

Sungai Way-Subang Methodist Church

# Sermon



# THE THRESHING

*floor*

2 Samuel 24:24

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RECOGNISE  
BUILDING ON

THE PAST



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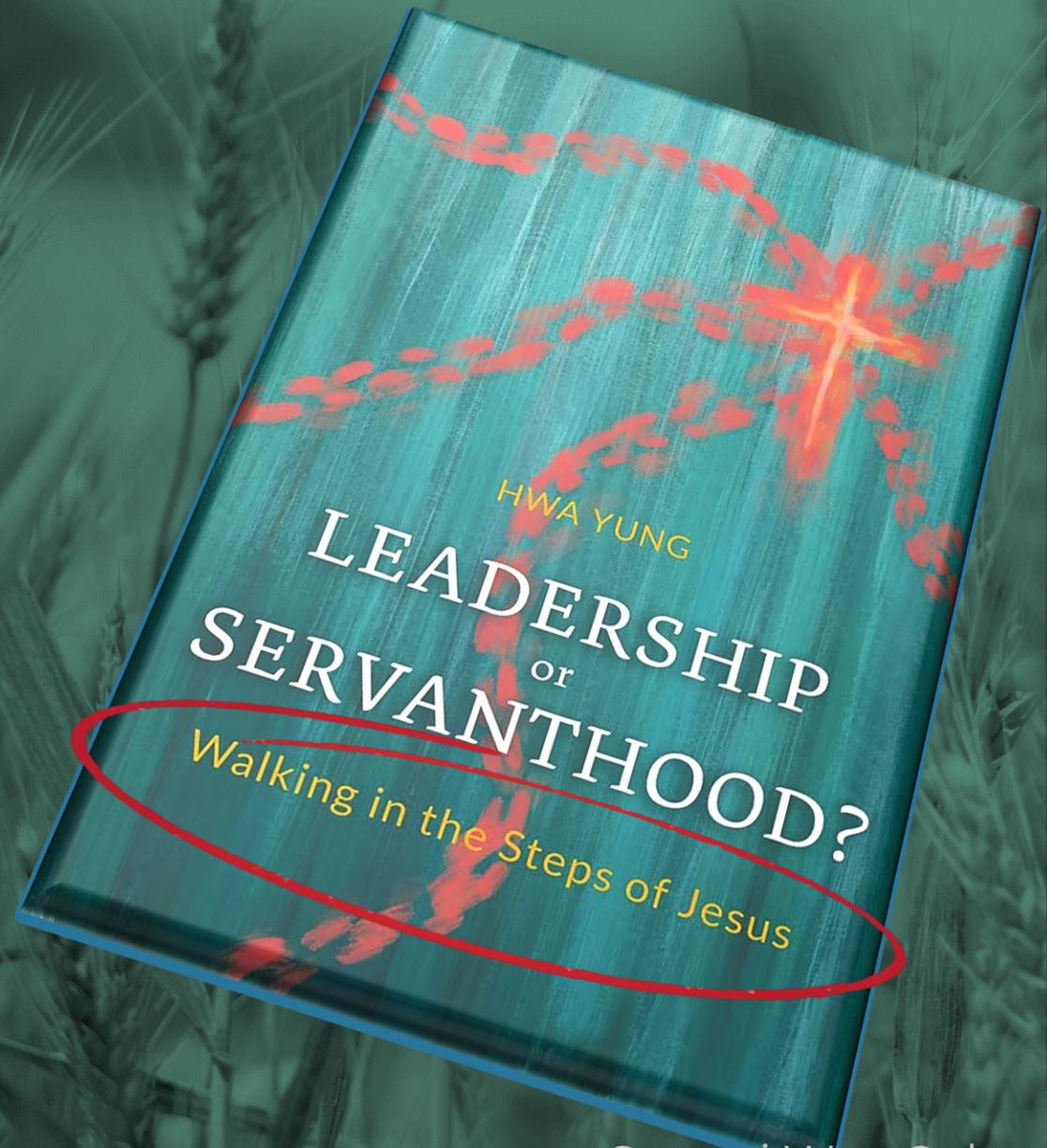
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GOD

PEOPLE





*“If we are to live in the security of GOD’S LOVE as **Jesus did**, the first thing we have to do is to face the truth about ourselves.”*

*Hwa Yung*

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- a shaped piece of rigid material used as a **pattern** for processes such as cutting out, shaping, or drilling.

