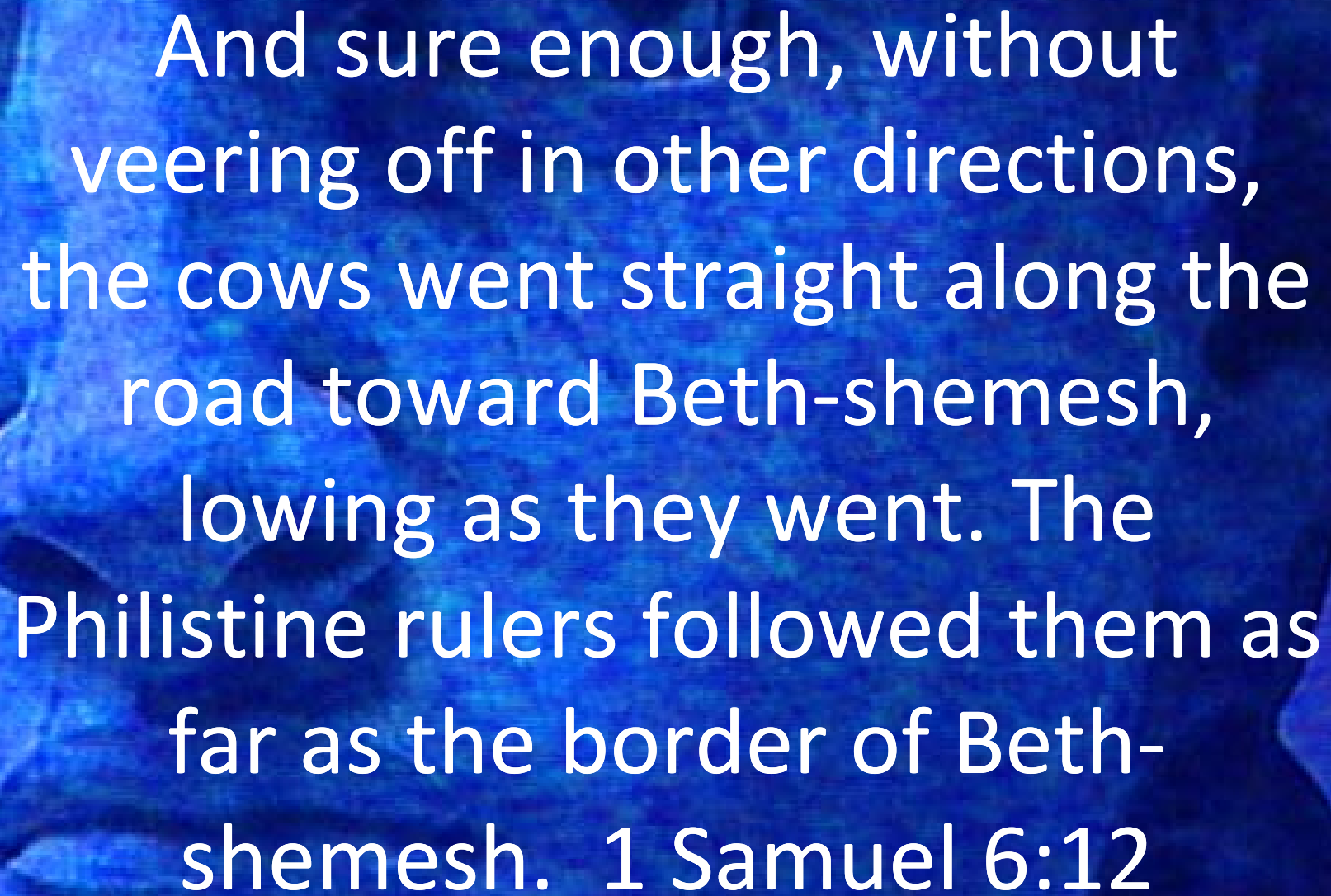


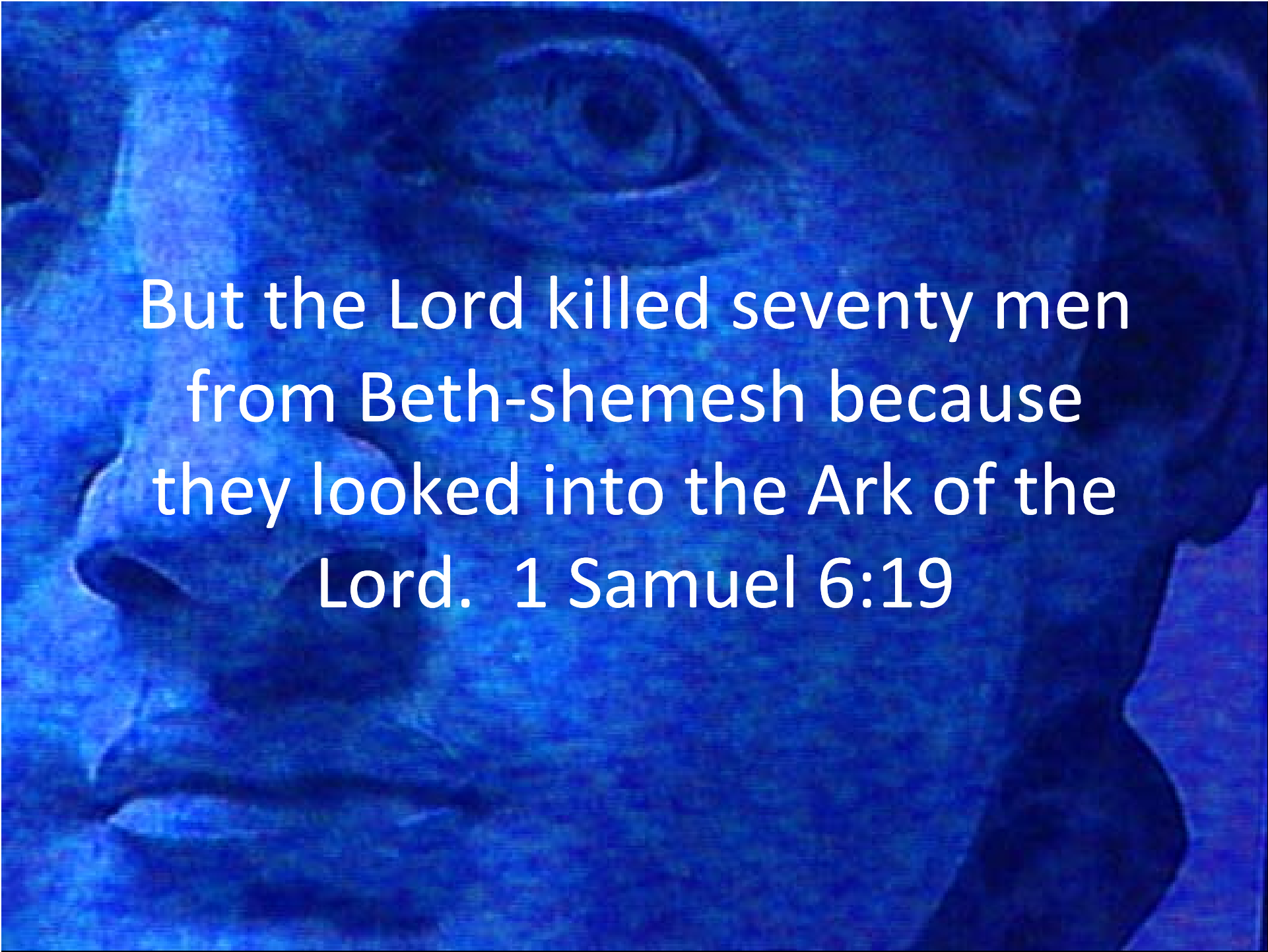
Lessons from the Heart



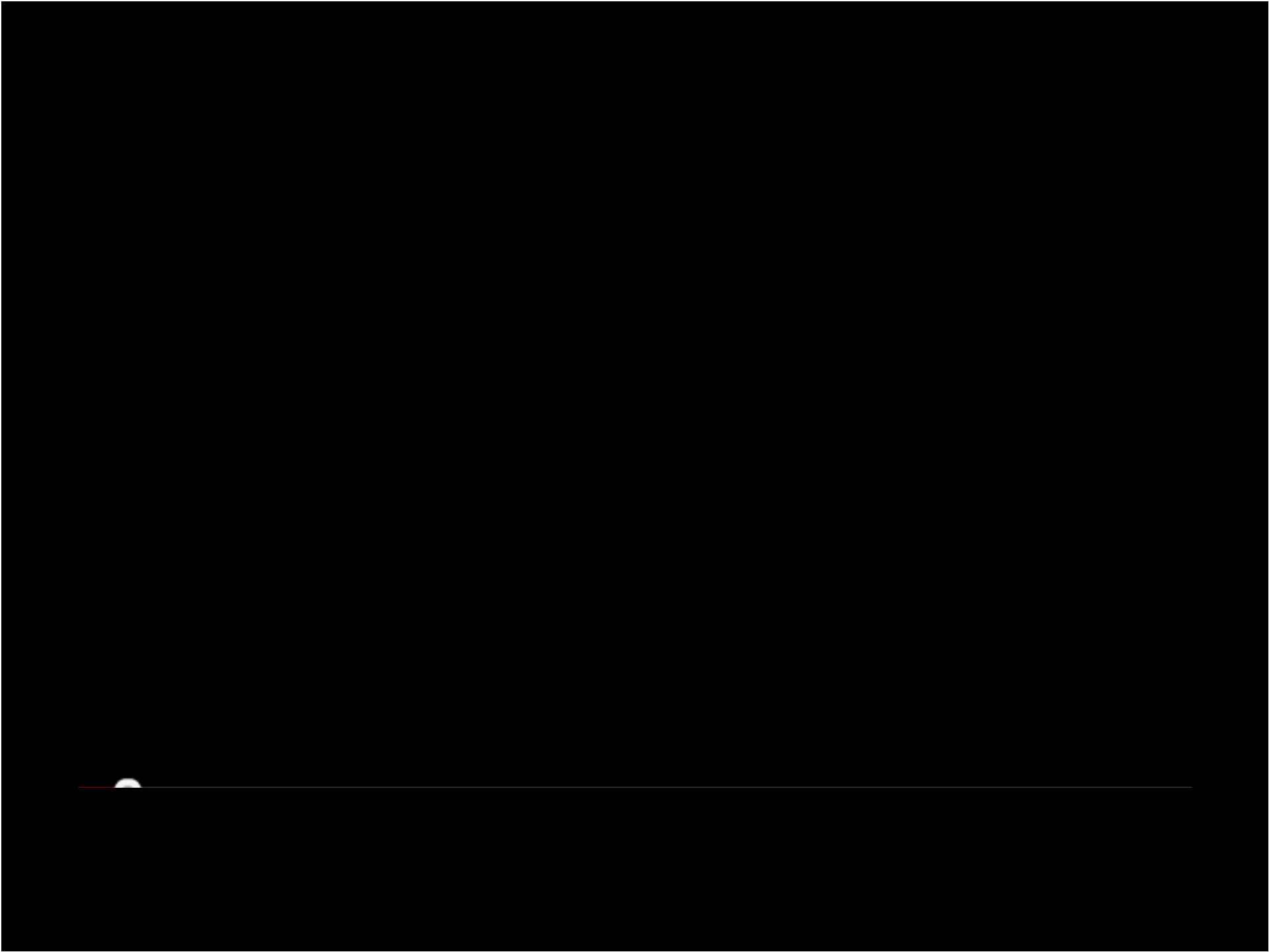
Learning from David



And sure enough, without veering off in other directions, the cows went straight along the road toward Beth-shemesh, lowing as they went. The Philistine rulers followed them as far as the border of Beth-shemesh. 1 Samuel 6:12



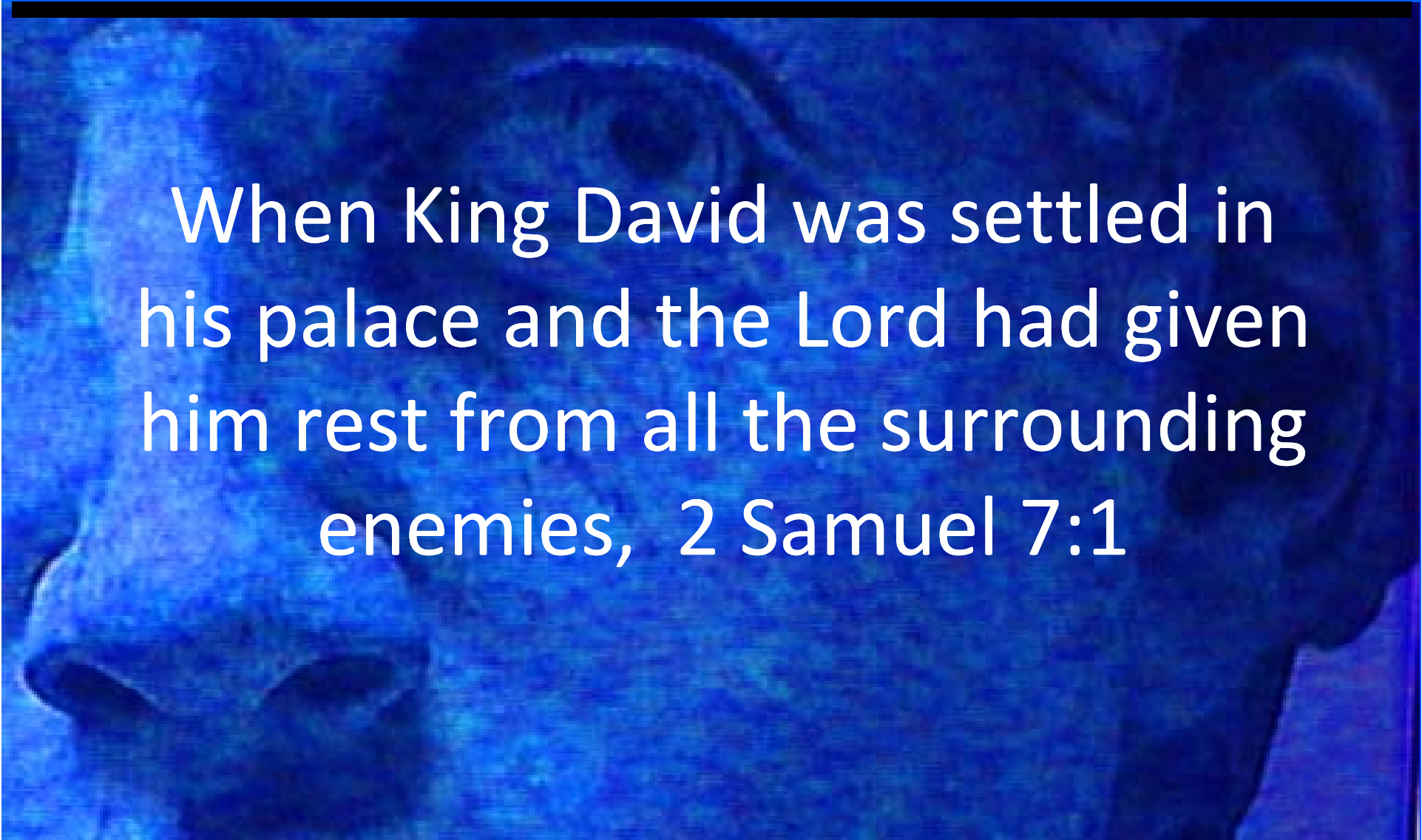
But the Lord killed seventy men
from Beth-shemesh because
they looked into the Ark of the
Lord. 1 Samuel 6:19







When God Says “No”



When King David was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all the surrounding enemies, 2 Samuel 7:1



When God Says “No”

David said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.”³ Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you.”



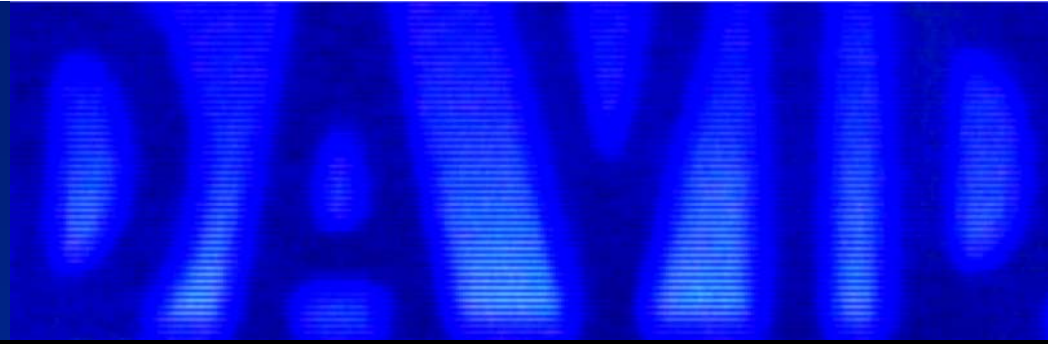
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That night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying: ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, this is what the Lord says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?” Verses 4 & 5

**What does it mean to want to
do big things for God, and
still get a “NO “from God?**

**When God
Says “No”**





1. God hadn't requested a home to dwell in.

I have never lived in a house, from the day I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until this very day. I have always moved from one place to another with a tent and a Tabernacle as my dwelling. **7** Yet no matter where I have gone with the Israelites, I have never once complained to Israel's tribal leaders, the shepherds of my people Israel. I have never asked them, "Why haven't you built me a beautiful cedar house?"

