

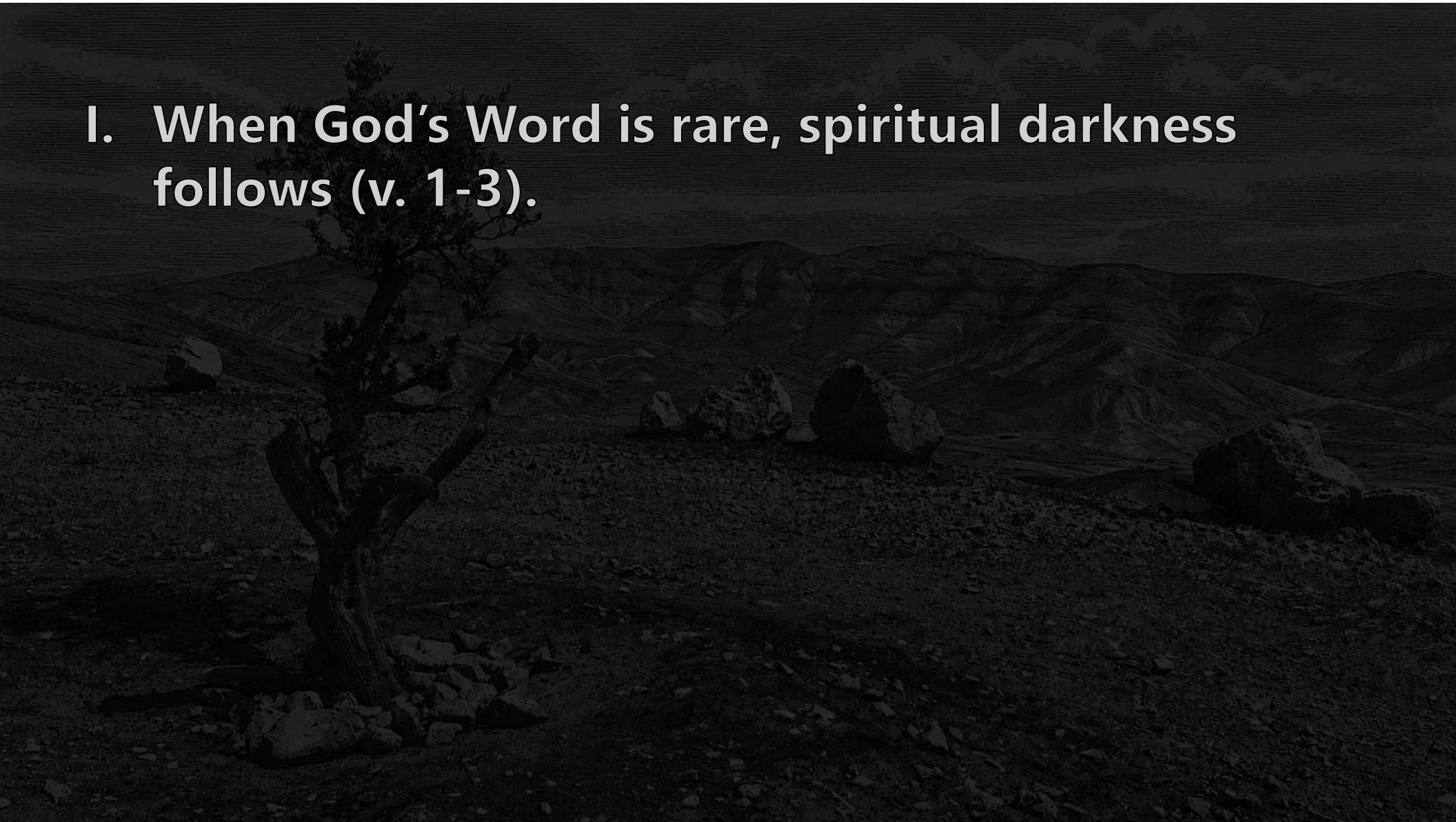
THE BOOK OF
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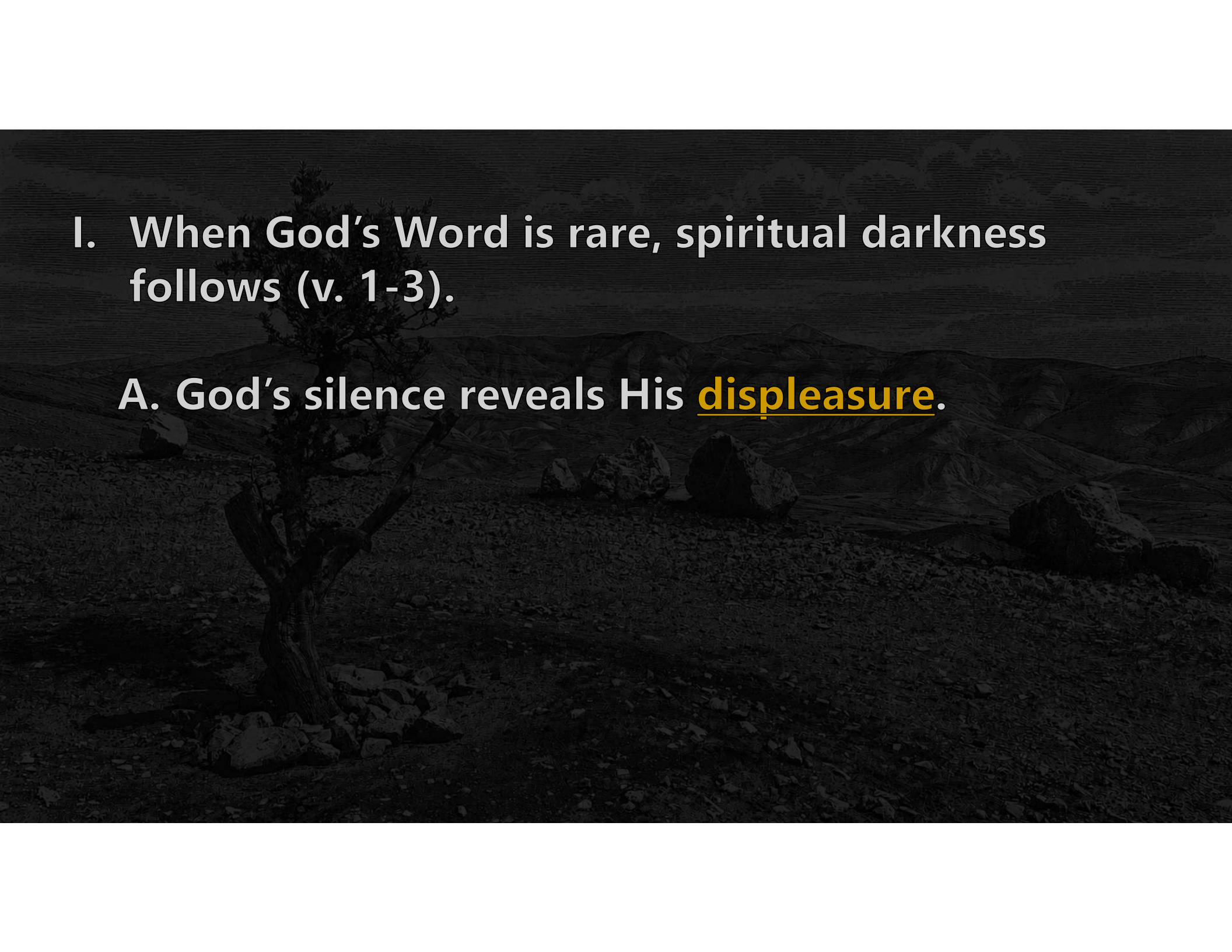
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Speak, Lord

