

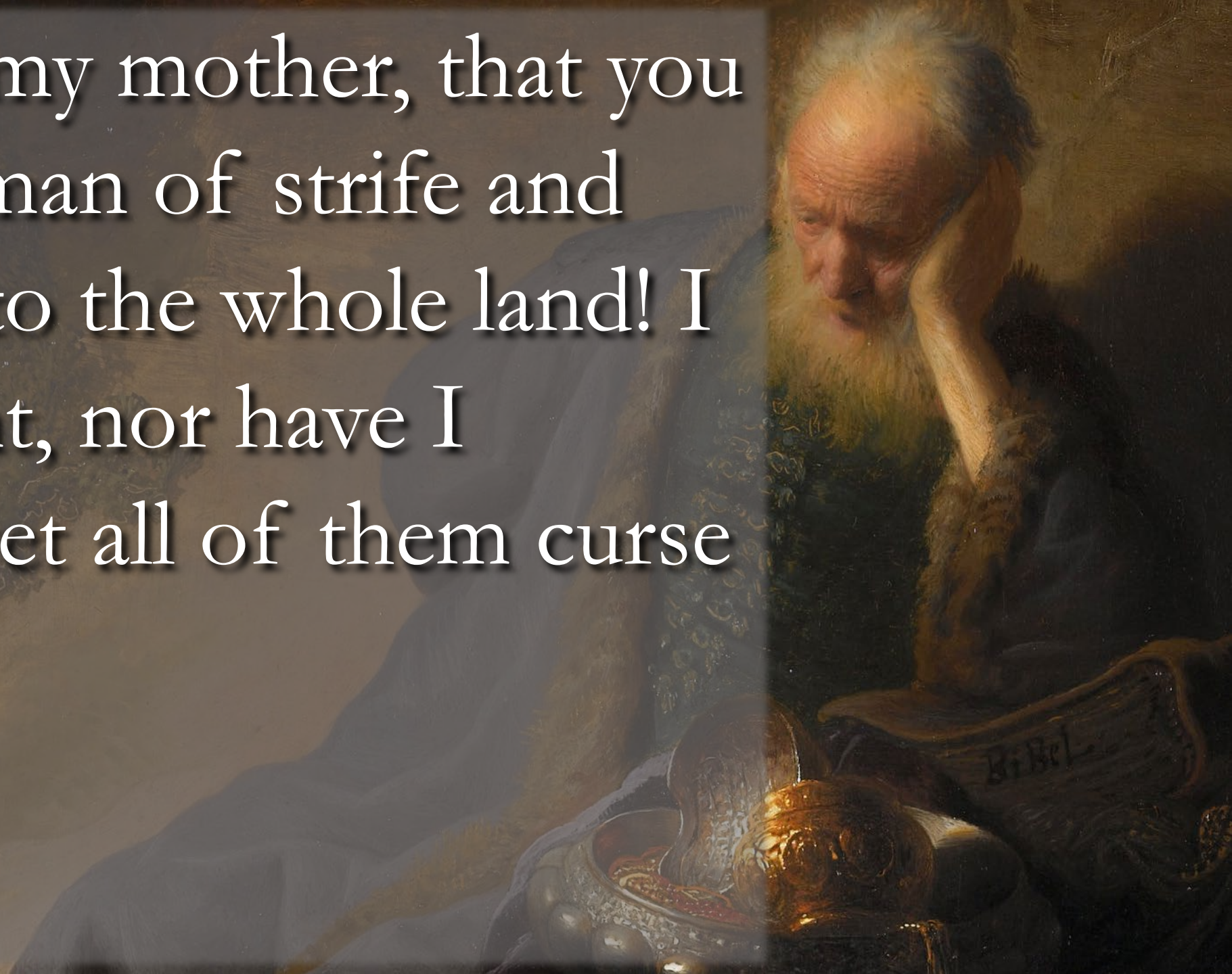
Desperate Prayers

Jeremiah's Complaint

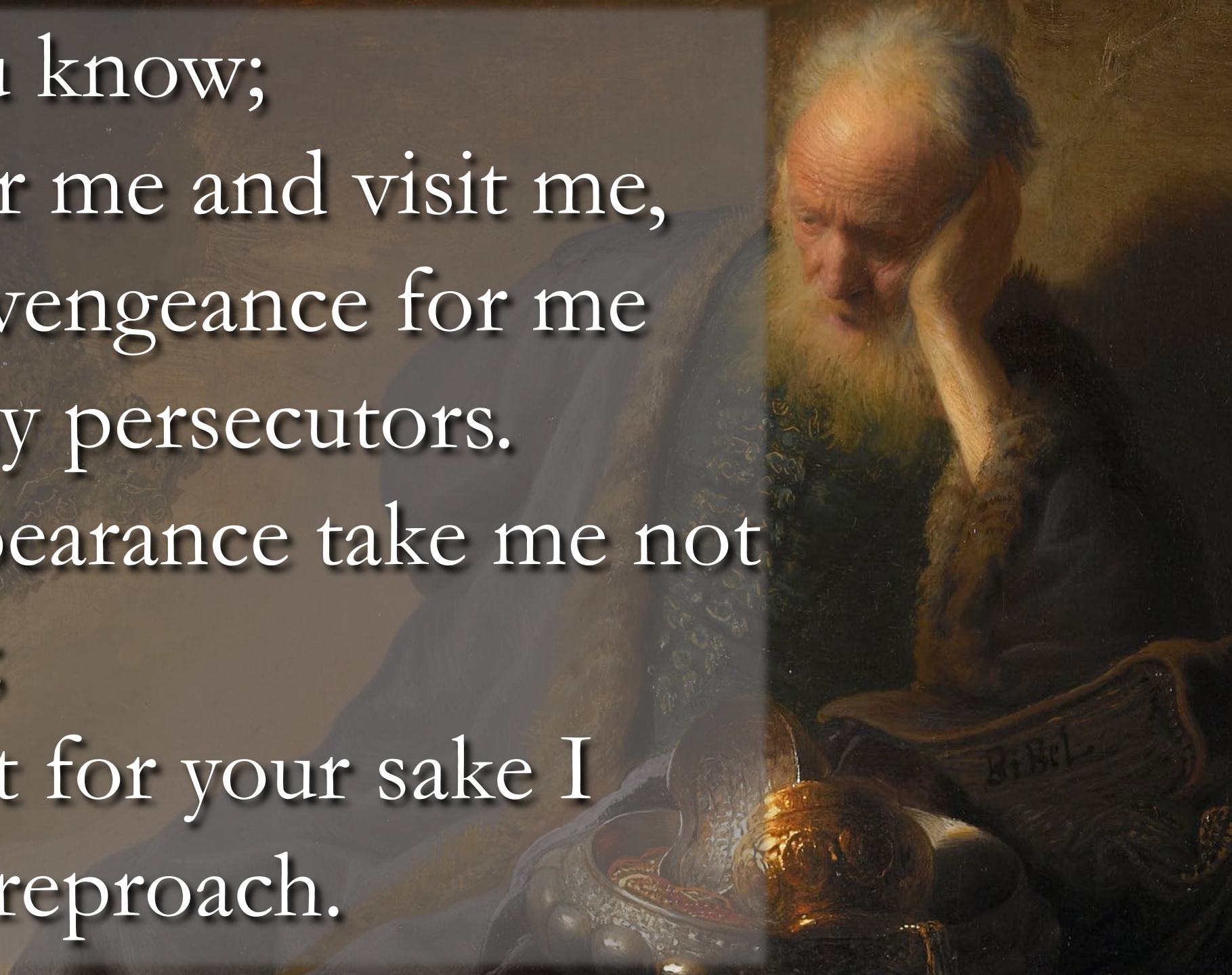
