



REVELATION

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



Thyatira - Tolerant

Revelation 2:18-29

“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

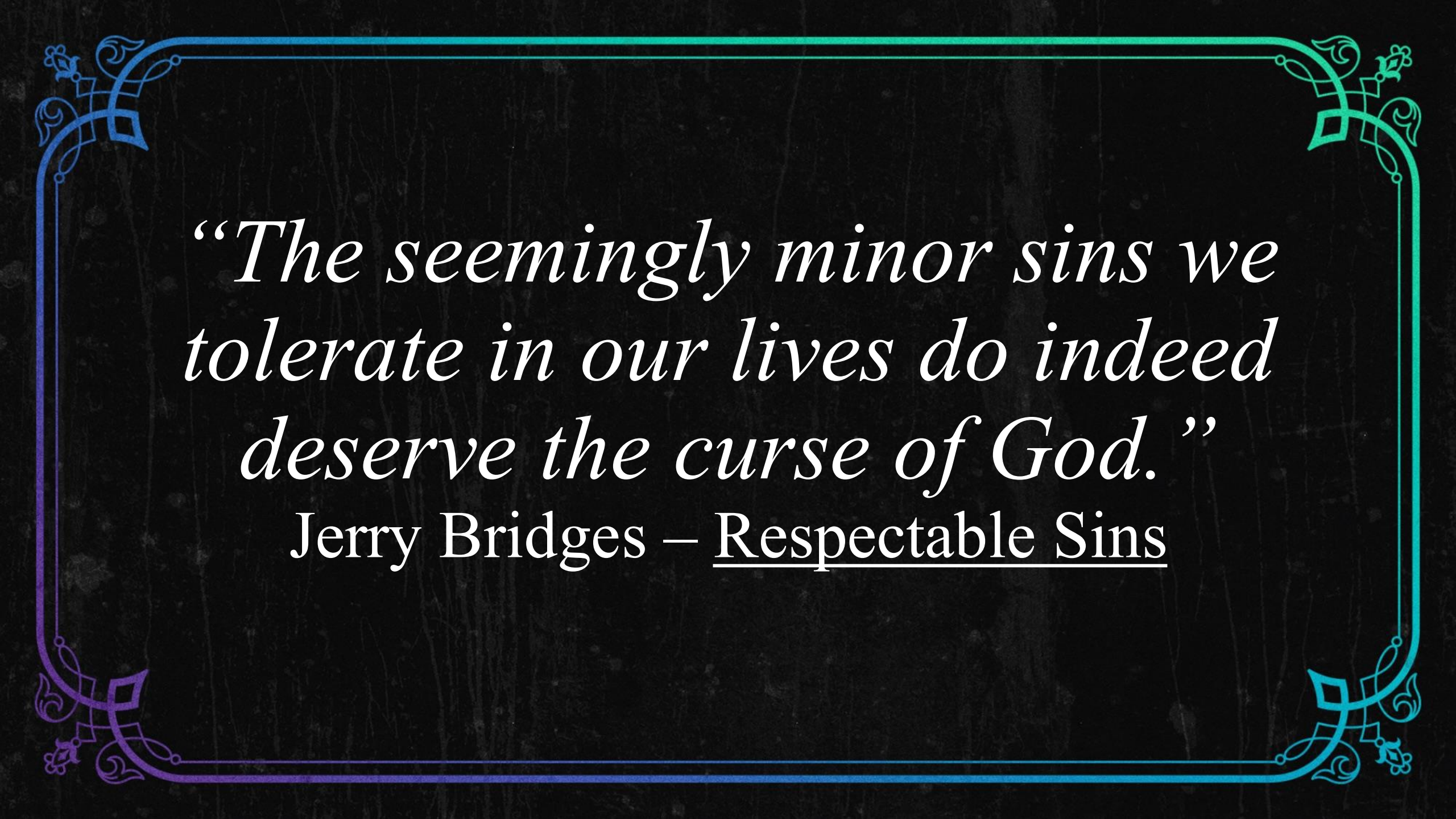
Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

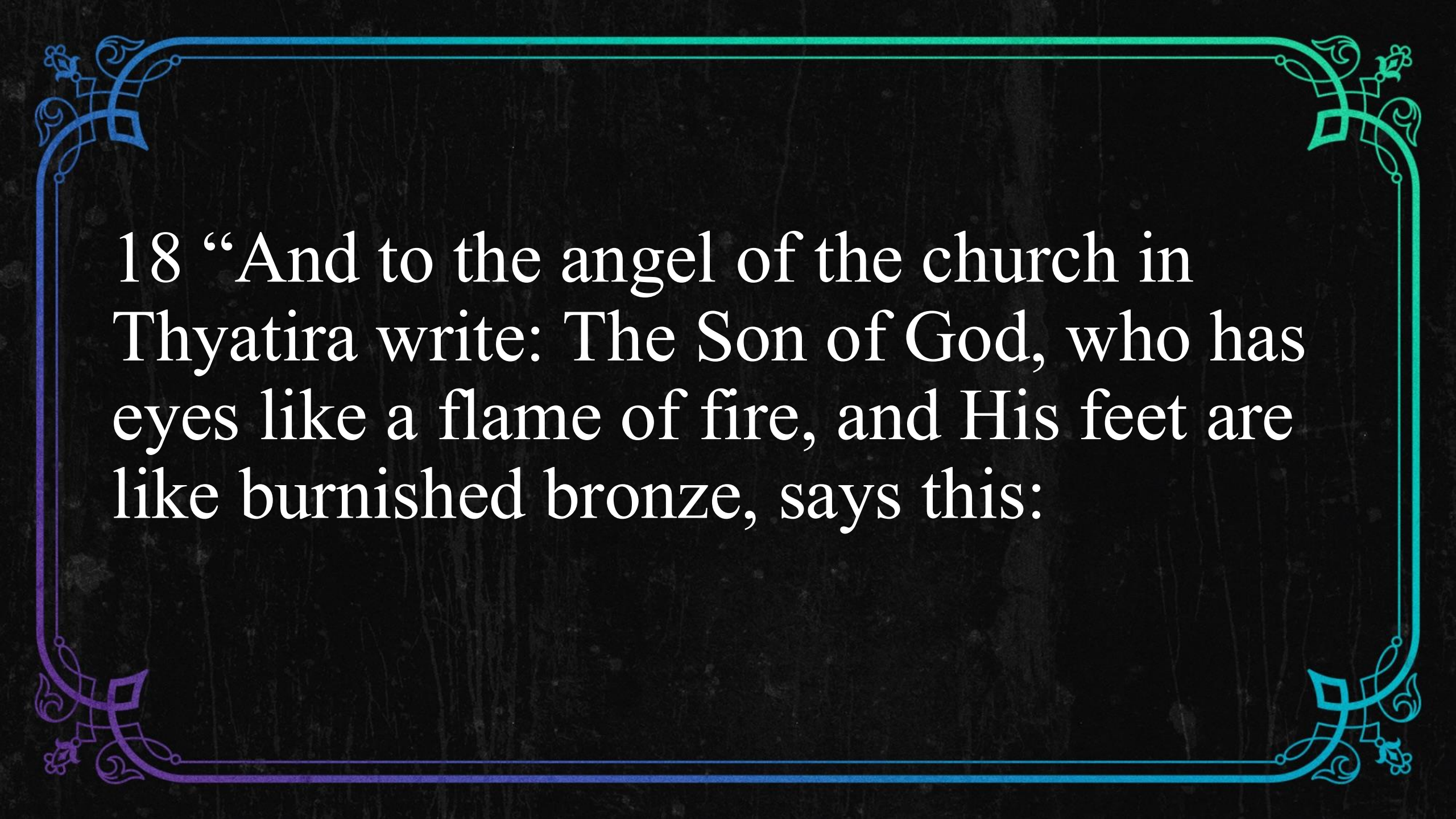
Philadelphia

Laodicea



“The seemingly minor sins we tolerate in our lives do indeed deserve the curse of God.”

