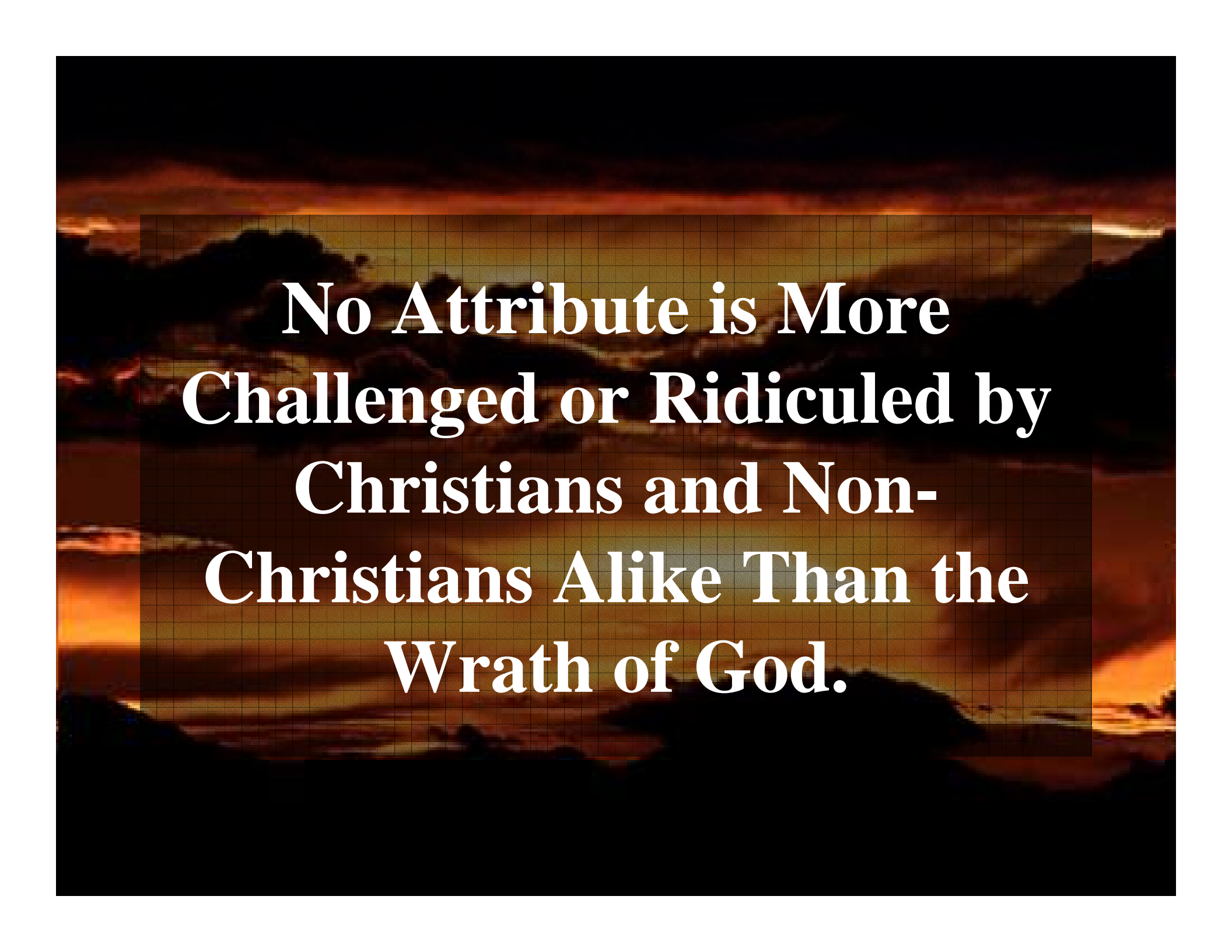
