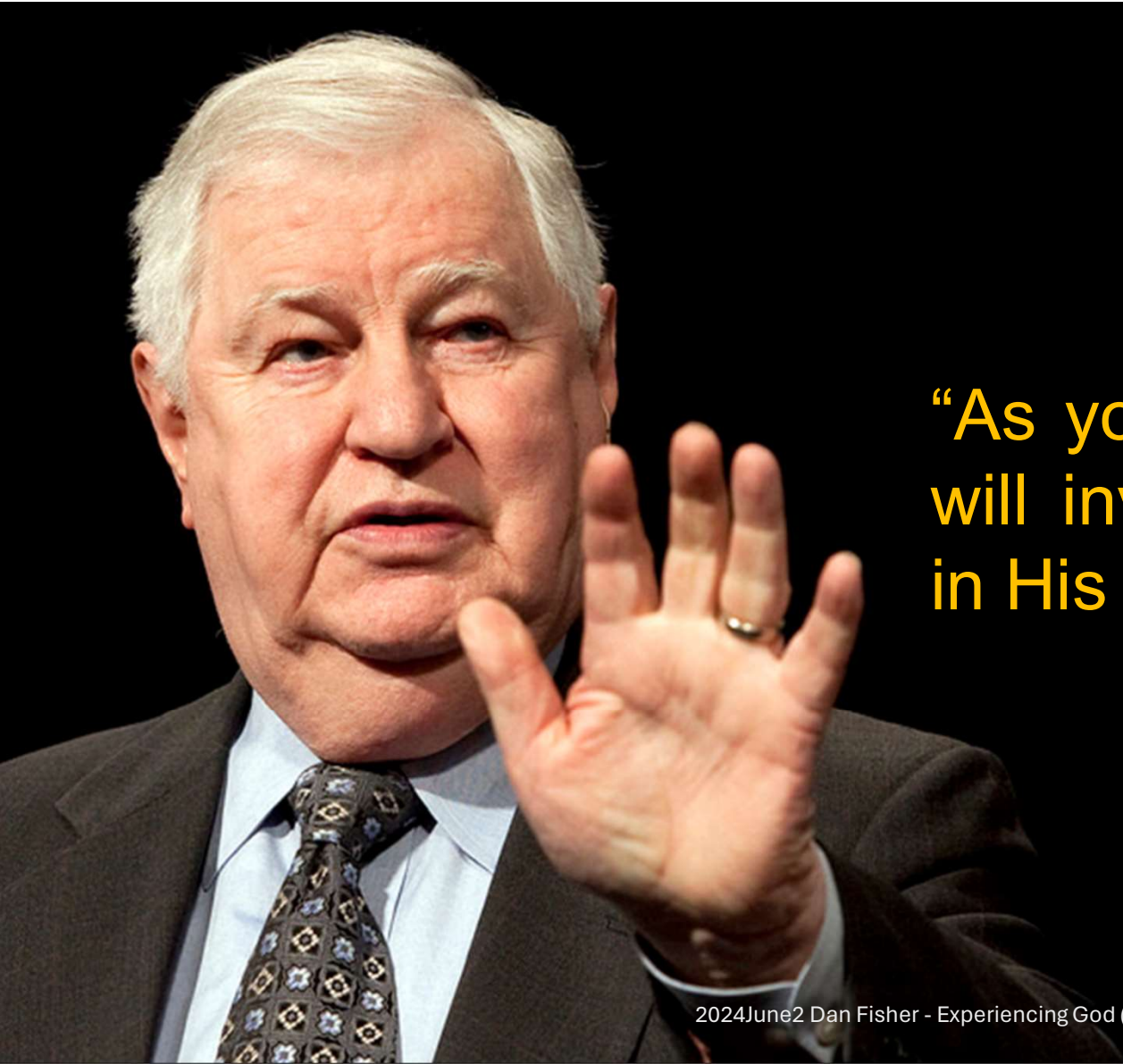




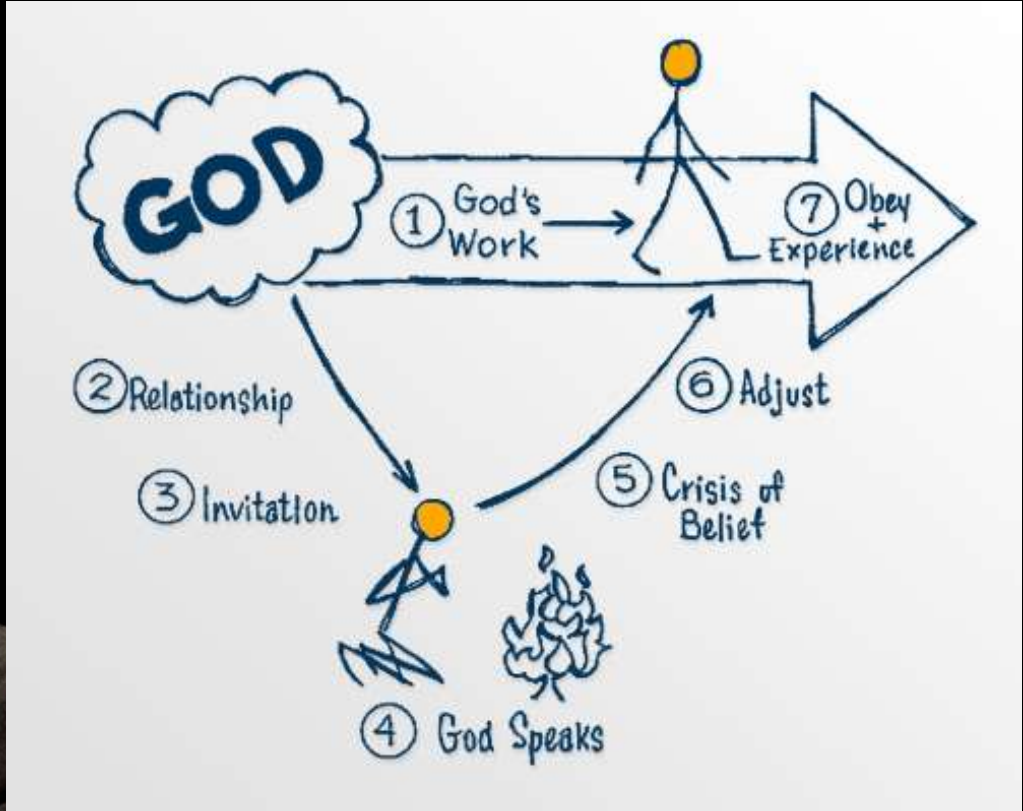
Experiencing God

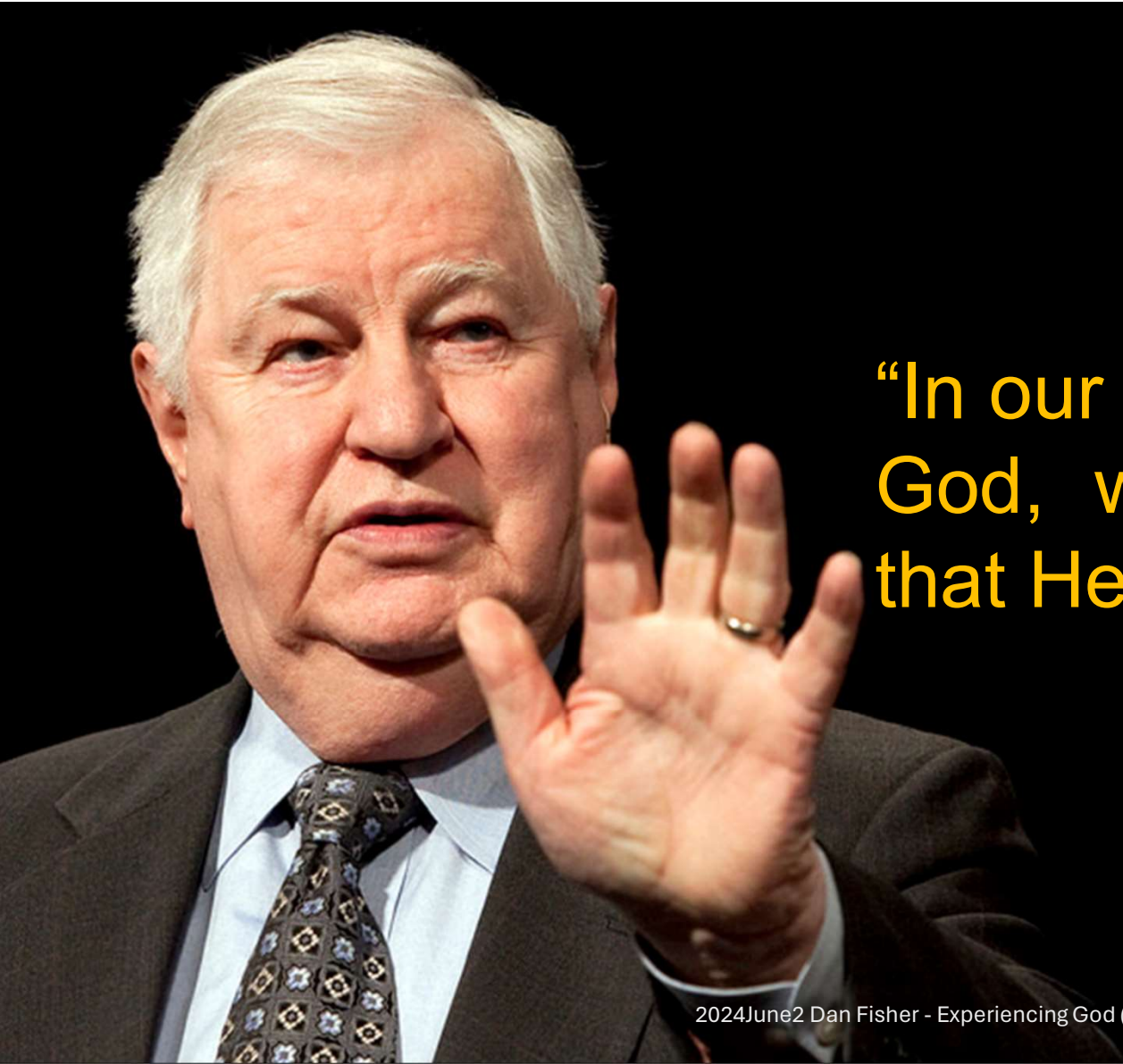
Part 3: The Creator loves YOU!



“As you relate to God, He will invite