



# Apologetics

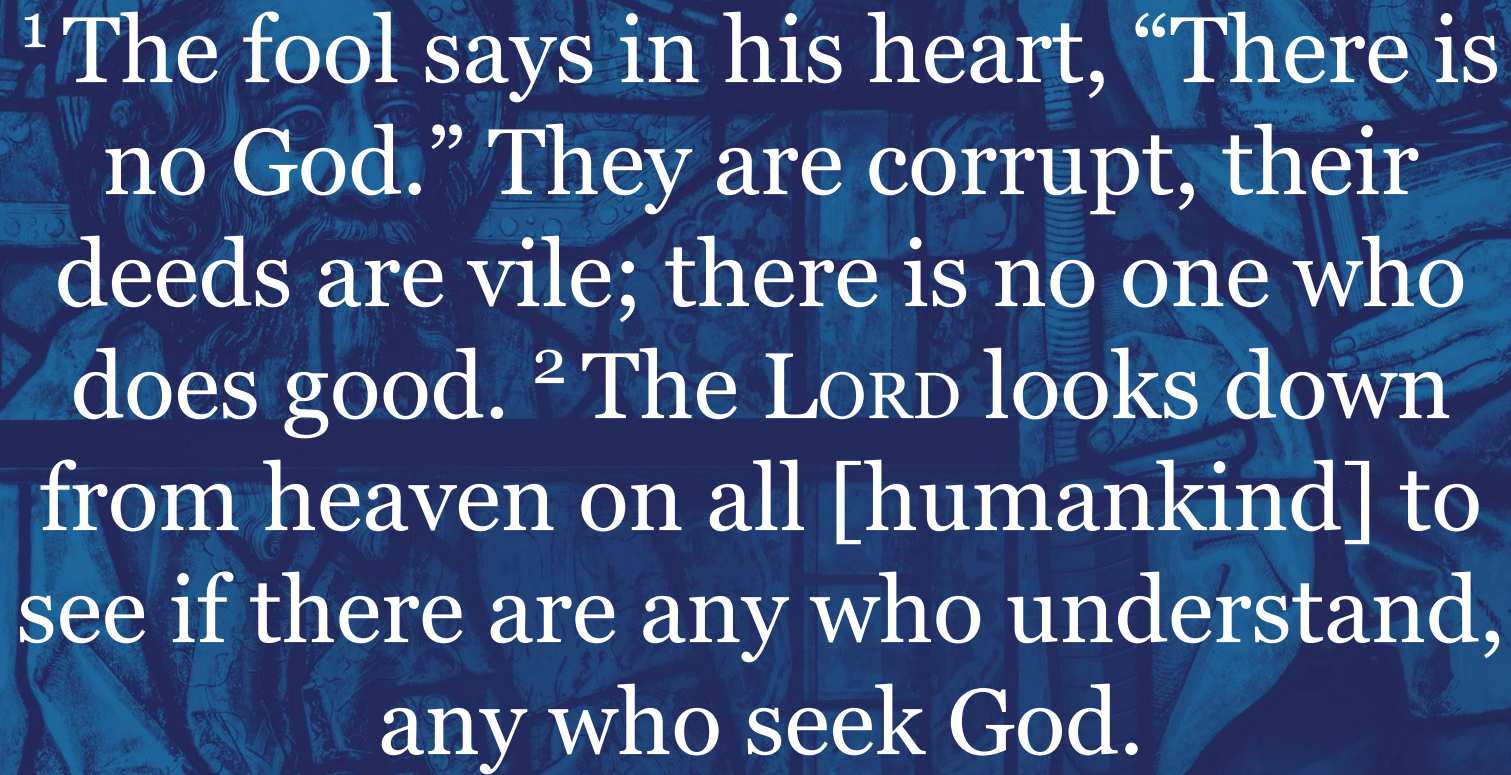
ARE YOU SURE?





# ATHEISM

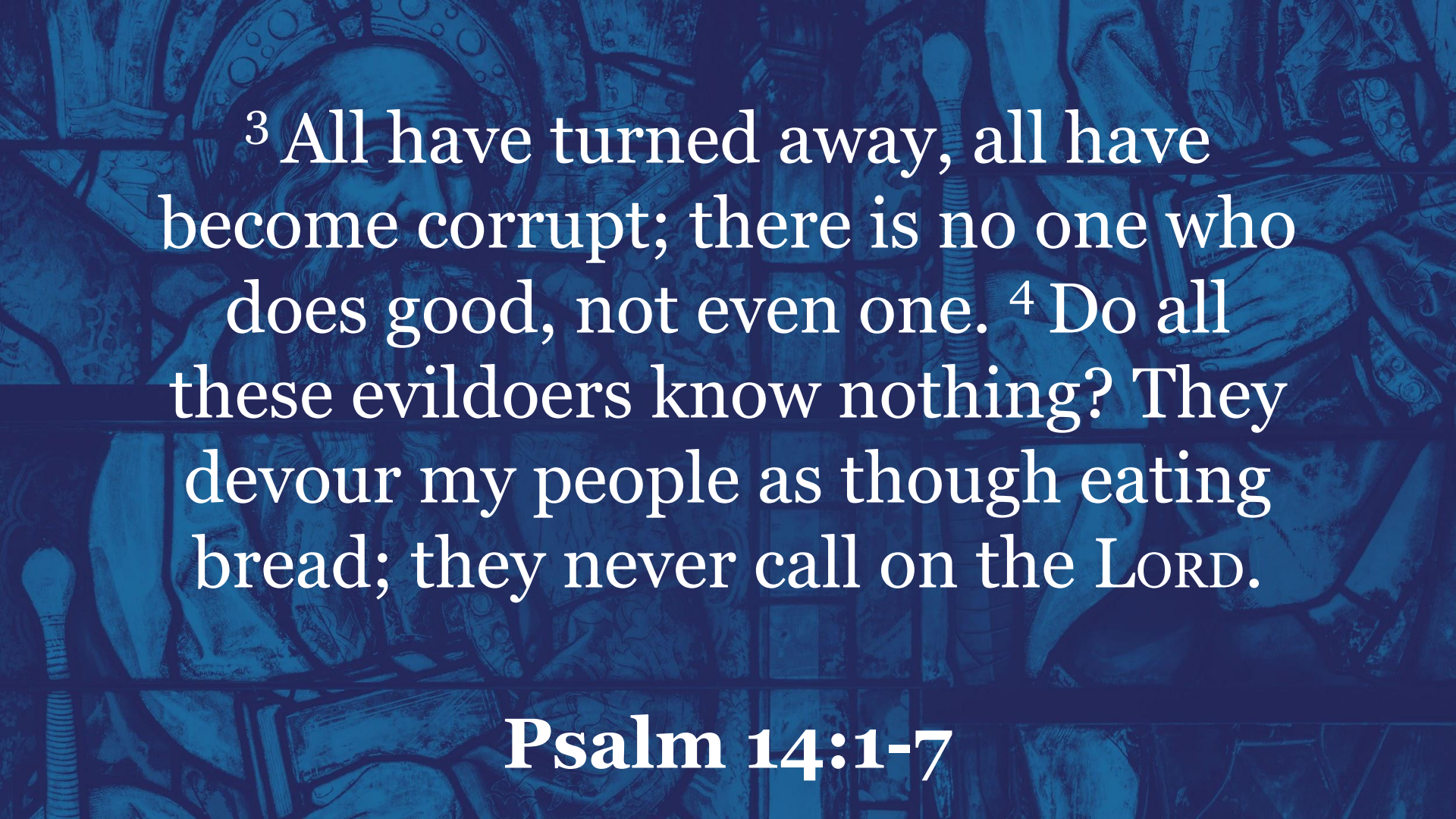




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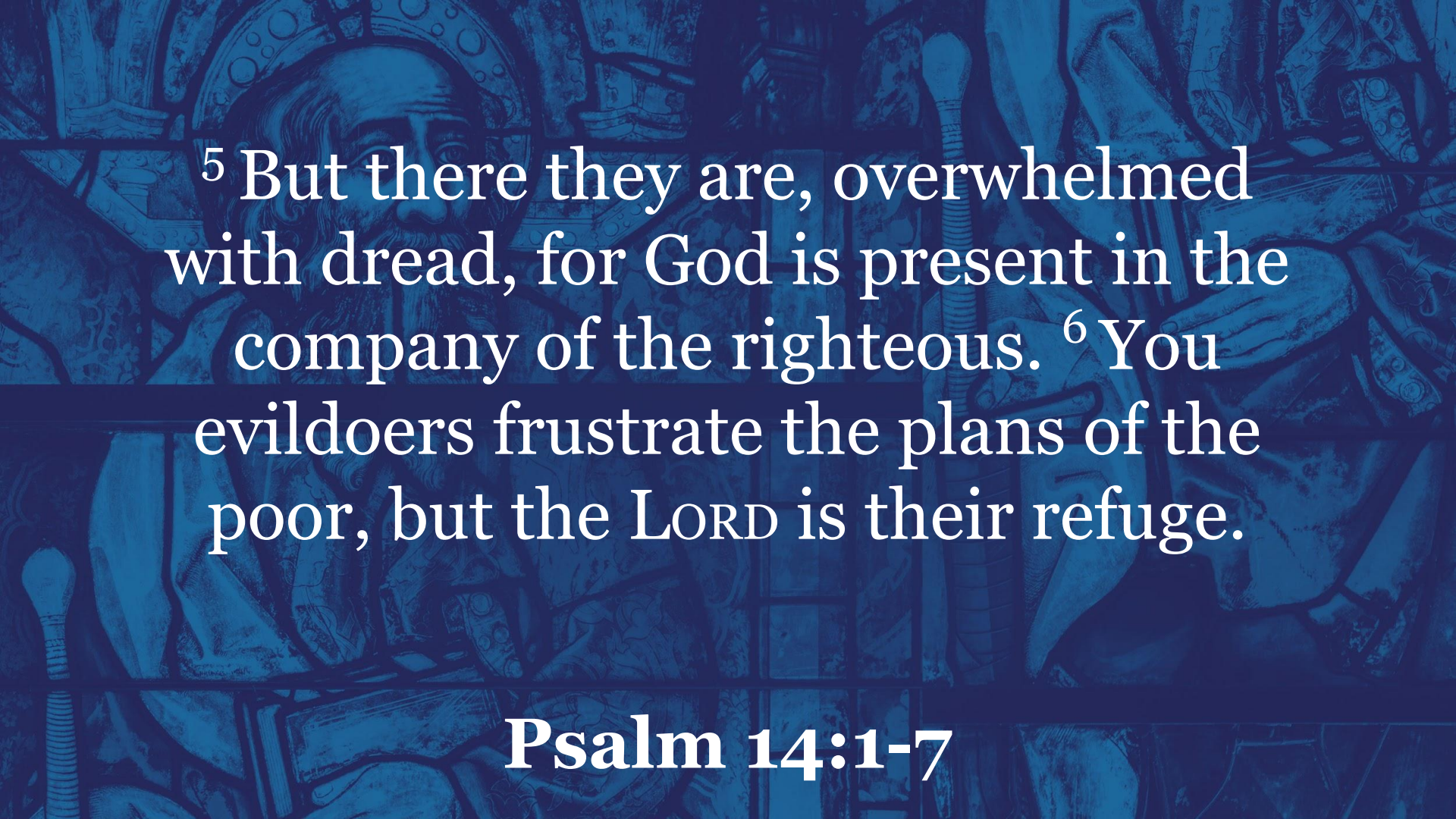




