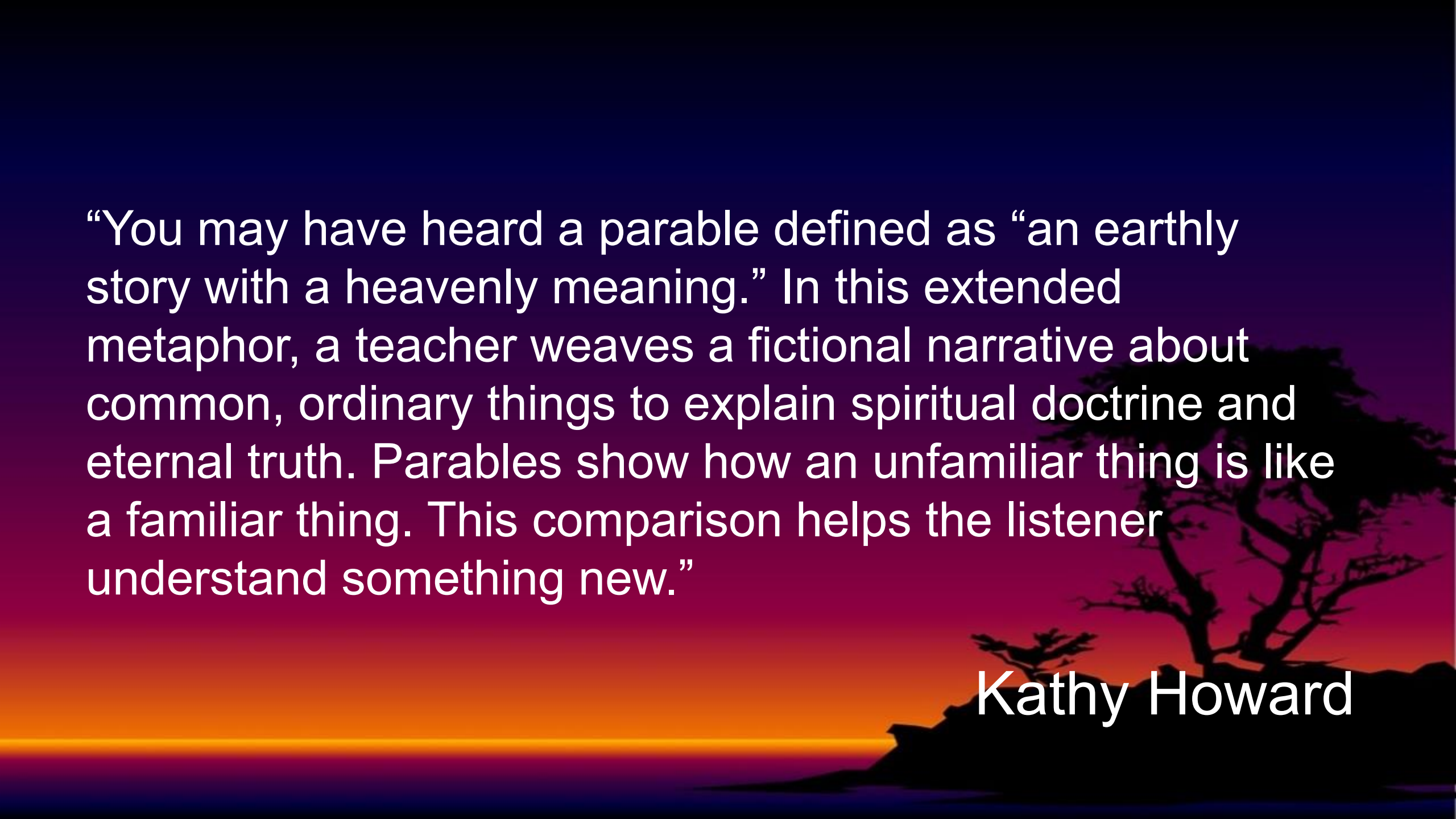


A photograph of a mangrove forest floor, showing a dense network of thick, gnarled, and weathered tree roots. The roots are light brown to grey in color, with some showing signs of decay or hollowing. They are arranged in a complex, vertical pattern, creating a sense of depth and texture. The ground is covered with a layer of dry, brown leaves and organic debris. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the roots and deep shadows in the background, creating a somber and urgent atmosphere.

