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The police defusing the situation. PHOTO: SHIN MEN DAILY NEWS

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'Turf war' breaks out among senior citizens in Chinatown

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Two men arrested after fighting on MRT train



A photograph of two men in business suits standing in front of a building. The man on the left is older, wearing glasses and a blue suit with a patterned tie. The man on the right is younger, smiling, wearing a dark blue suit and a blue tie. To the left of the men is a large, stylized 'CP' logo mounted on a building facade. The background shows a modern building with glass and metal elements.

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FAMILY FEUD

PUTS PROPERTY GIANT UNDER SPOTLIGHT



Singapore-born giant panda Le Le got into a fight with an enclosure mate in April 15. PHOTOS: SCIENCE AND NATURE PHOTO LIBRARY

Panda-monium: Singapore-born Le Le gets into brawl with another panda in China



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James 4:1-10

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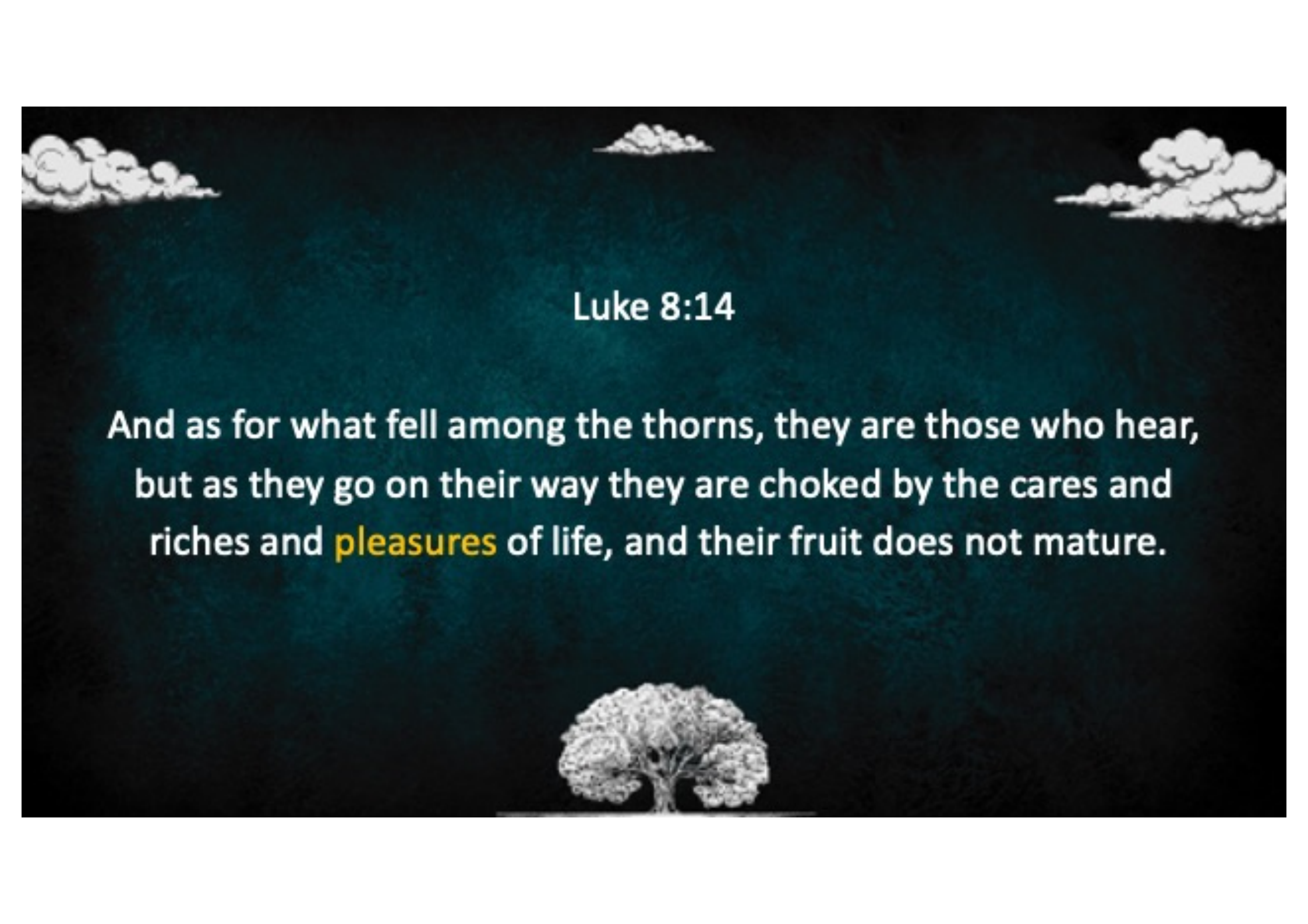


