



THE GOSPEL FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

ROMANS

“The Battle and the Victor” / Romans 7:7-25

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The **New** Testament

Romans 7:7-25

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

1/2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1/2 Thessalonians

1/2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

1/2 Peter

1/2/3 John

Jude

Revelation

Romans 7:7-12

“What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful?

Certainly not!

*Nevertheless, I would not have known
what sin was had it not been for the law.*

*For I would not have known
what coveting really was if the law had not said,
‘You shall not covet.’*

Romans 7:7-12

***“But sin, seizing the opportunity
afforded by the commandment,
produced in me every kind of coveting.
For apart from the law, sin was dead.
Once I was alive apart from the law;
but when the commandment came,
sin sprang to life and I died.***

Romans 7:7-12

*“I found that the very commandment
that was intended to bring life
actually brought death.*

*For sin, seizing the opportunity
afforded by the commandment,
deceived me,
and through the commandment put me to death.*

Romans 7:7-12

*“So then, the law is holy,
and the commandment is holy,
righteous and good.”*

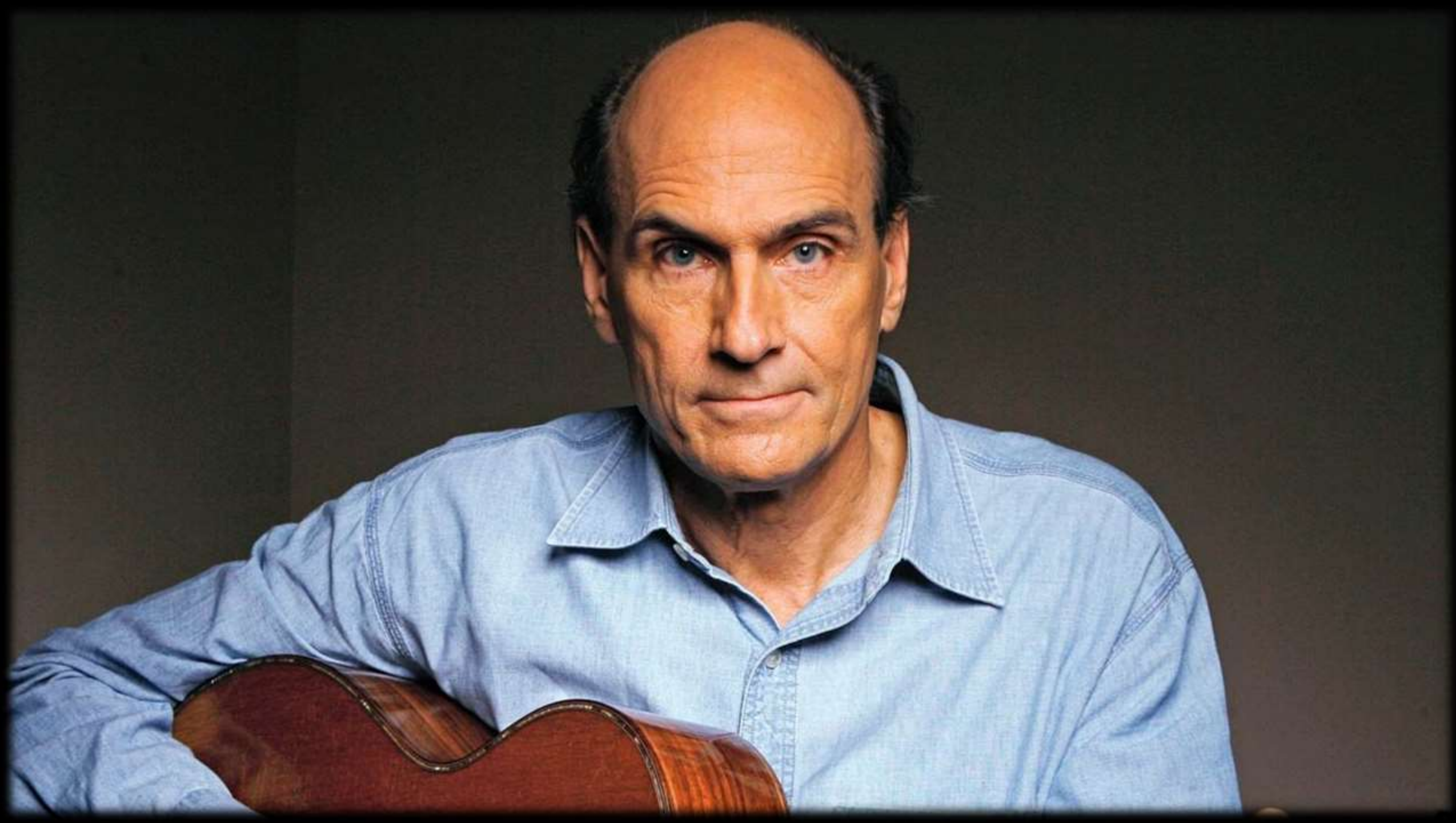




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***7:7 – “What shall we say, then?
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6:1 – *“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?”*

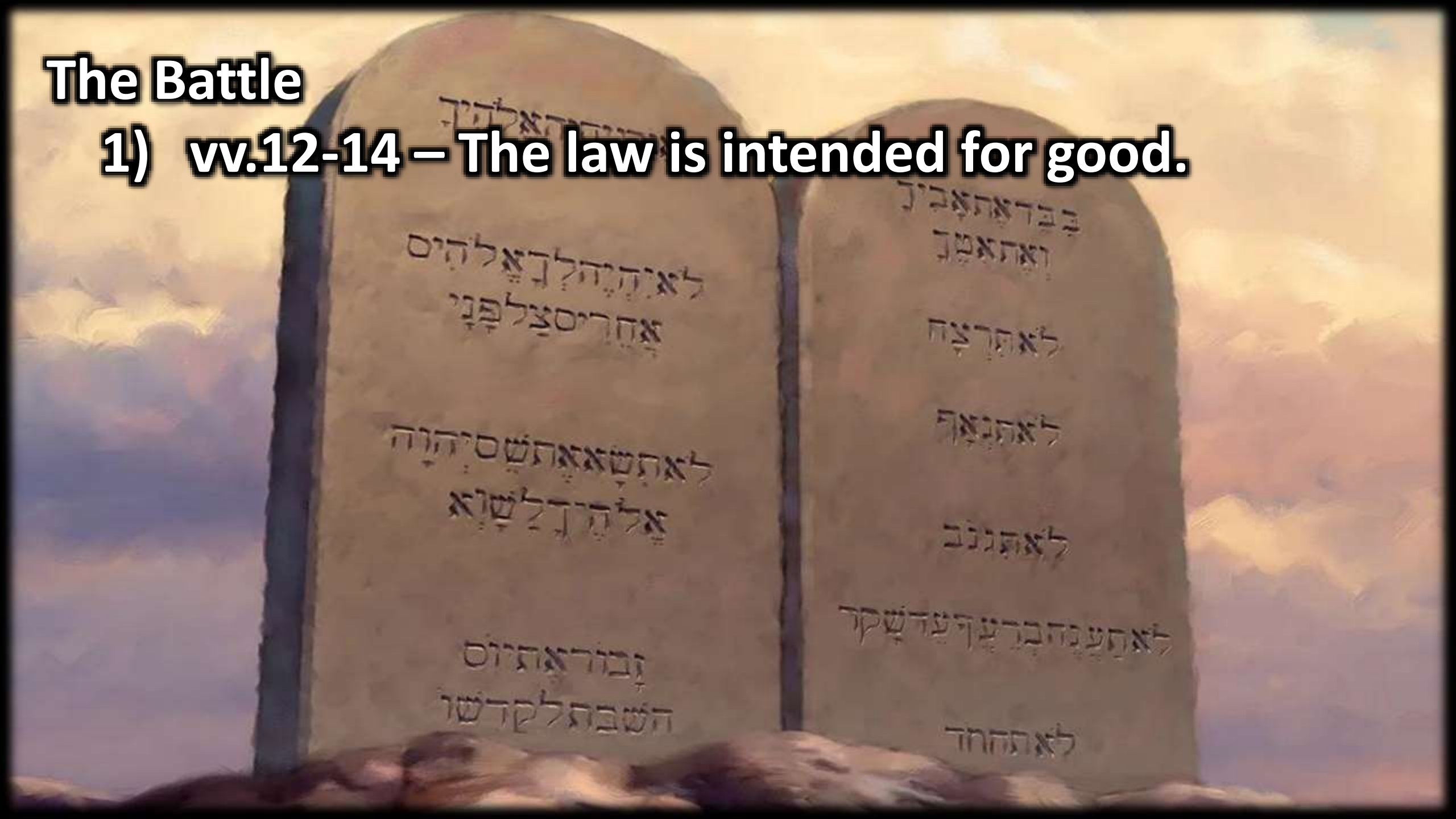
6:15 – *“What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace?”*

