

Memorial Day

remembering = after 250 yrs

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“Don’t look back – you’re not going that way.”
“There’s no future in the past.”

“A people without a heritage are easily persuaded.” Karl Marx



“When a society loses its memory, it descends inevitably into dementia.” Mark Steyn, Jan 2011

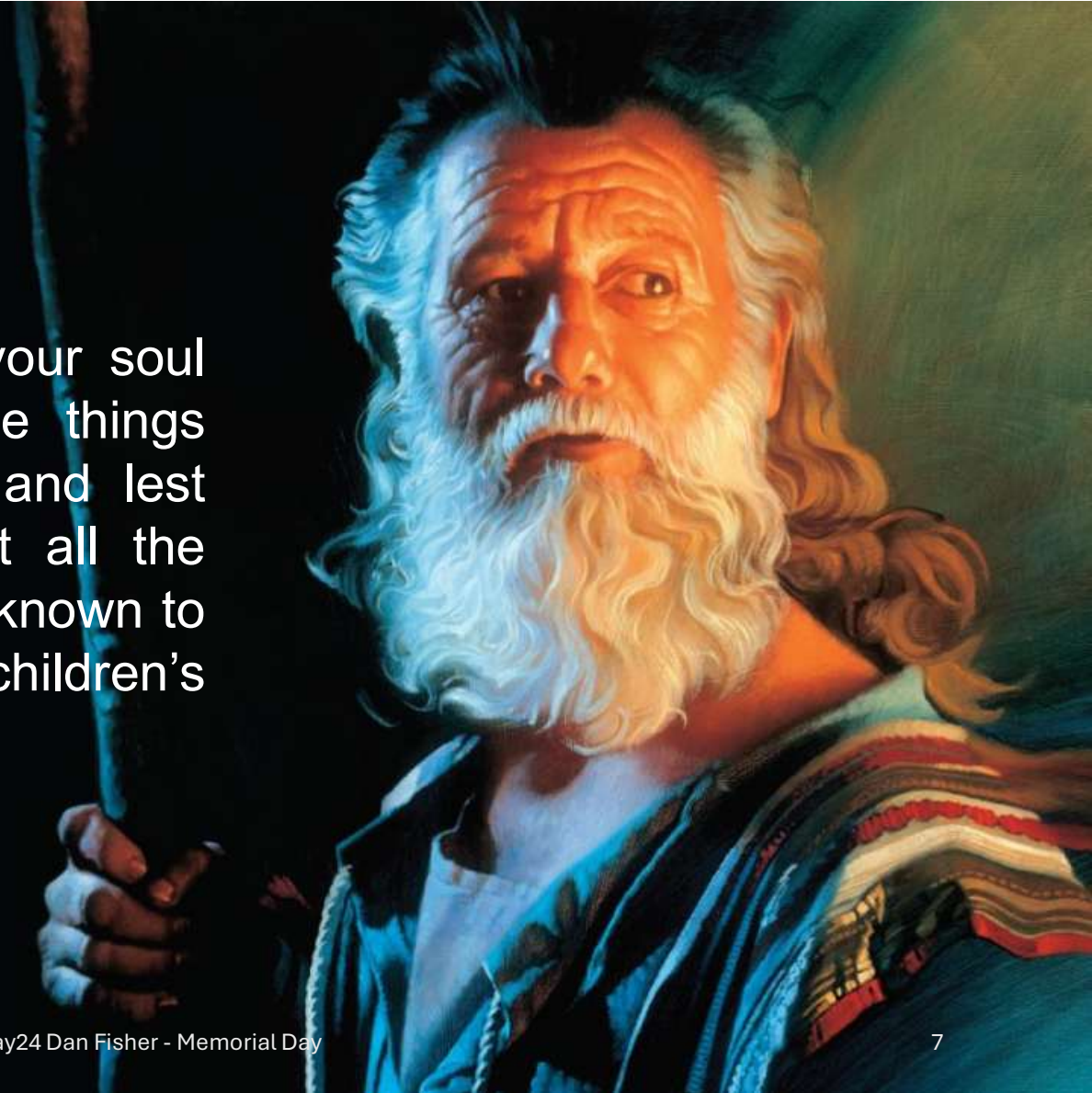


Scripture is literally filled with warnings about forgetting what God has done and promises of blessings to those who make the effort and take the time to remember.



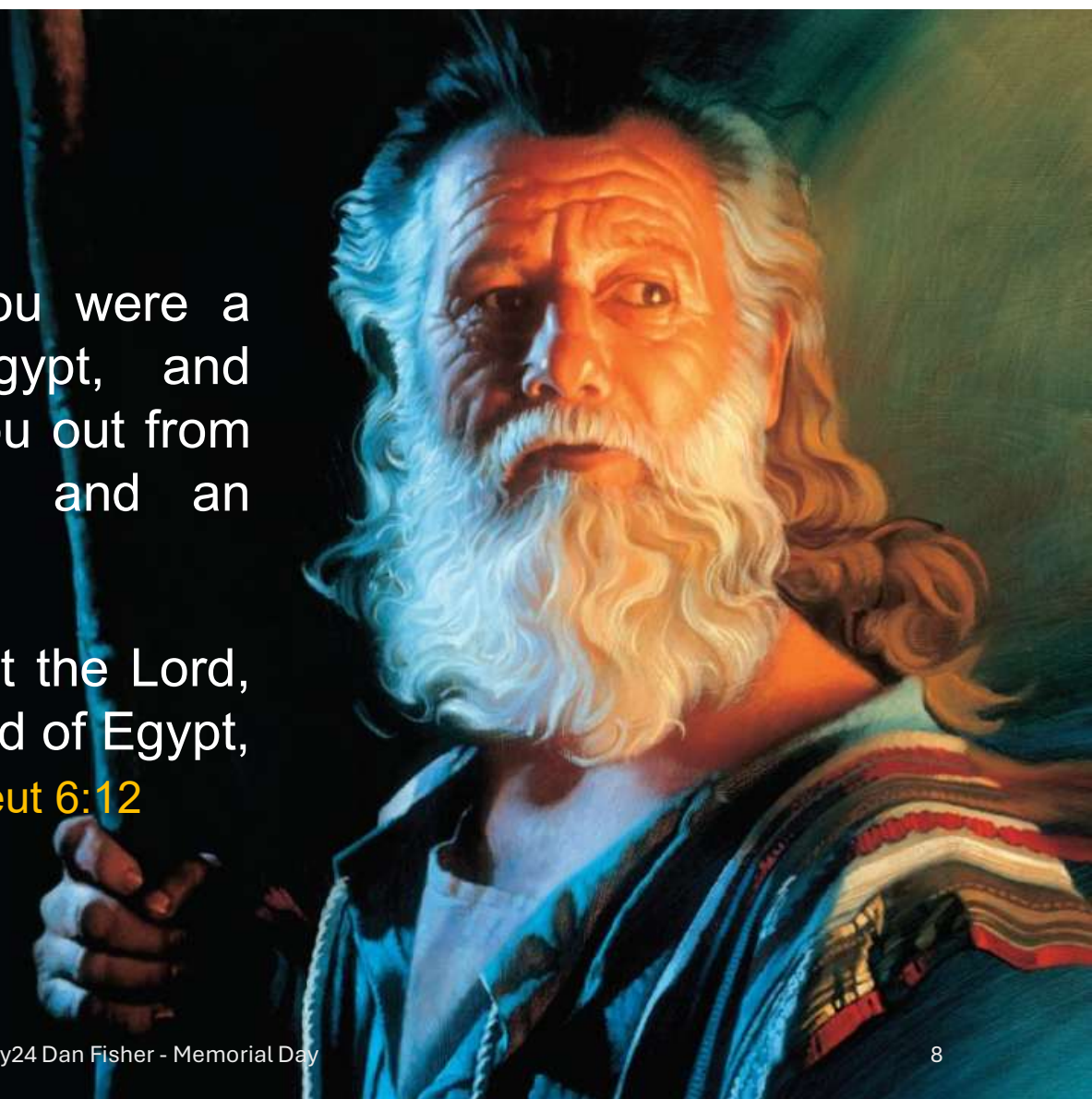
1. Warnings

“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children” **Deut 4:9**



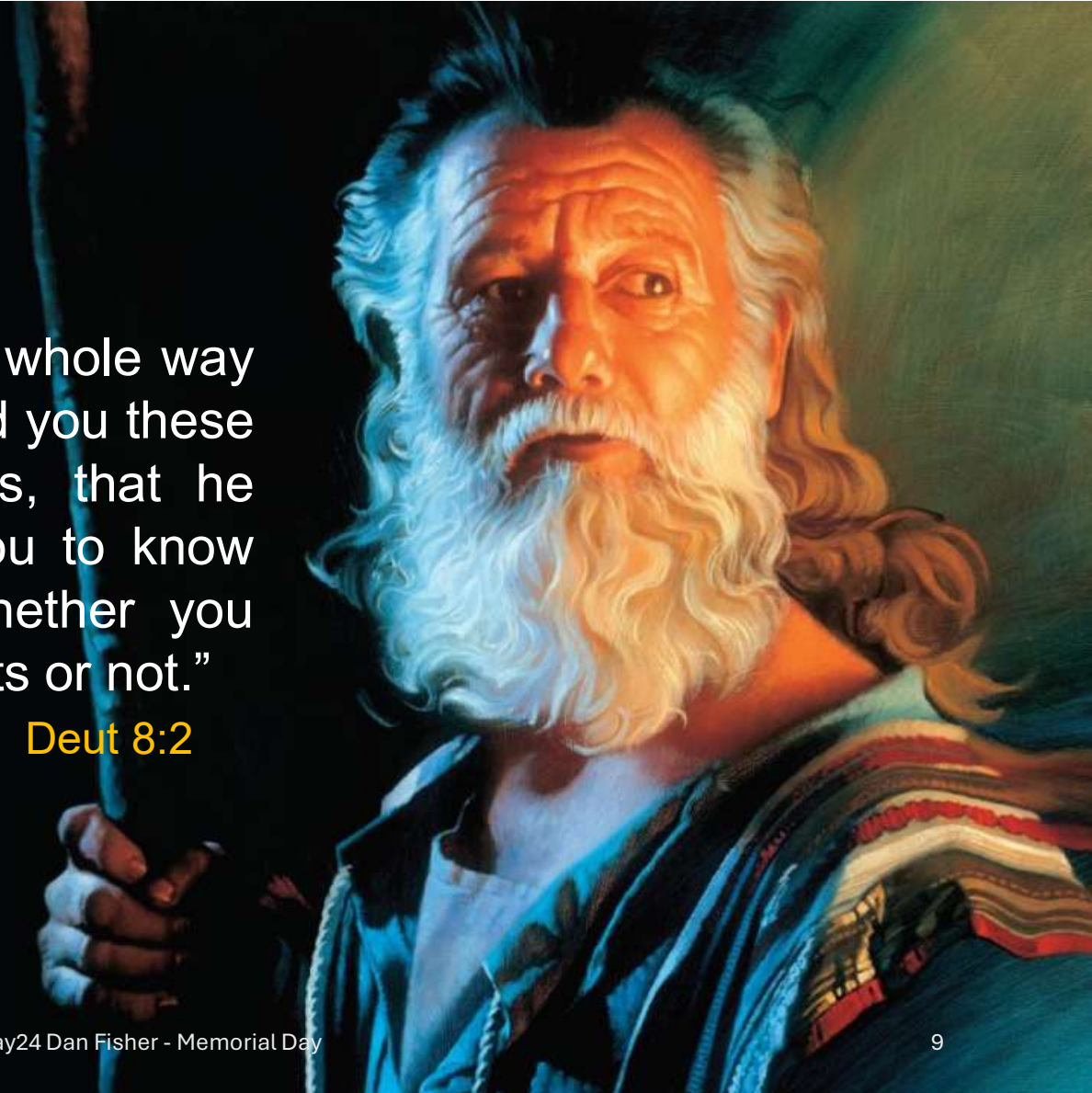
“You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.” **Deut 5:15**

