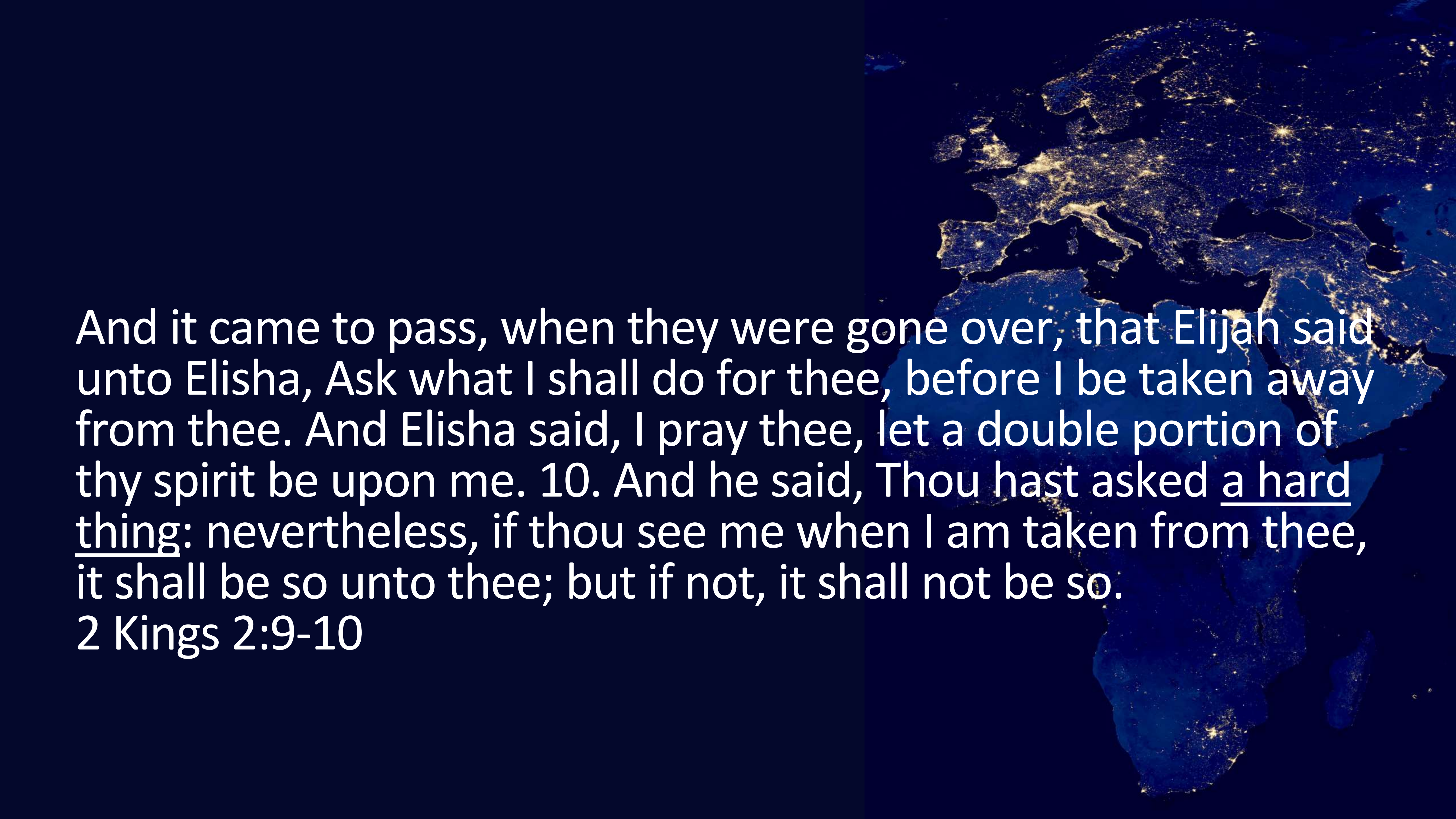


A satellite view of Earth at night, showing city lights and a blue-tinted atmosphere. The text "Working a Hard Field" is overlaid in white.

Working a Hard Field






And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

2 Kings 2:9-10





John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.