you to join Him in His work on the earth.”

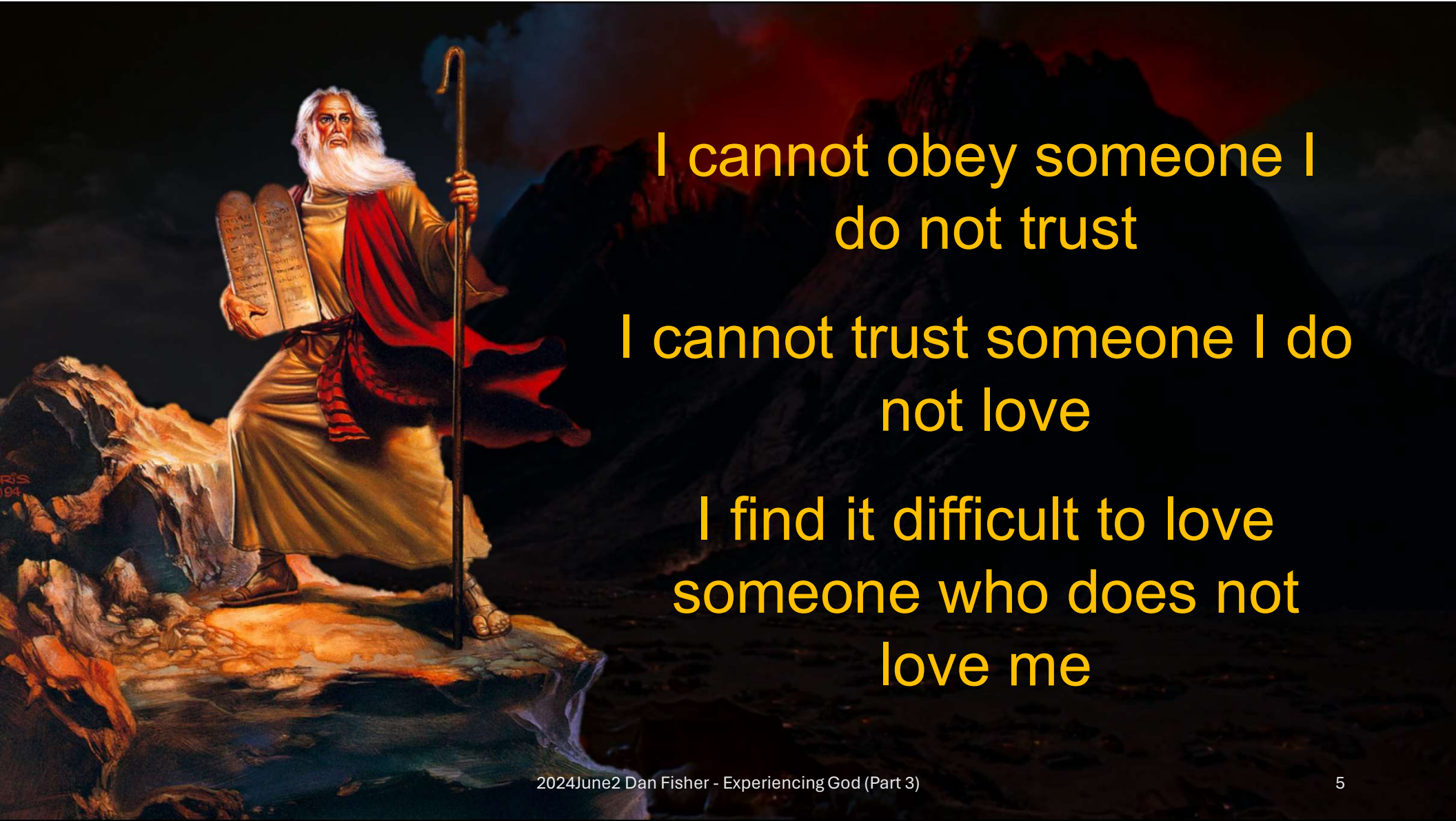
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“In our quest to experience God, we must determine that He truly loves us.”

