



Experiencing Part 1: Have You, do you experience God?

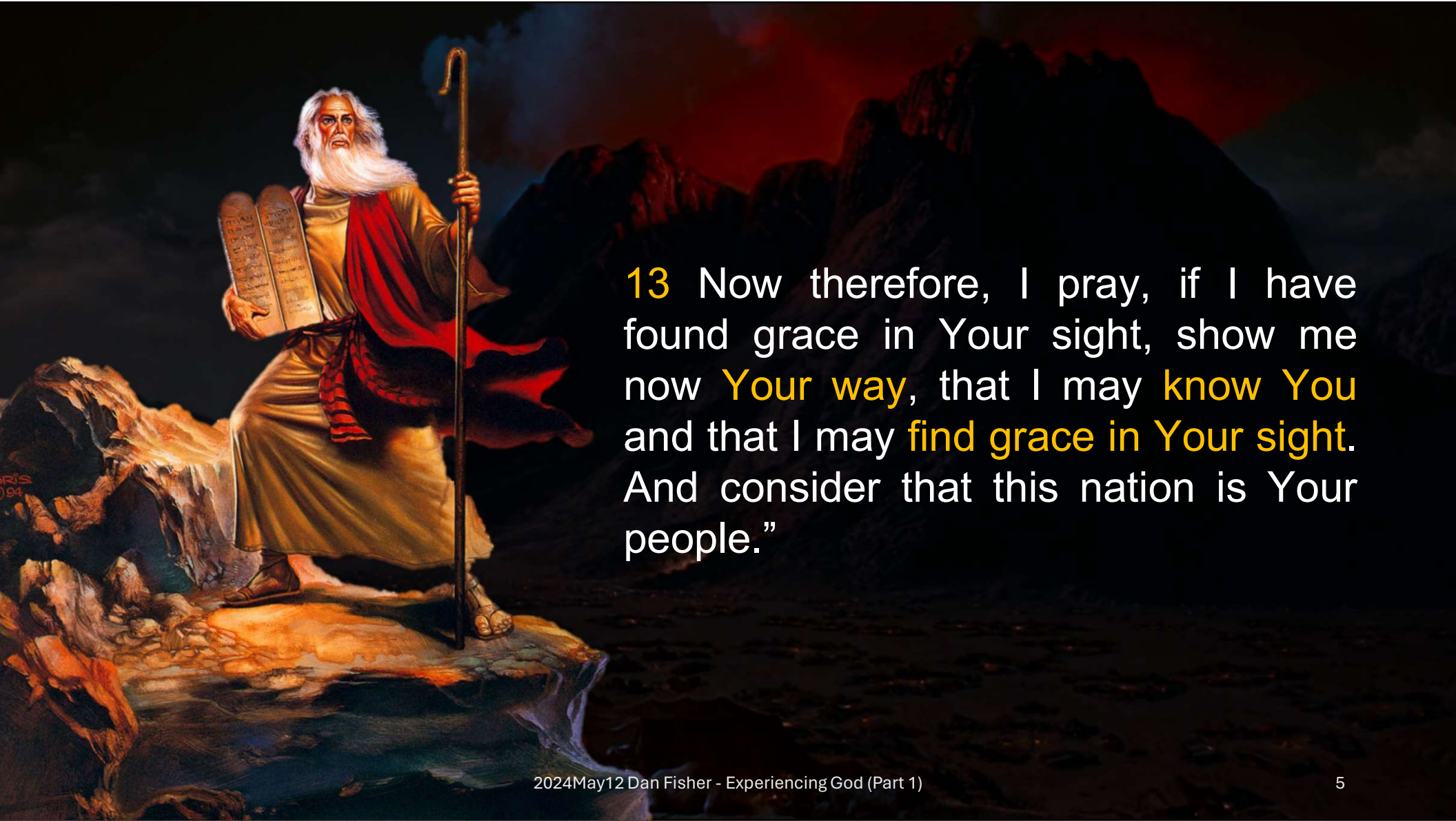




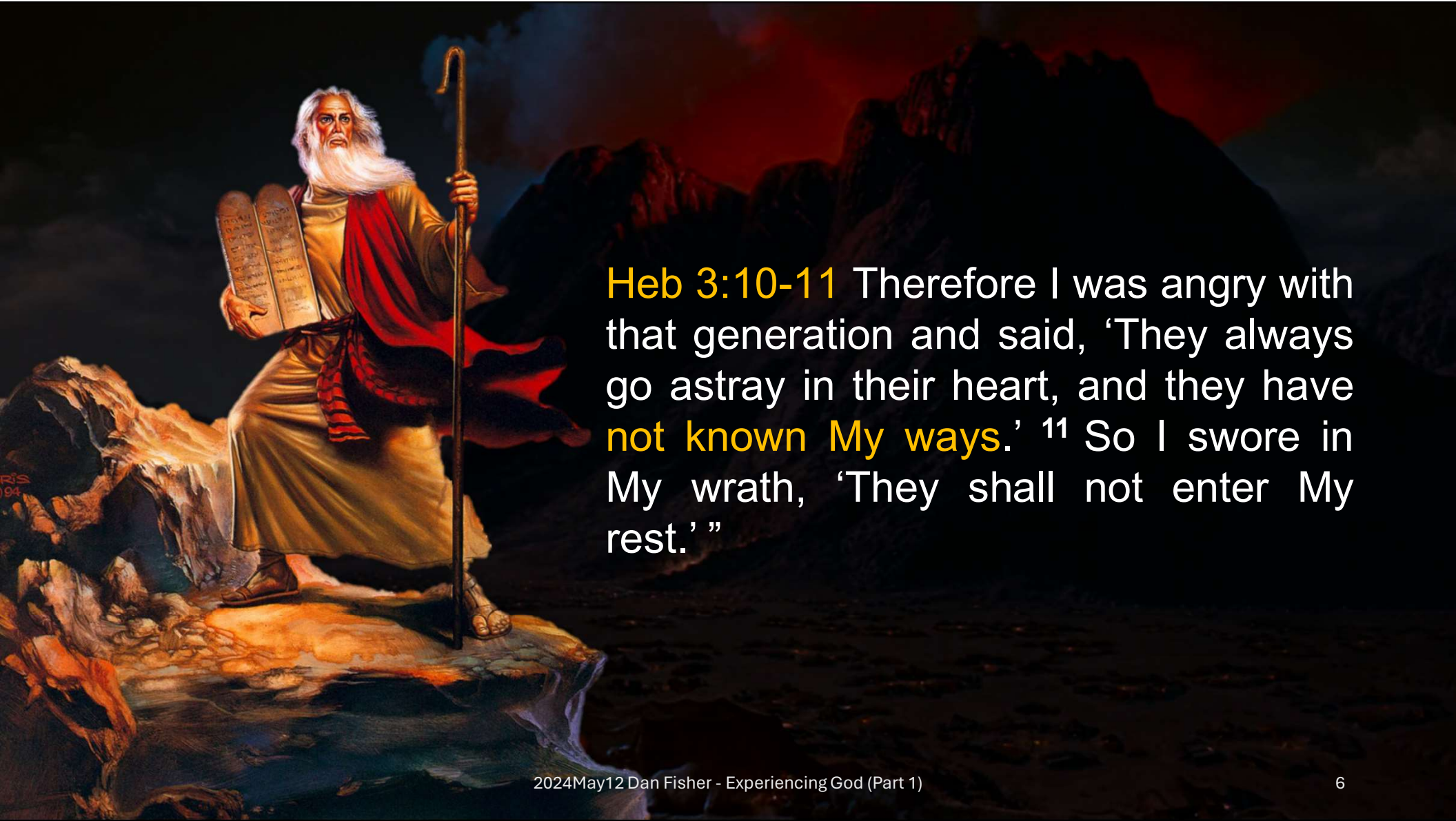
Ex 33:1-3 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Depart and go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘To your descendants I will give it.’² And I will send My Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.³ Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.”



