

ISAIAH ♦ Rescued & Renewed



“Shame-Less”
Isaiah 50:4-11
October 13, 2019

The Servant Songs

This passage is the 3rd of 4 “Servant Songs”

Song #1
Isaiah 42:1-9

Jesus Overjoys

42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; ⁹ ...new things I now declare...

(During Advent)

Song #2
Isaiah 49:1-13

Jesus Remembers

49:16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands

Song #3
Isaiah 50:4-11

Jesus Disgraced

50:6 *I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.*

Song #4
Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Jesus Triumphs

53:5b upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

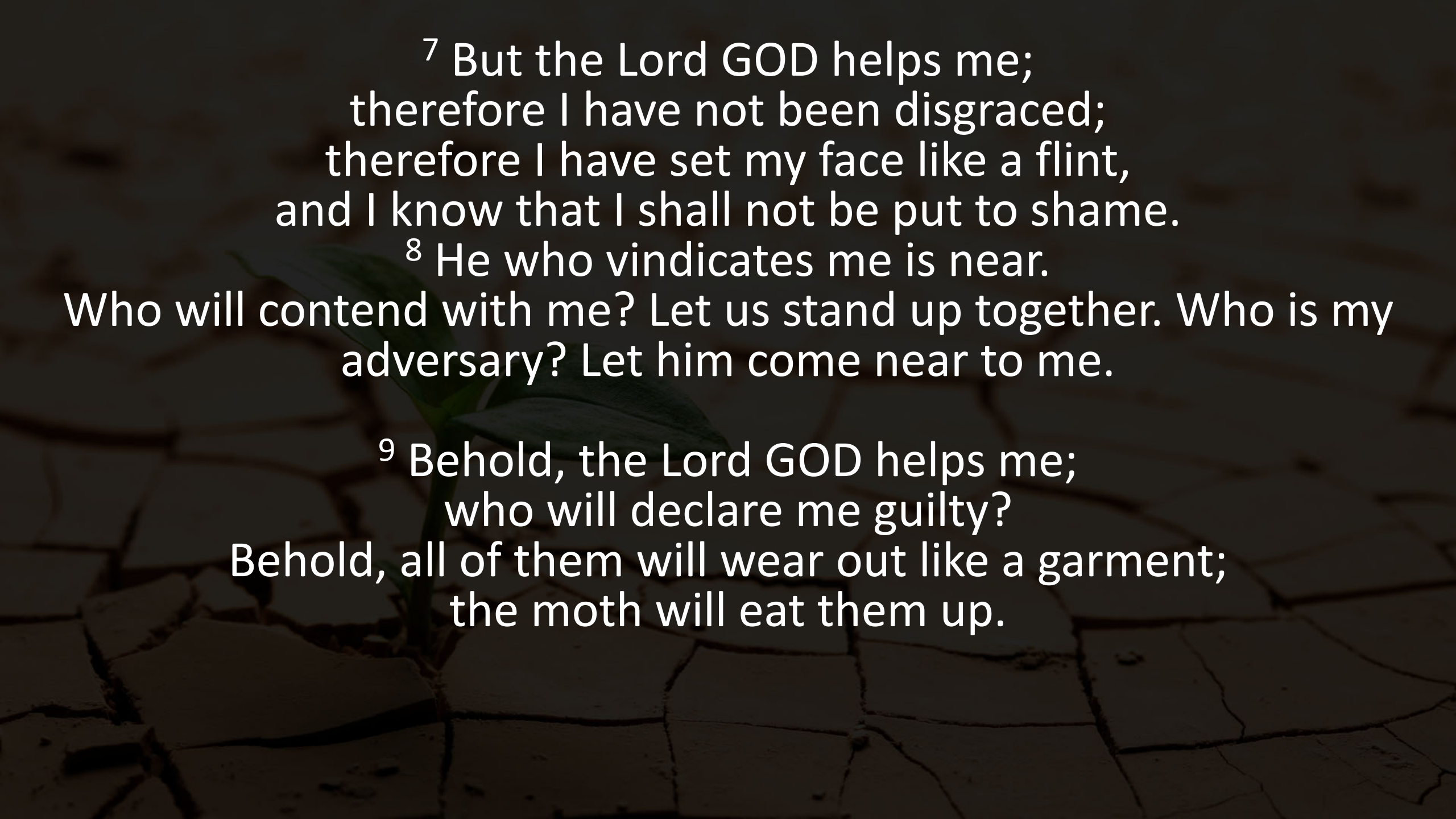
Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