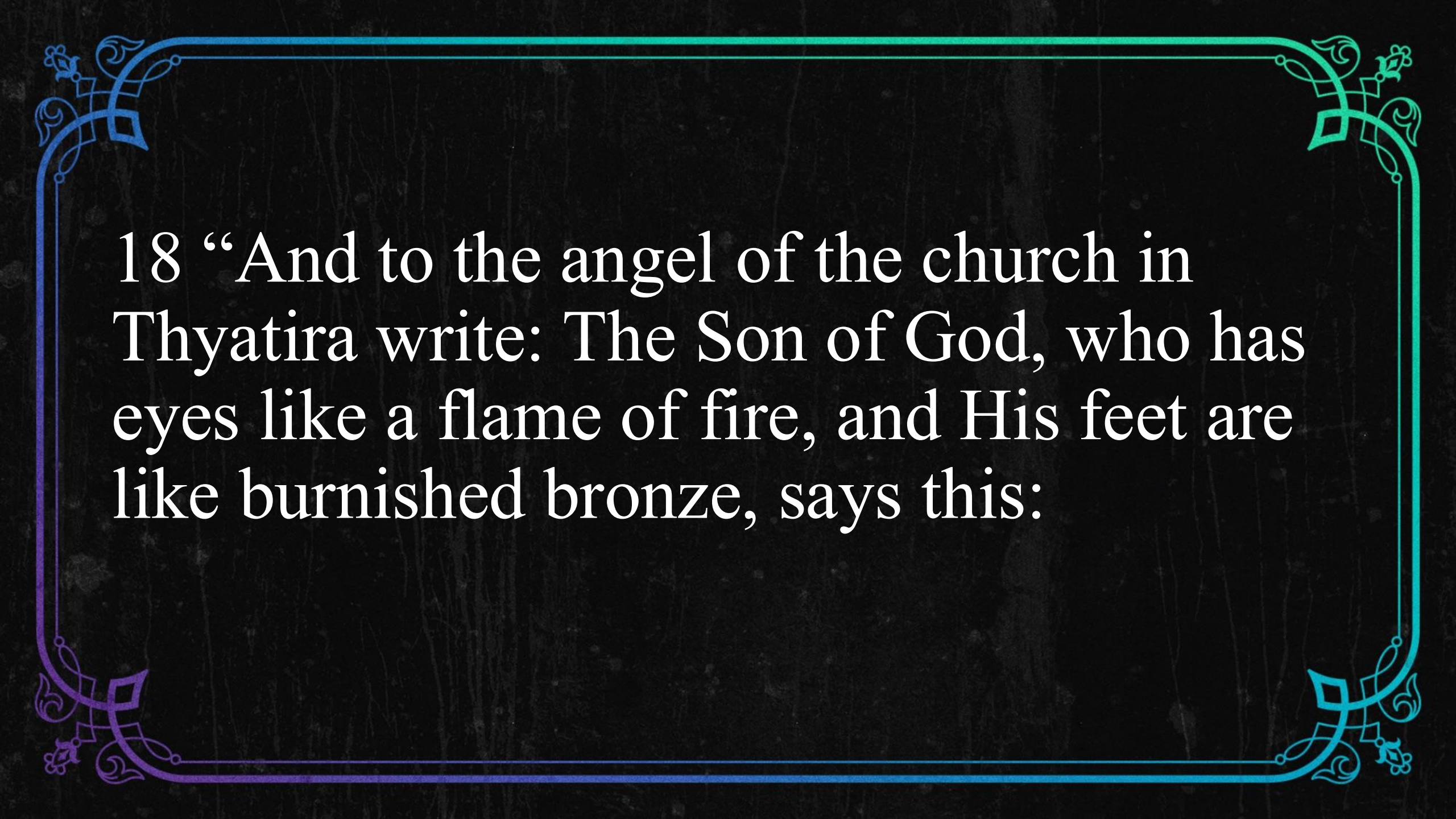
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City- Church 18

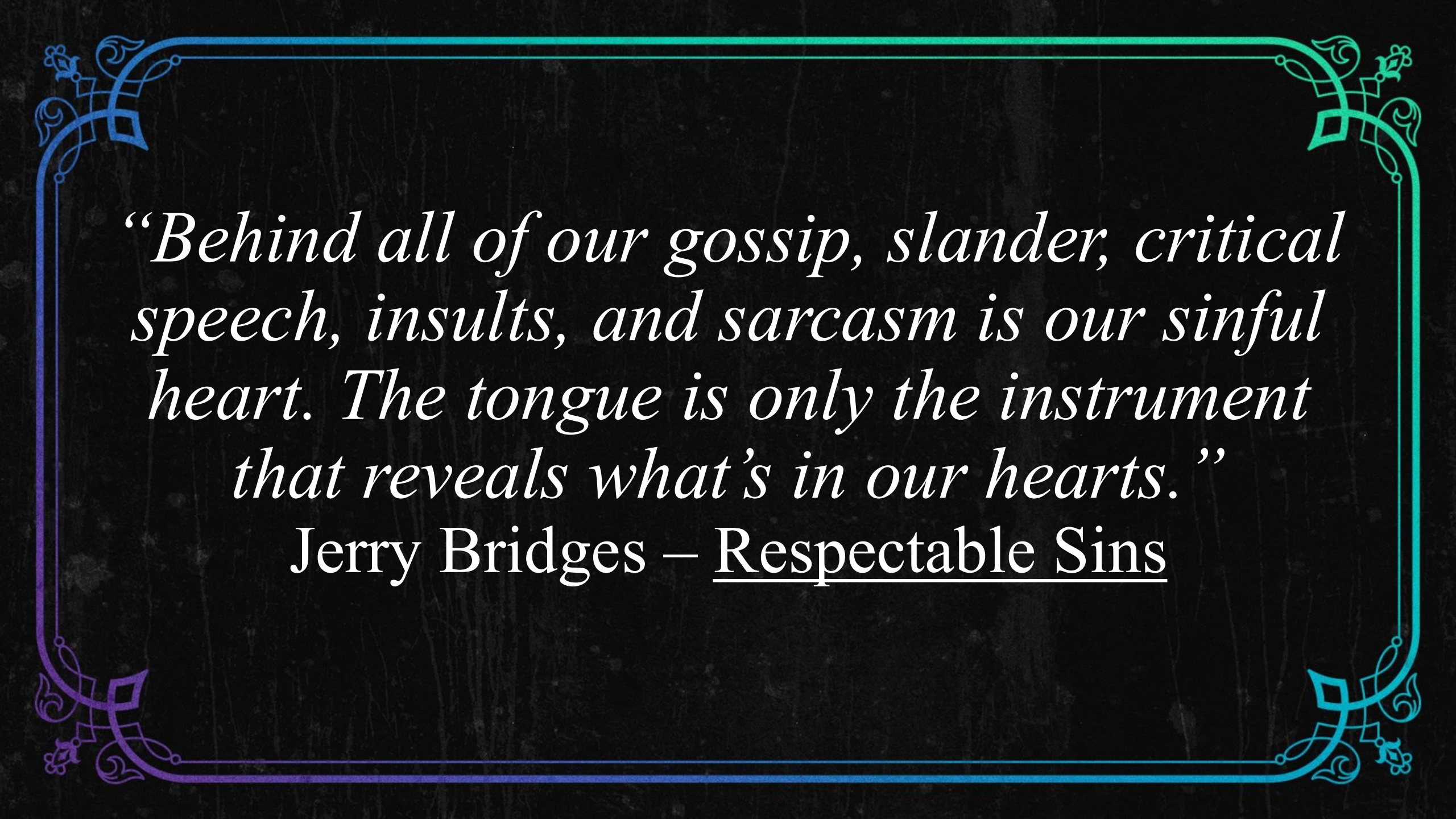
- Thyatira – most trade guilds – **purple!**
- **Acts 16:14-15 - Lydia of Thyatira**
- Smallest City yet the longest letter of 7
- Prosperity and Opportunity – Get or Give?



