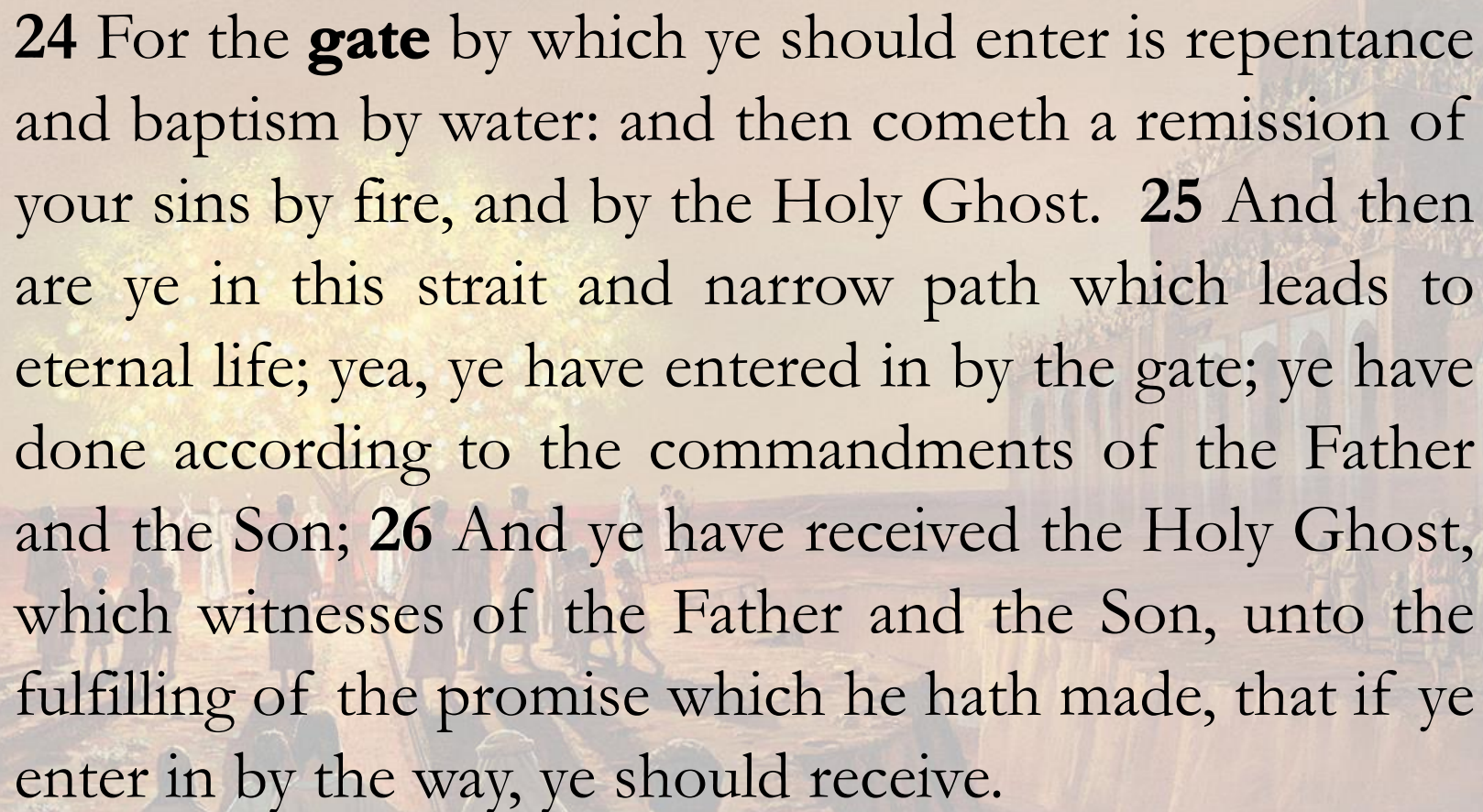




# A DAY IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD



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16:228 For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God: yea, behold, **the day** of this life is **the day** for men to perform their labors.

16:229 And now as I said unto you before, as ye have had so many witnesses, therefore I beseech of you, that ye do not procrastinate **the day** of your repentance until the end; 16:230 For after **this day of life**, which is given us to prepare for eternity, behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness, wherein there can be no labor performed. [Alma 16:228-230]