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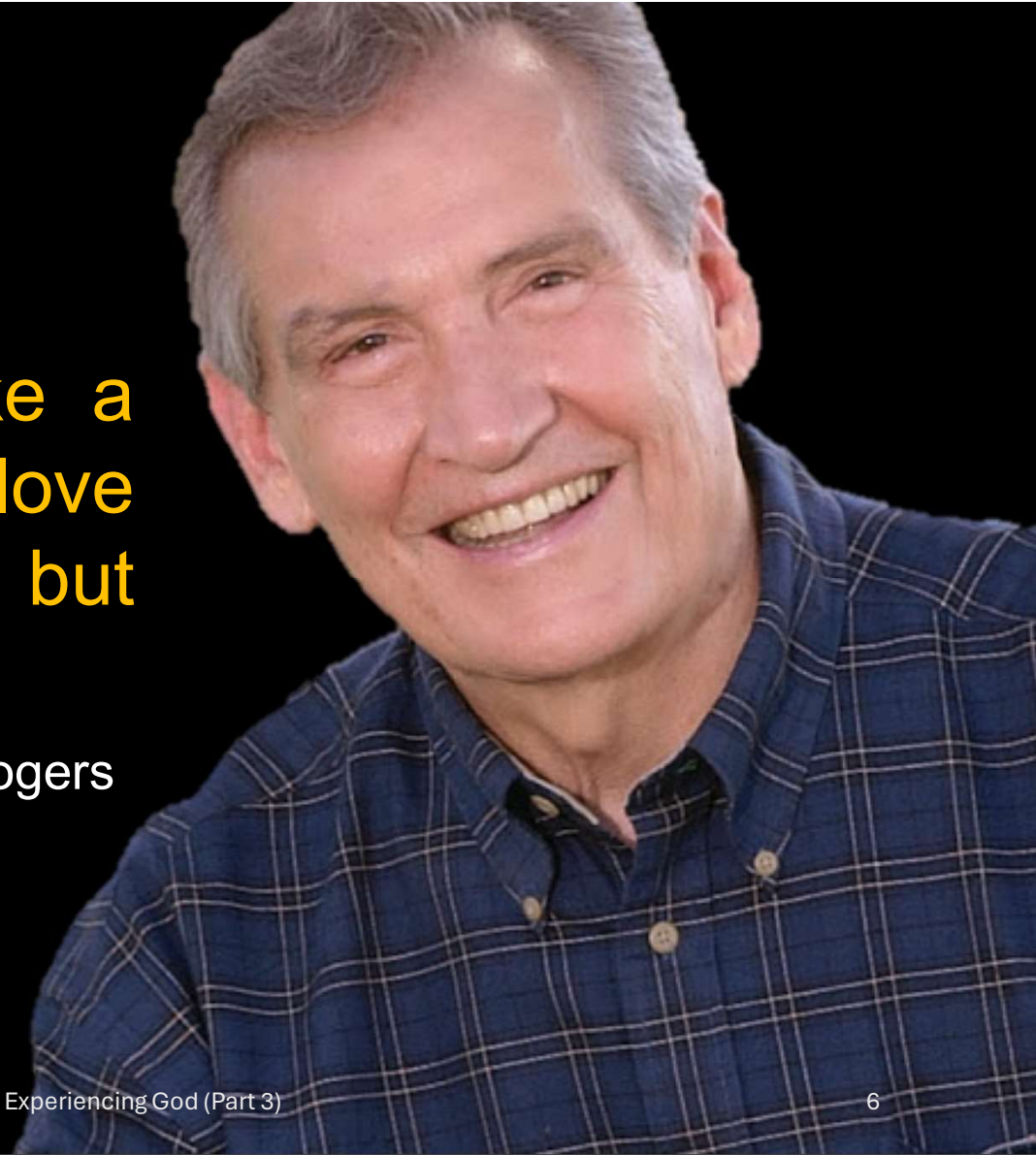
I cannot obey someone I
do not trust

I cannot trust someone I do
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I find it difficult to love
someone who does not
love me

“Many read the Bible like a math book rather than a love story. They get the words, but they don't get the music.”