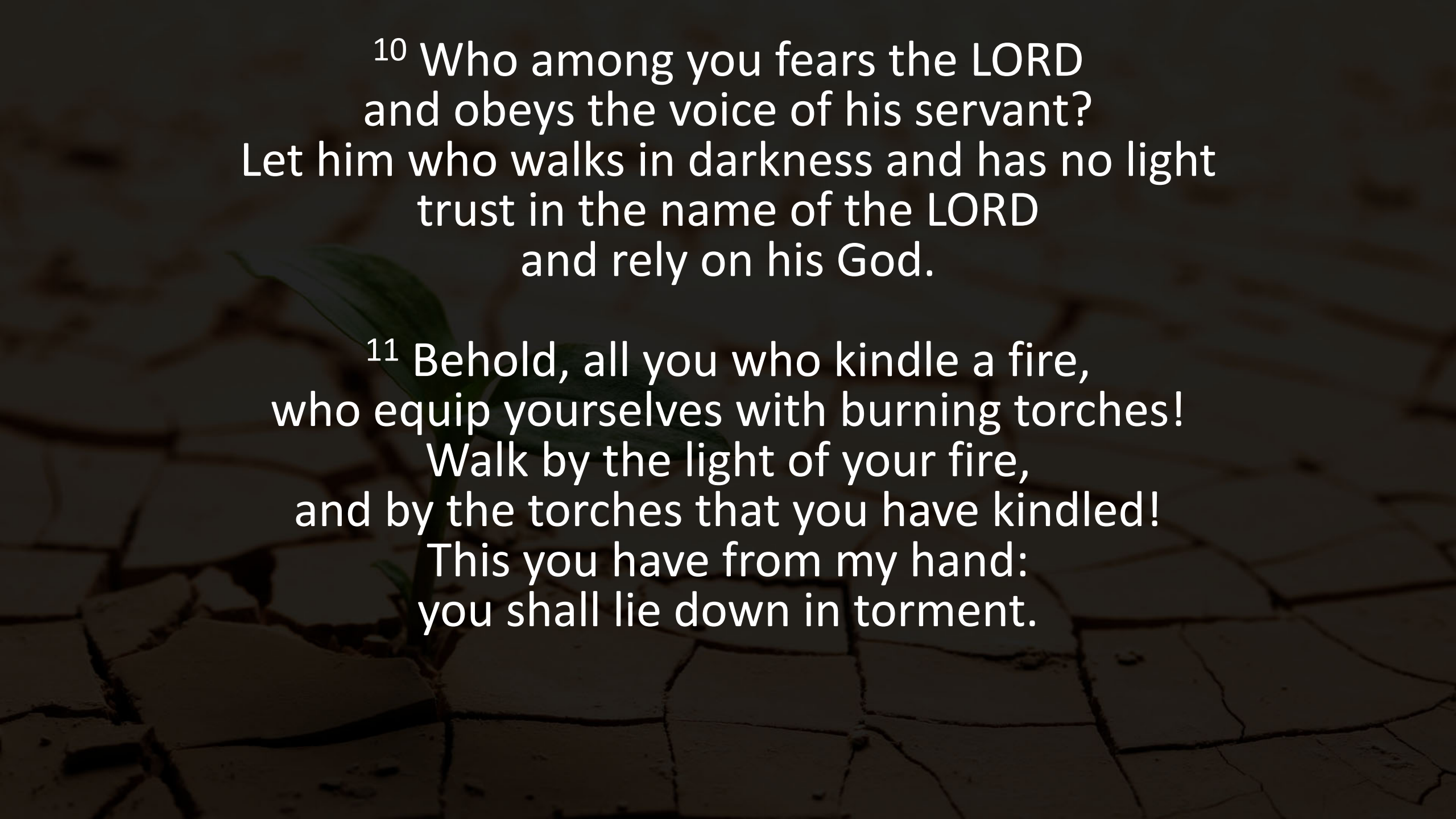
⁶ I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.



⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my
adversary? Let him come near to me.

⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.



¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his God.

¹¹ Behold, all you who kindle a fire,
who equip yourselves with burning torches!
Walk by the light of your fire,
and by the torches that you have kindled!
This you have from my hand:
you shall lie down in torment.

My Shame and Disgrace

Genesis 3:10

And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

Exposure and realization
(personal and public)
of my true darkness

Guilt: I DID something bad.
Shame: I AM something bad.



Shame From Myself

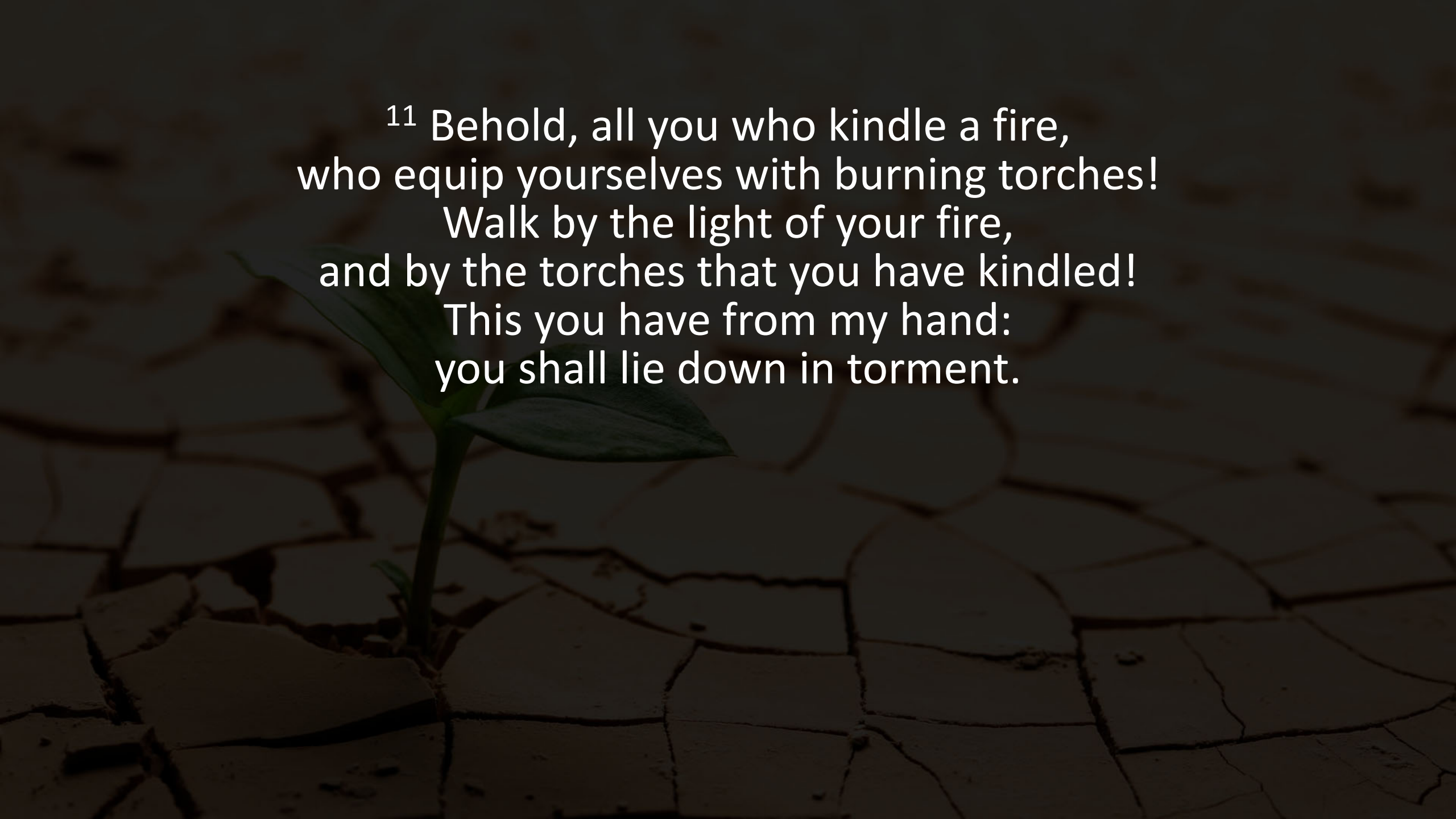
“I can’t believe I did that”
“I’m horrible...unlovable”

