



**PREPARE**  
TO MEET YOUR

**GOD**

*AMOS 4:12*

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<sup>1</sup> Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who *are* on the mountain of Samaria, Who oppress the poor, Who crush the needy, Who say to your husbands, “Bring *wine*, let us drink!” <sup>2</sup> The Lord God has sworn by His holiness:

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<sup>2</sup> The Lord God has sworn by His holiness: “Behold, the days shall come upon you When He will take you away with fishhooks, And your posterity with fishhooks. <sup>3</sup> You will go out *through* broken walls, Each one straight ahead of her, And you will be cast into Harmon,” Says the Lord.

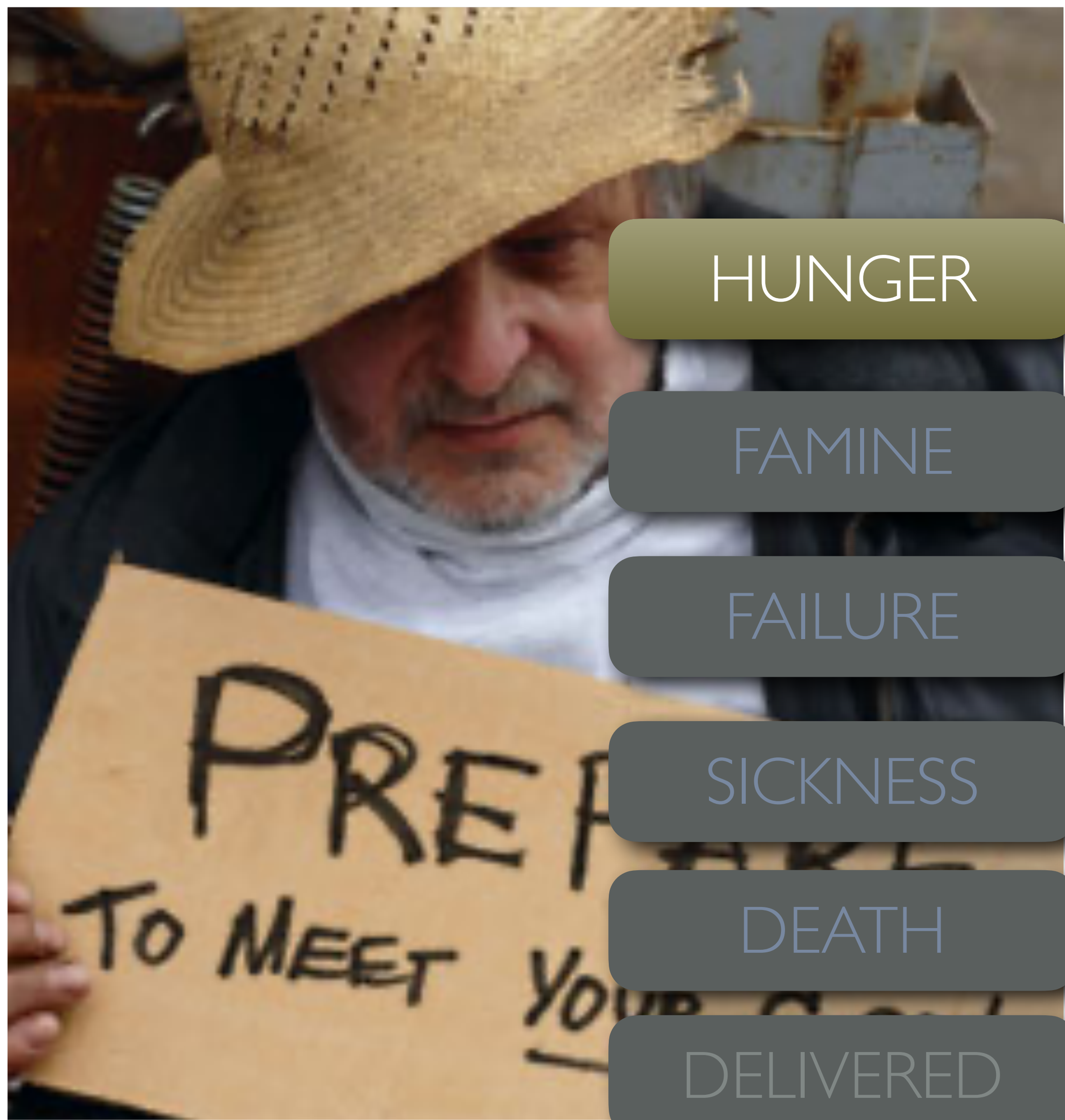
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## The vanity of their worship in Bethel and Gilgal – (4:4,5)

