

A HARD LOOK IN THE MIRROR

Who is Your Rock?

Psalm 18











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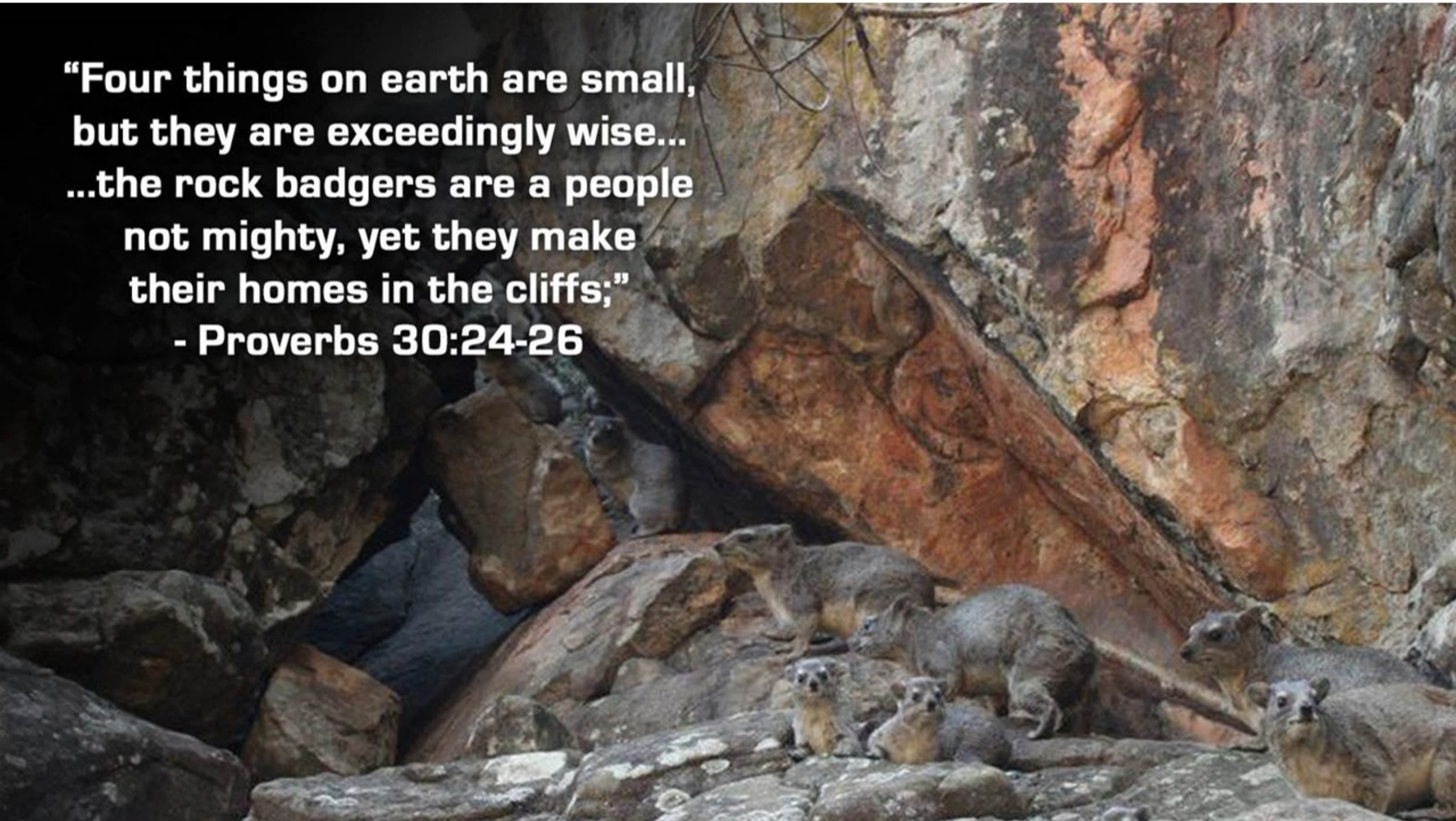
“BUT THE WAVES ARE REAL!”

**“The CORDS OF DEATH encompassed me;
the TORRENTS OF DESTRUCTION assailed me;
the CORDS OF SHEOL entangled me;
the SNARES OF DEATH confronted me.
In my distress I called upon the Lord;
to my God I cried for help...”**

- Psalm 18:4-6



**“Four things on earth are small,
but they are exceedingly wise...
...the rock badgers are a people
not mighty, yet they make
their homes in the cliffs;”
- Proverbs 30:24-26**



SEE GOD'S MIGHTY RESPONSE

From his temple **he heard my voice,**
and my cry to him **reached his ears.**

Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the
mountains trembled

and quaked, because he was angry...

