

Making Prayer Simple Questions about Prayer

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QUIZ QUESTIONS DISCUSSIONS





ALWAYS
OR **only when**



1. Our prayer reaches God's ears.

- A. **ALWAYS!**
- B. **ONLY WHEN** our prayer is sincere and persistent.
- C. **ONLY WHEN** we are not in the state of sin.
- D. **ONLY WHEN** we pray in Jesus' name.
- E. **ONLY WHEN** we pray with one or two others gathered in the Lord's name.



2. The best prayer is the personal and spontaneous kind when we talk to God.

- A. ALWAYS**
- B. ONLY WHEN it makes us grow closer to God.**
- C. ONLY WHEN we are tired of using formula prayers like the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.**
- D. ONLY WHEN we can also pray in tongues.**
- E. ONLY WHEN we use the Bible as springboard.**



3. God talks to us in our prayer.

- A. ALWAYS**
- B. ONLY WHEN we are humble and open.**
- C. ONLY WHEN God wants to.**
- D. ONLY WHEN we use Scripture.**
- E. ONLY WHEN during Holy Mass.**



4. God gives us what we ask for in prayer.

- A. **ALWAYS!**
- B. **ONLY WHEN** what we ask for is for others rather than ourselves.
- C. **ONLY WHEN** our faith is strong enough.
- D. **ONLY WHEN** God wants to.
- E. **ONLY WHEN** we pray unceasingly.



**And behold,
the Lord passed by
and a great and strong wind
tore the mountains
and broke in pieces
the rocks
before the Lord.**

**But the Lord was
not in the wind.**

The Prayer

1 Kings 19:11-13



**And after the wind
an earthquake,
but the Lord was
not in the earthquake.**

**And after the earthquake
a fire,
but the Lord was
not in the fire.**

The Prayer

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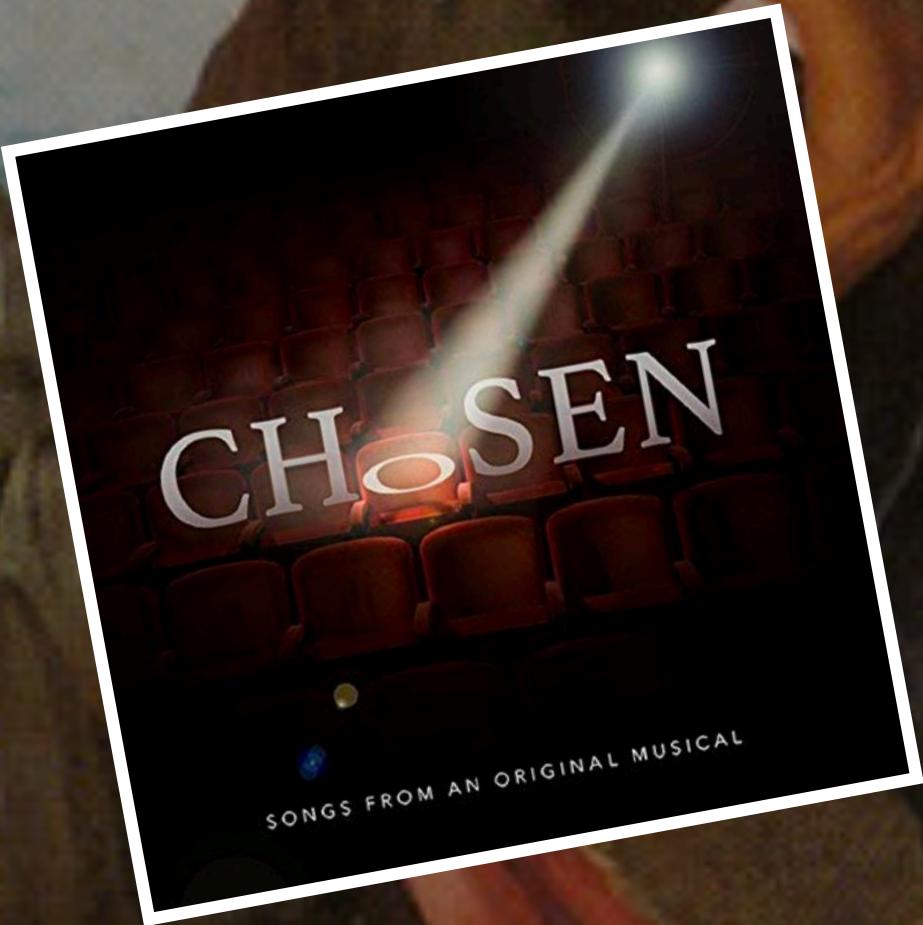


**And after the fire
the sound
of a low whisper.
And when Elijah heard it,
he wrapped his face
in his cloak and went out
and stood at the entrance
of the cave.
And behold,
there came a voice to him
and said, “What are you
doing here, Elijah?”**

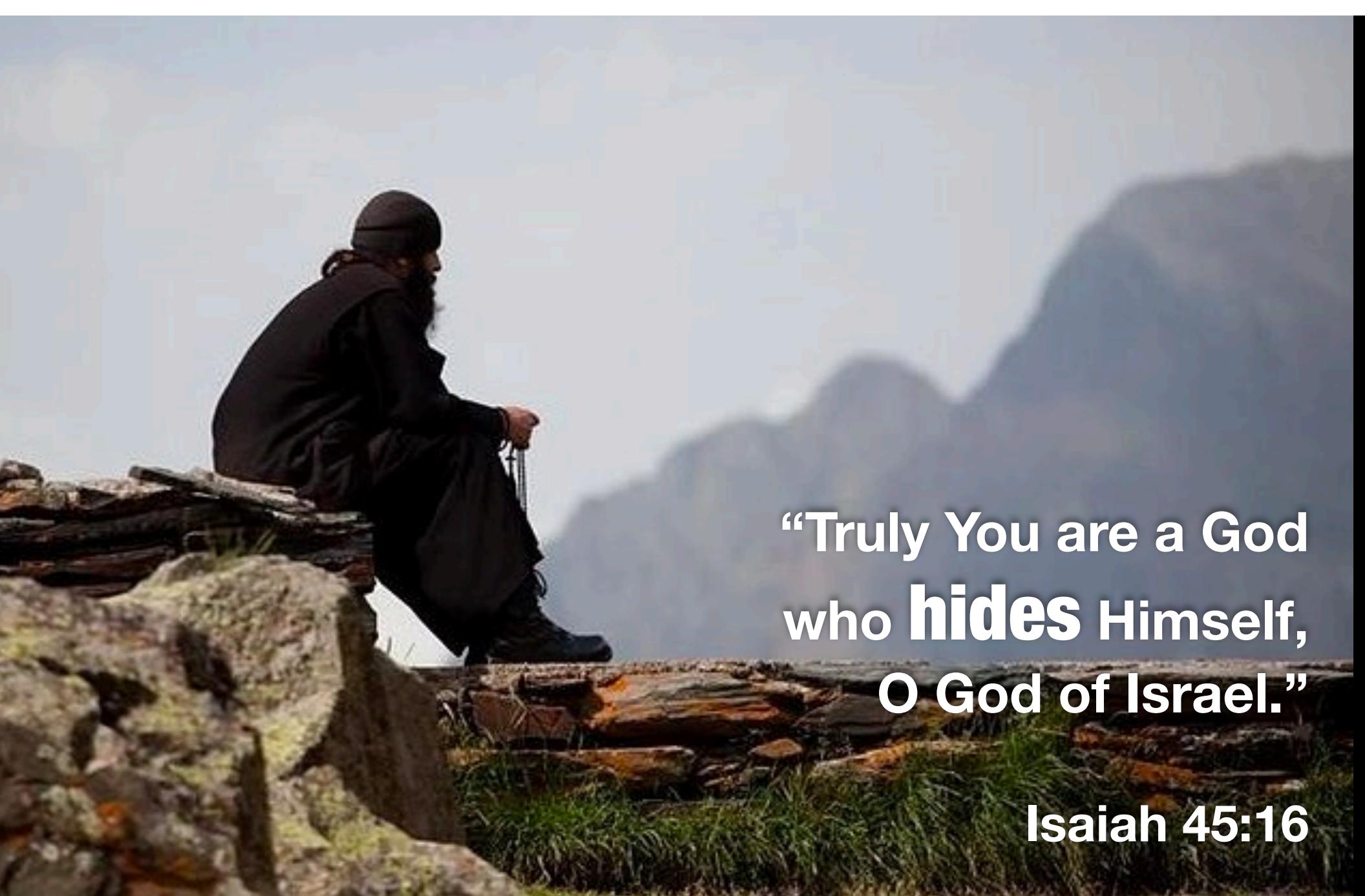
The Prayer

1 Kings 19:11-13

God's Whisper



HARD TO GET
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A photograph of a person sitting on a rocky ledge, looking out over a valley with mountains in the background. The person is wearing dark clothing and a head covering. The scene is hazy, suggesting a misty or divine atmosphere.

“Truly You are a God
who **hides** Himself,
O God of Israel.”

Isaiah 45:16

**DESIRE +
SEEK GOD.**



St. Ignatius of Loyola



“Find God in All Things.”