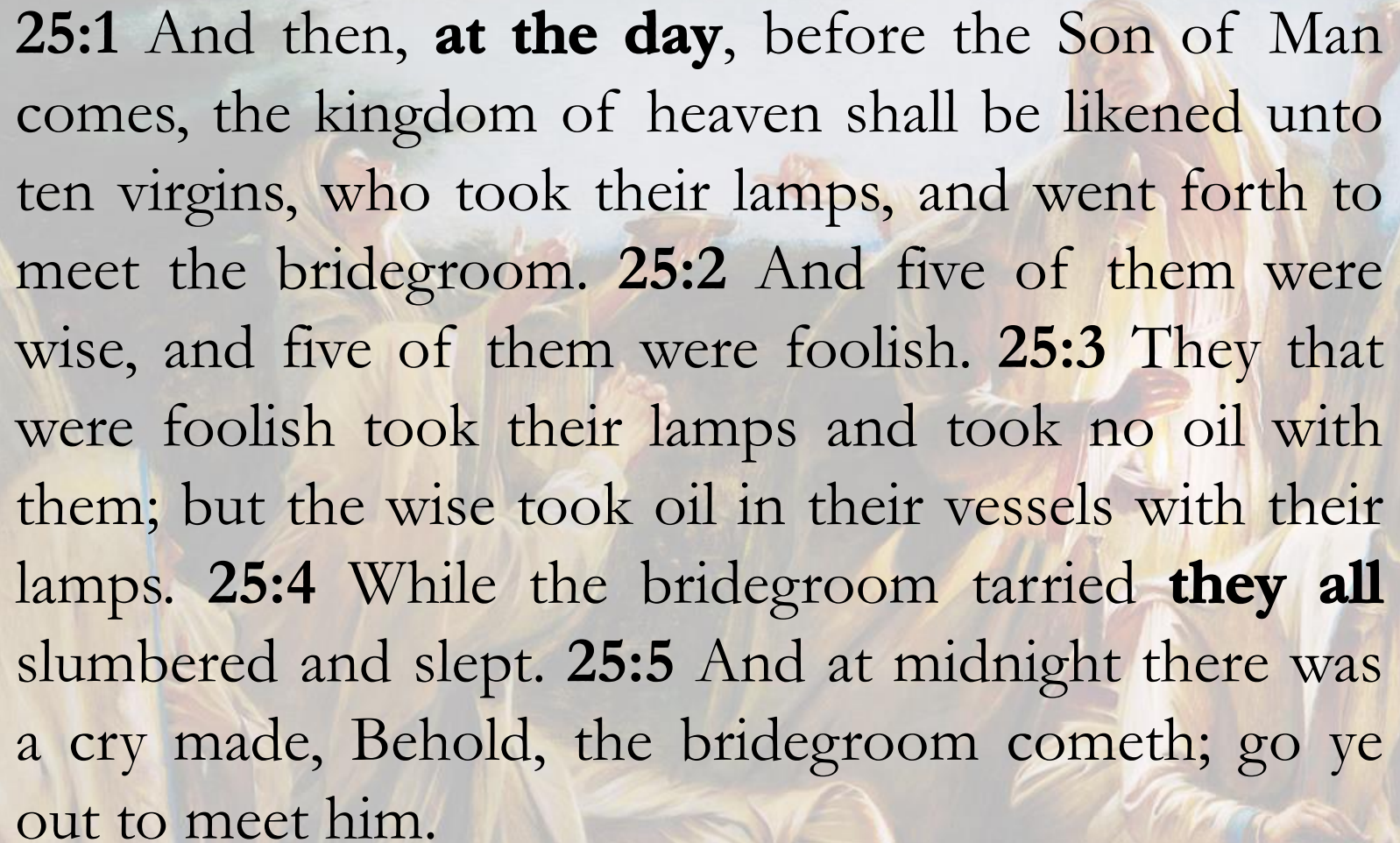






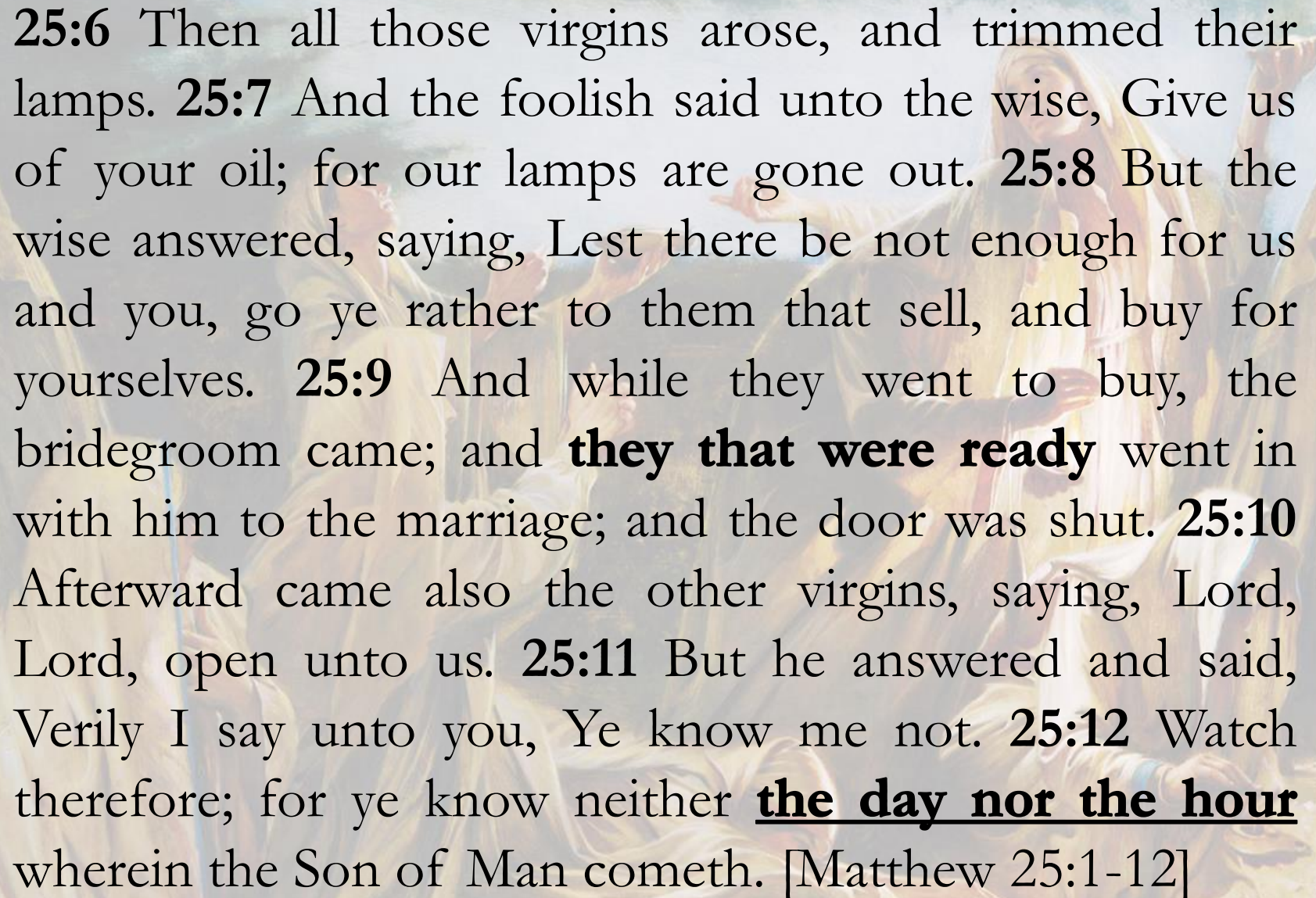


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**25:1** And then, **at the day**, before the Son of Man comes, the kingdom of heaven shall be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. **25:2** And five of them were wise, and five of them were foolish. **25:3** They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. **25:4** While the bridegroom tarried **they all** slumbered and slept. **25:5** And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

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**25:6** Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. **25:7** And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. **25:8** But the wise answered, saying, Lest there be not enough for us and you, go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. **25:9** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and **they that were ready** went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. **25:10** Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us. **25:11** But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, Ye know me not. **25:12** Watch therefore; for ye know neither **the day nor the hour** wherein the Son of Man cometh. [Matthew 25:1-12]



2:44 And it came to pass that I saw a man, and he was dressed in a white robe; and he came and stood before me. 2:45 And it came to pass that he spake unto me, and bade me follow him. 2:46 And it came to pass that as I followed him, I beheld myself that I was in **a dark and dreary waste**. 2:47 And after I had traveled for the space of many hours in darkness *I began to pray* unto the Lord, that he would have mercy on me according to the multitude of his tender mercies. [1 Nephi 2:44-47]



2:48 And it came to pass *after I had prayed* unto the Lord, I beheld a large and spacious field. 2:49 And it came to pass that I beheld a tree, whose fruit was desirable to make one happy. 2:50 And it came to pass that I did go forth and partake of the fruit thereof; and I beheld that it was *most sweet* above all that I ever before tasted. 2:51 Yea, and I beheld that the fruit thereof was white, to exceed all the whiteness that I had ever seen. 2:52 And as I partook of the fruit thereof, it filled my soul with **exceeding great joy**; 2:53 Wherefore I began to be desirous that my family should partake of it also; for I knew that it was desirable above all other fruit. [1 Nephi 2:48-53]



