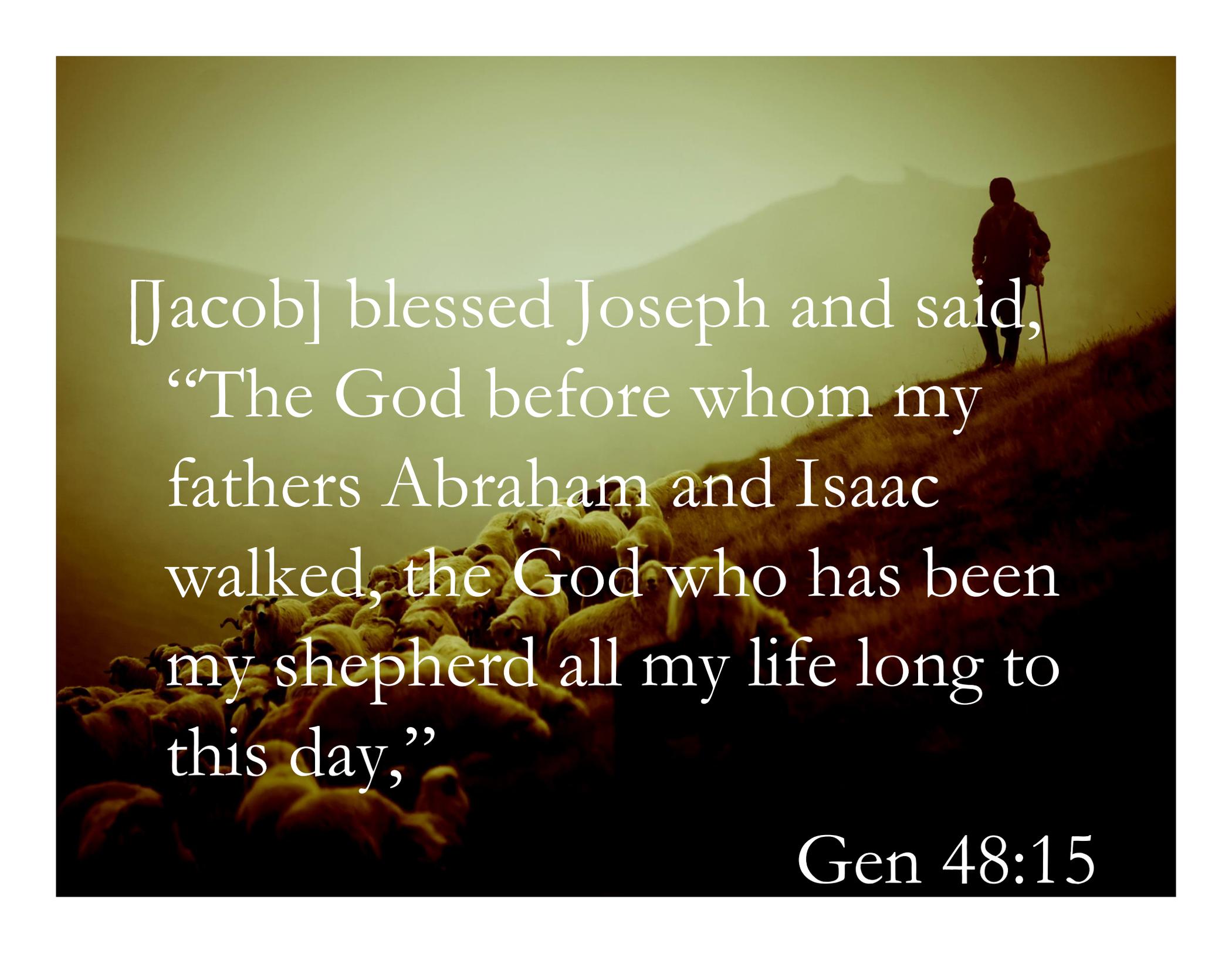
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11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, **12** to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, **13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, **14** so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. **15** Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, **16** from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:11-16

A shepherd stands on a grassy hillside, looking over a large flock of sheep. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting sunrise or sunset. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky. The shepherd is silhouetted against the light, holding a staff. The sheep are clustered together, filling the lower half of the frame.

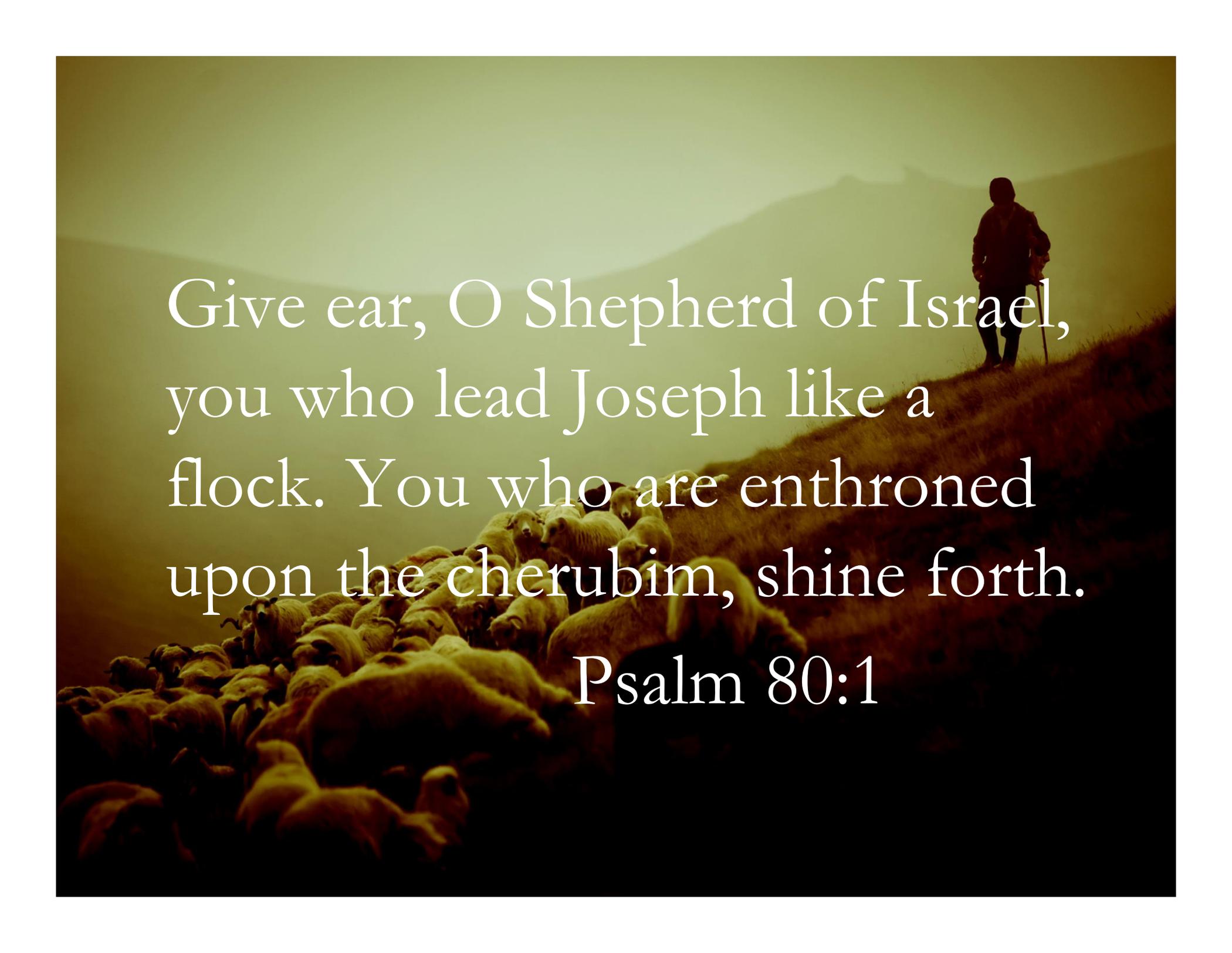
[Jacob] blessed Joseph and said,
“The God before whom my
fathers Abraham and Isaac
walked, the God who has been
my shepherd all my life long to
this day,”

Gen 48:15



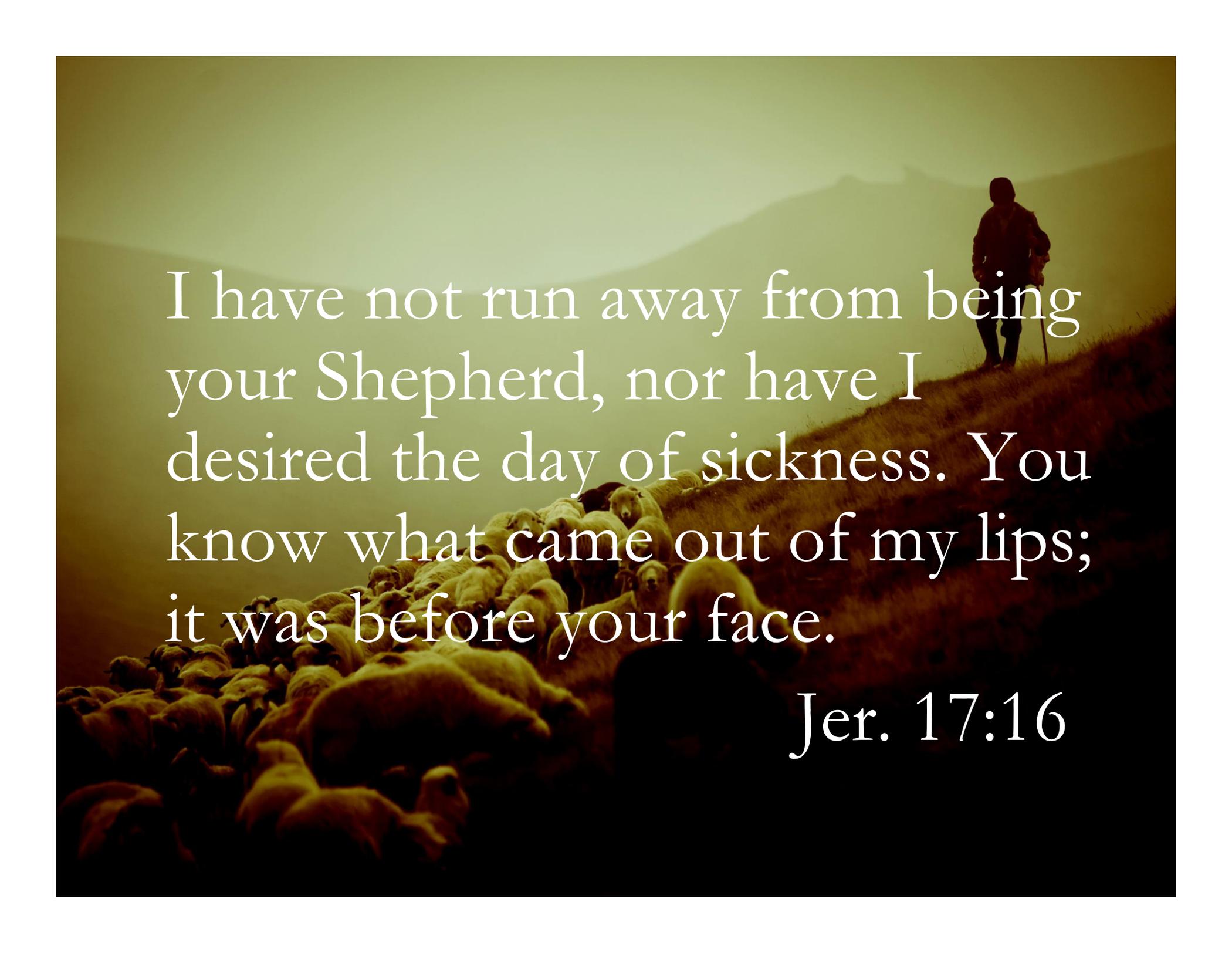
The LORD is my shepherd; I
shall not want.

