

OUT OF THESE STONES

God is able to raise up children for Abraham

- John, the Baptist



Grace Challenges our Presumptions about Salvation

1. Grace confronts the
presumption of
Justification



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2. Grace confronts the
presumption of
Sanctification



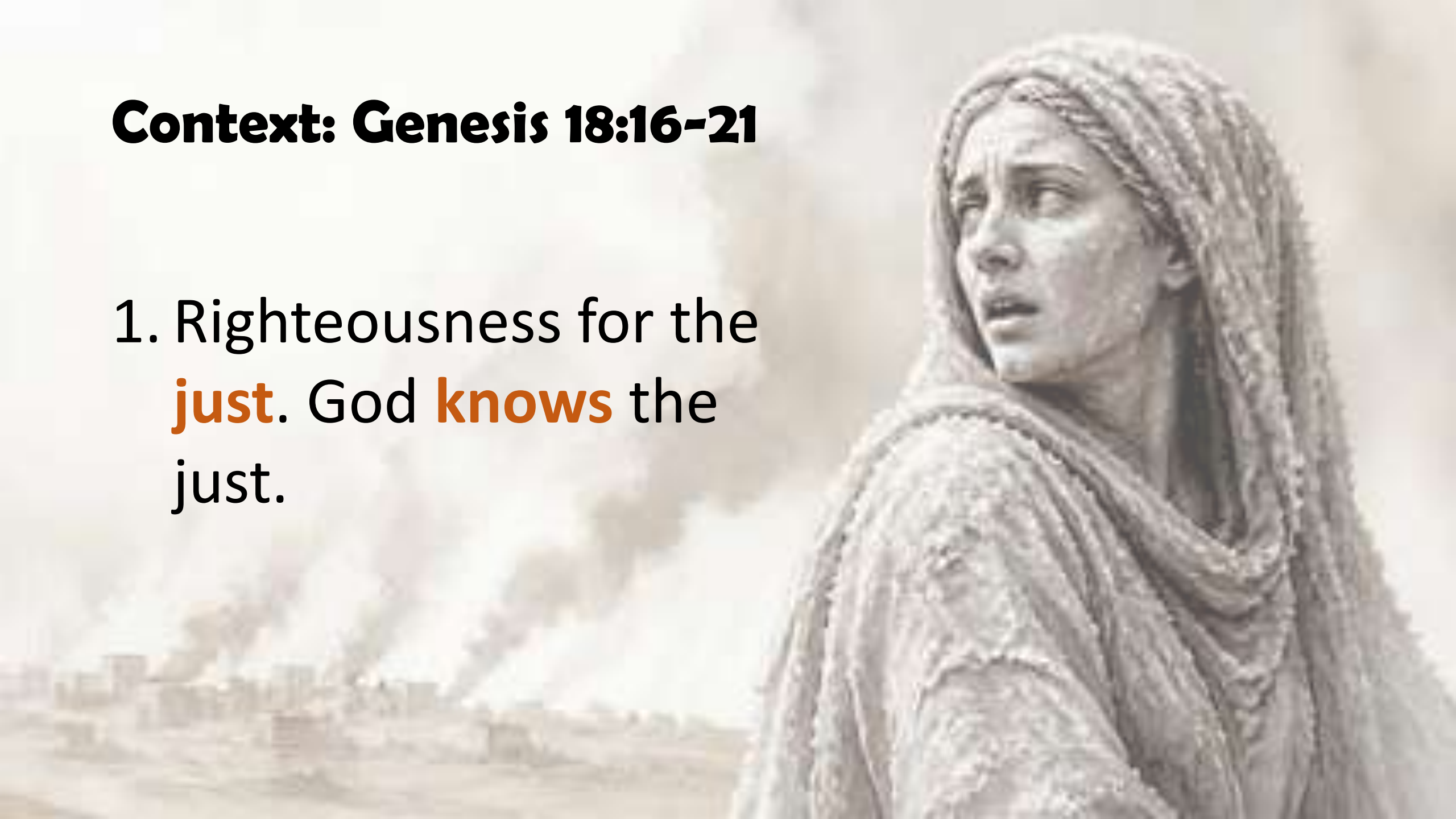
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3. Grace confronts the
presumption of
Preservation