“then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” **Deut 6:12**

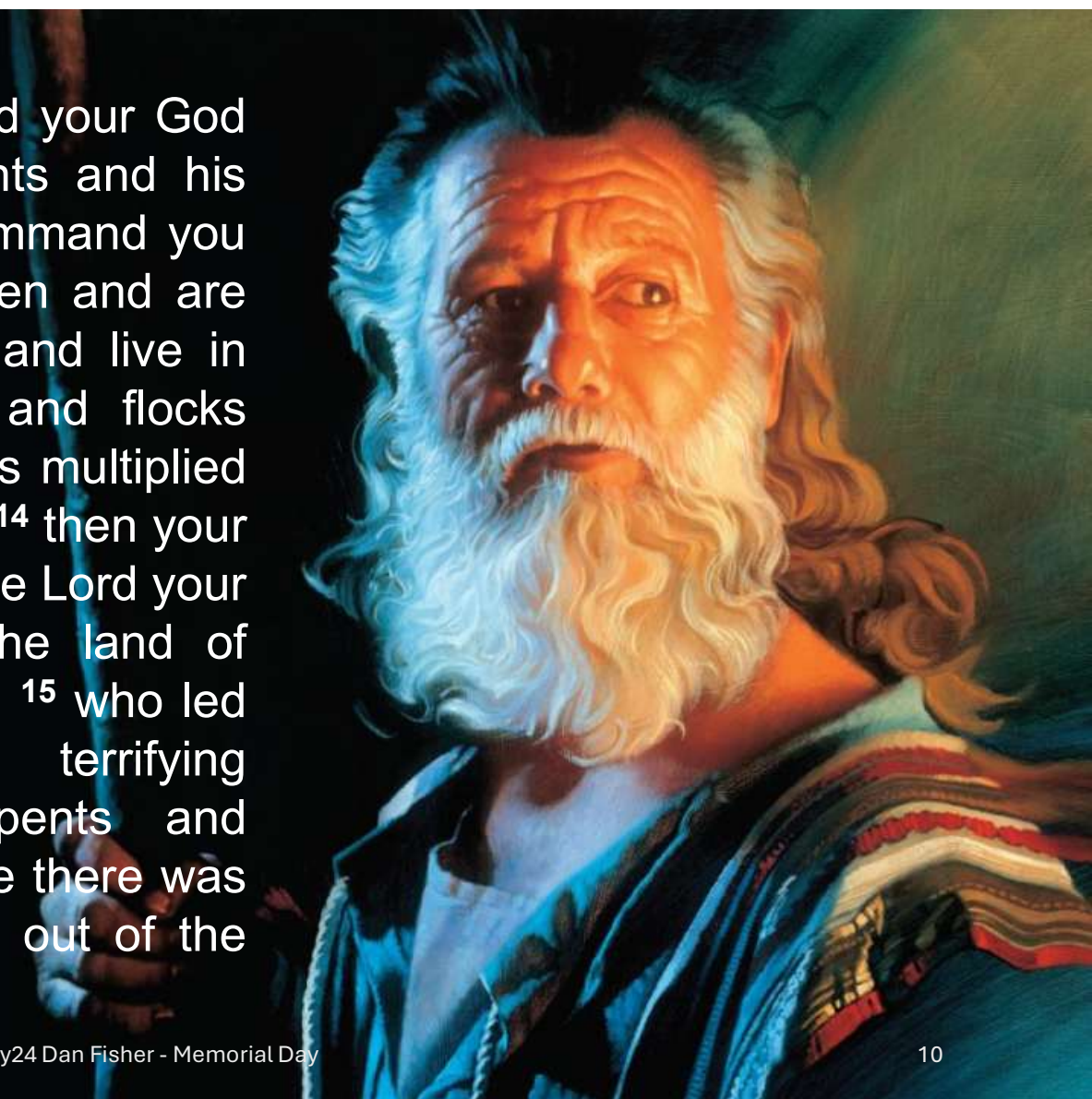


“And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.”

