



CONQUERING

THE

HABITUAL



CREATURES OF HABIT





Appreciation that we were
created by a loving God

Appreciation that our lives are
sustained by a loving God



HIDING IN WORSHIP

The man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

-GENESIS 3:8-10

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain
moor and mountain
Following yonder star

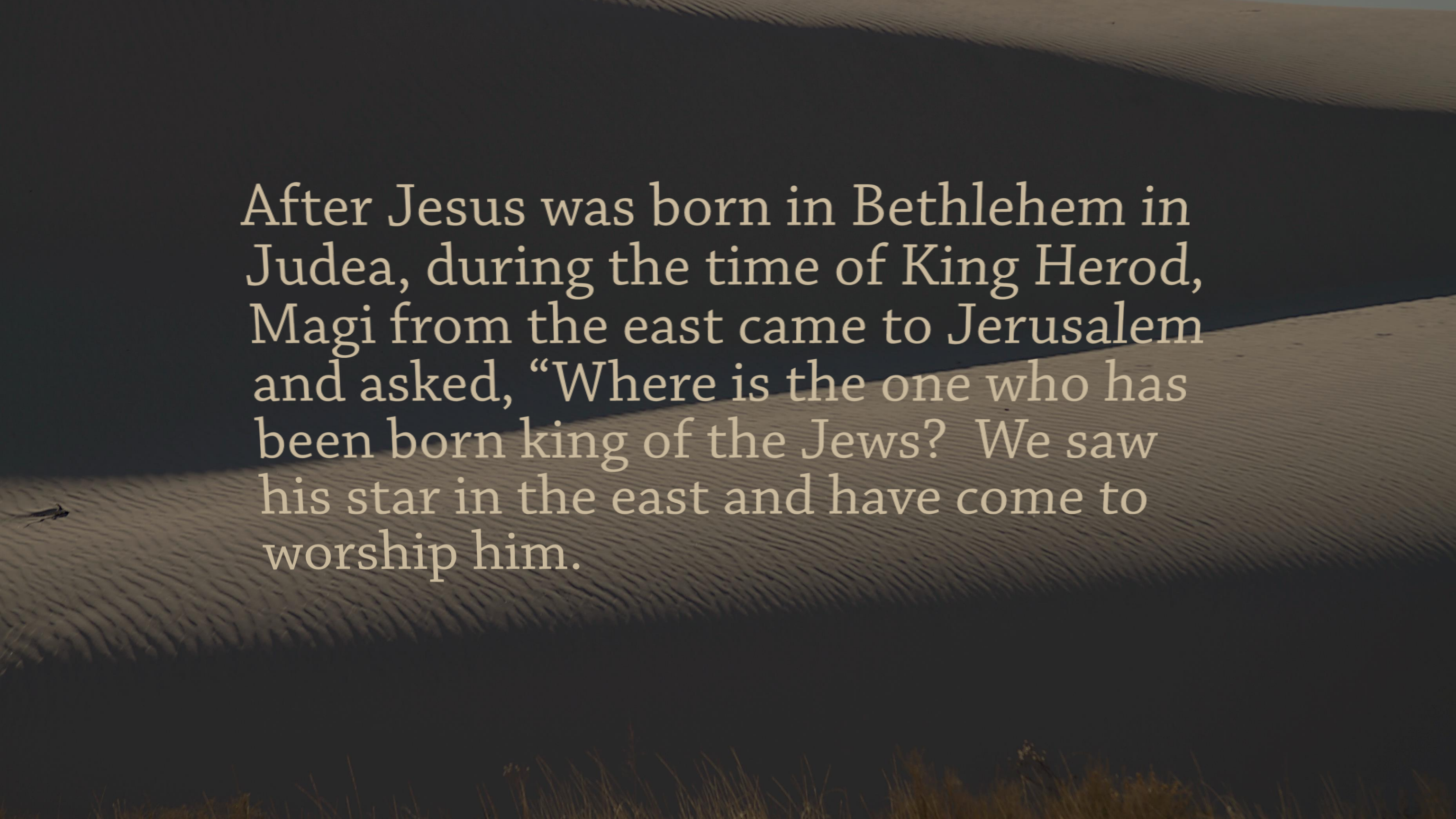
O star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia alleluia
Sounds through the earth and skies

