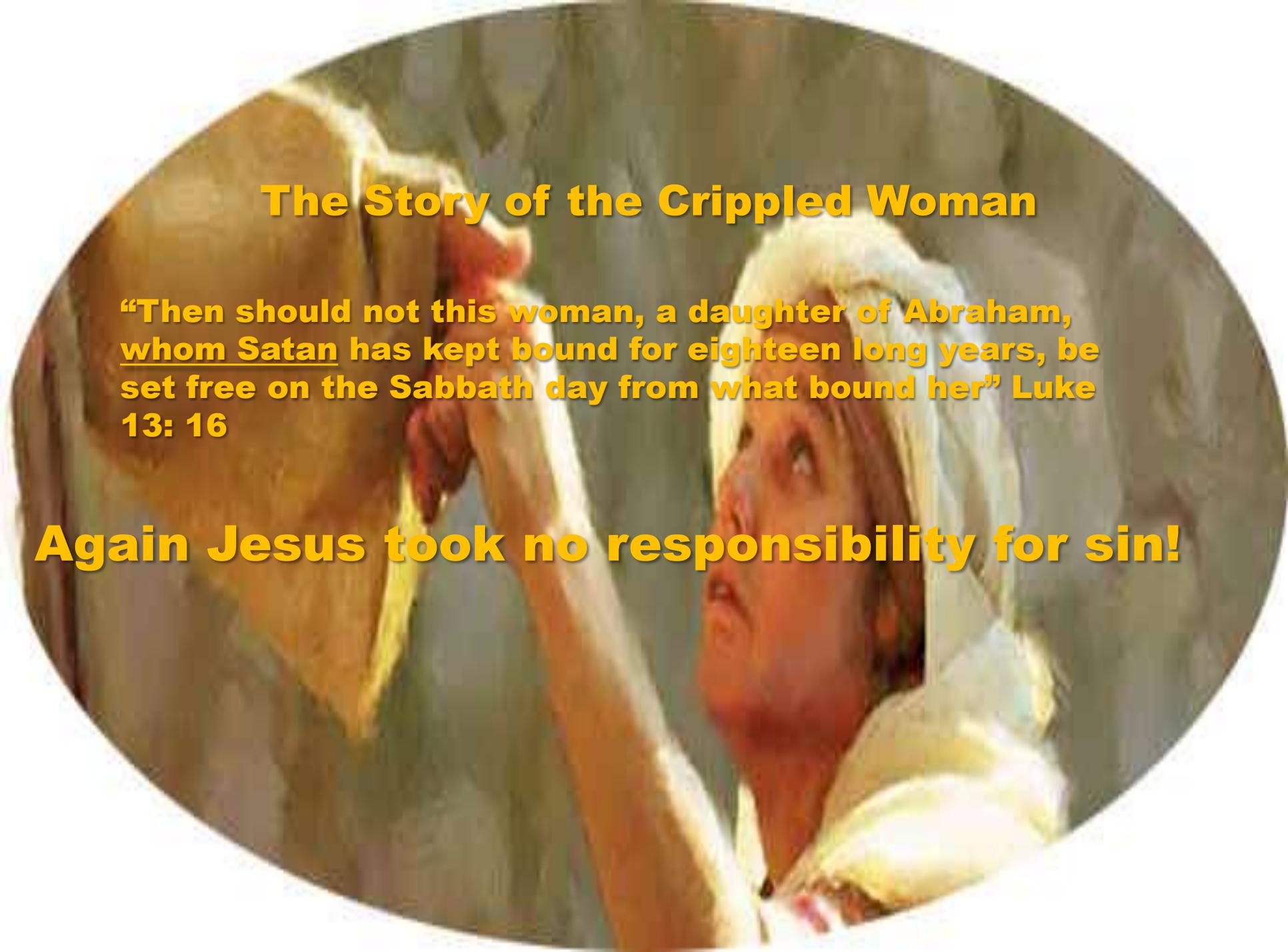
Fifth day: “So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.” Gen: 1: 21



The Parable of the Weeds

“Jesus said: The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.” Matt. 13: 24-25

Jesus takes no responsibility for the sin!

