

A night sky with a bright star and a beam of light shining down on a landscape with a tent and a boat.

# Giving to God

Part 4 of Magi★cal Christmas

Matthew 2:11

A night sky with a bright starburst in the upper center, casting a vertical beam of light down towards a tent in the foreground. The background is dark blue with scattered stars.

Coming to God – December 7

Finding Great Joy in God – December 14

Worshiping God – December 21

**Giving to God – December 28**

A night sky with a bright starburst at the top center, casting a beam of light down to a landscape. The landscape features a tent on the left, a boat in the center, and a tree on the right. The text is overlaid on the upper part of the image.

*<sup>11</sup> And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

# The Gifts



# The Symbolism



Frankincense: An offering to God.



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*For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.    Isaiah 9:6*

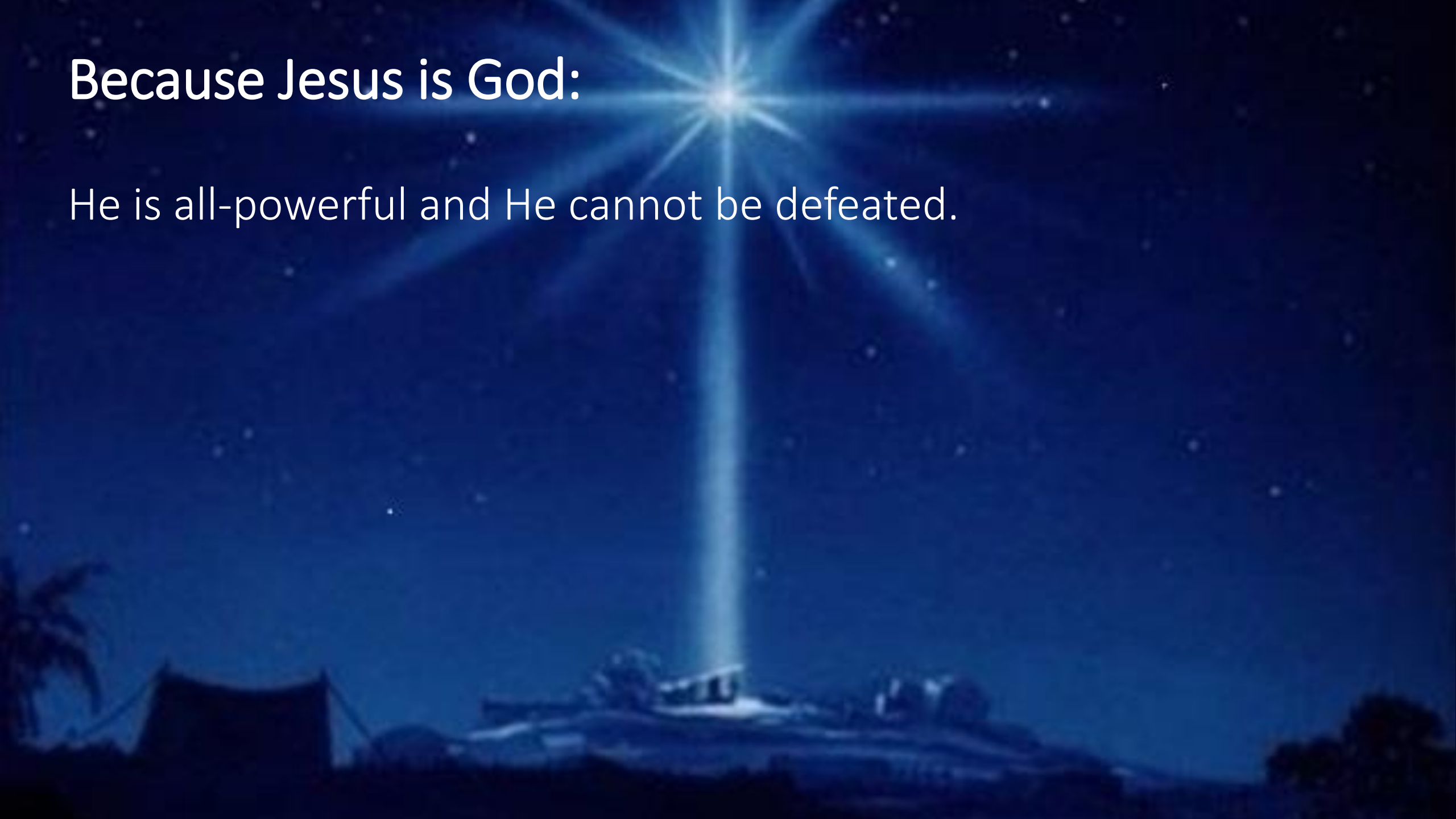


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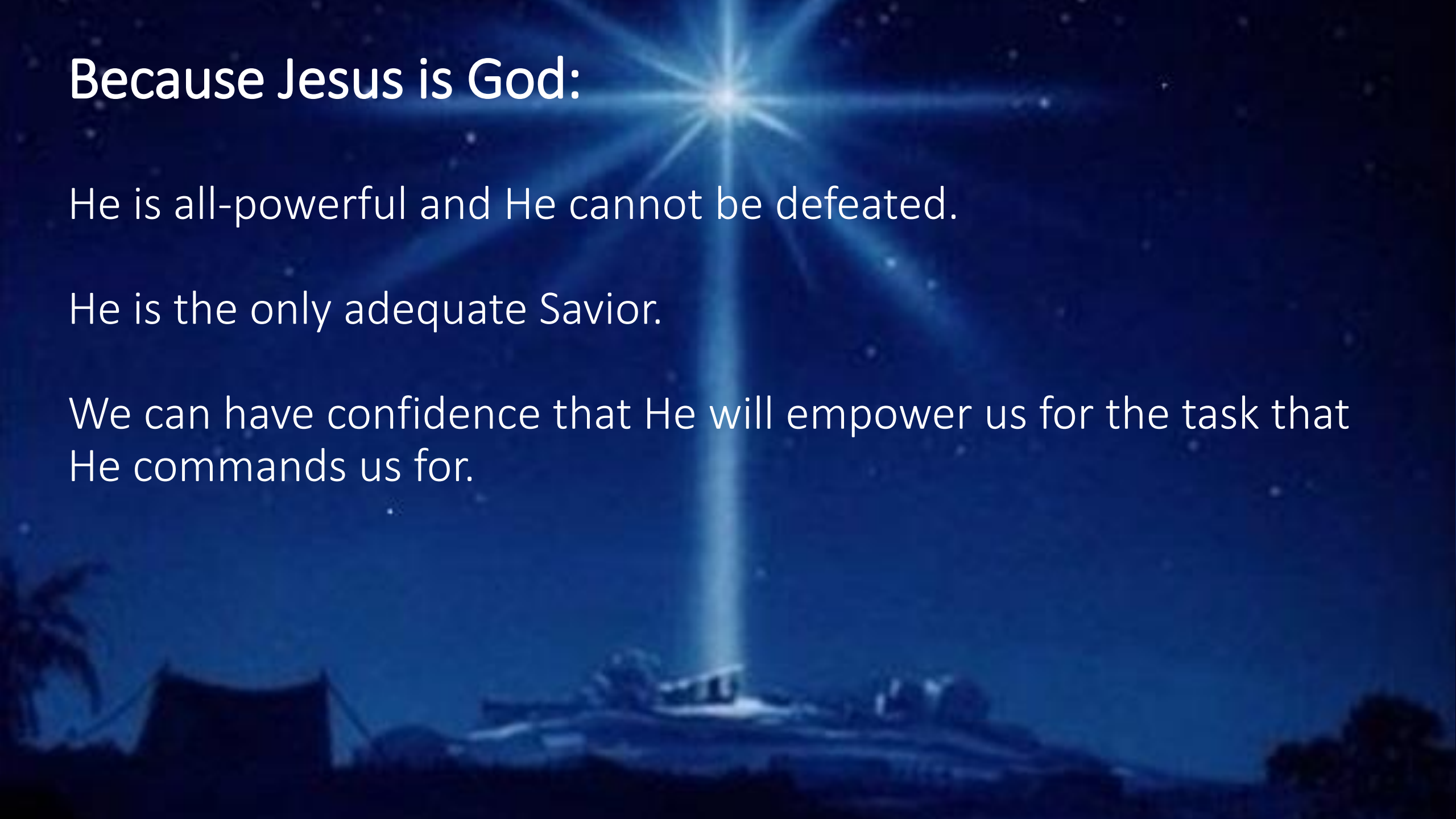
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All people will be accountable to Him when He returns to judge the world.

