



# BETWEEN TWO MOUNTAINS

THE STORY OF ISRAEL AND THE  
BIRTH OF THE CHURCH



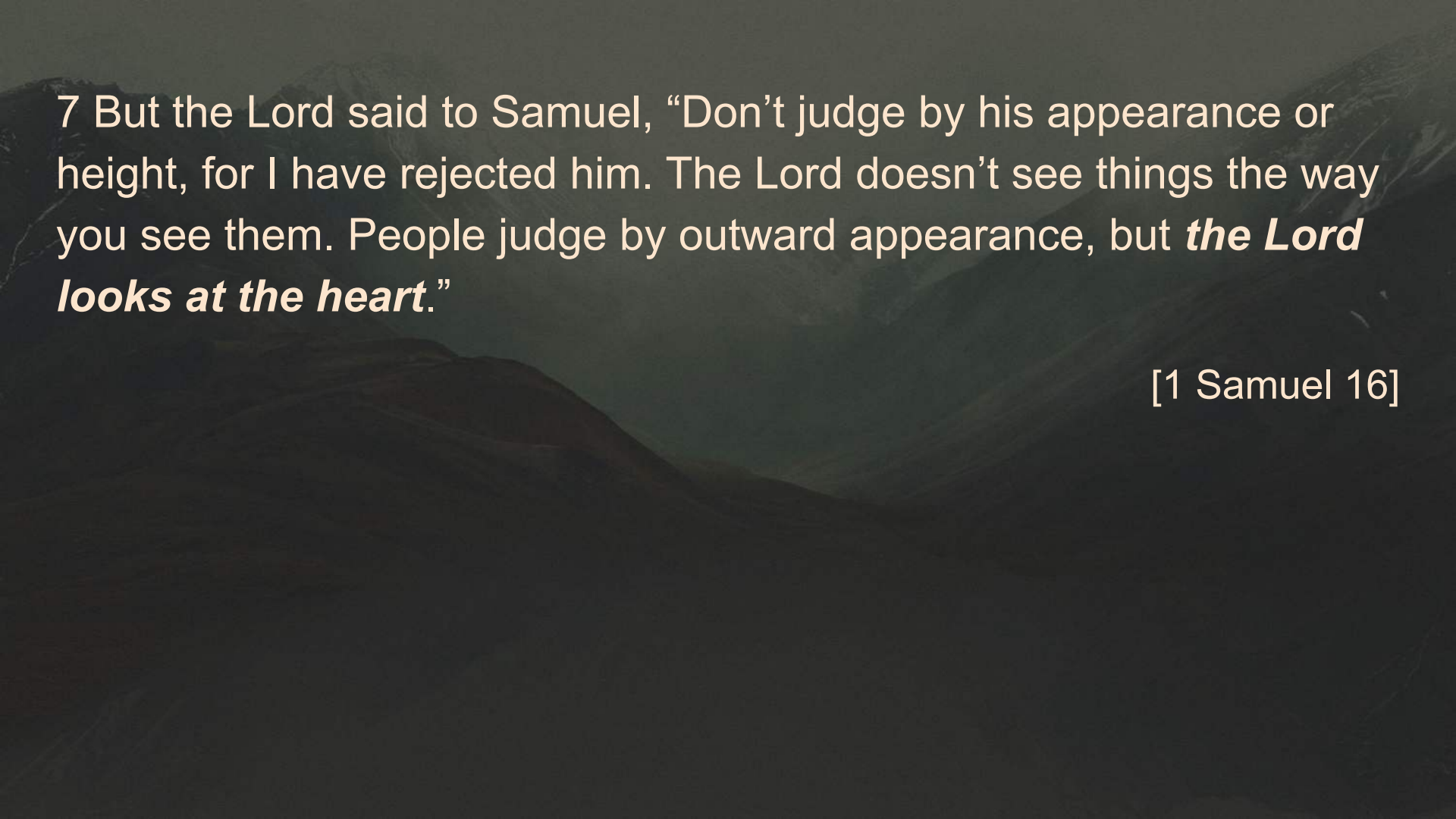
# THE HEART OF THE MATTER

*Why a United Kingdom Divided*

23 So King Solomon became richer and wiser than any other king on earth. 24 People from every nation came to consult him and to hear the wisdom God had given him. 25 Year after year everyone who visited brought him gifts of silver and gold, clothing, weapons, spices, horses, and mules...

