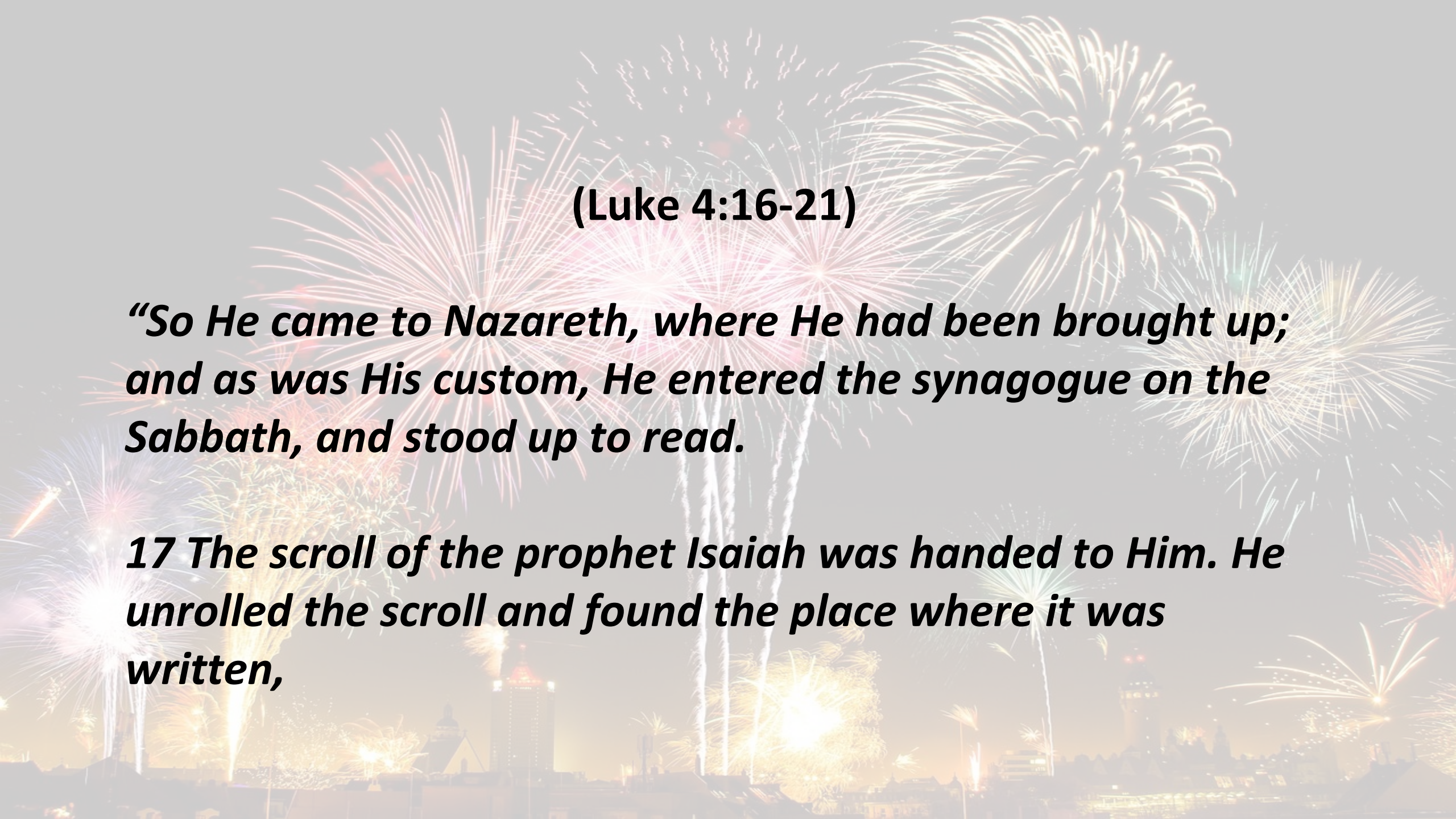




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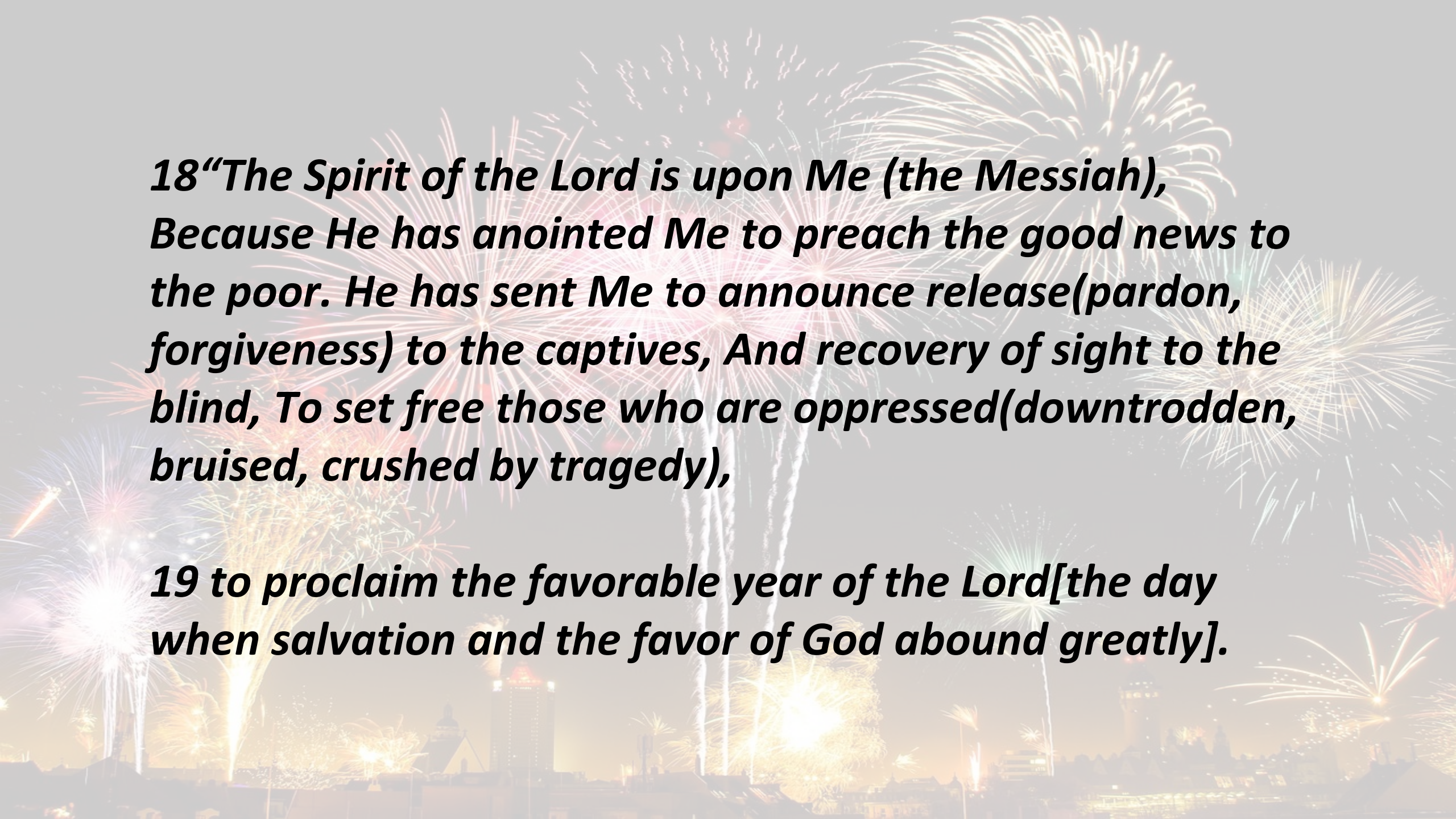


A night cityscape with fireworks exploding in the sky. The fireworks are in various colors, including white, yellow, and red. The city lights are visible in the background, creating a festive atmosphere.

