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Wake Up!

2 Peter 3:3-12

The **end** is near!

So **what?**

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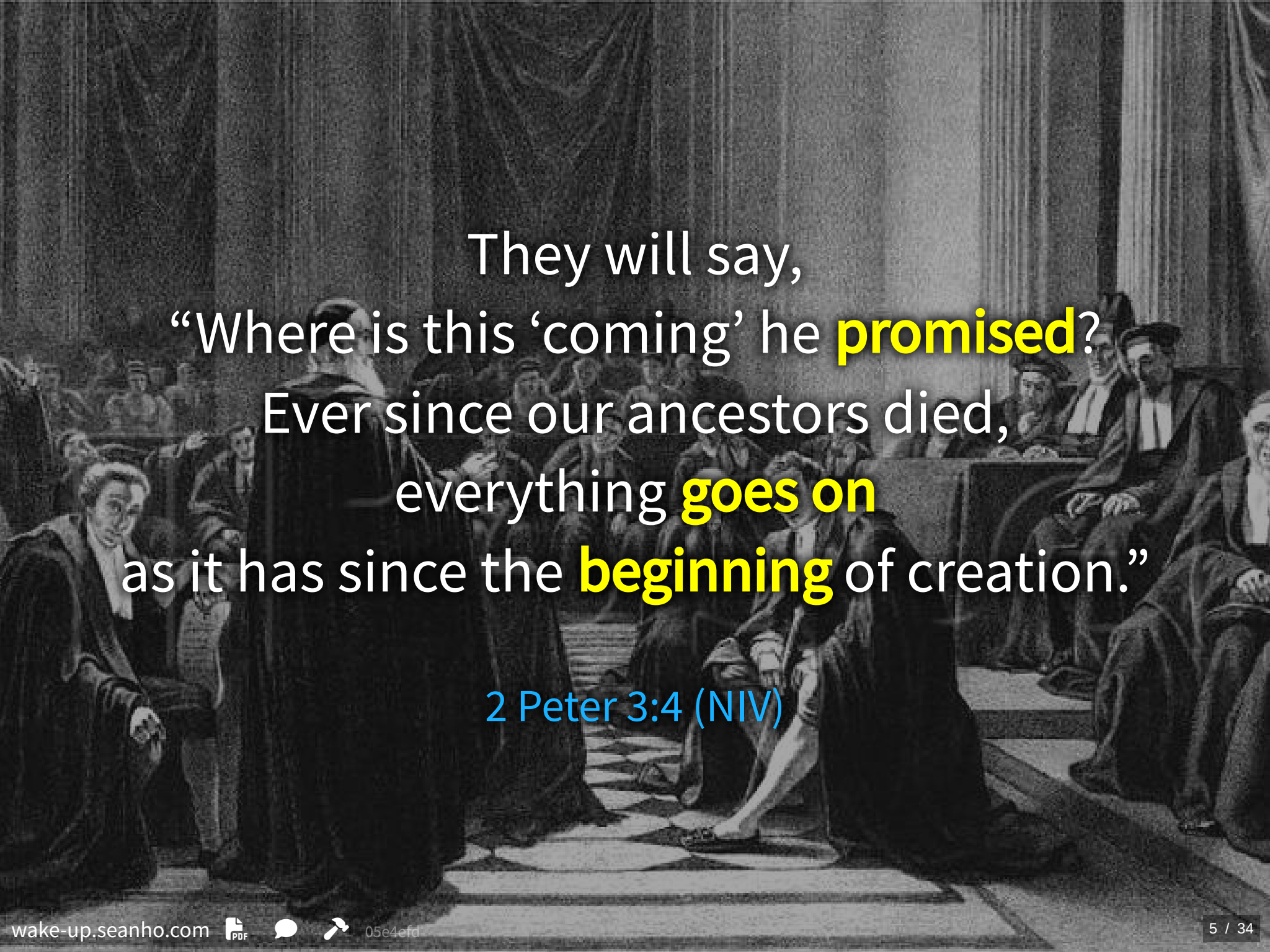
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Above all, you must understand that
in the last days **scoffers** will come,
scoffing and following their own **evil desires**.

2 Peter 3:3 (NIV)

Edouard Moyse, "Le Grand Sanhedrin", 1868



They will say,
“Where is this ‘coming’ he **promised**?
Ever since our ancestors died,
everything **goes on**
as it has since the **beginning** of creation.”

