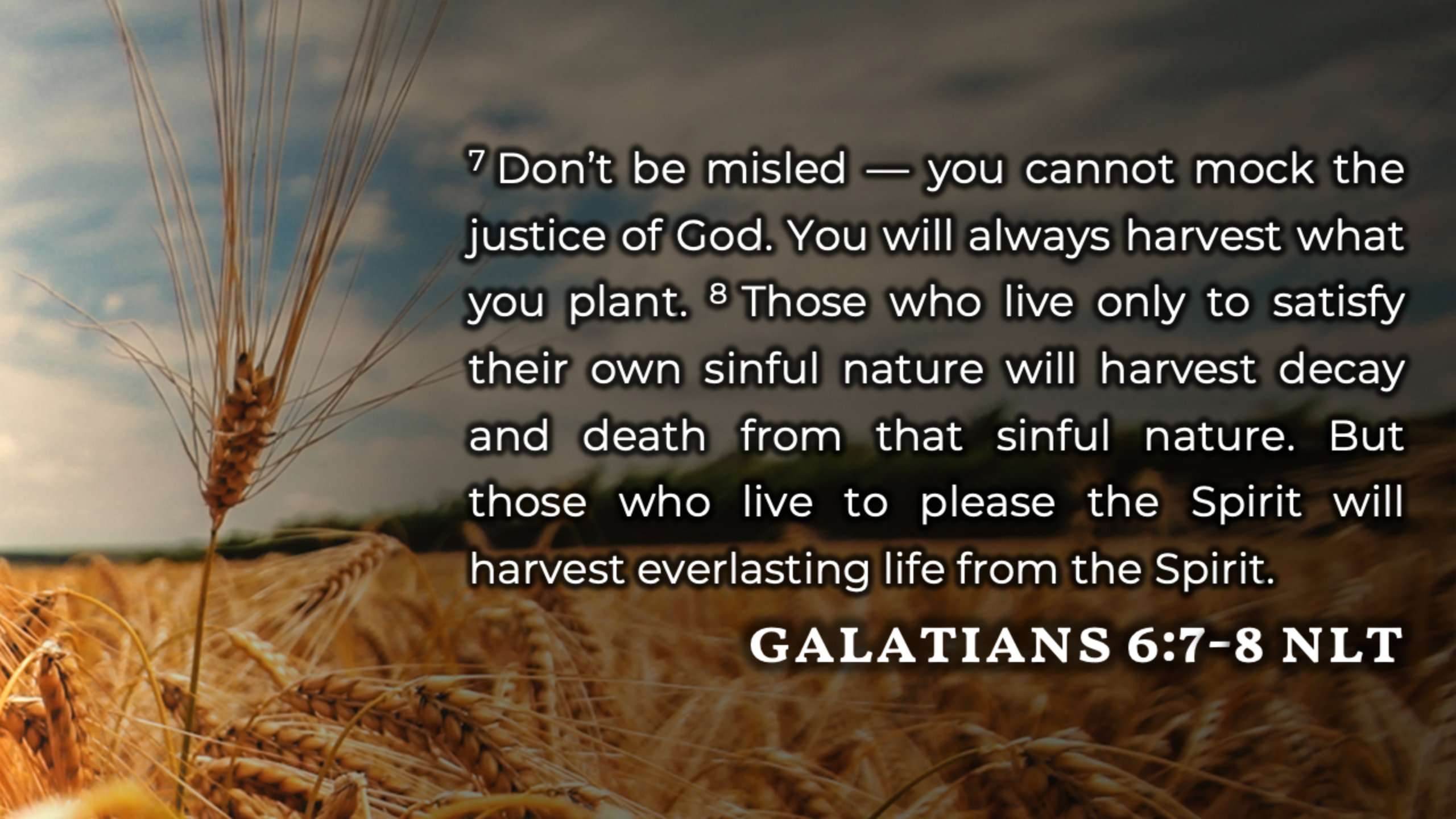




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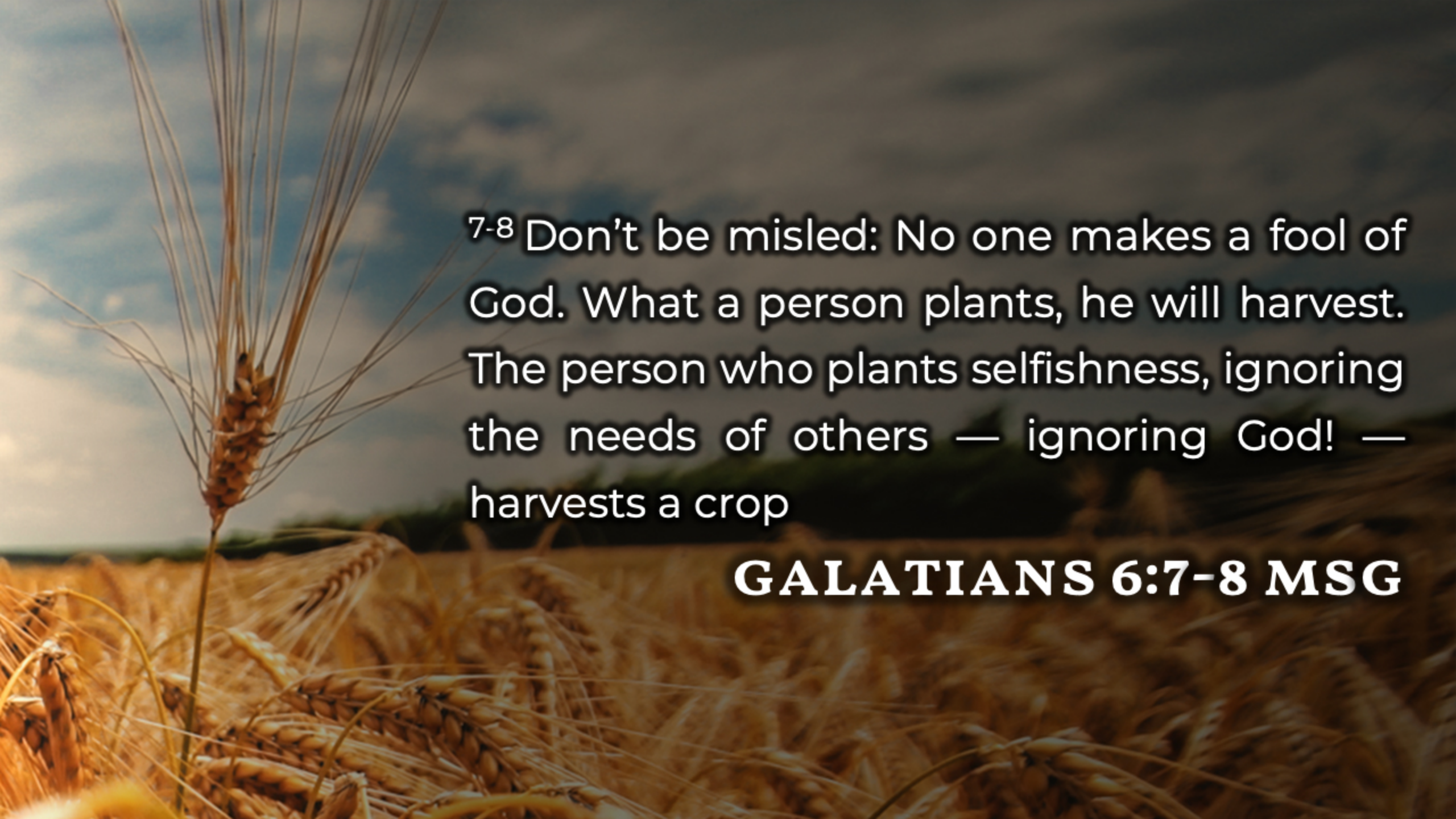


“WHEN I GROW UP...”



