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Provision in the Wilderness

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The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. 2 In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 3 The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

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4 Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. 5 On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

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6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” 8 Moses also said, “You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord.”

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9 Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

10 While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

11 The Lord said to Moses, 12 “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

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13 That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. 16 This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’”

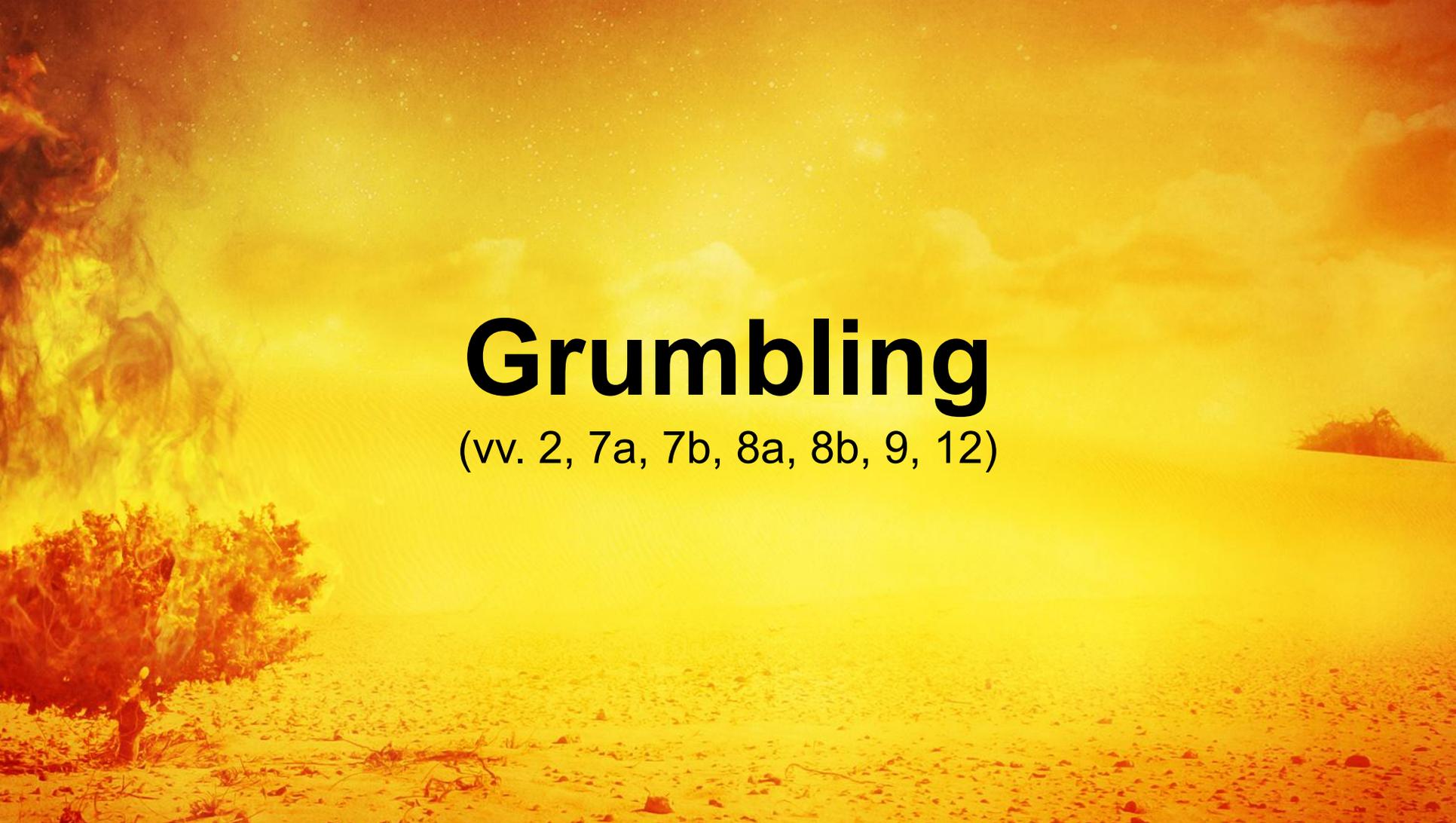
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17 The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. 18 And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

31 The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

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1. Israel's Need (16:1-3)

