

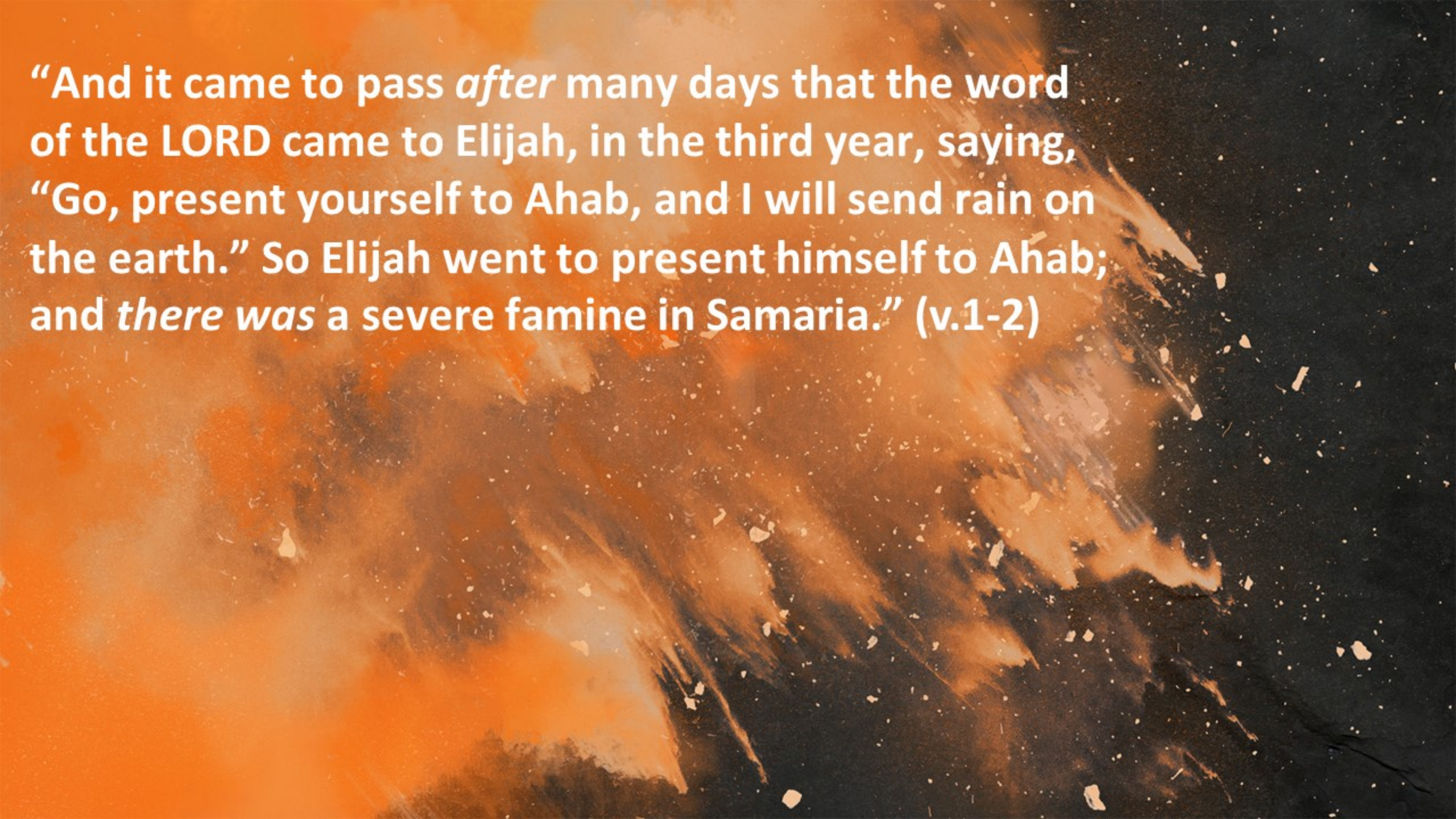


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