

Wake Up!

2 Peter 3:3-12

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So **what?**

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2 Peter 3:3-4 (NIV) (p.1/6)

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2 Peter 3:5 (NIV) (p.2/6)

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2 Peter 3:6-7 (NIV) (p.3/6)

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2 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV) (p.4/6)



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2 Peter 3:10 (NIV) (p.5/6)

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2 Peter 3:11-12 (NIV) (p.6/6)

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Complacency of Continuity


- **Legalism** / pride: up to us to save the world
- **Lusts**: indulge own desires (Jude 1:18-19)
- **Laziness**: when Master is away (Mt 24:45-51)



In the last time there will be **scoffers**,
following their own ungodly **passions**.

It is these who cause **divisions**,
worldly people, devoid of the **Spirit**.

Jude 1:18-19 (ESV)

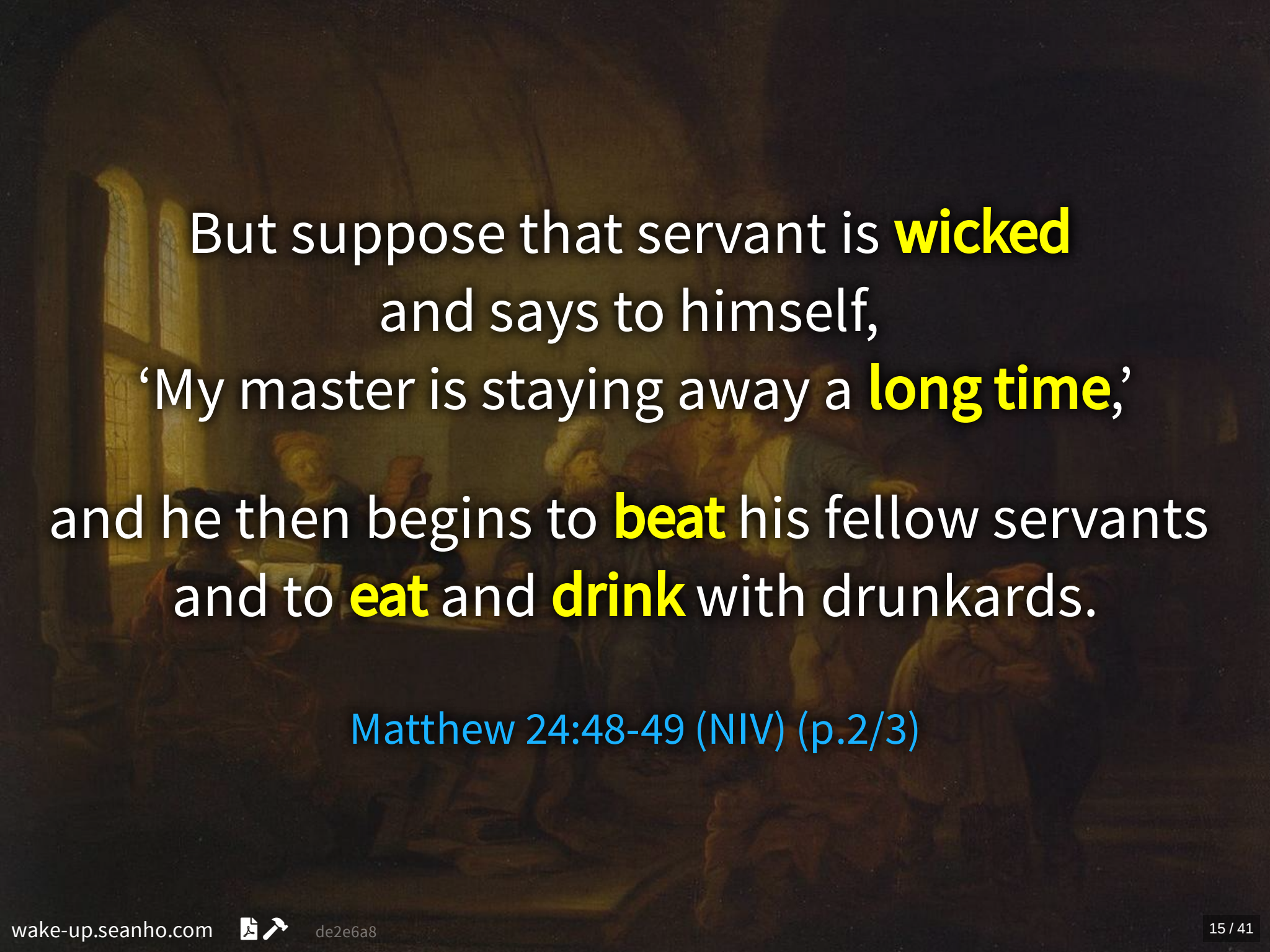


Who then is the **faithful** and **wise** servant,
whom the master has put in **charge**
of the servants in his household ... ?

