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PURSUE holiness

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What do you call someone
who pursues an Olympic
medal?

Olympian



What do you call someone
who pursues meaning?

Philosopher

or *Wise man/Wise woman*



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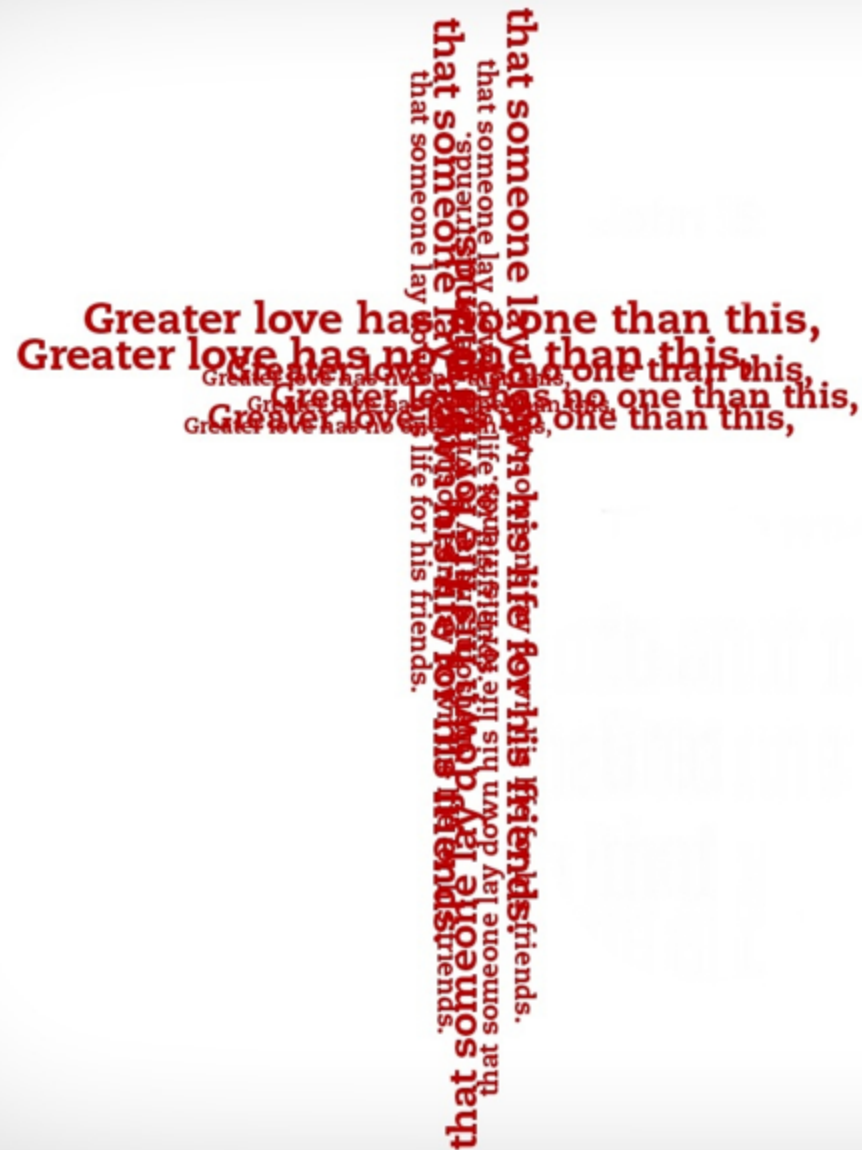
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pursues money/profit?

Businessman/Businesswoman
Or “Ah Long”



The primary purpose of a business is to maximize profits for its owners or stakeholders.

<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/boundless-business/chapter/what-is-a-business/>



What do you call someone
who pursues :
Righteousness?
Peace?
Holiness?

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CHRISTIAN

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We become what we pursue





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3. Serve the community with BCS



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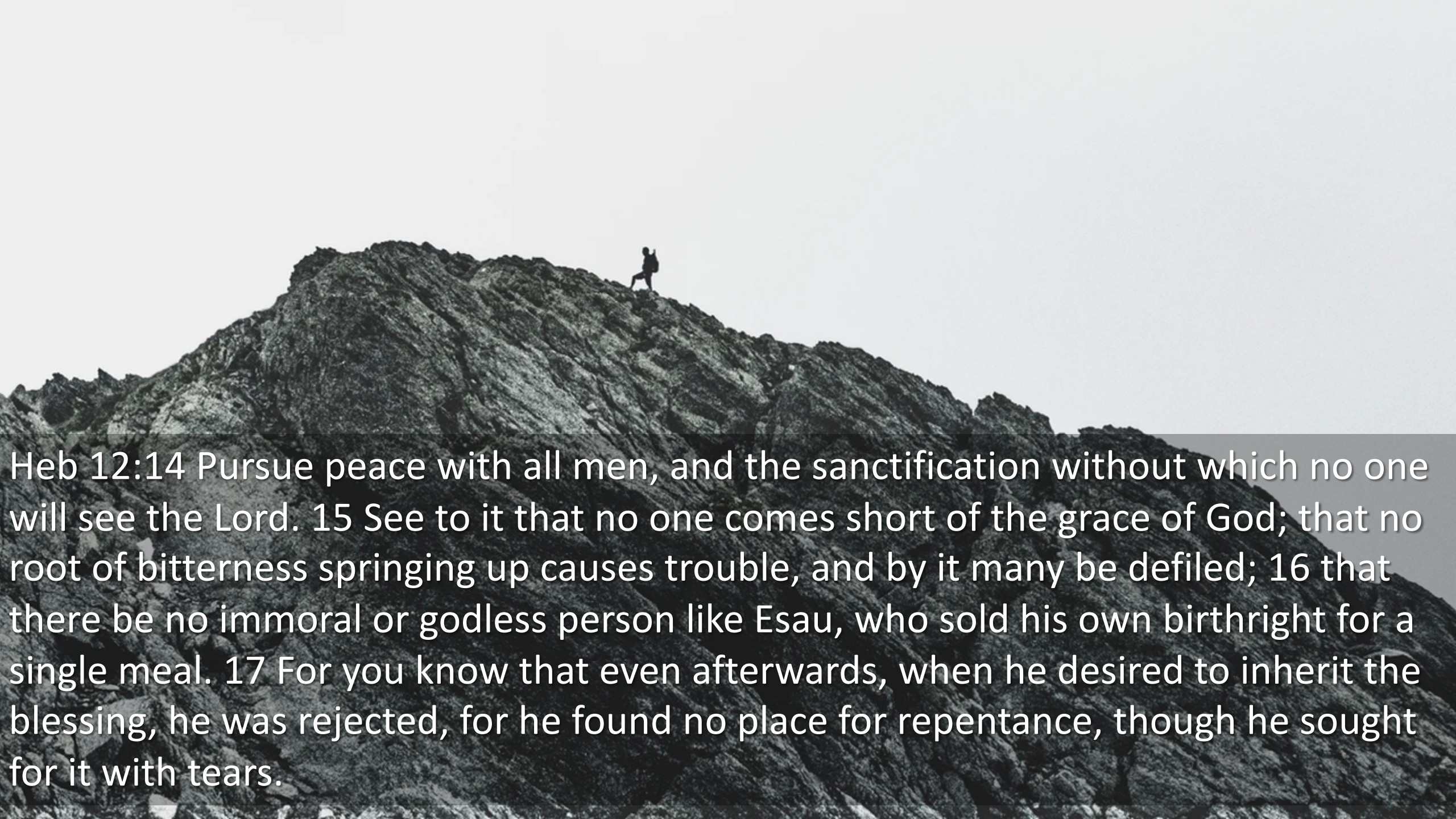


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2. What is Holiness?
3. How to pursue Holiness?

