A scenic view of a cave opening. The cave's interior is dark and textured with rock and some hanging vegetation. A large, irregular opening in the cave wall reveals a bright, sunlit outdoor scene. On the left side of the opening, a waterfall cascades down into a pool of water. The pool is surrounded by lush greenery and trees, some with autumn-colored leaves. The sky outside is a clear, bright blue. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

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PROVERBS 10:22 (NEW KING JAMES VERSION)



Growing in Faith

**Money in the
Kingdom of God**

**Honoring God
With Our Money**



Remember

**Honoring God
With Our Money**

Everything Belongs to the Lord
Psalm 24:1

The earth *is* the LORD's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.



He has made us Stewards of the Blessings of God



Resources Used to Meet our Needs

Resources Used for the Kingdom of God



Dangers of Money

Keep Wanting More

*Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;
life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.*

Luke 12:14

Dangers of Money

Parable of Rich Fool



*The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.
And he thought within himself, saying,
'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?'*
Luke 12:16-17

Dangers of Money

Parable of Rich Fool



So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.'

Luke 12:18

Dangers of Money

Parable of Rich Fool

*And I will say to my soul,
“Soul, you have many goods
laid up for many years;
take your ease;
eat, drink, and be merry.”*

Luke 12:19





Dangers of Money

Parable of Rich Fool

*But God said to him,
'Fool! This night your soul
will be required of you;
then whose will those things be
which you have provided?*

Luke 12:19



Dangers of Money

Parable of Rich Fool

So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Luke 12:20



Dangers of Money

Hard for Rich to enter
The Kingdom of God

How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Luke 18:24-25



Dangers of Money

Choke out the Word of God

Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow..."

Luke 13:7

Dangers of Money





Dangers of Money

Choke out the Word of God

And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.

Luke 13:7



Dangers of Money

Choke out the Word of God

*Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and **the deceitfulness of riches choke the word,** and he becomes unfruitful.*

Matthew 13:22

Dangers of Money

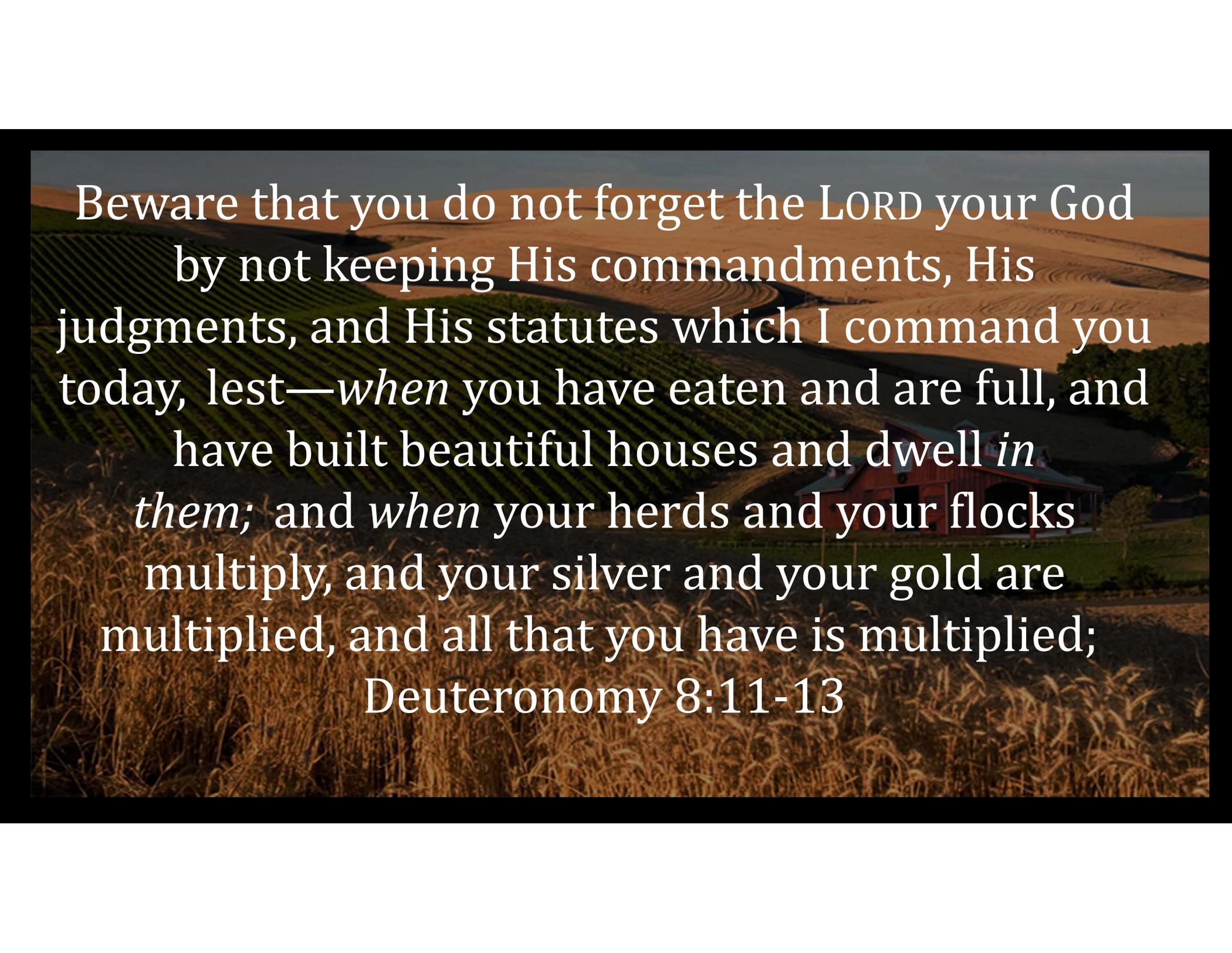


- Lure you want more
- Keep you from the Kingdom of God
- Choke out the Word of God

