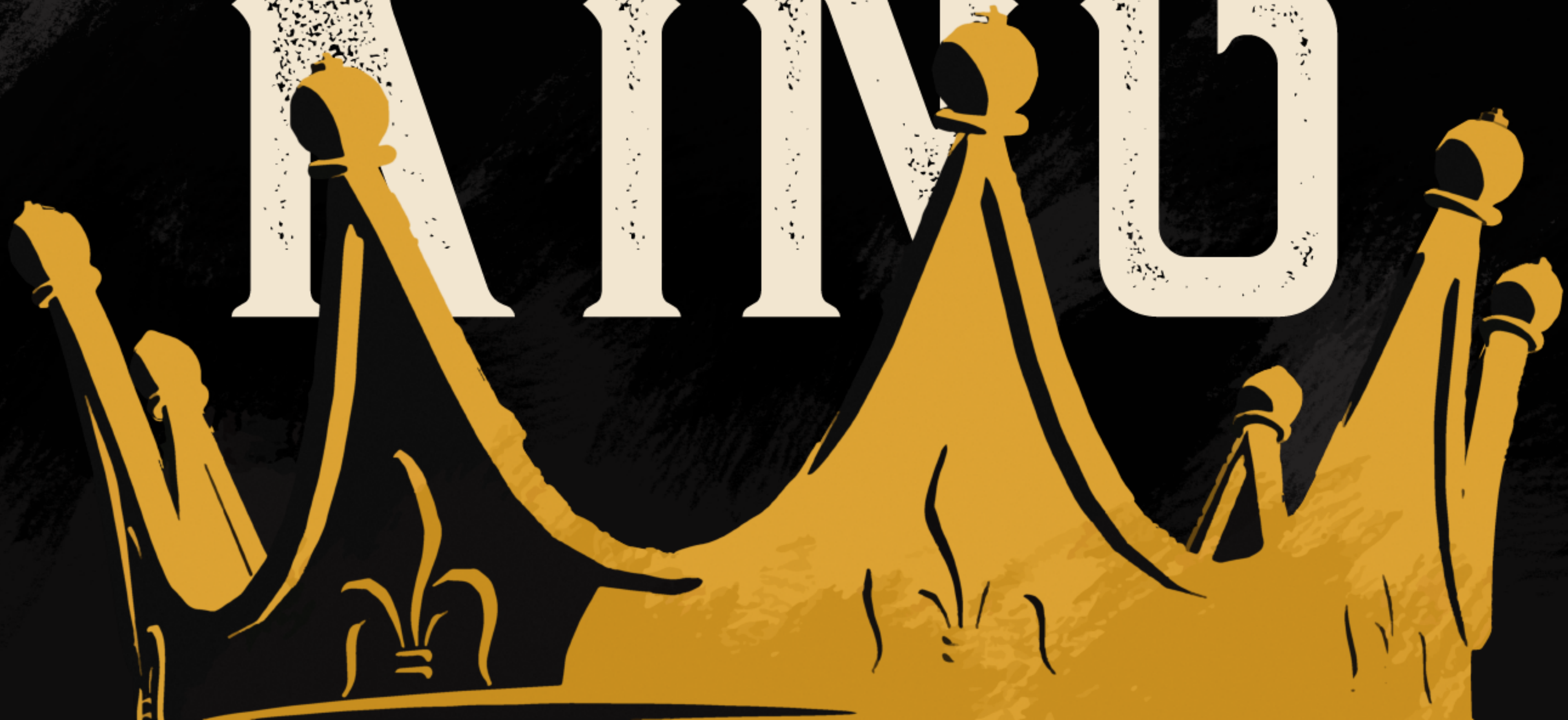


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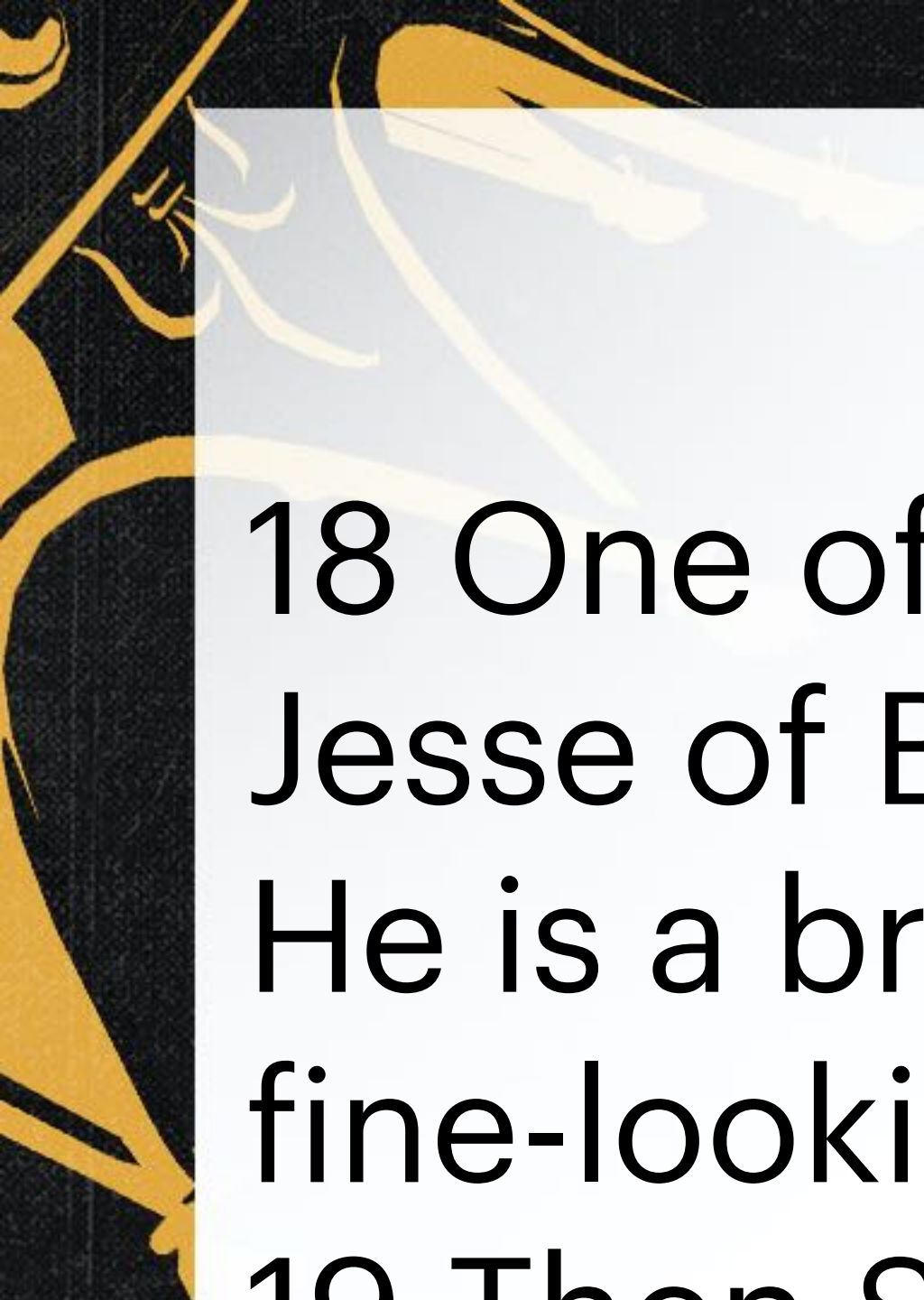
1 Samuel 16:14-23

1 Samuel 16:14-23 (NIV)

Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him.