1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a

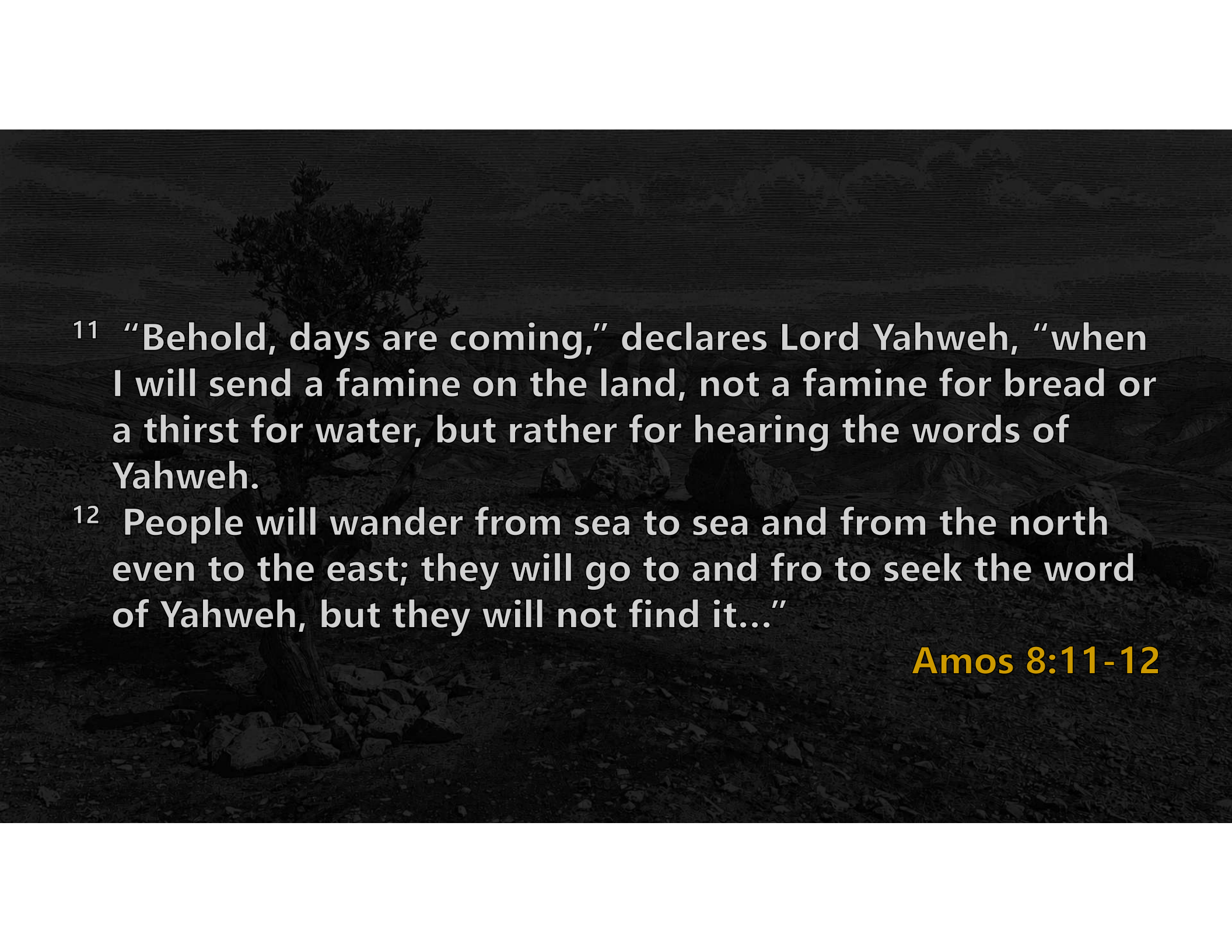
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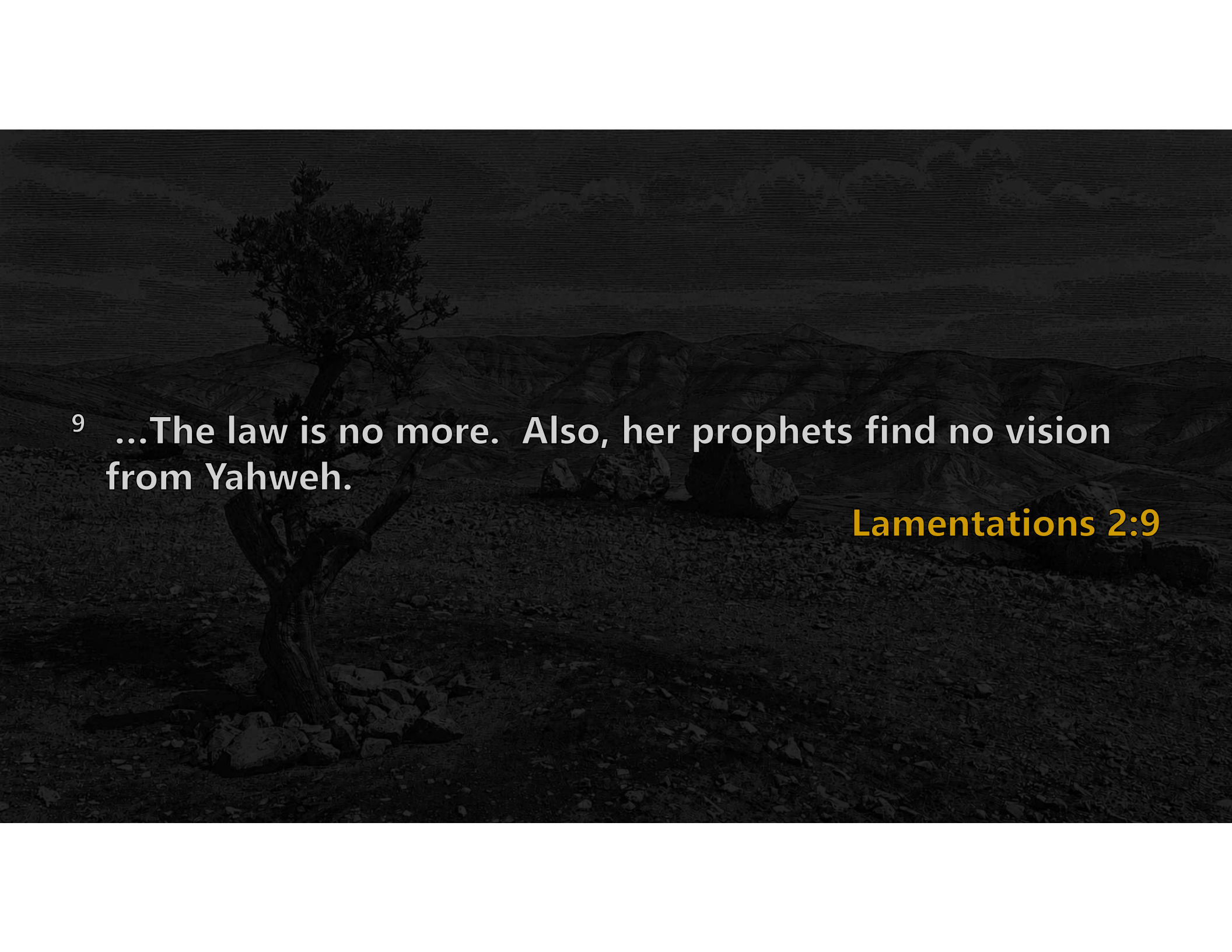
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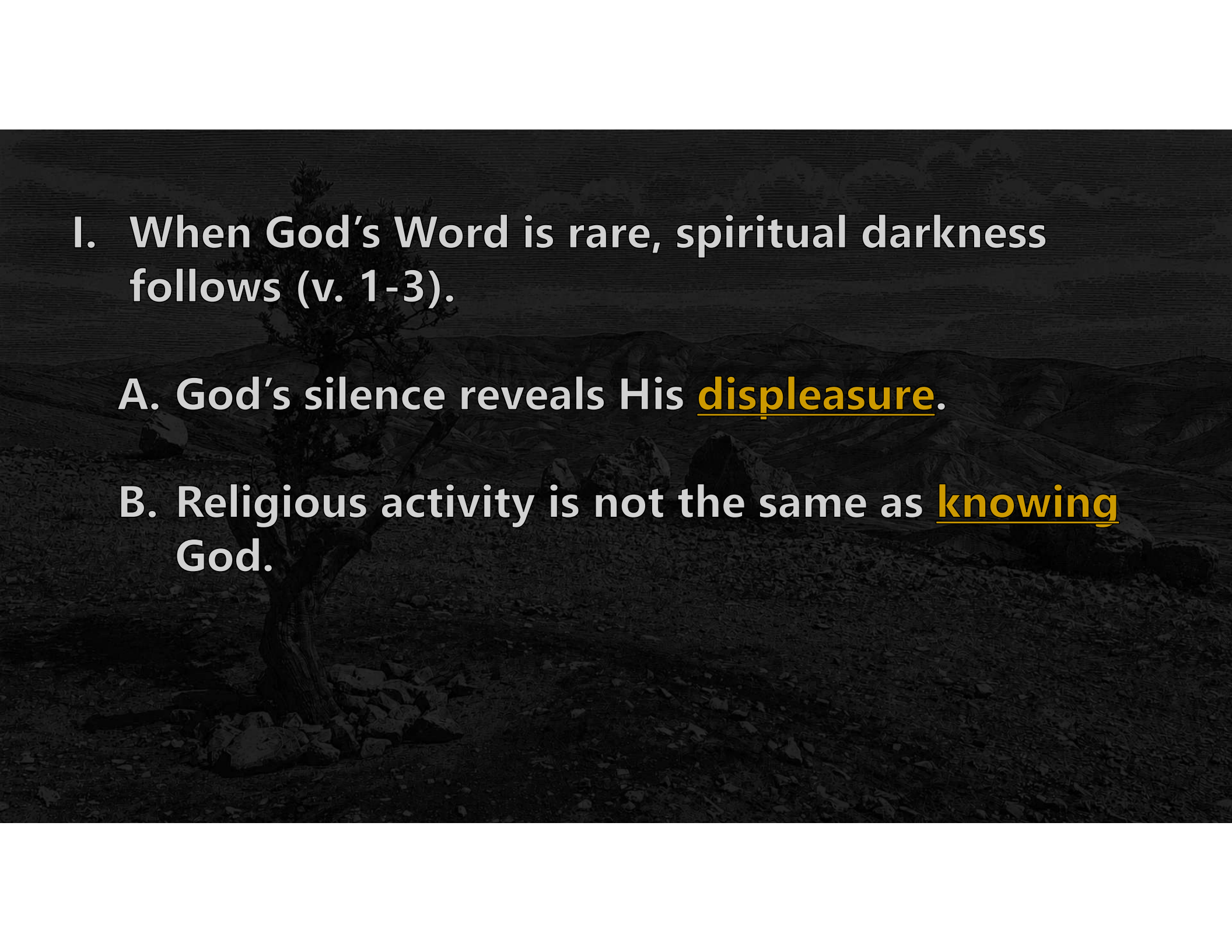
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- ¹¹ “Behold, days are coming,” declares Lord Yahweh, “when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, but rather for hearing the words of Yahweh.
- ¹² People will wander from sea to sea and from the north even to the east; they will go to and fro to seek the word of Yahweh, but they will not find it...”

Amos 8:11-12

A dark, atmospheric landscape with a gnarled tree in the foreground and rolling hills in the background. The scene is dimly lit, with a cloudy sky and a rocky ground. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

⁹ ...The law is no more. Also, her prophets find no vision from Yahweh.

Lamentations 2:9



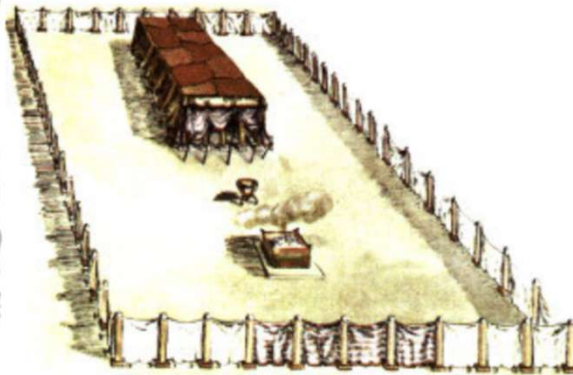
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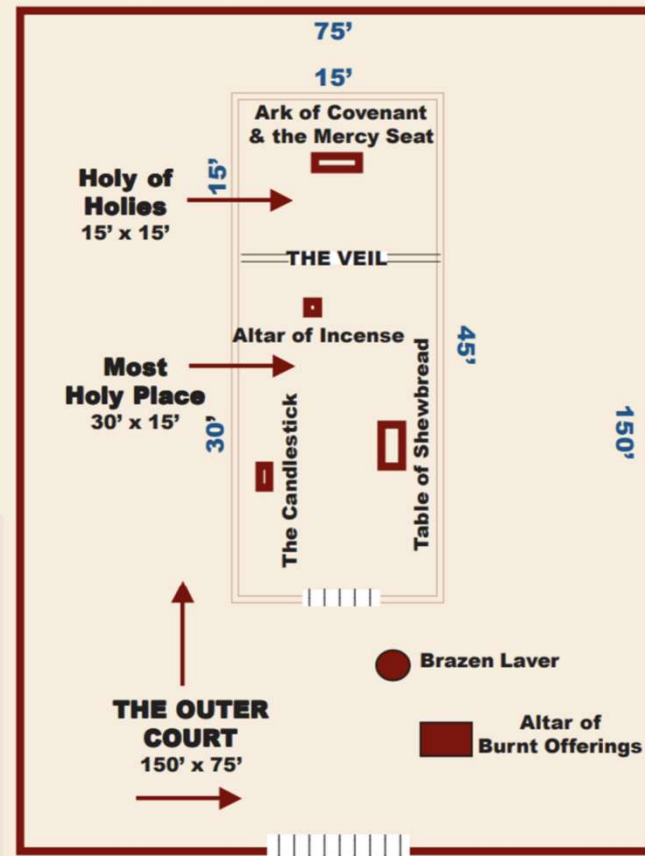


