

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric photograph of a city street at night. The street is lined with tall buildings, and some streetlights are visible. Overlaid on the left side of the image is a network of glowing blue hexagons connected by thin lines. Inside several of these hexagons are white line-art icons representing various religious and spiritual concepts: an open book, a dove, a hand, a cross, and a person in prayer.

True Worship

Book of Job:

God is worthy of worship





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Matthew 15:8-9

What is Worship?

Why Worship?

How to Worship?



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Worth-ship







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Worth-ship

**Ascribing, displaying, or proclaiming the
worth and value of someone or something**

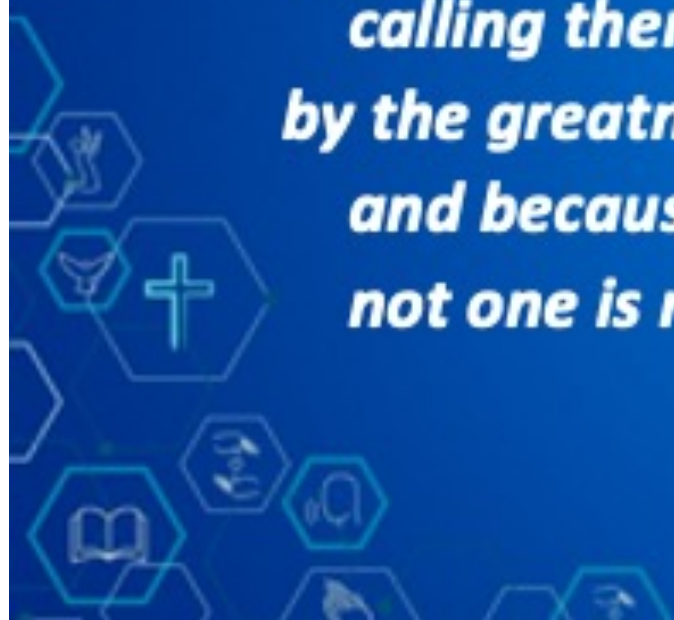


What is the worth of God?



***"To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name;
by the greatness of his might
and because he is strong in power,
not one is missing."***

Isaiah 40:25-26



“And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, **“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,** who was and is and is to come!”

Revelation 4:8



True Worship vs Vain Worship?