Psalm 23

A shepherd stands on a grassy hillside, looking over a large flock of sheep. The scene is hazy, with mountains in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

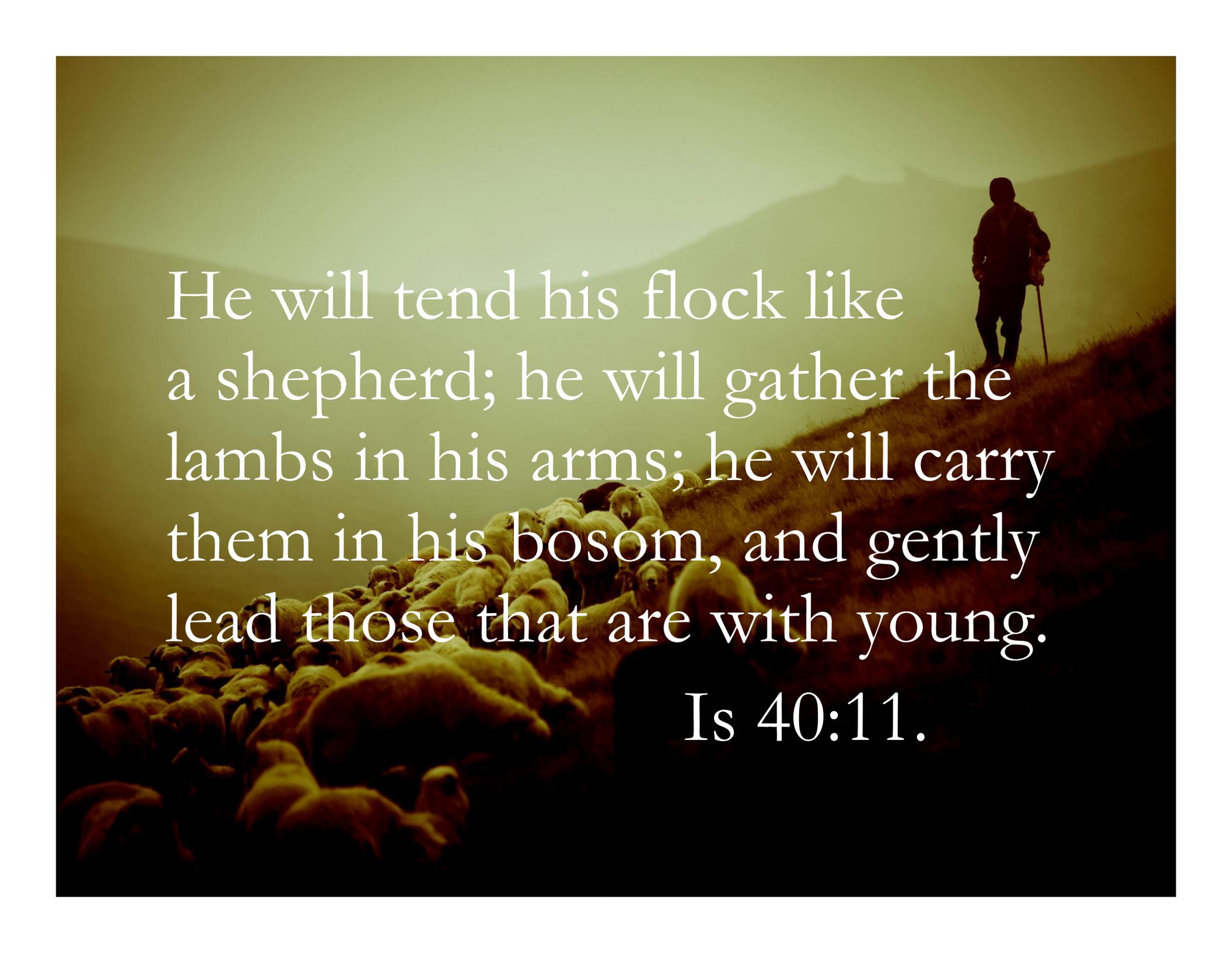
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a
flock. You who are enthroned
upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Psalm 80:1

A shepherd stands on a grassy hillside, silhouetted against a hazy, golden sky. Below him, a large flock of sheep is gathered on the slope. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting sunrise or sunset. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

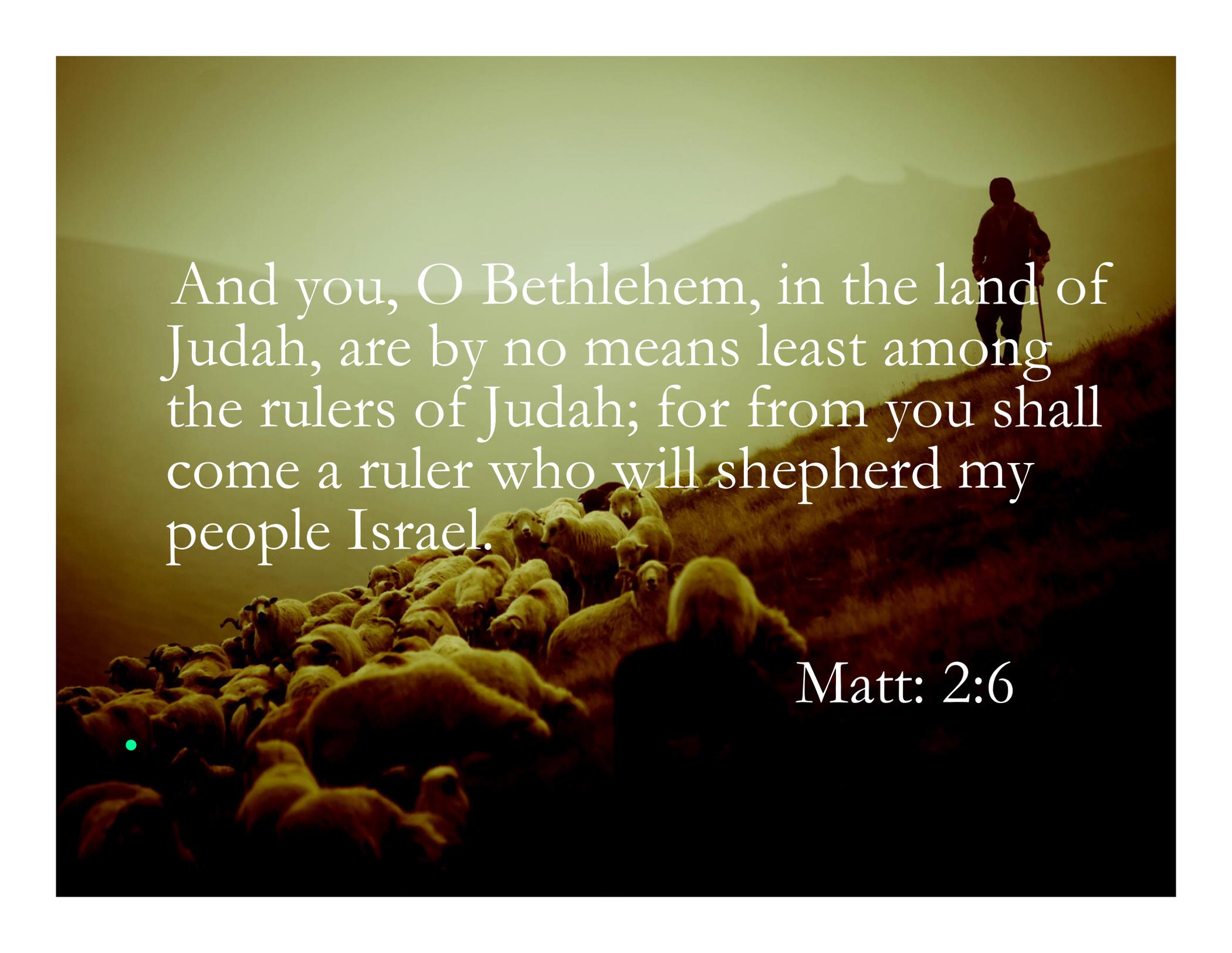
I have not run away from being
your Shepherd, nor have I
desired the day of sickness. You
know what came out of my lips;
it was before your face.

