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TREASURING JESUS IN THE NEW YEAR

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I DON'T DESIRE GOD?

OR

HOW TO FIGHT FOR JOY IN GOD

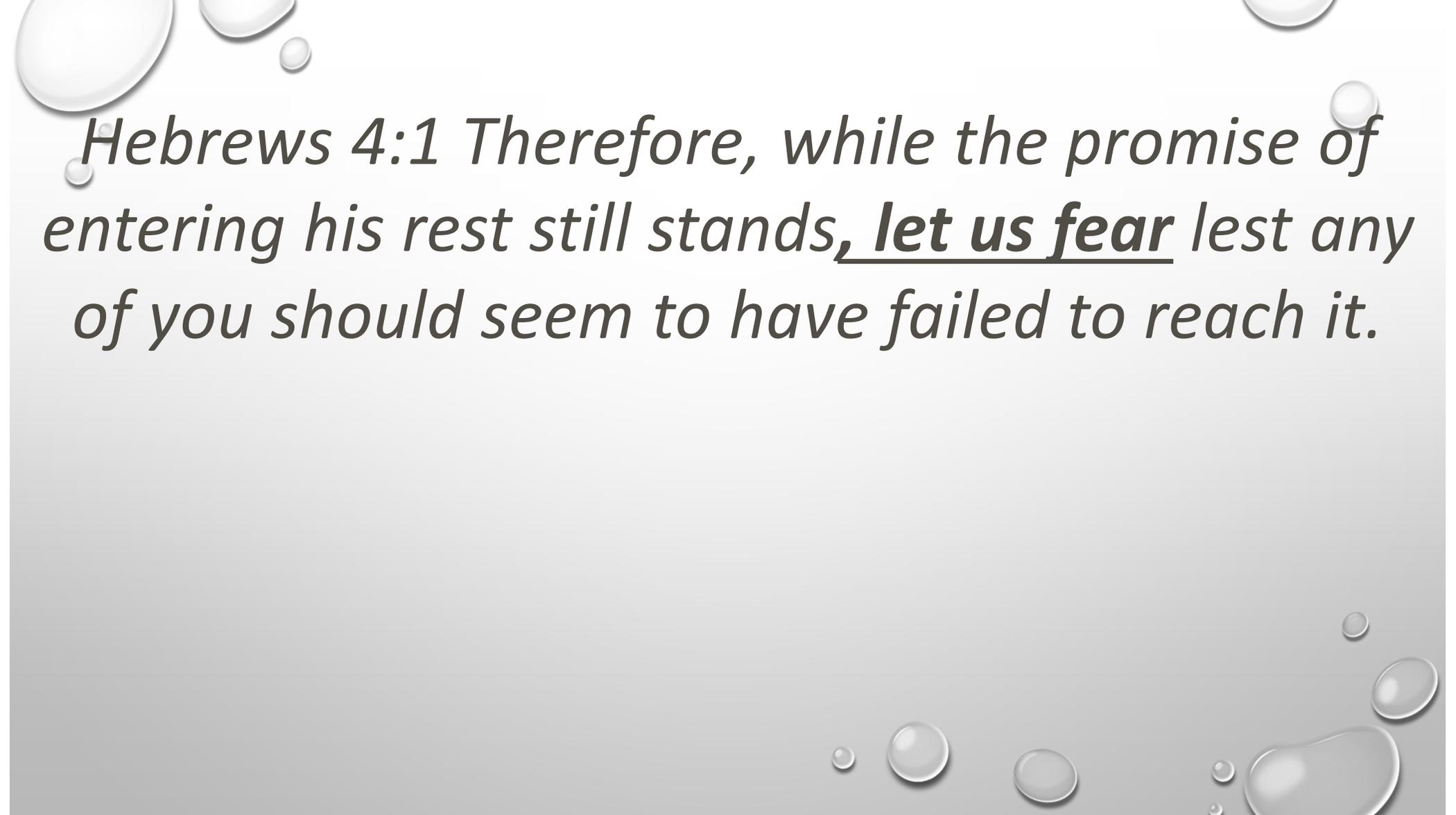
2 Cor 13:5

5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.

Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you— unless indeed you fail to meet the test?

Hebrews 2:1 *Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, **lest we drift away from it.** 2 For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, 3 **how shall we escape** if we **neglect** such a great salvation?*

Hebrews 3:5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, 6 but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope. 7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "**Today**, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, 9 where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. 10 Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.' 11 As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest.'" 12 **Take care**, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another **every day**, as long as it is called "**today**," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.