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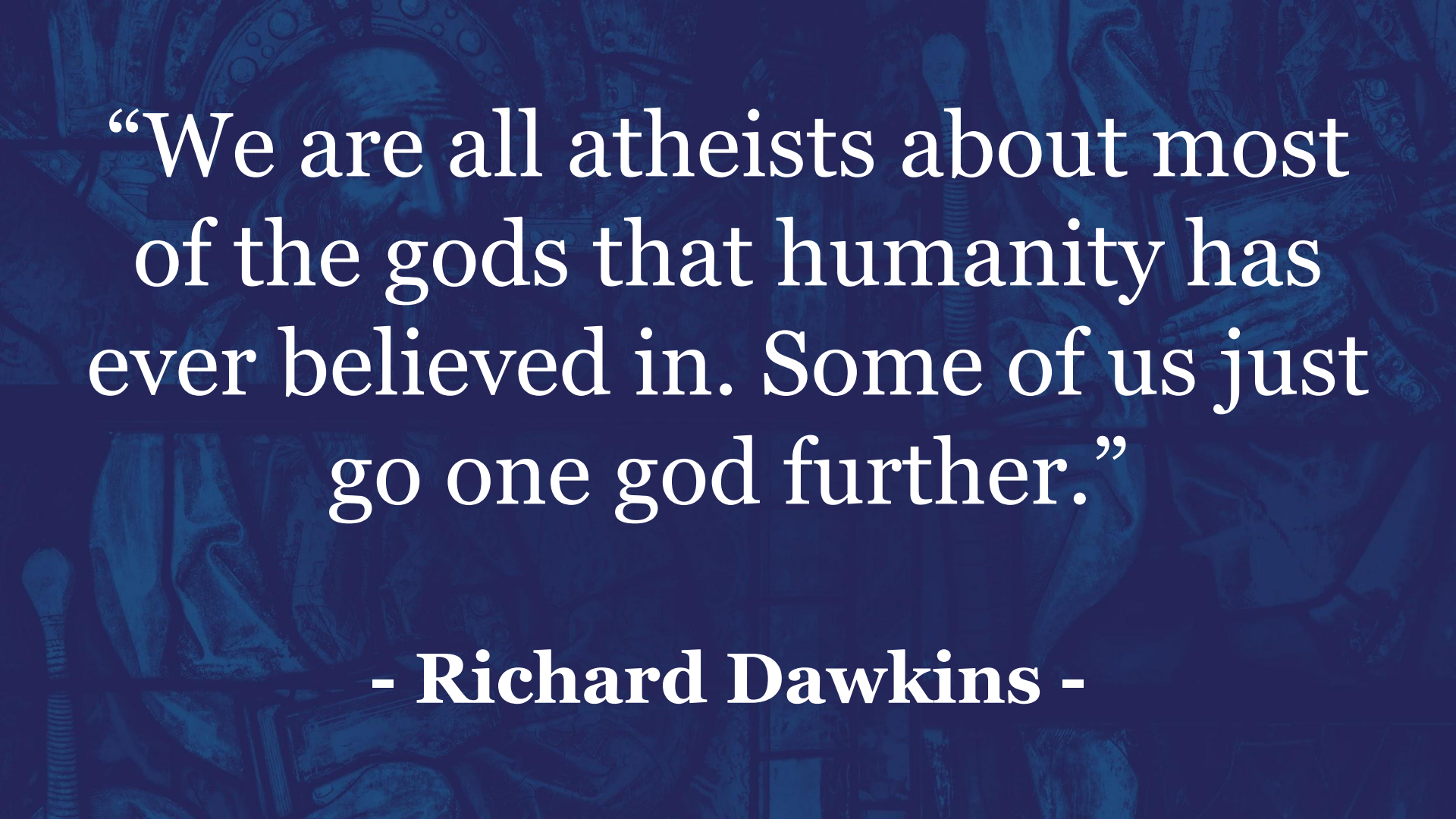
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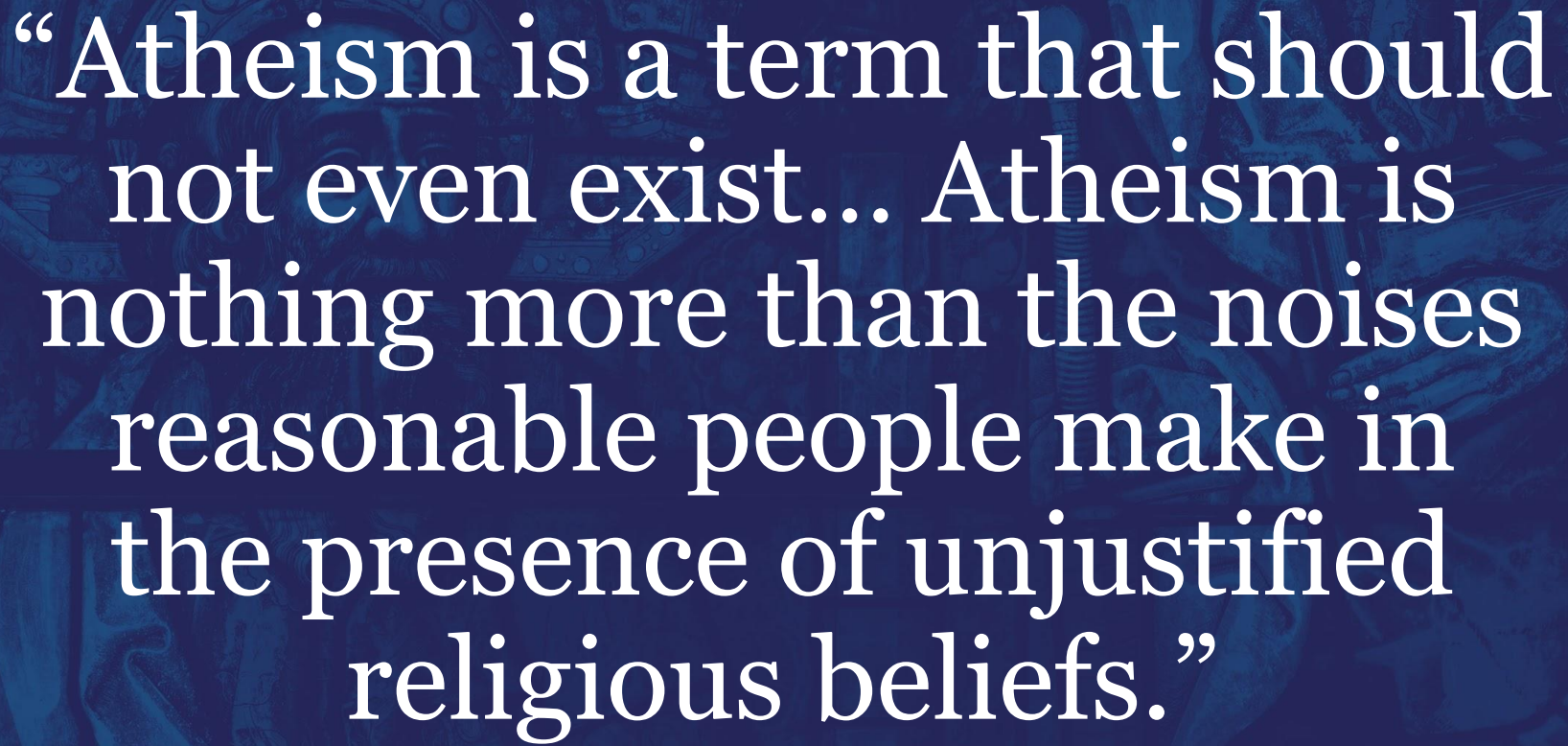
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“We are all atheists about most of the gods that humanity has ever believed in. Some of us just go one god further.”

