

Trusting in the Goodness of God

God's Goodness Displayed in Redemption

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1. The curse brought humiliation.

a. It brought humiliation to the _____.

b. It brings humiliation to _____.

2. The curse brought hostility.

a. It brought hostility between Satan and _____.

b. It brings hostility between Satan and the _____.

3. The curse brought hope.

a. It anticipated the _____.

b. It promises _____.

Questions for Discussion

- What is the content of God's curse on the serpent in verse 14? Compare Micah 7:17 and Psalm 72:9. What do you think is the point of this curse?
- How do you think Adam and Eve felt when they realized they had been duped by such a creature? Discuss ways in which we get duped by foolishness. How do you feel when it happens?
- How did Satan demonstrate his hostility toward Eve (cf. 4:7-8; 23-24)? How does this relate to Jesus' description of Satan in John 8:44? Discuss this in relation to 1 Pet. 5:8-9.
- Compare the injuries to be inflicted found in verse 15. How does this point to the cross? Discuss the implications of the fatal wound delivered to Satan.
- Do you believe in a spiritual battle? In what ways does Christ's victory free you from Satan's power?



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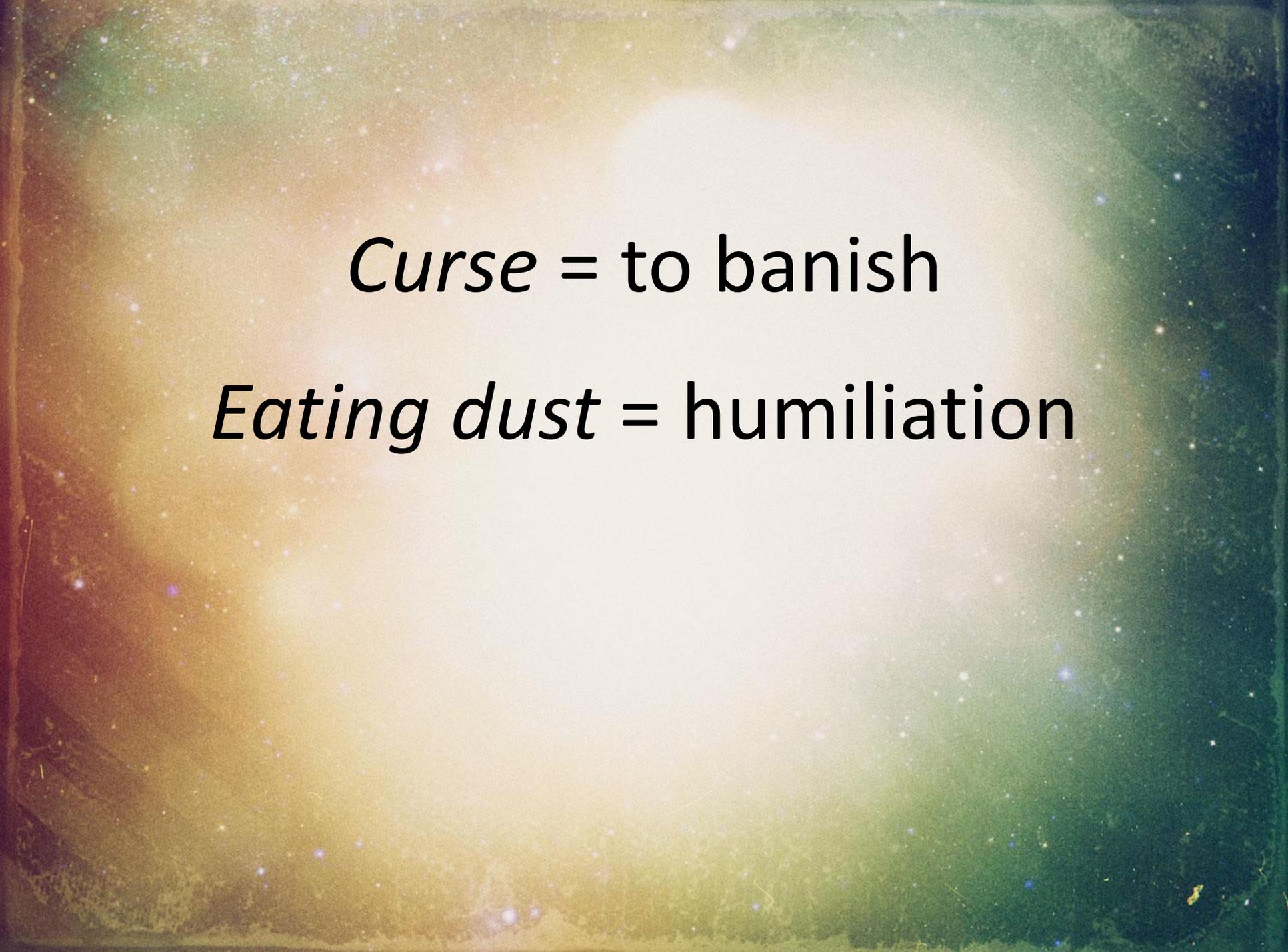
The curse brought humiliation.