QUESTIONS ABOUT PRAYER

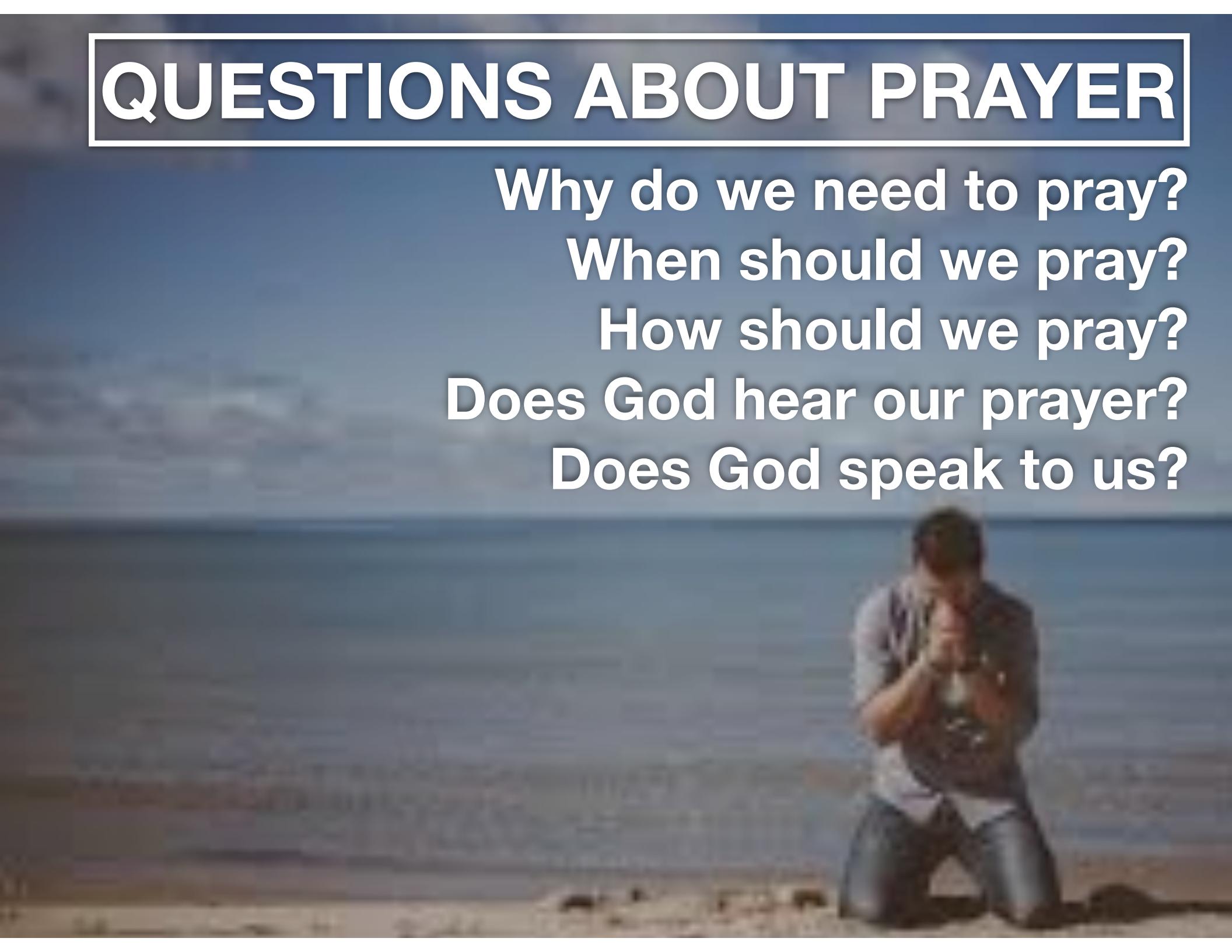
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When should we pray?

How should we pray?

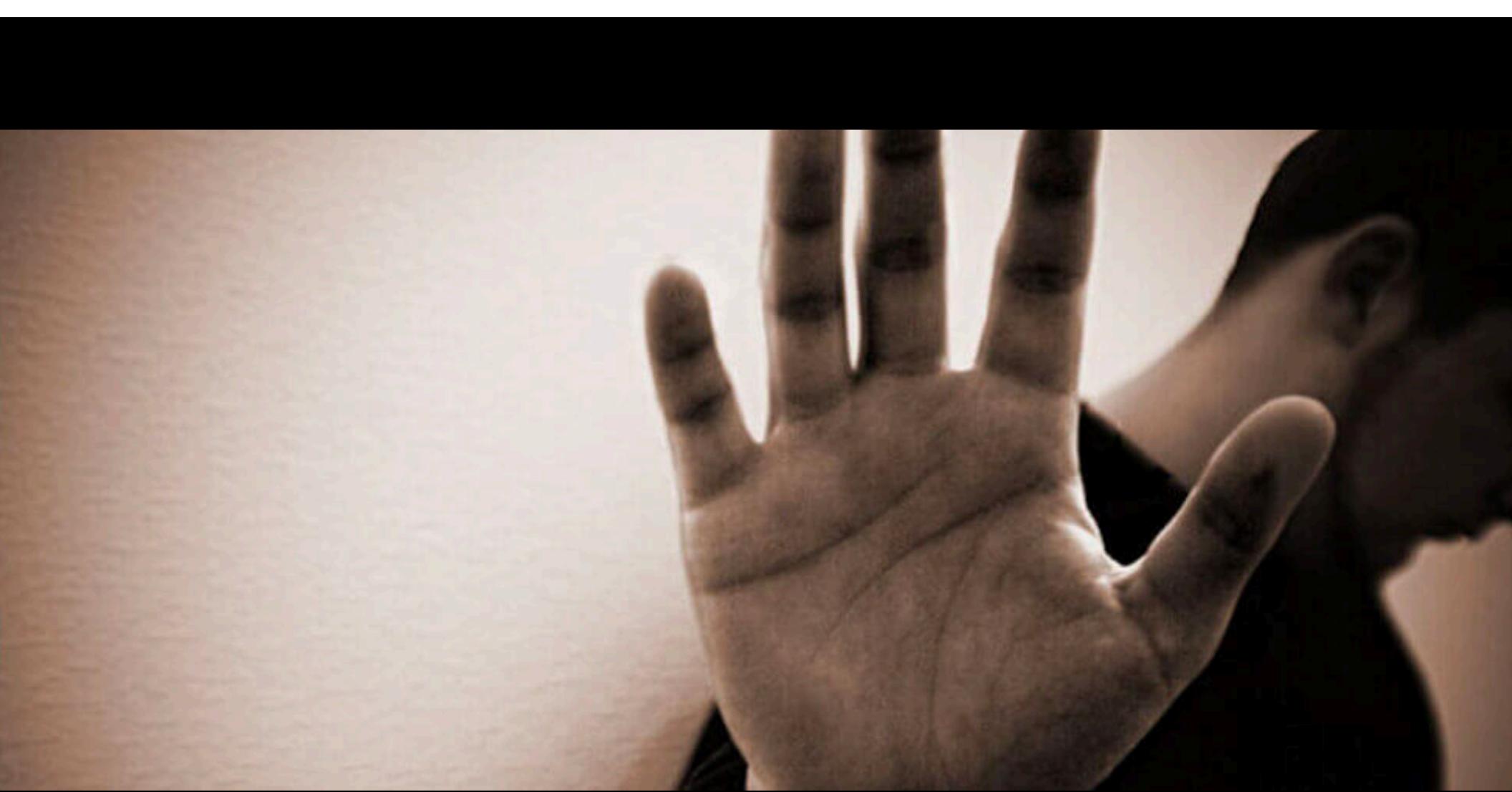
Does God hear our prayer?

Does God speak to us?



A photograph showing a close-up of a person's hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture. The hands are dark, possibly wearing a dark shirt, and are positioned in the lower right corner of the frame. The background is a soft-focus, warm-toned scene with shades of orange, yellow, and red, suggesting a sunset or a fire. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

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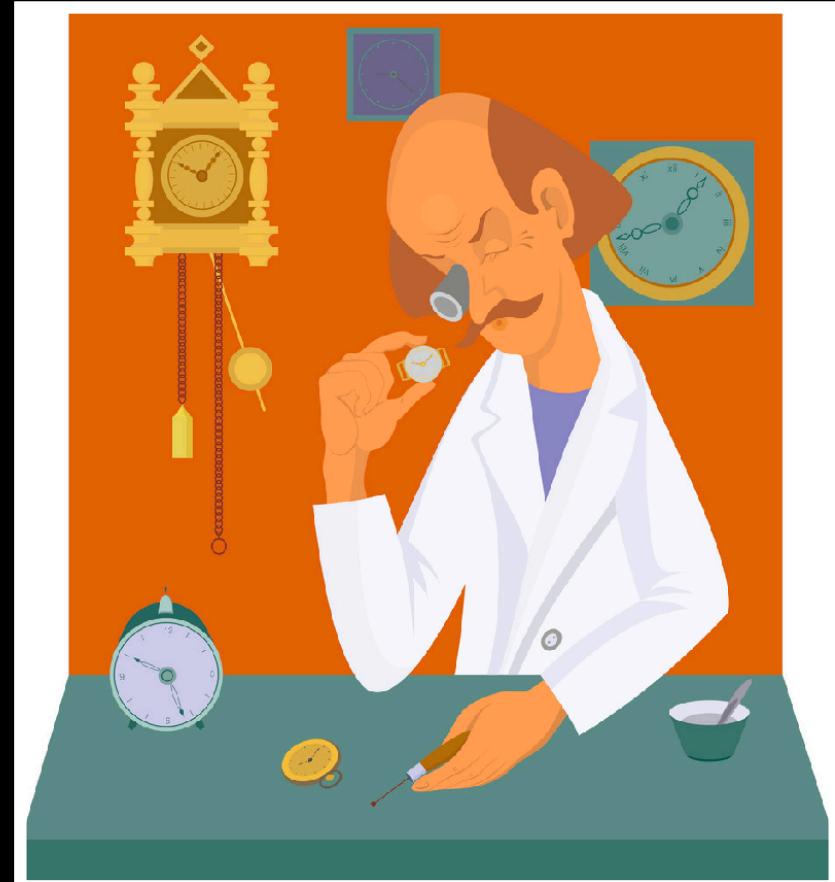
**What's the use of praying
if God already knows
what's going to happen?**