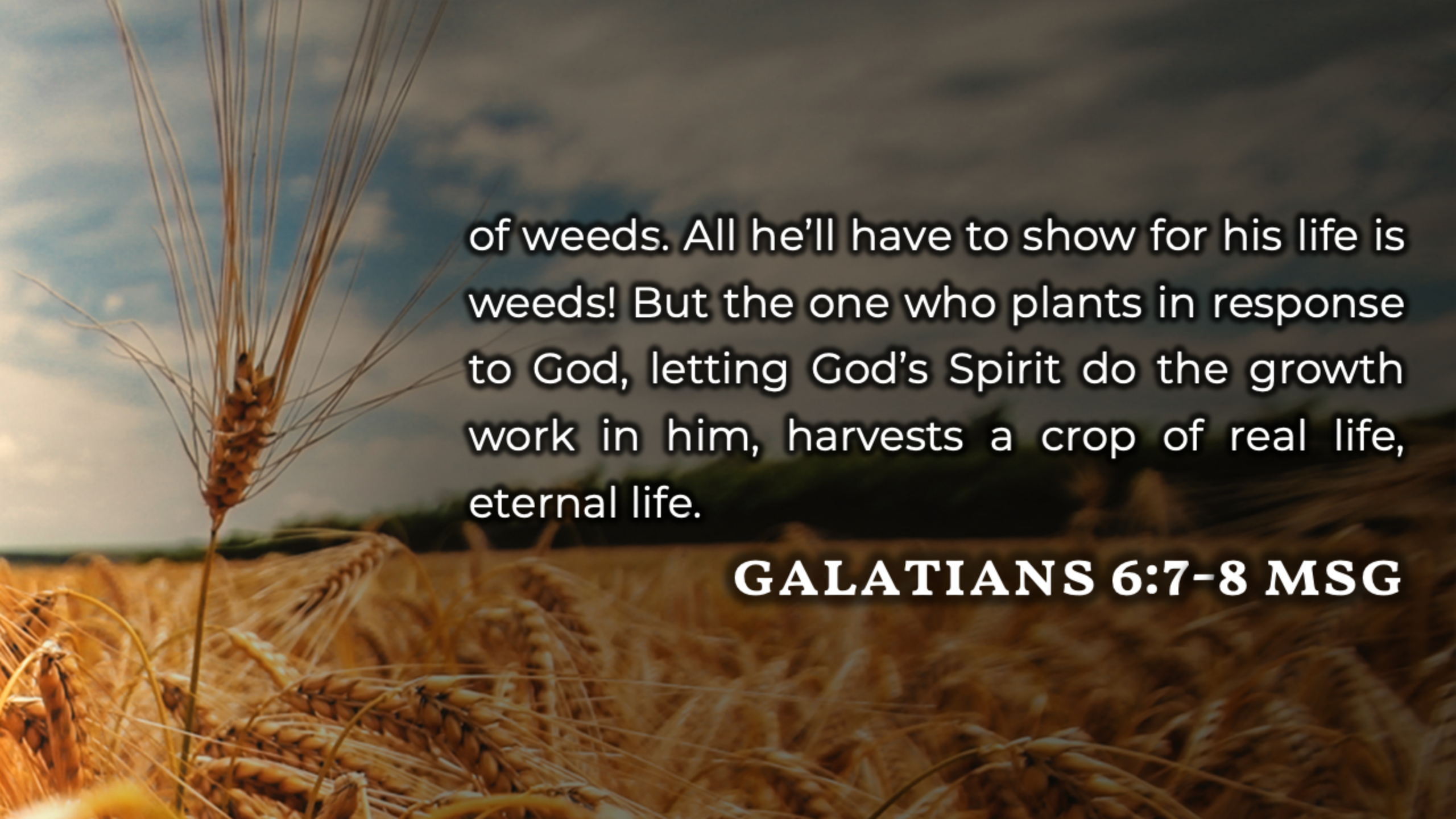
⁷ Don't be misled — you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. ⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

GALATIANS 6:7-8 NLT



⁷⁻⁸ Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others — ignoring God! — harvests a crop


GALATIANS 6:7-8 MSG



of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.

