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*Exchange*  
part 1

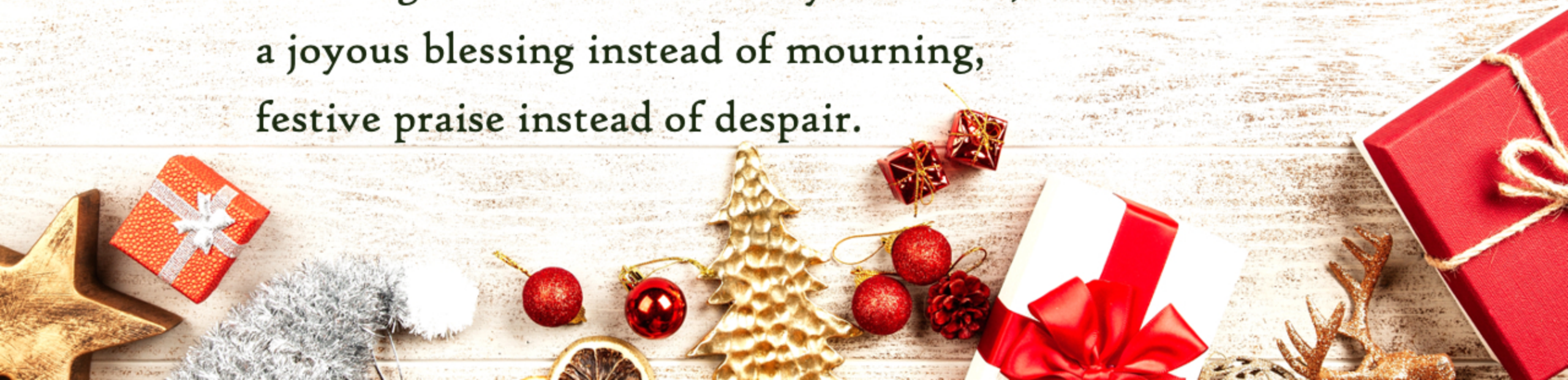
# ISAIAH 61:1-3A NLT

- <sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me,  
for the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.
- <sup>2</sup> He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted  
and to proclaim that captives will be released  
and prisoners will be freed.



# ISAIAH 61:1-3A NLT

- <sup>2</sup> He has sent me to tell those who mourn  
that the time of the LORD's favor has come,  
and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.
- <sup>3</sup> To all who mourn in Israel,  
he will give a crown of beauty for ashes,  
a joyous blessing instead of mourning,  
festive praise instead of despair.





The  
**ASH**

# 2 CHRONICLES 36:17-21 NLT

<sup>17</sup> So the LORD brought the king of Babylon against them. The Babylonians killed Judah's young men, even chasing after them into the Temple. They had no pity on the people, killing both young men and young women, the old and the infirm. God handed all of them over to



# 2 CHRONICLES 36:17-21 NLT

Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>18</sup> The king took home to Babylon all the articles, large and small, used in the Temple of God, and the treasures from both the LORD's Temple and from the palace of the king and his officials. <sup>19</sup> Then his army burned the



# 2 CHRONICLES 36:17-21 NLT

Temple of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, burned all the palaces, and completely destroyed everything of value. <sup>20</sup>The few who survived were taken as exiles to Babylon, and they became servants to the king and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power.



# 2 CHRONICLES 36:17-21 NLT

<sup>21</sup>So the message of the LORD spoken through Jeremiah was fulfilled. The land finally enjoyed its Sabbath rest, lying desolate until the seventy years were fulfilled, just as the prophet had said.





# 2 SAMUEL 13:11-19 NLT

<sup>11</sup>But as she was feeding him, he grabbed her and demanded, “Come to bed with me, my darling sister.”

<sup>12</sup>“No, my brother!” she cried. “Don’t be foolish! Don’t do this to me! Such wicked things aren’t done in Israel.

<sup>13</sup>Where could I go in my shame? And you would



# 2 SAMUEL 13:11-19 NLT

be called one of the greatest fools in Israel. Please, just speak to the king about it, and he will let you marry me.”

<sup>14</sup>But Amnon wouldn't listen to her, and since he was stronger than she was, he raped her. <sup>15</sup>Then suddenly Amnon's love turned to hate, and he hated her even more than



# 2 SAMUEL 13:11-19 NLT

he had loved her. “Get out of here!” he snarled at her.

<sup>16</sup>“No, no!” Tamar cried. “Sending me away now is worse than what you’ve already done to me.”

But Amnon wouldn’t listen to her. <sup>17</sup>He shouted for his servant and demanded, “Throw this woman out, and lock the door behind her!”

