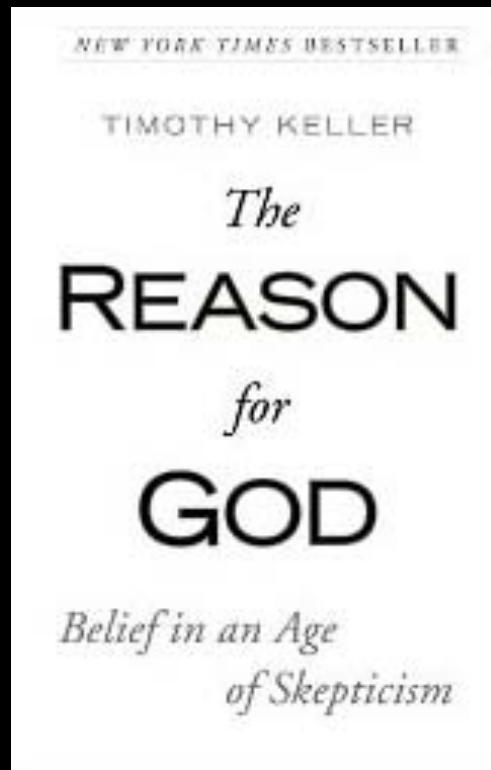


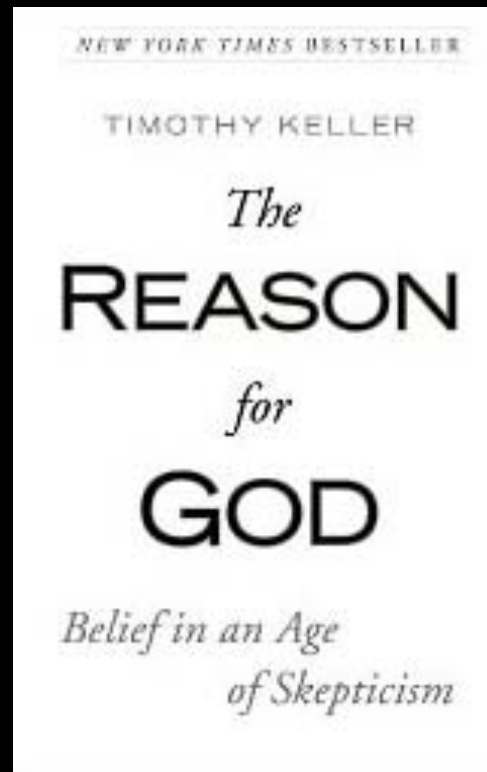


Welcome!
**Here's what's
happening...**



I just don't believe the God of Christianity exists, said Hilary, "God allows terrible suffering in the world. So he might be all powerful but not good enough to end evil and suffering, or else he might be all-good but not powerful enough to end evil and suffering. Either way the all-good all-powerful God can't exist."

“If God is God, He is
not good.”



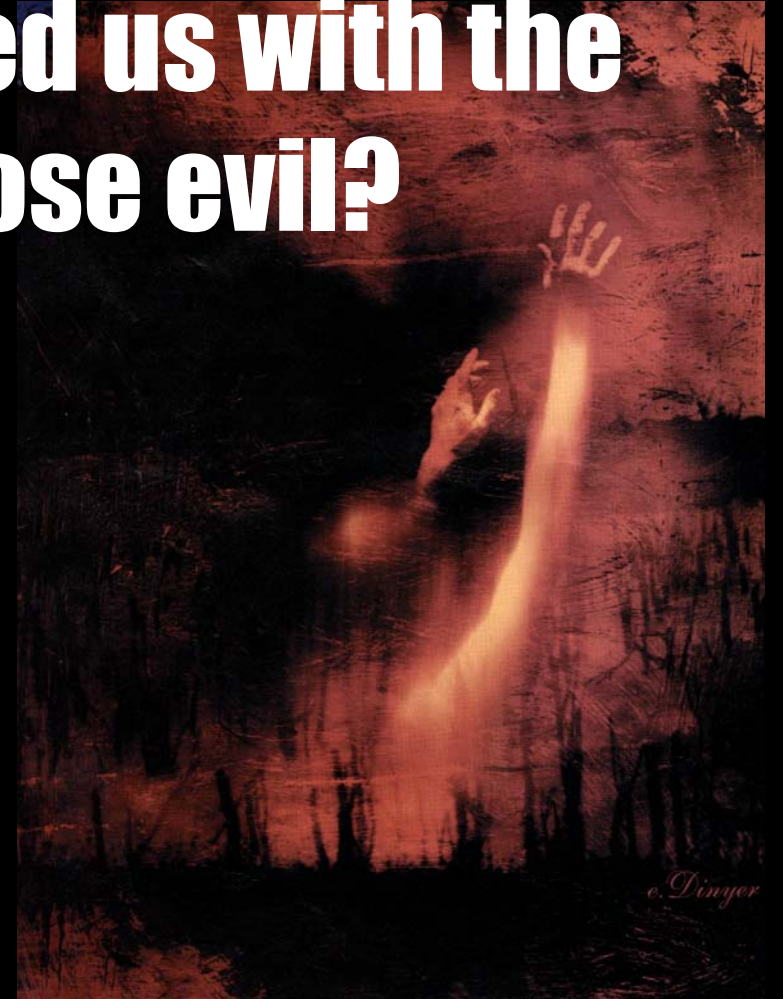
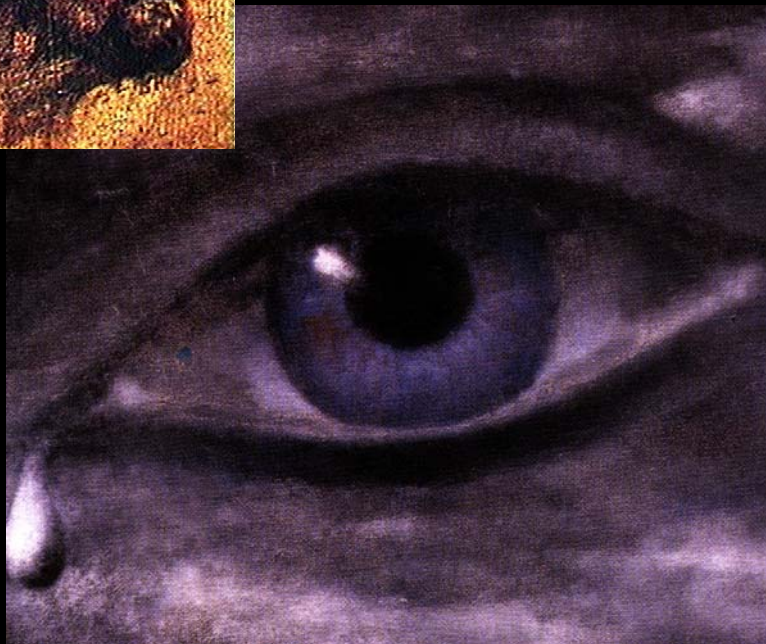
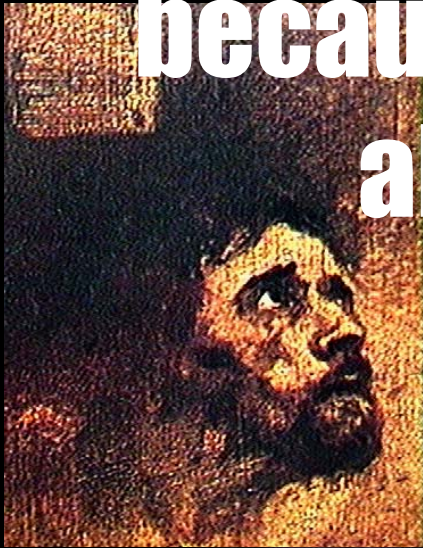
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cried out with a loud voice, ‘My
God! My God! Why have You
forsaken Me?’”*