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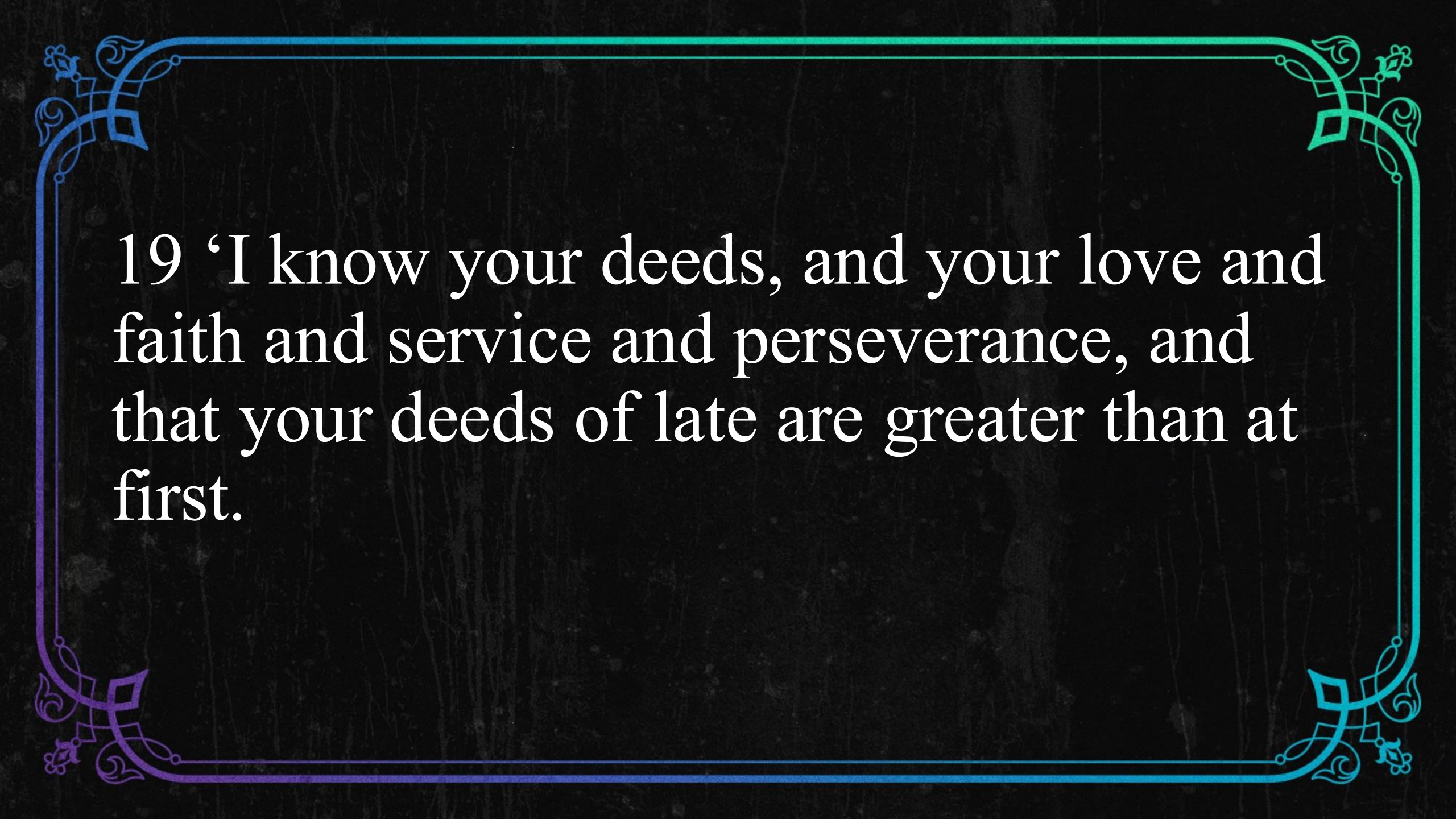
Christ – ‘Son of God’ 18

- Chapter 1 – ‘Son of Man’
- ‘and His eyes were like a flame of fire’ 1:15
- ‘His feet were like burnished bronze’ 1:16
- Both titles are hope for us! John 1:14



“Behind all of our gossip, slander, critical speech, insults, and sarcasm is our sinful heart. The tongue is only the instrument that reveals what’s in our hearts.”

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19 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.

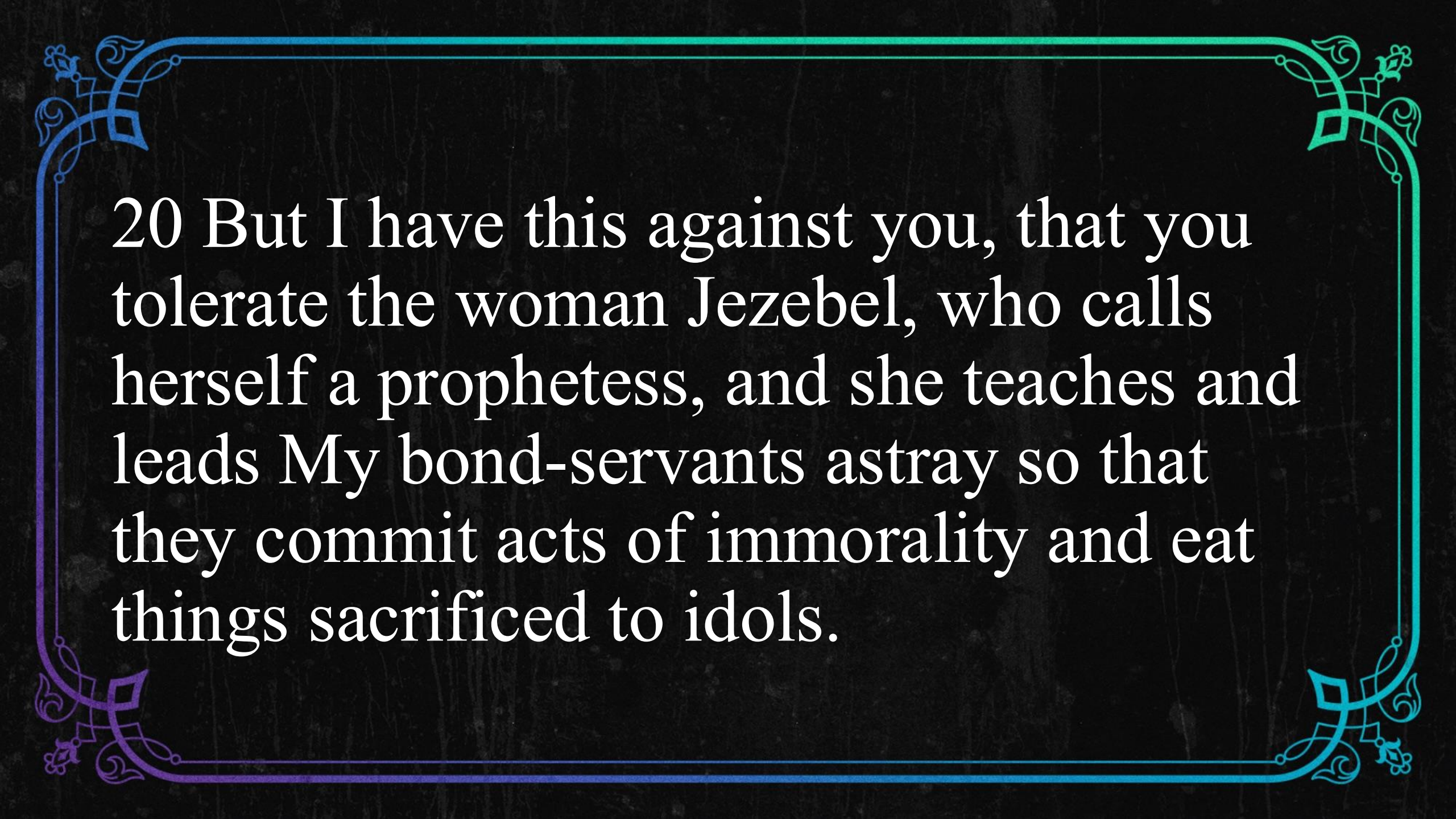
Commendations 19

- ‘your deeds’
 - ‘your love’
 - ‘your faith’
 - ‘your service’
 - ‘your perseverance’
- ‘your deeds of late are greater than at the first!’

USELESS - FRUITLESS

“For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 1:8



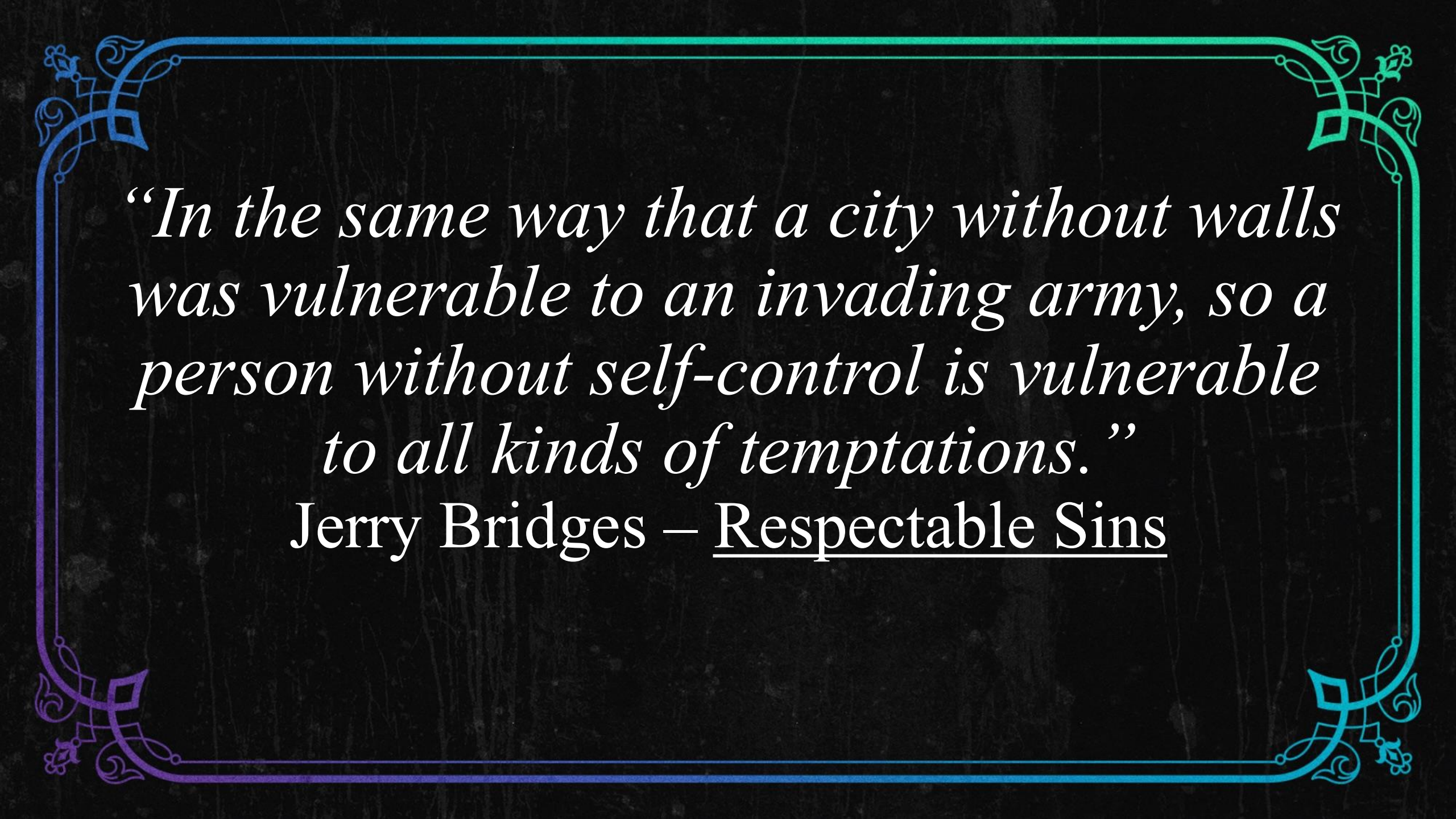
20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.