The humiliation of the curse.

It brought humiliation
to the serpent.

Genesis 3:14

And the LORD God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this, cursed are you
more than all cattle, and more than every
beast of the field; on your belly shall you go,
and dust shall you eat all the days of your life.



Curse = to banish

Eating dust = humiliation

Micah 7:17

They will **lick the dust like a serpent**,
Like reptiles of the earth.

They will come trembling out of their fortresses;
To the LORD our God they will come in dread,
And will be afraid before You.

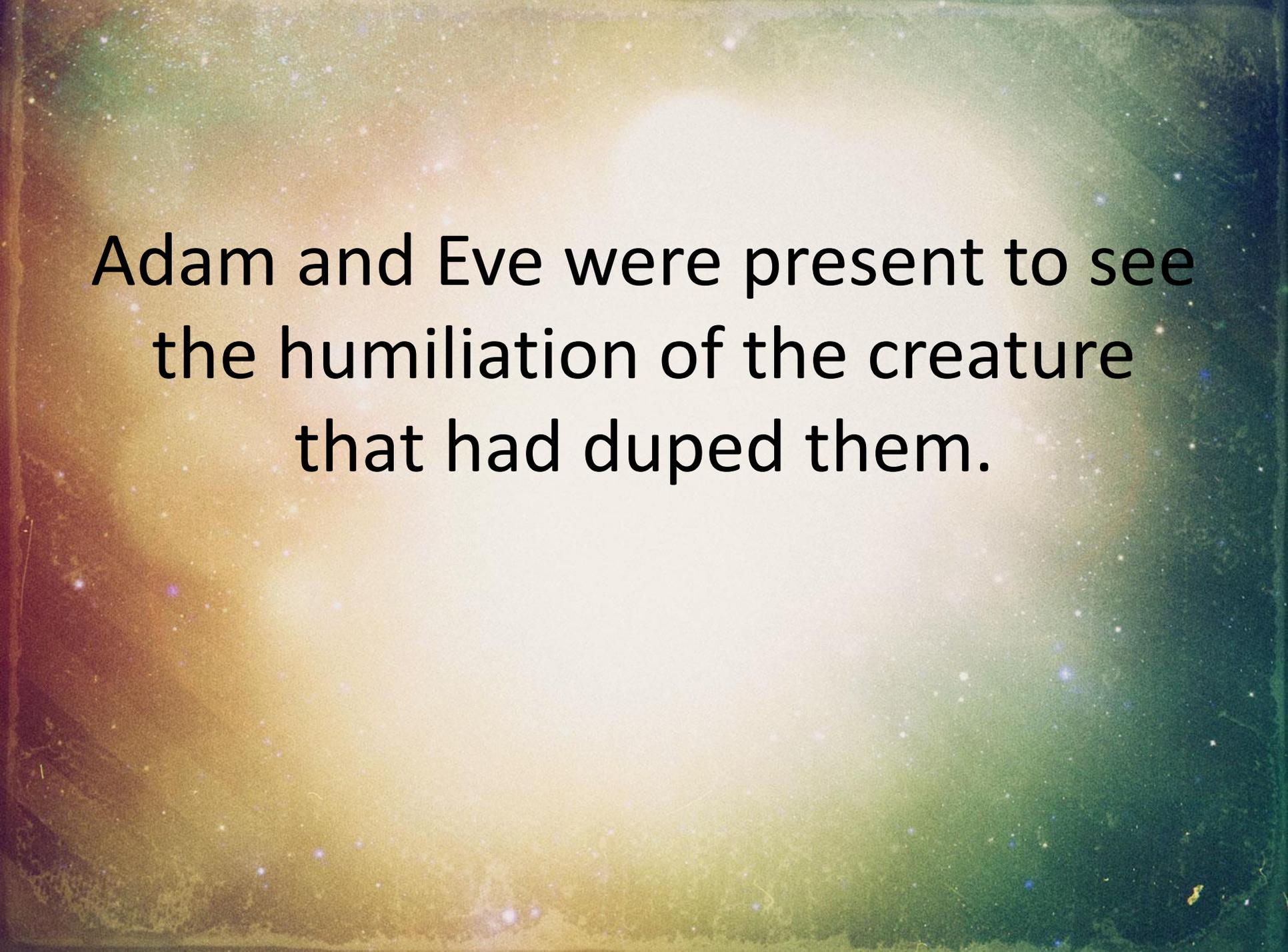
Psalms 72:9

Let the nomads of the desert bow before him;
And his enemies **lick the dust**.

The humiliation of the curse.

It brought humiliation to the serpent.

**It brings humiliation
to you and me.**



Adam and Eve were present to see
the humiliation of the creature
that had duped them.

*How often have you been
humiliated when you've seen
the worthlessness of what
enticed you to sin?*

Romans 6:21

Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.

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Hostility and the curse.