- a **sample** document that has already some details in place



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JESUS  
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*How to love  
God ?*

*action  
verbs*



**SERVE ?  
SACRIFICE ?**

ANGEL

ABRAHAM

ISAAC



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## Genesis 22: 1-18

**On Mt Moriah, 4,000 years ago,** Abraham bound his son at the **altar**, the beloved heir God had promised Abraham and his wife, Sarah.

As Abraham was preparing to kill Isaac, God stopped him, acknowledged Abraham's abiding **faith & obedience** in Him

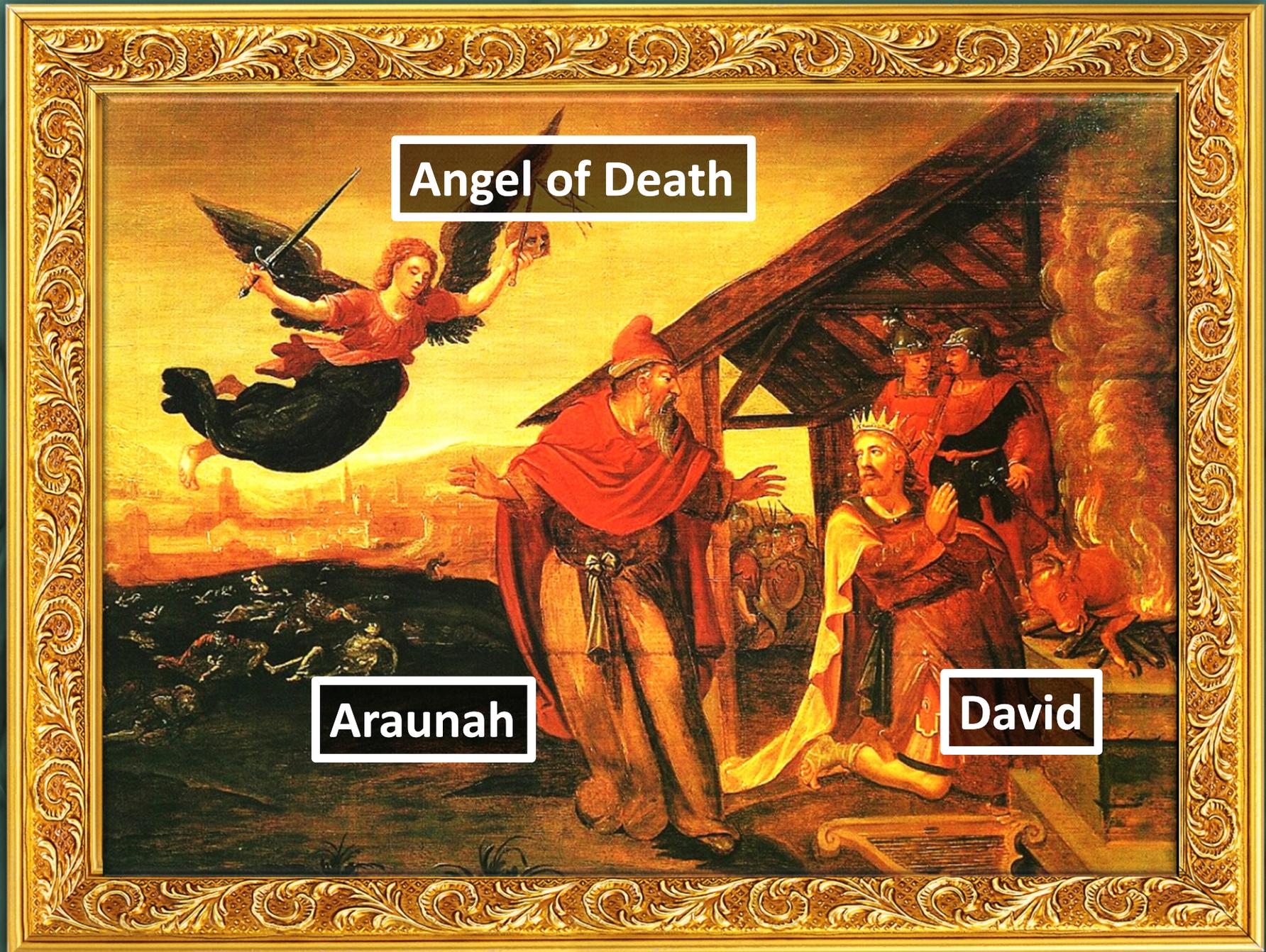
*...and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because **you have obeyed Me.**"*

