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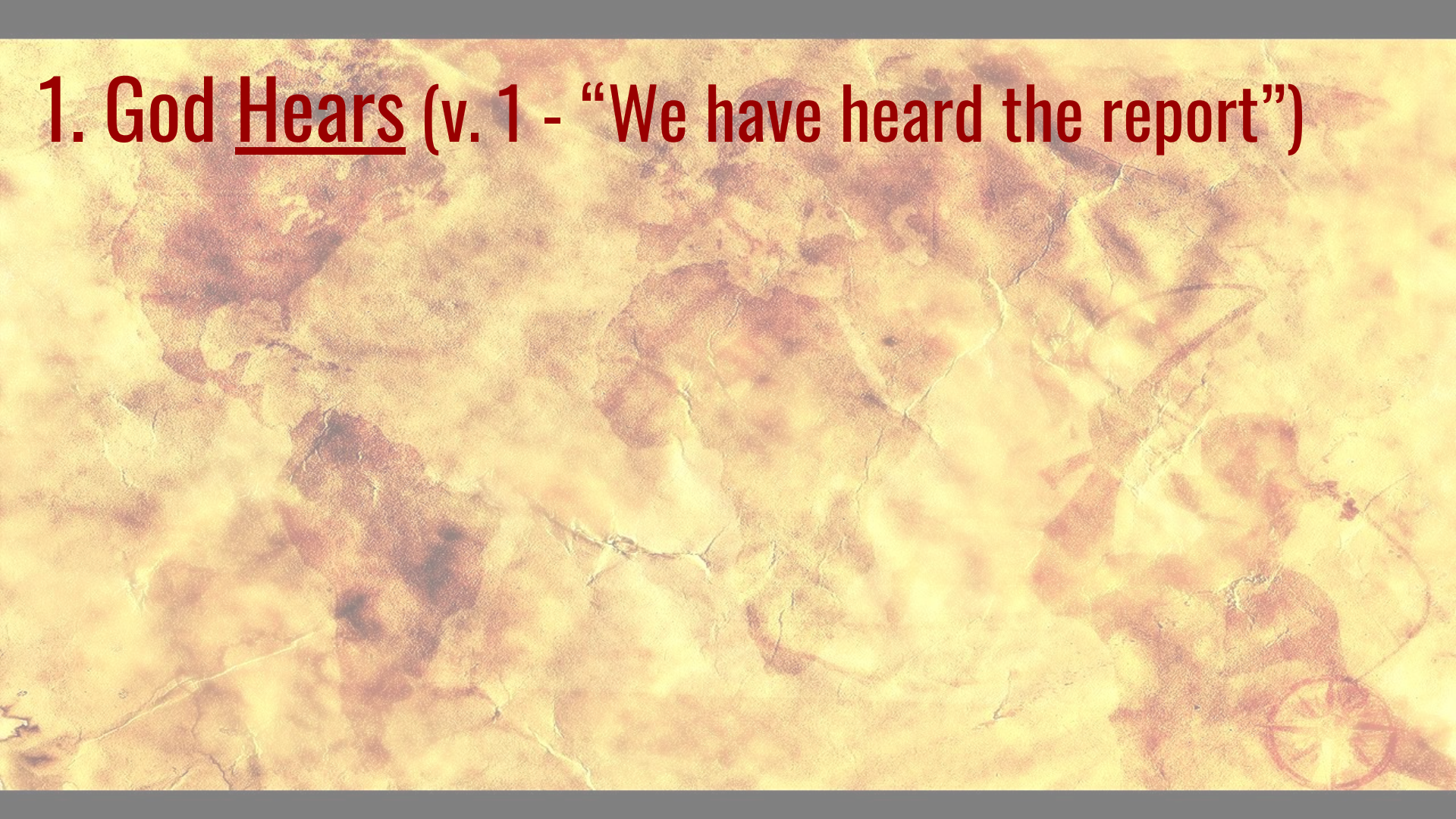
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(John 16:33 – “In this world you will have
