



# 10 Good Words

A study of the “10 Commandments”

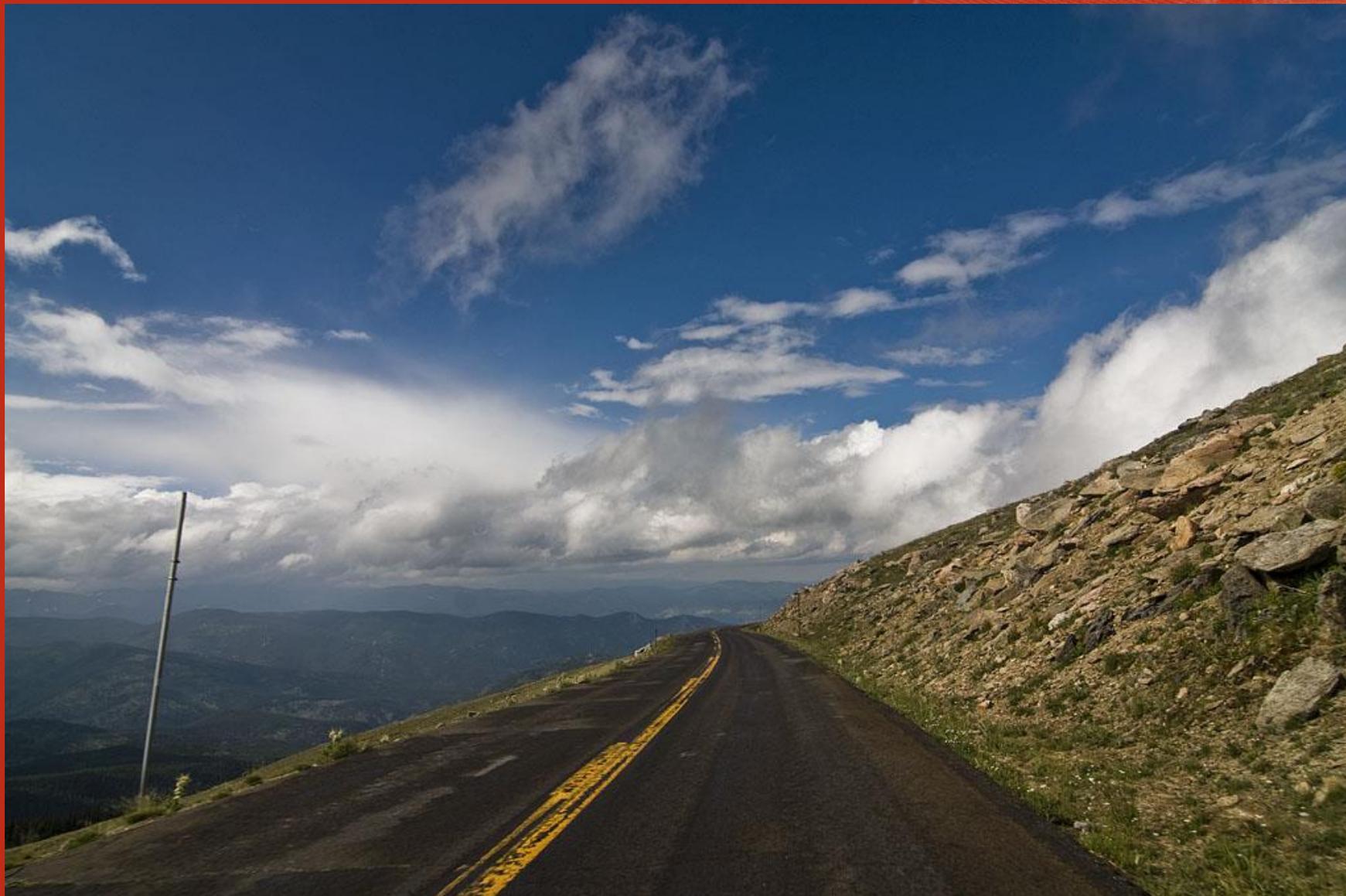
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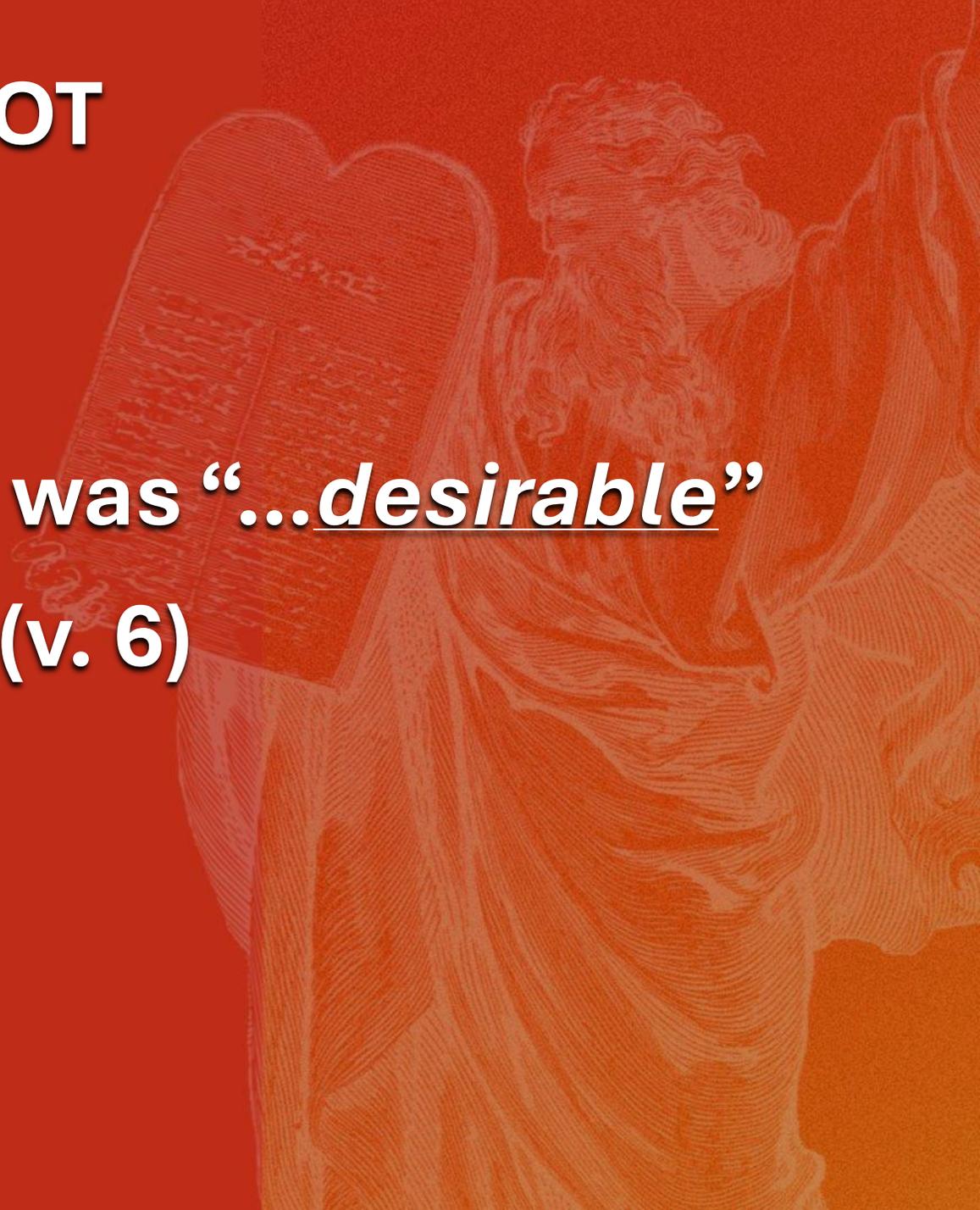
**Don't Covet (Be Content!)**

