



REVELATION

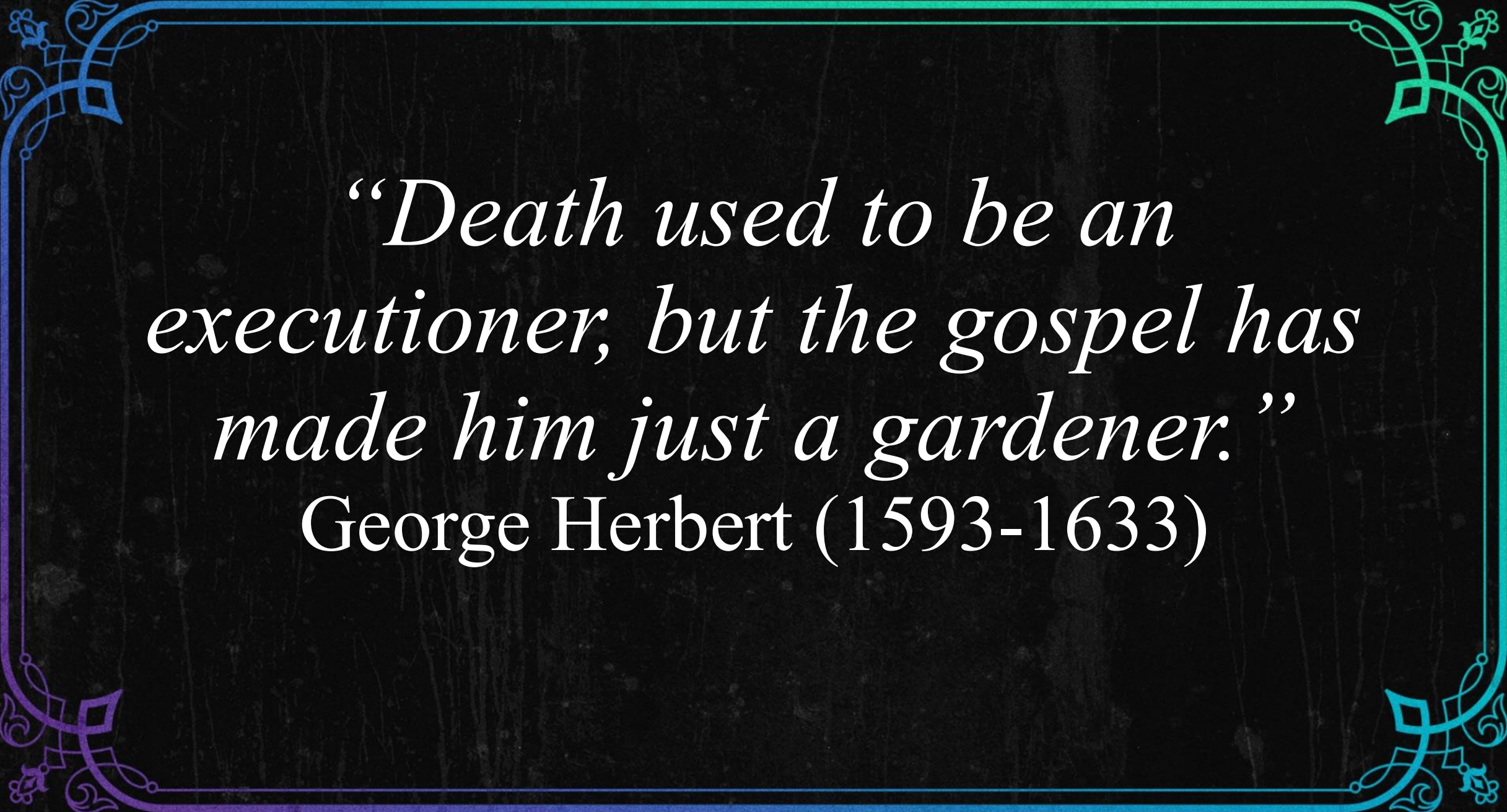
WHAT WAS. WHAT IS. AND WHAT IS TO COME.





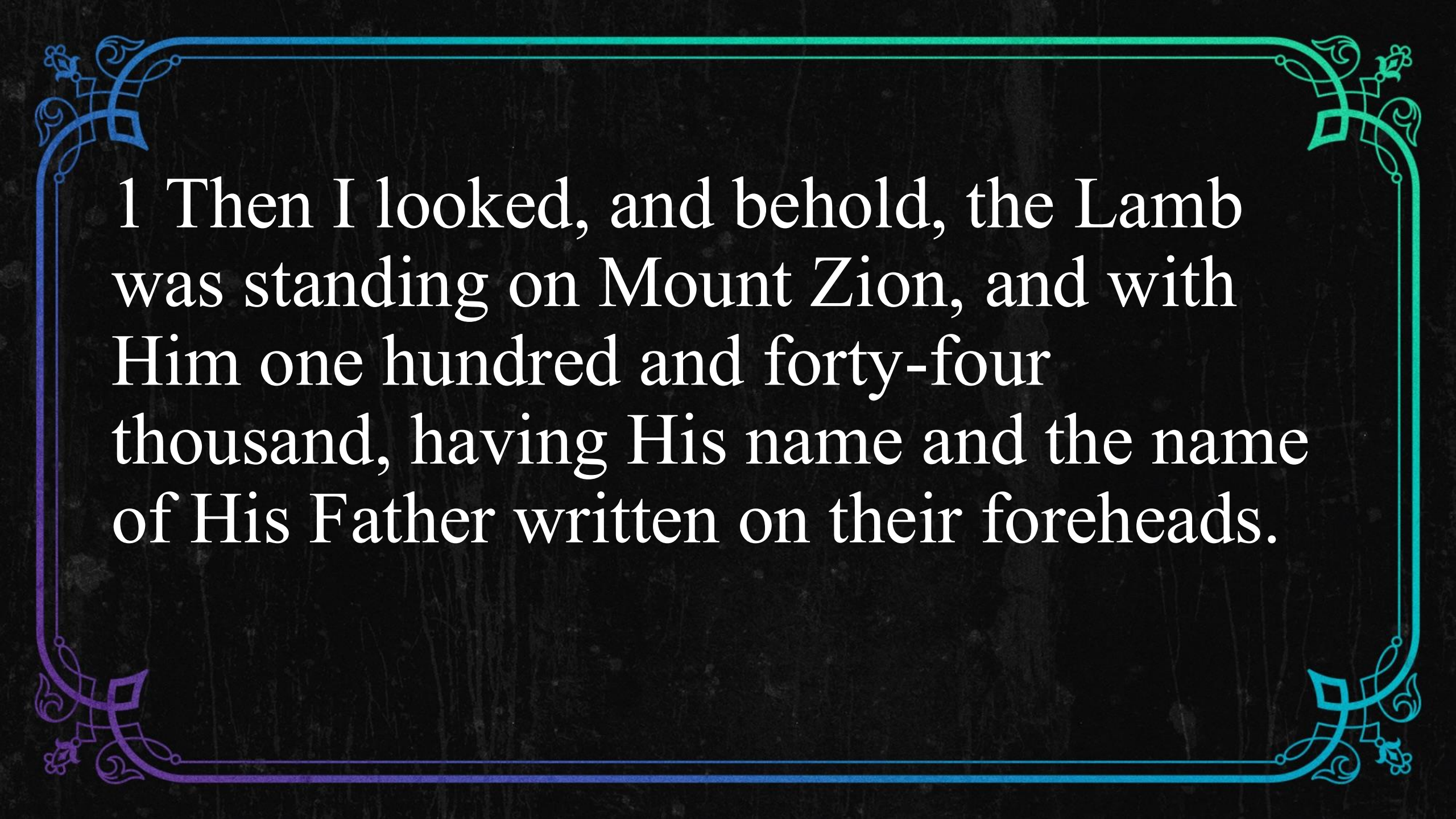
Good News- Good News!