Shame From Others

Those Far Away
Those Close By

Shame From The Enemy

“The Accuser”
“The Deceiver”

A small green seedling with two leaves is growing out of a patch of dry, cracked earth. The background is a dark, textured surface with a grid-like pattern of cracks.

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How do you deal with Shame?

Wordly Optimism

“You’re perfect just like you are”

Denial of your Need for Jesus

“I'm good enough,
I'm smart enough,
and doggone it,
people like me.”

—*stuart smalley*



How do you deal with Shame?

Wordly Optimism

“You’re perfect just like you are”

Denial of your Need for Jesus

Religious Belittling

“You are a disappointment to God”

Denial of the Gift of Jesus

Both worldly and religious shame-solutions lead to the same place

The Disgrace Jesus Took

*⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.*




He listened to and obeyed the Father

John 8:28-29

So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. ²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."

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those who strike,
and my cheeks to those
who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from
disgrace and spitting.*




Matthew 27

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

The Disgrace Jesus Inverted

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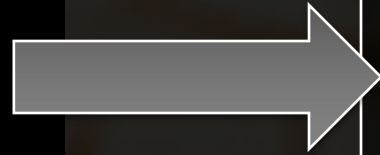


Philippians 2

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*⁸ He who vindicates me is
near. Who will contend
with me?*



*Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.*

Revelation 12:10

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

The Grace Jesus Gives

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, ***despising (“thinking nothing of”) the shame***, and is **seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Because we have a God who has truly suffered:

- 1) He Empathizes
- 2) He Rescues

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the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Words of Truth

“You are Mine and I am Yours!”

Words of Healing

You HAVE BEEN forgiven and cleansed

Who I Am In Christ

I Am Accepted

John 1:12 -- I am God's child.

John 15:15 -- I am Christ's friend.

Romans 5:1 -- I have been justified.

1 Cor. 6:17 -- I am united with the Lord

1 Cor. 6:19,20 -- I have been bought with a price and I belong to God.

1 Cor. 12:27 -- I am a member of Christ's body.

Col. 1:14 -- I have been forgiven of all my sins.

Eph. 1:5 -- I have been adopted as God's child.

Eph. 2:18 -- I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:1 -- I am a saint.

Col. 2:10 -- I am complete in Christ.

I Am Secure

Romans 8:1,2 -- I am free from condemnation.

Rom. 8:28 -- All things work together for good.

Rom. 8:35 -- I cannot be separated from the love of God.

2 Cor. 1:21,22 -- I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God.

Colossians 3:3 -- I am hidden with Christ in God.

Philippians 1:6 -- The good work that God has begun in me will be perfected.

Philippians 3:20 -- I am a citizen of heaven.

2 Timothy 1:7 -- I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind.

Hebrews 4:16 -- I can find grace and mercy in time of need.

1 John 5:18 -- I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me.

I Am Significant

Matthew 5:13,14 -- I am the salt and light of the earth.

John 15:1,5 -- I am a branch of the true vine.

John 15:16 -- I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

Acts 1:8 -- I am a personal witness of Christ.

1 Cor. 3:16 -- I am God's temple.

2 Cor. 5:17 -- I am a minister of reconciliation for God.

Eph. 2:6 -- I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm.

Eph. 2:10 -- I am God's workmanship.

Eph. 3:12 -- I may approach God with confidence.

