

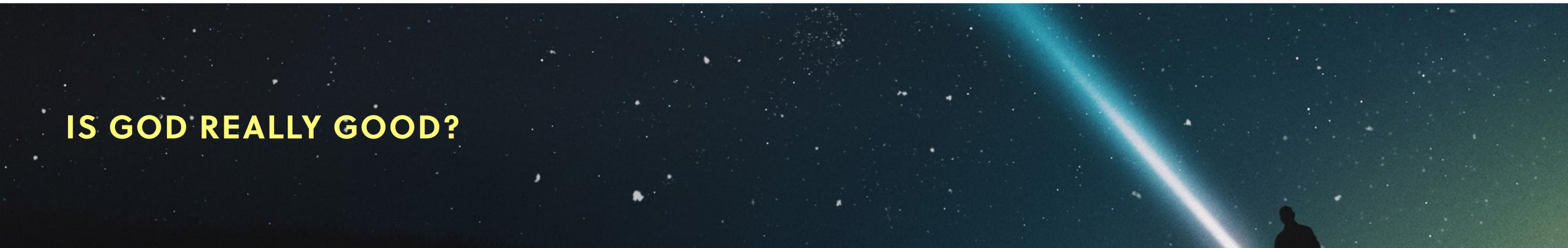


THE
MYSTERY OF GOD

“THE GOODNESS OF GOD”

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IS GOD REALLY GOOD?

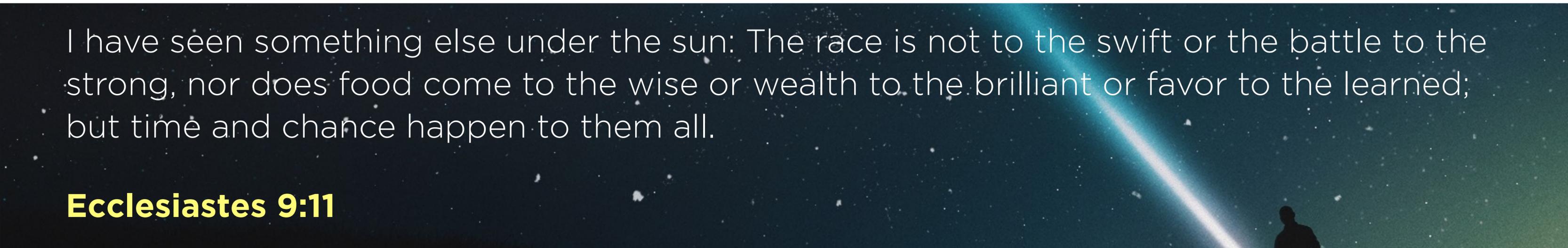


Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? 3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

Luke 13:1-5

4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

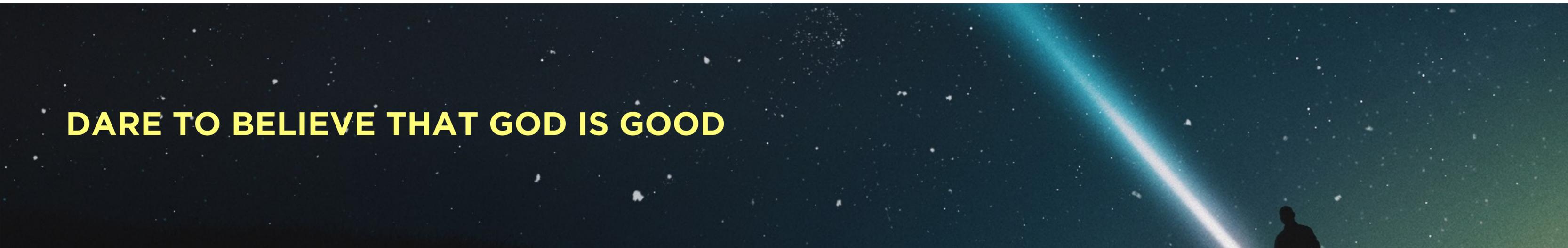
Luke 13:1-5



I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all.

