A dramatic landscape featuring a large, dark, jagged mountain peak in the background. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with a bright light source, possibly the sun, breaking through on the right side. In the foreground, a vast, flat plain is covered with a dense array of small, dark tents, suggesting a large camp or settlement. The overall scene is rendered in a cinematic, high-contrast style with a warm, golden-brown color palette.

Deuteronomy

A Call to Covenant Renewal



Discovering the Depths of God's Grace

Deuteronomy 5:1-5 and 22-33

Deuteronomy 5:1-5

And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them,
“Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in
your
hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do
them. The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.
Not with our fathers did the LORD make this covenant, but
with us, who are all of us here alive today. The LORD spoke
with you face to face at the mountain, out of the midst
of the fire, while I stood between the LORD and you
at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD.
For you were afraid because of the fire,
and you did not go up into the mountain.

Deuteronomy 5:22-23

These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me. And as soon as you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes, and your elders.

Deuteronomy 5:24-27

And you said, “Behold, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live. Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, we shall die. For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and has still lived? Go near and hear all that the LORD our God will say, and speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.”

Deuteronomy 5:28-30

And the LORD heard your words, when you spoke to me.
And the LORD said to me, “I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever! Go and say to them, ‘Return to your tents.’”

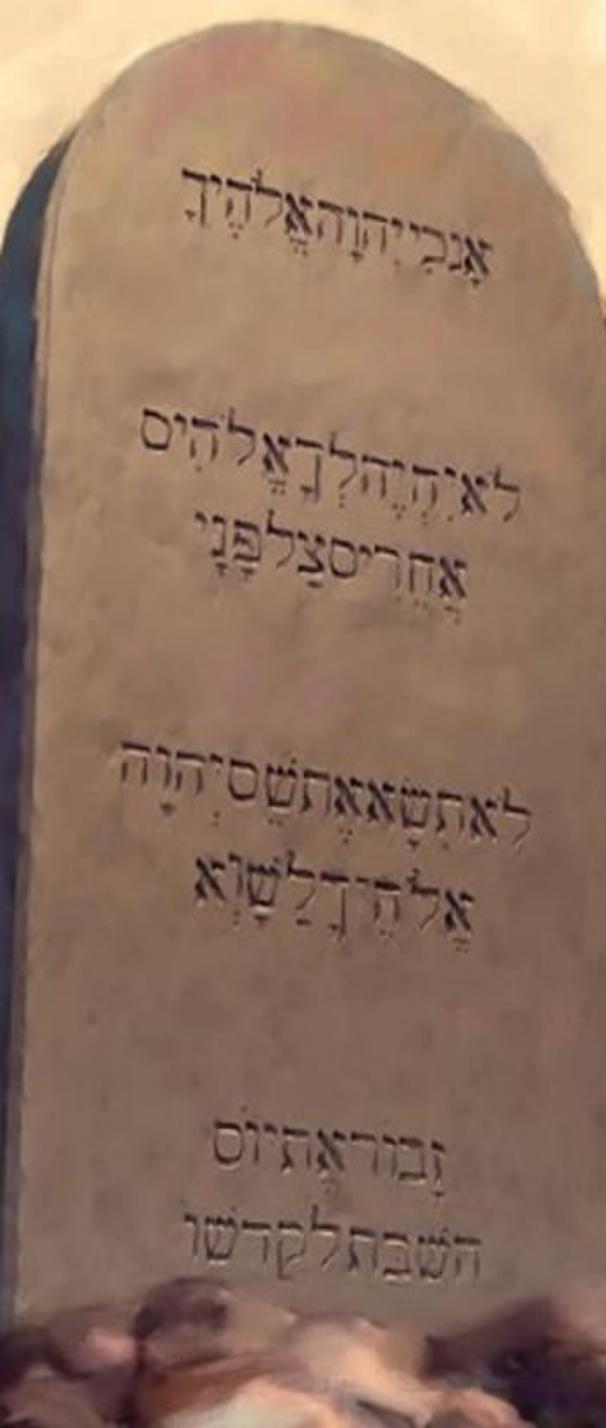
Deuteronomy 5:31-33

“But you, stand here by me, and I will tell you the whole commandment and the statutes and the rules that you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land that I am giving them to possess.” You shall be careful therefore to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.

Big Idea

You cannot discover the *depths* of God's grace if you do not discern the *dimensions* of God's Law.

A shallow understanding of the Law will result in a shallow understanding of God and His grace.



Dimensions of the Law

**To whom was
the Law given?**

To whom was it given?

To all Israel

Deuteronomy 5:1

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Deuteronomy 5:2-3

The LORD our God made a covenant **with us** in Horeb.
Not with our fathers did the LORD make this covenant,
but **with us**, who are all of us here alive **today**.

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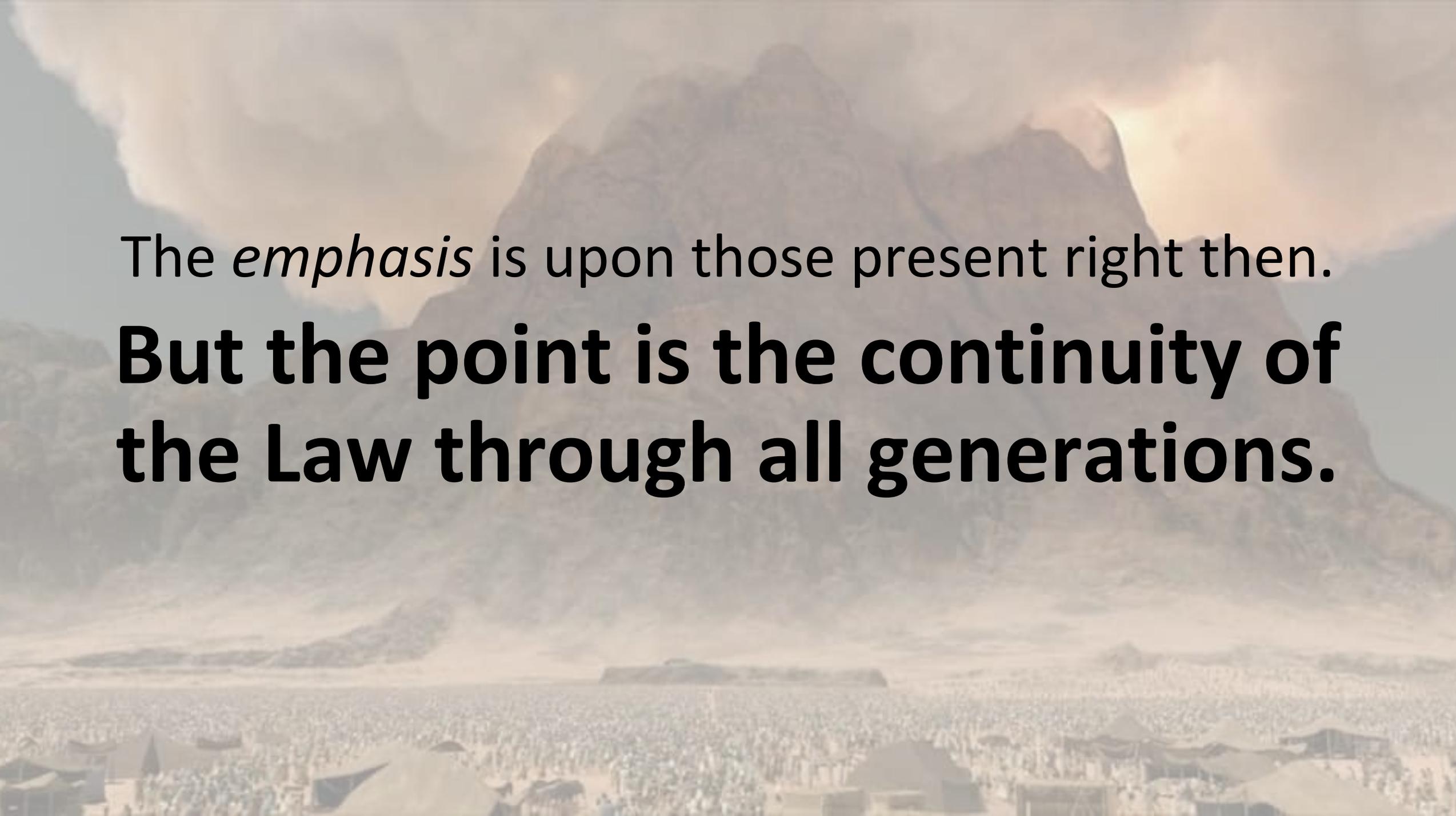
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here alive today.**

Deuteronomy 5:2-3

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Not with our fathers did the LORD make this covenant,

but **with us, who are all of us here alive today.**

**“with us, each one of us, these present
today, all of us who are living”**

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The *emphasis* is upon those present right then.

**But the point is the continuity of
the Law through all generations.**

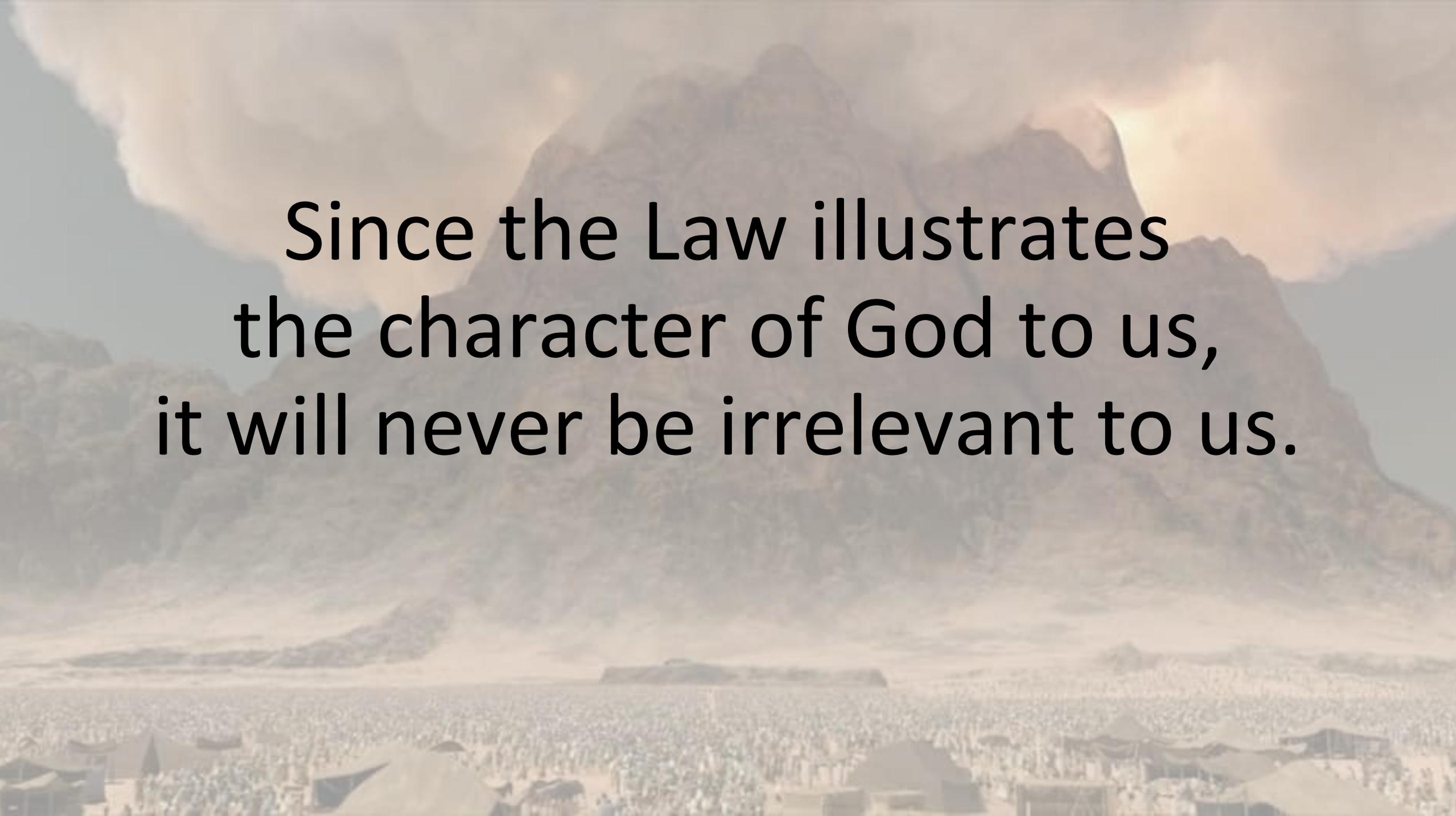
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To whom was it given?

