

# Listening = Hearing + Obeying

Matthew 13:14-16



<sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear.”

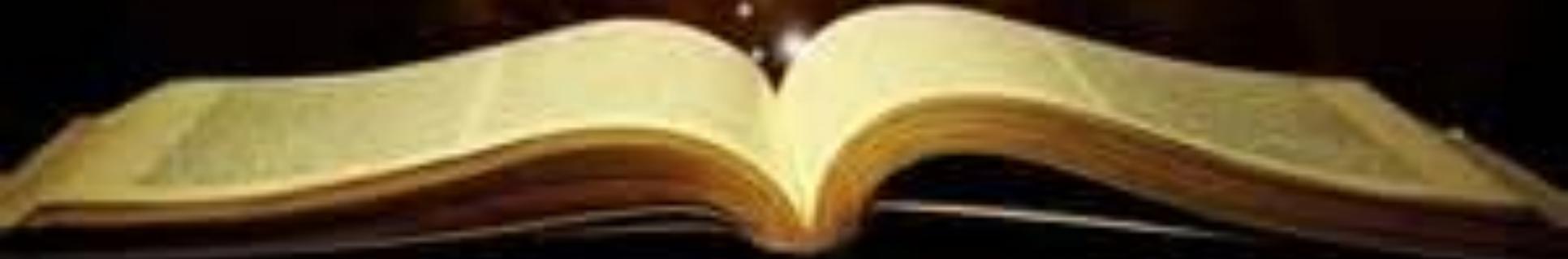
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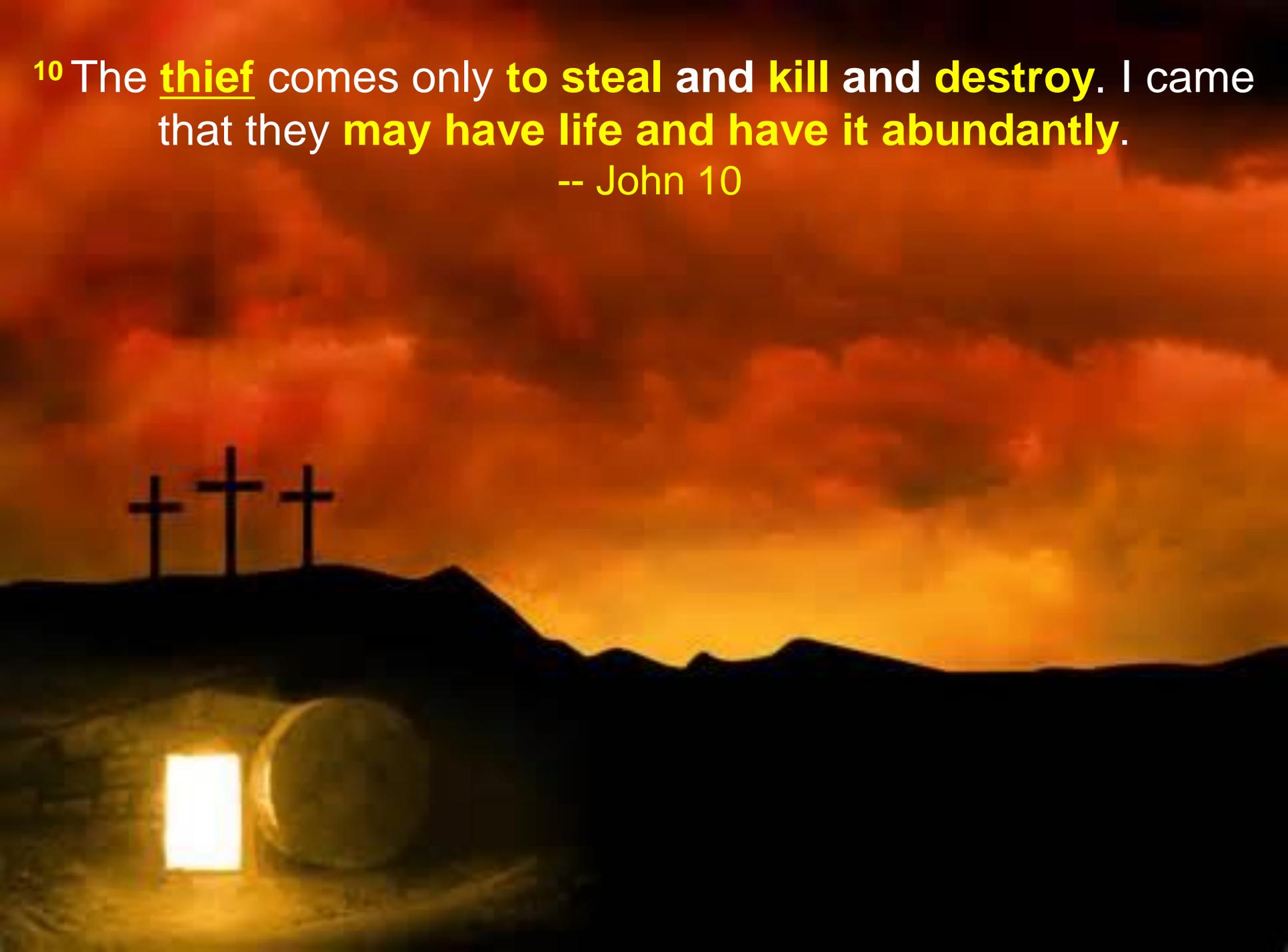
““You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.”<sup>15</sup> For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’<sup>16</sup> **But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.**