Ecclesiastes 9:11

DARE TO BELIEVE THAT GOD IS GOOD

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This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:4-5



SOME OF WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT HIS GOODNESS

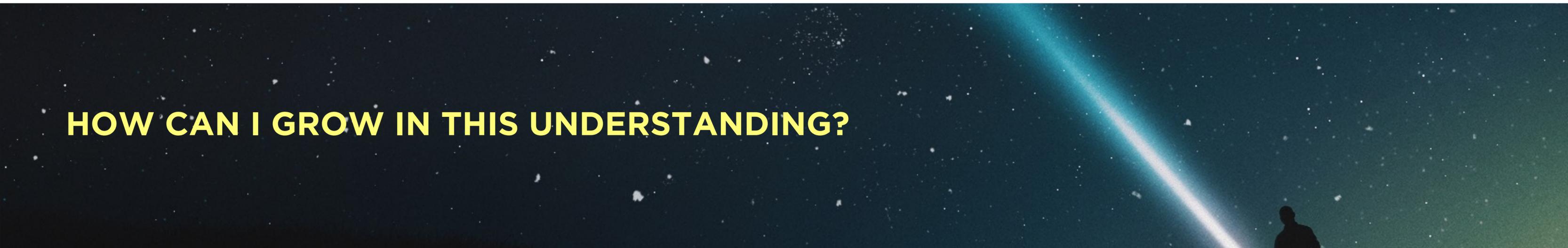
Exodus 34:6 (NKJV) - 6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abounding in goodness and truth..."

Psalms 145:9 (NKJV) - 9 The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.

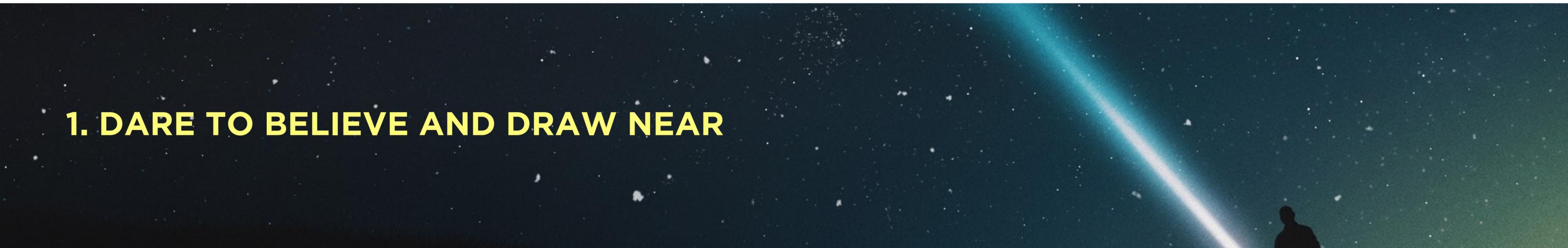
Psalms 25:8 - Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

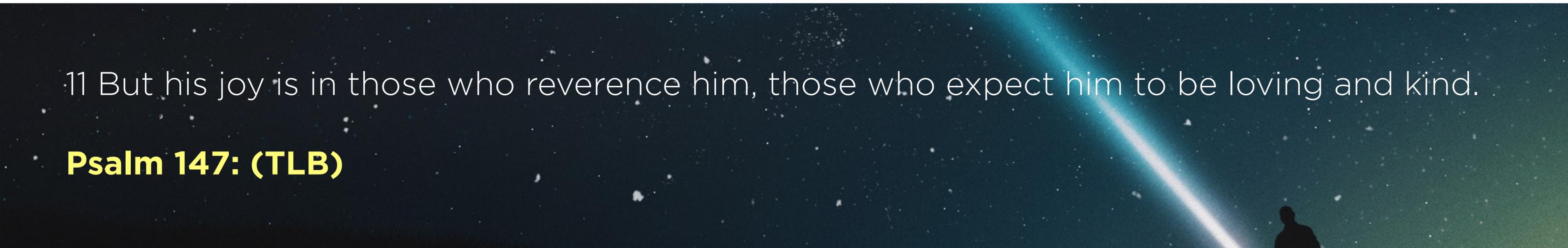
James 1:17 - Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

HOW CAN I GROW IN THIS UNDERSTANDING?

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1. DARE TO BELIEVE AND DRAW NEAR