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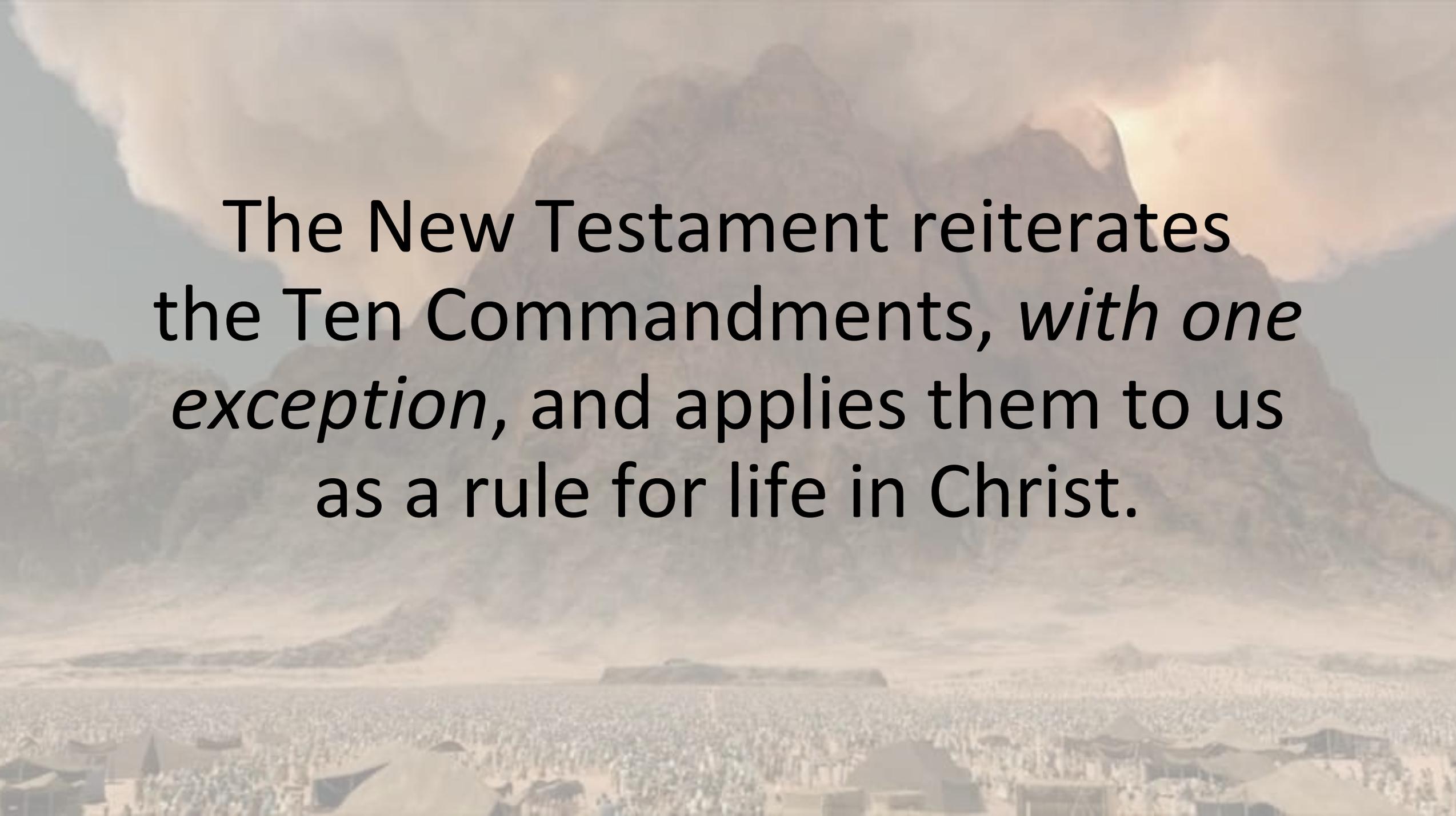
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Since the Law illustrates
the character of God to us,
it will never be irrelevant to us.

Ephesians 5:1-2

**Therefore be imitators of God,
as beloved children;
and walk in love...**



The New Testament reiterates the Ten Commandments, *with one exception*, and applies them to us as a rule for life in Christ.

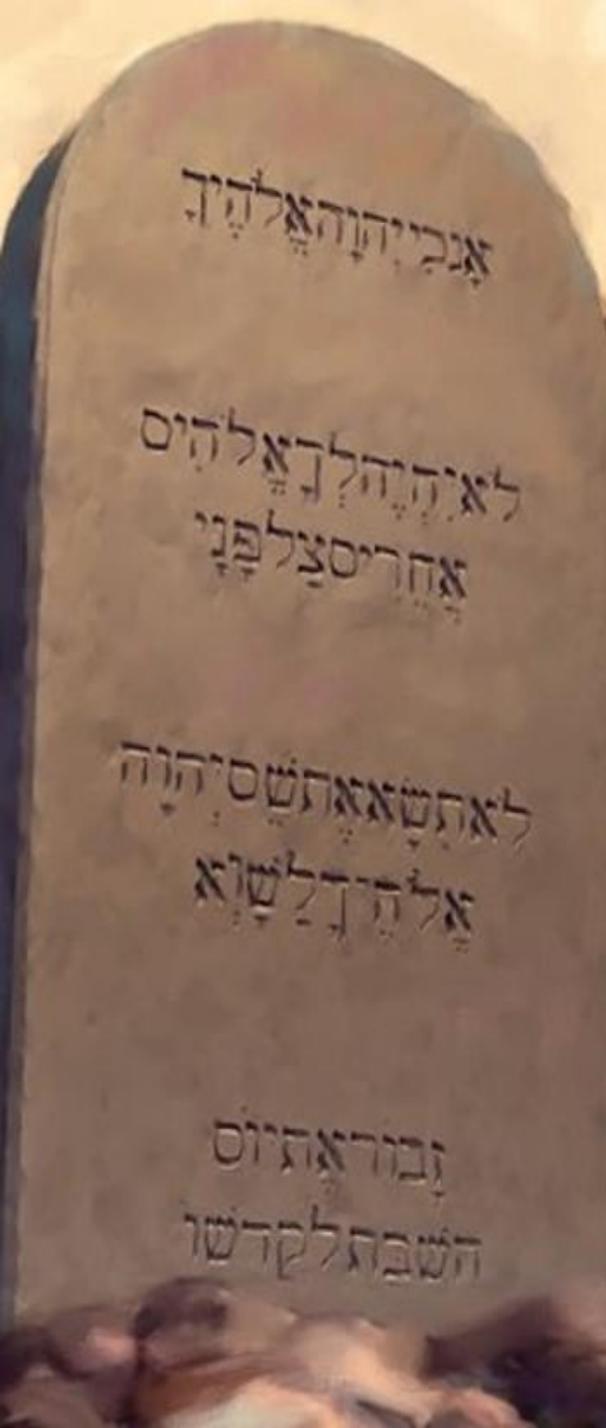
Two Examples:

Romans 13:9

For this, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Ephesians 6:1-2

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise).



Dimensions of the Law

To whom was the Law given?

But what was this Law?

What was this Law?

**At heart, it was the Ten
Words**

Deuteronomy 5:22

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at the mountain out of the midst of the fire,
the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice;
and He added no more.

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Deuteronomy 4:13

And **He declared** to you his covenant,
which he commanded you to perform, that is,
the Ten Words, and He wrote them
on two tablets of stone.

A large crowd of people is gathered in a desert valley, with a massive, rugged mountain in the background. The scene is set in a vast, open landscape under a bright sky. The text is overlaid on the image, centered horizontally and vertically.

The essence of the Law of God is found in these ten commandments.

What was this Law?

At heart, it was the Ten Words

**But it was also all of their
implications and applications**

Deuteronomy 5:30-31

“Go and say to them, ‘Return to your tents.’
But you, stand here by me, and I will tell you
the whole commandment and the statutes and the rules
that you shall teach them, that they may do them
in the land that I am giving them to possess.”

Deuteronomy 5:30-31

“Go and say to them, ‘Return to your tents.’

But you, stand here by me, and **I will tell you**
the whole commandment

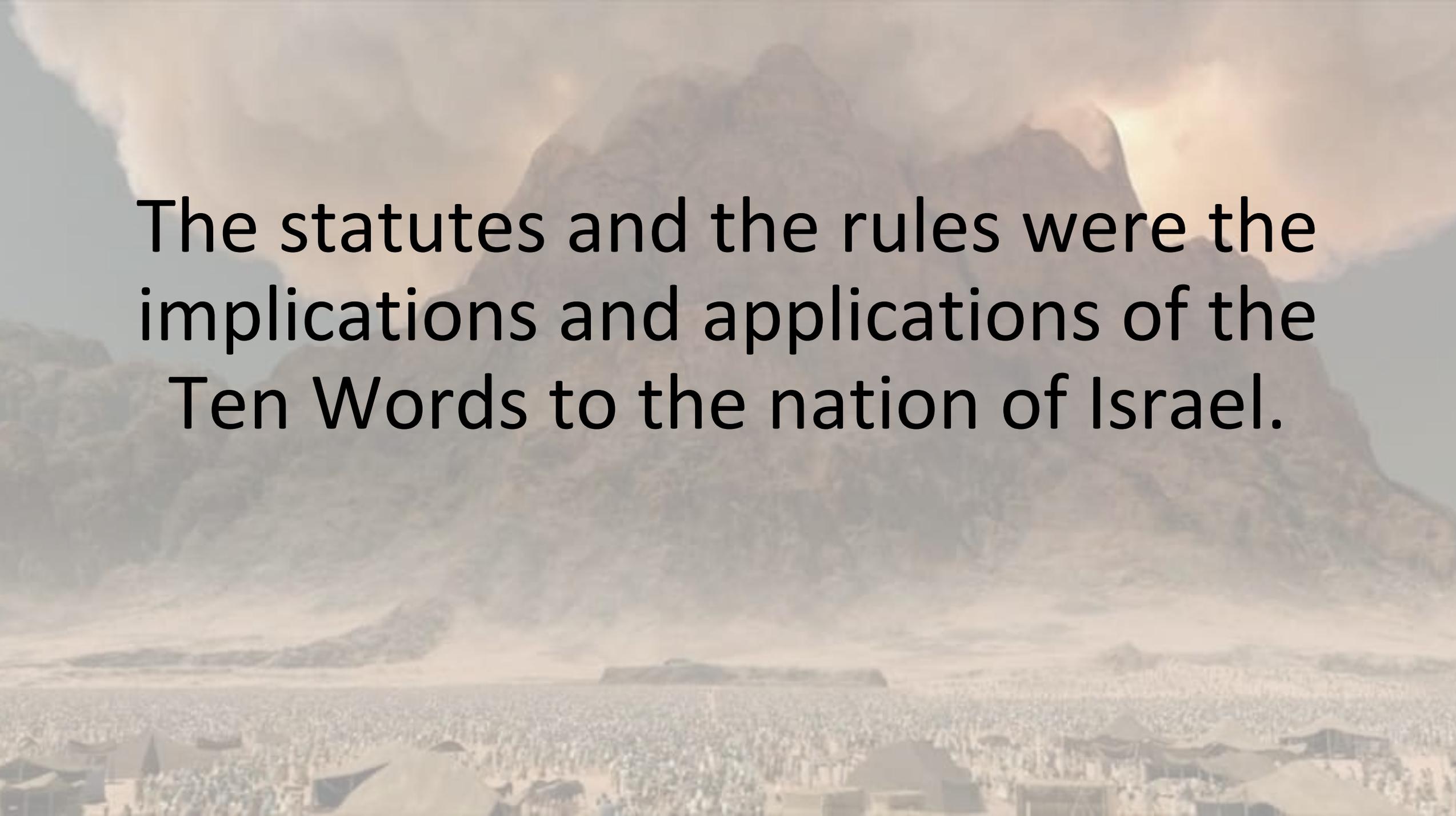
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The statutes and the rules were the implications and applications of the Ten Words to the nation of Israel.