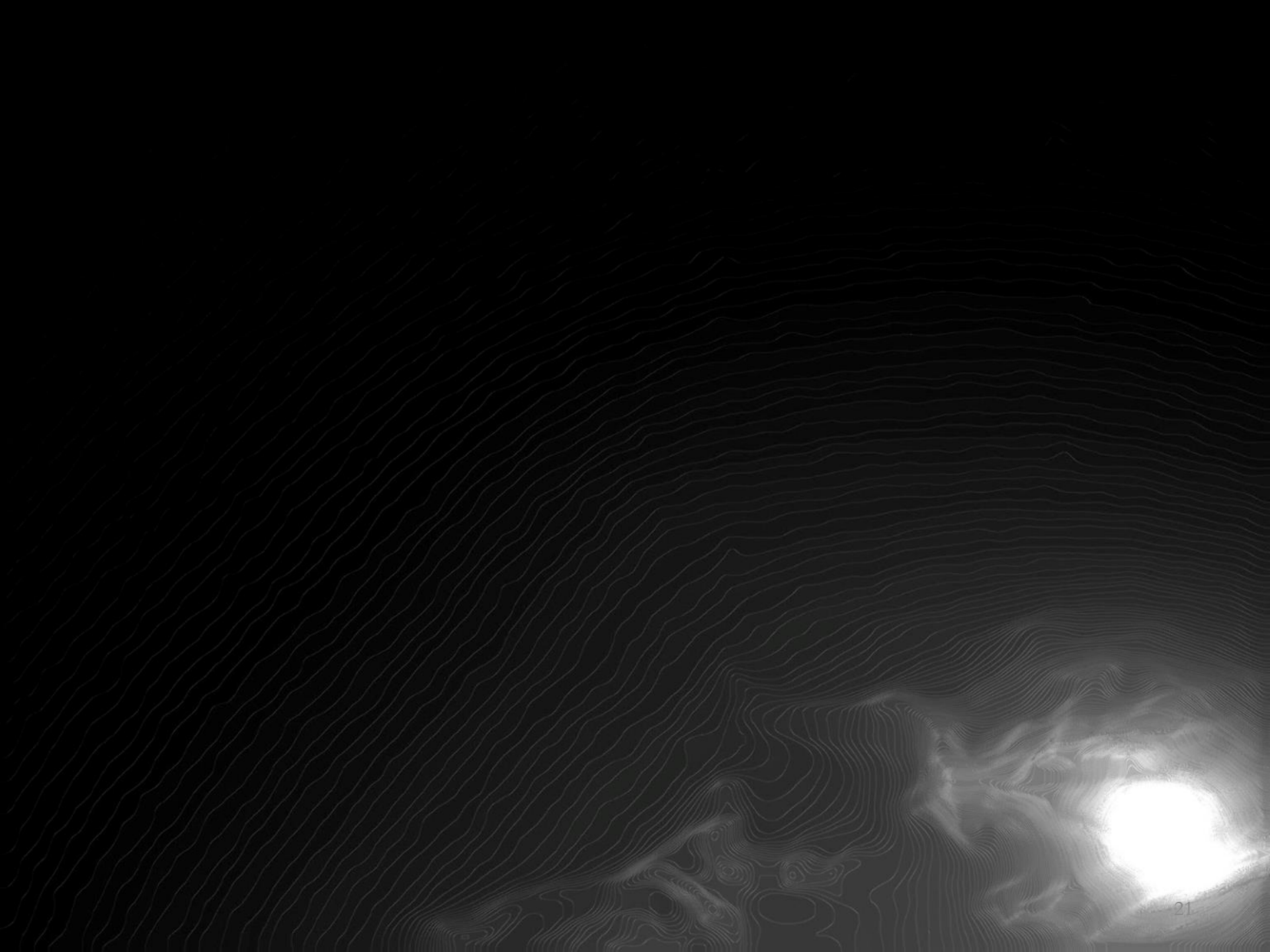




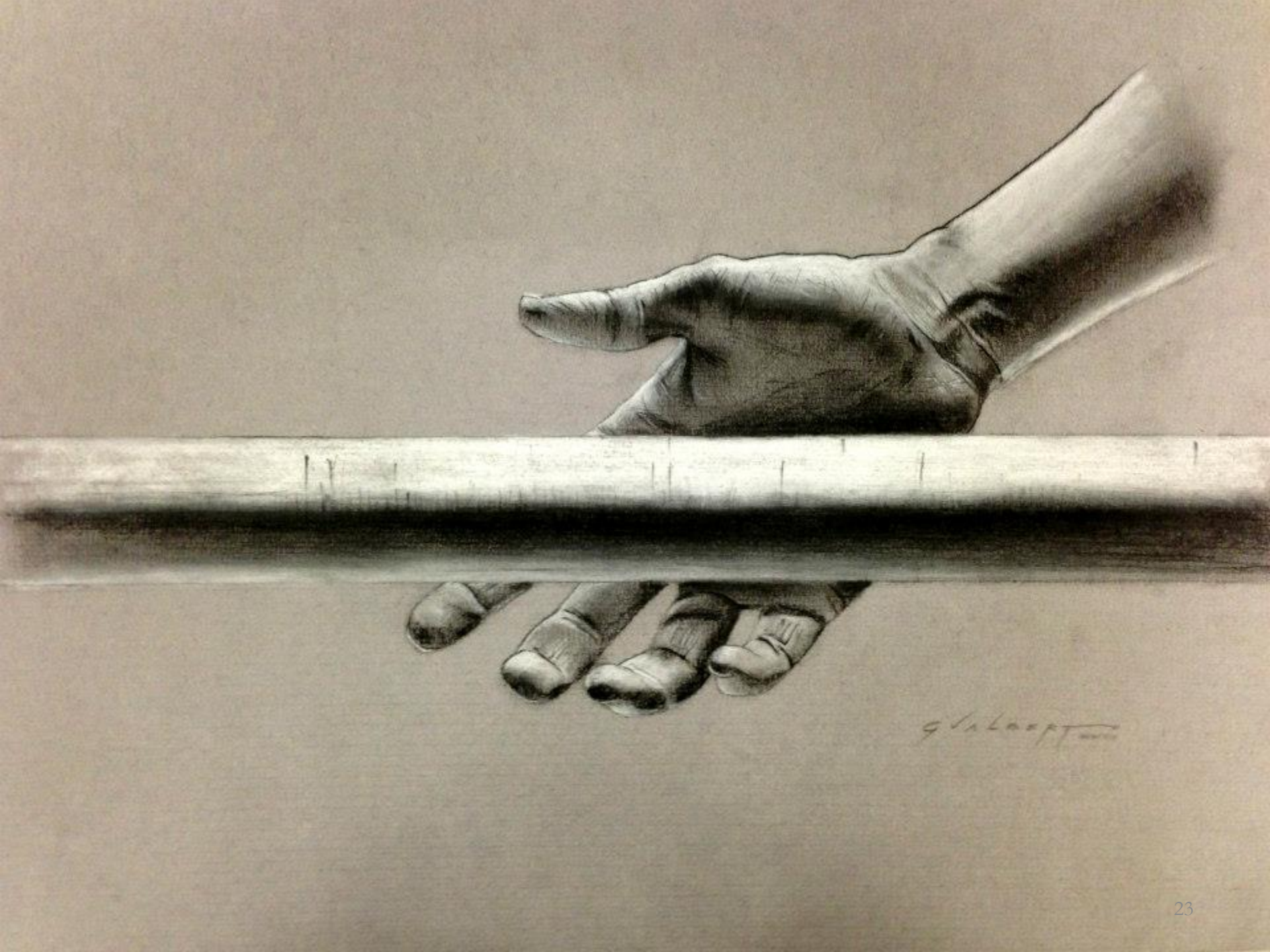








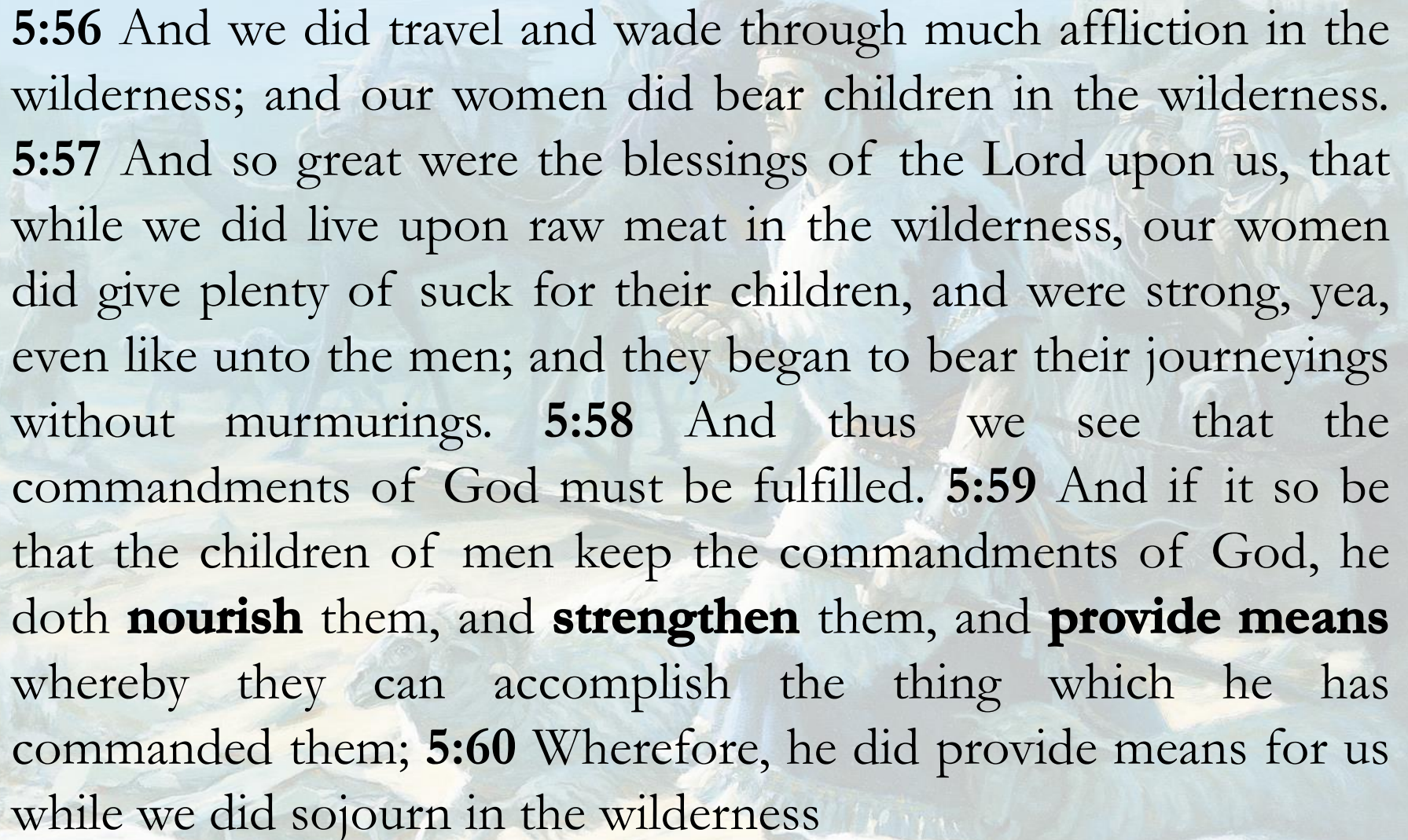






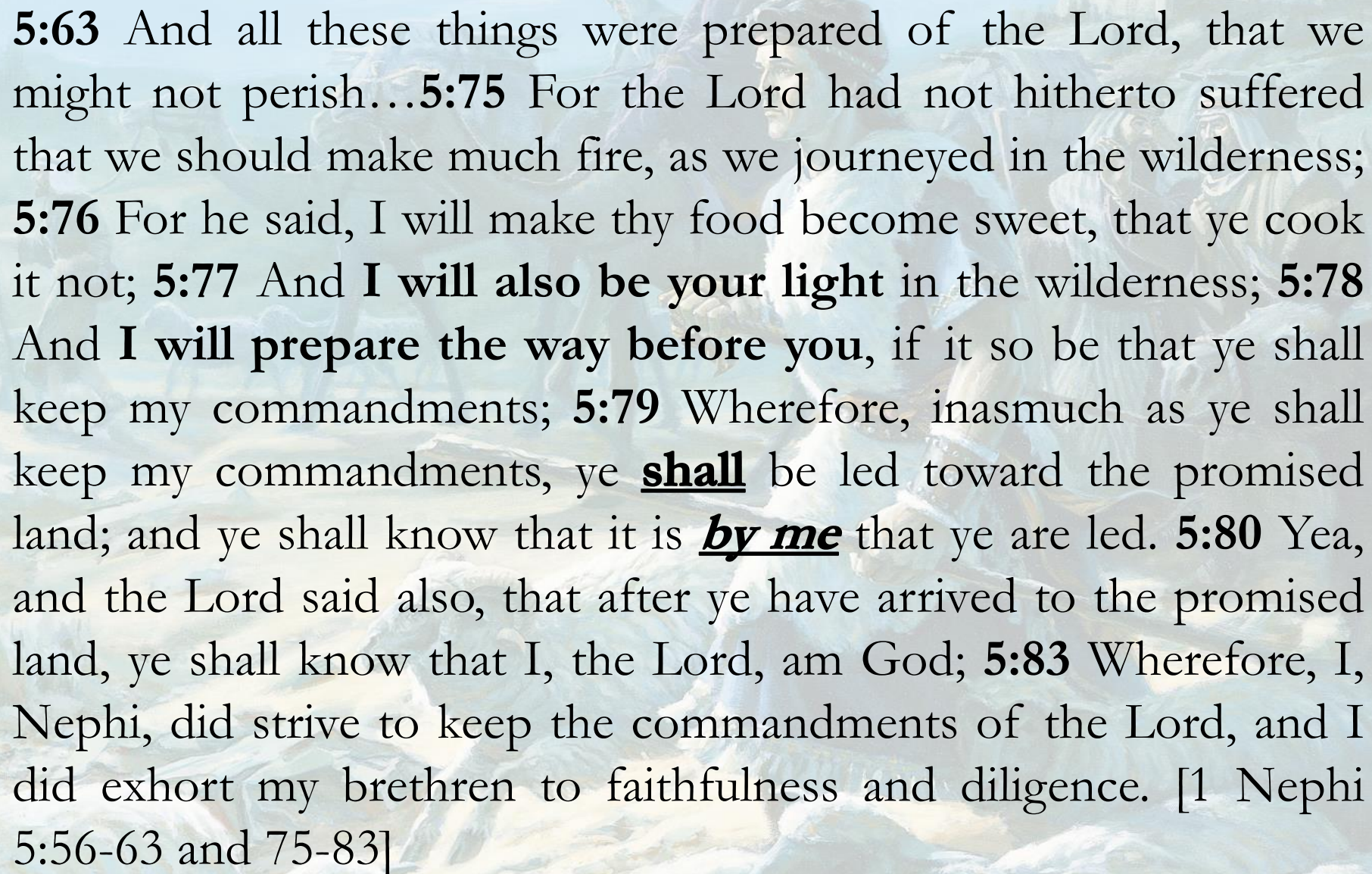






**5:56** And we did travel and wade through much affliction in the wilderness; and our women did bear children in the wilderness. **5:57** And so great were the blessings of the Lord upon us, that while we did live upon raw meat in the wilderness, our women did give plenty of suck for their children, and were