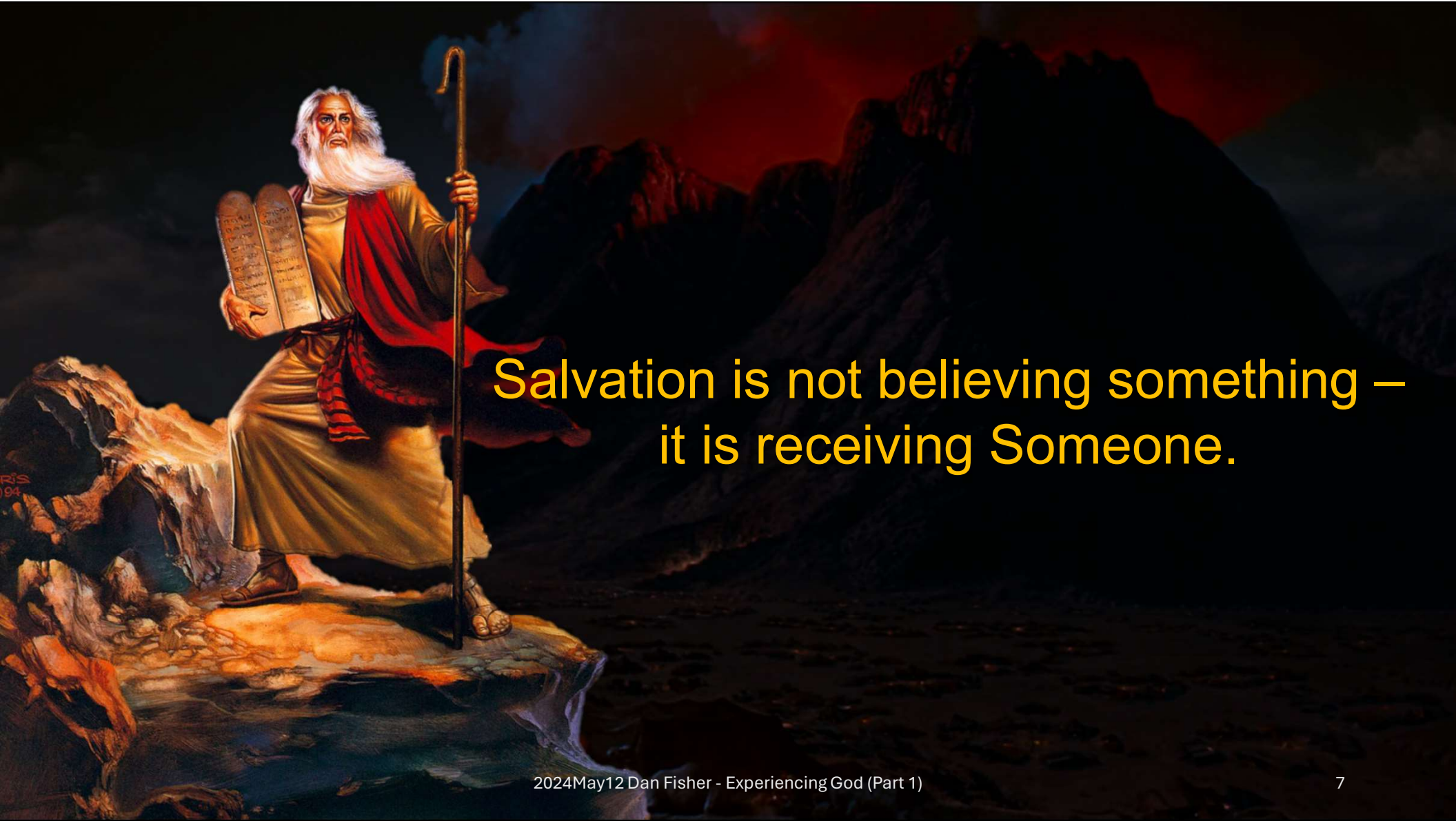
14-17 And He said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”
15 Then he [Moses] said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.” 17 So the Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.”



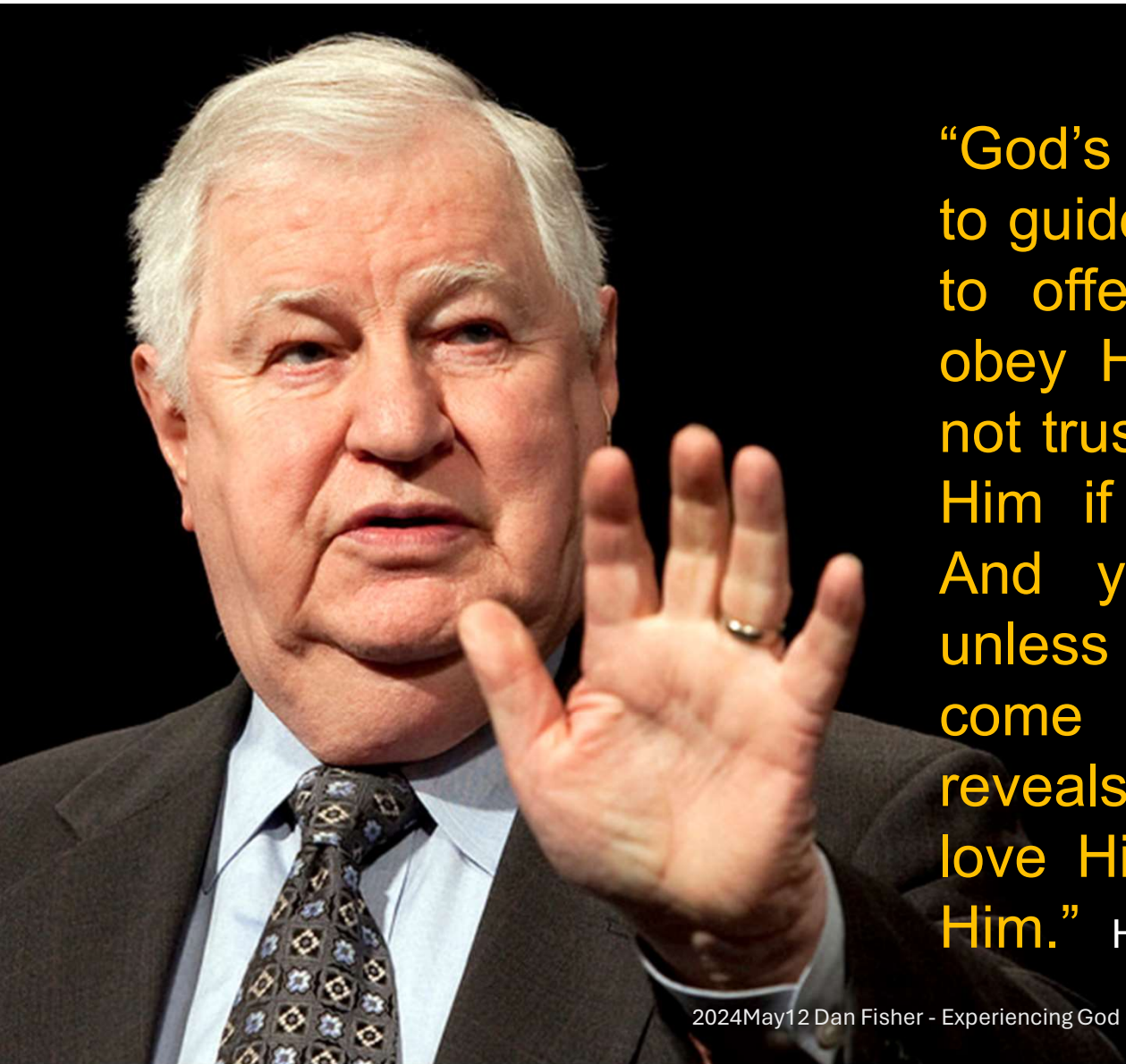
13 Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now **Your way**, that I may **know You** and that I may **find grace in Your sight**. And consider that this nation is Your people.”



