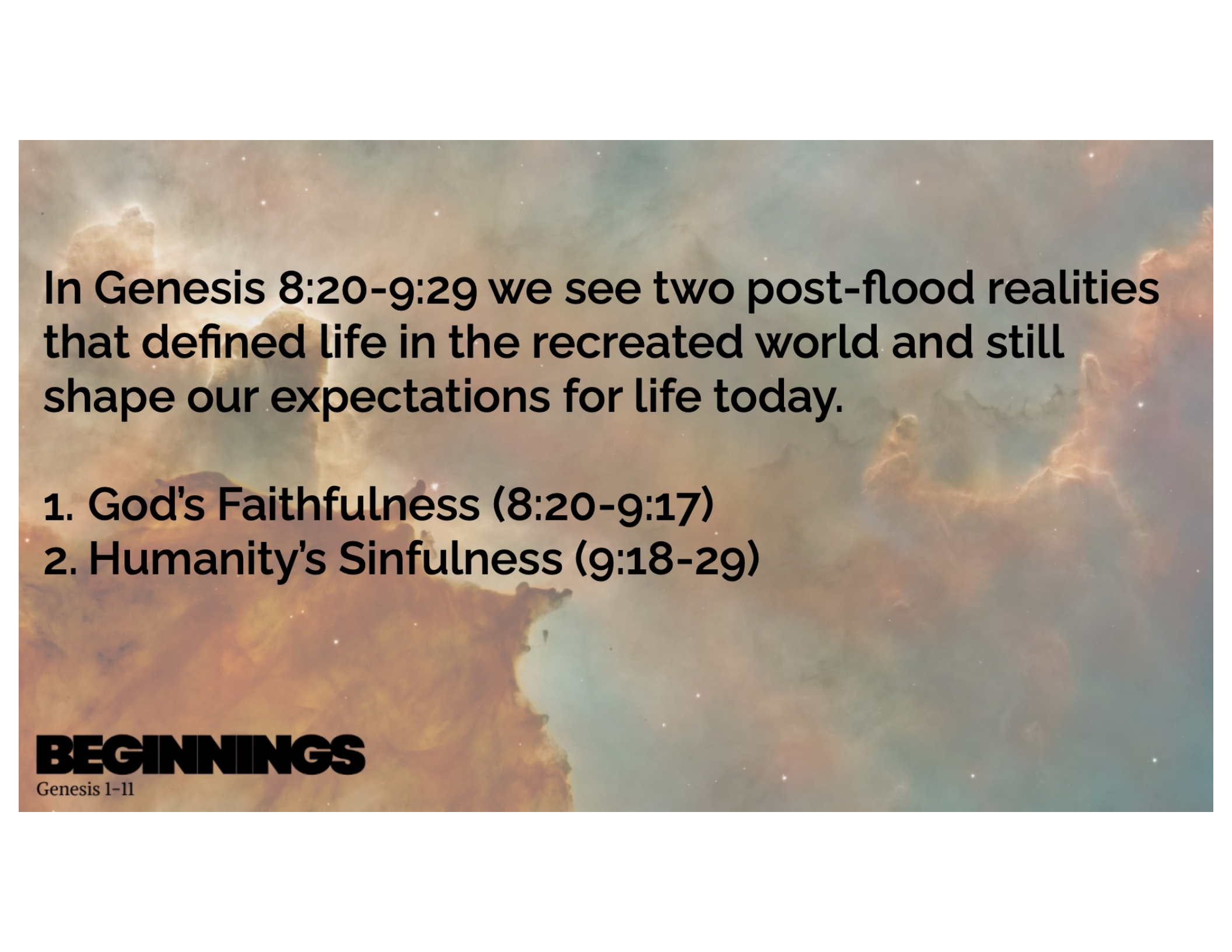


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In Genesis 8:20-9:29 we see two post-flood realities that defined life in the recreated world and still shape our expectations for life today.

1. God's Faithfulness (8:20-9:17)
2. Humanity's Sinfulness (9:18-29)

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## God's Faithfulness (8:20-9:17)

### God's Promise | Genesis 8:20-22

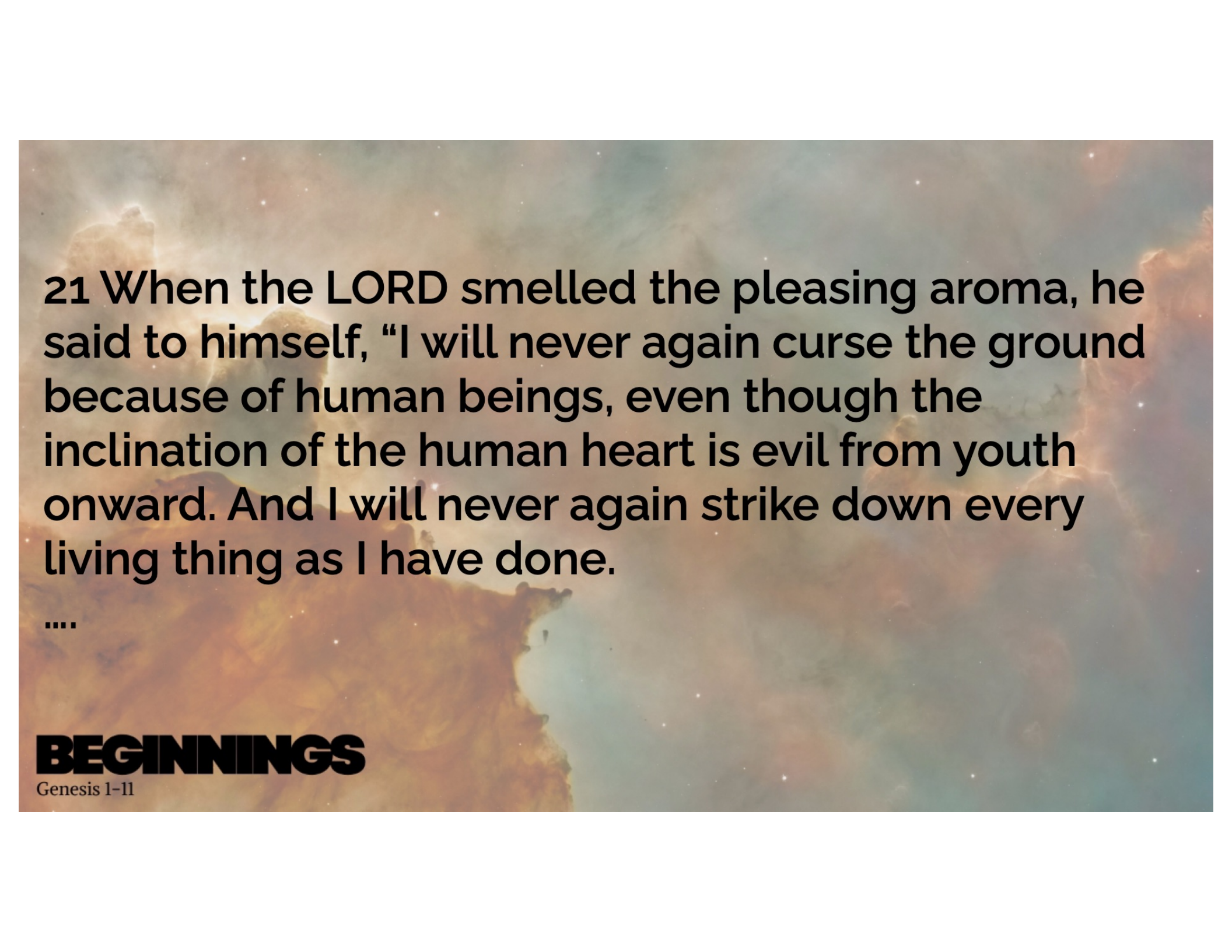
20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD. He took some of every kind of clean animal and every kind of clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