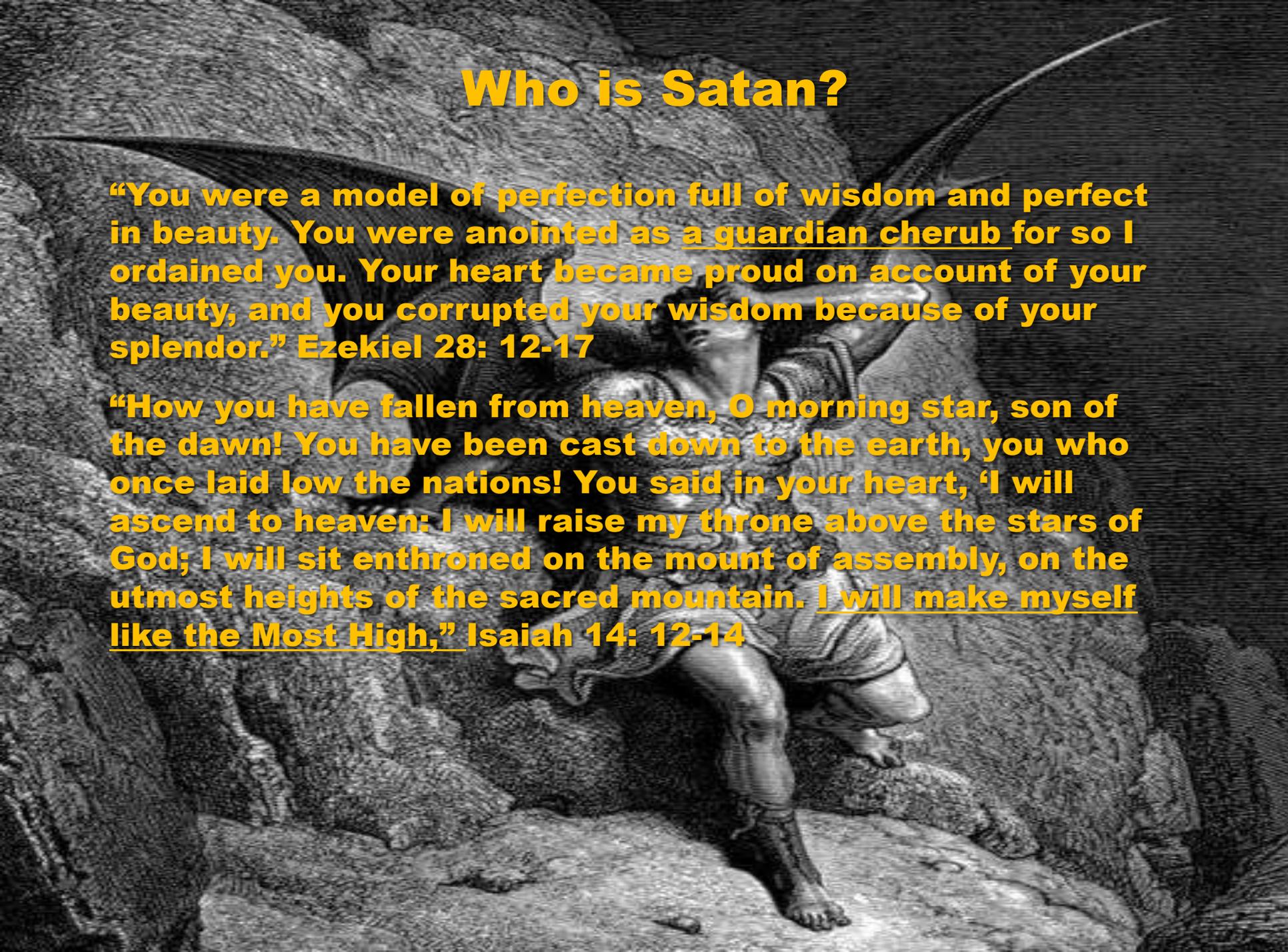
A circular inset image showing a woman in a white headscarf looking up at a man whose hand is on her shoulder. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