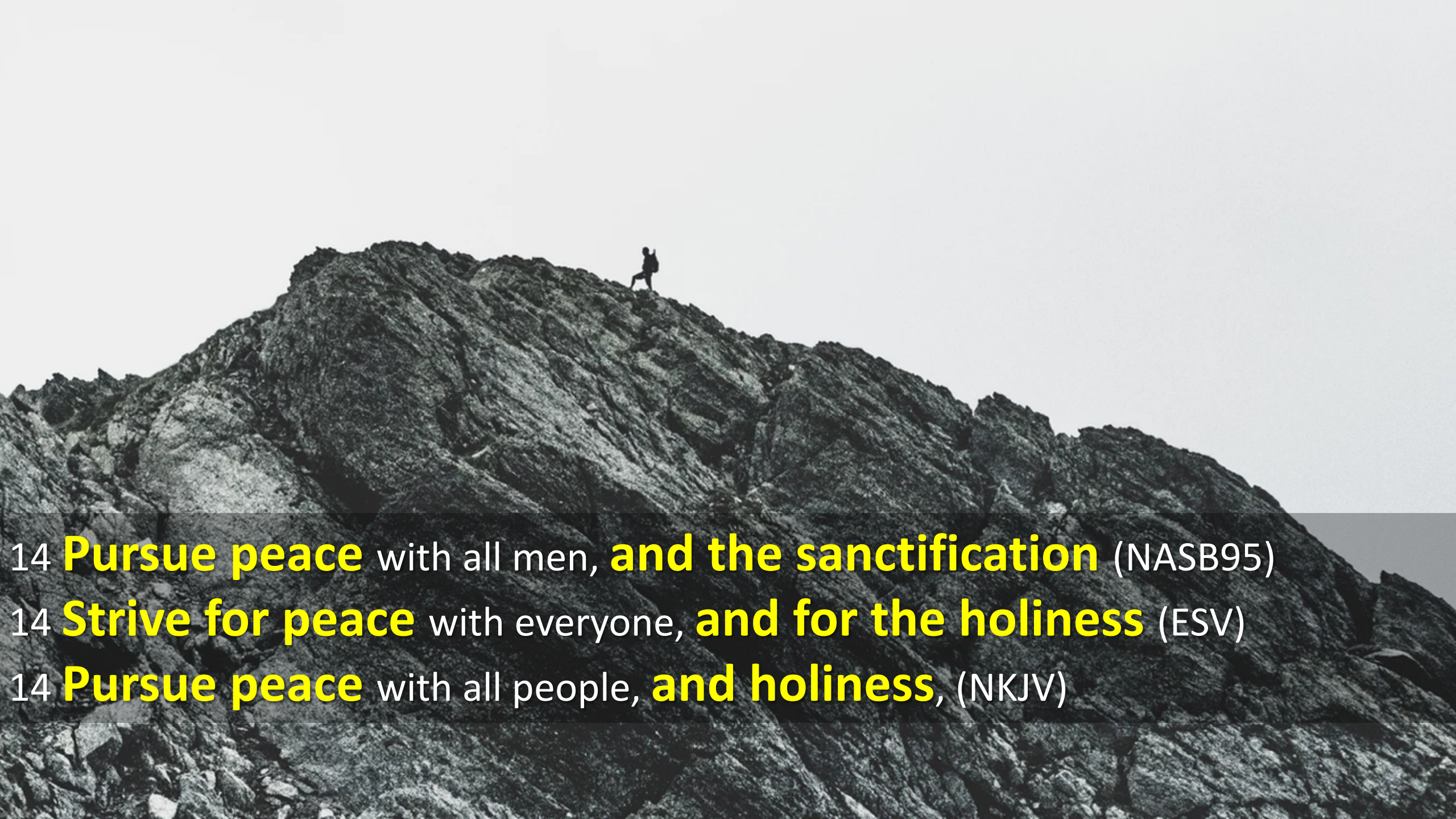




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14 **Pursue peace** with all men, **and the sanctification** (NASB95)
14 **Strive for peace** with everyone, **and for the holiness** (ESV)
14 **Pursue peace** with all people, **and holiness**, (NKJV)



Why Pursue Holiness?

