

A Great Salvation!

Matthew 1:18-21



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before they came together she was found to be
with child by the Holy Spirit.
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Main Idea

The LORD revealed to Joseph, and now to us, that Jesus was born of the Holy Spirit and is the one who will save all who believe on Him.

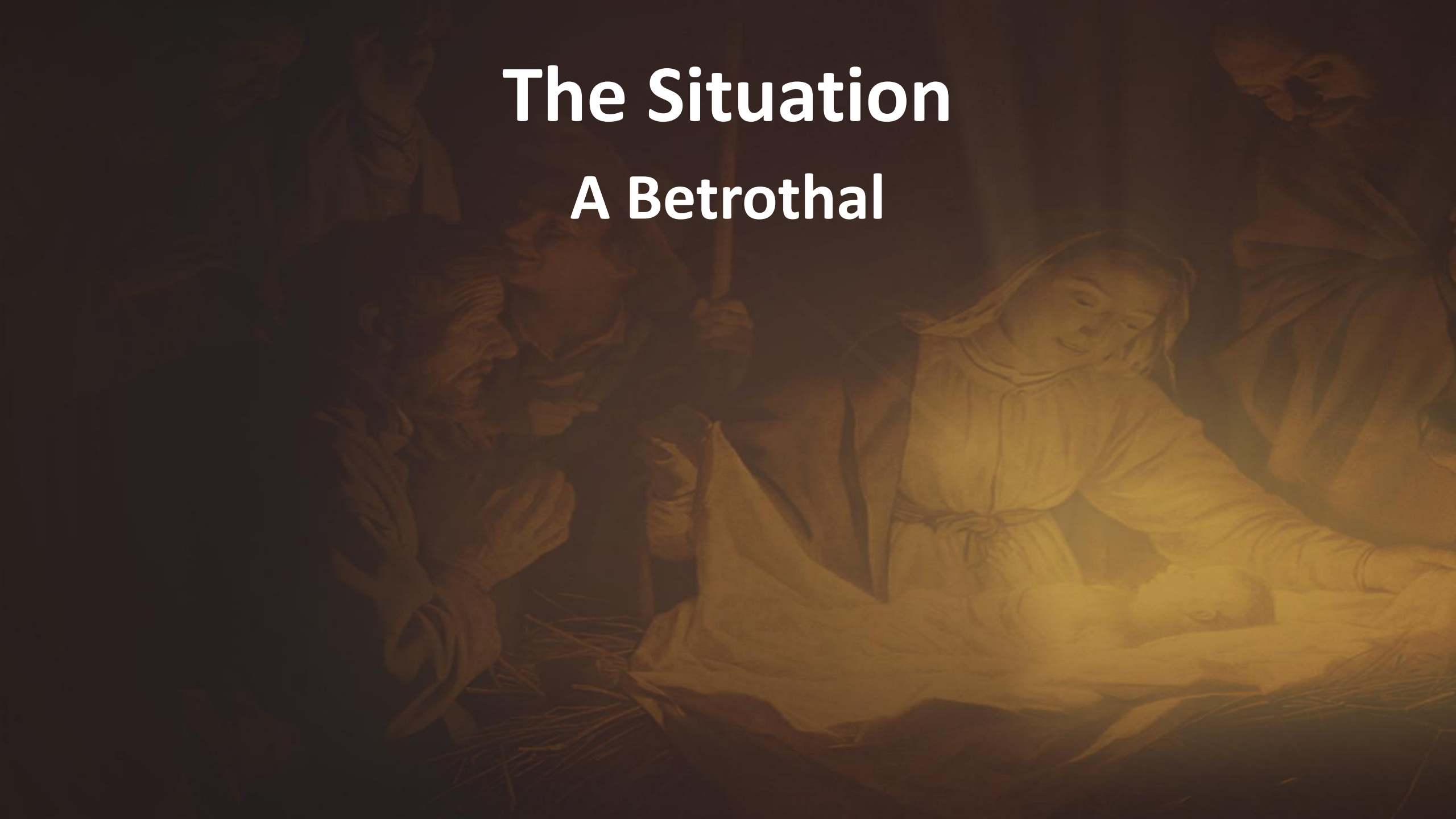
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The Situation



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A Betrothal



Matthew 1:18

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Jewish Betrothals...

