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Jesus is the King and we are called to to live under His rule and build His Kingdom




The Key to the Kingdom
Matthew 5:17–20

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MATTHEW 5:17 ESV

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MATTHEW 5:18 ESV

Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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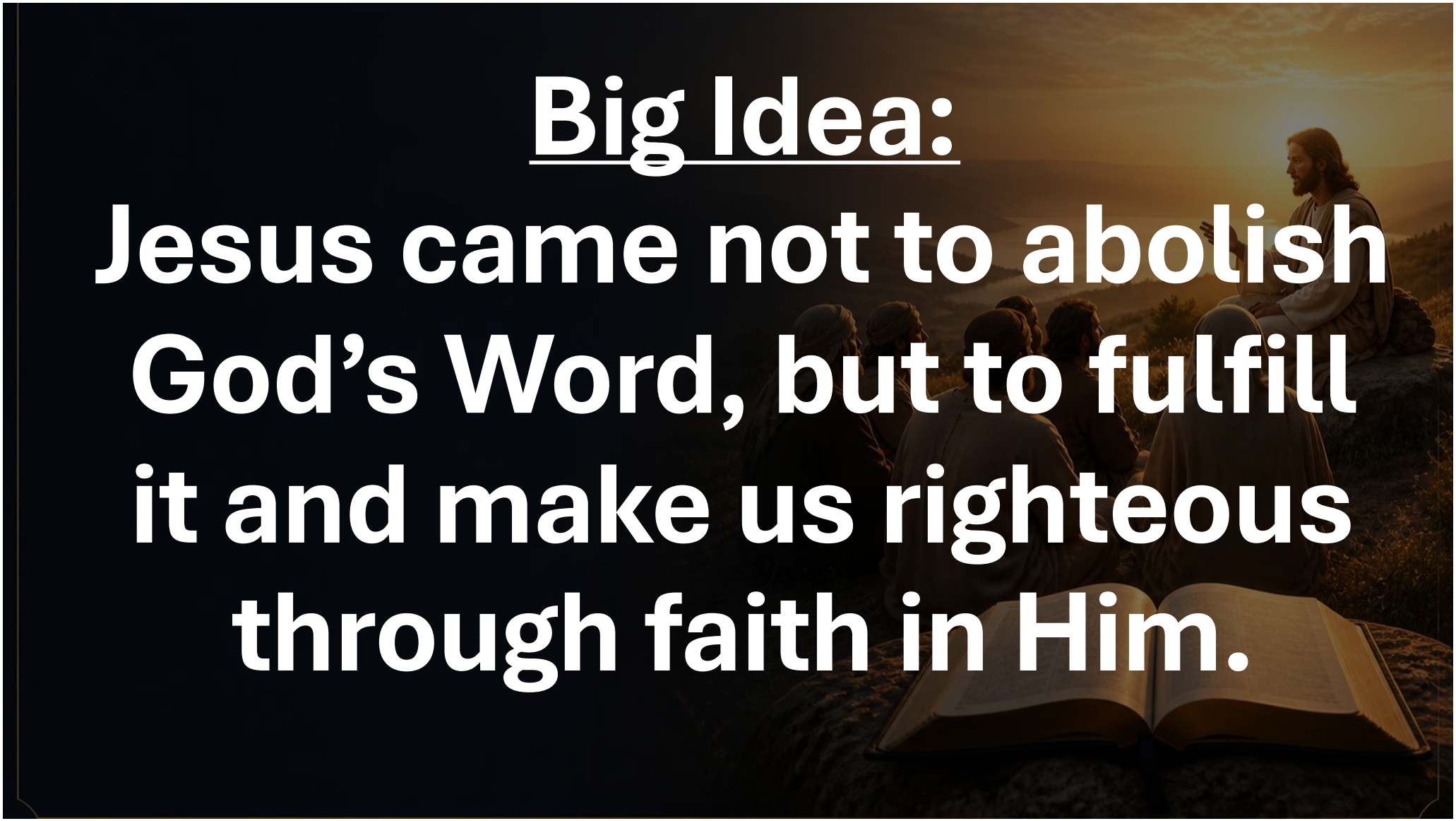
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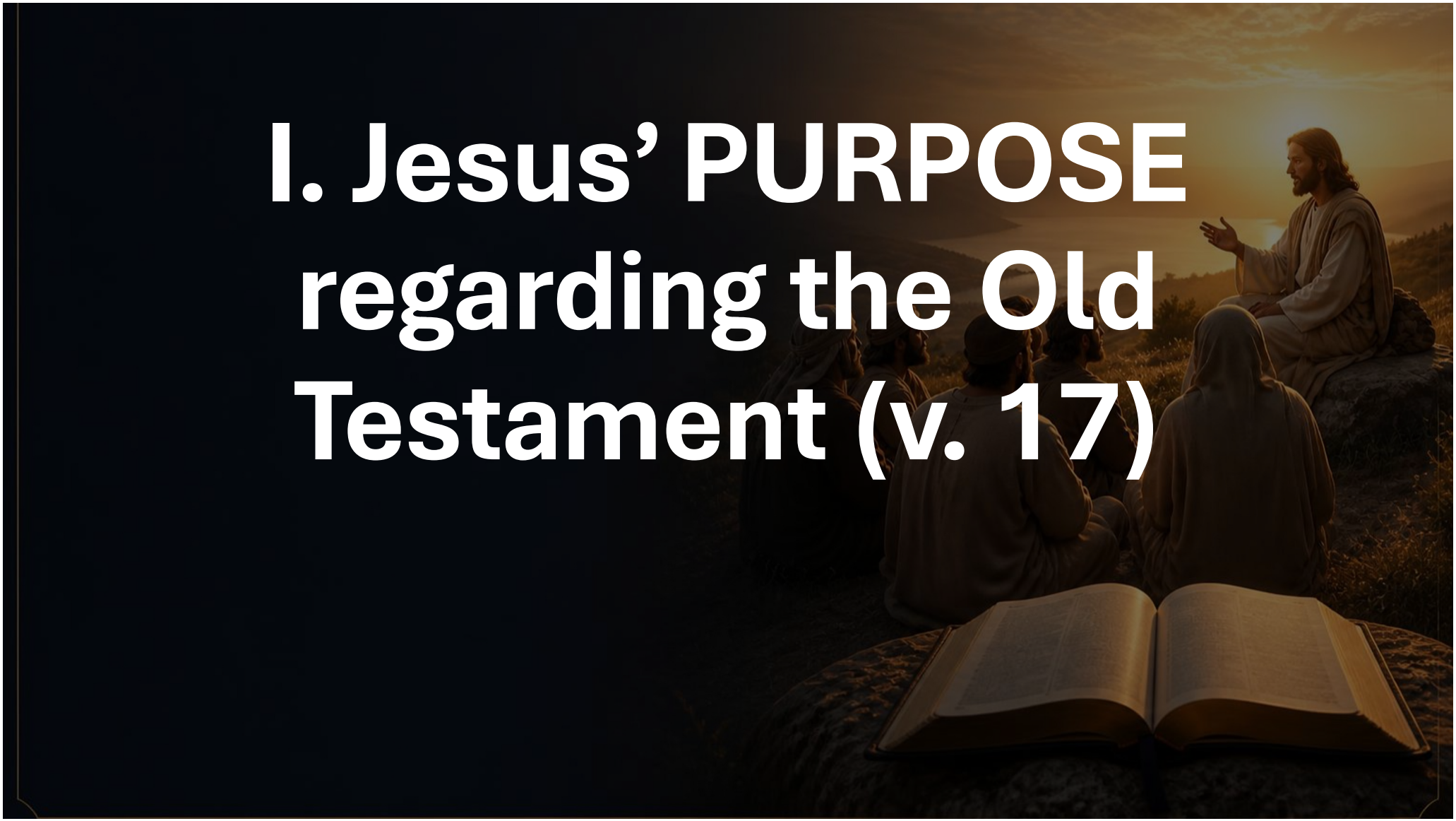
The Word of God for the People of God!