(Luke 4:16-21)

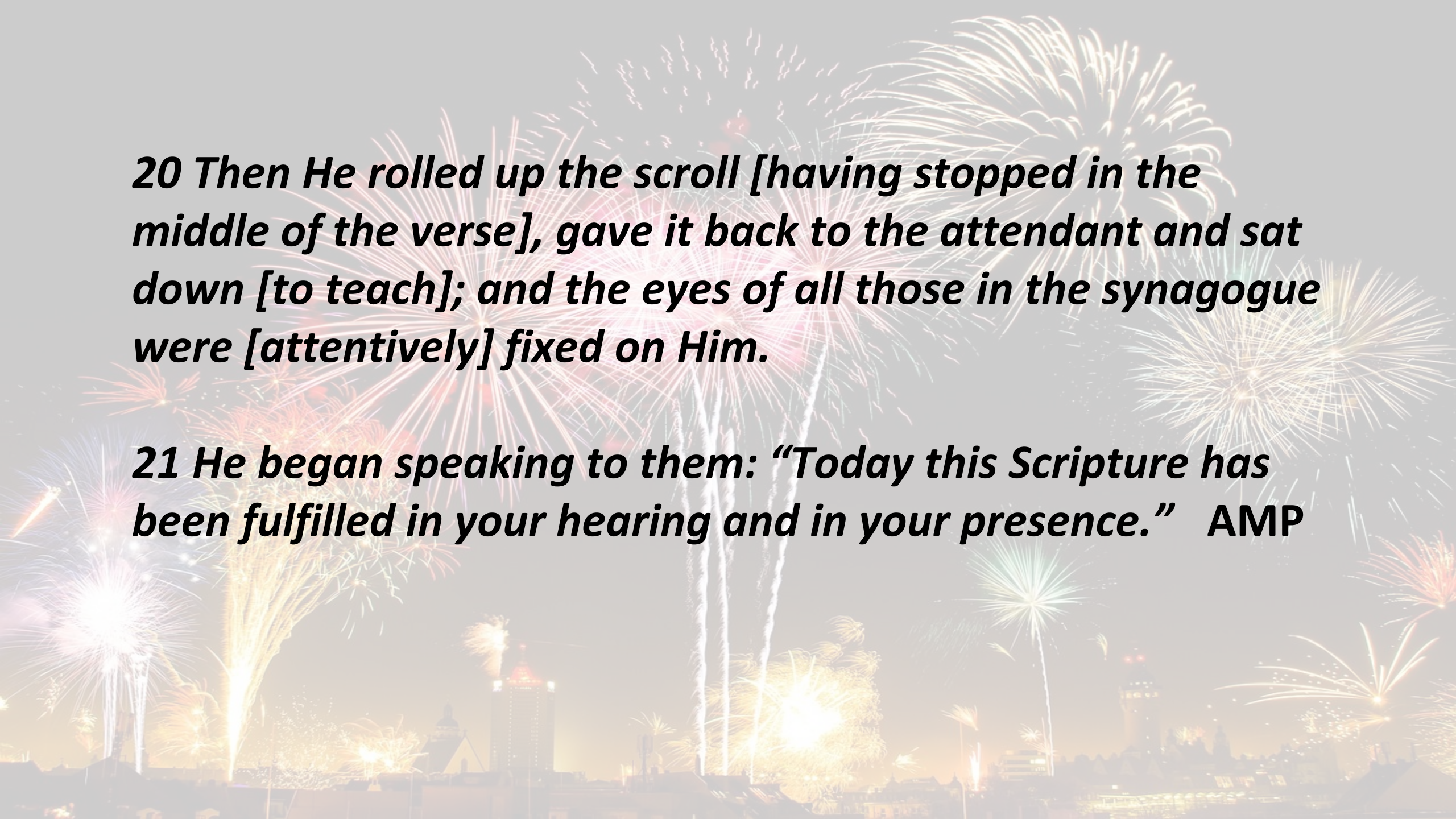
“So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.

