

A Powerful Prayer Life

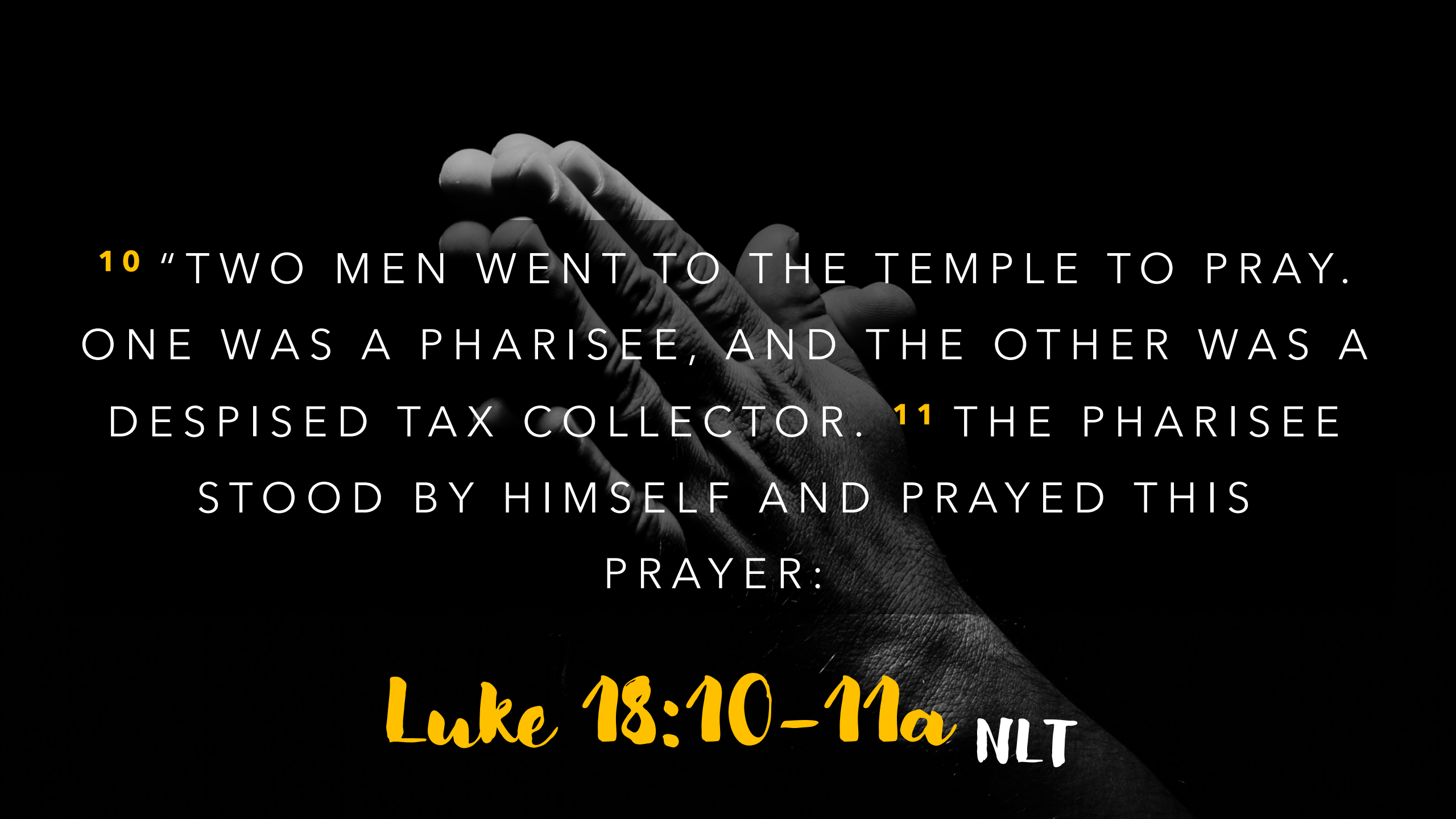
2. THE CONFIDENCE TO PRAY