Were legally binding agreements.

Were ceremonially and publicly validated.

Were generally followed by a year of preparation.

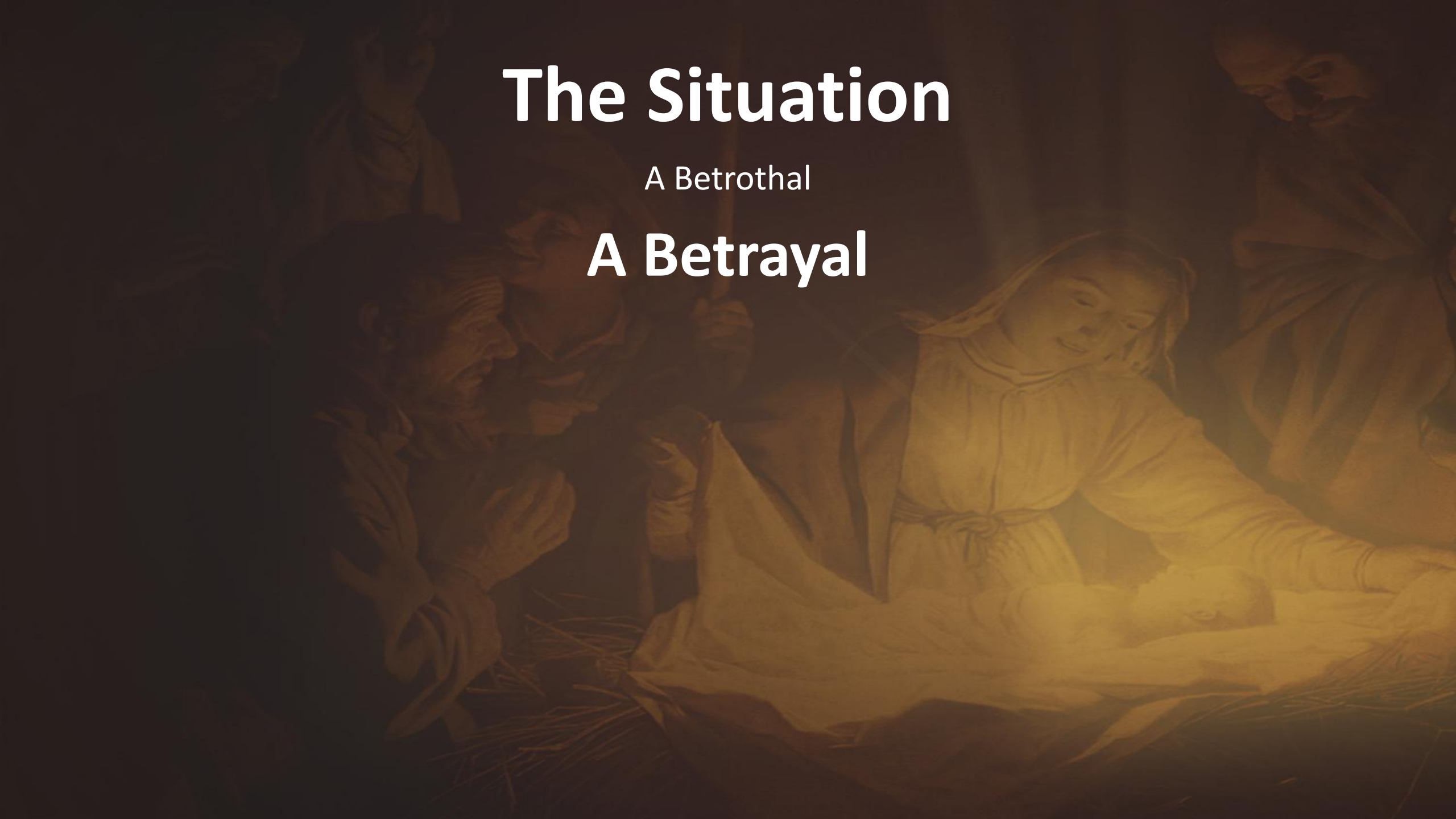
Involved the families and sometimes a dowry.

Created strong social expectations.