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**21 When the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, he said to himself, “I will never again curse the ground because of human beings, even though the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth onward. And I will never again strike down every living thing as I have done.**

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## God's Faithfulness (8:20-9:17)


### God's Promise | Genesis 8:20-22

22 As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,  
summer and winter, and day and night  
will not cease."

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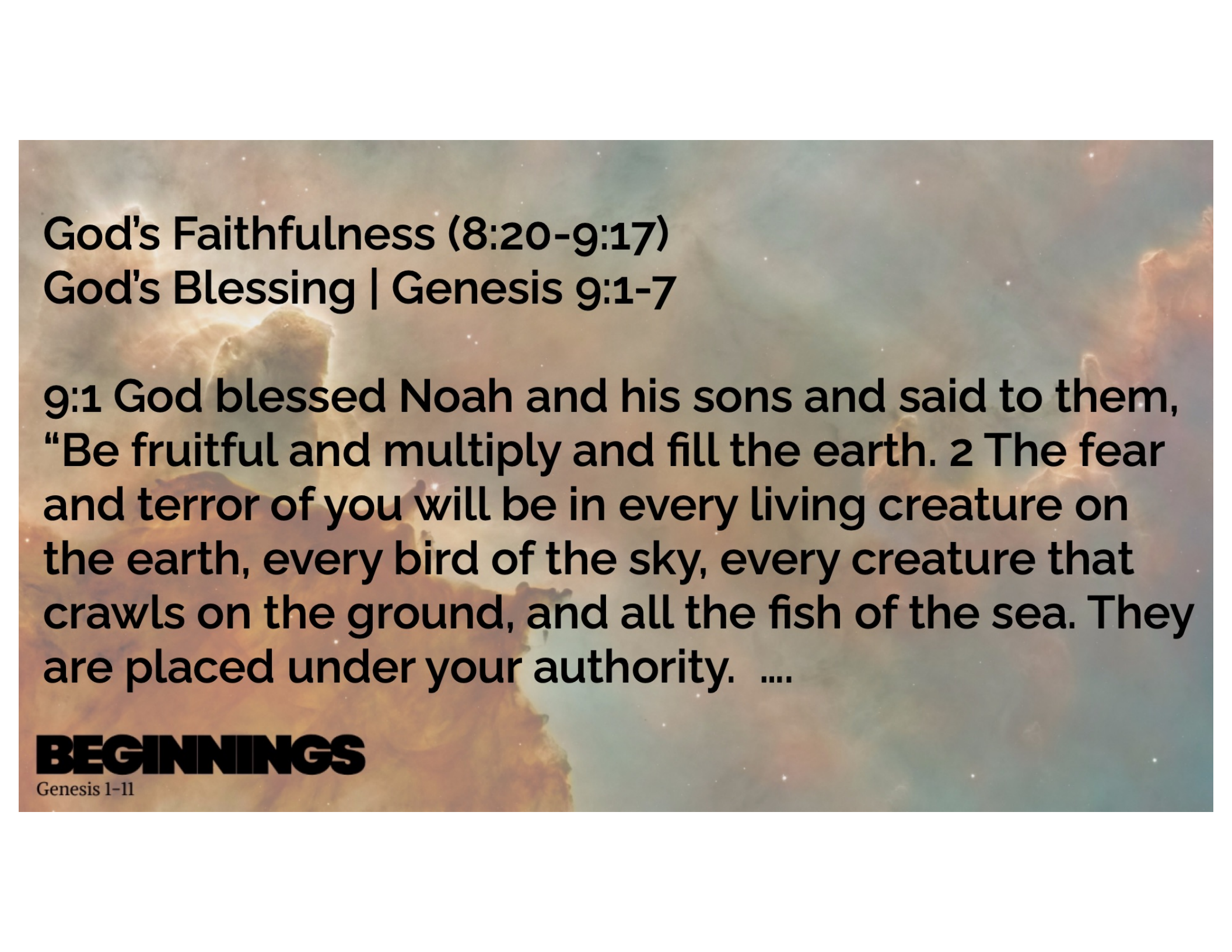
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Worship is the overflow of a heart stunned by God's grace and mercy. To say it differently, our worship is directly proportional to our gratitude for God's salvation.

