

current sermon series

BATTLING UNBELIEF

The background of the image is a close-up, high-angle shot of a medieval knight. The knight is wearing chainmail armor and a surcoat. They are holding a sword in their right hand, with the blade pointing downwards and to the right. A shield is visible in the lower right corner, partially obscured by the knight's arm. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, creating a somber and intense atmosphere. The text 'BATTLING UNBELIEF' is overlaid in a large, white, serif font, centered on the image.

Genesis 16:1-6

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. ² And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

Genesis 16:1-6

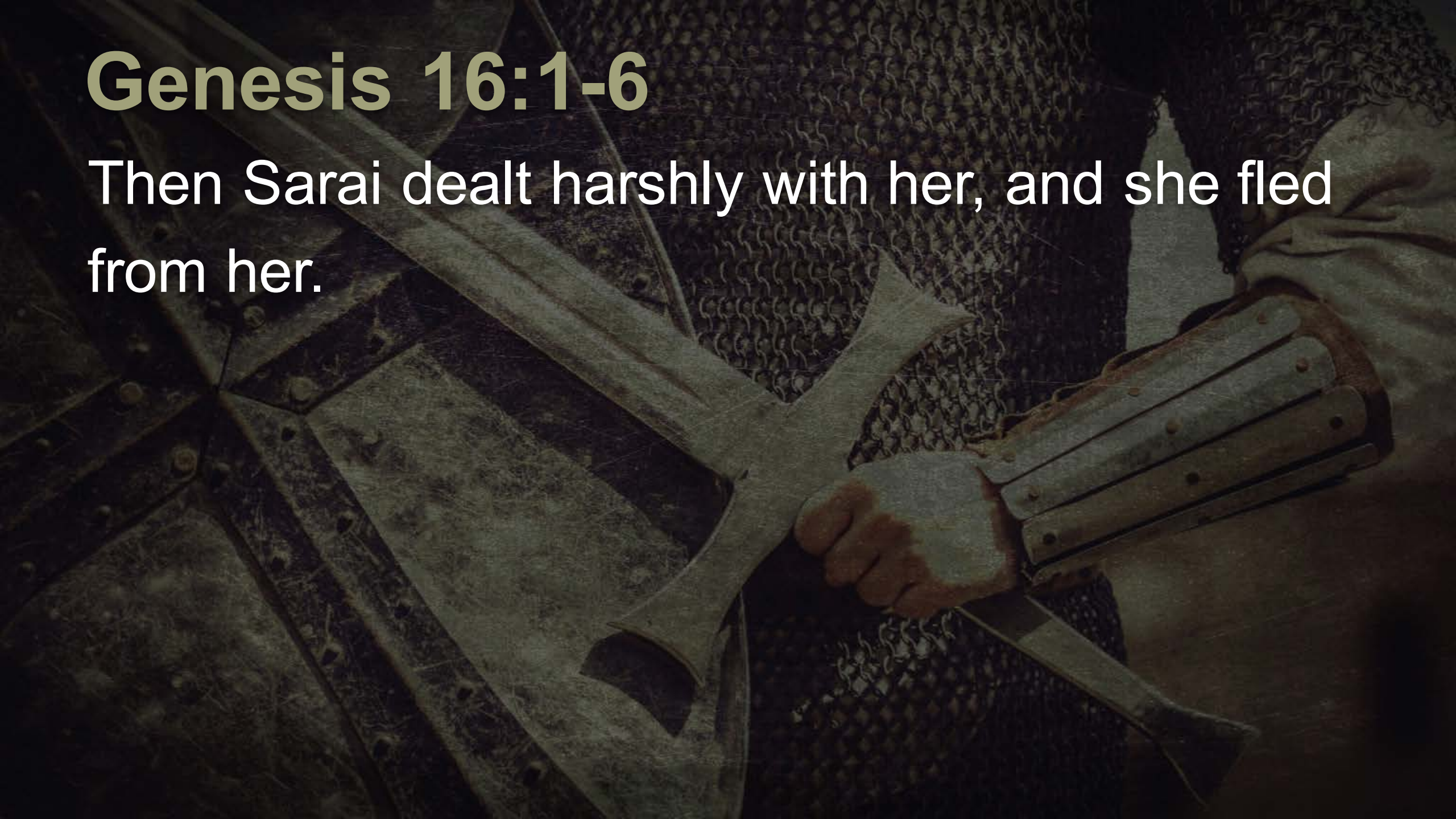
So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. 4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress.