2 Peter 3:4 (NIV)

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)

Caleb George

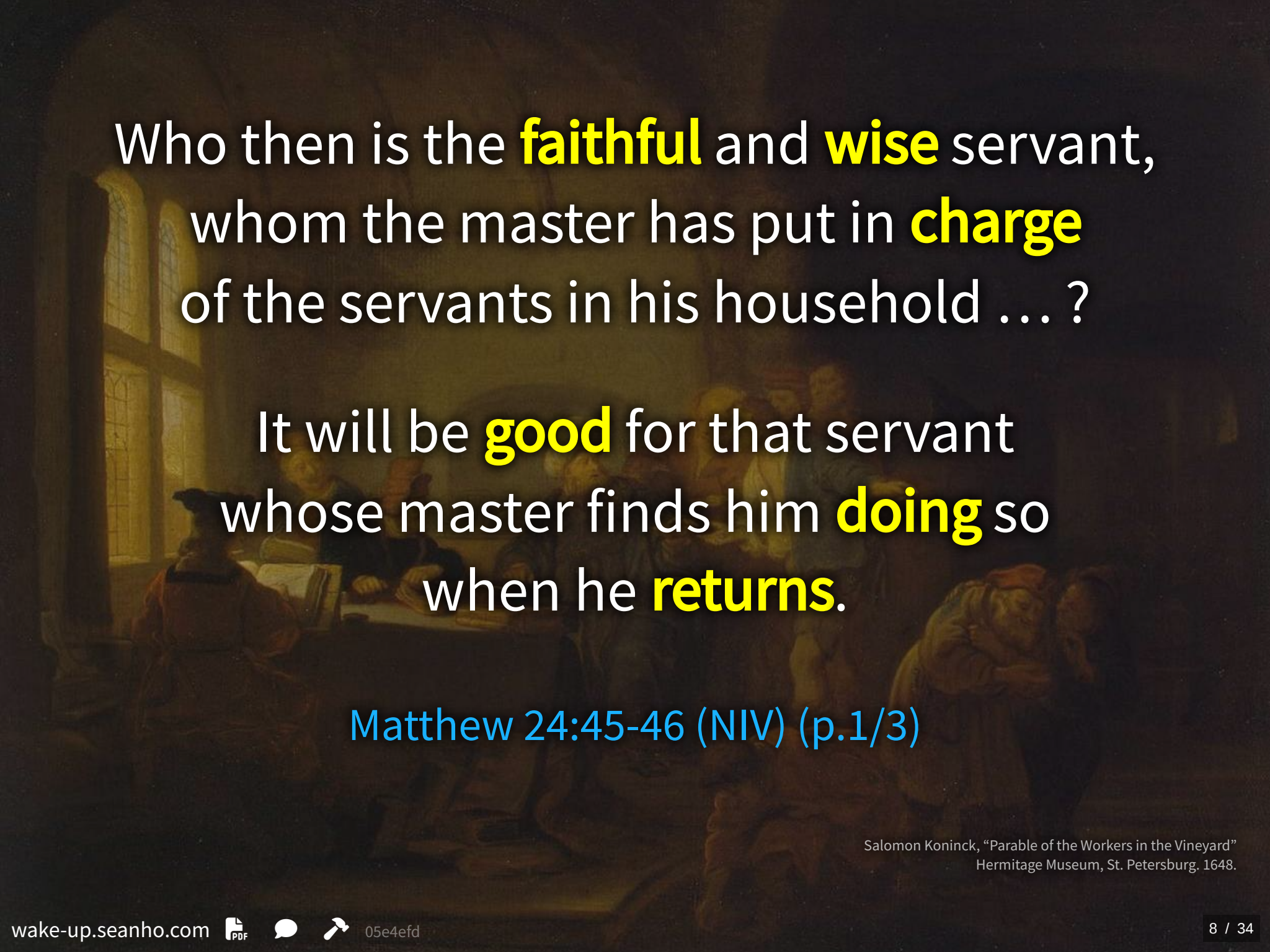


In the last time there will be **scoffers**,
following their own ungodly **passions**.

