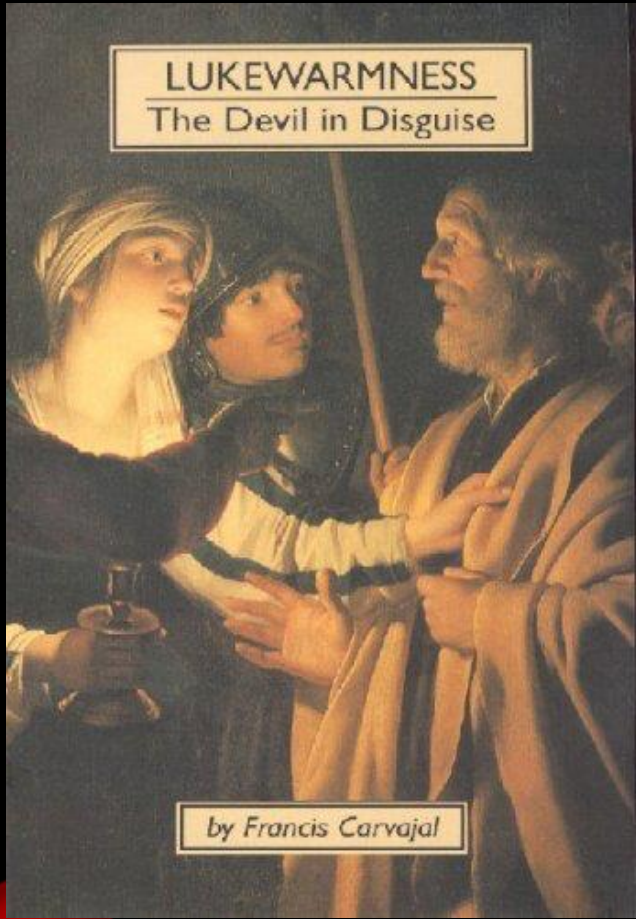


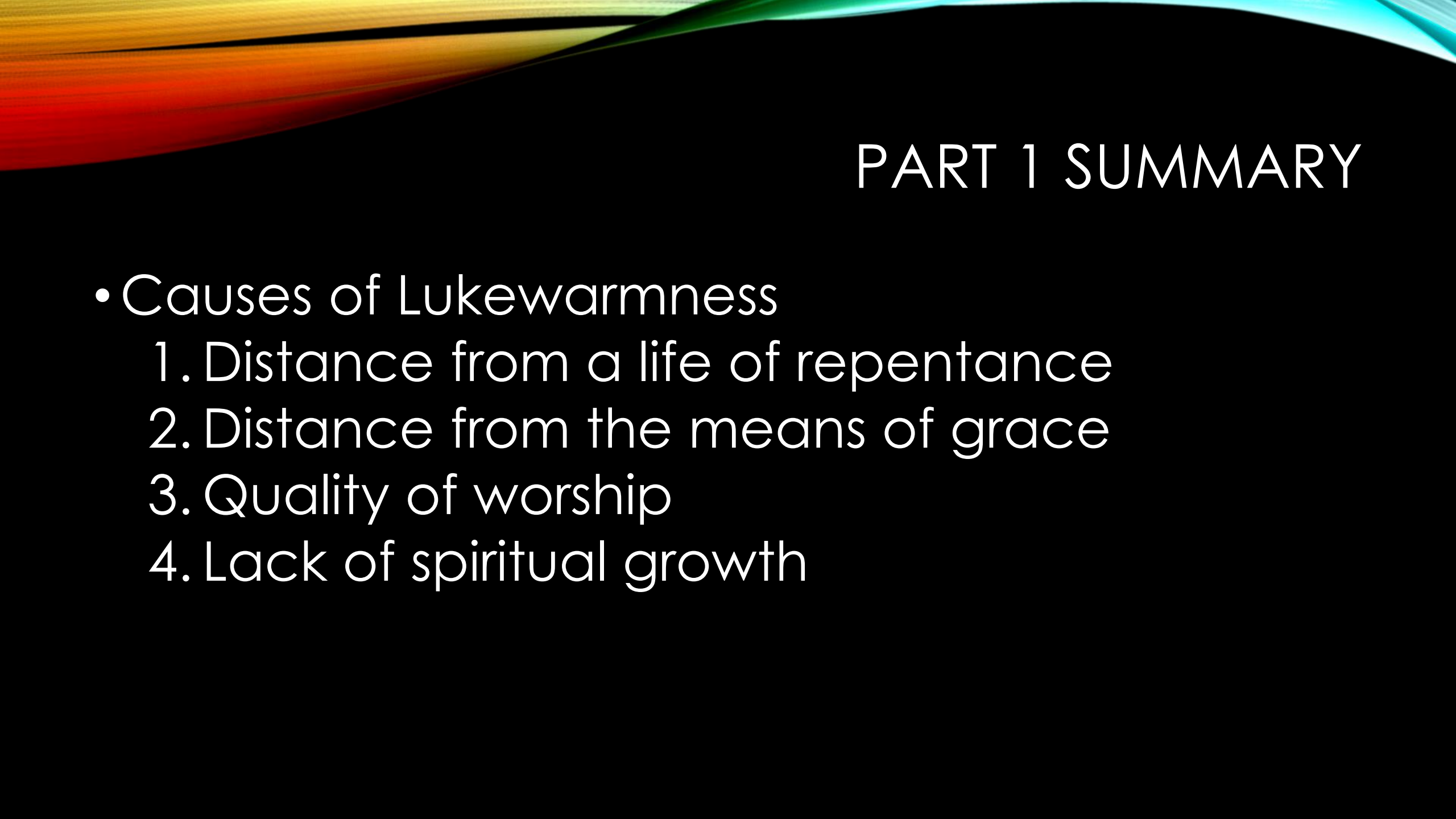


“TAKE HEED THAT NO ONE DECEIVES YOU.”

– Mark 13:5



THE SICKNESS OF LUKEWARMNESS



PART 1 SUMMARY

- Causes of Lukewarmness
 1. Distance from a life of repentance
 2. Distance from the means of grace
 3. Quality of worship
 4. Lack of spiritual growth

5. BUSYNESS

- Martha
- Satan's primary goal is to distract you from God
- "Be still, and know that I am God." (Ps. 46:10)



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6. GROWING INDIFFERENT

- Towards God and His commandments
- Forgetting His promises and your experiences
- Ex: Mary Magdalene and Daniel the prophet

