

**LESSONS FROM MOUNTAINS**

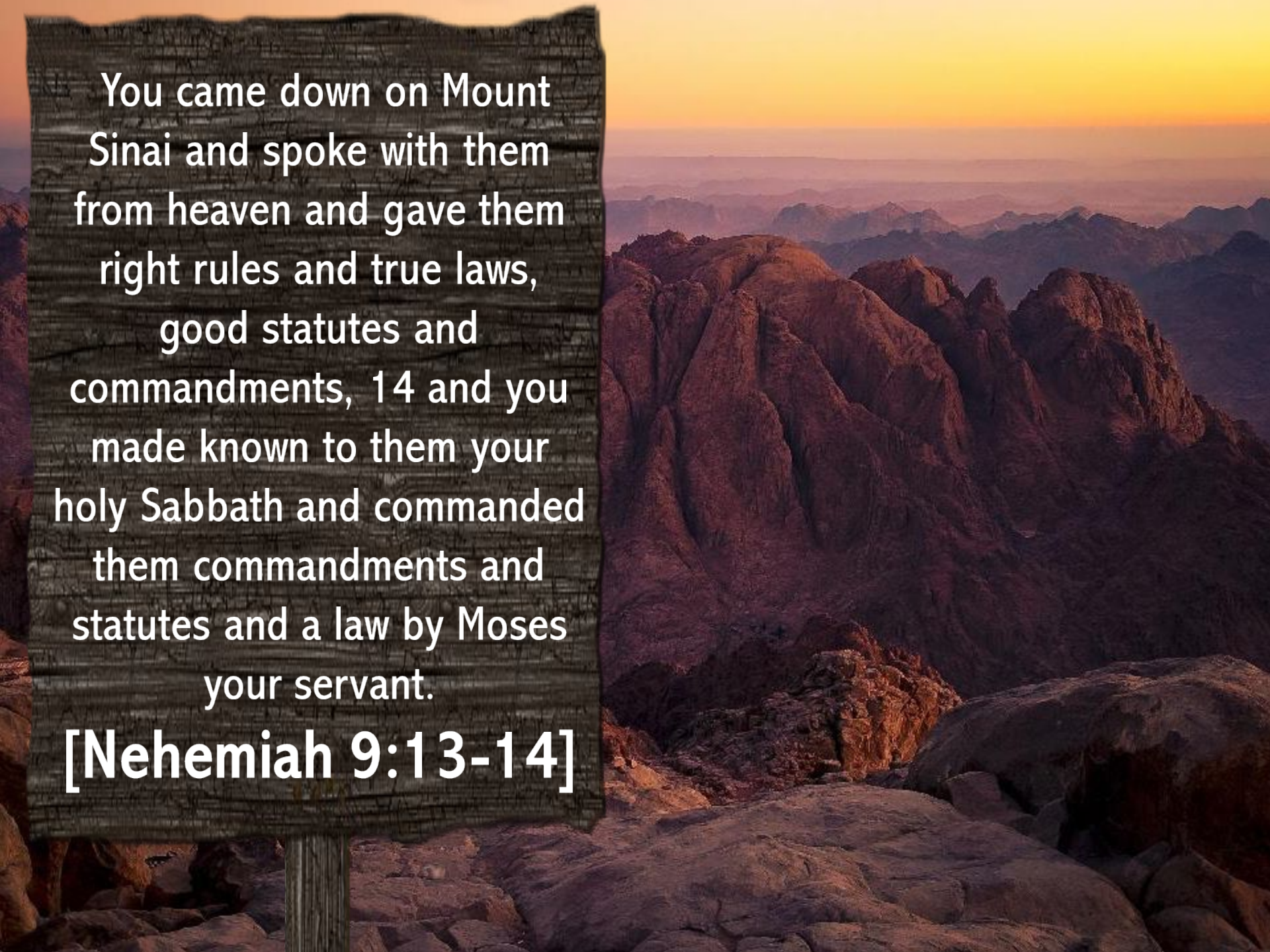
# MOUNT SINAI

**GENESIS 6-9**









You came down on Mount  
Sinai and spoke with them  
from heaven and gave them  
right rules and true laws,  
good statutes and  
commandments, 14 and you  
made known to them your  
holy Sabbath and commanded  
them commandments and  
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your servant.

