

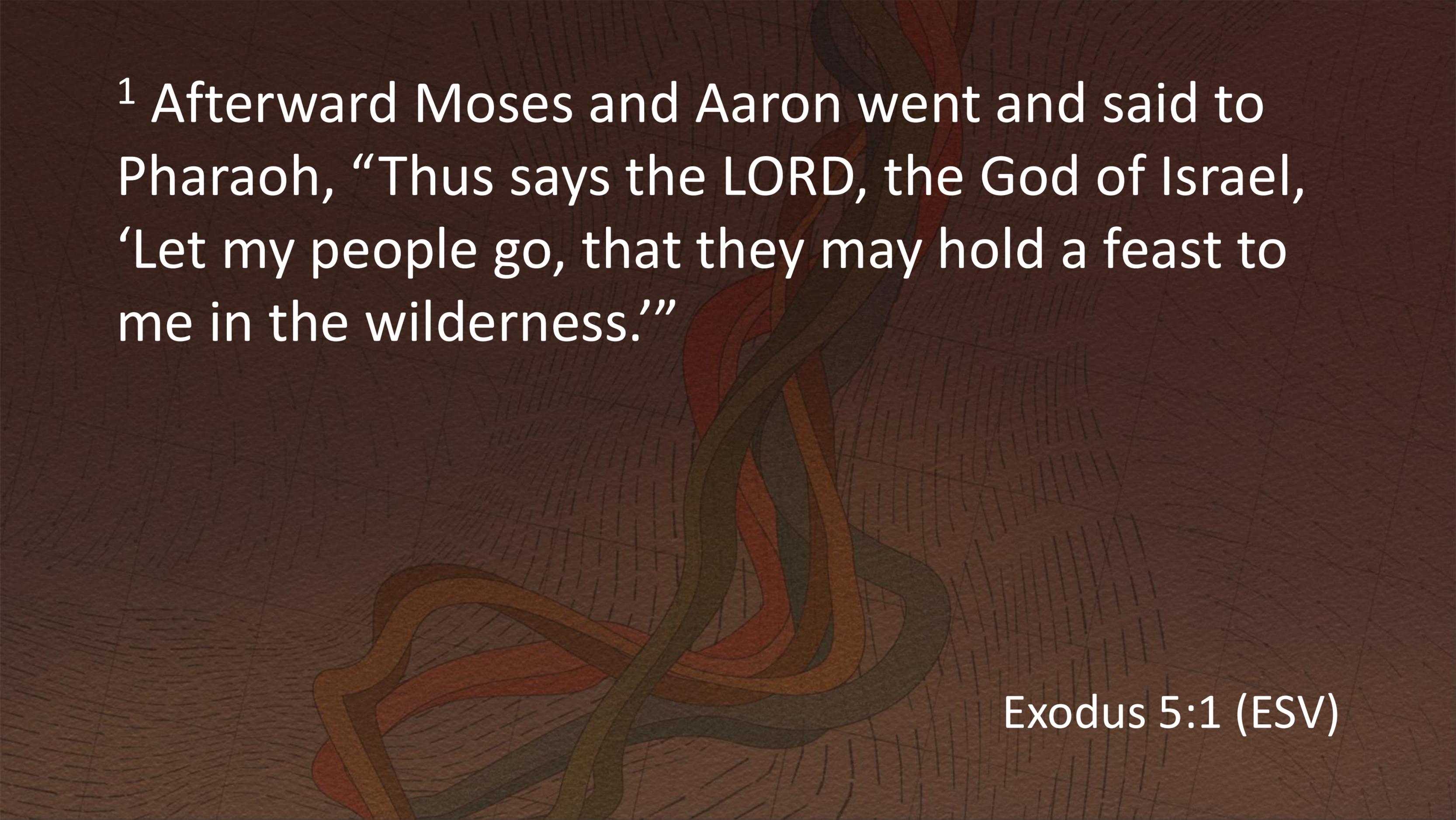


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³¹ And the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.

Exodus 4:31 (ESV)



¹ Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’”

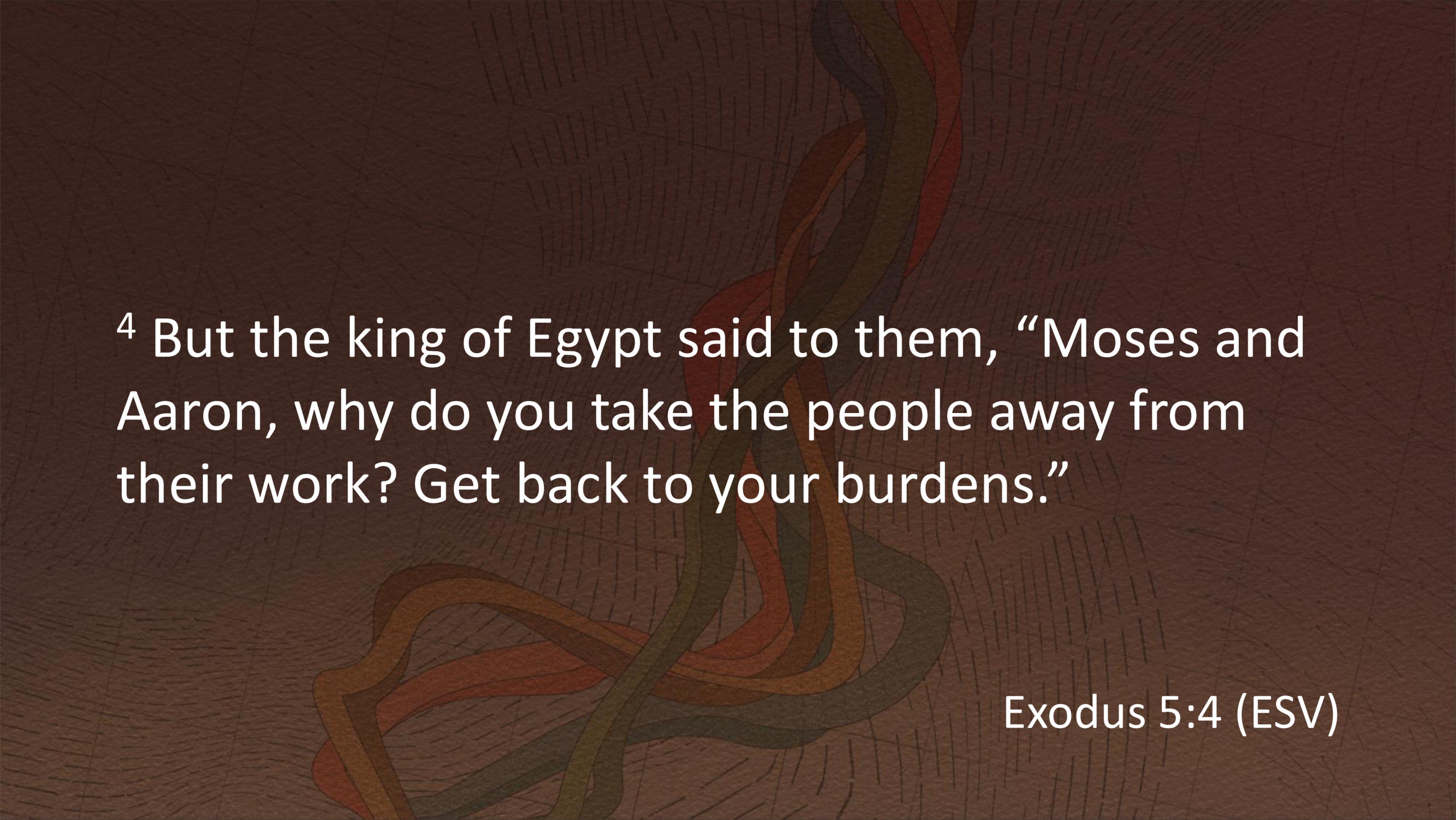
Exodus 5:1 (ESV)

² But Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know

the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.”

³ Then they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.”

