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THE MINOR
PROPHETS



ZEPHANIAH

¹ Woe to the city of oppressors, rebellious and defiled! ² She obeys no one, she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the LORD, she does not draw near to her God. ³ Her officials within her are roaring lions; her rulers are evening wolves, who leave nothing for the morning.

ZEPHANIAH 3:1-8

⁴ Her prophets are unprincipled; they are treacherous people. Her priests profane the sanctuary and do violence to the law.
⁵ The LORD within her is righteous; he does no wrong. Morning by morning he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail,

ZEPHANIAH 3:1-8

yet the unrighteous know no shame.

⁶ “I have destroyed nations; their strongholds are demolished. I have left their streets deserted, with no one passing through. Their cities are laid waste; they are deserted and empty.

ZEPHANIAH 3:1-8

⁷ Of Jerusalem I thought, 'Surely you will fear me and accept correction!' Then her place of refuge would not be destroyed, nor all my punishments come upon her. But they were still eager to act corruptly in all they did.

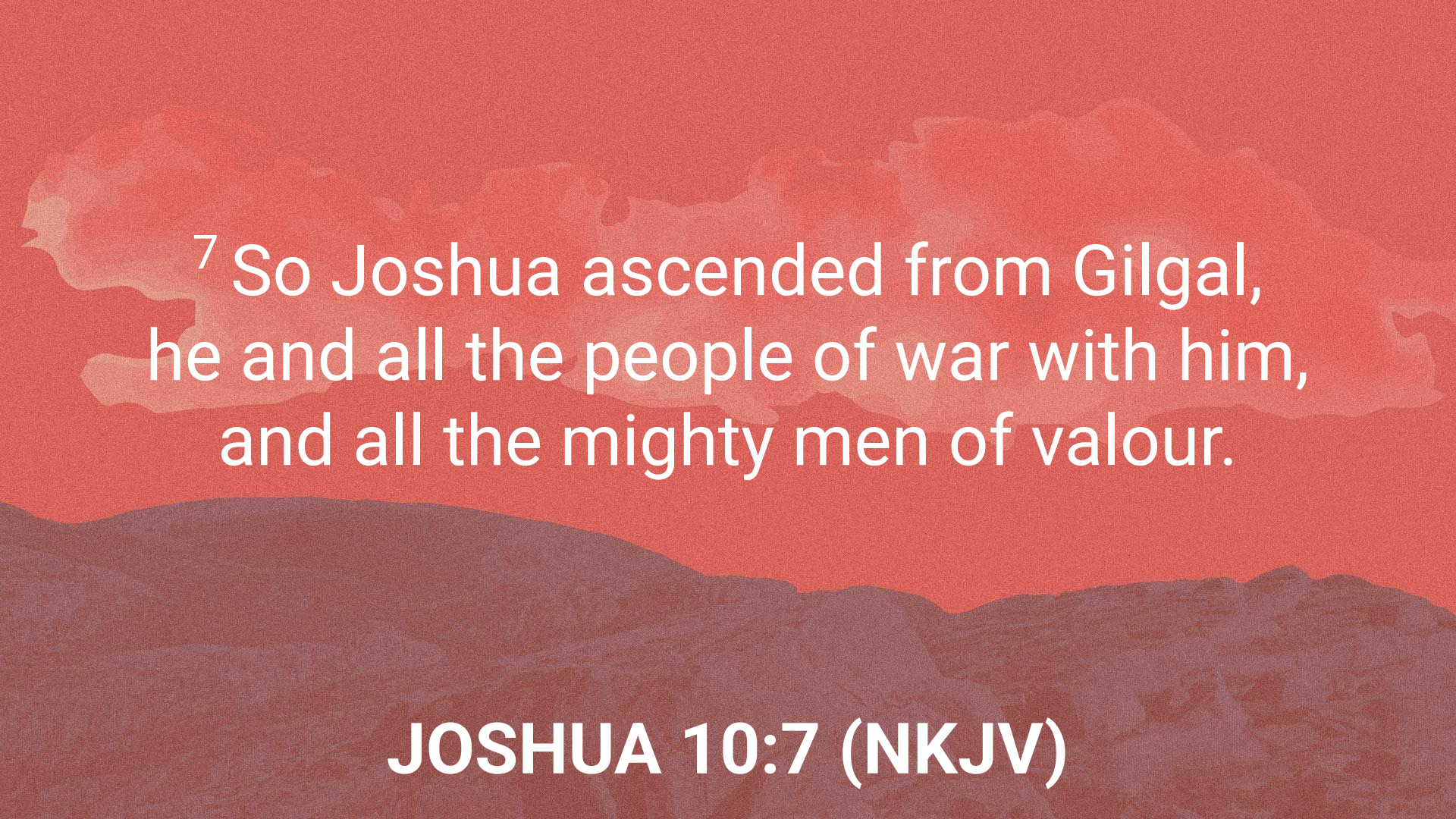
ZEPHANIAH 3:1-8

⁸ Therefore wait for me,” declares the LORD,
“for the day I will stand up to testify. I have
decided to assemble the nations, to
gather the kingdoms and to pour out my
wrath on them—all my fierce anger. The
whole world will be consumed by the fire
of my jealous anger.

ZEPHANIAH 3:1-8

¹ The word of the LORD that came to
Zephaniah son of Cushi, the son of
Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son
of Hezekiah, during the reign of Josiah
son of Amon king of Judah.

ZEPHANIAH 1:1



⁷ So Joshua ascended from Gilgal,
he and all the people of war with him,
and all the mighty men of valour.

JOSHUA 10:7 (NKJV)

⁸ These are the names of David's mighty warriors: Josheb-Basshebeth, a Tahkemonite, was chief of the Three; he raised his spear against eight hundred men, whom he killed in one encounter.

⁹ Next to him was Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite.

2 SAMUEL 23:8-12

As one of the three mighty warriors, he was with David when they taunted the Philistines gathered at Pas Dammim for battle. Then the Israelites retreated, ¹⁰ but Eleazar stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword.