15 Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. 16 Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better."

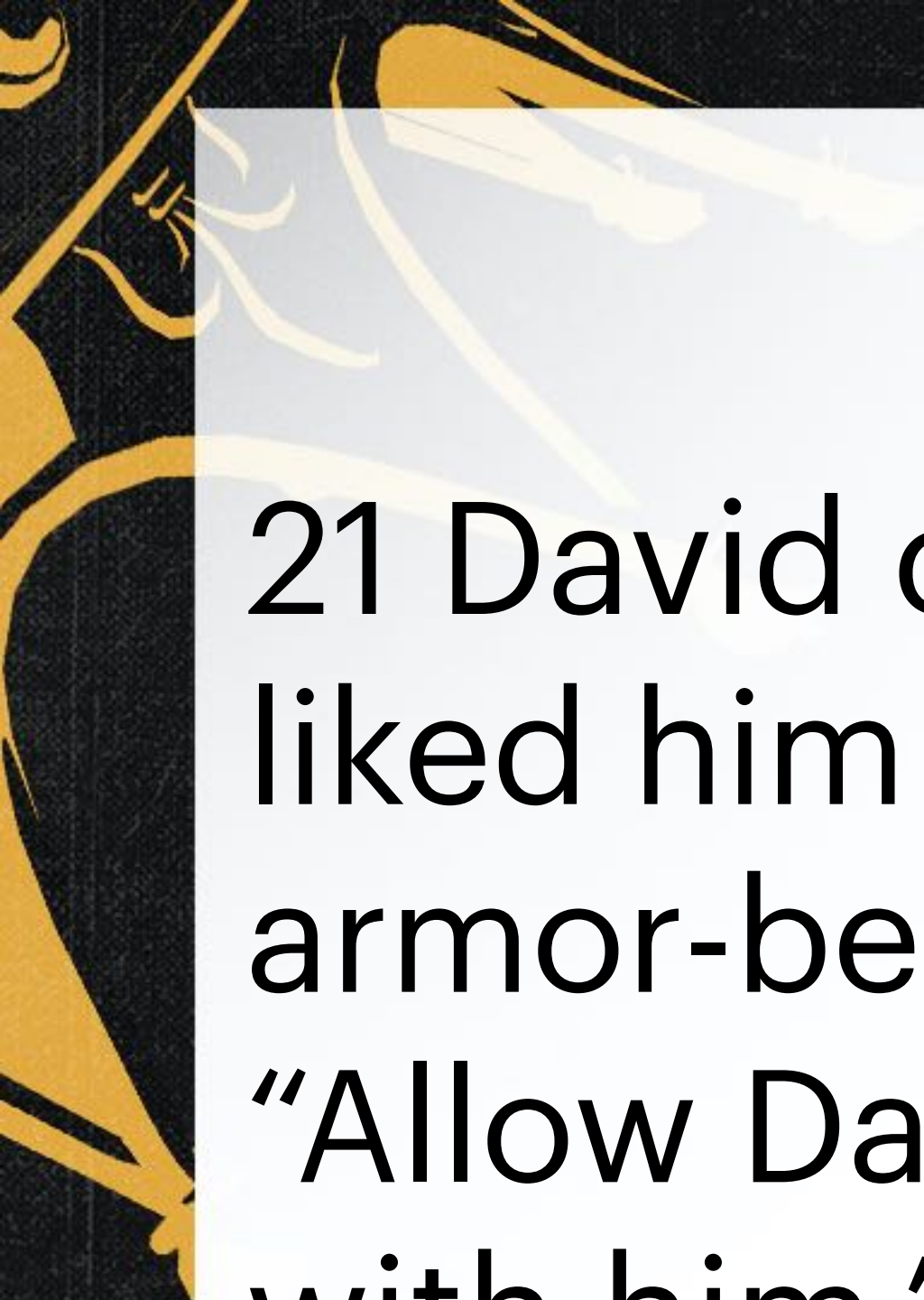
17 So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me."



18 One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him."

19 Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep."

20 So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul.



21 David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. 22 Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him."

23 Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.



The challenge to our view of the world



Spiritual problems require different
solutions than natural remedies




Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.



Acts 10:38

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing **all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.**



A high view of God's sovereignty

Mark 5:9-13

And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." 10 And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. 11 Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, 12 and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." 13 So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