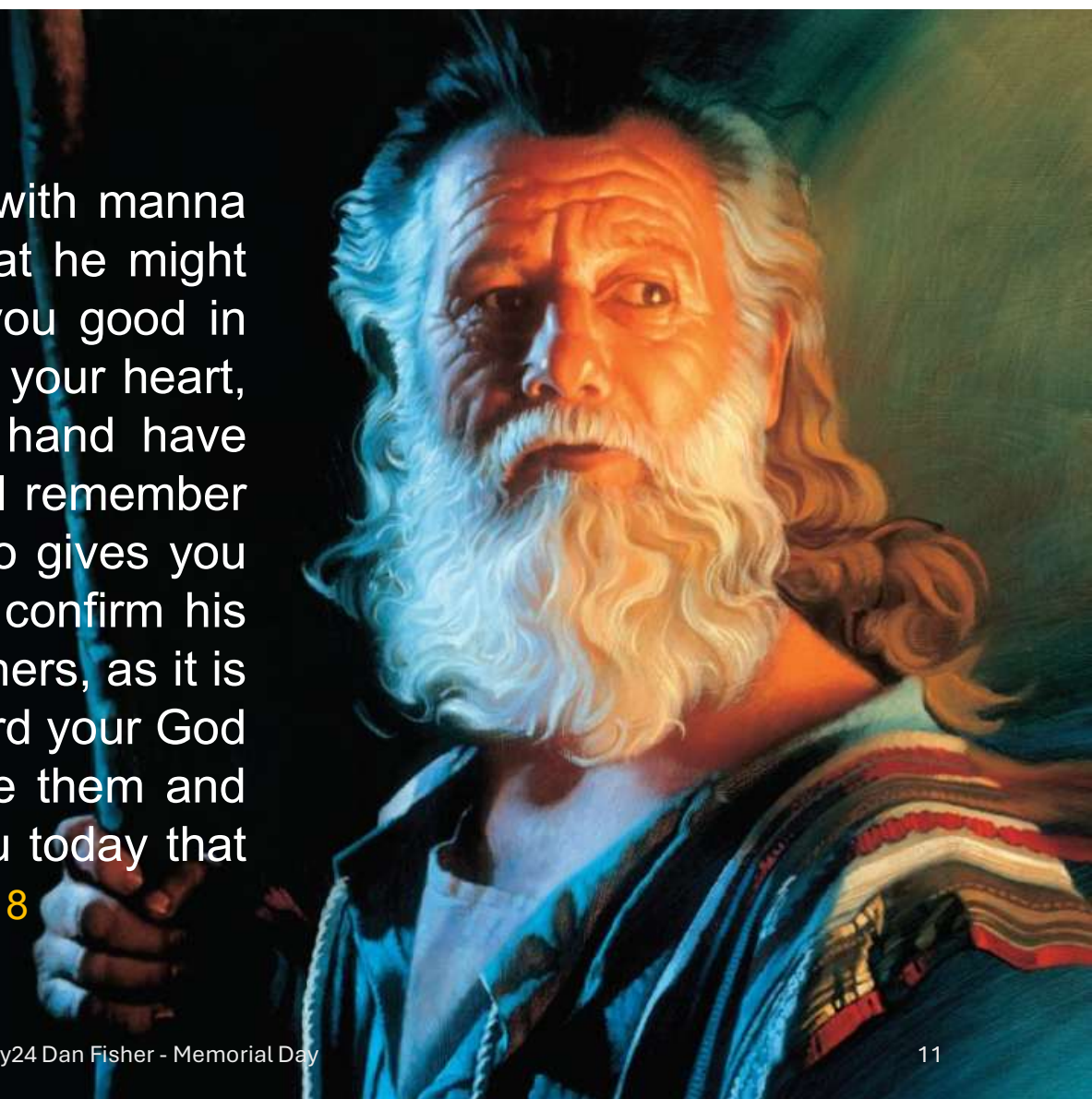
Deut 8:2



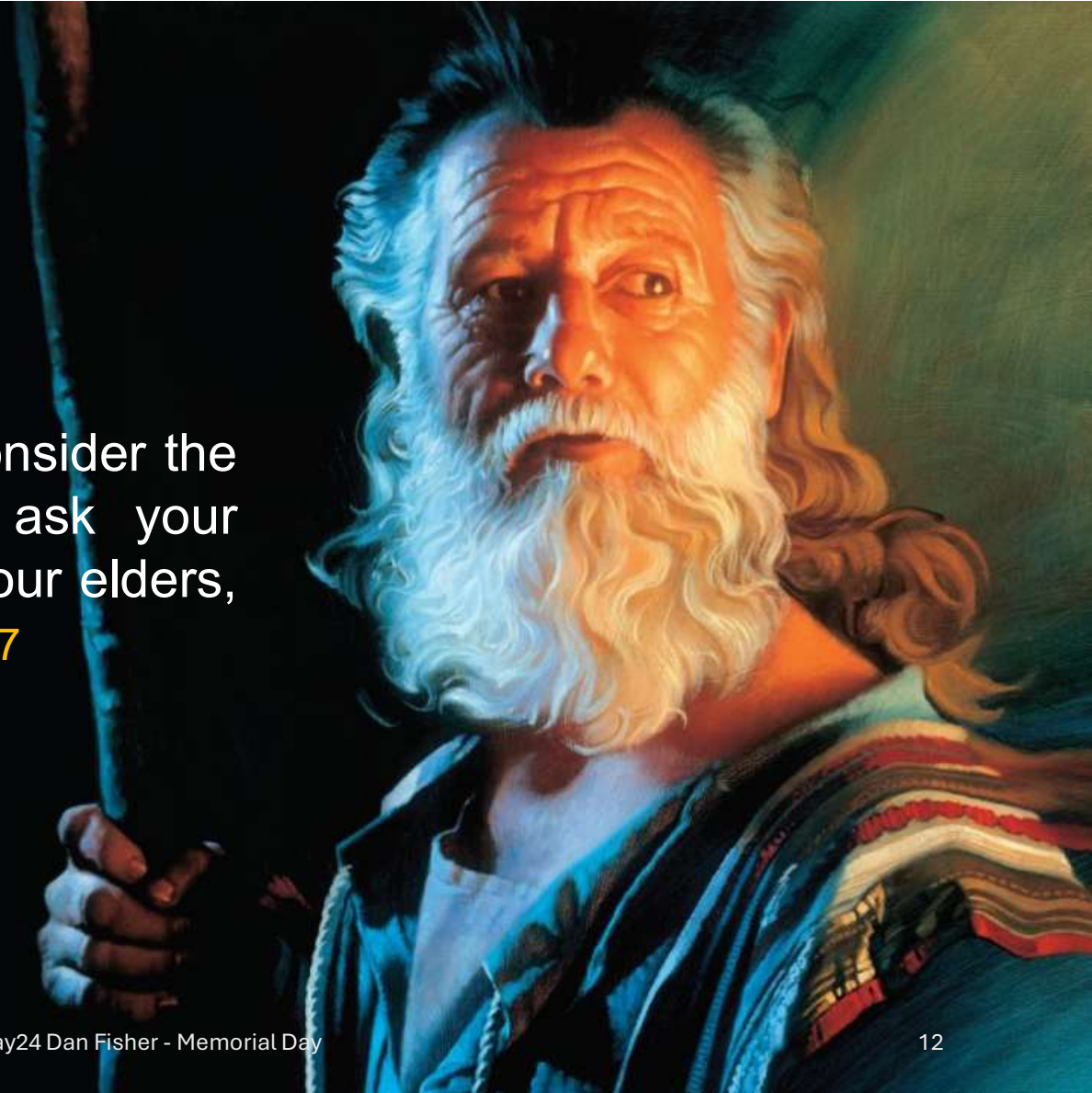
“Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock,



¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷ Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹ And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish." **Deut 8:11-18**

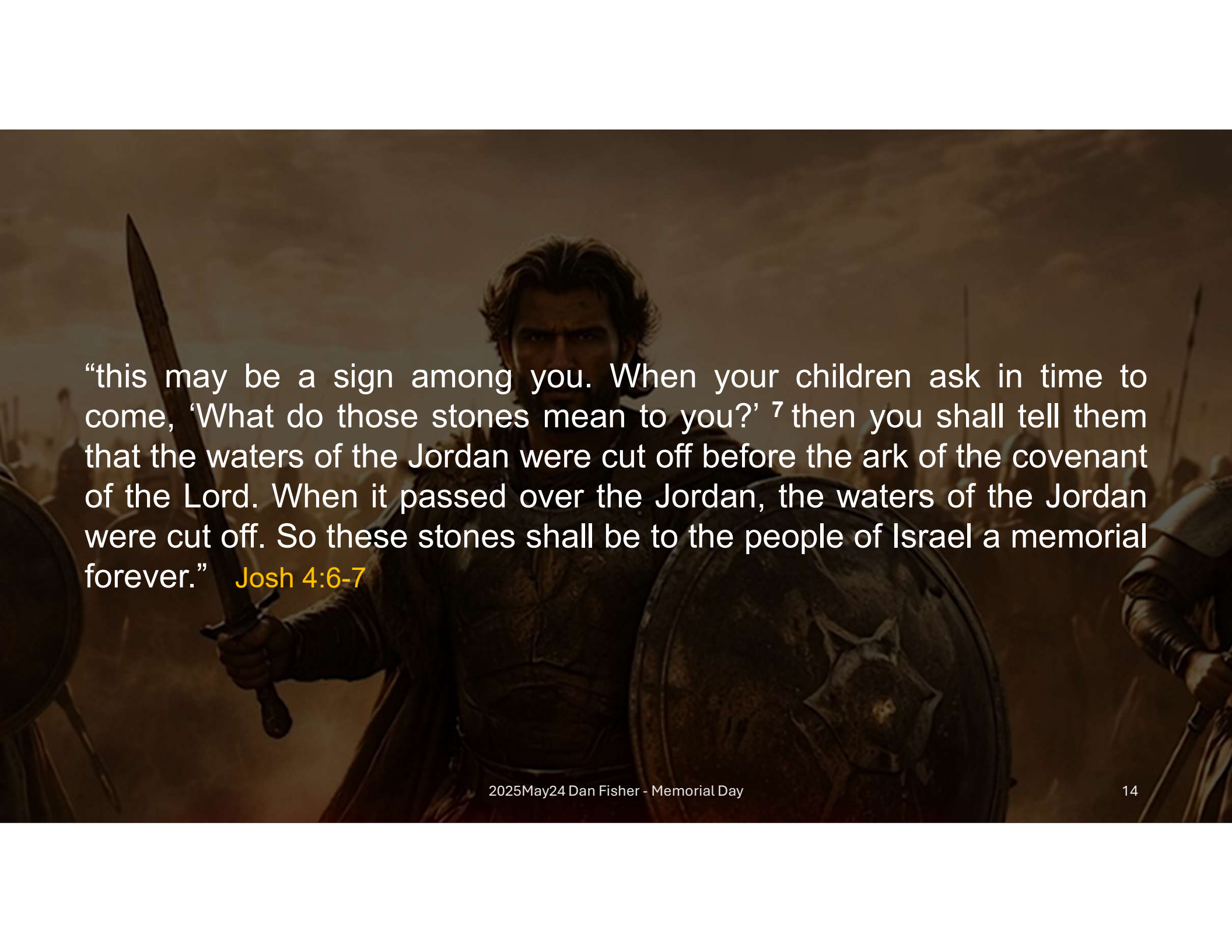


“Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you.” Deut 32:7

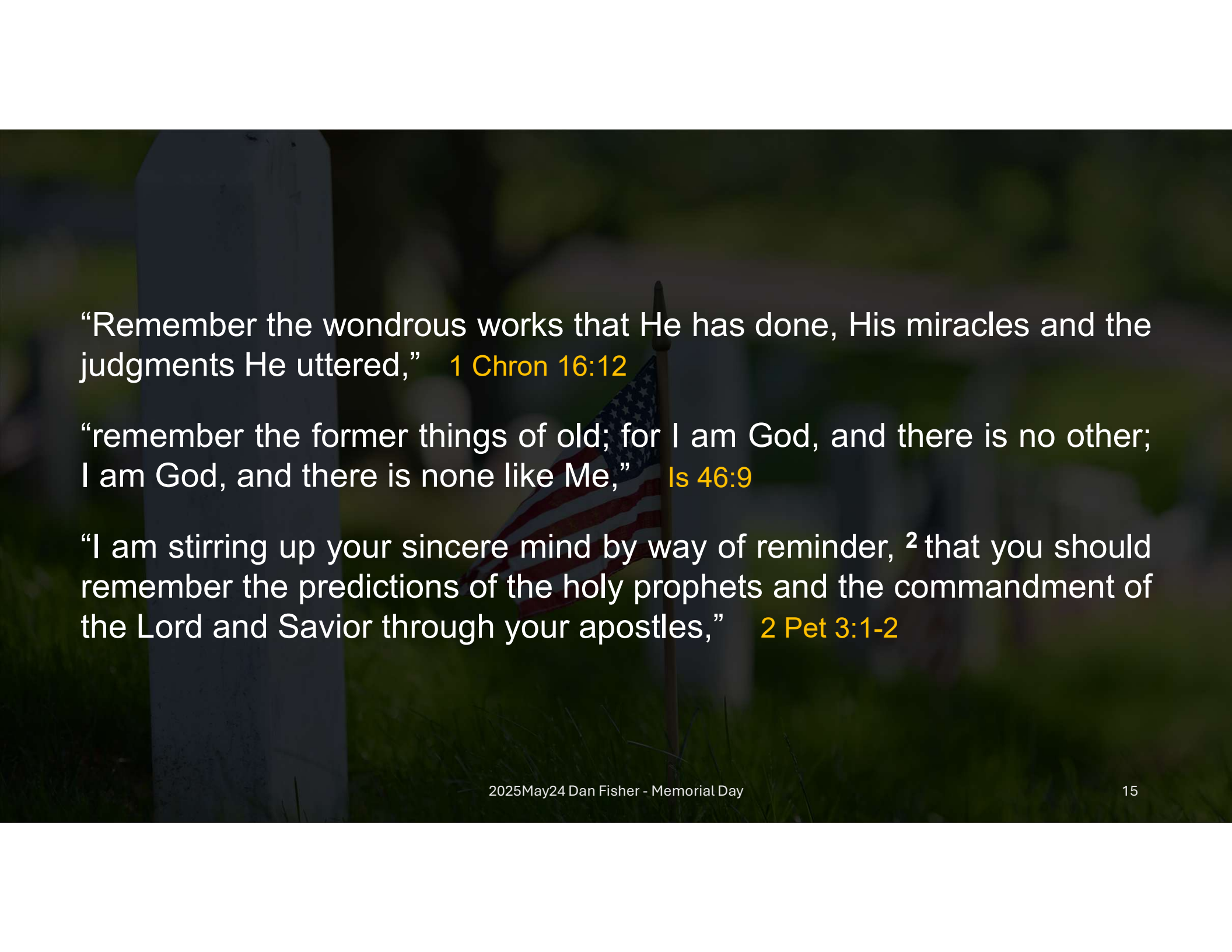




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A warrior in ancient armor, holding a sword and shield, stands in a dusty, battle-torn environment. The warrior is the central focus, looking directly at the viewer with a determined expression. The background is filled with the silhouettes of other soldiers and the haze of battle.

“this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ ⁷ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.” **Josh 4:6-7**

A background image of a cemetery with a small American flag on a grave marker. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn, with a soft glow from the flag. The text is overlaid on this image.