2 SAMUEL 23:8-12

The LORD brought about a great victory that day. The troops returned to Eleazar, but only to strip the dead. ¹¹ Next to him was Shammah son of Agee the Hararite. When the Philistines banded together at a place where there was a field full of lentils, Israel's troops fled from them.

2 SAMUEL 23:8-12

¹² But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down, and the LORD brought about a great victory.

2 SAMUEL 23:8-12

¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near—near
and coming quickly. The cry on the day
of the LORD is bitter; **the Mighty Warrior**
shouts his battle cry.

ZEPHANIAH 1:14



¹⁷ The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.

ZEPHANIAH 3:17



SILENT BEFORE THE LORD



⁷ Be silent before the Sovereign LORD,
for the day of the LORD is near.

ZEPHANIAH 1:7

That day will be a day of wrath—a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness—¹⁶ a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.

ZEPHANIAH 1:15-16



A time to be silent and a time to speak.

ECCLESIASTES 3:7

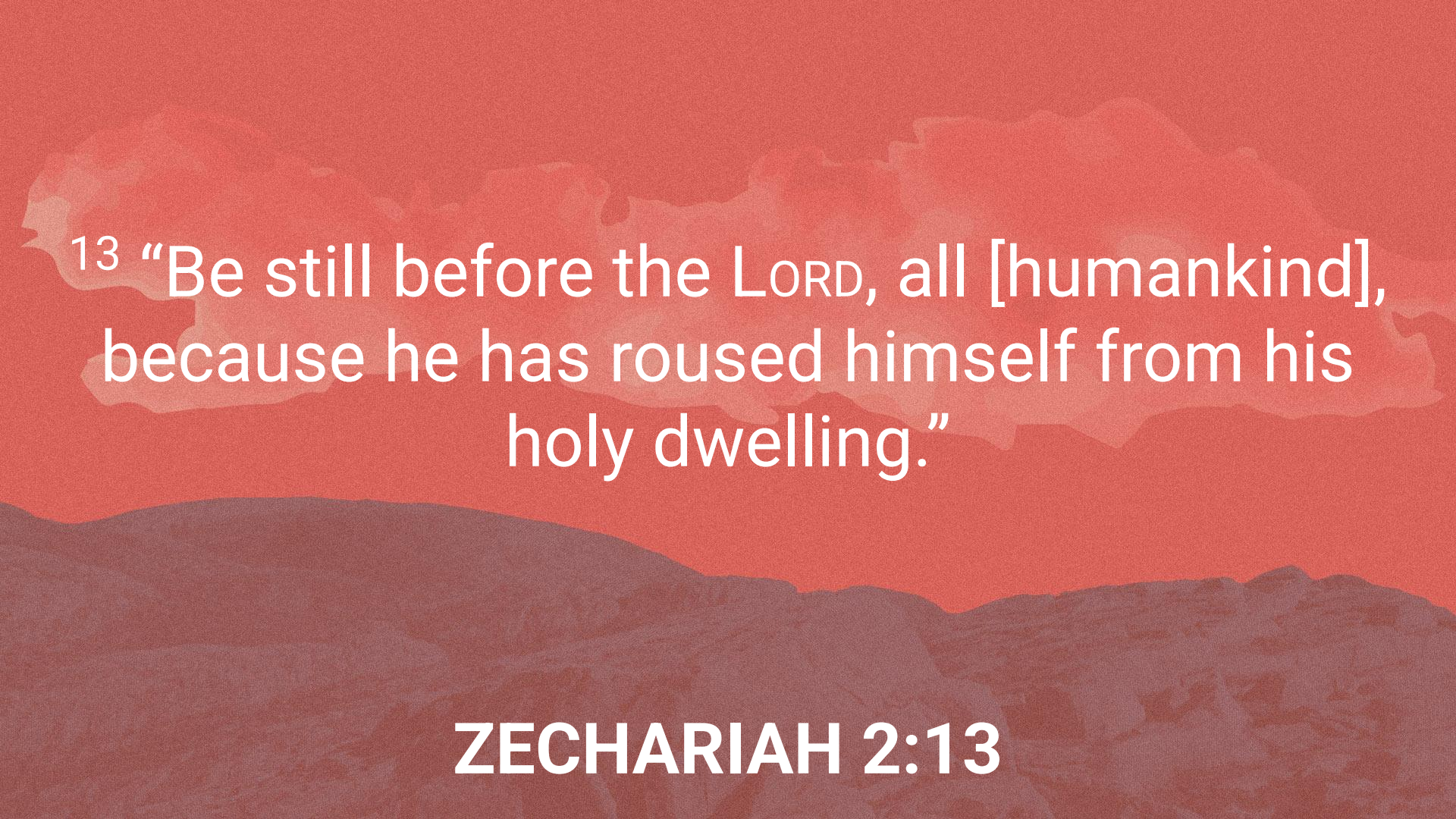


²⁰ The LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth be silent before him.

HABAKKUK 2:20

The background of the image is a textured, painterly style. The upper portion is a vibrant red-orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise sky, with soft, blended cloud-like shapes. The lower portion is a dark, muted brownish-grey, depicting the silhouettes of rugged, rocky mountains or hills. The overall texture is grainy and artistic.

When God speaks, we must stop
speaking and be silent.



¹³ “Be still before the LORD, all [humankind],
because he has roused himself from his
holy dwelling.”

ZECHARIAH 2:13

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When God moves, we must stop
moving and be still.

² “I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth,” declares the LORD. ³ “I will sweep away both man and beast; I will sweep away the birds in the sky and the fish in the sea—and the idols that cause the wicked to stumble.”

