

Our Loving Father

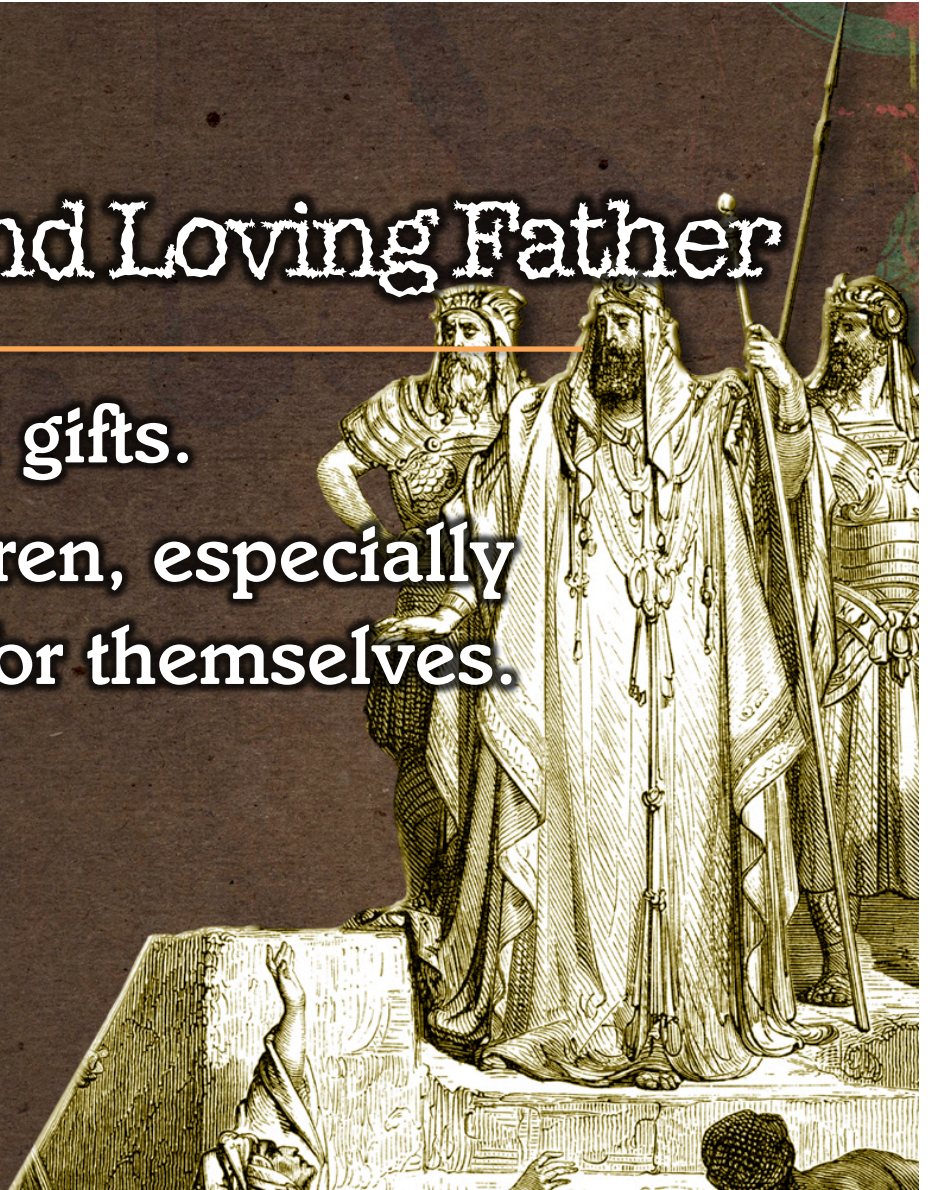
2 Kings 3-4

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God is the Good and Loving Father

- ❖ He loves to give good gifts.
- ❖ He cares for His children, especially those unable to care for themselves.
- ❖ He is generous.



