

"Psalms
We Sing"

Where is Your Refuge? Psalm 91

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Matthew 4:7

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"



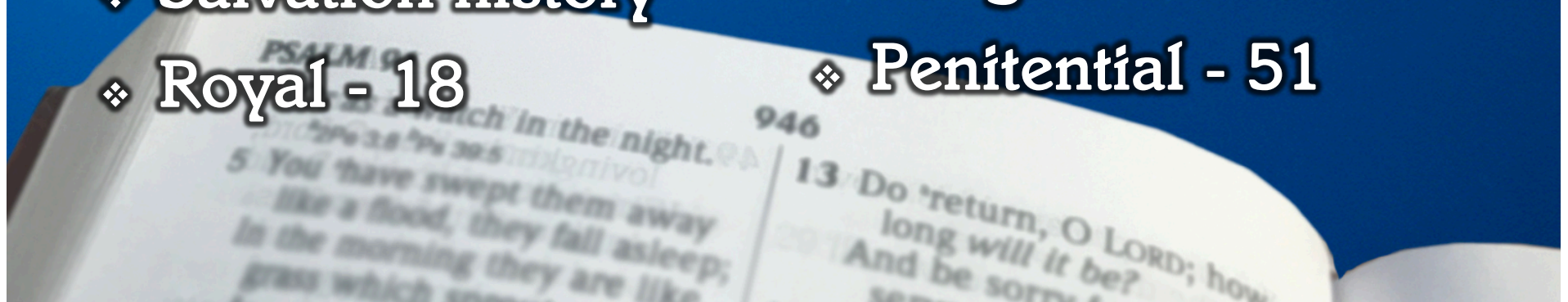
Psalms are poetry ...

- ❖ Addressed to the mind through the heart.
- ❖ Intended to appeal to the emotions.
- ❖ Used vocabulary that is metaphorical.



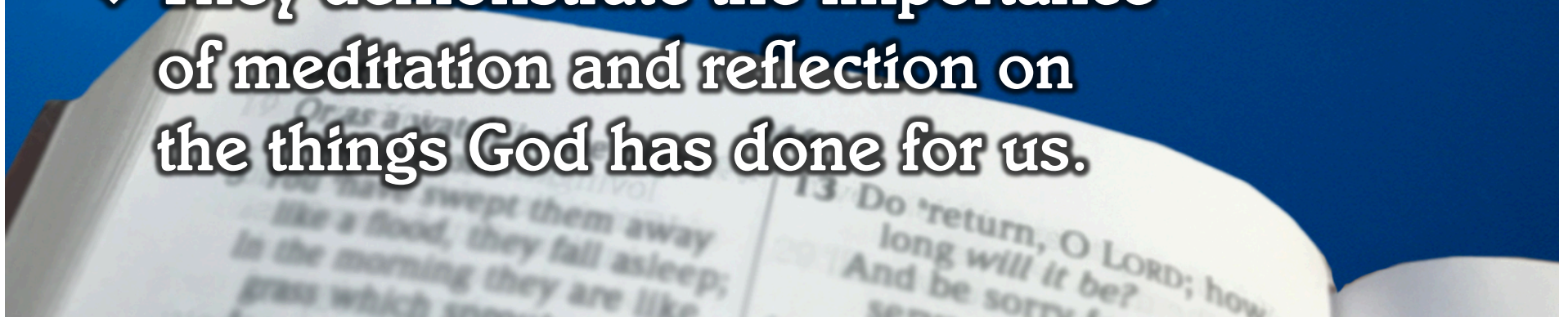
Types of Psalms:

- ❖ Laments
- ❖ Thanksgiving - 116
- ❖ Hymns of praise
- ❖ Salvation history
- ❖ Royal - 18
- ❖ Celebration and affirmation
- ❖ Wisdom
- ❖ Songs of trust - 91
- ❖ Penitential - 51