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Is the law sinful?”***

The Battle

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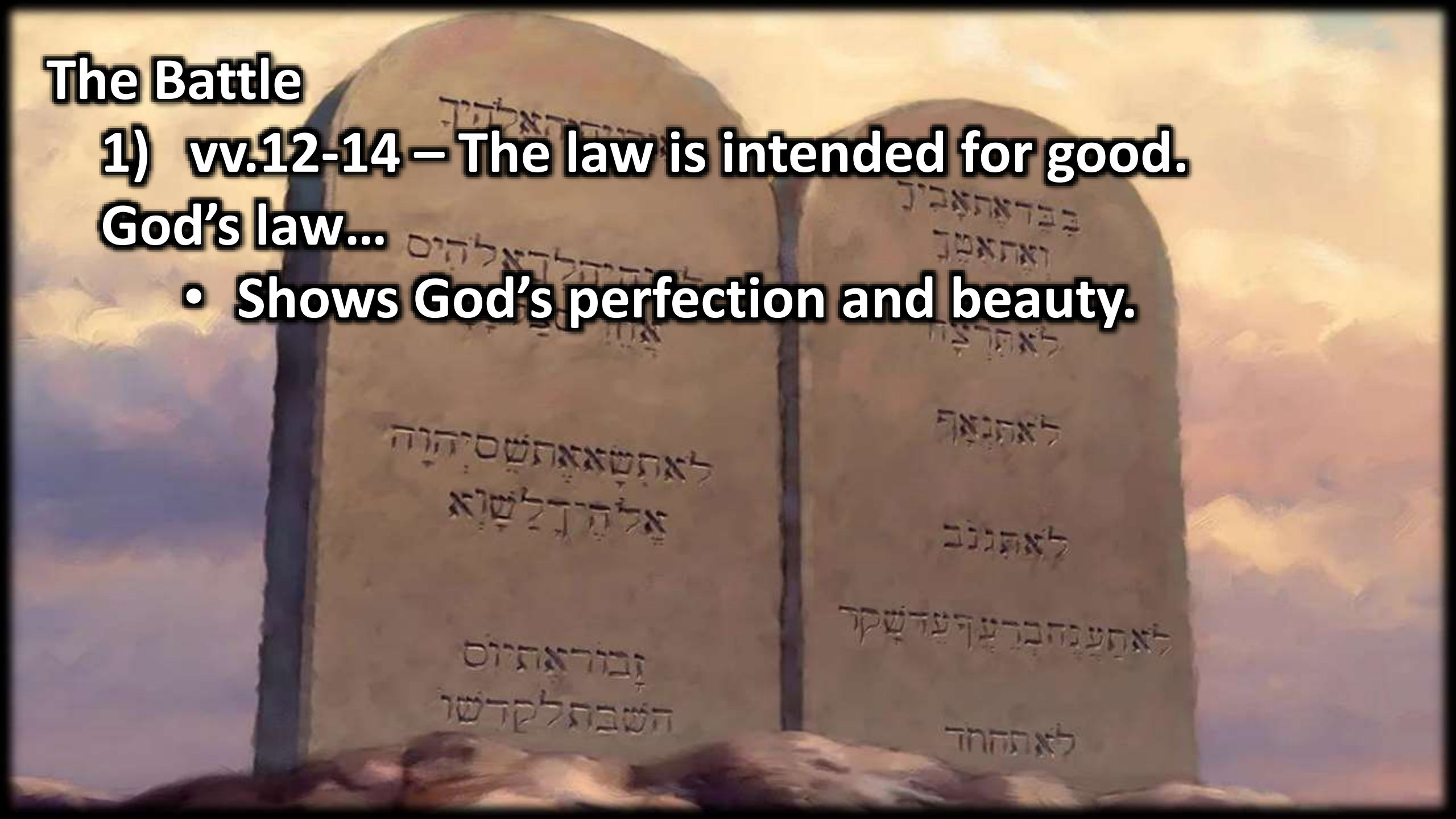


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- **Details what Jesus promises to produce in us by His Spirit.**