Hebrews 12:2-3 “We are fixing our eyes upon Jesus who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross. Consider Him who has endured so that you may not grow weary and lose heart.”

1. Why is there so much suffering and evil in the world?




**Is God responsible for evil
because He created us with the
ability to choose evil?**

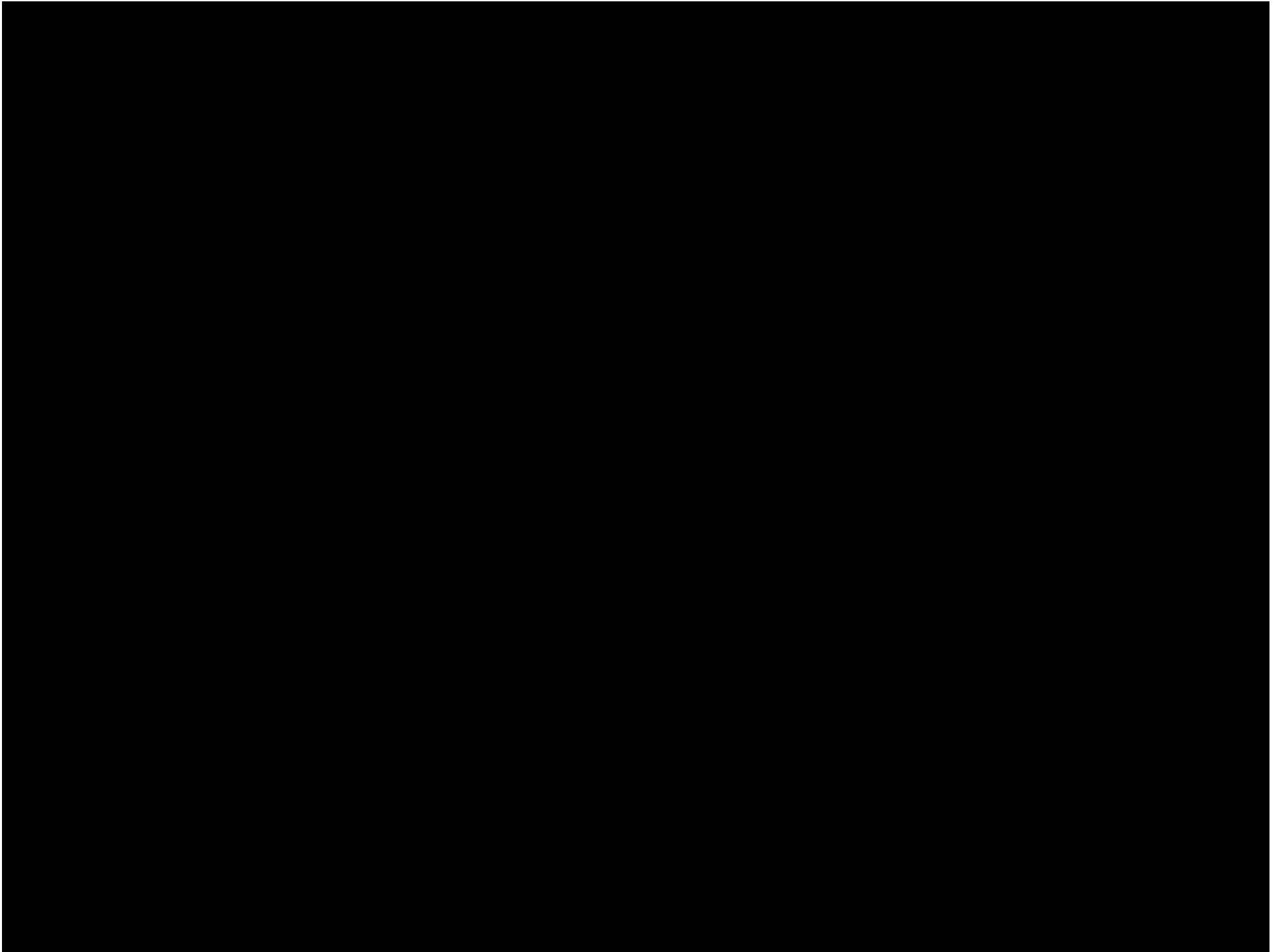


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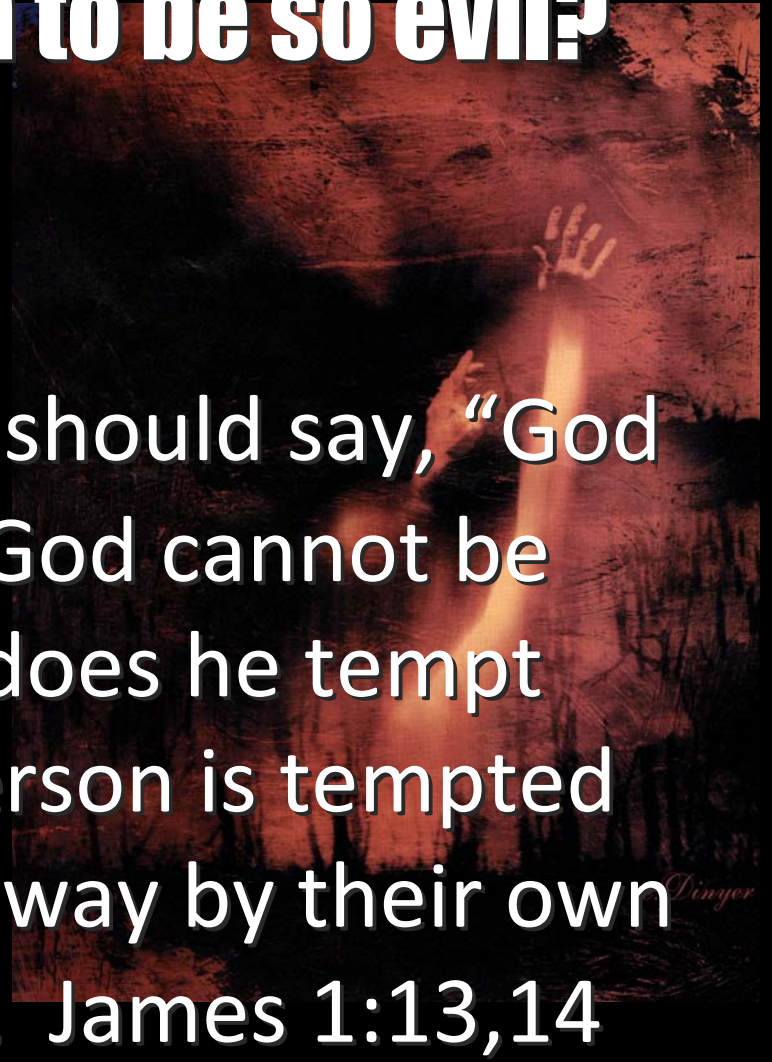


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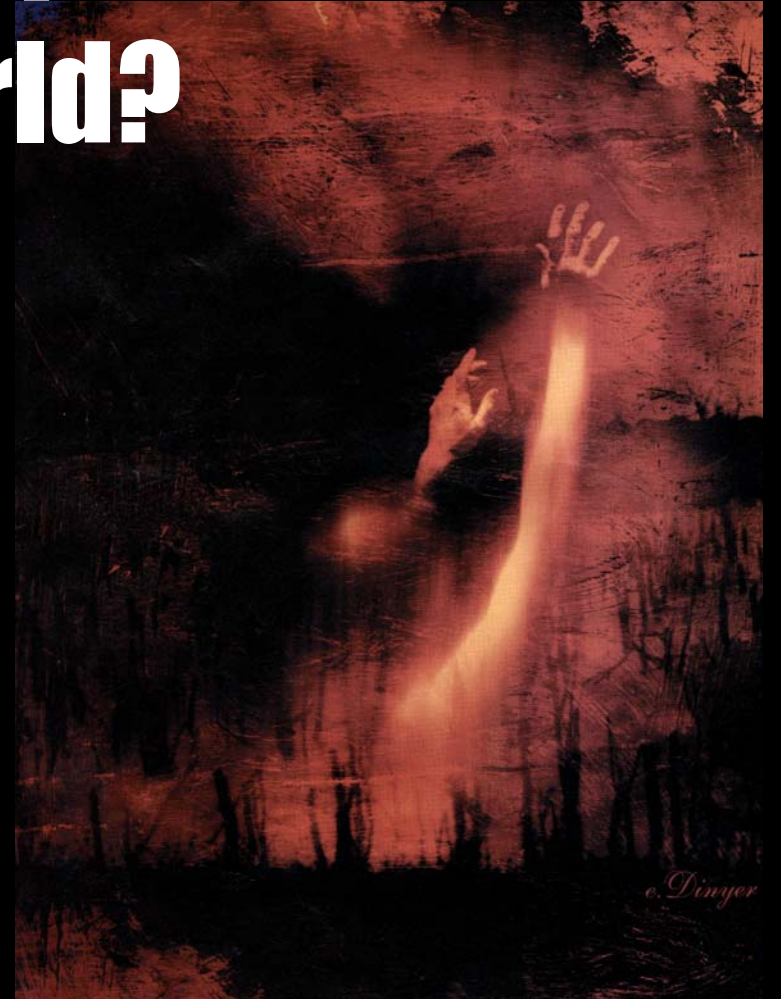