Exodus 5:2-3 (ESV)

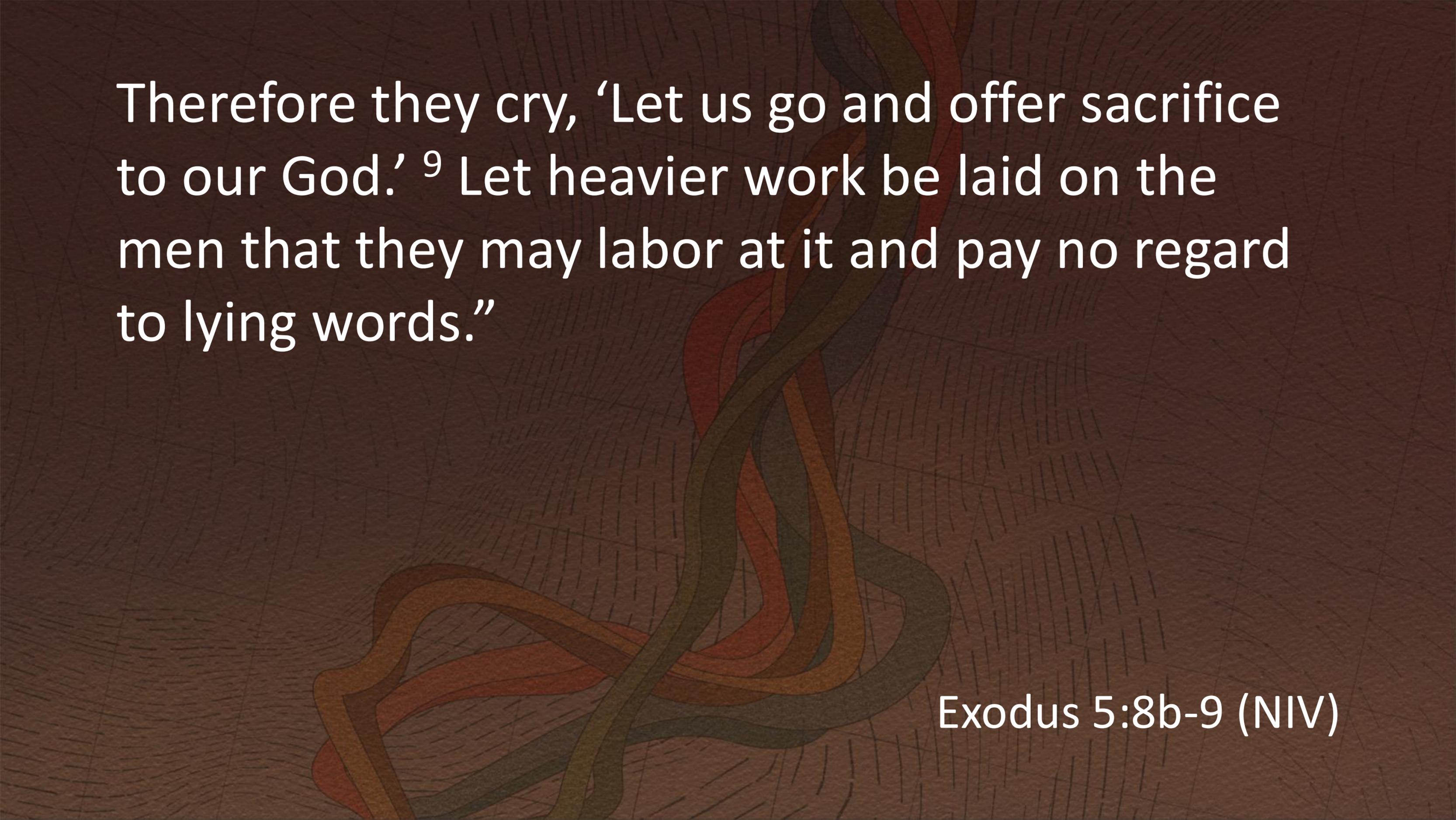


⁴ But the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens.”

Exodus 5:4 (ESV)

⁶ The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen,
⁷ “You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves. ⁸ But the number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle.

Exodus 5:6-8a (NIV)

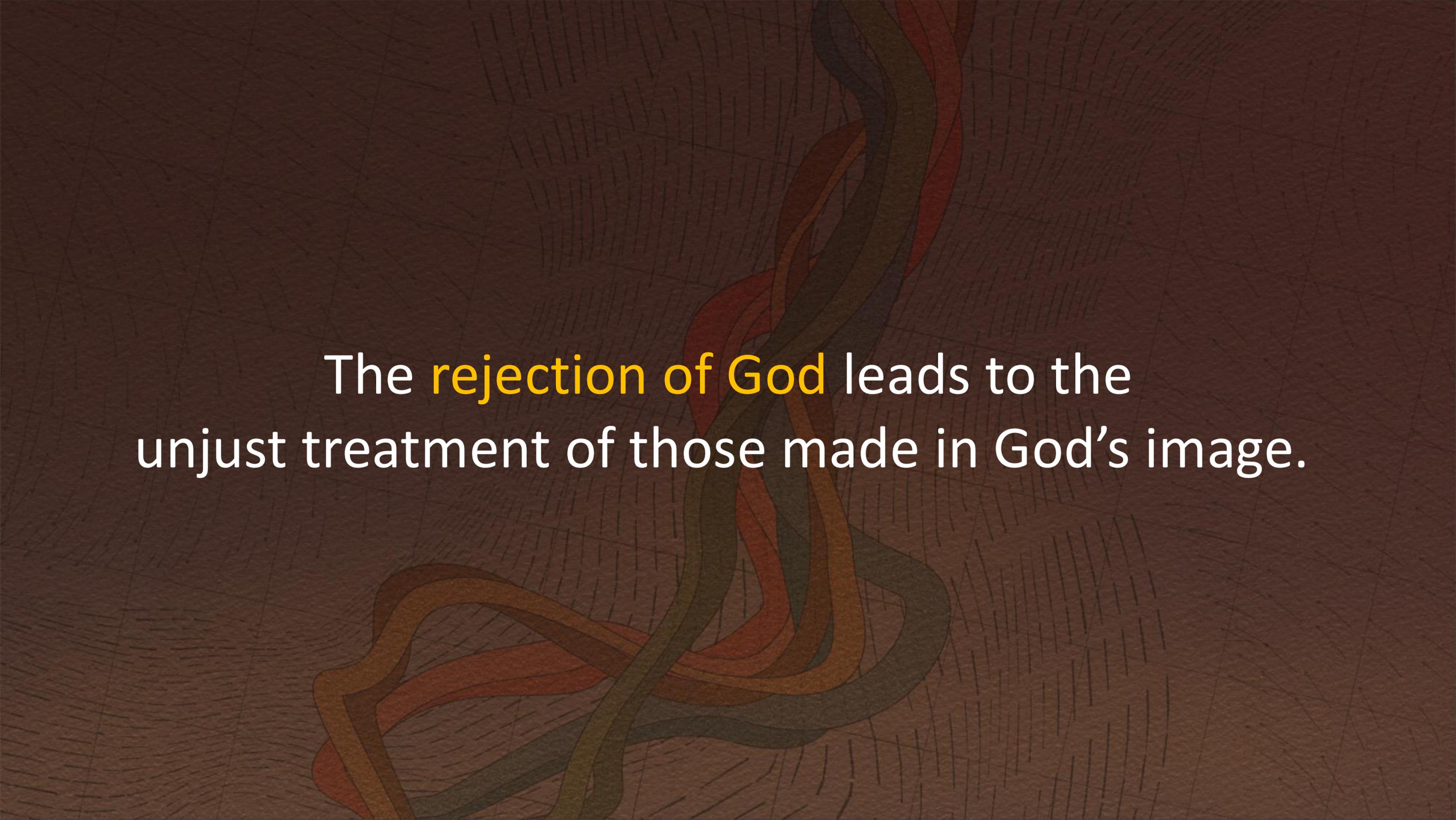


Therefore they cry, ‘Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.’⁹ Let heavier work be laid on the men that they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words.”

