











A close-up, high-contrast photograph of Jesus' face, focusing on his eyes and beard. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the texture of his skin and the depth of his gaze. The text "FACE TO FACE" is overlaid in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with the word "TO" in a smaller, outlined font.

FACE TO FACE

with *Jesus*

part 5

Saliva and Salvation



part 6

*None is so
Blind*





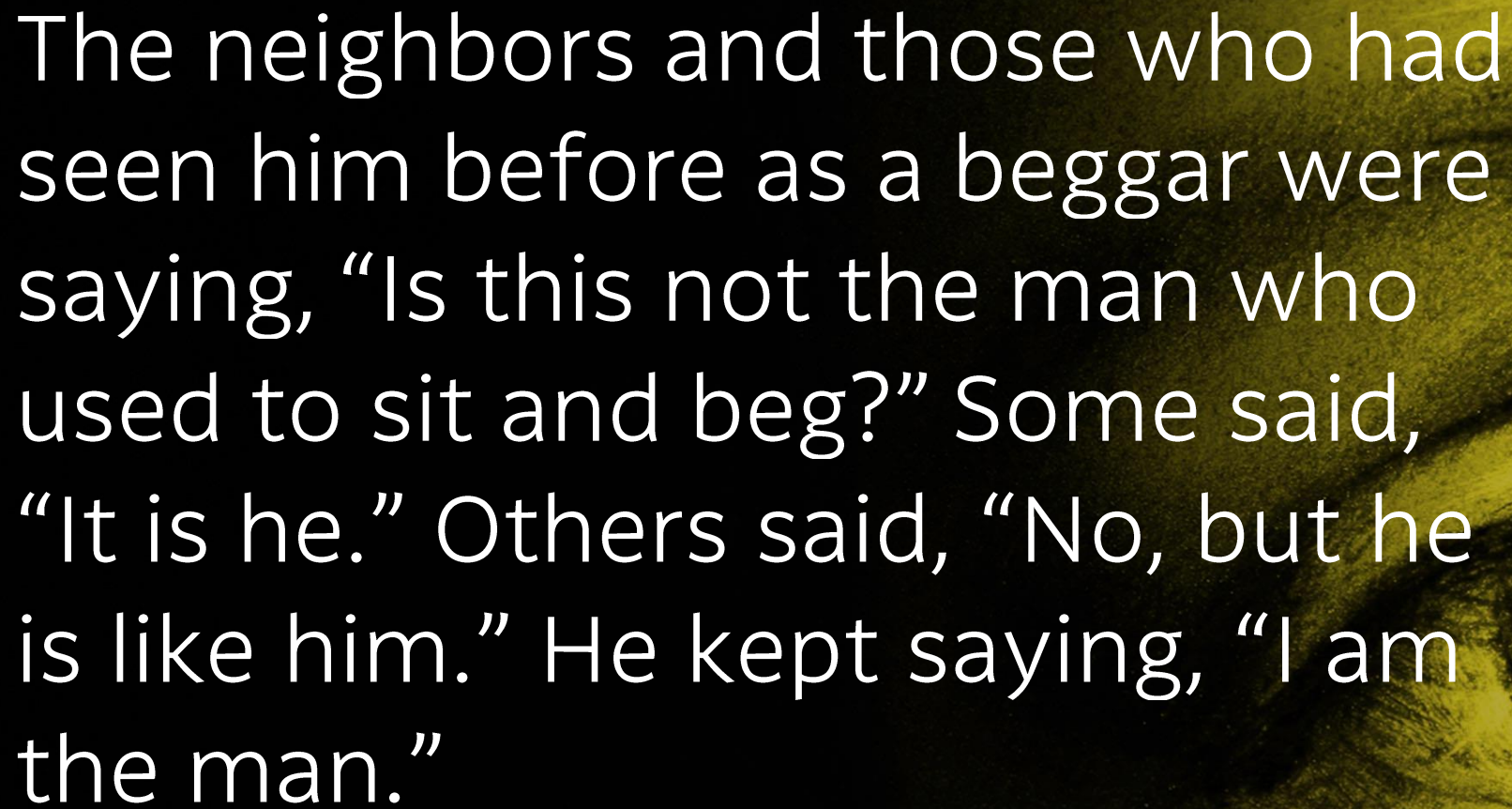






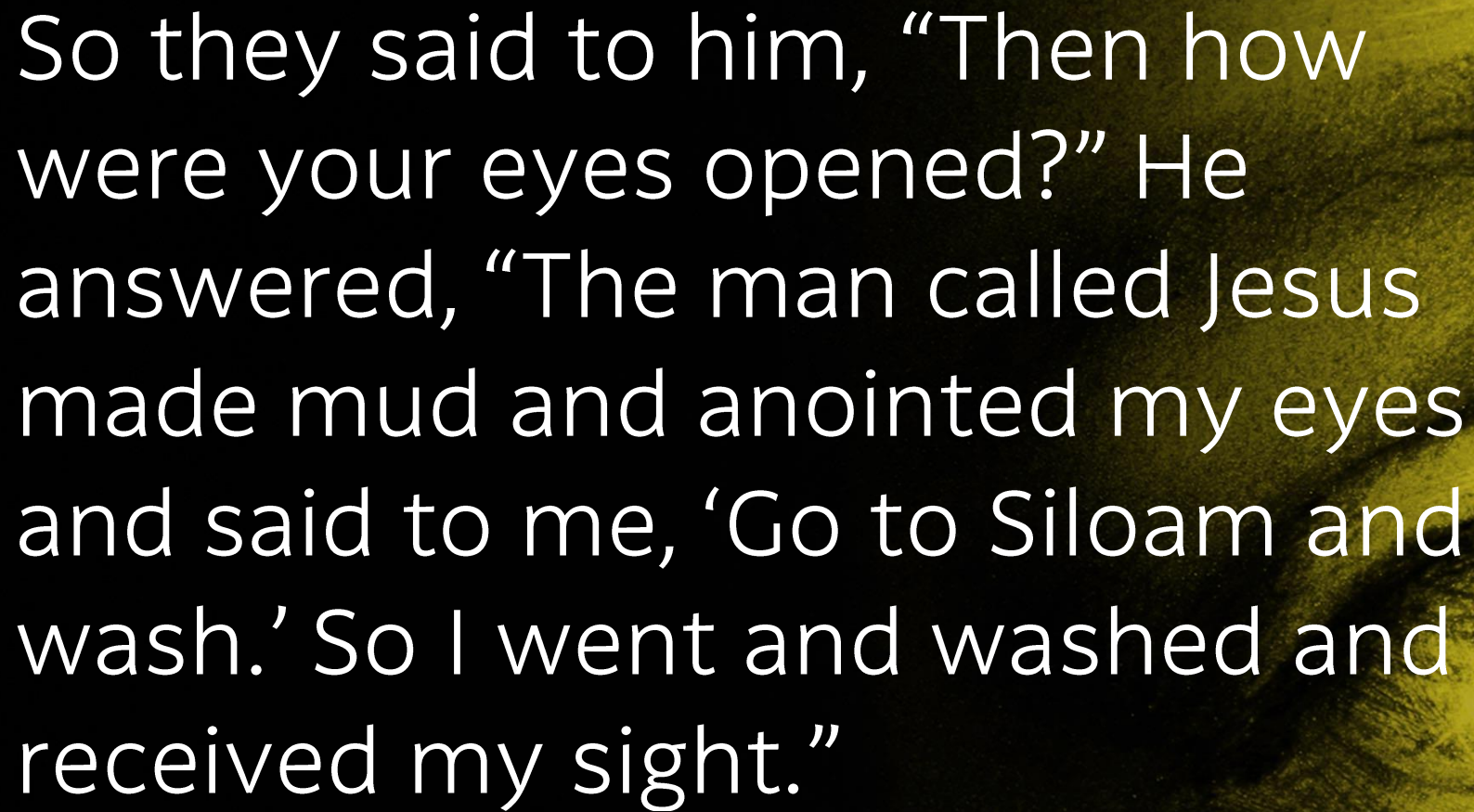


Misinformation & Investigation



The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.”

John 9:8-12



So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.”

John 9:8-12

They said to him, “Where is he?”
He said, “I do not know.”