<sup>4</sup> “Come to Bethel and transgress, At Gilgal multiply transgression; Bring your sacrifices every morning, Your tithes every three days. <sup>5</sup> Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, Proclaim *and* announce the freewill offerings; For this you love, *You* children of Israel!” Says the Lord God.

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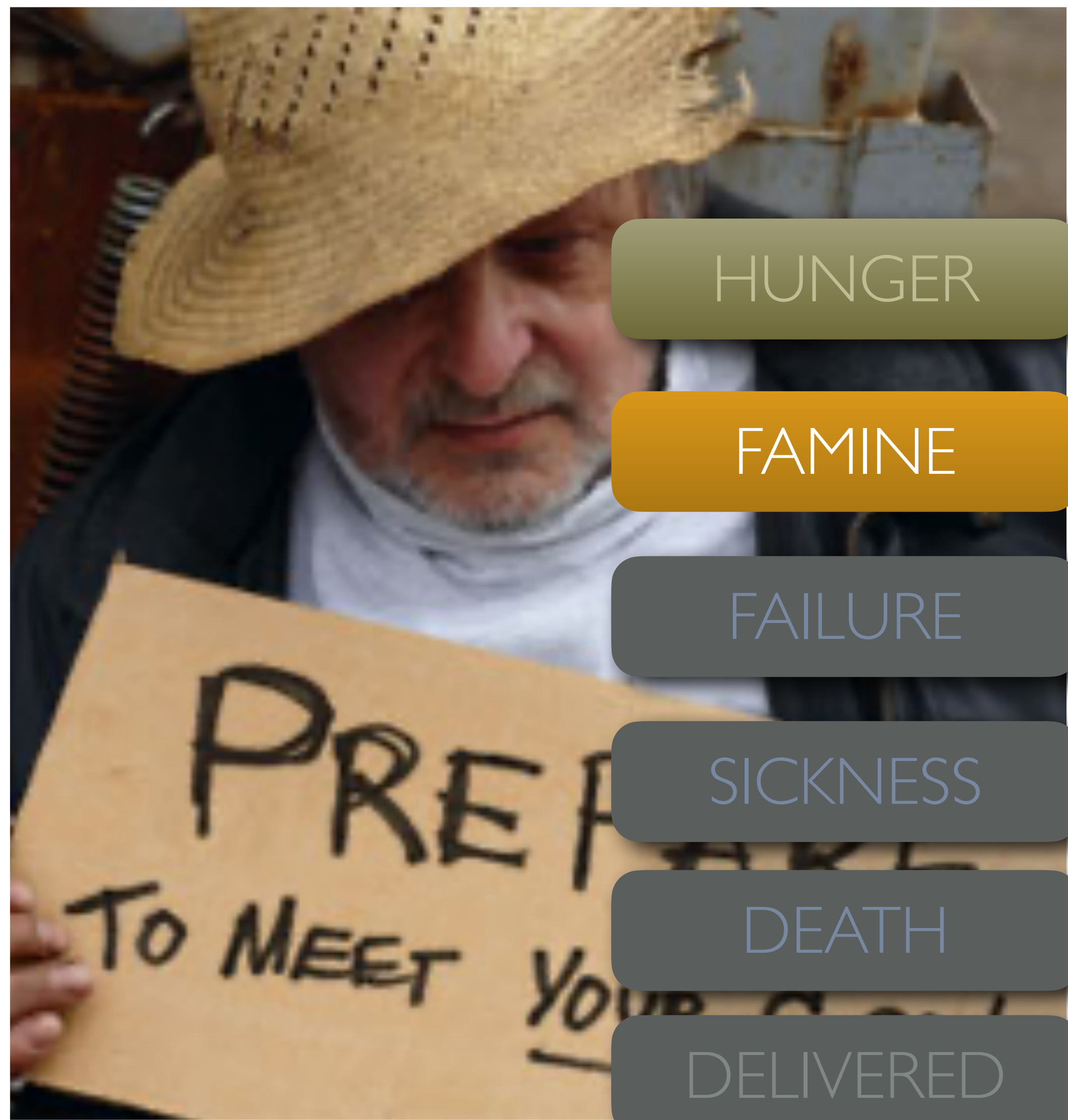
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6 “Also I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities. And lack of bread in all your places; Yet you have not returned to Me,” Says the Lord.

