



*THE NEED FOR*  
*Christmas*



***AN IMPORTANT  
QUESTION***

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***THE IMPOSITION OF  
CHRISTMAS***



***LIFE IN A  
DANGEROUS WORLD***

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***IT WAS NOT  
ALWAYS THIS WAY***



***GOD'S GOOD  
CREATION***

***GENESIS 1-2***



***THE DAY IT ALL  
CHANGED***

***GENESIS 3***

A close-up photograph of pine needles and cones, set against a dark, almost black background. The pine needles are a vibrant green, and the cones are a brownish-tan color. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the needles and the structure of the cones.

# ***THE REBELLION***



Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ...

**GENESIS 3:1-7**

The woman said to the serpent,  
"We may eat fruit from the trees in  
the garden, but God did say, 'You  
must not eat fruit from the tree  
that is in the middle of the garden,  
and you must not touch it, or you  
will die.'" ...

**GENESIS 3:1-7**

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.

“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ...

**GENESIS 3:1-7**

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ...

**GENESIS 3:1-7**

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

**GENESIS 3:1-7**



***THE CONSEQUENCES***

***GENESIS 3:8-24***

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***RELATIONSHIP WITH  
GOD BROKEN***

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ...

**GENESIS 3:8-11**

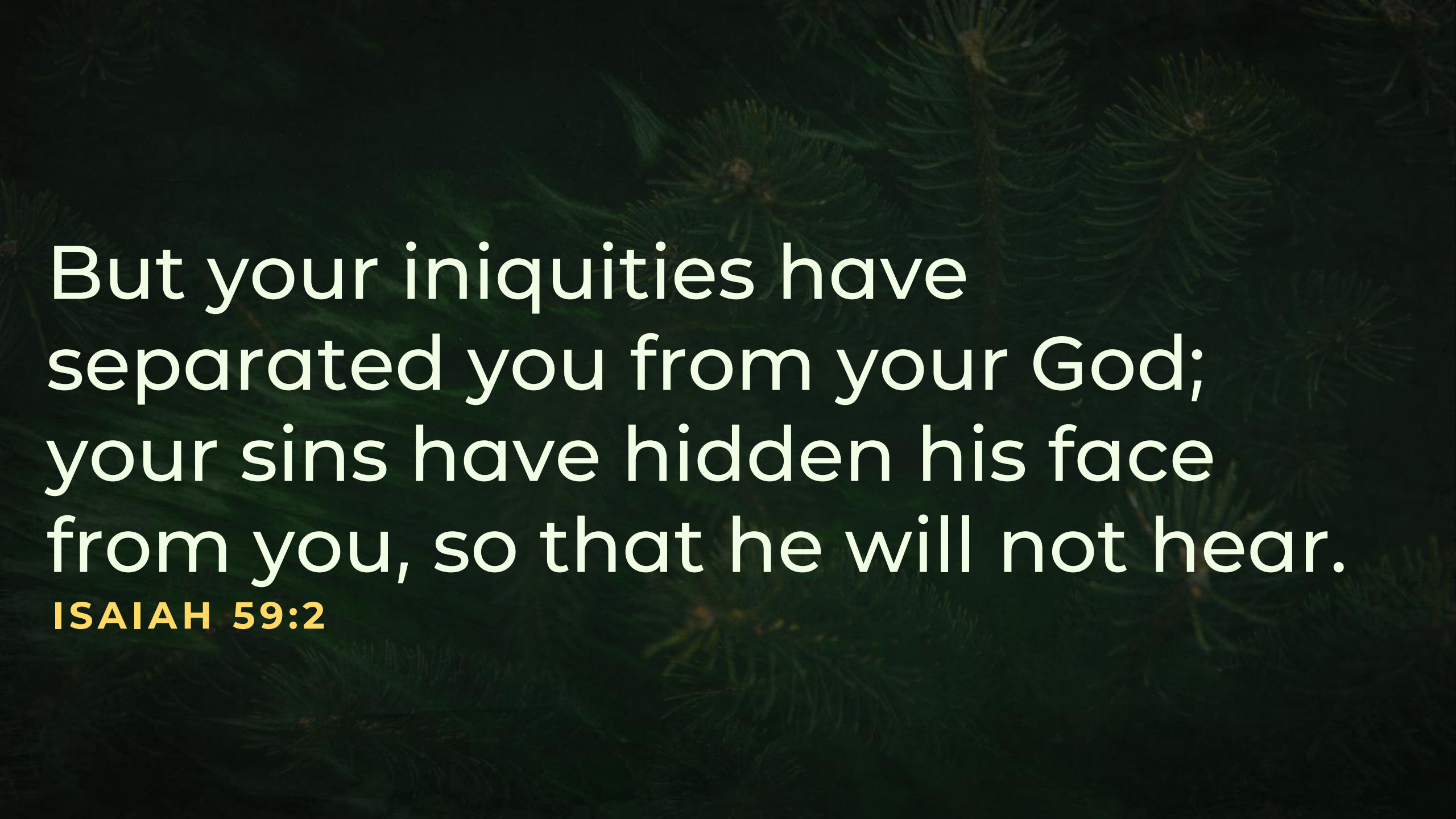


But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

**GENESIS 3:8-11**

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

**GENESIS 3:8-11**

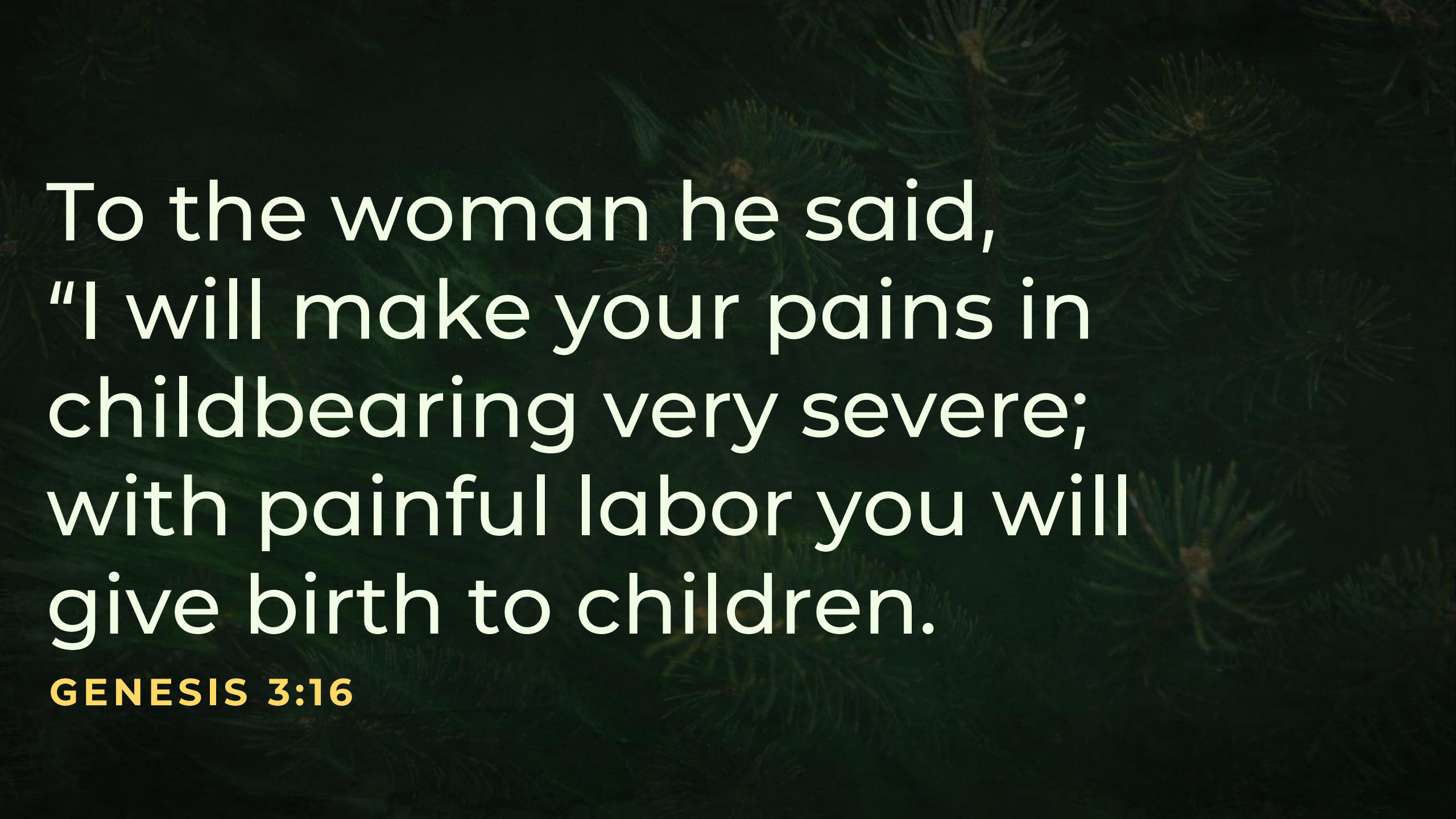


But your iniquities have  
separated you from your God;  
your sins have hidden his face  
from you, so that he will not hear.