John 9:8-12

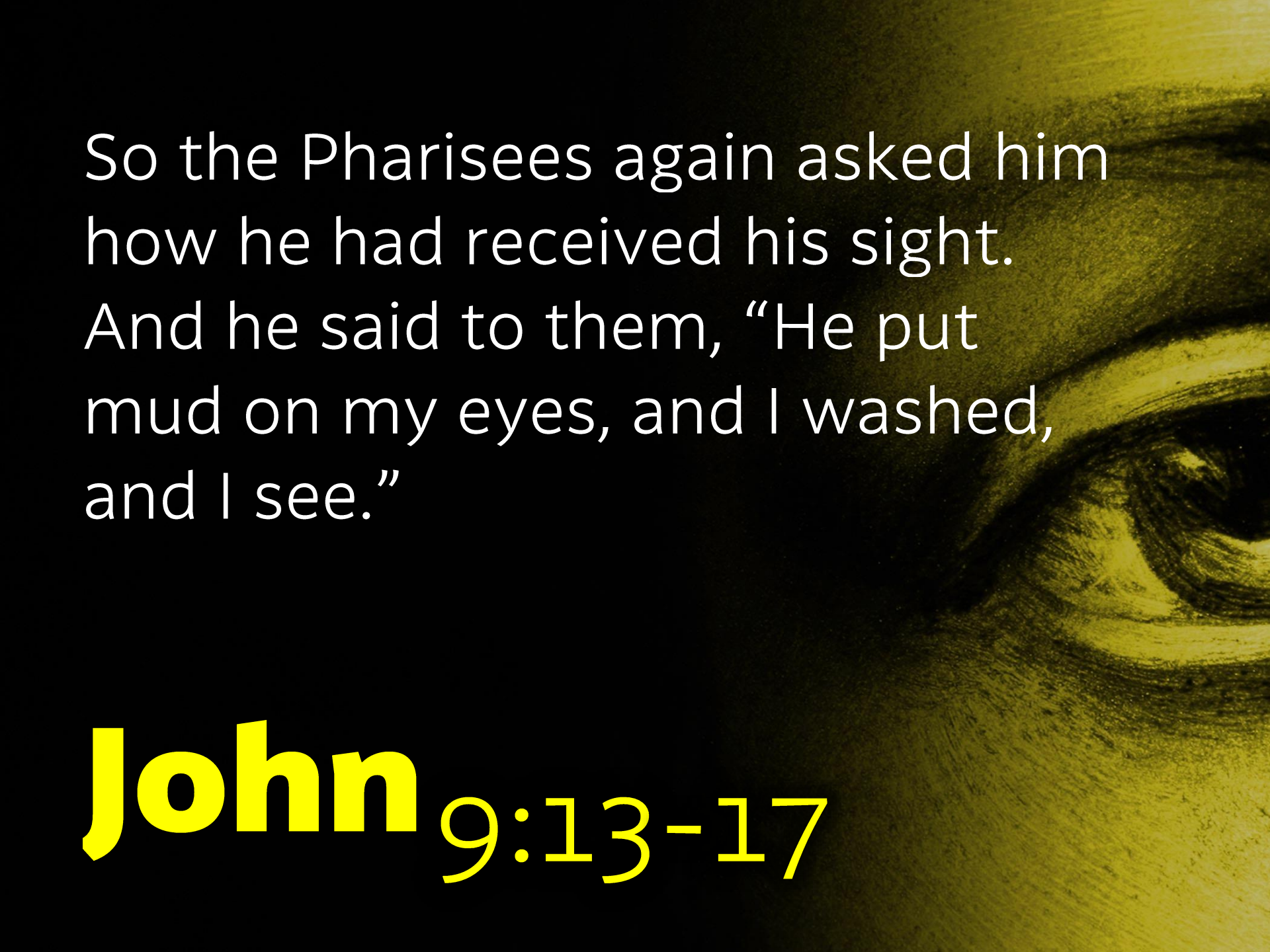


Protecting the Orthodoxy



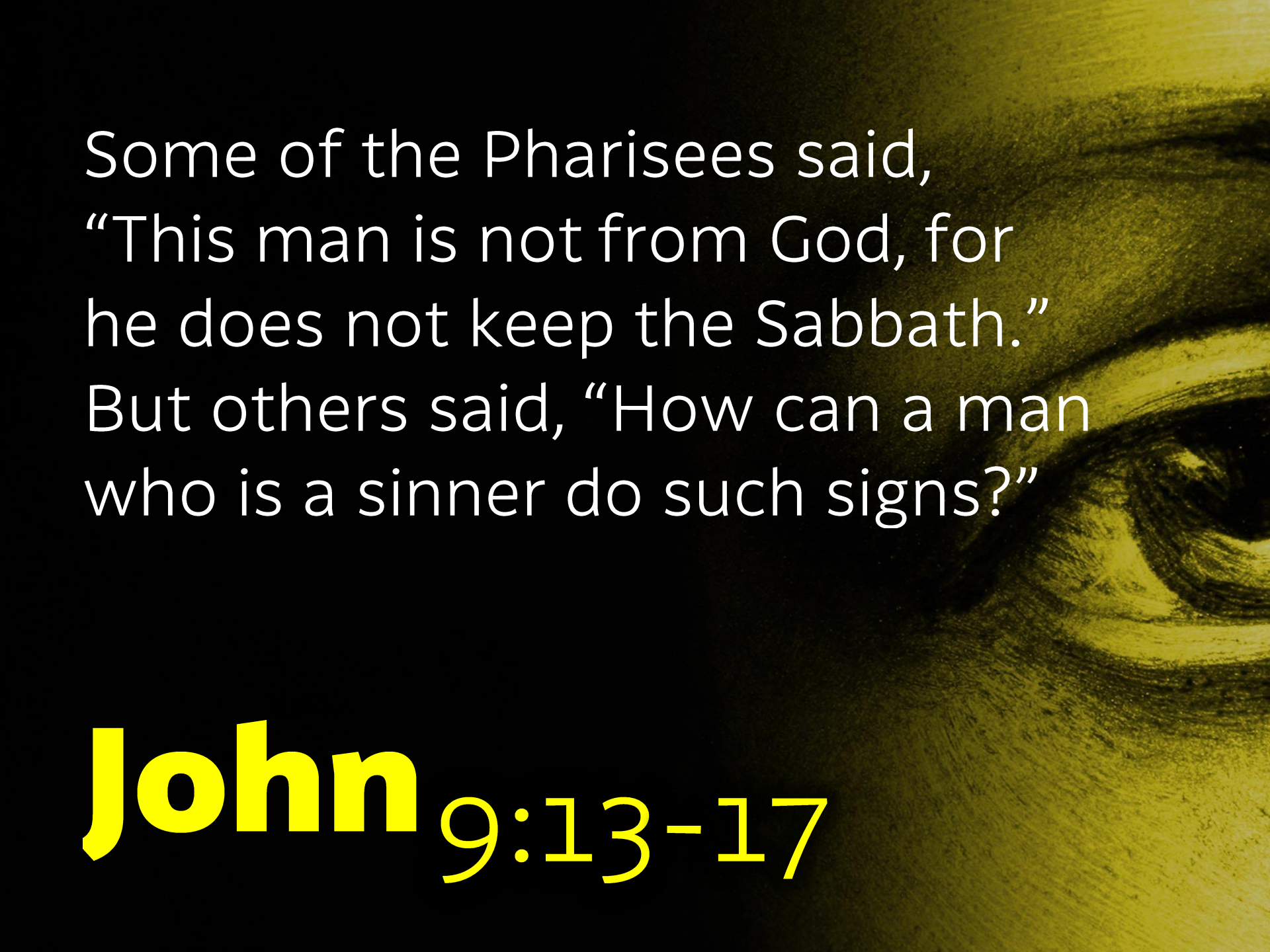
They **brought to the Pharisees**
the man who had formerly been
blind. **Now it was a Sabbath day**
when Jesus made the mud and
opened his eyes.

John 9:13-17



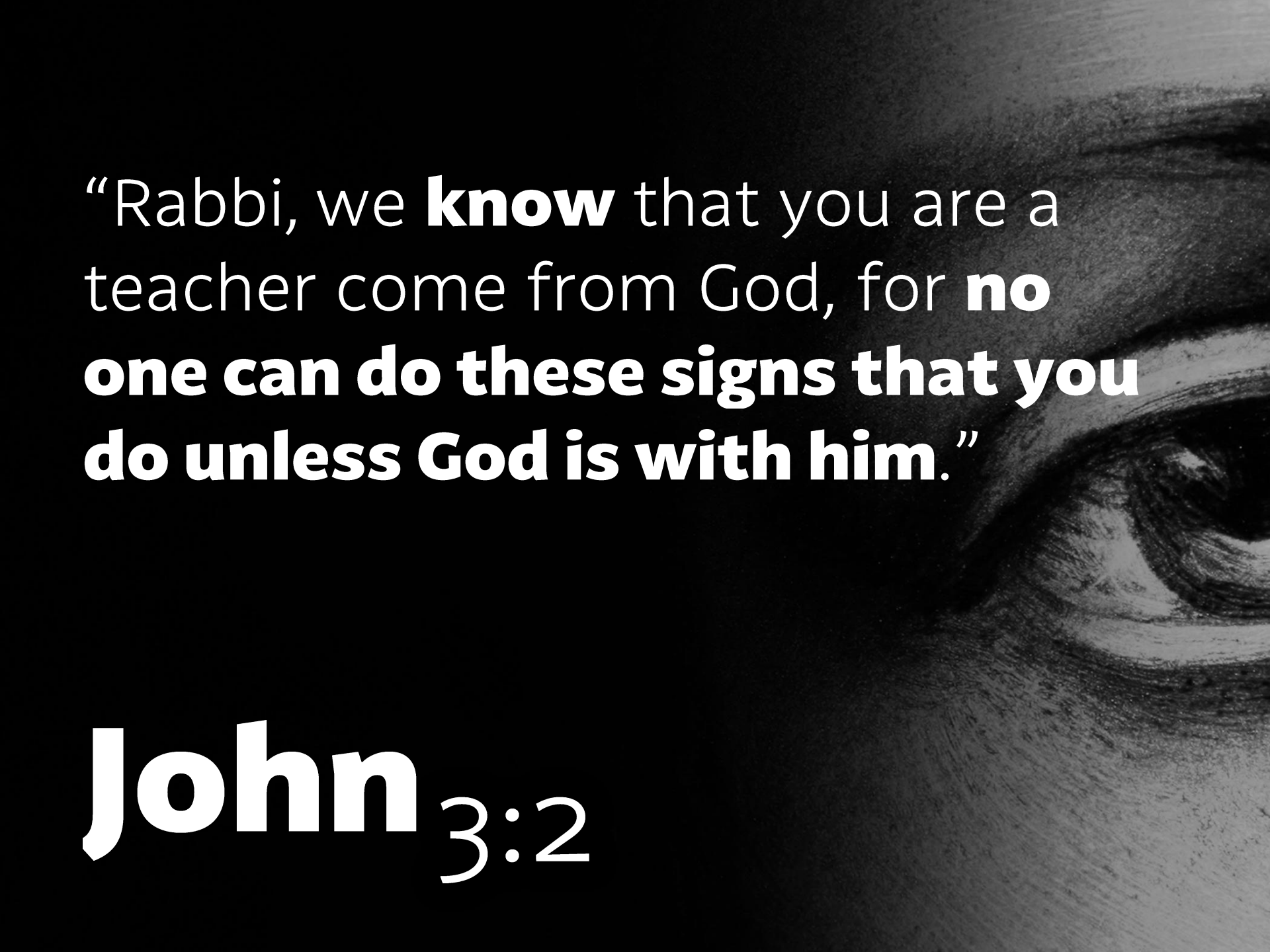
So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

John 9:13-17



Some of the Pharisees said,
“This man is not from God, for
he does not keep the Sabbath.”
But others said, “How can a man
who is a sinner do such signs?”

John 9:13-17

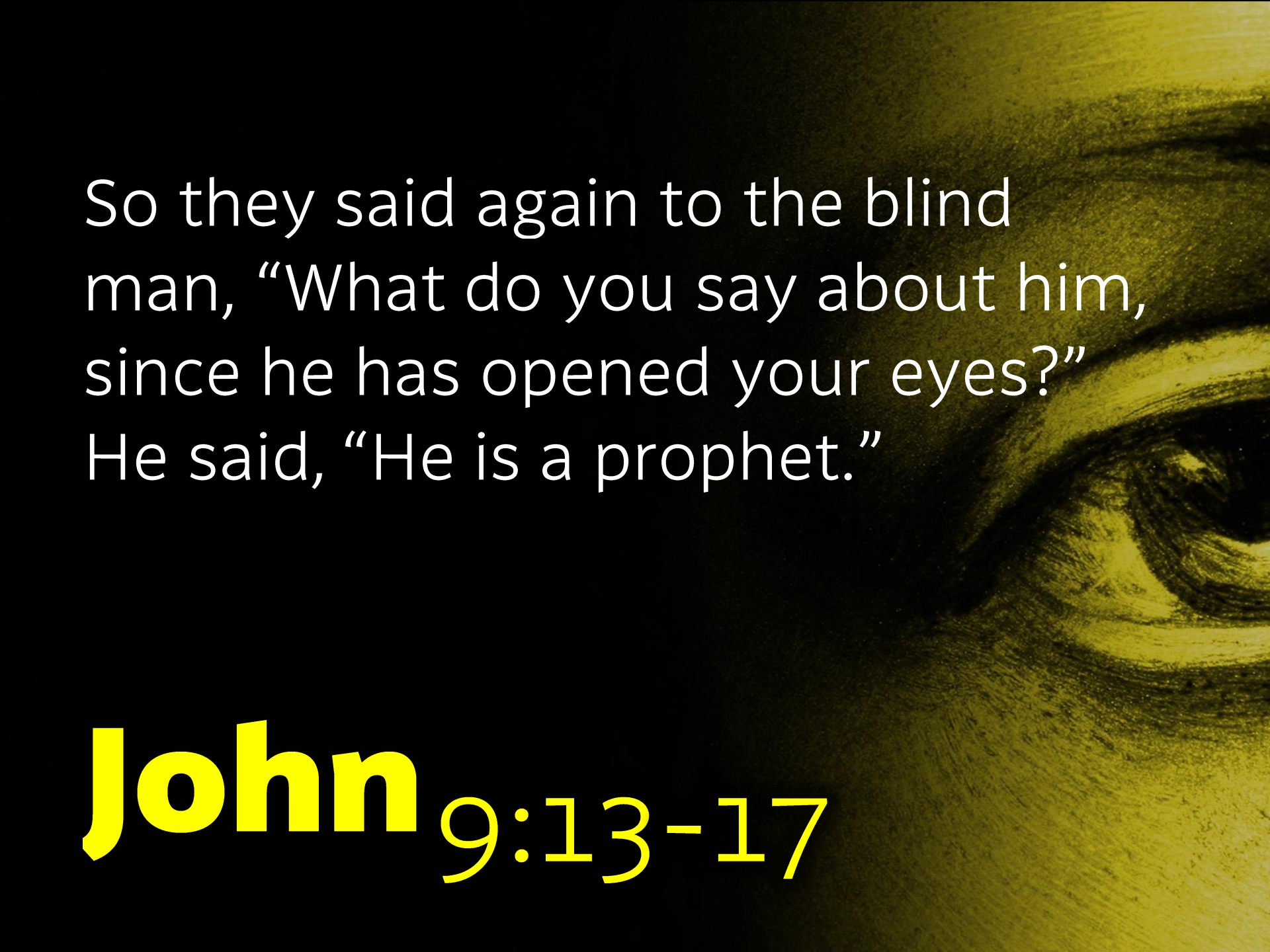


“Rabbi, we **know** that you are a teacher come from God, for **no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.**”

John_{3:2}

And there was a **division**
among them.