Jeremiah 15.10-21



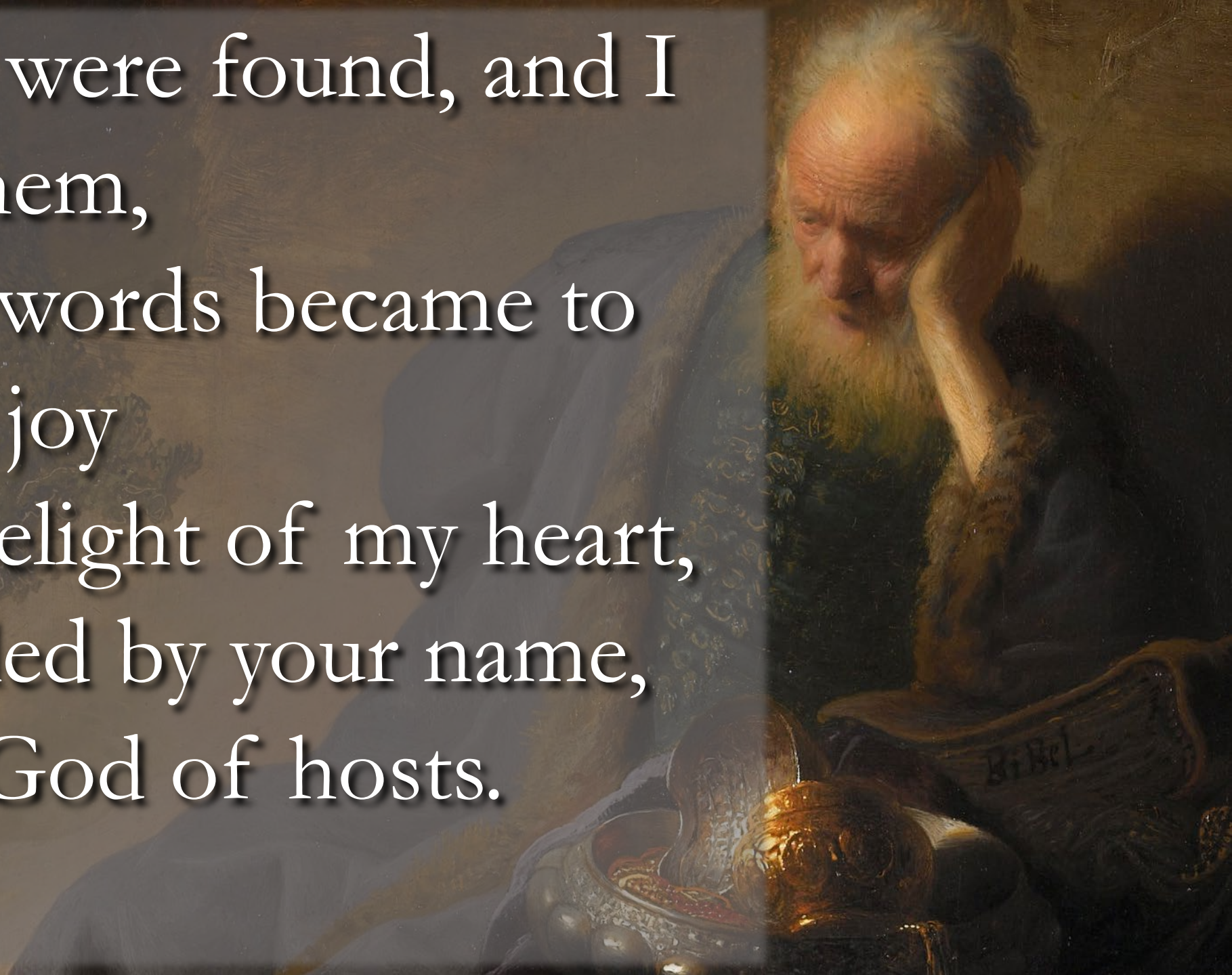
Woe is me, my mother, that you
bore me, a man of strife and
contention to the whole land! I
have not lent, nor have I
borrowed, yet all of them curse
me.