The Story of the Crippled Woman

“Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her” Luke 13: 16

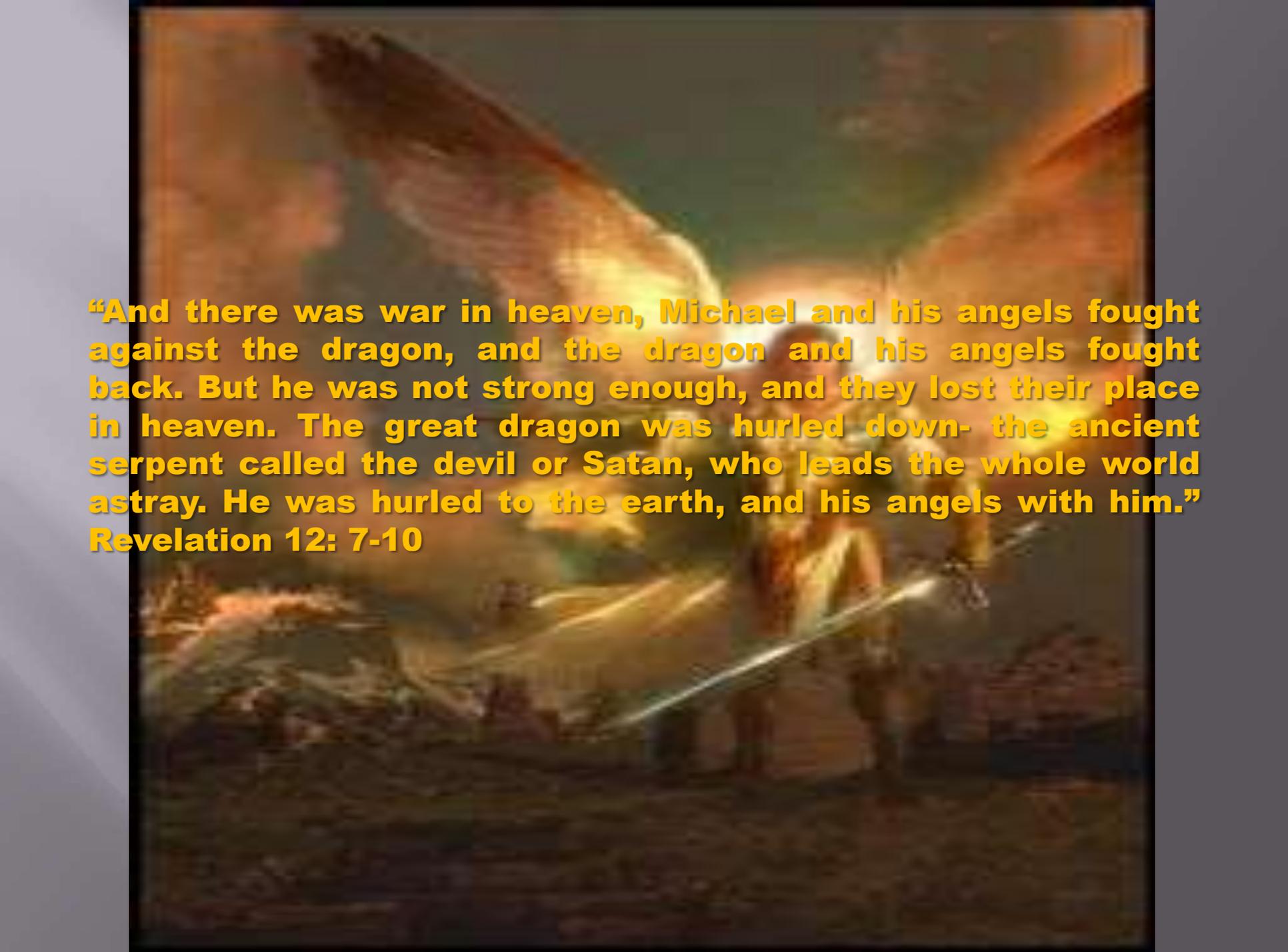
Again Jesus took no responsibility for sin!

Who is Satan?