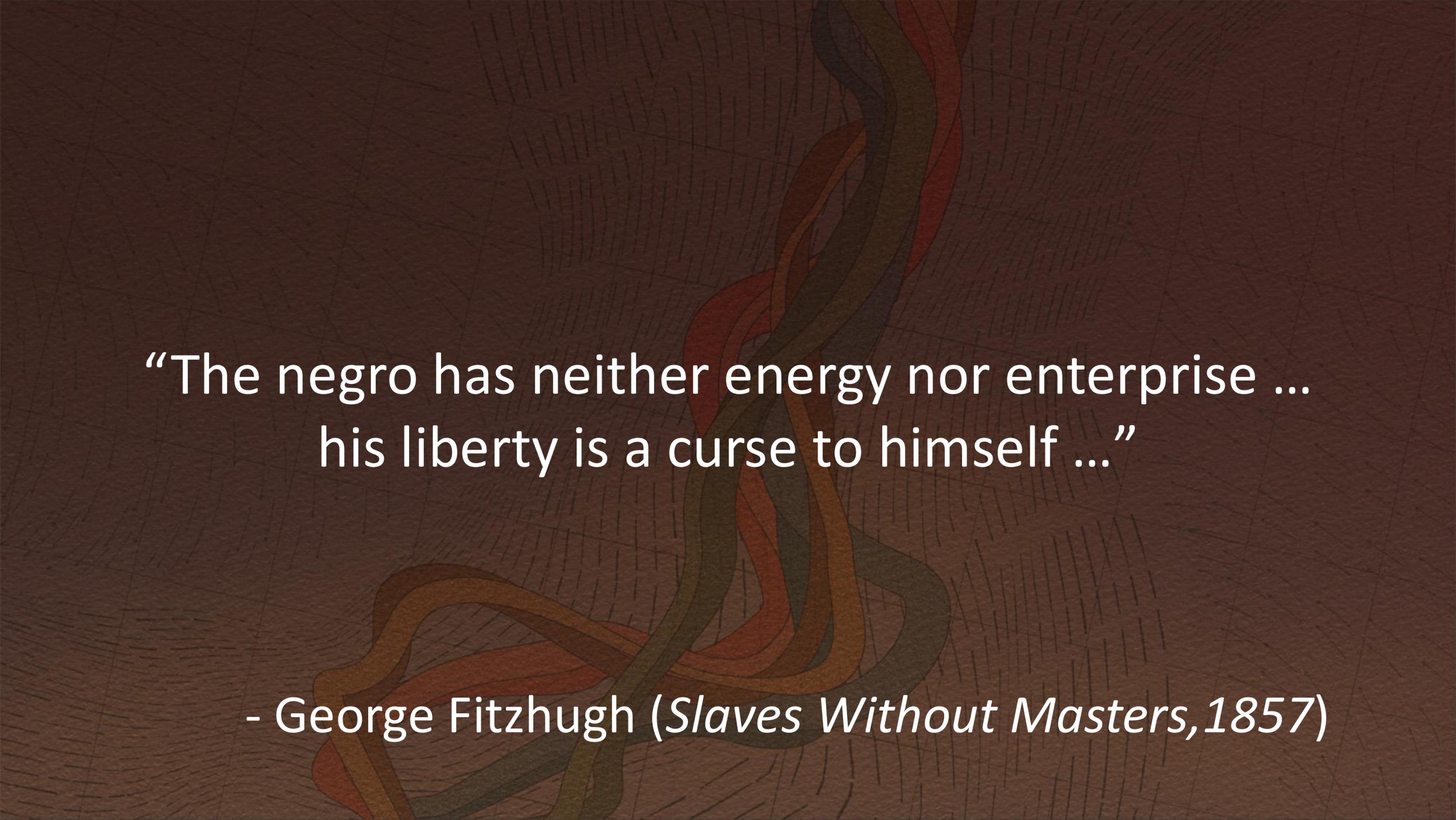
Exodus 5:8b-9 (NIV)

“Whether making false gods (**idolatry**) or playing false gods (**injustice**) the result is identical – the true image of God is lost and not just lost but replaced by something that purports, often very persuasively, to represent the ultimate truth about reality. The truth about God, and the truth about God’s very good world is **exchanged for a lie.**”

- Andy Crouch (*Playing God: Redeeming The Gift of Power*)

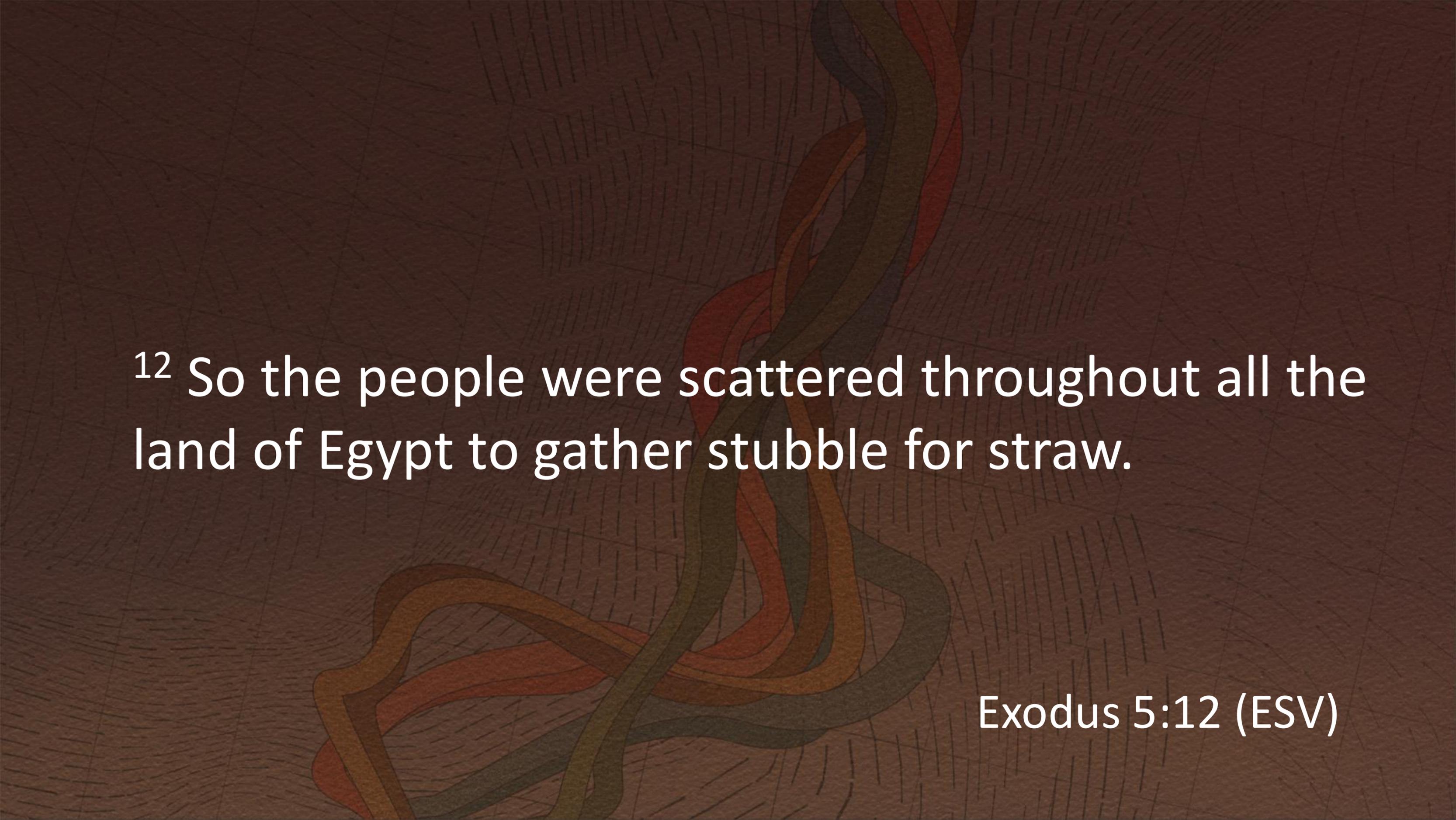


The **rejection of God** leads to the unjust treatment of those made in God's image.