2 Sam 7: 1 And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies; 2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

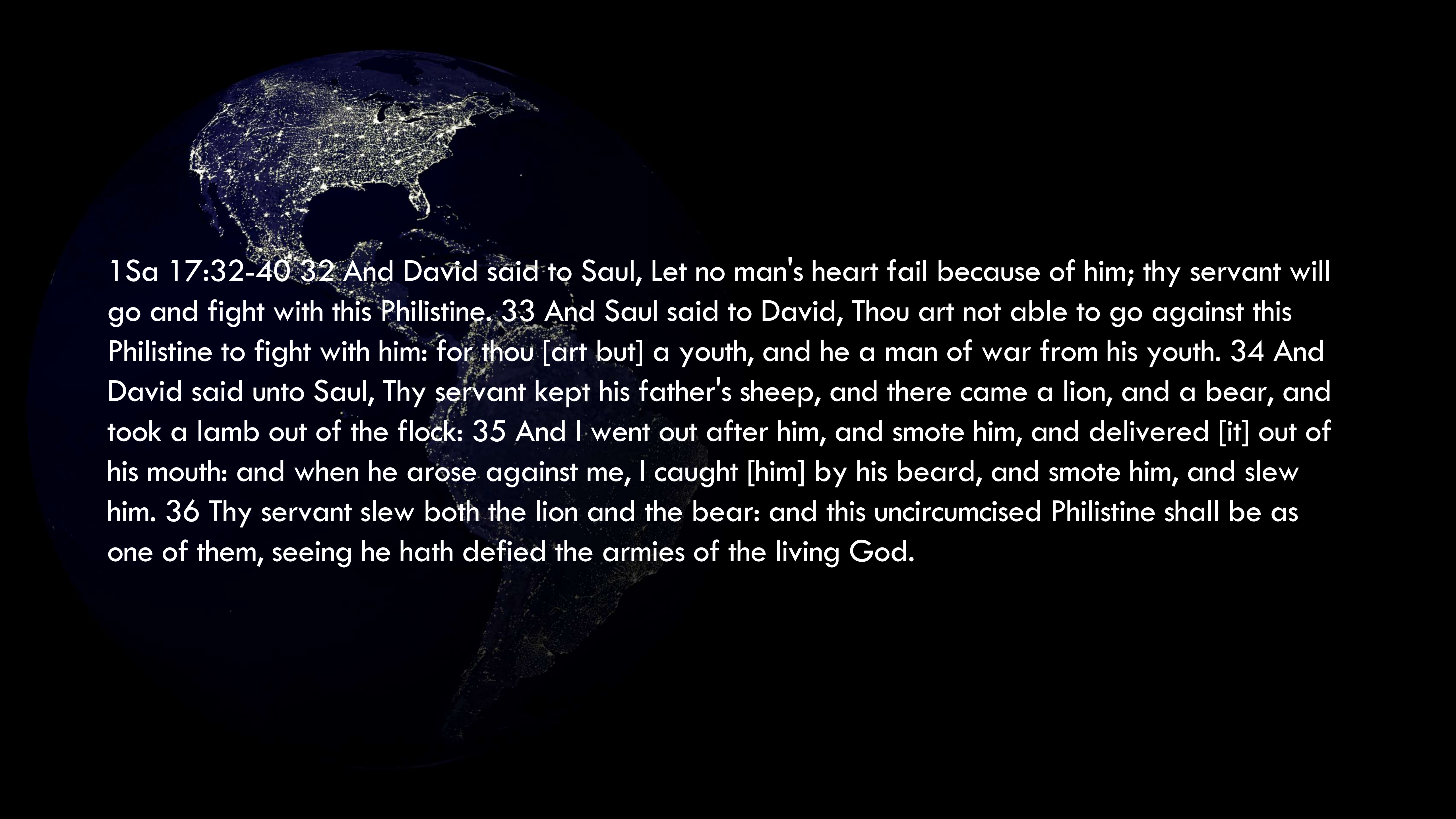






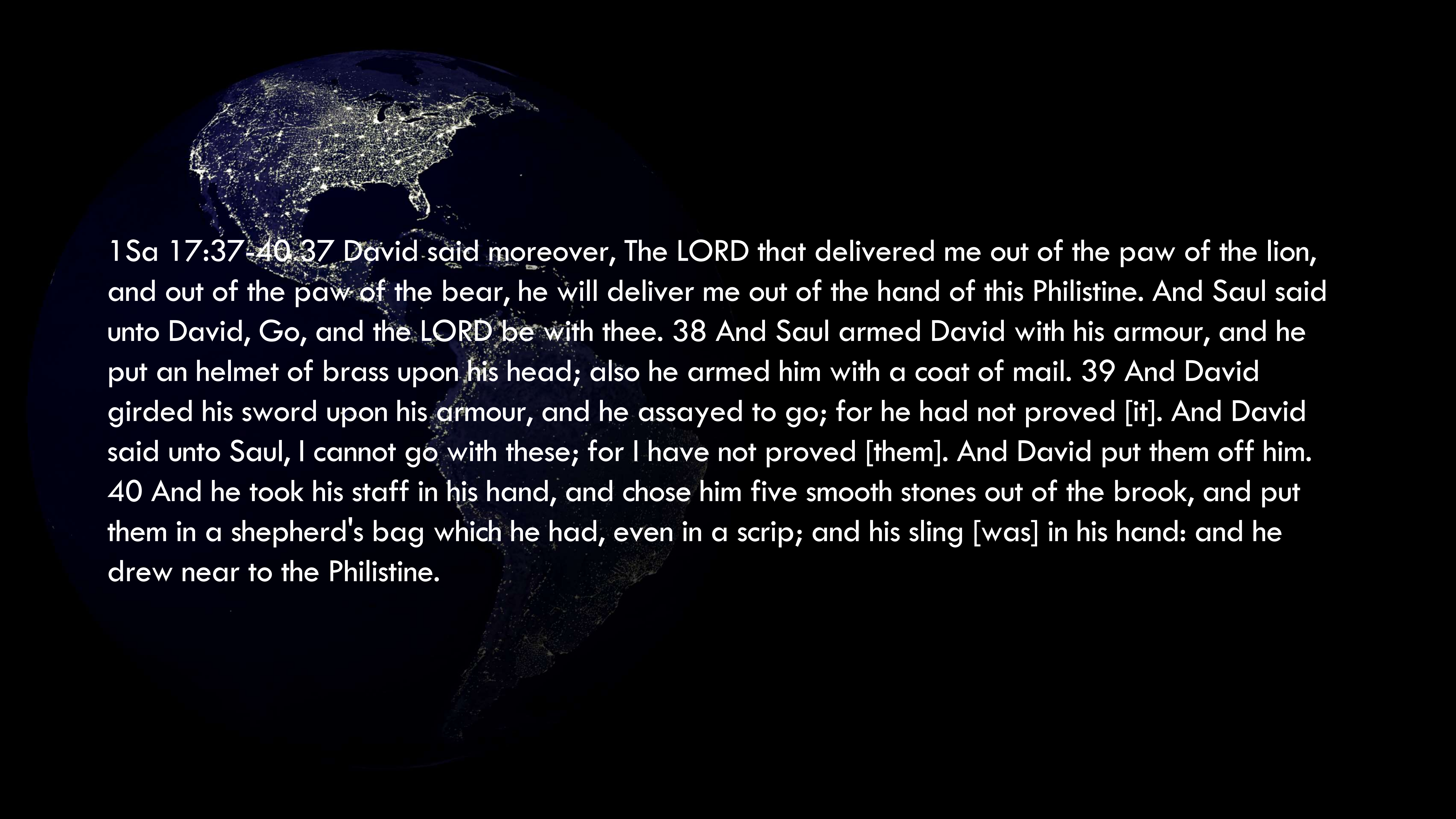
✦ A call to missions is a call to preparation





1Sa 17:32-40 32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou [art but] a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. 34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: 35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered [it] out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught [him] by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. 36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.





1Sa 17:37-40. 37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee. 38 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. 39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved [it]. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved [them]. And David put them off him. 40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling [was] in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.





Why fight a giant?