Gold: A gift for the King.



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Gold: A gift for the King.

Have you submitted your life to the Lordship of King Jesus?

Myrrh: Anointing for a sacrificial death.

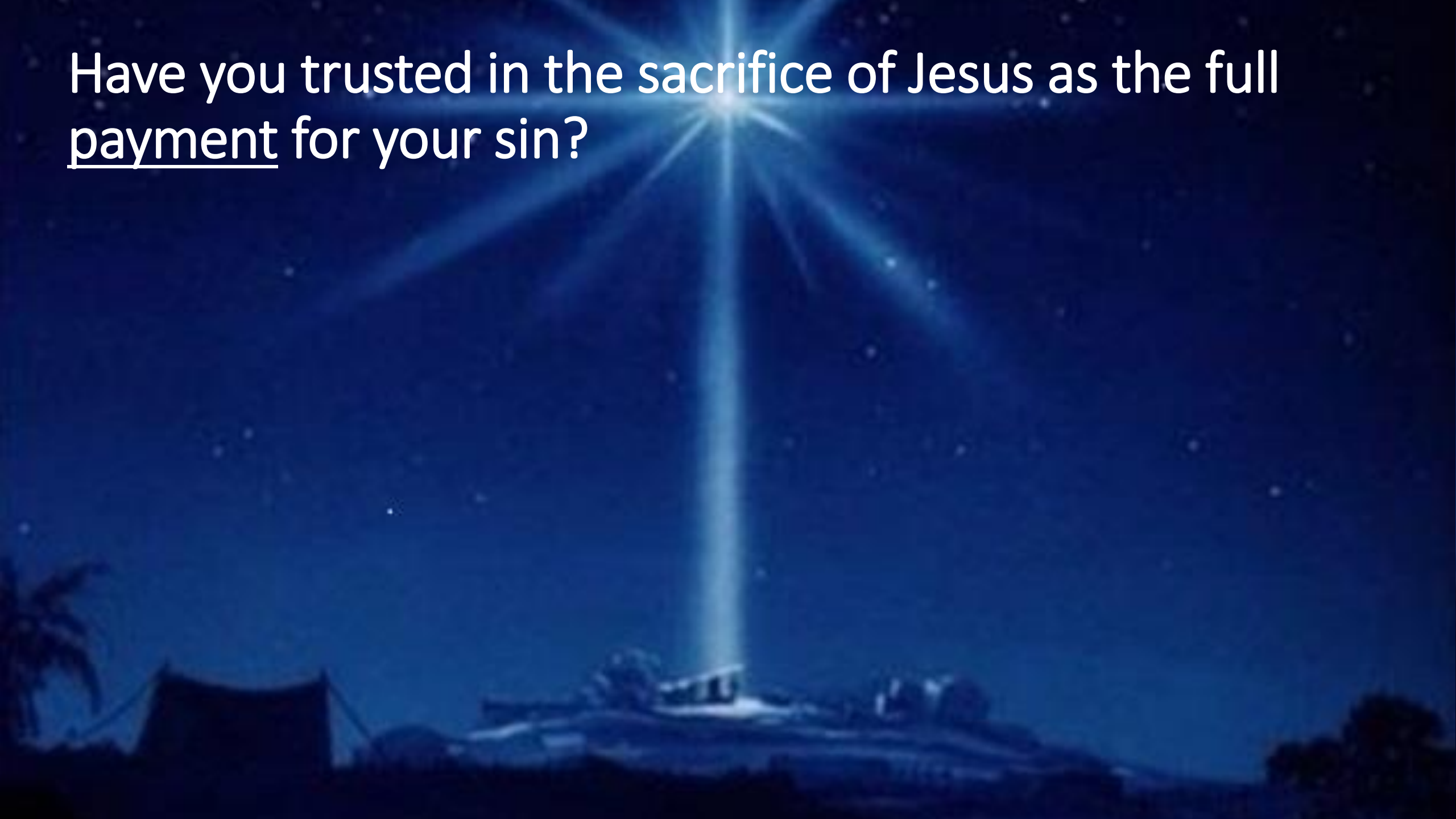








Have you trusted in the sacrifice of Jesus as the full payment for your sin?