***~ Exodus 20:17 ~***

# I. Portraits of Coveting ~ OT

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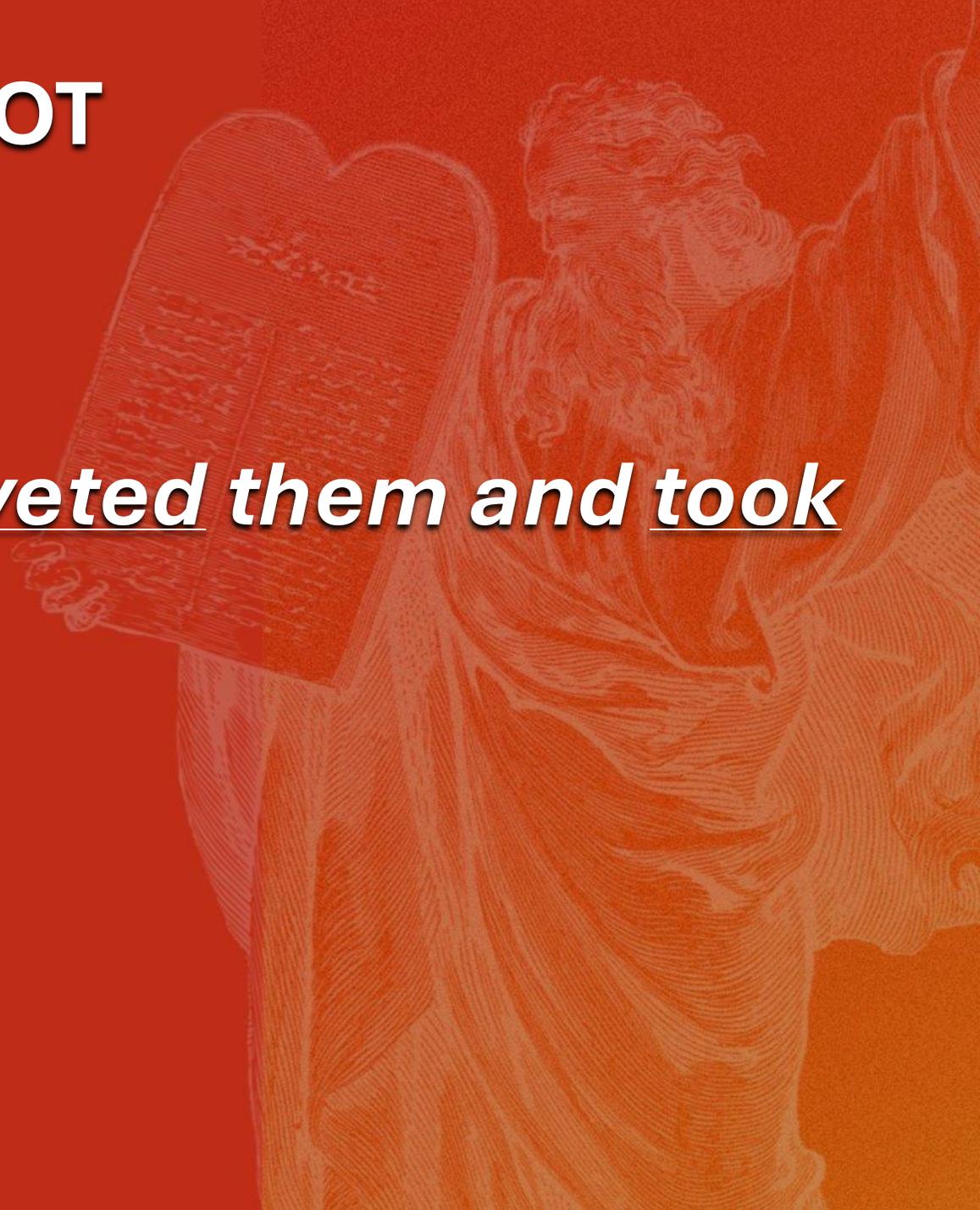
She “...saw...” and it was “...desirable”  
and so “*she took*...” (v. 6)



