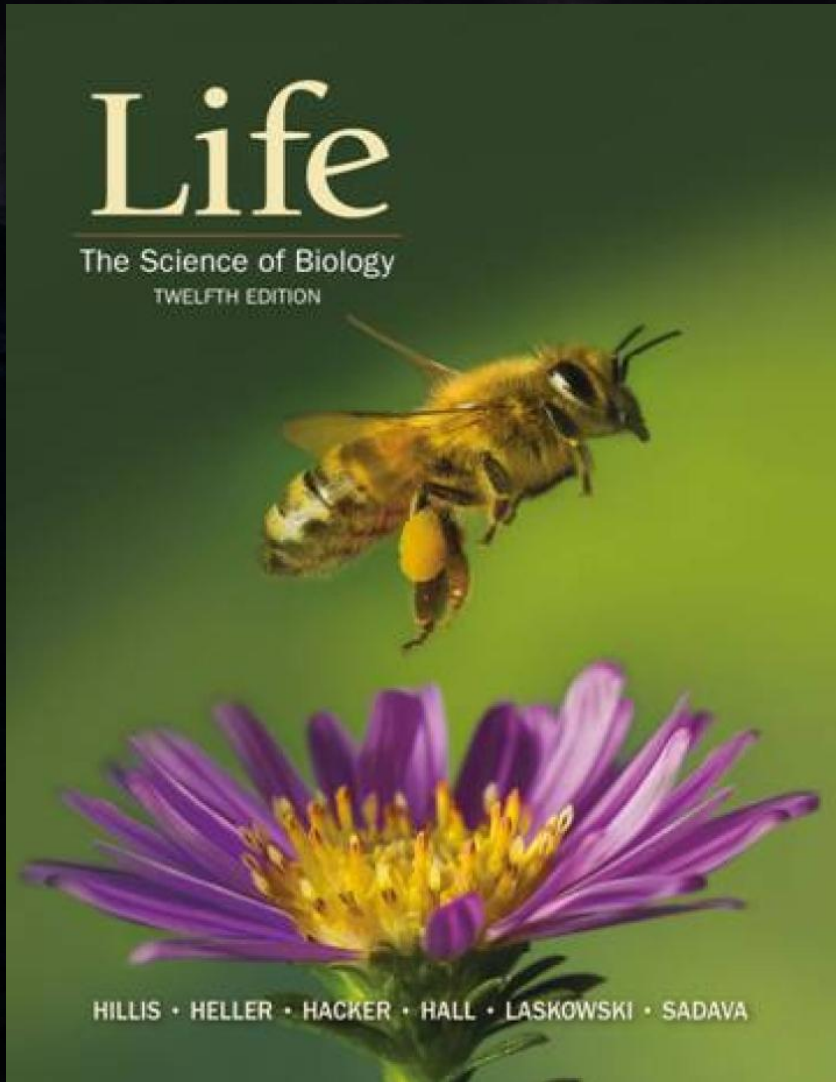


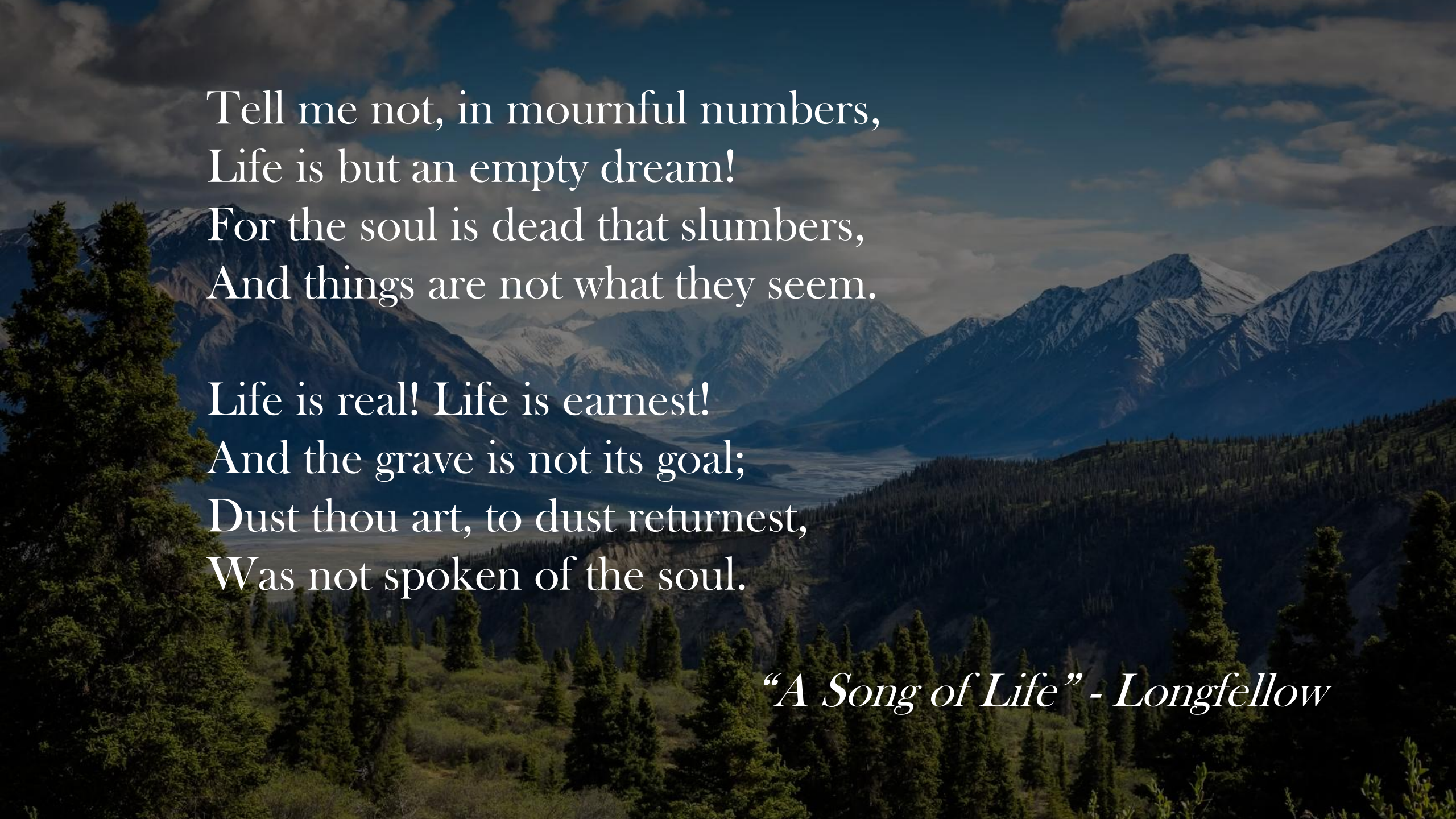
A night landscape featuring a starry sky with the Milky Way visible, silhouetted trees, and a calm body of water reflecting the scene.

