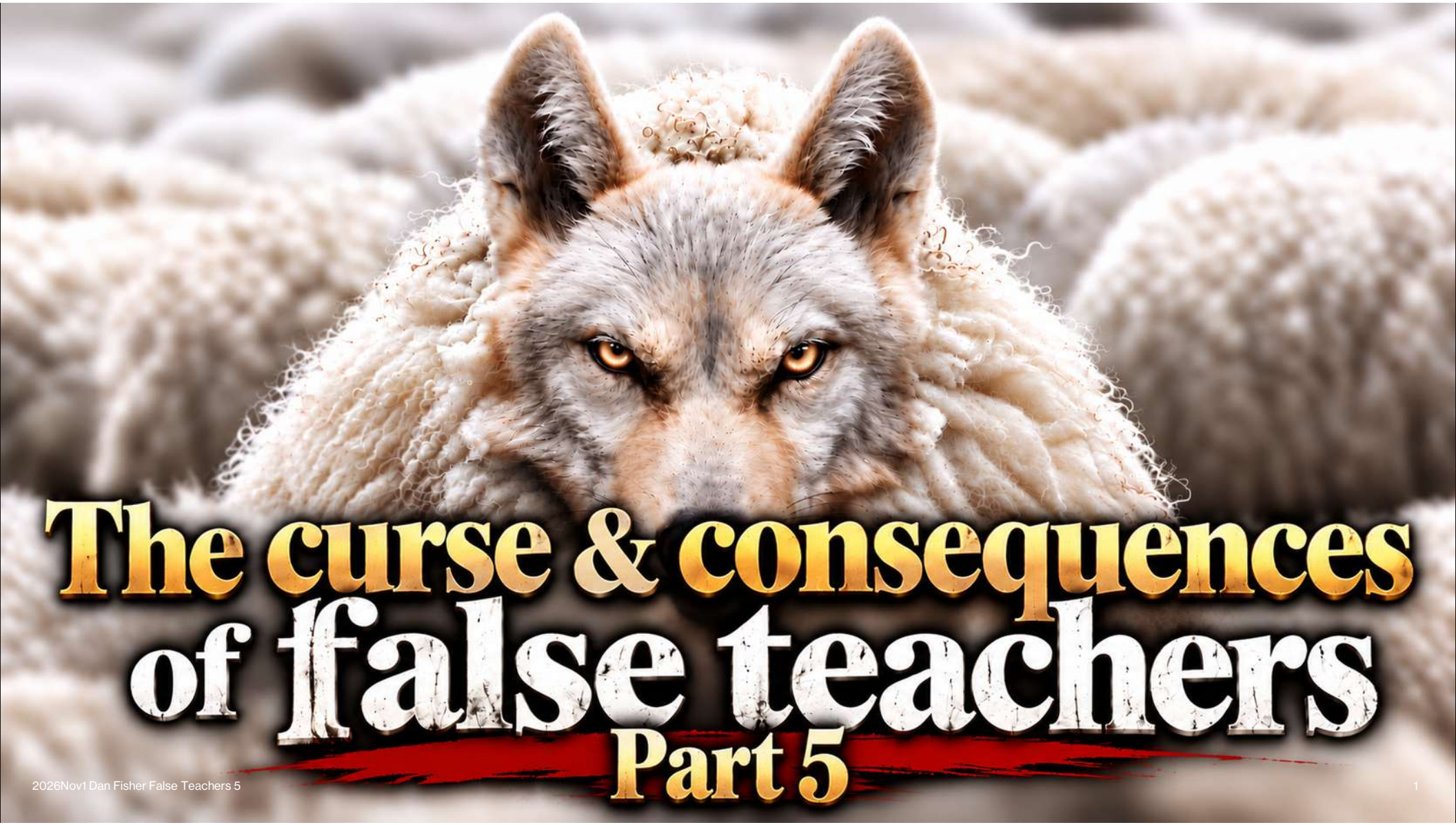
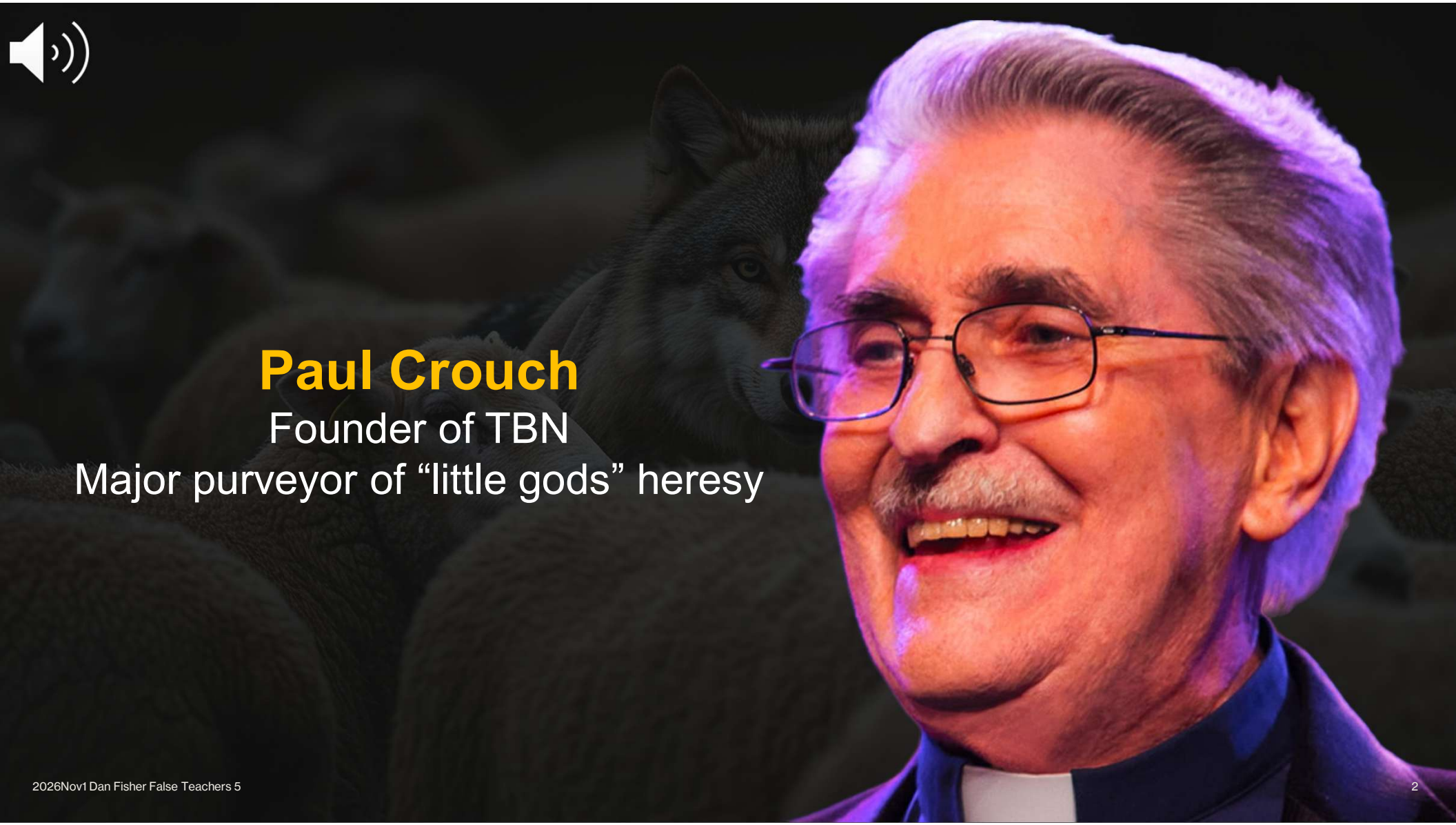
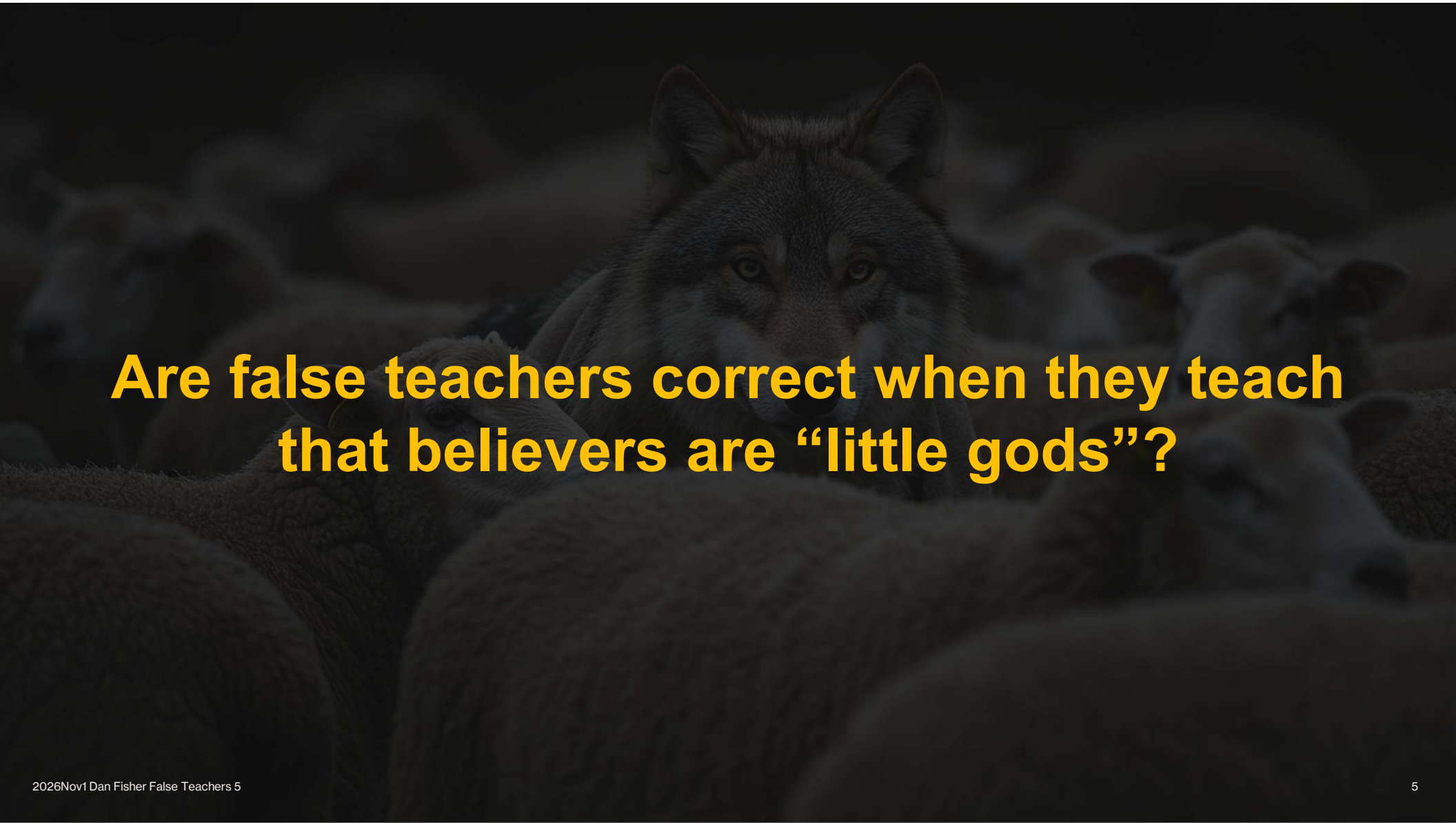