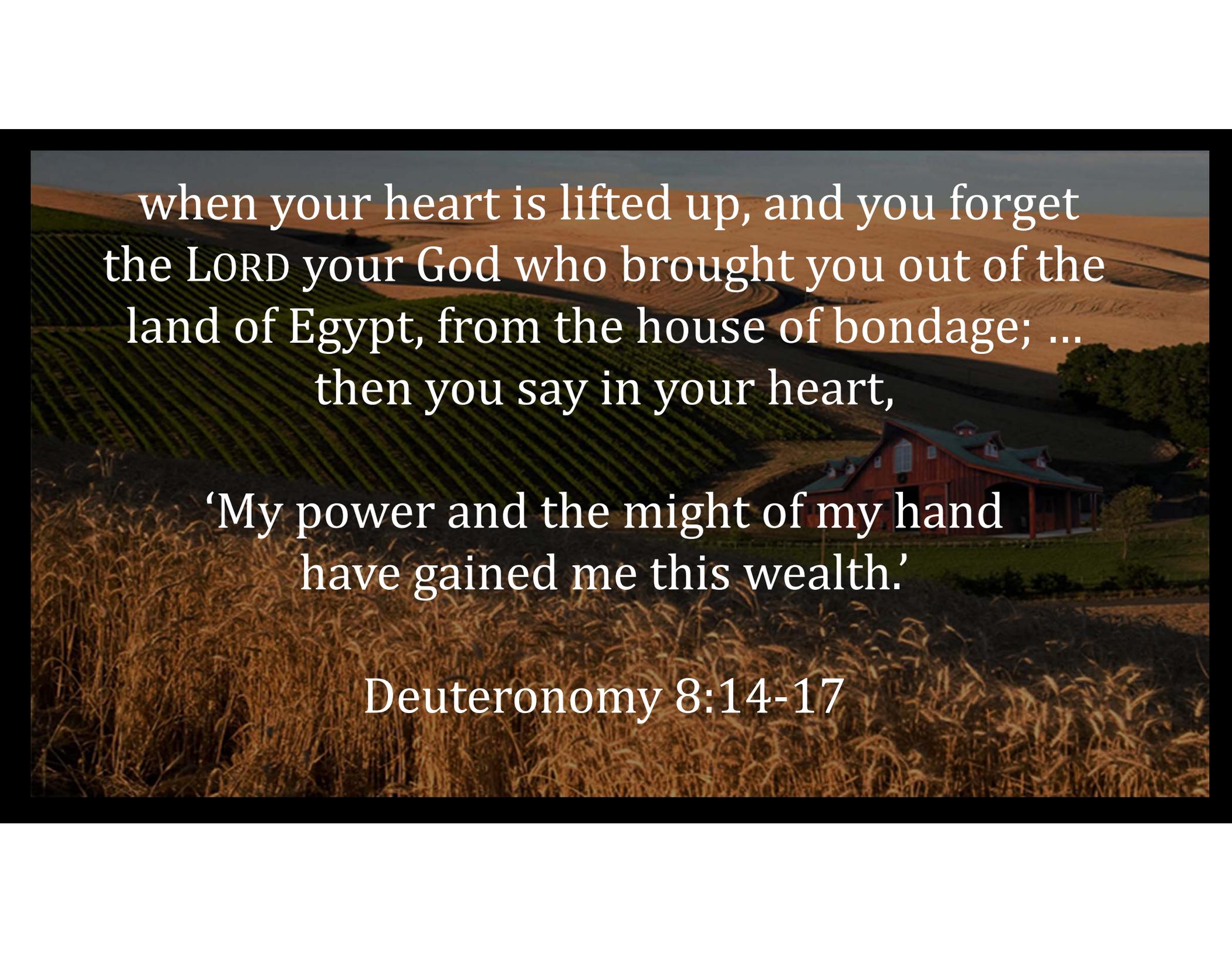


**How are we
protected from
those dangers?**

**Honoring God
With Our Money**

A scenic landscape featuring rolling hills under a clear sky. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, golden-brown grass. In the middle ground, a red barn with a blue roof is visible, surrounded by green fields. A winding river or stream flows through the landscape. The overall scene is peaceful and rural.

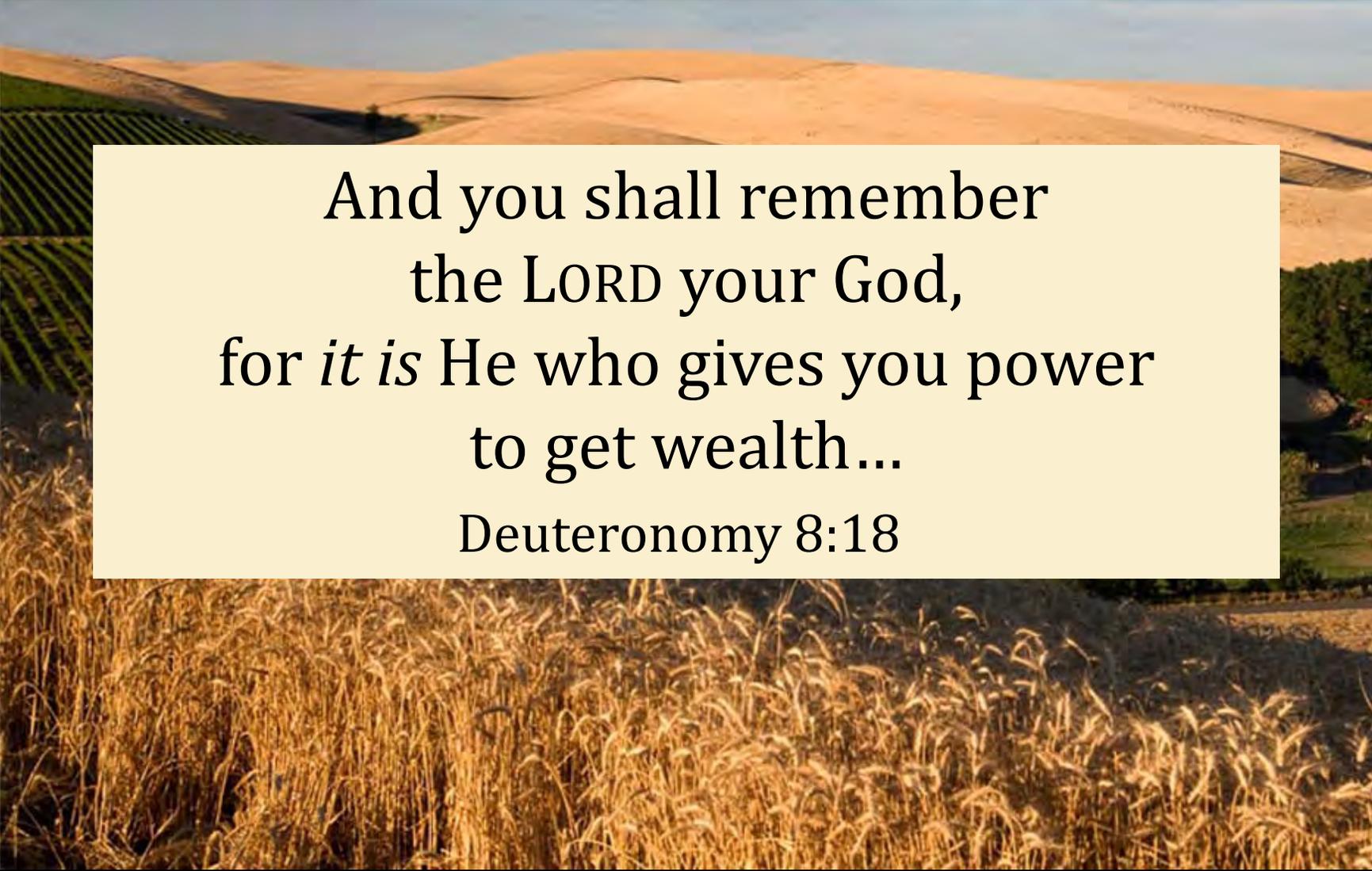
Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God
by not keeping His commandments, His
judgments, and His statutes which I command you
today, lest—*when* you have eaten and are full, and
have built beautiful houses and dwell *in*
them; and *when* your herds and your flocks
multiply, and your silver and your gold are
multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied;
Deuteronomy 8:11-13

