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Habakkuk 1:1-4



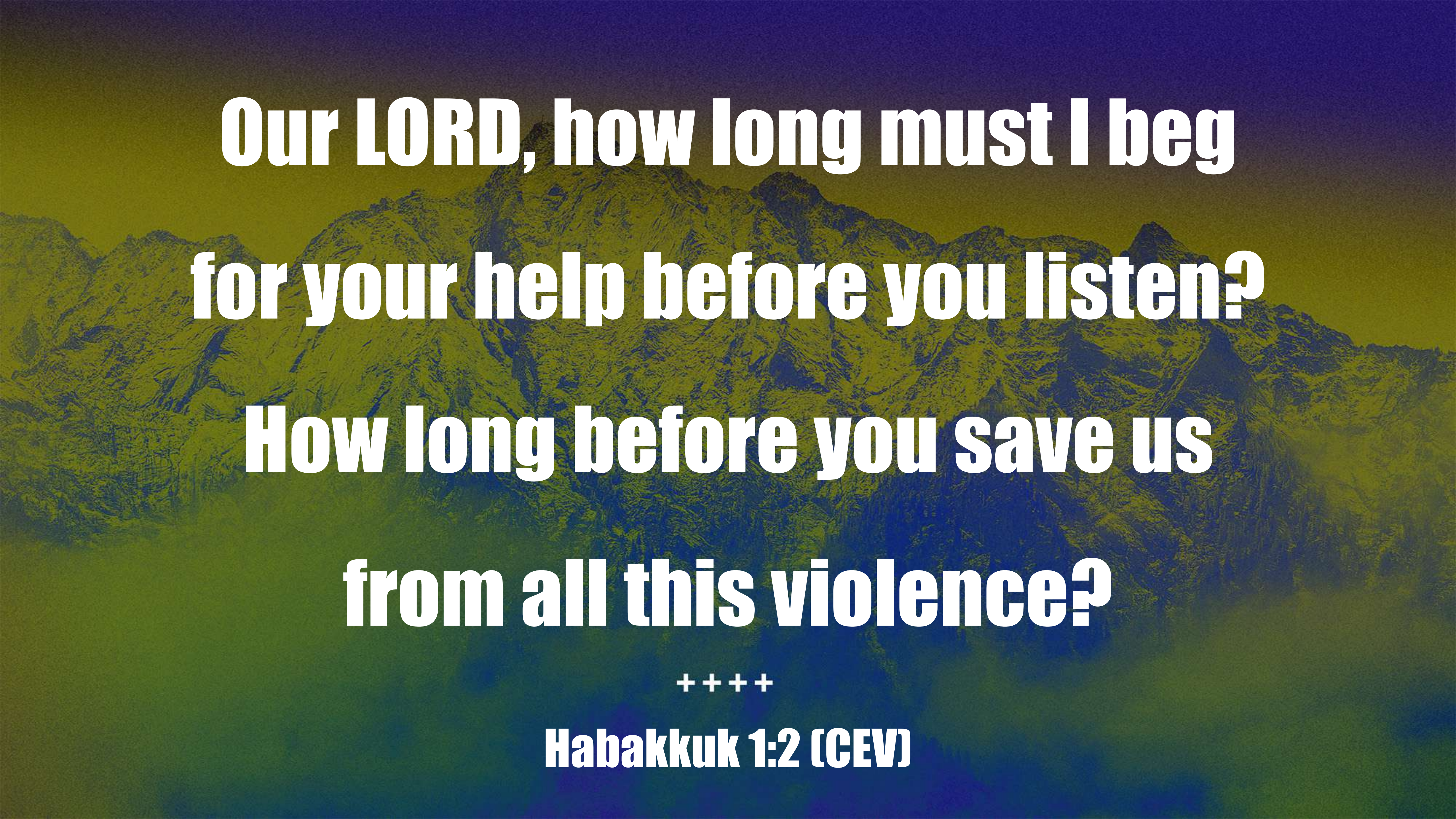


I am Habakkuk the prophet.