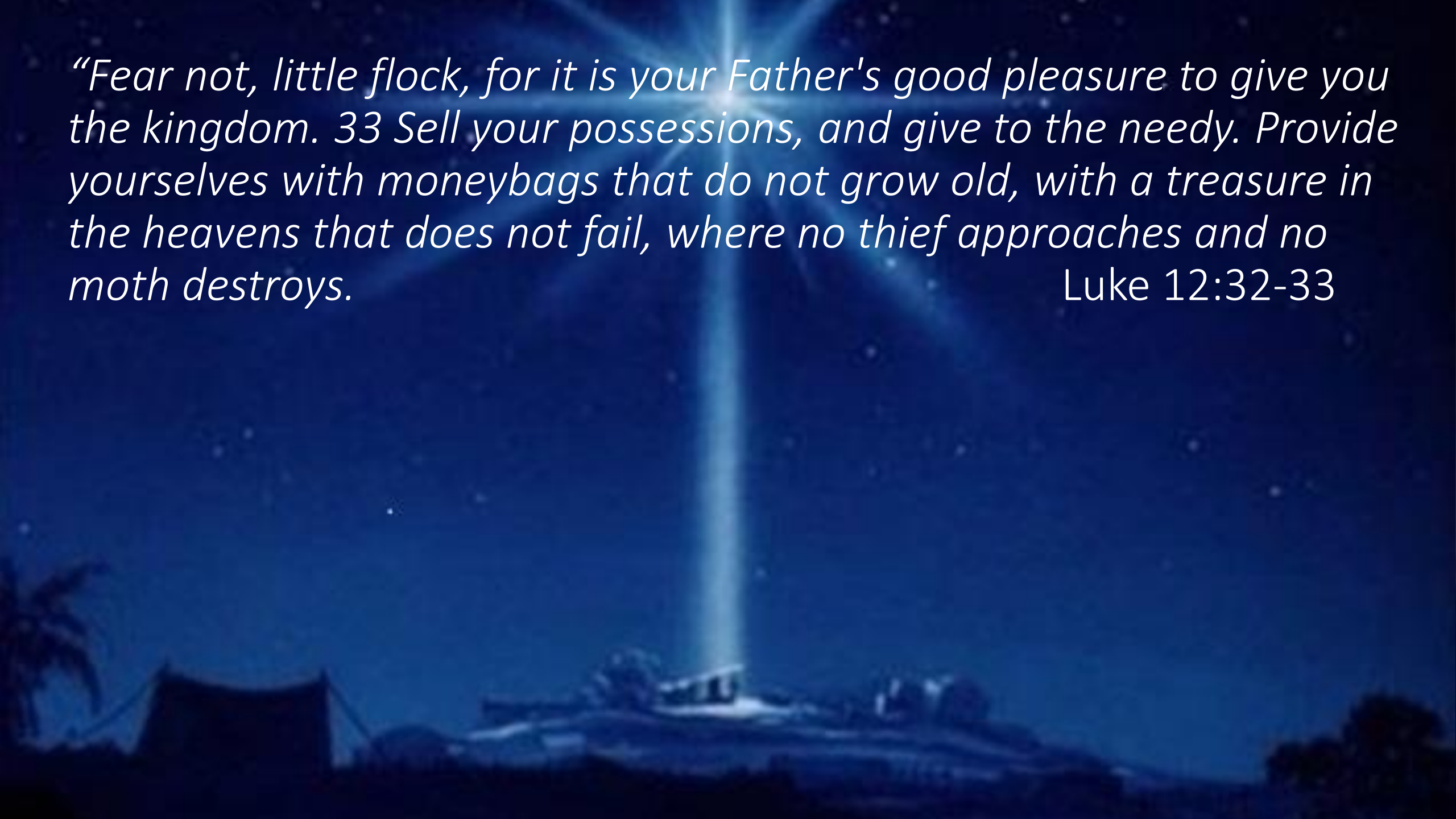
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