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**EXALTS**

HOW THE LORD MAKES HIS GLORY KNOWN

**When a good king reigns, how should he aspire to rule?**



David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

2 Samuel 5:4-5 ESV

And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, “You will not come in here, but the blind and the lame will ward you off”—thinking, “David cannot come in here.”

2 Samuel 5:6 ESV

Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David. And David said on that day, "Whoever would strike the Jebusites, let him get up the water shaft to attack **'the lame and the blind,'** who are hated by David's soul." Therefore it is said, "**The blind and the lame** shall not come into the house."

2 Samuel 5:7-8 ESV

And David lived in the stronghold and called it the city of David. And David built the city all around from the Millo inward.

2 Samuel 5:9 ESV

# The Good King's Actions in 2 Samuel 5-6

David captures Jerusalem and makes it his capital



And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

2 Samuel 5:10 ESV





And David walked and he walked in strength, for the LORD,  
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2 Samuel 5:10 ESV



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2 Samuel 5:11 ESV

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And David knew that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

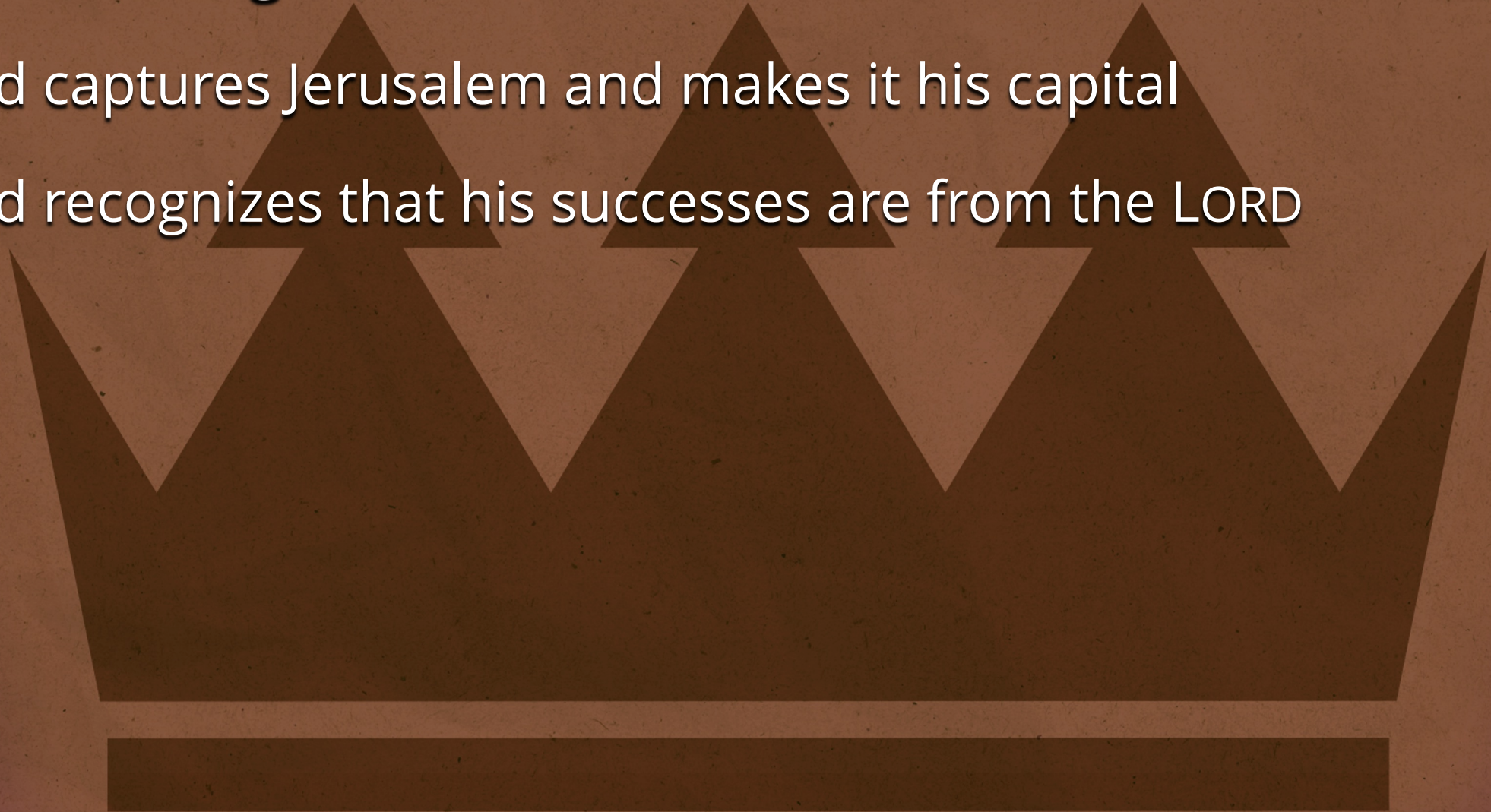
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And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron, and more sons and daughters were born to David. And these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

2 Samuel 5:13-16 ESV

When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. But David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim.

2 Samuel 5:17-18 ESV

And David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you give them into my hand?" And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will certainly give the Philistines into your hand." And David came to Baal-perazim, and David defeated them there. And he said, "The LORD has **broken** through my enemies before me like a **breaking** flood." Therefore the name of that place is called Baal-perazim.

2 Samuel 5:19-20 ESV



And the Philistines left their idols there, and David and his men carried them away.