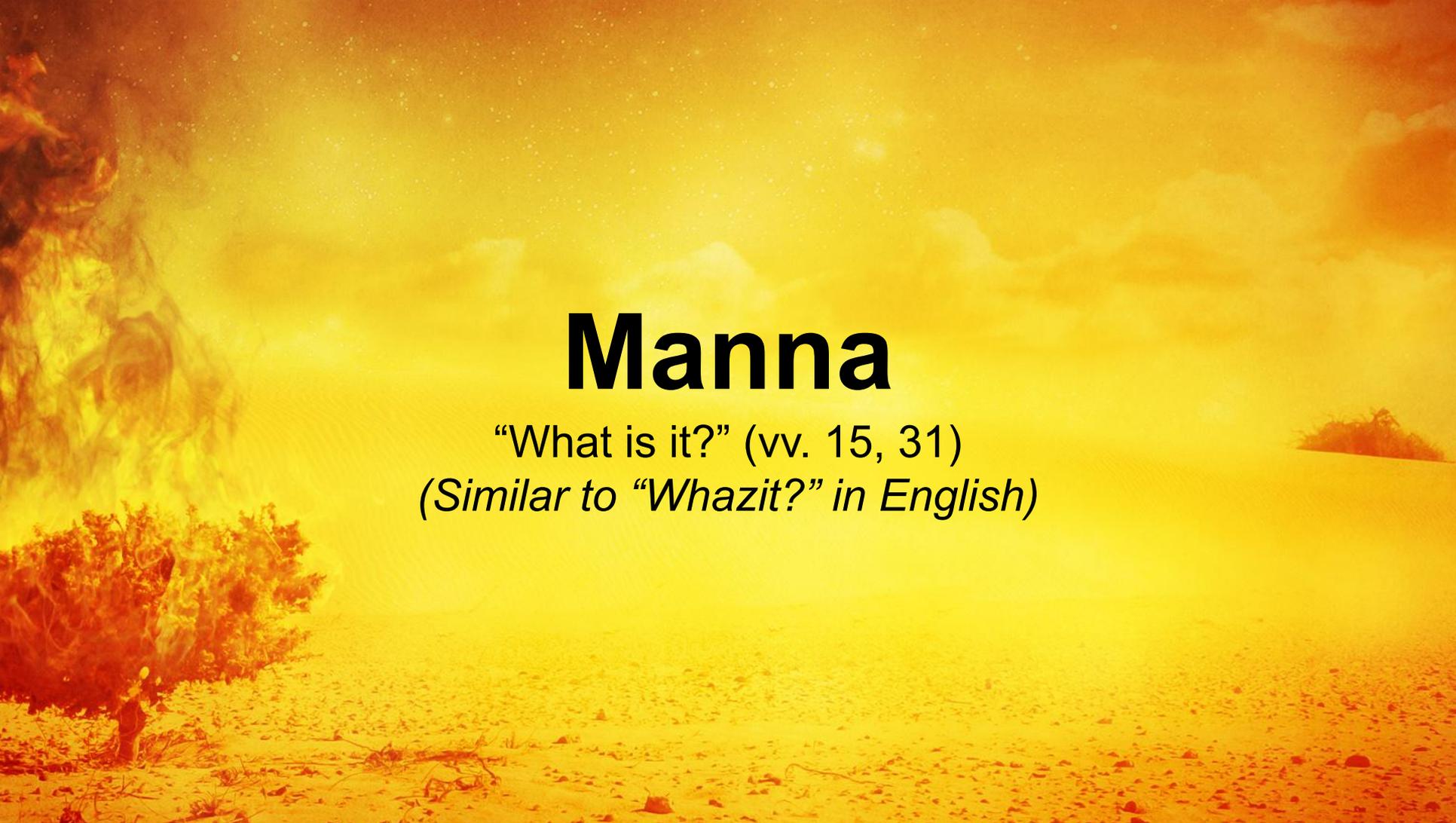
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Grumbling

(vv. 2, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9, 12)