Time Is Running Out

The background of the slide features a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky, transitioning from a deep purple at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. On the right side, there is a dark silhouette of a tree with a thick trunk and several branches, some of which are bare. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

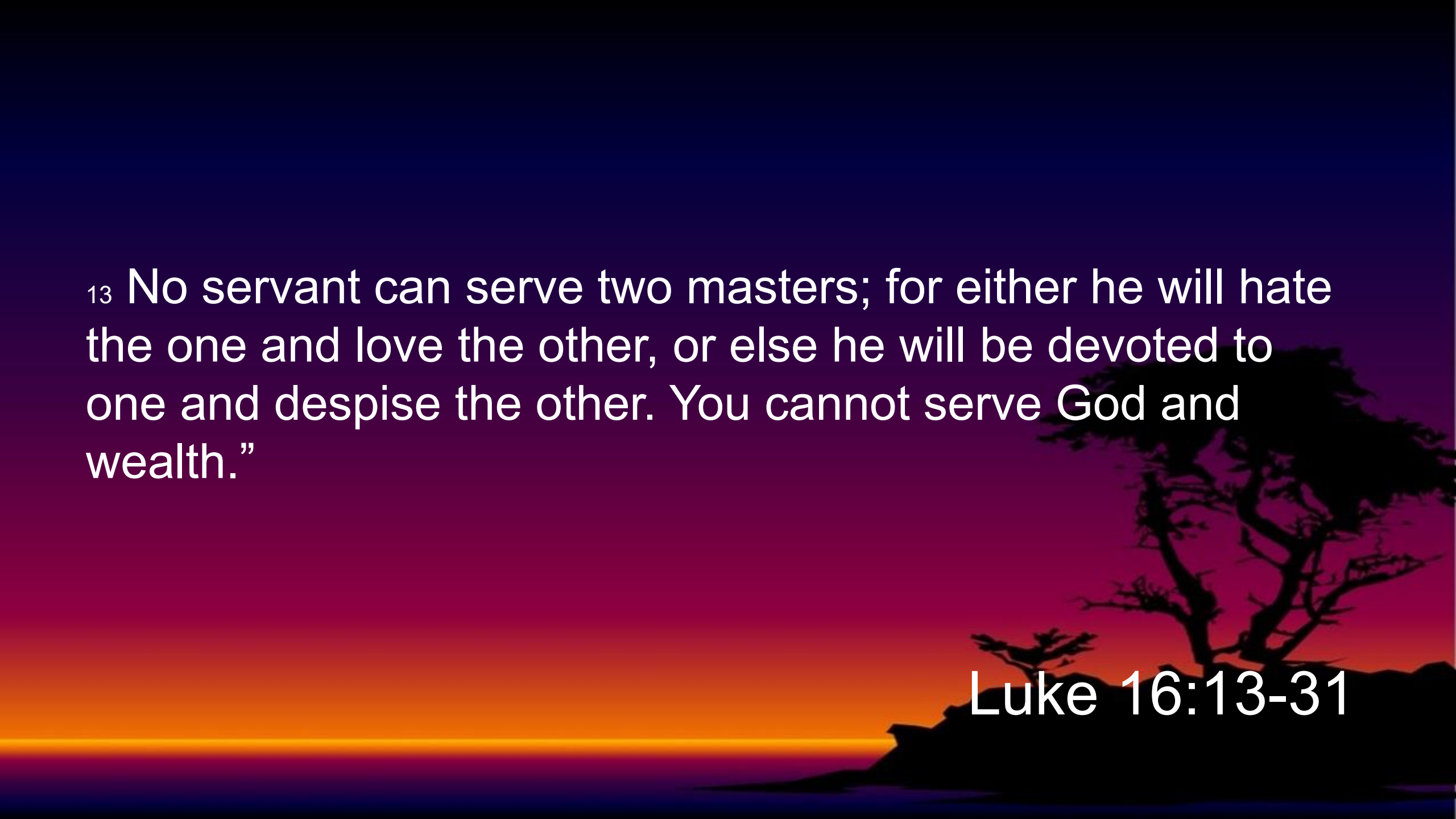
“You may have heard a parable defined as “an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.” In this extended metaphor, a teacher weaves a fictional narrative about common, ordinary things to explain spiritual doctrine and eternal truth. Parables show how an unfamiliar thing is like a familiar thing. This comparison helps the listener understand something new.”