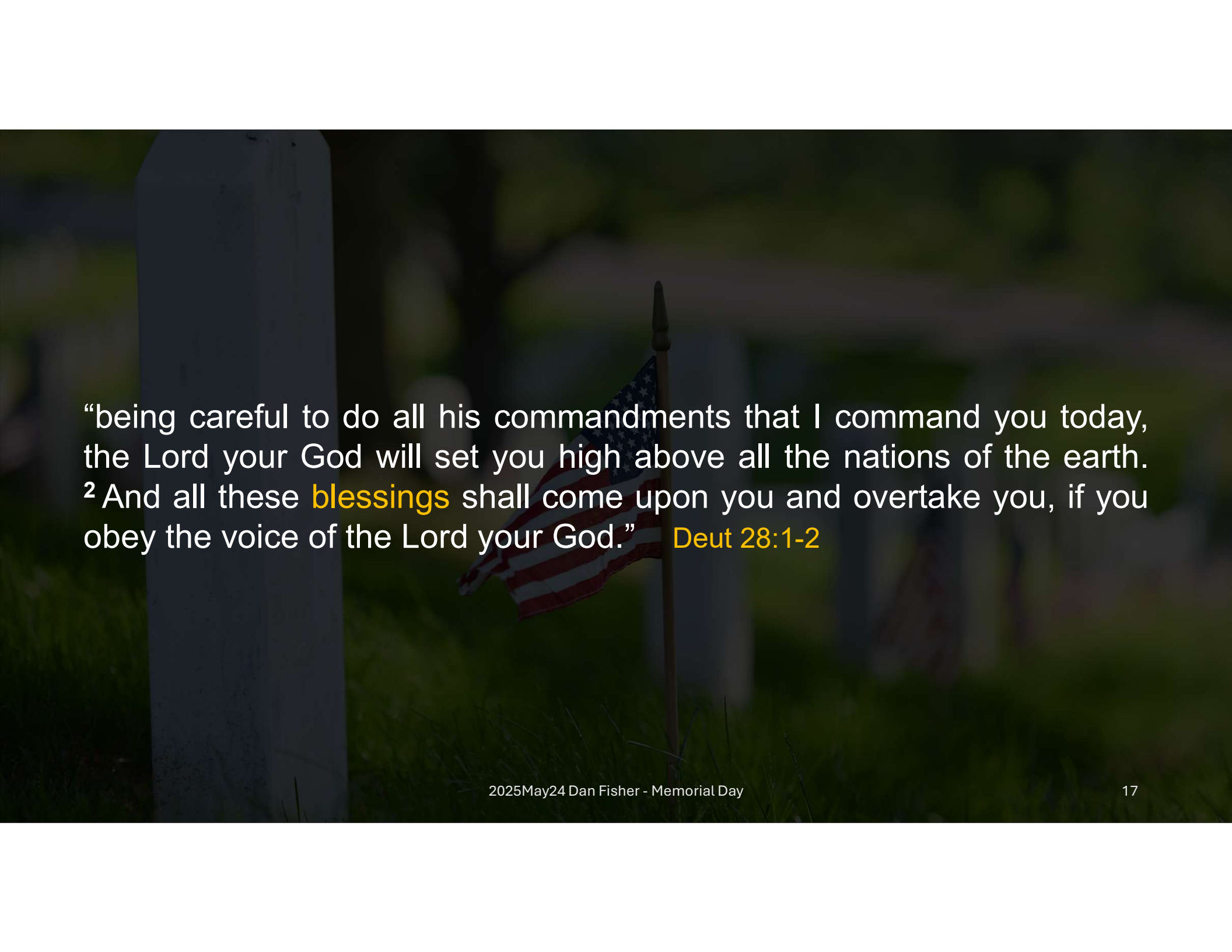
“Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles and the judgments He uttered,” **1 Chron 16:12**

“remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,” **Is 46:9**

“I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ² that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,” **2 Pet 3:1-2**




2. Blessings



“being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.
2 And all these **blessings** shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God.” **Deut 28:1-2**



3. Curses



“But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these **curses** shall come upon you and overtake you.” **Deut 28:15**



“Remember and do not forget how you provoked the Lord your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the Lord.” **Deut 9:7**

“Remember what the Lord your God did to Miriam on the way as you came out of Egypt. [Num 12]” **Deut 24:9**





“Remember Lot’s wife” Lk 17:32
(Gen 19:26)



How does this apply to America this
Memorial Day?



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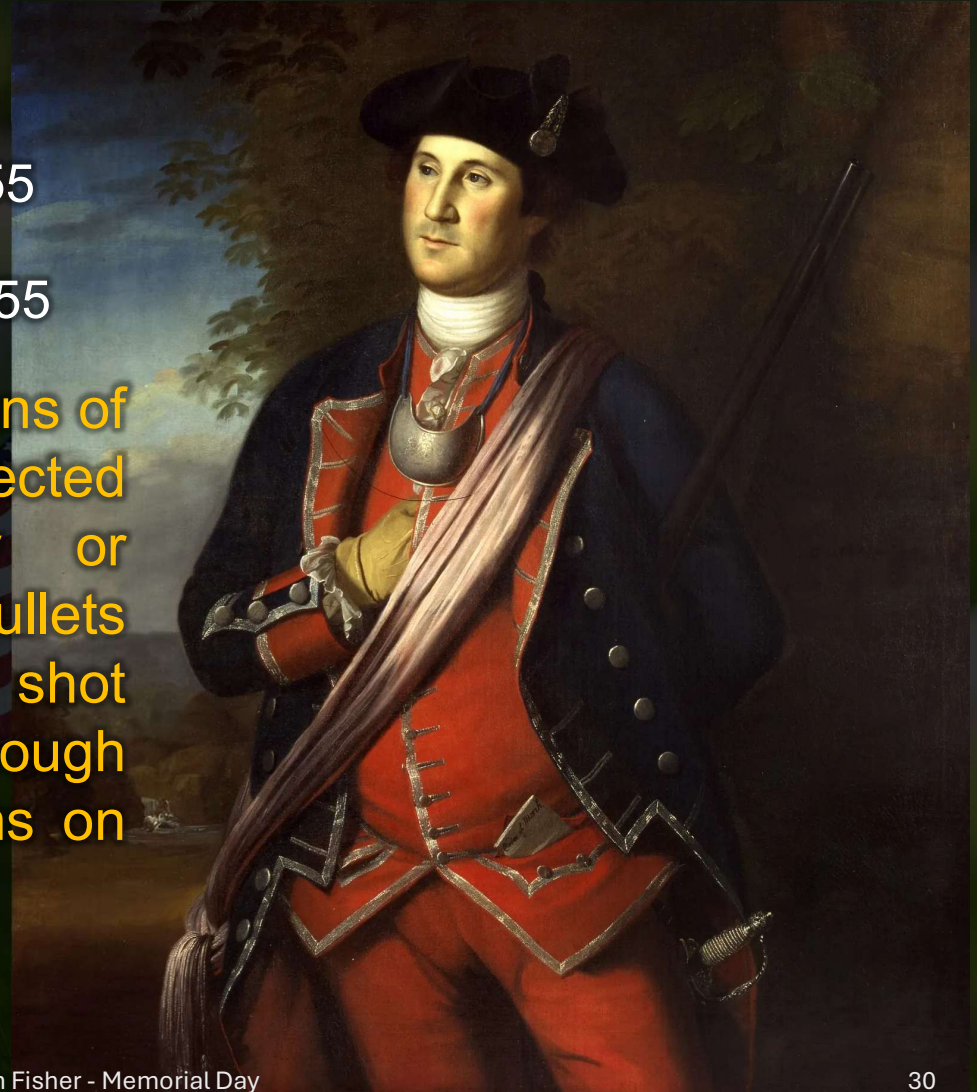
Young George Washington



Battle of Monongahela, July 9, 1755

John A. Washington on July 18, 1755

“But by the all-powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me.”

