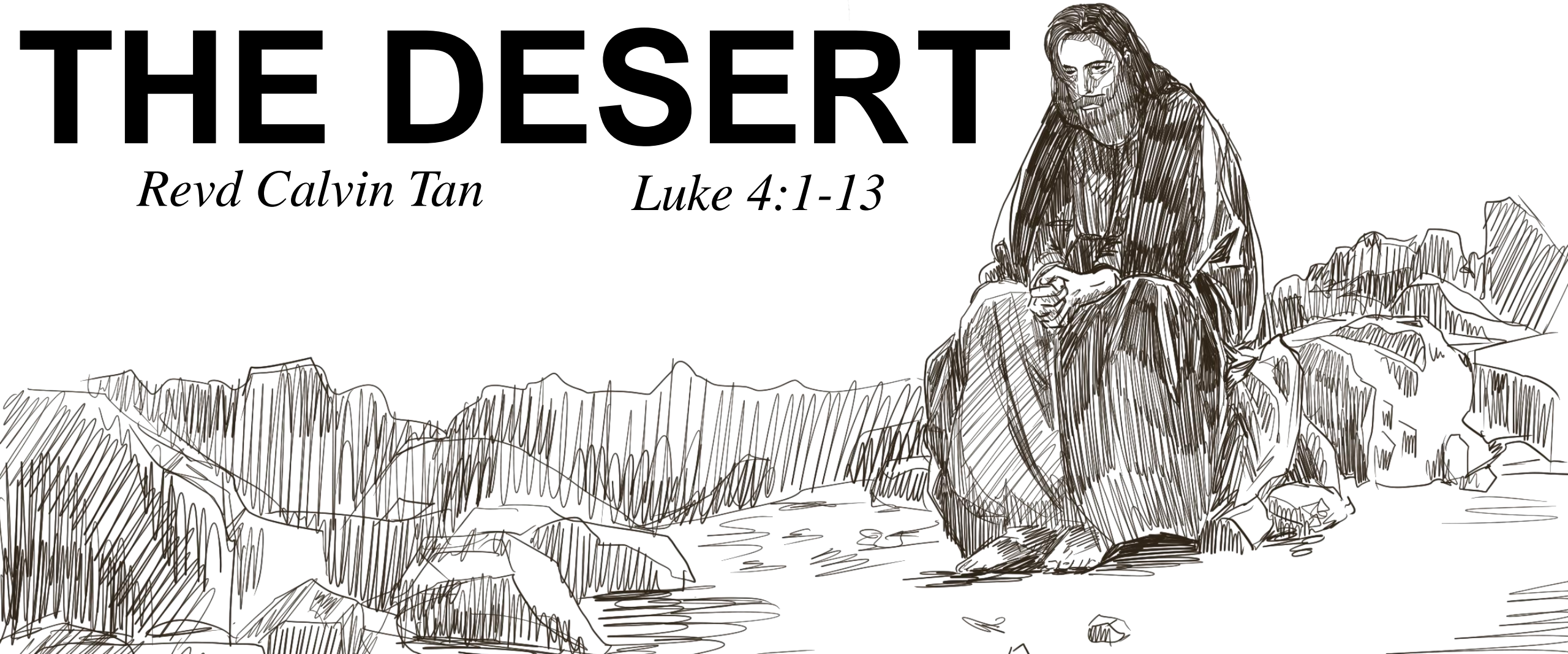


# GOD MOVES INTO THE DESERT

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*Luke 4:1-13*

