



REVELATION

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





Philadelphia – Little is Much!

Rev 3:7-13

“Alpha — Omega”

“Things...seen”

“Beginning — End”

PAST

PRESENT

FUTURE

Son of Man in Heaven

The 7 Churches

The Cosmic Crisis

(After removal of true church and before the coming of Christ to creation)

“I am he that liveth”

“I was dead”

“the things which thou hast seen”

“Behold, I am alive”
“the things which are”

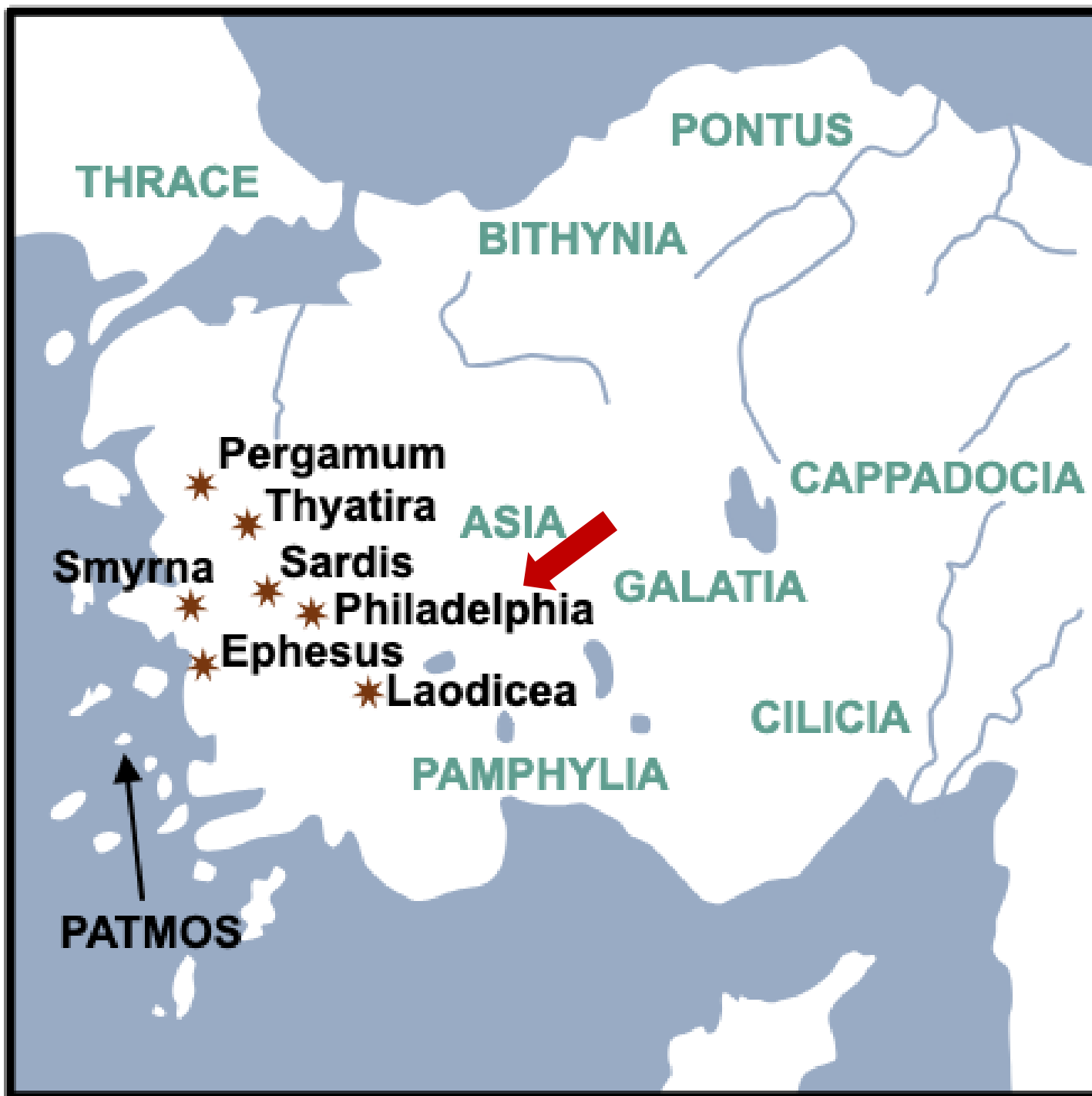
“I have the keys of hell and of death”
“the things about to be after these things [*meta tauta*]”

Revelation 1
Christ in Glory



Revelation 2, 3
Church in the World

Revelation 4 — 22
Crisis in the Future



Ephesus

Smyrna

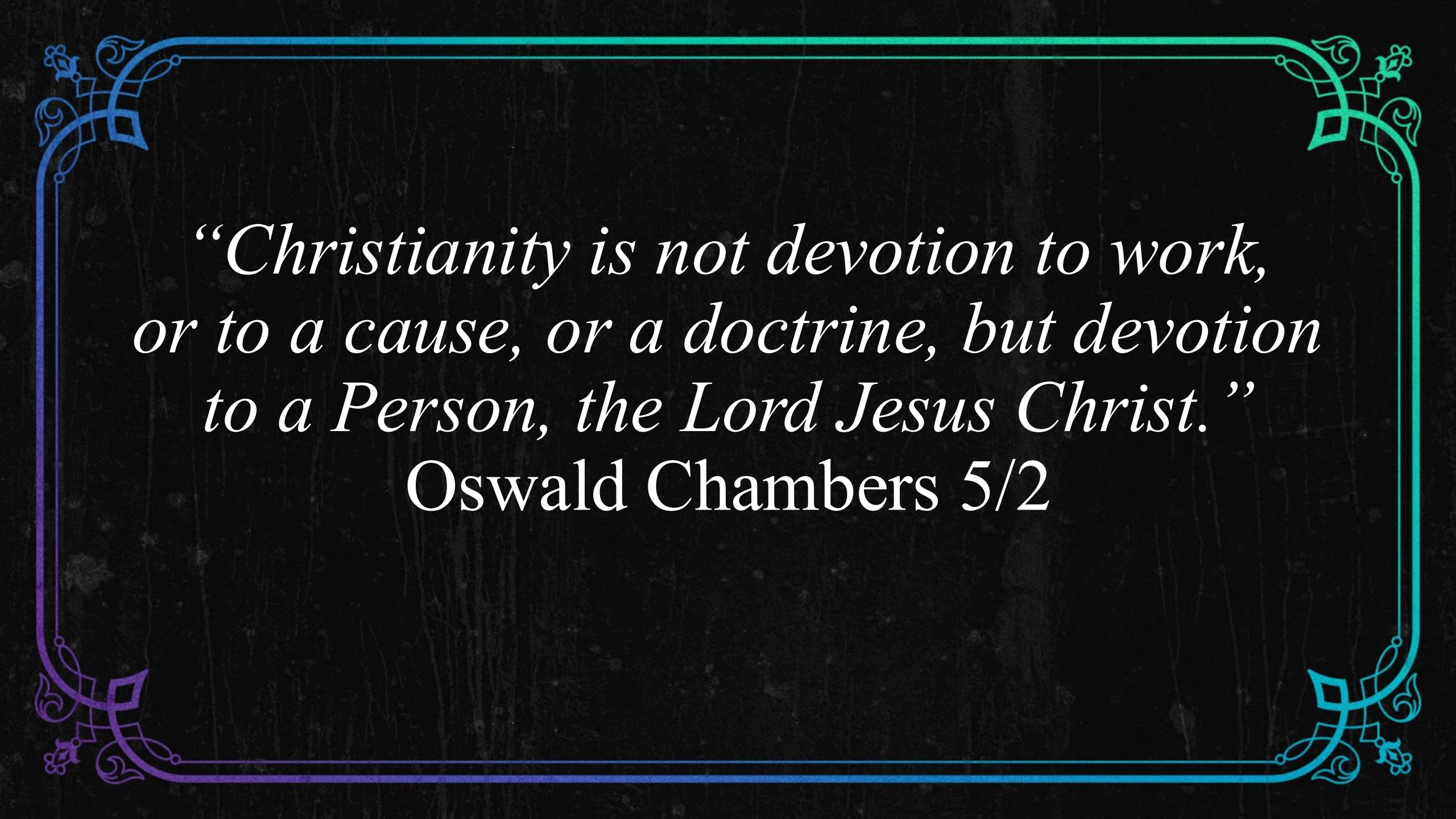
Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Laodicea