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

Jude 1:18-19 (ESV)

Dan Edwards

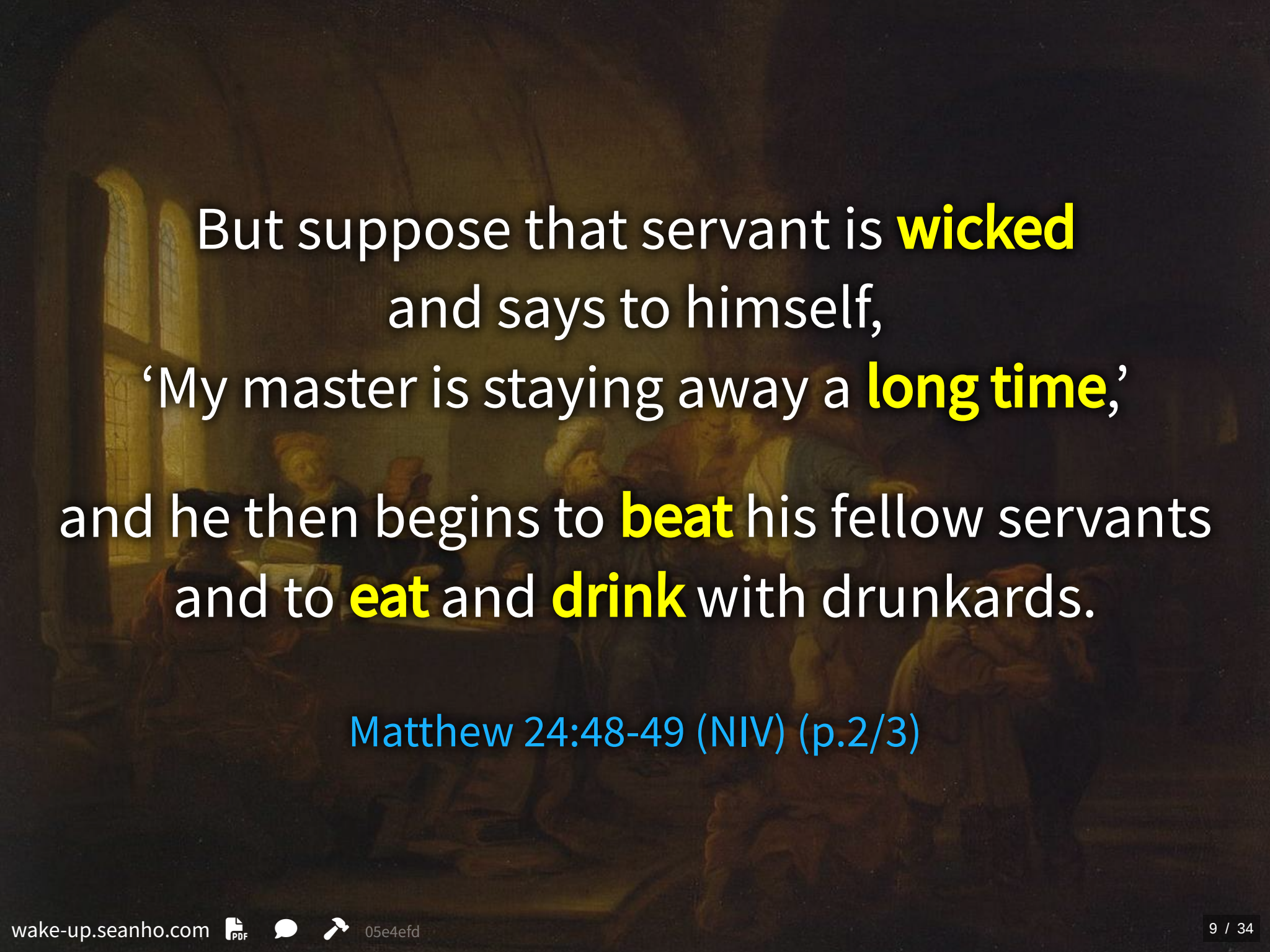


Who then is the **faithful** and **wise** servant,
whom the master has put in **charge**
of the servants in his household ... ?