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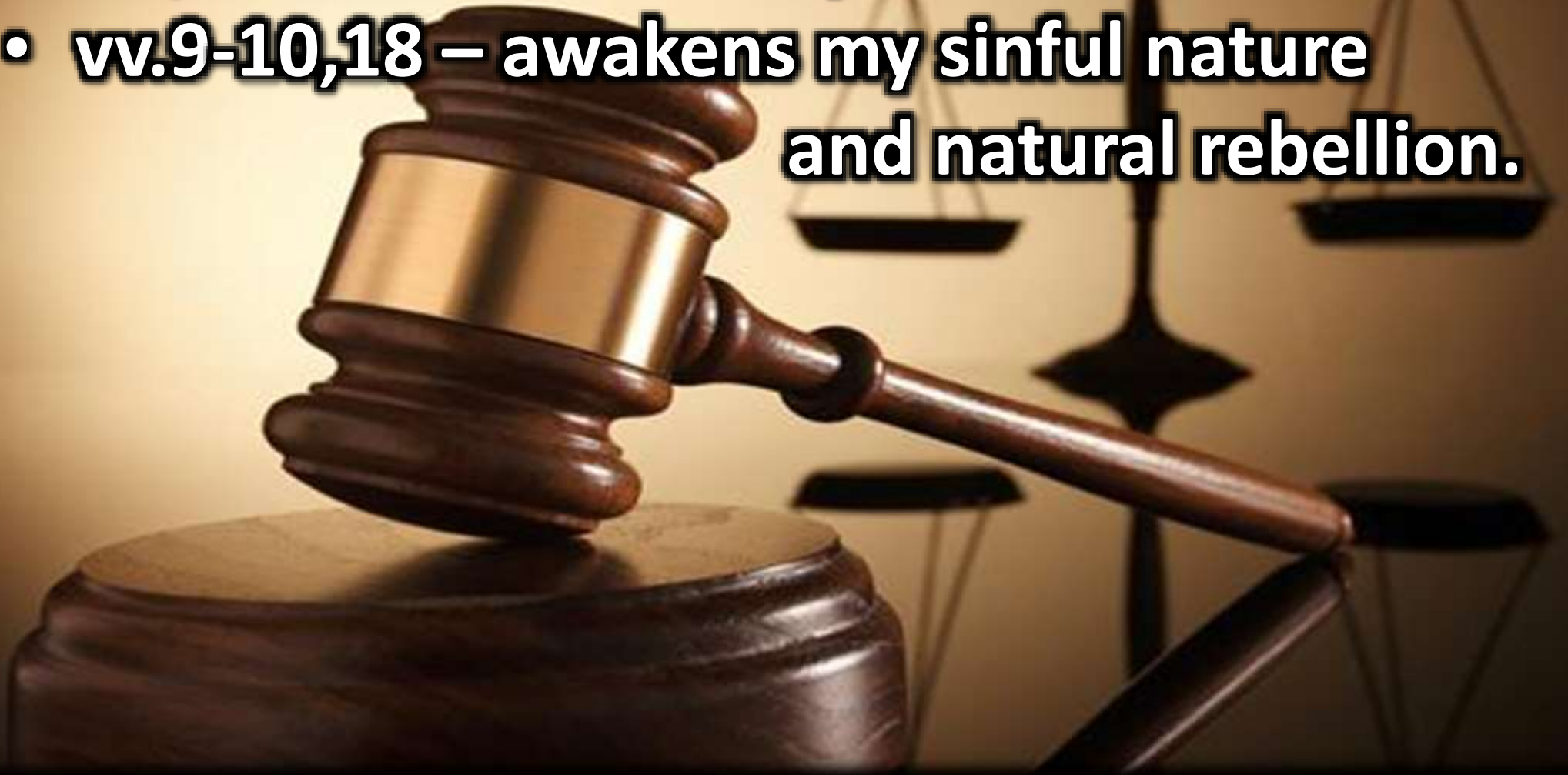
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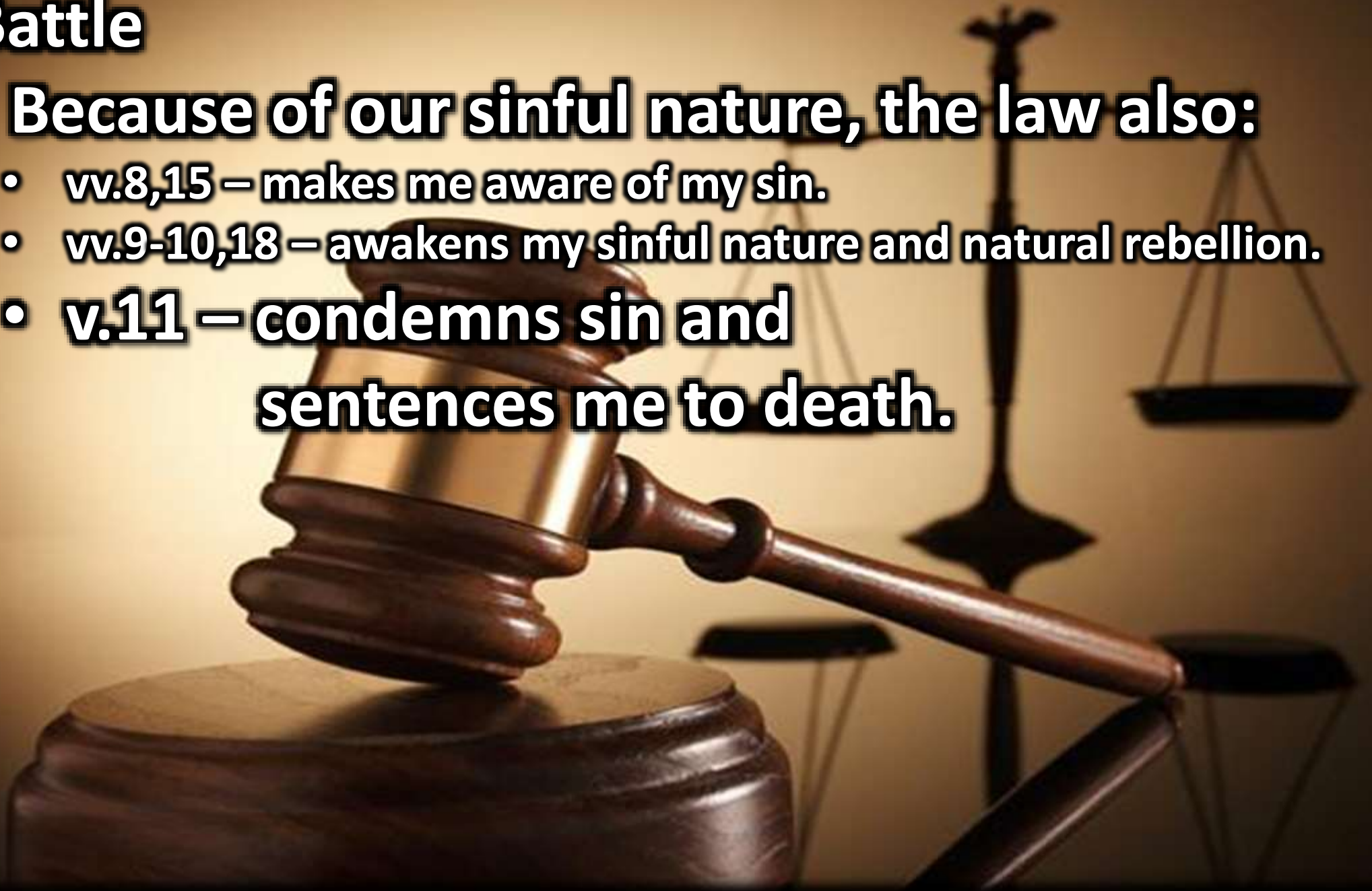
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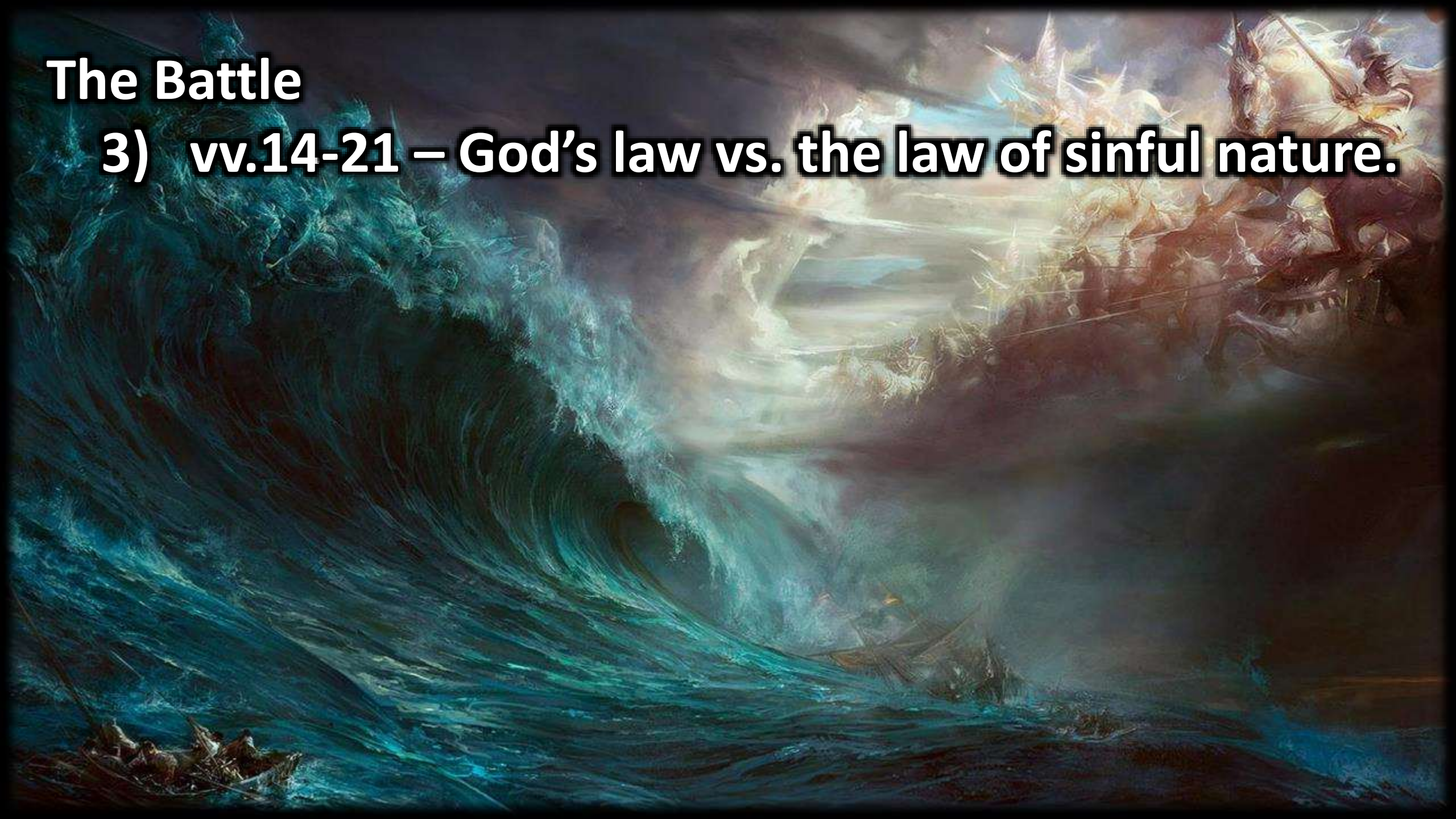
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- vv.8,15 – makes me aware of my sin.
- vv.9-10,18 – awakens my sinful nature and natural rebellion.
- v.11 – condemns sin and sentences me to death.



