

A Proper Cleansing

Dear Titus

A WORK IN PROGRESS



You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. ² Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

*³ Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers(**Gossips**) or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. ⁴ Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, **so that no one will malign the word of God.***

*⁶ Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. ⁷ In everything **set them an example by doing what is good**. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness ⁸ and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.*

*⁹ Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, ¹⁰ and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, **so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive**.*

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¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

¹⁵ These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

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Why Cleanliness Matters



An aerial photograph of a beach. The top half of the image shows the ocean with a textured, greenish-blue surface. The bottom half shows a sandy beach with a person walking on it. The text "So That You Don't Get Sick" is overlaid in white, centered horizontally, with a white underline.

So That You Don't Get Sick

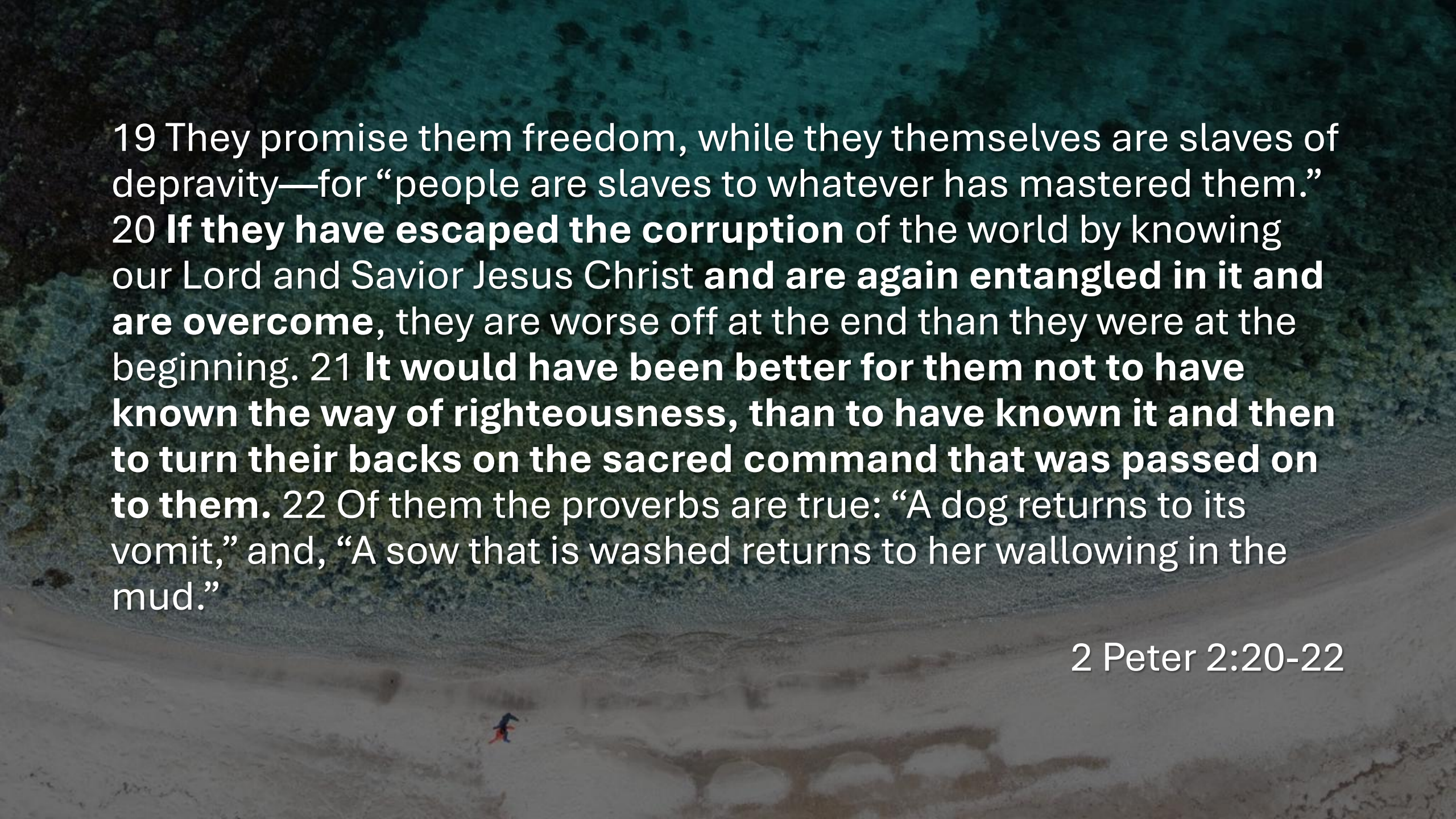
- ¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I **am about to spit you out of my mouth.**

Revelations 3:15-16

15 They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Bezer, who loved the wages of wickedness. **16** But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey—an animal without speech—who spoke with a human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

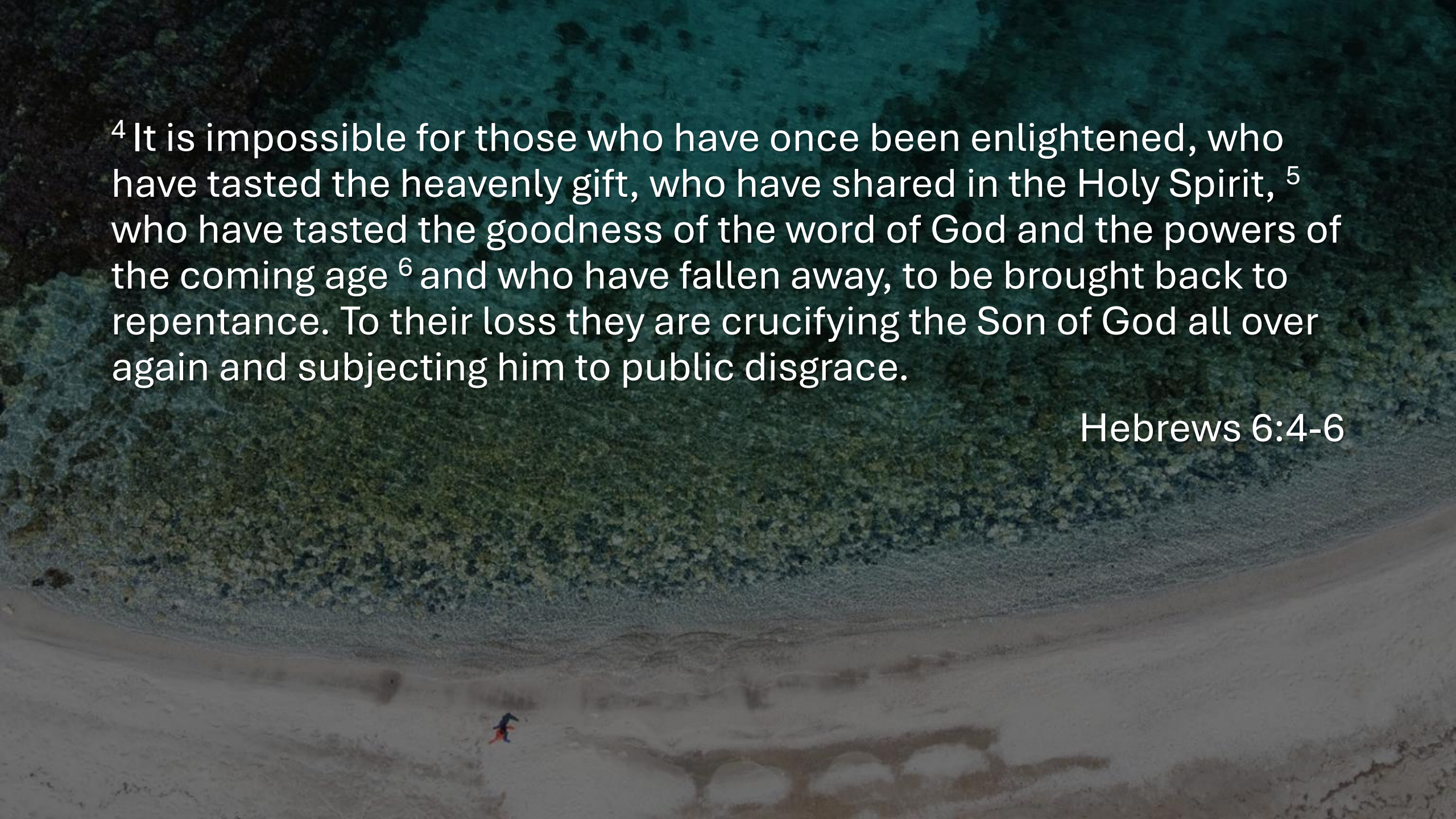
17 These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. **18** For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error.

2 Peter 2:20-22

An aerial photograph of a beach with a person in the water. The background is a dark, textured image of a beach with a person in the water. The text is overlaid on the image.

19 They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.”
20 **If they have escaped the corruption** of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ **and are again entangled in it and are overcome**, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. 21 **It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.** 22 Of them the proverbs are true: “A dog returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud.”

2 Peter 2:20-22

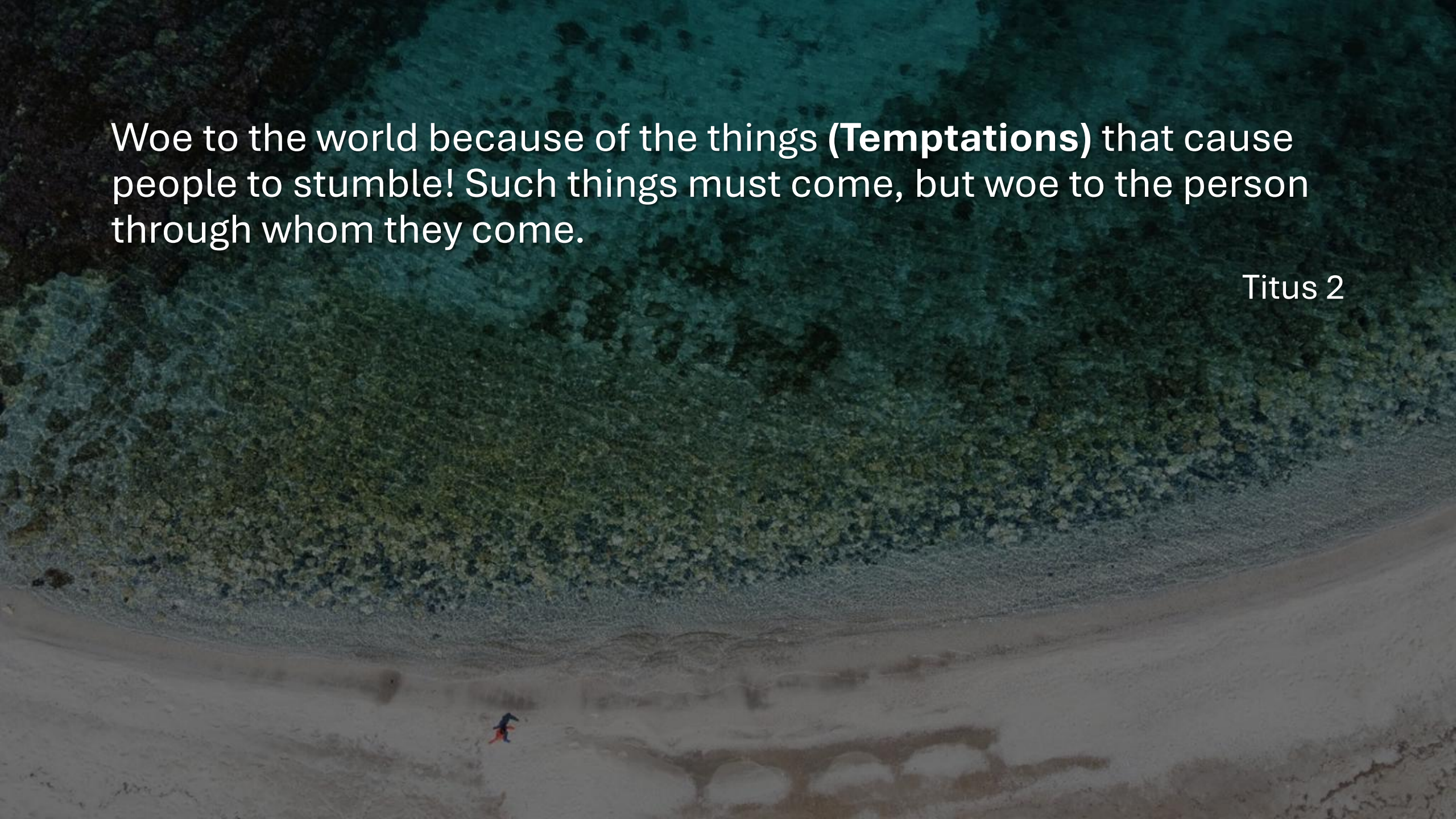
An aerial photograph of a beach. The top half of the image shows dark, textured water. The middle section is a wide, light-colored sandy beach. A small figure of a person in a blue jacket and red pants is walking on the sand near the water's edge. The bottom part of the image shows the water's surface with some ripples and reflections.

⁴ It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵ who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age ⁶ and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

Hebrews 6:4-6

An aerial photograph of a beach with a person walking in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image.

