



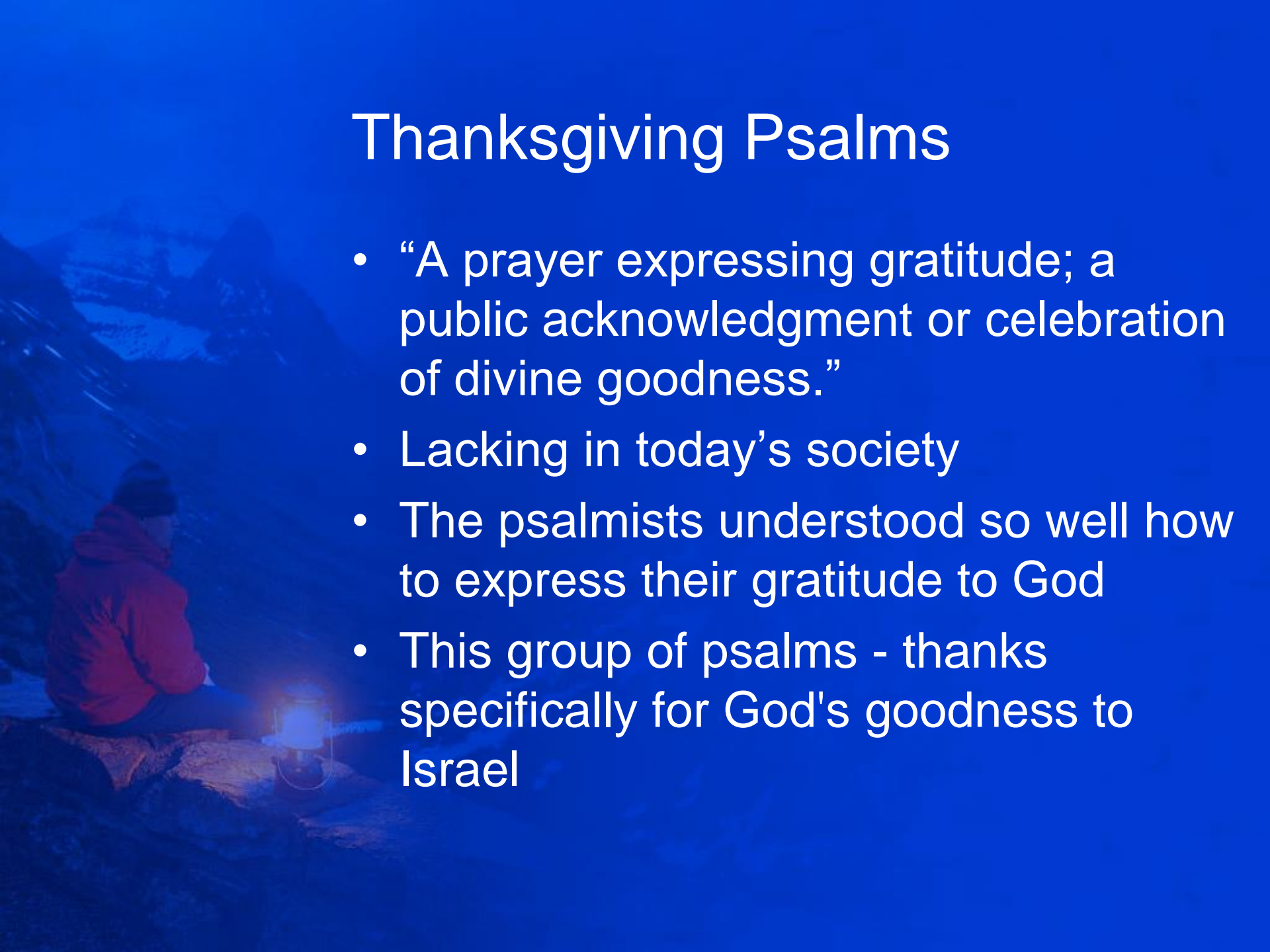
Psalms
The Book of Praises

Lesson 14

Thanksgiving Psalms –
God's Goodness to Israel

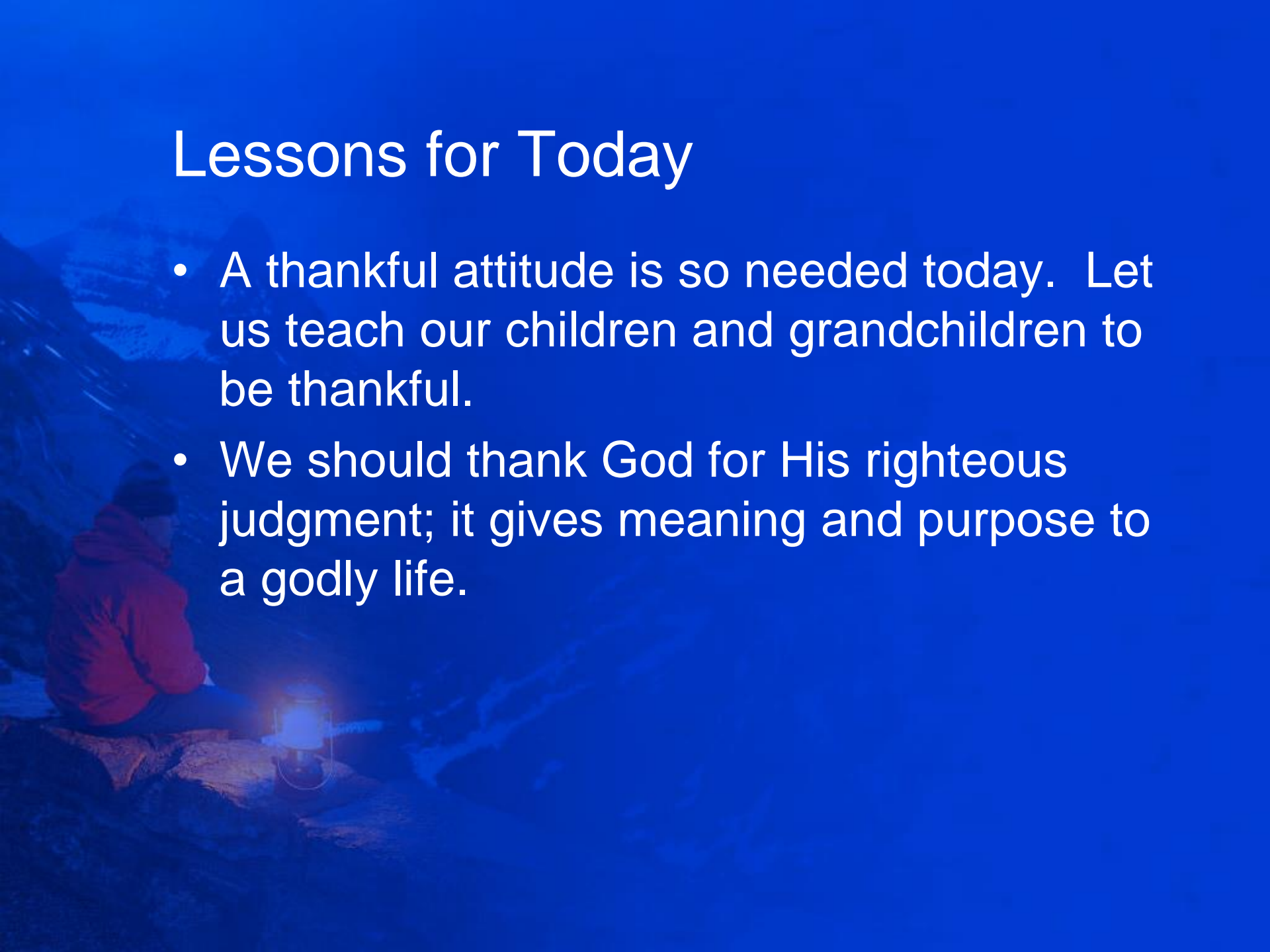
Thanksgiving Psalms

- “A prayer expressing gratitude; a public acknowledgment or celebration of divine goodness.”
- Lacking in today’s society
- The psalmists understood so well how to express their gratitude to God
- This group of psalms - thanks specifically for God's goodness to Israel



Lessons for Today

- A thankful attitude is so needed today. Let us teach our children and grandchildren to be thankful.
- We should thank God for His righteous judgment; it gives meaning and purpose to a godly life.