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

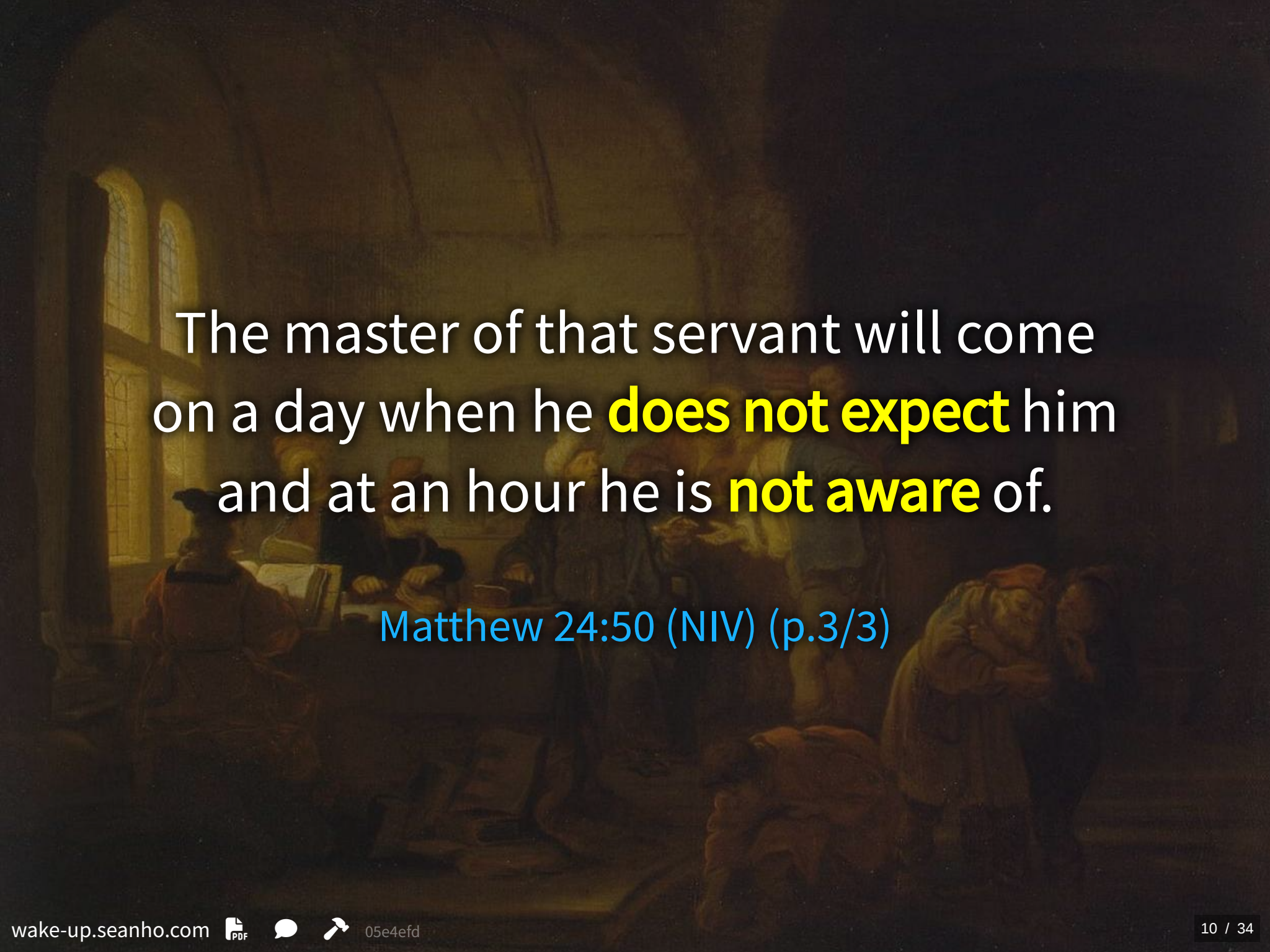
Matthew 24:45-46 (NIV) (p.1/3)

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 background is a dark, atmospheric painting of a church interior. It shows several people in period clothing, possibly from the 17th or 18th century. On the left, a person is seated at a desk, writing. In the center, a group of people are gathered, some standing and some seated. On the right, a person is kneeling in prayer. The lighting is dim, with light coming from arched windows on the left, creating a somber and contemplative mood.

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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But they **deliberately** forget
that long ago by **God's word**

the **heavens** came into **being**
and the **earth** was **formed**
out of **water** and by water.

