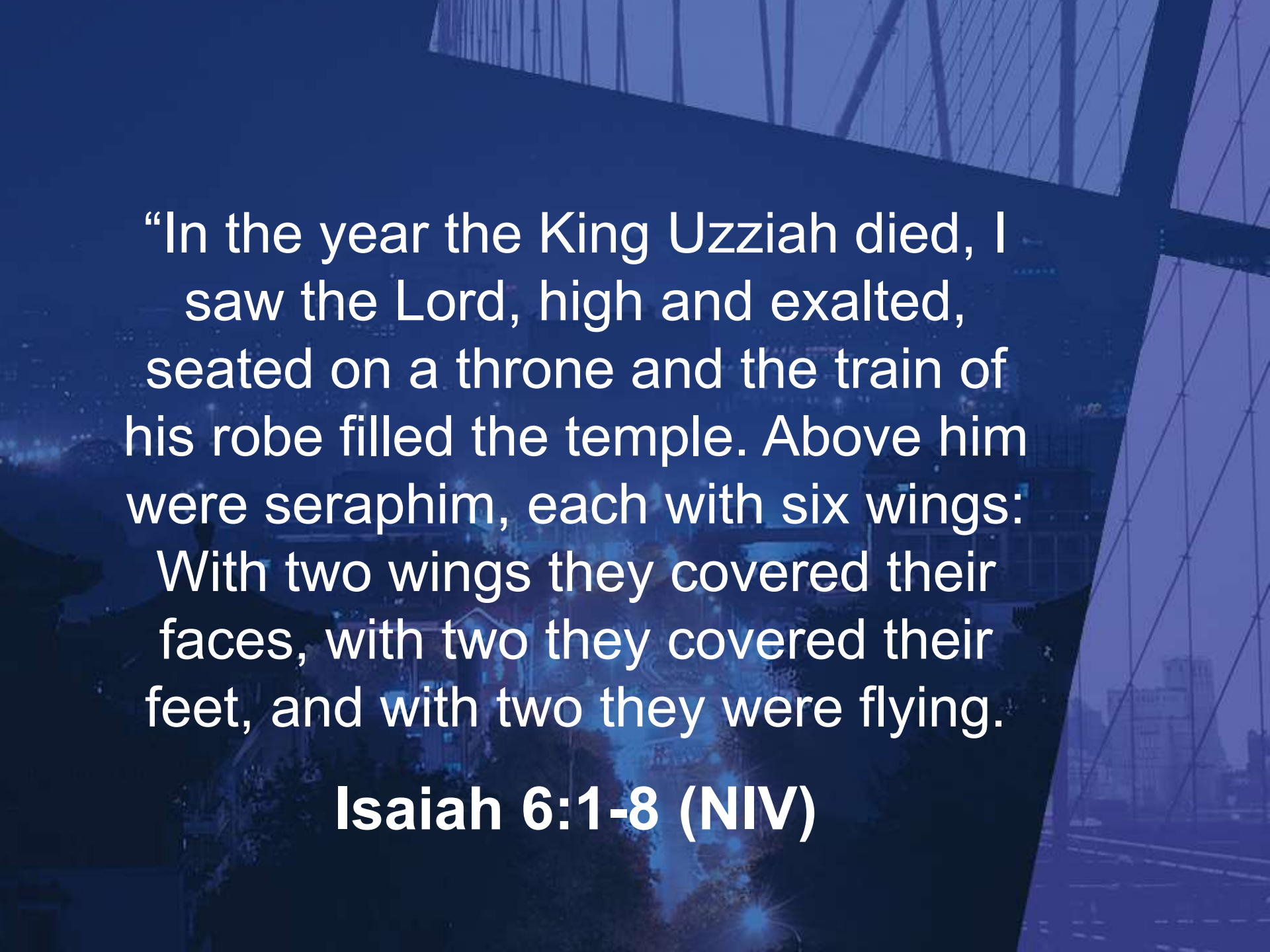


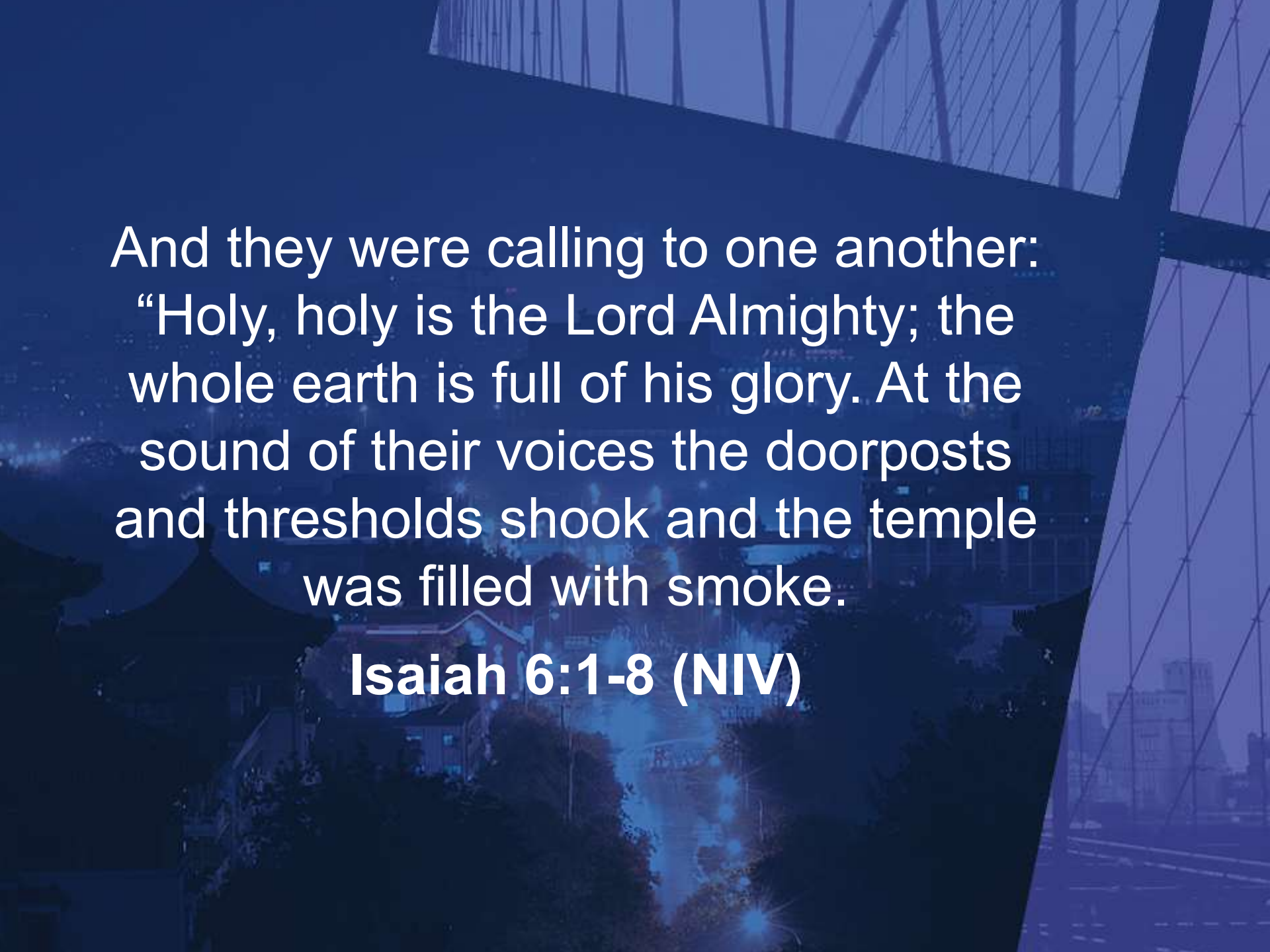


the year the king died
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“In the year the King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV)



And they were calling to one another:
“Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the
whole earth is full of his glory. At the
sound of their voices the doorposts
and thresholds shook and the temple
was filled with smoke.

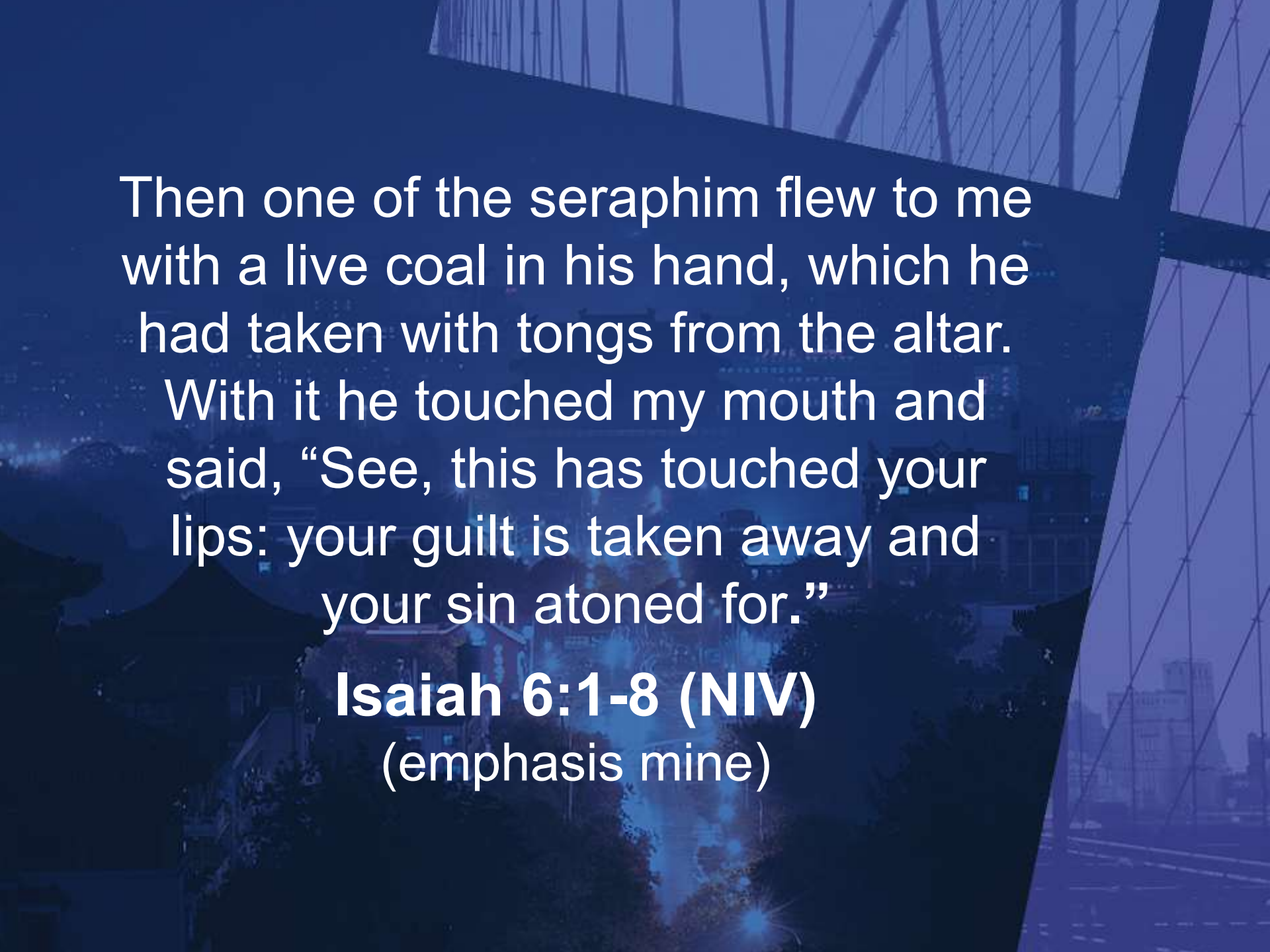
Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV)