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⁵ And Sarai said to Abram, “May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!” ⁶ But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please.” her.

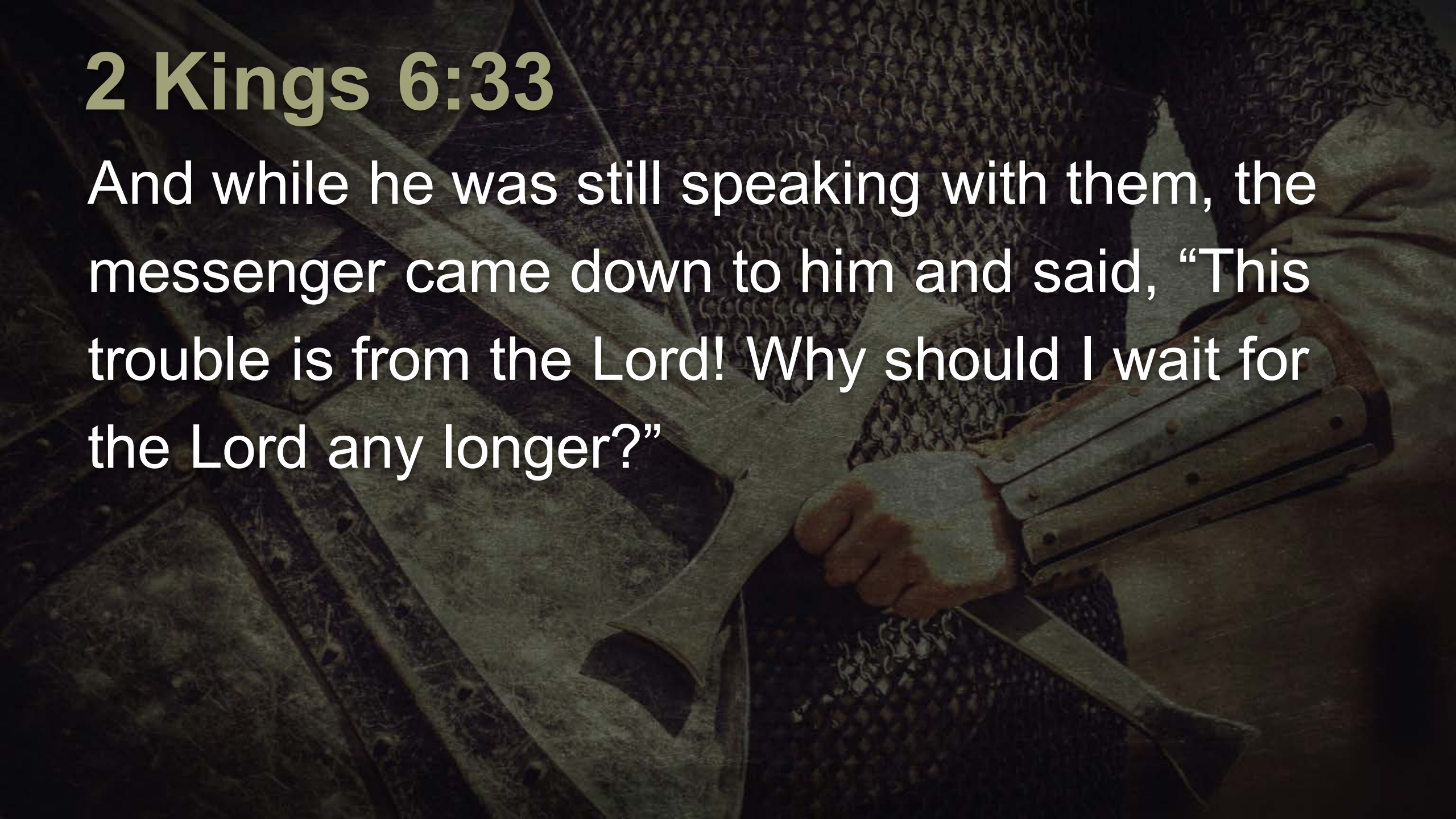
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Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.