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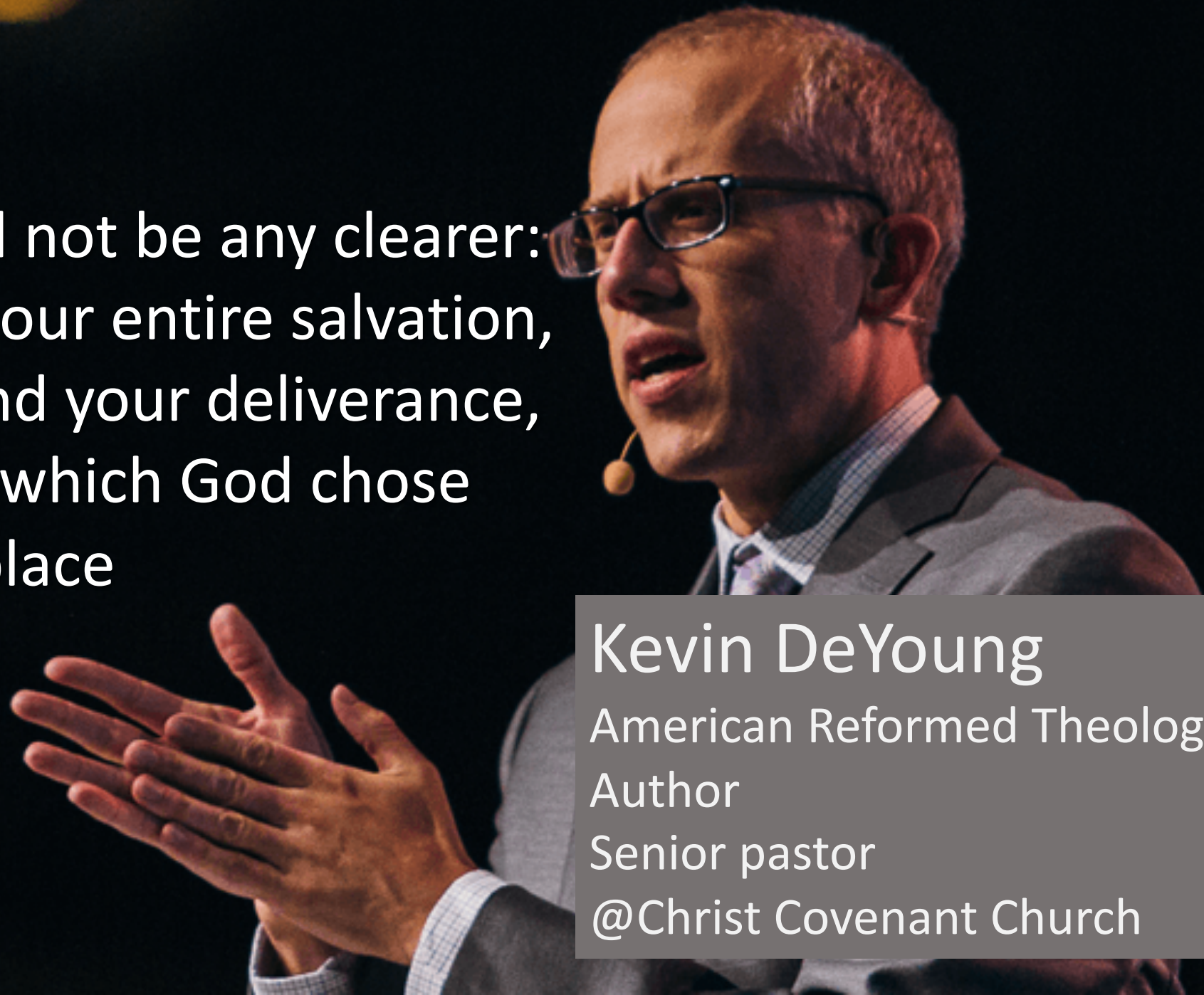
Matt 5: 8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, **for they shall see God**.

1 Thess 4:7 For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. 8 So, he who rejects this is not **rejecting** man but the **God** who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

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2. Command of God

1 Pet 1: 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; 16 because it is written, **“You shall be holy, for I am holy.”**

A man with glasses and a microphone, wearing a suit, is speaking and gesturing with his hands. The background is dark with some warm light spots.

“The Bible could not be any clearer:
The reason for your entire salvation,
the design behind your deliverance,
the purpose for which God chose
you in the first place
is holiness.”

Kevin DeYoung

American Reformed Theologian

Author

Senior pastor

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Ex 3: 5 Then He said, “Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”

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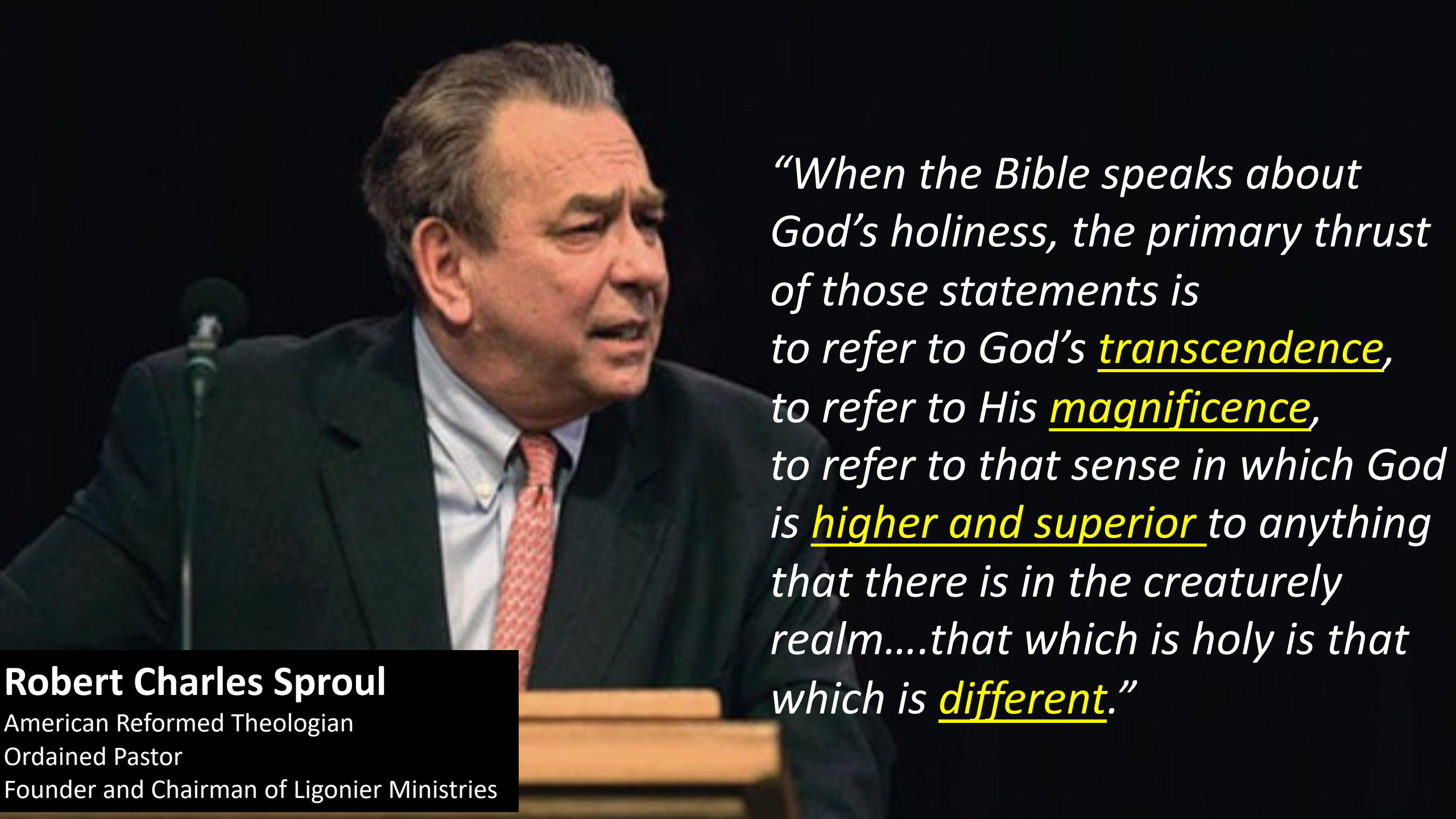
Among God's characteristics, as He has revealed himself, none is more significant than His holiness (see Lev. 11:44–45; 19:2; 20:7). “Holy” and “holiness” occur more than **900 times in Scripture**, and both the Old and New Testaments speak more about His holiness than any other attribute.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/how-to-become-holy1>