**“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined!
For I am a man of unclean lips,
and I live among a people of
unclean lips, and my eyes have
seen the king, the Lord Almighty”.**

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV)
(emphasis mine)

**Then I heard the voice of the Lord
saying, “Whom shall I send? And
who will go for us?” And I said,
“Here I am, send me!”**

**Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV)
(emphasis mine)**



Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips: your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV)
(emphasis mine)

**others in Scripture had also seen
God's throne, example:**

Michaiah (1 Kings 22:19)

Job (Job 26:9)

David (Psalm 9:4 and 7, 11:4)

The sons of Korah (Psalm 45:6, 47:8)

Ethan the Ezrahite (Psalm 89:14)

Jeremiah (Lamentations 5:19)

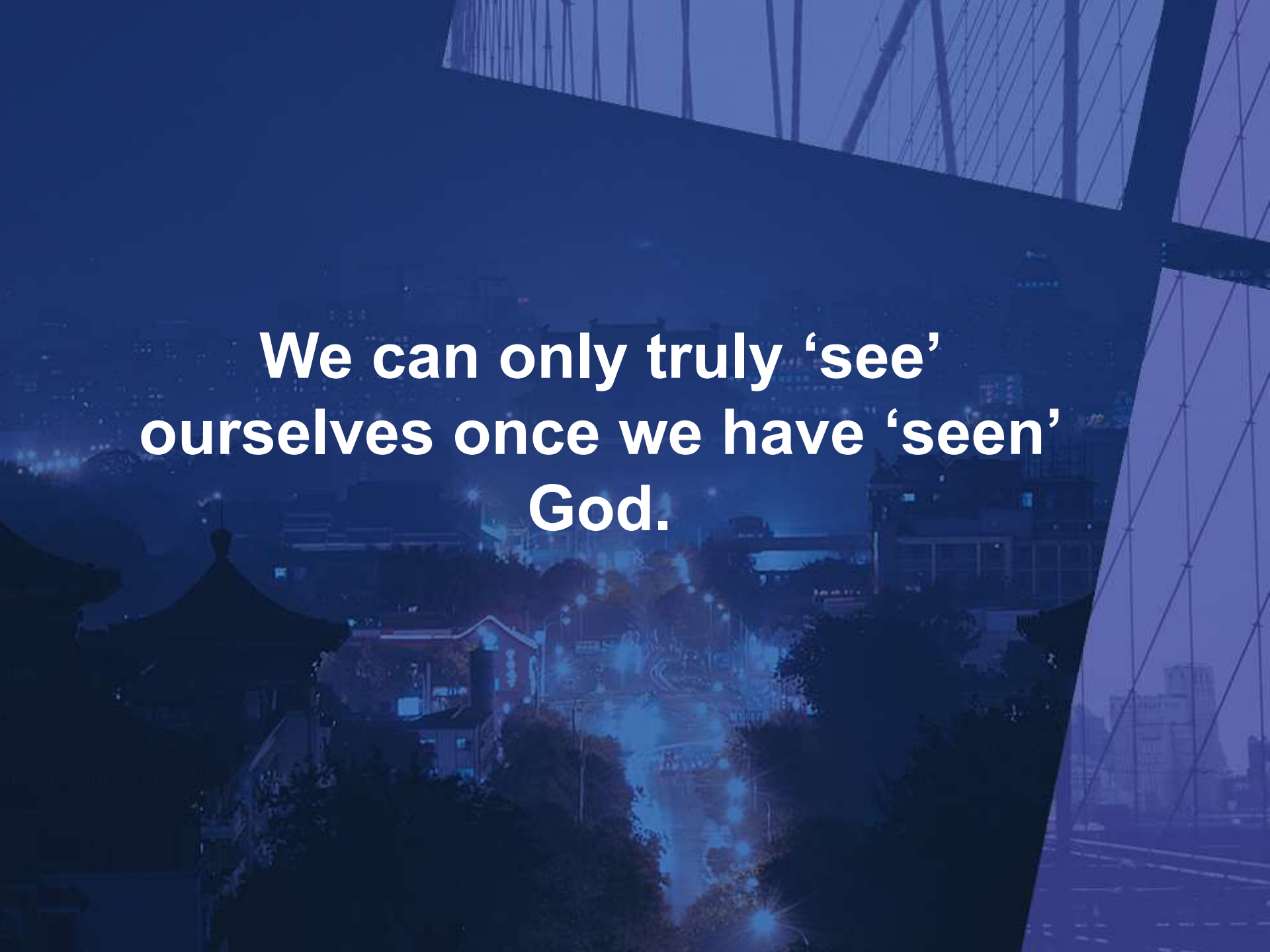
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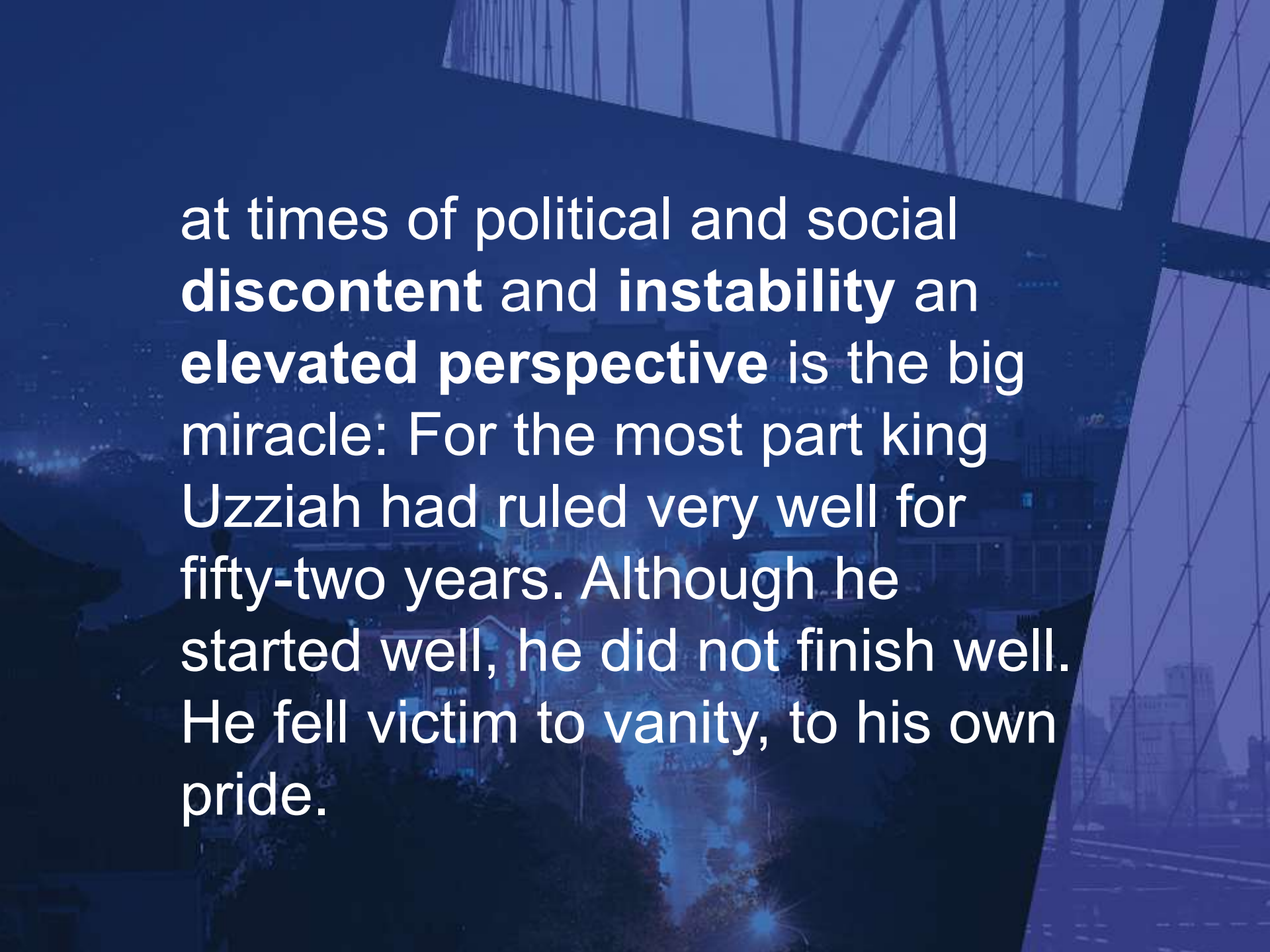
Daniel (Daniel 7:9)