It will be **good** for that servant
whose master finds him **doing** so
when he **returns**.

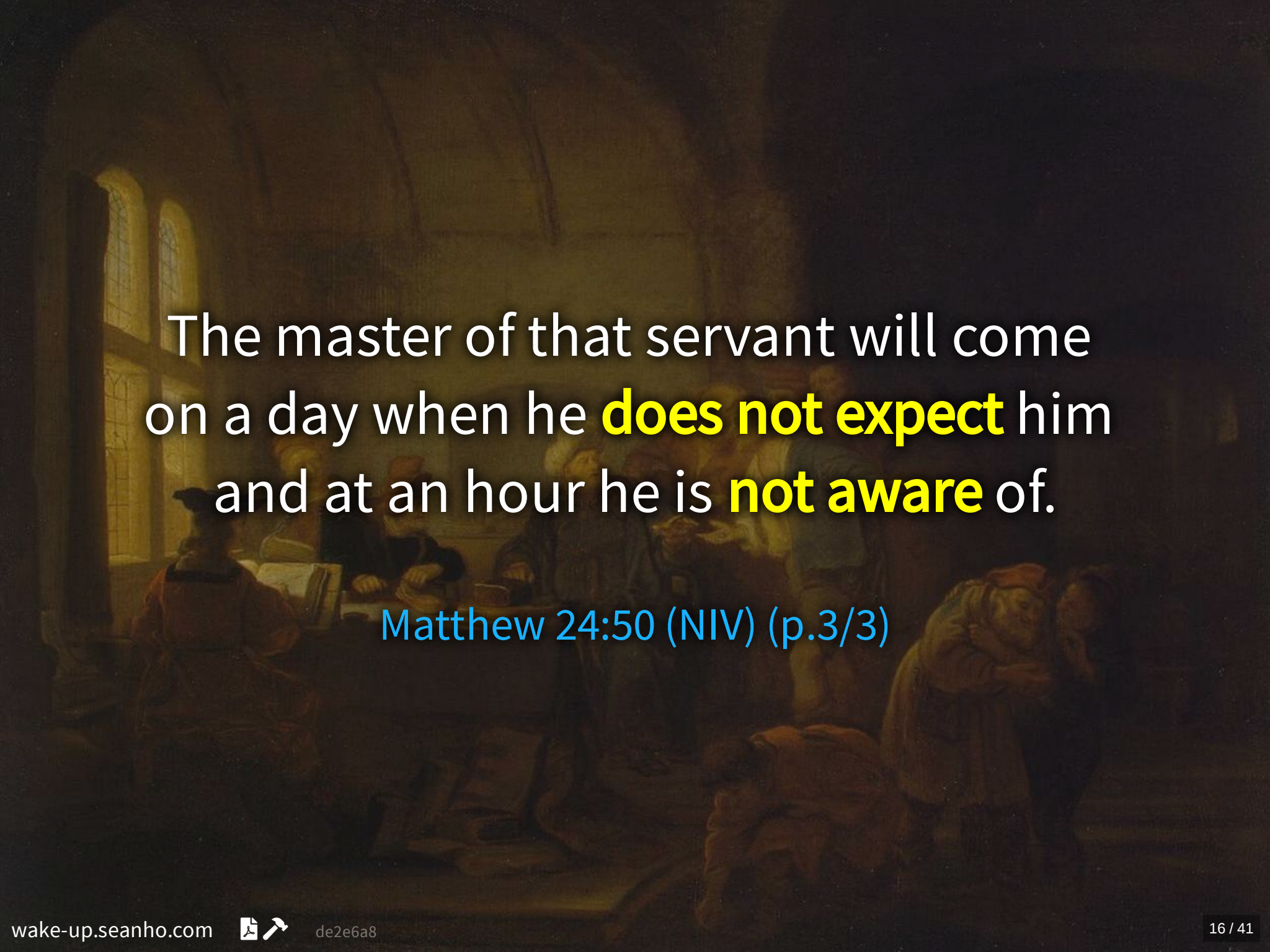
Matthew 24:45-46 (NIV) (p.1/3)

Salomon Koninck, "Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard"
Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, 1648.