Deuteronomy 5:30-31

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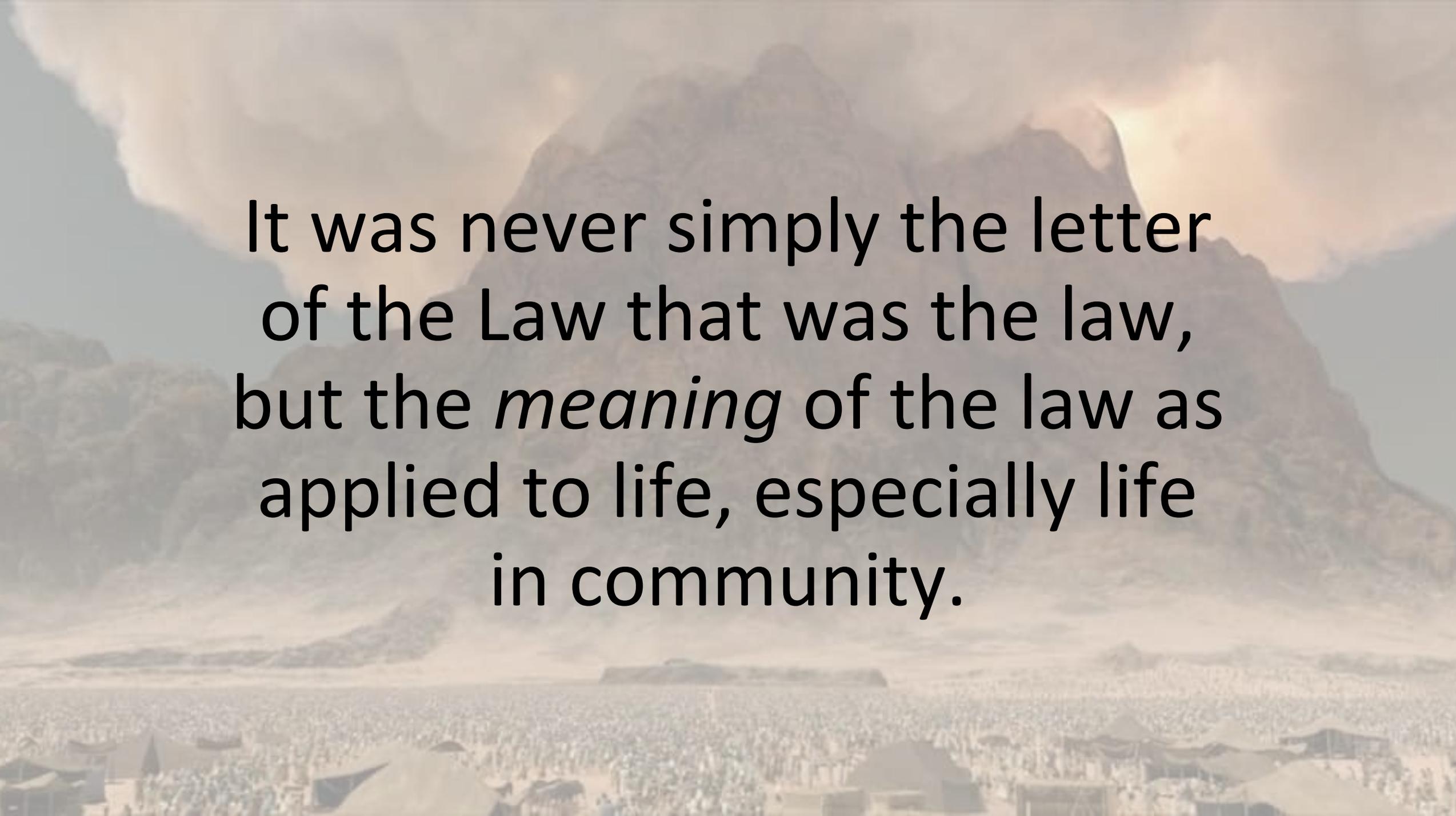
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It was never simply the letter
of the Law that was the law,
but the *meaning* of the law as
applied to life, especially life
in community.

The Letter of the Law

Matthew 5:27-28

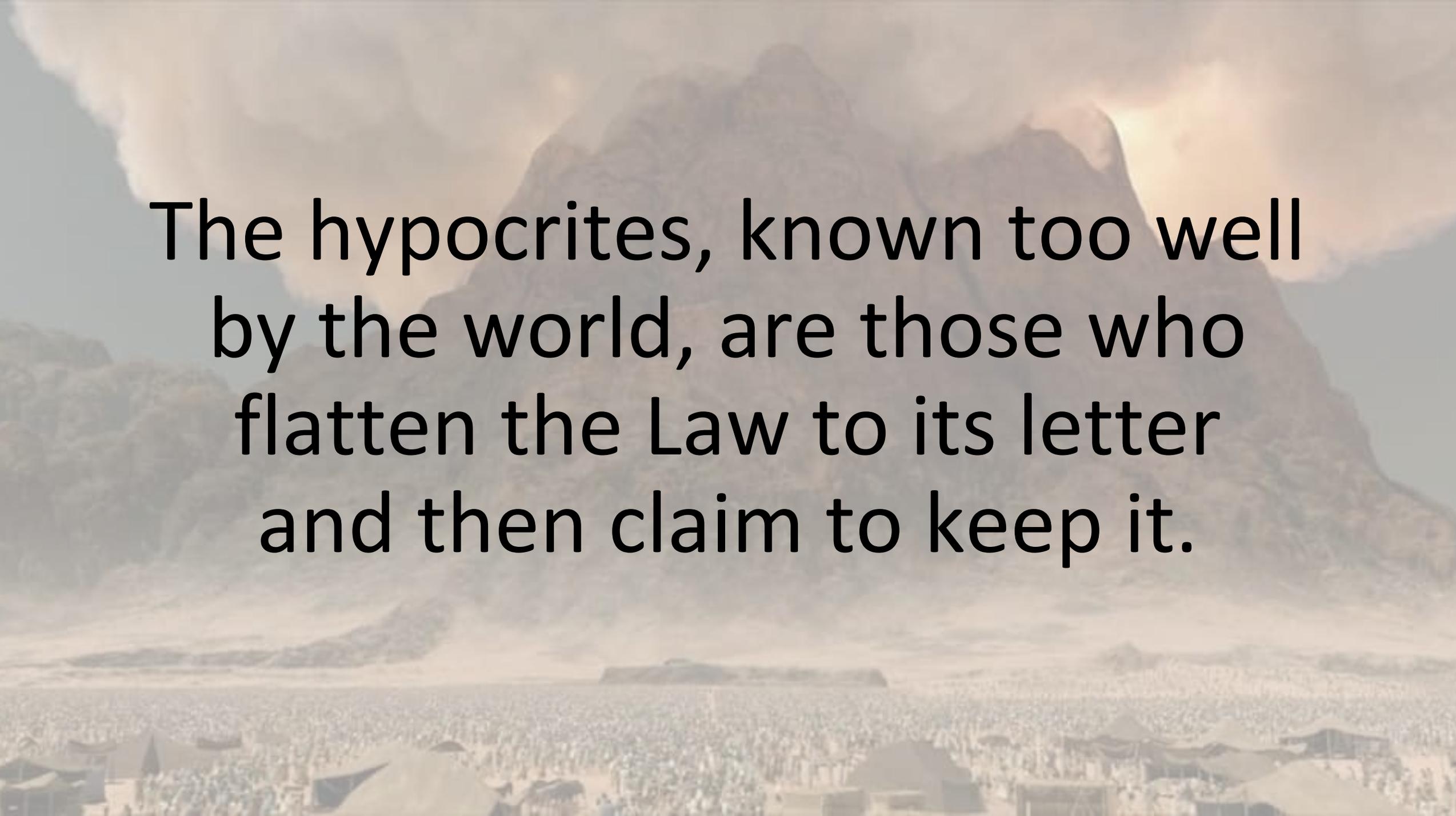
You have heard that it was said,
“You shall not commit adultery”;

Implications and Application

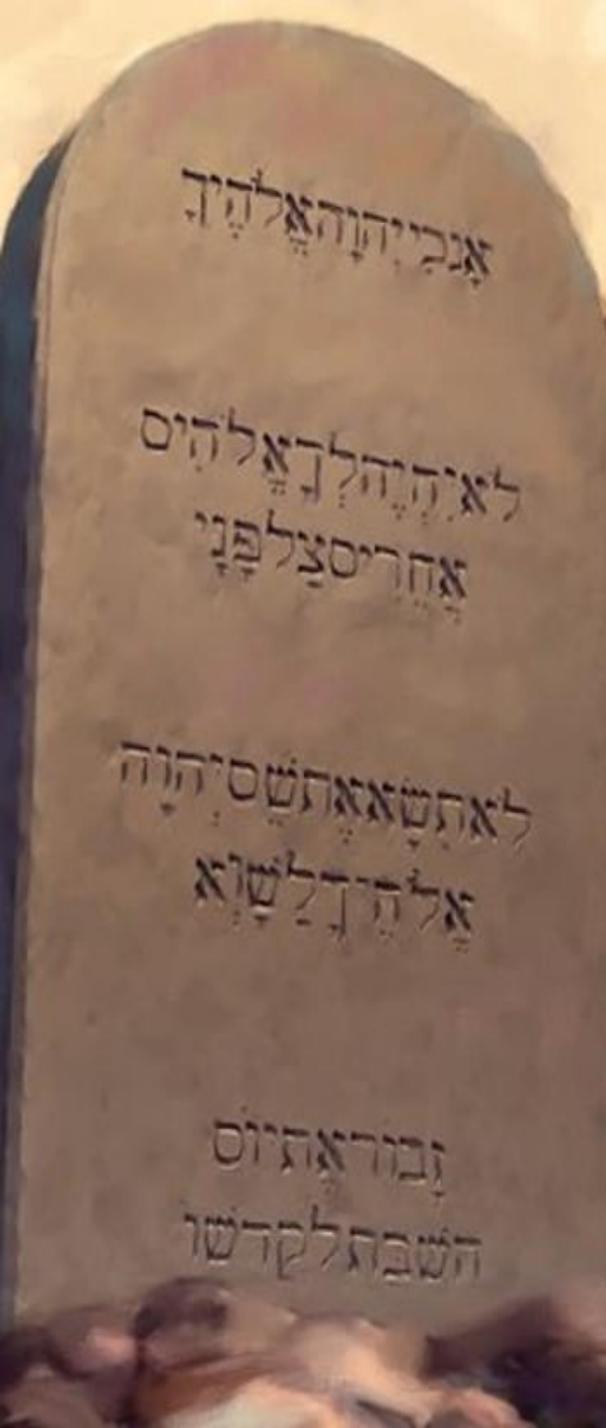
Matthew 5:27-28

You have heard that it was said,
“You shall not commit adultery”;

but I say to you, that everyone
who looks on a woman to lust for her
has committed adultery with her
already in his heart.

