



ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP



Cain

Master of the Heart



Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas
Blurring the Lines of Holiness
Part I



Part 1

Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas

Part 2

The Philistines
& The Beth-Shemeshians

Part 3

David & Uzzah

A dark, grayscale photograph of a crowd of people, likely in a church or worship setting. Many individuals have their hands raised in the air, suggesting a moment of prayer or praise. The lighting is low, creating a somber and focused atmosphere. The text 'The Ark of the Covenant' is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

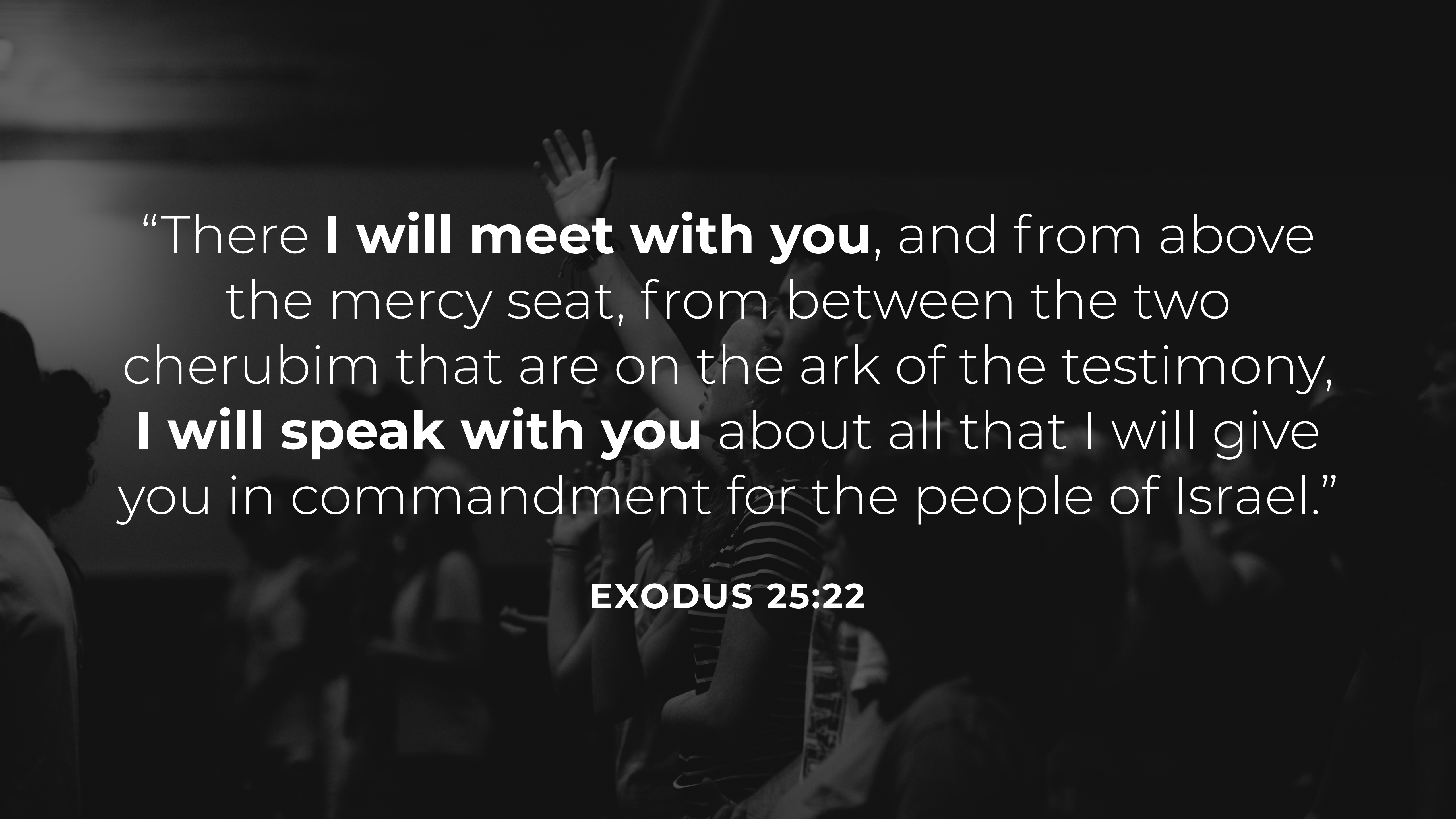
The Ark of the Covenant



The Ark Captured
1 Samuel 4:1-11

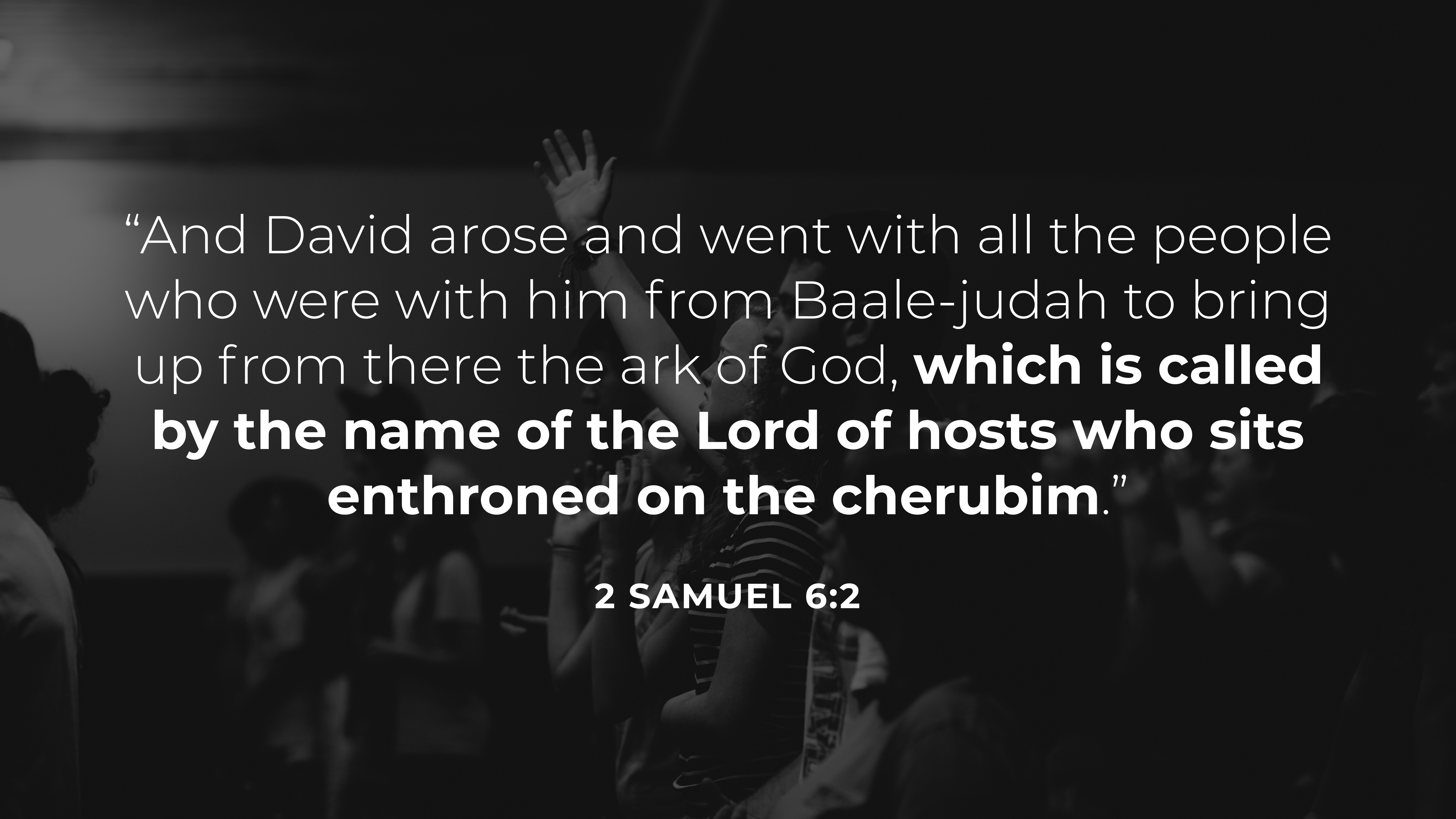


**What was the ark
to Israel?**



“There **I will meet with you**, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, **I will speak with you** about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.”

EXODUS 25:22



“And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, **which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim.**”

2 SAMUEL 6:2



**Who were Hophni
& Phinehas?**



1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-26



“Now the sons of Eli
were **worthless** men.”