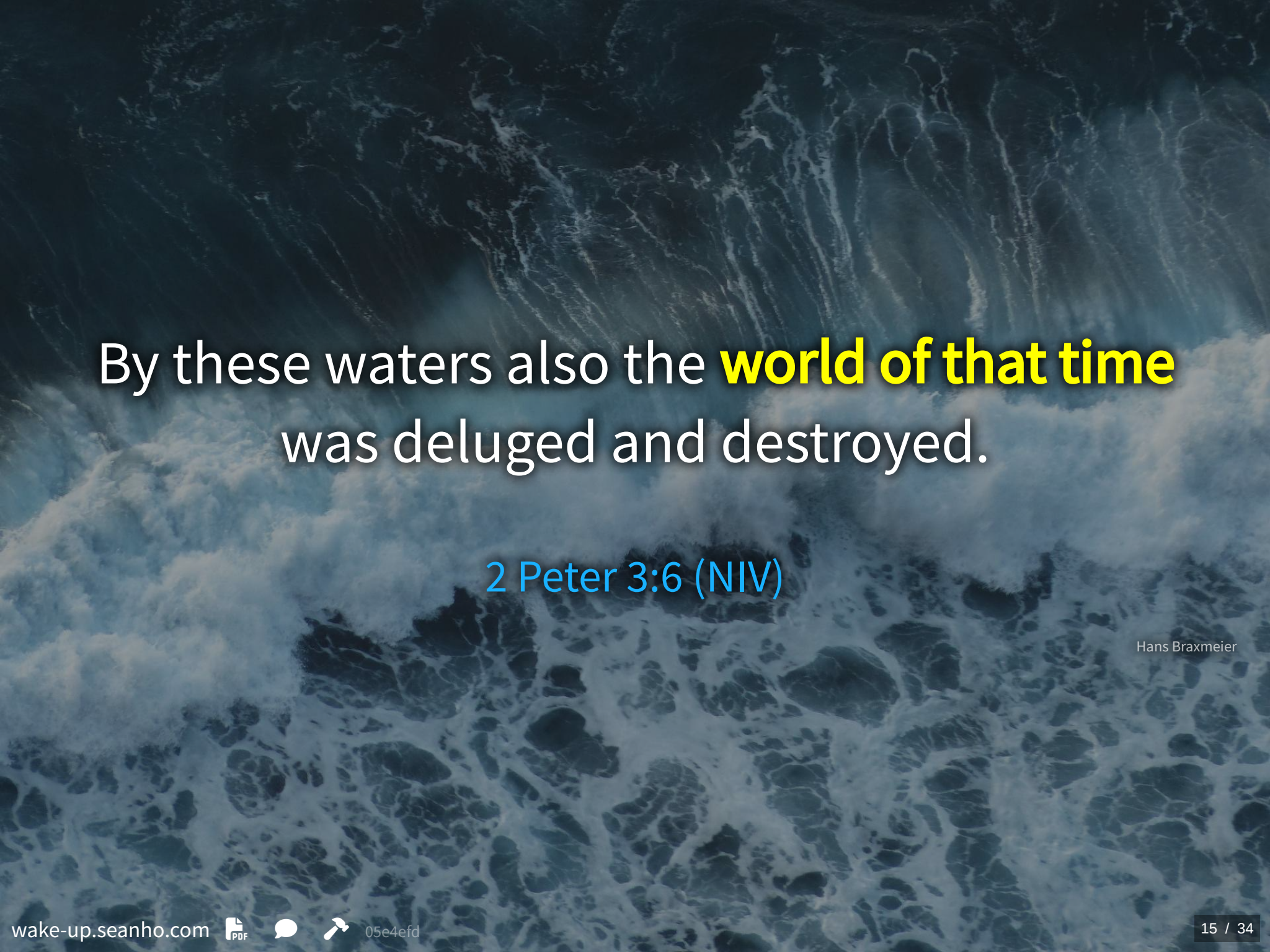
2 Peter 3:5a (NIV)

Savoie, France. Thomas Tixtaaz



By God's word the **heavens** came into **being**
and the **earth** was **formed**

2 Peter 3:5b (NIV)



By these waters also the **world of that time**
was deluged and destroyed.

2 Peter 3:6 (NIV)

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)

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A photograph of the International Space Station (ISS) in orbit above Earth. The station's complex structure, including multiple modules and solar panel arrays, is visible against the bright, curved horizon of the planet. The background is the deep black of space, filled with numerous stars. The text is overlaid on this image.

By the same word
the **present** heavens and earth
are reserved for **fire**,
being kept for the **day of judgment**
and destruction of the ungodly.