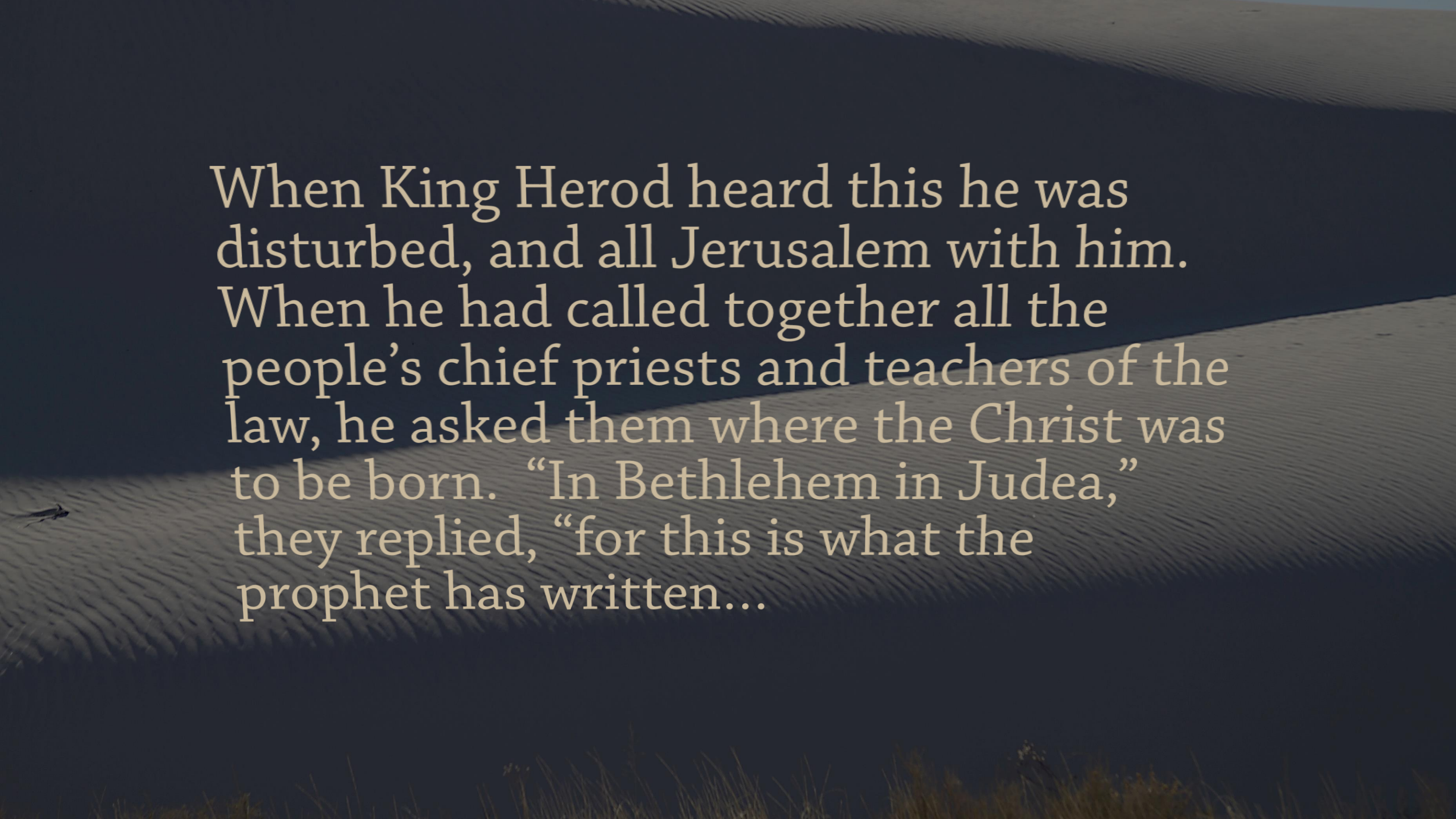
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