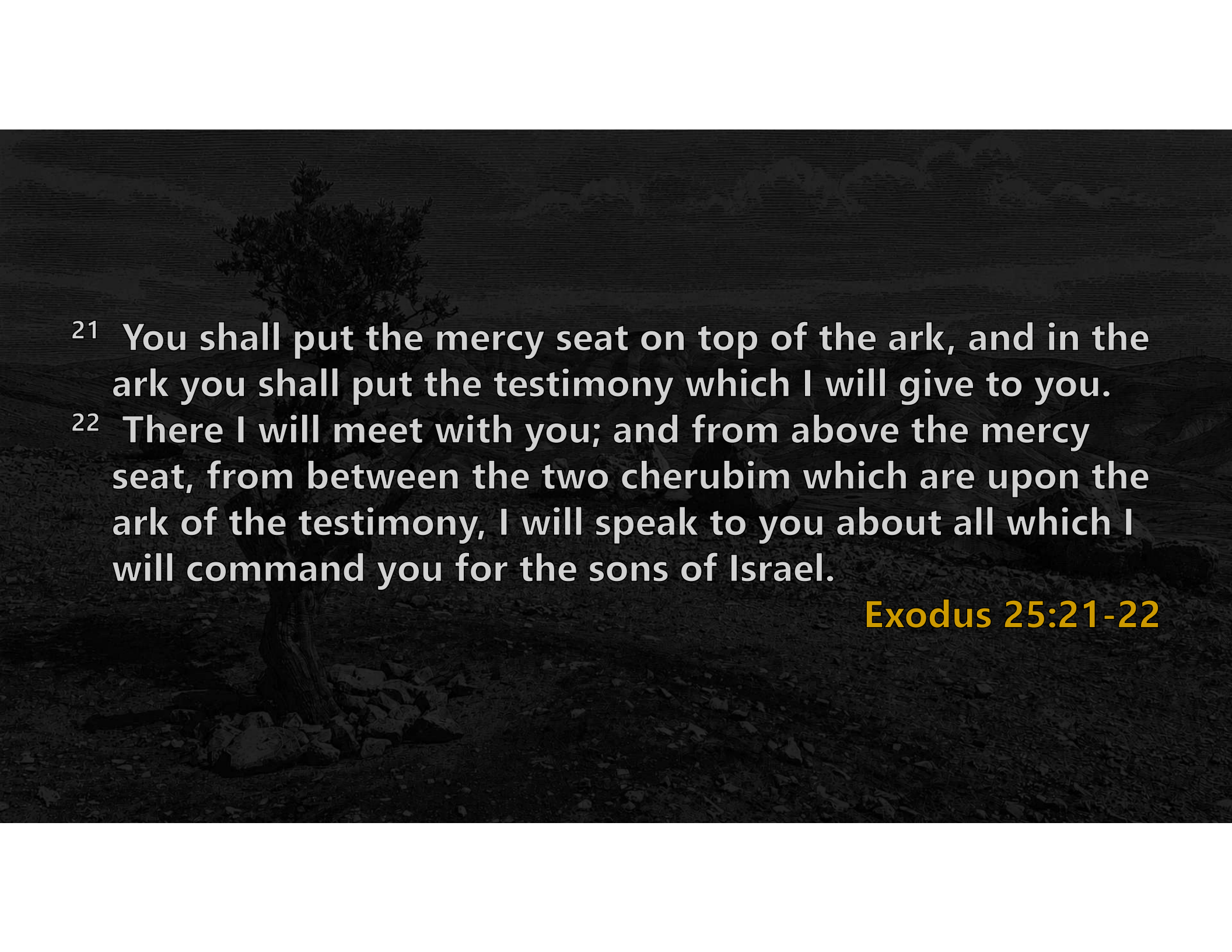
The Diagram of the Tabernacle



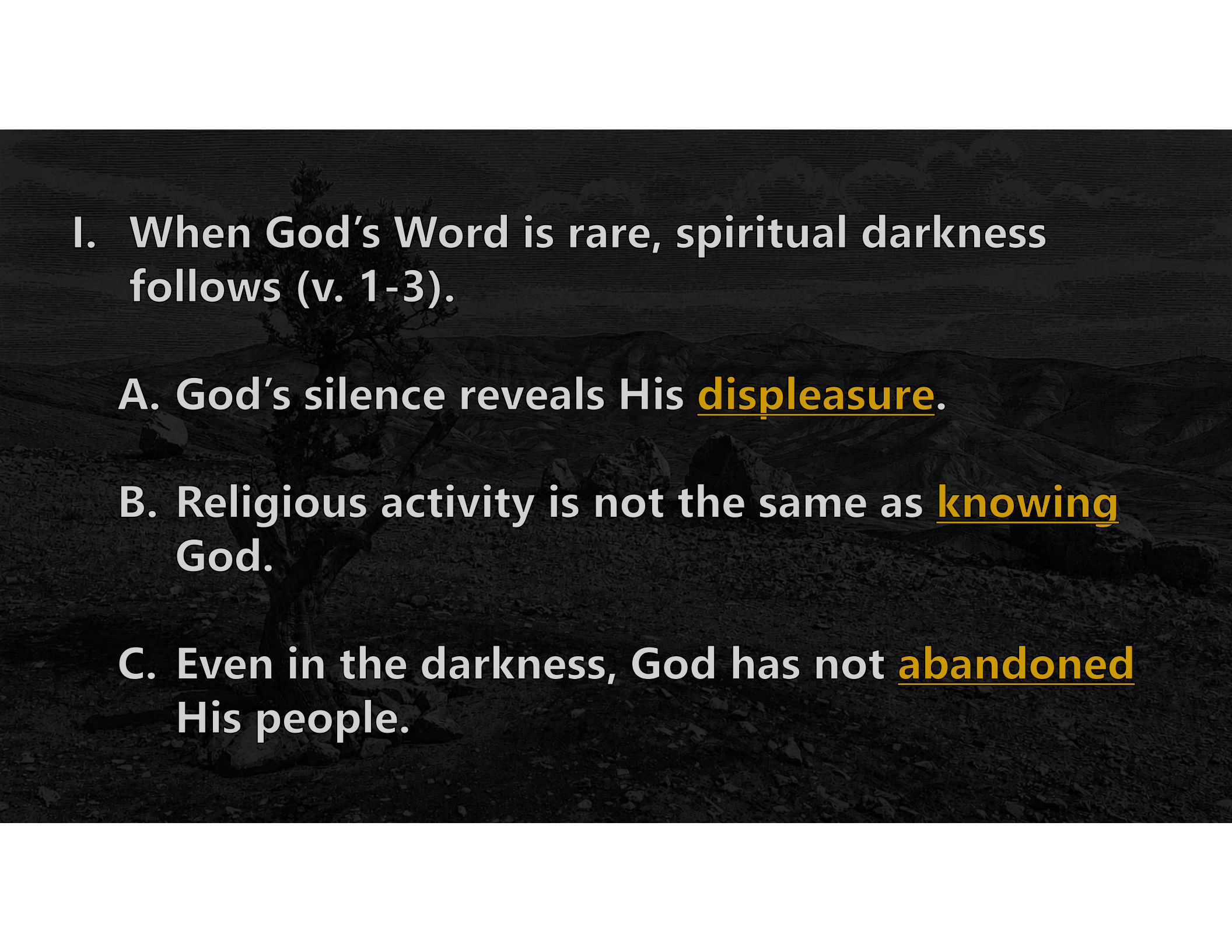
TABERNACLE DIMENSIONS

- Outer Court - 150' x 75'
- Tabernacle - 45' x 15'
- Most Holy Place - 30' x 15'
- Holy of Holies - 15' x 15'



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- ²¹ You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I will give to you.
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Exodus 25:21-22