A scenic landscape featuring rolling hills with green and brown patches, a large red barn with a green roof, and a field of golden wheat in the foreground. The sky is clear and blue.

when your heart is lifted up, and you forget
the LORD your God who brought you out of the
land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ...
then you say in your heart,

‘My power and the might of my hand
have gained me this wealth.’

Deuteronomy 8:14-17

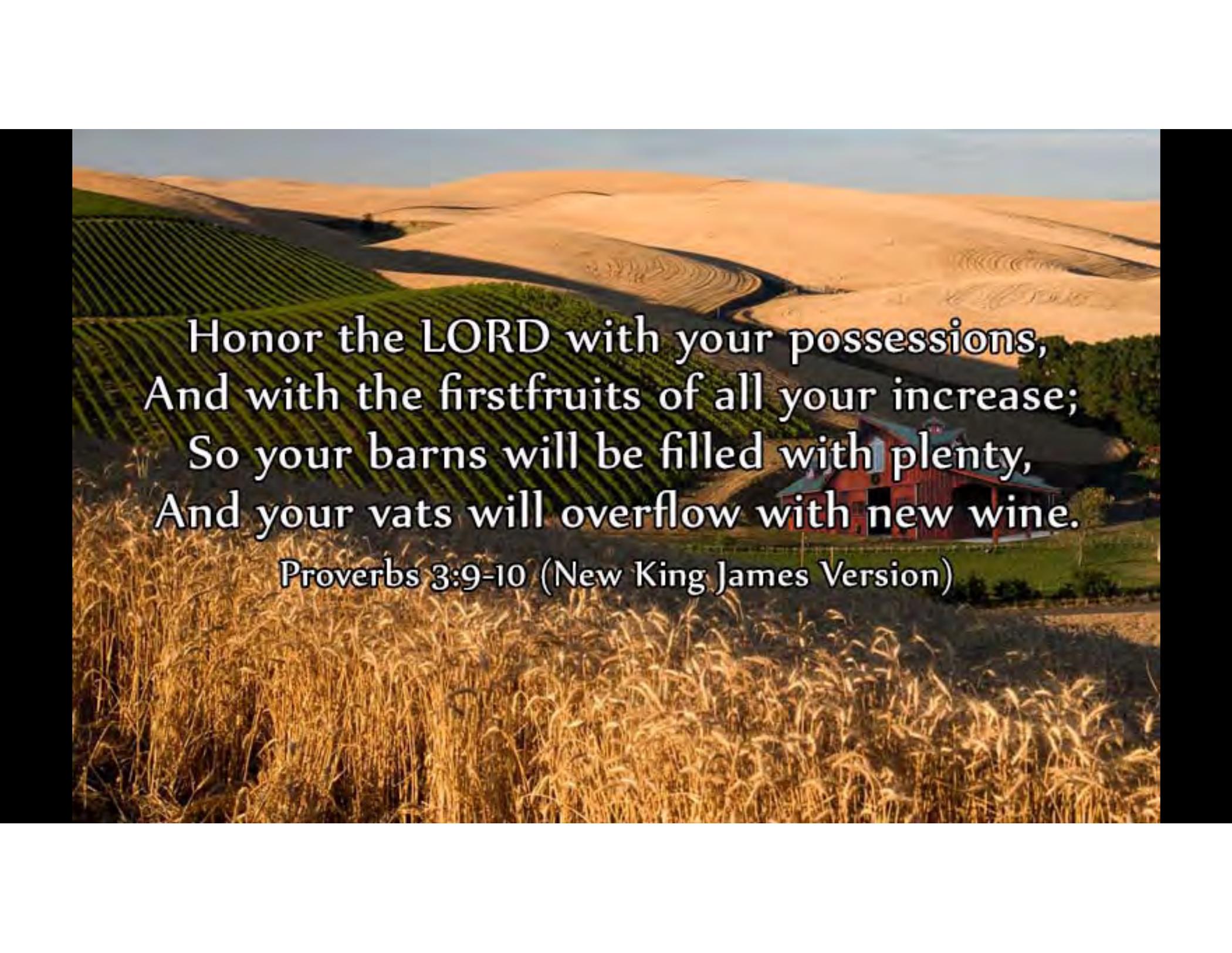


And you shall remember
the LORD your God,
for *it is* He who gives you power
to get wealth...

