



JOYFUL



THE SONG OF MARY

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LUKE 1:46-56

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LUKE 1:46-56

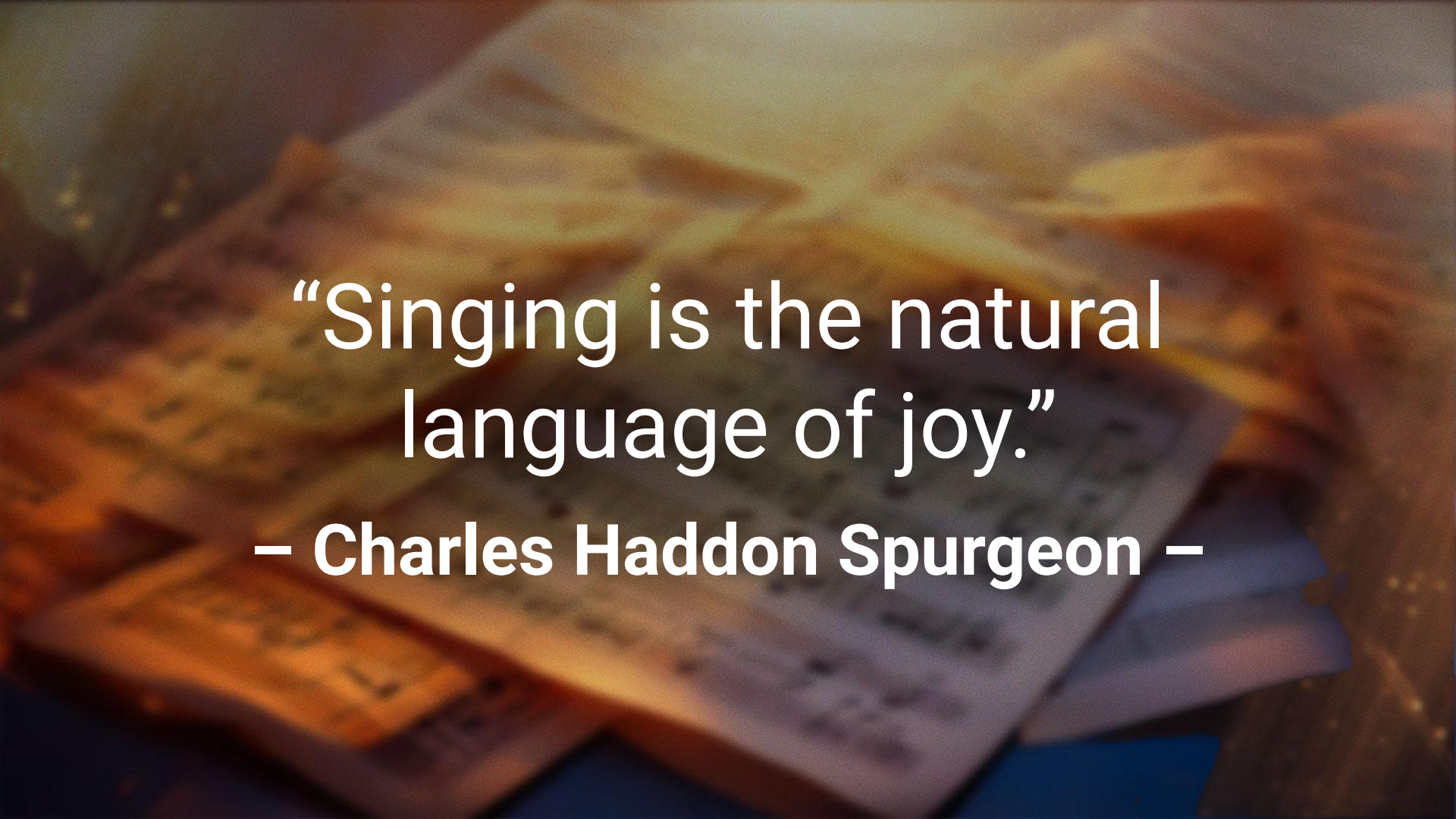
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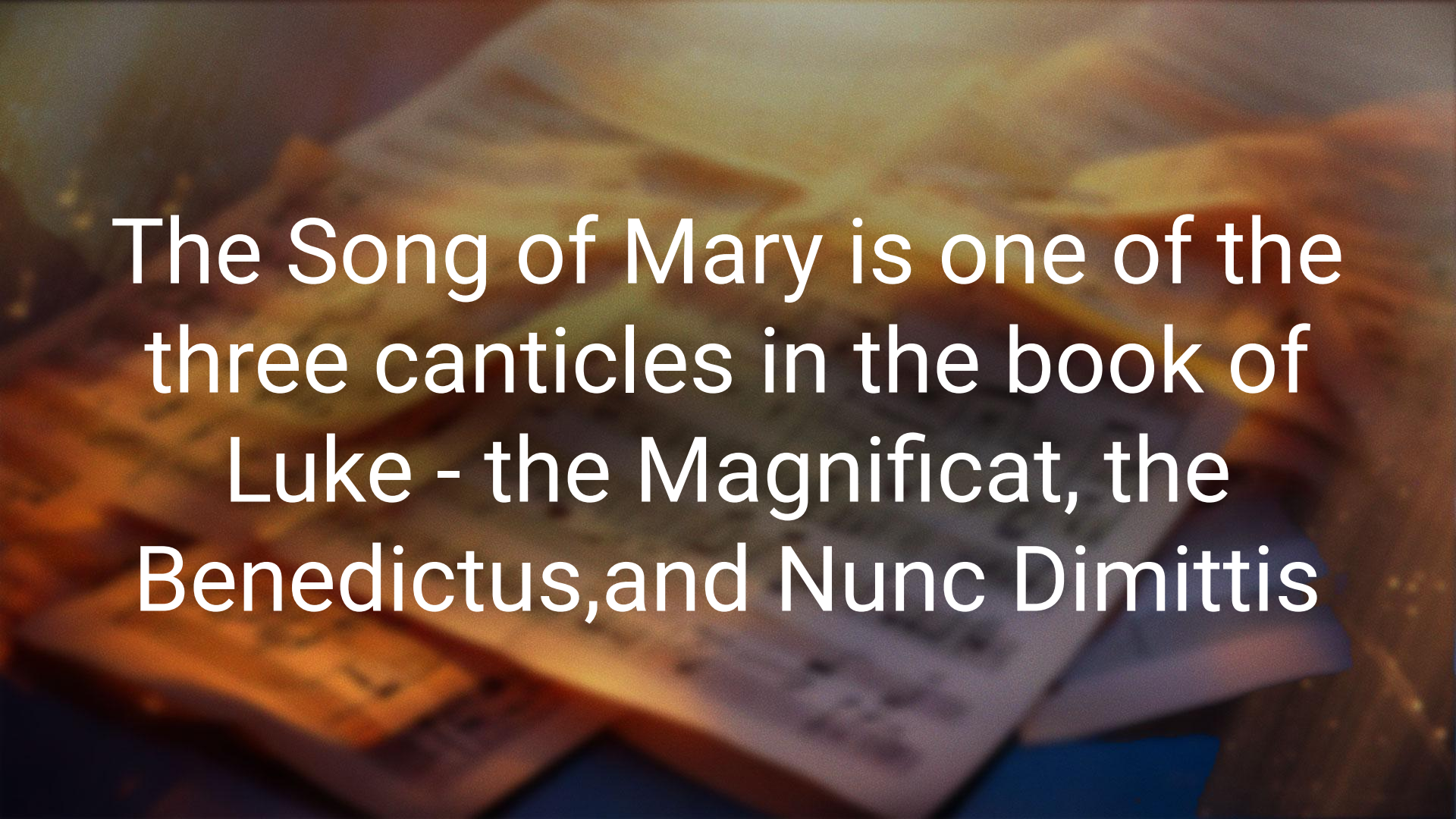
⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