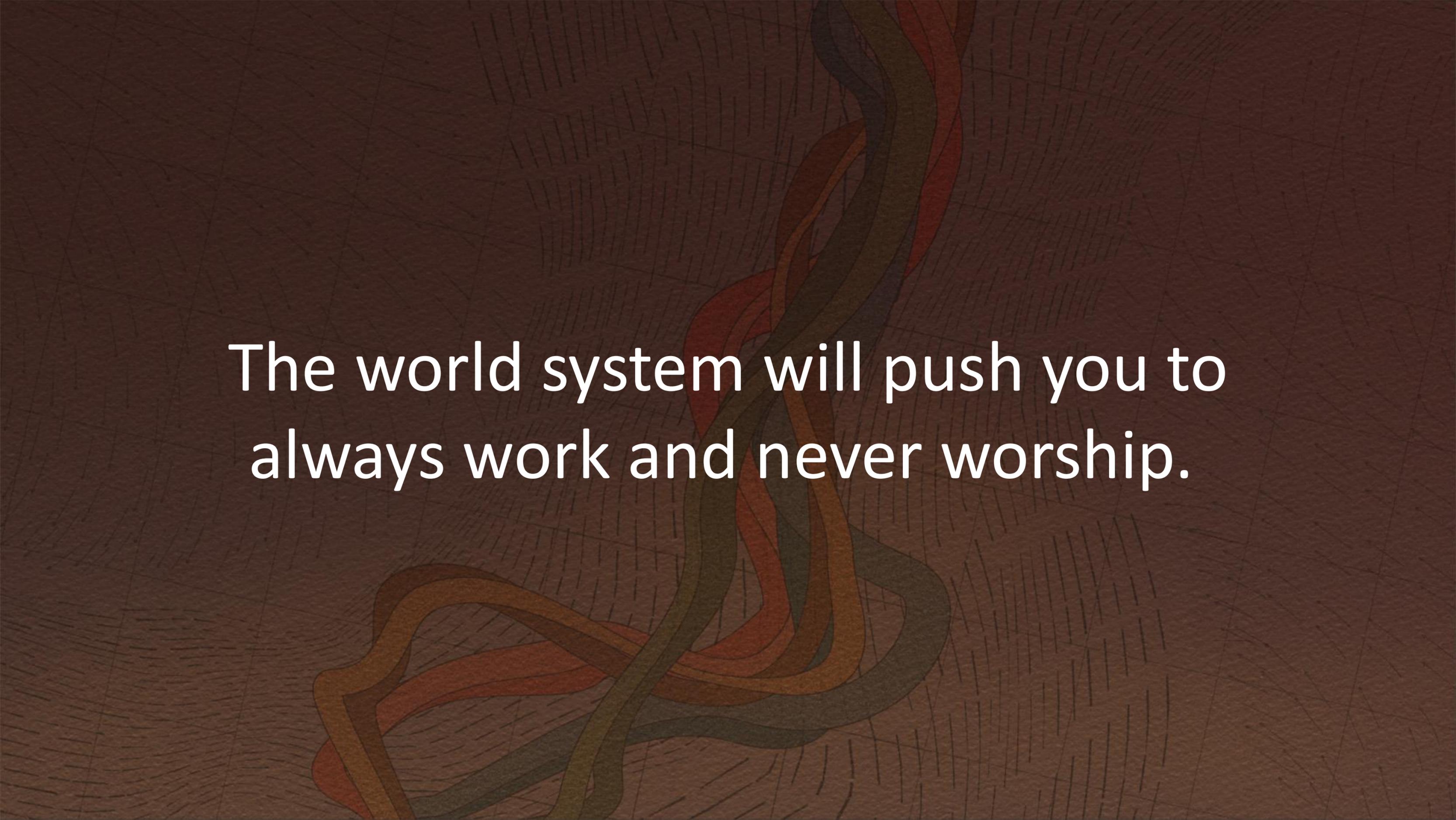
“The negro has neither energy nor enterprise ...
his liberty is a curse to himself ...”

- George Fitzhugh (*Slaves Without Masters*, 1857)



¹² So the people were scattered throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.

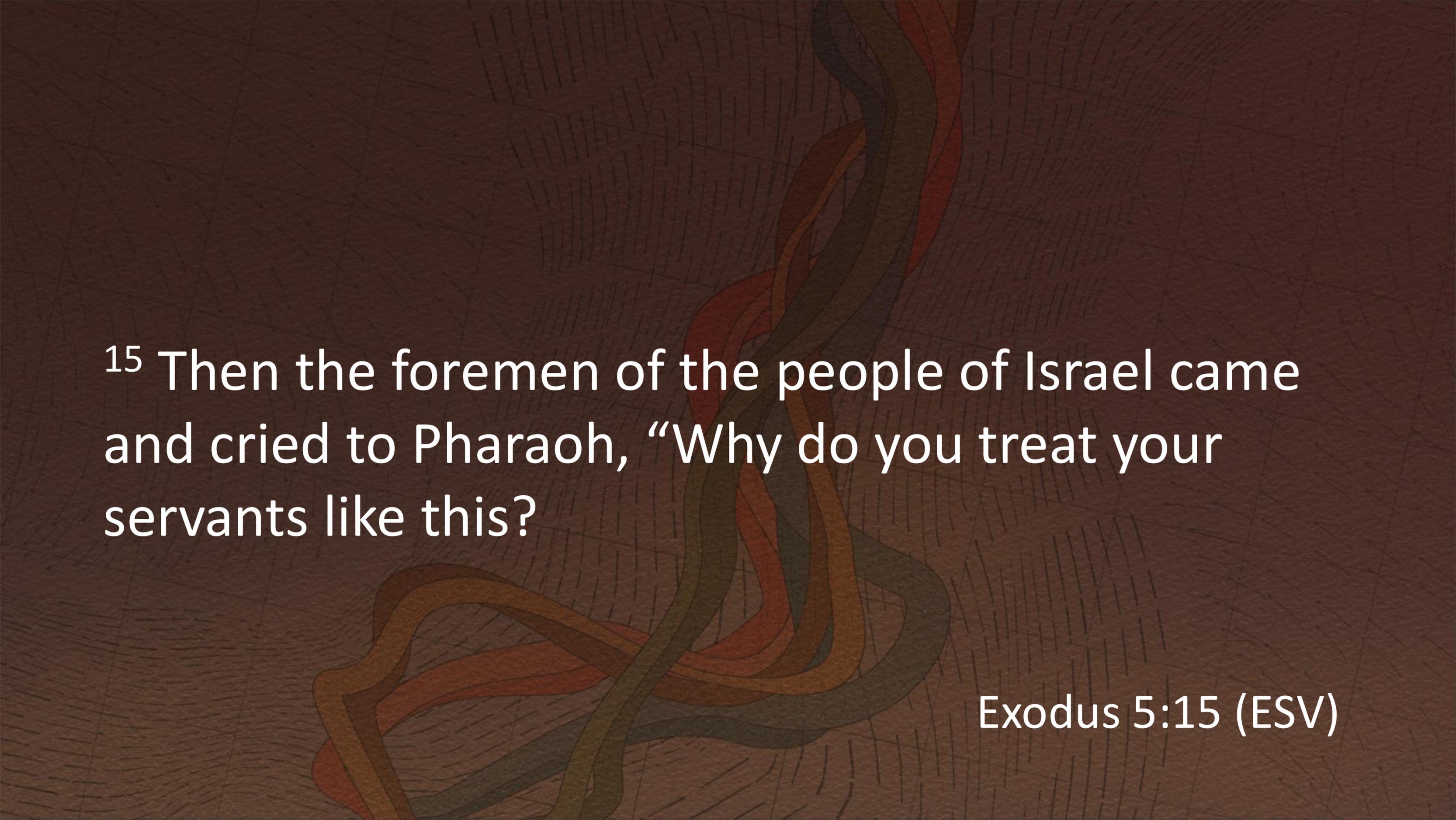
Exodus 5:12 (ESV)

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The world system will push you to
always work and never worship.