Adrian Rogers



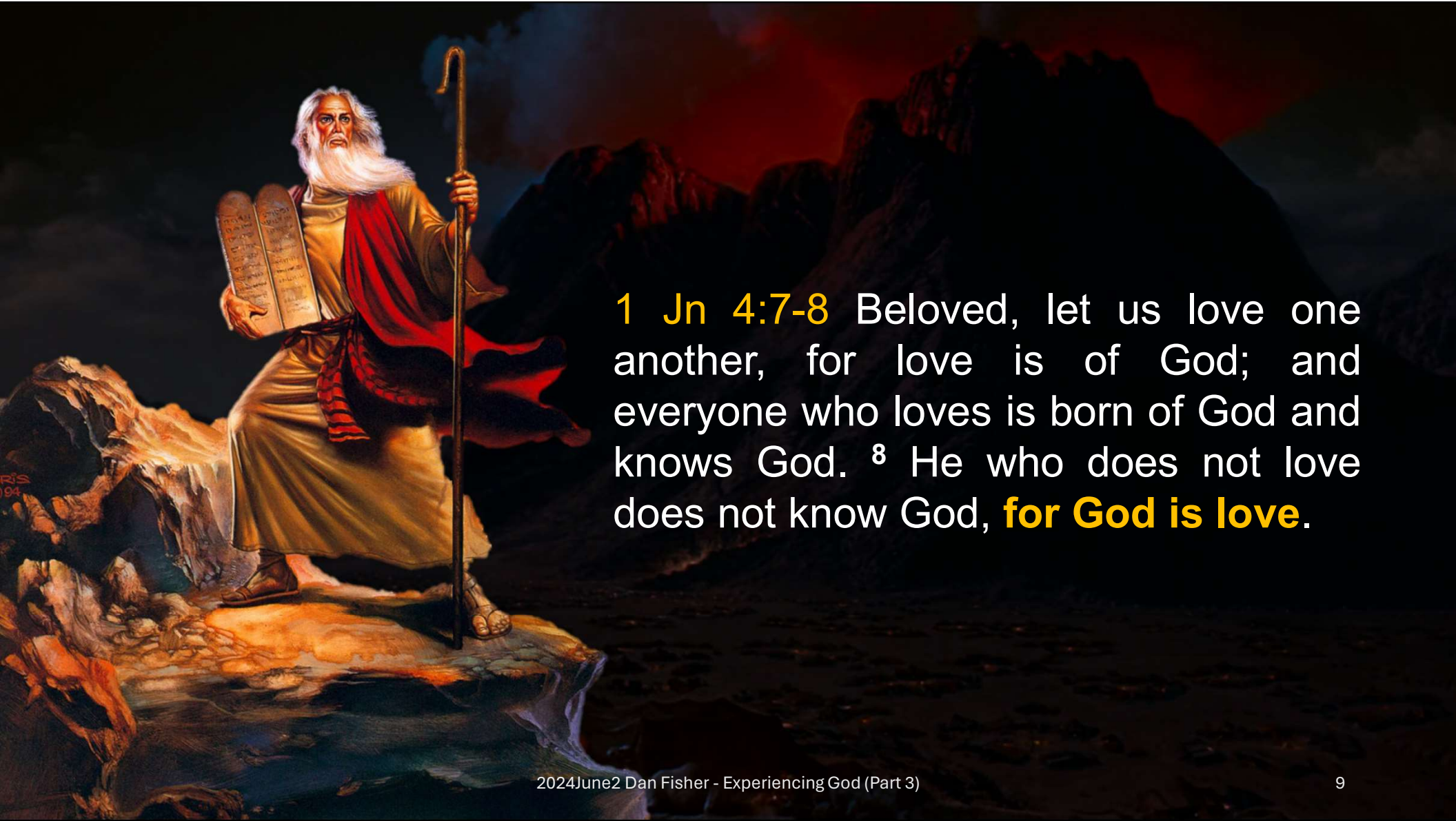


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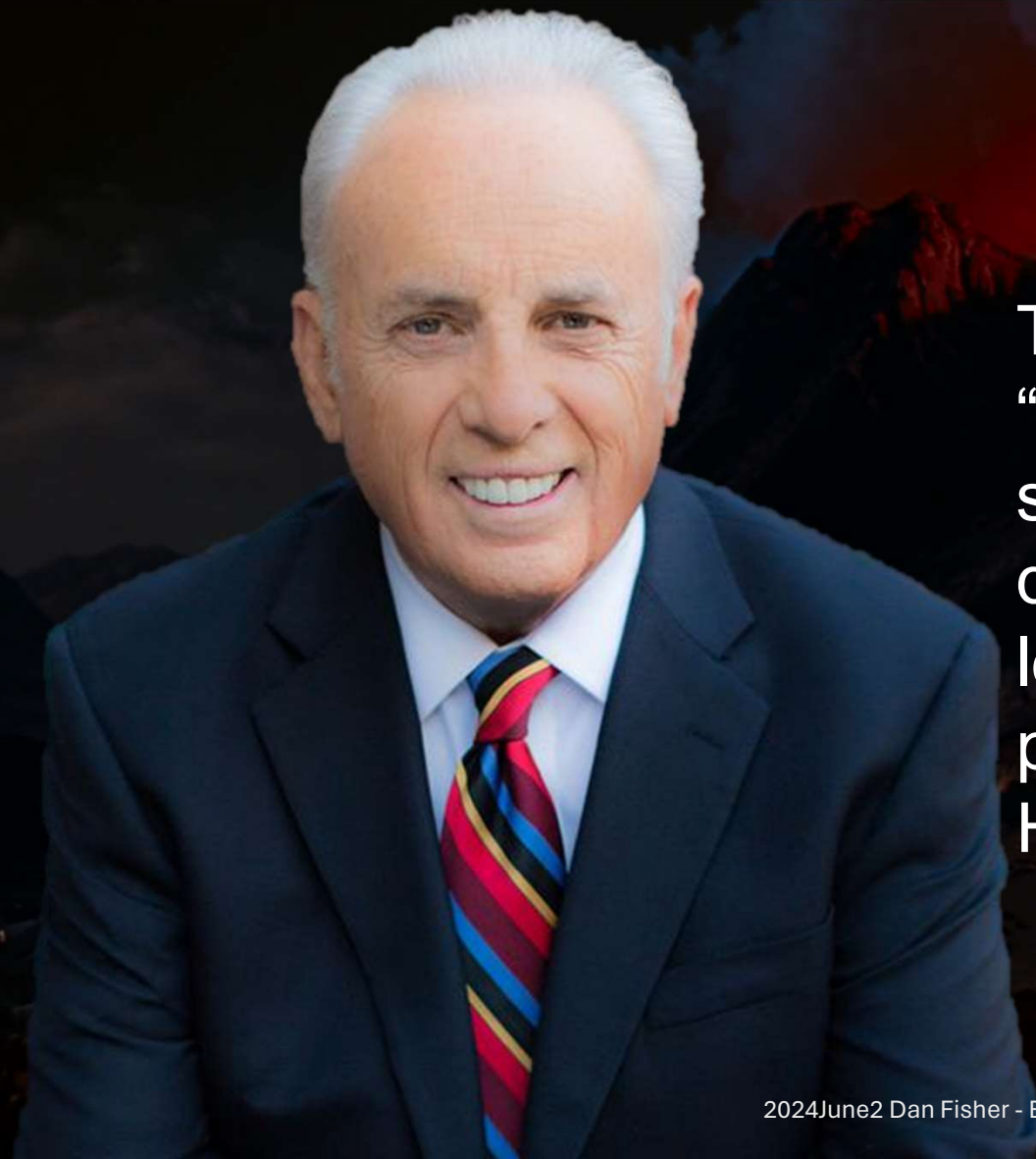
Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?