ZEPHANIAH 1:2-3



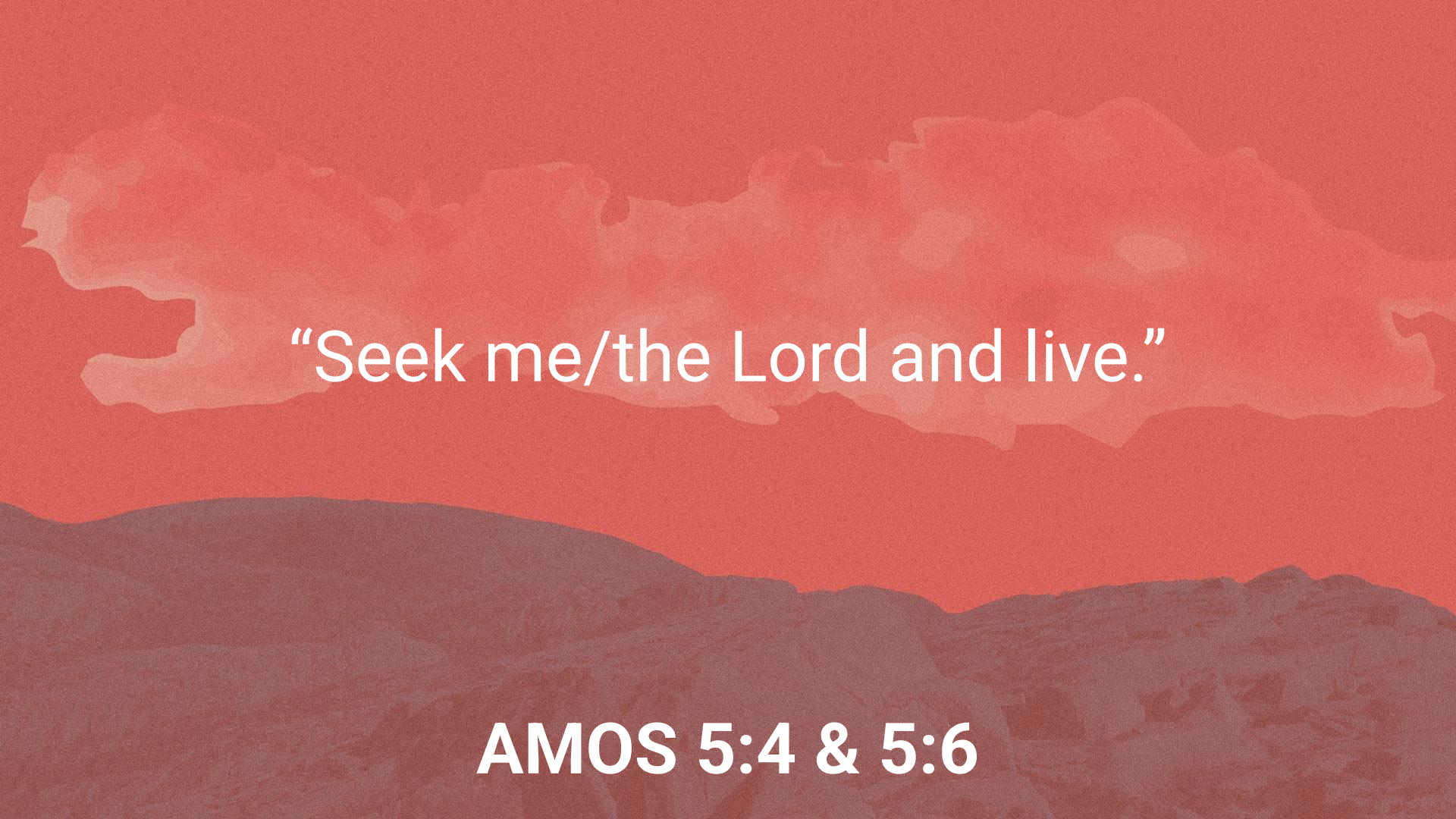
SEEK THE LORD

³ **Seek the LORD**, all you humble of the land,
you who do what he commands. **Seek
righteousness, seek humility**; perhaps
you will be sheltered on the day of the
LORD's anger.

ZEPHANIAH 2:3



A) SEEK THE LORD



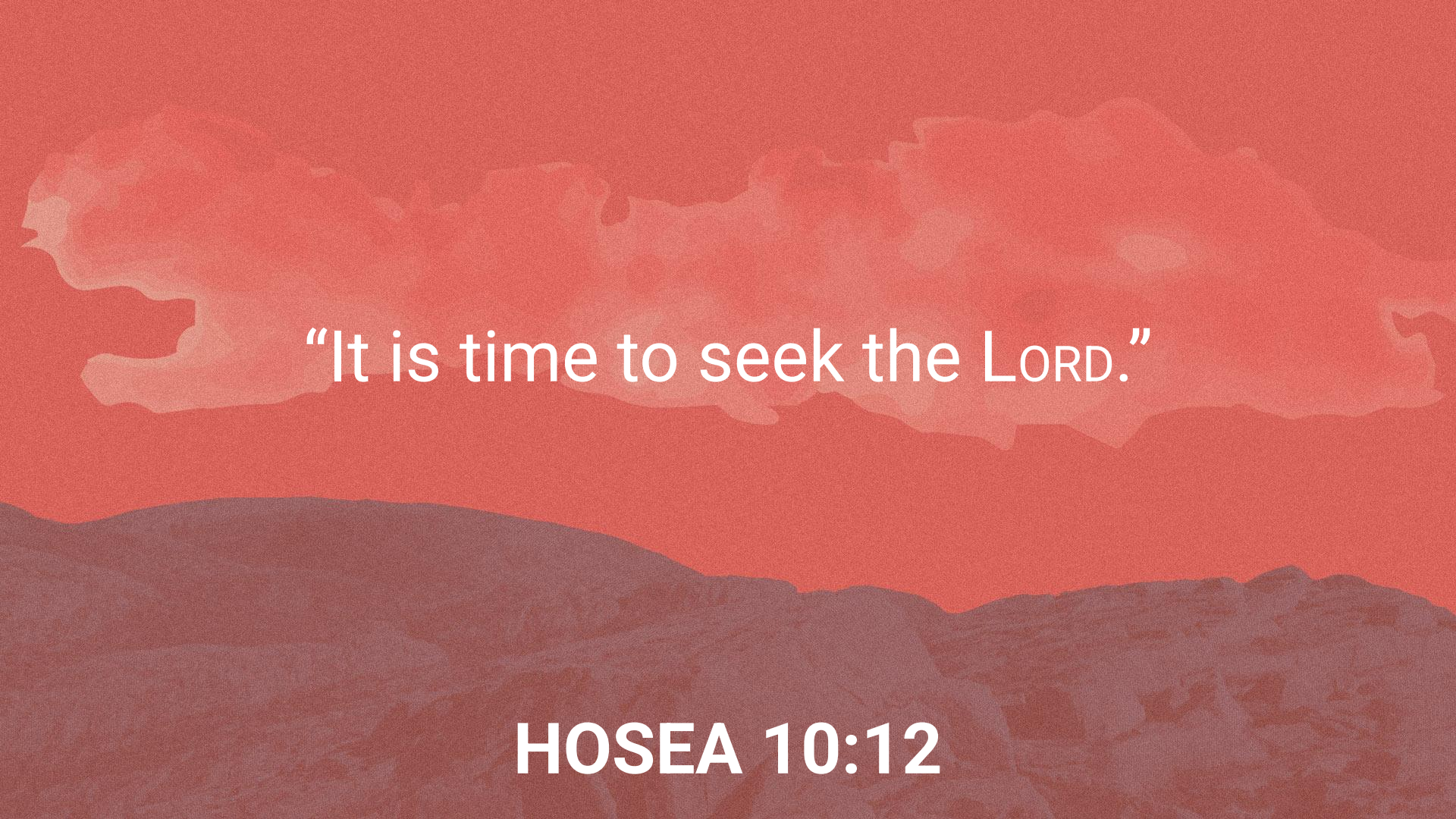
“Seek me/the Lord and live.”

