

1 & 2 KINGS

The Days of Elijah & Elisha





MIRACLE BREAD

⁷ Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹ “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.”

1 KINGS 17:7-16

¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

1 KINGS 17:7-16

¹² “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

1 KINGS 17:7-16

¹³ Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.

1 KINGS 17:7-16

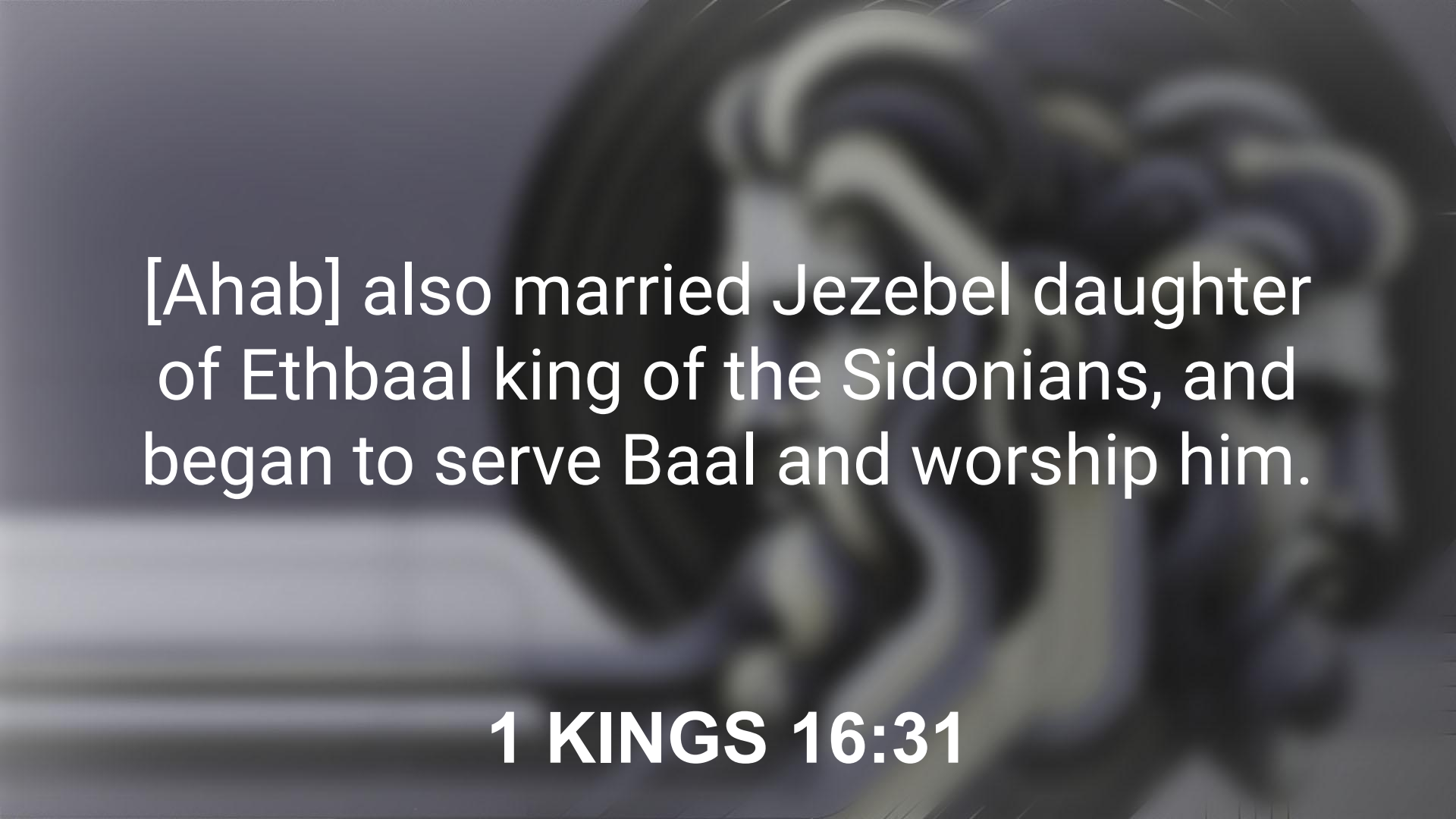
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1 KINGS 17:7-16

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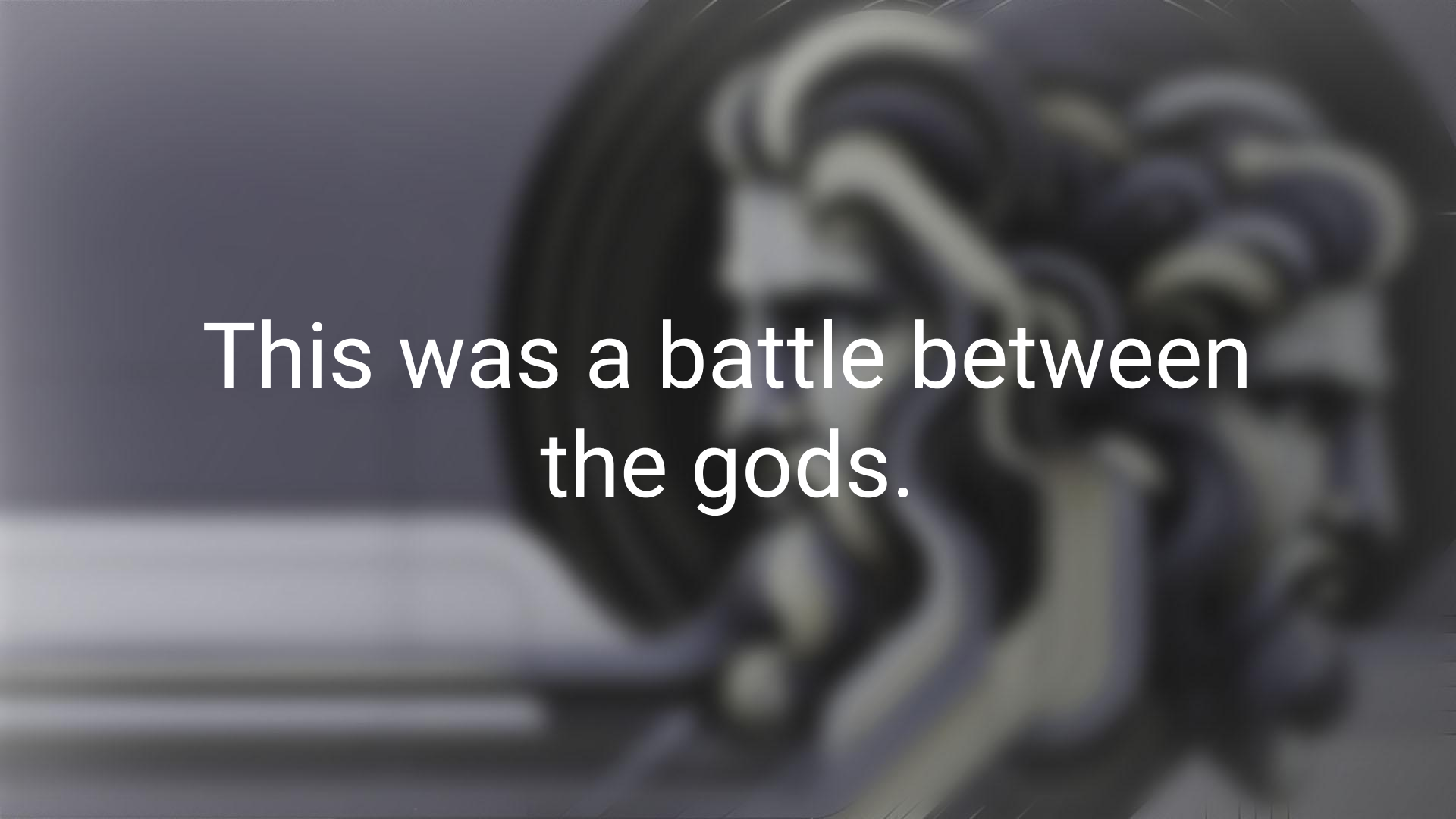
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and the jug of oil did not run dry, in
keeping with the word of the LORD
spoken by Elijah.