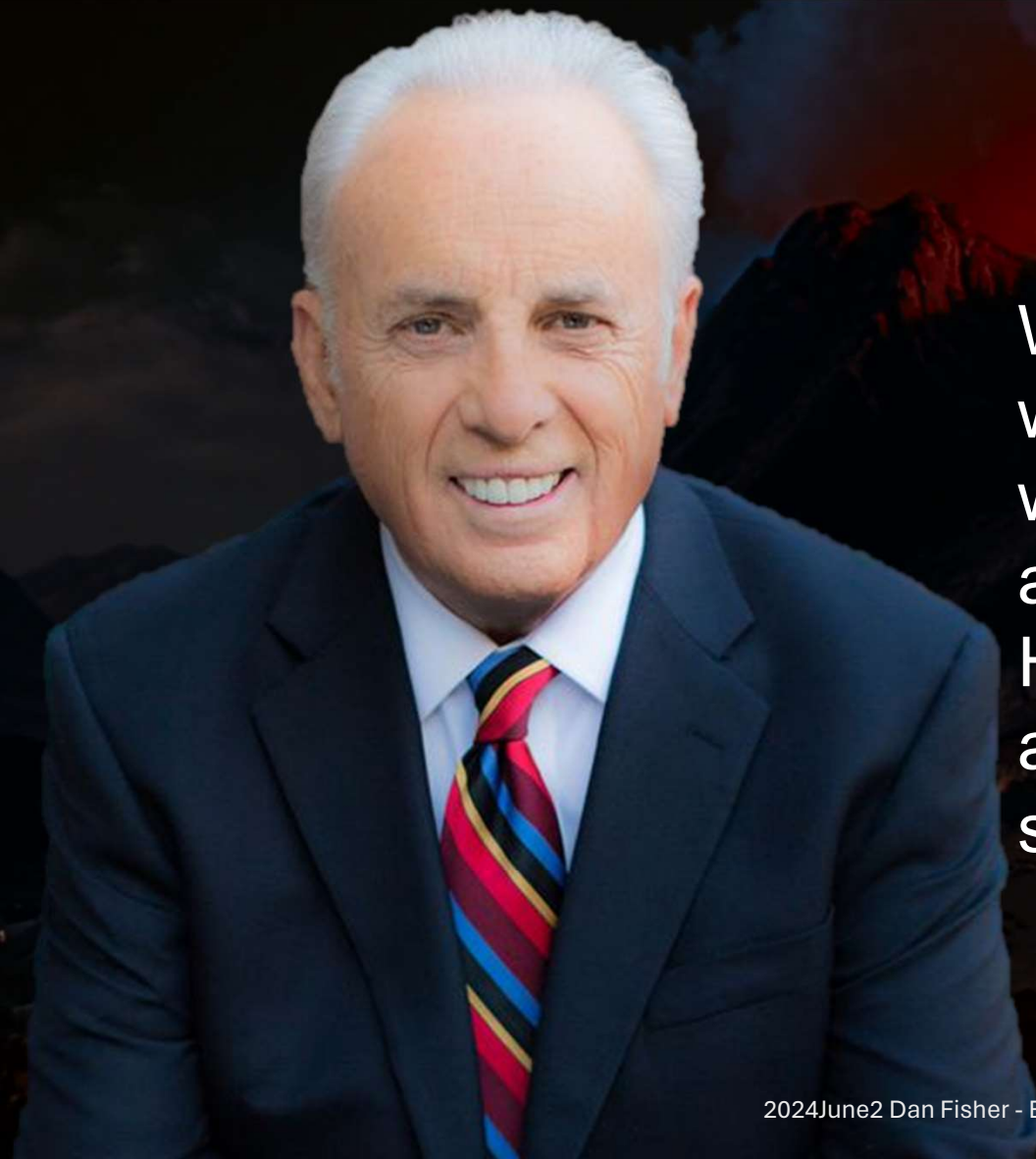
1. The essence of His love



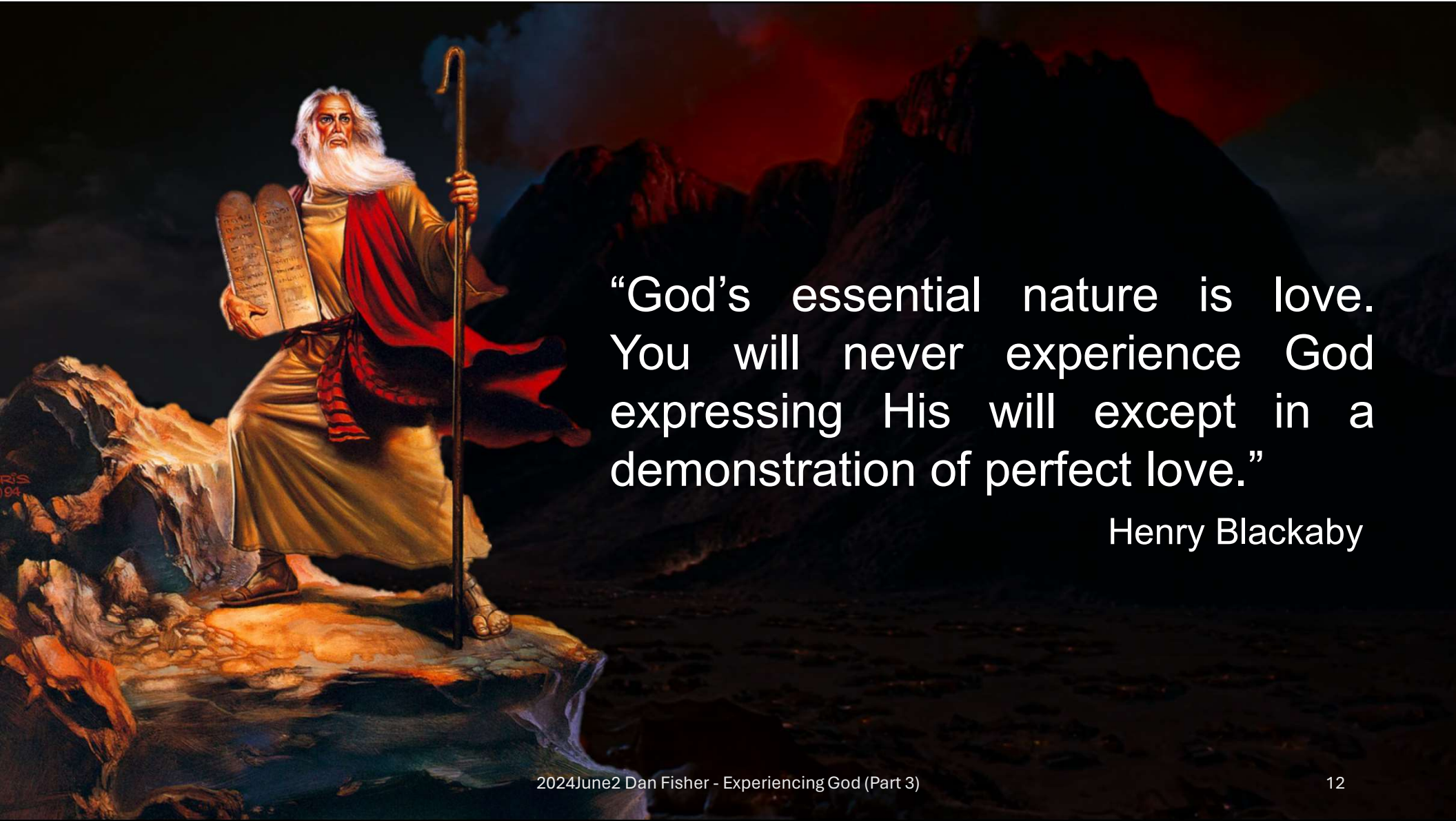
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The apostle does not say, “God is loving,” as if he were speaking of one of many divine attributes, but “God is love” – as if to say that love pervades and influences all His attributes.



