

Greatness in the Kingdom



**HE HAS MADE US
A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS
FOR GOD HIS FATHER.**

**ALL GLORY AND POWER
TO HIM FOREVER AND
EVER! AMEN.**

REVELATION 1:6 | MEC | VERSE FOR 2012

**Kingdom
Character**
(Matt 5:1-12)

**Kingdom
Calling**
(Matt 5:13-16)

**Kingdom
Conduct**
(Matt 5:17-7:27)

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exceed that
of Scribes and
Pharisees ...

(Matthew 5:20)



not done like
hypocrites to be
seen by others

(Matthew 6:1-2)




warnings
against
worldliness

(Matthew 6:19-7:27)

Kingdom Righteousness Explored

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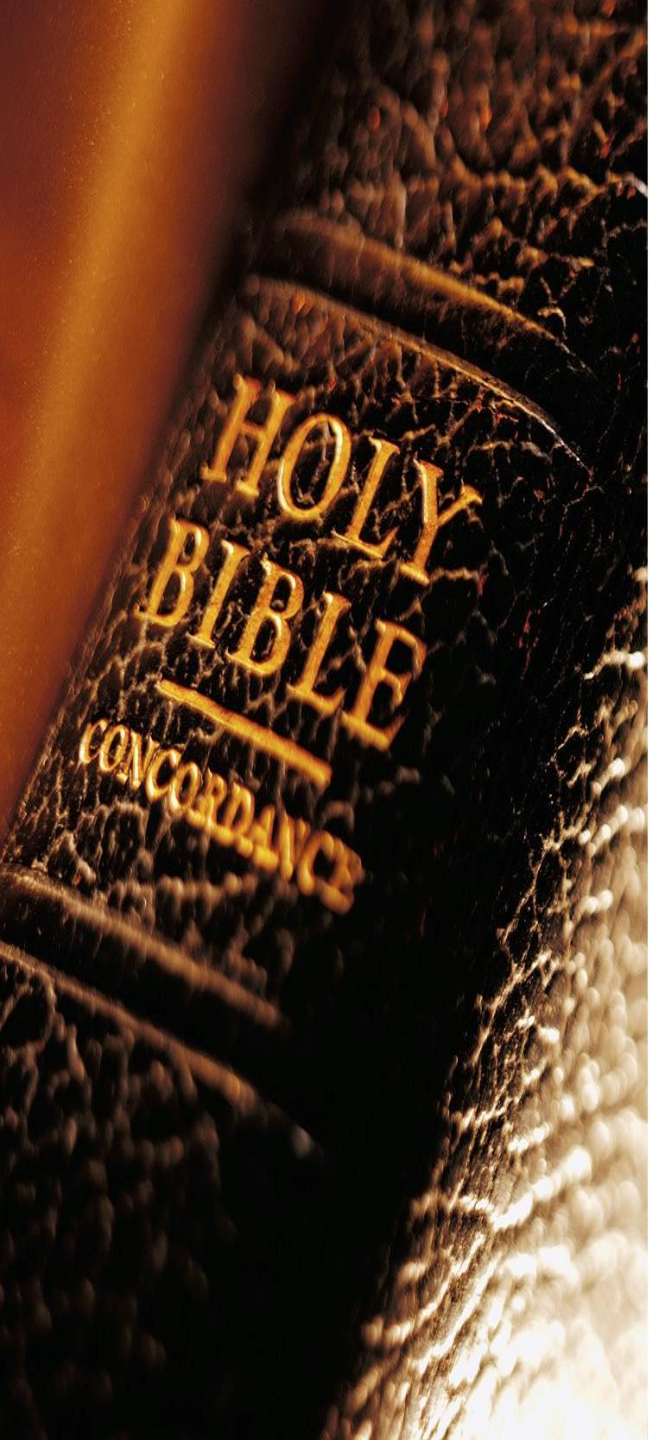
Guard your heart
above all else, for it
determines the
course of your
life.

(Proverbs 4:23)

The eyes of the Lord
search the whole
earth in order to
strengthen those
whose hearts are fully
committed to him.