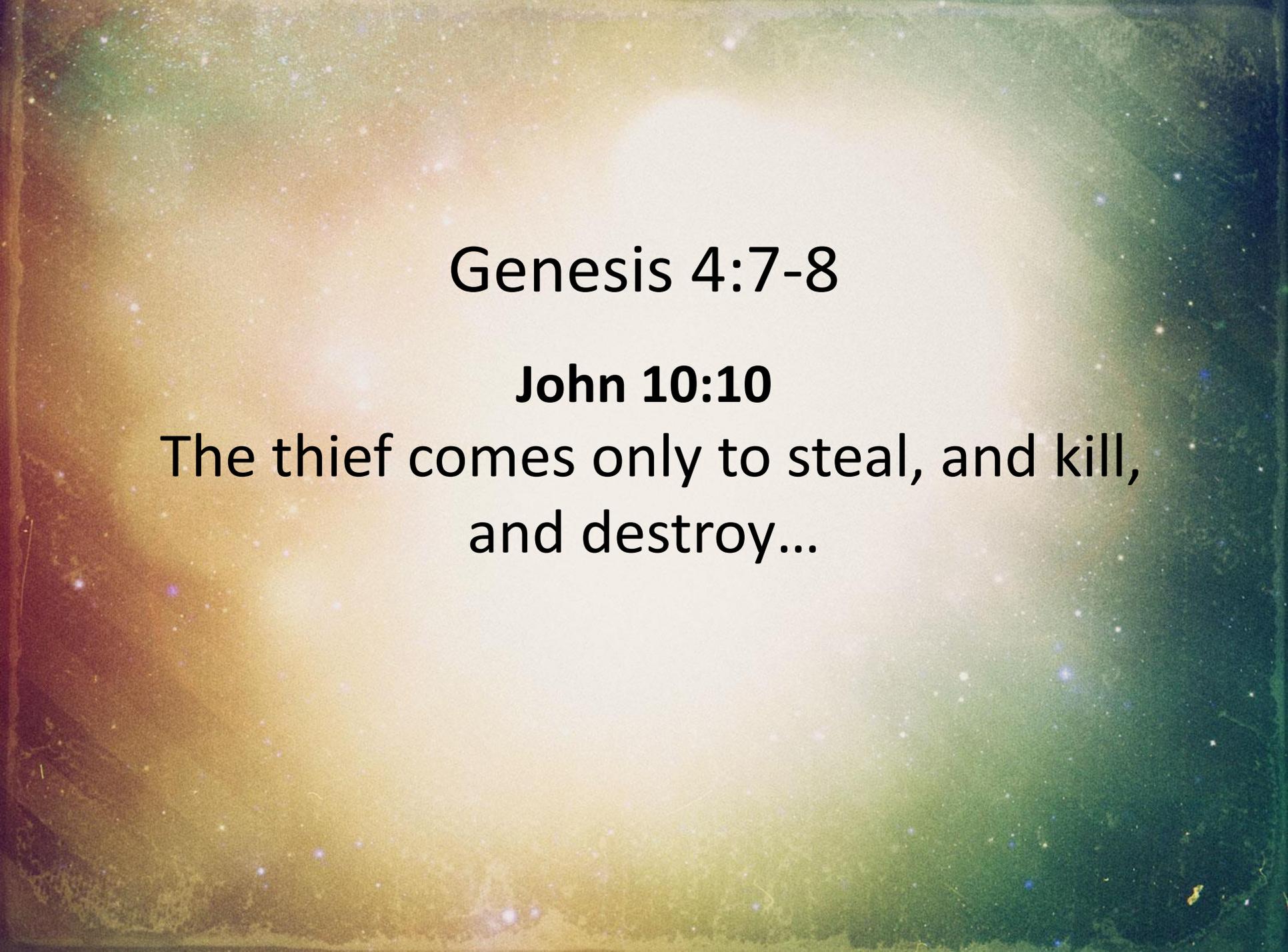
It brought hostility between Satan
and mankind.

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between
you and the woman....

Enmity = hostility or hatred

“The woman” is representative of
all of her offspring (v 20).