A large crowd of people is gathered in a desert landscape, with mountains in the background. The scene is hazy, suggesting a hot or dusty environment. The text is overlaid on the image.

The hypocrites, known too well
by the world, are those who
flatten the Law to its letter
and then claim to keep it.



Dimensions of the Law

To whom was the Law given?

What was this Law?

How was the Law given to them and why?

How was the Law given and why?

**It was given *Face to Face* to
show the nearness of God**

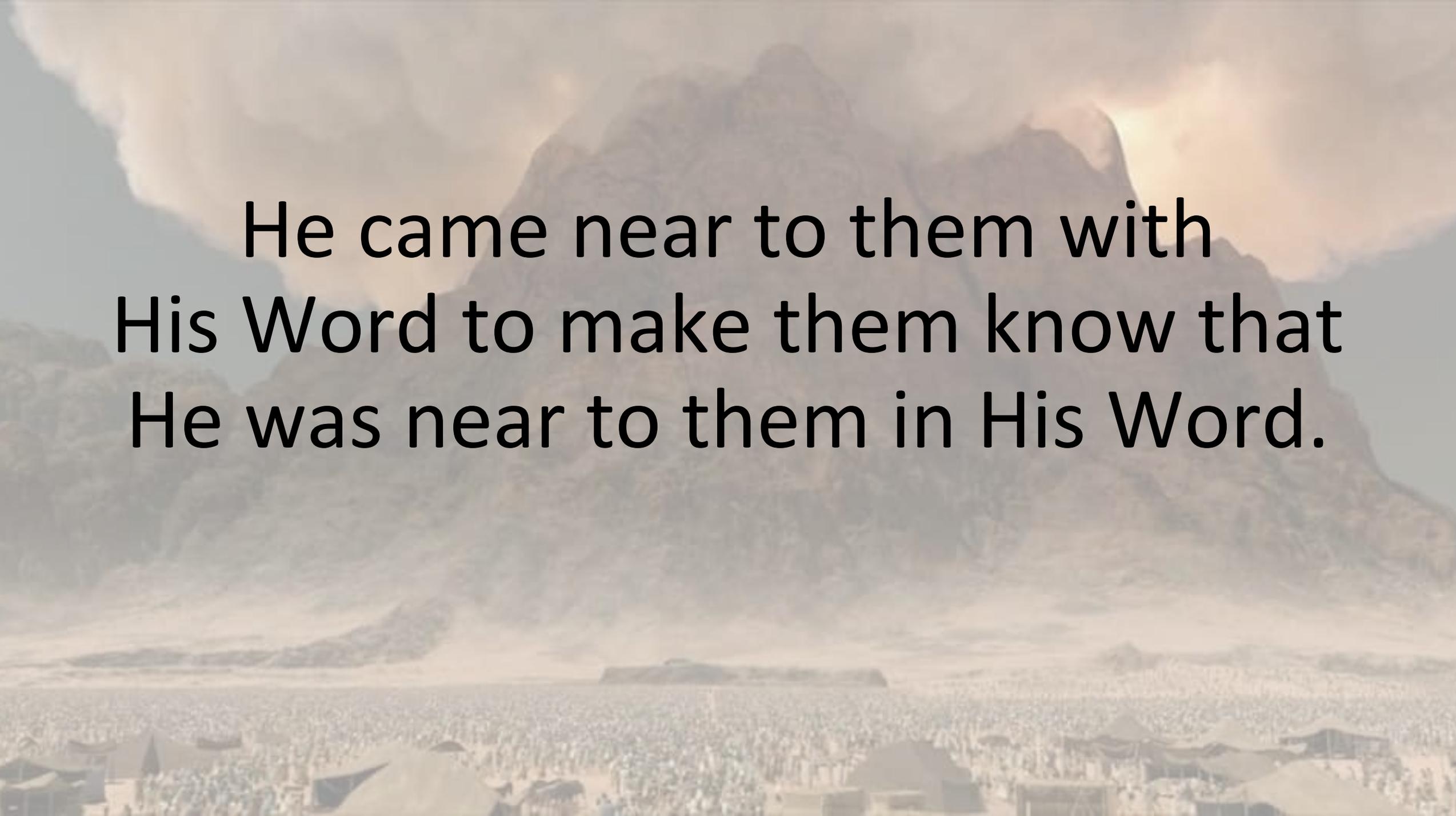
Deuteronomy 5:4

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He came near to them with
His Word to make them know that
He was near to them in His Word.

Deuteronomy 4:7

For what great nation is there that has a god
so near to it **as the LORD our God is to us,**
whenever we call upon him?

Psalm 119:151

Your are near, O LORD,
And all Your commandments are truth.

He is near in His Word

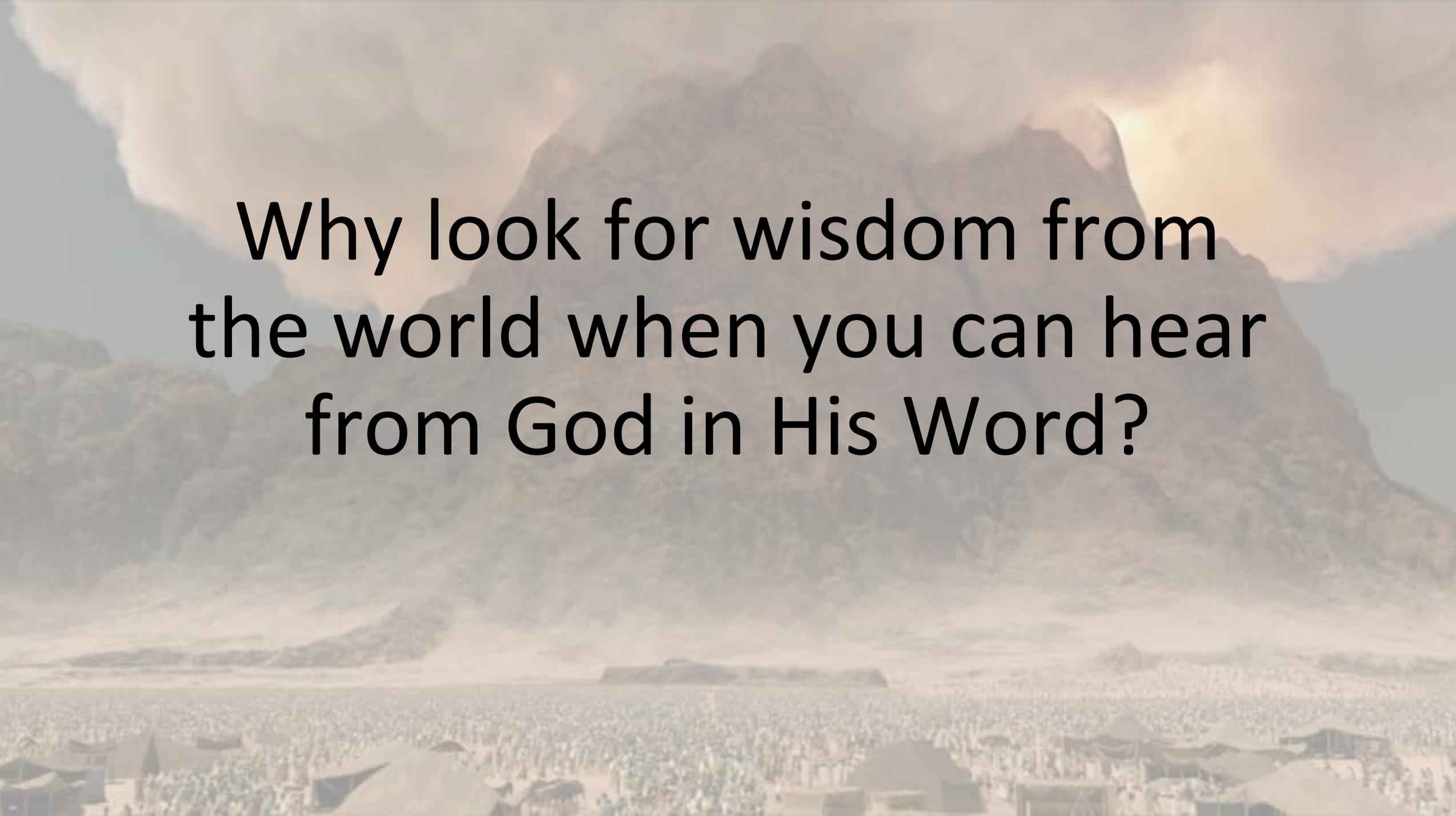
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Why look for wisdom from
the world when you can hear
from God in His Word?

How was the Law given and why?

Face to face to show the nearness of God

**It was given out of fire
and thick darkness to show
the judgment of God**

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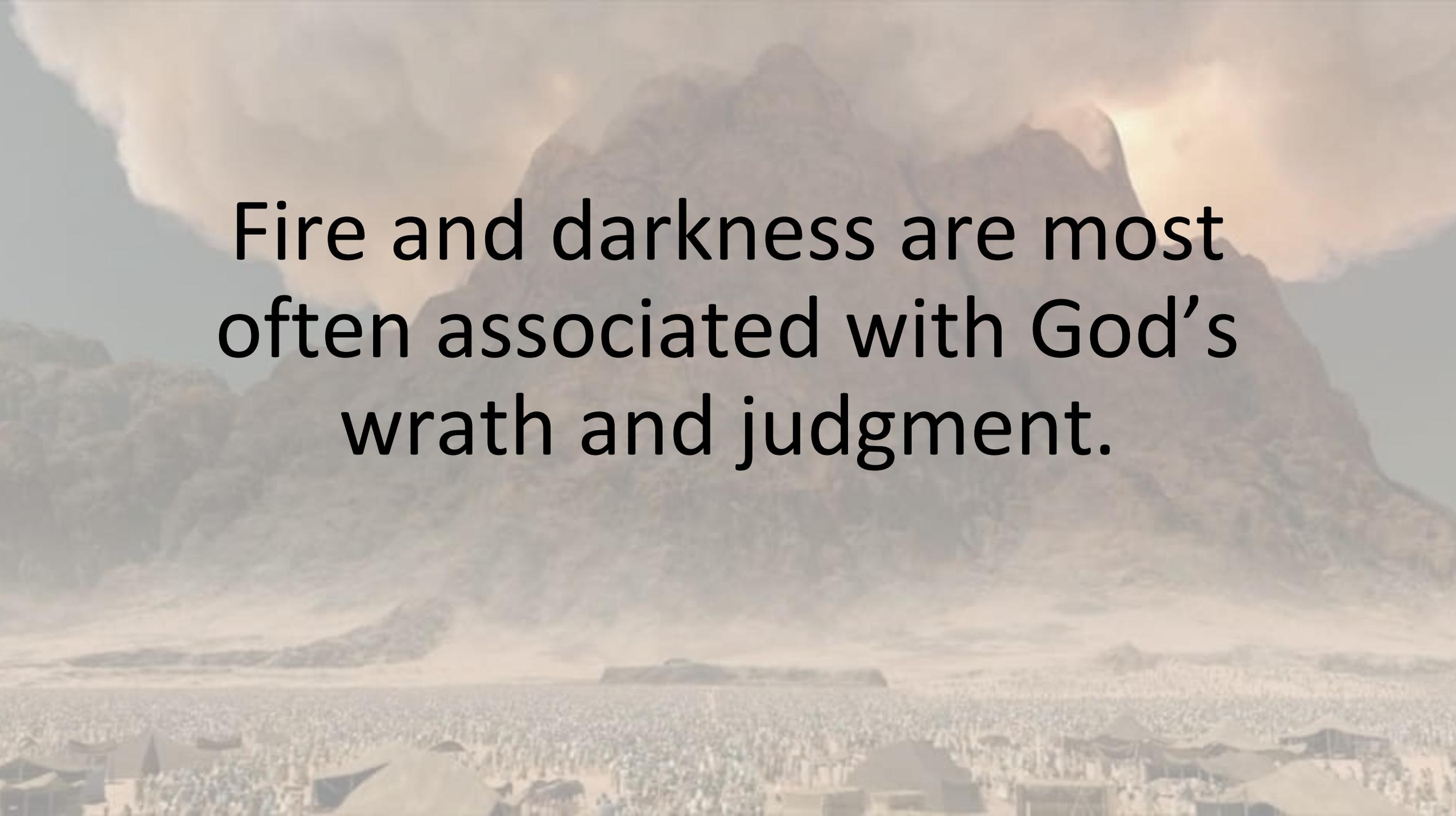
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A dramatic landscape featuring a large, rugged mountain range under a cloudy, orange-hued sky. In the foreground, a vast field of tents is visible, suggesting a large gathering or camp. The overall scene is atmospheric and evocative.