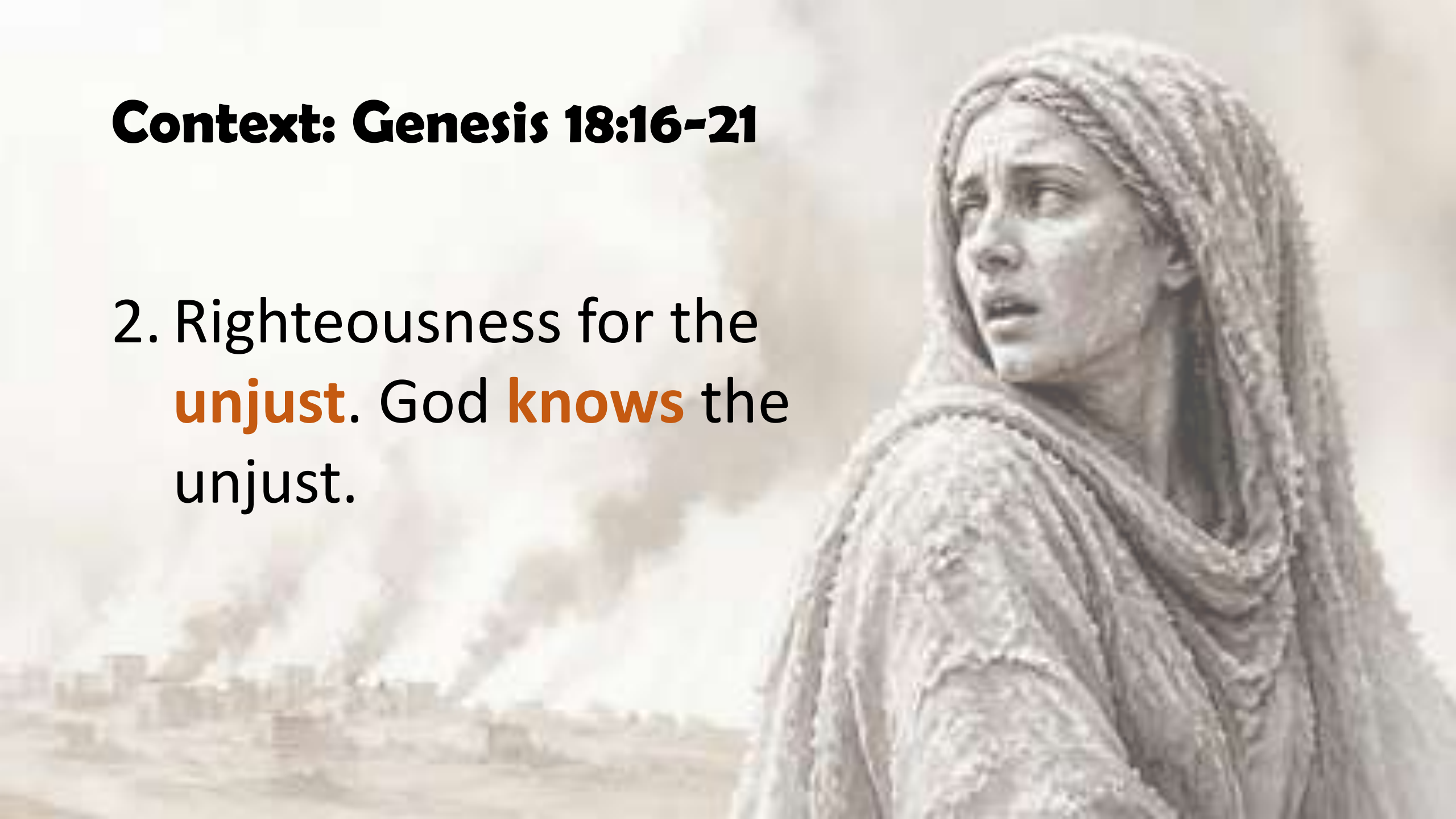
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1. Righteousness for the
just. God **knows** the
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Context: Genesis 18:16-21

