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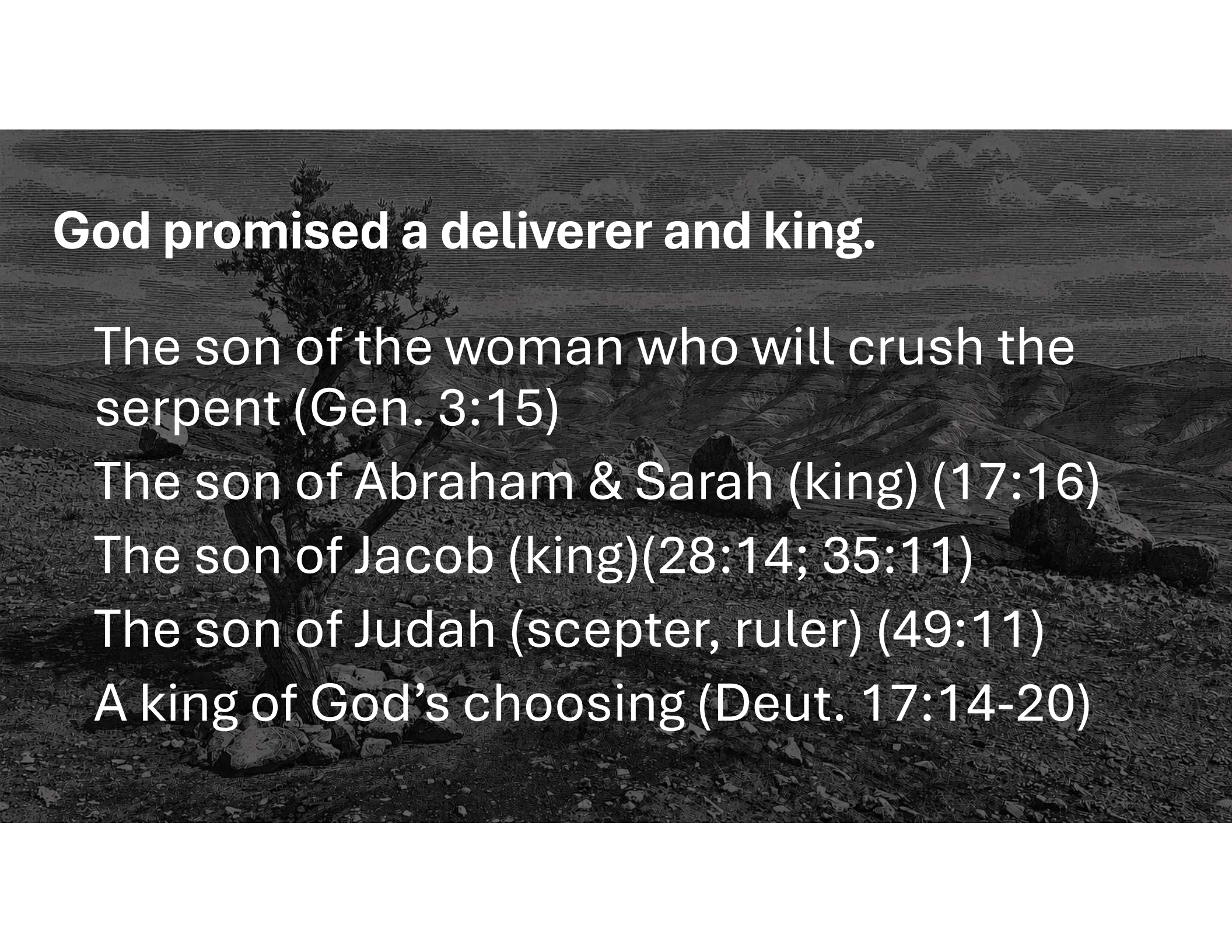
THE GREATEST NEED

