

**JESUS**  
GREATER THAN

**THE BOOK**

**OF**

**HEBREWS**

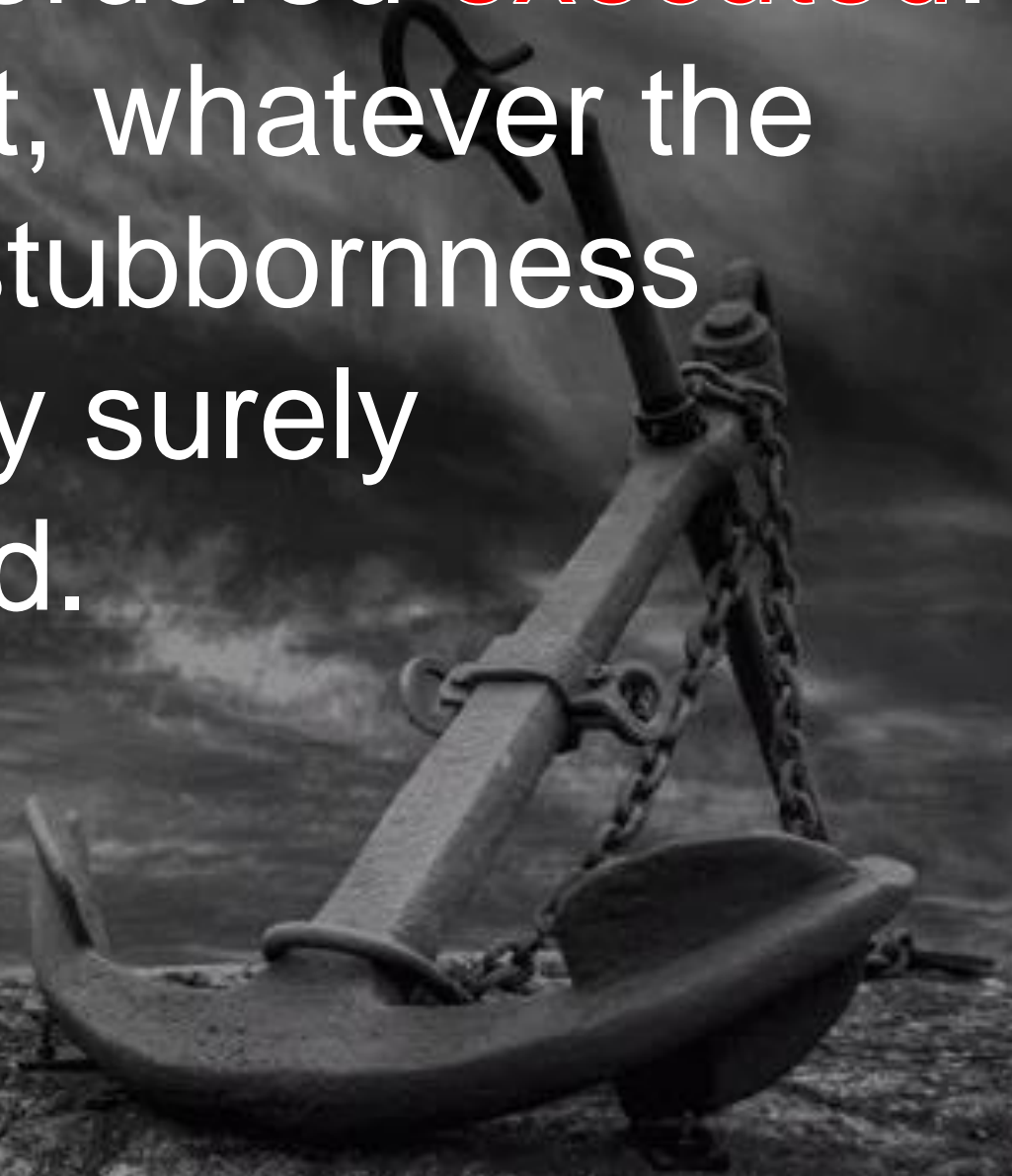
**HOLD FAST**



I interrogated these as to whether they were Christians; those who confessed I interrogated a second and a third time, threatening them with punishment;