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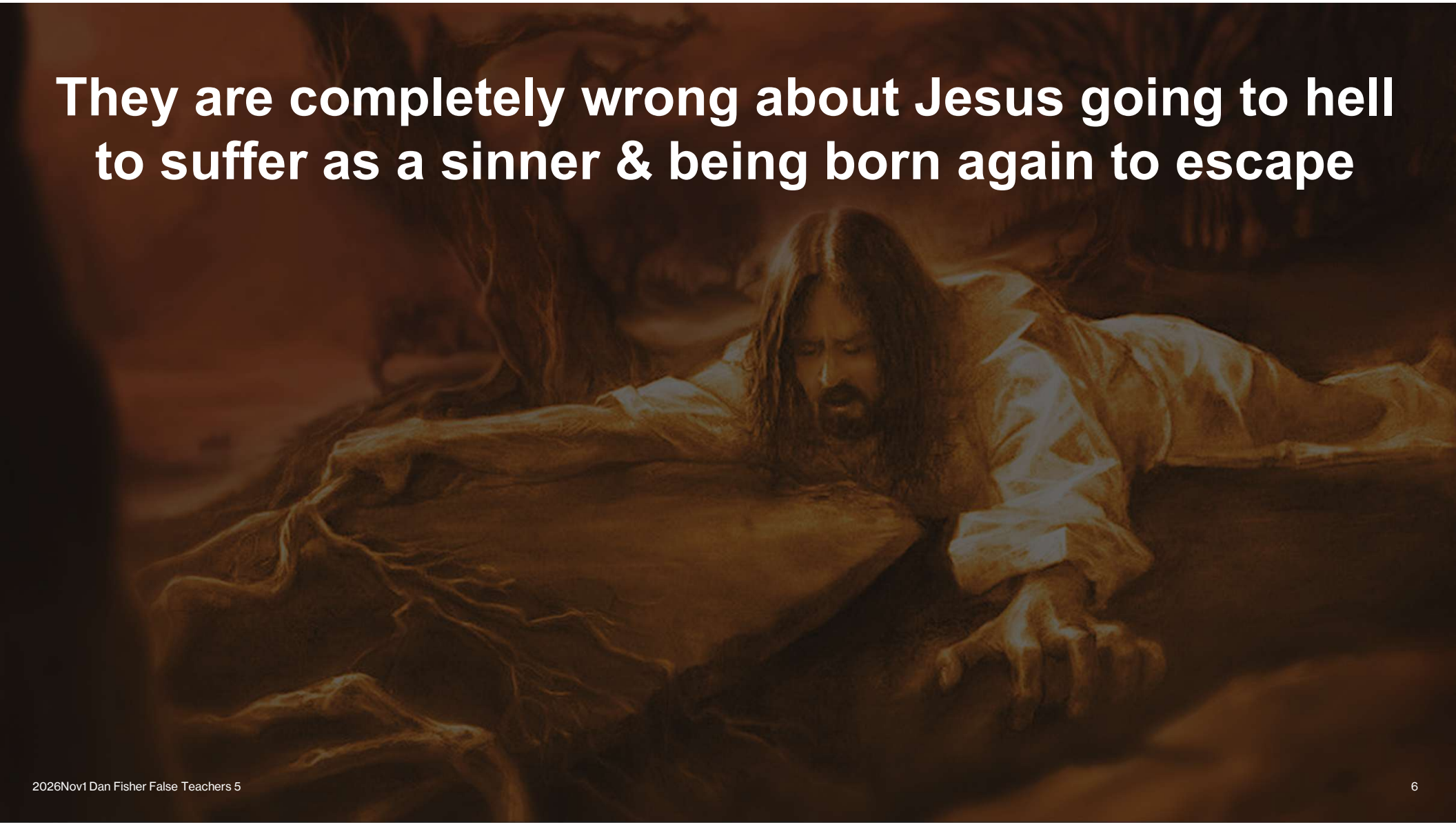