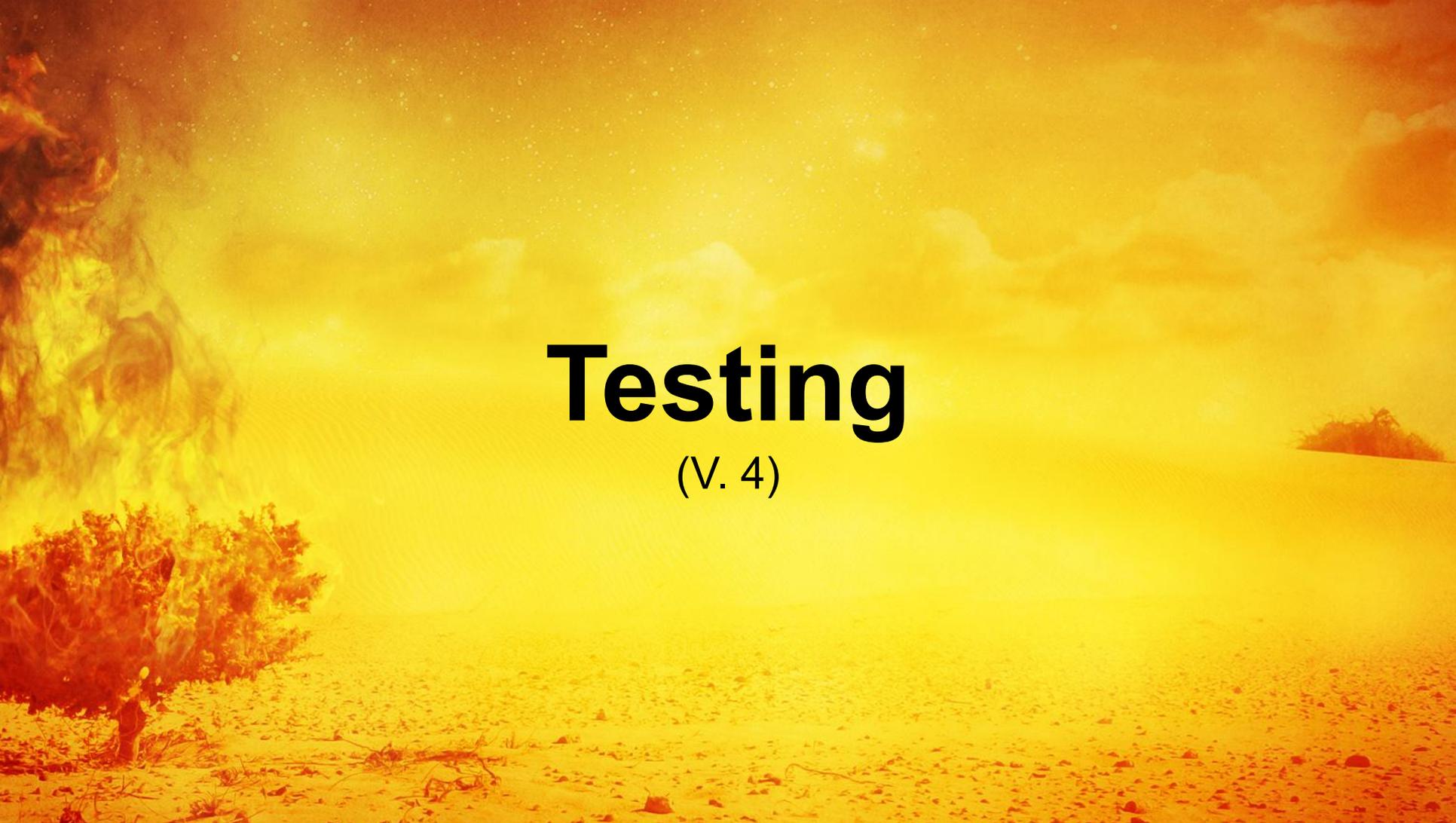
A dramatic, golden-yellow scene of a desert landscape. On the left side, there is a large, intense fire with thick, dark smoke rising into the sky. The ground is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry plants. The overall atmosphere is one of divine presence or judgment, with a bright, glowing light emanating from the fire and the sky. The text "2. God's Response (16:4-18)" is overlaid in the center of the image in a bold, black font.