Deuteronomy 8:18

A scenic landscape featuring rolling hills. In the foreground, there is a field of golden wheat. In the middle ground, a large red barn with a green roof is visible. The background shows rolling hills, some of which are covered in green crops, and others are sandy dunes under a clear sky.

How Do You Do That?



Honor the LORD with your possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all your increase;
So your barns will be filled with plenty,
And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10 (New King James Version)



Honoring the Lord
with your possessions

Second Illustration
Genesis 28

Genesis 28 – Jacob's Dream & God's Promise



Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

Genesis 28:12

Genesis 28 – Jacob's Dream & God's Promise



I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Genesis 28:13-14

Genesis 28 – Jacob's Dream & God's Promise



Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.

Genesis 28:15

Genesis 28 – Jacob's Dream & God's Promise



Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel...

Genesis 28:18-19

Genesis 28 – Jacob's Dream & God's Promise



*Then Jacob made a vow, saying,
“If God will be with me, and keep me
in this way that I am going, and give
me bread to eat and clothing to put
on, so that I come back to my
father’s house in peace, then the
Lord shall be my God.*

Genesis 29:20-21

Genesis 28 – Jacob's Dream & God's Promise



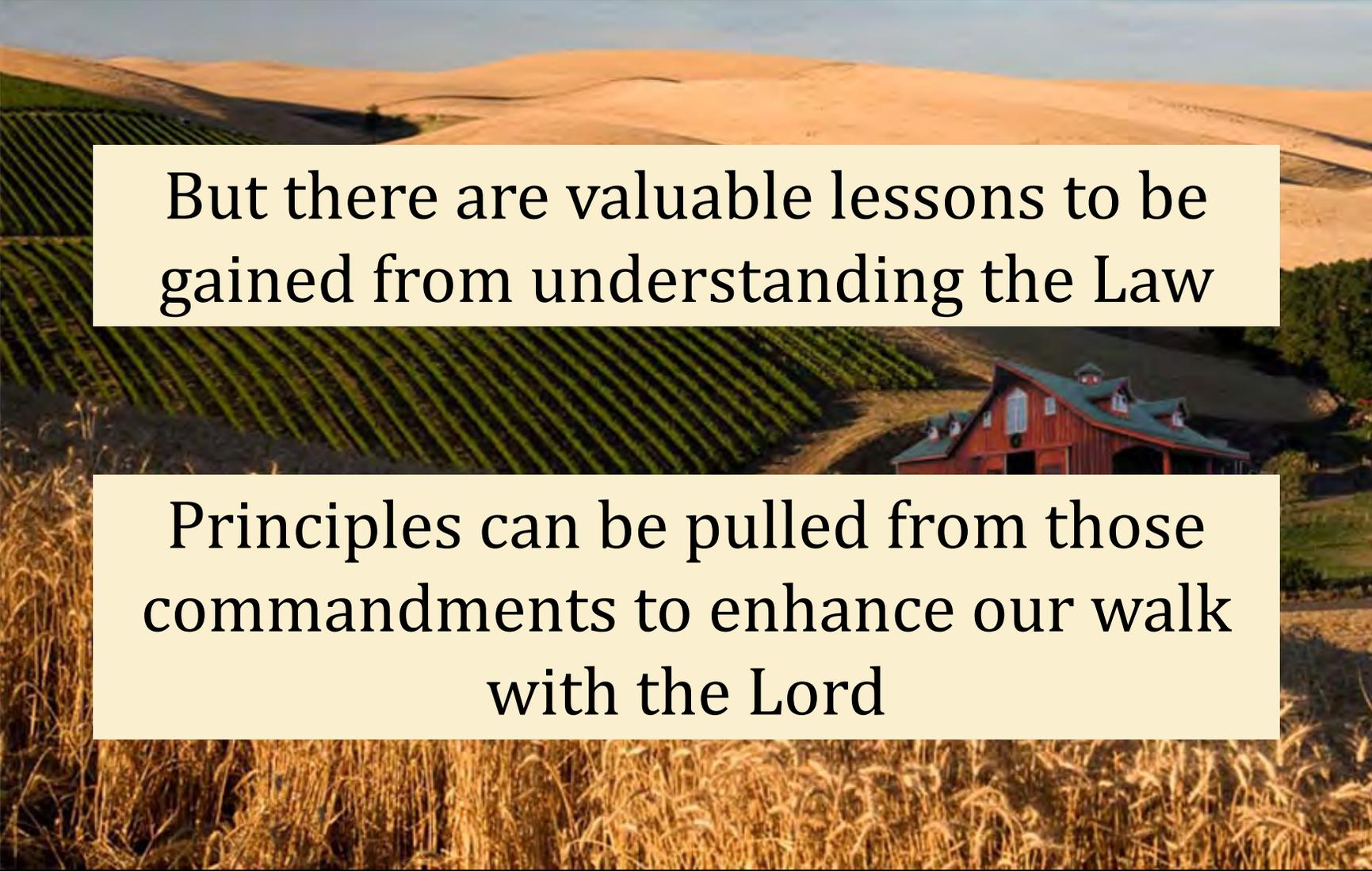
*And this stone which I have set as
a pillar shall be God's house,
and of all that You give me
I will surely give a tenth to You.*