**and the Apostle John (Revelation
4:1-11).**

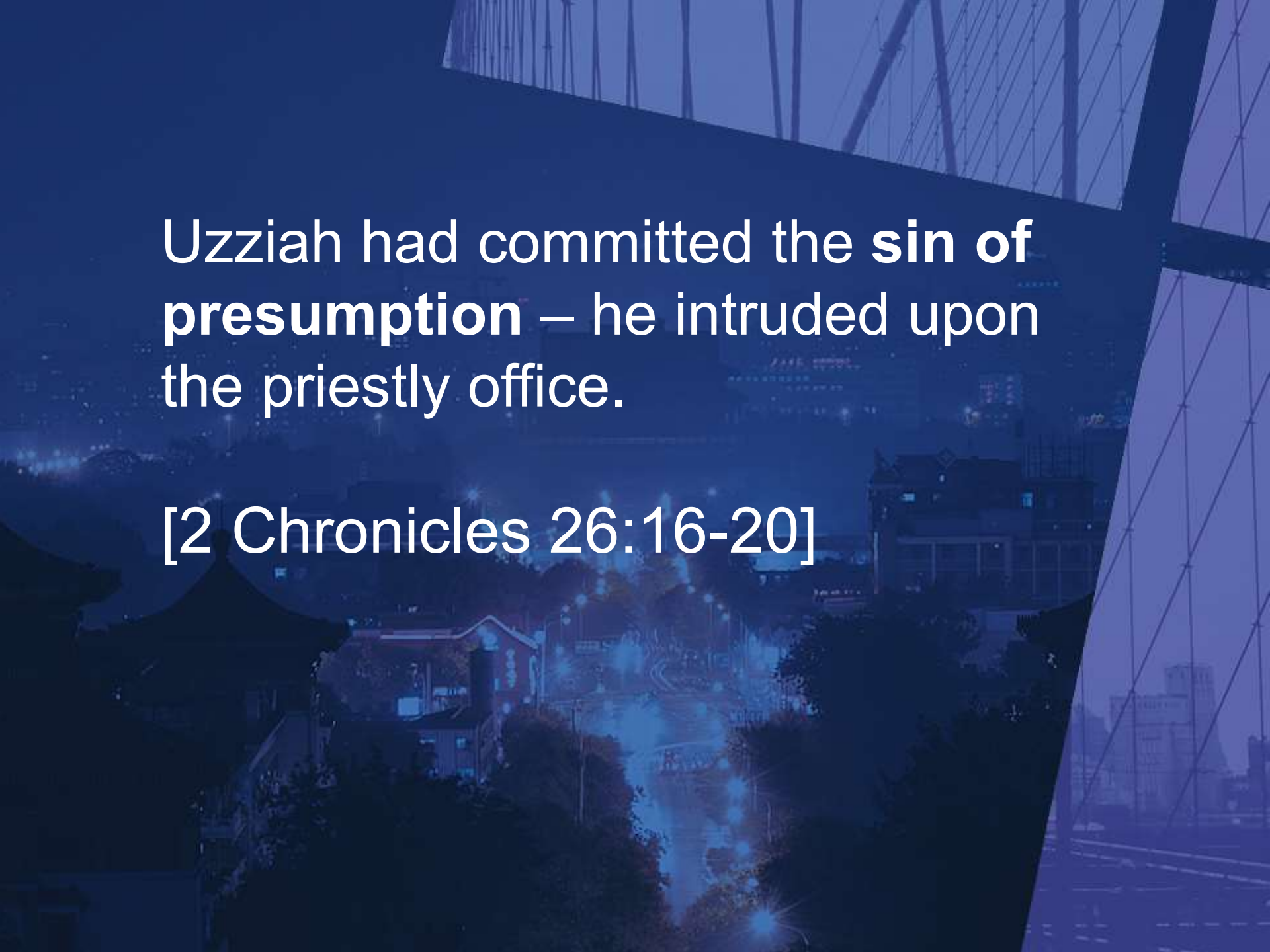
**In the of Revelation God's throne is
specifically mentioned more than 35
times.**

