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*Faith*  
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# VBS

Join us this Summer

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Learn how to

**SHARE YOUR FAITH**

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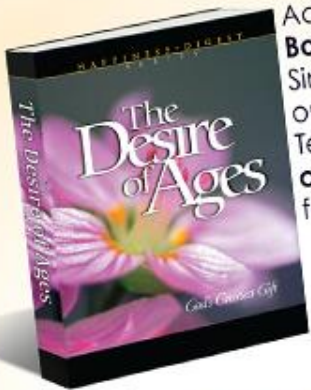
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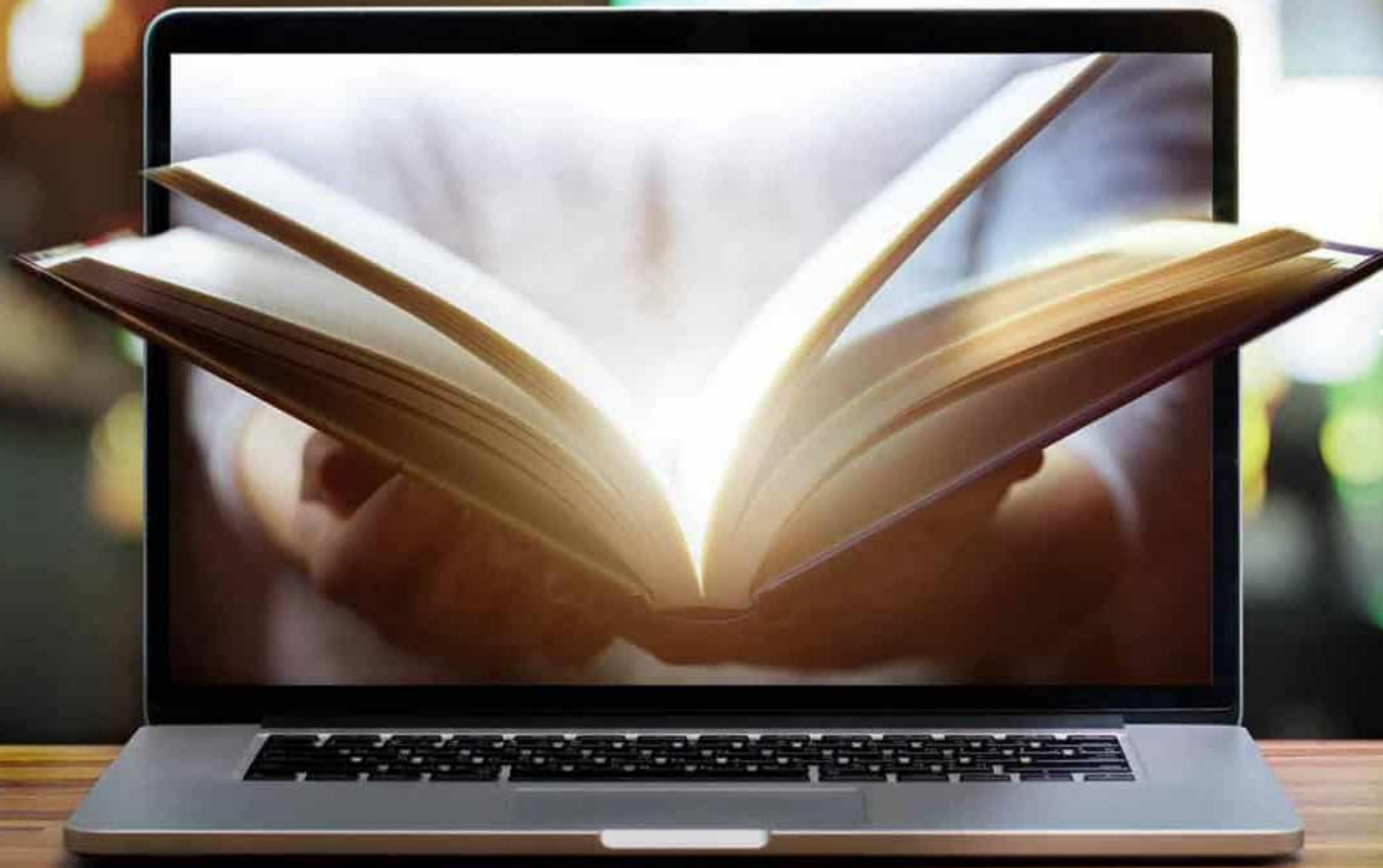
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# Online Prayer Meeting

