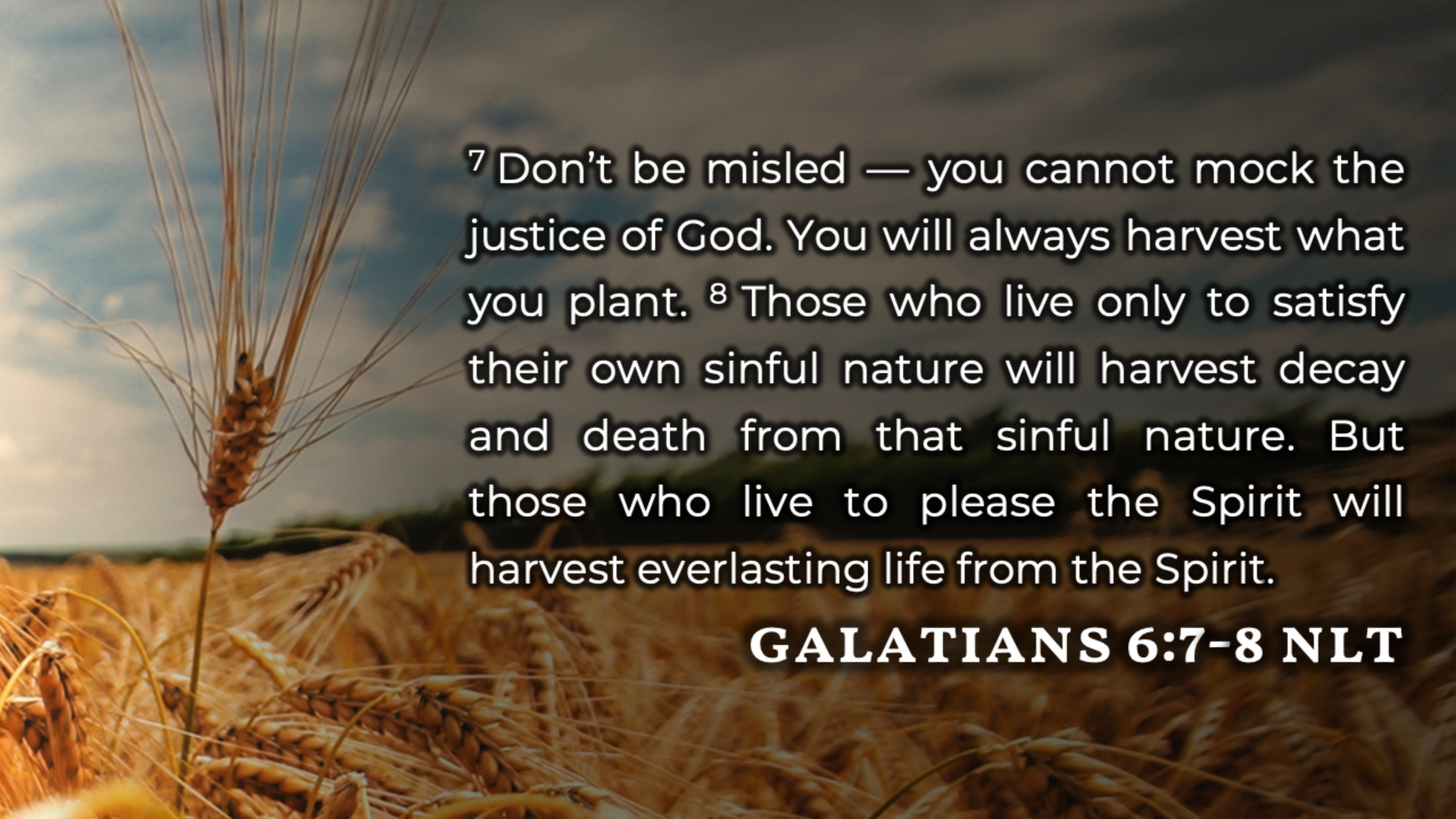





**WEEDS**  
OR  
**WHEAT**



<sup>7</sup> Don't be misled — you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. <sup>8</sup> Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