LUKE 1:46-56

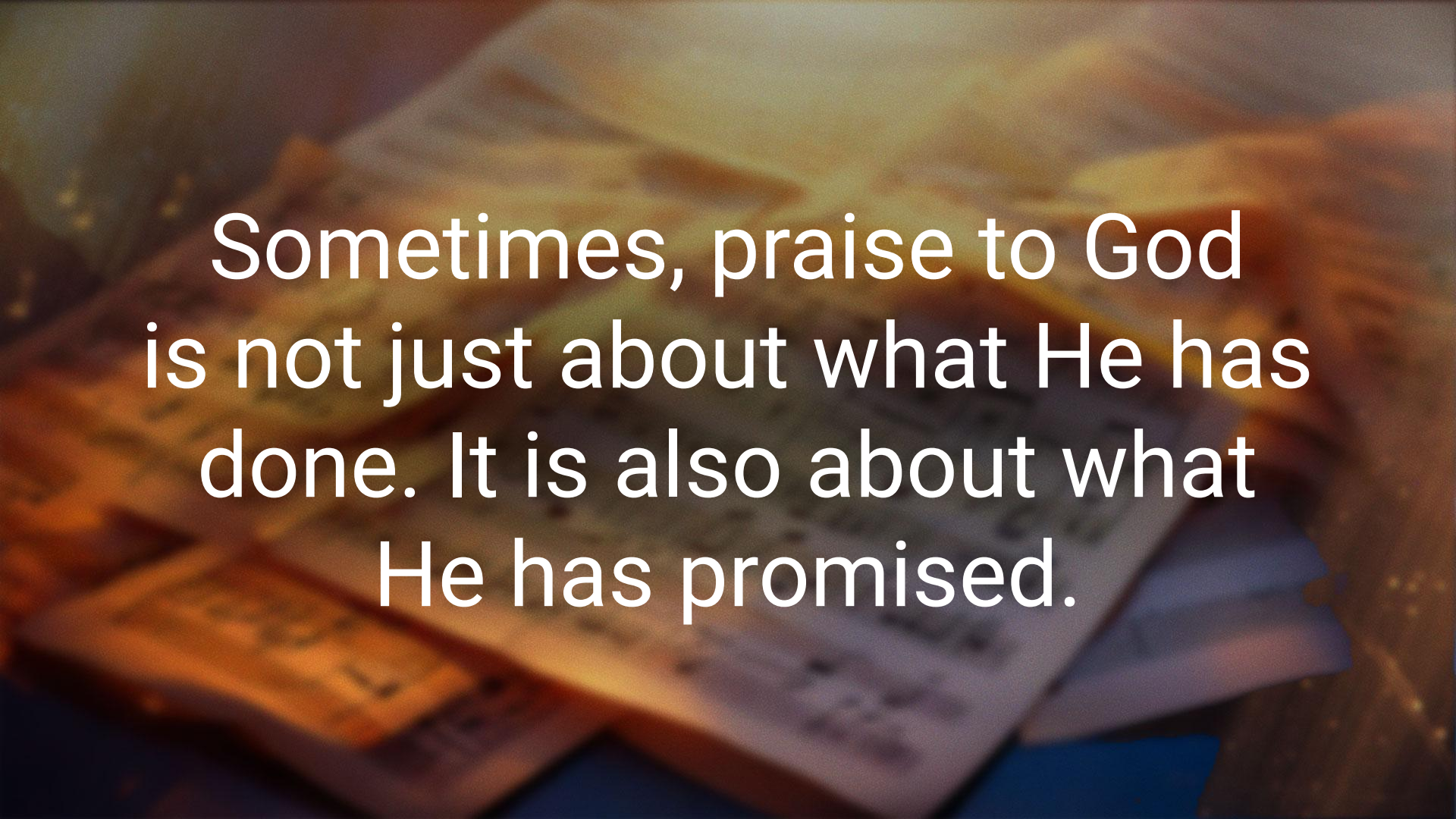


“Singing is the natural
language of joy.”

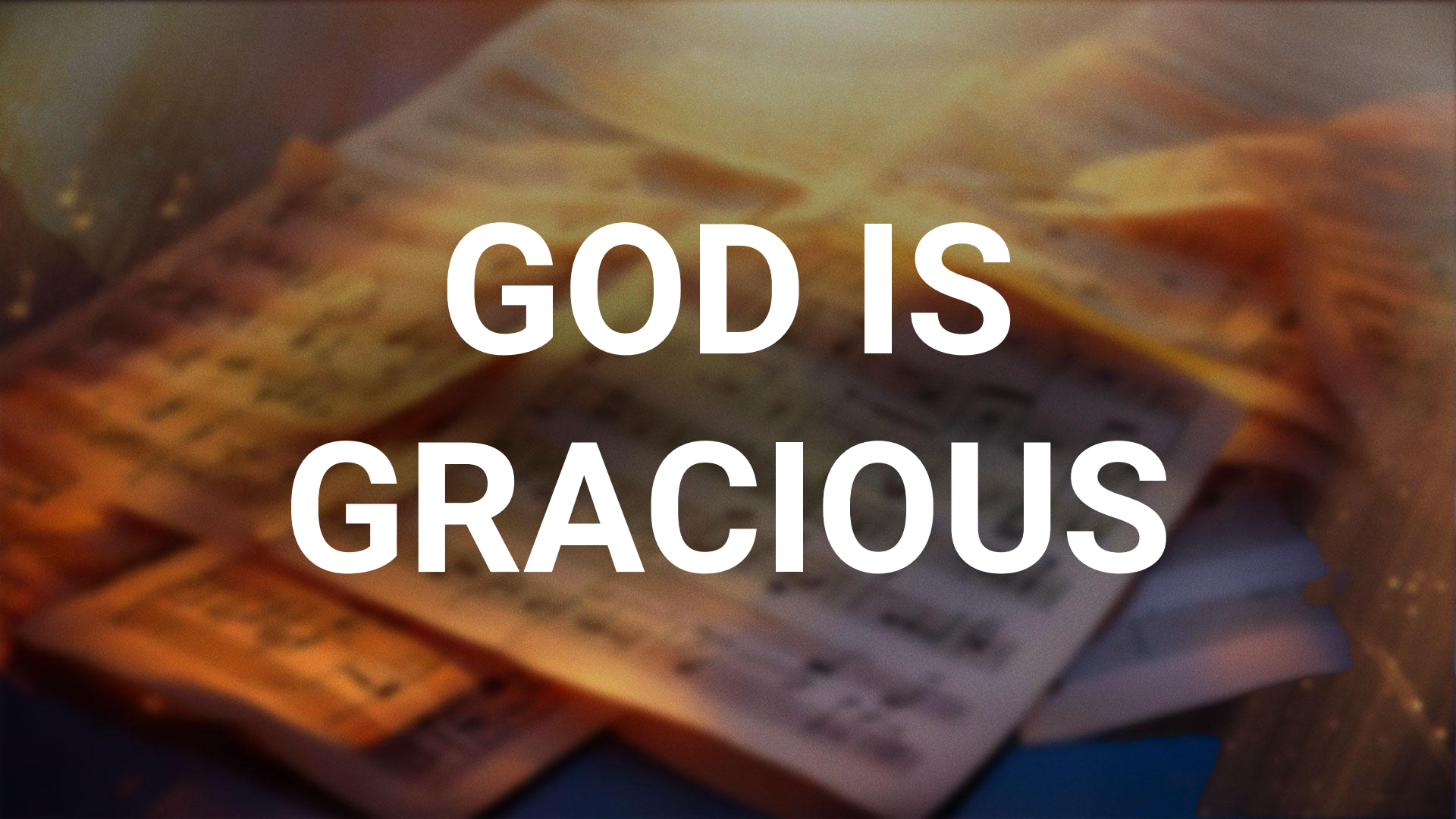
– Charles Haddon Spurgeon –

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The Song of Mary is one of the
three canticles in the book of
Luke - the Magnificat, the
Benedictus, and Nunc Dimittis



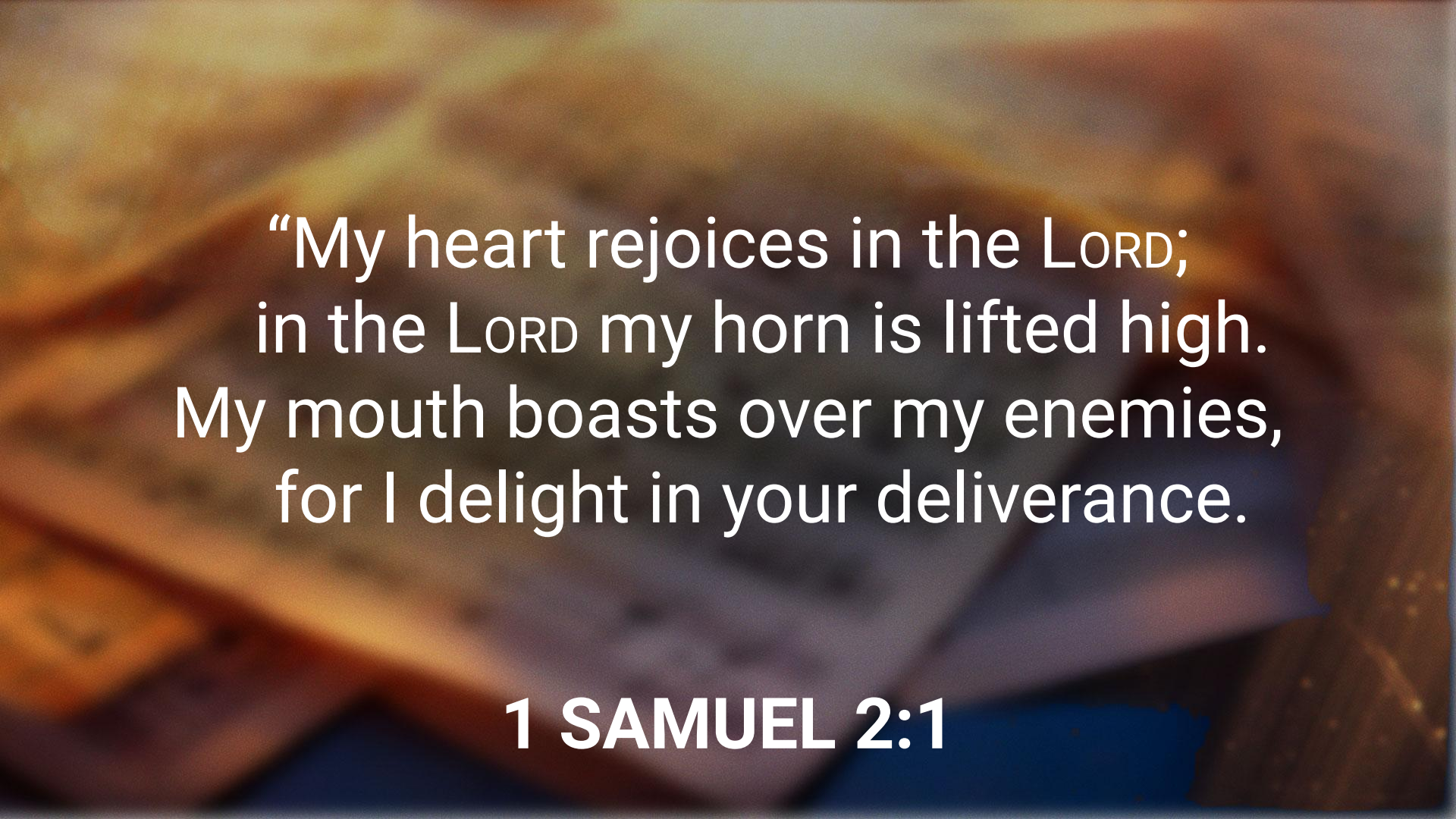
Sometimes, praise to God
is not just about what He has
done. It is also about what
He has promised.