Worship

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Latreia



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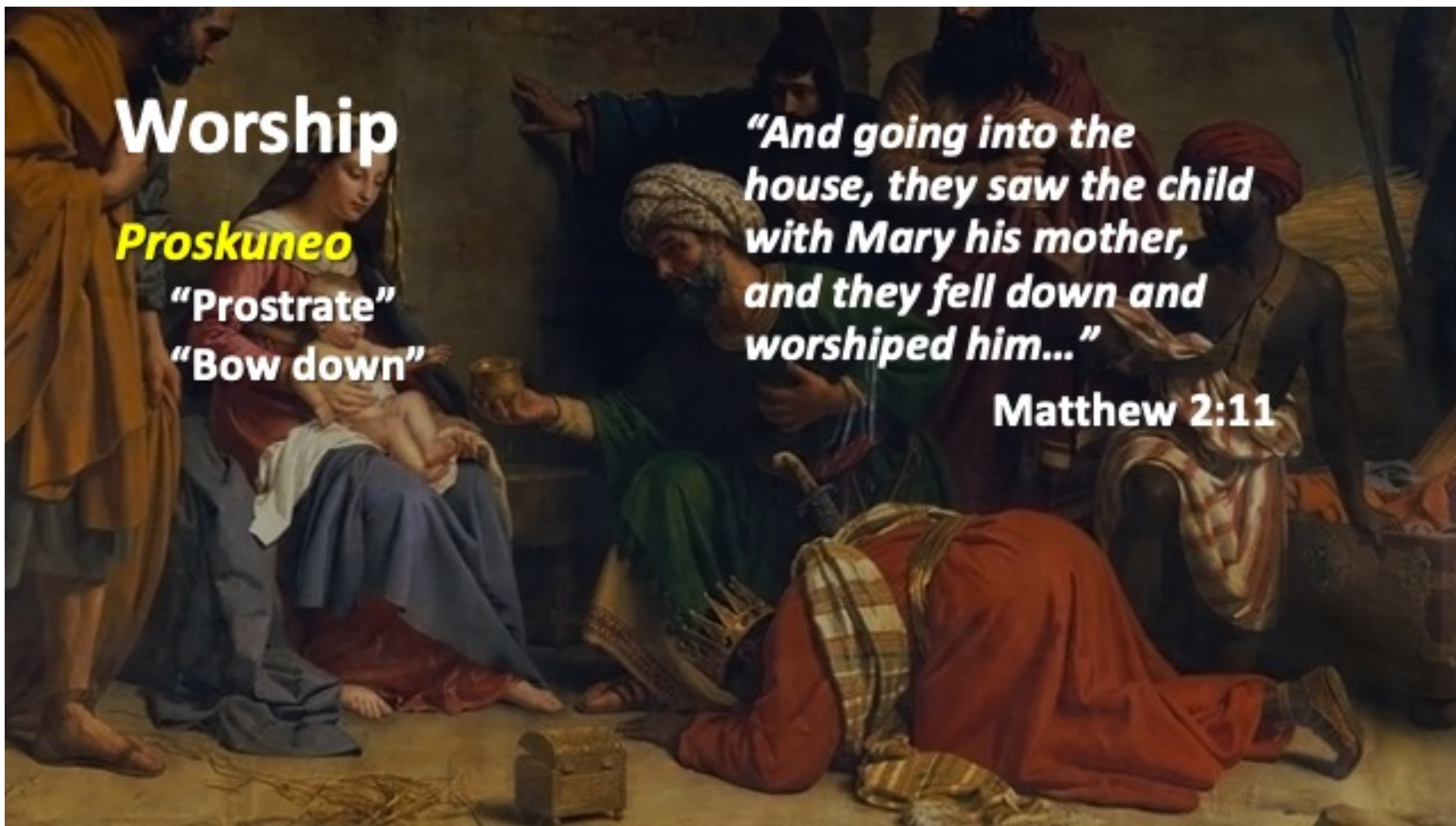
Proskuneo

“Prostrate”

“Bow down”

“And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him...”

Matthew 2:11



Worship

Proskuneo

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Posture of the heart, not merely expression of the body.

It describes the heart posture of valuing or treasuring God above all things



1st Commandment



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"And God spoke all these words, saying,

'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You shall have no other gods before me..."

Exodus 20:1-3



Worship

Latreia

“Priestly service”

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your **spiritual worship**.”

Romans 12:1



True Worship

Proskuneo

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True worship is the ***heart posture*** of valuing and treasuring
God above all things,

Expressed as ***outward praise and adoration,***

And a life of ***obedience and service to God.***



What is Vain Worship?

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"Sin is not just doing bad things. It is putting good things in the place of God."

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**"What a friend we
have in Jesus"**



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Human beings are made for worship



***“There is no such thing as not worshiping.
Everybody worships.
The only choice we get is **what to worship.**”***



Why Worship **God**?



“If you worship money and things, then you will never have enough, never feel you have enough.

Worship your body and beauty and sexual allure and you will always feel ugly. And when time and age start showing, you will die a million deaths before they finally grieve you...”



***“...Worship power, you will end up feeling weak and afraid,
and you will need ever more power over others to numb
you to your own fear.***

***Worship your intellect, being seen as smart, you will end up
feeling stupid, a fraud, always on the verge of being found
out.”***