Thanks Be to God!


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I. Jesus' PURPOSE regarding the Old Testament (v. 17)



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MATTHEW 5:17 ESV

“The new is in the old concealed. The old is in the new revealed.”

St. Augustine

OT—Jesus is coming

NT—Jesus is here

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

GENESIS 3:14–15 ESV

Genesis 3:15 (NIV84)

And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
He will crush your head,
and you will strike His heel.”

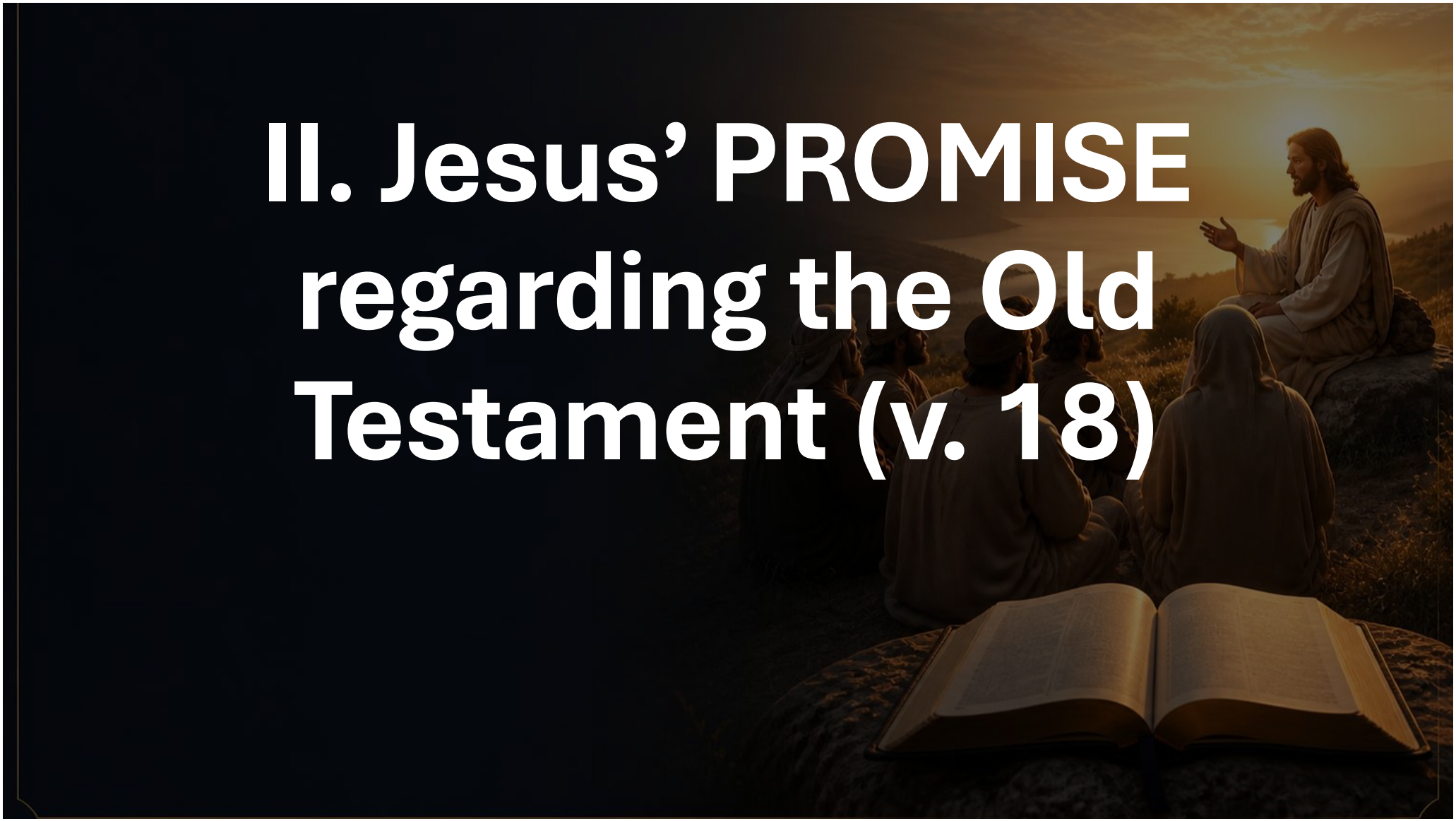
But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.