How did people learn to be so evil?

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. James 1:13,14



2. Is there an evil spirit at work in the world?



“The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy.”

John 10:10

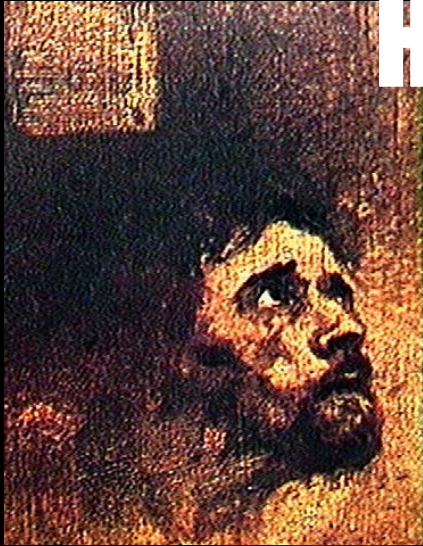
**Well why did God create a being
(Lucifer) he knew would rebel and
cause us to rebel too?**

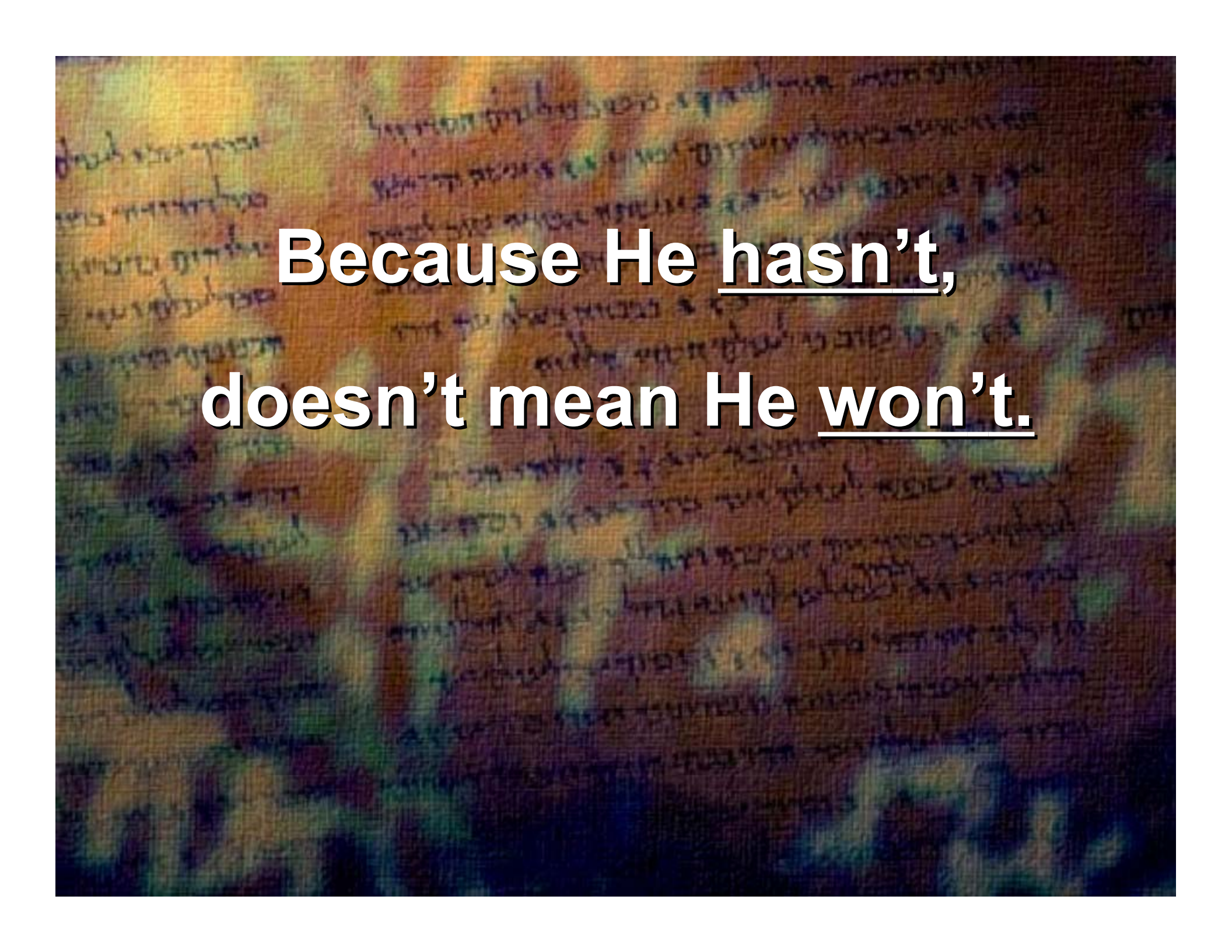


What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction?