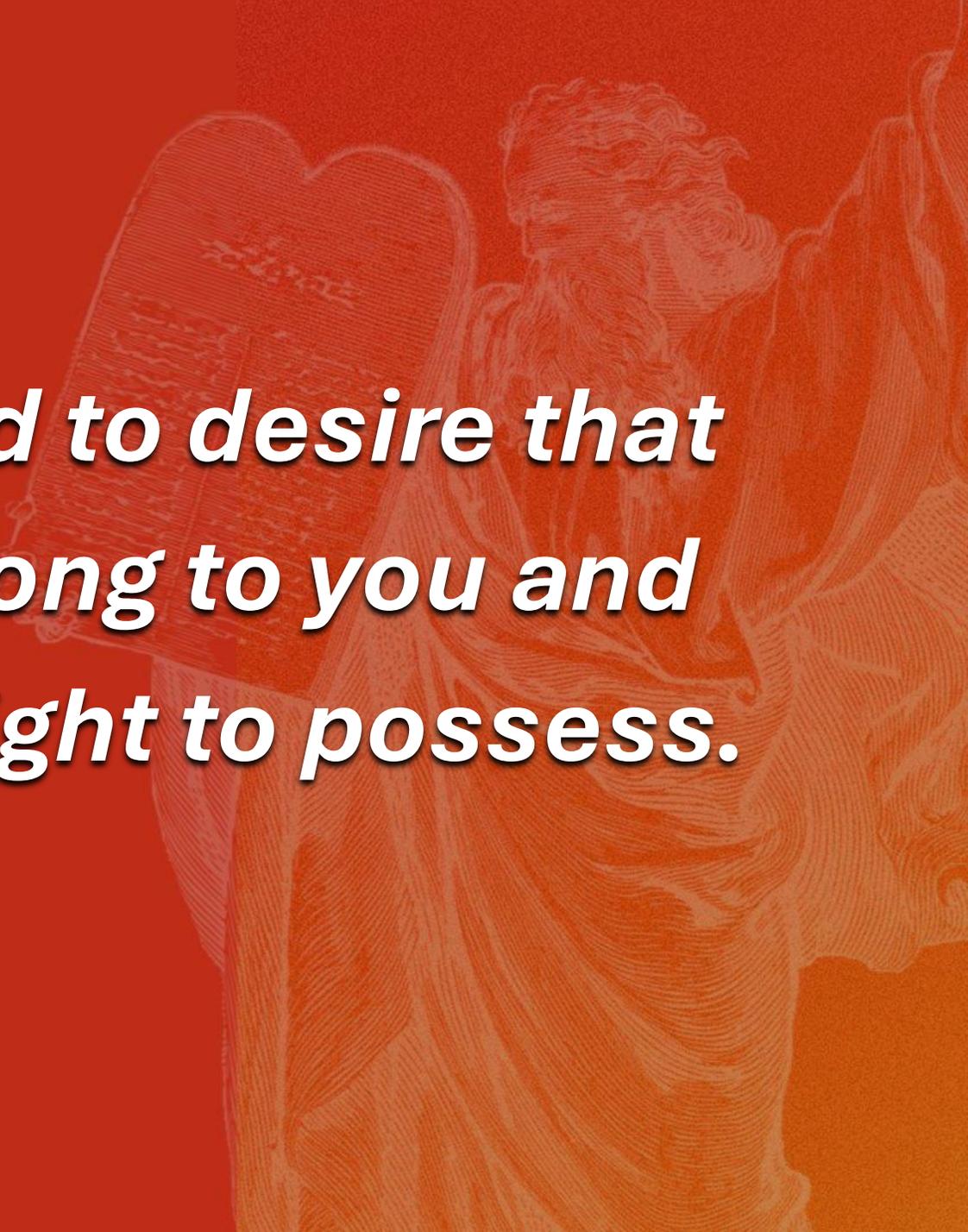
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Achan (Josh. 6-7)

*“When I saw..., I coveted them and took them...”* (v. 21)



***Coveting: To see and to desire that  
which does not belong to you and  
which you have no right to possess.***



**OR:**

***To desire wrongful things or to  
wrongfully desire things.***



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Paul (Rom. 7)

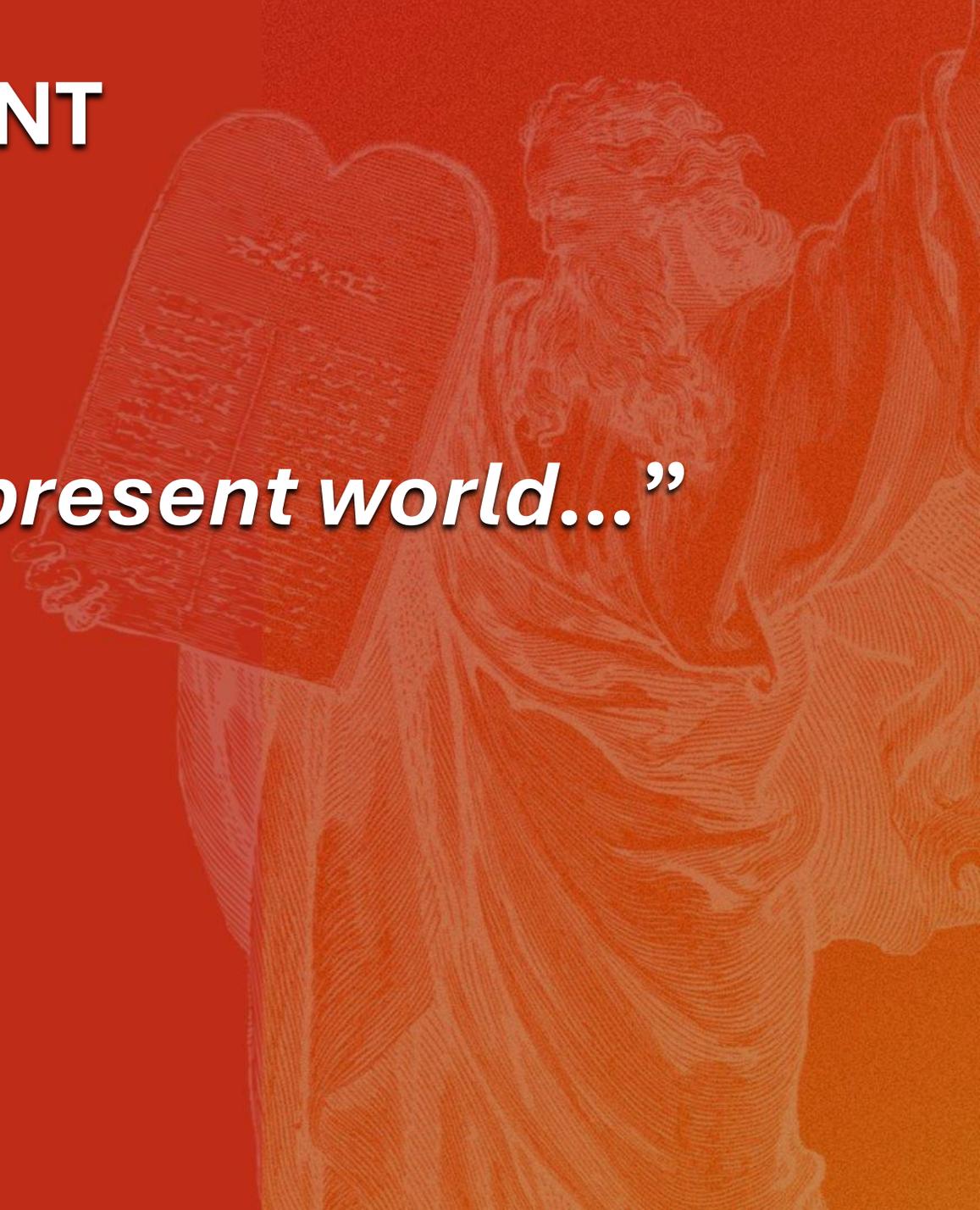


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## Demas (2 Tim. 4)

