

A photograph of a stone wall, likely made of limestone or a similar light-colored rock. The wall is composed of large, roughly-hewn blocks of stone, some of which are weathered and show signs of age. The lighting is dramatic, with the right side of the wall being brightly lit and the left side being in deep shadow. At the bottom center, a small, green, leafy plant is growing out of the ground. The overall texture is rough and aged.

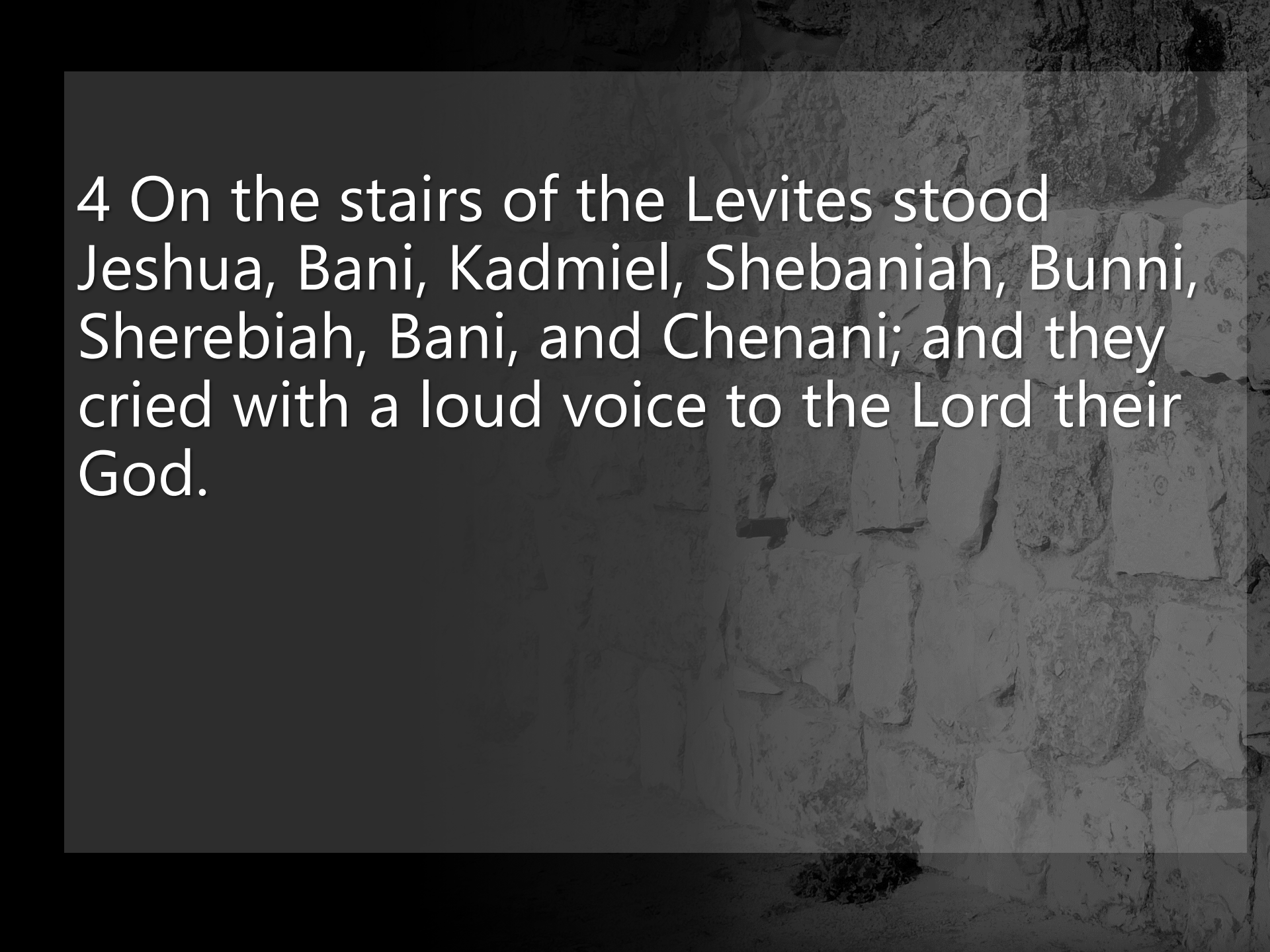
Submission Hold
Nehemiah chapters 9-10

722 BC- northern kingdom of Judah captured
586- Jerusalem conquered
538- Zerubbabel returns to rebuild temple
458- Ezra the scribe returns
445- Nehemiah returns to rebuild walls



1 Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the Lord their God.