A blue-tinted night photograph of a cityscape. In the foreground, a suspension bridge with numerous cables is visible on the right side. In the lower-left corner, there is a traditional building with a curved roof. The background shows a city with lights and buildings. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

**We can only truly 'see'
ourselves once we have 'seen'
God.**



at times of political and social **discontent and instability** an **elevated perspective** is the big miracle: For the most part king Uzziah had ruled very well for fifty-two years. Although he started well, he did not finish well. He fell victim to vanity, to his own pride.



Uzziah had committed the **sin of presumption** – he intruded upon the priestly office.

[2 Chronicles 26:16-20]

**enter with
ascent songs**

“After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard addressing me like [the calling of] a war trumpet said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future...

Revelation 4:1-2, 9-11 (AMP)

**enter with
ascent songs**

At once I came under the [Holy]
Spirit's power, and behold, a throne
stood in heaven, with One seated on
the throne! [Ezek. 1:26]...And
whenever the living creatures **offer
glory and honor and thanksgiving**
to Him Who sits on the throne,

Revelation 4:1-2, 9-11 (AMP)

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Who lives forever and ever
(through the eternities), [Ps 47:8]

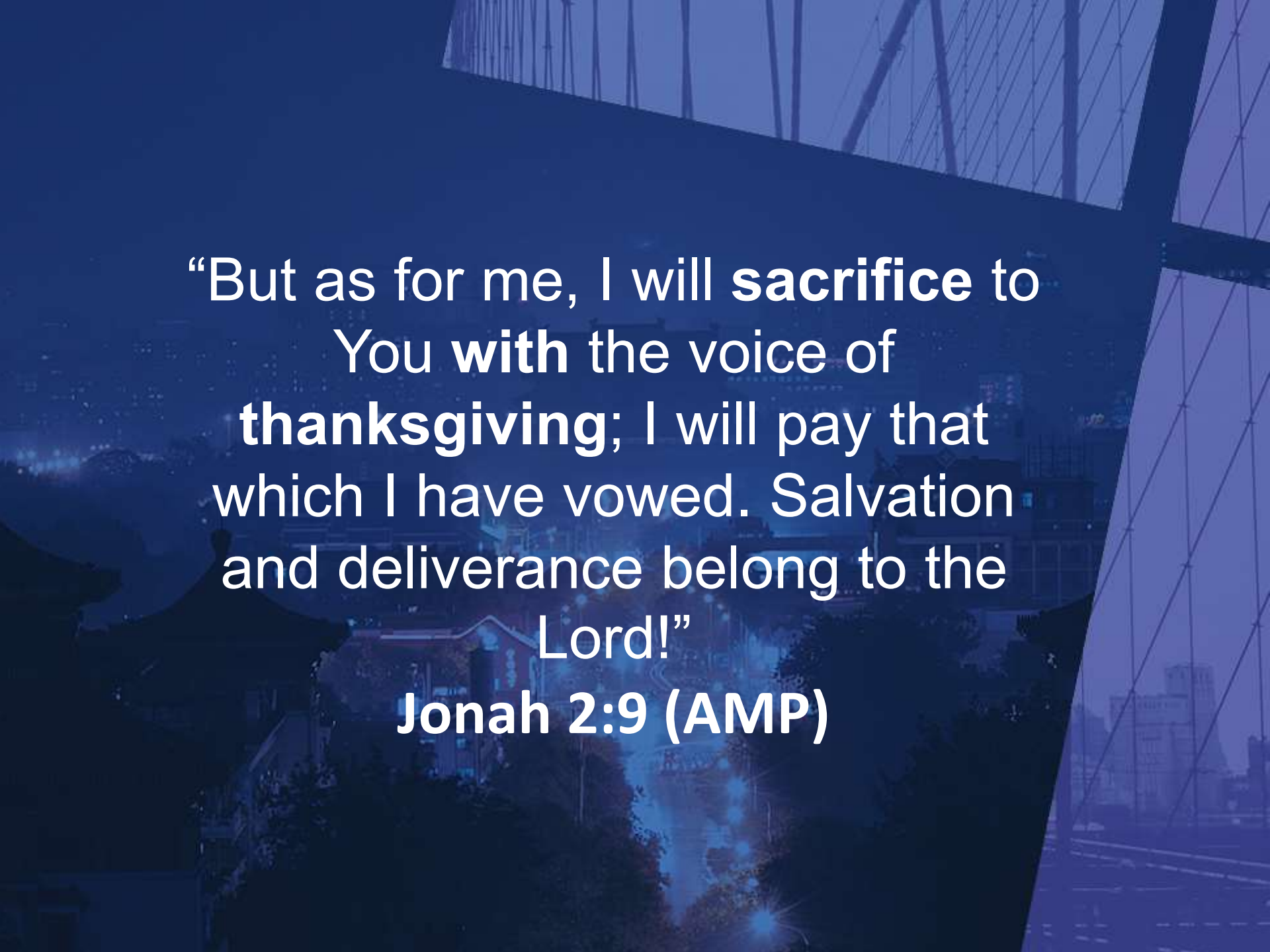
The twenty-four elders fall
prostrate before Him Who is
sitting on the throne, and they
worship Him Who lives forever an
ever; and they throw down their
crowns before the throne, crying
out, Worthy are You,