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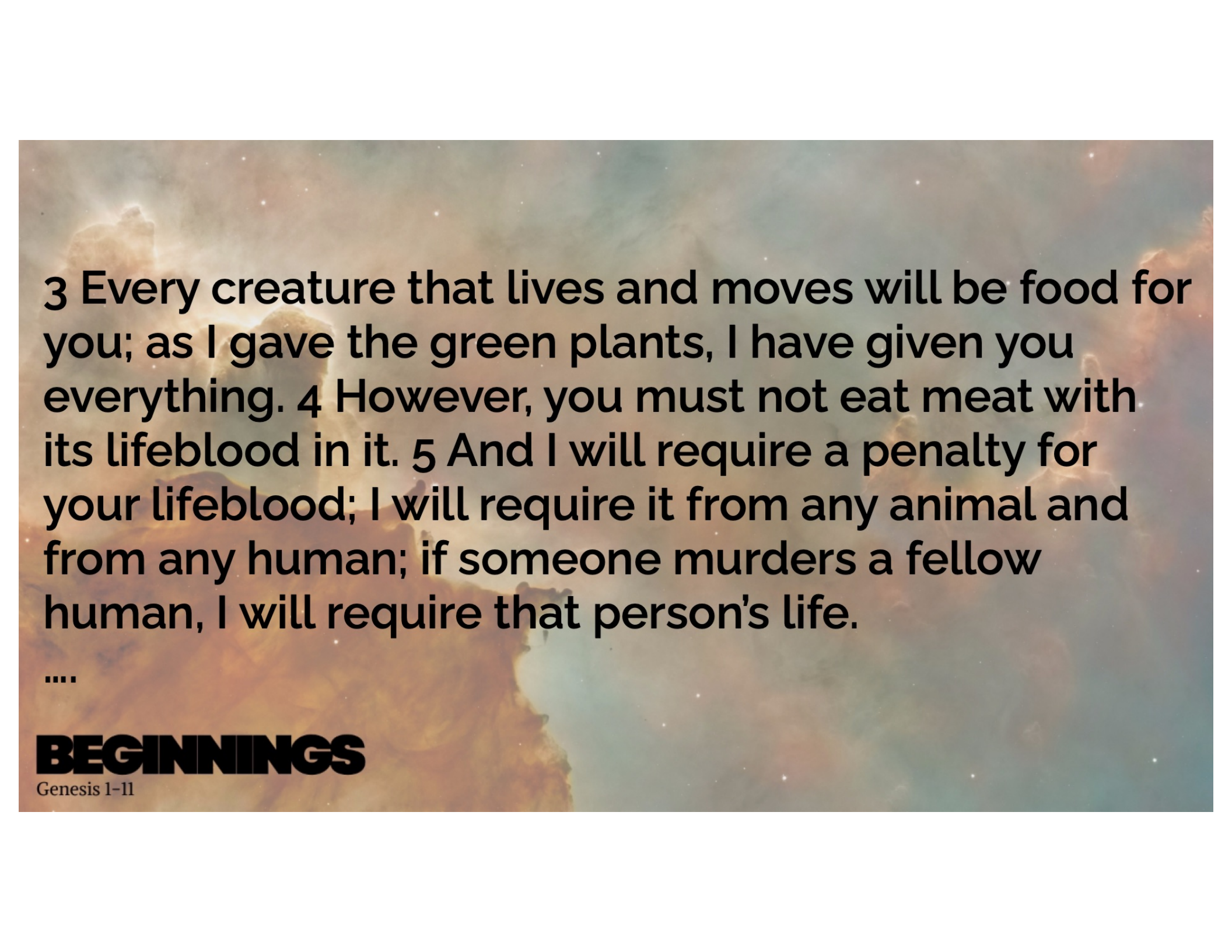
### God's Blessing | Genesis 9:1-7

9:1 God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. 2 The fear and terror of you will be in every living creature on the earth, every bird of the sky, every creature that crawls on the ground, and all the fish of the sea. They are placed under your authority. ....

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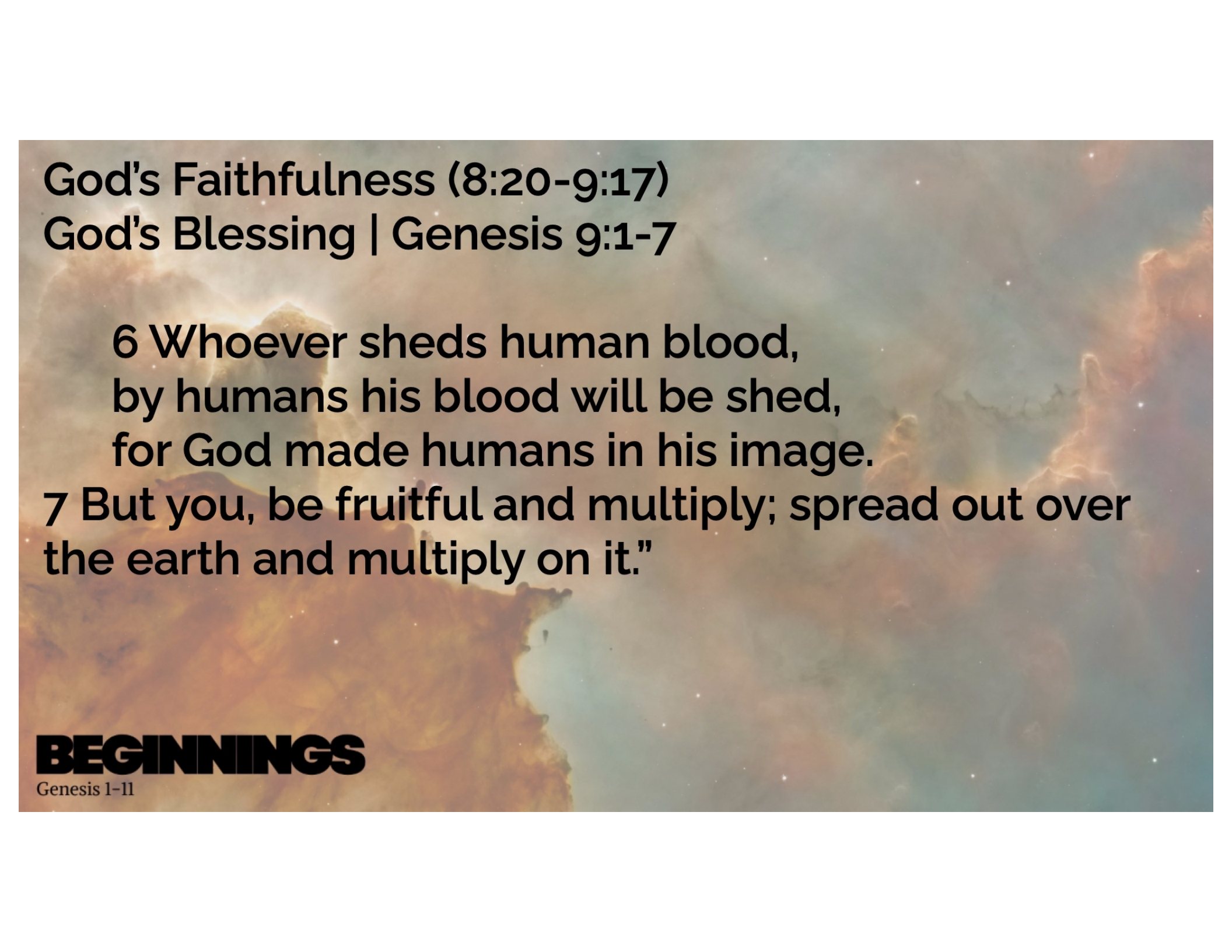
3 Every creature that lives and moves will be food for you; as I gave the green plants, I have given you everything. 4 However, you must not eat meat with its lifeblood in it. 5 And I will require a penalty for your lifeblood; I will require it from any animal and from any human; if someone murders a fellow human, I will require that person's life.