**GOD IS
GRACIOUS**

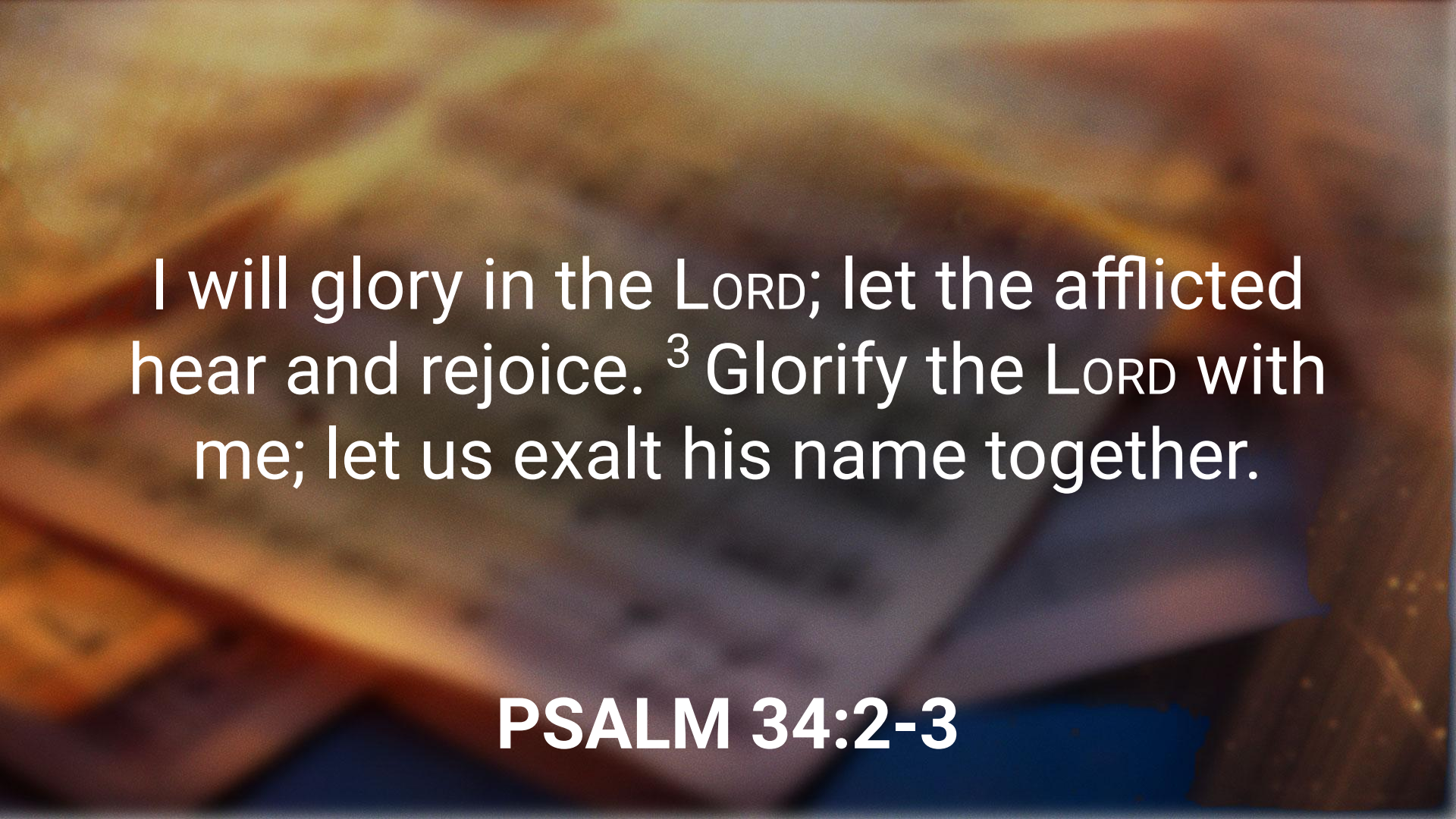
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LUKE 1:46-48



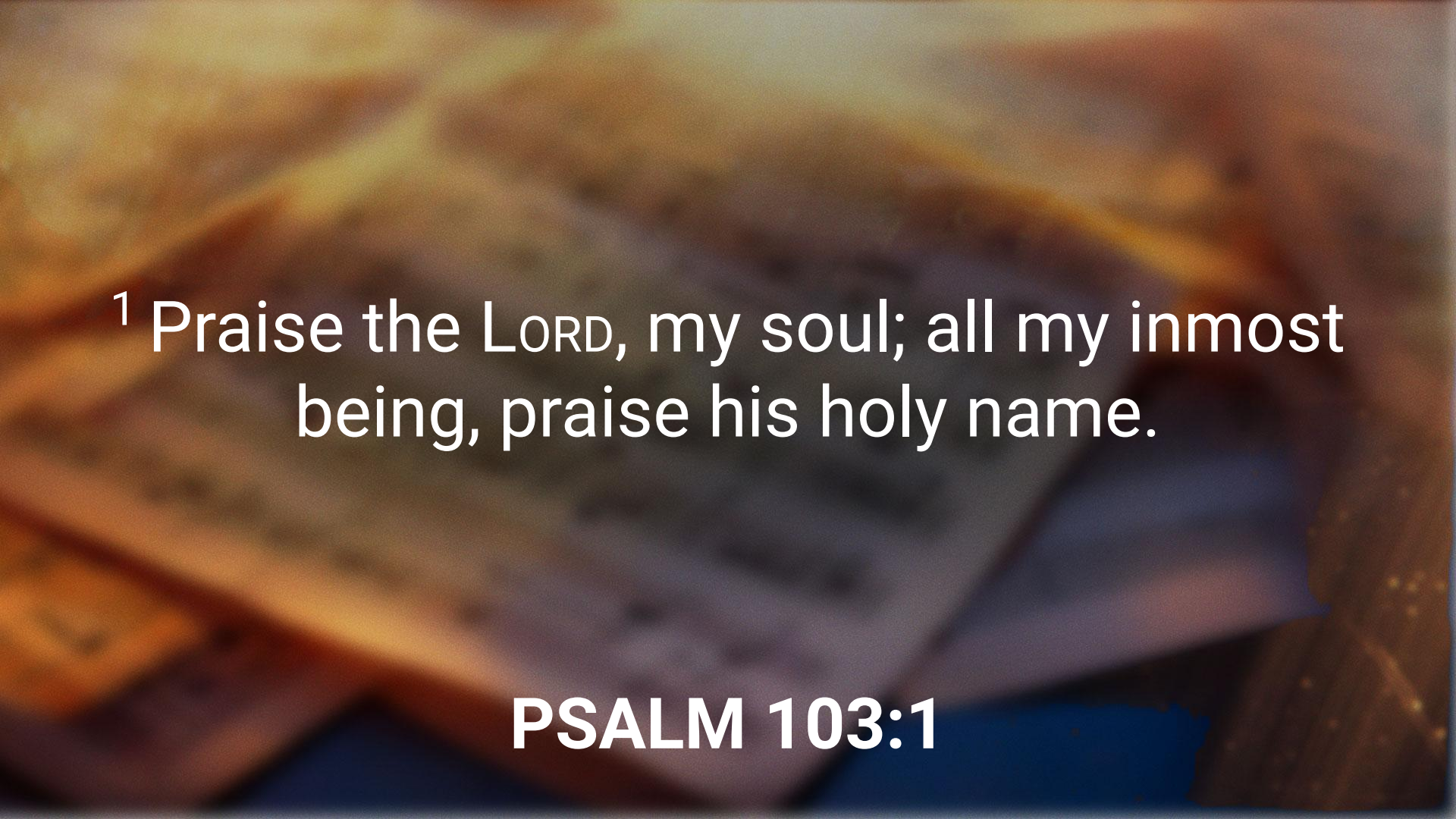
“My heart rejoices in the LORD;
in the LORD my horn is lifted high.
My mouth boasts over my enemies,
for I delight in your deliverance.

