

Hymn #4 *How Great Thou Art*



NAHUM: The Oracle of Nineveh
630 BC

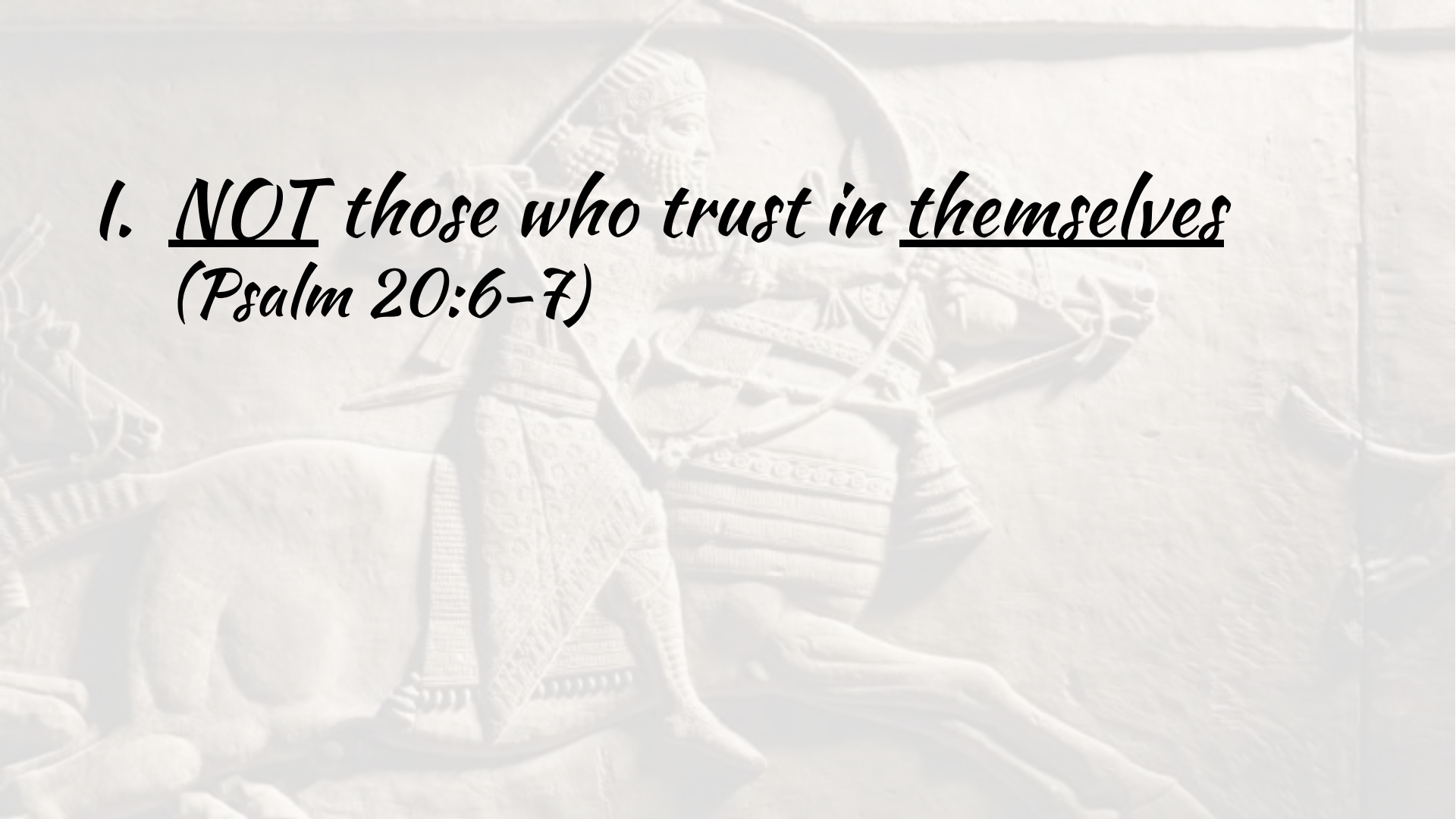


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“Enjoy” - possess, benefit from, take pleasure in
“Hope” - expectant desiring; trusting for a
certain thing to happen