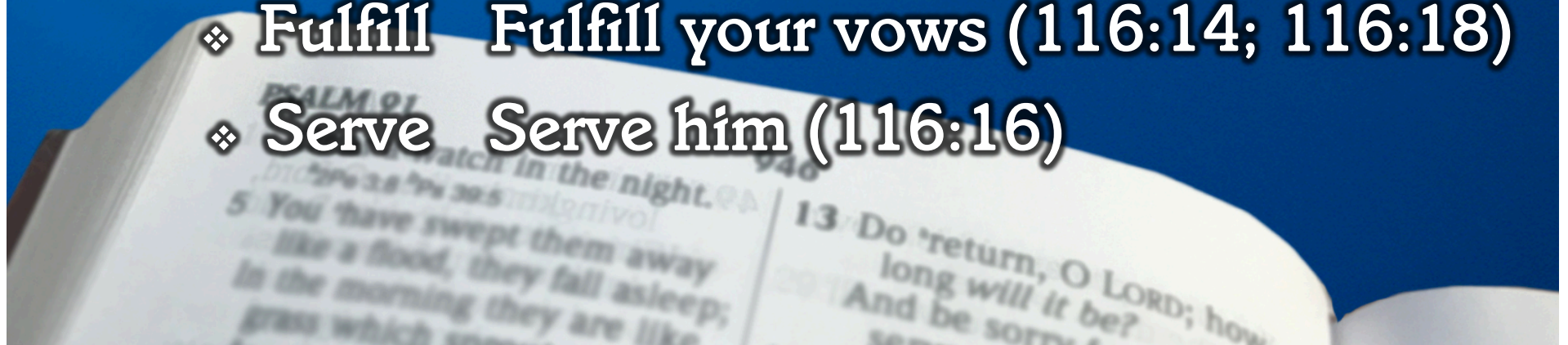
Value of Psalms:

- ❖ They are a guide to worship.
- ❖ They show us how to relate honestly to God.
- ❖ They demonstrate the importance of meditation and reflection on the things God has done for us.



Loving God:

- ❖ Call Call his name (116:1; 116:13)
- ❖ Rest Rest in him (116:7)
- ❖ Recognize Recognize his presence (116:9)
- ❖ Fulfill Fulfill your vows (116:14; 116:18)
- ❖ Serve Serve him (116:16)



Psalm 91:1-2

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."



What's in a name?

- ❖ Most High = Elyon
- ❖ Almighty = Shaddai
- ❖ LORD = Yahweh
- ❖ God = Elohim



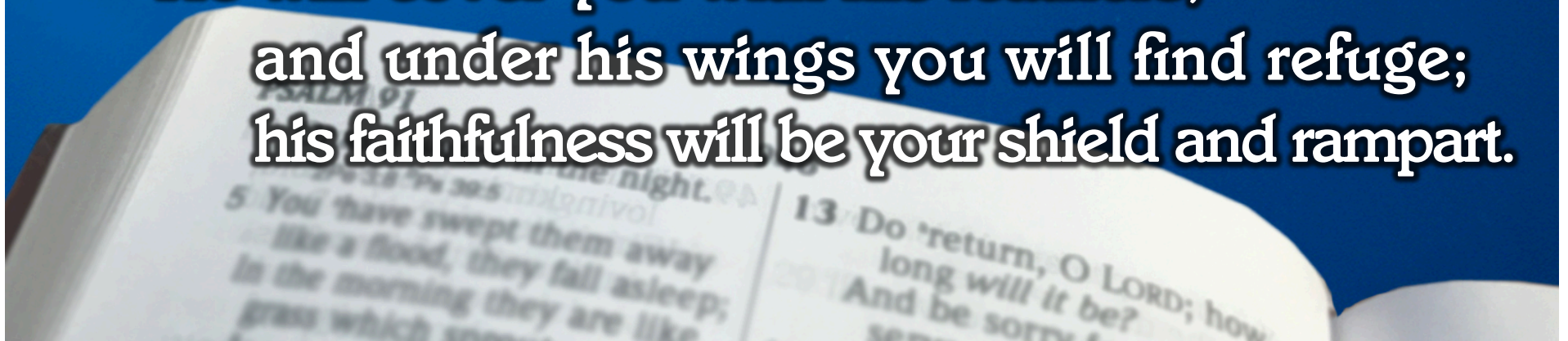
Isaiah 49:15

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?
Though she may forget,
I will not forget you!



