



Sign of  
**Immanuel**

**Immanuel Within**

## Recap

**“But will God really dwell on earth?** The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! Yet give attention to your servant’s prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. **May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, ‘My Name shall be there,’** so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when **they pray toward this place.** Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

**1 Kings 8:27-30**

## Recap

### God's Presence is Dangerous

So fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.

Leviticus 10:1-2

### God's Presence Overwhelms Us

“Woe to me!” I cried. “**I am ruined!** For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” [Isaiah 6:5](#)

### God's Presence Transforms Us

Come into his presence with singing! [Psalm 100:2](#)

## Recap

### Paradox of Immanuel

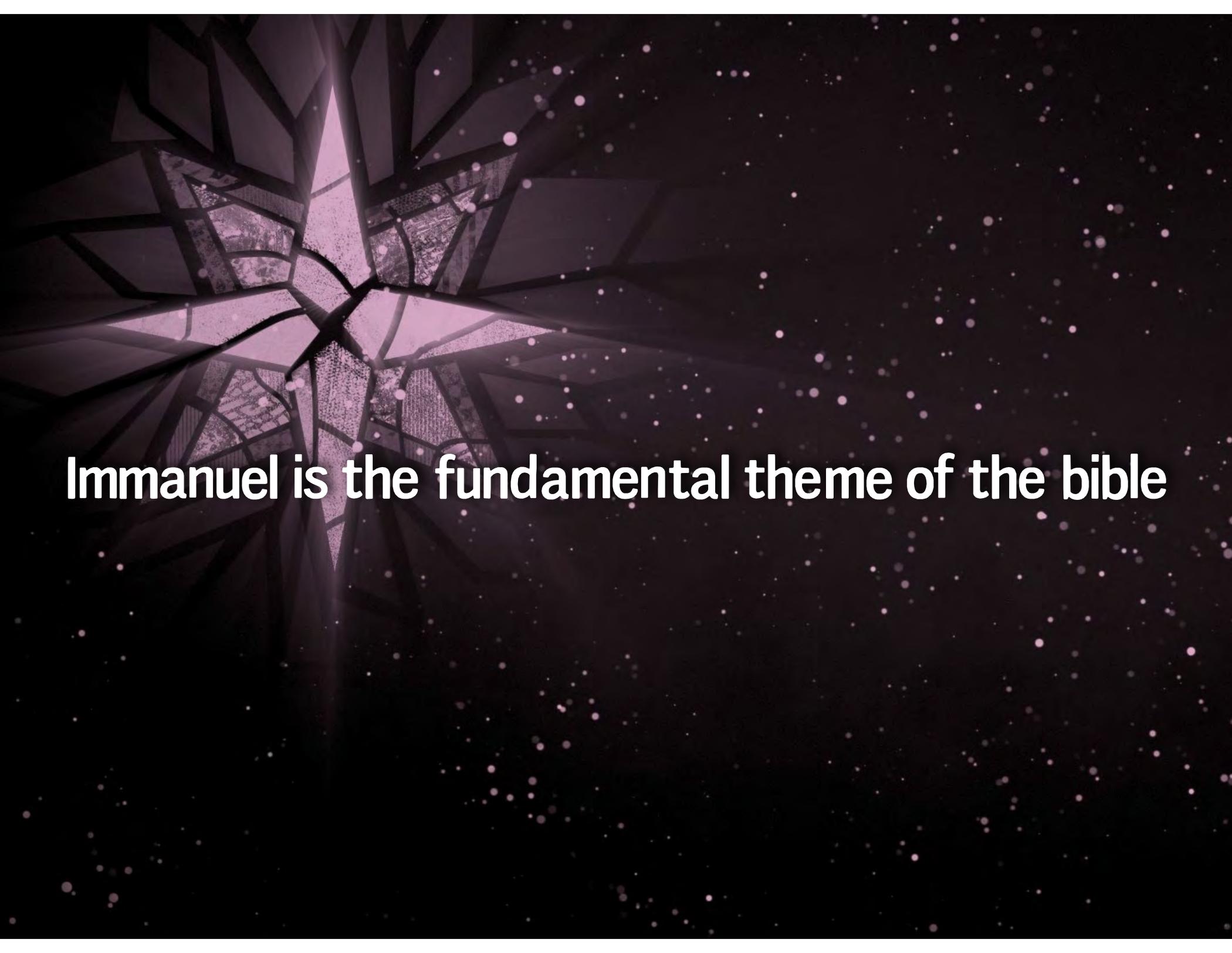
God wants to be in relationship with His creation

