



Psalm

All the colors of life



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1 Out of the depths
I cry to you, Lord;



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2 Lord, hear my voice. Let your
ears be attentive to my cry for
mercy.



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3 If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?



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4 But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence,
serve you.



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5 I wait for the Lord, my whole being
waits, and in his word I put my hope.



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6 I wait for the Lord more than
watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen
wait for the morning



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7 Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing
love and with him is full
redemption.



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8 He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.



Our Dilemma



Our Hope



Our Way Home



1. The Sinkhole.

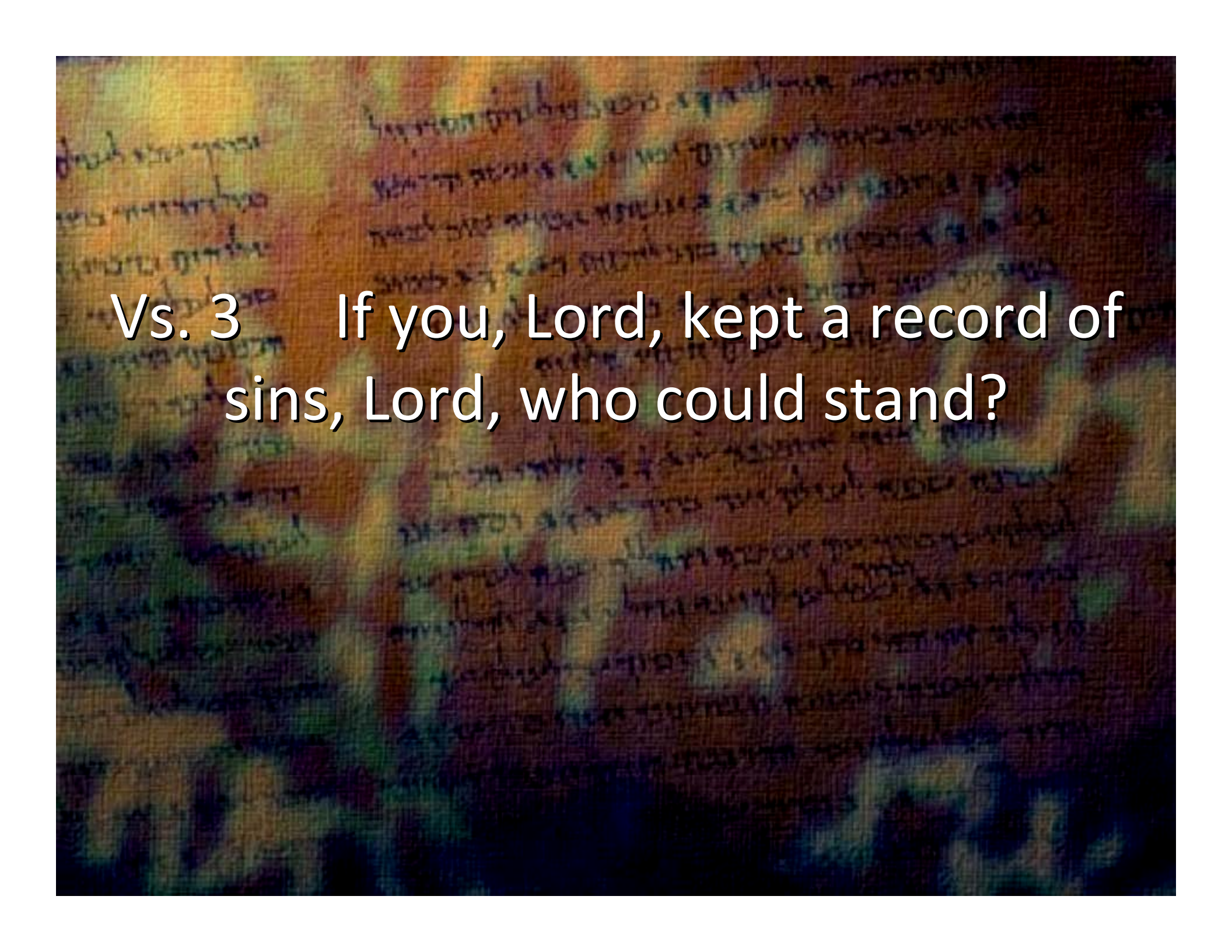
(OUR DILEMMA)

Vs. 1 From the depths of my
despair I call to you, Lord.



Our despair is driven by a sense of
GUILT and SHAME.

Vs. 2 Lord, hear my voice. Let
your ears be attentive to my cry for
mercy.



