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Acts 7:45–50 (NKJV)

⁴⁷ But Solomon built Him a house. ⁴⁸ “However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says: ⁴⁹ *‘Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the Lord, Or what is the place of My rest? ⁵⁰ Has My hand not made all these things?’*

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- The OT tabernacle and temple were shadows.
- ▶ The church of Christ is the sanctuary (temple) of God (1 Cor. 3:16,17; Eph 2:22)
- ▶ We are the “living stones” of which God’s temple is made (1 Pet. 2:4,5)
- ▶ Our bodies are spoken of as being a temple for God (1 Cor. 6:19; 1 Jn 4:15,16)

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1 Corinthians 6:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

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God Dwells With / In His People



- We sustain a relationship and fellowship with God
 - ▶ As we abide in Him by keeping His commands (John 15:10; 1 Jn 3:24)
 - ▶ By keeping ourselves holy, unspotted from the world (1 Cor. 6:18; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; 1 Pet. 1:13-15)
 - ▶ God CANNOT dwell in / fellowship those who live in sin (Isa. 59:1,2; 1 Jn 1:5-8)

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LESSONS FROM DAVID'S INSTRUCTIONS TO SOLOMON



I Chronicles 28:1-10

- David not allowed to build the temple (28:1-4)
- God chooses Solomon to build the temple (28:5,6)
- David tells Solomon he must serve God faithfully in order to remain in God's presence and favor (28:7-10)

1 Chronicles 28:7–10 (NKJV)

⁷ Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day.’ ⁸ Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the Lord, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the Lord your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave *it* as an inheritance for your children after you forever.

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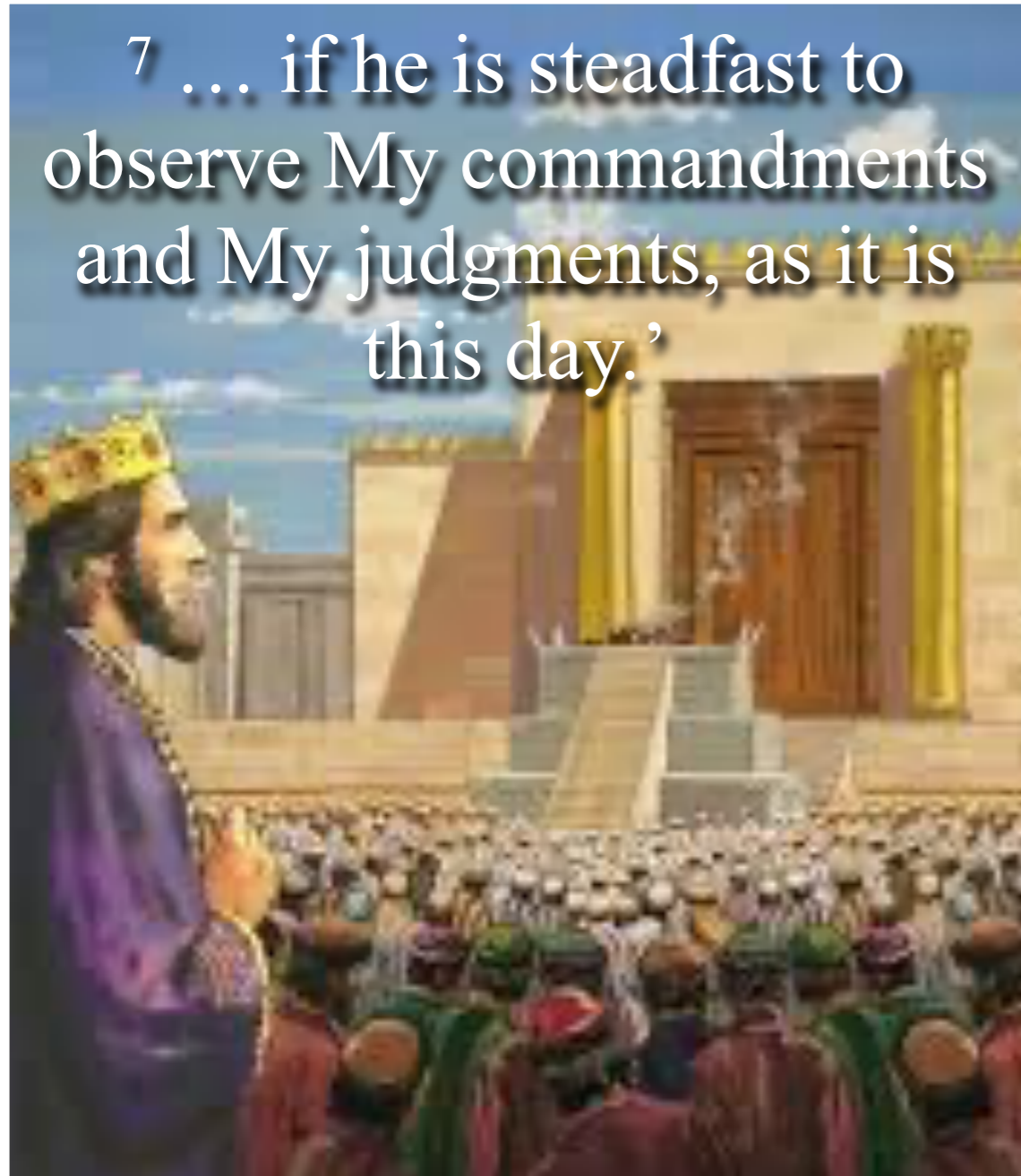
⁹ “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