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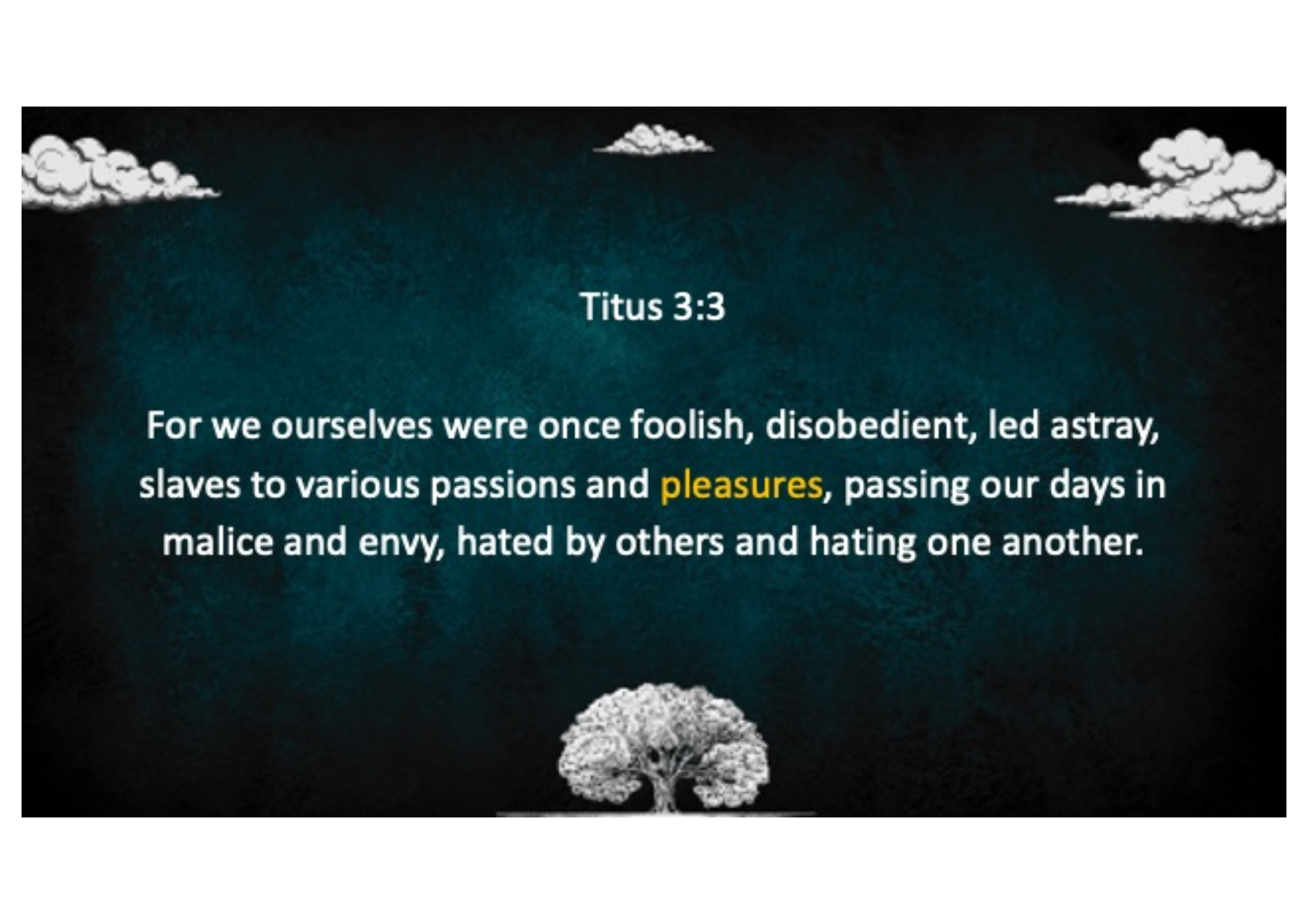
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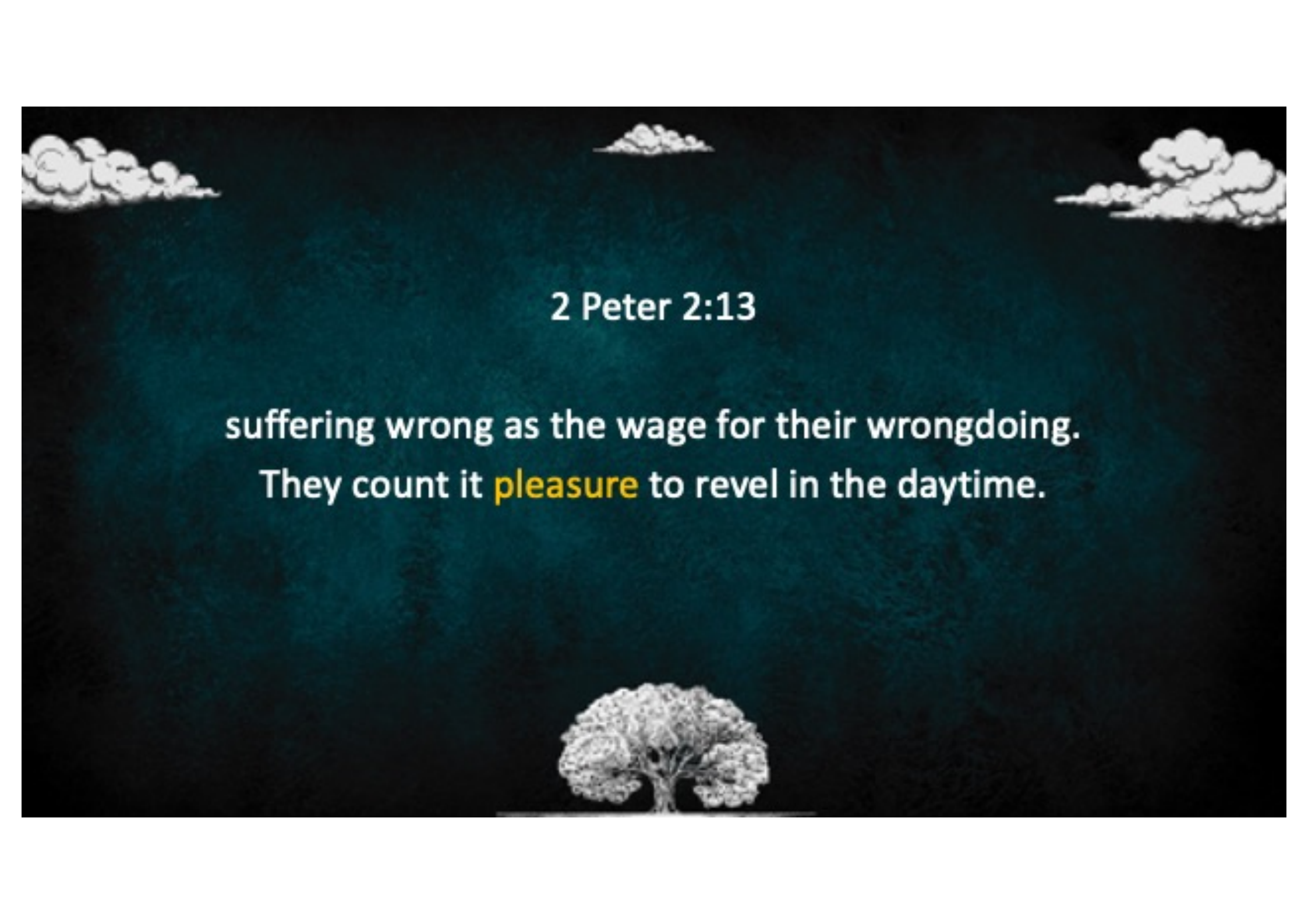
Luke 8:14

And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear,
but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and
riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.