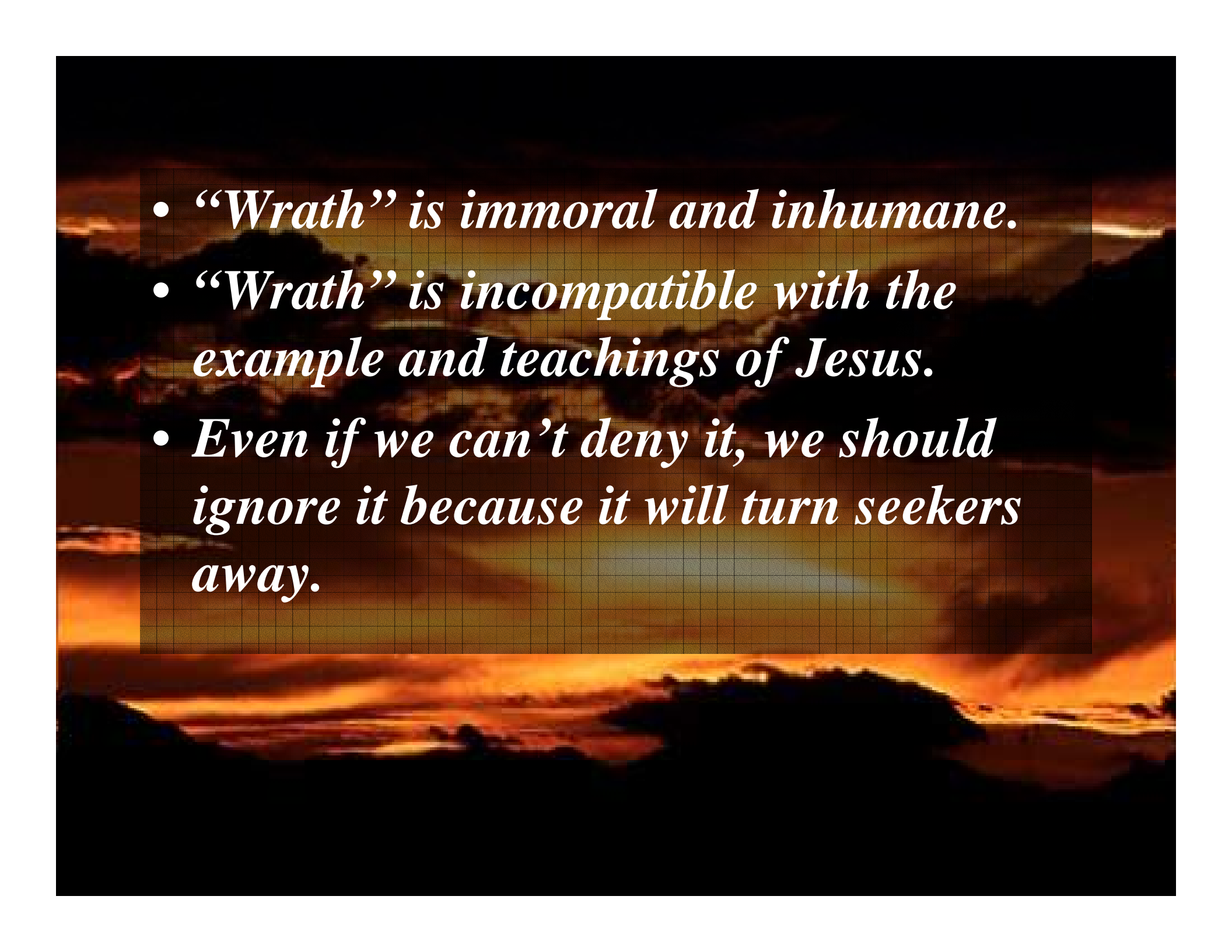