1 SAMUEL 6:12



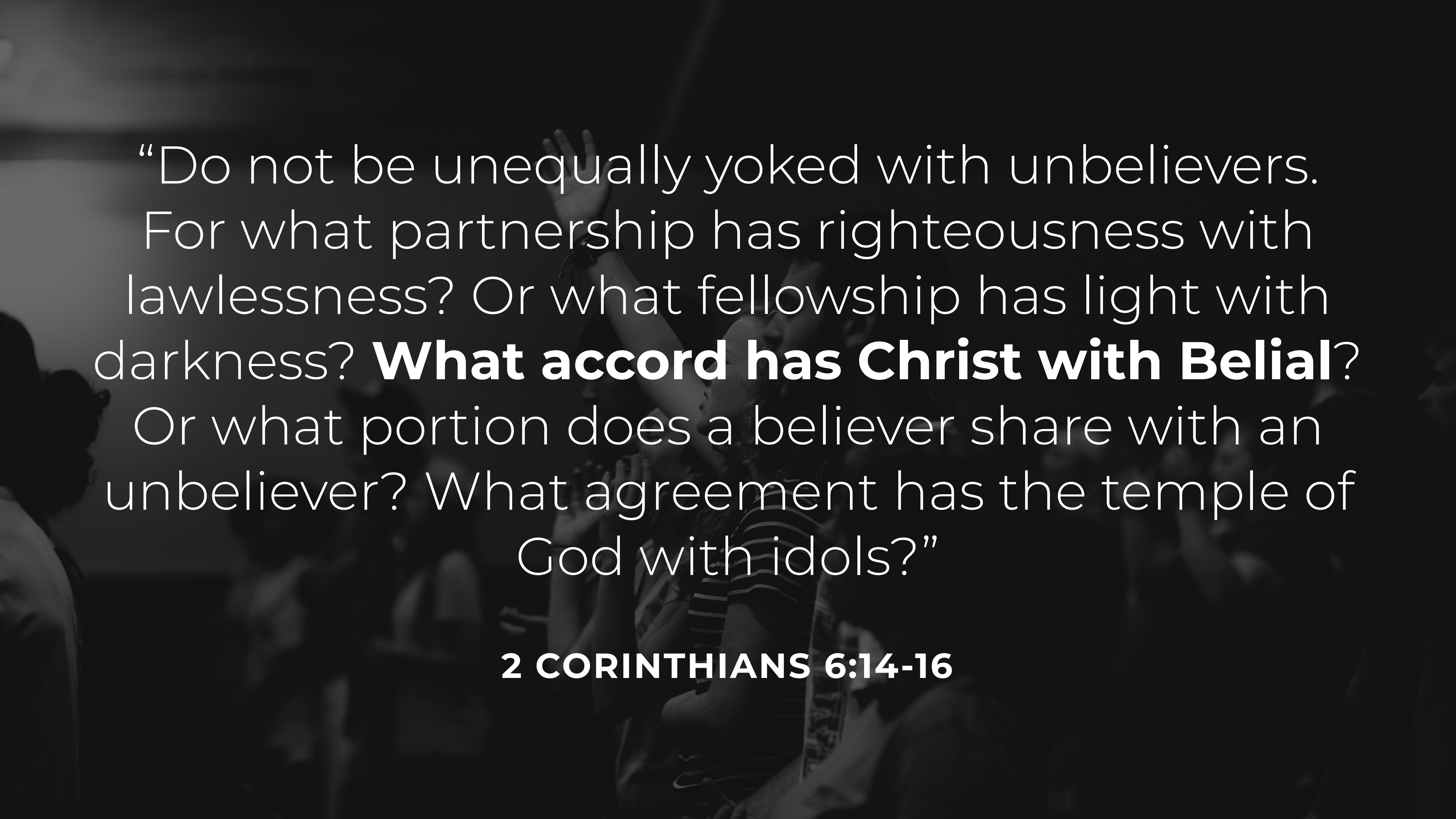
בְּלִיַּעַל, bəliya`al

without profit, worthlessness; by
extension, destruction,
wickedness; evil, naughty,
ungodly, wicked.



“Now the sons of Eli
were **sons of Belial;**”

1 SAMUEL 6:12, KJV



“Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? **What accord has Christ with Belial?** Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols?”

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-16



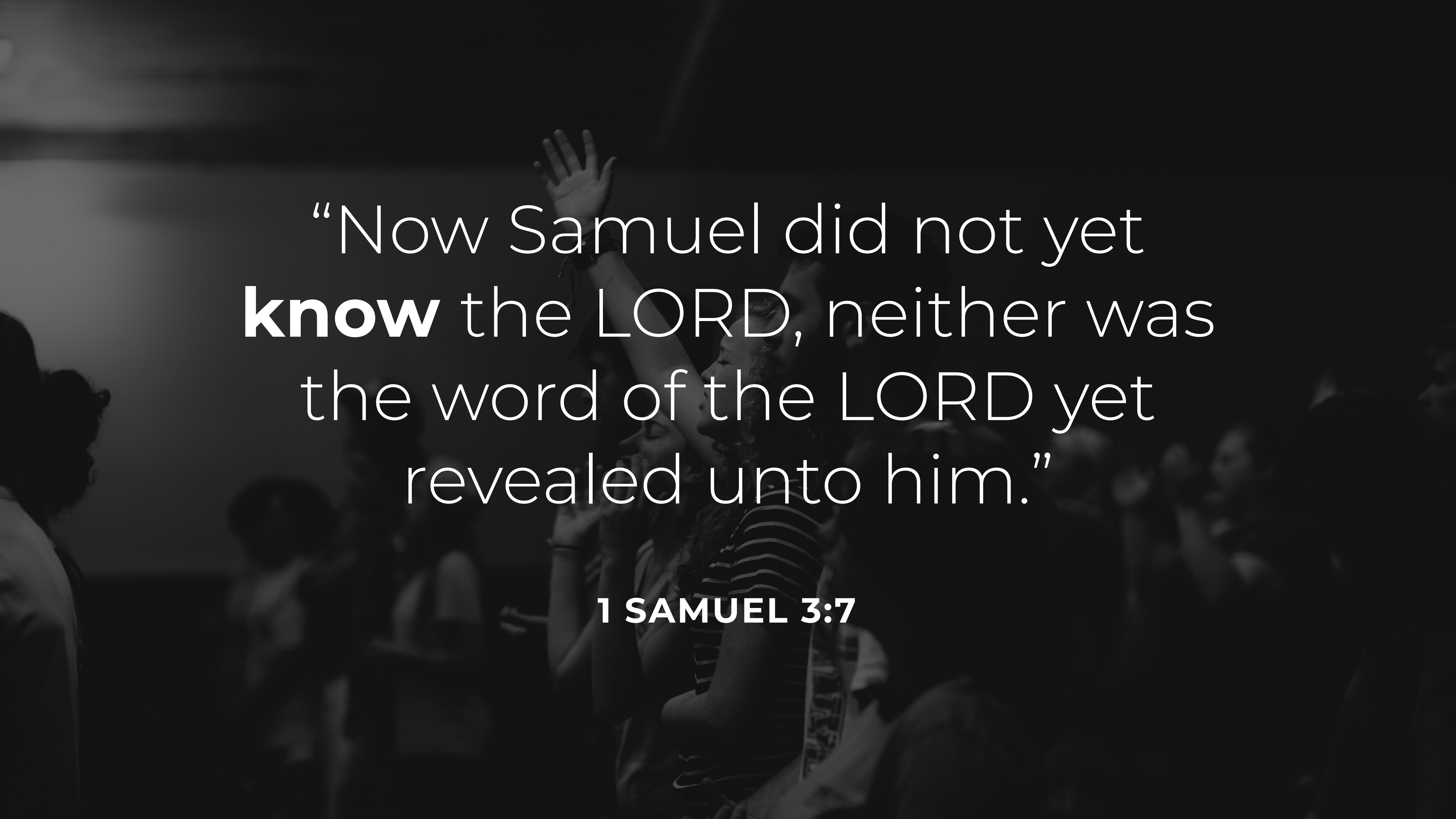
“They did not **know** the Lord.”