2 Samuel 5:21 ESV

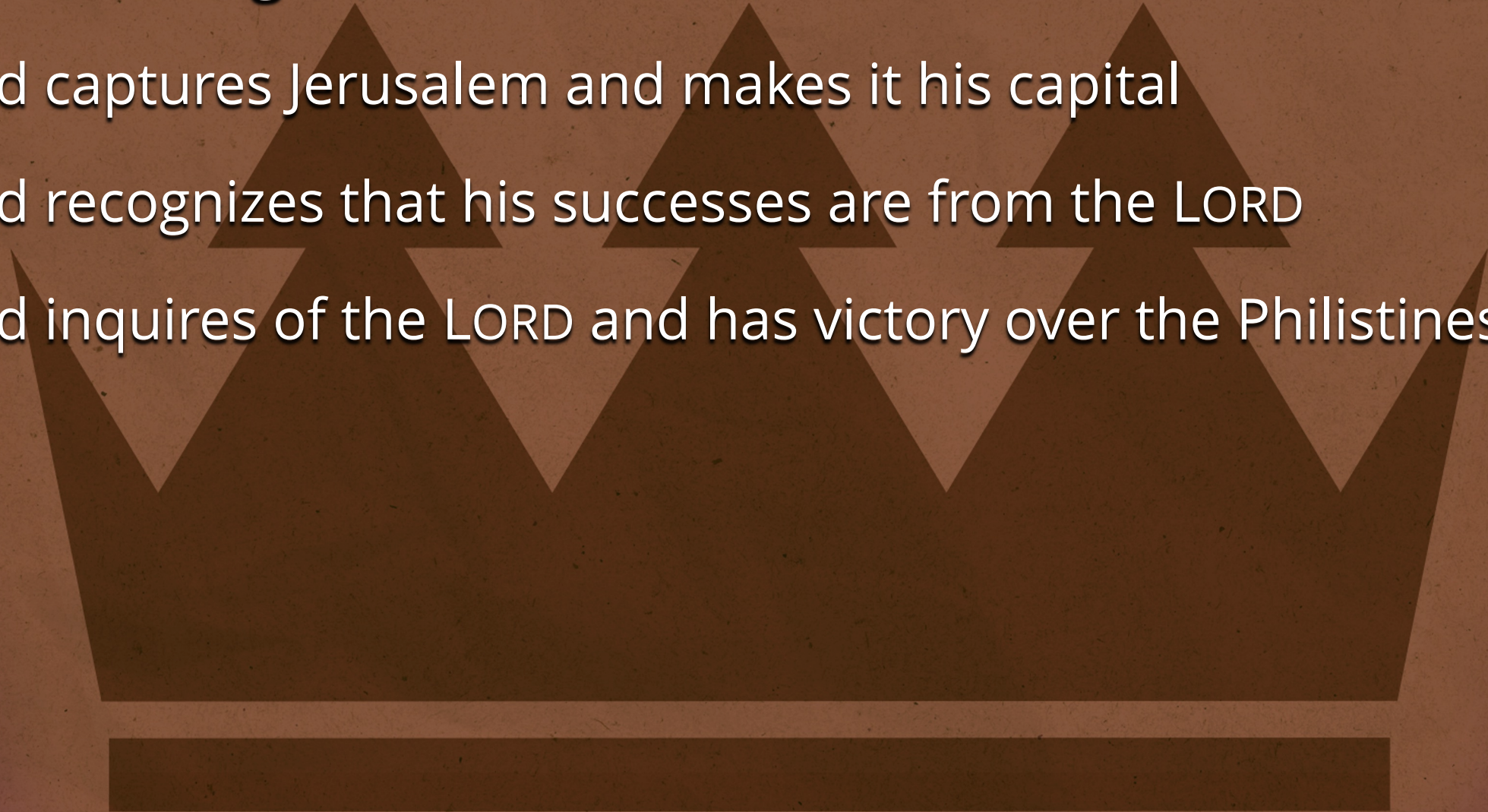


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And the Philistines came up yet again and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim.

2 Samuel 5:22 ESV

And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, "You shall not go up; go around to their rear, and come against them opposite the balsam trees. And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then rouse yourself, for then the LORD has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines." And David did as the LORD commanded him, and struck down the Philistines from Geba to Gezer.

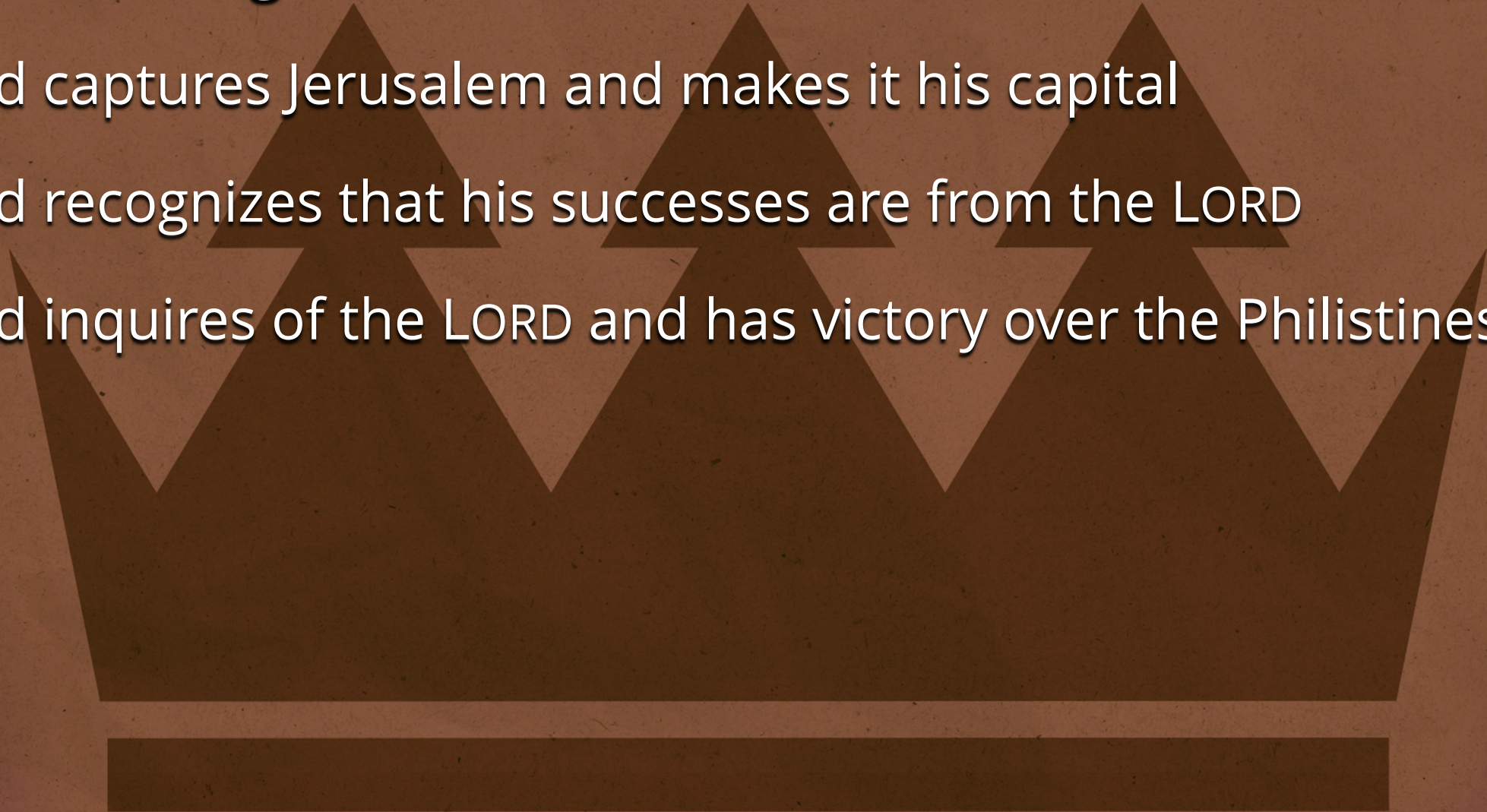
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David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim.