*“Christianity is not devotion to work,
or to a cause, or a doctrine, but devotion
to a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

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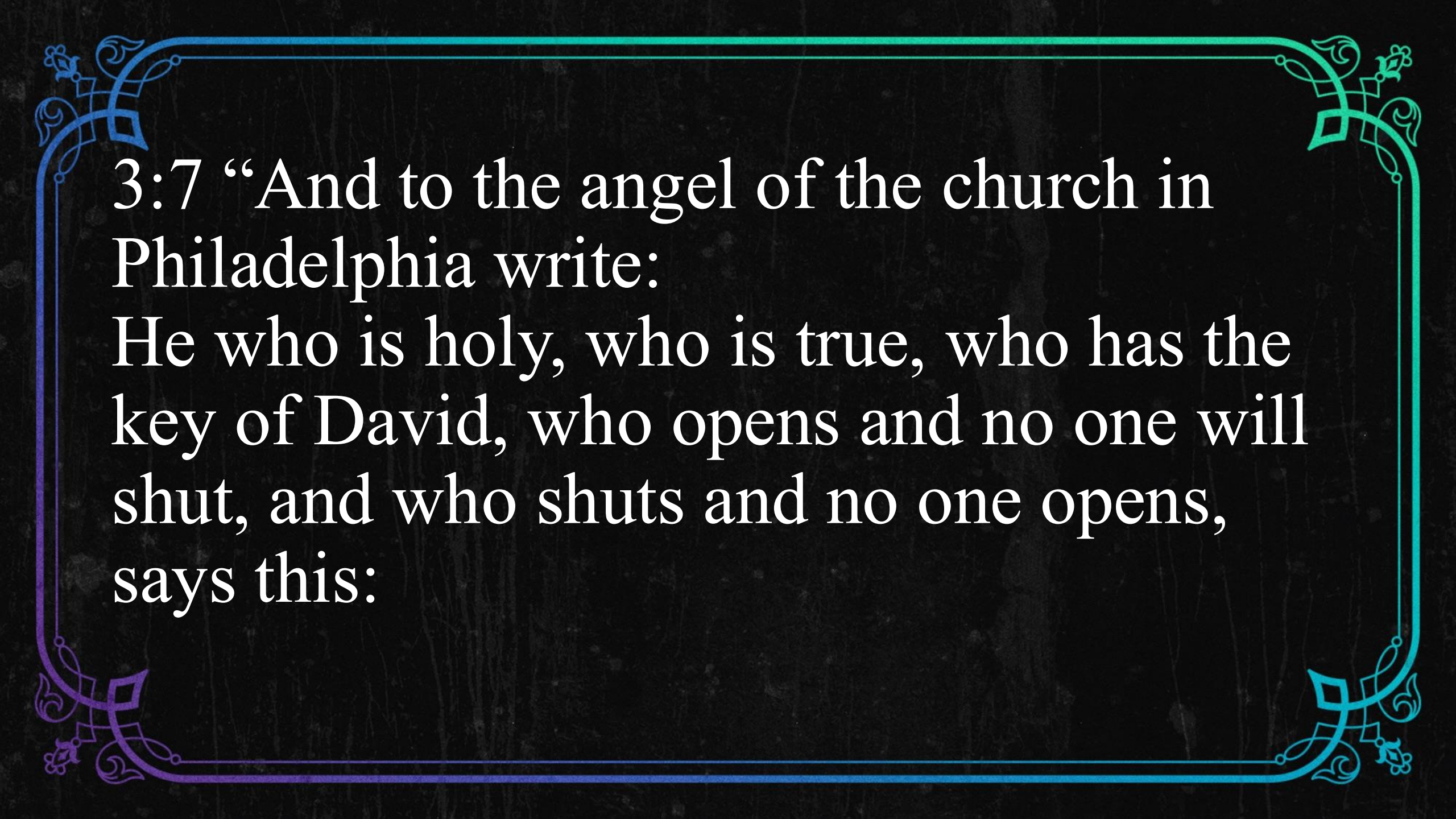