Genesis 28:22



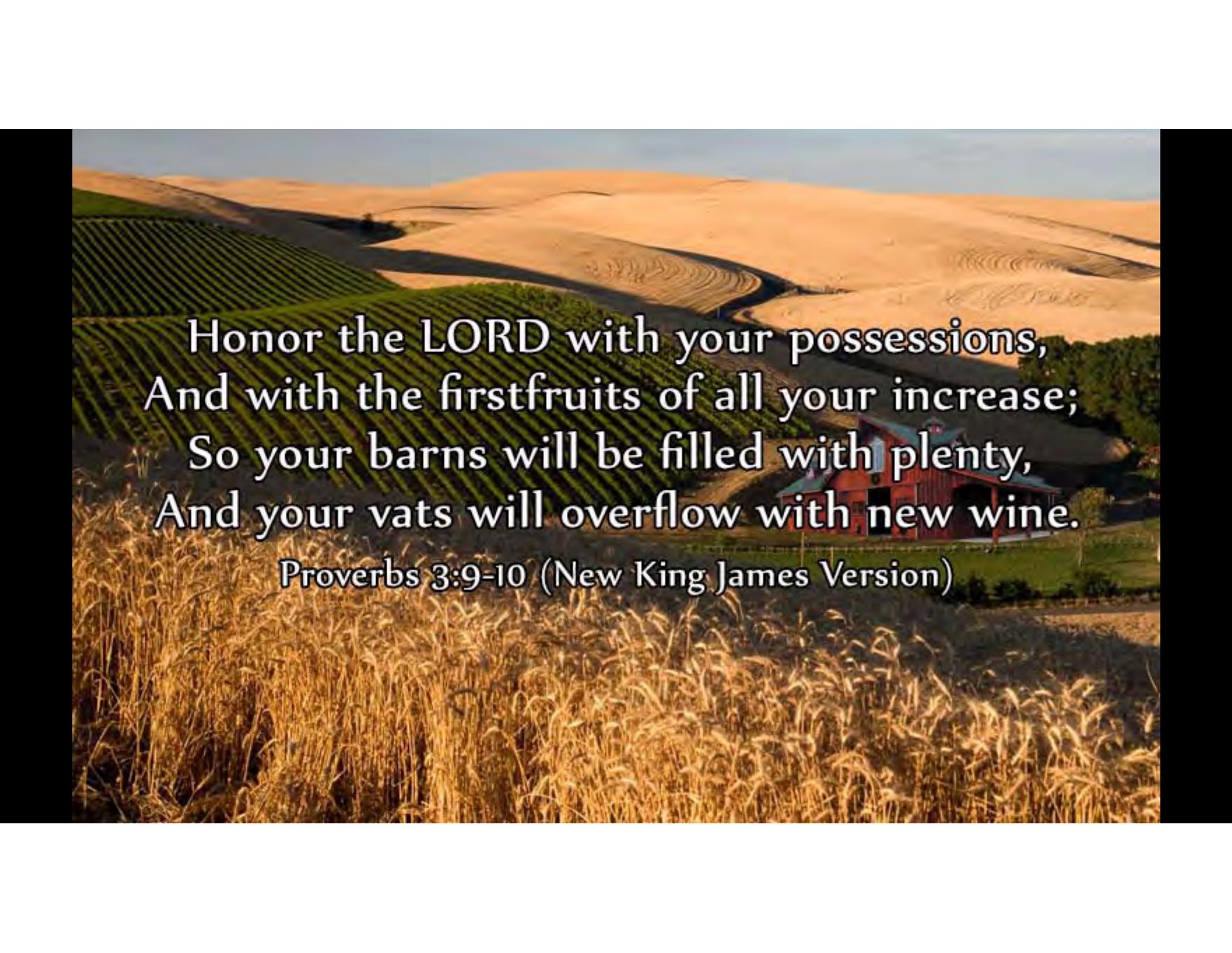
Tithing was Old Testament Law
under Moses

In New Testament Times we are not
under the Law of Moses anymore

A composite landscape image. The top portion shows rolling, golden-brown hills under a clear sky. The middle portion features a red barn with a green roof and white trim, situated on a grassy slope. The bottom portion is a field of golden wheat. The text is overlaid on two white rectangular boxes.

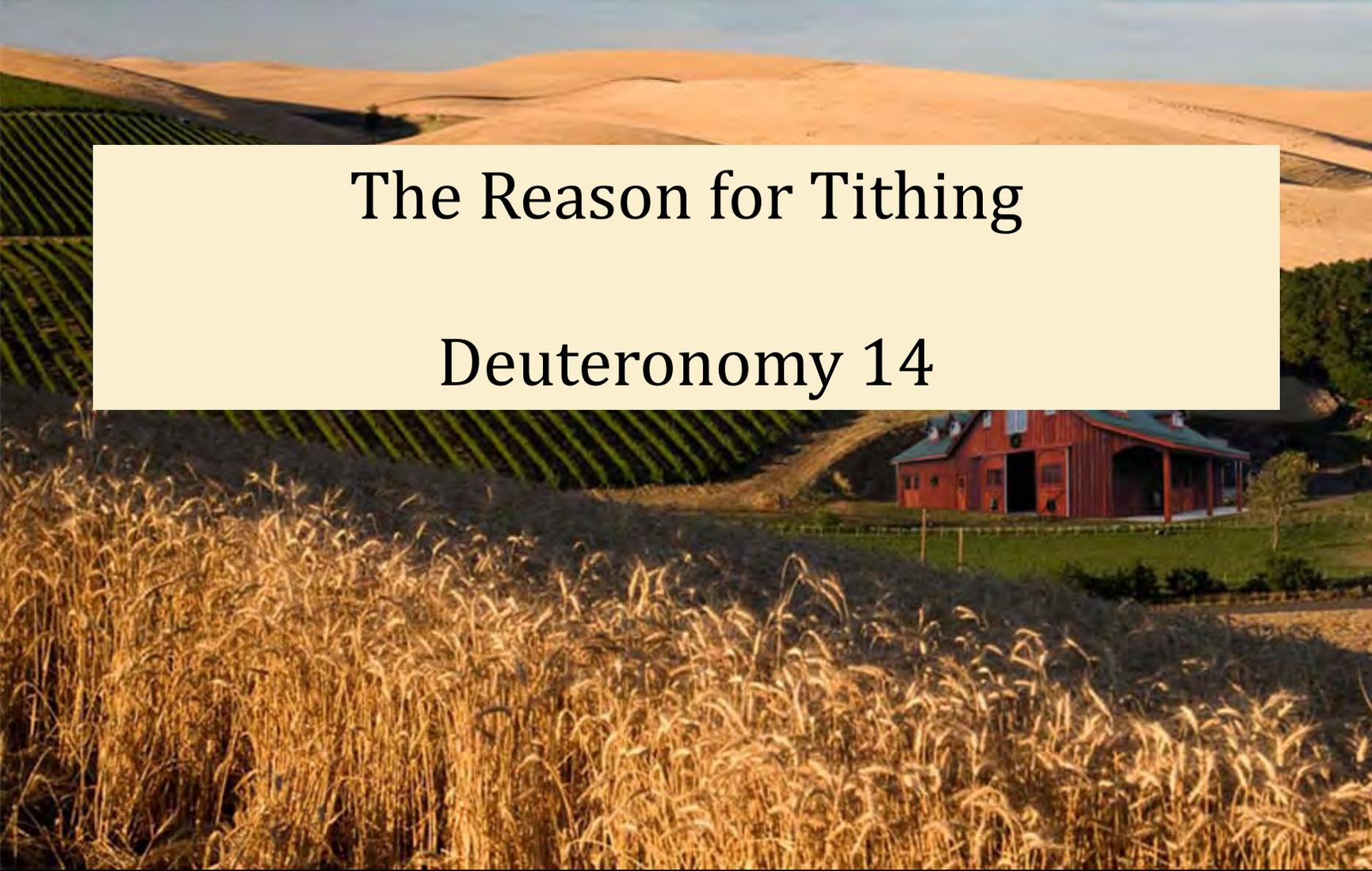
But there are valuable lessons to be
gained from understanding the Law

