

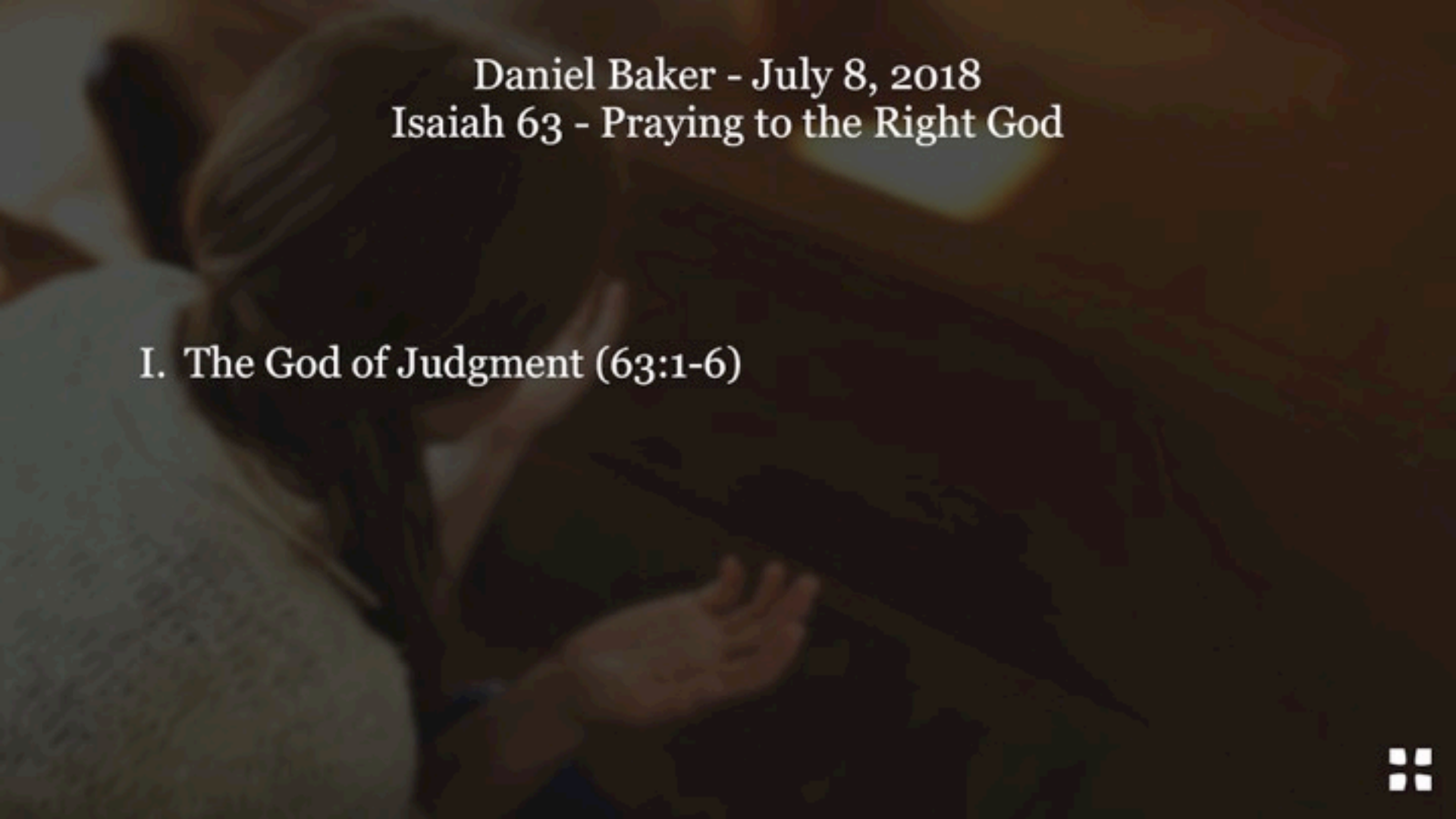


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The Book of Isaiah

Praying to the Right God

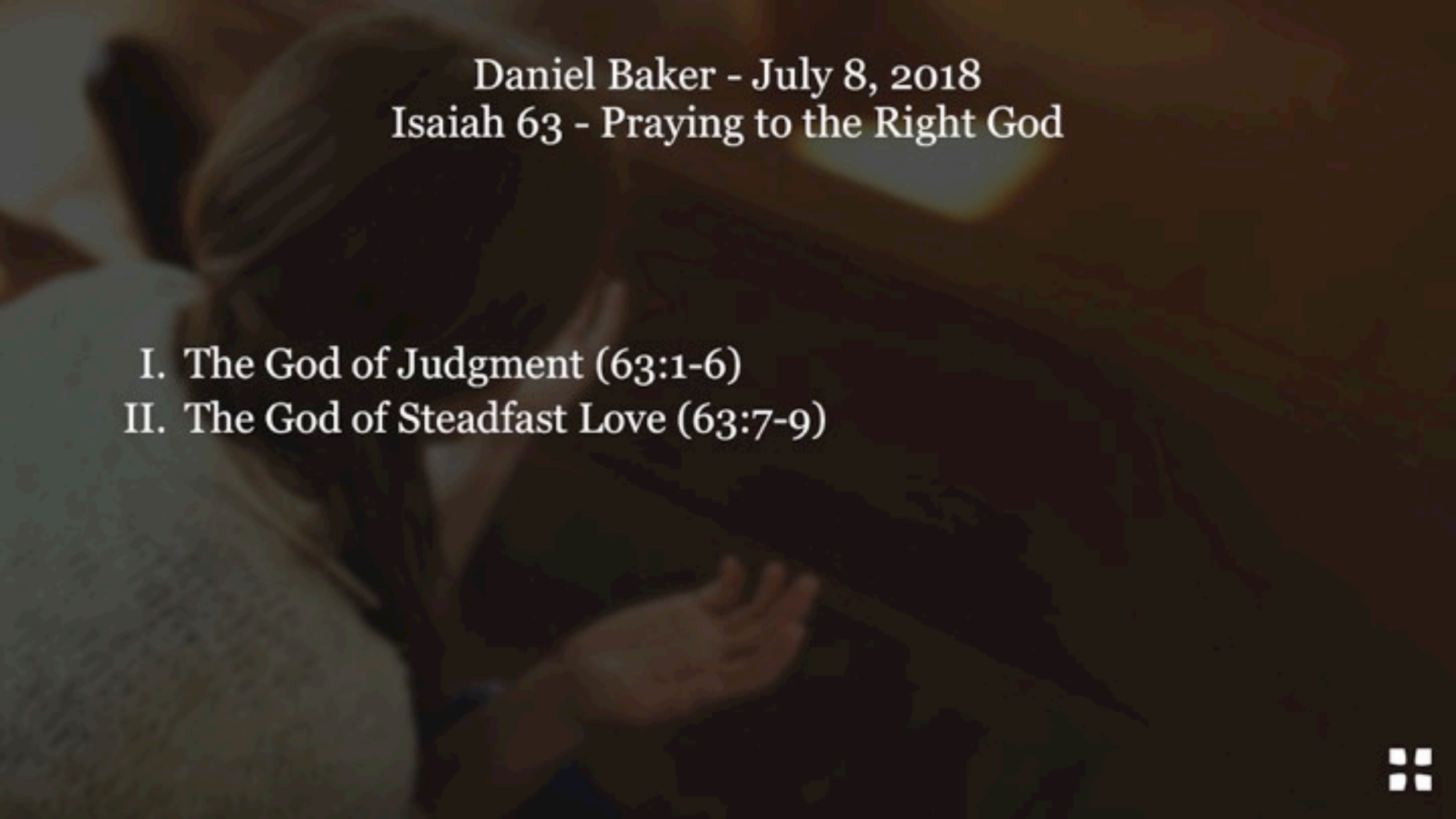




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¹¹Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.



¹³He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations,



and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁷Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly



directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, ¹⁸to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." ¹⁹And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their



armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. ²⁰And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image.



