




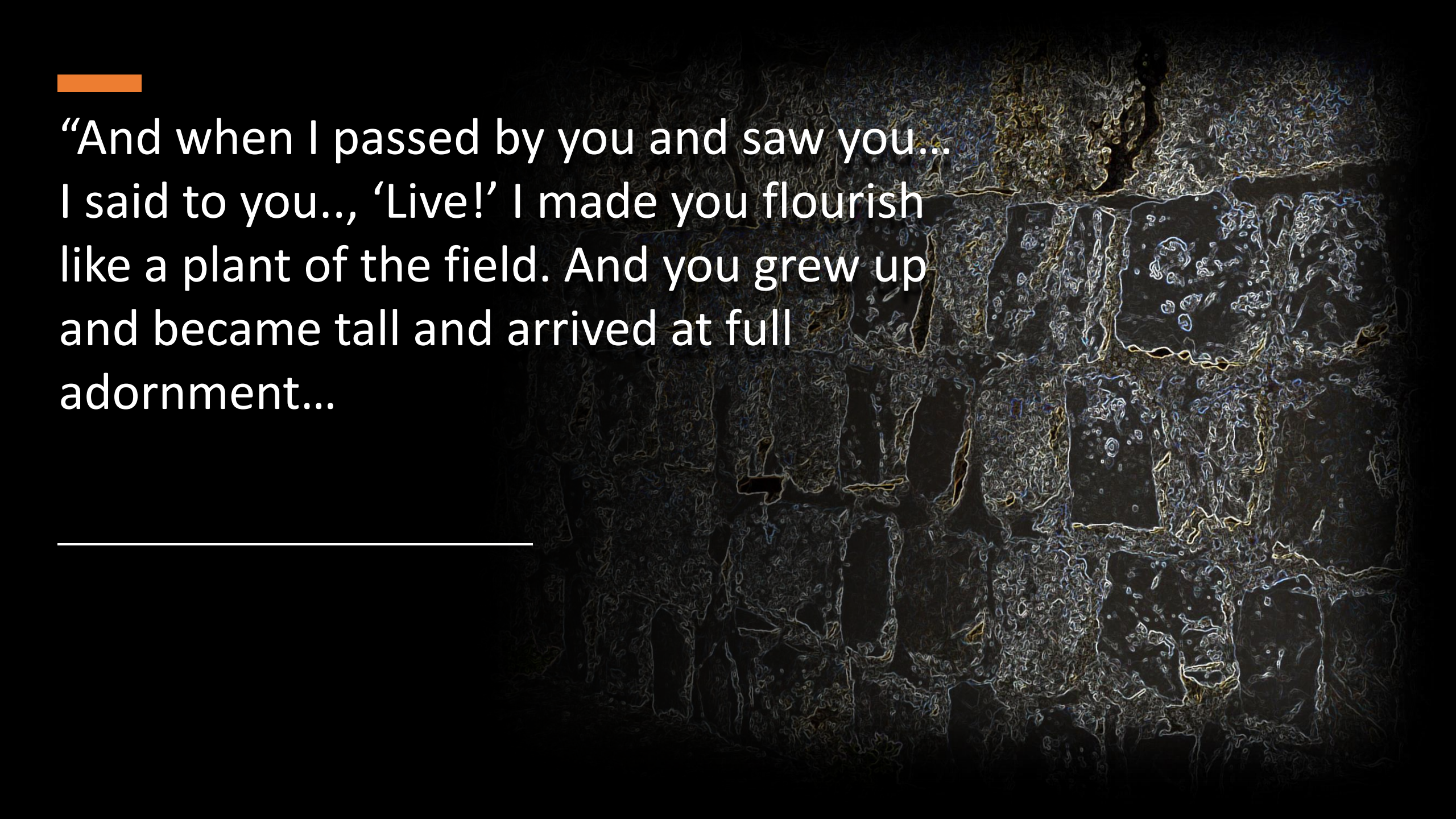
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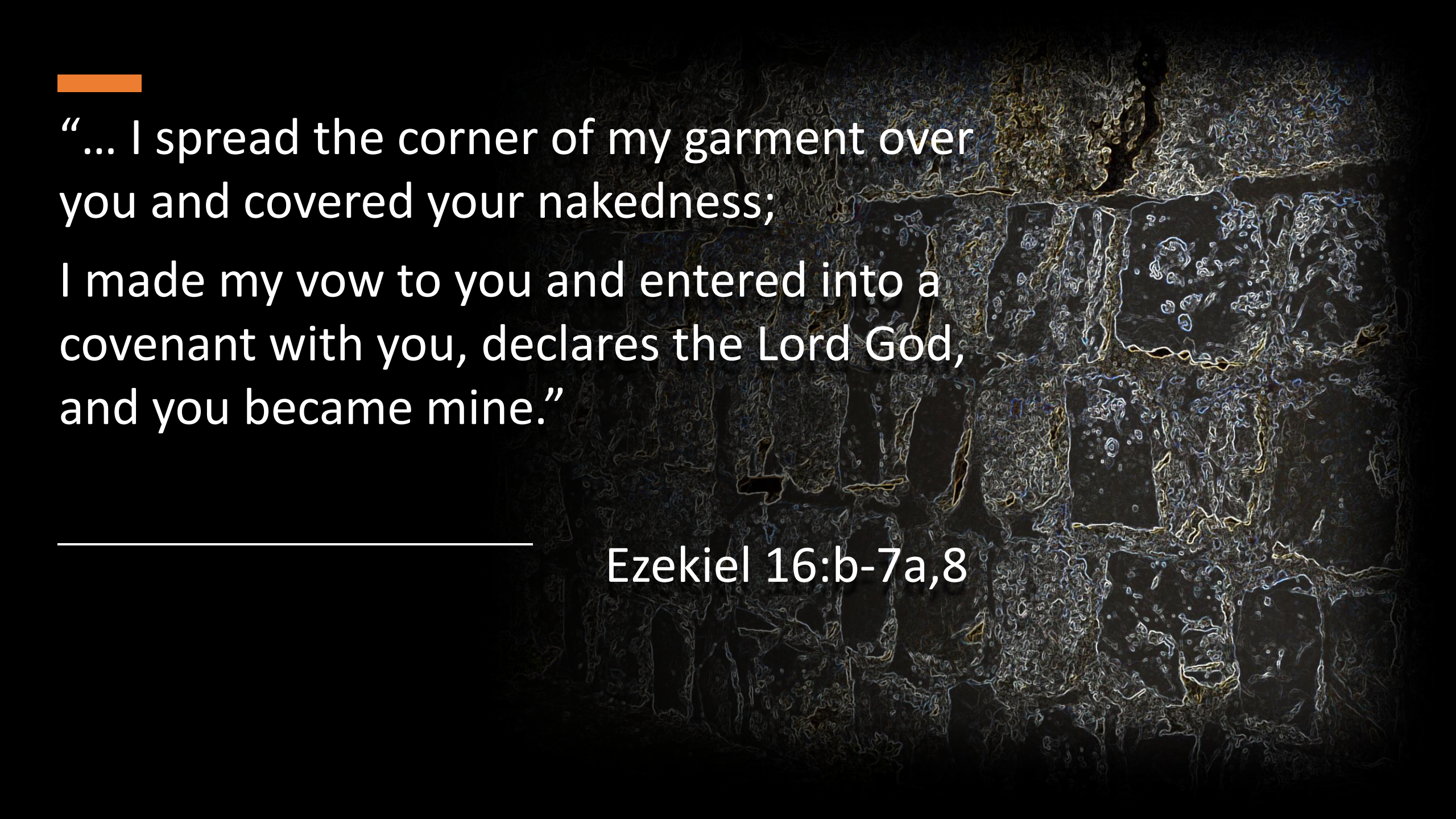


Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

Zephaniah 3:14




“And when I passed by you and saw you...
I said to you.., ‘Live!’ I made you flourish
like a plant of the field. And you grew up
and became tall and arrived at full
adornment...



“... I spread the corner of my garment over
you and covered your nakedness;
I made my vow to you and entered into a
covenant with you, declares the Lord God,
and you became mine.”