Revelation 14

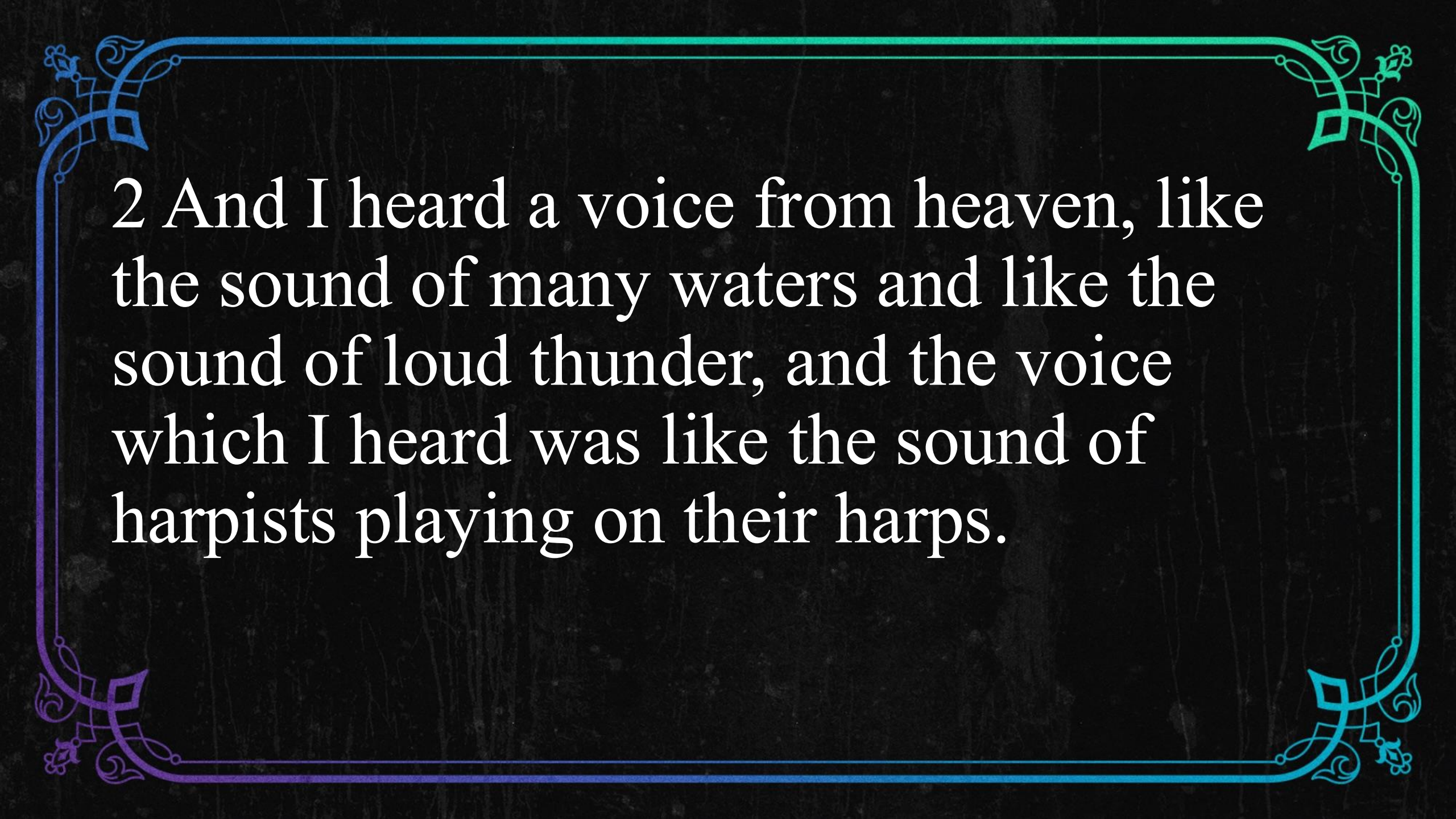


*“Death used to be an
executioner, but the gospel has
made him just a gardener.”*

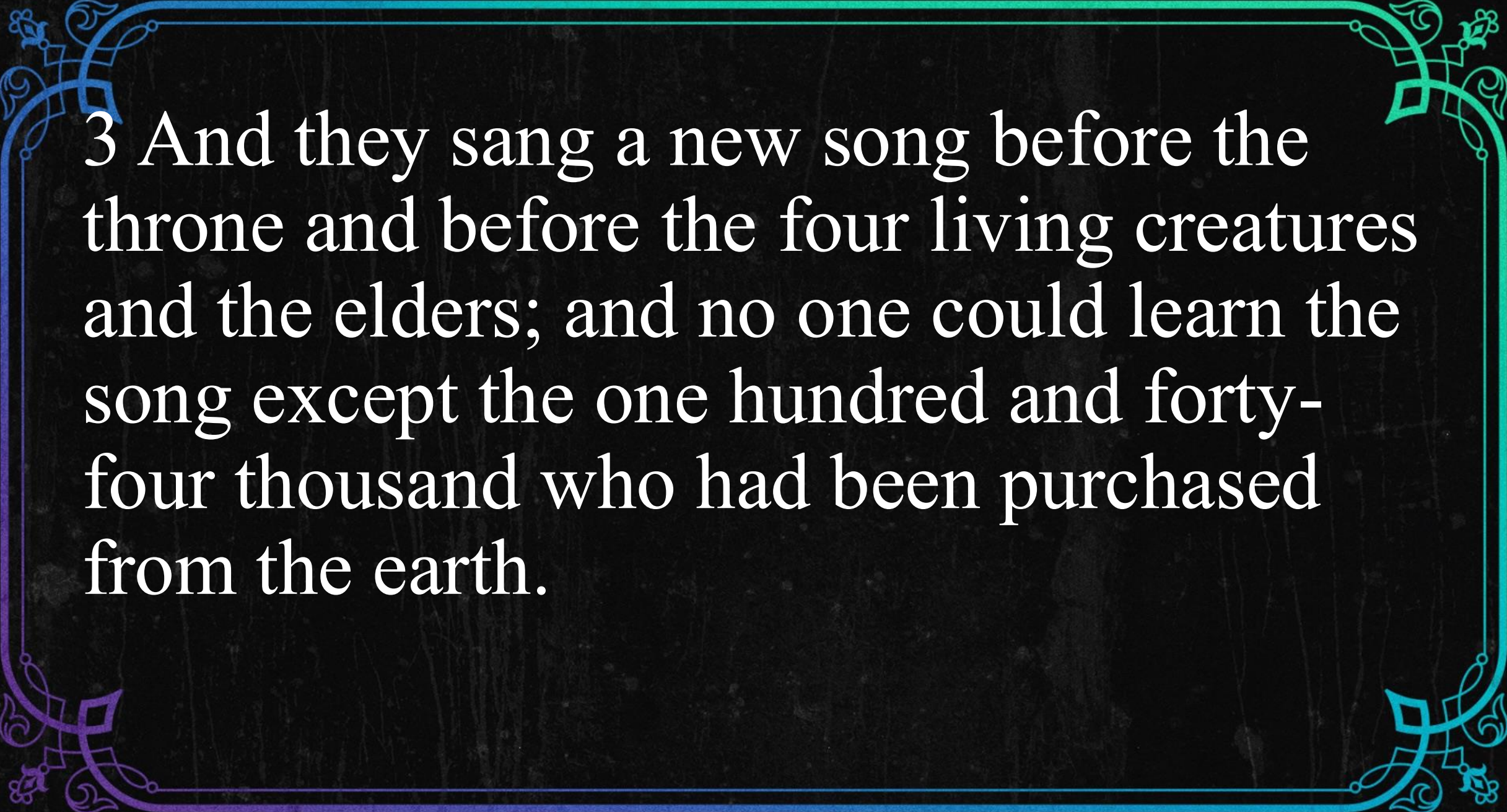
George Herbert (1593-1633)