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A Betrayal



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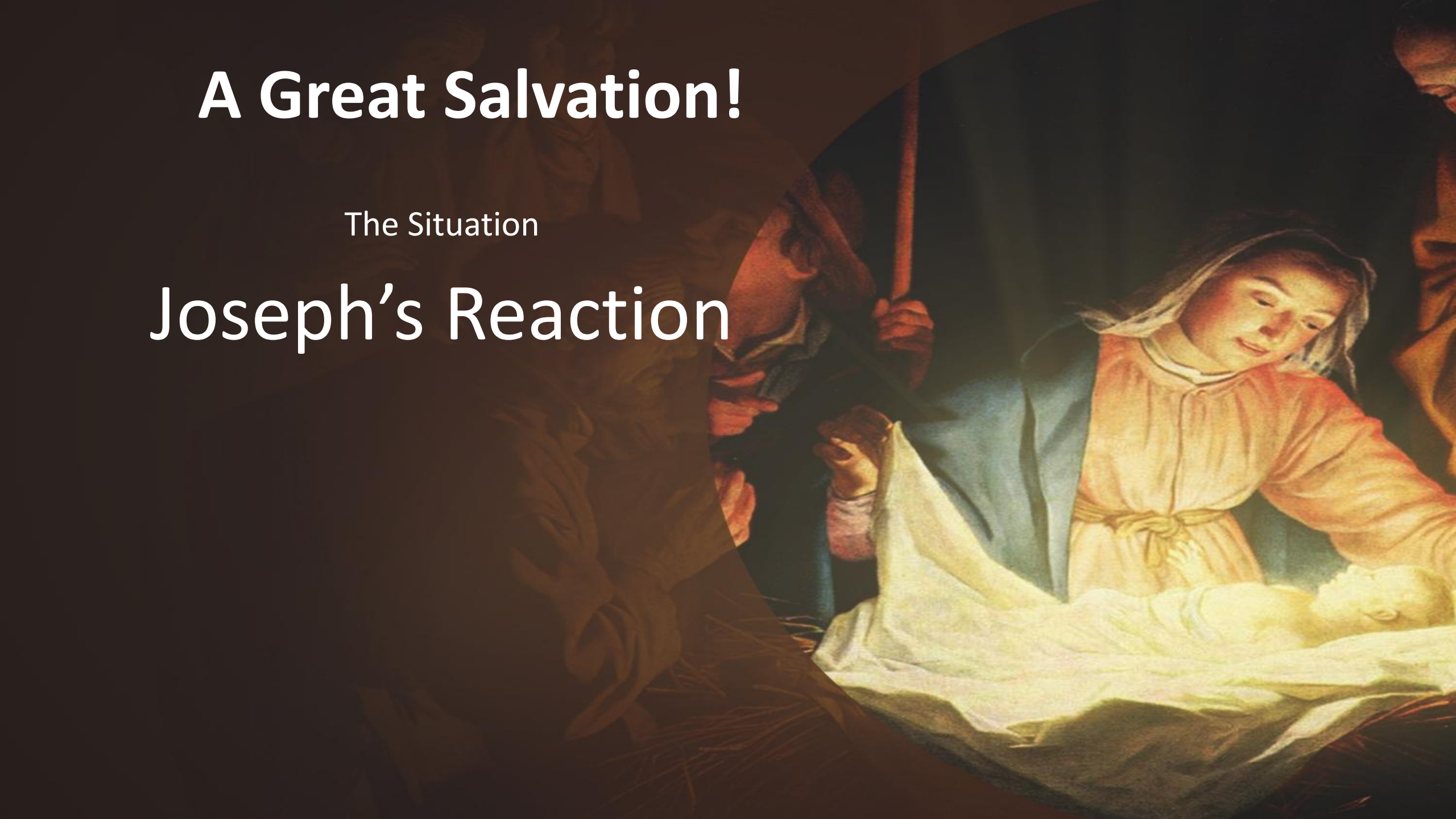
