




***Divine Justice for  
the Nations***

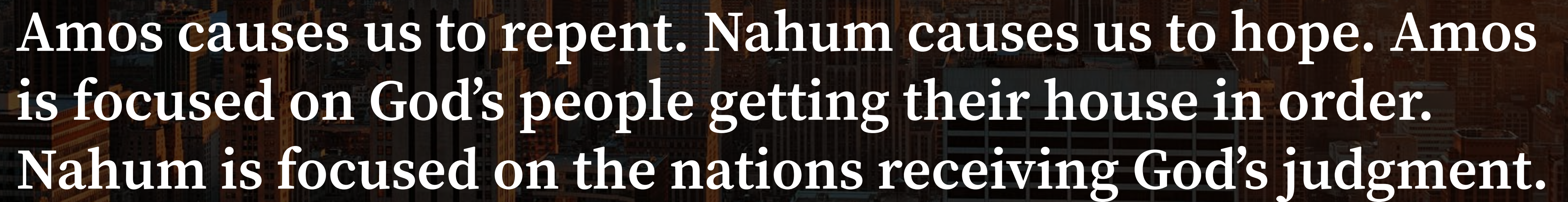
***PASTOR MIKE YODER  
NAHUM***



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WORDS

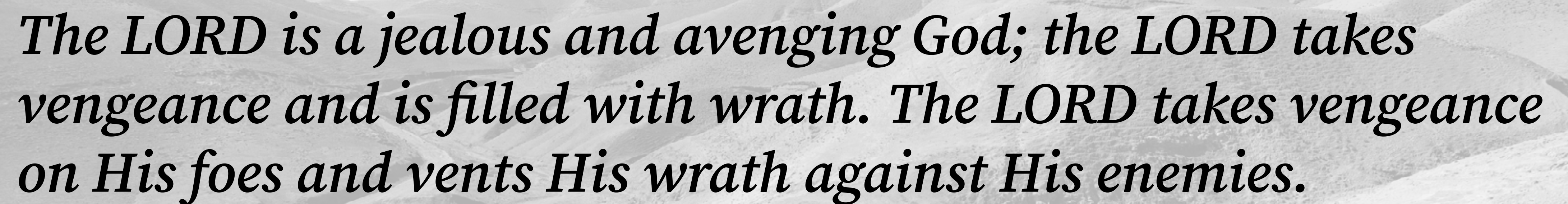
MODERN  
MESSAGE





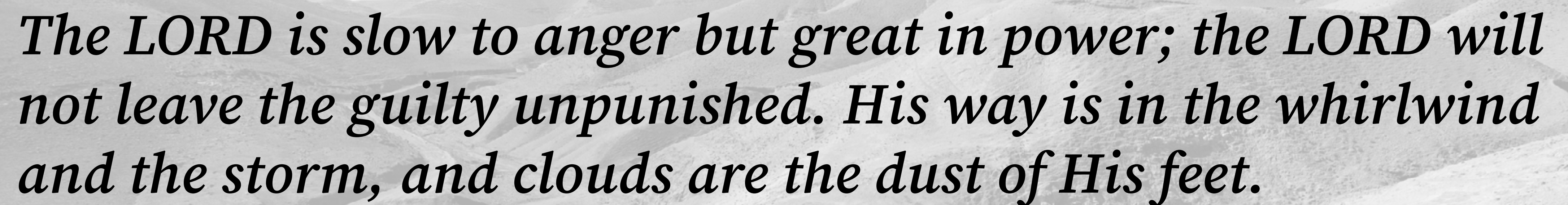
Amos causes us to repent. Nahum causes us to hope. Amos is focused on God's people getting their house in order. Nahum is focused on the nations receiving God's judgment.





*The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on His foes and vents His wrath against His enemies.*

**Nahum 1:2**



*The LORD is slow to anger but great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished. His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and clouds are the dust of His feet.*

**Nahum 1:3**





*The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble.  
He cares for those who trust in Him,*

**Nahum 1:7**



An aerial view of a city skyline at sunset. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, transitioning into a dark, silhouetted cityscape. The buildings are densely packed, and the overall atmosphere is dramatic and historical.