*Hebrews 4:1 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, **let us fear** lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.*

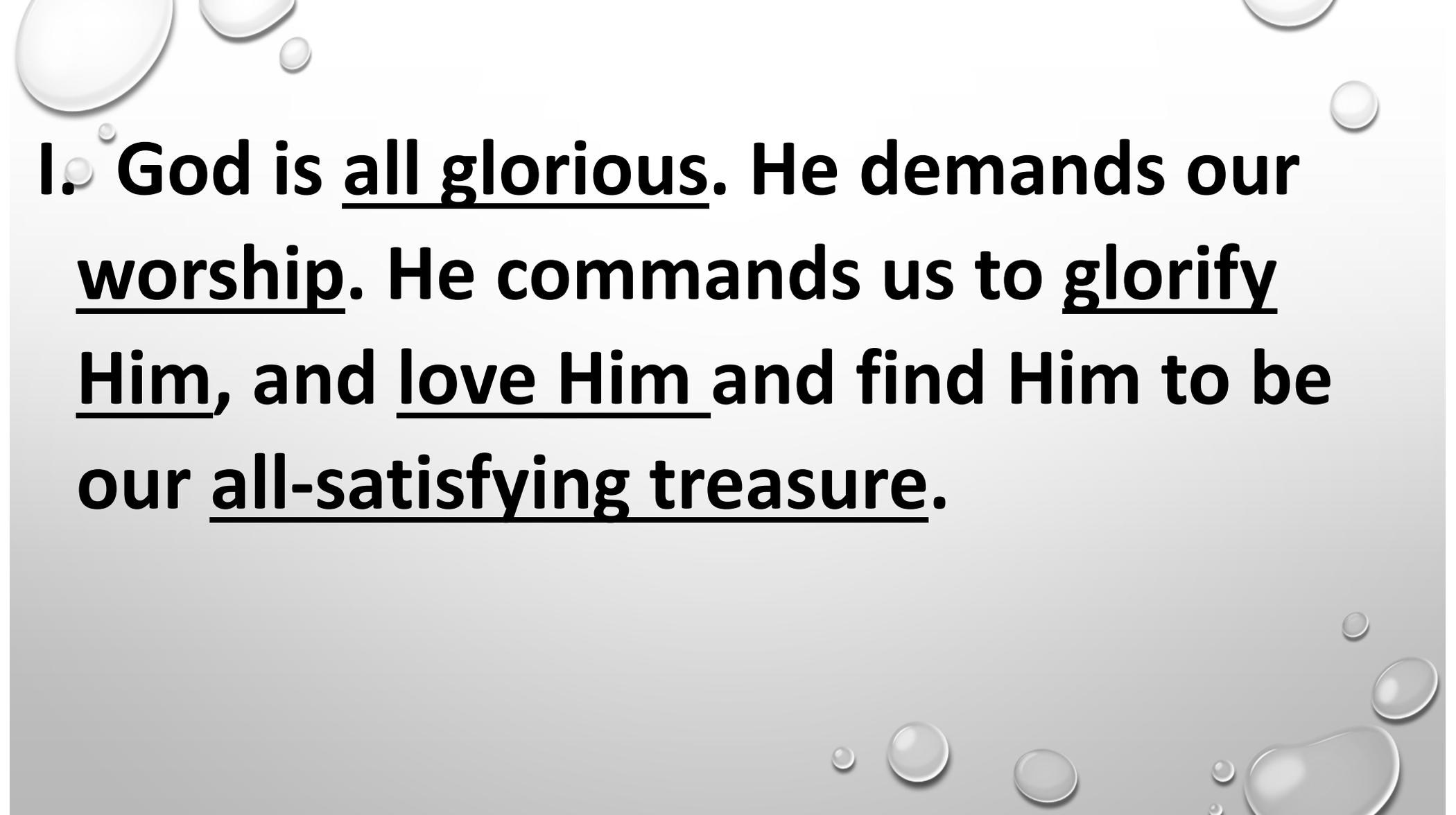
Heb. 11 Let us therefore **strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.** 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

A person who has no taste for the enjoyment of Christ will not go to heaven. *“If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed” (1 Cor. 16:22). “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Matt. 10:37). “Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Pet. 1:8).*

Loving Jesus, not just “deciding” for him or “being committed to him” or affirming all the right doctrines about him, is the mark of a true child of God. Jesus said, *“If God were your Father, you would love me” (John 8:42).* . . . Surely, then, this is worth fighting for. It may feel strange at first, but when we see what is at stake, no battle will seem more important. Loving Christ involves delight in his Person. Without this love no one goes to heaven. Therefore, there is no more important struggle in the universe than the struggle to see and savor Christ above all things—the struggle for joy. John Piper

2 Cor. 1:24

Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.



