



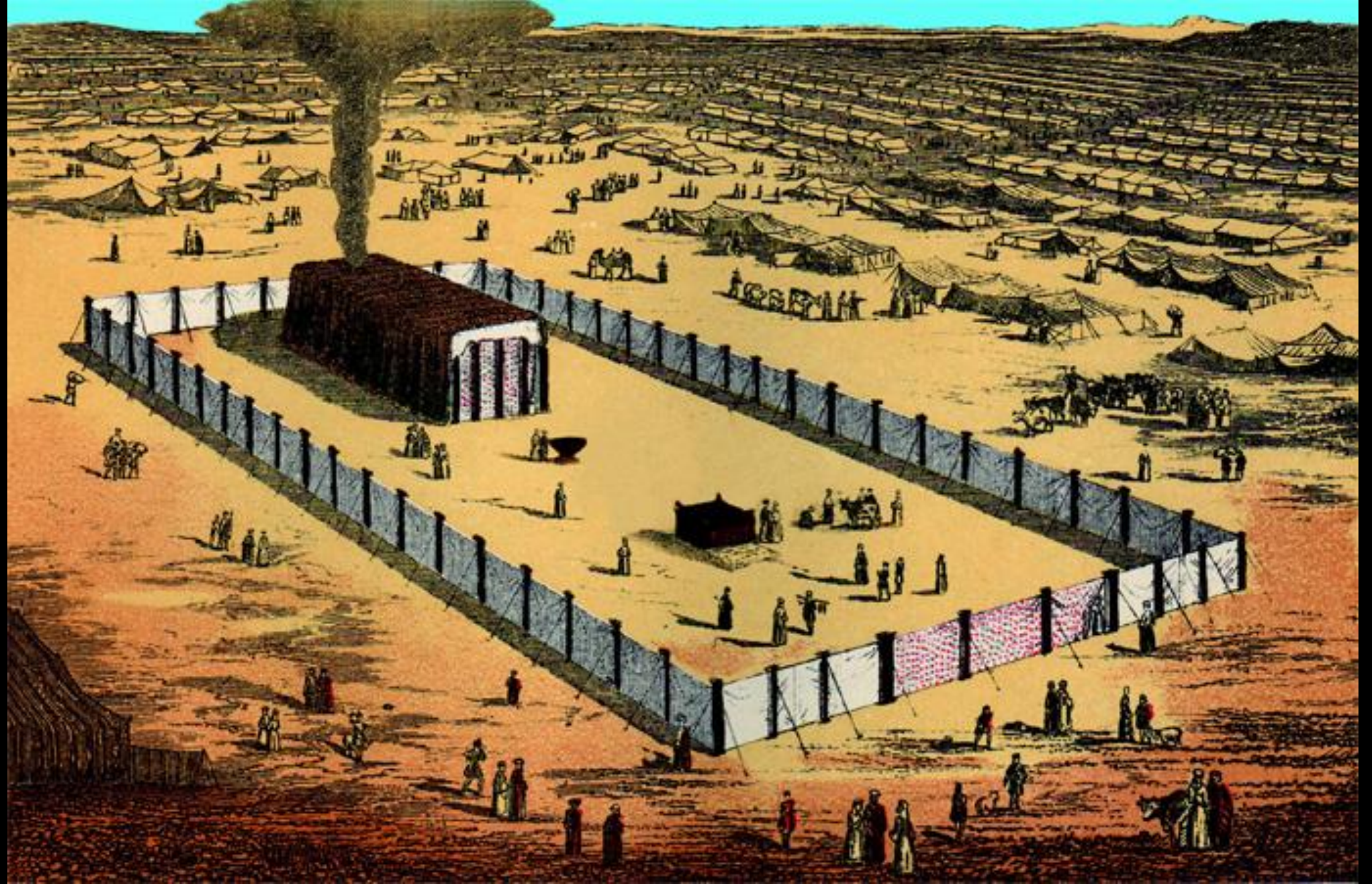
# **To What Are You Clinging?**

**(Hebrews 13:9-14)**

**The Whole Nine Yards, No. 7**

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## **Hebrews 13:11 (NIV)**

**The high priest carries  
the blood of animals  
into the Most Holy Place  
as a sin offering,  
but the bodies are burned outside the camp.**