Romans 9:22

3. If God is all-powerful, why does He allow evil at all?





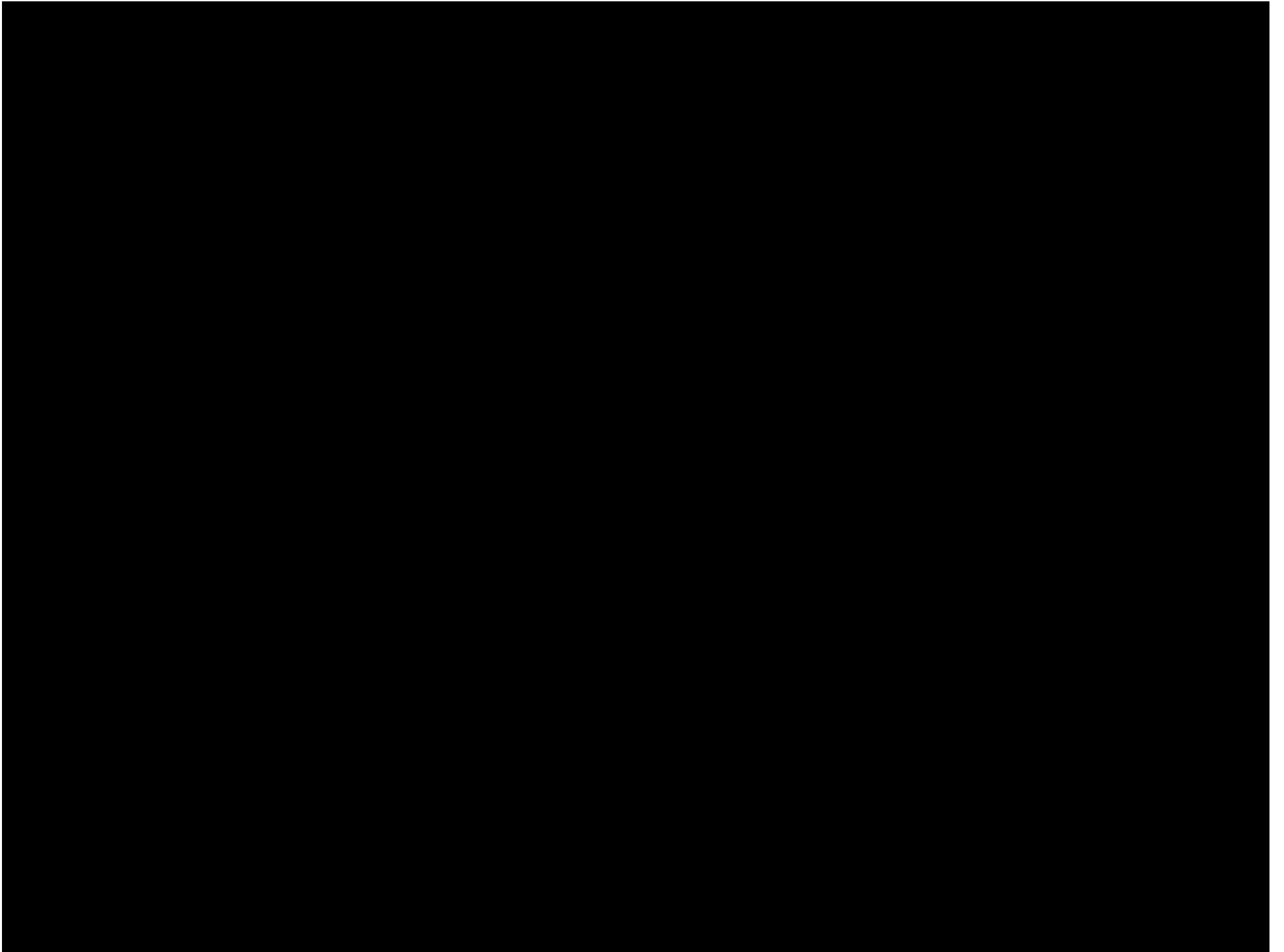
Because He hasn't,
doesn't mean He won't.

Proverbs 11:21

“Count on this. The wicked won’t get off scott free and God’s loyal people will triumph.”