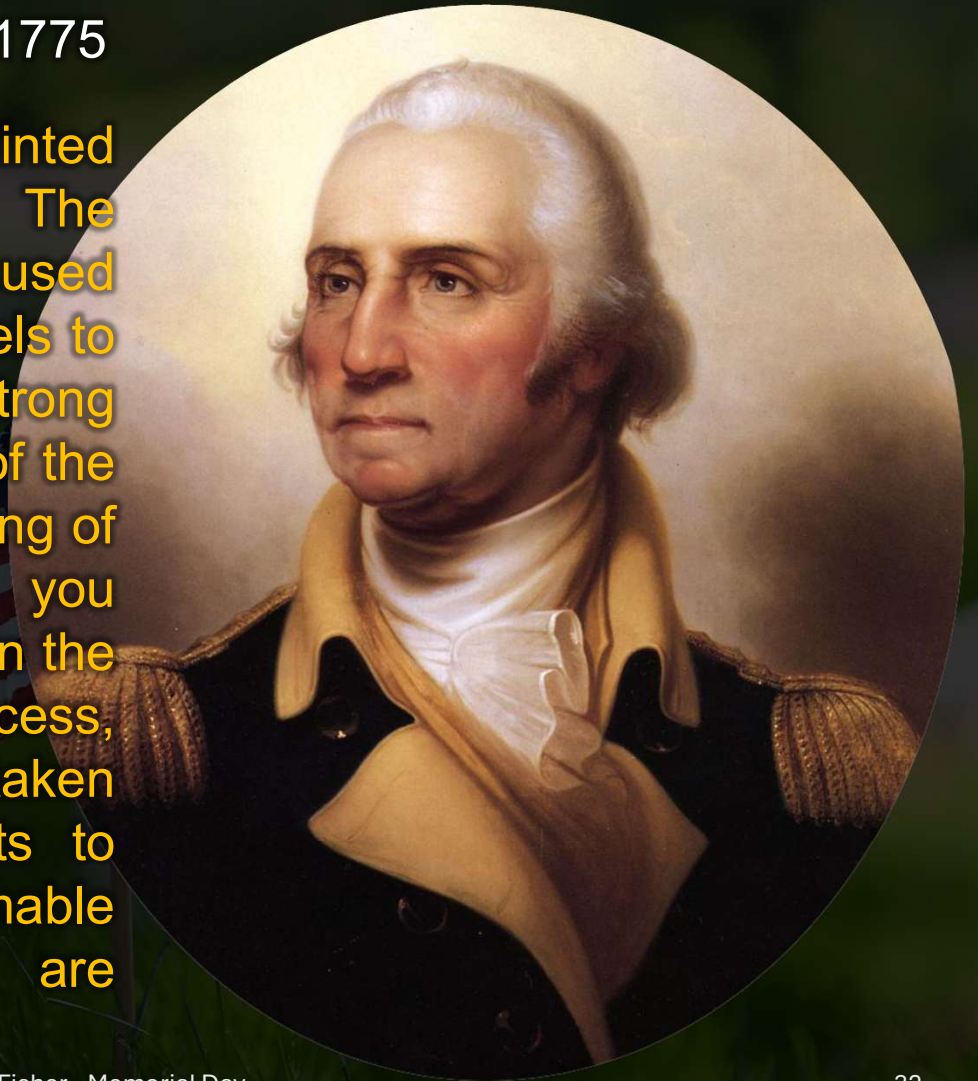


Gen. George Washington



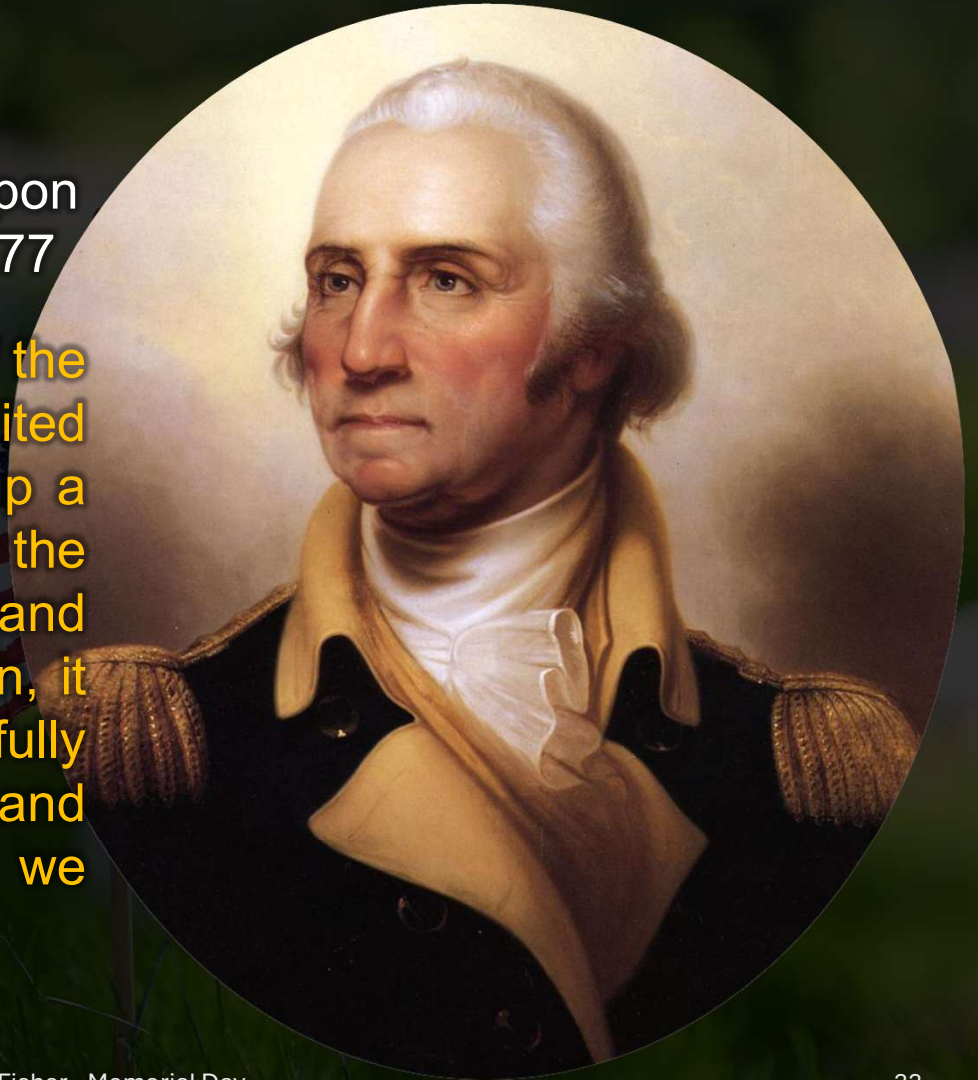
Gov Jonathan Trumbull of CT, July 13, 1775

“They have, with one united voice, appointed you to the high station you possess. The Supreme Director of all events hath caused a wonderful union of hearts and counsels to subsist among us. Now therefore, be strong and very courageous ... May the God of the armies of Israel shower down the blessing of his Divine Providence on you, give you wisdom and fortitude, cover your head in the day of battle and danger, add success, convince our enemies of their mistaken measures, and that all their attempts to deprive these Colonies of their inestimable constitutional rights and liberties are injurious and vain.”



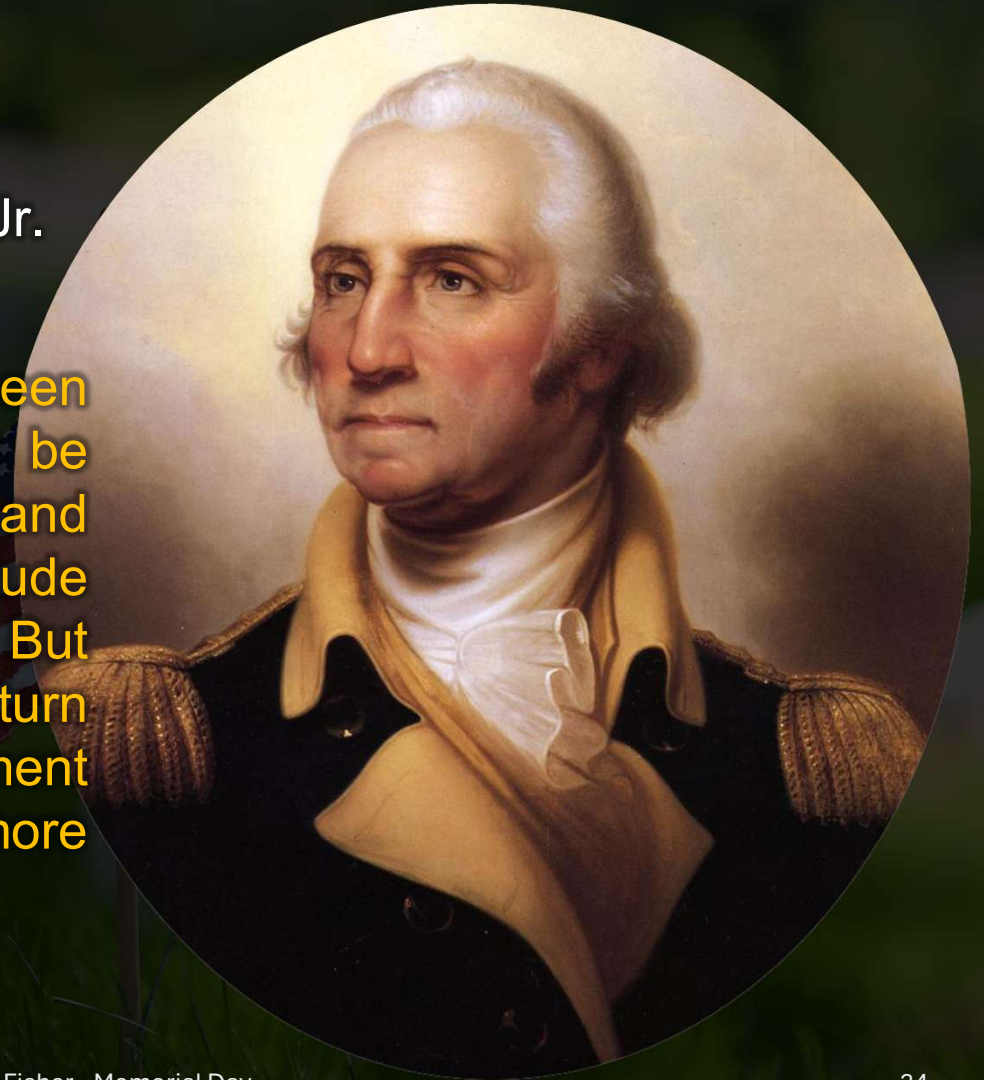
Washington to troops at Valley Forge, upon
France allying with America, May 1, 1777

“It having pleased the Almighty Ruler of the universe to defend the cause of the United American States, and finally to raise up a powerful friend among the princes of the earth, to establish our liberty and independence upon a lasting foundation, it becomes us to set apart a day for gratefully acknowledging the divine goodness, and celebrating the important event, which we owe to His divine interposition.”



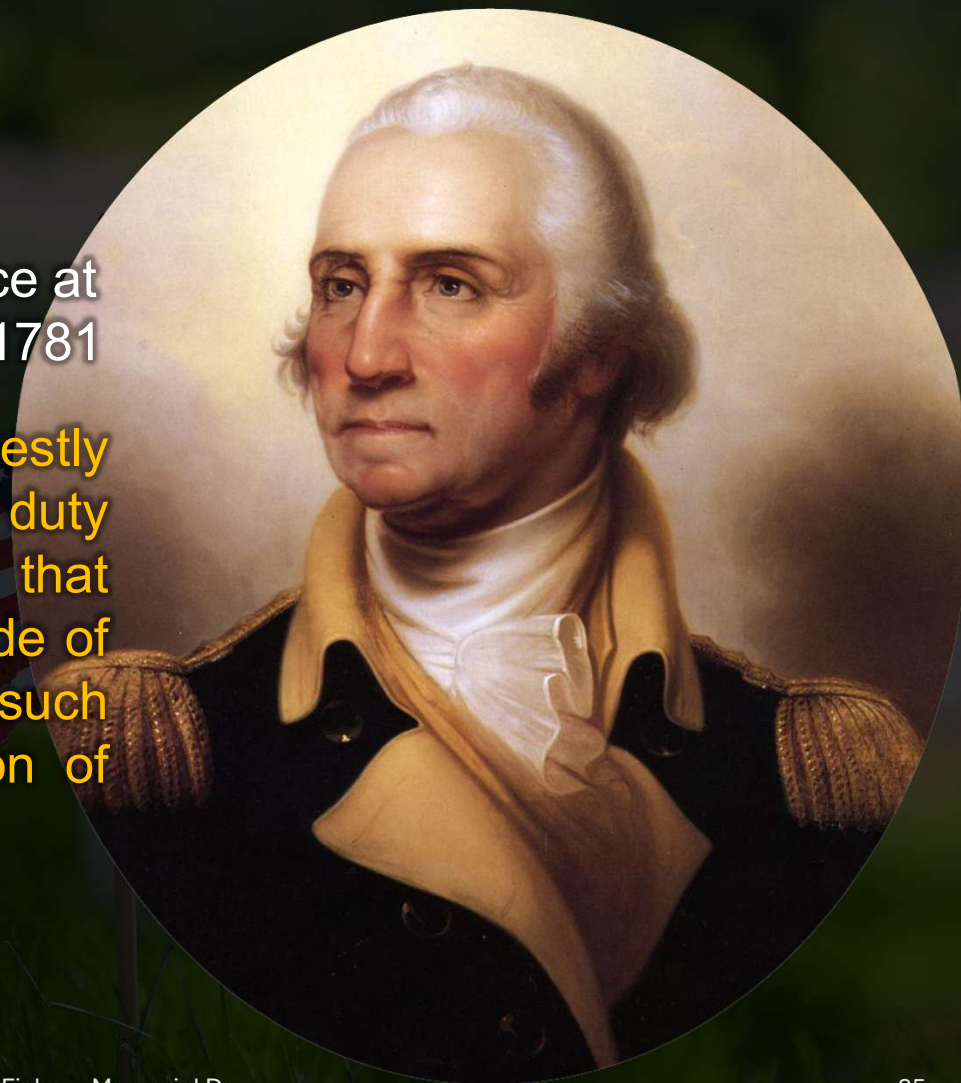
Washington to Gen. Thomas Nelson, Jr.
Aug 20, 1778

“The hand of Providence has been conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligations. But it will be time enough for me to turn preacher when my present appointment ceases; and therefore I shall add no more on the doctrine of Providence.”



