

PORTRAIT
OF THE
King



ATONEMENT

“The King’s Betrayal and Arrest”

MATTHEW 26:47-56



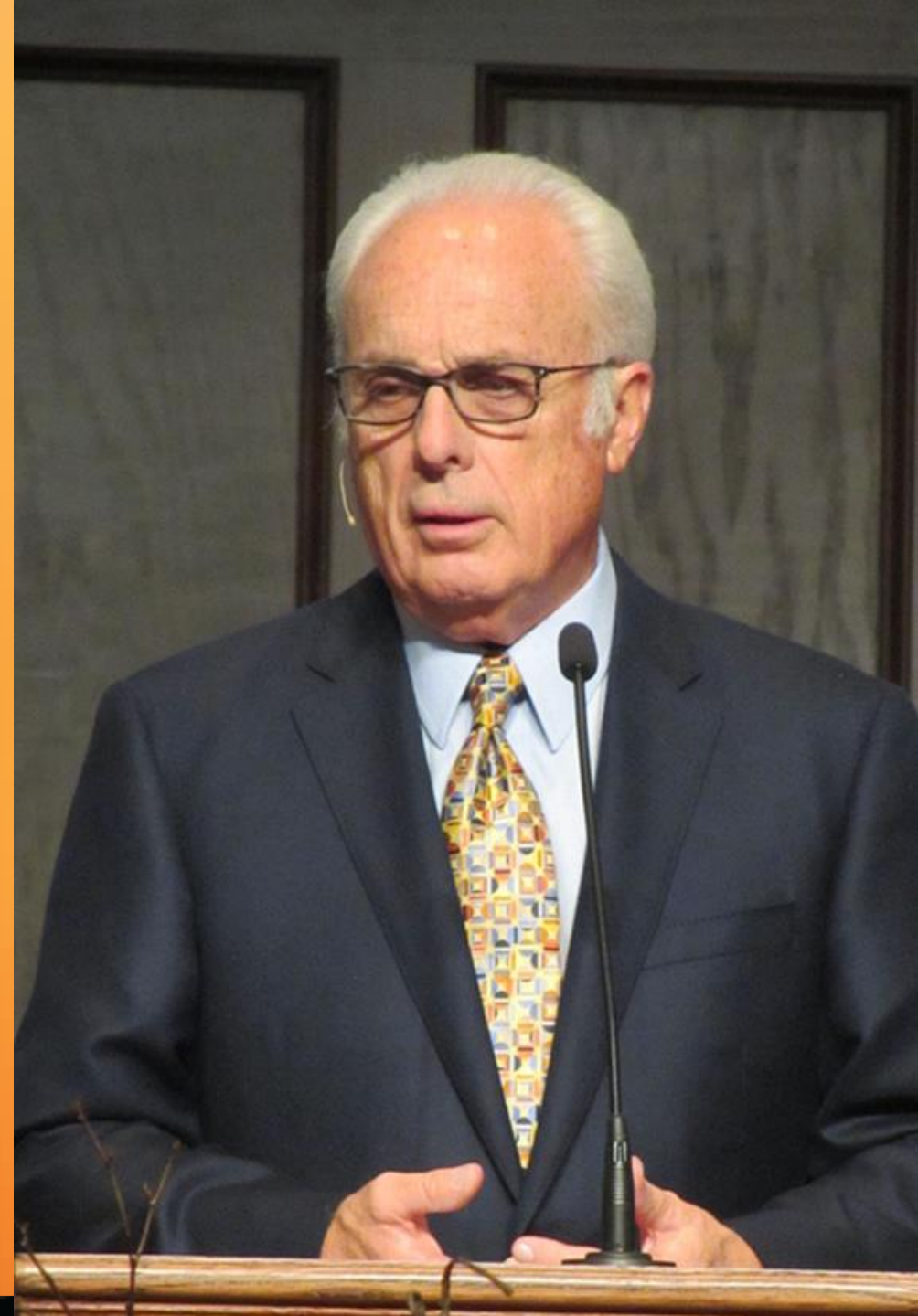
1. God works all things according to the counsel of His will (Ephesians 1:11).
2. God does whatever He wants (Psalms 115:3).
3. No plan of God can be thwarted (Job 42:2).