2 Samuel 6:1-2 ESV

And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart, with the ark of God, and Ahio went before the ark. And David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the LORD, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

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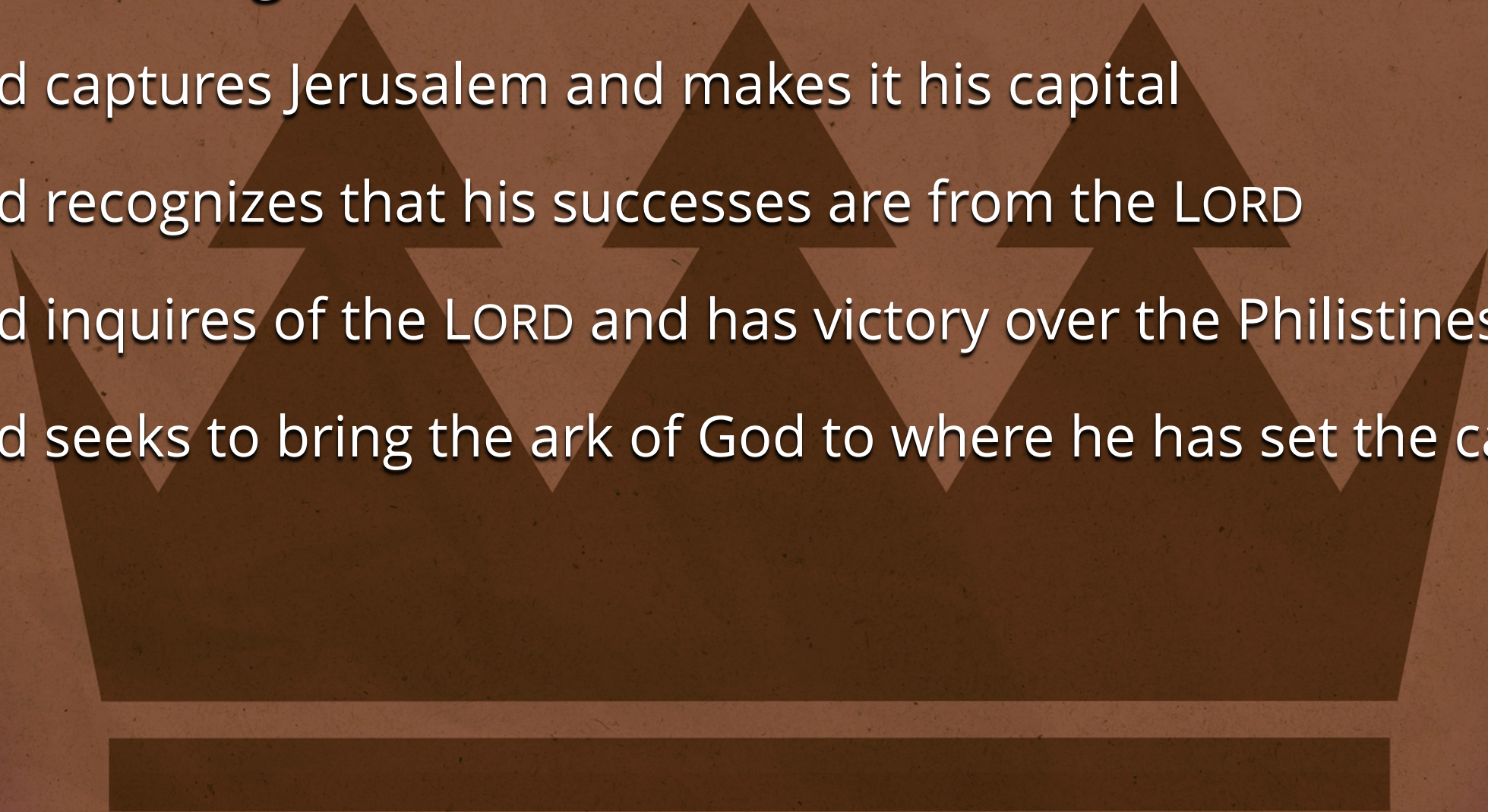
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And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God.

2 Samuel 6:6-7 ESV

And David was angry because the LORD **had broken out** against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day. And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?"

2 Samuel 6:8-9 ESV

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So David was not willing to take the ark of the LORD into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. And the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

2 Samuel 6:10-11 ESV

And it was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing.