God as **PUPPET MASTER**



Total Control
+ Involvement



God as **WATCHMAKER**

No Control
+ Involvement

**Natural
Freedom**

**Human
Freedom**

**DIVINE
FREEDOM**

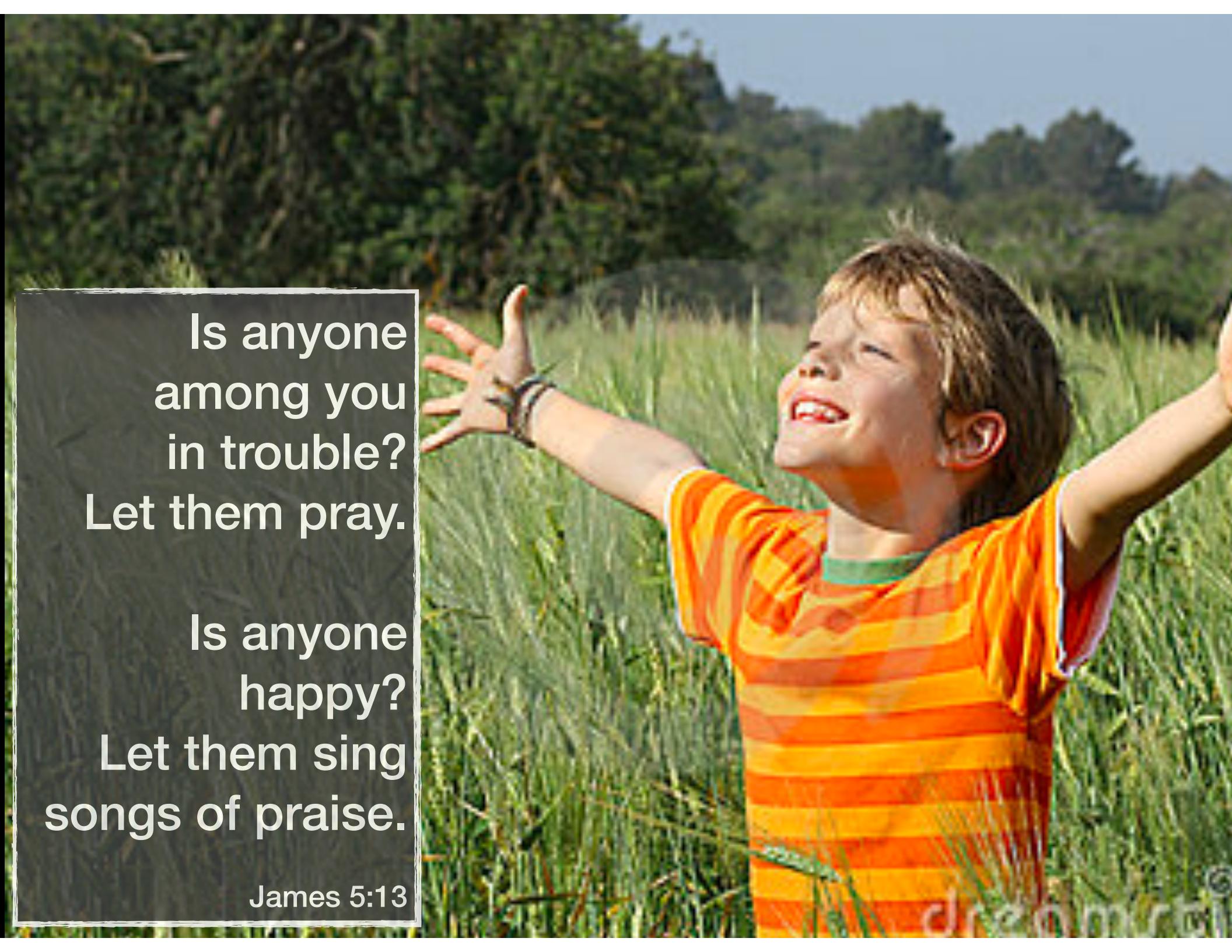
A photograph of a young child with dark hair, wearing a green t-shirt and blue shorts, running towards the right in a grassy field. A colorful kite with a long tail is flying high in a bright blue sky with white clouds. The child is holding the string of the kite.

God respects
our **freedom**
and the freedom
of creation.

God is also free.
kite + wind



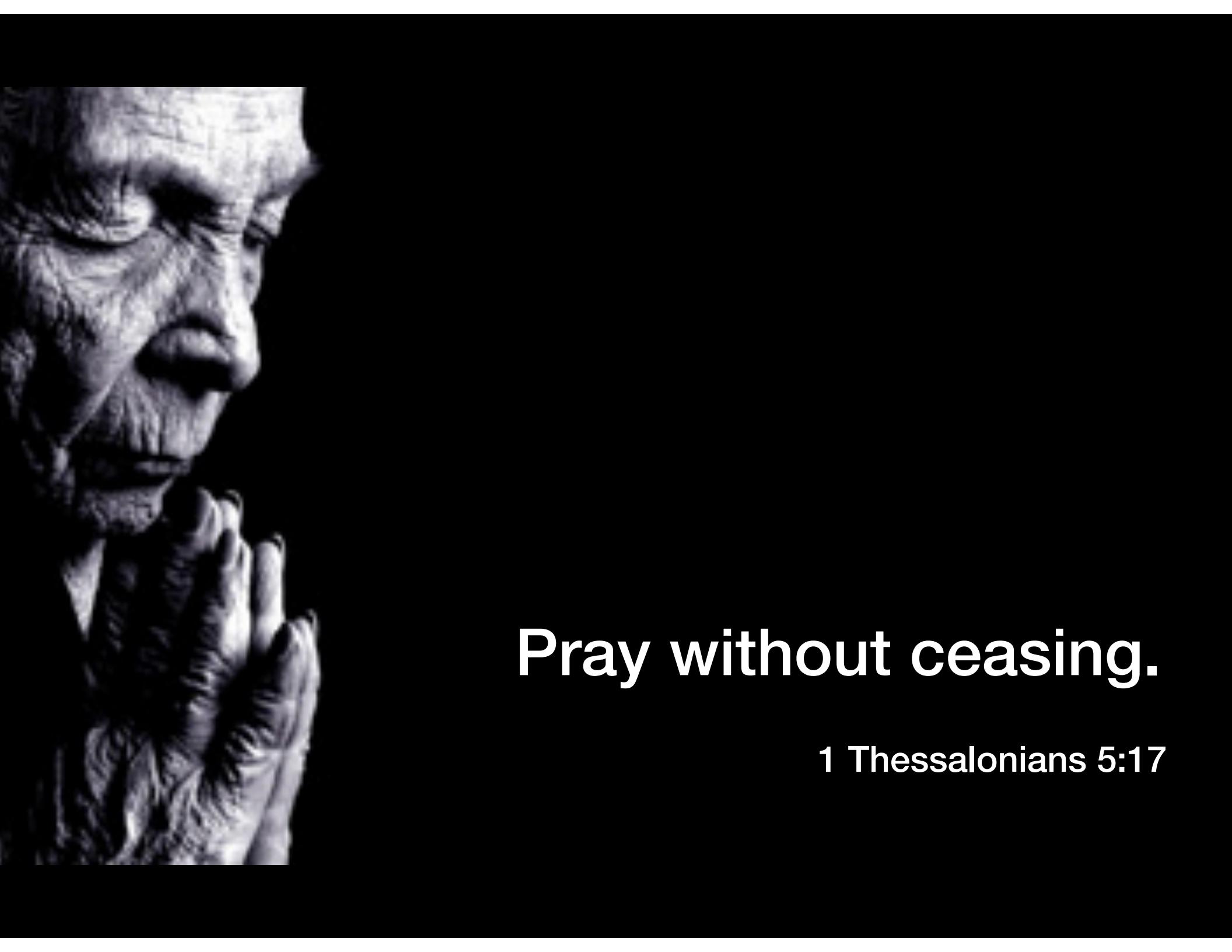
When should we pray?

A photograph of a young boy with short brown hair, wearing a yellow and orange horizontally striped t-shirt. He is standing in a field of tall green grass, with his arms raised wide open towards the sky. He is smiling broadly, showing his teeth. In the background, there are dense green trees under a clear blue sky.

Is anyone
among you
in trouble?
Let them pray.

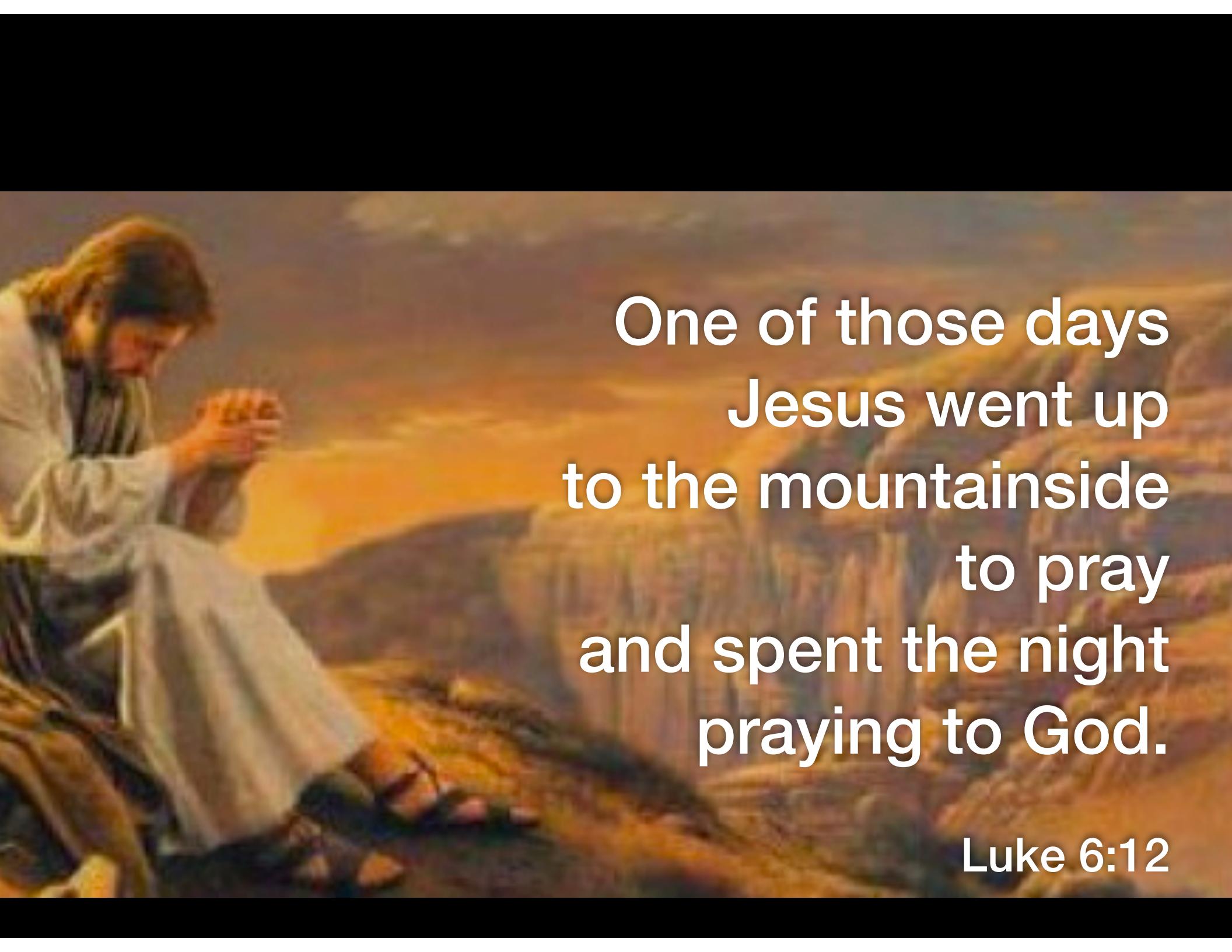
Is anyone
happy?
Let them sing
songs of praise.