The Sovereignty of God



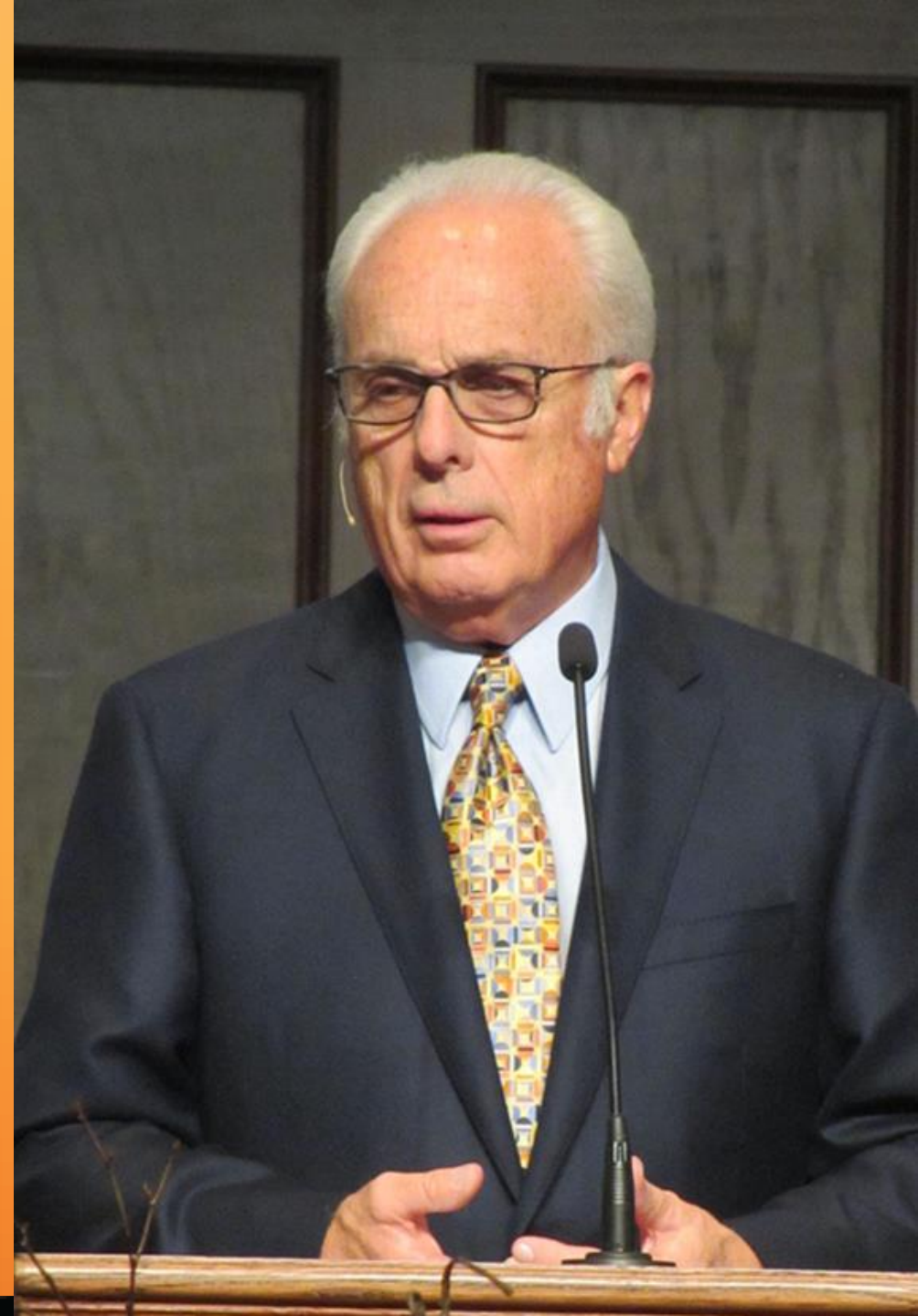
“No one but Jesus Himself realized it at the time, but a higher plan was really at work. It was the eternal plan of a sovereign God – a plan that had been laid out from before the foundation of the world...