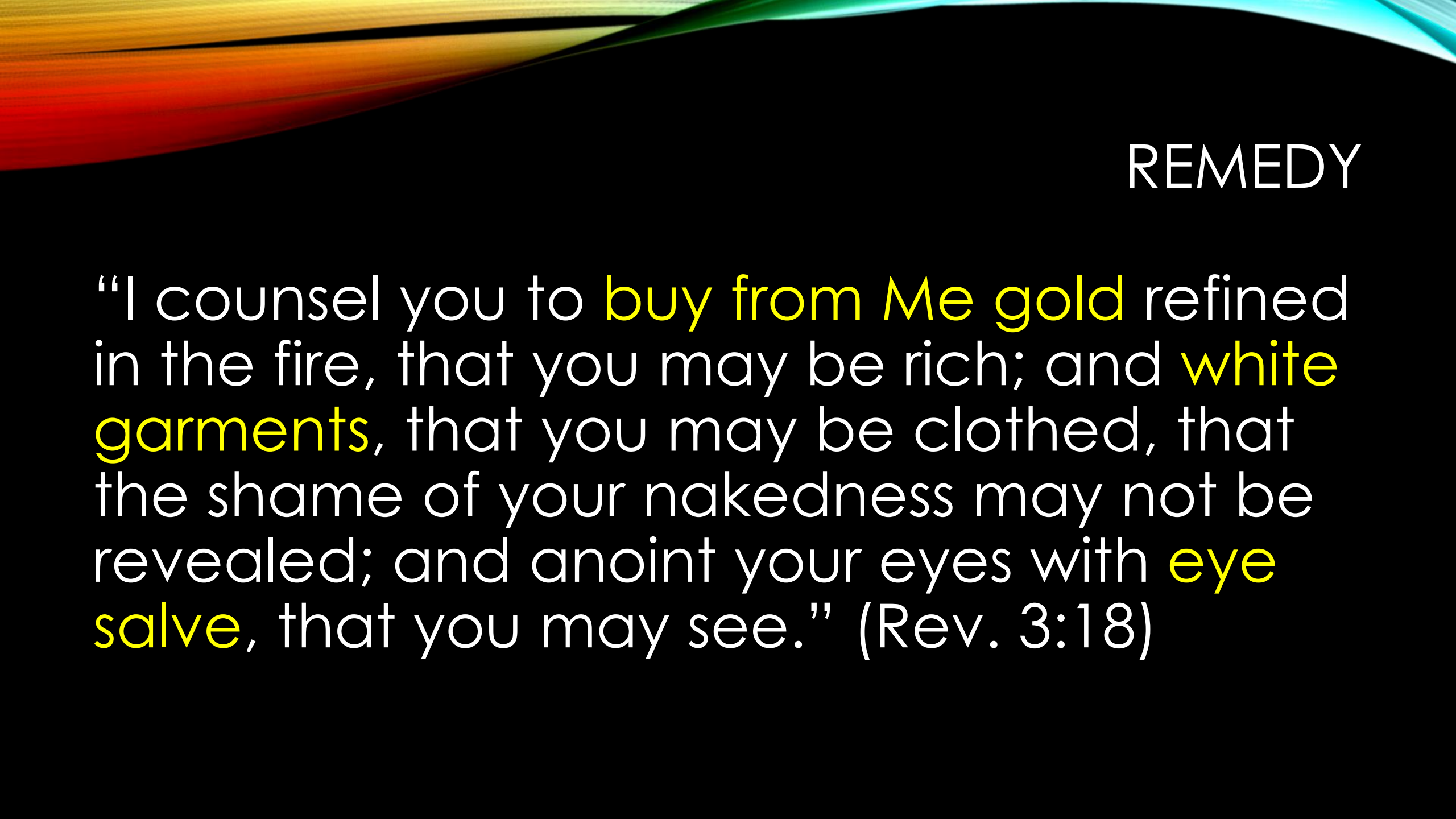


DANIEL 9:1-2

- “In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans— 2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”

7. IMMERSION IN THE WORLD

- “The desire not to *appear* other than they, may become a readiness not to *be* other than they.” (The Christian Examiner, Vol. 1)
- “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom. 12:2)