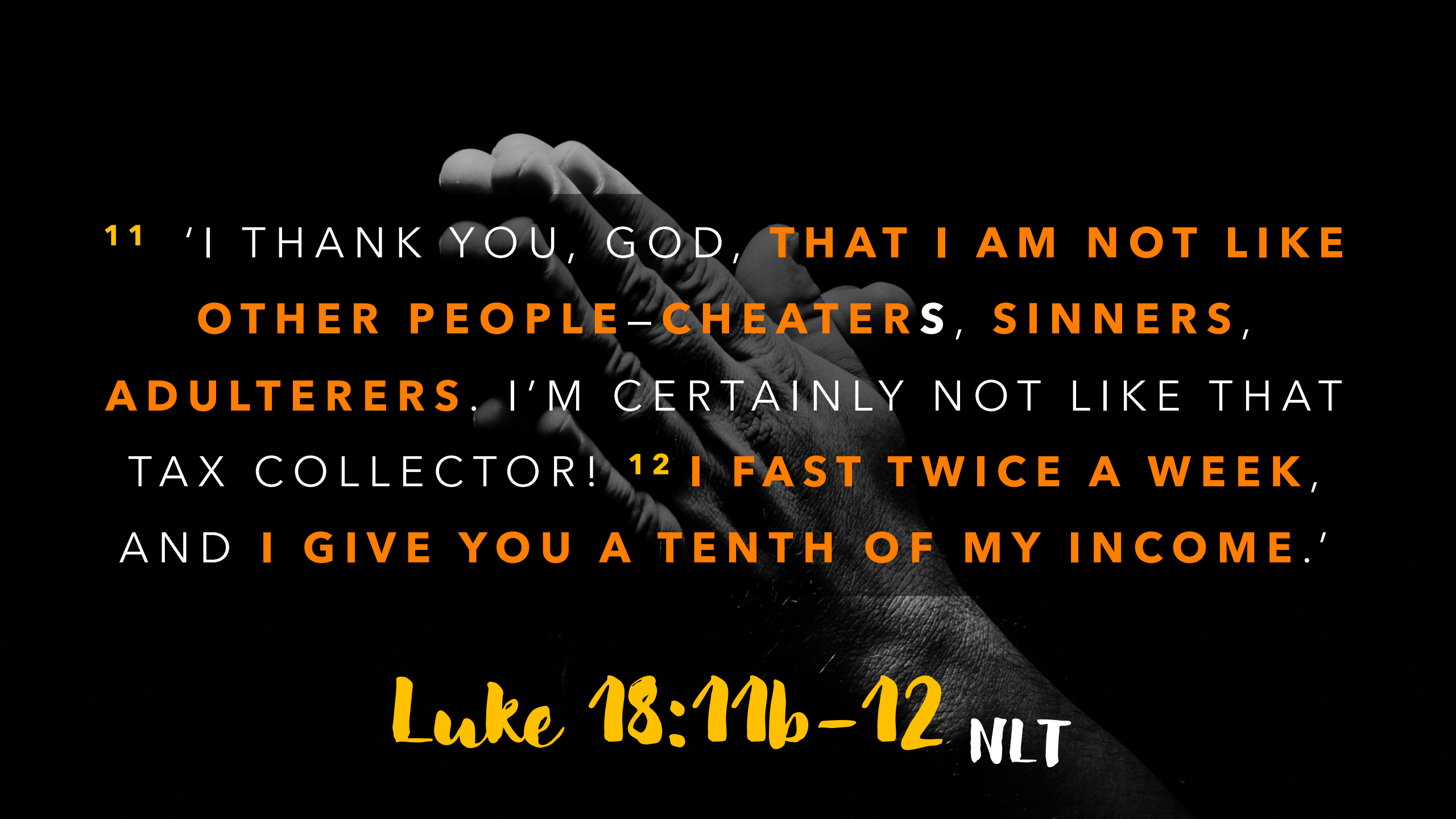
T1 Prayer is about your heart, not your words.

