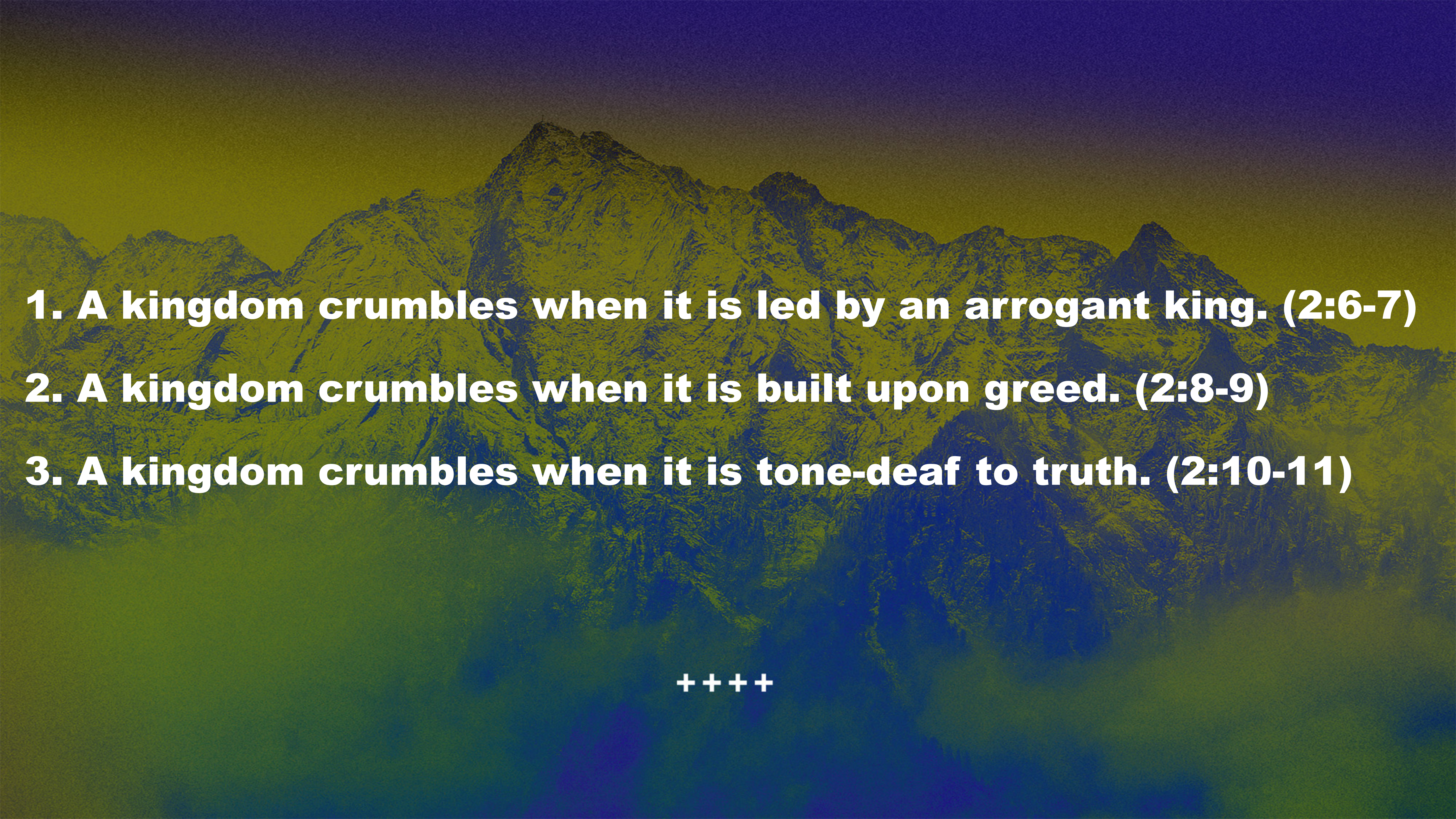




WHEN A KINGDOM CRUMBLES

Habakkuk 2:6-11



1. A kingdom crumbles when it is led by an arrogant king. (2:6-7)

2. A kingdom crumbles when it is built upon greed. (2:8-9)

3. A kingdom crumbles when it is tone-deaf to truth. (2:10-11)

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Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say, “Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own—for how long?— and loads himself with pledges!” Will not your debtors suddenly arise, and those awake who will make you tremble? Then you will be spoil for them. Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them.