Ezekiel 16:b-7a,8



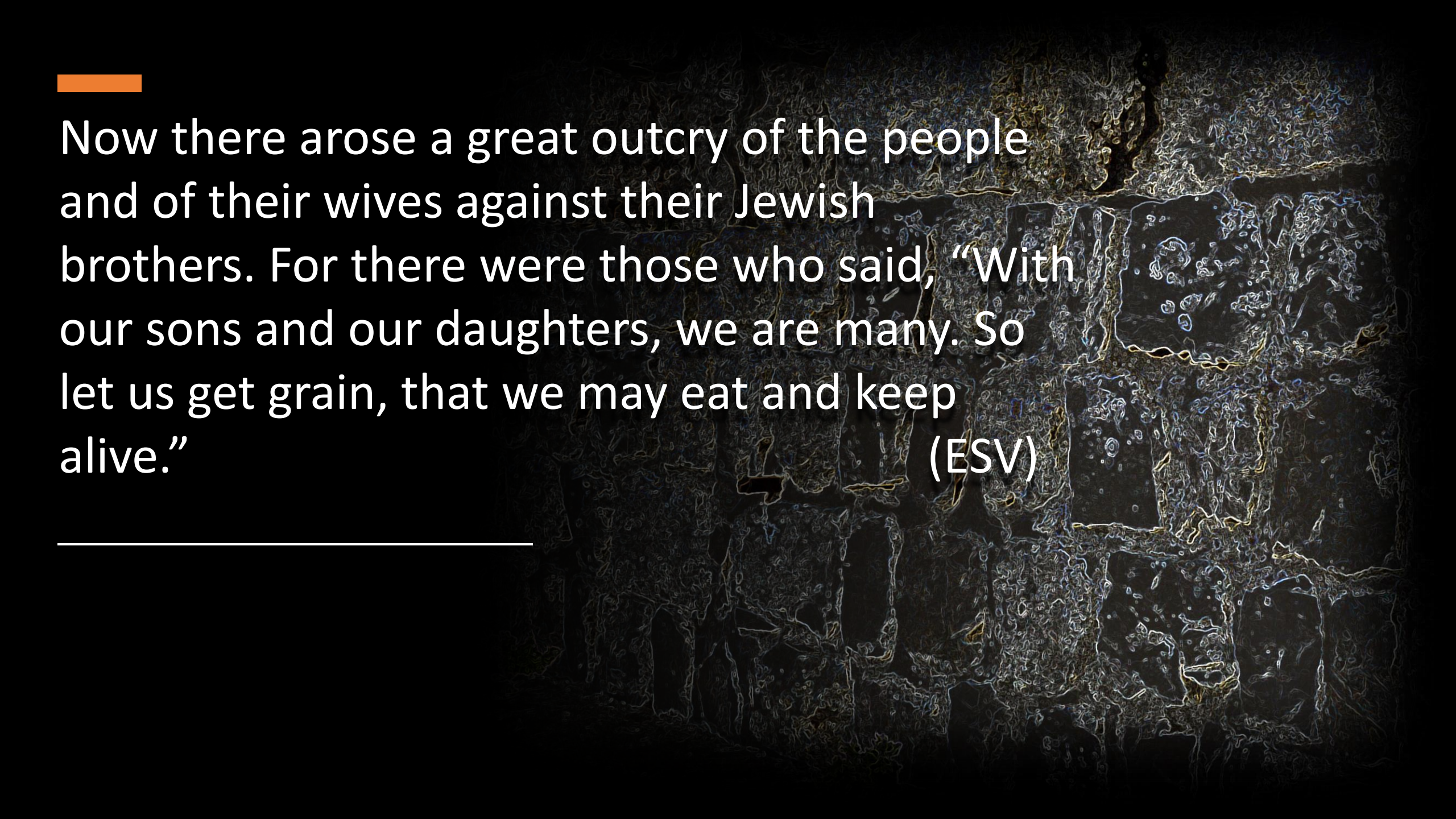
The Lord your God has chosen you to be a
people for his treasured possession, out of
all the peoples who are on the face of the
earth.

Deuteronomy 7:6



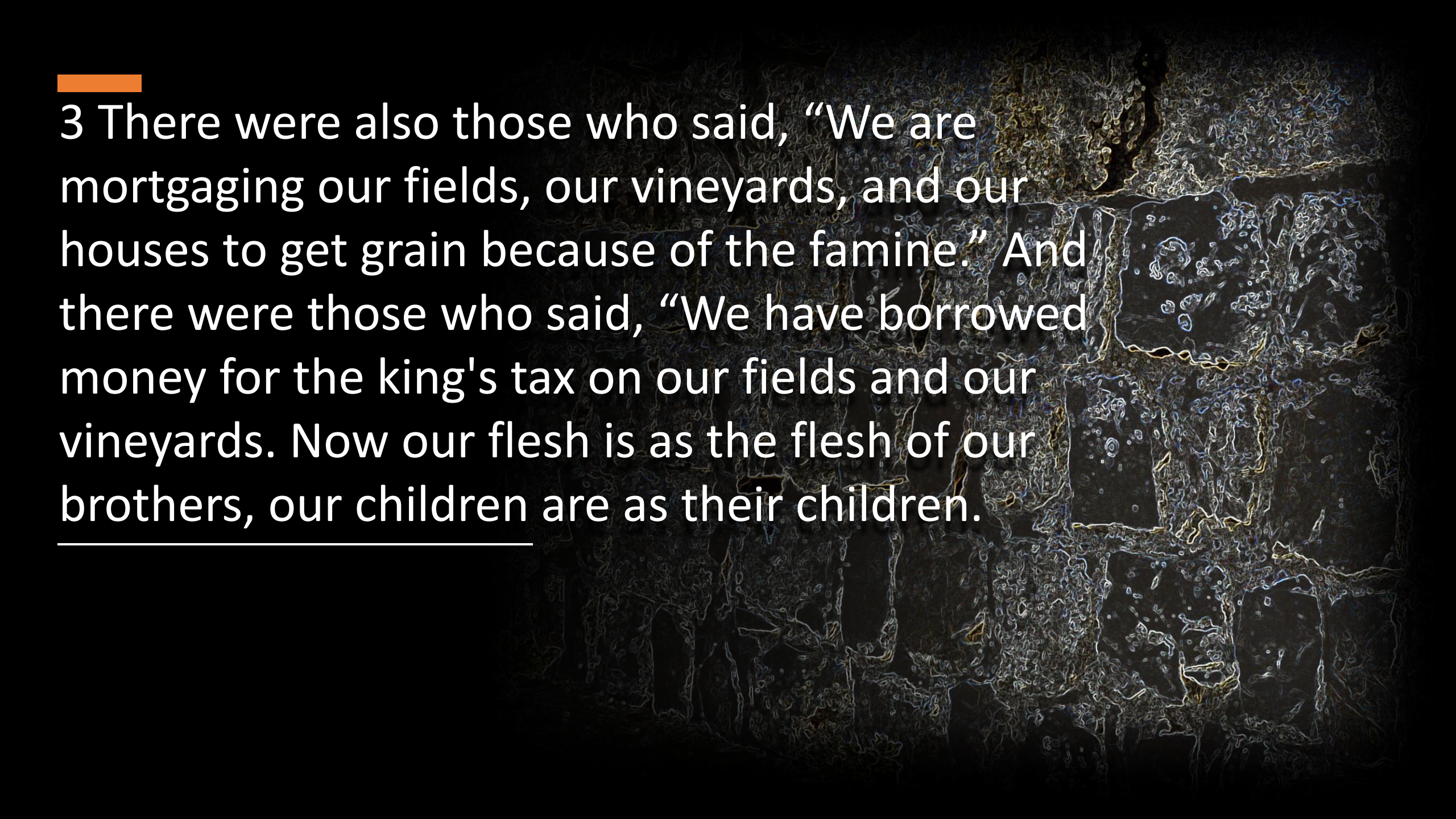
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Now there arose a great outcry of the people
and of their wives against their Jewish
brothers. For there were those who said, “With
our sons and our daughters, we are many. So
let us get grain, that we may eat and keep
alive.”