What is life?



“The information that specifies what an organism will look like and how it will function – its ‘blueprint’ for existence – is contained in the organism’s genome: the sum total of all the DNA molecules contained in each of its cells. DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) molecules are long sequences of four different subunits called nucleotides. The sequence of these four nucleotides contains genetic information. Genes are specific segments of DNA that encode the information the cell uses to create amino acids and form them into proteins. Protein molecules govern the chemical reactions within cells and form much of the organism’s structure...”

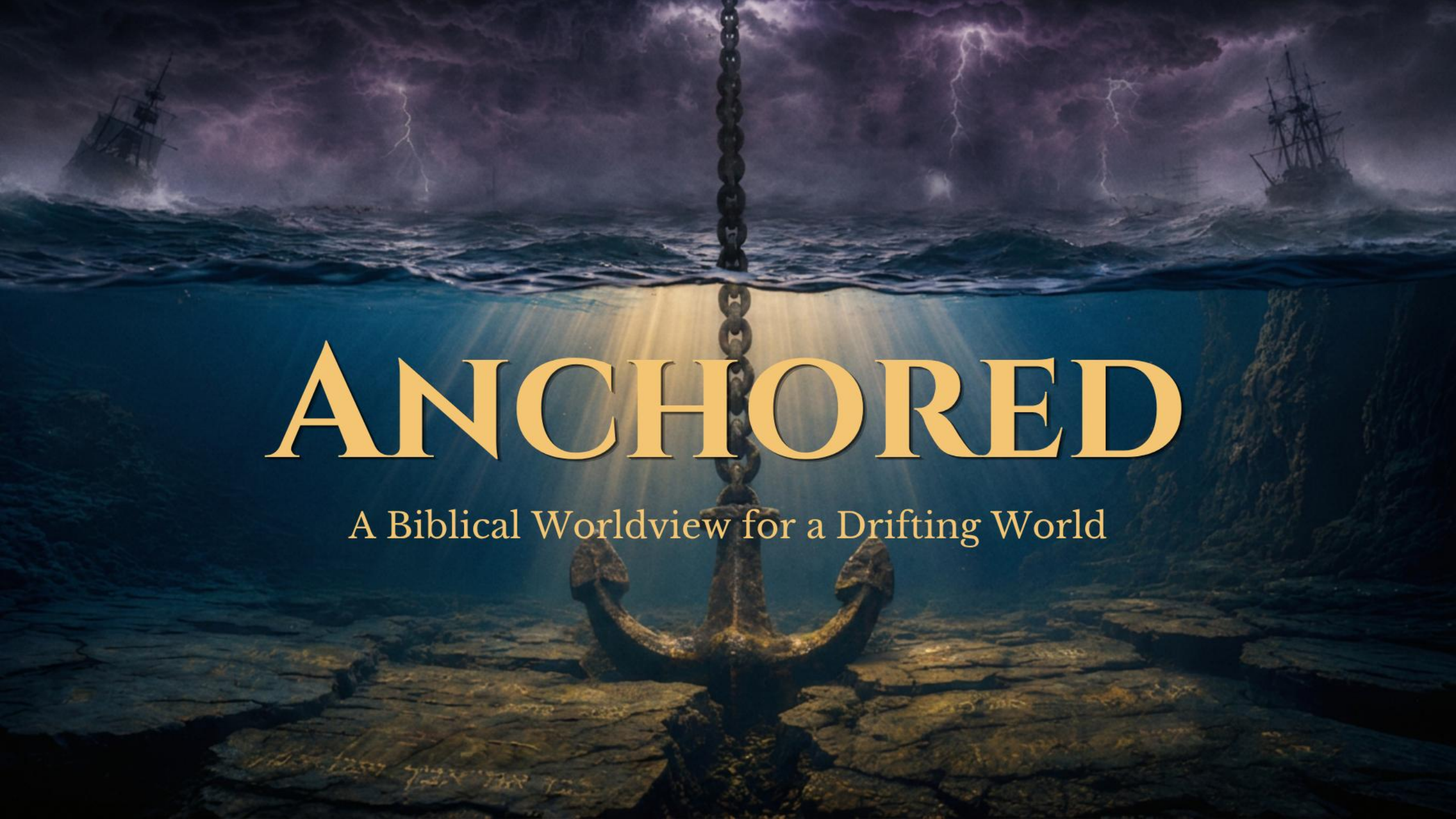
(*Life: The Science of Biology*, David E. Sadava, H. Craig Heller, p. 5)



Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

“A Song of Life” - Longfellow

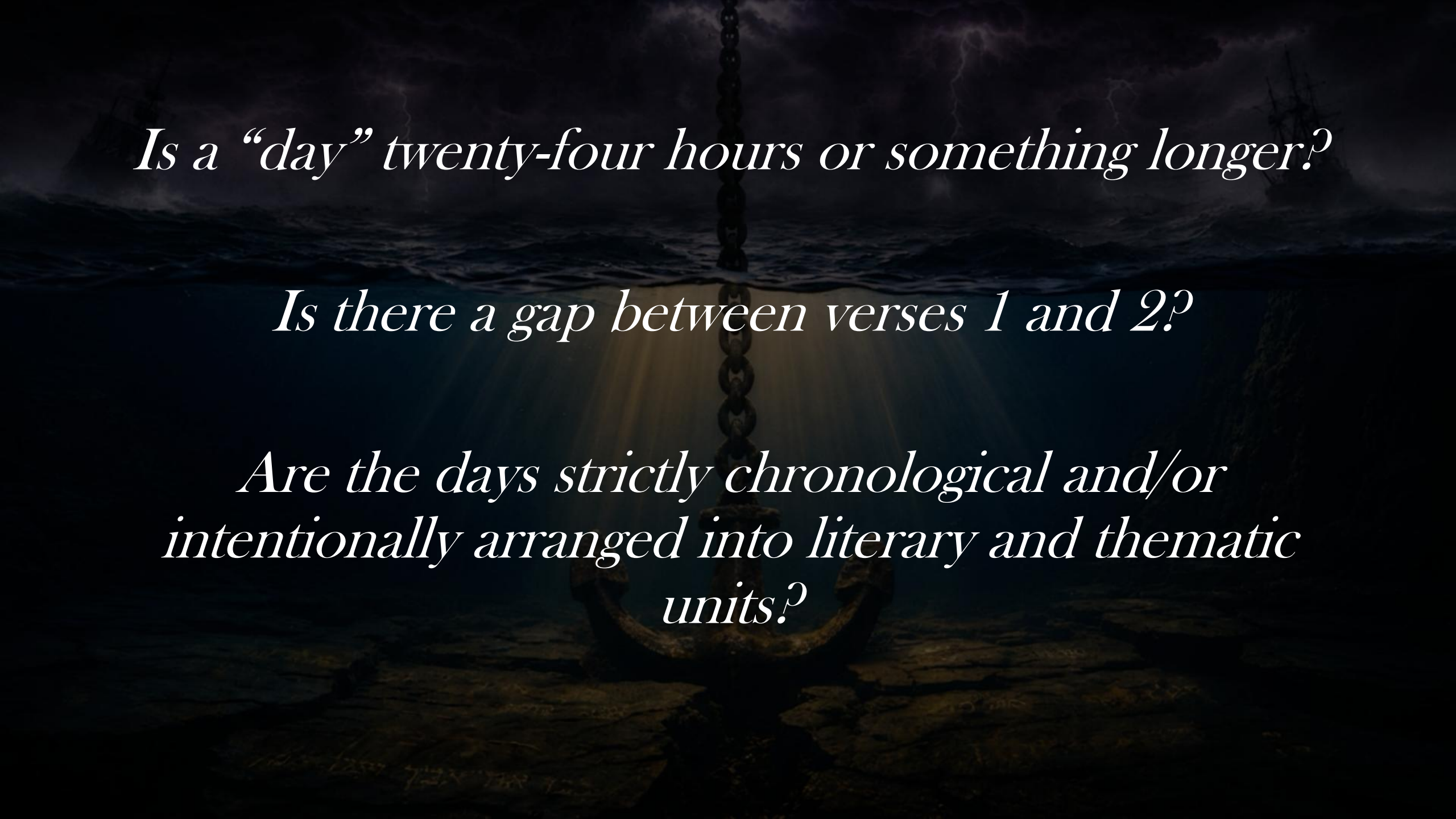


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A Biblical Worldview for a Drifting World

Our Focus Today

1. The **point** of the story
2. The **order & beauty** of the story
3. The **response** the story is intended to produce in us



Is a “day” twenty-four hours or something longer?

Is there a gap between verses 1 and 2?

*Are the days strictly chronological and/or
intentionally arranged into literary and thematic
units?*

Big Idea

Genesis 1 gives us a **true, authoritative, theologically rich account of creation** whose central purpose is to tell us **who** created everything and **what kind of God He is.**