Psalm 91:3-4

Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.



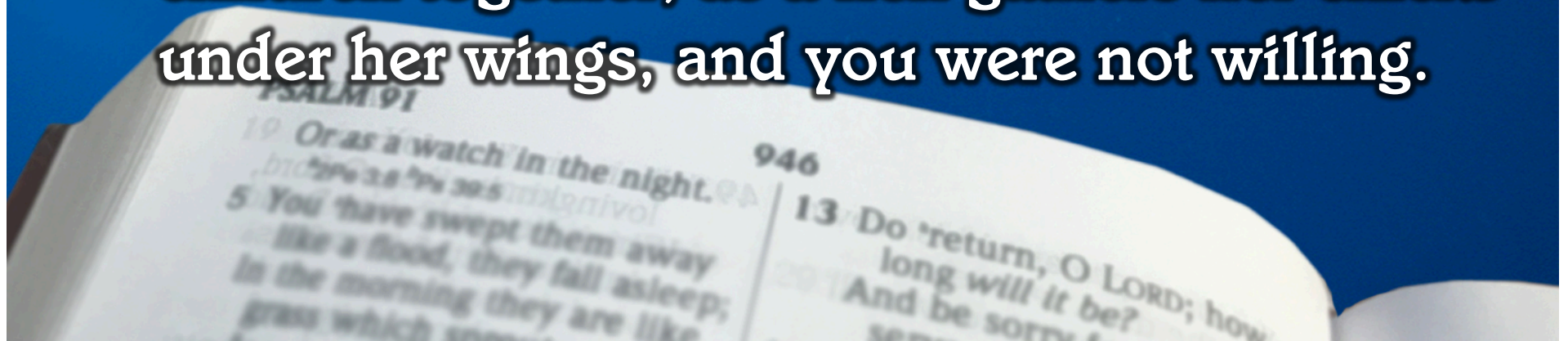
God = mother bird

- ❖ Psalm 17:8
- ❖ Psalm 36:7
- ❖ Psalm 57:1
- ❖ Psalm 61:4
- ❖ Psalm 63:7
- ❖ Ruth 2:12



Matthew 23:37

[Jesus] “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.



Psalm 91:5-6

You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.

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Psalm 91:7-8

A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.



Psalm 91:9-10

If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.

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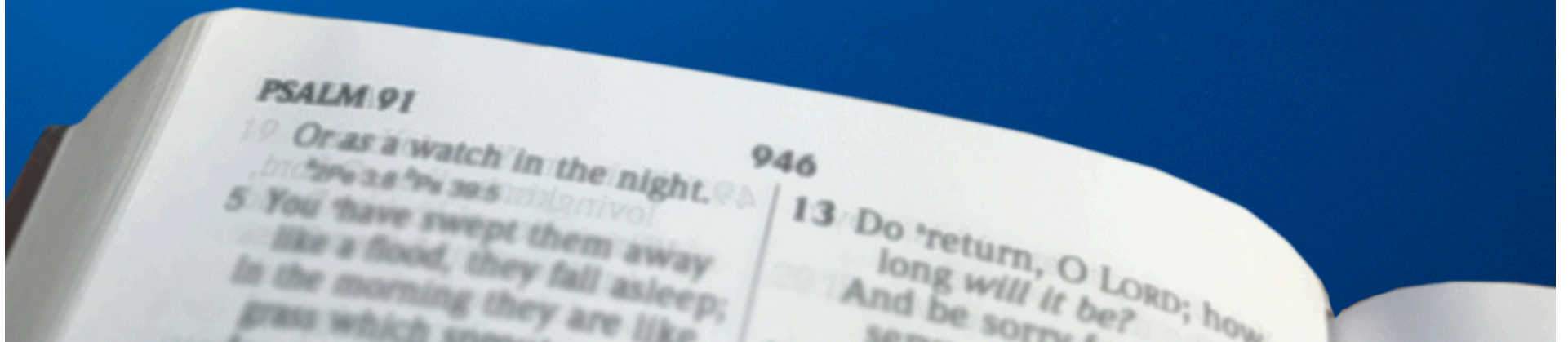
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Psalm 37:4

Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.