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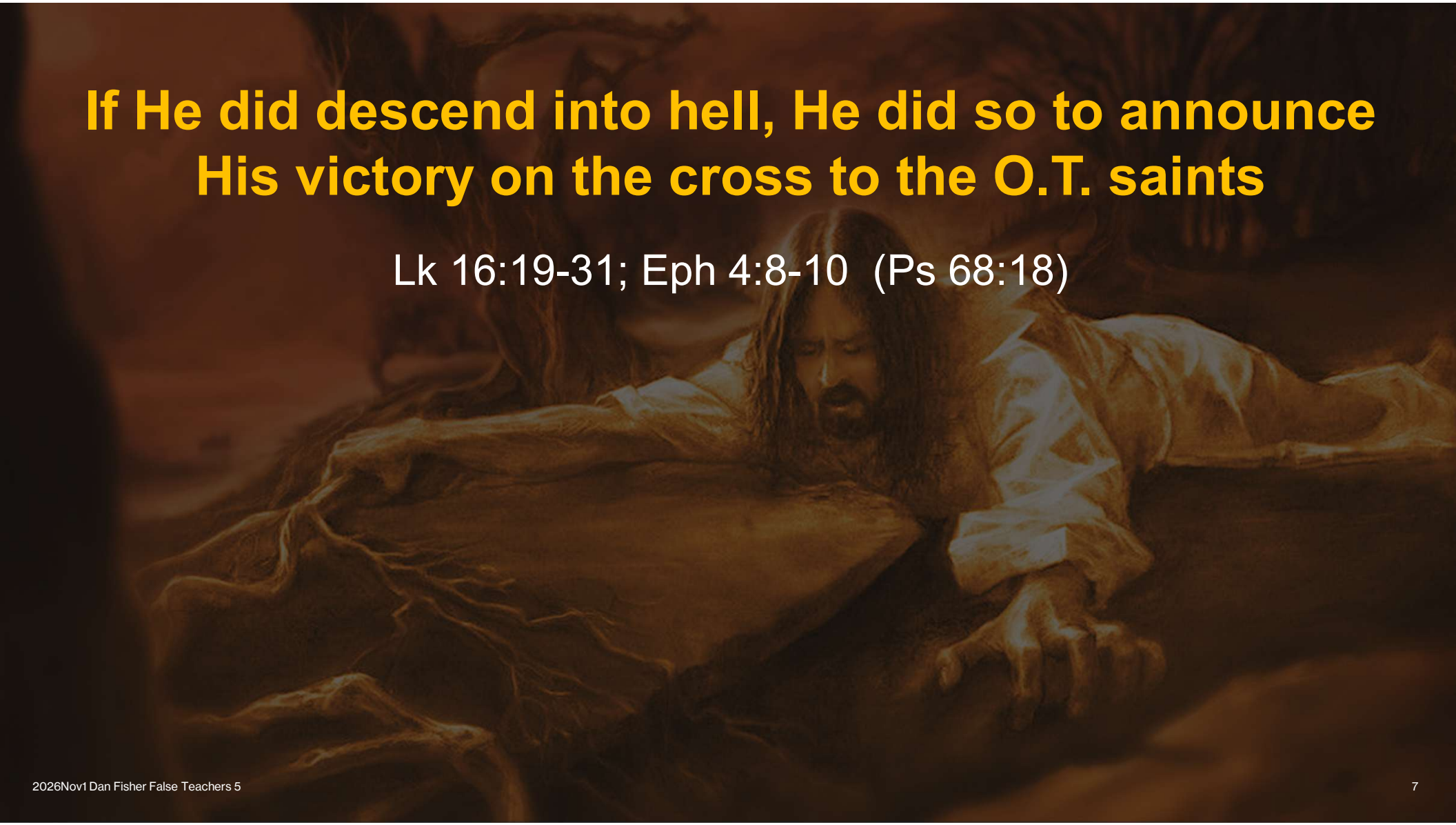

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Are false teachers correct when they teach that believers are “little gods”?

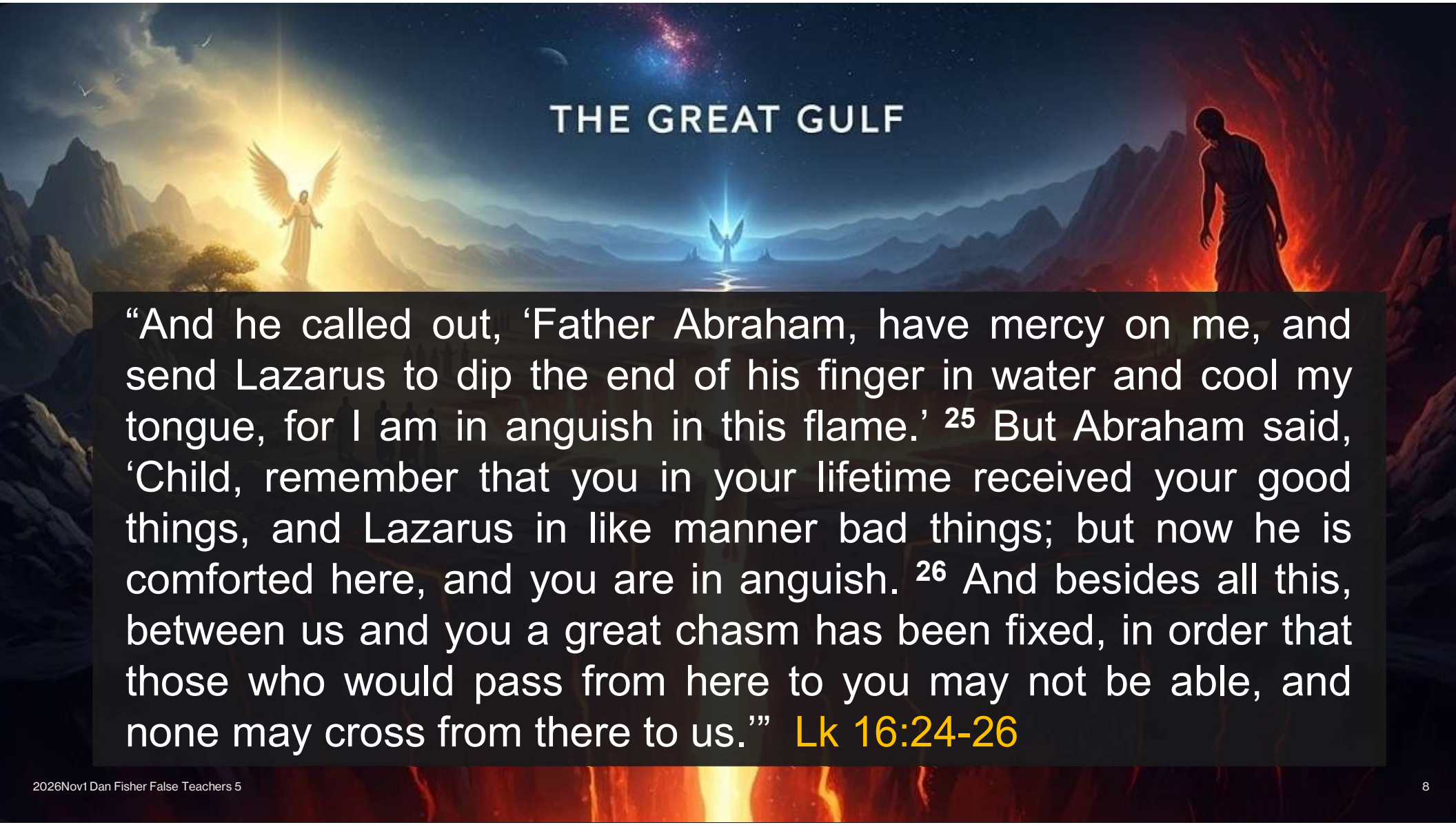
They are completely wrong about Jesus going to hell to suffer as a sinner & being born again to escape





If He did descend into hell, He did so to announce His victory on the cross to the O.T. saints