**[Nehemiah 9:13-14]**



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“Our society finds truth too strong a medicine to digest undiluted. In its purest form, truth is not a polite tap on the shoulder. It is a howling reproach. What Moses brought down from Mt. Sinai were not the Ten Suggestions. They are commandments. Are, not were. The sheer brilliance of the Ten Commandments is that they codify in a handful of words acceptable human behavior, not just for then or now, but for all time.”

**- Ted Koppel**

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I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

**[Psalm 119:45]**



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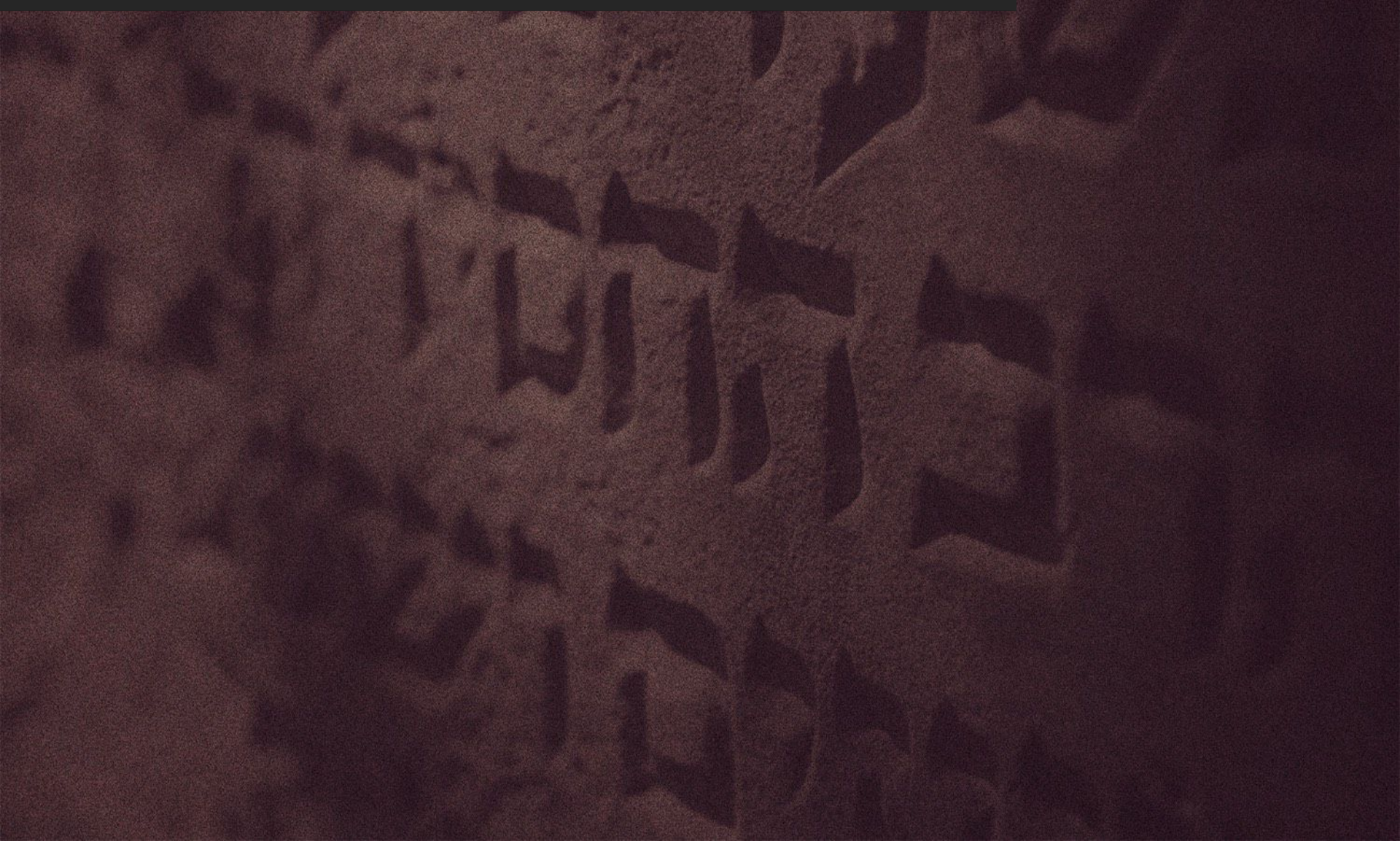
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For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. [**Romans 6:20-21**]



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"And you said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with man, yet he lives.