I. God is all glorious. He demands our worship. He commands us to glorify Him, and love Him and find Him to be our all-satisfying treasure.

Ex. 15:11 *“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, **awesome** in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”*

Deut. 10: 17 *“For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the **awesome** God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.”*

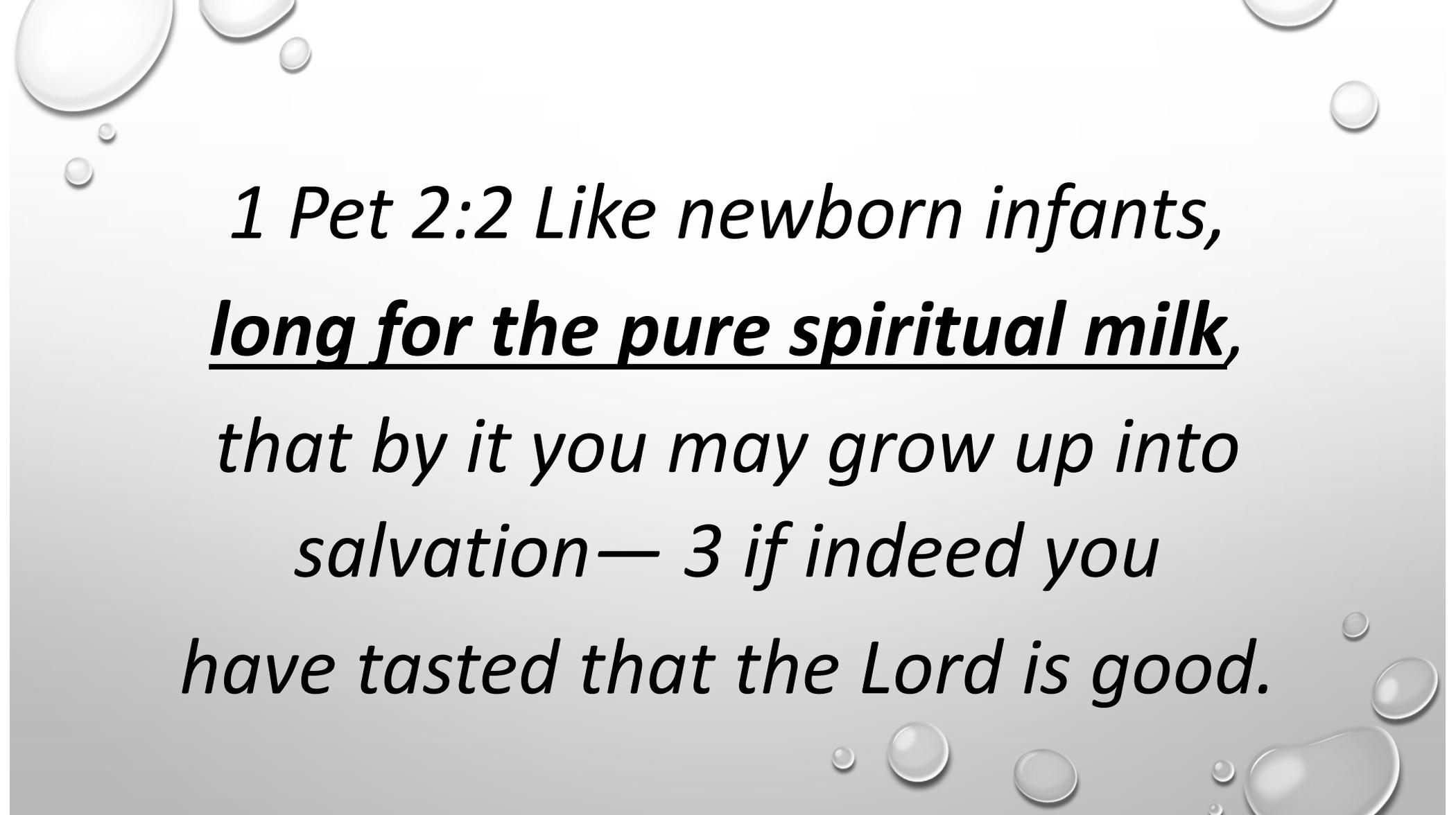
*Ps. 22: 23 I will tell of your name to my
brothers; in the midst of the congregation I
will praise you: 23 You who fear the LORD,
praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify
him, and stand in awe of him, all you
offspring of Israel!*

*Matt. 22:34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You **shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.** 38 This is the great and first commandment*

*Ps 100 Make a **joyful** noise to the LORD, all the earth! 2 Serve the LORD with **gladness**! Come into his presence with singing! 3 Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, **and we are his**; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with **thanksgiving**, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

*Ps. 37:4 **Delight** yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the **desires** of your heart.*

*Phil 4:4 **Rejoice in the Lord always;**
again I will say, **rejoice.***



*1 Pet 2:2 Like newborn infants,
long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up into
salvation— 3 if indeed you
have tasted that the Lord is good.*

1 Cor 16:21

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. 22 If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed.

