
FINDING LIGHT
IN THE DARKNESS
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Chile’s copper and gold mine north of Santiago.



2007, explosion killed 3 men. 2010 mine collapse trapped 33.

A probe was sent down and collected a note which read:



“Estamos bien en el refugio los 33.”

A probe was sent down and collected a note which read:



“All of us are fine here in the shelter, the 33.”

After 69 days they were brough to the surface.



“I screamed. I just wanted to see the light.”. *Mario Sepulveda*



The darkness created health issues.

JOHN 1:4–5

In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

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JOHN 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

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JOHN 3:19

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

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JOHN 12:46

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

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MATTHEW 16:18

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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PETROS: a stone

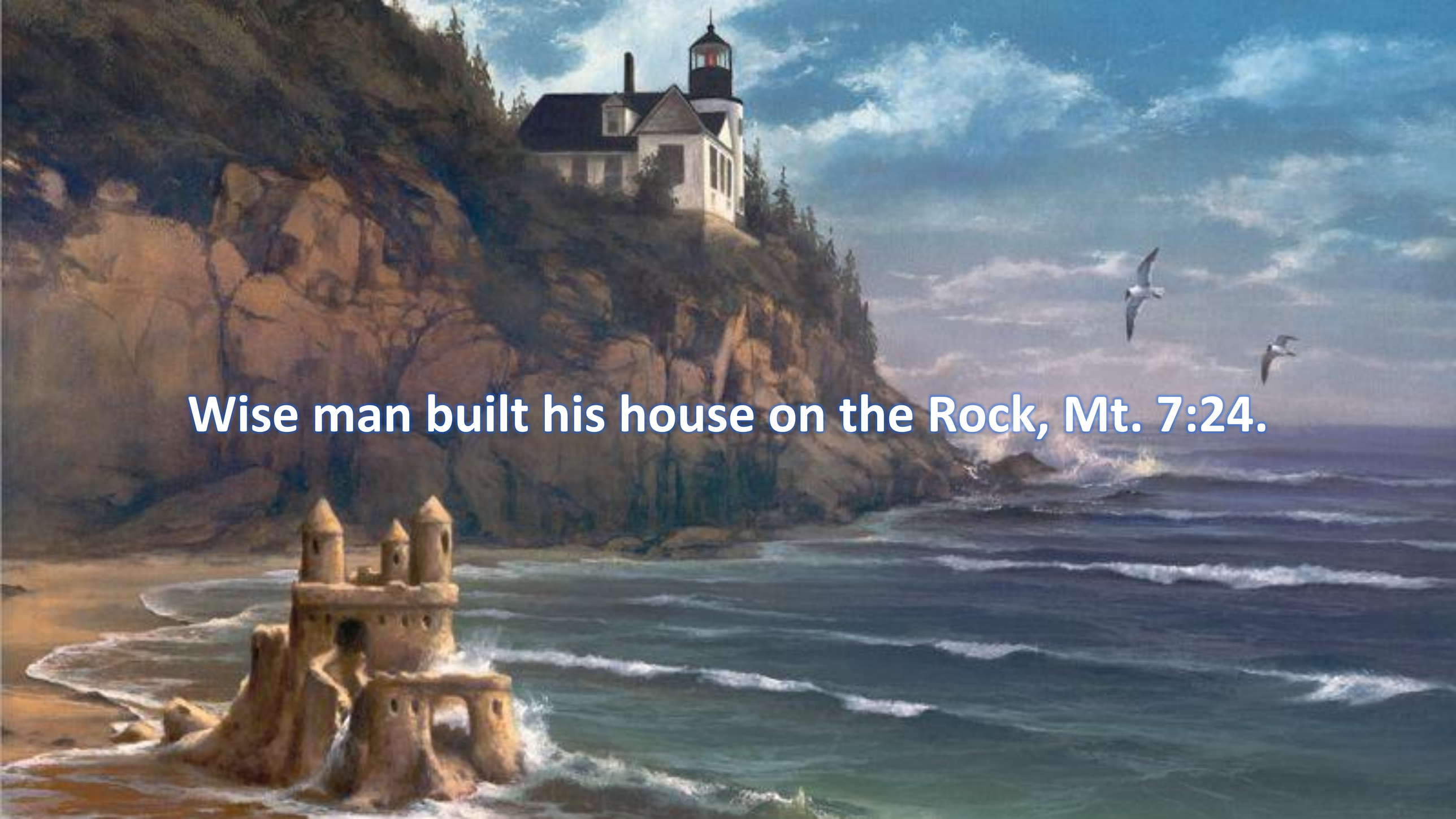
PETRA: a large rock



Jesus is the rock.