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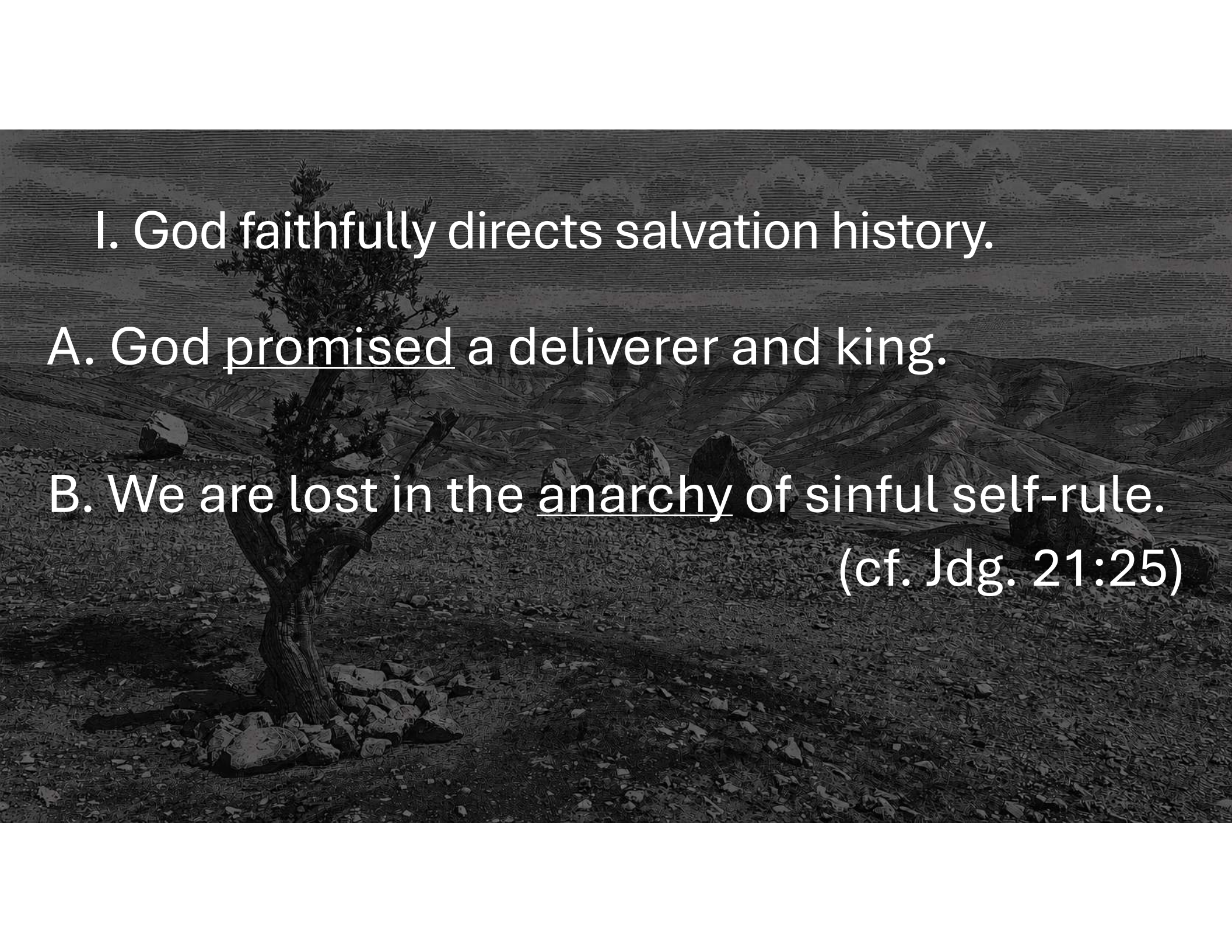
The son of the woman who will crush the serpent (Gen. 3:15)

The son of Abraham & Sarah (king) (17:16)

The son of Jacob (king)(28:14; 35:11)

The son of Judah (scepter, ruler) (49:11)