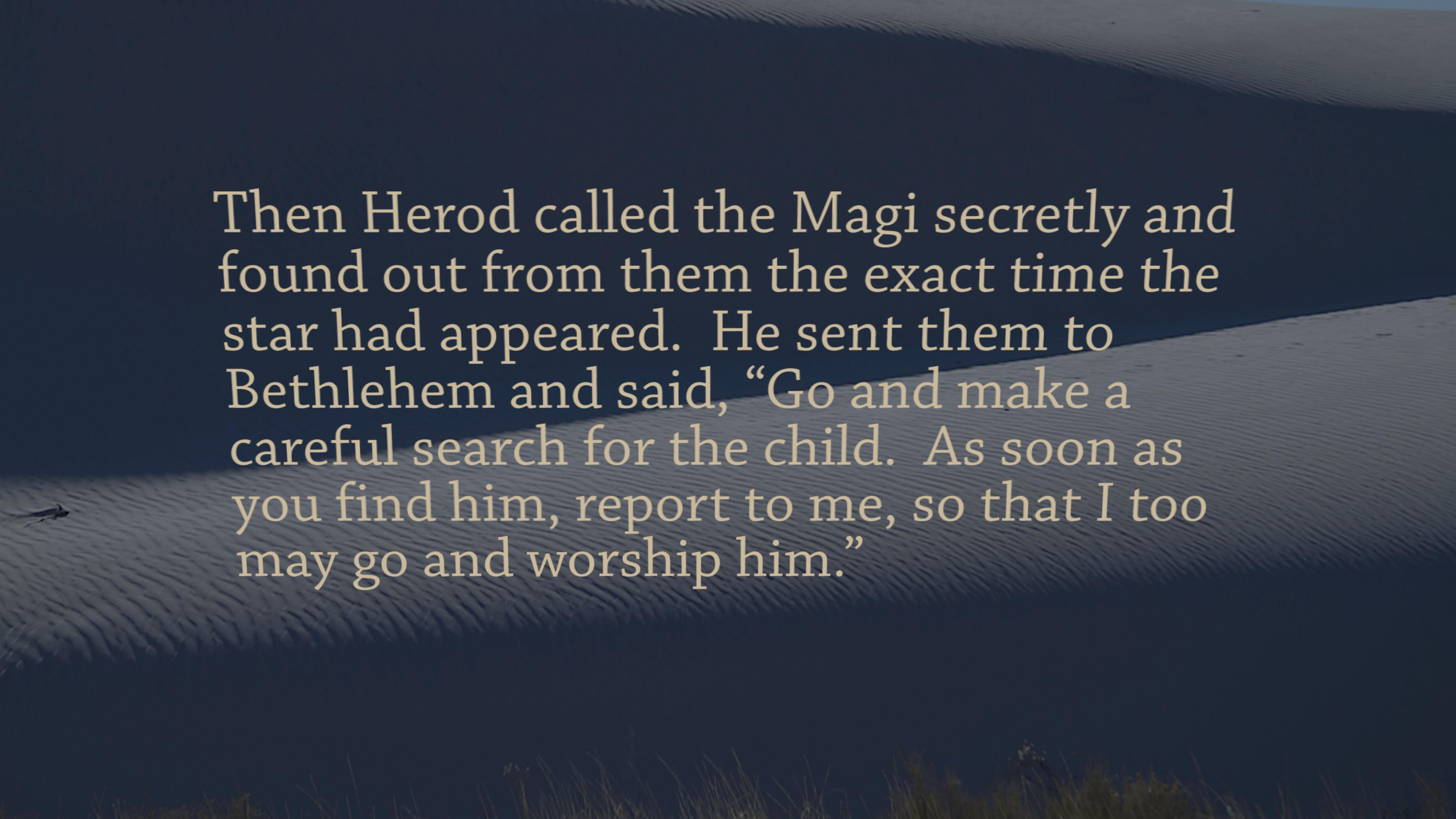
SEEKING IN WORSHIP

A photograph of a desert landscape with rolling sand dunes. The dunes are covered in fine, rippled sand. In the foreground, there is some dry, yellowish grass. On the left side, a small, dark lizard is visible on the sand. The sky is a deep blue, and the overall lighting suggests a late afternoon or early morning setting.

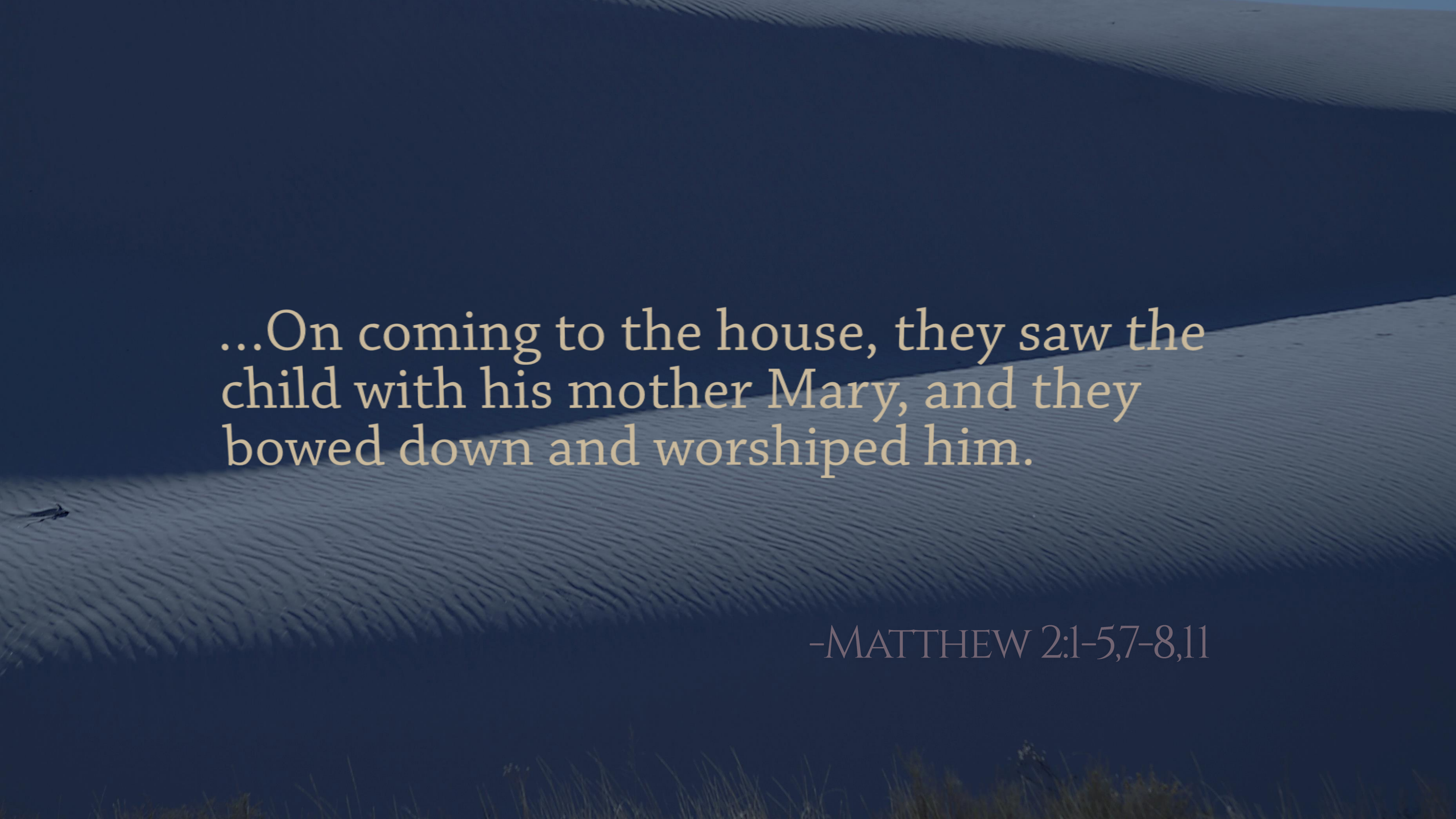
After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.



When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written..."

The background of the image shows a vast landscape of sand dunes under a clear sky. The dunes are characterized by fine, rhythmic ripples in the sand. On the left side, a small, dark insect is visible on the sand. The bottom edge of the image shows some dry, yellowish grass. The text is overlaid on the dunes, centered horizontally.

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”



...On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

-MATTHEW 2:1-5,7-8,11

Did you ever consider ...

*1. THE MAGI ONLY HAD A
STAR TO FOLLOW WHILE
THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS
HAD THE WORD OF GOD.*

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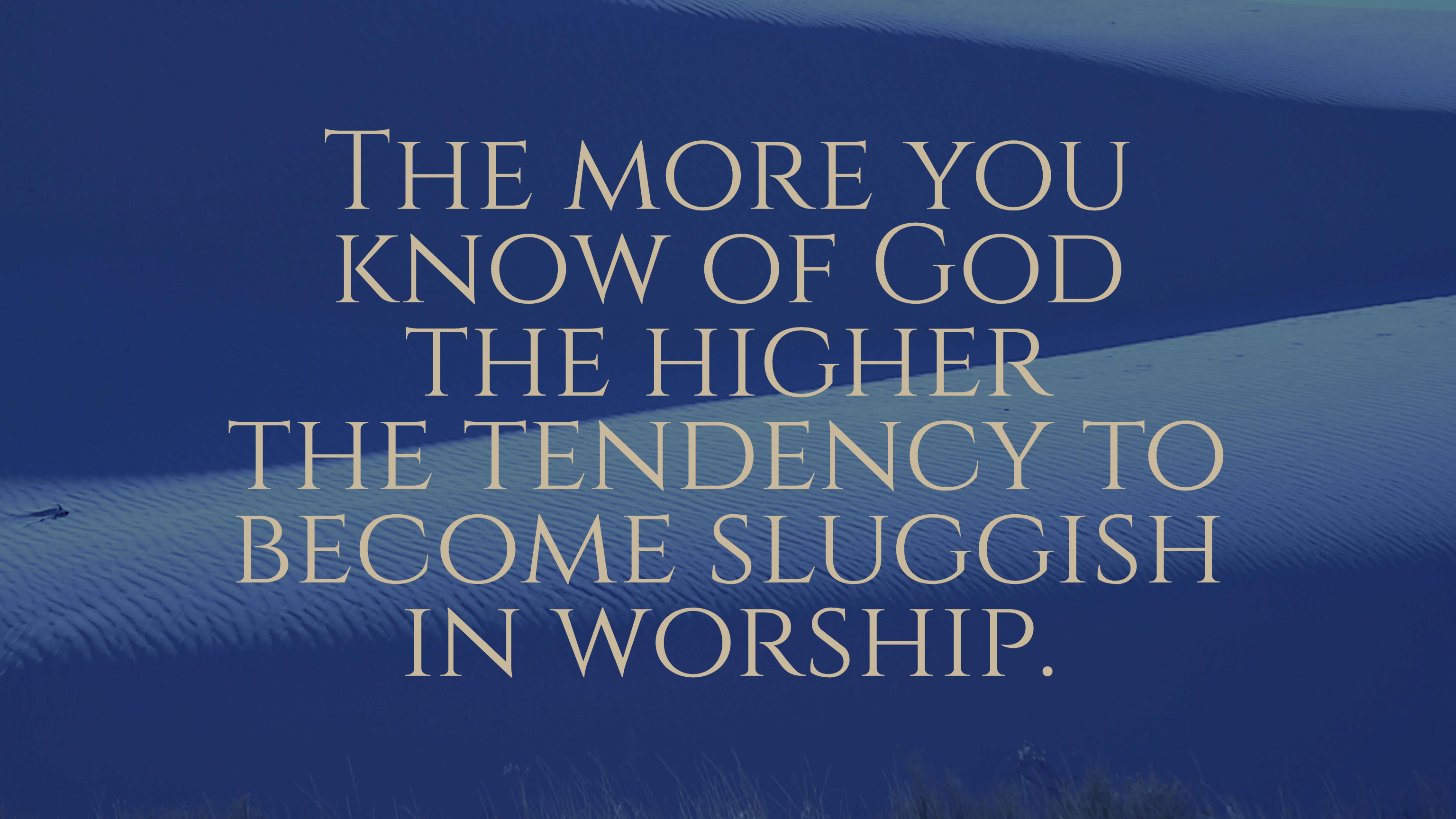
2. THE MAGI DIDN'T SETTLE
FOR HEARING ABOUT GOD,
THEY WANTED TO SEE GOD
AND WORSHIP GOD.

Did you ever consider ...

3. THE MAGI KEPT
SEARCHING WHILE THE
RELIGIOUS LEADERS
WENT BACK TO BED.



THE LONGER YOU
WALK WITH GOD
THE EASIER IT IS
TO BECOME LAZY
IN WORSHIP.



THE MORE YOU
KNOW OF GOD
THE HIGHER
THE TENDENCY TO
BECOME SLUGGISH
IN WORSHIP.

I know your deeds
that you are neither
cold nor hot.

I wish you were
either one or the other!

-REVELATION 3:15

A desert landscape featuring a large, smooth sand dune in the background under a cloudy sky. In the foreground, a flat, cracked, and dry lake bed stretches across the frame. A single, dead, dark tree stands in the middle ground, positioned between the cracked earth and the base of the dune. The text "CONQUERING" is written in a large, black, serif font across the upper portion of the dune.

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A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the background, a massive, smooth sand dune rises, its surface marked by subtle ripples and shadows. A single, dark, leafless tree stands on the edge of the dune. The foreground is a flat, cracked salt flat with a pattern of irregular, light-colored polygons. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds.

1. MAKE A MOVE!



2. DON'T REST ON KNOWLEDGE



3. NOURISH YOUR CURIOSITY!