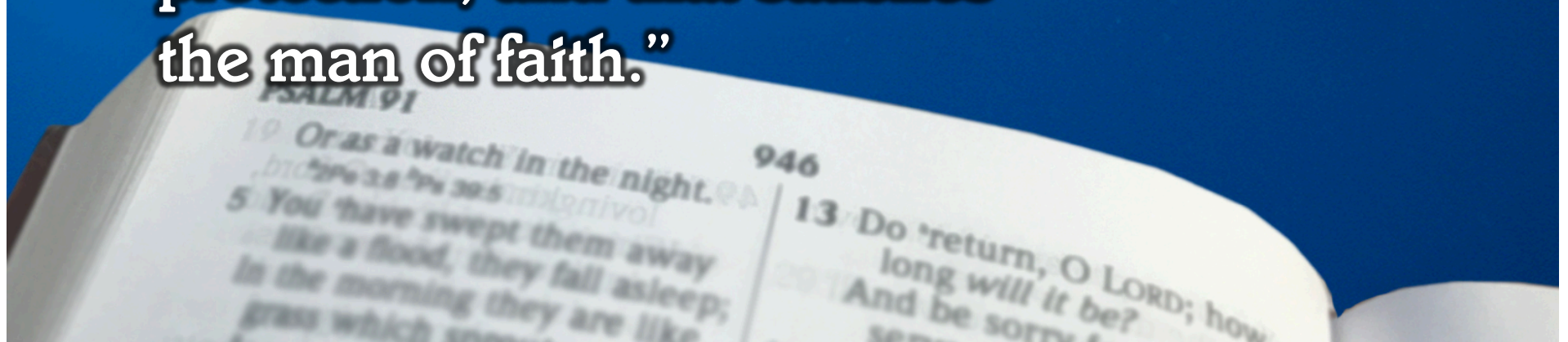
Psalm 87:7

As they make music they will sing,
“All my fountains are in you.”



R.E.O. White:

“Complete immunity from harm is not the experience of the godly; but ultimate protection, answered prayer, an divine protection, and that satisfies the man of faith.”



Psalm 91:11-12

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.



Psalm 91:13

You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.



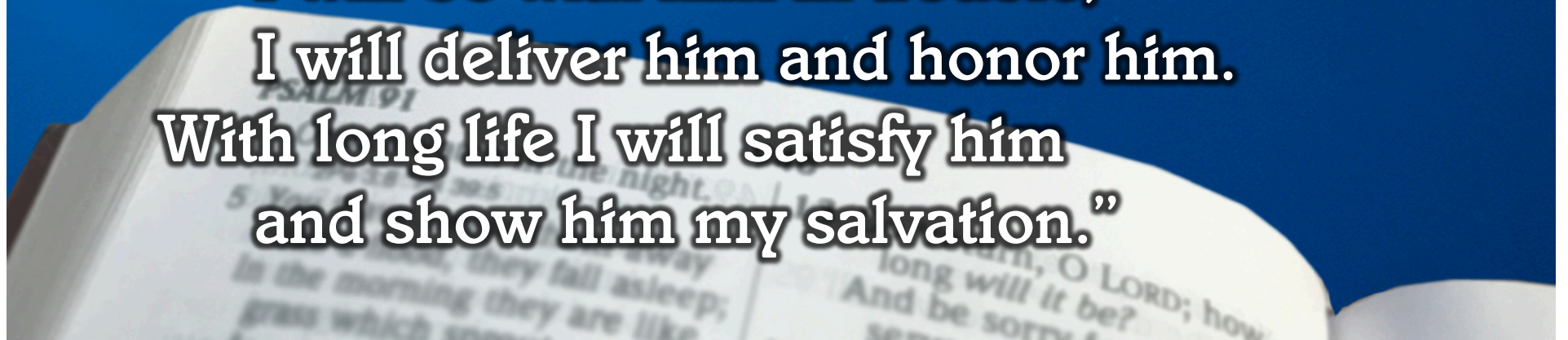
Metaphorical language:

God's protection > deadly enemies



Psalm 91:14-16

“Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”



Psalm 21:4

He asked you for life, and you gave it to him —
length of days, for ever and ever.