Jer. 17:16



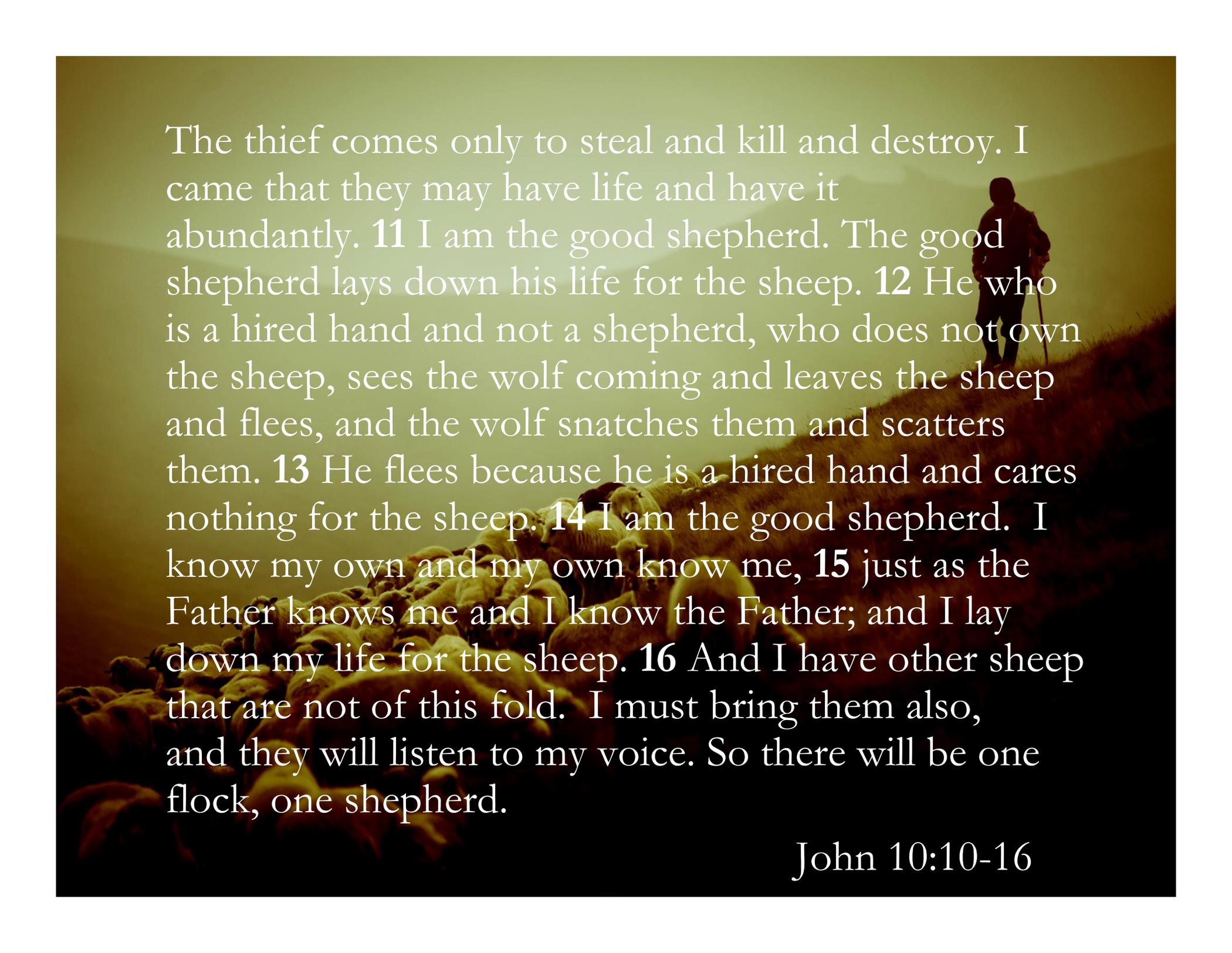
He will tend his flock like
a shepherd; he will gather the
lambs in his arms; he will carry
them in his bosom, and gently
lead those that are with young.

Is 40:11.



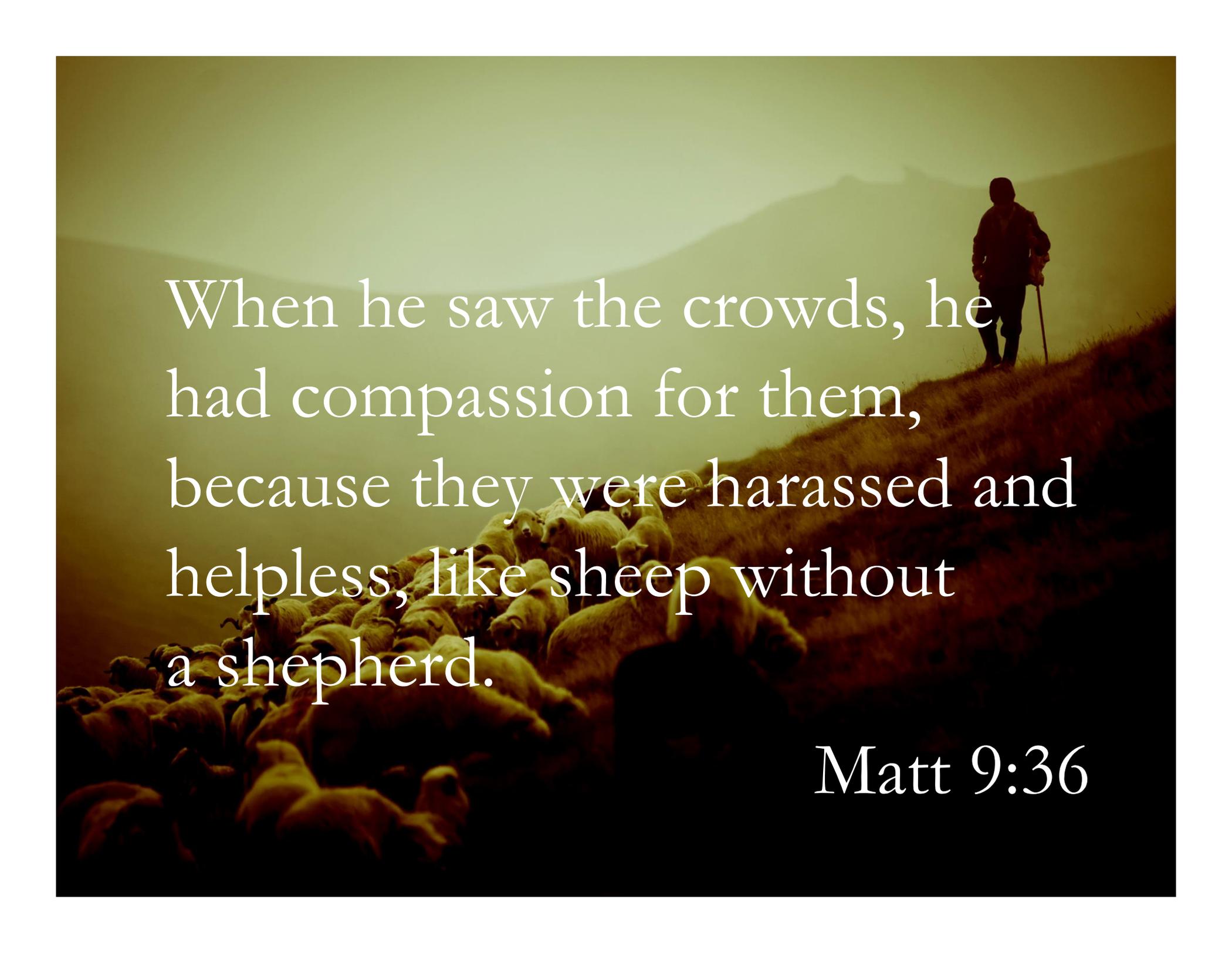
And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

Matt: 2:6

A silhouette of a shepherd stands on a grassy hillside, looking over a large flock of sheep. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The shepherd is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the sheep filling the lower and middle portions of the image. The background shows a hazy, rolling landscape under a soft sky.

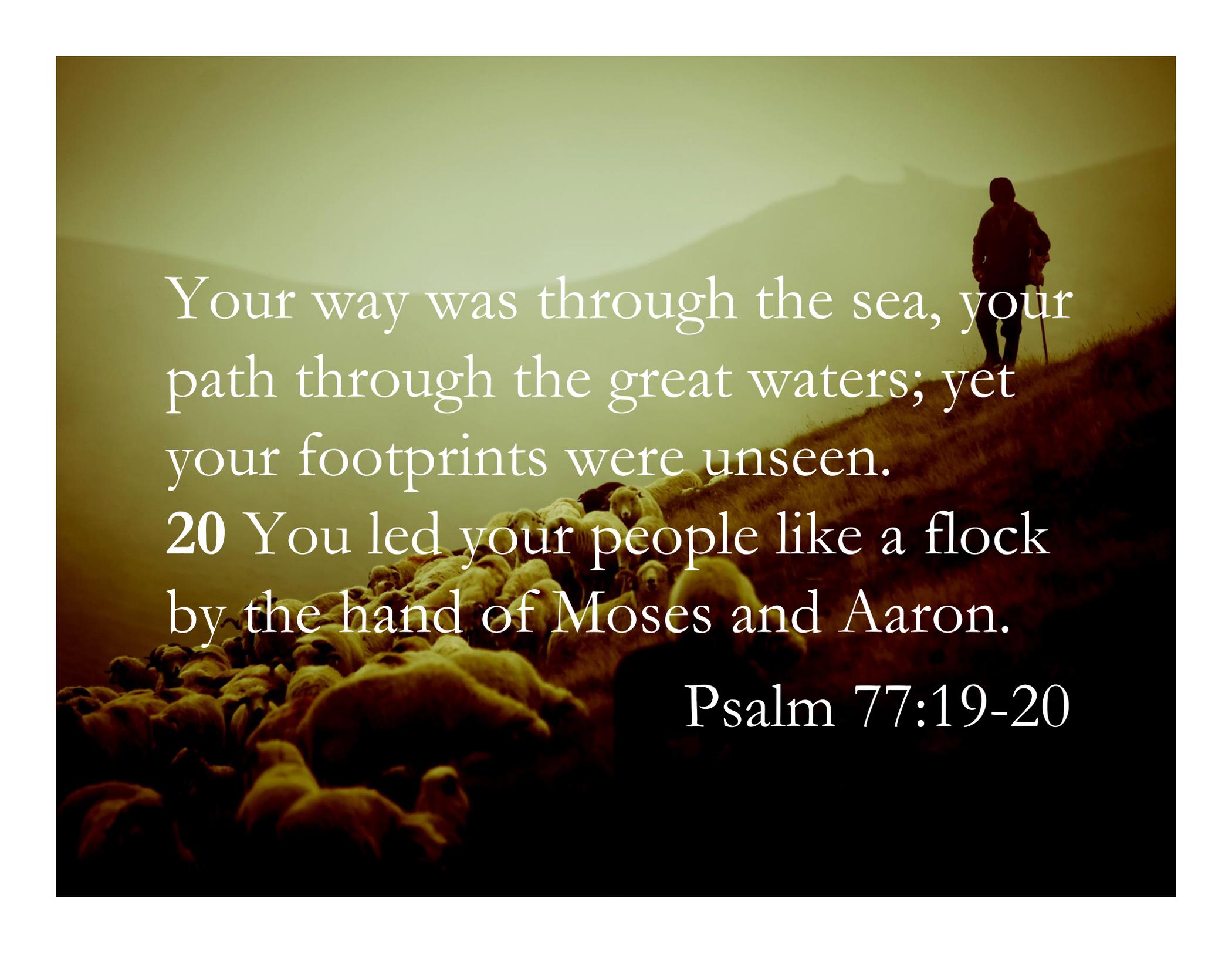
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. **11** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12** He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. **13** He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. **14** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, **15** just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. **16** And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 10:10-16

A photograph of a shepherd standing on a grassy hillside, looking over a large flock of sheep. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with mountains in the background. The shepherd is silhouetted against the light, holding a staff. The sheep are clustered together, filling the lower half of the frame.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