Titus 3:3

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.



2 Peter 2:13

suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing.
They count it **pleasure** to revel in the daytime.

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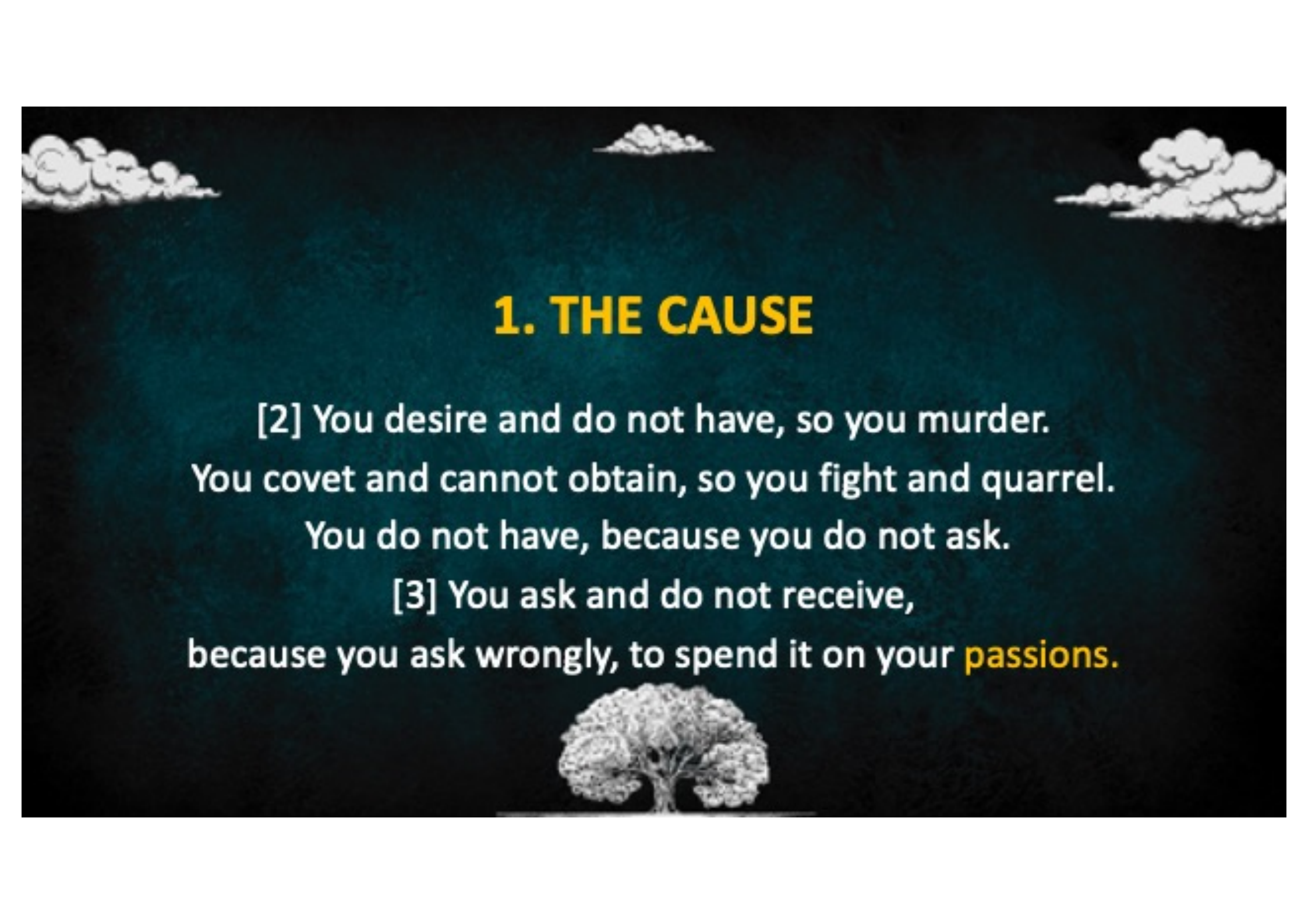
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They are to do good, to be rich in good works,
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treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future,
so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.





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→ Disorder & vile practice (3:16)





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Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world
makes himself an enemy of God.





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1 John 2:15

Do not love the world or the things in the world.
If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.



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Your strife for worldly pleasures
shows that you love the world and not God



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Salvation is received in a moment
but revealed in a lifetime.



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Wrongful desires for worldly pleasures
may reveal empty / false religion

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Can I come back to God?



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He wants you / desires you!



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Exo 34:14 the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God