So That You Don't
Spread The Mess Around

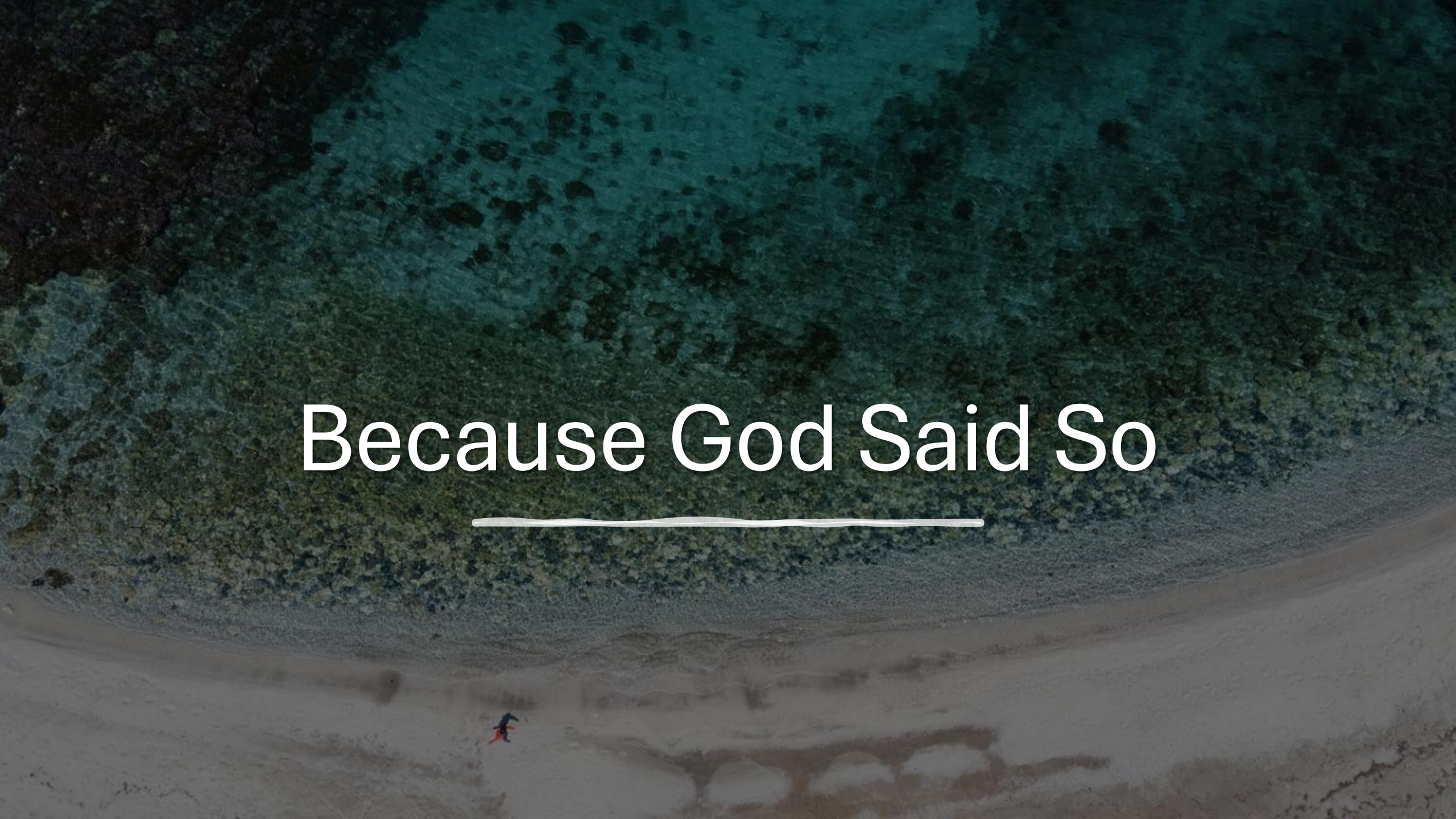
An aerial photograph of a beach. The top half of the image shows a dense, dark green forest. Below the forest is a wide, light-colored sandy beach. In the lower-left portion of the beach, a small figure of a person wearing a blue jacket and red pants is visible. The bottom of the image shows the edge of the water, with some darker patches of sand or rocks visible beneath the surface.

Woe to the world because of the things (**Temptations**) that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come.

