



Deuteronomy

A Call to Covenant Renewal

The background is a sepia-toned illustration of a group of people in a desert environment. Several individuals are visible, with their arms raised in the air, suggesting a scene of praise, prayer, or celebration. The style is reminiscent of a woodcut or a historical engraving. The overall tone is warm and aged.

Desert Lessons

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So we took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon (the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, while the Amorites call it Senir), all the cities of the tableland and all Gilead and all Bashan, as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)

What is Desert Lesson #1?

**God's power is absolute,
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"I have given him and **all** his people...into your hand." (v 2)

So the LORD our God gave into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and **all** his people, and we struck him down until he had **no survivor left**. (v 3)

All these were cities fortified with **high walls, gates, and bars**... (v 5)

Og's bed was a bed of iron. **13 ½ feet** was its length,
and **6 feet** its breadth. (v 11)

What was Moses' message?

“Look at the greatness of Og
and his armies and his fortified cities;
the LORD your God overthrew them all.”

Deuteronomy 3:21-22

“Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done
to these two kings. So will the LORD do to all the kingdoms
into which you are crossing. You shall not fear them,
for it is the LORD your God who fights for you.”

What was Moses' message?

**You can put your hope
for your future in the LORD!**

What about you?

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened,
so that you may know what is the hope of His calling,
what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance
in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness
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(Eph. 1:18-19)

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What is that power?

Christ has been seated at His right hand in the heavenly places,
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and every name that is named, not only in this age,
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(Eph. 1:20-21)



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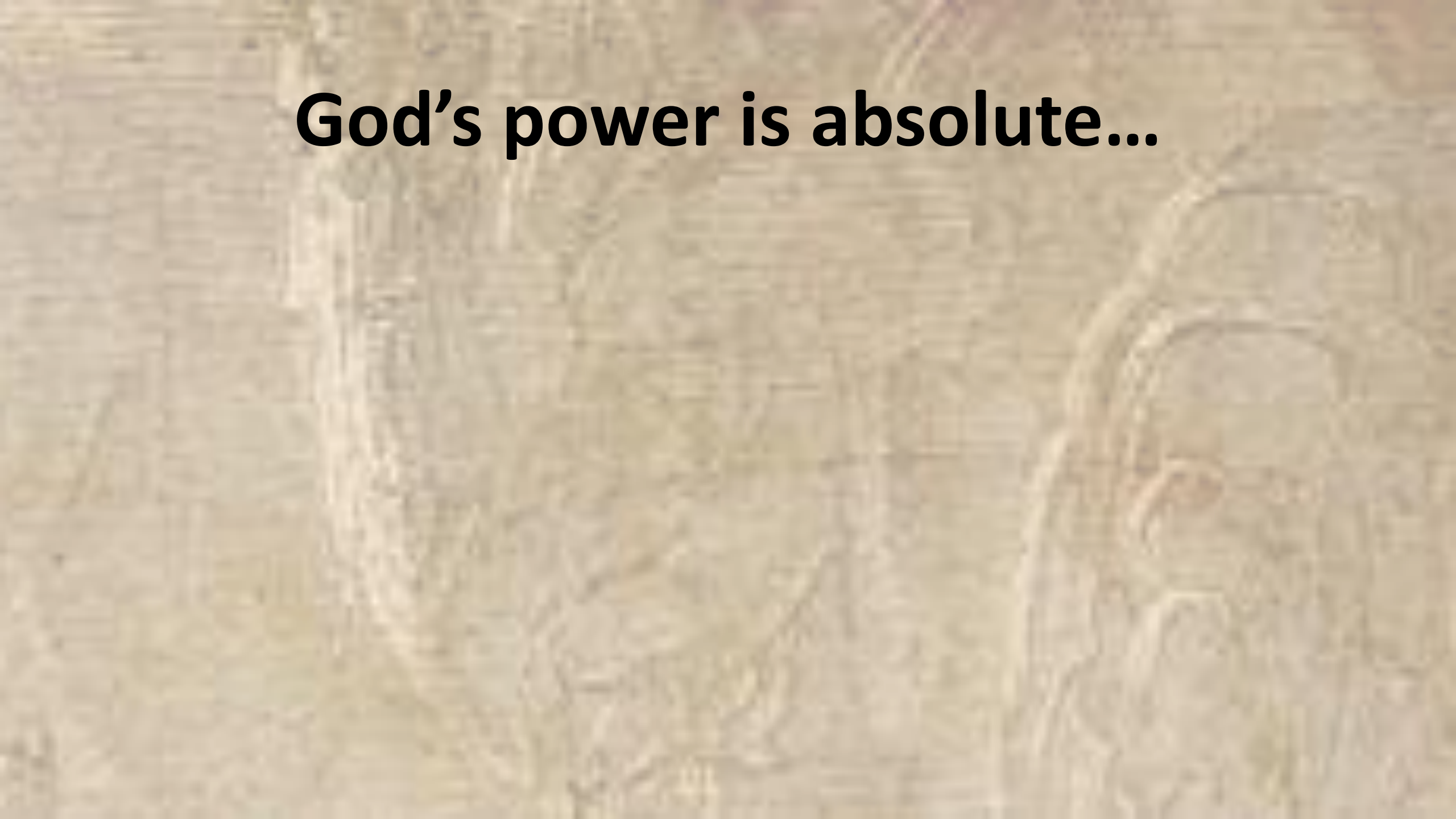
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...and His works are complete!