Proverbs 24:20

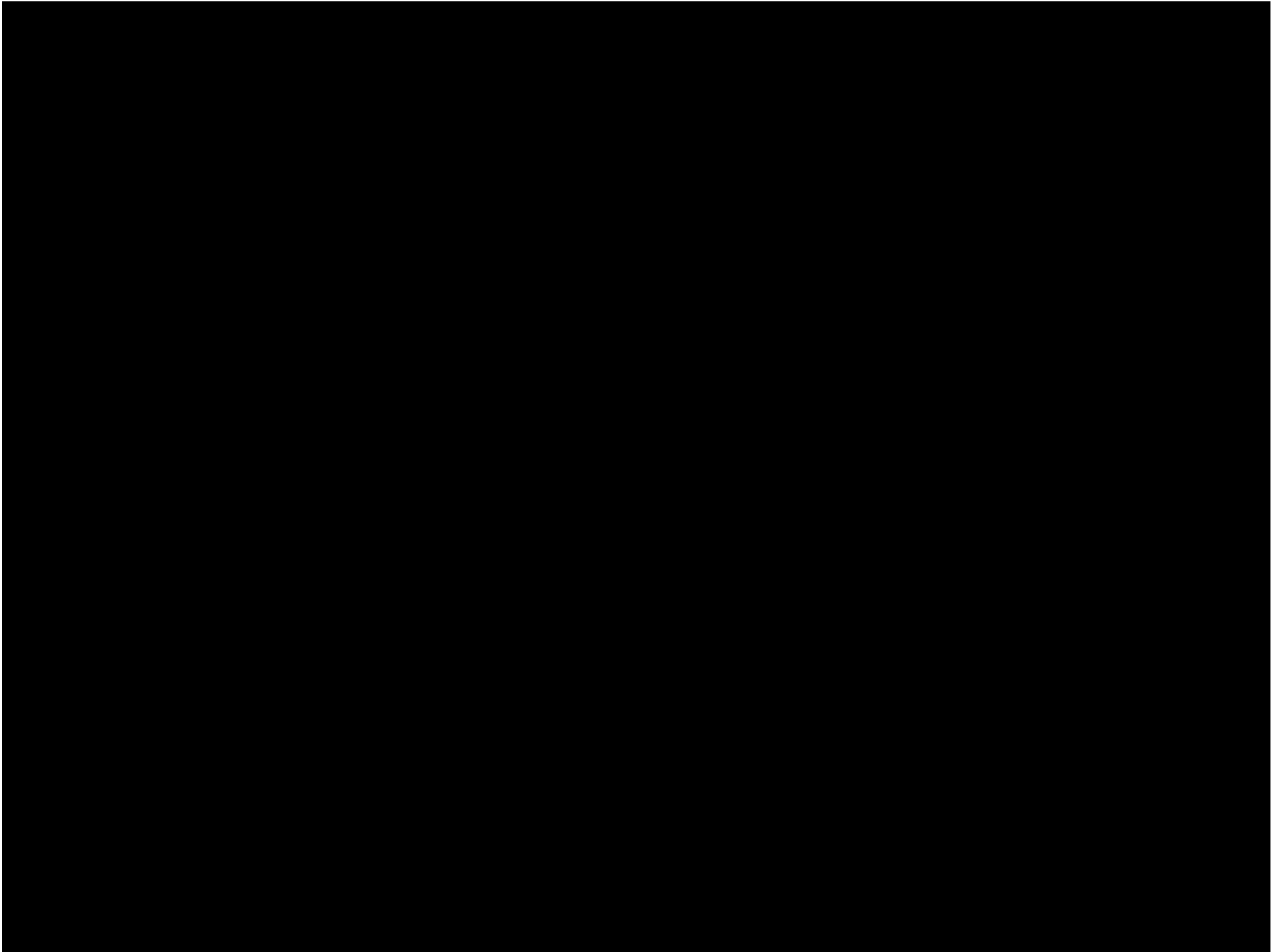
“The evil have no future. Their life will be snuffed out.”



Why doesn't God just put a stop to it now?"