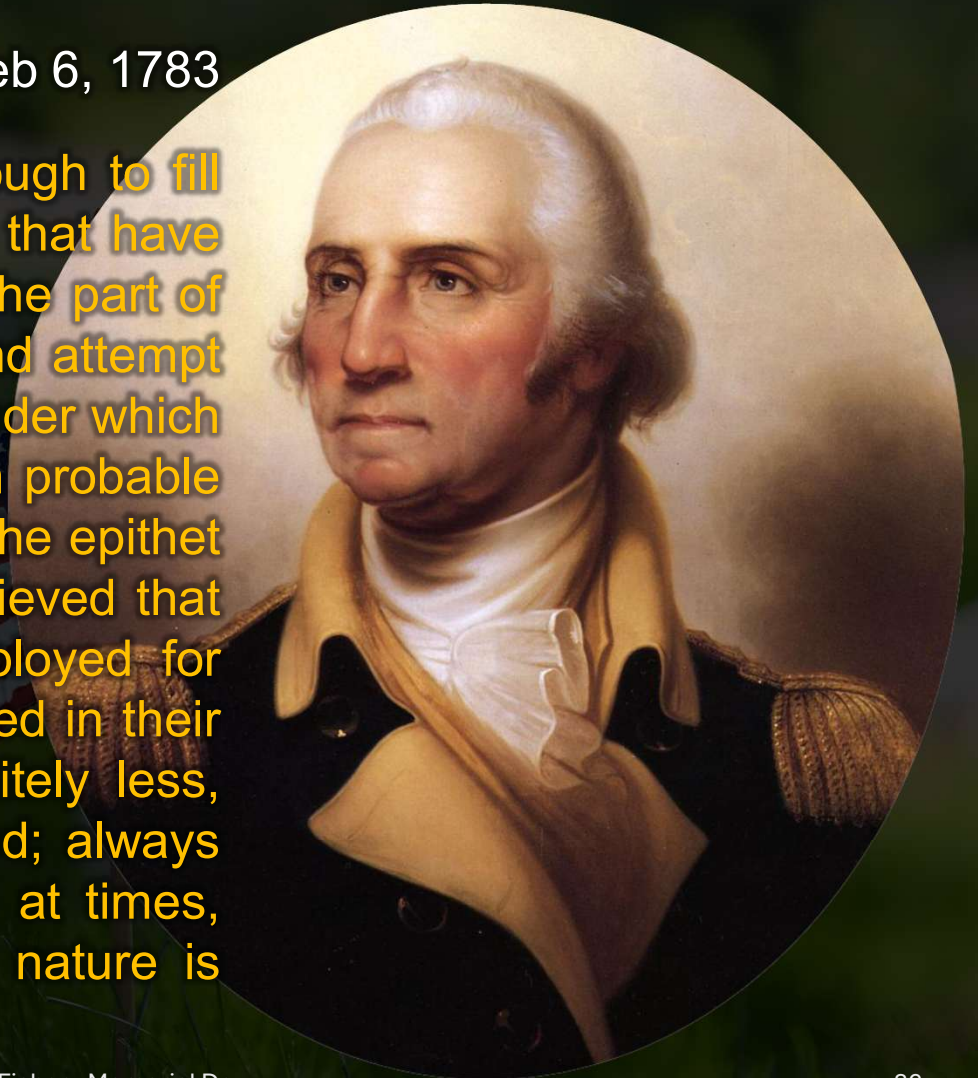
Washington calling for a worship service at
British surrender at Yorktown, Oct 20, 1781

“The commander in chief earnestly
recommends that the troops not on duty
should universally attend with that
seriousness of deportment and gratitude of
heart which the recognition of such
reiterated and astonishing interposition of
Providence demands of us.”



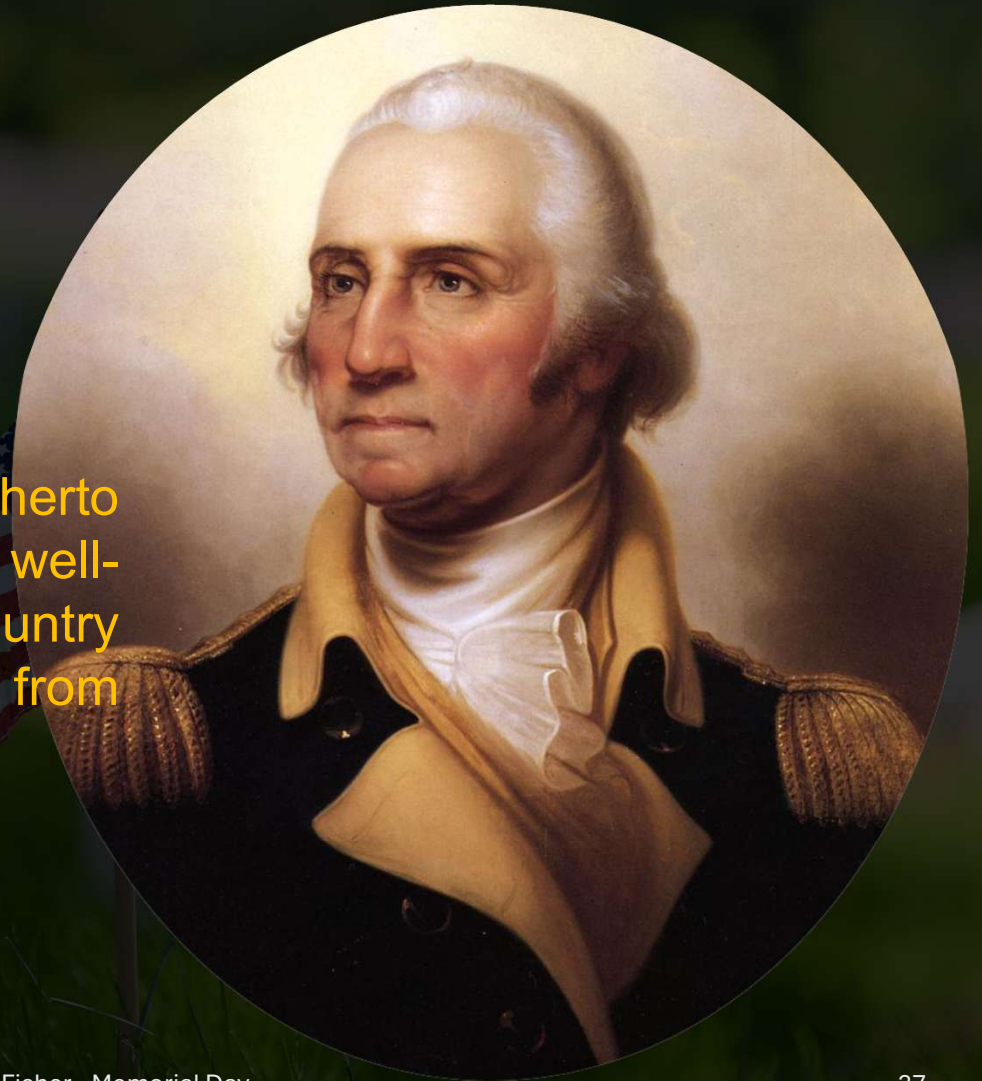
Washington to Gen Nathanael Greene, Feb 6, 1783

“If Historiographers should be hardy enough to fill the page of History with the advantages that have been gained with unequal numbers [on the part of America] in the course of this contest, and attempt to relate the distressing circumstances under which they have been obtained, it is more than probable that Posterity will bestow on their labors the epithet and marks of fiction; for it will not be believed that such a force as Great Britain has employed for eight years in this Country could be baffled in their plan of Subjugating it by numbers infinitely less, composed of Men oftentimes half starved; always in Rags, without pay, and experiencing, at times, every species of distress which human nature is capable of undergoing.”



Washington to Richard Peters
Sept 7, 1788

“But that Providence which has hitherto smiled on the honest endeavors of the well-meaning part of the people of this country will not, I trust, withdraw its support from them at this crisis.”