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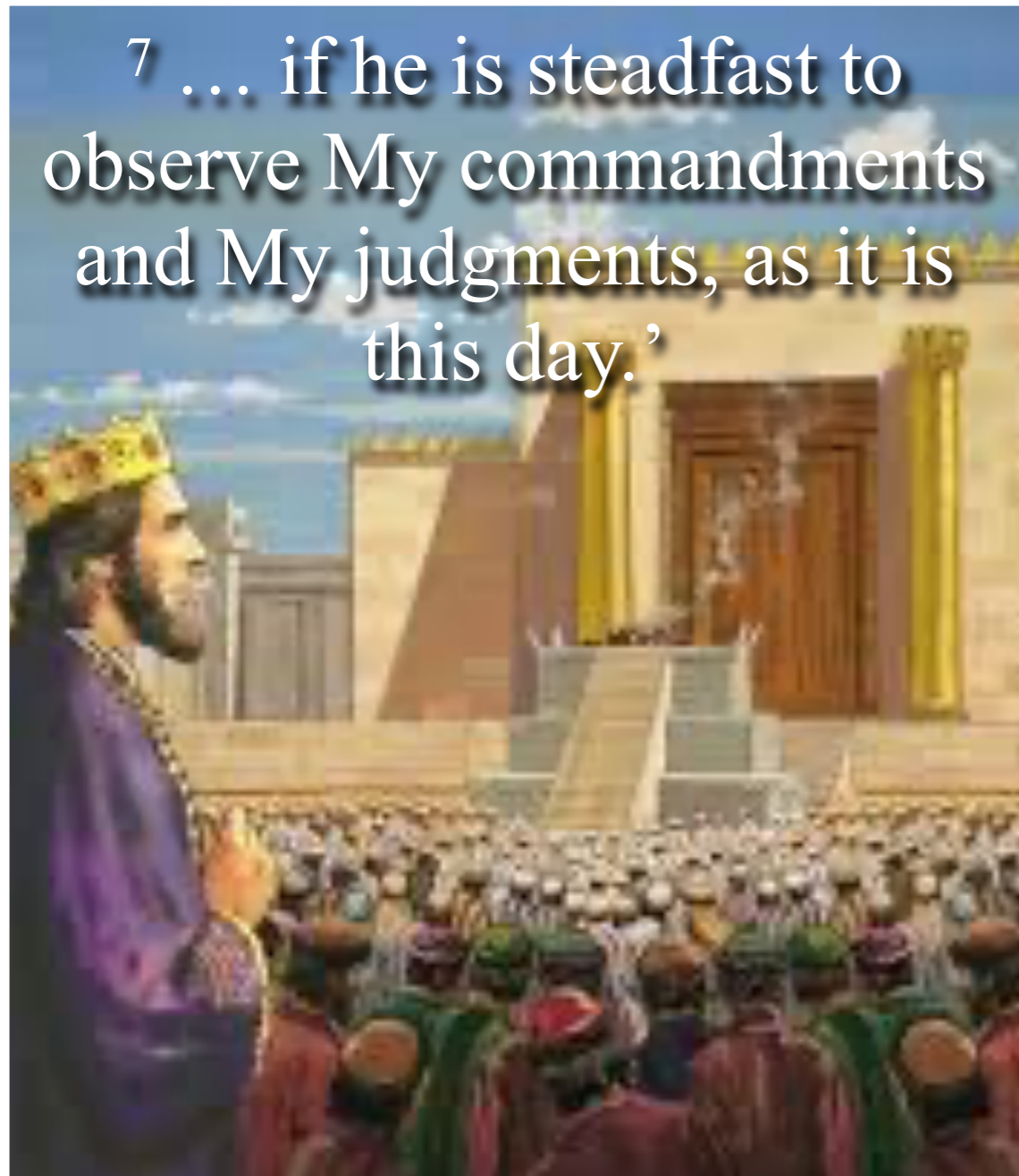
■ Solomon's favorable standing before God conditioned on his continued obedience (7)