27 The king made silver as plentiful in Jerusalem as stone.

[1 Kings 10]



7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but ***the Lord looks at the heart.***”

[1 Samuel 16]

1 As the time of King David's death approached, he gave this charge to his son Solomon:

2 "I am going where everyone on earth must someday go. Take courage and be a man. **3 *Observe the requirements of the Lord your God, and follow all His ways. Keep the decrees, commands, regulations, and laws written in the Law of Moses so that you will be successful in all you do and wherever you go.*** 4 If you do this, then the Lord will keep the promise He made to me. He told me, 'If your descendants live as they should and ***follow me faithfully with all their heart and soul***, one of them will always sit on the throne of Israel.'

### ***3 Solomon loved the Lord and followed all the decrees of his father, David***

10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. 11 So God replied, “Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies— 12 I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have!



13 And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! 14 ***And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life.***”

[1 Kings 2]

Now King Solomon loved many foreign women. Besides Pharaoh's daughter, he married women from Moab, Ammon, Edom, Sidon, and from among the Hittites. 2 The Lord had clearly instructed the people of Israel, "You must not marry them, because they will turn your hearts to their gods." Yet Solomon insisted on loving them anyway. 3 He had 700 wives of royal birth and 300 concubines. And in fact, they did turn his heart away from the Lord.



***4 In Solomon's old age, they turned his heart to worship other gods instead of being completely faithful to the Lord his God,*** as his father, David, had been. 5 Solomon worshiped Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molech, the detestable god of the Ammonites. 6 In this way, Solomon did what was evil in the Lord's sight; ***he refused to follow the Lord completely,*** as his father, David, had done.

[1 Kings 11]

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11 So now the Lord said to him, "Since you have not kept my covenant and have disobeyed my decrees, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your servants. 12 But for the sake of your father, David, I will not do this while you are still alive. I will take the kingdom away from your son. 13 And even so, I will not take away the entire kingdom; I will let him be king of one tribe, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, my chosen city."

[1 Kings 11]

34 “...For the sake of my servant David, the one whom I chose and who obeyed my commands and decrees, I will keep Solomon as leader for the rest of his life. 35 But I will take the kingdom away from his son and give ten of the tribes to you. 36 His son will have one tribe so that the descendants of David my servant will continue to reign, shining like a lamp in Jerusalem, the city I have chosen to be the place for my name. 37 And I will place you on the throne of Israel, and you will rule over all that your heart desires.

***38 If you listen to what I tell you and follow my ways and do whatever I consider to be right, and if you obey my decrees and commands, as my servant David did, then I will always be with you. I will establish an enduring dynasty for you as I did for David, and I will give Israel to you. 39 Because of Solomon's sin I will punish the descendants of David—though not forever.”***  
**40 Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam, but he fled to King Shishak of Egypt and stayed there until Solomon died.**

[1 Kings 11]



## Kings of the United Kingdom (c 1025-925 BC)

KING	RELATIONSHIP TO PREVIOUS KING	GOD'S JUDGEMENT
Saul	none	did evil
Ishbosheth*	son	(unknown)
<b>David</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>did right</b>
<b>Solomon</b>	<b>son</b>	<b>did right in youth, evil in old age</b>

\* kingdom was divided during Ishbosheth's reign; David was king over the tribe of Judah.

## Kings of Judah

## Kings of Israel

KING	RELATIONSHIP TO PREVIOUS KING	GOD'S JUDGEMENT	KING	RELATIONSHIP TO PREVIOUS KING	GOD'S JUDGEMENT
Rehoboam	son	did evil	Jeroboam	servant	did evil
Abijam	son	did evil	Nadab	son	did evil
<b>Asa</b>	<b>son</b>	<b>did right</b>	Baasha	none	did evil
			Elah	son	did evil
			Zimri	captain	did evil
			Omri	captain	did evil
			Ahab	son	did evil

## Kings of Judah

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<b>Jehoshaphat</b>	<b>son</b>	<b>did right</b>
Jehoram	son	did evil
Ahaziah	son	did evil
Athaliah	mother	did evil
<b>Joash</b>	<b>Son of Ahaziah</b>	<b>Did right in youth, evil in old age</b>

## Kings of Israel

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Ahab	son	did evil
Ahaziah	son	did evil
Jehoram	Son of Ahab	did evil
<b>Jehu</b>	<b>captain</b>	<b>mixed</b>
Jehoahaz	son	did evil