AMOS 5:4 & 5:6



¹⁴ Seek good, not evil, that you may live.

AMOS 5:14



“It is time to seek the LORD.”

HOSEA 10:12

⁴ “I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all who live in Jerusalem. I will destroy every remnant of **Baal worship** in this place, the very names of the idolatrous priests—

ZEPHANIAH 1:4-6

⁵ those who bow down on the roofs to **worship the starry host**, those who bow down and swear by the LORD and who also **swear by Molek**, ⁶ those who turn back from following the LORD and neither seek the LORD nor inquire of him.”

ZEPHANIAH 1:4-6



¹³ You will seek me and find me when
you seek me with all your heart.

JEREMIAH 29:13

⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; **seek and you will find**; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; **the one who seeks finds**; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

MATTHEW 7:7-8

The background is a dark blue, textured surface that resembles a close-up of rough, layered rock or a coarse fabric. The texture is uneven, with various shades of blue and black creating a sense of depth and ruggedness. Centered on this background is the text "B) SEEK RIGHTEOUSNESS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is split into two lines: "B) SEEK" on the top line and "RIGHTEOUSNESS" on the bottom line. The letters are thick and blocky, with a slight shadow or drop effect that makes them stand out against the dark, textured background.

**B) SEEK
RIGHTEOUSNESS**



³³ But **seek first** his kingdom and **his righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well.