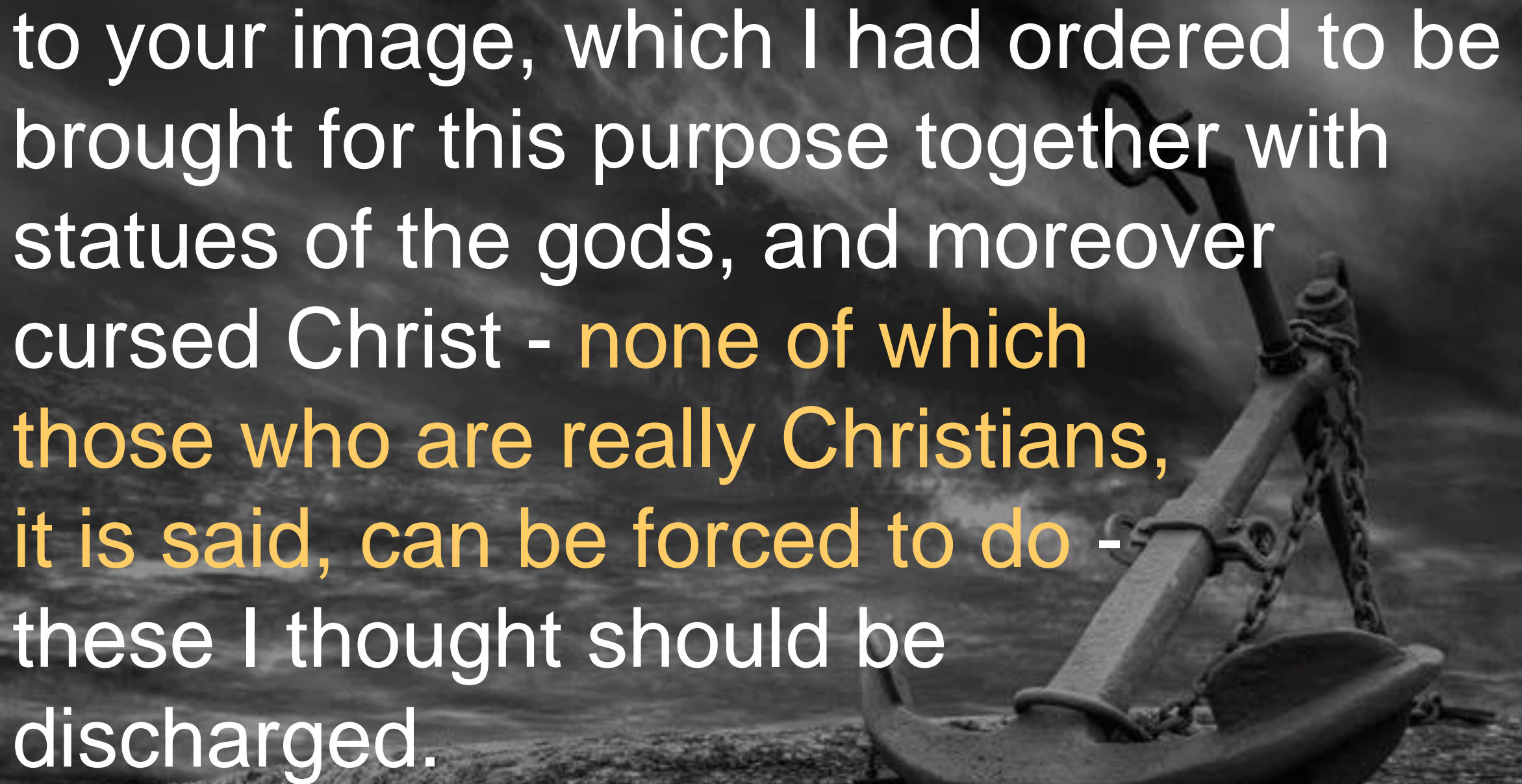


those who persisted I ordered **executed**.  
For I had no doubt that, whatever the  
nature of their creed, stubbornness  
and inflexible obstinacy surely  
deserve to be punished.



An anonymous document was published containing the names of many persons. Those who denied that they were or had been Christians, when they invoked the gods in words dictated by me, offered prayer with incense and wine





to your image, which I had ordered to be brought for this purpose together with statues of the gods, and moreover cursed Christ - **none of which those who are really Christians, it is said, can be forced to do** - these I thought should be discharged.

Pliny, Governor of Pontus & Bithynia

What would you do?