**[Deuteronomy 5:24]**



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7What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "You shall not covet." 13Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

**[Romans 7:7, 13]**



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"So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival, as it is today. [**Deuteronomy 6:24**]



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Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ,  
that we may be justified by faith. [**Galatians 3:24**]



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our lord

PSALM 8:9

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Consonantal text for Adonai  
with vowel pointing in red

אֲדֹנָי

YHWH combined with the vowels from  
Adonai forming Yehovah or Yehowah

יְהוָה

Shewa replaces  
the compound shewa,  
mandated by rules  
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The Hebrew consonantal text for Yahweh YHWH  
(The Tetragrammaton)

The combination of the consonants from YHWH written with the vowels from Adonai. This was never meant to be vocalized but was a scribal reminder to the readers to say Adonai when they came to the Tetragrammaton in the text.



הַלְלוּ-יְהוָה

“YWHH”

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“YAHWEH”

“Hallel”

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“Praise”



Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 And God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

**[Exodus 3:13-15]**



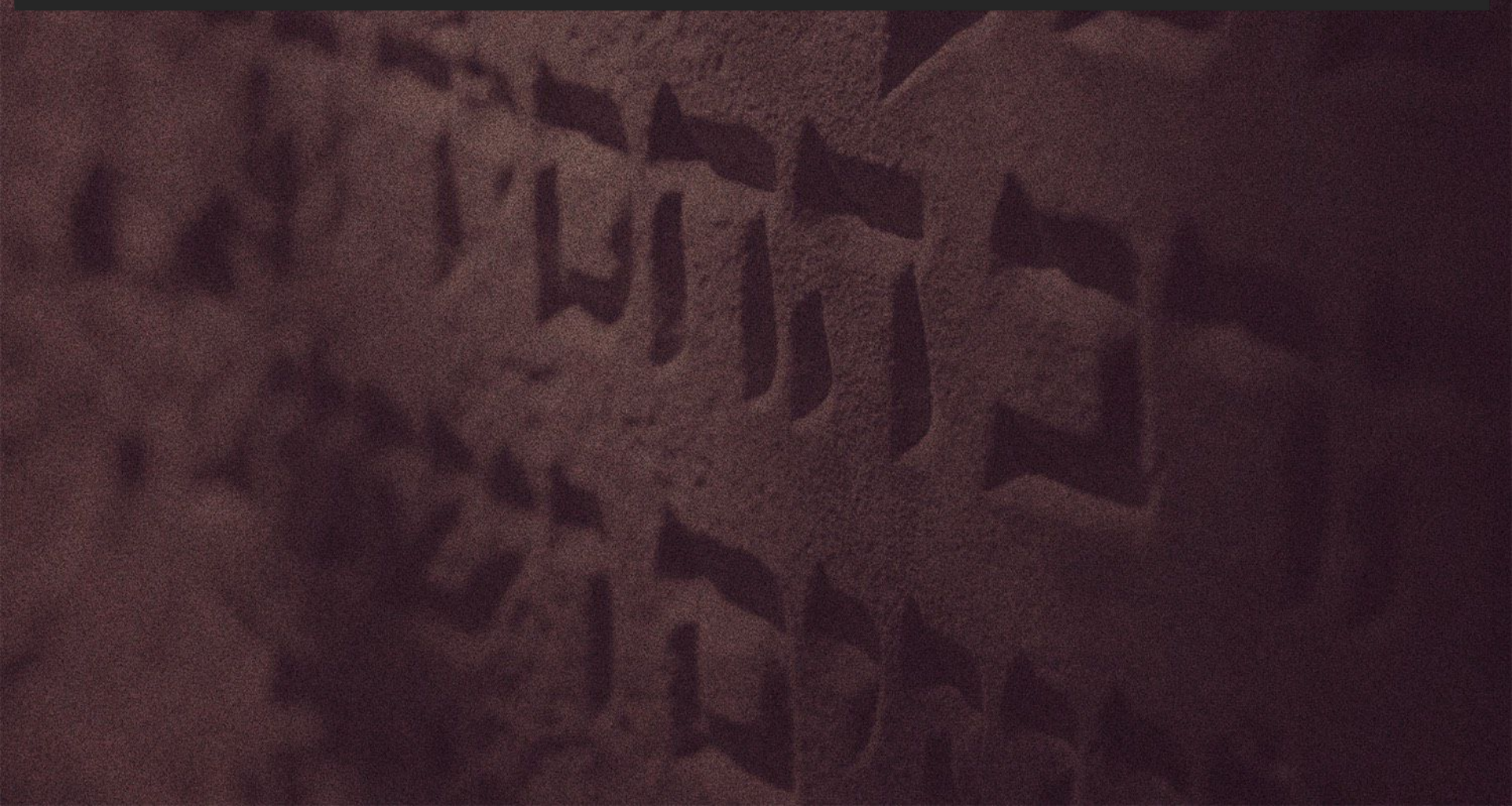
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Who gave him charge over the earth, and who laid on him the whole world?