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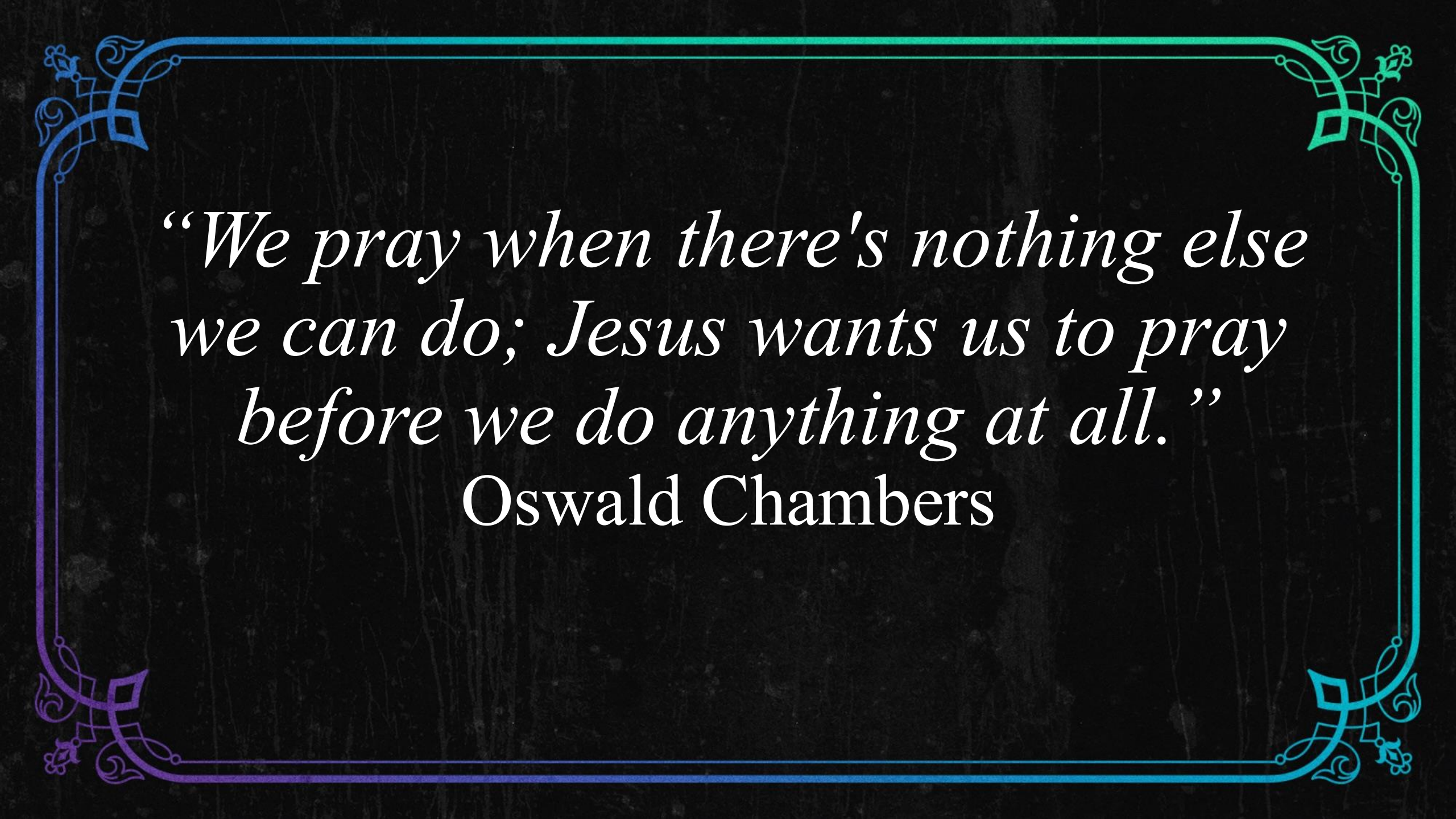
- Cross-roads Church – Greek Culture
- ‘Little Athens’ – imitation of Greek Capital
- Attalus II named it for his older brother
- Youngest city of the 7



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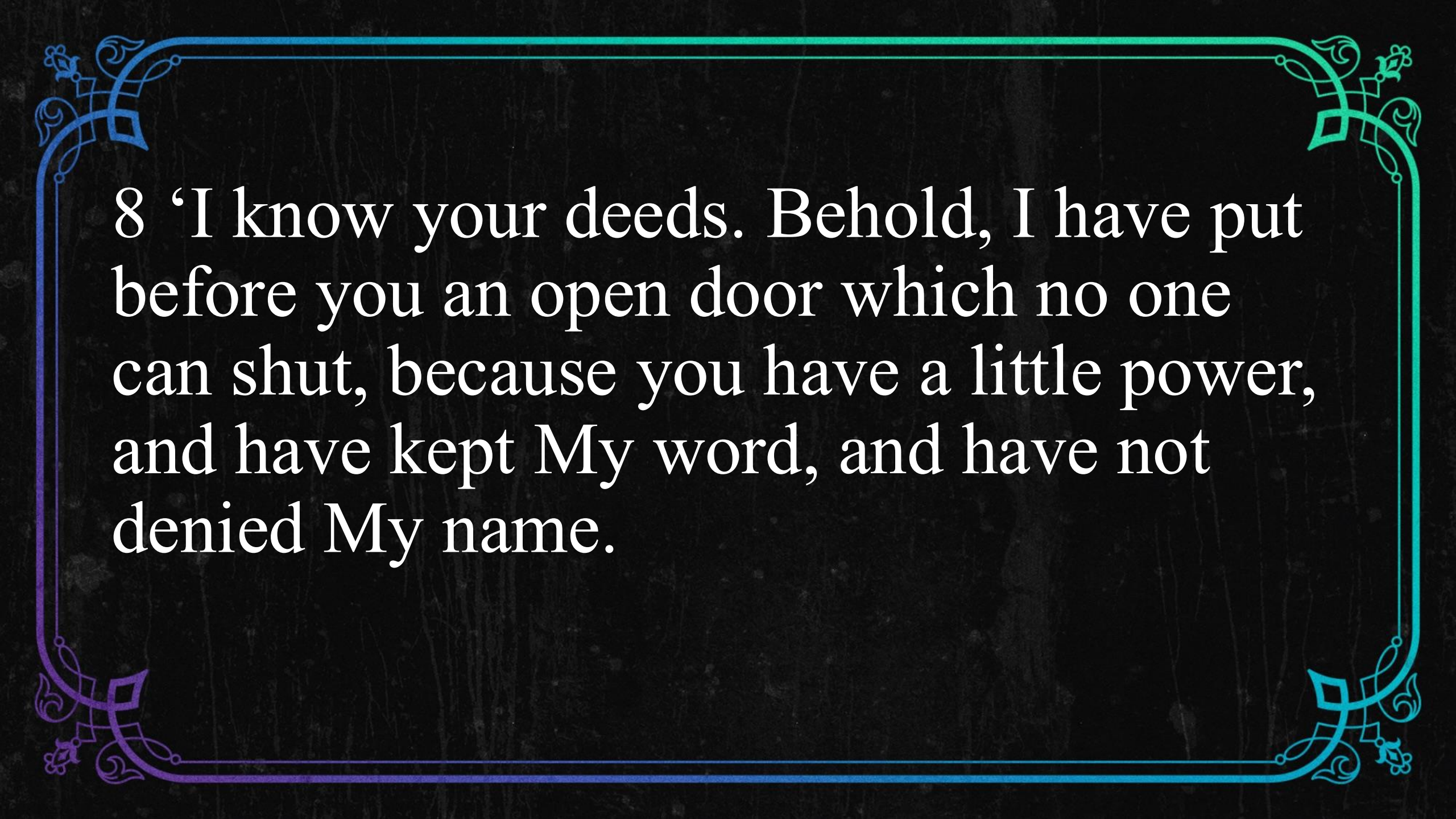
Christ with the Key 7

- Holy – set apart – without sin!
- True: ἀληθινός = **not fake** / ἀληθής = **not false**
- Keeper of Key of David – Isaiah 22:22
- God opens & closes – Eden, Noah, Lions

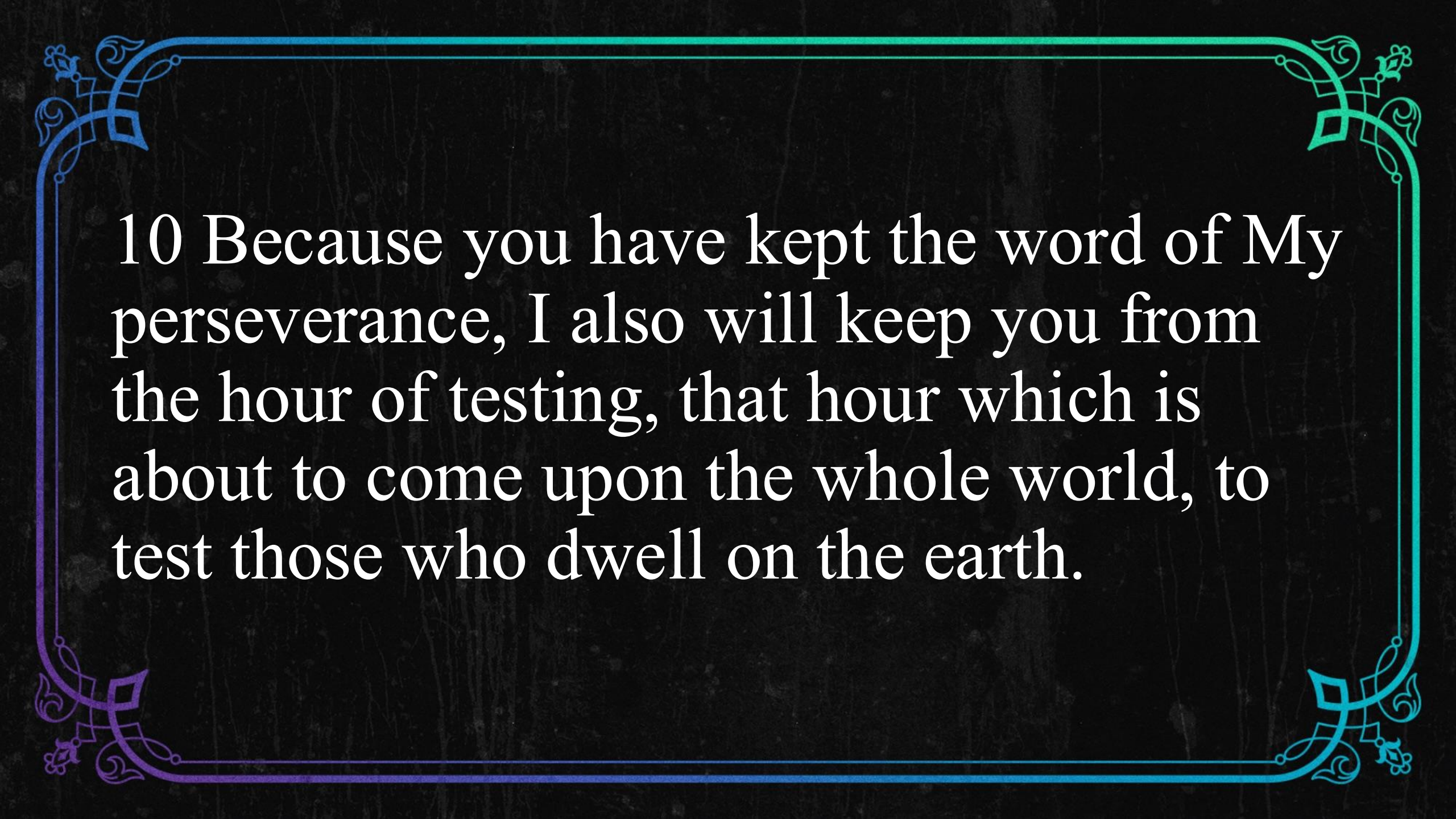


“We pray when there's nothing else we can do; Jesus wants us to pray before we do anything at all.”

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8 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.



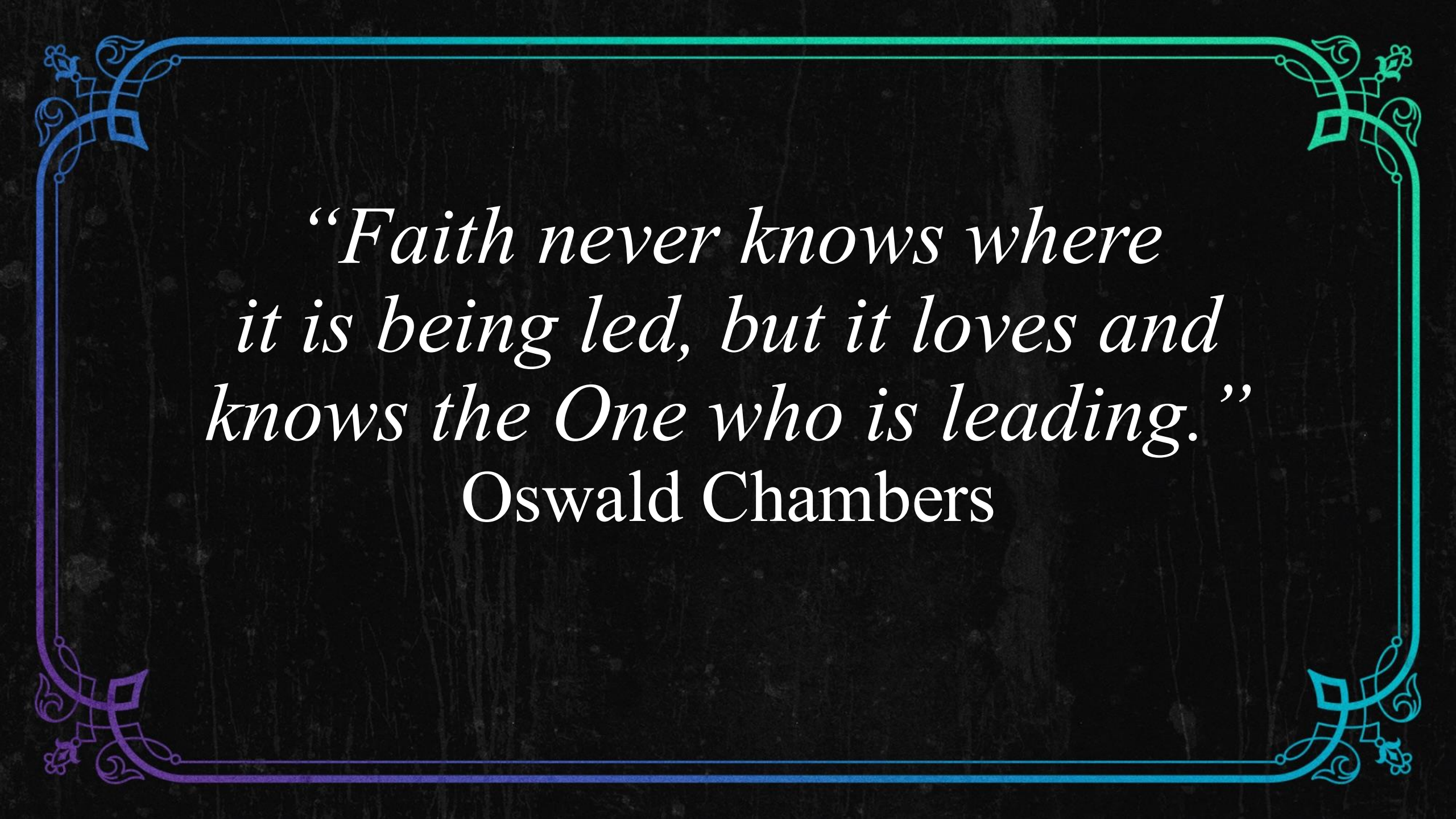
10 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Commendation 8,10