LUKE 18:10-14



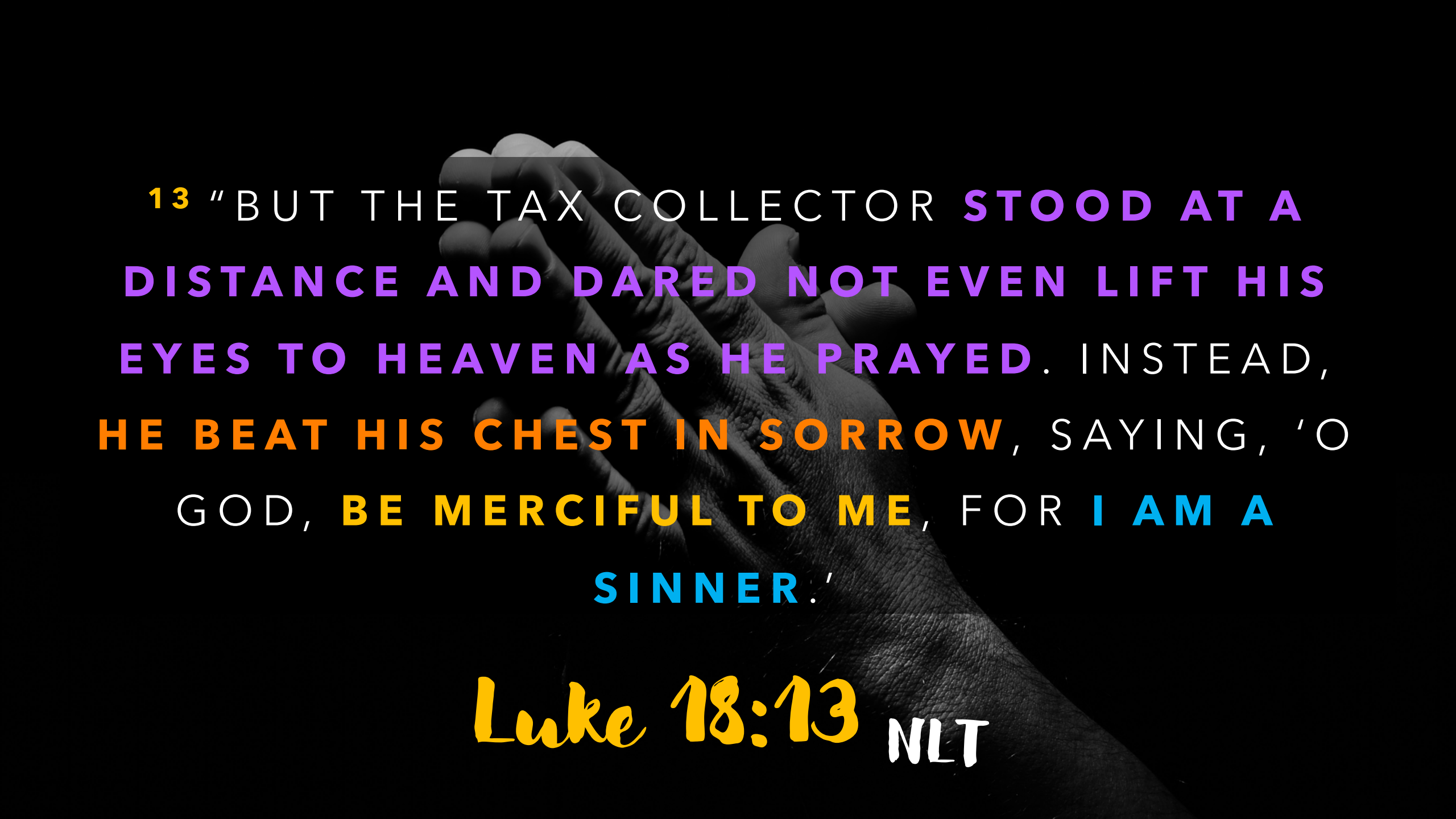
10 "TWO MEN WENT TO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY.
ONE WAS A PHARISEE, AND THE OTHER WAS A
DESPISED TAX COLLECTOR. **11** THE PHARISEE
STOOD BY HIMSELF AND PRAYED THIS
PRAYER:

Luke 18:10-11a NLT



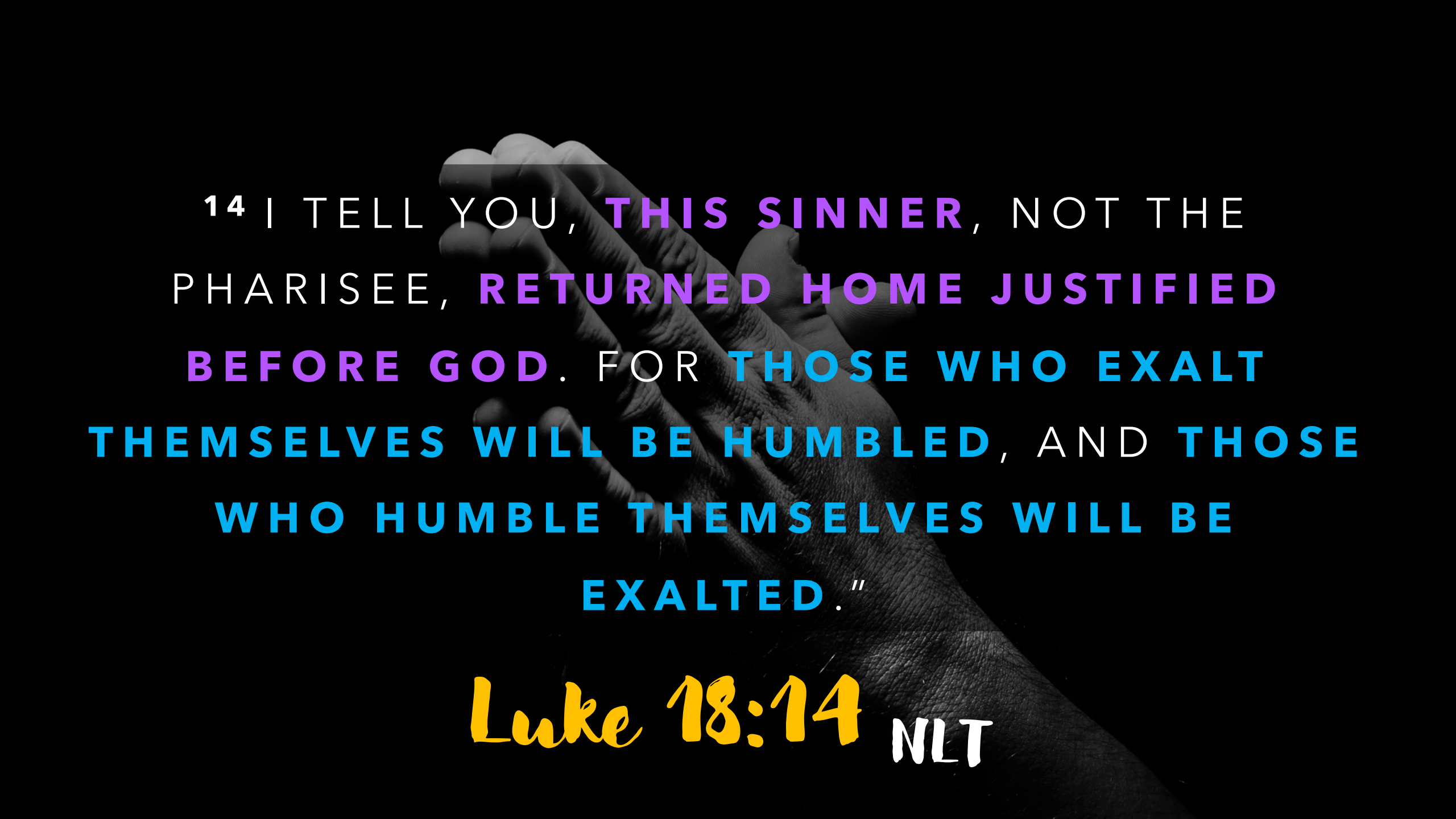
11 'I THANK YOU, GOD, **THAT I AM NOT LIKE
OTHER PEOPLE—CHEATERS, SINNERS,
ADULTERERS.** I'M CERTAINLY NOT LIKE THAT
TAX COLLECTOR! **12 I FAST TWICE A WEEK,
AND I GIVE YOU A TENTH OF MY INCOME.'**

Luke 18:11b-12 NLT



13 "BUT THE TAX COLLECTOR **STOOD AT A DISTANCE AND DARED NOT EVEN LIFT HIS EYES TO HEAVEN AS HE PRAYED.** INSTEAD, **HE BEAT HIS CHEST IN SORROW,** SAYING, 'O GOD, **BE MERCIFUL TO ME,** FOR **I AM A SINNER.'**