What a wonder it is that He who is a consuming fire, He who is unapproachable light, is also the personification of love! He postpones His judgments against sin while pleading with sinners to repent.” John MacArthur

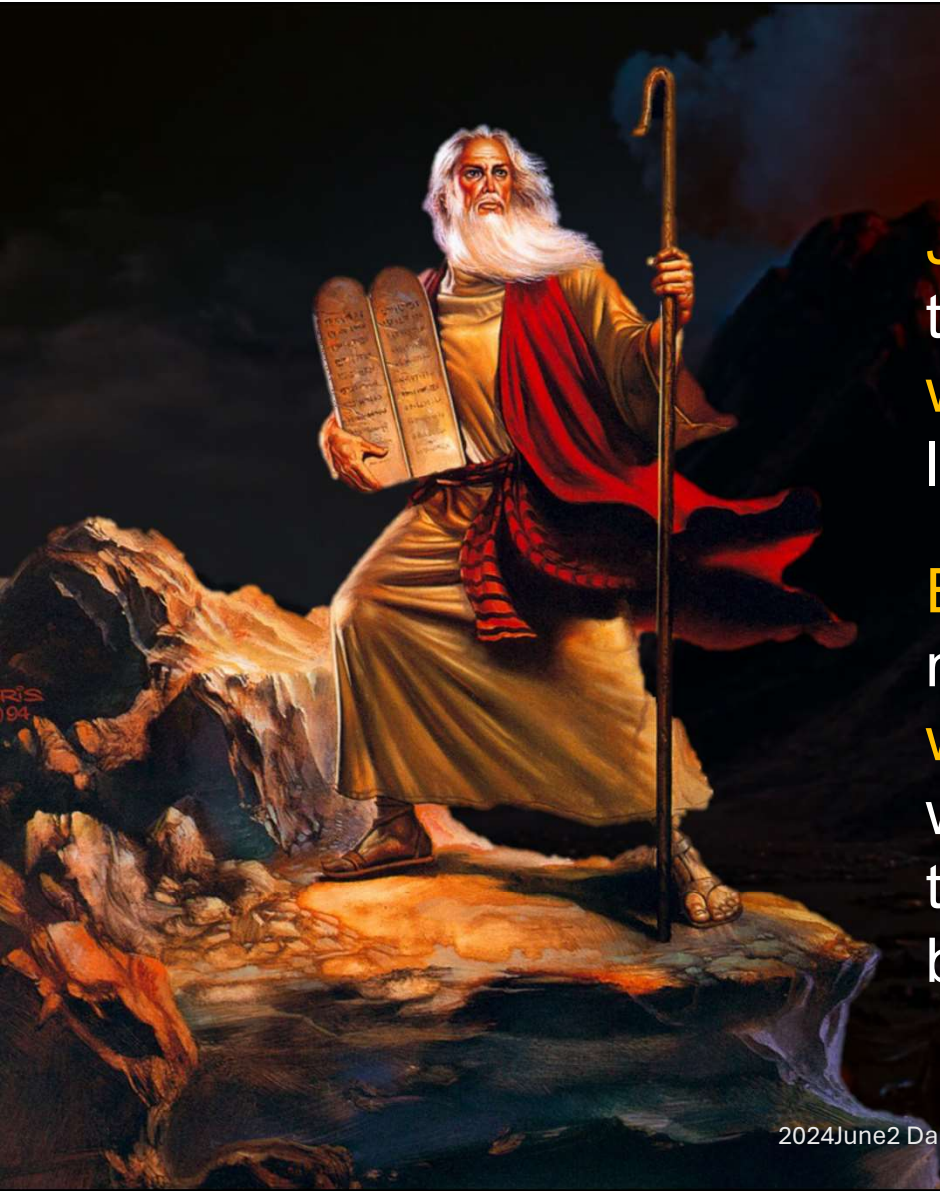


“God’s essential nature is love. You will never experience God expressing His will except in a demonstration of perfect love.”

Henry Blackaby



2. The expression of His love



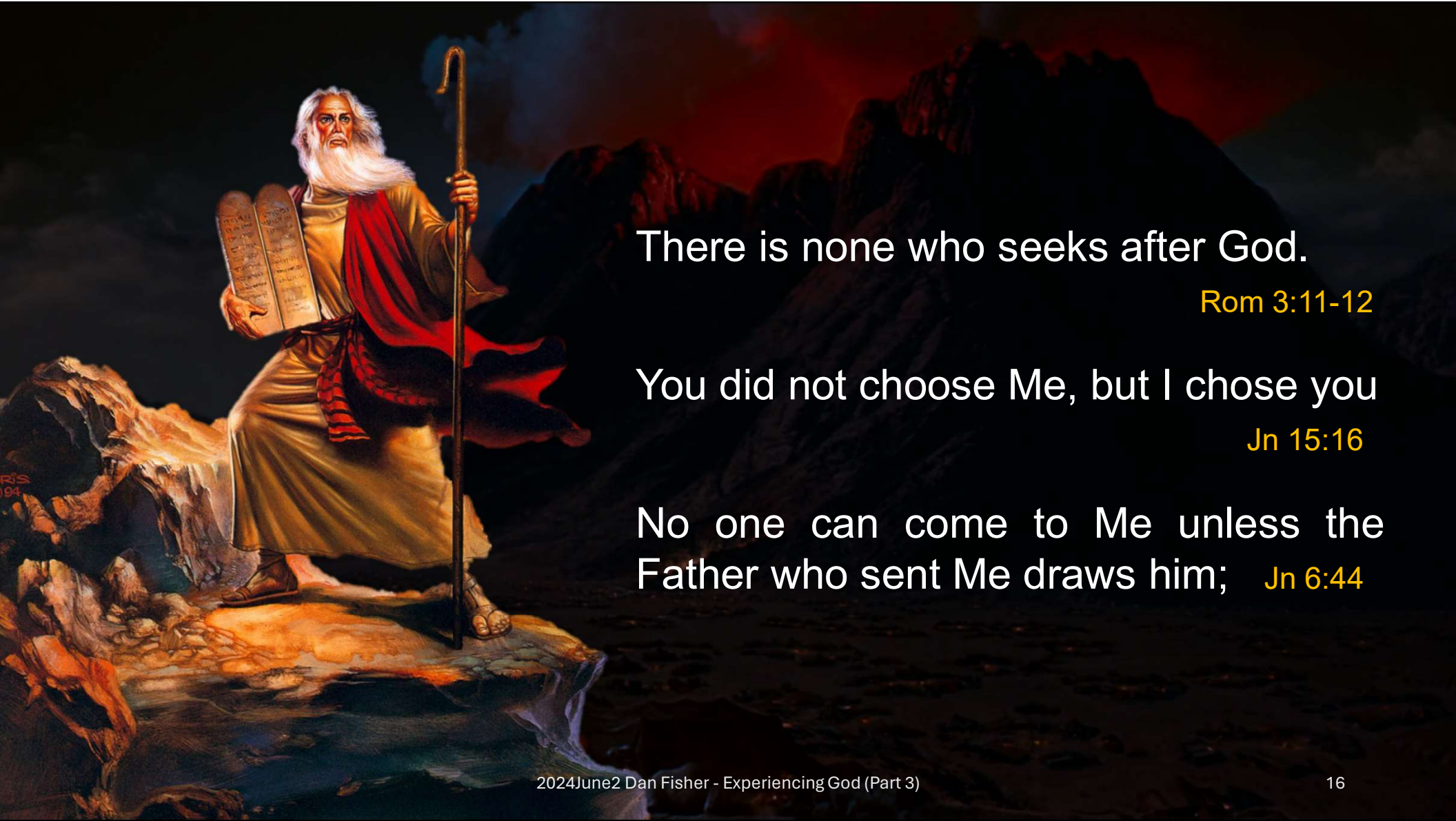
Jer 31:3 The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, **I have loved you with an everlasting love**; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

Eph 2:4-5 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of **His great love with which He loved us**, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),



He takes the initiative!