These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. ²¹And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

Revelation 19:11-21



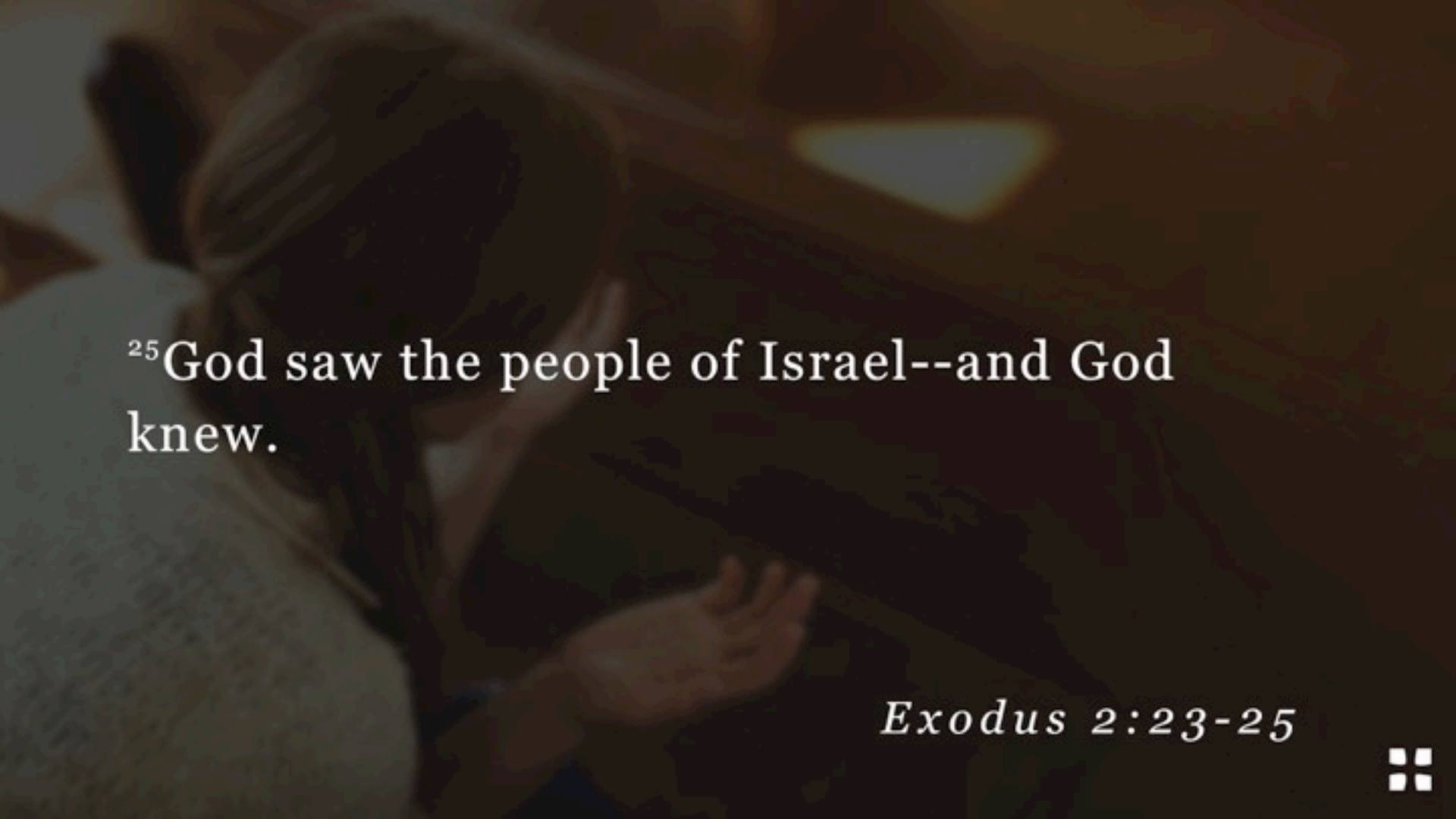
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This statement illustrates the astonishing path that a totally depraved world can follow and the human inability to right the wrongs or even stand up for what is right. Therefore, it is evident that the hope of mankind will not come through gentle diplomacy, compromise with evil nations, or an idealistic hope that some human organization of nations will right the wrongs and control evil nations. God's strong arm is the only source of real strength and true salvation against the forces of evil in this world. This powerful arm not only will bring salvation to his people but also will deliver the full force of his wrath on those who reject God.



²³During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. ²⁴And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.