*Gen 22:18*

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Angel of Death

Araunah

David

2 Samuel 24: 1-25

1 Chronicles 21: 30

**On Mt Moriah, 3,000 years ago,** King David built an **altar** to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

...I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt **offerings that cost me nothing.**

2 Sam 24:24



*2 Samuel 24: 1-25 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> Again the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, “Go and take a census of Israel and Judah.”

<sup>2</sup> So the king said to Joab and the army commanders with him, “Go throughout the tribes of Israel from Dan to Beersheba and enroll the fighting men, so that I may know how many there are.”

<sup>3</sup> But Joab replied to the king, “May the LORD your God multiply the troops a hundred times over, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king want to do such a thing?”

<sup>4</sup> The king’s word, however, overruled Joab and the army commanders; so they left the presence of the king to enroll the fighting men of Israel.

*2 Samuel 24: 1-25 (NIV)*

**<sup>8</sup> After they had gone through the entire land, they came back to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.**

**<sup>9</sup> Joab reported the number of the fighting men to the king: In Israel there were eight hundred thousand able-bodied men who could handle a sword, and in Judah five hundred thousand.**

**<sup>10</sup> David was conscience-stricken after he had counted the fighting men, and he said to the LORD, “I have sinned greatly in what I have done. Now, LORD, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have done a very foolish thing.”**

*2 Samuel 24: 1-25 (NIV)*

**<sup>11</sup> Before David got up the next morning, the word of the LORD had come to Gad the prophet, David's seer: <sup>12</sup> "Go and tell David, 'This is what the LORD says: I am giving you three options. Choose one of them for me to carry out against you.'"**

**<sup>13</sup> So Gad went to David and said to him, "Shall there come on you three years of famine in your land? Or three months of fleeing from your enemies while they pursue you? Or three days of plague in your land? Now then, think it over and decide how I should answer the one who sent me."**

**<sup>14</sup> David said to Gad, "I am in deep distress. Let us fall into the hands of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but do not let me fall into human hands."**

*2 Samuel 24: 1-25 (NIV)*

**<sup>15</sup> So the LORD sent a plague on Israel from that morning until the end of the time designated, and seventy thousand of the people from Dan to Beersheba died. <sup>16</sup> When the angel stretched out his hand to destroy Jerusalem, the LORD relented concerning the disaster and said to the angel who was afflicting the people, “Enough! Withdraw your hand.” The angel of the LORD was then at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.**

**<sup>17</sup> When David saw the angel who was striking down the people, he said to the LORD, “I have sinned; I, the shepherd, have done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? Let your hand fall on me and my family.”**

## *2 Samuel 24: 1-25*

**18** On that day Gad went to David and said to him, “Go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.” **19** So David went up, as the LORD had commanded through Gad. **20** When Araunah looked and saw the king and his officials coming toward him, he went out and bowed down before the king with his face to the ground.

**21** Araunah said, “Why has my lord the king come to his servant?” “To buy your threshing floor,” David answered, “so I can build an altar to the LORD, that the plague on the people may be stopped.”

**22** Araunah said to David, “Let my lord the king take whatever he wishes and offer it up. Here are oxen for the burnt offering, and here are threshing sledges and ox yokes for the wood.”

*2 Samuel 24: 1-25 (NIV)*

**23 Your Majesty, Araunah gives all this to the king.” Araunah also said to him, “May the LORD your God accept you.”**

**24 But the king replied to Araunah, “No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.”**

**So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them**

**25 David built an altar to the LORD there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the LORD answered his prayer in behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.**

