

Order of Service

July 23, 2023

- Worship in Fellowship**
- Worship in Music**
- Worship in Communion**
- Worship in Message**
- Worship in Commission**
- Worship in Giving**

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The Beasts

Revelation 13-14

*“As We See the Day
Approaching” Series*

Life Change: We endure, trust, and obey

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The first beast appears

12:18-13:10

He has all the might of past empires

He is Antichrist

The saints must endure and be full of trust

The second beast comes

He compels worship of the 1st beast

He demands identification with the 1st beast

The saints must show wisdom

The worship leaders sing in heaven

They have finished their earthly work

They inspire worship of God

Three angels speak

People can still receive the gospel

The Babylonian system is doomed

The saints must endure and obey

The harvest comes

Earthly souls are dried out

Earthly evil is full to bursting

13:11-18

(Continued from other side)

How did you find us?

- Online Ad
- All the Difference
- Website
- Family/Friend _____

Are you a member of another church?

Name/Location _____ / _____

I am new in the community

Do you already have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/ I'd like to know more

I/we made a decision today:

- To place my/our trust in Jesus Christ
- For a deeper commitment to Christ
- To be baptized
- To learn more about joining this church

Names of those making this decision:

Prayer Request/Praise

14:1-5

14:6-13

14:14-20

Your Request will be added to our email prayer chain unless specified otherwise (below).

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AS WE SEE
THE DAY
APPROACHING

Please Silence Your Phone



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Why would you
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The whole earth was amazed and followed the beast.

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⁴ They worshiped the dragon because he gave authority to the beast. And they worshipped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to wage war against it?”

⁵ The beast was given a mouth to utter boasts and blasphemies. It was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. ⁶ It began to speak blasphemies against God: to blaspheme his name and his dwelling—those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ And it was permitted to wage war against the saints and to conquer them. It was also given authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation.

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⁸ All those who live on the earth will worship it, everyone whose name was not written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered.

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¹⁰ If anyone is to be taken captive, into captivity he goes.

If anyone is to be killed with a sword, with a sword he will be killed. [Jer. 15, 43]

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Luther Bible, 1534

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**Go tell your tales of valor
To your toothless congregation
Weave fallacies
Oh 'righteous' one
How your lonesome dove eclipsed the sun
While your ghost haunted the only one
Whose tragic life is defined by love
– Todd Smith, “The calm before the storm”
(from his solo project *El Creepo!*)**