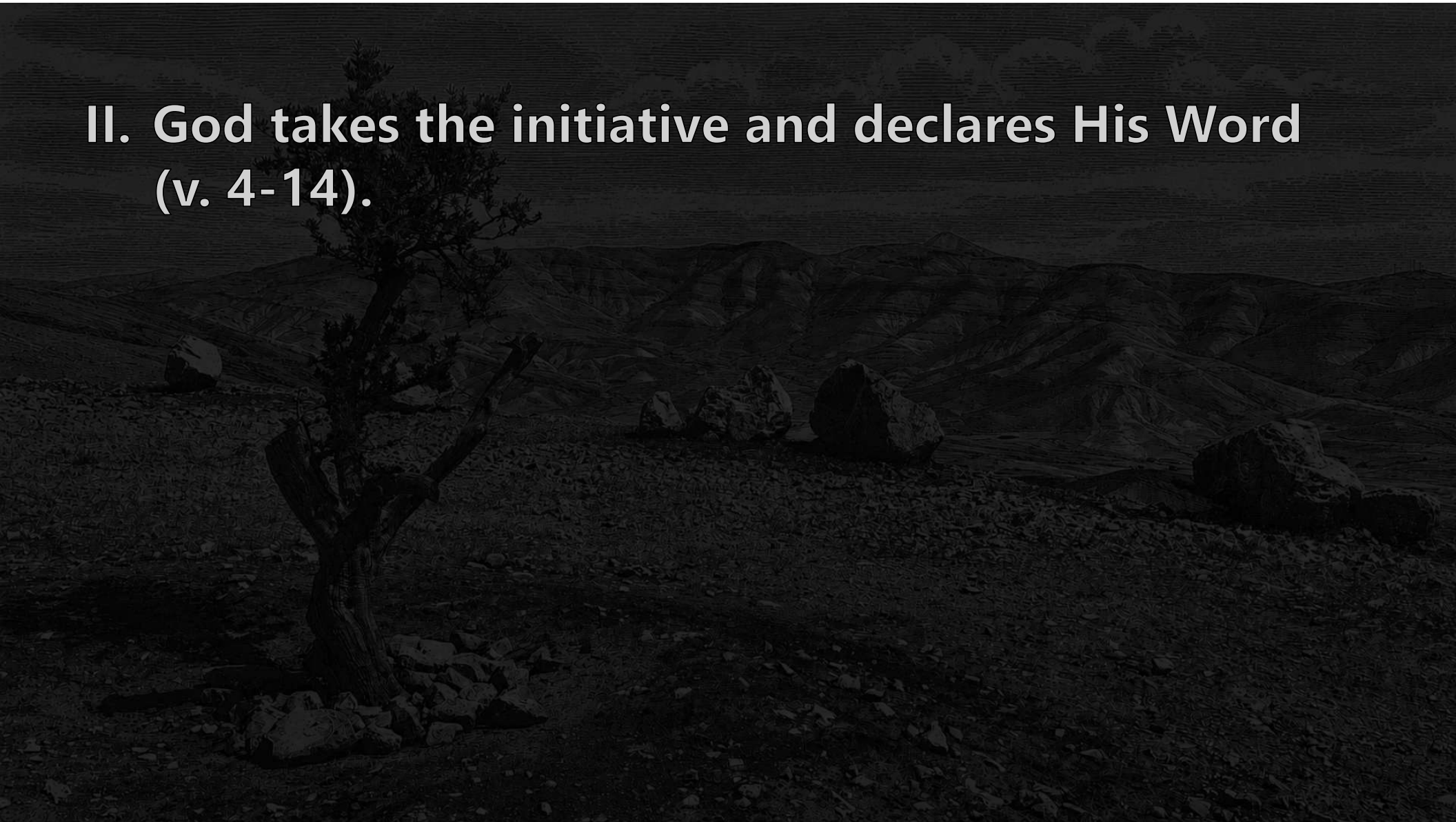
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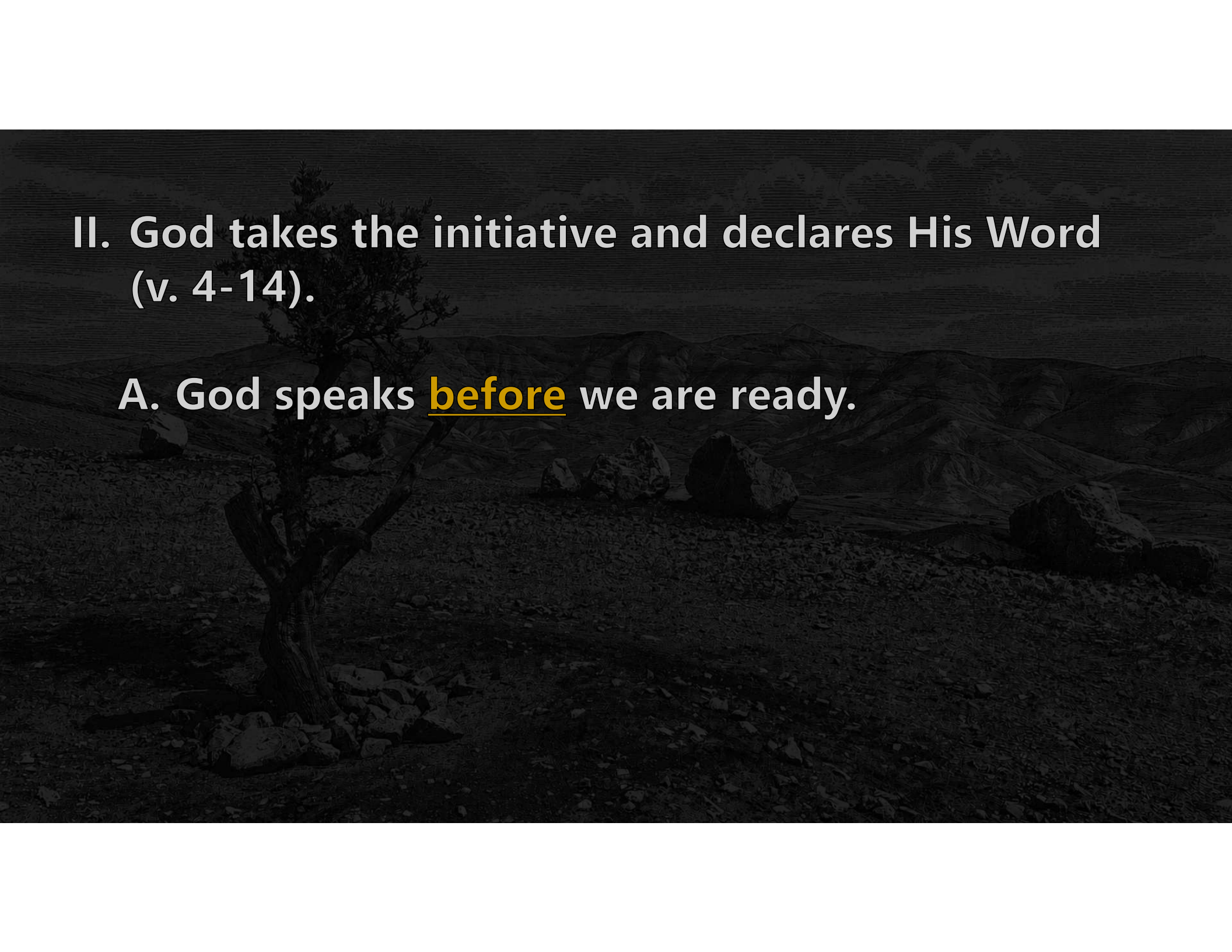
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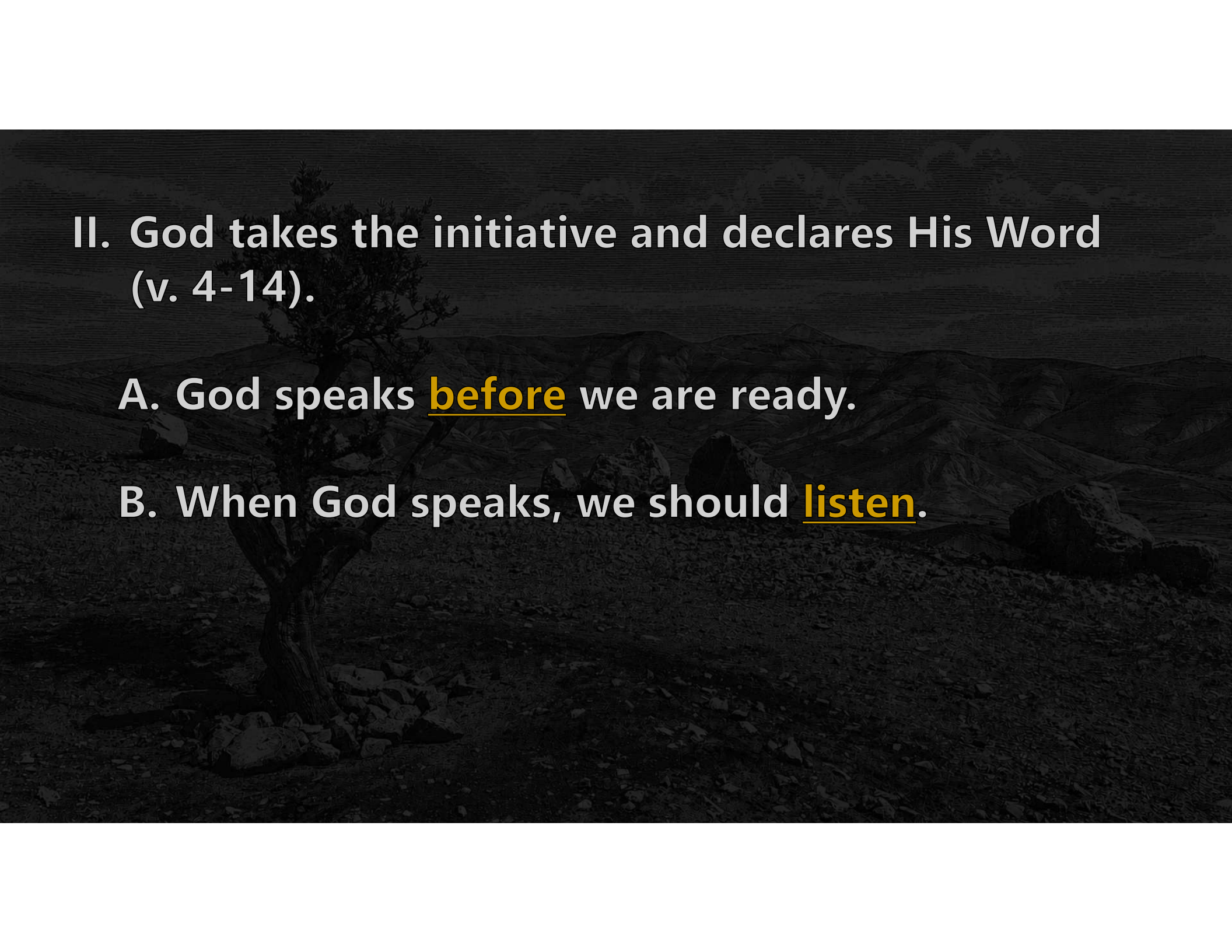
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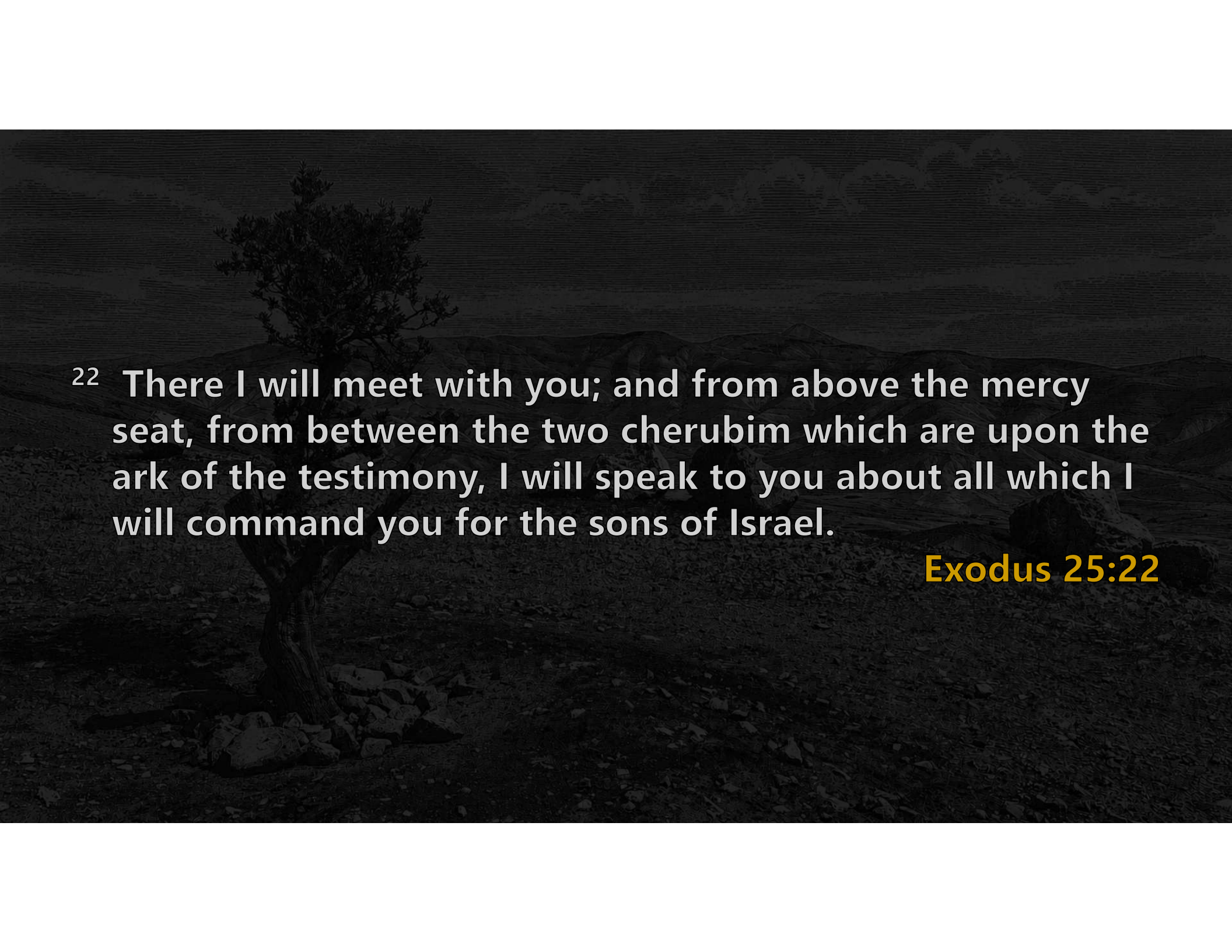