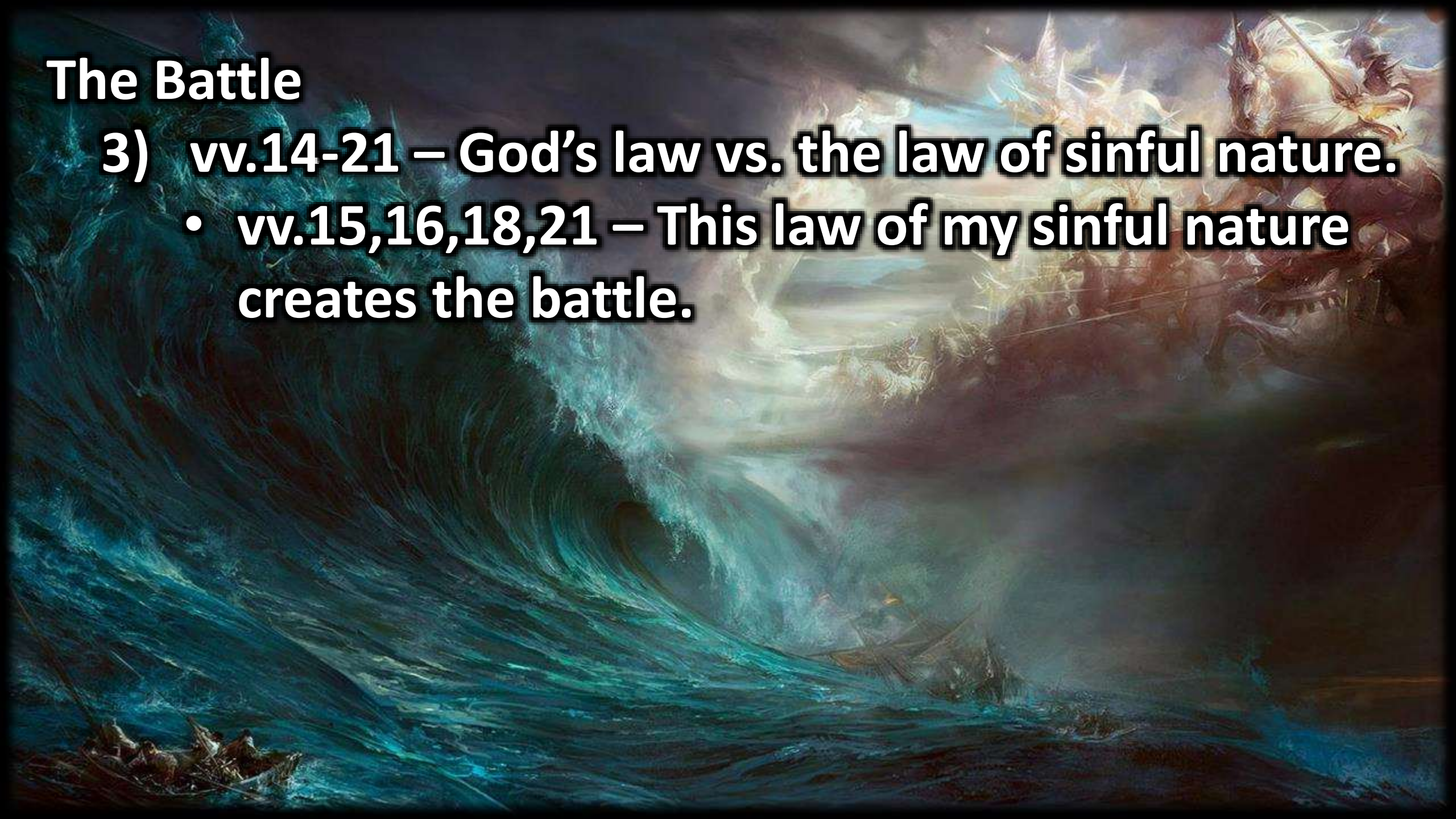
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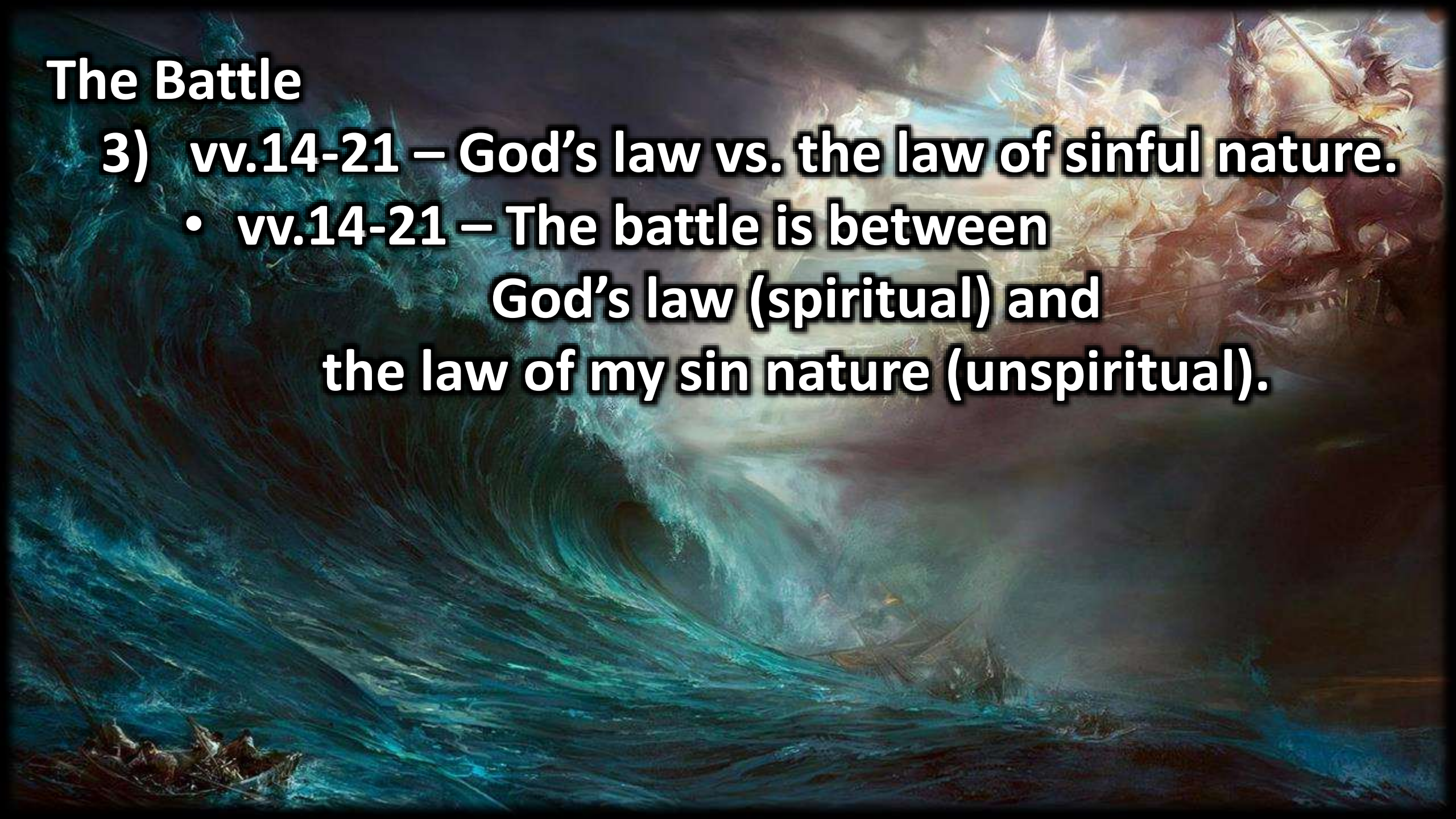
- 3) vv.14-21 – God's law vs. the law of sinful nature.
- vv.15,16,18,21 – This law of my sinful nature creates the battle.