1. God is with me

2. Proven



# What Does it Take to Plow a Hard Field?

1. Practice in an easier field

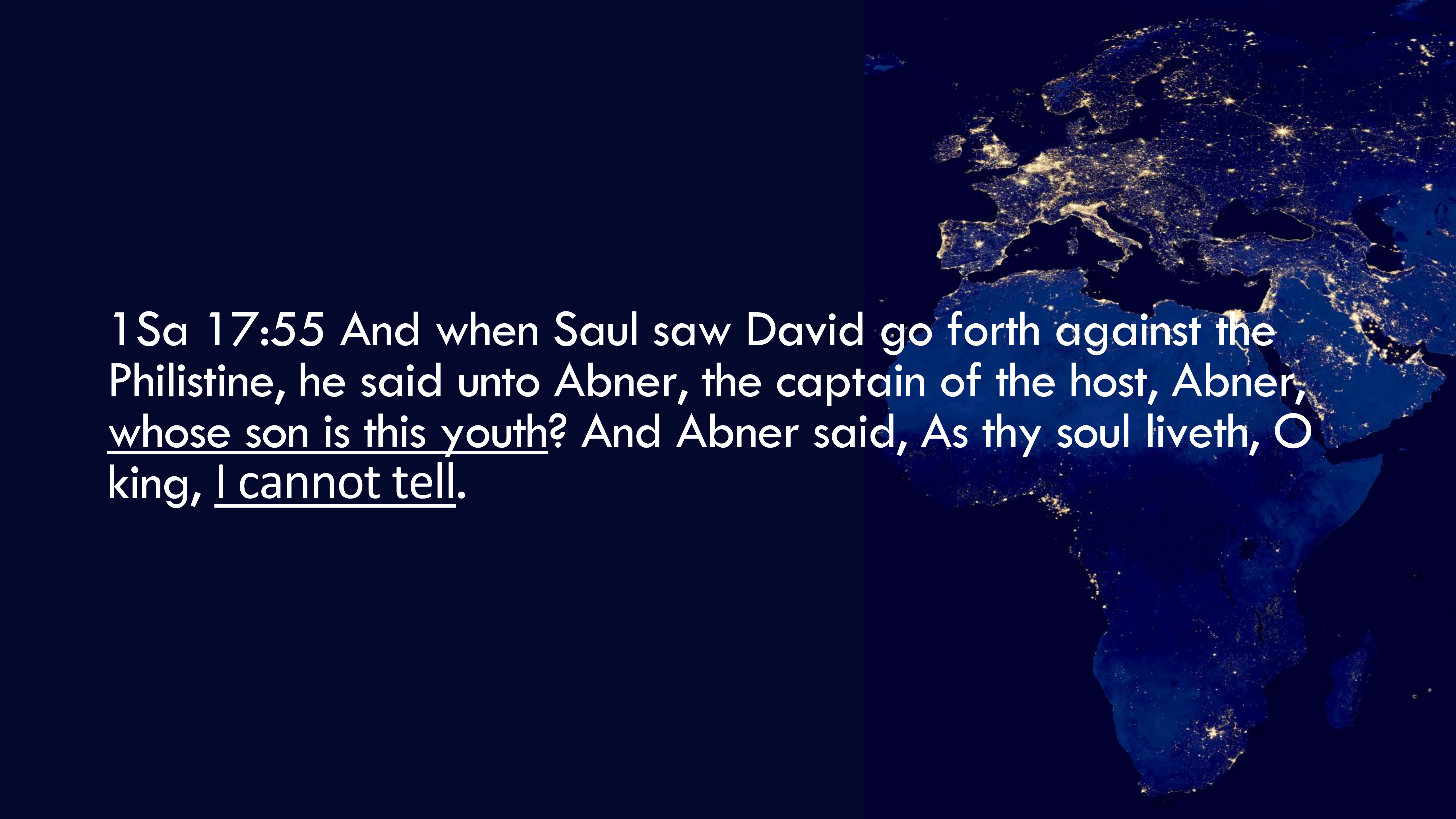


# Why 5 Stones?

1. Endurance will be tested
2. Preparation will be tested
3. Discernment will be tested
4. Faith will be tested







1Sa 17:55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.



# What Will I Give Up to Plow a Hard Field?

1. My plans, hopes and timeline
2. My body





# What Will I Give Up to Plow a Hard Field?

1. My plans, hopes and timeline

2. My body

3. My reputation








SoS 2:4 He brought me to the  
banqueting house, and his  
banner over me was love.