John 9:13-17



So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

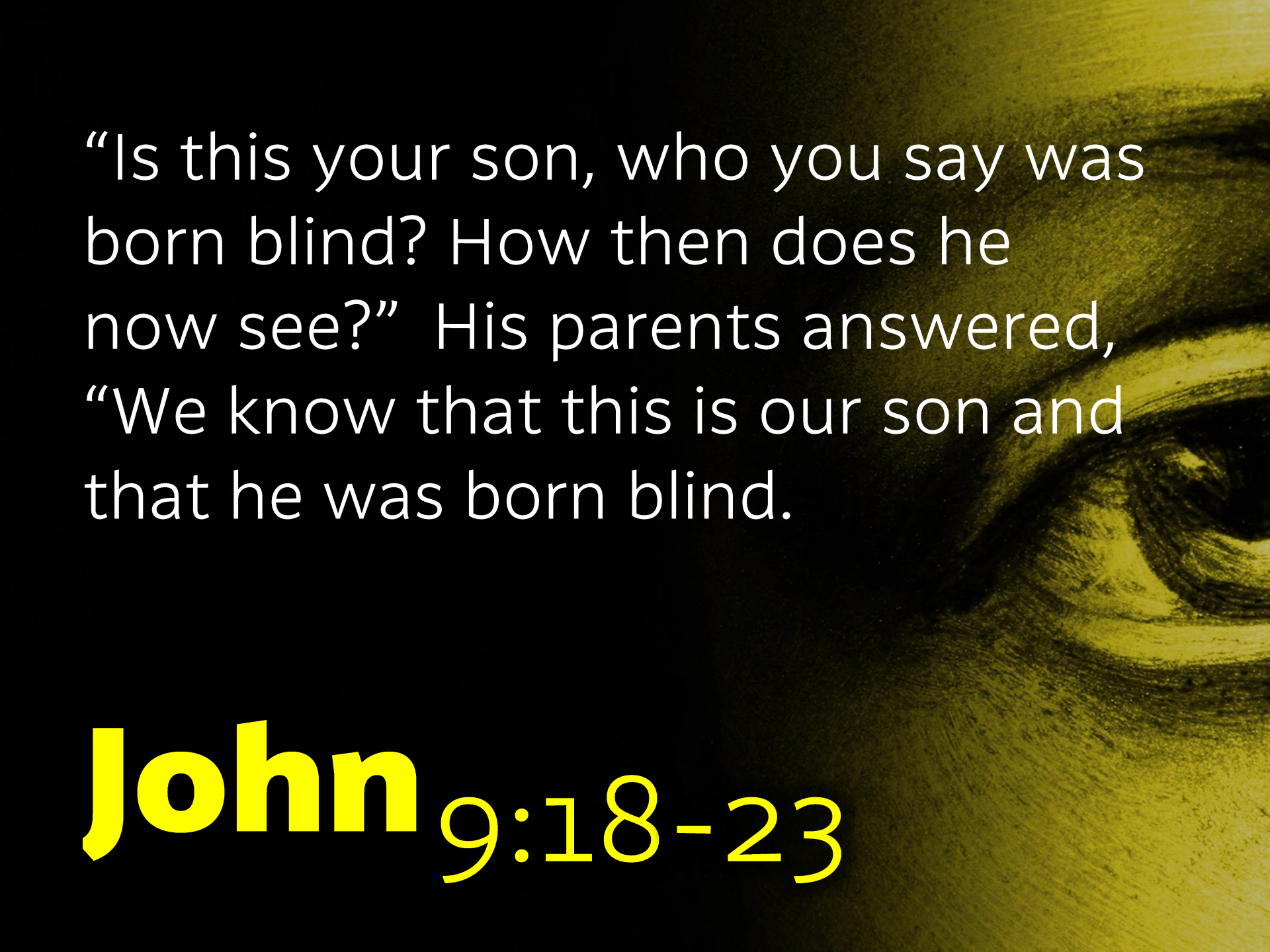
John 9:13-17

Fear of Losing Fellowship



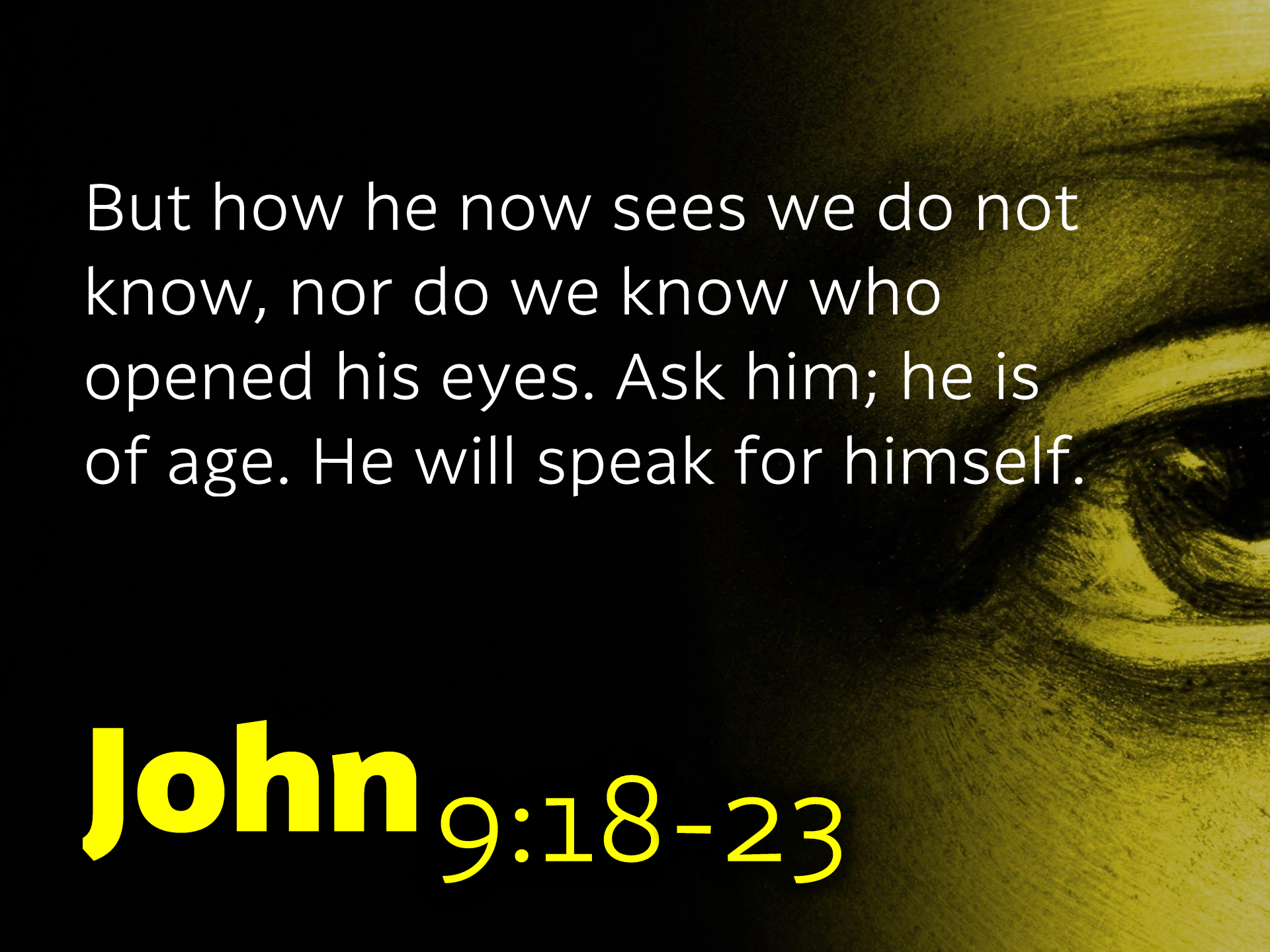
The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them,

John 9:18-23



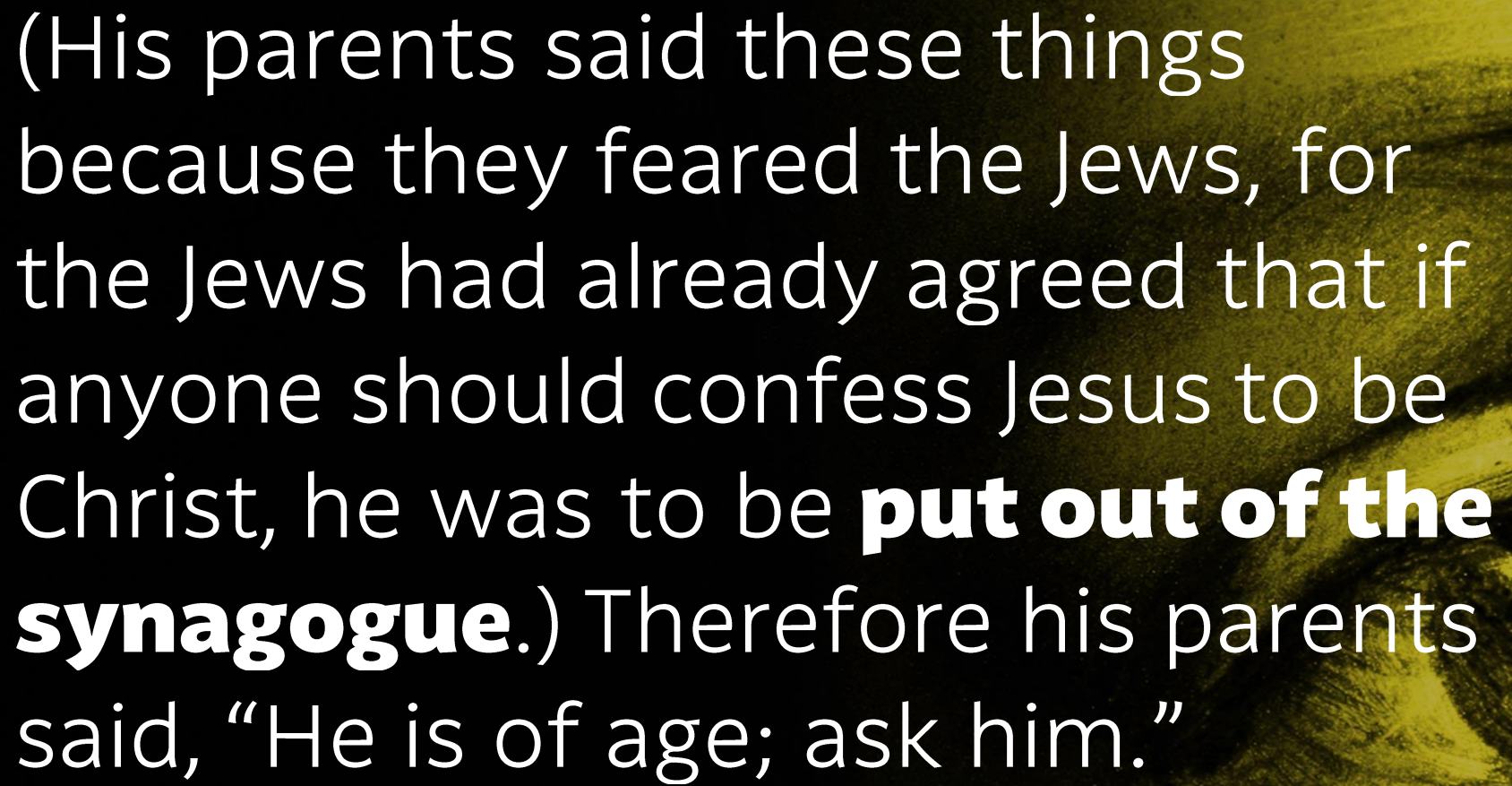
“Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.