Kathy Howard



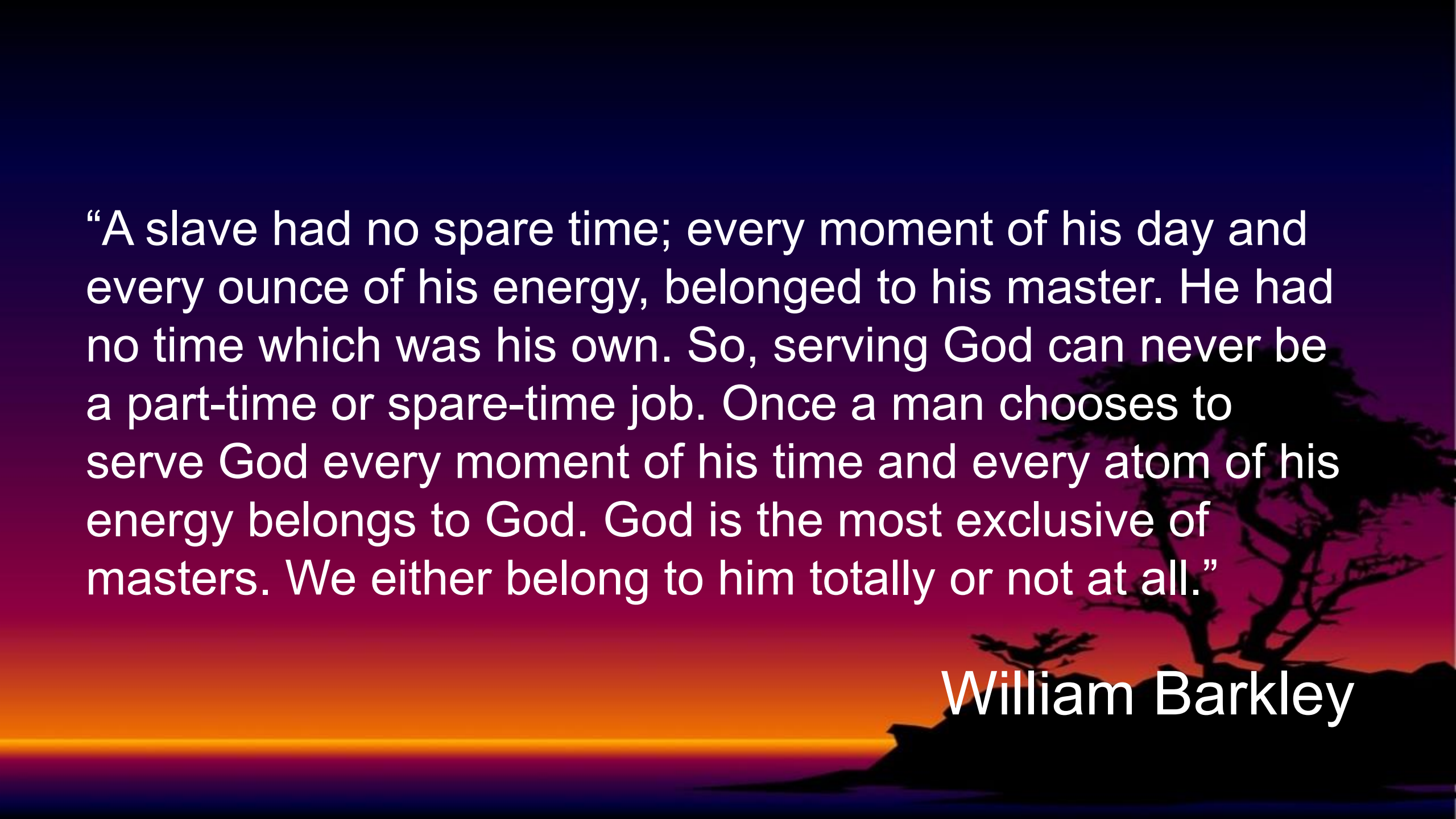
“Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,”

Luke 18:1

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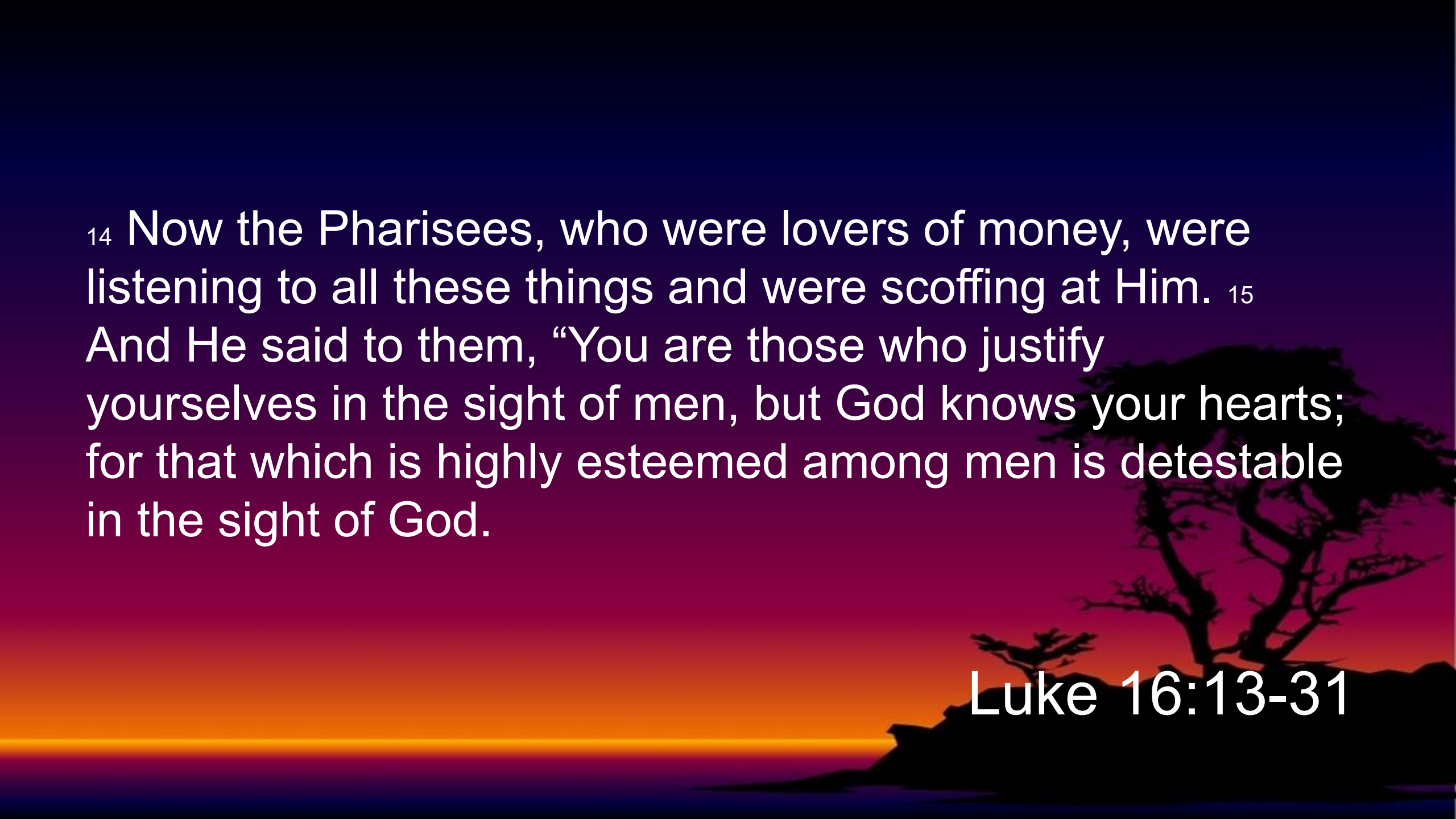
<sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Luke 16:13-31

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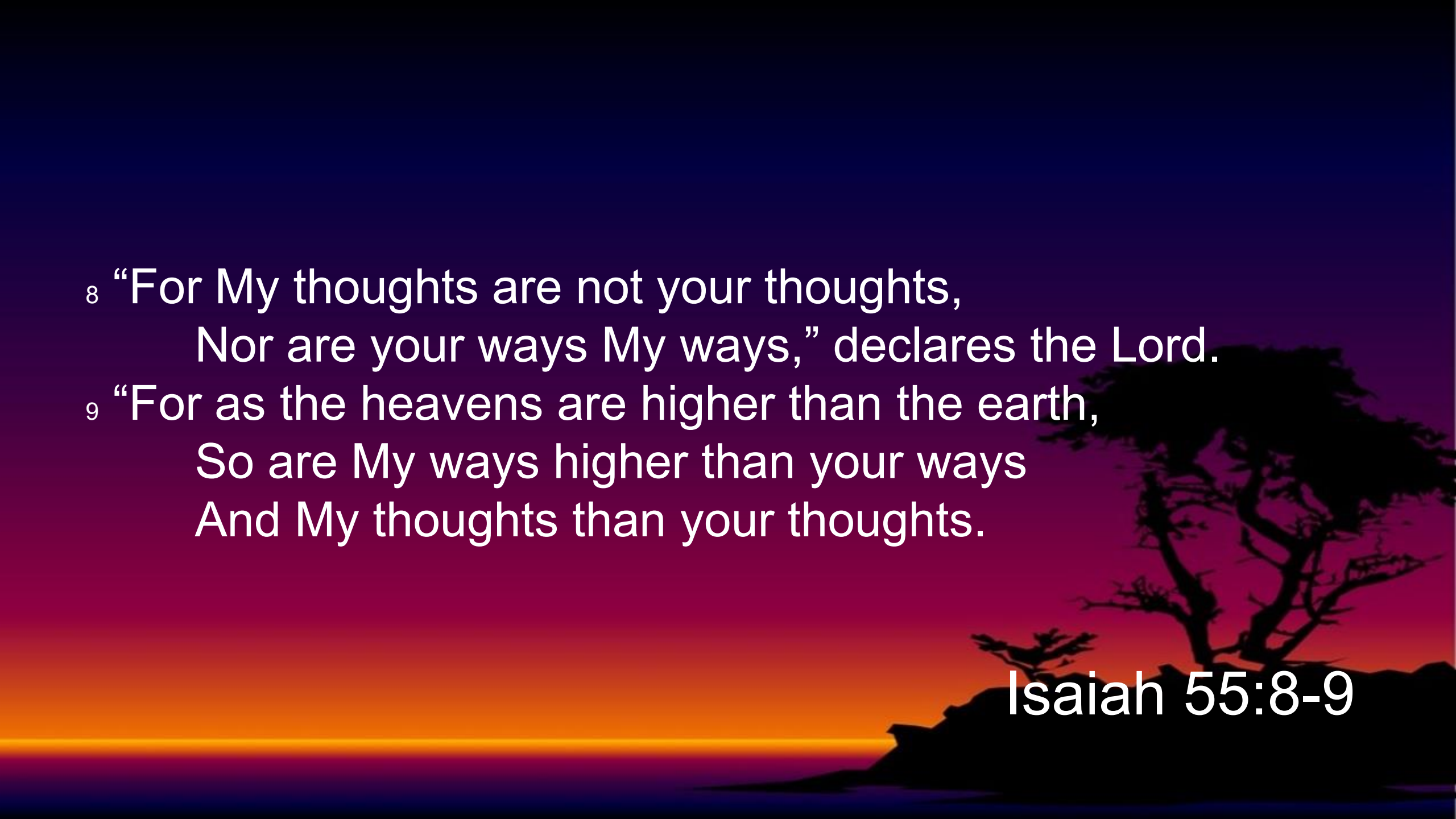
“A slave had no spare time; every moment of his day and every ounce of his energy, belonged to his master. He had no time which was his own. So, serving God can never be a part-time or spare-time job. Once a man chooses to serve God every moment of his time and every atom of his energy belongs to God. God is the most exclusive of masters. We either belong to him totally or not at all.”