- ▶ “... if he resolutely performs My commandments and My ordinances, as is done now.” (NASB) (cf. 1 Ki 2:1-4)
- ▶ As Solomon was to obey the O.T. law, we **MUST** obey Jesus's law (Gal. 6:2; Mat 17:5; Luke 6:46; Heb. 5:8,9; Rom. 1:5; 6:16,17; Eph. 5:24)

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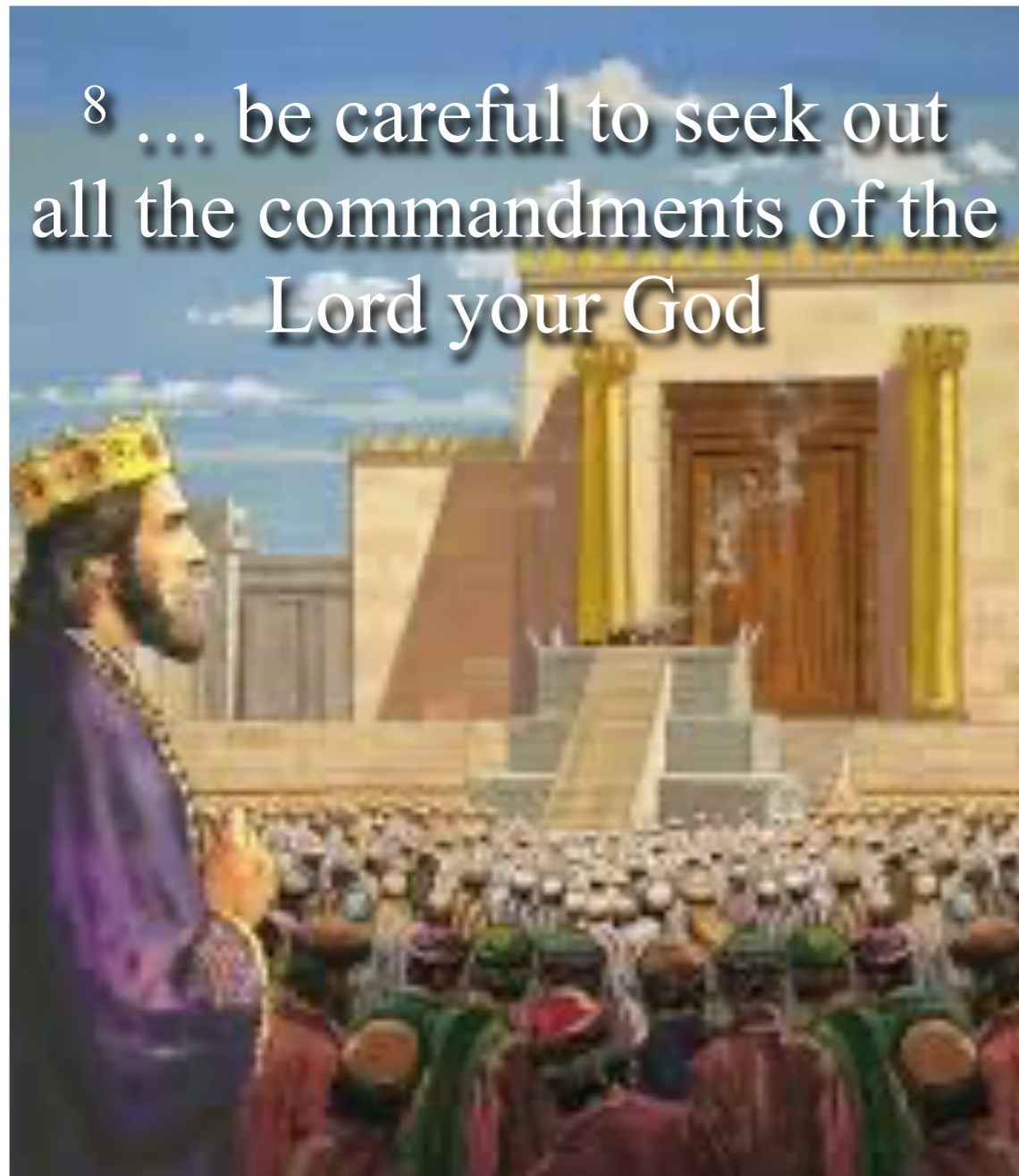