4 On the stairs of the Levites stood
Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni,
Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani; and they
cried with a loud voice to the Lord their
God.

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 "You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. You are the Lord, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham.

8 You found his heart faithful before you, and made with him the covenant to give to his offspring the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite. And you have kept your promise, for you are righteous.

Nehemiah 9:1-8

I. The Broken assembly.

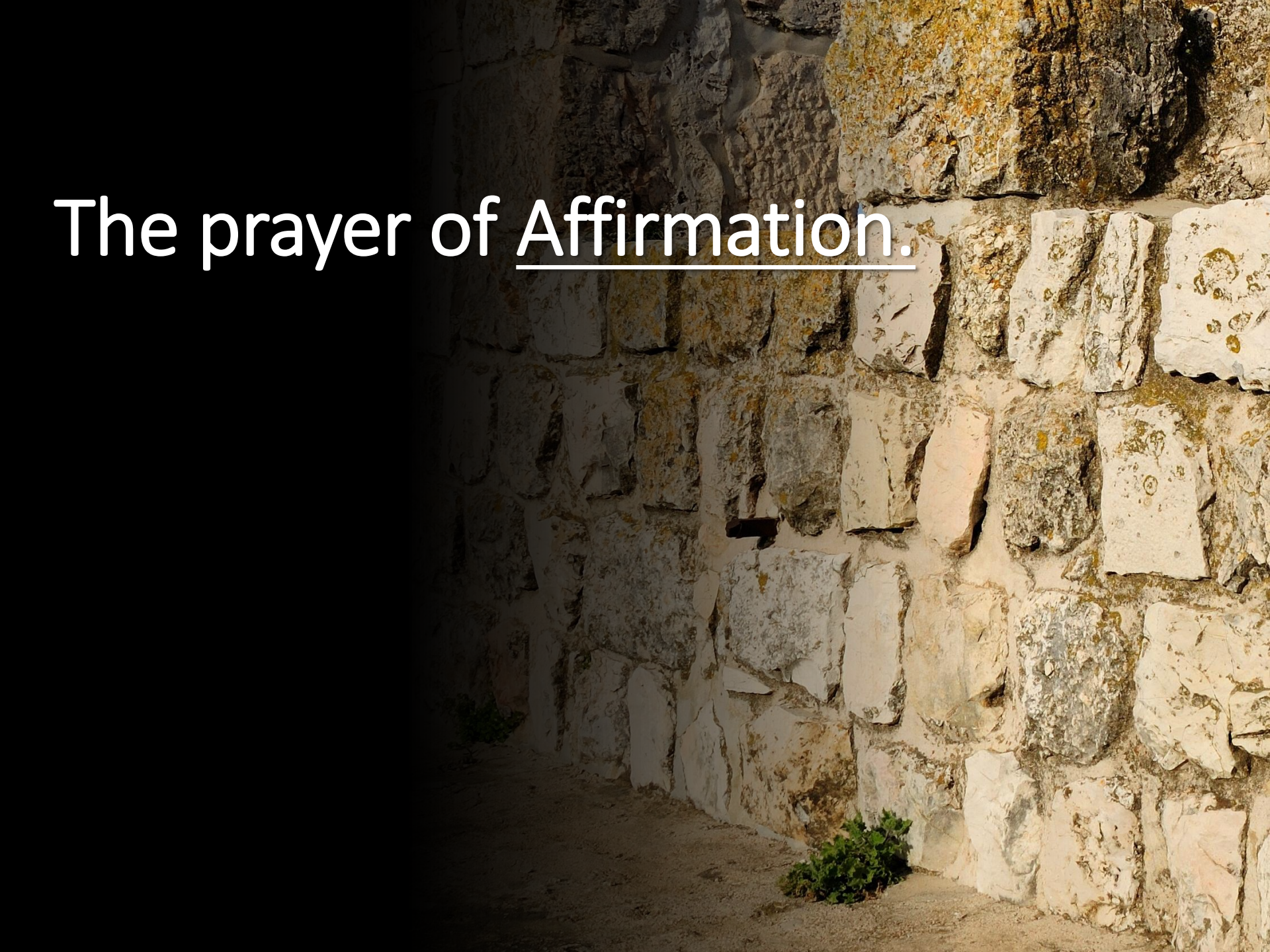


A photograph of a weathered stone wall. The wall is constructed from large, irregular, light-colored stones with some darker patches and signs of aging. A small, dark, rectangular hole is visible in the middle of the wall. At the base of the wall, a small green plant is growing. The lighting is dramatic, with the right side of the wall being brightly lit and the left side being in deep shadow.

