

The Heart of Prayer

1 Samuel 1:1-8

PENTECOST

in PRAYER

POWER

for WITNESS

of COMMUNITY

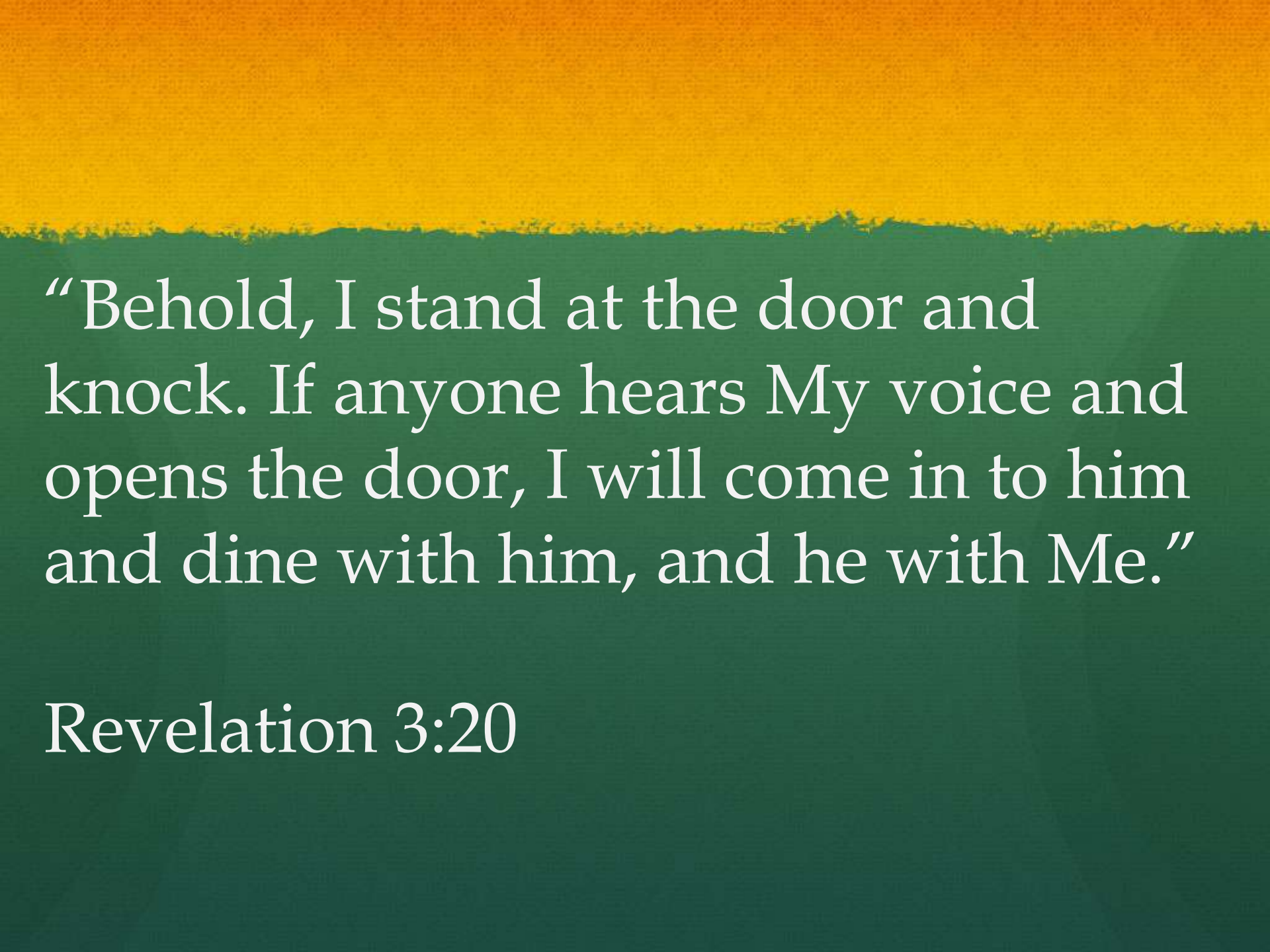
But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me ... to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