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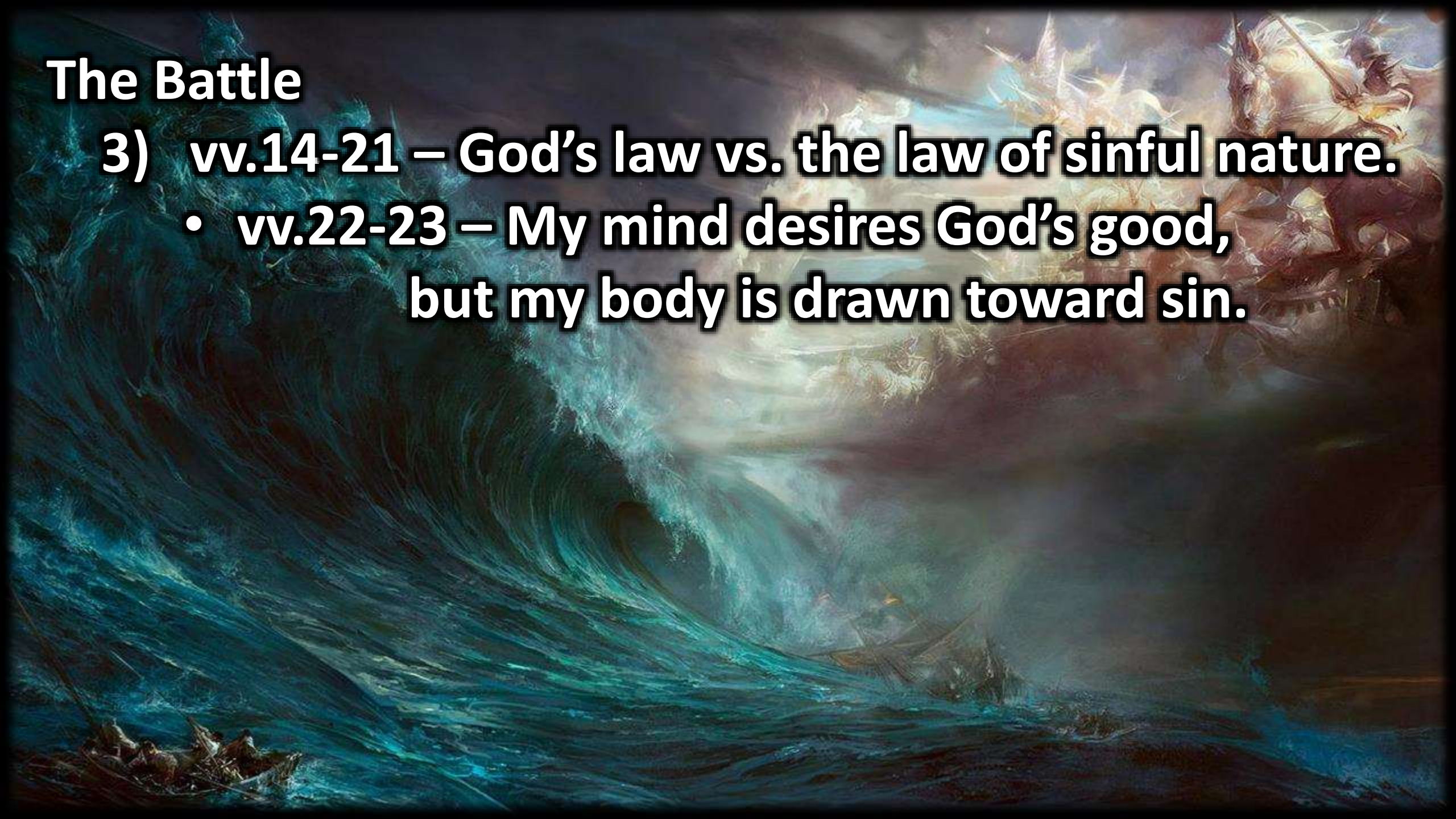
- vv.14-21 – The battle is between
God's law (spiritual) and
the law of my sin nature (unspiritual).**



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3) vv.14-21 – God's law vs. the law of sinful nature.

