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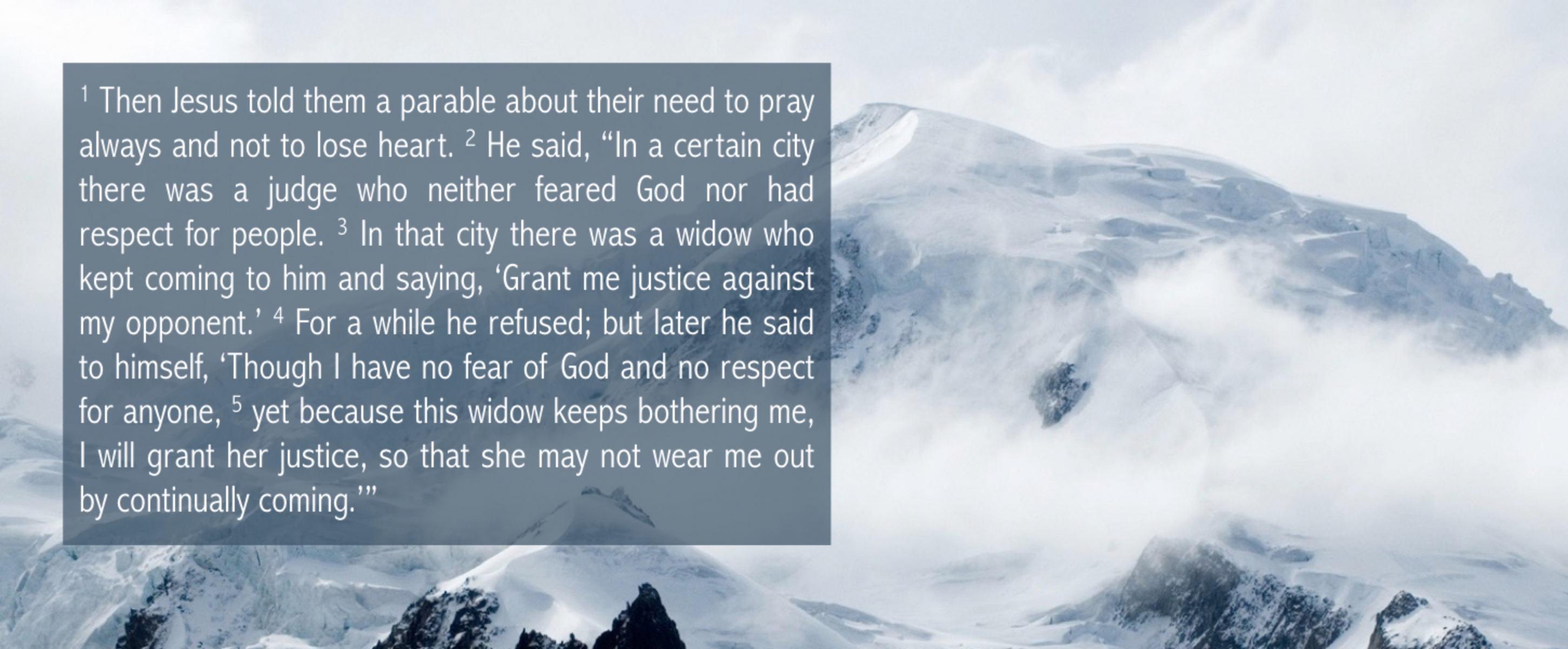
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God also doesn't answer my prayer

The Parable of the Persistent Widow | Luke 18:1-8 NRSV

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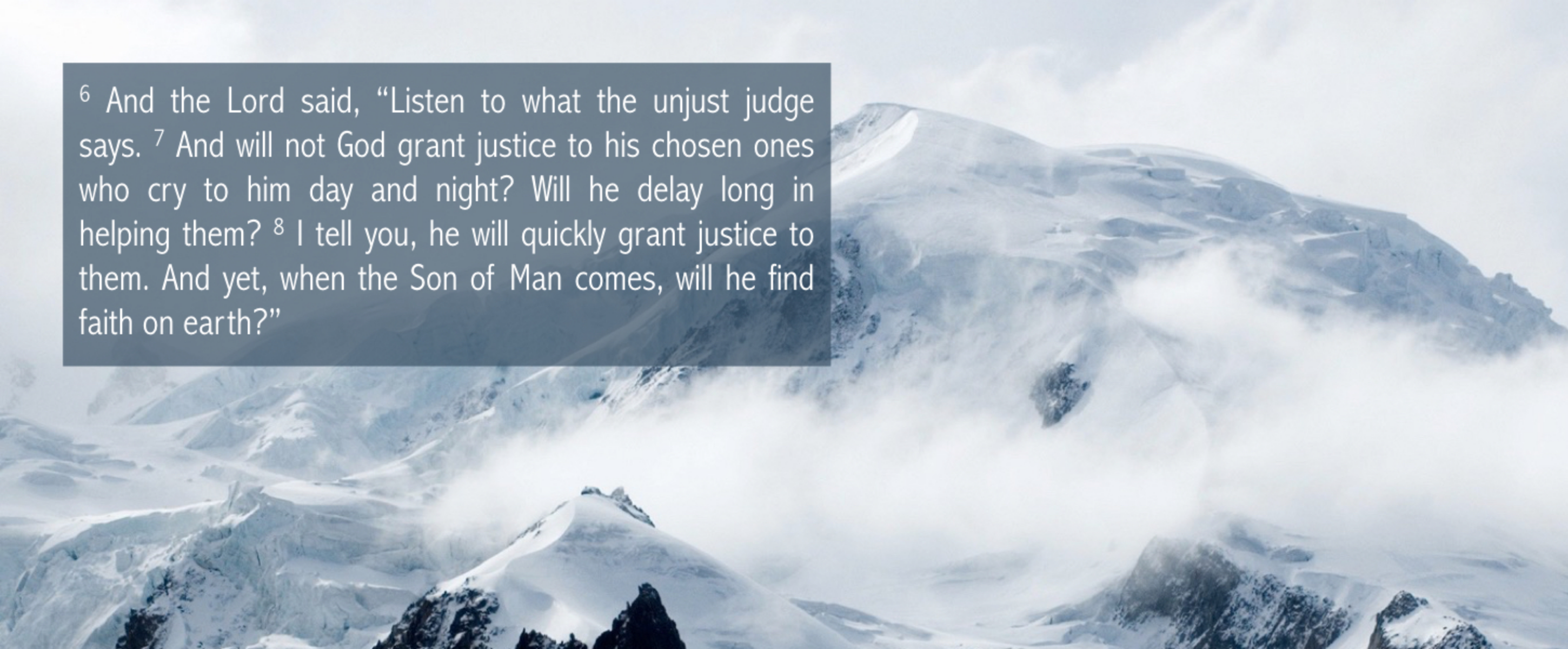
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The judge was annoyed into action