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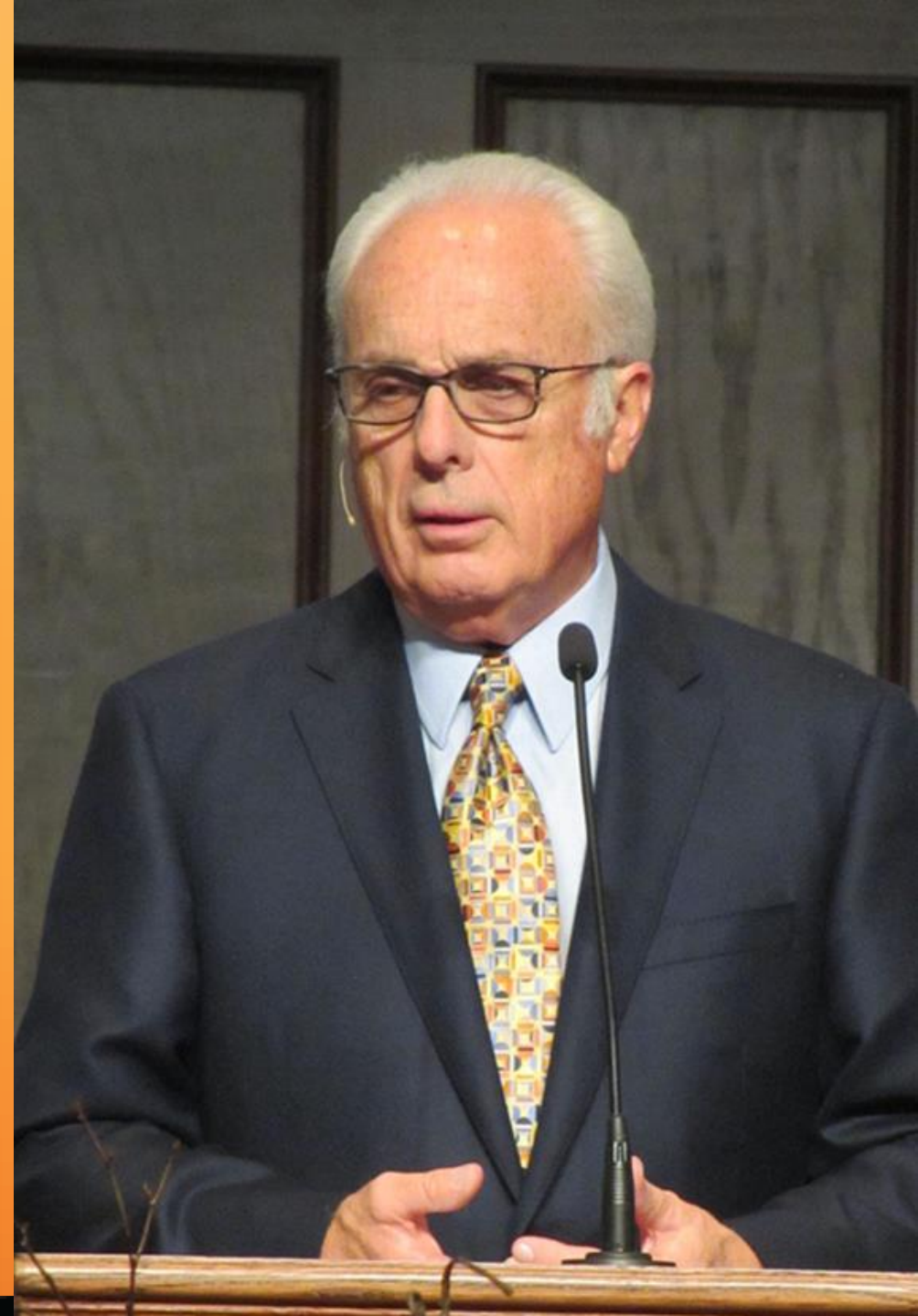
“...And from the very inception of the plot, the fact of God’s sovereign control is made clear by all the prophecies that were fulfilled as the drama unfolds perfectly in accord with God’s eternal purposes...

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“...Thus the first and most basic lesson we gain from the murder of Jesus is the truth that God remains absolutely sovereign over all, even when it seems the most evil schemes of sinful men are about to achieve a sinister success.”

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DAY	EVENT	SCRIPTURES
Sunday	Triumphal Entry	Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12
Monday	cursing the fig tree; Greeks request to see Jesus	Matthew 21; Mark 11; John 12
Tuesday	leaders challenge Jesus' authority; Olivet Discourse	Matthew 21-25; Mark 11-13; Luke 20-21
Wednesday	betrayal arrangements	Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 21-22
Thursday	Last Supper; Upper Room Discourse	Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13-17
Friday	betrayal, arrest, trials; crucifixion and burial	Matthew 26-27; Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23; John 18-19

KEY POINT:

God's plan for you might be to walk **alone**.