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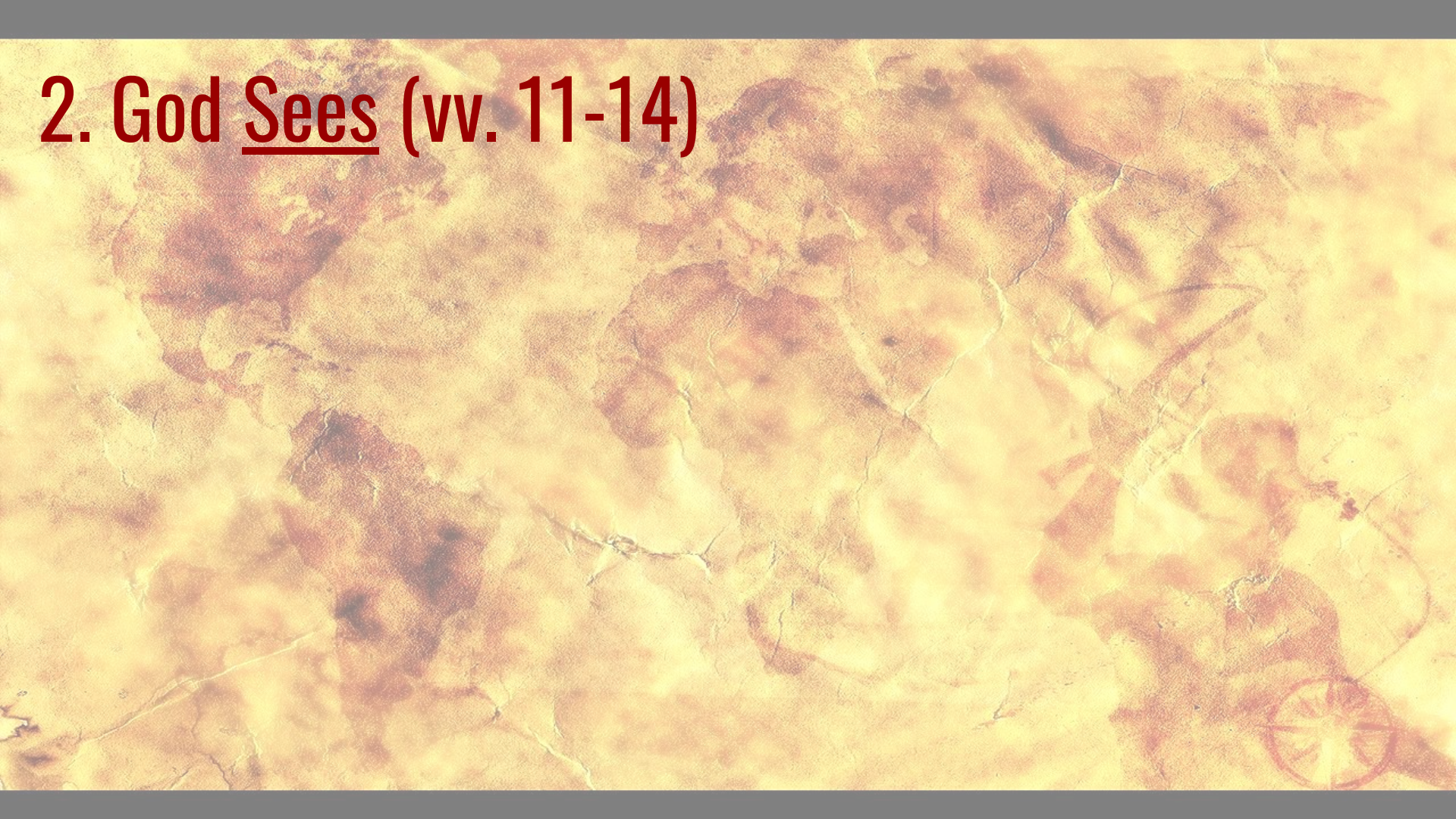
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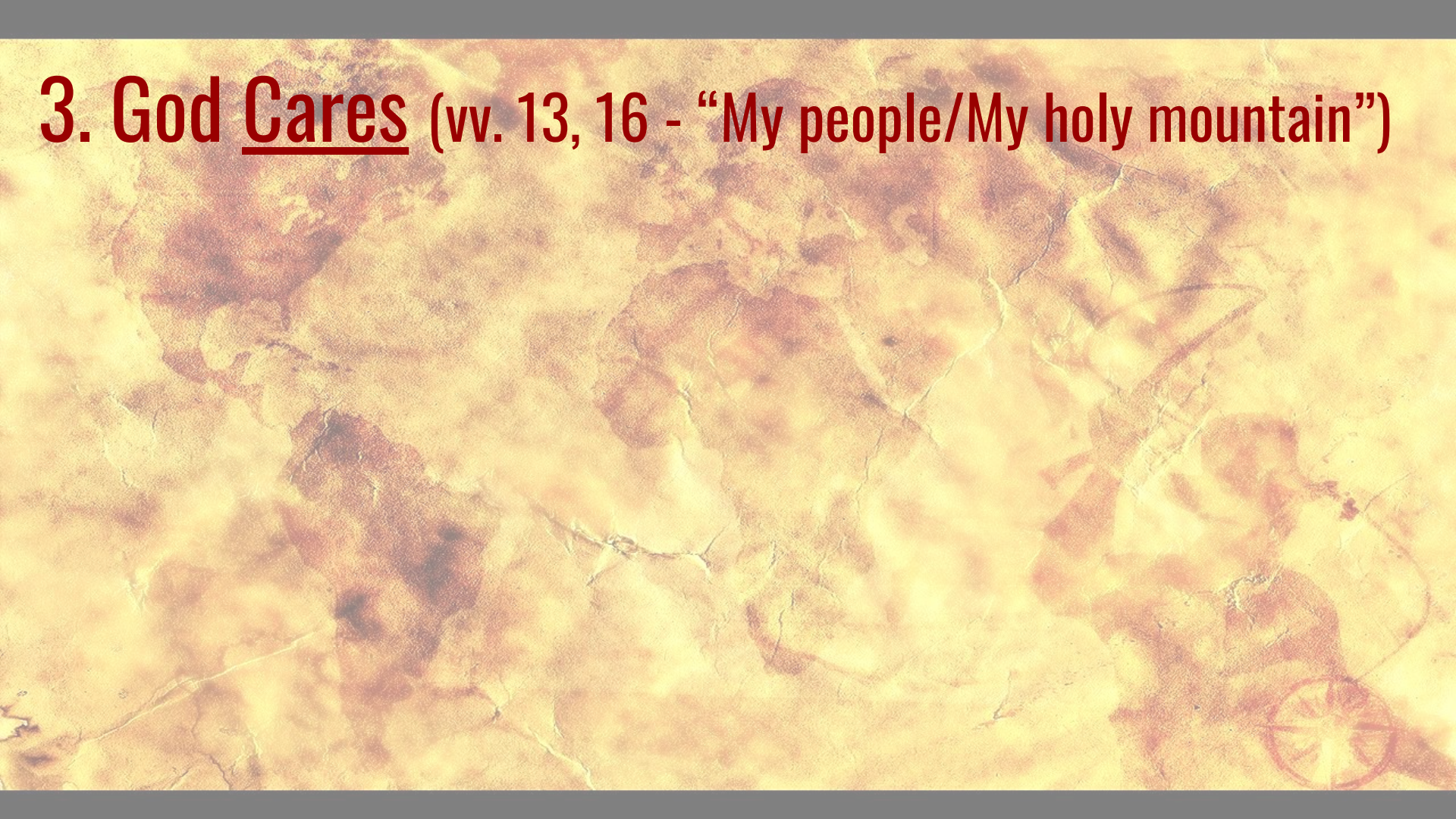
