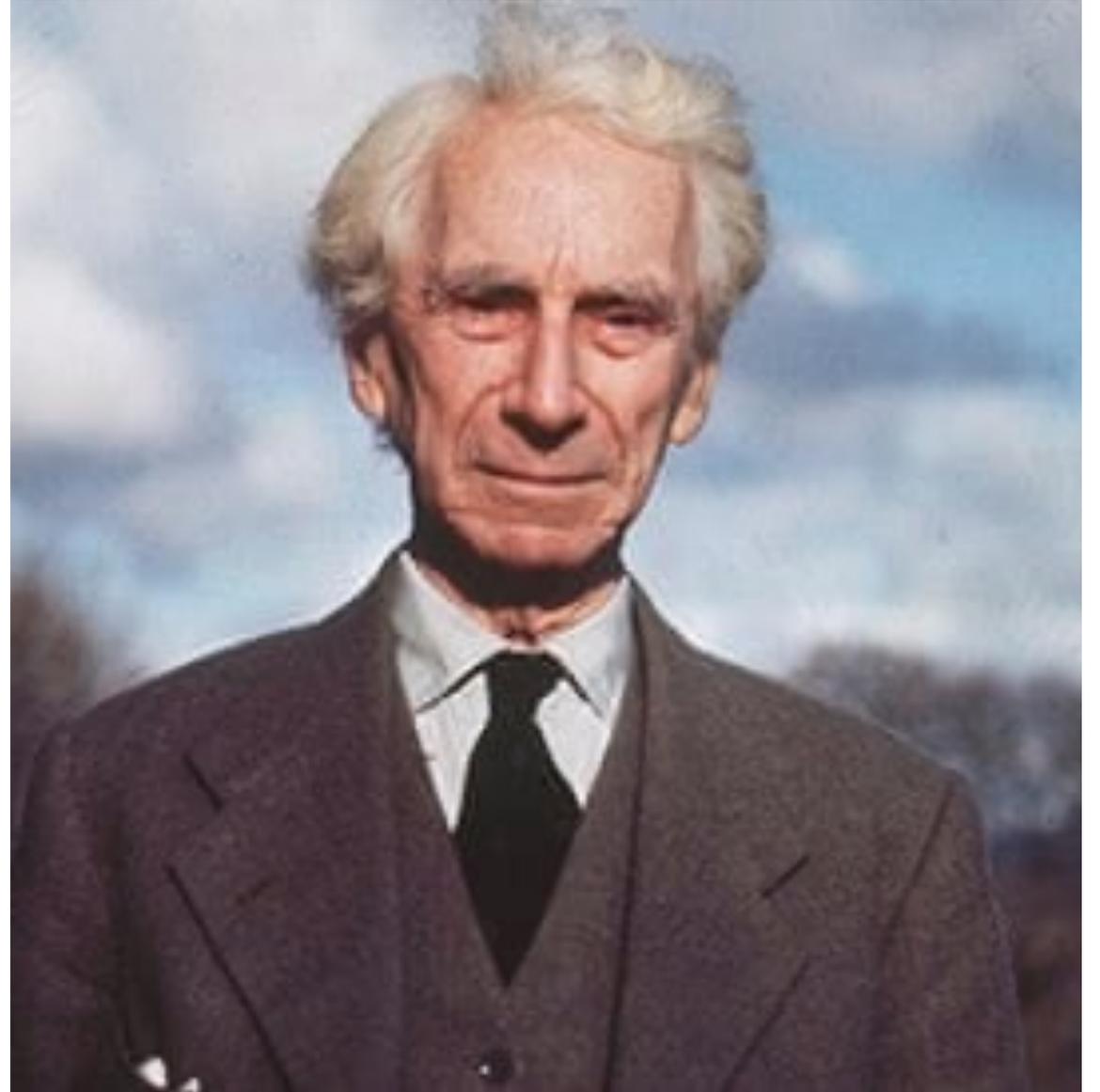


“There is one very serious defect to my mind in Christ's moral character, and that is that He believed in hell. I do not myself feel that any person who is really profoundly humane can believe in everlasting punishment.”