Revelation 4:1-2, 9-11 (AMP)

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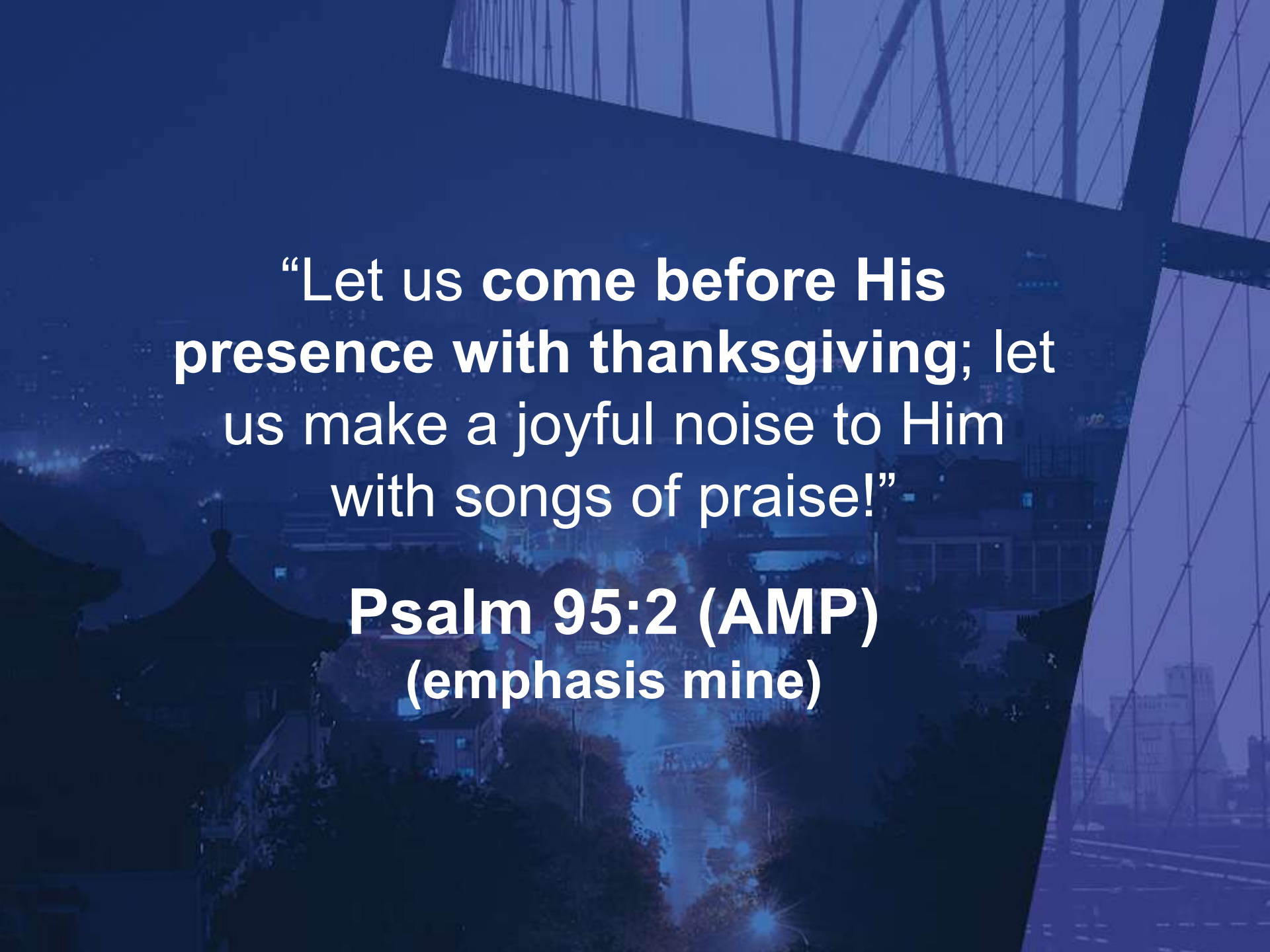
our Lord our God, to receive the
glory and the honor and
dominion, for You created all
things; by Your will they were
[brought into being] and were
created. [Ps. 19:1]”

Revelation 4:1-2, 9-11 (AMP)



“But as for me, I will **sacrifice** to
You **with** the voice of
thanksgiving; I will pay that
which I have vowed. Salvation
and deliverance belong to the
Lord!”