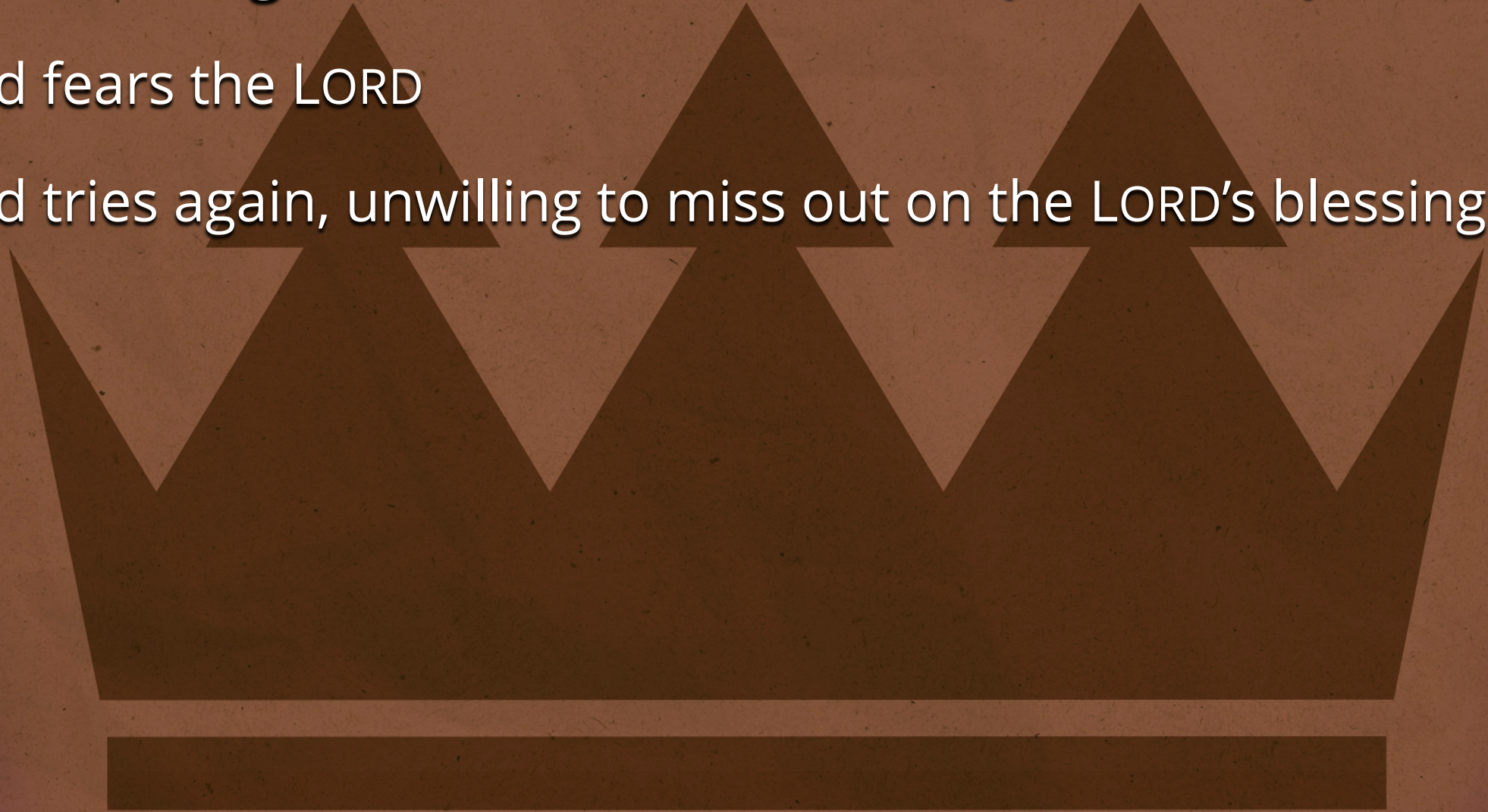
2 Samuel 6:12 ESV



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And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

2 Samuel 6:13-15 ESV

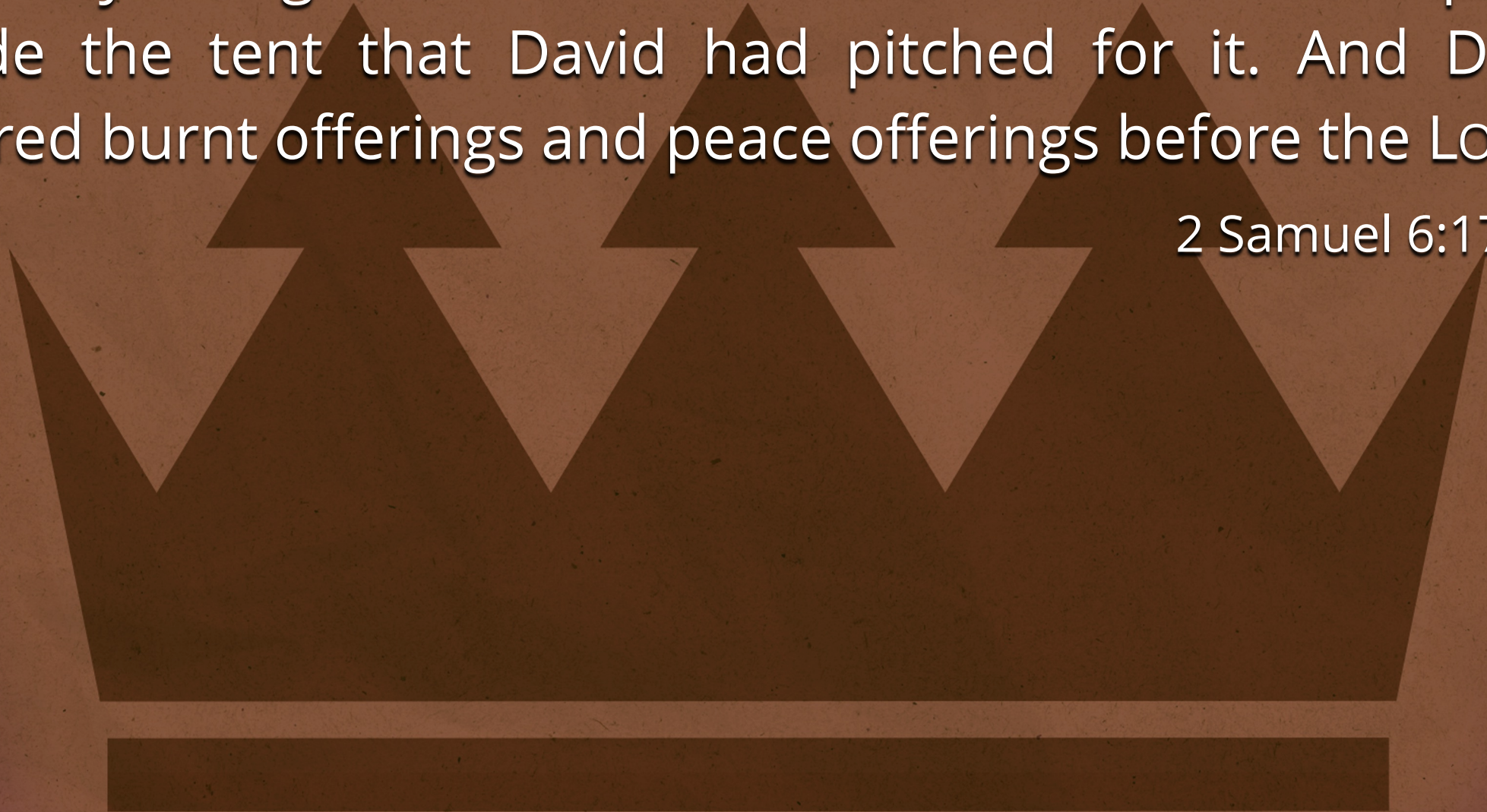
As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart.