2 Samuel 24: 1-25

1 Chronicles 21: 30

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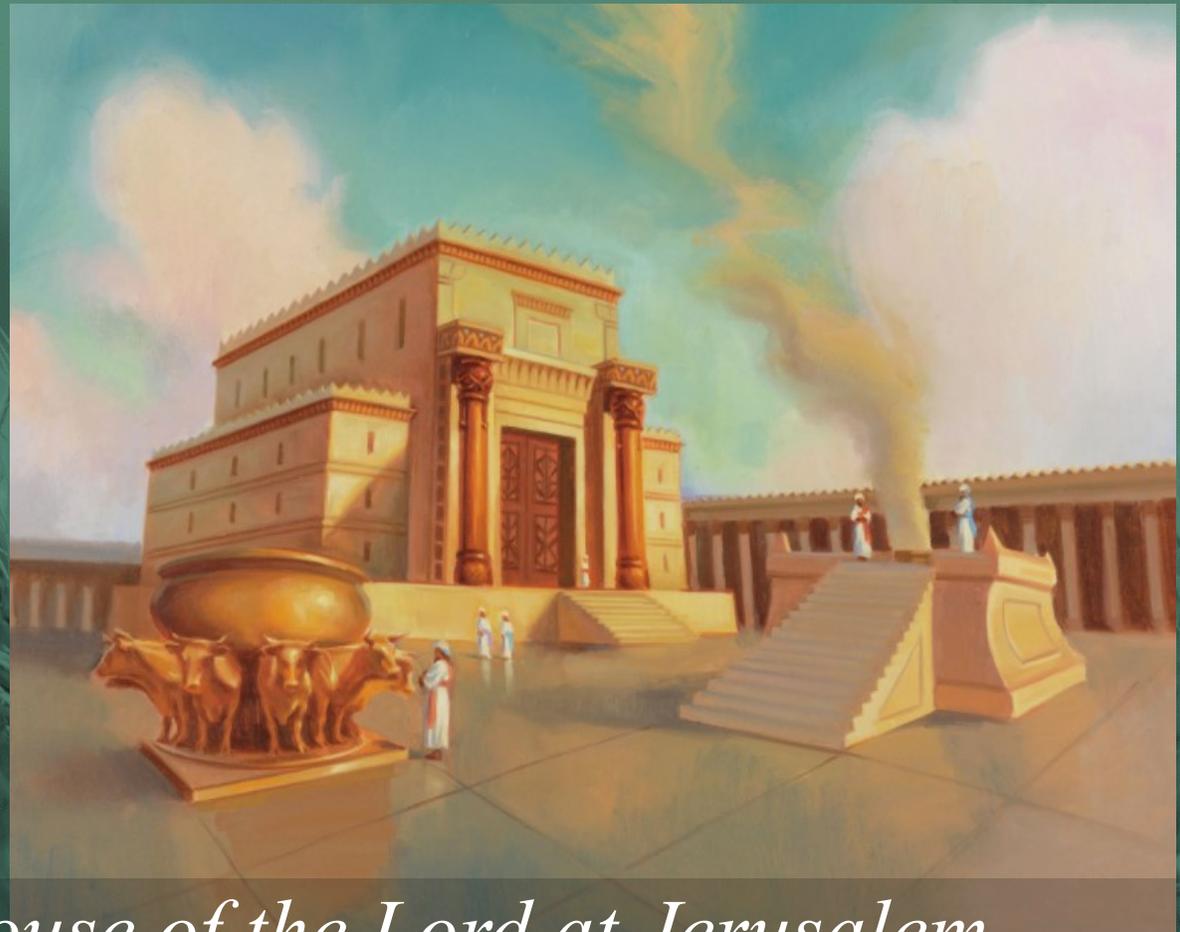