**GALATIANS 6:7-8 NLT**



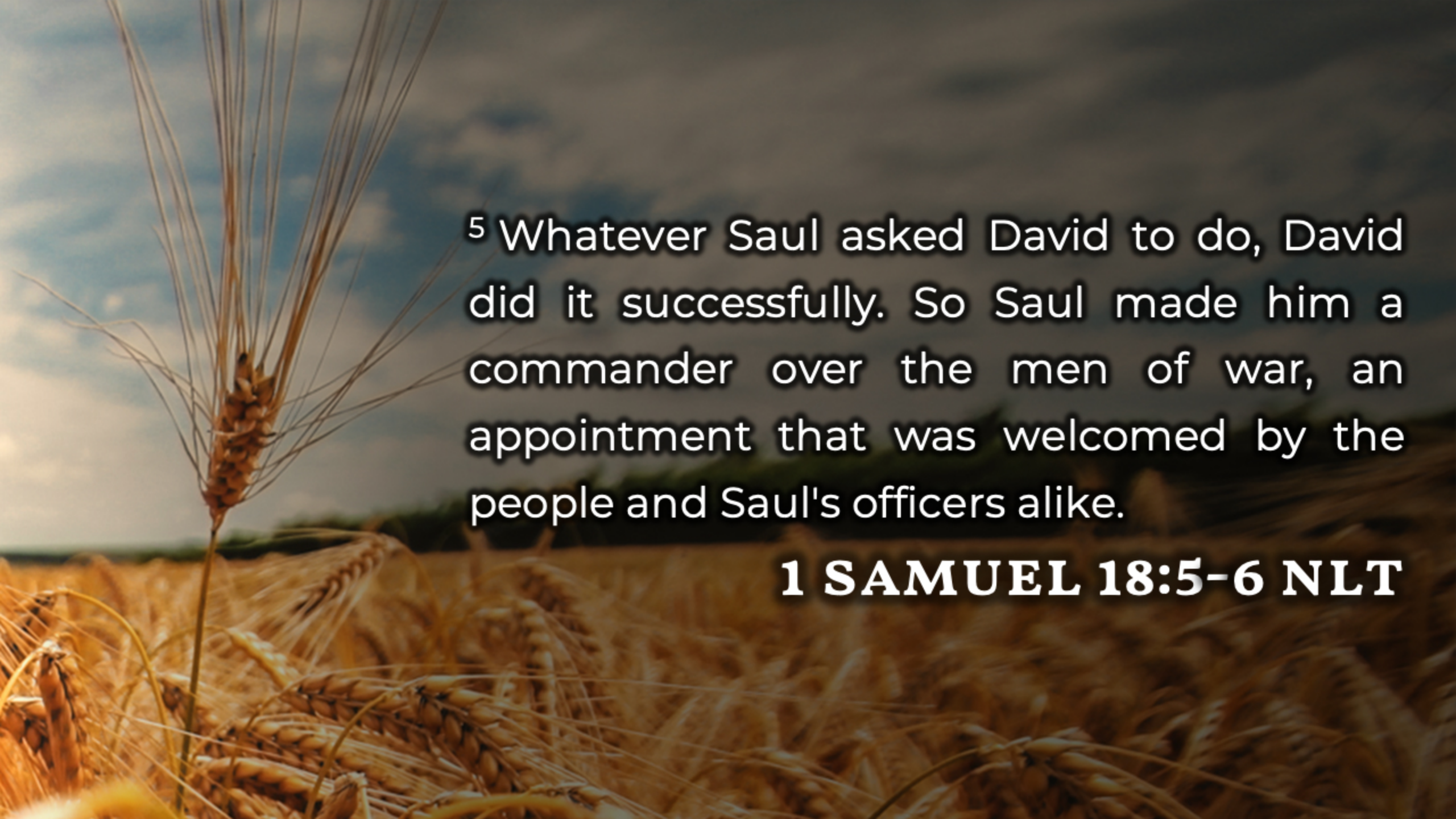
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# I. THE COMPARISON TRAP



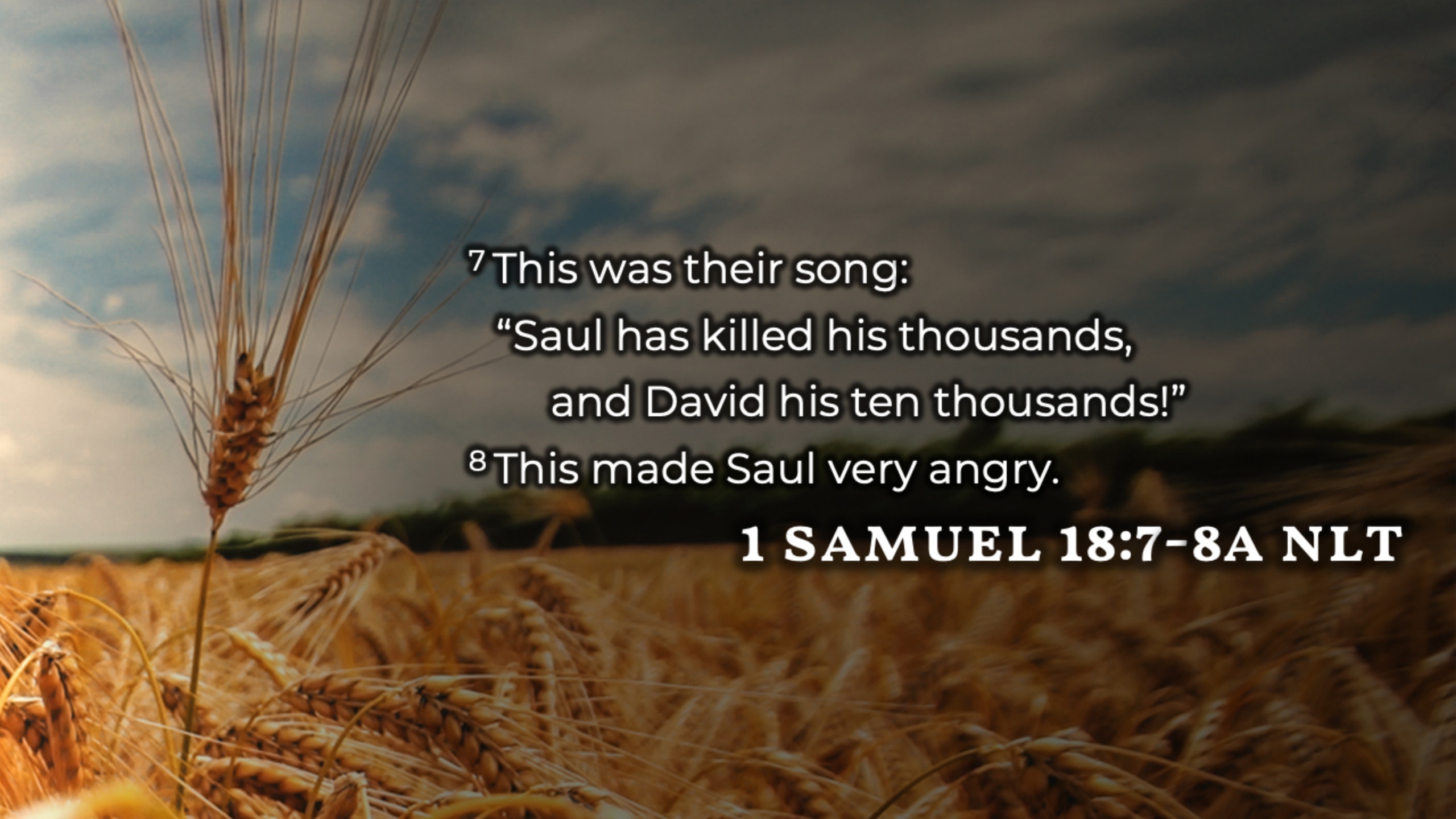
<sup>5</sup> Whatever Saul asked David to do, David did it successfully. So Saul made him a commander over the men of war, an appointment that was welcomed by the people and Saul's officers alike.