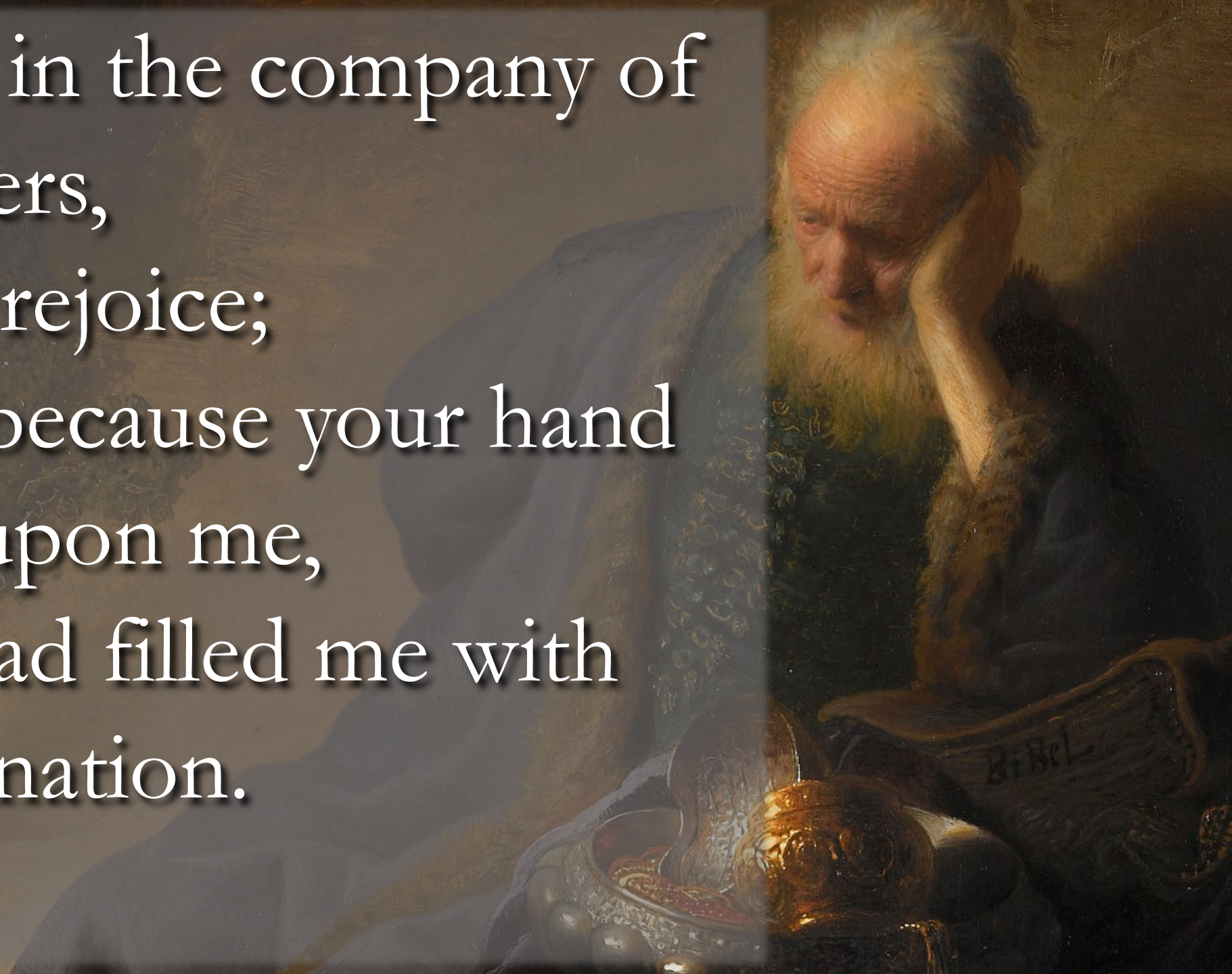
O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me
on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not
away;
know that for your sake I
bear reproach.