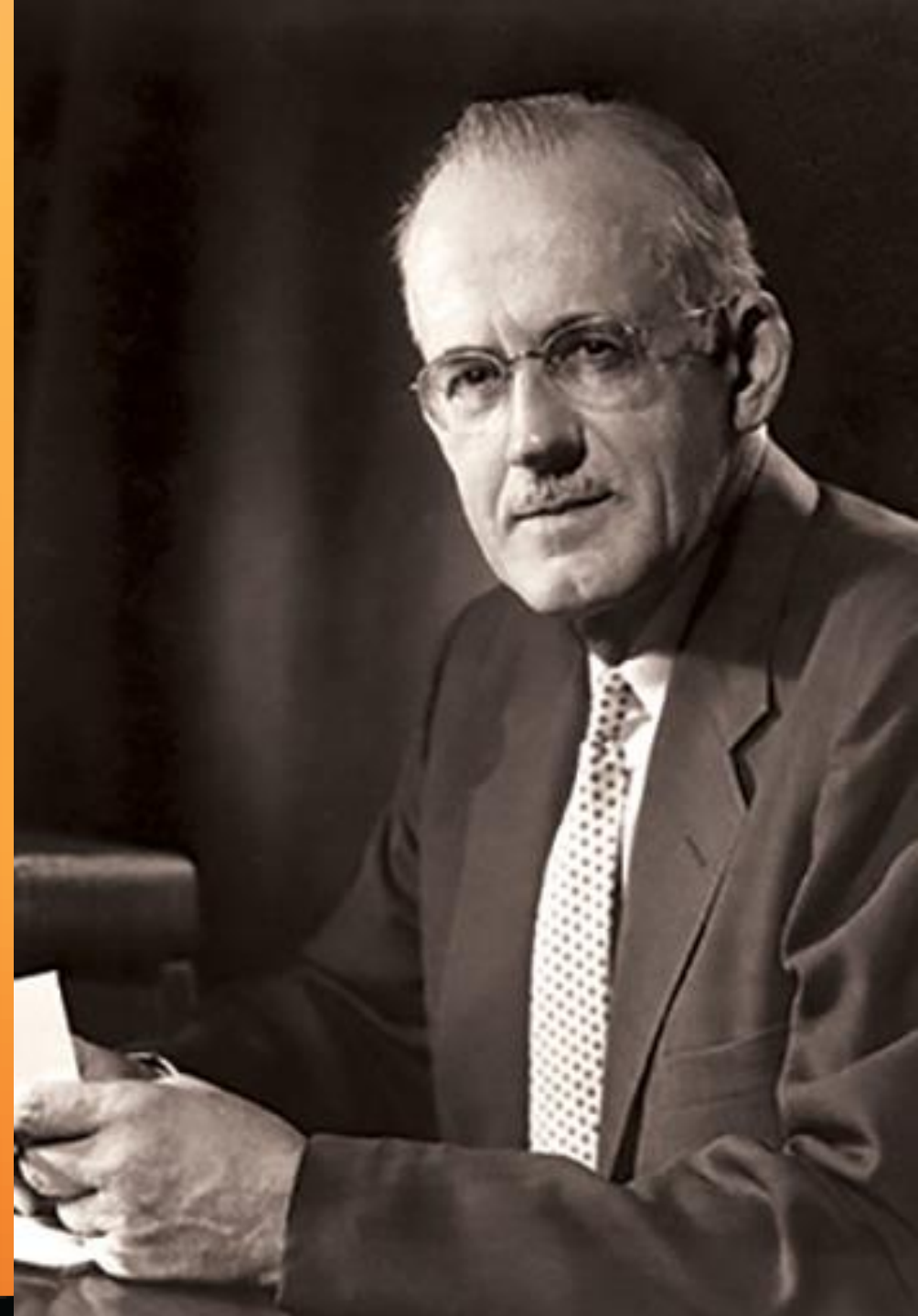
*... for he has said,
“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

Hebrews 13:5



“Loneliness seems to be the price a saint must pay for his saintliness.”

A.W. Tozer



1. *“Great crowd.”* Curious citizens, visitors to Jerusalem
2. *“Chief priests.”* From the Sanhedrin
3. *“Elders of the people.”* Representatives from the Jews
4. *“Officers of the temple.”* Administrators of the military, police, security, etc.
5. *“Band of soldiers.”* Roman soldiers numbering between 600-800

The Mob – 1000 People?



1. Many hadn't seen Jesus before.
2. It was dark.
3. Many had gathered in the area.

**Why Did Judas Have to
Identify Jesus with a Kiss?**



1. “I am not your servant any longer.”
2. “I am not your friend any longer.”

**When Judas Kissed Jesus, He
Was Telling Him**



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*Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.*

*¹³ But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion,
my familiar friend.*

*¹⁴ We used to take sweet counsel together;
within God's house we walked in the throng.*

**Prophecies of Betrayal –
Psalm 41:9 and 55:13-14**



He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.”