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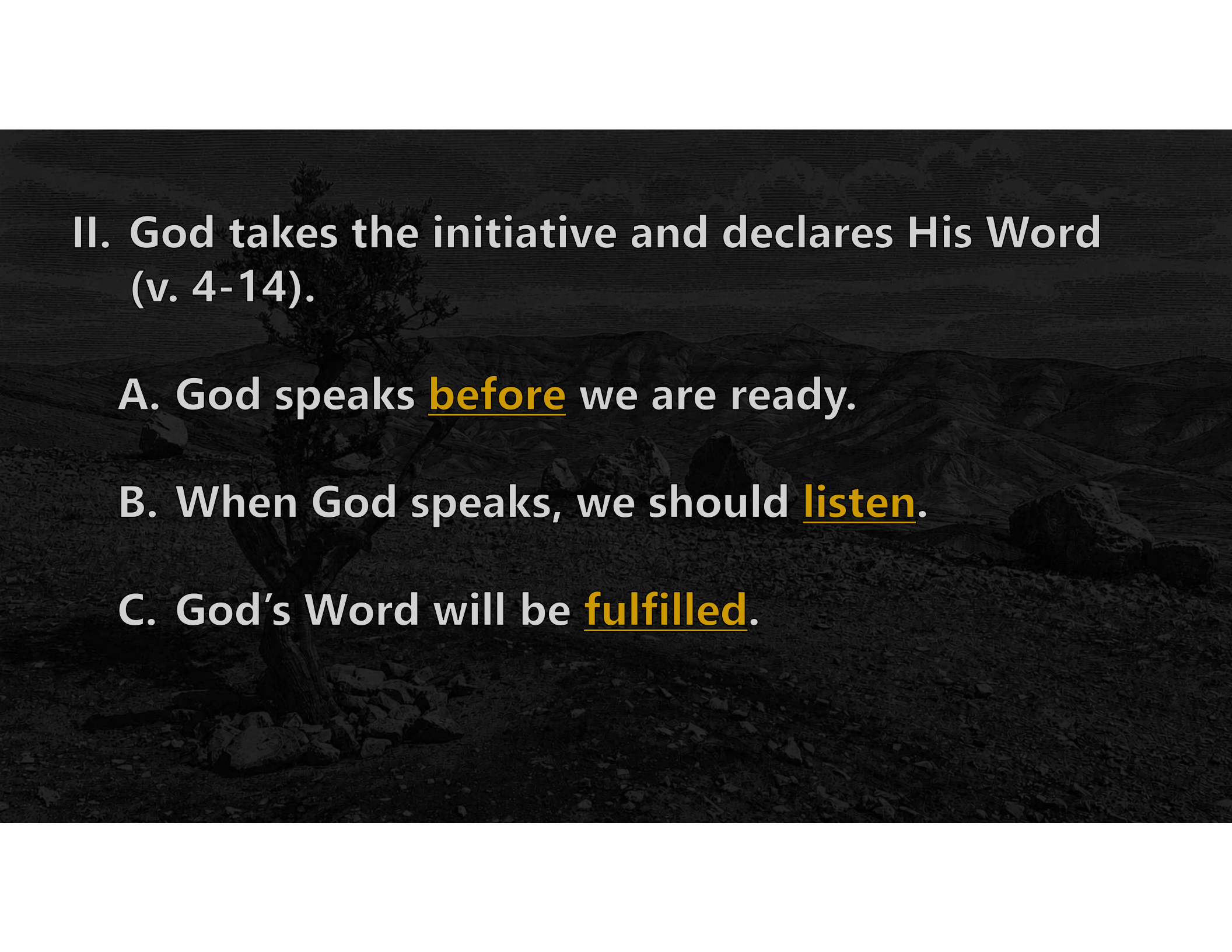
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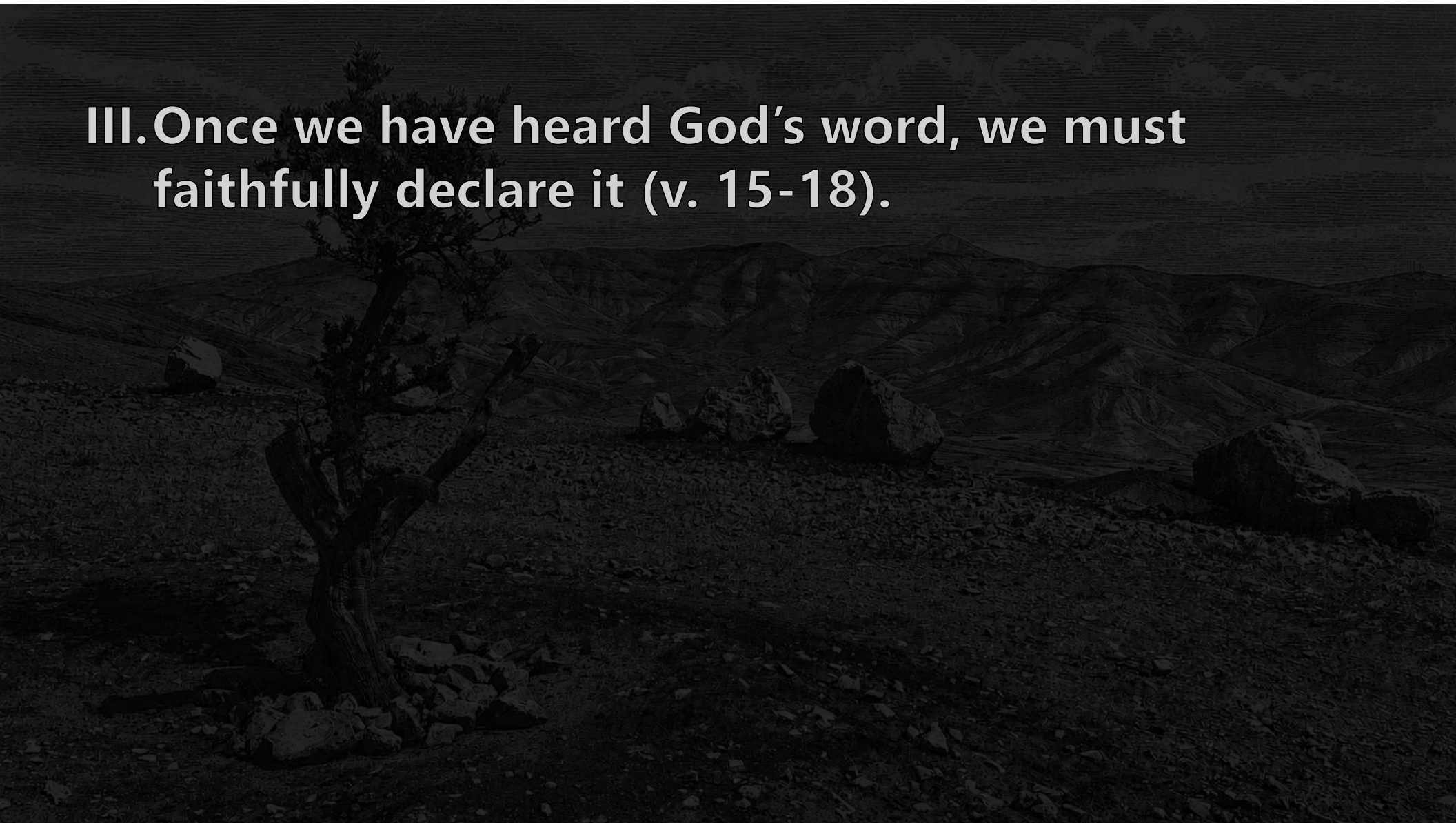
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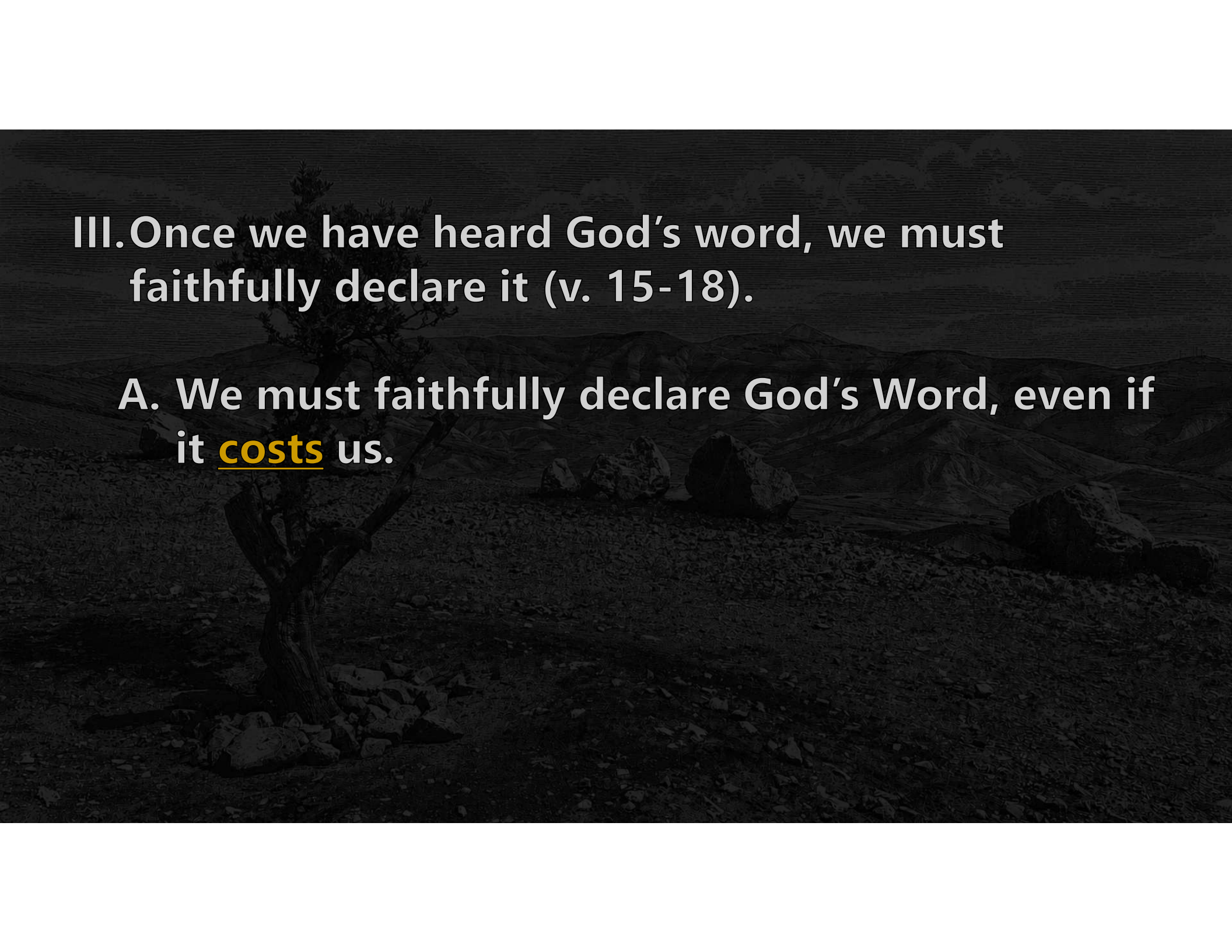