2. Righteousness for the
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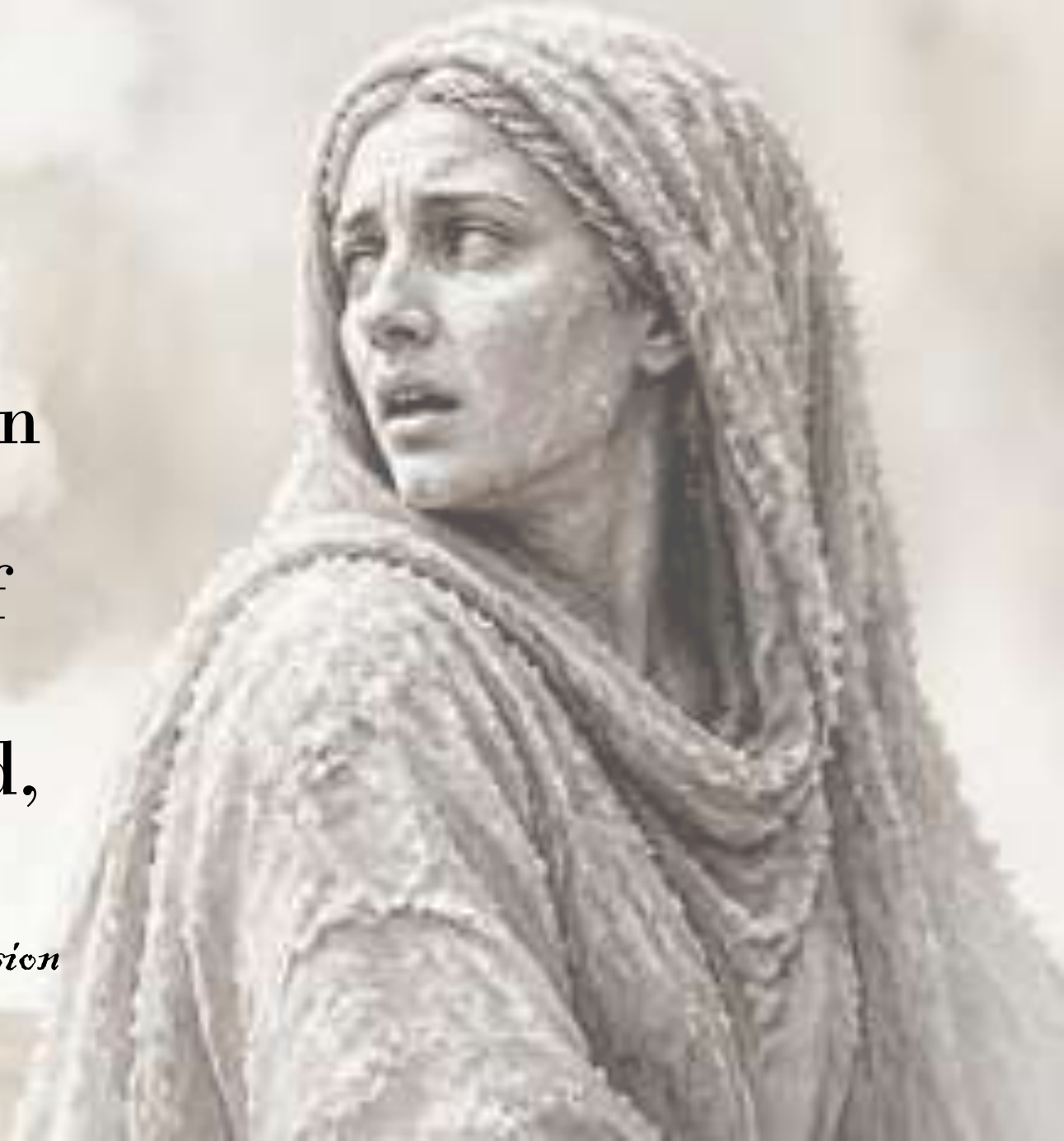


God's Grace Makes
Preservation
Possible



“They, whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.”