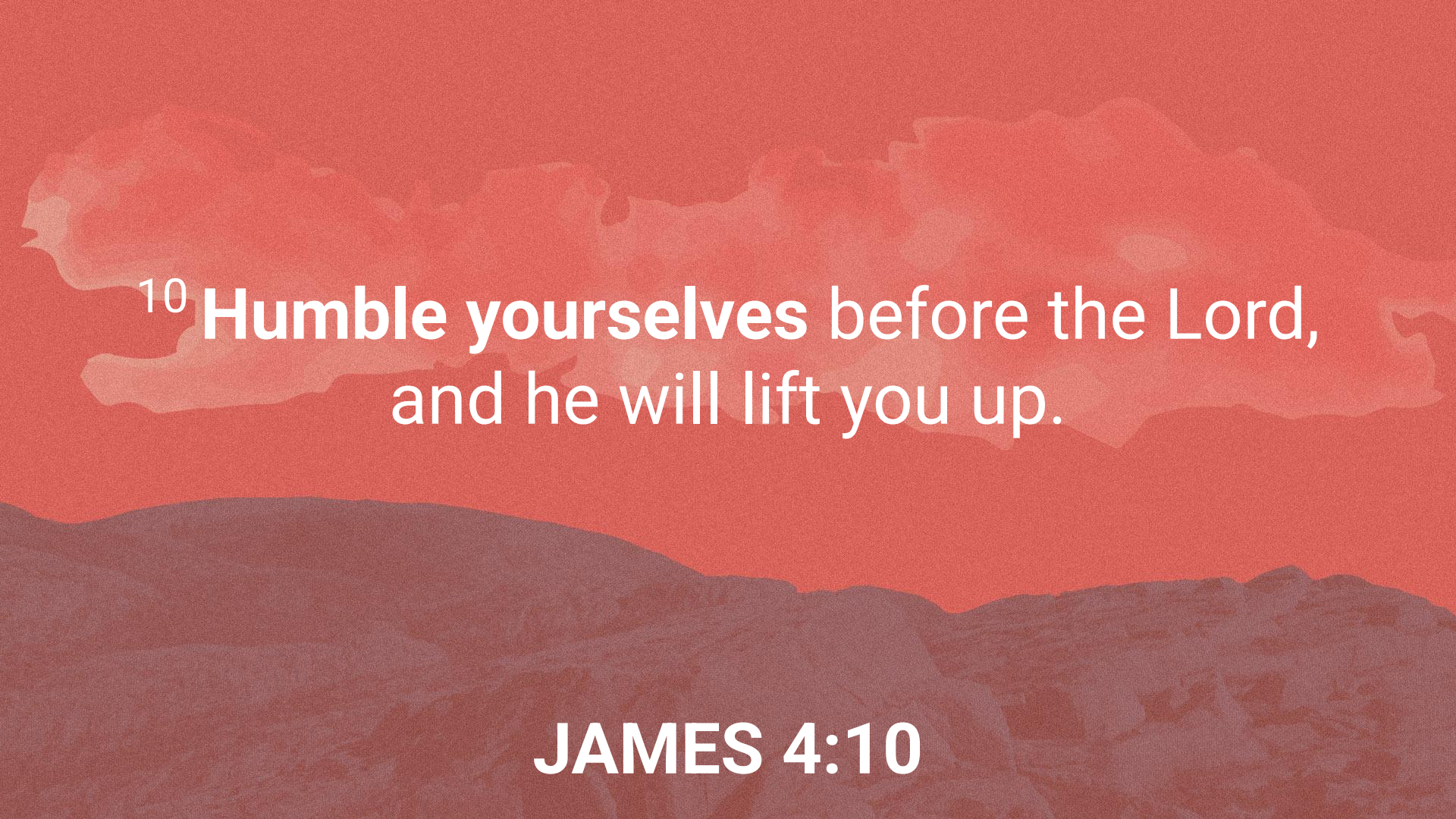
MATTHEW 6:33



C) SEEK HUMILTY

³ (Now Moses was a very humble man,
more humble than anyone else on the
face of the earth.)

NUMBERS 12:3



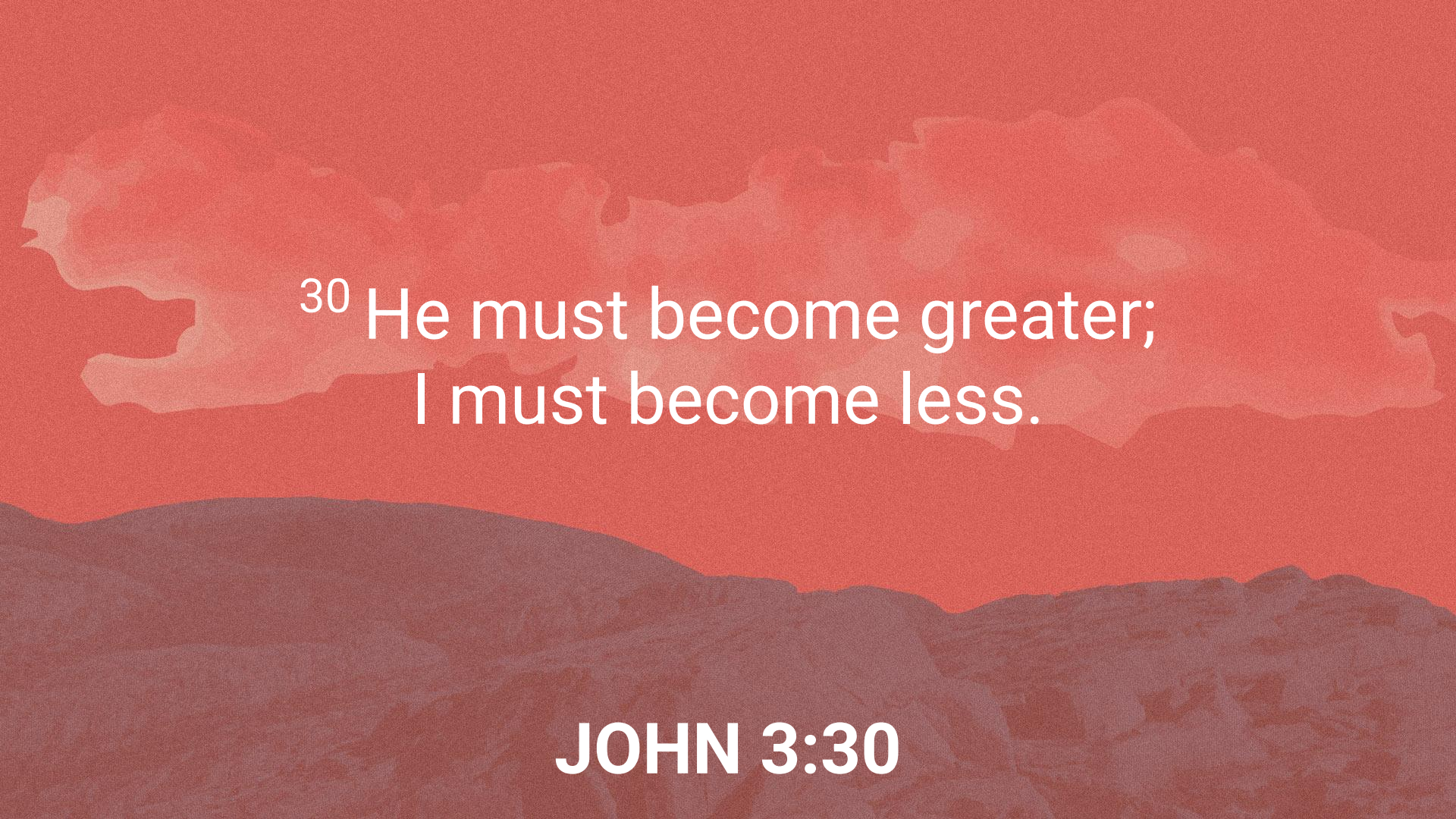
¹⁰ **Humble yourselves** before the Lord,
and he will lift you up.

JAMES 4:10



⁶ **Humble yourselves**, therefore, under
God's mighty hand, that he may lift you
up in due time.