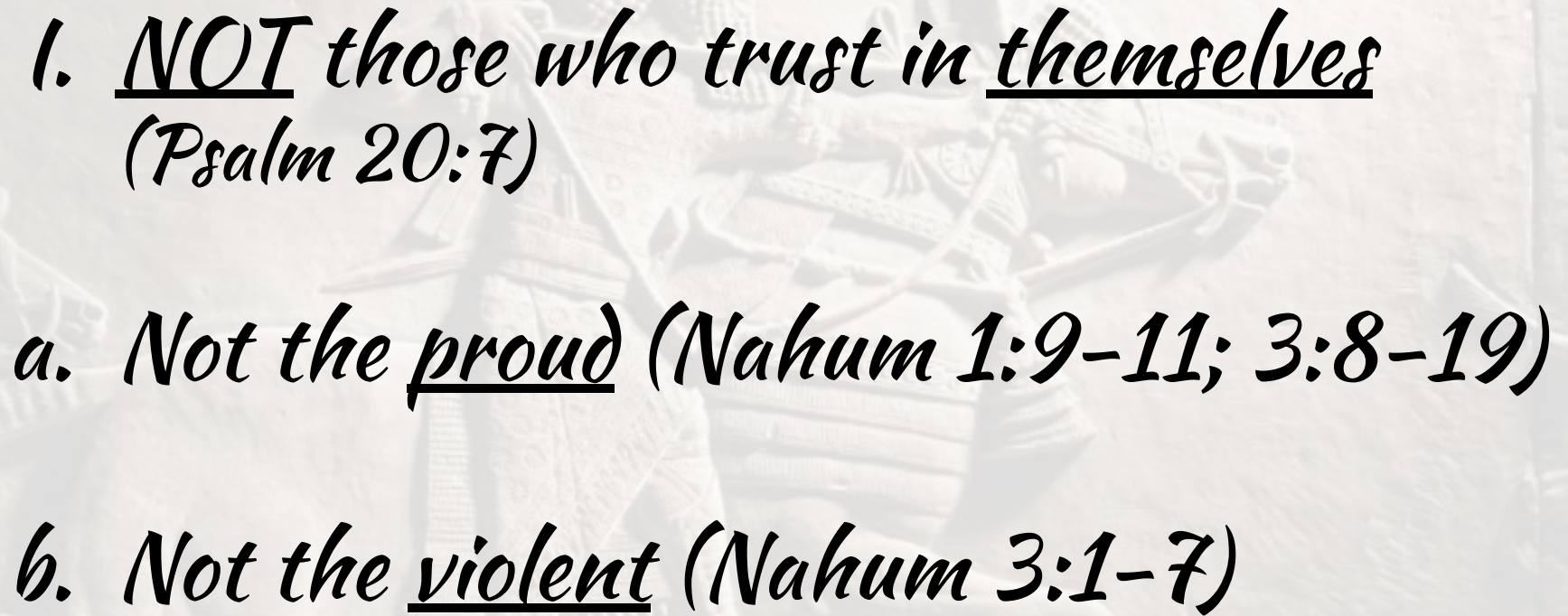
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