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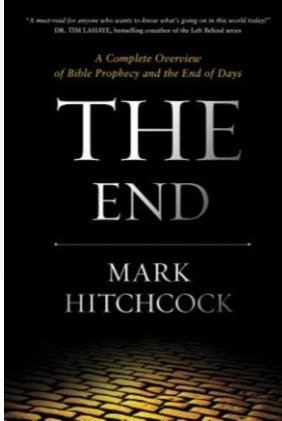
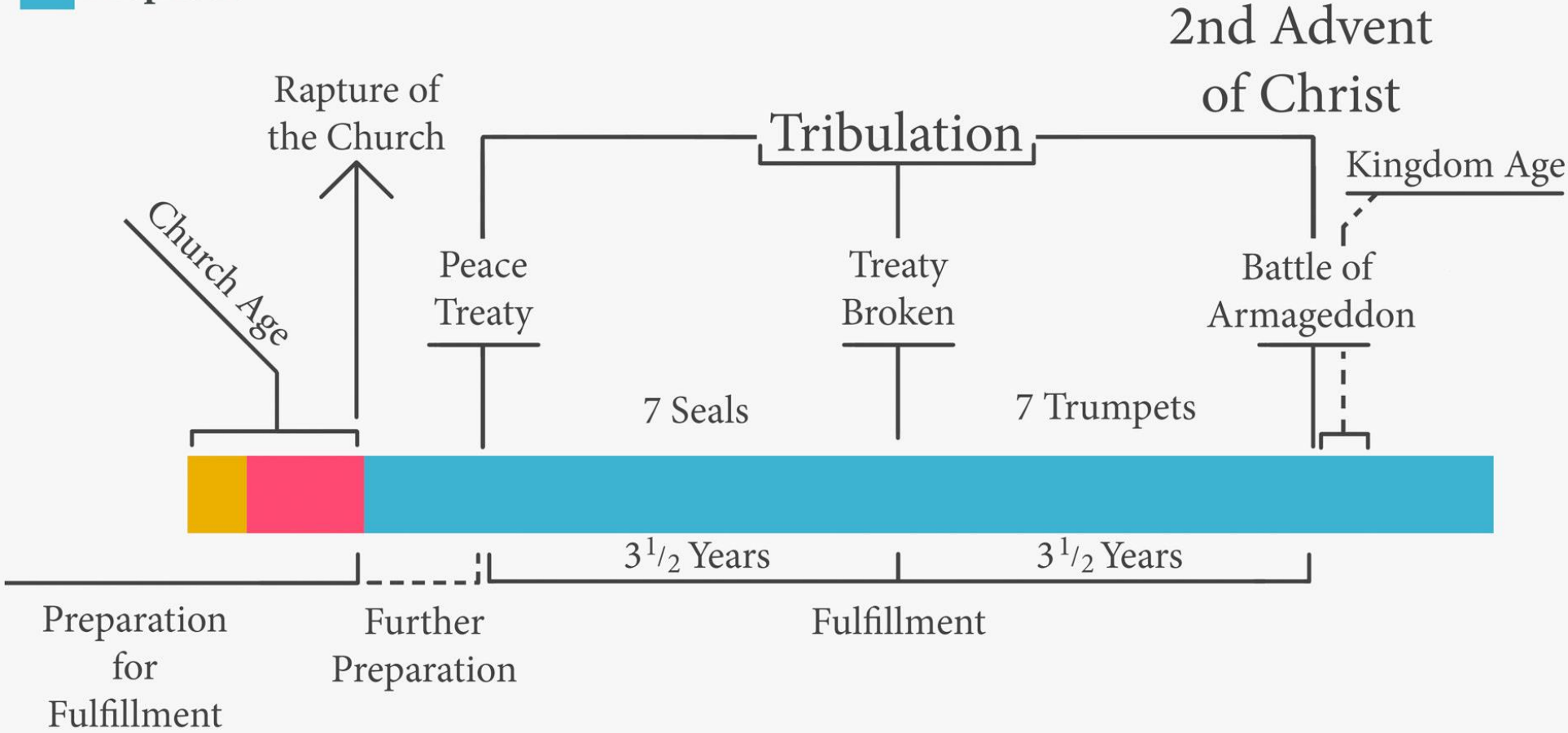
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Order of Events

- Past
- Present
- Prophetic



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The Triumph of Death
Pieter Bruegel the Elder
1562



Revelation 44-22

(the apocalypse tapestry)

Jean Bondol/Robert Poinçon

1382



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Q. Is it fair that these people are condemned when they are deceived?

A1. Yes, because all have sinned and deserve separation from God. That's why we praise God for saving grace.

A2. Yes, because those who are deceived also choose to deceive themselves. They reject grace and choose deception.

⁹ The coming of the lawless one is based on Satan's working, with every kind of miracle, both signs and wonders serving the lie, ¹⁰ and with every wicked deception among those who are perishing. They perish because they did not accept the love of the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ For this reason God sends them a strong delusion so that they will believe the lie, ¹² so that all will be condemned—those who did not believe the truth but delighted in unrighteousness.