Genesis 4:7-8

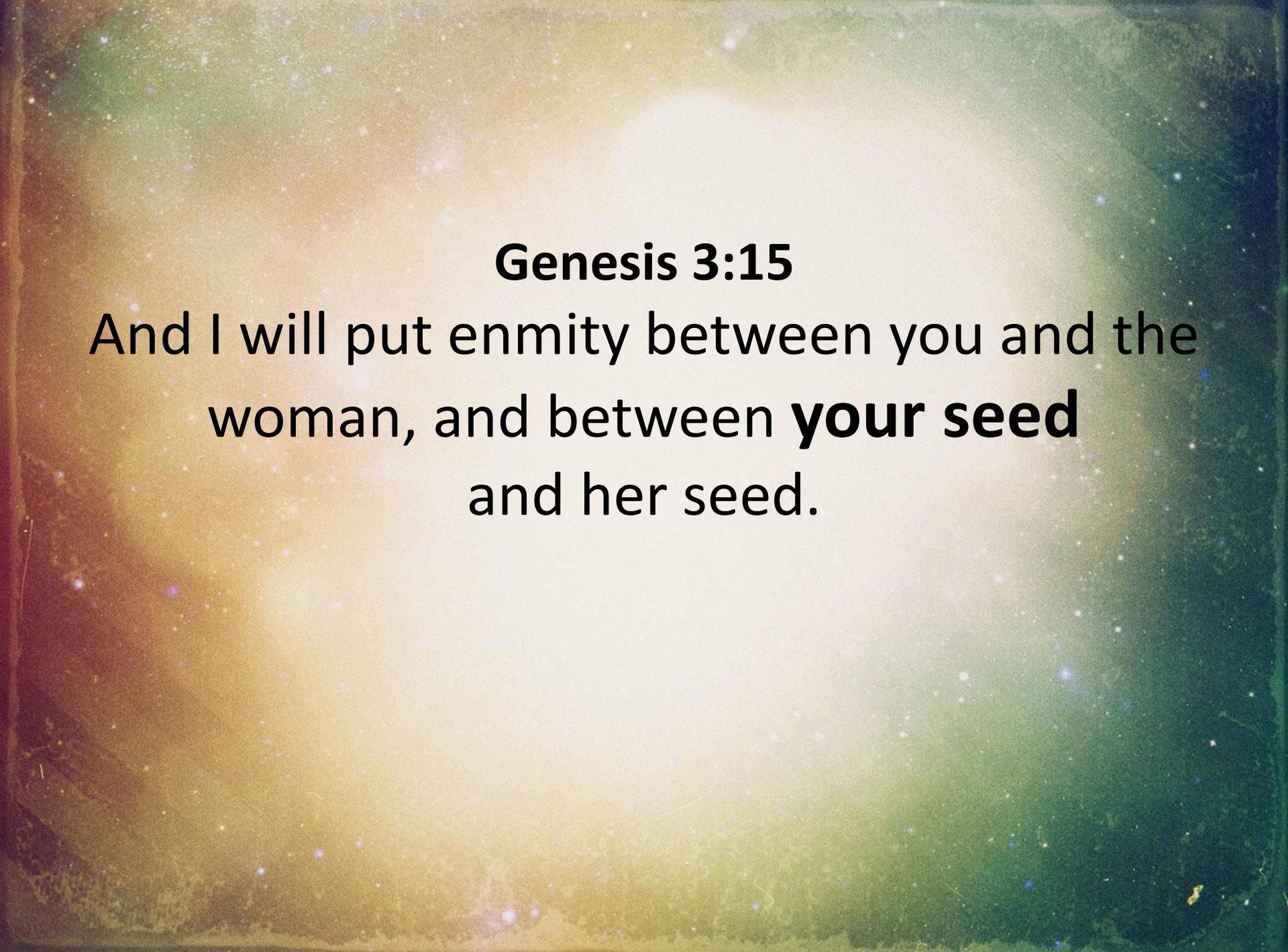
John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal, and kill,
and destroy...