Heb 3:10-11 Therefore I was angry with that generation and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart, and they have **not known My ways.**’ ¹¹ So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ”



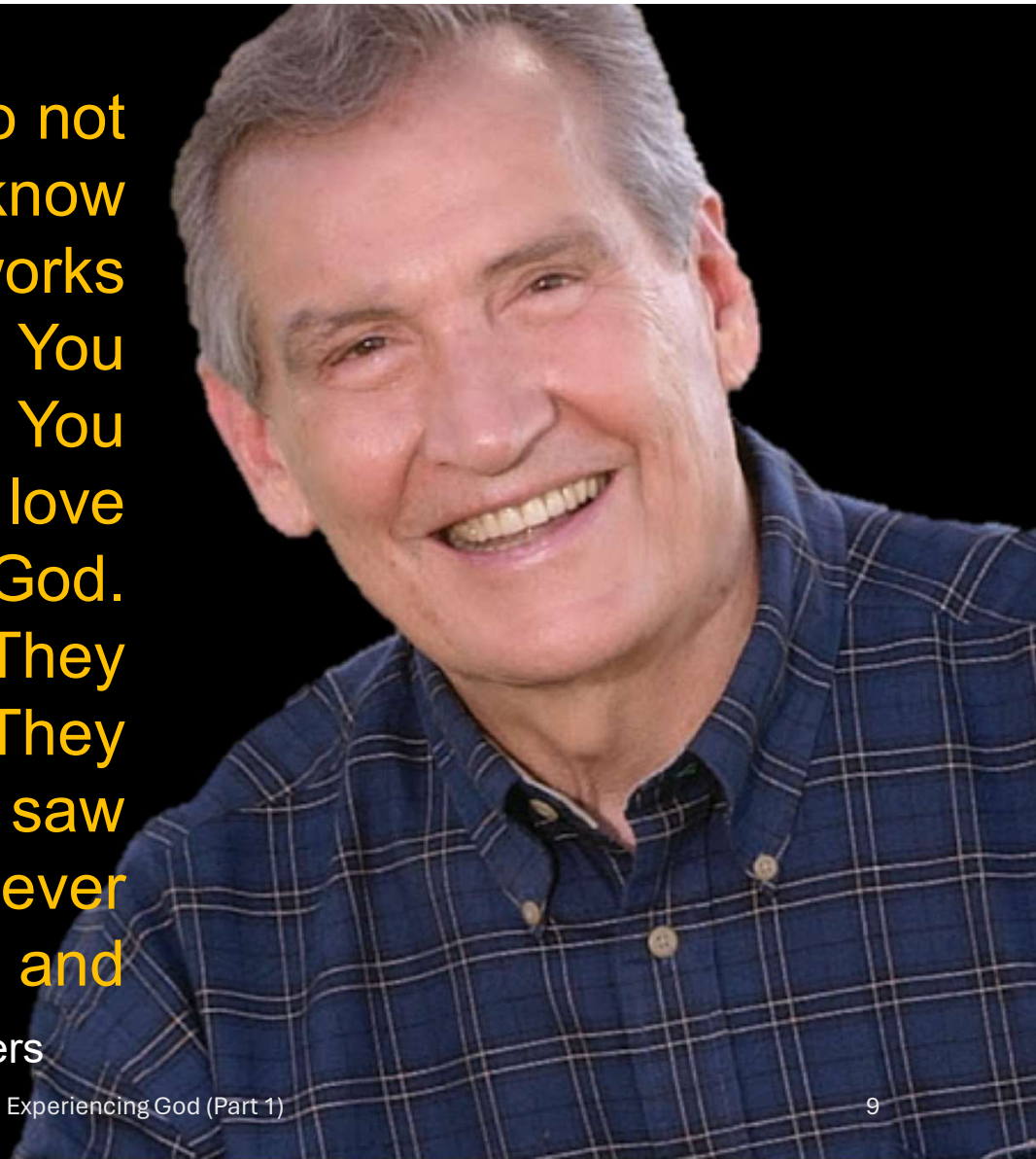
Salvation is not believing something –
it is receiving Someone.

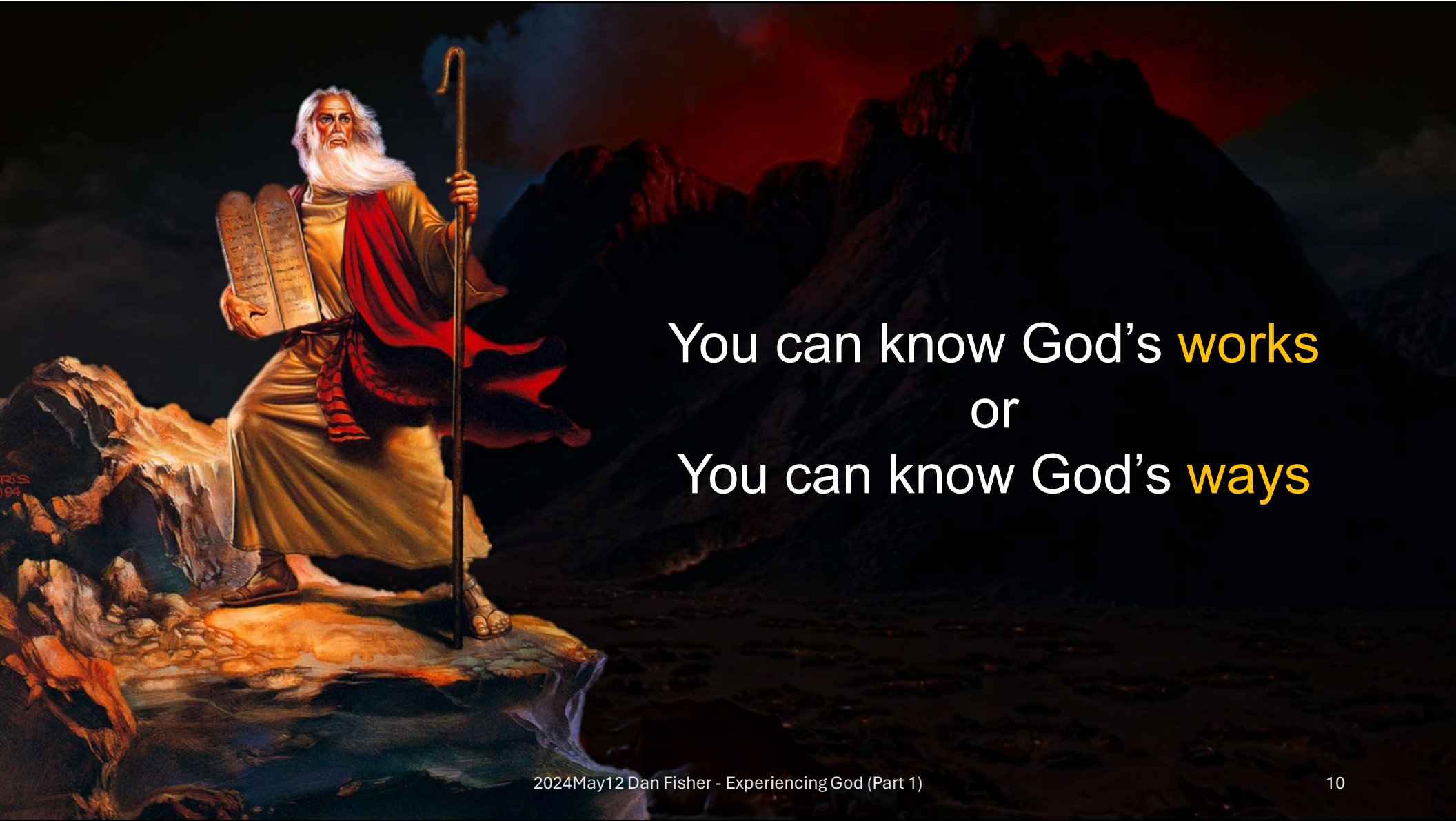


“God’s commands are designed to guide you to the best He has to offer. You will struggle to obey Him, however, if you do not trust Him. You will not trust Him if you do not love Him. And you will not love Him unless you know Him. But if you come to know Him as He reveals Himself to you, you will love Him, trust Him, and obey Him.” Henry Blackaby