2 Peter 3:7 (NIV)

NASA

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

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A deep space photograph of a spiral galaxy, NGC 1232, also known as the 'Fingerprints' galaxy. The galaxy features a bright, reddish-orange central bulge and several distinct, blue-tinted spiral arms that resemble fingerprints radiating from the center. The background is a dark, star-filled space.

But do not **forget** this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a **day** is like a **thousand years**,
and a thousand years are like a day.

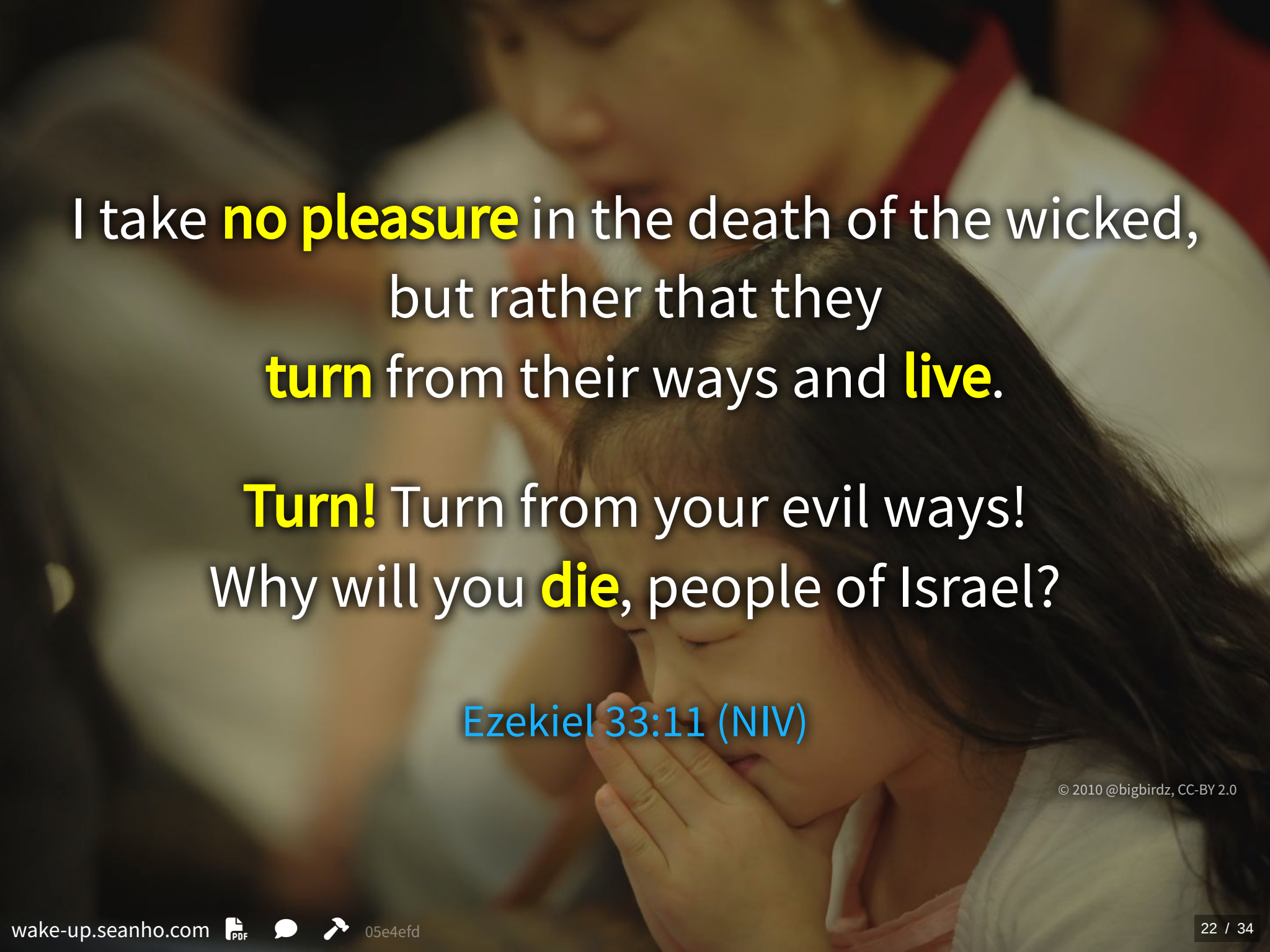
2 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

ESO. Spiral galaxy NGC1232

The Lord is not **slow** in keeping his promise,
as some understand slowness.