**And this is the message
that the LORD gave me.**

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Habakkuk 1:1 (CEV)



**Our LORD, how long must I beg
for your help before you listen?
How long before you save us
from all this violence?**

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Habakkuk 1:2 (CEV)

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”

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2 Peter 3:1-10

For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

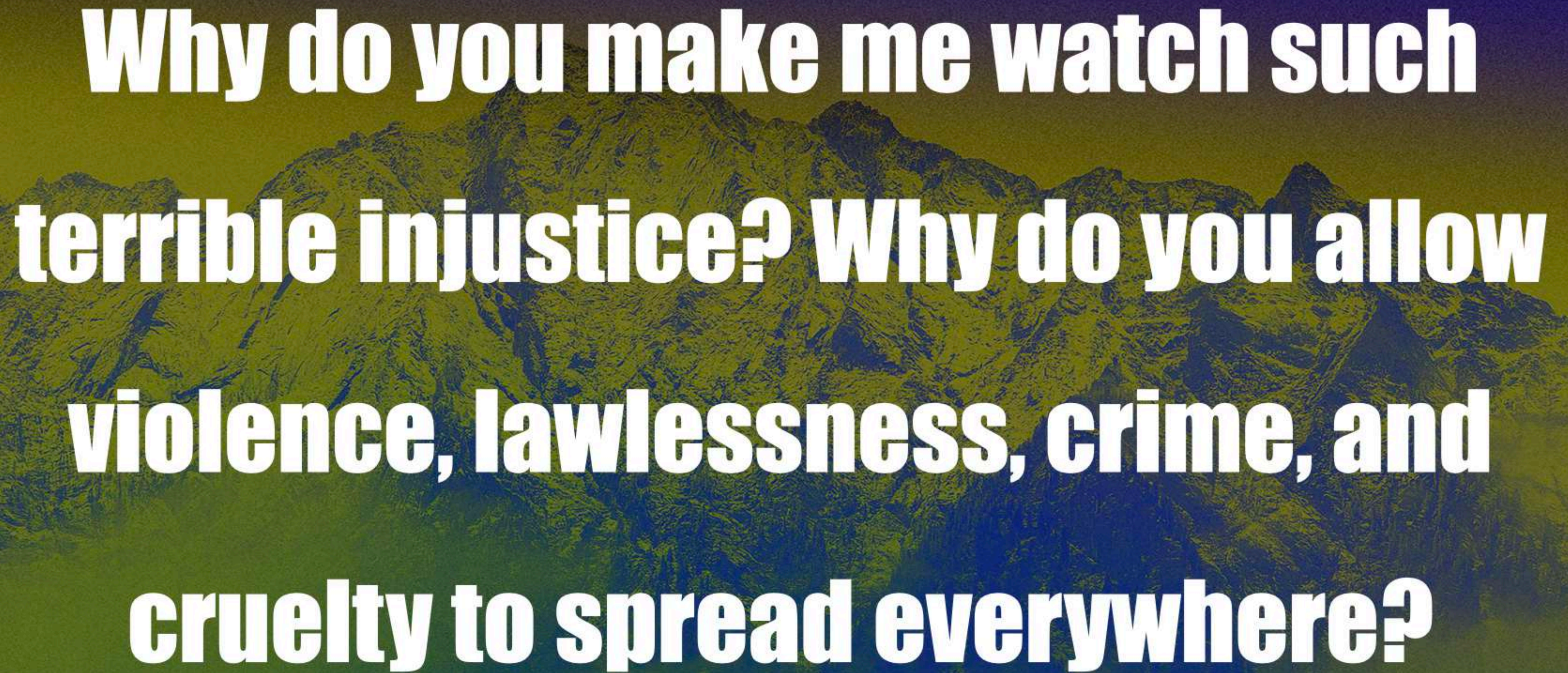
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2 Peter 3:1-10