Psalm 23:6

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

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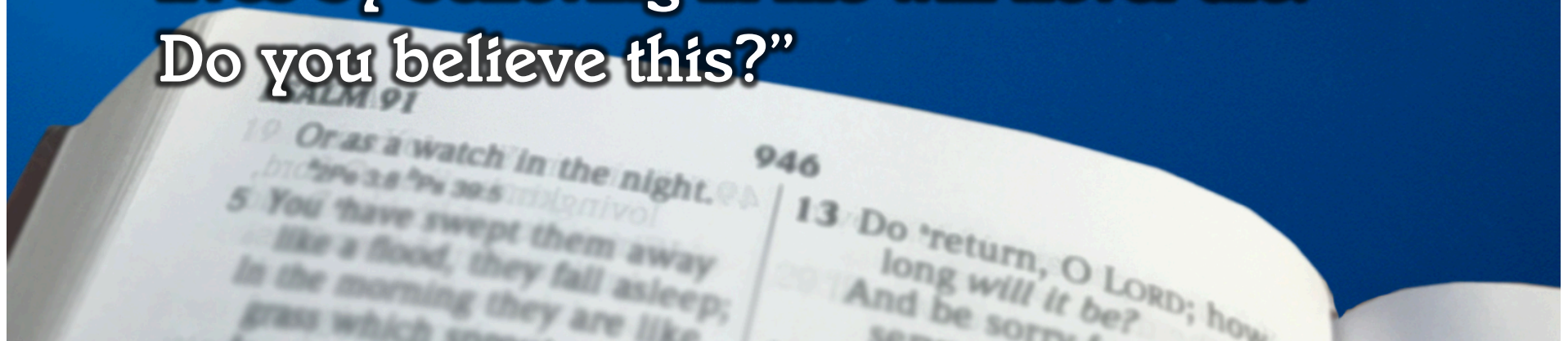
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Luke 10:18-20

He [Jesus] replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"



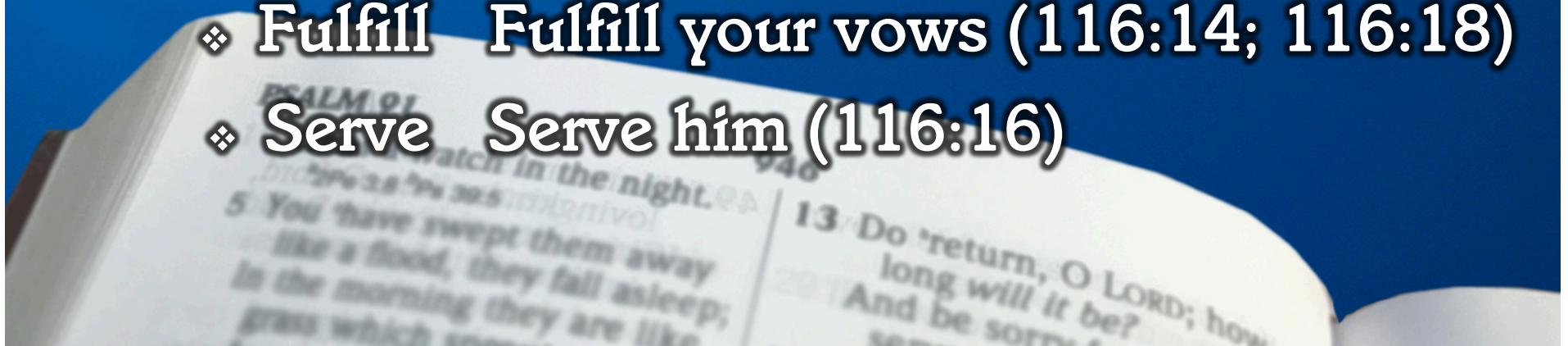
Our part:

- ❖ Trust – “... my God, in whom I trust” (91:2)
- ❖ Love – “Because he loves me ...” (91:14)



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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper