



# *The Song of Solomon*

# THE SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

## CYCLE OF LIGHT

*GOD with us*

Advent: Anticipation  
Christmas: Incarnation  
Epiphany: Revelation

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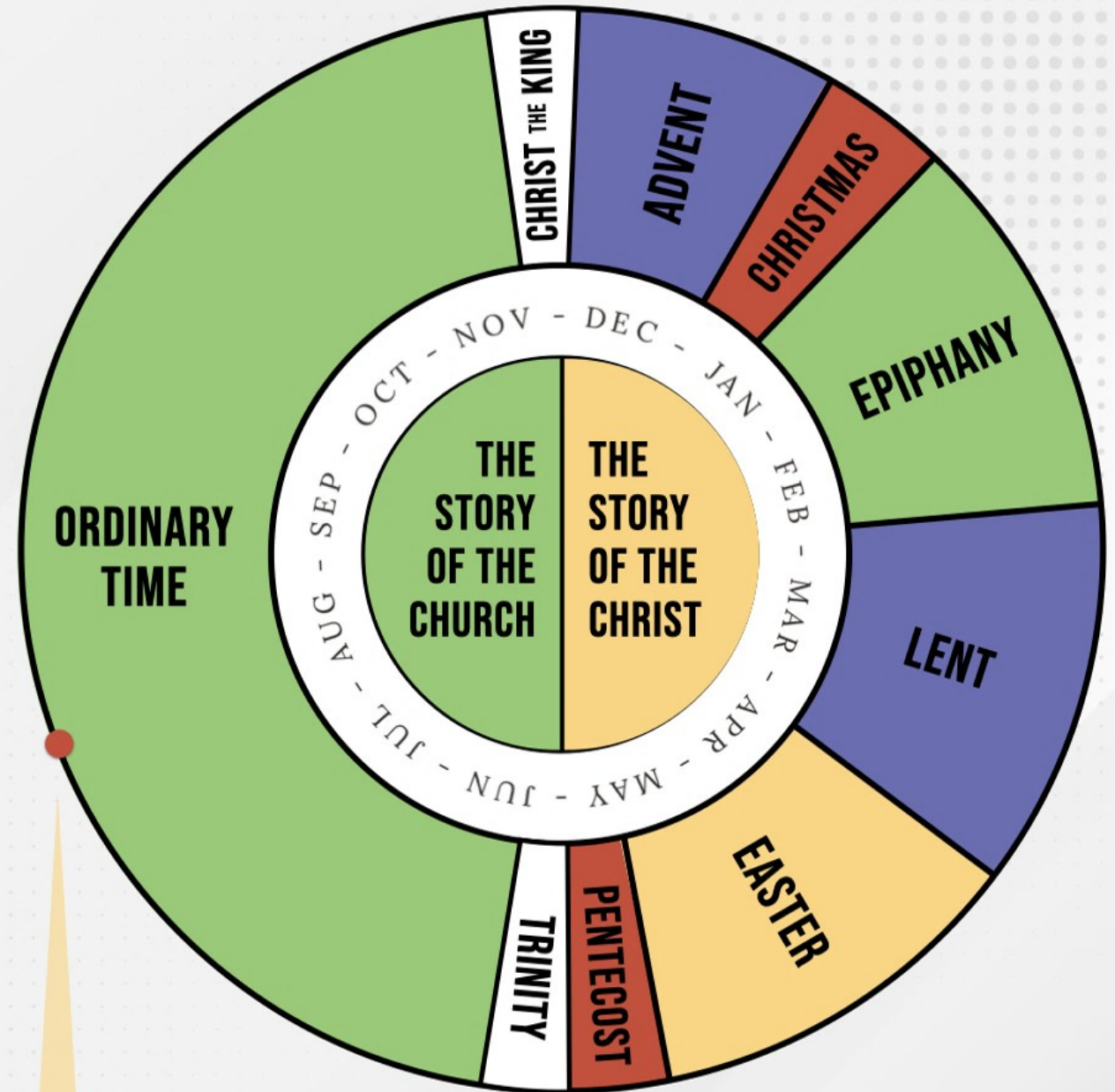
*GOD for us*

Lent: Crucifixion  
Easter: Resurrection  
Pentecost: Ascension

## CYCLE OF LOVE

*GOD in us*

Trinity: Magnification  
**Ordinary Time: Mission**  
Christ the King: Conclusion



**WE ARE HERE**

This five-week sermon series will explore **mature themes** with reverence and care, focusing not on explicit explanations but on the theological importance of embodiment, God's design, and faithful stewardship of the good gifts He has entrusted to us.



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# SONG OF SOLOMON 8:5-7

## Friends

Who is this coming up from the wilderness leaning on her beloved?

## She

Under the apple tree I roused you; there your mother conceived you, there she who was in labor gave you birth. Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame. Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away.

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## LUKE 1:30-34

But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

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**SEXUAL UNION ACTUALIZES  
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 6:15-17

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

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## MARK 10:2-12

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

“What did Moses command you?” he replied.

They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’

## MARK 10:2-12

‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

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**“THE FLAME OF THE LORD”**

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**SEXUAL UNION AWAKENS  
AN ALL-POWERFUL DESIRE**

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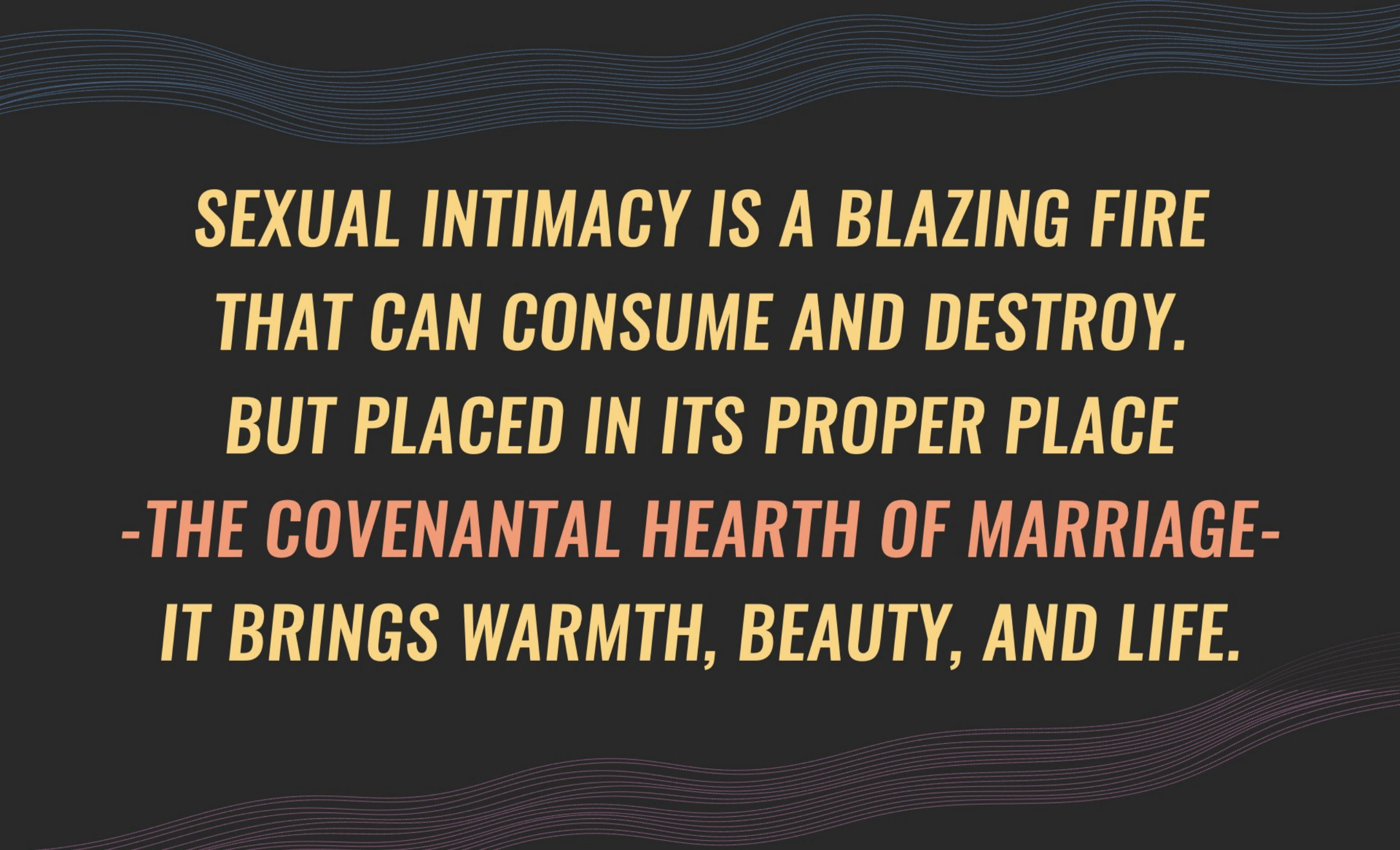
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 7:9