**1 SAMUEL 18:5-6 NLT**



<sup>6</sup> When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul. They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals.

**1 SAMUEL 18:5-6 NLT**



<sup>7</sup>This was their song:

“Saul has killed his thousands,  
and David his ten thousands!”

<sup>8</sup>This made Saul very angry.

**1 SAMUEL 18:7-8A NLT**






**COMPARISON CREATES EITHER  
INFERIORITY OR SUPERIORITY IN US,  
BOTH OF WHICH ARE NEGATIVE.**



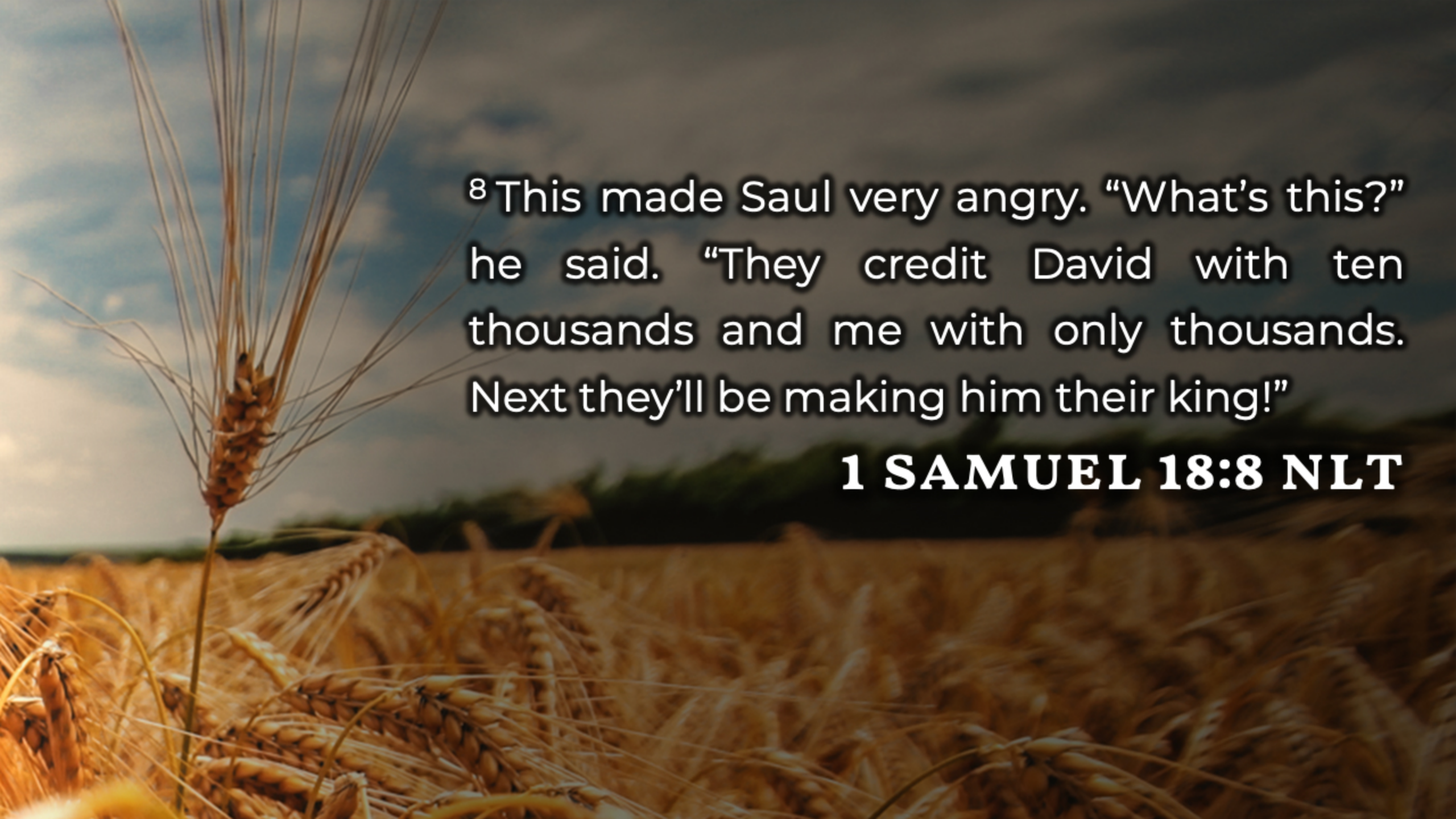
**PRETENDING WILL PARALYZE YOUR  
GROWTH POTENTIAL.**



**JESUS AND WE AS A CHURCH ARE  
NOT AFRAID OF YOUR BROKENNESS.**

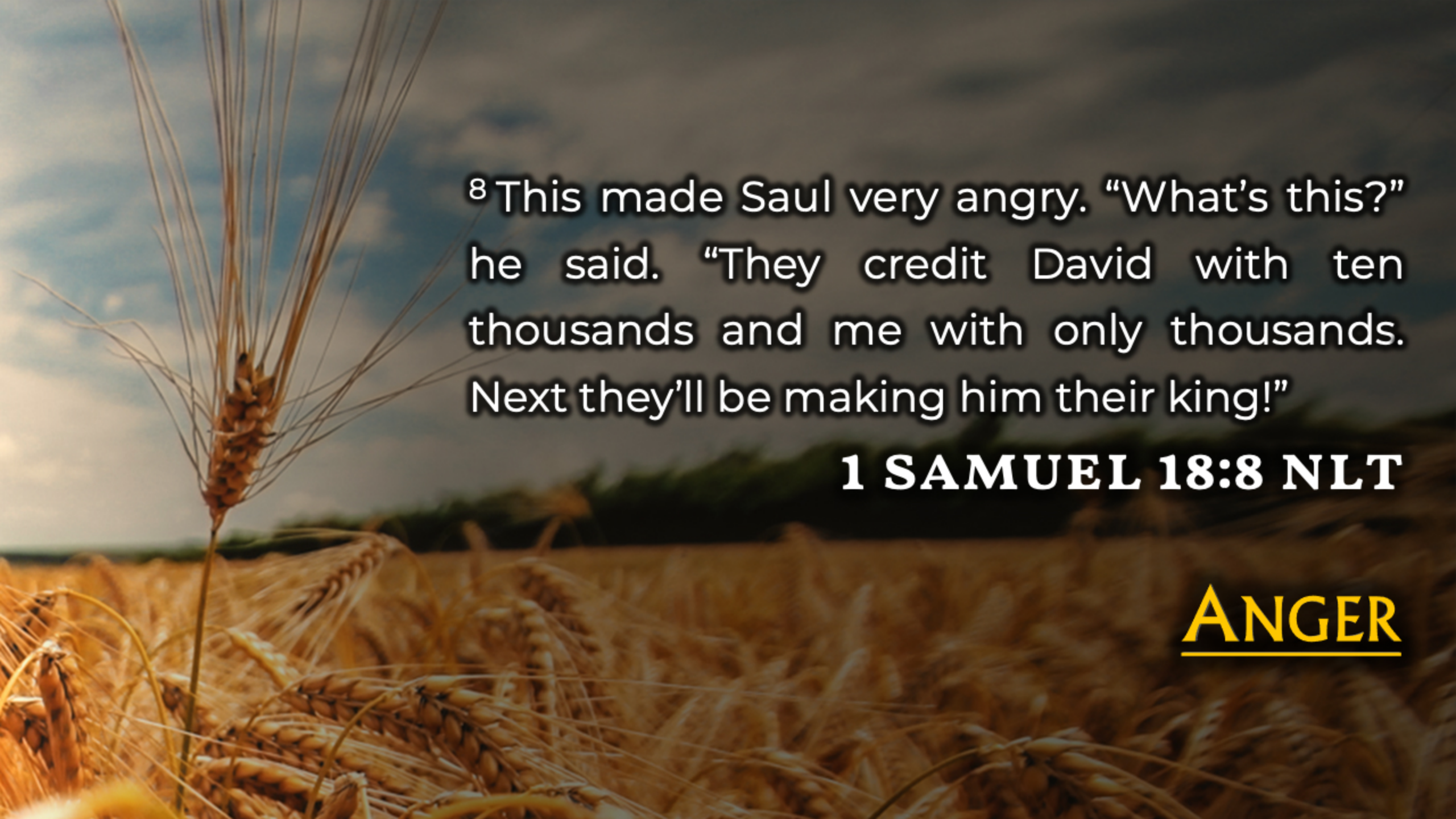


II. THREE OUTCOMES OF  
THE COMPARISON TRAP.



<sup>8</sup>This made Saul very angry. "What's this?" he said. "They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they'll be making him their king!"


**1 SAMUEL 18:8 NLT**

A close-up photograph of a single wheat stalk in the foreground, with its long, thin awns extending upwards. The background shows a vast field of golden wheat stretching to the horizon under a bright, slightly overcast sky. The overall tone is warm and natural.

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**1 SAMUEL 18:8 NLT**

**ANGER**



<sup>9</sup> So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

**1 SAMUEL 18:9 NLT**

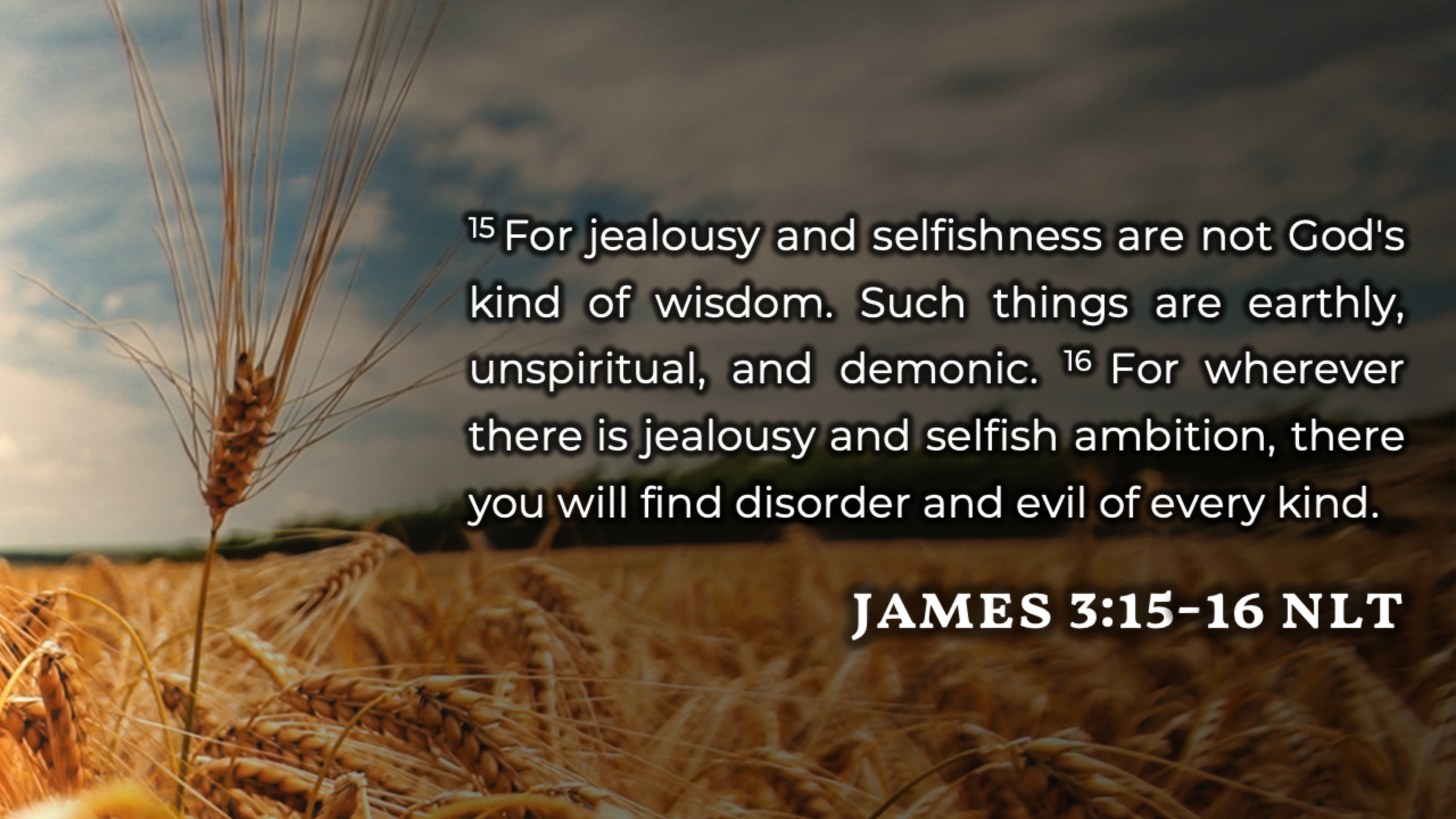


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**1 SAMUEL 18:9 NLT**


**JEALOUSY**





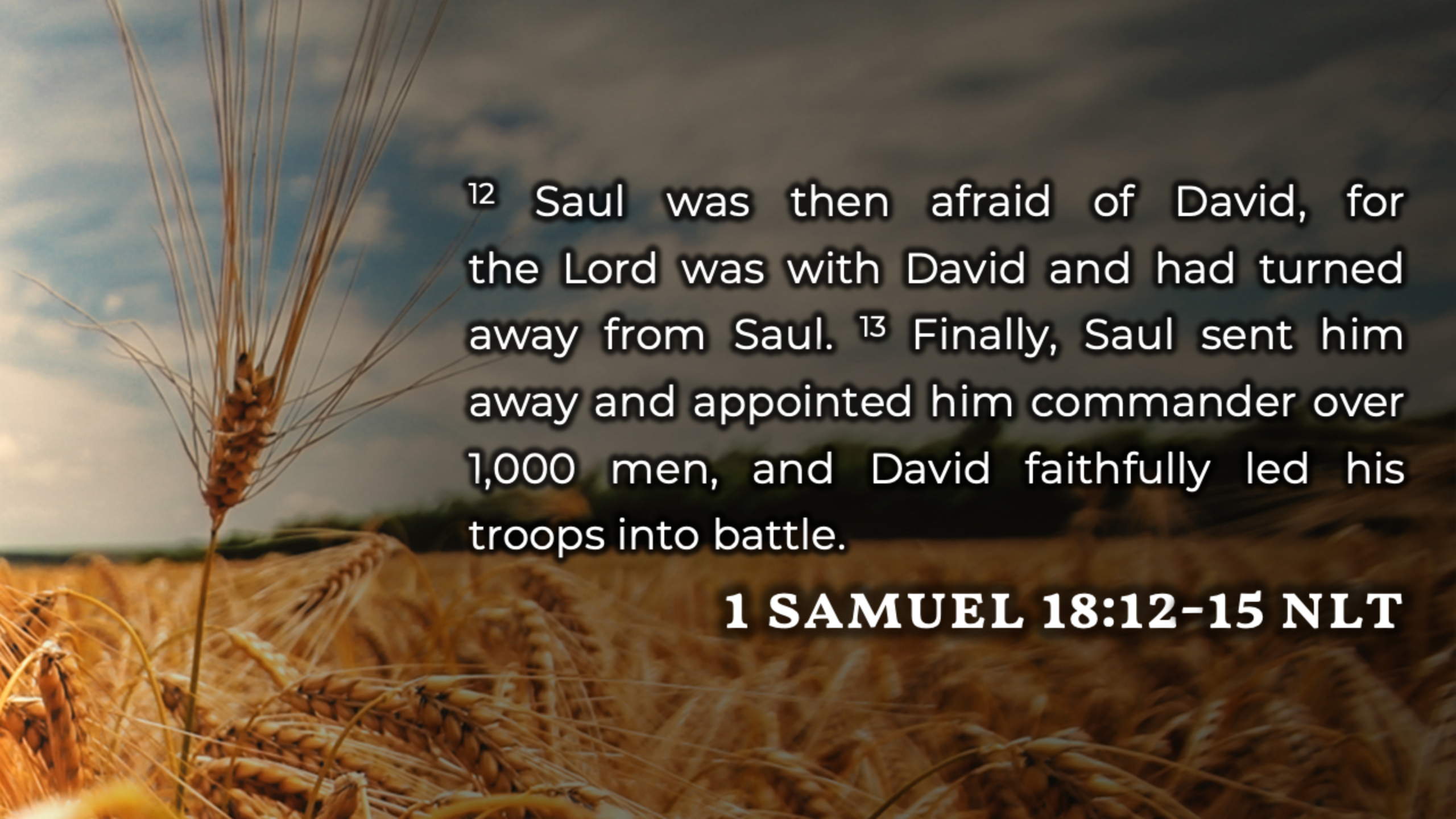
<sup>15</sup> For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. <sup>16</sup> For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

**JAMES 3:15-16 NLT**



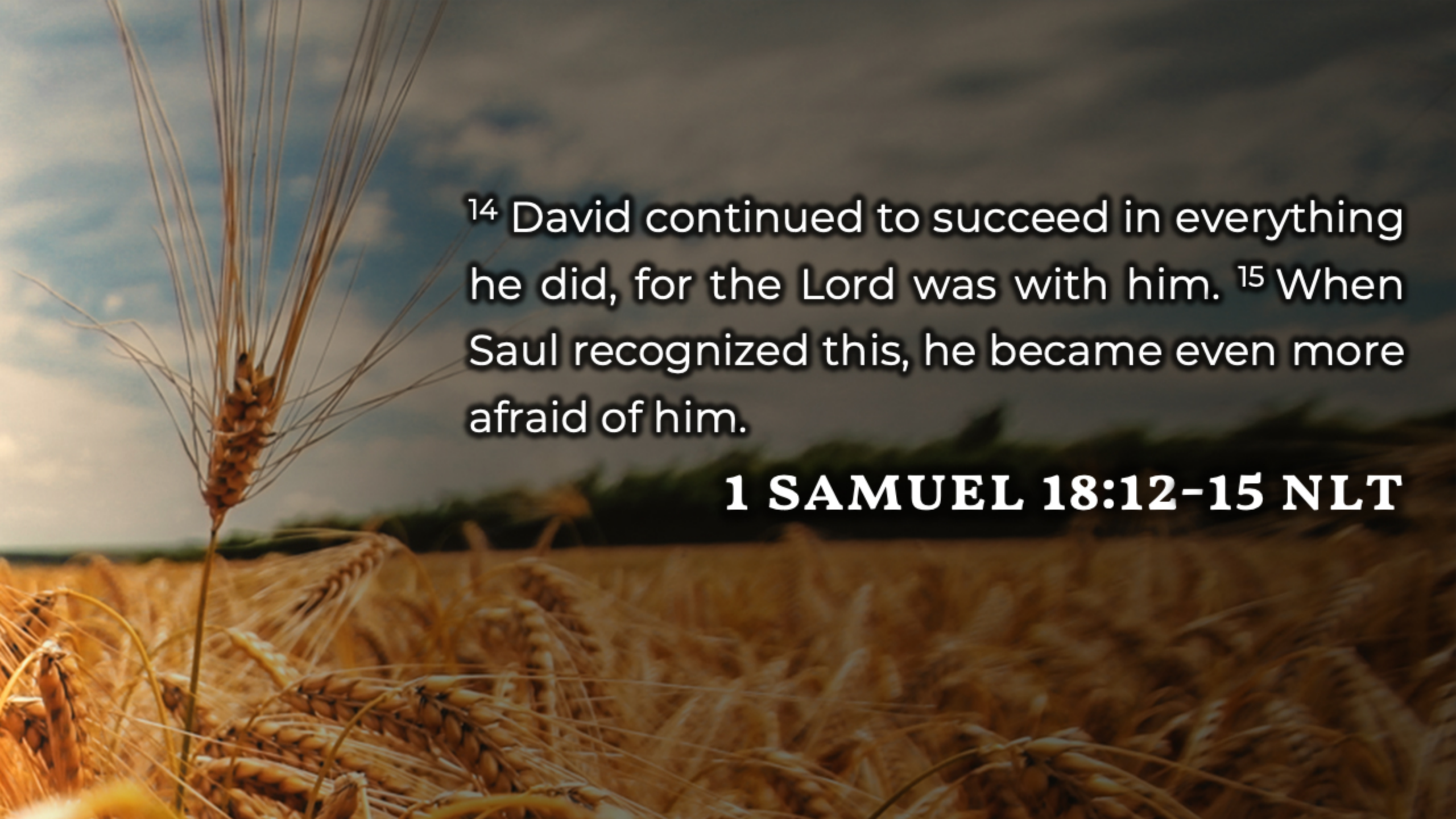
But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