1 SAMUEL 2:1



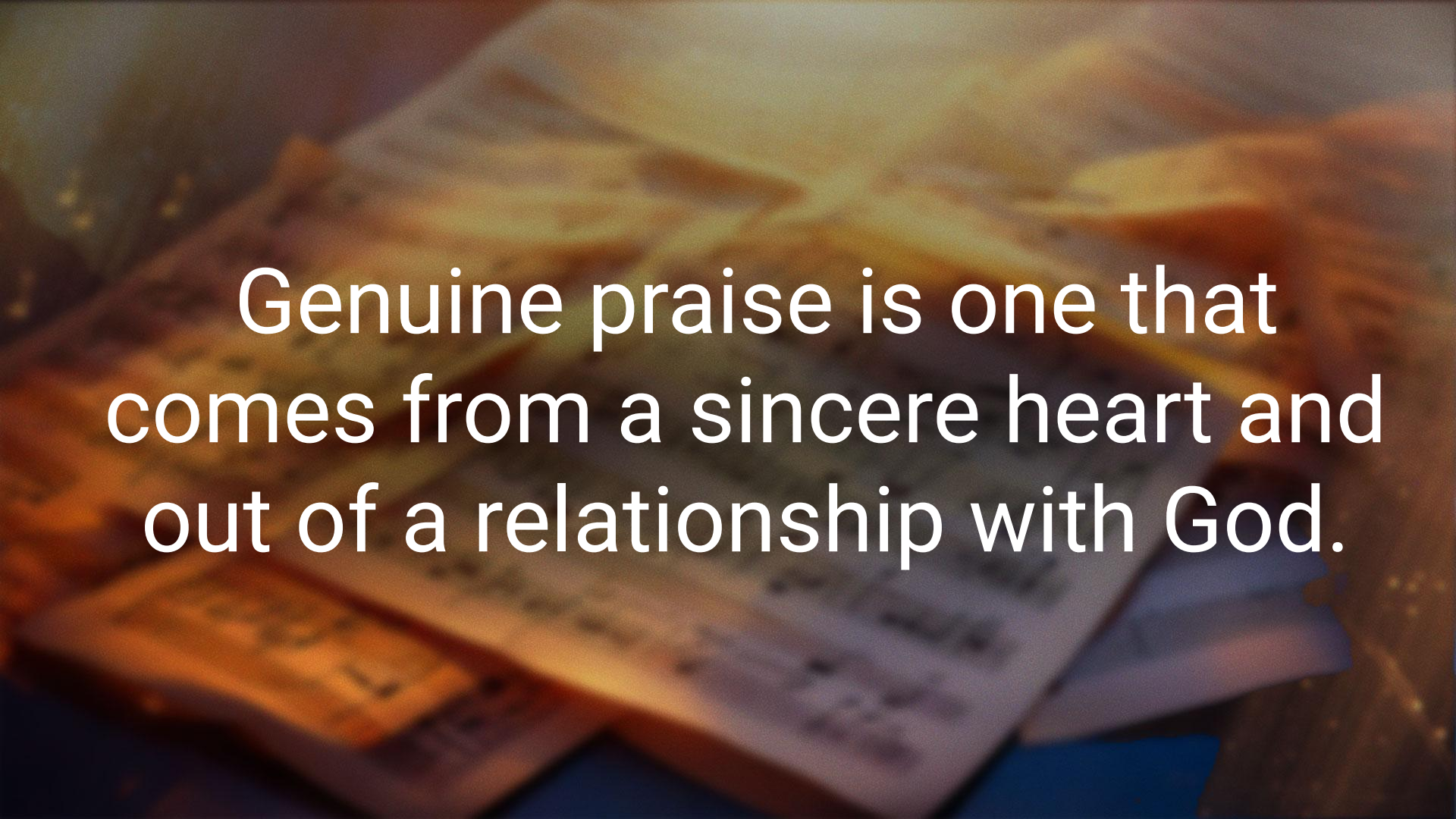
I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted
hear and rejoice. ³ Glorify the LORD with
me; let us exalt his name together.

PSALM 34:2-3



¹ Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost
being, praise his holy name.

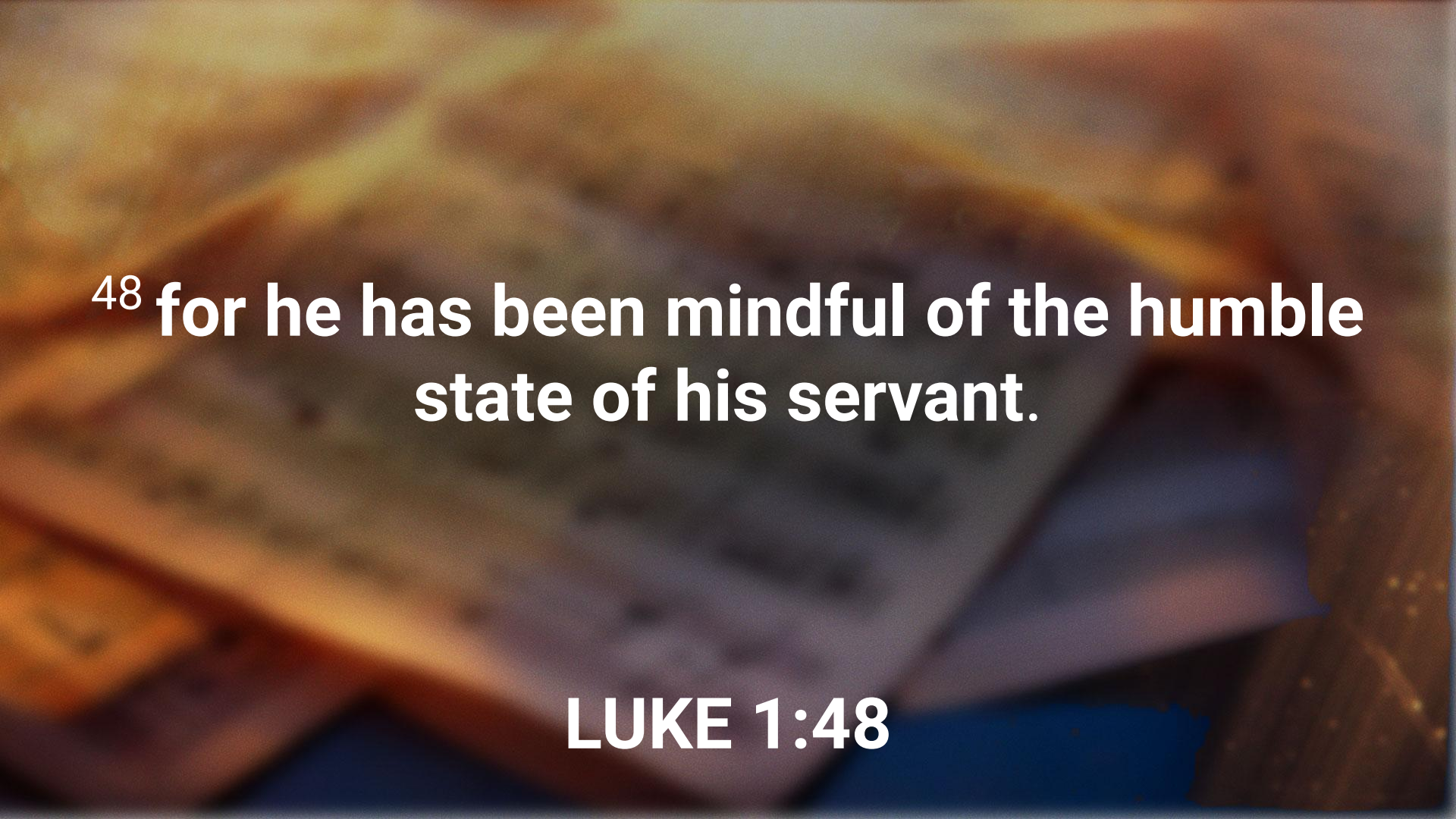
PSALM 103:1



Genuine praise is one that
comes from a sincere heart and
out of a relationship with God.