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**Tuesdays  
at 7PM**





# Call in Prayer Meeting

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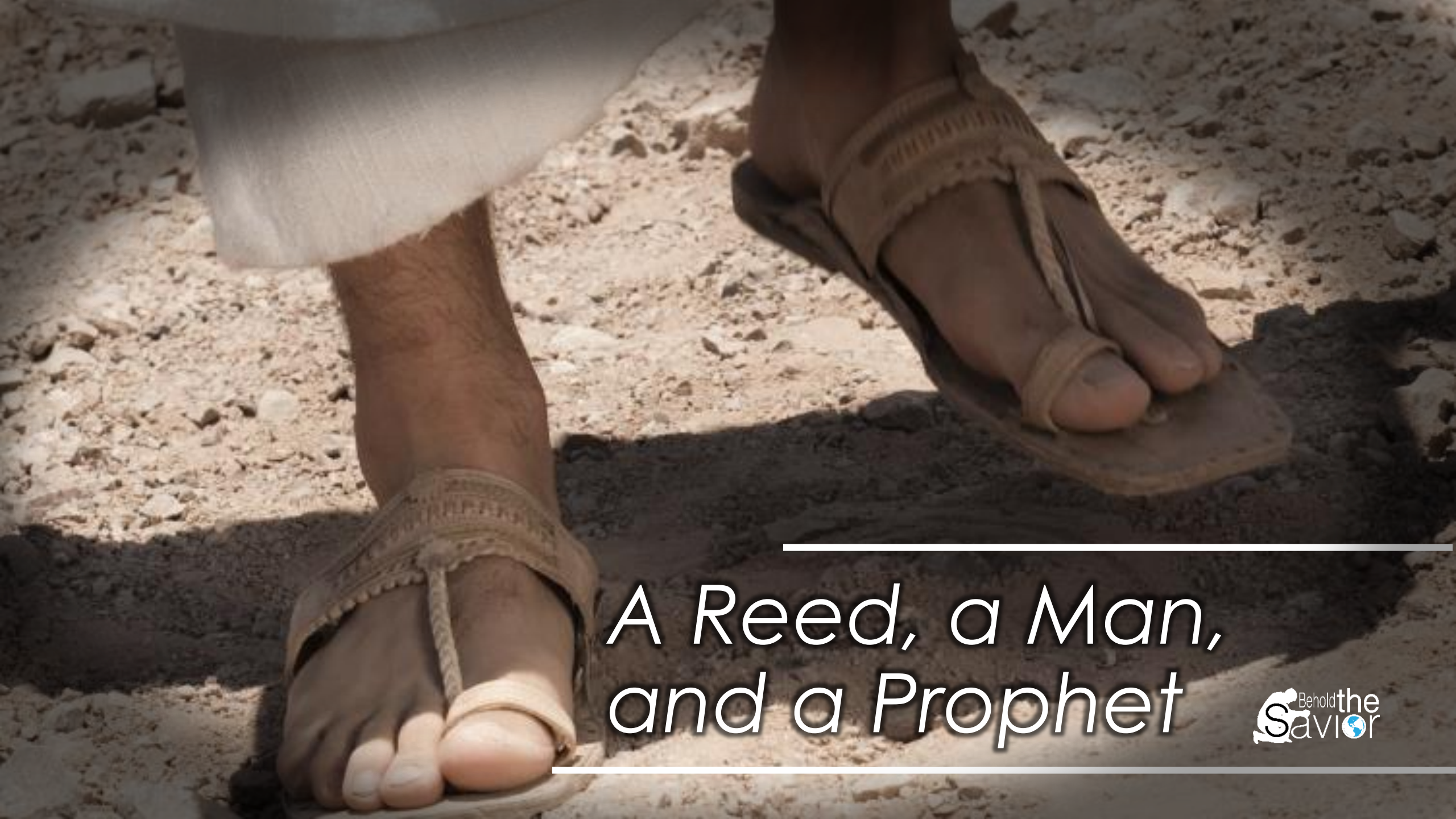
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Kingdom VS Kingdom

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John's work VS Jesus' work



Like Elijah

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**Jesus did not come like  
the forest fire, tornado,  
or earthquake... but a  
still small voice.**





# Matthew 11:1

Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.