2 Samuel 7:6,7



2. We read elsewhere God didn't want a warrior

Why would God ever say “No”, to something noble? **3** but God said to me, ‘You must not build a temple to honor my name, for you are a warrior and have shed much blood.’

1 Chronicles 28:3

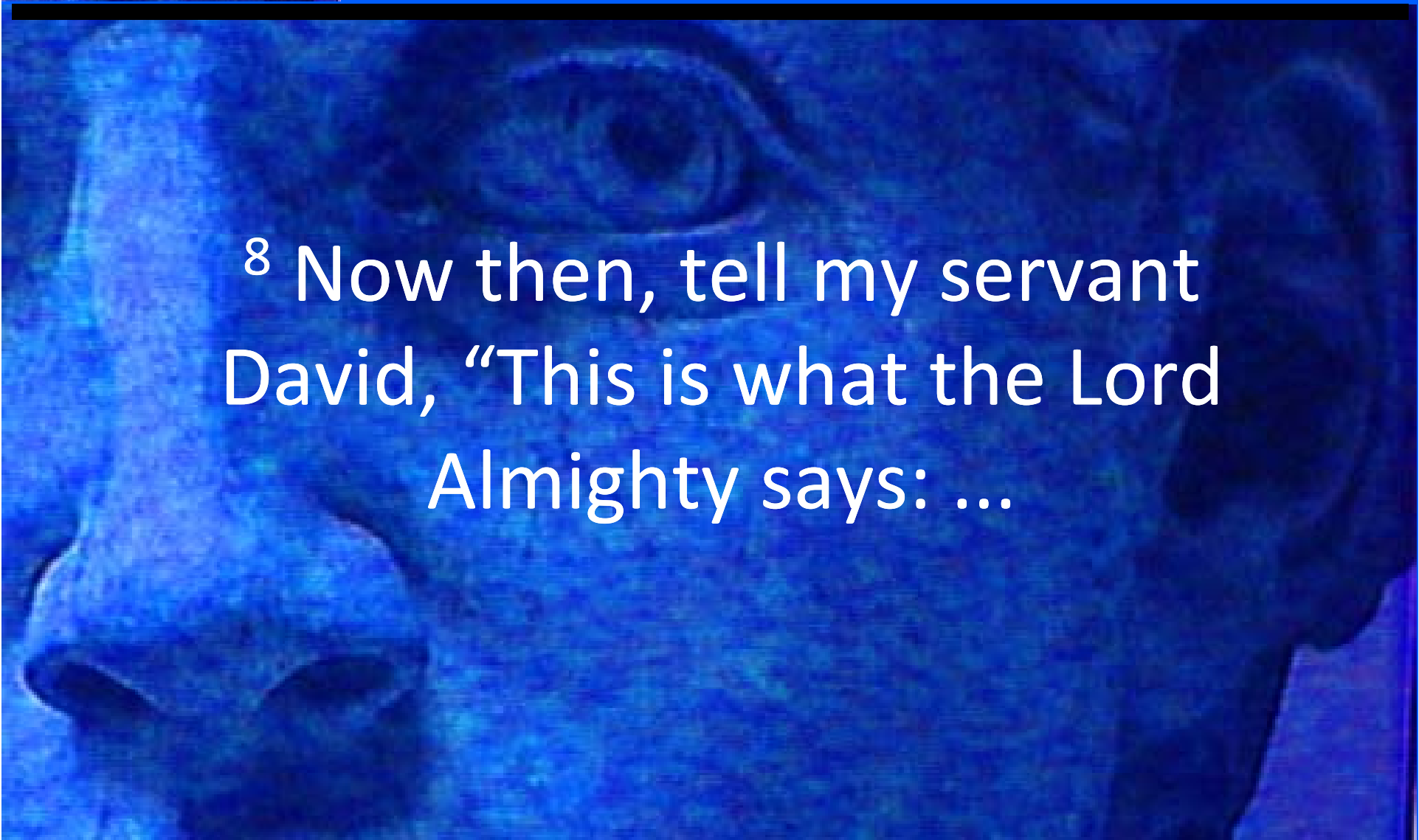








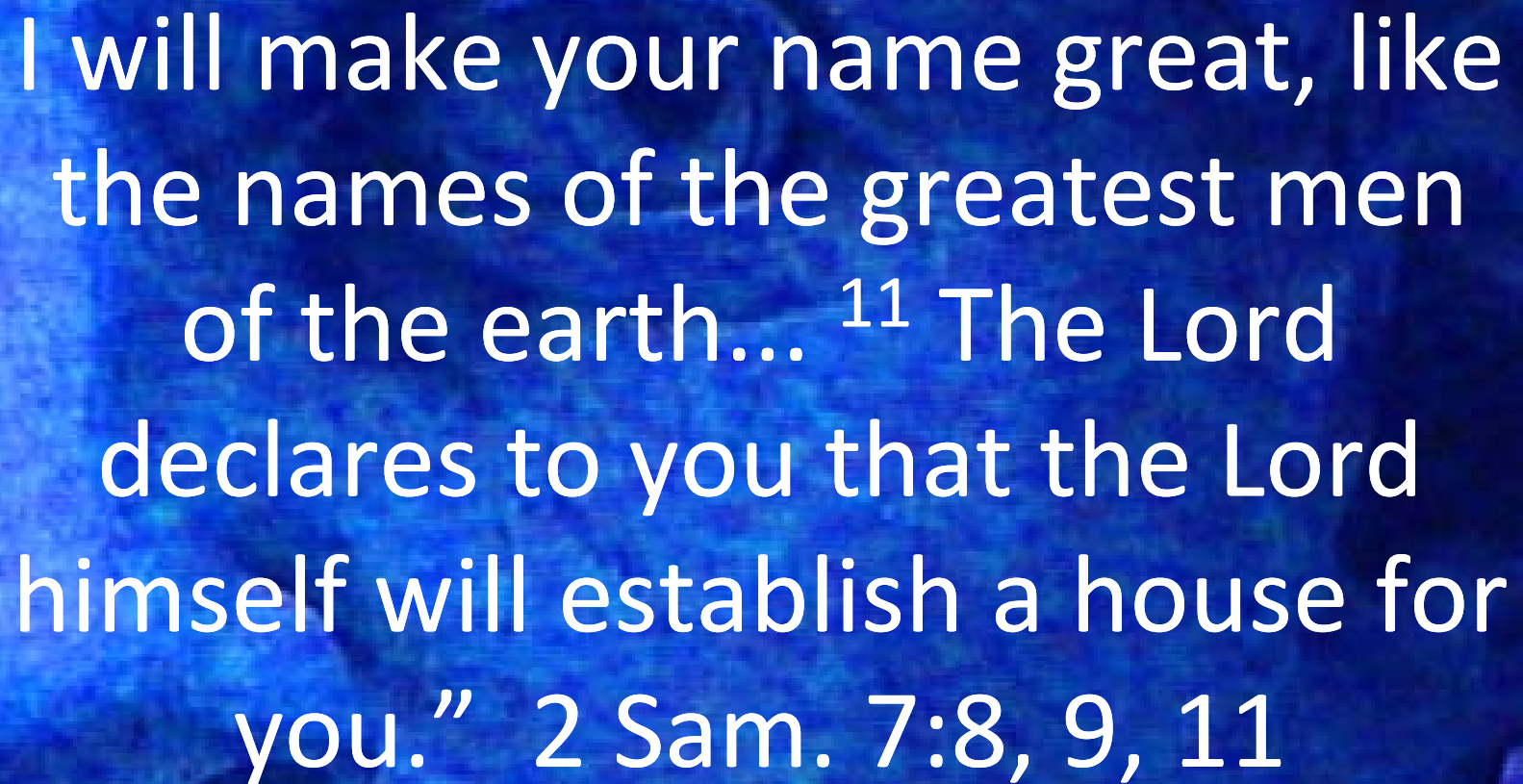
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⁸ Now then, tell my servant David, “This is what the Lord Almighty says: ...