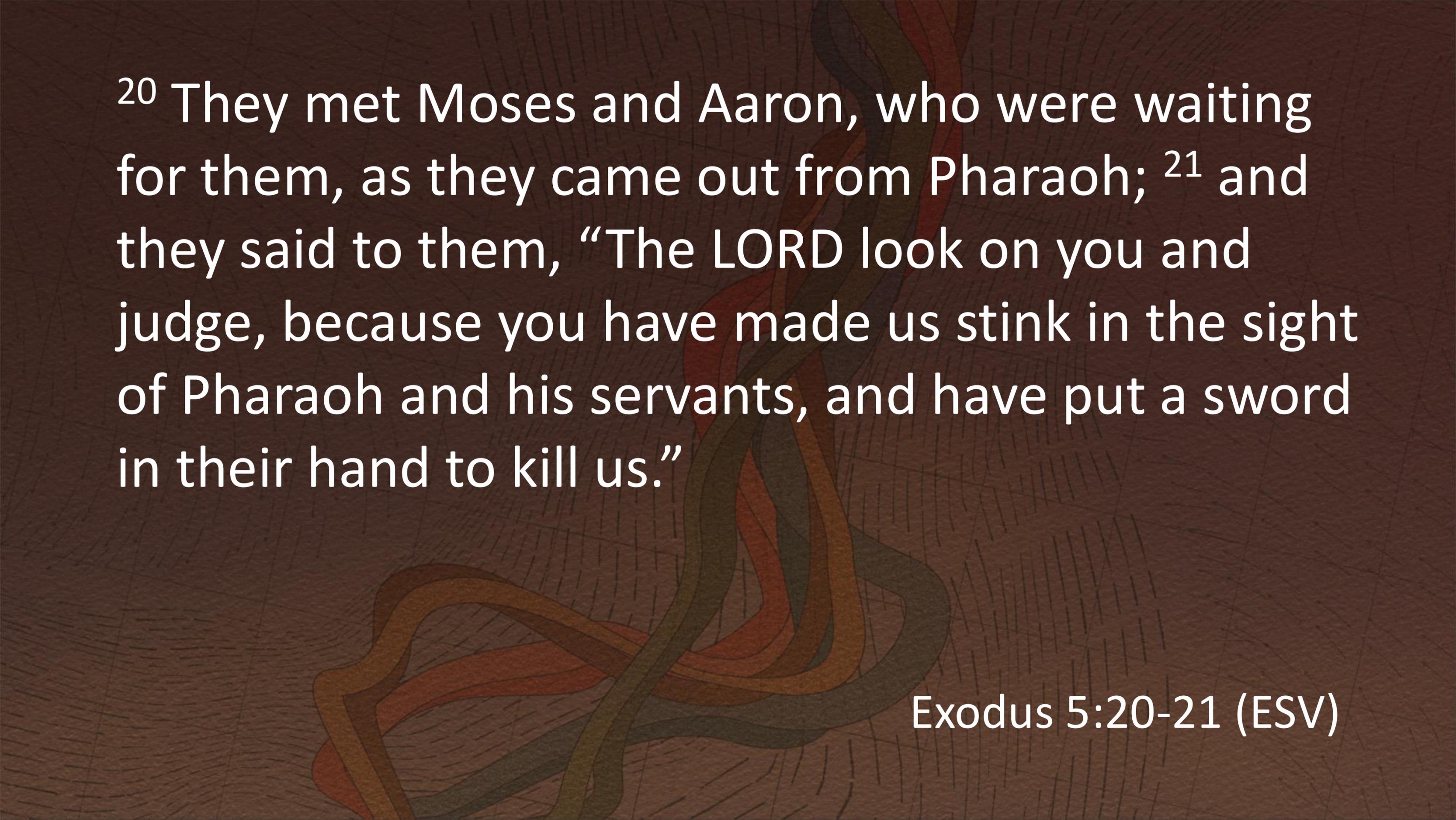
¹⁴ And the foremen of the people of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were asked, "Why have you not done all your task of making bricks today and yesterday, as in the past?"

Exodus 5:14 (ESV)



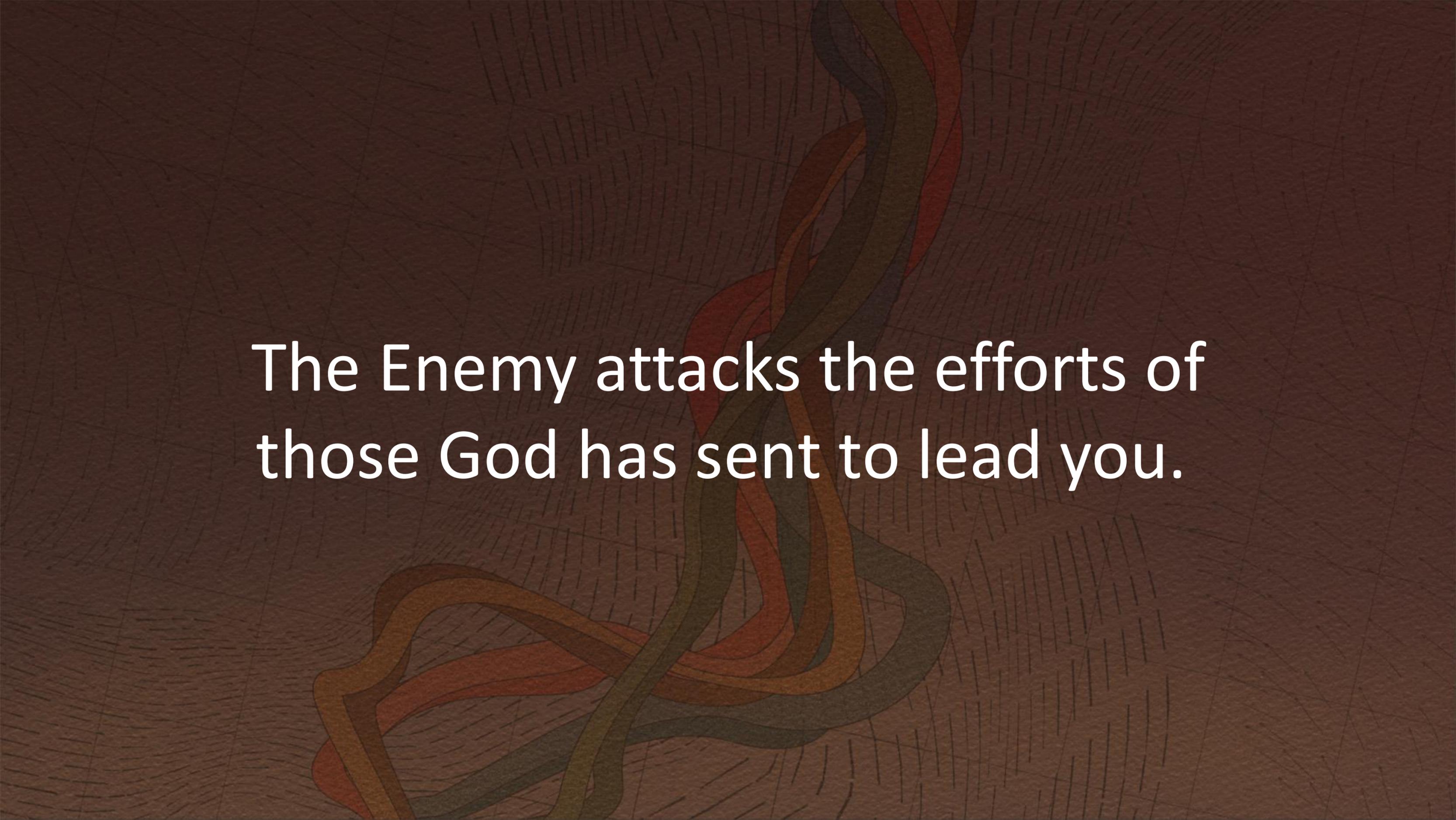
¹⁵ Then the foremen of the people of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, “Why do you treat your servants like this?”

Exodus 5:15 (ESV)