- **Richard Dawkins** -

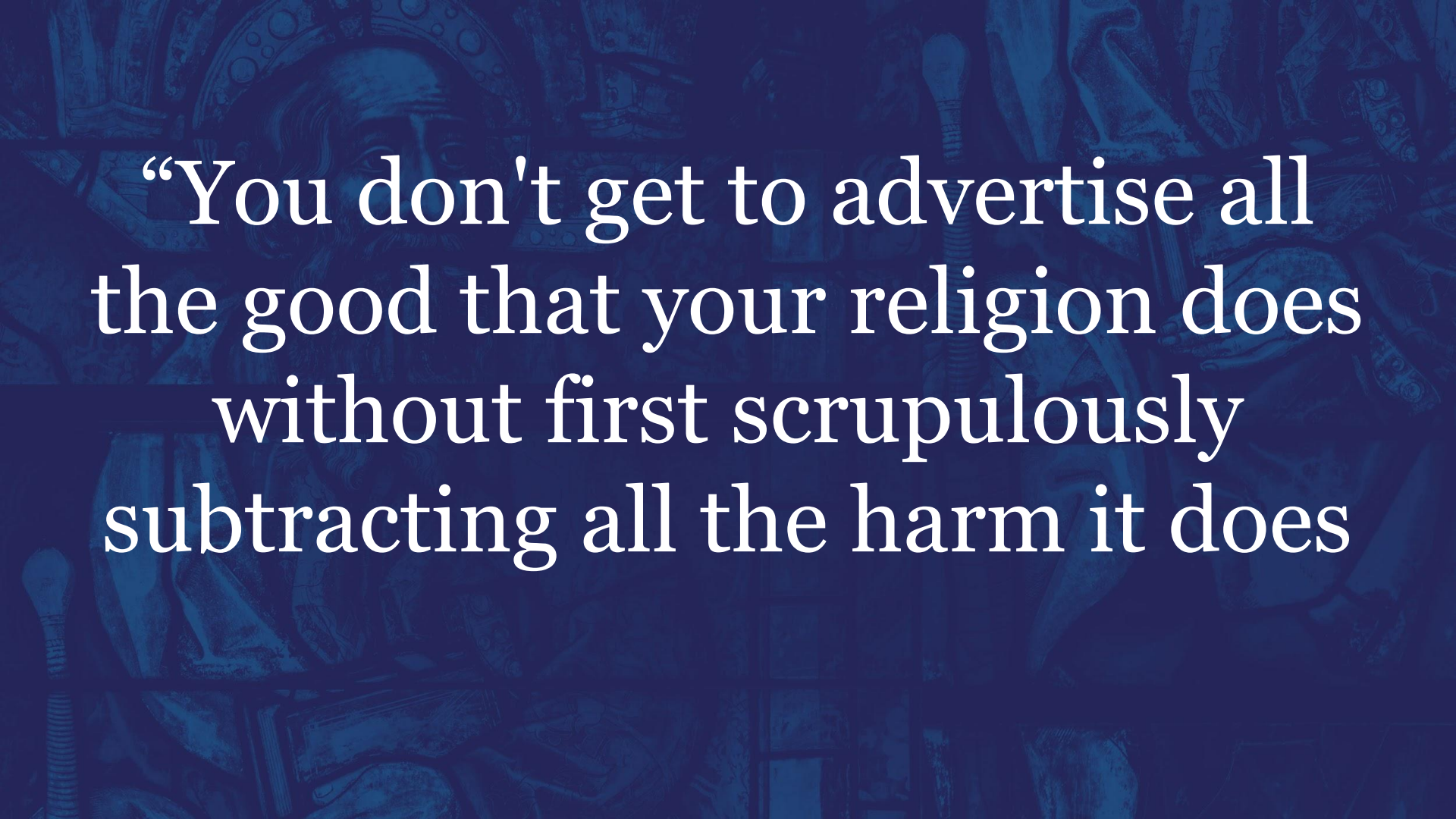




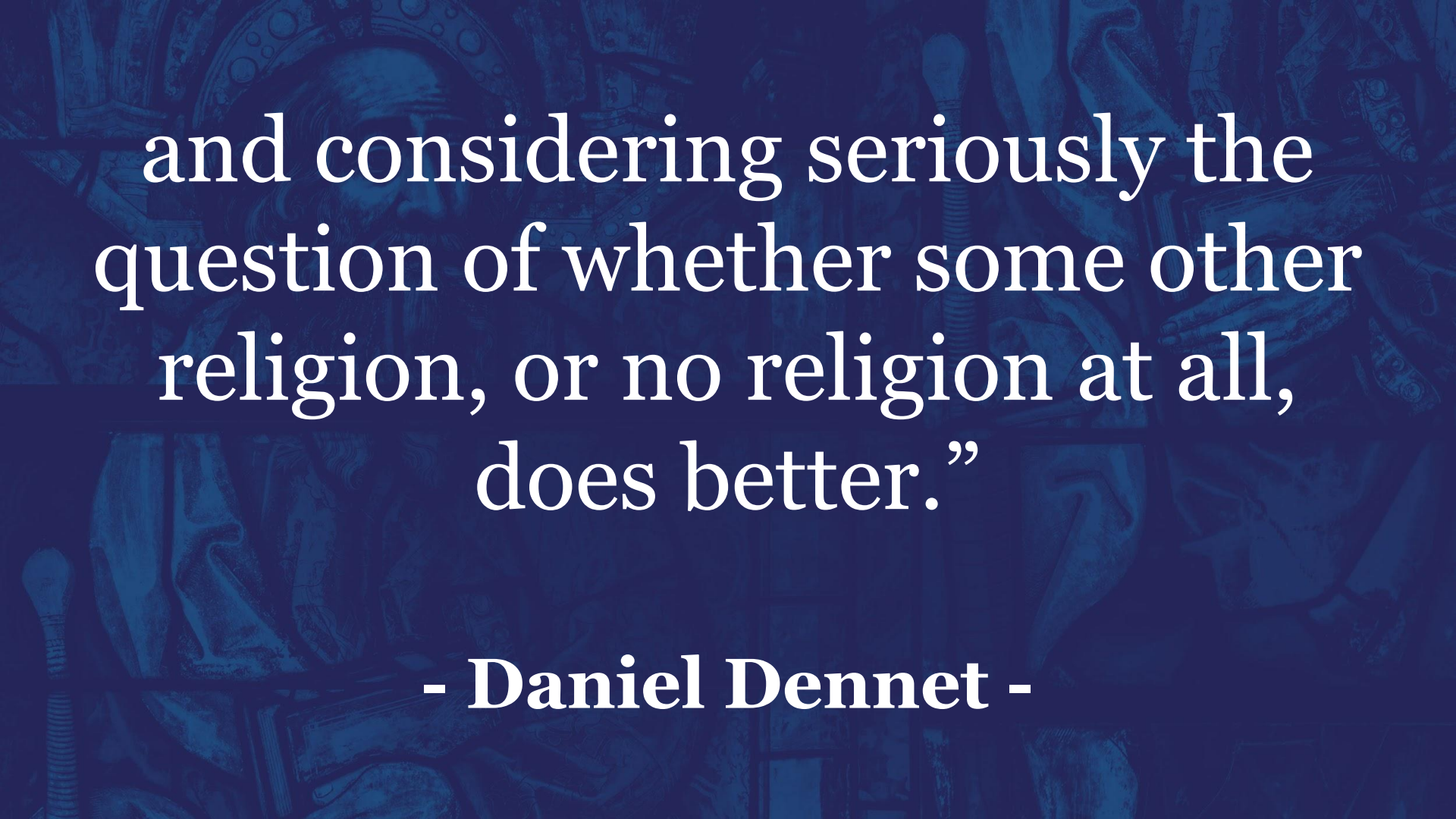
“Atheism is a term that should not even exist... Atheism is nothing more than the noises reasonable people make in the presence of unjustified religious beliefs.”

- Sam Harris -





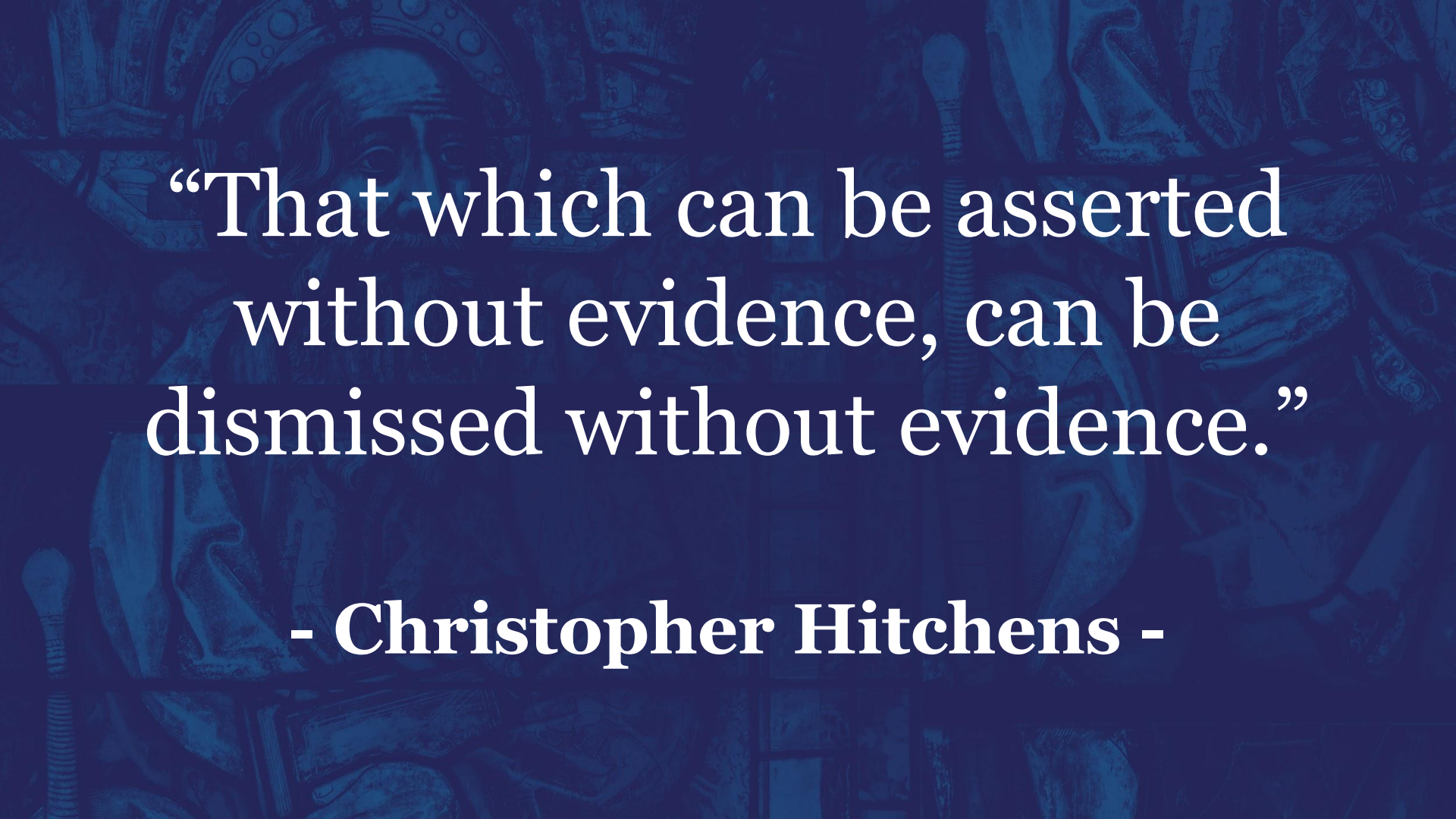
“You don't get to advertise all  
the good that your religion does  
without first scrupulously  
subtracting all the harm it does



and considering seriously the  
question of whether some other  
religion, or no religion at all,  
does better.”

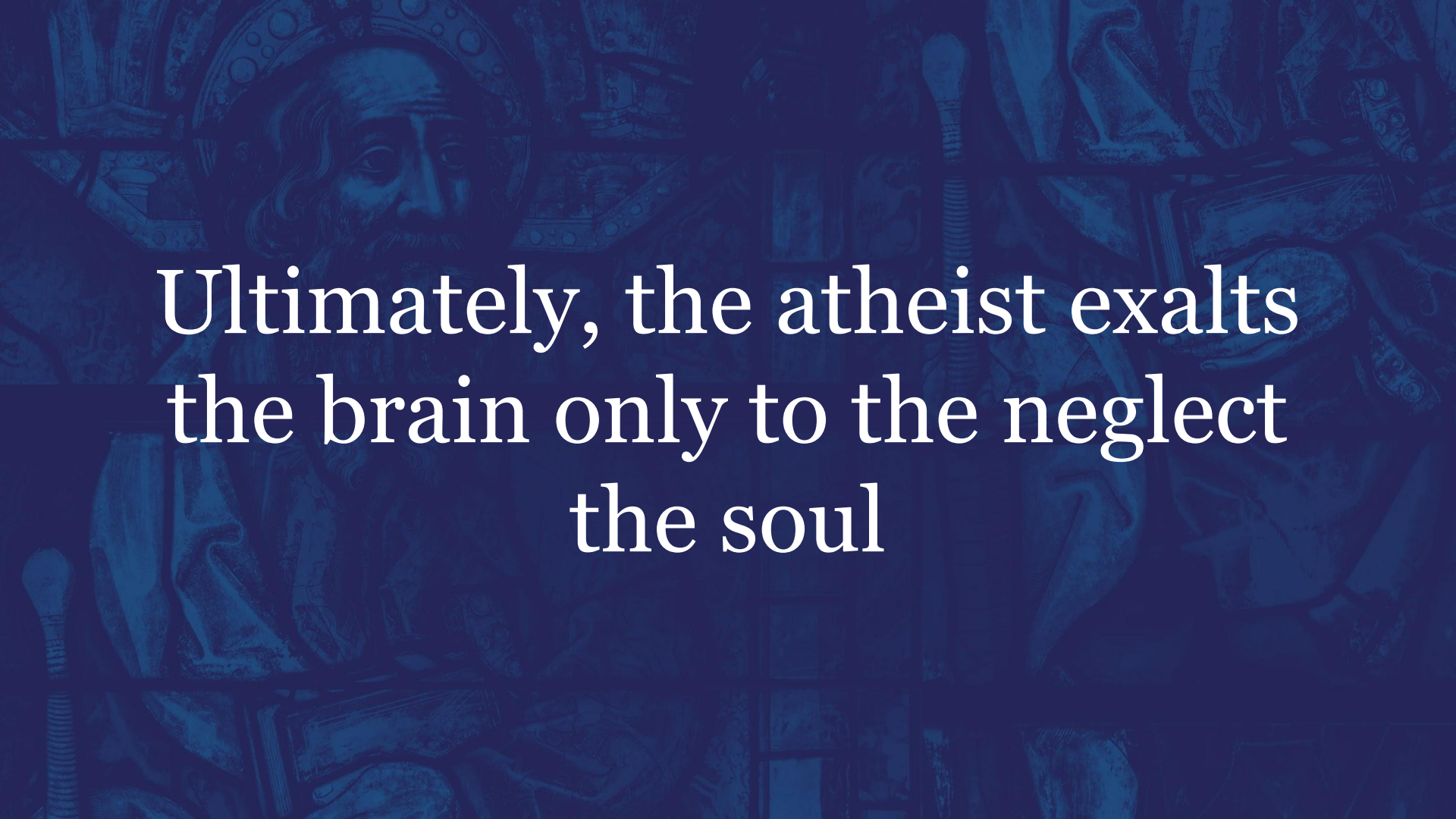
- **Daniel Dennet** -





“That which can be asserted  
without evidence, can be  
dismissed without evidence.”