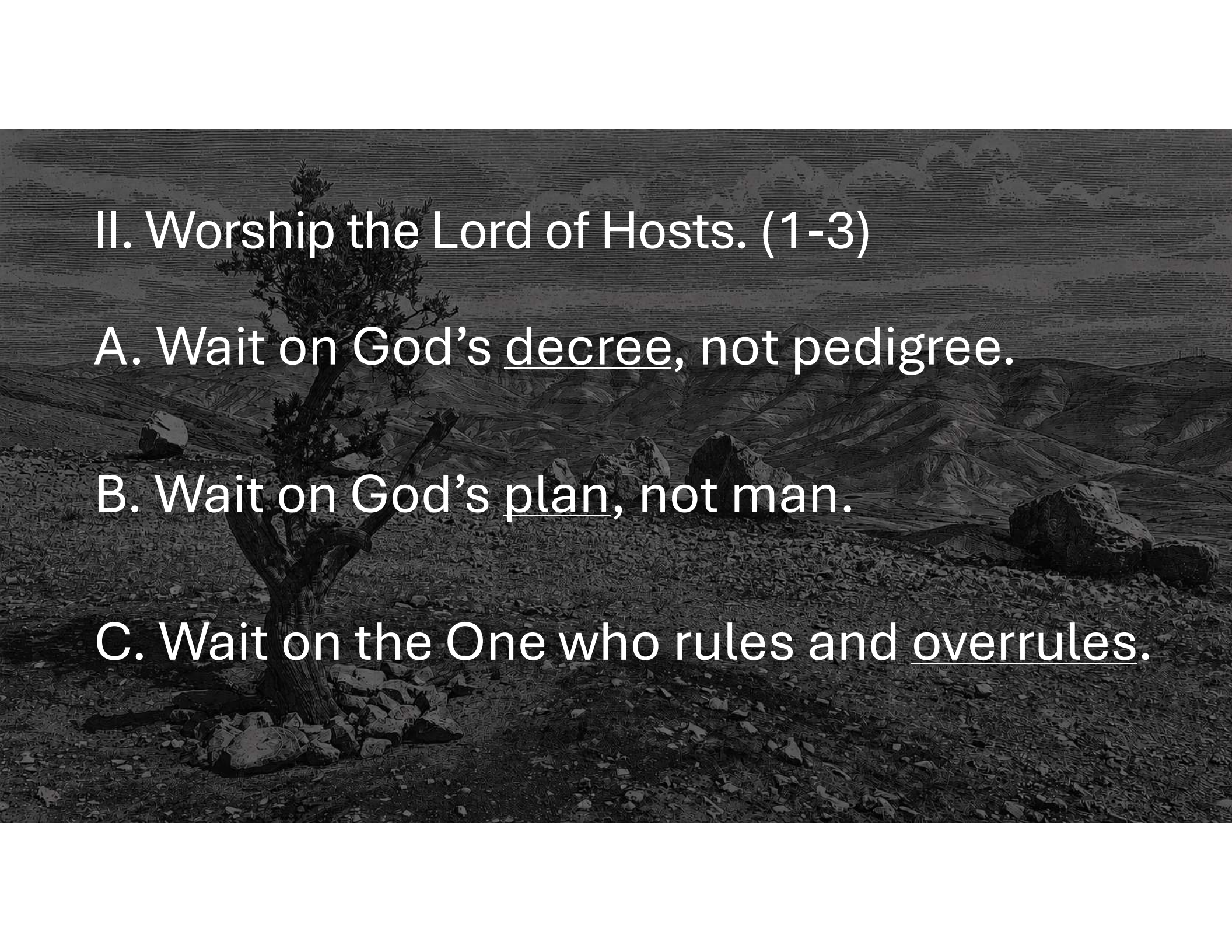
A king of God's choosing (Deut. 17:14-20)



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B. We are lost in the anarchy of sinful self-rule.
(cf. Jdg. 21:25)