William Barkley

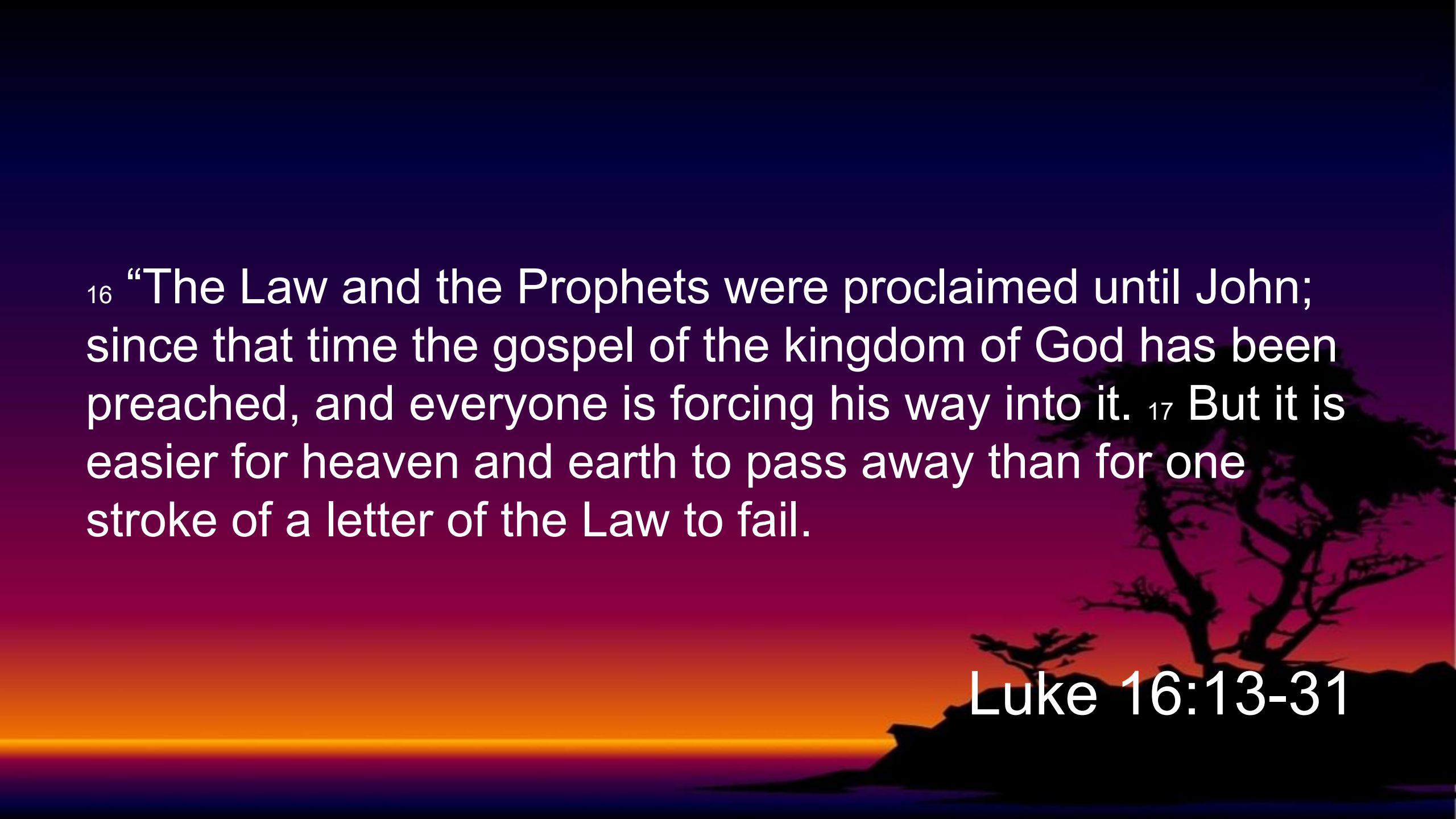
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<sup>14</sup> Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him. <sup>15</sup> And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.