Thanksgiving Psalms

- Psalm 21
 - The nation's thanksgiving and hope for its king (Vv. 1-2)
- Psalm 36
 - The Lord's mercy and lovingkindness (Vv. 5-9)
- Psalm 46
 - God is our refuge and strength (Vv. 1, 10, 11)
- Psalm 48
 - Great is the Lord, the refuge of Zion (Vv. 1-3)
- Psalm 68
 - Blessed by the God who marches on to victory! (Vv. 1-3, 19, 34-35)

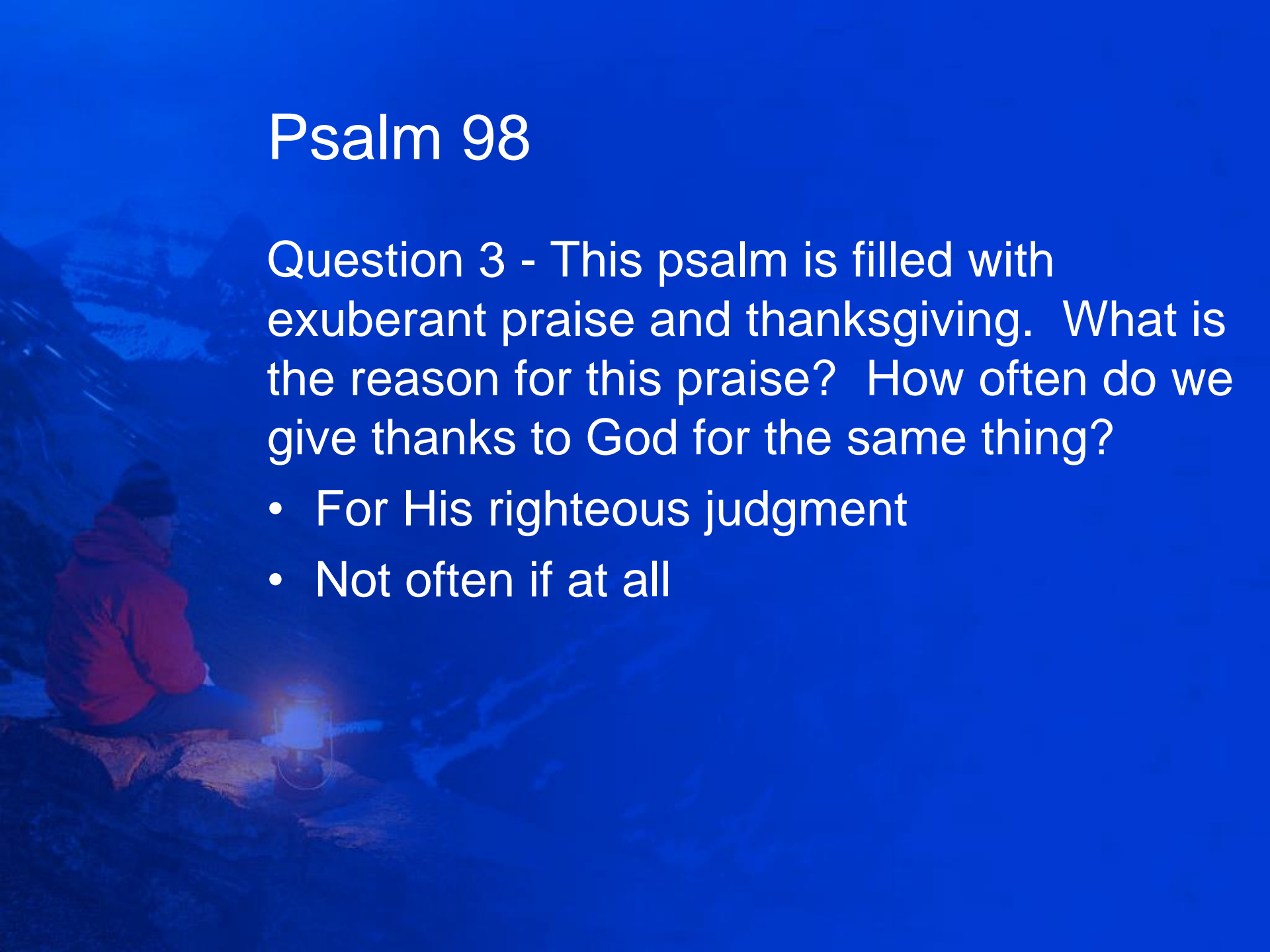
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- Psalm 87
 - The glories of the city of God (Vv. 1-3)
- Psalm 124
 - Thanksgiving for national deliverance (Vv. 1-5)
- Psalm 126
 - The Lord has done great things for us (Vv. 1-2)
- Psalm 129
 - The wicked have not prevailed against us because the Lord is righteous (Vv. 1-4)
- Psalm 149
 - Praise the Lord for the salvation of the humble (Vv. 3-4)