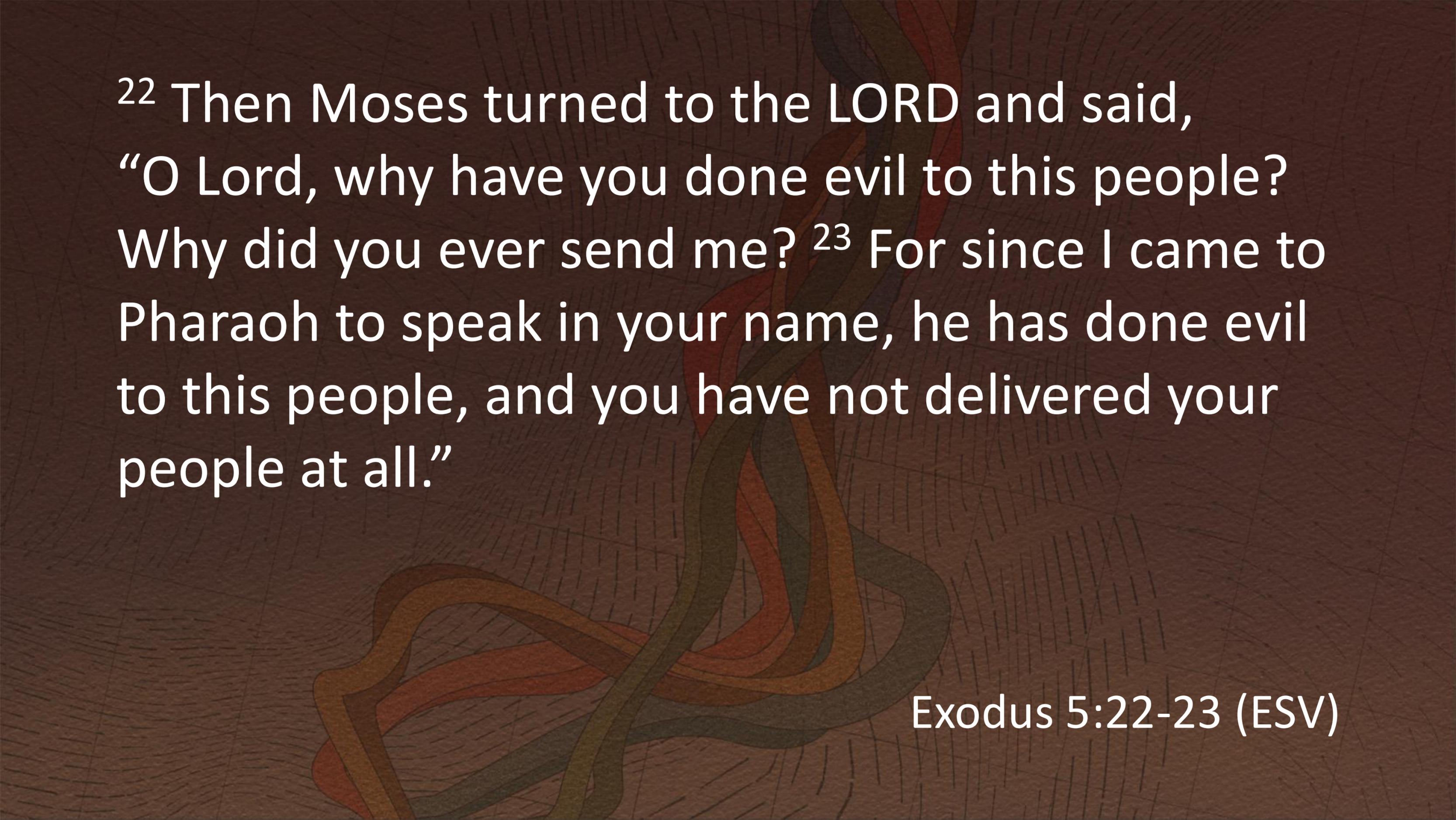


²⁰ They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh; ²¹ and they said to them, “The LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

Exodus 5:20-21 (ESV)



The Enemy attacks the efforts of
those God has sent to lead you.



²² Then Moses turned to the LORD and said,
“O Lord, why have you done evil to this people?
Why did you ever send me? ²³ For since I came to
Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil
to this people, and you have not delivered your
people at all.”

Exodus 5:22-23 (ESV)

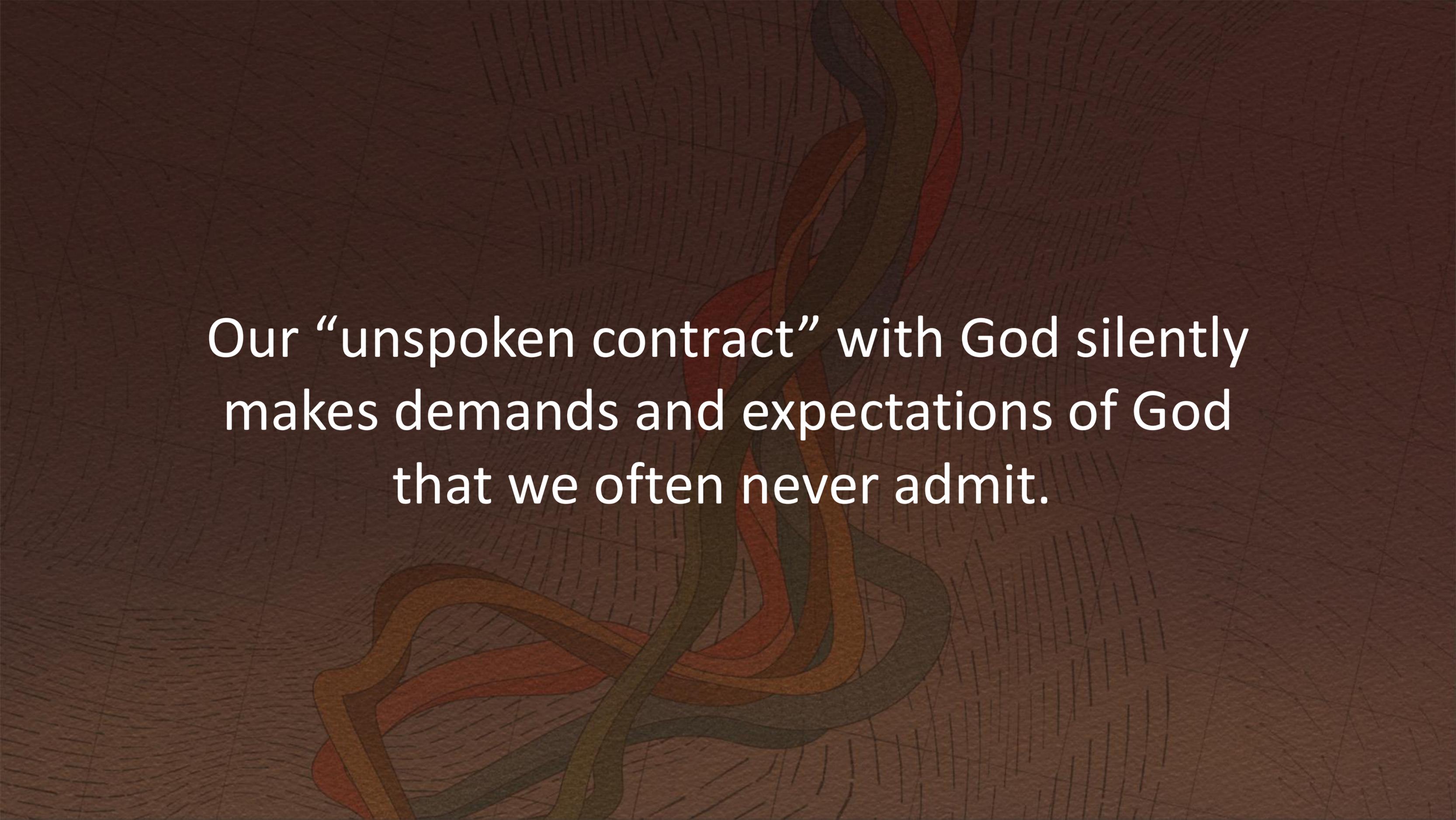
¹⁹ But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand.

²⁰ So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go.

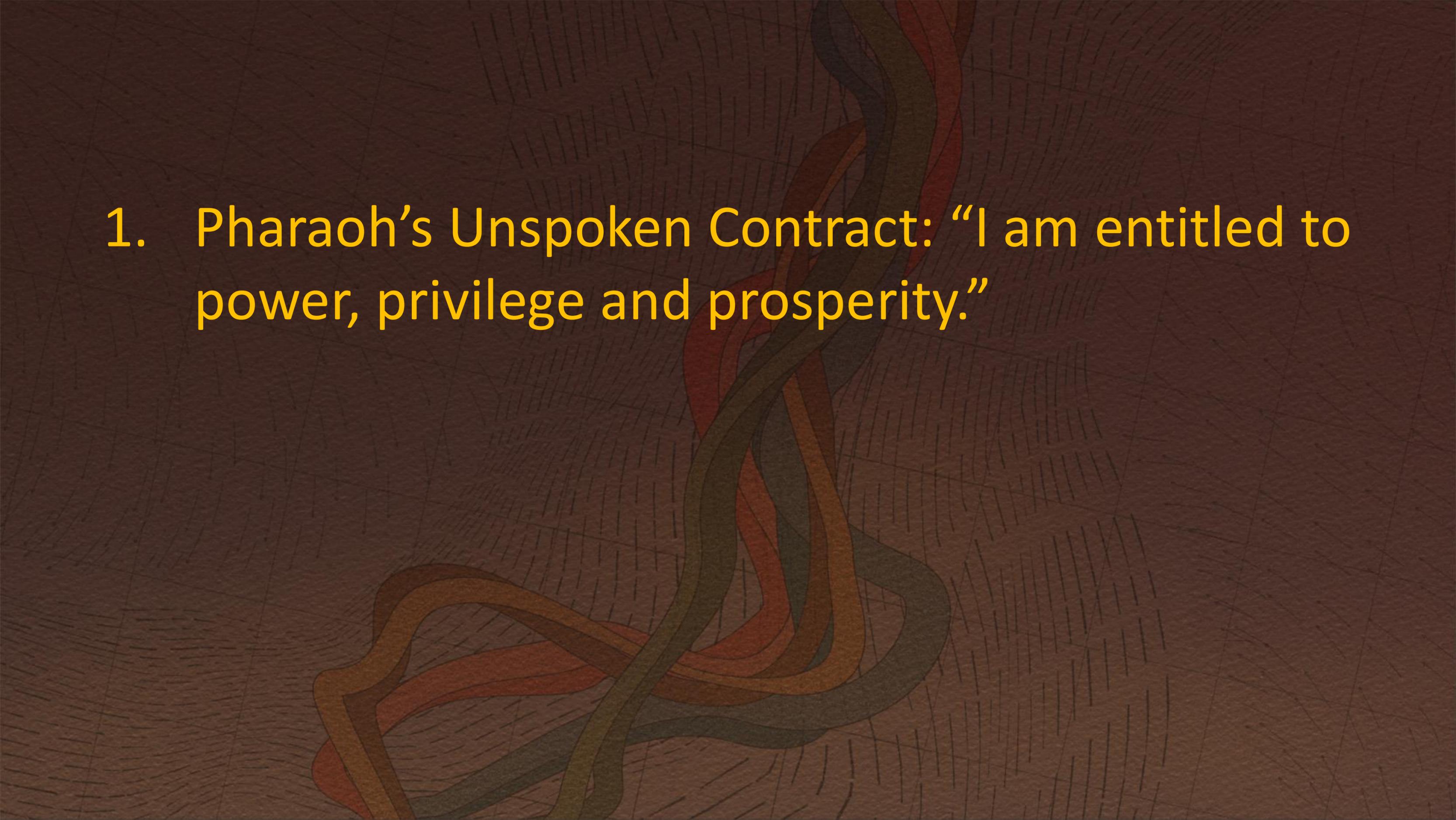
Exodus 3:19-20 (ESV)