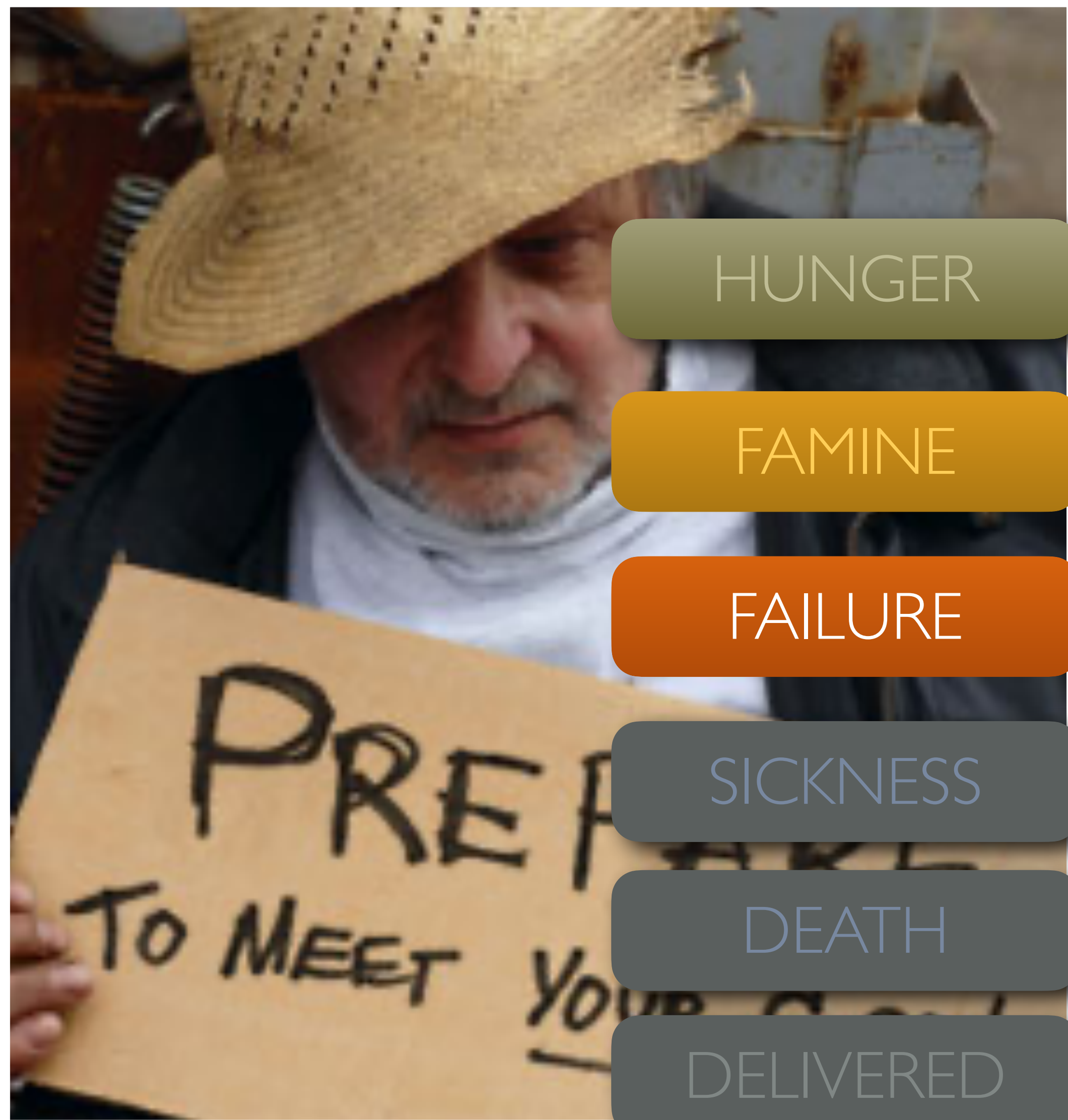
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<sup>7</sup> “I also withheld rain from you, When *there were* still three months to the harvest. . . . <sup>8</sup> So two *or* three cities wandered to another city to drink water, But they were not satisfied; Yet you have not returned to Me,” Says the Lord.