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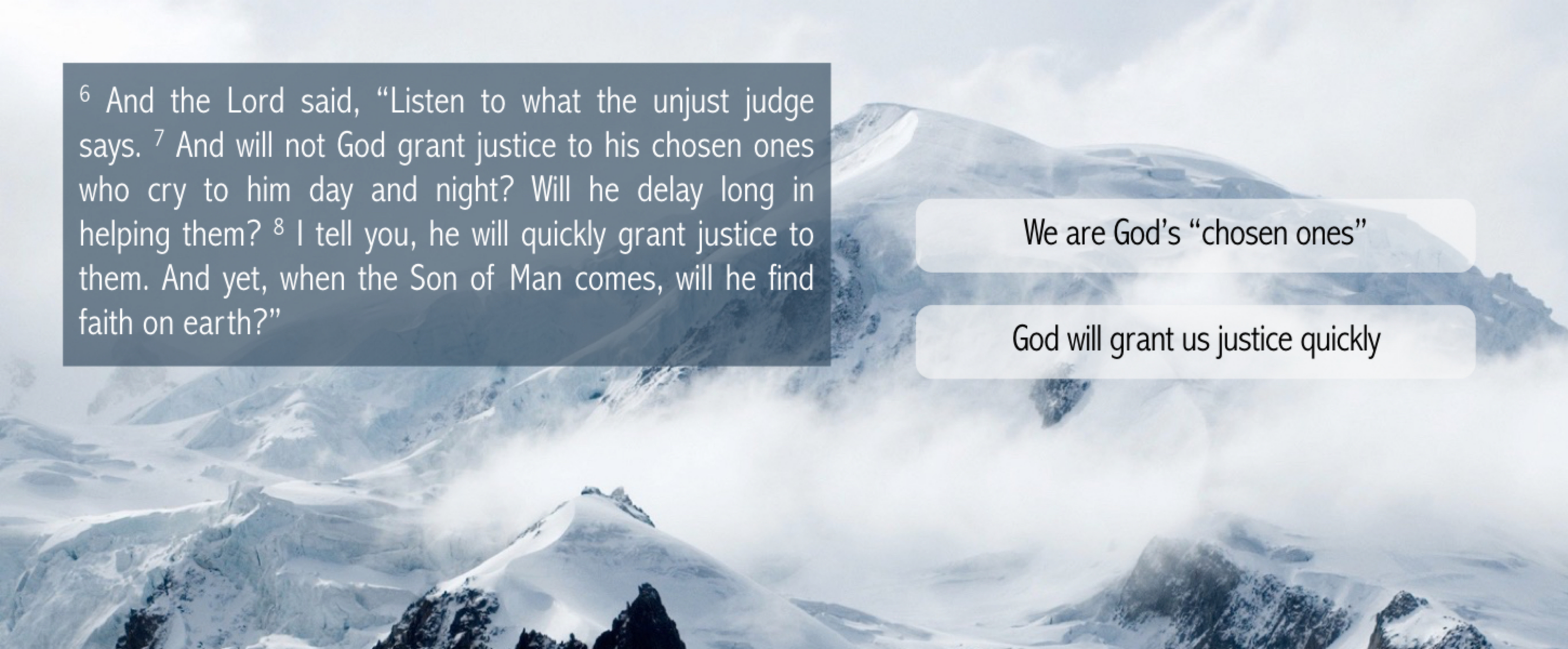
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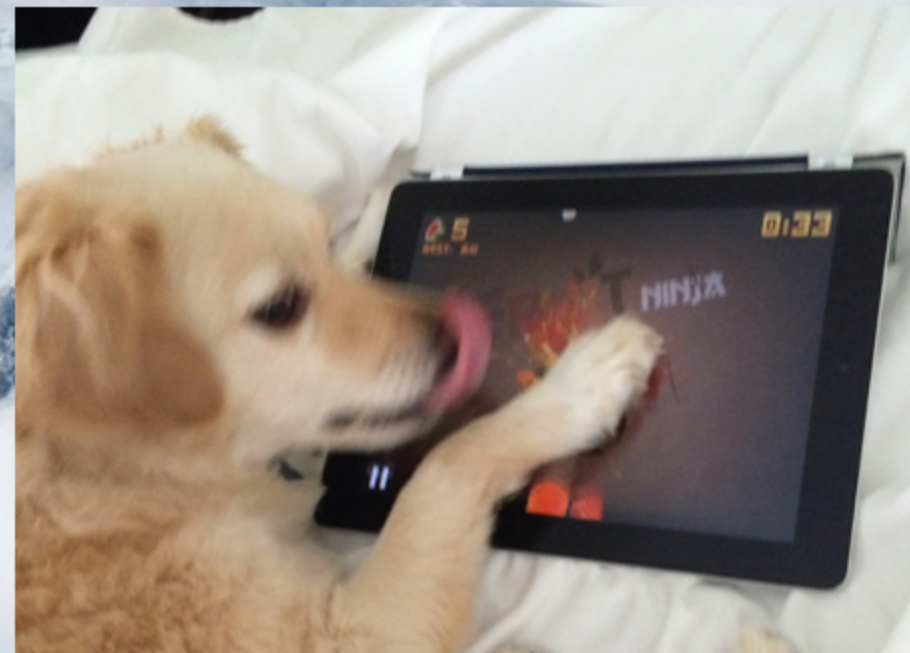