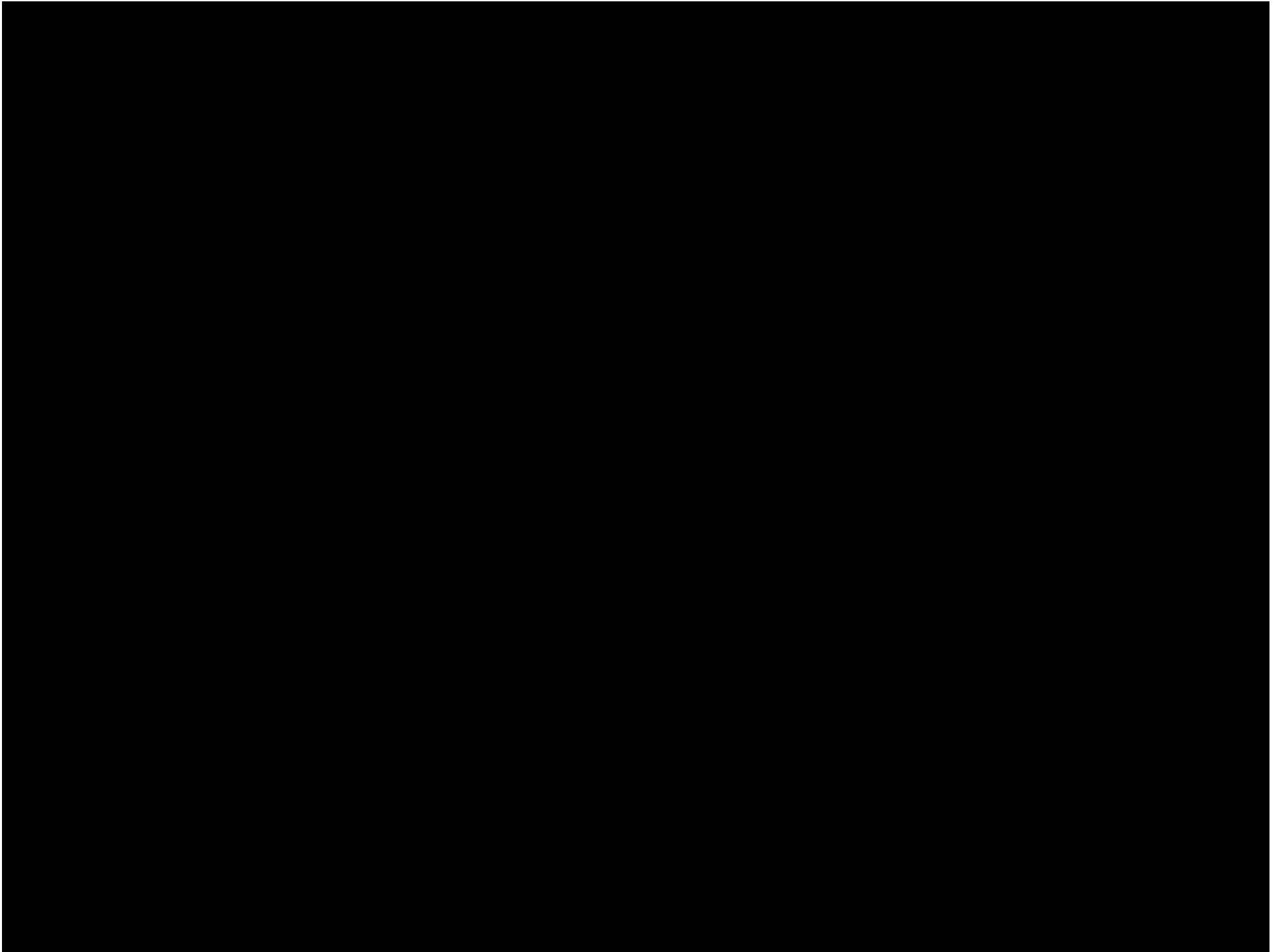


2 Peter 3:9 *“God is restraining Himself on account of you, holding back the end because He doesn’t want anyone lost. He’s giving everyone space and time to change.”*



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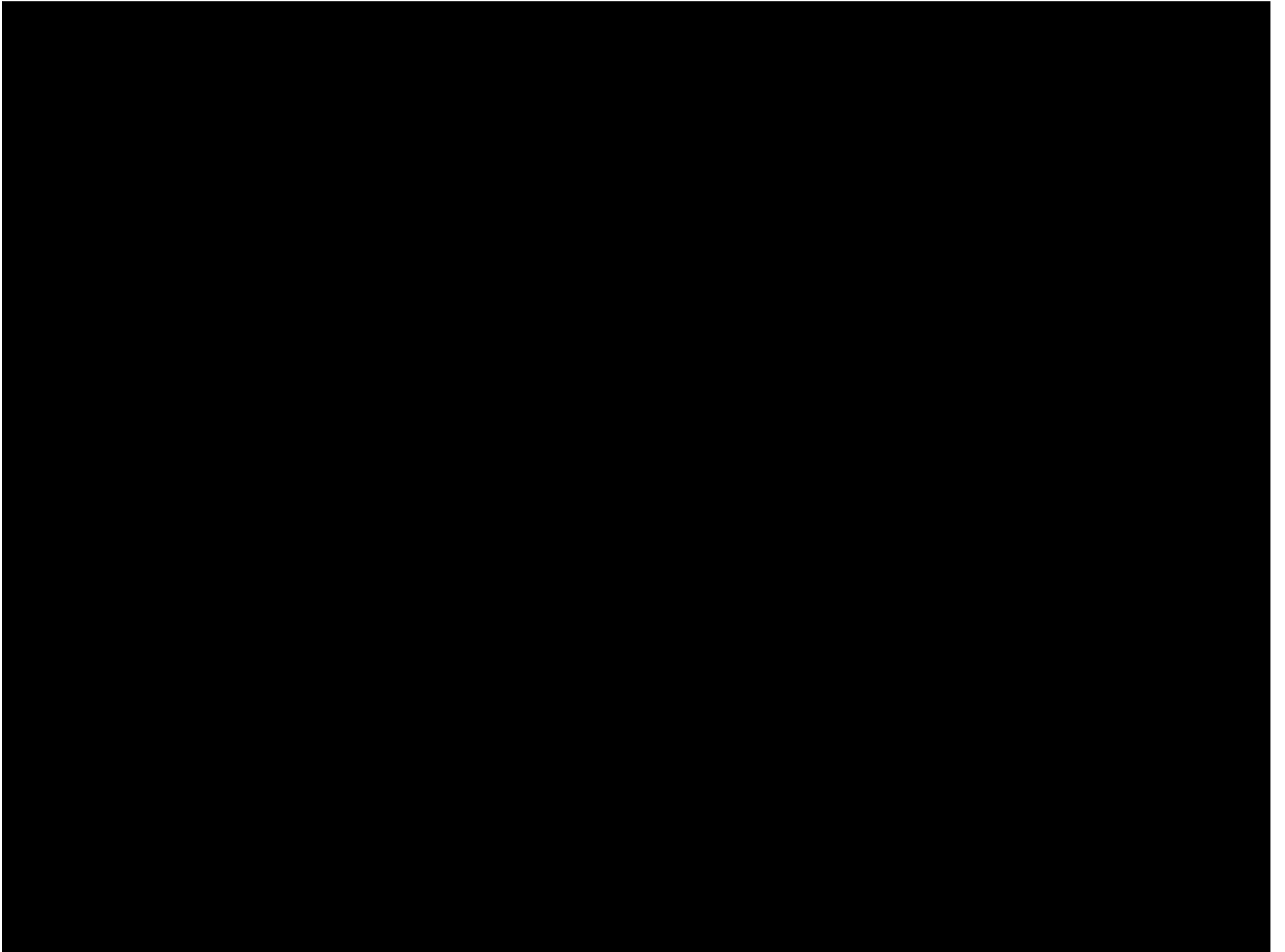
For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison. 2 Corinthians 4:17



What's God working on while we suffer?