We chose sin (separation) from God

God by His very nature can't tolerate  
sin in His presence

God found a safe way to be "Immanuel"  
amongst His followers

God created the temple and its rules to  
protect us

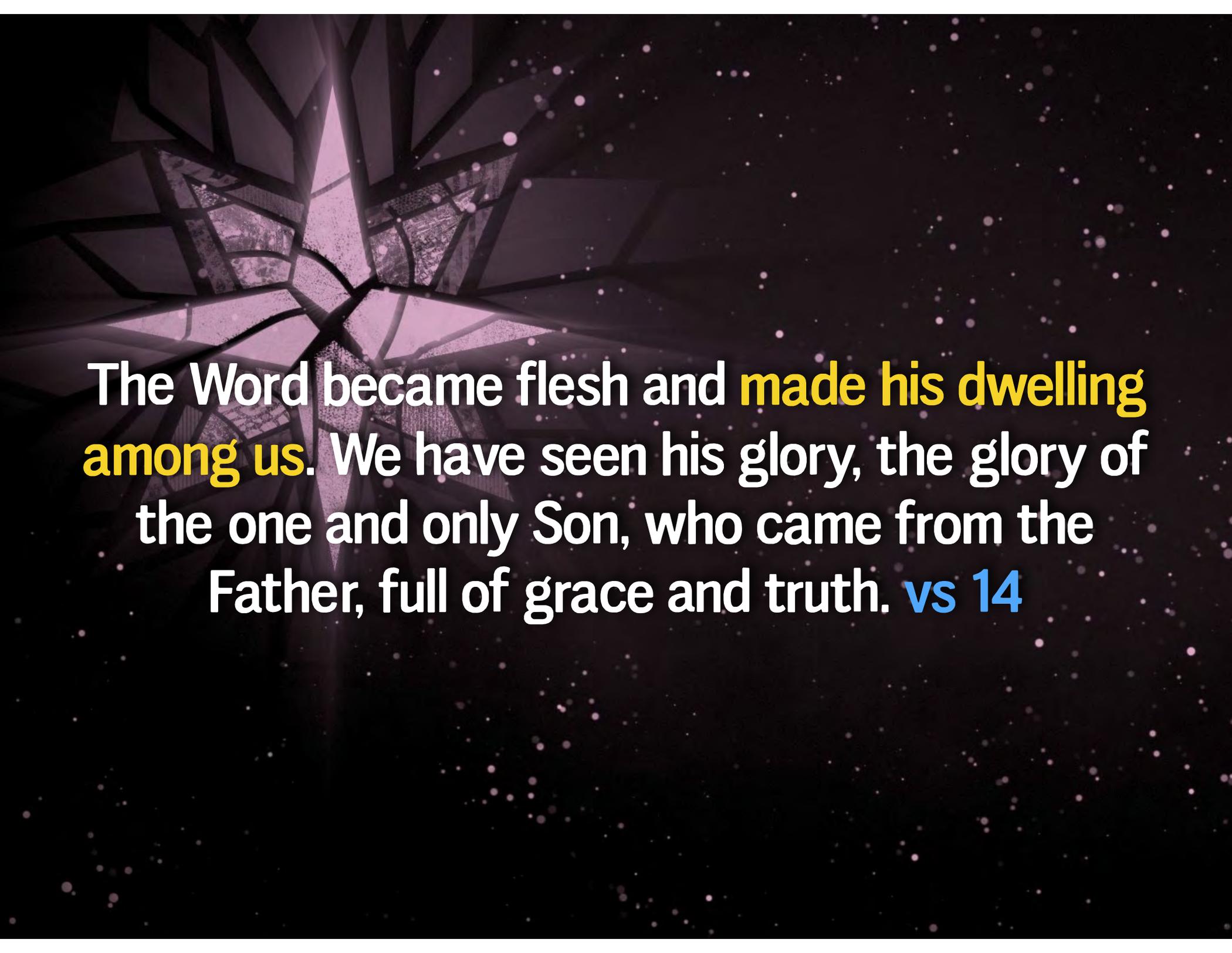


**Immanuel is the fundamental theme of the bible**

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. **He was in the world**, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. **John 1:9-10**