# **Hebrews 13:12 (NIV)**

**And so Jesus  
also suffered  
outside the city gate  
to make the people holy  
through his own blood.**







# **Hebrews 13:13 (NIV)**

**Let us, then,  
go to him  
outside the camp,  
bearing the disgrace he bore.**

## **Hebrews 13:9 (NIV)**

**Do not be carried away by all kinds of  
strange teachings.**

**It is good for our hearts  
to be strengthened by grace,  
not by ceremonial foods,  
which are of no value  
to those who eat them.**



# Cling to Jesus...

**1. because he is gracious**

**2.**

**3.**

# Mark Twain

**“Heaven goes by favor.  
If it went by merit,  
you would stay out  
and your dog would go in!”**



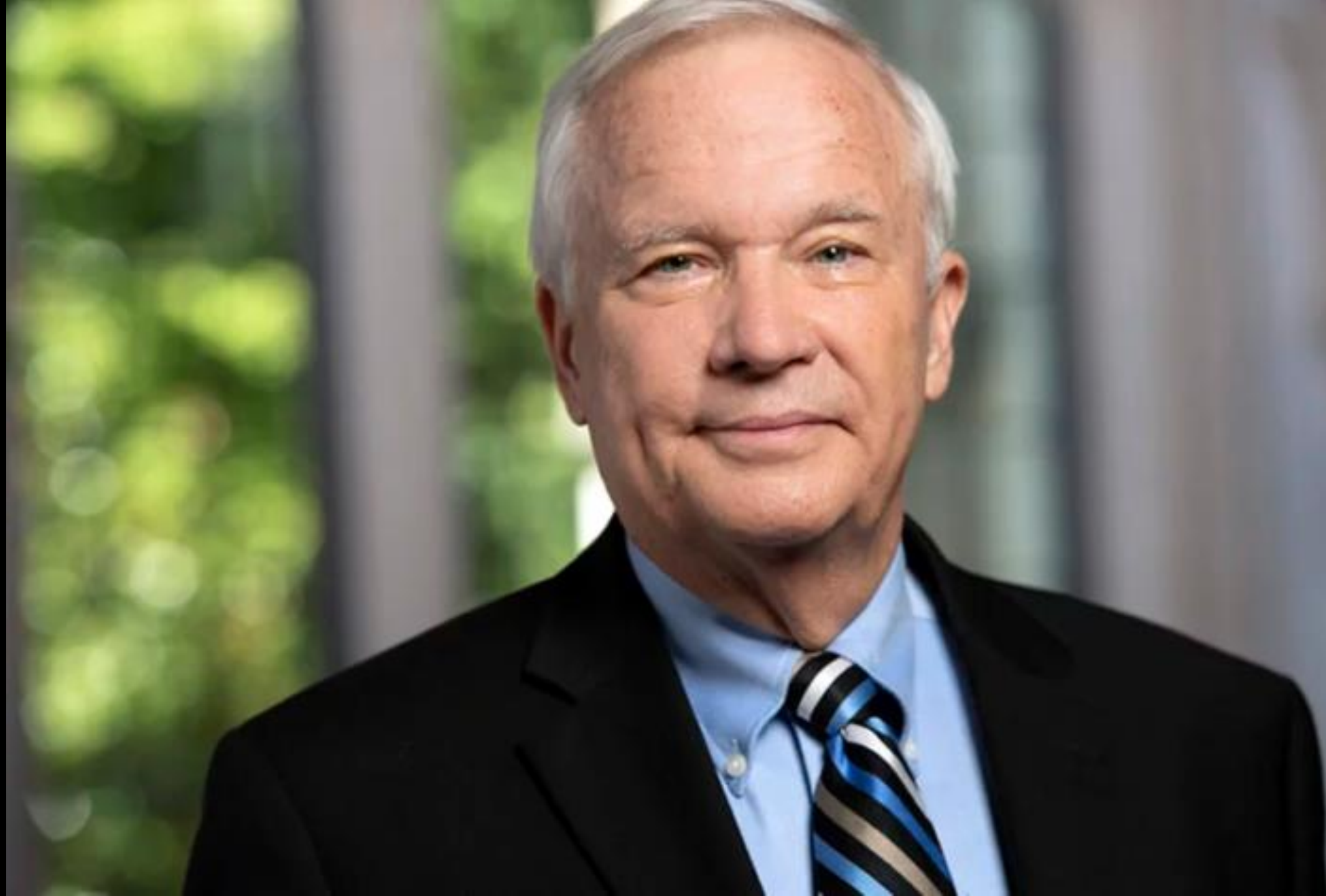
## **Ephesians 2:8–9 (NIV)**

**For it is by grace  
you have been saved,  
through faith—  
and this not from yourselves,  
it is the gift of God—  
<sup>9</sup>not by works,  
so that no one can boast.**