The Jerusalem Council, Acts 15, James chairs the meeting, not Peter.


Wise man built his house on the Rock, Mt. 7:24.



PSALM 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

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1 TIMOTHY 3:15

…the church of the living God,
the pillar and ground of the truth.

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God believes in organized church, but stat.s show churches are shrinking.


OUR CHURCH
MAY BE
CLOSED
BUT GOD
IS EVERYWHERE



Why do people go to a church?



Why do people stop going to a church?



Last night we studied Revelation 17.

REVELATION 18:4

And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues."

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Jesus has a “bride” that will worship Him as Creator.

REVELATION 12:1

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

REVELATION 12:17

And the dragon was <u>wroth</u> with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed.

War within and without the church.

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REVELATION 12:2

Then being with child, she cried out in pain to give birth.

REVELATION 12:3

And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

REVELATION 12:4

His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

REVELATION 12:5

She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

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REVELATION 12:6

Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

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Millions were killed for their faith.



FALSE TEACHINGS

- *Infant baptism*
- *Transubstantiation*
- *Natural immortality of the soul*
- *Confession to a priest*
- *Sunday*



REVELATION 12:12

Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.

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It is time to take your faith seriously.



Why was God’s church established?

REVELATION 12:17

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

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MATTHEW 5:17–18

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

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REVELATION 14:12

Here is the patience of the saints. Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

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1 JOHN 5:2–3

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

1 JOHN 2:4

He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

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God’s people will proclaim the everlasting gospel.

REVELATION 14:6

...to every nation, tribe,
tongue, and people.

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A worldwide movement, not a localized movement.

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REVELATION 19:10

**The testimony of Jesus
is the spirit of prophecy.**

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How do you find the genuine gift of prophecy?



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1 CORINTHIANS 12:28

And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.



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ISAIAH 8:20

To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

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- *Found in the church (1 Cor. 12:28)*

AMOS 3:7

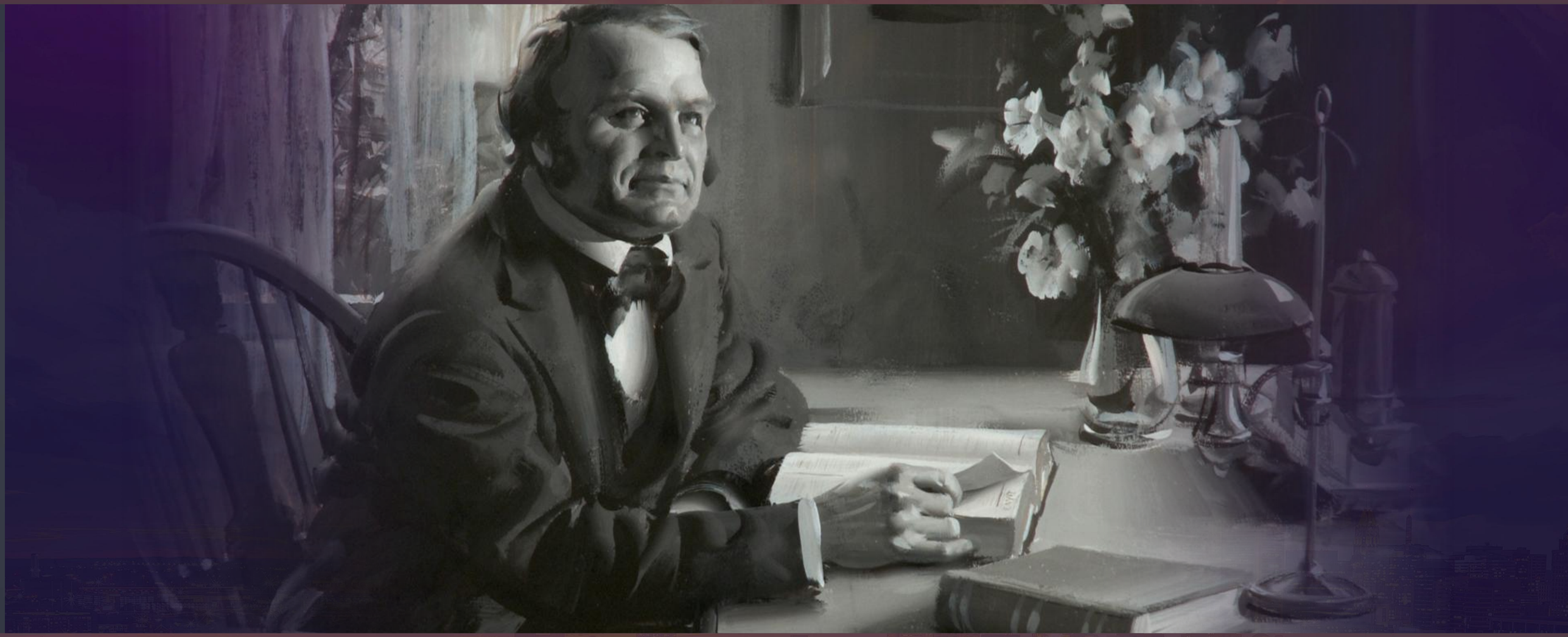
**Surely the Lord God does nothing,
unless He reveals His secret to
His servants the prophets.**

Equipping prophets and predictive prophets.