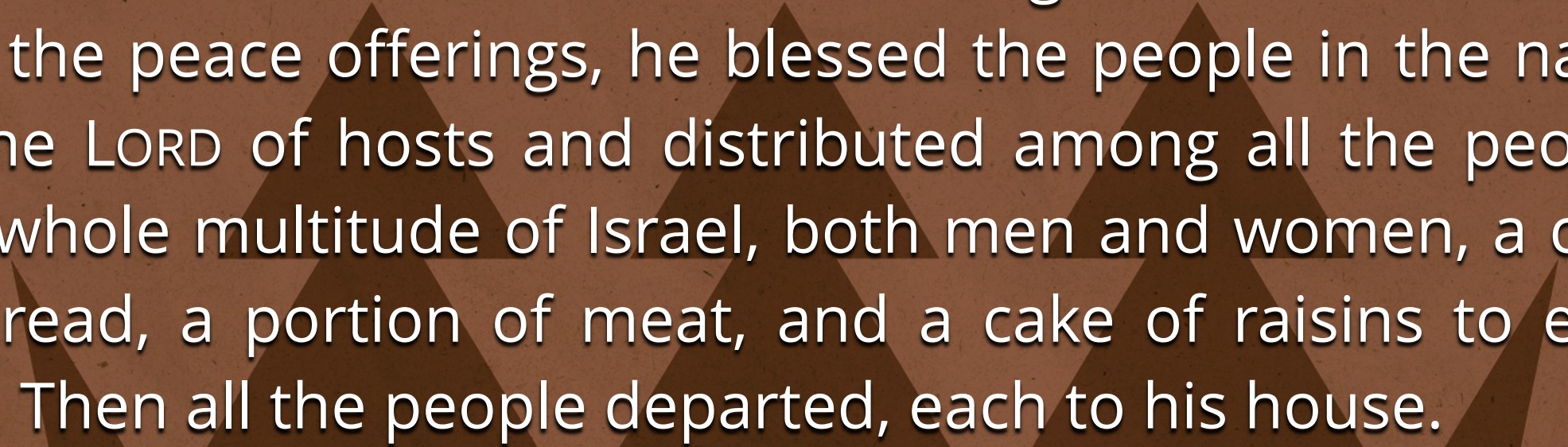
2 Samuel 6:16 ESV



And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place,  
inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And David  
offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

2 Samuel 6:17 ESV





And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts and distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed, each to his house.

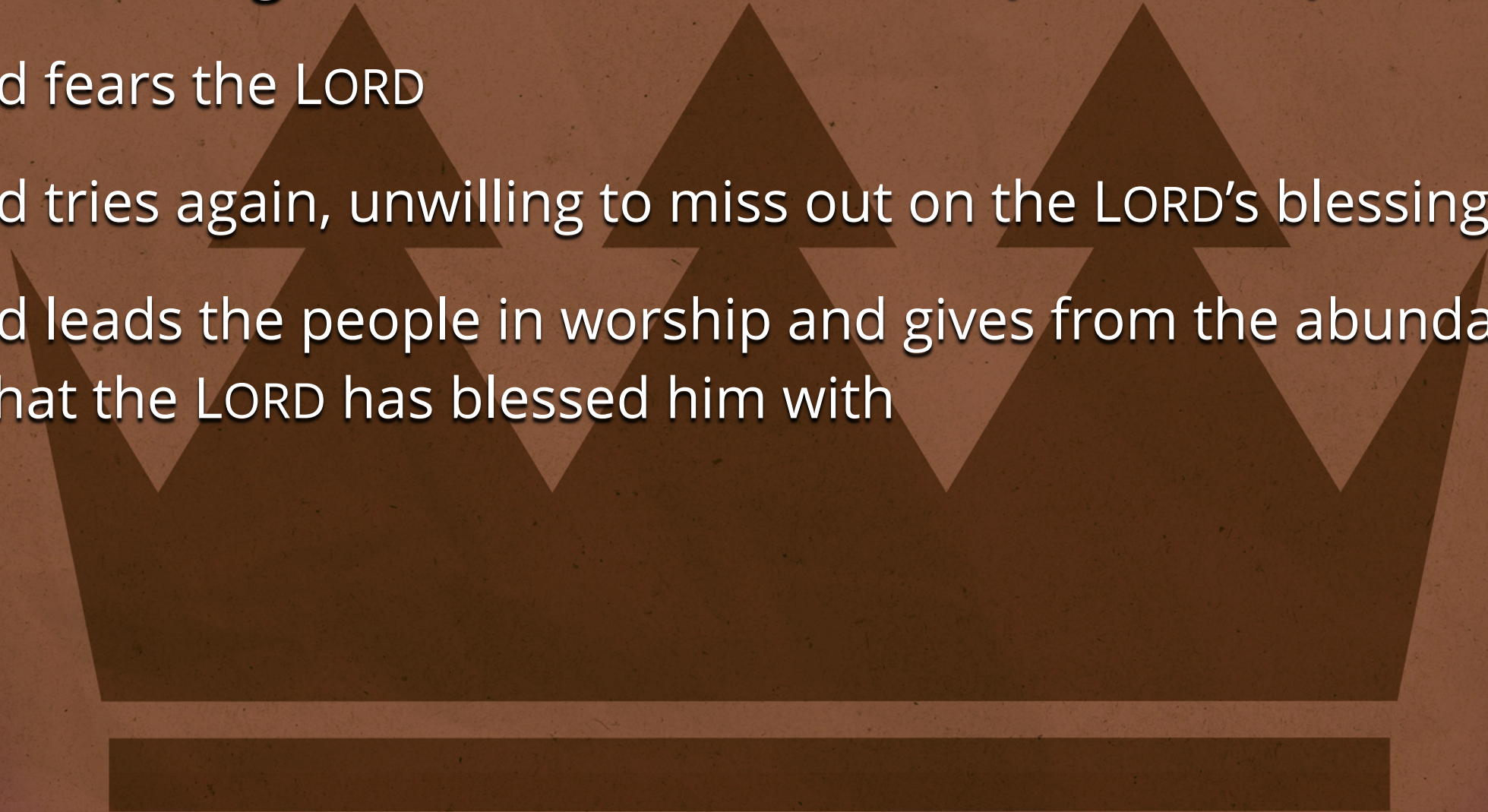
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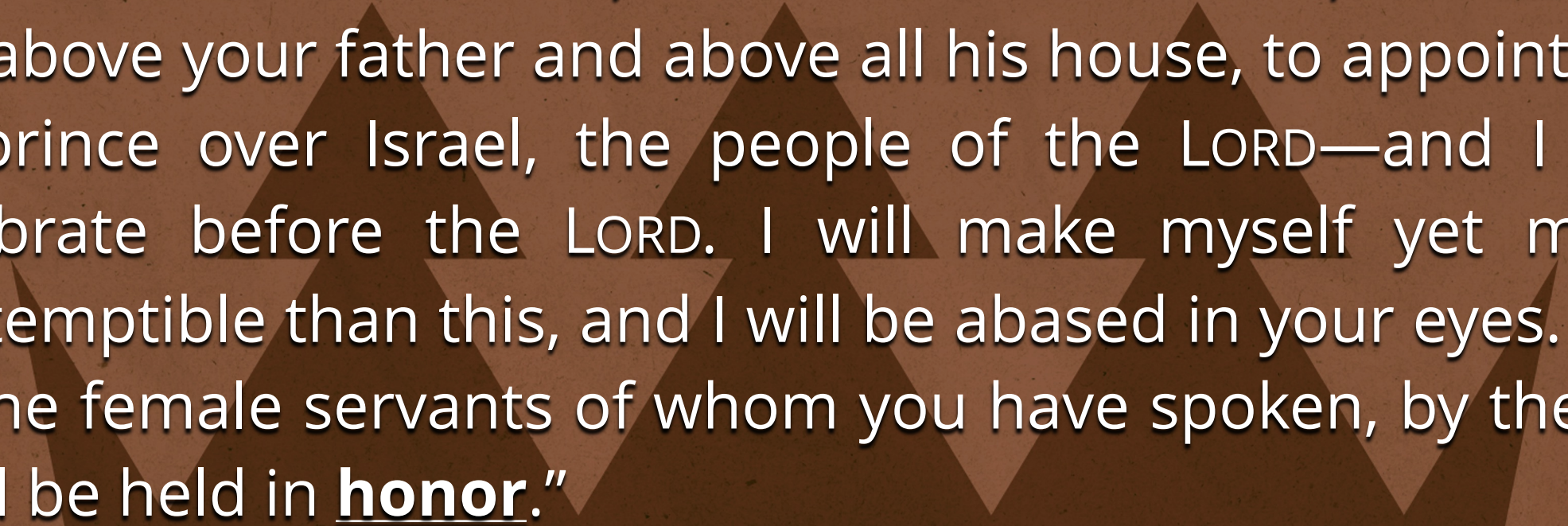
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2 Samuel 6:20 ESV