But suppose that servant is **wicked**
and says to himself,
‘My master is staying away a **long time,**’
and he then begins to **beat** his fellow servants
and to **eat** and **drink** with drunkards.

Matthew 24:48-49 (NIV) (p.2/3)



The master of that servant will come on a day when he **does not expect** him and at an hour he is **not aware** of.

Matthew 24:50 (NIV) (p.3/3)

Have I succumbed to
legalism, lust, or laziness
by neglecting the **imminence**
of Christ's return?

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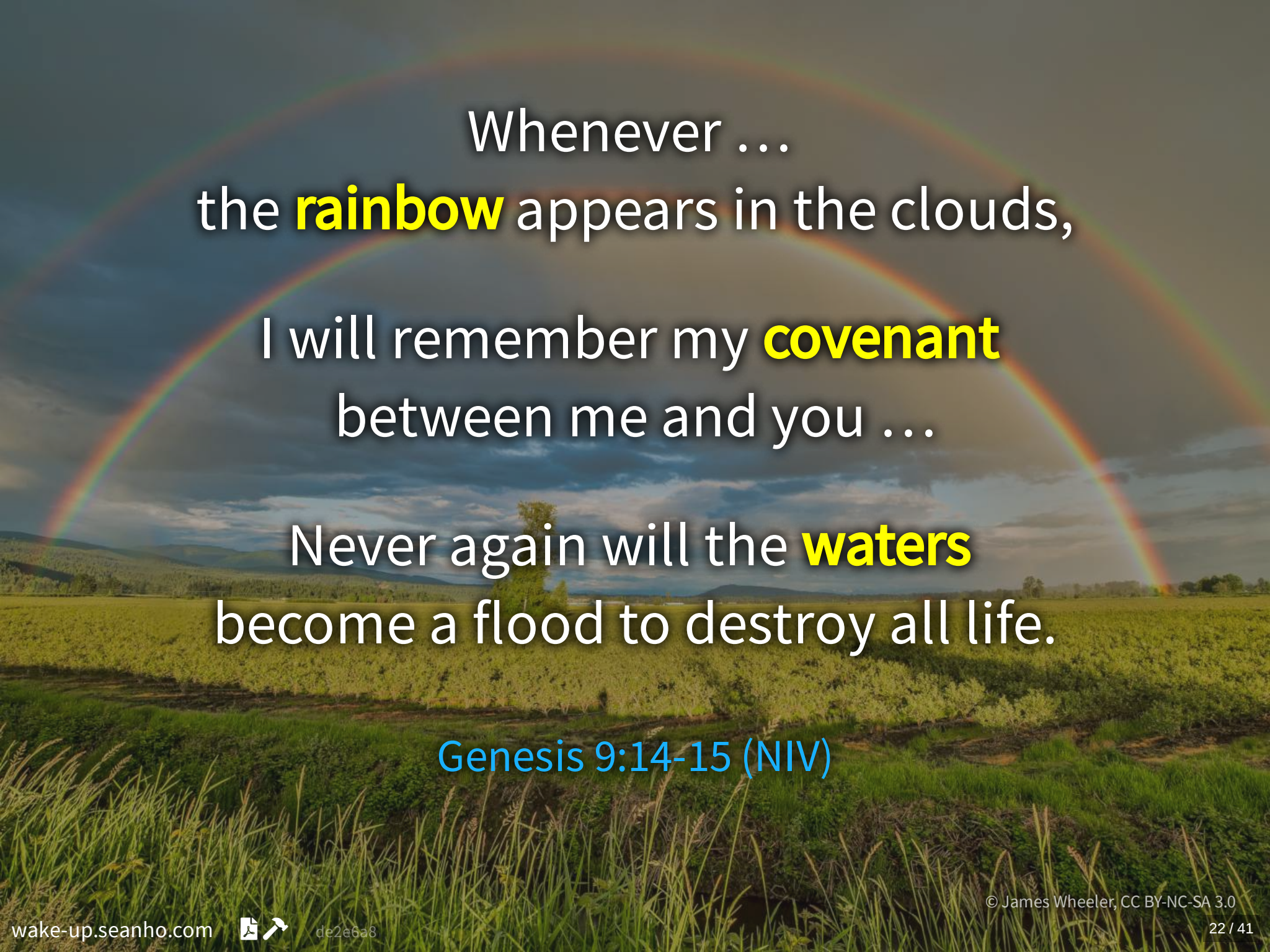


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Hans Braxmeier




Whenever ...
the **rainbow** appears in the clouds,

I will remember my **covenant**
between me and you ...