Phil. 4:13 -- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

2 Cor. 6:1 -- I am God's co-worker

Who I Am In Christ

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I Am Significant

I'm too Broken

Romans 8:1, 39b

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.^{39b} (Nothing) will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I'm too Weak

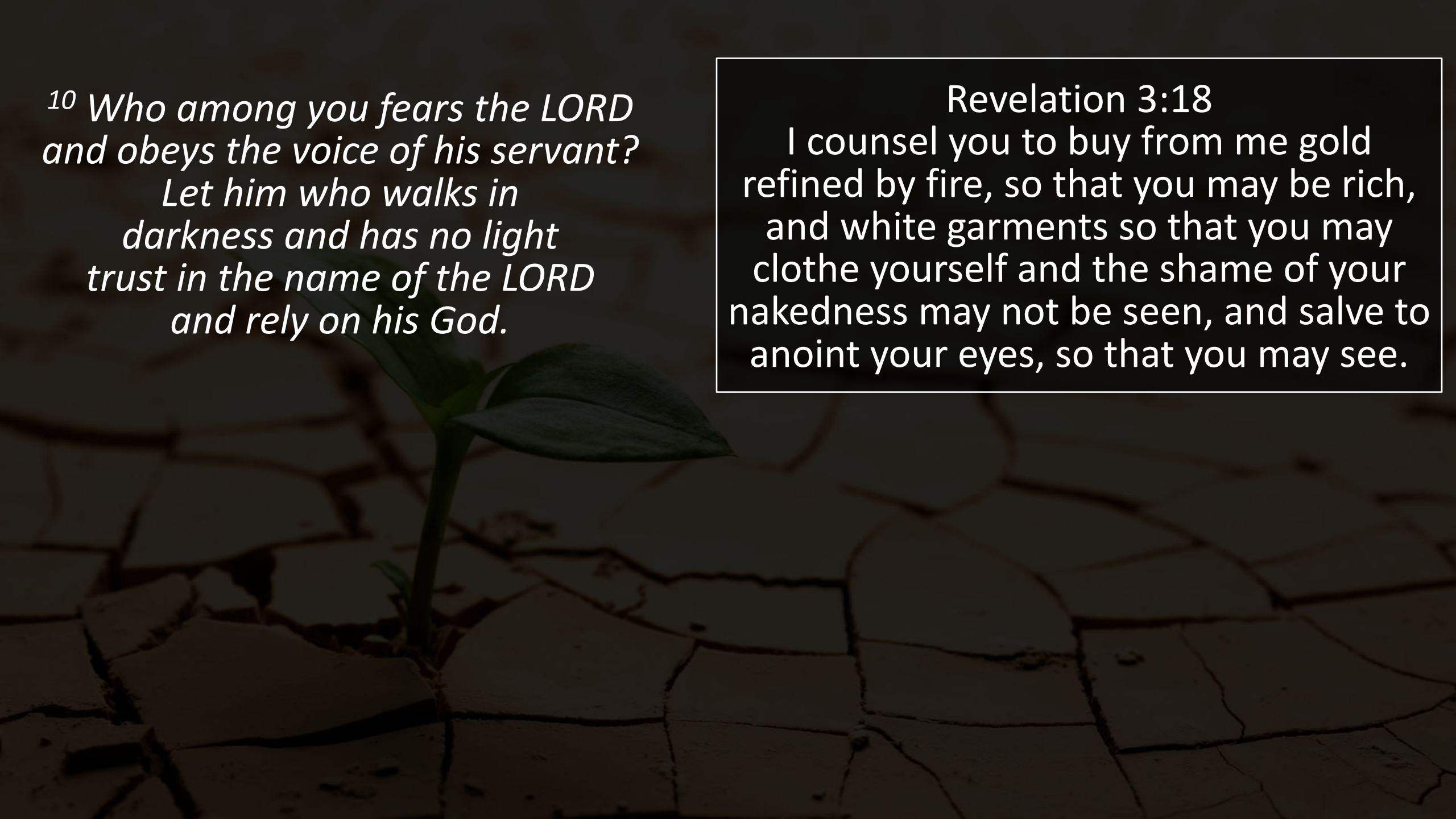
2 Timothy 1:7

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

I'm Unloved

Galatians 4:5-6

... so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"



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*Let him who walks in
darkness and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD
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Revelation 3:18

I counsel you to buy from me gold
refined by fire, so that you may be rich,
and white garments so that you may
clothe yourself and the shame of your
nakedness may not be seen, and salve to
anoint your eyes, so that you may see.