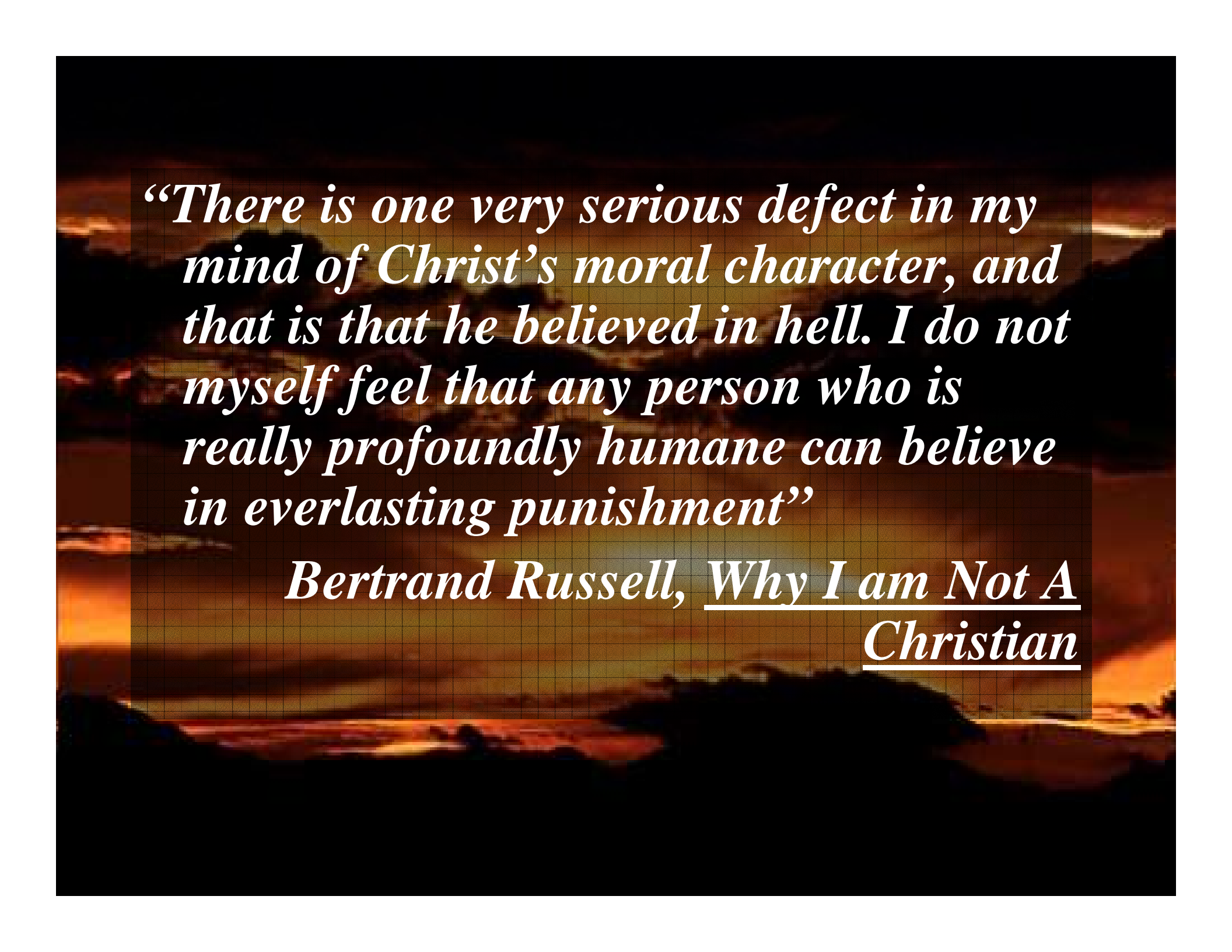


GOD'S WRATH
Do we have a grip?