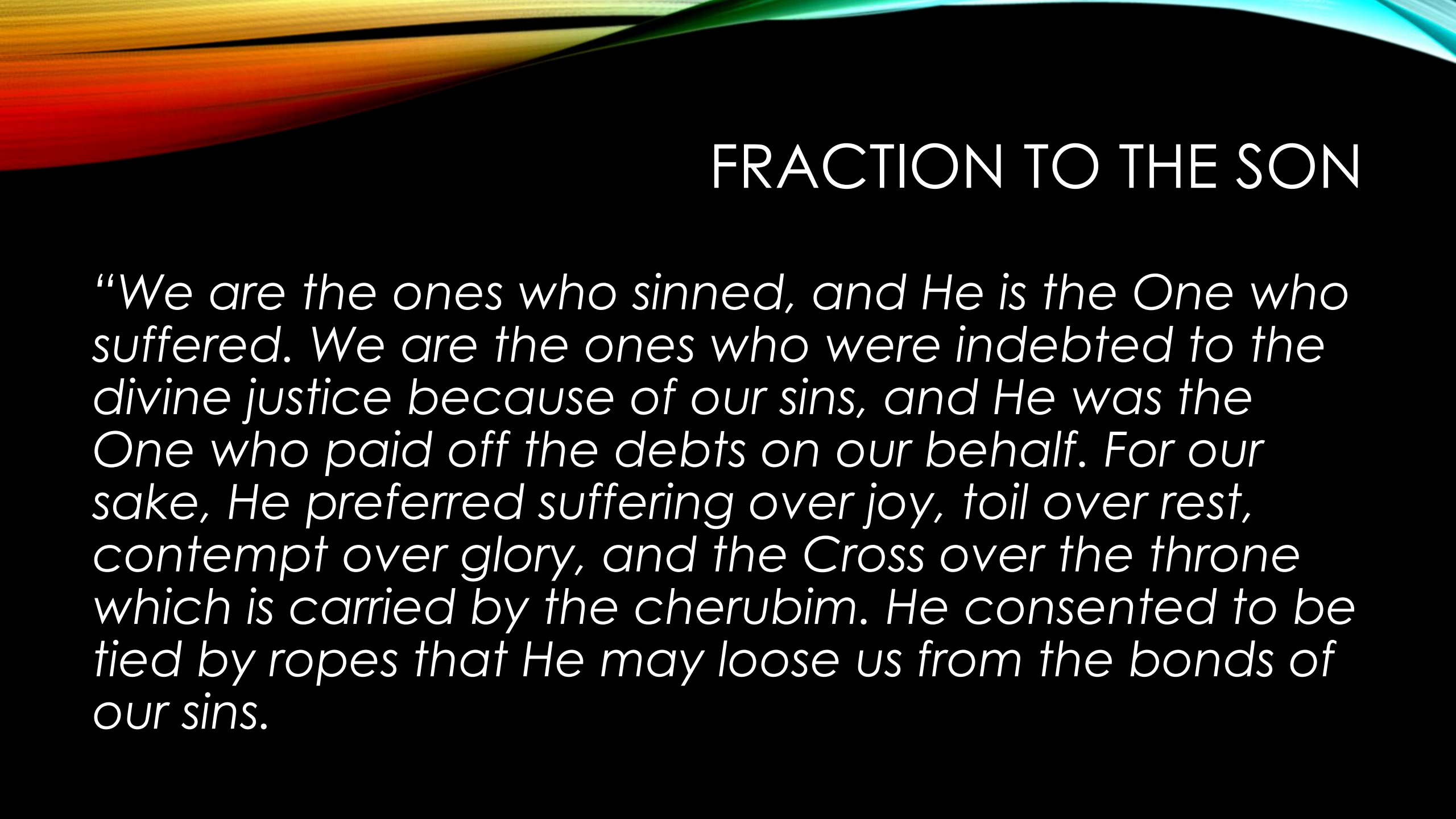
REMEDY

“I counsel you to **buy from Me gold** refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and **white garments**, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with **eye salve**, that you may see.” (Rev. 3:18)



GOLD TRIED IN FIRE

- “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.” (2 Cor. 8:9)
- Fraction to the Son, St. Basil Liturgy



FRACTION TO THE SON

“We are the ones who sinned, and He is the One who suffered. We are the ones who were indebted to the divine justice because of our sins, and He was the One who paid off the debts on our behalf. For our sake, He preferred suffering over joy, toil over rest, contempt over glory, and the Cross over the throne which is carried by the cherubim. He consented to be tied by ropes that He may loose us from the bonds of our sins.”