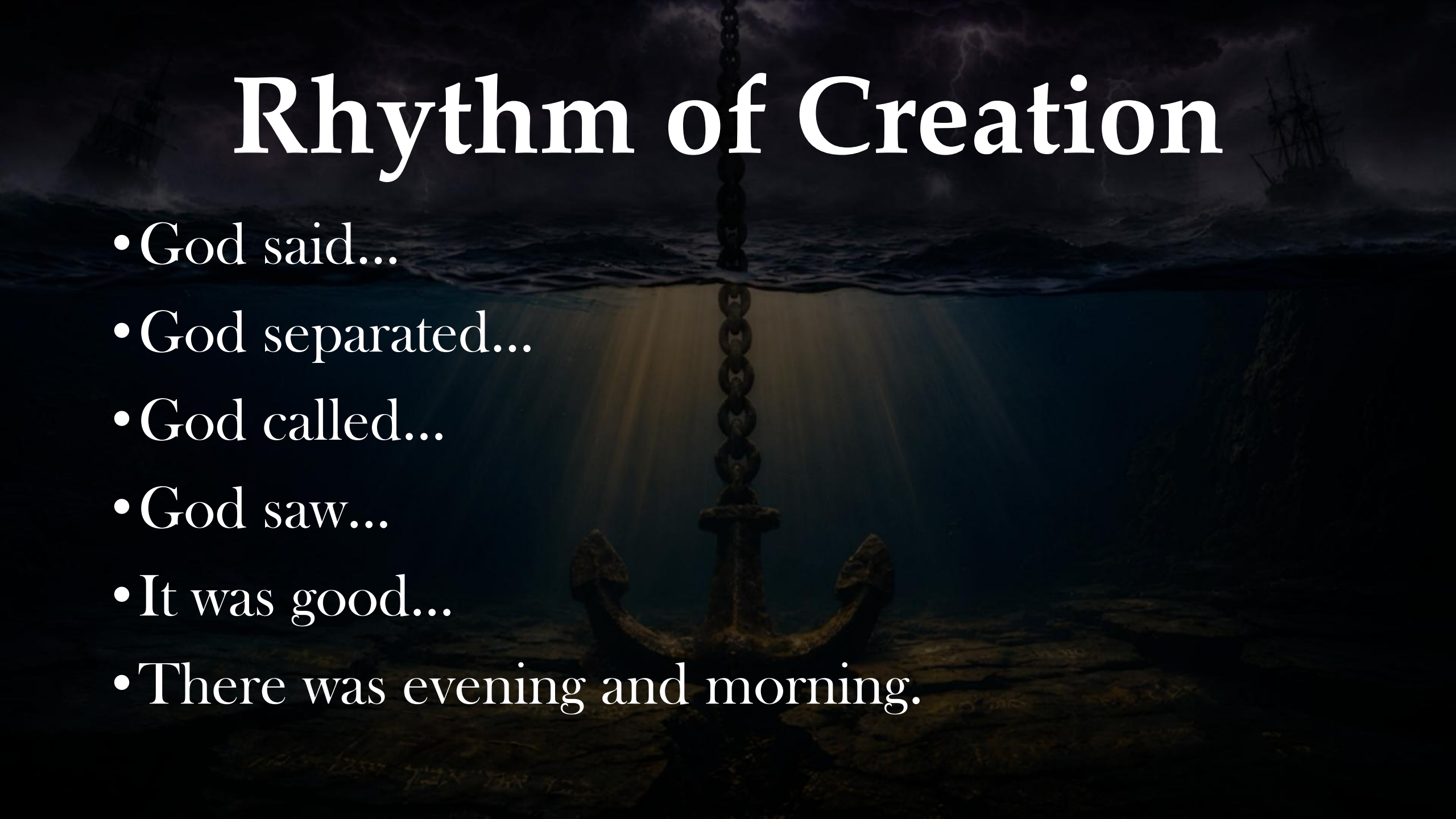
Genesis 1:1-2

[1] In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. [2] The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:3-4

[3] And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. [4] And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

Rhythm of Creation



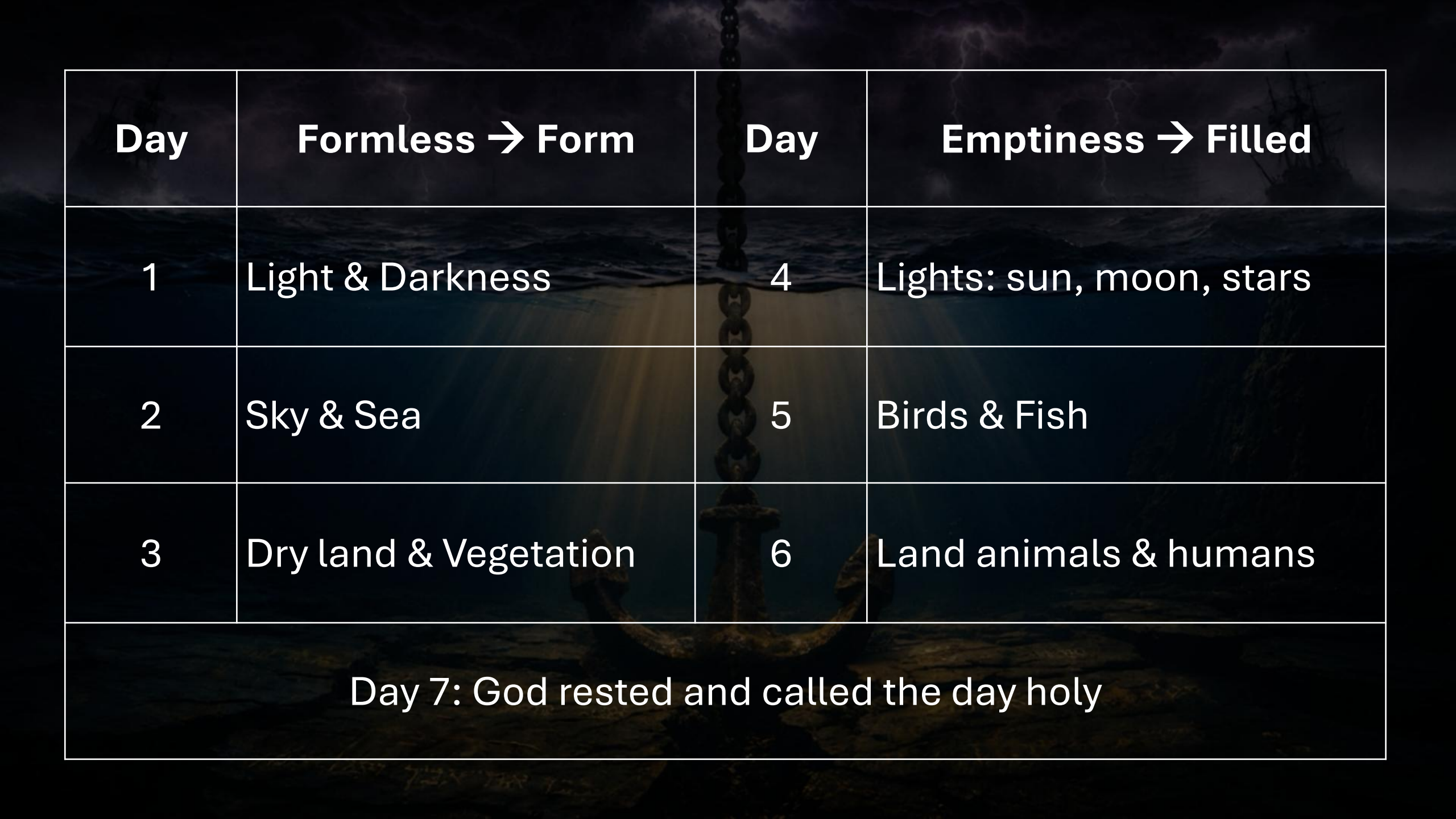
- God said...
- God separated...
- God called...
- God saw...
- It was good...
- There was evening and morning.