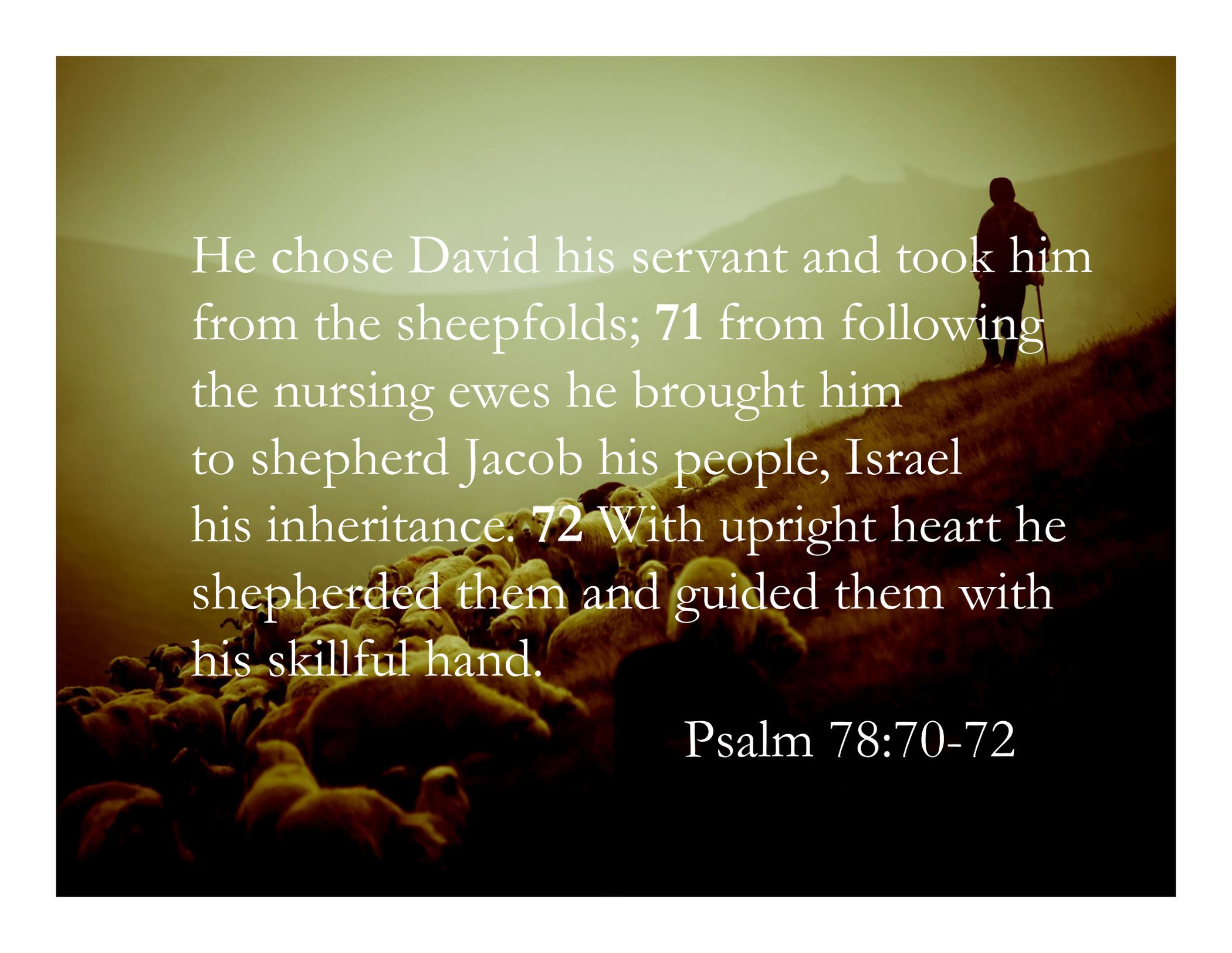
Matt 9:36



Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

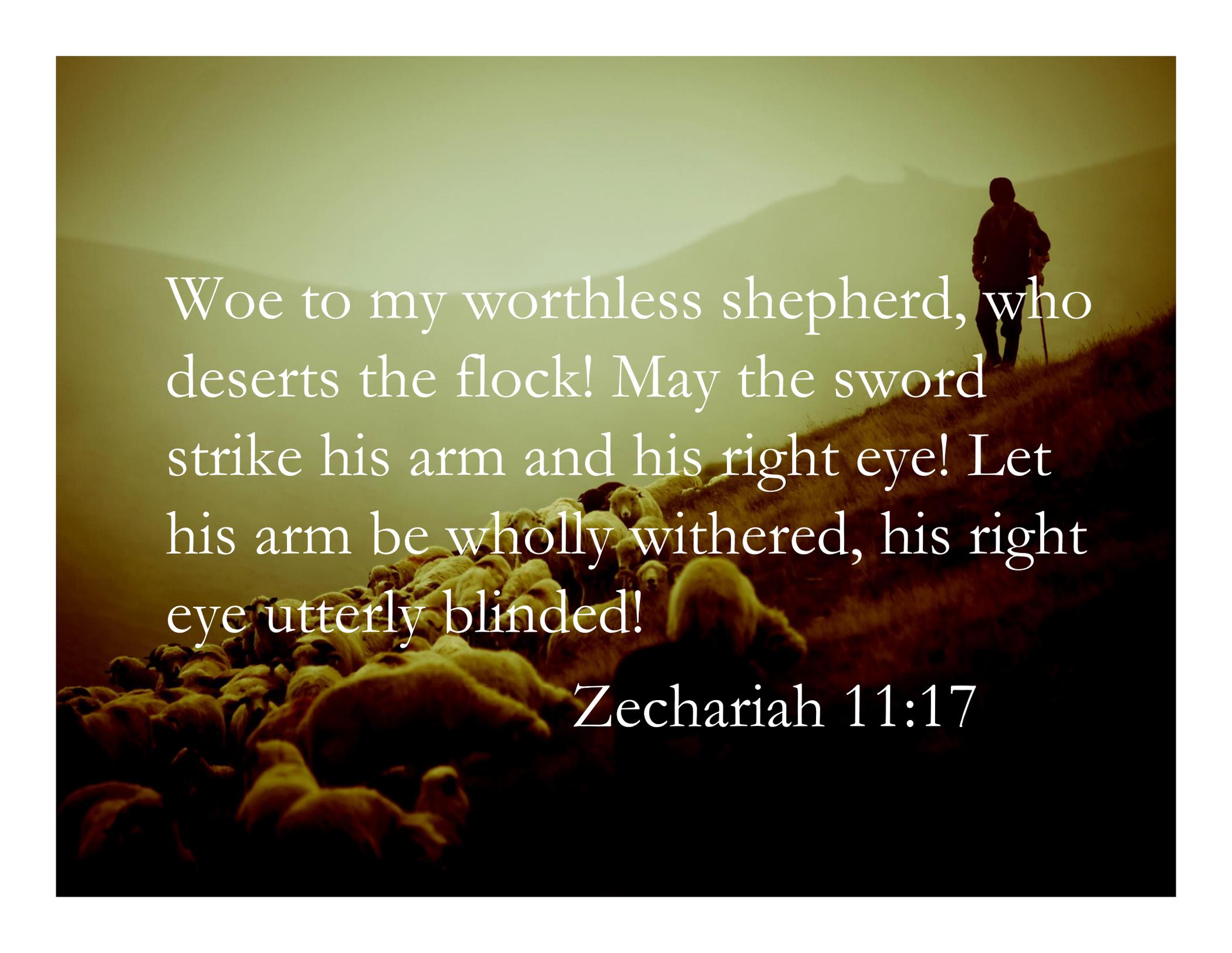
20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 77:19-20



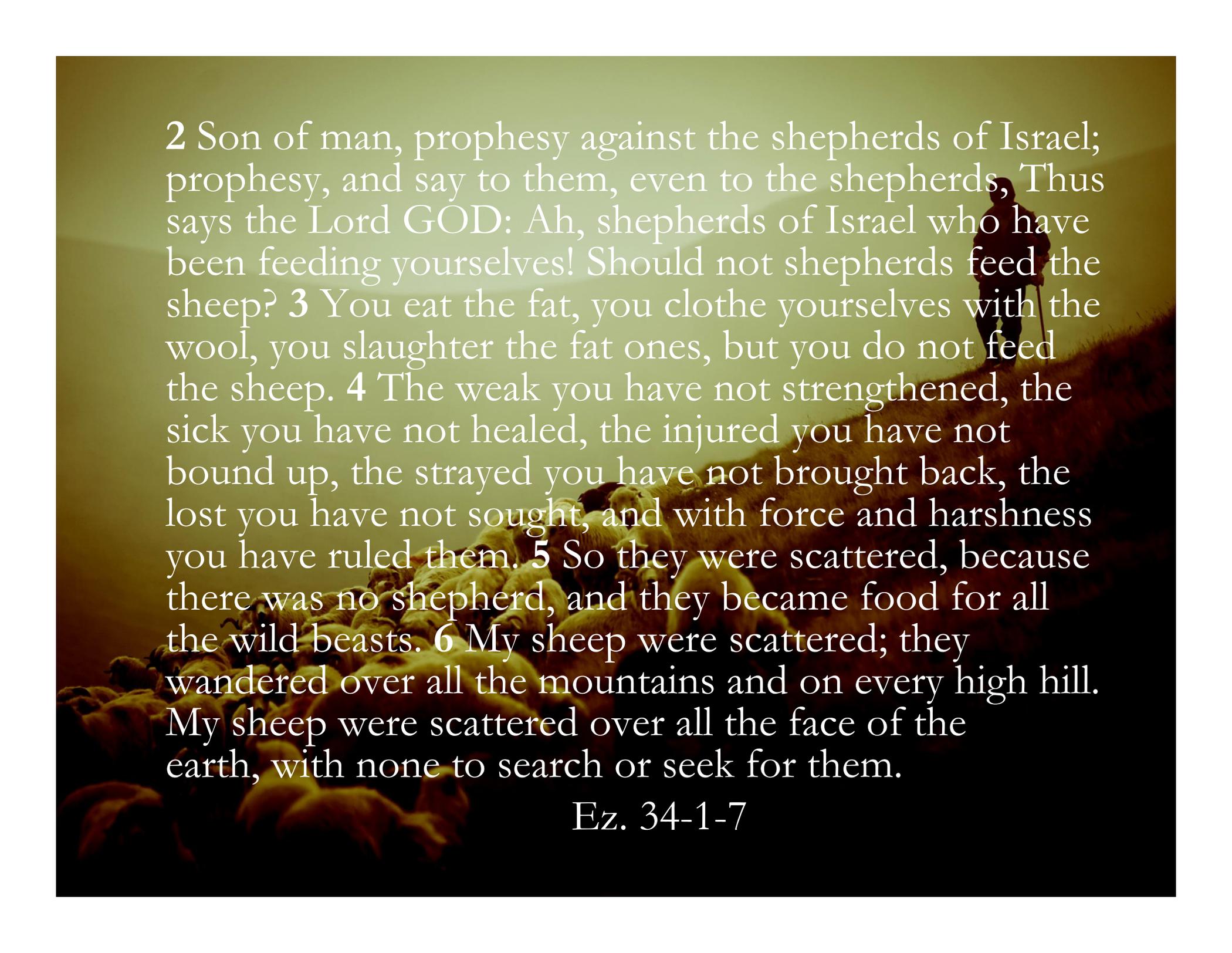
He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds; **71** from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance. **72** With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

Psalm 78:70-72

A shepherd is silhouetted against a hazy, golden-brown sky, standing on a grassy hillside. Below him, a large flock of sheep is gathered, filling the lower half of the frame. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a soft, diffused light, suggesting dawn or dusk. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