Jonah 2:9 (AMP)



**“Let us come before His
presence with thanksgiving; let
us make a joyful noise to Him
with songs of praise!”**

**Psalm 95:2 (AMP)
(emphasis mine)**

Embracing aloneness / the secret place of the 'Father who sees'

“But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly....

Matthew 6:3-4, 6, 18 (NKJV)



**Embracing aloneness – the
secret place of the Father who
sees**

But you, when you pray, go into
your room, and when you have
shut your door, pray to **your
Father who is in the secret
place**; and your Father who sees
in secret will reward you openly...

Matthew 6:3-4, 6, 18 (NKJV)

**Embracing aloneness – the
secret place of the Father who
sees**

...so that you do not appear to
men to be fasting, but to your
**Father who is in the secret
place**; and your Father who sees
in secret will reward you openly”.

Matthew 6:3-4, 6, 18 (NKJV)

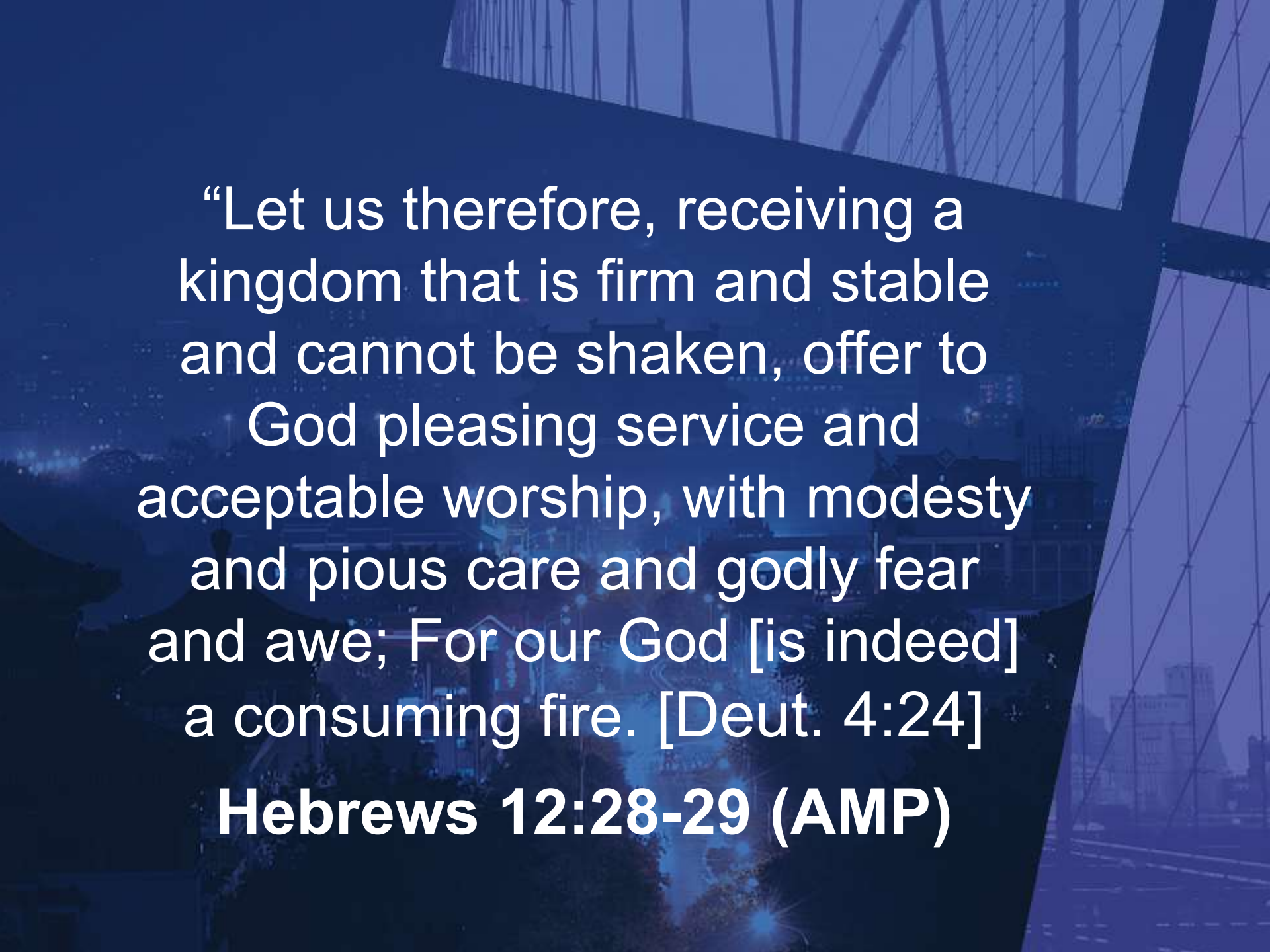
accepting **transcendence** over
immanence –

embracing the **Kingdom** (throne /
sovereignty) over immediate
national crisis. The temptation to
dethrone God becomes greater
as pressure to survive mounts.

being **bold yet reverential** -

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16 NKJV)



“Let us therefore, receiving a kingdom that is firm and stable and cannot be shaken, offer to God pleasing service and acceptable worship, with modesty and pious care and godly fear and awe; For our God [is indeed] a consuming fire. [Deut. 4:24]

Hebrews 12:28-29 (AMP)