He came to that which was his own, but **his own did not receive him.** **vs 11**

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, **he gave the right to become children of God**— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but **born of God.** **vs 12-13**



The Word became flesh and **made his dwelling among us**. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **vs 14**

# Holy of Holies-Kodesh HaKadashim

When Moses entered the tent of meeting to speak with the Lord, **he heard the voice speaking to him from between the two cherubim above the atonement cover on the ark of the covenant law.** In this way the Lord spoke to him. **Number 7:89**

Movement through the tabernacle was stages of intimacy with God



## Ark of the Covenant

“Make an atonement cover of pure gold—two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide. And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover. Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends. The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them.

**The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover.** Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law that I will give you. There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the covenant law, **I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.** Exodus 25:17-22

# Ark of the Covenant



“See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, **and I have filled him with the Spirit of God**, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills” **Exodus 31:2-3**

He is to put the incense on the fire before the Lord, and the smoke of the incense will conceal the atonement cover above the tablets of the covenant law, so that he will not die. **He is to take some of the bull's blood and with his finger sprinkle it on the front of the atonement cover;** then he shall sprinkle some of it with his finger seven times before the atonement cover. **Leviticus 16:13-14**

When the blood was sprinkled the angels face reflected upwards

Don't you know that **you yourselves are God's temple** and that **God's Spirit dwells in your midst**? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

**1 Corinthians 3:16-17**

**Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies. 6:19-20**

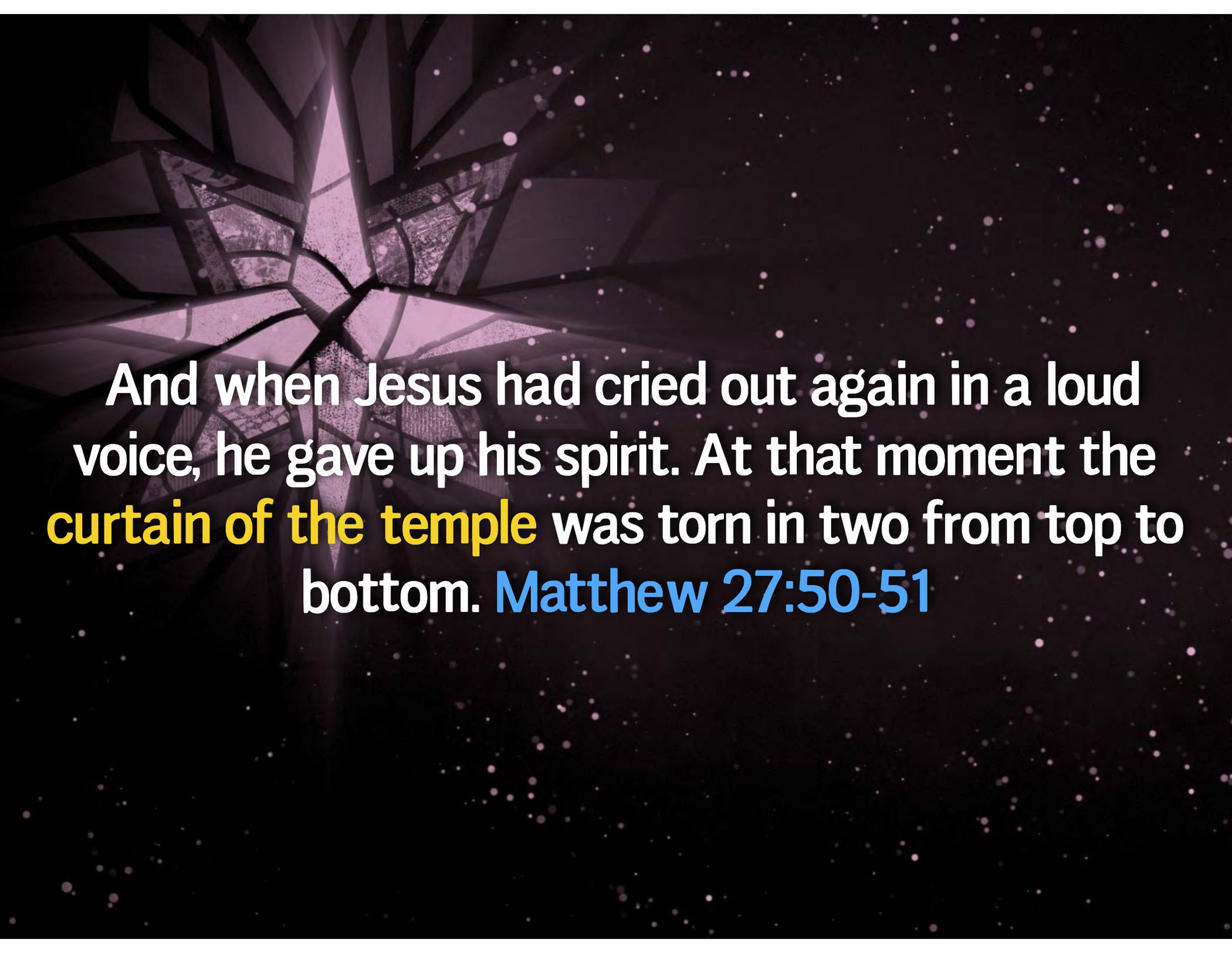
ἡ οὐθκ οἰδατε οἷ το; σωμα  
υφμων ναο; του εθν υφμιν αφγιζου  
πνευματος ευστιν, ουφ εχετε αυπο;  
θεου, και; ουθκ ευστε; εφ αυτων;