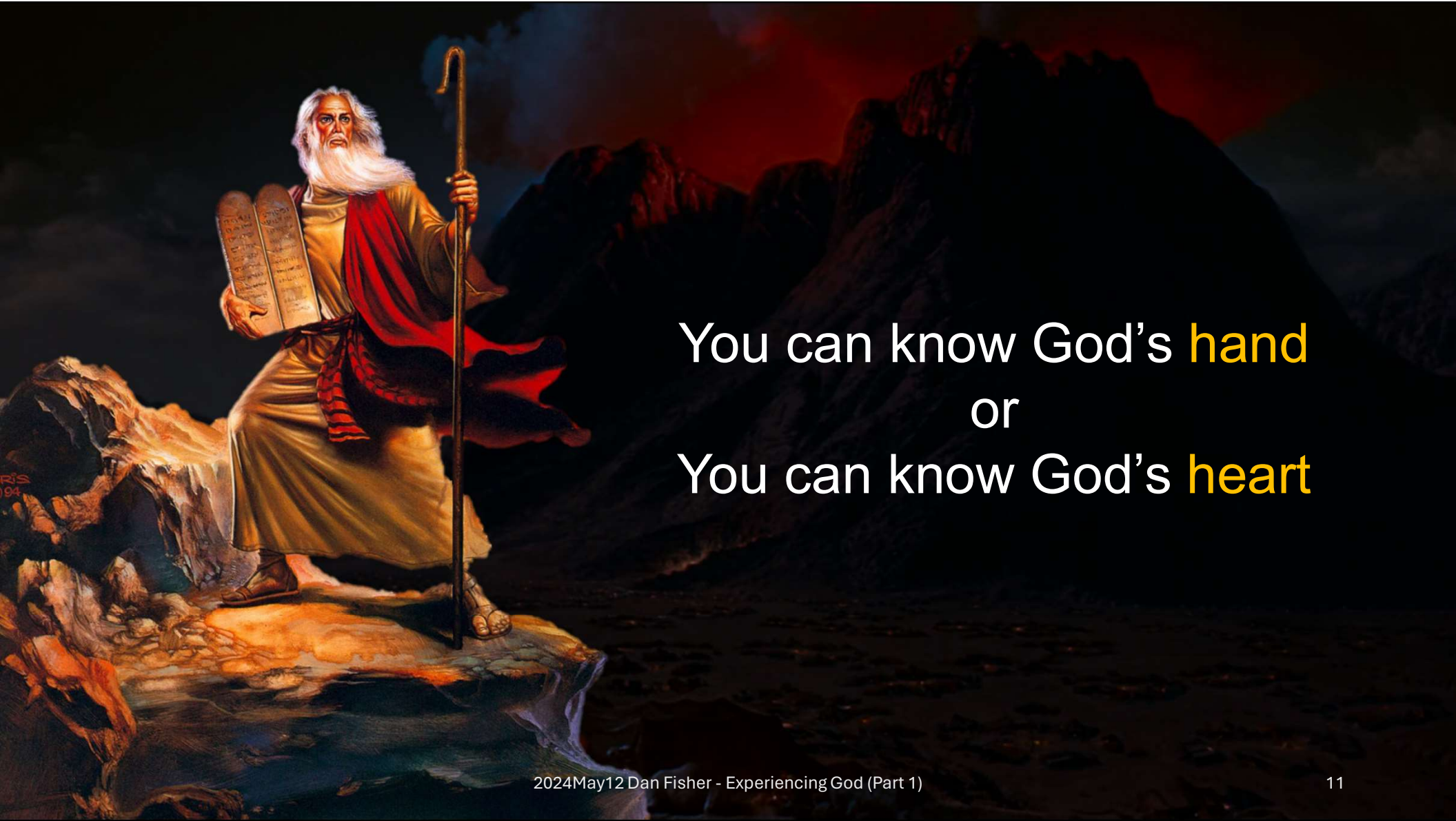
“You can’t trust someone you do not know. And you cannot know someone if all you see is their works and you don’t know their ways. You have to know an individual. You have to know their ways to love them. Israel saw the works of God. They saw the miracles of God. They saw the plagues on Egypt. They saw the Red Sea opened. They saw all these things, but they never understood the ways of God, and they never found rest.” Adrian Rogers

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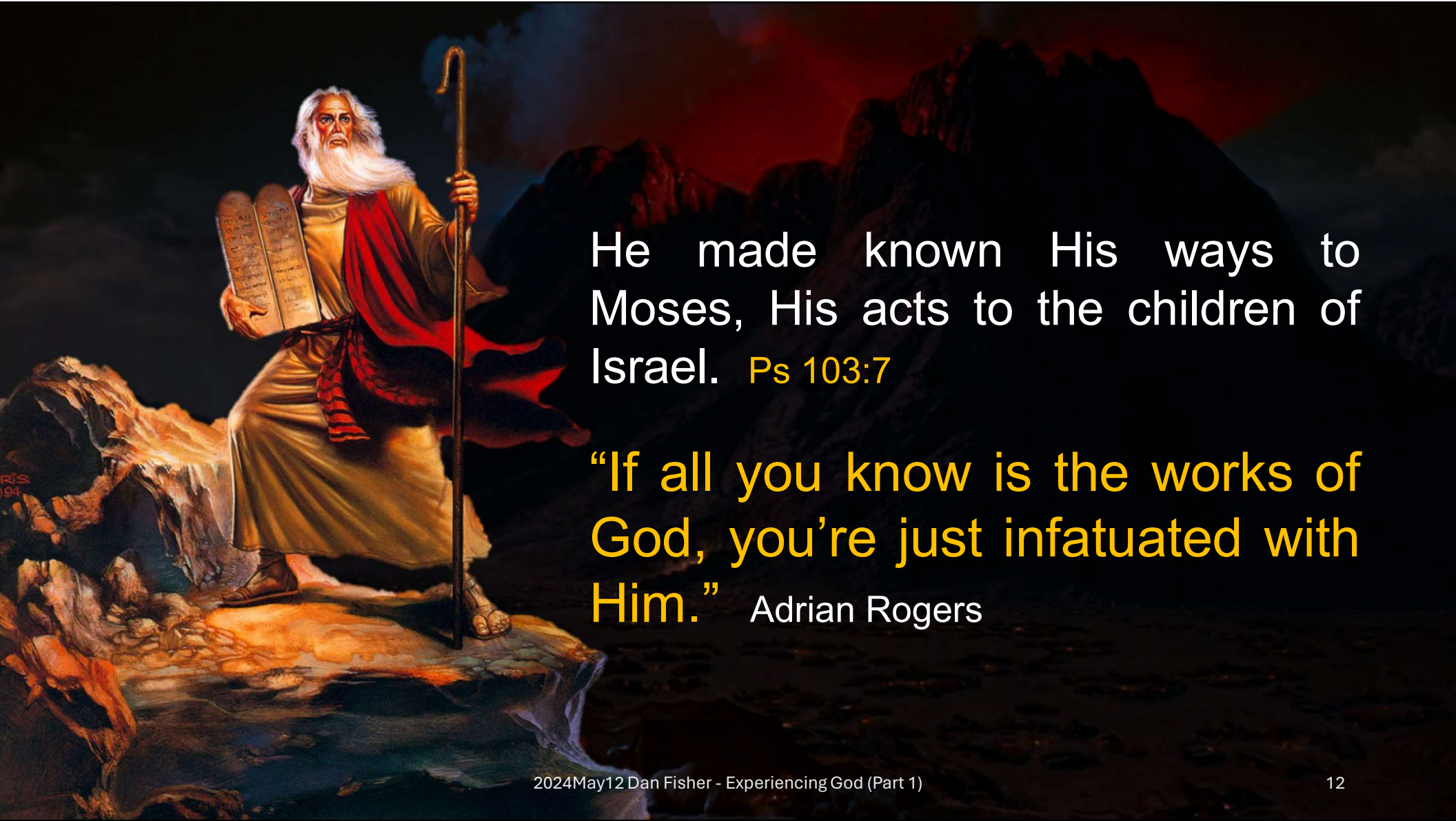