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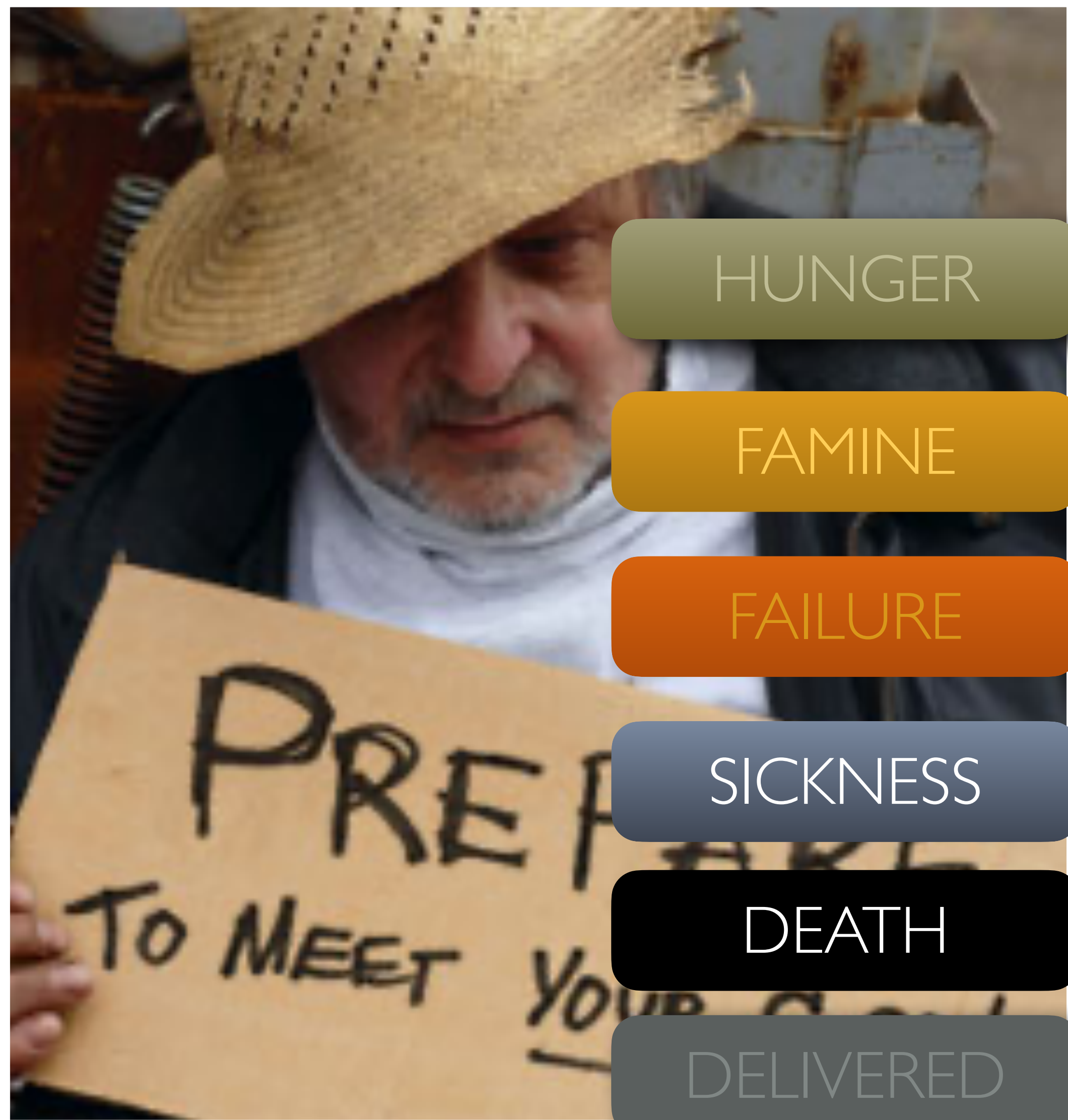
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<sup>9</sup> “I blasted you with blight and mildew. When your gardens increased, Your vineyards, Your fig trees, And your olive trees, The locust devoured *them*; Yet you have not returned to Me,”  
Says the Lord.