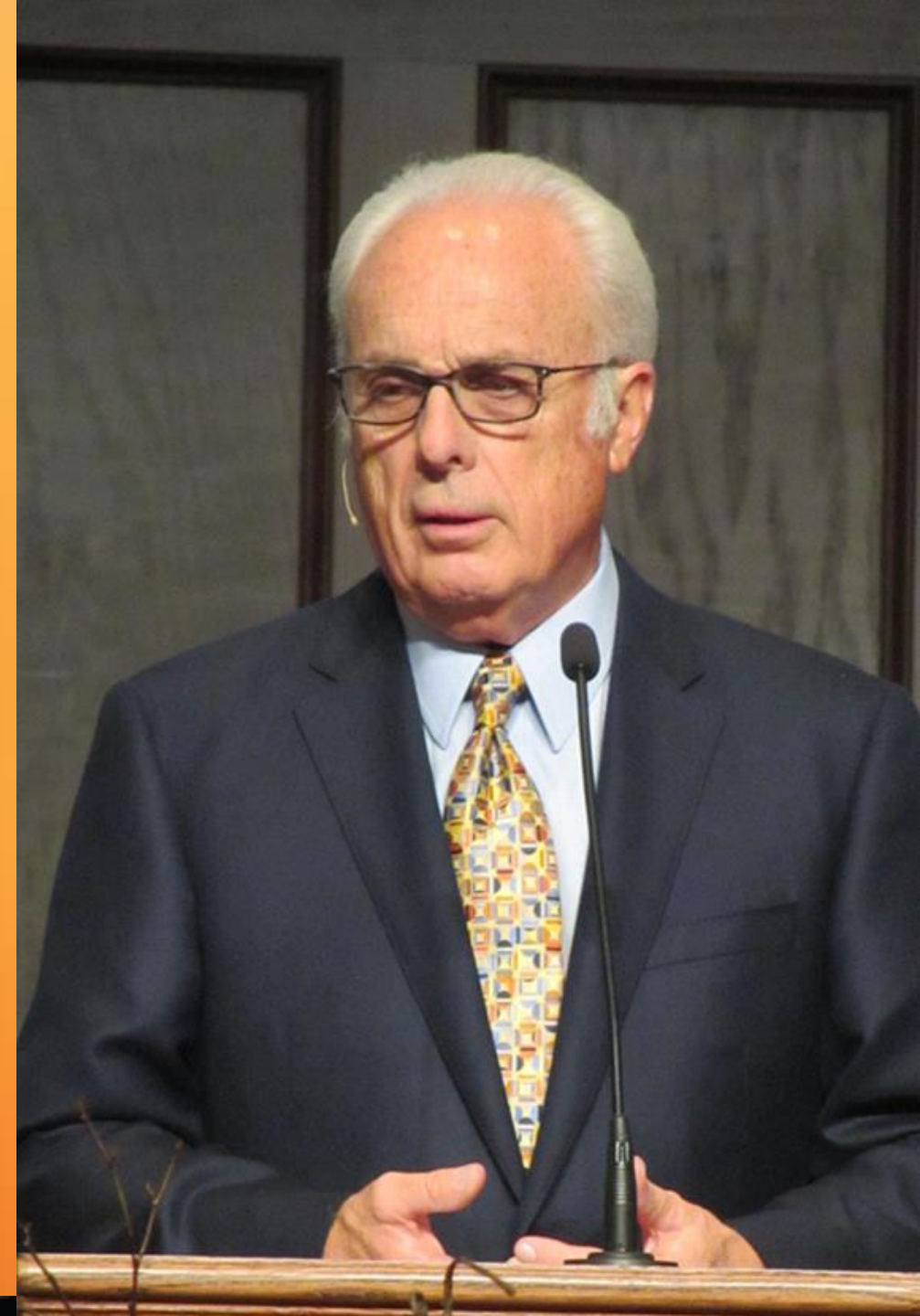
Luke 22:36



“This is the only incident recorded in Scripture where Christ healed a fresh wound.

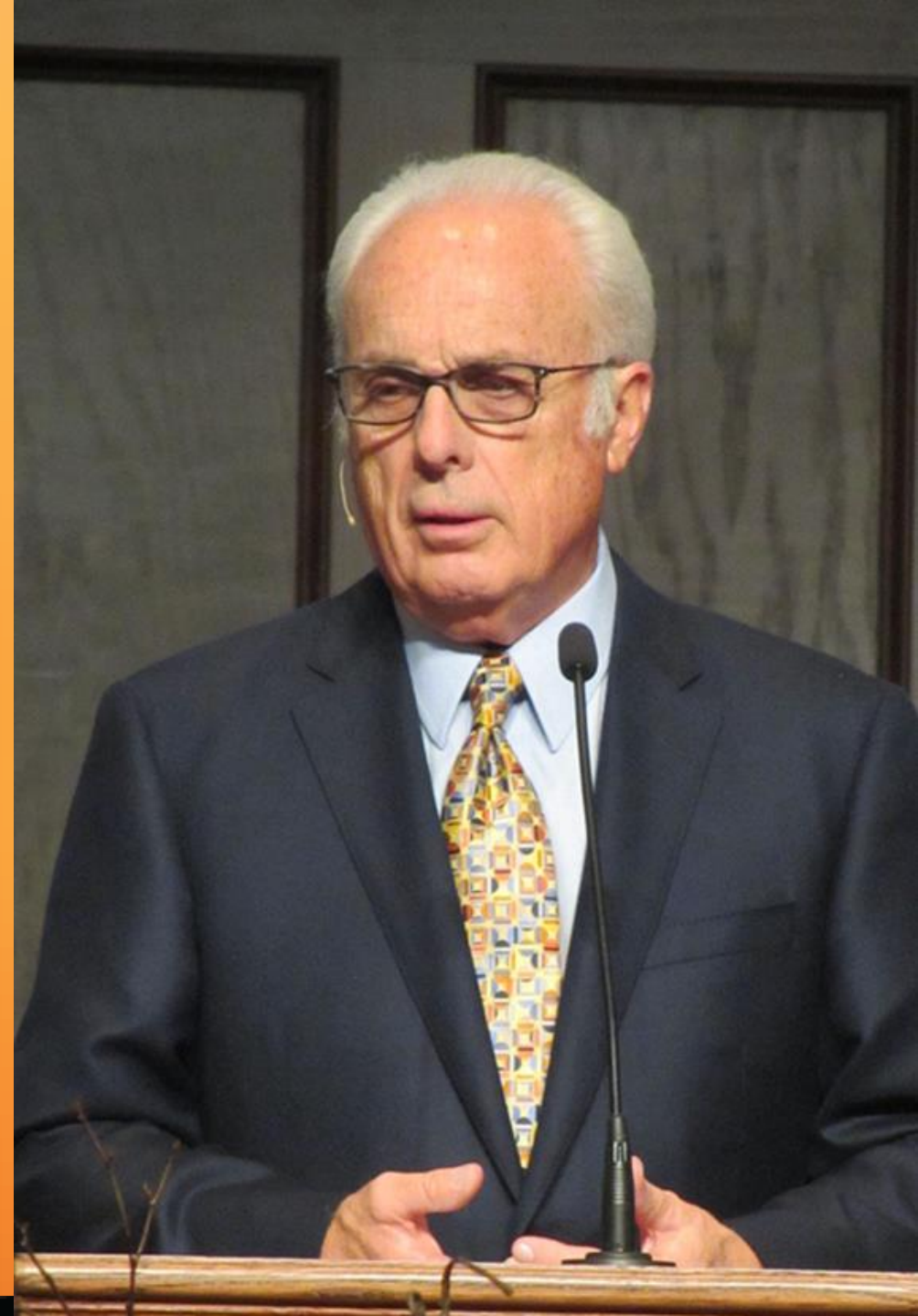
It is all the more remarkable for the fact that Malchus was an unbeliever, hostile to Christ. But perhaps the most remarkable fact is that the miracle ...