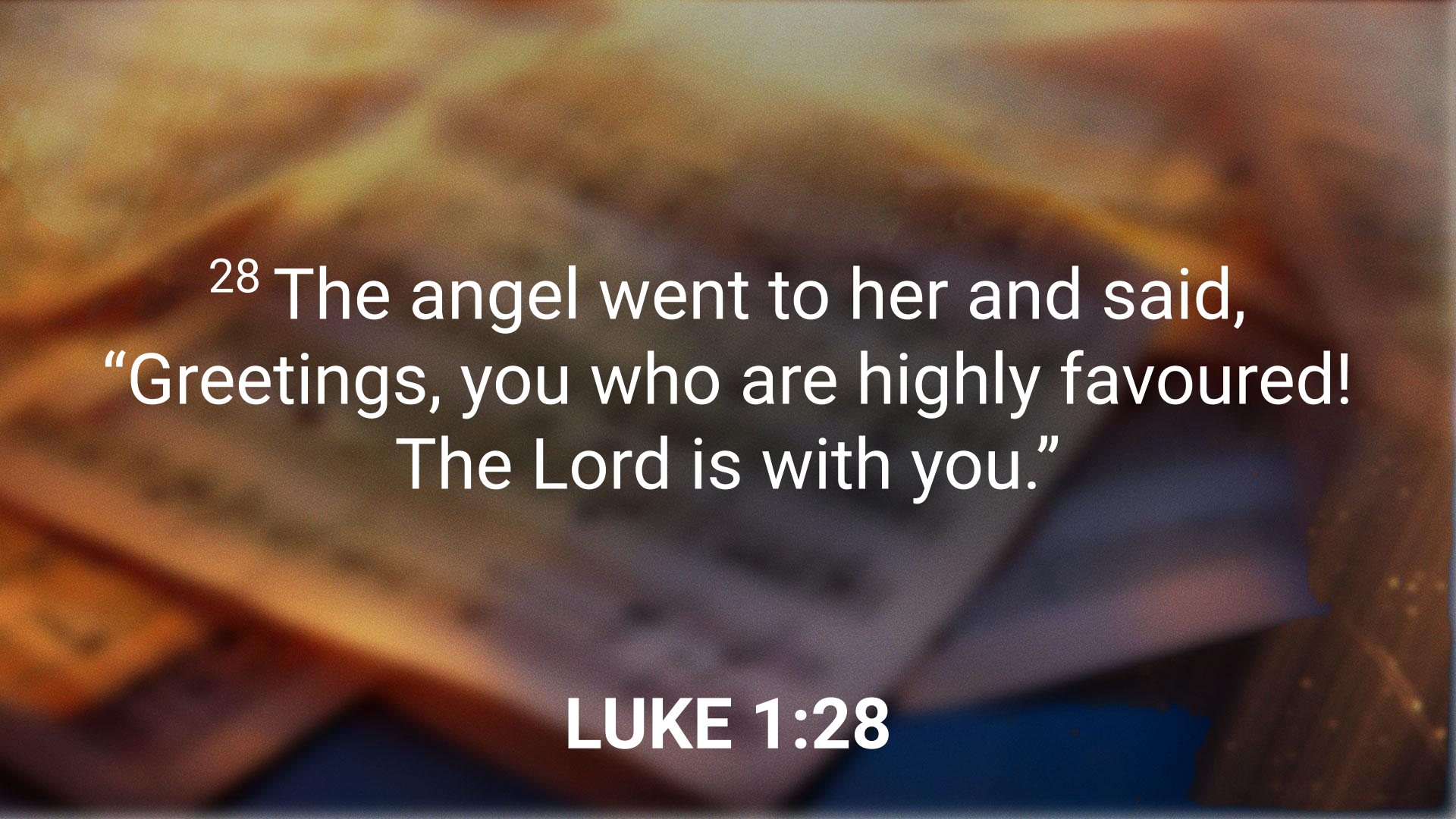


While it is very good to enjoy
corporate worship, praise
to God is first personal.



**⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble
state of his servant.**

LUKE 1:48



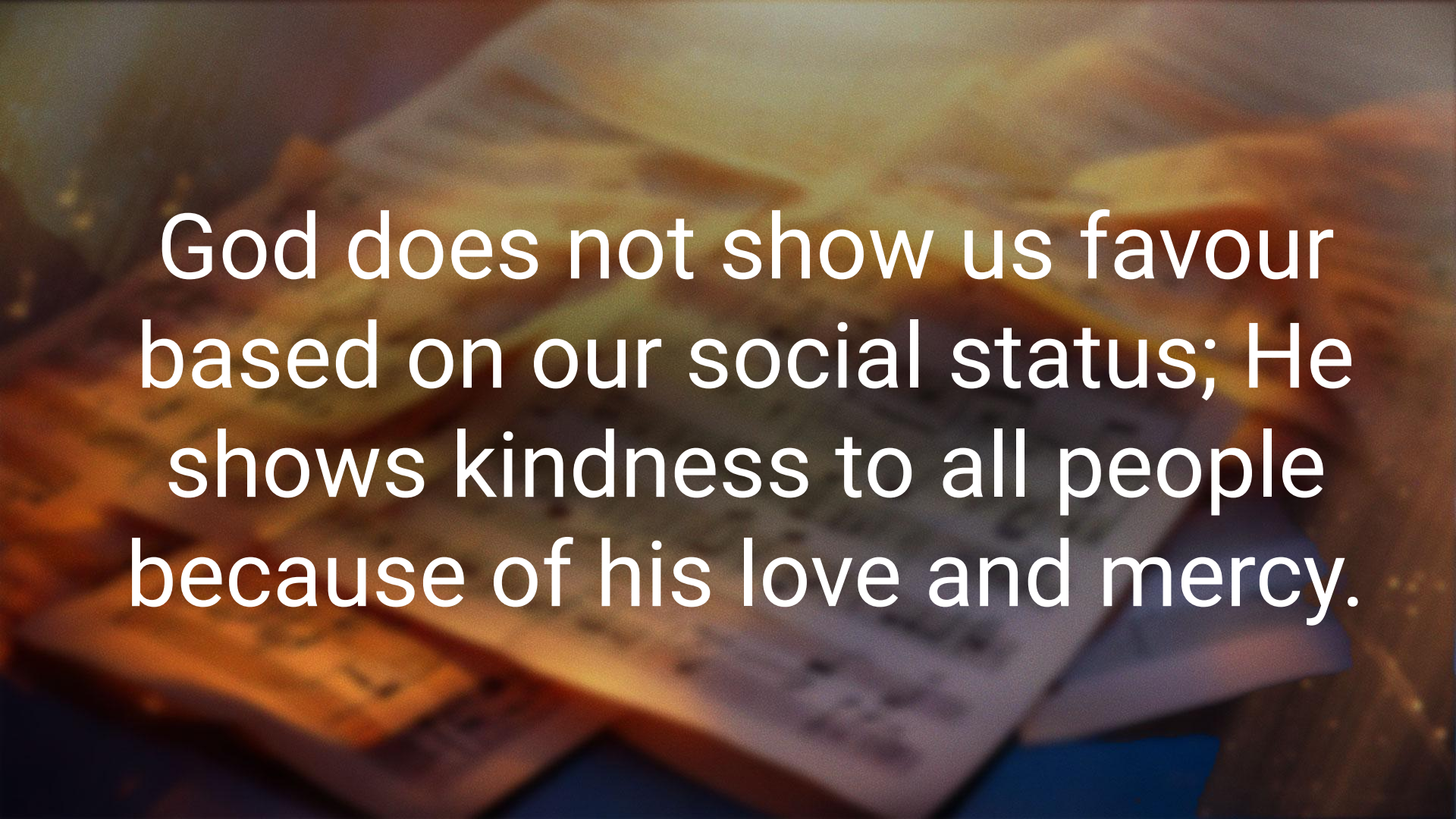
²⁸ The angel went to her and said,
“Greetings, you who are highly favoured!
The Lord is with you.”