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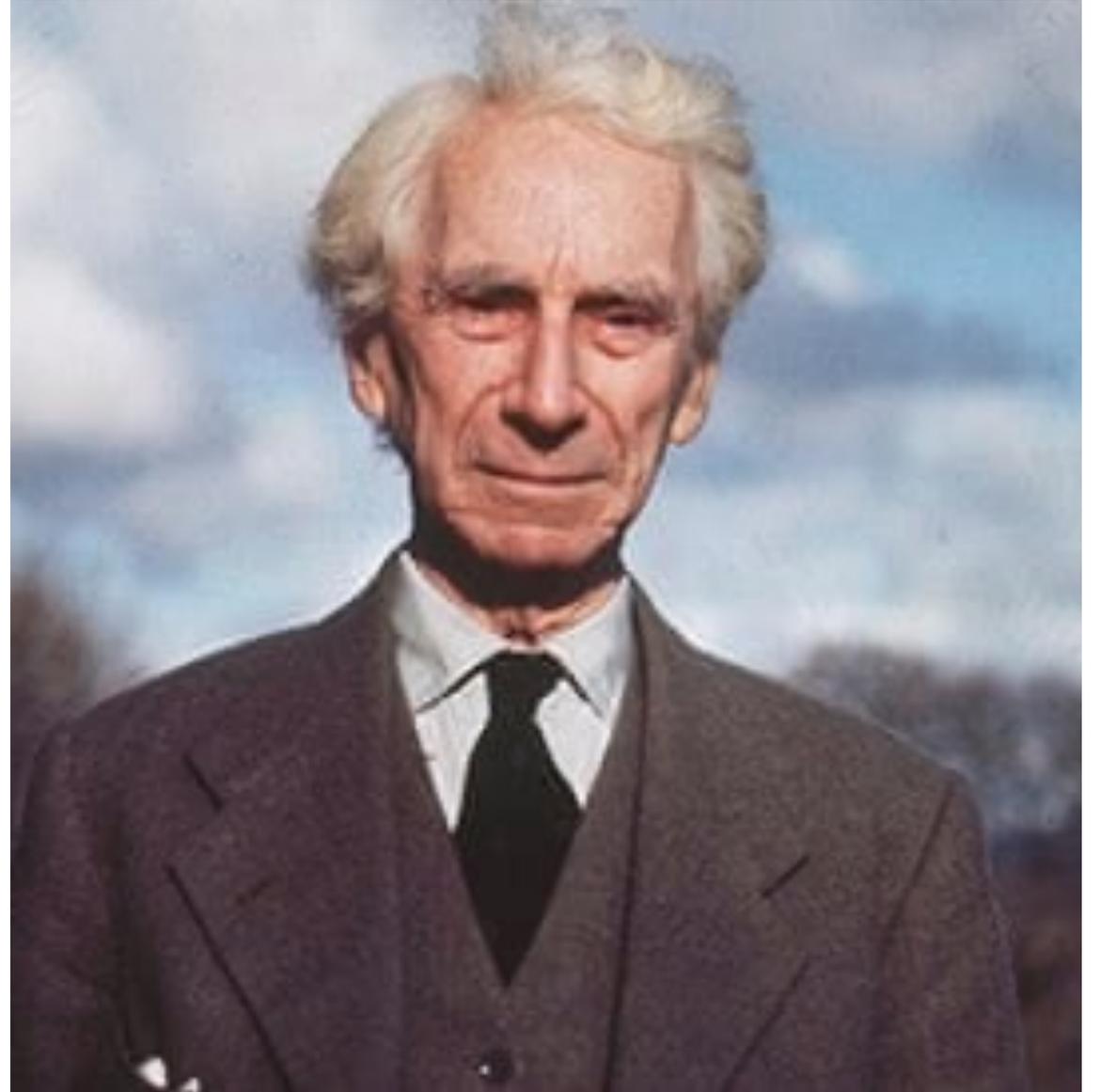
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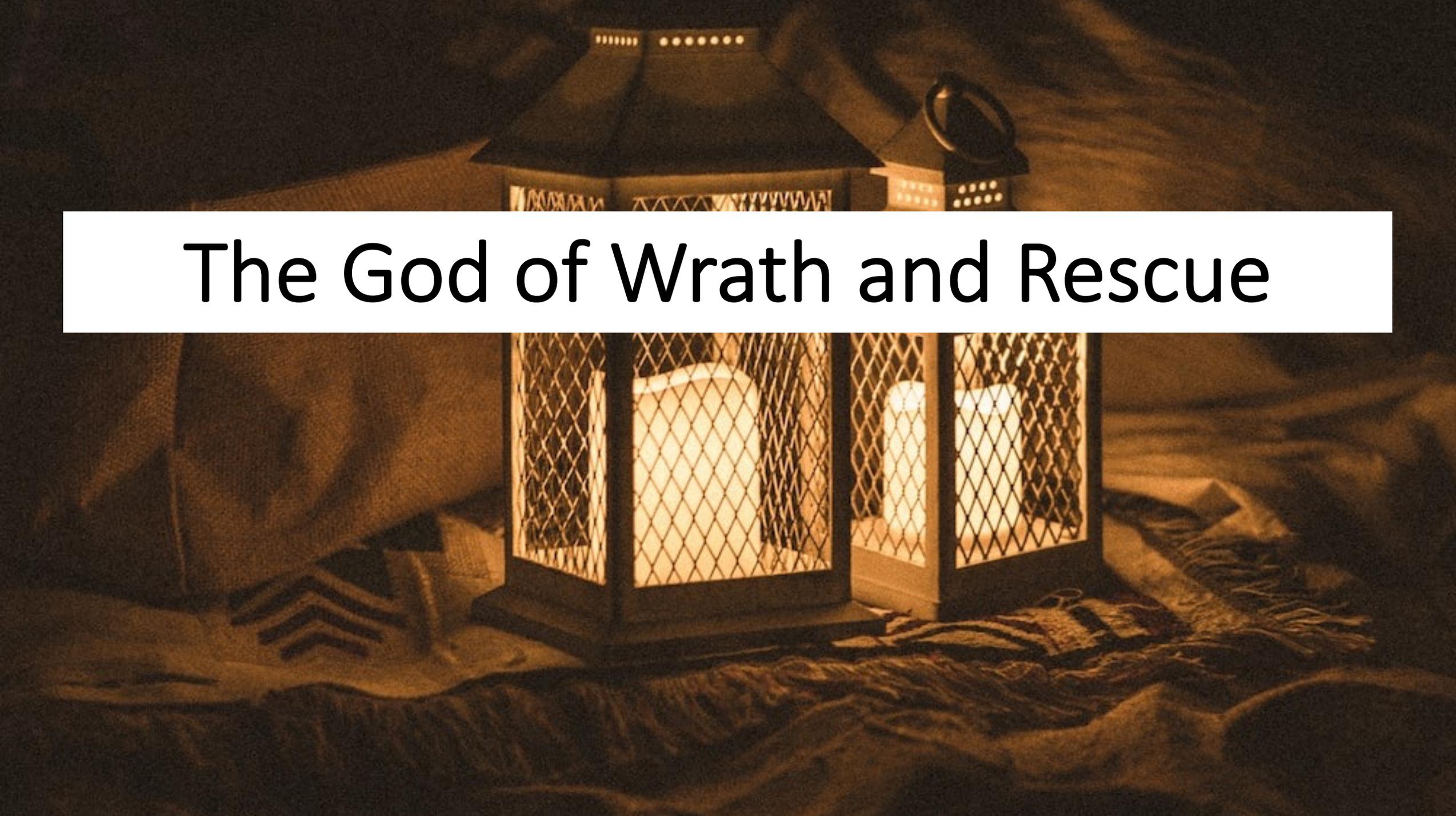