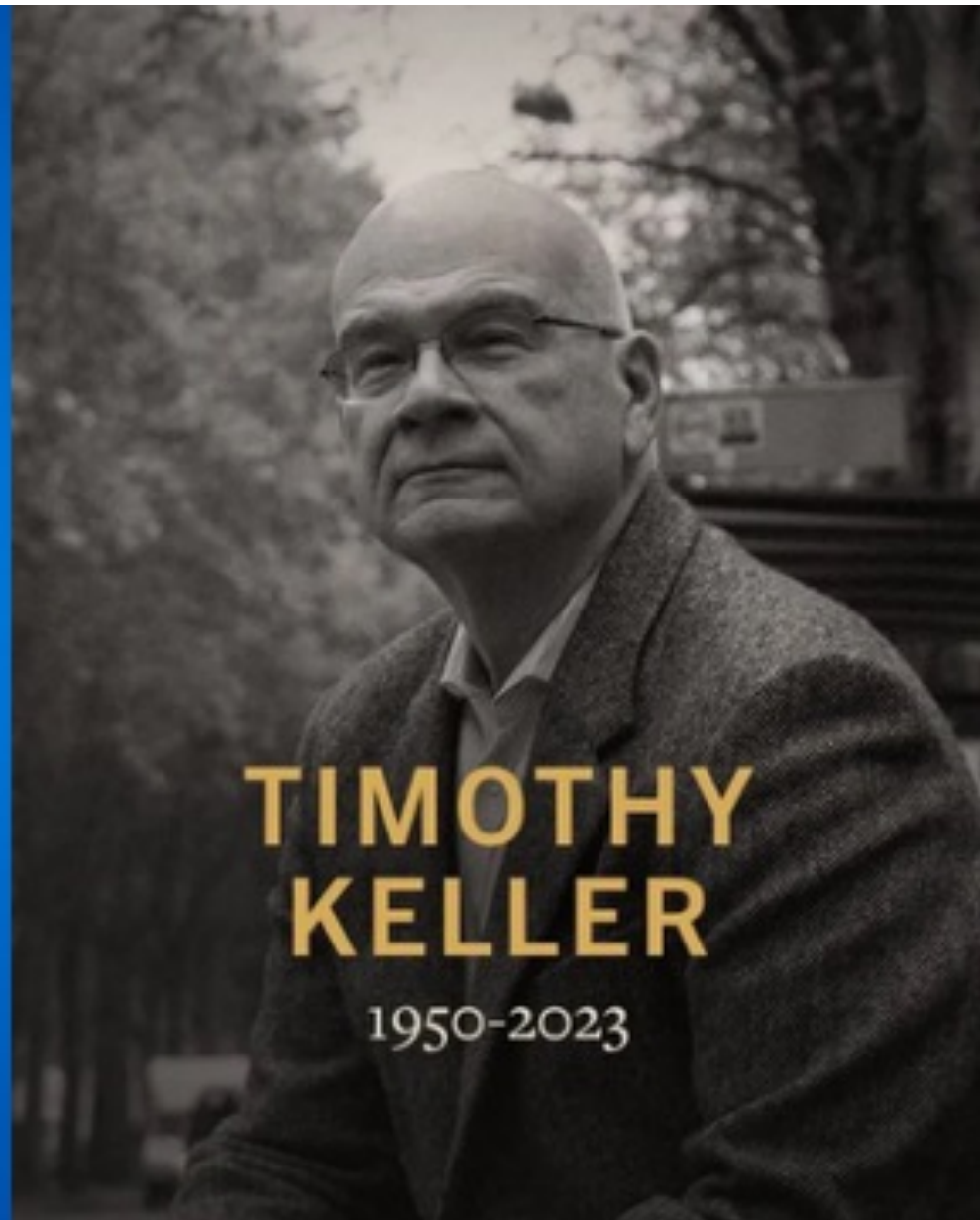
***"So why do we need to
worship God? Because we're
going to worship something,
and anything else but the
real God will distort our
lives.***

