



# INVESTMENT ON RETURN

JOEL 2:12-17

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?

*Joel 2:12-14*



# Return to the Lord

**“He is gracious and merciful”**

*channun: gracious | rachum: compassionate*

**“He is slow to anger and  
abounding in steadfast love”**

*arek - aph: long - anger | rab - checed: abundance of - favor*

**“He relents over disaster”**

*nacham - al - ra: to be sorry - over - adversity*



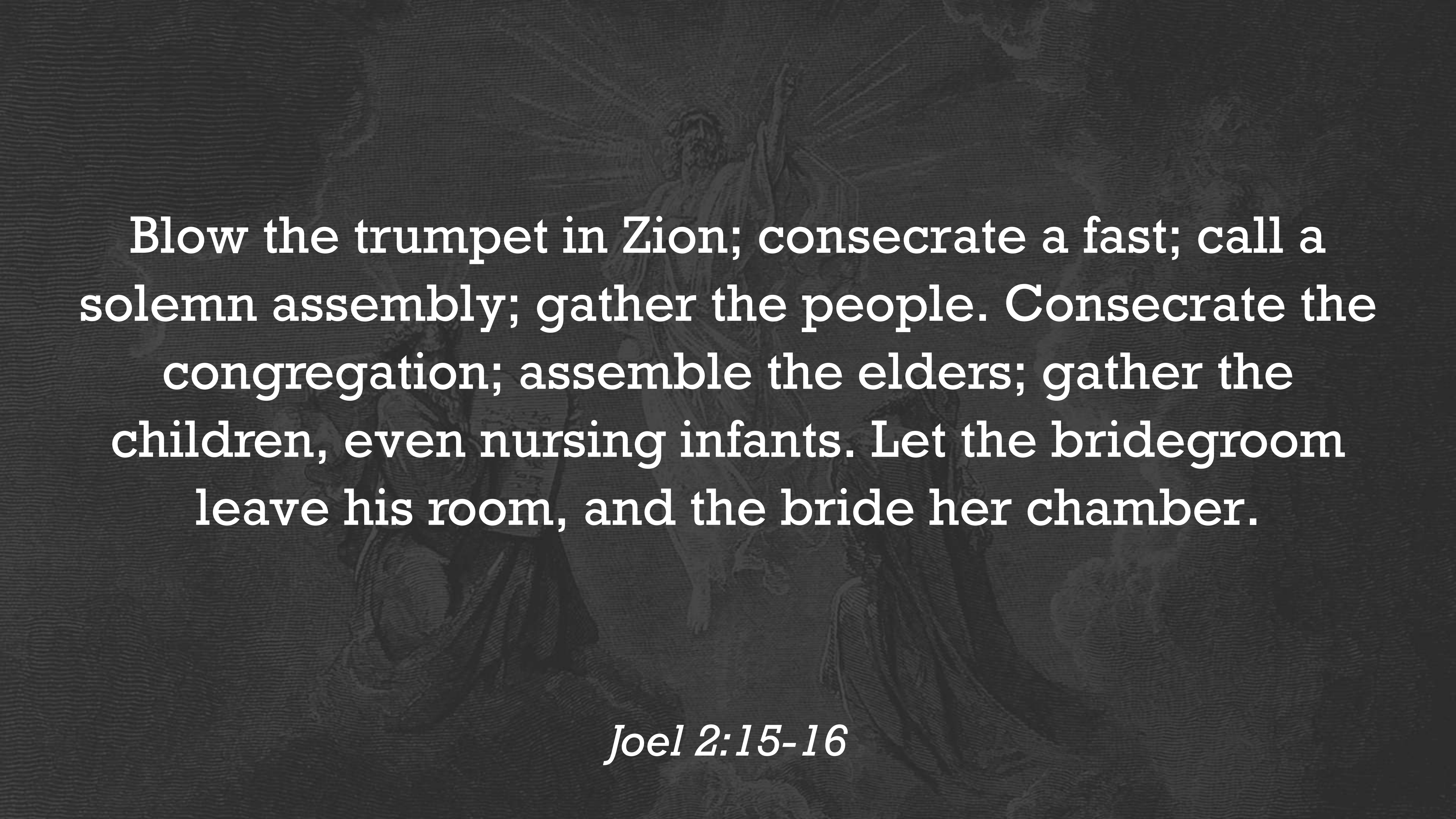
# Communion

# **Application #1**

**Seek Him with your whole heart.**

You will seek me and find me,  
when you seek me with all your heart.

*Jeremiah 29:13*



Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.