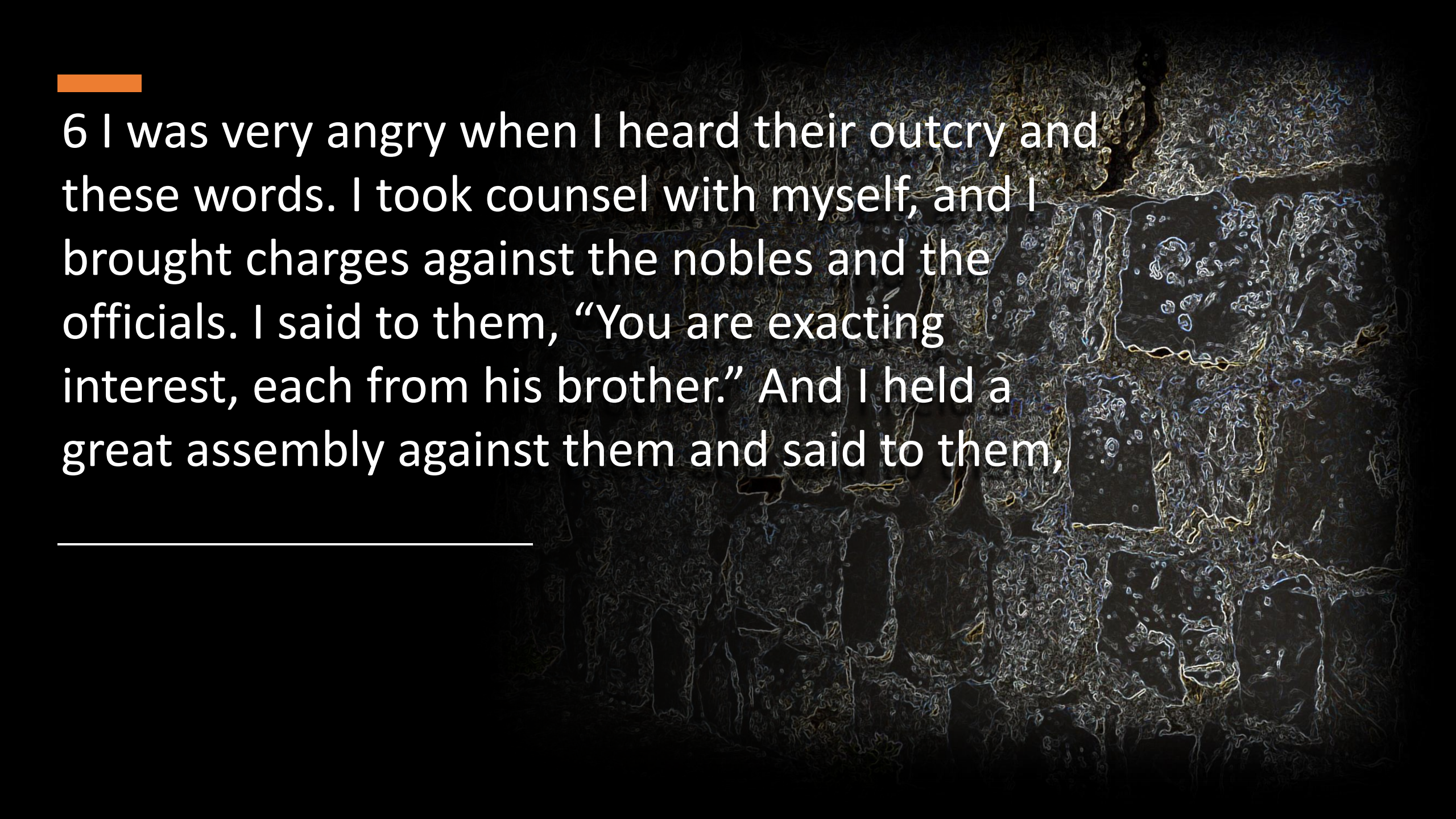
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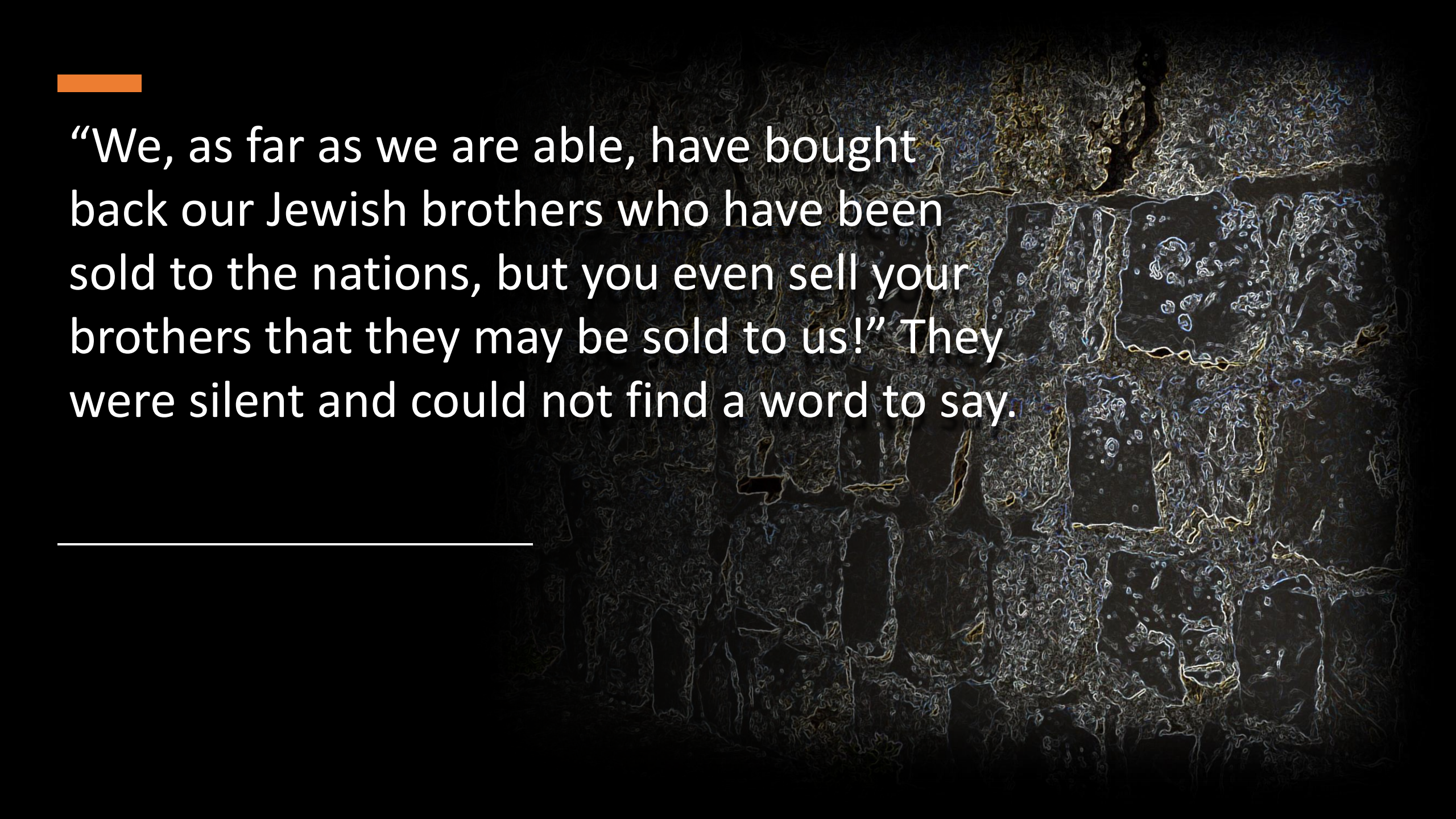
3 There were also those who said, “We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses to get grain because of the famine.” And there were those who said, “We have borrowed money for the king's tax on our fields and our vineyards. Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children are as their children.”



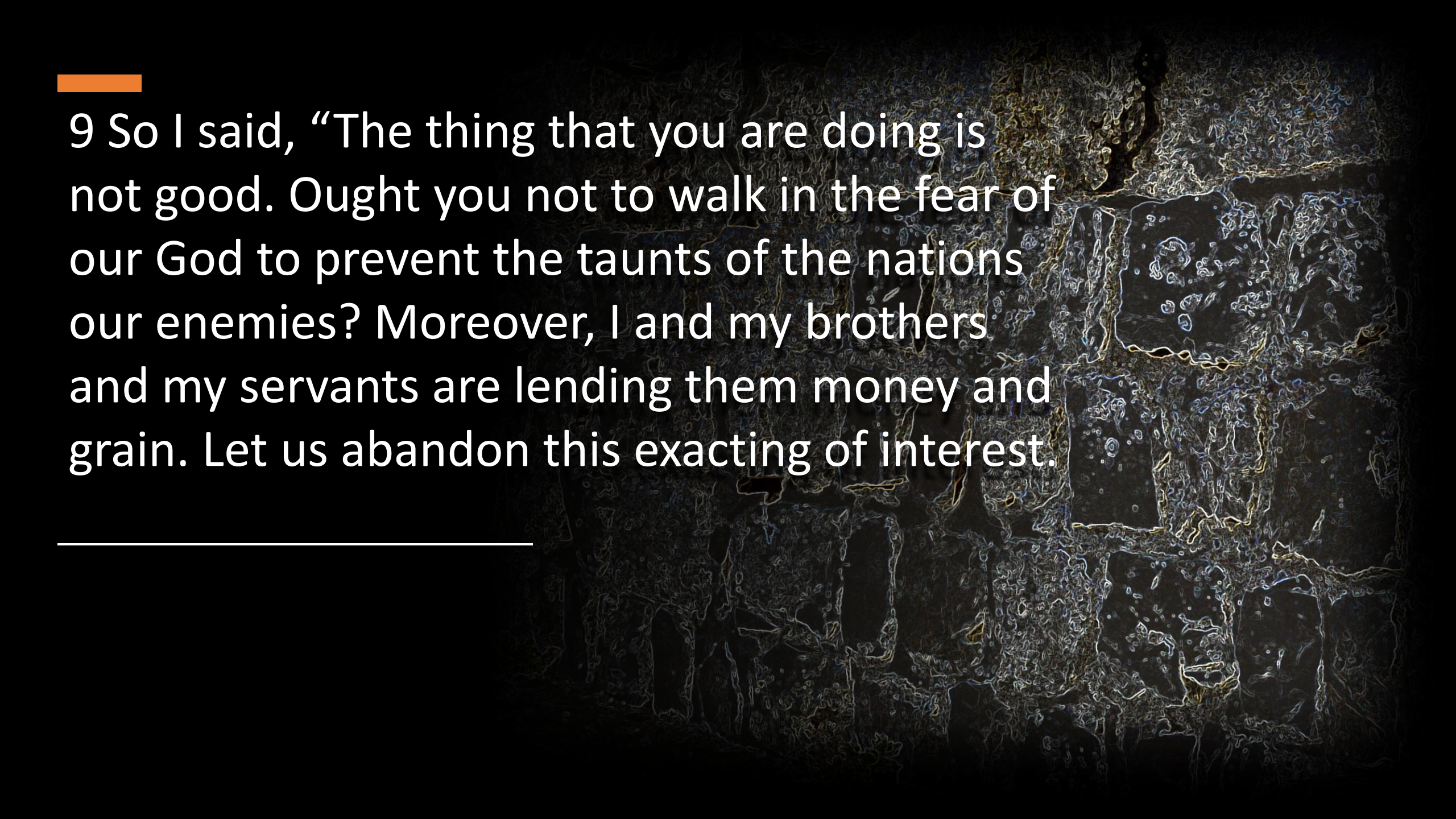
Yet we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards.”