***He's the one God who
forgives you.***

***He's the only God who died
for you."***

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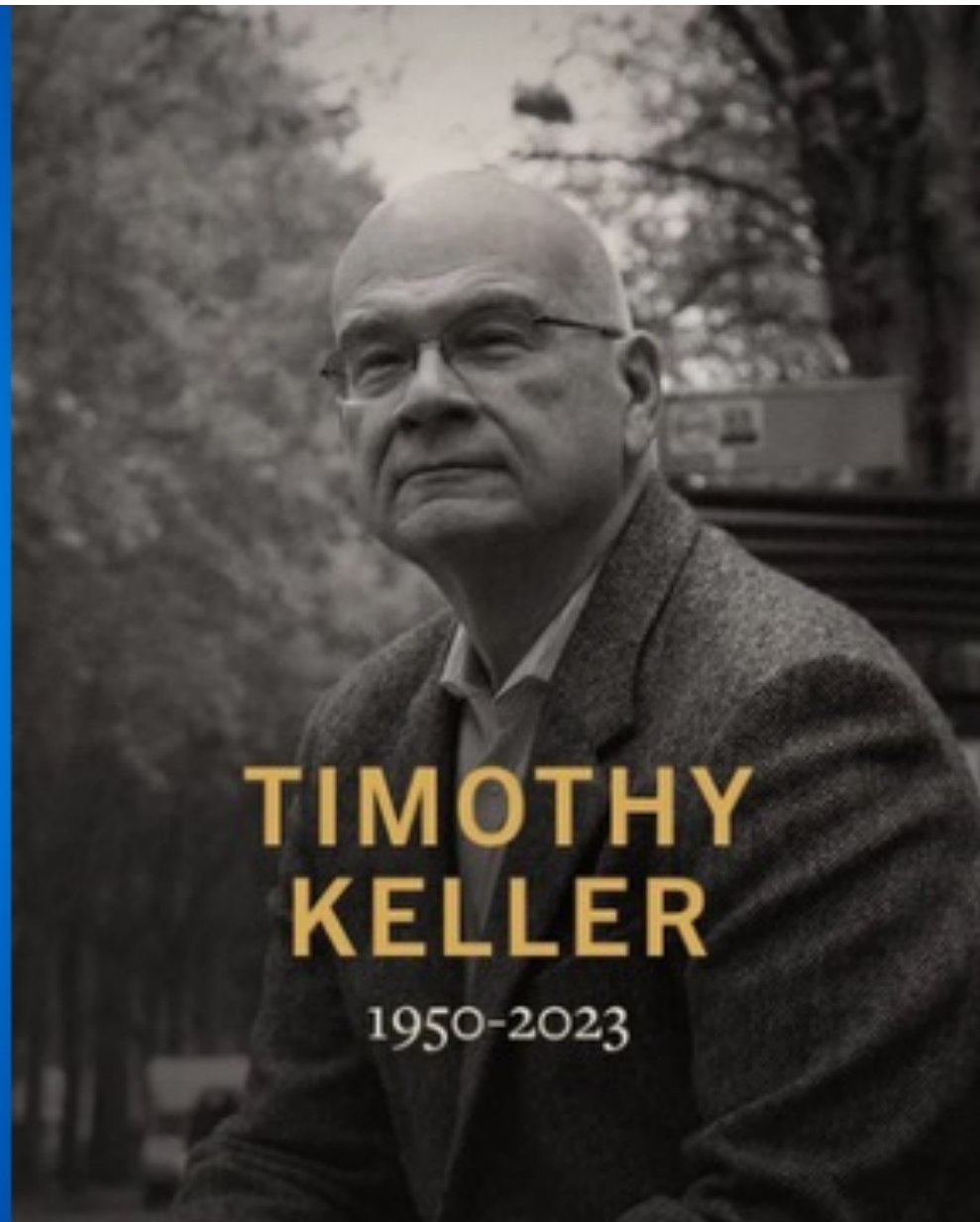
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"To change people most profoundly, we must change what we worship. Thinking, arguments, and beliefs are crucial as means of moving the heart, but ultimately we are what we adore. We are what captures our imagination, what leads us to praise and to compel others to praise it..."

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"Our inordinate anger, anxiety, and discouragement result from disordered loves... What can re-engineer our very inner being, the structure of our personality? What can create healthy human community? Worship and adoration of God."