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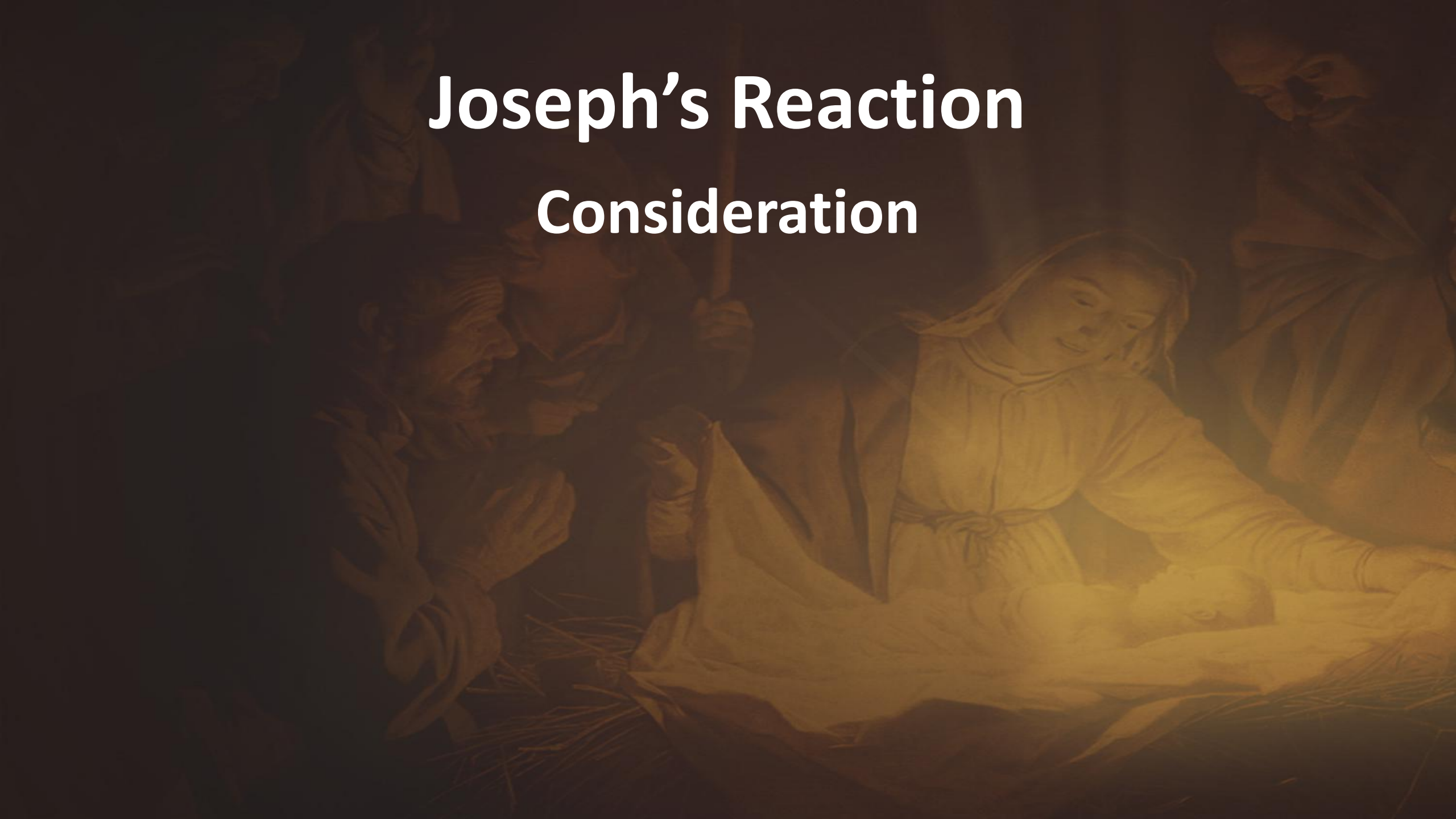
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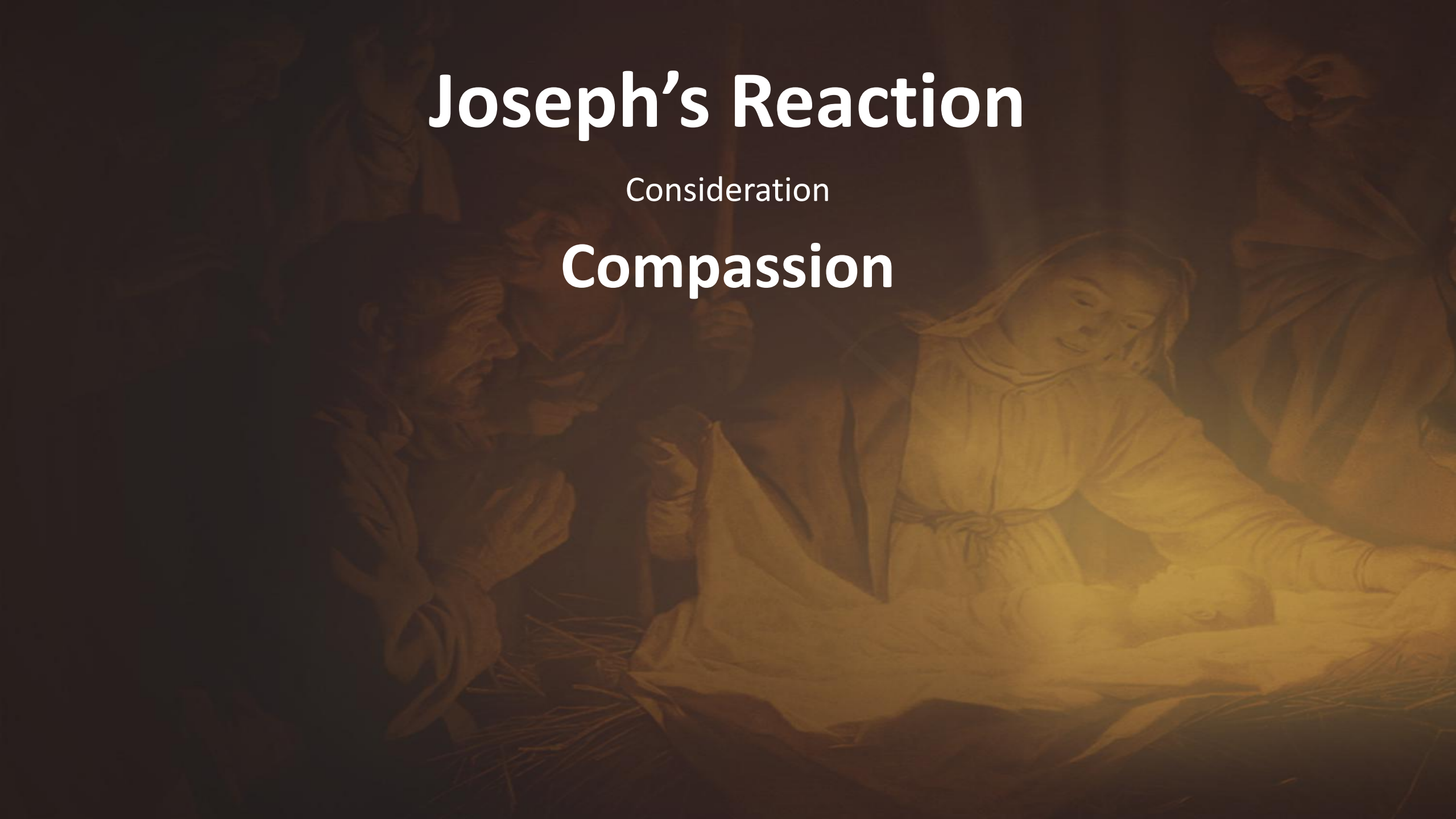
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**Joseph was righteous not rash,
exercising restraint not revenge,
giving compassion not retribution.**