1 SAMUEL 6:12



יָדָאׁ: yada`

to know, to perceive, to have
knowledge of



“Now Samuel did not yet **know** the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.”

1 SAMUEL 3:7



They treated the Lord's offering
with **contempt.**

1 SAMUEL 2:13-17

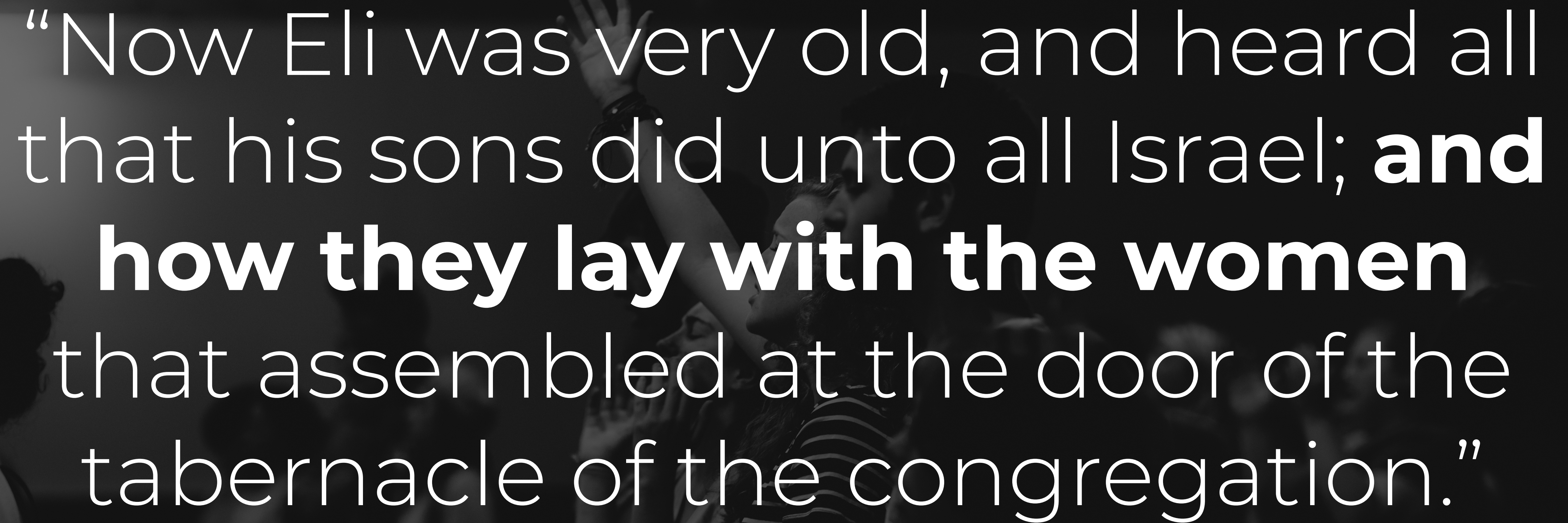


Scripture **clearly instructed** what portions belonged to the priests.

LEV. 7:28-36, LEV. 10:12-15, DEUT. 18:1-5



They were **sexually immoral**
with women working at the
tabernacle.



“Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; **and how they lay with the women** that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.”

1 SAMUEL 2:22



They were **worthless** men.

They did not **know** the Lord.

They showed **contempt**
for the Lord's offering.

They were **sexually immoral** with the
women volunteering at the tabernacle.



DISCUSSION

How do you think this kind of behavior affected those under their spiritual leadership?