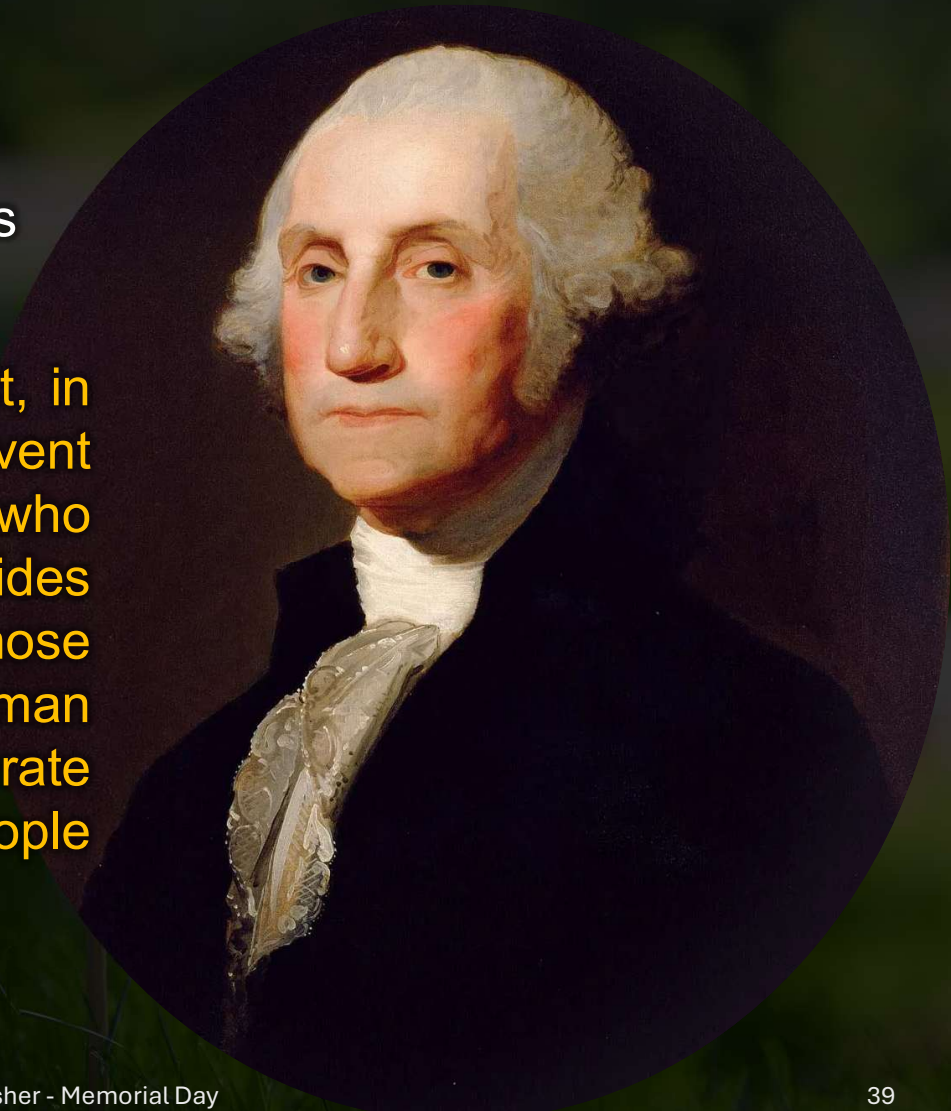


Pres. George Washington

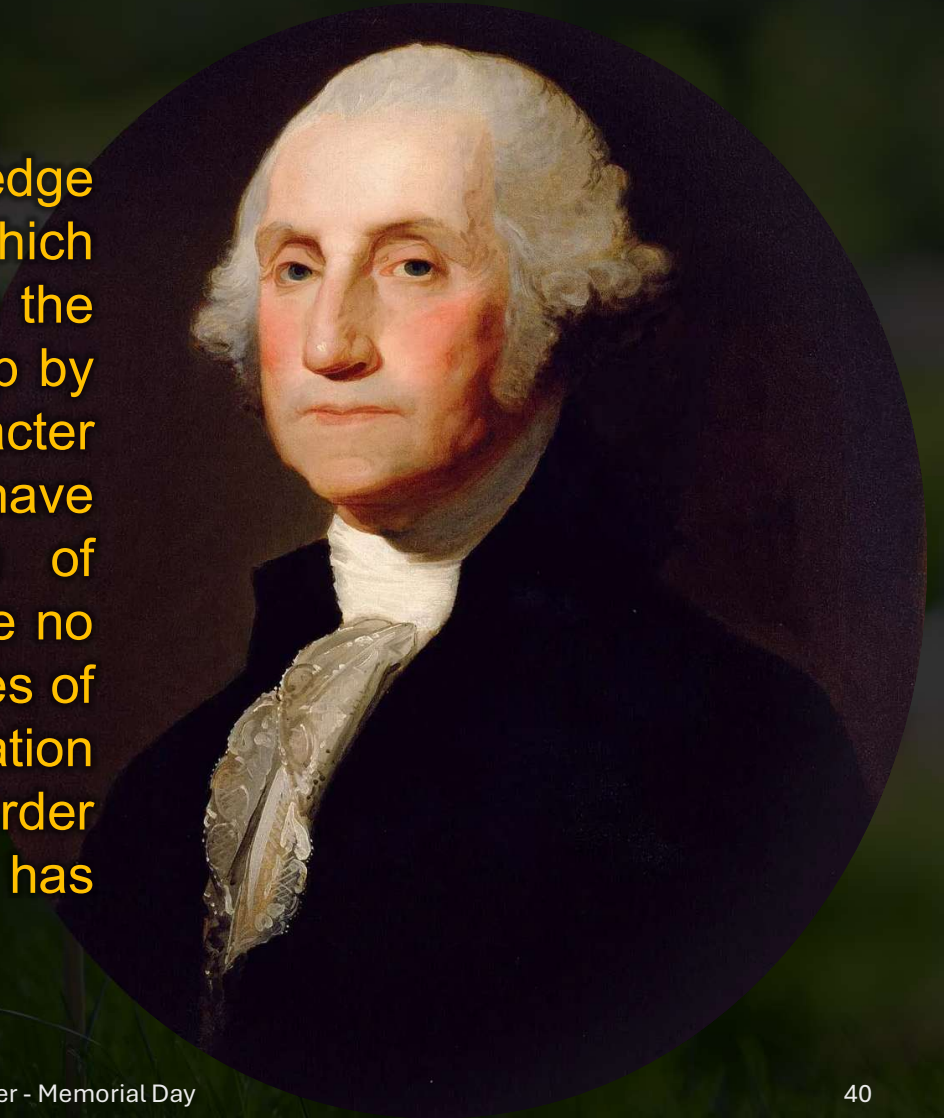


Washington's First Inaugural Address Apr 30, 1789

“It would be peculiarly improper to omit, in this first official act, my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, [and] who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States. ...

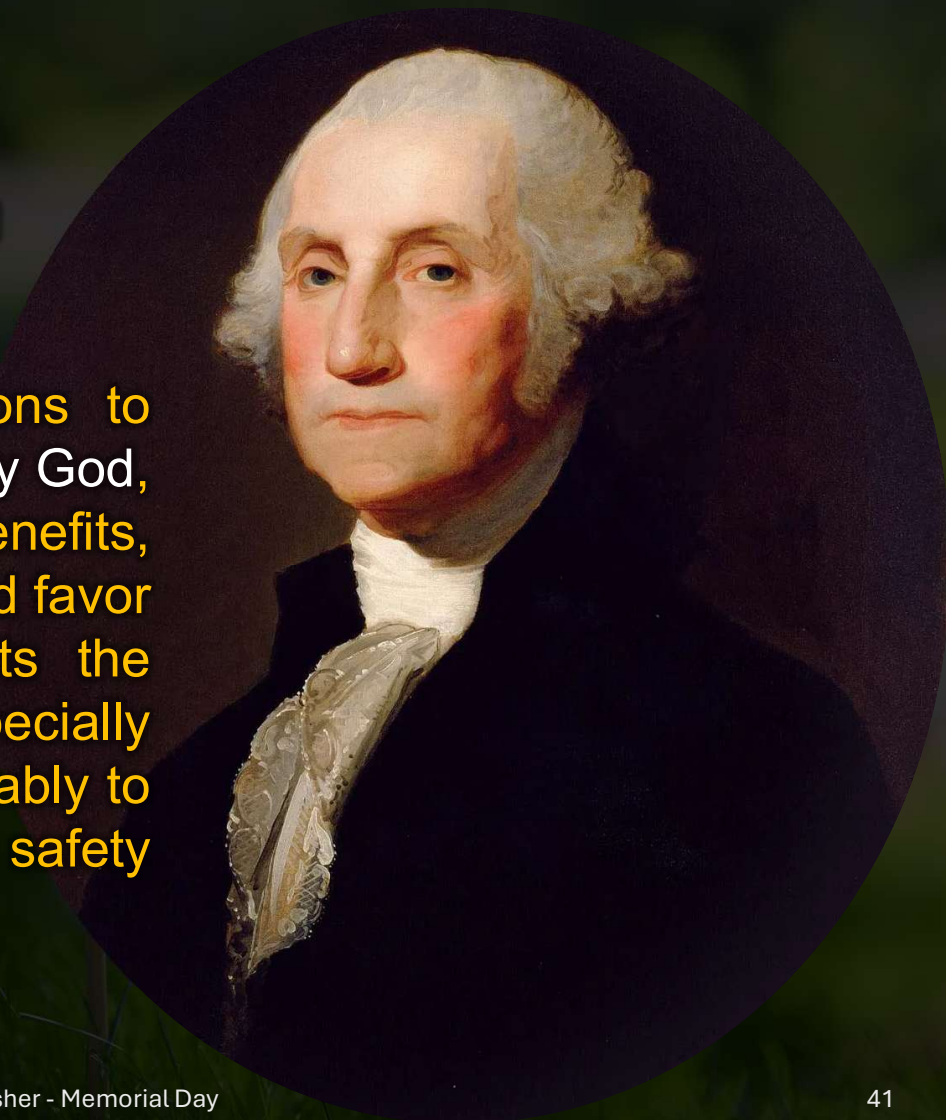


No People can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the Affairs of men more than the People of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency . . . We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained.”



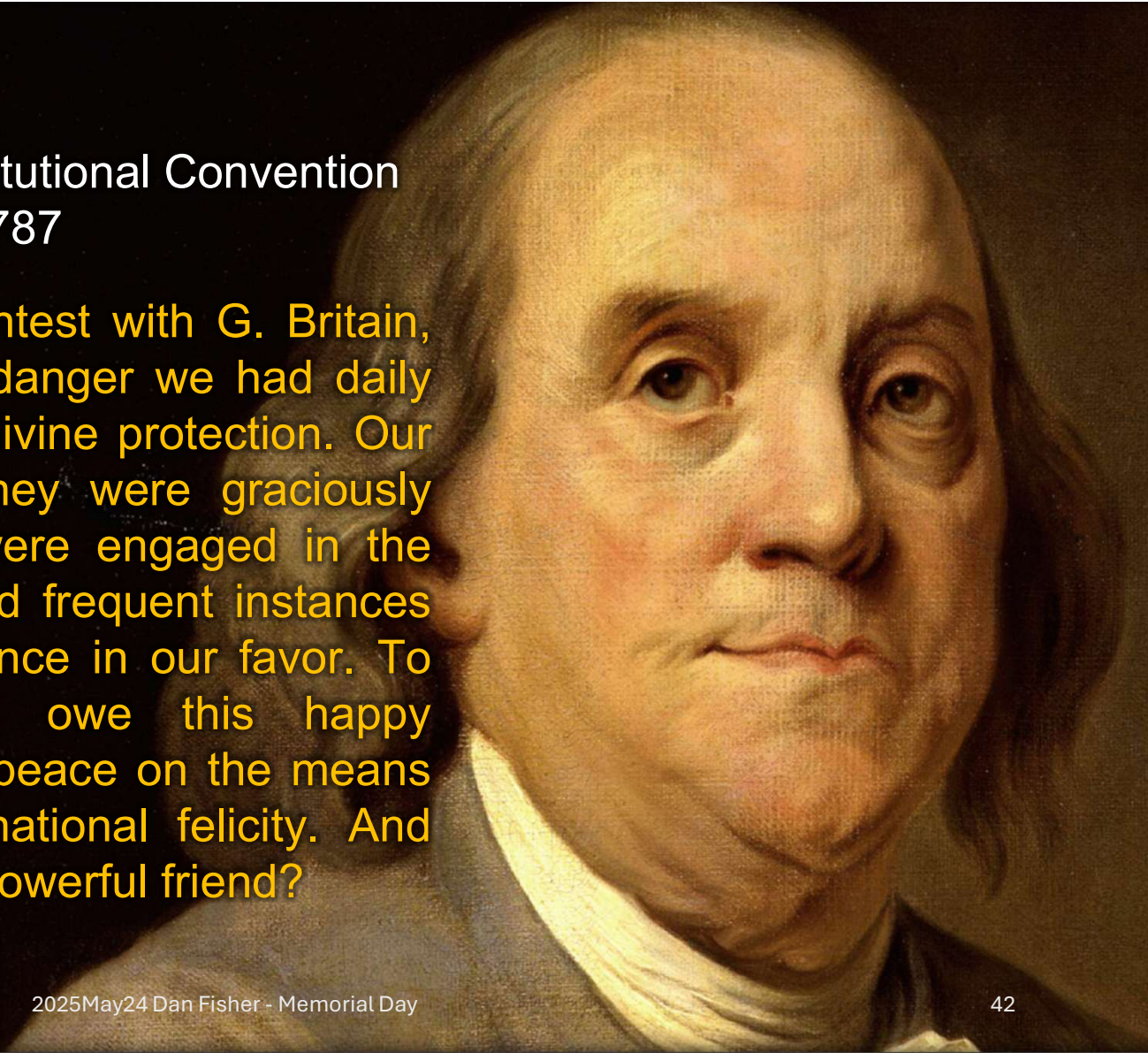
Washington, Day of Thanksgiving
Proclamation, Oct 3, 1789

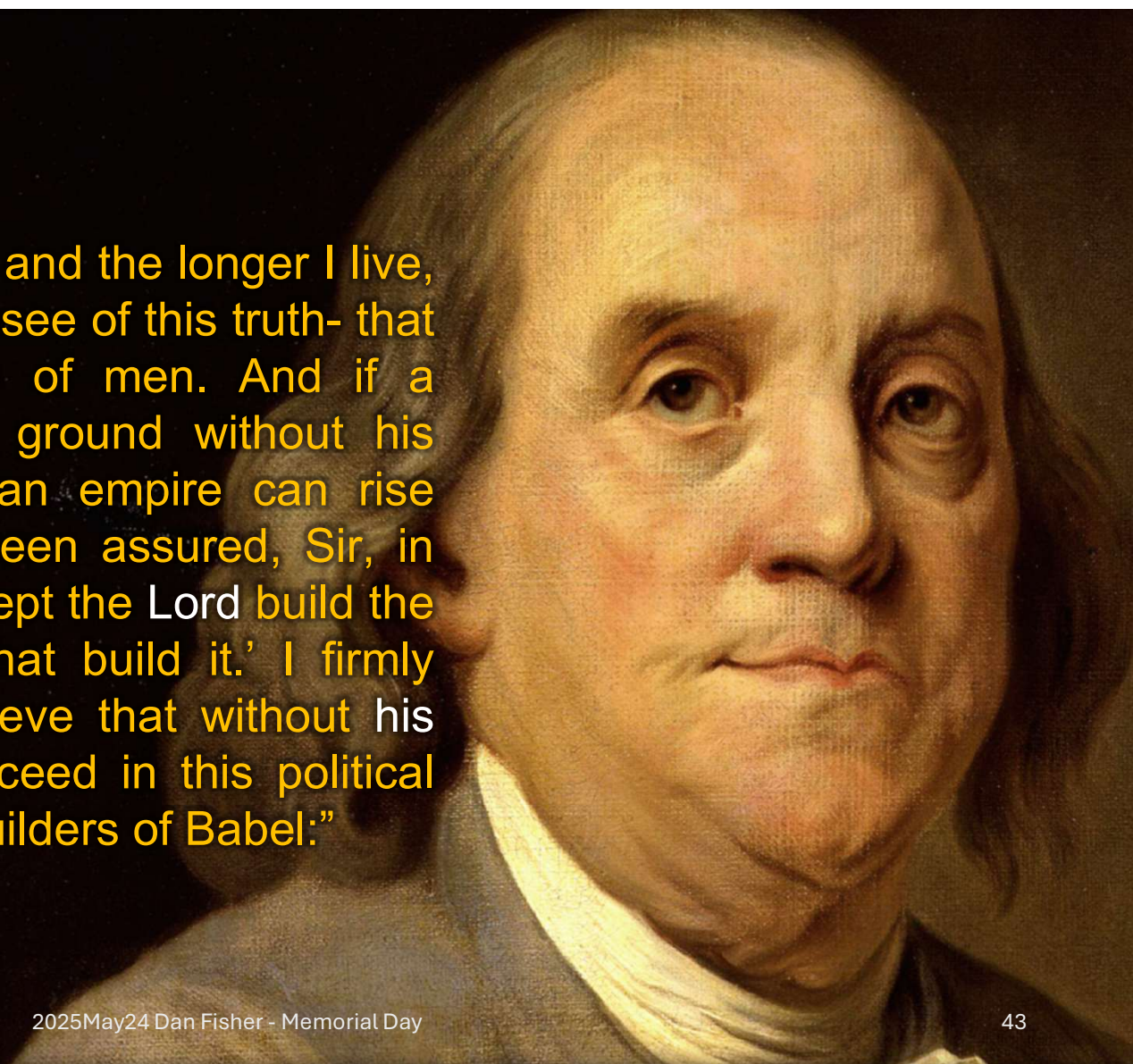
“Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor ... acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”



Benjamin Franklin to Constitutional Convention
June 28, 1787

“In the beginning of the Contest with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger we had daily prayer in this room for the divine protection. Our prayers were heard and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending providence in our favor. To that kind providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend?



A portrait of Benjamin Franklin, an elderly man with long, wavy hair, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. He is looking slightly to the right of the viewer with a thoughtful expression.

I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth- that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that ‘except the Lord build the House they labor in vain that build it.’ I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel.”

[JA to AA]

XXVIII 119
Saturday Evening 26 April 1777

II 422

I have been lately more remiss, than usual in writing to you. There has been a great Lack of News. Nothing from England nothing from France, Spain, or any other Part of Europe, nothing from the West Indies. - Nothing from Howe and his Associates nothing from General Washington.

There are various Conjectures that Lord Howe is dead, sick, or gone to England, as the Proclamations run in the Name of William Howe only, and nobody, from New York can tell any thing of his Lordship.

I am wearied out, with Expectations that the Massachusetts Troops would have arrived, & arrived, at Head Quarters. - Do our People intend to leave the Government in the Lurch? Do they mean to Submit? or what Stability attends them? -

With the noblest Prize in View that ever Metals could hold for, and with the fairest Prospect of obtaining it upon ~~any~~ easy Terms, The People of the Massachusetts Bay, are dead. -

Does our State intend to send out half, or a third of their Quota? Do they wish to see another, crippled, distressed and disgracefull Campaign for want of an Army? - a I am, more sick and more ashamed of my own Countrymen, than ever I was before. - The Spleen, the Vapours, the Disorders, the Horrors, seem to have seized our whole State. -

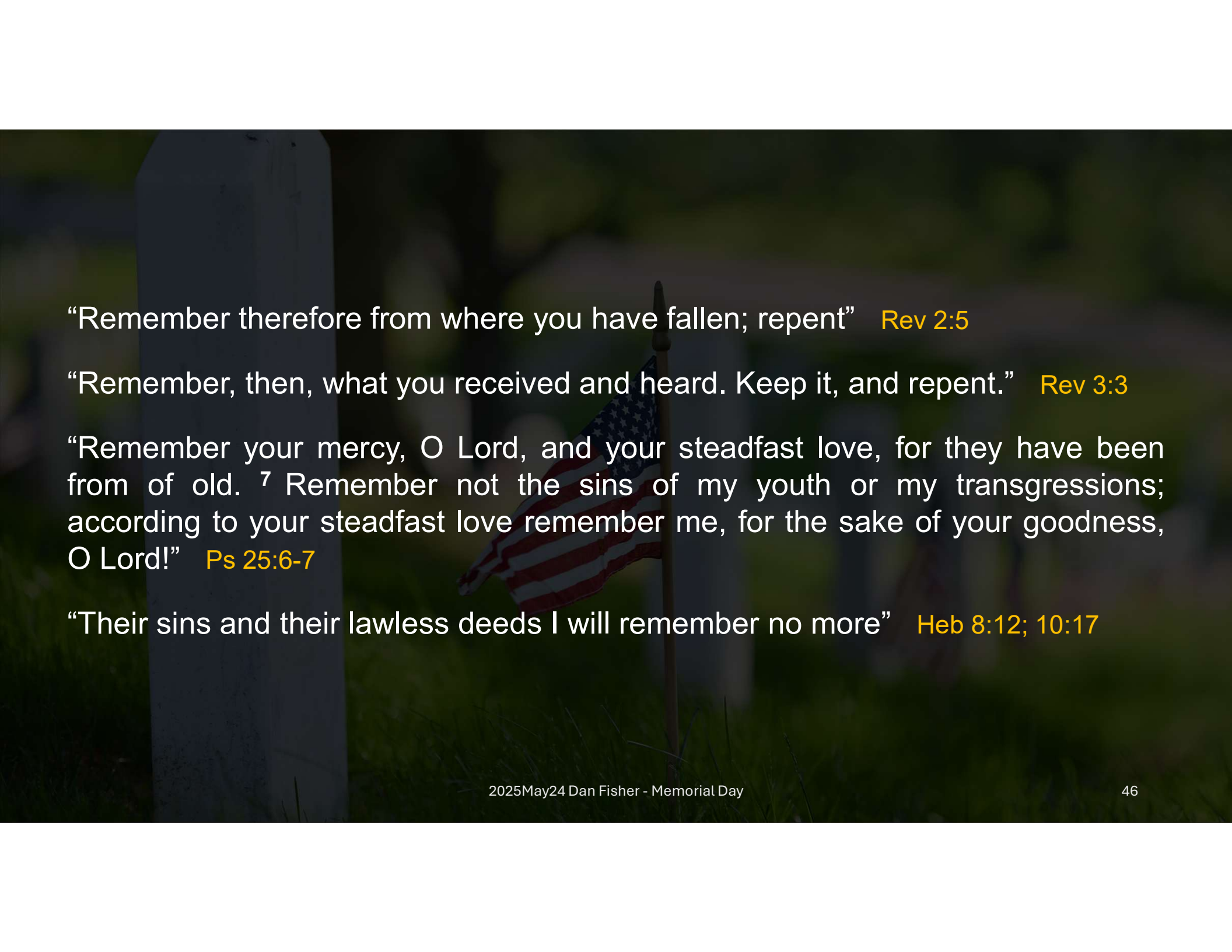




[JA to AA] *Saturday Evening 26 April 1777* ^{XXVIII 119}
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and more apprehensive of my own Consequences, than ever I
was before. — The Spleen, the Nerves, the Stomach, the
Horror, seem to have seized, our whole State. —

**John Adams to Abigail
Saturday Evening, Apr 26, 1777**

“Posterity! You will never know, how much it cost the present Generation, to preserve your Freedom! I hope you will make a good Use of it. If you do not, I shall repent in Heaven, that I ever took half the Pains to preserve it.”



“Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent” **Rev 2:5**

“Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent.” **Rev 3:3**

“Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!” **Ps 25:6-7**

“Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more” **Heb 8:12; 10:17**



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KNOWN BUT TO GOD

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