You can know God's **works**
or
You can know God's **ways**

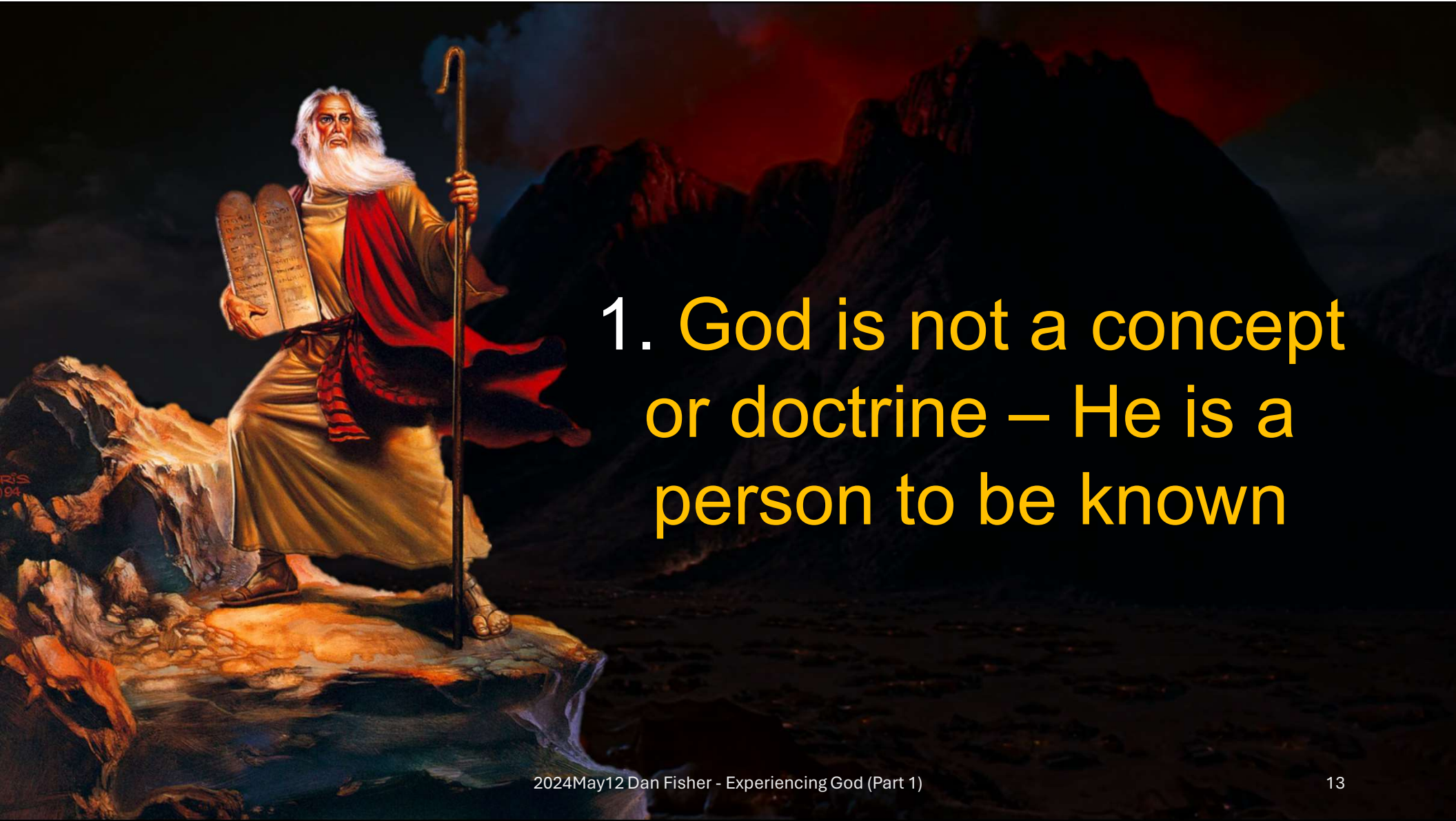


You can know God's **hand**
or
You can know God's **heart**

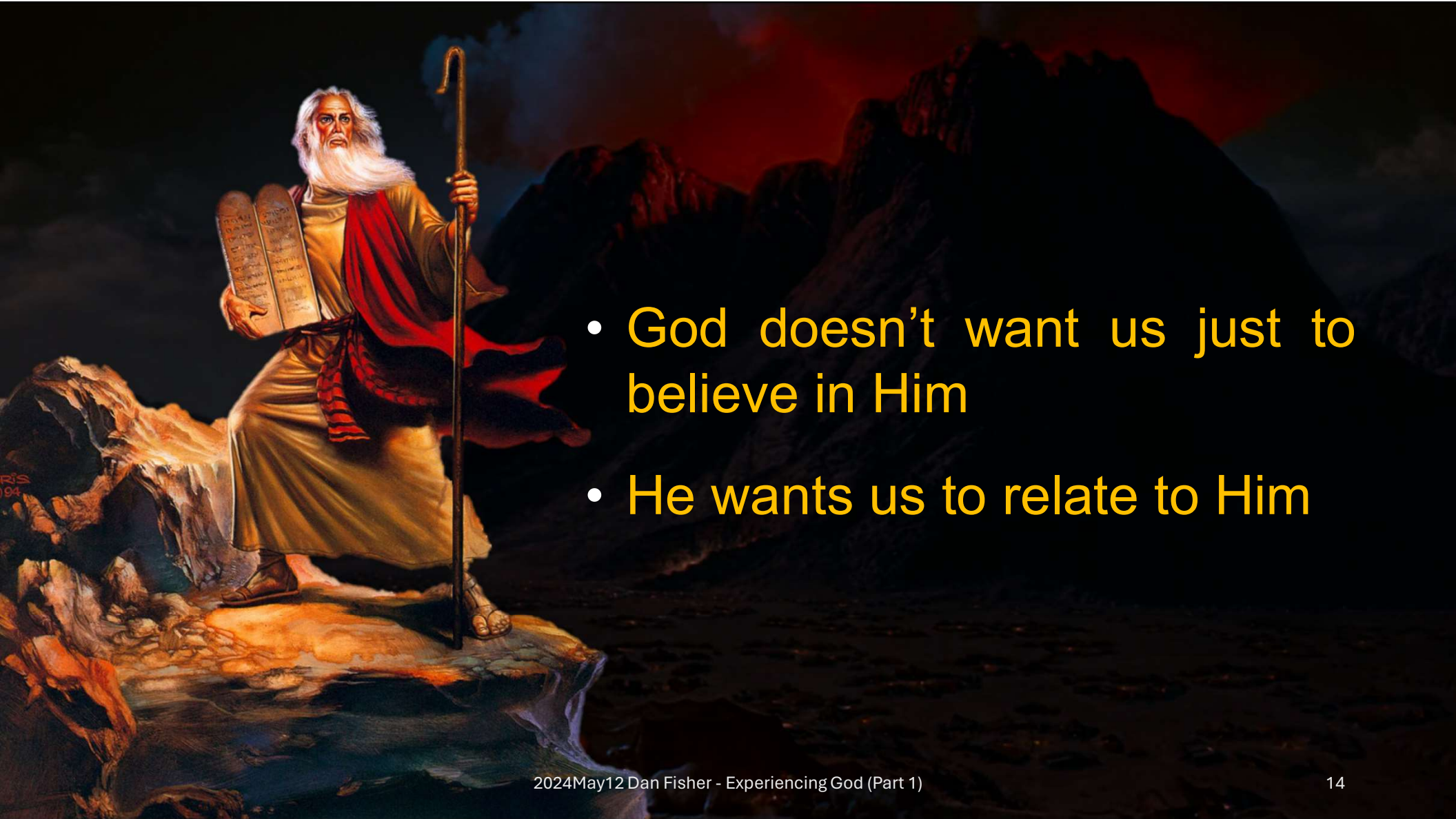


He made known His ways to
Moses, His acts to the children of
Israel. Ps 103:7

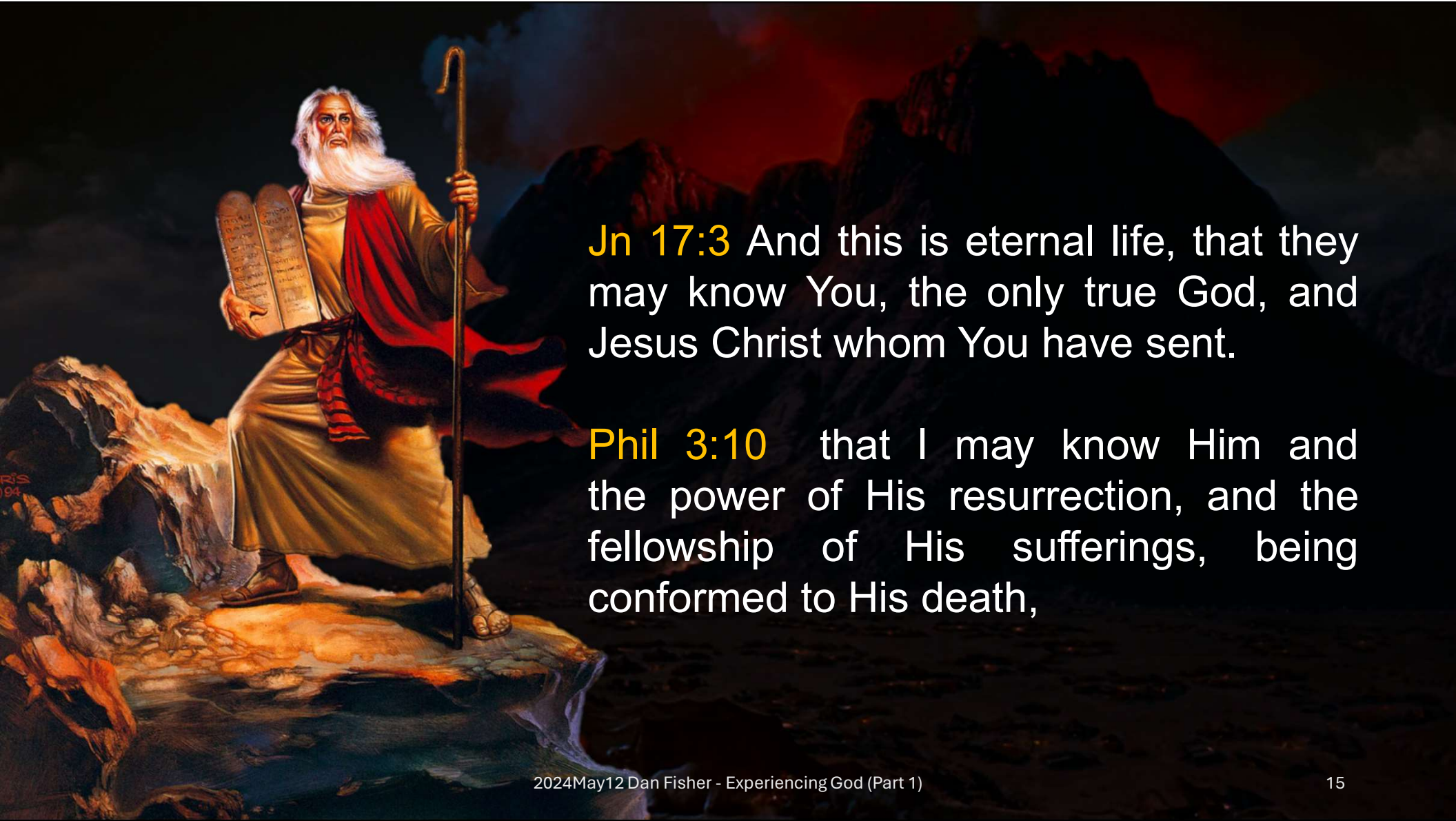
“If all you know is the works of