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“...was virtually ignored by the mob. They carried on with their evil business as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened (vs. 54). The healing of Malchus’ ear had no more effect on their hearts than their powerful force that had knocked them...

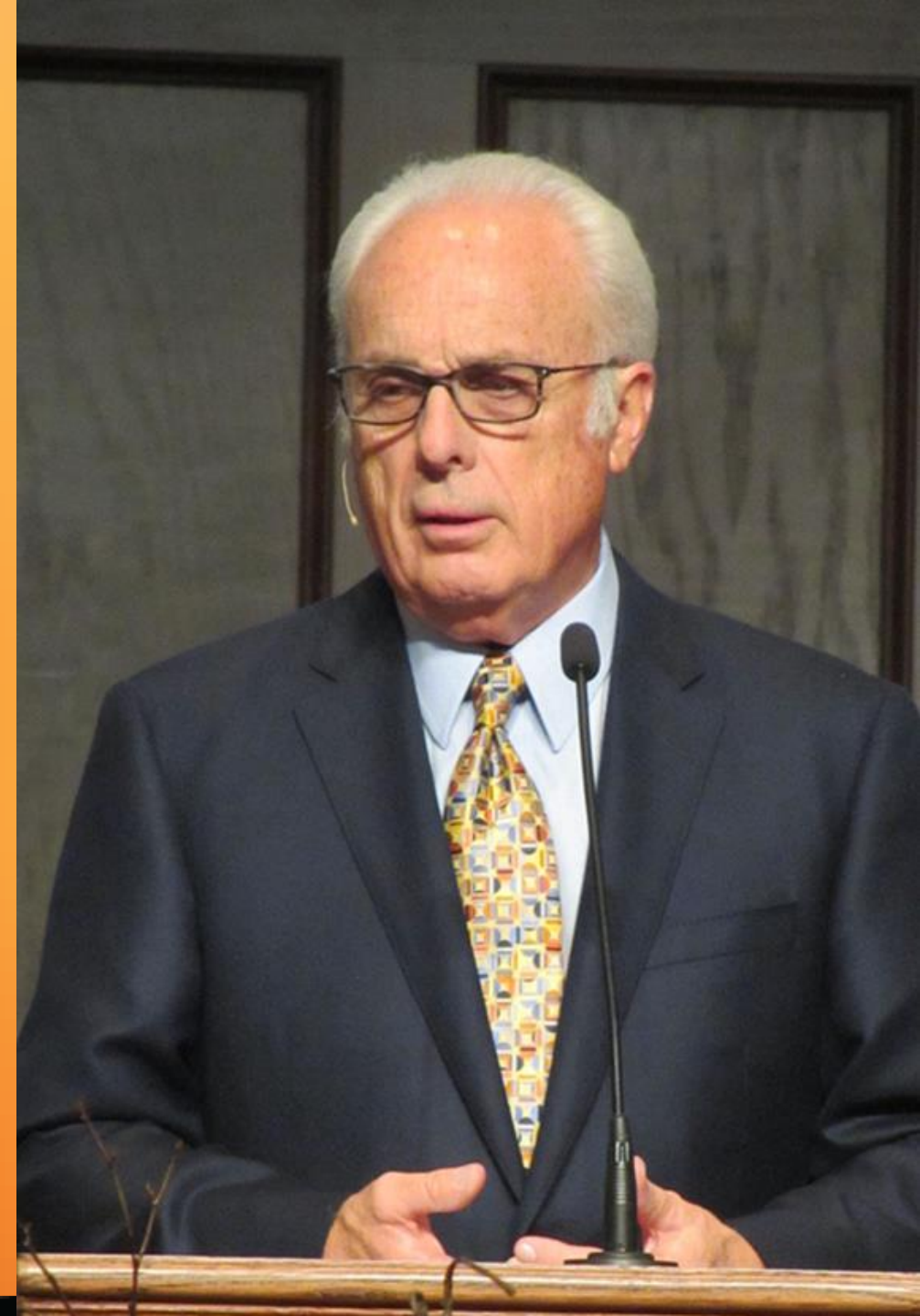
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“...to the ground a few moments before.