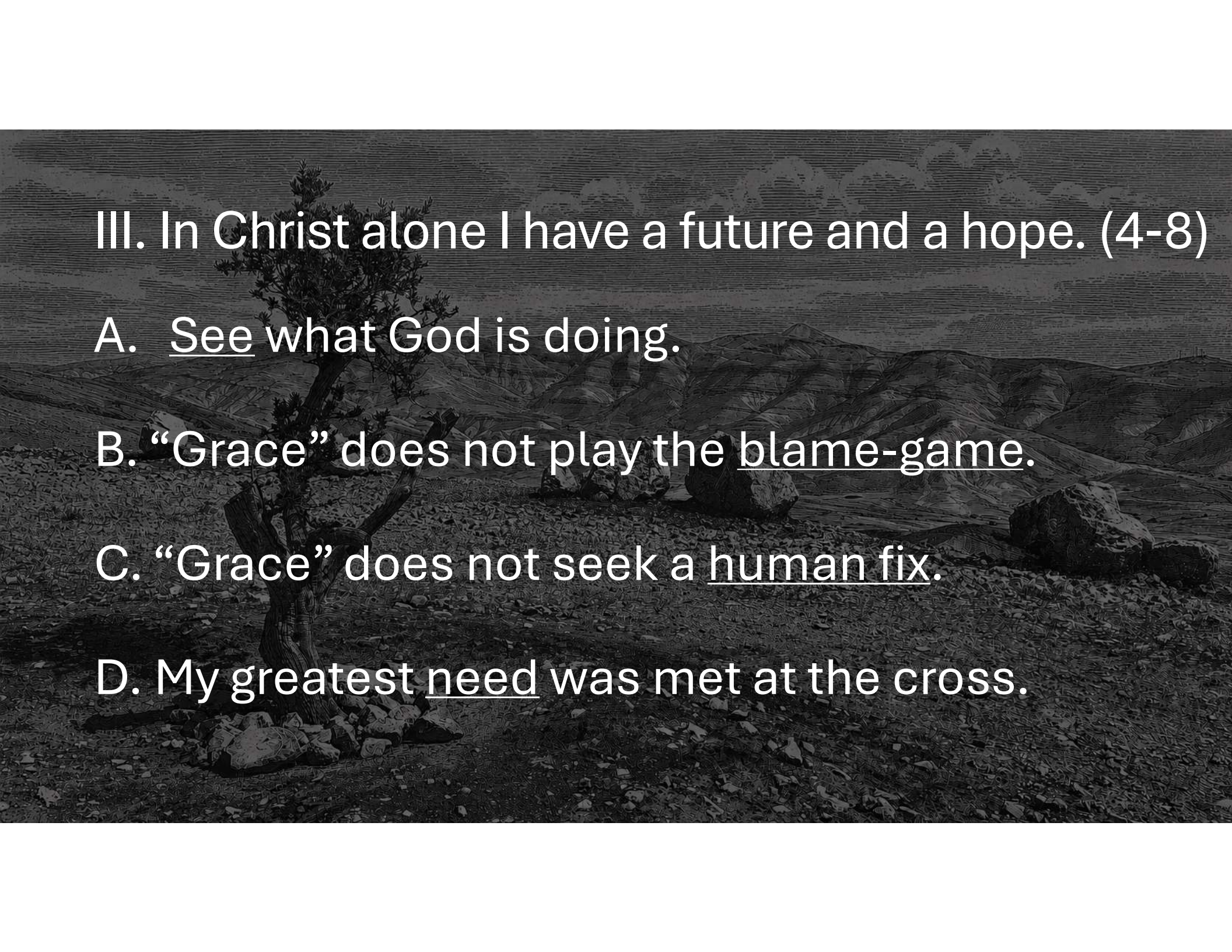


II. Worship the Lord of Hosts. (1-3)

A. Wait on God's decree, not pedigree.

B. Wait on God's plan, not man.

C. Wait on the One who rules and overrules.



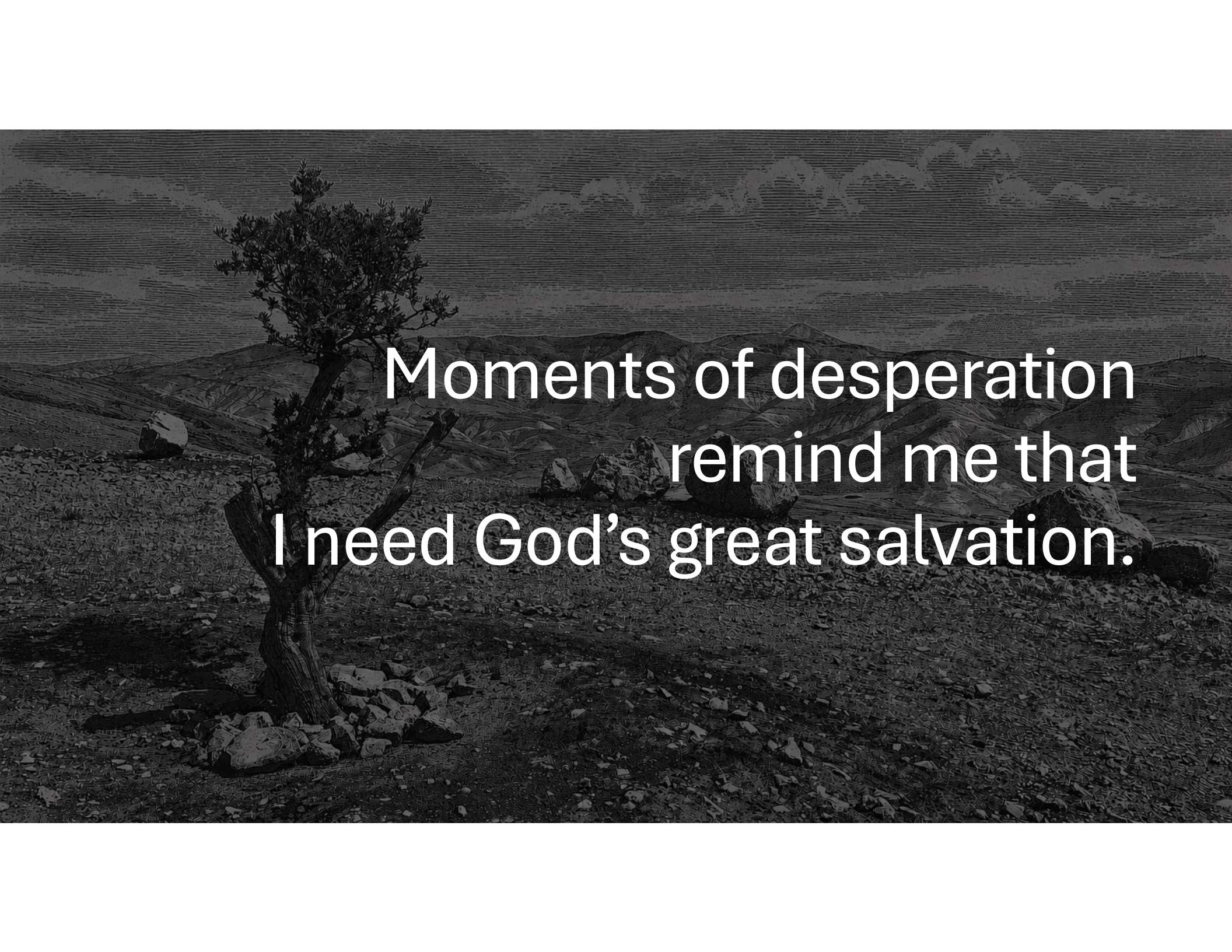
III. In Christ alone I have a future and a hope. (4-8)

A. See what God is doing.

B. “Grace” does not play the blame-game.

C. “Grace” does not seek a human fix.

D. My greatest need was met at the cross.

A black and white photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a gnarled, leafy tree stands on a rocky patch of ground. The middle ground is filled with scattered rocks and sparse vegetation. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a cloudy sky. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

Moments of desperation
remind me that
I need God's great salvation.