**naos:** used of the temple at Jerusalem, but only  
of the sacred edifice (or sanctuary) itself,  
consisting of the Holy place and the Holy of  
Holies

Don't you know that those who serve in the **temple** get their food from the temple, and that those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? **1 Corinthians 9:13**

οὐχ οἱ ἵδασθε ὡς οἱ ἱεροῦ; ἱεροῦ;  
ἐργαζόμενοι τὰ; ἐκ τοῦ **ἱεροῦ**  
ἐσθισουσιν, οἱ ἅ τῶ ἱεροῦ  
παρεδρουντες τῶ ἱεροῦ  
συμερισζονται;

**ieron**: is used to describe the whole temple  
(outer court, altar etc)



And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the **curtain of the temple** was torn in two from top to bottom. **Matthew 27:50-51**

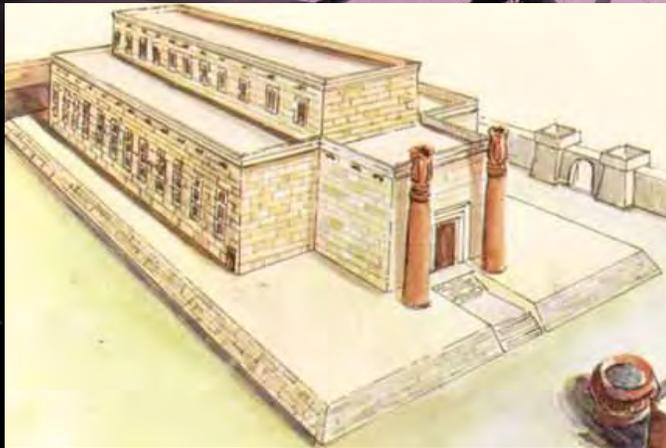
“Make a **curtain** of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim woven into it by a skilled worker. Hang it with gold hooks on four posts of acacia wood overlaid with gold and standing on four silver bases. Hang the curtain from the clasps and place the ark of the covenant law behind the curtain. **The curtain will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.**” Exodus 26:31-33

