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JAMES – PART TWO

Lesson 55

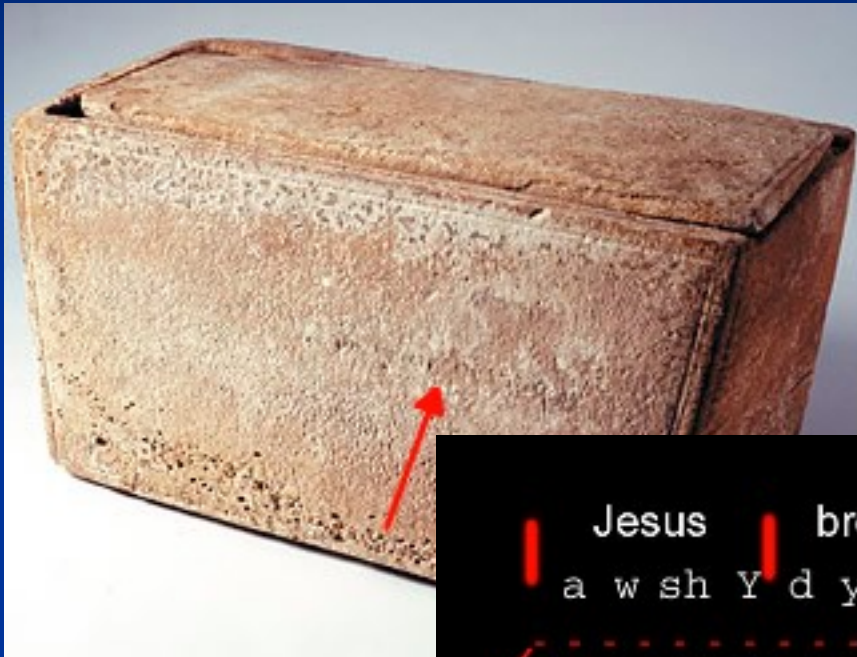
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James, the Brother of Jesus?!



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Jesus brother of Joseph son of James

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Imaginary scribe lines

Letters are curved

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“To the twelve tribes
scattered among the
nations.”

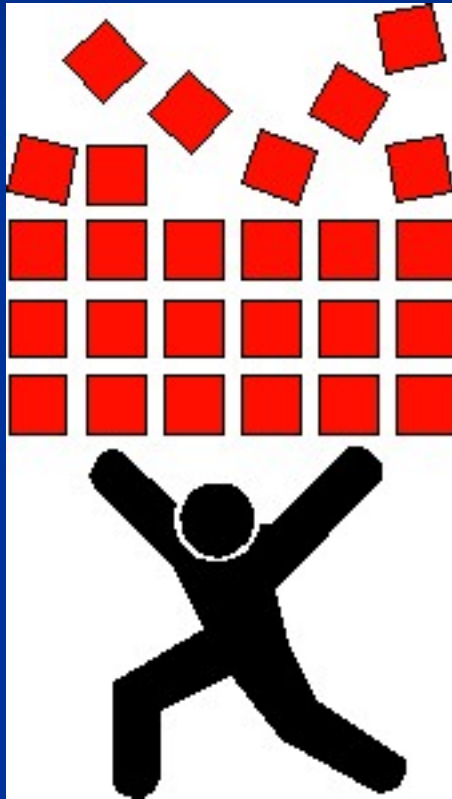
“twelve tribes” = Jews

“scattered among the
nations” = Dispersed From
Jerusalem

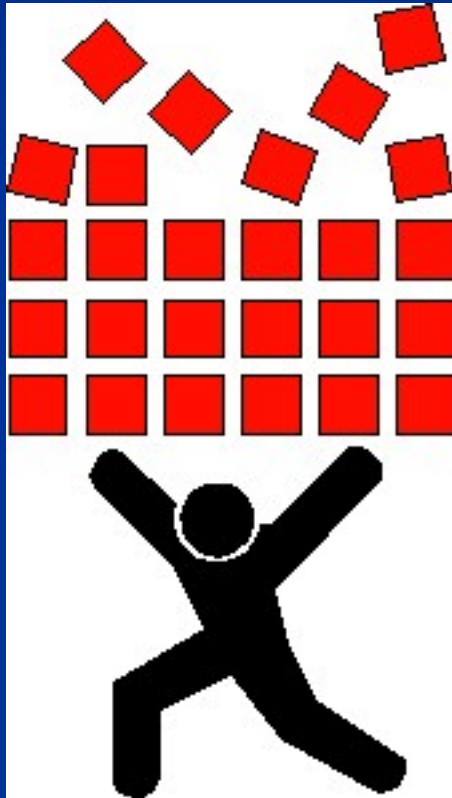
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Key Passages