**ISAIAH 59:2**

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***PAIN IN CHILDBIRTH***

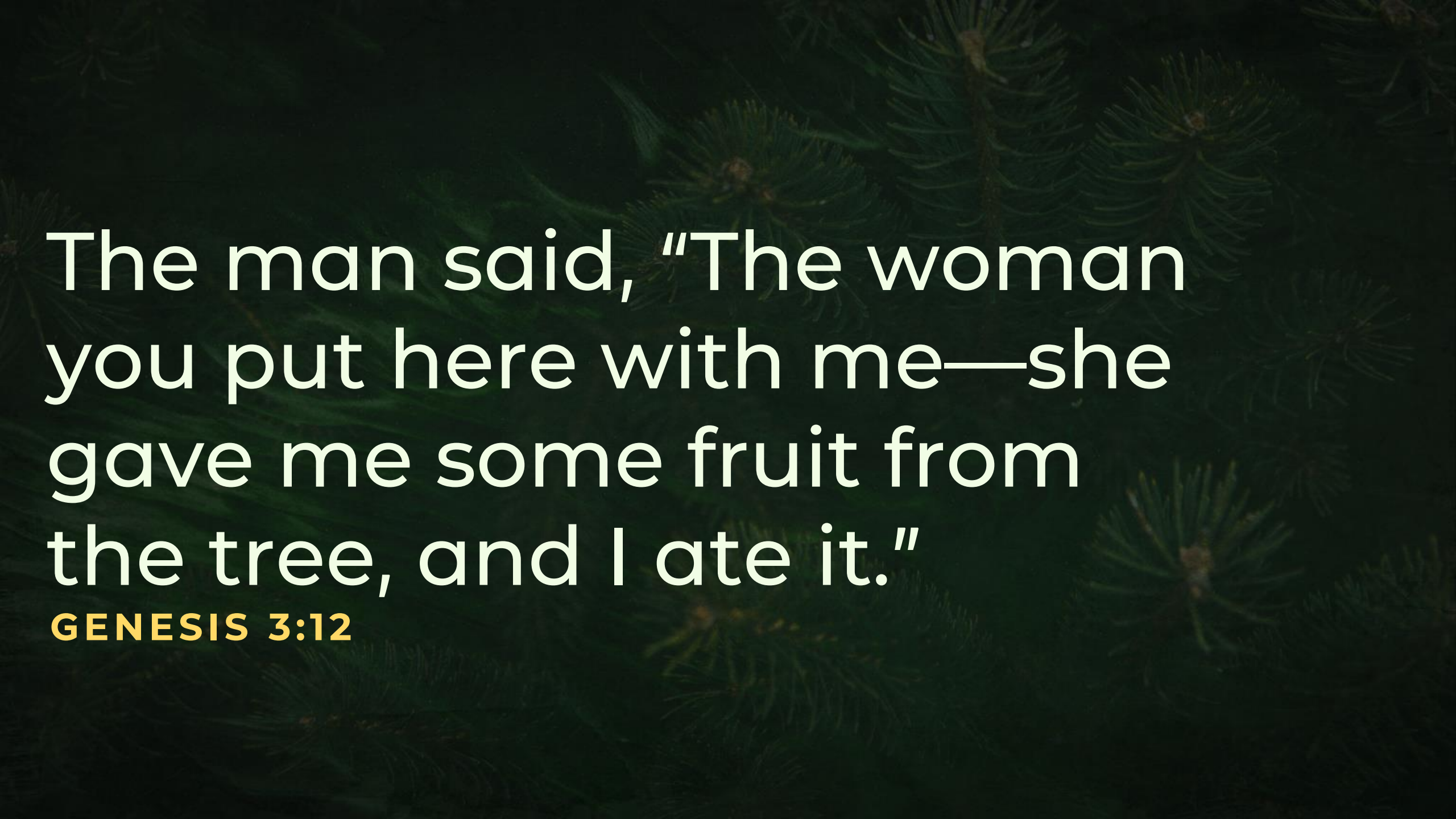


To the woman he said,  
“I will make your pains in  
childbearing very severe;  
with painful labor you will  
give birth to children.