Isaiah 45:5-7

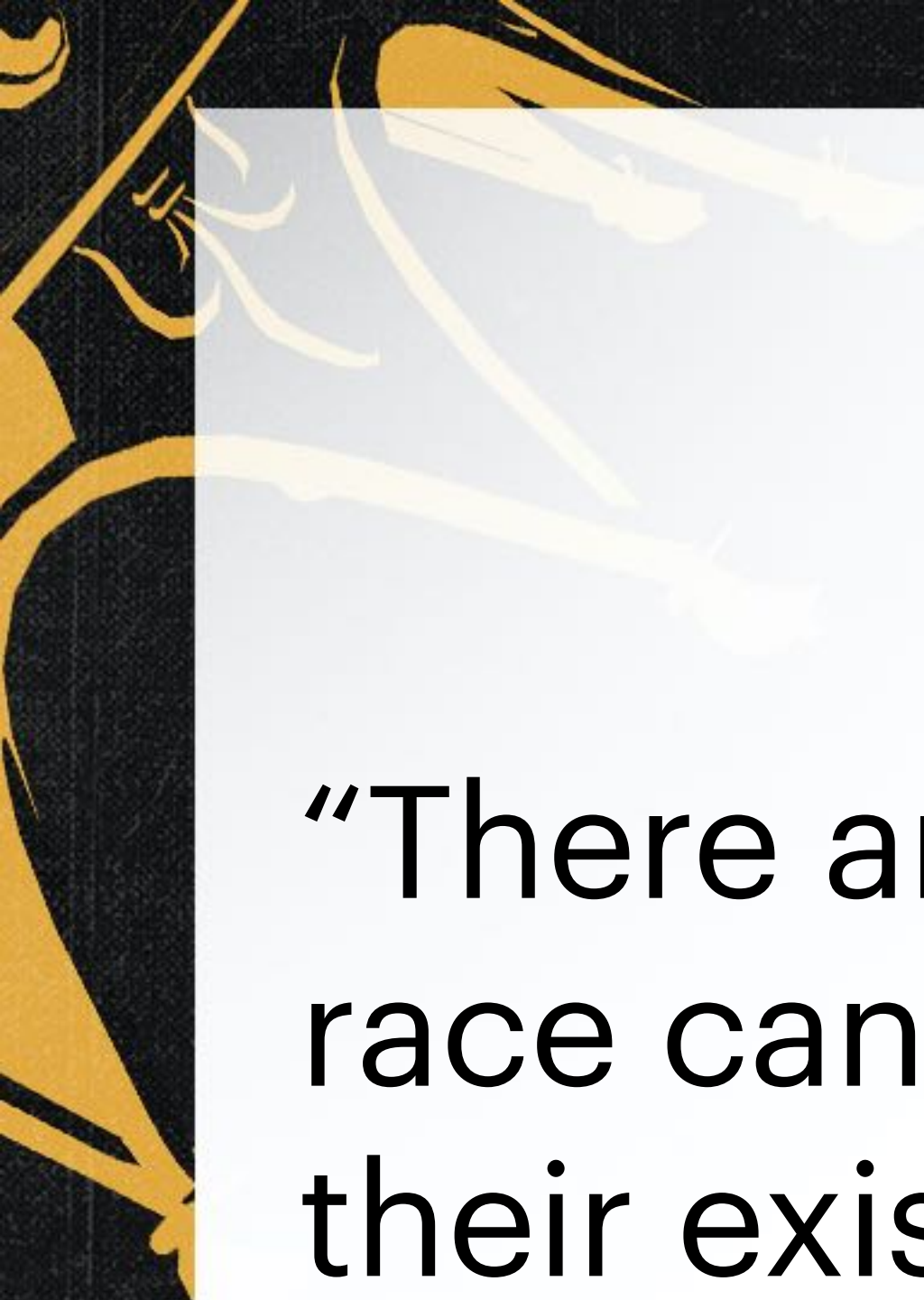
- 5 I am the Lord, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
- 6 that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
- 7 I form light and create darkness;
I make well-being and create calamity;
I am the Lord, who does all these things.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.

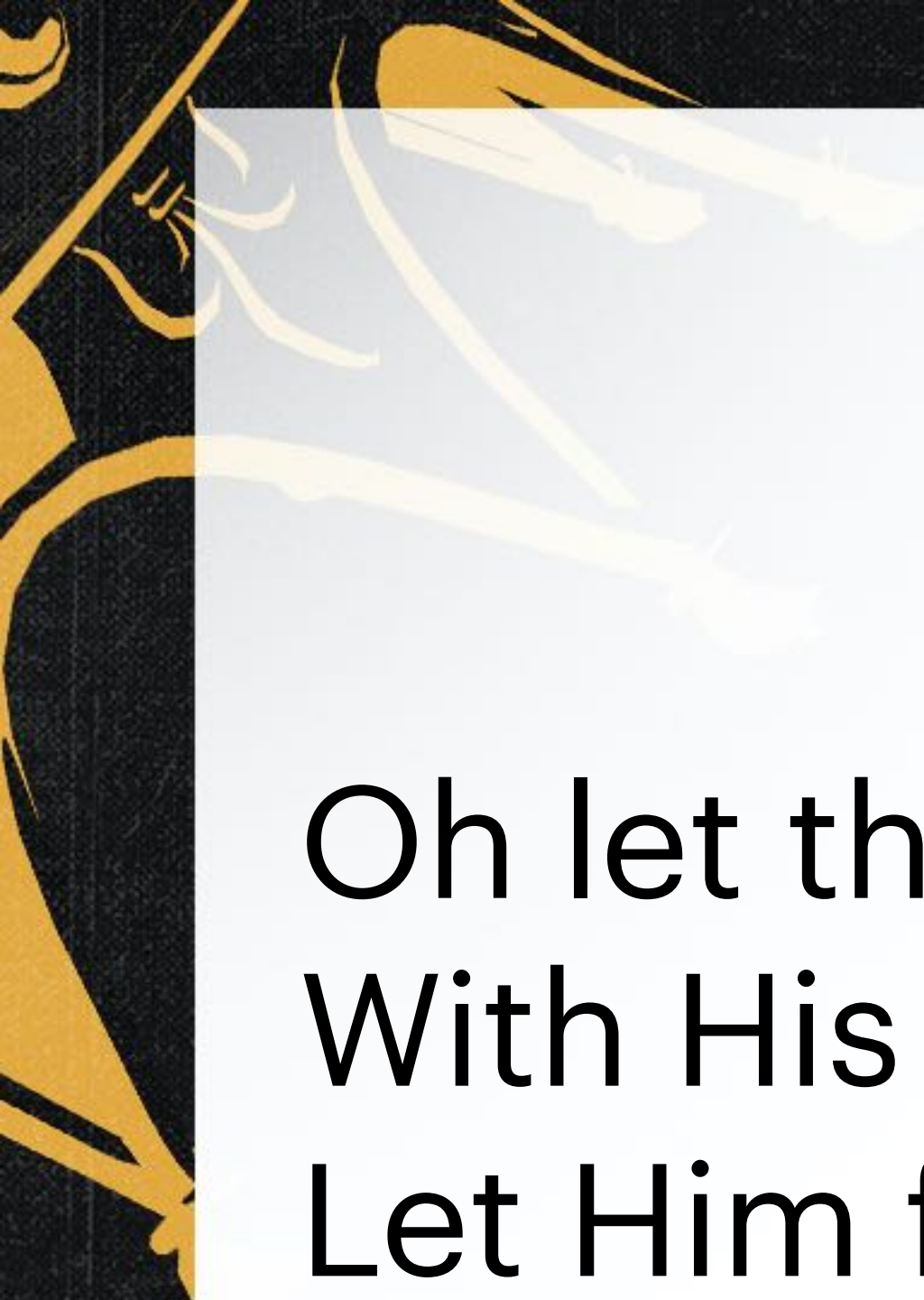
8 Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away.