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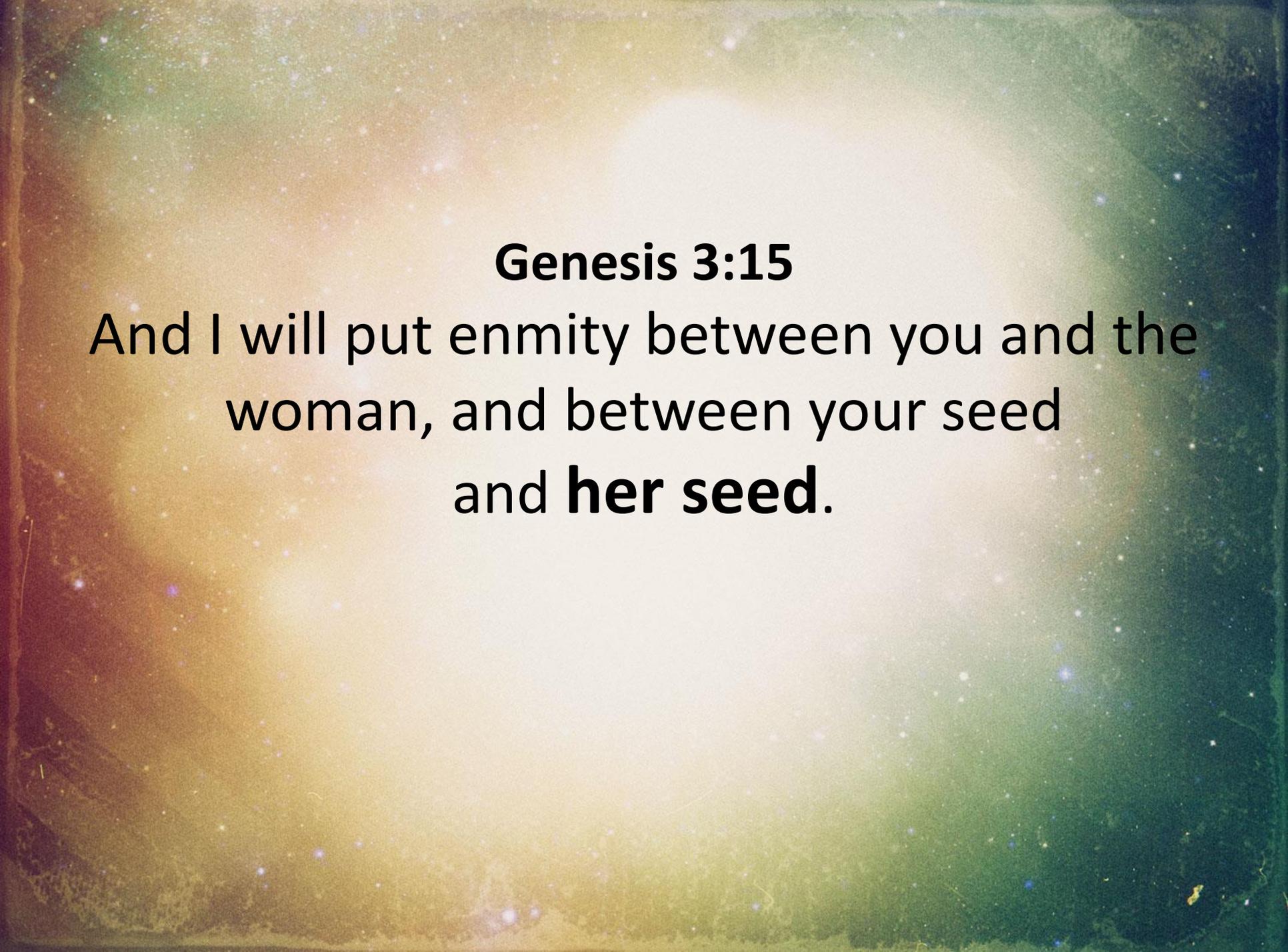
Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between **your seed** and her seed.

The “seed” of the serpent refers to the children of the devil, especially those who sought to crucify Christ.

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning...



Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and **her seed**.

The “seed” of the woman refers to the children of the promise, but especially to the child of promise, Jesus Christ.

To Abraham, God said,

“And **in your seed** all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” (Genesis 22:18)

Galatians 3:7

Therefore, be sure that it is **those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.**

Galatians 4:28-29

And you brethren, like Isaac, are **children of promise.** But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also.

*Satan's hatred is for the
children of the promise, the
children of God.*

1 Peter 5:8

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert.

Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

*These **someones** are especially those who belong to Christ, who make up His church.*