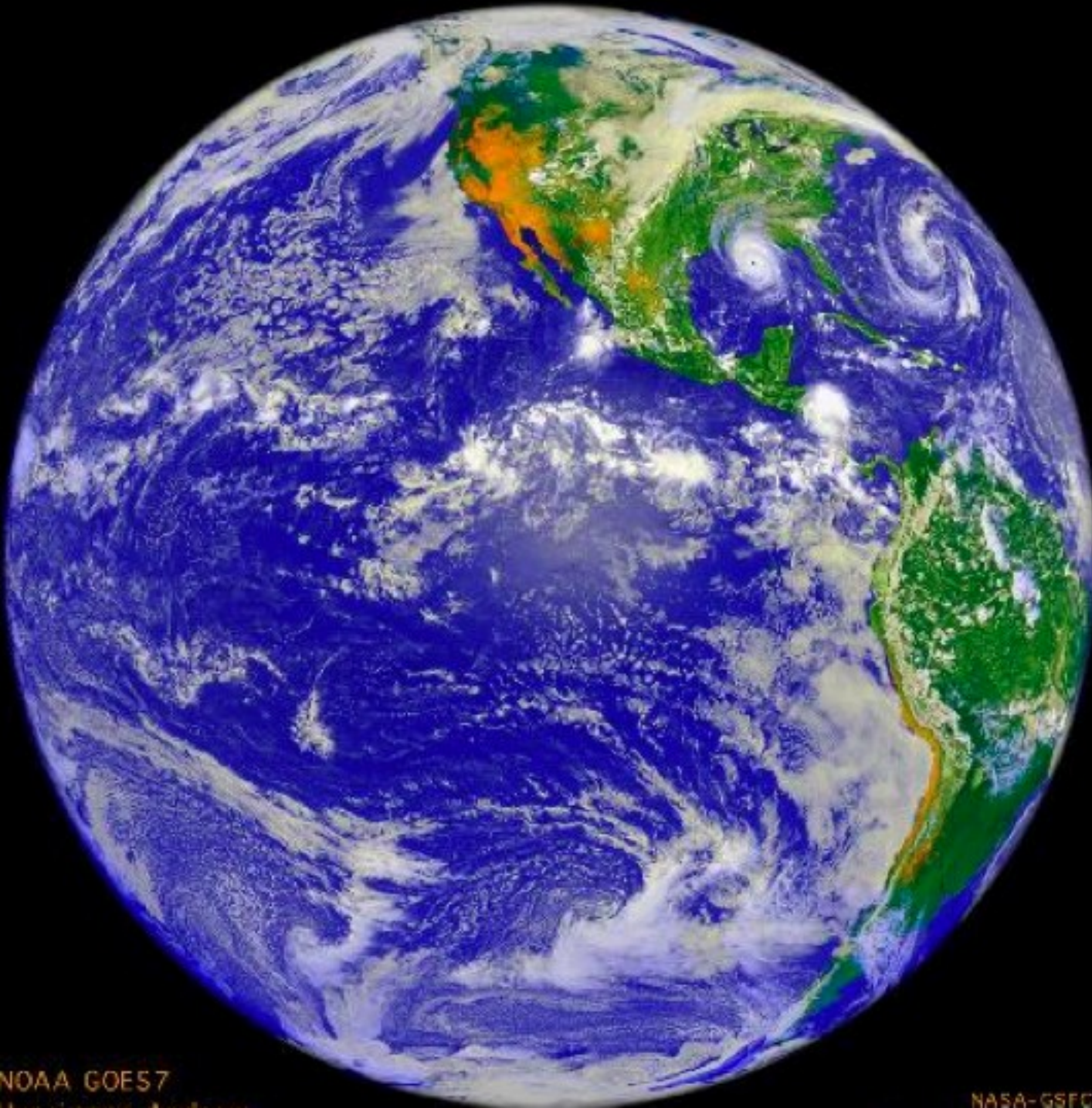
Joy in the Face of Trials



Joy in the Face of Trials

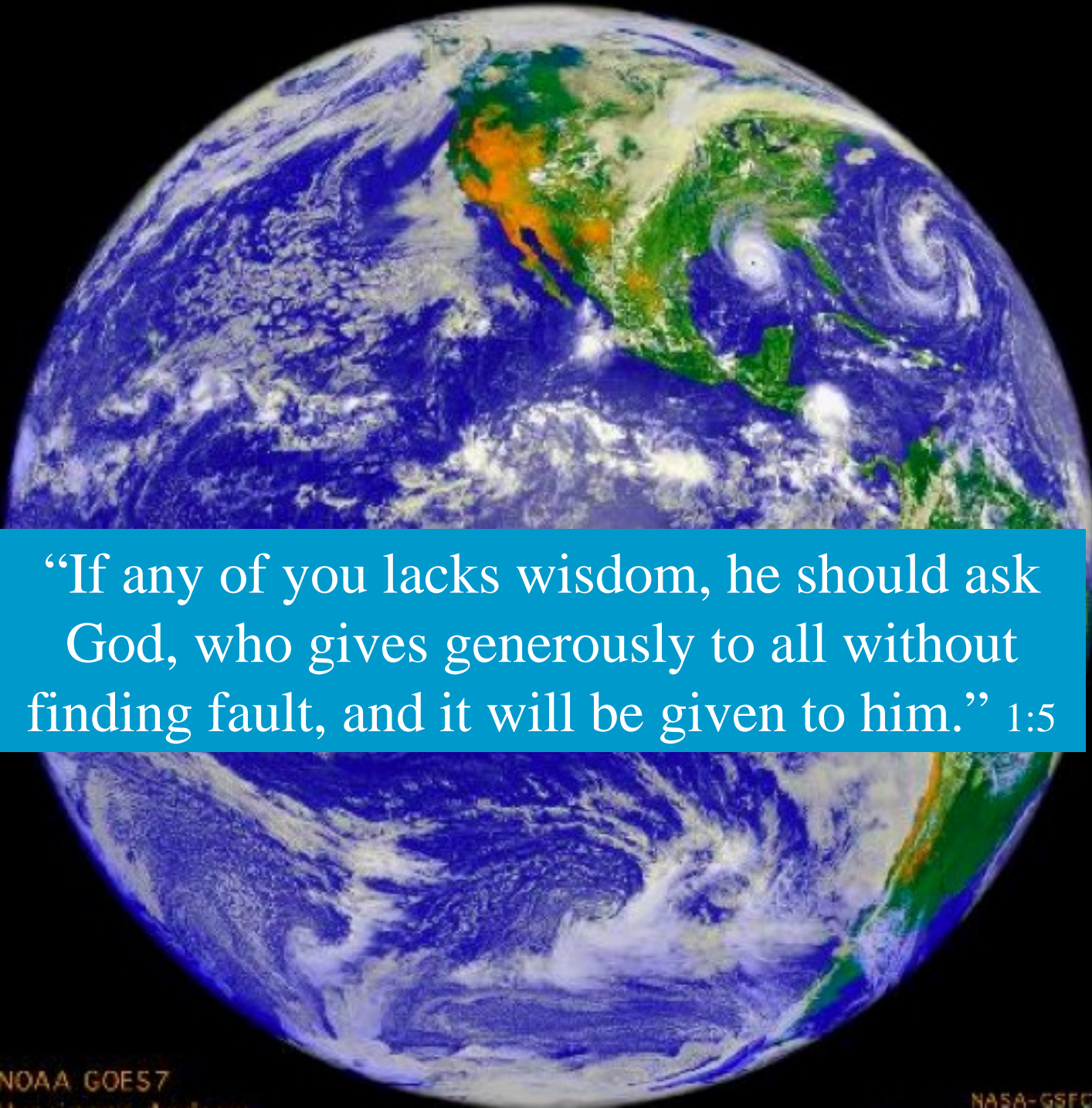


“Consider it pure joy ...
whenever you face trials of
many kinds --
because ... the testing of
your faith develops
perseverance. Perseverance
must finish its work so that
you may be mature, and
complete.” 1:2-4



Seeing
God's
Perspec-
tive

A/k/a
Wisdom



Seeing God's Perspec- tive

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” 1:5

**A/k/a
Wisdom**

Presents?



“Every good and perfect gift is from above” 1:17

So we pause and give thanks!

Everyone Should Be...

“Quick to Listen”



Everyone Should Be...



“Quick to Listen”



“Slow to Speak”

Everyone Should Be...



“Quick to Listen”



“Slow to Speak”



“And Slow to Become Angry”

1:19

And When We Speak...



“If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight reign on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.” 1:26

How is Your Religion?



“Consider this the hint of
the century...”

REM, *Losing my Religion*

How is Your Religion?



“Consider this the hint of
the century...”

REM, *Losing my Religion*

“Religion that God our
Father accepts as pure and
faultless is this: to look
after orphans and widows
in their distress.” 1:27

Echoes From the Sermon on the Mount

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matt. 5:3



“Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world ... to inherit the kingdom?” James 2:5

“Do not judge, or you will be judged.” Mt. 7:1

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

Mt. 5:7



“Judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!”