[**Job 34:13**]



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## WHAT DOES “GOD” MEAN?

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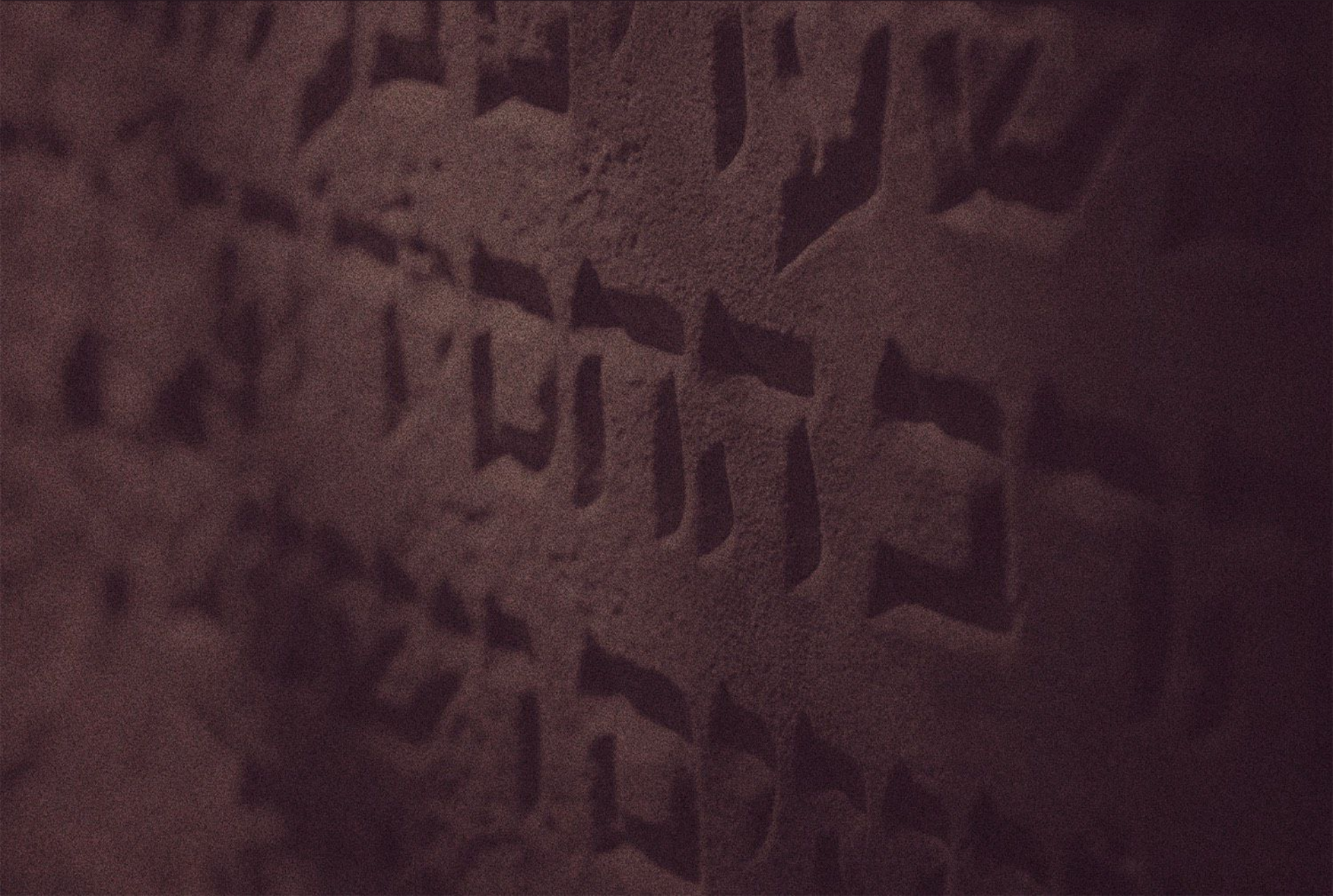