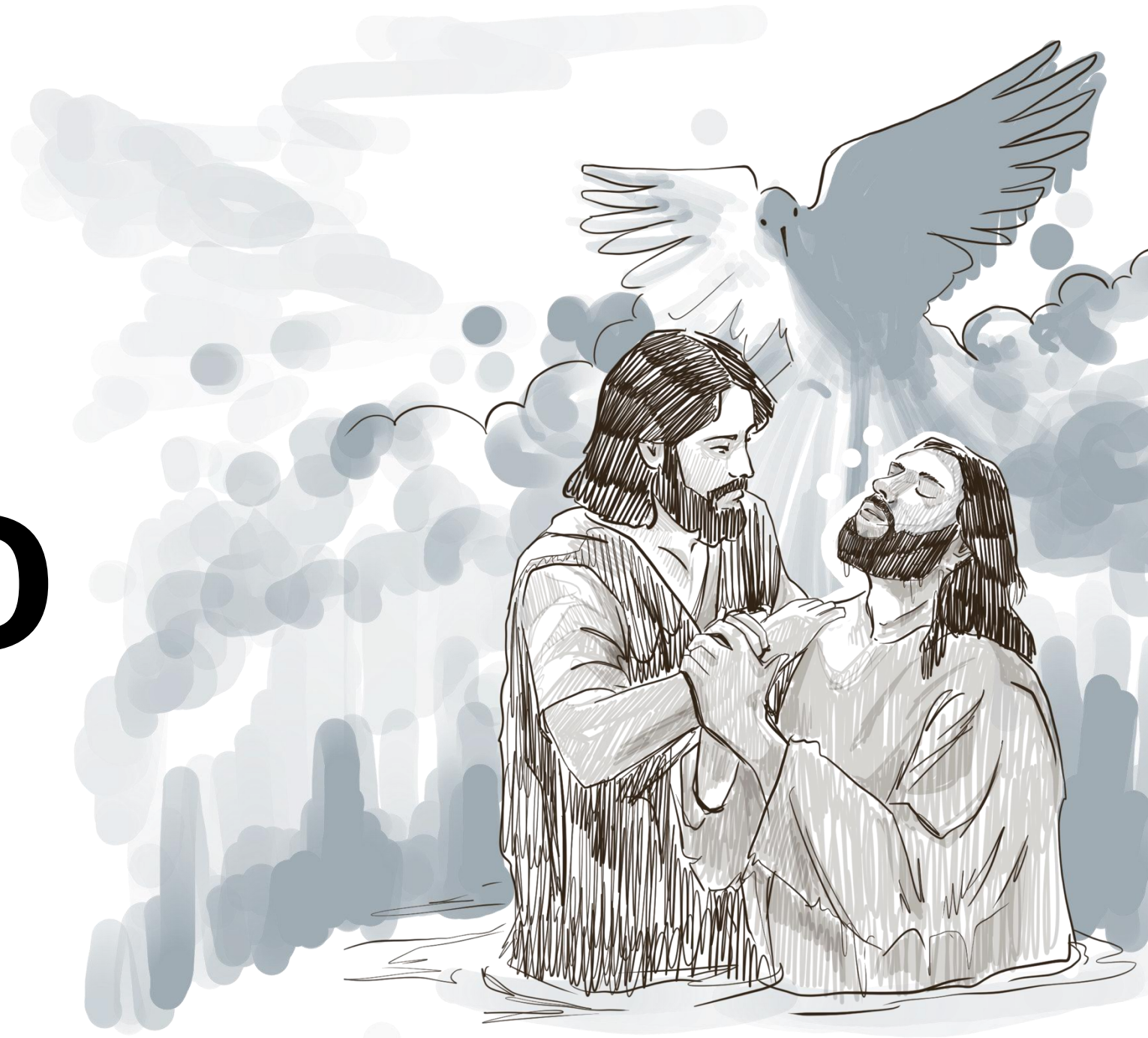




# *the* **PLACE**



# THE SON OF GOD

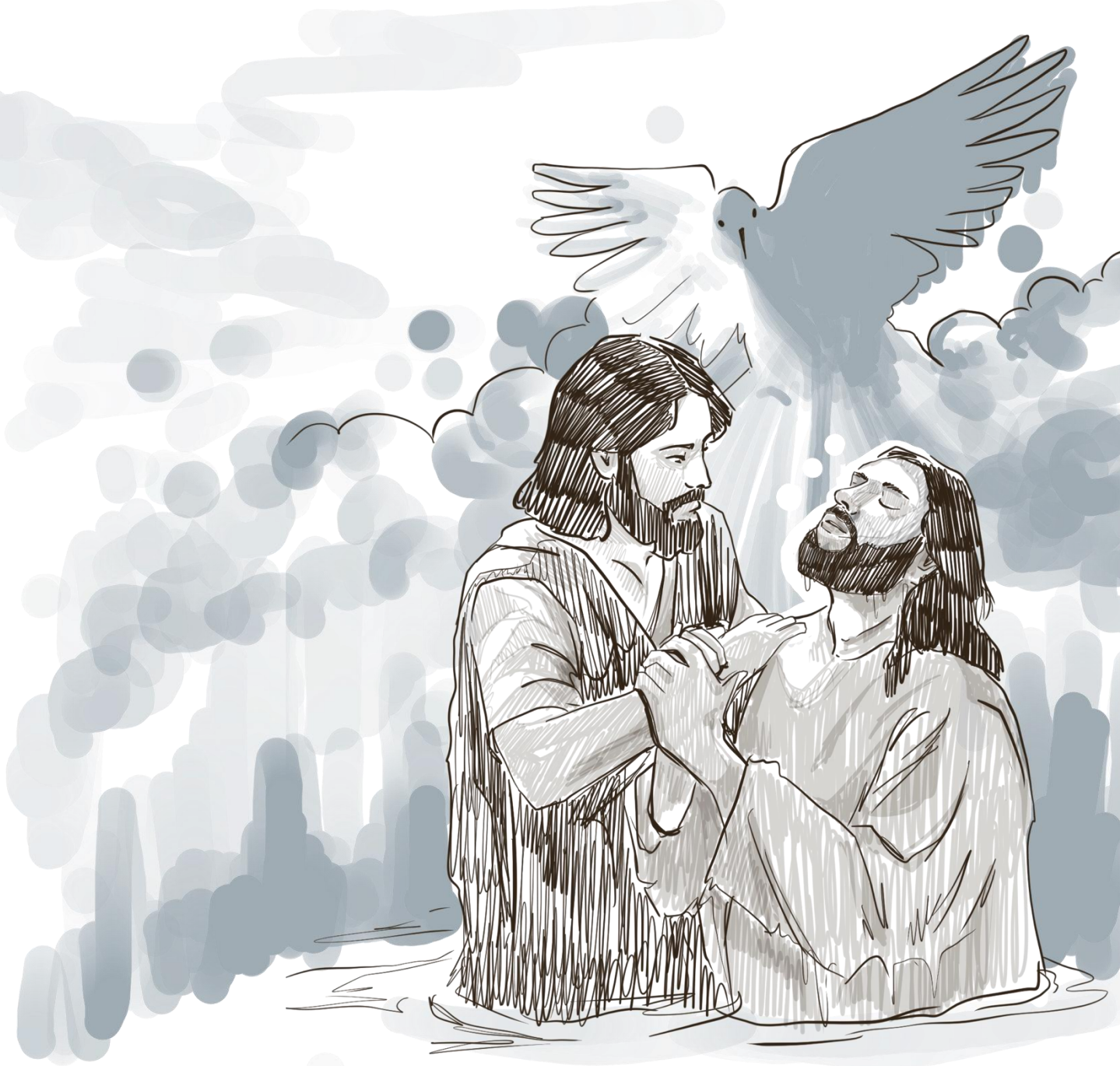




# THE SON OF GOD

*“and the Holy Spirit  
descended on him in bodily  
form, like a dove; and a voice  
came from heaven, “You are  
my beloved Son; with you I  
am well pleased.””*