- *Westminster Confession
of Faith*



A. Preservation by Intercession

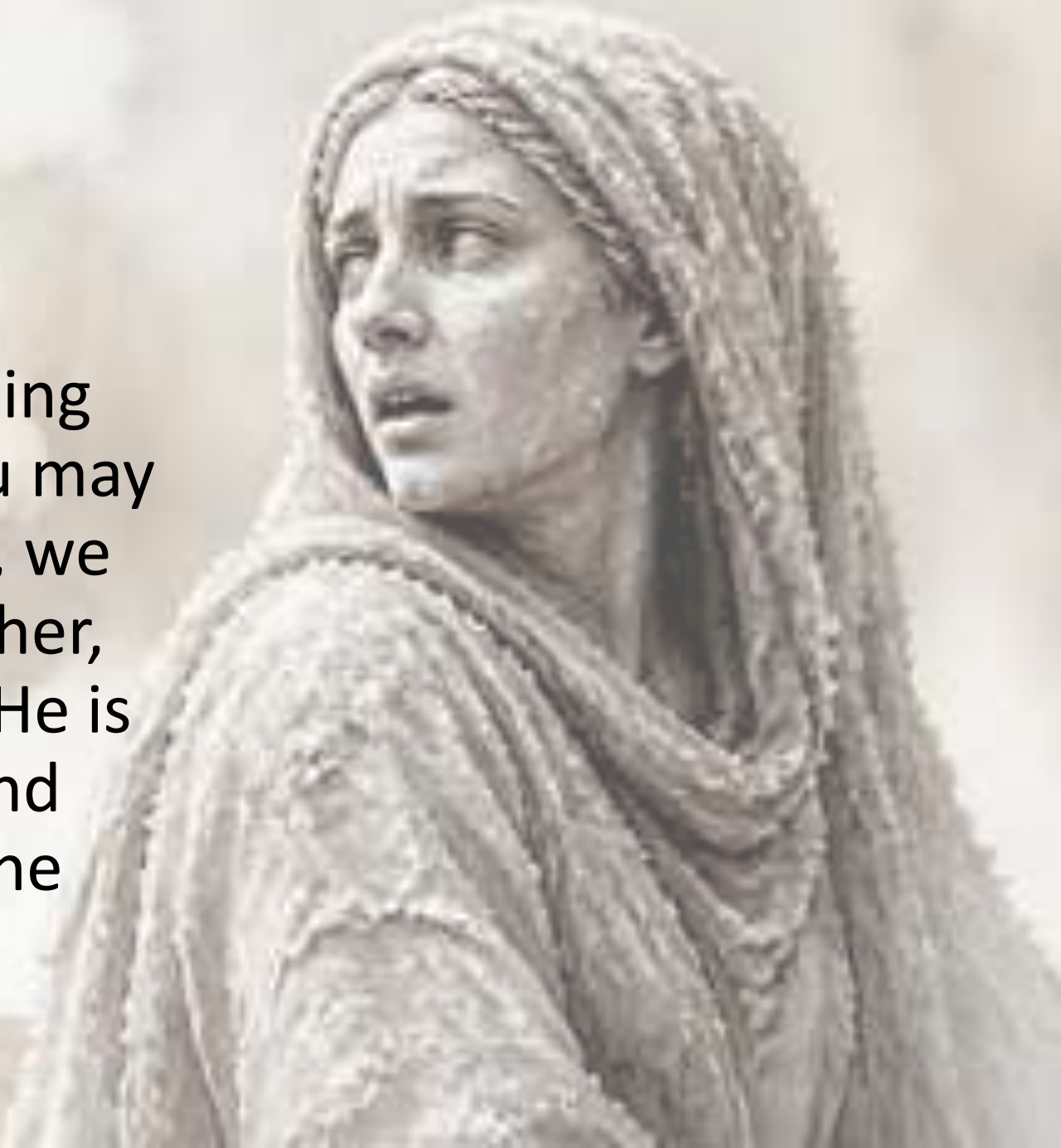
1. We have an
advocate.



A. Preservation by Intercession

1 John 2:1–2

[1] My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. [2] He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (ESV)



A. Preservation by **Intercession**

a. The advocate
approaches the
Judge.