John 9:18-23



But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.

John 9:18-23



(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be **put out of the synagogue.**) Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

John 9:18-23



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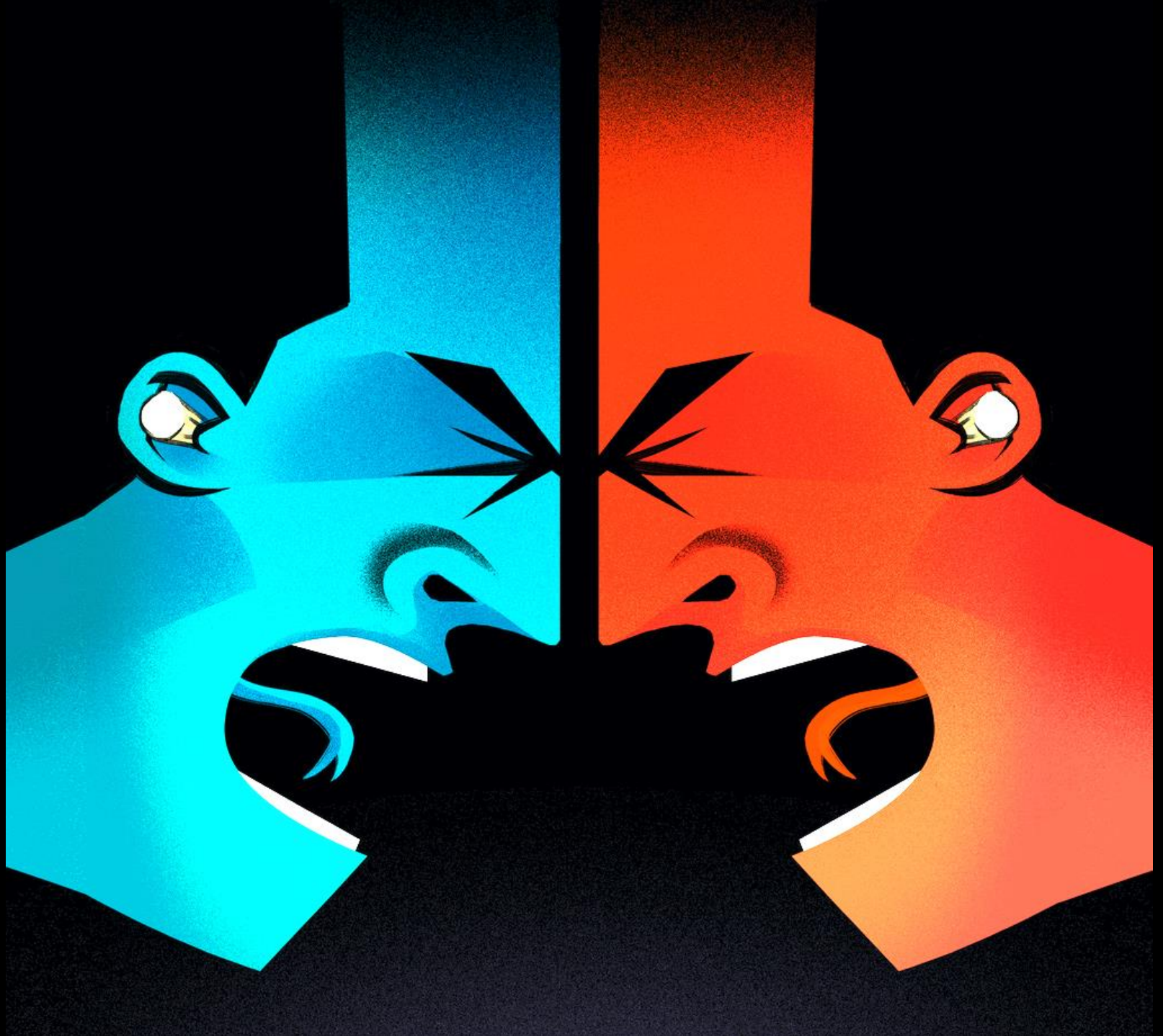
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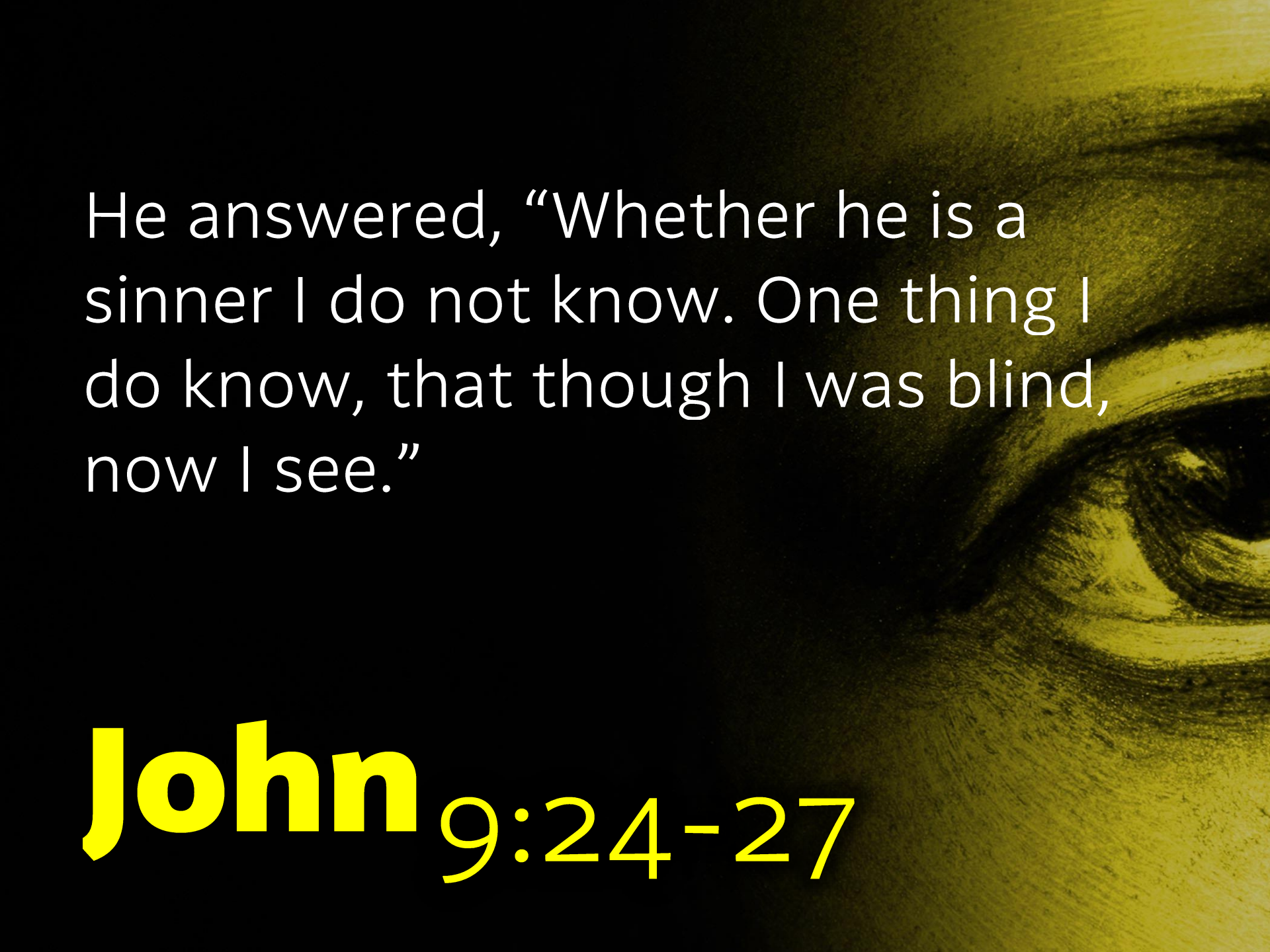


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So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.”