## Kings of Judah

## Kings of Israel

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Amaziah	son	Did right in youth, evil in old age	Joash	son	did evil
Uzziah	son	did right	Jeroboam II	son	did evil
			Zachariah	son	did evil
			Shallum	none	did evil
			Menahem	none	did evil
			Pekahiah	son	did evil

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Ahaz	son	did evil	Hoshea	none	did evil
<b>Hezekiah</b>	<b>son</b>	<b>did right</b>	Assyrian Captivity		
Manasseh	son	did evil			
Amon	son	did evil			
<b>Josiah</b>	<b>son</b>	<b>did right</b>			
Jehoahaz	son	did evil			

## Kings of Judah

## Kings of Israel

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Jehoiachin	son	did evil			
Zedekiah	son of Josiah	did evil			
Babylonian Captivity					

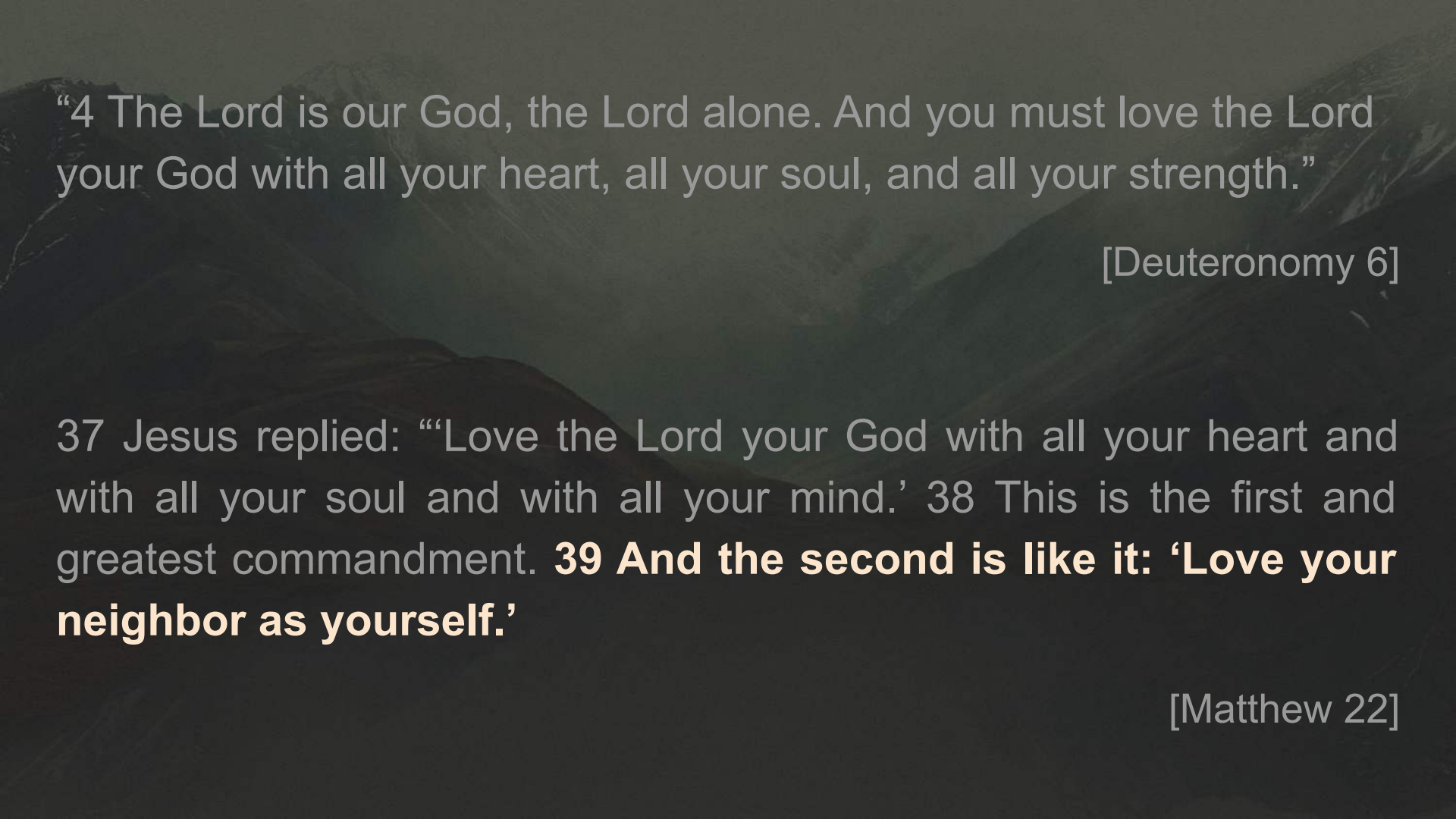


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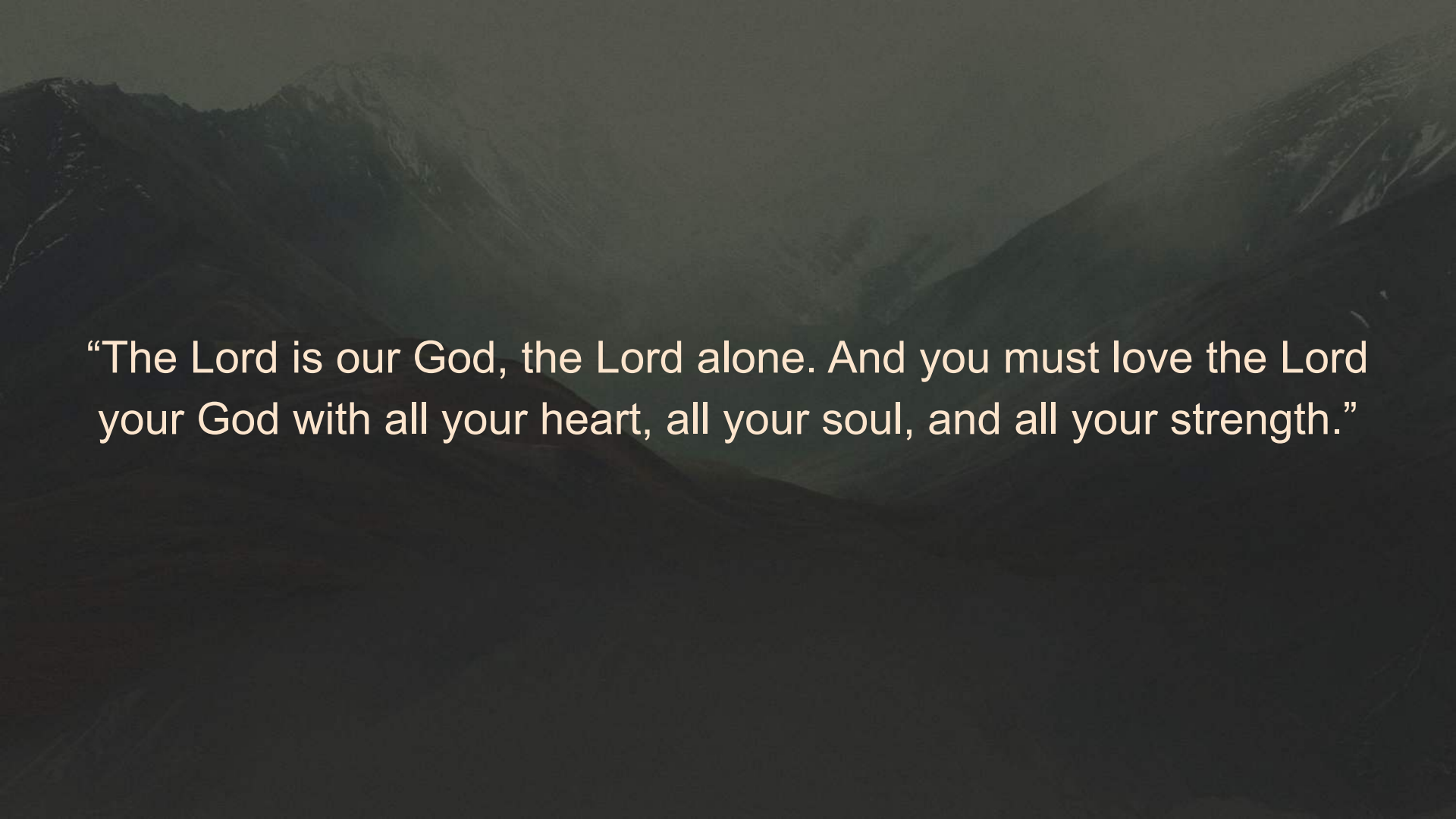
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A dark, atmospheric landscape of snow-capped mountains under a grey sky. The mountains are rugged and covered in snow, with deep shadows in the valleys. The sky is a uniform, dark grey, creating a somber and majestic mood. The overall tone is monochromatic, with shades of grey, black, and white.

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