- Christopher Hitchens -



Ultimately, the atheist exalts  
the brain only to the neglect  
the soul





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tune than Psalm 14



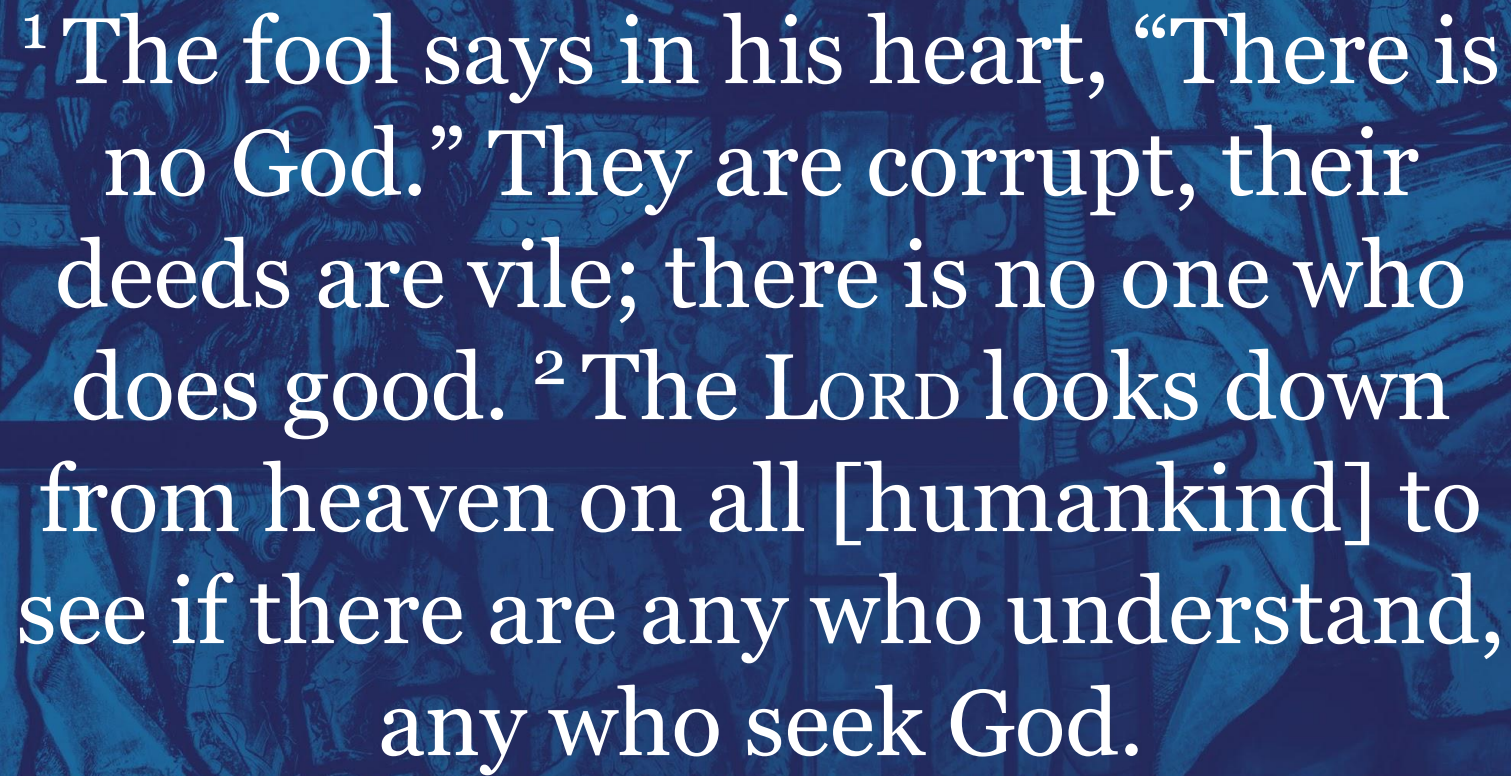
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# 1) FOOLISHNESS





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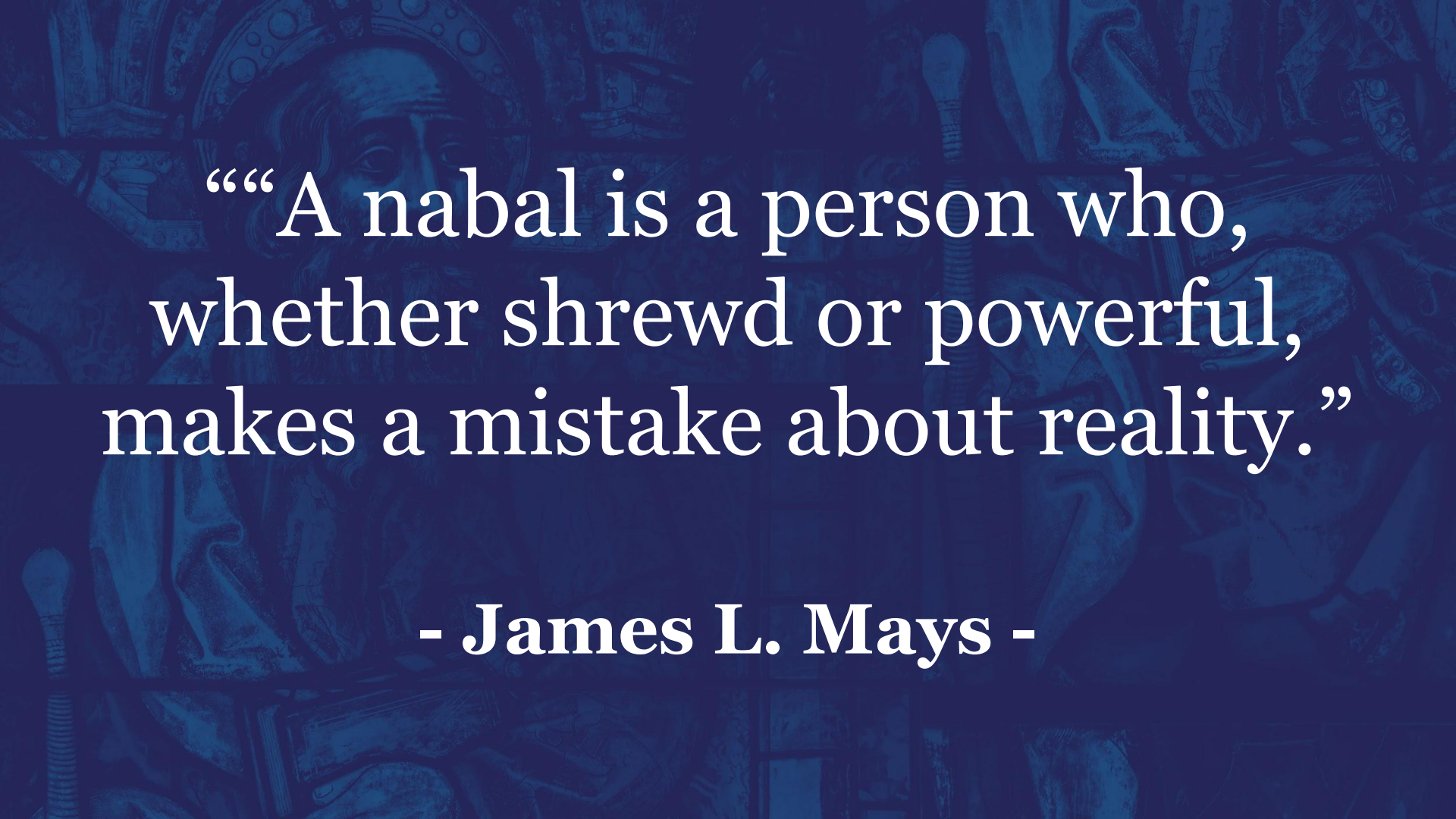
**Psalm 14:1-2**





“Christ in [us], the hope of glory.”

**Colossians 1:27**



““A nabal is a person who,  
whether shrewd or powerful,  
makes a mistake about reality.”

- James L. Mays -





The atheist has simply built  
their worldview on the wrong  
assumptions



Her husband was surly and mean in  
his dealings.

**1 Samuel 25:3**

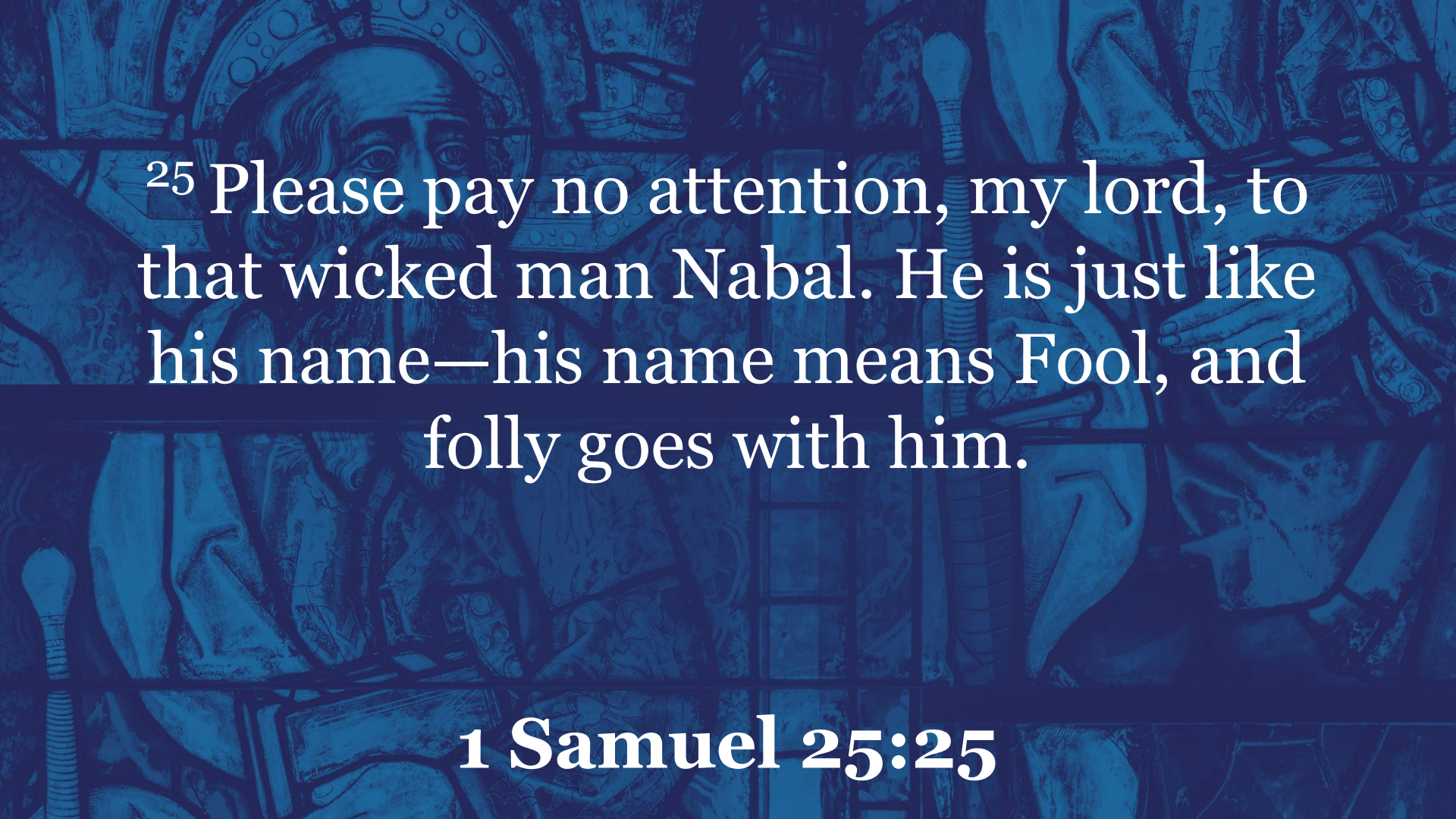




“He is a wicked man that no one can  
talk to him.”