Principles can be pulled from those
commandments to enhance our walk
with the Lord



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And with the firstfruits of all your increase;
So your barns will be filled with plenty,
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Proverbs 3:9-10 (New King James Version)

The background image is a composite landscape. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, golden wheat. Behind it, a red barn with a green roof sits on a grassy hill. Further back, there are rolling hills, some of which are covered in green crops, possibly corn, planted in neat rows. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

The Reason for Tithing

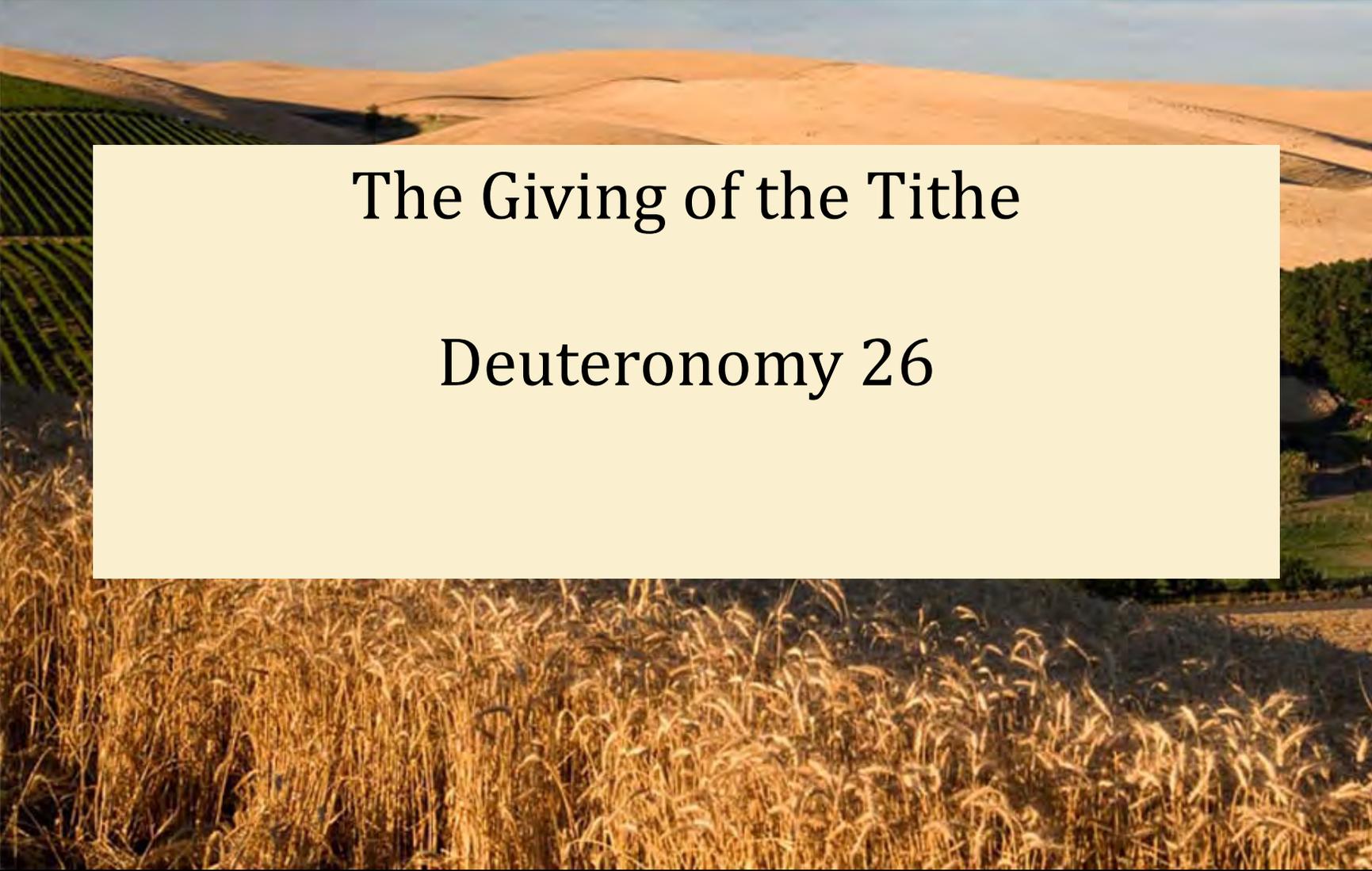
Deuteronomy 14

““You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year.

And you shall eat before the Lord your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, **that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.**

Deuteronomy 14:22-23





The Giving of the Tithe

Deuteronomy 26

Deuteronomy 26 Presenting First Fruits & Tithes

Remember: the Lord rescued you from bondage to sin and death

Rejoice: in God's provisions for you and yours

Request: for blessing from the Lord





The Blessing for Tithing

Malachi 3

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and **try Me now in this**”,

Says the LORD of hosts,

**“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
And pour out for you *such* blessing that *there will not be
room enough to receive it.*”**

**“And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that
he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the
vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the LORD
of hosts.**

Micah 3:10-11

A composite landscape image. The background shows rolling hills under a clear sky, with a vineyard on the left and a large red barn with a green roof on the right. In the foreground, there is a field of golden wheat. A white rectangular box is overlaid in the center, containing the text "The Place for The Tithe".