9 Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. 10 That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

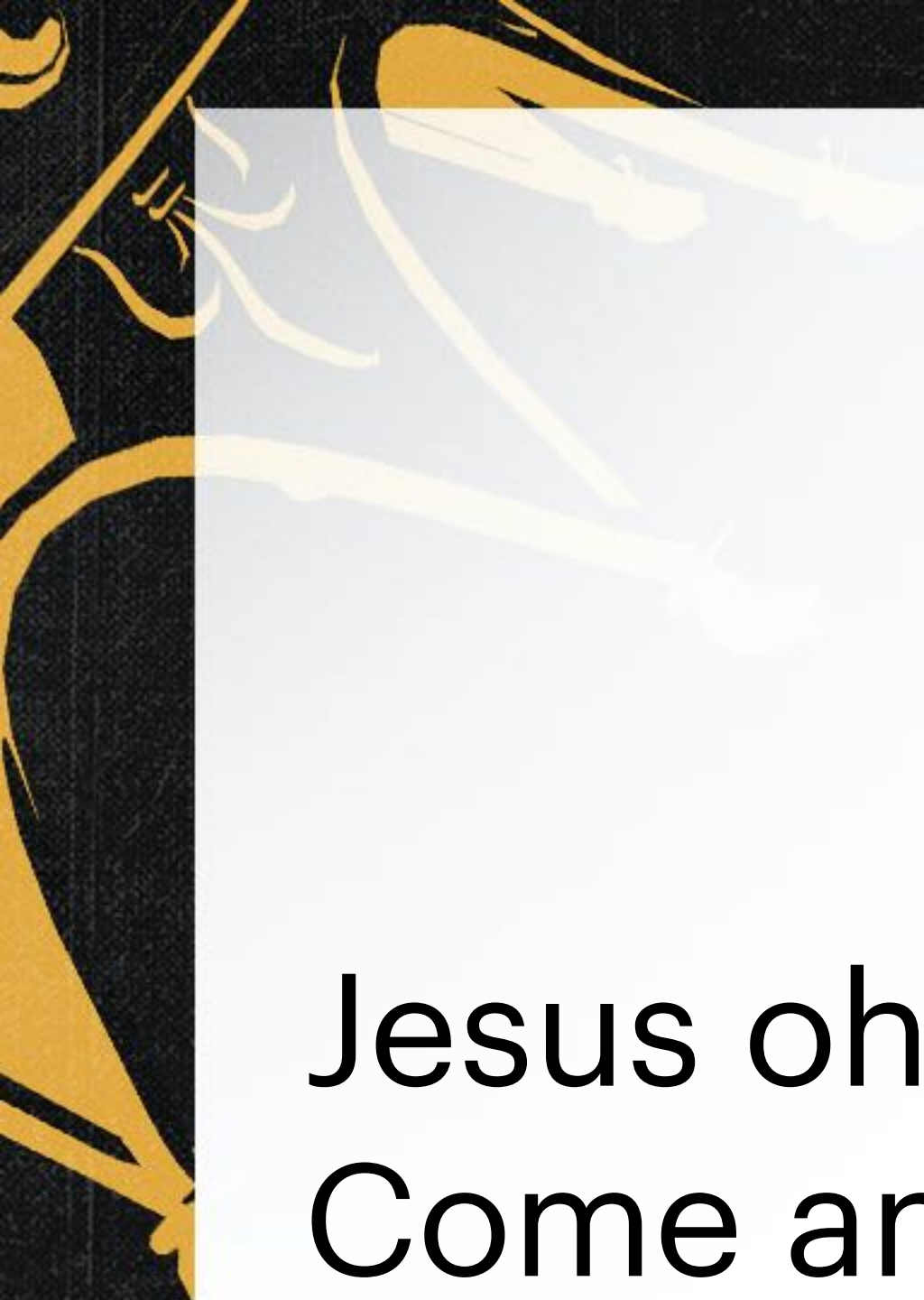


“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”

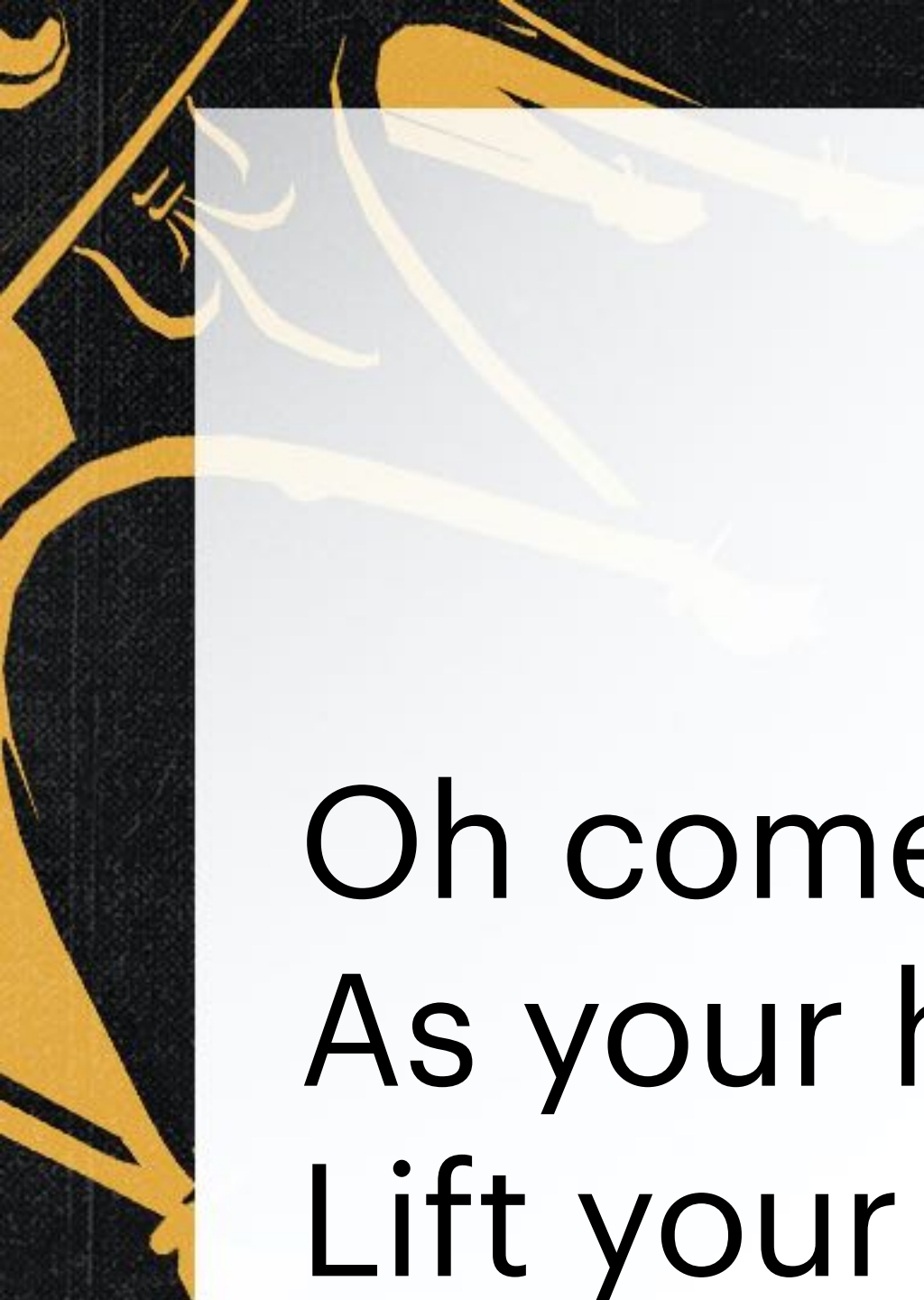
-C. S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters




Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole



Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs



Oh come and sing the song of gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name



Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
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The radical trust of people of faith

2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

“David, the son of Jesse, speaks—

David, the man who was raised up so high,
David, the man anointed by the God of Jacob,

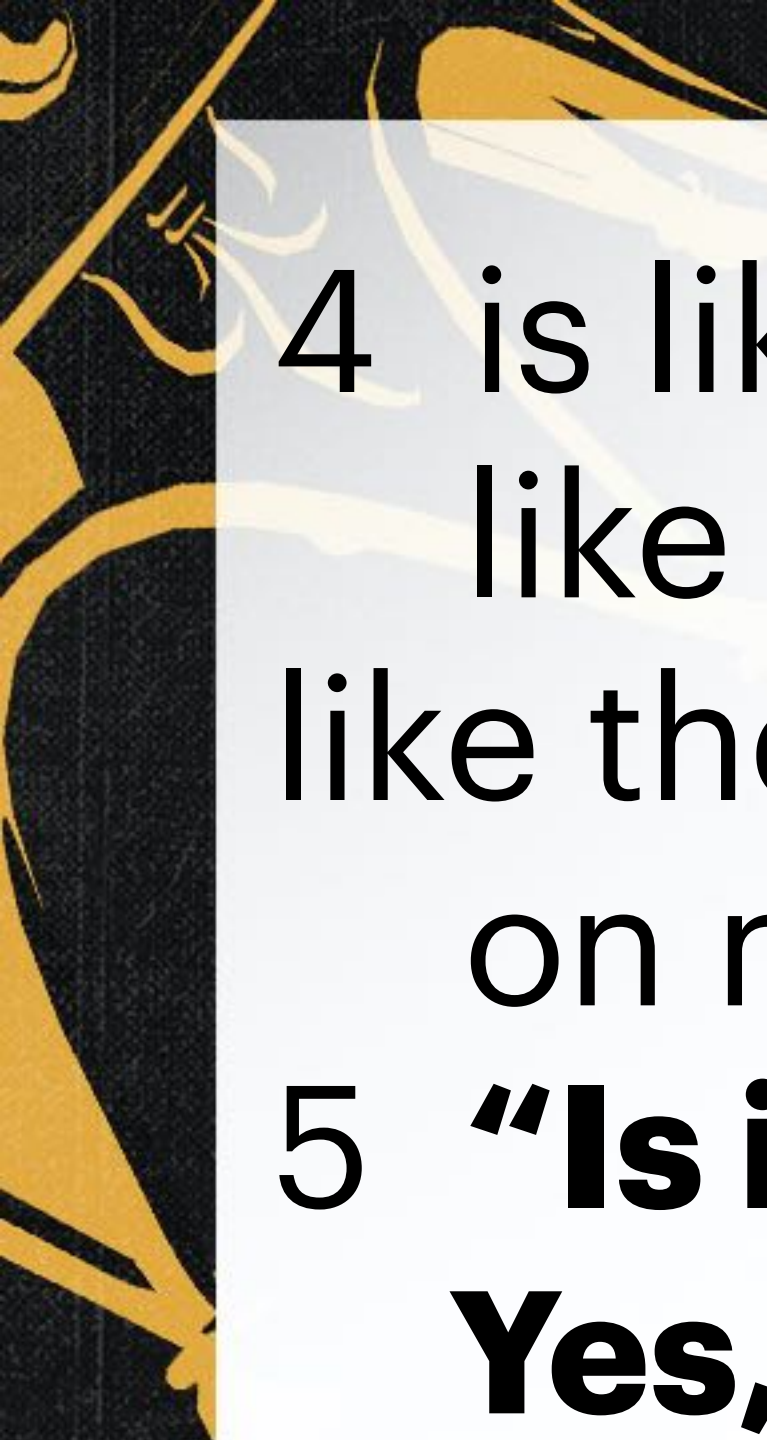
David, the sweet psalmist of Israel.

2 “The Spirit of the Lord speaks through me;
his words are upon my tongue.

3 The God of Israel spoke.

The Rock of Israel said to me:

‘The one who rules righteously,
who rules in the fear of God,



4 is like the light of morning at sunrise,
like a morning without clouds,
like the gleaming of the sun
on new grass after rain.'

5 **“Is it not my family God has chosen?**

**Yes, he has made an everlasting covenant with me.
His agreement is arranged and guaranteed in every
detail. He will ensure my safety and success.**

6 But the godless are like thorns to be thrown away,
for they tear the hand that touches them.

7 One must use iron tools to chop them down;
they will be totally consumed by fire.”

Psalm 23 (NIV)