1 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

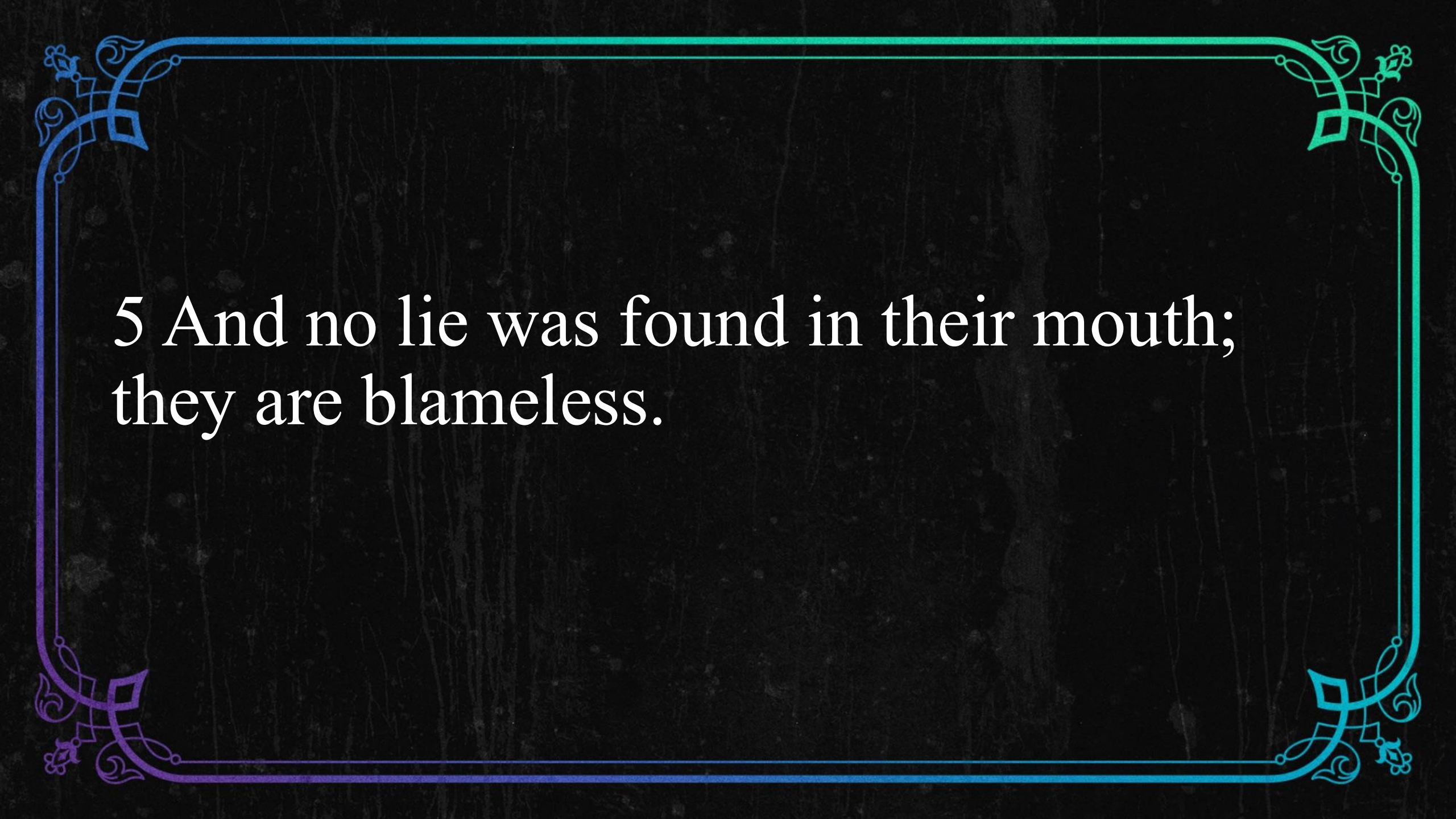


2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps.



3 And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.

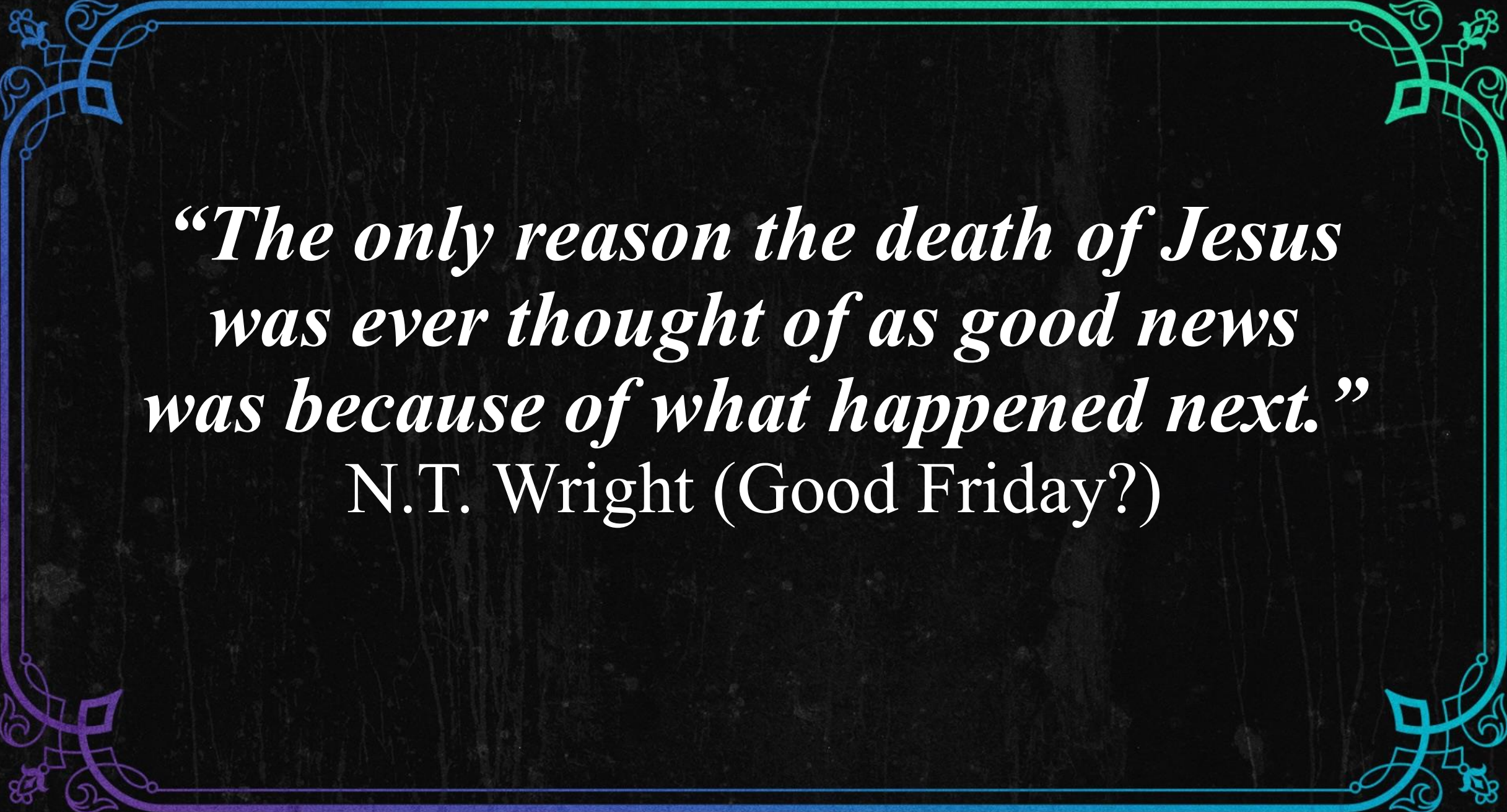
4 These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.