...He bowed the heavens and *came down*...

...The Lord also *thundered in the heavens*,
and the Most High uttered his voice,
hailstones and coals of fire.”

- Psalm 18:6-15





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“He sent from on high, **he took me;
he drew me out of many waters.**

**He rescued me from my strong enemy
and from those who hated me,
for they were too mighty for me.**

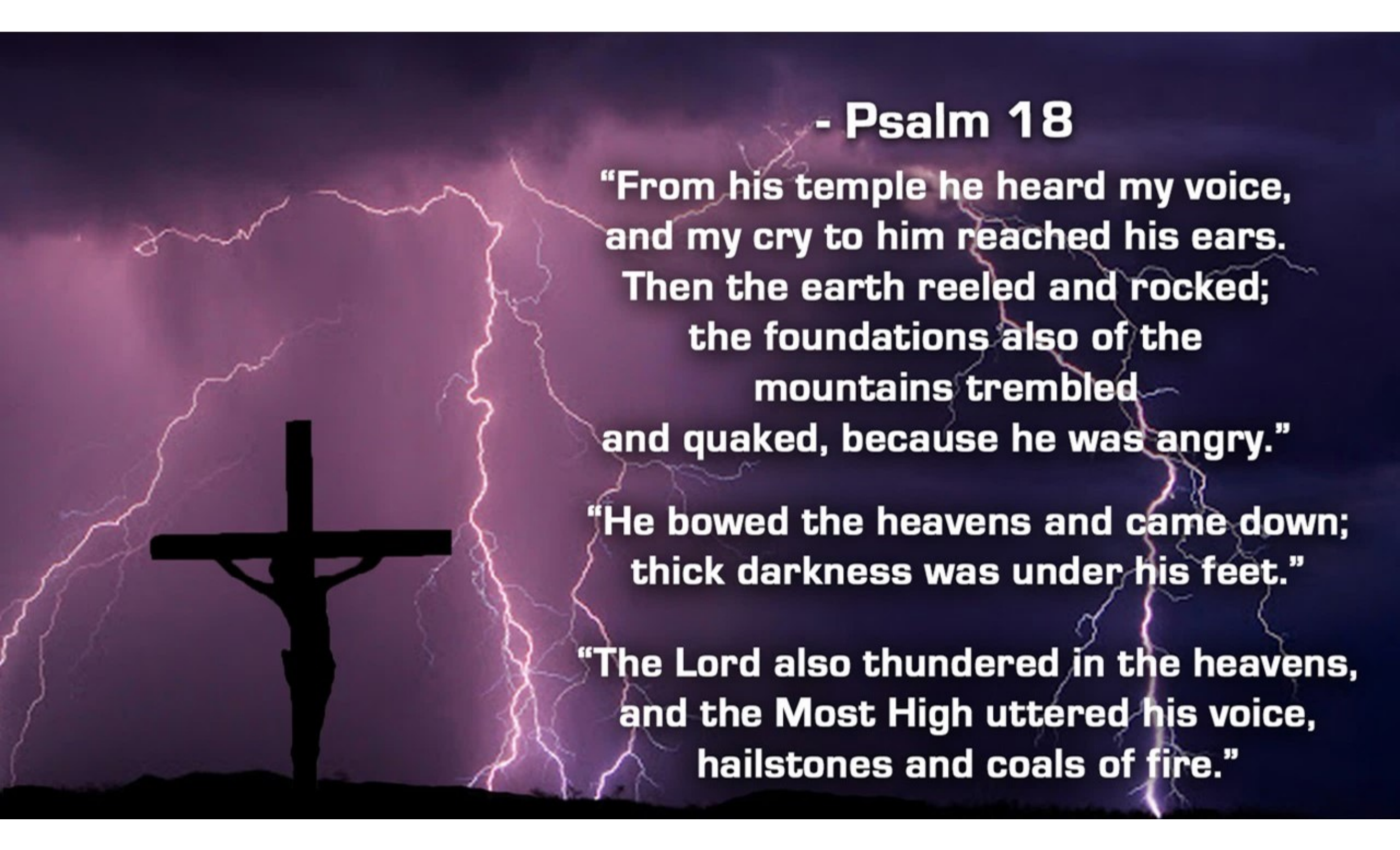
**They confronted me in the day of
my calamity,
*but the Lord was my support.***