Vs. 3 If you, Lord, kept a record of
sins, Lord, who could stand?

*In GUILT we feel bad
about what we've done.*

*In SHAME we feel bad
about who we are.*

**2. The Rope God offers to
climb out of our despair.
(OUR HOPE)**

***1st strand of the rope:* There is an
OBJECTIVE MORAL STANDARD.**

**Vs. 3 If you, Lord, kept a record
of sins, who could stand?**

*“If you, Lord, kept a record of
sins” ...*

literally means in the Hebrew:

*“The eyes of God are the only
eyes that MATTER.”*

Now, I am not at all concerned about being judged by you or by any human standard; I don't even pass judgment on myself. 4 My conscience is clear, but that does not prove that I am really innocent. The Lord is the one who passes judgment on me.

1 Corinthians 4:3–4

**2. The Rope God offers to
climb out of our despair.
(OUR HOPE)**

***2nd strand of the rope:*
I don't MEASURE UP.**

**Vs. 3 If you, Lord, kept a record
of sins, who could stand?**

For no one is put right in God's sight
by doing what the Law requires; what
the Law does is to make us know that
we have sinned.

Romans 3:20

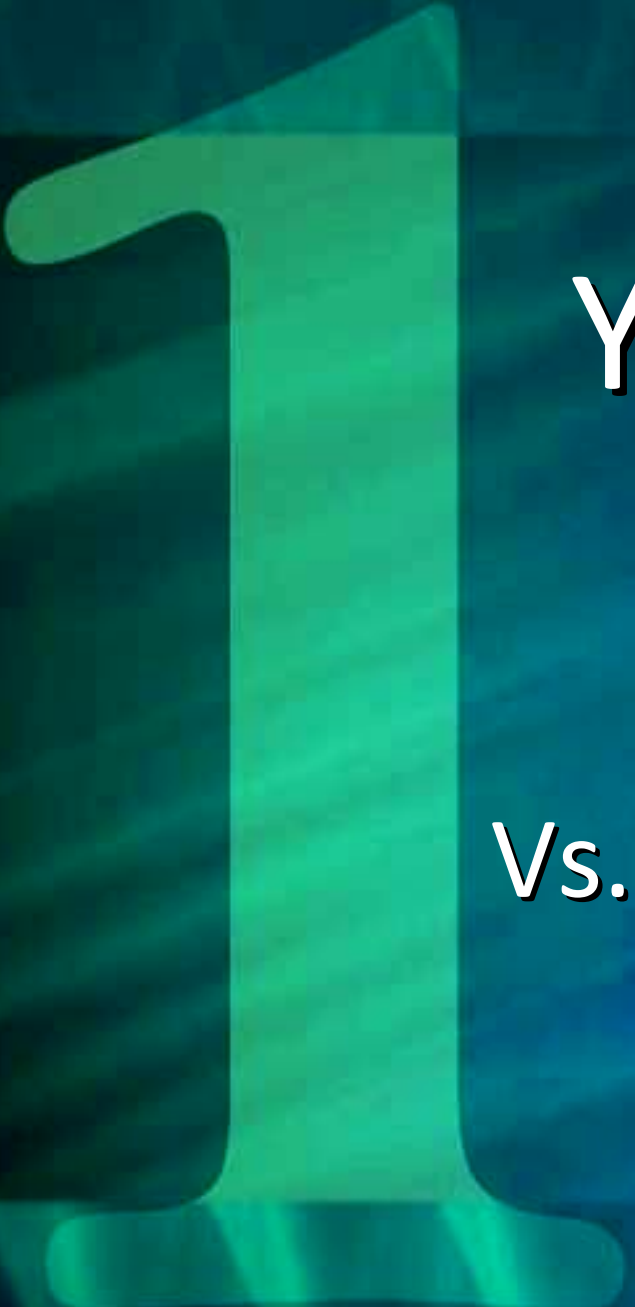
Vs. 7 Israel, put your hope
in the Lord, for with the
Lord is unfailing love.

Vs. 8 “He himself will
redeem Israel ...”



3. How to climb out (OUR WAY HOME)

vss. 5,6 I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. 6 I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, ...



You have to
WAIT.

Vs. 5 I wait for the Lord,




You wait
EXPECTANTLY

Vs. 6 I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen
wait for the morning, ...



You wait in
COMMUNITY.

Vs. 7 “Israel”



You wait
FEARFULLY.

Vs. 4 But there is
forgiveness with You,
that You may be
feared.