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Manna

“What is it?” (vv. 15, 31)
(Similar to “Whazit?” in English)



Testing

(V. 4)

God's Testing of Israel

- Intentionally placing them in situations of physical need (*Dt. 8:2,16; Ex. 15:23-25a; Dt. 33:8*)
- In situations where they would see awesome signs (*Ex. 20:20; Dt. 4:34*)
- In situations where they would need to decide on whether or not to follow God's instructions (*Ex. 15:25b; 16:4*)

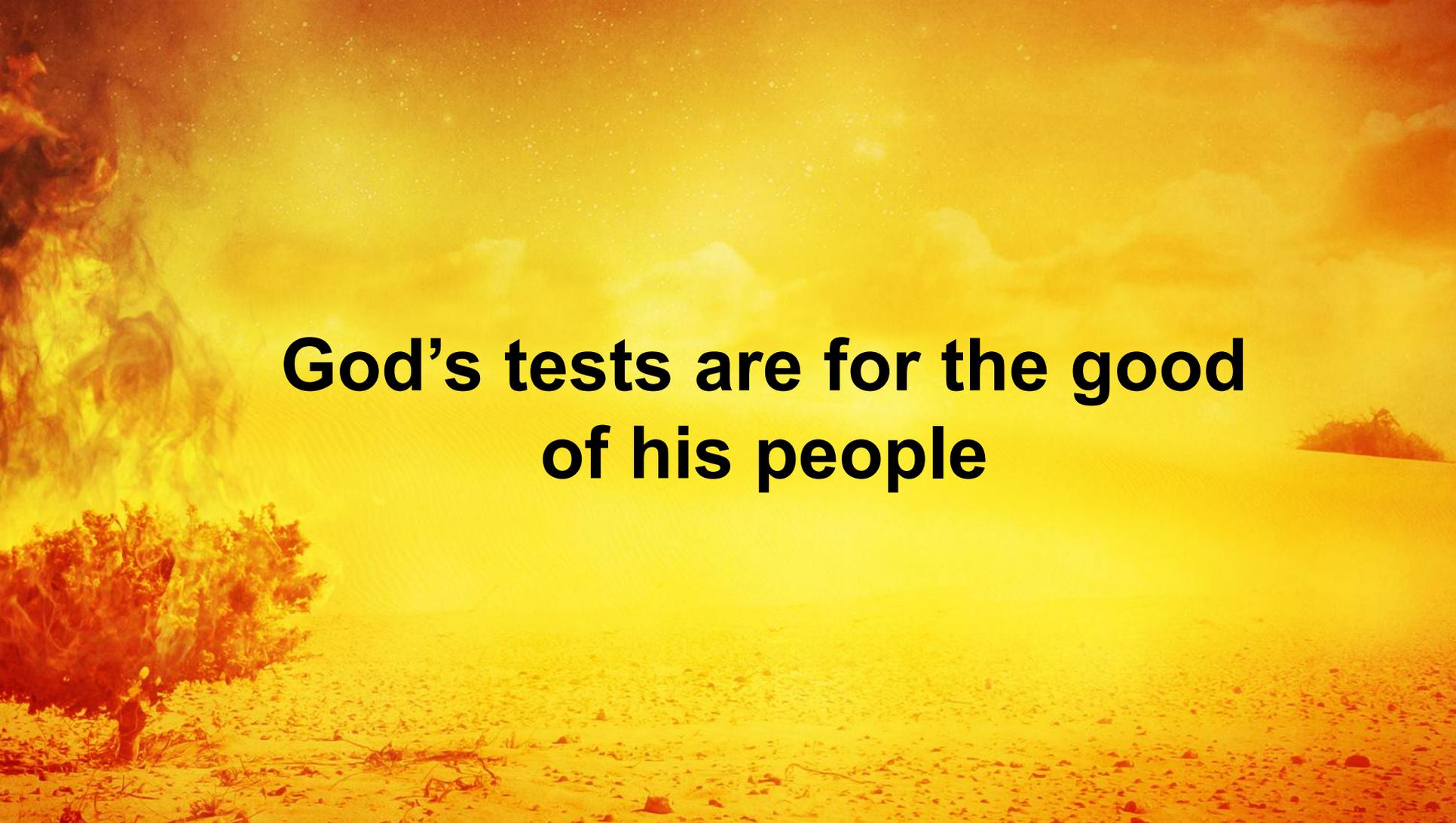
Deuteronomy 8:1-5

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. 2 Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you **in order to know what was in your heart**, whether or not you would keep his commands. 3 He **humbled** you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to **teach** you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 4 Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. 5 Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God **disciplines** you.

Exodus 16:20, 27-28

“...some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part [of the manna] until the morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.”

“...some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather [manna], but they found none. Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘How long will you [people] refuse to keep my commands and instructions?’”

A dramatic, golden-hued landscape. On the left, a large, intense fire consumes a bush, with thick smoke rising. The ground is sandy and dotted with small rocks. The sky is a brilliant, glowing yellow-orange, with soft, wispy clouds. The overall atmosphere is one of divine fire and light.