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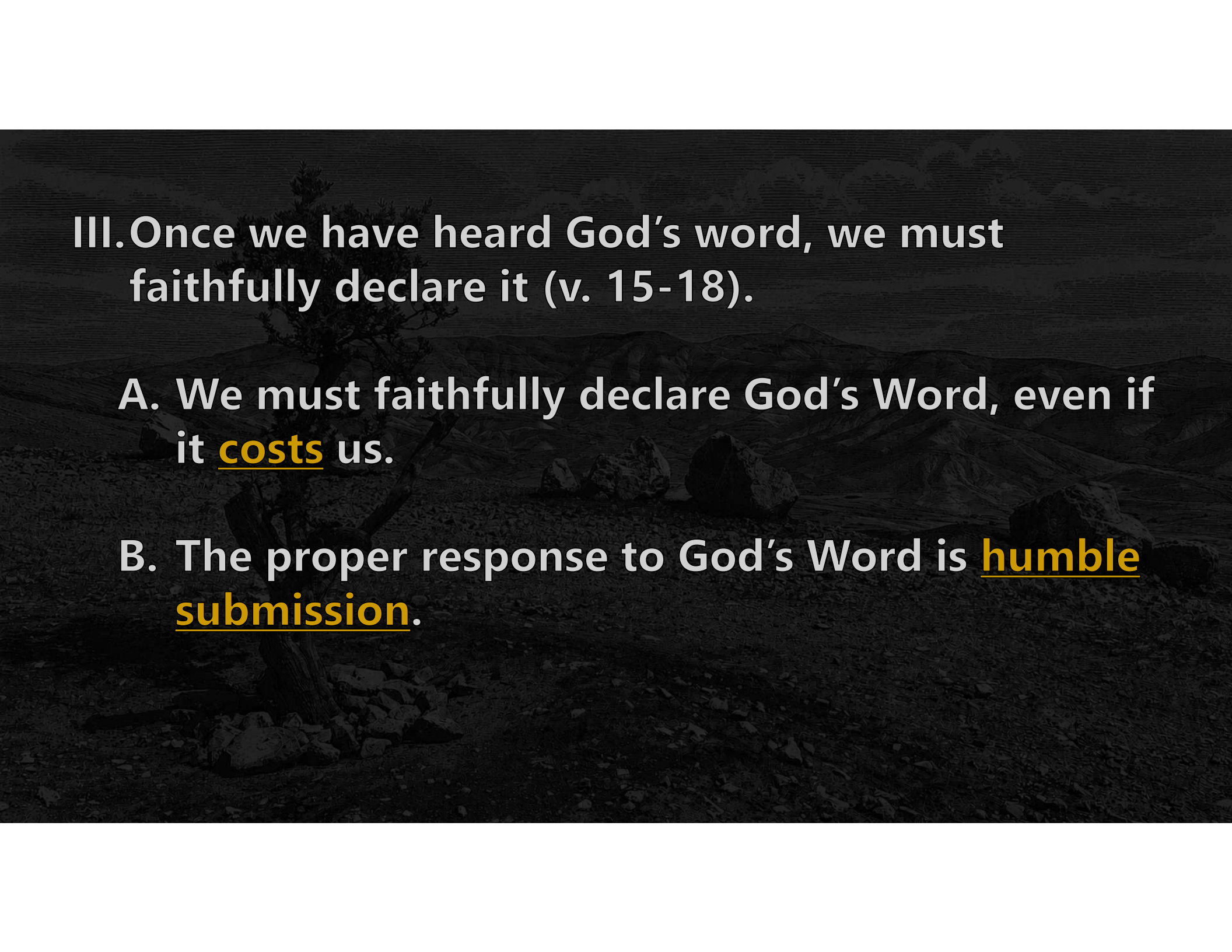
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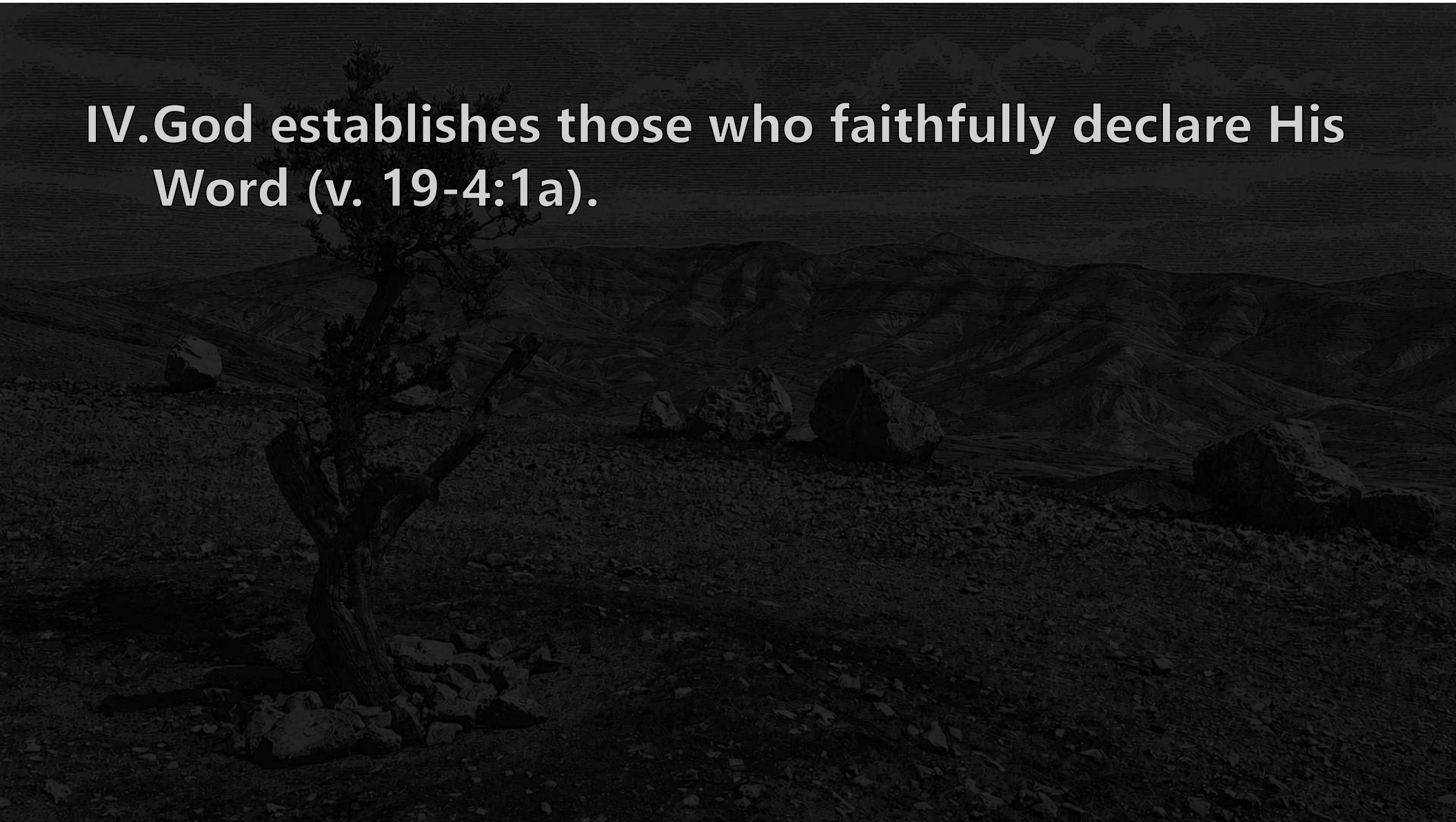