“I cannot myself feel that either in matter of wisdom or in matter of virtue Christ stands quite as high as some other people known to history. I think I should put Buddha and Socrates above Him in those respects.”

Bertrand Russell

British Philosopher



A close-up photograph of a lit lantern. The lantern has a dark, possibly black or dark brown, frame and a mesh of diamond-shaped openings. Inside, a warm, yellowish light emanates from a candle or a small lamp. The lantern is placed on a dark, textured surface that looks like a piece of fabric or a rug with a subtle pattern. The background is dark and out of focus, with some faint lights visible in the upper part of the frame. A white horizontal bar is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text "The God of Wrath and Rescue".

# The God of Wrath and Rescue



## Sinning Angels?

“When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose.”

Genesis 6:1-2



## Sinning Angels?

“In those days, when the children of man had multiplied, it happened that there were born unto them handsome and beautiful daughters. And the angels, the children of heaven, saw them and desired them...”

1 Enoch 6:1-2a



# Sent to Hell

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Tartaroo

“Tartarus, thought of by the Greeks as a subterranean place lower than Hades where divine punishment was meted out, and so regarded in Israelite apocalyptic as well.”

BDAG Greek Lexicon



# Inside Noah's Ark

Gopher wood, caulked with pitch  
1,396,000 cubic feet, 14,000 tons

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- Worldly choice to live in Sodom
- Weak and morally depraved with his daughters
- Invested in city – had to be dragged out
- Drunkenness