1 KINGS 17:7-16



[Ahab] also married Jezebel daughter
of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and
began to serve Baal and worship him.

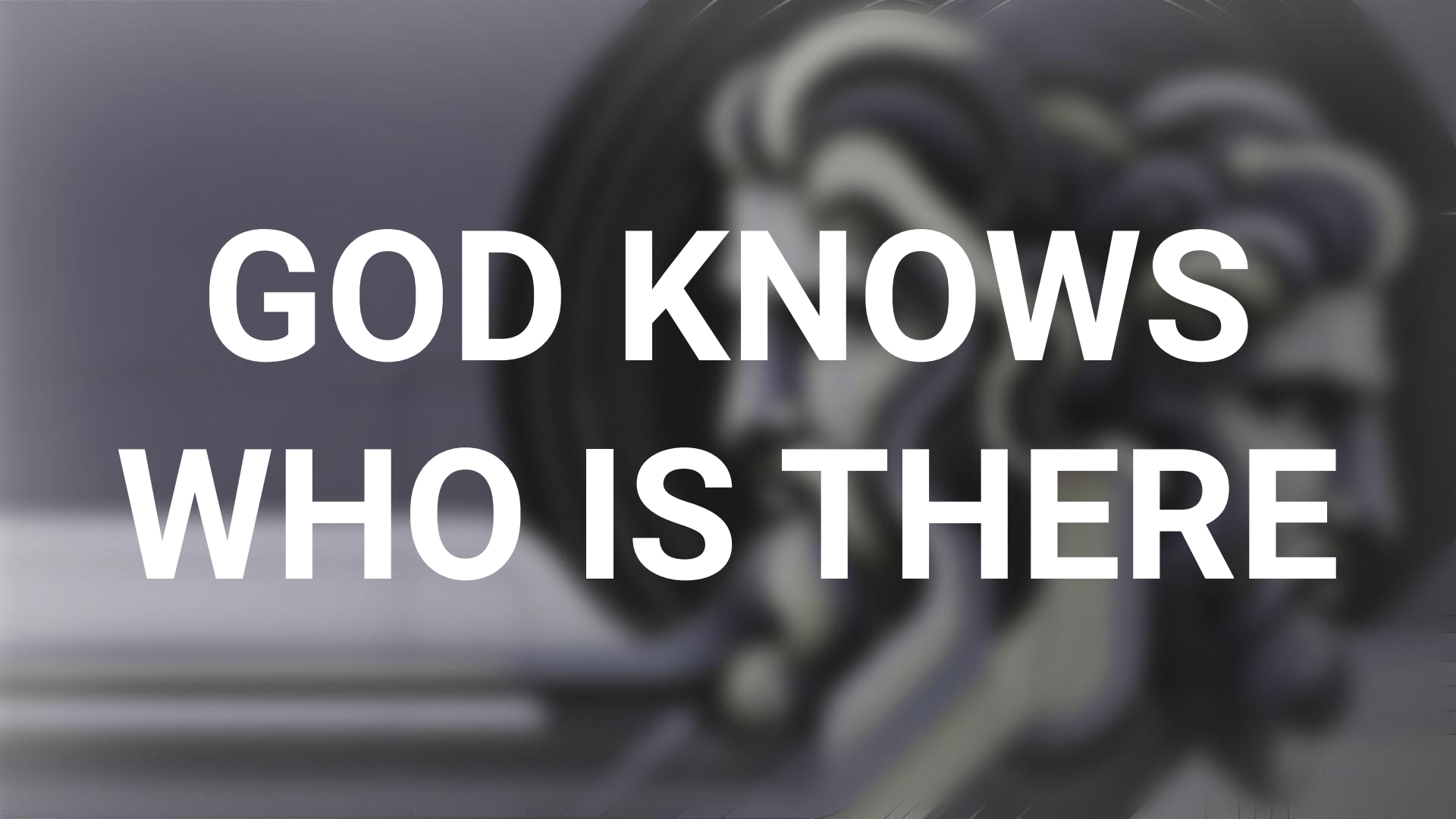
1 KINGS 16:31



This was a battle between
the gods.

¹³ Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? ¹⁴ **You are the God who performs miracles;** you display your power among the peoples.