John 9:24-27

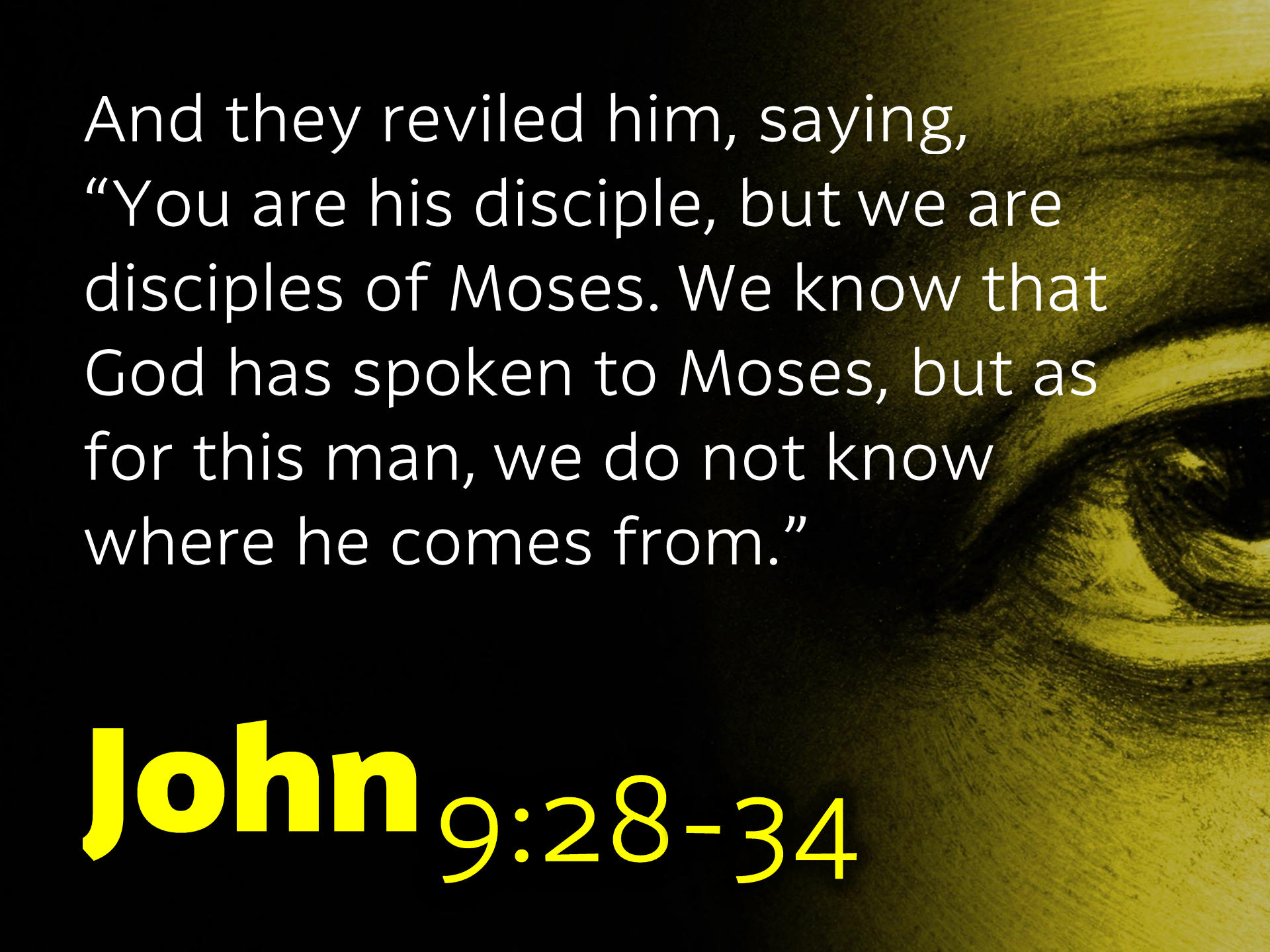


He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

John 9:24-27

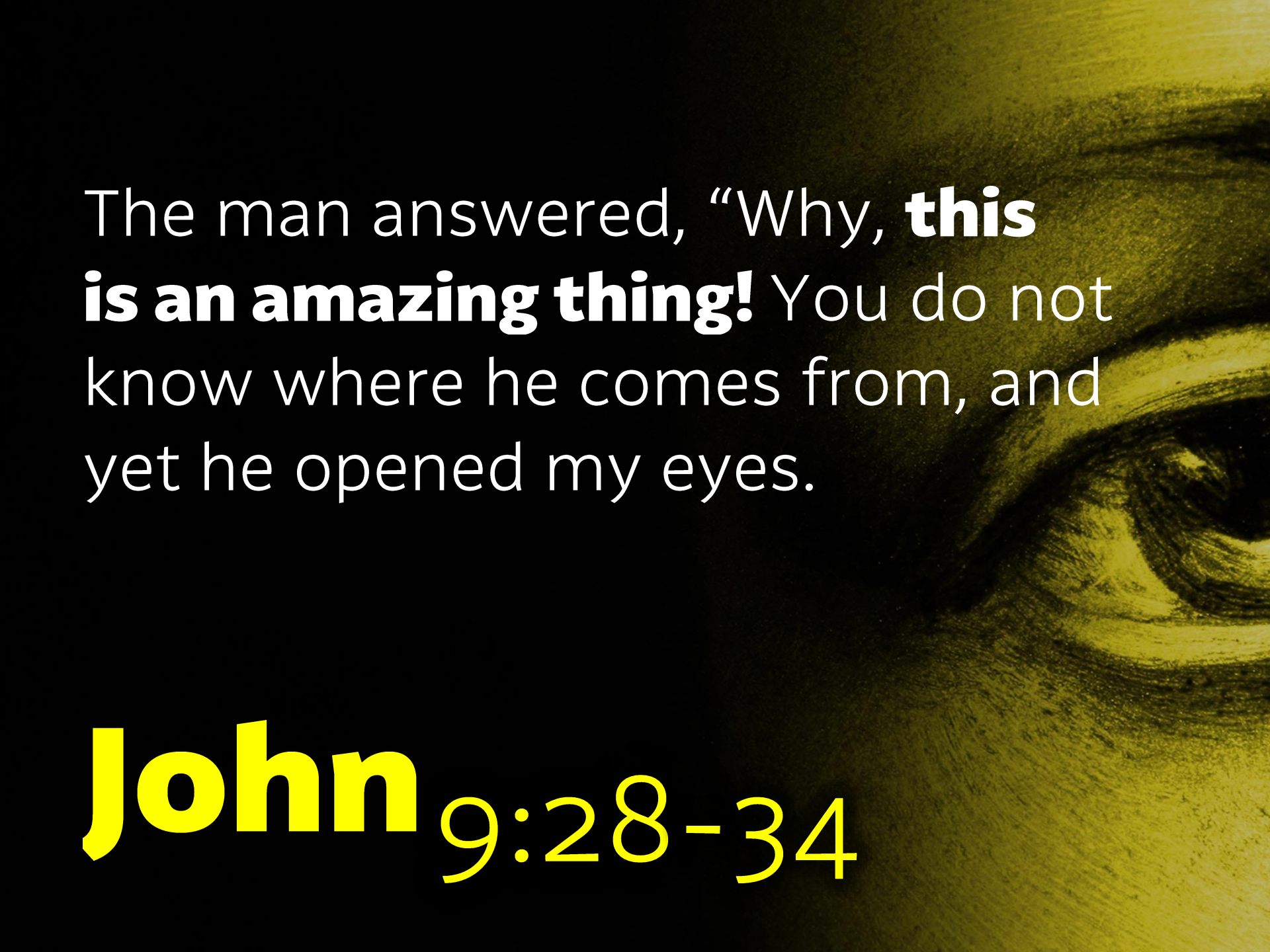
They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”

John 9:24-27



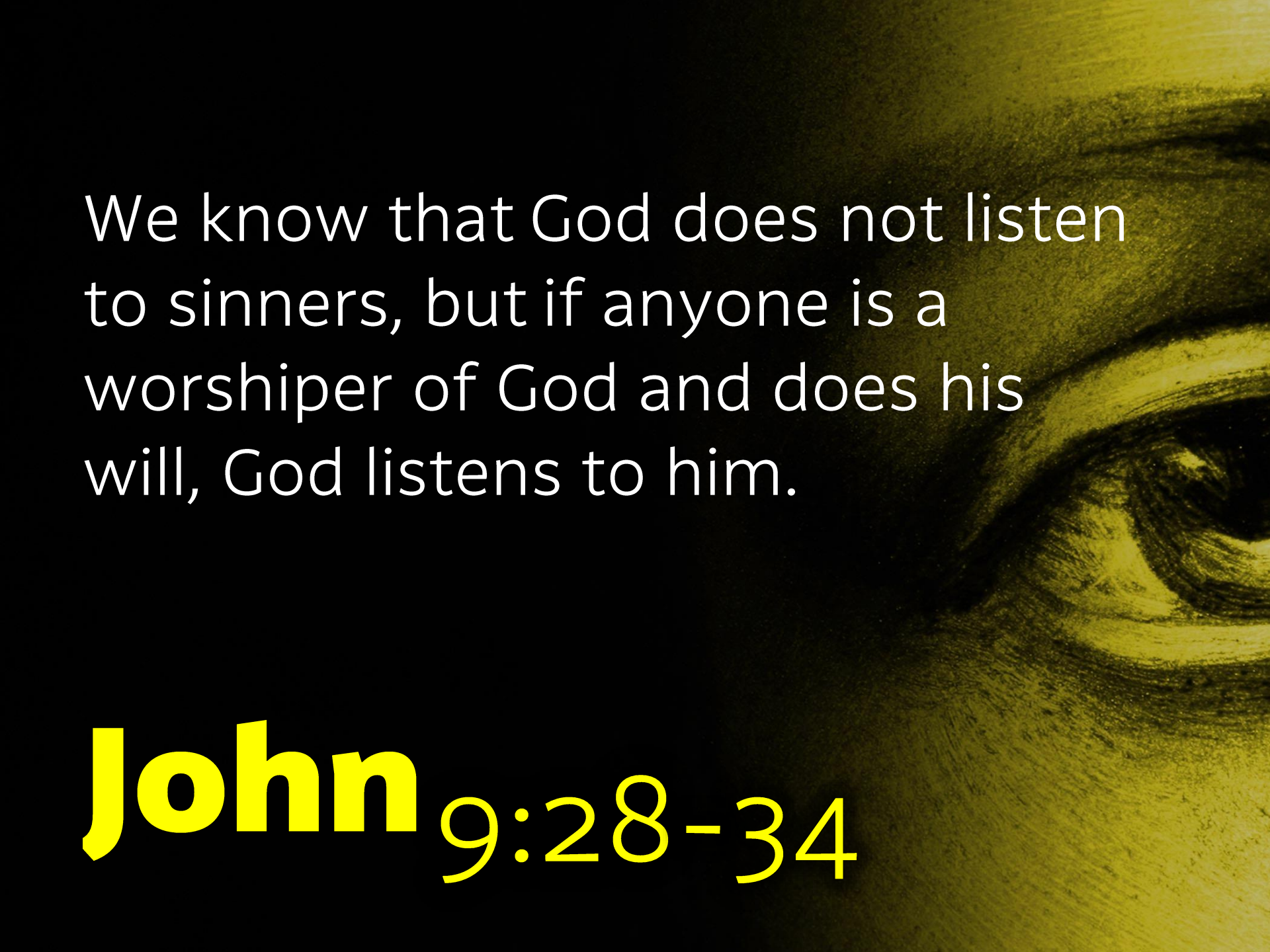
And they reviled him, saying,
“You are his disciple, but we are
disciples of Moses. We know that
God has spoken to Moses, but as
for this man, we do not know
where he comes from.”

John 9:28-34



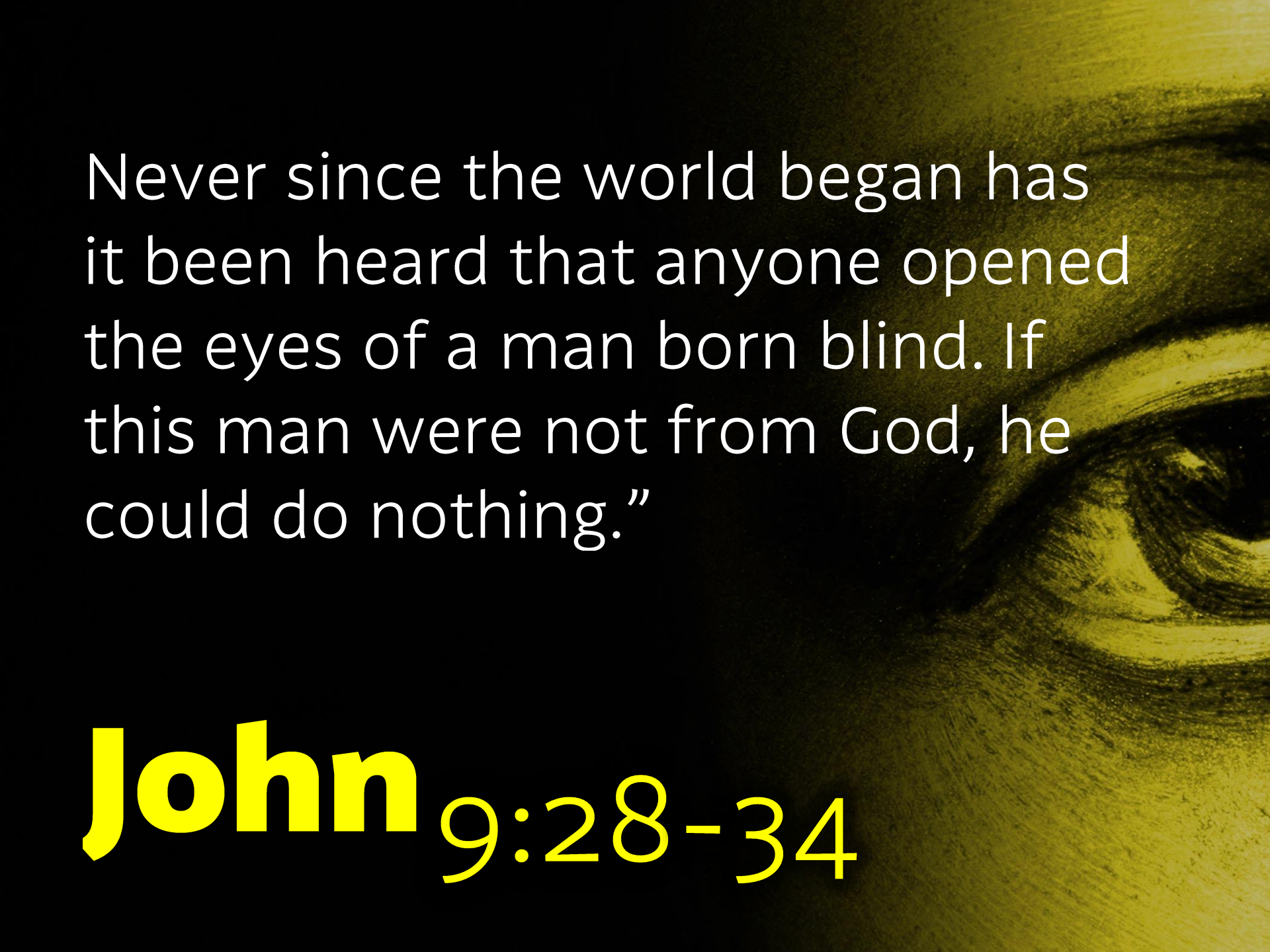
The man answered, “Why, **this is an amazing thing!** You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.

