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Sovereign Peace

Sovereignty of God

The Sovereignty of God means that God is powerful and authoritative to the extent of being able to override all other powers and authorities.



Romans 12:19-20

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” 20 To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Overcome Injustice with Good

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- 2. Goodness is the spiritual force that overcomes all injustice**
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Proverbs 25:21-22

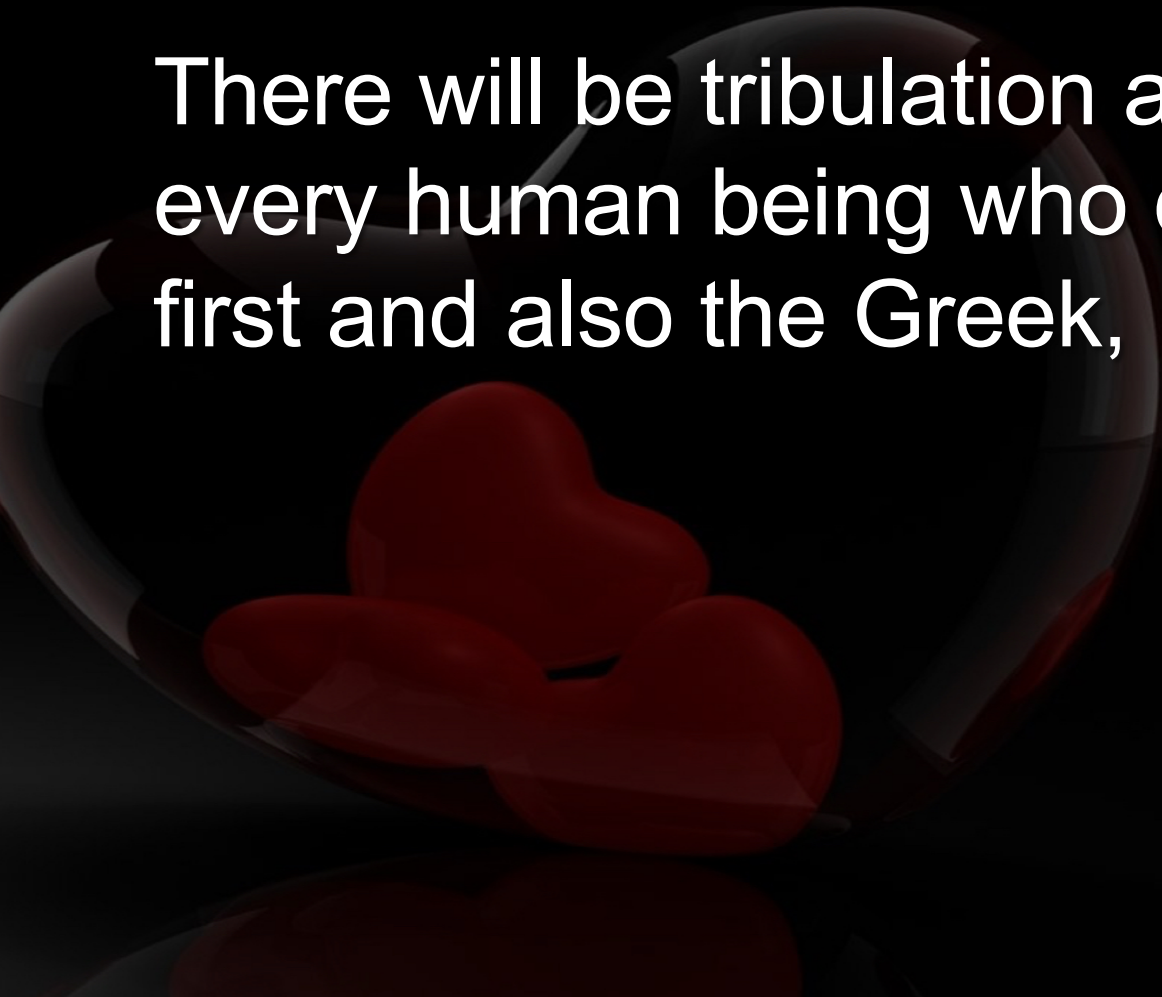
If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink, 22 for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.

Romans 2:6-8

6 He will render to each one according to his works: 7 to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; 8 but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

Romans 2:9

There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek,



Psalm 18

25 With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; 26 with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.

Illustration: Sin is a debt

The Bible has an ongoing illustration of sin [injustice] as a debt that must be paid.