A woman wearing a white headscarf is shown from the side, looking down at an open book she is holding. The background is dark and out of focus, with a warm light source visible in the upper right. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

²⁵God saw the people of Israel--and God knew.

Exodus 2:23-25

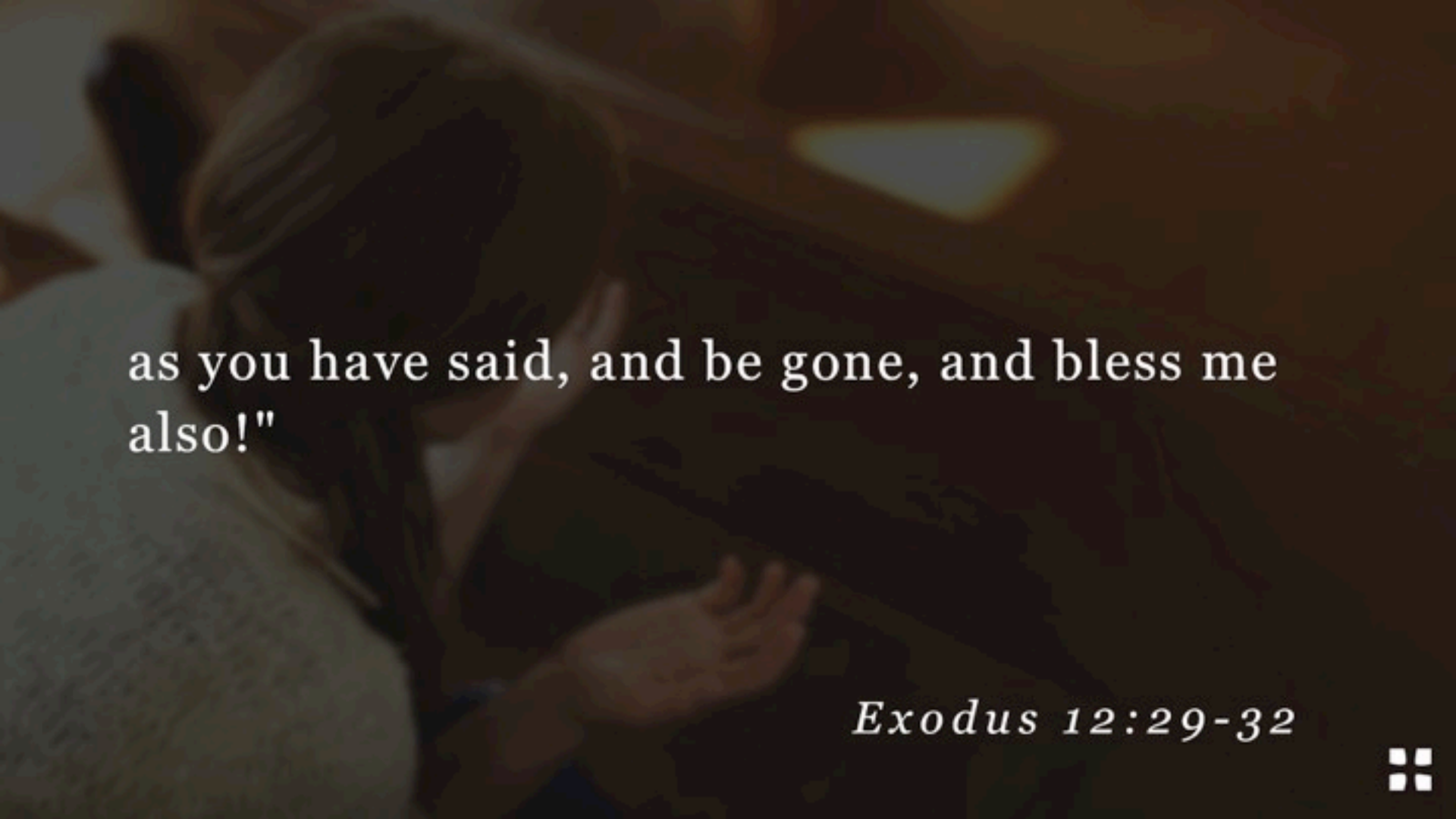


²⁹At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians.