**our reward – heaven's
perspective**

**firstly: a vision of God, the
'beauty of His holiness'**

**"O worship the Lord in the
beauty of holiness; tremble
before and reverently fear Him,
all the earth".**

Psalm 96:6 (AMP)

our reward – heaven's perspective

'Holiness is defined in Leviticus 19 by how you treat people, how you treat God and how you worship. God's intention (is) to portray a people separated to Himself while engaging the pagan culture.' [Leilani Haywood]

**our reward – heaven's
perspective**

**secondly: a vision of earth:
enabled to discern God's working/
hand in the affairs of mankind.**

**"So Jesus answered them, "I tell
you the solemn truth, the Son can
do nothing on his own initiative, but
only what he sees the Father doing.
For whatever the Father does, the
Son does likewise."**

John 5:19 (NET)

**our reward – heaven's
perspective**

**thirdly: vision of self and context –
desperate need of redemption.**

As fear is the antithesis of faith, so
shame is to glory. Exposure to
God's glory makes Isaiah come
undone, as he cries:

our reward – heaven's perspective

‘...Too bad for me! I am destroyed,
for my lips are **contaminated by
sin**, and I live among people whose
lips are **contaminated by sin...**’

Isaiah 6:5 (NET)
(emphasis mine)

our reward – heaven's perspective

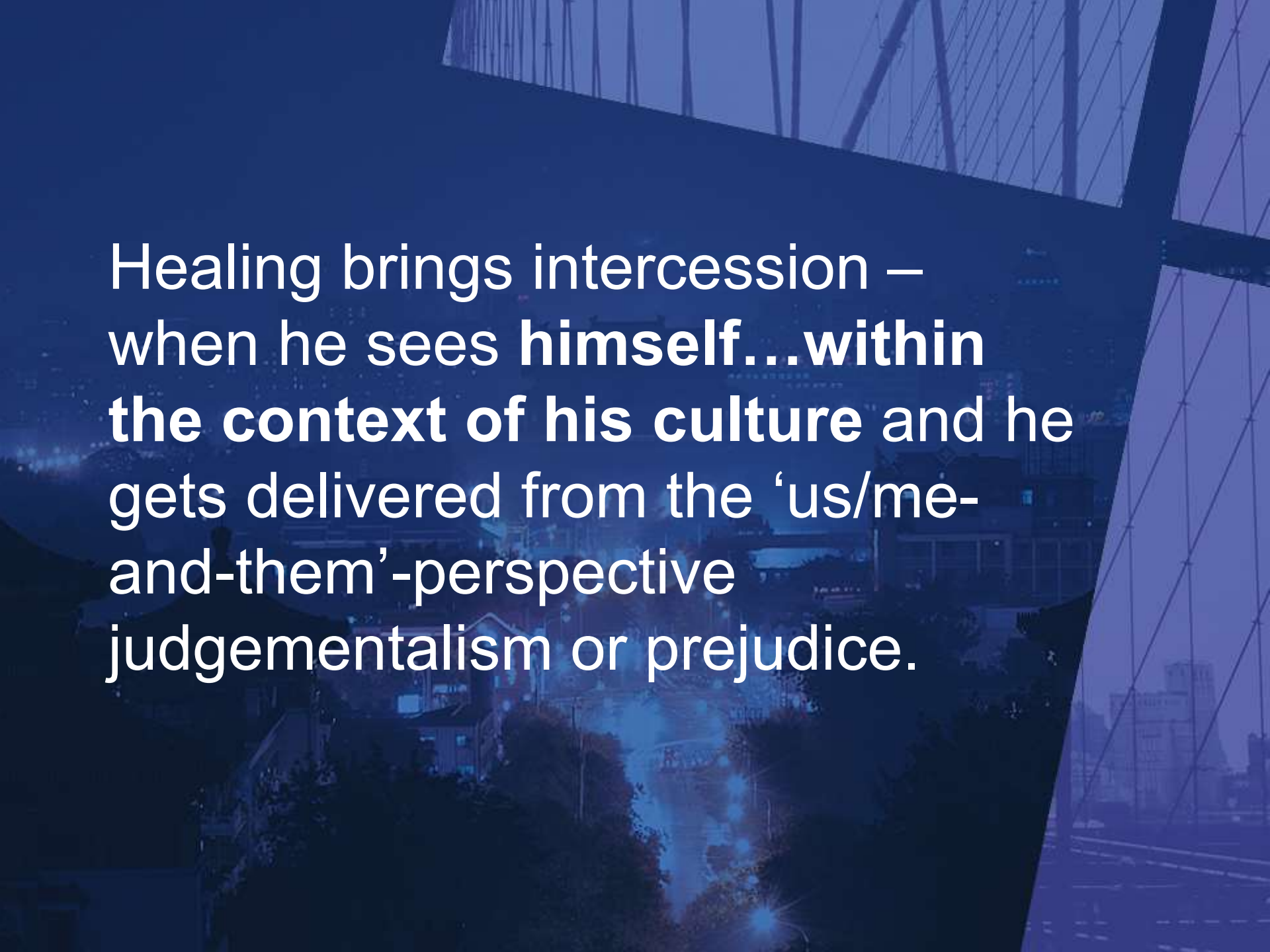
Isaiah too demonstrated pride in that in the first five chapters he sees only the sins of others. However, upon seeing God Isaiah saw his own sinful need.



**true worship leads to deep
repentance.**



**contrition brings restoration
and healing**



Healing brings intercession –
when he sees **himself...within
the context of his culture** and he
gets delivered from the ‘us/me-
and-them’-perspective
judgementalism or prejudice.

A blue-tinted night cityscape featuring a suspension bridge on the right and a pagoda on the left. The text "brings a personal commission" is centered in white.

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