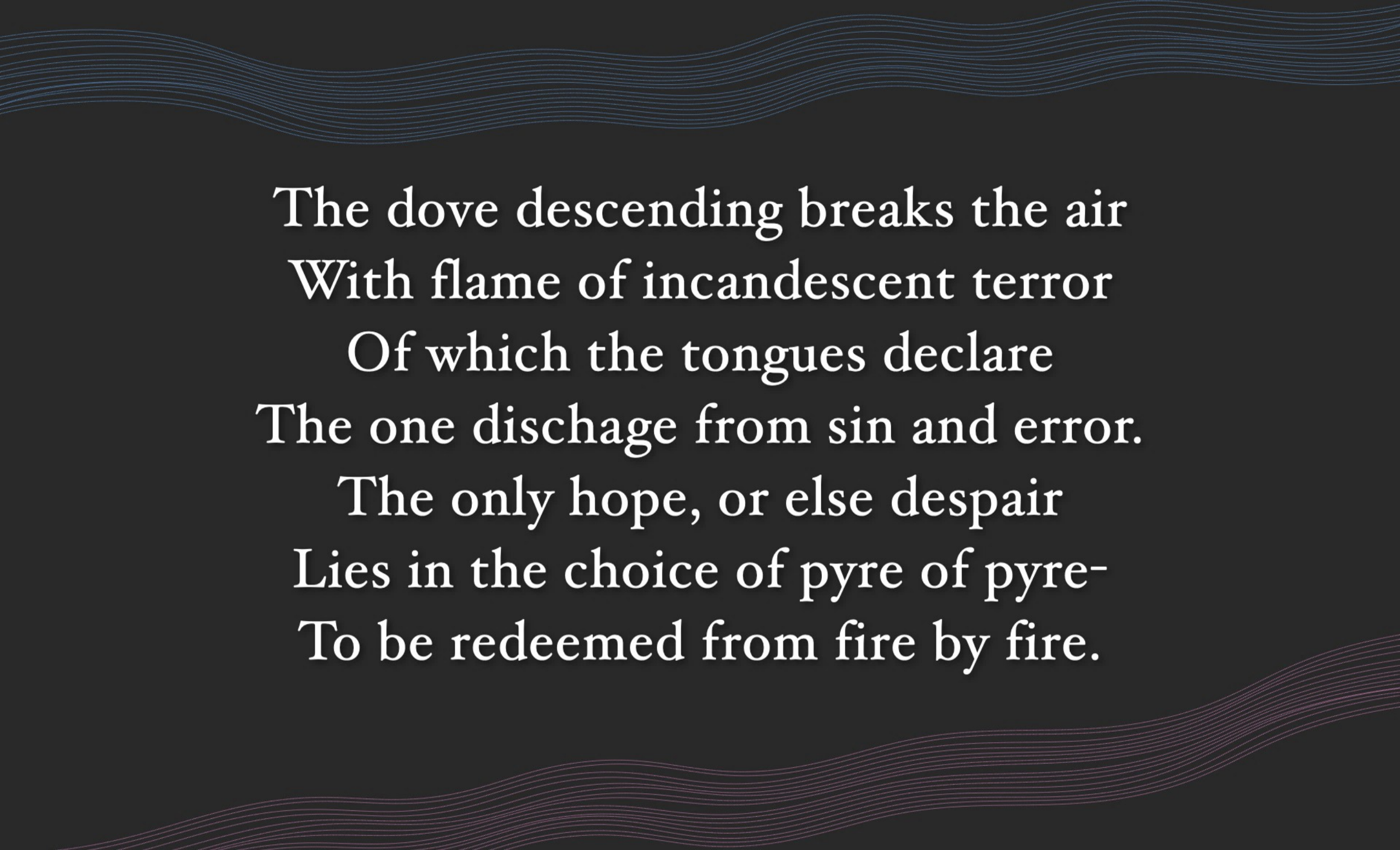
But if they cannot control themselves,  
they should marry, for it is better to  
marry than to burn with passion.



***SEXUAL INTIMACY IS A BLAZING FIRE  
THAT CAN CONSUME AND DESTROY.  
BUT PLACED IN ITS PROPER PLACE  
-THE COVENANTAL HEARTH OF MARRIAGE-  
IT BRINGS WARMTH, BEAUTY, AND LIFE.***



“The world's on fire, but there are different kinds of fire. There is the fire that Moses beheld in the burning bush—a fire of glory that blazes but does not consume. And there is the malevolent fire that consumes and destroys—the devouring fire of Gehenna. What can we do when everything is on fire with the flames of destruction? We can take shelter in the love of God.”