And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. ³¹Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, "Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as you have said. ³²Take your flocks and your herds,

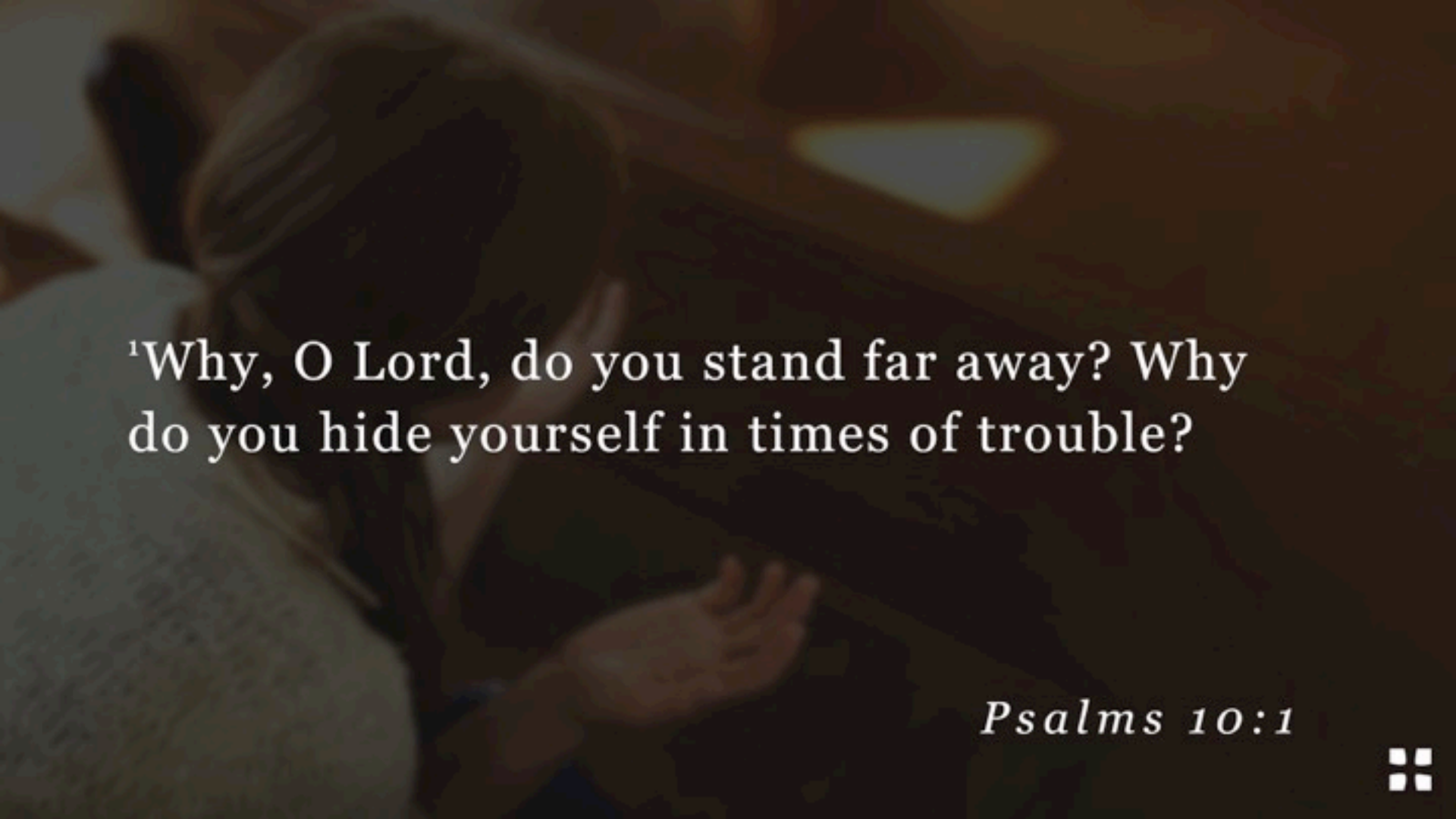




as you have said, and be gone, and bless me
also!"