ISAIAH 53:5 ESV

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

ROMANS 3:21–22 ESV

II. Jesus' PROMISE regarding the Old Testament (v. 18)



For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

MATTHEW 5:18 ESV

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

REVELATION 21:1,3 ESV

Smallest Letter & Stroke

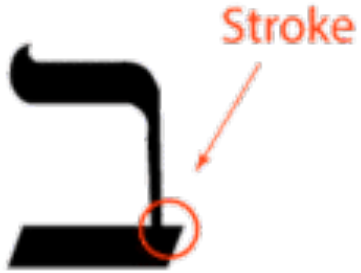
Matthew 5:18

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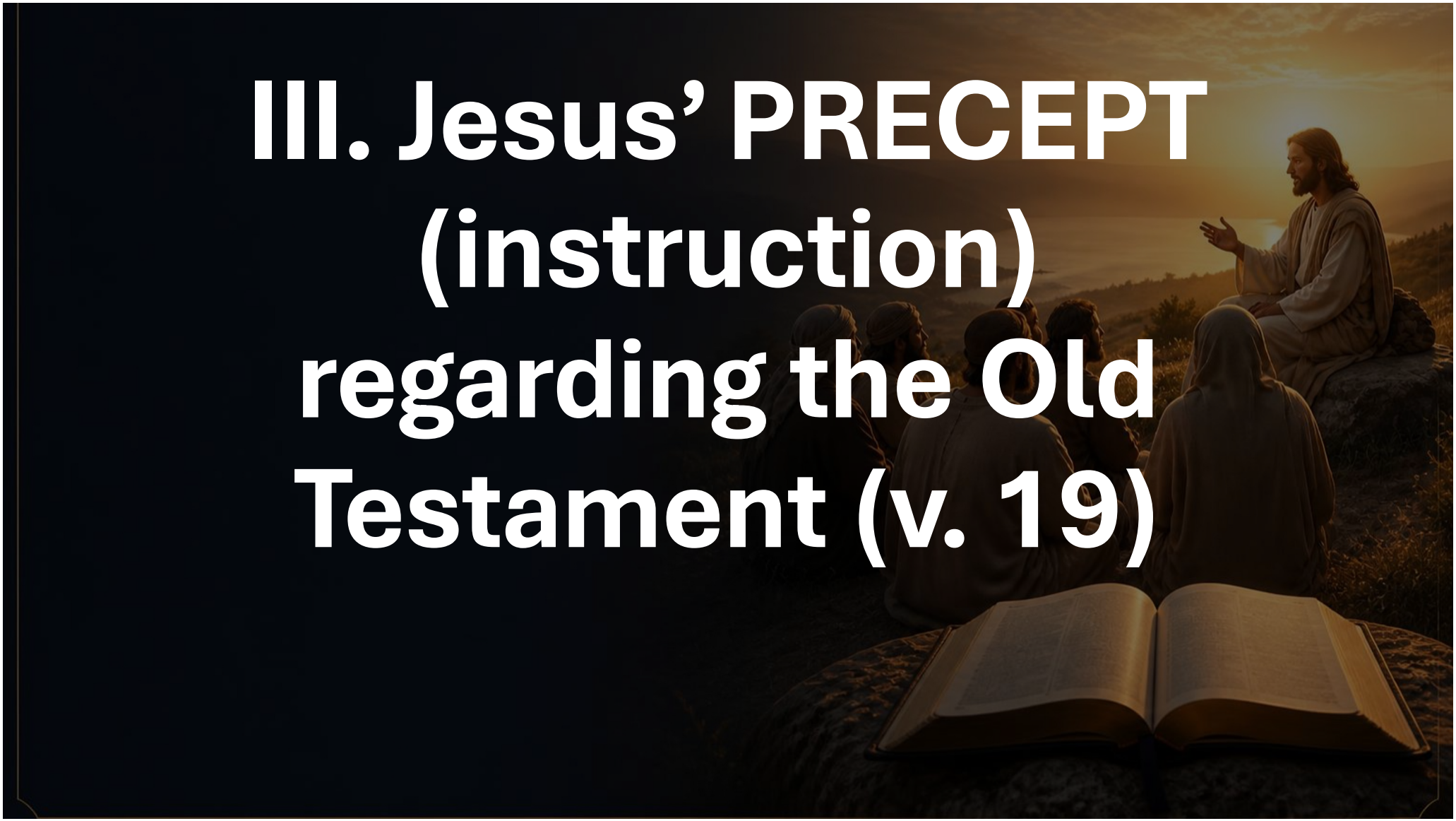
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Dot/tiddle/stroke