Instead he is **patient** with you,
not wanting anyone to **perish**,
but everyone to come to **repentance**.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)



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 **see** them?

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But the day of the Lord will come like a **thief**.

The **heavens** will disappear with a **roar**;
the **elements** will be destroyed by **fire**,
and the earth and everything **done** in it
will be **laid bare**.

2 Peter 3:10 (NIV)

Ryan Hutton



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2 Peter 3:10 (NIV)

Lisa Runnels



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Wilmer Edson

**What am I holding onto
which will be burned
with the elements?**

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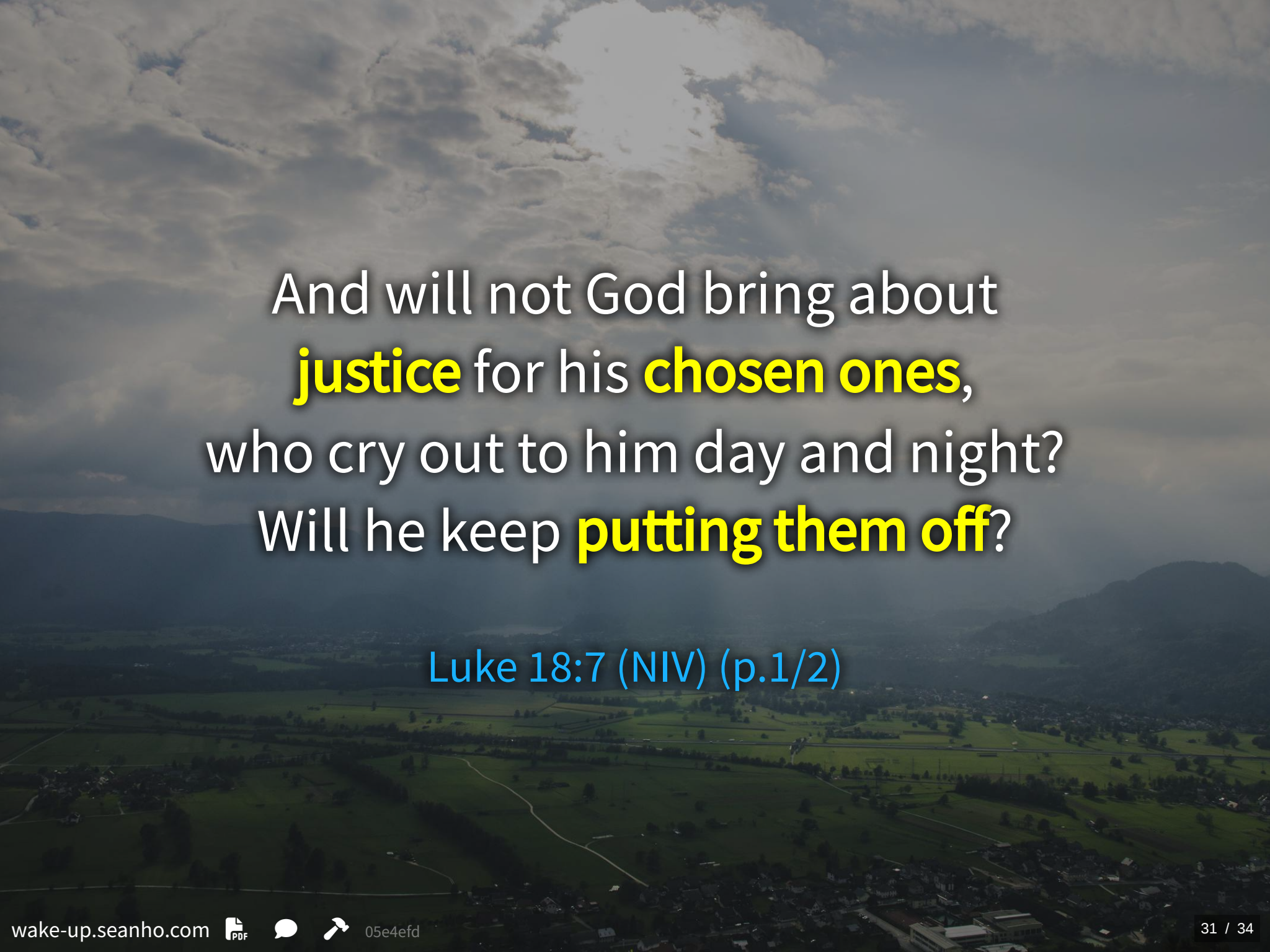


Since everything will be
destroyed in this way,
what **kind of people** ought you to be?