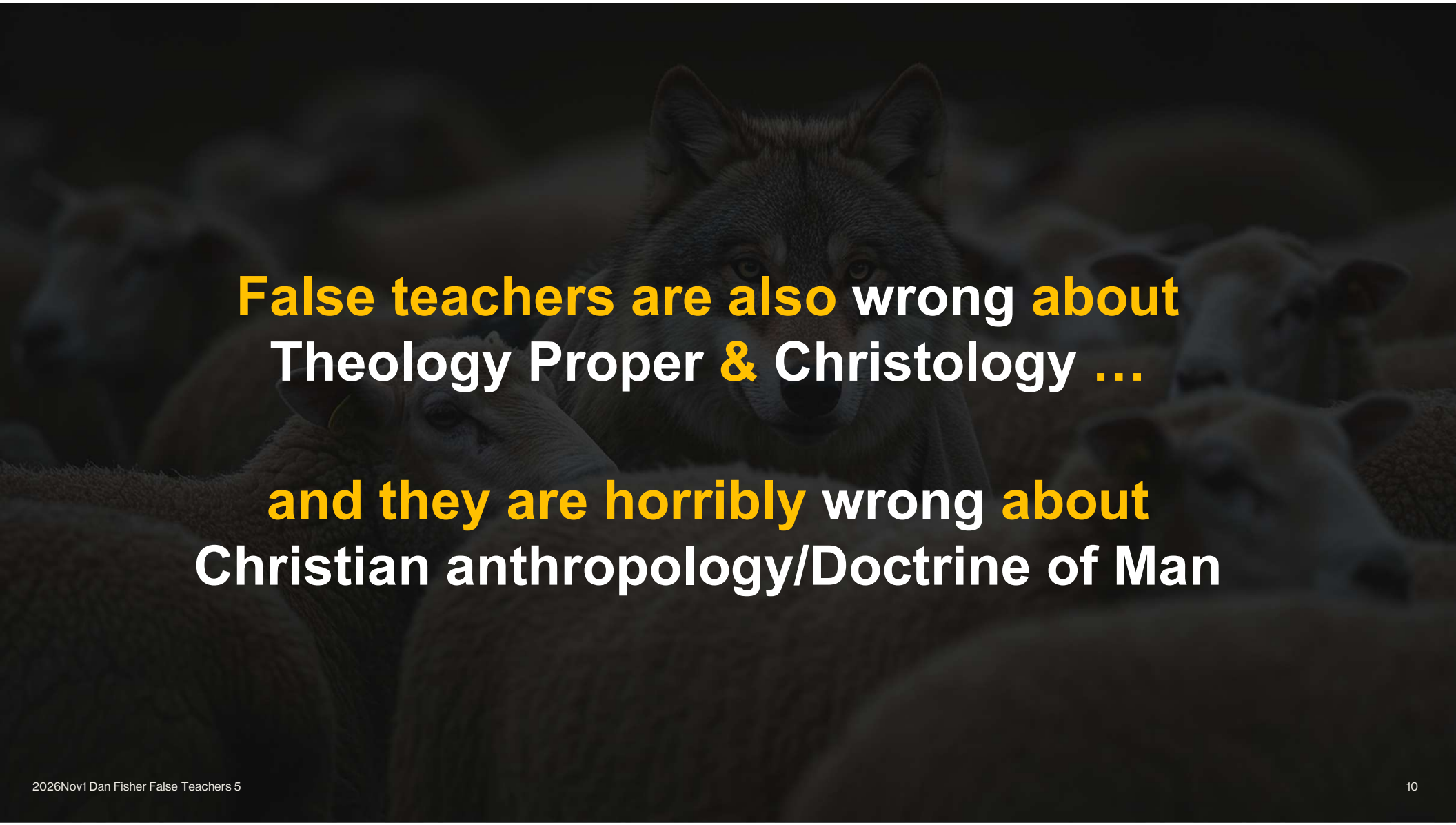
Lk 16:19-31; Eph 4:8-10 (Ps 68:18)



“And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ **25** But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. **26** And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’” Lk 16:24-26

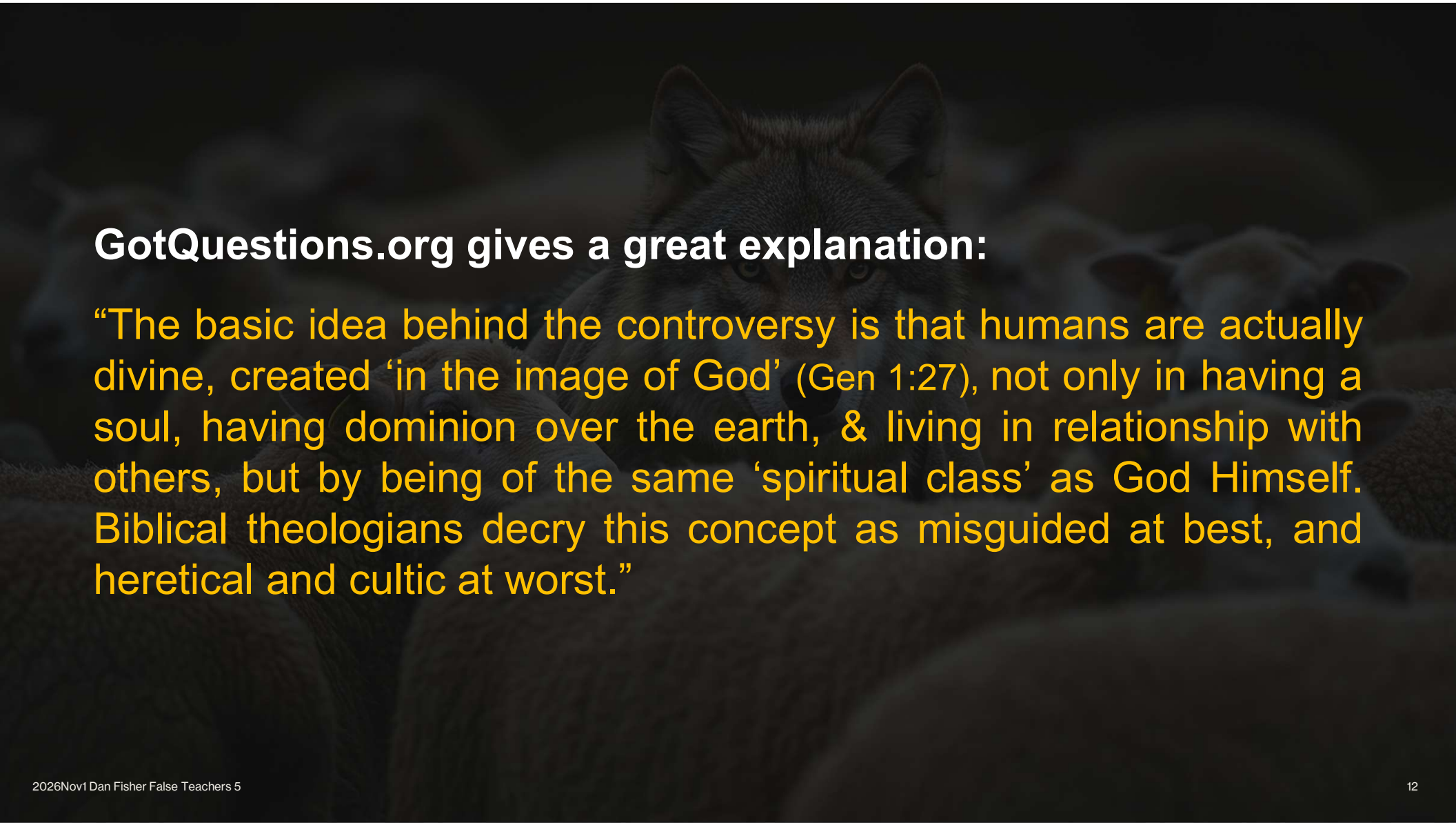
Jonathan Cahn

Author of *Harbinger, Harbinger II, Mystery of the Shemitah, The Altar of Pergamon*


False teachers are also wrong about
Theology Proper & Christology …
and they are horribly wrong about
Christian anthropology/Doctrine of Man

1. What is the “Little gods” heresy?

Belief that believers are gods in their own right and as “little gods,” they have great power and can ask almost anything of God in faith, and He is compelled to fulfill their requests (similar to a genie in a bottle).



GotQuestions.org gives a great explanation:

"The basic idea behind the controversy is that humans are actually divine, created 'in the image of God' (Gen 1:27), not only in having a soul, having dominion over the earth, & living in relationship with others, but by being of the same 'spiritual class' as God Himself. Biblical theologians decry this concept as misguided at best, and heretical and cultic at worst."