I. The Broken assembly.

II. The Prayer

The prayer of Affirmation.

A photograph of a stone wall, likely made of limestone or a similar light-colored rock. The wall is composed of irregularly shaped blocks, some of which are weathered and have a yellowish-brown patina. The wall is set against a dark background, possibly a cave or a tunnel. At the base of the wall, there is a small, green, leafy plant growing out of the ground. The lighting is dramatic, with the wall being brightly lit from the right and the background being in deep shadow.

4 So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord.

6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

**8 And Moses quickly bowed his head
toward the earth and worshiped.**

Exodus 34:4-8

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Genesis 12:1-2

5 And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 15:5-6

The prayer of Affirmation.

A photograph of a stone wall made of irregular, light-colored stones. The wall is illuminated from the right, creating strong shadows on the left side. A small green plant is growing from the base of the wall in the lower right corner. The text 'The prayer of Affirmation.' is overlaid in white, with 'Affirmation' underlined.

A photograph of a stone wall with two lines of white text overlaid. The wall is made of irregular, light-colored stones with some darker patches and a small green plant growing at the base. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font. The first line reads "The prayer of Affirmation." and the second line reads "The prayer of Confession." The underlines are thin white lines.

The prayer of Affirmation.
The prayer of Confession.

A photograph of a stone wall, likely made of limestone or similar material, with a rough, textured surface. The wall is illuminated from the right, creating strong shadows and highlights. The text is overlaid on the left side of the wall. The text is white and reads: "The prayer of Affirmation.
The prayer of Confession.
Nehemiah 9:9-29".

The prayer of Affirmation.
The prayer of Confession.
Nehemiah 9:9-29

A photograph of a stone wall with three lines of white text overlaid on the left side. The wall is made of large, irregular, light-colored stones with some darker patches and a small green plant growing at the base. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The first line is "The prayer of Affirmation.", the second is "The prayer of Confession.", and the third is "The prayer of Petition.".

The prayer of Affirmation.
The prayer of Confession.
The prayer of Petition.

32 "Now, therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love, let not all the hardship seem little to you that has come upon us, upon our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria until this day.

33 Yet you have been righteous in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly. Our kings, our princes, our priests, and our fathers have not kept your law or paid attention to your commandments and your warnings that you gave them.

35 Even in their own kingdom, and amid your great goodness that you gave them, and in the large and rich land that you set before them, they did not serve you or turn from their wicked works. Behold, we are slaves this day; in the land that you gave to our fathers to enjoy its fruit and its good gifts, behold, we are slaves.

37 And its rich yield goes to the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins. They rule over our bodies and over our livestock as they please, and we are in great distress.

Nehemiah 9:32-37

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

A photograph of a stone wall with three lines of white text overlaid on the left side. The wall is made of large, irregular, light-colored stones with some darker patches and a small green plant growing at the base. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The first line is "The prayer of Affirmation.", the second is "The prayer of Confession.", and the third is "The prayer of Petition.".

The prayer of Affirmation.
The prayer of Confession.
The prayer of Petition.

The Covenant



38 "Because of all this we make a firm covenant in writing; on the sealed document are the names of our princes, our Levites, and our priests.

Nehemiah 9:32-38

The Covenant - Names



A photograph of a stone wall, likely made of limestone or a similar light-colored rock. The wall is composed of large, roughly-hewn blocks of stone, some of which are covered in yellowish-brown lichen or moss. The wall is set against a dark background, possibly a cave or a tunnel. The lighting is dramatic, with the wall being brightly lit from the right and the background being in deep shadow. A small green plant is growing from the base of the wall in the lower right corner.