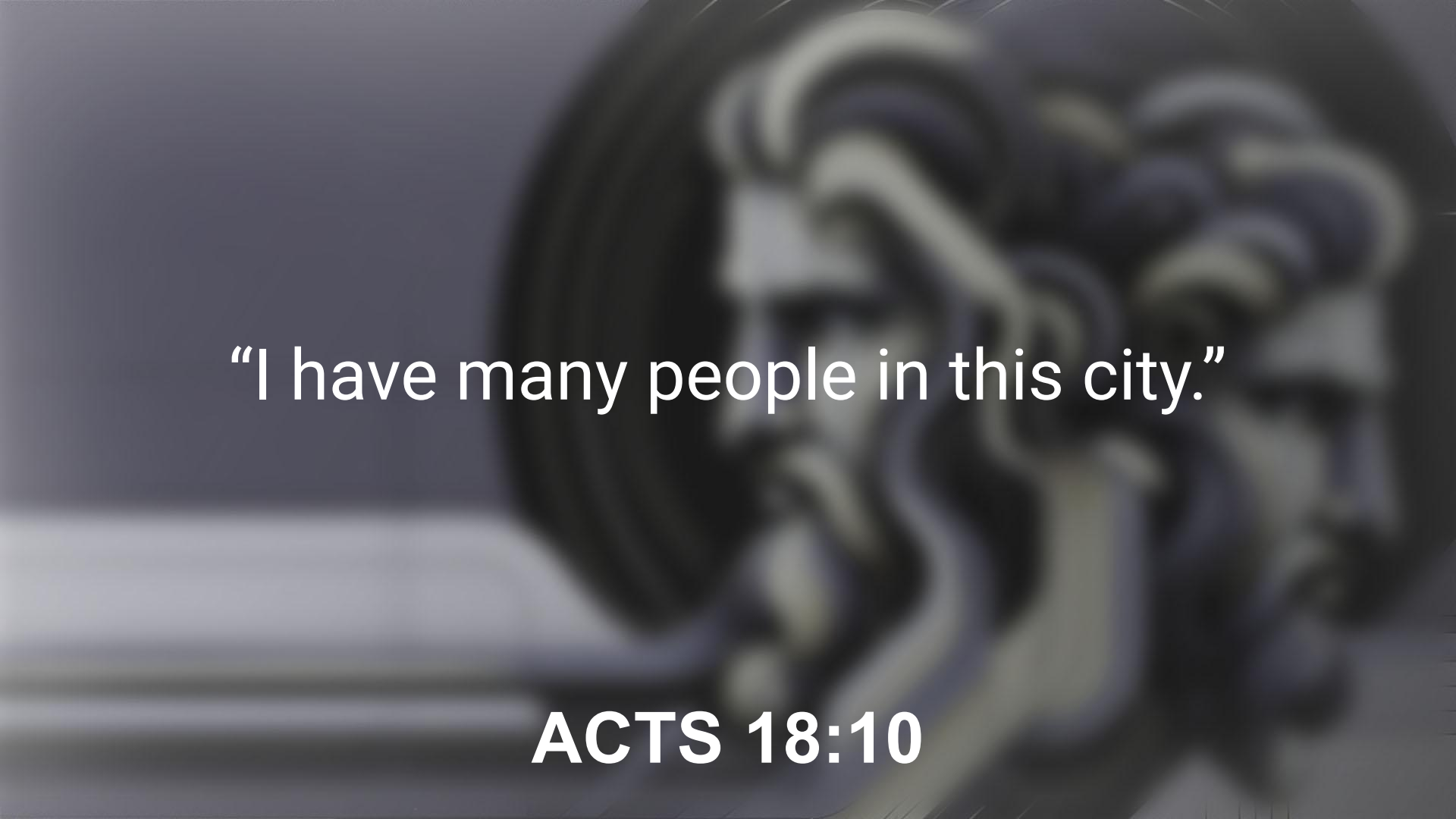
PSALM 77:13-14

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**GOD KNOWS
WHO IS THERE**

⁹ “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.”
¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath.

1 KINGS 17:9-10



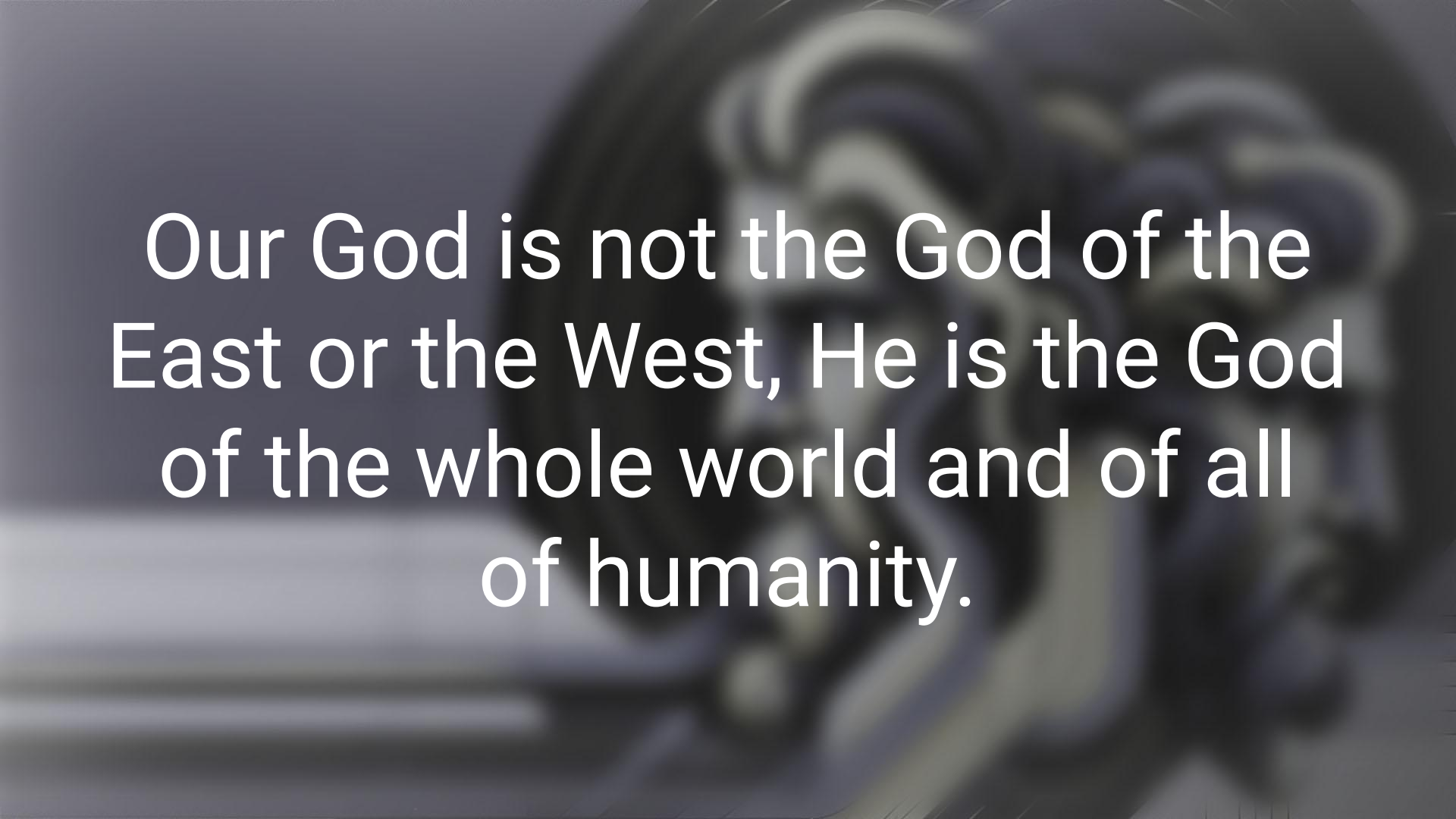
“I have many people in this city.”