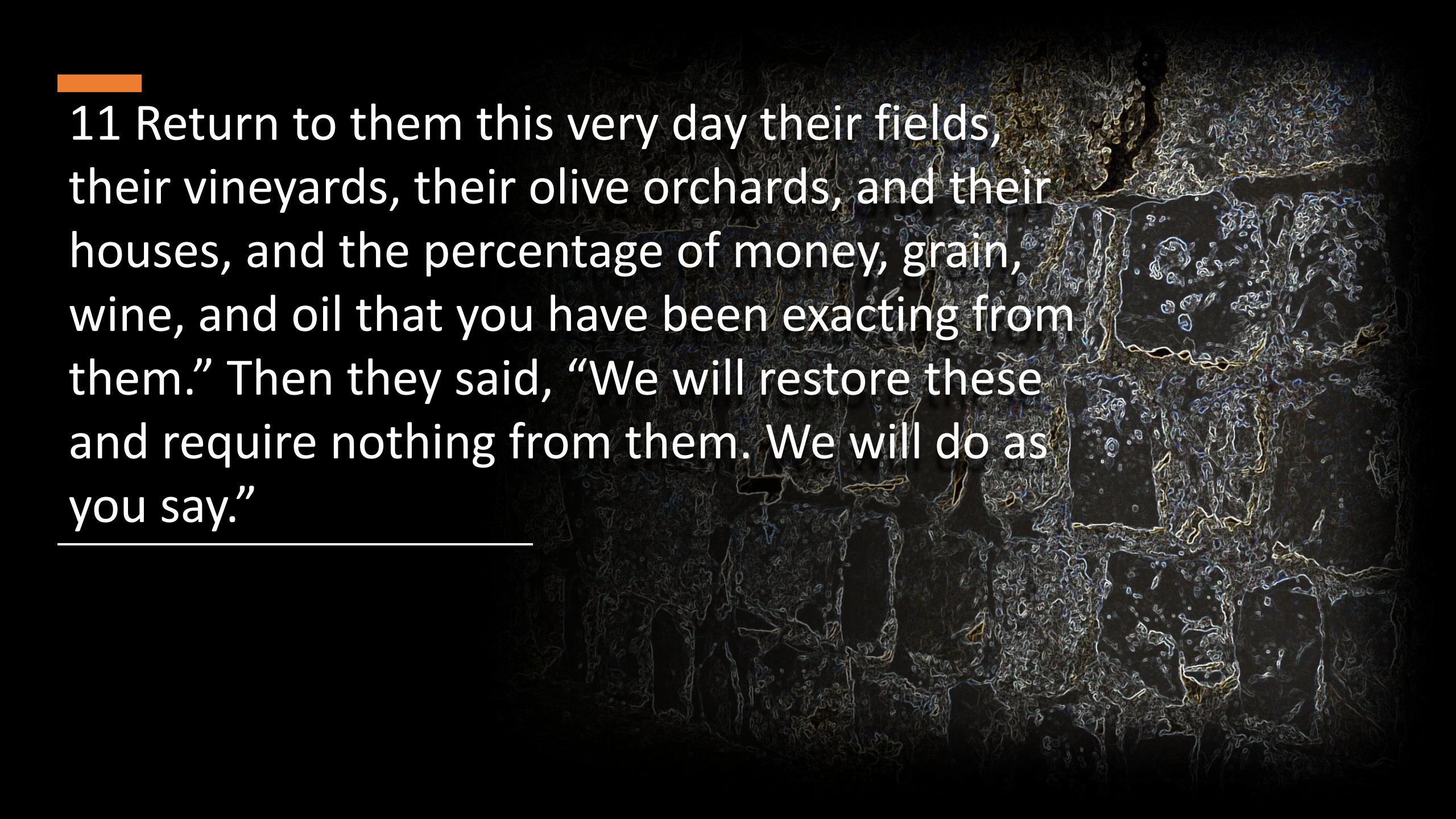
6 I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these words. I took counsel with myself, and I brought charges against the nobles and the officials. I said to them, “You are exacting interest, each from his brother.” And I held a great assembly against them and said to them,



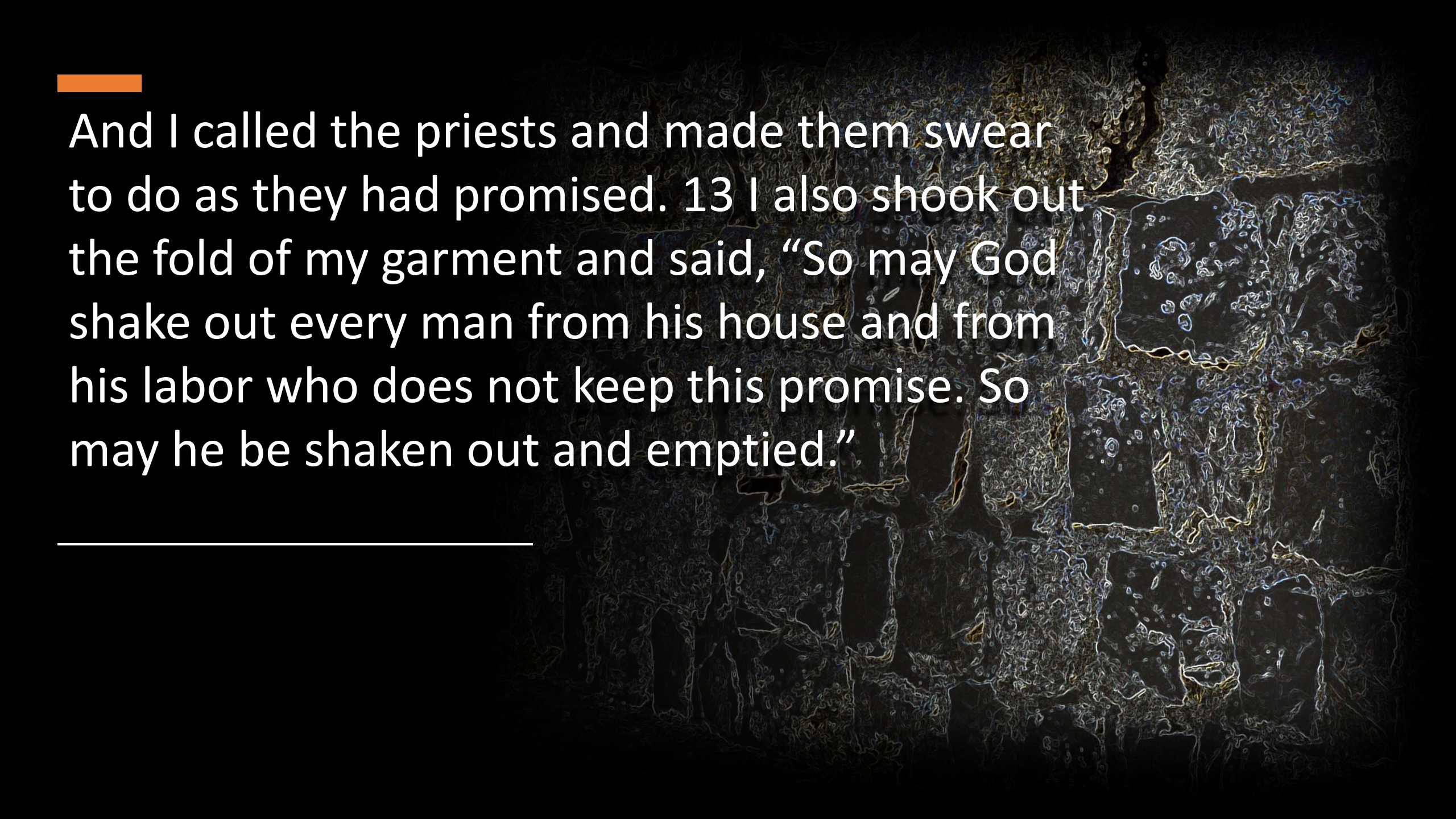
“We, as far as we are able, have bought back our Jewish brothers who have been sold to the nations, but you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us!” They were silent and could not find a word to say.