5 And no lie was found in their mouth;
they are blameless.

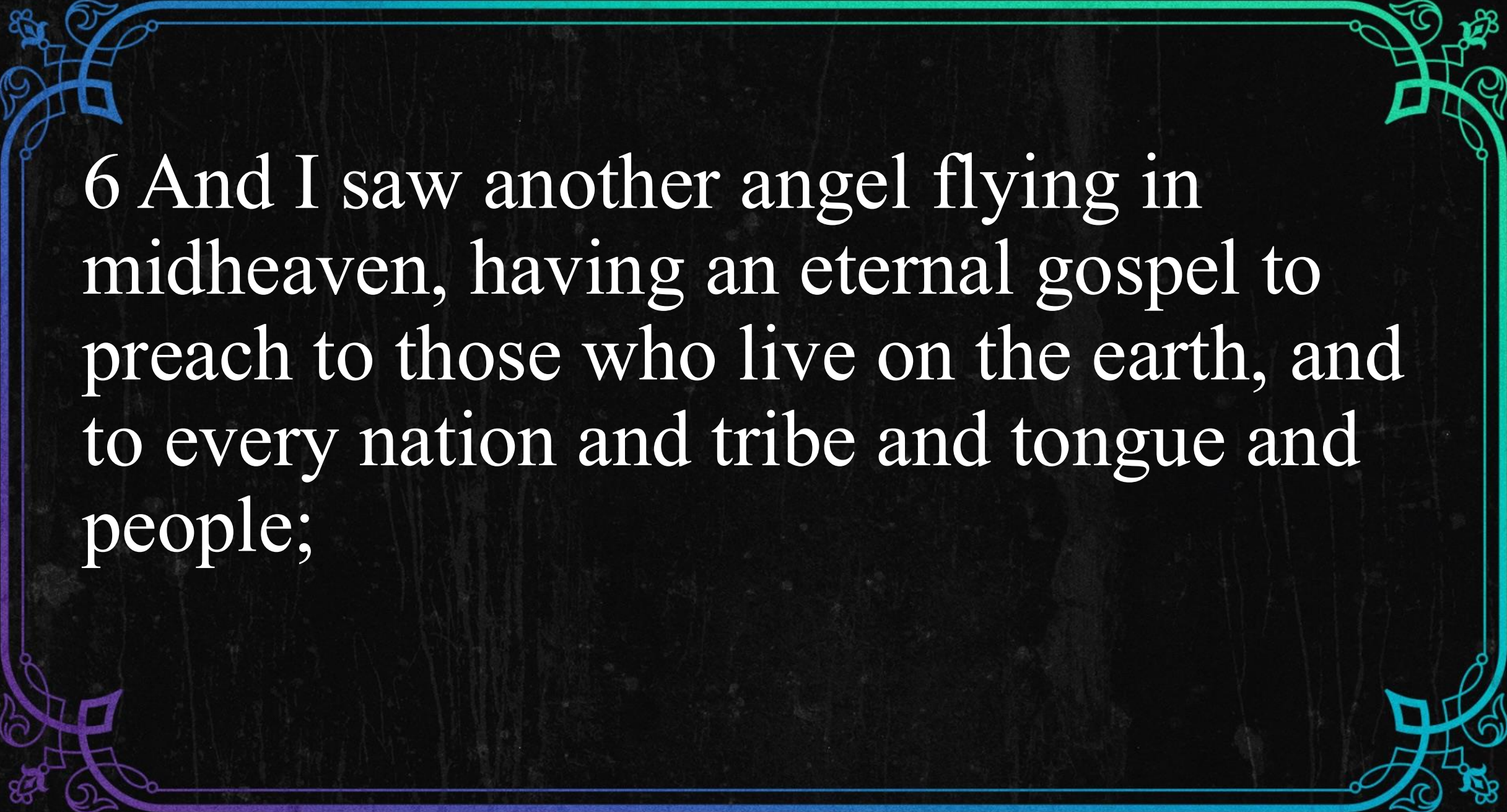
Survivors! 1-5

- False trinity had a chance – NOW JESUS!
- ‘voice’ – waters – thunder – harps
- ‘new song’ – Heaven’s anthem!
- ‘defiled’ – keep yourselves from idols
- John 10 – ‘Good Shepherd’

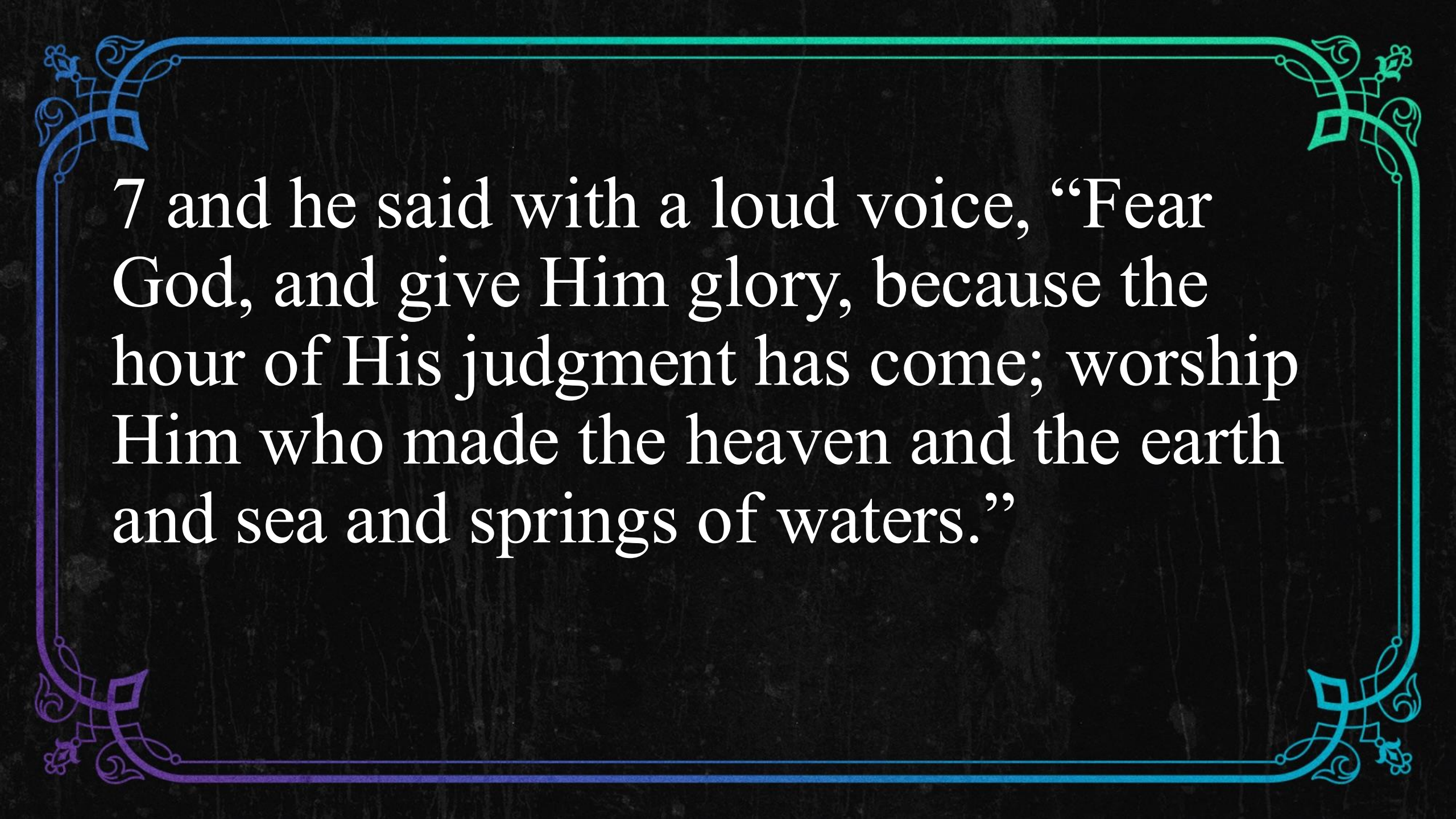


*“The only reason the death of Jesus
was ever thought of as good news
was because of what happened next.”*

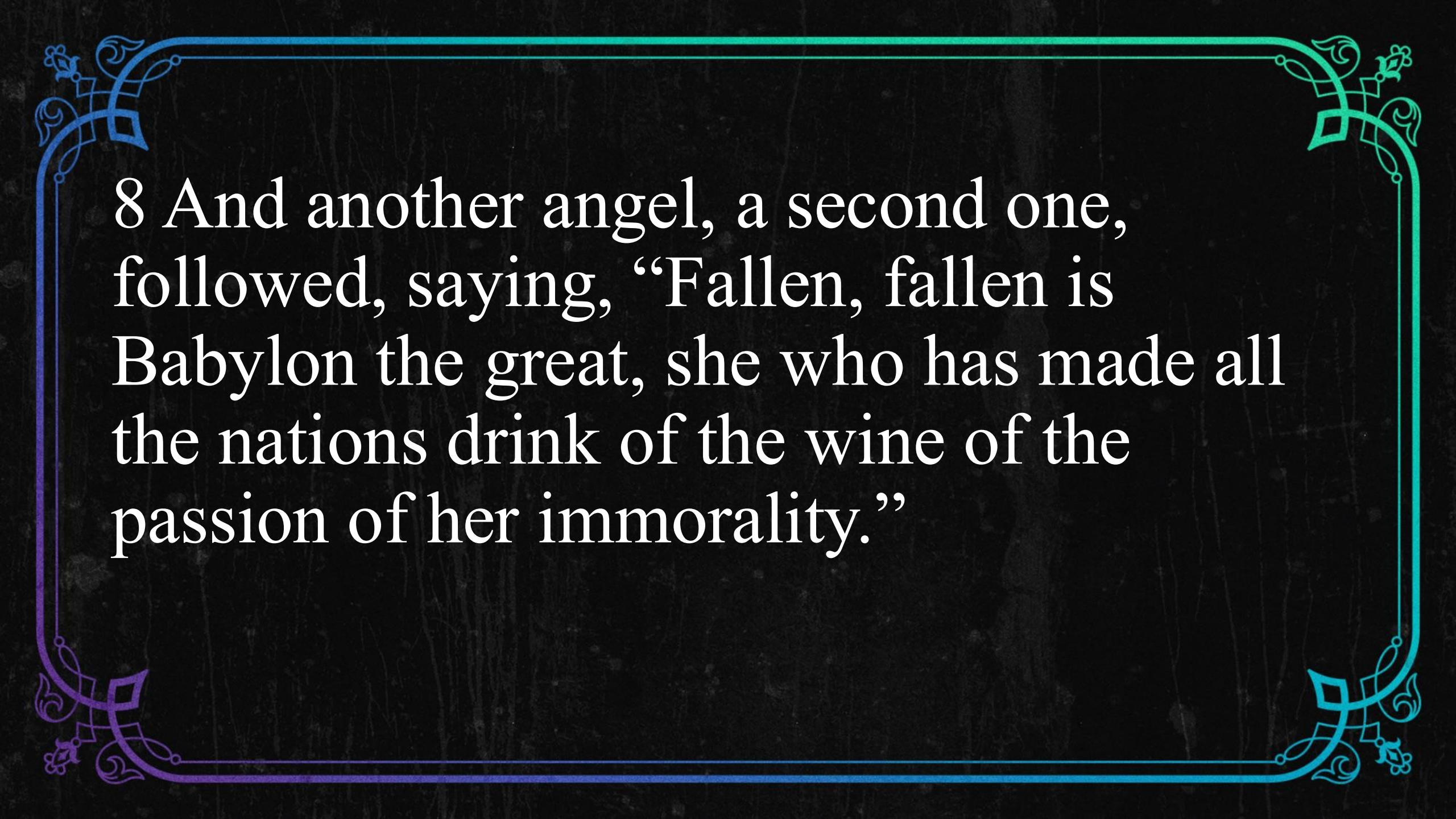
N.T. Wright (Good Friday?)