Fire and darkness are most often associated with God's wrath and judgment.

Deuteronomy 4:24

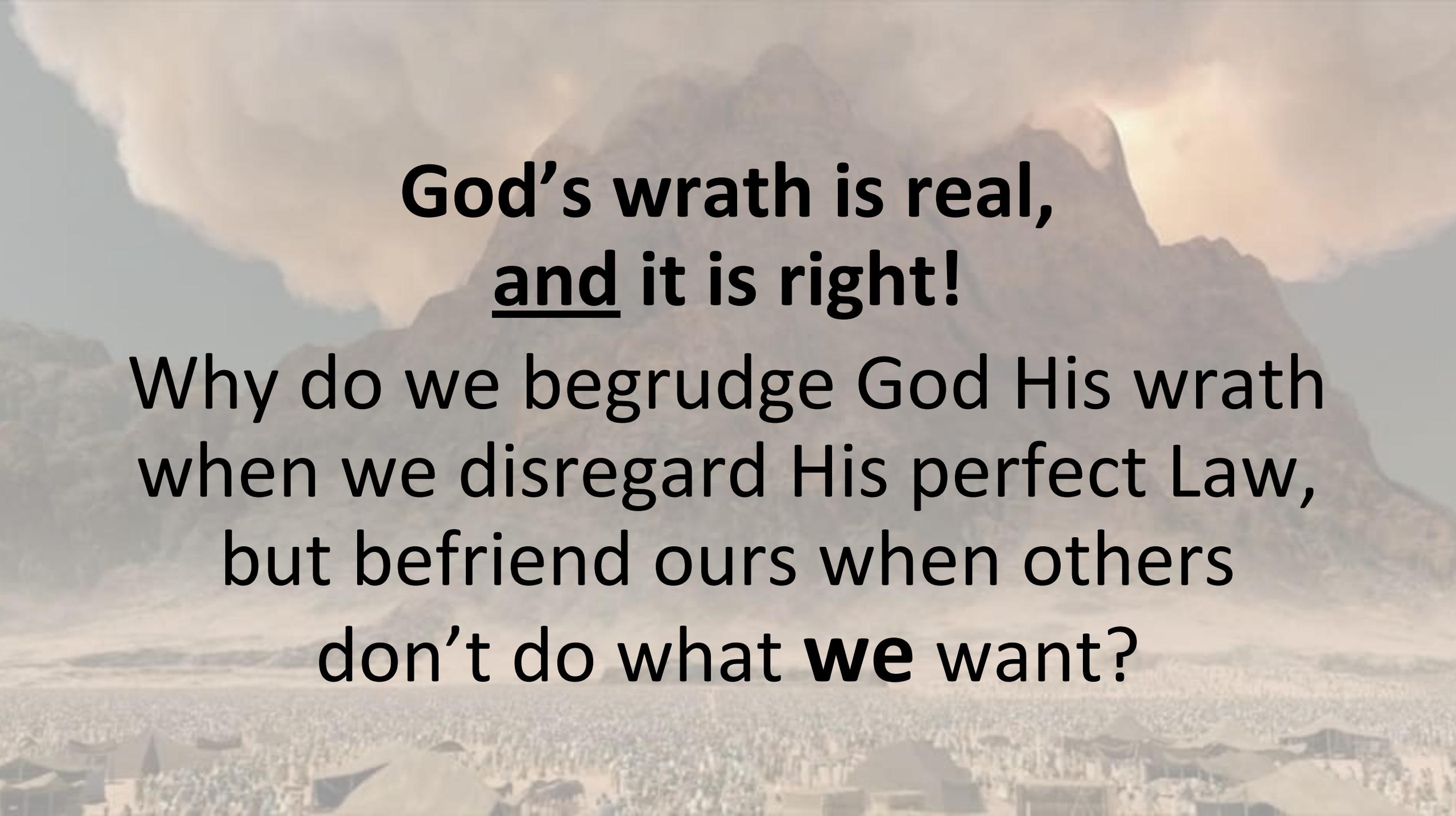
For the LORD your God is a consuming fire,
a jealous God.

Psalms 21:9

You will make them as a fiery oven
in the time of your anger;
The LORD will swallow them up in His wrath,
And fire will devour them.

Zephaniah 1:15

A day of wrath is that day,
A day of trouble and distress,
A day of destruction and desolation,
A day of darkness and gloom,
A day of clouds and thick darkness.



**God's wrath is real,
and it is right!**

Why do we begrudge God His wrath
when we disregard His perfect Law,
but befriend ours when others
don't do what **we** want?

How was the Law given and why?

Face to face to show the nearness of God

Out of fire and thick darkness to show the judgment of God

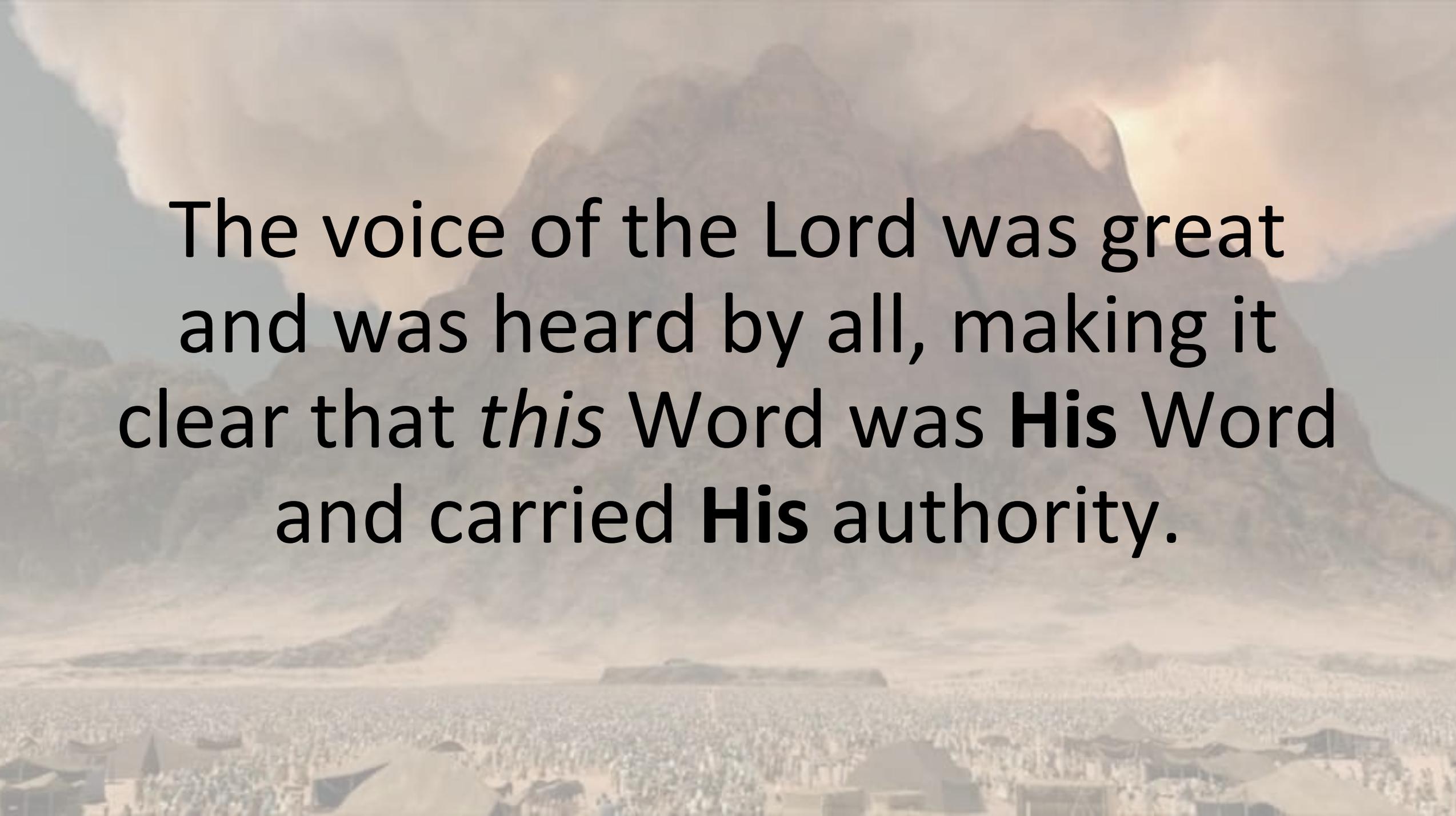
**It was given with a loud voice
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A large crowd of people is gathered in a valley, with mountains in the background. The scene is hazy, suggesting a misty or smoky atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the image.

The voice of the Lord was great
and was heard by all, making it
clear that *this* Word was **His** Word
and carried **His** authority.

Another Voice from a Cloud

Matthew 17:5

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, **a voice out of the cloud**, saying, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!”

Affirming Authority

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How was the Law given and why?