A photograph of a vast wheat field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The wheat stalks are in sharp focus in the foreground, while the background is softly blurred. A dark, semi-transparent overlay covers the bottom portion of the image, containing white text. A yellow arrow points from the left towards the text.

Disciples are Commanded

**Harvest is plentiful, laborers are few.  
Pray for more laborers.**



# Matthew 11:2

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples





John's  
faithfulness to  
God got him in  
prison





**“I have not come to bring  
peace but a sword.”**

*Matthew 10:34*

...he who loses his life for  
my sake will find it.  
*Matthew 10:39*





# Matthew 11:2

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# Matthew 11:3

and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"



**Jesus understands  
how you feel**





# Matthew 11:4

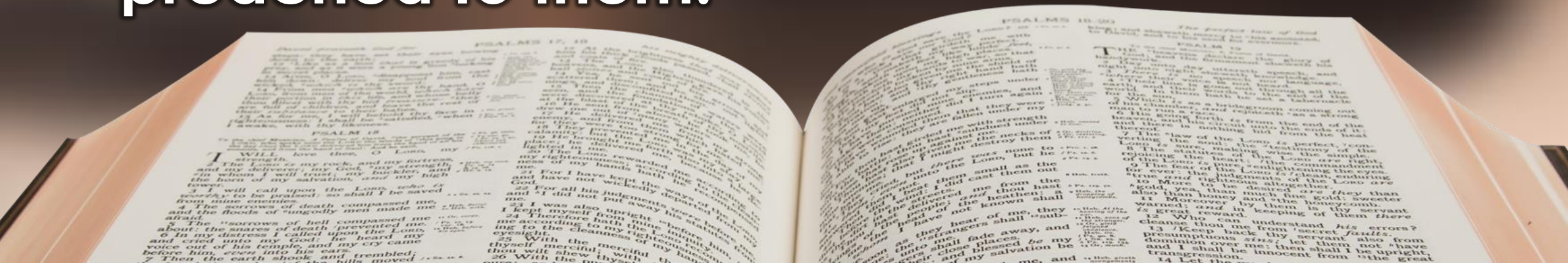
Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:





# Matthew 11:5

*The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*





# Matthew 11:6

And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”







**When John was discouraged mission Jesus sent a mission report**



# Matthew 11:7

As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?"





**A reed shaken by the wind, like the rabbis**



# Matthew 11:8

But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.





**Soft clothing**

# CONTRAST OF JOHN AND HEROD

## JOHN

- Great in the sight of the Lord
- Servant of men
- Like Elijah, turned many to God

## HEROD

- Great in the sight of men
- Tyrant of men
- Like Nimrod, led men to doubt and oppose God



# Matthew 11:9

But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.





# Matthew 11:10

For this is *he* of whom it is written:  
'Behold, I send My messenger before  
Your face,  
Who will prepare Your way before You.'









# Matthew 11:11

“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.





# Matthew 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.





# Matthew 11:13

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.





# Matthew 11:14

And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.





# Matthew 11:15

## He who has ears to hear, let him hear!



PSALM 118  
 1 I will give thanks unto the Lord, because he hath stood on my right hand, and shall not fall.  
 2 The Lord is my strength, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.  
 3 I will call upon the Lord, because he hath stood on my right hand, and shall not fall.  
 4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.  
 5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me.  
 6 In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.  
 7 Then the earth shook and trembled;

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A dramatic scene depicting a man, likely the prophet Elijah, standing with his arms raised in a gesture of prayer or proclamation. He is wearing a brown, fringed robe and a green head covering. To his left is a large, glowing bonfire made of stacked stones and sticks, with bright yellow and orange flames rising into the sky. In the background, a crowd of people in simple, ancient-style clothing is gathered, some looking towards the man and the fire. The overall atmosphere is one of intense spiritual power and divine presence.