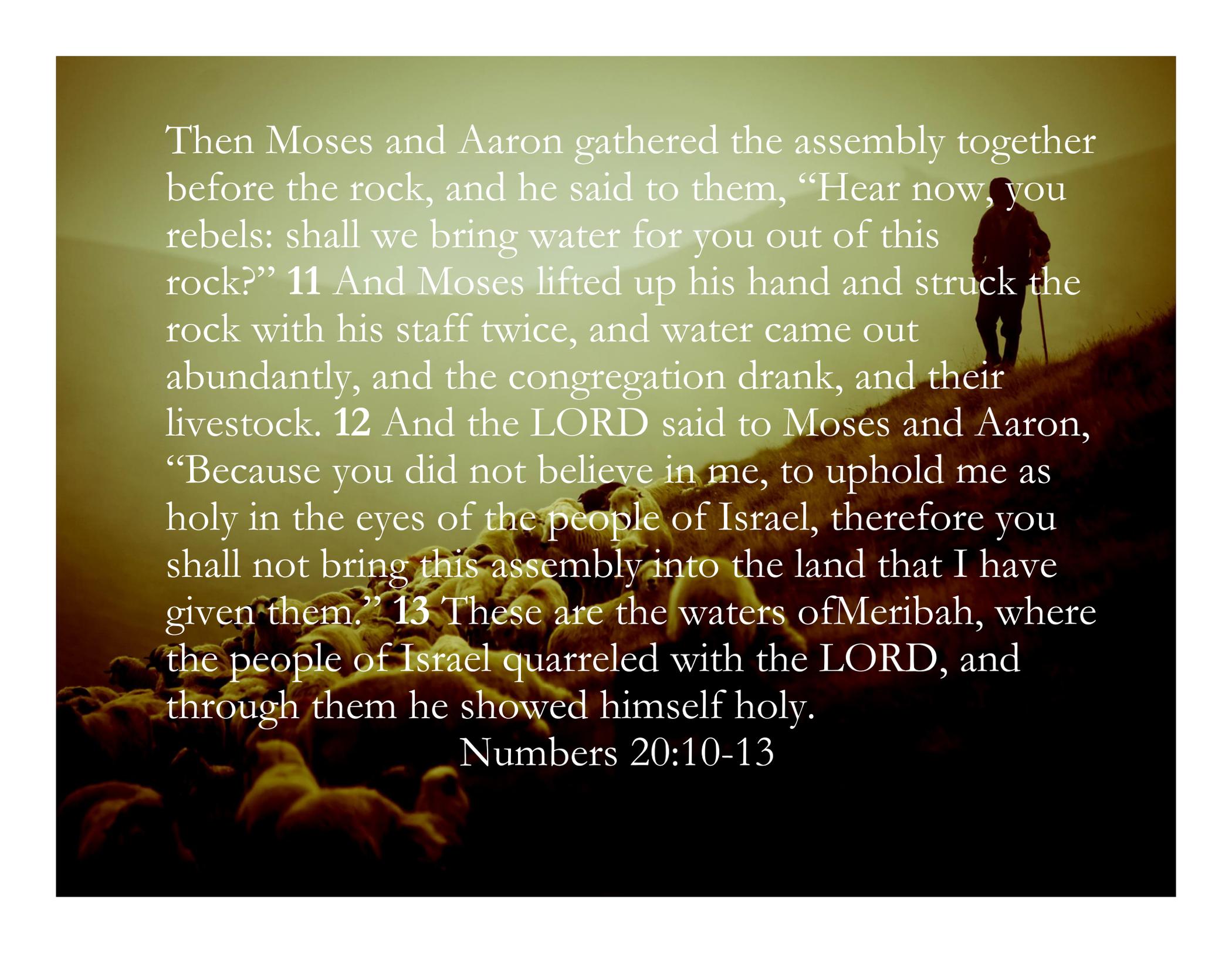
Woe to my worthless shepherd, who
deserts the flock! May the sword
strike his arm and his right eye! Let
his arm be wholly withered, his right
eye utterly blinded!

Zechariah 11:17

A shepherd is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky, standing on a grassy ridge. Below him, a large flock of sheep is gathered in a field. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting either sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is one of quiet observation and care.

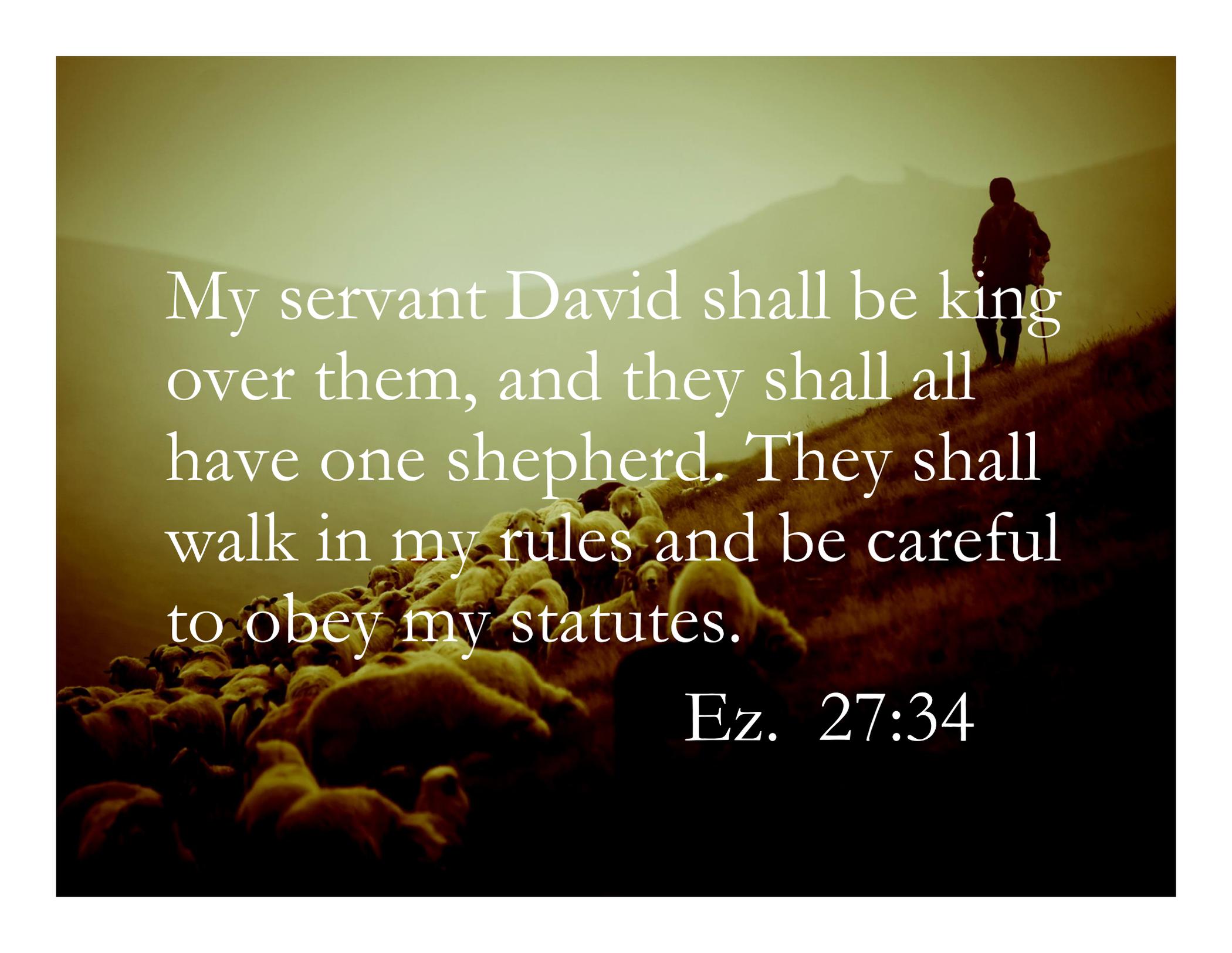
2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? 3 You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. 4 The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. 5 So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. 6 My sheep were scattered; they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

Ez. 34-1-7

A shepherd with a staff stands on a hillside overlooking a large flock of sheep in a hazy, golden landscape. The scene is bathed in a warm, low-angle light, likely from the setting or rising sun, creating a silhouette effect for the shepherd and a soft glow for the sheep and the background. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

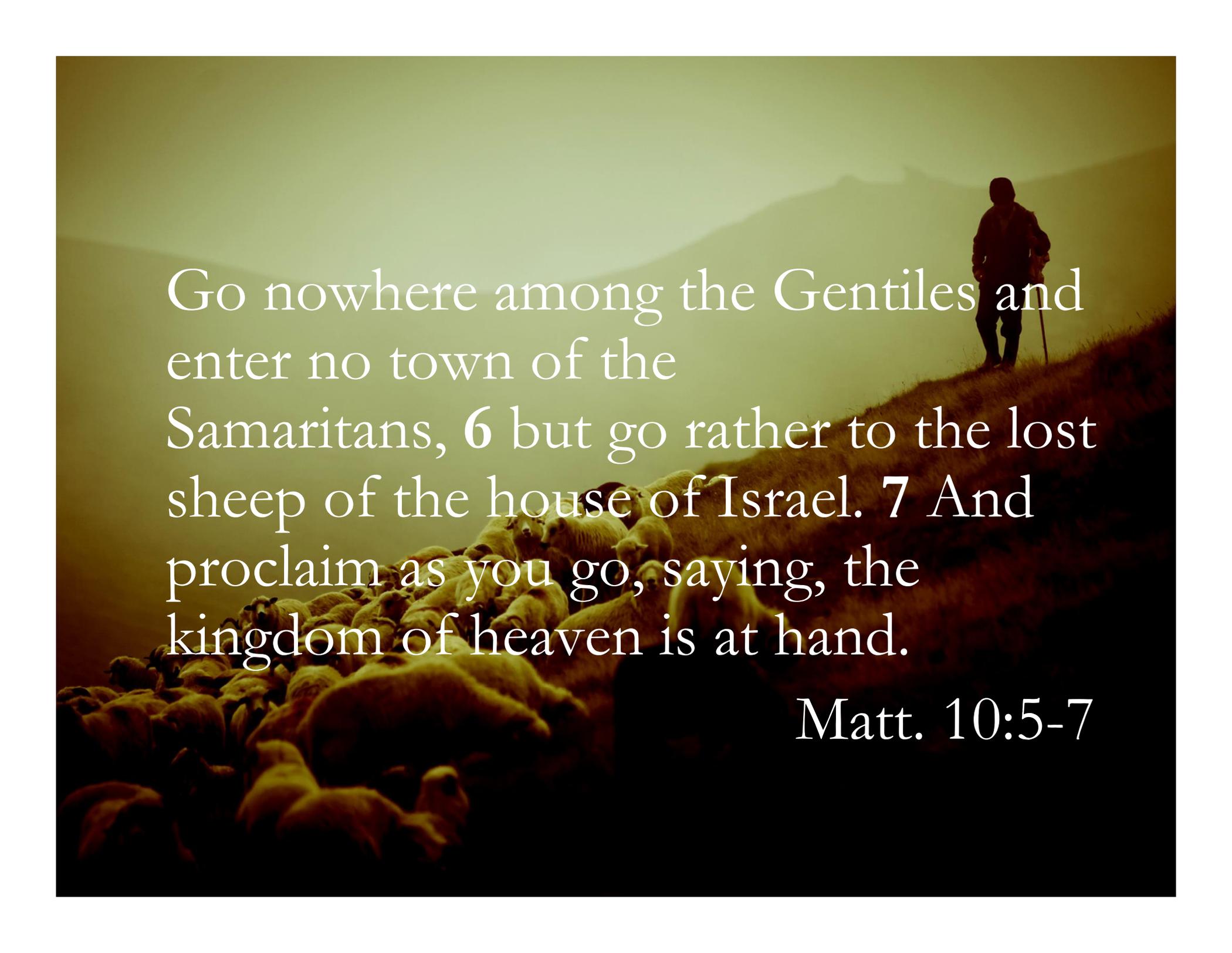
Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?” **11** And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. **12** And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.” **13** These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with the LORD, and through them he showed himself holy.