Luke 3:22

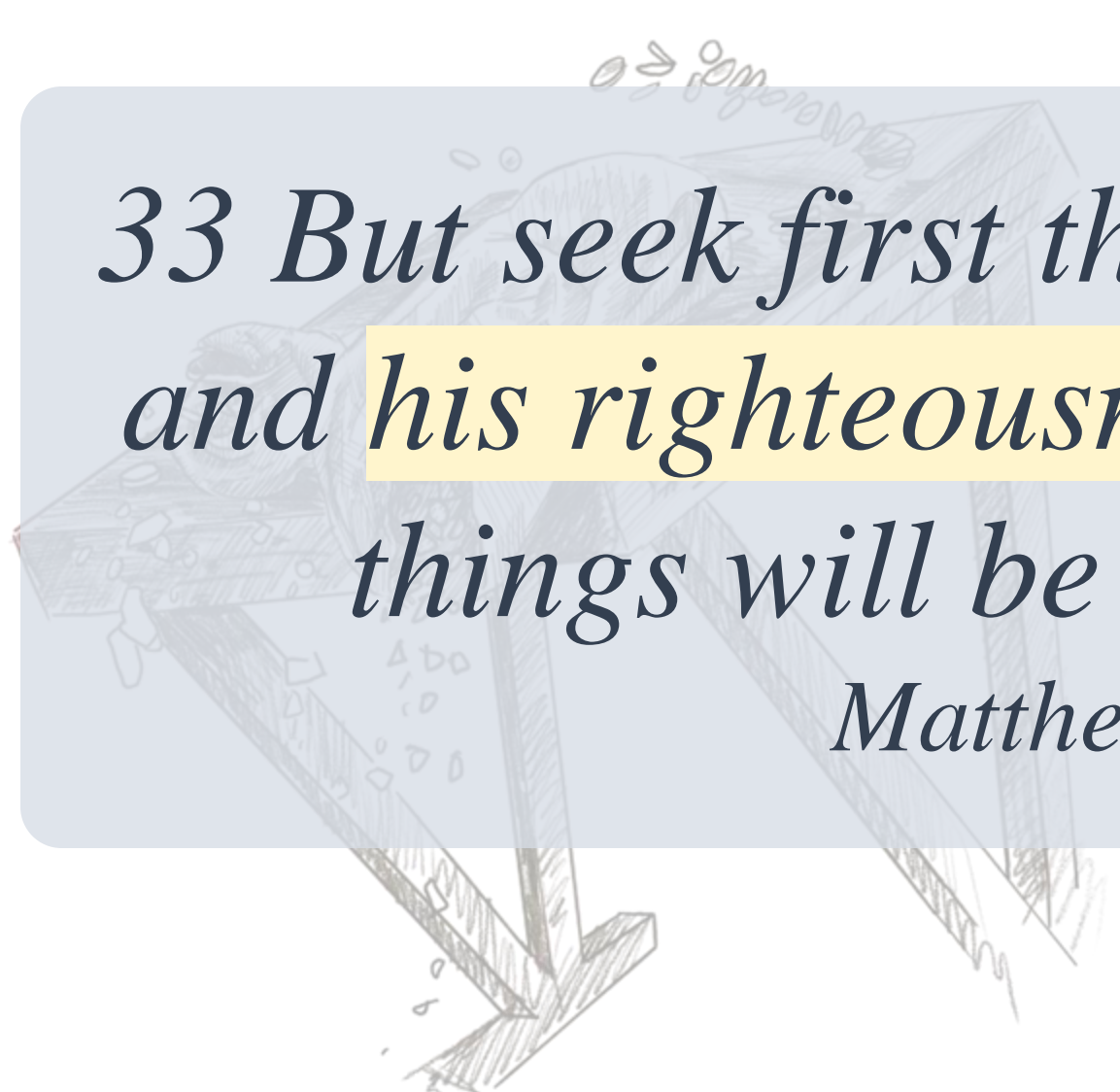


*the temptations*



*to* **LOVE** *the GIFTS*  
*of* **GOD** *more than* *Himself.*

Temptation #1: to love the *gifts* of God more than *God* Himself



33 But seek first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness, and all these  
things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