LUKE 1:28

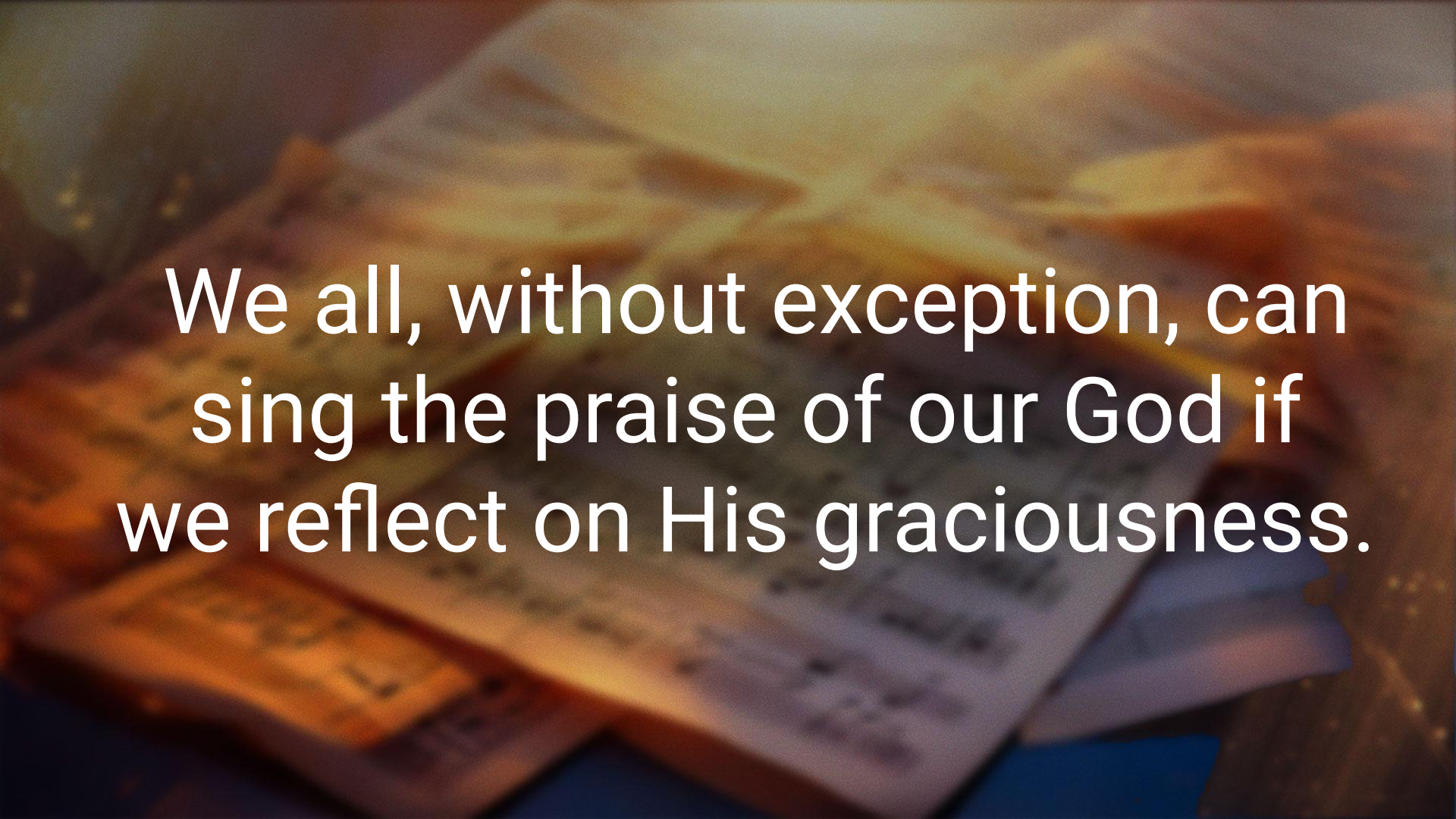


³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God.

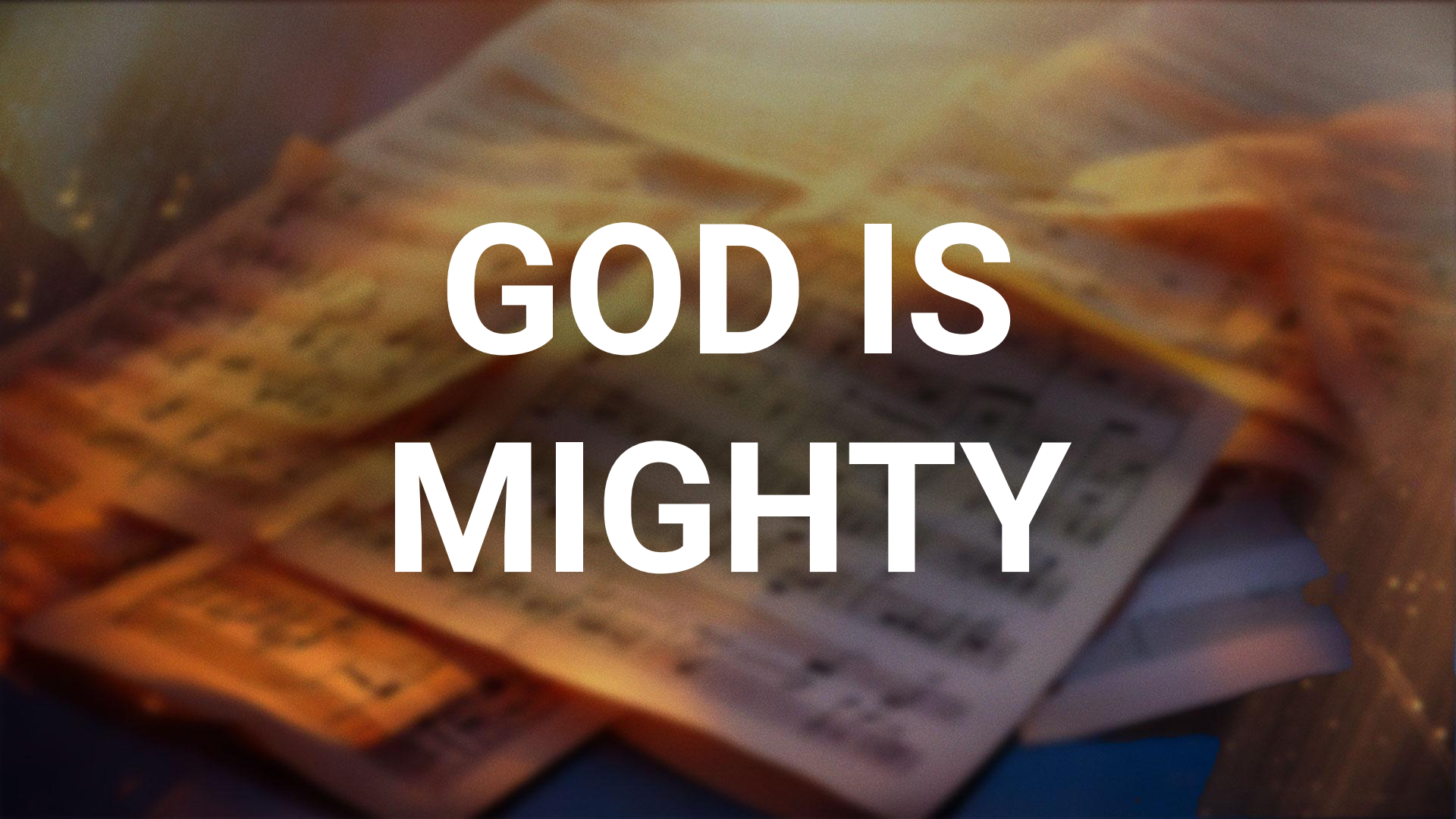
LUKE 1:30



God does not show us favour
based on our social status; He
shows kindness to all people
because of his love and mercy.



We all, without exception, can
sing the praise of our God if
we reflect on His graciousness.