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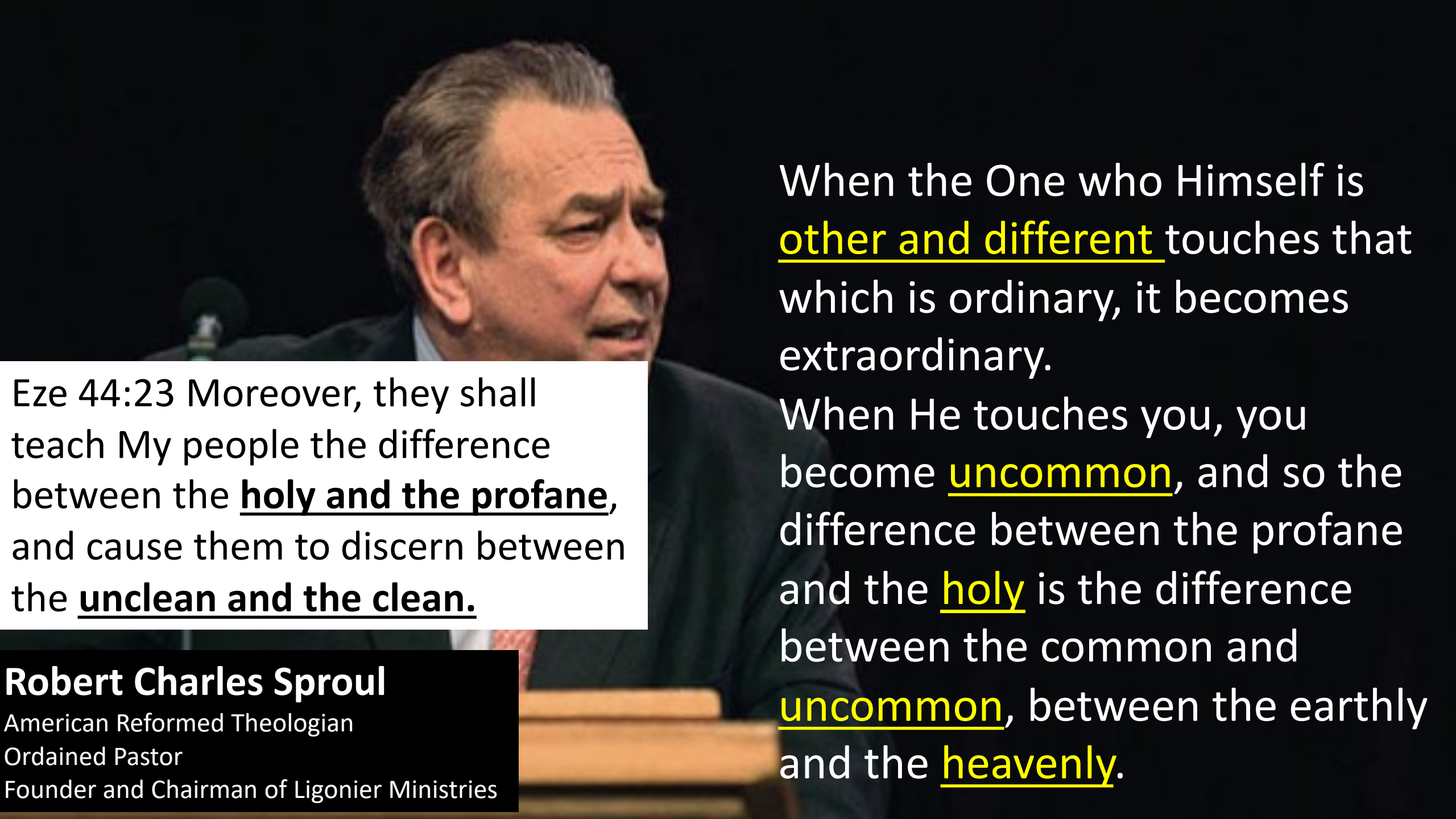
“When the Bible speaks about God’s holiness, the primary thrust of those statements is to refer to God’s transcendence, to refer to His magnificence, to refer to that sense in which God is higher and superior to anything that there is in the creaturely realm....that which is holy is that which is different.”

Robert Charles Sproul

American Reformed Theologian

Ordained Pastor

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A photograph of Robert Charles Sproul, an older man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit and a red tie. He is speaking at a podium, looking slightly to his right. The background is dark.

Eze 44:23 Moreover, they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

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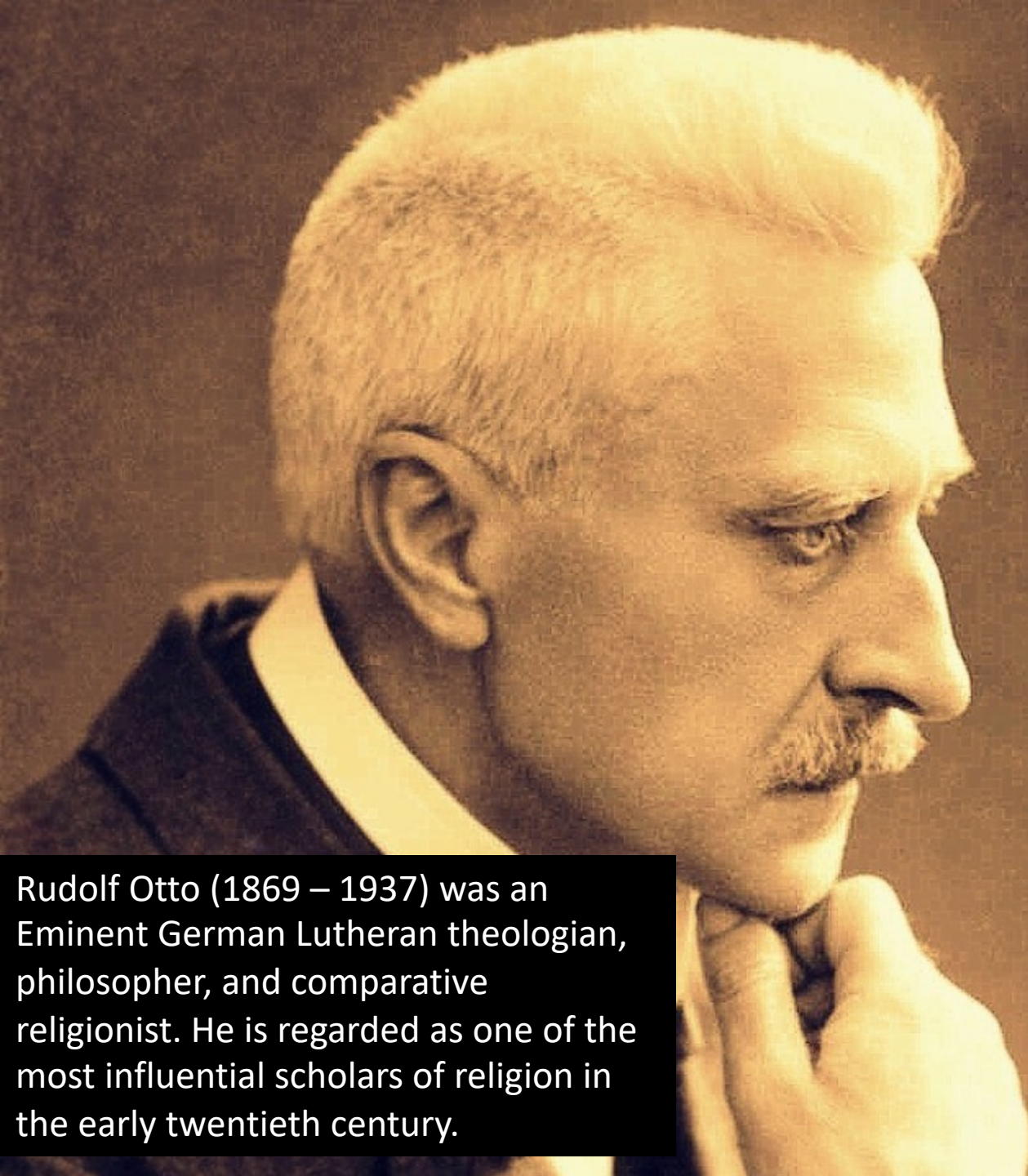
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Rudolf Otto (1869 – 1937) was an Eminent German Lutheran theologian, philosopher, and comparative religionist. He is regarded as one of the most influential scholars of religion in the early twentieth century.