The Covenant

- Names
- The obligations

The obligations:

1. Curse and oath to obey



The obligations:

1. Curse and oath to obey
2. Rules concerning foreigners



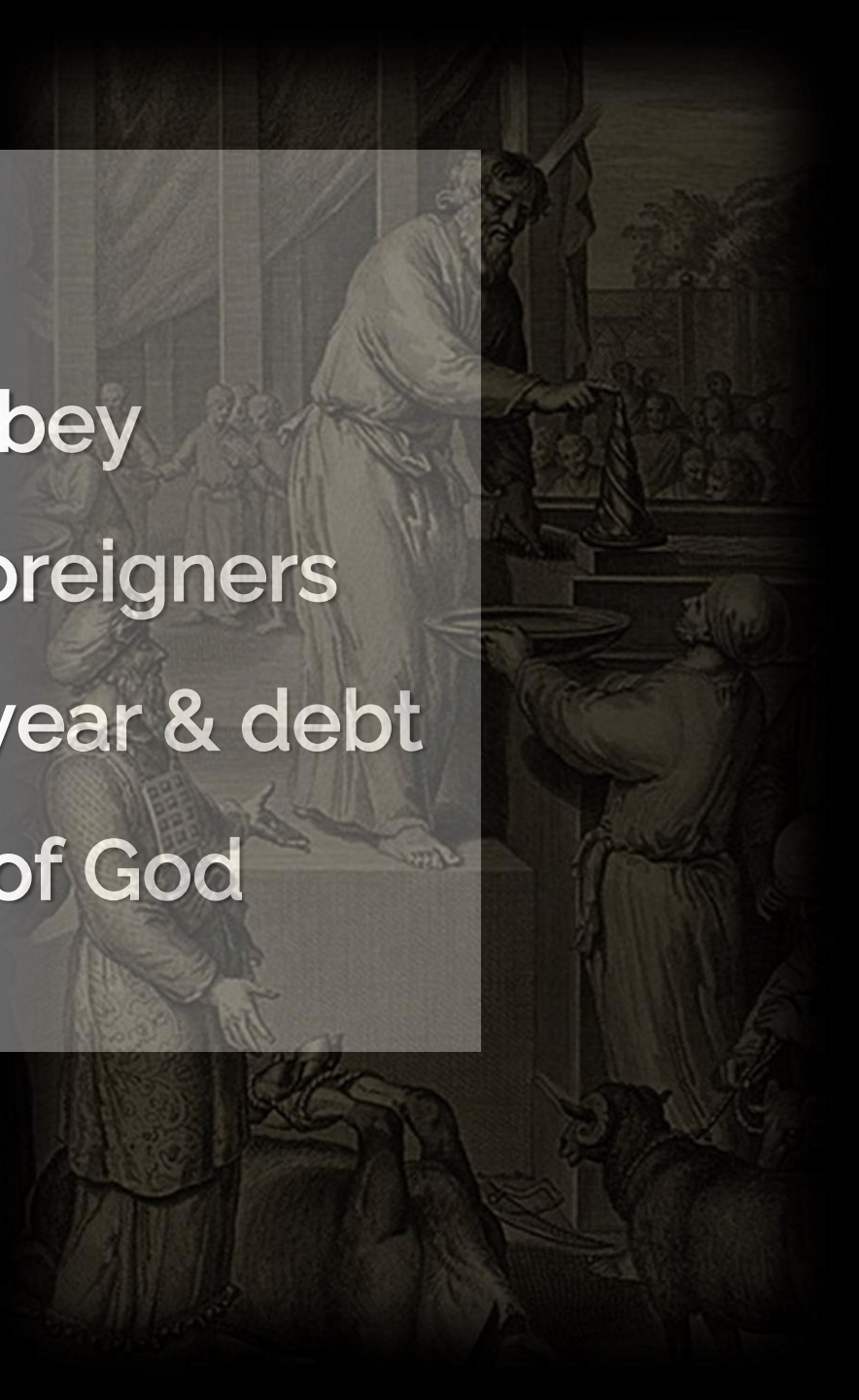
The obligations:

1. Curse and oath to obey
2. Rules concerning foreigners
3. Forgo crops on 7th year & debt



The obligations:

1. Curse and oath to obey
2. Rules concerning foreigners
3. Forgo crops on 7th year & debt
4. Care for the house of God





A photograph of a stone wall made of irregular, light-colored stones. The wall is illuminated from the right, creating shadows. A semi-transparent grey rectangular area covers the left side of the image, containing white text.

Application:

1. Do we submit willingly?

A photograph of a stone wall made of large, irregular, light-colored stones. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box is overlaid on the left and center of the image, containing white text. The background shows the texture of the stone wall and a small green plant growing at the base of the wall in the lower right corner.