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



The power of worship with music and song

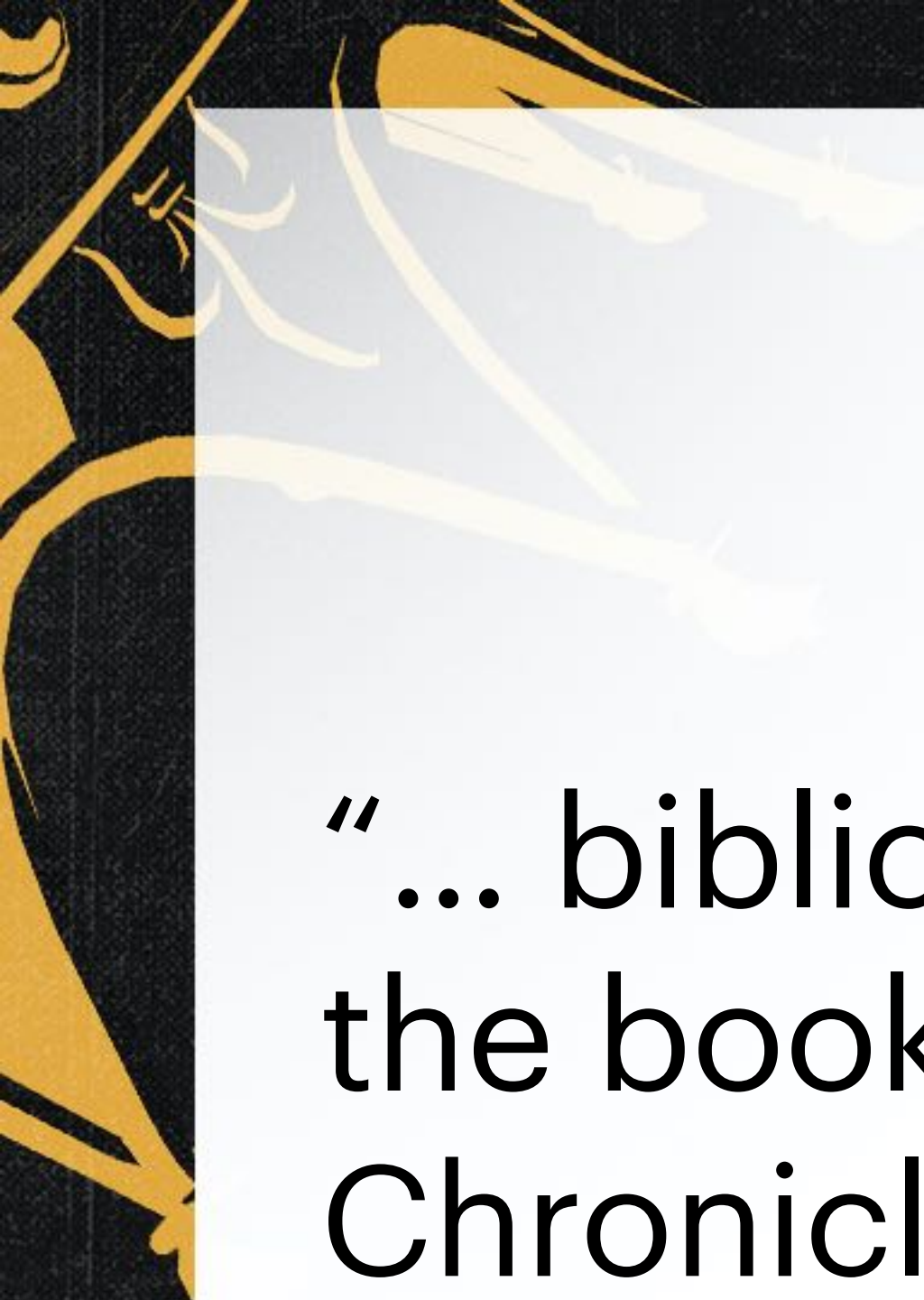


David initiated worship
through music



2 Samuel 23:1-4

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, the son of Jesse, the oracle of the man who was raised on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel:



“... biblical tradition ascribes 73 of the 150 psalms in the book of Psalms to David, and the book of Chronicles presents David as the founder of temple worship music.”

-Paul S. Evans

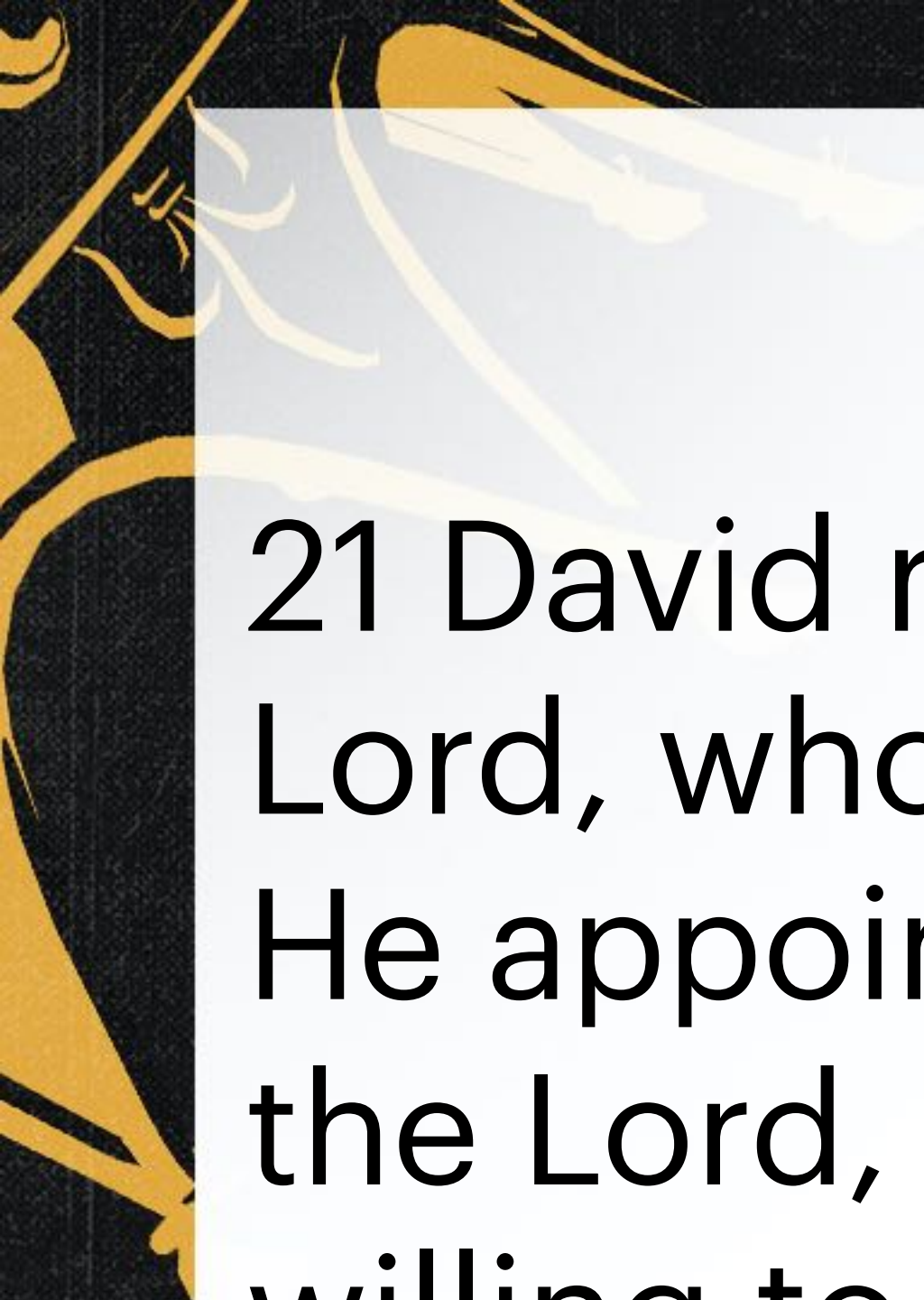


David exemplifies expression
in worship

2 Samuel 6:16

But as the Ark of the Lord entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she was filled with contempt for him.

20 When David returned home to bless his own family, Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, "How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!"



21 David retorted to Michal, “I was dancing before the Lord, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the Lord, so I celebrate before the Lord. 22 Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! But those servant girls you mentioned will indeed think I am distinguished!”

23 So Michal, the daughter of Saul, remained childless throughout her entire life



1 Timothy 2:8

Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing



David wanted worship to
continue



1 Chronicles 15:16

David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their fellow Levites as musicians to make a joyful sound with musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals.