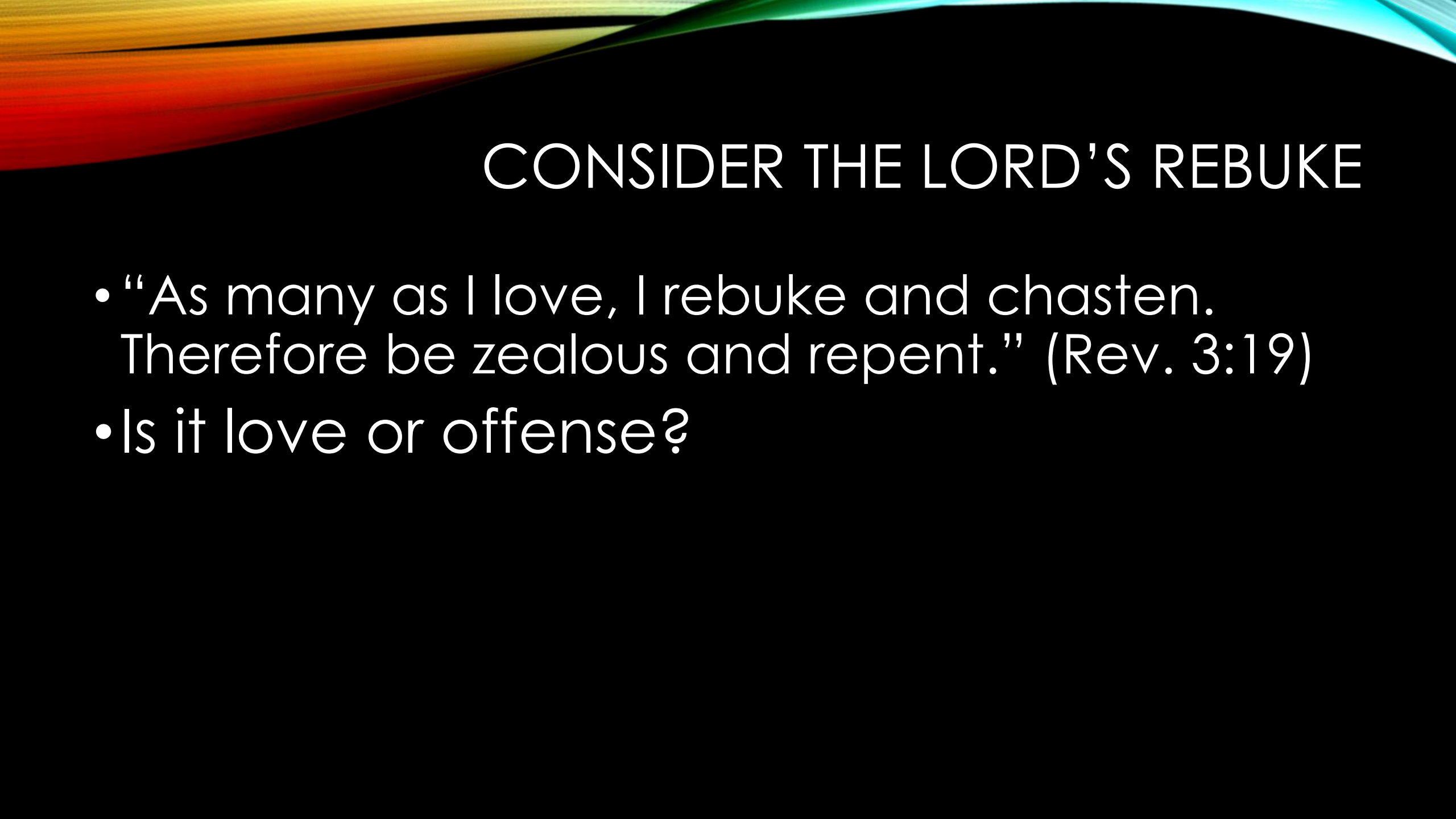
FRACTION TO THE SON

He humbled Himself that He may lift us up. He hungered to satiate us, and thirsted to quench our thirst. And He ascended upon the Cross naked that He might clothe us with the garment of His righteousness. And He opened His side by the spear that we might enter into Him and dwell in the throne of His grace, and that the blood might flow from His body that we might wash ourselves from our iniquities.” (Fraction to the Son, Liturgy)



WHITE GARMENT AND EYE SALVE

- White Garment
 - Repentance and confession
 - Take your spiritual life seriously
- Eye Salve
 - Anointing of the Holy Spirit



CONSIDER THE LORD'S REBUKE

- “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.” (Rev. 3:19)
- Is it love or offense?



BLESSINGS

- “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” (Rev. 3:20-21)