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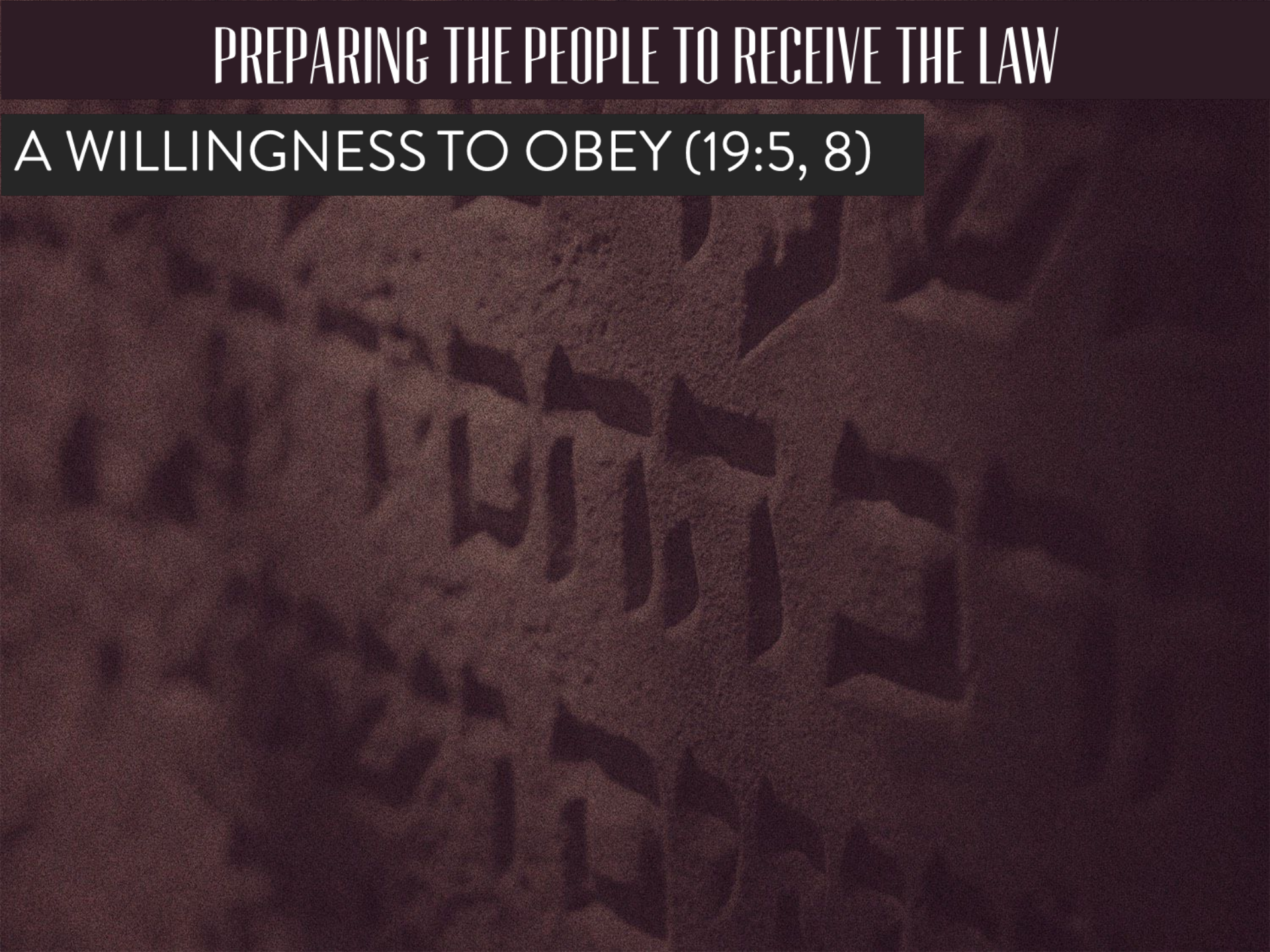
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**WHY ARE THESE COMPONENTS IMPORTANT  
WHEN RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD TODAY?**



“You can’t walk barefoot down  
Mount Sinai and be the same person  
you were when you went up.”

- Charleston Heston

