

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, **as though something strange** were happening to you. (1 Peter 4:12)

***ILLNESSES***

***FAMILY SORROWS***

***FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS***

***EMPLOYMENT ISSUES***

***DEATH***

***SPIRITUAL AILMENTS***

46 out of  
59 households have faced a major  
hardship this year

**78% (almost 8 out of 10)**

# ***THESE WERE OUR GOALS HEADING INTO 2014***

- 1. D** In each of these areas, we have increased, we have labored, and we have seen
- 2. M** successes. And that 8 out of 10 figure is related to those successes:

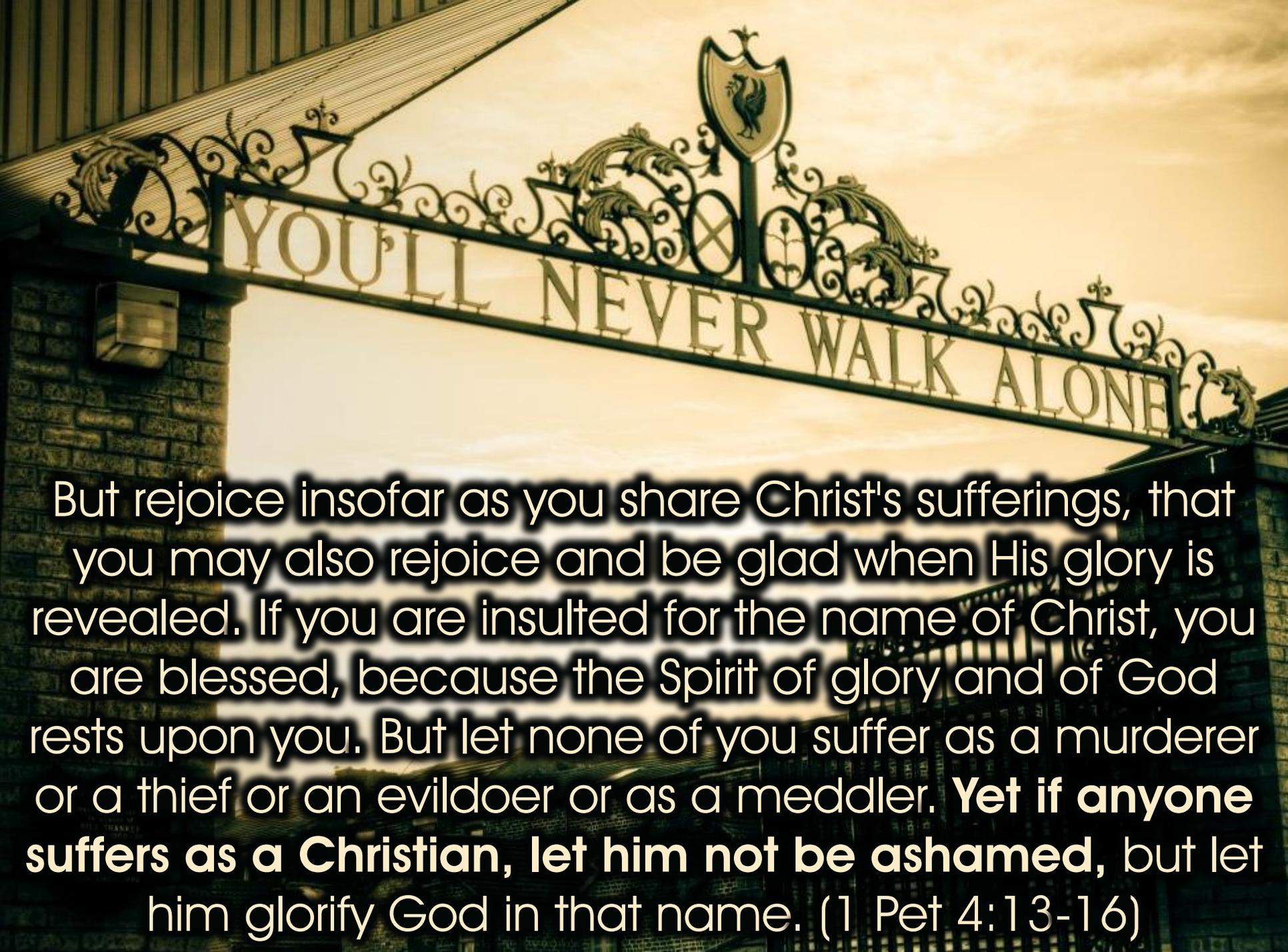
## **3. BE GOOD EXAMPLES AND PULL ALONGSIDE THE**