*“...in love with this present world...”*

(v. 10)



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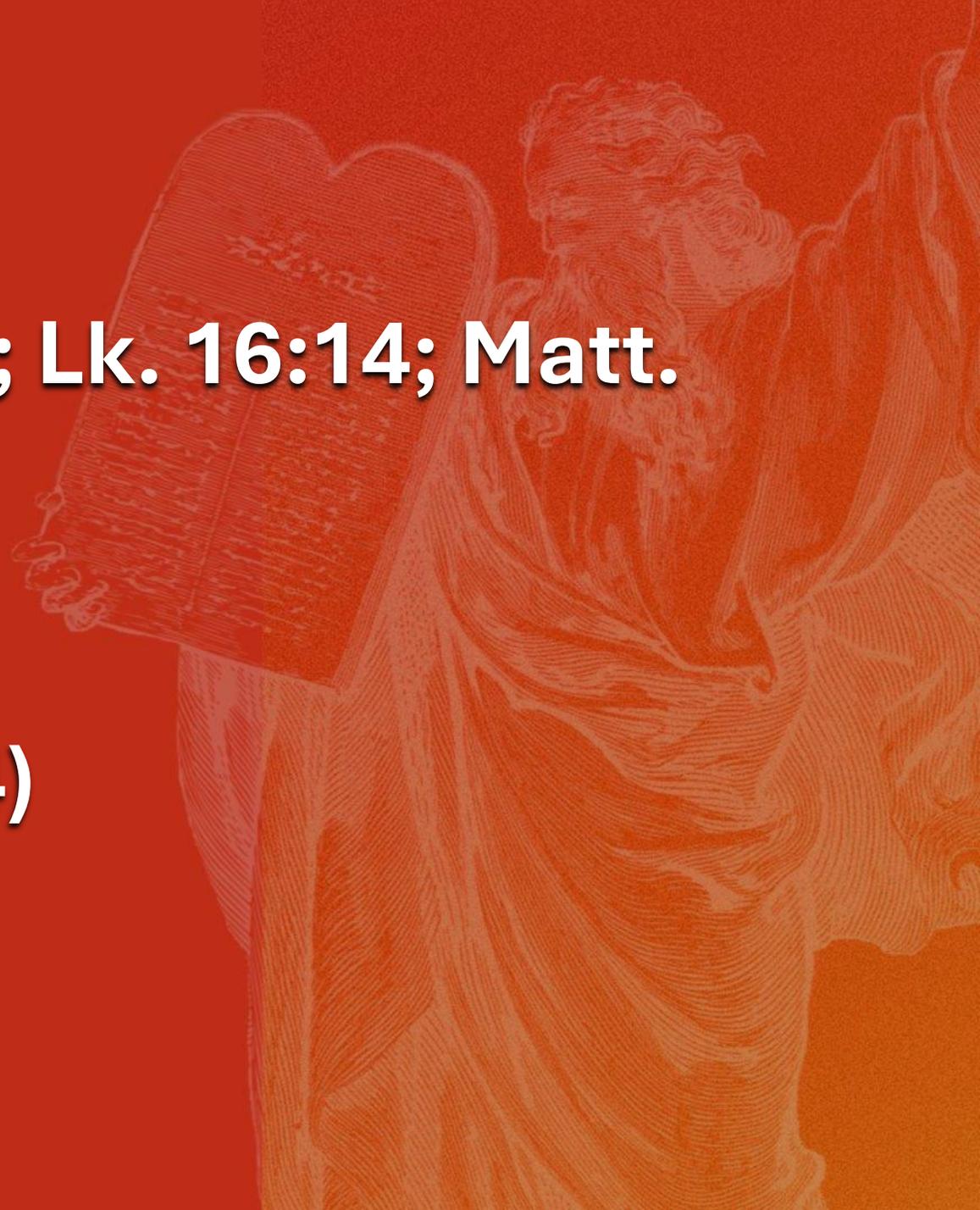
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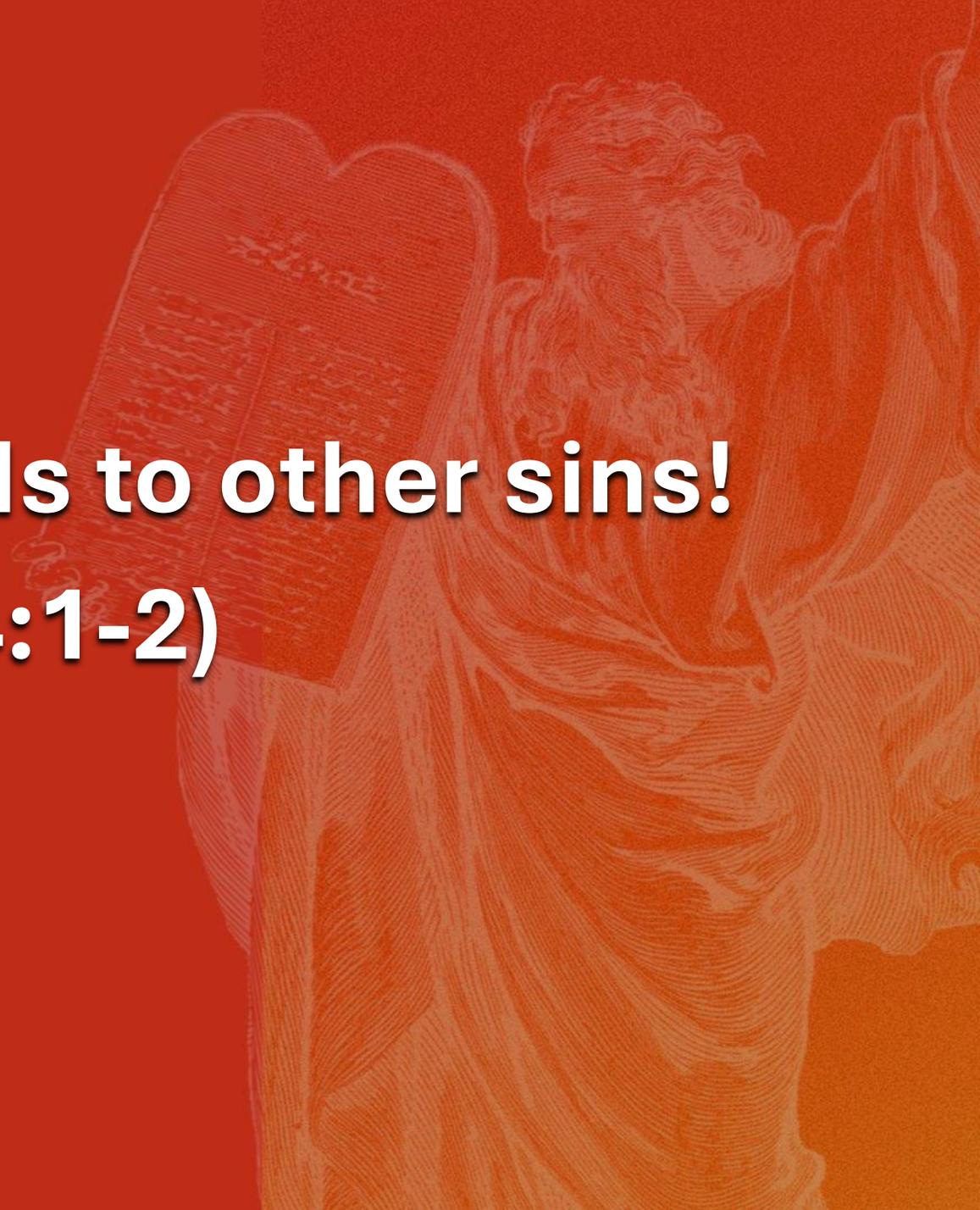
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**D. Pictures of perfection (Psa. 73:1-5, 12)**