21 I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality.

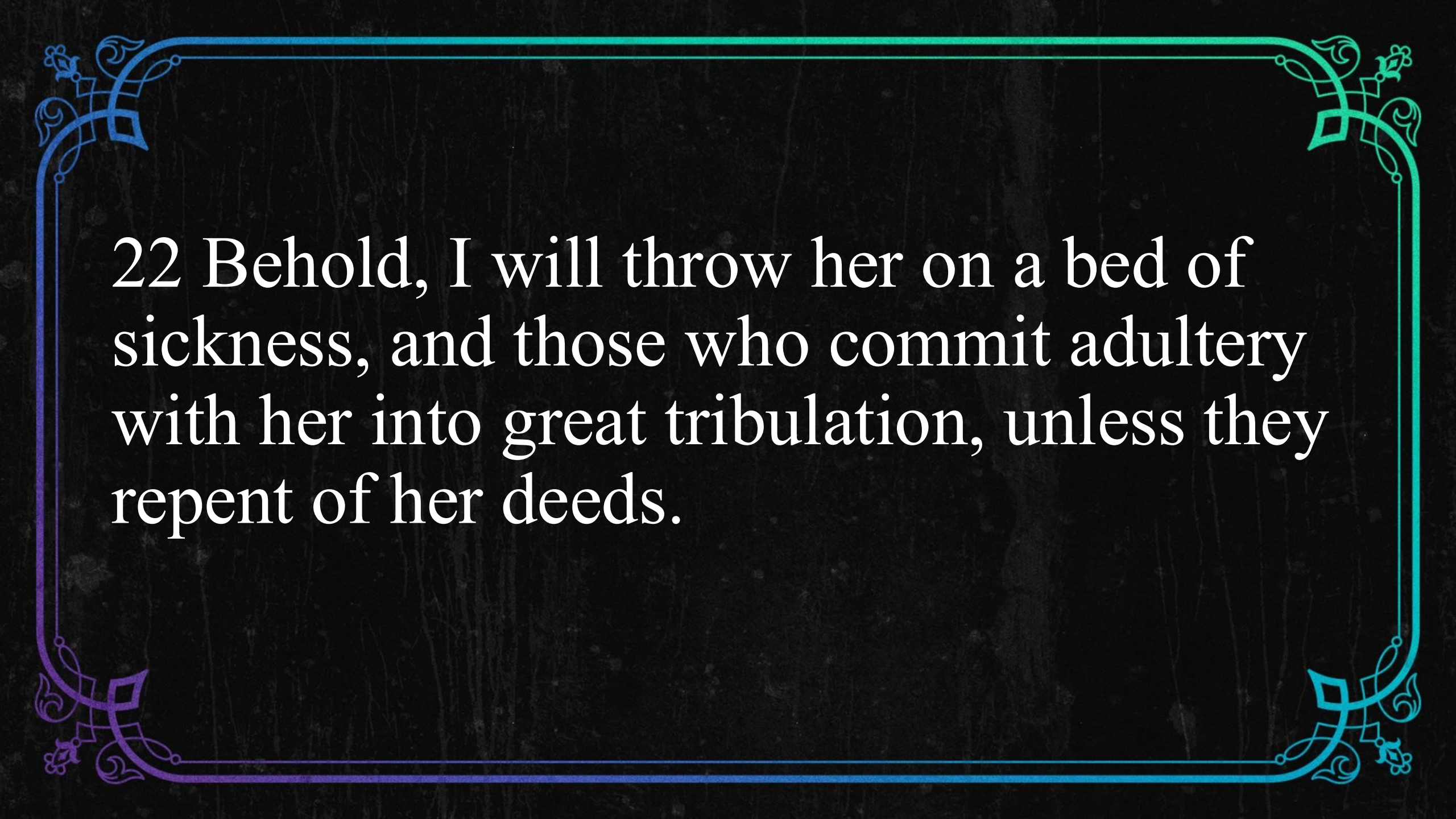
Criticisms 20,21

- Jezebel – Old Testament Ahab & Elijah
- Metaphor – wicked woman!
- Prophetess? Presuming to speak for God
- ‘tolerate’ – allow to carry on
- ‘astray’ – πλανάω – planet – wander

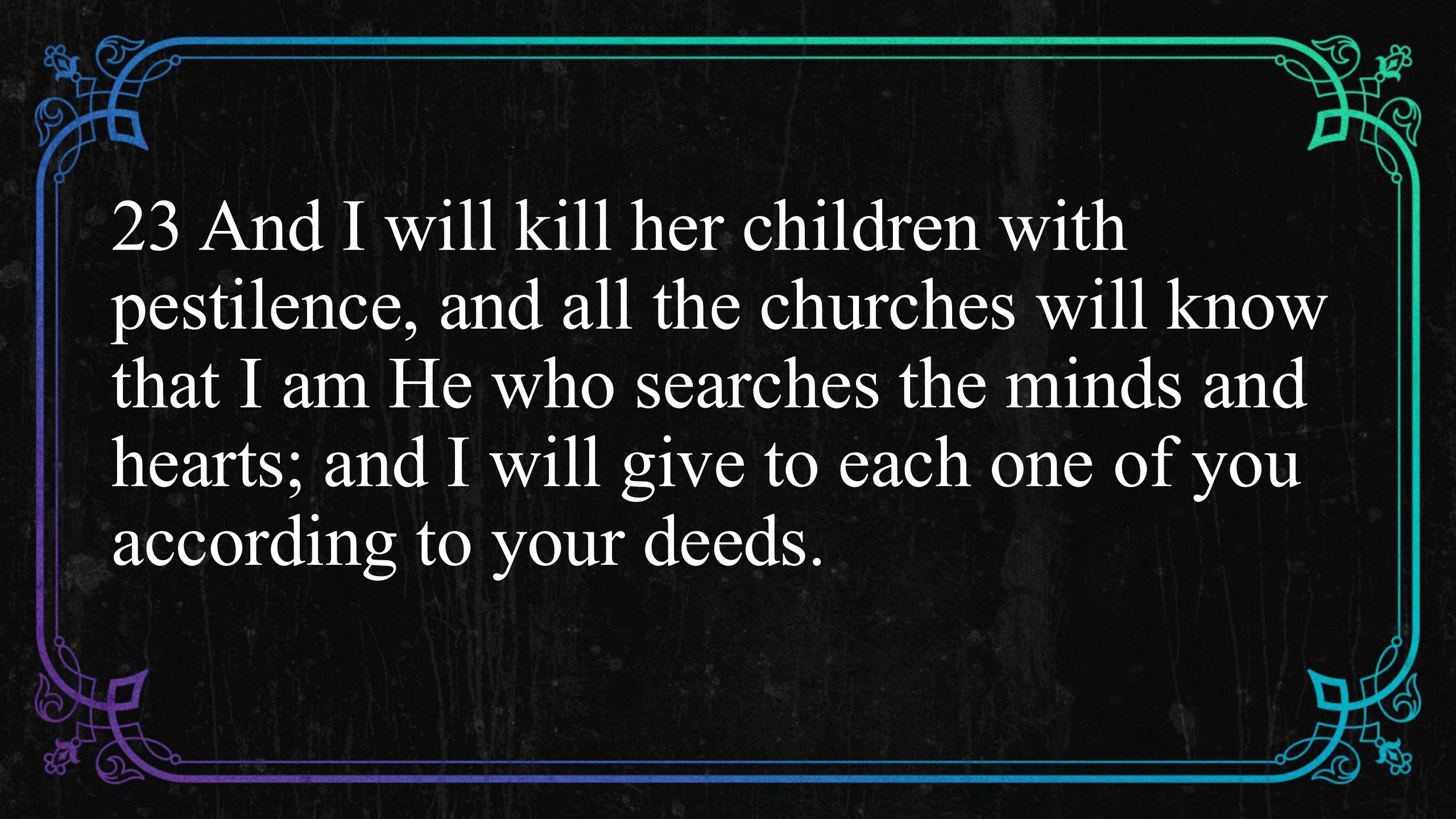


“In the same way that a city without walls was vulnerable to an invading army, so a person without self-control is vulnerable to all kinds of temptations.”