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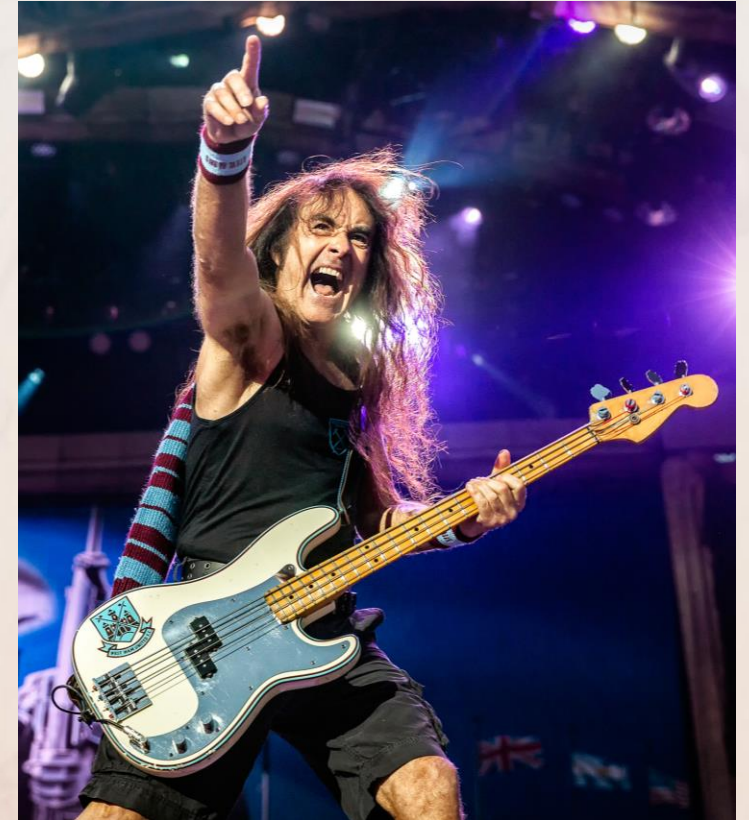


**Six-six-six, the number of the beast
Hell and fire was spawned to be released**

**Six-six-six, the number of the beast
Sacrifice is going on tonight**

**Six-six-six, the number of the beast
Six-six-six, the one for you and me**

**I have the fire, I have the force
I have the power to make my evil take its course
– Steve Harris “Number of the Beast”**



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A lady ahead of me ordered fast food. The cashier said "That'll be \$6.66." She said "Oh no. I don't like that total. Better throw in a corndog." This woman is an inspiration. She's out there fighting off the powers of Satan with a corndog as her weapon of choice.

The Number of the Beast
William Blake
1810

So many identifications have been made of 666 with characters of history as to make them all unreliable coincidences. When this man arises on the scene of world affairs there will be no mistake as to who he is and in some way, unknow now, the number 666 will play a principle part in the identification of the first beast.

– Charles Ryrie, *Revelation*



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Sophia wisdom was supposedly embodied in the 7 wise men of ancient Greece. These 7 embodied wisdom not in the abstract, but in the sense of skillful living, of getting things done. Plato summarizes: “It befits a wise man [to have] many inventions and useful devices in the crafts or sciences.”

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**The doctrine of hatred
Nation will rise against nation
Wash me in blood
And let me be the firstborn of the dead**

**I hold fast to what I believe
Till I see my name in stone
Blessed are the dead**

– Dave Mustaine, “Blessed Are the Dead”

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- Presidential candidates matter...but they aren't the main thing.**
- Stuff can be useful...but it's not the main thing.**
- Winning can be good...but it's not the main thing.**
- Others may lie to get their way...but I must not.**
- Others may abuse sex...but I will not.**
- Others will try to turn my eyes to see all according to their perspective/problems/petulance...but I shall focus on Jesus.**

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying high overhead, with the eternal gospel to announce to the inhabitants of the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷ He spoke with a loud voice: “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship the one who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.” ⁸ And another, a second angel, followed, saying, “It has fallen, Babylon the Great has fallen. She made all the nations drink the wine of her sexual immorality, which brings wrath.” ⁹ And another, a third angel, followed them and spoke with a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,

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¹⁰ he will also drink the wine of God's wrath, which is poured full strength into the cup of his anger. He will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the sight of the holy angels and in the sight of the Lamb, ¹¹ and the smoke of their torment will go up forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or anyone who receives the mark of its name. ¹² This calls for endurance from the saints, who keep God's commands and their faith in Jesus." ¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "so they will rest from their labors, since their works follow them."