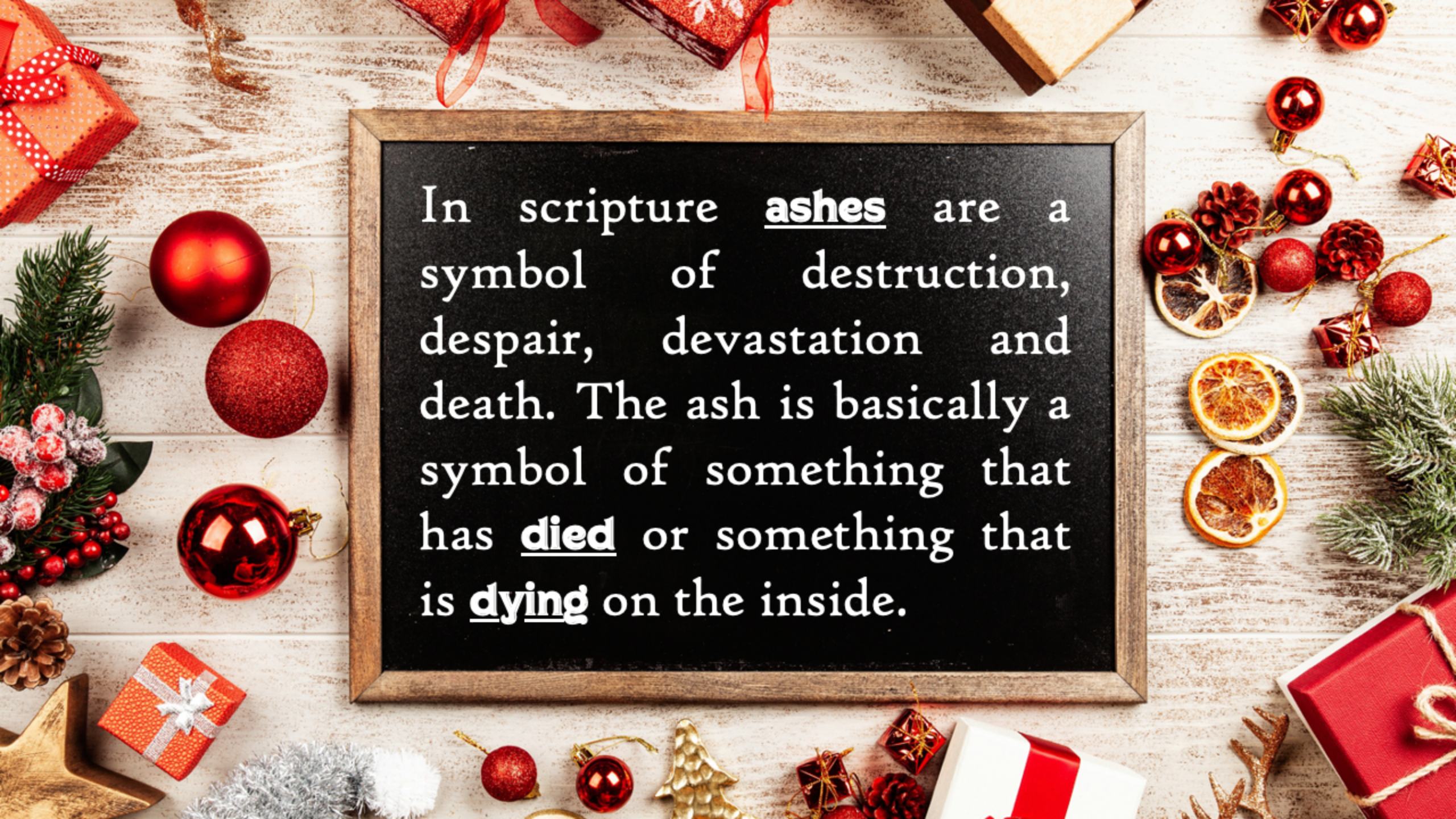
<sup>18</sup>So the servant put




# 2 SAMUEL 13:11-19 NLT

her out and locked the door behind her. She was wearing a long, beautiful robe, as was the custom in those days for the king's virgin daughters. <sup>19</sup>But now Tamar tore her robe and put ashes on her head. And then, with her face in her hands, she went away crying.





In scripture ashes are a symbol of destruction, despair, devastation and death. The ash is basically a symbol of something that has died or something that is dying on the inside.



The  
Exchange that  
Jesus came to make

# ISAIAH 61:3A NLT

<sup>3</sup> To all who mourn in Israel,  
he will give a crown of beauty for ashes,  
a joyous blessing instead of mourning,  
festive praise instead of despair.