- I gave you ‘an open door’ – TRUST!
- You had little power – Yet...
- ‘kept My word’
- ‘have not denied My name’

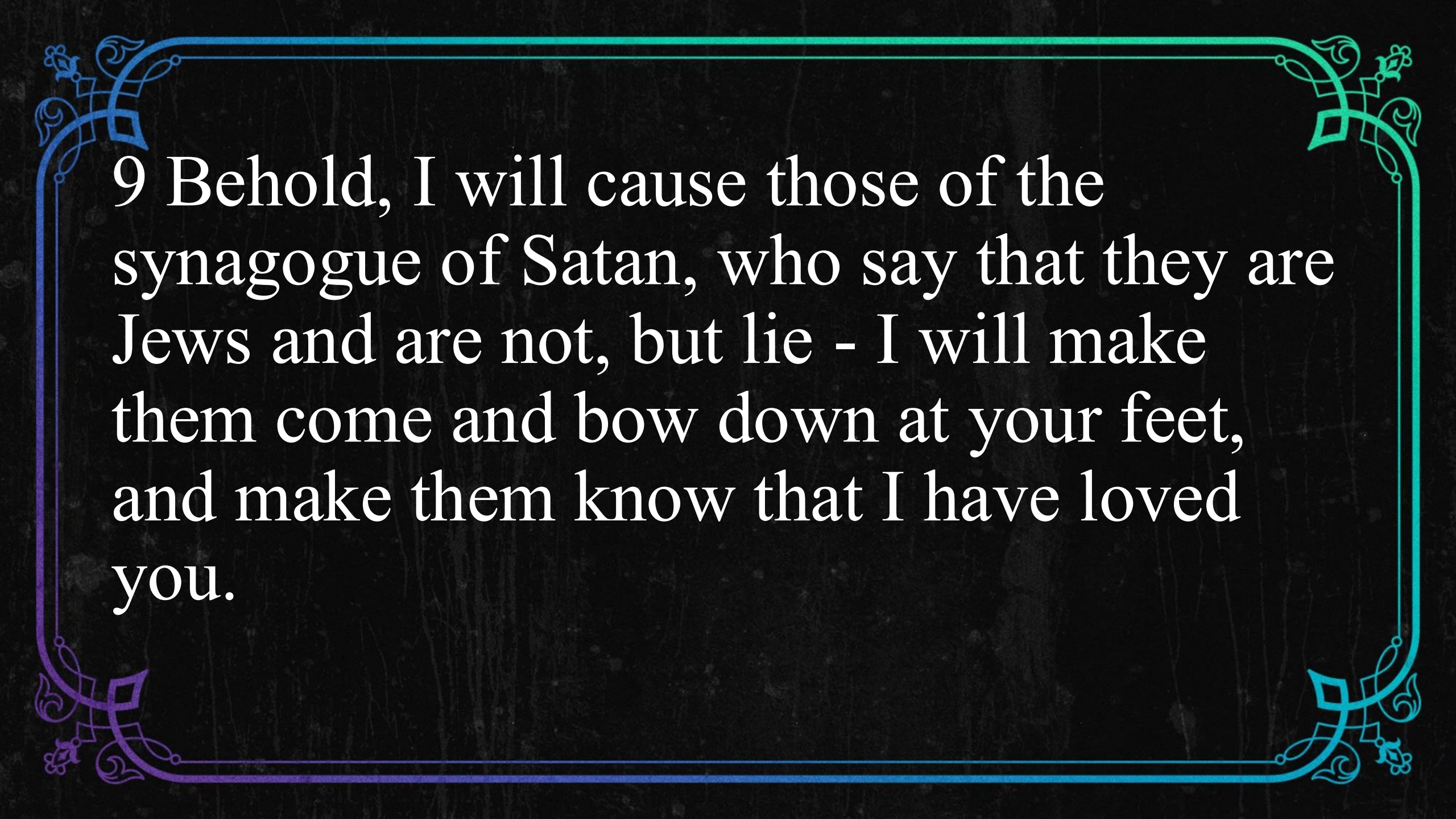
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- ‘you have kept the word’
- ‘I will keep you from the hour of testing’
- ‘about to come upon the whole world’
- Reference to protect – persevere – rapture?
- ‘test those who dwell’ – lost



*“Faith never knows where
it is being led, but it loves and
knows the One who is leading.”*

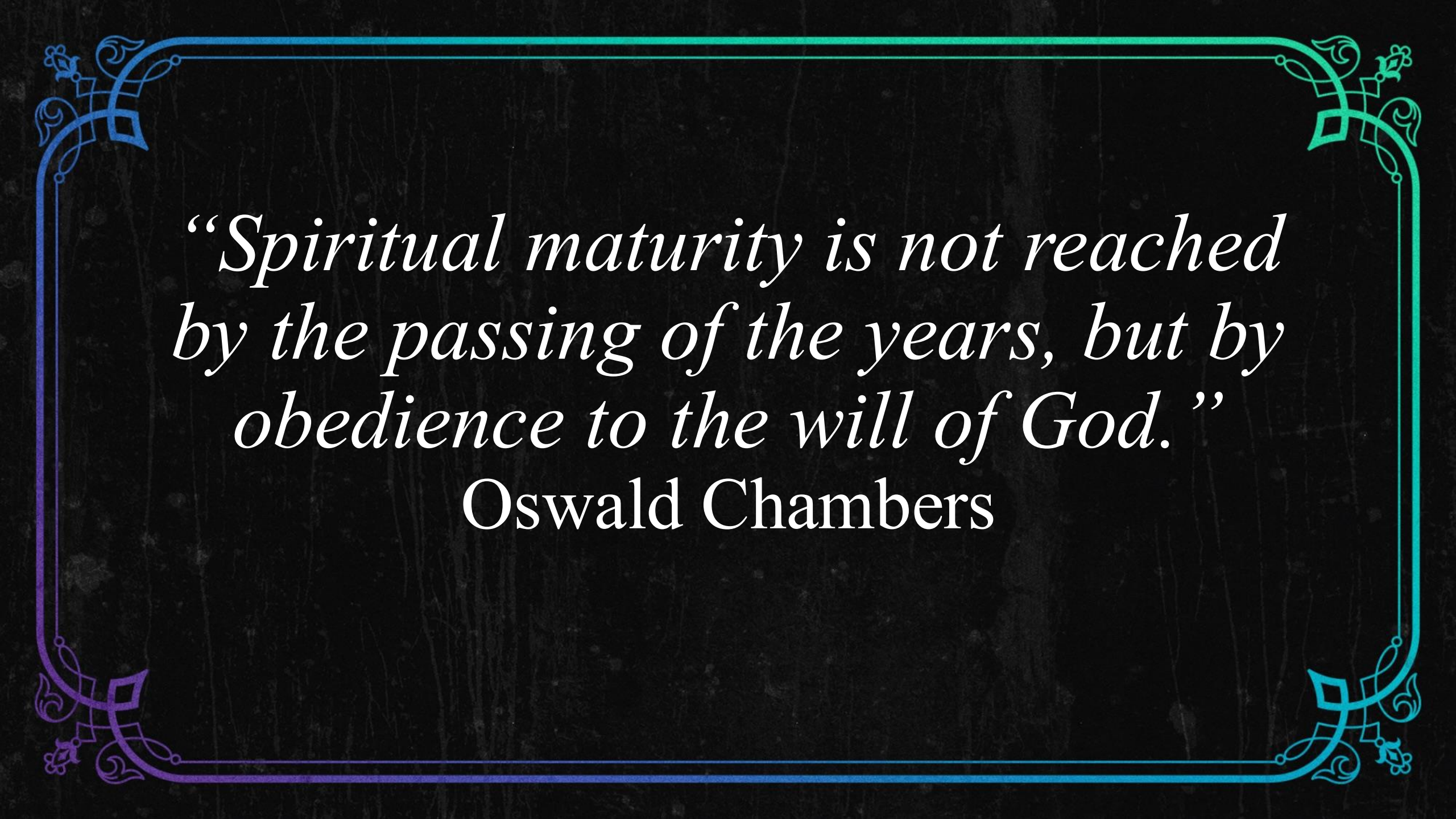
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9 Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie - I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you.