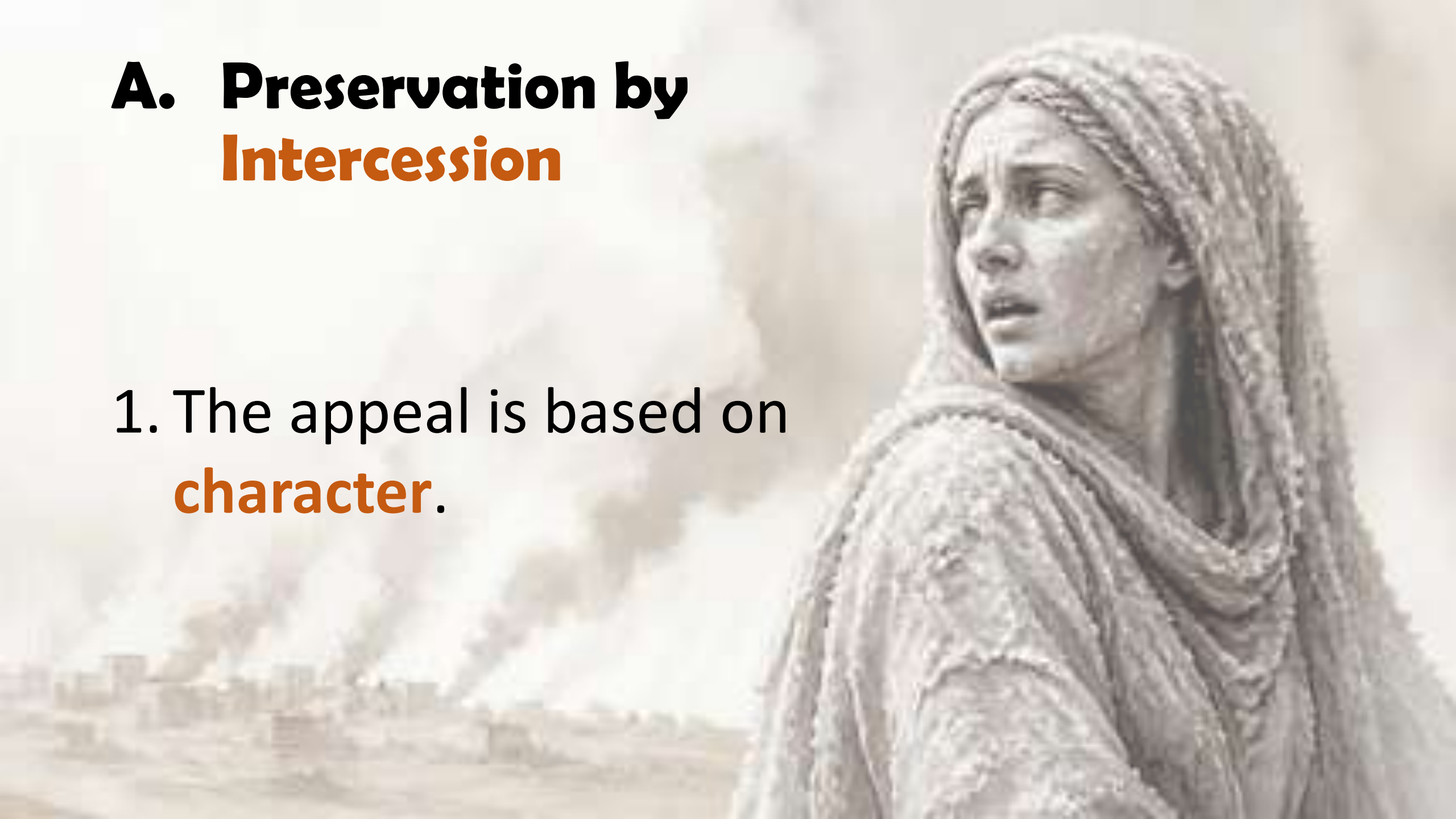
A. Preservation by Intercession

b. The advocate makes an
appeal.



A. Preservation by Intercession

1. The appeal is based on
character.



A. Preservation by Intercession

a. The character of the Judge.

i. He is righteous

ii. He is merciful

iii. He is patient



A. Preservation by Intercession

b. The character of the
advocate.

- i. He understands the Judge
- ii. He understands the accused



B. Preservation by Intervention

1. God intervenes
through angels,
celestial



B. Preservation by Intervention

2. God intervenes
through angels,
terrestrial



B. Preservation by Intervention

3. Those who isolate themselves from God's **people** will eventually stop listening to God's **Word**.



B. Preservation by Intervention

- a. They **laugh**
- b. They **linger**
- c. They **look back**



B. Preservation by Intervention

4. **Remember** Lot's
wife!