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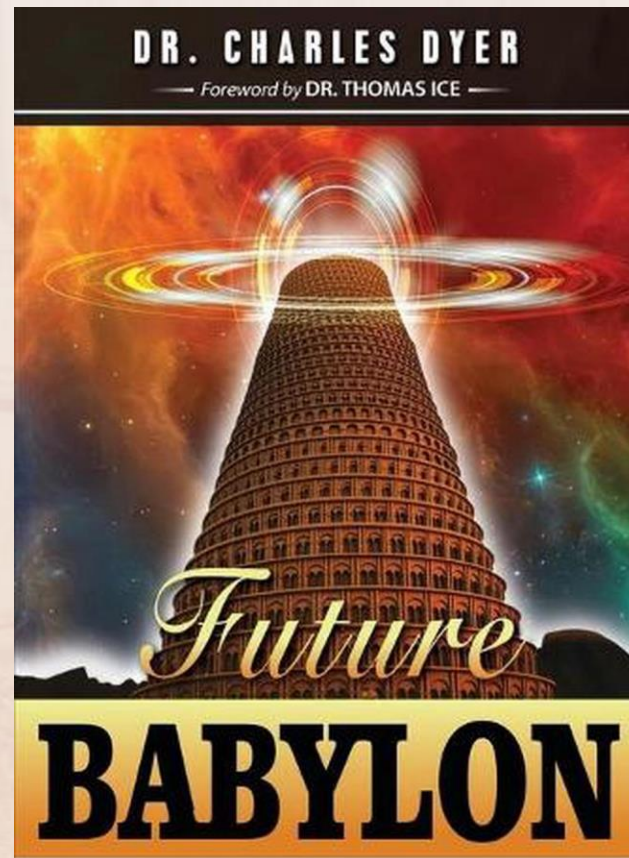
Statement: God wouldn't want me. I am too messed up.

Answer positively – agree. Every person is too dirty for holy God. That's why those who trust Him are placed in Christ. He makes each one acceptable by clothing them in His perfection.

Answer negatively – disagree. God wants you. He sends special angel-grams to the horrible Tribulation people who are tearing up the world, letting them know they can still turn to Him. Given that, surely God means it when scripture says that He desires you.

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**Babel (later Babylon)
City of Nimrod &
human wish to be God
Rebellion
Hubris
Rebuilt Babylon will be
destroyed.**



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**Salem (later Jerusalem)
Town of Melchizedek &
God’s peace
Worship
Trust
New Jerusalem will
come from heaven.**