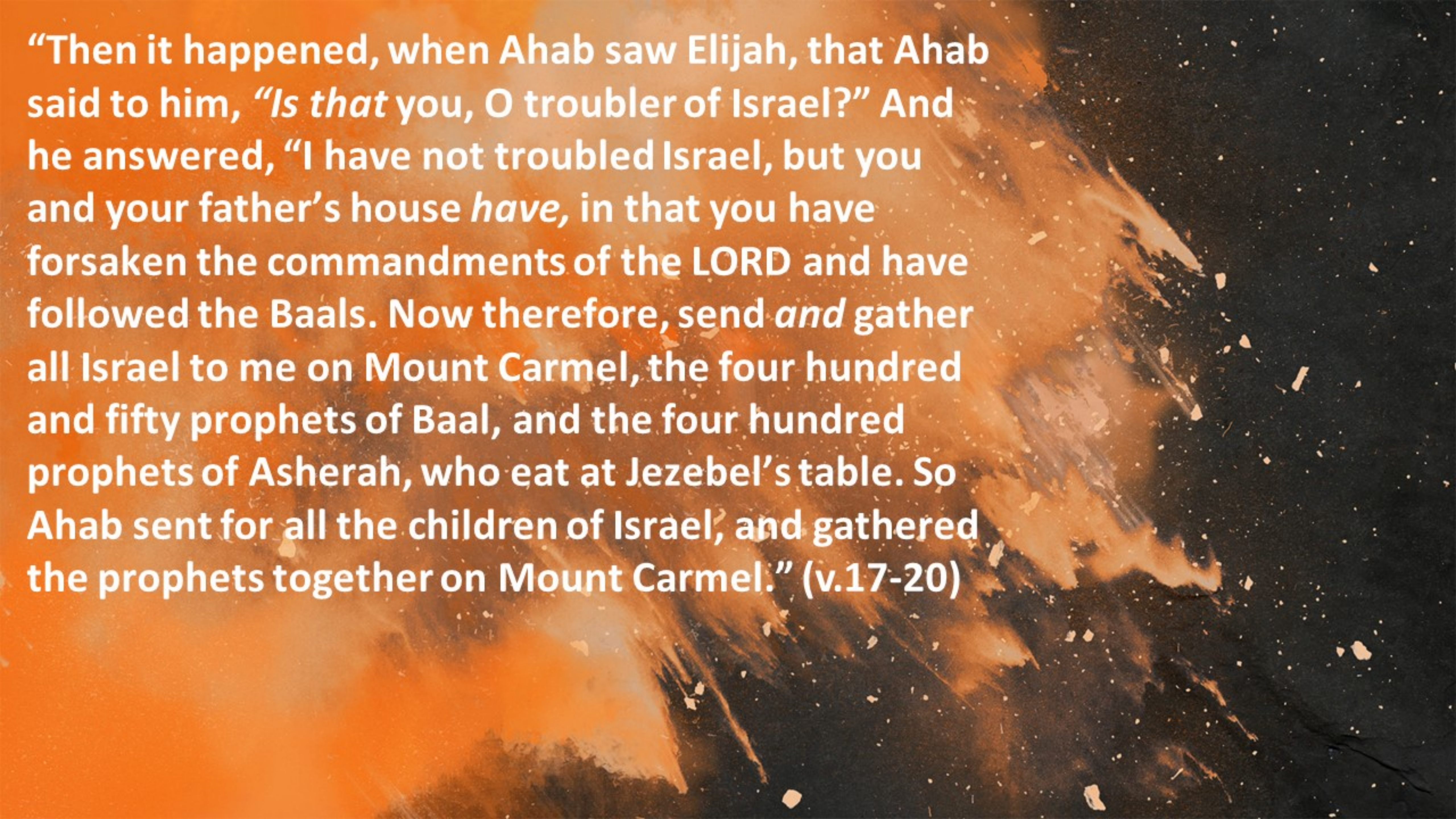
a study in the lives and ministries of Elijah and Elisha

“The God that Answers with Fire”