B. Preservation by Intervention

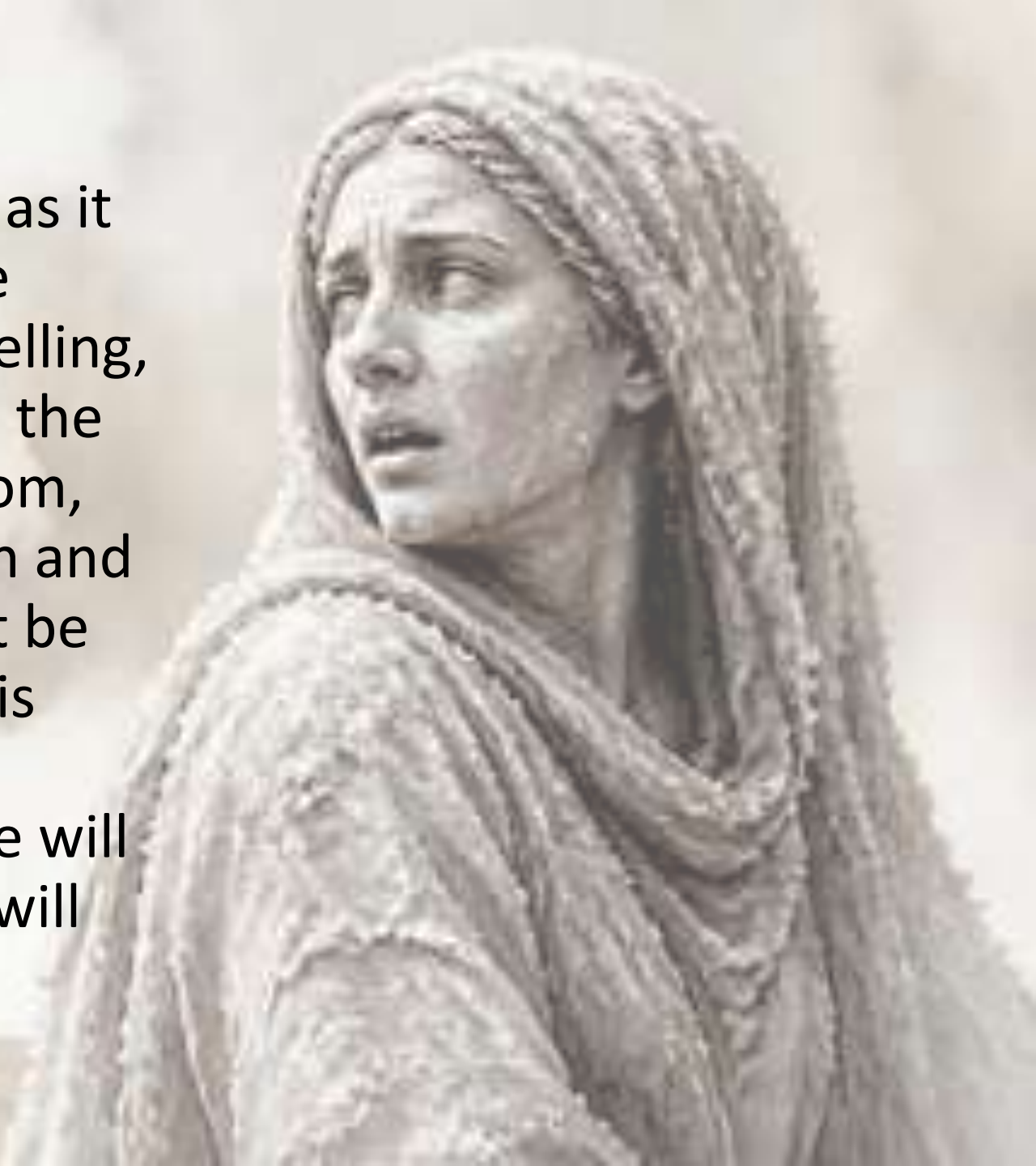
5. Don't die a full
shaker



Full **Shaker?**

Luke 17:28–30 [28] Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, [29] but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—[30] so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed...remember Lot's wife.