**Historical Background:**  
*Pride goes before the fall.*





*Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.*

**Proverbs 16:18**





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Nahum was the herald of God's intention to call Assyria to account for its unbridled brutality. He thereby vindicated God's justice and proclaimed His sovereignty.

**Andrew Hill and John Walton**



The Assyrians were what Joseph Stalin only aspired to be. When they conquered a city, they would completely depopulate it and then resettle it with people from various other places.

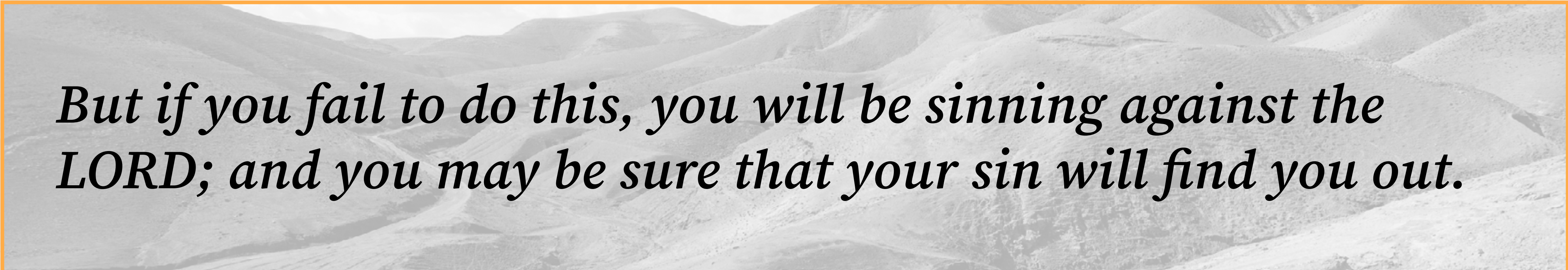




**Divine Announcement:**

*Be sure your sins will find you out.*





*But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the LORD; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out.*