Face to face to show the nearness of God

Out of fire and thick darkness to show the judgment of God

With a loud voice to affirm its authority from God

**It was given through a
mediator to show the mercy of
God**

Deuteronomy 5:4

The LORD spoke with you face to face
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while I stood between the LORD and you at that time,
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For you were afraid because of the fire,
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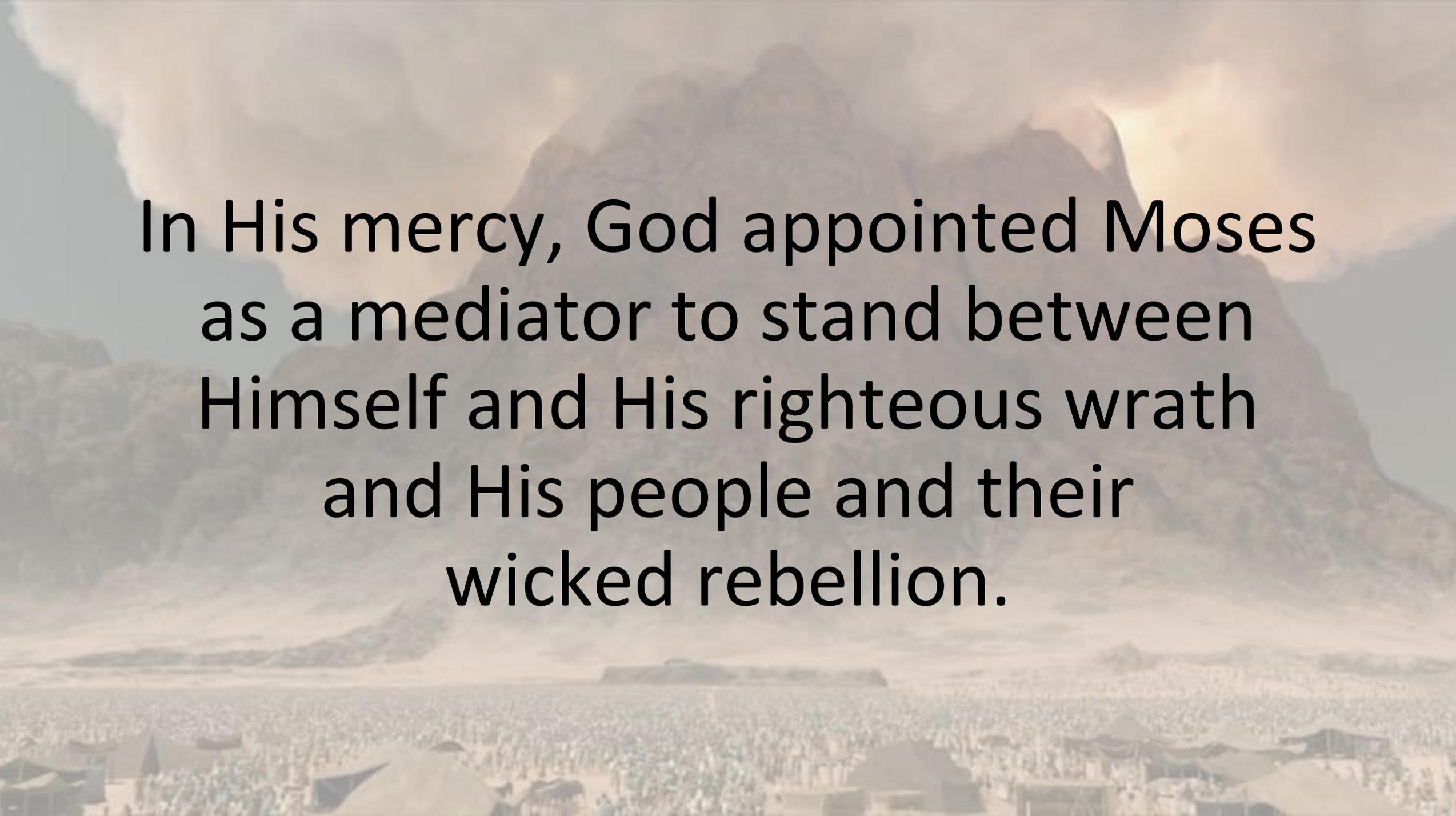
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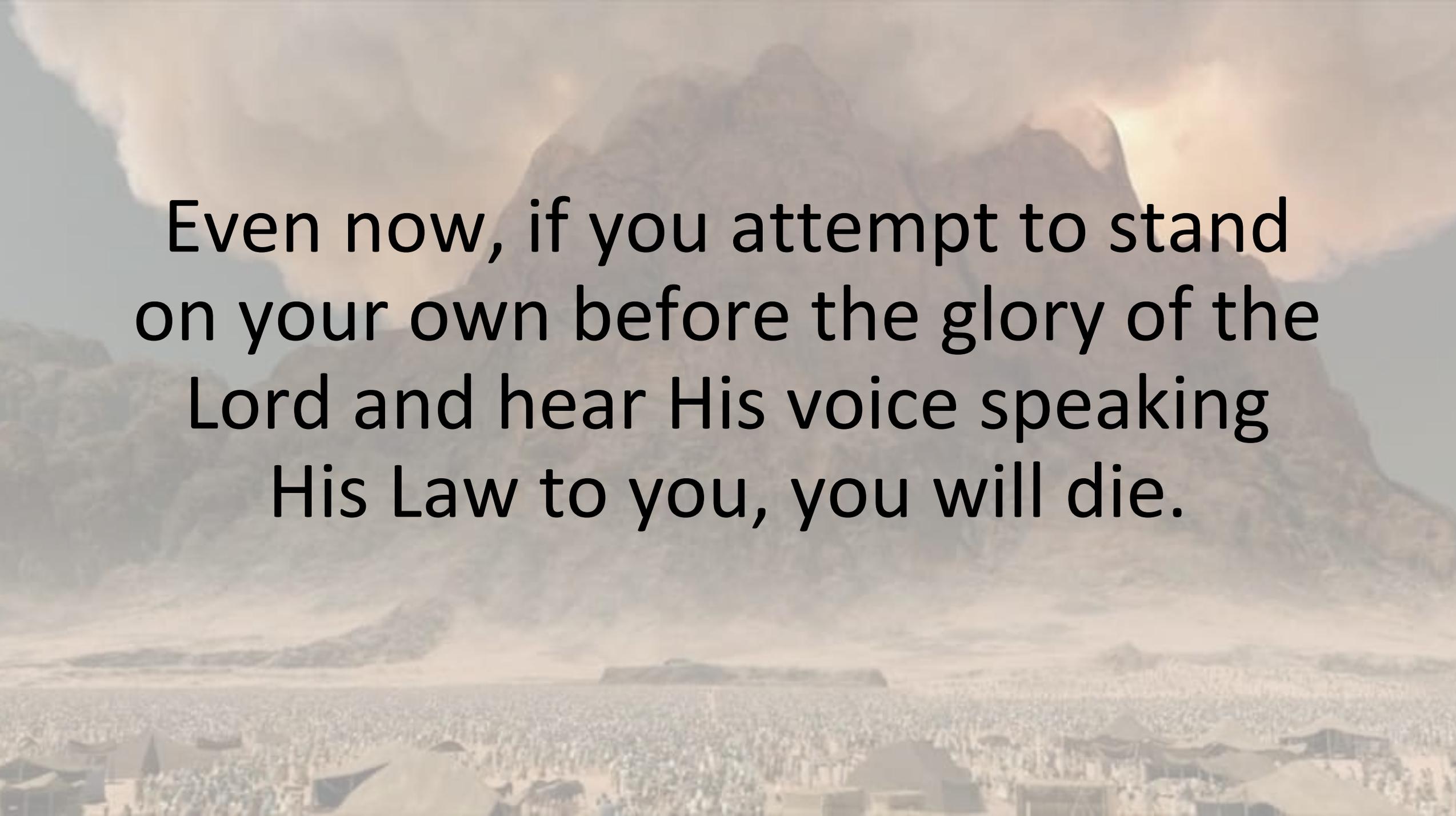
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A dramatic landscape with a large crowd of people in the foreground and jagged mountains in the background under a cloudy sky. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a warm, golden light filtering through the clouds. The crowd of people is densely packed, and the mountains are rugged and imposing. The overall mood is one of awe and grandeur.

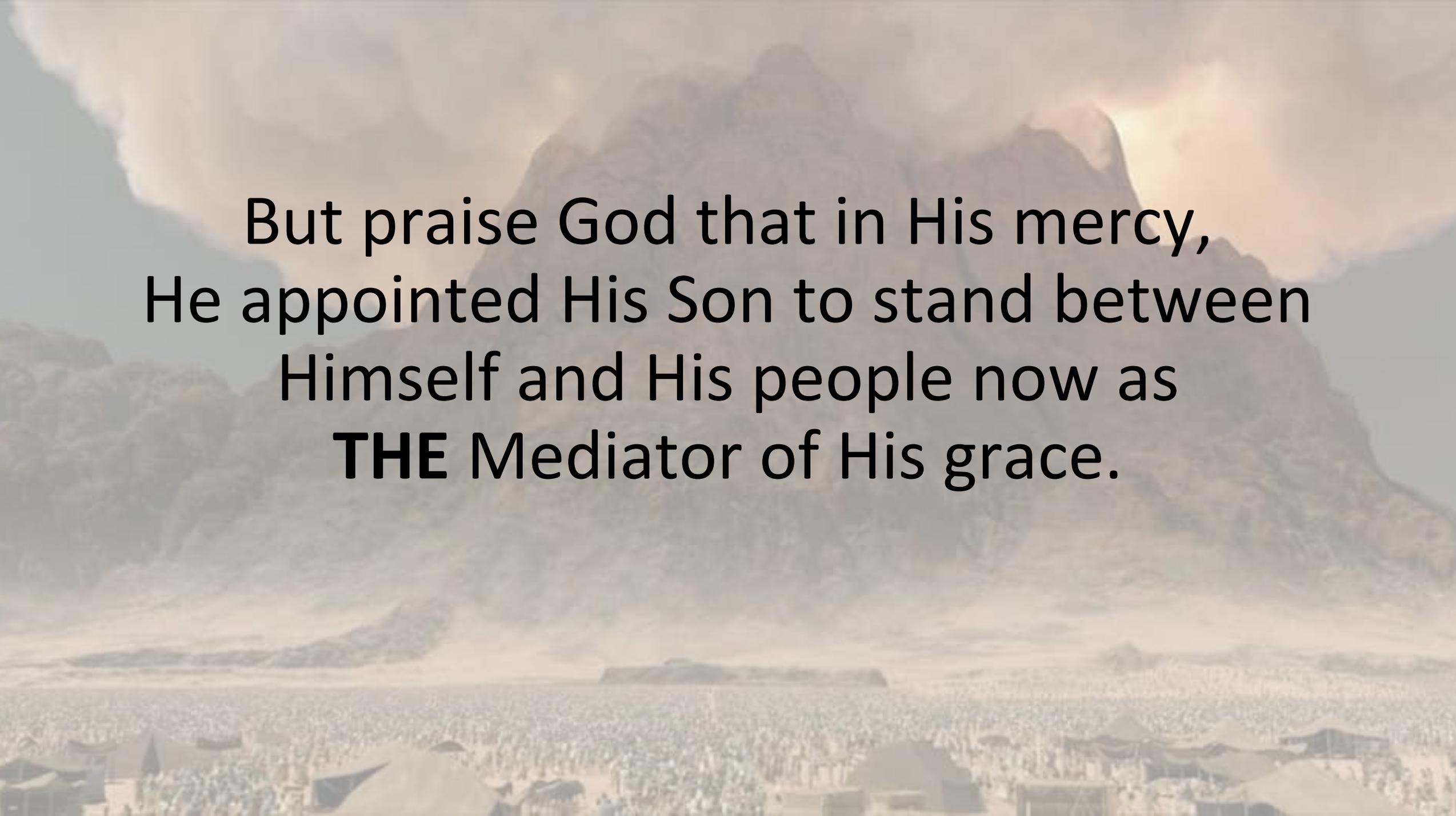
In His mercy, God appointed Moses
as a mediator to stand between
Himself and His righteous wrath
and His people and their
wicked rebellion.

Deuteronomy 5:4

And you said, “Behold, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live. Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, we shall die.

A large crowd of people is gathered in a desert landscape, with mountains in the background. The scene is hazy and appears to be from a historical or biblical setting. The text is overlaid on the image.

Even now, if you attempt to stand
on your own before the glory of the
Lord and hear His voice speaking
His Law to you, you will die.

A large crowd of people is gathered in a valley, with mountains in the background. The scene is hazy, suggesting a vast, open landscape. The text is overlaid on the image, centered and in a large, black, sans-serif font. The word "THE" is bolded.