**GENESIS 3:16**

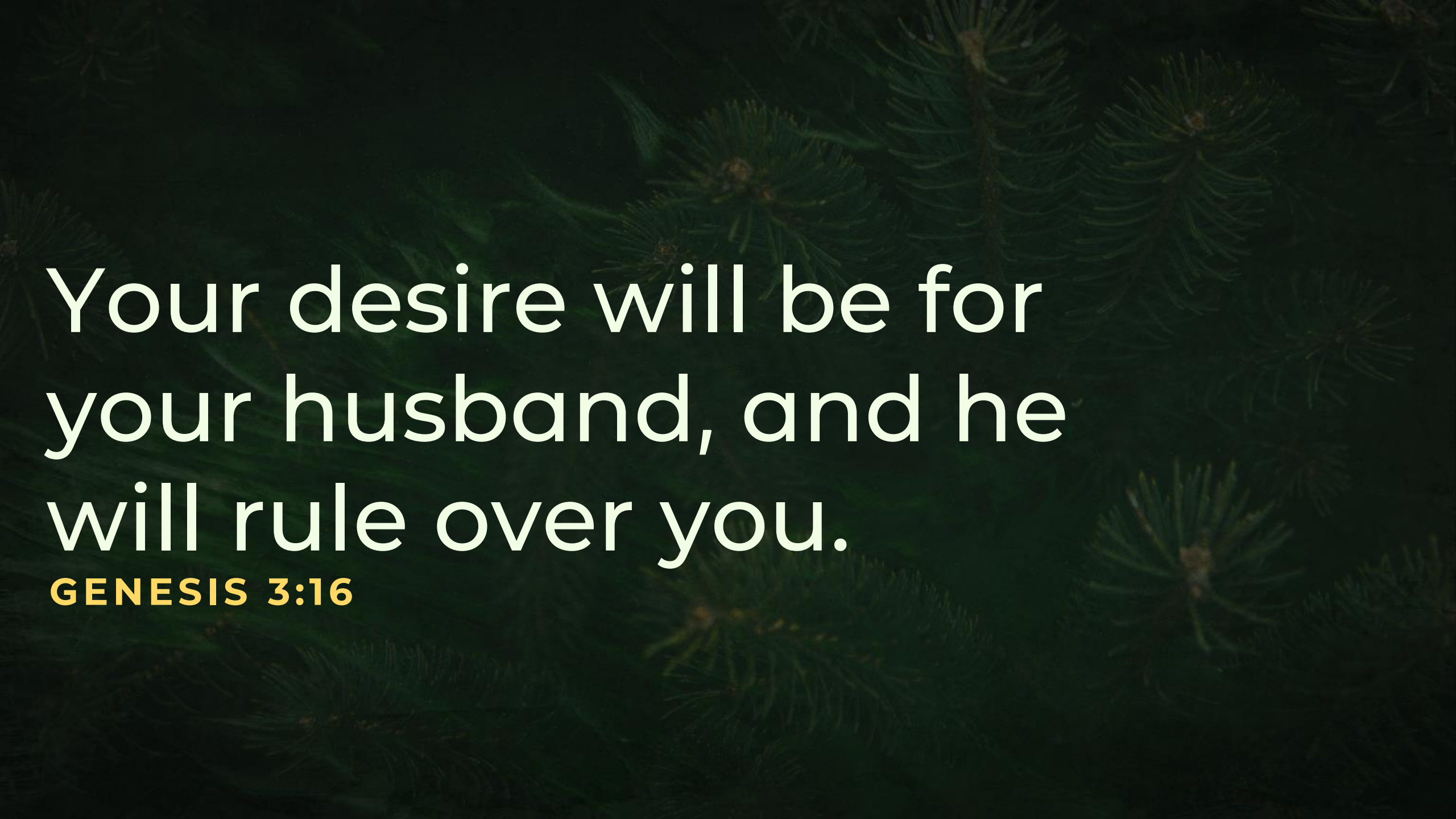
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# ***MARITAL STRESS***



The man said, "The woman  
you put here with me—she  
gave me some fruit from  
the tree, and I ate it."

**GENESIS 3:12**



Your desire will be for  
your husband, and he  
will rule over you.

**GENESIS 3:16**



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***COSMIC CONSEQUENCES  
ON EARTH***

To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; ...