“I have given...**all...his land** into your hand.” (v 2)

We took **all his cities**...there was not a city that we did not take...sixty cities, **the whole region** of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. (v 4)

But **all the livestock** and the spoil of the cities
we took as our plunder. (v 7)

So we took the land...from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon
all the cities of the tableland and **all Gilead** and **all Bashan**,
as far as Salecah and Edrei... (v 10)

What was Moses' message?

God has given you everything
that He has promised to you thus far!

You can trust Him for the rest!

What has God promised you?

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
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(Ephesians 1:3)

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You are experiencing some
of that blessing now, but you can
absolutely trust Him for the rest!

**How might a firm future hope
serve to reshape your responses
to trials now?**

Lesson #2

Deuteronomy 3:12-22

When we took possession of this land at that time,
I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites the territory beginning
at Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon,
and half the hill country of Gilead with its cities.
The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, that is,
all the region of Argob, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh.
(All that portion of Bashan is called the land of Rephaim.
Jair the Manassite took all the region of Argob, that is, Bashan,
as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites,
and called the villages after his own name,
Havvoth-jair, as it is to this day.)

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Deuteronomy 3:12-22

To Machir I gave Gilead, and to the Reubenites and the Gadites I gave the territory from Gilead as far as the Valley of the Arnon, with the middle of the valley as a border, as far over as the river Jabbok, the border of the Ammonites; the Arabah also, with the Jordan as the border, from Chinnereth as far as the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the slopes of Pisgah on the east.

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Deuteronomy 3:12-22

And I commanded you at that time, saying,
“The LORD your God has given you this land to possess.
All your men of valor shall cross over armed
before your brothers, the people of Israel.
Only your wives, your little ones, and your livestock
(I know that you have much livestock)
shall remain in the cities that I have given you,
until the LORD gives rest to your brothers, as to you,
and they also occupy the land that the LORD your God
gives them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may return
to his possession which I have given you.”

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And I commanded Joshua at that time,
“Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God
has done to these two kings.
So will the LORD do to all the kingdoms
into which you are crossing.
You shall not fear them, for it is the LORD your God
who fights for you.”

What is Desert Lesson #2?

**God's gifts are distributed by Him
and bind His people to each other.**

A side note about land distribution:

The land promised to Israel would be divided among the twelve tribes who were...

Rueben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Joseph, and Benjamin.

However, Jacob claimed Joseph's sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, as His own making them two tribes or "half" tribes.

Rueben, Gad, and the "half" tribe of Manasseh were given land on the east side of the Jordan.

A Closer Look

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God distributes His gifts.

Moses distributed the land:

“I gave” or “I have given” is repeated 5x!

But ultimately it was God who gave it:

“**The LORD** your God **has given** you this land to possess...” (v 18)

“...the land that **the LORD** your God **gives**...” (v 20)

And it is God who distributed it through Moses:

“...as **the Lord commanded**” is a key theme of the book.

What was Moses' message?

God is sovereign over all of His gifts,
and He will distribute them according
to His perfect plan!

Be content with what God gives!

What about you?