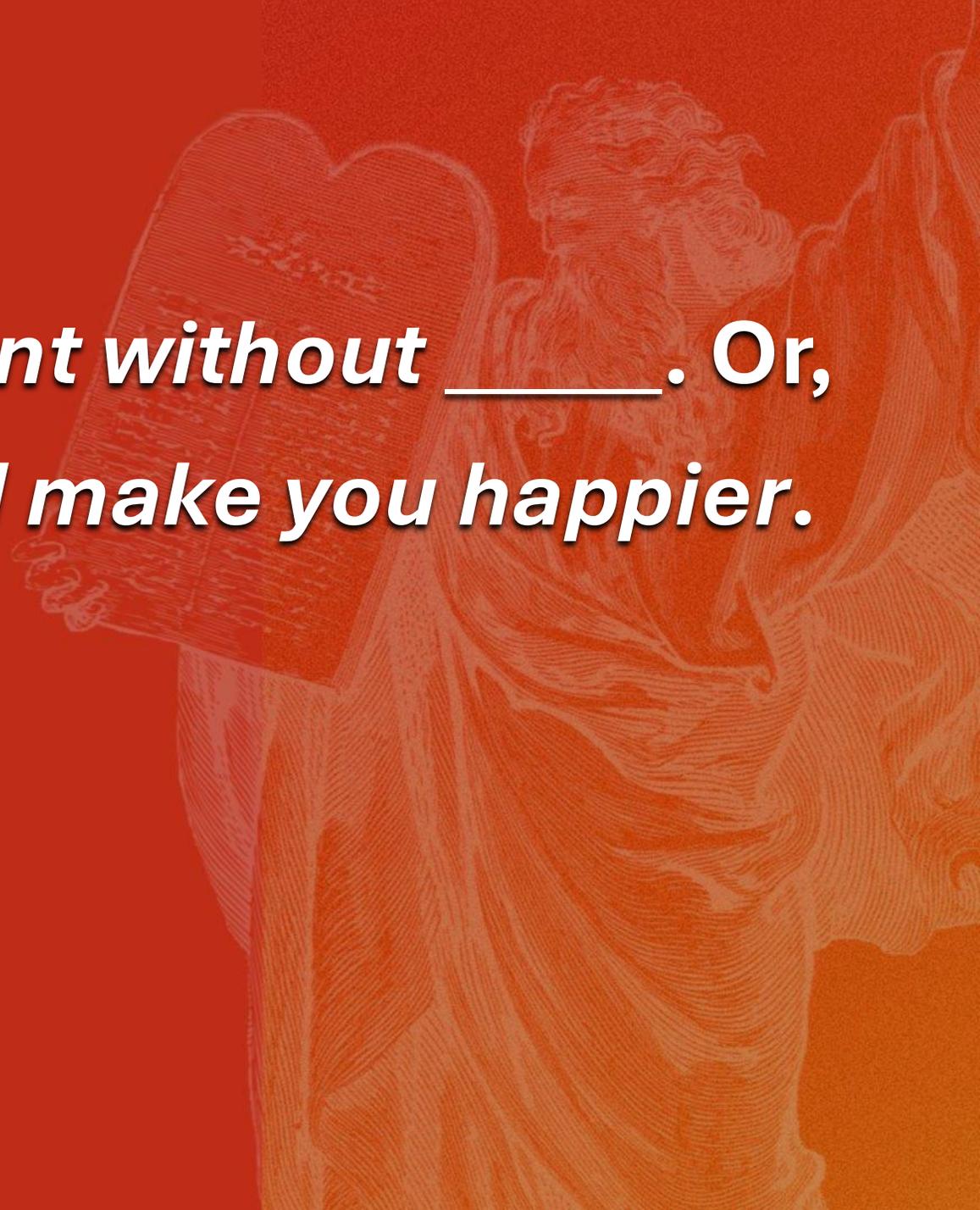


**Coveting often leads to other sins!**  
**(James 4:1-2)**