- vv.22-23 – My mind desires God's good,
but my body is drawn toward sin.**

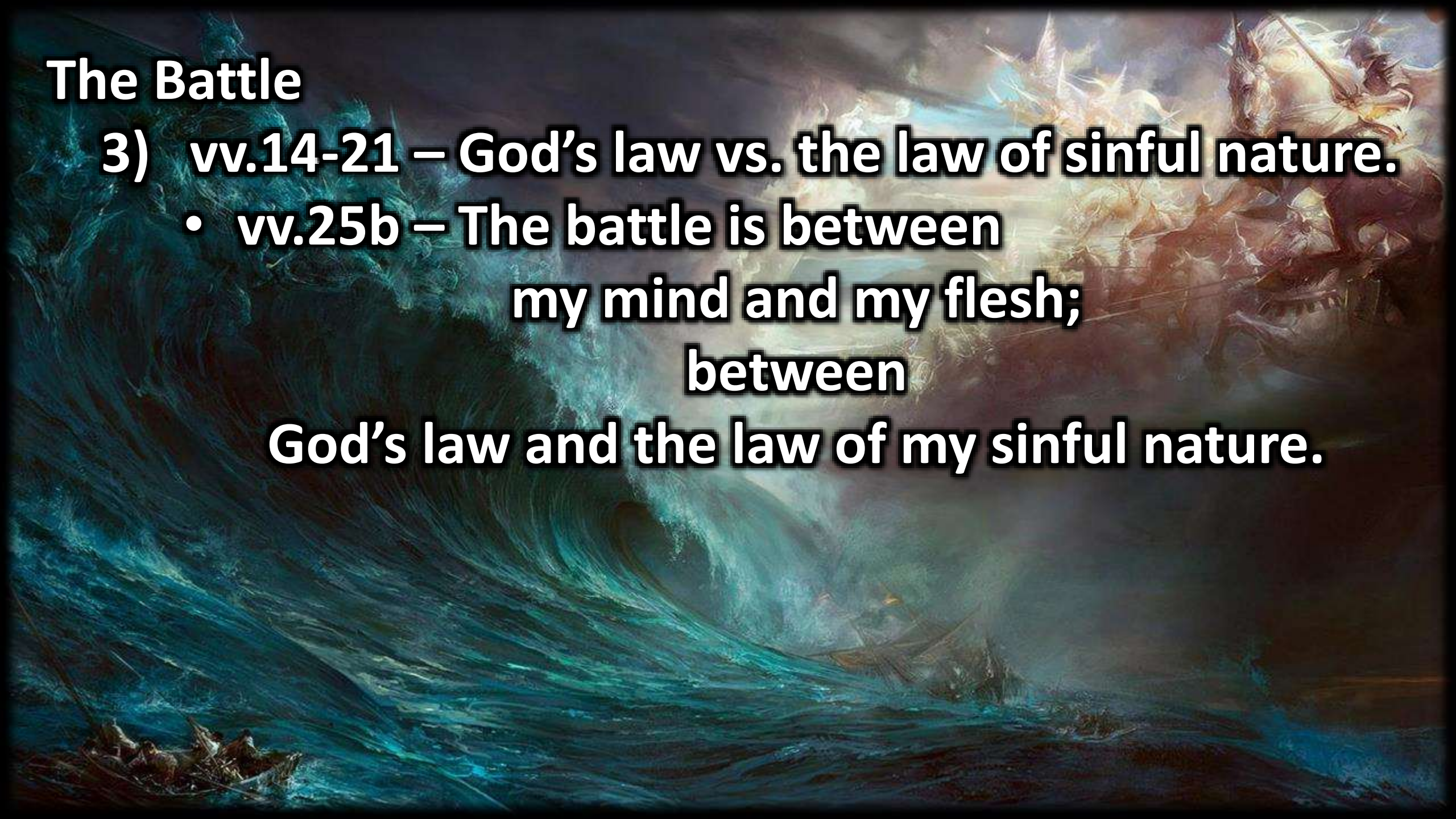


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3) vv.14-21 – God's law vs. the law of sinful nature.

- vv.25b – The battle is between
my mind and my flesh;
between

God's law and the law of my sinful nature.



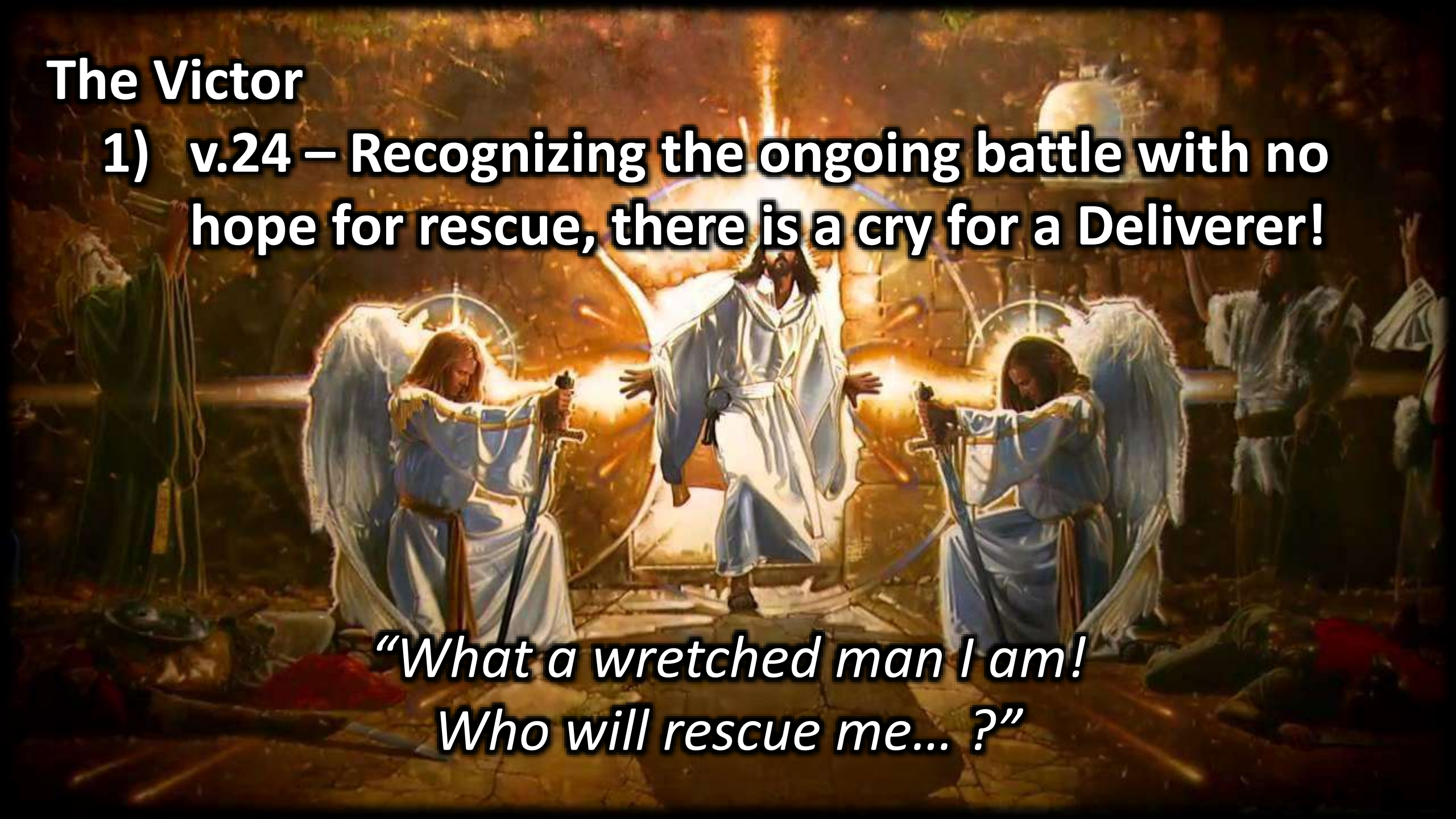
The Victor



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1) v.24 – Recognizing the ongoing battle with no hope for rescue, there is a cry for a Deliverer!