ACTS 18:10

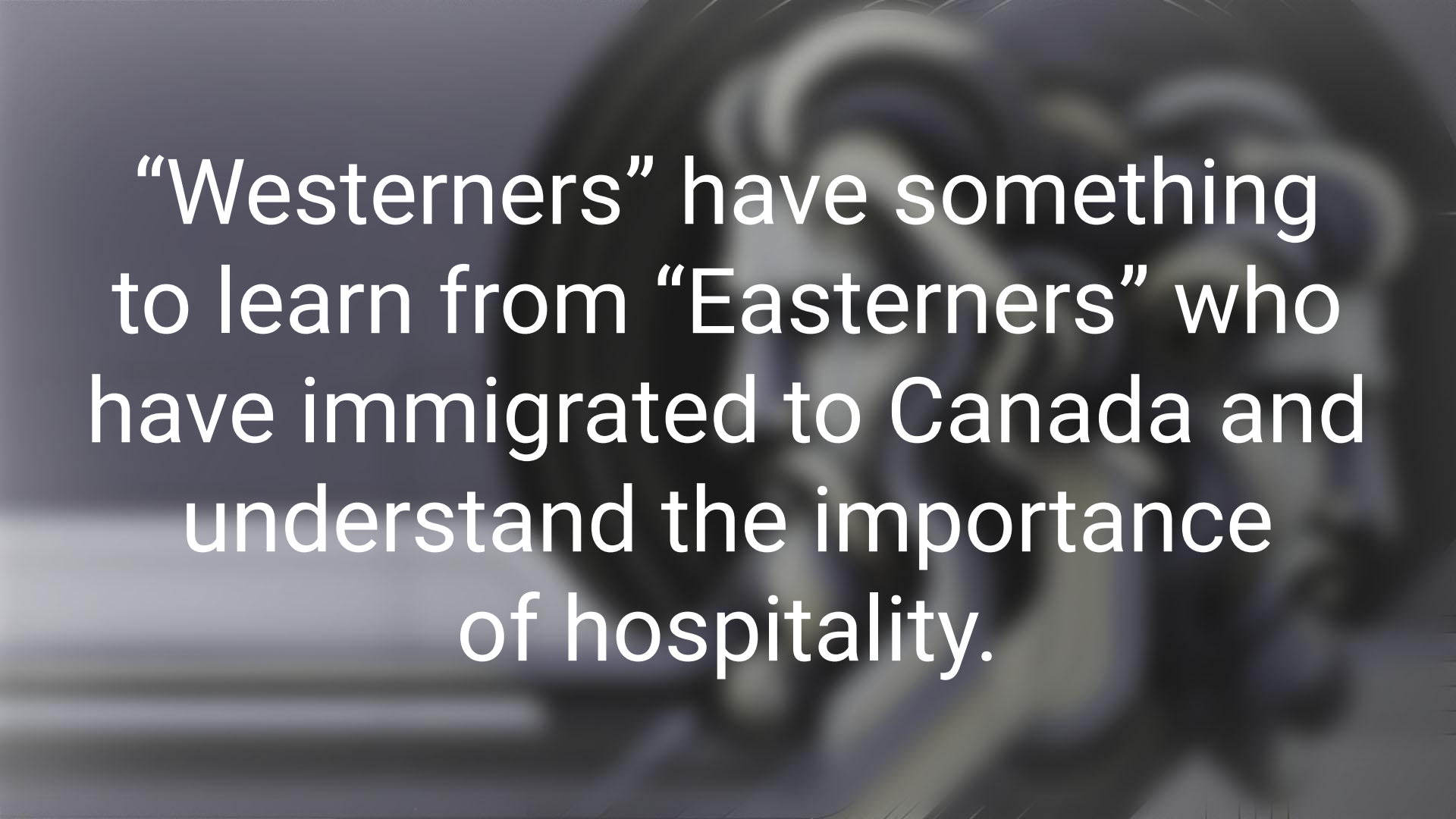
He... loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.

¹⁹ And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.

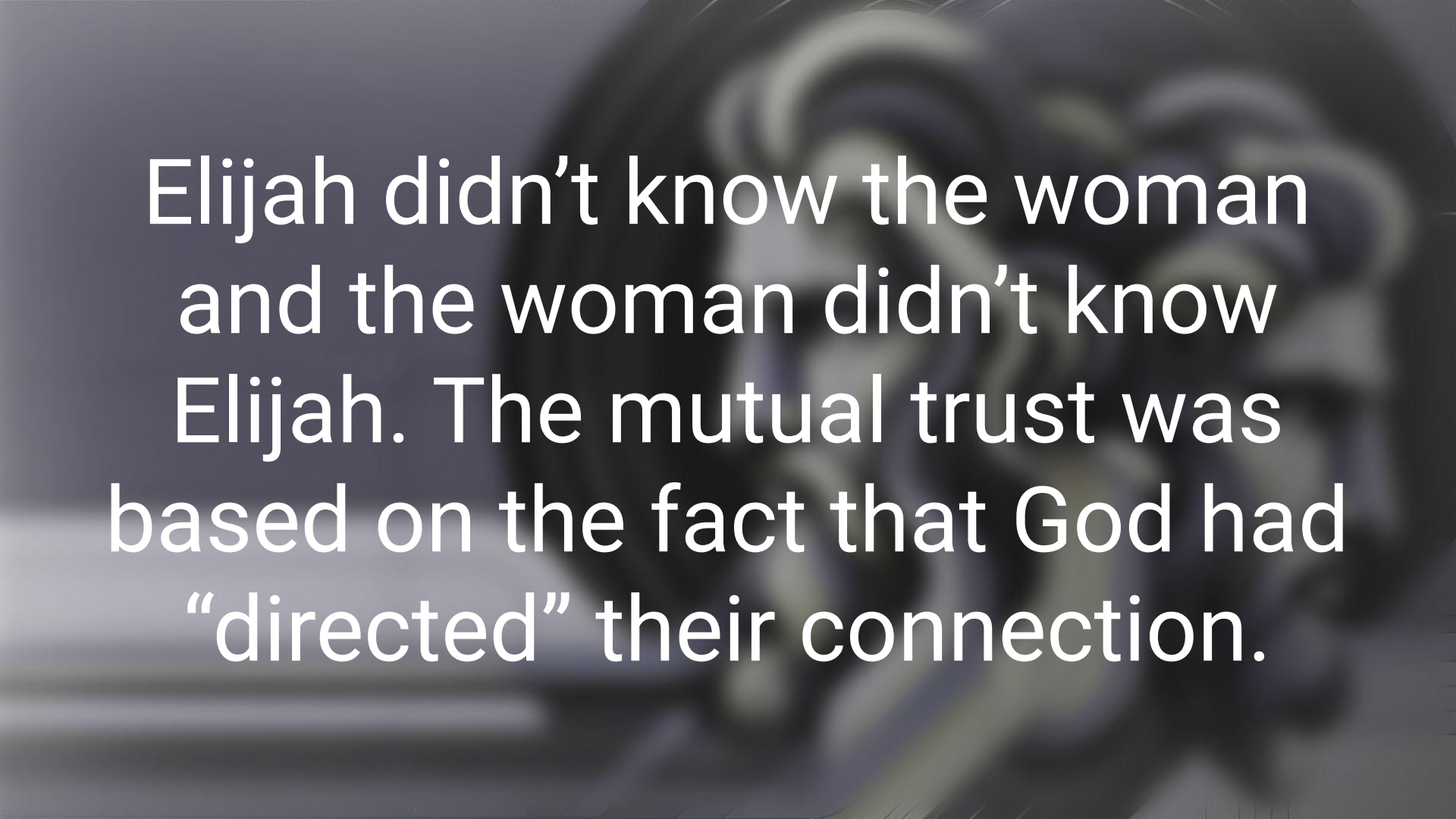
DEUTERONOMY 10:18-19



Our God is not the God of the
East or the West, He is the God
of the whole world and of all
of humanity.



“Westerners” have something
to learn from “Easterners” who
have immigrated to Canada and
understand the importance
of hospitality.



Elijah didn't know the woman
and the woman didn't know
Elijah. The mutual trust was
based on the fact that God had
“directed” their connection.

²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.

LUKE 4:25-26



To whom is God directing you?

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**GOD ASKS OF
WHAT YOU
HAVE**

¹² “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.