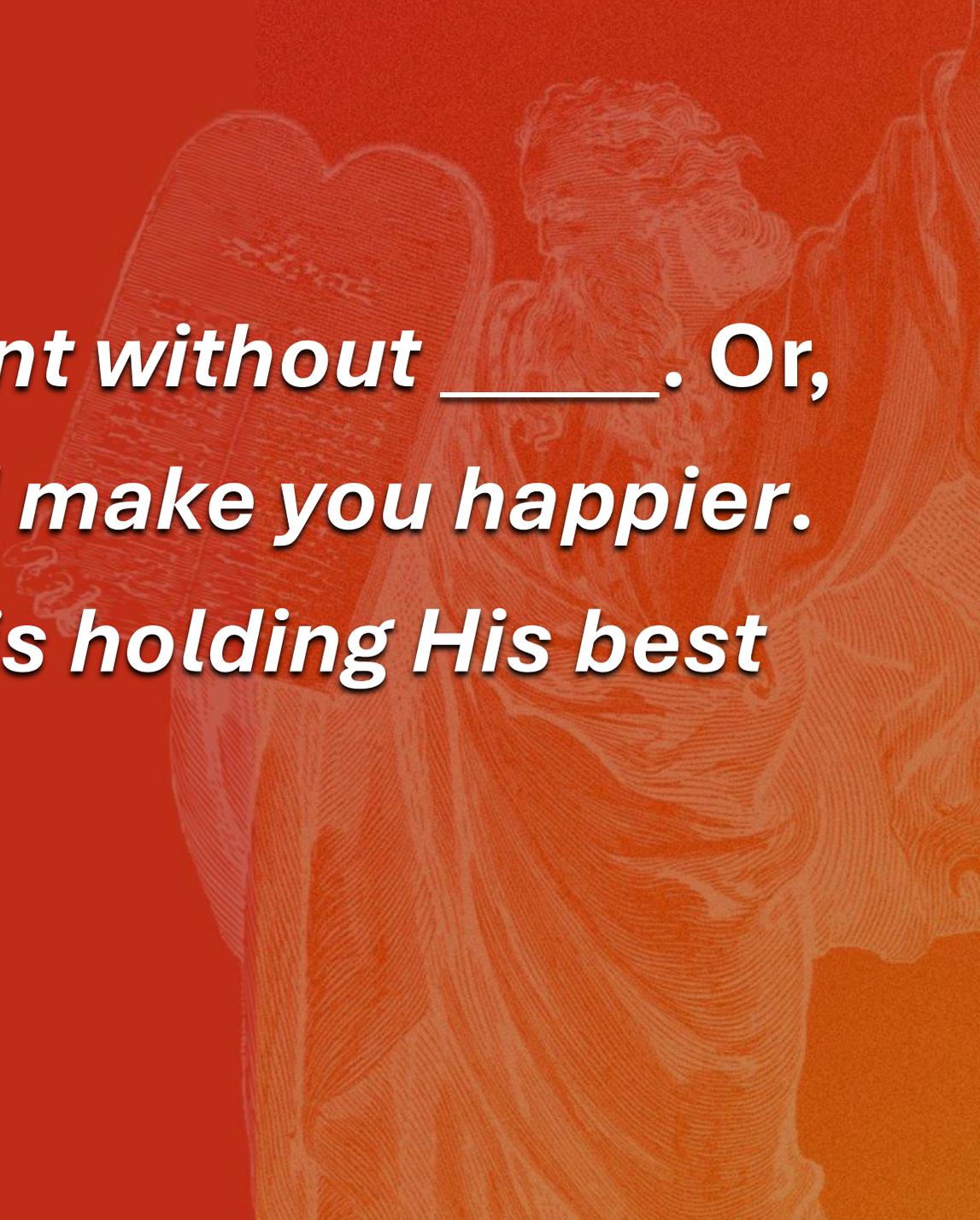


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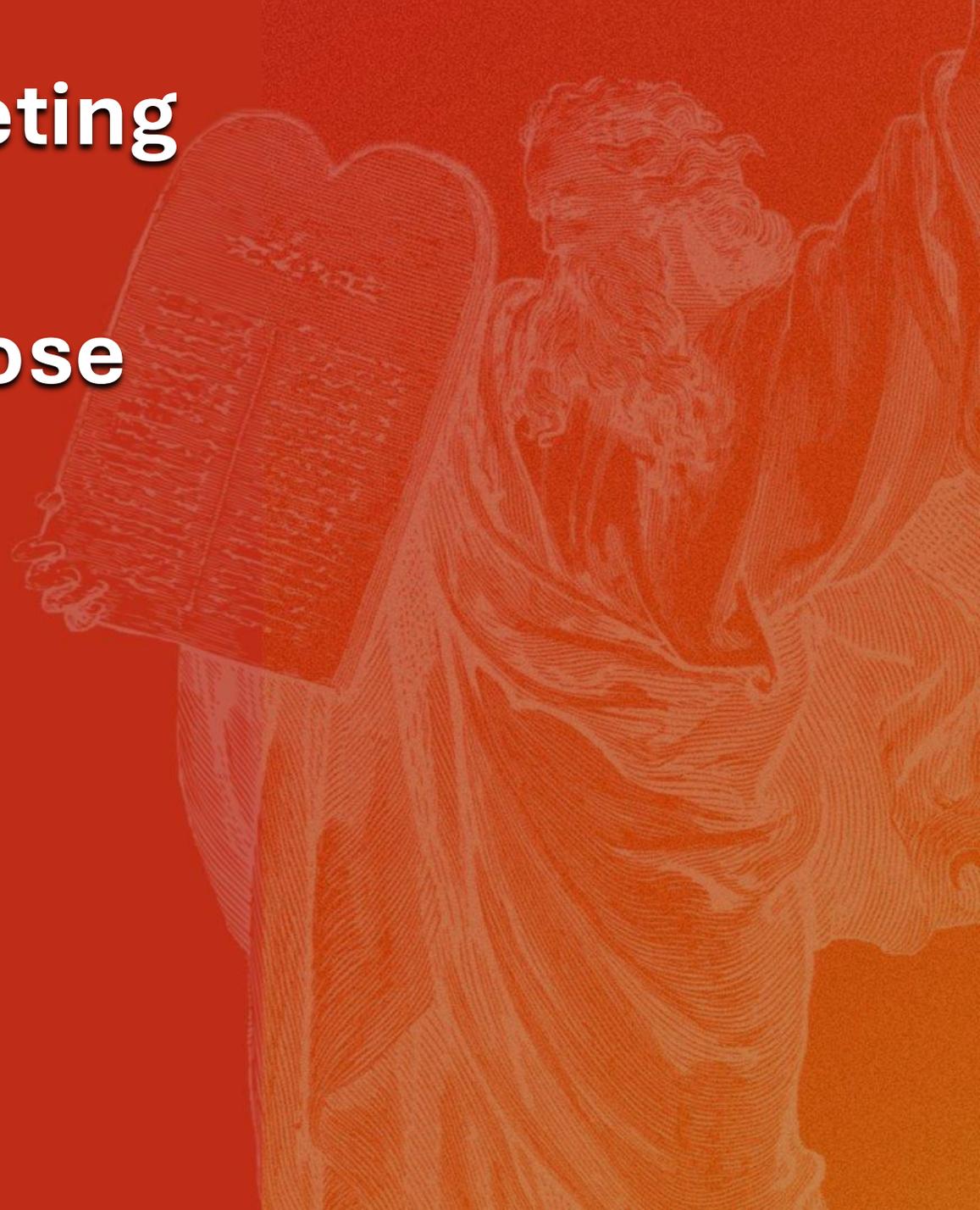