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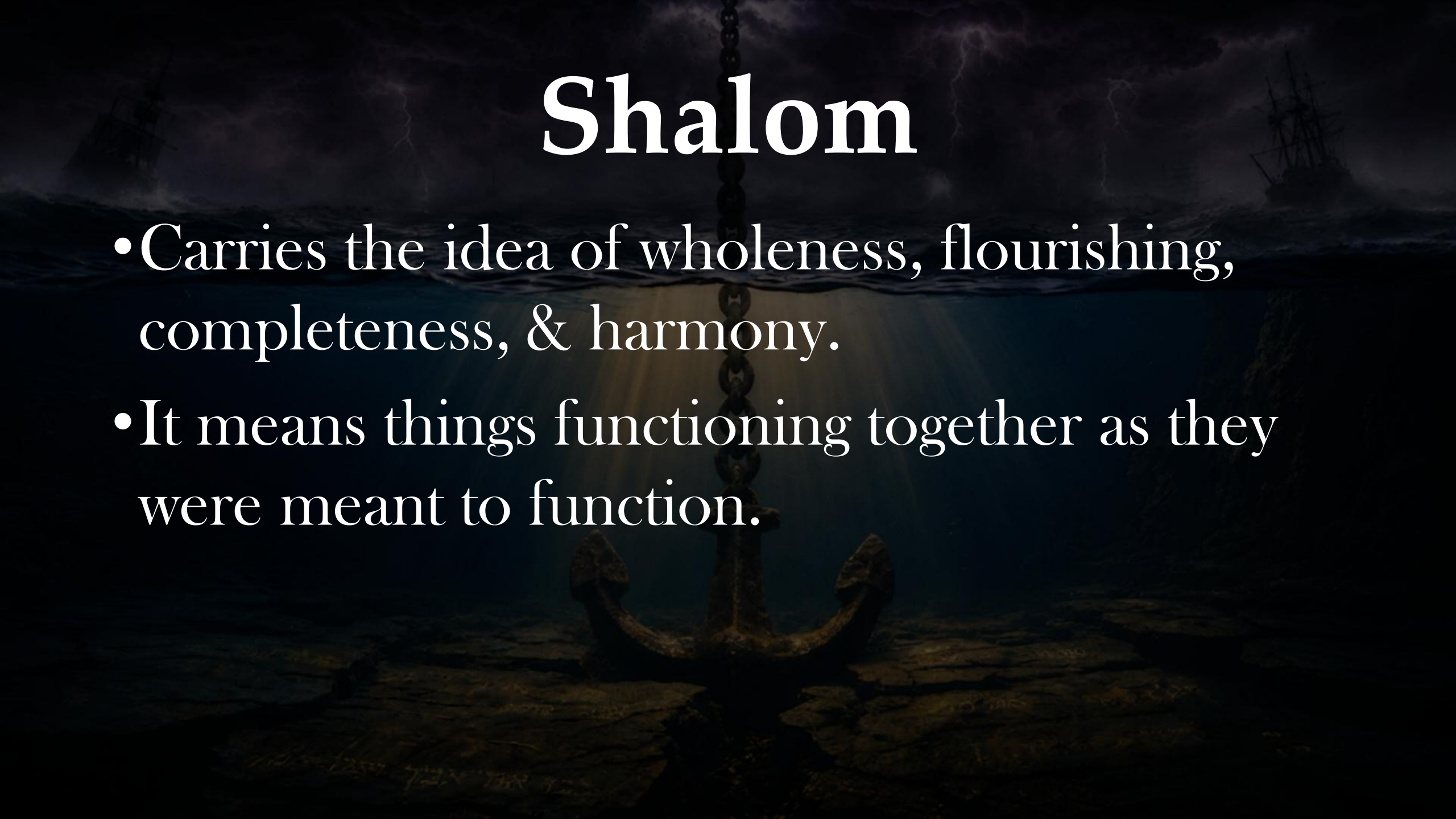


Day	Formless → Form	Day	Emptiness → Filled
1	Light & Darkness	4	Lights: sun, moon, stars
2	Sky & Sea	5	Birds & Fish
3	Dry land & Vegetation	6	Land animals & humans
Day 7: God rested and called the day holy			

Genesis 1:31-2:2

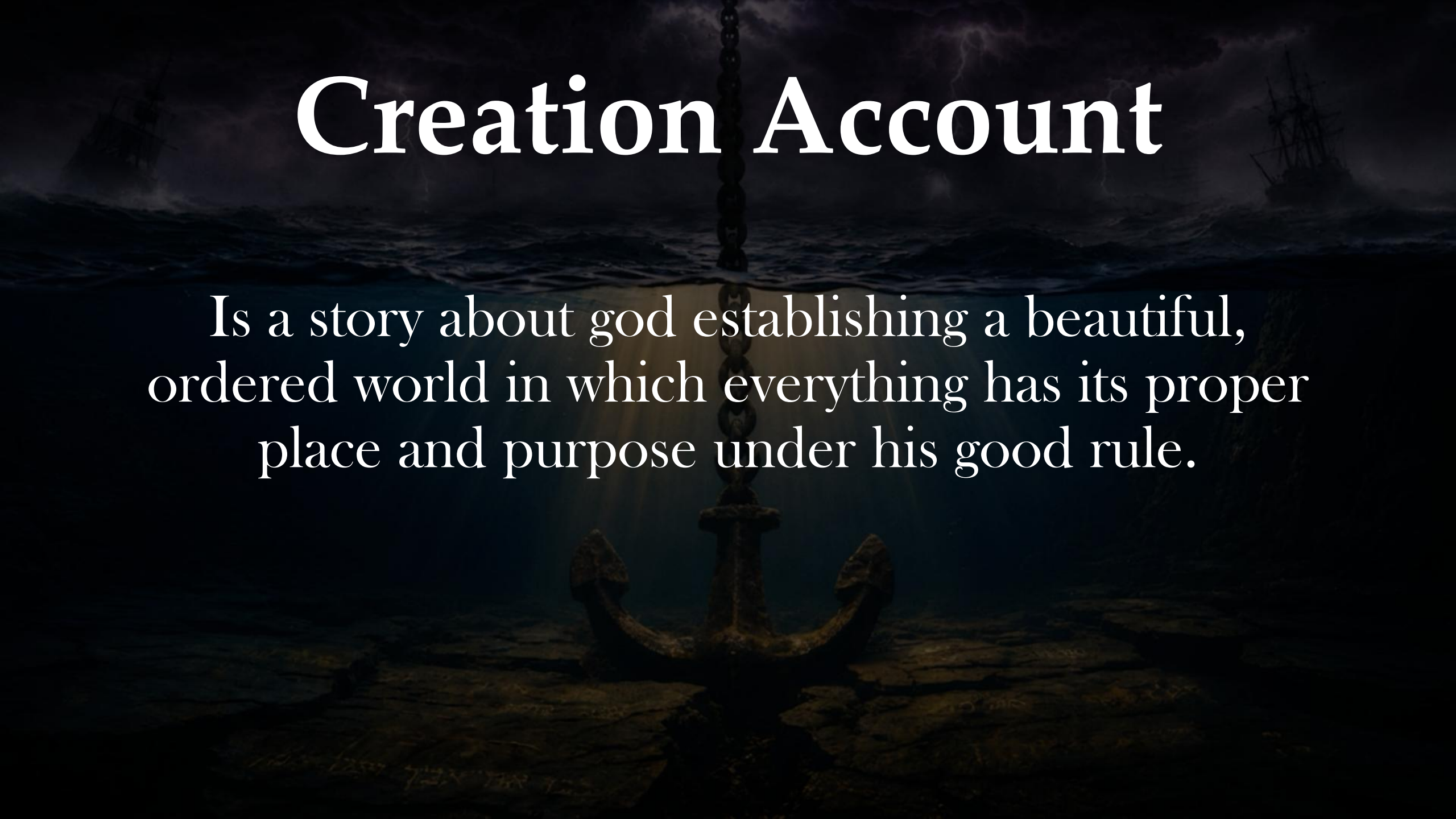
[31] And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. [1] Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. [2] And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