**On Mt Moriah, 5 years later,**  
King David asked his son  
Solomon to build the Temple.

Threshing  
Floor

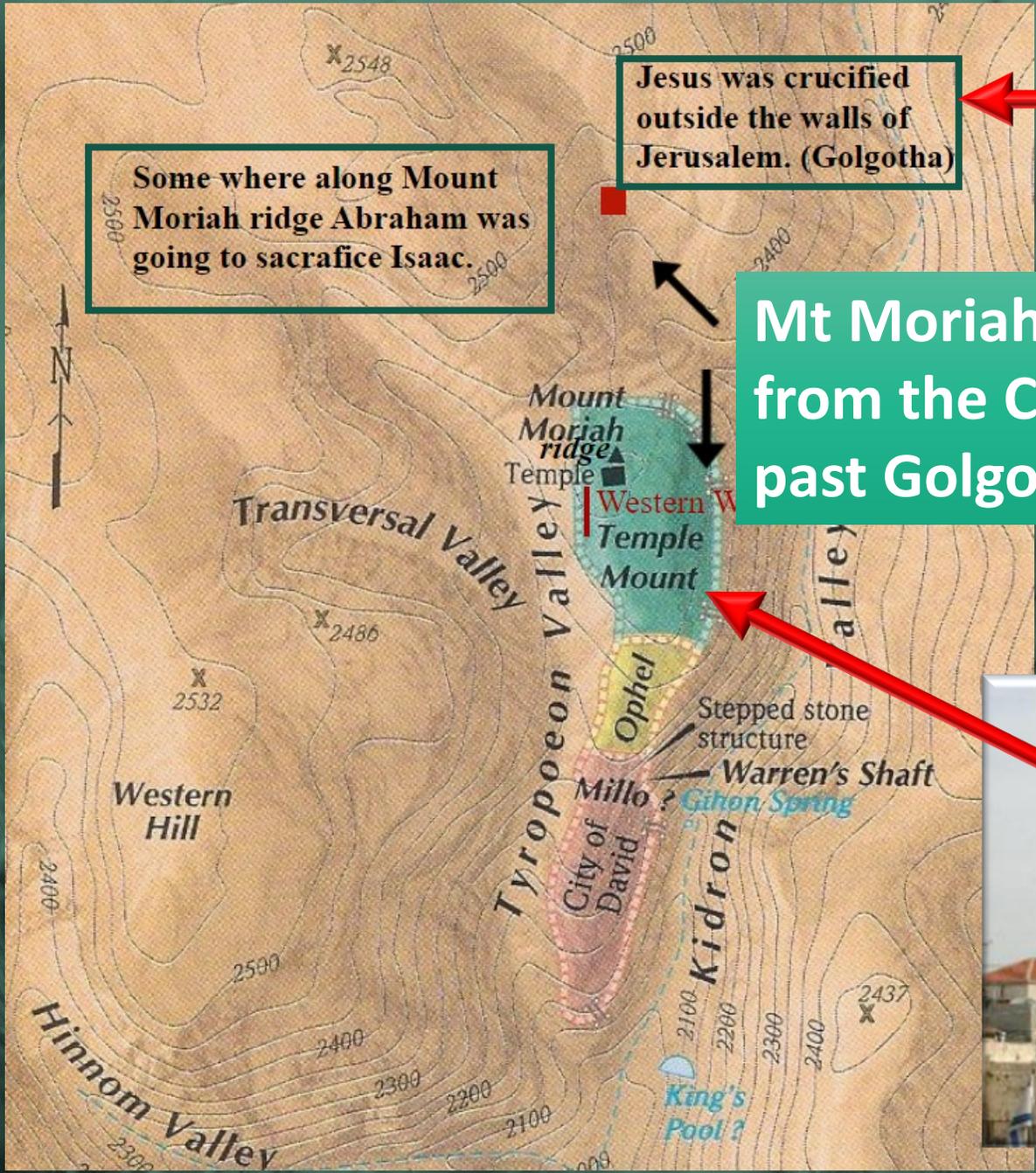


Solomon's  
Temple



*Now Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem  
on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to his father David,  
at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan  
(Araunah) the Jebusite*

2 Chronicles 3:1



Some where along Mount Moriah ridge Abraham was going to sacrifice Isaac.

Jesus was crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem. (Golgotha)

Mt Moriah ridge runs from the City of David past Golgotha



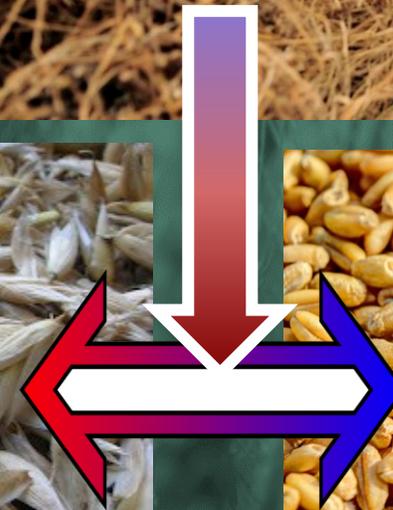
On the same range of Mt Moriah, 2000 years ago, on Golgotha the supreme sacrifice took place



# Threshing Floor

A place where the harvest was prepared by **separating** the grain from the **useless** straw for the purpose of exposing and collecting the most **valuable part** of the crop.

place of **separation**  
and **revelation**



...I will not **sacrifice** to the Lord my God  
burnt **offerings** that **cost me nothing**.