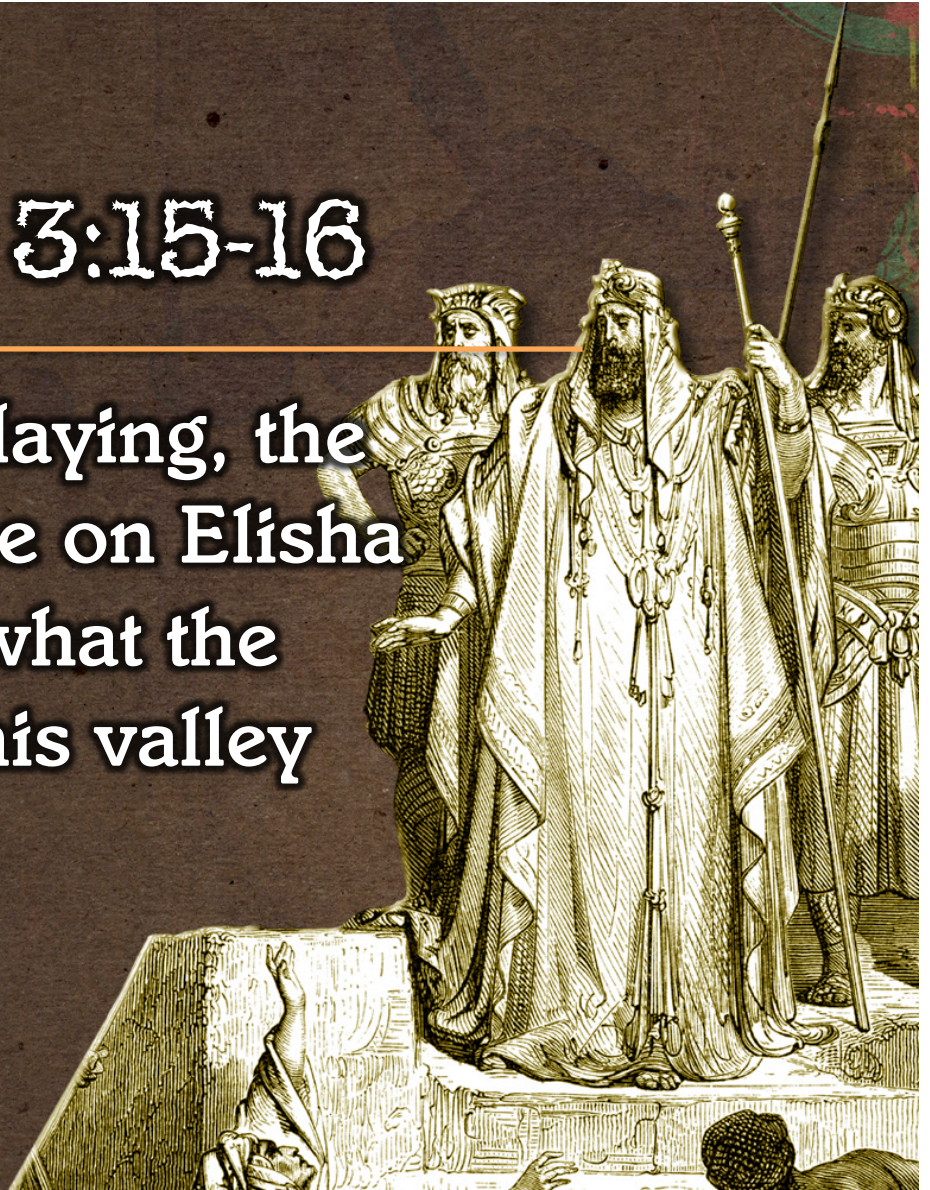
2 Kings 3:7

“I will go with you,” he replied.
“I am as you are, my people
as your people, my horses
as your horses.”