“You were a model of perfection full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were anointed as a guardian cherub for so I ordained you. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor.” Ezekiel 28: 12-17

“How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven: I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will make myself like the Most High,’” Isaiah 14: 12-14



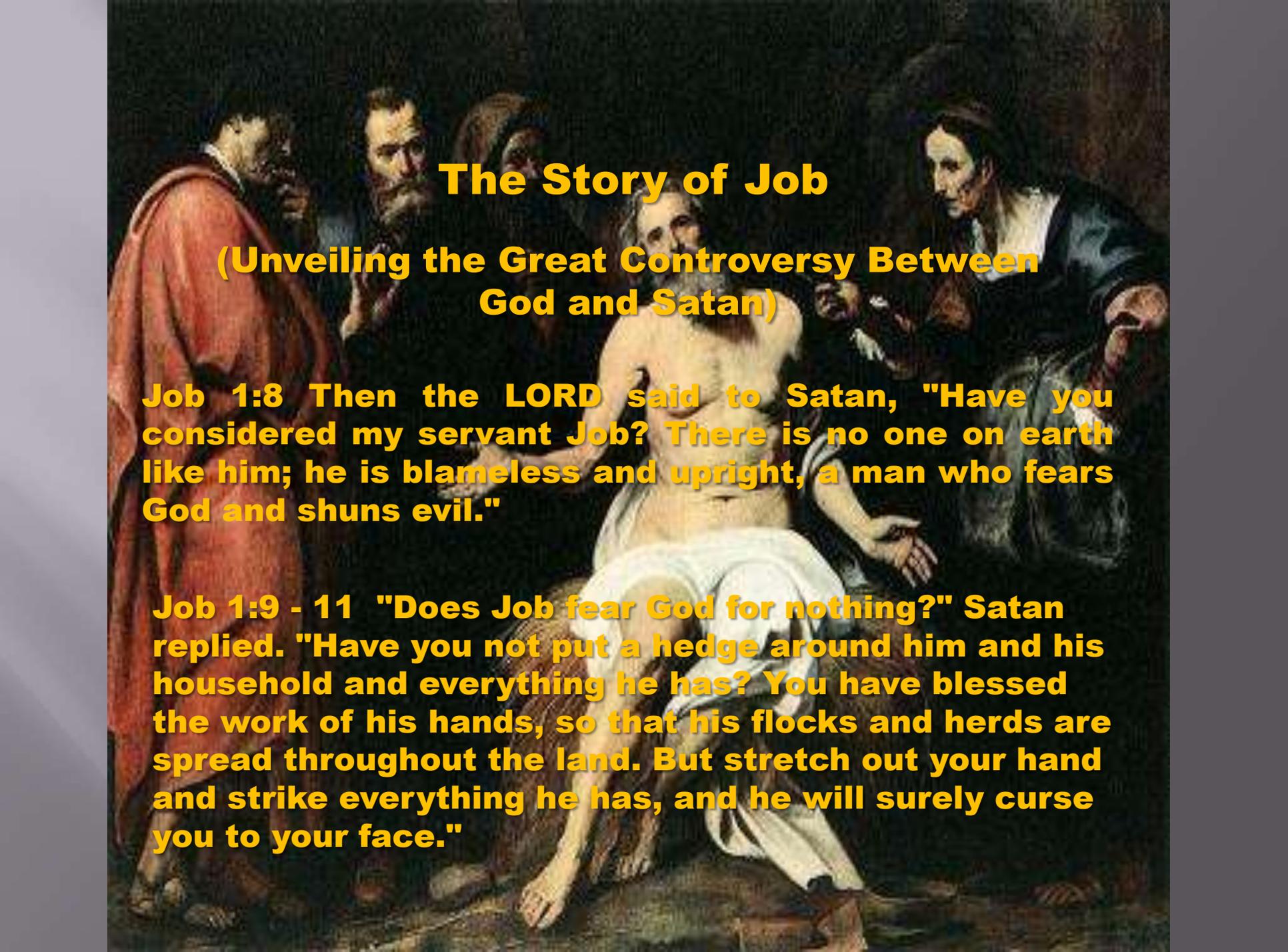
**“And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down- the ancient serpent called the devil or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.”
Revelation 12: 7-10**

The Story of Teresa de Simone

For 27 years the mother of a young barmaid had believed her daughter's rapist and killer was behind bars. In the last few days it has become clear to Mary Sedotti that the man who strangled her daughter in the early hours of a December morning 30 years ago has never been caught.

In a week's time Sean Hodgson, 58, the mentally ill misfit who was convicted of killing 22-year-old Teresa de Simone, is likely to walk free from the court of appeal in London after DNA tests that were not available at the time of his conviction conclusively proved he was not the killer.