**1 Samuel 25:17**

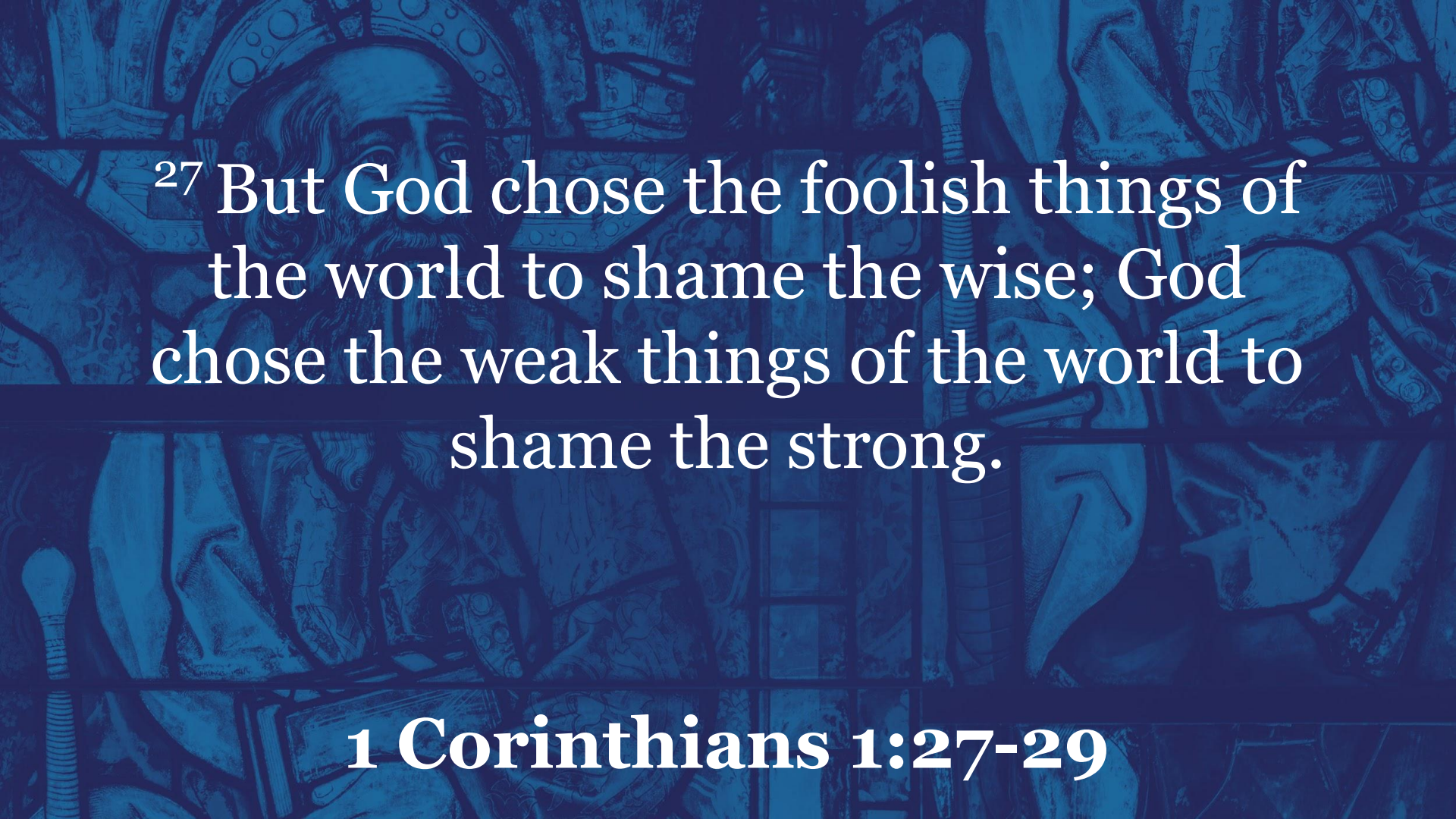




<sup>25</sup> Please pay no attention, my lord, to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name means Fool, and folly goes with him.

**1 Samuel 25:25**

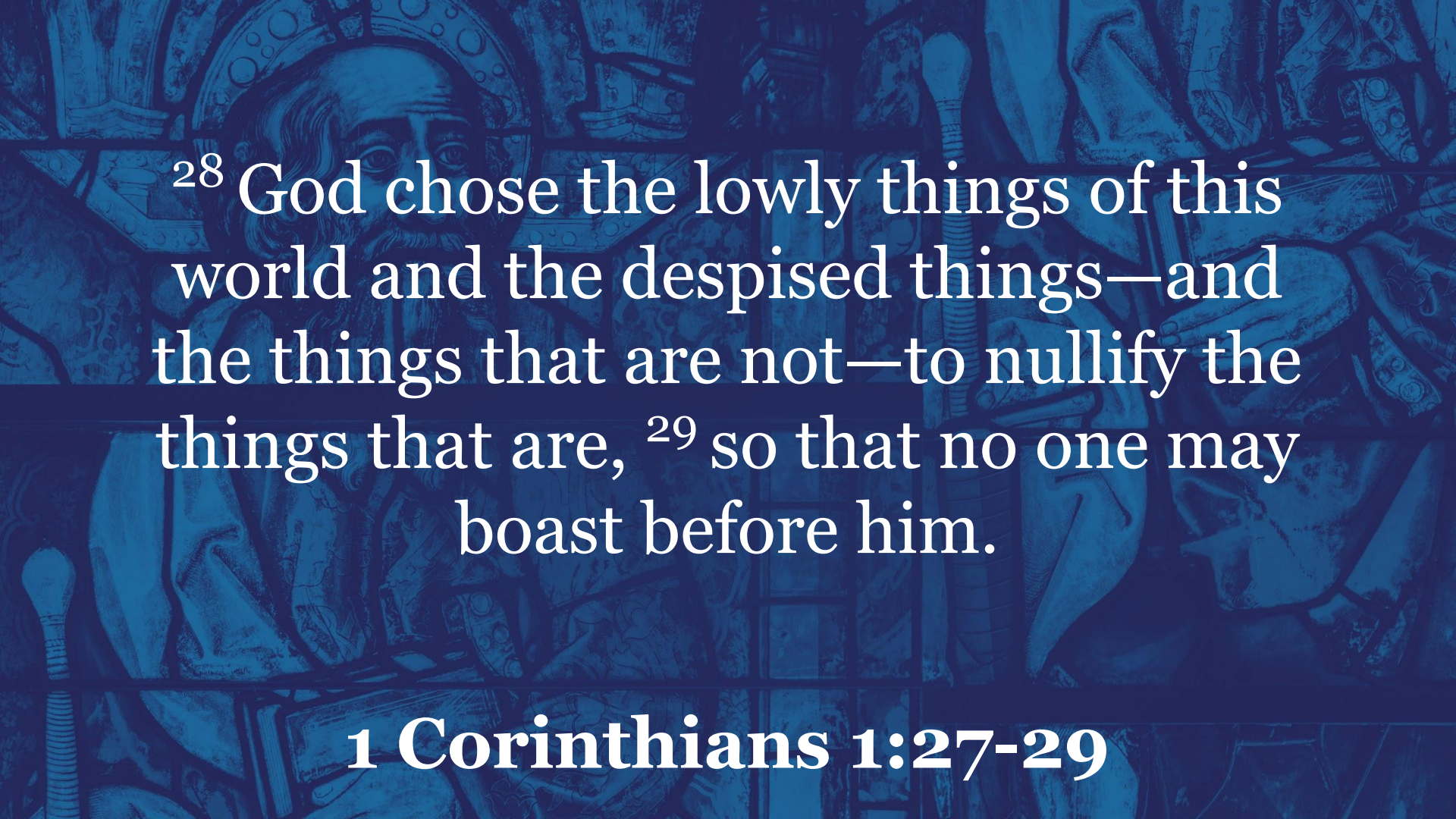




<sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

**1 Corinthians 1:27-29**





<sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him.

**1 Corinthians 1:27-29**





<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be  
found; call on him while he is near.