**This shining city built of gold, a far cry
from innocence**

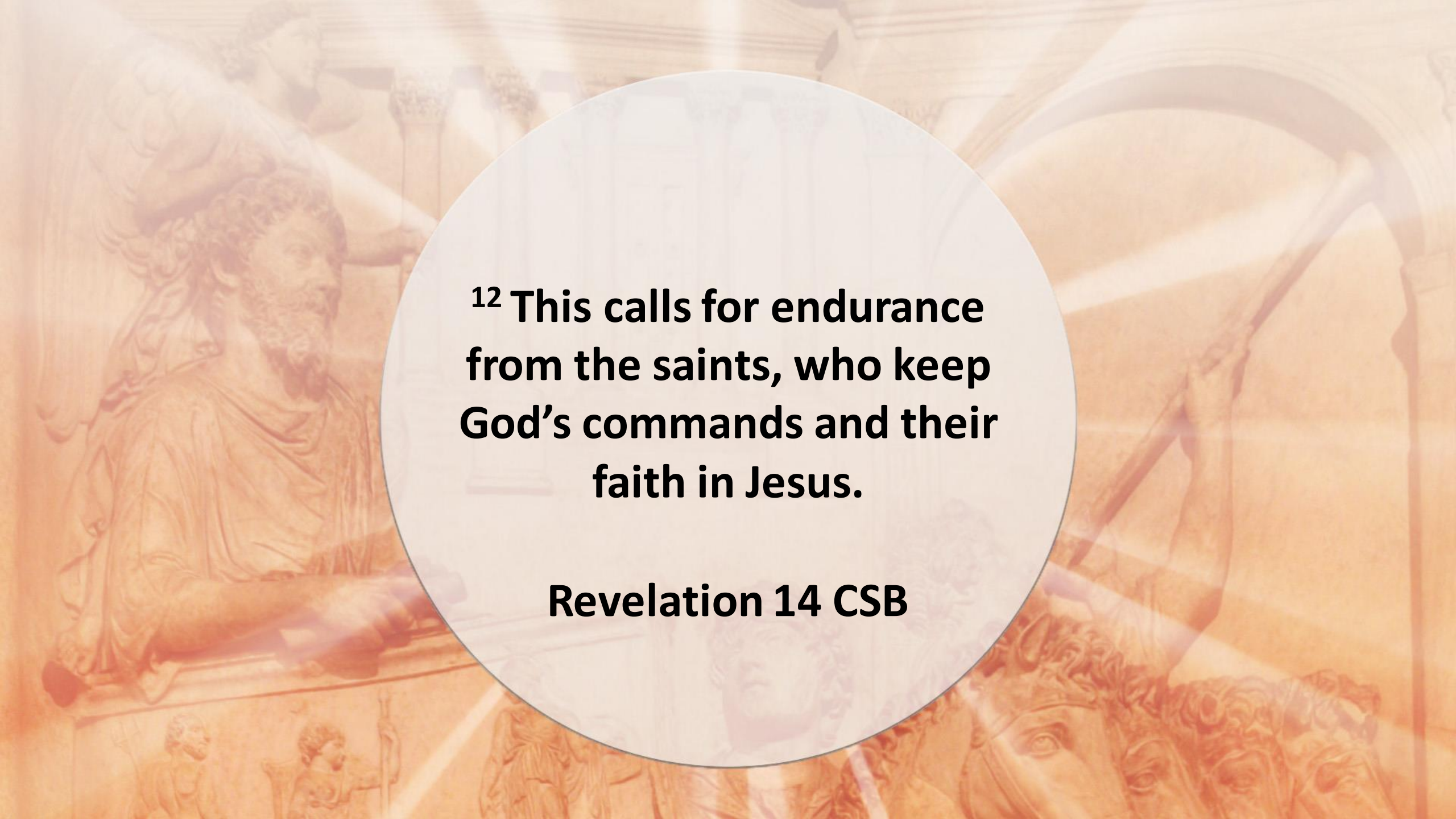
**There's more than meets the eye 'round
here, look to the waters of the deep
A city of evil**

**There sat a seven-headed beast, ten
horns raised from his head**

**Symbolic woman sits on his throne, but
hatred strips her and leaves her naked**

**She's a dwelling place for demons
She's a cage for every unclean spirit
Every filthy bird and makes us drink
The poisoned wine to fornicating with our kings
Fallen now is Babylon the Great
The day has come for all us sinners
If you're not a servant, you'll be struck to the ground
Flee the burning, greedy city
Lookin' back on her to see there's nothing around
– M. Shadows, Zacky Vengeance, Johnny Christ, Synyster
Gates, and Jimmy Sullivan, "The Beast and the Harlot"**