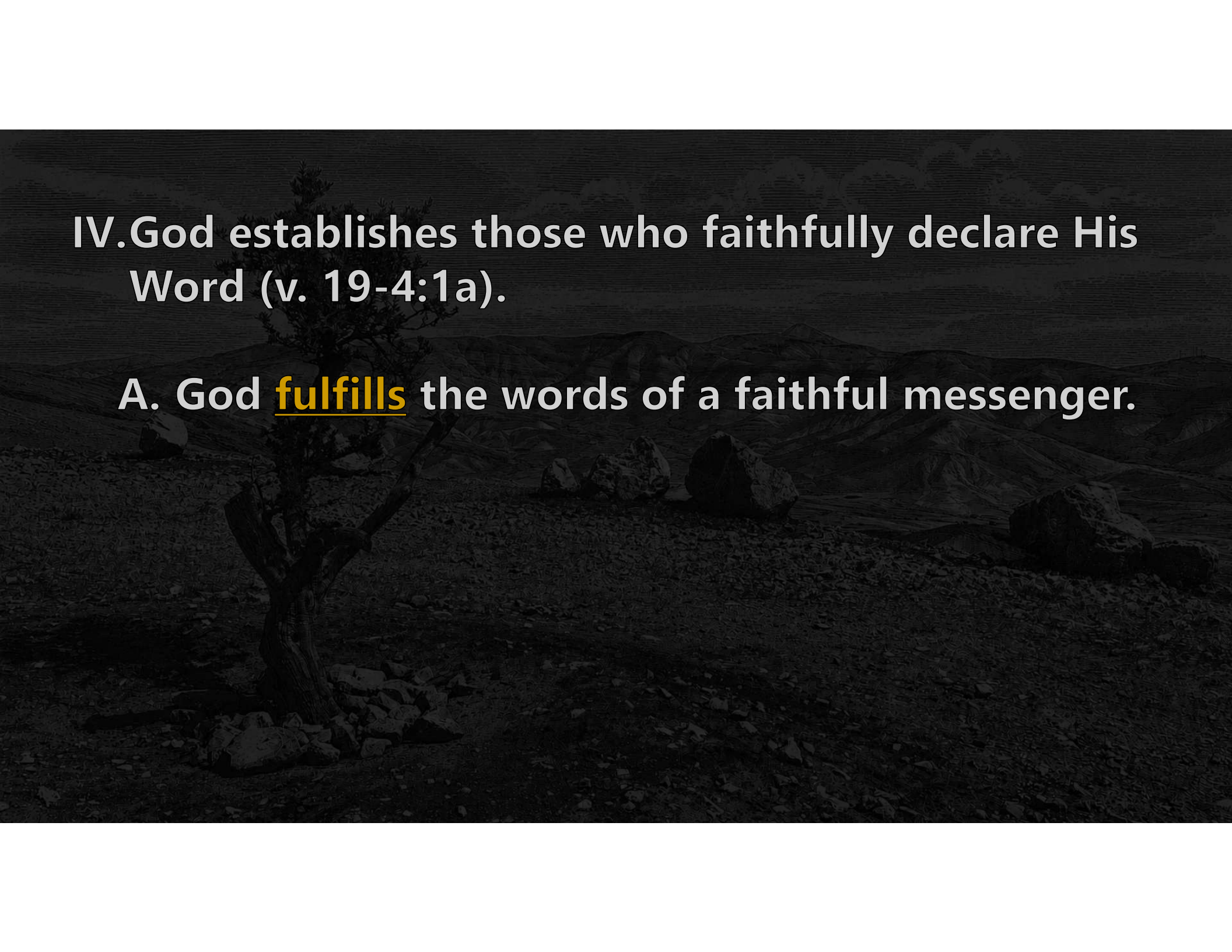
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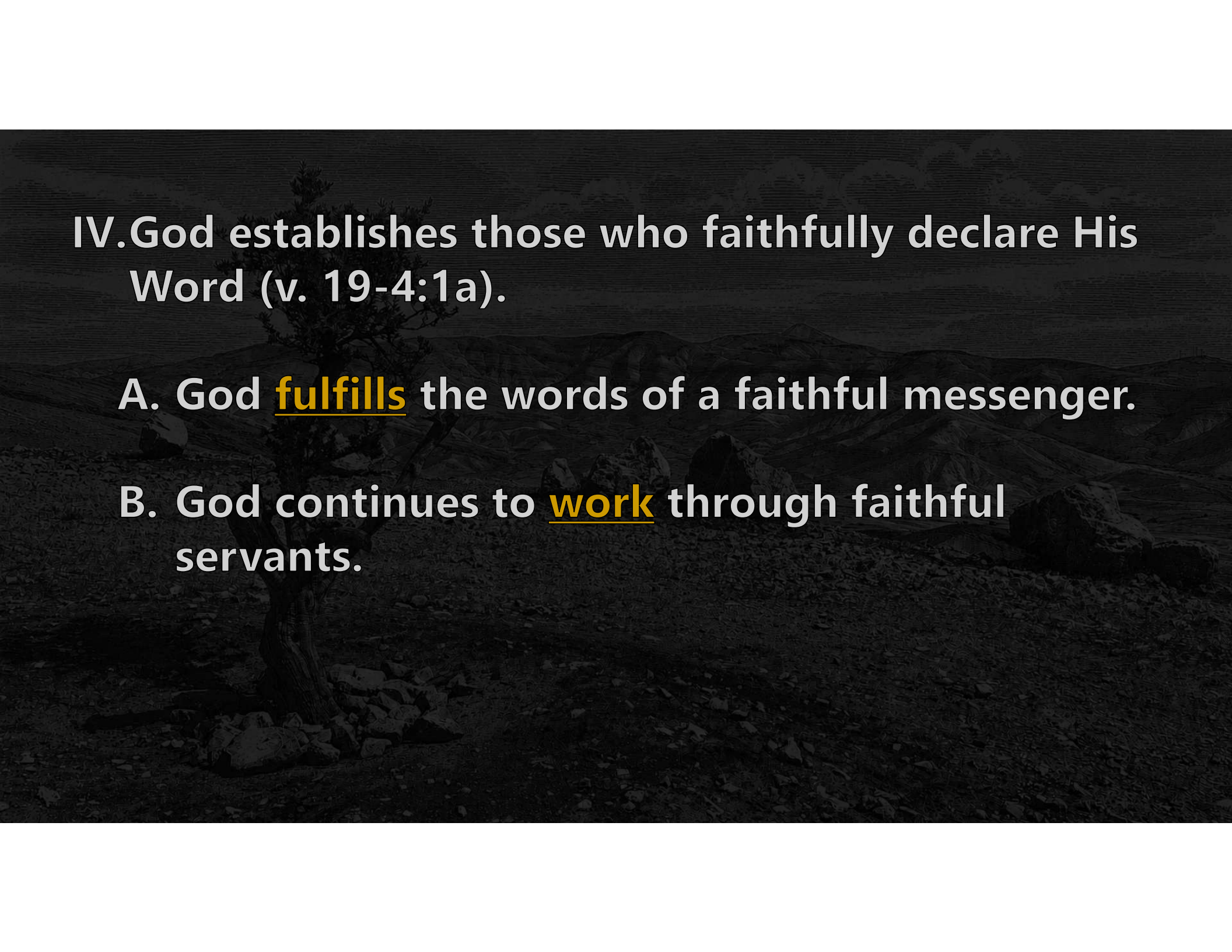
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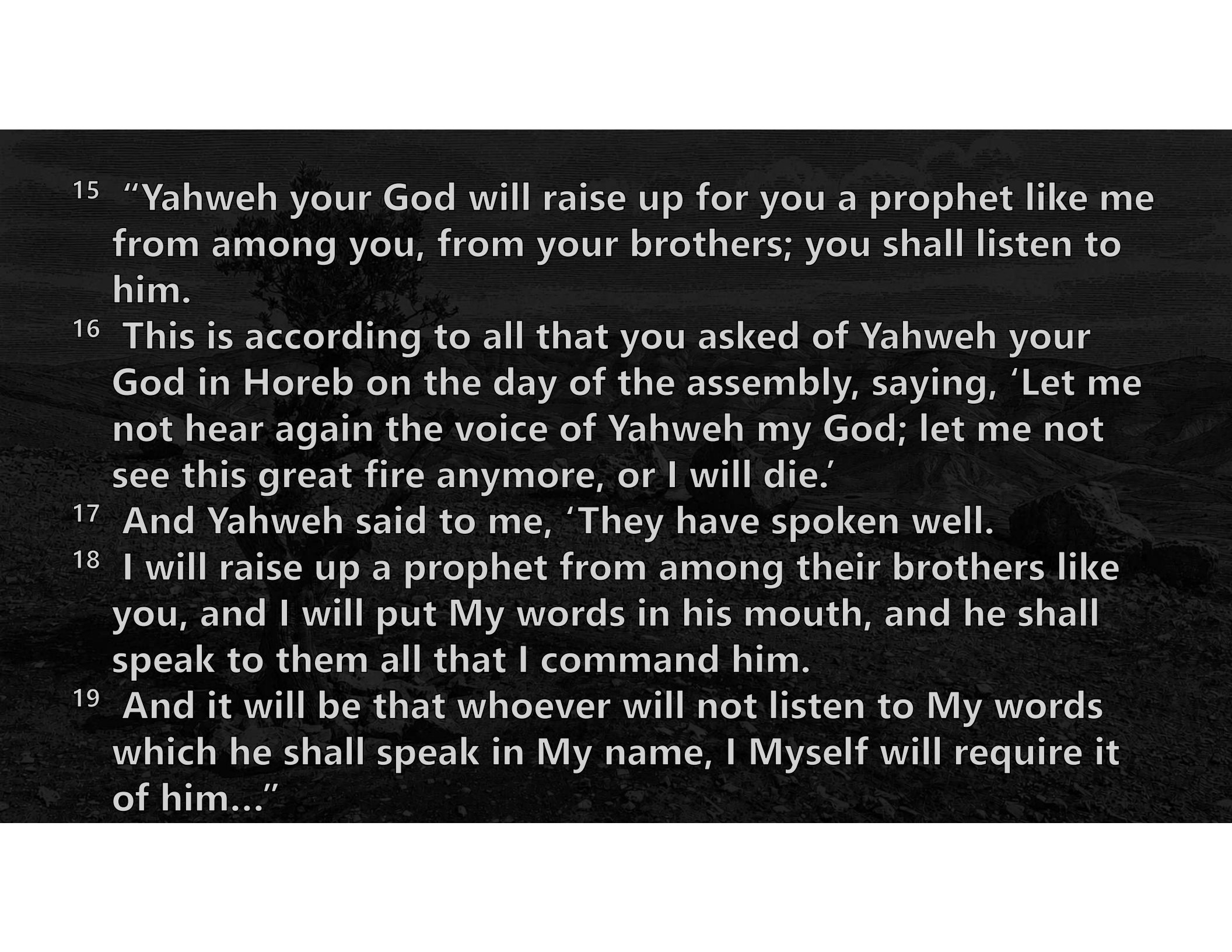
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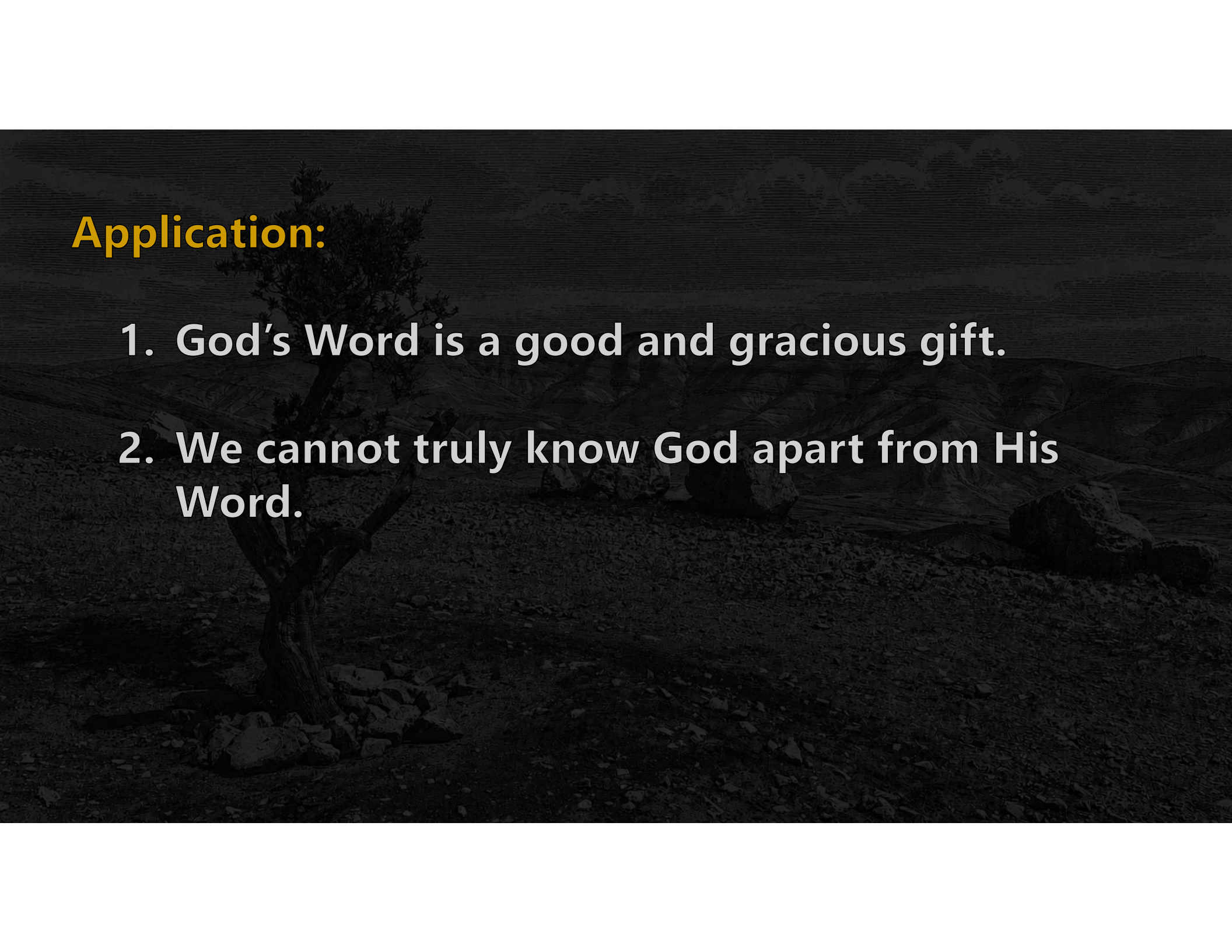
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- 15 "Yahweh your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers; you shall listen to him.
- 16 This is according to all that you asked of Yahweh your God in Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of Yahweh my God; let me not see this great fire anymore, or I will die.'
- 17 And Yahweh said to me, 'They have spoken well.
- 18 I will raise up a prophet from among their brothers like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.
- 19 And it will be that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him..."