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*"Oh come, let **us** worship and bow down;
let **us** kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"*

Psalm 95:6



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“And **they** devoted **themselves** to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Acts 2:42



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Corporate Worship



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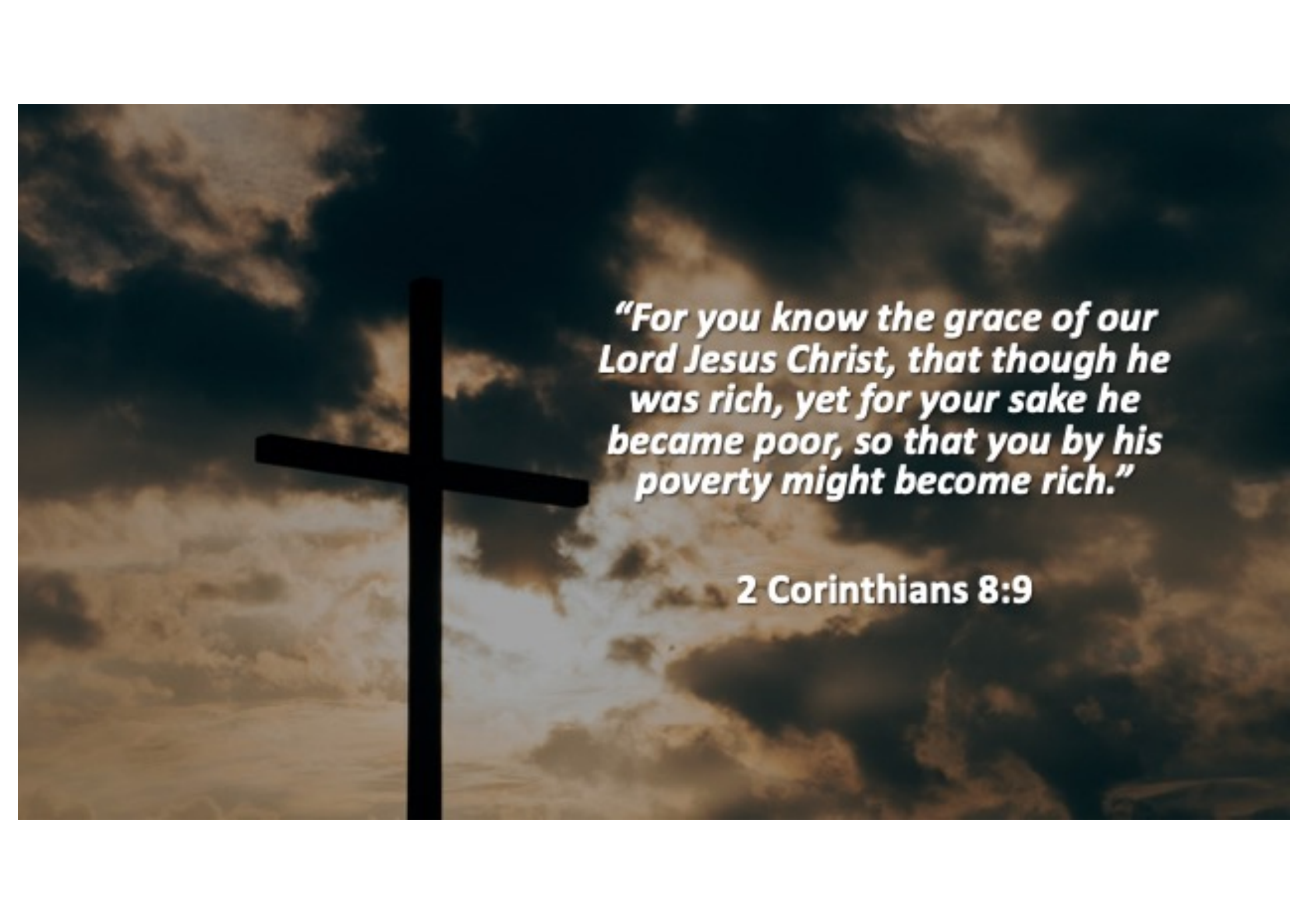
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

*in whom the **whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.***

*In him you also are being built together **into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.***

Ephesians 2:19-22



"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."

2 Corinthians 8:9