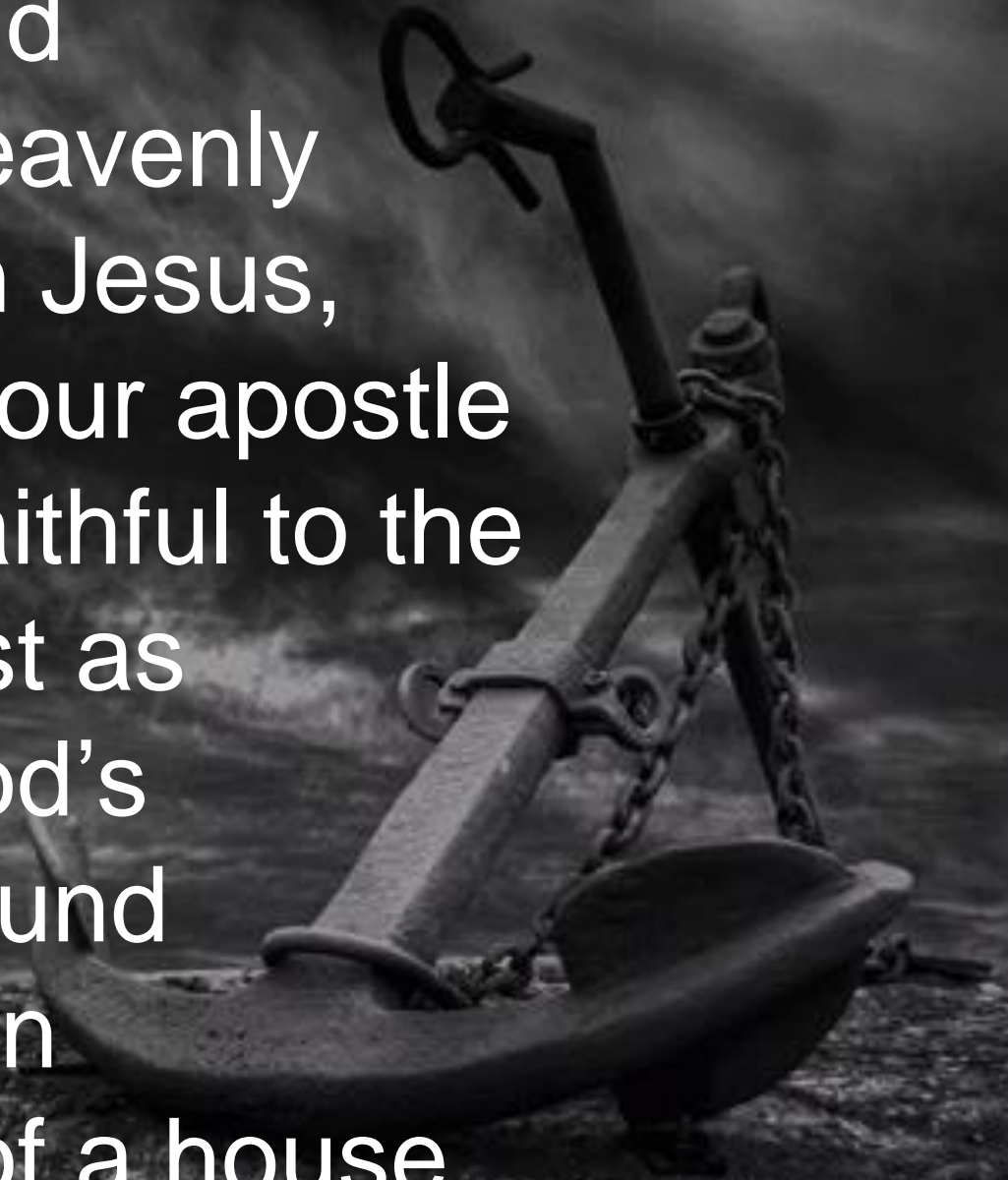


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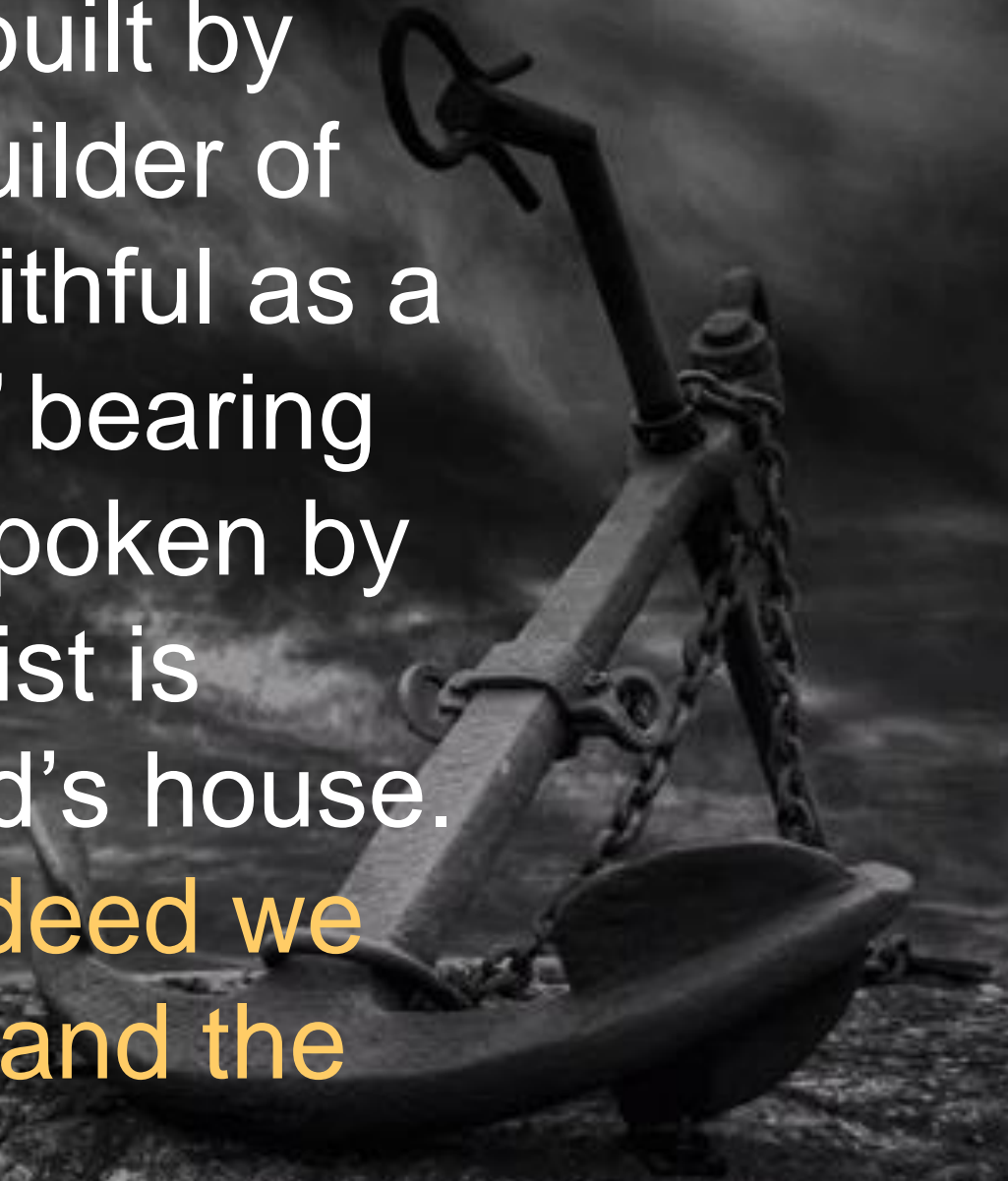




Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup> Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house



has greater honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. <sup>5</sup> “Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. <sup>6</sup> But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house, **if indeed we hold fast to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.**



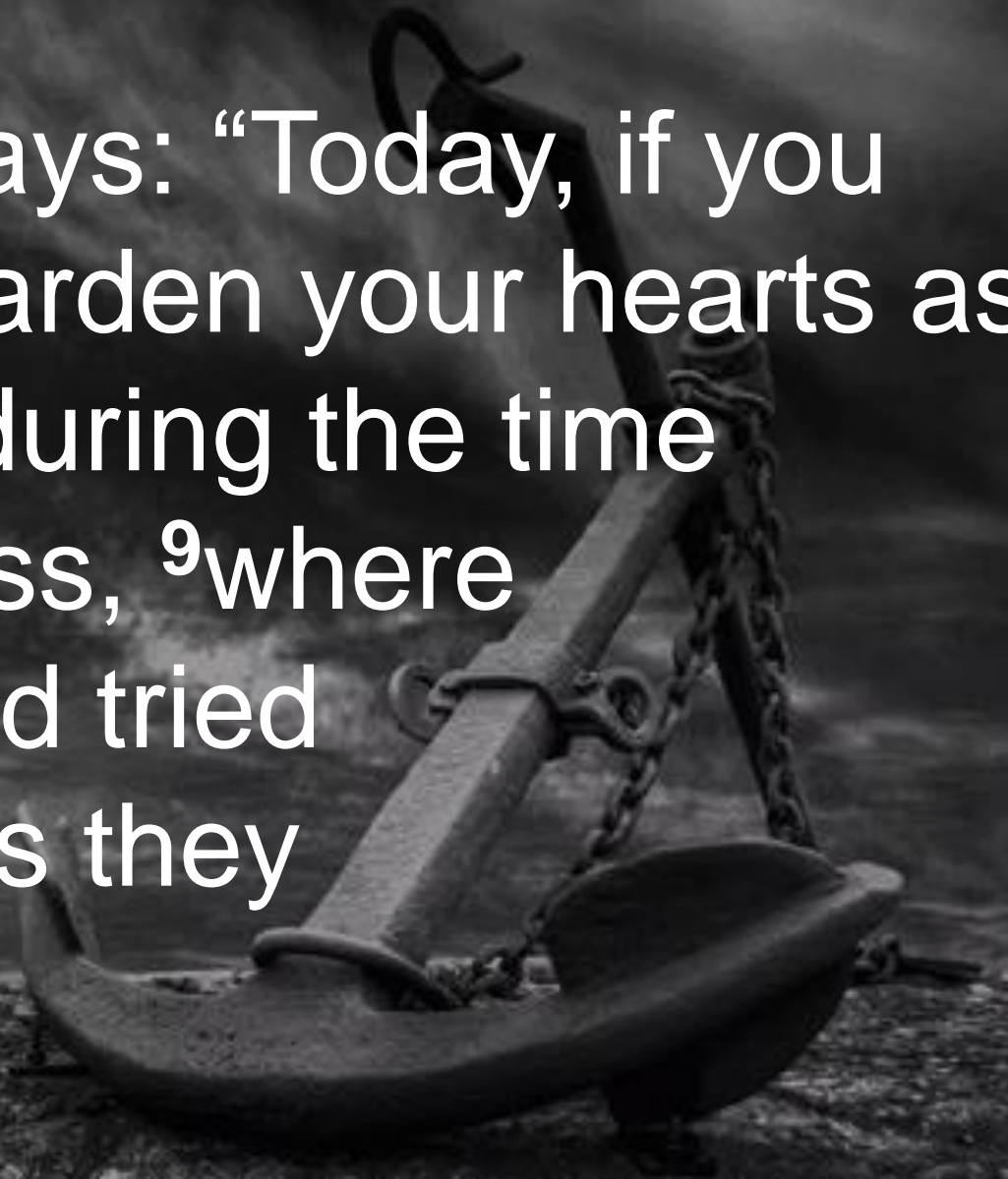
“holy brothers and sisters, who share  
in the heavenly calling . . .” 3:1