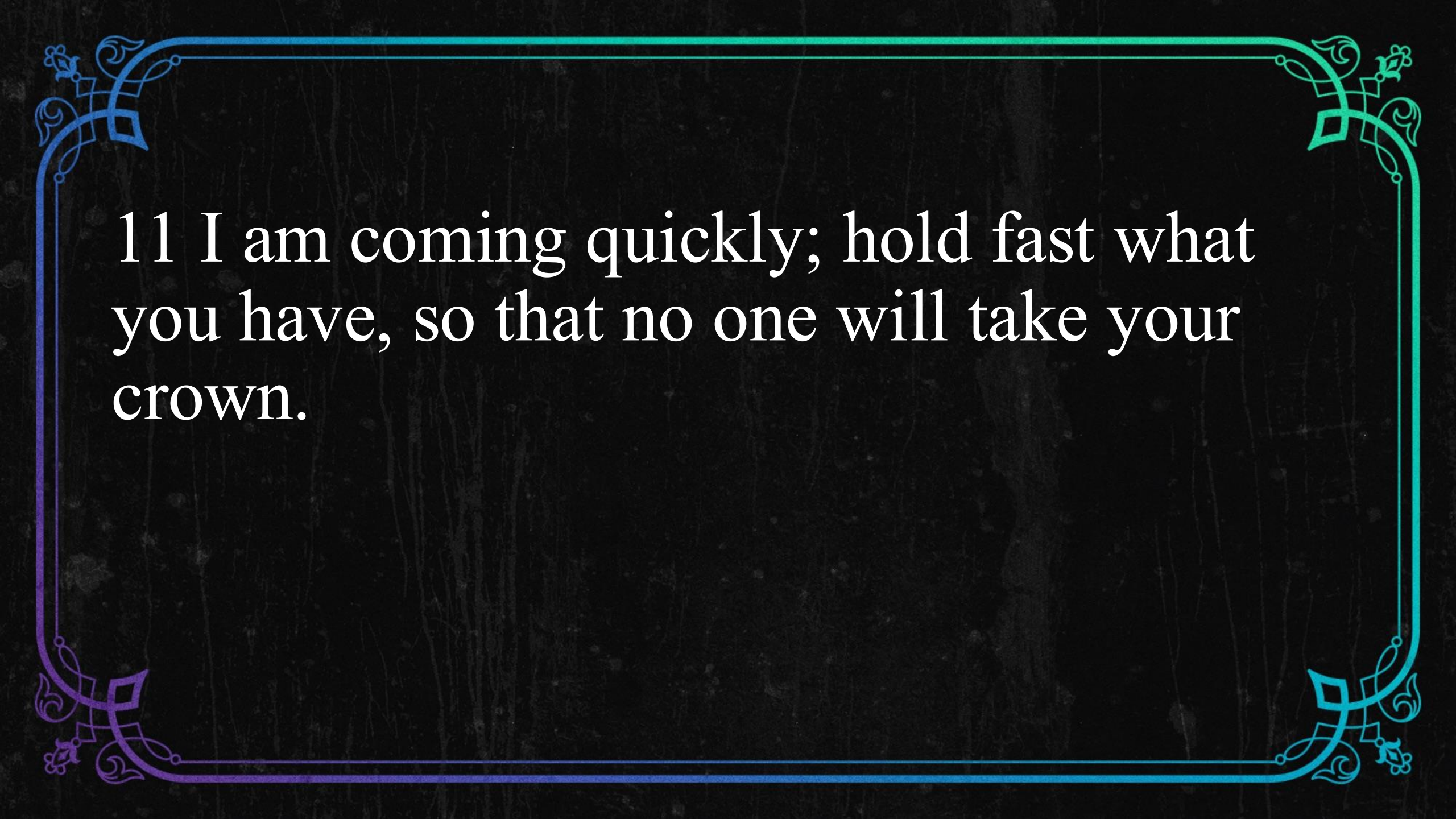
Criticism 9

- In or out of this Church?
- Synagogue of Satan – Smyrna
- Jews in name only – w/o Messiah!
- God's love on His children
- Sincerity over Success!



*“Spiritual maturity is not reached
by the passing of the years, but by
obedience to the will of God.”*