Psalm 98

Question 3 - This psalm is filled with exuberant praise and thanksgiving. What is the reason for this praise? How often do we give thanks to God for the same thing?

- For His righteous judgment
- Not often if at all



Psalm 98

- Time of writing
 - Deliverance from Babylonian captivity – see Isaiah 40-66 (per Leupold)
 - Or, author is David; some view this group of psalms (95 - 100) to be of the same writer - see Psa. 95 and Heb. 4:7 (per Spurgeon).
- “Exuberant praise for God’s righteous judgment.”

Psalm 98 - “Exuberant praise for God's righteous judgment”

Outline

- A call to praise God for a mighty work done in Israel. (Vv. 1-3)
- How this praise is to be given. (Vv. 4-6)
- A call to all nature to give praise. (Vv. 7-8)
- The occasion for all this thanksgiving is stated - God's righteous judgment. (V. 9)

Psalm 107

Question 4 - Find a recurring phrase in this psalm. Is this same admonition needed today?

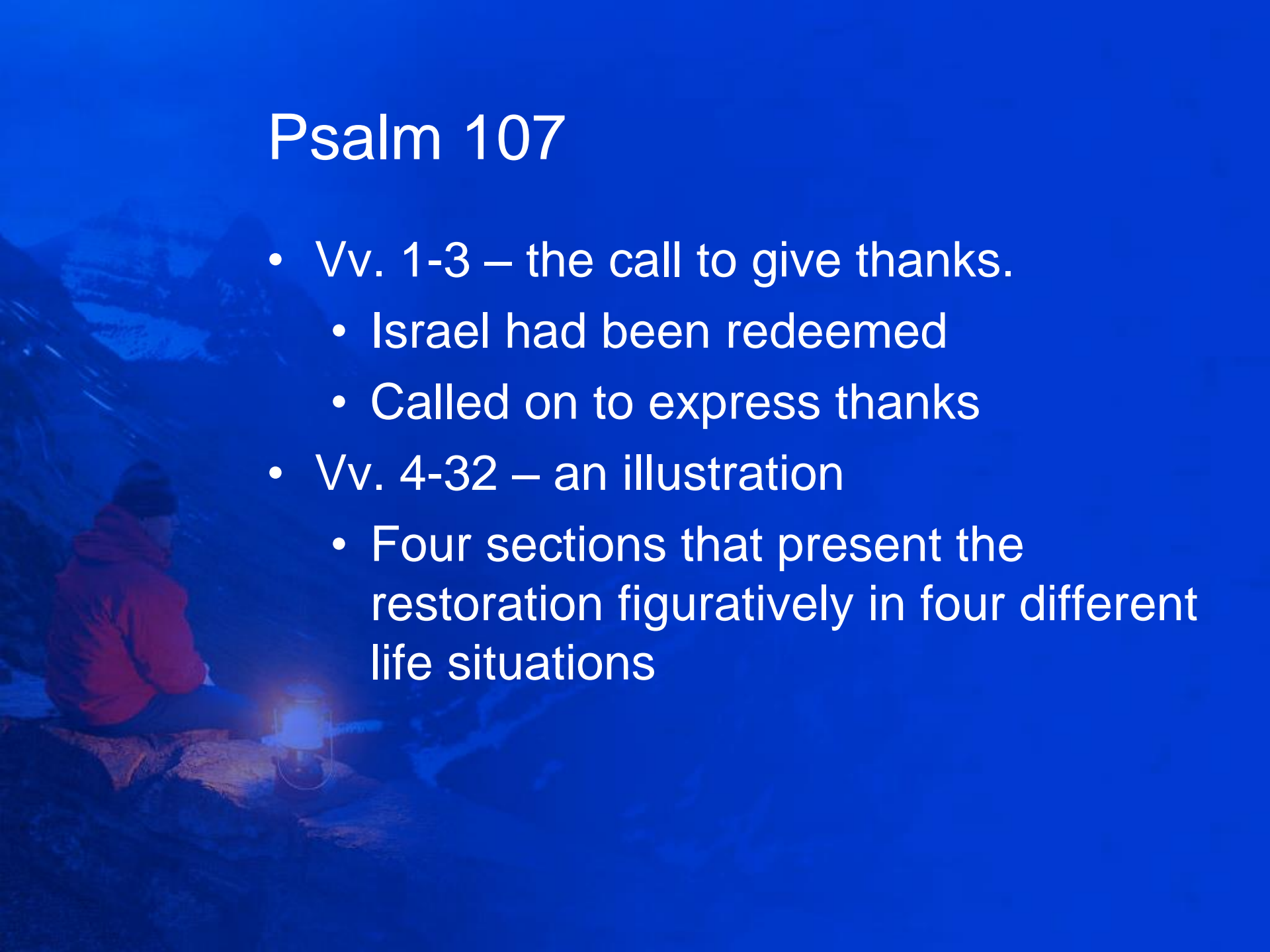
- “Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.” (vv. 8, 15, 21, 31)