James 5:13



Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

A painting depicting Jesus Christ in a moment of prayer. He is shown from the waist up, wearing a simple, light-colored robe. He is kneeling on a rocky, uneven surface, looking upwards with his hands clasped together in a gesture of prayer. The background is a vast, hilly landscape under a sky filled with warm, golden and orange hues, suggesting the time is either sunrise or sunset. The overall atmosphere is one of peace and spirituality.

One of those days
Jesus went up
to the mountainside
to pray
and spent the night
praying to God.

Luke 6:12

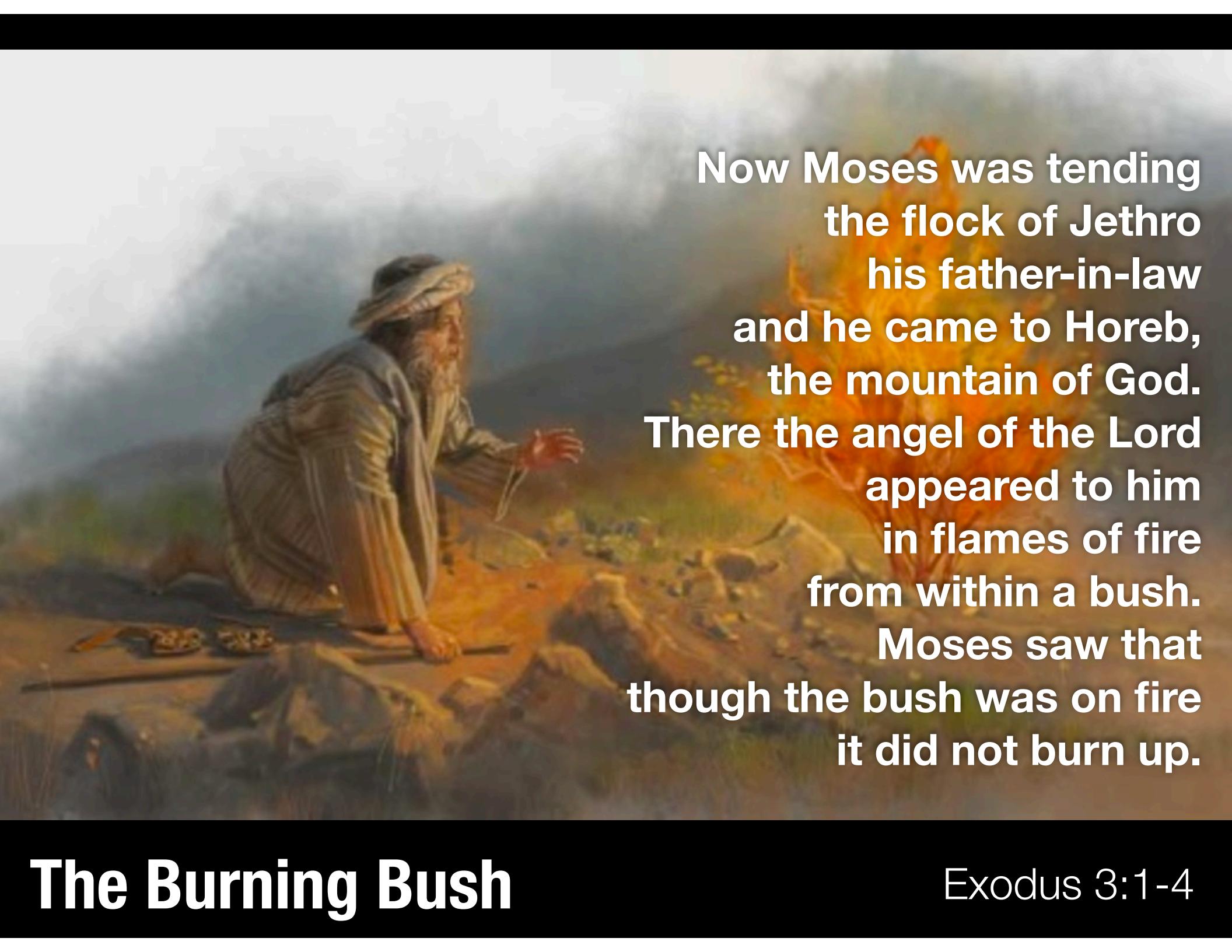
SOLITUDE

AN ENDANGERED SPECIES





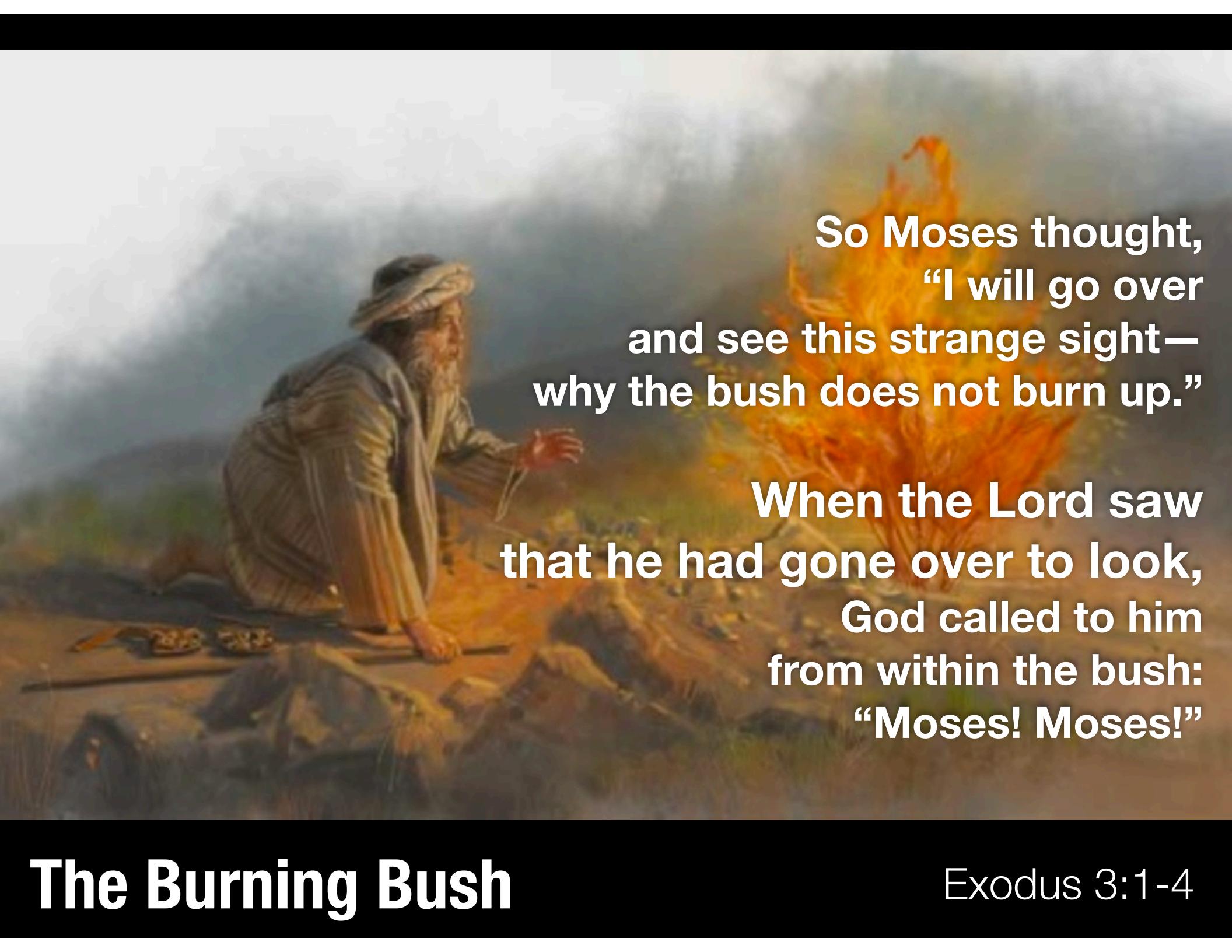
To be **alone** with your feelings
To feel your feelings and to **stay** with them
without digital distraction or support.

A painting depicting the scene of the Burning Bush. Moses, an elderly man with a long white beard and a simple brown robe, stands in profile, looking towards a small, intense orange flame that is engulfing a low-lying bush. The fire is surrounded by a thick, billowing smoke or mist. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a hazy sky.