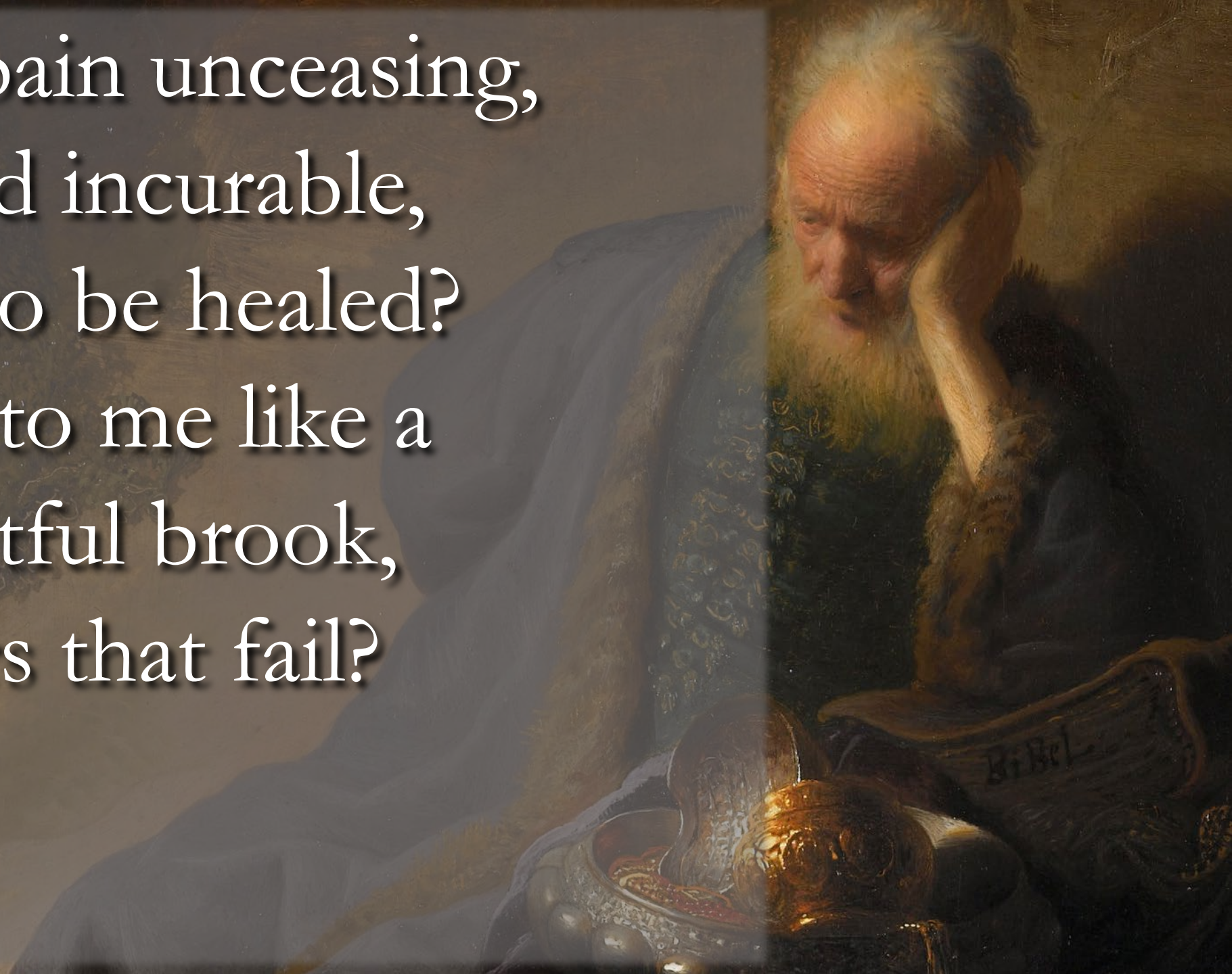
Your words were found, and I
ate them,
and your words became to
me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.



I did not sit in the company of
revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand
was upon me,
for you had filled me with
indignation.



Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a
deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?



Jeremiah's Prayer of Complaint



Jeremiah's Prayer of Complaint

□ Intimacy



Jeremiah's Prayer of Complaint

- Intimacy
- Urgency



Jeremiah's Prayer of Complaint

- ☐ Intimacy
- ☐ Urgency
- ☐ Loyalty



Jeremiah's Prayer of Complaint

- ☐ Intimacy
- ☐ Urgency
- ☐ Loyalty
- ☐ Loneliness



Jeremiah's Prayer of Complaint

- ❑ Intimacy
- ❑ Urgency
- ❑ Loyalty
- ❑ Loneliness
- ❑ Pain



Jeremiah's Prayer of Complaint

- ☐ Intimacy
- ☐ Urgency
- ☐ Loyalty
- ☐ Loneliness
- ☐ Pain
- ☐ Despair



Jeremiah's Prayer of Complaint



Jeremiah's Prayer of Complaint

- ❑ Wrestle in prayer before God



Jeremiah's Prayer of Complaint

- ❑ Wrestle in prayer before God
- ❑ Solitude with God ... regularly



Shooting Leaves One Dead at Seattle Pacific University



A shooting victim was taken from the scene in Seattle. Joshua Trujillo/seattlepi.com, via Associated Press