Shalom

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric image. It depicts a stormy sea under a dark, cloudy sky with faint lightning. In the distance, the masts and rigging of several sailing ships are visible. In the foreground, a large, rusted anchor is partially submerged in the water, with a chain hanging from it. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.

- Carries the idea of wholeness, flourishing, completeness, & harmony.
- It means things functioning together as they were meant to function.

Creation Account

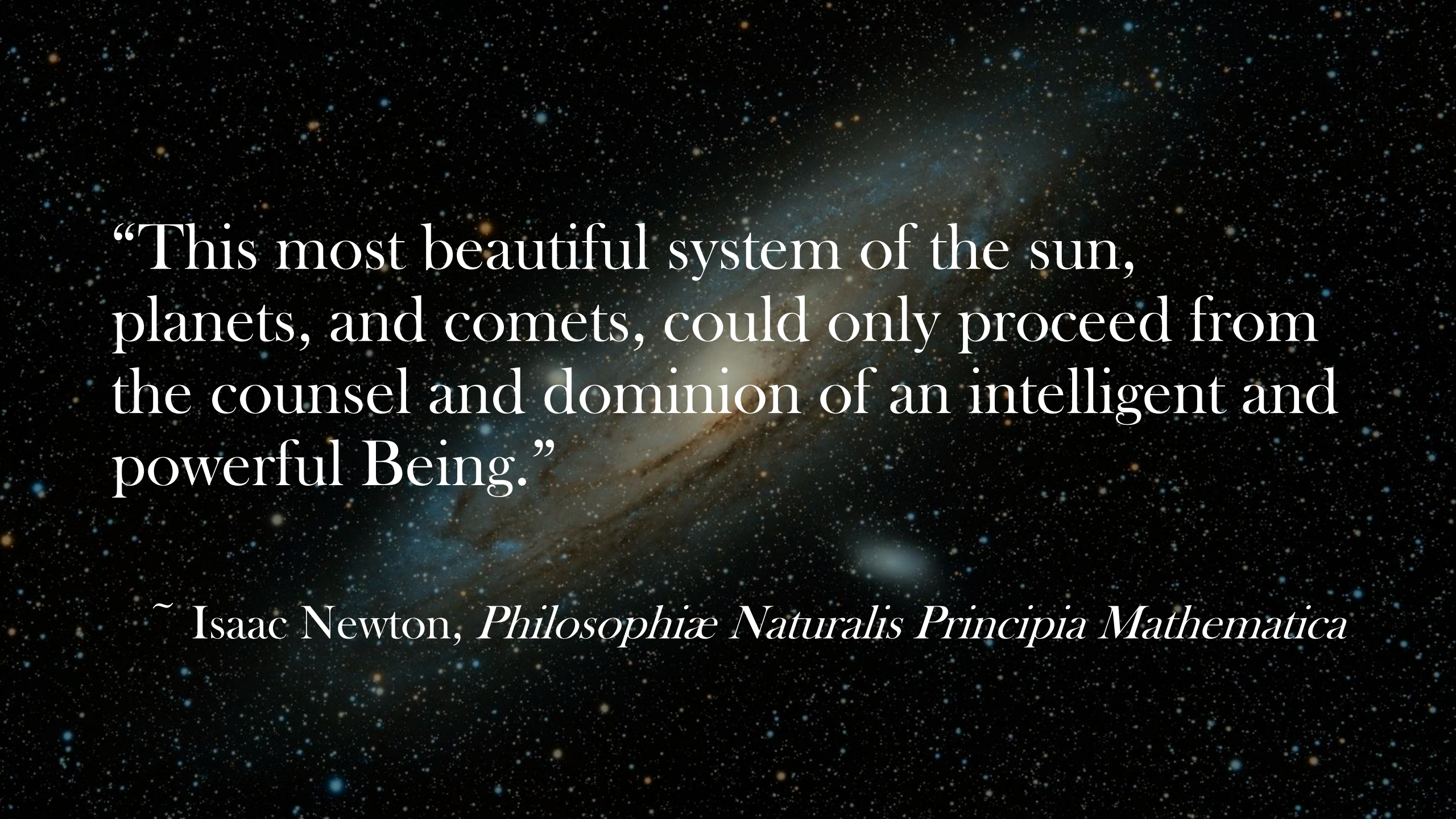


Is a story about god establishing a beautiful, ordered world in which everything has its proper place and purpose under his good rule.