*Joel 2:15-16*

# **Invest in His Kingdom.**

- Invest your attention
- Invest your family
- Invest your interests

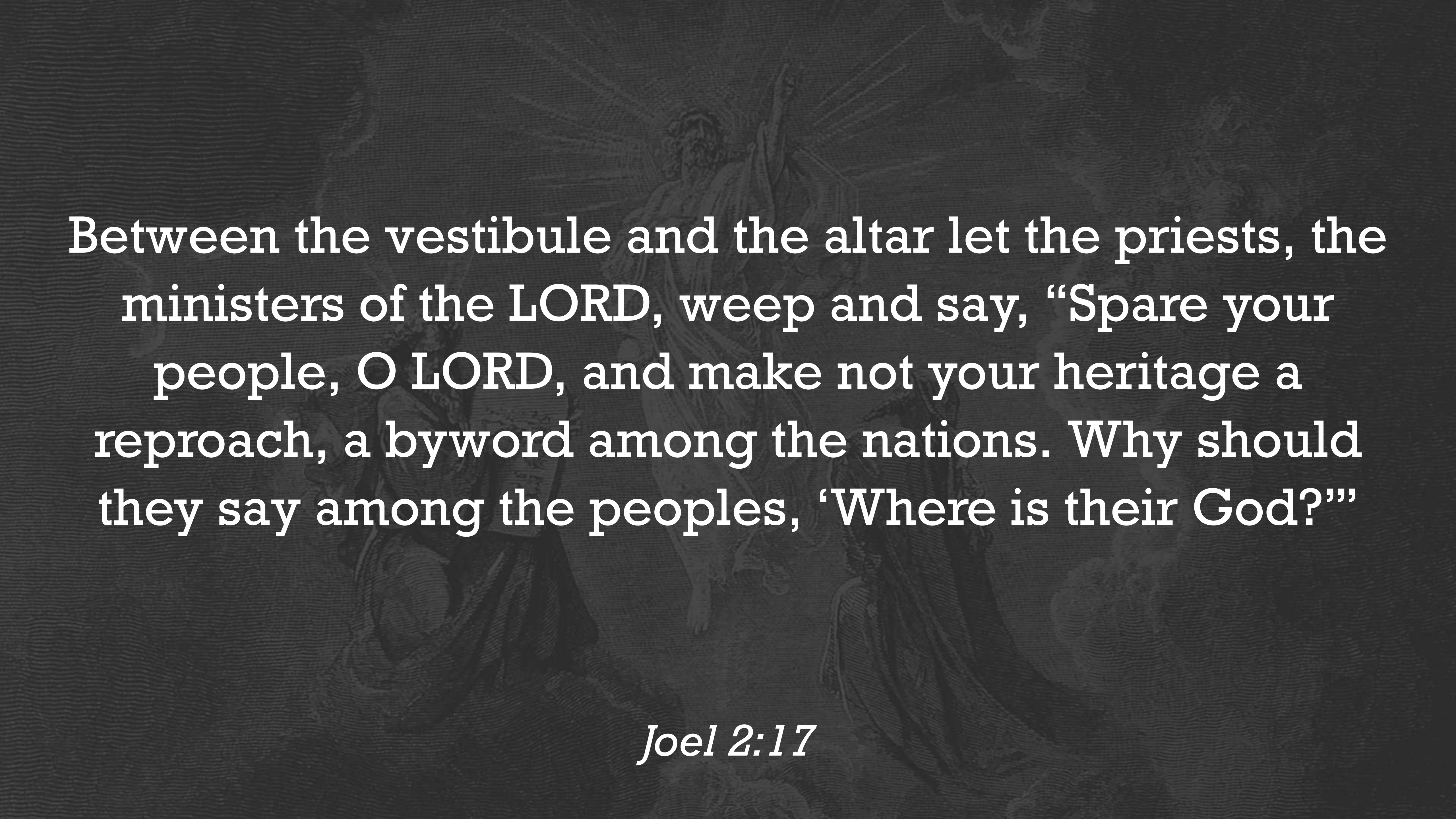


# Application #2

**Worship Him in the splendor of holiness.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

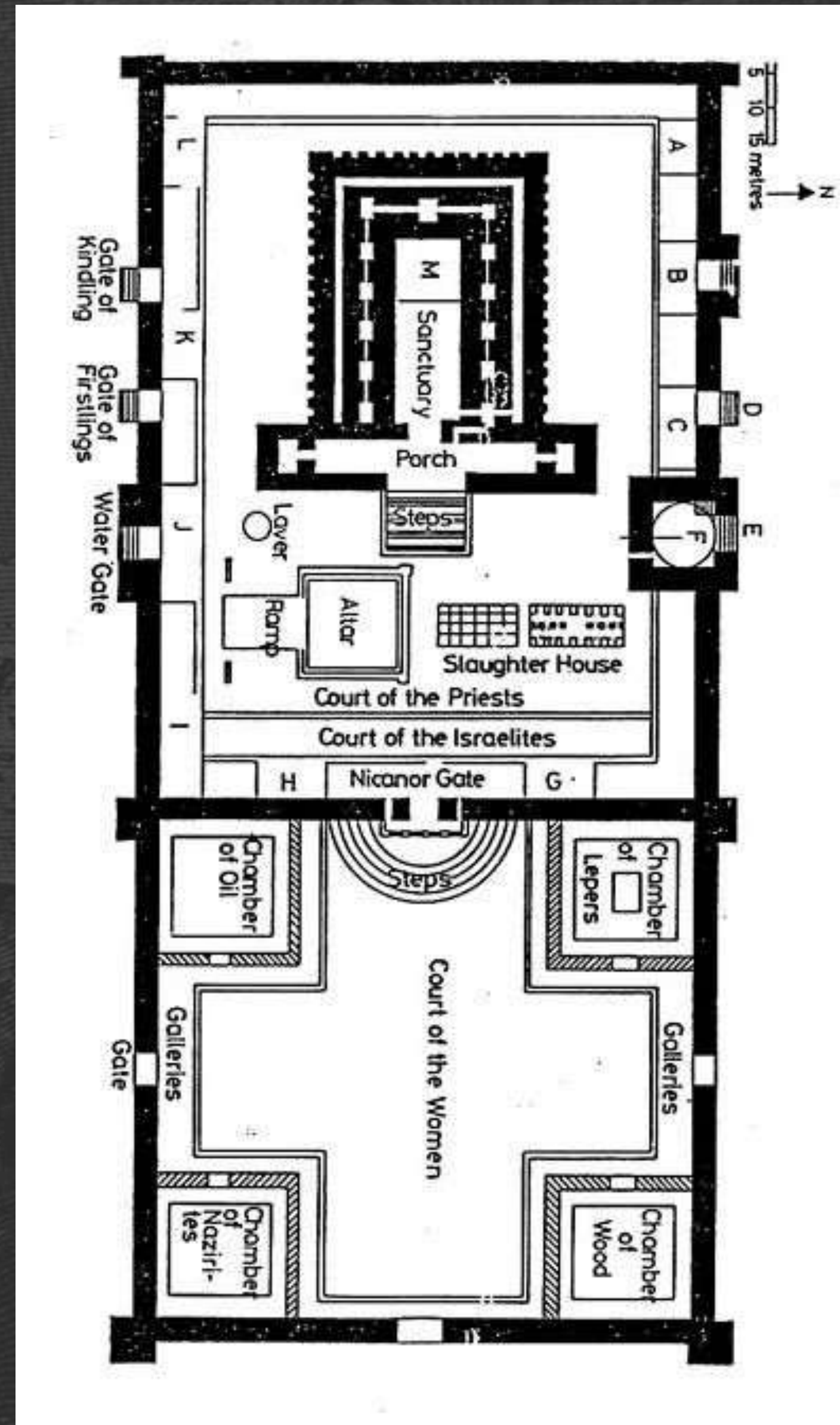
*1 Chronicles 16:29*



Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