The Place for The Tithe

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be
food in My house, (for priests, Levites, and poor and needy)
And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts,
Micah 3:10

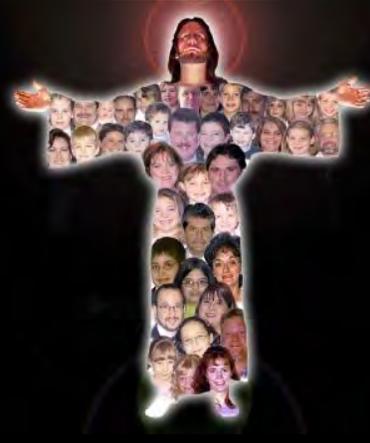
Storehouse
Old Testament
Temple



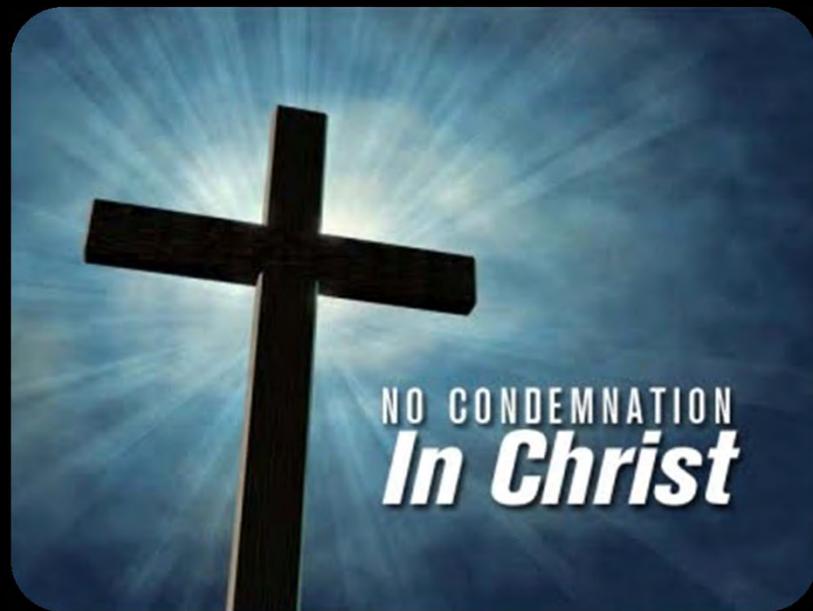
Spiritual House
New Testament
Universal Church

“Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, **are being built up a spiritual house,** a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5



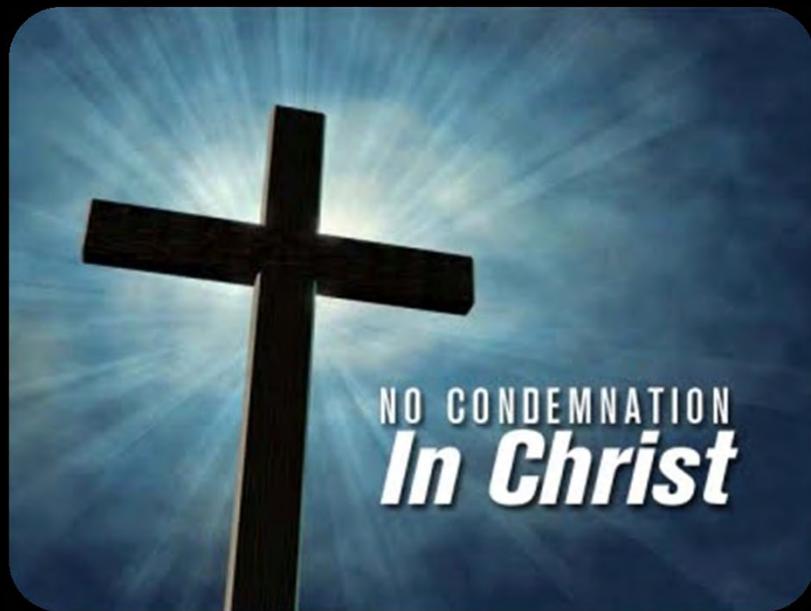
Do you have to Tithe?



But Tithing is a way to:

Protect from the danger of money for
it honors God as the provider of
everything

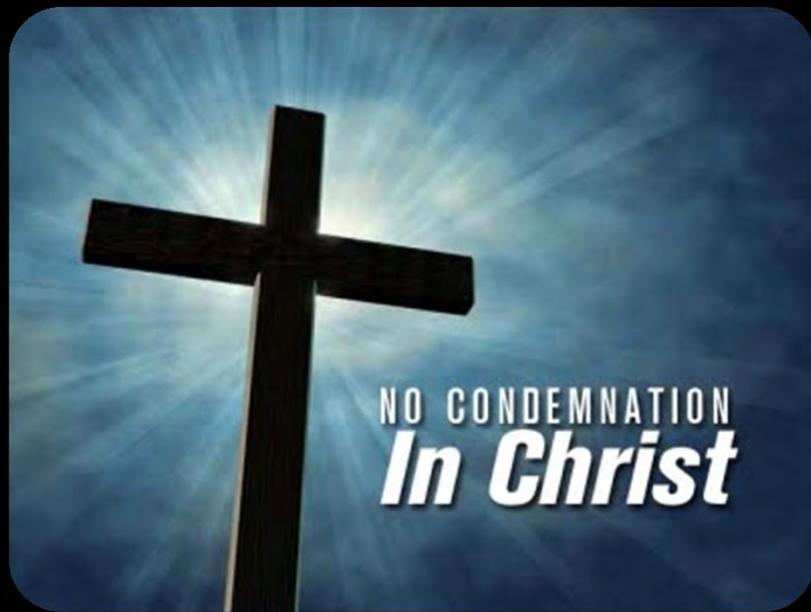
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But Tithing is a way to:

Show forth my love for the Lord.
*Neither will I offer
...unto the LORD my God of that which
doth cost me nothing.*
(II Samuel 24:24).