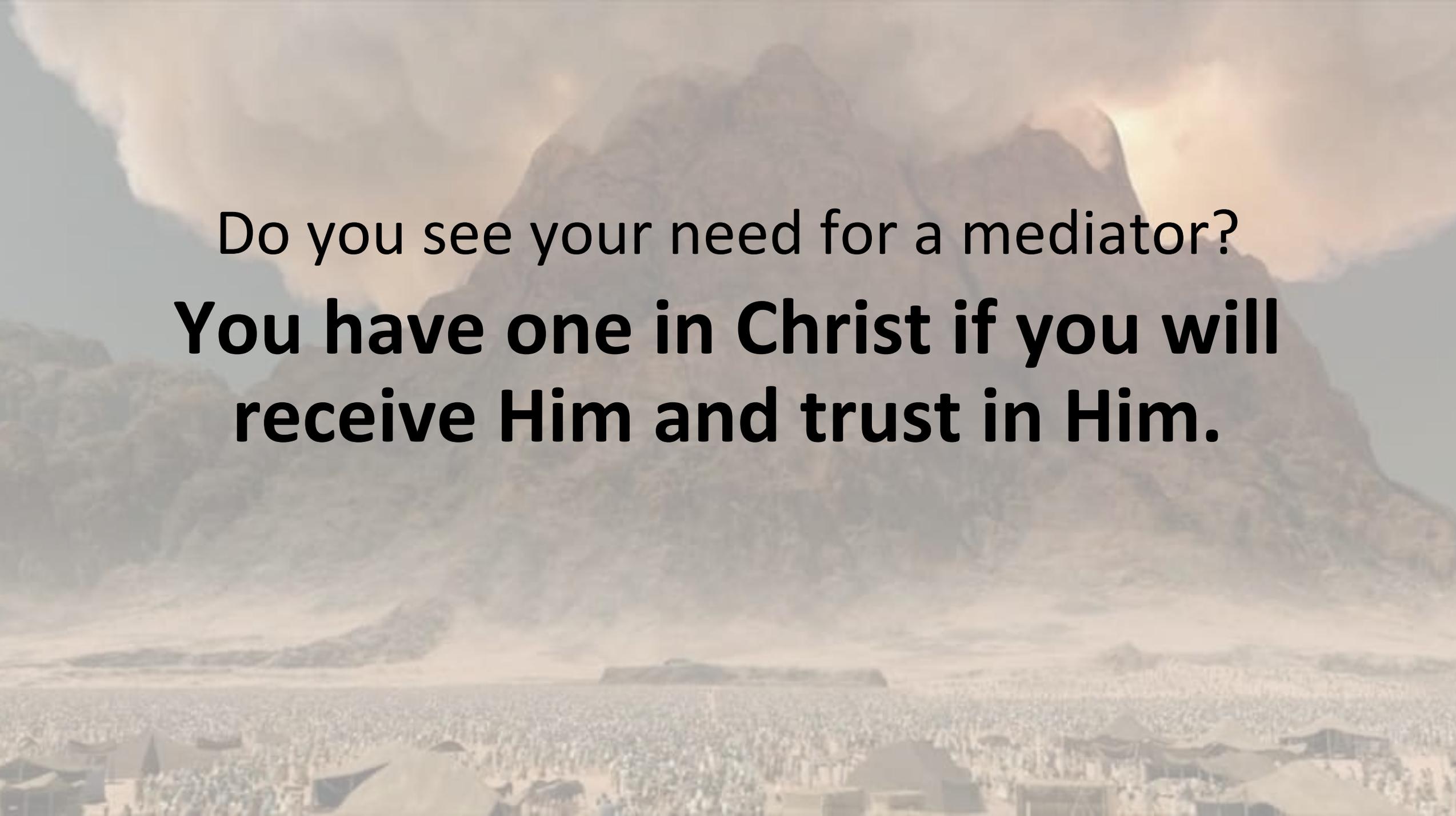
But praise God that in His mercy,
He appointed His Son to stand between
Himself and His people now as
THE Mediator of His grace.

1 Timothy 2:5

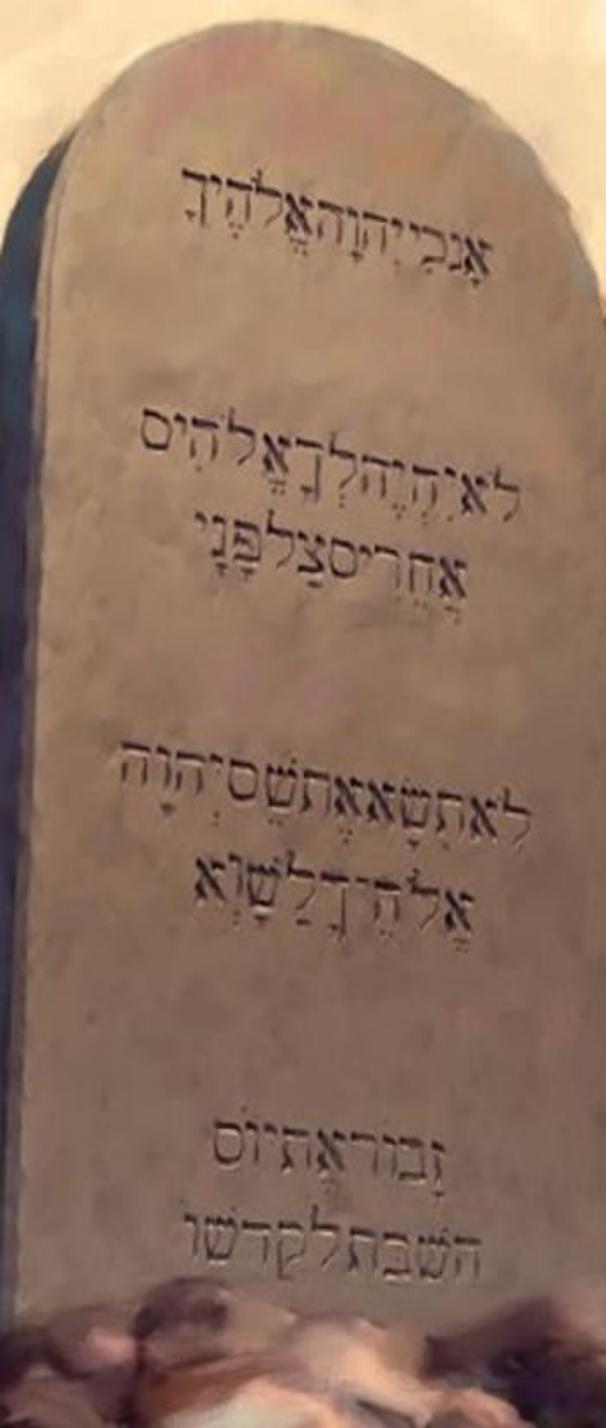
For there is one God, and **one mediator** also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made Him who knew no sin to be sin **on our behalf**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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Do you see your need for a mediator?
**You have one in Christ if you will
receive Him and trust in Him.**



Dimensions of the Law

To whom was this Law given?

What was this Law?

How was the Law given to them and why?

What are the results of obedience to the Law?

What are the results of obedience?

Life in its fullest

Deuteronomy 5:27

“You shall be careful therefore to do as the LORD
your God has commanded you.
You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.
You shall walk in all the way that the LORD
your God has commanded you,
that you may live, and that it may go well with you,
and that you may live long in the land
that you shall possess.”

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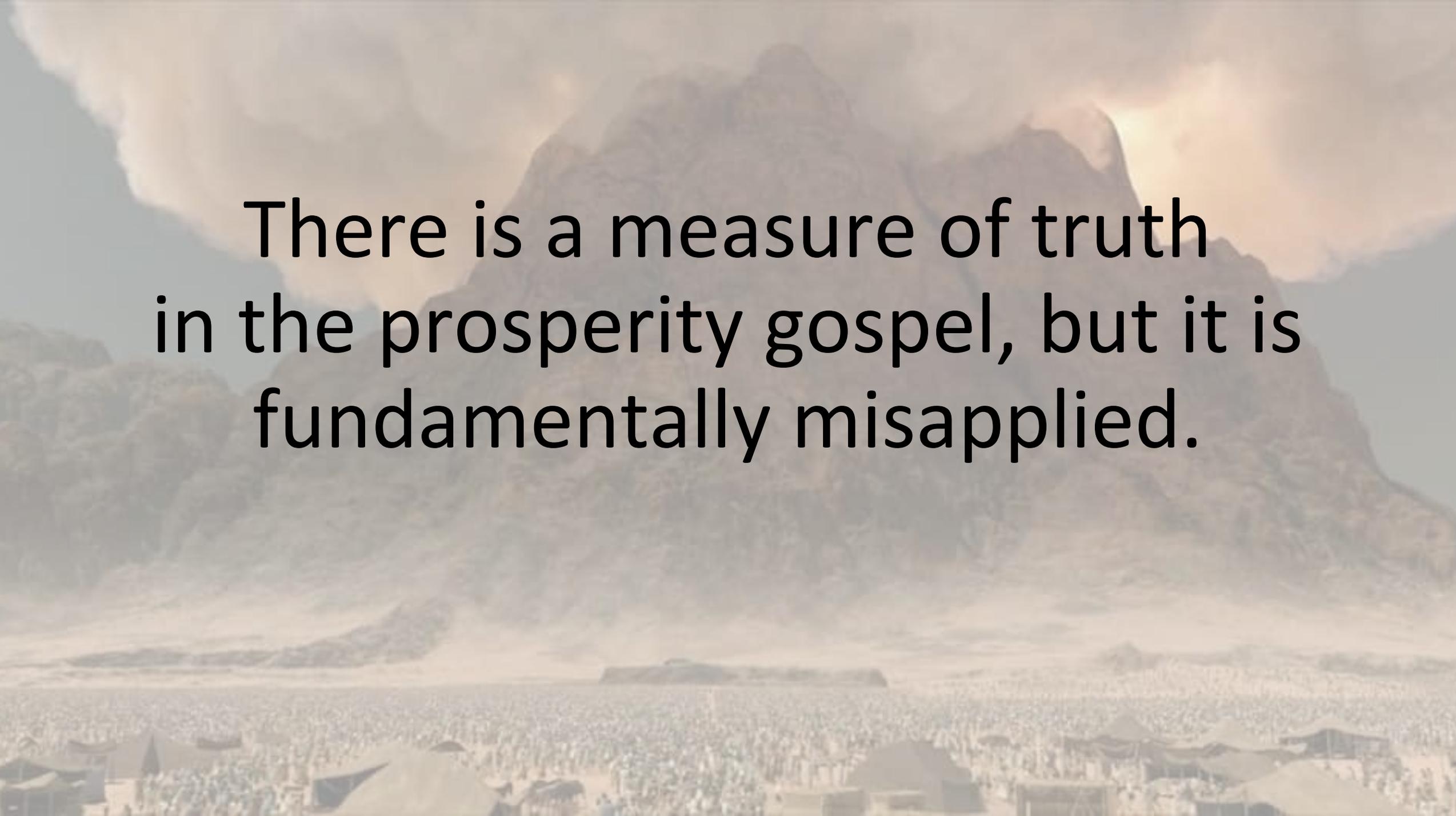
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that you may live, **and that it may go well
with you,**

and that you may live long in the land
that you shall possess.”

Deuteronomy 29:9

Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them,
that you may prosper in all that you do.