6 And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;



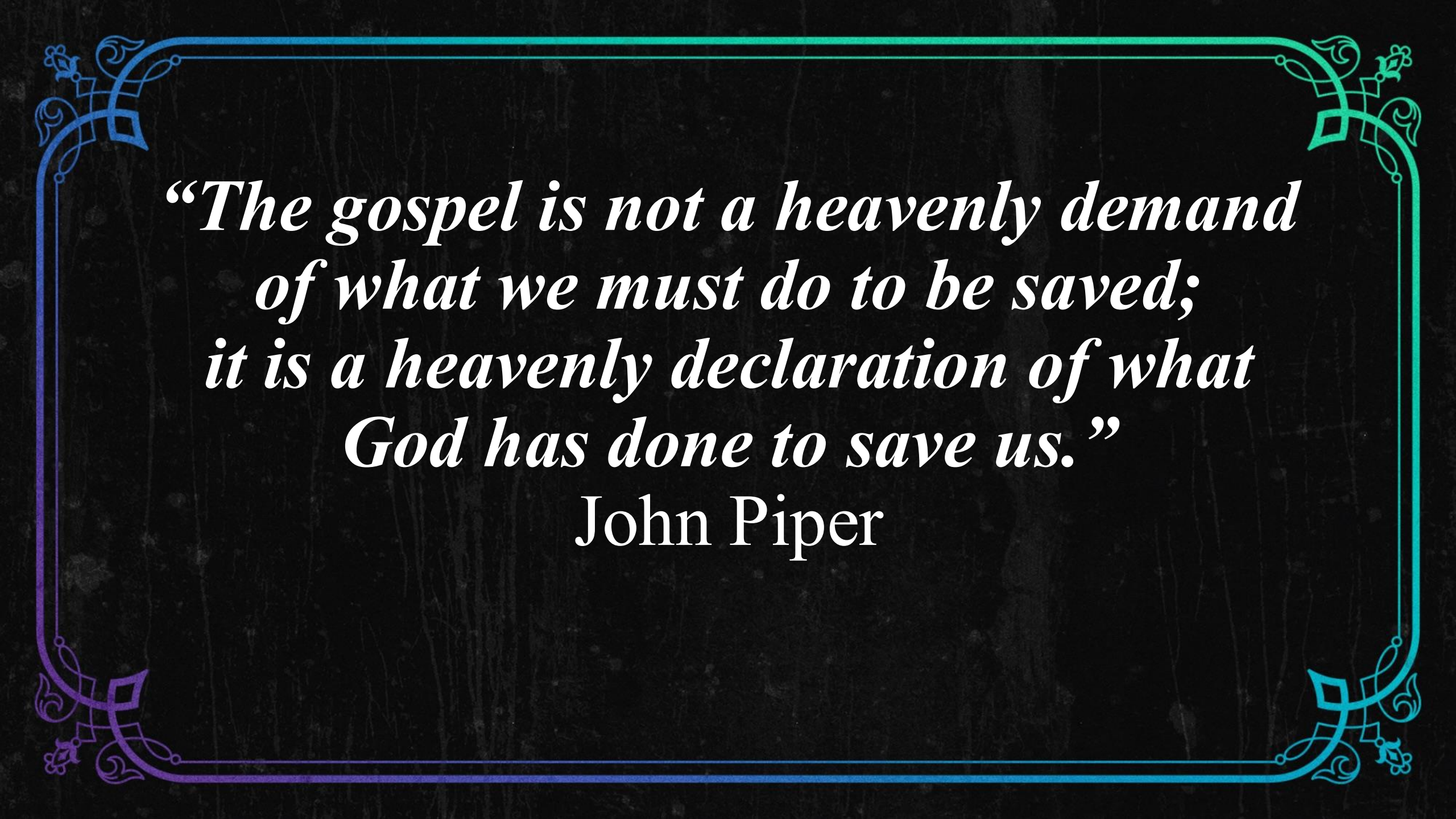
7 and he said with a loud voice, “Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.”



8 And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality.”

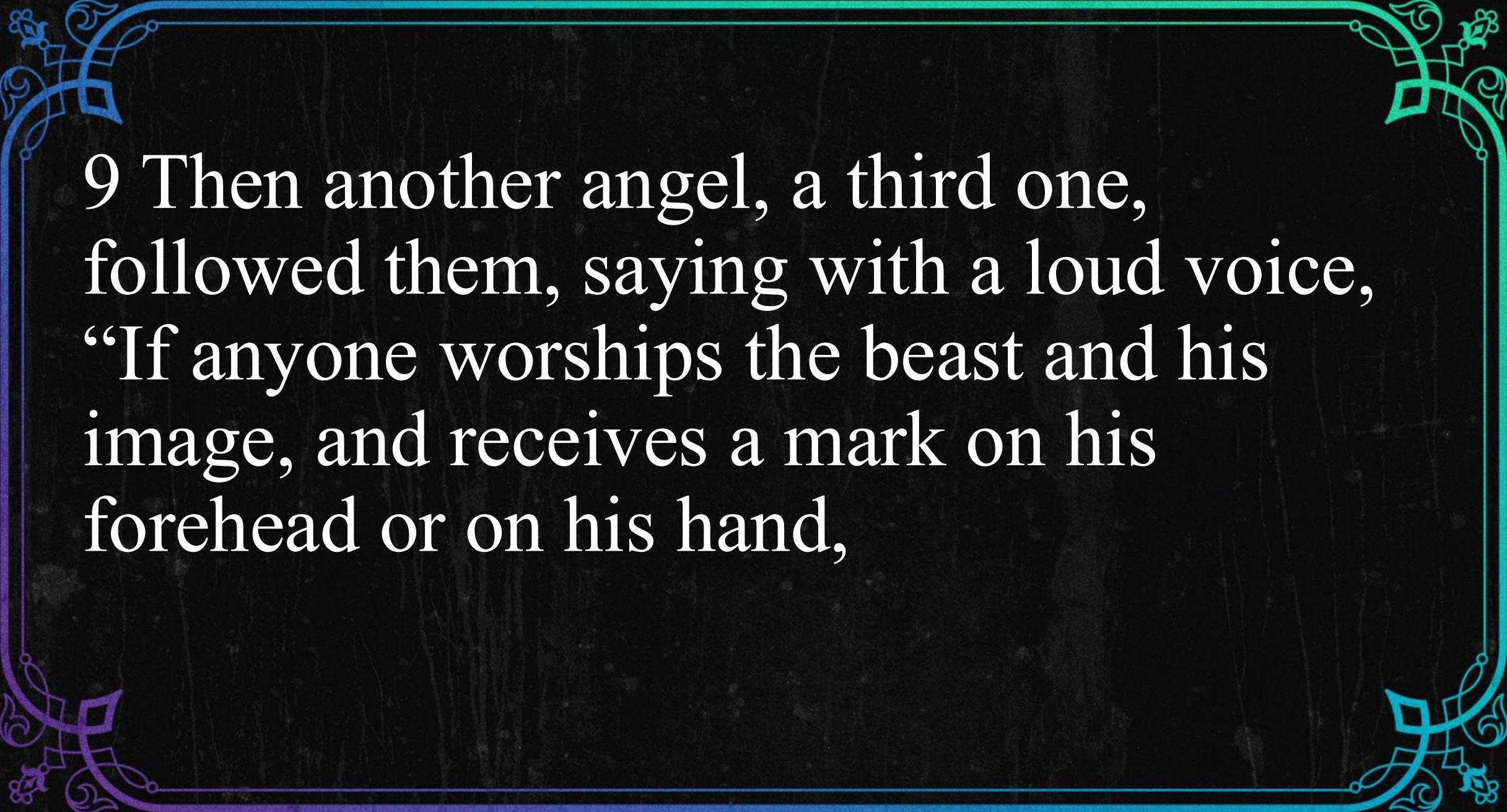
Salvation 6-8

- Grace Wins – Sin Fails!
- ‘eternal gospel’ – forever good news!
- ‘fear God’ – ‘give Him glory’ – ‘worship Him’
- 2nd Angel – sin is defeated!