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Habakkuk 2:6-11 (ESV)

**“Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house,
to set his nest on high, to be safe from the reach
of harm! You have devised shame for your house
by cutting off many peoples; you have forfeited
your life. For the stone will cry out from the wall,
and the beam from the woodwork respond.**

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Habakkuk 2:6-11 (ESV)



**A kingdom crumbles when it is
led by an arrogant king.**

(v. 6-7)

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Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit. Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

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Ecclesiastes 2:17-18 (KJV)



**There are not greater drudges in
the world than those who are
slaves to mere worldly pursuits.**

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**A kingdom crumbles when
it is built upon greed.**

(v. 8-9)

Irrevocable Principle of Sowing & Reaping...

**Do not be deceived: God is not mocked,
for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.**

Galatians 6:7

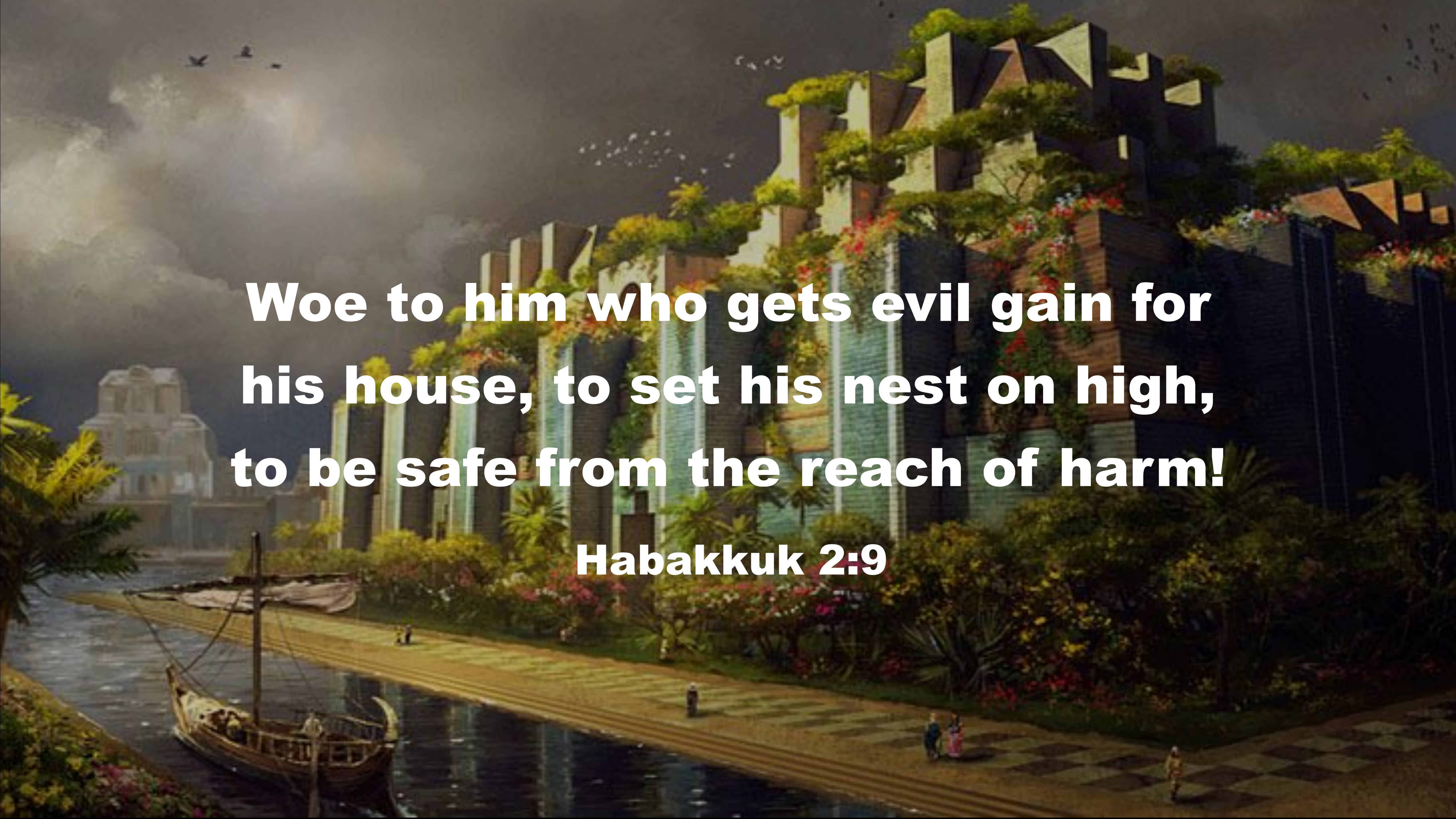
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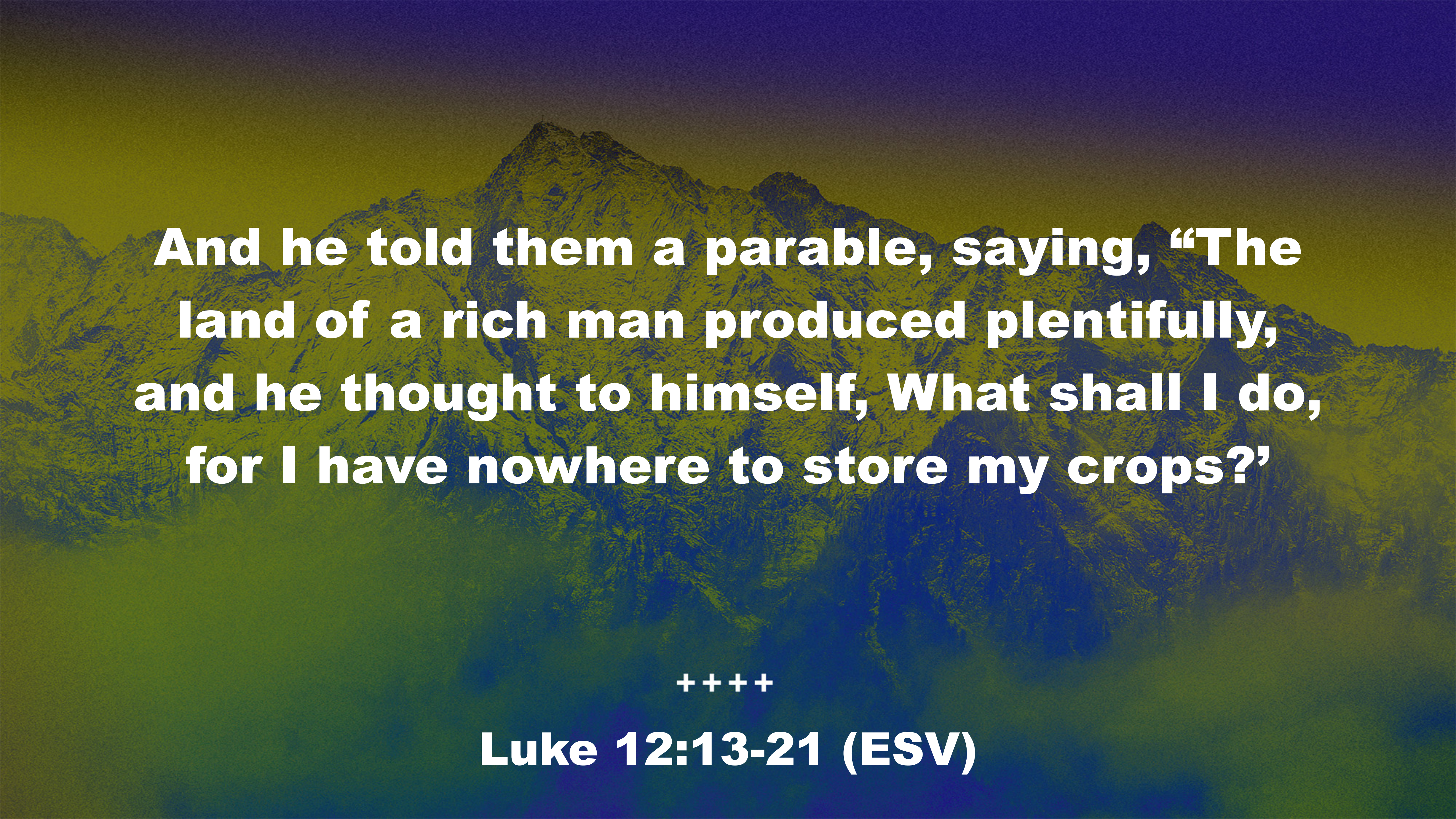
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to be safe from the reach of harm!**

Habakkuk 2:9

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

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Luke 12:13-21 (ESV)



And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?”