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I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth... ¹¹ The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you.” 2 Sam. 7:8, 9, 11

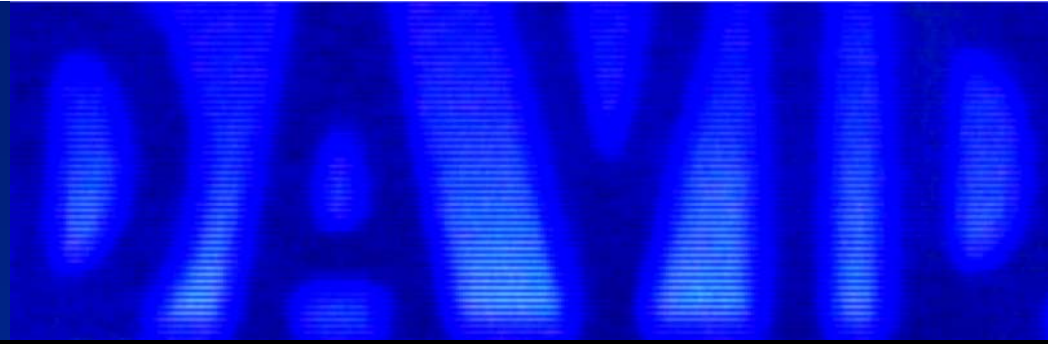
God isn't interested in what
David can do for him,

He is interested in what
He can do for David.

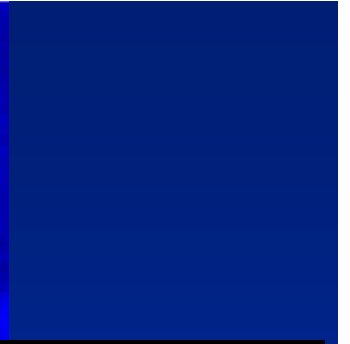
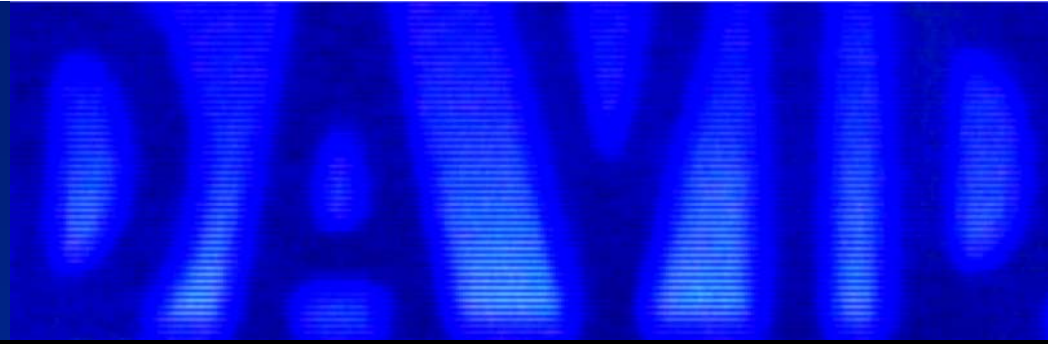
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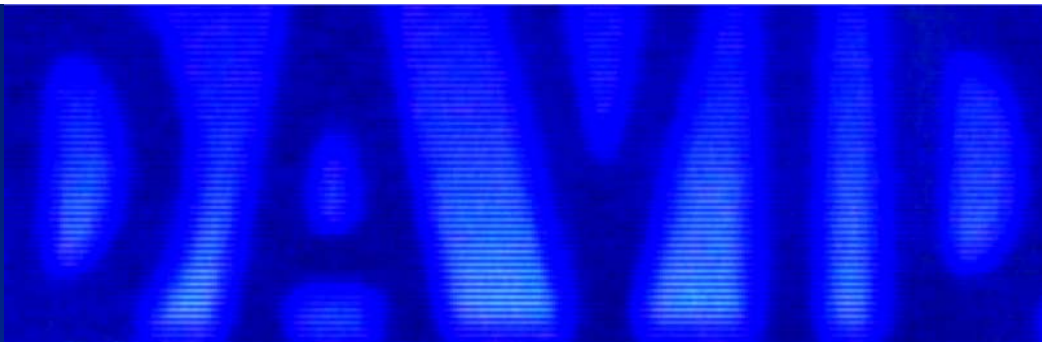




All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. ⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

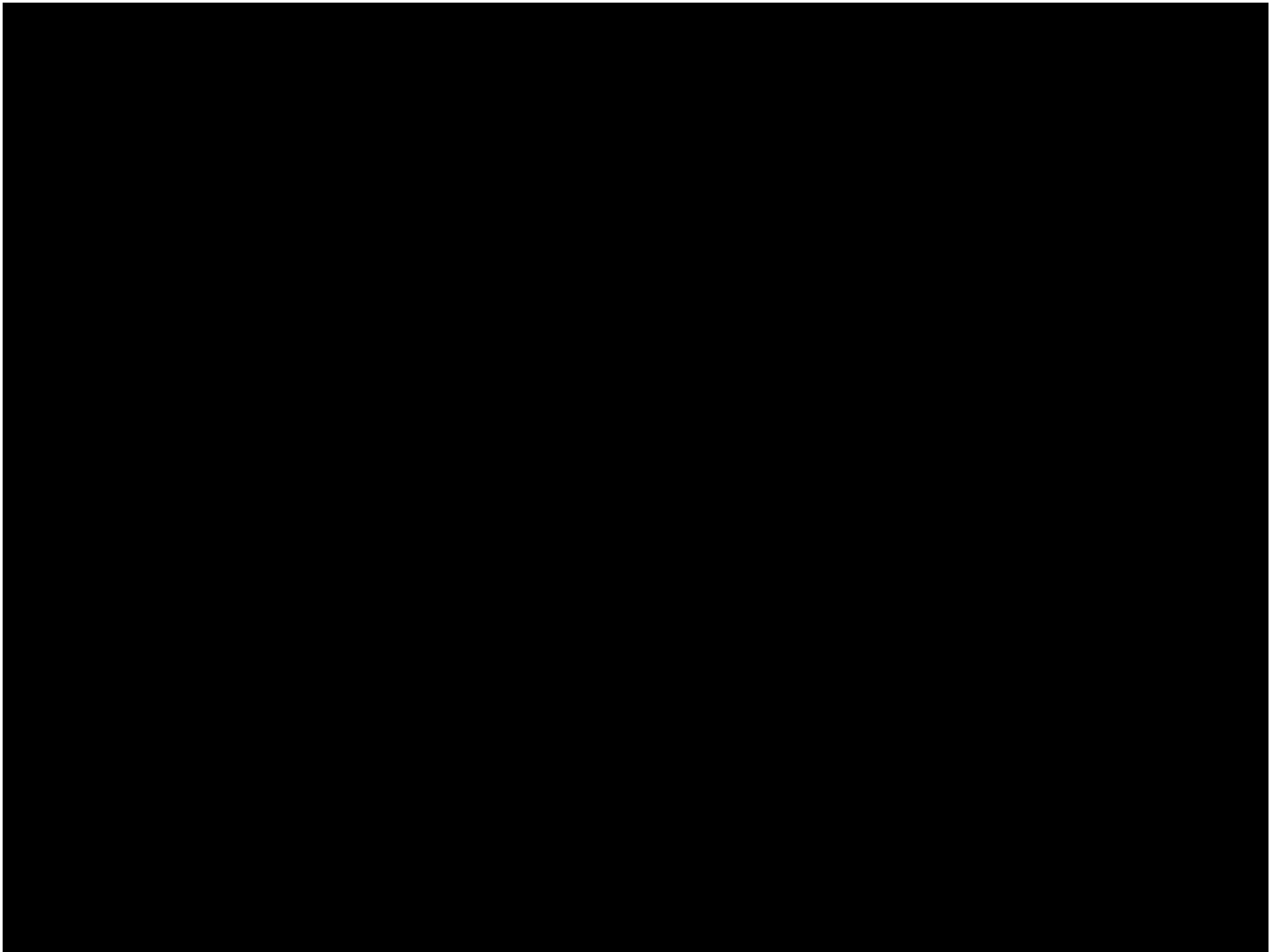


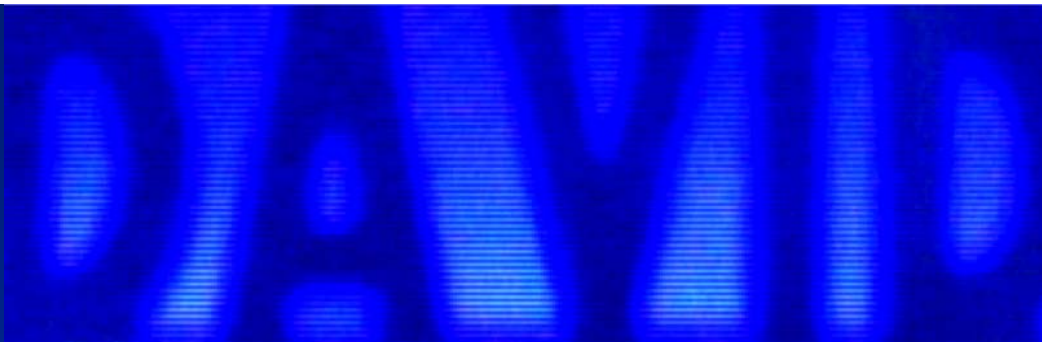
5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.