*“What a wretched man I am!
Who will rescue me...?”*



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- v.25 – the lament turns to a shout of celebration and gratitude.

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- 1) v.24 – Recognizing the ongoing battle with no hope for rescue, there is a cry for a Deliverer!
 - The assurance of hope is greater than the depth of our hopelessness.

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- 1) v.24 – Recognizing the ongoing battle with no hope for rescue, there is a cry for a Deliverer!
 - No longer an unwinnable battle, we have a choice regarding sin, to submit to God.

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- Jesus lived a perfect life.

Hebrews 4:15



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*“... but we have [Jesus]
who has been tempted in every way,
just as we are—
yet he did not sin.”*



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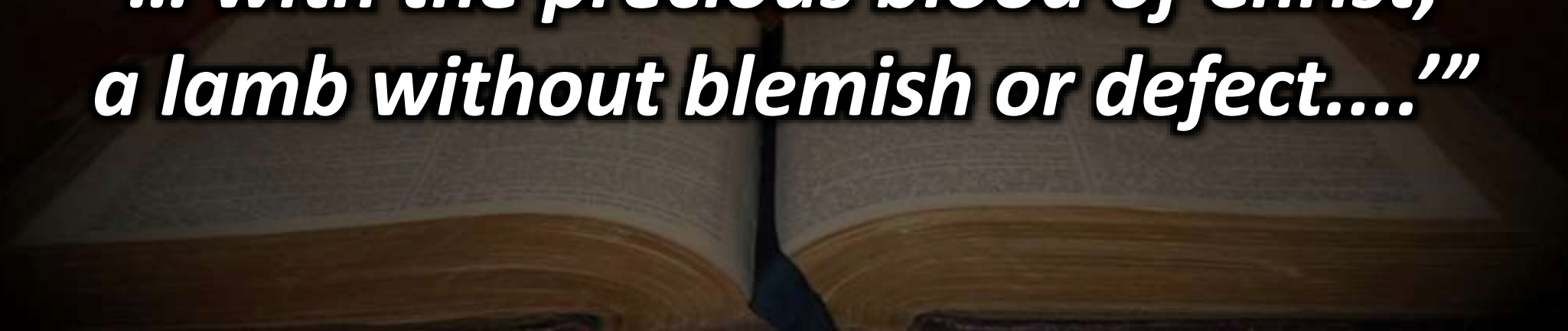
- Jesus offered His perfect life to God as a payment for our sins. 1 Peter 2:24; 1:18



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*“He himself bore our sins’ in his body on the cross,
so that we might die to sins
and live for righteousness...”*

*“... you were redeemed
... with the precious blood of Christ,
a lamb without blemish or defect....”*



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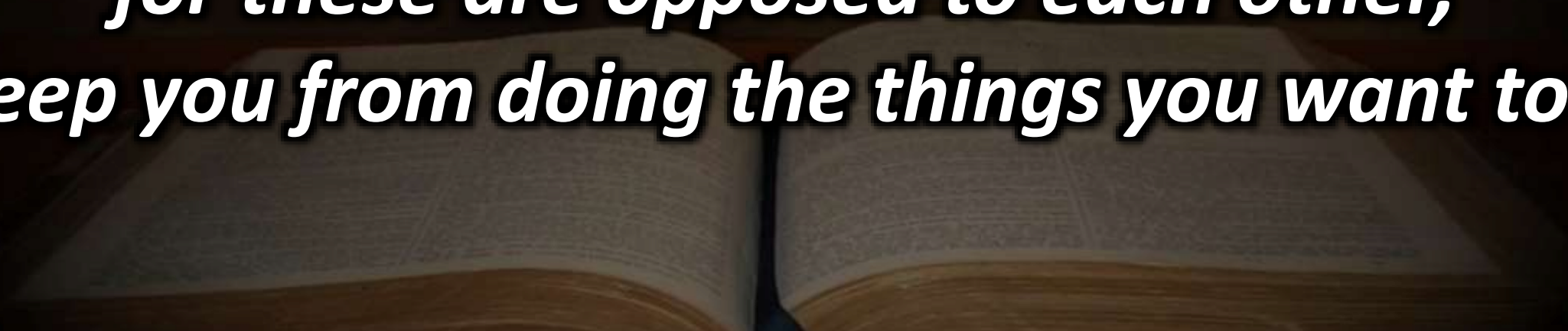
- The Spirit of Jesus comes to live in all who come to faith to put our sin nature to death.

Galatians 5:16-18



Galatians 5:16-17 (ESV)

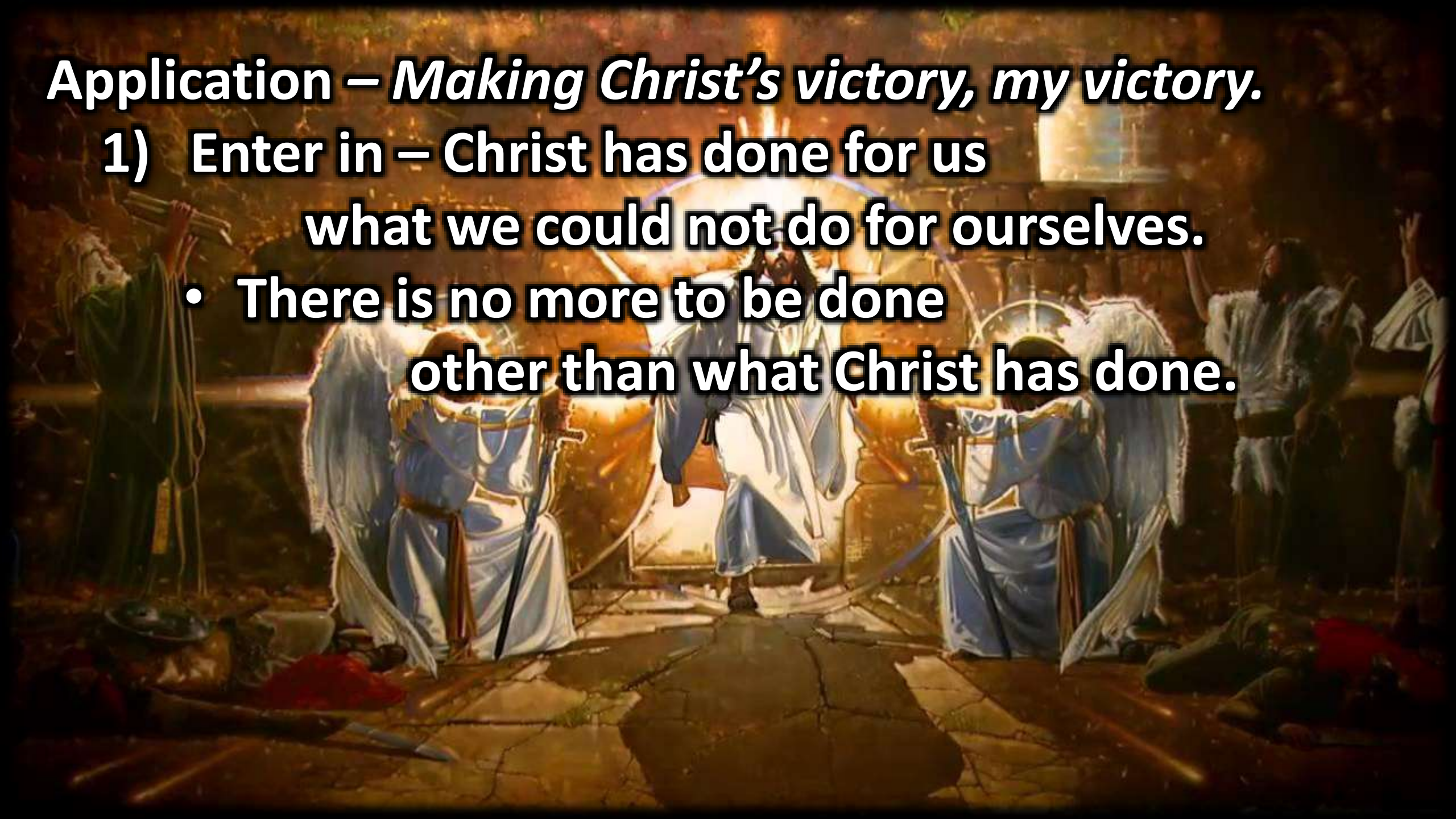
*“But I say, walk by the Spirit,
and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.
For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit,
and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh,
for these are opposed to each other,
to keep you from doing the things you want to do”*