John 9:28-34



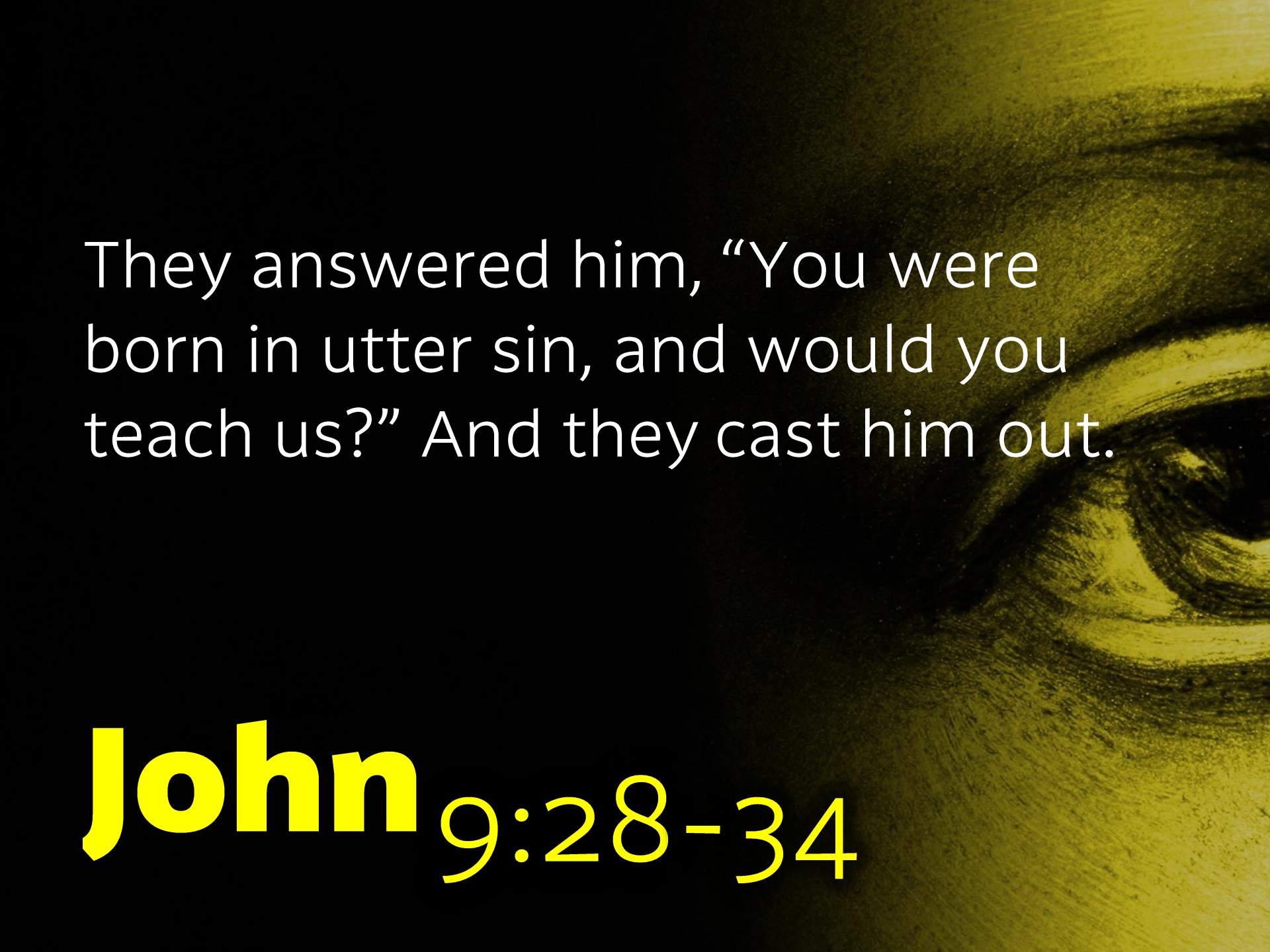
We know that God does not listen
to sinners, but if anyone is a
worshiper of God and does his
will, God listens to him.