strong, yea, even like unto the men; and they began to bear their journeyings without murmurings. **5:58** And thus we see that the commandments of God must be fulfilled. **5:59** And if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God, he doth **nourish** them, and **strengthen** them, and **provide means** whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has commanded them; **5:60** Wherefore, he did provide means for us while we did sojourn in the wilderness

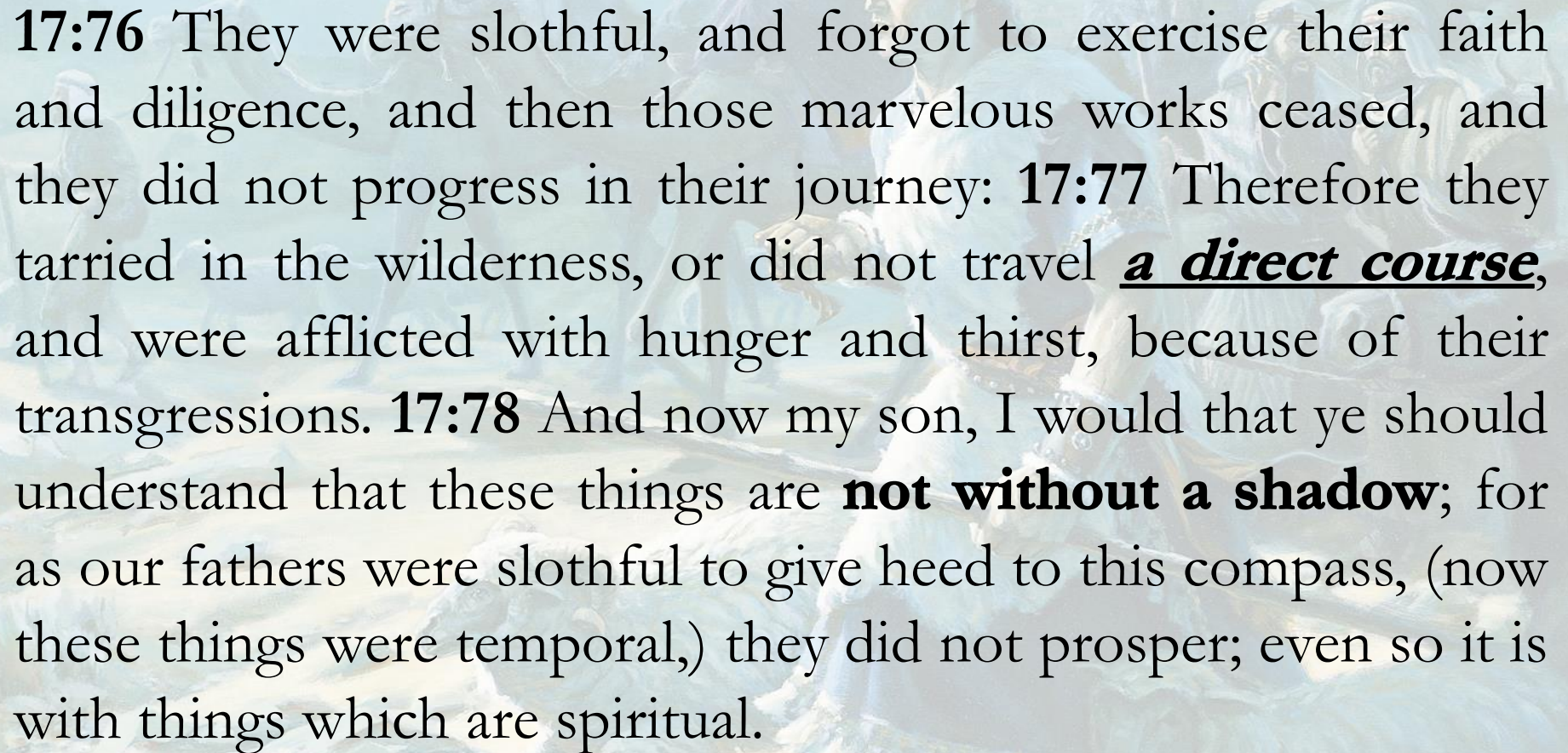
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**5:63** And all these things were prepared of the Lord, that we might not perish...**5:75** For the Lord had not hitherto suffered that we should make much fire, as we journeyed in the wilderness; **5:76** For he said, I will make thy food become sweet, that ye cook it not; **5:77** And **I will also be your light** in the wilderness; **5:78** And **I will prepare the way before you**, if it so be that ye shall keep my commandments; **5:79** Wherefore, inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments, ye **shall** be led toward the promised land; and ye shall know that it is **by me** that ye are led. **5:80** Yea, and the Lord said also, that after ye have arrived to the promised land, ye shall know that I, the Lord, am God; **5:83** Wherefore, I, Nephi, did strive to keep the commandments of the Lord, and I did exhort my brethren to faithfulness and diligence. [1 Nephi 5:56-63 and 75-83]