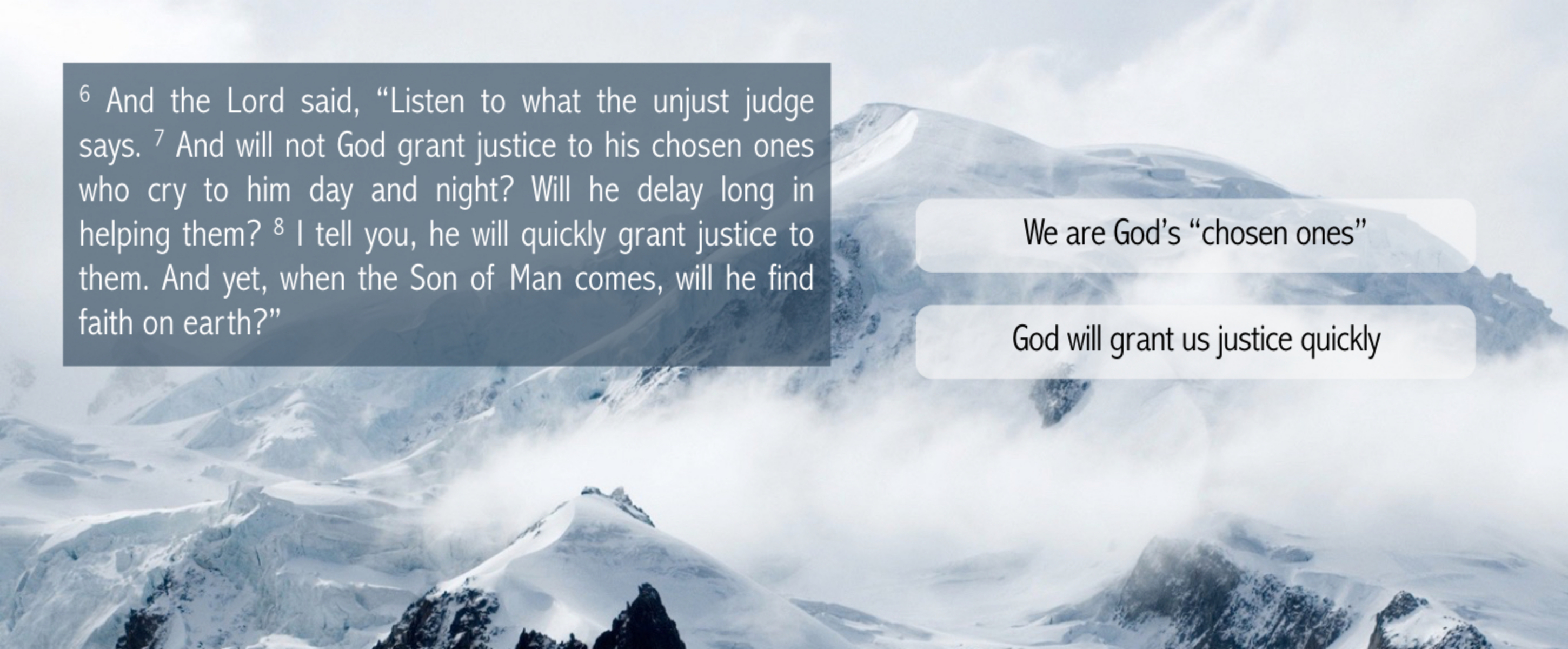
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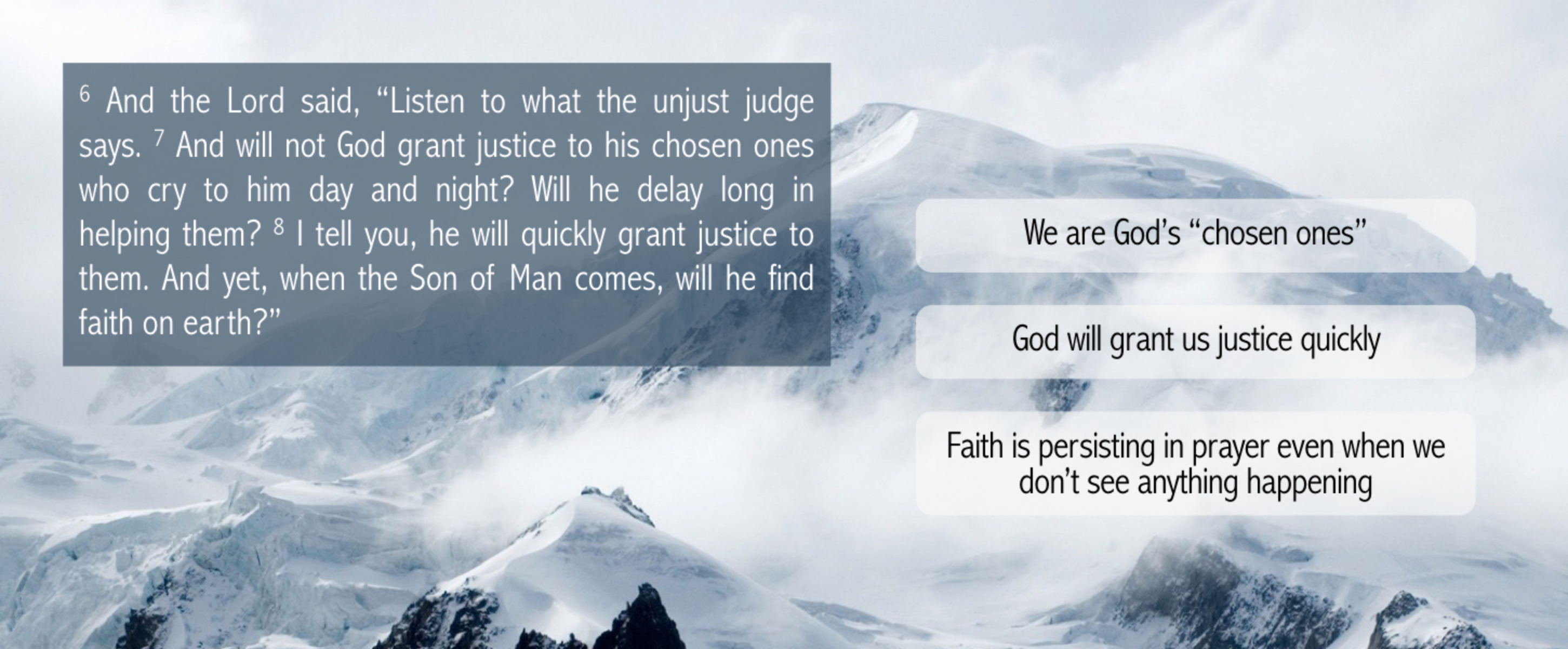