POSITION

PRESTIGE

ACCEPTANCE

POWER

PRIDE

CONVENIENCE

COMFORT

SECURITY

HEALTH

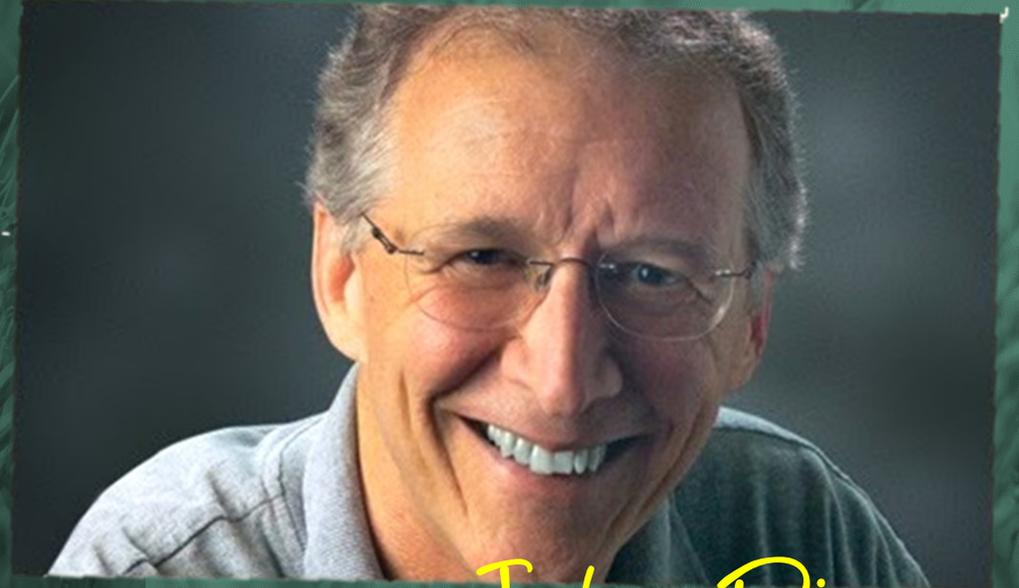
COMPLACENCY

WEALTH

RESPECTABILITY

# IDOLATRY

It is the thing loved or  
the person loved more  
than God,  
wanted more than God,  
desired more than God,  
treasured more than God,  
enjoyed more than God.

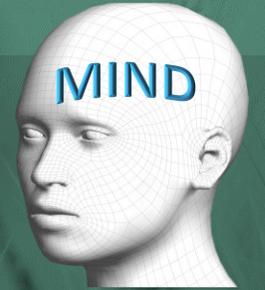


*John Piper*

# What happens at the ALTAR?

- A place of **encounter**
- A place of **forgiveness**
- A place of **worship**
- A place of **covenant**
- A place of **intercession**
- A place of **sacrifice**
- God has a place of “altaring” for us
- a place of “altering” for us

**INFORMATIONAL**



**TRANSFORMATIONAL**



**INCARNATIONAL**



# WHERE ARE THE ALTARS TODAY ?

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....Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord?

To **obey** is better than sacrifice....

1 Sam 15:22

*But we never can prove  
The delights of His love,  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the **favor** He shows,  
And the **joy** He bestows,  
Are for them who will  
**trust and obey***



TRUST & OBEY  
John Sammis 1887

1. **Love God, Love People, Make Disciples**  
*- repetitive, cyclical, overlapping*
2. **Follow the JESUS TEMPLATE** - *the perfect model*
3. **One way to LOVE GOD is to serve Him SACRIFICIALLY**
4. **ALTARS** involve Faith & Sacrifice, **amongst other things**
5. **Threshing Floor** - a place of Separation & Revelation
6. **Sacrifices should not be COST-FREE**
7. **Be prepared to be ALTERED at the Altar**
8. **The Mt Moriah altars have long gone.**  
**How's the altar of your heart?**
9. **Sacrifice is good, Obedience is BETTER**
10. **The JOY, FAVOUR and SECURITY of being in God's Love awaits us**