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## God's Faithfulness (8:20-9:17)

## God's Blessing | Genesis 9:1-7


6 Whoever sheds human blood,  
by humans his blood will be shed,  
for God made humans in his image.

7 But you, be fruitful and multiply; spread out over  
the earth and multiply on it."

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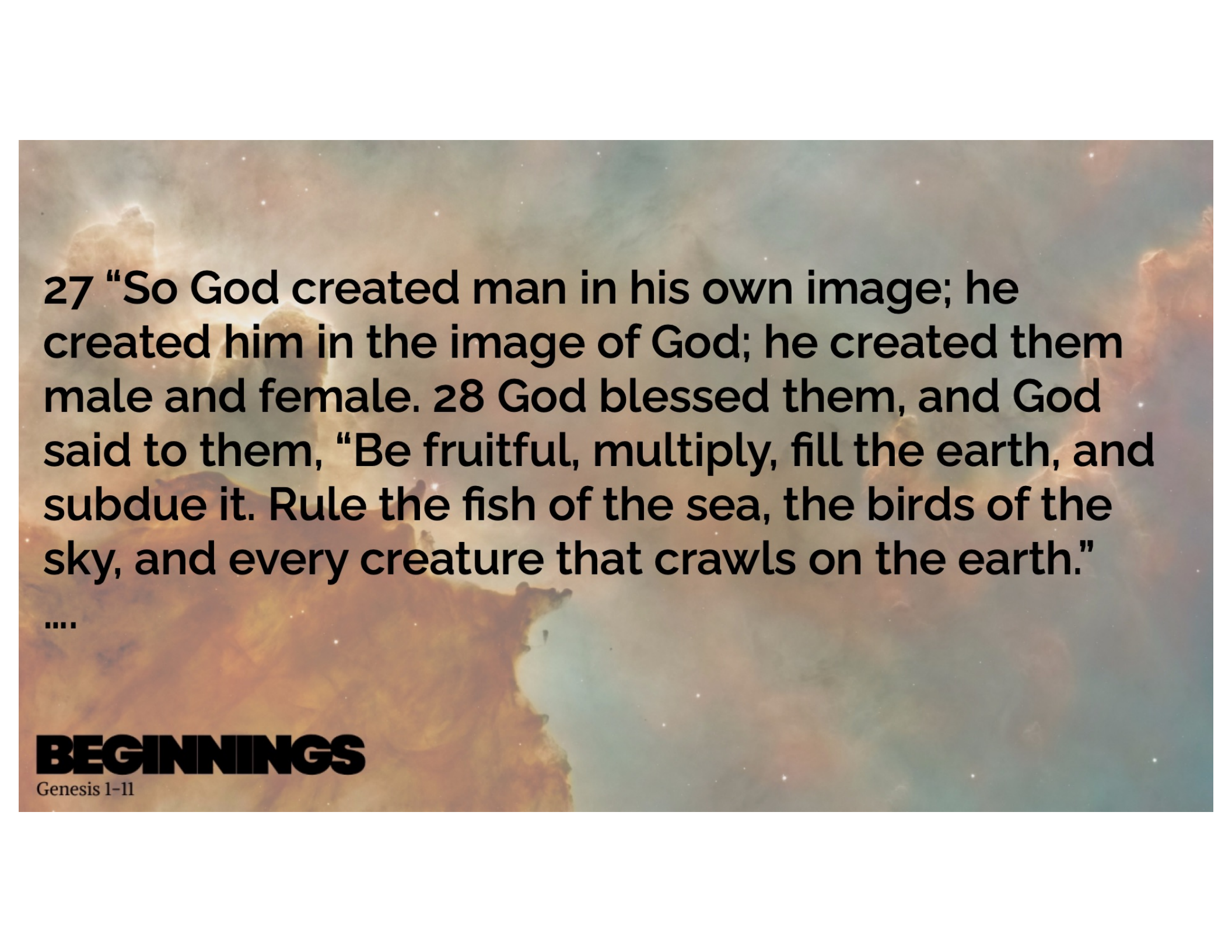
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This section is bracketed with God's Blessing to, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."  
It is in verses 1 & 7.

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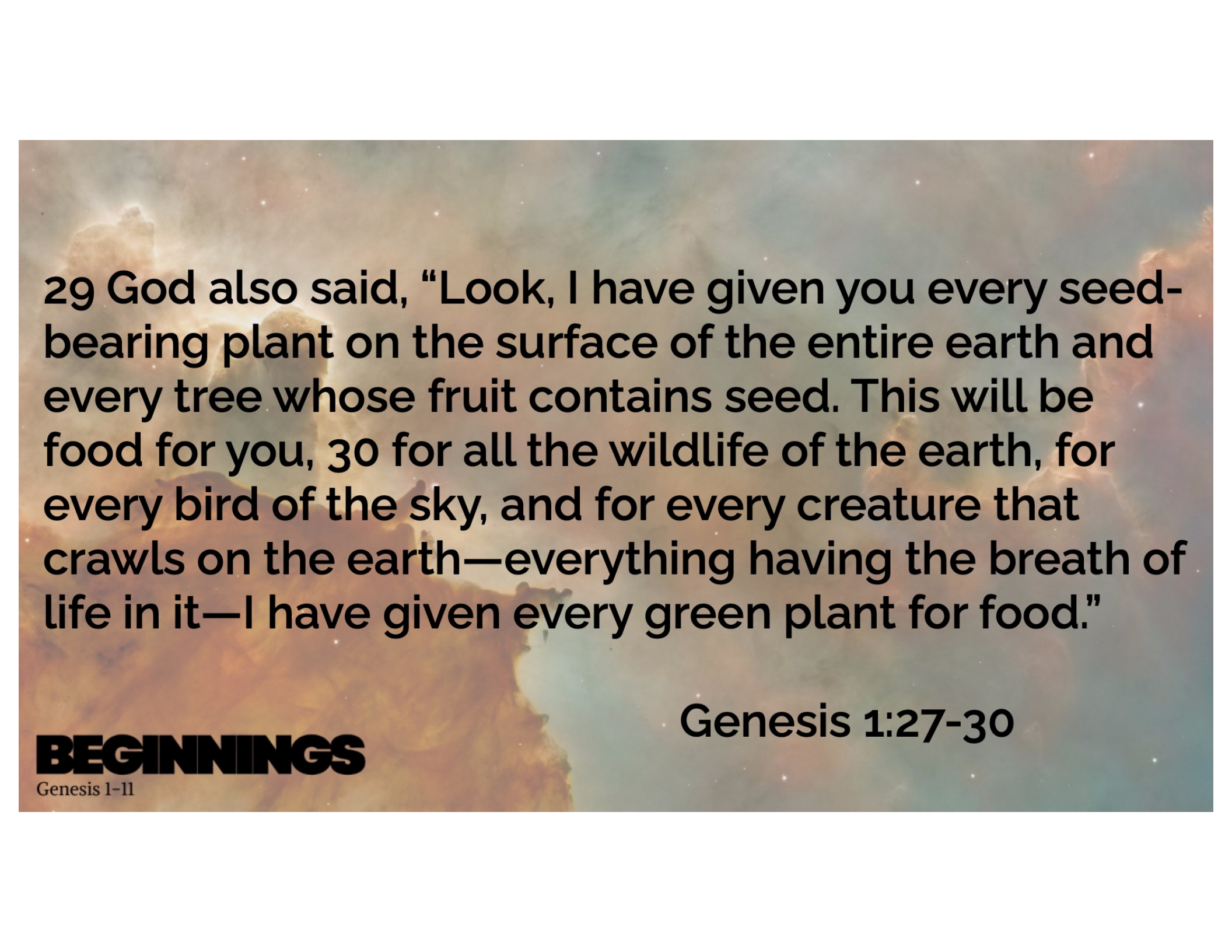
27 “So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female. 28 God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth.”