Exodus 12:29-32

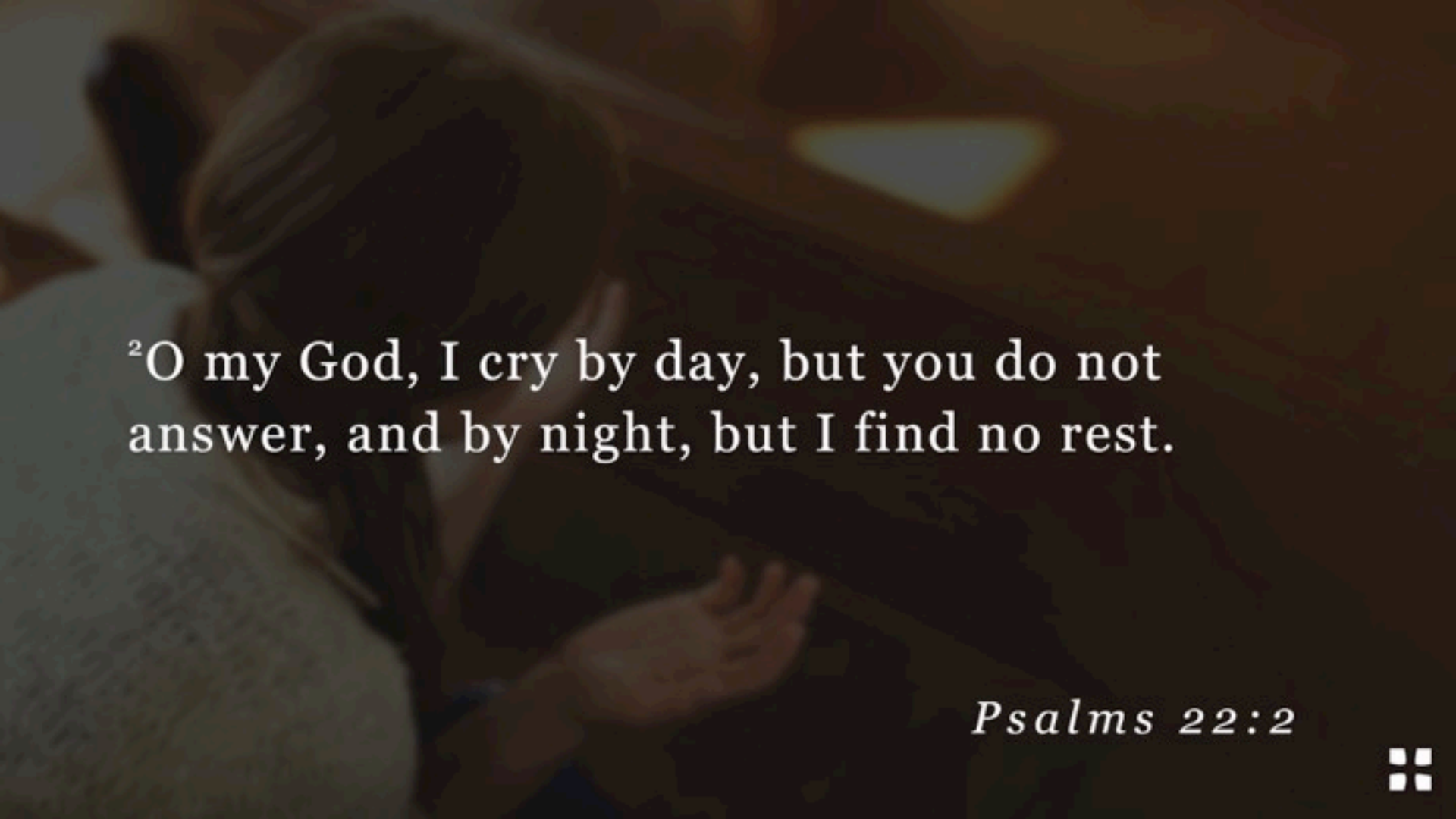


A person with long, light-colored hair is shown from the chest up, their face buried in their hands in a gesture of despair or grief. The background is dark and out of focus, with a soft light source visible in the upper right. The overall mood is one of deep sorrow and helplessness.

