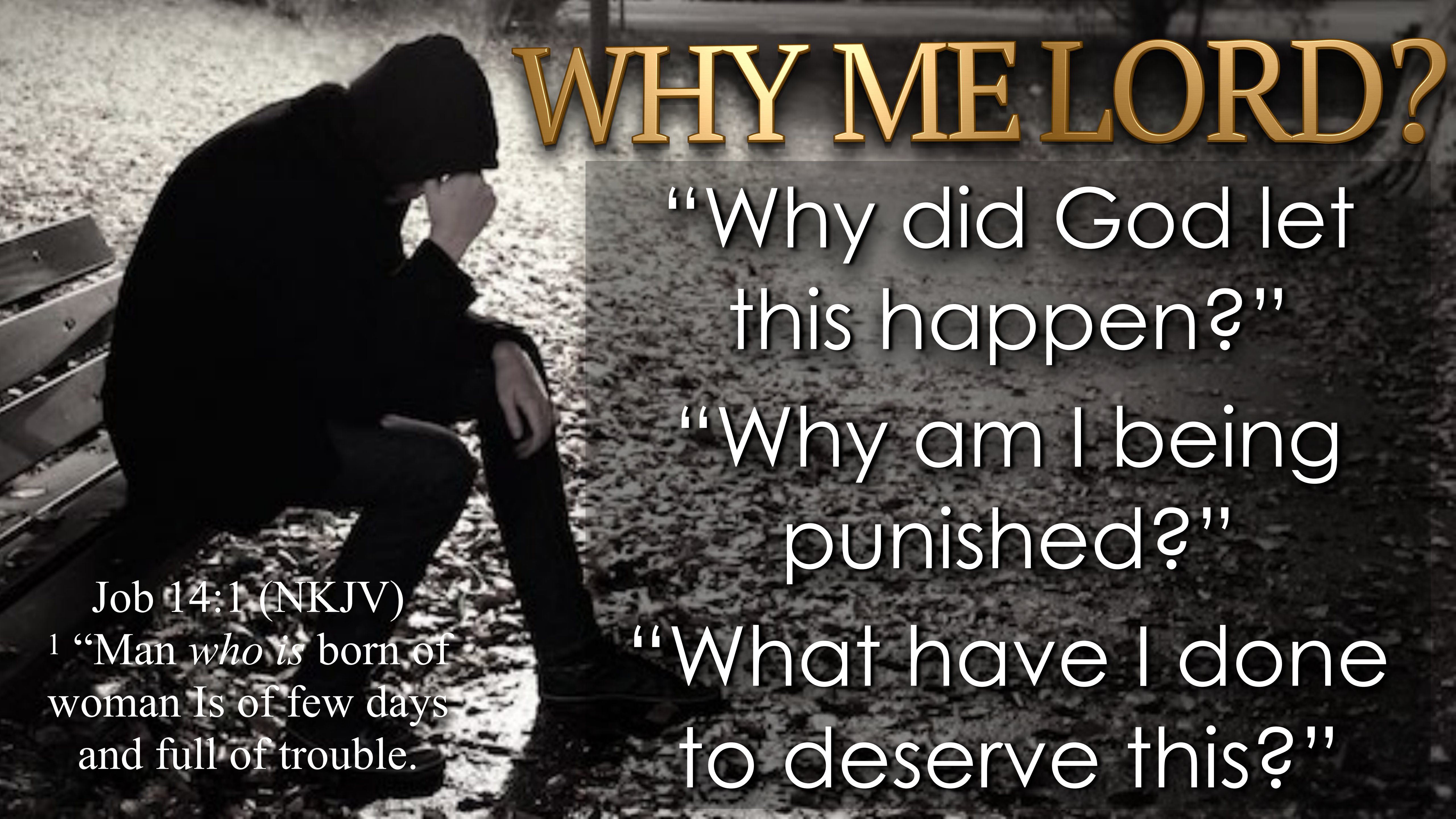




WHY ME LORD?

2 Corinthians 12:7-10



WHY ME LORD?

“Why did God let
this happen?”

“Why am I being
punished?”

“What have I done
to deserve this?”

Job 14:1 (NKJV)

¹ “Man *who is* born of
woman Is of few days
and full of trouble.

WHY ME LORD?

Seldom do we ask:

“Why not me?”

“Why me?” when we SO
are blessed?

(MATERIALLY / RELATIONALLY / SPIRITUALLY)

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The unbelieving critic:

“Why would a God who is all-good & loving, all-knowing, and all-powerful allow evil?”

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Question may also be asked in sincerity: “How could God let this happen to me and to mine, why would God not stop this pain and help me?”

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2 Corinthians 12:7–10 (NKJV)

⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸

Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,

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2 Corinthians 12:7–10 (NKJV)

for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”
Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my
infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest
upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in
infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in
persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For
when I am weak, then I am strong.

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Matthew 5:45 (NKJV)
“that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

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Ecclesiastes 8:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ There is a vanity which occurs on earth, that there are just *men* to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked *men* to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous. I said that this also *is* vanity.

(*cf. 2 Timothy 3:12*)

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Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)

⁵ But He *was*
wounded for our
transgressions, *He*
was bruised for our
iniquities; The
chastisement for our
peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes
we are healed.

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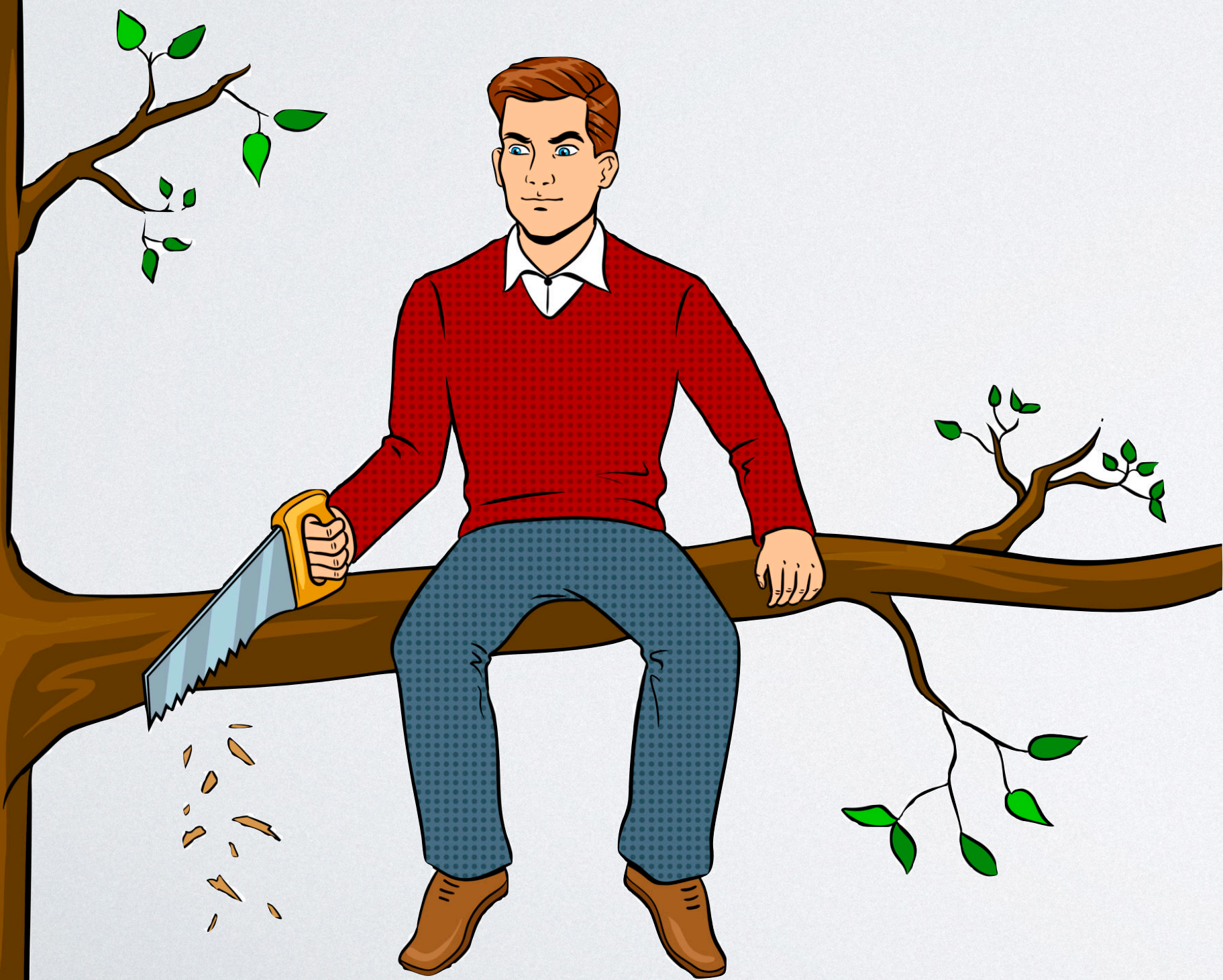
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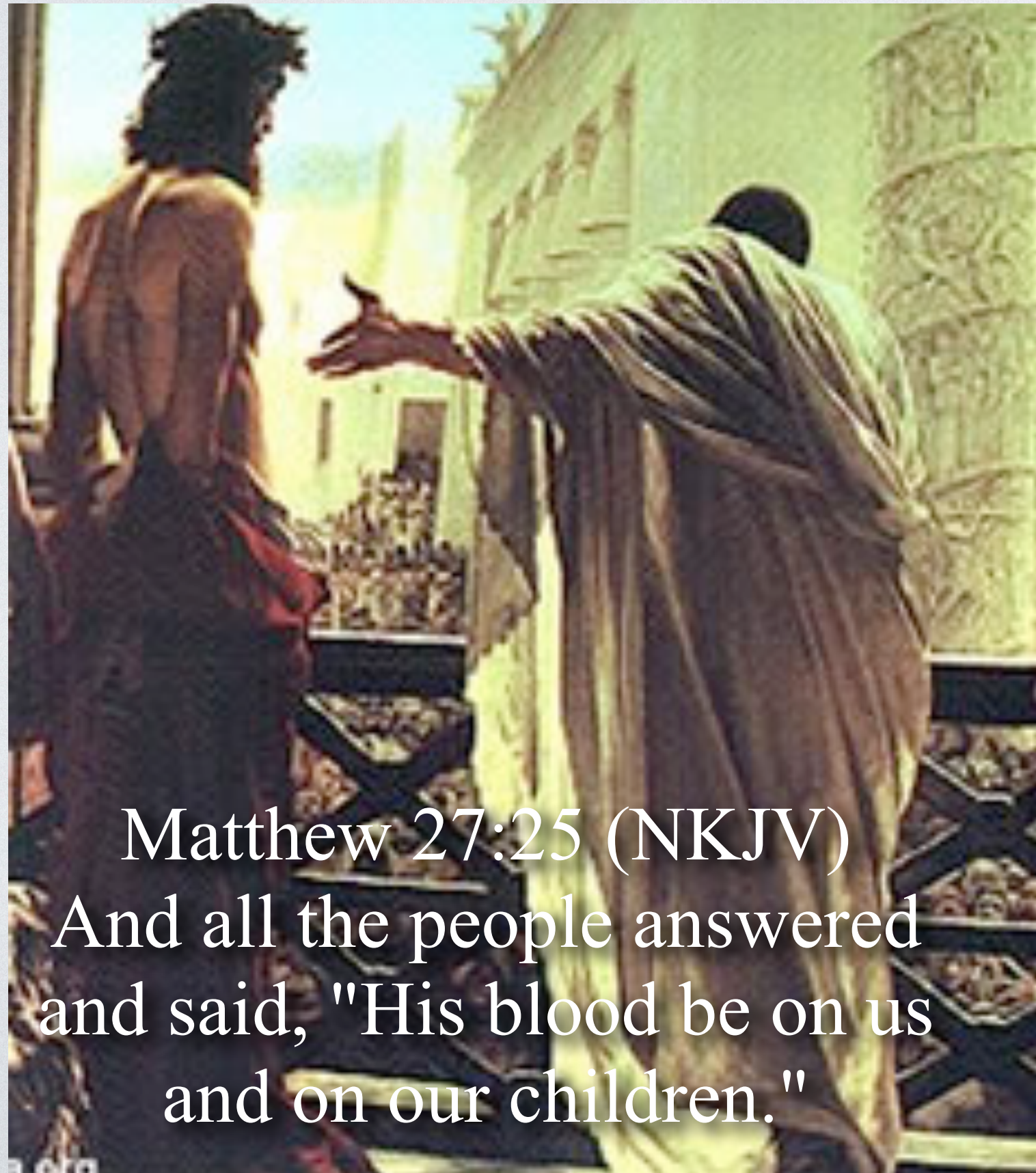
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Those In Darkness Hate Those In The Light



Matthew 27:25 (NKJV)

And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children."