- **Their primary "go to" Scriptures are:**

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" Gen 1:27

"by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire." 2 Pet 1:4

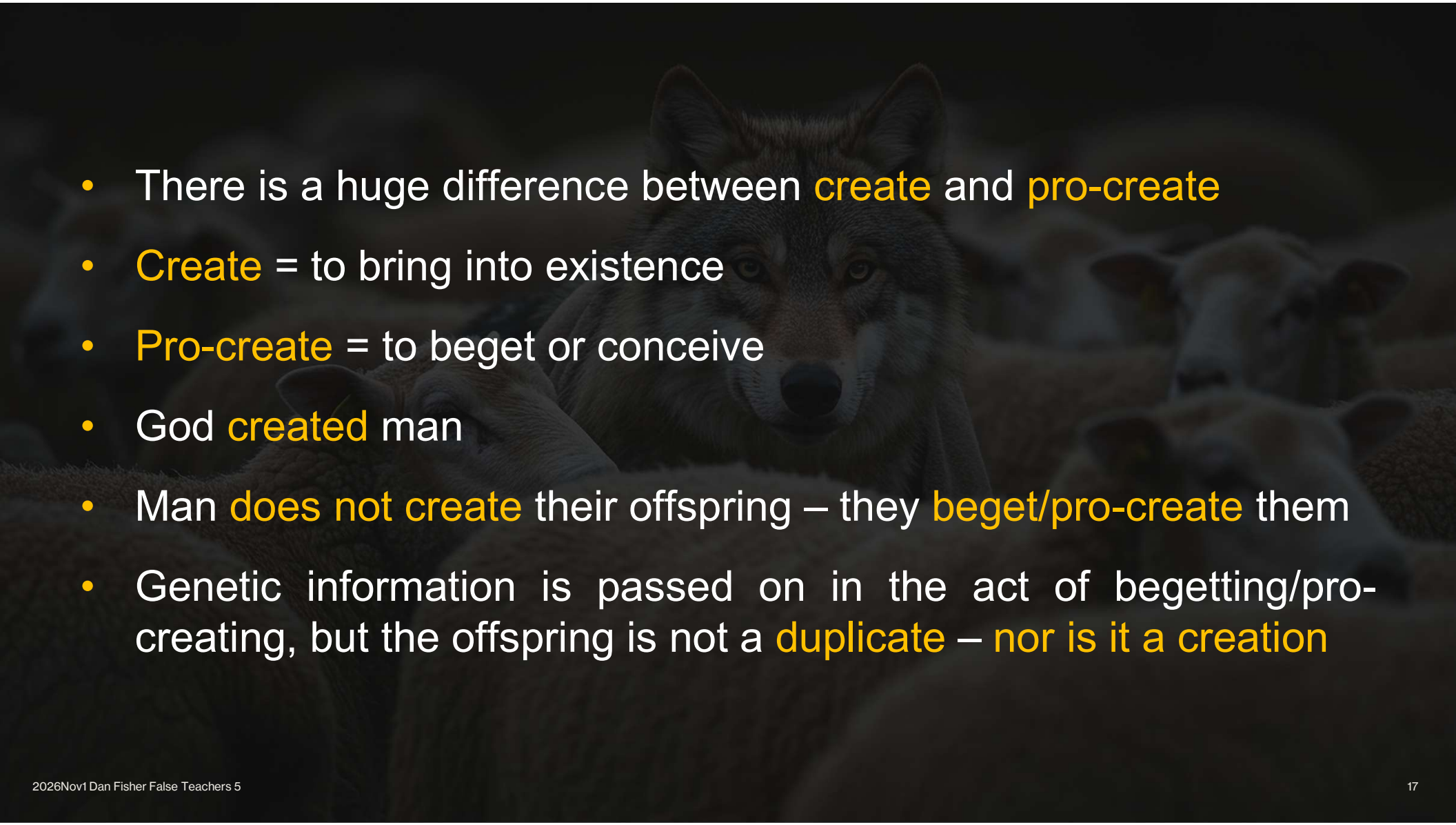
"Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in your Law, "I said, you are gods"? **35** If he called them gods to whom the word of God came – and Scripture cannot be broken'" Jn 10:34 (Ps 82:6)

- **They apply the following logic (illogic):**

The creation narrative in Genesis shows God is a creator of things that begat/pro-create other things in their same nature. For example, a cow always gives birth to a cow, etc. Because everything is “begotten” in its own nature, and since God is God, because we are “begotten” of Him, we must be little gods having His “DNA”.


Creflo Dollar
Leading Prosperity Gospel preacher


Joyce Meyer
Female leader of Word of Faith/Prosperity movement



- There is a huge difference between create and pro-create
- Create = to bring into existence
- Pro-create = to beget or conceive
- God created man
- Man does not create their offspring – they beget/pro-create them
- Genetic information is passed on in the act of begetting/pro-creating, but the offspring is not a duplicate – nor is it a creation

- When God created us in His likeness and image, He did not create something of the same essence as He
- He created something less – humans

“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.” Ps 8:3-5 (Heb 2:6-7)

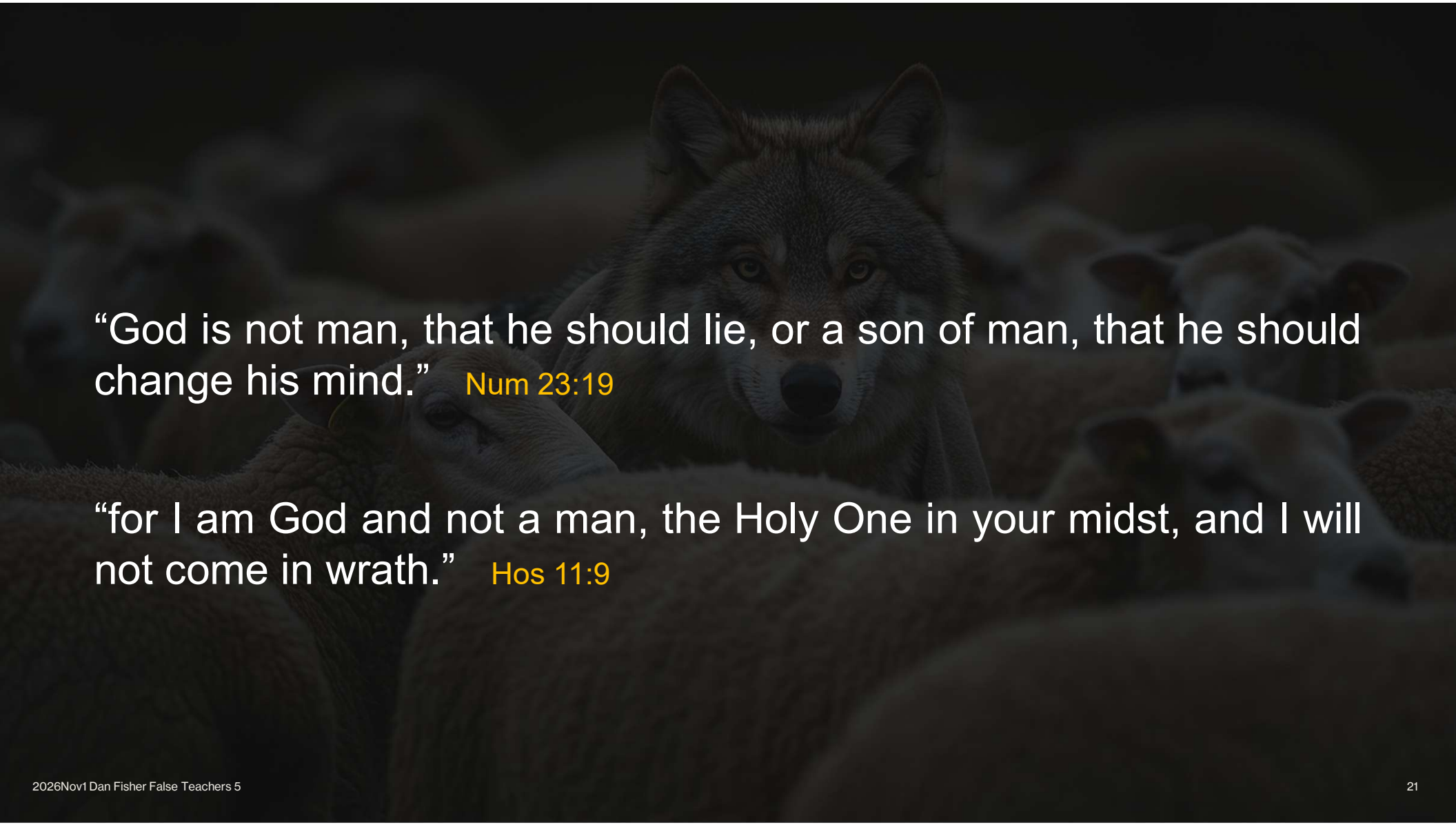
2. Where did this “little gods” heresy come from?

“Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God…’” Gen 3:4-5

“I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” Is 14:14



3. The “little gods” heretics begin by attempting to make God into a man



“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind.” Num 23:19

“for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.” Hos 11:9


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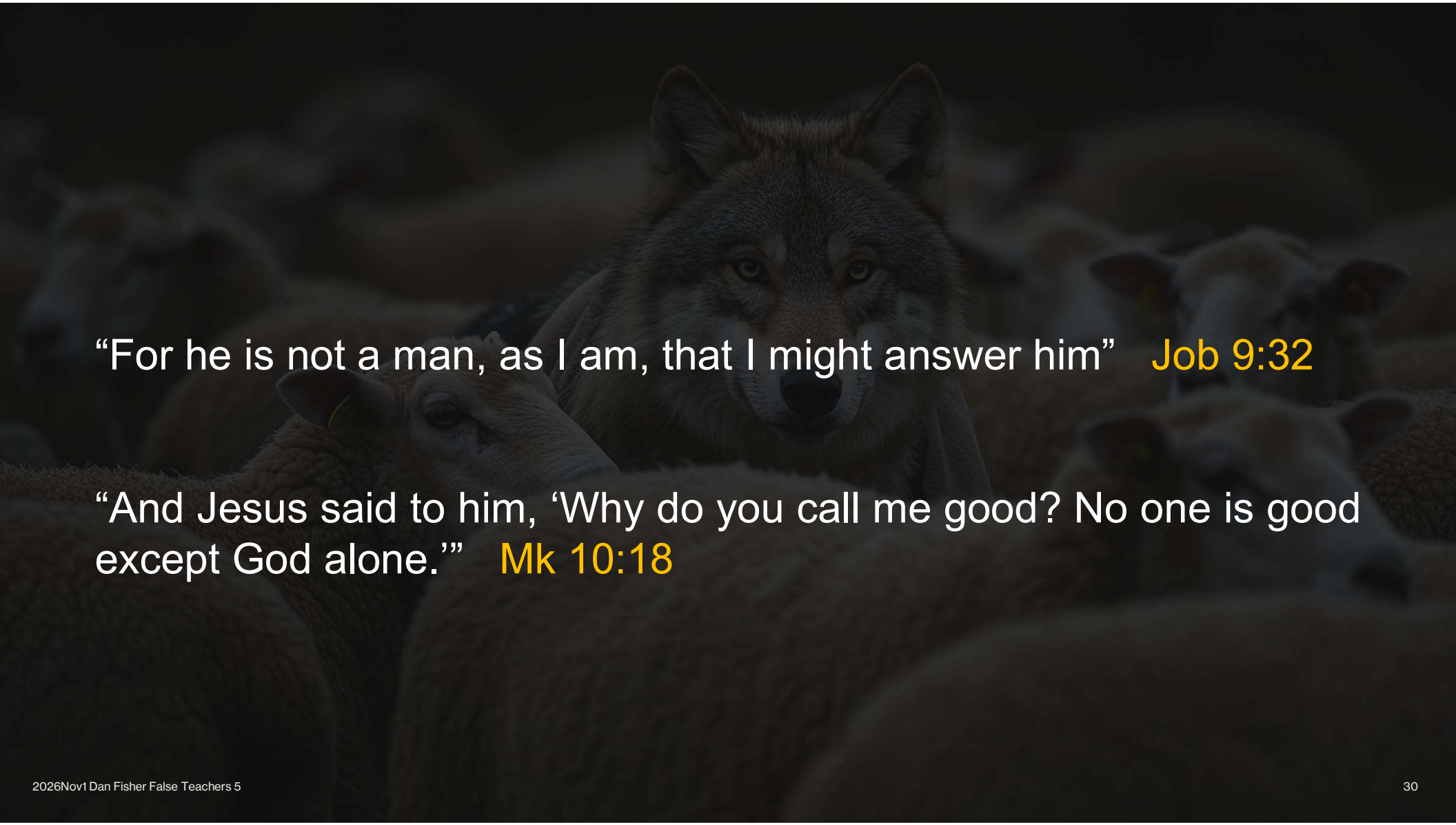

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4. The “little gods” heretics then attempt to make man into a god



“For he is not a man, as I am, that I might answer him” Job 9:32

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.’” Mk 10:18


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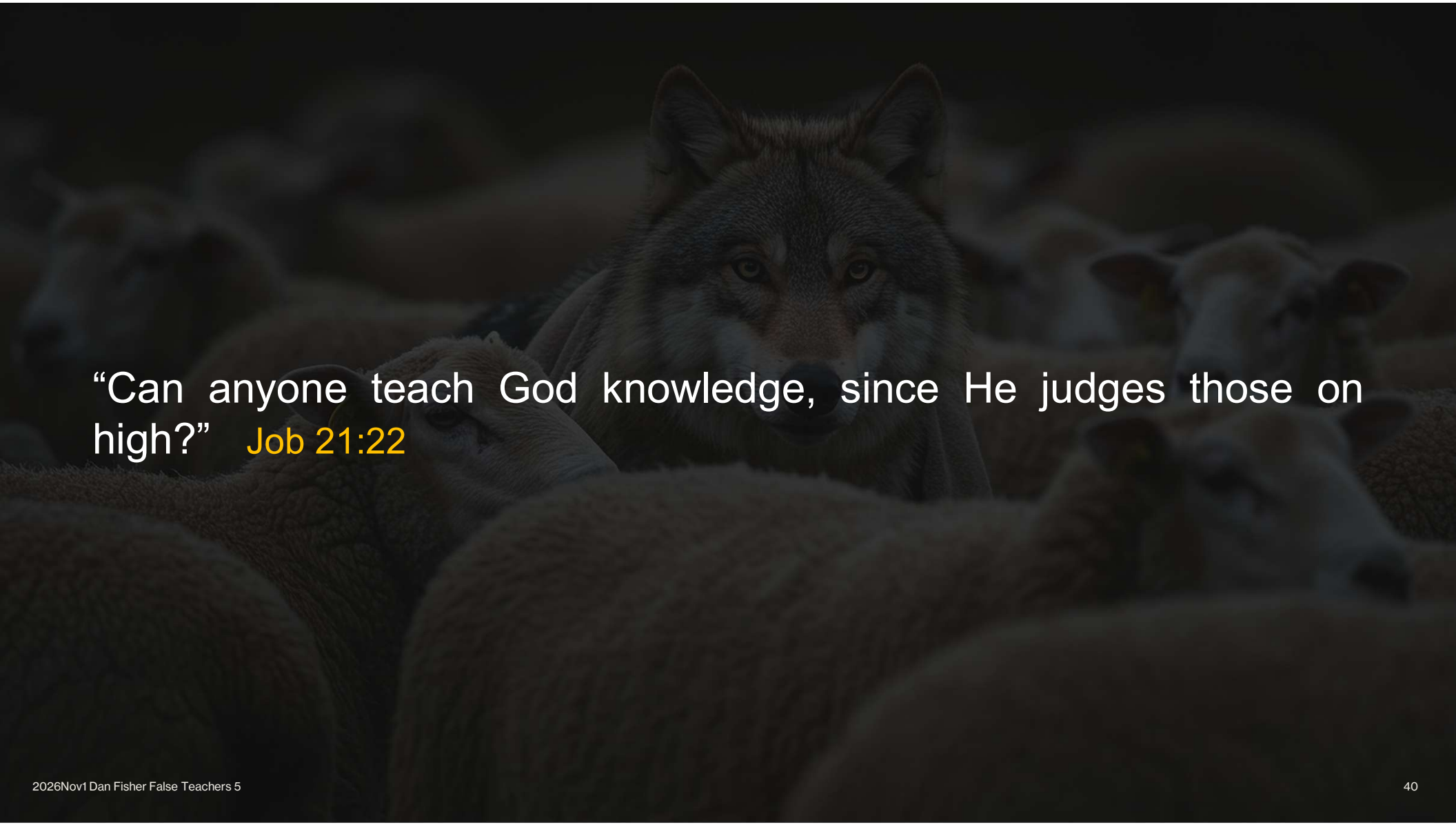