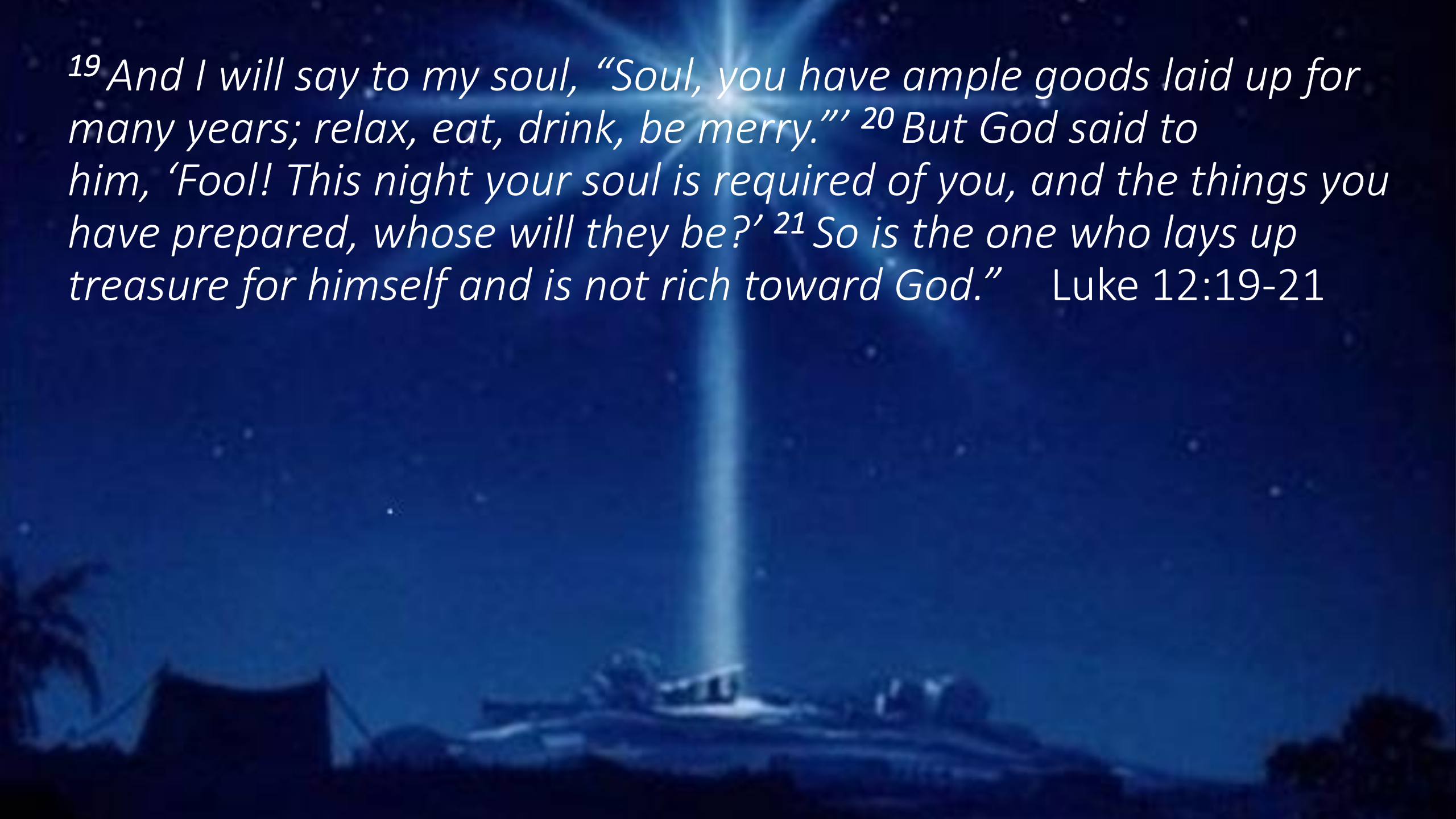
God commands fearless giving and condemns foolish hoarding.