**The spirit and  
power of Elijah**



# Matthew 11:16

“But to what shall I liken this generation?  
It is like children sitting in the  
marketplaces and calling to their  
companions,







# Matthew 11:17

and saying:

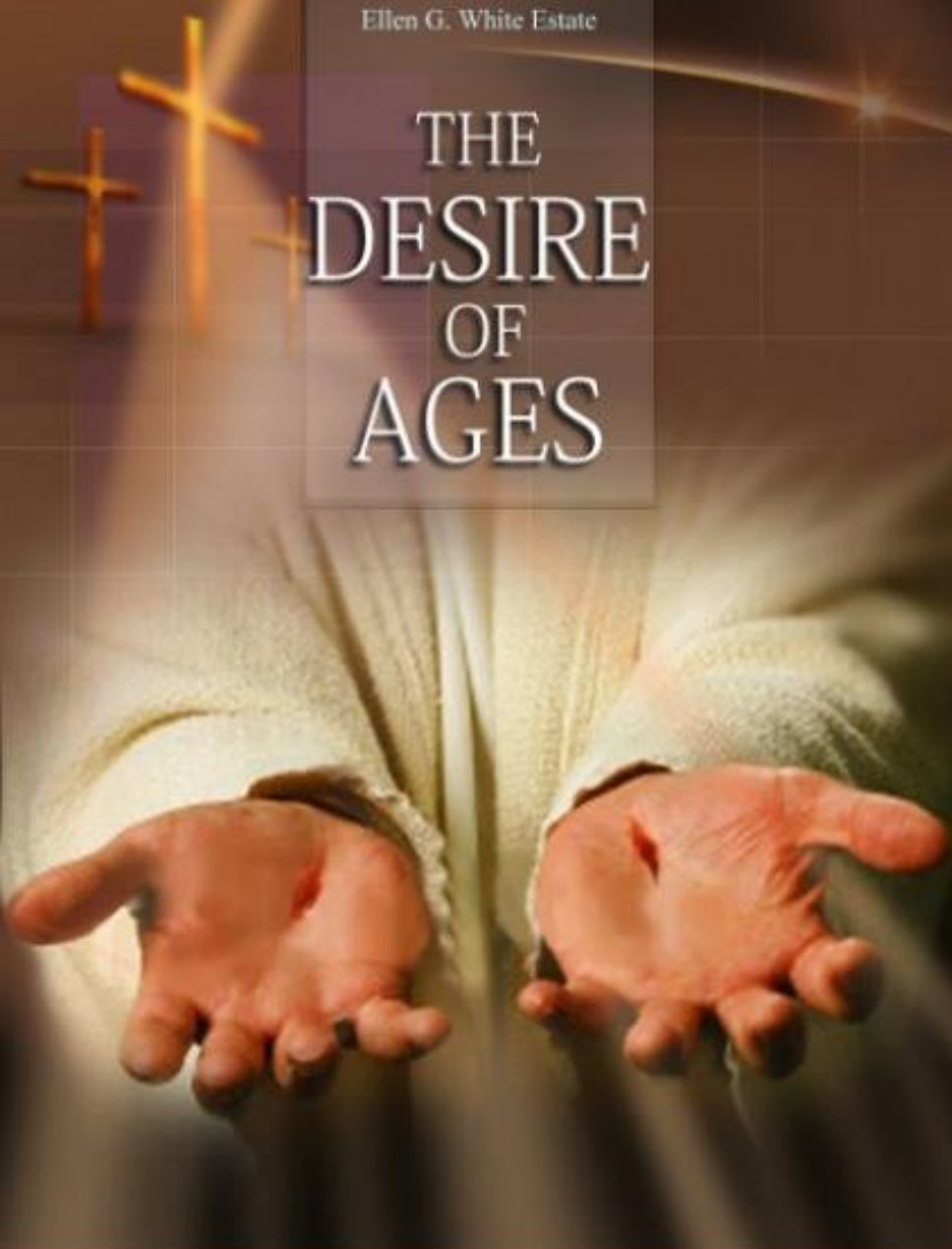
‘We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not lament.’