John 9:28-34



Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

John 9:28-34

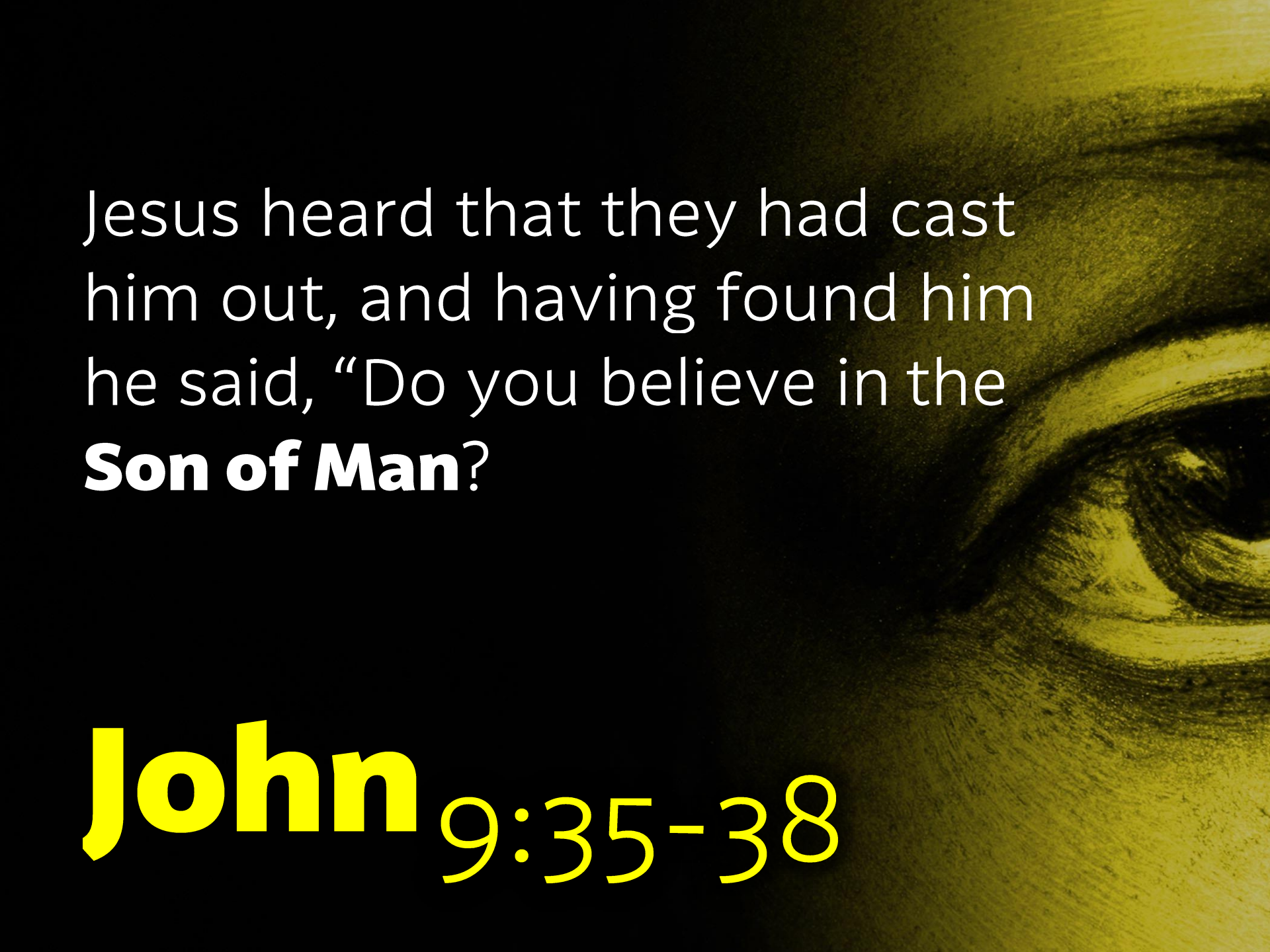


They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

John 9:28-34

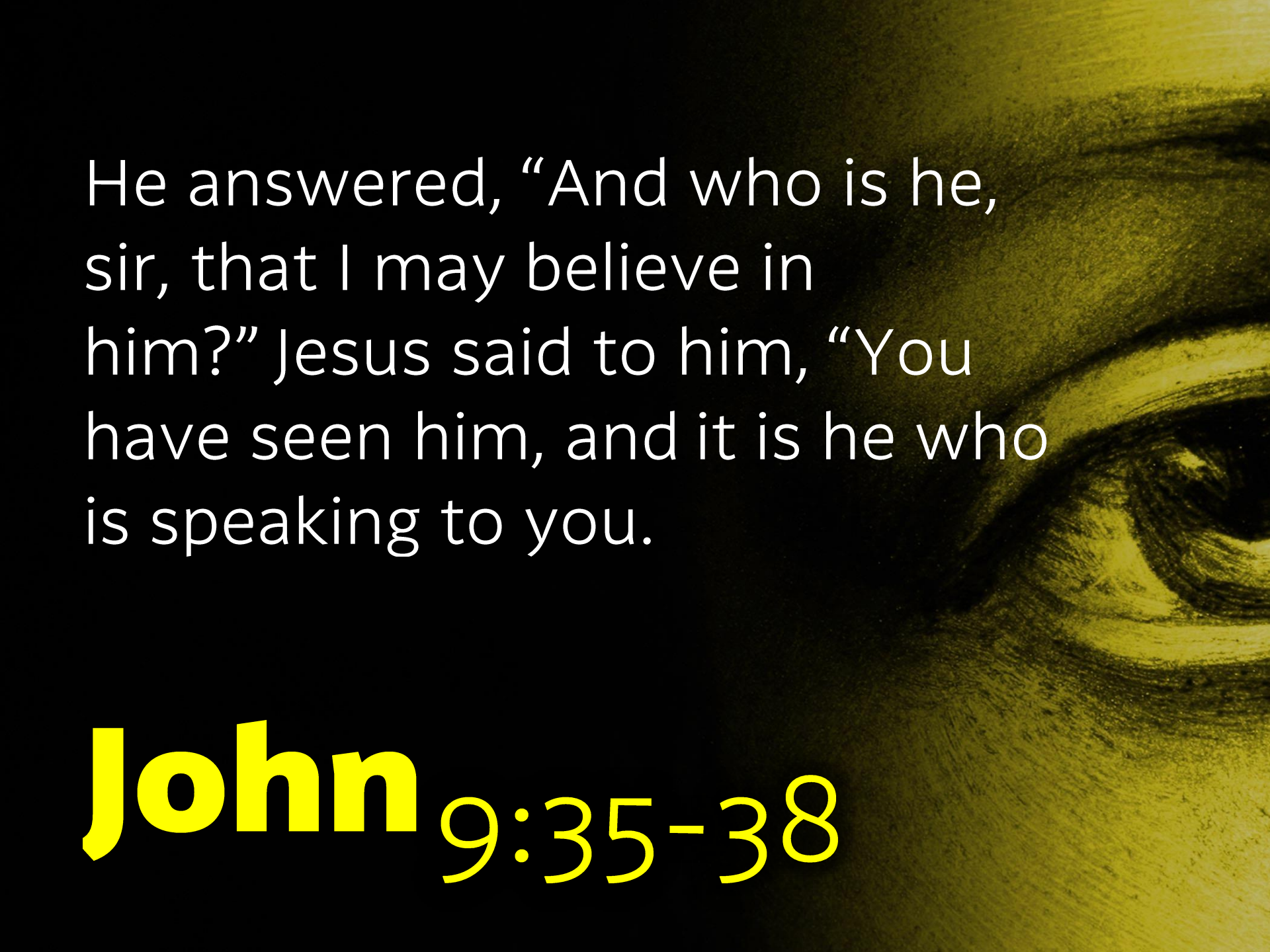
Worship and the **Will**





Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the **Son of Man?**”

John 9:35-38



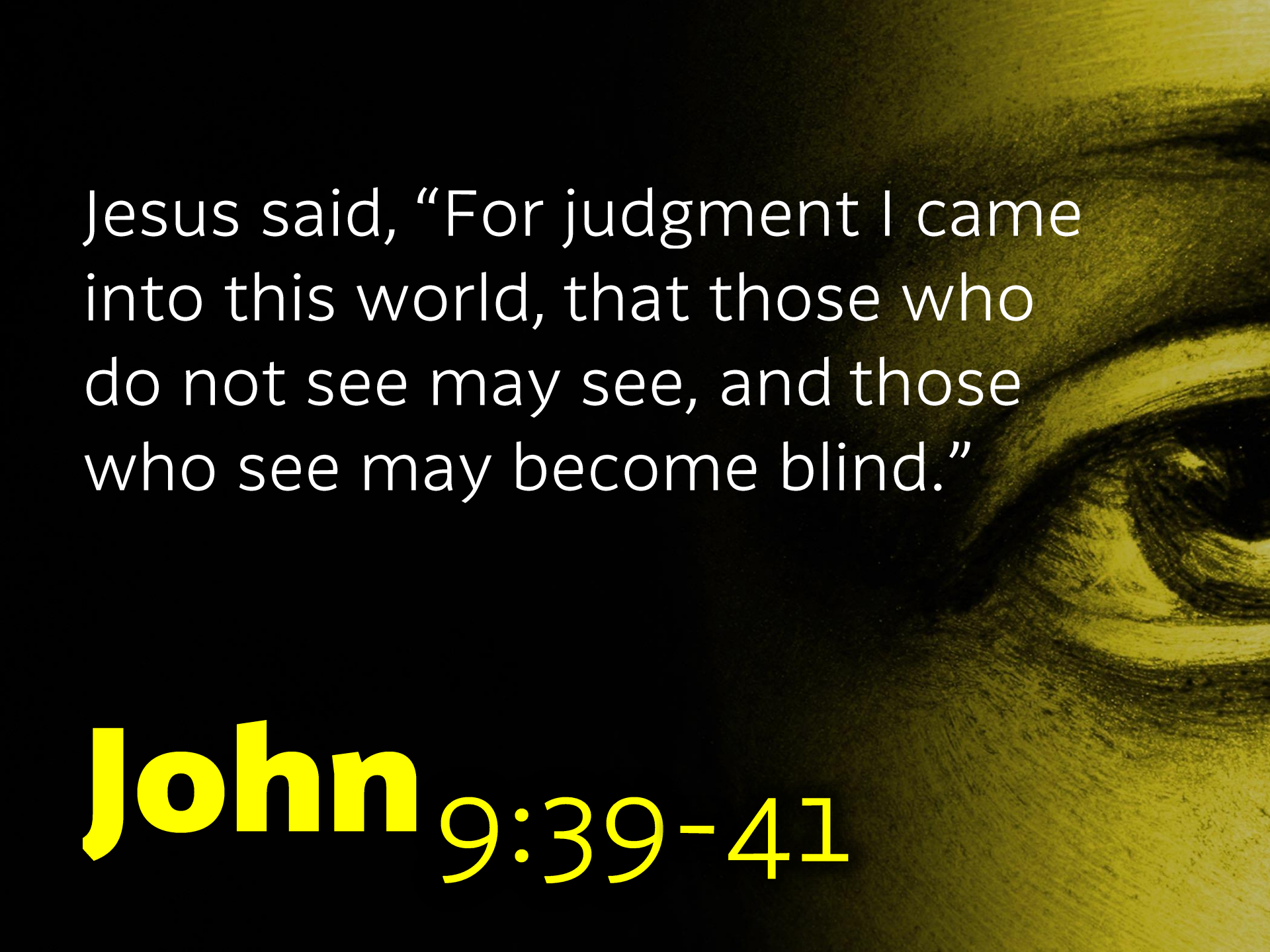
He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.

John 9:35-38



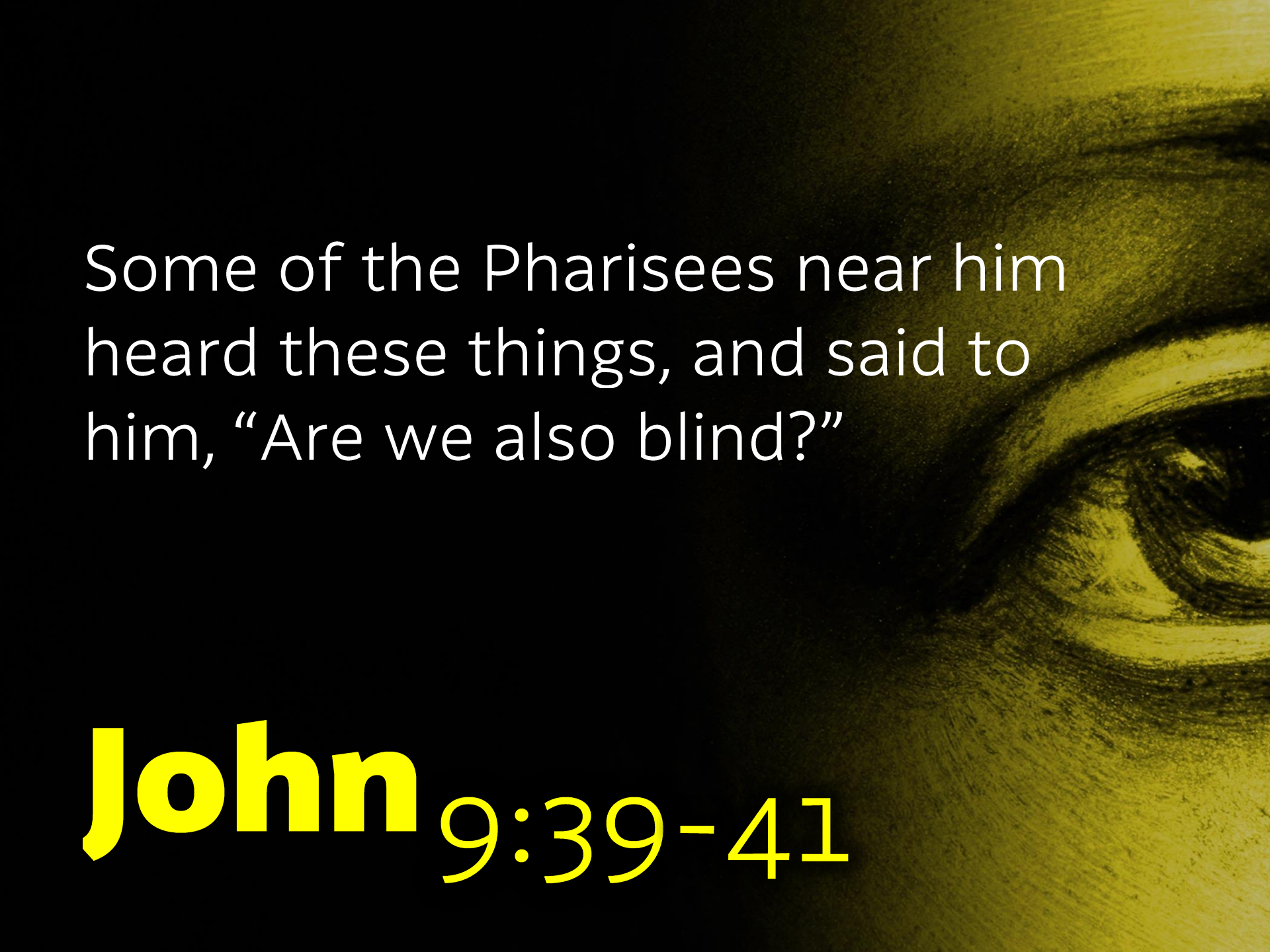
He said, “Lord, I believe,”
and **he worshiped him.**

John 9:35-38



Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

John 9:39-41



Some of the Pharisees near him
heard these things, and said to
him, “Are we also blind?”