9 So I said, “The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us abandon this exacting of interest.”



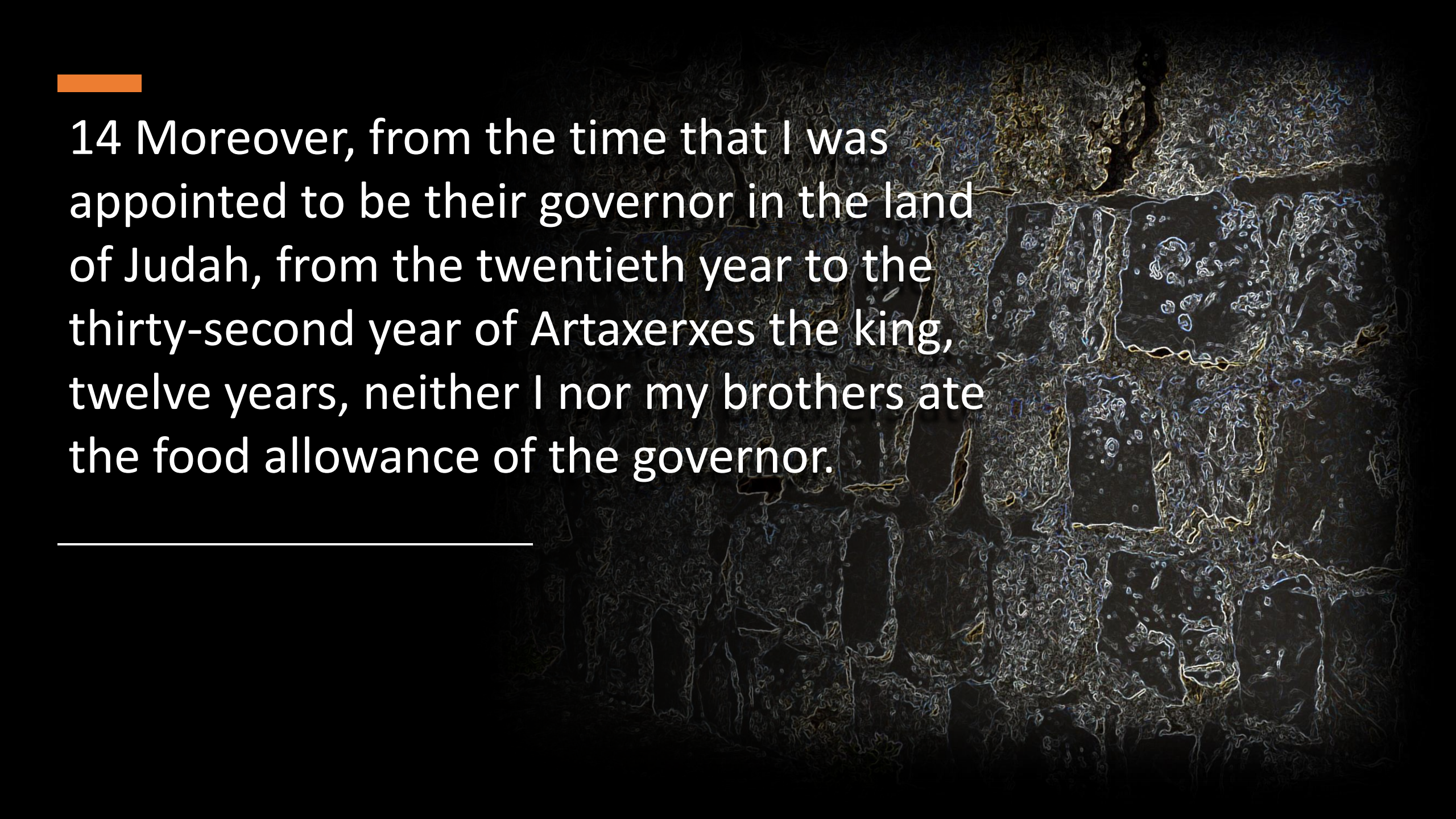
11 Return to them this very day their fields,
their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their
houses, and the percentage of money, grain,
wine, and oil that you have been exacting from
them.” Then they said, “We will restore these
and require nothing from them. We will do as
you say.”



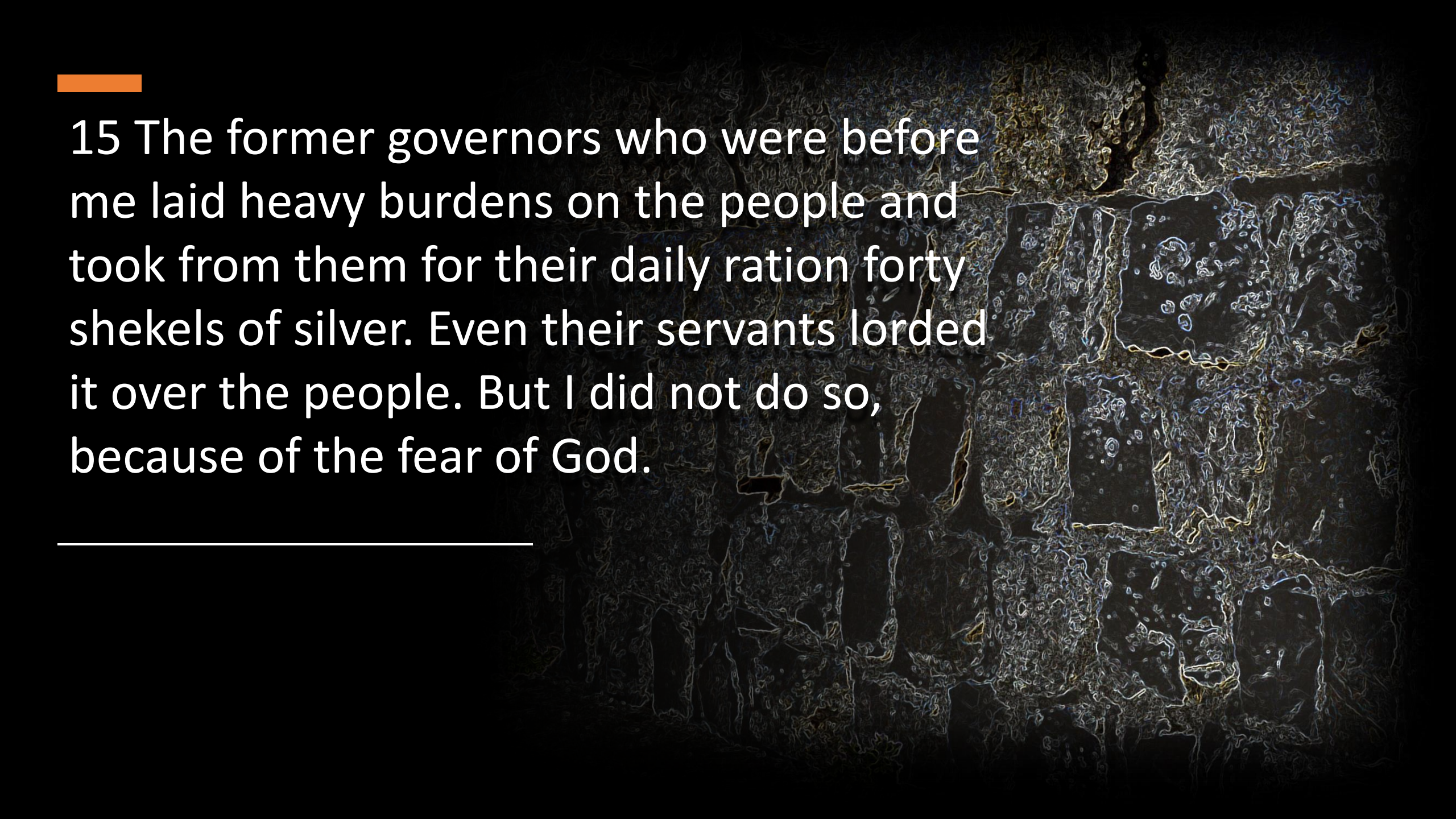
And I called the priests and made them swear to do as they had promised. 13 I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, "So may God shake out every man from his house and from his labor who does not keep this promise. So may he be shaken out and emptied."