**Now Moses was tending
the flock of Jethro
his father-in-law
and he came to Horeb,
the mountain of God.
There the angel of the Lord
appeared to him
in flames of fire
from within a bush.
Moses saw that
though the bush was on fire
it did not burn up.**

The Burning Bush

Exodus 3:1-4

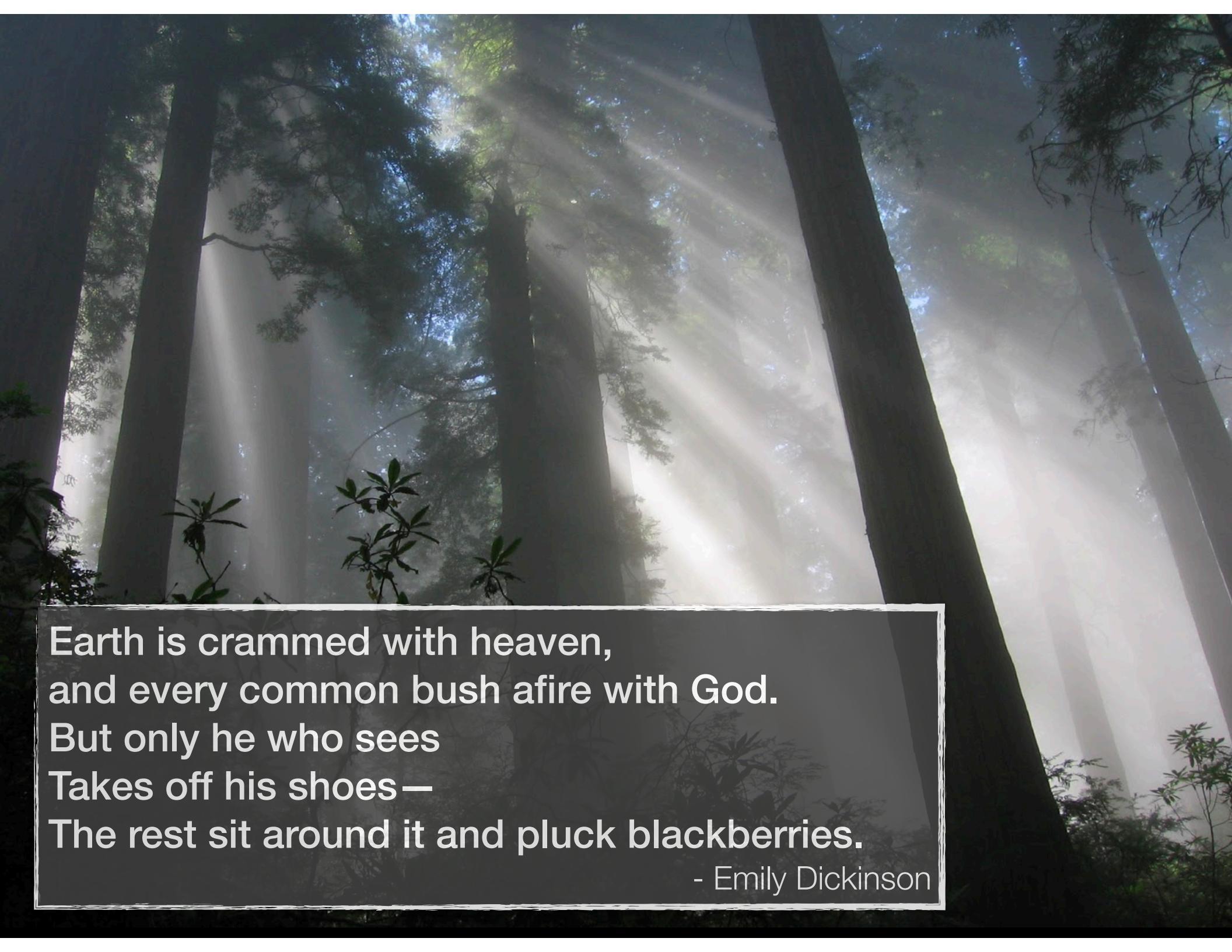
A painting depicting the scene from Exodus 3. Moses, an elderly man with a long white beard and wearing a simple brown robe and a turban, is shown walking towards a large, intense fire. The fire engulfs a small tree or bush, casting a bright orange glow. The background is filled with thick, billowing smoke and mist, suggesting a desert environment.

**So Moses thought,
“I will go over
and see this strange sight—
why the bush does not burn up.”**

**When the Lord saw
that he had gone over to look,
God called to him
from within the bush:
“Moses! Moses!”**

The Burning Bush

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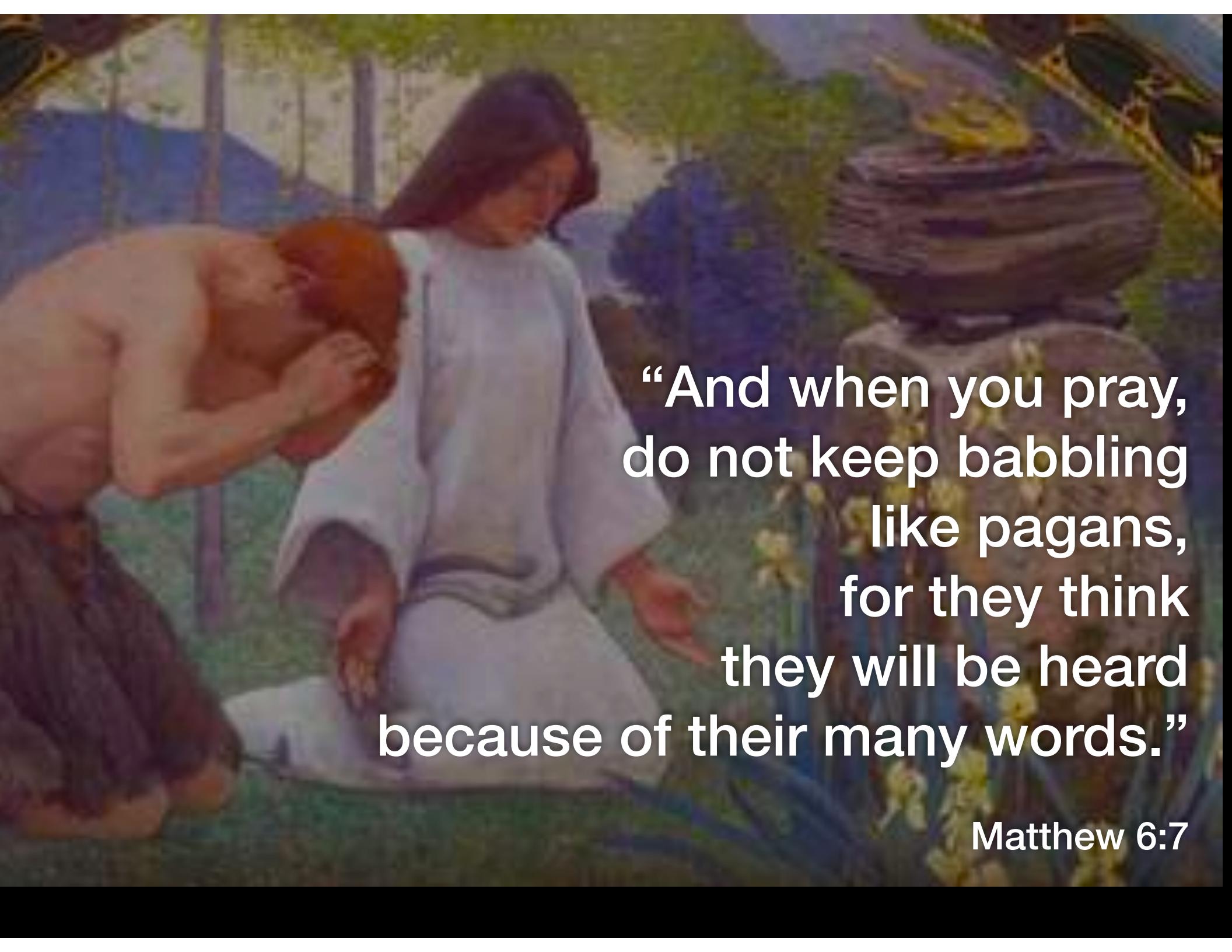


Earth is crammed with heaven,
and every common bush afire with God.
But only he who sees
Takes off his shoes—
The rest sit around it and pluck blackberries.

- Emily Dickinson

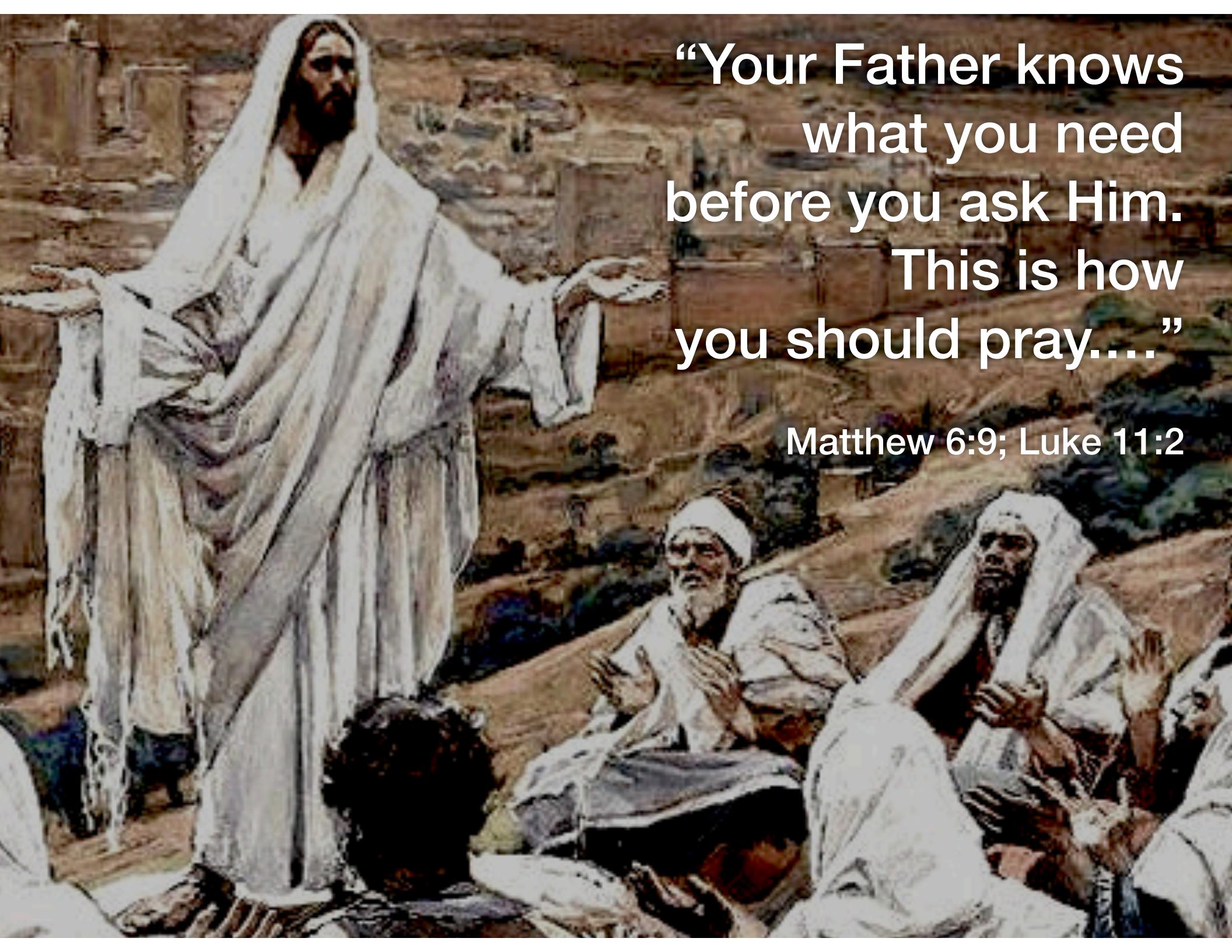


How should we pray?