17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

A night cityscape with a large fireworks display in the sky. The fireworks are in various colors, including white, yellow, orange, and red. The city buildings are visible in the background, with some lights on. The overall scene is festive and celebratory.

***18“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me (the Messiah),
Because He has anointed Me to preach the good news to
the poor. He has sent Me to announce release(pardon,
forgiveness) to the captives, And recovery of sight to the
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***19 to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord[the day
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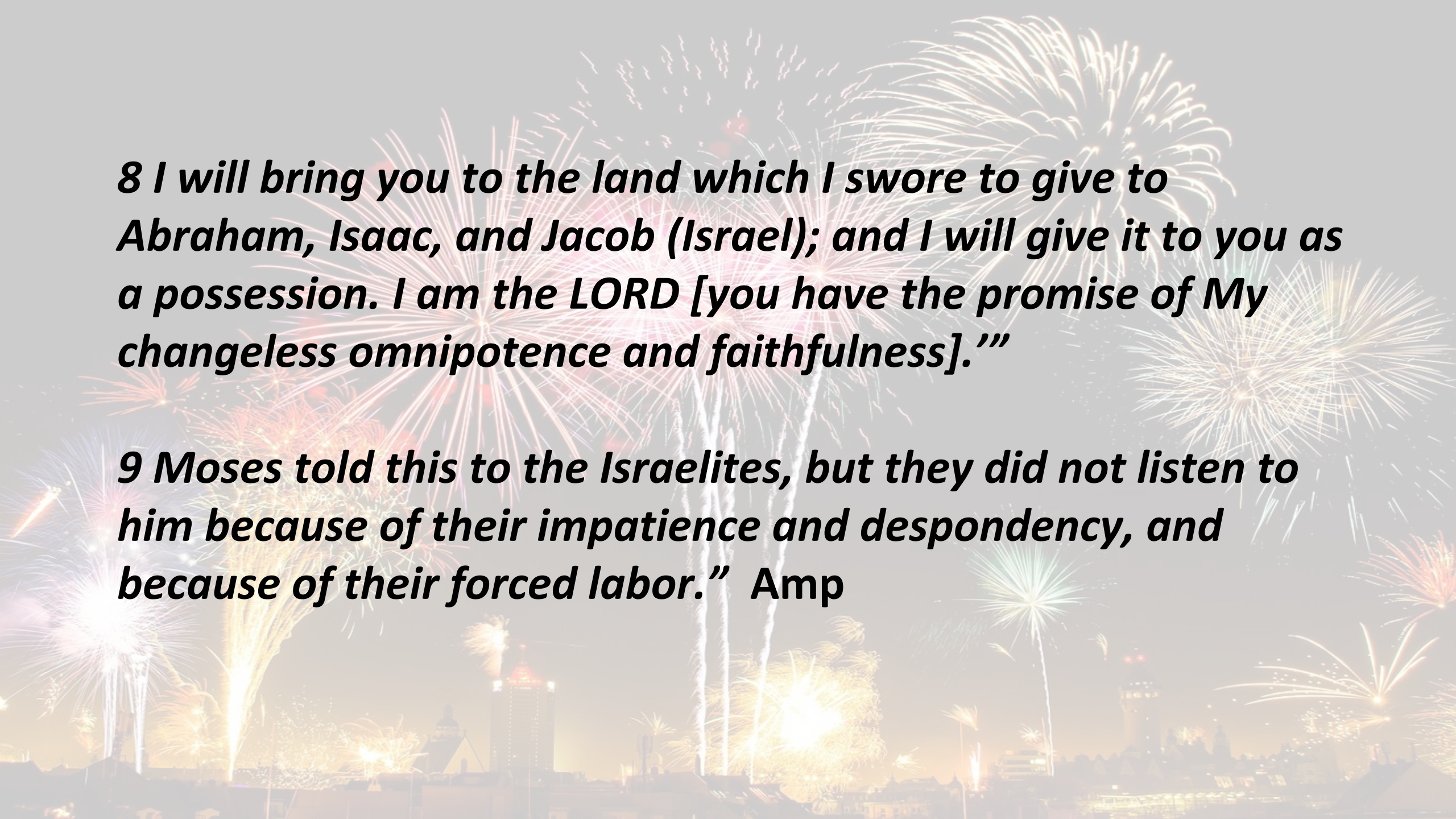
20 Then He rolled up the scroll [having stopped in the middle of the verse], gave it back to the attendant and sat down [to teach]; and the eyes of all those in the synagogue were [attentively] fixed on Him.