(2 Chronicles 16:9)

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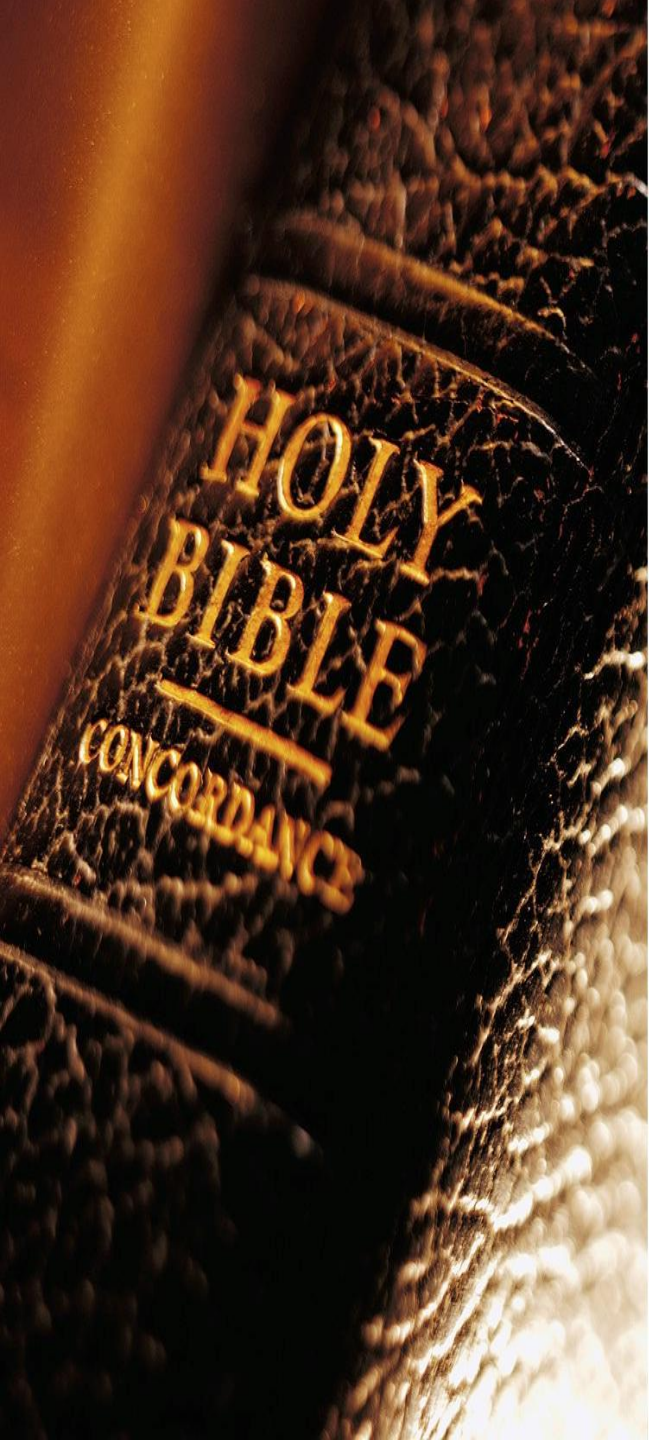


Matthew 6:19-34 (NLT)

¹⁹ “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.