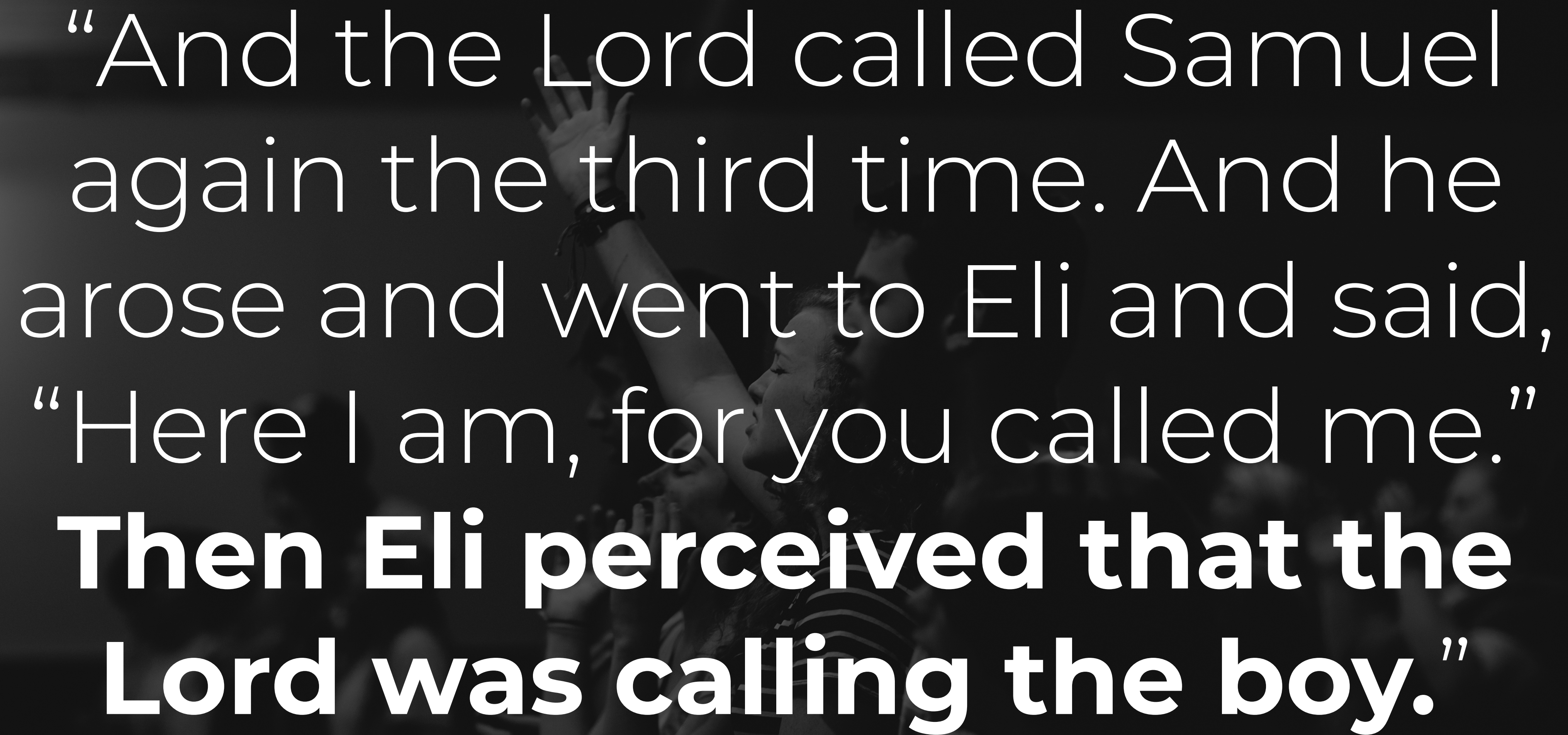


Who was Eli?



MY THEORY

Eli knew the Lord.

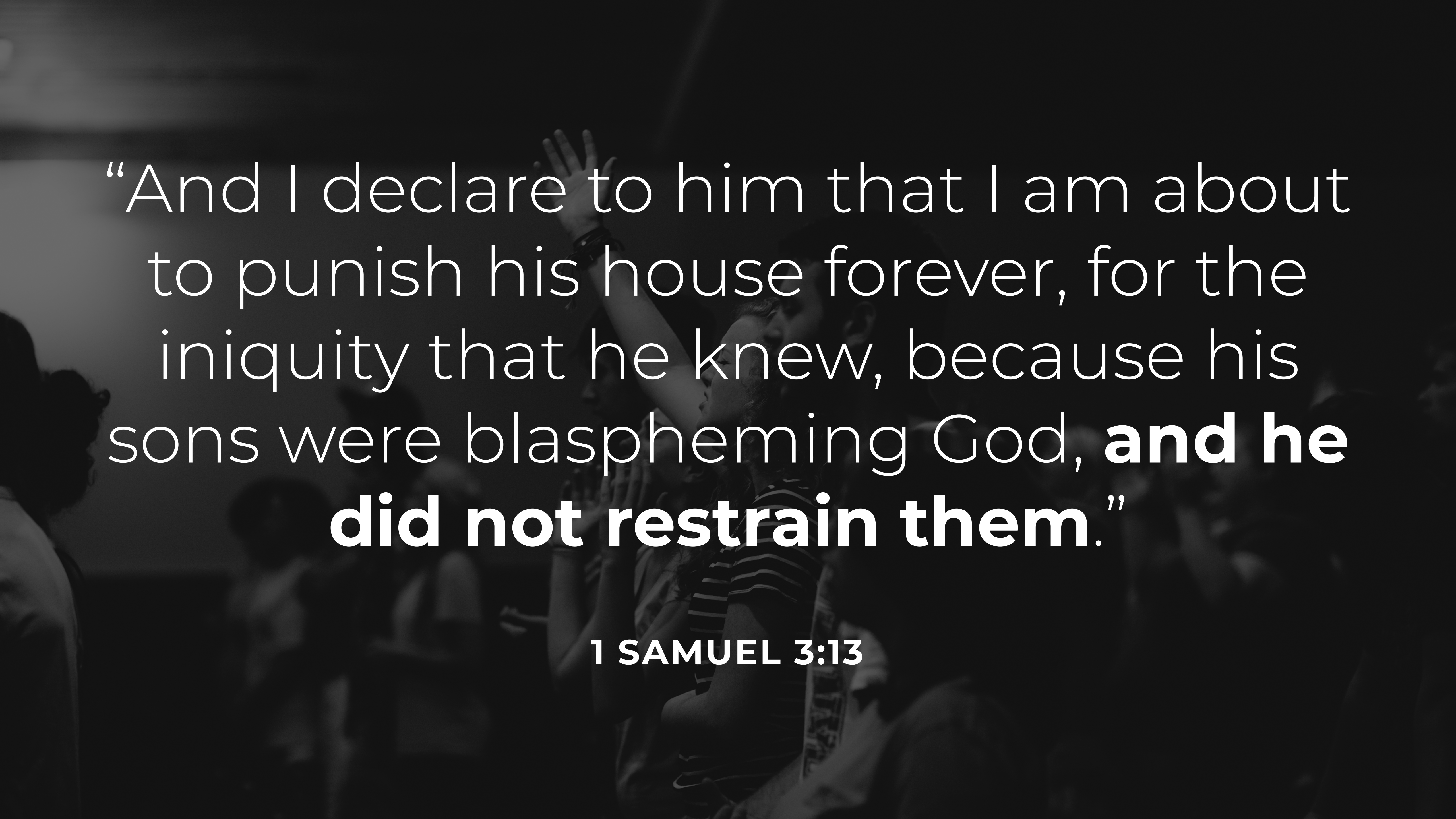


“And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”
Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.”