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Pro 3:34 Toward the scorners he is scornful,
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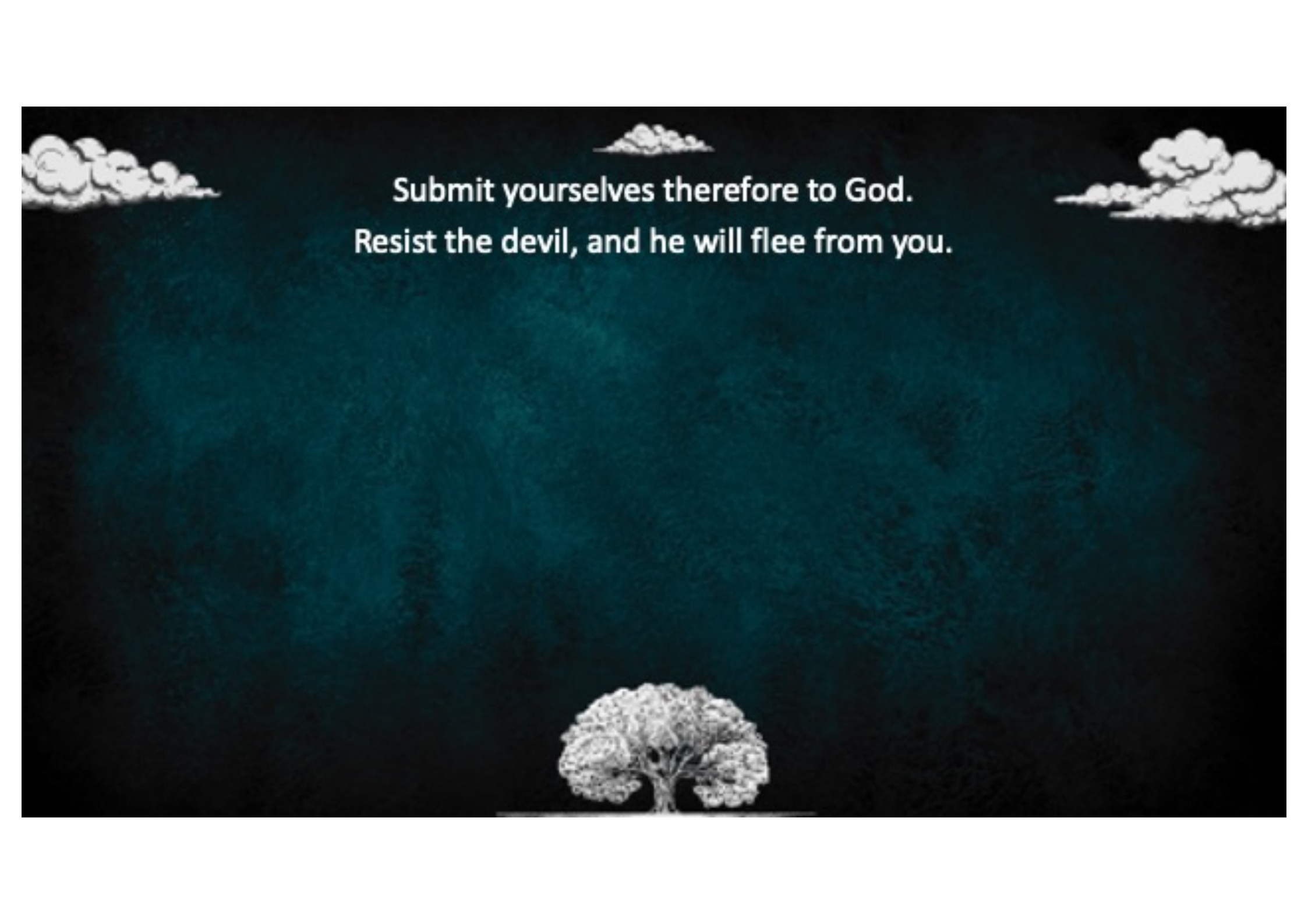
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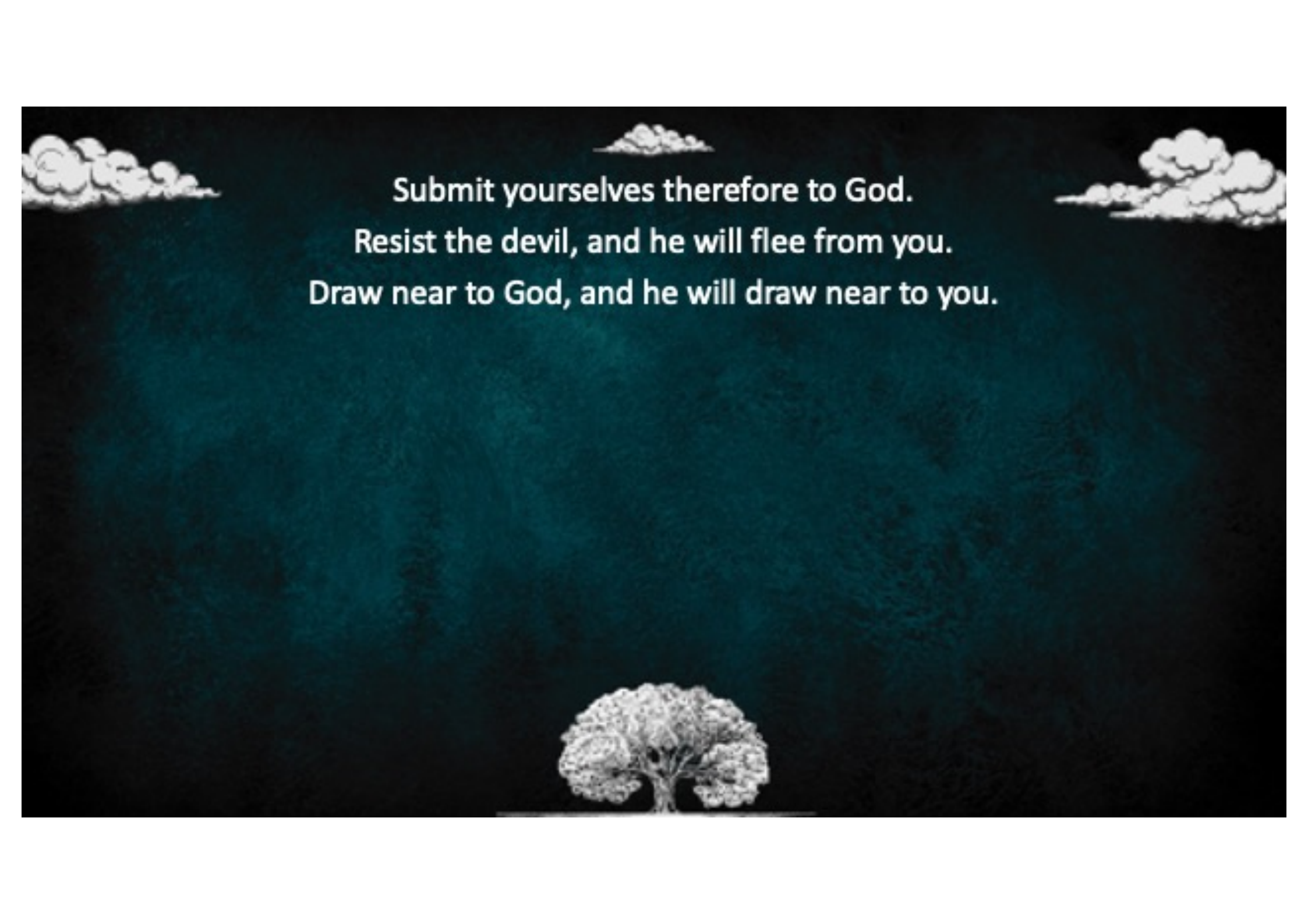