They were like the men of Sodom who were struck blind by the power of God yet remained stubbornly undaunted by their evil quest.”

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Legion = 6,000 soldiers

Legion of angels = 6,000 angels

12 legion of angels = 72,000 angels

1 angel killed 185,000 Assyrians (II King 19)

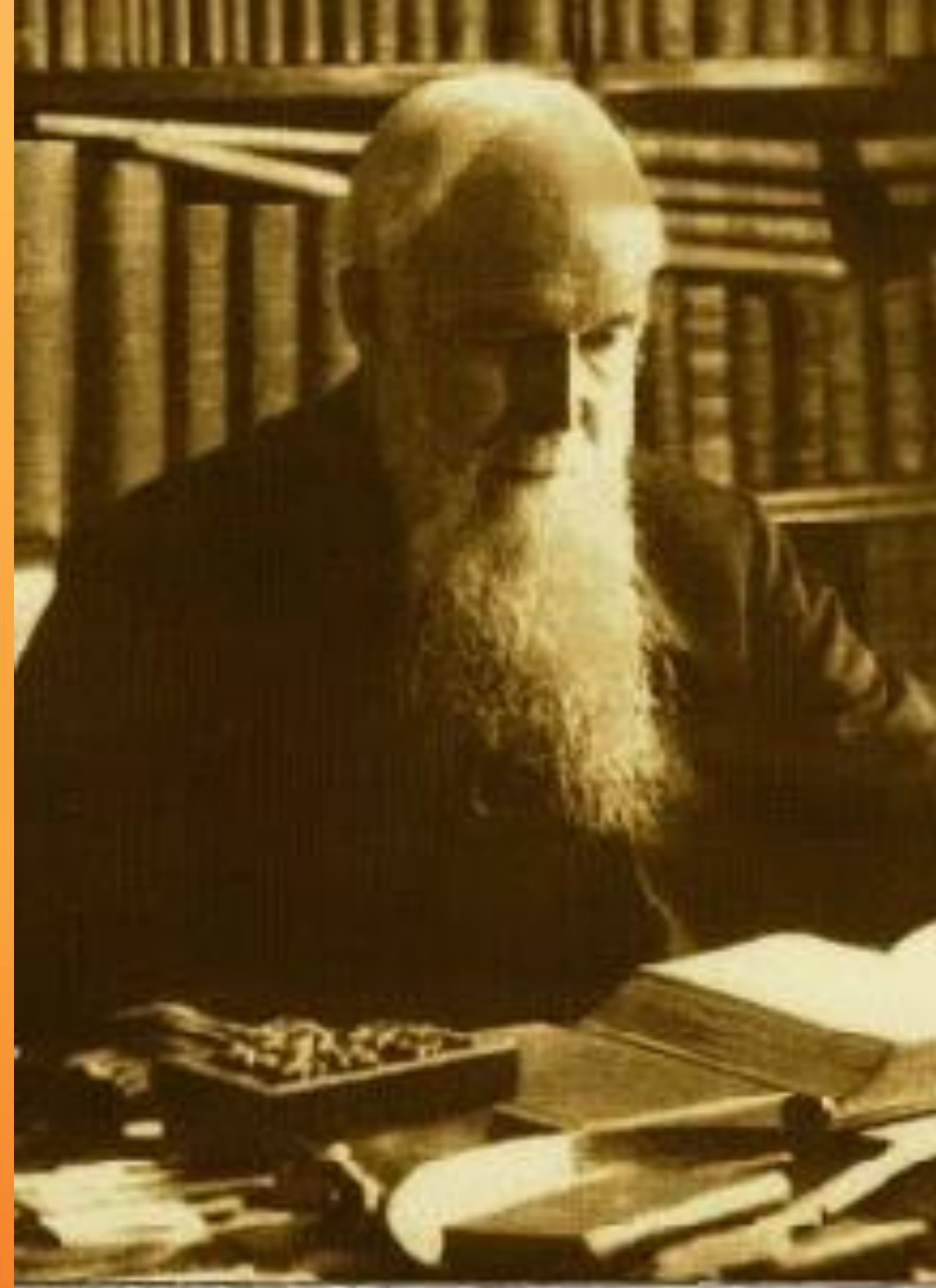
72,000 angels could kill 13.3 billion people!