And David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the LORD—and I will celebrate before the LORD. I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes. But by the female servants of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor.”

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And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

2 Samuel 6:23 ESV



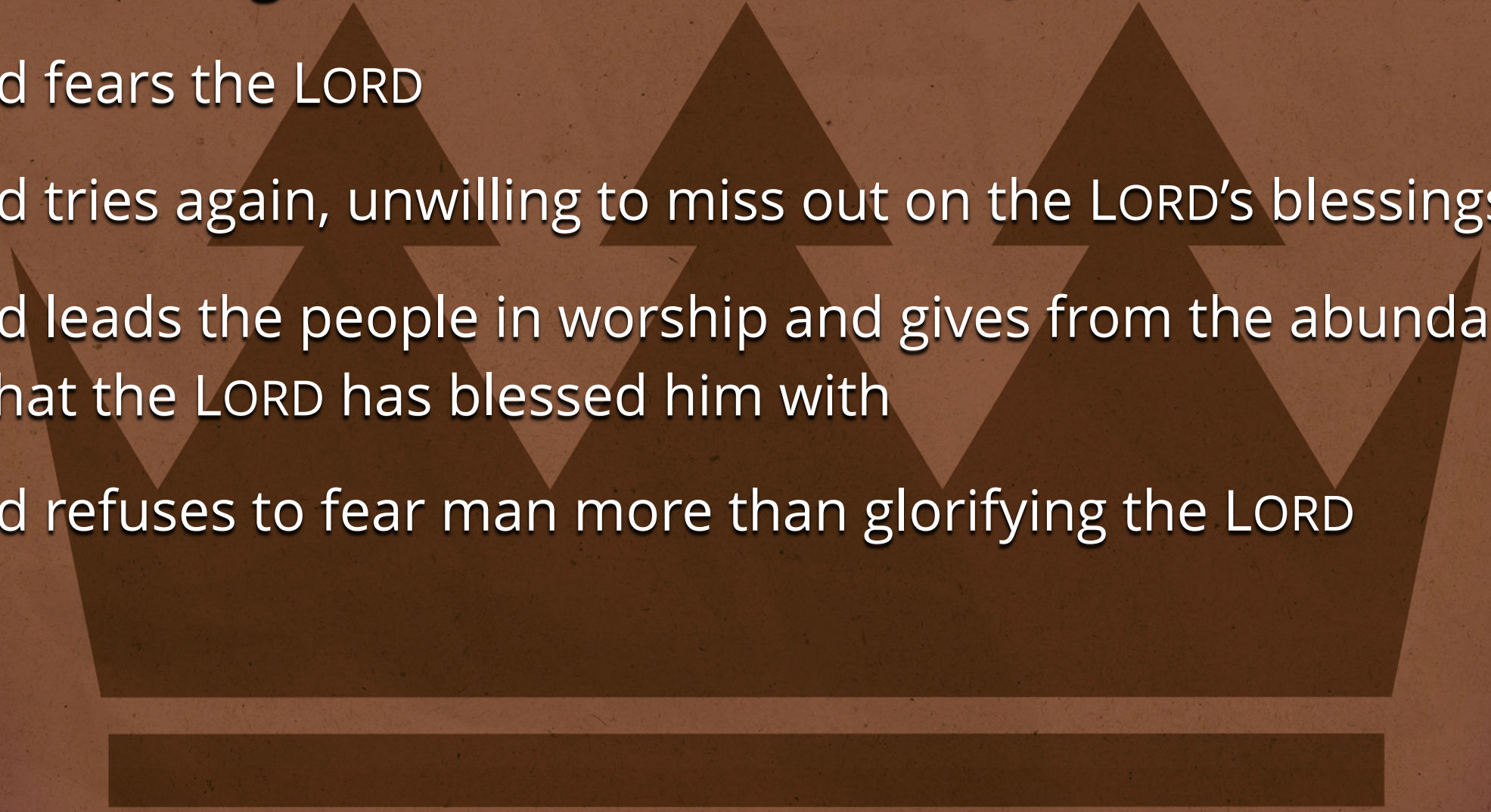
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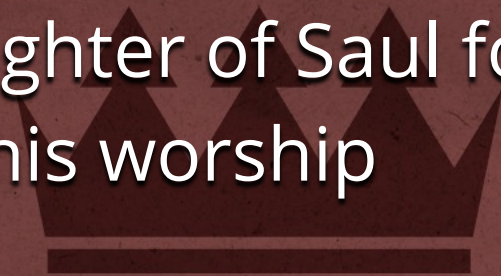