1 Kings 18:21-40



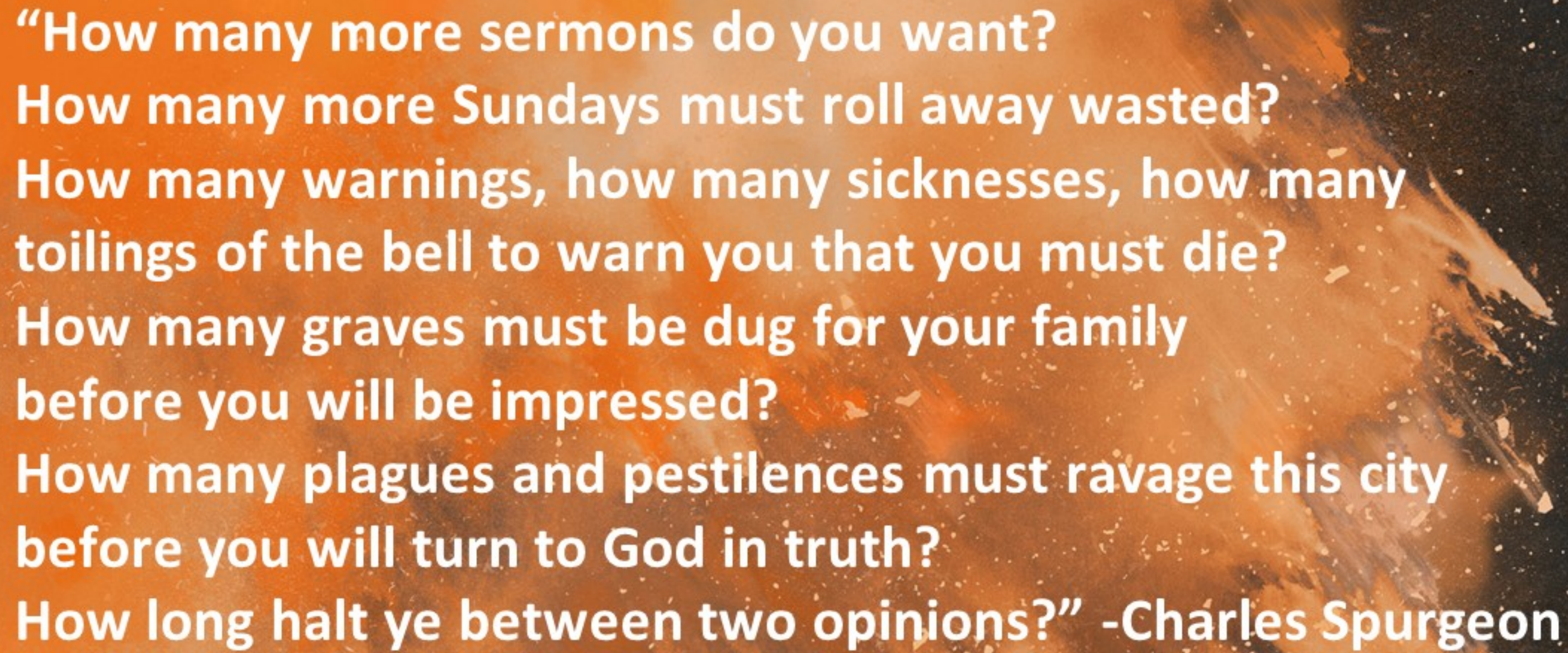
“And it came to pass *after* many days that the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, “Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth.” So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab; and *there was* a severe famine in Samaria.” (v.1-2)




“Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, *“Is that you, O troubler of Israel?”* And he answered, “I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house *have*, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and have followed the Baals. Now therefore, send *and* gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table. So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel.” (v.17-20)