1 KINGS 17:12-13

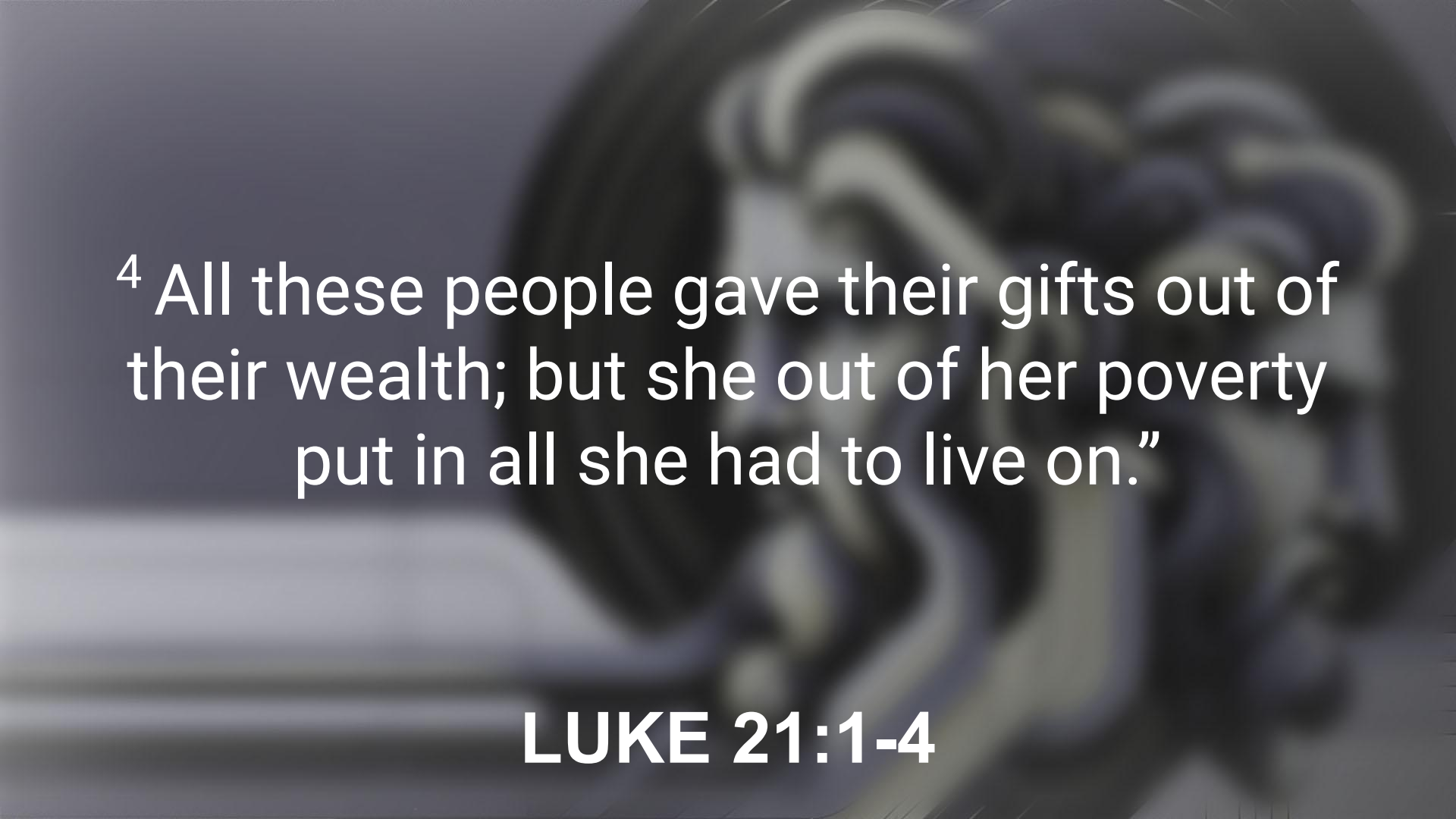
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1 KINGS 17:12-13

¹ As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury.

² He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³ “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others.