“Do not swear at all... Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’
and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ Mt. 5:34-37



“”Do not swear... Let your ‘Yes’ be yes and your ‘No,’
No” 5:12

More on the Tongue









“Likewise the tongue is a small part of
the body ...” 3:5



Humility

“God opposes the proud but
gives grace to the humble.”

4:6; Proverbs 3:34

“Confess your sins to each
other and pray for each
other.” 5:16



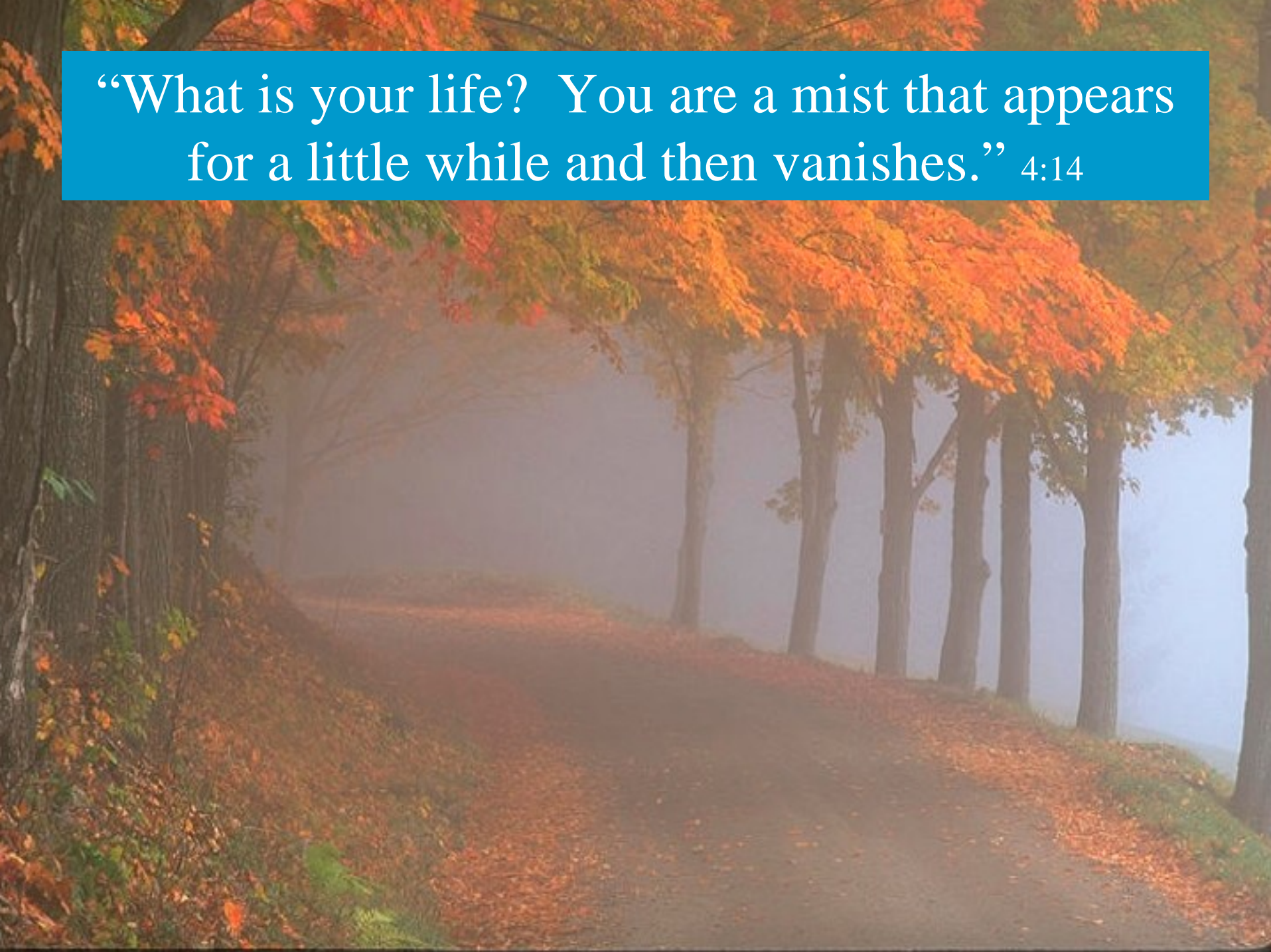
Humility

About Later ...

“Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will...’ You do not even know what will happen tomorrow... Instead you ought to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we will....’” 4:13-15



“What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” 4:14



A Word on Prayer



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“Is anyone of you in trouble? He should pray!”

5:13

“Is anyone of you sick?
He should call the elders
to pray!” 5:14

“The prayer of a righteous
man is effective 5:16

Coming Attractions...