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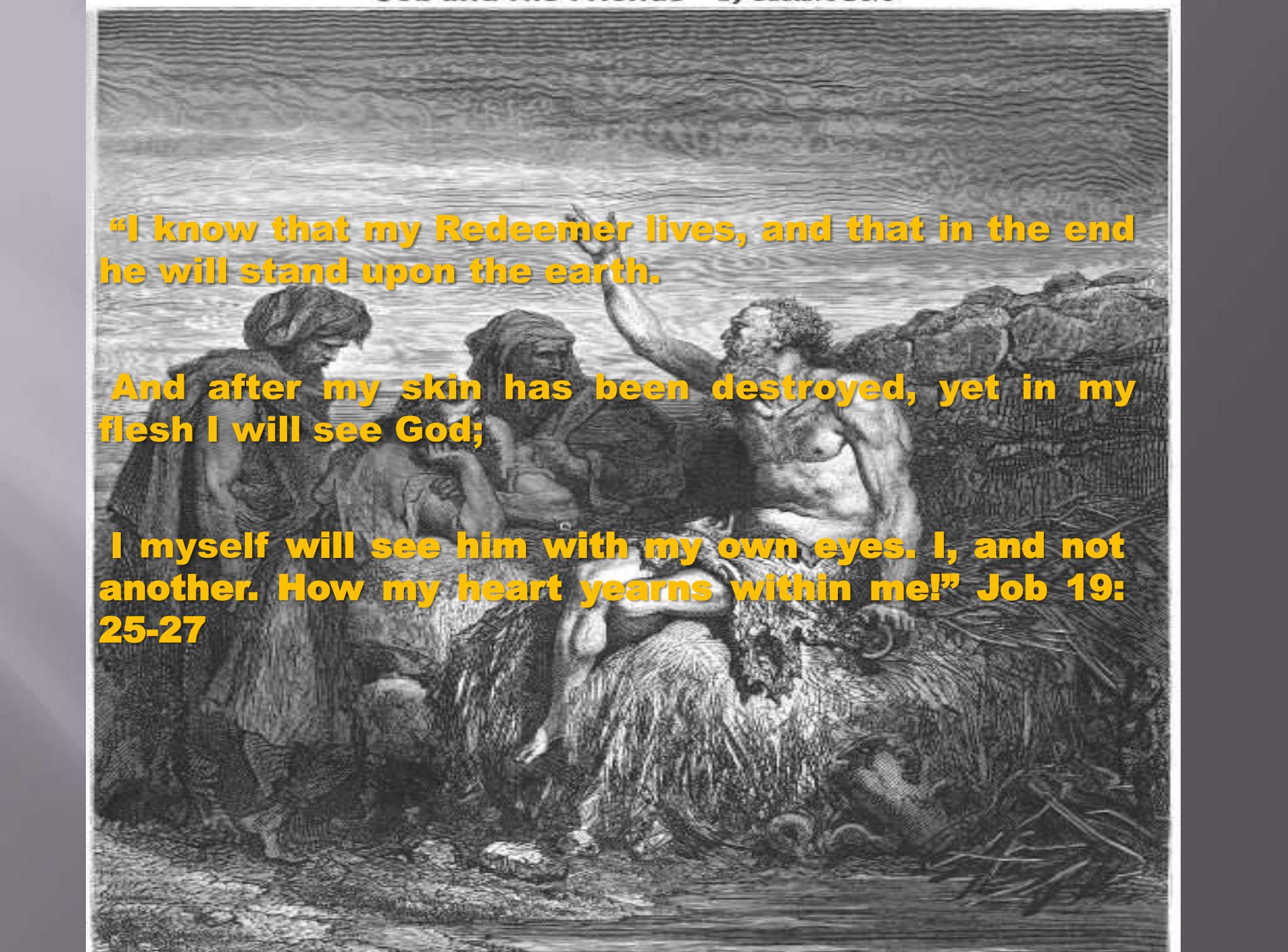