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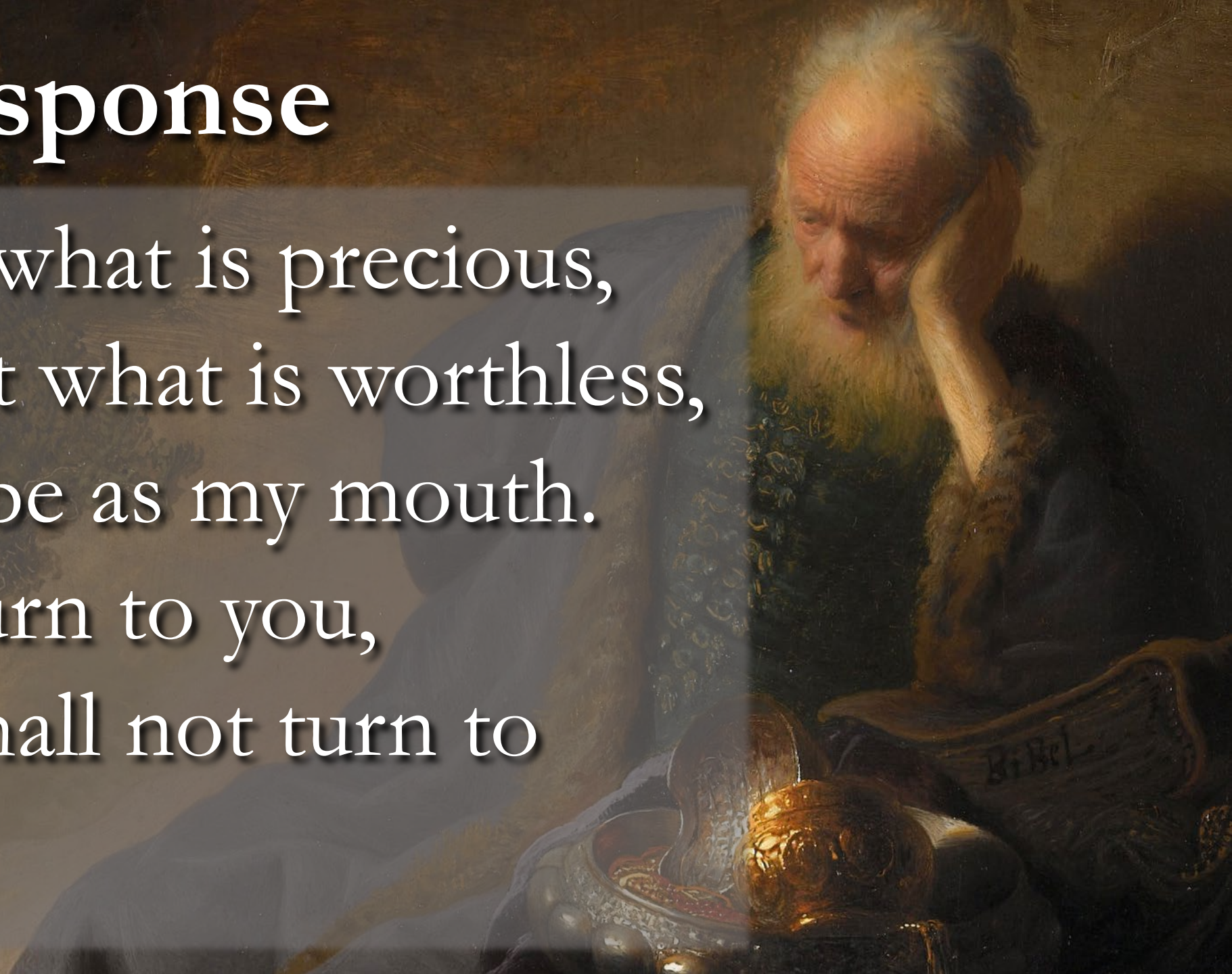
God's Response

Therefore thus says the Lord:
“If you return, I will restore
you,
and you shall stand before
me.