21 He began speaking to them: "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing and in your presence." AMP

I. LIVING IN BONDAGE

6 Therefore, say to the children of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will free you from their bondage. I will redeem and rescue you with an outstretched (vigorous, powerful) arm and with great acts of judgment [against Egypt].

7 Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who redeemed you and brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians...

A night cityscape with a large fireworks display in the sky. The fireworks are in various colors, including white, yellow, and red, and are exploding in many different patterns. The city lights are visible in the background, and the overall scene is festive and celebratory.

8 I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel); and I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD [you have the promise of My changeless omnipotence and faithfulness].”

9 Moses told this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their impatience and despondency, and because of their forced labor.” Amp

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- A. Physical bondage: sickness and other ailments that keep you from wholeness and great health.**
- B. Emotional bondage: enslaved by the torment of fear, anxiety, rejection, loneliness, depression, discouragement, or hurt in the deep places of your heart.**

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C. Spiritually, you are addicted to some sort of sin - When you become addicted, that sin becomes what is known as a *“stronghold”*:

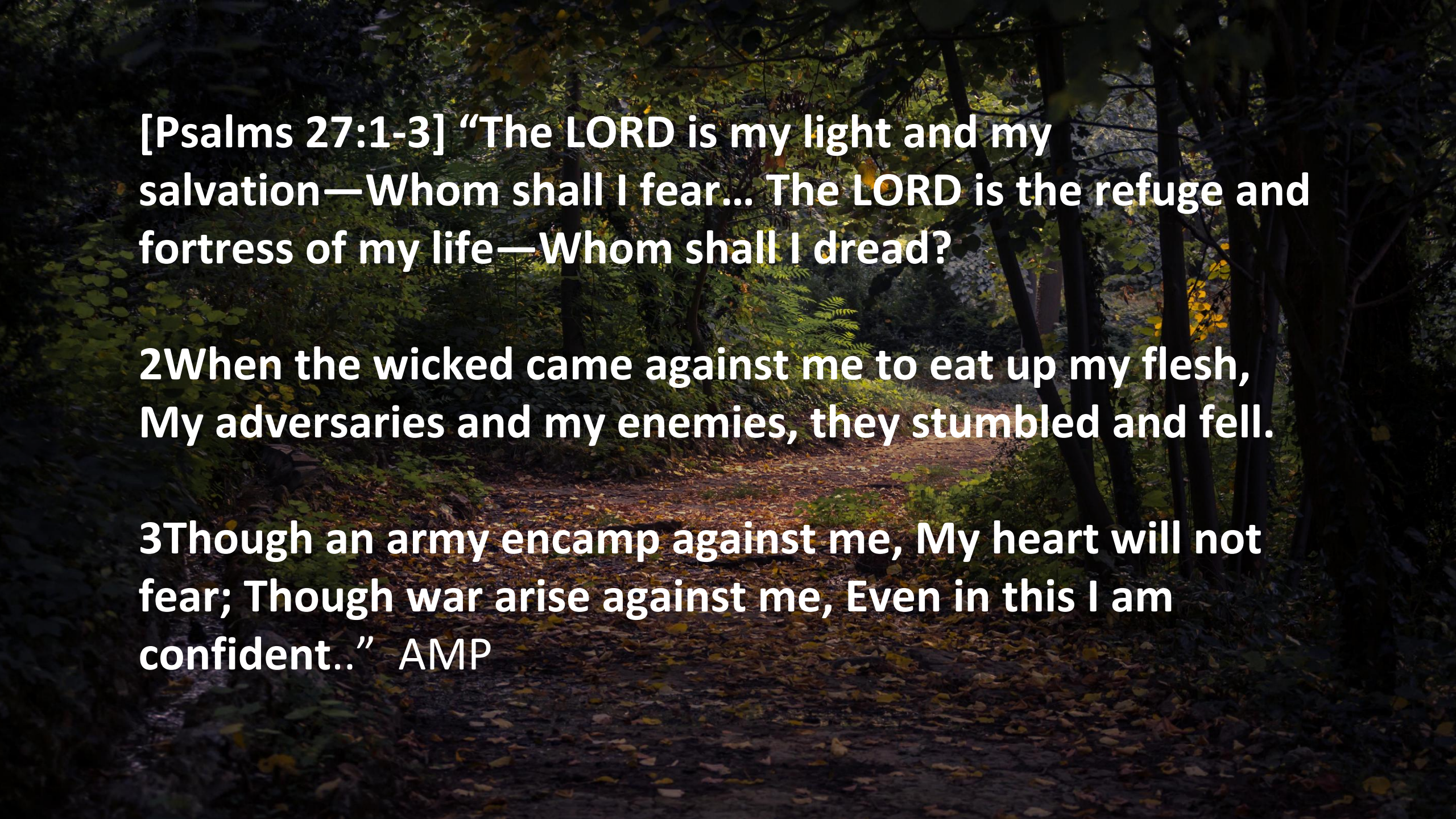
You fight, but fall..... Then you get up and fight, but fall again.