2 Kings 6:33

And while he was still speaking with them, the messenger came down to him and said, “This trouble is from the Lord! Why should I wait for the Lord any longer?”



Genesis 12:2-3

² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

Genesis 15:1-6

³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars,

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If you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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Philippians 2:3



Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility count others more significant
than yourselves.

Romans 12:4

For as in one body we have many members,



Romans 13:9

For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

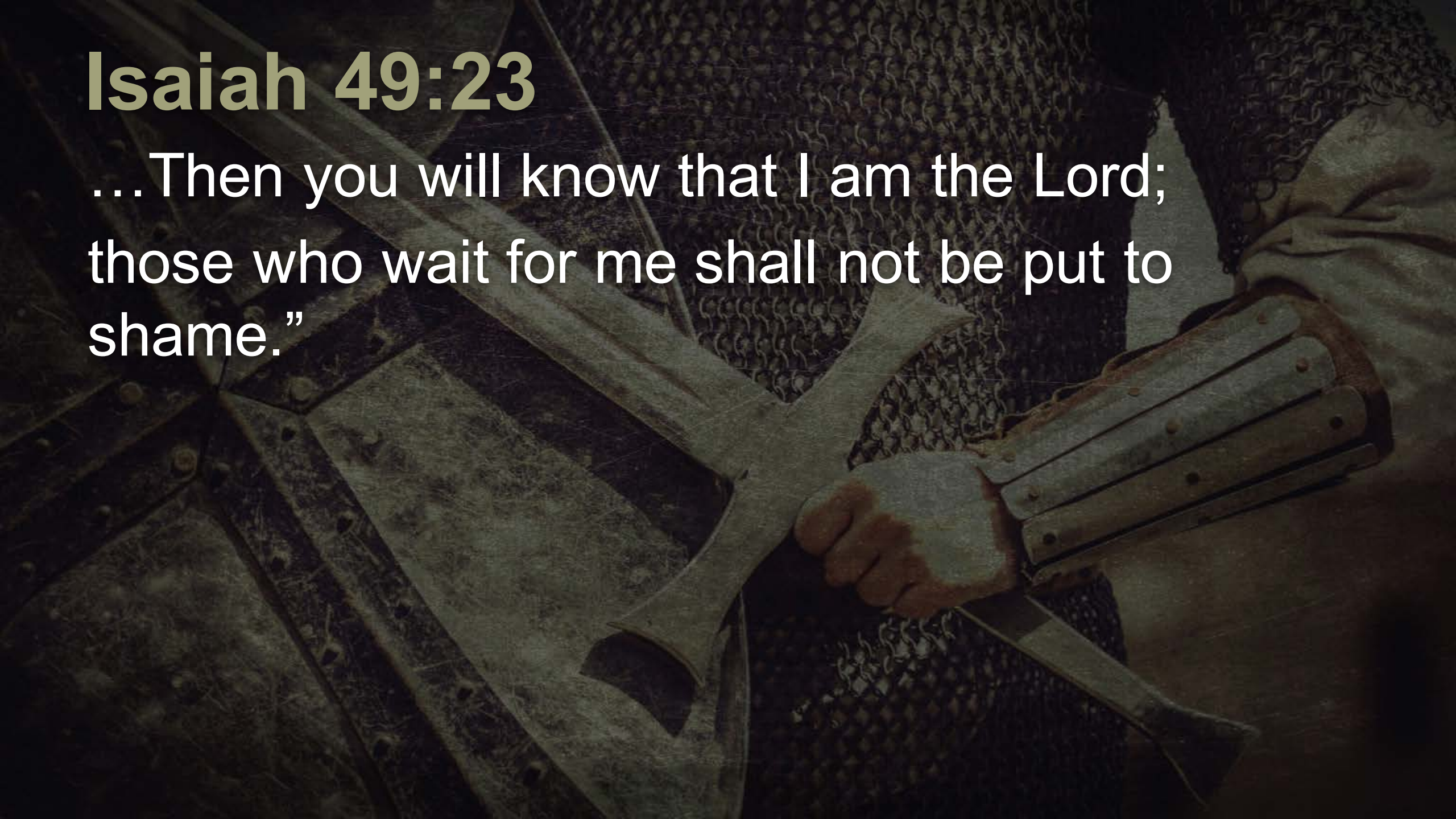
Ephesians 5:2

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



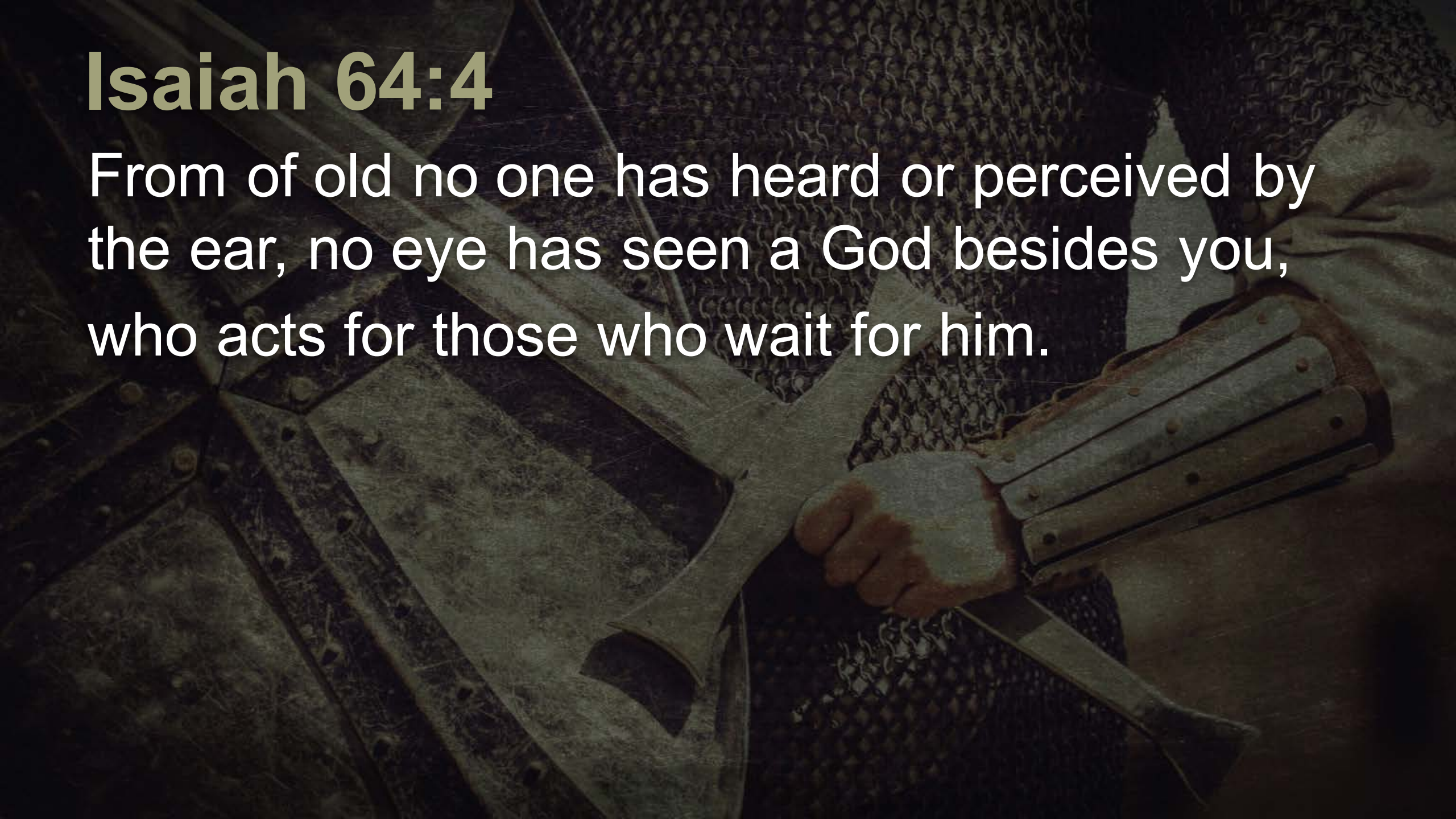
Isaiah 49:23

...Then you will know that I am the Lord;
those who wait for me shall not be put to
shame.”