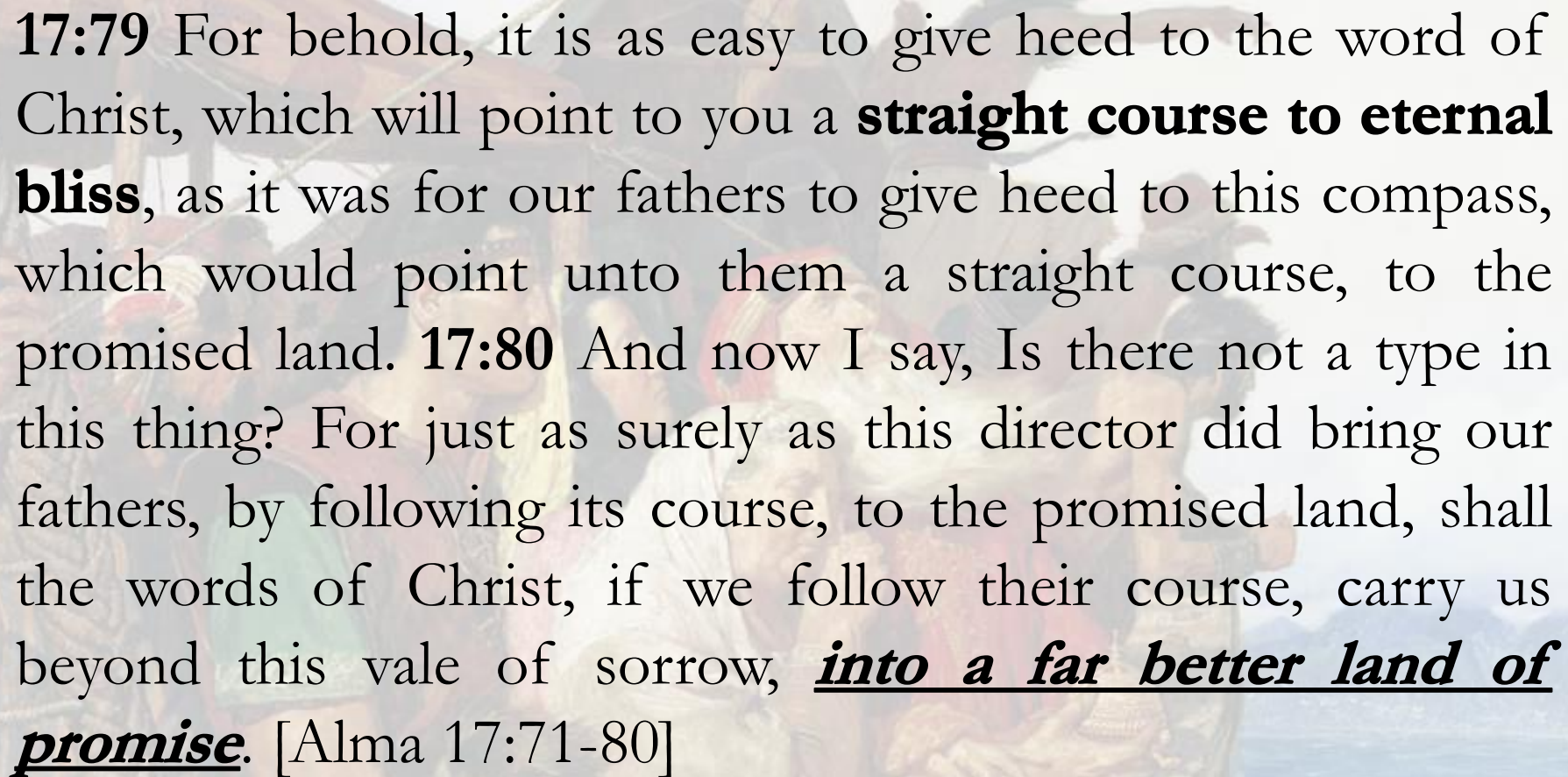
**17:71** And now my son, I have somewhat to say concerning the thing which our fathers call a ball, or director; or our fathers called it liahona, which is, being interpreted, a compass; and the Lord prepared it...**17:73** And behold, it was prepared to shew unto our fathers the course which they should travel in the wilderness; and it did work for them **according to their faith in God**; **17:74** Therefore if they had faith to believe that God could cause that those spindles should point the way they should go, behold, it was done; therefore they had this miracle, and also many other miracles wrought by the power of God, day by day; **17:75** Nevertheless, because those miracles were worked by **small means**, it did shew unto them **marvelous works**.