The Story of Job

**(Unveiling the Great Controversy Between
God and Satan)**

Job 1:8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

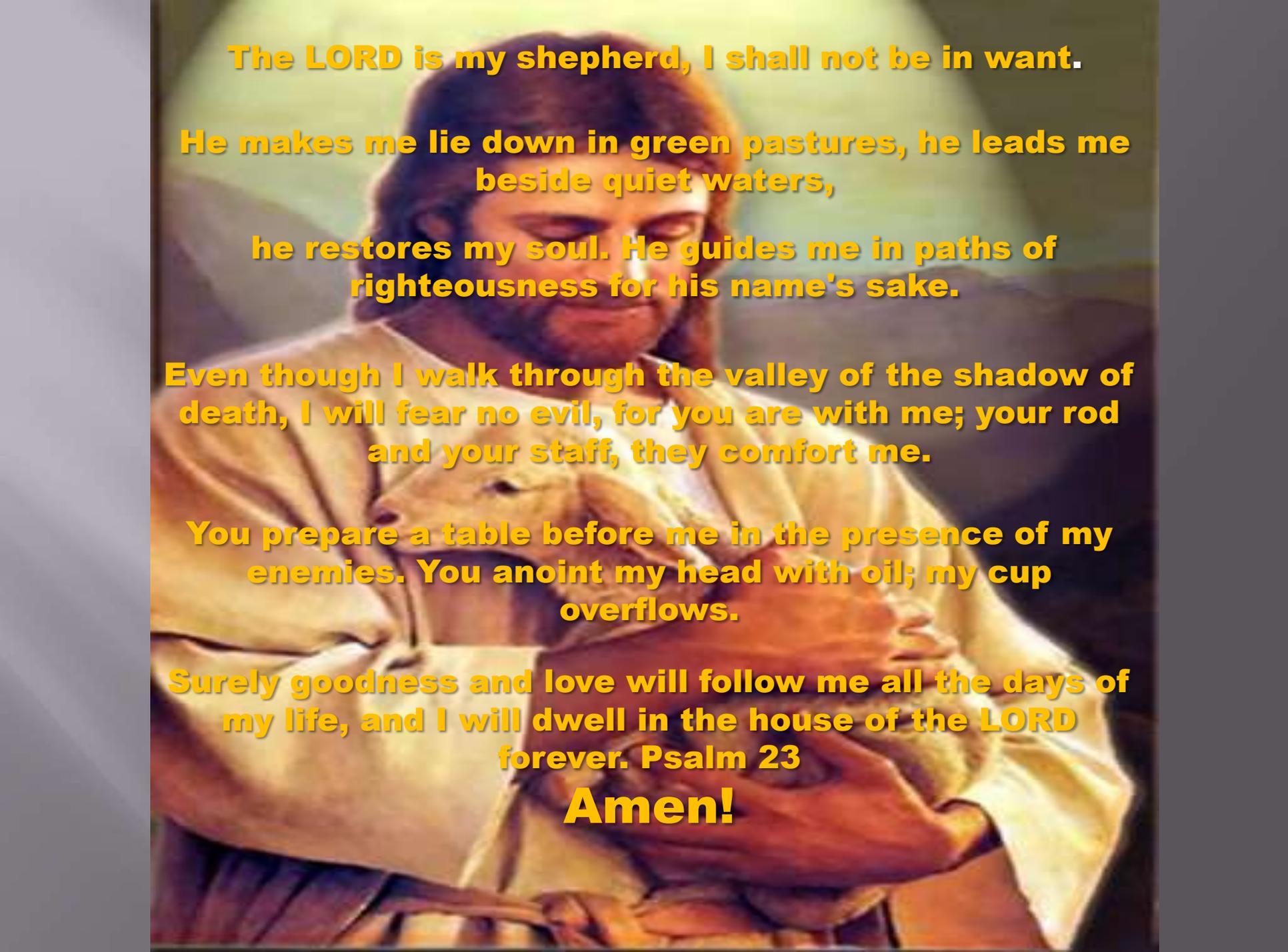
Job 1:9 - 11 "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."



“I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;

I myself will see him with my own eyes. I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!” Job 19: 25-27

A religious painting depicting Jesus Christ with a lamb. Jesus is shown from the chest up, wearing a white robe with a brown sash. He has long brown hair and a beard, and his eyes are closed in a peaceful expression. He is holding a white lamb close to his face, with his hands resting on the lamb's head and neck. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with green hills and a blue sky. The overall tone is serene and tender.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me
beside quiet waters,**

**he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod
and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup
overflows.**

**Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of
my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever. Psalm 23**

Amen!