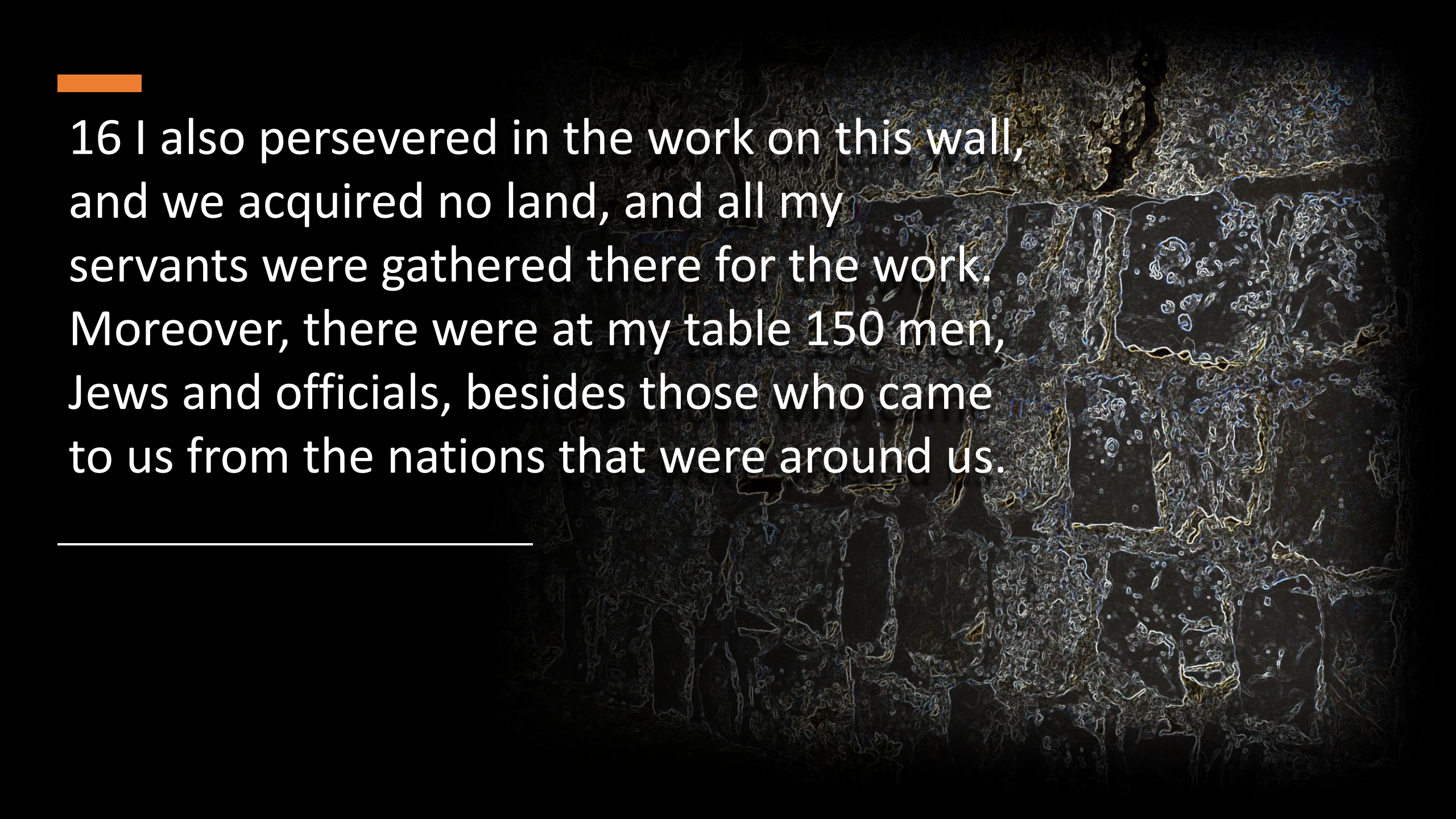
And all the assembly said “Amen” and
praised the Lord. And the people did as they
had promised.



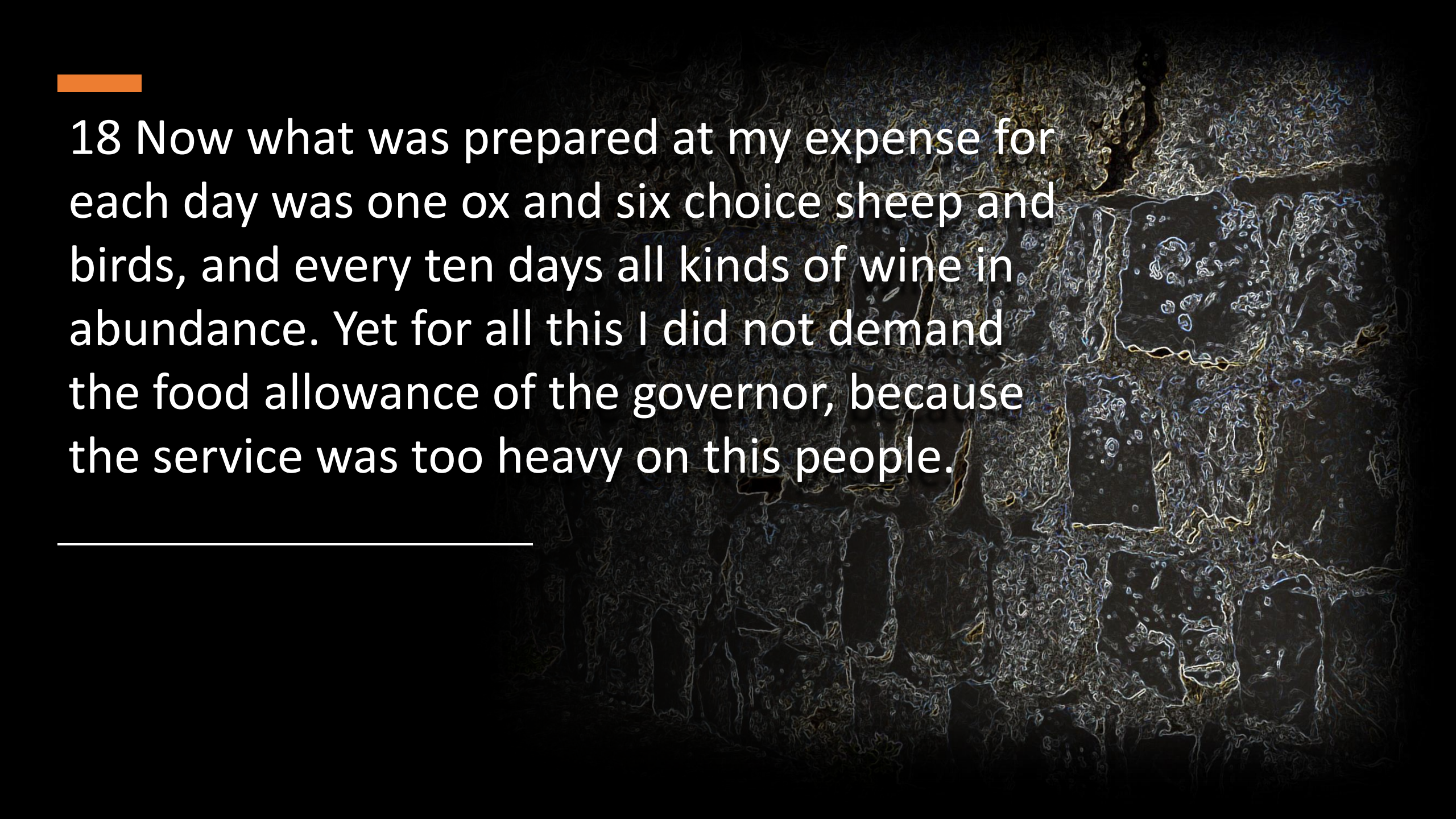
14 Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the food allowance of the governor.



15 The former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens on the people and took from them for their daily ration forty shekels of silver. Even their servants lorded it over the people. But I did not do so, because of the fear of God.



16 I also persevered in the work on this wall,
and we acquired no land, and all my
servants were gathered there for the work.
Moreover, there were at my table 150 men,
Jews and officials, besides those who came
to us from the nations that were around us.



18 Now what was prepared at my expense for each day was one ox and six choice sheep and birds, and every ten days all kinds of wine in abundance. Yet for all this I did not demand the food allowance of the governor, because the service was too heavy on this people.



19 Remember for my good, O my God, all that
I have done for this people.

Nehemiah 5:1-19




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1. The great Outcry





“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.


Matthew 6:24





1. The great Outcry

2. Nehemiah's Response

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3. The people's Response
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How do we get to the point
where we think it is ok to
compromise our faith?

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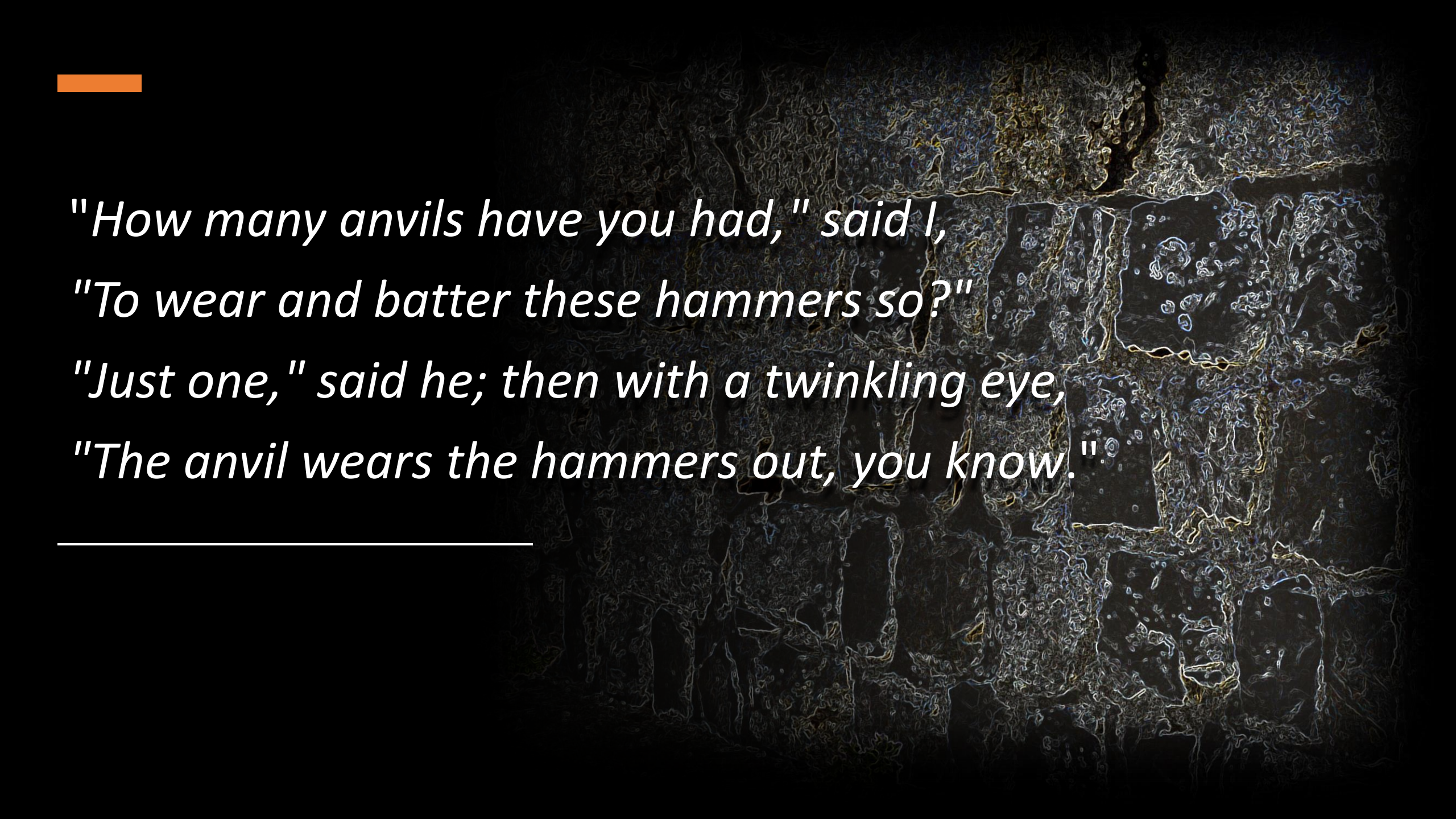