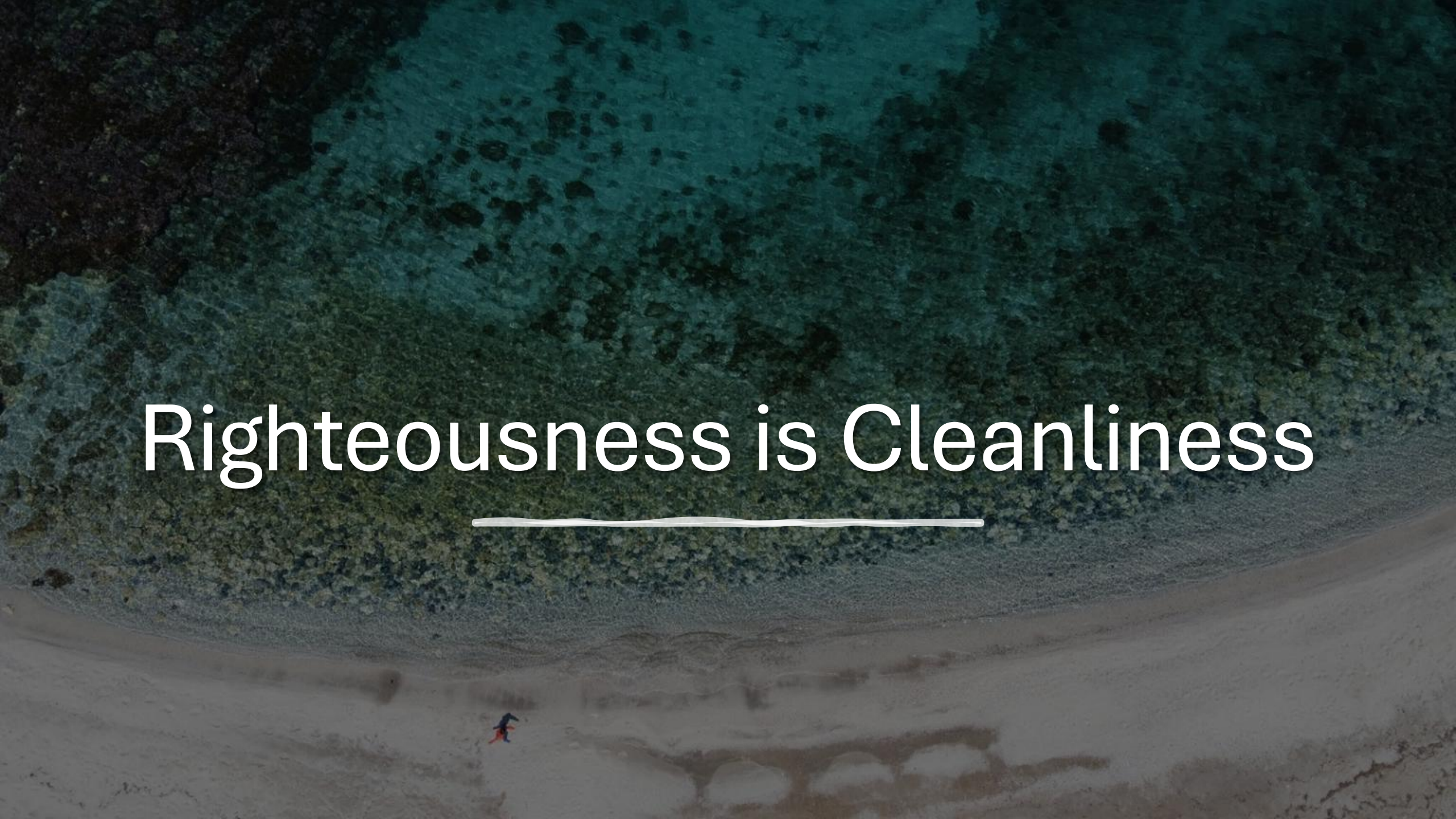
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An aerial photograph of a beach. The top half of the image shows dark, textured water or a rocky shore. The bottom half shows a sandy beach with a person walking. The text is centered over the water area.

So That You Are
Presentable To The World

An aerial photograph of a beach and ocean. The top half of the image shows the ocean with varying shades of blue and green, indicating different depths and seabed features. The bottom half shows a sandy beach with some darker patches, possibly wet sand or rocks. A small figure of a person is visible on the beach near the water's edge. The text "Because God Said So" is centered in the middle of the image, underlined.

Because God Said So

An aerial photograph of a coastline. The top half of the image shows dark, textured water. The bottom half shows a sandy beach with a small figure of a person in a blue and red outfit walking. The text "Righteousness is Cleanliness" is overlaid in white, with a white underline beneath it.

Righteousness is Cleanliness