Whoever seeks to **preserve** his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. (ESV)



C. Preservation by **Imputation**

1. Imputation is the transfer of **merit** or **demerit** from one individual to another.



C. Preservation by **Imputation**

1 Corinthians 15:22

- a. **Demerit** – “for as in Adam all die”
- b. **Merit** – “...so also in Christ, all shall be made alive”



C. Preservation by Imputation

2 Corinthians 5:21

[21] For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (ESV)



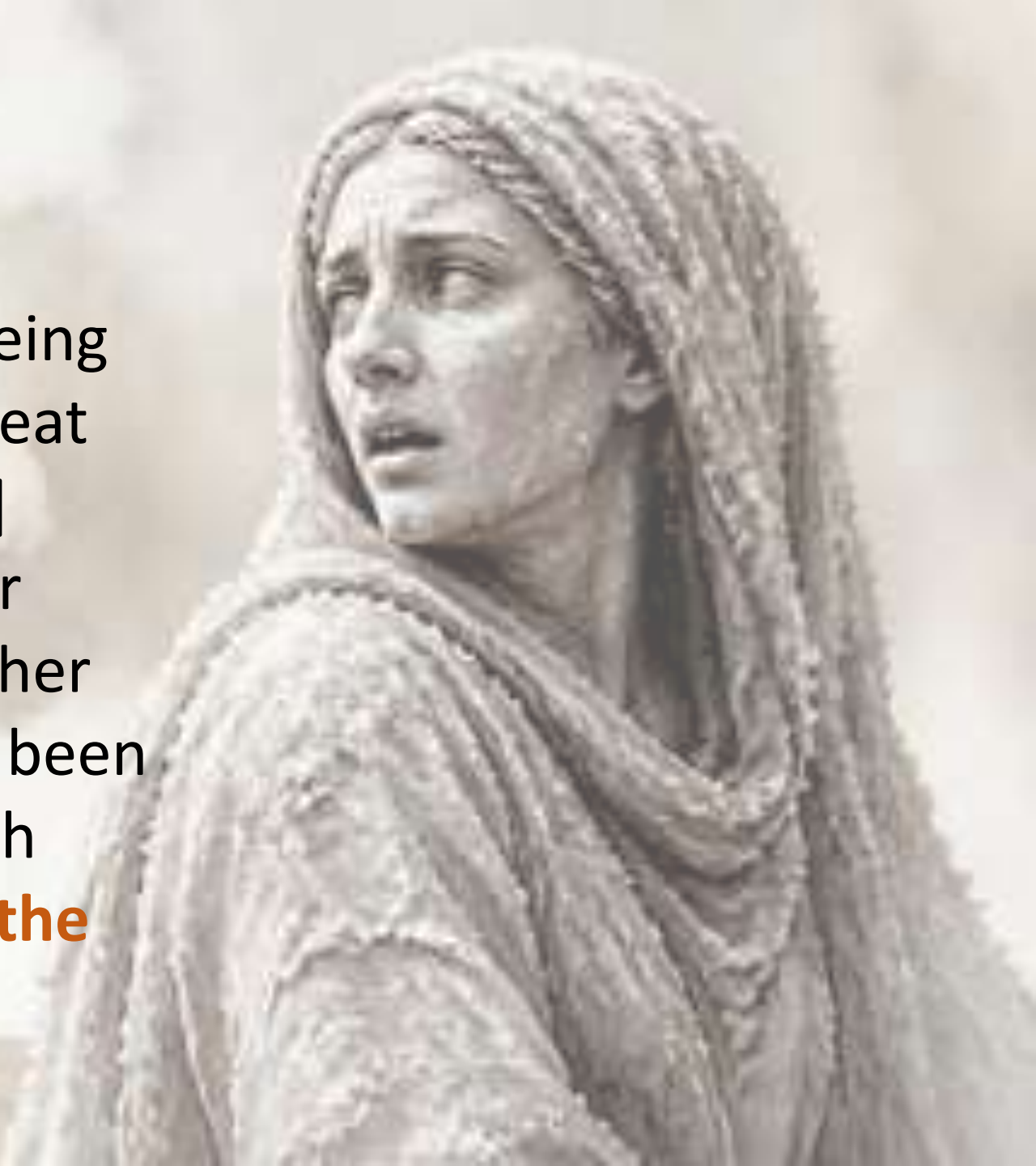
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2. There is an inevitable tension between our earthly **condition** and our heavenly **position**.