Luke 16:13-31

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- 8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.
- 9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.


Isaiah 55:8-9

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<sup>16</sup> “The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John; since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it. <sup>17</sup> But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.

Luke 16:13-31





<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”  
<sup>37</sup> And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your  
mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the great and foremost commandment. <sup>39</sup>  
The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as  
yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend the  
whole Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:36-40

“But now the Good News of the Kingdom of God is preached, and everyone is eager to get in.”

Luke 16:16 NLT

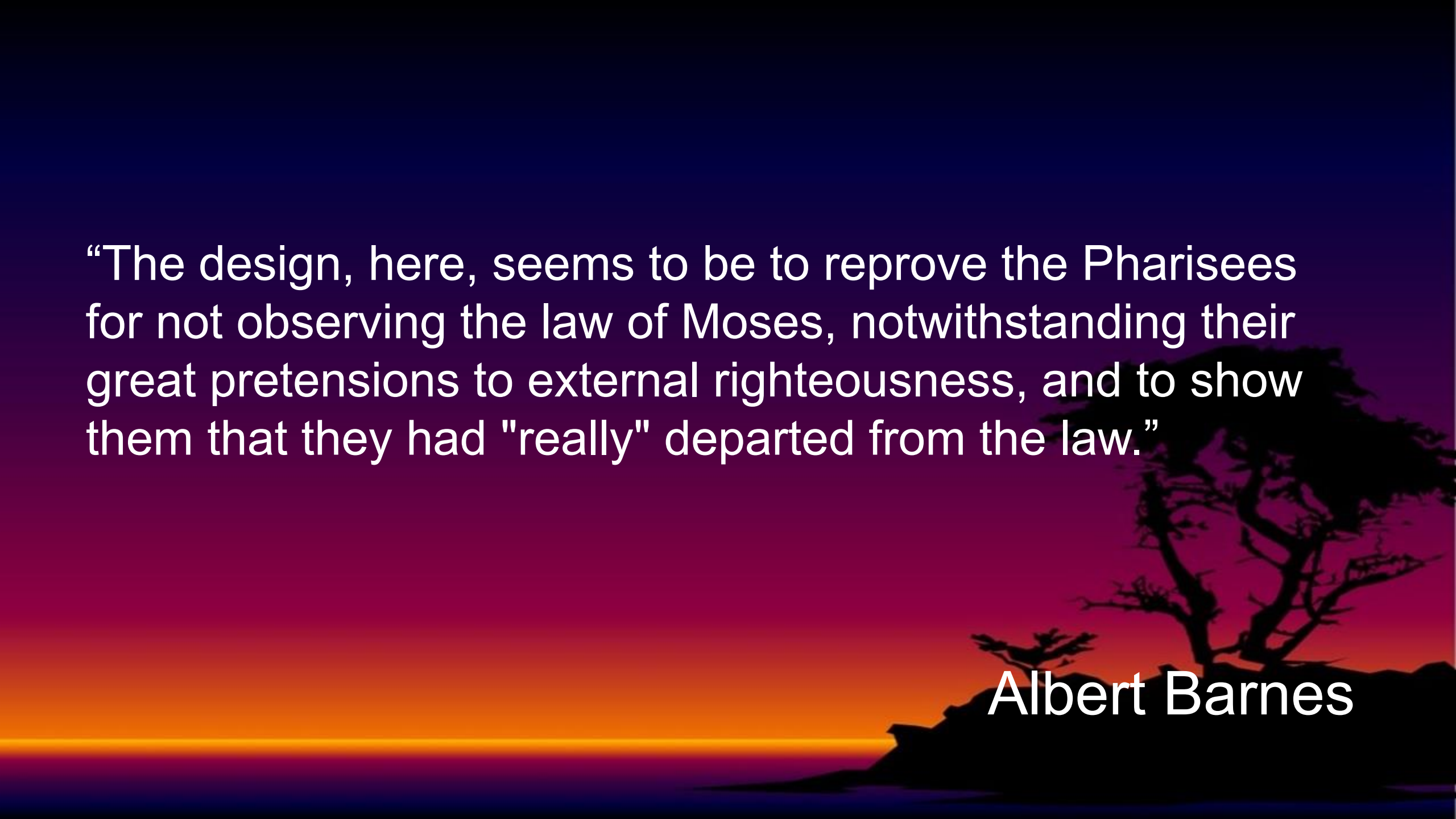
“The arrival of the kingdom does not nullify the law, but transforms the hearts of its citizens so that they will long to obey God’s will (see Jeremiah 31:33).”