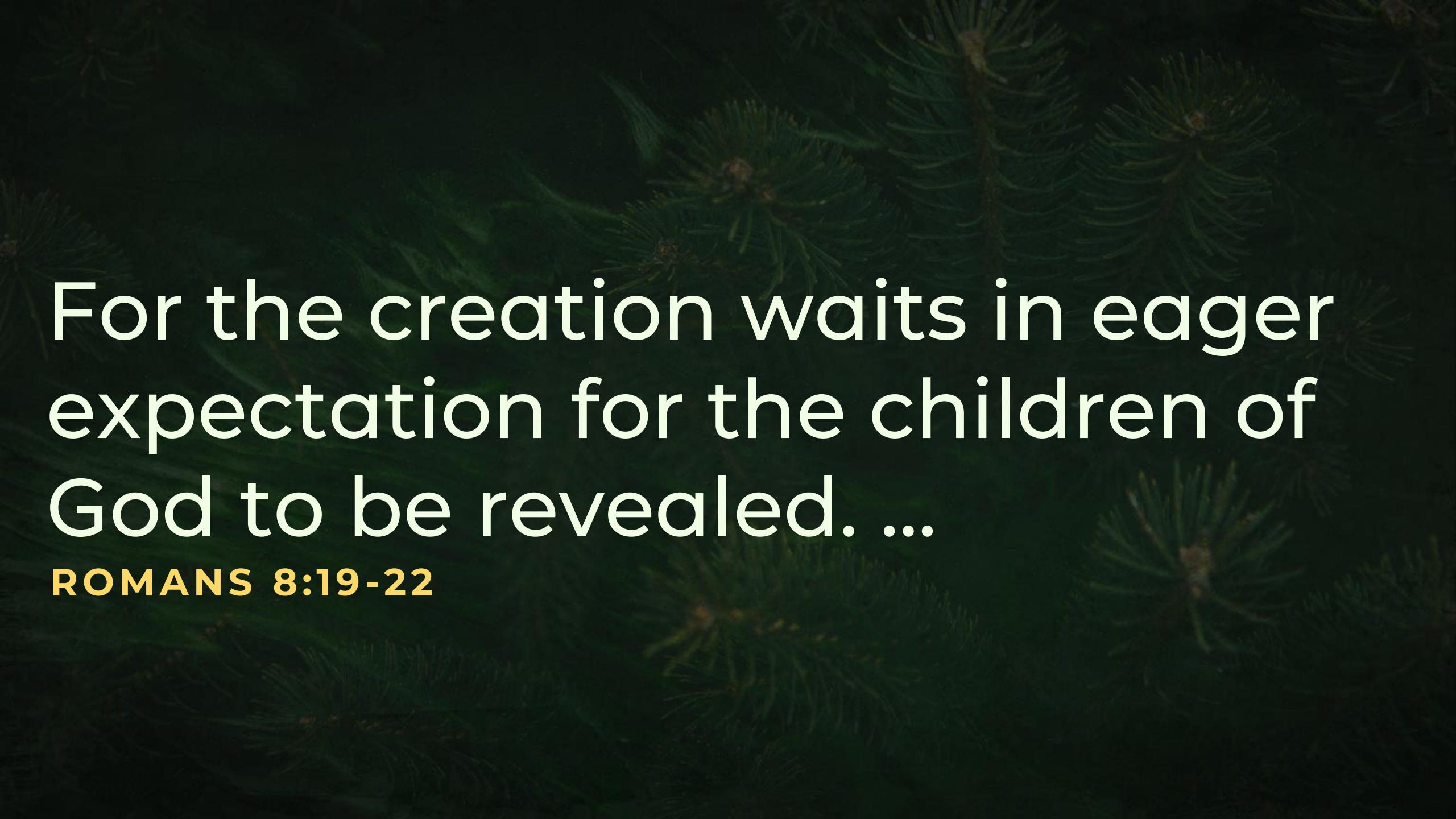
**GENESIS 3:17-19**

through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ...

**GENESIS 3:17-19**

By the sweat of your brow  
you will eat your food until you  
return to the ground, since from it  
you were taken; for dust you are  
and to dust you will return."

**GENESIS 3:17-19**



For the creation waits in eager  
expectation for the children of  
God to be revealed. ...

**ROMANS 8:19-22**

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

**ROMANS 8:19-22**

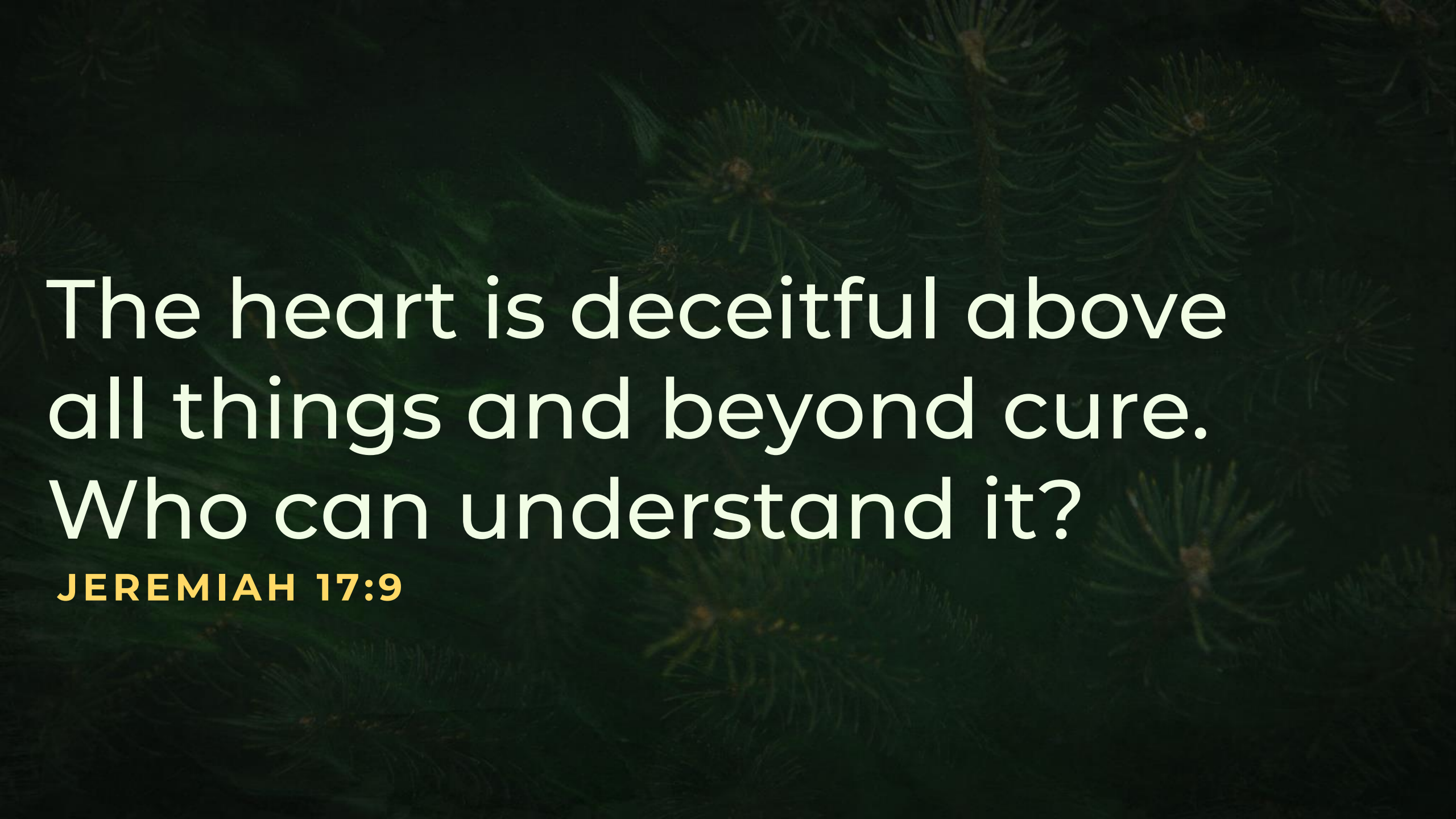
We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