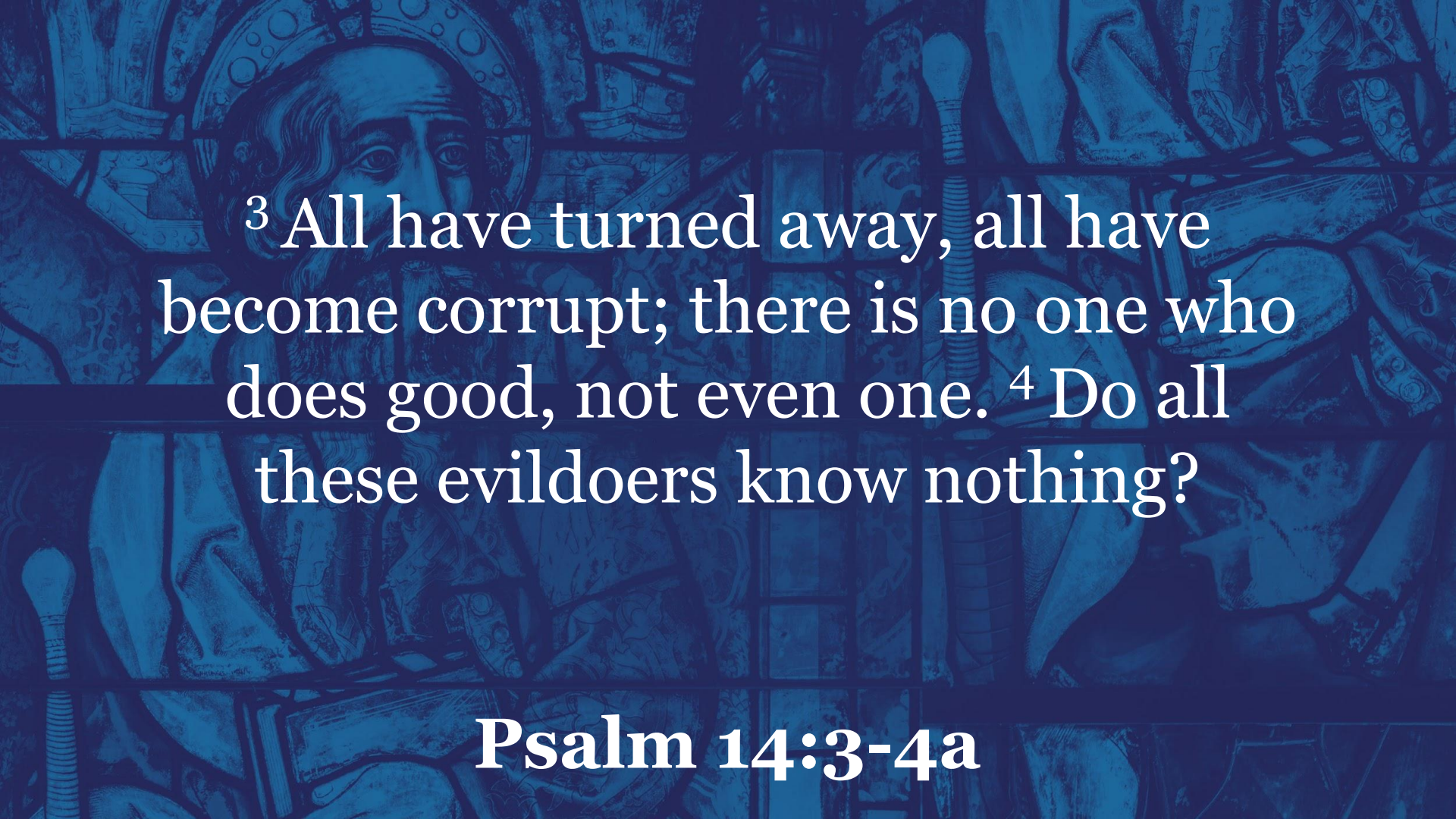
Isaiah 55:6





# 2) FALSEHOOD

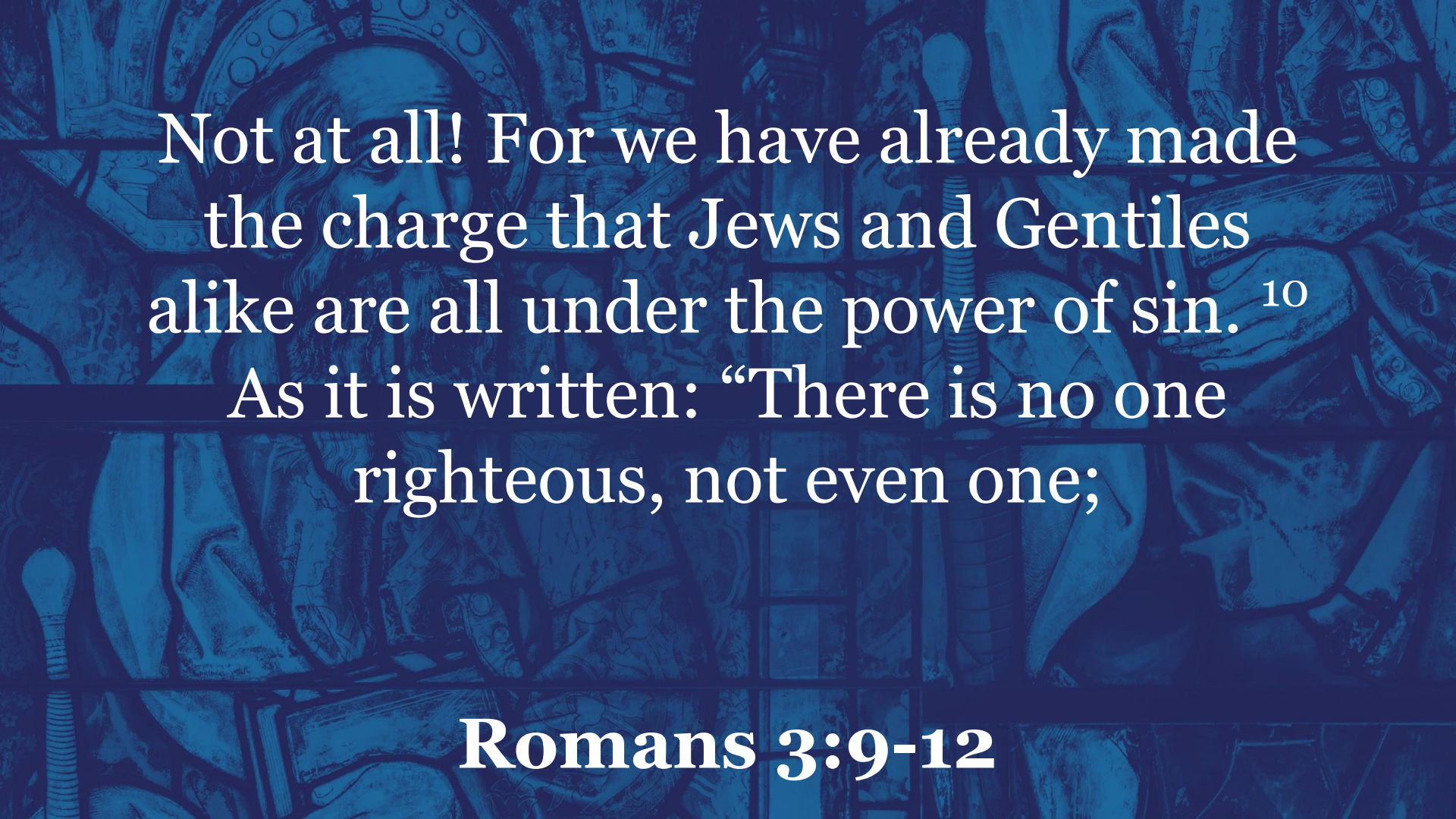




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**Psalm 14:3-4a**



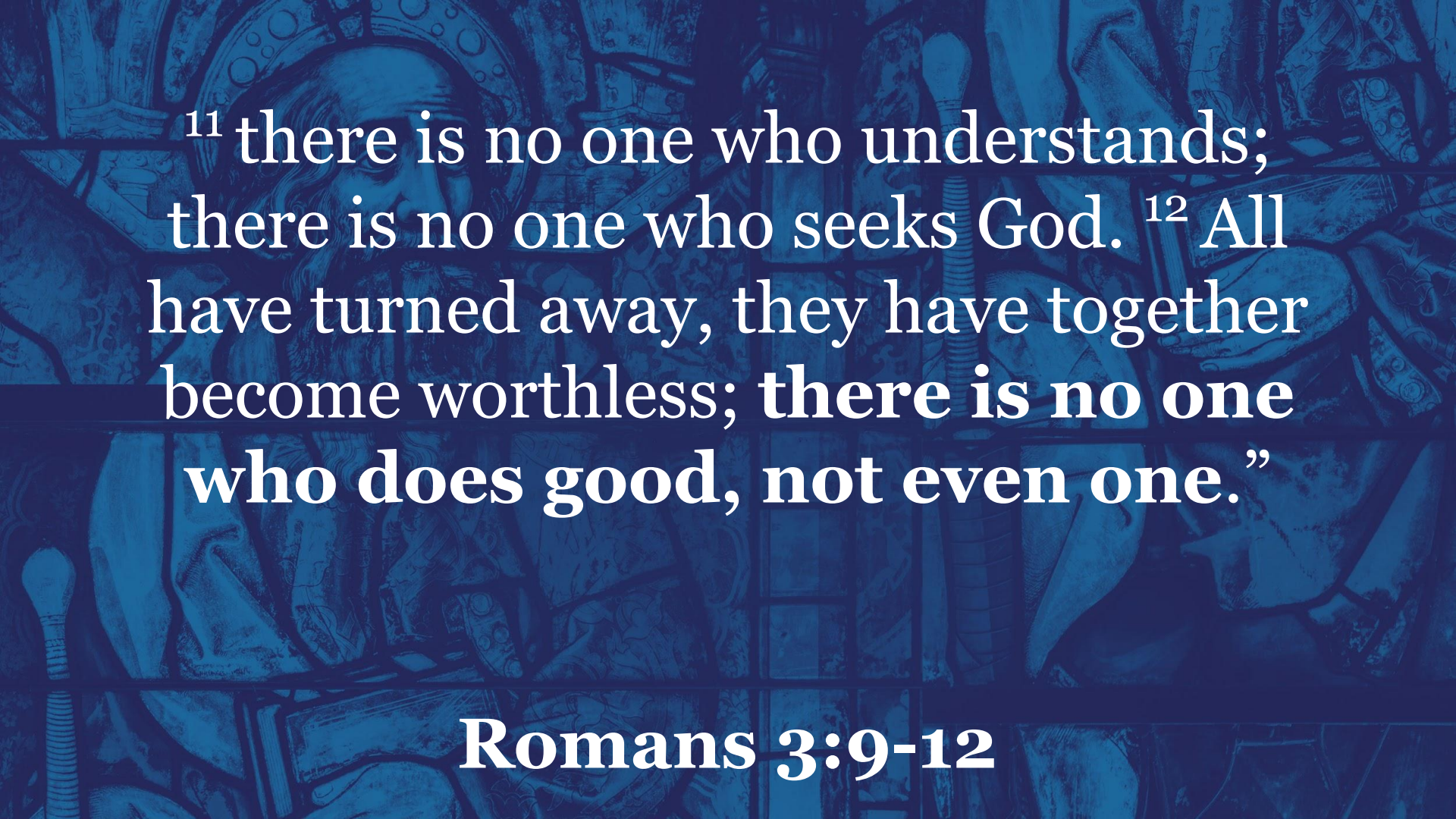


Not at all! For we have already made  
the charge that Jews and Gentiles  
alike are all under the power of sin.<sup>10</sup>

As it is written: “There is no one  
righteous, not even one;

**Romans 3:9-12**





<sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands;  
there is no one who seeks God. <sup>12</sup> All  
have turned away, they have together  
become worthless; **there is no one  
who does good, not even one.**”

**Romans 3:9-12**



Every Christian was once  
an atheist

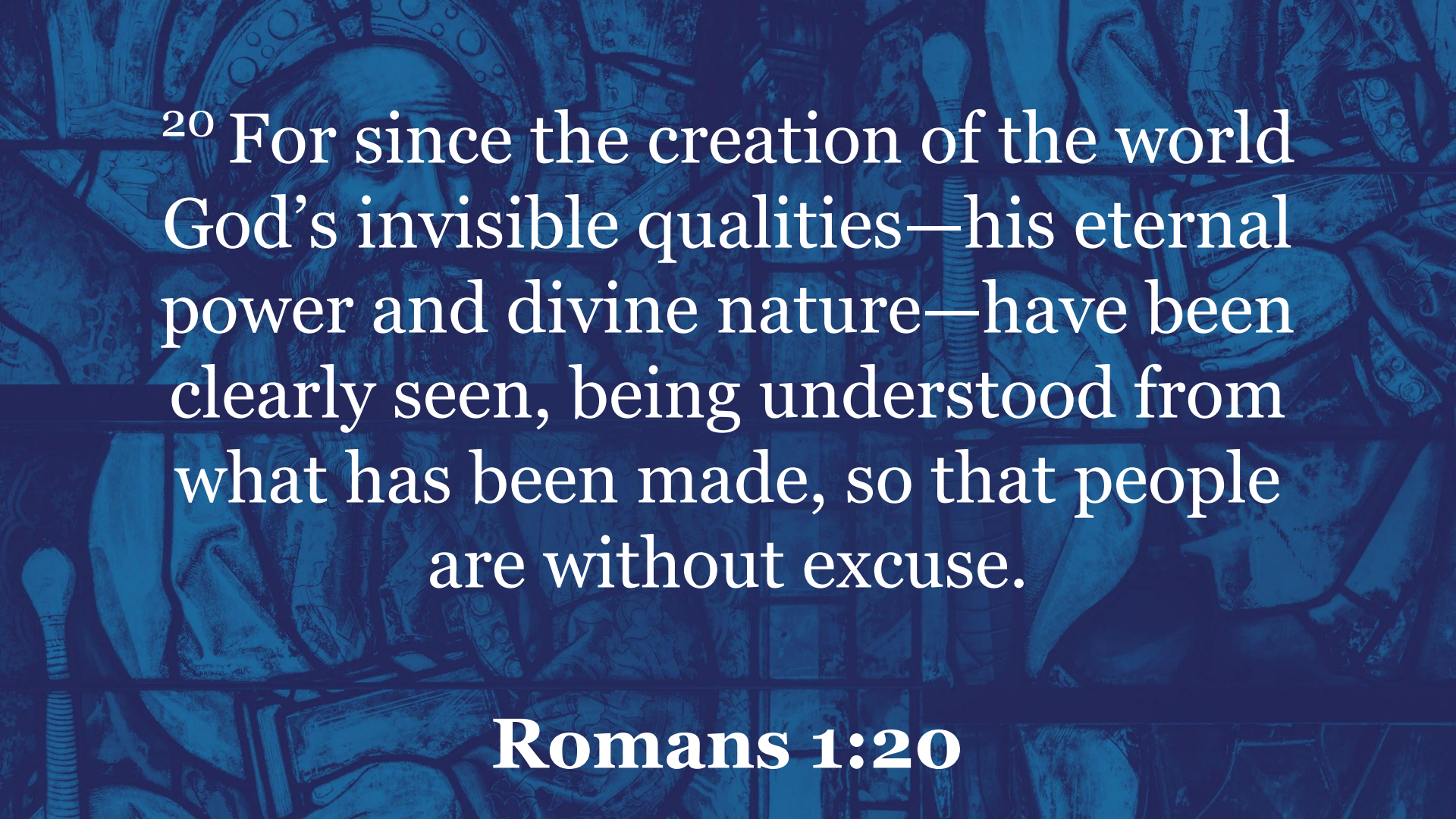




He has also set eternity in the  
human heart.

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**





<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world  
God's invisible qualities—his eternal  
power and divine nature—have been  
clearly seen, being understood from  
what has been made, so that people  
are without excuse.