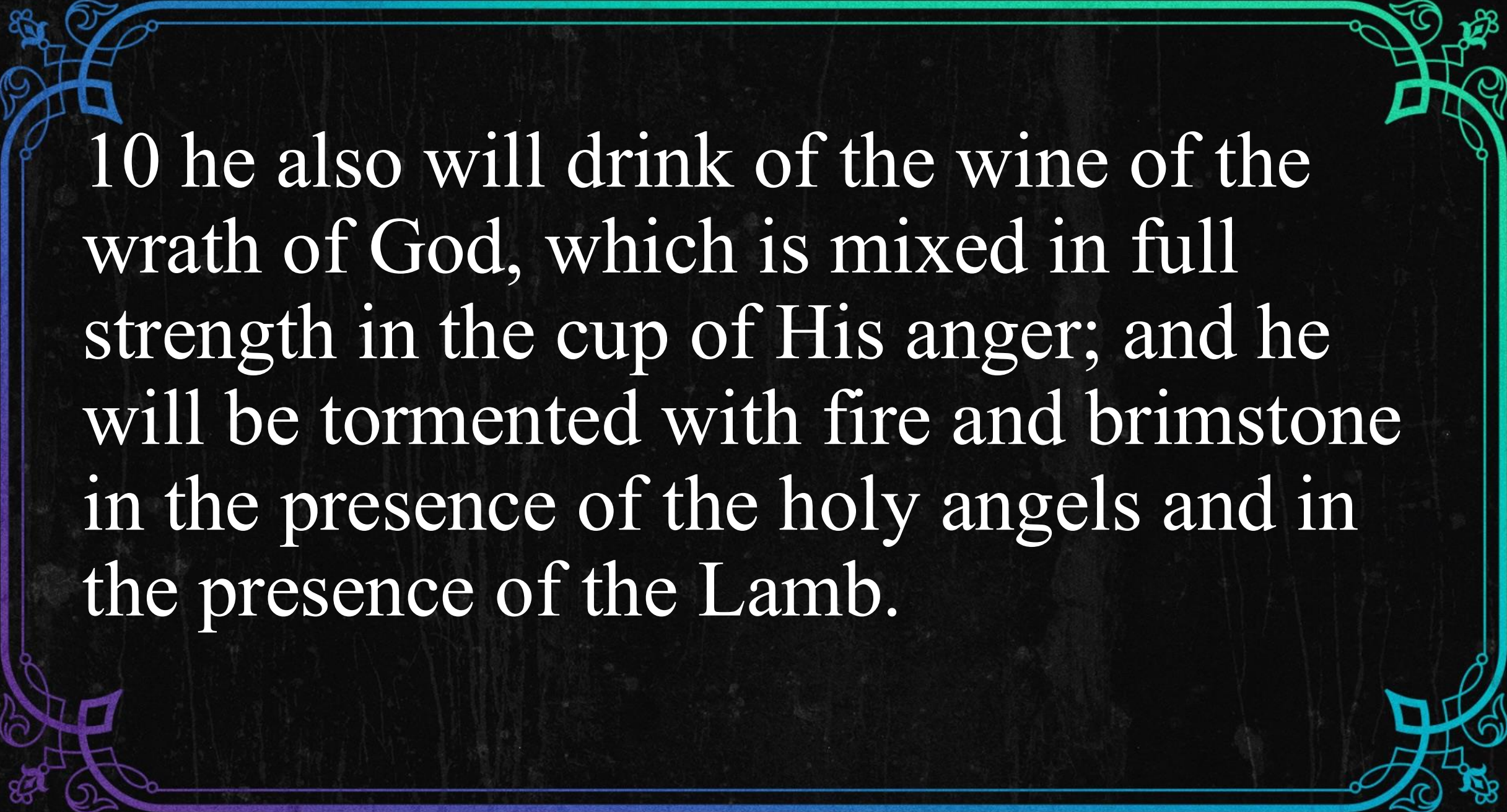


*“The gospel is not a heavenly demand
of what we must do to be saved;
it is a heavenly declaration of what
God has done to save us.”*