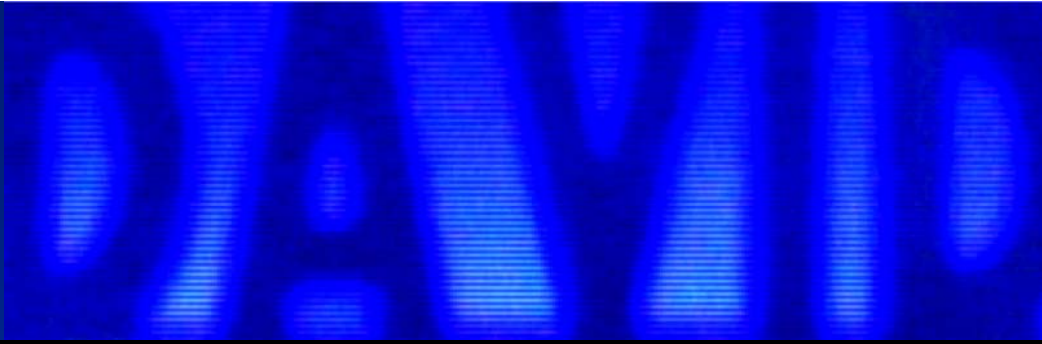
11 Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

Ephesians 1



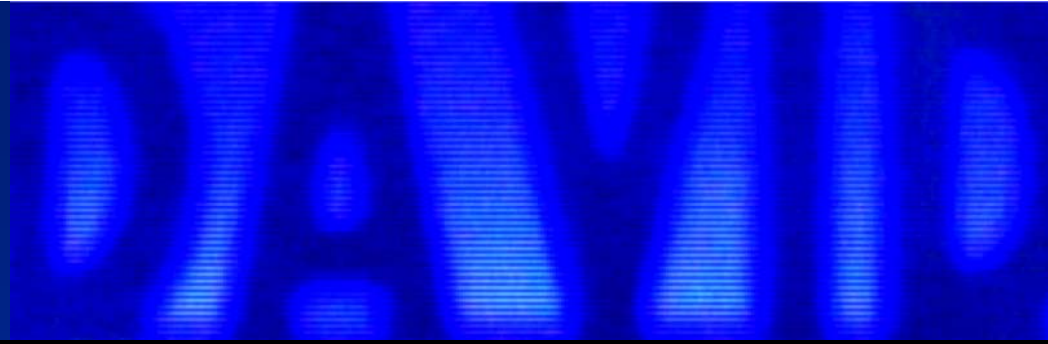


“When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you...
¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.” 2 Samuel 7:12,13