The “holy” is manifested in a double form: as the mysterium tremendum (“mystery that repels”), in which the dreadful, fearful, and overwhelming aspect of the numinous appears, and as the mysterium fascinosum (“mystery that attracts”), by which humans are irresistibly drawn to the glory, beauty, adorable quality, and the blessing, redeeming, and salvation-bringing power of transcendence.



We all have some moments of those pregnant moments of awareness of the presence of God.

But they are not part of our ordinary, daily experience. Ordinary experience even for the most devout Christian is basically profane.

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Isa 6:1 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.



4 And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. 5 Then I said, **“Woe is me, for I am ruined!”**



For thus says the High and Lofly One
Who inhabits eternity
Whose name is Holy
"I dwell in the high and holy place
and also with him who has a contrite and humble
to revive the spirit of the humble,
and the heart of the contrite."

That I may know Christ
and the power of His resurrection
and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings,
being conformed to His death,
and to attain to the resurrection of the dead.
Philippians 3:10-11

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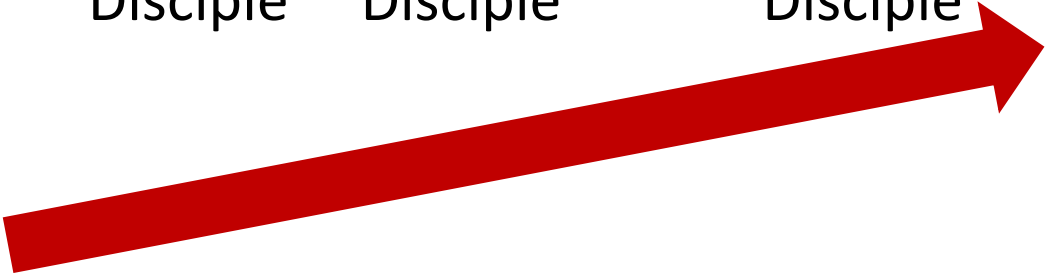