Our Lord, come!

*Jer. 2:11 Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. 12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, 13 **for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.***

*Lev. 10:3 Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them. 2 And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. 3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD has said: 'Among those who are near me **I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.**'" And Aaron held his peace.*

*Deut. 28: 45 "All these curses shall come upon you and pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you. 46 They shall be a sign and a wonder against you and your offspring forever. 47 Because you did not serve the LORD your God **with joyfulness and gladness of heart**, because of the abundance of all things, 48 therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you.*

Rev 3:15

“I know your works:

you are neither cold nor hot.

Would that you were either cold or hot!

*16 So, **because***

you are lukewarm,

and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you

out of my mouth.

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**HE IS MOST GLORIFIED IN US,
WHEN WE ARE MOST
SATISFIED IN HIM!**

Matt 19:6 *And behold, a man came up to him, saying,*

“Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?”

17 *And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good?*

There is only one who is good. *If you would enter life,*

keep the commandments.” 18 *He said to him, “Which ones?”*

And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, 19

Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 20 *The young man said to him, “All these I have kept.*

What do I still lack?” 21 *Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”*

23 And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." 25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" 26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**II. How do we do what we are
commanded to do**

(find Him to be our all-satisfying treasure)

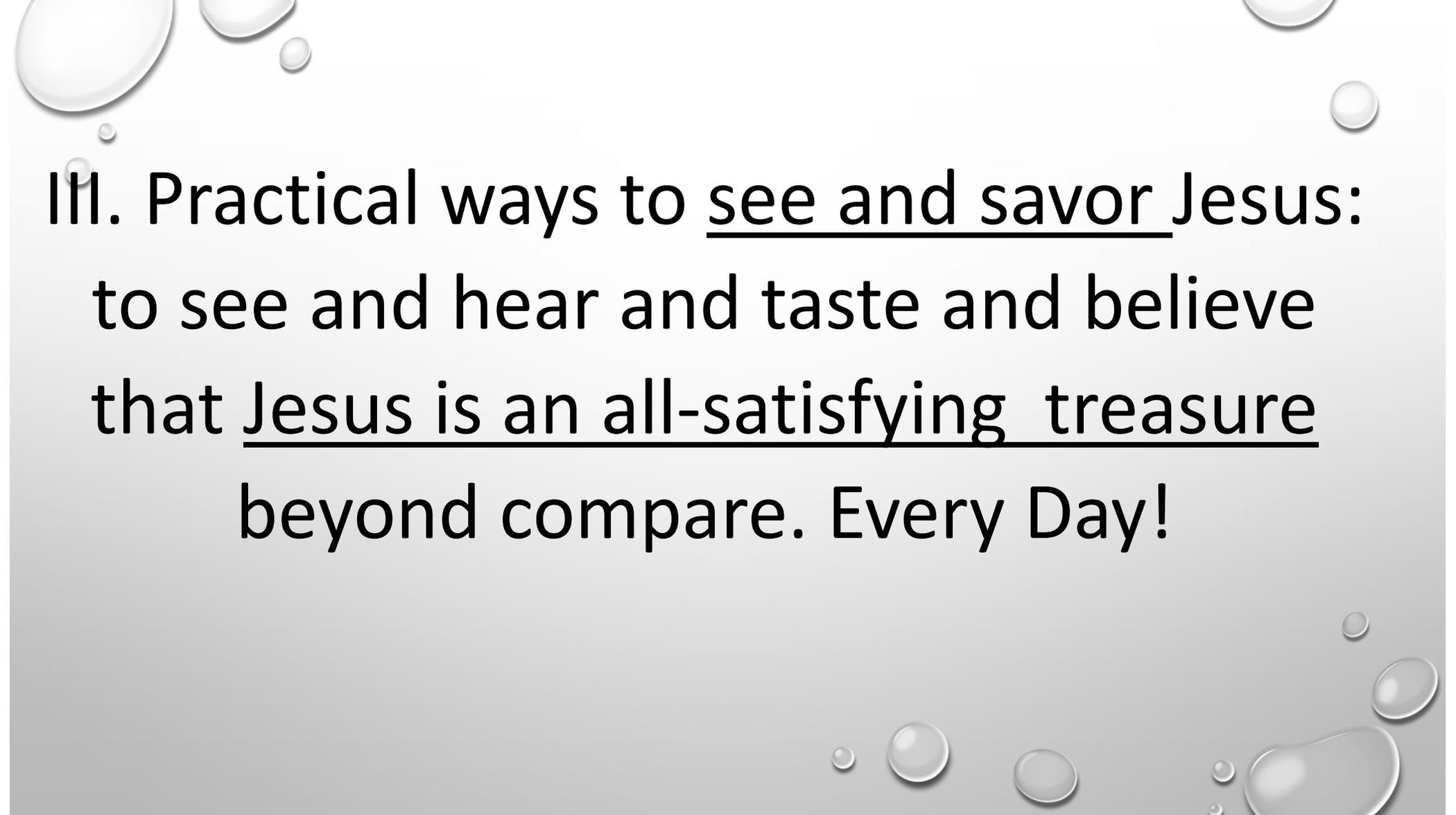
but cannot do?