# **Hebrews 13:10 (NIV)**

**We have an altar  
from which those who minister  
at the tabernacle  
have no right to eat.**





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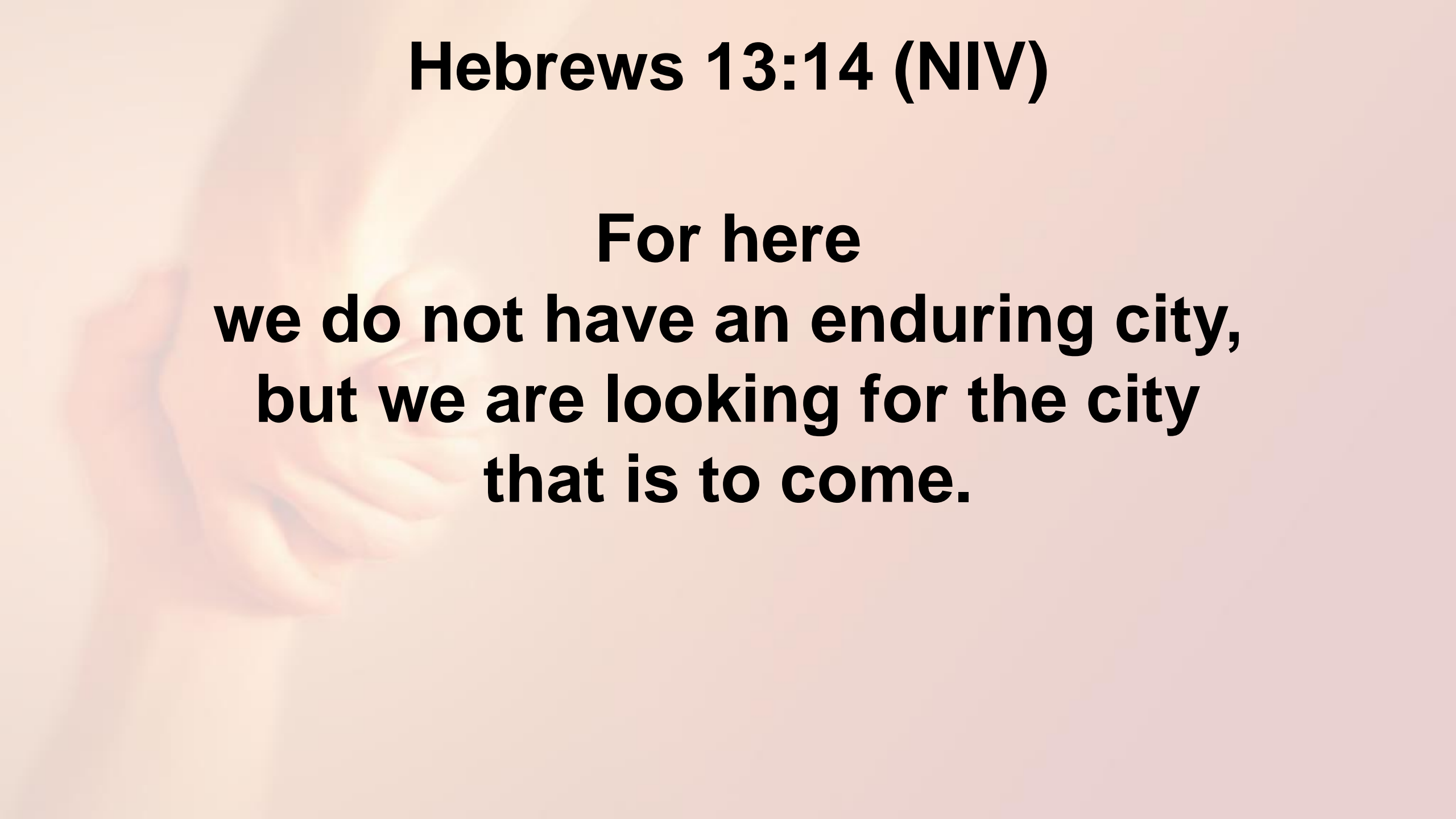
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# Hebrews 13:14 (NIV)