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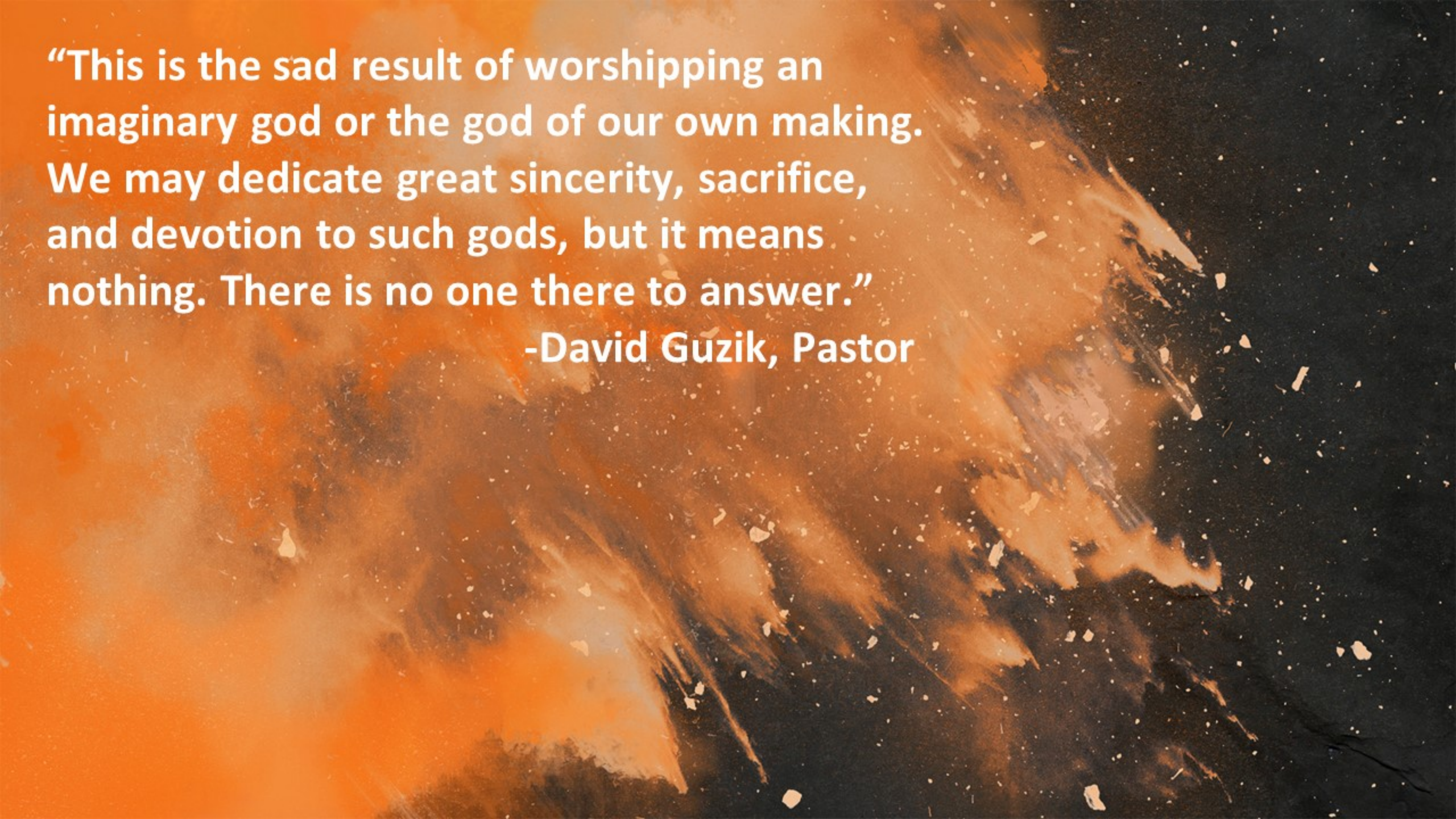
**“How many more sermons do you want?
How many more Sundays must roll away wasted?
How many warnings, how many sicknesses, how many
toilings of the bell to warn you that you must die?
How many graves must be dug for your family
before you will be impressed?
How many plagues and pestilences must ravage this city
before you will turn to God in truth?
How long halt ye between two opinions?” -Charles Spurgeon**

The background features a dynamic, abstract composition of brushstrokes. On the left side, there are broad, textured strokes in shades of orange and brown, suggesting a warm, glowing light. These strokes transition into a dark, almost black area on the right, which is speckled with small white and light-colored particles, giving it a starry or cosmic appearance. The overall effect is one of contrast and movement, with the text overlaid on the lighter, more defined orange section.

**“No one can serve two masters;
for either he will hate the one and love the other,
or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and mammon.” Matthew 6:24**

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“This is the sad result of worshipping an imaginary god or the god of our own making. We may dedicate great sincerity, sacrifice, and devotion to such gods, but it means nothing. There is no one there to answer.”

-David Guzik, Pastor

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**“In this is love, not that we loved God,
but that He loved us and sent His Son
to be the propitiation for our sins.” 1 John 4:10**

**“But God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

Romans 5:8