**He brought me out into a broad place;
he rescued me, because he delighted in me.”**

- Psalm 18:16-19





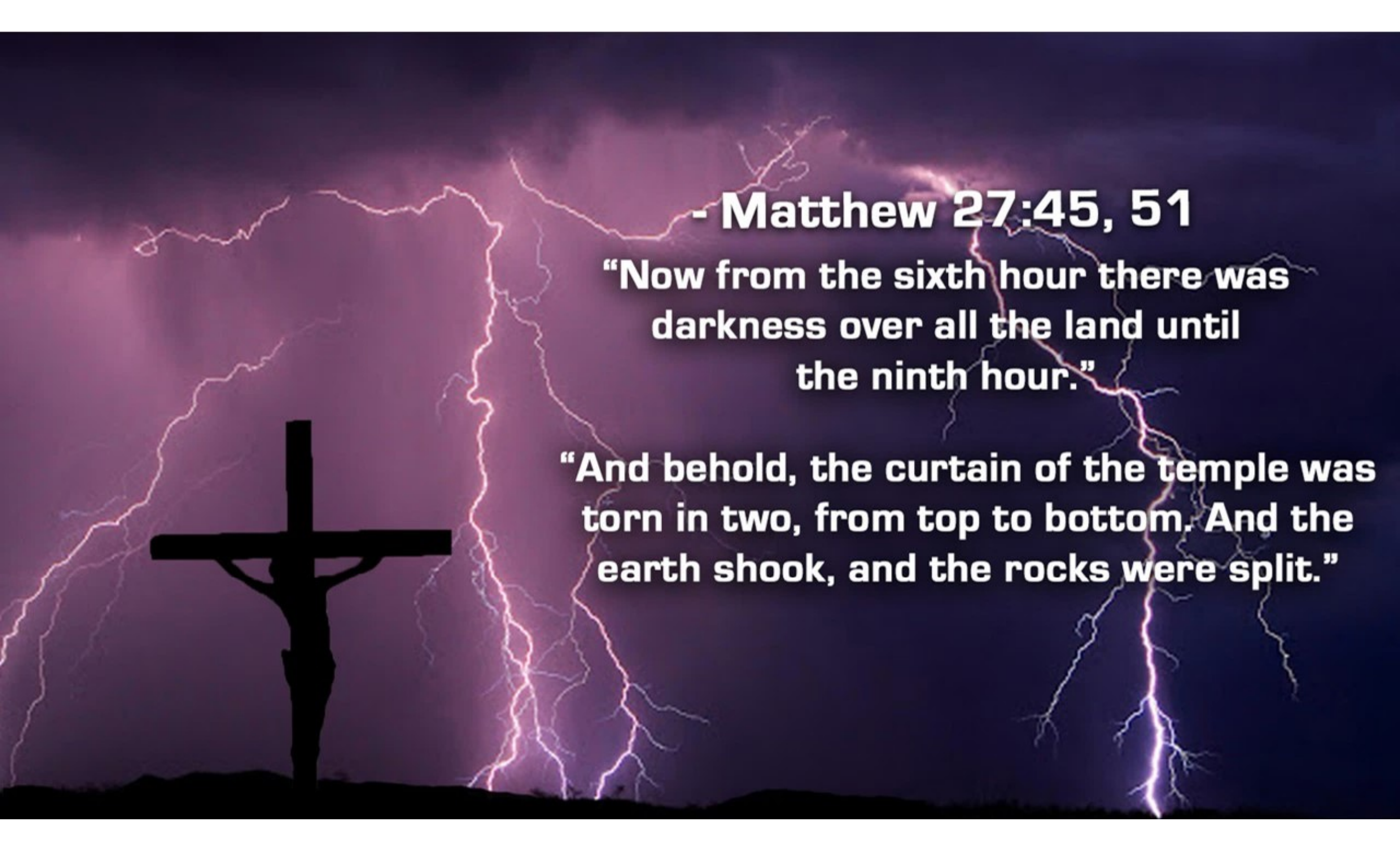


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**“He bowed the heavens and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.”**