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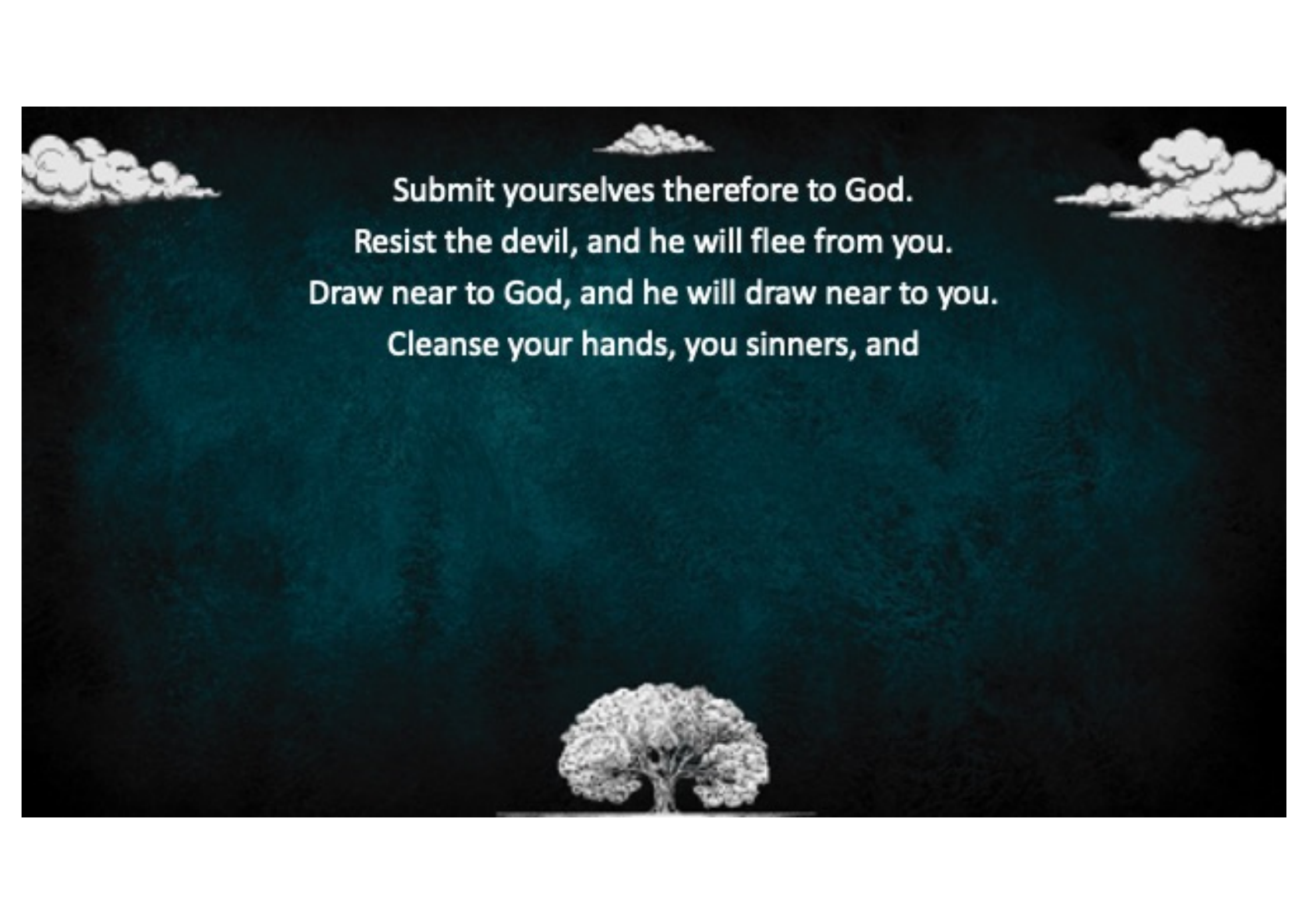
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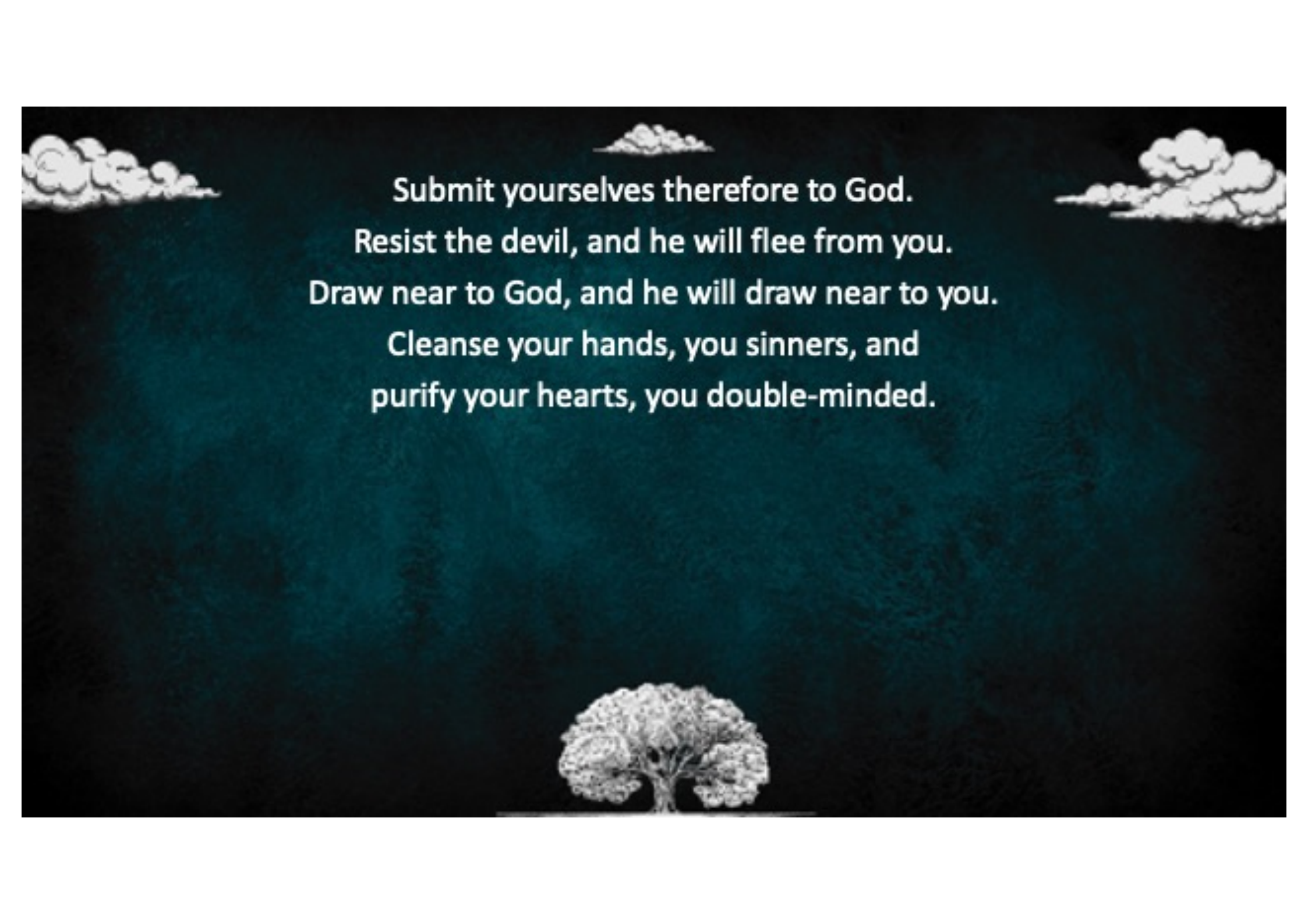
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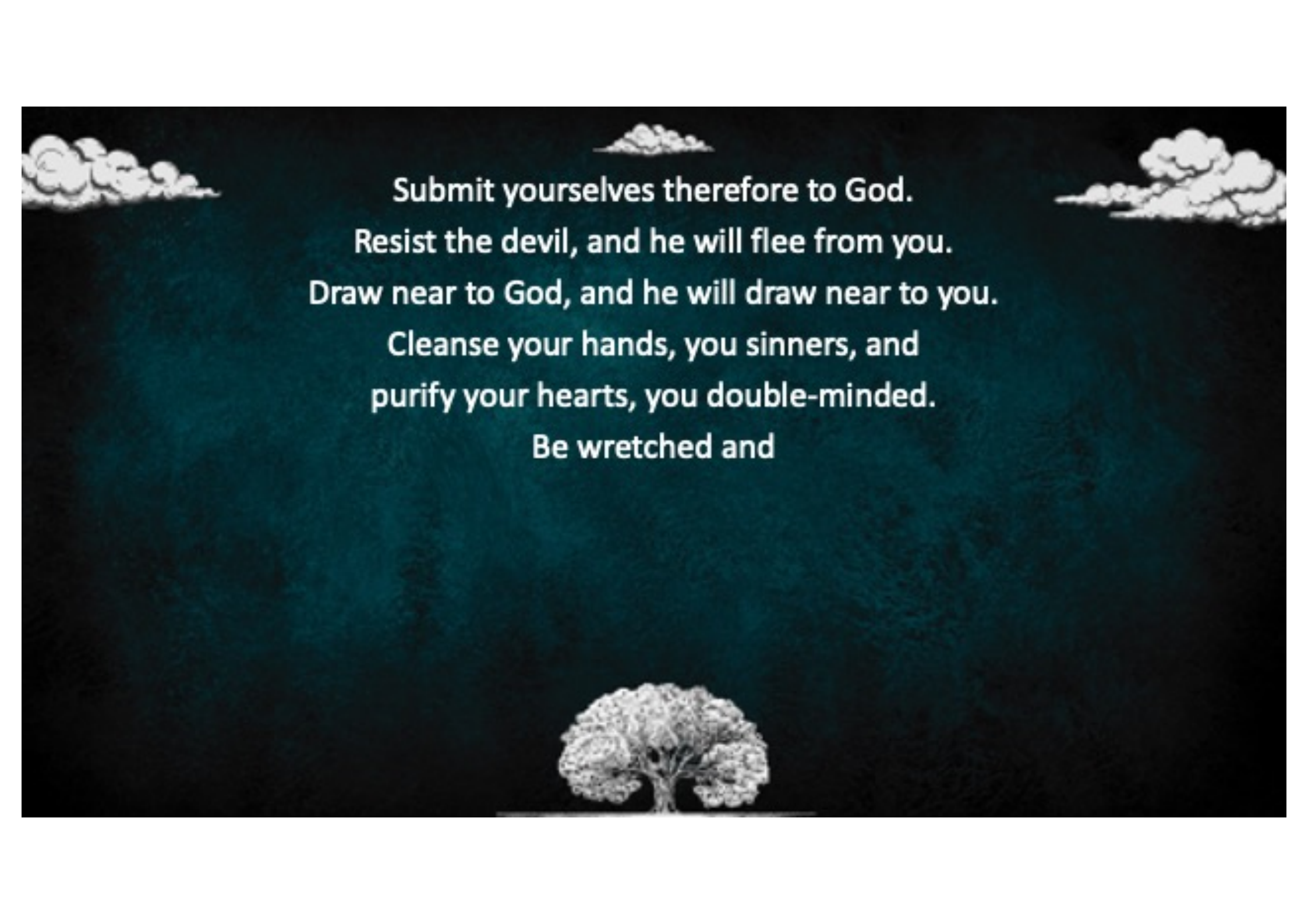