Mike McKinley

<sup>18</sup> “Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

Luke 16:13-31



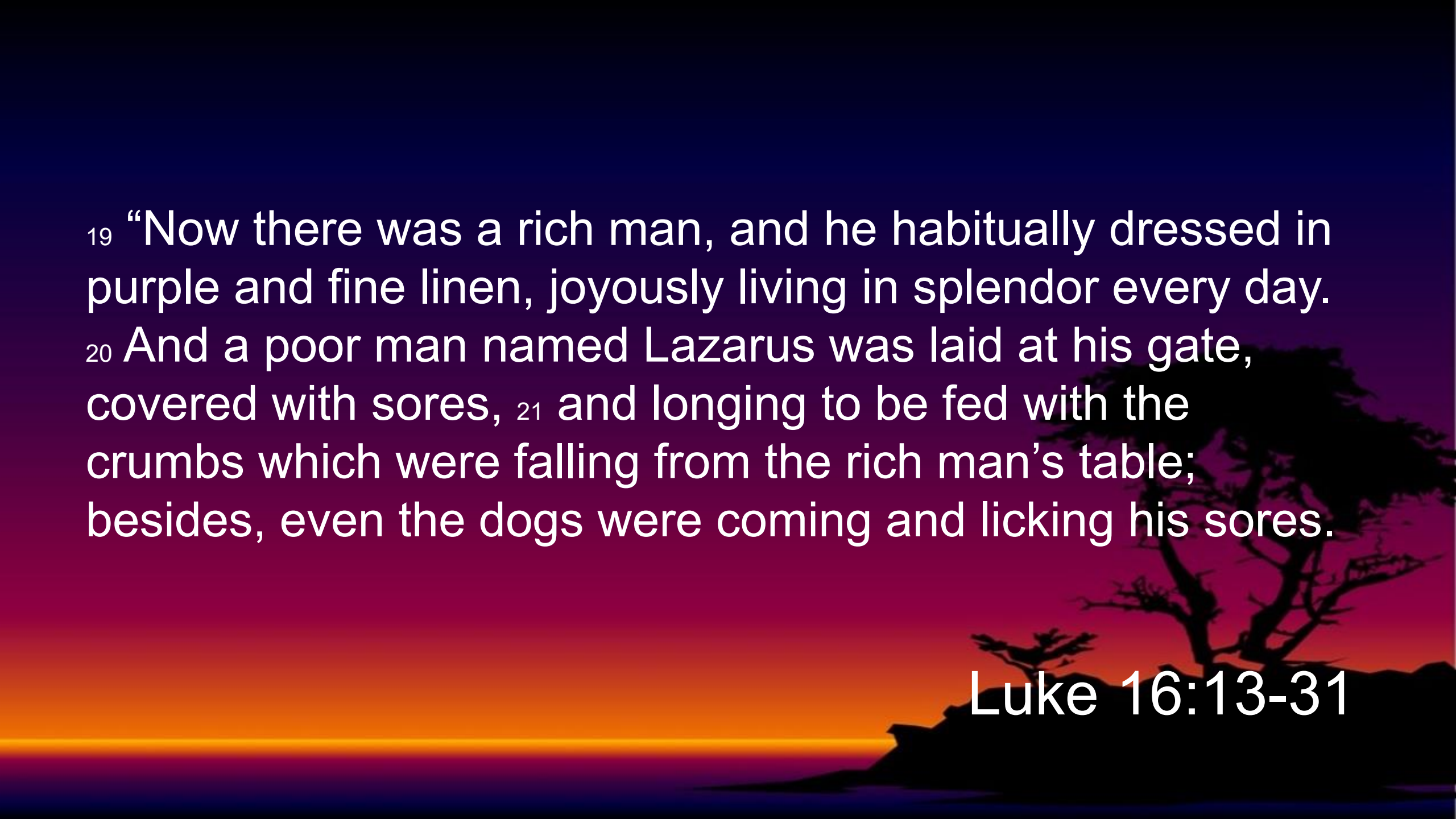
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“The design, here, seems to be to reprove the Pharisees for not observing the law of Moses, notwithstanding their great pretensions to external righteousness, and to show them that they had "really" departed from the law.”