Jesus pays the legal debt by His sacrifice on the cross. Those who do not have their debt paid have both temporal and eternal consequences.

Debt Factoring

A factor is an intermediary agent that provides cash or financing to companies by purchasing their accounts receivable and then taking responsibility for collecting the debt.

Good Only Can Overcome Evil

The human way is to curse those who curse us and try to overcome evil with more evil. But, according to Romans 12:21, we can only overcome evil with good. God's goodness is stronger than any evil.

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Romans 12:14-18

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Romans 12:14-18

17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

How to Respond to Injustice?

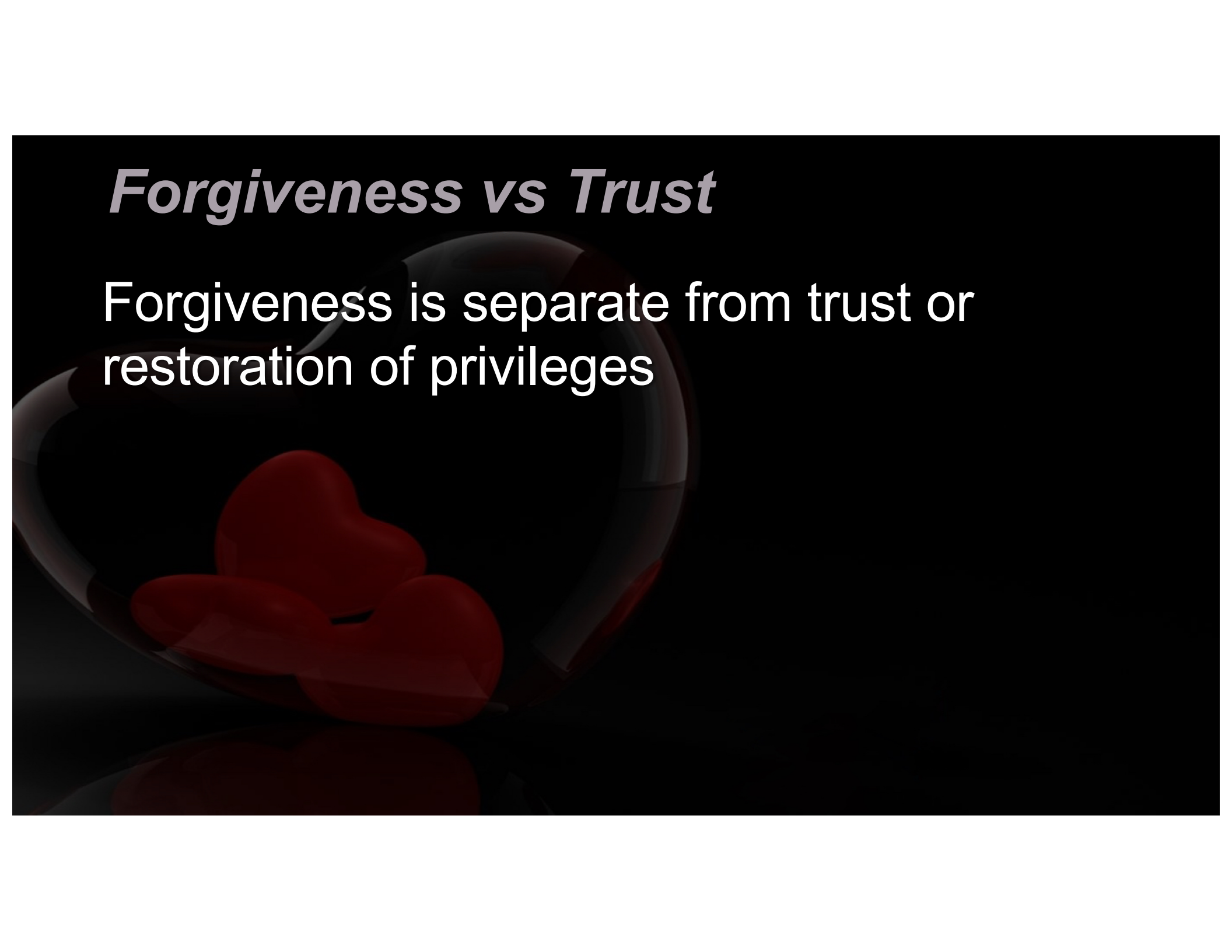
1. Past: Injustice happened
2. Present: Injustice happening
3. Future: Injustice about to happen