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29 God also said, “Look, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of the entire earth and every tree whose fruit contains seed. This will be food for you, 30 for all the wildlife of the earth, for every bird of the sky, and for every creature that crawls on the earth—everything having the breath of life in it—I have given every green plant for food.”

Genesis 1:27-30

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## God's Faithfulness (8:20-9:17)

### Gods Covenant | Genesis 9:8-17

8 Then God said to Noah and his sons with him, 9  
“Understand that I am establishing my covenant with  
you and your descendants after you, 10 and with  
every living creature that is with you—birds,  
livestock, and all wildlife of the earth that are with  
you—all the animals of the earth that came out of  
the ark.

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**11** I establish my covenant with you that never again will every creature be wiped out by floodwaters; there will never again be a flood to destroy the earth."

**12** And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all future generations: **13** I have placed my bow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. **14** Whenever I form clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, ....

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**15** I will remember my covenant between me and you and all the living creatures: water will never again become a flood to destroy every creature. **16** The bow will be in the clouds, and I will look at it and remember the permanent covenant between God and all the living creatures on earth.” **17** God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and every creature on earth.”

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A covenant is a solemn binding commitment,  
guaranteeing promises or obligations undertaken by  
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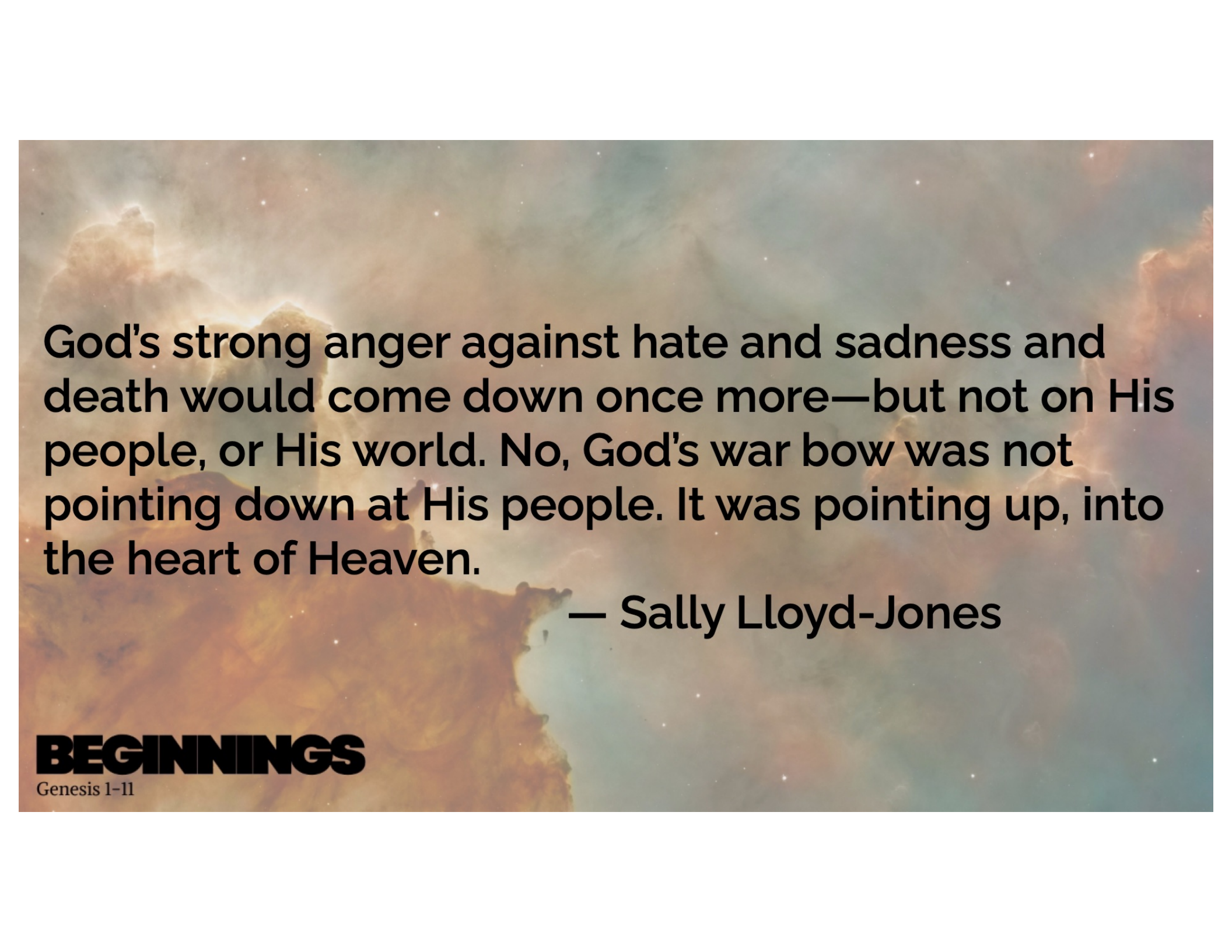
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The Noahic Covenant is made unilaterally by God.  
Three times (vv.9, 11, 15) God says it's "my covenant".

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God's strong anger against hate and sadness and death would come down once more—but not on His people, or His world. No, God's war bow was not pointing down at His people. It was pointing up, into the heart of Heaven.