The dove descending breaks the air  
With flame of incandescent terror  
Of which the tongues declare  
The one discharge from sin and error.  
The only hope, or else despair  
Lies in the choice of pyre of pyre-  
To be redeemed from fire by fire.



Who then devised the torment? Love.

Love is the unfamiliar Name

Behind the hands that wove

The intolerable shirt of flame

Which human power cannot remove.

We only live, only suspire

Consumed by either fire or fire.



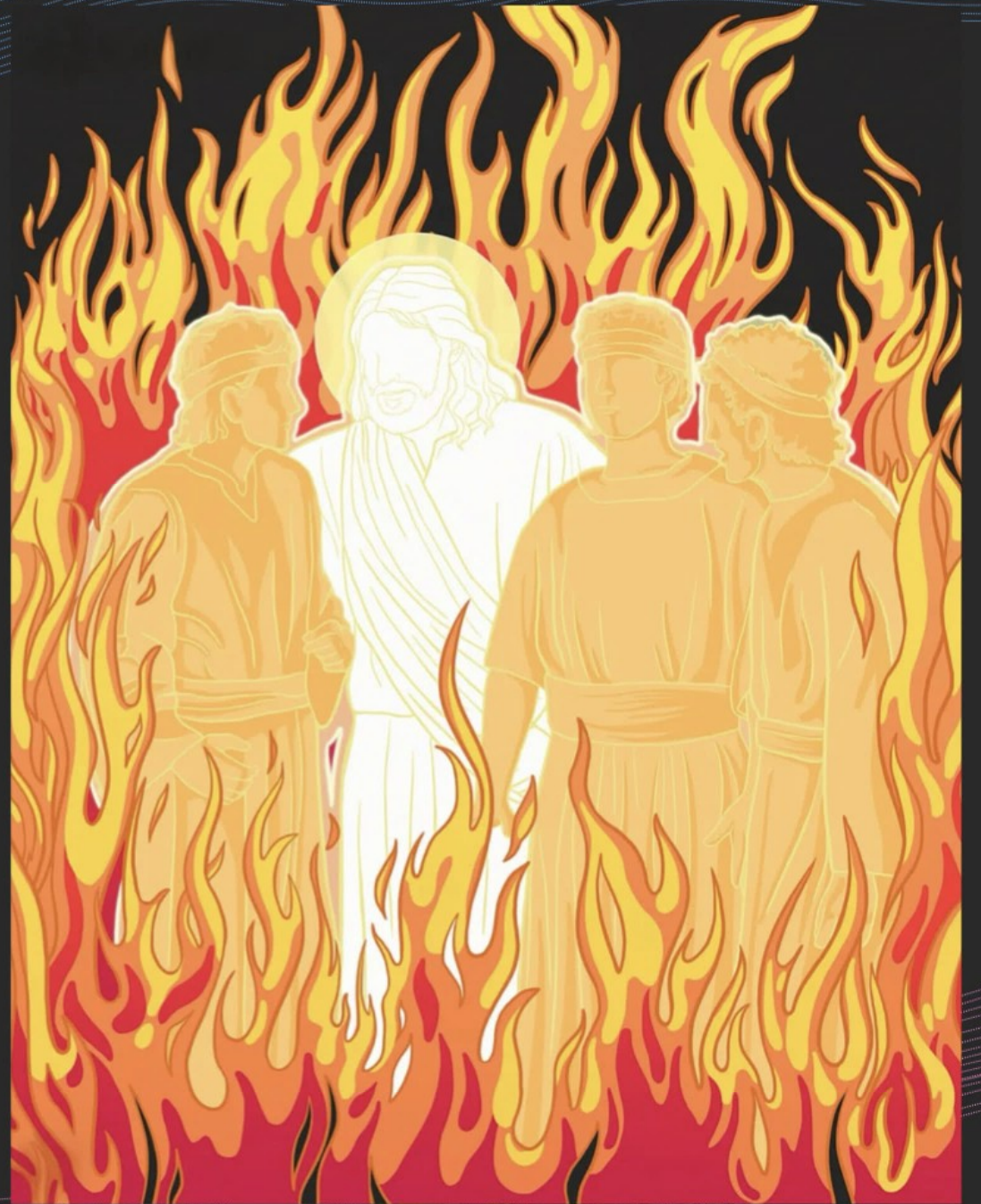
## MATTHEW 3:11-12

I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

# 1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-15

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

**THOUGH THIS GENERATION  
MAY HAVE BEEN THROWN  
INTO A WORLD ON FIRE,  
BY HIDING THEMSELVES IN  
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