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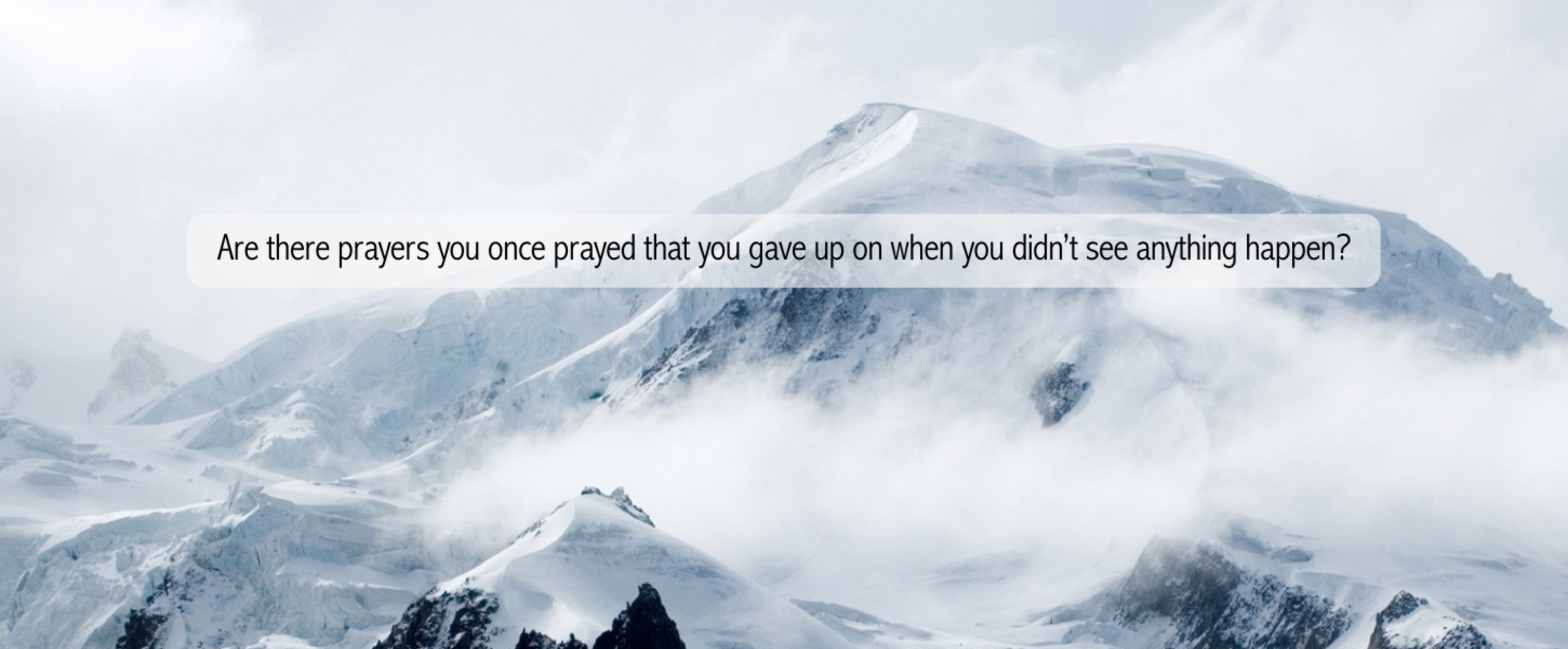