**Romans 1:20**



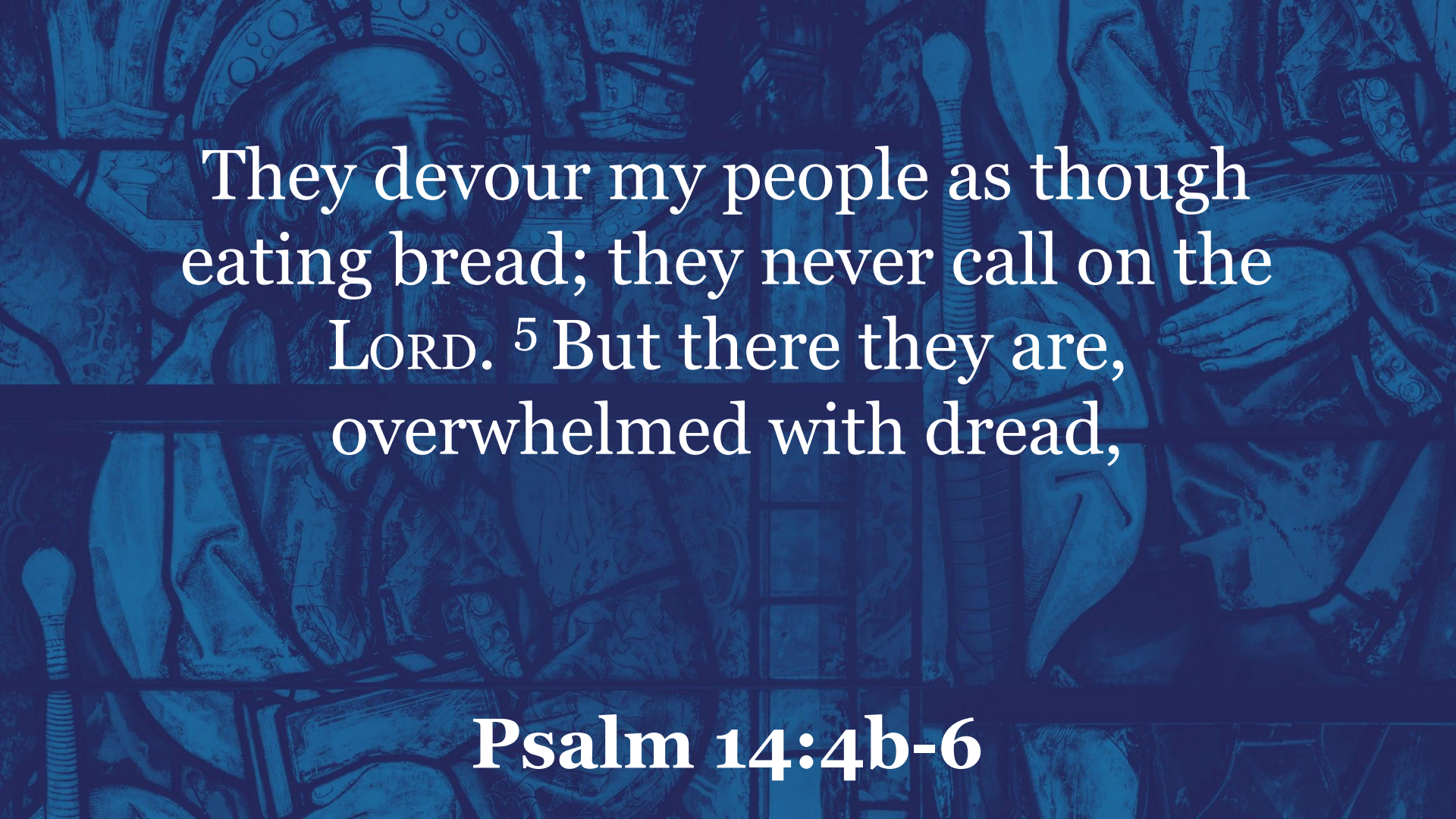
# Three Options for an Atheist

- 1) The atheist knows that God exists but suppresses and ignores it (Romans 1:21a)
- 2) The atheist has entirely darkened their hearts towards a relationship with God altogether (Romans 1:21b)
- 3) The atheist has exchanged the truth of God for a lie that there is no God (Romans 1:25)



# 3) FATE

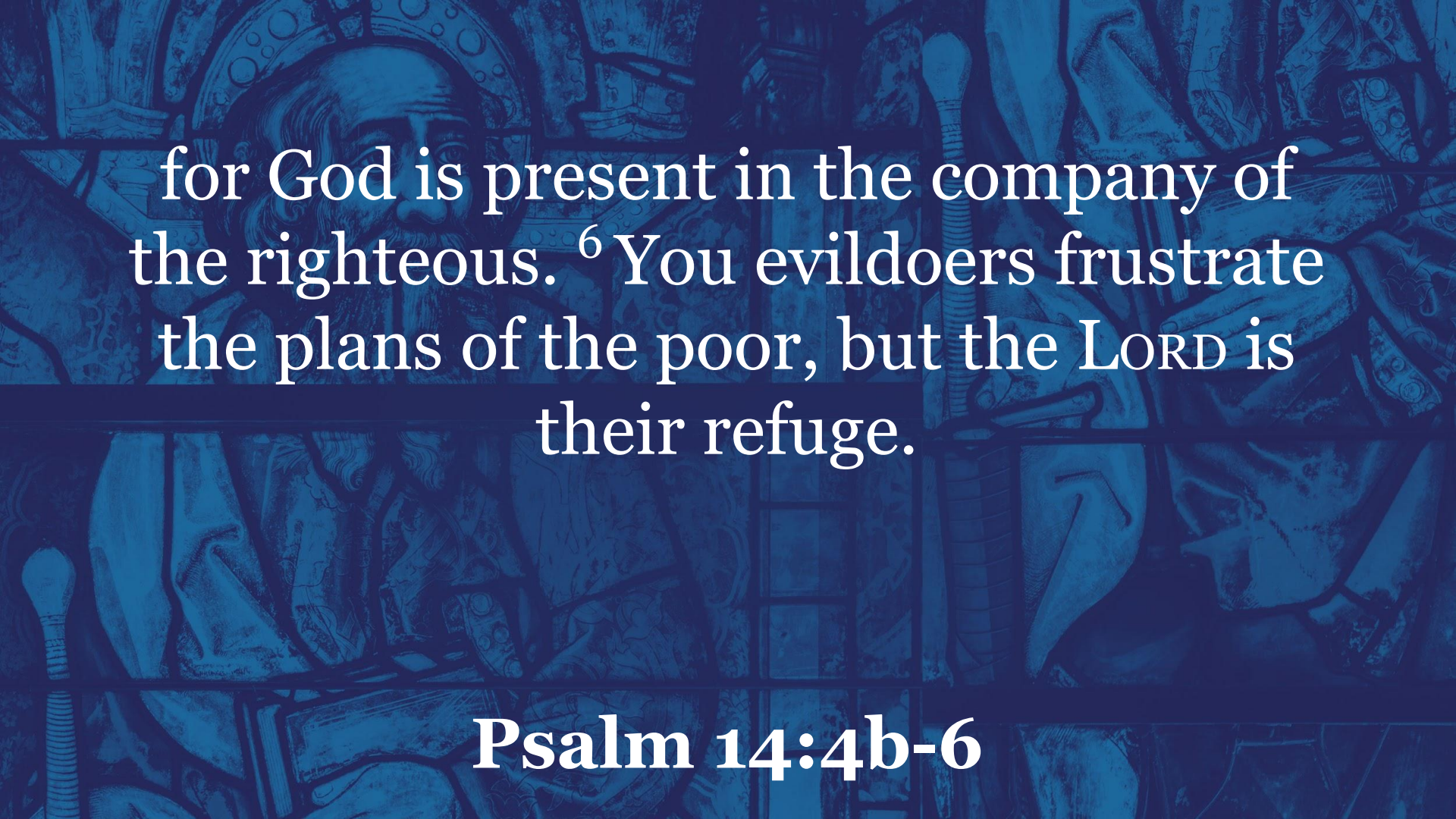




They devour my people as though  
eating bread; they never call on the  
LORD. <sup>5</sup> But there they are,  
overwhelmed with dread,