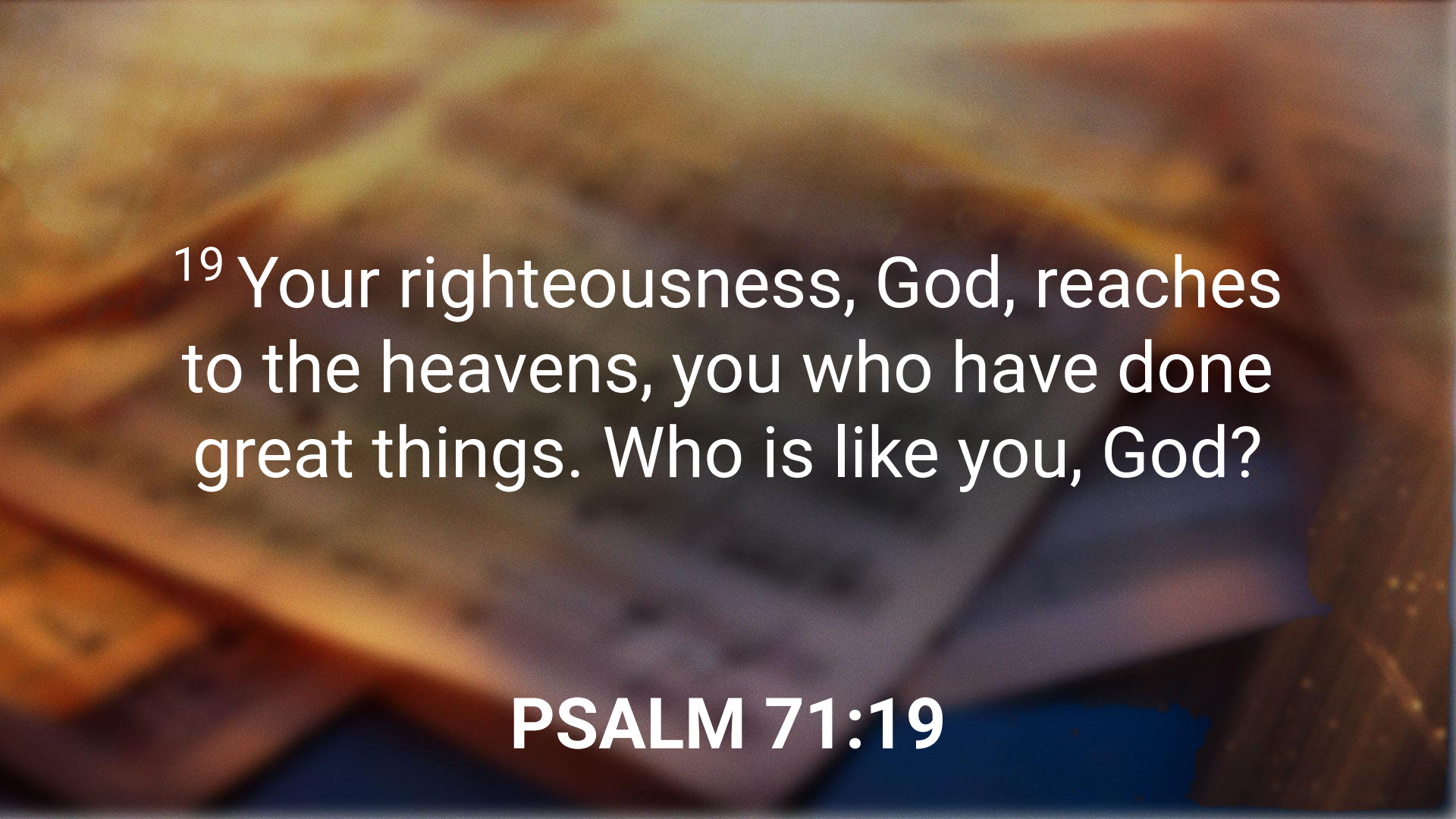
**GOD IS
MIGHTY**

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LUKE 1:49-53

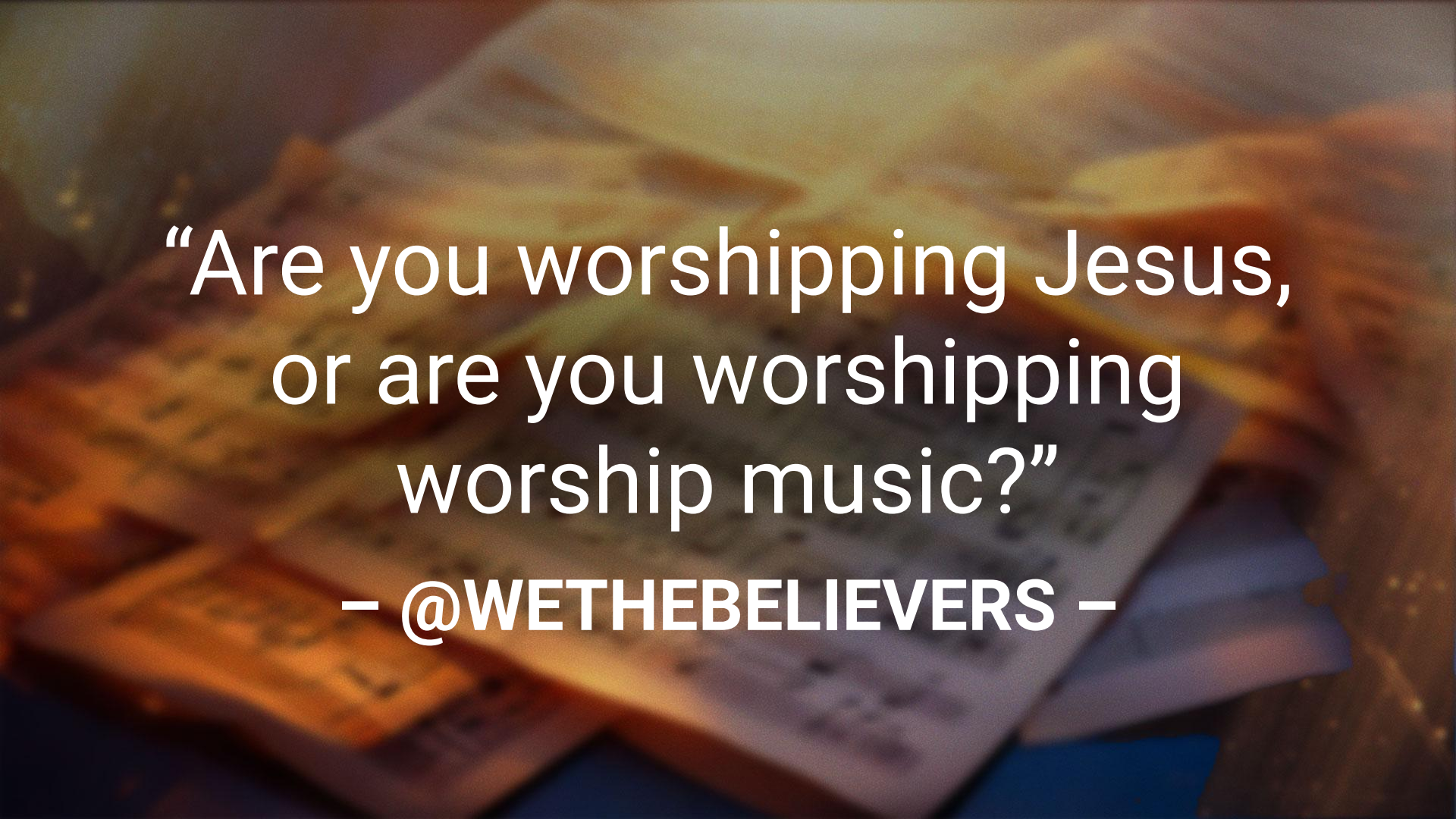
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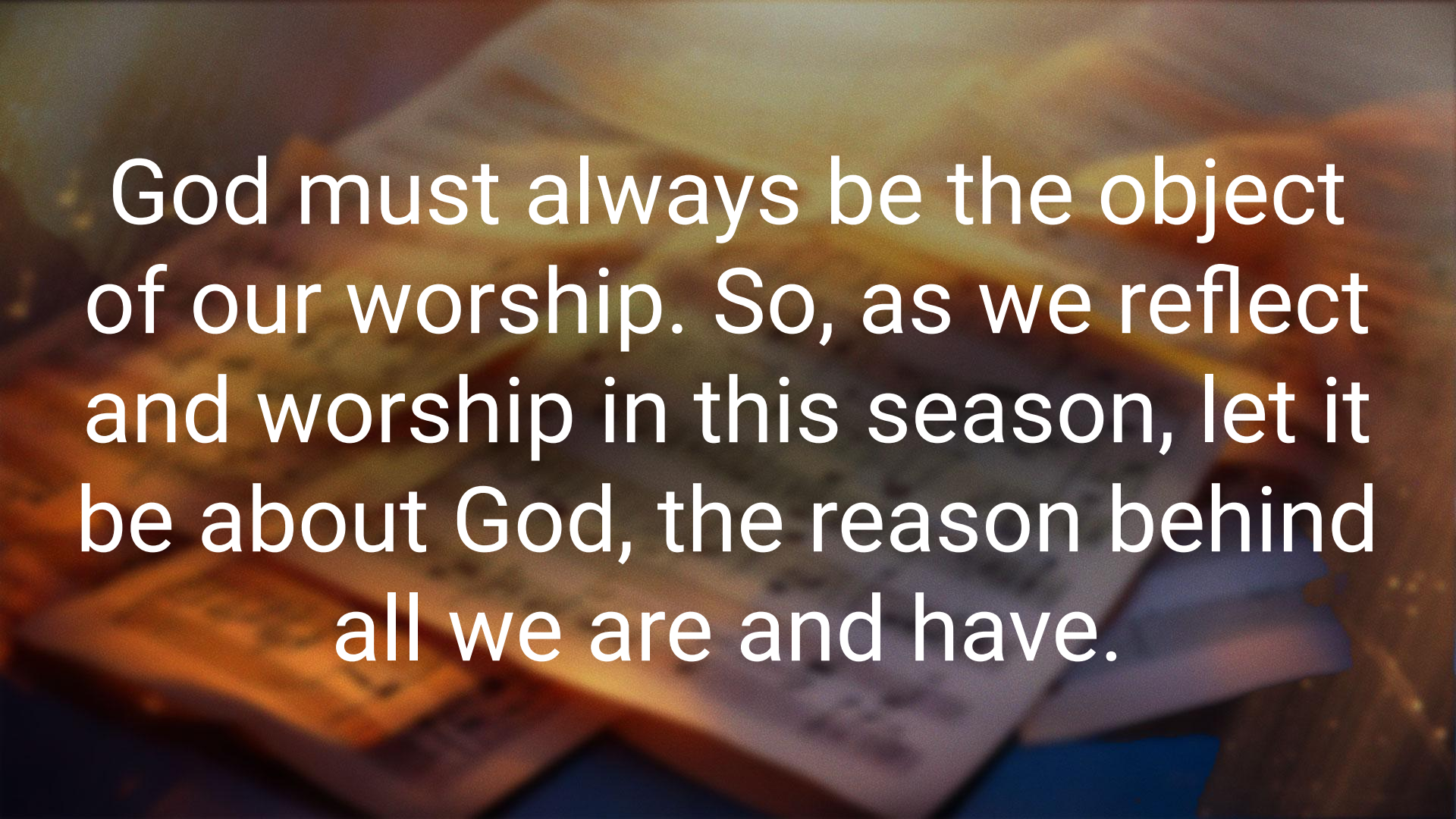
¹⁹ Your righteousness, God, reaches
to the heavens, you who have done
great things. Who is like you, God?

PSALM 71:19

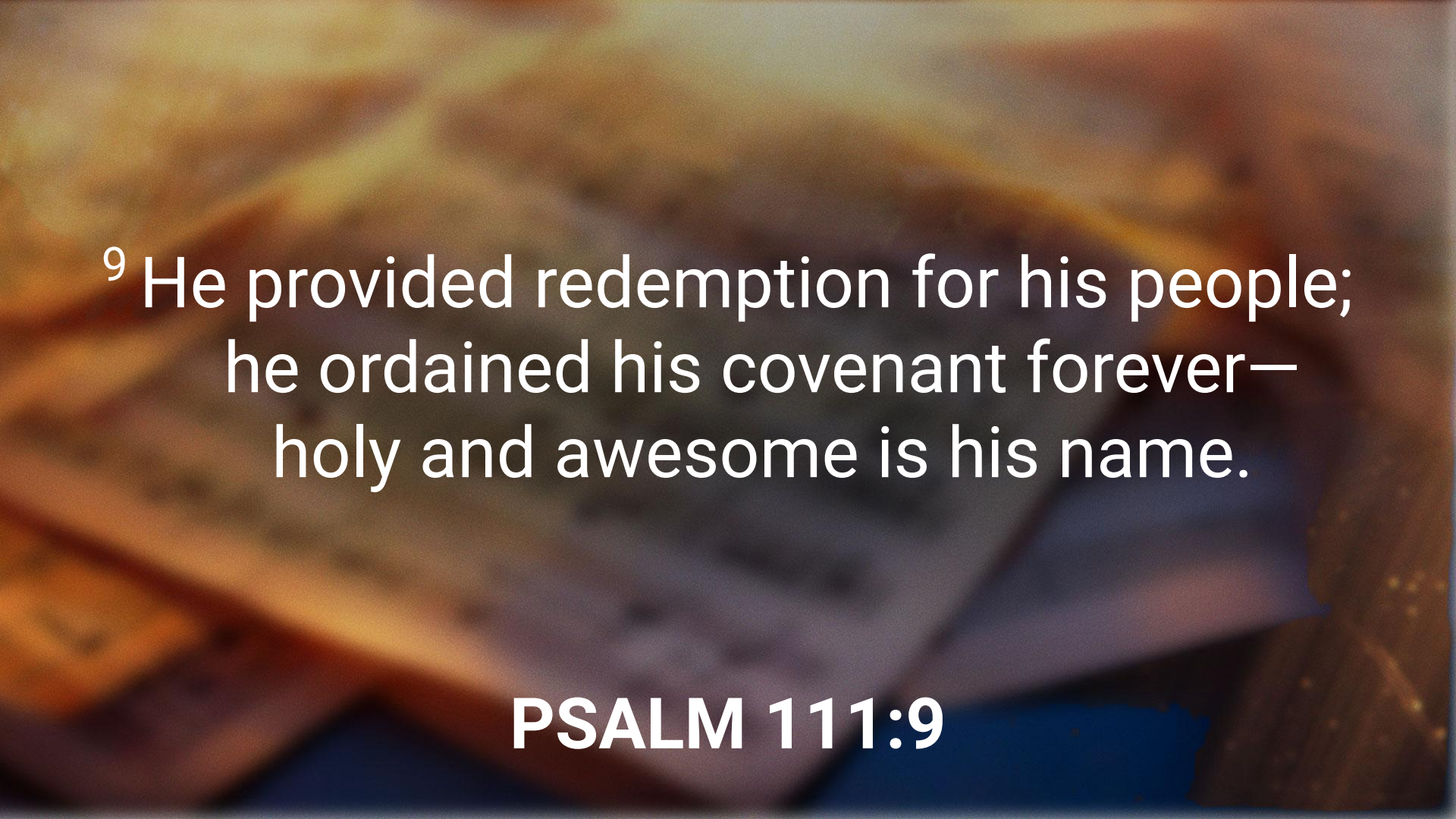


“Are you worshipping Jesus,
or are you worshipping
worship music?”

– @WETHEBELIEVERS –

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God must always be the object
of our worship. So, as we reflect
and worship in this season, let it
be about God, the reason behind
all we are and have.



⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.

PSALM 111:9



¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting the
LORD's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their
children's children.

PSALM 103:17

¹⁴ You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the
peoples. ¹⁵ With your mighty arm you
redeemed your people, the descendants
of Jacob and Joseph.

PSALM 77:14-15

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What has the mighty arm of the
Lord accomplished in your life?



**GOD IS
FAITHFUL**

**⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to
Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”**

LUKE 1:54-55

¹⁹ But God replied, “Your wife Sarah will indeed bear you a son, and you are to name him Isaac. I will establish My covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.”

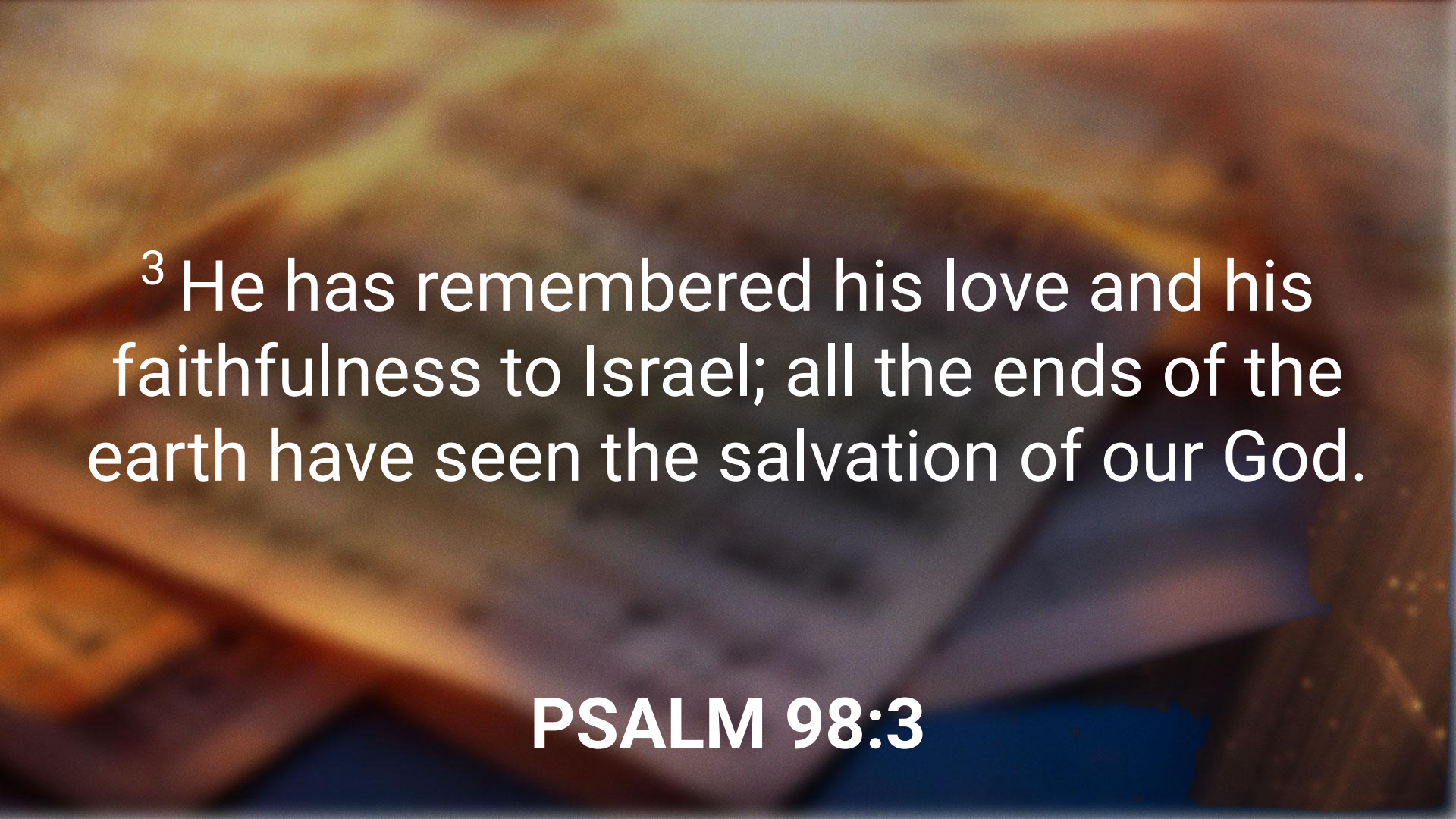
GENESIS 17:19 (BSB)

¹⁶ and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky

GENESIS 22:16-18

and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

GENESIS 22:16-18



³ He has remembered his love and his
faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the
earth have seen the salvation of our God.

PSALM 98:3

⁸ He remembers his covenant forever,
the promise he made, for a thousand
generations, ⁹ the covenant he made with
Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

PSALM 105:8-11

¹⁰ He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant:
¹¹ “To you I will give the land of Canaan
as the portion you will inherit.”

PSALM 105:8-11

²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob and loving devotion to Abraham, as you swore to our fathers from the days of old.

MICAH 7:20 (BSB)

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Whatever God promises, He
can do. Whatever God says,
He can accomplish.



SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) GOD IS GRACIOUS
- 2) GOD IS MIGHTY
- 3) GOD IS FAITHFUL



JOYFUL