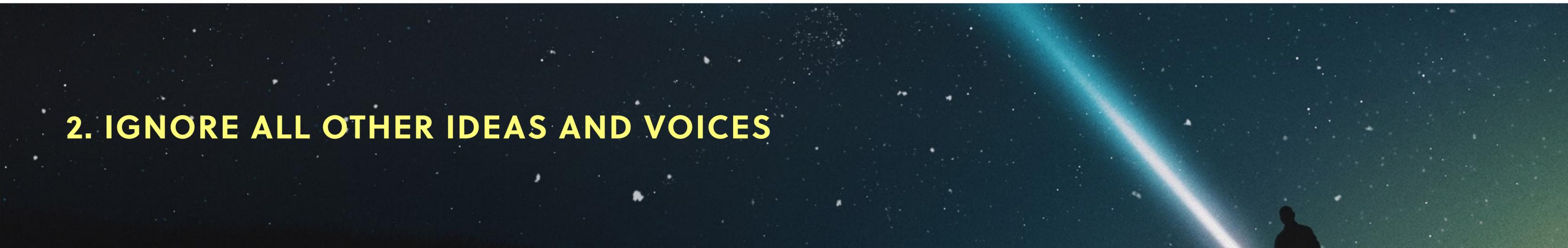
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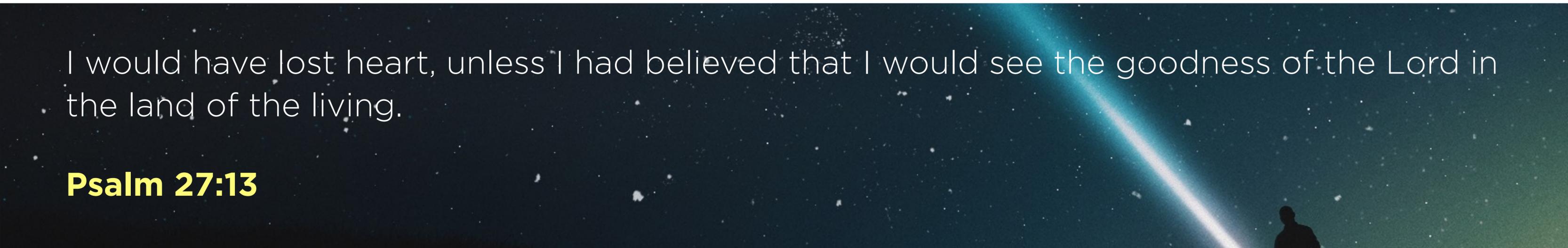


11 But his joy is in those who reverence him, those who expect him to be loving and kind.

Psalm 147: (TLB)

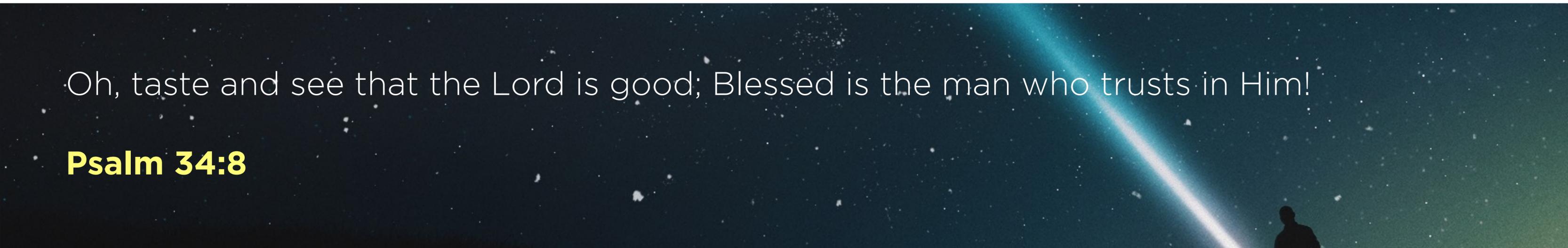
2. IGNORE ALL OTHER IDEAS AND VOICES

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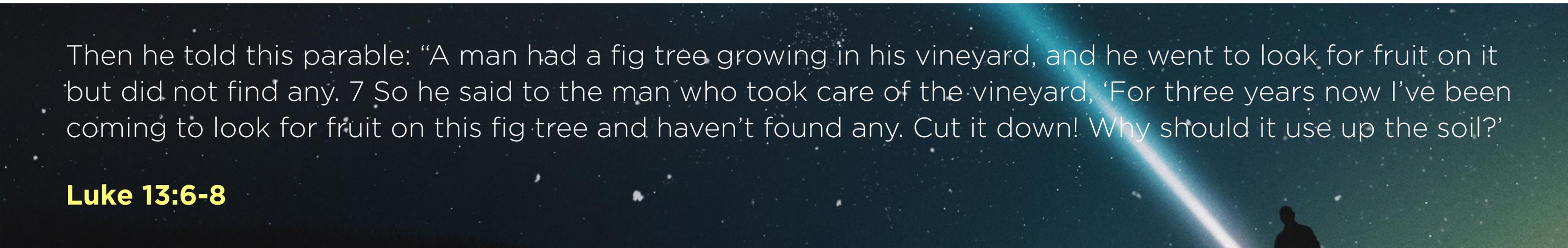
I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 27:13



Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Psalm 34:8



Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. 7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

Luke 13:6-8

8 “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

Luke 13:6-8