**God's tests are for the good
of his people**

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through
faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—
9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

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God is Provider

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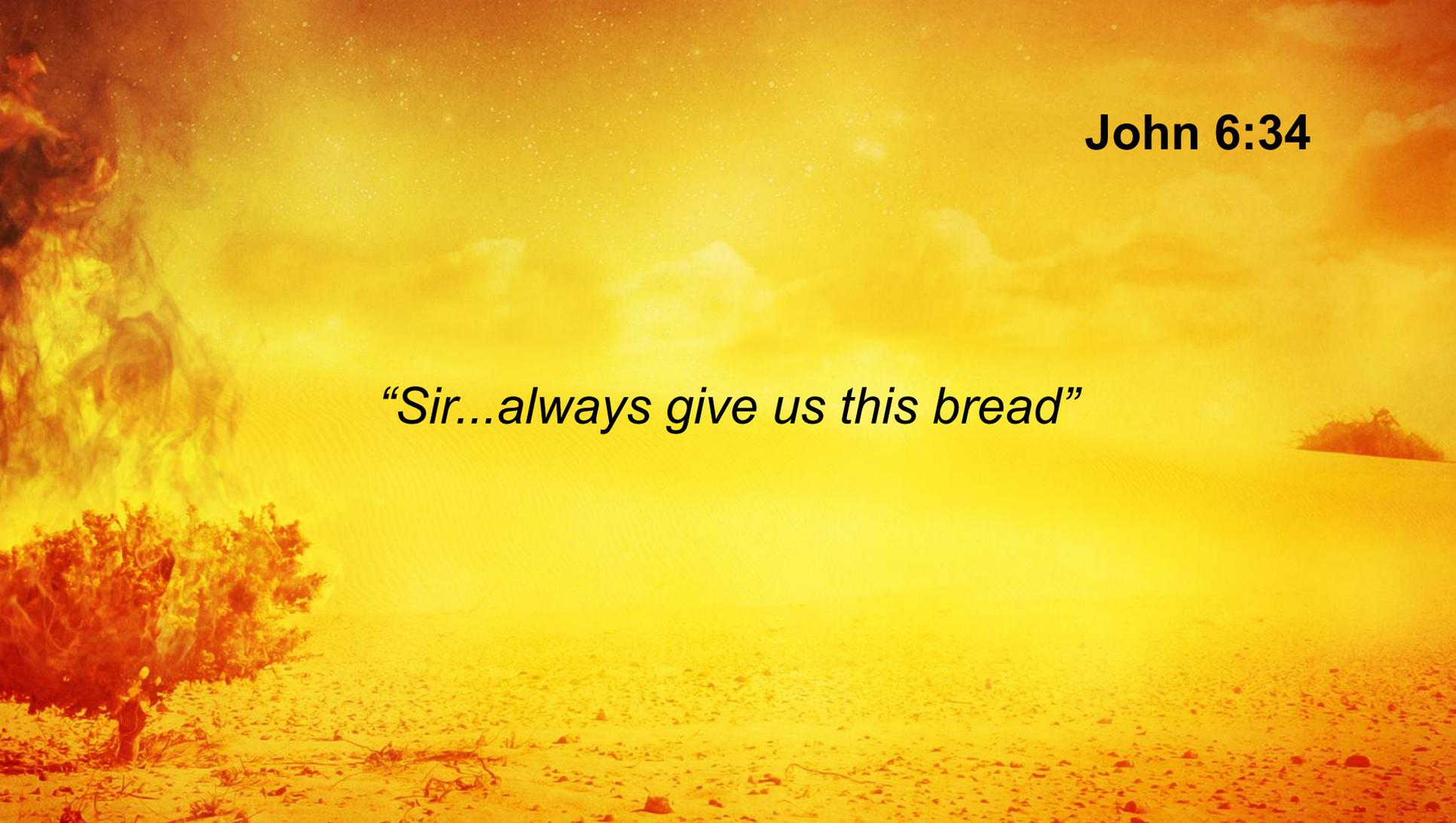
A. Trust fully in God