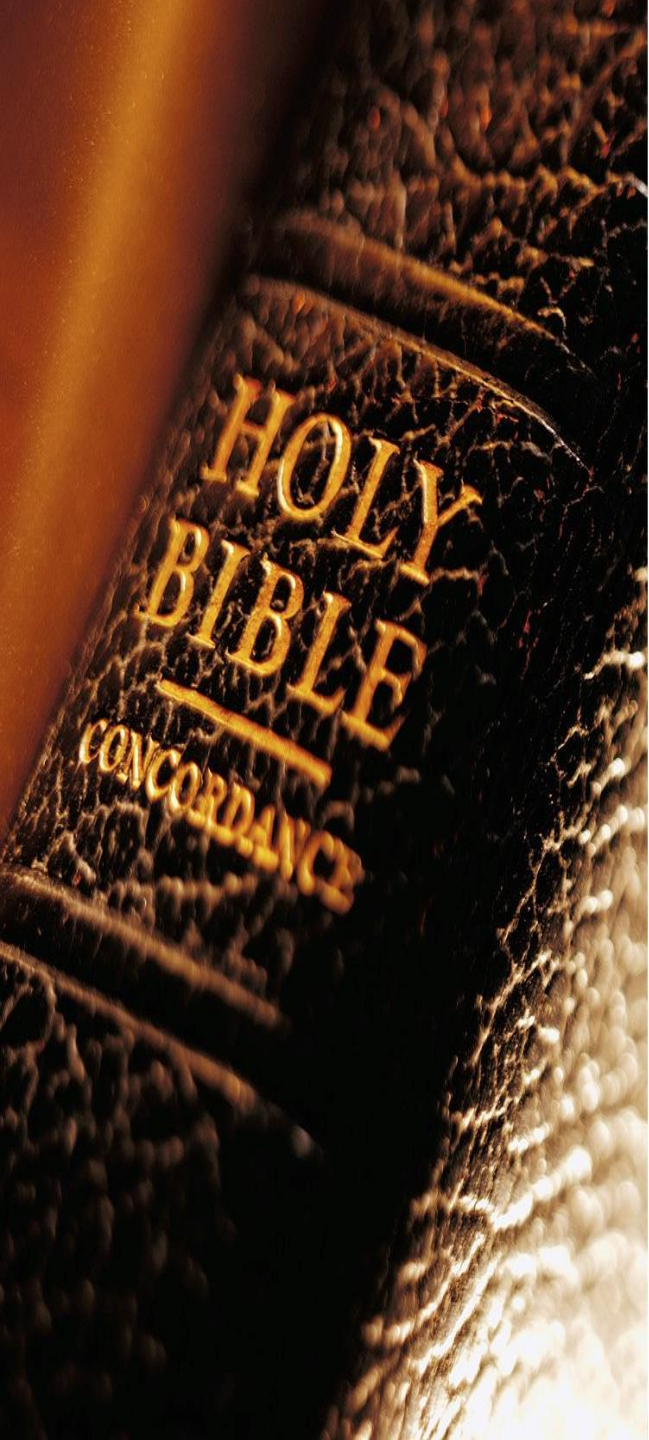
²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.



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²² “Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light.

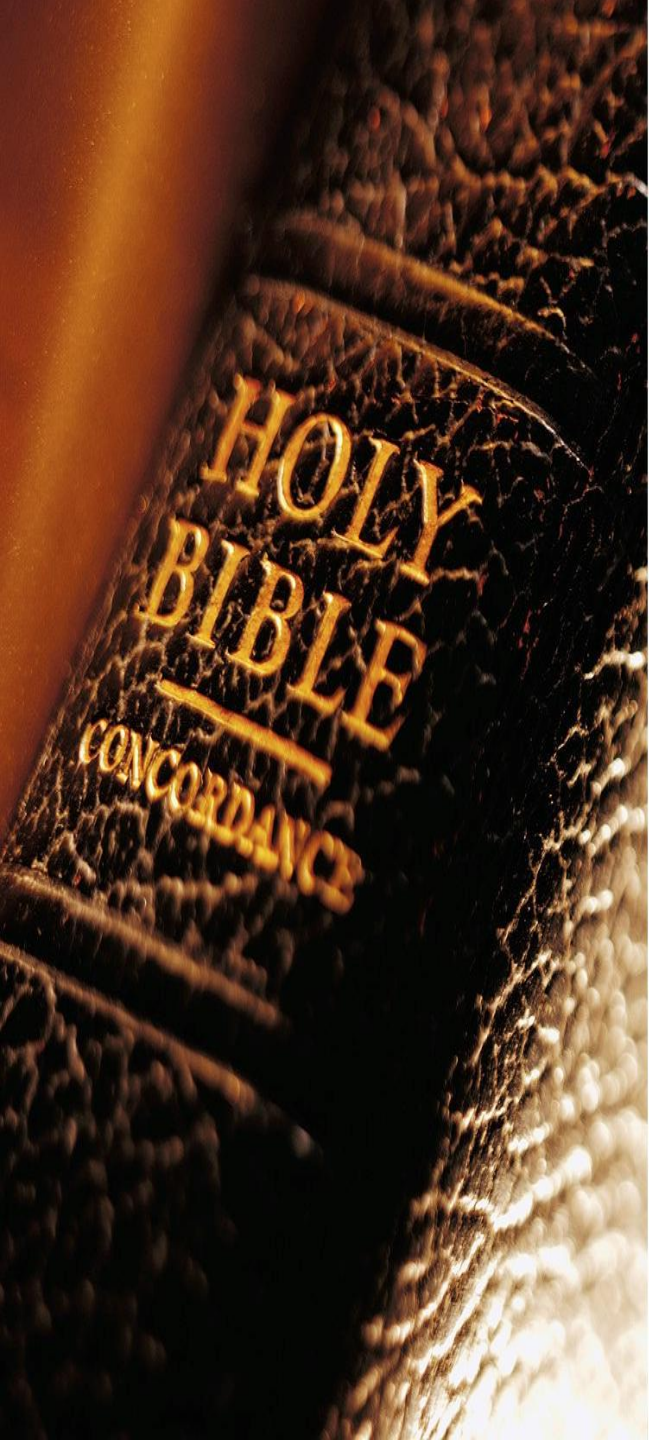
²³ But when your eye is bad, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!