Albert Barnes

“Jesus here taught the ideal regarding marriage and divorce, and it is dangerous for us to establish doctrine on isolated statements of Jesus without taking into account the whole counsel of His teaching.”

David Guzik



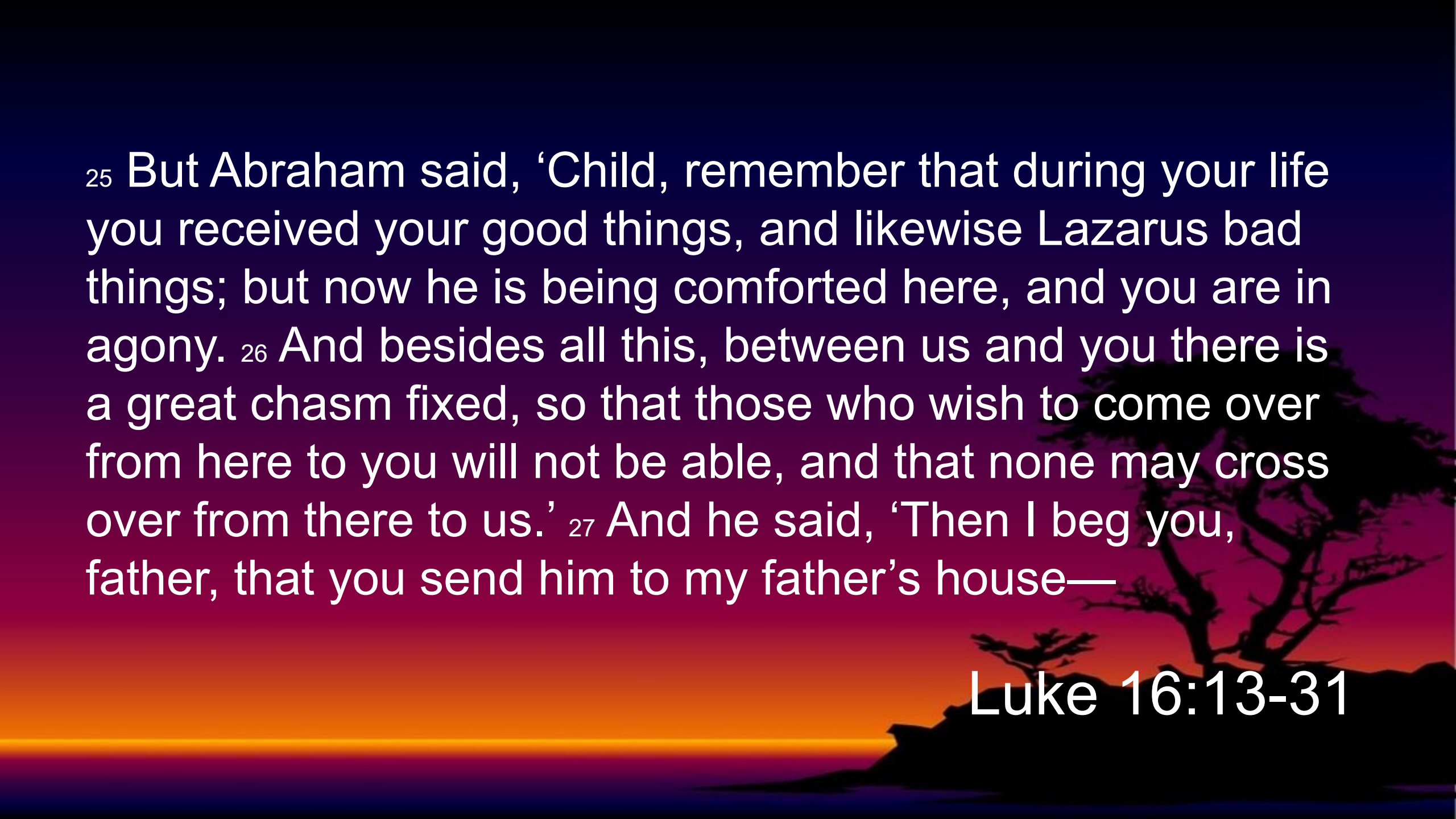
<sup>19</sup> “Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day.  
<sup>20</sup> And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man’s table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.

Luke 16:13-31

<sup>22</sup> Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and \*saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'

Luke 16:13-31





<sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.' <sup>27</sup> And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house—'

Luke 16:13-31

<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> But Abraham \*said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup> But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!’ <sup>31</sup> But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Luke 16:13-31

An unrolled scroll with a wooden frame and a central text box. The scroll is made of light brown parchment with a slightly irregular, torn edge. It is held by four dark brown wooden rollers, two on each side. The text is centered in a white rectangular box with a thin black border.

Time is running out...  
Chose Now!