The curtain was estimated to be four inches thick

# The Story of Immanuel

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Within



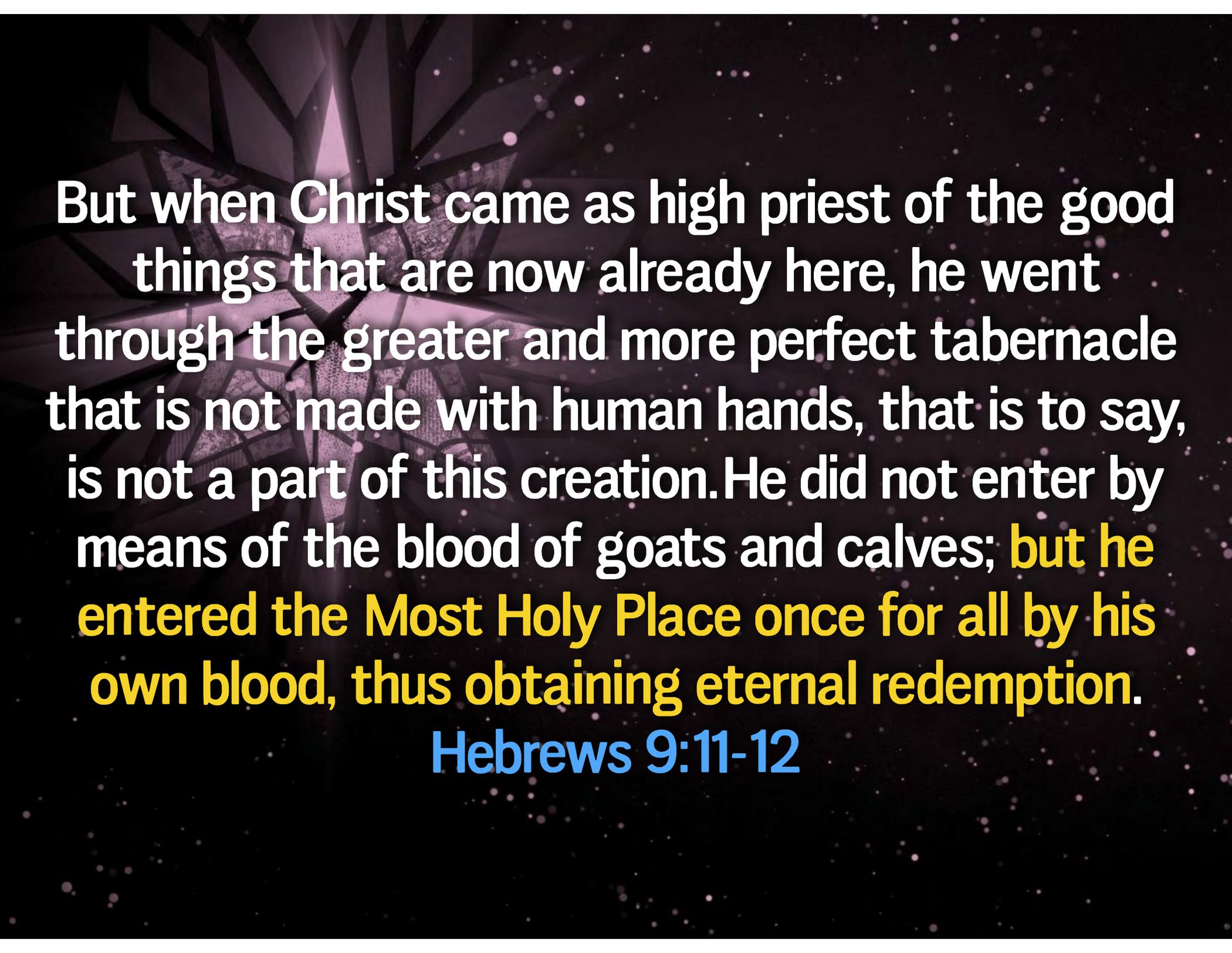
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**Immanuel is available to all**  
Christmas made everyday