1 PETER 5:6



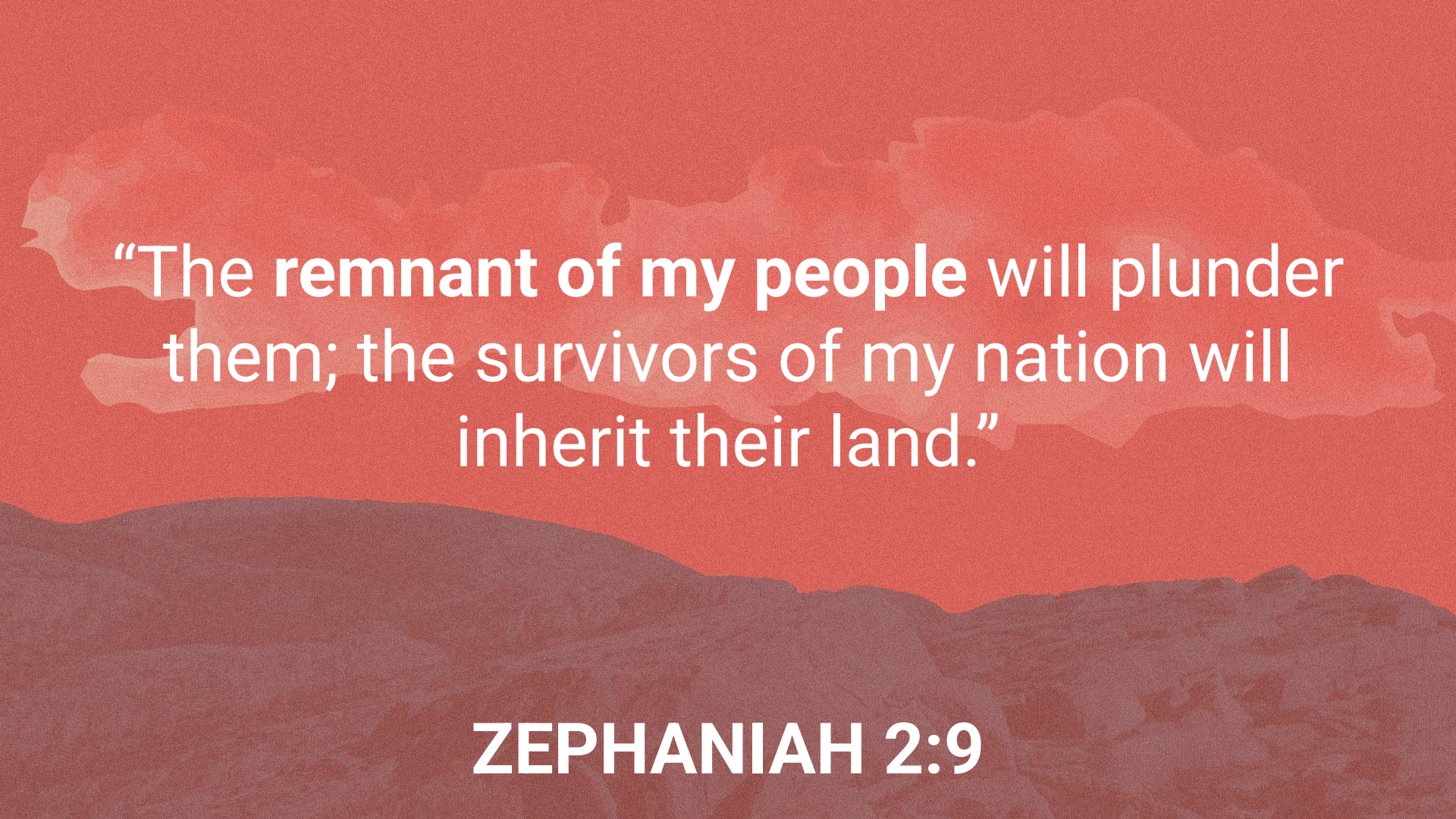
³⁰ He must become greater;
I must become less.

JOHN 3:30

The background features a stylized landscape. The lower portion shows dark, silhouetted mountains or hills. The upper portion is a bright red sky filled with soft, white, painterly clouds. The text is overlaid on the sky area.

⁶ The land by the sea will become pastures having wells for shepherds and pens for flocks. ⁷ That land will belong to the **remnant of the people** of Judah; there they will find pasture.