For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think;
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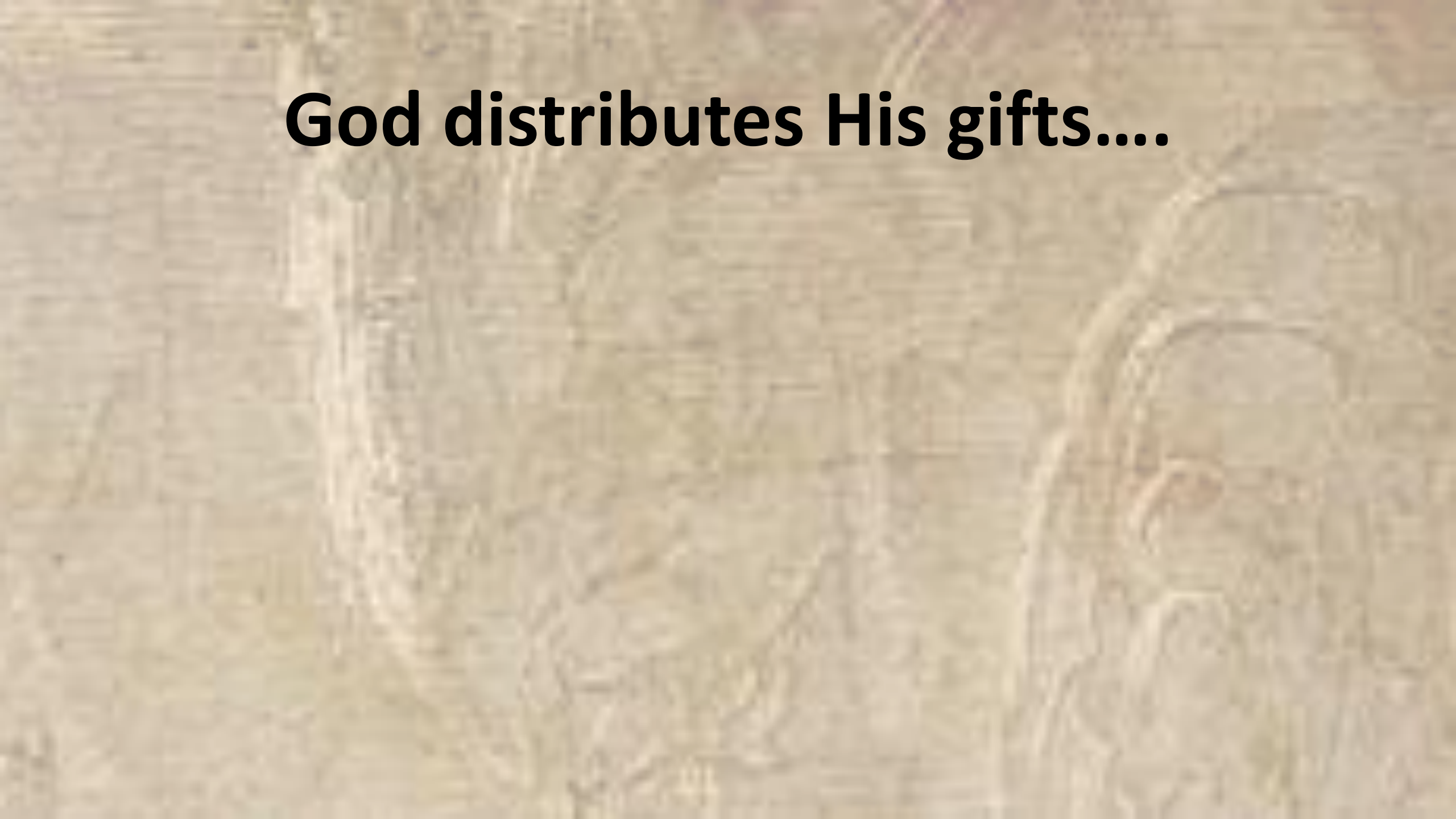
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**Are you content with what
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...and they bind His people together.

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What was Moses' message?

God is forming **one people** and
gives His gifts for the blessing **of all!**

Contend for unity!

What about us?

Remember,

“God has allotted to each a measure of faith.”

So, “just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

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**Let us then be bound to one
another and seek for unity
and mutual blessing!**

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Deuteronomy 3:23-29

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For what god is there in heaven or on earth
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Deuteronomy 3:23-29

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What is Desert Lesson #3?

**There are consequences of sin,
but God is faithful.**

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“But the LORD was angry with me because of you
and would not listen to me.” (v 26)

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do not speak to me of this matter again.” (v 26)

Note that Moses' plea was godly!

"I pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying,
"...Please let me go over and see the good land beyond the Jordan,
that good hill country and Lebanon." (v 23 and 25)

What was his motivation?

"O Lord God, you have only begun to show your servant
your greatness and your mighty hand.

For what god is there in heaven or on earth
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What was Moses' message?

Sin is serious and carries
grave consequences.

Be careful to obey His voice!

What about you?