1 Jn 4:9-10,19 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ... ¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us.



There is none who seeks after God.

Rom 3:11-12

You did not choose Me, but I chose you

Jn 15:16

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;

Jn 6:44



3. The evidence of His love



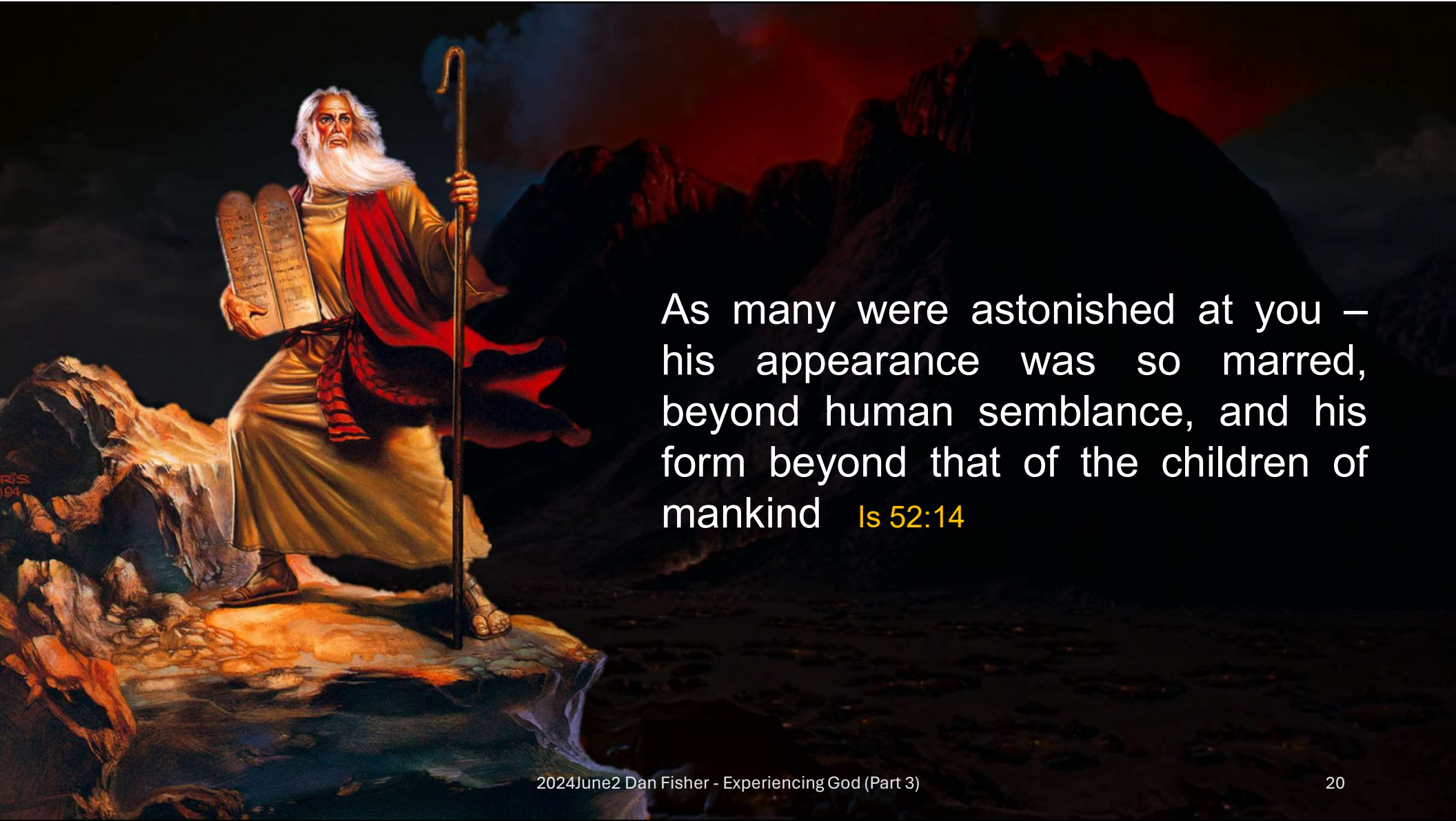
Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 Jn 3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.



Is 53

1. He was despised and rejected by men
2. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief
3. He was despised and we did not esteem Him
4. He was oppressed and He was afflicted
5. He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows
6. It pleased the Lord to bruise Him and put Him to grief
7. He was stricken, smitten, wounded, and afflicted by God for our transgressions
8. He was bruised for our iniquities
9. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him
10. The Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all
11. His soul was made an offering for sin
12. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter
13. He did not open His mouth
14. He was taken from prison and from judgment
15. He was cut off from the land of the living
16. They made His grave with the wicked
17. We hid our faces from Him



As many were astonished at you – his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind **Is 52:14**



4. The extent of His love



Jn 13:1 ... when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?