LUKE 21:1-4



⁴ All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

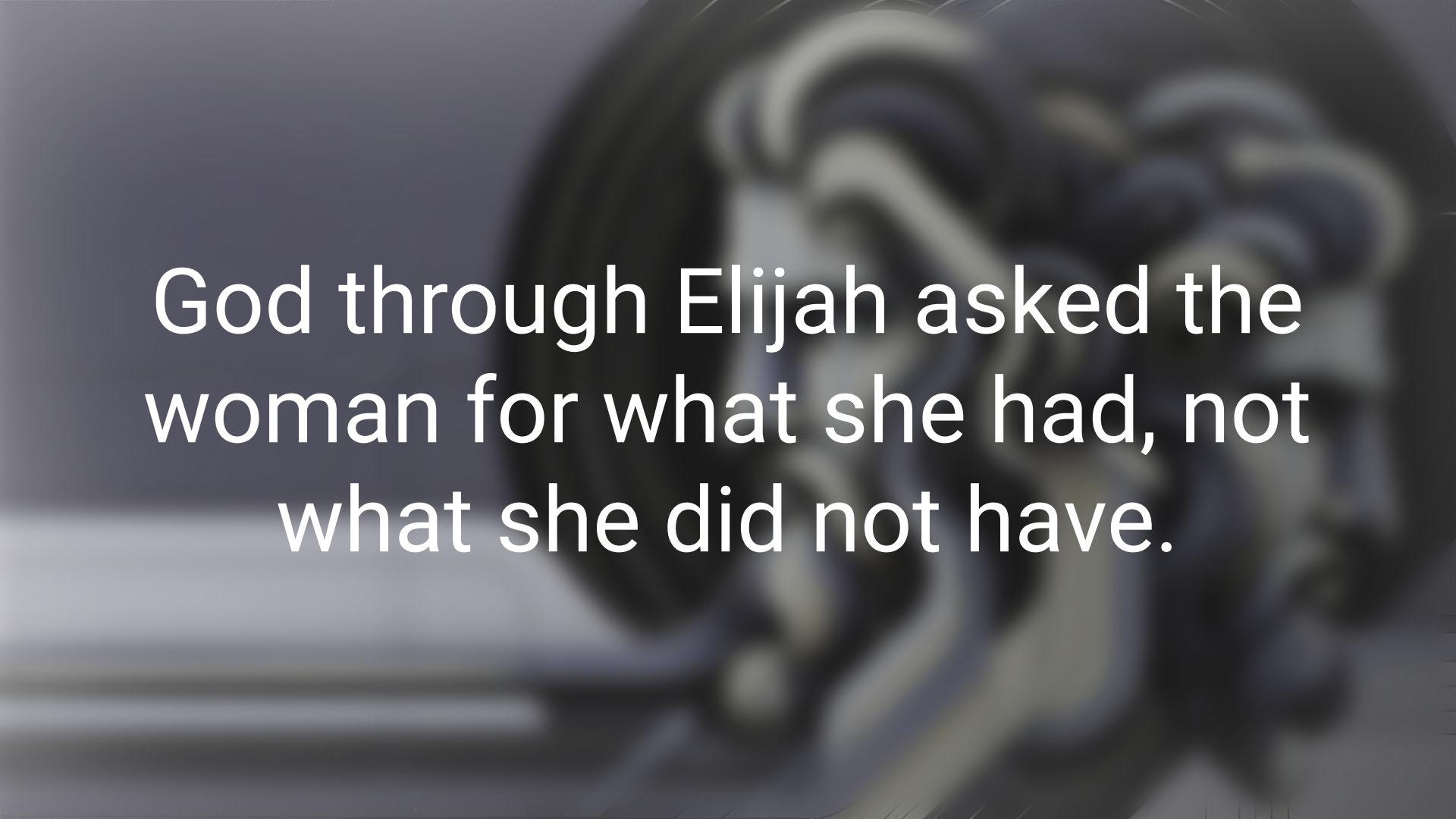
LUKE 21:1-4

³⁸ “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

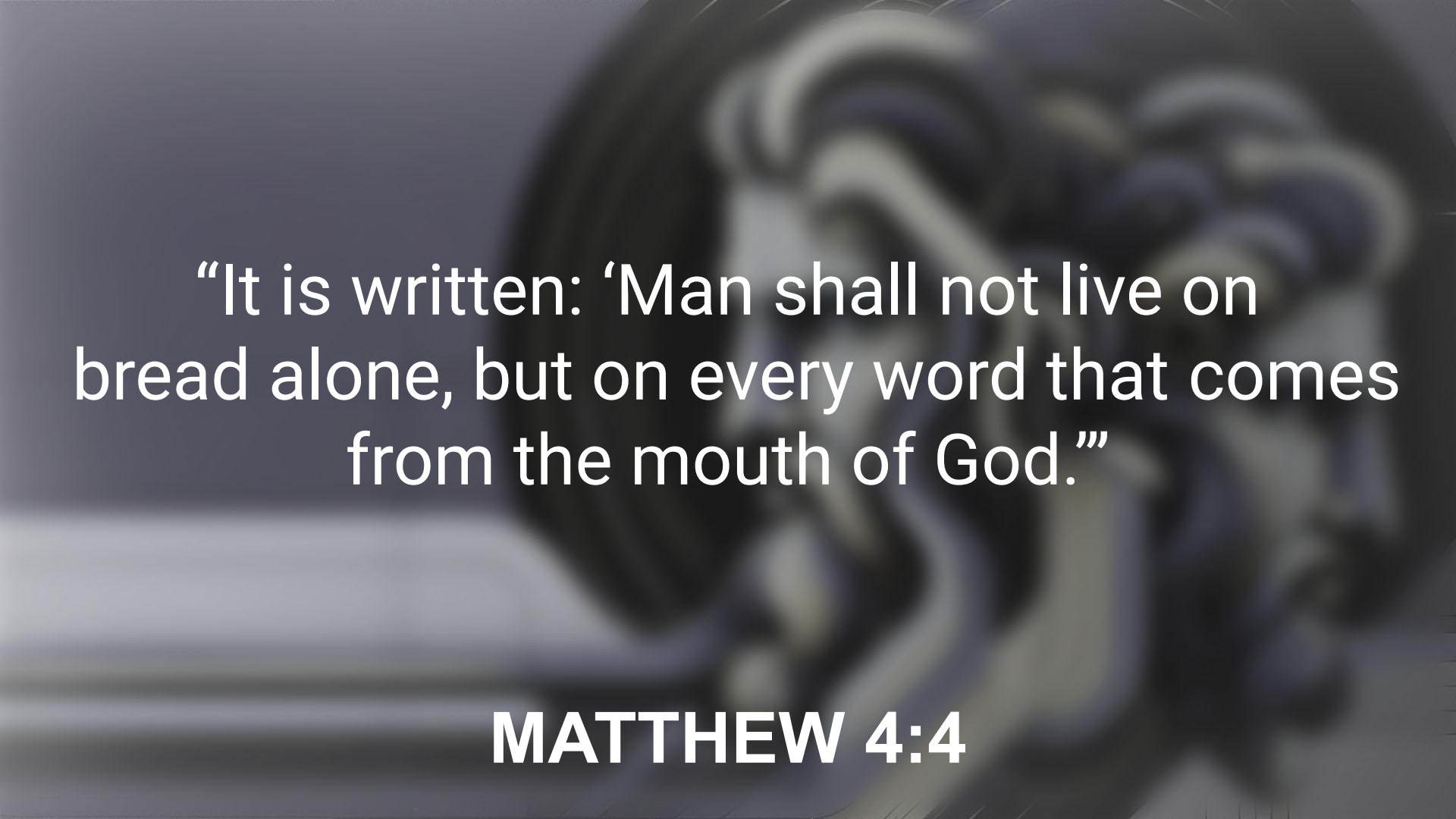
LUKE 6:38

¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

LUKE 16:10

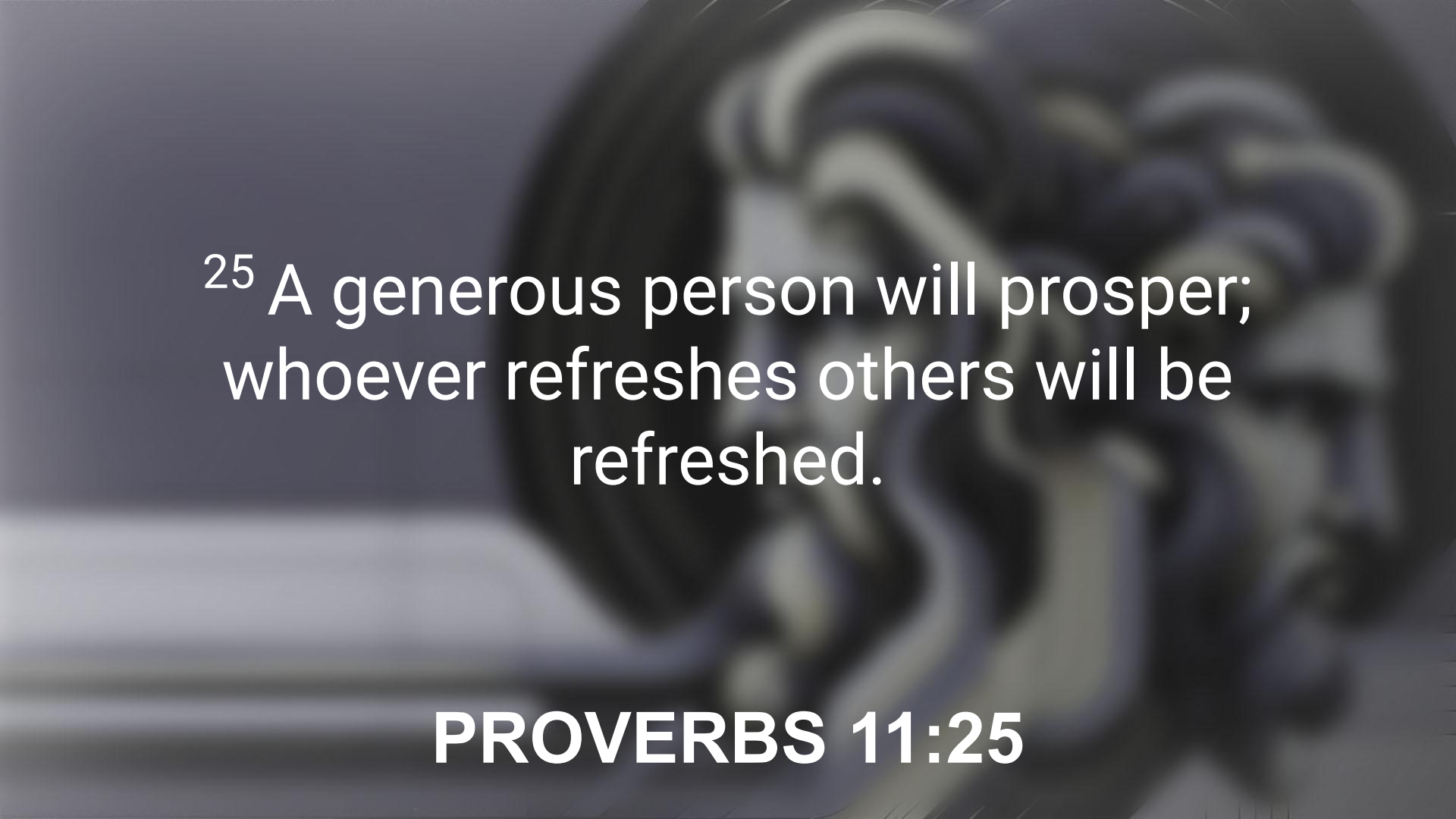


God through Elijah asked the
woman for what she had, not
what she did not have.



“It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

MATTHEW 4:4



²⁵ A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be
refreshed.

PROVERBS 11:25



**GOD BLESSES
WHAT YOU GIVE**

¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.'" ¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her.

1 KINGS 17:14-16

So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

1 KINGS 17:14-16