- To be saved, i.e., to receive initial forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-6; Col. 2:12,13)
- To remain in a saved condition (Mat 7:21-23; Col. 1:23; Heb. 3:14; 1 Jn 1:5-10)
- To obtain eternal salvation (Rom. 13:11-14; Heb. 5:8.9; Phil 2:12; Rev. 2:10)
- Condemned if disobedient (Rom. 2:5-11; 2 Thes 1:7-9)

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Seeking All of God's Will

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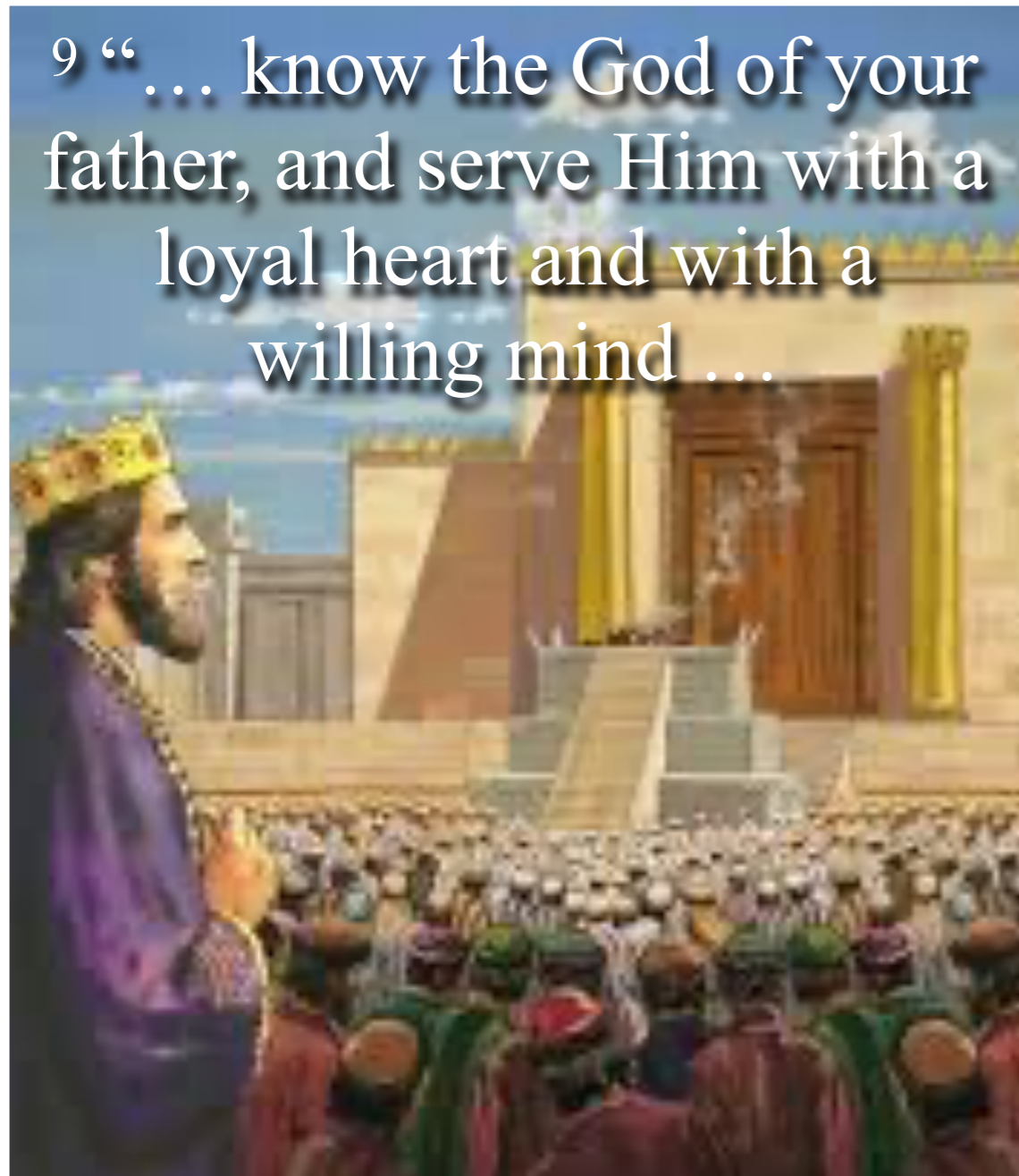


- We must SEEK FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Mat. 6:33)
- We must be diligent to show ourselves approved before God (2 Tim. 2:15; Phi. 2:12)
- Need to learn and follow ALL of Jesus' teaching (Mat. 28:20; Acts 3:23; Col. 1:9-12; 2 Tim. 3:14; James 1:25; 2 John 1:9)
- Partial obedience is disobedience (James 2:10)

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Loyal & Willing Service

⁹ “... know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind ...”