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- an extension or ornament

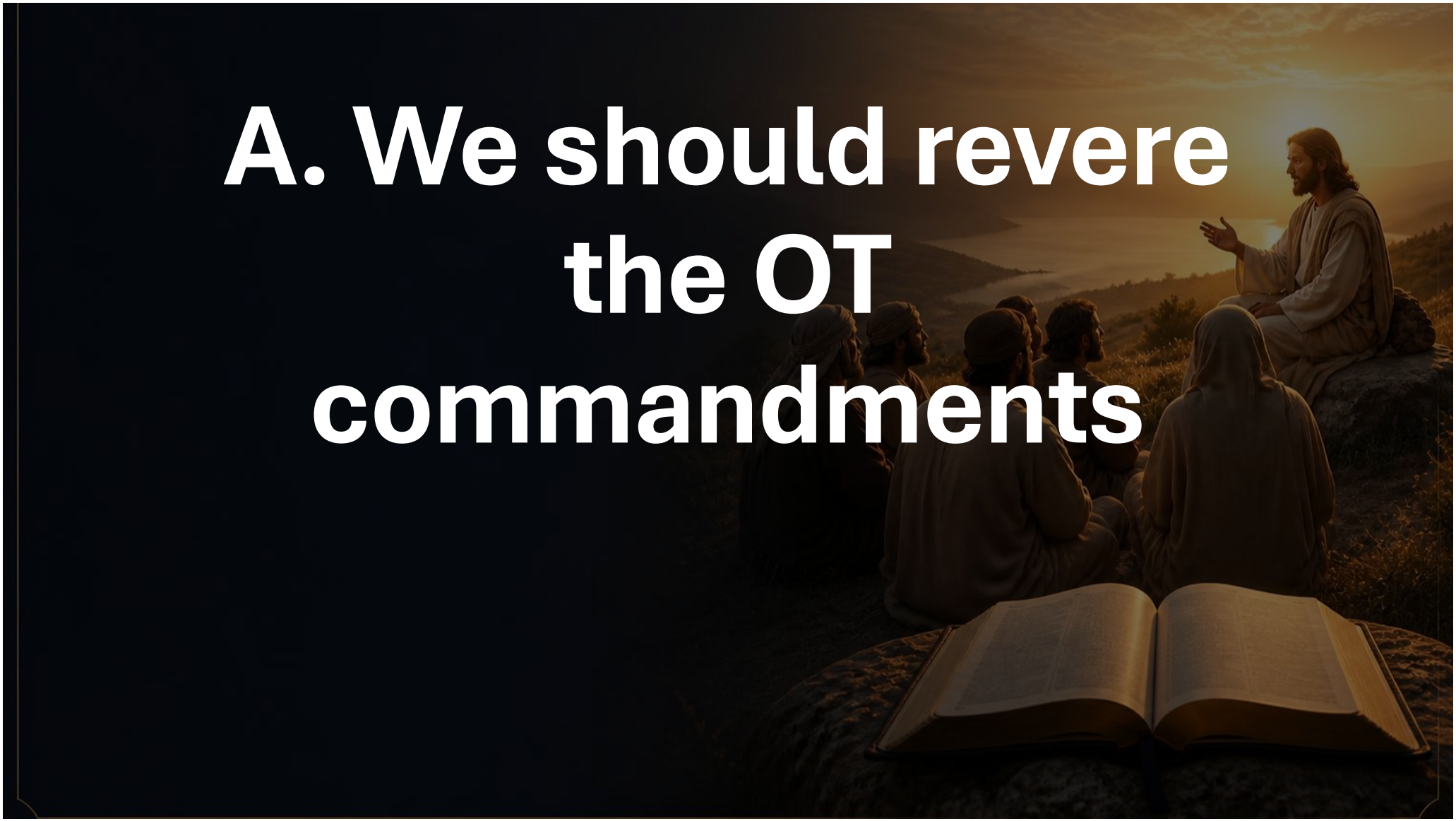
III. Jesus' PRECEPT (instruction) regarding the Old Testament (v. 19)



Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 5:19 ESV

A. We should revere the OT commandments



PSALM 119:15–16

I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

PSALM 119:24

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Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors.

PSALM 119:33–34

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16–17 ESV

B. We should respond to the OT commandments



JAMES 1:22 (ESV)

But be doers of the word,
and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.

C. We should repeat the OT Commandments

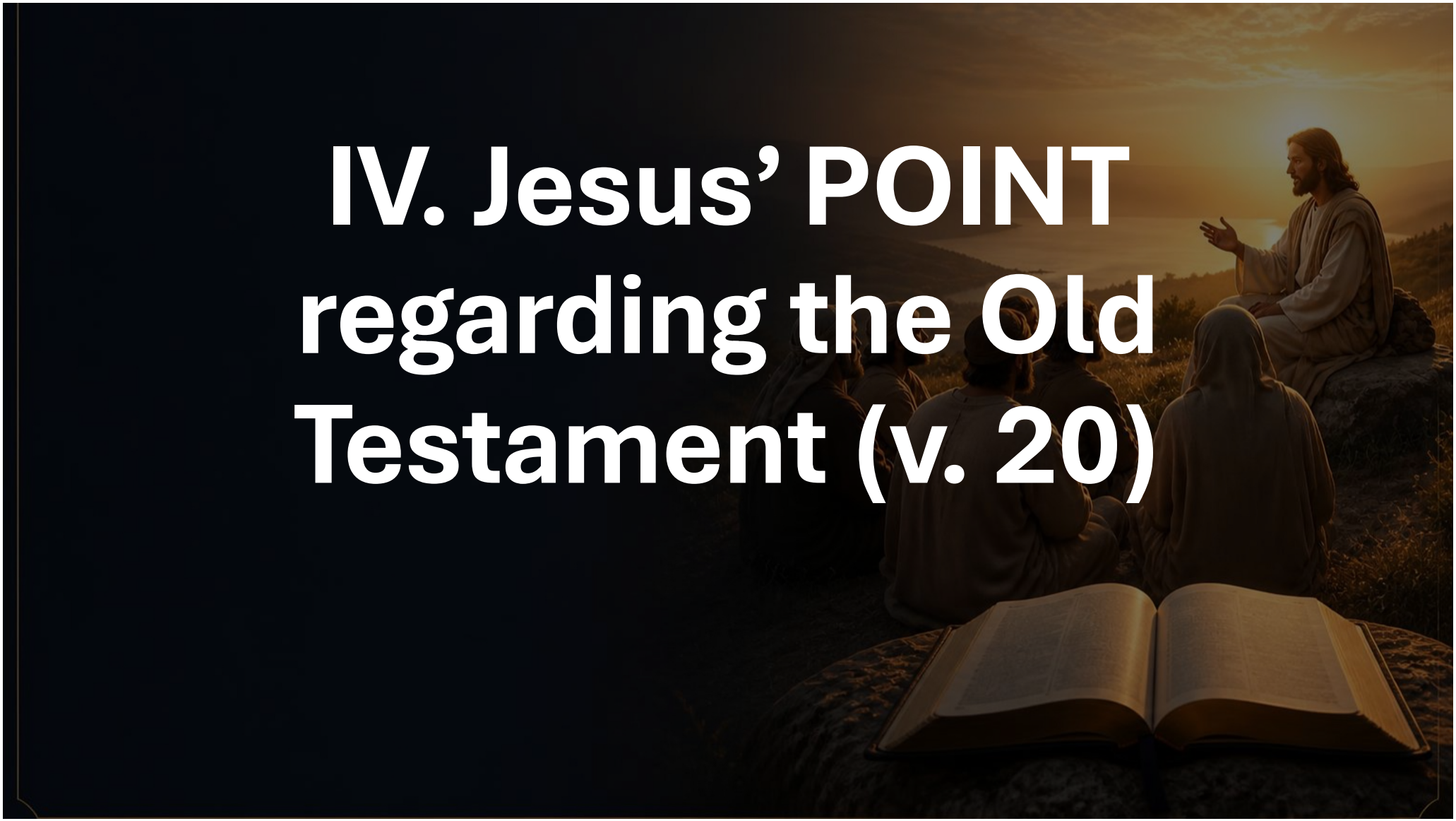


MATTHEW 28:19–20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..."

“The OT is not to be abandoned. It must continued to be taught. Interpreted and applied through the lens of Christ.” Douglas Moo