A night sky filled with stars and constellations, with a large, dark, irregular shape in the foreground. The stars are bright yellow and white, set against a dark blue and black background. The dark shape in the foreground is a large, irregular, dark silhouette that appears to be a map or a constellation outline, possibly representing a celestial body or a specific constellation. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Satan wants you to be content with  
less than God has promised



# What Will I Give Up to Plow a Hard Field?

1. My plans, hopes and timeline

2. My body

3. My reputation

4. My future



# What Does it Take to Plow a Hard Field?

1. Practice in an easier field
2. Loving a hard people
3. Not having a home

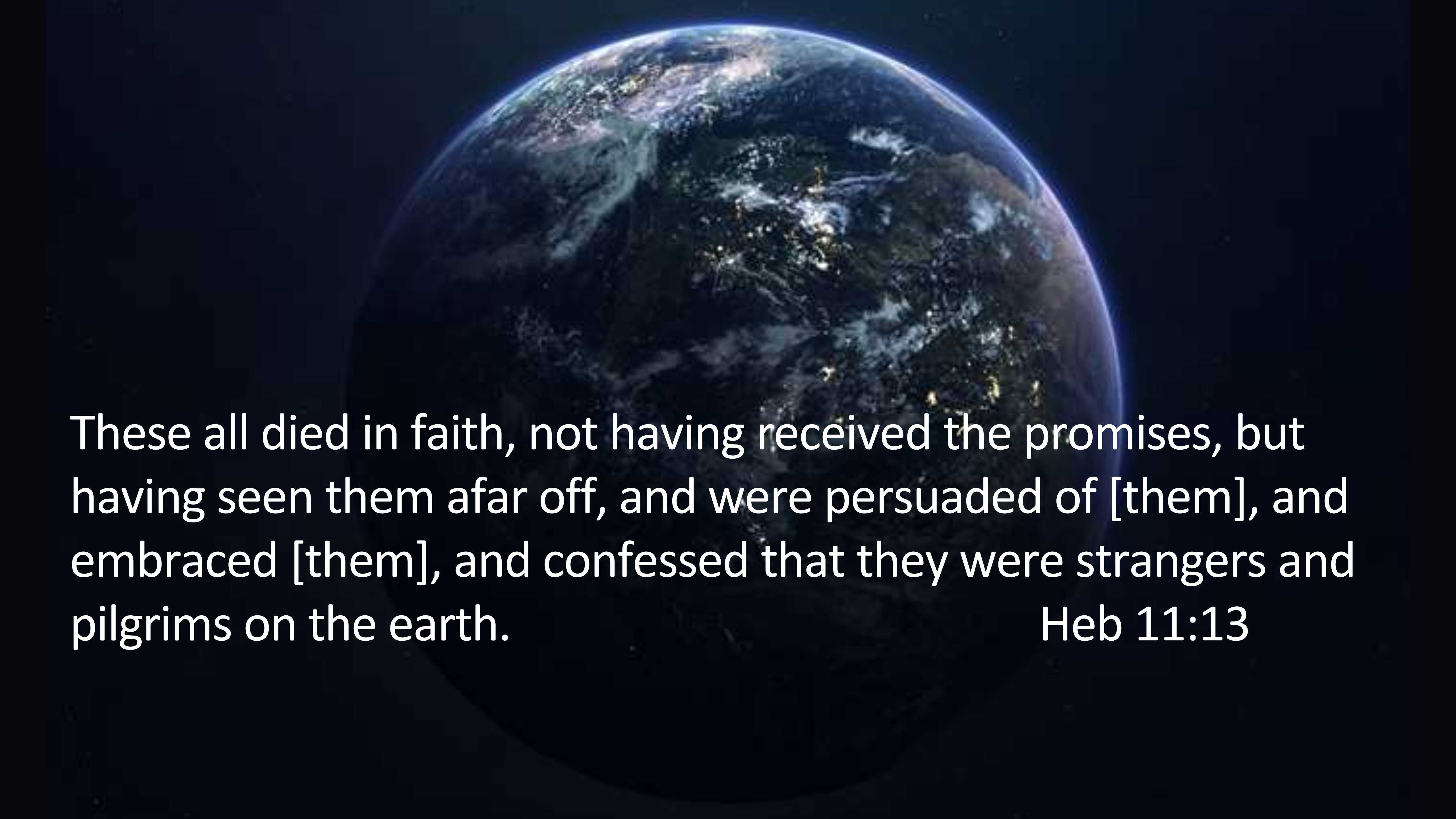












These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of [them], and embraced [them], and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Heb 11:13





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