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# THE DESIRE OF AGES



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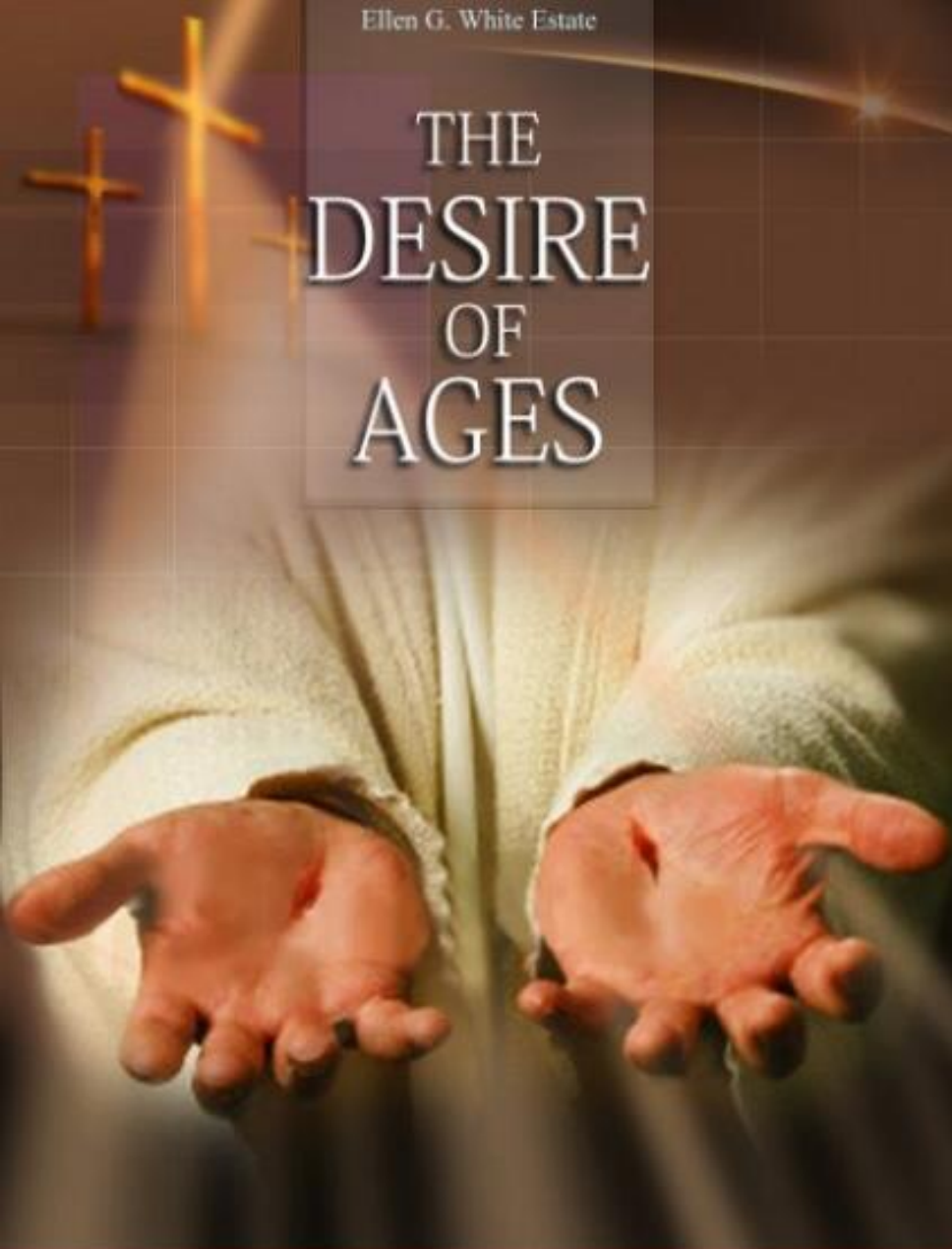
## There is hope

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**Though no miraculous deliverance was granted John, he was not forsaken. He had always the companionship of heavenly angels, who opened to him the prophecies concerning Christ, and the precious promises of Scripture.**

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# THE DESIRE OF AGES



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There is hope

**These were his stay, as they were to be the stay of God's people through the coming ages. To John the Baptist, as to those that came after him, was given the assurance, "Lo, I am with you all the days, even unto the end." Matthew 28:20, R. V., margin.**



# COMMUNION





Closing Hymn - #83  
○ **Worship the King**

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