¹Why, O Lord, do you stand far away? Why
do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

Psalms 10:1

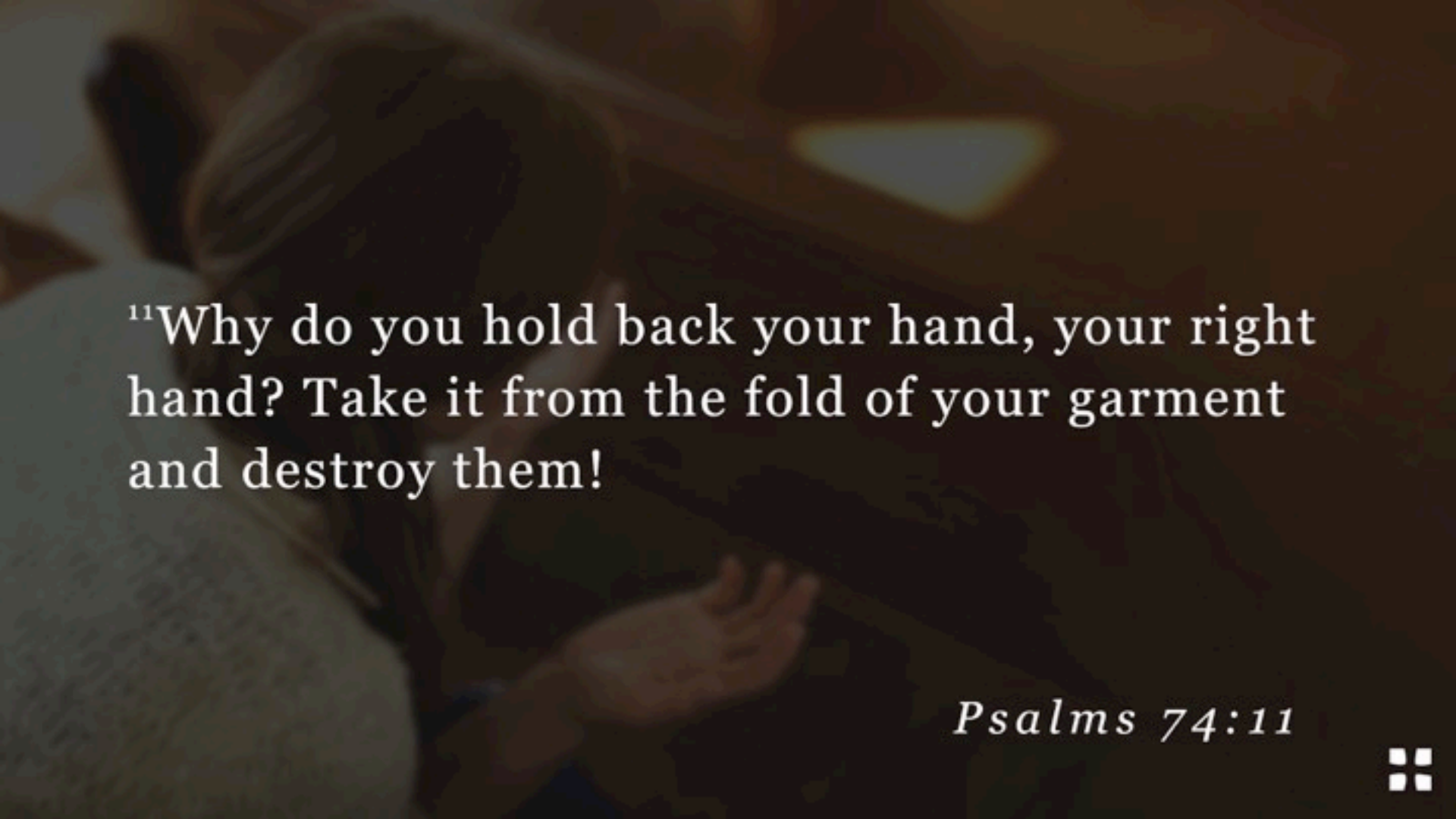




²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Psalms 22:2



A person is shown from the side, playing a piano. The lighting is dim and moody, with a warm, golden glow from a light source in the background. The person's hands are visible on the keys. The overall atmosphere is contemplative and artistic.

¹¹Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand? Take it from the fold of your garment and destroy them!

Psalms 74:11



¹⁴What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.