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised **at the fiery trial** when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

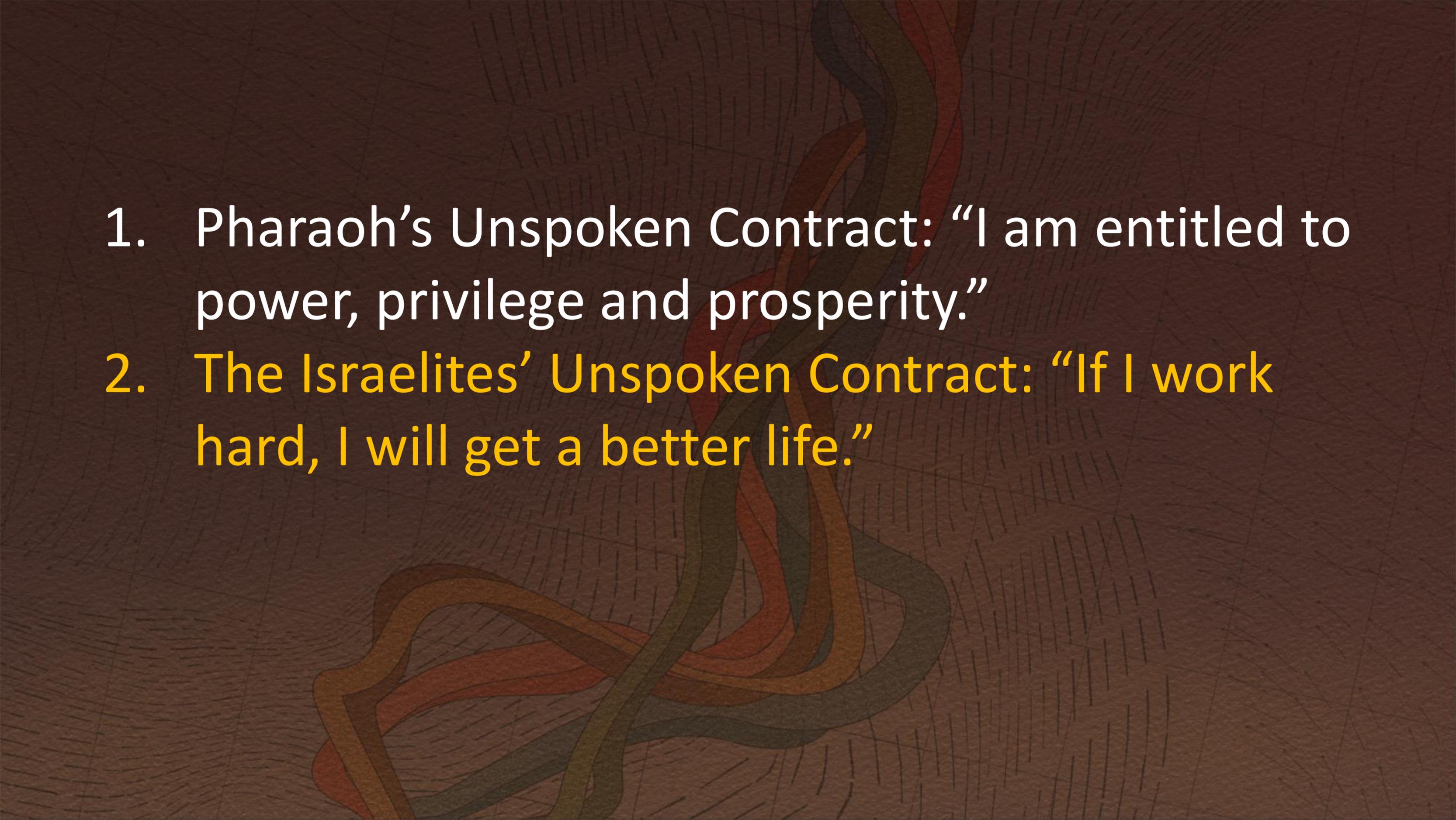
1 Peter 4:12-13 (ESV)

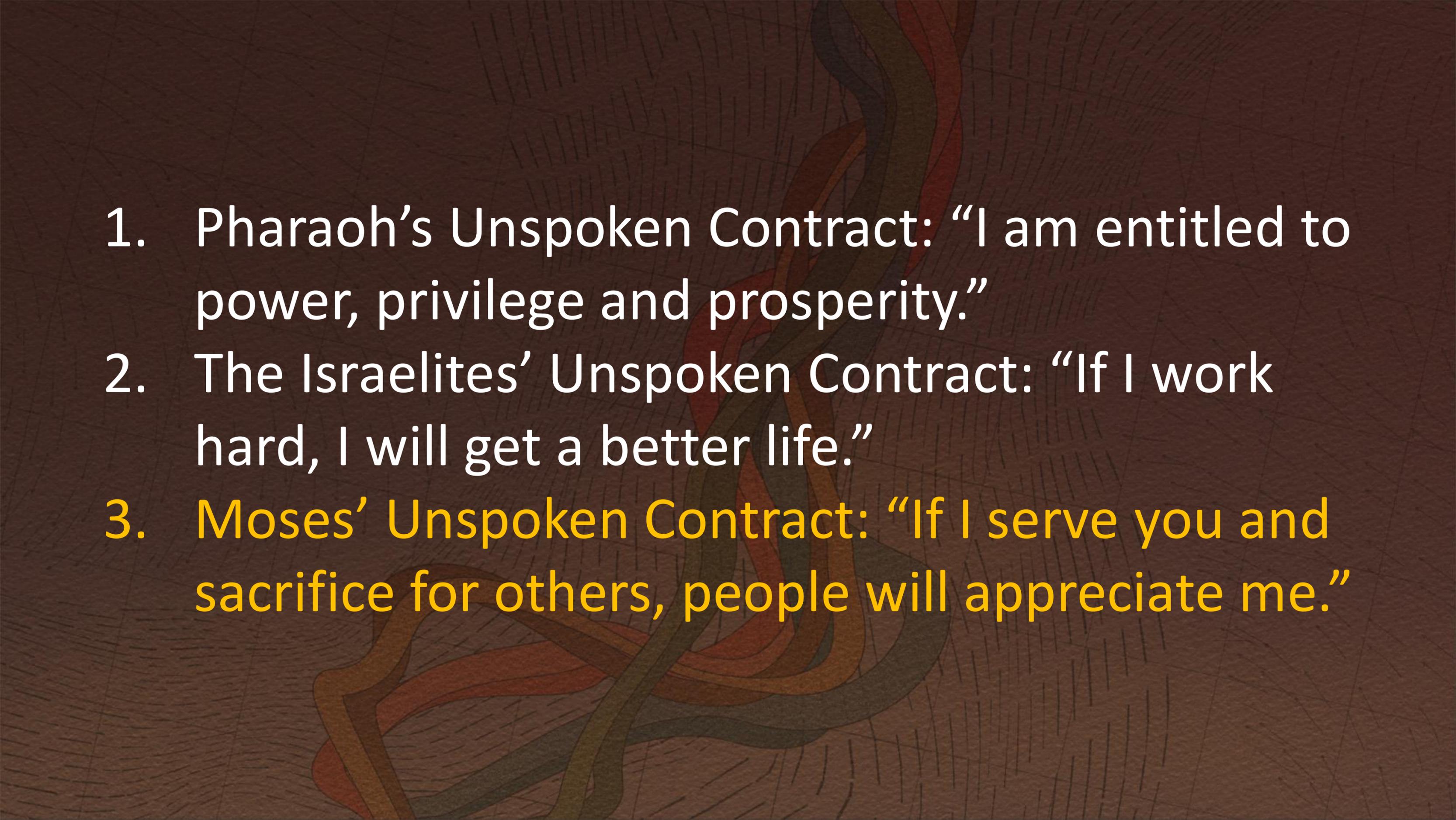


Our “unspoken contract” with God silently
makes demands and expectations of God
that we often never admit.