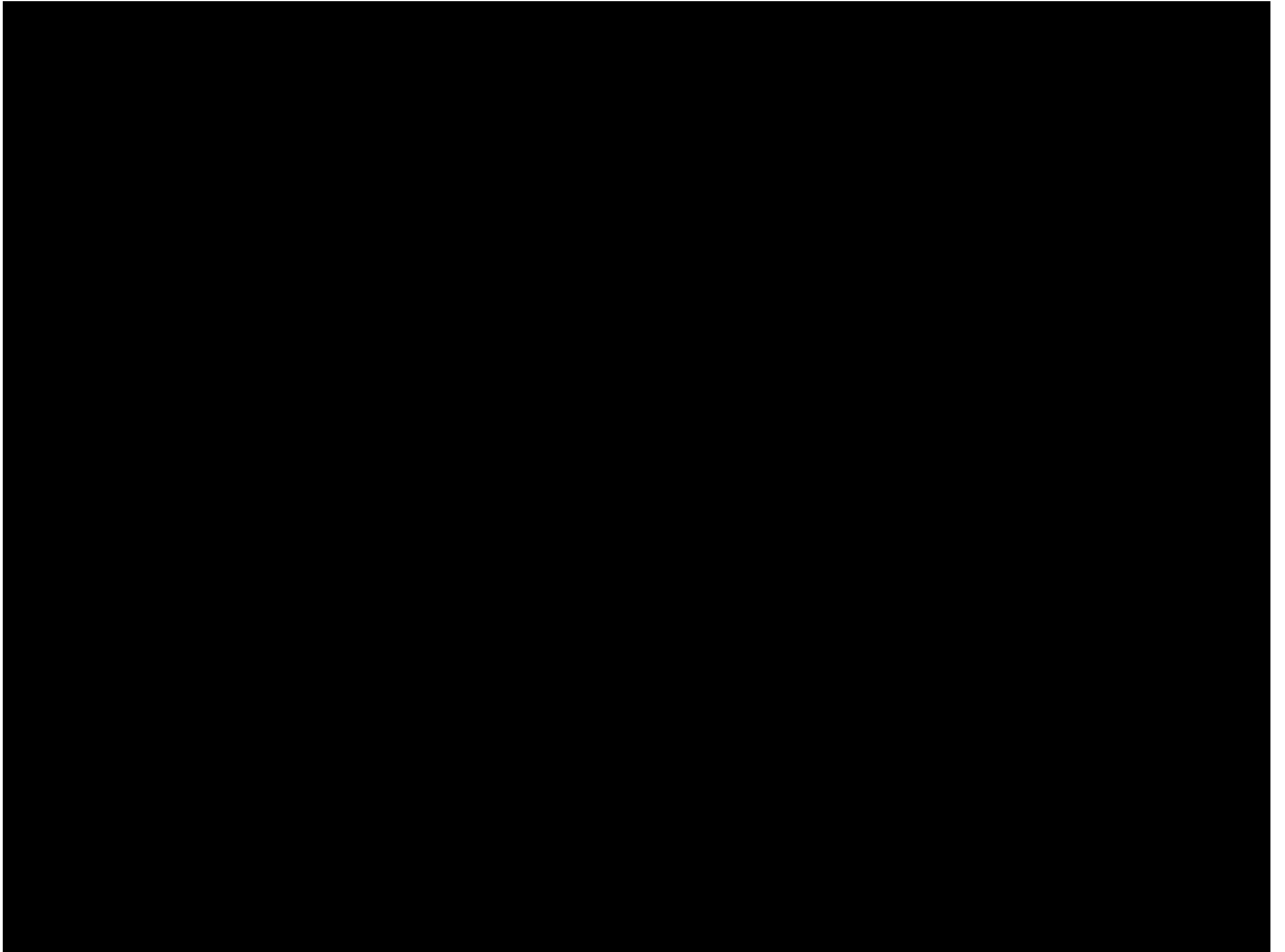


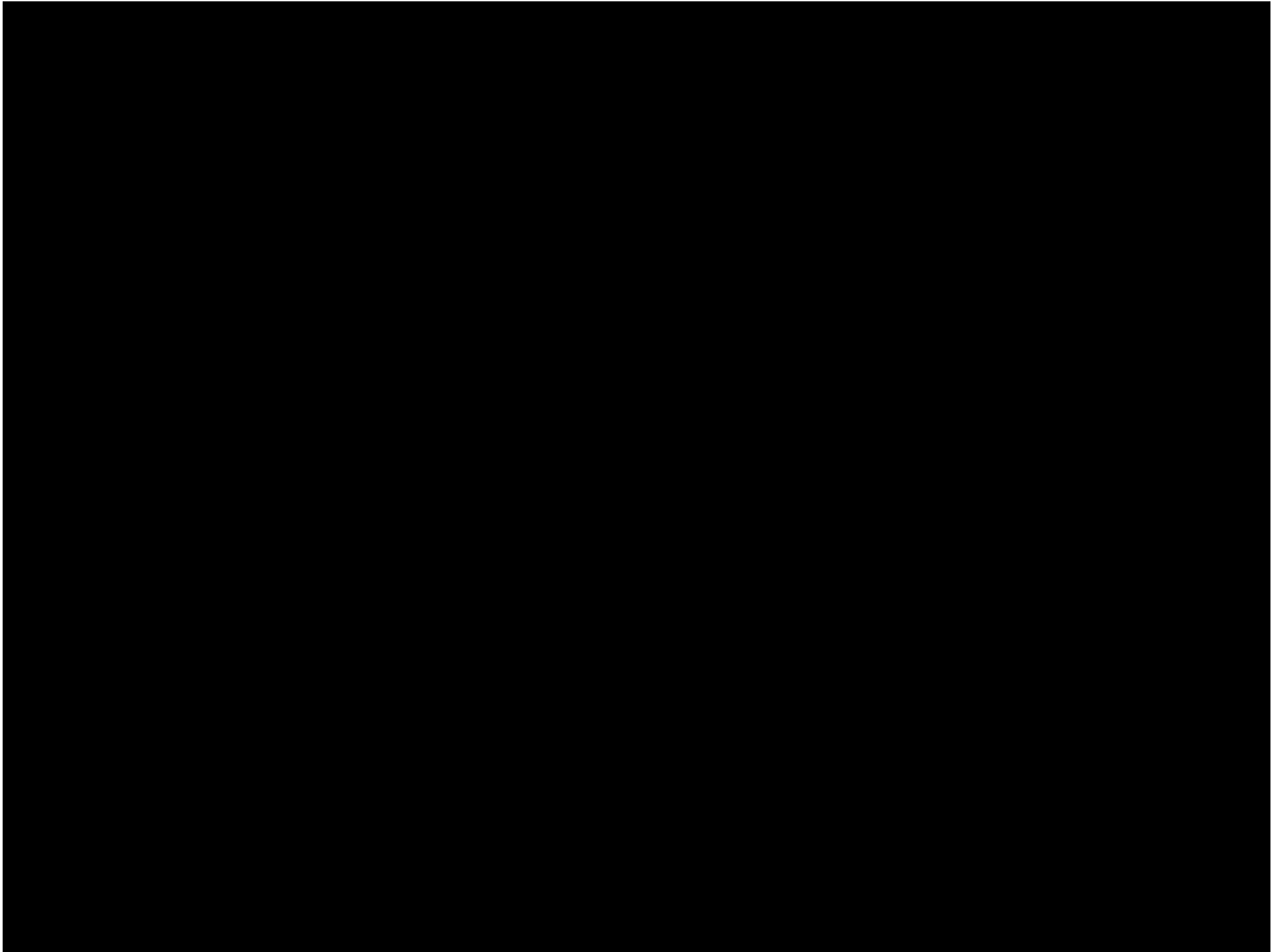
“Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever,” God says. 2 Samuel 7:16

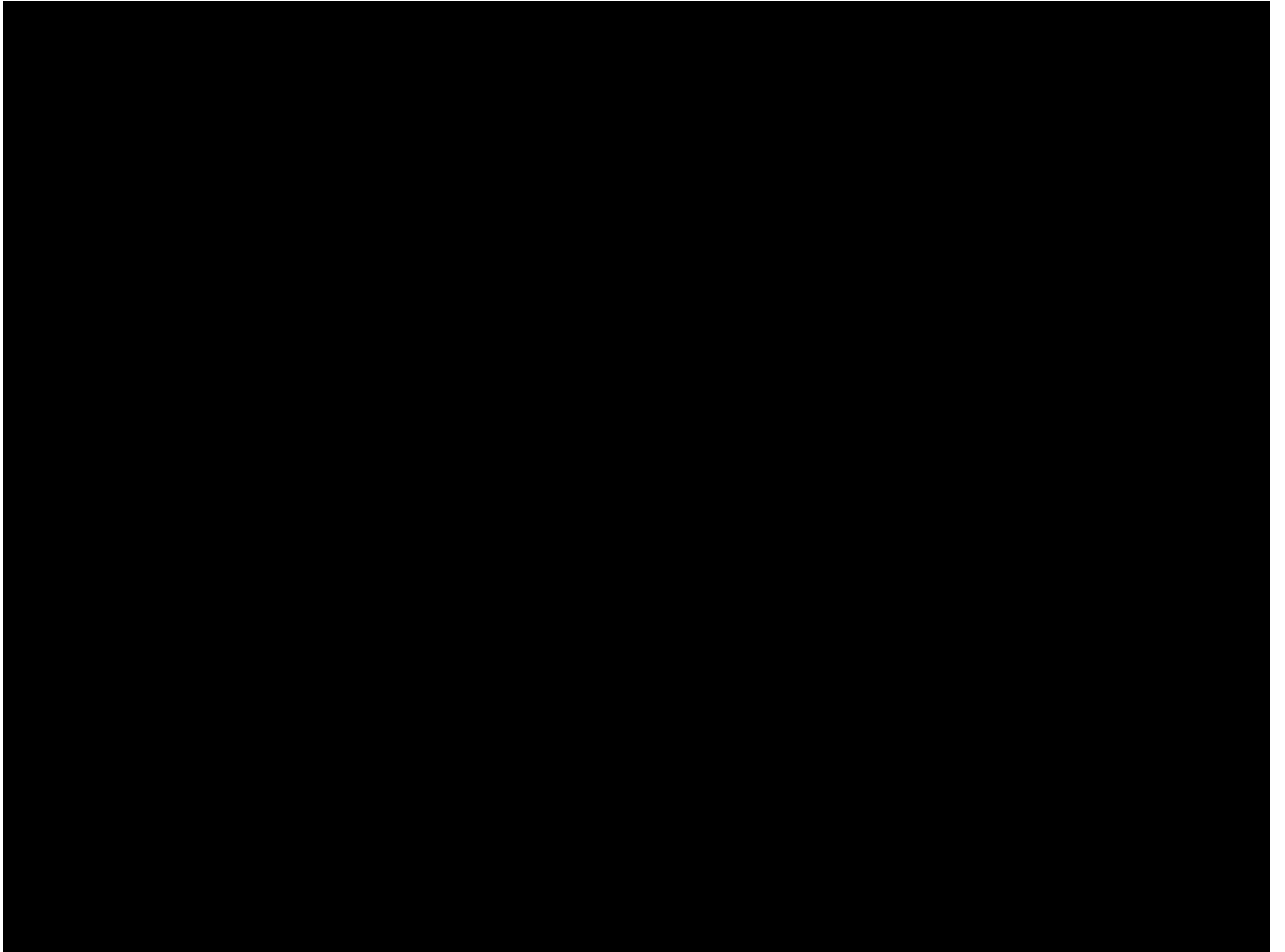
“You take care of the depth of
your relationship to God and
God will take care of the
breadth of your ministry.”

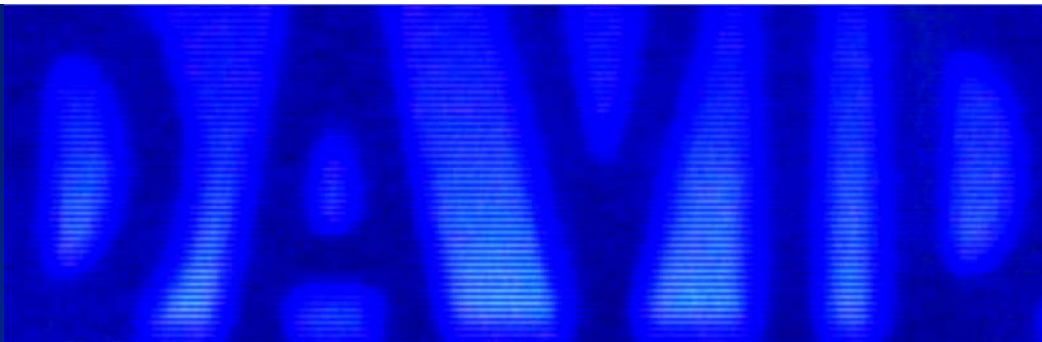


And we know that God causes everything **to work together for the good** of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8



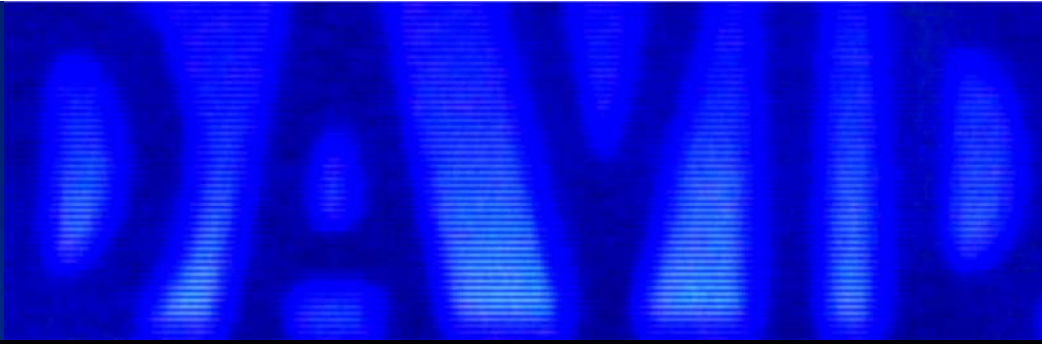






Then king David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said:
“Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? ²³...and who is like your people Israel... Whom you redeemed from Egypt?””