Numbers 20:10-13

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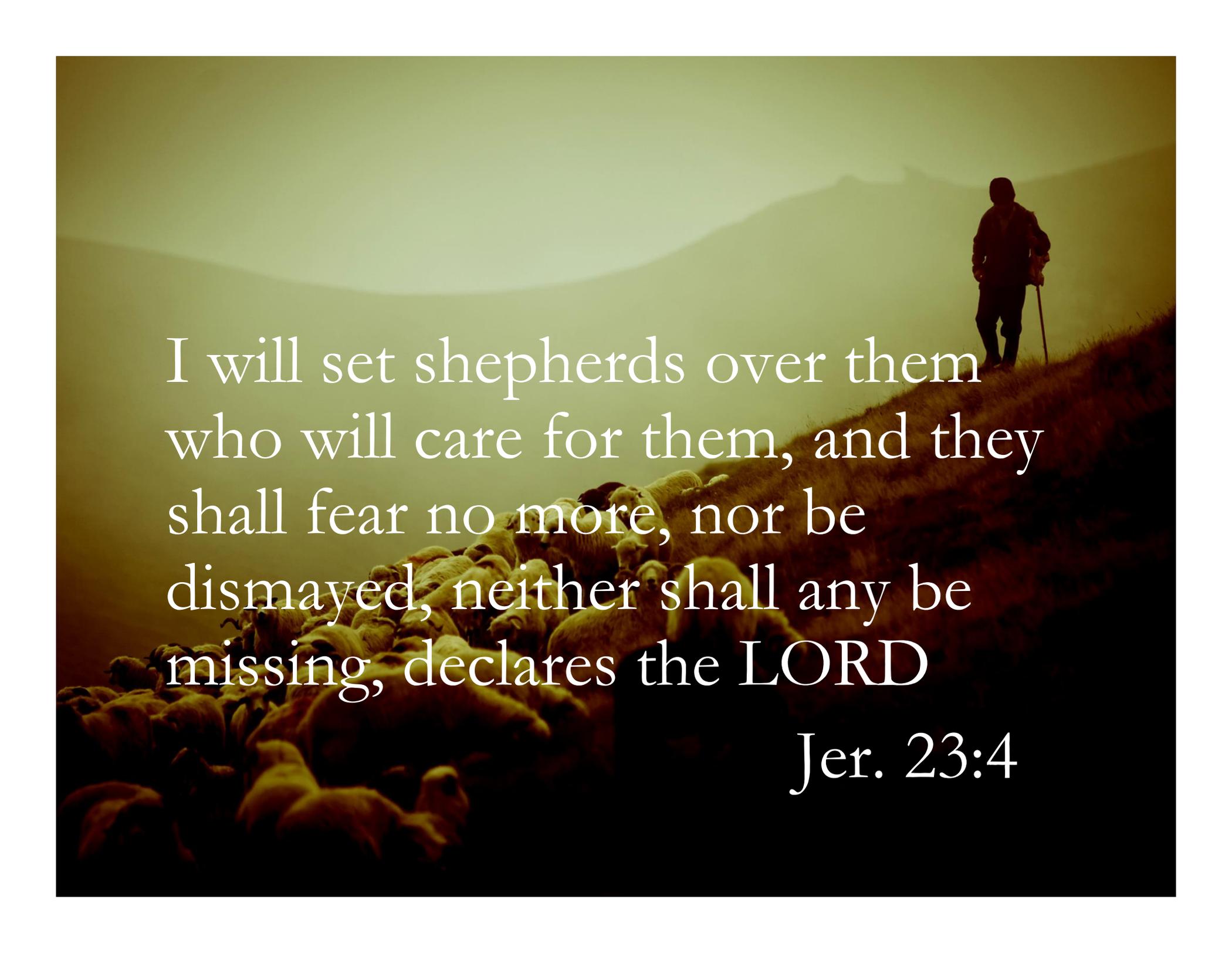
My servant David shall be king
over them, and they shall all
have one shepherd. They shall
walk in my rules and be careful
to obey my statutes.

Ez. 27:34

A shepherd with a staff stands on a hillside overlooking a large flock of sheep in a hazy, mountainous landscape. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting dawn or dusk. The shepherd is silhouetted against the bright sky, and the sheep are clustered together in the foreground and middle ground, extending towards the base of the hills.

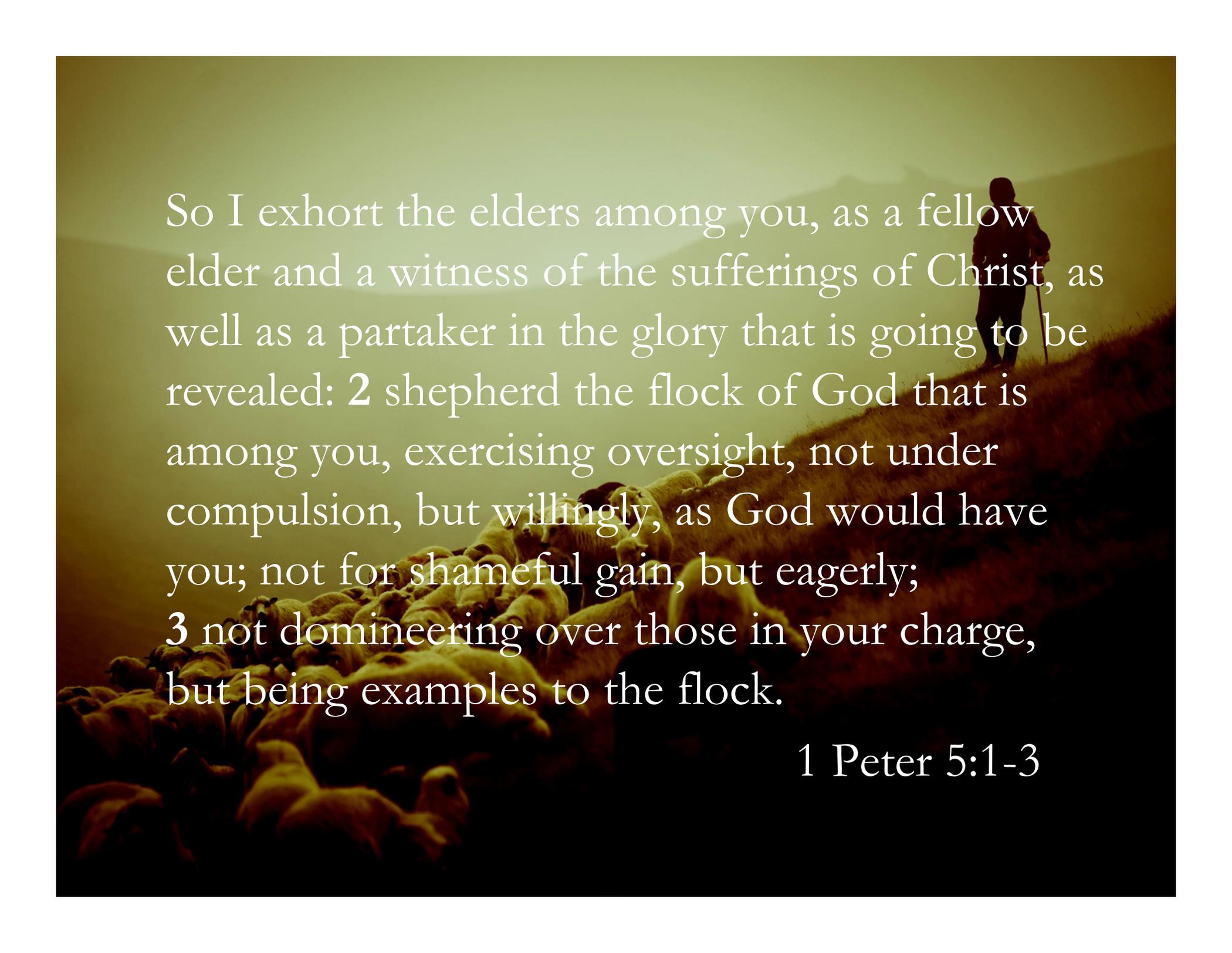
Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And proclaim as you go, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matt. 10:5-7