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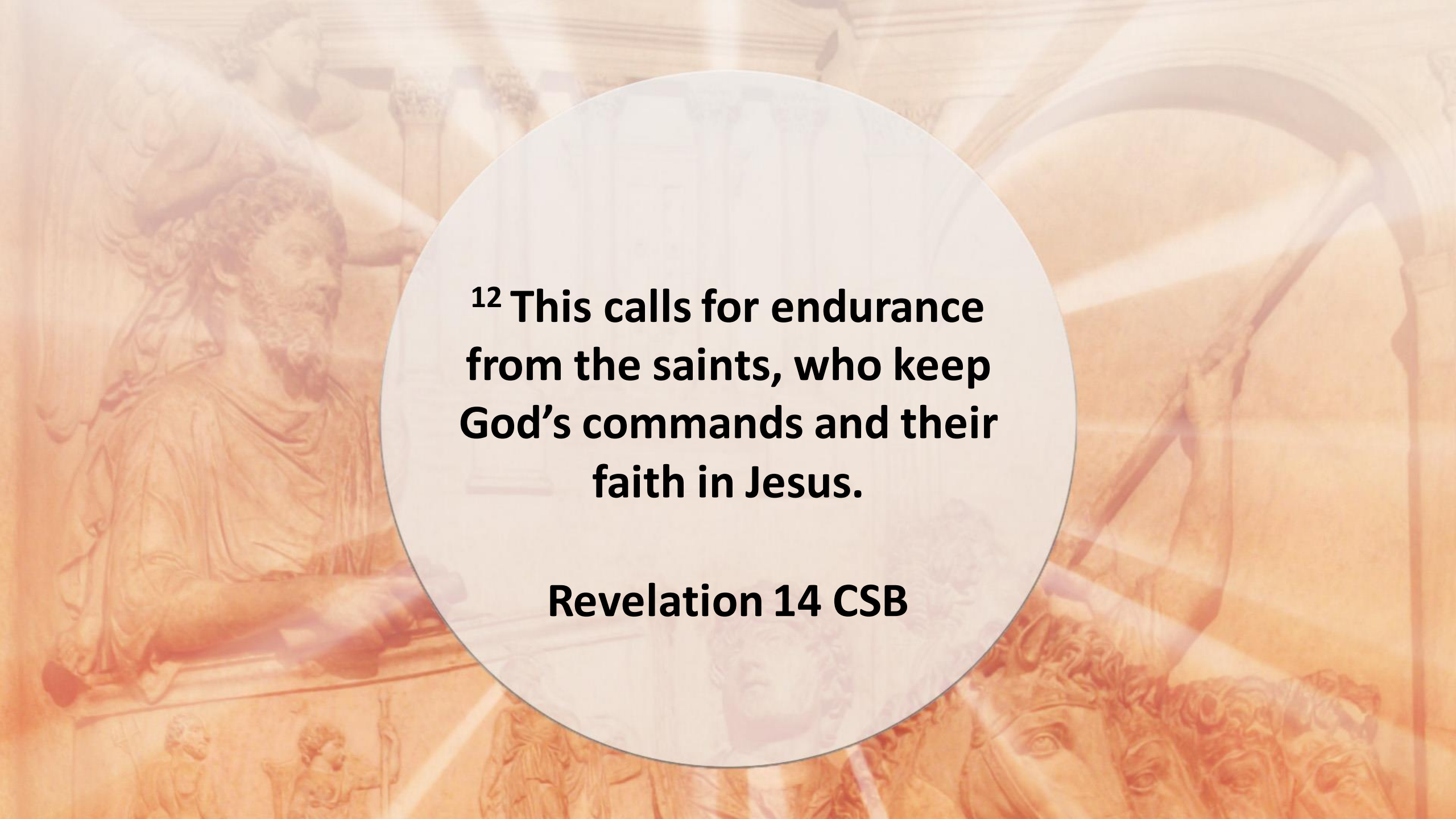
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The old evangelization proclaimed the Good News among pagan, pre-Christian peoples to whom it came as something new. Nothing like that had been done before. But nothing like our task has been done before either.

Re-evangelizing is not evangelizing *as though for the first time again*; the very fact of past proclamation makes re-proclamation different. For we proclaim the Gospel to a neo-pagan, post-Christian people to whom it does *not* come as new. The old world had not yet felt the caress of grace; our world, once brushed, now flinches from its touch.