**ROMANS 8:19-22**



***A HEART THAT  
RESISTS GOD***





The heart is deceitful above  
all things and beyond cure.  
Who can understand it?

**JEREMIAH 17:9**

For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

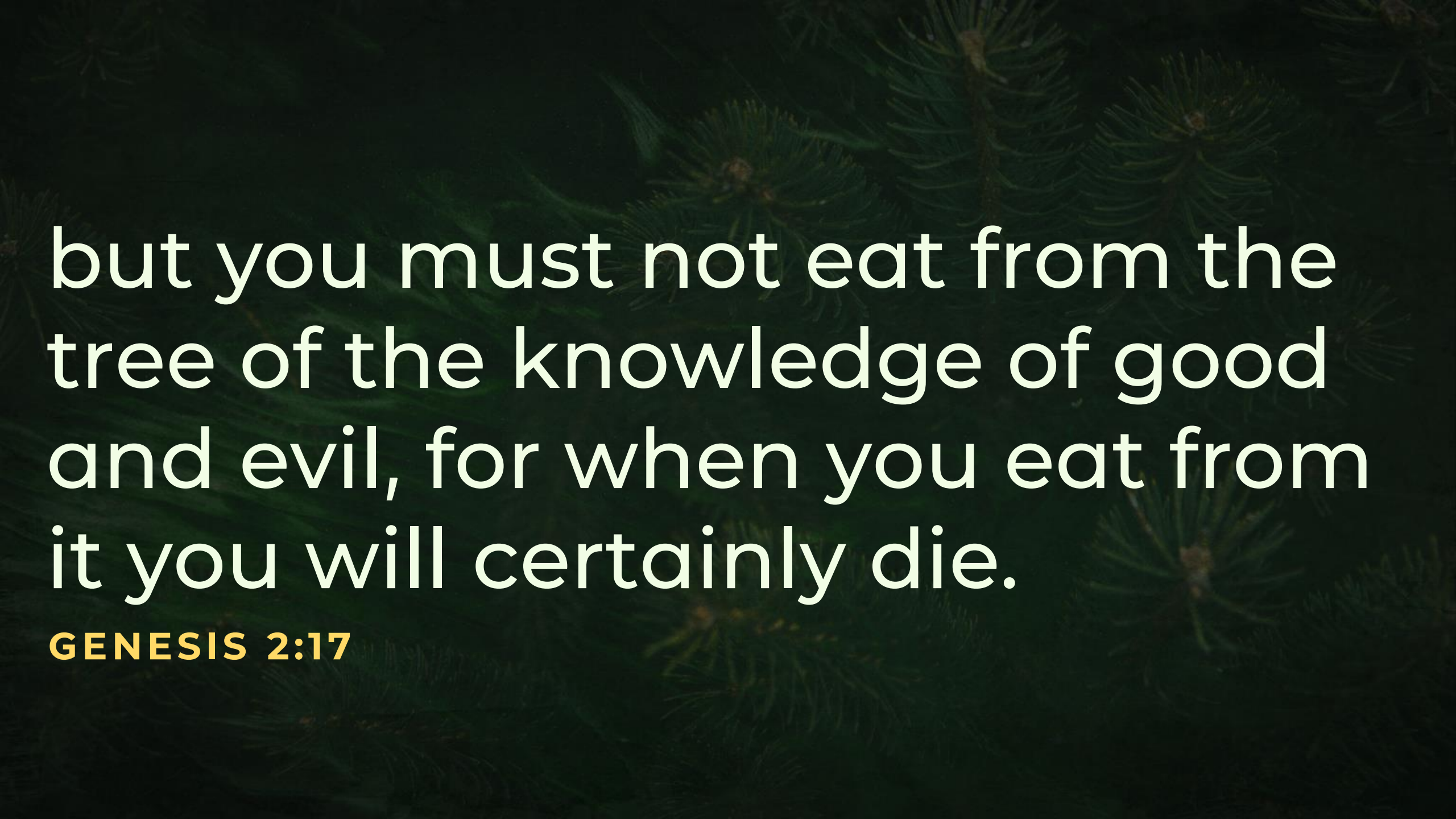
**MARK 7:21-23**

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***PHYSICAL AND  