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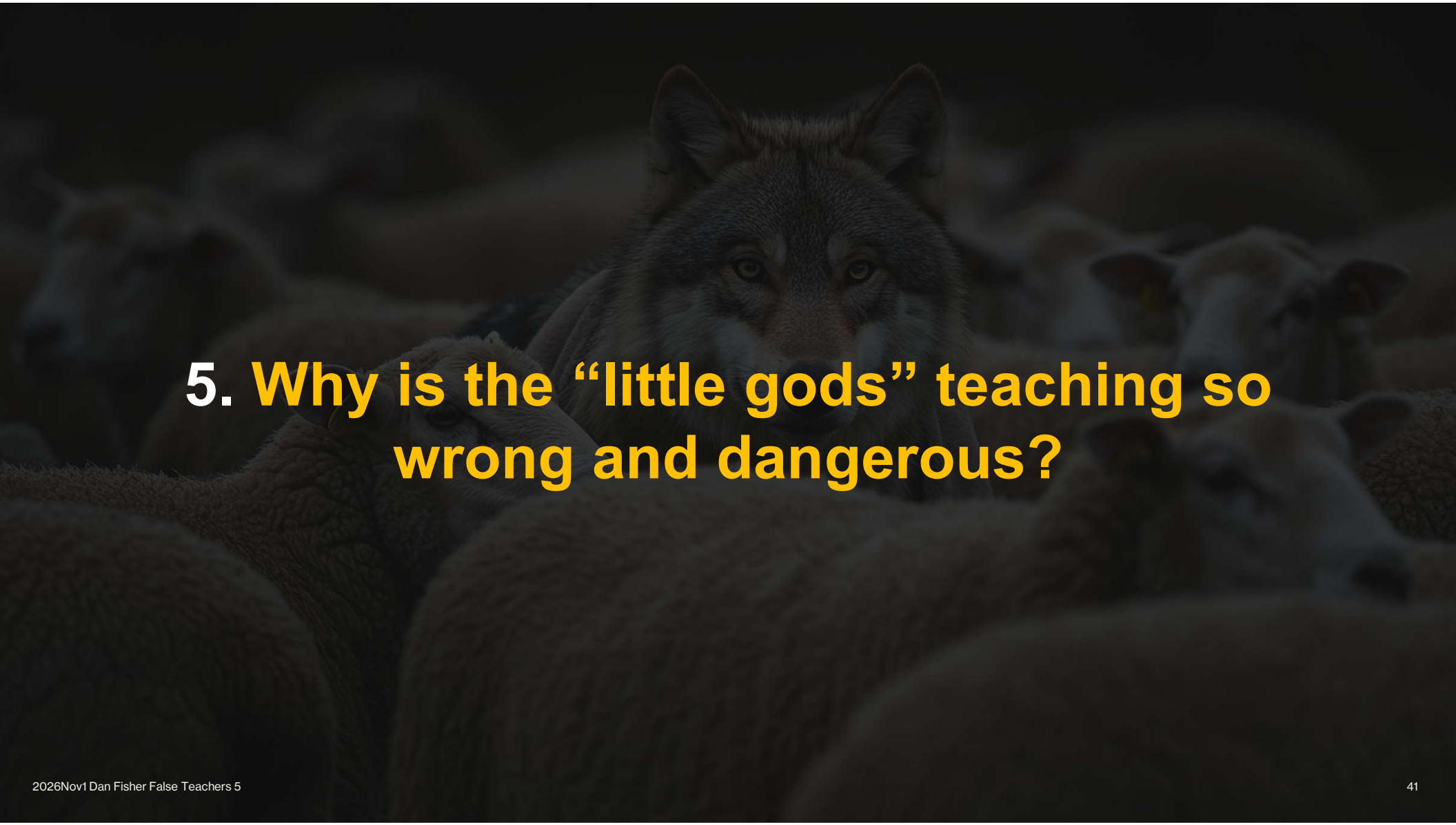

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“Can anyone teach God knowledge, since He judges those on high?” Job 21:22



5. Why is the “little gods” teaching so wrong and dangerous?

- **It is a gross misinterpretation and twisting of Scripture**

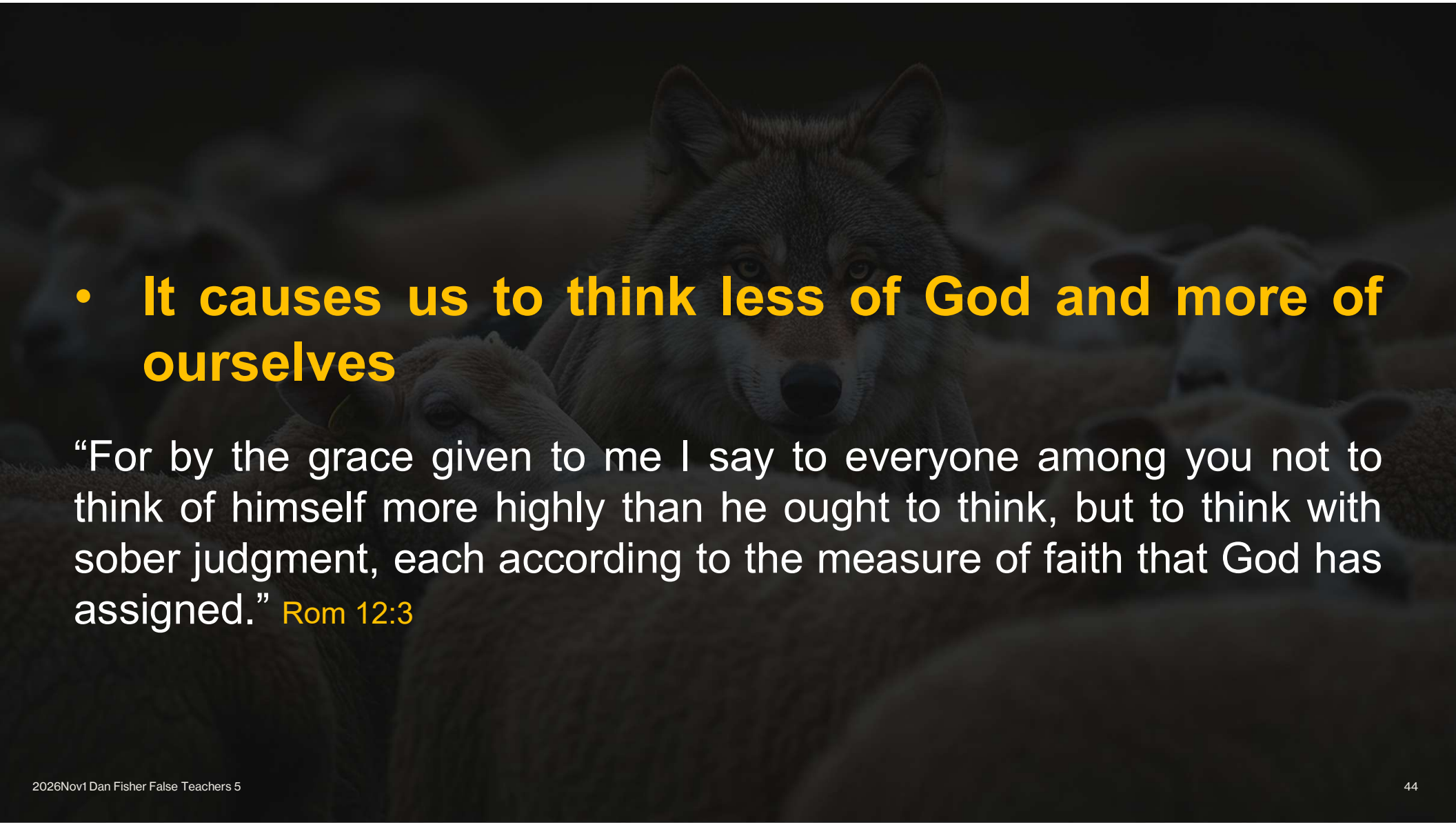
“We are not stoning you for any good work,” they replied, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.” **34** Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I have said you are “gods”’? **35** If he called them gods to whom the word of God came – and Scripture cannot be broken” Jn 10:33-35

“I said, ‘You are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High. **7** But you shall die like men,’” Ps 82:6