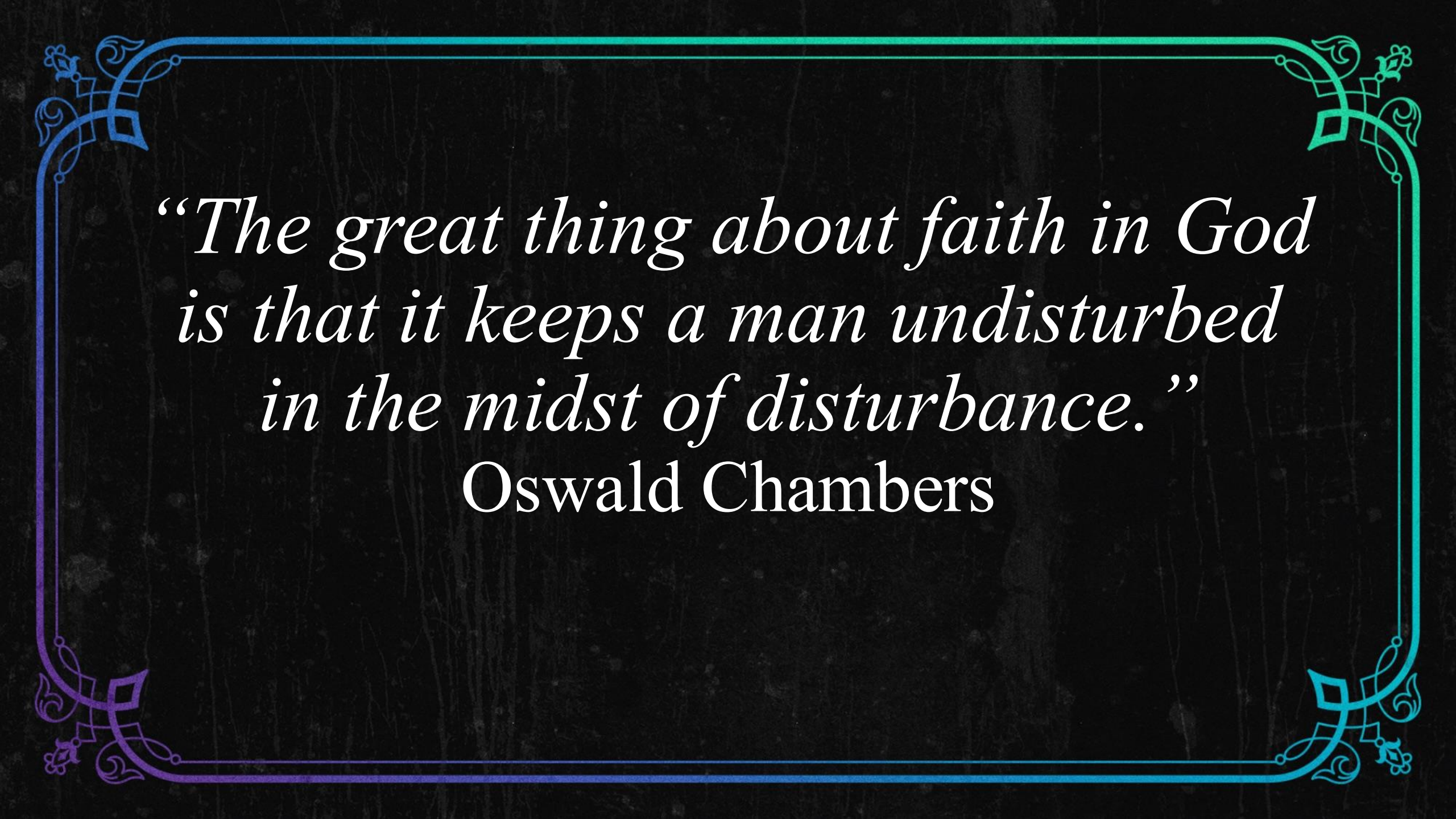
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11 I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

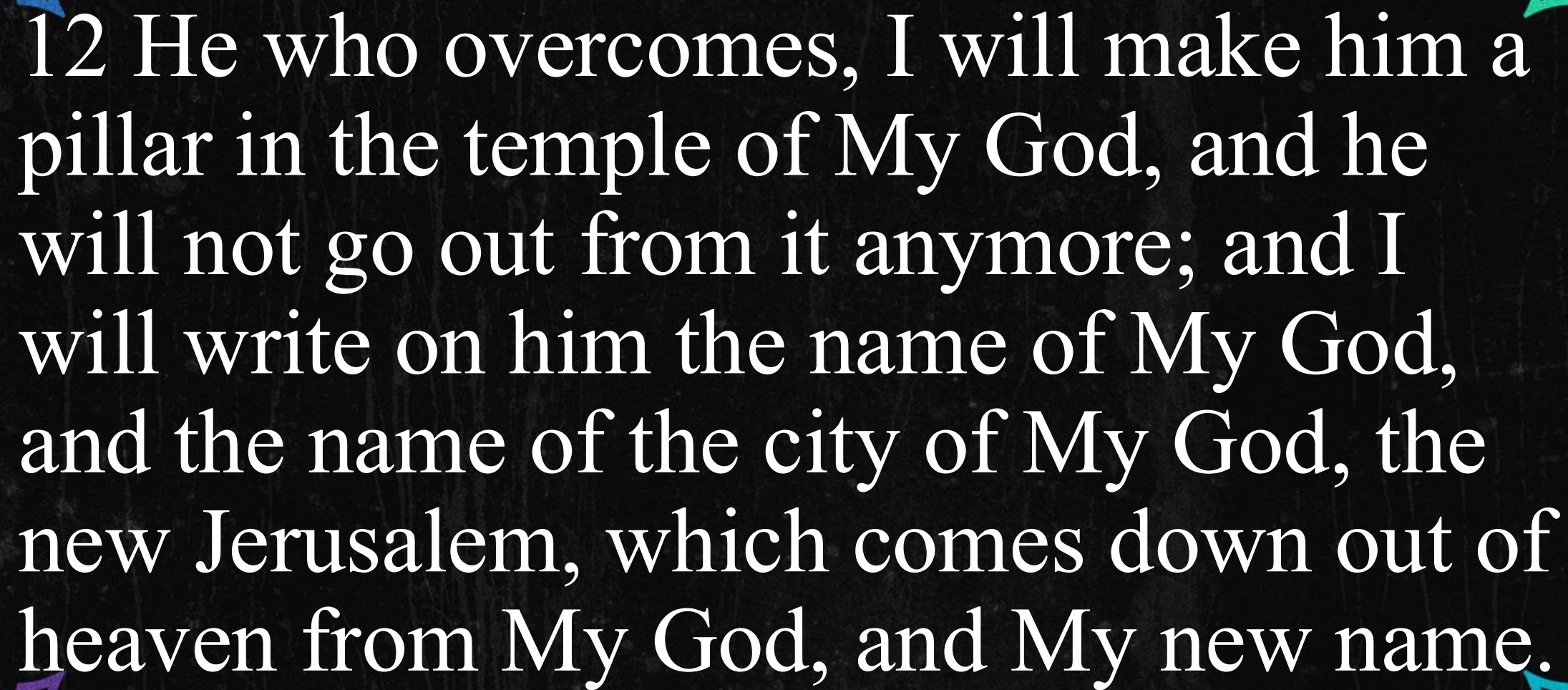
Consequences 11

- Door will not stay open indefinitely
- ‘hold fast!’
- Loss of reward NOT loss of salvation!
- “You are in no greater danger from anyone or anything than from yourself.” (V.Havner)