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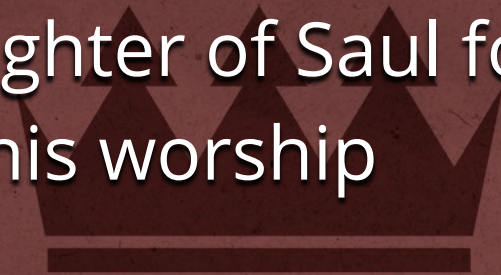
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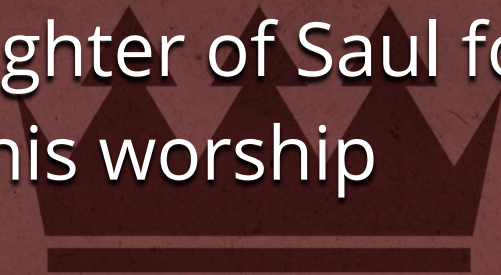
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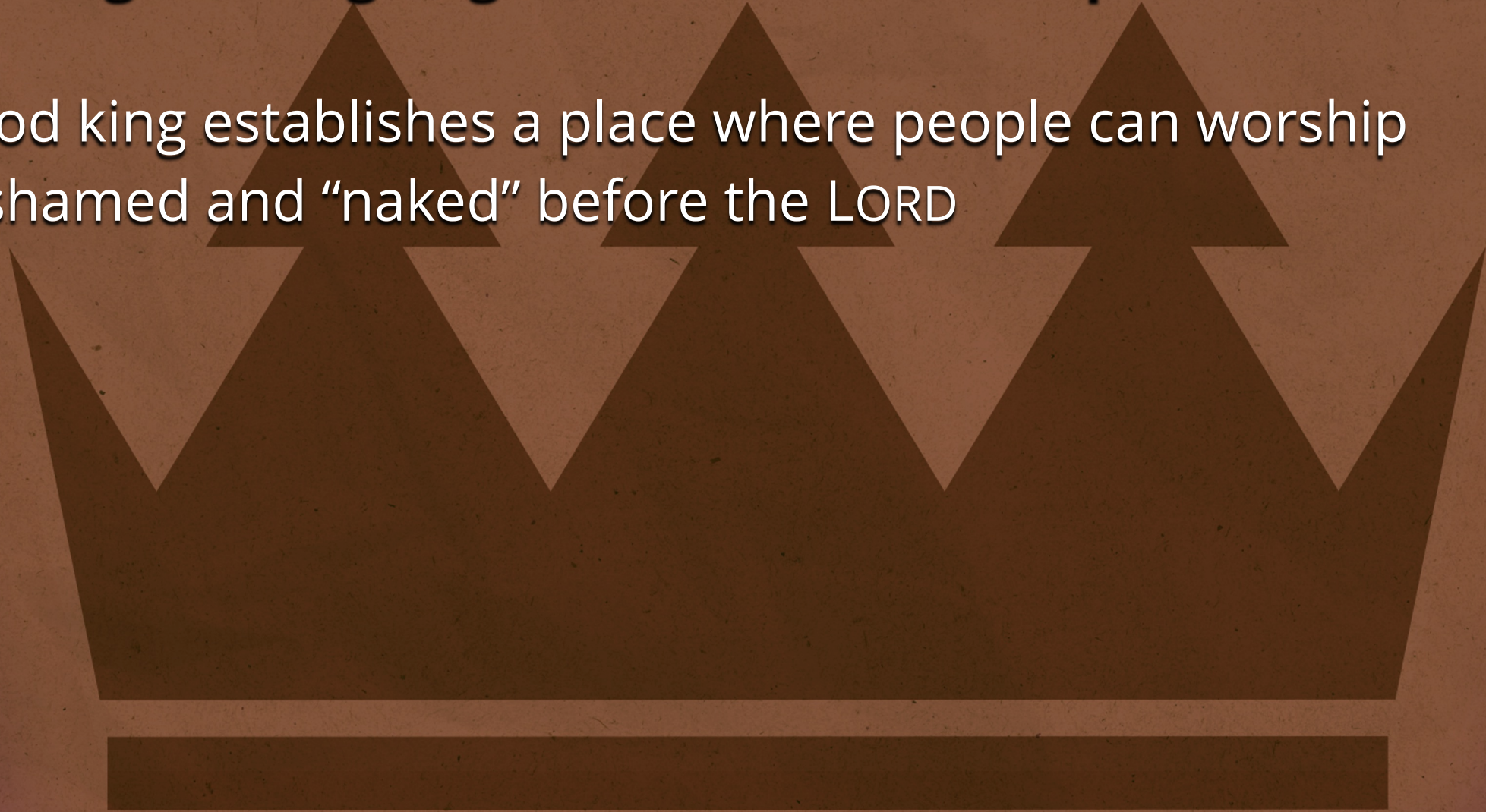