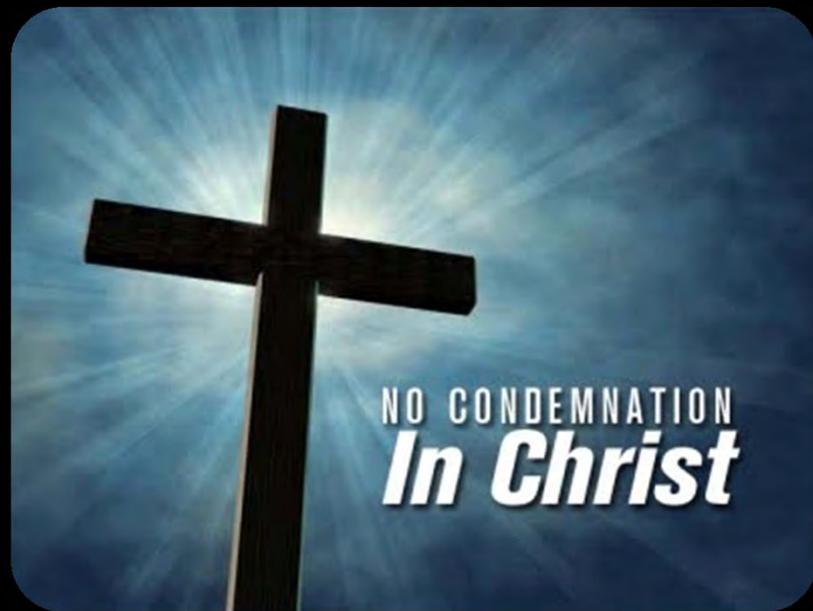
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But Tithing is a way to:

To receive a blessing from the Lord in
an opened heaven and protection
from the devourer.
(Malachi 3:11).

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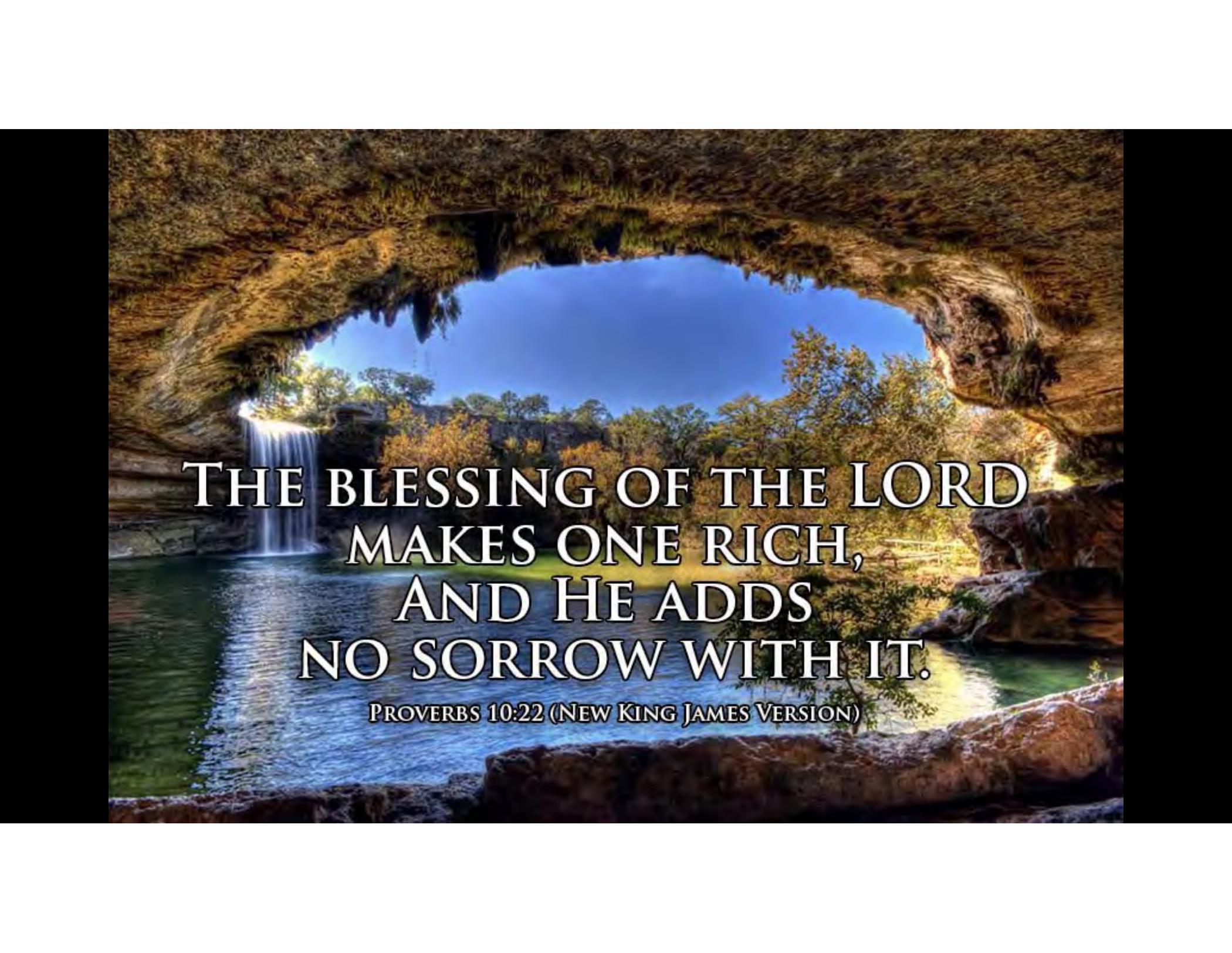
But Tithing is a way to:

Produce consistency in giving and a gateway to offerings to the Lord

What a tricycle is to a car



Is Tithing to Offering

A scenic view of a cave opening. The cave's interior is visible at the top, with a large, irregular opening that frames a bright outdoor scene. Inside the cave, a waterfall cascades into a pool of water. The pool reflects the blue sky and the surrounding greenery. The cave walls are rugged and covered in moss and small plants. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

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