¹⁷For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

¹⁸So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. ¹⁹You will say to me then,

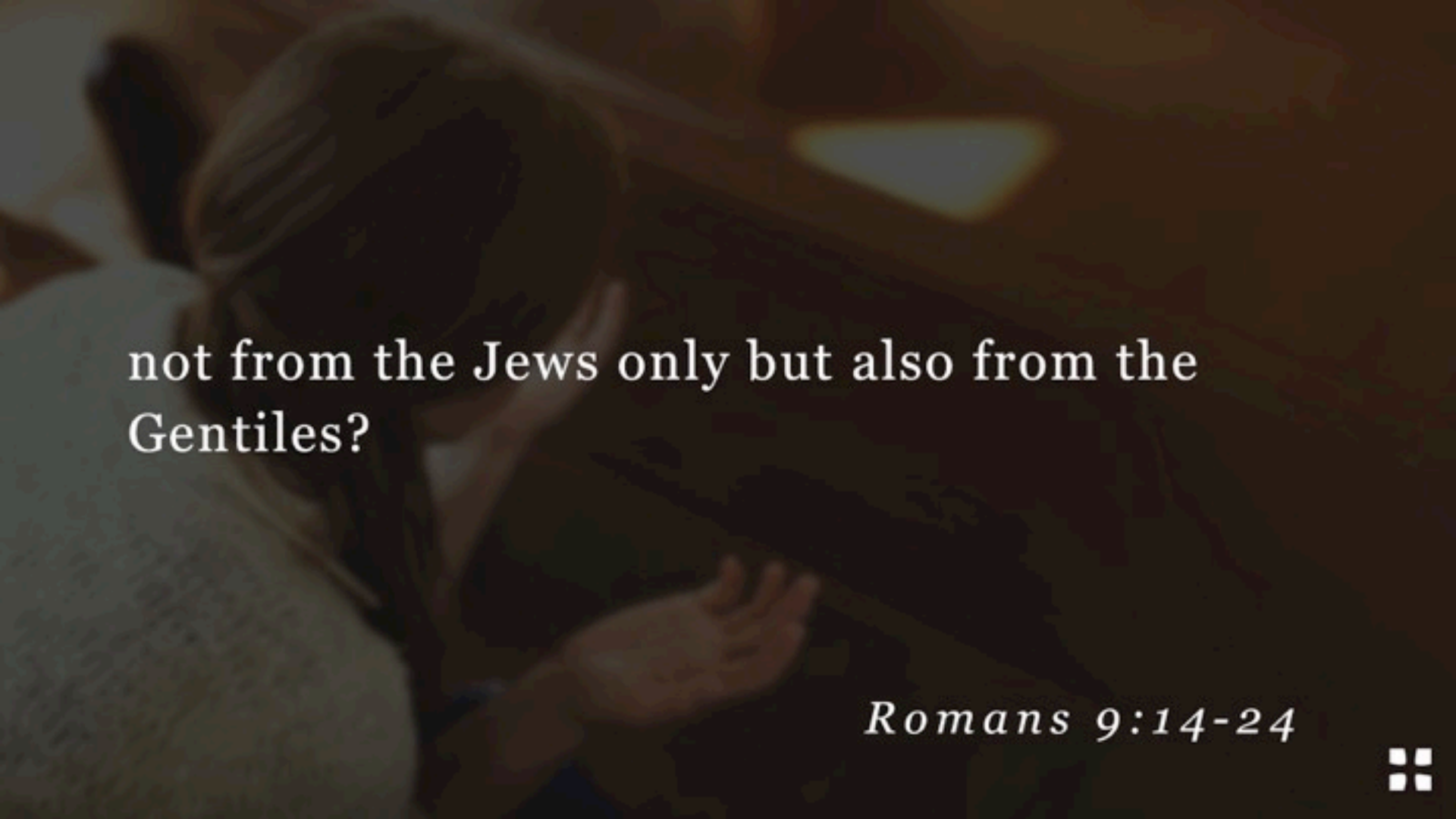


"Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" ²⁰But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" ²¹Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable



use? ²²What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory-- ²⁴even us whom he has called,



A woman with blonde hair is seen from behind, sitting in a library and reading a large book. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm light source visible in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

not from the Jews only but also from the
Gentiles?

Romans 9:14-24