B. Avoid Self-Centeredness

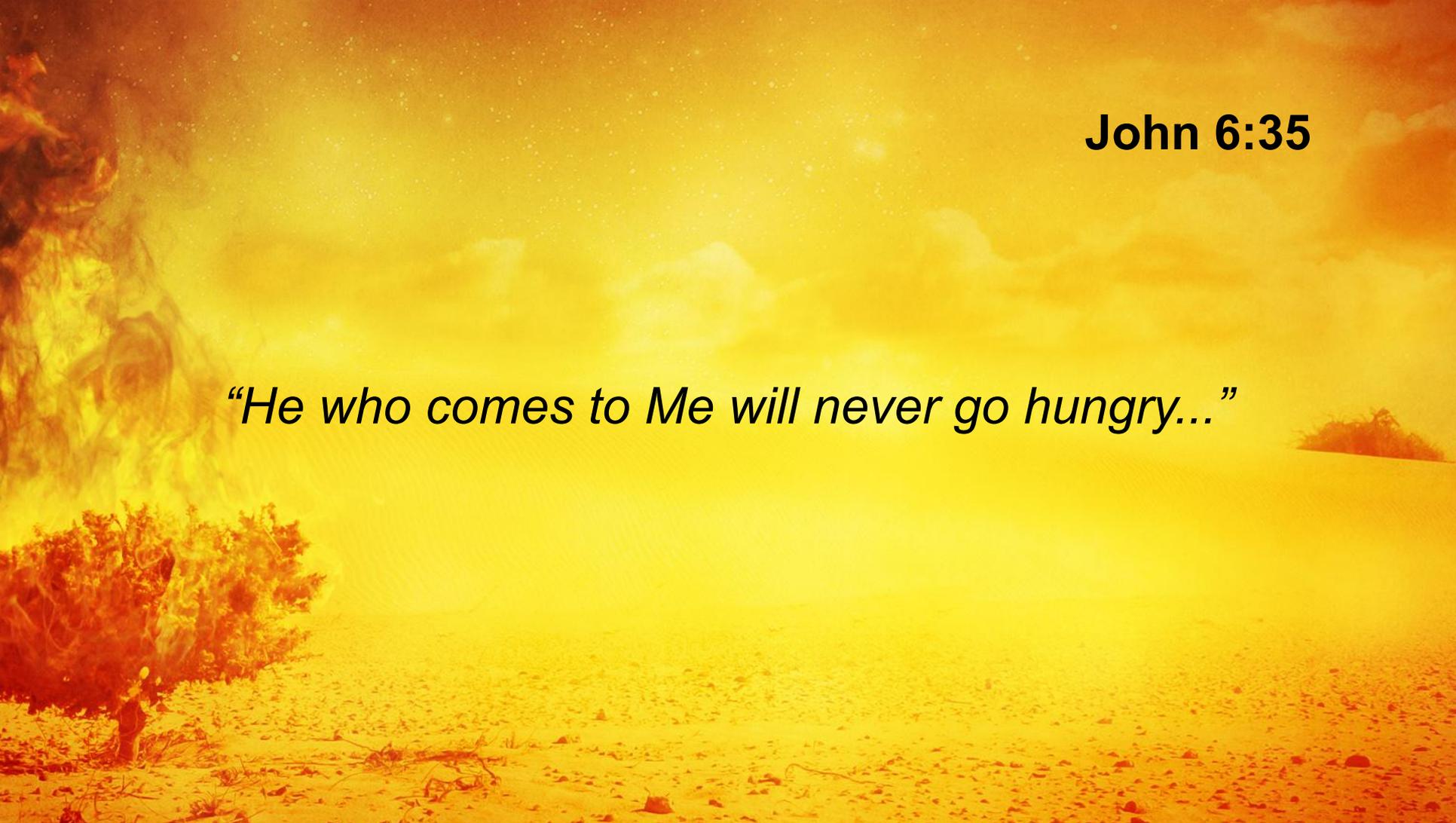
A dramatic, fiery landscape. On the left, a large fire consumes a bush, with thick, dark smoke rising into the air. The ground is covered in ash and small rocks. The sky is a brilliant, glowing yellow-orange, filled with wispy clouds. The overall atmosphere is one of intense heat and destruction.

C. Recognize our True Need

A dramatic, golden-hued landscape. On the left, a large fire with thick, dark smoke rises into the sky. The ground is sandy and sparsely vegetated with small, scrubby bushes. The sky is filled with bright, glowing clouds, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall color palette is dominated by warm yellows, oranges, and reds.

John 6:34

“Sir...always give us this bread”

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John 6:35

“He who comes to Me will never go hungry...”

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