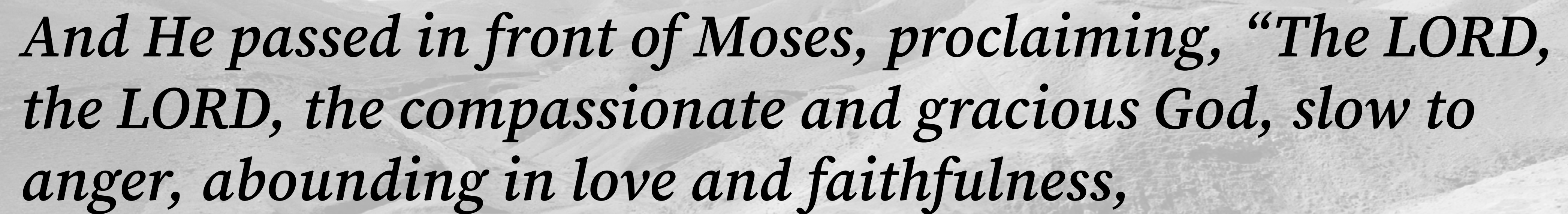
**Numbers 32:23**





**Nahum and Jonah:** *The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in love.*





*And He passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,*

**Exodus 34:6**

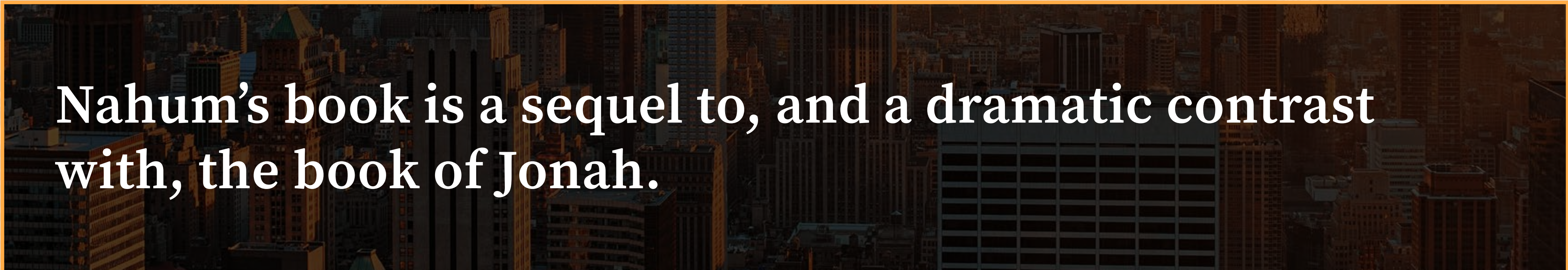




Jonah would have loved to preach Nahum's message.

**Dave Nicodemus**





Nahum's book is a sequel to, and a dramatic contrast with, the book of Jonah.





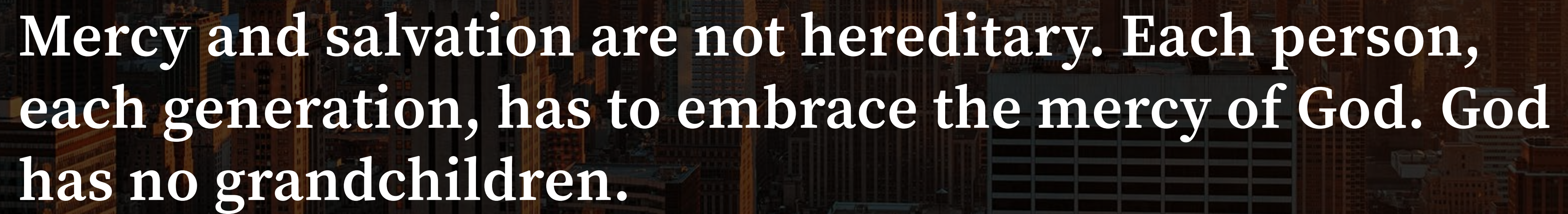
**Contemporary Application:**  
*Expect Judgment, Embrace Mercy.*



Nahum emphasizes the same truth that was declared by the prophet Amos: God punishes cruel nations that follow inhumane policies and brutal practices. The sins of national leaders are known by God, and He eventually judges.

**Warren Wiersbe**





**Mercy and salvation are not hereditary. Each person, each generation, has to embrace the mercy of God. God has no grandchildren.**





Nahum's message of good news proclaims the salvation of God's people from the oppression of a brutal enemy nation and the return to the Lord.

**Ken Fentress**



Christian good news is the message that the same God is providing salvation from the brutal oppression of sin through the suffering and sacrifice of Christ our Savior on the cross.

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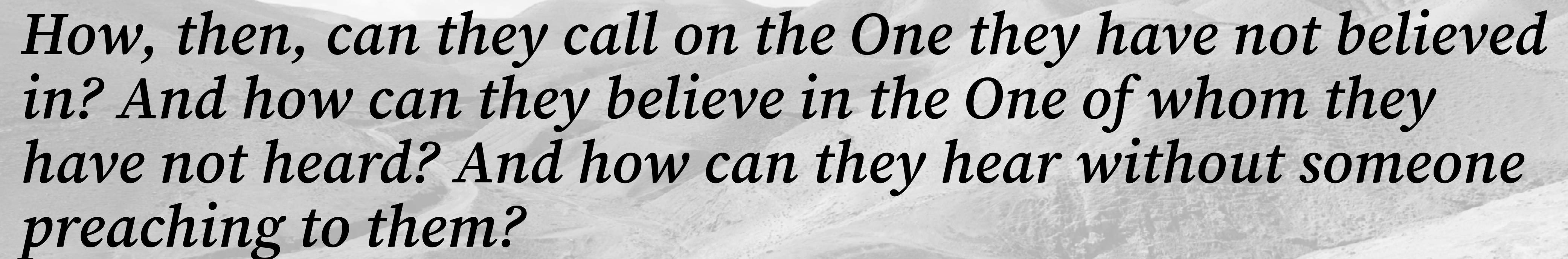




Nahum's Gospel and the Christian Gospel are based on the same premise: God saves sinners.