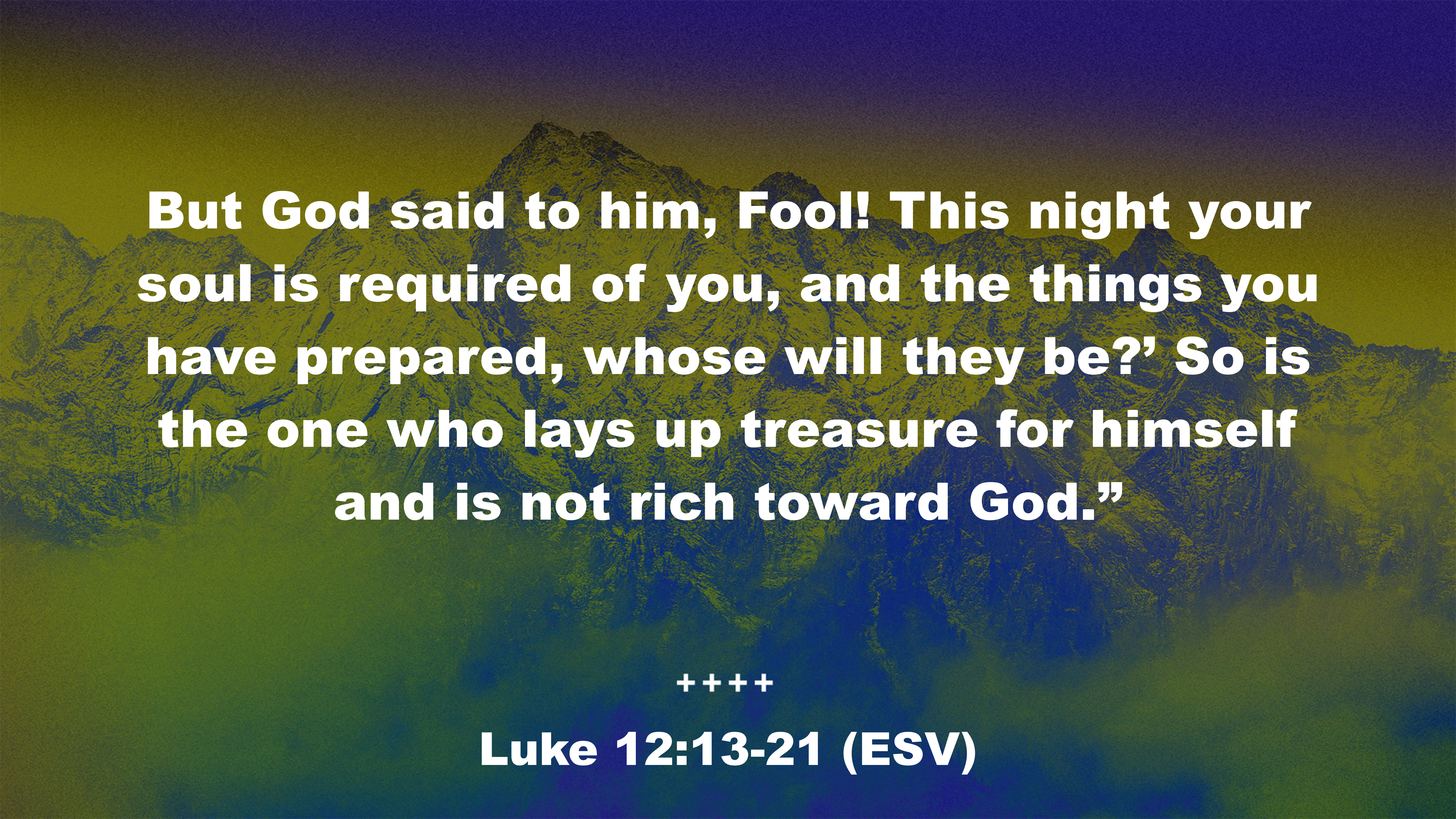
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Luke 12:13-21 (ESV)

And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’

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Luke 12:13-21 (ESV)



But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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Luke 12:13-21 (ESV)



Commandment #10
THOU SHALT NOT COVET.