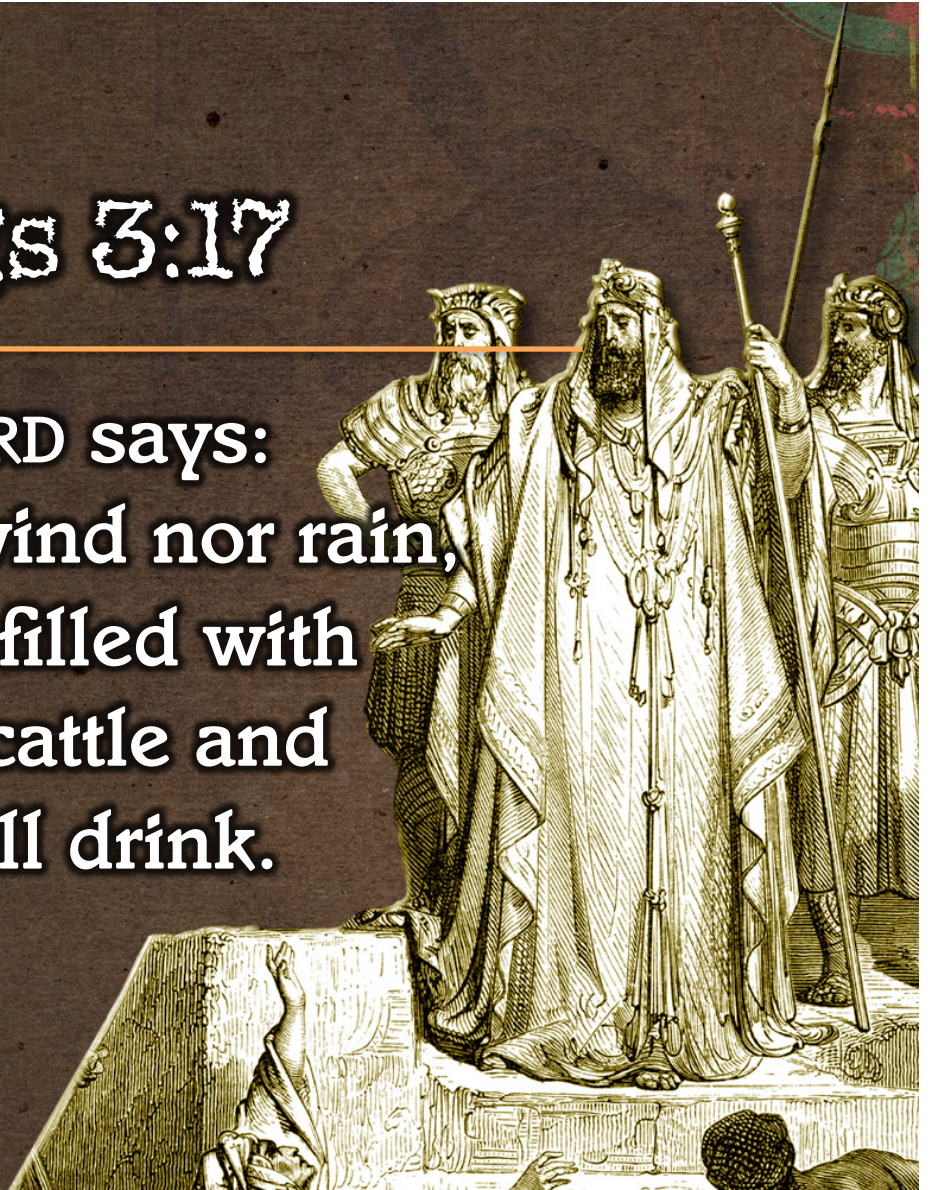
2 Kings 3:15-16

While the harpist was playing, the hand of the LORD came on Elisha and he said, "This is what the LORD says: I will fill this valley with pools of water.