GALATIANS 6:7-8 MSG

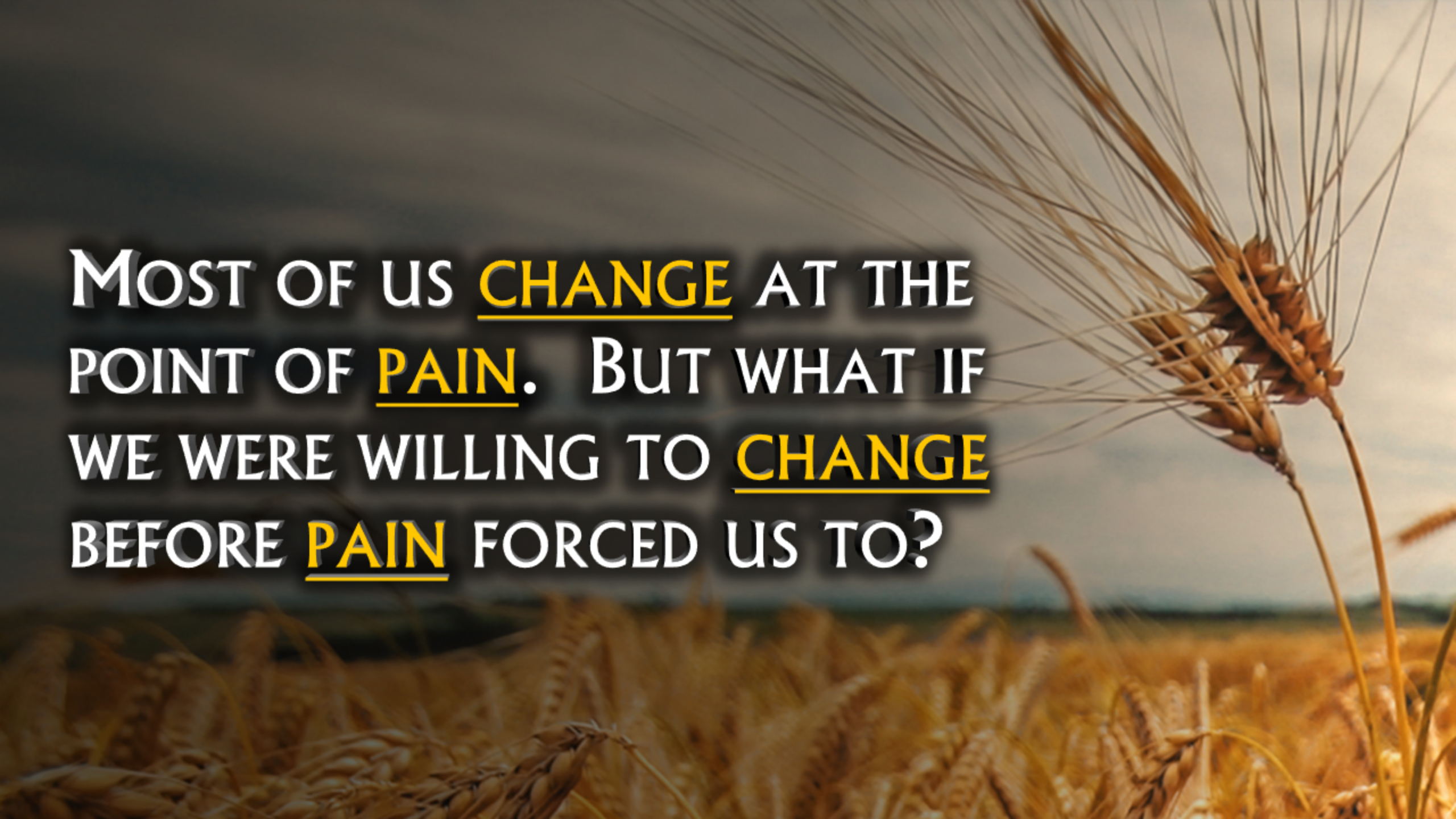




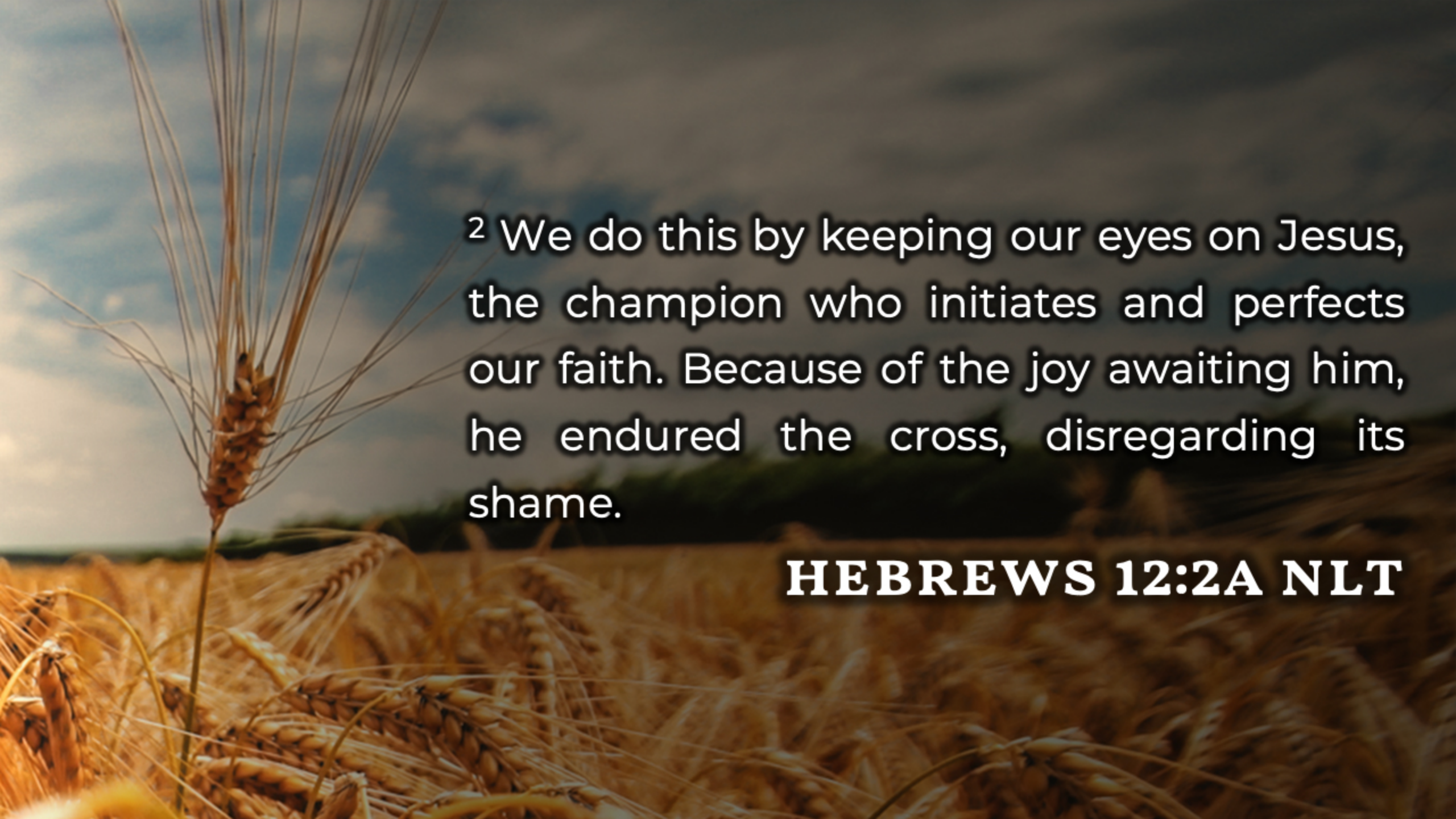
**WE NEED TO STOP JUST USING
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CONCERNING OURSELVES WITH
WHAT WE PLANT IN OUR LIVES.**