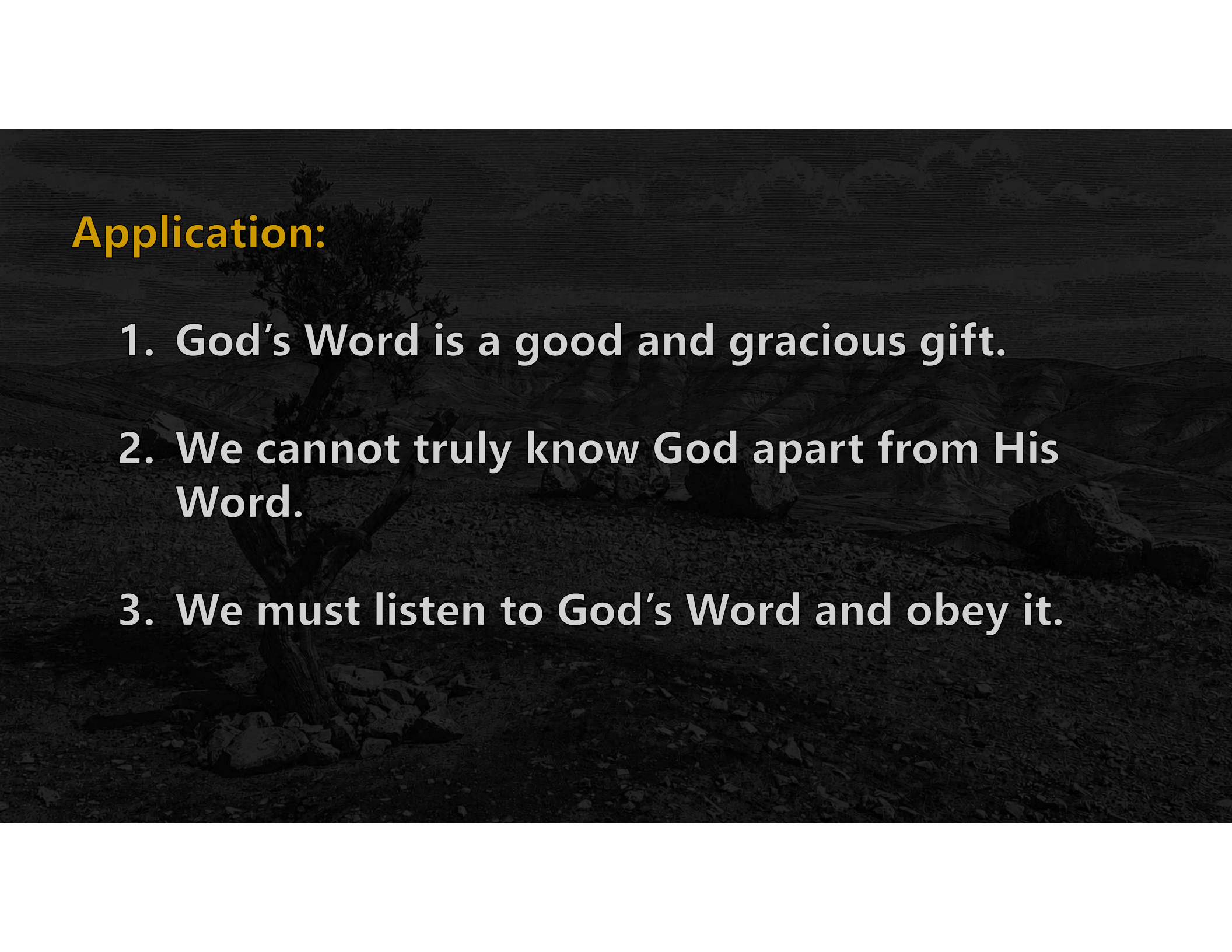
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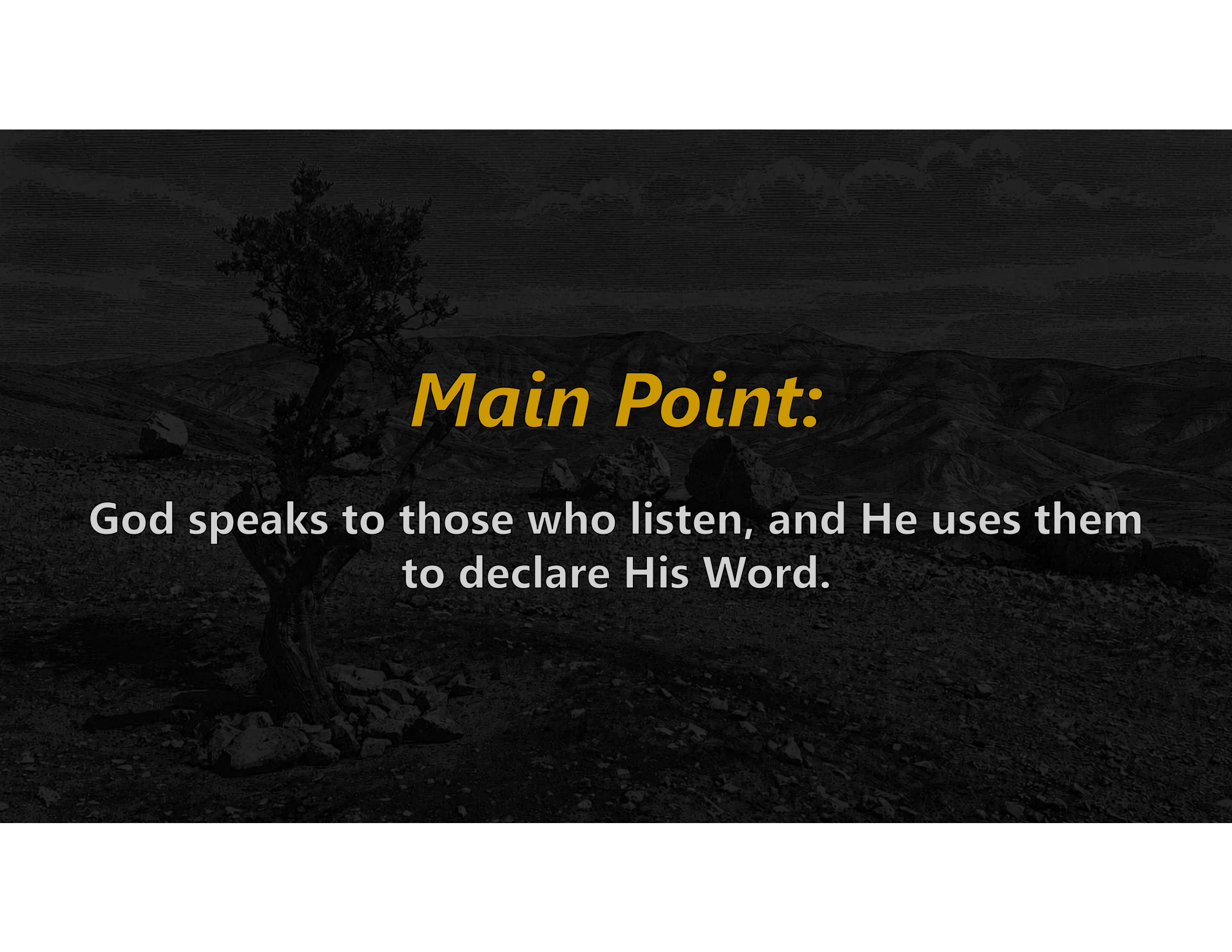
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Main Point:

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