**For here  
we do not have an enduring city,  
but we are looking for the city  
that is to come.**

## **Hebrews 11:10 (NIV)**

**For he was looking forward to the city  
with foundations,  
whose architect and builder is God.**

## **Hebrews 12:22a (NIV)**

**But you have come to Mount Zion,  
to the heavenly Jerusalem,  
the city of the living God.**

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# *Ozymandias*

**And on the pedestal these words appear:**

**“My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:  
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!”  
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay  
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare  
The lone and level sands stretch far away.**

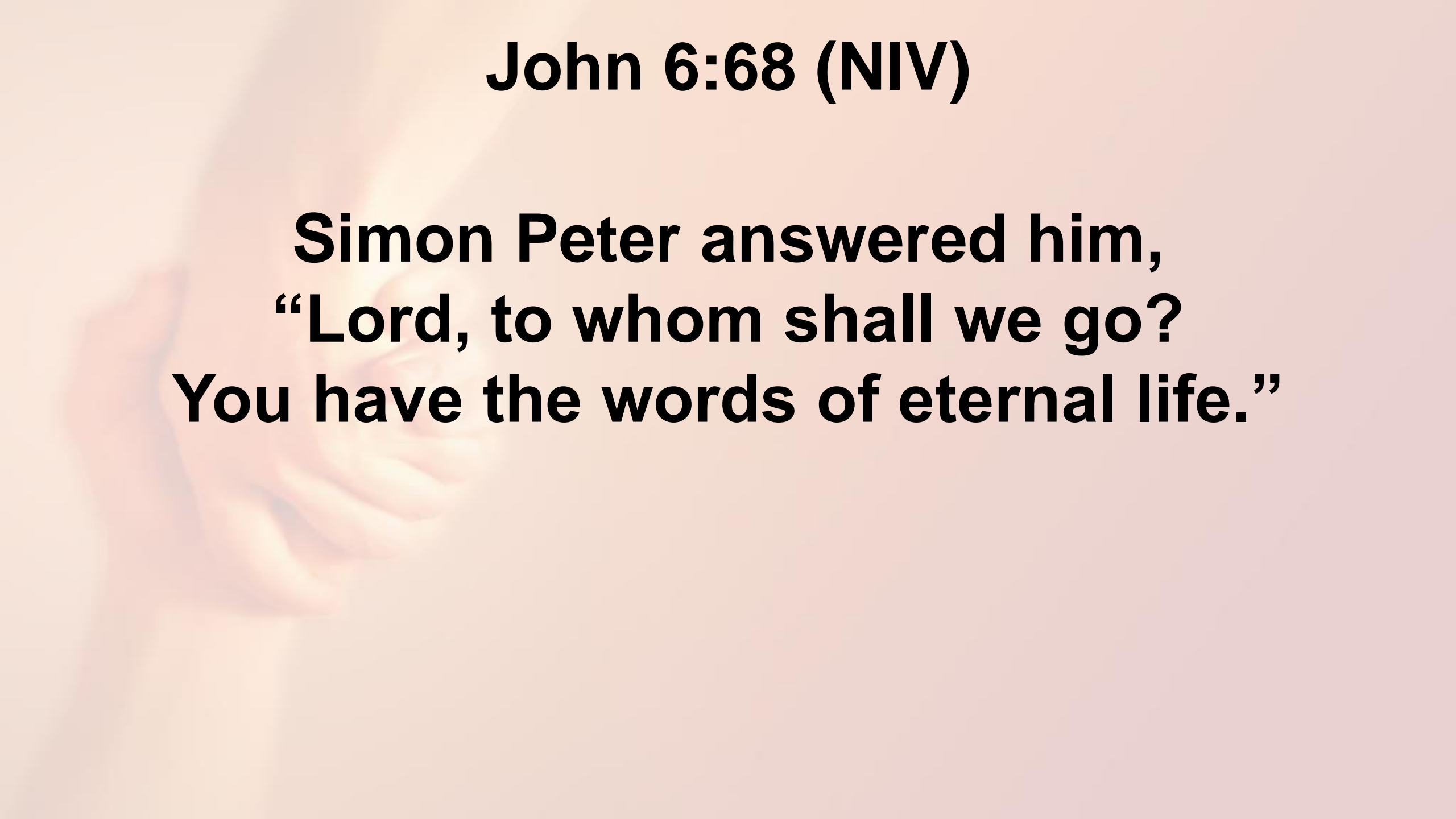
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## **John 6:66–67 (NIV)**