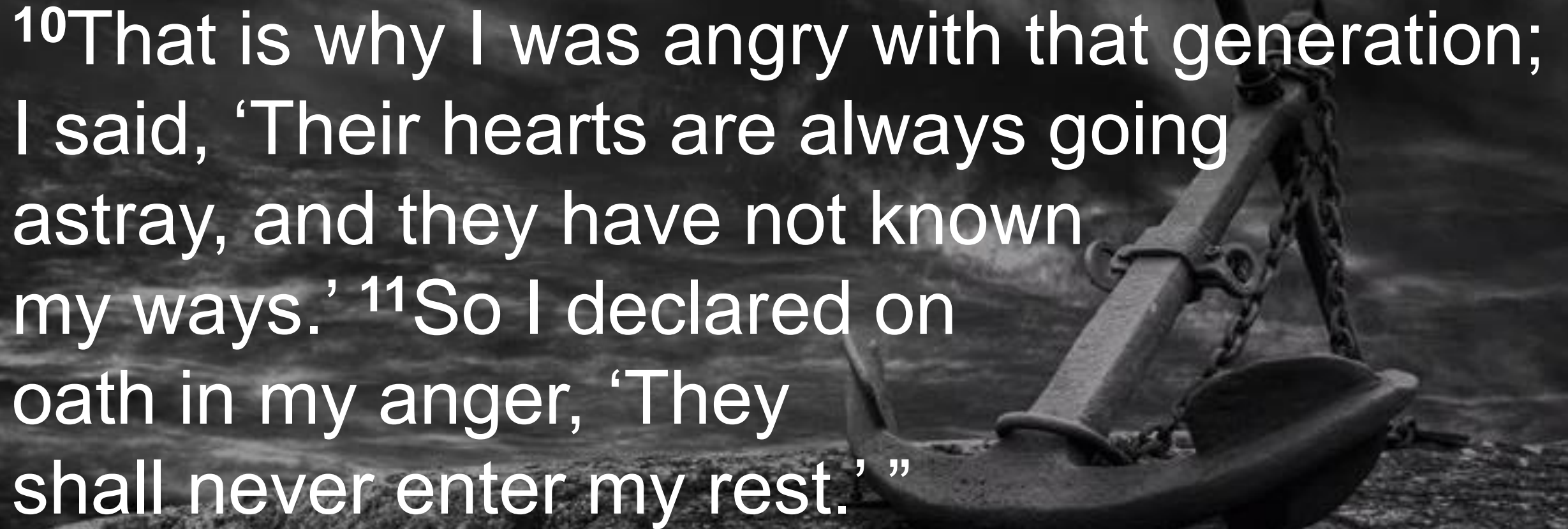


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<sup>7</sup> So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, <sup>8</sup>do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup>where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did.