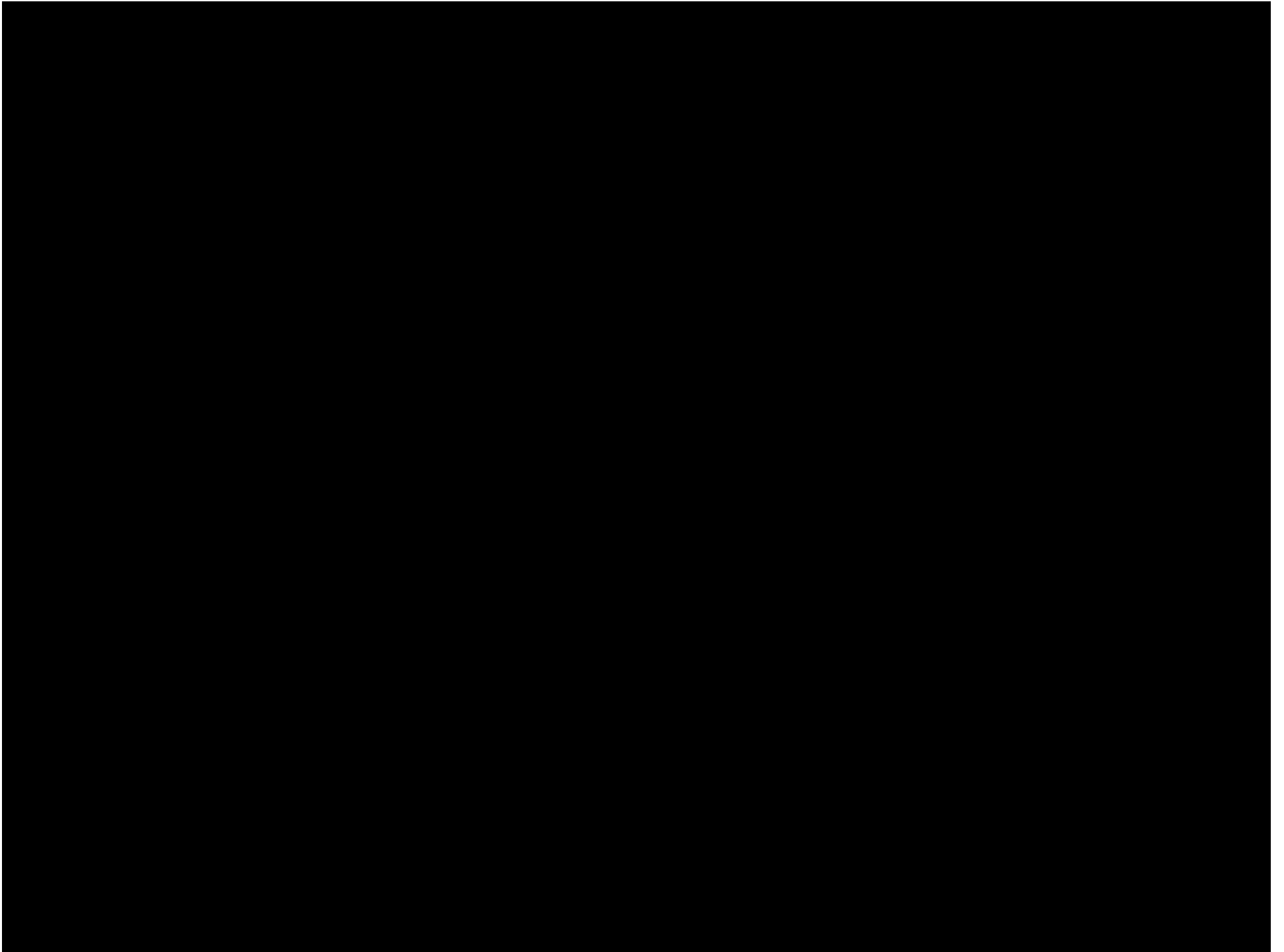
Romans 5:3-5 says, We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. 5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment.



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Romans 8:18 “That’s why I don’t think there’s any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times.”



**You must decide to deal with the
evil within you.**

Romans 7:21-23 Paul said, I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. 22 I love God’s law with all my heart. 23 But there is another power^[a] within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.



**You must decide to defeat evil
where you can.**

Whoever wants to embrace life and see the day fill up with good here's what you do. Say nothing evil or hurtful. Snub evil and cultivate good. Run after peace for all your worth. God looks on all this with approval. Listen and respond well to what He's asked. But He turns His back on those who do evil things."



**You must decide to depend on
God even when you hurt.**

Matthew 6:13 “Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.”

2 Corinthians 4:8 “We have been surrounded and battered by troubles, but we are not demoralized. We’re not sure what to do but we know that God knows what to do. We’ve been spiritually terrorized but God hasn’t left our side. We’ve been thrown down but haven’t broken.”