Rom 8:35-39

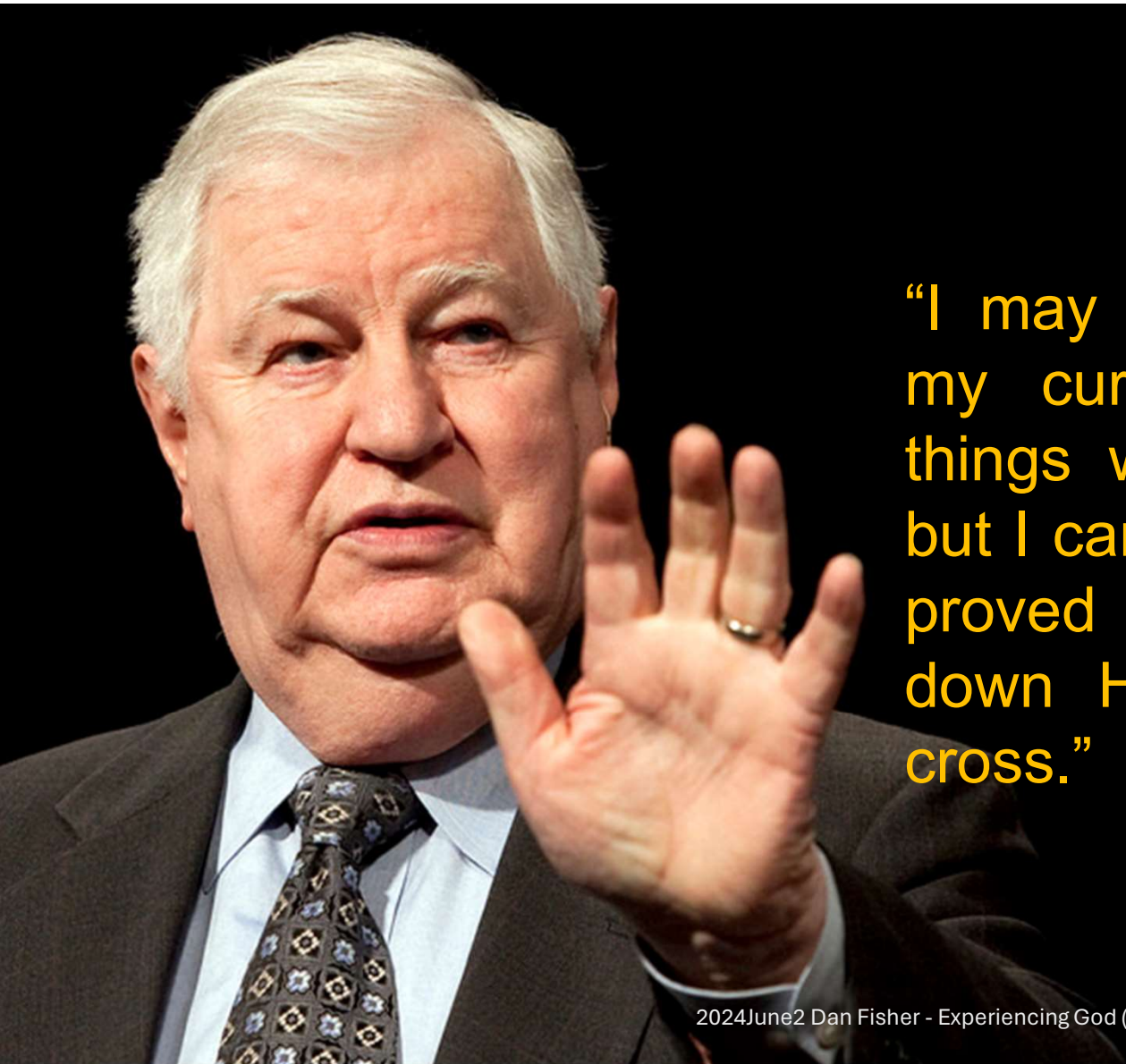
“Who can separate us from the love of God?”



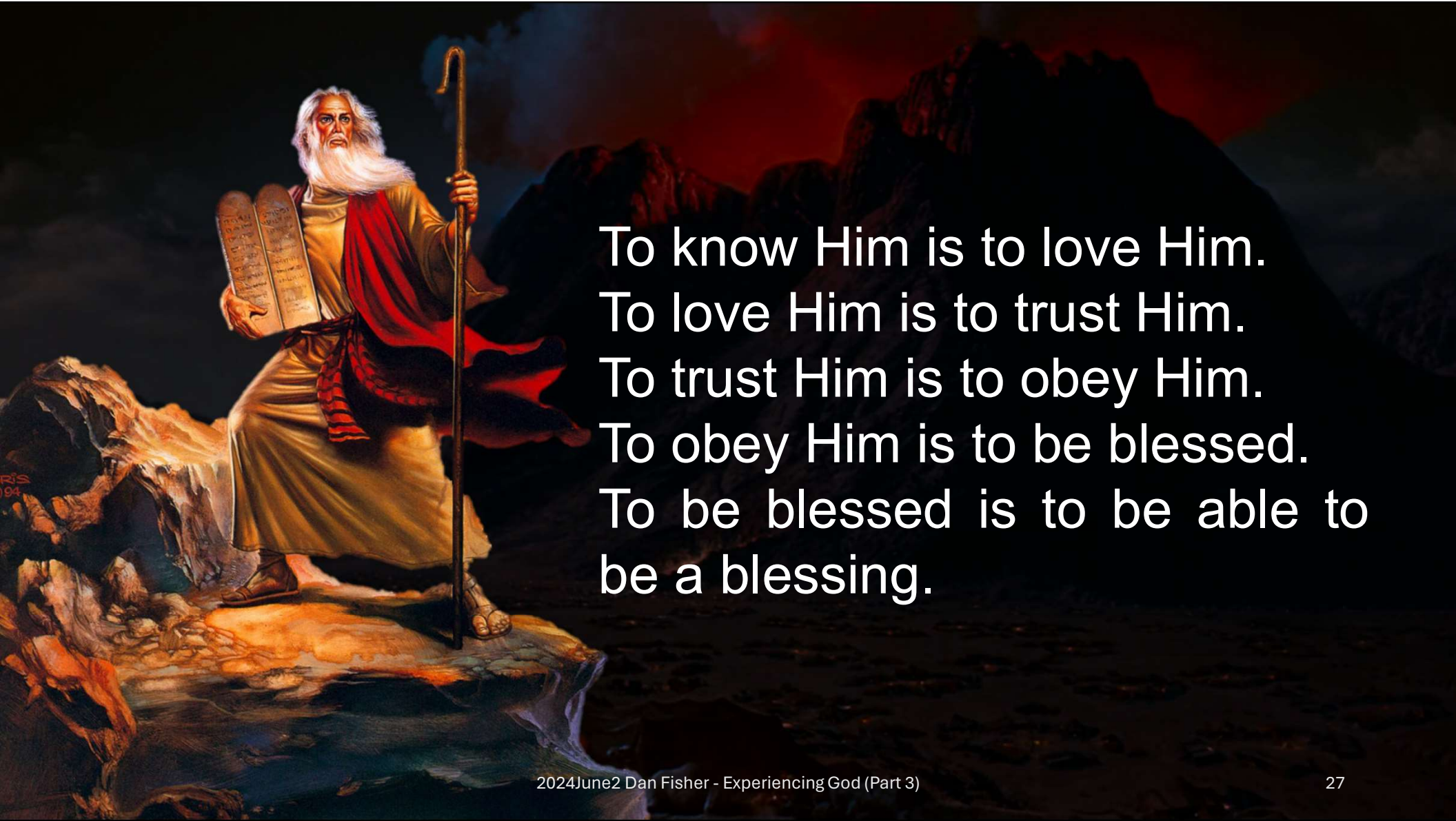
Eph 3:17-19 ... that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the **width** and **length** and **depth** and **height** – ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.



1 Jn 5:2-3 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.



“I may not always understand my current situation or how things will eventually turn out, but I can trust in the love Christ proved to me when He laid down His life for me on the cross.” Henry Blackaby



To know Him is to love Him.
To love Him is to trust Him.
To trust Him is to obey Him.
To obey Him is to be blessed.
To be blessed is to be able to
be a blessing.



Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work. **2 Thess 2:16-17**

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