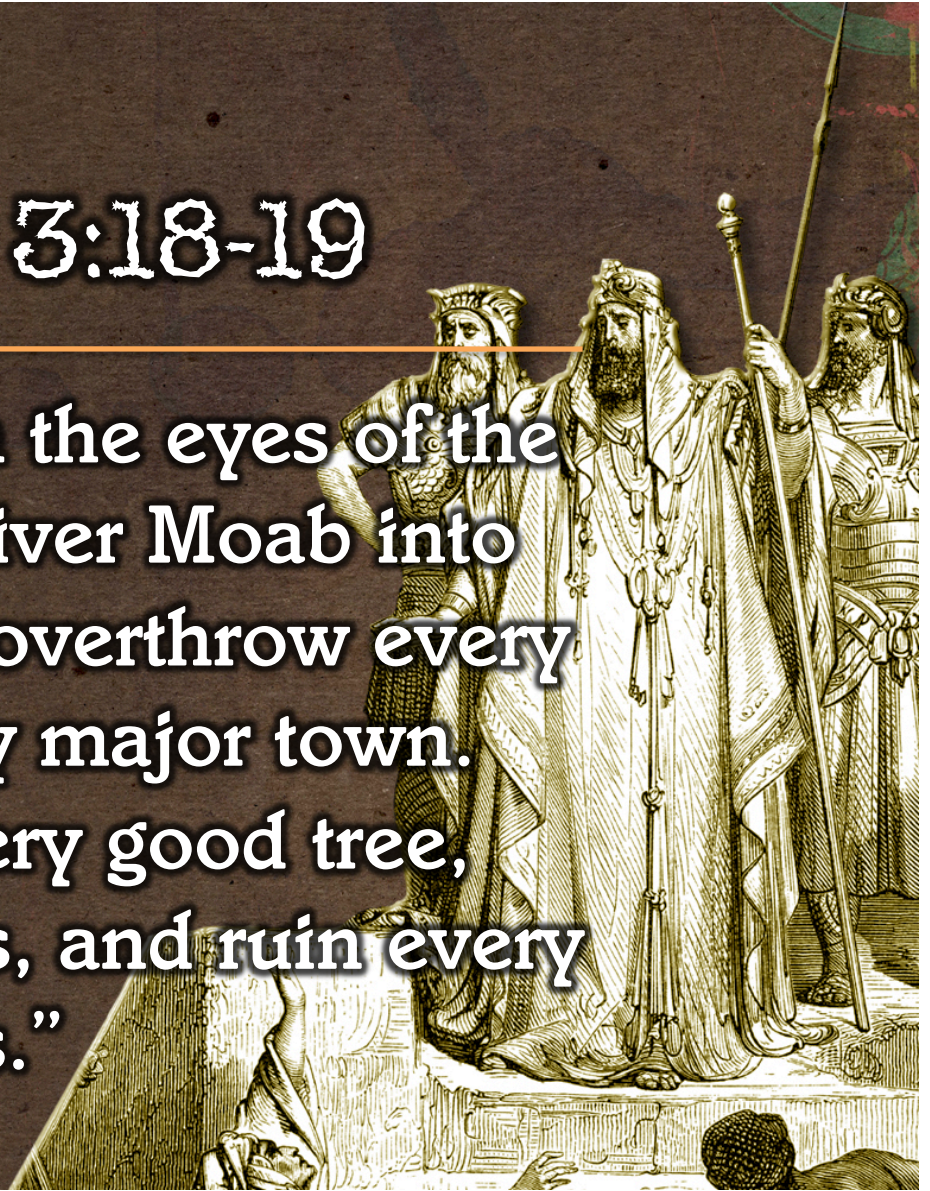
2 Kings 3:17

“For this is what the LORD says:
You will see neither wind nor rain,
yet this valley will be filled with
water, and you, your cattle and
your other animals will drink.



2 Kings 3:18-19

“This is an easy thing in the eyes of the LORD; he will also deliver Moab into your hands. You will overthrow every fortified city and every major town. You will cut down every good tree, stop up all the springs, and ruin every good field with stones.”