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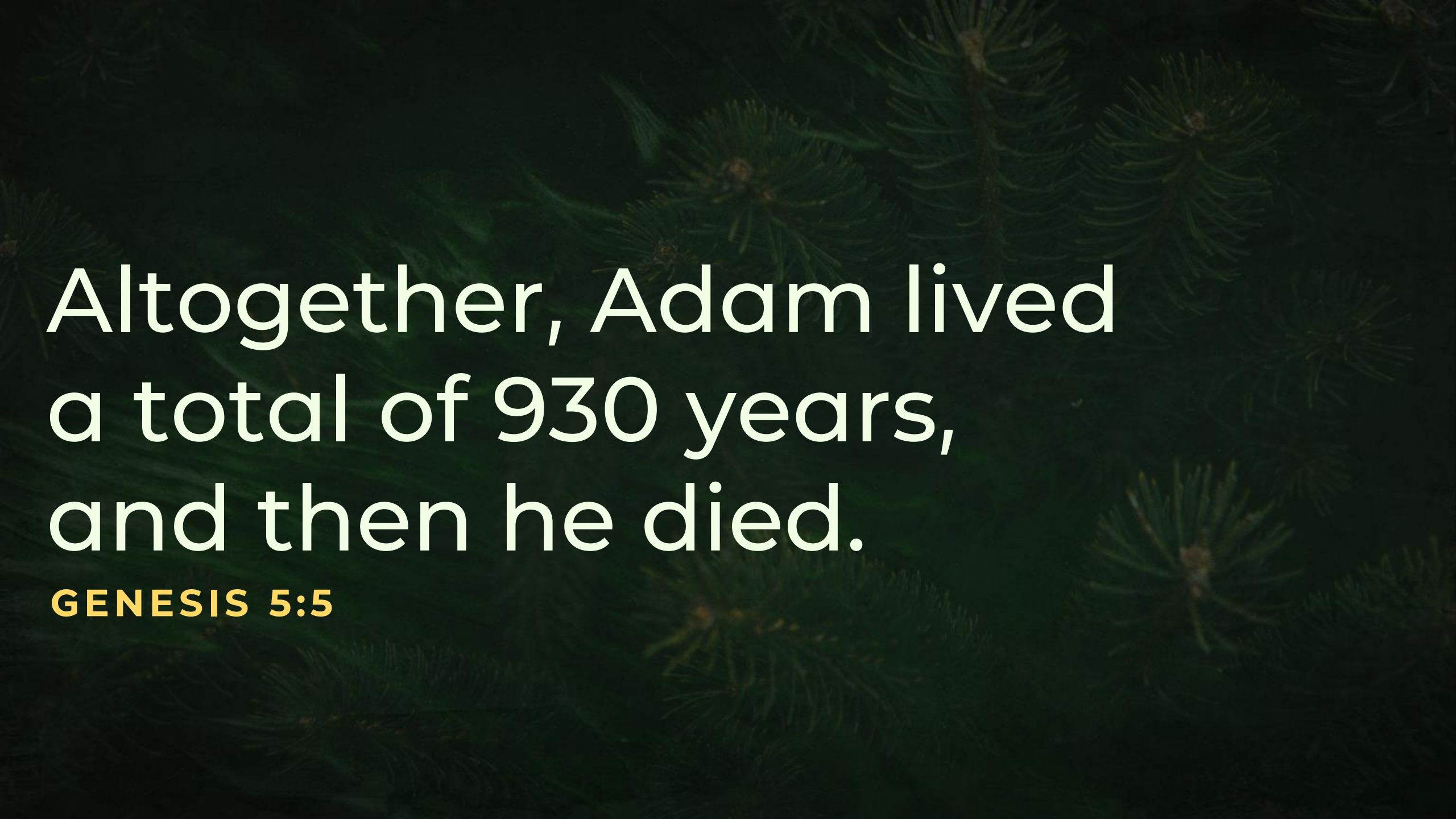
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***PHYSICAL AND  
SPIRITUAL DEATH***



but you must not eat from the  
tree of the knowledge of good  
and evil, for when you eat from  
it you will certainly die.