# JOHN 4:10 NLT

<sup>10</sup> Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”



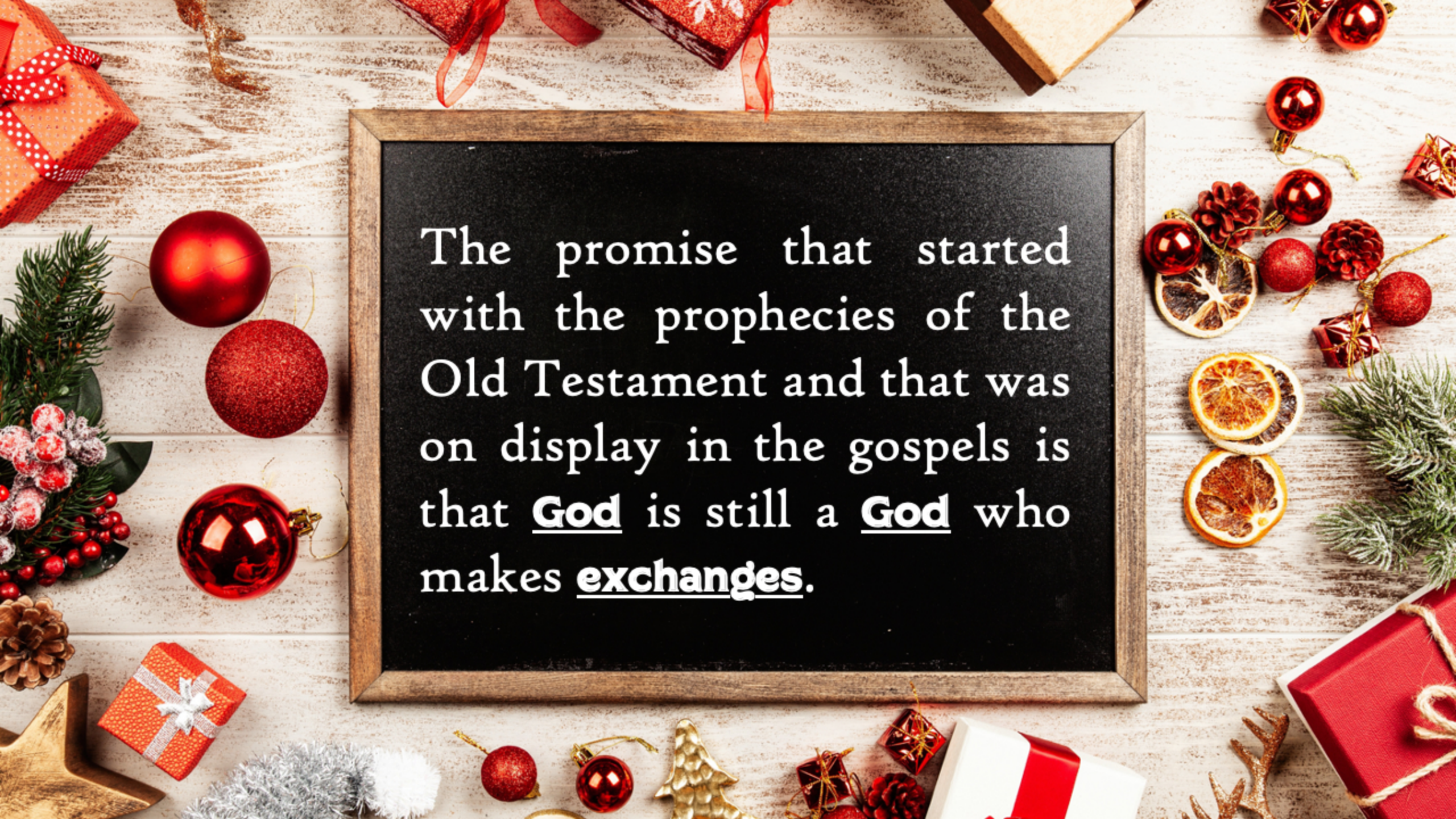


# JOHN 4:13-14 NLT

<sup>13</sup>Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. <sup>14</sup>But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”



Jesus is the Great  
Exchanger



The promise that started  
with the prophecies of the  
Old Testament and that was  
on display in the gospels is  
that God is still a God who  
makes exchanges.

# ISAIAH 53:2-6 NLT

2 My servant grew up in the LORD's presence like a tender green shoot,  
like a root in dry ground.

There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance,  
nothing to attract us to him.

3 He was despised and rejected—  
a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.



# ISAIAH 53:2-6 NLT

We turned our backs on him and looked the other way.

He was despised, and we did not care.

4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried;  
it was our sorrows that weighed him down.

And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God,  
a punishment for his own sins!



# ISAIAH 53:2-6 NLT

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our rebellion,  
crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole.

He was whipped so we could be healed.

<sup>6</sup> All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.

We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Yet the LORD laid on him


the sins of us all.



# 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 NIV

<sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.





The Good News of  
the gospel is that  
there is a gift receipt  
that is signed with  
the blood of Jesus.



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Jesus Exchanges:



# Jesus Exchanges:

Sickness for Healing

Despair for Hope

Hate for Love

Wickedness for Holiness

Aimlessness for Purpose

Uncertainty for Wisdom

Pride for Humility



# Jesus Exchanges:

Mourning for Joy

Chaos for Peace

Brokenness for Wholeness

Addiction for Freedom

Sin for Forgiveness

Loneliness for His Presence

Weakness for Strength