Separation From the Evil

1. What are debts and what are rewards
2. What you do from what you feel
3. What they did from what you will do

Forgiveness vs Trust

Forgiveness is separate from trust or restoration of privileges



Man of Sorrows

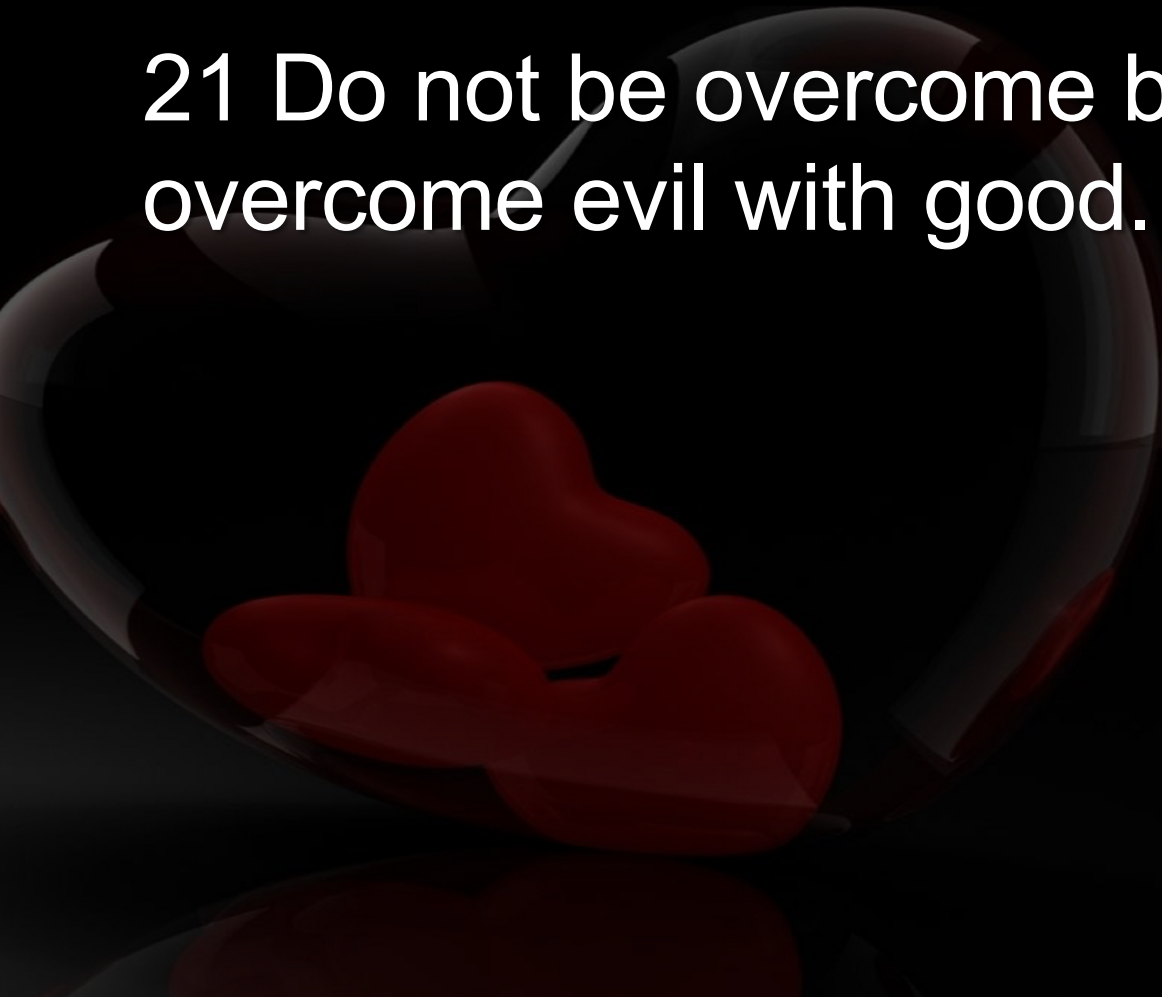
Jesus was a man who daily experienced the sorrow of rejection, isolation, betrayal, unjust accusation, deprivation, emotional pain and physical pain

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Romans 12:14-21

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A dark red rose is shown in a glass vase, set against a black background. The rose is the central focus, with its petals clearly defined. The vase is partially visible, and the overall scene is dimly lit, emphasizing the color of the flower.