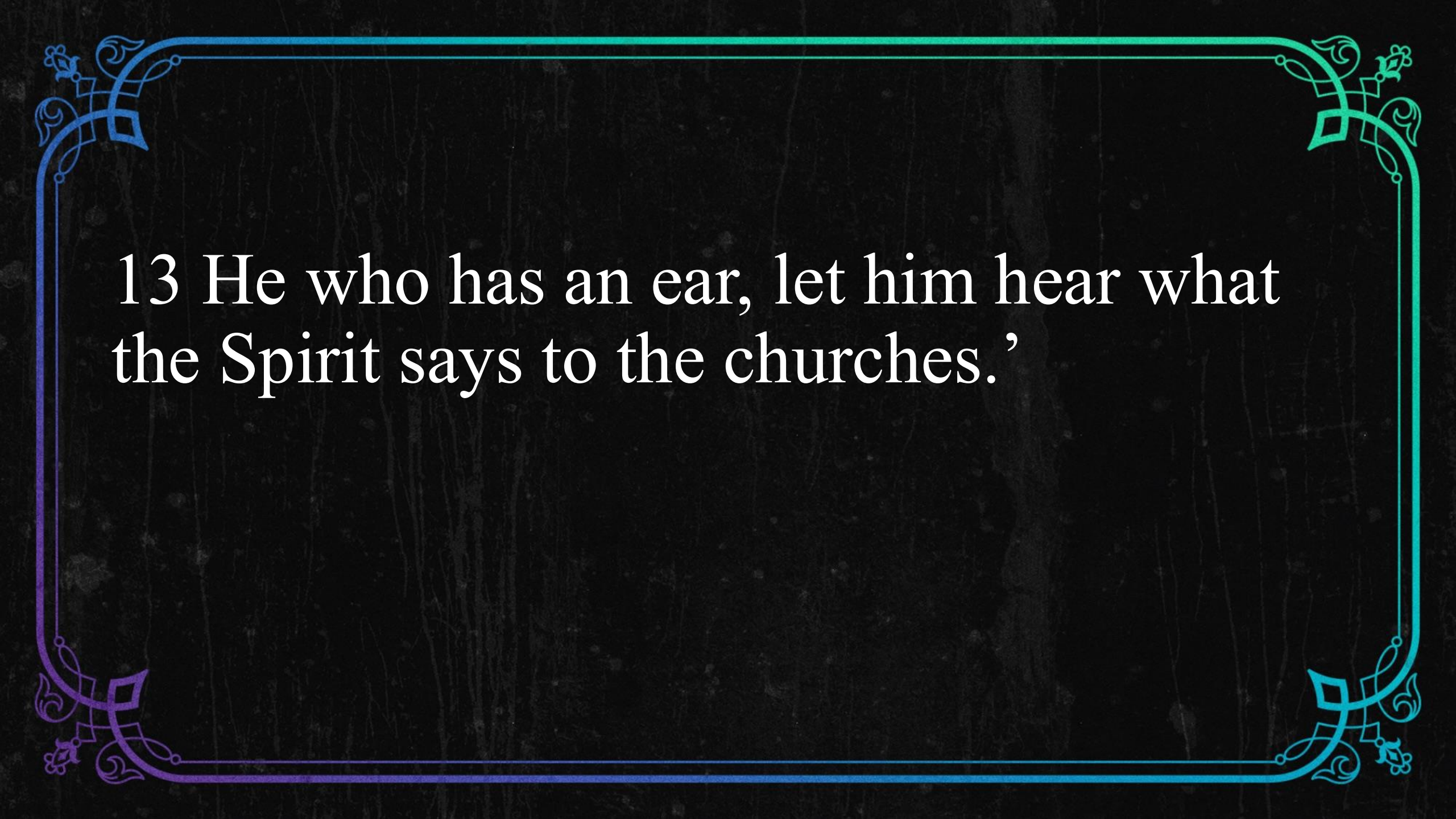


*“The great thing about faith in God
is that it keeps a man undisturbed
in the midst of disturbance.”*

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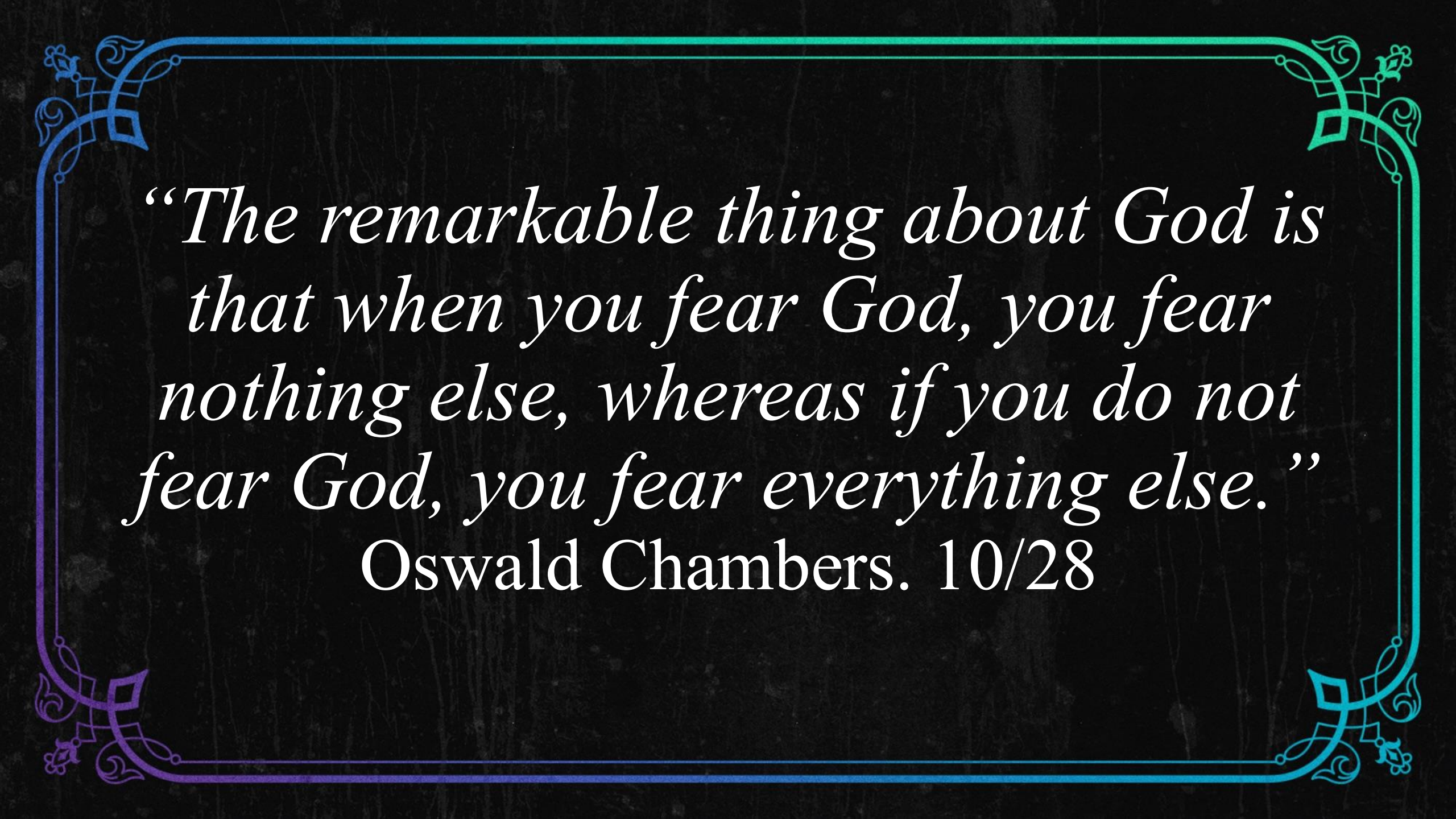
12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.



13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Cure 12,13

- ‘pillar’ – Temple of God
- 1 Kings 7:21 - Jachin and Boaz
- Built by God – His name is written on it!
- “walk in a manner worthy of God” **1Th 2:12**



“The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.”

Oswald Chambers. 10/28



Do not fear lost time -
fear wasted time!



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