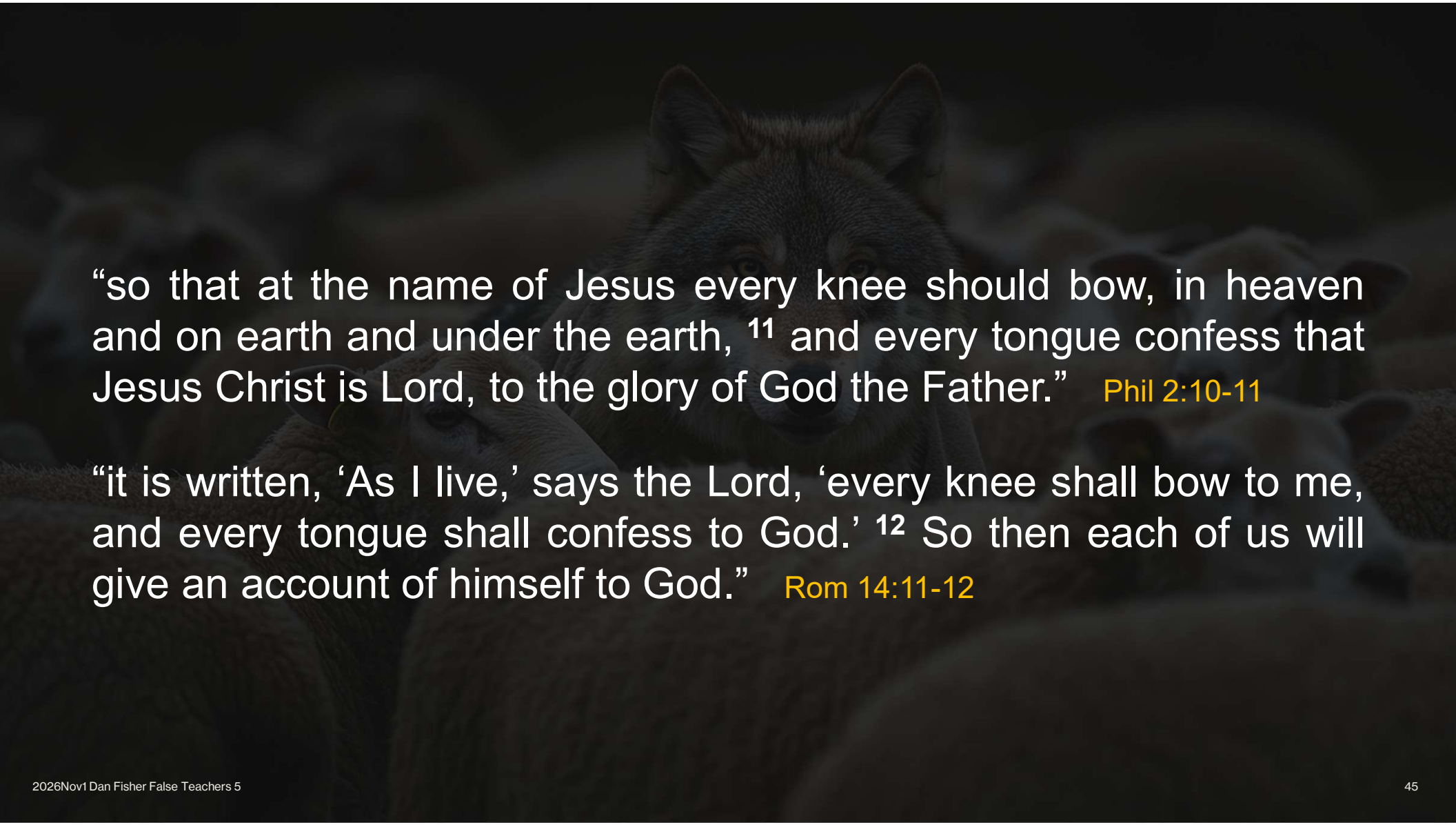
"In Ps 82:6, God rebuked Israel's unjust judges, calling them gods (in the far lesser sense) because they ruled as His representatives and spokesmen (Ex 4:16; 7:1; Rom 13:1-5). The Jewish leaders could not dispute the fact that those judges were called gods, because 'the Scripture cannot be broken.' … Jesus' argument ran like this: if mere men, who were evil, could in some sense be called gods, how could it be inappropriate for Jesus, the One 'whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world," to call Himself the Son of God (Jn 5:19-27)? … far from confirming and affirming their 'godhood' [Ps 82:6] God was actually CONDEMNING them for thinking they were gods!" John MacArthur

MacArthur New Testament Commentary, pp. 444-446



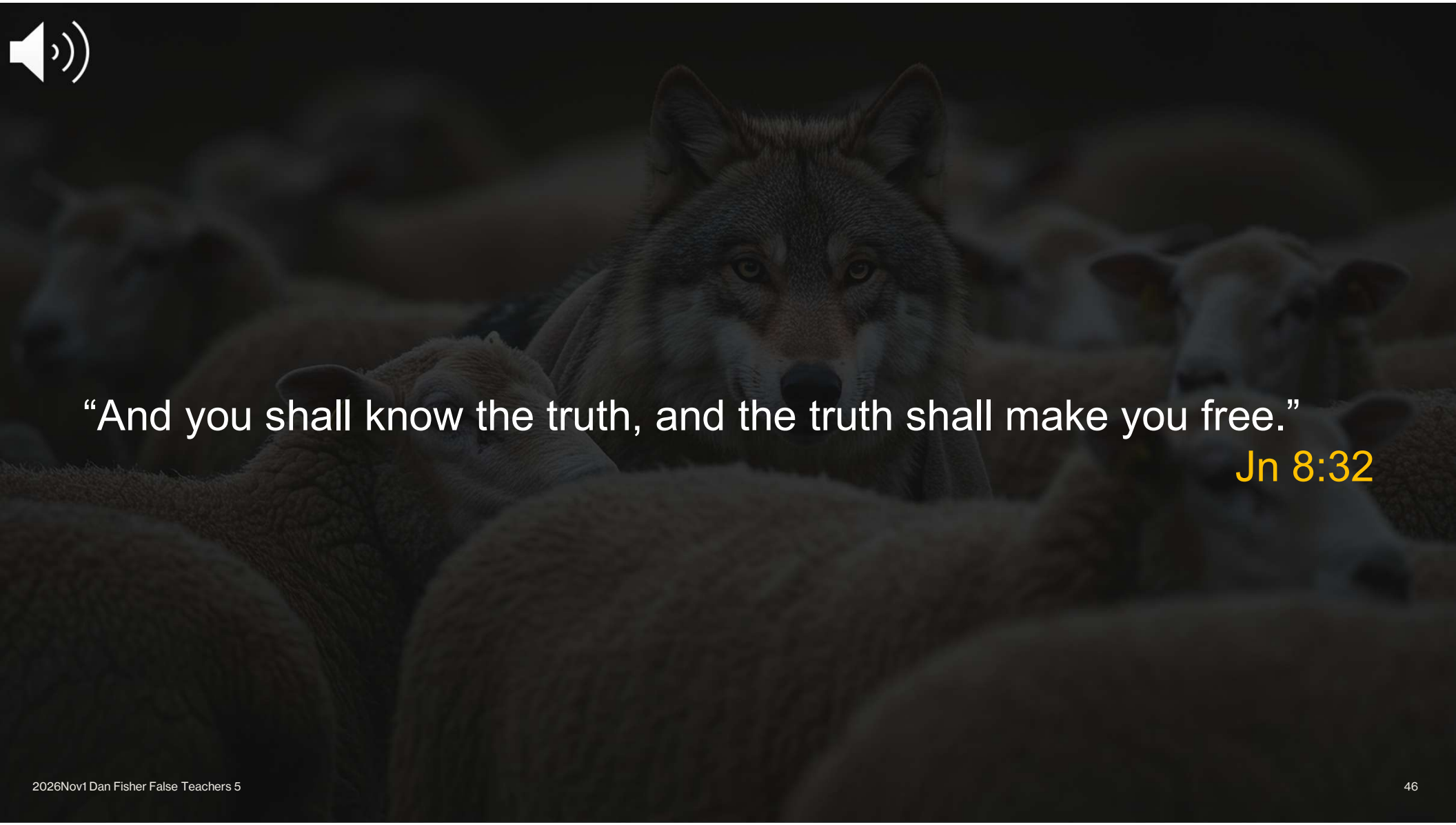
- **It causes us to think less of God and more of ourselves**

"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." Rom 12:3



“so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Phil 2:10-11

“it is written, ‘As I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.’ **12** So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.” Rom 14:11-12


“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
Jn 8:32