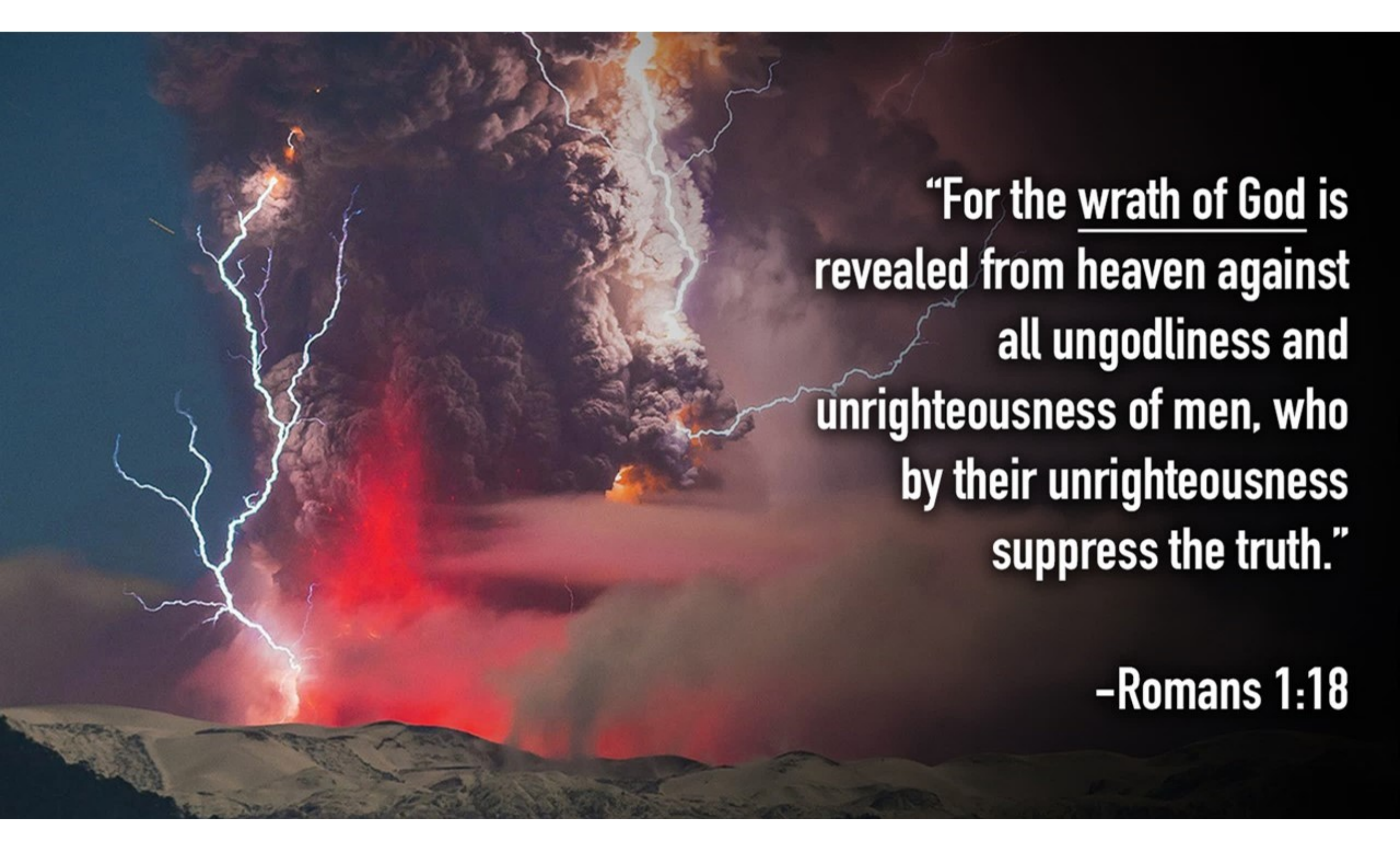
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- Matthew 27:45, 51