**Psalm 14:4b-6**

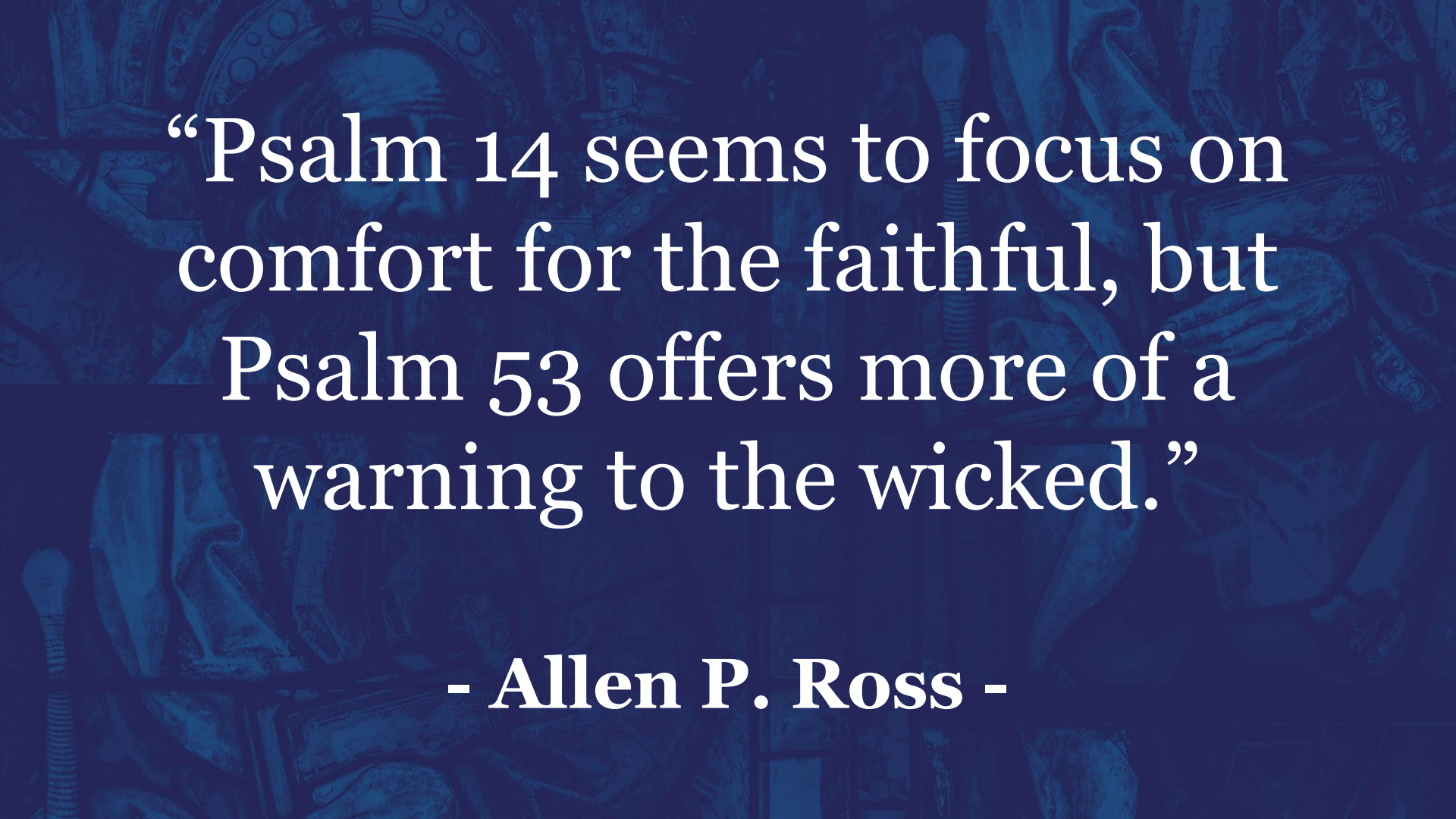




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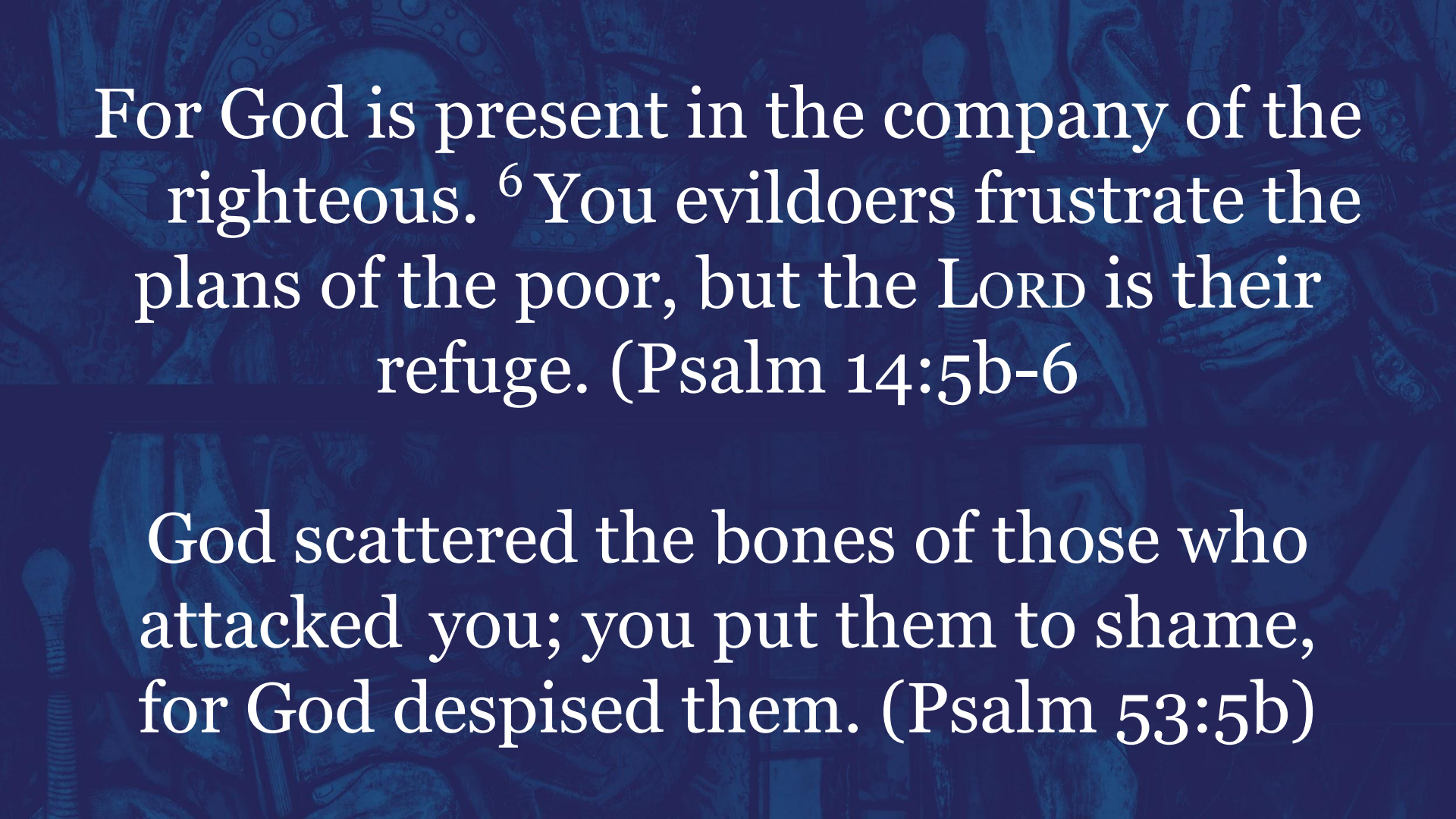
**Psalm 14:4b-6**





“Psalm 14 seems to focus on comfort for the faithful, but Psalm 53 offers more of a warning to the wicked.”

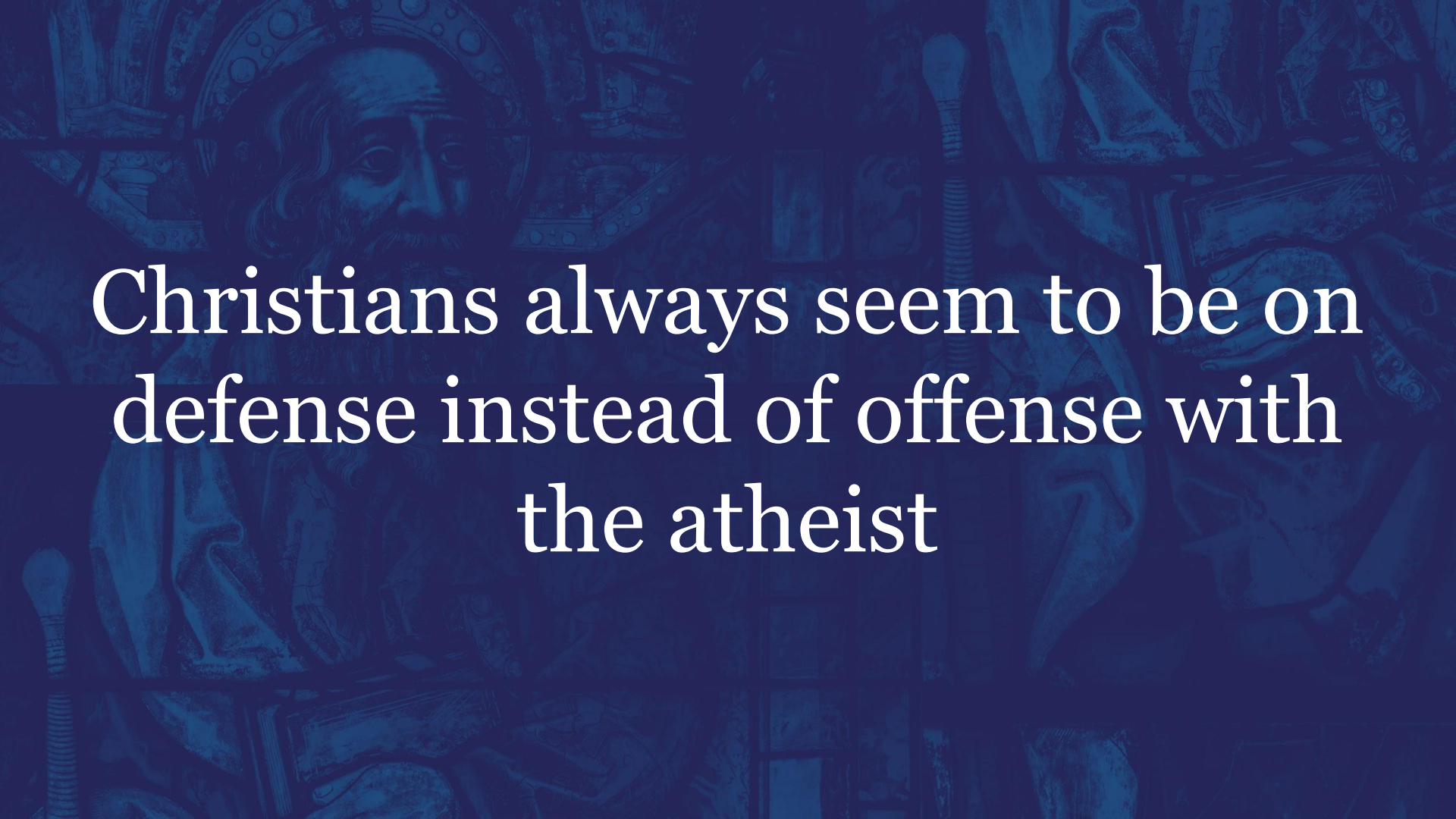
- Allen P. Ross -



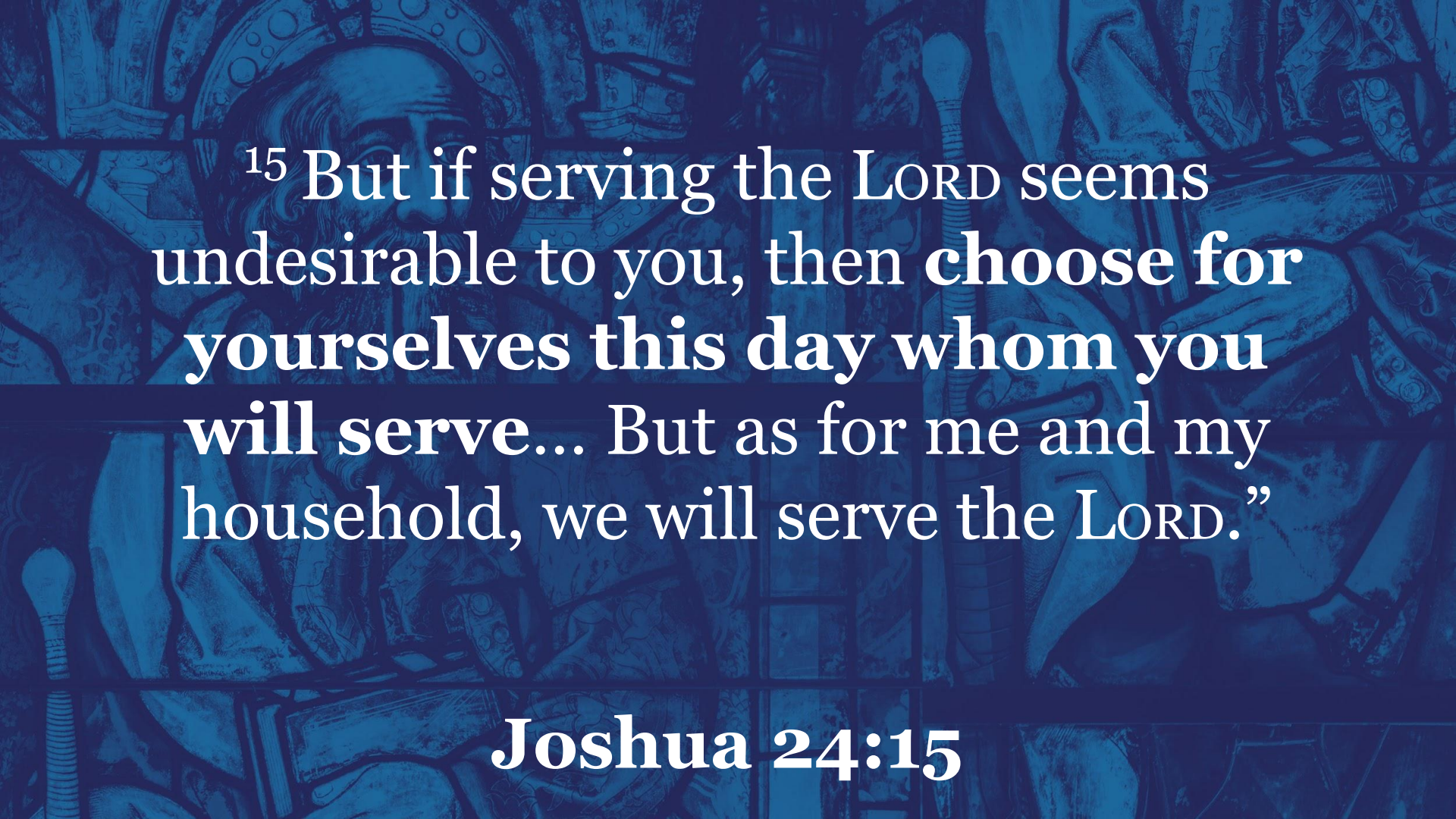
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refuge. (Psalm 14:5b-6)

God scattered the bones of those who  
attacked you; you put them to shame,  
for God despised them. (Psalm 53:5b)





Christians always seem to be on  
defense instead of offense with  
the atheist



<sup>15</sup> But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...** But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

**Joshua 24:15**





# 4) FUTURE





<sup>7</sup> Oh, that salvation for Israel would  
come out of Zion! When the LORD  
restores his people, let Jacob rejoice  
and Israel be glad!

**Psalm 14:7**





Christians must exude  
confidence about future  
promises



There should be hope among  
Christians that atheists will  
turn to Christ



# A Pilgrim's Progress

- John Bunyan -





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