- W** “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you
- 4. B** know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let
- B** steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” (Jas 1:2-4)
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**But be**

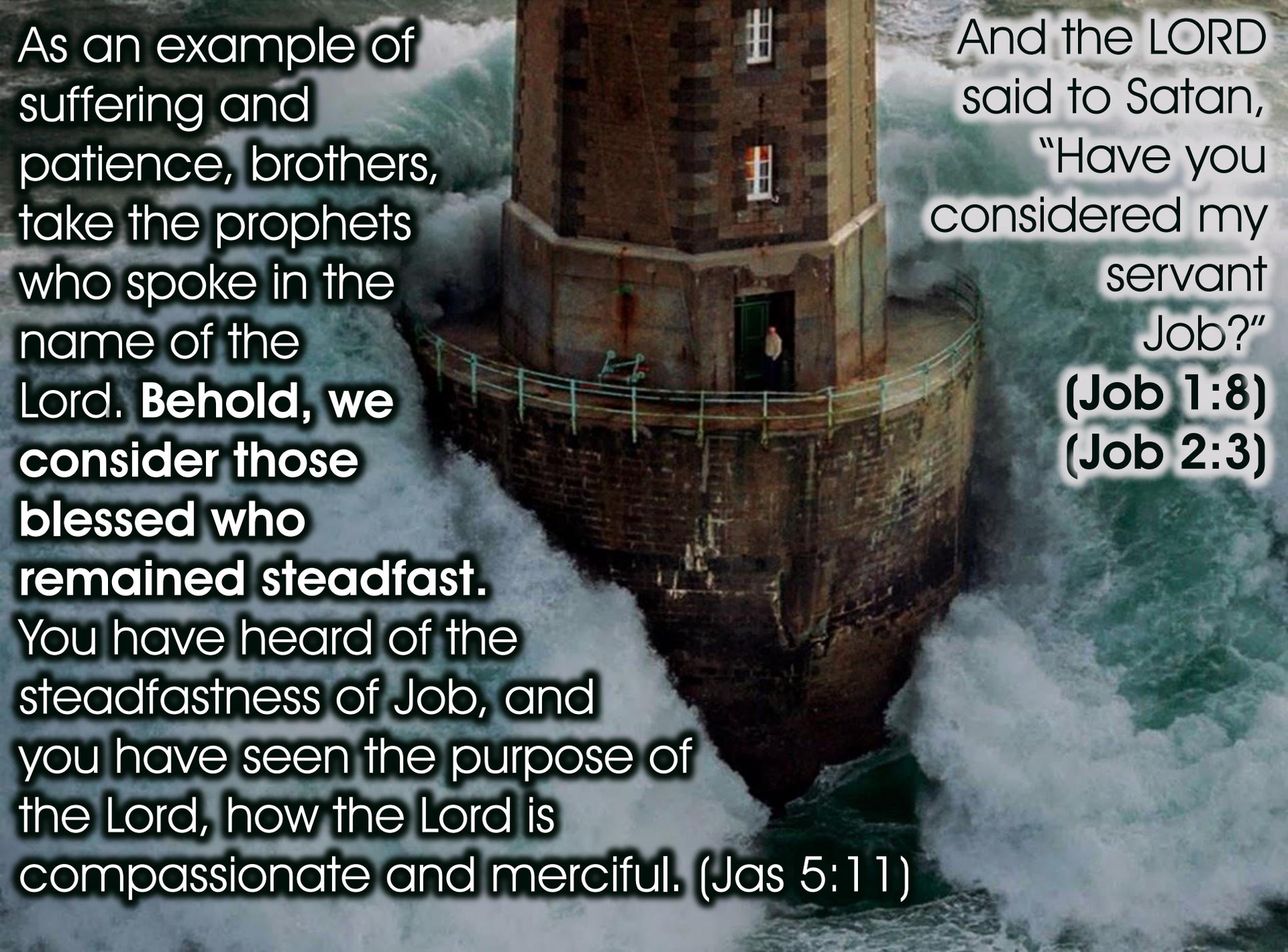
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shall be rewarded. (2 Cor 13:7)



YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. **Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.** (1 Pet 4:13-16)