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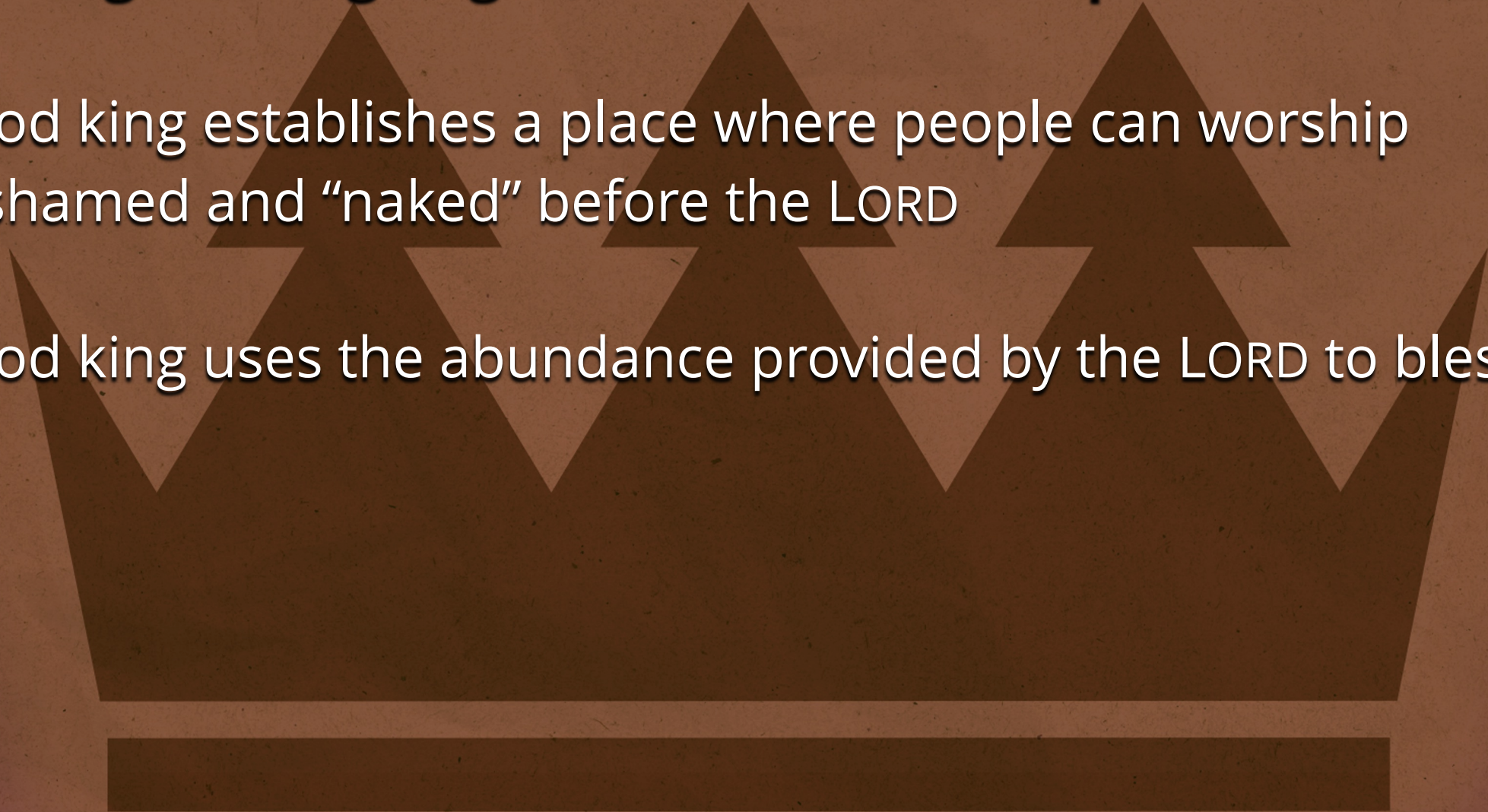
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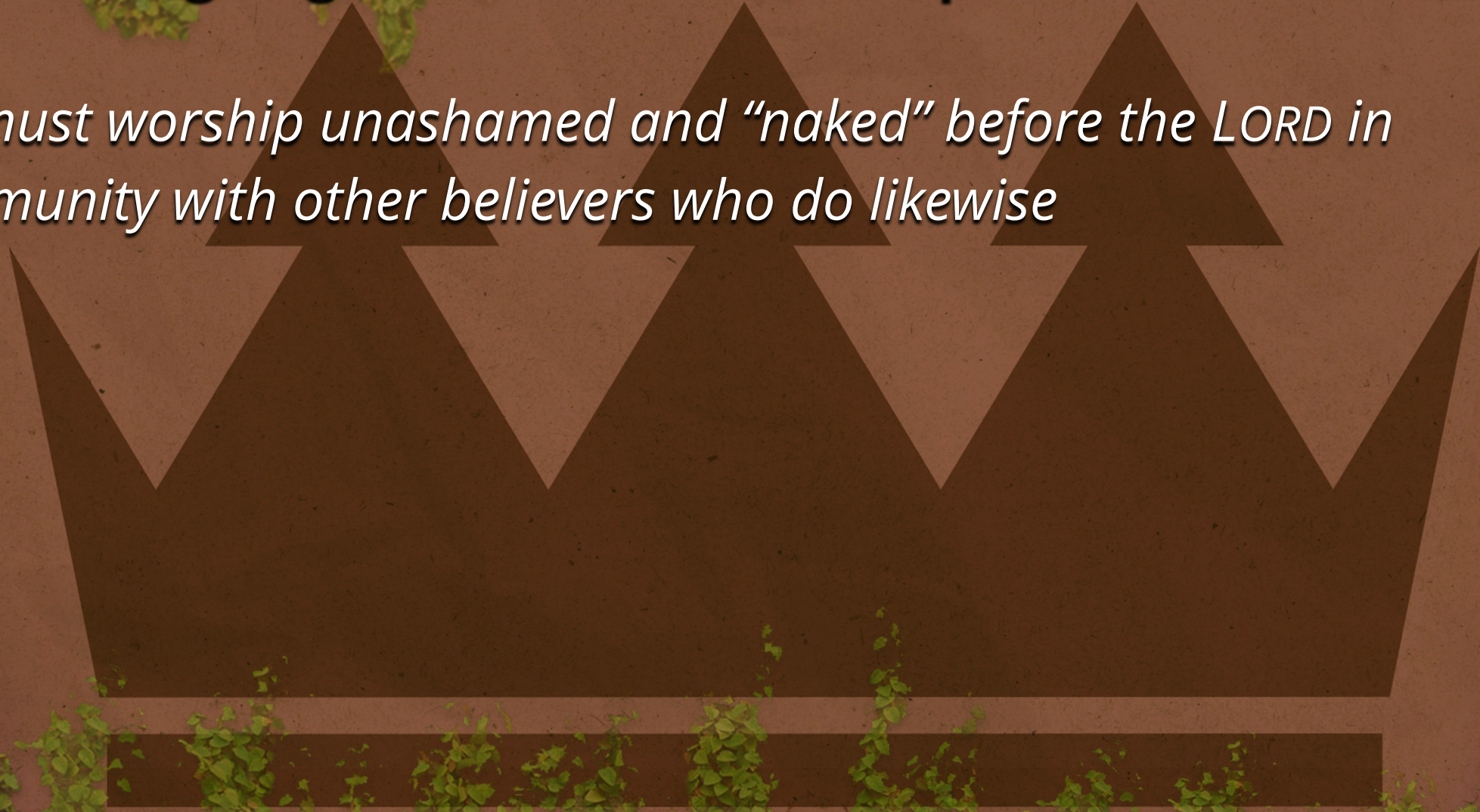
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