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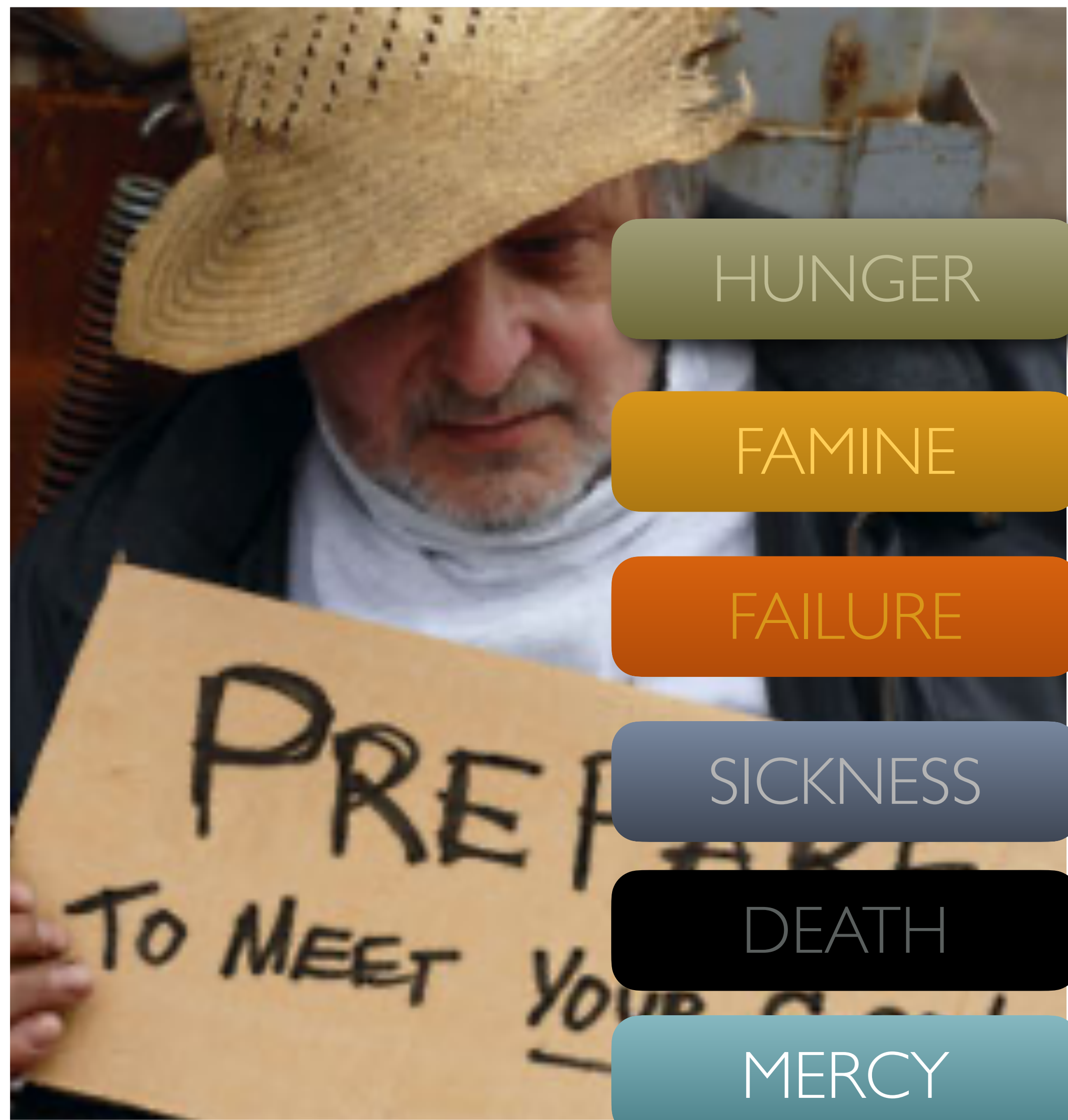
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<sup>10</sup> “I sent among you a plague after the manner of Egypt; Your young men I killed with a sword, Along with your captive horses; I made the stench of your camps come up into your nostrils; Yet you have not returned to Me,”  
Says the Lord.