— Sally Lloyd-Jones

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## Humanity's Sinfulness (9:18-29)

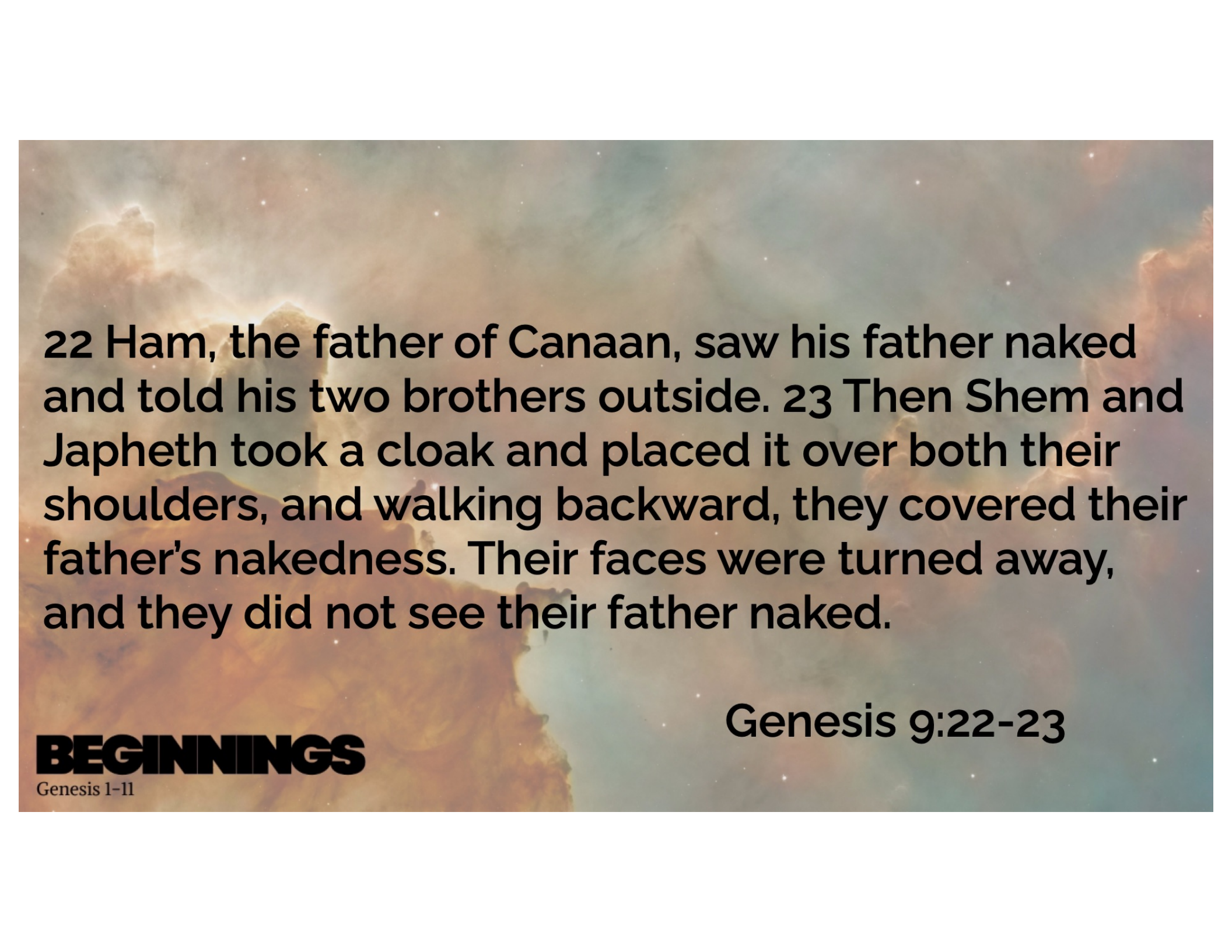
**18** Noah's sons who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan. **19** These three were Noah's sons, and from them the whole earth was populated.

**20** Noah, as a man of the soil, began by planting a vineyard. **21** He drank some of the wine, became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.

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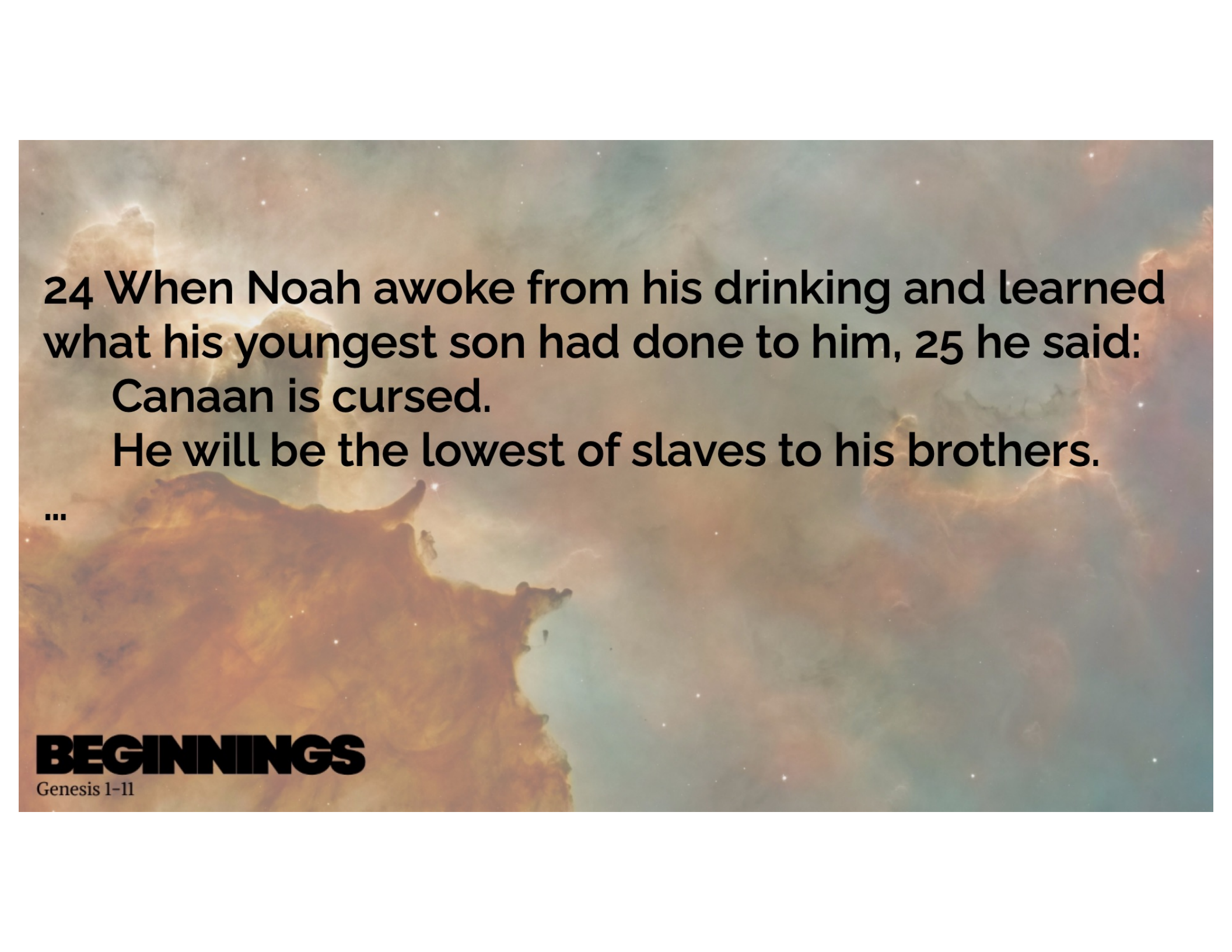
22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked and told his two brothers outside. 23 Then Shem and Japheth took a cloak and placed it over both their shoulders, and walking backward, they covered their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father naked.