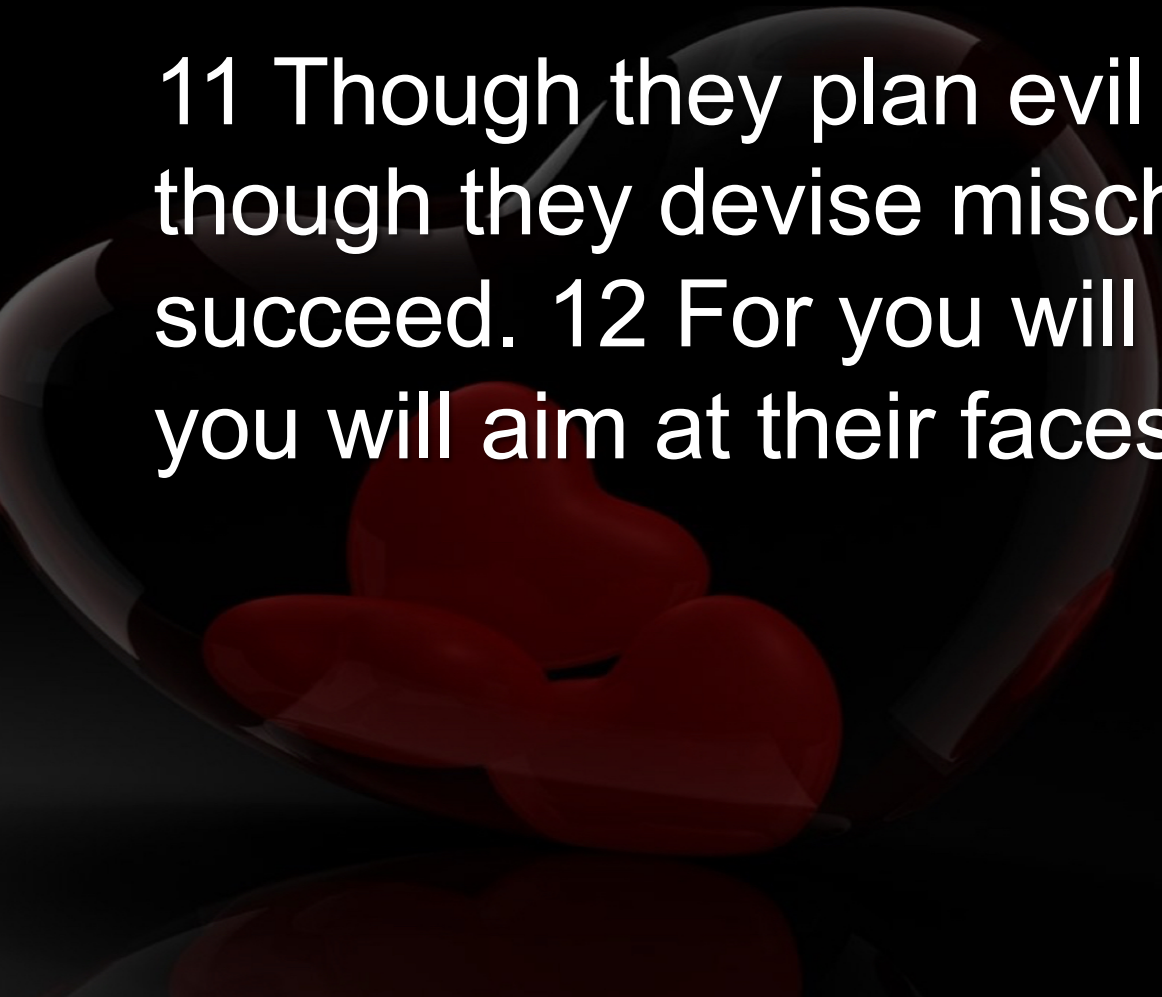
Revelation 14:12

Here is a call for the endurance
[perseverance] of the saints, those who
keep the commandments of God and their
faith in Jesus.



Psalm 21

11 Though they plan evil against you,
though they devise mischief, they will not
succeed. 12 For you will put them to flight;
you will aim at their faces with your bows.



God Is My Refuge

There is a place where God hides His beloved—in the sanctuary of His presence. Webster's dictionary defines sanctuary as, "A place of refuge; asylum; hence, immunity." God's abode is a sanctuary for the war-weary soldier, a place of immunity from the poachings of the enemy.



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