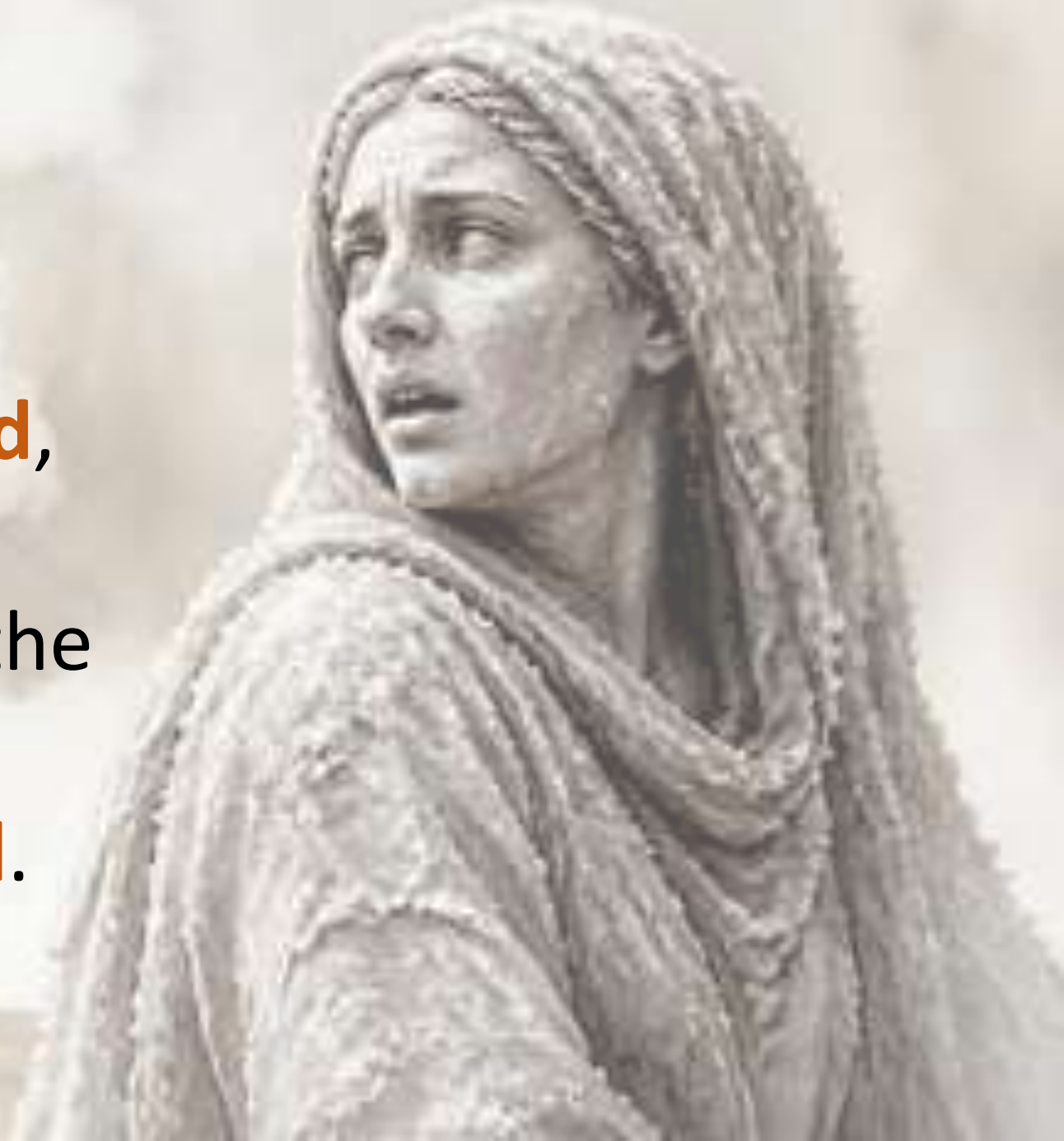
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Ephesians 2:4–8 [4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and **seated us with him in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus



C. Preservation by Imputation

3. Lot wasn't always **good**,
but he was **righteous**.
Until you understand the
difference, you don't
understand the **gospel**.



A woman with a distressed expression, wearing a grey headscarf and a matching shawl, looks back over her right shoulder. In the background, a city is engulfed in flames and thick smoke, suggesting a scene of destruction or war.

Can the **Golden Chain of Salvation be Broken?**

Romans 8:28-39