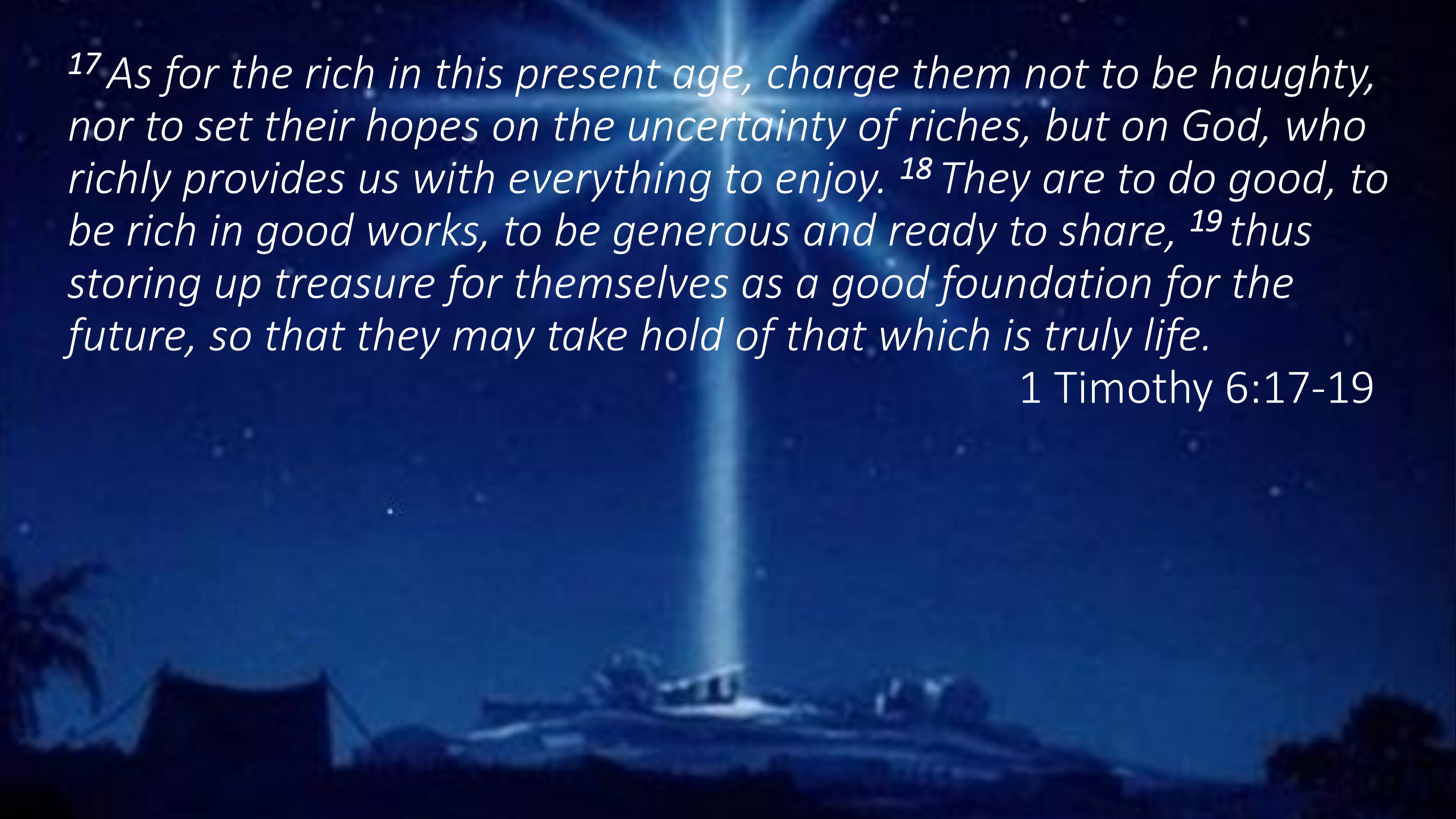
A night sky with a bright starburst in the center, casting a vertical beam of light down onto a landscape. In the foreground, there is a dark tent on the left and a small boat on the water in the center. The overall scene is dark blue and black, with the light from the starburst illuminating the scene.