1. Walk in the fear of God

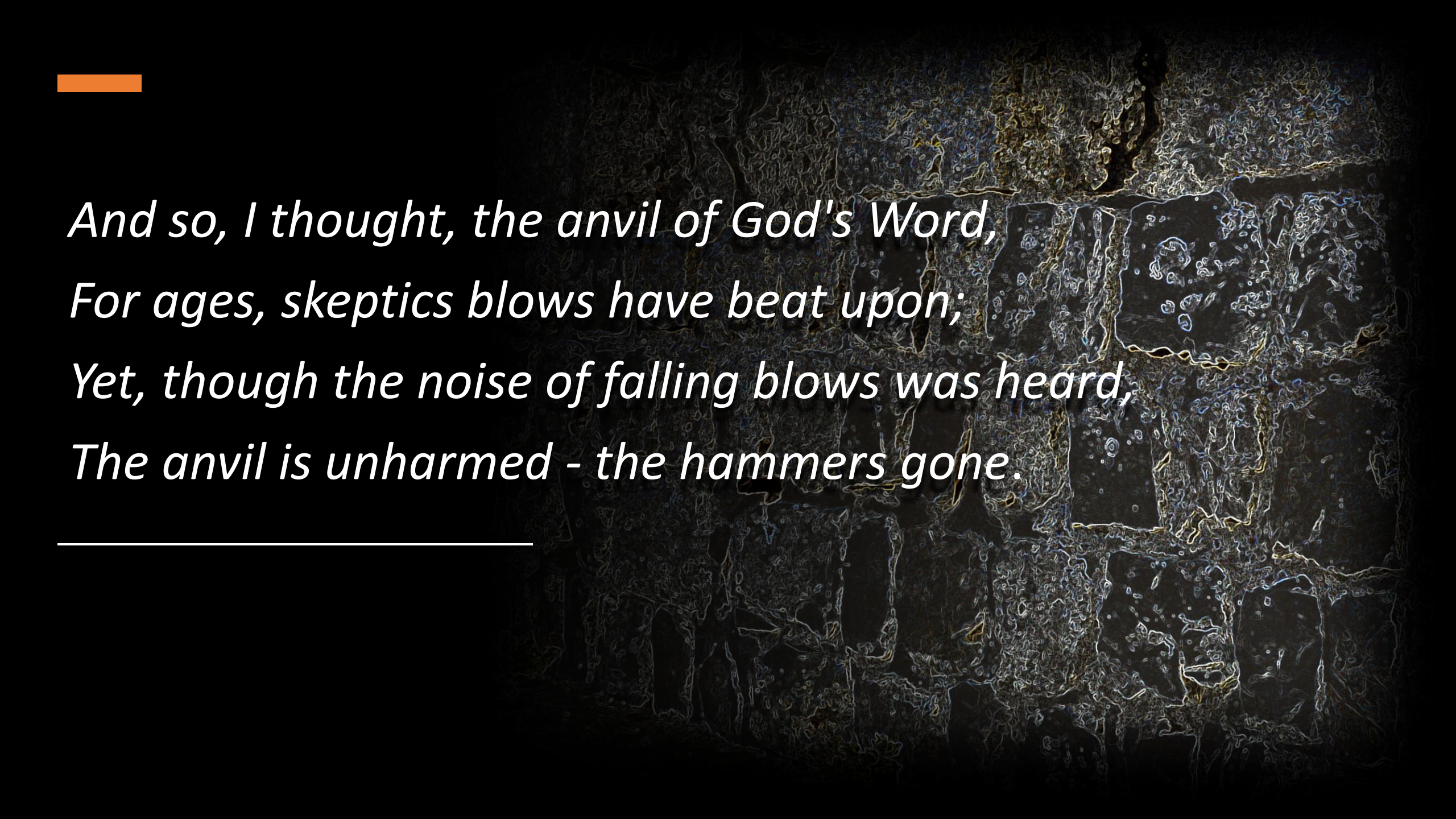


The Anvil of God's Word



*Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
When looking in, I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.*



*"How many anvils have you had," said I,
"To wear and batter these hammers so?"
"Just one," said he; then with a twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."*




*And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word,
For ages, skeptics blows have beat upon;
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unharmed - the hammers gone.*



The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8




Fearing God: Having a deep respect, reverence and awe for God's power and authority.

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1. Walk in the fear of God
 2. Repent of your sinning/avoid worldliness
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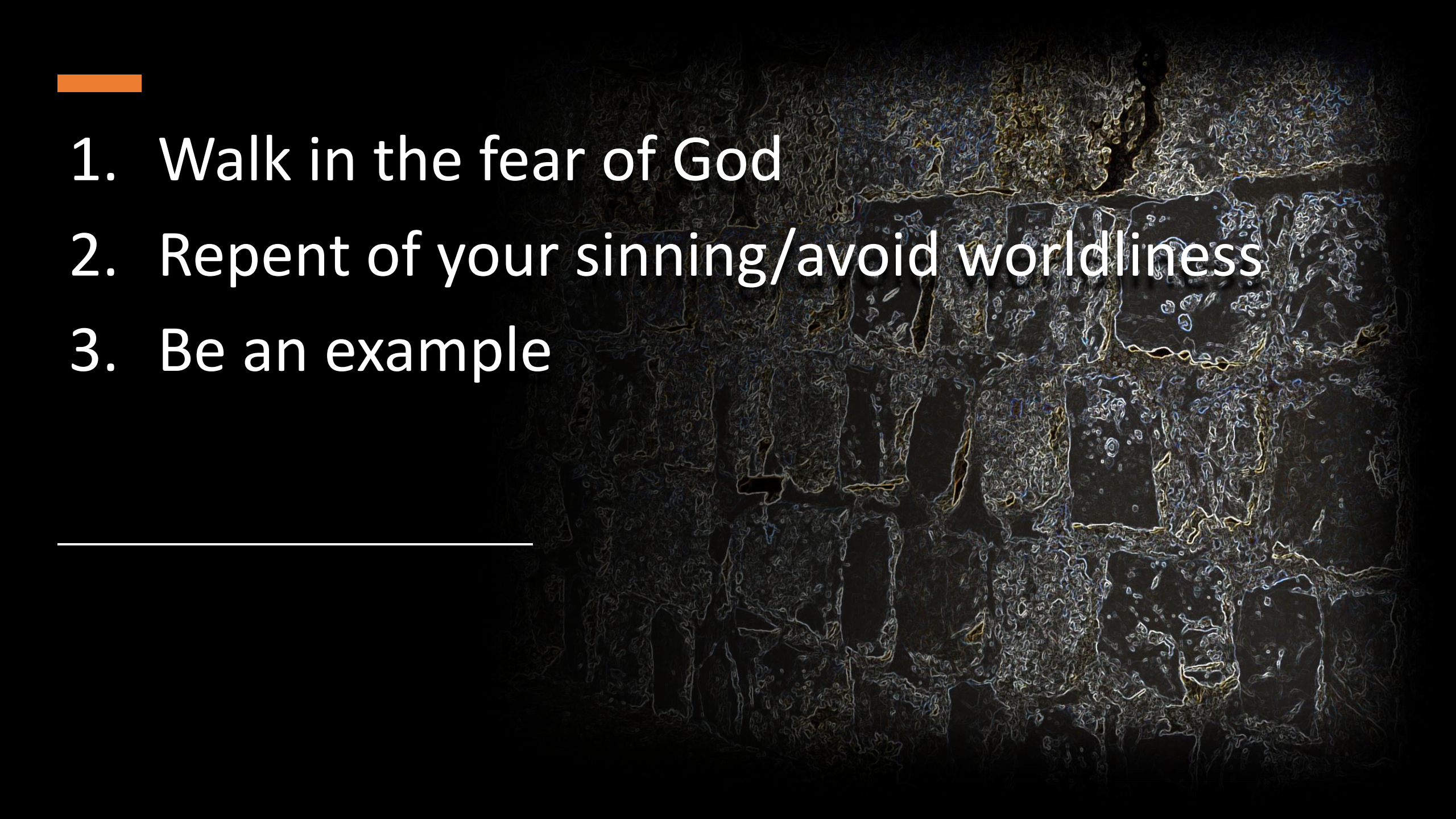