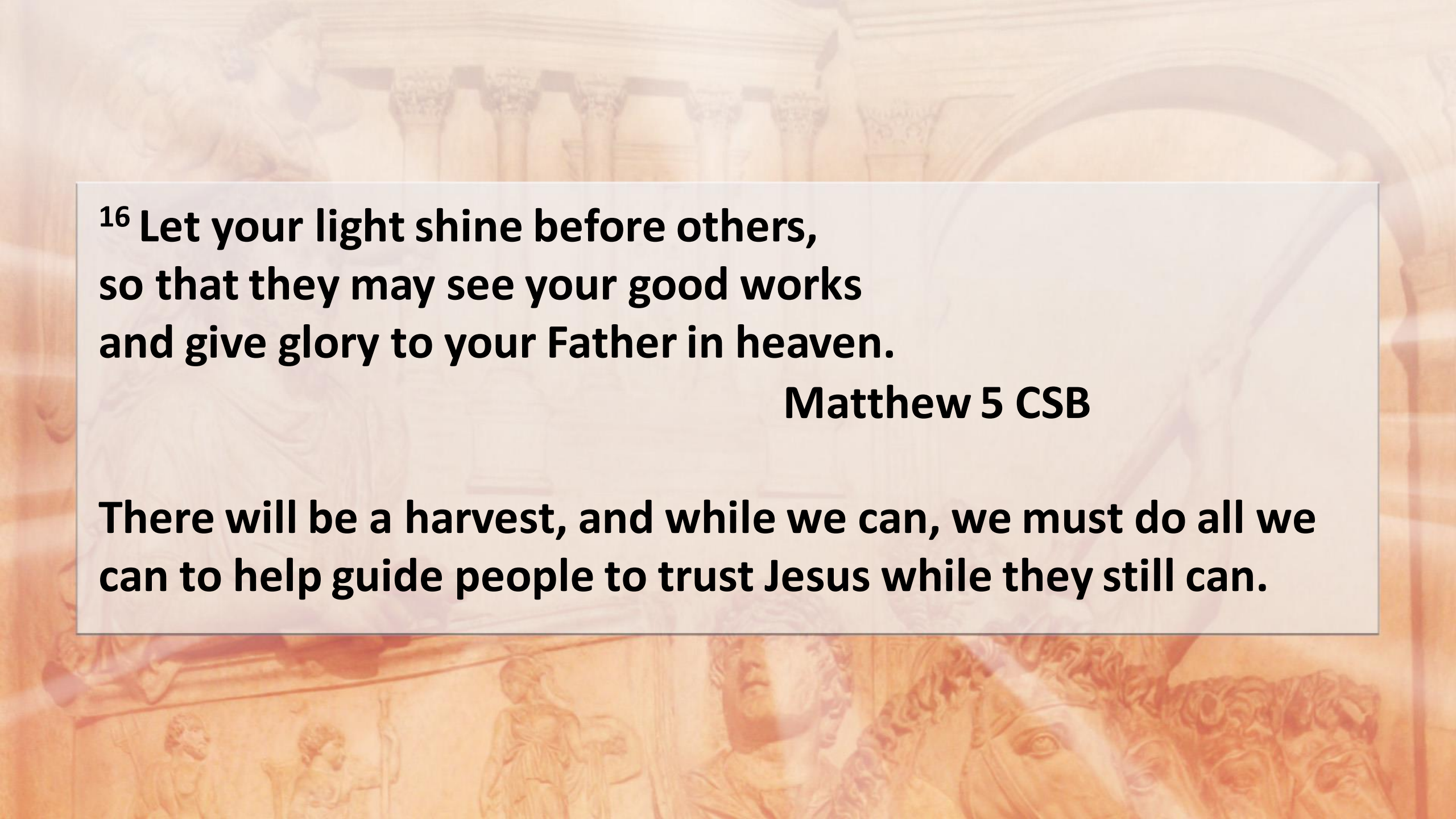
– J. Budziszewski, “This Time Will Not Be the Same”





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**¹⁶ Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.**

Matthew 5 CSB

There will be a harvest, and while we can, we must do all we can to help guide people to trust Jesus while they still can.

¹⁴ Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and one like the Son of Man was seated on the cloud, with a golden crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵ Another angel came out of the temple, crying out in a loud voice to the one who was seated on the cloud, “Use your sickle and reap, for the time to reap has come, since the harvest of the earth is ripe.” ¹⁶ So the one seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

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17 Then another angel who also had a sharp sickle came out of the temple in heaven. **18** Yet another angel, who had authority over fire, came from the altar, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, “Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the vineyard of the earth, because its grapes have ripened.” **19** So the angel swung his sickle at the earth and gathered the grapes from the vineyard of the earth, and he threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. **20** Then the press was trampled outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press up to the horses’ bridles for about 180 miles.