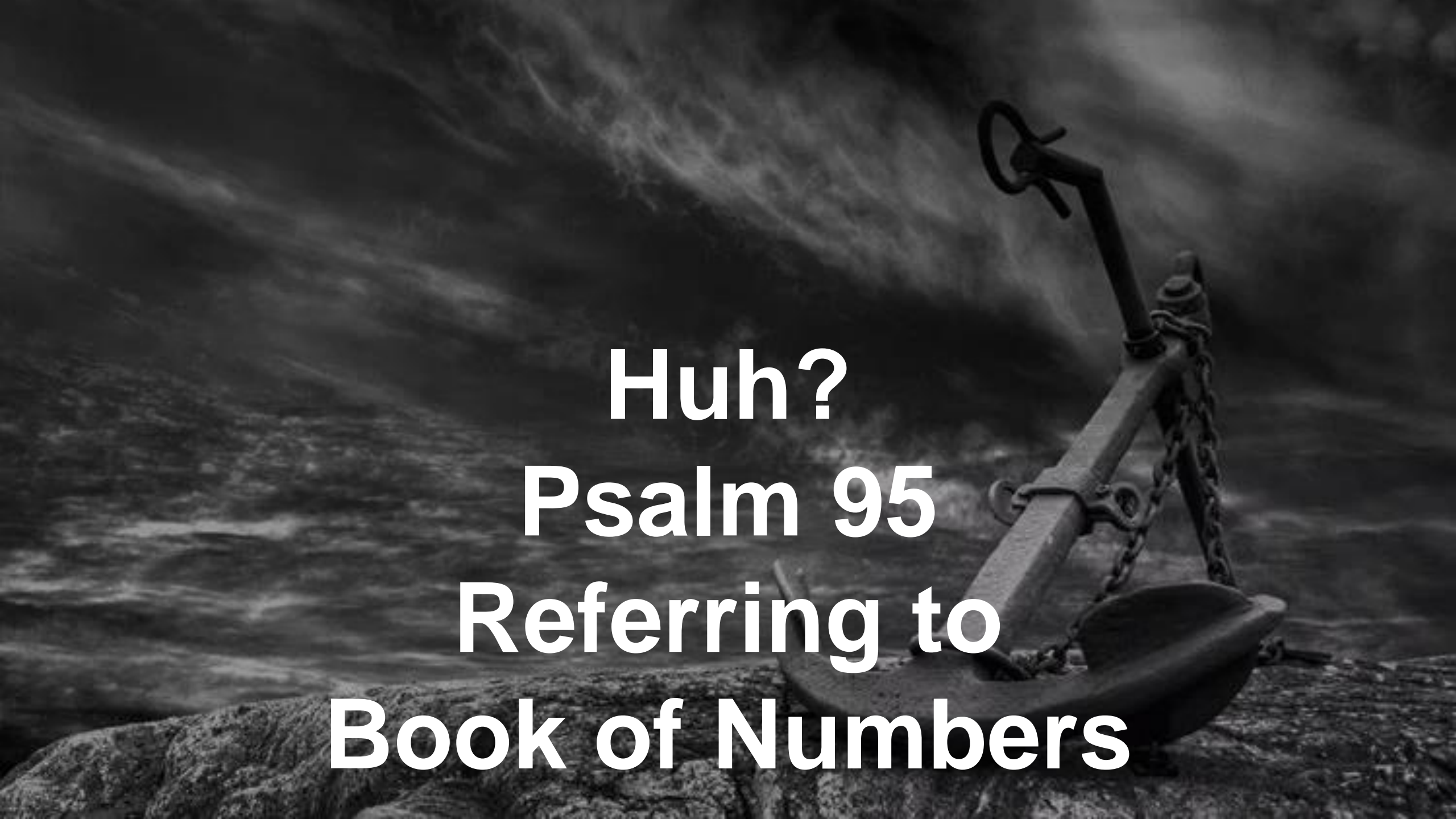




<sup>10</sup>That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.’ <sup>11</sup>So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’ ”

Huh?






**Huh?  
Psalm 95  
Referring to  
Book of Numbers**



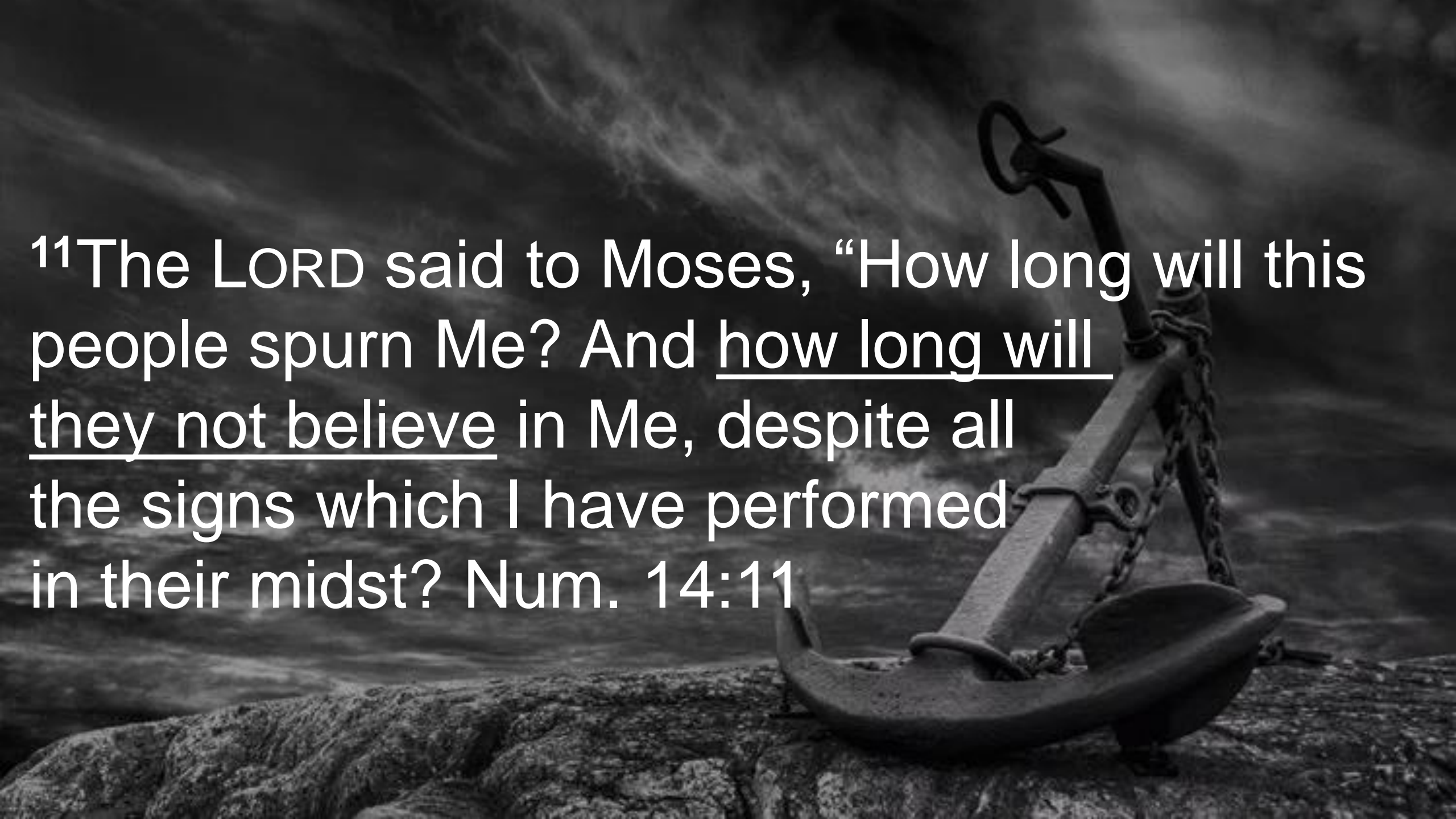
“The land which we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. <sup>8</sup>If the LORD is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us—a land which flows with milk and honey. <sup>9</sup>Only do not rebel against the LORD; and do not fear the people of the land, for they will be our prey. Numbers 14:7-9