Never again will the **waters**
become a flood to destroy all life.

Genesis 9:14-15 (NIV)

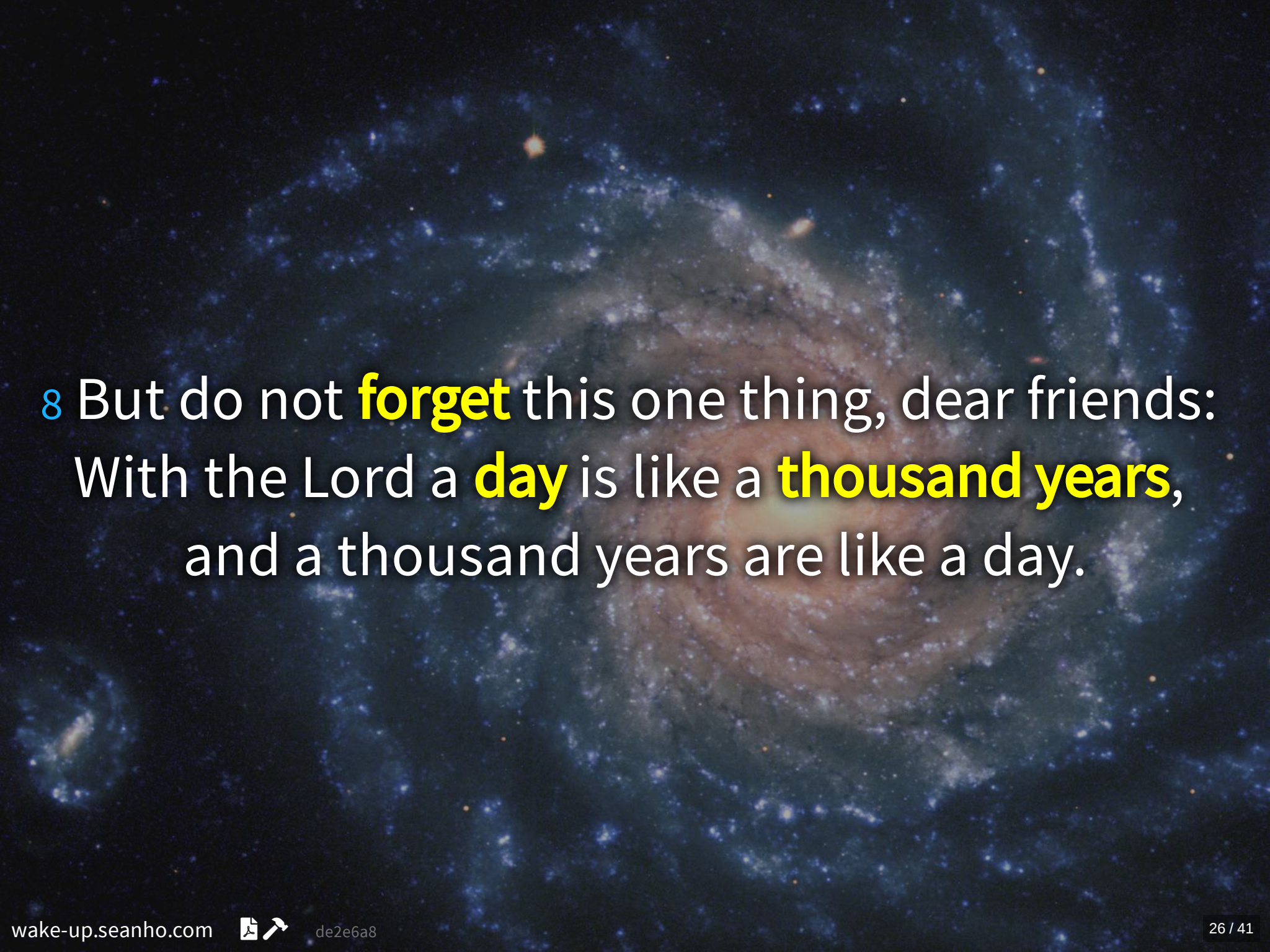
A photograph of a space station in orbit above Earth. The station is a complex of white and grey modules and solar panels, with the name 'COLUMBIA' visible on one of the modules. The Earth's surface is visible below, showing green land and blue oceans. The sky is a deep purple and blue, with a bright light source on the left creating a lens flare effect.