I. WE NEED TO CHANGE WHAT
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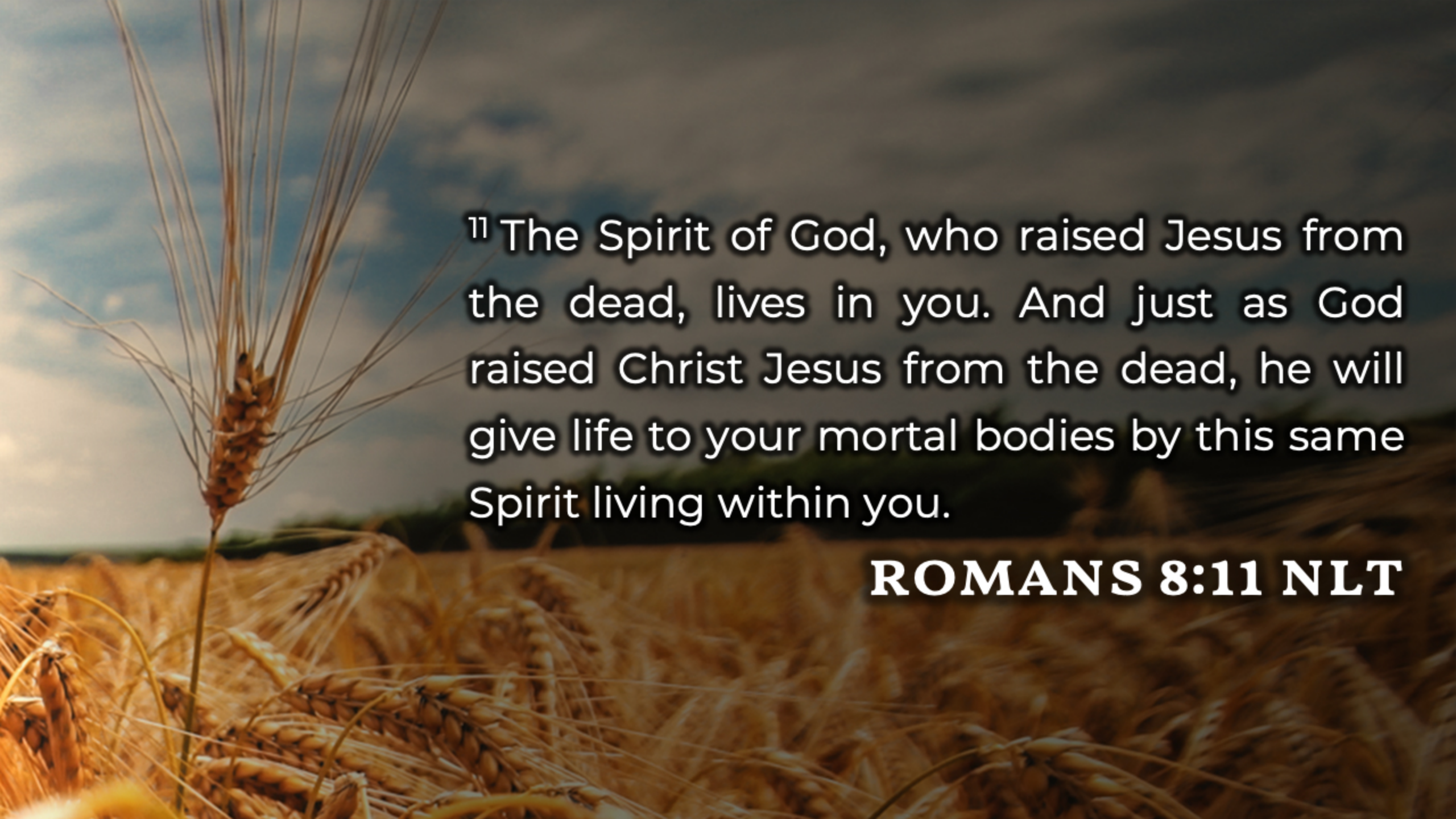


**MOST OF US CHANGE AT THE
POINT OF PAIN. BUT WHAT IF
WE WERE WILLING TO CHANGE
BEFORE PAIN FORCED US TO?**




² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame.

HEBREWS 12:2A NLT



¹¹ The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

ROMANS 8:11 NLT



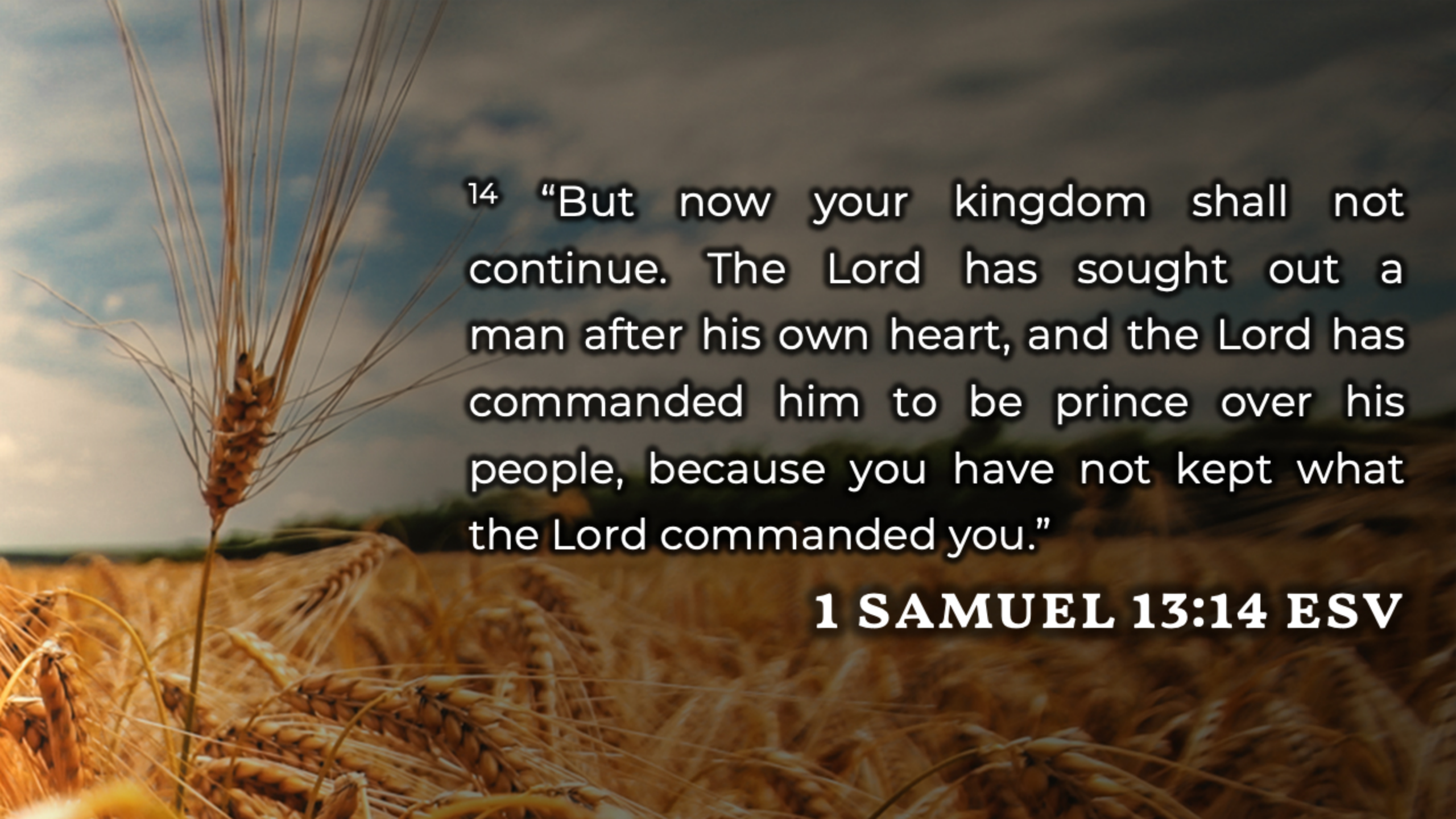
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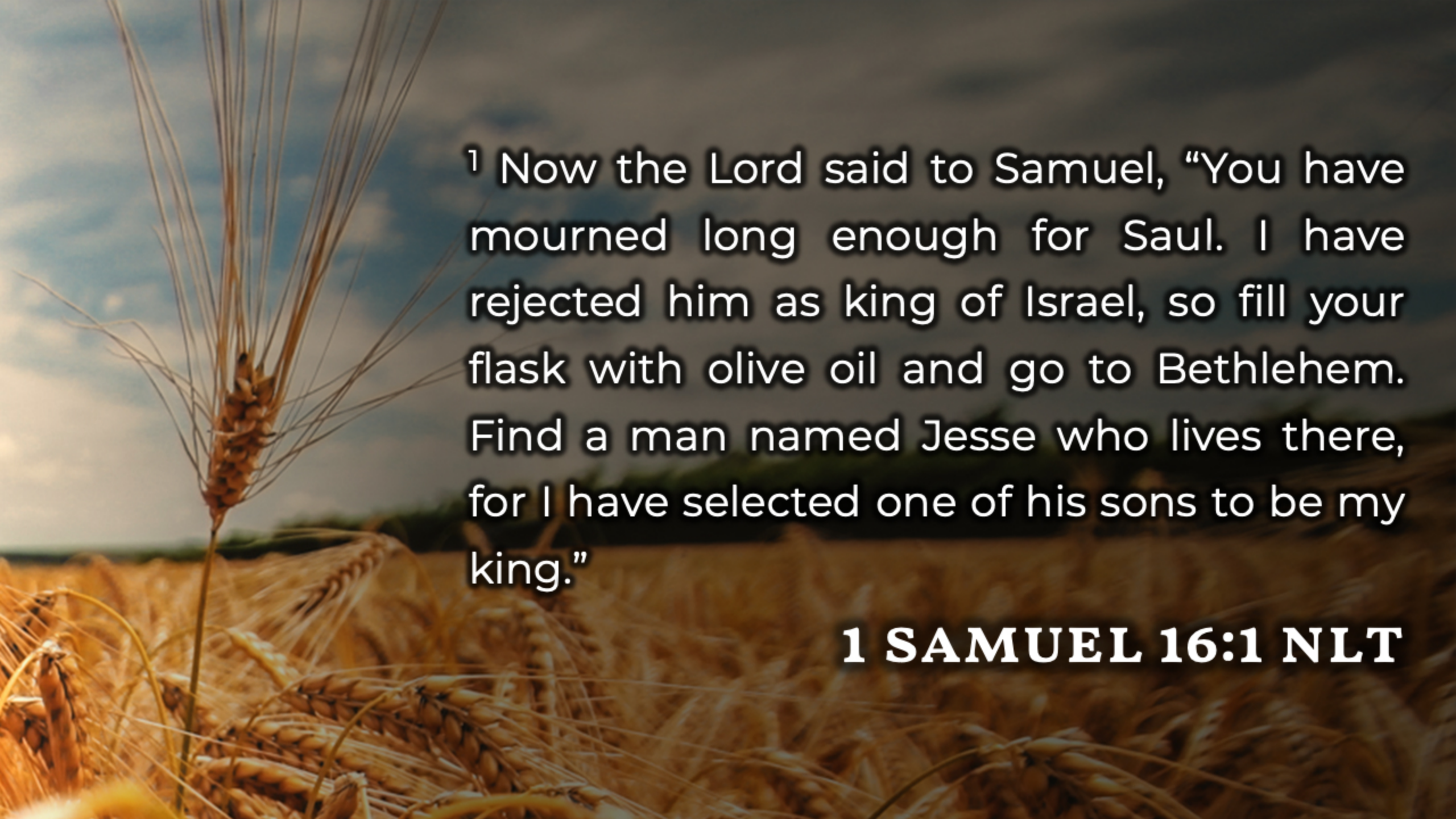