Genesis 9:22-23

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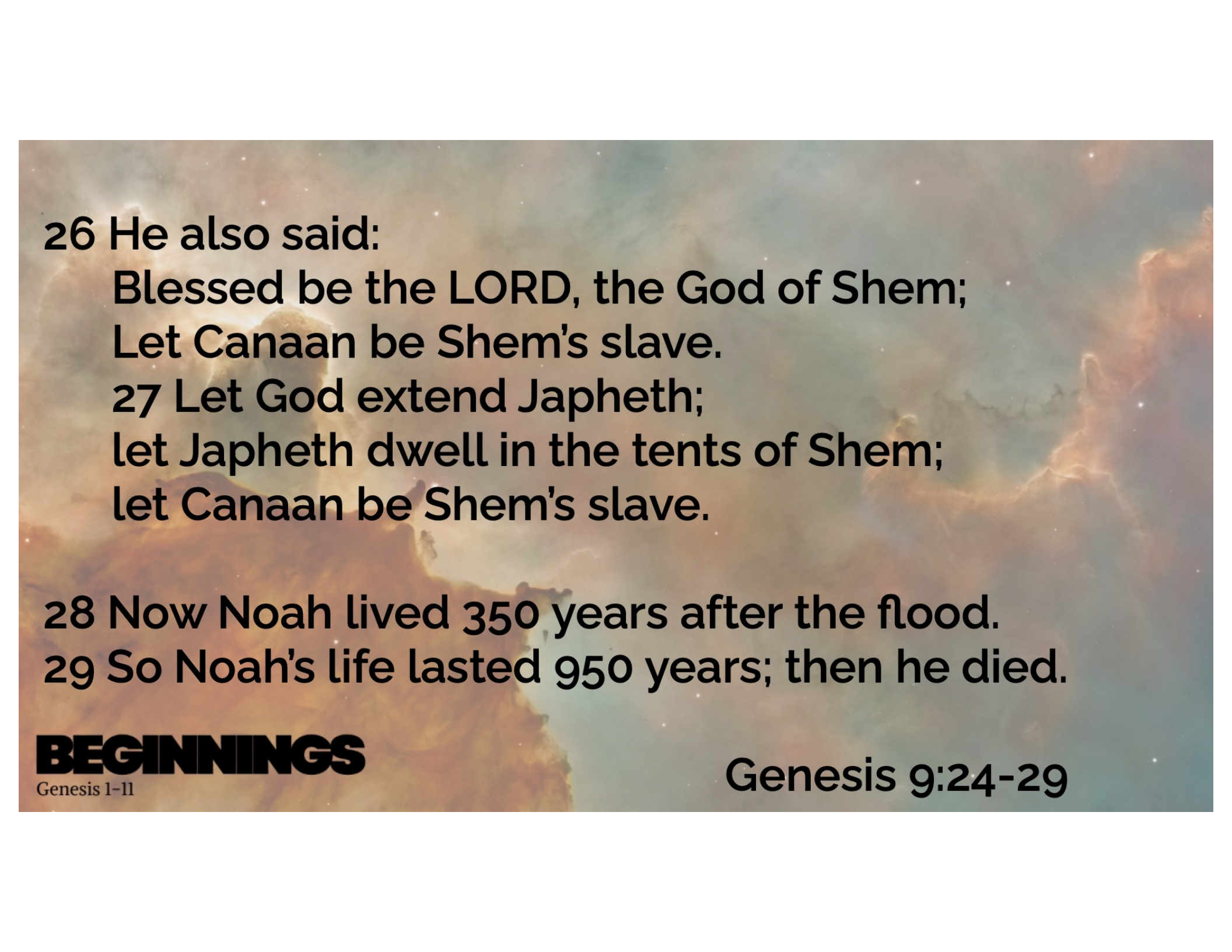
**24** When Noah awoke from his drinking and learned what his youngest son had done to him, **25** he said:  
Canaan is cursed.  
He will be the lowest of slaves to his brothers.

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26 He also said:

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem;  
Let Canaan be Shem's slave.