God, you’re just infatuated with
Him.” Adrian Rogers



1. God is not a concept or doctrine – He is a person to be known



- God doesn't want us just to believe in Him
- He wants us to relate to Him



Jn 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

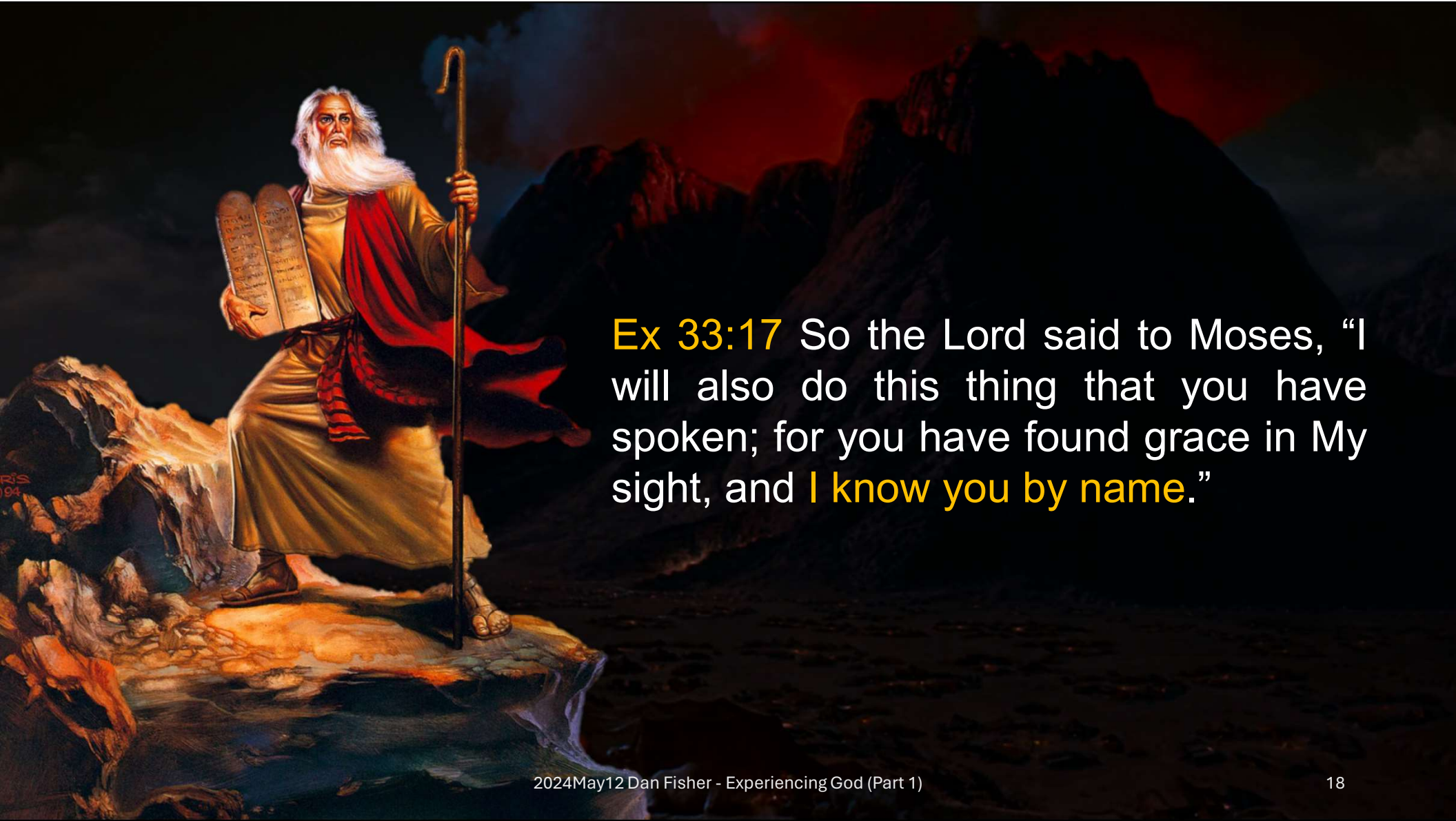
Phil 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,