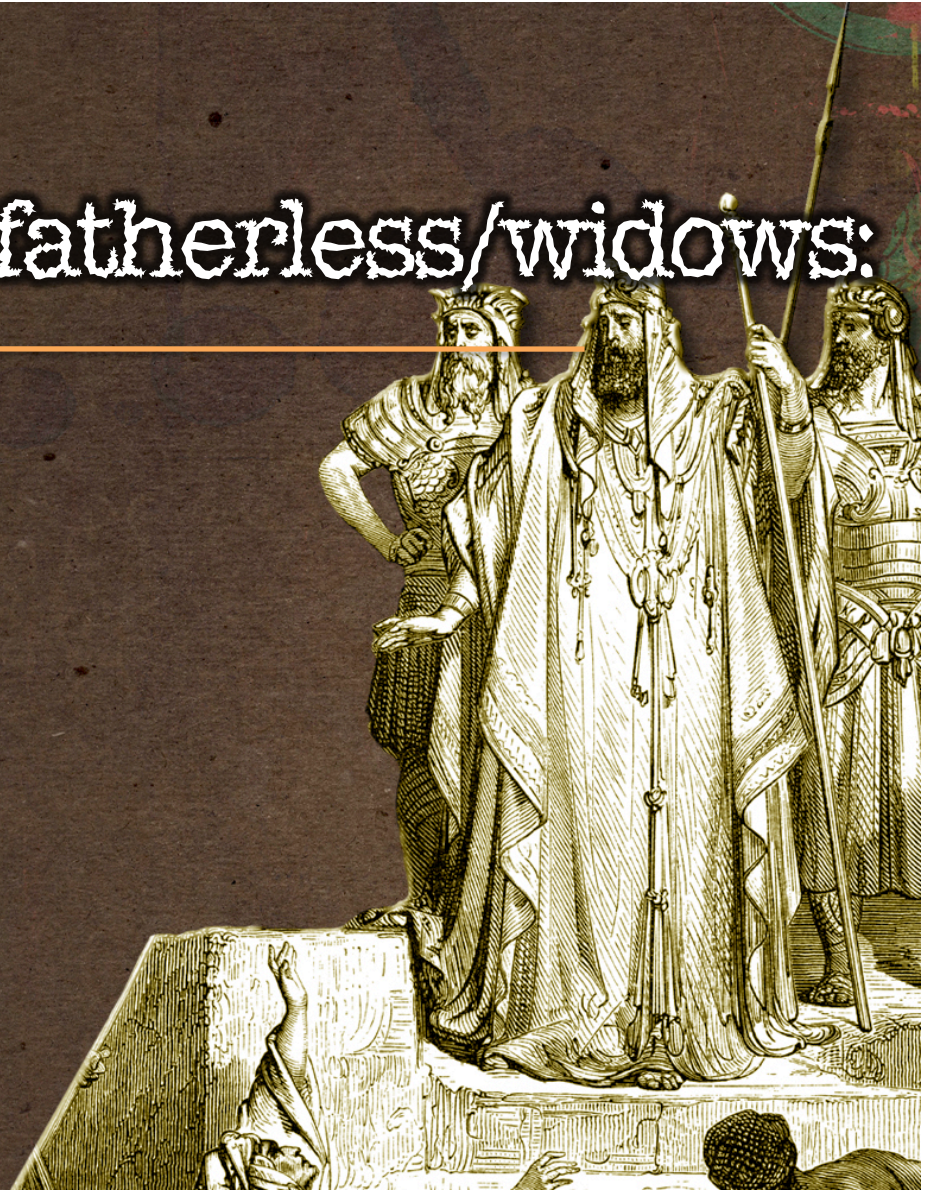
God is sovereign:

- ❖ Over nature
- ❖ Over history



God as Protector of fatherless/widows:

- ❖ Deuteronomy 10:18
- ❖ Psalms 68:5
- ❖ Psalms 146:9



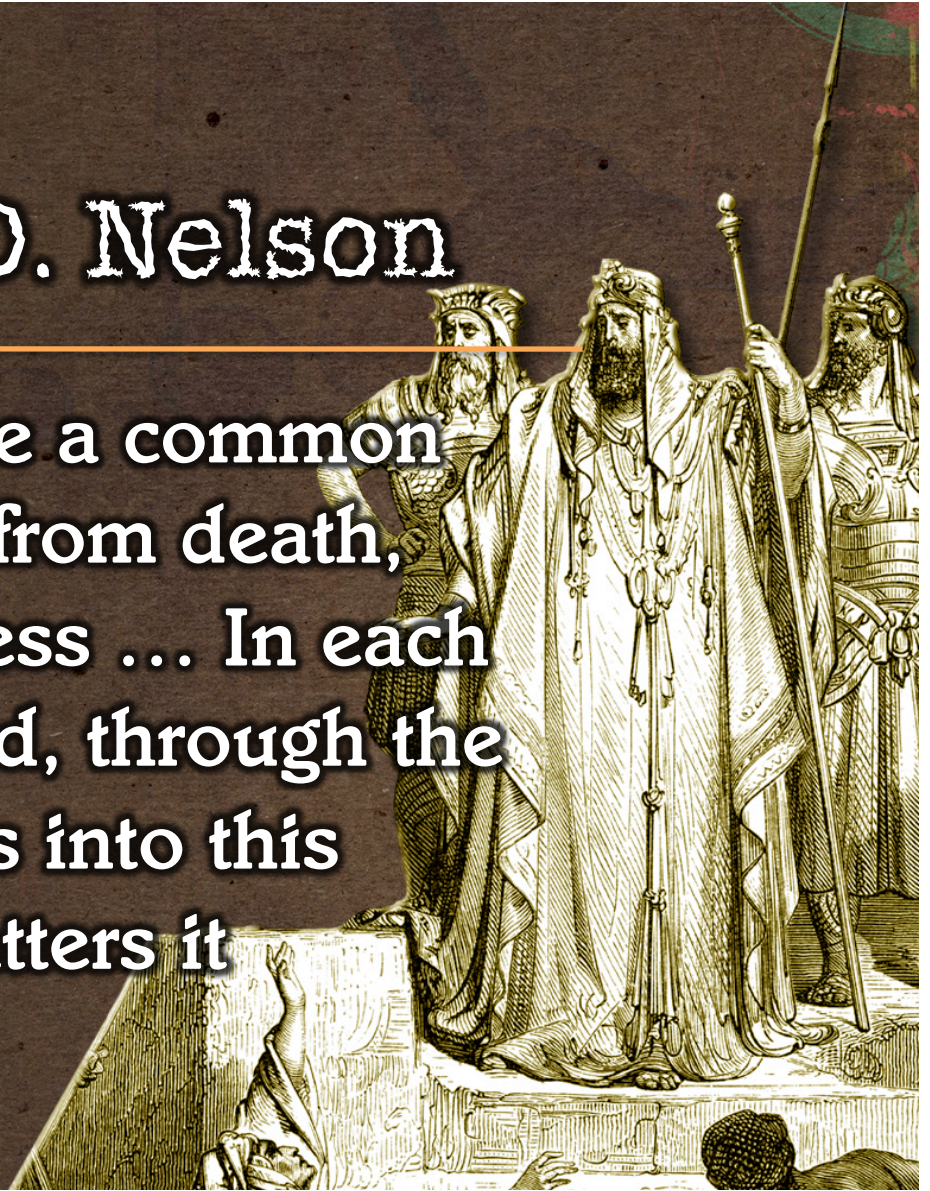
Barrenness in the OT

- ❖ Sarah and Isaac
- ❖ Rebekkah and Esau/Jacob
- ❖ Rachel and Joseph
- ❖ Manoah's wife and Samson
- ❖ Hannah and Samuel
- ❖ Elizabeth and John the Baptist



Richard D. Nelson

“These four stories share a common theme of life rescued from death, hope from hopelessness ... In each case, the power of God, through the prophet Elisha, breaks into this hopelessness and shatters it with a word of life.”