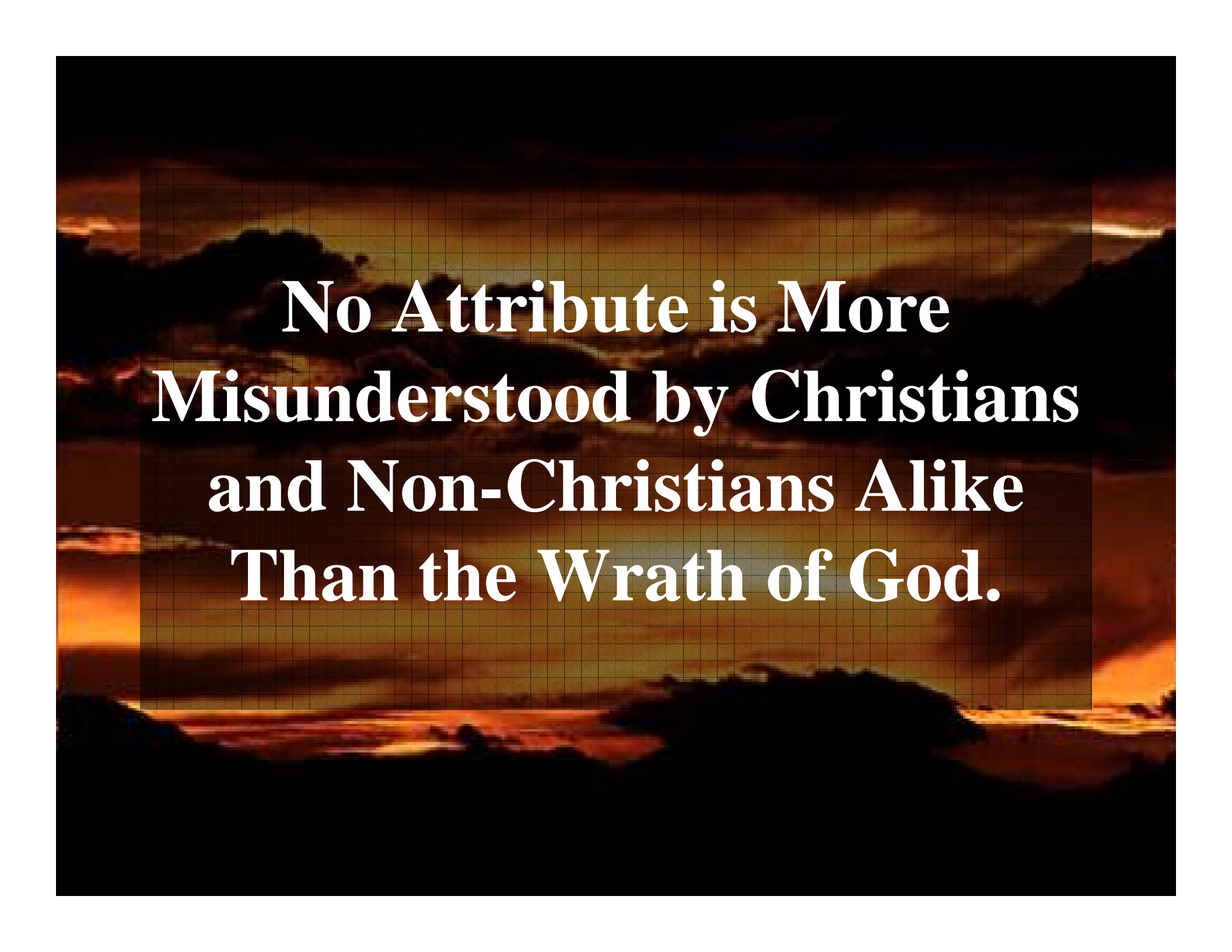
**No Attribute is More
Challenged or Ridiculed by
Christians and Non-
Christians Alike Than the
Wrath of God.**

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- *“Wrath” is immoral and inhumane.*
 - *“Wrath” is incompatible with the example and teachings of Jesus.*
 - *Even if we can’t deny it, we should ignore it because it will turn seekers away.*



“There is one very serious defect in my mind of Christ’s moral character, and that is that he believed in hell. I do not myself feel that any person who is really profoundly humane can believe in everlasting punishment”

*Bertrand Russell, Why I am Not A
Christian*

The background of the image is a dark, fiery landscape, possibly a volcanic eruption or a sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and the ground is illuminated by a bright, orange-red glow. A faint grid pattern is overlaid on the entire image. The text is centered and written in a bold, white, serif font.

**No Attribute is More
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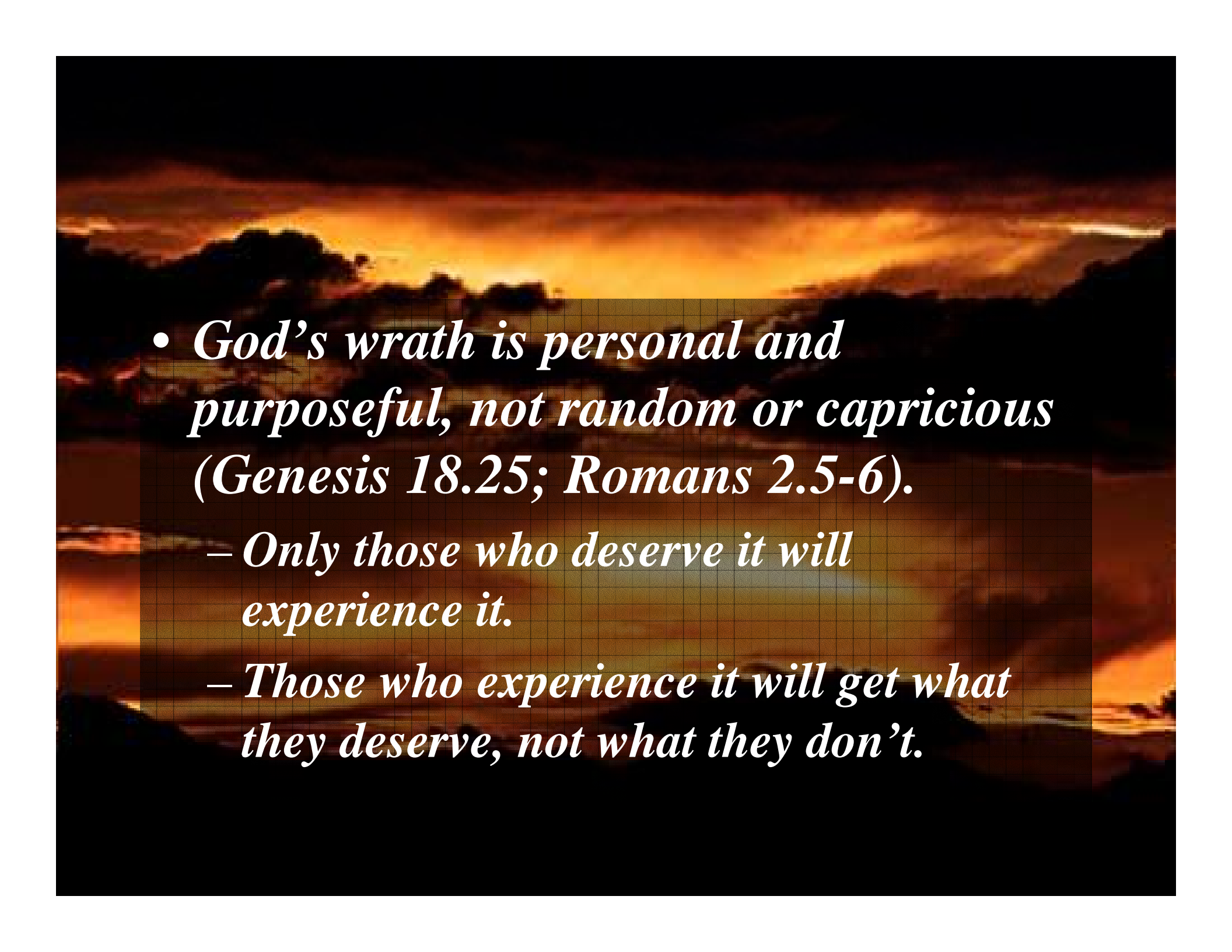
“Wrath is a ‘deep, intense, anger and indignation’. ‘Anger’ is defined as a ‘stirring of resentful displeasure and strong antagonism by a sense of injury and insult’; ‘Indignation’ is ‘righteous anger as a result of injustice...’.”


J.I. Packer, Knowing God

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- *God's wrath is the appropriate, merited expression of His holy justice against all evil & injustice (Romans 3:5-8).*

There is nothing in the universe that makes more sense than wrath. “The biblical doctrine of God's wrath is rooted in the doctrine of God as the good, wise and loving creator, who hates—yes, hates, and hates implacably—anything that spoils, defaces, distorts, or damages his beautiful creation, and in particular anything that does that to his image-bearing creatures. If God does not hate racial prejudice, he is neither good nor loving. If God is not wrathful at child abuse, he is neither good nor loving. If God is not utterly determined to root out from his creation, in an act of proper wrath and judgment, the arrogance that allows people to exploit, bomb, bully and enslave one another, he is neither loving, nor good, nor wise.”