27 Let God extend Japheth;  
let Japheth dwell in the tents of Shem;  
let Canaan be Shem's slave.

28 Now Noah lived 350 years after the flood.

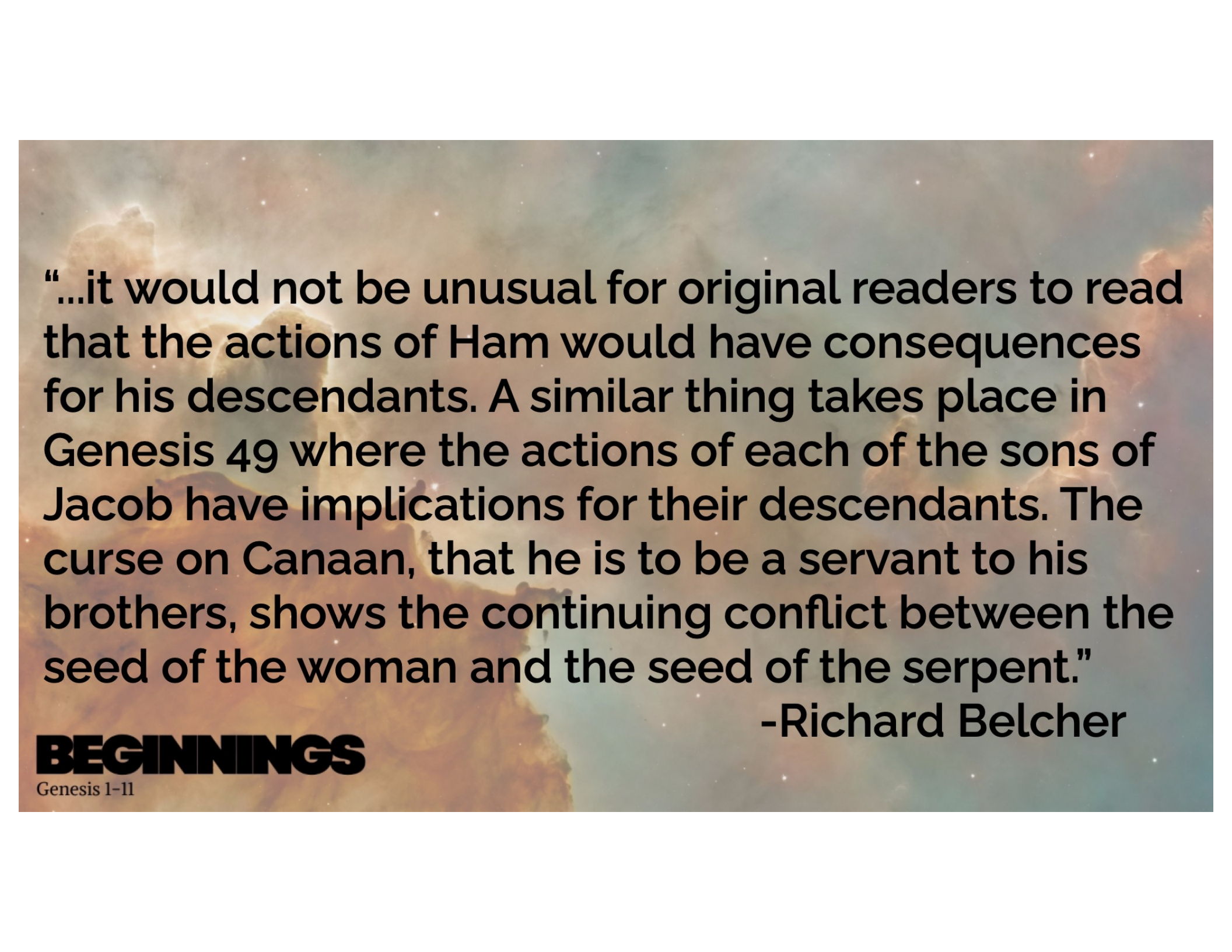
29 So Noah's life lasted 950 years; then he died.

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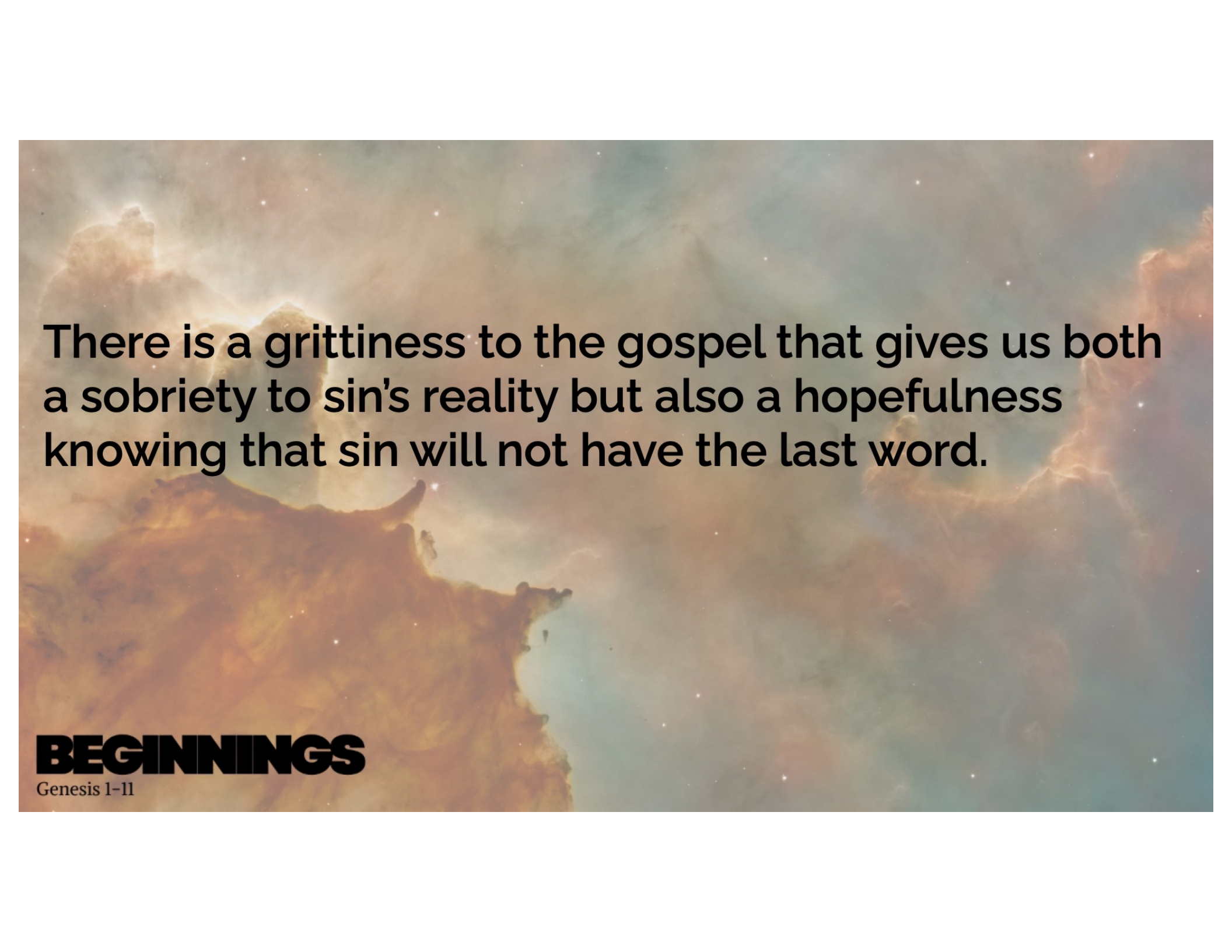
“...it would not be unusual for original readers to read that the actions of Ham would have consequences for his descendants. A similar thing takes place in Genesis 49 where the actions of each of the sons of Jacob have implications for their descendants. The curse on Canaan, that he is to be a servant to his brothers, shows the continuing conflict between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent.”

-Richard Belcher

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There is a grittiness to the gospel that gives us both a sobriety to sin's reality but also a hopefulness knowing that sin will not have the last word.

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