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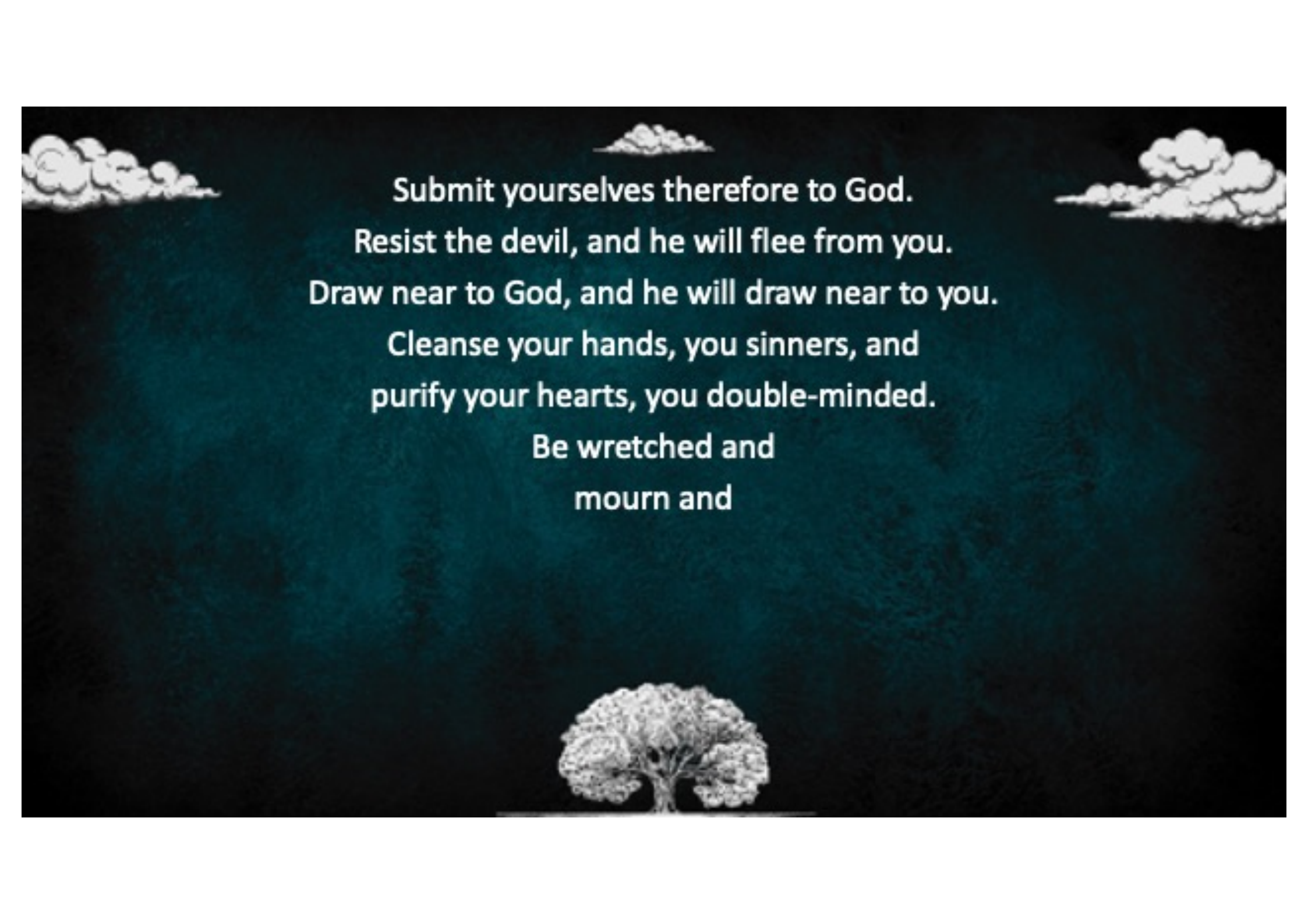
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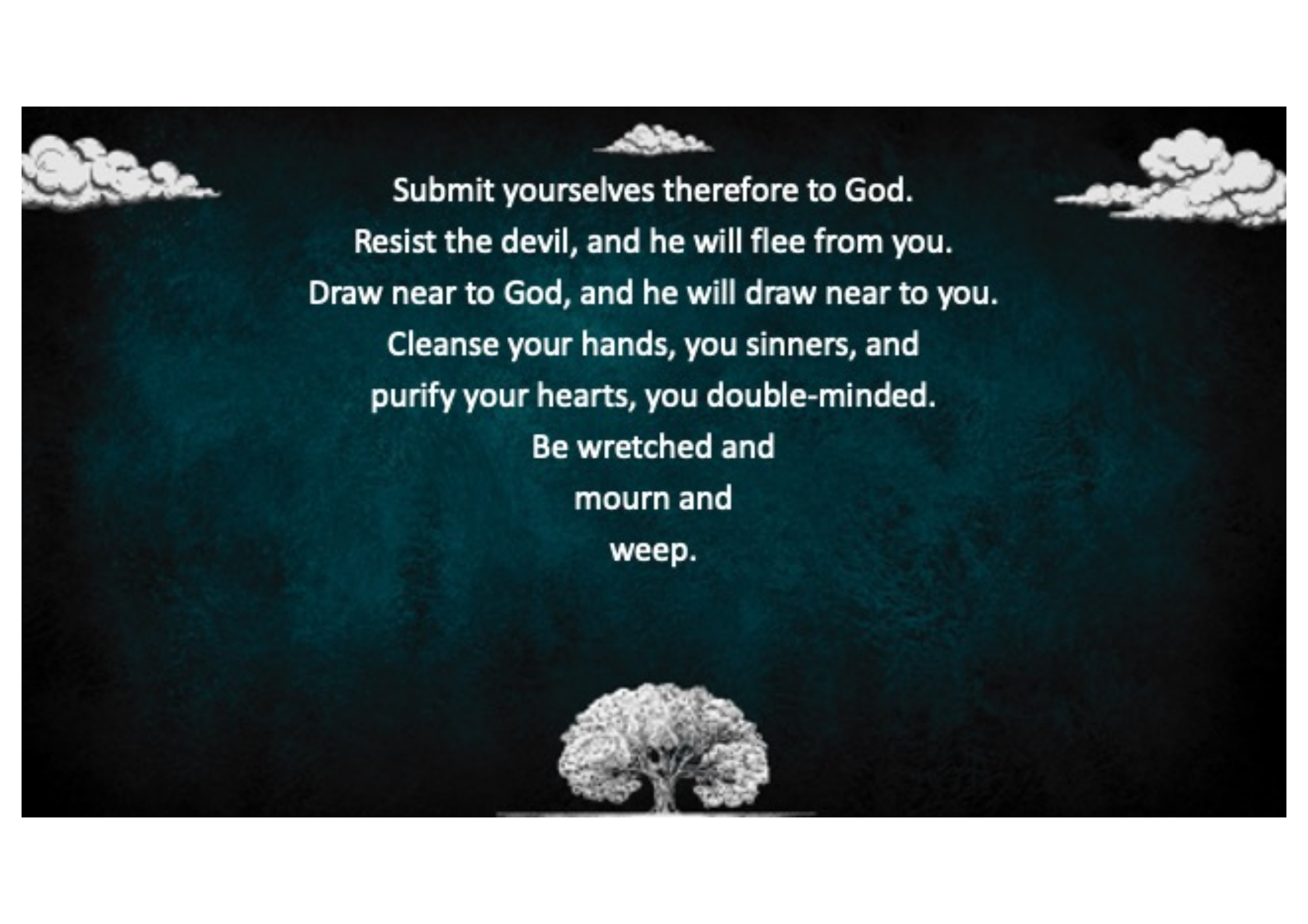
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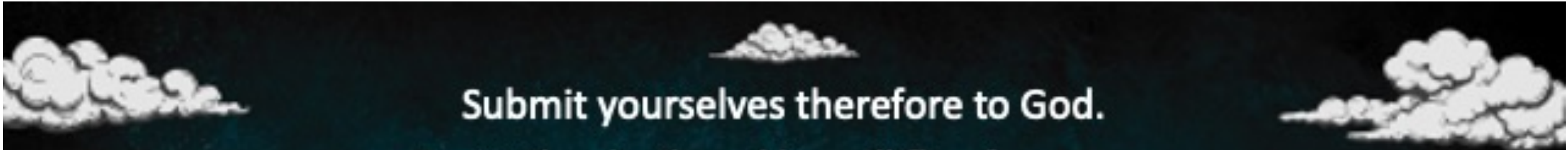
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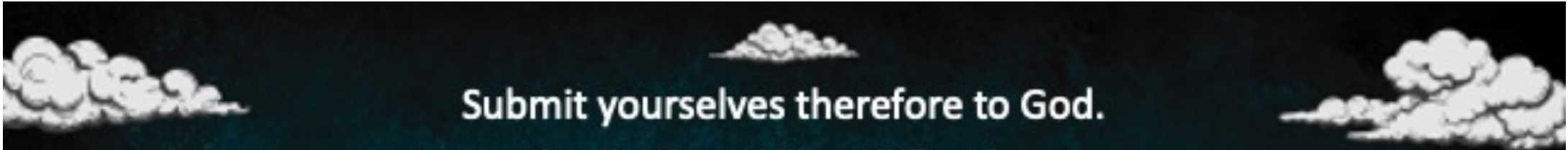
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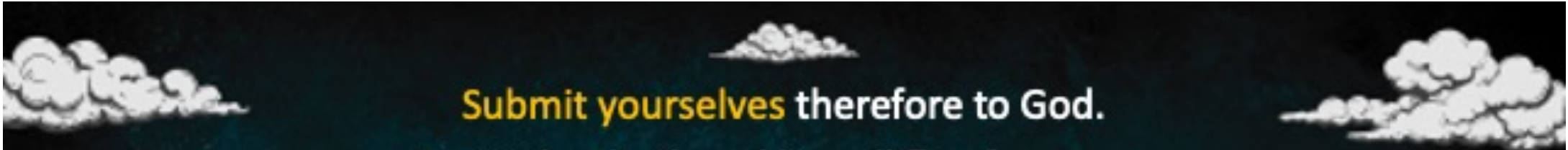
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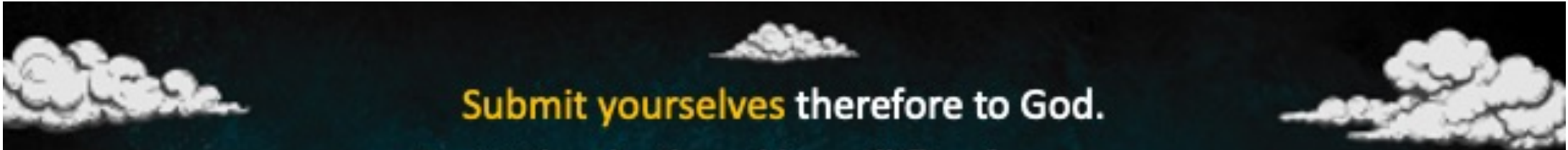
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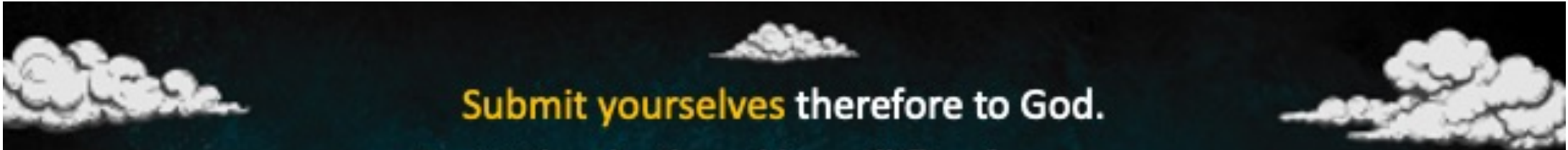
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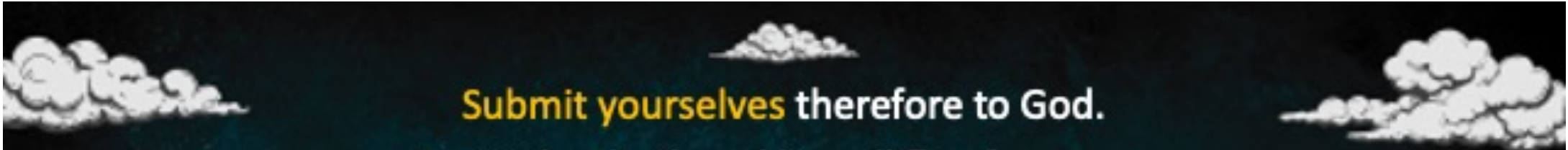
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