Question 5 – Who does the Lord deliver from trouble, affliction, etc.?

- Those who cry out to the Lord

Psalm 107

- Vv. 1-3 – the call to give thanks.
 - Israel had been redeemed
 - Called on to express thanks
- Vv. 4-32 – an illustration
 - Four sections that present the restoration figuratively in four different life situations



Psalm 107 - “Praise for Restoration”

Illustrations of Restoration:

- Like a caravan lost in the wilderness and straying about aimlessly, but is led out (vv. 4-9)
- Like an imprisonment, but the chains are broken (vv. 10-16)
- Like a recovery from a severe illness (vv. 17-22)
- Like the deliverance of a ship at sea from the dangers of a great storm which threatened the life of all aboard (vv. 23-32)

Psalm 107 - “Praise for Restoration”

- Vv. 33-43 – a summary of the truths of the psalm
 - God rules over all and is in control
 - He makes blessings abound in every respect
 - Can make the wicked despair and the righteous prosper
 - Even the lowly and poor are made to prosper in the Lord
- V. 43 - The wise will observe all this and understand God’s lovingkindness

Psalm 136

Question 6 - In one phrase, what is the psalmist giving thanks to God for?

- “For His mercy endures forever.”
- “faithfulness” - NASV
- “steadfast love” – ESV
- “faithful love” – CSB
- “chesedh” - no English equivalent
- Koenig calls it “covenant-faithfulness”
- Writer unknown, but note 2 Chron. 7:3,6

Psalm 136 - “God’s Enduring Kindness”

Outline (Spurgeon)

- Three-fold praise to the Lord (vv. 1-3)
- Six notes of praise to the Creator (vv. 4-9)
- Six more upon deliverance from Egypt (vv. 10-15)
- Seven upon the journey through the wilderness and the entrance into Canaan (vv. 16-22)
- Two happy verses of personal gratitude for present mercy (vv. 23-24)
- One to tell of the Lord's universal providence (v. 25)
- Closing verse to excite never-ending praise (v. 26)

Psalm 136 - “God’s Enduring Kindness”

Outline (Leupold)

- A call to give thanks (vv. 1-3)
- 1st motivation - God's works as Creator (vv. 4-9)
- 2nd motivation - God's control of the realm of nature in deliverance (vv. 10-15)
- 3rd motivation - His deliverance of His people (vv. 16-24)
- 4th motivation - His universal providence (v. 25)
- The original call repeated (v. 26)

Psalm 81

“A plea to remain faithful to the Lord”

Outline

- A call to observe a festival (vv. 1-5)
- An admonition not to have any other gods before the Lord (vv. 6-10)
- A motivation for this; God's punishment of Israel's sin (vv. 11-16)

Question 2 - What is the goodness of God contingent upon?