# TEMPTATION

*To love the gifts of God more than God Himself*

# LESSON

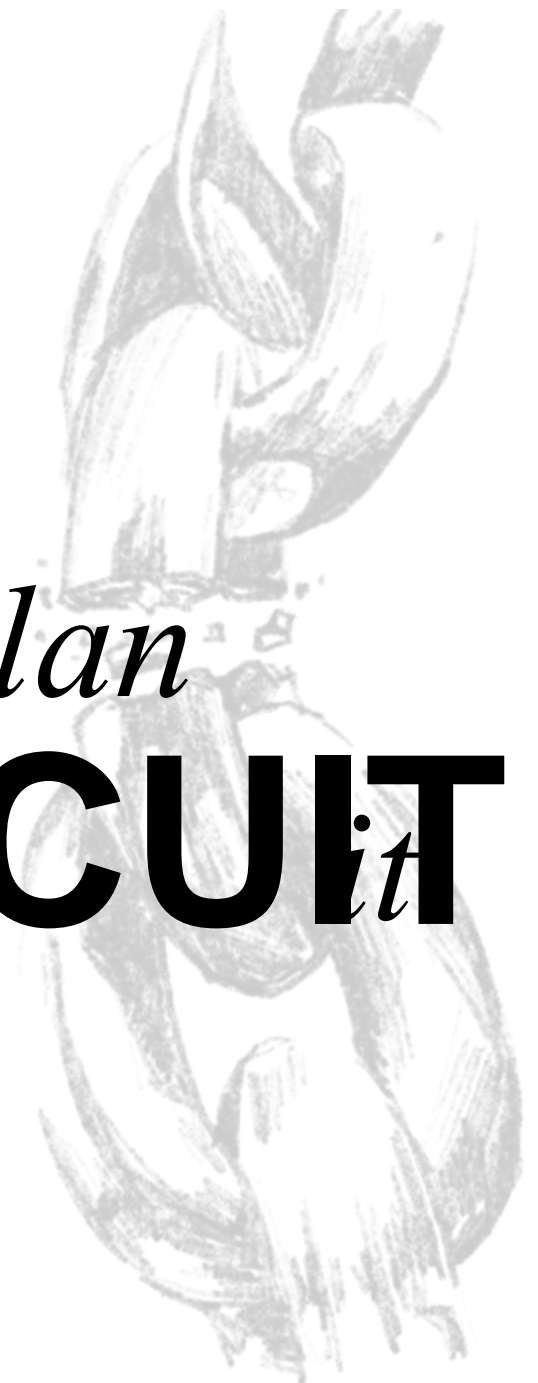
*What things consume your life and passions more than God Himself?*

# THE REMEDY

*Evaluate what truly feeds us. Like Jesus, may God's words and promises give us the fulfilment that we so desire.*

*the temptations*

**DISTRUST** *God's plan*  
*and* **SHORT CIRCUIT** *it*





Temptation #2: *distrust* God's plan and short circuit it

*19 We know that we are from God,  
and the whole world lies in the  
power of the evil one.*

1 John 5:19

Temptation #2: *distrust* God's plan and short circuit it

*26 And he made from one man every nation  
of mankind to live on all the face of the earth,  
having determined allotted periods and the  
boundaries of their dwelling place,  
Acts 17:26*

# TEMPTATION

*Distrust God's plan and short circuit it*

# LESSON

*Is God truly Lord over our lives, or is there another?*

# THE REMEDY

*Fully prostrate ourselves before God's throne and worship him alone.*



*the temptations*



**FORCE** *God to show*  
*that He's* **FAITHFUL**

## Temptation #3: *force* God to show that He's faithful

*11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. 12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.*

Psalm 91:11-12

### Temptation #3: *force* God to show that He's faithful

*11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. 12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.*

Psalm 91:11-12

*16 “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.*

Deuteronomy 6:16



Temptation #3: *force* God to show that He's faithful



*“I trust God and His promises  
I DO NOT NEED TO TEST IT.”*

# TEMPTATION

*Force God to show that He is faithful*

# LESSON

*Can we trust God even in the silence and the not yet?*

# THE REMEDY

*Maybe we should make things more about God and  
less of ourselves.*

*The DEVIL returns*  
**AGAIN & AGAIN**





# *The DEVIL returns* **AGAIN & AGAIN**

*“You are those who have  
stayed with me in my trials”*

Luke 22:28



the devil returns *again & again*

*23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”*

Matthew 16:23

*27 Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.”*

John 13:27

JESUS  
OBEYED  
*Scripture*





*“The devil devotes 168 hours a week to deceive you, a casual glance of 10mins won’t sustain a renewed mind-spiritual warfare requires daily, intentional immersion in truth”*

- John Piper

*11 I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.*

Psalm 119:11

*2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual  
milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—*

1 Peter 2:2