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- B. God is not good and is holding His best from you.*
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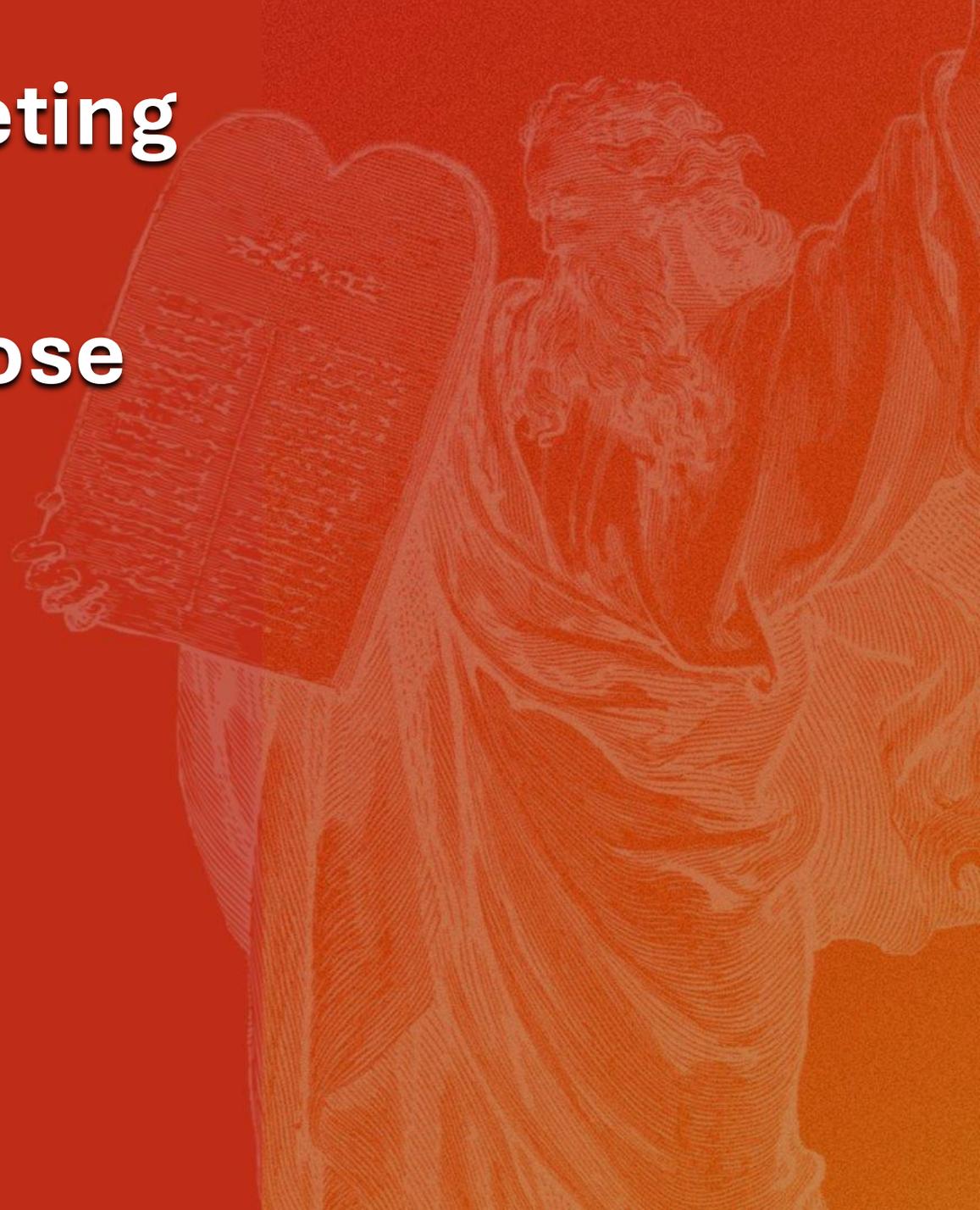
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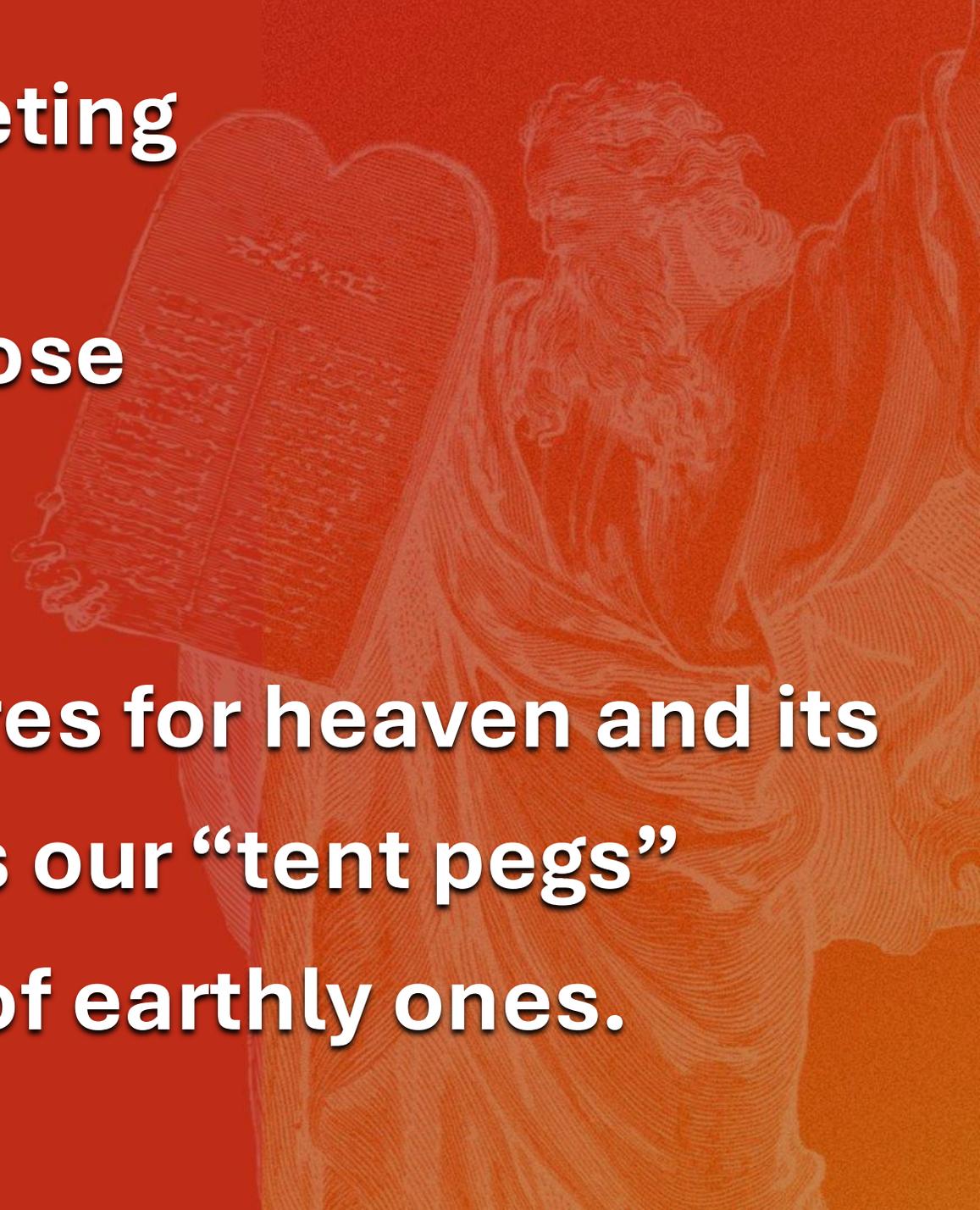