*“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.*

Luke 12:32-33

A night scene with a bright light source in the sky illuminating a landscape with a tent and a boat.

*19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:19-21*

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*17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.*

1 Timothy 6:17-19



Give to meet the needs of the spiritually needy.



A night scene with a dark blue sky filled with stars. A bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, is positioned at the top center, casting a wide, glowing beam of light down towards a tent pitched on a hillside in the foreground. The tent is illuminated from below, and the surrounding landscape is in shadow.

Give to meet the needs of the spiritually needy.

Give to meet the needs of the physically needy.

At \_\_\_\_\_ Church, we exist to meet spiritual needs. If you need any other kind of assistance, please visit Helping Hands (320 Airport Rd. in Bentonville), or one of the government agencies that provides that assistance.

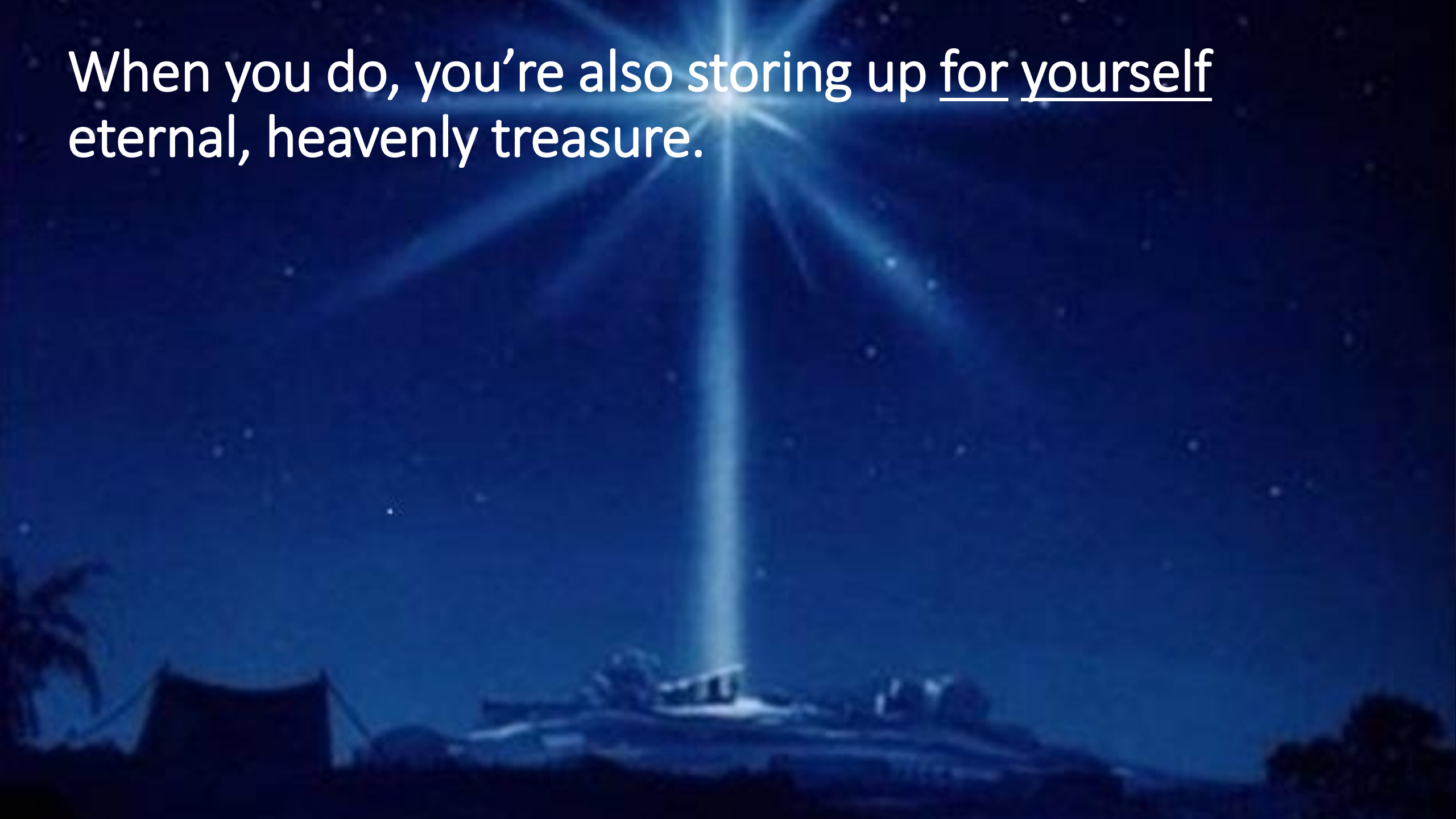
Thank You.

A night sky with a bright starburst in the upper center. A vertical beam of light shines down from the starburst towards a tent in the foreground. The background is dark blue with some faint stars and a silhouette of a palm tree on the left.

God's attitude toward the poor: Compassion

God's attitude toward the rich who don't have  
compassion for the poor: Condemnation

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Are you offering something of value and sacrifice to Jesus?



# The Messengers





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Are you taking the message of Christ to your “country”?