How to Pursue Holiness?
SANCTIFICATION



1 John2:12-14

Child - Young Man – Father
New Growing Maturing
Disciple Disciple Disciple

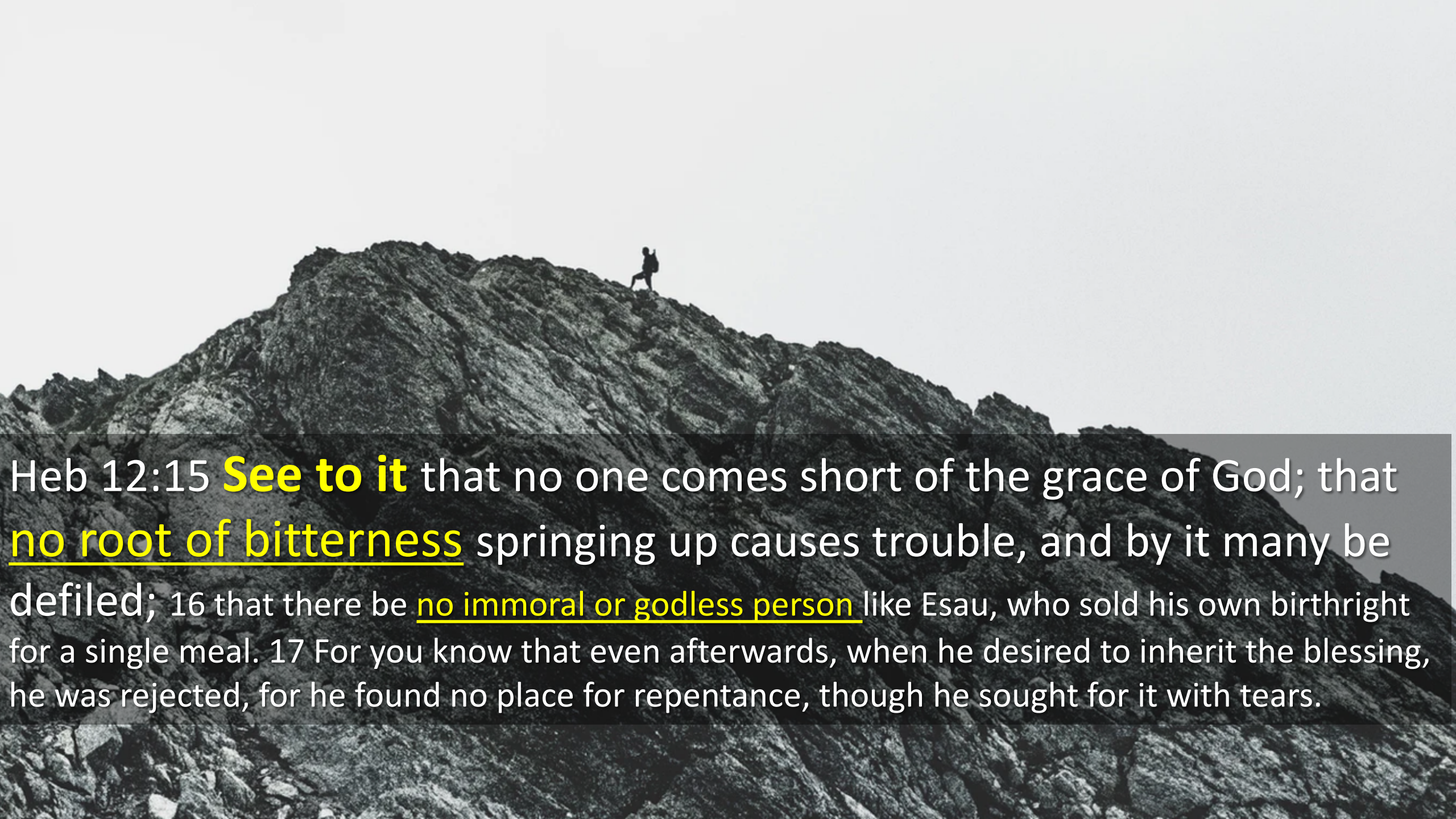


CONVERSION	TRIAL OF FAITH	RAPTURE/2 ND COMING
POSITIONAL SANCTIFICATION	PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION	PERFECT SANCTIFICATION
1 COR 1:2	1 THESS 4:3	1 THESS 5:23
IMMEDIATE HOLINESS (PAST)	INCREASING HOLINESS (PRESENT)	IDEAL HOLINESS (FUTURE)
WHAT GOD HAS MADE YOU.	WHAT GOD IS DOING IN YOU.	WHAT GOD WILL COMPLETE IN YOU.



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What is bitterness?

It is an internal, self inflicting wound that comes from responding improperly to an event or an offense.

The root of bitterness is a recognized hurt that causes one “to be bitter”.

Roots of Bitterness

HEBREWS 12:15

Some Frequent Roots of Bitterness

FAILURE TO CONVERT

- 2 timothy 4:1-4
- 1 Corinthians 3:6
- Acts 13:45-46

FAILURE OF PROFESSED CHRISTIANS

- 2 Timothy 4:10, 16
- Galatians 6:9

SICKNESS/TRAGEDY

- Job 1:22
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-9
- 1 Peter 4:12

OFFENSIVES

- Luke 17:1-5
- Ephesians 4:31-32
- Matthew 18:15-17

DISCIPLINE

- 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14
- 2 Corinthians 2:6-7
- Titus 3:10

RESTRAINTS OF GOD'S WORD

- Matthew 19:9
- 2 John 9-11
- Matthew 7:21-23



*Why he didn't believe?
I tried so hard....*

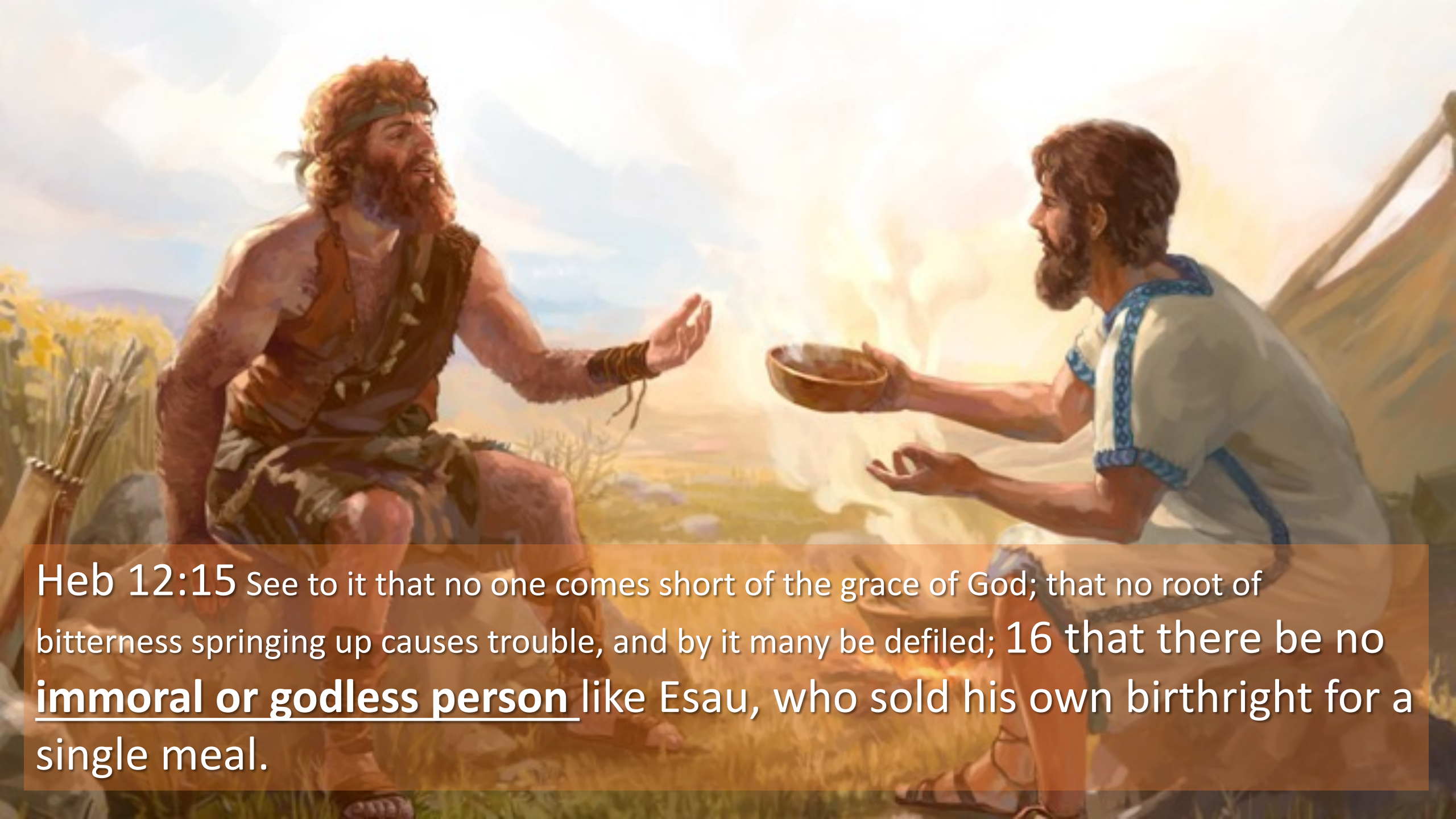
*Why he didn't
listen to my
opinion?*

*How can
Christian behave
like that?*

*I don't like his
correction? Who
he thinks he is?*

*Cancer, Lost Job,
Sudden death.*

*What is wrong
with Pre-marital
Sex?*



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God made us physical and relational creatures. Christian life and church life cannot finally be downloaded. They must be observed, heard, stepped into, and followed.