God's Response

If you utter what is precious,
and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to
them.



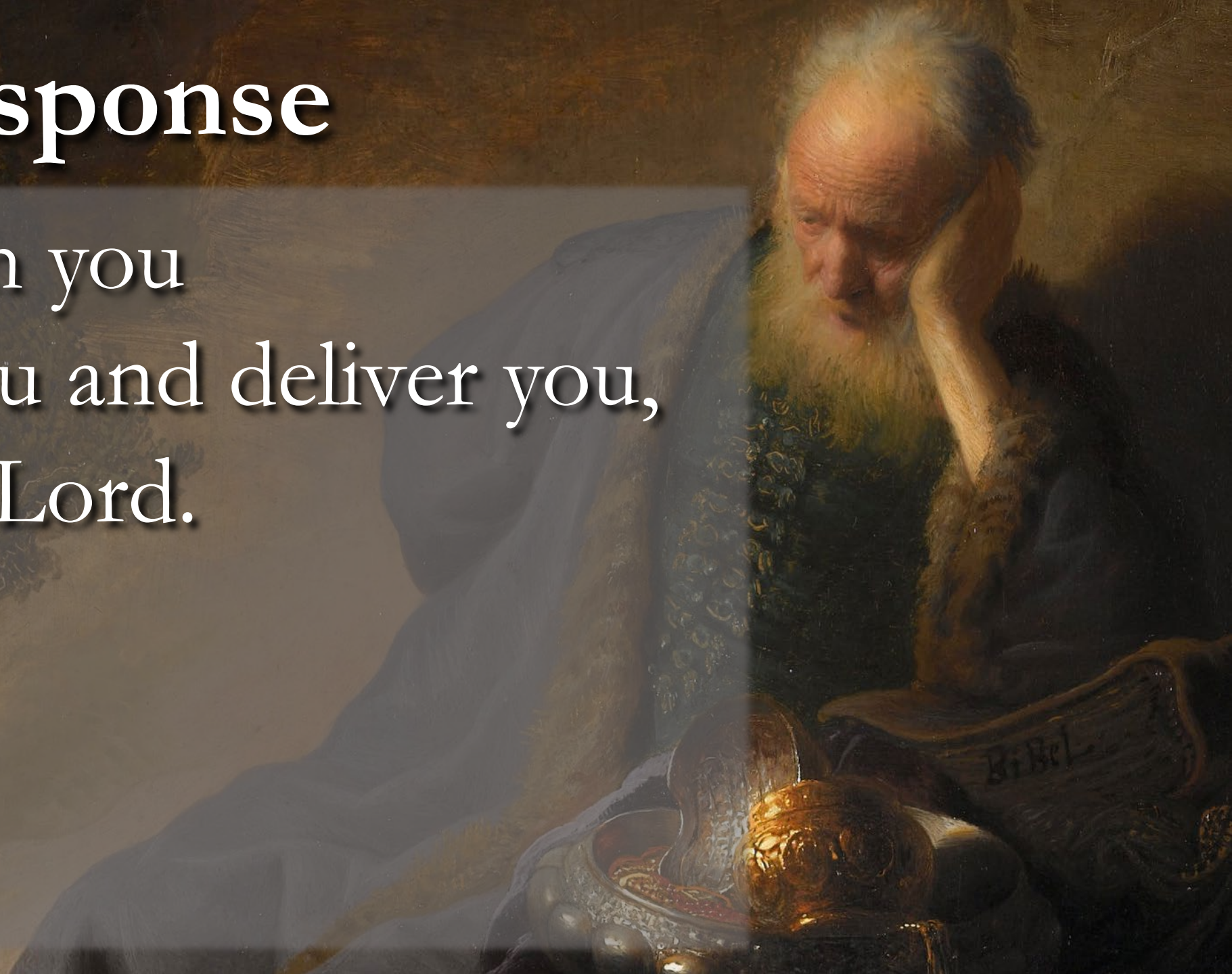
God's Response

And I will make you to this
people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over
you,



God's Response

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the Lord.