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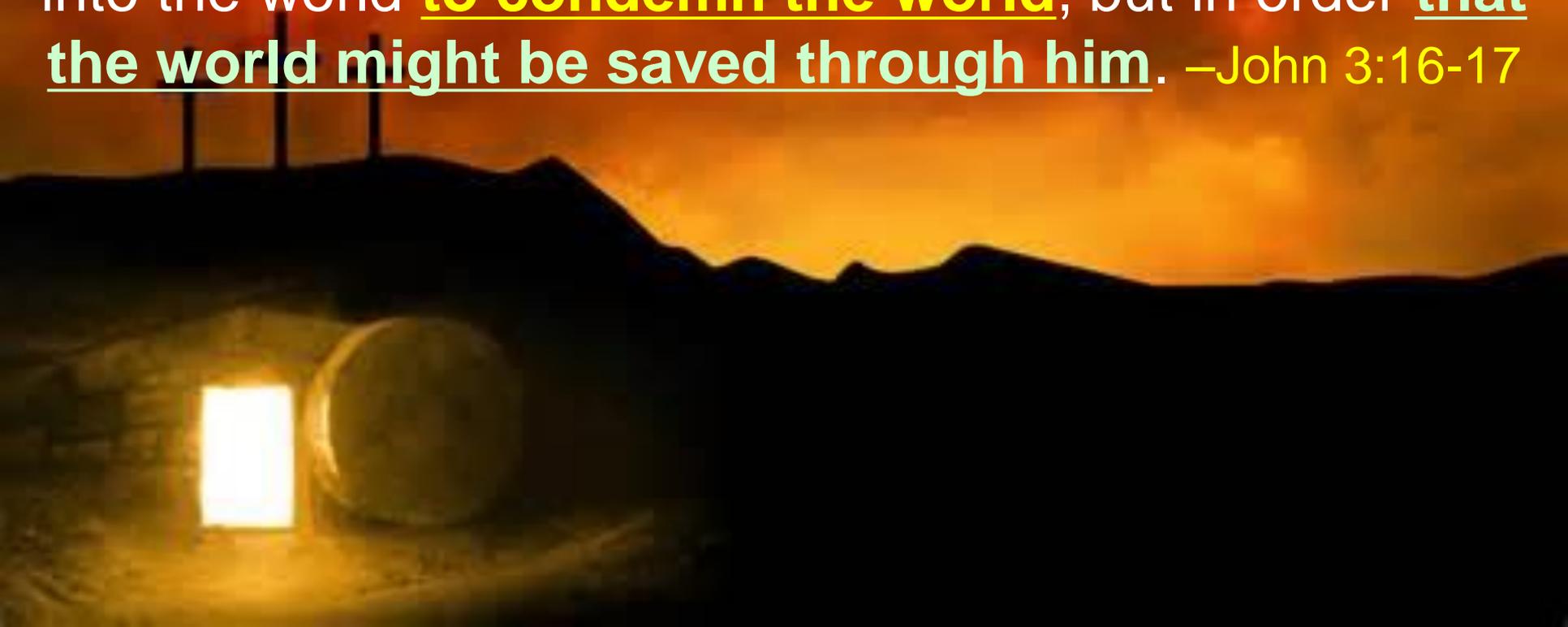
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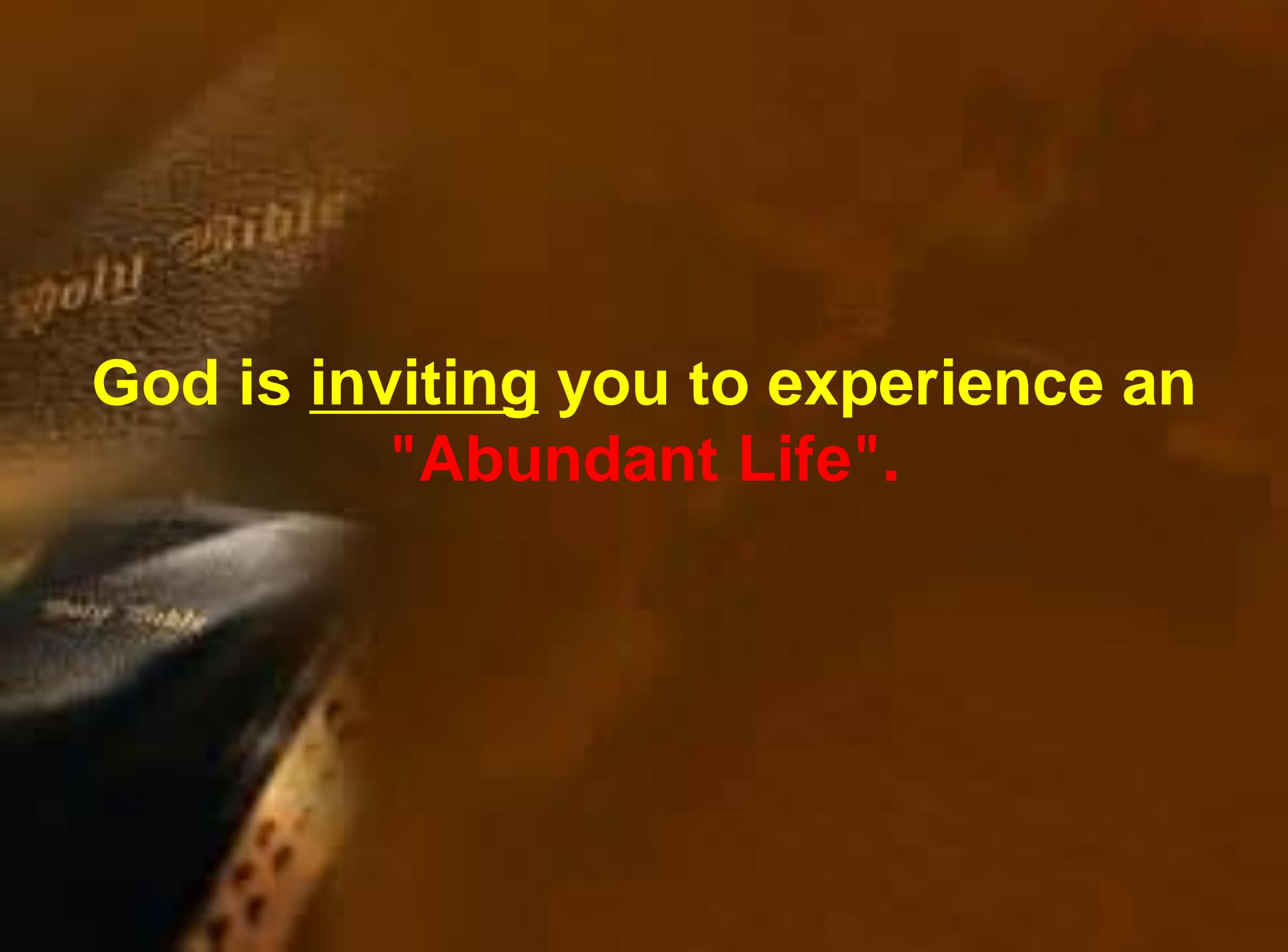
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**36** For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? -- **Mark 8:36**

7 “**Ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who **asks receives**, and the one **who seeks finds**, and to the one **who knocks it will be opened**. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!** – Matthew 7:7-11



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