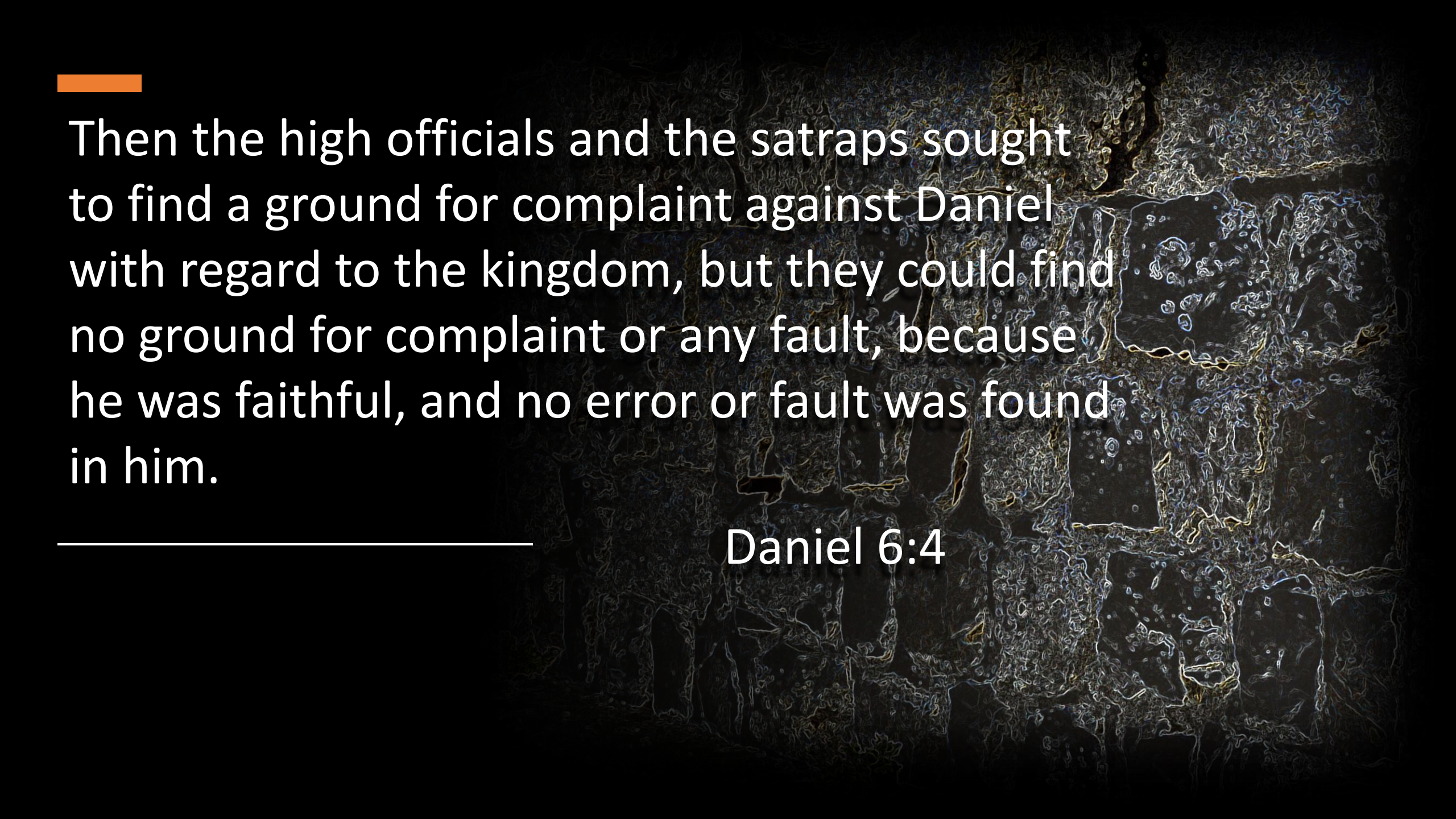




If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to
forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.

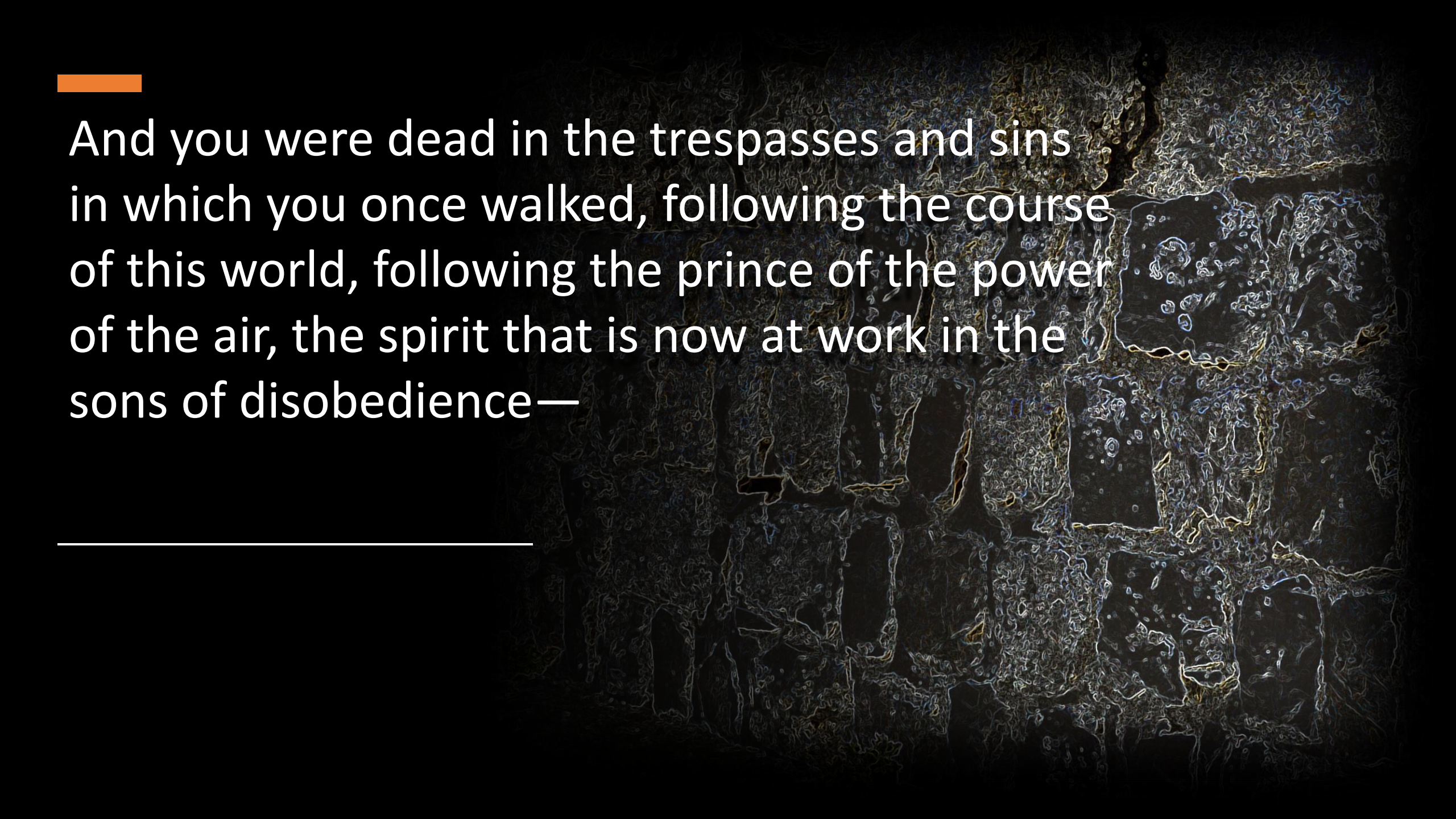
1 John 1:9

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1. Walk in the fear of God
 2. Repent of your sinning/avoid worldliness
 3. Be an example
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Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him.


Daniel 6:4




And you were dead in the trespasses and sins
in which you once walked, following the course
of this world, following the prince of the power
of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the
sons of disobedience—



3 among whom we all once lived in the
passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires
of the body and the mind, and were by nature
children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.




But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,



7 so that in the coming ages he might show the
immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness
toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have
been saved through faith. And this is not your
own doing; it is the gift of God,

Ephesians 2:1-9



For God so loved the world that he
gave his one and only son, that
WHOEVER believes in Him shall not
perish- but have eternal life!

John 3:16



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