“Don’t forget that there was something continuous about this miracle. It’s not as though there were suddenly several twenty-five pound bags of meal slouching against the wall of the widow’s kitchen. Instead it was a quiet daily drama of the jar and the jug.

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When she went to the cupboard on Monday there was enough meal in the jar and still some oil in the jug for that day. And so it went on through the week... He had not said 'the jar of meal will overflow', but only that it 'will never come to an end.'"

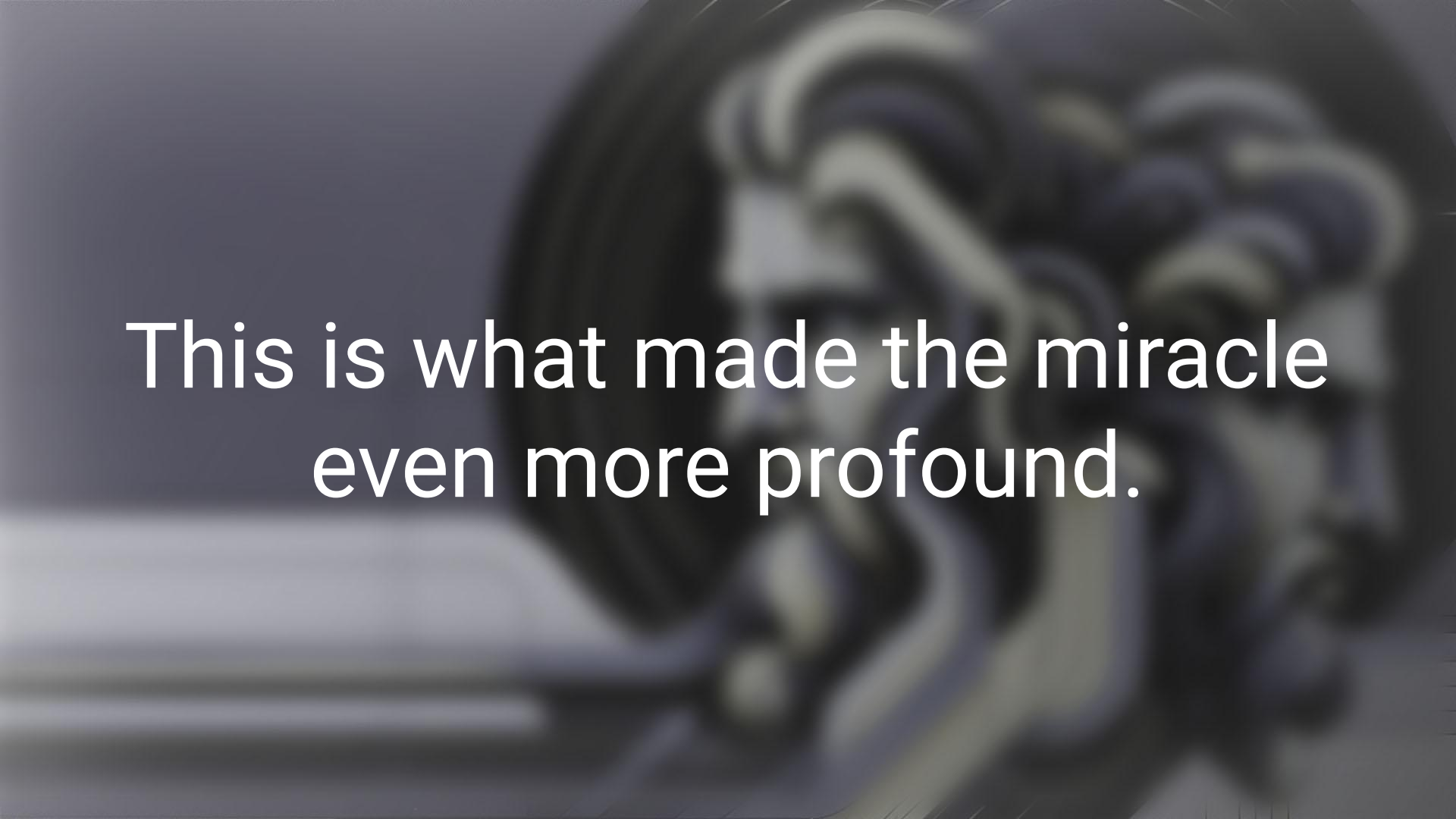
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Each day the miracle repeated
again and again.

¹ After a long time, in the third year, the word of the LORD came to Elijah: “Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land.” ² So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab.

1 KINGS 18:1-2



This is what made the miracle
even more profound.



⁴⁵ Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling.