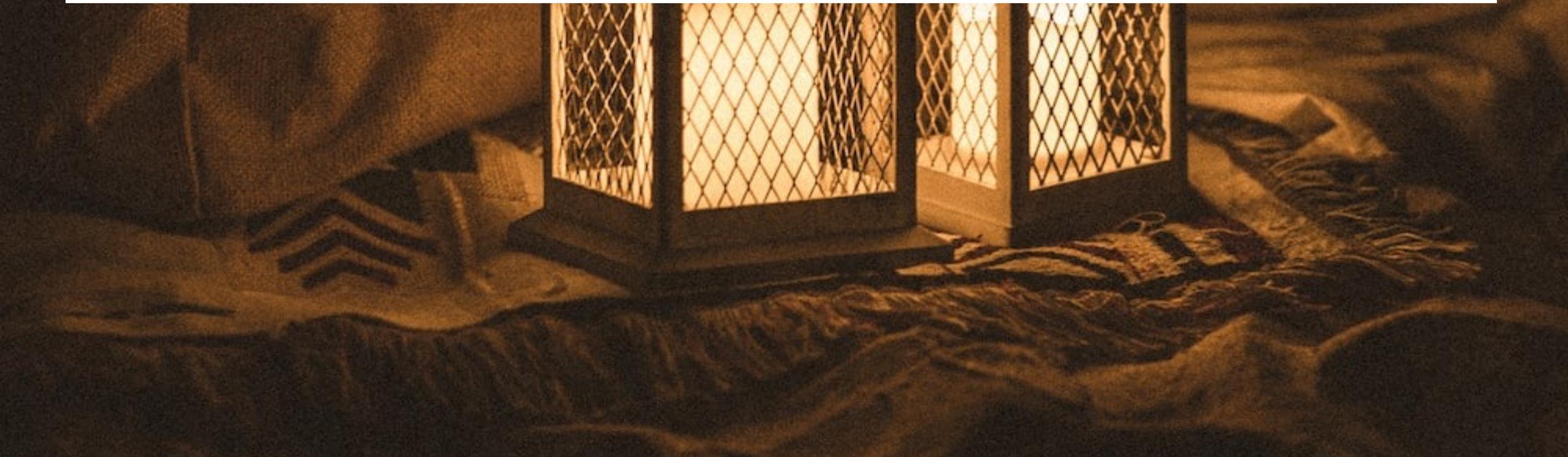
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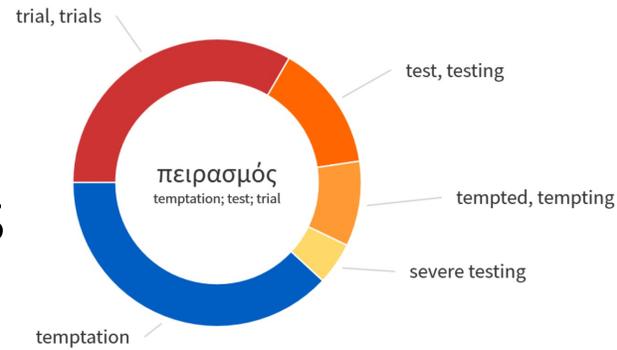
# The God of Wrath and Rescue

1. In the past, God judged the ungodly and rescued the righteous. (vv.4-9)
2. In the present (and future), God will judge the ungodly and rescue the righteous. (v.9)



# Periasmos

Only 1 out of 21 occurrences could refer to future judgment.



## temptation | 8 of 21

- Mt 6:13 And lead us not into **temptation**, but deliver us from the evil one.'
- Mt 26:41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into **temptation**. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- Mk 14:38 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into **temptation**. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- Lk 11:4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into **temptation**."
- Lk 22:40 On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into **temptation**."
- Lk 22:46 "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into **temptation**."
- 1 Co 10:13 No **temptation** has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
- 1 Ti 6:9 Those who want to get rich fall into **temptation** and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

## trial | 7 of 21

- Lk 22:28 You are those who have stood by me in my **trials**.
- Ga 4:14 and even though my illness was a **trial** to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself.
- Jas 1:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face **trials** of many kinds,
- Jas 1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under **trial** because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.
- 1 Pe 1:6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of **trials**.
- 2 Pe 2:9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from **trials** and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.
- Re 3:10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of **trial** that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

## test | 3 of 21

- Lk 8:13 Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of **testing** they fall away.
- Heb 3:8 do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of **testing** in the wilderness,
- 1 Pe 4:12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to **test** you, as though something strange were happening to you.

## tempted | 2 of 21

- Lk 4:13 When the devil had finished all this **tempting**, he left him until an opportune time.
- 1 Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are **tempted**, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

## severe testing | 1 of 21

- Ac 20:19 I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of **severe** testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents.



## God is a God of Wrath: Present

“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness.”

Romans 1:18



## God is a God of Wrath: Future

“He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.”

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9



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MET  
**WRATH**



# God is a God of Wrath and Rescue

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16



# God is a God of Wrath and Rescue

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21



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# The God of Wrath and Rescue

“Yes, believing in a just God can lead to oppression, but not believing in a just God can lead to even greater oppression as we’re left to fend for ourselves in an unaccountable world...Every religion says there is a judgment, and you have to pass it.

Christianity turns that on its head. Yes, there’s a judgment and a judge. But the judge came to earth and paid the penalty...The gospel takes away relativism, but it takes away judgmentalism too. It’s the only way it’s safe to believe in truth. The gospel makes it safe to believe in the judgment and justice of God.”

Tim Keller, “Strangeness and the Order of God” sermon, 10/3/04