Matthew 6:19-34 (NLT)

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

²⁵ “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life — whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?

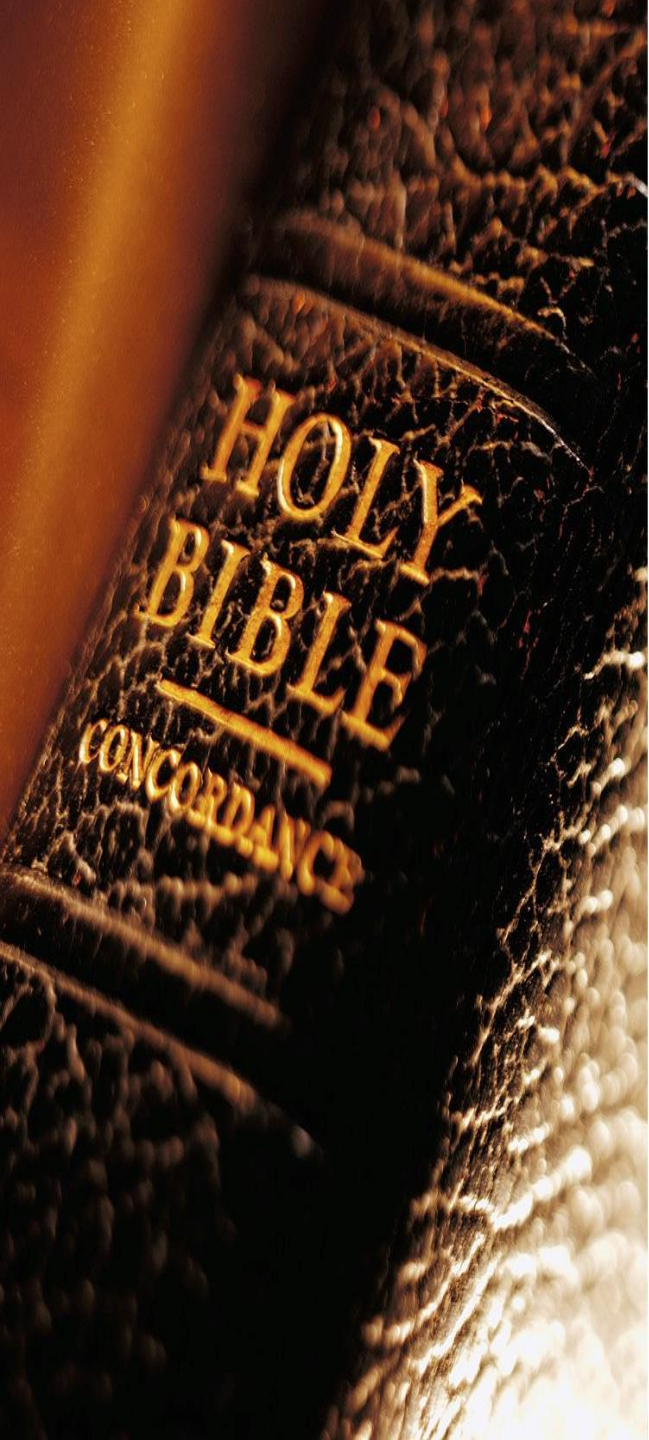


Matthew 6:19-34 (NLT)

²⁶ Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?