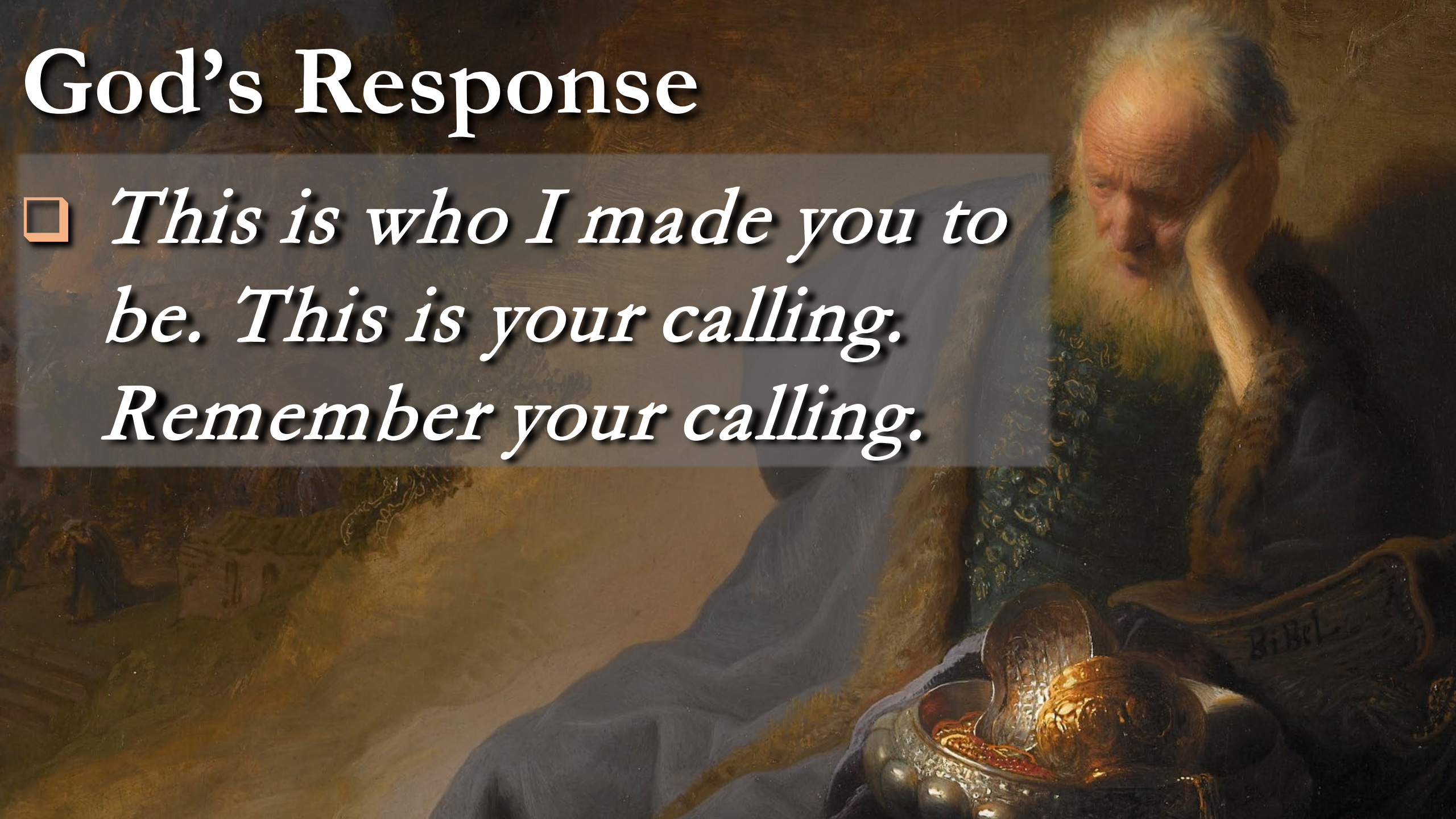


God's Response



God's Response

- *This is who I made you to be. This is your calling. Remember your calling.*



God's Response

- ❑ If you're going to *wrestle in prayer* before God, expect God to push back.



God's Response

- ❑ Solitude is also a place of refining, sharpening, sifting motives and surrendering the will to God.