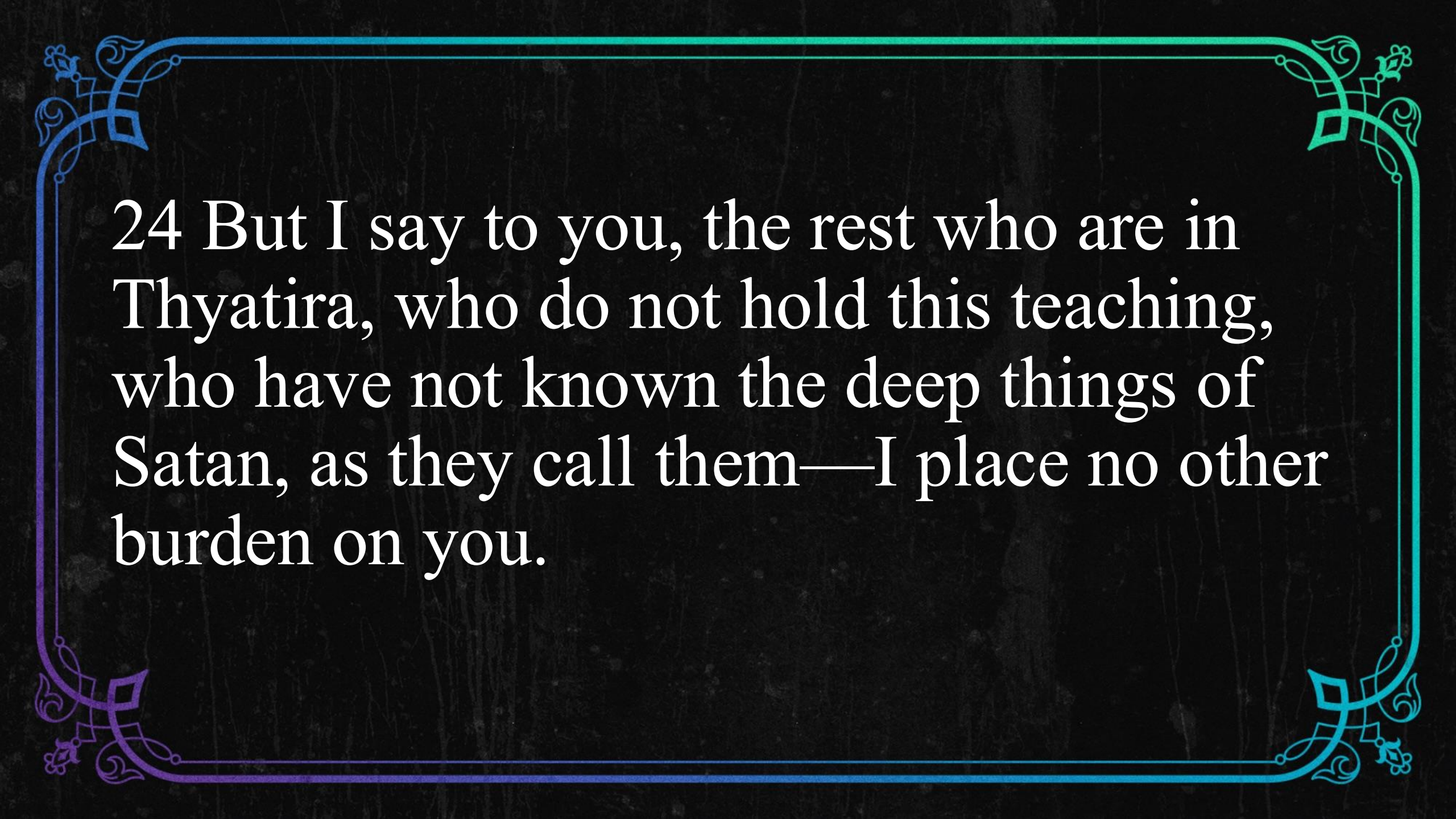
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22 Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.



23 And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.



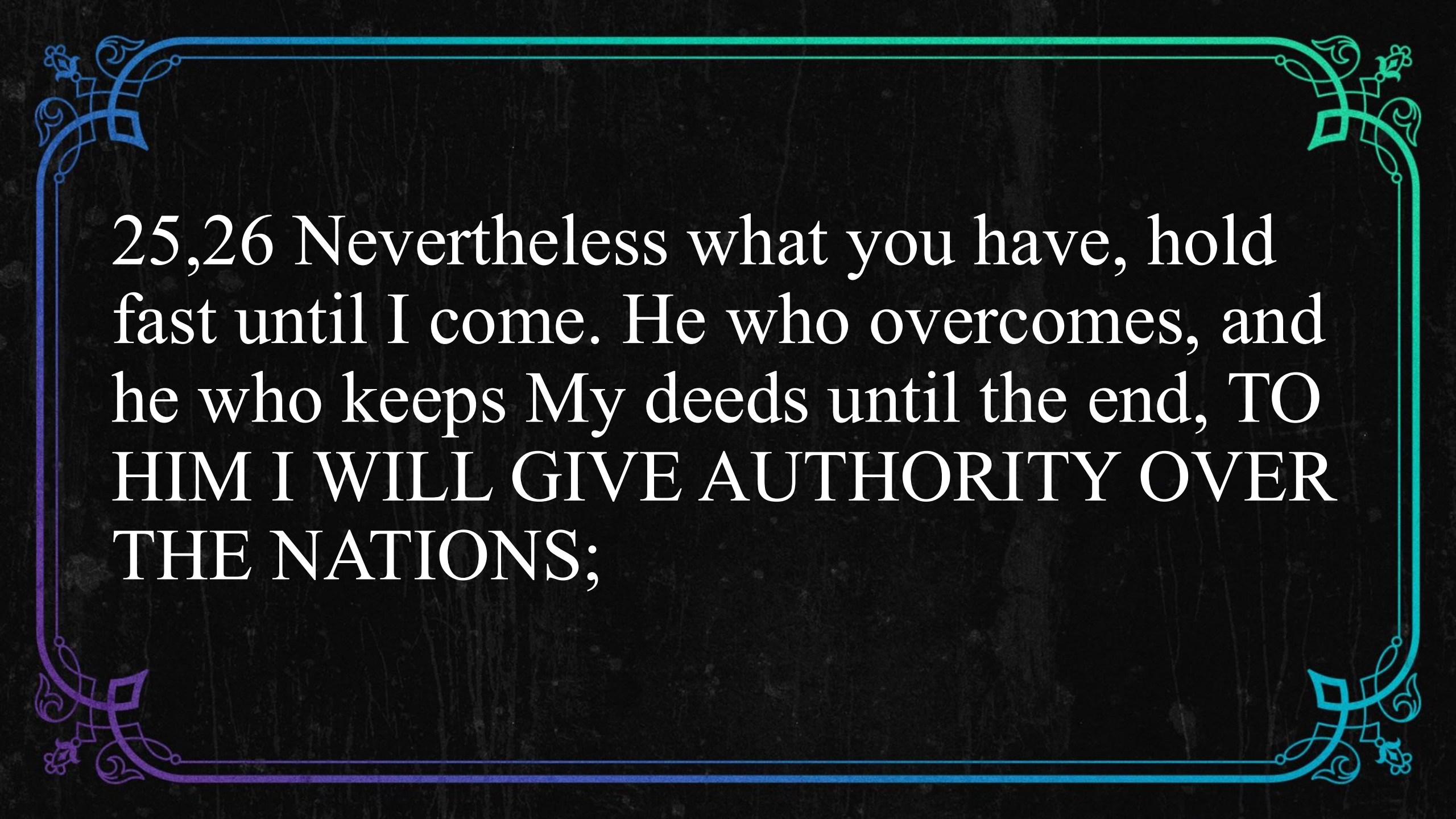
24 But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you.