II. THE LIFE OF DAVID



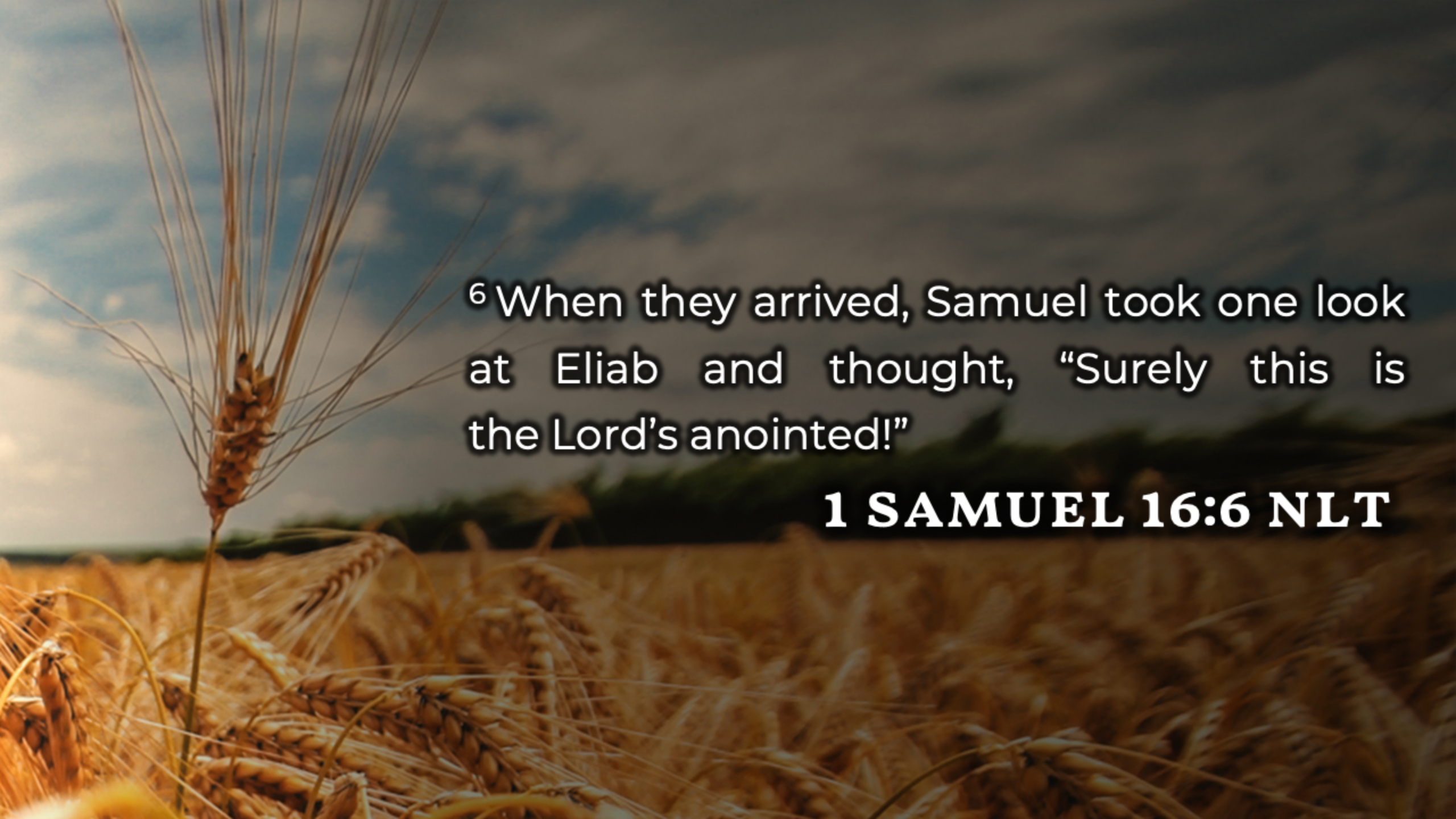
¹⁴ “But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”