²⁷ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

²⁸ "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing,

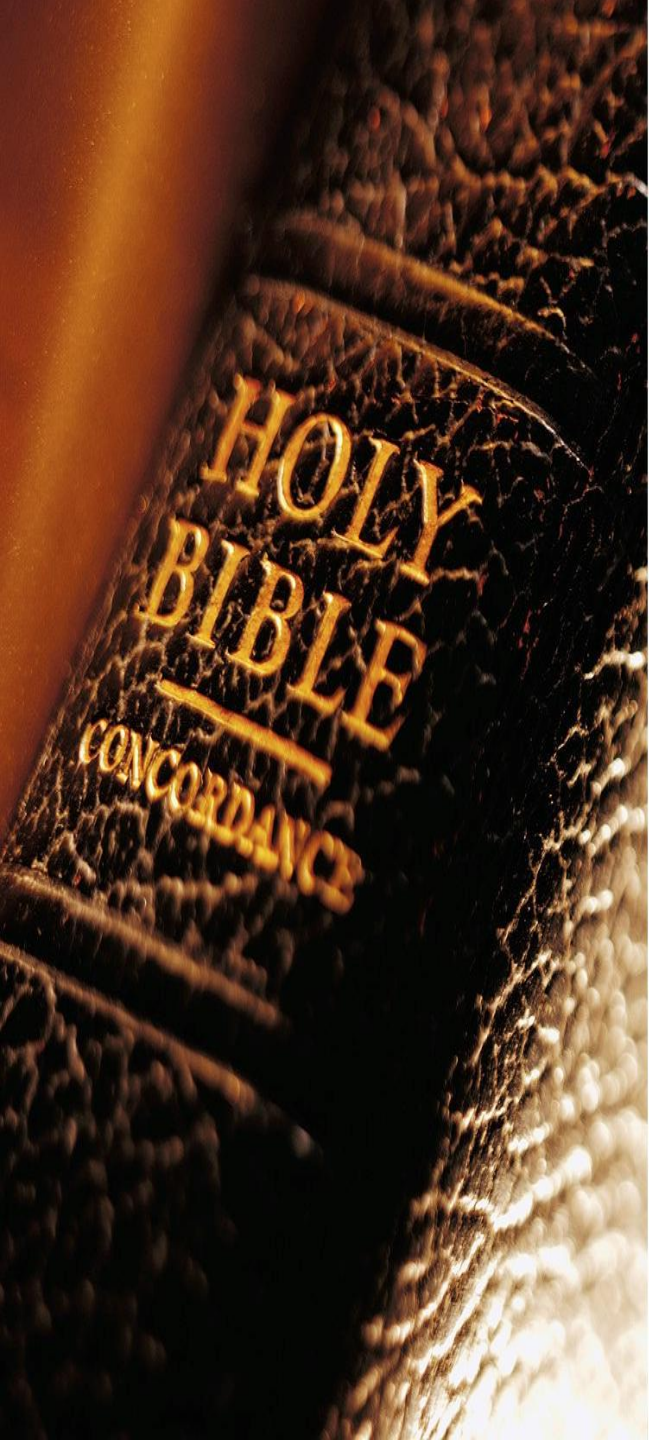


Matthew 6:19-34 (NLT)

²⁹ yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are.

³⁰ And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

³¹ “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’



Matthew 6:19-34 (NLT)

³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.

³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

³⁴ “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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Attachment

**Do not store
up treasures
here on earth
(Matthew 6:19)**

Warnings against Worldliness

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The 4 Lies of Consumerism

My stuff makes me ...

happy



important

secure



rich

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**For where
your treasure
is, there your
heart will be
also.**

(Matthew 6:21)



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decays
(Matt 6:19)



stolen
(Matt 6:19)

corrupted
(Matt 6:23)



enslaves
(Matt 6:19)



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Anxiety

**Do not be
anxious about
your life**

(Matthew 6:25,31,34)

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Learn from flowers.
God clothes them.
Much more you!
(Matt 6:28-30)

Consider the birds.
Father feeds them.
You matter more!
(Matt 6:26)

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A person with long dark hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt and light blue pants, stands on a beach with their back to the camera. Their arms are outstretched horizontally, palms facing down. They are looking out at a vast ocean under a sunset sky with soft orange and pink hues. The water is dark blue with white foam from waves breaking in the foreground.

Life is more than
food and clothing!
(Matthew 6:25)

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Kindness
Character

... So ...

**Invest in
heavenly
treasures!**

(Matthew 6:20)

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Life is more than
the here and now!

(Matthew 6:33)

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... So ...

Seek
heavenly
priorities
(Matthew 6:33)

**The Kingdom
Righteousness**

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Life does have
daily troubles ...

(Matthew 6:34)

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A painting depicting Jesus sleeping peacefully in a wooden boat amidst a stormy sea. Jesus is lying on the left side of the boat, covered with a blue blanket, his eyes closed. Two other men are in the boat; one is in the foreground, wearing a yellow tunic and a purple sash, leaning over Jesus with a look of concern. The other man is in the background, wearing a grey tunic and a purple sash, holding a long wooden pole. The sea is dark blue with white-capped waves crashing against the boat. The sky is a deep blue with white clouds.

Do you still
have no faith?

(Mark 4:40)

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... So ...

**Trust your
heavenly Father**

(Matthew 6:32)

grow in faith

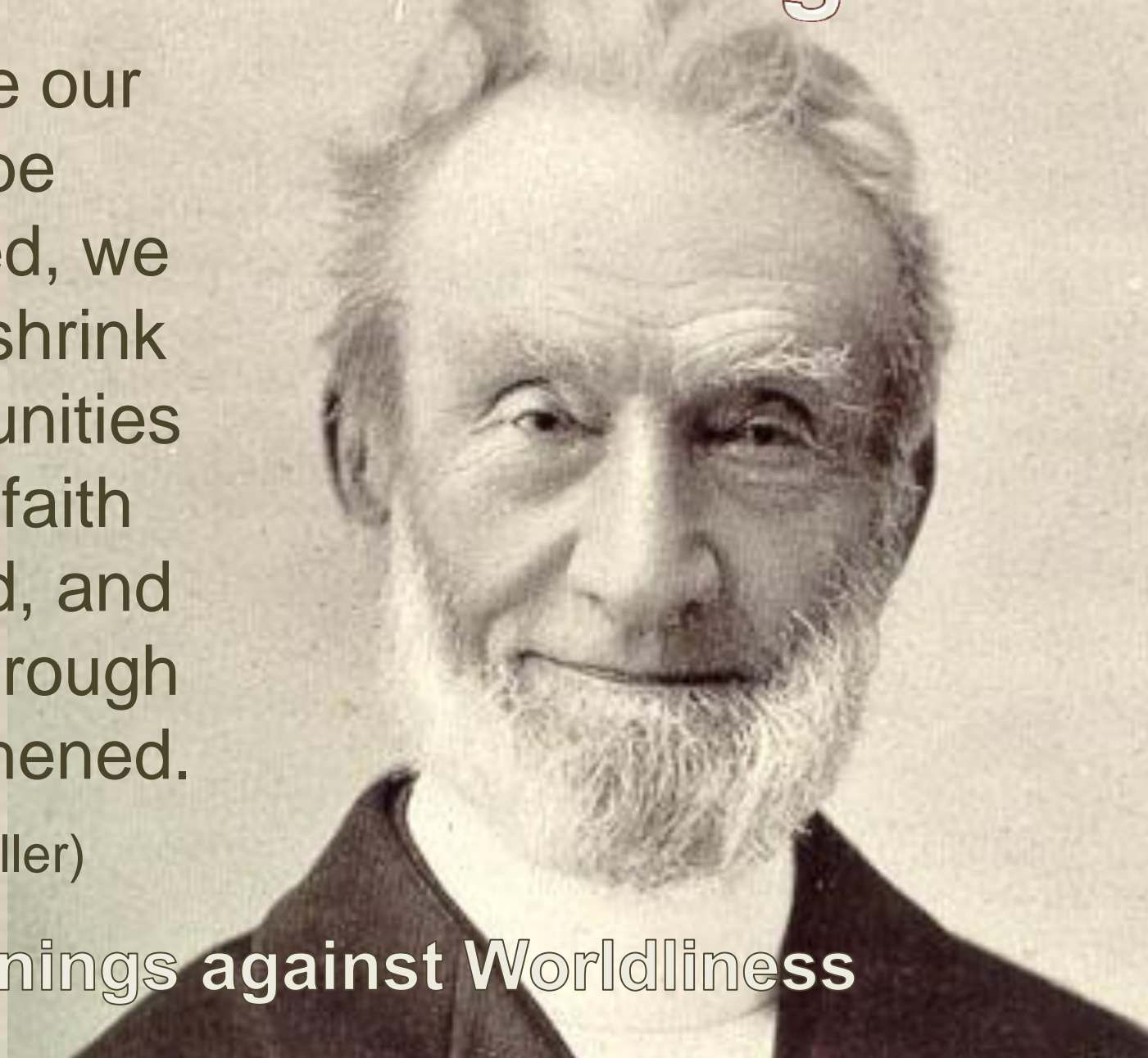
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If we desire our faith to be strengthened, we should not shrink from opportunities where our faith may be tried, and therefore, through trial, strengthened.

(George Muller)

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It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who diligently seek him.

(Hebrews 11:6)

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I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.

(Philippians 4:11-13)

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Avoid Worldly Attraction & Anxiety

Invest in Heavenly Treasures

Seek Heavenly Priorities

Trust Your Heavenly Father

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