Hope in the Curse

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Hope and the curse

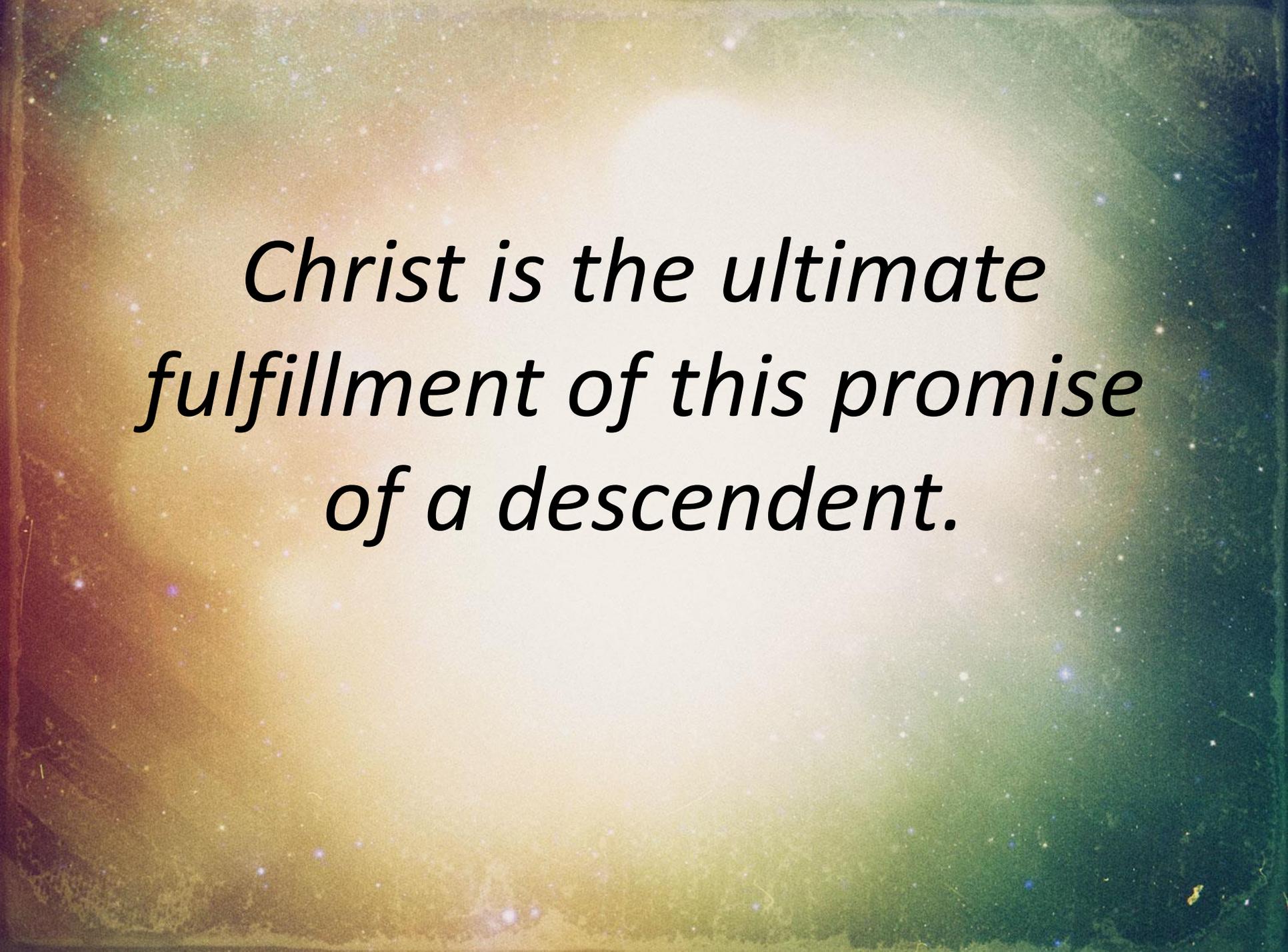
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And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and **her seed**;

Galatians 3:16

Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "**And to your seed,**" that is, **Christ.**



*Christ is the ultimate
fulfillment of this promise
of a descendent.*

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; **He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.**

The key comparison is between the head and the heel.

The one is fatal; the other is not.

*The ultimate death blow to
the great serpent is
delivered on the cross.*

Hope and the curse

It anticipated the cross.

It promises freedom.