2 Samuel 7:18, 23



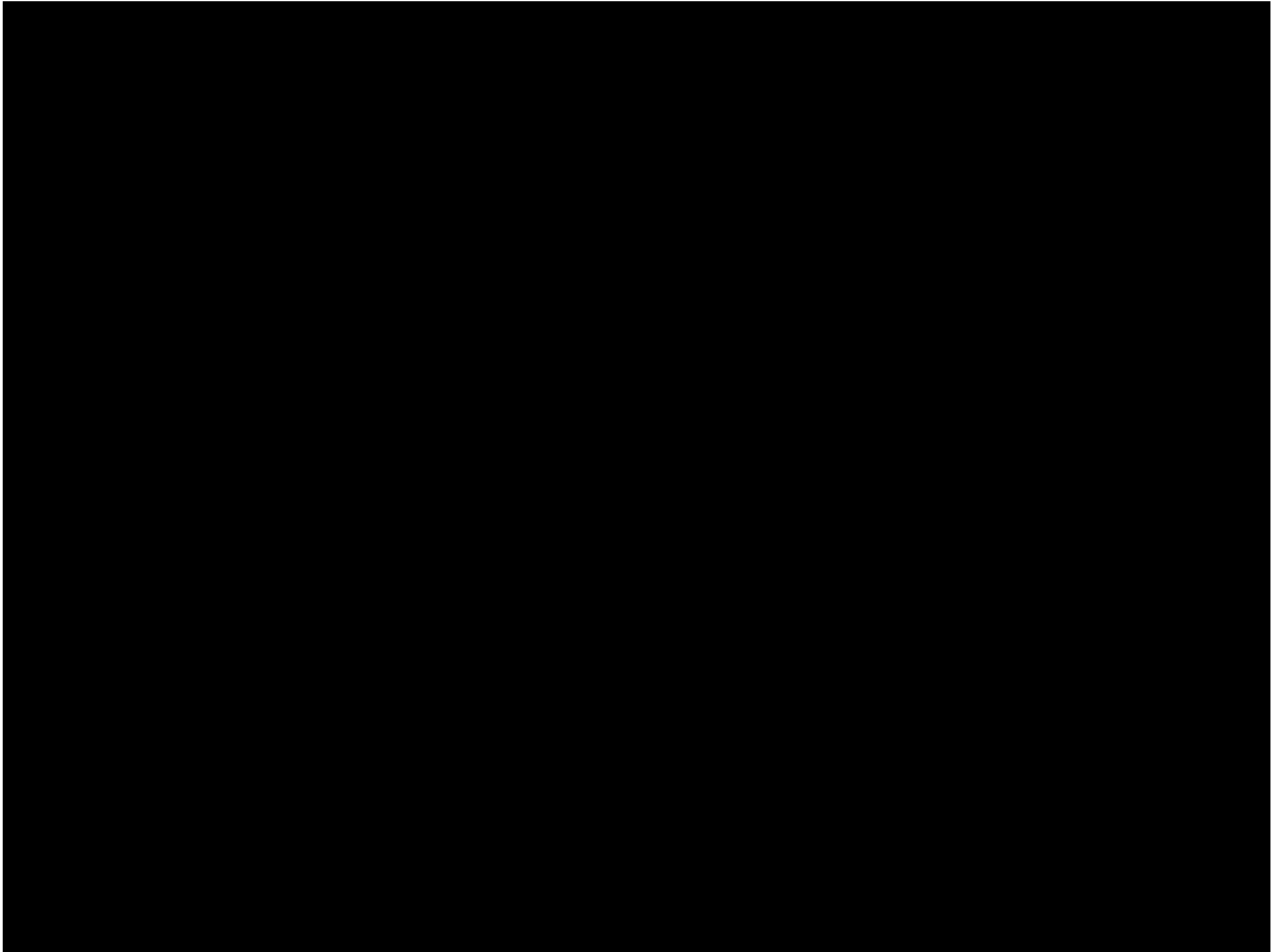
“Who am I . . . You have looked upon me as though I were the most exalted of men, O Lord God!” 1 Chronicles 17:17

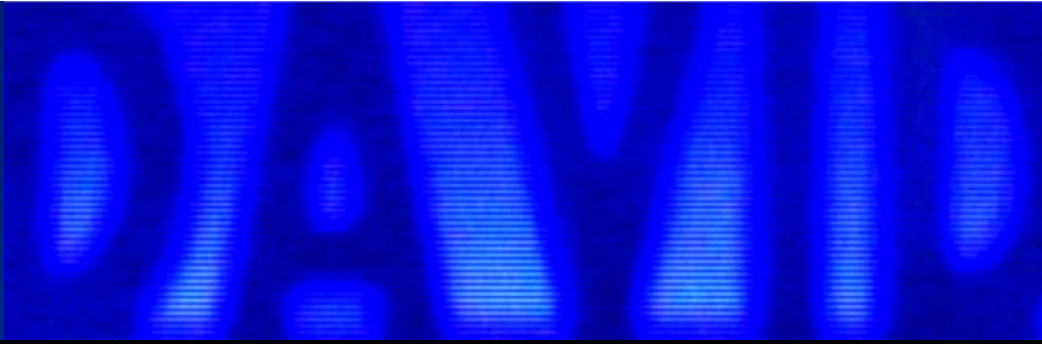
Rather than complain, David
focuses on his blessings

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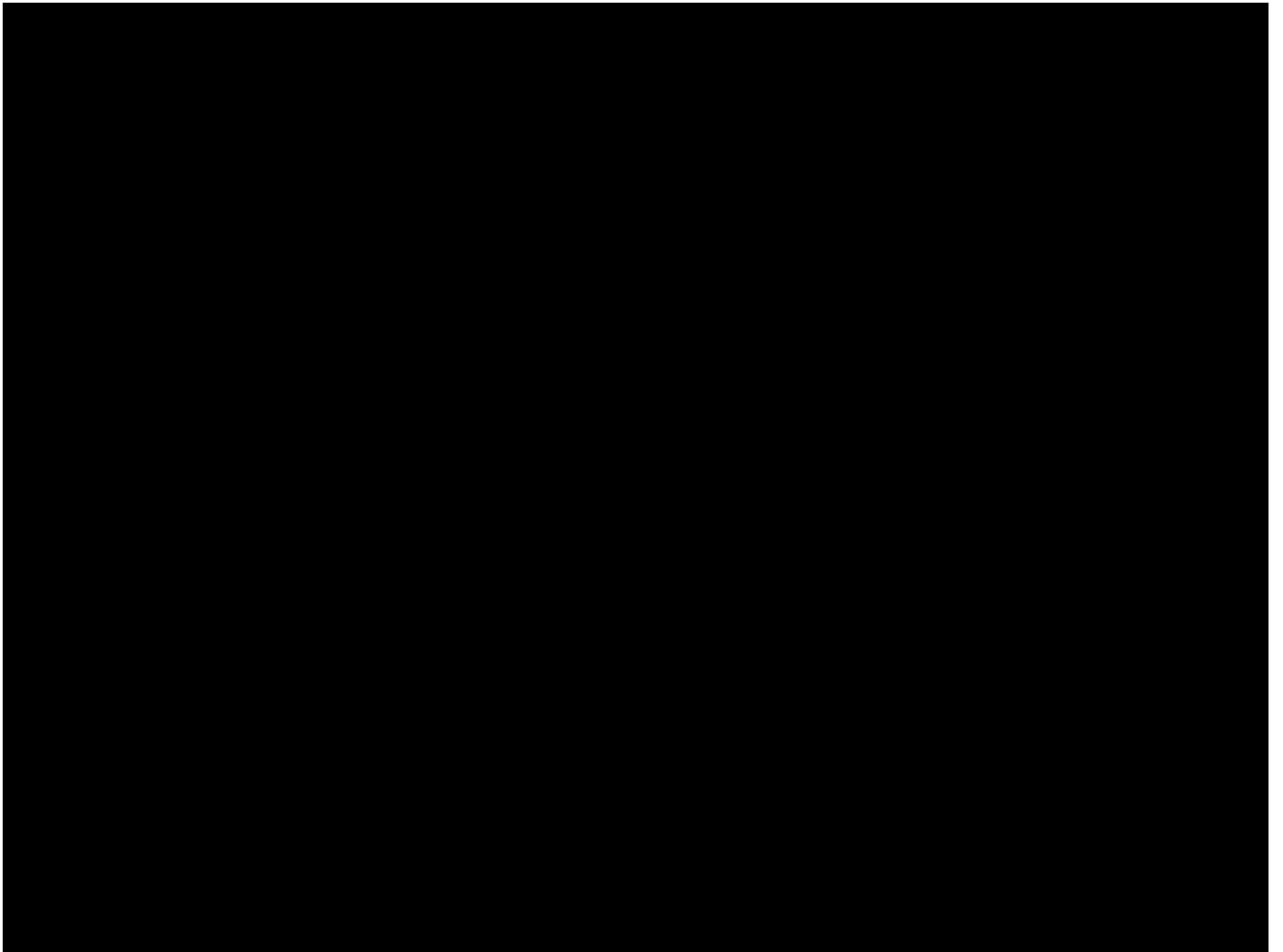
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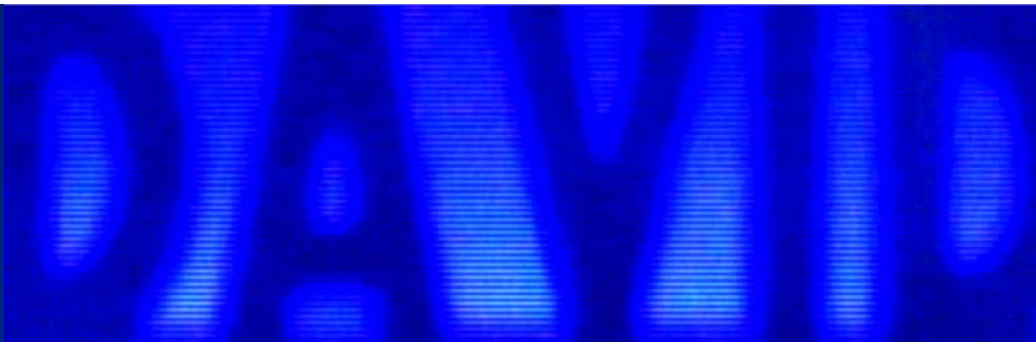