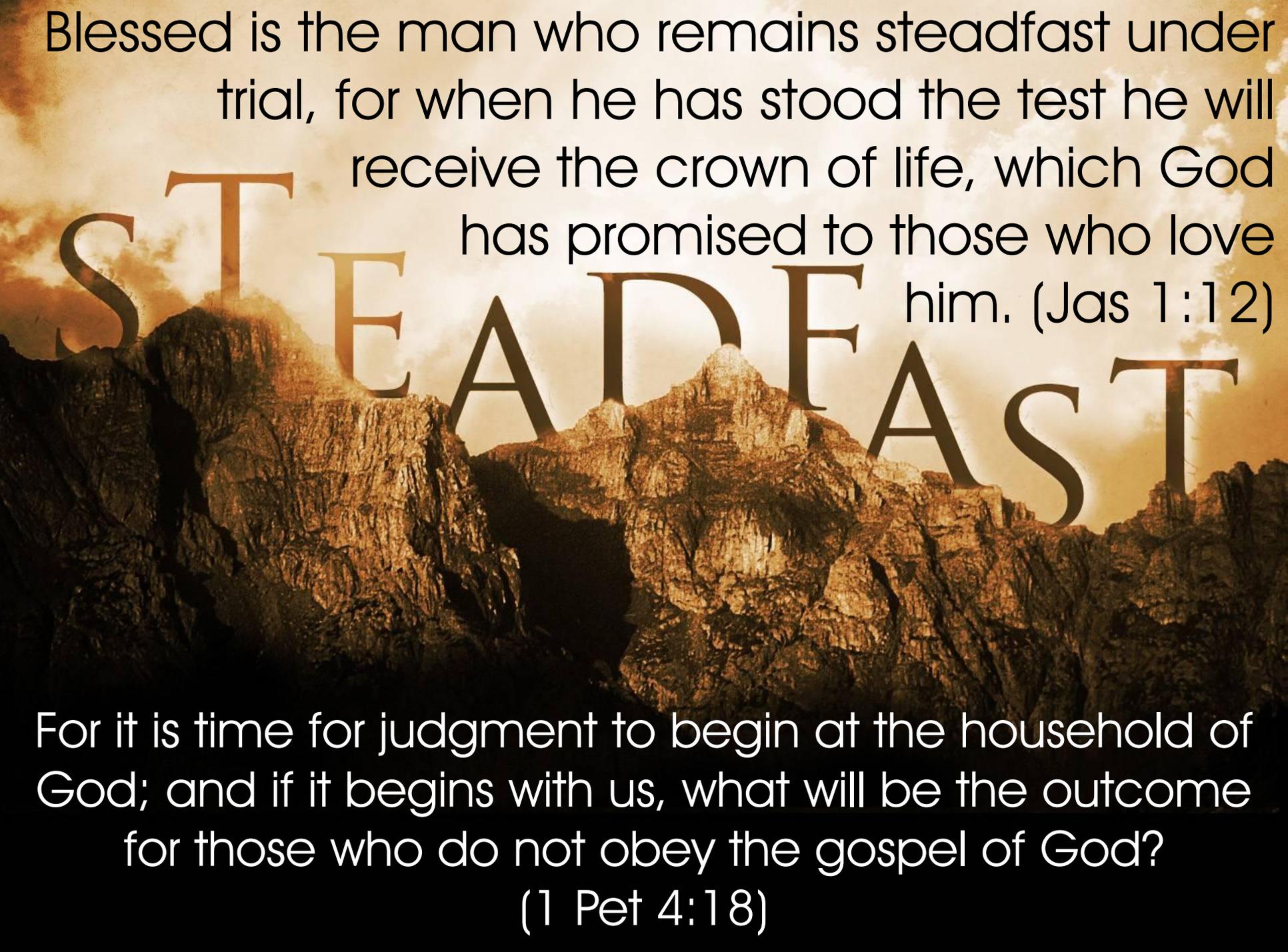
As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast.**

You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. (Jas 5:11)

And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job?"

**(Job 1:8)**

**(Job 2:3)**



Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. (Jas 1:12)

For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?  
(1 Pet 4:18)

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is **no variation or shadow due to change.** (Jas 1:16-17)

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will **entrust** their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.  
(1 Pet 4:19)

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight **momentary affliction** is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

(2 Cor 4:16-18)