1 SAMUEL 13:14 ESV



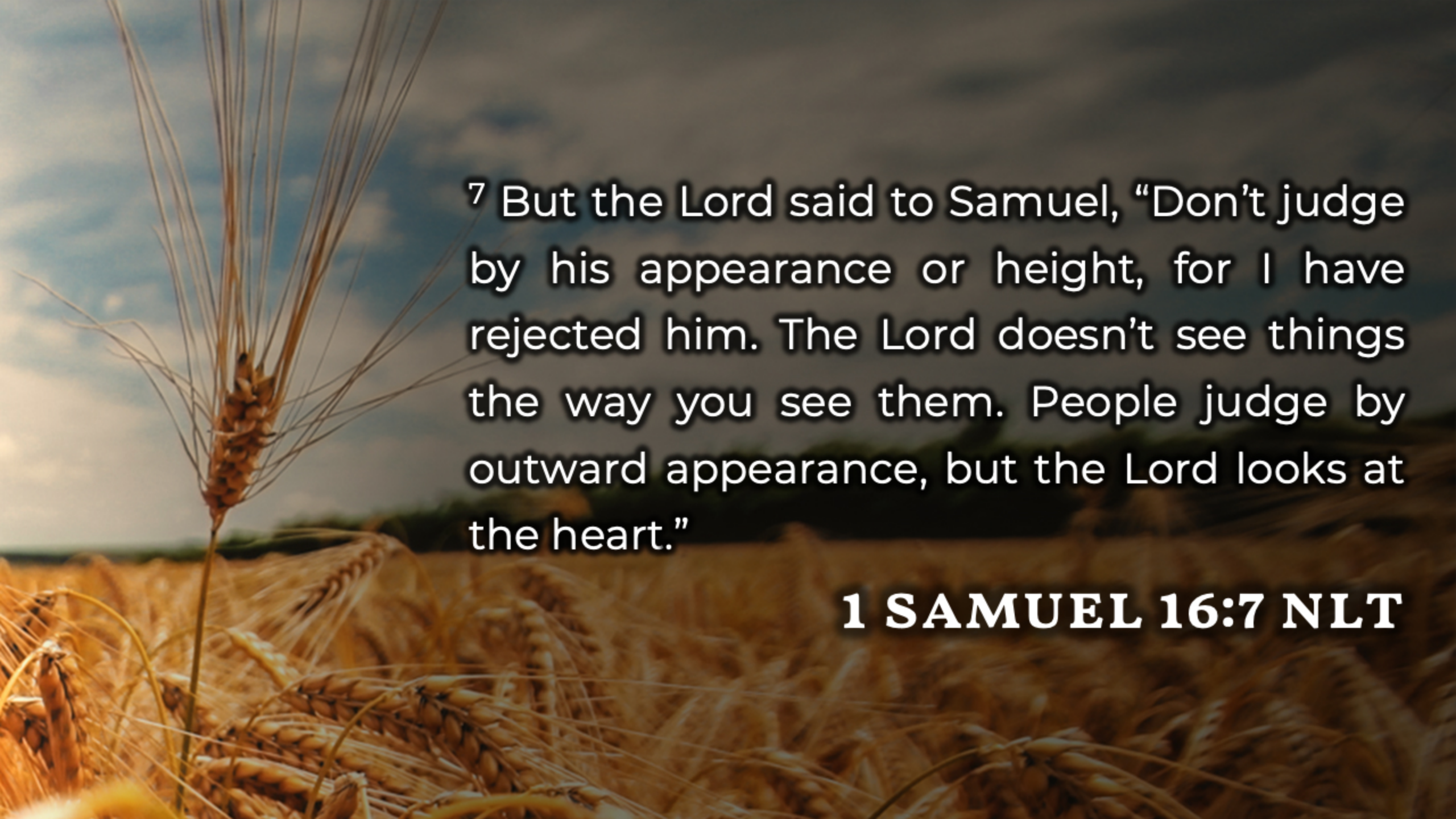
¹ Now the Lord said to Samuel, “You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king.”

1 SAMUEL 16:1 NLT



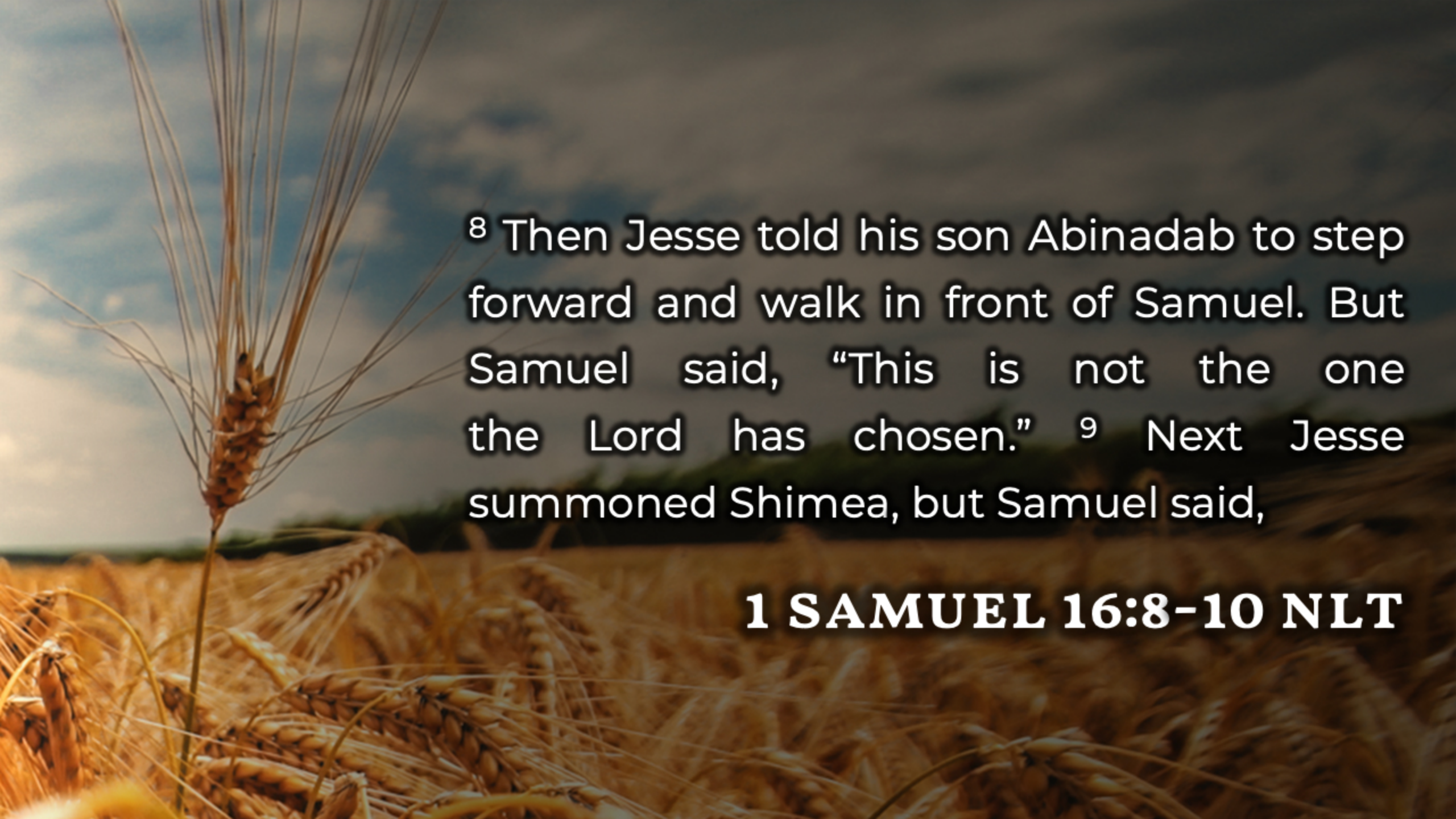
⁶When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the Lord’s anointed!”