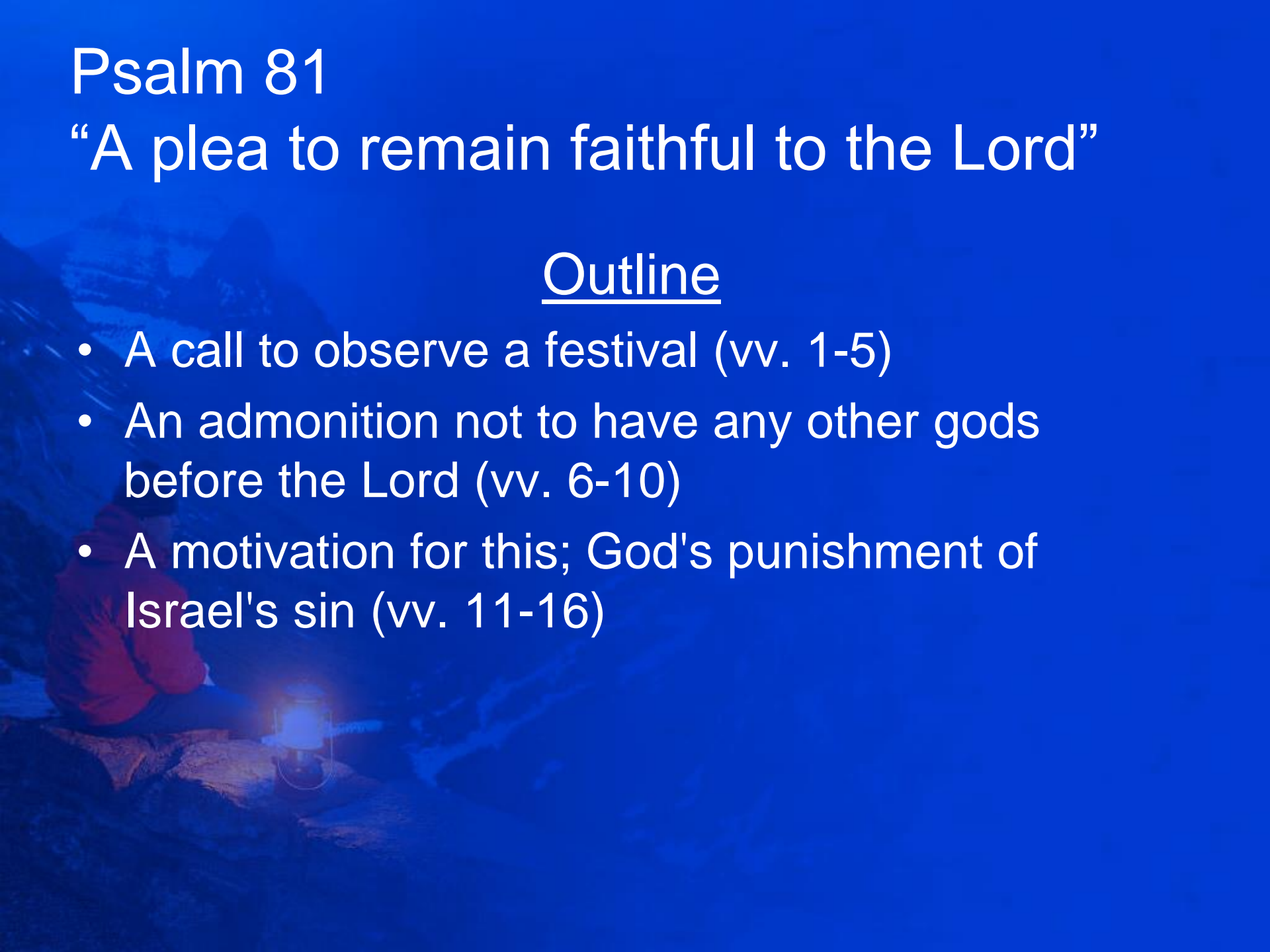
- Unfailing allegiance to God (v. 9-10)

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