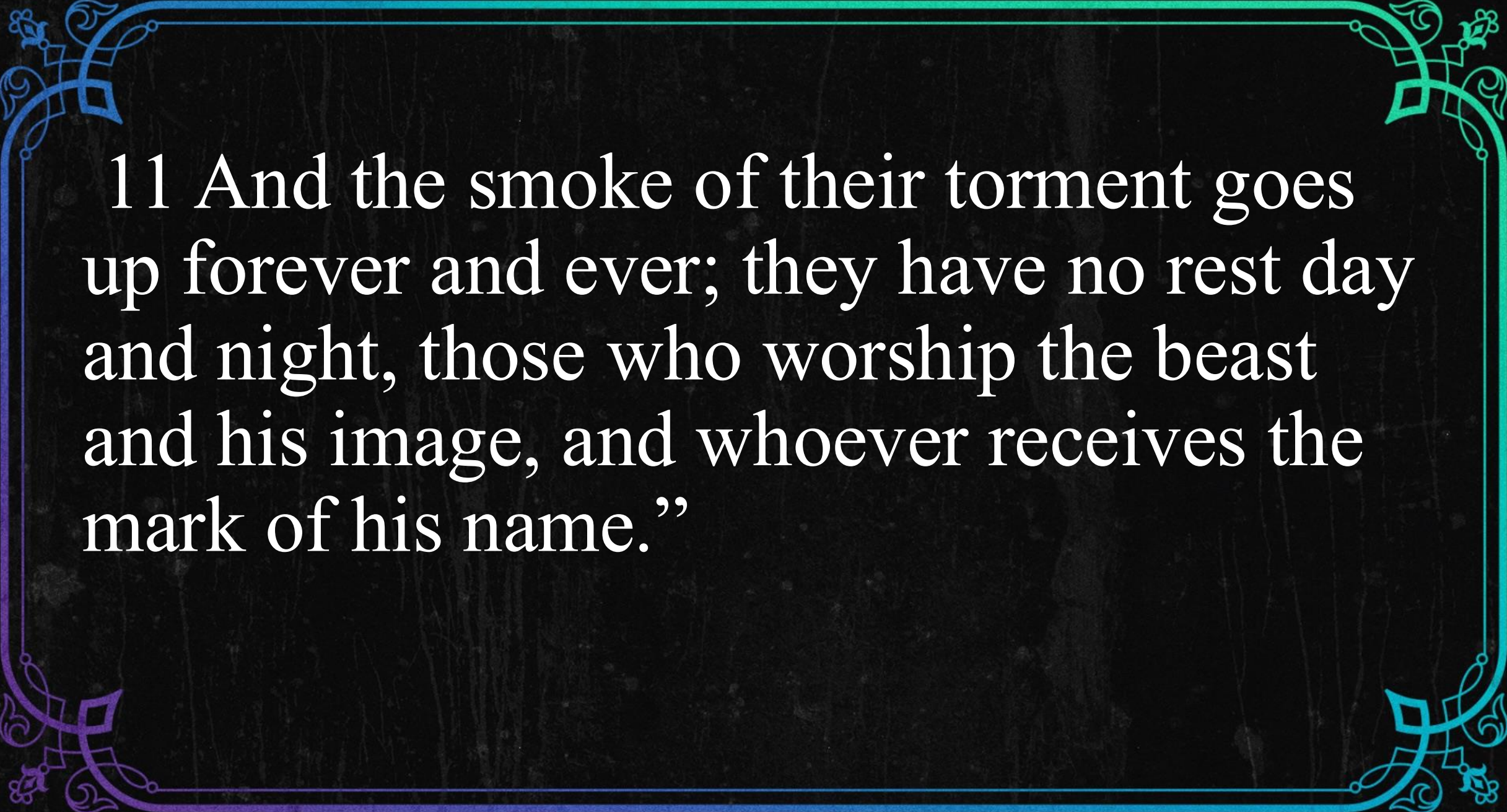
John Piper



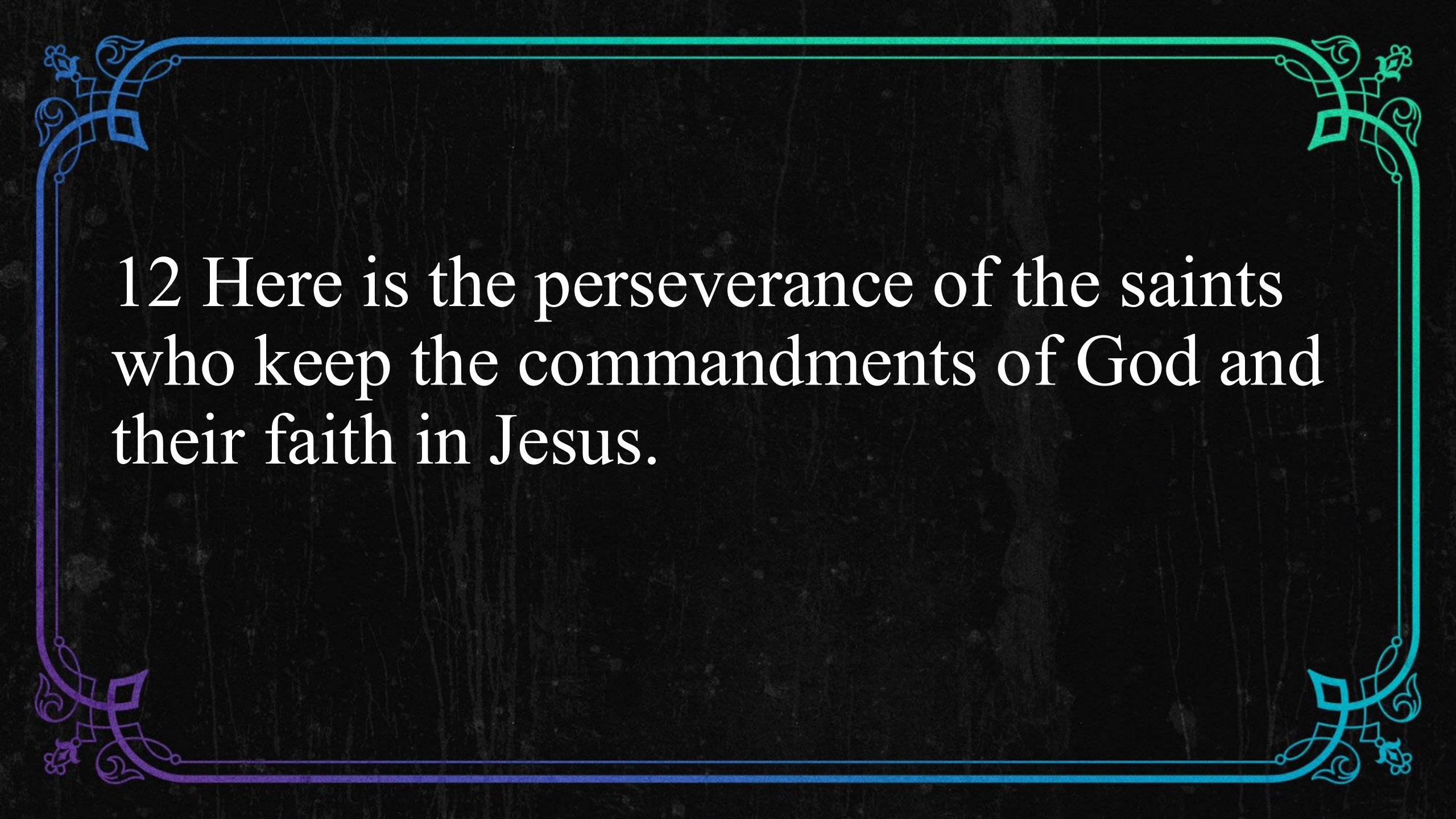
9 Then another angel, a third one,
followed them, saying with a loud voice,
“If anyone worships the beast and his
image, and receives a mark on his
forehead or on his hand,



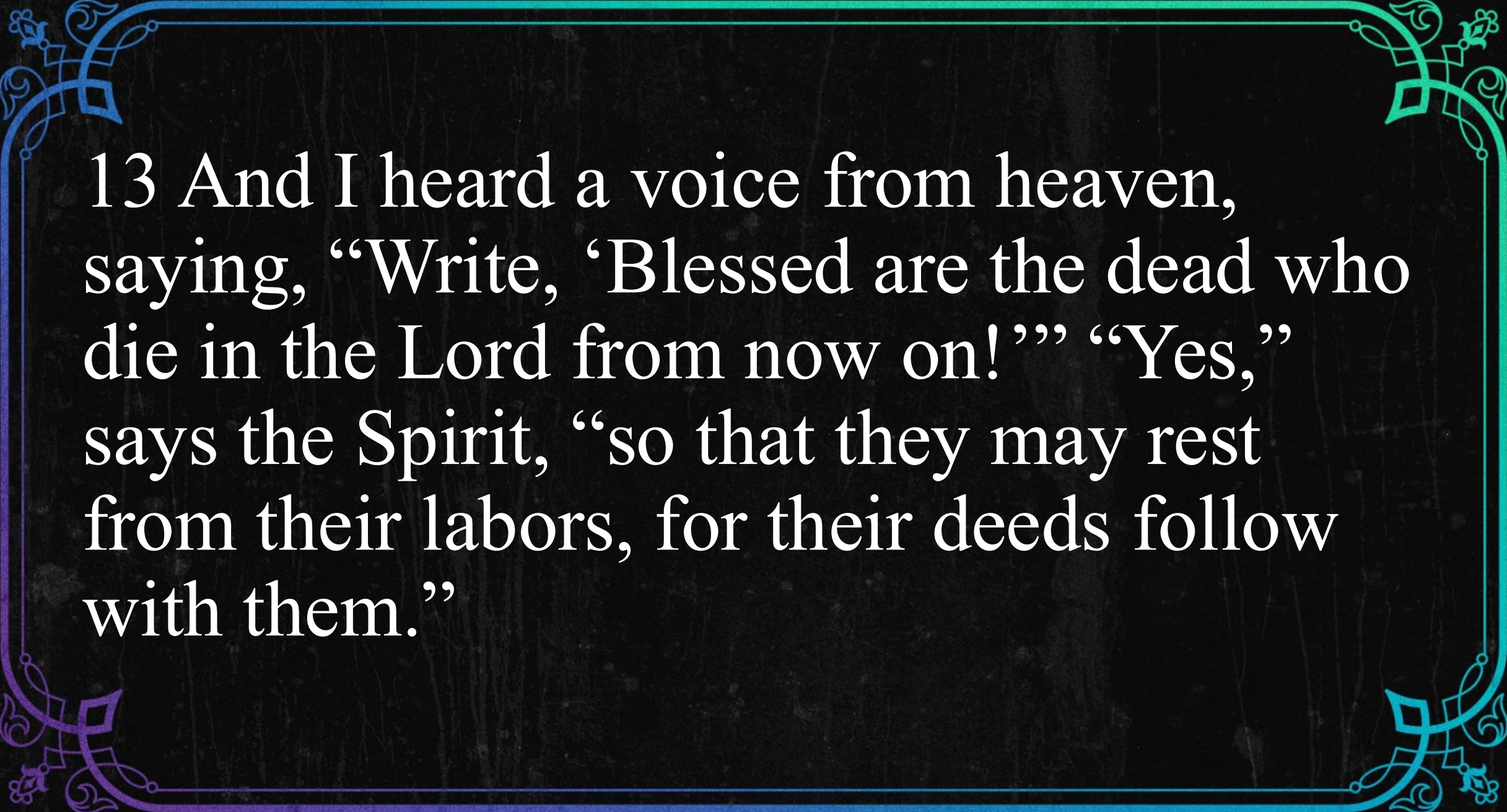
10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.