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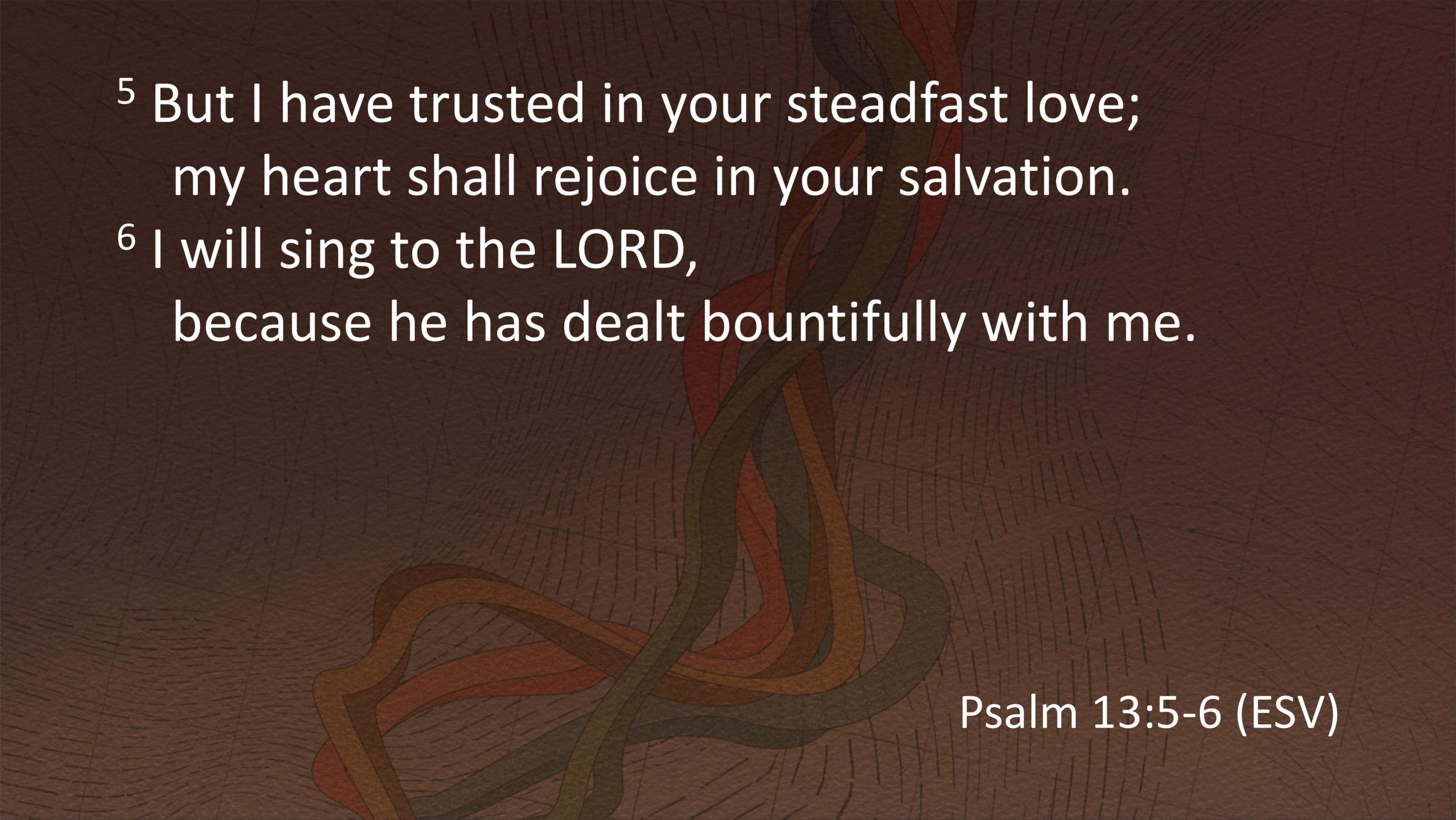
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 3. Moses' Unspoken Contract: "If I serve you and sacrifice for others, people will appreciate me."

¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me? . . .

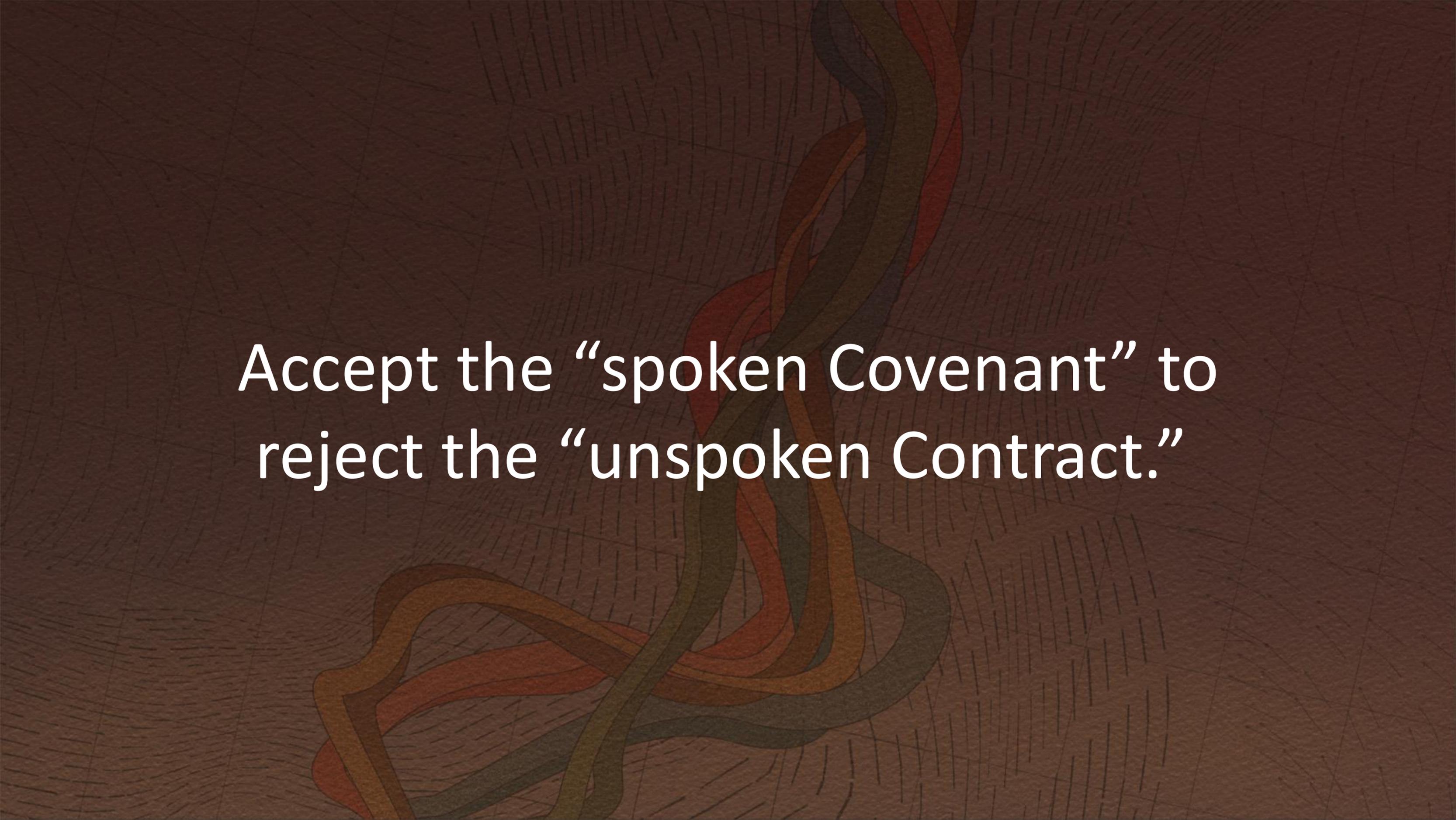
³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of
death,

Psalm 13:1,3 (ESV)



⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
⁶ I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 13:5-6 (ESV)



Accept the “spoken Covenant” to
reject the “unspoken Contract.”