1 SAMUEL 3:8

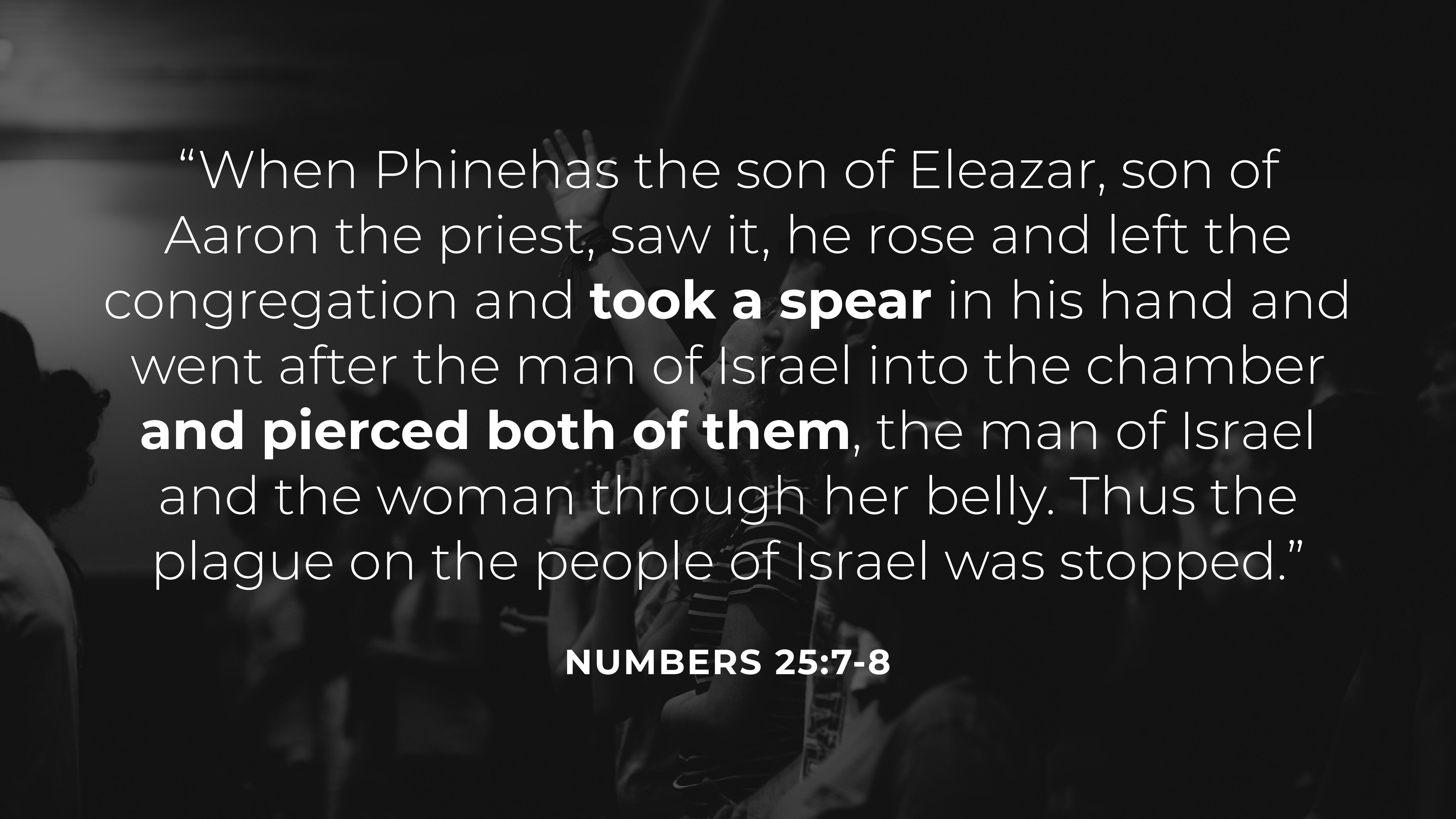


**Eli did not restrain
His sons.**



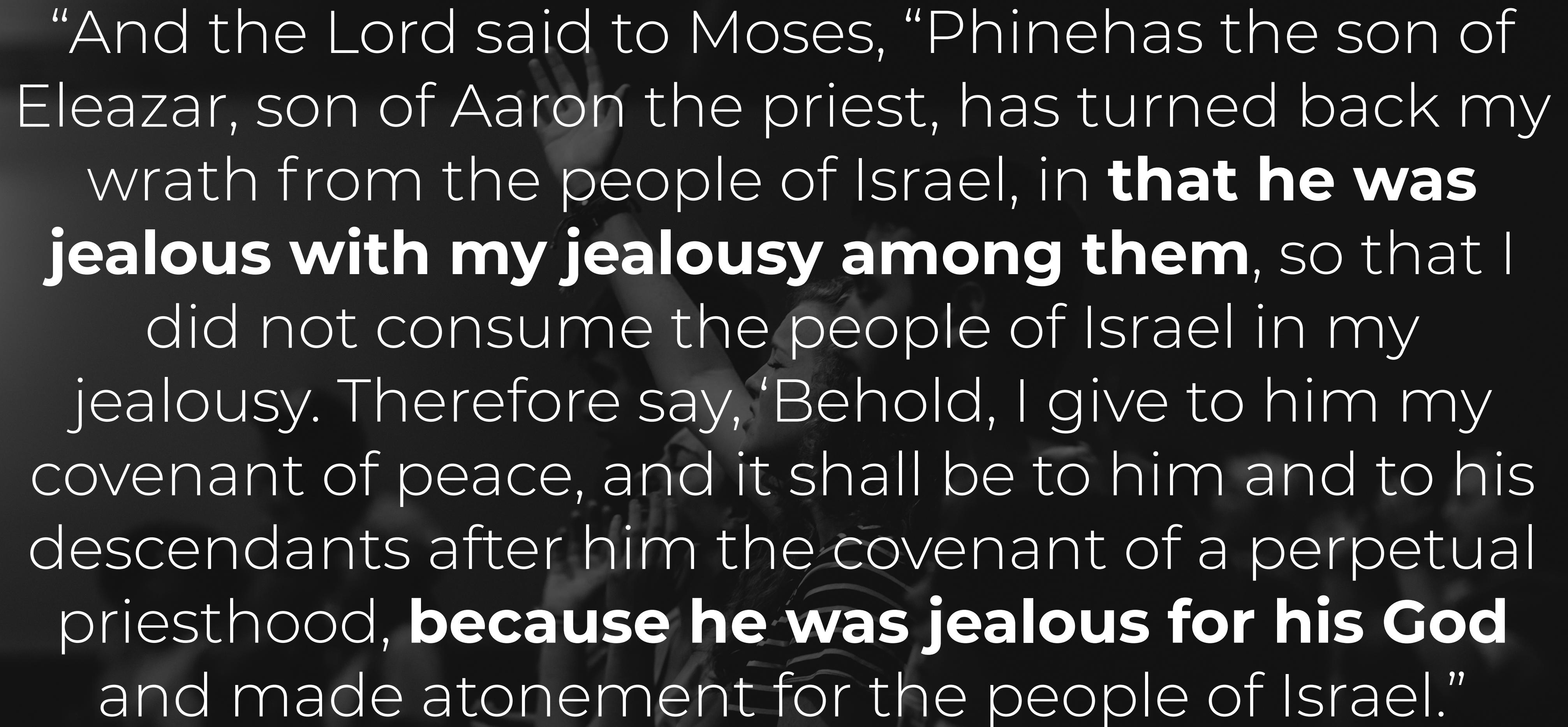
“And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, **and he did not restrain them.**”

1 SAMUEL 3:13



“When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose and left the congregation and **took a spear** in his hand and went after the man of Israel into the chamber **and pierced both of them**, the man of Israel and the woman through her belly. Thus the plague on the people of Israel was stopped.”