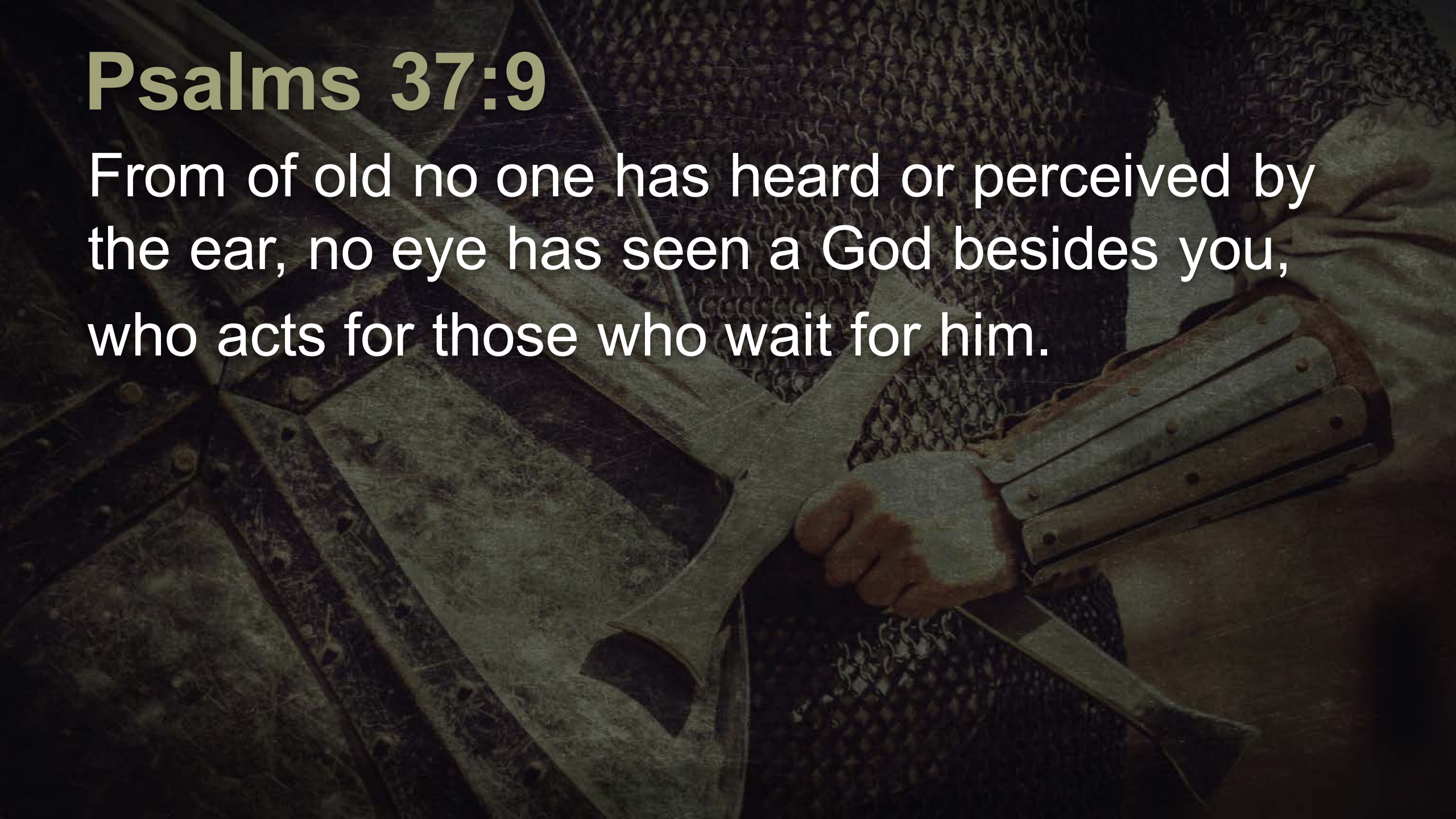
Isaiah 64:4

From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.