1 SAMUEL 16:6 NLT



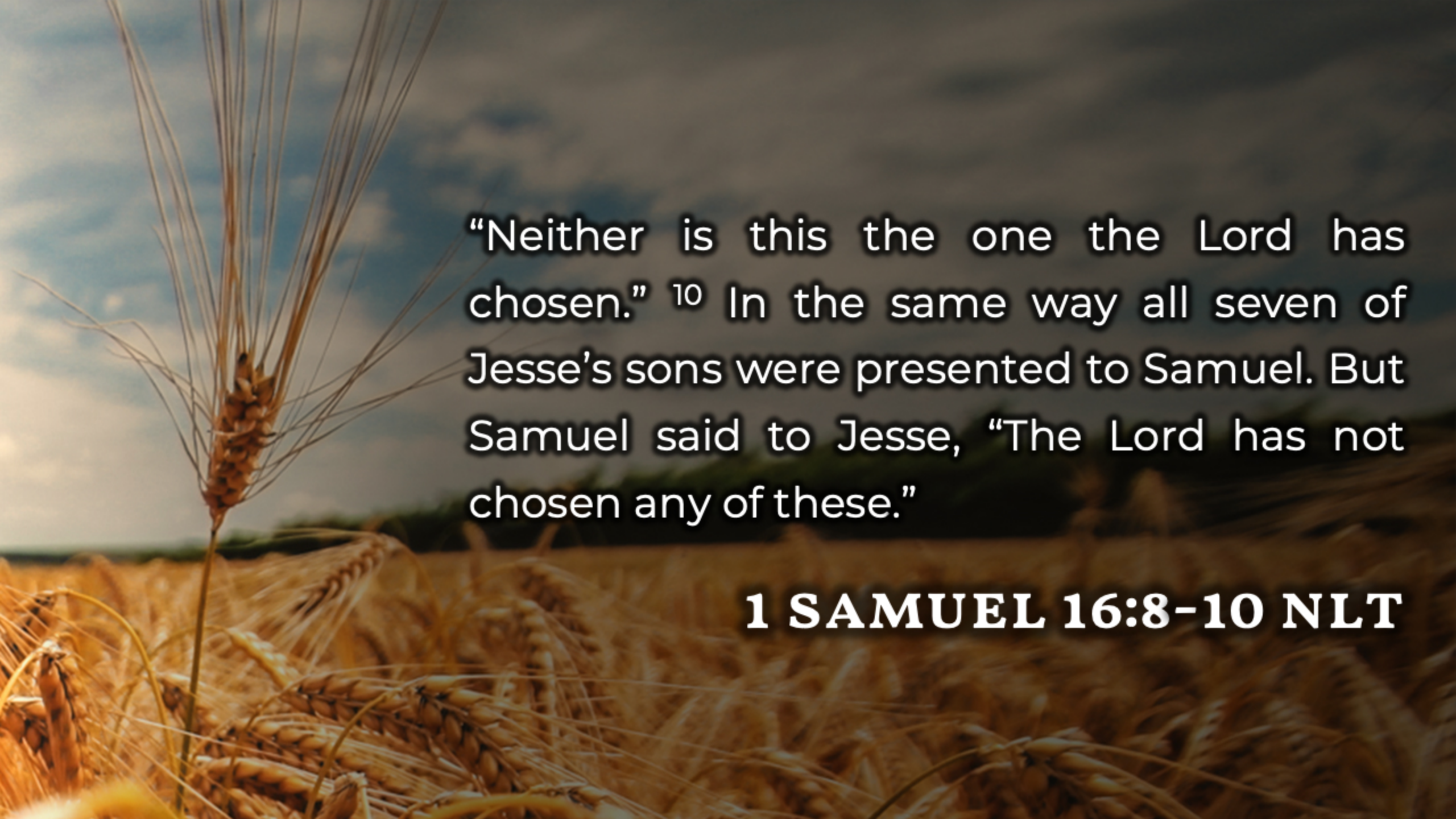
⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

1 SAMUEL 16:7 NLT



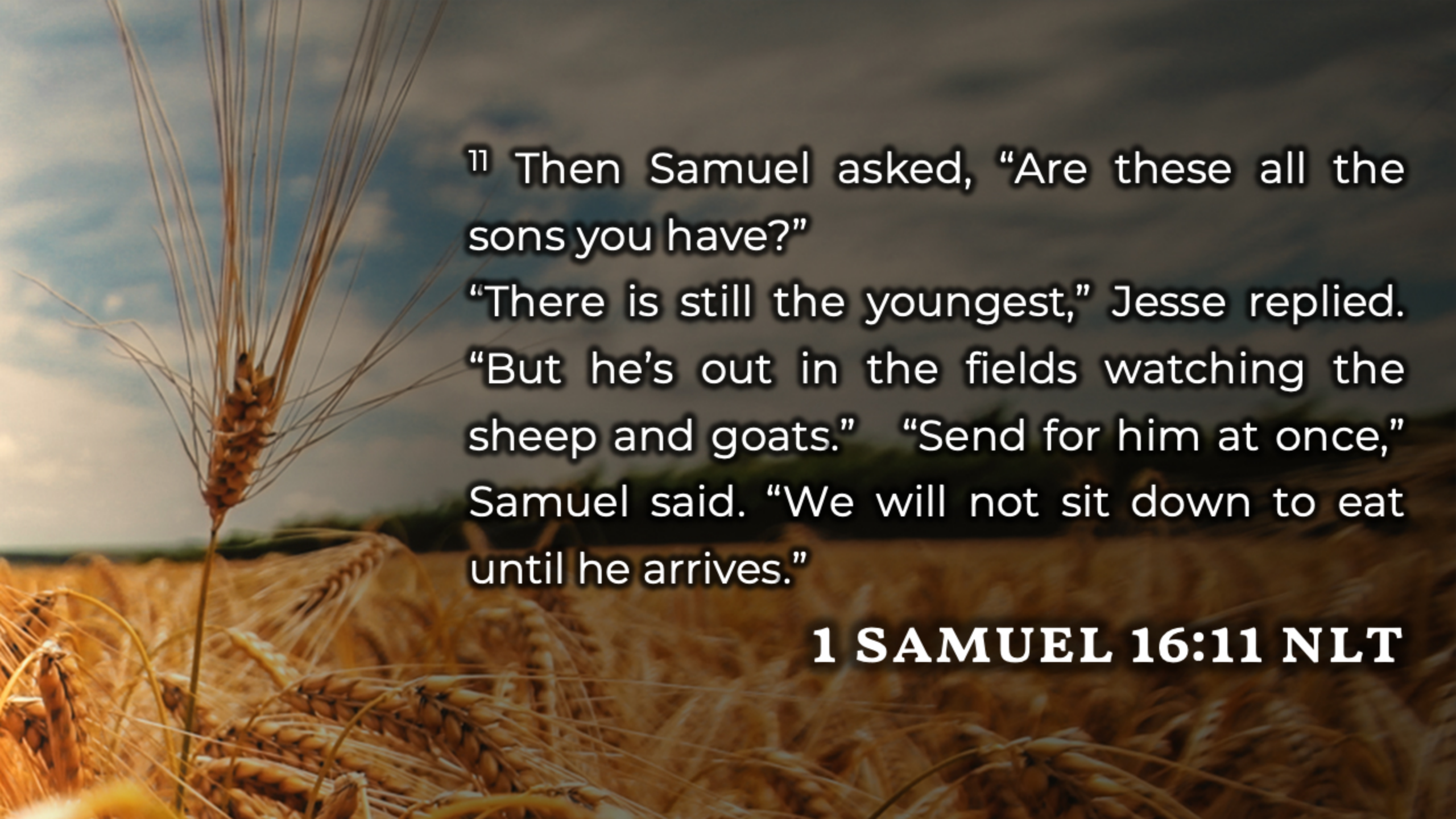
⁸ Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "This is not the one the Lord has chosen." ⁹ Next Jesse summoned Shimea, but Samuel said,

1 SAMUEL 16:8-10 NLT



“Neither is this the one the Lord has chosen.”¹⁰ In the same way all seven of Jesse’s sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.”