**Ken Fentress**





*How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*

**Romans 10:14**





*And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written:  
“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”*

**Romans 10:15**

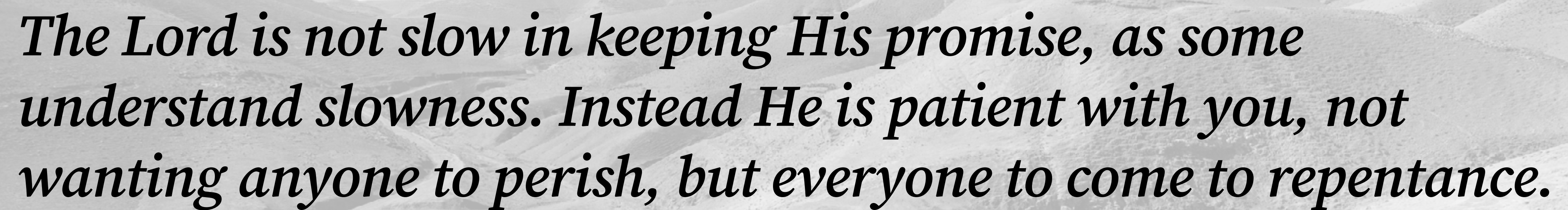




*But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.*

**2 Peter 3:8**





*The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

**2 Peter 3:9**





*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

**Psalm 46:1**





*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,*

**Psalm 46:2**





*though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake  
with their surging.*

**Psalm 46:3**





*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.*

**Psalm 46:4**





*God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her  
at break of day.*

**Psalm 46:5**





*Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice,  
the earth melts.*

**Psalm 46:6**





*The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob  
is our fortress.*

**Psalm 46:7**

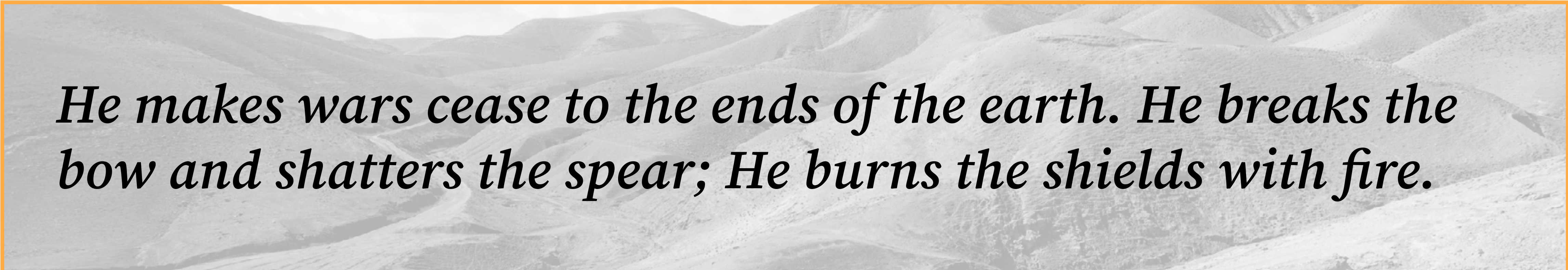




*Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations He has brought on the earth.*

**Psalm 46:8**





*He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the shields with fire.*

**Psalm 46:9**





*He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”*

**Psalm 46:10**





*The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob  
is our fortress.*

**Psalm 46:11**



**The nations experience the mercy and  
the judgment of God. Which does your  
heart celebrate and your feet announce?**