“And when you pray,
do not keep babbling
like pagans,
for they think
they will be heard
because of their many words.”

Matthew 6:7



“Your Father knows
what you need
before you ask Him.

This is how
you should pray....”

Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2



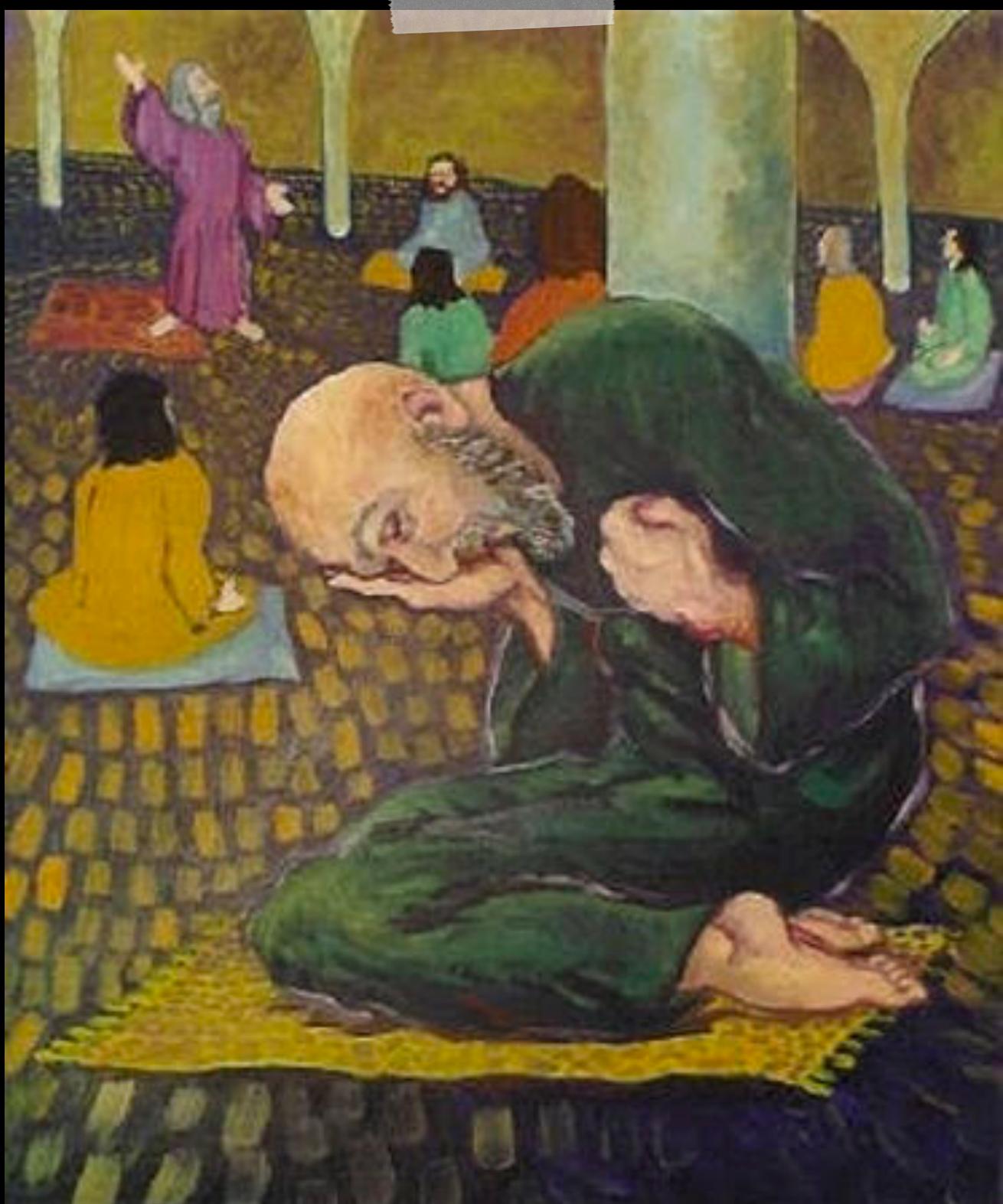
“helpmehelpmehelpme!”
“thankyouthankyouthankyou!”
“sorrysorrysorry!”



**Not with the lips,
but with the heart.**

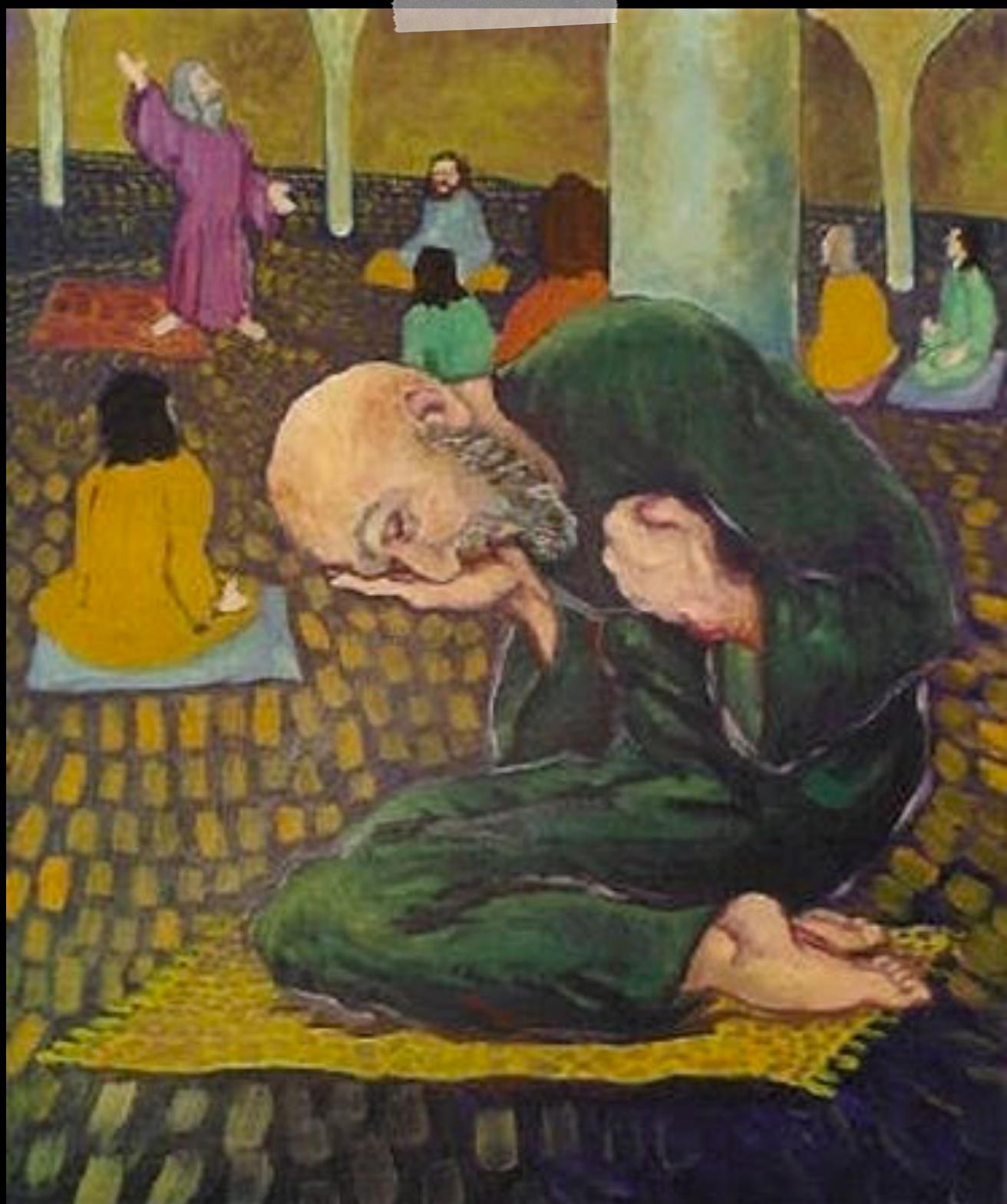
But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Luke 18:13-14



I tell you
that this man,
rather than the other,
went home justified
before God.
For everyone
who exalts himself
will be humbled,
and he who humbles
himself will be
exalted.”