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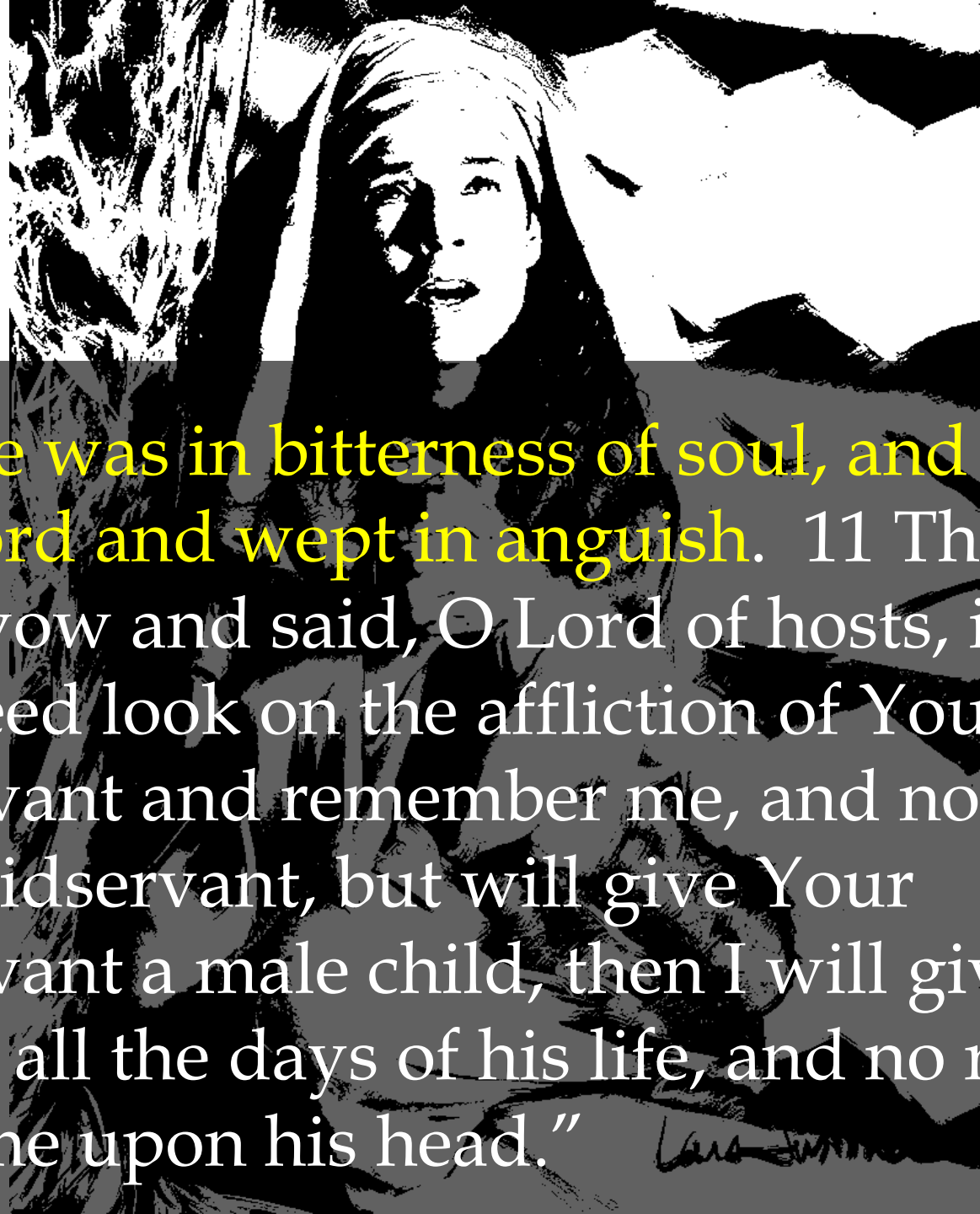
“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

Revelation 3:20

“8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her, Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?”

“14 So Eli said to her, How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!”

“5 But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although **the Lord had closed her womb**. 6 And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because **the Lord had closed her womb**.”



“And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. 11 Then she made a vow and said, O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.”

“He knocks in order to move us by prayer to open the door and accept the gift which He has already appointed for us”

“To pray is to ... let Jesus into our needs. To pray is to give Jesus permission to employ His powers [in our life] ... To pray is to let Jesus glorify His name in [us]”

Prayer by O. Hallesby

Cultivate a habit of prayerfulness

9 After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and **presented herself before the Lord.** (NRSV)

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15 But Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord.

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17 Then Eli answered and said, **Go in peace**, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him.

18 And she said, Let your maidservant find favour in your sight. So the woman **went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.**

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**Pour out
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12 And it happened, as **she continued praying** before the Lord, that Eli watched her mouth. 13 Now Hannah **spoke in her heart**; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard.

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- ✧ Intimate fellowship with God
- ✧ God the initiator of prayer
- ✧ Listening and responding in love
- ✧ Context: our human frailty

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“Prayer consists in simply telling God **day by day** in what ways we feel that we are helpless. We are moved to pray every time the Spirit of God, which is the spirit of prayer, emphasizes anew to us our helplessness, and we realise how impotent we are by nature to believe, to love, to hope, to serve, to sacrifice, to suffer, to read the Bible, to pray and to struggle against our sinful desires.”

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