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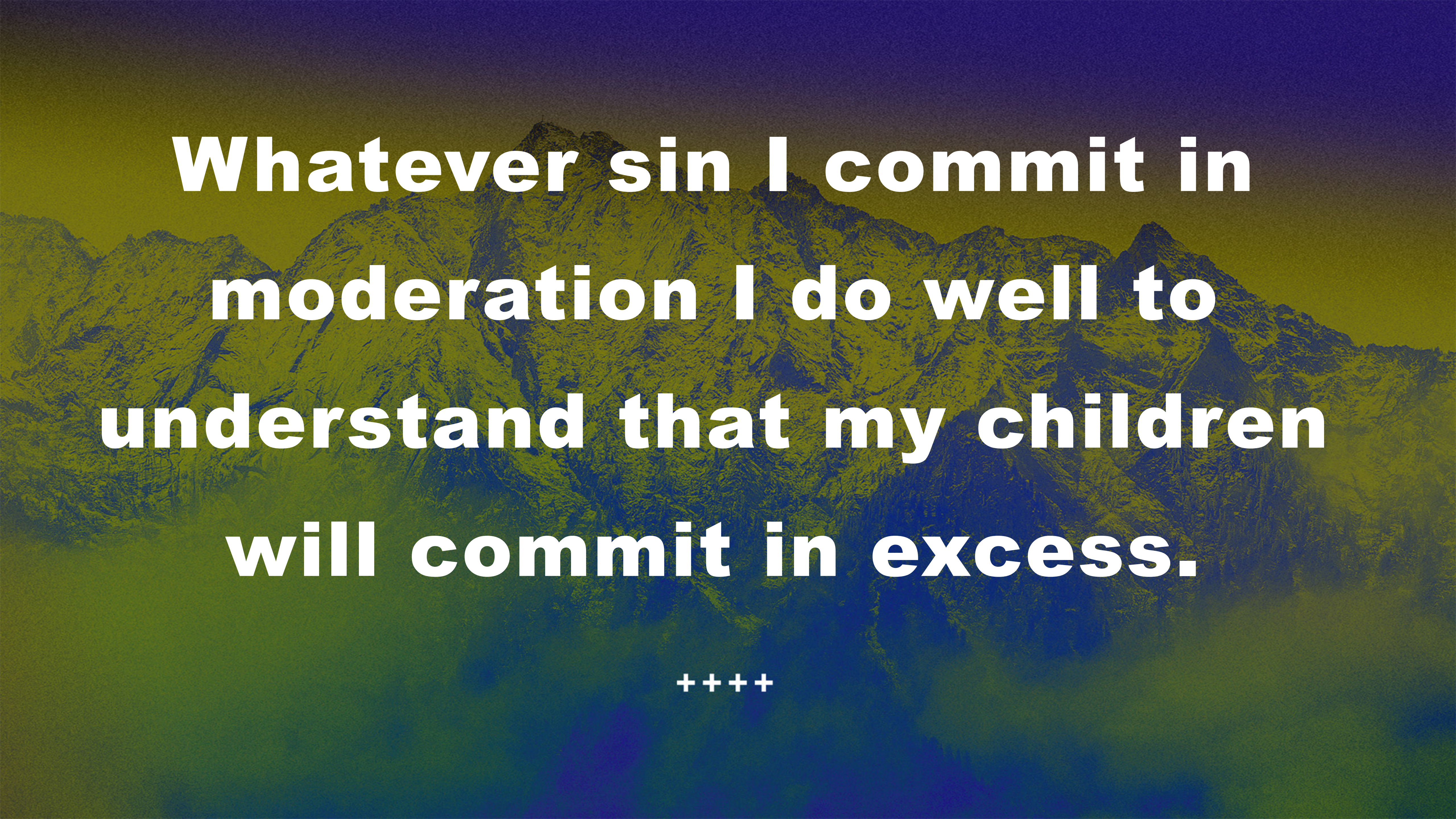
**A kingdom crumbles when
it is tone-deaf to the truth.**

(v. 10-11)

**He that is greedy of gain
troubleth his own house.**

Proverbs 15:27 (KJV)

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**Whatever sin I commit in
moderation I do well to
understand that my children
will commit in excess.**

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**All things have a voice,
in that they are a witness.**

**For the stone will cry out from the wall,
and the beam from the woodwork respond.**

Habakkuk 2:11

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**Every word bears a witness
and every action a blessing
or consequence.**

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A. Who is your king?

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world.

If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews.

But my kingdom is not from the world.” Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth.

Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

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John 8:36-37

B. Where is your treasure?

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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Matthew 6:19-21

C. What voices are you listening to?

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

I and the Father are one.

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John 10:27-30