ZEPHANIAH 2:6-7

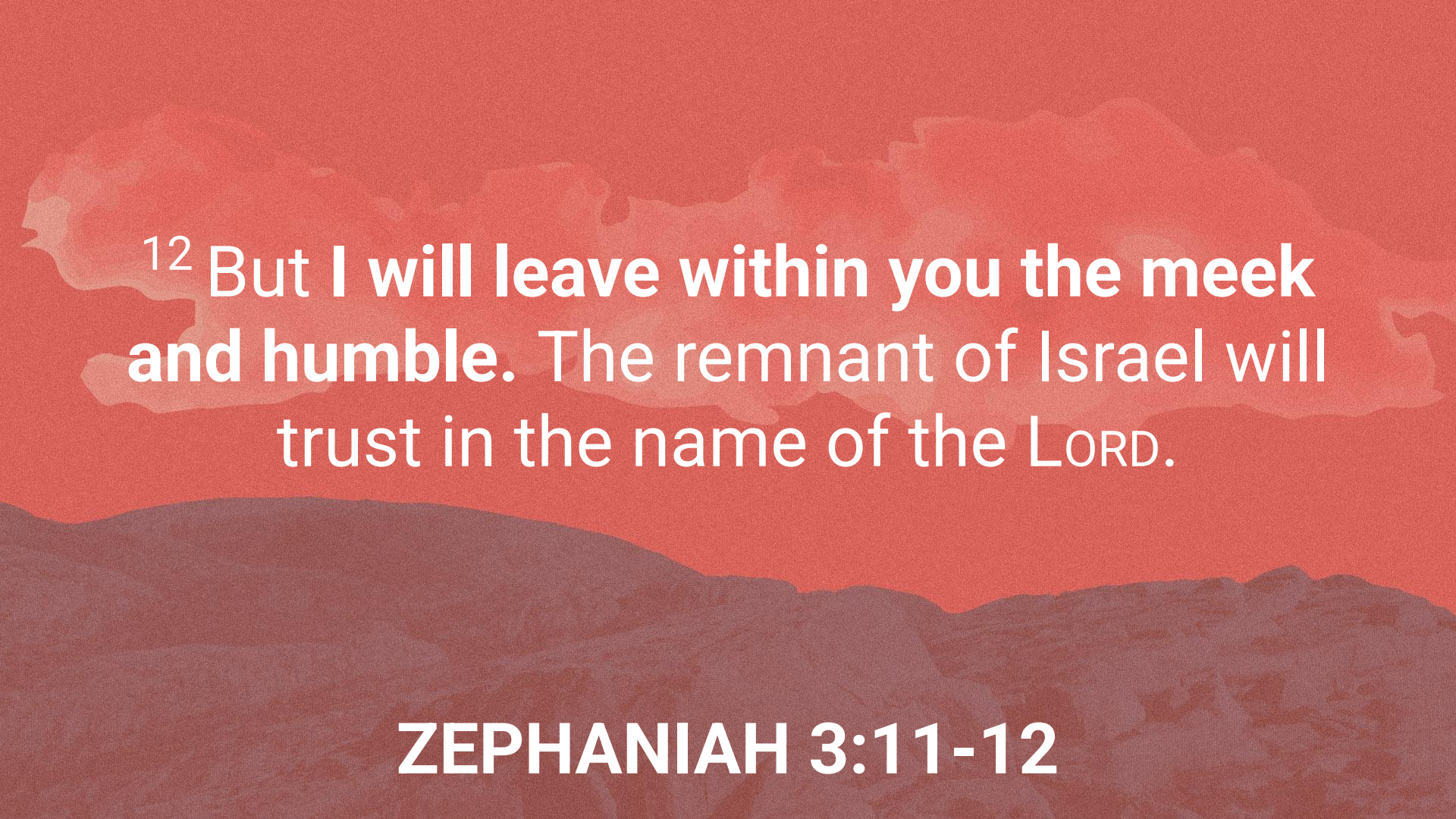


**“The remnant of my people will plunder
them; the survivors of my nation will
inherit their land.”**

ZEPHANIAH 2:9

¹¹ On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame for all the wrongs you have done to me, because **I will remove from you your arrogant boasters.** Never again will you be haughty on my holy hill.

ZEPHANIAH 3:11-12



¹² But I will leave within you the meek
and humble. The remnant of Israel will
trust in the name of the LORD.

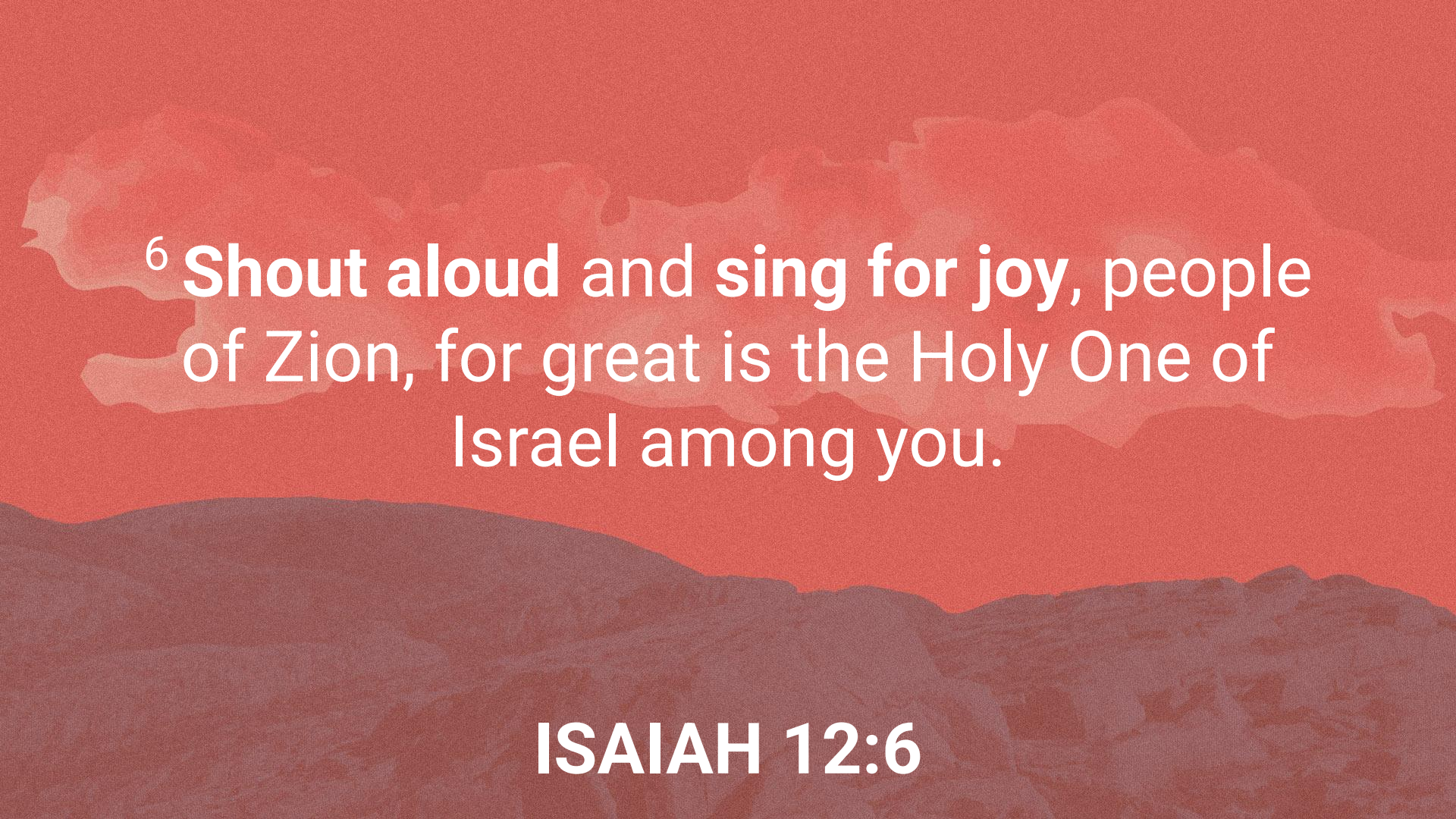
ZEPHANIAH 3:11-12



**SING TO
THE LORD**

¹⁴ **Sing**, Daughter Zion; **shout aloud**, Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has
taken away your punishment, he has turned
back your enemy. The LORD, the
King of Israel, is with you; never again
will you fear any harm.