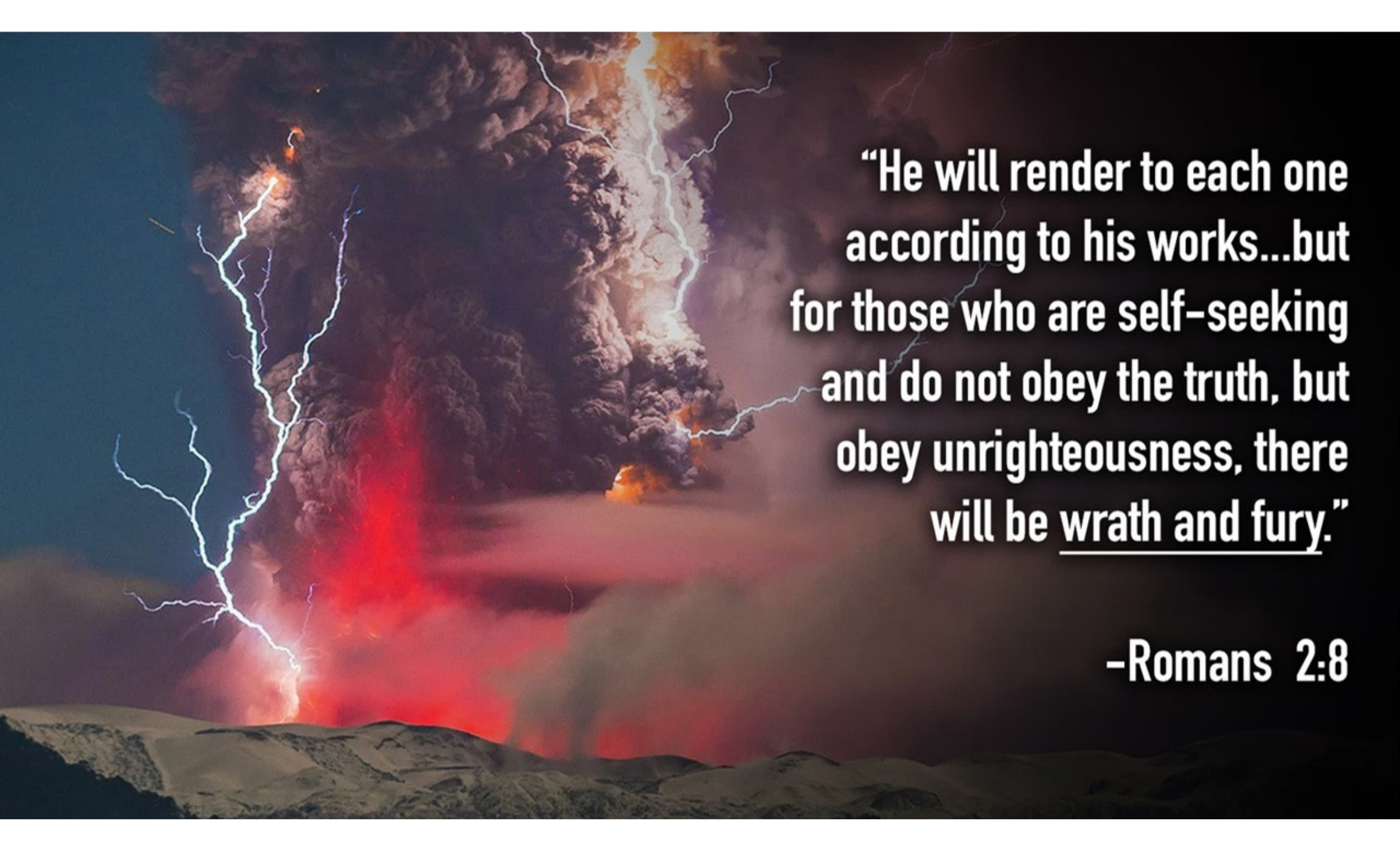
“Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.”

“And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.”



“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.”

-Romans 1:18



“He will render to each one according to his works...but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.”

-Romans 2:8



A Perfectly Good Anger:
Judicial as a Judge
Personal in the Trinity



**“He will tread the
winepress of the fury of the
wrath of God the Almighty.
On his robe and on his thigh
he has a name written, King
of kings and Lord of lords.”**

-Revelation 19:15-16



**A God who is angry about
nothing, cares about nothing.**

**A God who is angry, is a God
who deeply loves.**



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...he drew me out...

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“For who is God, but the Lord?
And who is a rock, except our God?”

“The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation.”



- Psalm 18:49

**For this I will praise you, O Lord,
among the nations,
and sing to your name.**



JOHN NEWTON, 1725-1807

“habitual tenderness”... “He (who) believes and feels his own weakness and unworthiness, and lives upon the grace and pardoning love of his Lord. This gives him a habitual tenderness and gentleness of spirit.”



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**“I am not what I ought to be,
I am not what I want to be,
I am not what I hope to be
in another world;**

**but I am still not what I once used to be,
and by the grace of God I am what I am.”**



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