Our Response

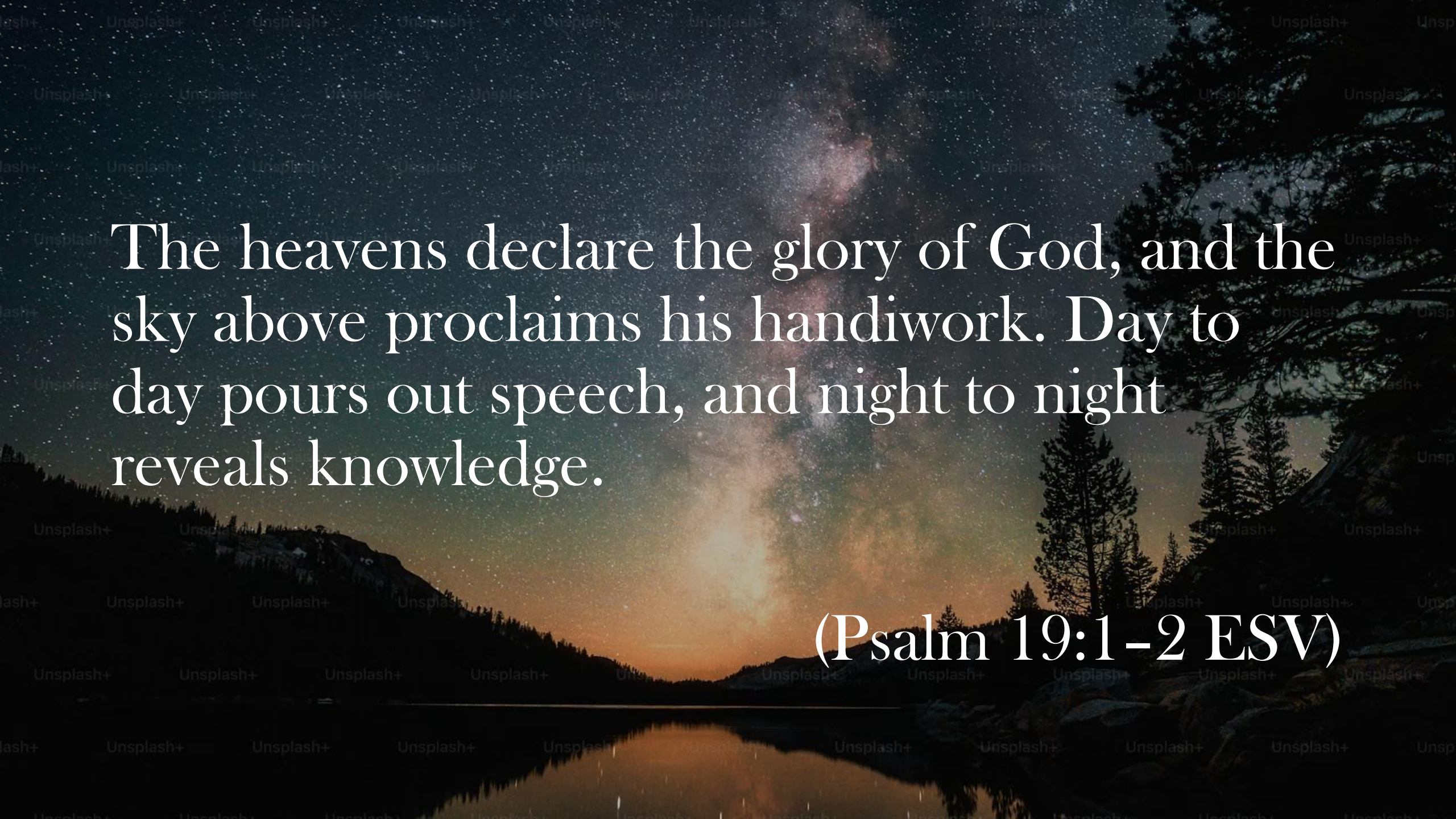
- Curiosity





“This most beautiful system of the sun,
planets, and comets, could only proceed from
the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and
powerful Being.”

~ Isaac Newton, *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica*

A night landscape featuring a starry sky with the Milky Way visible. In the foreground, there is a body of water reflecting the sky and the surrounding dark, silhouetted trees and mountains. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

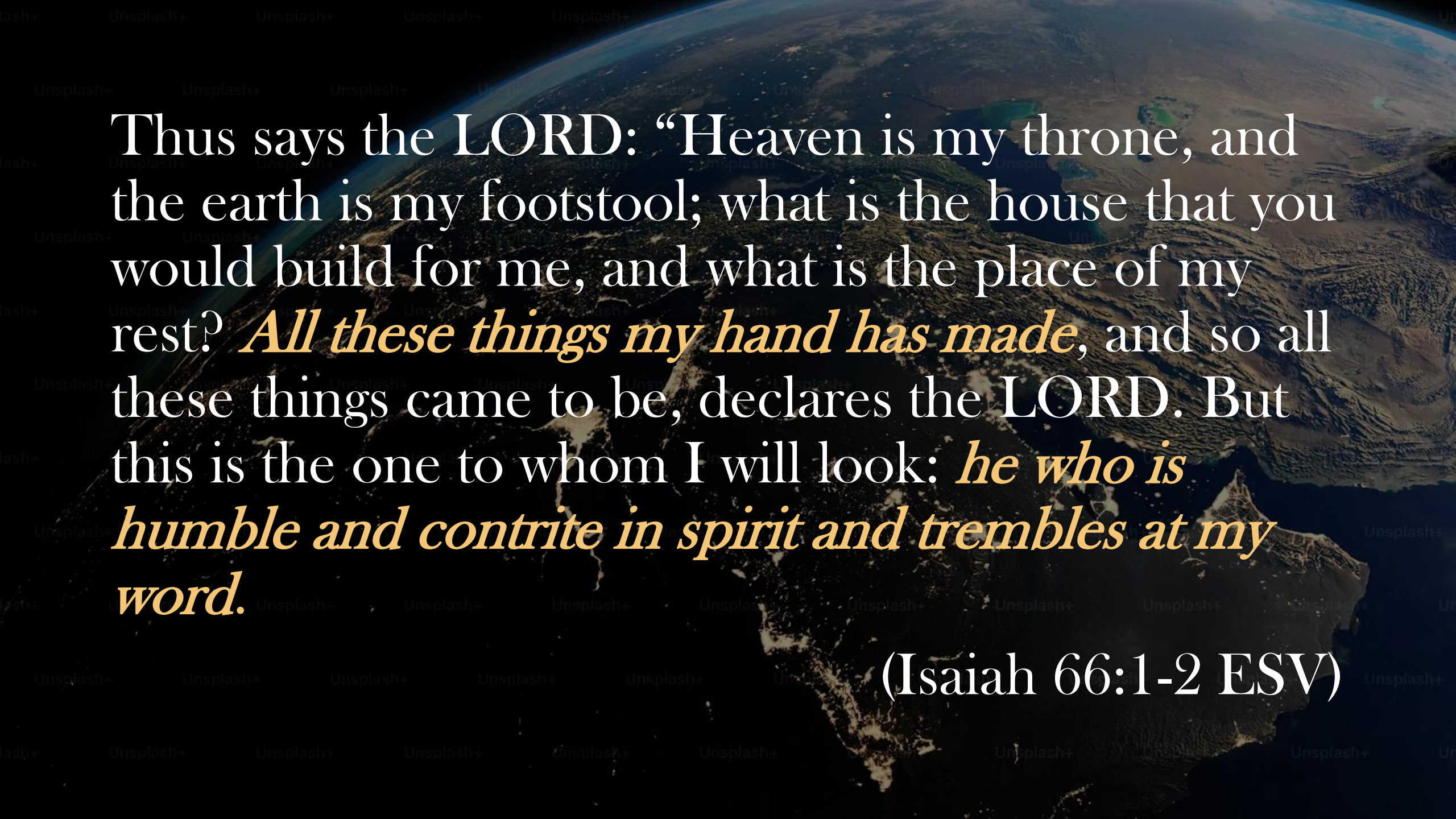
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the
sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to
day pours out speech, and night to night
reveals knowledge.