2 Chronicles 8:14-15

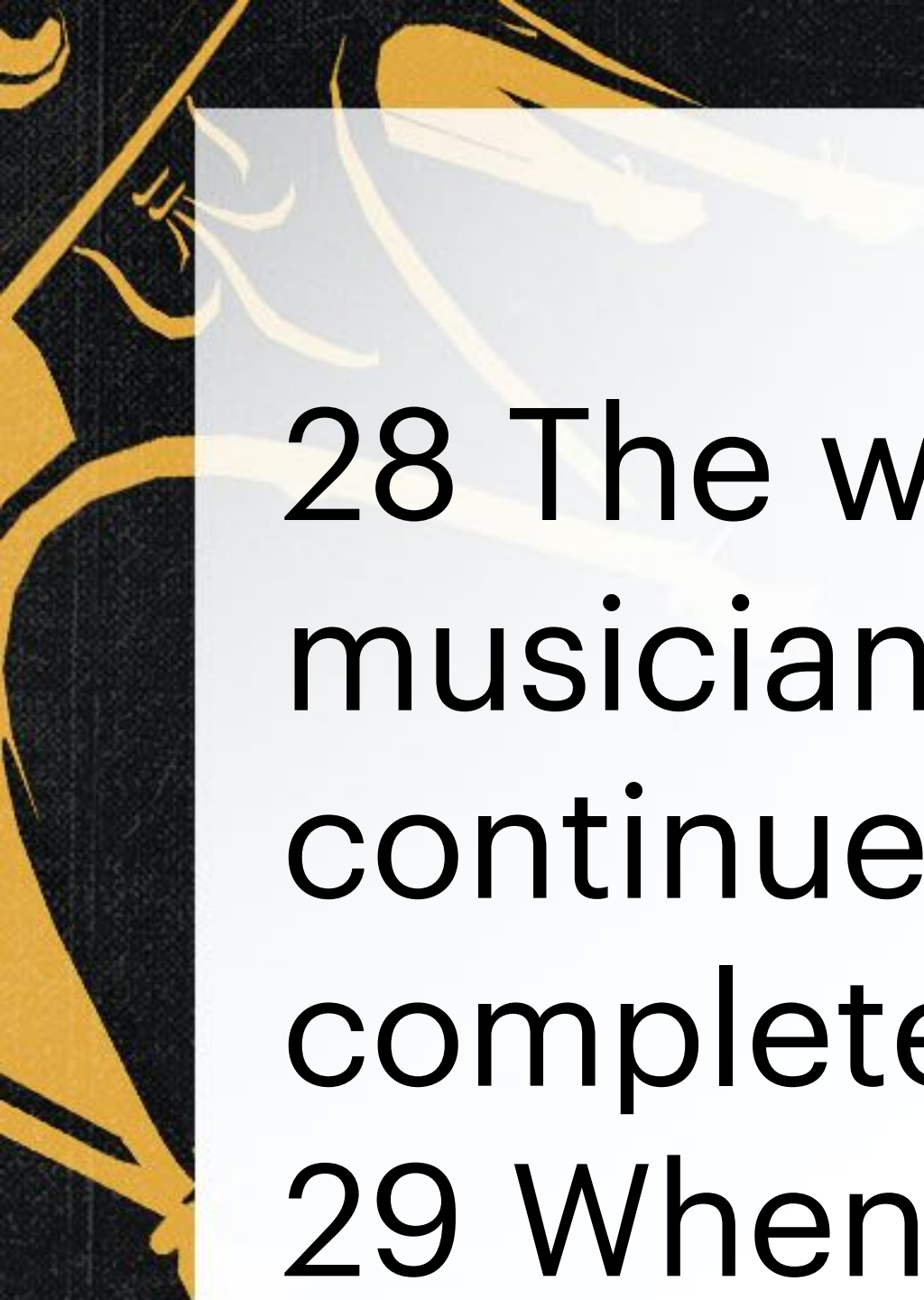
In keeping with the ordinance of his father David, he appointed the divisions of the priests for their duties, and the Levites to lead the praise and to assist the priests according to each day's requirement. He also appointed the gatekeepers by divisions for the various gates, because this was what David the man of God had ordered. 15 They did not deviate from the king's commands to the priests or to the Levites in any matter, including that of the treasuries.

2 Chronicles 29:25-30

He stationed the Levites in the temple of the Lord with cymbals, harps and lyres in the way prescribed by David and Gad the king's seer and Nathan the prophet; this was commanded by the Lord through his prophets.

26 So the Levites stood ready with David's instruments, and the priests with their trumpets.

27 Hezekiah gave the order to sacrifice the burnt offering on the altar. As the offering began, singing to the Lord began also, accompanied by trumpets and the instruments of David king of Israel...



28 The whole assembly bowed in worship, while the musicians played and the trumpets sounded. All this continued until the sacrifice of the burnt offering was completed.

29 When the offerings were finished, the king and everyone present with him knelt down and worshiped.

30 King Hezekiah and his officials ordered the Levites to praise the Lord with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with gladness and bowed down and worshiped.

Ezra 3:10

When the builders completed the foundation of the Lord's Temple, the priests put on their robes and took their places to blow their trumpets. And the Levites, descendants of Asaph, clashed their cymbals to praise the Lord, just as King David had prescribed. 11 With praise and thanks, they sang this song to the Lord:
"He is so good!

His faithful love for Israel endures forever!"
Then all the people gave a great shout, praising the Lord because the foundation of the Lord's Temple had been



Nehemiah 12:24

These were the family leaders of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, and other associates, who **stood opposite them during the ceremonies of praise and thanksgiving**, one section responding to the other, as commanded by David, the man of God.



Hebrews 13:15

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.