2. Religious practices cannot create or replace friendship with God



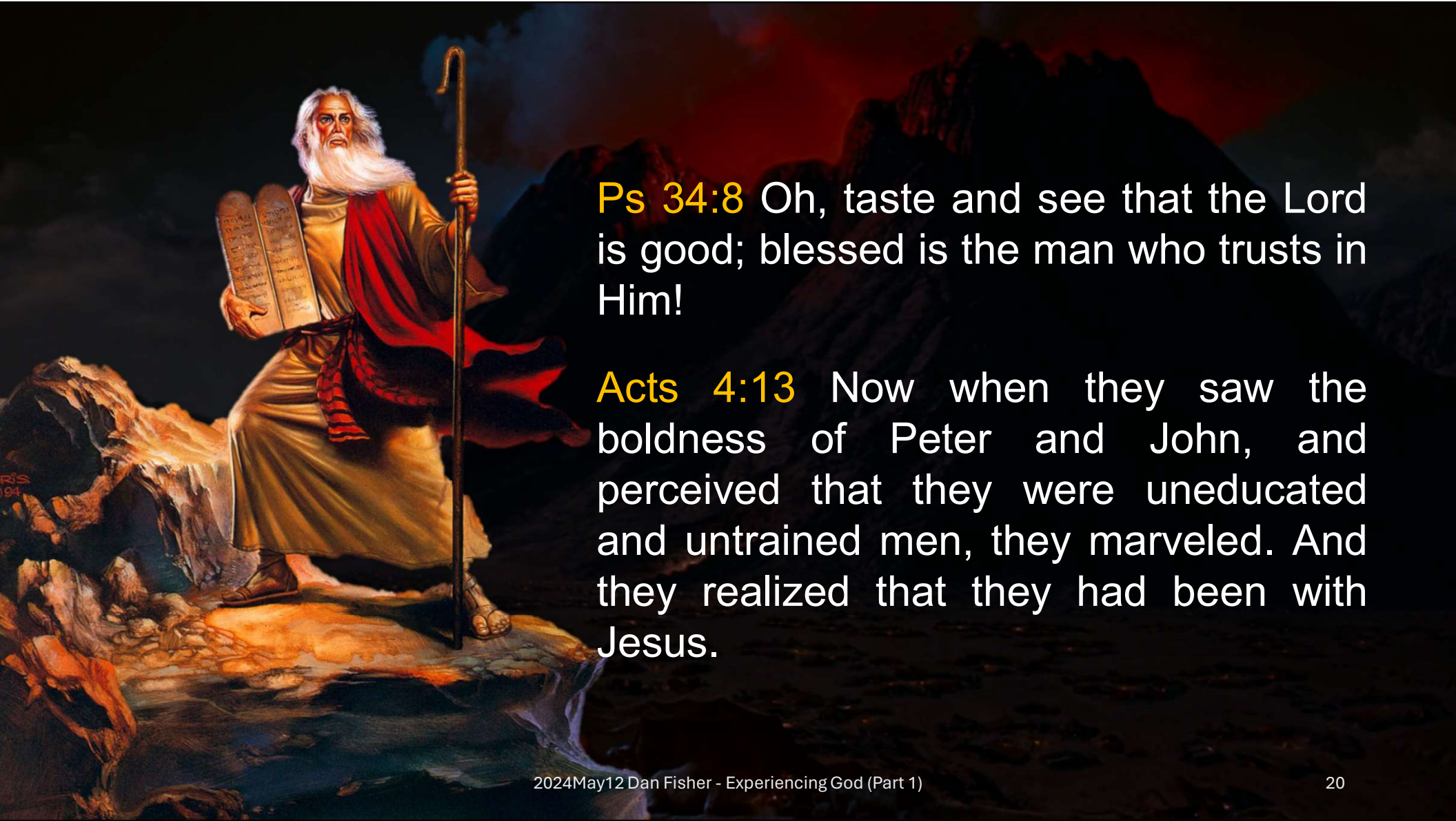
- You cannot know God by hearing sermons about knowing God.
- You cannot know God by reading books about knowing God.
- You cannot know God by doing things for Him.
- You can only know God by spending time with Him.
- You cannot know anyone you do not spend time with.



Ex 33:17 So the Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and **I know you by name.**”