Consequences 22-24

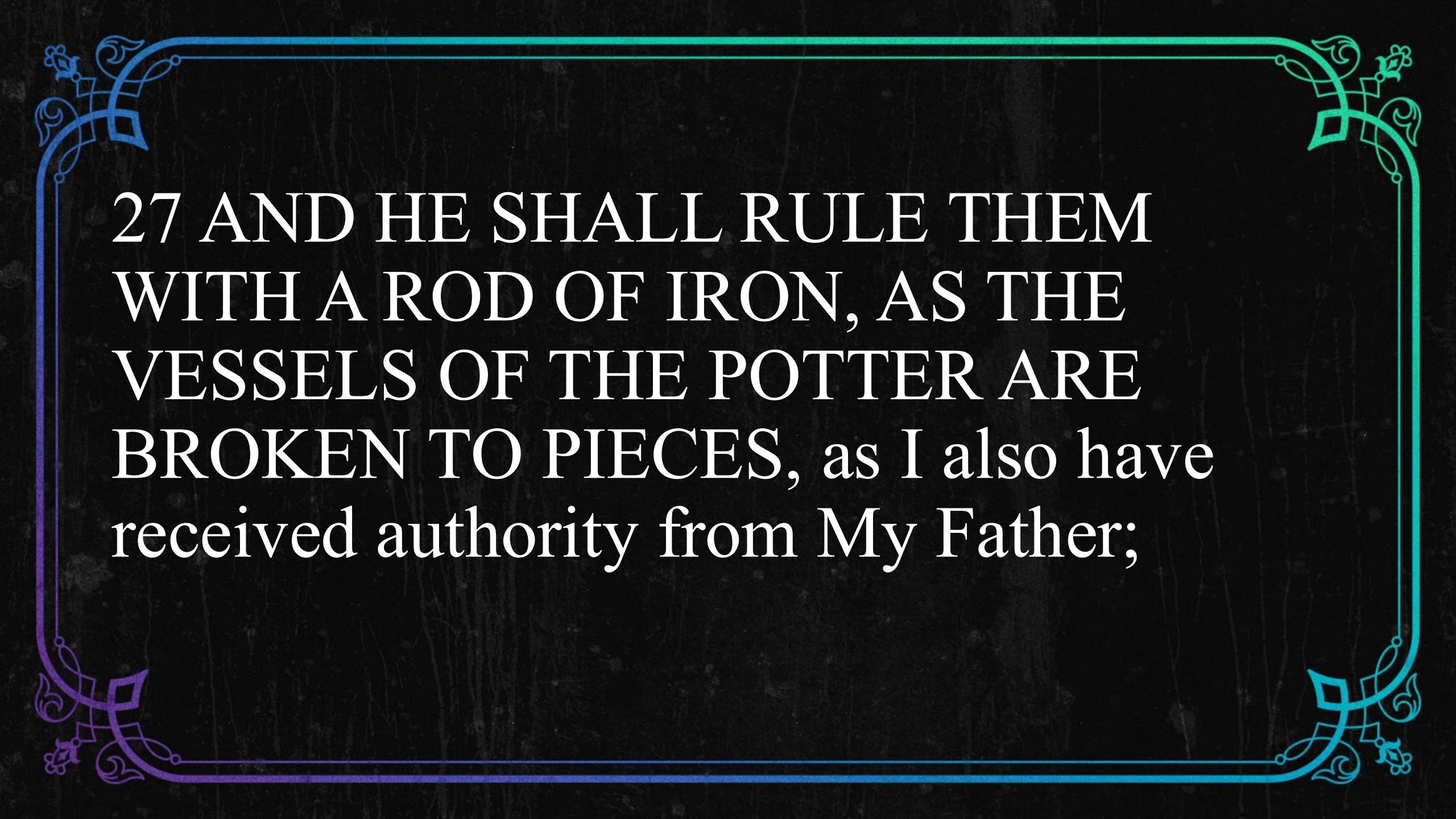
- ‘for this cause...’ - 1 Cor 11
- ‘be sure your sin will find you out!’
- God is not cruel – justice is hard – ‘unless’
- God is fair – ‘according to your deeds’
- ‘no other burden on you!’

“Sin is a spiritual and moral malignancy. Left unchecked, it can spread throughout our entire inner being and contaminate every area of our lives.”

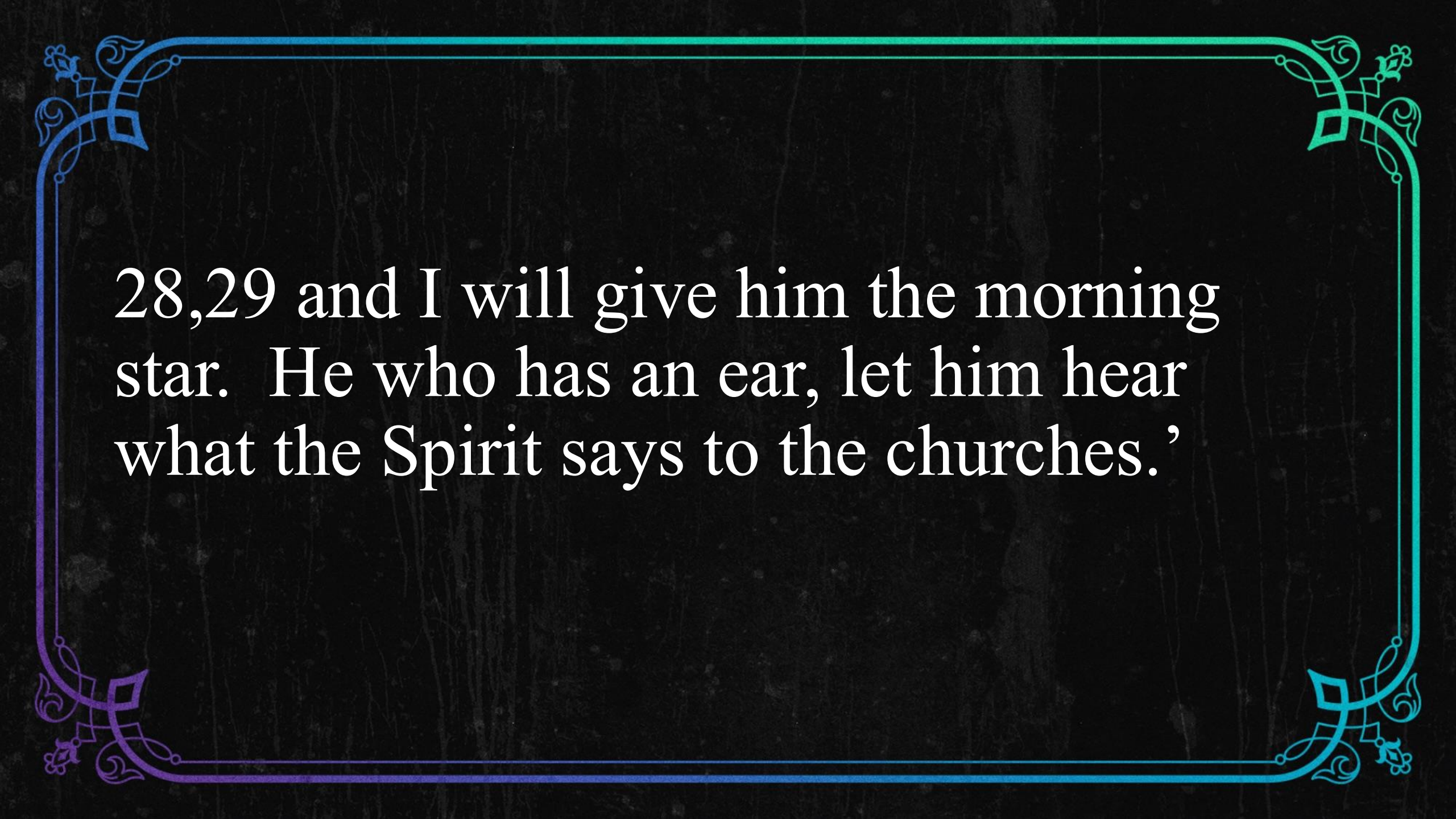
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25,26 Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come. He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS;