IV. Jesus' POINT regarding the Old Testament (v. 20)



For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 5:20 ESV

A. The Bad News



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B. The Good News



2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 (NIV84) 2 CORINTHIANS

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

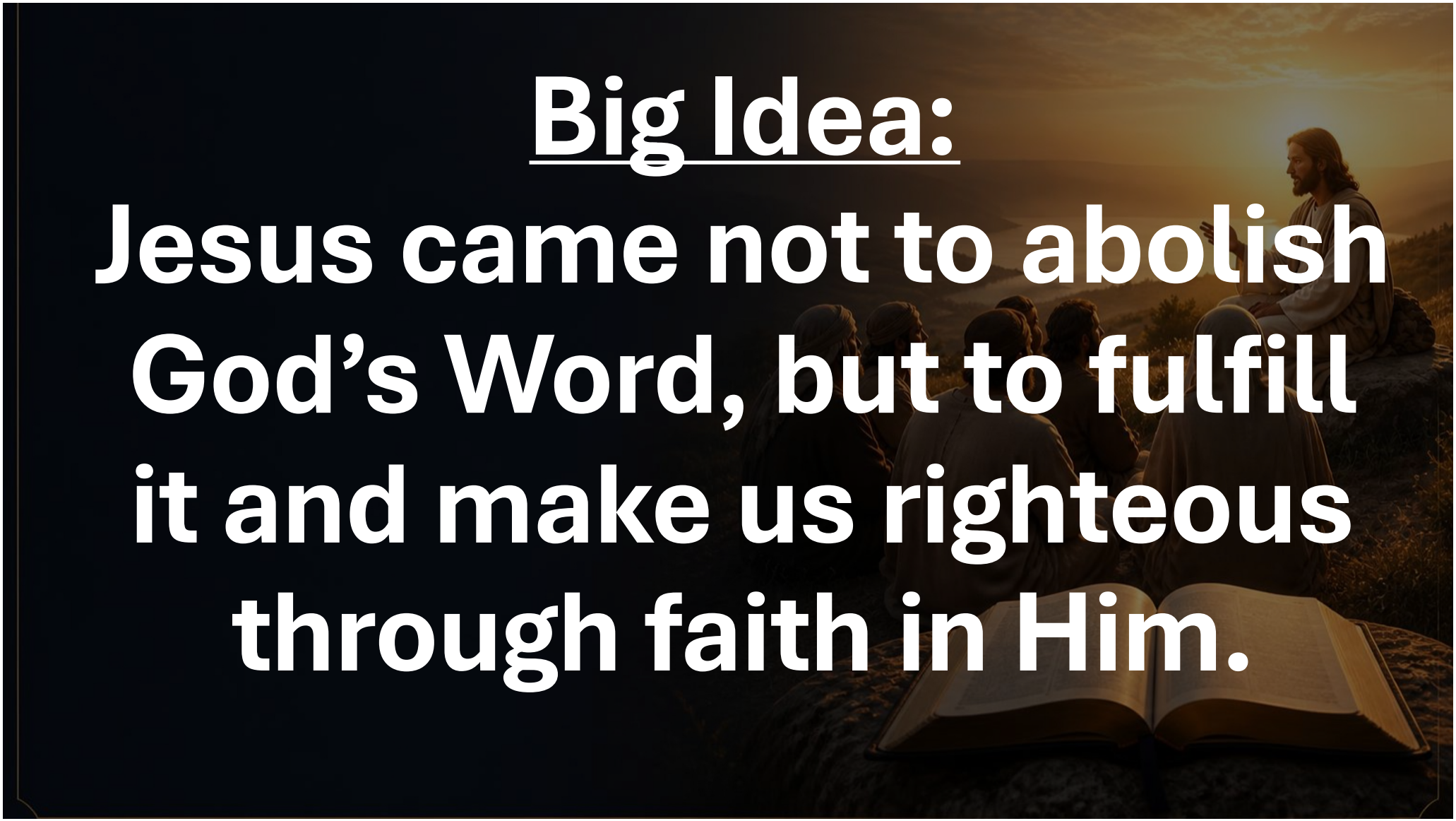
and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

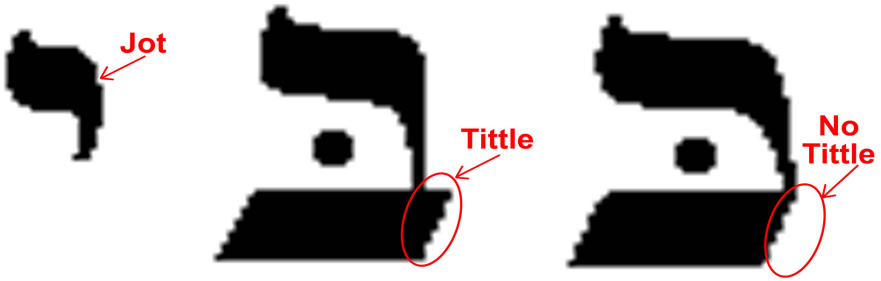
PHILIPPIANS 3:9 ESV

MATTHEW 5:3 (ESV)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.




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Jot (Beth) (Kaph)

Jesus said,
"I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter *(Hebrew --> "Jot" or "yod," which is the smallest Hebrew letter)*, **not the least stroke of a pen** *(Hebrew - "tittle," which is a small line on a letter that changes the letter like a Q from an O)* **will by any means disappear from the law until everything is accomplished."**
- Matthew 5:18

GENERATION WORD GW

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

JAMES 1:22 ESV

II. The Permanence of Scripture



Jesus and Scripture

Matthew 5:17–20

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