**2 CORINTHIANS 10:12B ESV**



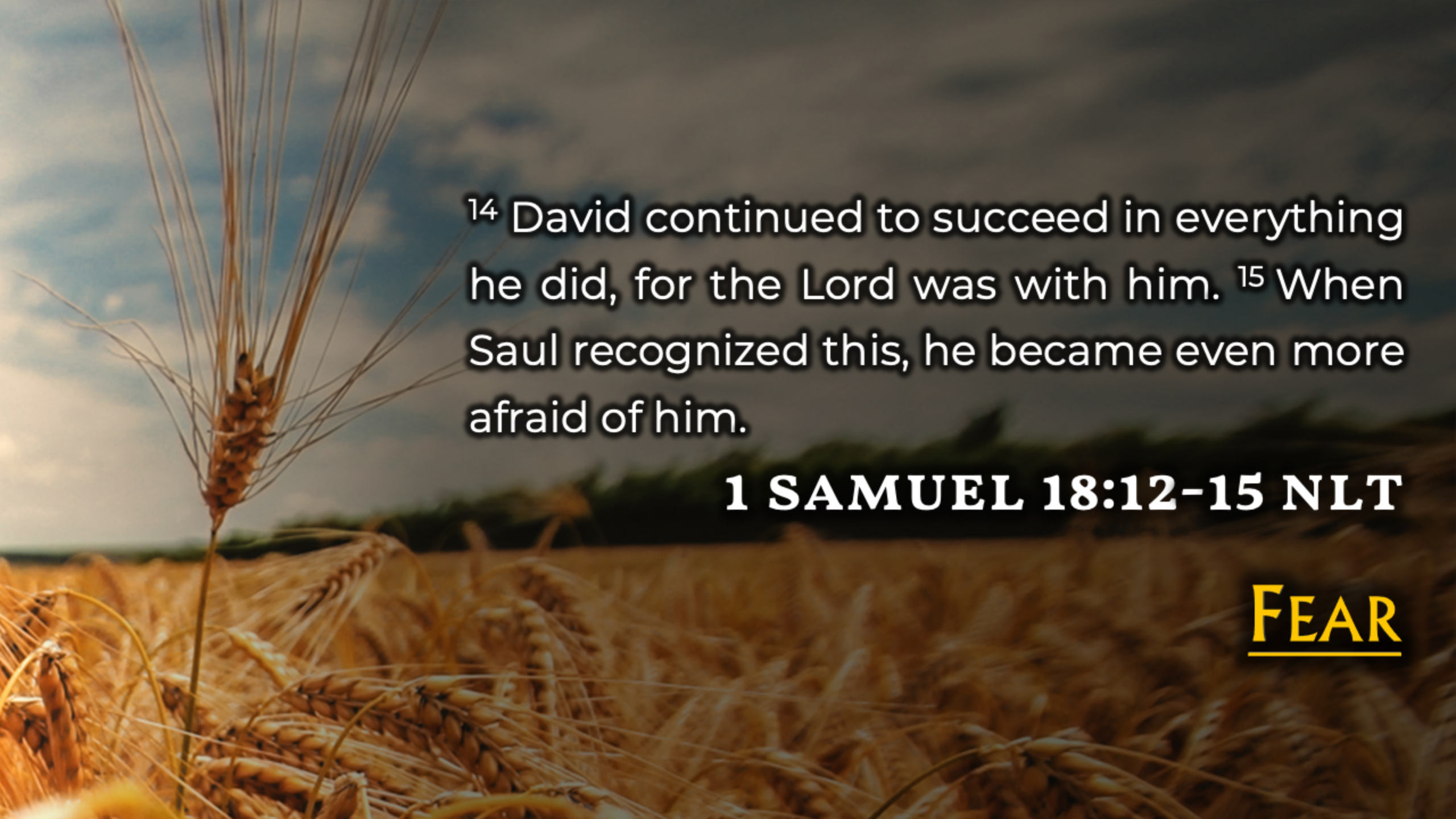
<sup>12</sup> Saul was then afraid of David, for the Lord was with David and had turned away from Saul. <sup>13</sup> Finally, Saul sent him away and appointed him commander over 1,000 men, and David faithfully led his troops into battle.