Their protection has been removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.”<sup>10</sup> But all the congregation said to stone them with stones.

Num. 14:9-10





<sup>11</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst? Num. 14:11

Of all the sins Israel had committed in the desert, their lack of faith in God's faithfulness was the one that prevented them from entering the Promised Land.

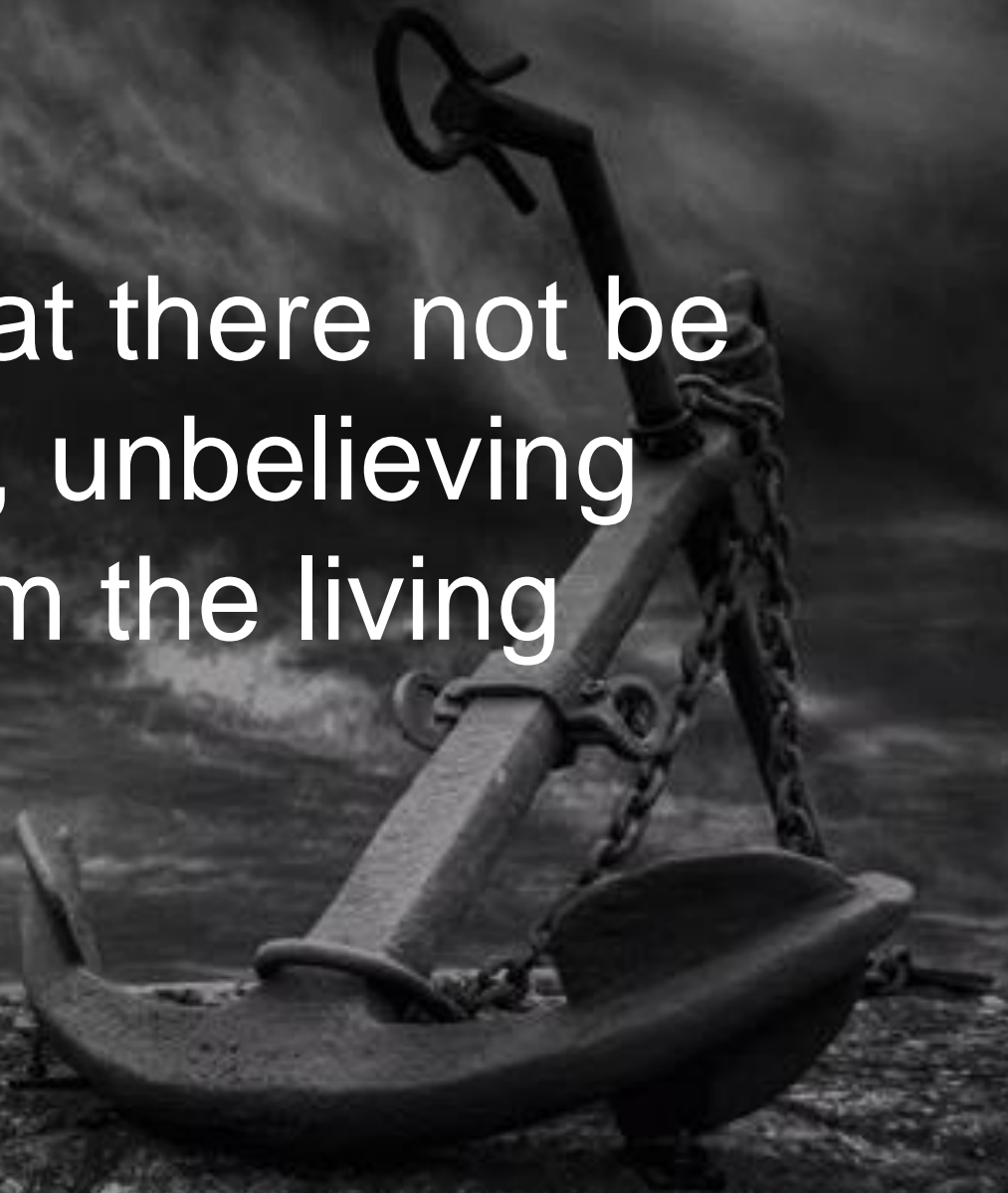




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<sup>12</sup>Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. Hebrews 3:12