NUMBERS 25:7-8

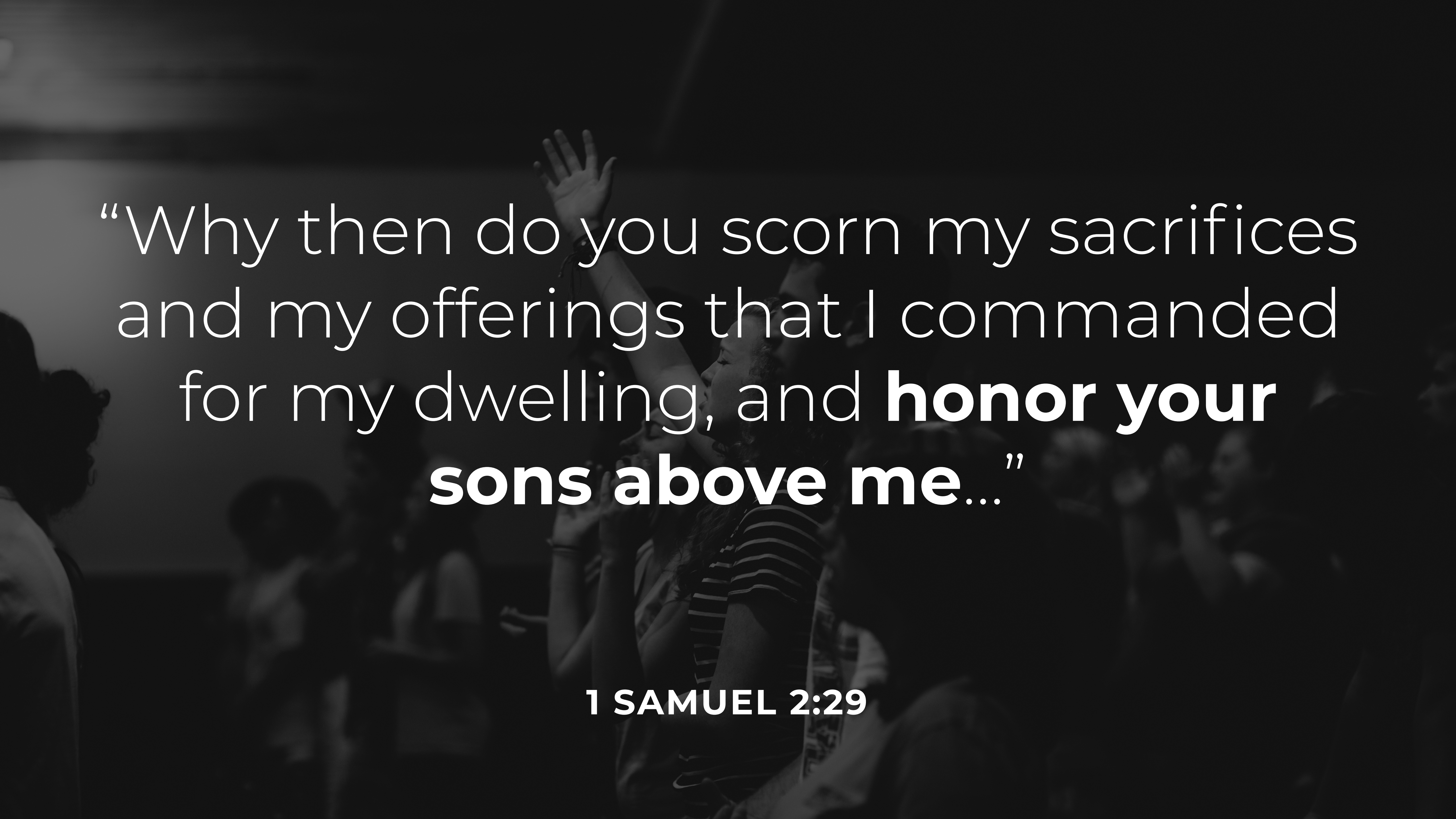


“And the Lord said to Moses, “Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the people of Israel, in **that he was jealous with my jealousy among them**, so that I did not consume the people of Israel in my jealousy. Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace, and it shall be to him and to his descendants after him the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, **because he was jealous for his God** and made atonement for the people of Israel.”

NUMBERS 25:10-13



**Eli honored his sons
above the Lord.**



“Why then do you scorn my sacrifices
and my offerings that I commanded
for my dwelling, and **honor your
sons above me...**”

1 SAMUEL 2:29



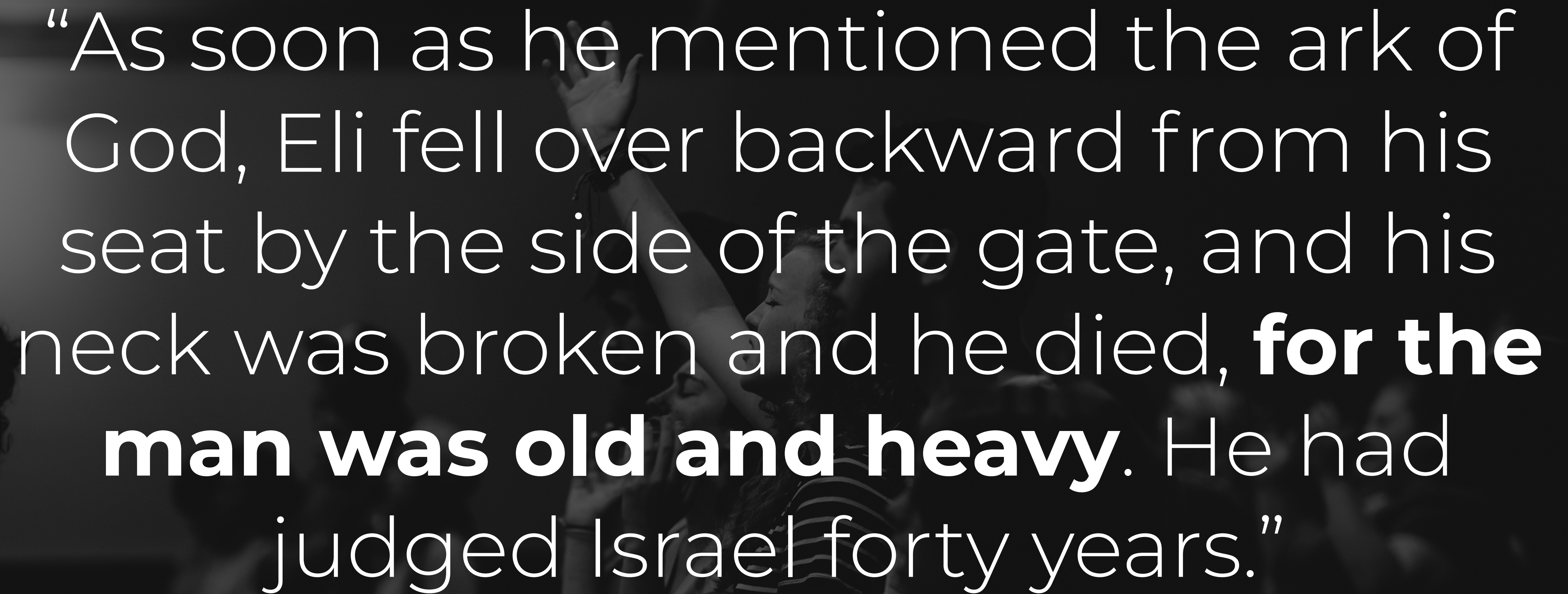
MY THEORY

**Eli benefitted from
his sons' behavior.**



“Why then do you scorn my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded for my dwelling, and honor your sons above me by **fattening yourselves** on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel?”

1 SAMUEL 2:29



“As soon as he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, **for the man was old and heavy**. He had judged Israel forty years.”

1 SAMUEL 4:18



**Eli was more concerned
with the things of God
than the glory of God.**



“When he arrived, Eli was sitting on his seat by the road watching, **for his heart trembled for the ark of God.**”

1 SAMUEL 4:13



DISCUSSION

What does it look like when we are more concerned about the “things” of God than the glory of God?

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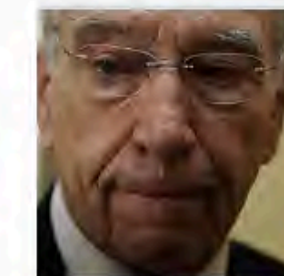
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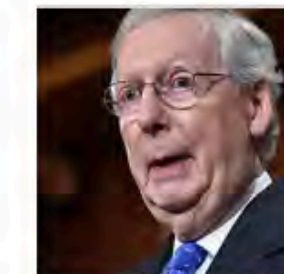


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PERFECT KETO





**Personal worship
cannot be isolated from
congregational worship.**



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