N.T. Wright

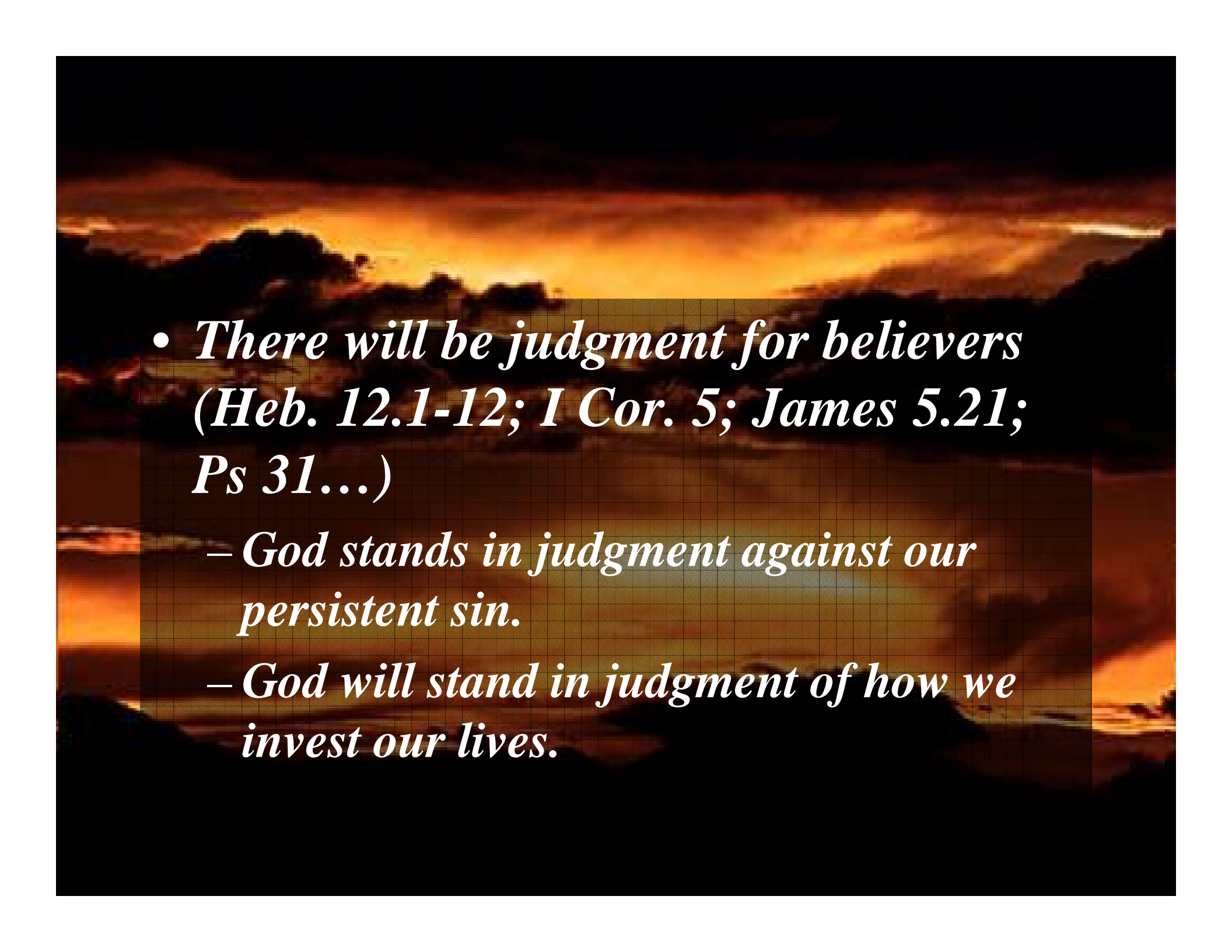
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- *God's wrath is personal and purposeful, not random or capricious (Genesis 18.25; Romans 2.5-6).*
 - *Only those who deserve it will experience it.*
 - *Those who experience it will get what they deserve, not what they don't.*

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- A dramatic sunset or sunrise over a dark, silhouetted landscape. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright orange and yellow glow from the sun breaking through near the horizon. The foreground shows dark, silhouetted hills or mountains. A faint grid pattern is overlaid on the entire image.
- *God's wrath reveals the depth of His love for His people and how much that love cost Him.*

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**The Certainty of God's
Judgment Ought to Rock
our Worlds!**

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- A dramatic, fiery sunset or sunrise over a dark, silhouetted landscape. The sky is filled with intense orange and yellow light, with dark clouds and a grid overlay. The foreground shows dark, silhouetted hills or mountains.
- *There will be judgment of non-believers (2 Thess. 1.7-9; Rev. 21.4-5).*

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- *There will be judgment for believers
(Heb. 12.1-12; I Cor. 5; James 5.21;
Ps 31...)*
 - *God stands in judgment against our
persistent sin.*
 - *God will stand in judgment of how we
invest our lives.*