Luke 18:13 NLT



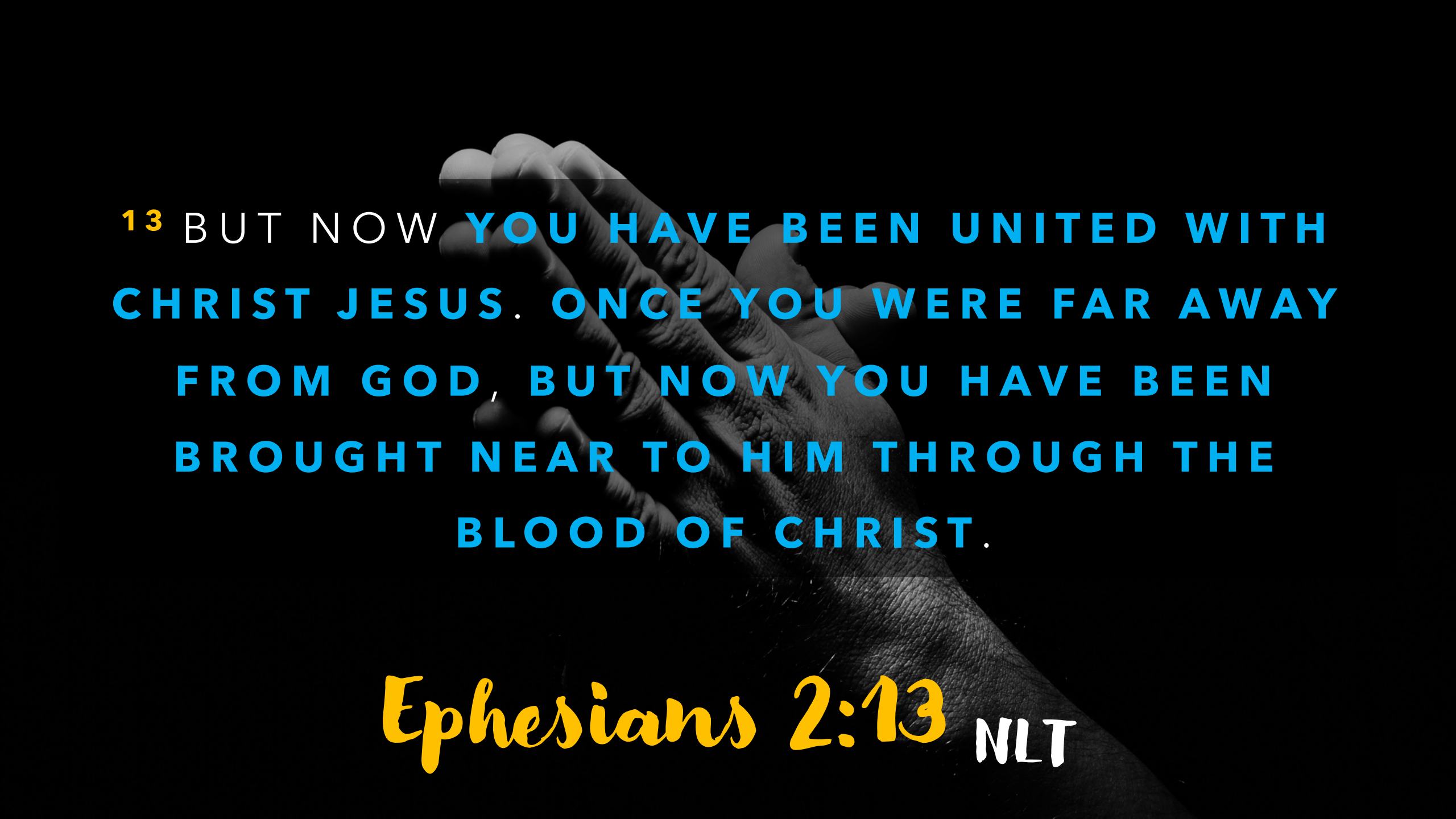
14 I TELL YOU, **THIS SINNER**, NOT THE
PHARISEE, **RETURNED HOME JUSTIFIED**
BEFORE GOD. FOR **THOSE WHO EXALT**
THEMSELVES WILL BE HUMBLLED, AND **THOSE**
WHO HUMBLE THEMSELVES WILL BE
EXALTED."

Luke 18:14 NLT

T2 The blood of Jesus
brought you near to God.

EPHESIANS 2:13-14





13 BUT NOW **YOU HAVE BEEN UNITED WITH
CHRIST JESUS. ONCE YOU WERE FAR AWAY
FROM GOD, BUT NOW YOU HAVE BEEN
BROUGHT NEAR TO HIM THROUGH THE
BLOOD OF CHRIST.**

Ephesians 2:13 **NLT**



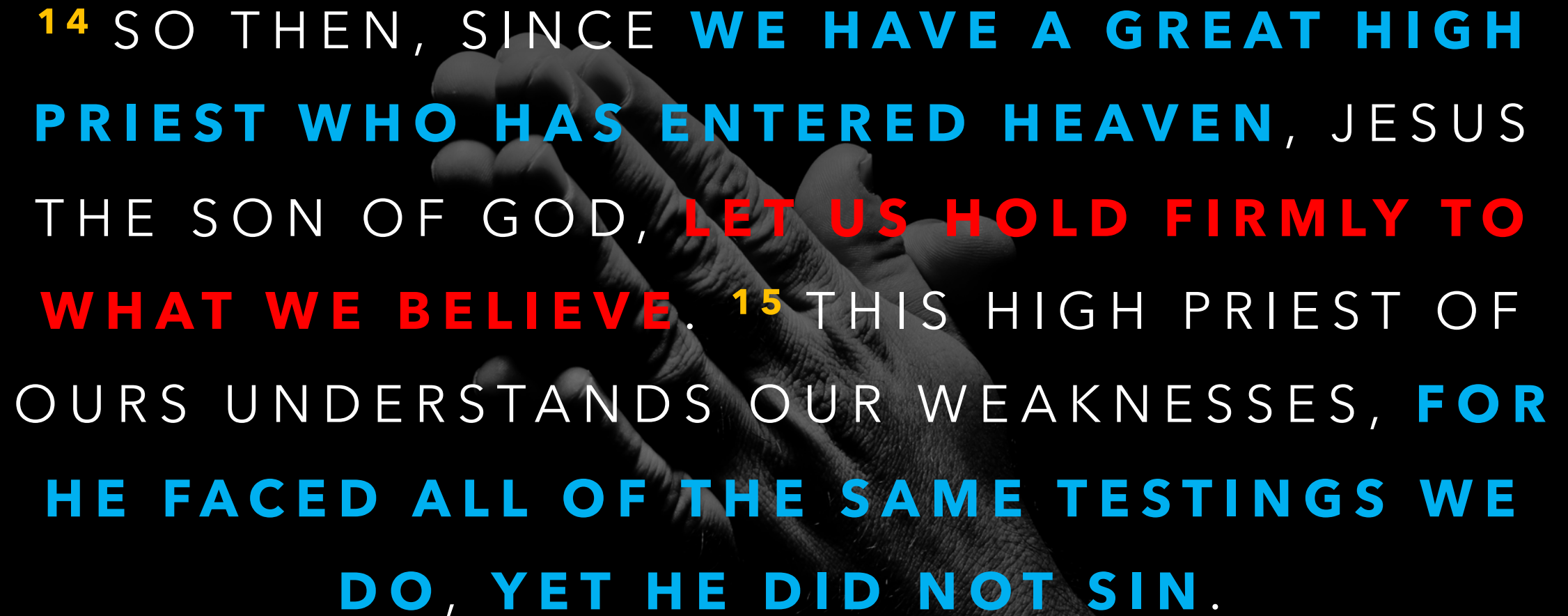
14 FOR **CHRIST HIMSELF HAS BROUGHT PEACE
TO US.** HE UNITED JEWS AND GENTILES INTO
ONE PEOPLE WHEN, IN HIS OWN BODY ON THE
CROSS, **HE BROKE DOWN THE WALL OF
HOSTILITY THAT SEPARATED US.**

Ephesians 2:14 **NLT**

T3 God's grace creates a
boldness not an arrogance.

HEBREWS 4:14-16





14 SO THEN, SINCE **WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST WHO HAS ENTERED HEAVEN**, JESUS THE SON OF GOD, **LET US HOLD FIRMLY TO WHAT WE BELIEVE.** **15** THIS HIGH PRIEST OF OURS UNDERSTANDS OUR WEAKNESSES, **FOR HE FACED ALL OF THE SAME TESTINGS WE DO, YET HE DID NOT SIN.**

Hebrews 4:14-15 **NLT**



16 SO LET US COME BOLDLY TO THE THRONE
OF OUR GRACIOUS GOD. THERE WE WILL
RECEIVE HIS MERCY, AND WE WILL FIND
GRACE TO HELP US WHEN WE NEED IT MOST.

Hebrews 4:16 NLT



Upper Room Questions:

READ 2 CHRONICLES 7:11-22

LEARN: WHAT ARE THE THEMES, TRUTHS, COMMANDS, & PROMISES GOD WANTS TO TEACH YOU?

EXAMINE: WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT TELLING YOU?

APPLY: HOW DOES GOD WANT YOU TO CHANGE?

PRAY: HOW CAN YOU PRAY THESE PRINCIPLES BACK TO JESUS?

GOT QUESTIONS: WHAT IS KEY TO EFFECTIVE PRAYER?