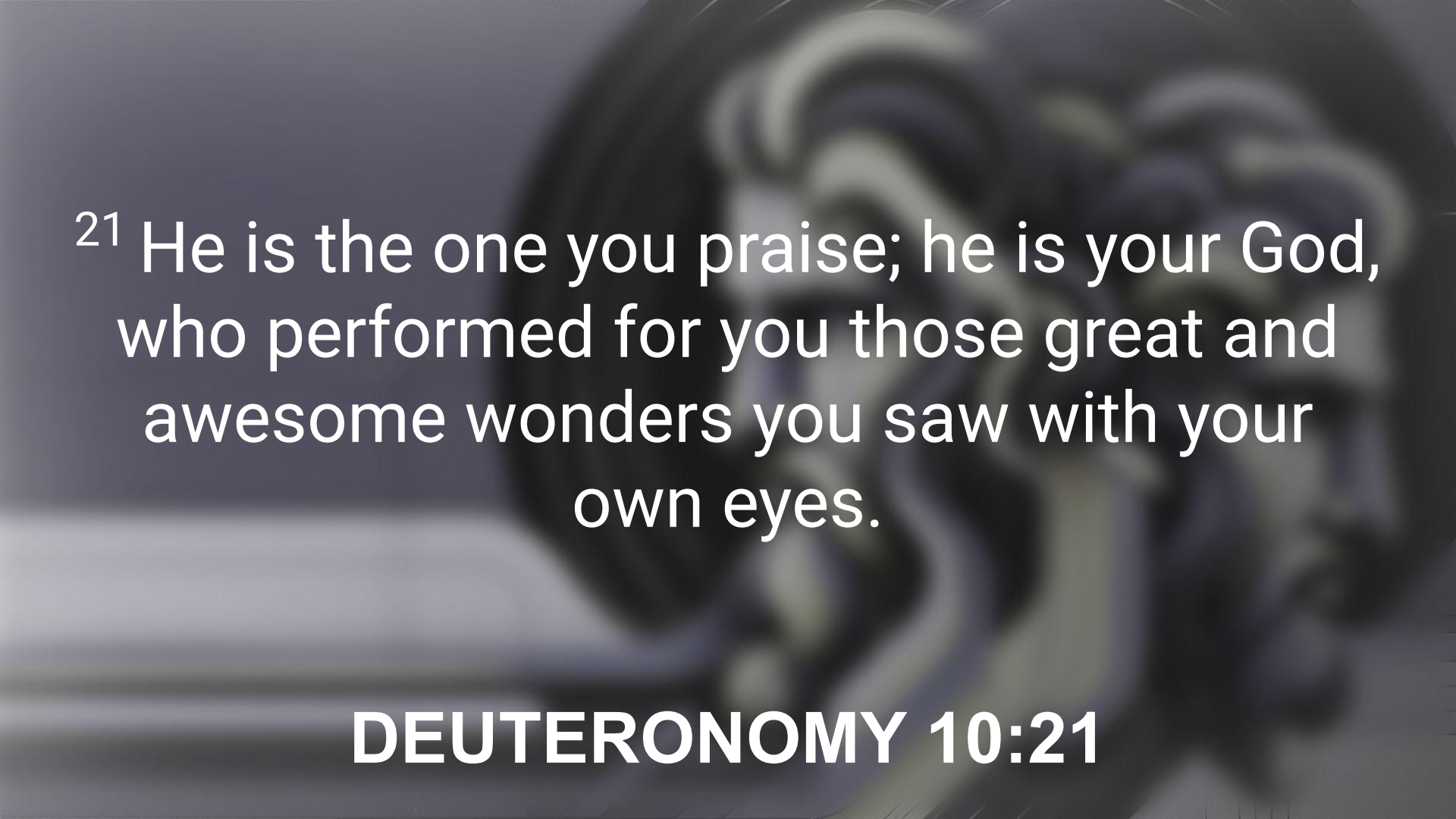
1 KINGS 18:45



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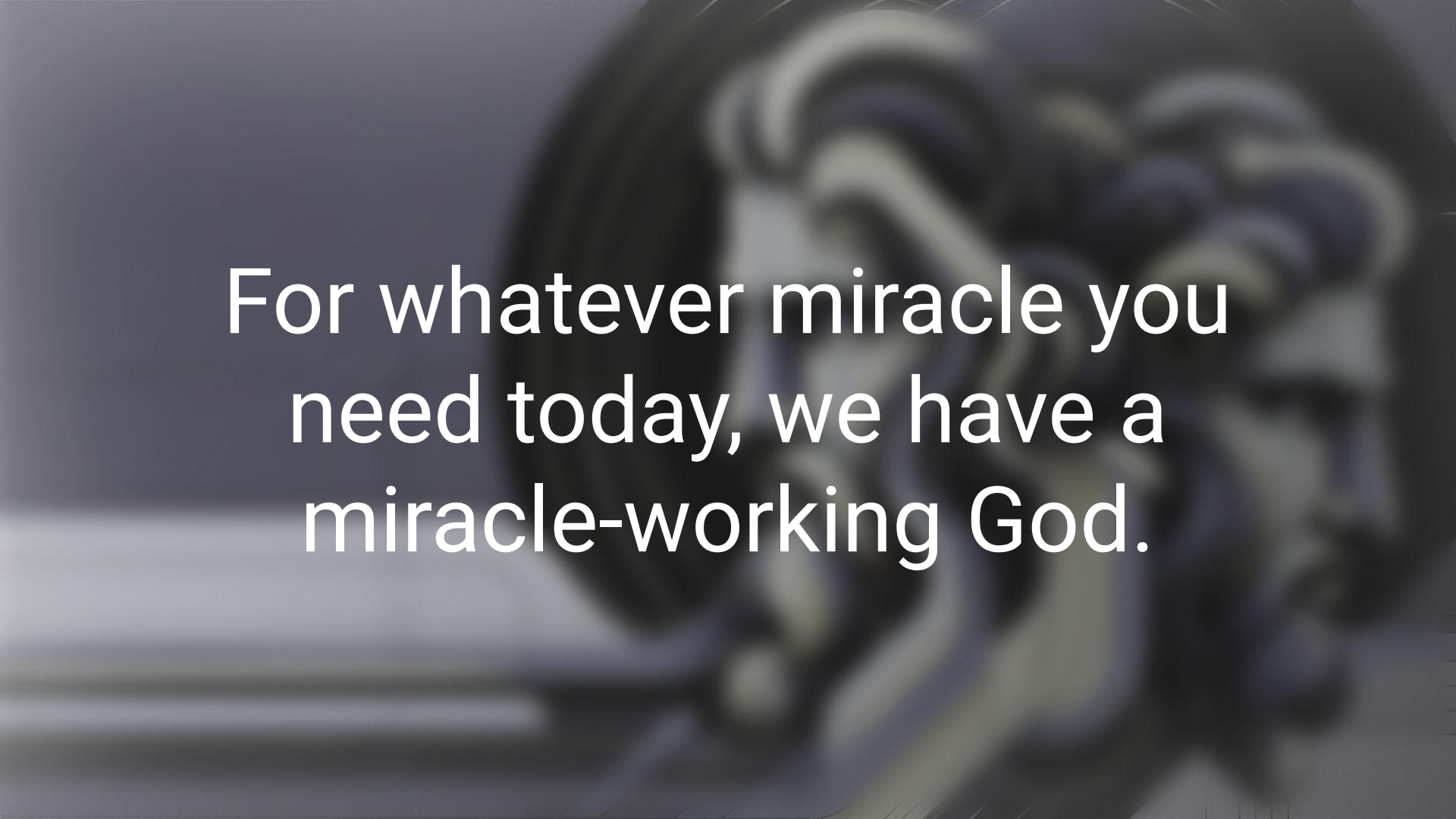
ENRICHED BREAD





²¹ He is the one you praise; he is your God,
who performed for you those great and
awesome wonders you saw with your
own eyes.

DEUTERONOMY 10:21



For whatever miracle you
need today, we have a
miracle-working God.

SERMON REVIEW:

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