It's no surprise that virtual, or internet, church is growing in popularity. It's convenient and—honestly—it allows you to avoid messy relationships. We get it; that's a strong temptation.



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Yes, gathering with the church can be inconvenient, but so is love. Relationships are messy, but so is love. Vulnerable conversations are scary, but so is love.

Yet to offer or encourage (even with good intentions) virtual church as a permanent option, hurts Christian discipleship. It trains Christians to think of their faith as autonomous. It teaches them they can follow Jesus as a member of the “family of God,” in some abstract sense, without teaching them what it means to be a part of a family and to make sacrifices for a family.

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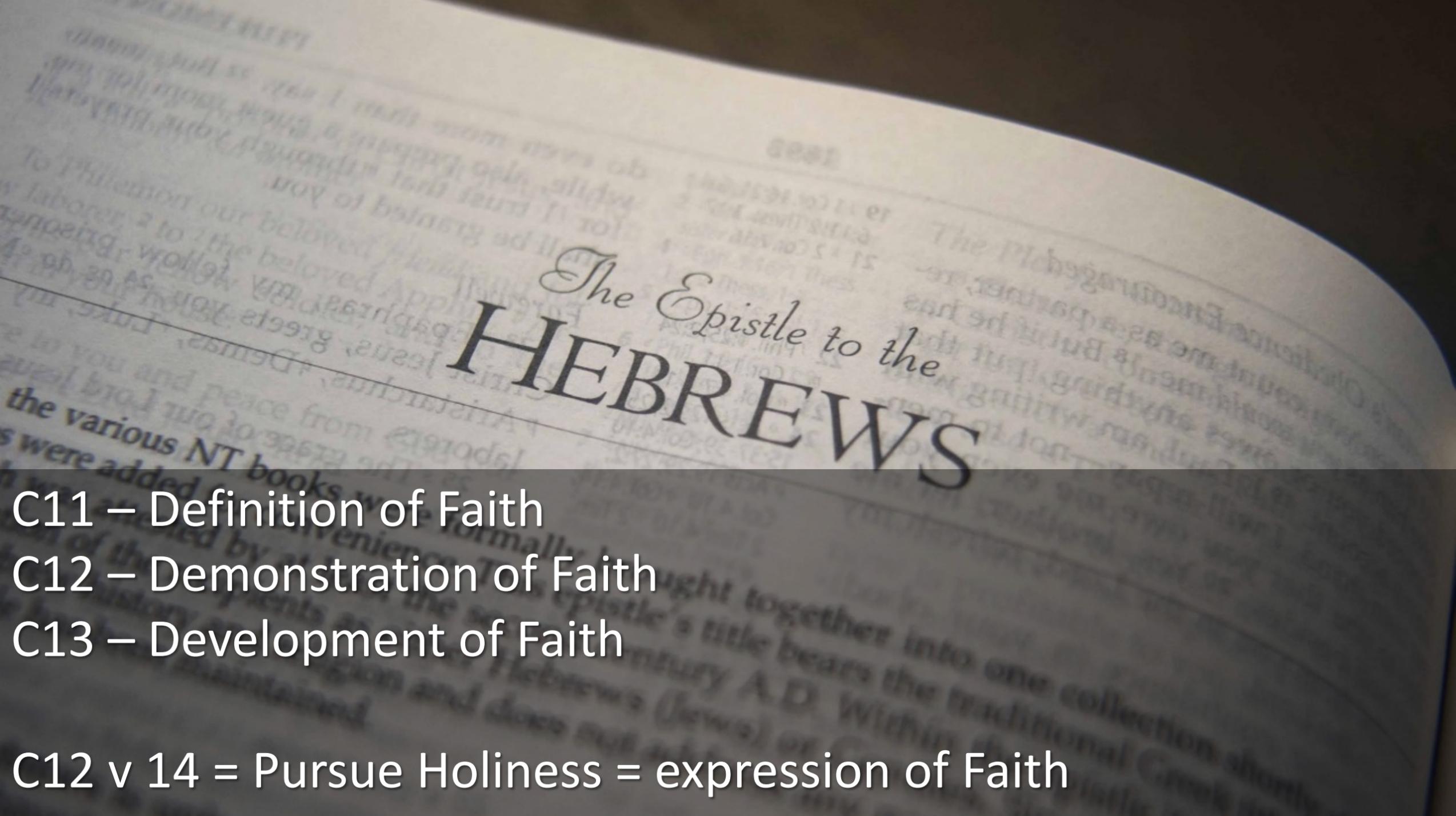
In that regard, pastors should encourage people away from virtual “attendance” as much as they are able. We need to find a gentle way to remind our members that the livestream option is not good for them. It's not good for their discipleship, and it's not good for their faith. We want this to be clear to them, lest they become complacent and not work hard at gathering with us, if they can.