11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”



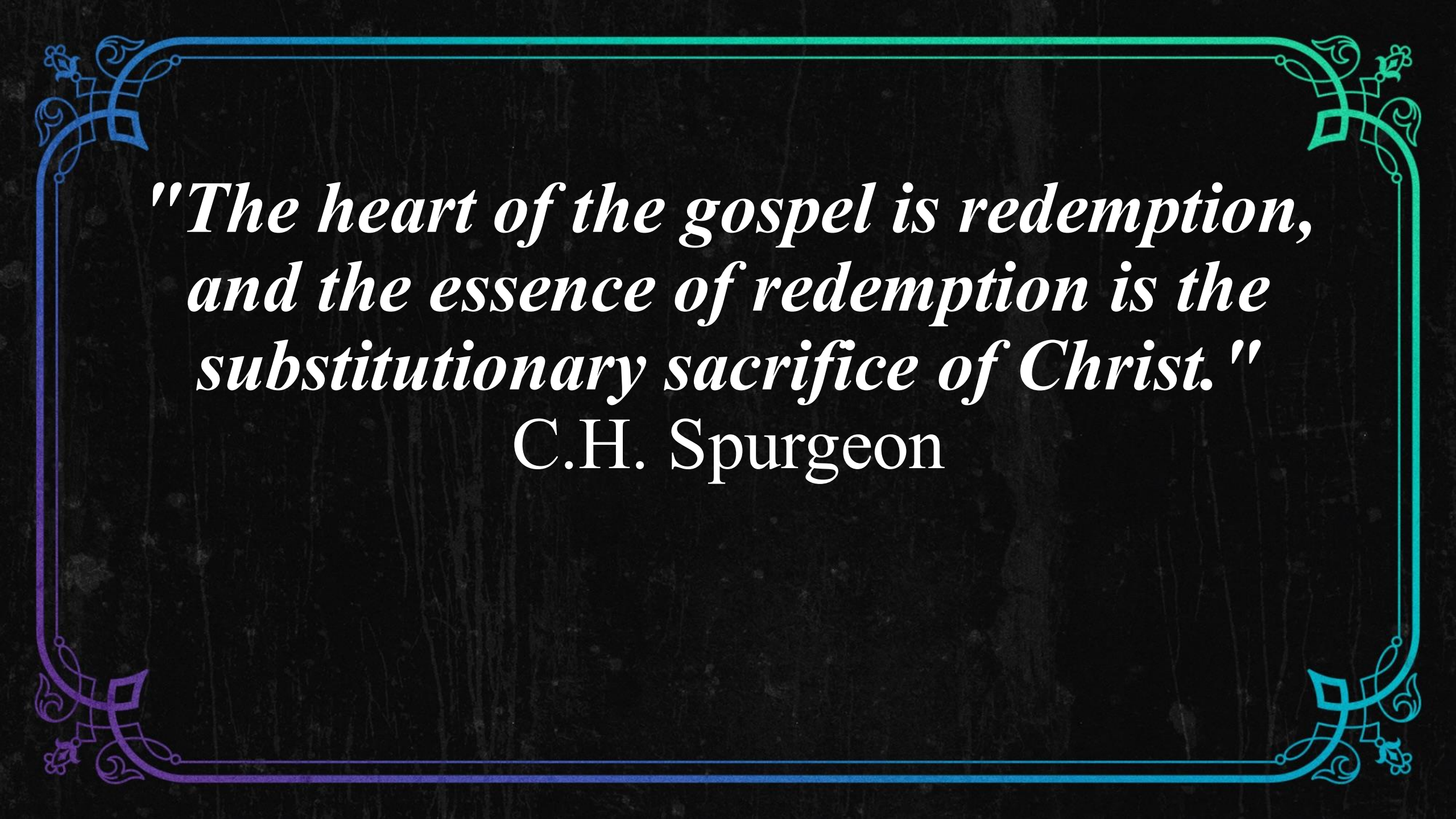
12 Here is the perseverance of the saints
who keep the commandments of God and
their faith in Jesus.



13 And 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 that they may rest
from their labors, for their deeds follow
with them.”

Sinners & Saints 9-13

- 3rd Angel – ‘worship’ ‘receive’
- Chooses ‘mark’ – ‘wrath of God’
- Offended the Eternal = consequences!
- “If you love Me, you will keep My.....”
- Matt 11:28,29 – ‘come to Me...’



*"The heart of the gospel is redemption,
and the essence of redemption is the
substitutionary sacrifice of Christ."*

C.H. Spurgeon

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.



15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe.”



16 Then He who sat on the cloud swung
His sickle over the earth, and the earth
was reaped.



17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle.



18 Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe.”



19 So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.



20 And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.



Joel 3:13

*Put in the sickle,
for the harvest is ripe.
Come, tread,
for the wine press is full;
The vats overflow,
for their wickedness is great.*

Sickles 14-20

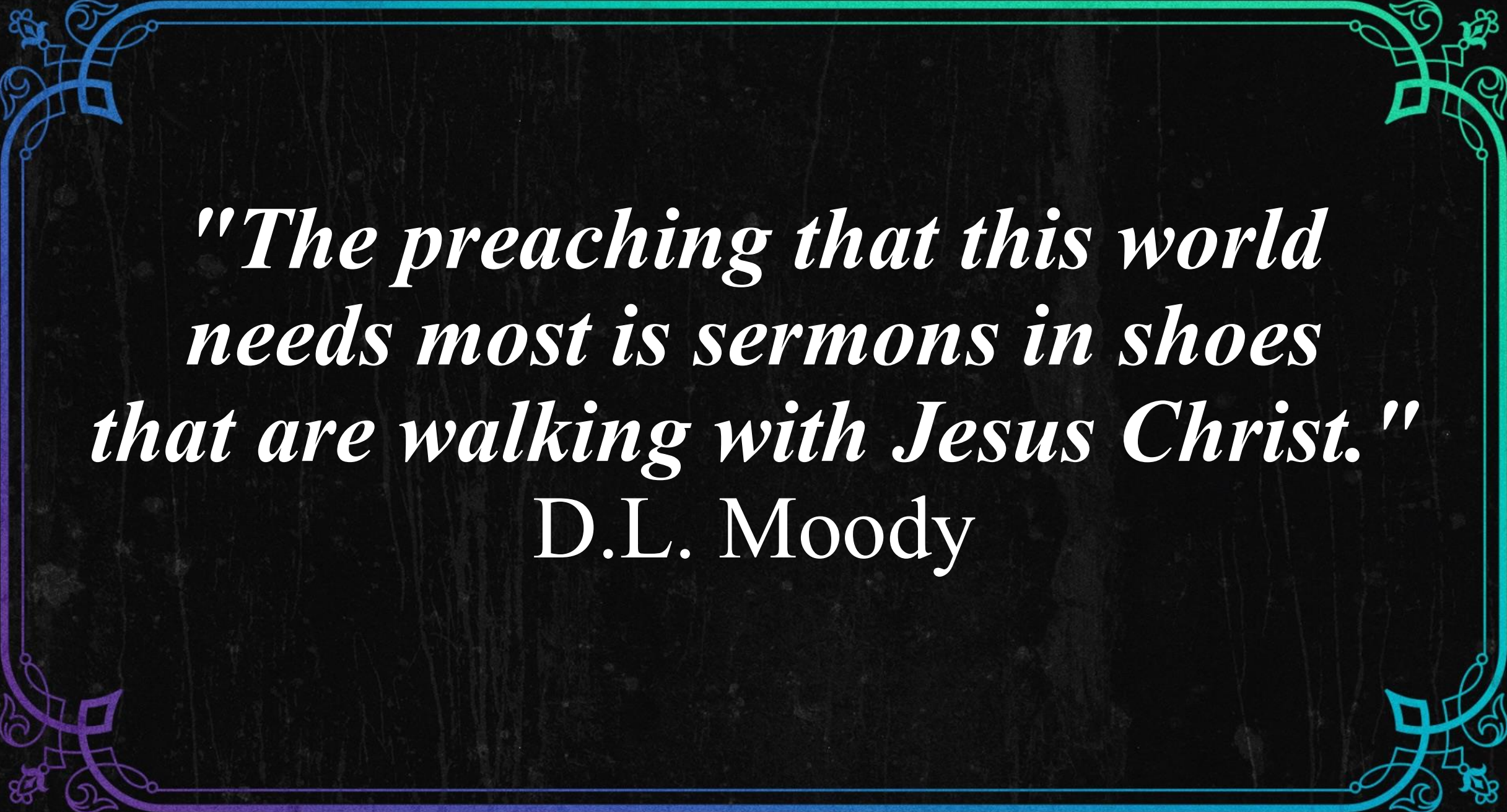
- Reaper vs Gleaner
- Grain Harvest 14-16
- Grape Harvest 17-20
- OT – Day of the LORD
- deferred NOT denied!



*“The promise of redemption
is always good news,
even if it includes difficult times.”*

Good News

- Gospel cannot be defeated
- Salvation is all of God
- Do not fear what God has already defeated
- God will be glorified!



*"The preaching that this world
needs most is sermons in shoes
that are walking with Jesus Christ."*

D.L. Moody