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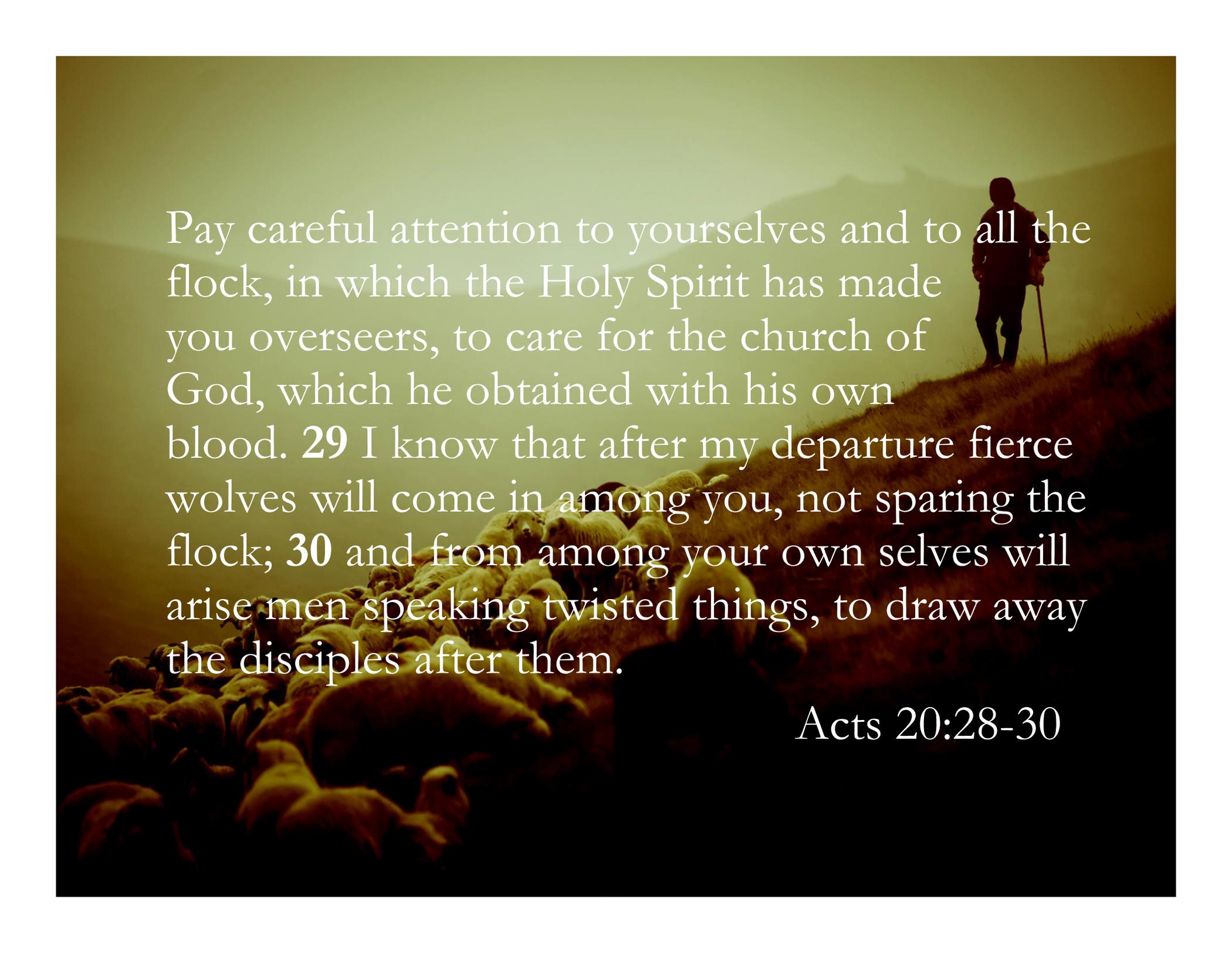
I will set shepherds over them
who will care for them, and they
shall fear no more, nor be
dismayed, neither shall any be
missing, declares the LORD

Jer. 23:4

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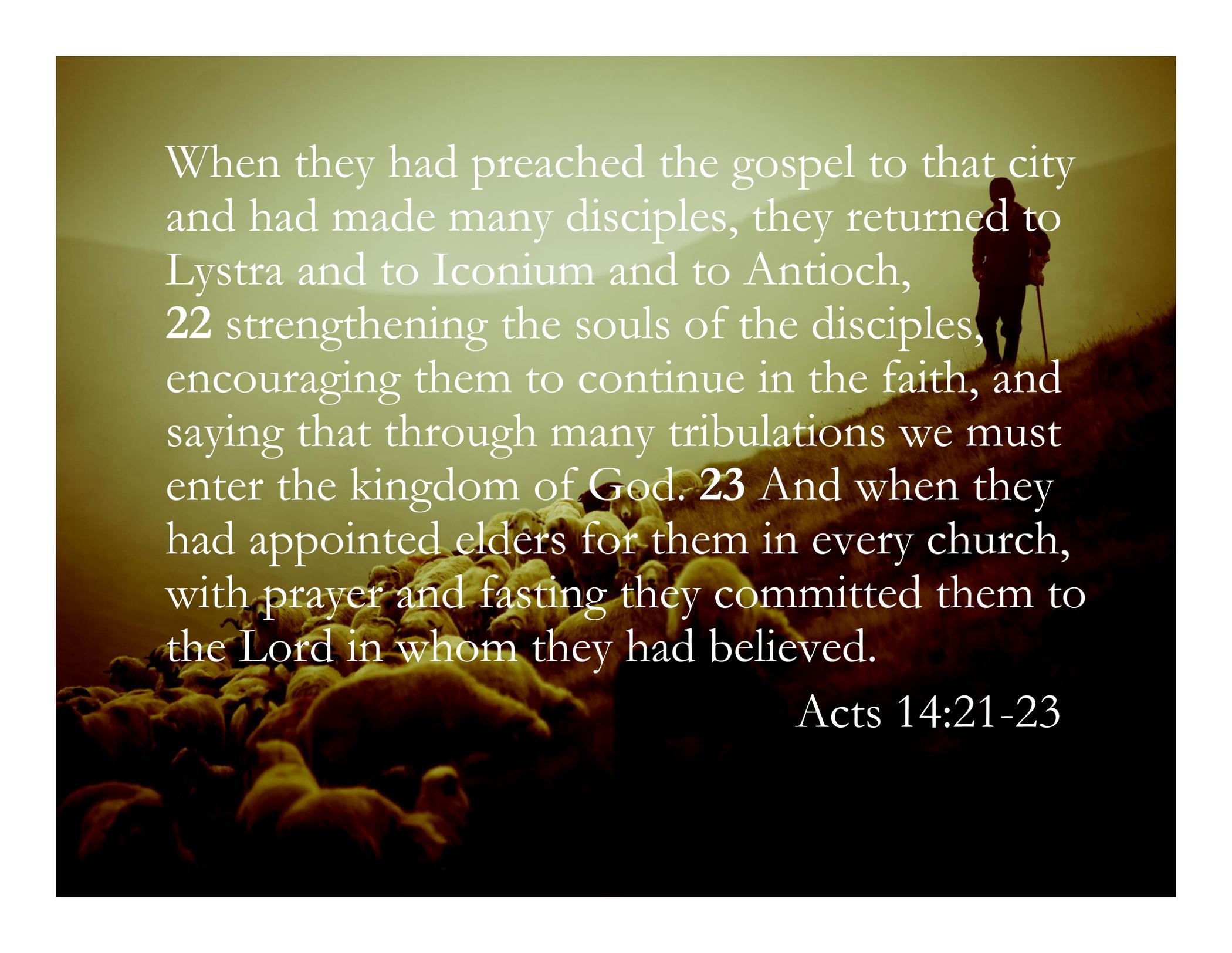
So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: **2** shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; **3** not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:1-3

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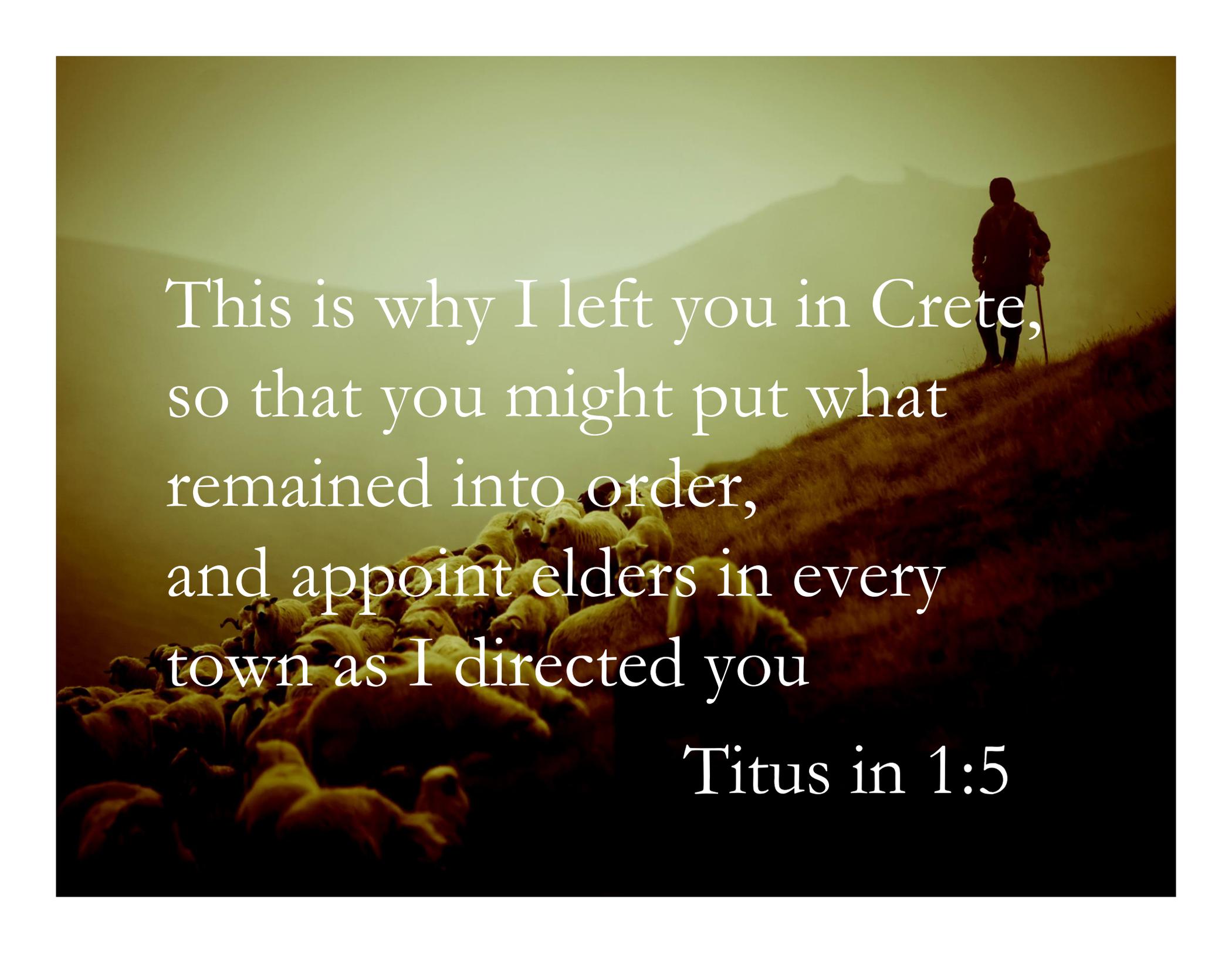
Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. **29** I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; **30** and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