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Greek: ξηραίνω xeraino = something withered, like dead wheat



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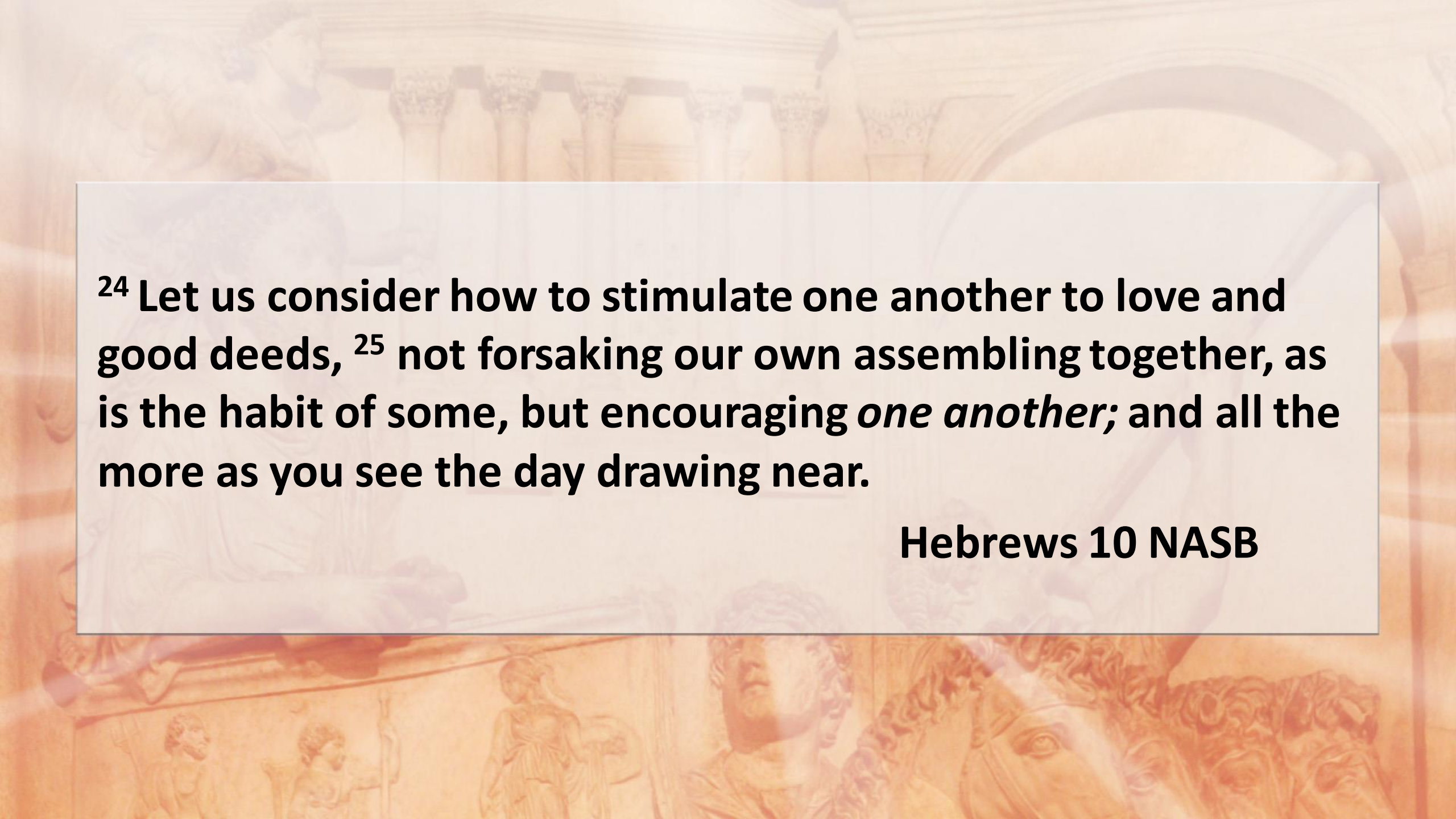
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**Mine eyes have seen the glory of
the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the
grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His
terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.
– Julia Ward Howe,
“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”**



The background features a warm, golden-brown color palette with faint, semi-transparent images of classical architecture, including columns and arches, and various sculptures of figures in classical attire.

²⁴ Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10 NASB



AS WE SEE
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