<sup>13</sup> But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,  
Hebrews 3:13-14





**19** So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.



What about assurance?



Examine yourselves to see  
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Test yourselves.  
2 Cor. 12:5



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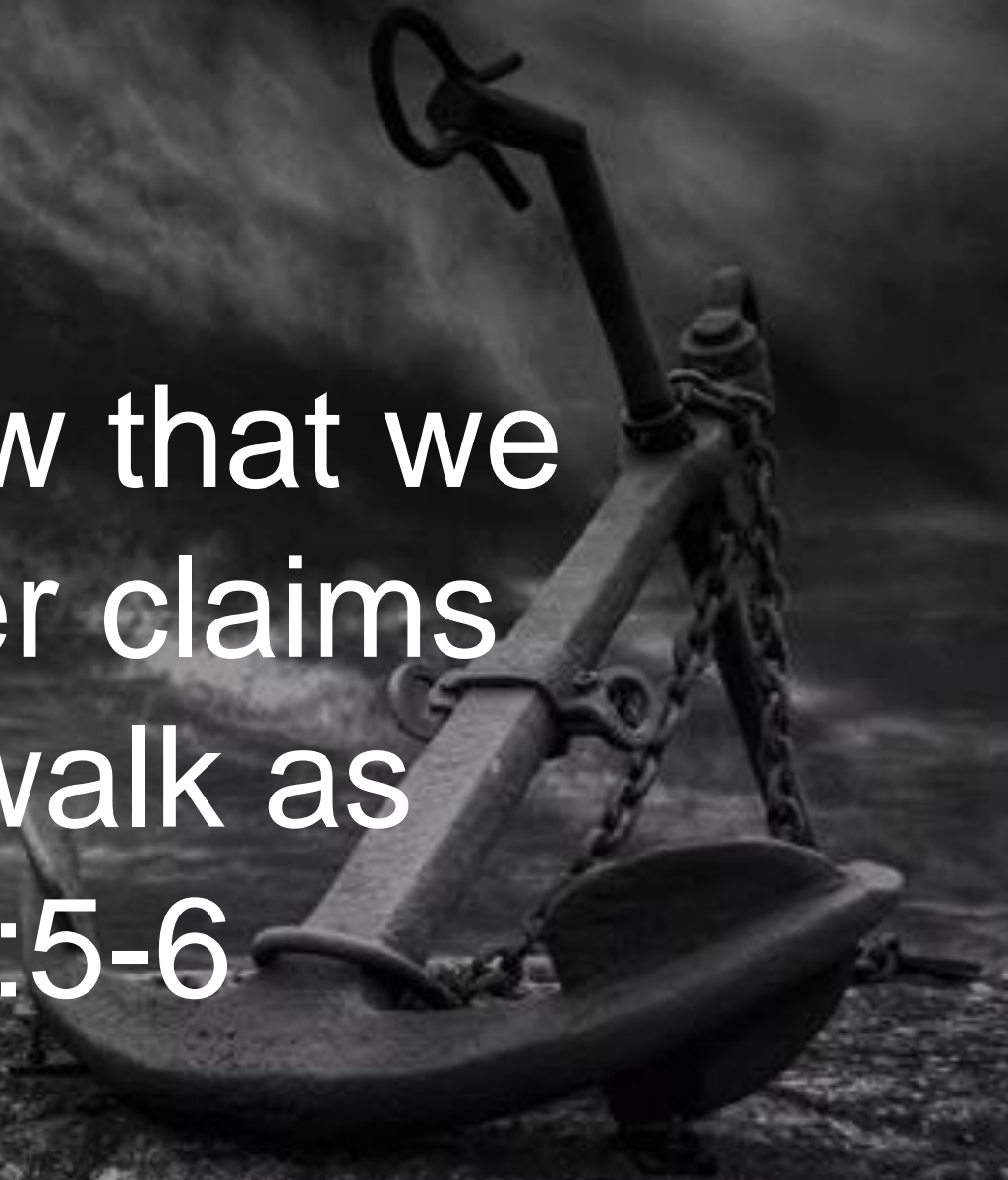


We know that we have come  
to know Him if we obey  
His commands.

1 John 2:3



This is how we know that we are in Him. Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. 1 John 2:5-6



Don't love with words, but action.  
This is how we know we  
belong to the truth and  
how we set our hearts  
at rest 1 John 3:18-19