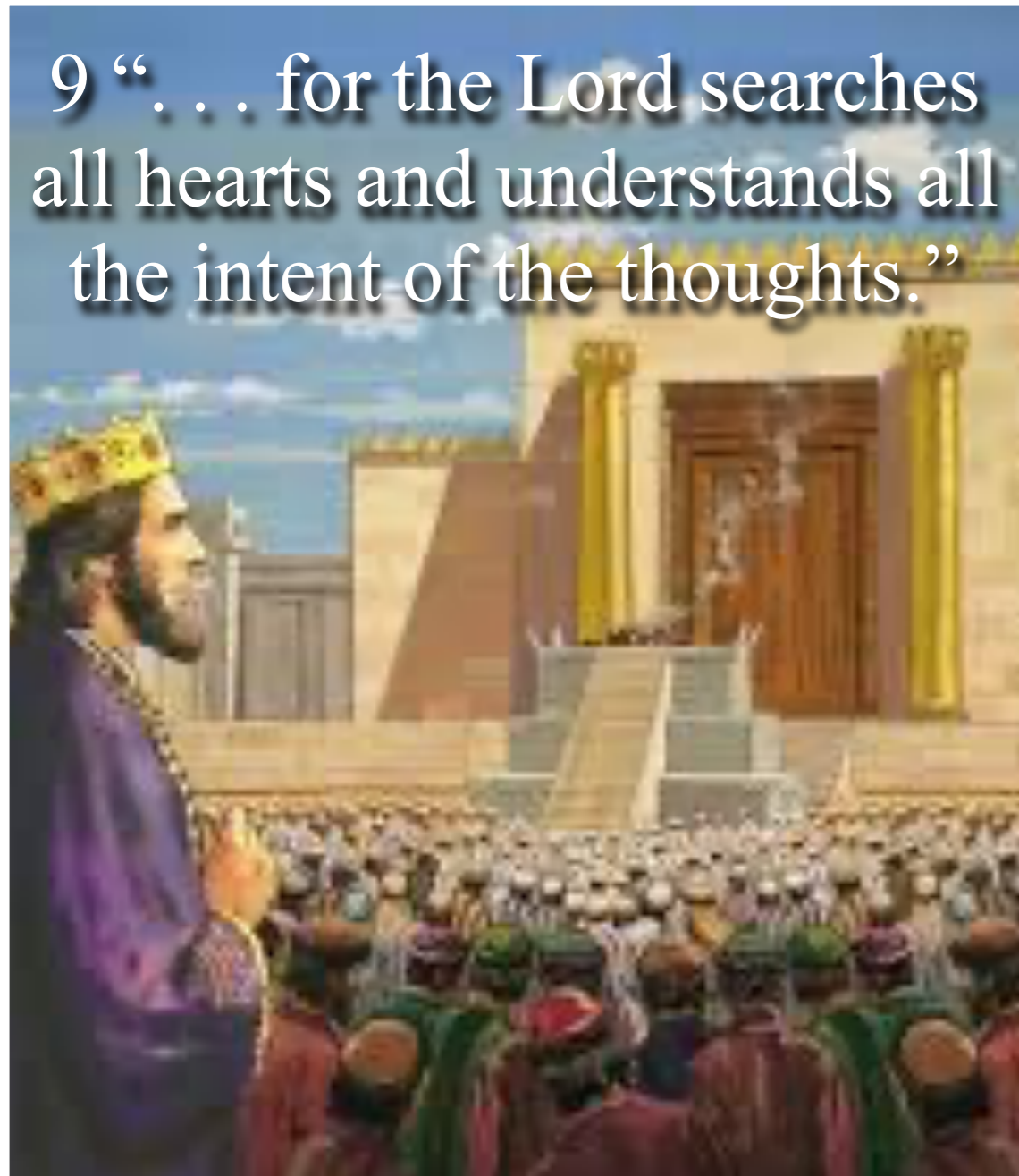


- The need to “know God” (Jer. 9:24; Hos. 4:1,6; John 17:3; 1 John 5:20)
- Our service to God must be without divided loyalties (Mat 6:24; Luke 16:13)
- Serving God must be our top priority (Mt 6:33; Mk 12:29-31)
- We must have a willing attitude to do whatever God wills (John 7:17; Mat 26:39-42; 2 Cor 8:3,12)

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Sincerity & Honesty

9 "... for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts."