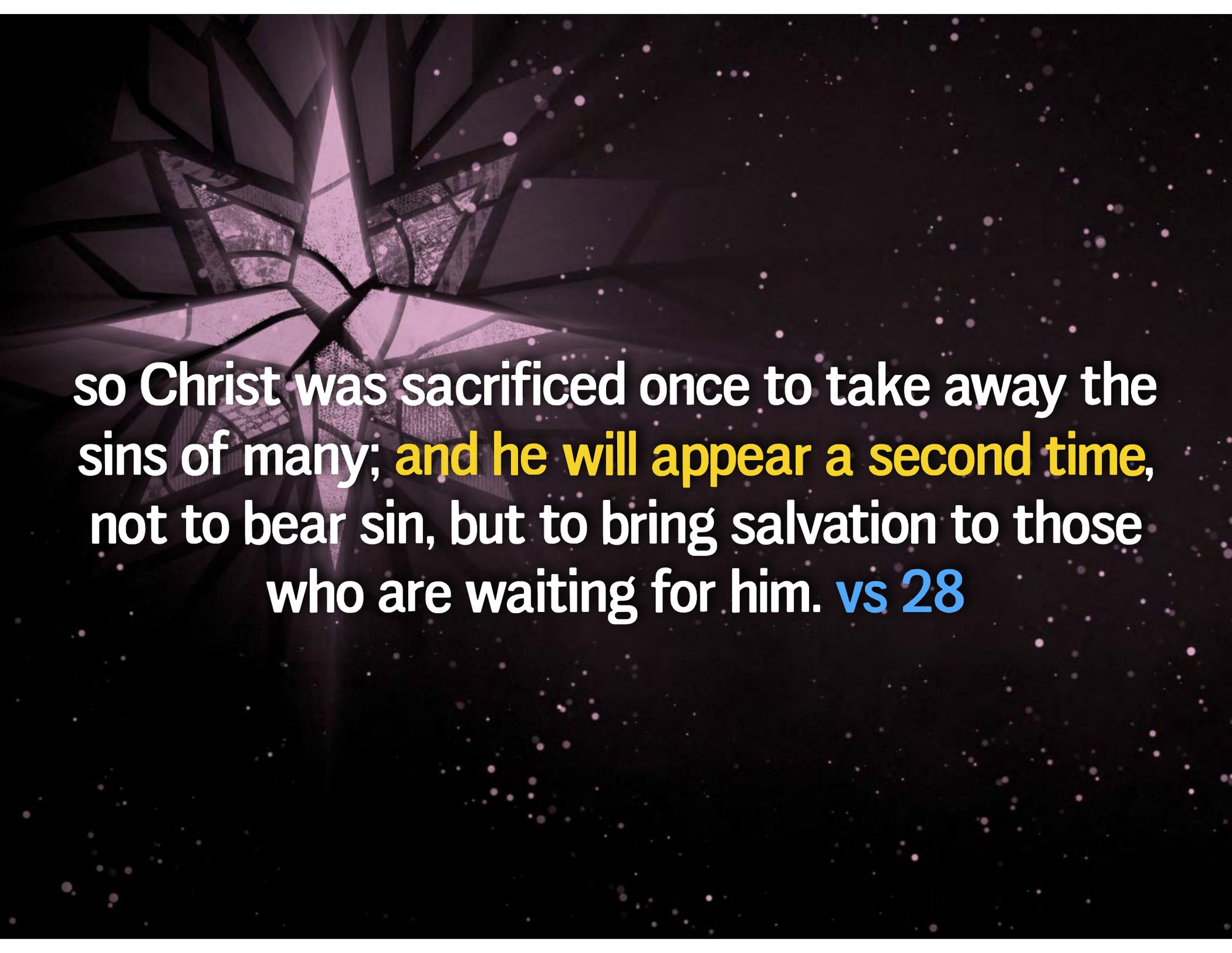
**Immanuel is uncomfortable**  
God requires something from us

**Immanuel becomes all we want**  
We were created for relationship with our Creator



But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; **but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.**

**Hebrews 9:11-12**



so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; **and he will appear a second time,** not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. **vs 28**