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**What is my
attitude toward
Creation and
the Flood?**

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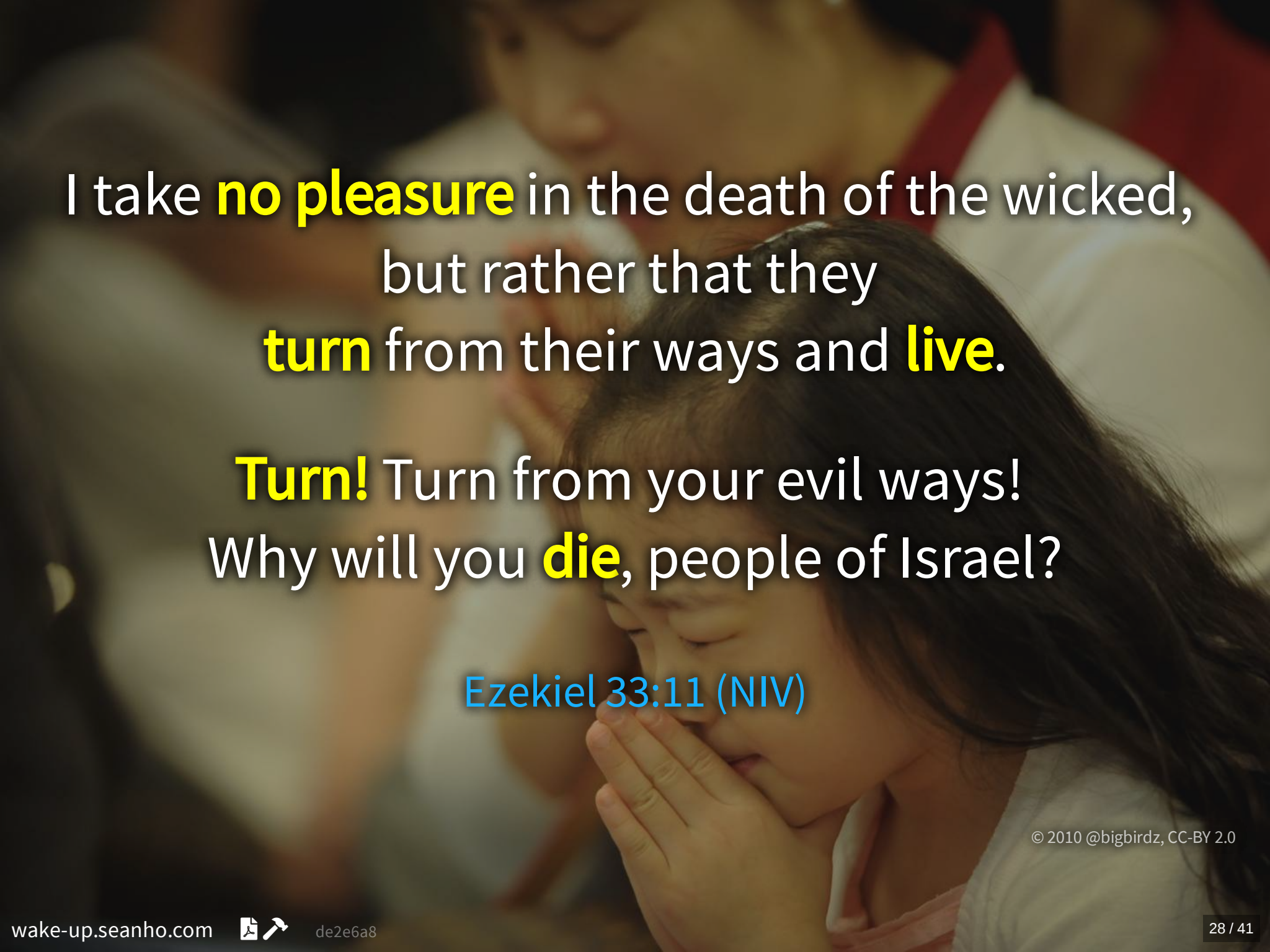
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I take **no pleasure** in the death of the wicked,
but rather that they
turn from their ways and **live**.

Turn! Turn from your evil ways!
Why will you **die**, people of Israel?

Ezekiel 33:11 (NIV)

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If it is only God's **patience**
to the **not-yet-repentant**
that **holds back**
the judgment,
how does that change
how I **view** them?