## **IV. Three Dangers of Coveting**

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**C. It dampens our desires for heaven and its treasures as it drives our “tent pegs” deeper into the soil of earthly ones.**



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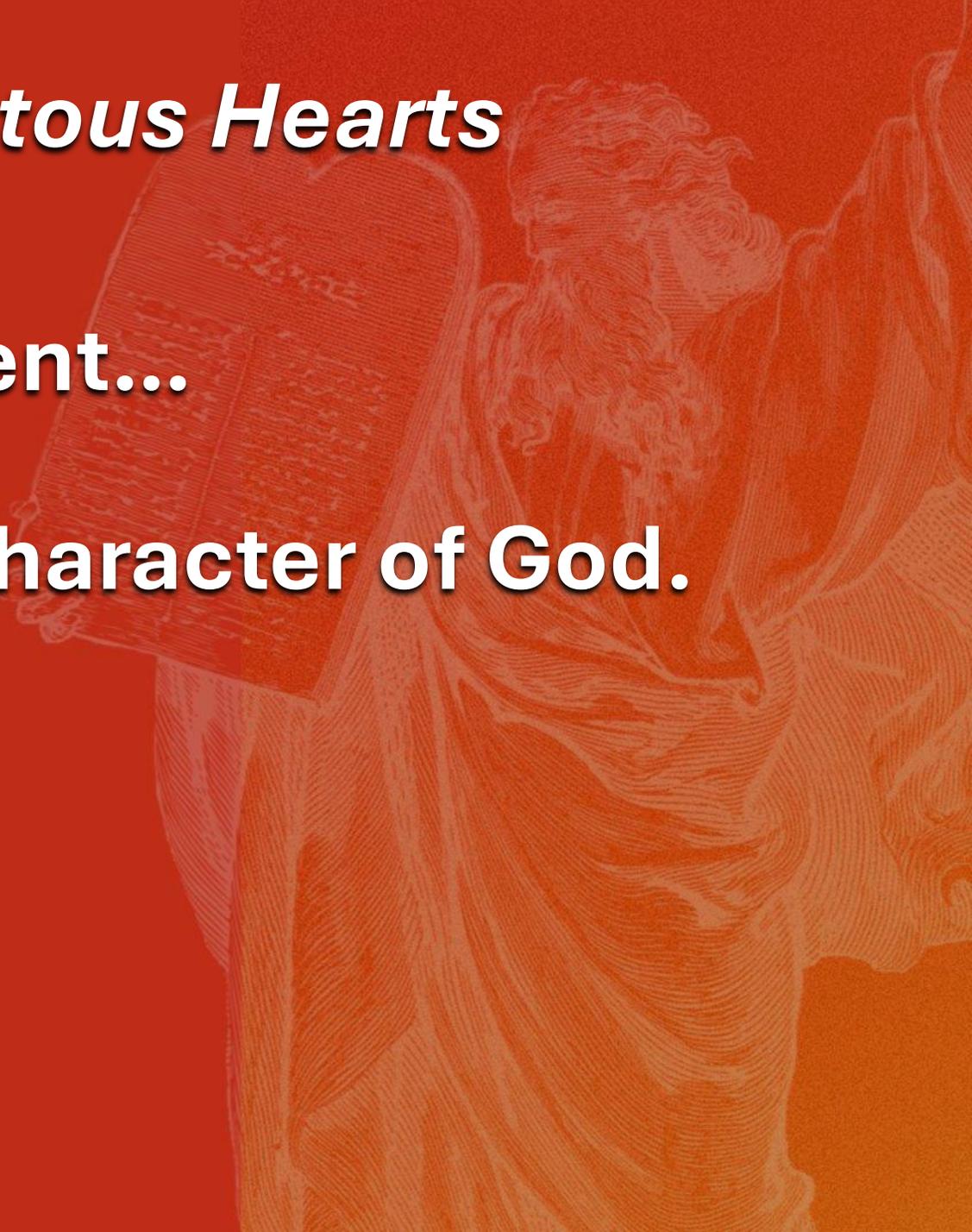
**3-2.**



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**3-1. Cultivate contentment...**

**3-2. ...as you study the character of God.**



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- 5. Look for opportunities to serve others with love and joy.**

**Let your prayer be that of the psalmist...**

***Whom have I in heaven but You?***

***And earth has nothing I desire besides You.***

**(Psalm 73:25)**