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

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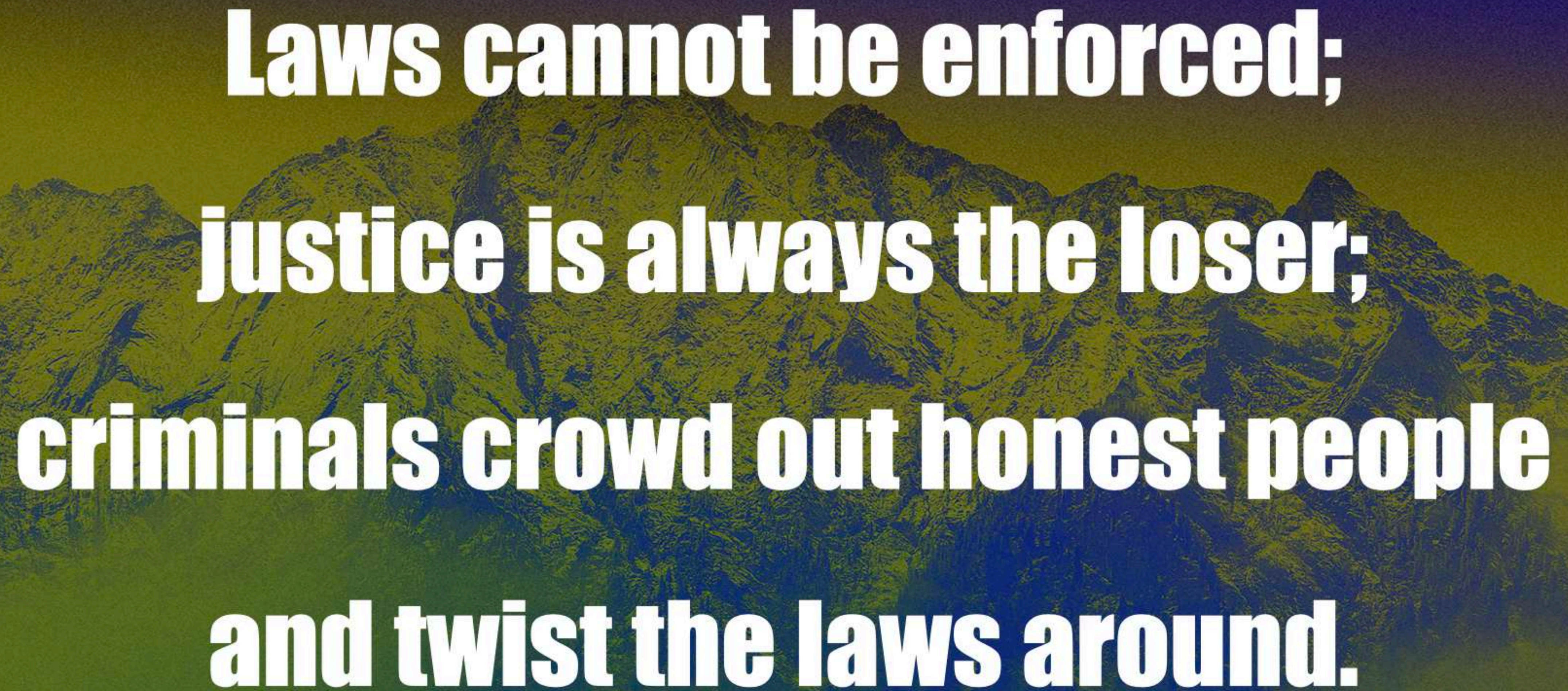
2 Peter 3:1-10



**Why do you make me watch such
terrible injustice? Why do you allow
violence, lawlessness, crime, and
cruelty to spread everywhere?**

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Habakkuk 1:3 (CEV)



**Laws cannot be enforced;
justice is always the loser;
criminals crowd out honest people
and twist the laws around.**

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Habakkuk 1:4 (CEV)