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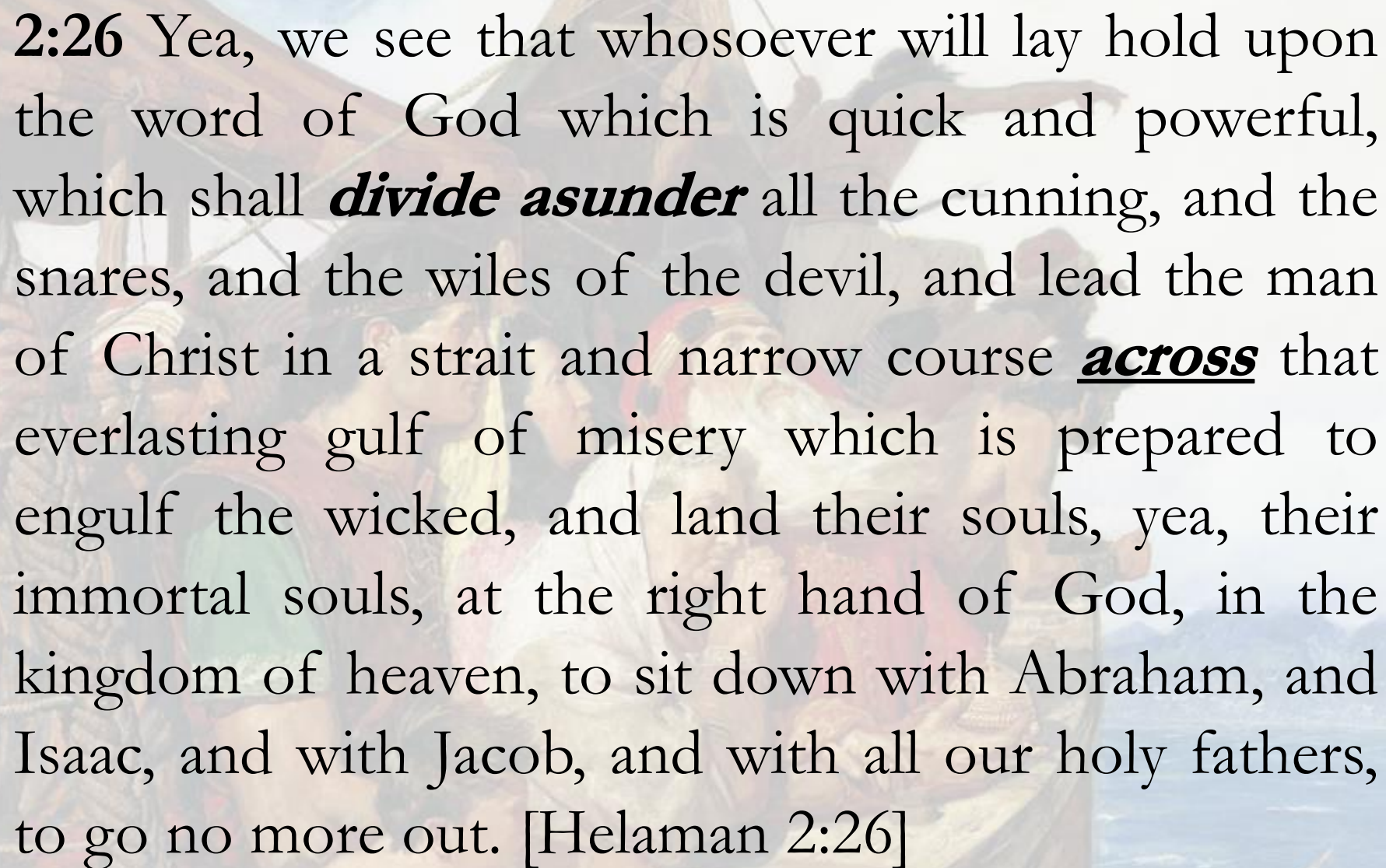
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**17:76** They were slothful, and forgot to exercise their faith and diligence, and then those marvelous works ceased, and they did not progress in their journey: **17:77** Therefore they tarried in the wilderness, or did not travel **a direct course**, and were afflicted with hunger and thirst, because of their transgressions. **17:78** And now my son, I would that ye should understand that these things are **not without a shadow**; for as our fathers were slothful to give heed to this compass, (now these things were temporal,) they did not prosper; even so it is with things which are spiritual.

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**17:79** For behold, it is as easy to give heed to the word of Christ, which will point to you a **straight course to eternal bliss**, as it was for our fathers to give heed to this compass, which would point unto them a straight course, to the promised land. **17:80** And now I say, Is there not a type in this thing? For just as surely as this director did bring our fathers, by following its course, to the promised land, shall the words of Christ, if we follow their course, carry us beyond this vale of sorrow, **into a far better land of promise.** [Alma 17:71-80]



**2:26** Yea, we see that whosoever will lay hold upon the word of God which is quick and powerful, which shall ***divide asunder*** all the cunning, and the snares, and the wiles of the devil, and lead the man of Christ in a strait and narrow course **across** that everlasting gulf of misery which is prepared to engulf the wicked, and land their souls, yea, their immortal souls, at the right hand of God, in the kingdom of heaven, to sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and with Jacob, and with all our holy fathers, to go no more out. [Helaman 2:26]