**1 SAMUEL 18:12-15 NLT**



<sup>14</sup> David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the Lord was with him. <sup>15</sup> When Saul recognized this, he became even more afraid of him.


**1 SAMUEL 18:12-15 NLT**



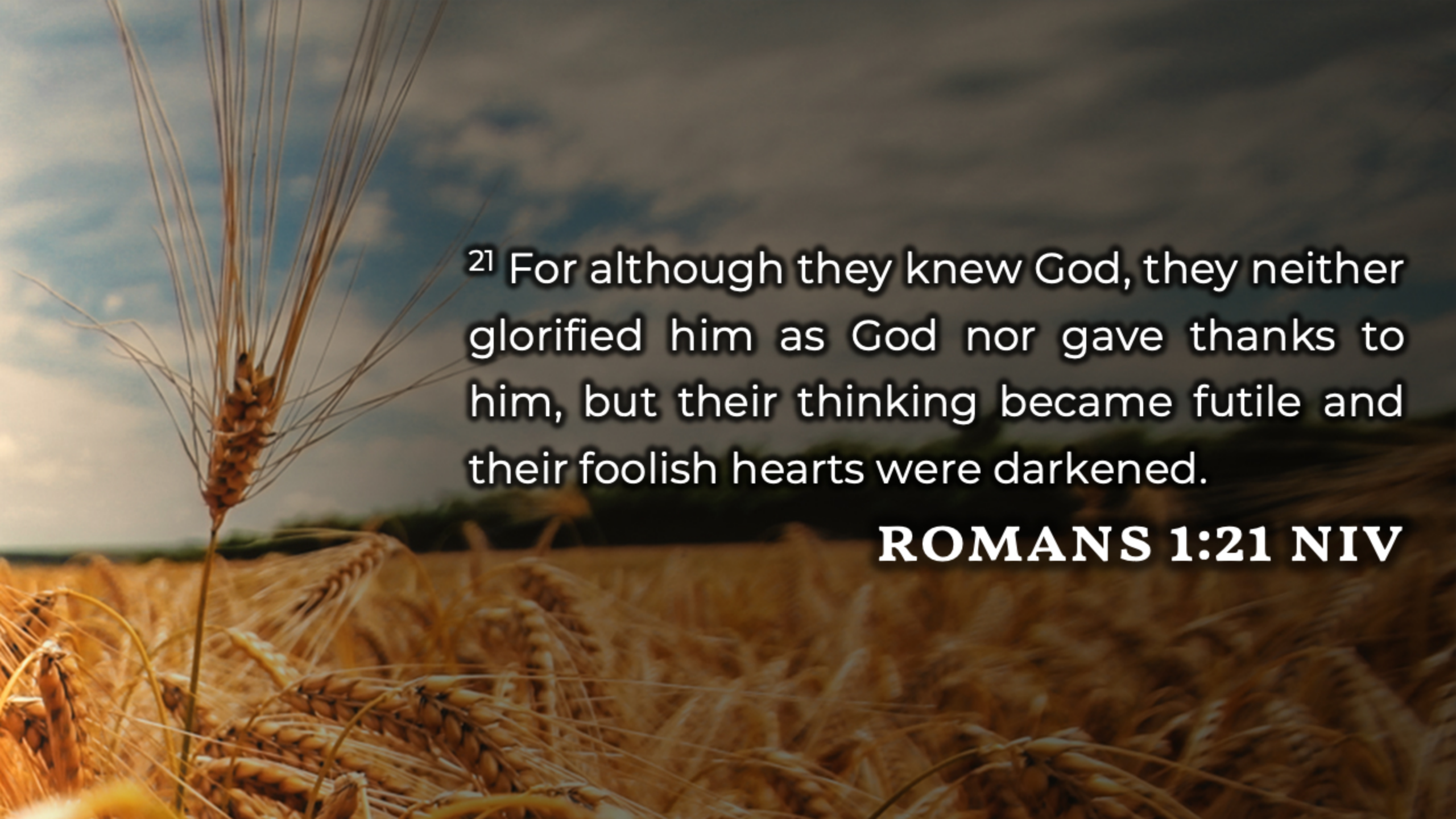
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**FEAR**



III. HOW DO WE ESCAPE THE  
COMPARISON TRAP?



<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

**ROMANS 1:21 NIV**



MAGNIFY GOD





MAGNIFY GOD

BE THANKFUL



**MAGNIFY GOD**

**BE THANKFUL**

**RENEW YOUR MIND**