Application:

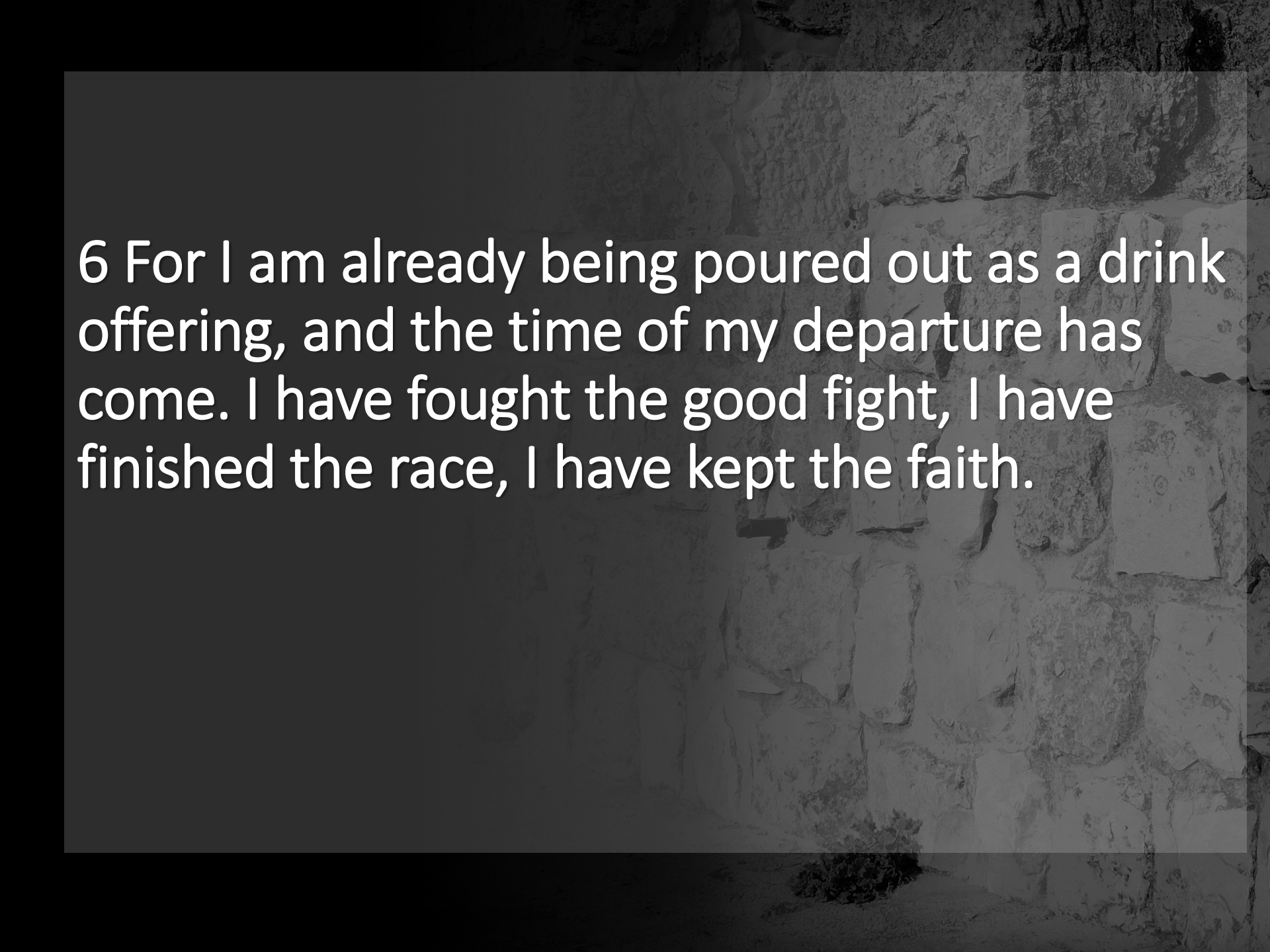
1. Do we submit willingly?
2. Are we aware of God's hand?

1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

1 Timothy 4:1-5



6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

1 Timothy 4:6-8

A photograph of a stone wall made of irregular, light-colored stones. The wall is partially covered by a semi-transparent grey overlay on the left side. The text is overlaid on this grey area.

Application:

1. Do we submit willingly?

A photograph of a stone wall made of irregular, light-colored stones. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text. The text is arranged in a list format. The background shows the texture of the stone wall and a small green plant growing at the base of the wall in the lower right corner.

Application:

1. Do we submit willingly?
2. Are we aware of God's hand?

A photograph of a stone wall made of irregular, light-colored stones. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text. The text is arranged in a list format. The background shows the texture of the stone wall and a small green plant growing at the base of the wall in the lower right corner.

Application:

1. Do we submit willingly?
2. Are we aware of God's hand?
3. Are we committed to obey?

Luke 10:17-27