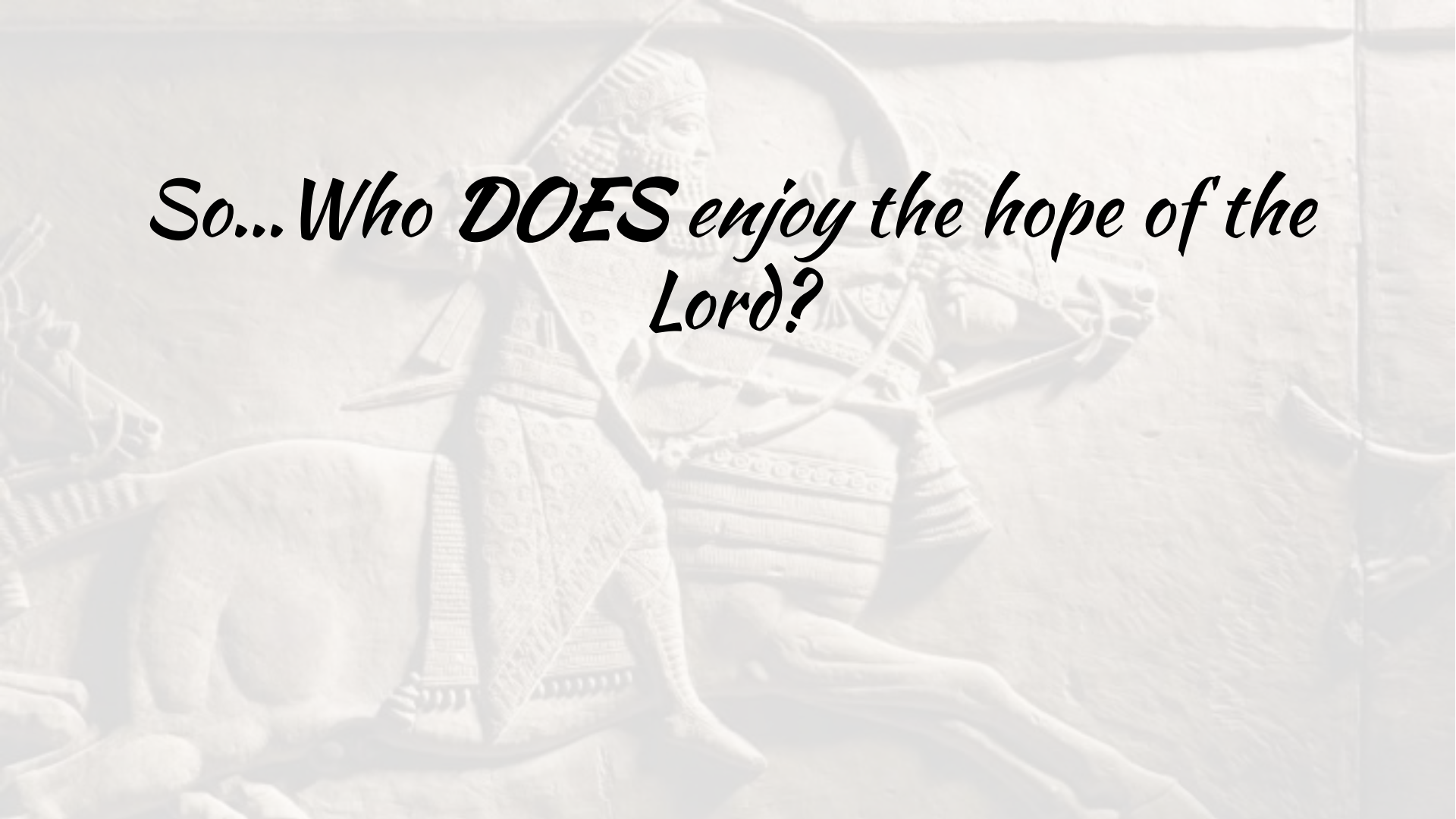
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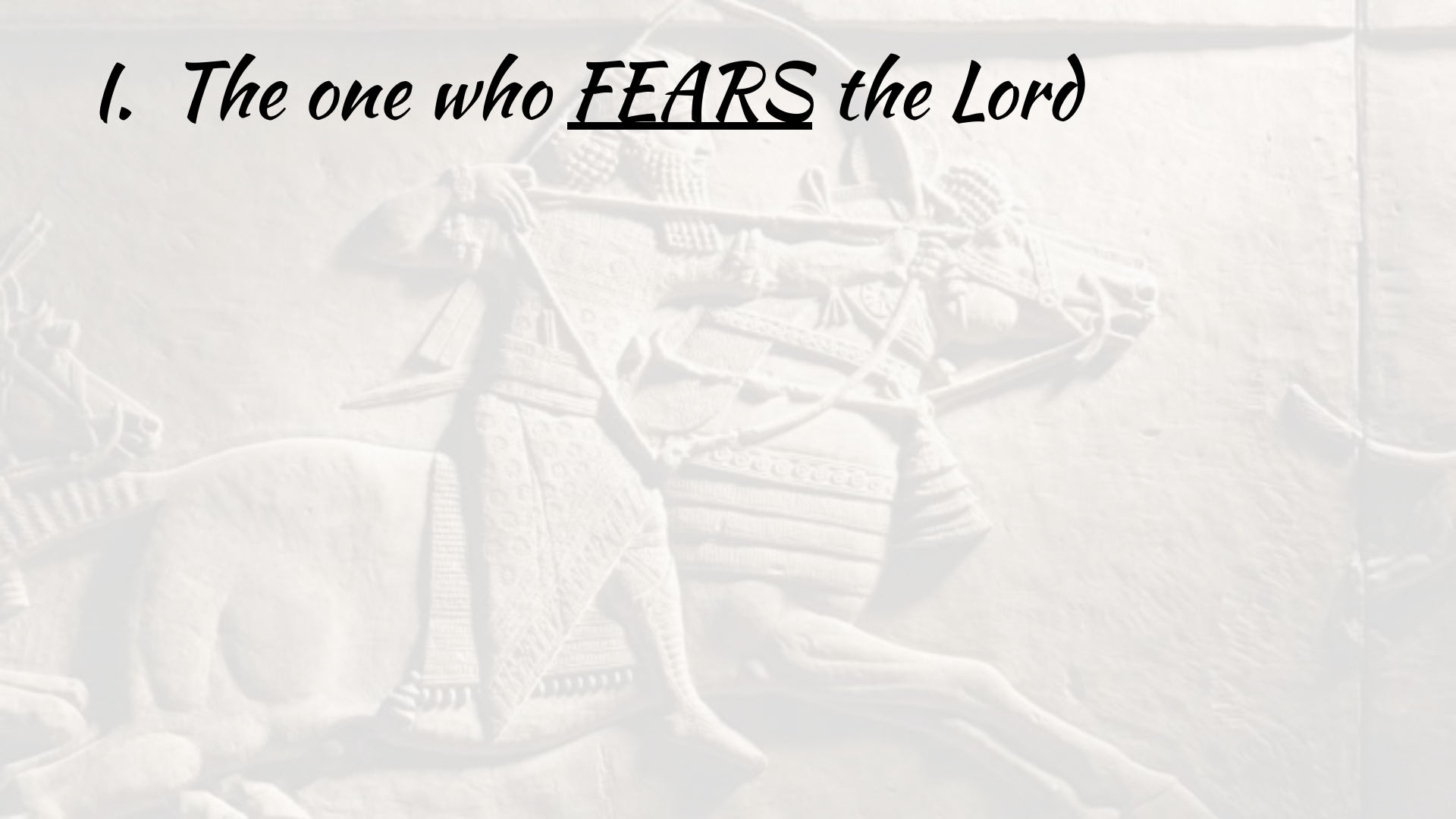
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 - b. Not the violent (Nahum 3:1-7)

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*So... Who **DOES** enjoy the hope of the Lord?*

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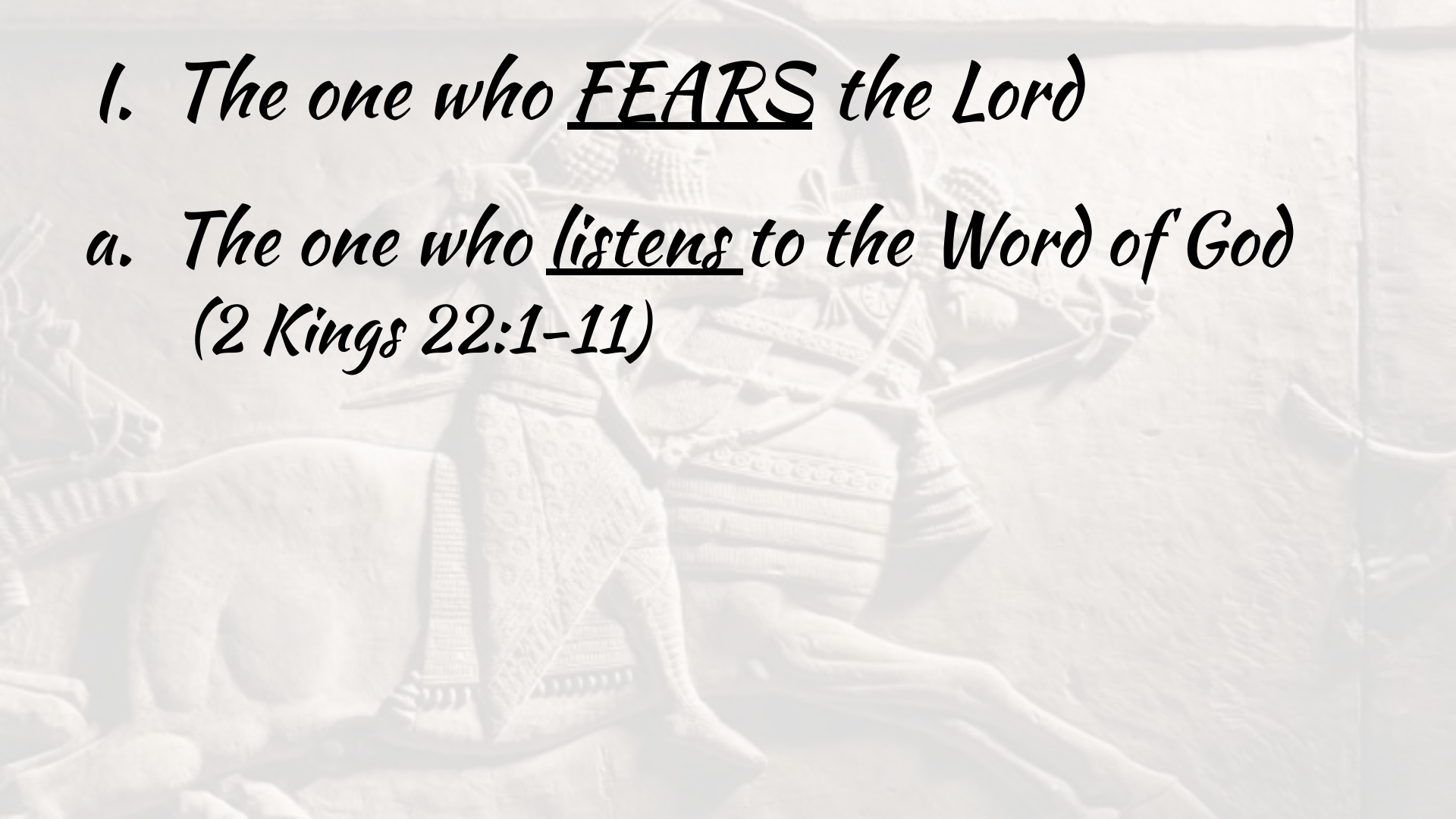


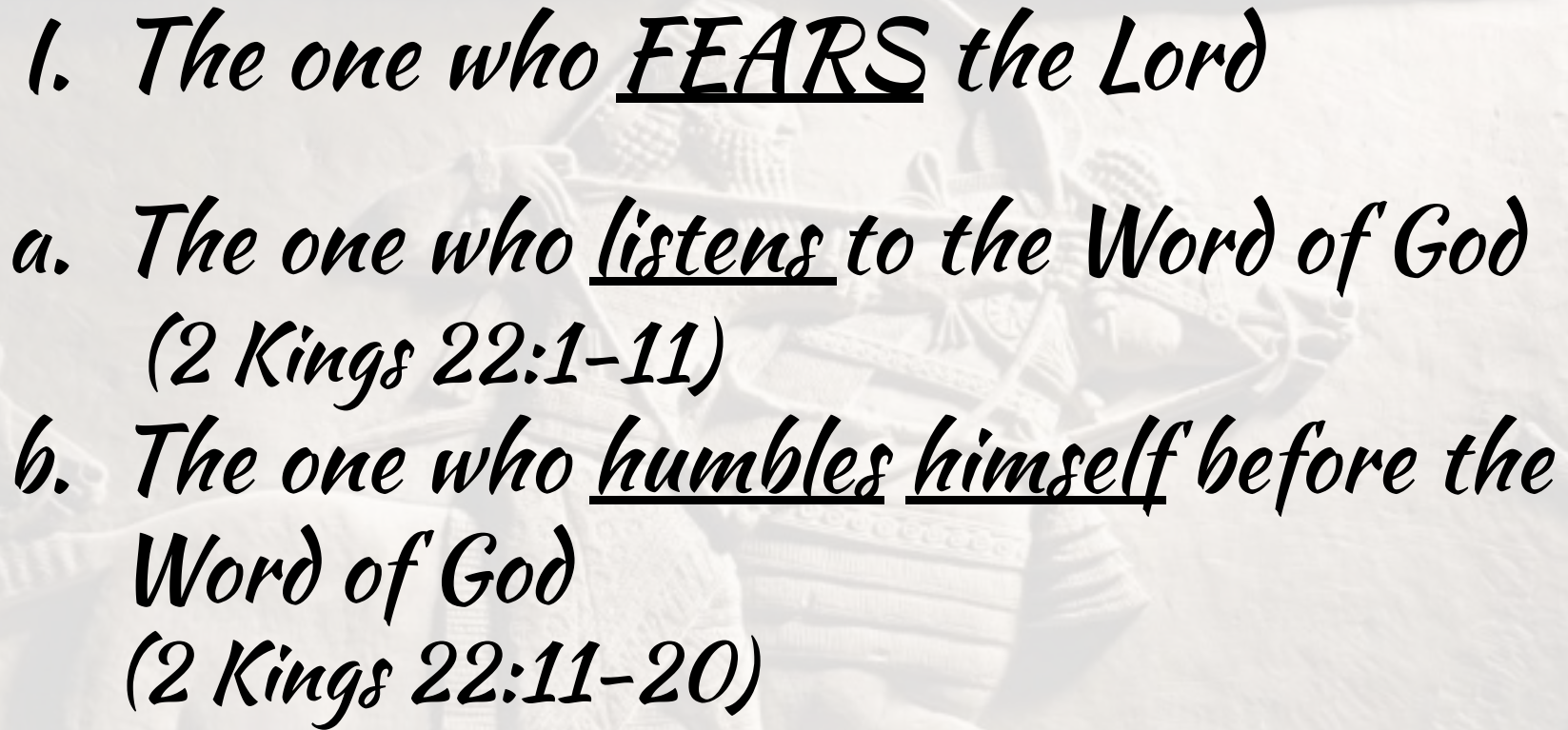
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Normally “fear” and “hope” don’t go together!

“Fear” – Awe and reverence for His character,
His power, and His wisdom

“O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed... Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, How Great Thou art!”

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 - c. The one who obeys the Word of God
(2 Kings 23:1-25)



Application:

This is the Gospel: put your Hope in the LORD, not in yourself. Humble yourself and obey Him.

Romans 1:5 "Obedience of faith"

2 Thess. 1:8 "Those who do not obey the Gospel"



Dimmer-switch principle:

Proverbs 4:18-19