Acts 20:28-30

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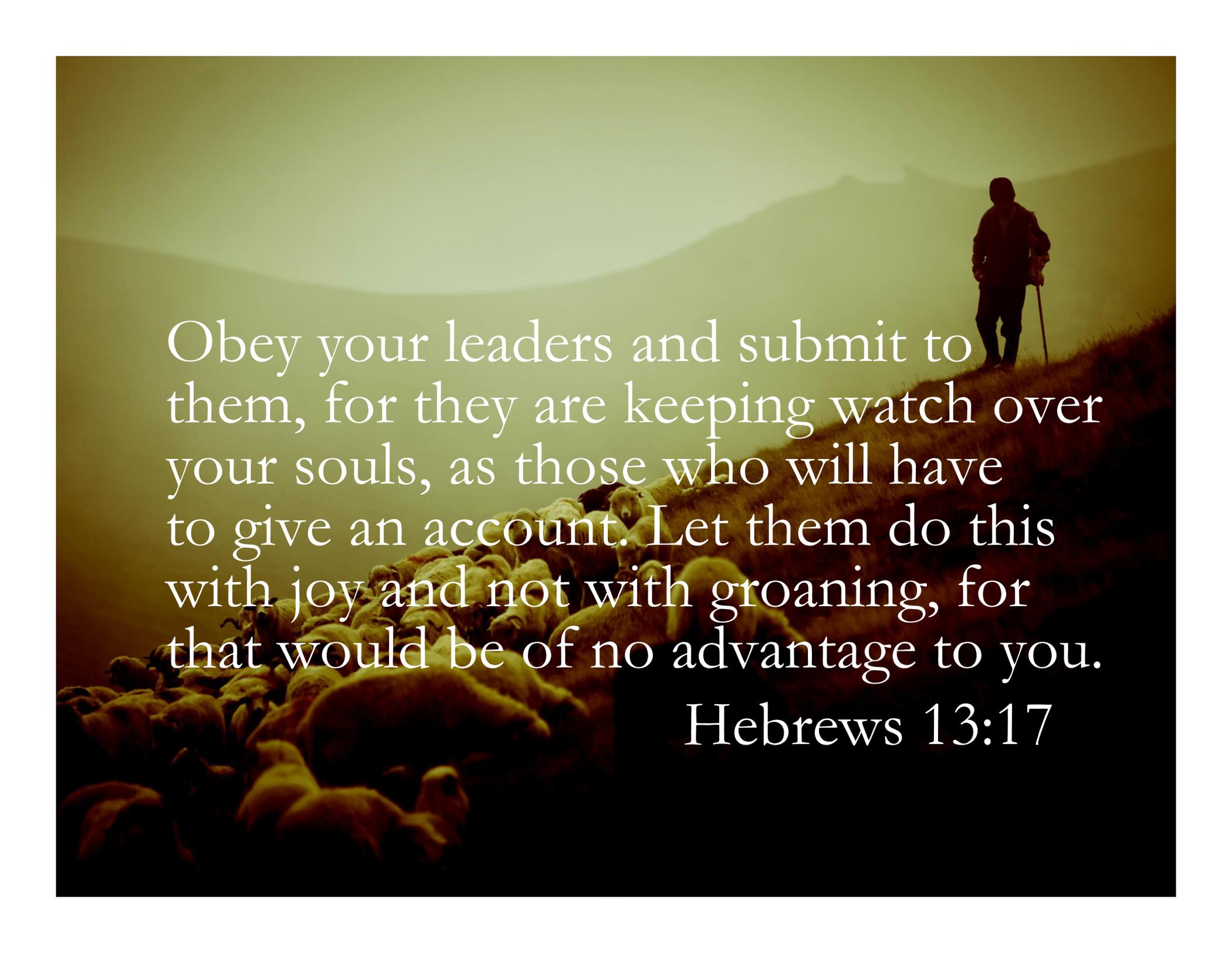
When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, **22** strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. **23** And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Acts 14:21-23

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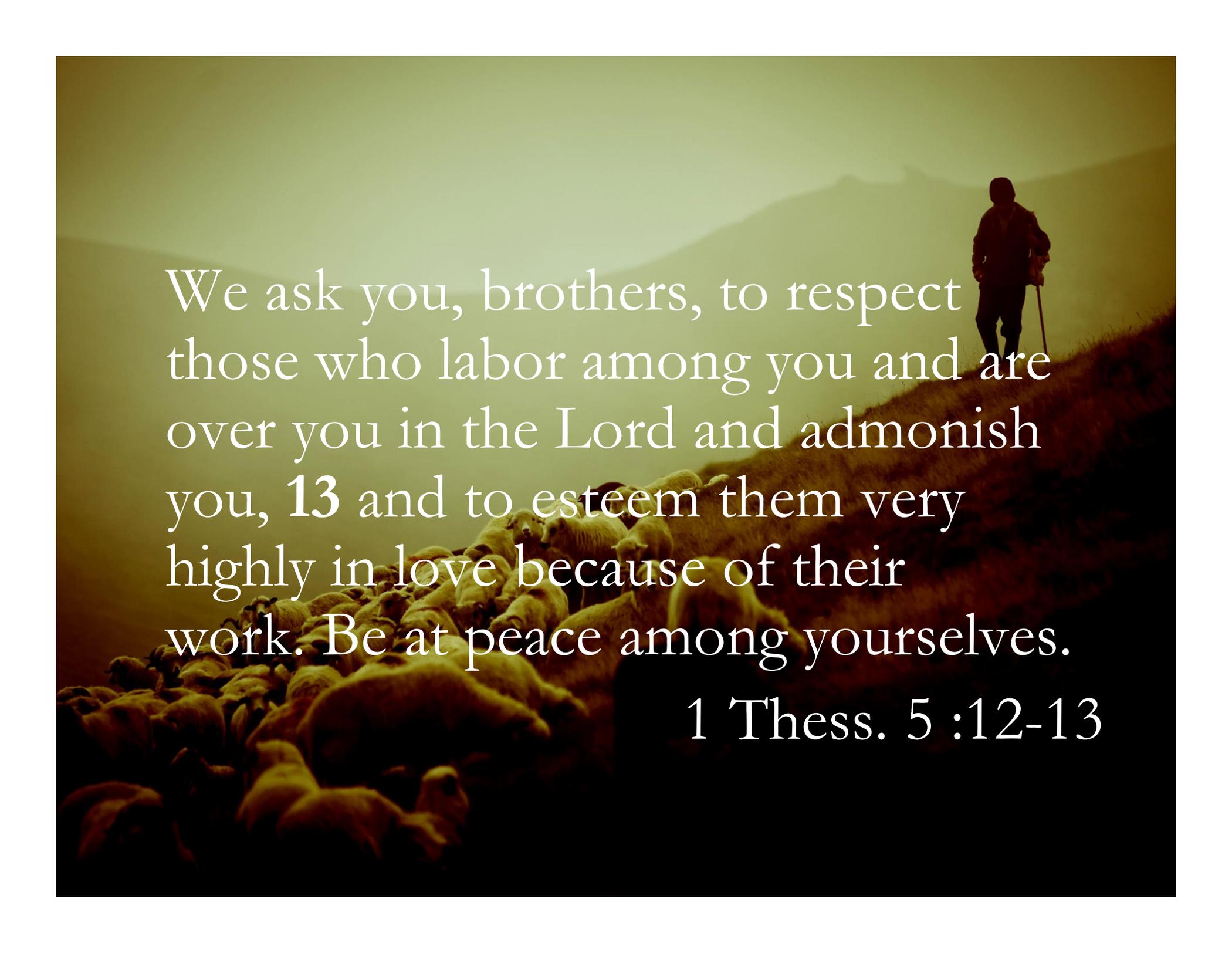
This is why I left you in Crete,
so that you might put what
remained into order,
and appoint elders in every
town as I directed you

Titus in 1:5

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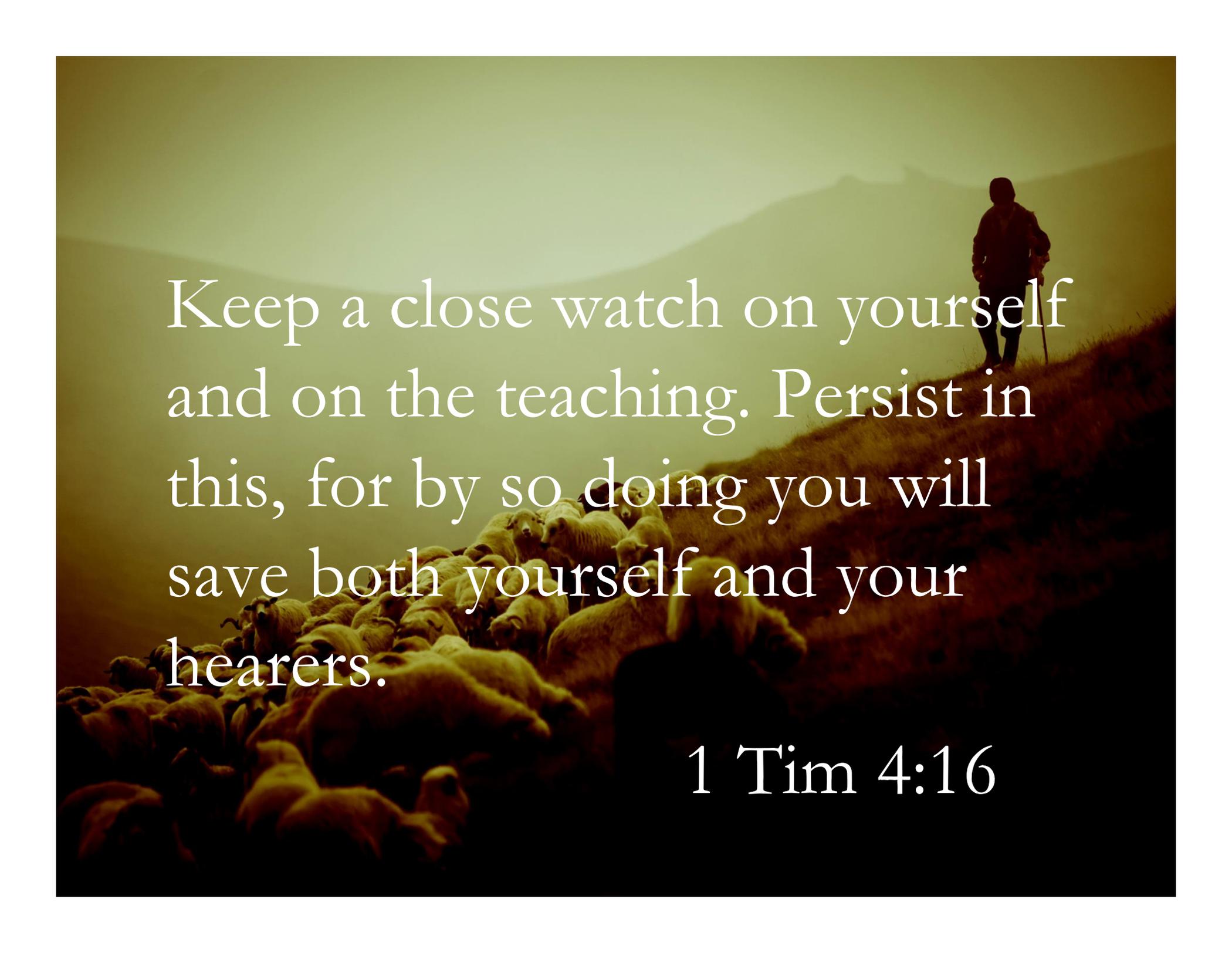
Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:17



We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, **13** and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thess. 5 :12-13

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Keep a close watch on yourself
and on the teaching. Persist in
this, for by so doing you will
save both yourself and your
hearers.

1 Tim 4:16