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Lisa Runnels




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Wilmer Edson

What am I
holding onto
which will be
burned with
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And will not God bring about
justice for his **chosen ones**,
who cry out to him day and night?
Will he keep **putting them off**?

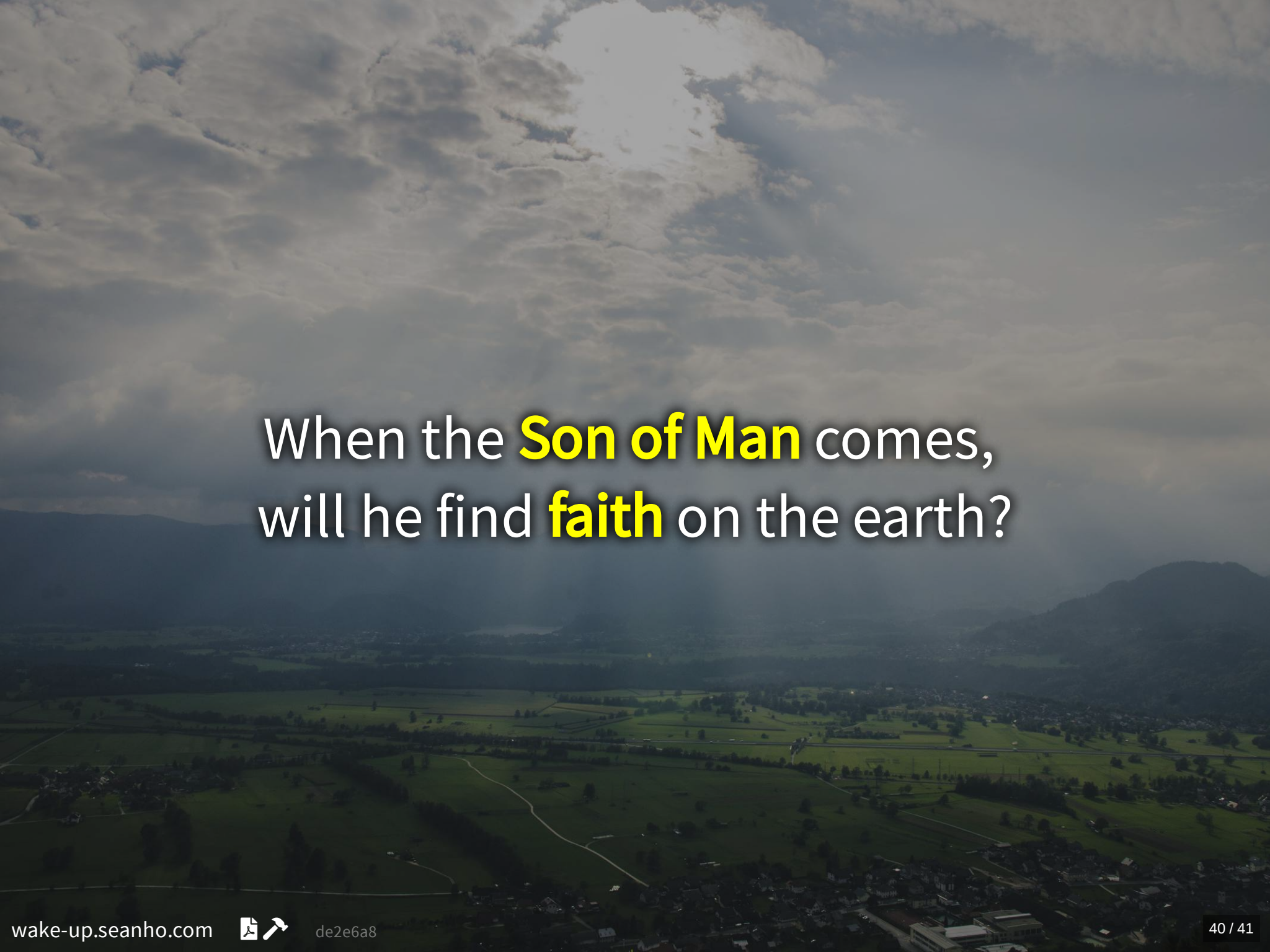
Luke 18:7 (NIV) (p.1/2)

I tell you, he will see that
they get **justice**, and **quickly**.

However, when the **Son of Man** comes,
will he find **faith** on the earth?

Luke 18:8 (NIV) (p.2/2)

Do my **lifestyle** and
reverence
welcome
Christ's return?

An aerial photograph of a valley with green fields, a road, and mountains in the background under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

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