**GENESIS 2:17**



Altogether, Adam lived  
a total of 930 years,  
and then he died.

**GENESIS 5:5**

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ...

**EPHESIANS 2:1-3**

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

**EPHESIANS 2:1-3**

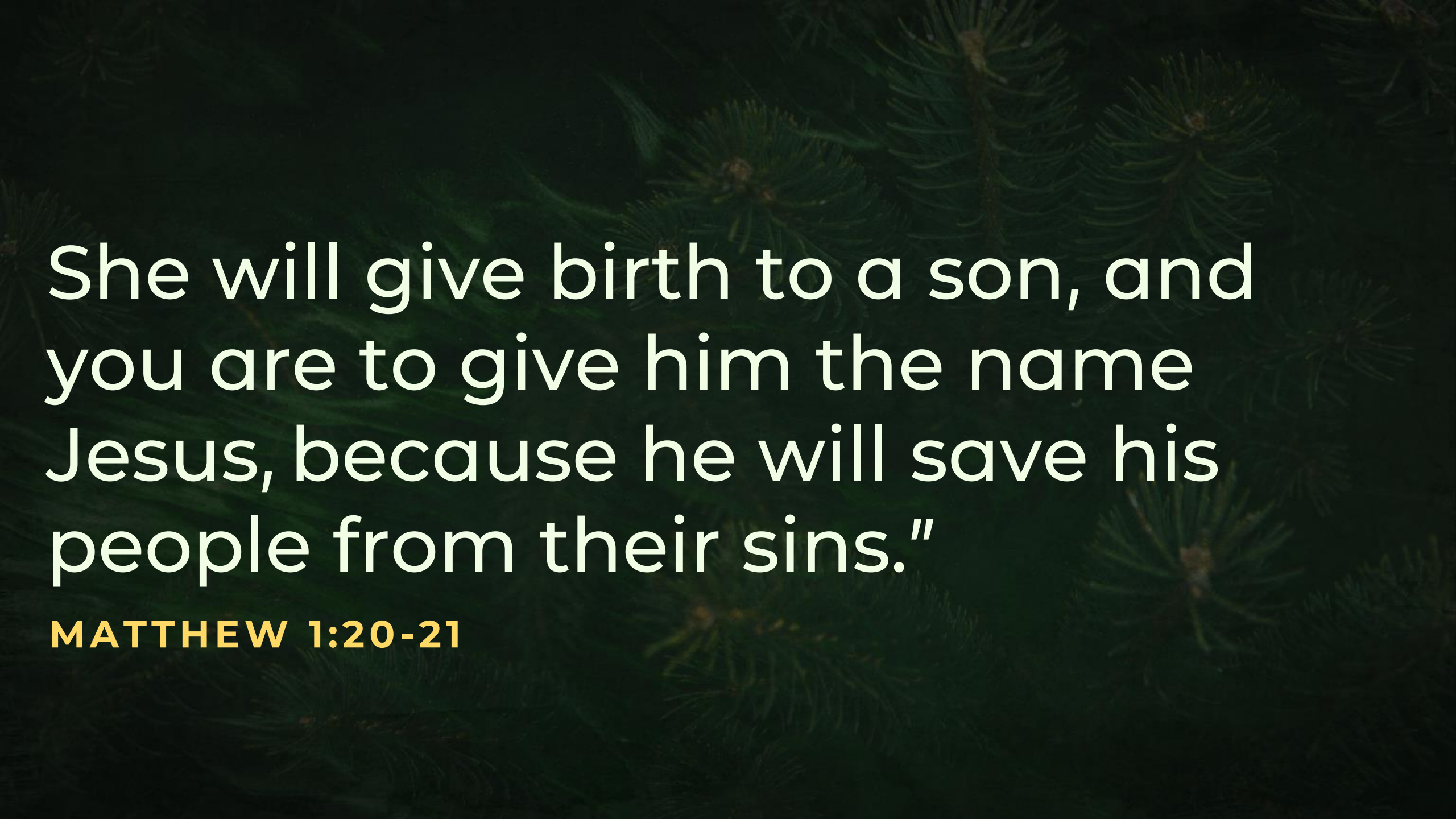


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***HOPE IN CHRISTMAS***

an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

**MATTHEW 1:20-21**



She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

**MATTHEW 1:20-21**

Then I saw "a new heaven  
and a new earth," for the first  
heaven and the first earth had  
passed away, and there was  
no longer any sea. ...

**REVELATION 21:1-4**

I saw the Holy City, the new  
Jerusalem, coming down out  
of heaven from God, prepared  
as a bride beautifully dressed  
for her husband. ...

**REVELATION 21:1-4**

And I heard a loud voice from  
the throne saying, "Look! God's  
dwelling place is now among  
the people, and he will dwell  
with them. ...

**REVELATION 21:1-4**

They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

**REVELATION 21:1-4**



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