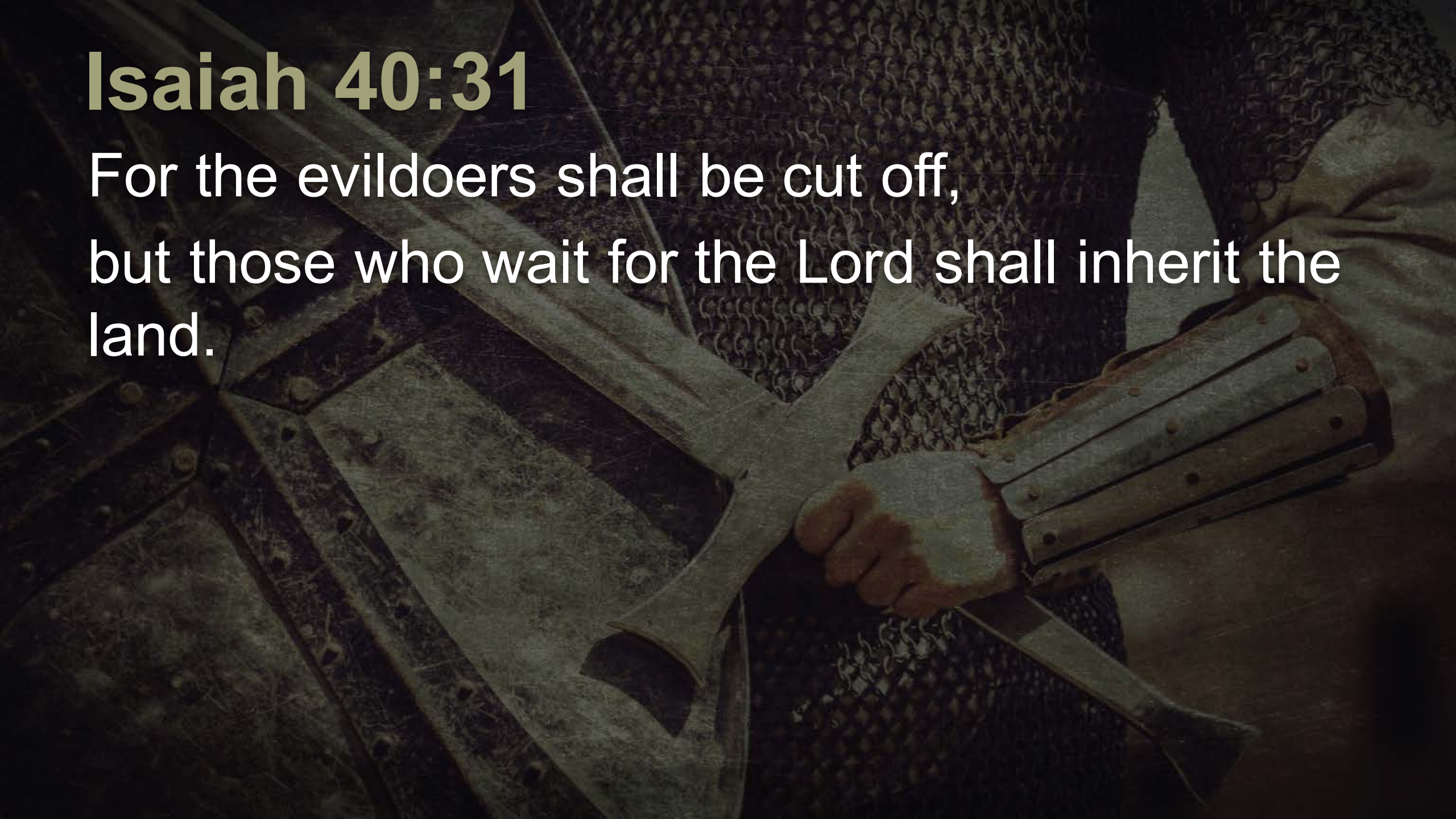
Psalms 37:9

From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.



Isaiah 40:31

For the evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the
land.



Genesis 12:2

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