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Faith is persisting in prayer even when we don’t see anything happening

A wide-angle photograph of a mountain range covered in snow and partially obscured by mist or low clouds. The sky is overcast and grey. A semi-transparent white text box is centered horizontally across the middle of the image.

Are there prayers you once prayed that you gave up on when you didn't see anything happen?



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Are there places in your life now that you struggle to believe that God can do anything about?

Daniel & Christina



Daniel & Christina



“God I hate this. I can’t believe where I am. I can’t believe Christina is saying these things. I don’t know what to do. I want out. I can’t believe things are this bad. Why did it have to come to this?”

- Daniel

Daniel & Christina



“But that’s what faith is about right? It’s about looking forward and believing God can lead us out of our present circumstances.”

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“God help me to believe that you have called me to be Christina’s husband and to love, serve, and lead her. Help me to be able to take the hits and to not let them sink into the deep parts of my heart and change me in a negative way.”

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“Five years may seem like a short time to renew our vows, but for us, there was so much to celebrate.”

- Christina

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Did God answer your prayers?

“Yes! Not immediately though. And God answered our prayers, but not in the way we initially prayed. Our initial prayers were “get me out of this.” But as we continued to pray, we saw God’s truths come out. And actually God is still answering our prayers.”

Daniel & Christina



What would you say to those who are in a similar place of feeling hopeless?

“You can be completely honest with God because he can handle all that. Just wait and see what God can do. And allow God’s truth to start speaking to your life.”

Reflection

Are there prayers you once prayed that you want to believe for again?

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A photograph of a vast, snow-covered mountain range under a cloudy, overcast sky. The mountains are partially shrouded in mist or low clouds, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere. The snow is bright white, contrasting with the darker, shadowed areas of the mountain ridges and valleys. Two semi-transparent white text boxes are overlaid on the center of the image, containing reflective questions.

Are there prayers you once prayed that you want to believe for again?

Are there new prayers you want to begin persisting in prayer for?