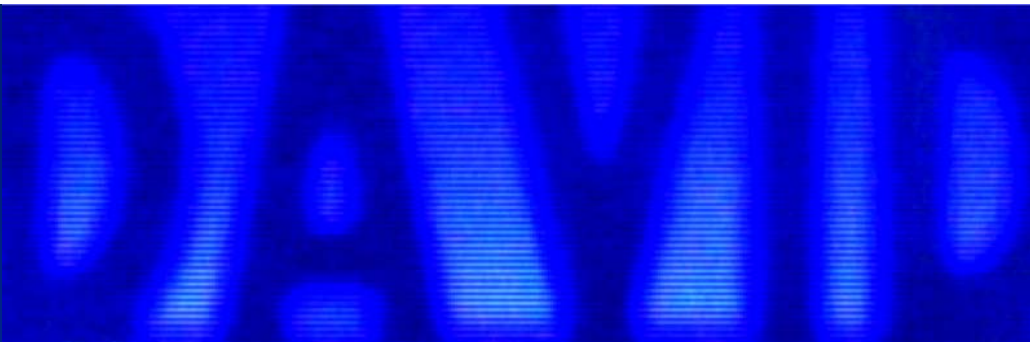
"God is gracious and
compassionate, slow to anger and
rich in love." Psalm 145:8





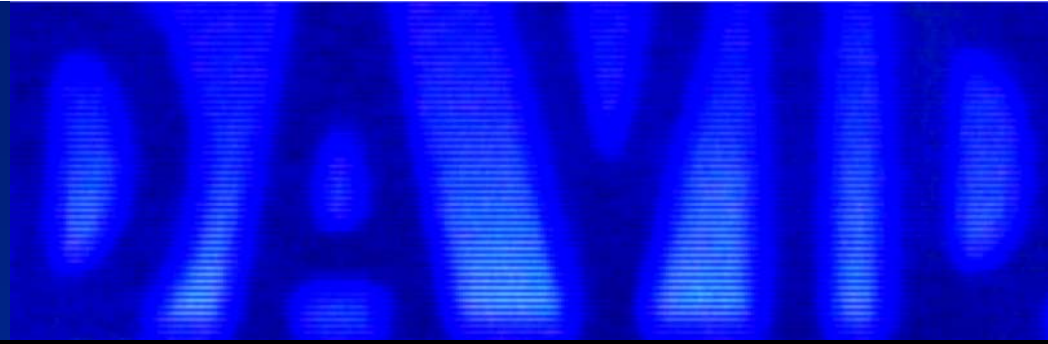
“And as if this were not enough in your sight, O Sovereign Lord, you have also spoken about the **future** of the house of your servant...”

2 Samuel 7:19



“...Your words are trustworthy, and you have **promised** these **good things** to your servant.”

2 Samuel 7:28b

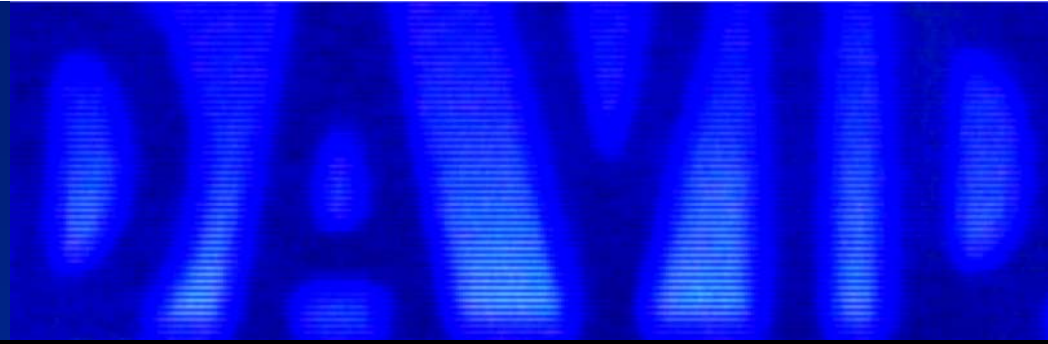


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The word “No”
can be a
good word.

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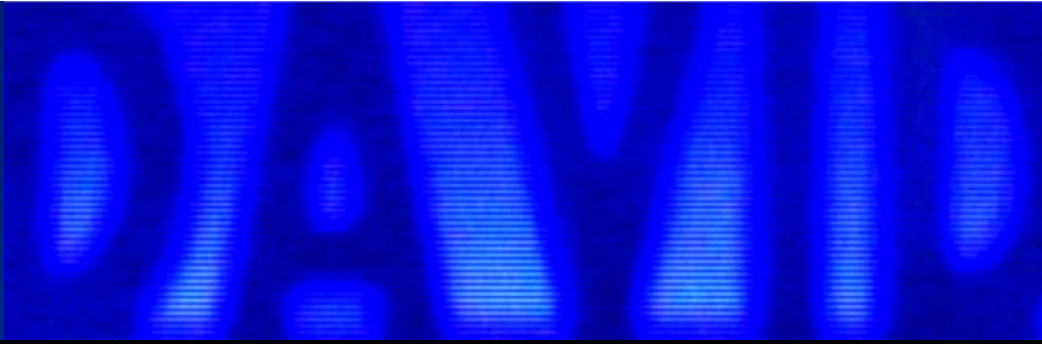


“What more can David say to you?
For you know your servant, O
Sovereign Lord.” 2 Samuel 7:20

God KNOWS me
better than
anyone else.

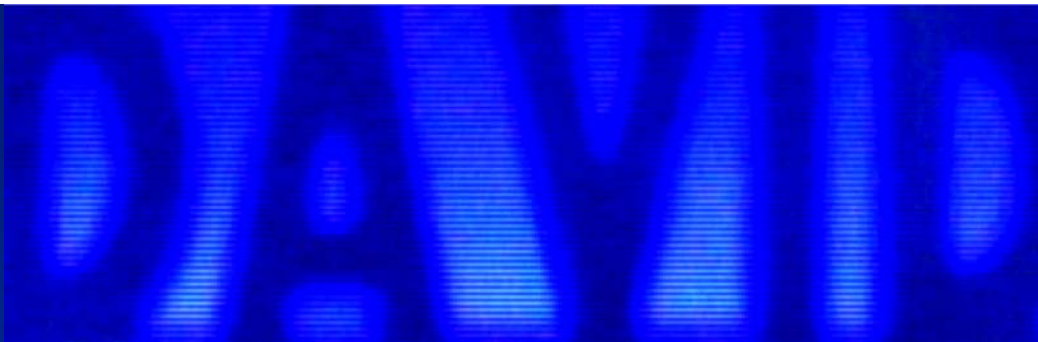
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“How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you...²⁸ O Sovereign Lord, **you are God!**”

2 Samuel 7:22, 28a



“You, O Sovereign Lord, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.” 2 Samuel 7:29