1 SAMUEL 16:8-10 NLT



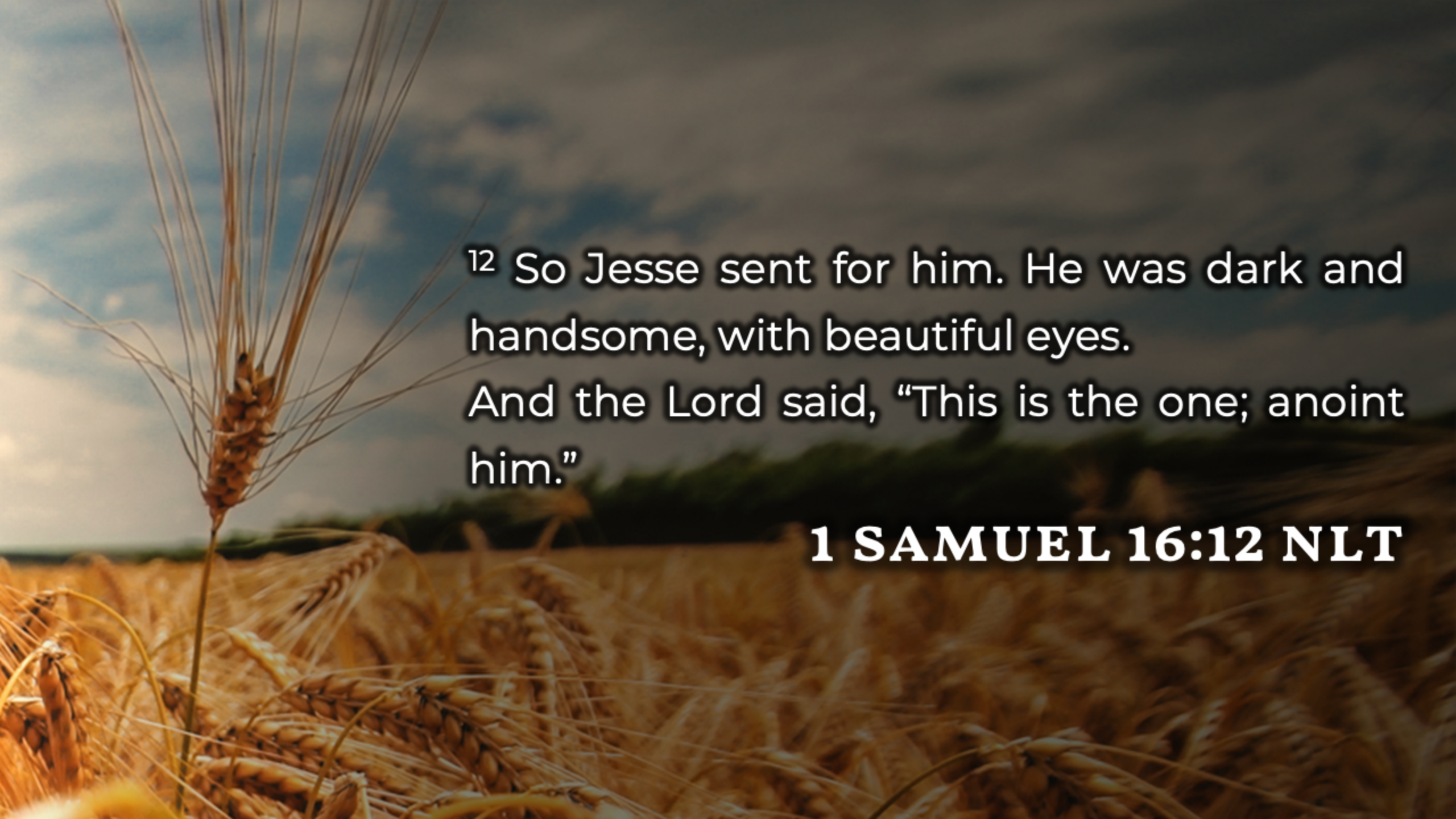
¹¹ Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.” “Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.”

1 SAMUEL 16:11 NLT

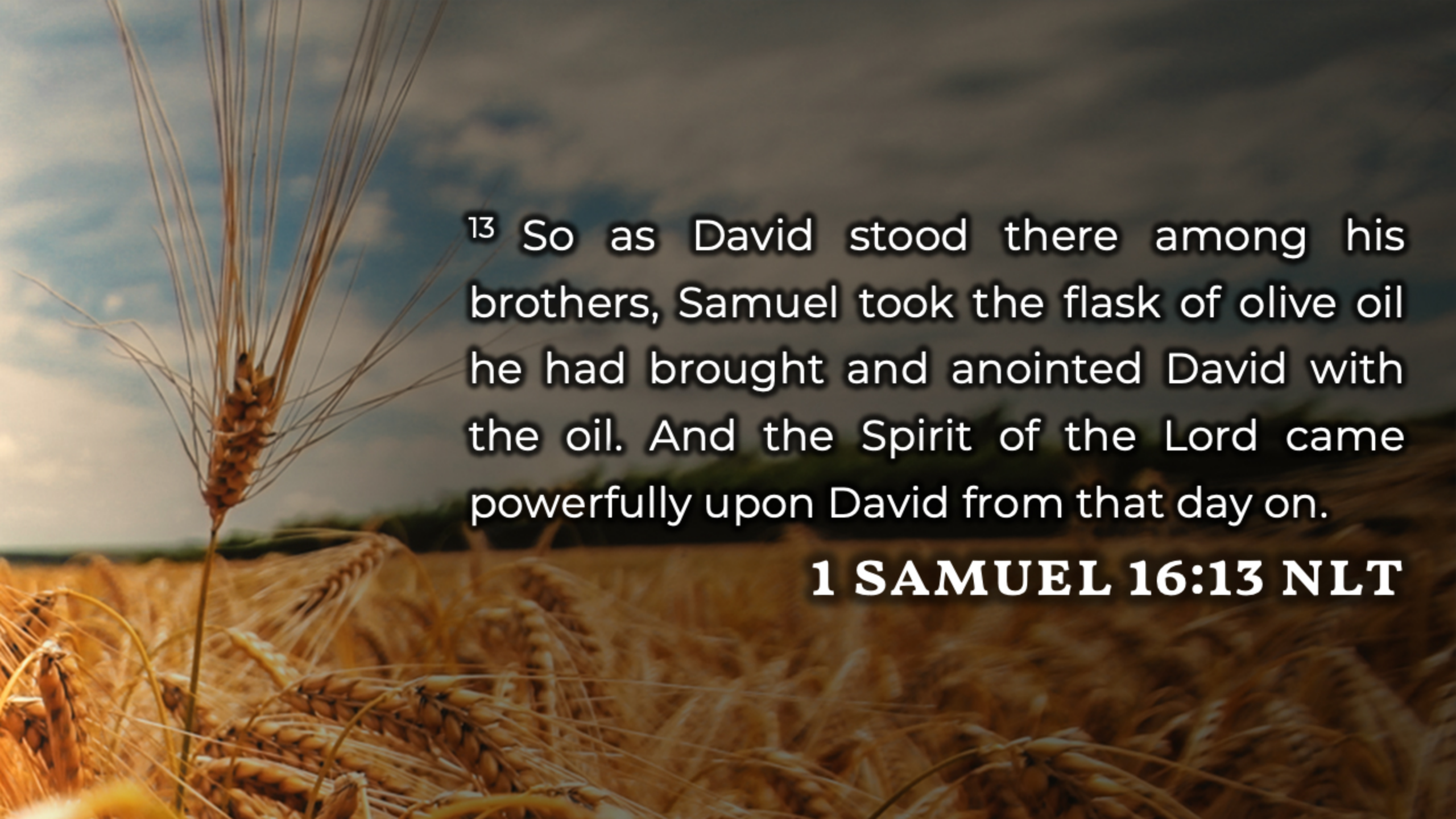


THE WORD “YOUNGEST” IN THE
ORIGINAL HEBREW MEANS
REJECTED, DESPISED AND OUTCAST.



¹² So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the Lord said, "This is the one; anoint him."

1 SAMUEL 16:12 NLT




¹³ So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on.

1 SAMUEL 16:13 NLT



**III. GOD SEES ME DIFFERENTLY
THAN I SEE ME OR OTHERS
SEE ME.**



¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10 NIV