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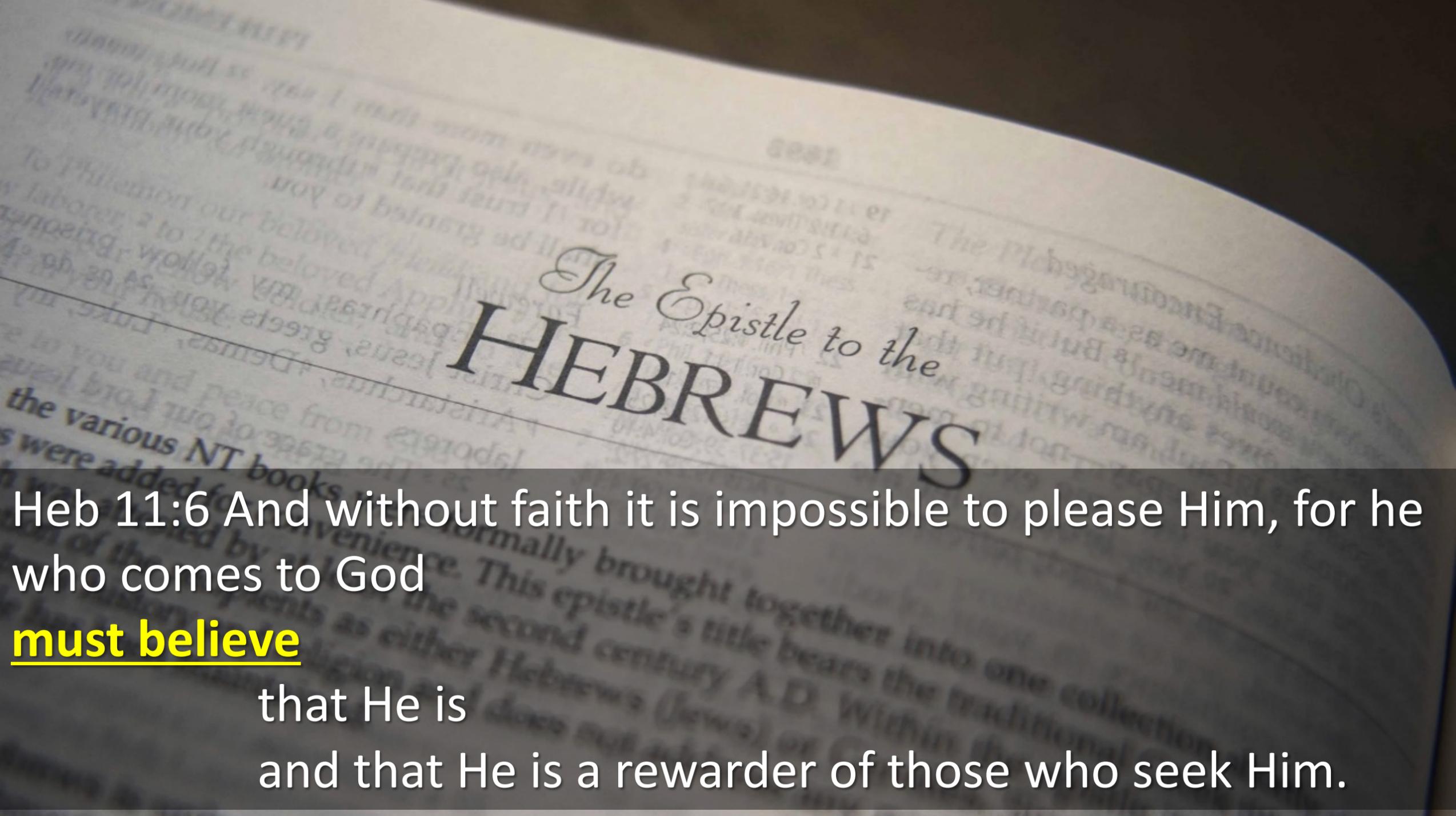
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C11 – Definition of Faith

C12 – Demonstration of Faith

C13 – Development of Faith

C12 v 14 = Pursue Holiness = expression of Faith



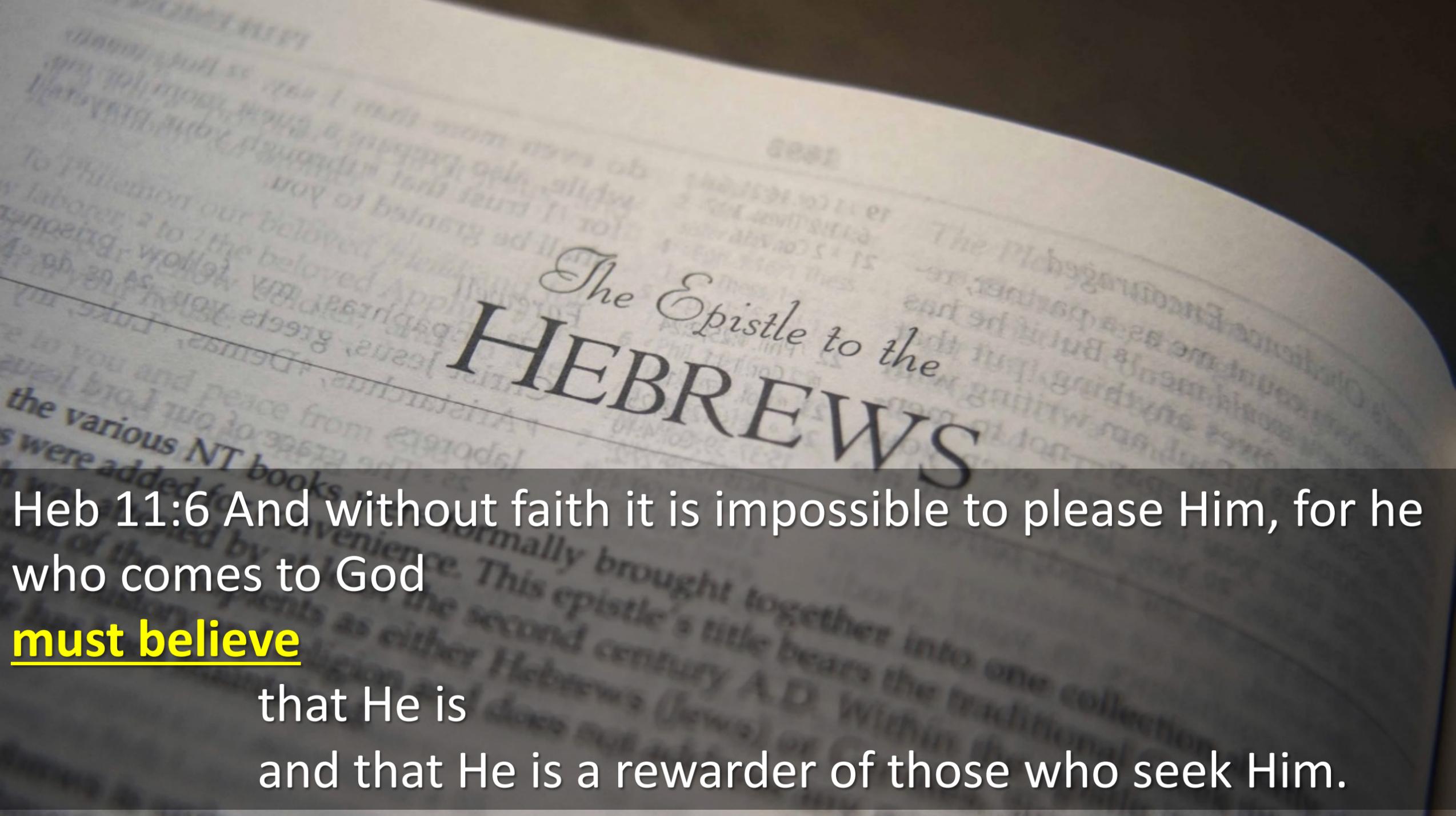
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Celebrating in victory,
Doing nothing?



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There's nothing worth more
That will ever come close
Nothing can compare
You're our living Hope
Your presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of love
When my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place
And fill the atmosphere
Your glory God
Is what our hearts long for
To be overcome
By Your presence, Lord

Overwhelm us with Your presence God
Overwhelm us now
Oh, beautiful name

Let us become more aware
Of Your presence
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Lift your voice tonight
Lift your hunger tonight
Cry out for more, for more
Don't be satisfied
To where you've been
Don't be contempt
Praise Him for more
Hunger for more tonight
Yeah
Oh more, more of God
More of Him

Yes
Tell Him tonight
Tell Him tonight
How hungry you are
Lift your voice
Lift your voice tonight
So hungry, so hungry for more
Can't stay where I've been
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