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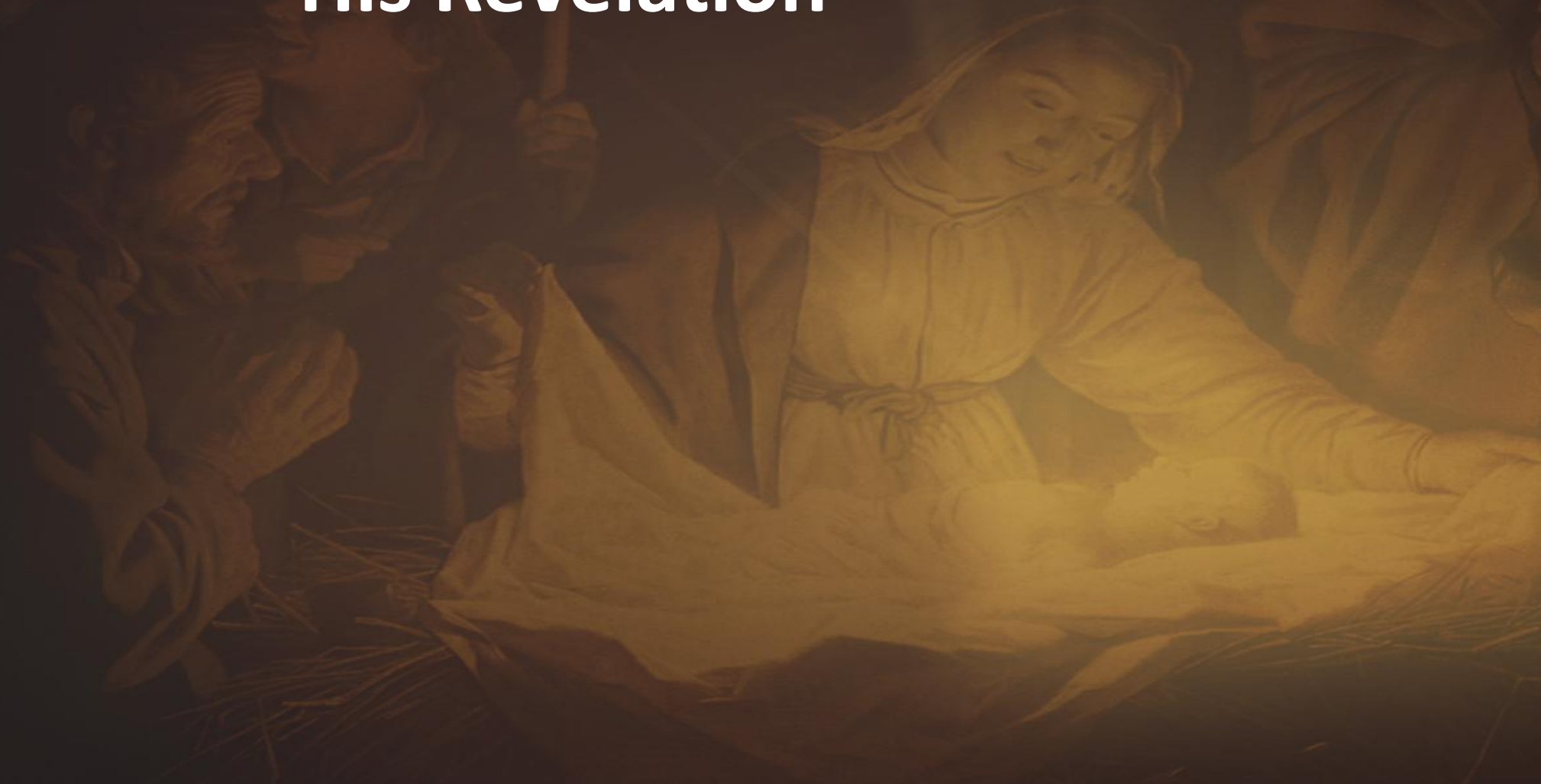
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His Revelation



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What was the expectation?

Luke 1:60-61

But his mother answered and said,
“No indeed; but he shall be called John.”
And they said to her, “There is no one among
your relatives who is called by that name.”

**The LORD intervened to ensure a name
in keeping with His purposes.**

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His Reason



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What were Joseph's circumstances,
and how might he and his community
have understood this?

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Psalms 68:2

“...the wicked perish before God.”

Romans 6:23

“The wages of sin is death.”

But...

Romans 8:1

“There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

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He saved us from the condemnation of sin.

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Romans 6:12

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He saved us from the power of sin.

He saved us from the shame of sin.

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Romans 6:20-21

“For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed?”

How do you deal with shame?

Genesis 3:7

“Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.”

But...

Revelation 3:18

“I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire
so that you may become rich,
and white garments so that you may clothe yourself,
and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed.”



Concluding Questions:

What is your disposition
when you are wronged?

Have you understood your great sin
and God's great salvation?

Have you believed on Christ and are you
receiving the gift of this salvation?