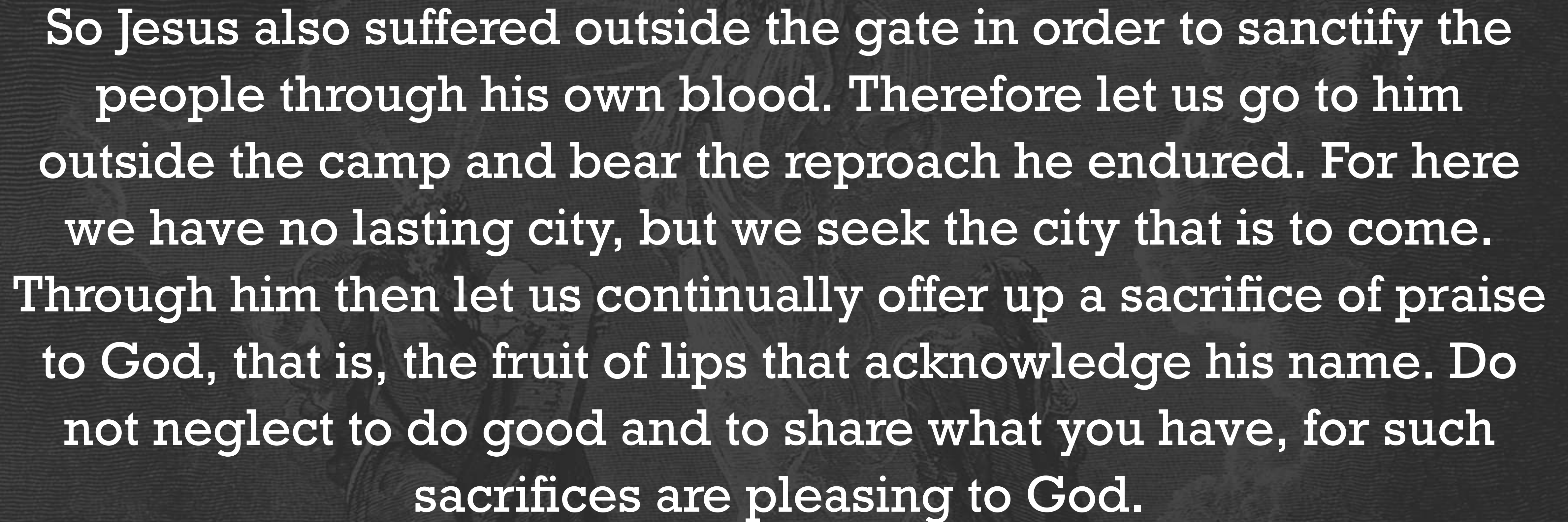
*Joel 2:17*

# Receive from His suffering



Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp.

*Hebrews 13:7-16*



So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Hebrews 13:7-16*

# **Application #3**

**Answer His merciful invitation.**

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

*Revelation 22:17*