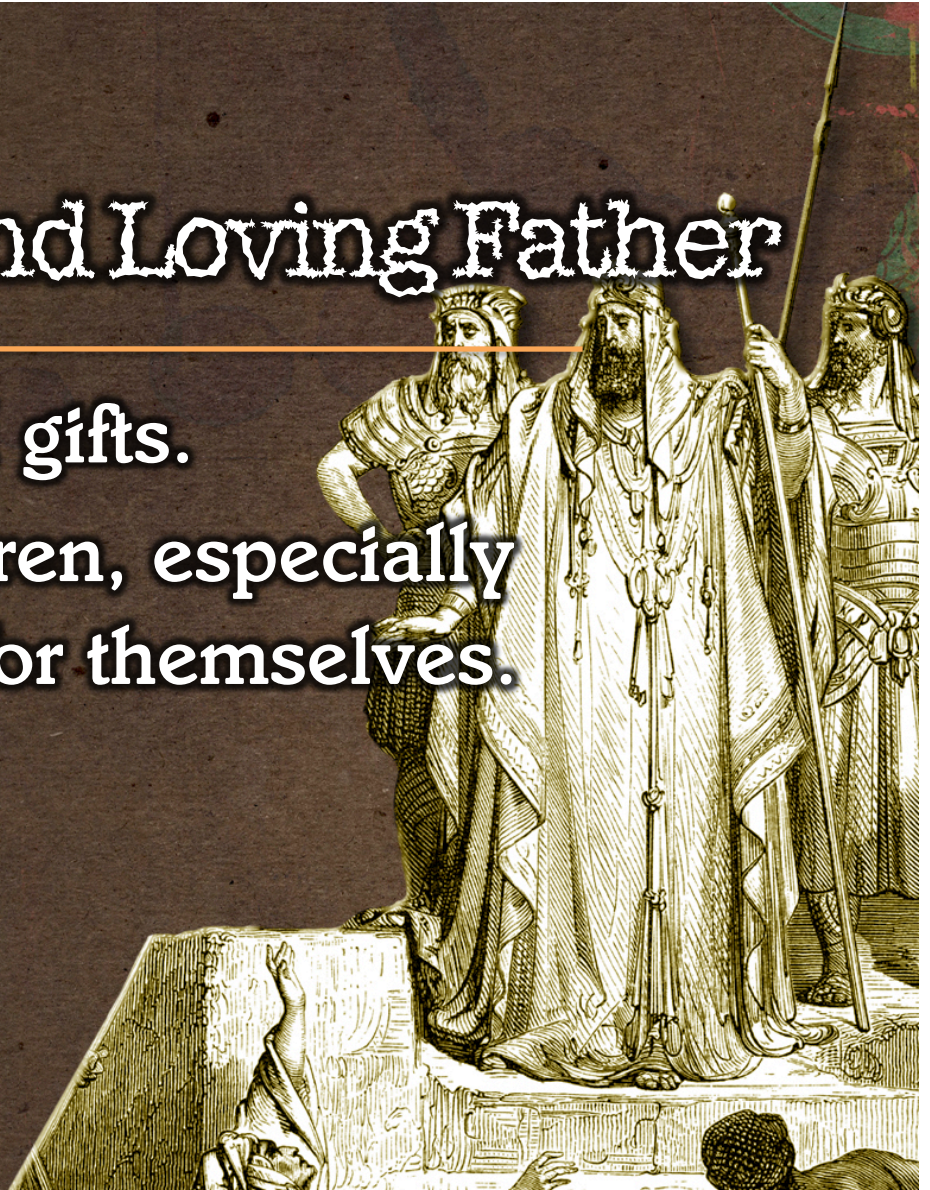
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- ❖ His word will prevail



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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper