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-15



⁶ **Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.**

ISAIAH 12:6

²³ **Sing for joy**, you heavens, for the LORD
has done this; **shout aloud**, you earth
beneath. Burst into song, you mountains,
you forests and all your trees, for the
LORD has redeemed Jacob, he displays
his glory in Israel.

ISAIAH 44:23



¹³ **Shout for joy**, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; **burst into song**, you mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

ISAIAH 49:13

⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they **shout for joy**. When the LORD
returns to Zion, they will see it with their
own eyes. ⁹ **Burst into songs of joy**
together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the
LORD has comforted his people, he has
redeemed Jerusalem.

ISAIAH 52:8-9

“Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child; **burst into song, shout for joy**, you who were never in labour; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband,” says the LORD.”

ISAIAH 54:1



⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4



“He will take great delight in you, in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

ZEPHANIAH 3:17

¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

REVELATION 19:11-16

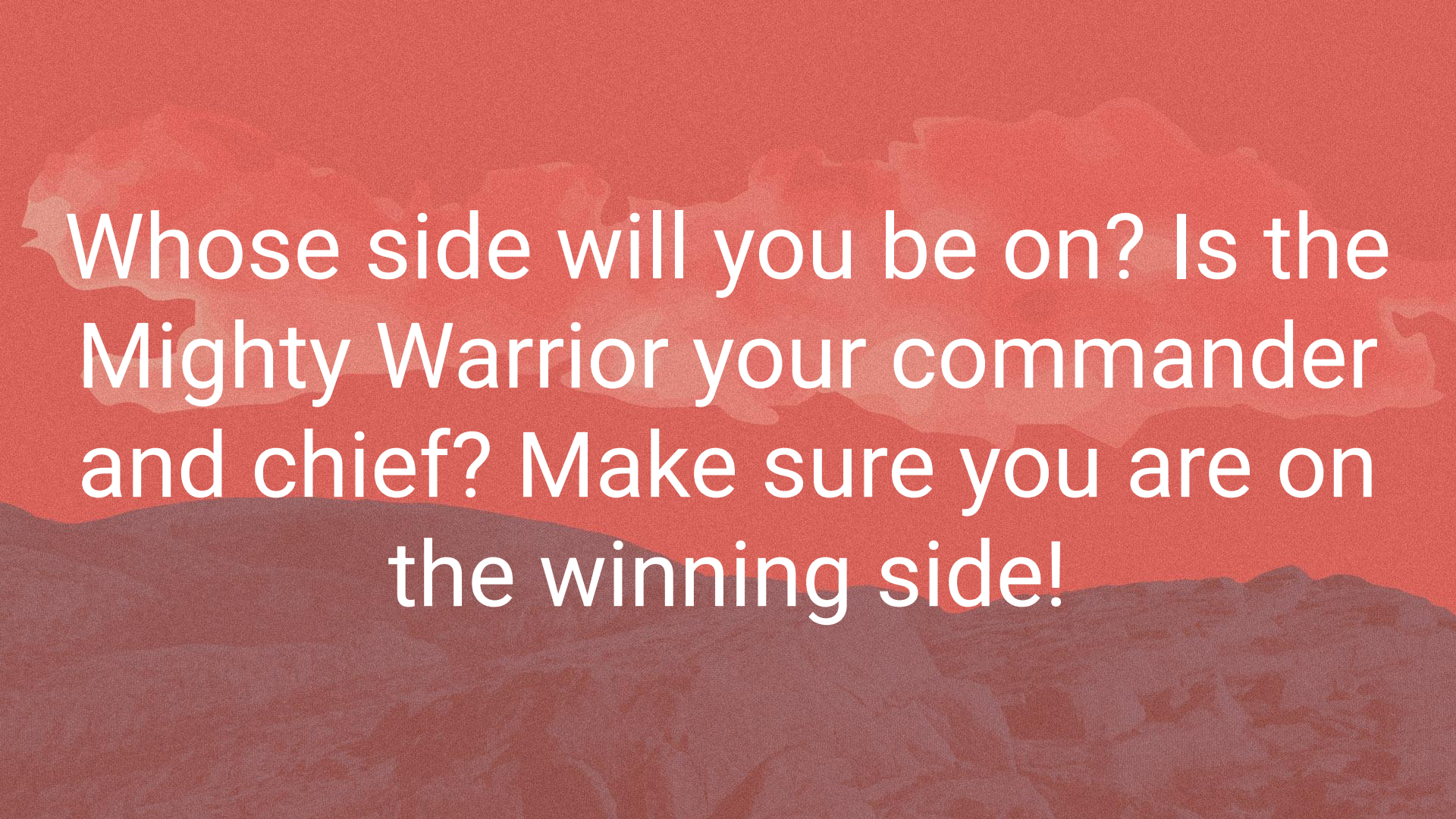
¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.

REVELATION 19:11-16

“He will rule them with an iron scepter.”
He treads the winepress of the fury of the
wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and
on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

REVELATION 19:11-16

The background of the image is a landscape with mountains and clouds, all tinted in shades of red. The mountains are in the foreground and middle ground, while the clouds are in the sky. The text is overlaid on the clouds.

Whose side will you be on? Is the
Mighty Warrior your commander
and chief? Make sure you are on
the winning side!

SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) SILENT BEFORE THE LORD
- 2) SEEK THE LORD
- 3) SING TO THE LORD

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