(Psalm 19:1-2 ESV)

Our Response



- Curiosity
- Humility



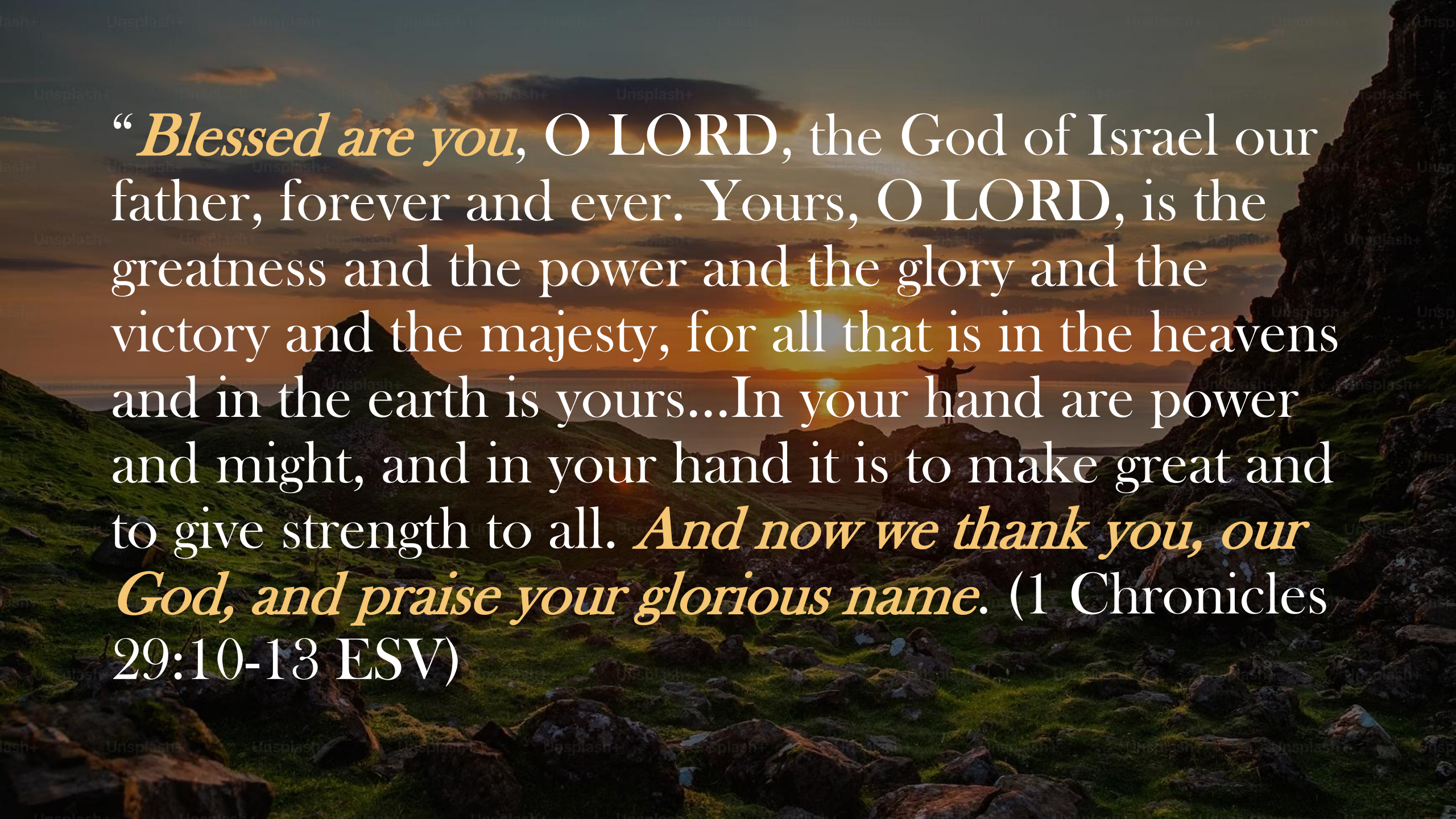
Thus says the LORD: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? *All these things my hand has made*, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: *he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.*

(Isaiah 66:1-2 ESV)

Our Response



- Curiosity
- Humility
- Worship

A person stands on a rocky peak, silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky. The landscape is rugged, with dark, moss-covered rocks in the foreground and rolling hills in the distance. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and dark blue, with clouds catching the low light of the sun. The overall mood is one of awe and contemplation.

“*Blessed are you*, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours...In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. *And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.* (1 Chronicles 29:10-13 ESV)

A person stands on a rocky peak, silhouetted against a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the landscape. The foreground is filled with dark, mossy rocks and green grass. The background shows a body of water and distant hills.

“*Worthy* are you, our Lord and God, *to receive glory and honor and power*, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

(Revelation 4:11 ESV)

Our Response



- Curiosity
- Humility
- Worship
- Assurance