Luke 18:13-14



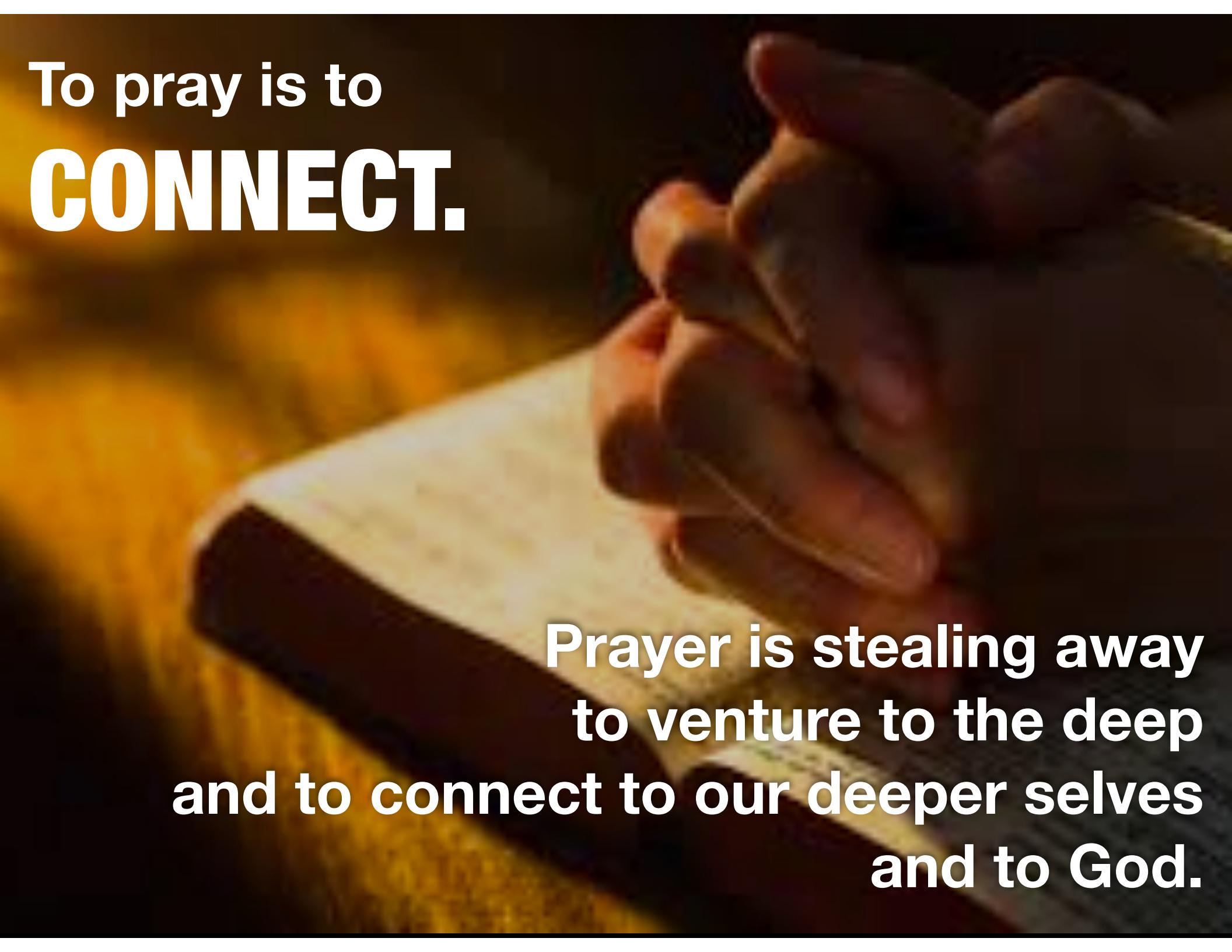
A photograph of a massive iceberg. The top portion above the water is white and covered in snow and ice. The submerged portion is a deep, translucent blue. The background shows a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

Living on the surface

God dwells in the
mysterious depth within us.



**DON'T GO CHASING
BUTTERFLIES.**

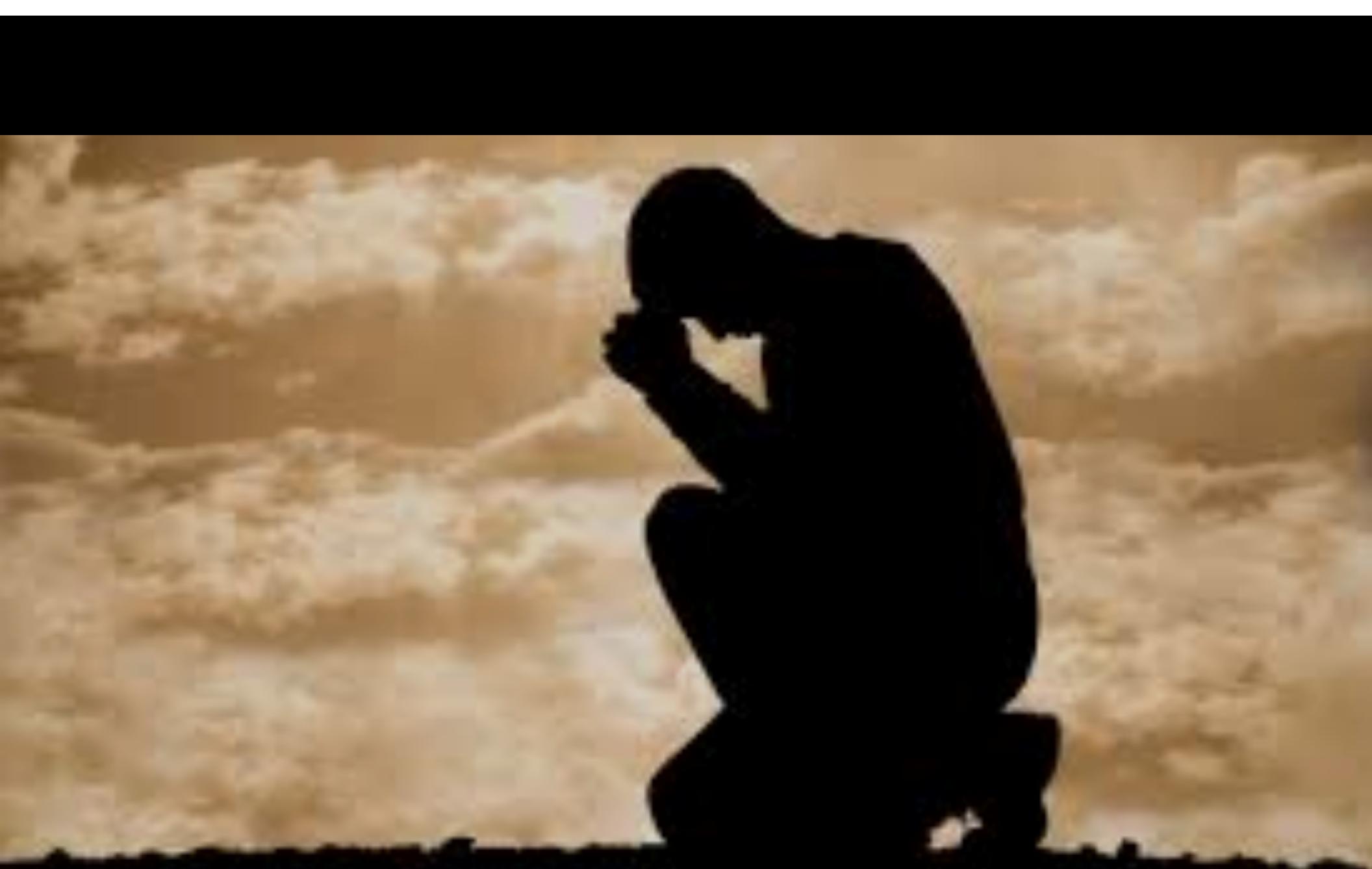


To pray is to
CONNECT.

Prayer is stealing away
to venture to the deep
and to connect to our deeper selves
and to God.



MAKE **SPACE** FOR GOD.



Does God hear or listen to my prayer?



“Ask
and you shall
receive.
Knock
and the door
will be
opened.”

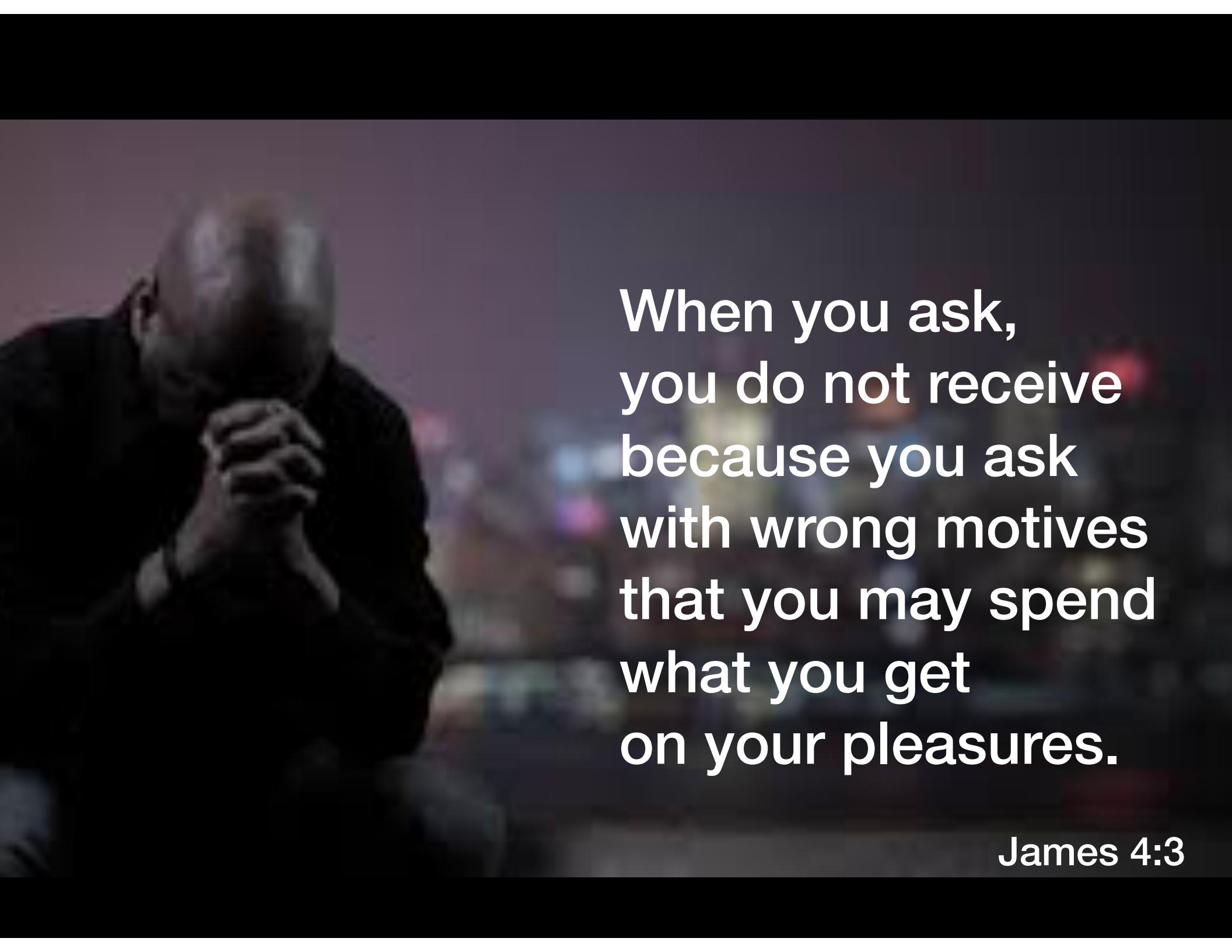
Matthew 7:7

Therefore I tell you,
whatever you



for in prayer
believe that you have received it
and it will be yours.