Powerful things happen when
we worship



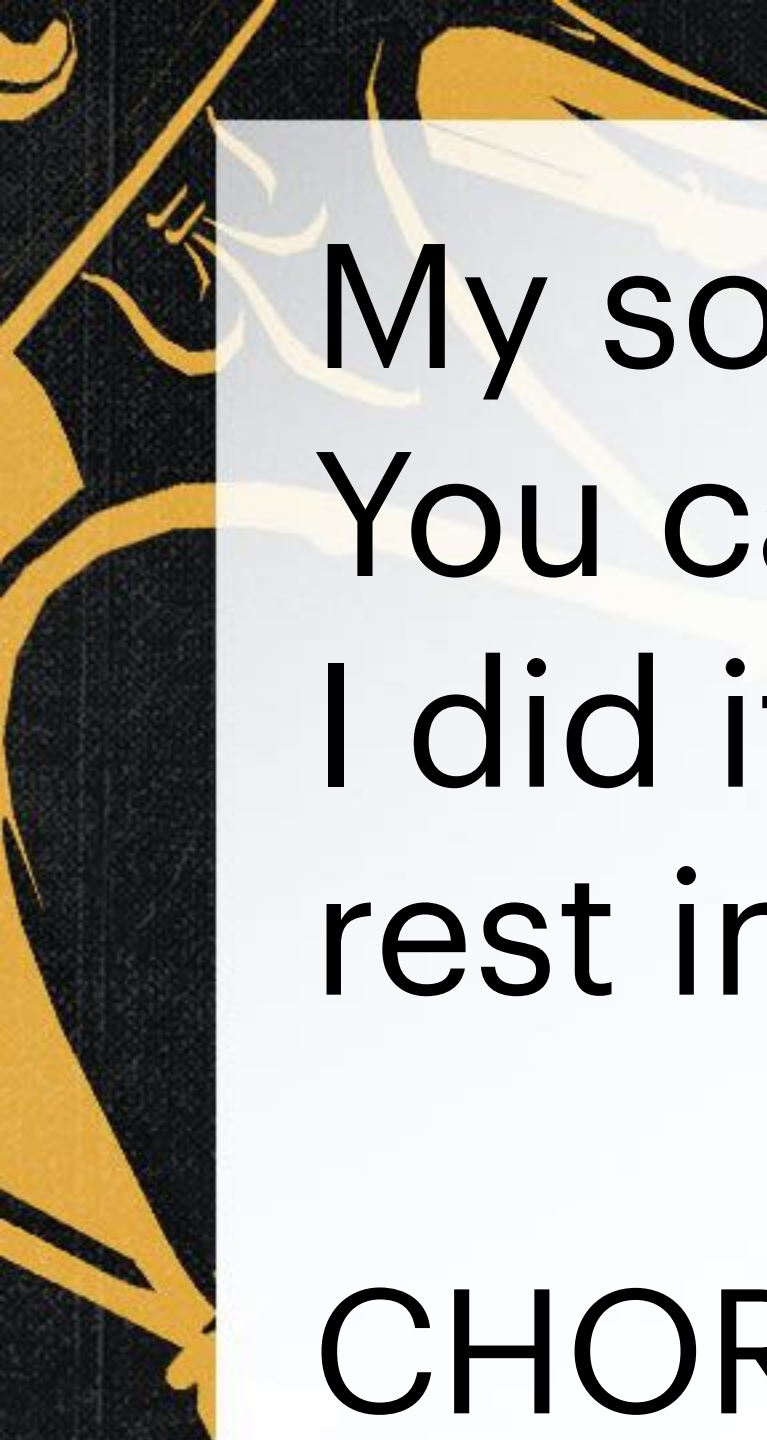
Acts 16:25-26 NLT

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!



Ephesians 5:18-20

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

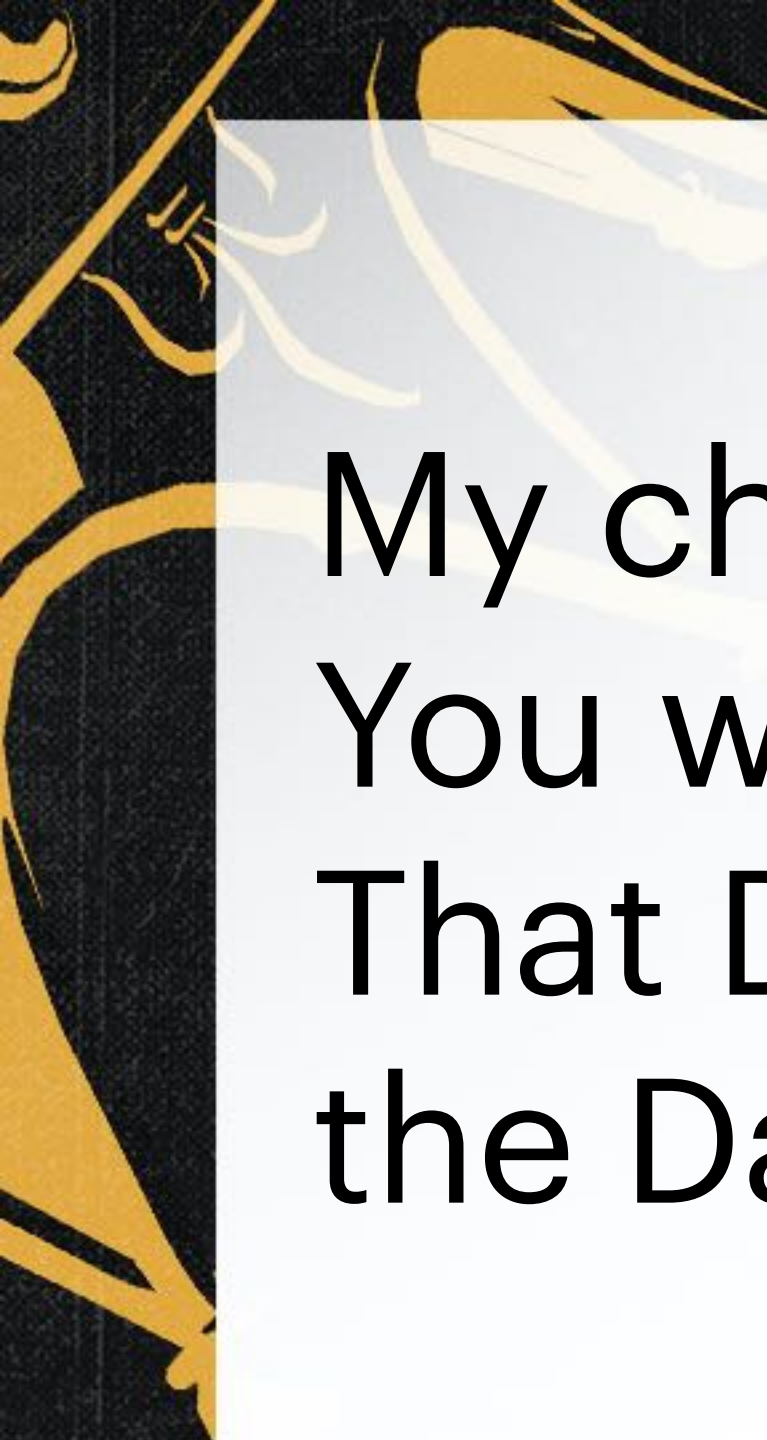


My son, My son, why are you striving?
You can't add one thing to what's been done for you.
I did it all while I was dying;
rest in your faith, My peace will come to you.

CHORUS:

For when I hear the praises start, I want to rain upon
you blessings that will fill your heart; I see no stain
upon you. Because you are My child, and you know Me;
to Me you're only holy.

Nothing that you've done remains, only what you do for
Me (in Me).



My child, My child, why are you weeping?
You will not have to wait forever.
That Day and that hour is in My keeping;
the Day I'll bring you into Heaven. (CHORUS)

My precious Bride, the day is nearing
when I'll take you in My arms and hold you.
I know there are so many things that you've been
hearing,
but you just hold on to what I have told you. (CHORUS)



Hebrews 2:11-12

Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

12 He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises.

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