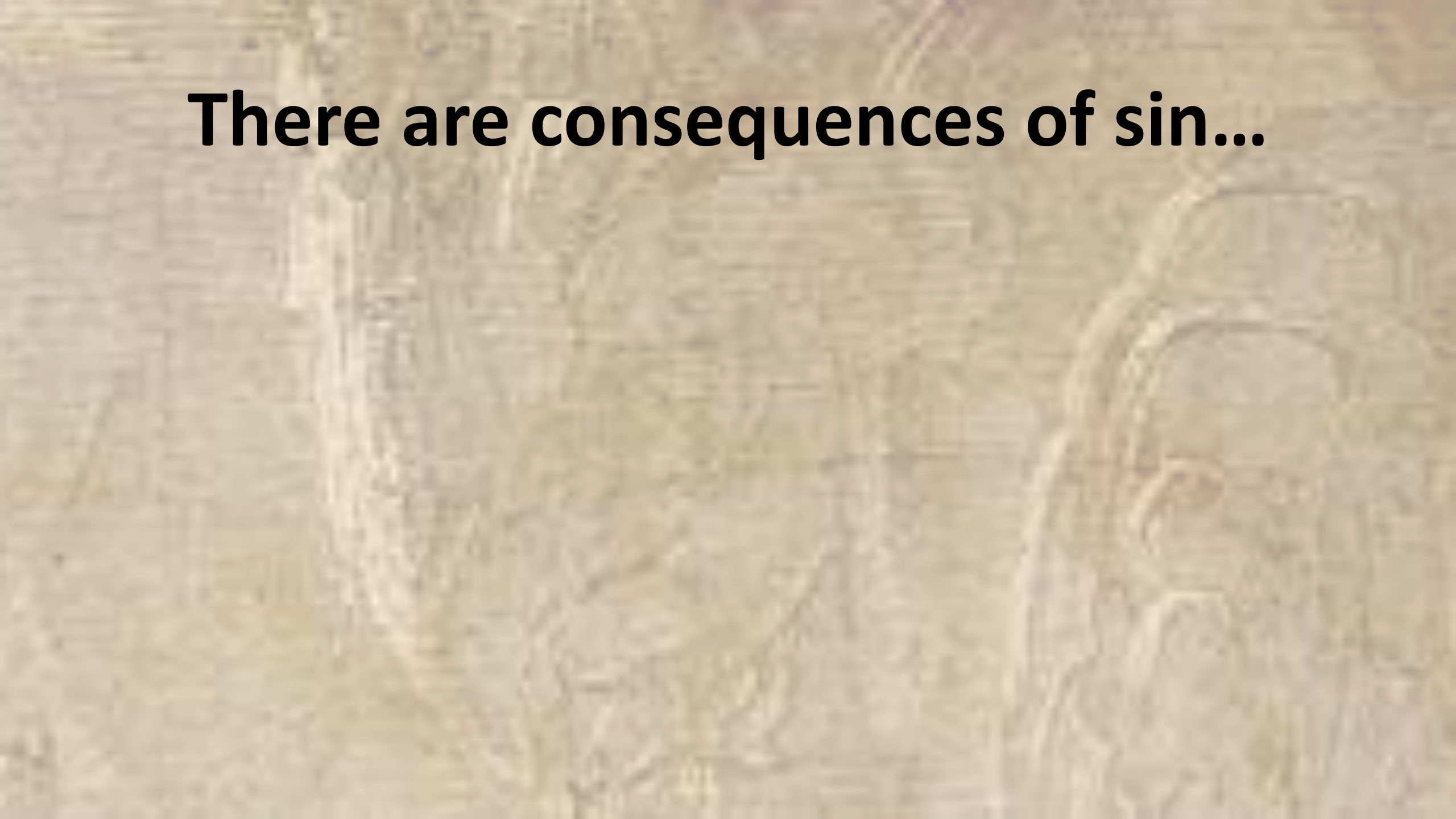
Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;
for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

For the one who sows to his own flesh
shall from the flesh reap corruption,
but the one who sows to the Spirit
shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

(Galatians 6:7-8)

Be careful how you sow!

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“Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward, and look at it with your eyes, for you shall not go over this Jordan.” (v 27)

“But charge Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he shall go over at the head of this people, and he shall put them in possession of the land that you shall see.” (v 28)

What was Moses' message?

“The fulfillment of God’s promises are not dependent upon me or even on Joshua or on any future king but upon the LORD Himself!”

Trust Him!

What about us?

For all the promises of God find their Yes in Christ.

That is why it is through Him that
we utter our Amen to God for His glory.

2 Corinthians 1:20

The fulfillment of all of God's promises
to you have been secured by Christ and
are not dependent upon you.

Though sin and its temporal consequences may plague you now, God is faithful and has made all of His promises of redemption sure and secure for you in Christ.

Hope in Him!

Concluding Thought

When trials come, you will reach for the nearest source of stability, comfort, or relief.

**Will it be Christ who is nearest
you in that moment?**