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William Miller, Baptist preacher.



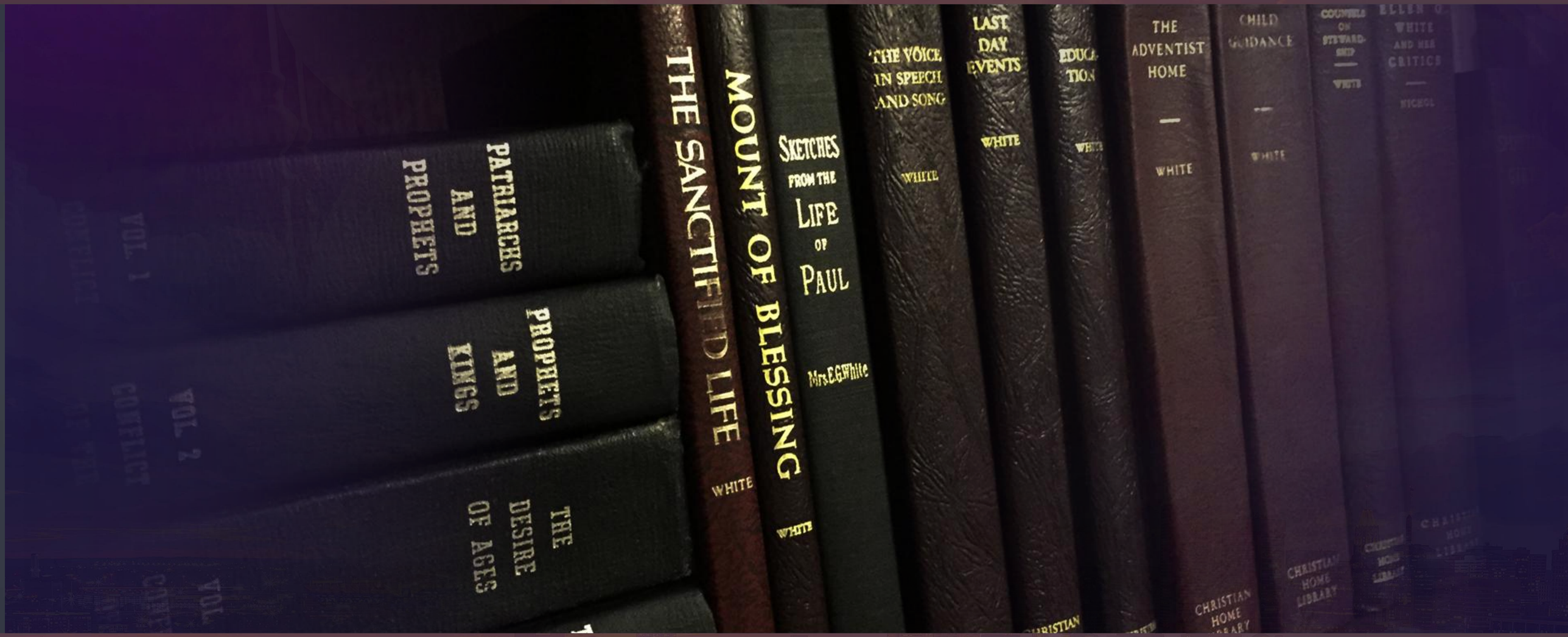
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ACTS 20:29

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.



The Waldensian Christians motto was Lux Lucet in Tenebris

Light shines in darkness



Forbidden by the pope of explaining the Scriptures, they disobeyed.

Truth Restored

God's End-time People — Sabbath/Commandments

Miller — Second Coming

Wesley — Holiness

Anabaptists — Baptism

Calvin — Growth

Luther — Grace

Huss — Obedience

Waldenses — Bible

Dark Ages

The darker the night, the brighter the light.



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Today, God is inviting you to the light.



Jesus is our Savior.



Jesus is our Creator



The Bible is still relevant today.

1 PETER 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

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1 JOHN 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.



Thomas Kinkade, “The Painter of Light”



Leonardo DaVinci



Michelangelo



Raphael was influenced by Michelangelo, then refined his own work.



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