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He even sees motives and attitudes
(Obadiah vv. 3-4 “arrogance”)

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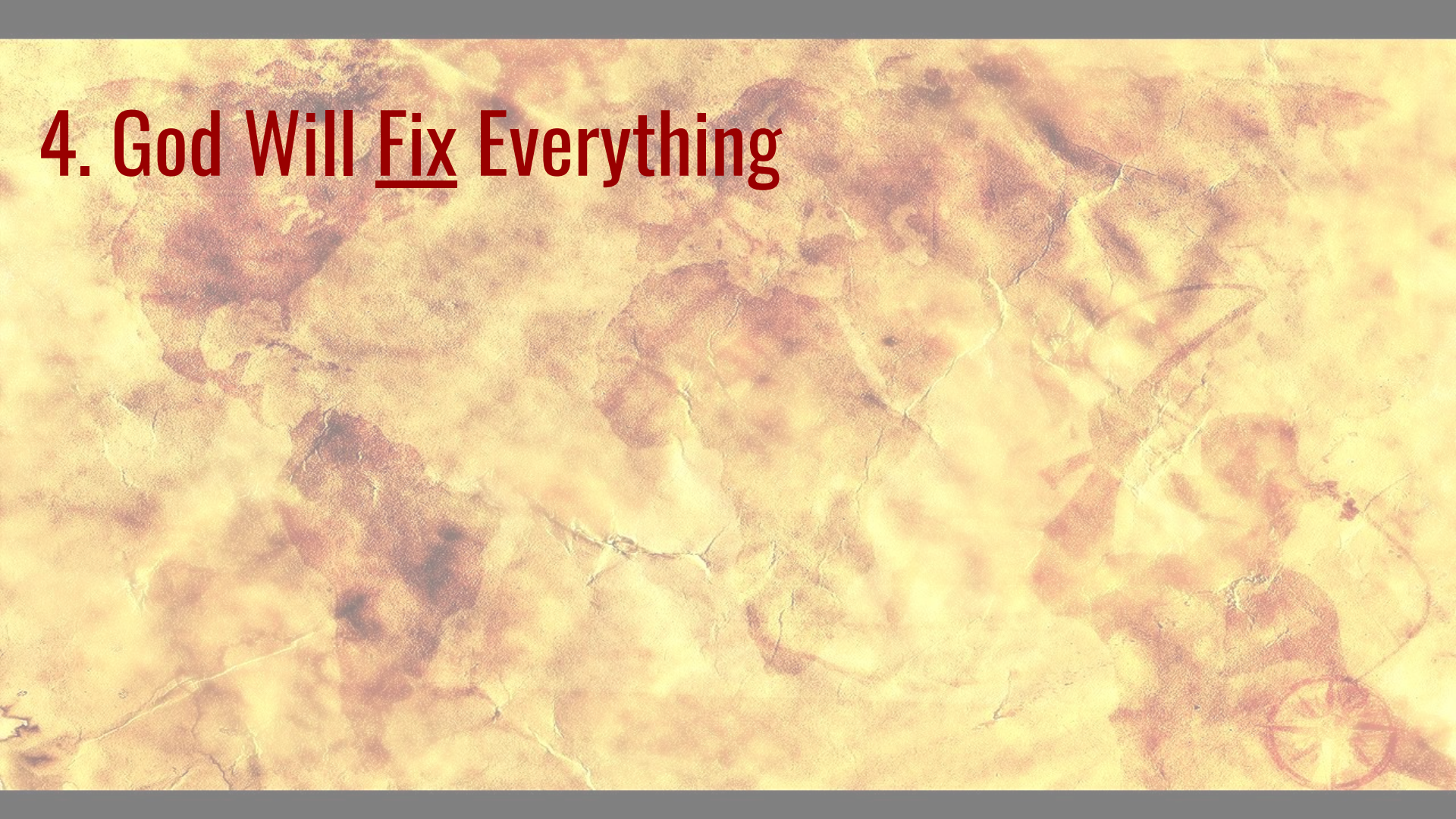
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**Don't find security in your walls, wealth,
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(2 Tim. 4:6-8; Rev. 21:3-5)