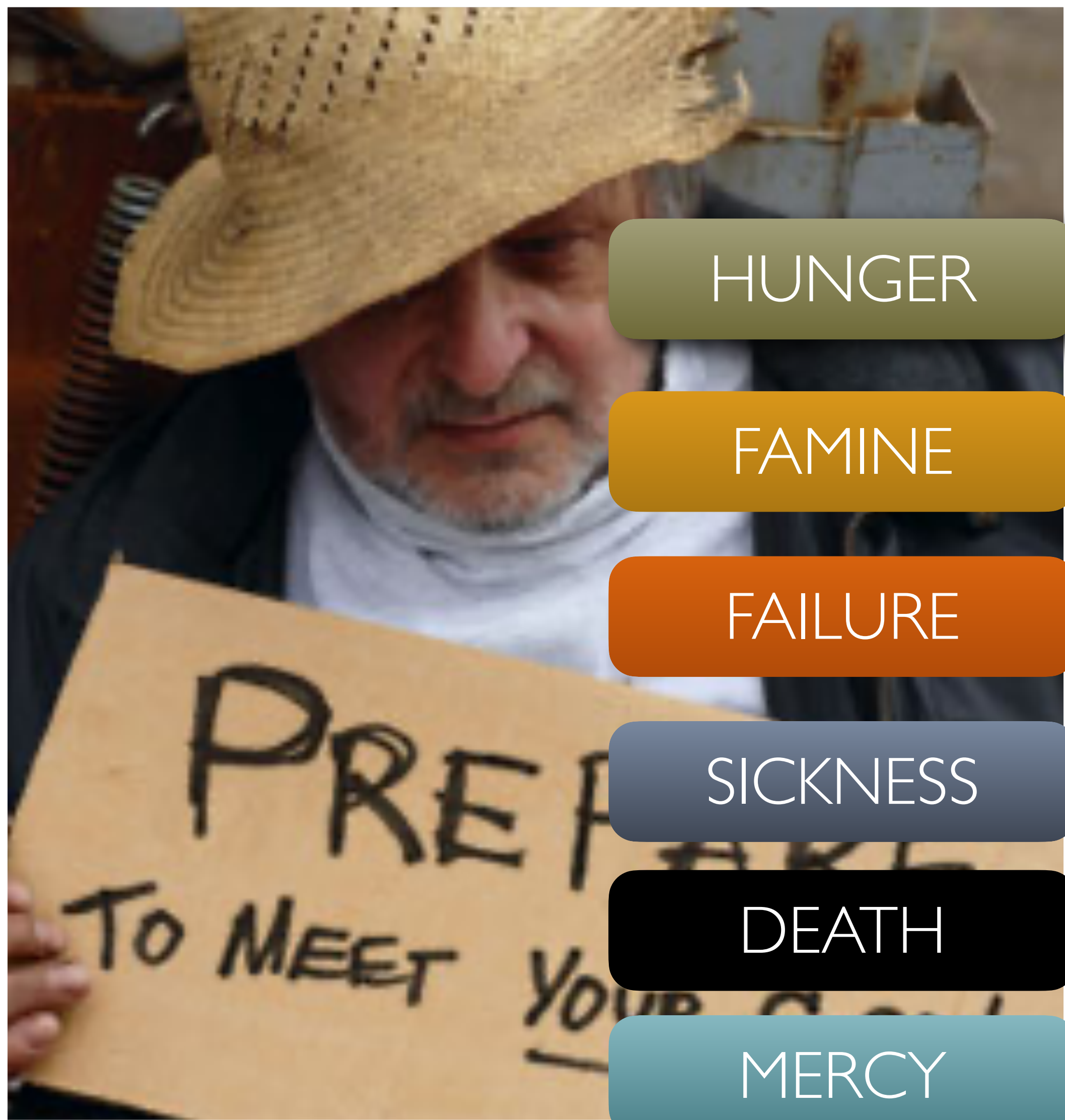
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<sup>11</sup> “I overthrew *some* of you, As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, And you were like a firebrand plucked from the burning; Yet you have not returned to Me,” Says the Lord.