You ought to live **holy** and **godly** lives
as you **look forward** to the day of God
and **speed** its coming.

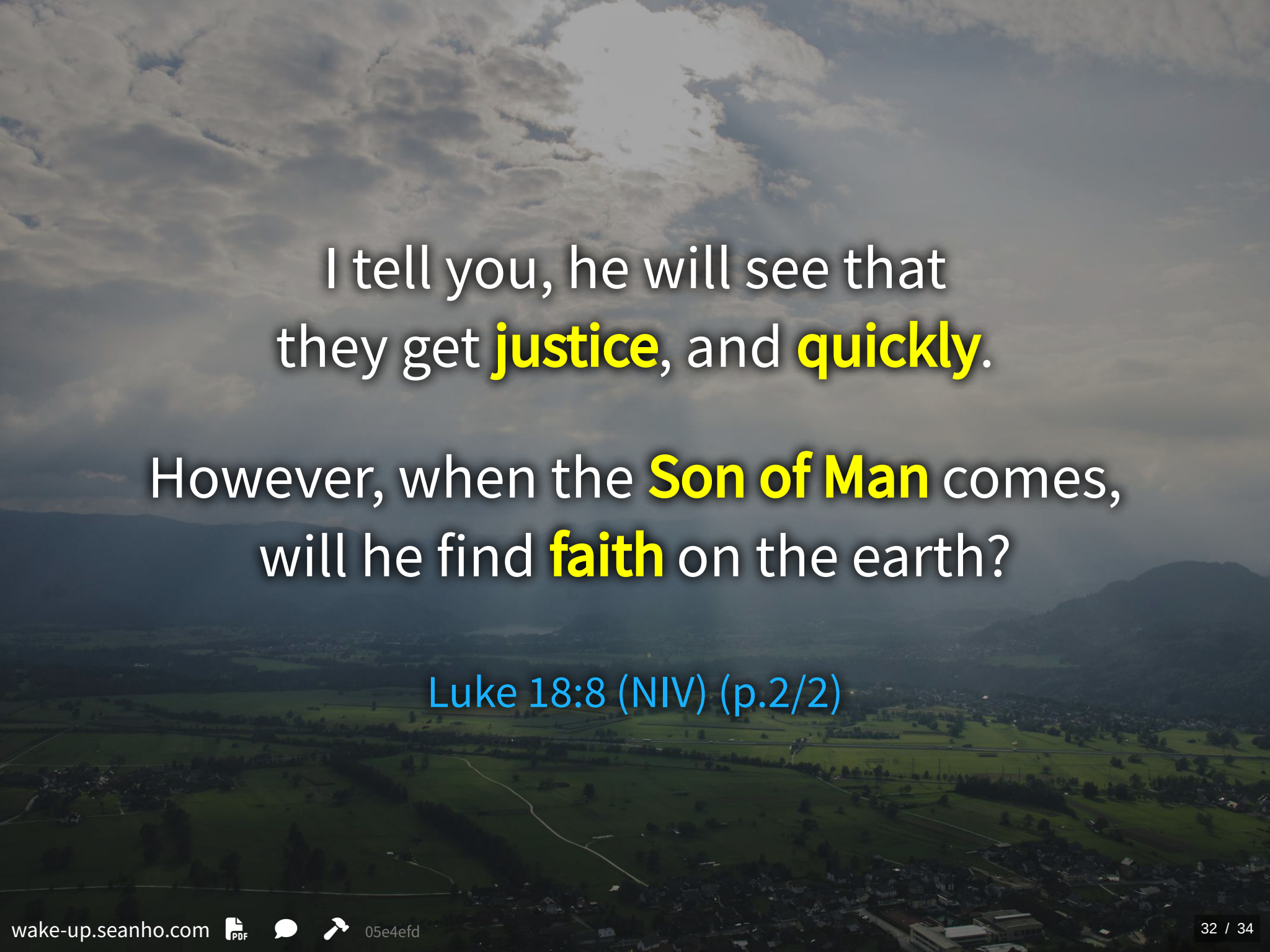
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Ben White

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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?**