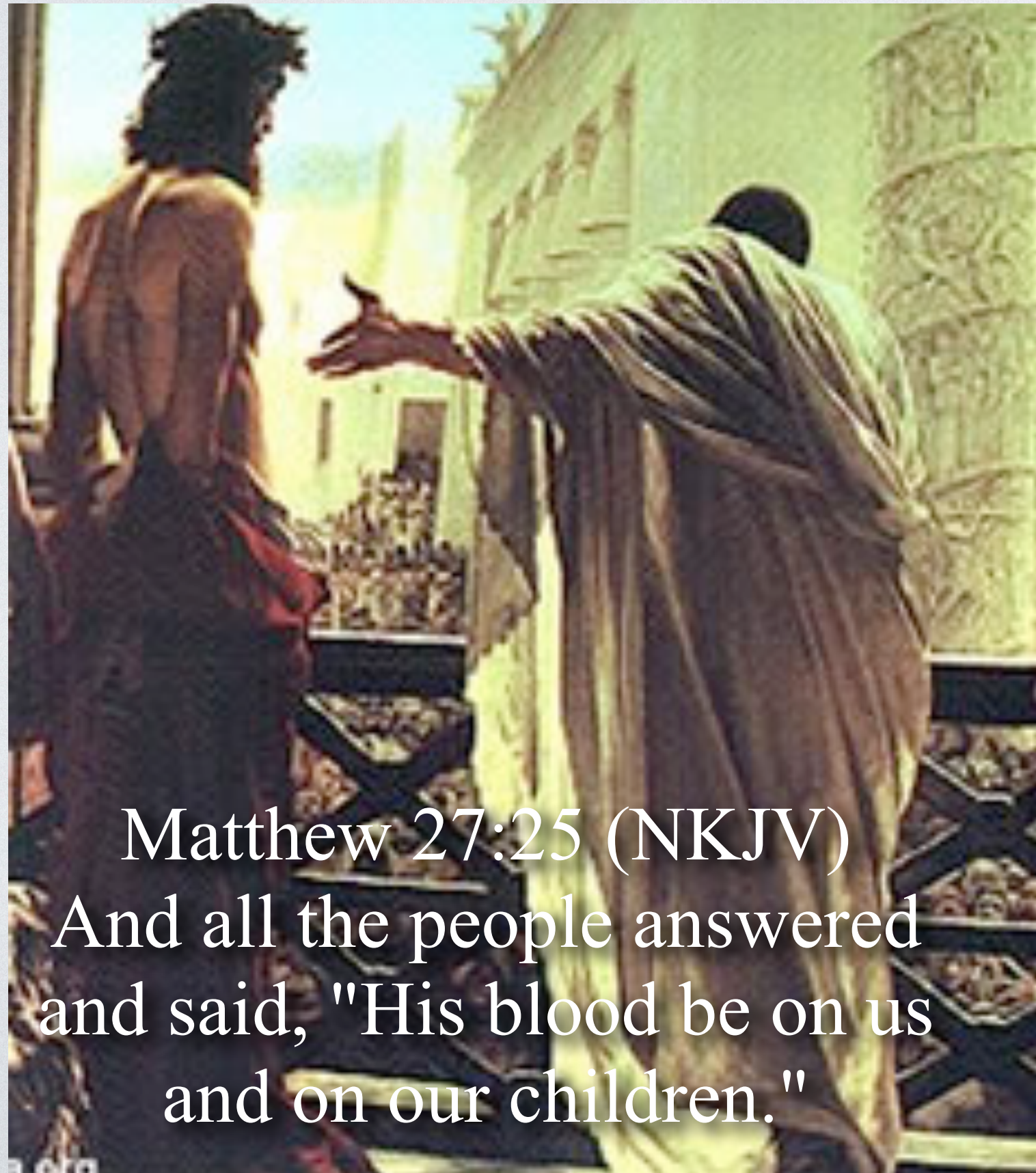
John 3:19-20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

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Sin is the Problem - Not God



Matthew 13:24–30 (NKJV)

... 30 Let both grow together until the harvest,
and at the time of harvest I will say to the
reapers, “First gather together the tares and
bind them in bundles to burn them, but
gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ’ ’

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Staying Strong When Things Go Wrong



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We have three choices ...



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Concluding thoughts



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1 Peter 5:6-10 (NKJV)

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

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Psalm 46:1–3 (NKJV)

¹ God *is* our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; ³ *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled, *Though* the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah



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James 1:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.



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GOD WILL TAKE VENGEANCE



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“An obedient faith in Jesus Christ does not guarantee a trouble free life, but a perfect eternity.”

WHY ME LORD?

“God washes the eyes by tears until they can behold the invisible land where tears shall come no More.” - *Henry Ward Beecher*



Tragedy



Accidents



Sickness

WHY ME LORD?

Romans 8:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

WHY DID YOU SEND YOUR SON TO DIE FOR ME?

WHY DID YOU PROVIDE SALVATION FROM SIN AND THE HOPE OF OF ETERNAL LIFE WITH YOU?

WHY NOT NOW?

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