- Jealousy, envy, bitterness, unforgiveness, lust, greed, and dishonoring others may be part of your list of struggles.....**

A photograph of a forest path covered in fallen leaves, with trees and foliage in the background. The path leads into the distance, flanked by dense green and yellowing leaves. The lighting is soft, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting.

**One of the greatest “strongholds”
that many of us face is “FEAR.”**

“Fear” attacks your faith!!!

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a dense forest. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a dappled light effect on the path and the surrounding foliage. The trees are mostly green, with some yellowing leaves visible, suggesting an autumn setting. The path is covered in fallen leaves and small stones.

[Psalms 27:1-3] “The LORD is my light and my salvation—Whom shall I fear.. The LORD is the refuge and fortress of my life—Whom shall I dread?

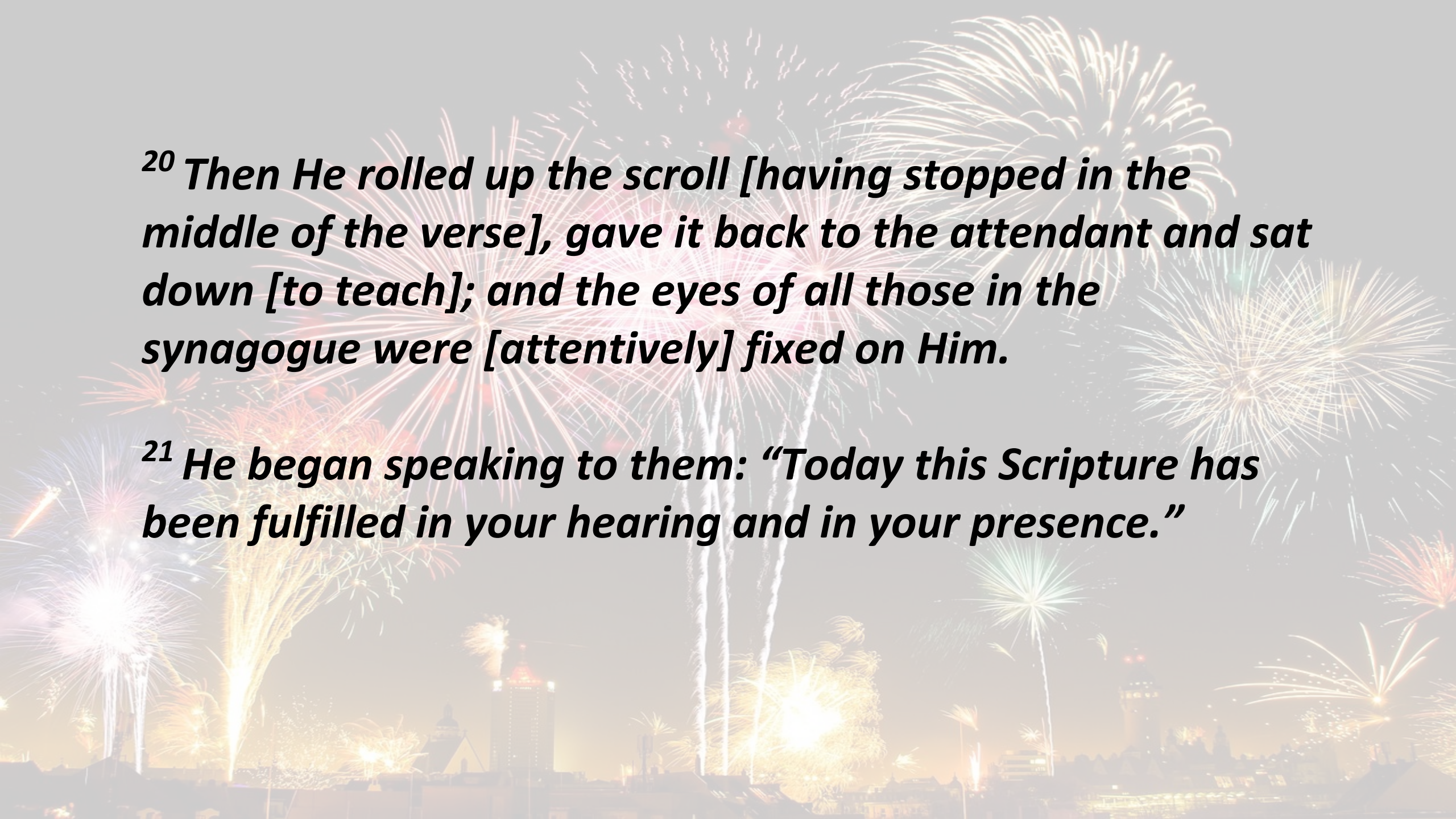
**2When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh,
My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.**

**3Though an army encamp against me, My heart will not
fear; Though war arise against me, Even in this I am
confident..” AMP**

II. THE FREEDOM CHRIST PROMISES: (Luke 4:18-21)

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me (the Messiah), Because He has anointed Me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent Me to announce release(pardon, forgiveness) to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed(downtrodden, bruised, crushed by tragedy),

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A night cityscape with a fireworks display in the background. The sky is filled with various colors of fireworks, including white, yellow, orange, and red. The city lights are visible in the foreground, and the overall scene is festive and celebratory.

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(Rom. 7:14-25)

14 So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin.

15 I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate.

16 But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good.



17 So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

18 And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't.

19 I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

20 But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

A night sky filled with colorful fireworks exploding over a city skyline. The fireworks are in various colors including white, yellow, orange, red, and blue. The city skyline is visible in the background with some buildings lit up.

21 I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong.

22 I love God’s law with all my heart.

23 But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.



24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?

25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord....” Nlt



(1 Pt. 1:18-20, 23), “18 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value.

19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.



20 God chose Him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days He has been revealed for your sake.

23 For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living Word of God.” (NLT).



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