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## GOD'S JUDGMENT (4:12-13)

<sup>12</sup> “Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!” <sup>13</sup> For behold, He who forms mountains, And creates the wind, Who declares to man what his thought *is*, And makes the morning darkness, Who treads the high places of the earth— The Lord God of hosts *is* His name.

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There is only one thing that everyone can know for sure.

Not even death and taxes are certain, for some will never die.

But "every one of us shall give account of himself to **God**" (Romans 14:12).

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**Ecclesiastes 12:13–14 (NKJV)**  
13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

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## **Matthew 25:31–32 (NKJV)**

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats.

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**Acts 10:42 (NKJV)**

<sup>42</sup> And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead.

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## Acts 17:30–31 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> 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.”

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## 2 Corinthians 5:10–11 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. <sup>11</sup> Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.



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**Hebrews 4:13 (NKJV)**  
13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

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**Hebrews 9:27**  
**(NKJV)**

*27* And as it is  
appointed for men to  
die once, but after this  
the judgment,

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## Revelation 20:11–15 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

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## Revelation 20:11–15 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire.

This is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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## You & I Will Be Judged — Romans 2:1-16

### Romans 2:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

- ▶ According to truth – (1,2)
- ▶ The impenitent will not escape condemnation – (3)
- ▶ If you are condemned it will be your own fault – (4,5)
- ▶ Judged according to our deeds – (6-10)
- ▶ No partiality w/ God – (11)
- ▶ We will be judged by God's standard – (12-16)

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**You & I Will Be Judged — Romans 2:1-16**

It is appointed for us to die and face the judgment (Heb 9:27)

All will be raised - the righteous saved - everyone else lost (Jn 5:28,29)

All must appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10)

Each one will give an account of himself to God! (Rom 14:10-12)

Those who neglect salvation will NOT escape! (Heb 2:3)

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There is only one thing that everyone can know for sure.

**"Every one of us shall give account of himself to God"**  
(Romans 14:12).

- ▶ We prepare for important events in life – There is no event more important than our appointment to meet God (Heb. 9:27)
- ▶ Our preparation to meet God indicates whether we are wise or unwise (Mat. 25:1-30; Luke 12:20)
- ▶ Only those who are in Christ and living faithfully for Him are prepared to meet God (Rom. 6:3-18; Rom. 8:1; 2 Tim 4:6-8)

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What you did with your **body**?

(Hands / Feet / Eyes / Ears)

What you did with your **mind**?

(Values / Focus / Loyalties / Priorities)

What you did with your time?

How did you influence your neighbors?

Who did you bring to the Lord?



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## **Heaven Is A Prepared Place For A Prepared People:**

**Intent / Effort** (Mat 7:13,14)

**Faith / Trust / Submission** (John 8:24; Heb 11:6)

**Repentance** (Acts 17:30,31)

**Confession** (Mat. 10:32; Rom 10:9,10)

**Baptism & Faithfulness** (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38;  
Rom. 6:3-6,16,17; Heb. 5:8,9)

**Purpose & Diligence** (Acts 11:23; 2 Pet 3:5-11)

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WHEN? ??? — ARE YOU READY?



- We can **mock** the warnings of scripture . . . . We can **ignore** the warnings of scripture . . . . **delaying** obedience, and be found **unprepared** . . . (2 Pet 3:1-7; Acts 24:24,25)
- **OR** — We can humbly **heed** the warnings & promises of God by obeying the gospel and being diligent in serving God (2 Pet 3:8-14)



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BELIEVE > REPENT > CONFESS > BE BAPTIZED > BE FAITHFUL

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## 2 Peter 3:9–14 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

## 2 Peter 3:9–14 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;