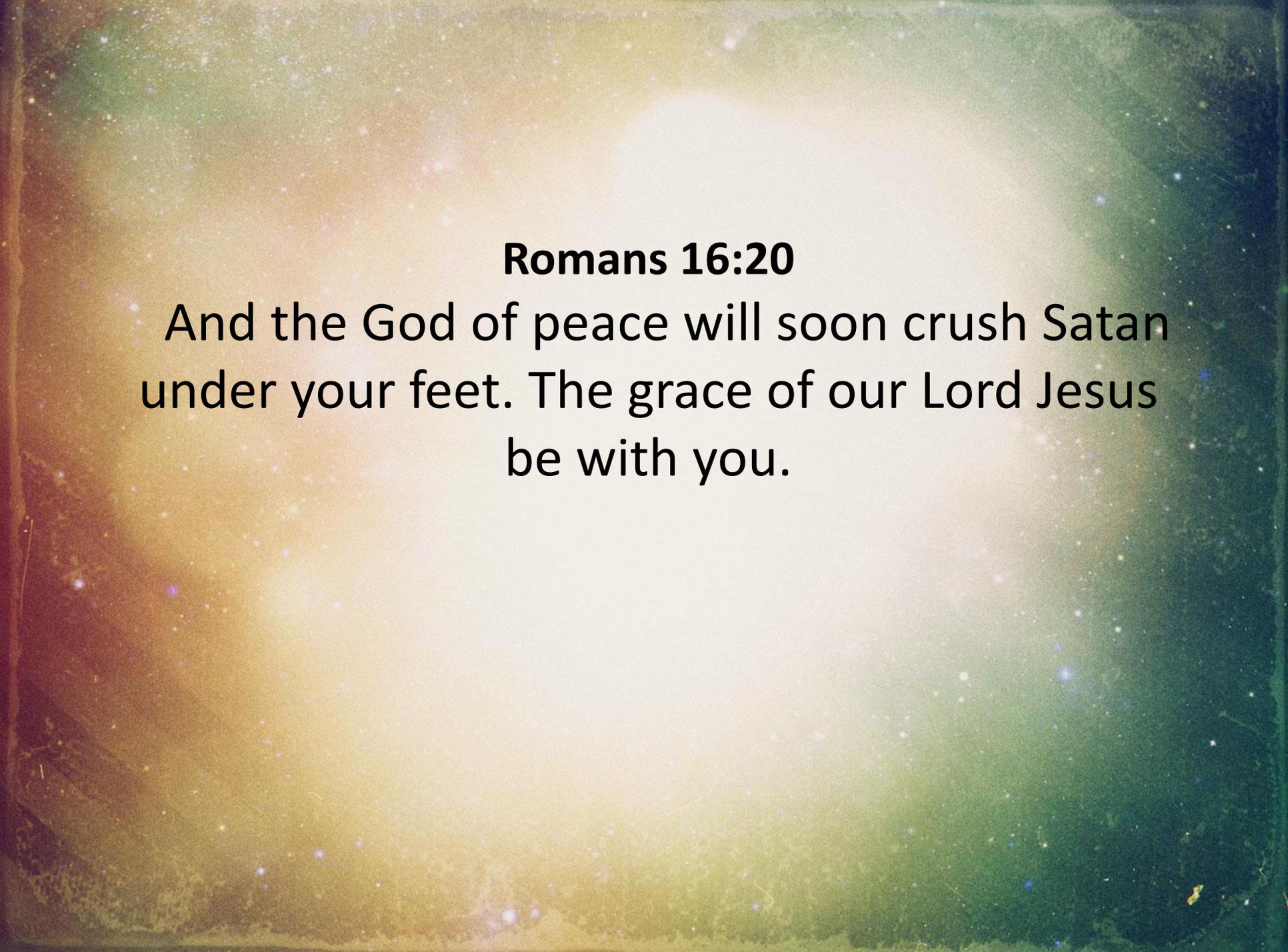
Romans 6:6

Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, **that we should no longer be slaves to sin.**

*Christ's death has set you free
from the power of sin;
and, therefore,
from the power of Satan.*

Galatians 1:3-4

Grace to you and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for
our sins, **so that He might rescue us from
this present evil age**, according to the will of
our God and Father.



Romans 16:20

And the God of peace will soon crush Satan
under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus
be with you.

Are you still living in the humiliation of your sin, oppressed by Satan; or can you say with confidence that you have been delivered and are clinging to the promise of the cross?