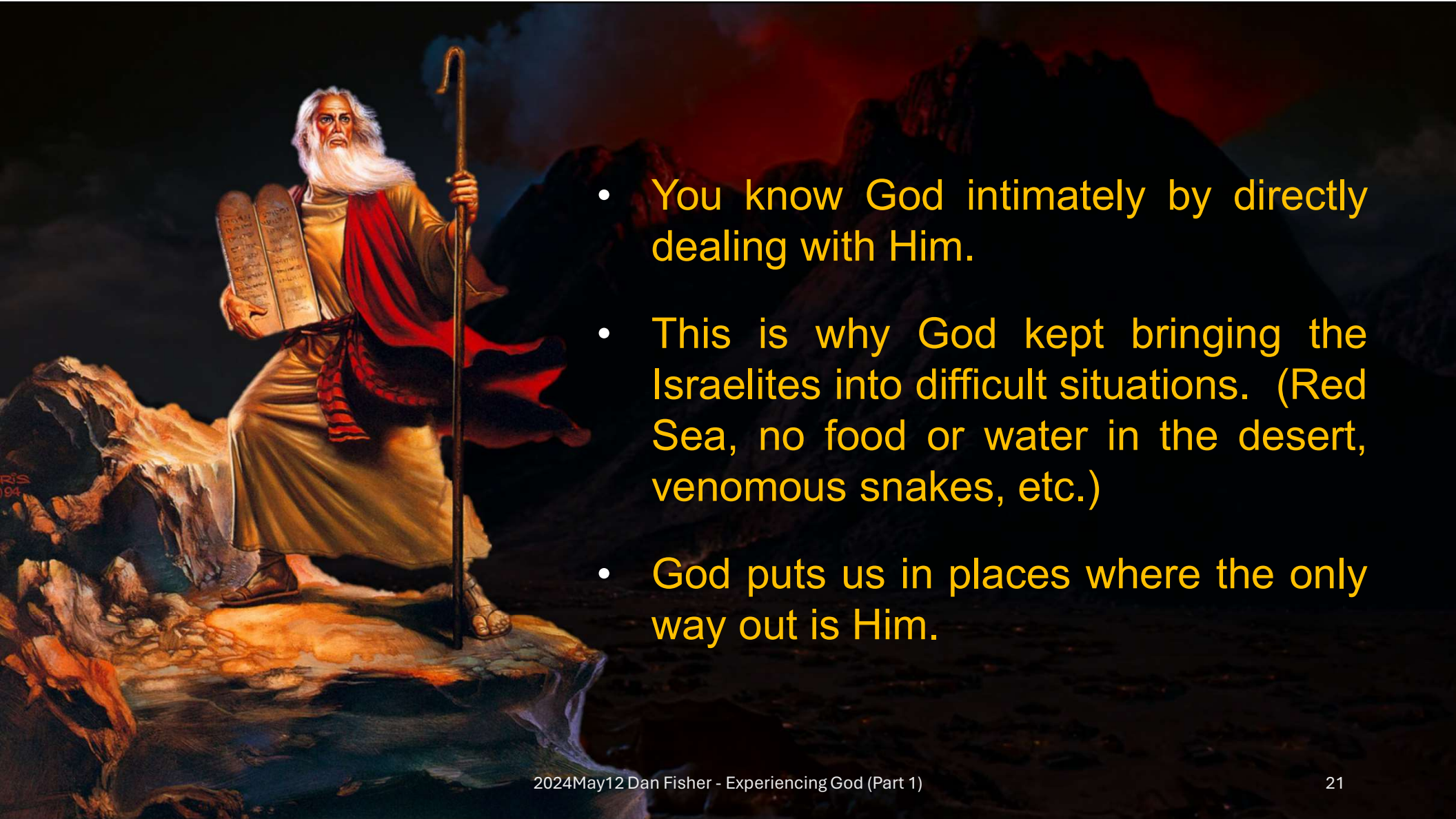


3. You will only know God by experience

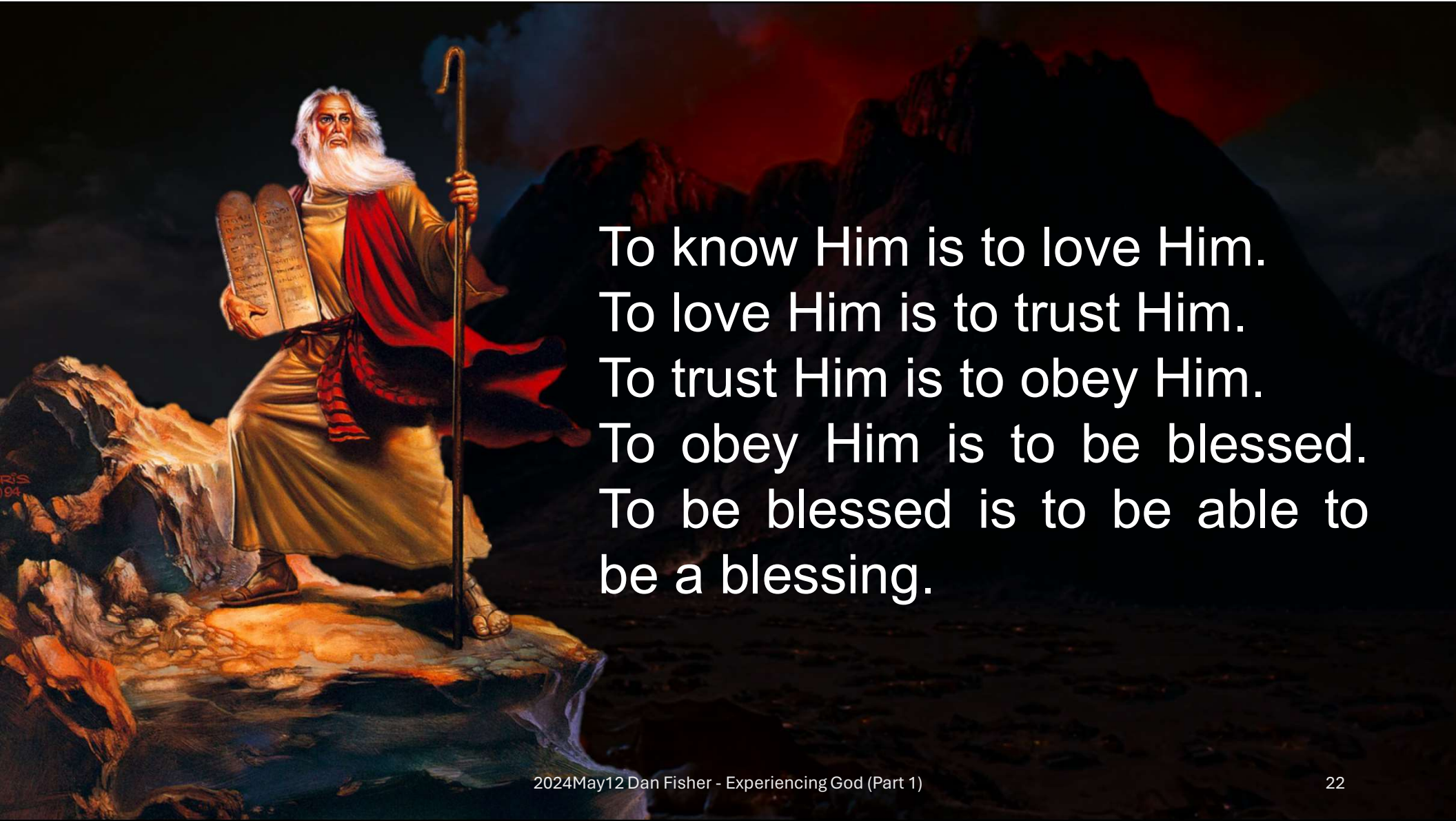


Ps 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

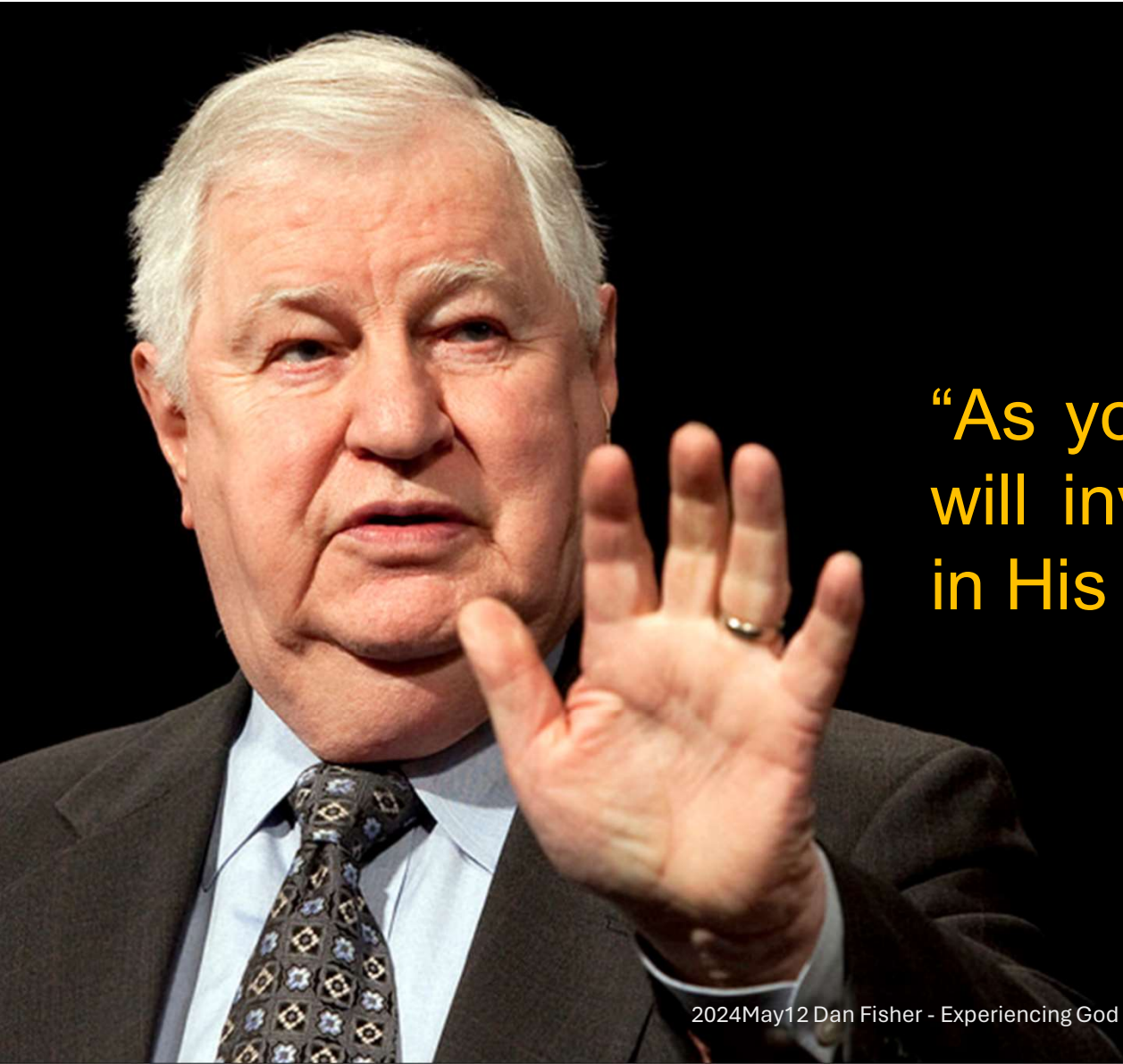
Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.



- You know God intimately by directly dealing with Him.
- This is why God kept bringing the Israelites into difficult situations. (Red Sea, no food or water in the desert, venomous snakes, etc.)
- God puts us in places where the only way out is Him.



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.



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

Henry Blackaby