Isn't this impossible?

Eph: 1:16 *I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 **having the eyes of your hearts enlightened**, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints*

Matt. 13: 13 This is why I speak to them in parables,
because **seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear,**
nor do they understand. 14 Indeed, in their case the
prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: ““You will indeed hear but
never understand, and you will indeed see but
never perceive.” 15 For this people's **heart has grown dull,**
and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have
closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear
with their ears and **understand with their heart** and turn,
and I would heal them.’ 16 But blessed are your eyes,
for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

2 Pet 1:3 His divine power has **granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.



III. Practical ways to see and savor Jesus:
to see and hear and taste and believe
that Jesus is an all-satisfying treasure
beyond compare. Every Day!

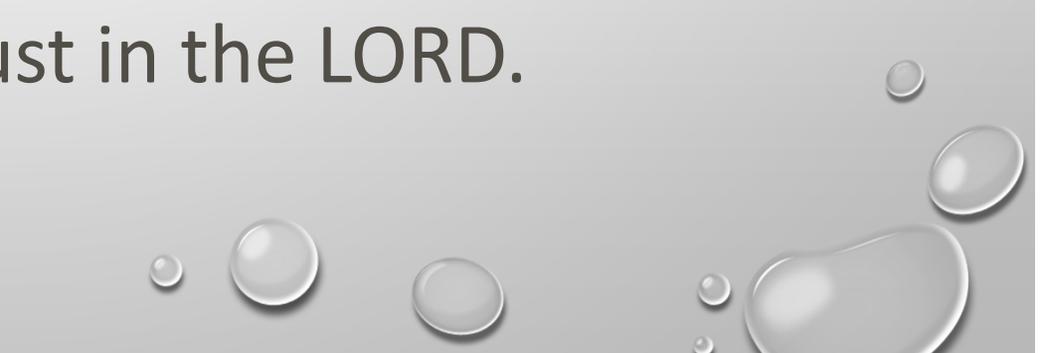
17 PRACTICAL IDEAS TO TREASURE JESUS

1. REPENT. CONFESS
2. PRAY (IOUS) PS. 119:36, 18, 86:11, 90:14
3. READ TO SEE AND KNOW JESUS
4. MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE
5. PREACH TO YOURSELF
6. SPEND TIME WITH GOD-SATURATED PEOPLE
7. READ GREAT BOOKS
8. GET REST, EXERCISE, PROPER DIET
9. SEE GOD IN NATURE
10. GET A GLOBAL VISION FOR MISSIONS
11. SING
12. PUT SERMONS/GODLY MUSIC ON PHONE
13. JOIN A CARE GROUP
14. AVOID TEMPTATION
15. STUDY THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD
16. BE PATIENT WHEN THE DARKNESS DOESN'T LIFT
17. TAKE COMMUNION REGULARLY AND REALLY



Ps. 40: 1 I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.² He drew me up f
rom the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.



17. COMMUNION

¹COR 11:23 FOR I RECEIVED FROM THE LORD WHAT I ALSO DELIVERED TO YOU,
THAT THE LORD JESUS ON THE NIGHT WHEN HE WAS BETRAYED TOOK BREAD,
²⁴ AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BROKE IT, AND SAID, “THIS
IS MY BODY, WHICH IS FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”

²⁵ IN THE SAME WAY ALSO HE TOOK THE CUP, AFTER SUPPER,
SAYING, “THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD.
DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”

²⁶ FOR AS OFTEN AS YOU EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THE CUP,
YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH UNTIL HE COMES.