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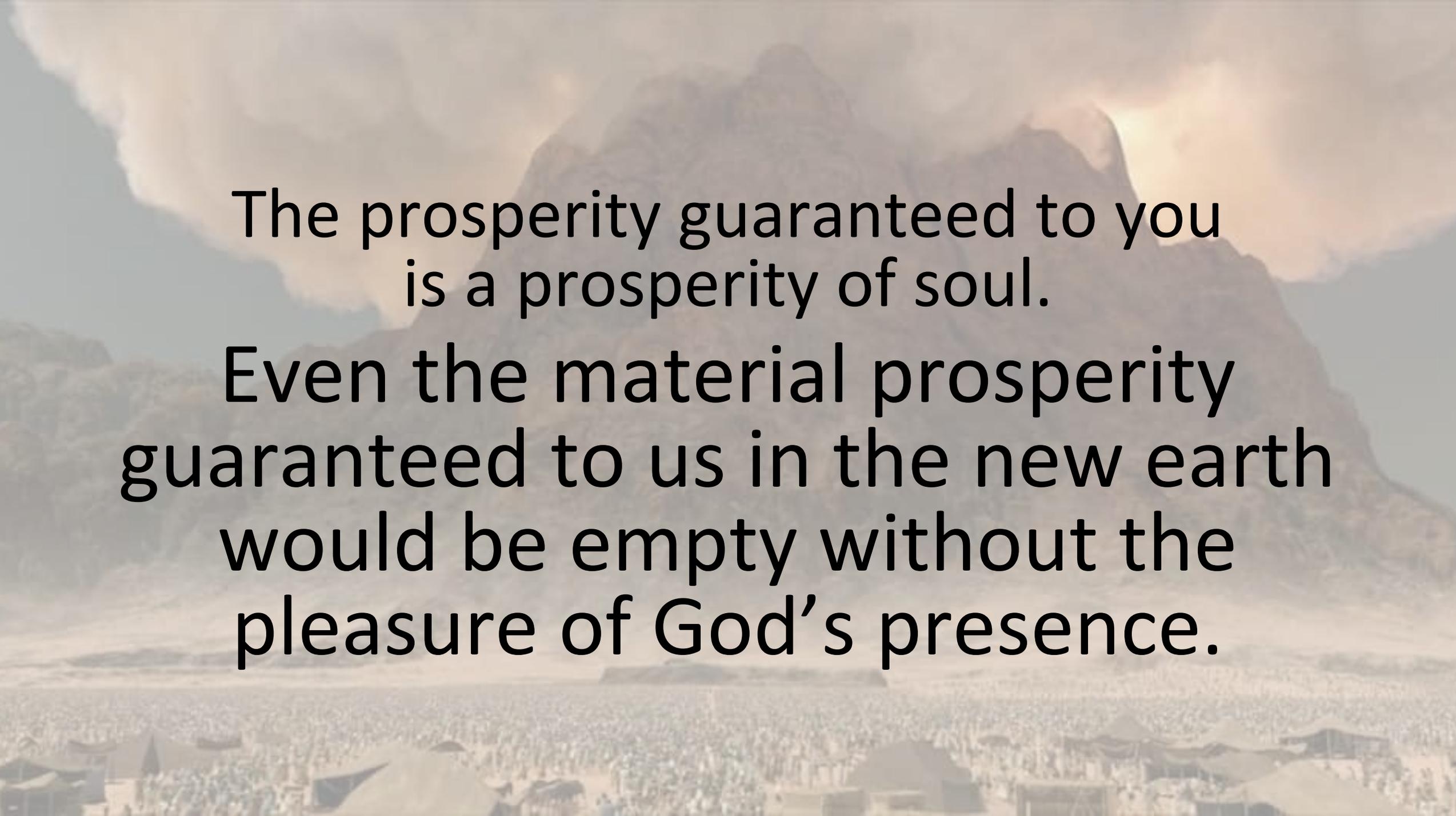
There is a measure of truth
in the prosperity gospel, but it is
fundamentally misapplied.

Consider...

Luke 21:16-19

But you will be delivered up even by parents
and brothers and relatives and friends,
and they will put some of you to death,
and you will be hated by all on account of My name.

Yet not a hair of your head will perish.

The background of the image is a soft-focus, hazy landscape. In the foreground, there is a large, dense crowd of people, possibly a gathering or a festival, with many small structures or tents visible. The middle ground shows rolling hills and valleys, and in the background, there are prominent, jagged mountain peaks under a bright, overcast sky. The overall color palette is muted and warm, with a lot of light and soft shadows, giving it a dreamlike or ethereal quality.

The prosperity guaranteed to you
is a prosperity of soul.

Even the material prosperity
guaranteed to us in the new earth
would be empty without the
pleasure of God's presence.

What are the results of obedience?

Life in its fullest

Life in God's presence

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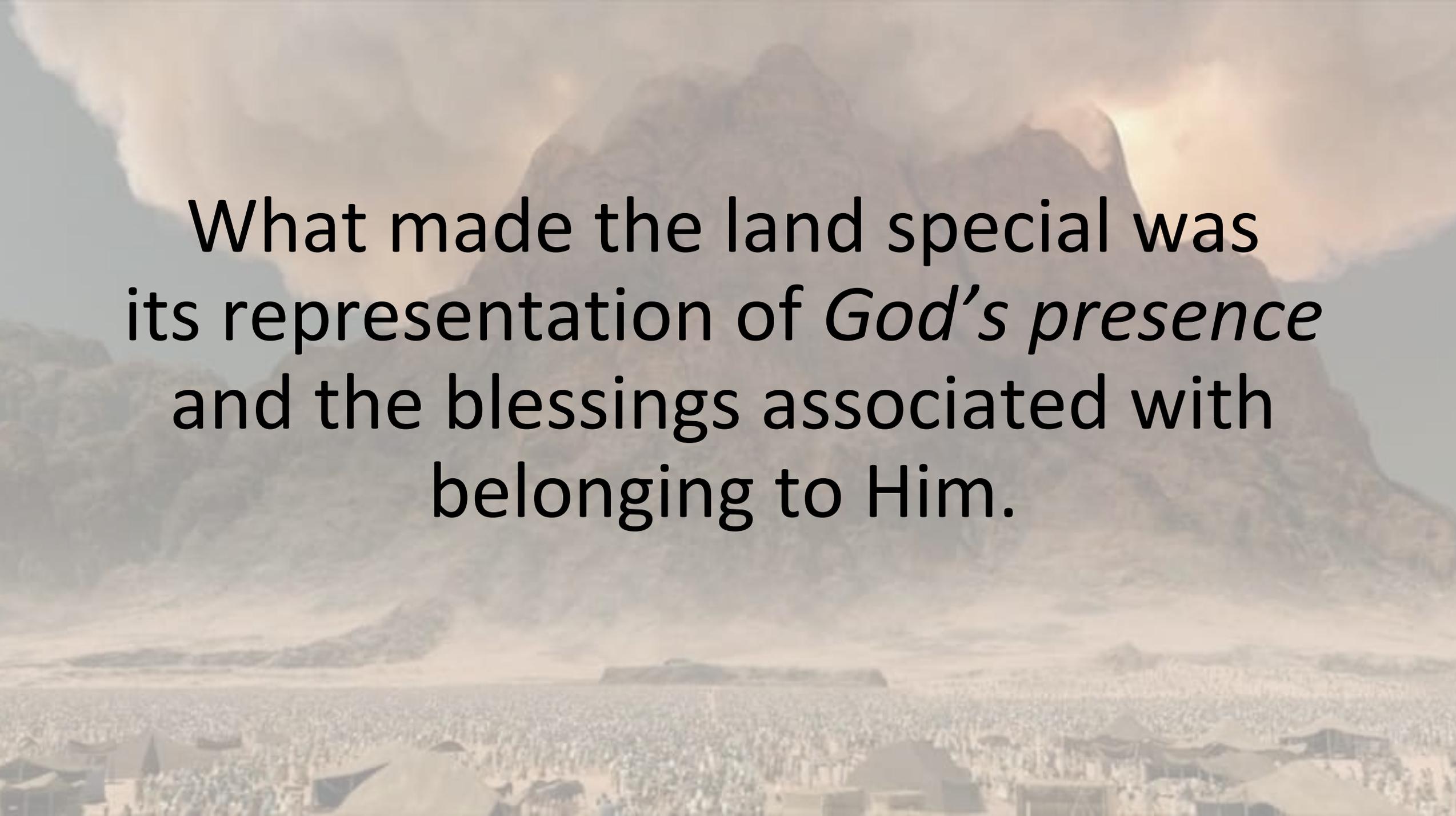
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What made the land special was
its representation of *God's presence*
and the blessings associated with
belonging to Him.

Exodus 33:15

Then [Moses] said to Him,
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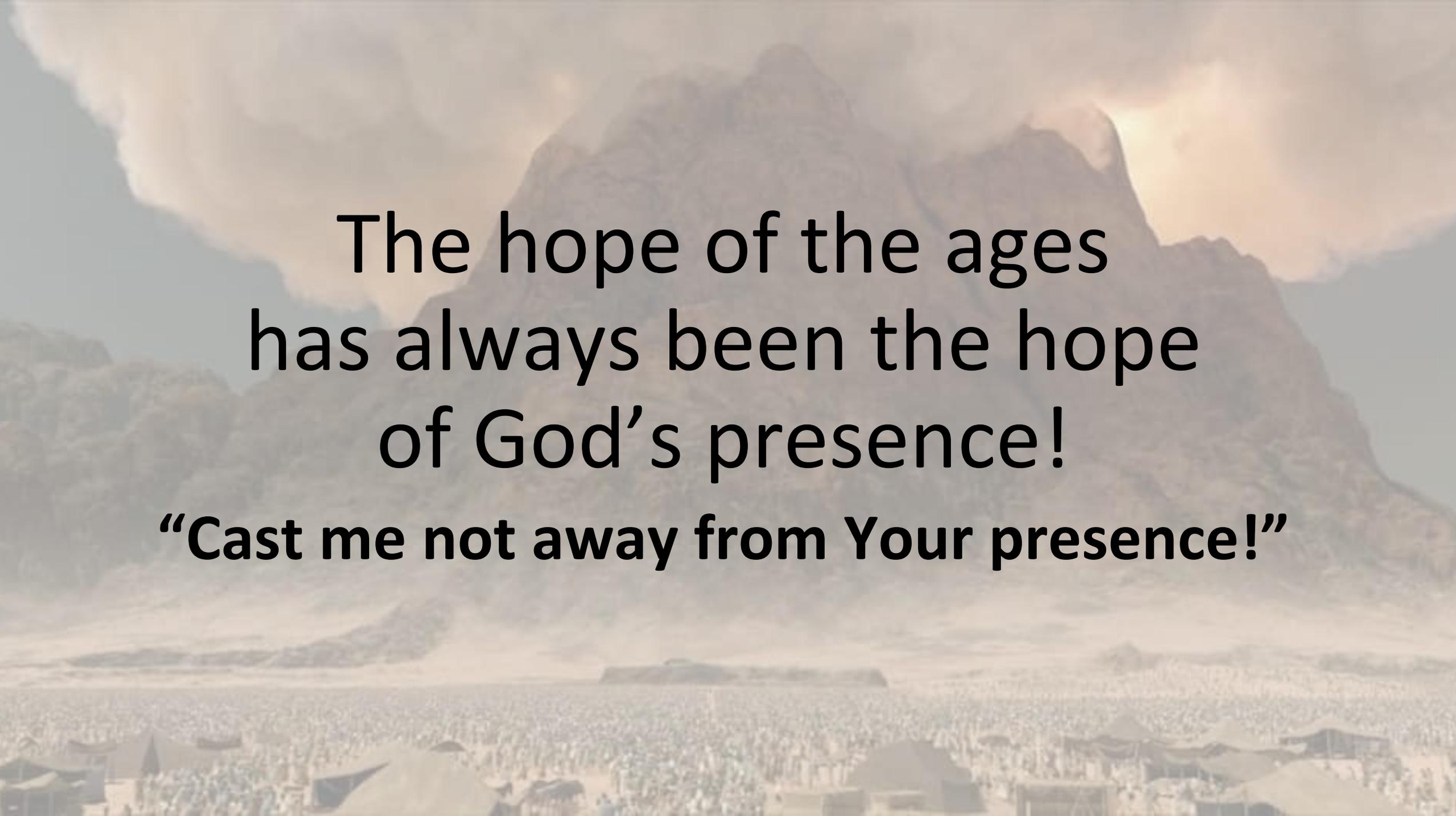
Why?

Psalm 16:11

You will make known to me the path of life;
In Your presence is fulness of joy;
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Isaiah 9:3

You shall multiply the nation,
You shall increase their gladness;
They will be glad **in Your presence**.



The hope of the ages
has always been the hope
of God's presence!

“Cast me not away from Your presence!”

Conclusions

The *depths* of God's grace are discerned by understanding the *dimensions* of God's Law.

In it God is revealed to you!

By it your heart is revealed to you!

Through it Christ is revealed to you!