Mark 11:24

A man in a dark suit and tie, seen from the side, holding his head in his hands in a gesture of despair or deep thought.

When you ask,
you do not receive
because you ask
with wrong motives
that you may spend
what you get
on your pleasures.

James 4:3



To get what
you pray for,

PRAY more?
BELIEVE more?
BEHAVE more?

DIVINE FREEDOM

GOD
is not a
vending
machine.



WHAT CAN HAPPEN IN PRAYER?

We pray to God for X.

God hears our prayer.

God does not hear.

God says “YES.”

He grants X to us.

God says “NO.”

He does not grant X.



We get X.

We don't get X.

DIVINE POWER & DIVINE TENDERNESS



**God knows
what's best for us.
He wants
what's best for us.**



To get what
you pray for,

PRAY more?
BELIEVE more?

BEHAVE more?

TRUST more!



If you then,
though you are evil,
know how to give
good gifts
to your children,
how much more
will your Father in heaven
give good gifts
to those who ask him?

Matthew 7:11

SURRENDER TO GOD.

God Listens





Does God speak to me? How?

Examine your conversations.



Do you tend to TELL or ASK?



**Examine
your prayers.**

Do you tend to be a TELLER or ASKER?

How about God?



Does He tend
to TELL or ASK?

How God Communicates with Us

What GOD Does	Where He Does	How We Respond
TELL	Bible Church Teachings	Understand + Follow
SHOW	Bible History Current Events Personal Experiences “Signs of the Times”	Interpret
ASK	Prayer	Discern

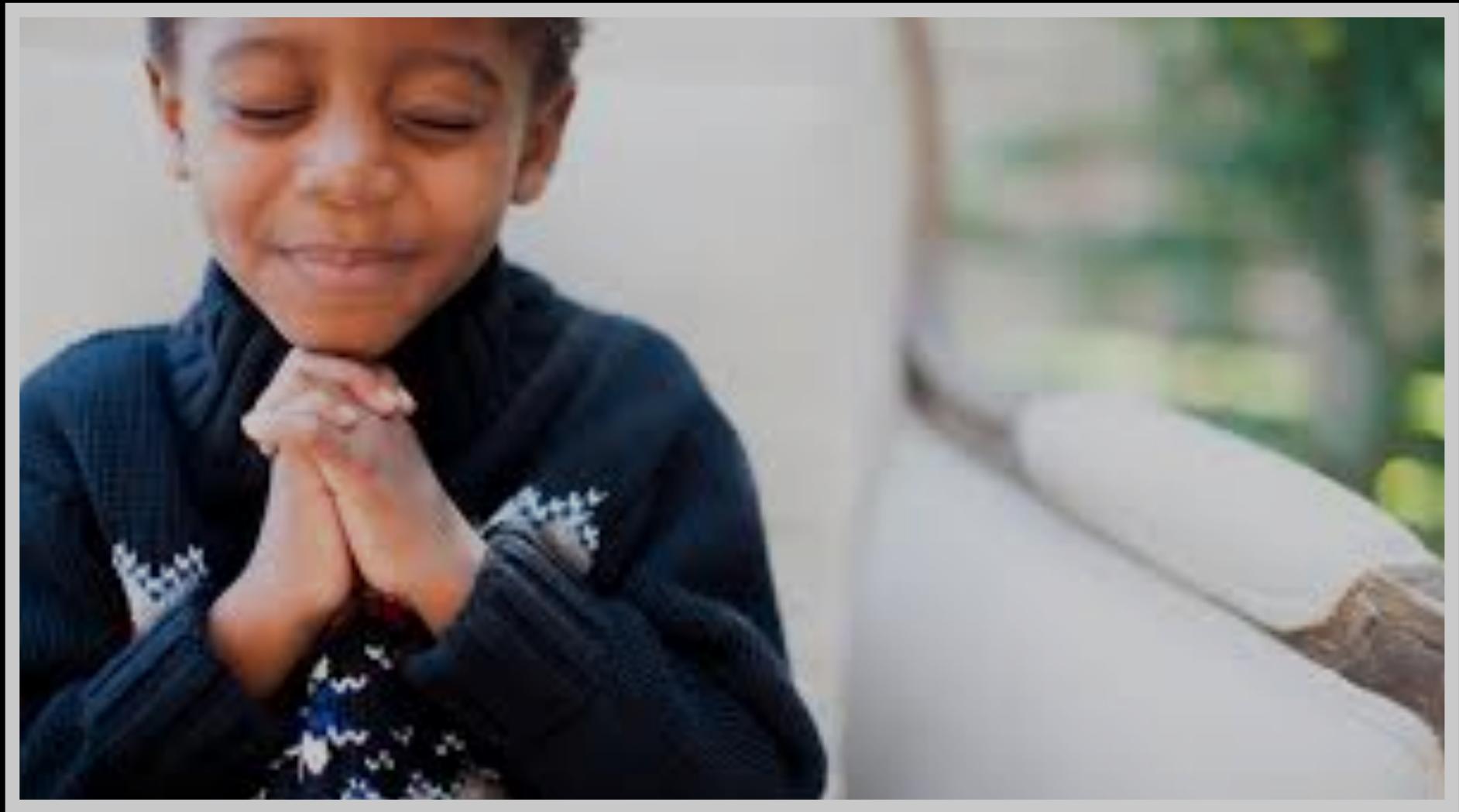


**Prayer is learning the language
that God reserves for you.**



“No noise is good noise.”

SILENCE.



5 Tips for Prayer

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PACE
URRENDER
ILENCE





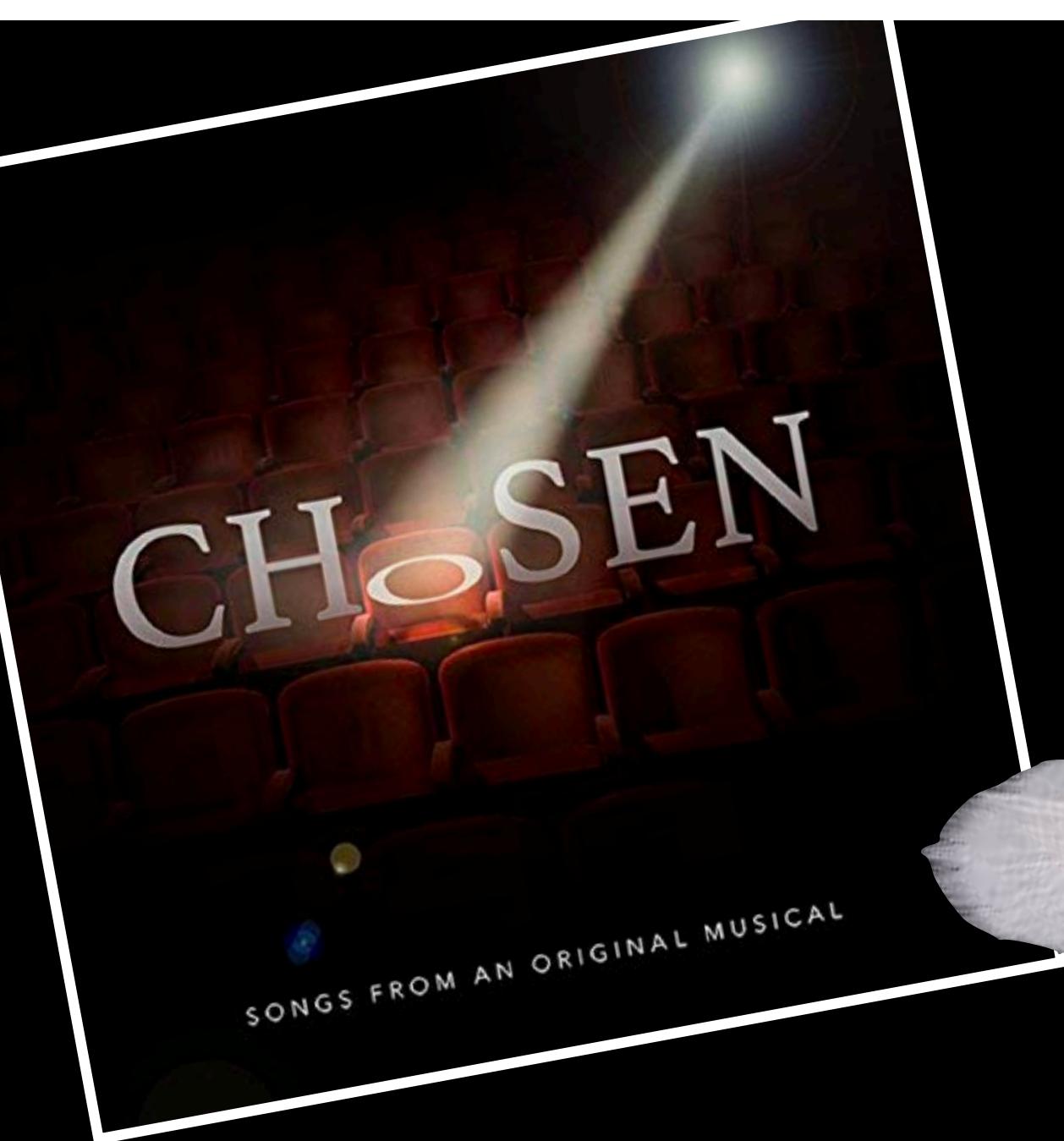
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JUST
SHOW
UP

A circular pin badge with a textured, metallic appearance. The center is a vibrant orange color with a slightly mottled texture. Overlaid on this are the words "JUST SHOW UP" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters are dark blue or black, with a visible wood-grain or similar grain pattern through the ink. The badge has a thin, light-colored border. Outside this is a ring of concentric circles with alternating blue and white horizontal stripes, resembling a stylized American flag. The entire badge is set against a solid black background.



“Seek our better angels.”



BETTER ANGELS
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