John 9:39-41

Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

John 9:39-41

Indeed, in their case the prophecy
of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

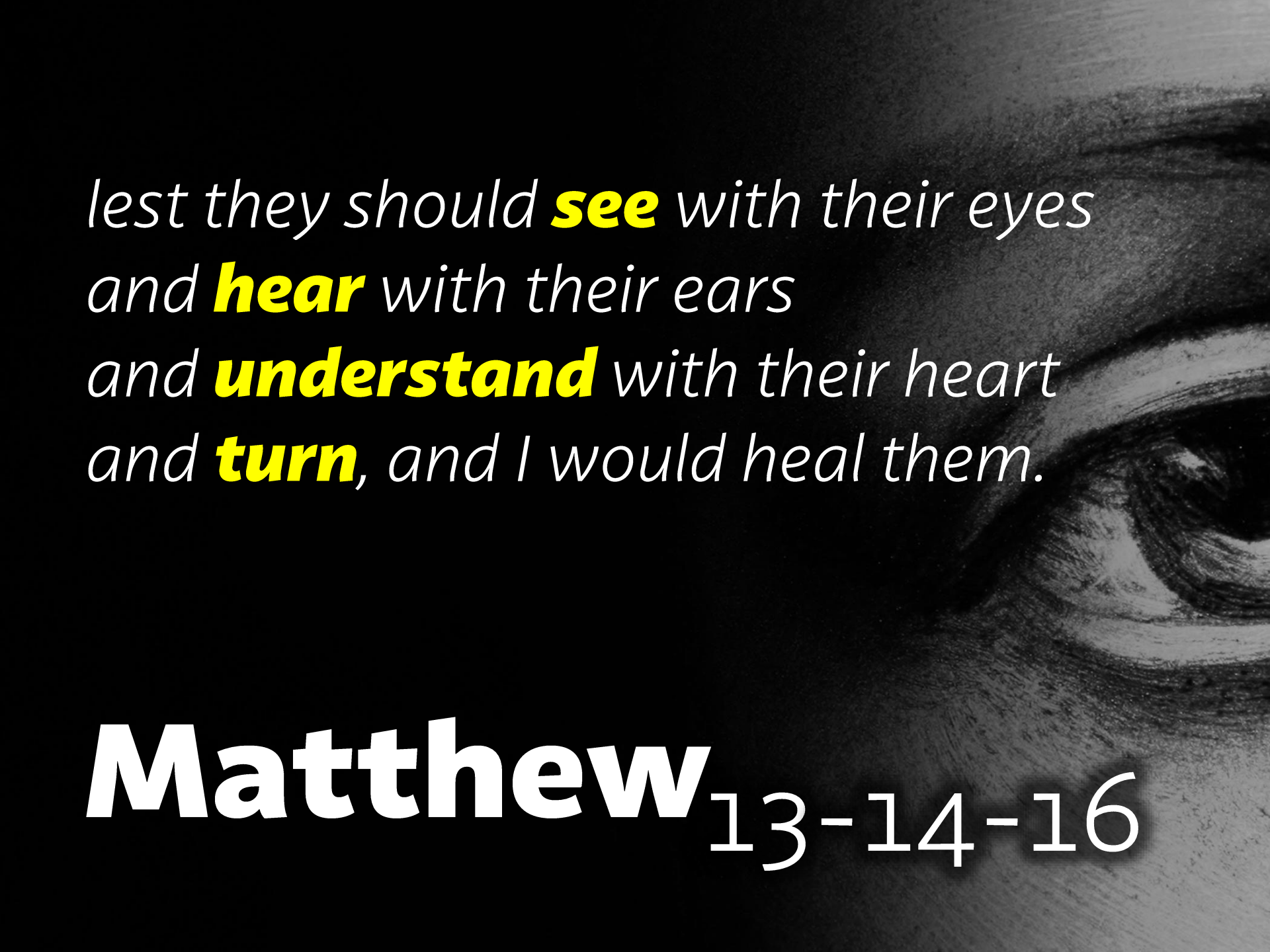
*You will indeed hear but never
understand, and you will indeed
see but never perceive.*

Matthew₁₃₋₁₄₋₁₆




*For this people's heart has grown
dull, and with their ears they can
barely hear, and **their eyes they
have closed,***

Matthew₁₃₋₁₄₋₁₆



lest they should **see** with their eyes
and **hear** with their ears
and **understand** with their heart
and **turn**, and I would heal them.

Matthew₁₃₋₁₄₋₁₆

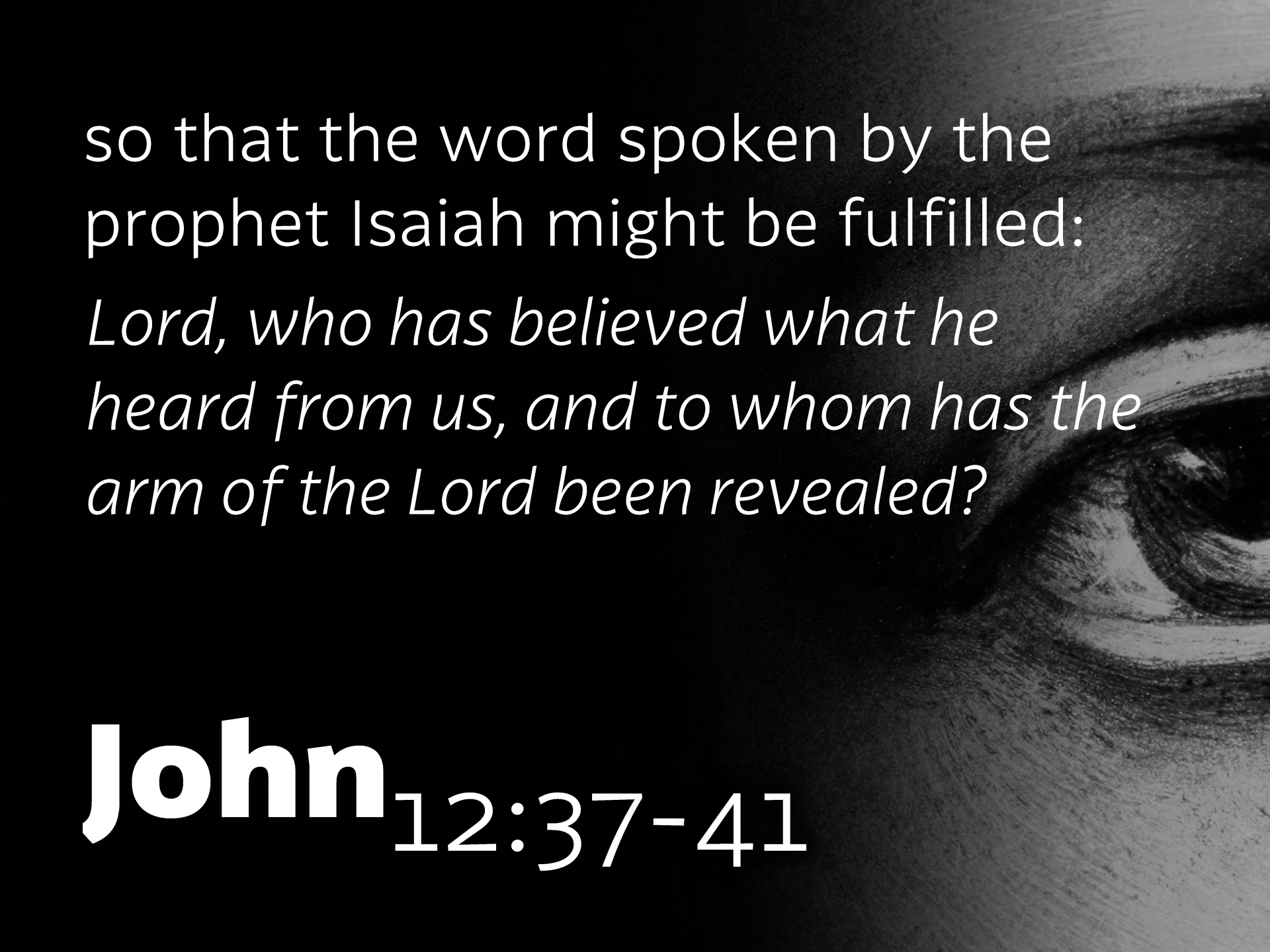


But blessed are your eyes, for they
see, and your ears, for they hear.

Matthew₁₃₋₁₄₋₁₆

Though he had done so many
signs before them, they still did
not believe in him,

John_{12:37-41}



so that the word spoken by the
prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

*Lord, who has believed what he
heard from us, and to whom has the
arm of the Lord been revealed?*

John_{12:37-41}

**Therefore they could not
believe.**

John_{12:37-41}

Is it...

We **won't** because
we **can't**?

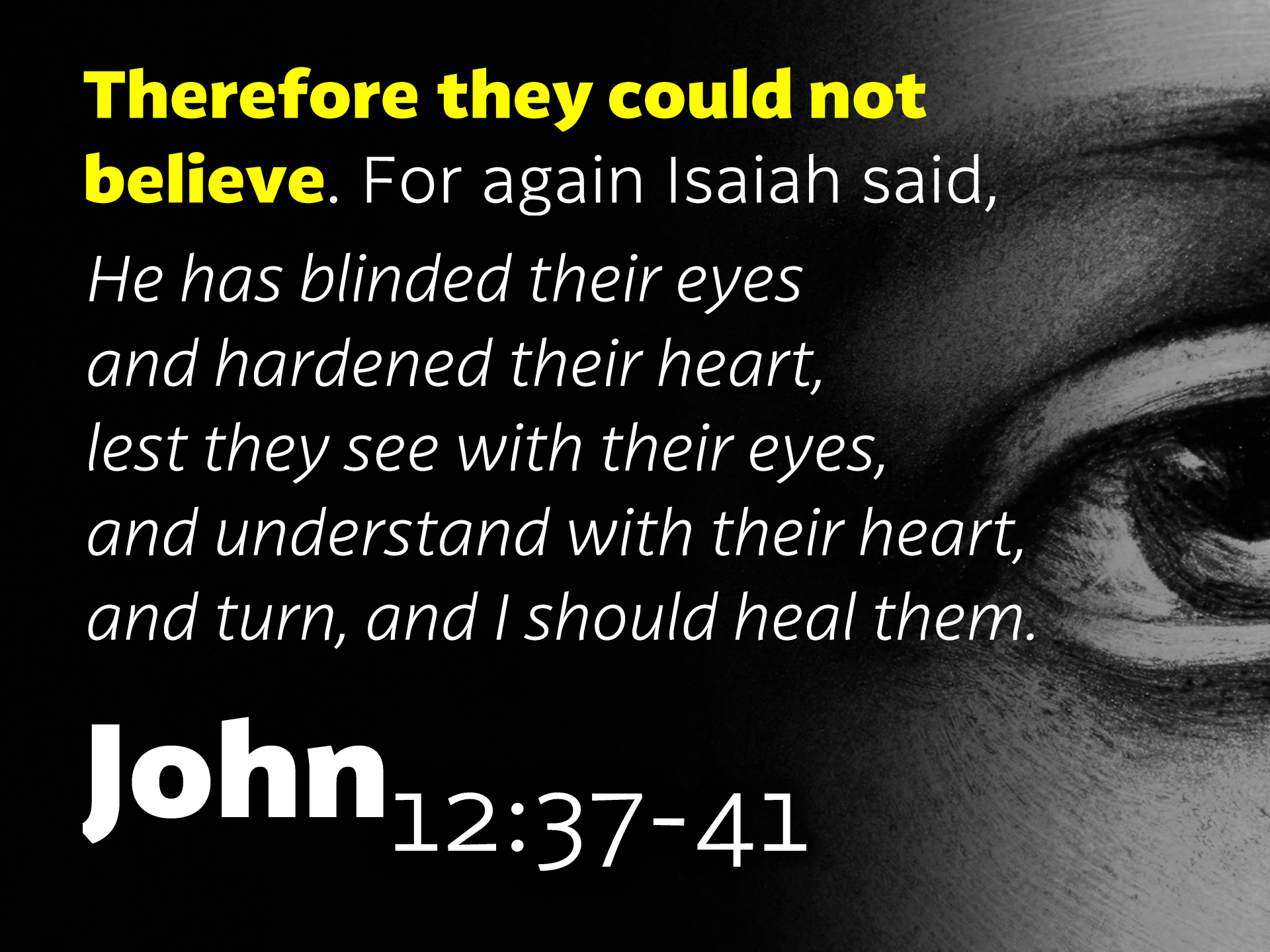
or

We **can't** because
we **won't**?



We **don't** because
we **won't**.





Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,
*He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart,
and turn, and I should heal them.*

John_{12:37-41}



Isaiah said these things because
he saw his glory and **spoke of him**.

John_{12:37-41}



Come to
The Light!