Application – *Making Christ's victory, my victory.*

**1) Enter in – Christ has done for us
what we could not do for ourselves.**

- There is no more to be done
other than what Christ has done.**

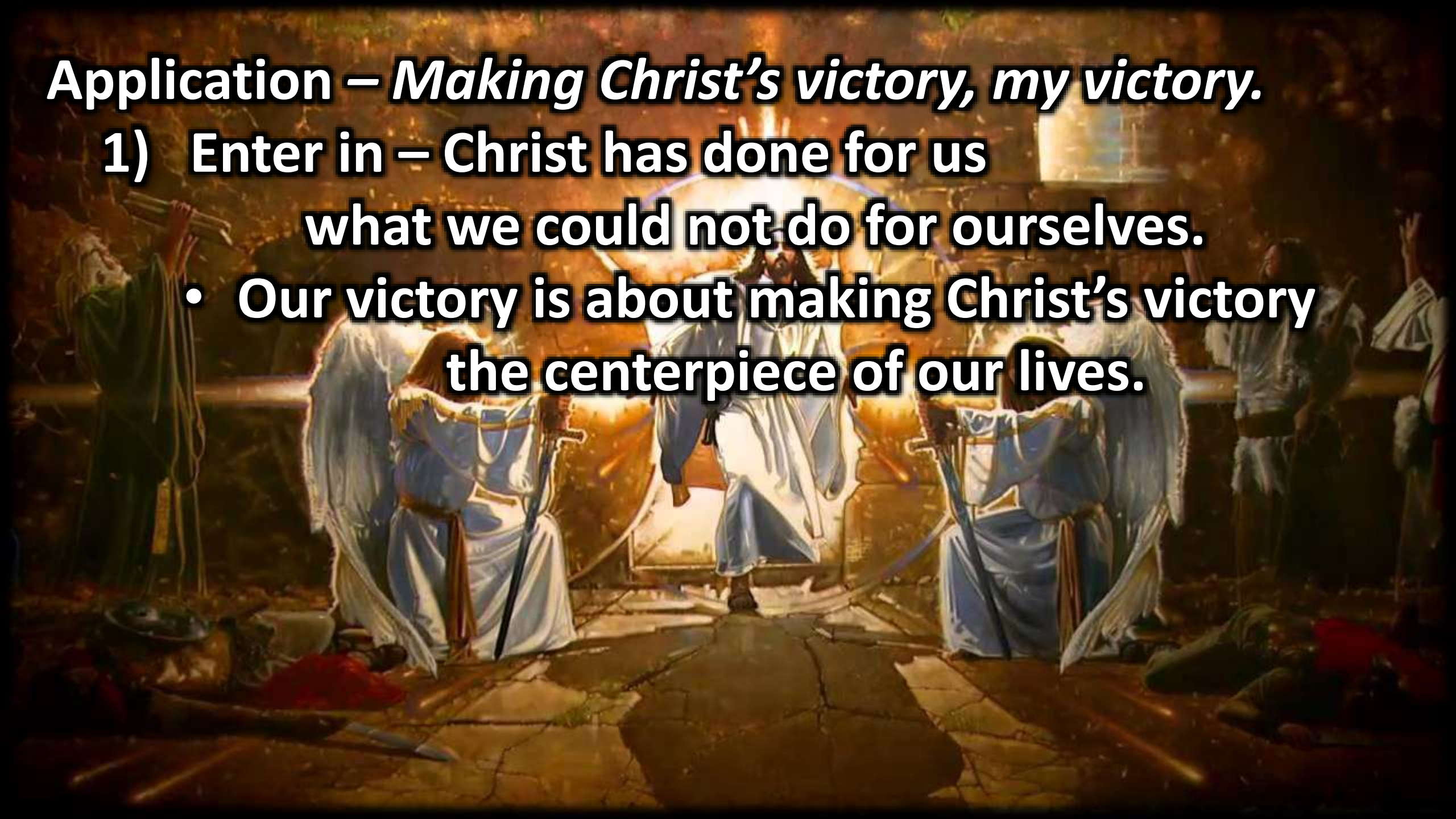


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- **Our victory is about making Christ's victory the centerpiece of our lives.**



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2) EXALT – Submit daily to Christ's Lordship.

1 Peter 3:15



ECB → EXALT

“But in your hearts revere (sanctify) Christ as Lord.”

Application – *Making Christ's victory, my victory.*

3) EQUIP – Pray and ask for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit each day.

Ephesians 5:18



ECB → EQUIP

“Instead, be filled with the Spirit...”

Luke 11:13

*“If you then, though you are evil,
know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will your Father in heaven
give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*



Ephesians 6:18

*“And **pray in the Spirit** on all occasions
with all kinds of prayers and requests.”*



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4) EQUIP – feed on the Word of God as daily strength to face the battle / choice.

Colossians 3:16



ECB → EQUIP

“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly...”

Application – *Making Christ's victory, my victory.*

**5) EDIFY – stay connected to believers
to encourage / be encouraged
to press on in the Spirit.**

Hebrews 3:13

ECB → EDIFY



Hebrews 3:13

*“But encourage one another daily,
as long as it is called ‘Today,’
so that none of you may be
hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”*



Application – *Making Christ's victory, my victory.*

6) EXTEND – involvement with Jesus in reaching a needy world can keep us facing away from sin.

Galatians 5:16



ECB → EXTEND

***“So I say, walk by the Spirit,
and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”***

Ephesians 6:14-15

*“Stand firm then,... with your feet
fitted with the **readiness**
that comes from the gospel of peace.”*





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