**From this time  
many of his disciples turned back  
and no longer followed him.**

**<sup>67</sup>“You do not want to leave too, do you?”  
Jesus asked the Twelve.**



## **John 6:68 (NIV)**

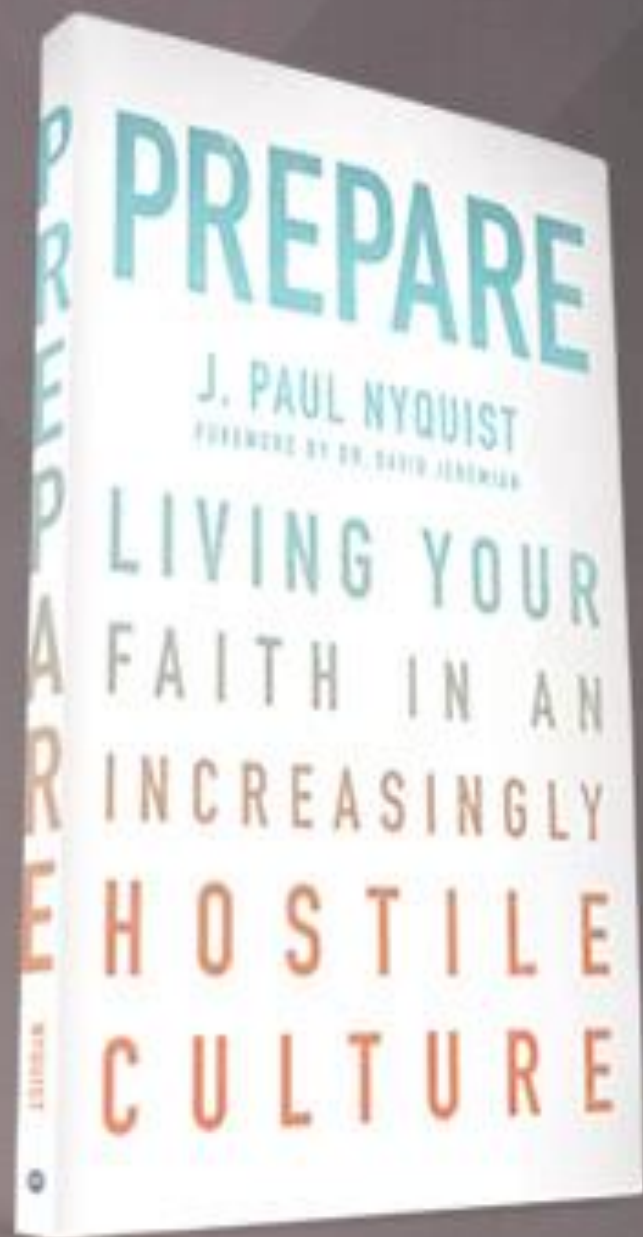
**Simon Peter answered him,  
“Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.”**

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# **J. Paul Nyquist**

**The nation's culture war is over,  
Christians have lost,  
and persecution is on its way:**

**“Christians are being ordered to leave the  
room and take their Bible talk with them.”**

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**...persecution is the norm for Christianity:  
The World Evangelical Fellowship estimates  
200 million Christians live under daily threat  
of imprisonment or torture.**



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# **Cardinal Francis George,**

**“It is likely that I will die in my bed.  
My successor will die in prison.  
His successor will die executed in the public  
square.  
His successor will pick up the shards of a  
ruined society and slowly help rebuild  
civilization,  
as the church has done so often in human  
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