

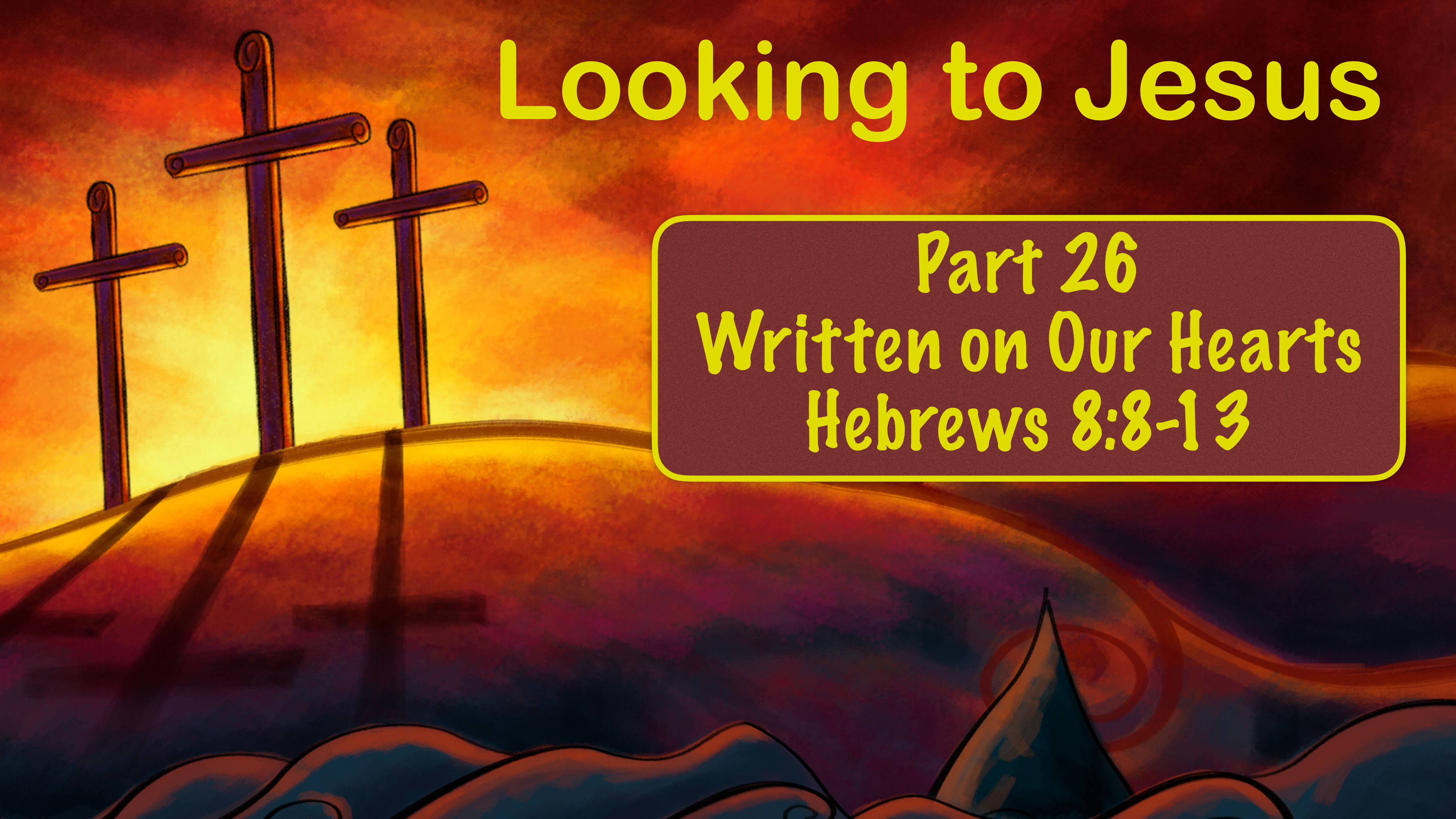
It's *all* about
Jesus.

All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16

Looking to Jesus

Part 26

Written on Our Hearts
Hebrews 8:8-13



**But this is the new covenant I will make
with the people of Israel on that day, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their minds,
and I will write them on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.**

A golden sunset over a mountain range with text overlay.

**The bible is a covenant document.
The Old and New Testaments =
Old and New Covenants.
(The word “testament” is Latin for Covenant.)**

A Broken Covenant

The children of Israel did not persevere in the covenant, so God “turned away from them.” This is a strong expression, literally meaning “I ignored them,” or “I abandoned them.” (emelesa auton)

“Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, He abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done.” Rom. 1:28

Mankind suffered an epic failure to obey the terms of the covenant and persevere.

“I showed **no concern** for them, declares the Lord”

Ameleho = no regard, to be careless of, be negligent

“So God **abandoned** them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired.” Rom. 1:24

Paradidomi - To surrender, to yield up, give into the hands of another, to permit.

Three Truths of the New Covenant We Need to Understand

- ✓ The first covenant was entirely external. It set a standard but provided no power to keep it.
- ✓ It asked things of us we clearly could never give.
- ✓ God is not interested in simple behavior modification but rather heart radicalization.

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

Ephesians 2:4, 5

New Covenant People

→ Law put into minds and written on hearts

→ I will be their God

→ They will be my people

“The New Covenant will have a different sort of law - an internal not an external law. Under the Old Covenant obedience was primarily out of fear of punishment. Under the New it is to be out of adoring love and worshipping thanksgiving.”

Hebrews, Dr. John MacArthur