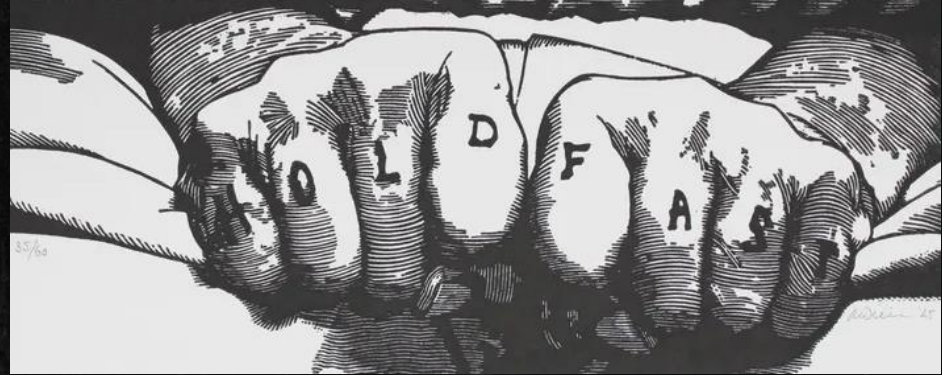
27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM
WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE
VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE
BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have
received authority from My Father;

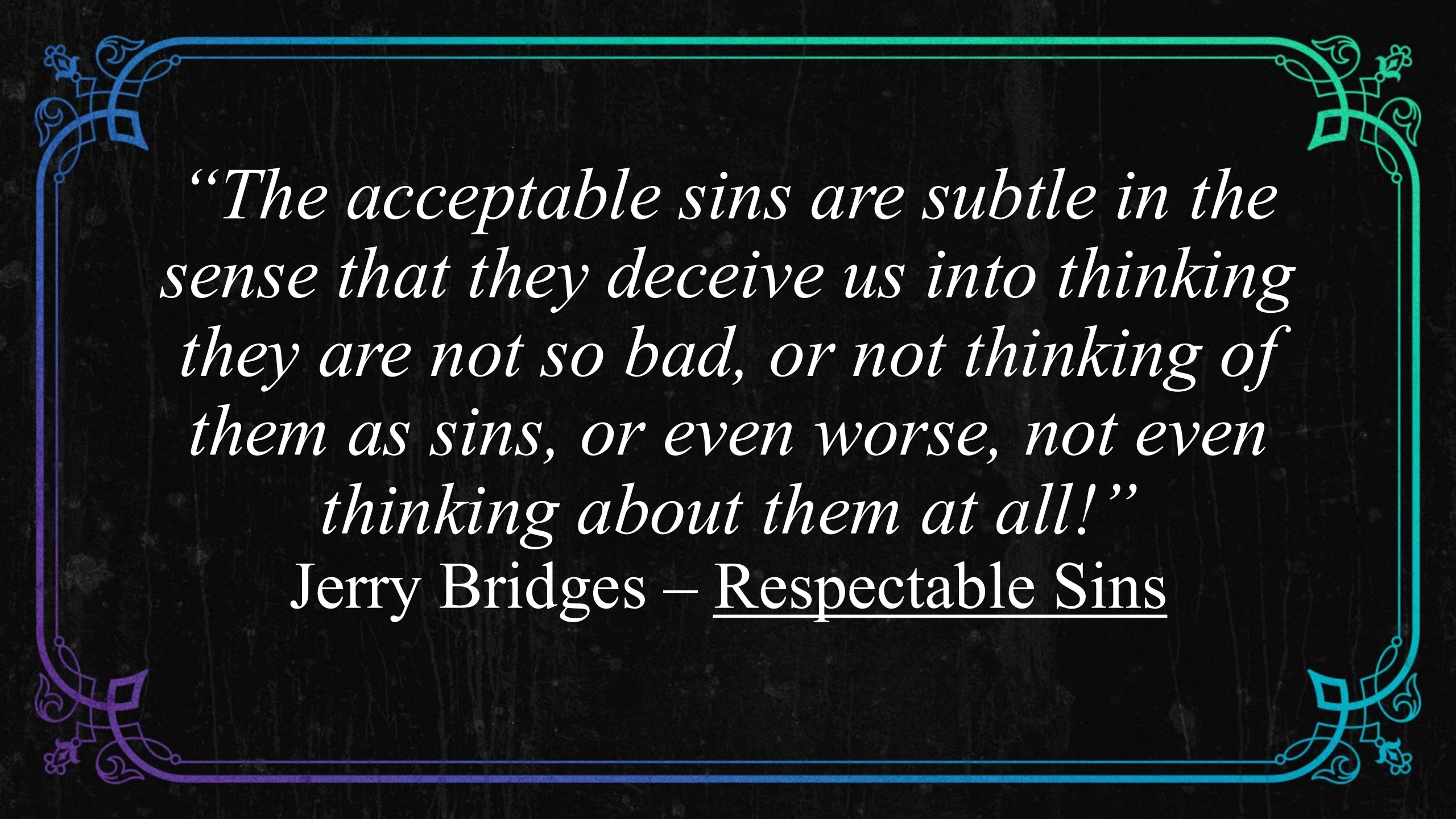


28,29 and I will give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Cure 25-29

- ‘hold fast’
- Psalm 2 – Messianic
- ‘RULE’ – Serve in leadership
- ‘Morning Star’
- listen!





“The acceptable sins are subtle in the sense that they deceive us into thinking they are not so bad, or not thinking of them as sins, or even worse, not even thinking about them at all!”

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