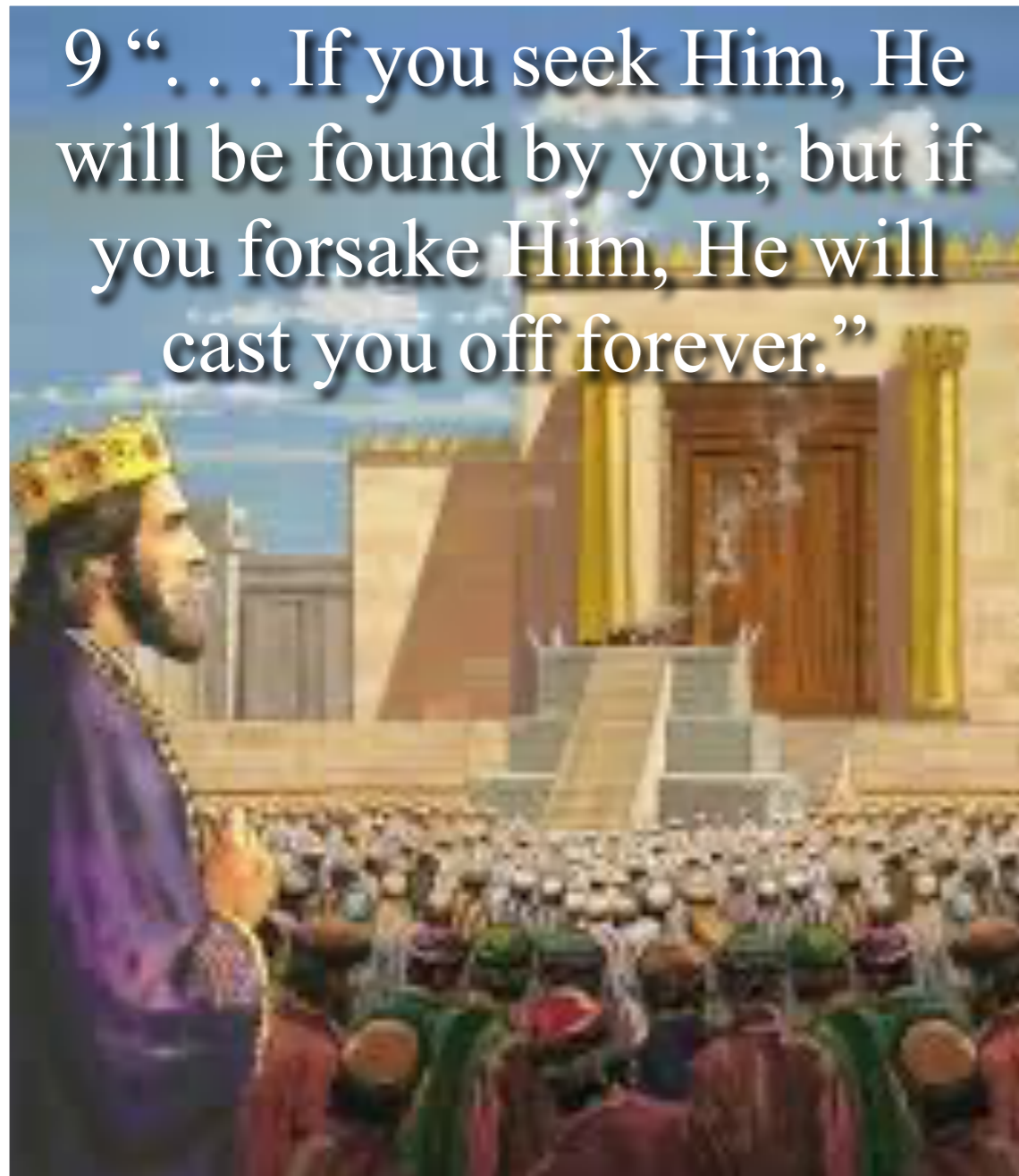


- There is NOTHING hidden from our Omniscient God (Heb 4:13; Rev. 2:23; Psalm 139:1-12)
- Our actions proceed from the heart (Mat 12:34,35; 15:18,19)
- Our obedience and service MUST be from the heart (Prov. 23:7; Rom 6:16-19)
- Our thoughts must even be brought under obedience to Christ (2 Cor. 10:5)

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Promise & Warning

9 “. . . If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.”



- Seek the LORD with all your heart and you will find Him (Jer. 29:13; Mat 7:7,8; James 4:8-10)
- We need to seek the Lord while we have opportunity (Isa. 55:6,7; 2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:7, 13; 4:7)
- The Lord is with us while we are with Him (2 Chr. 15:2)
- But if we forsake Him, He will cast us off (Heb 10:26-39)

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BE STRONG & DO IT

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1 Peter 2:4–5 (NKJV)

⁴ Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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Acts 17:22–31 (NKJV)

²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD
Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

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²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

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²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”