“Angel Math”



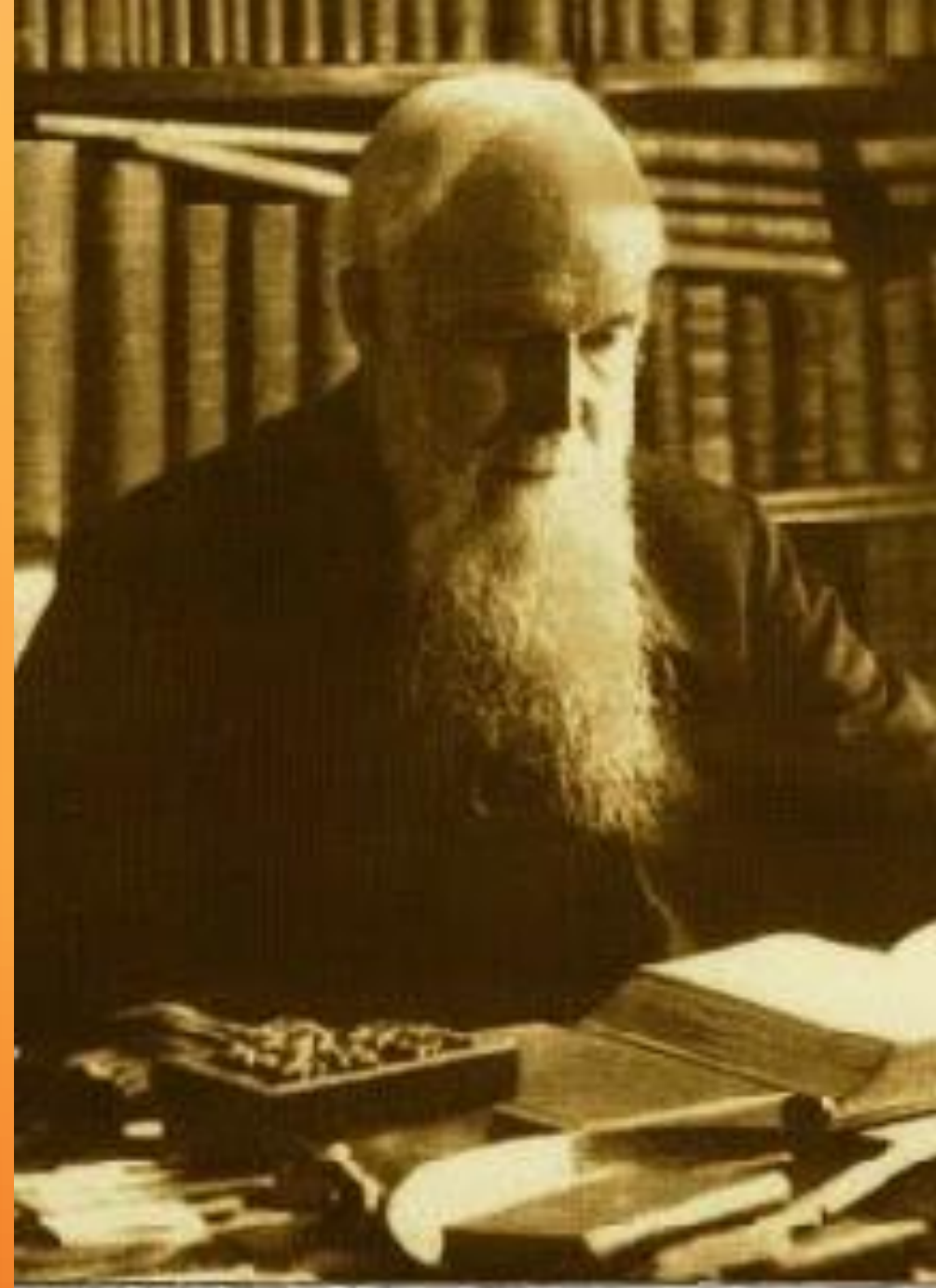
“He came on purpose to fulfill the types of promises of Old Testament Scriptures, and by fulfilling them to provide salvation for the world; He came intentionally to be the true Lamb of God,...

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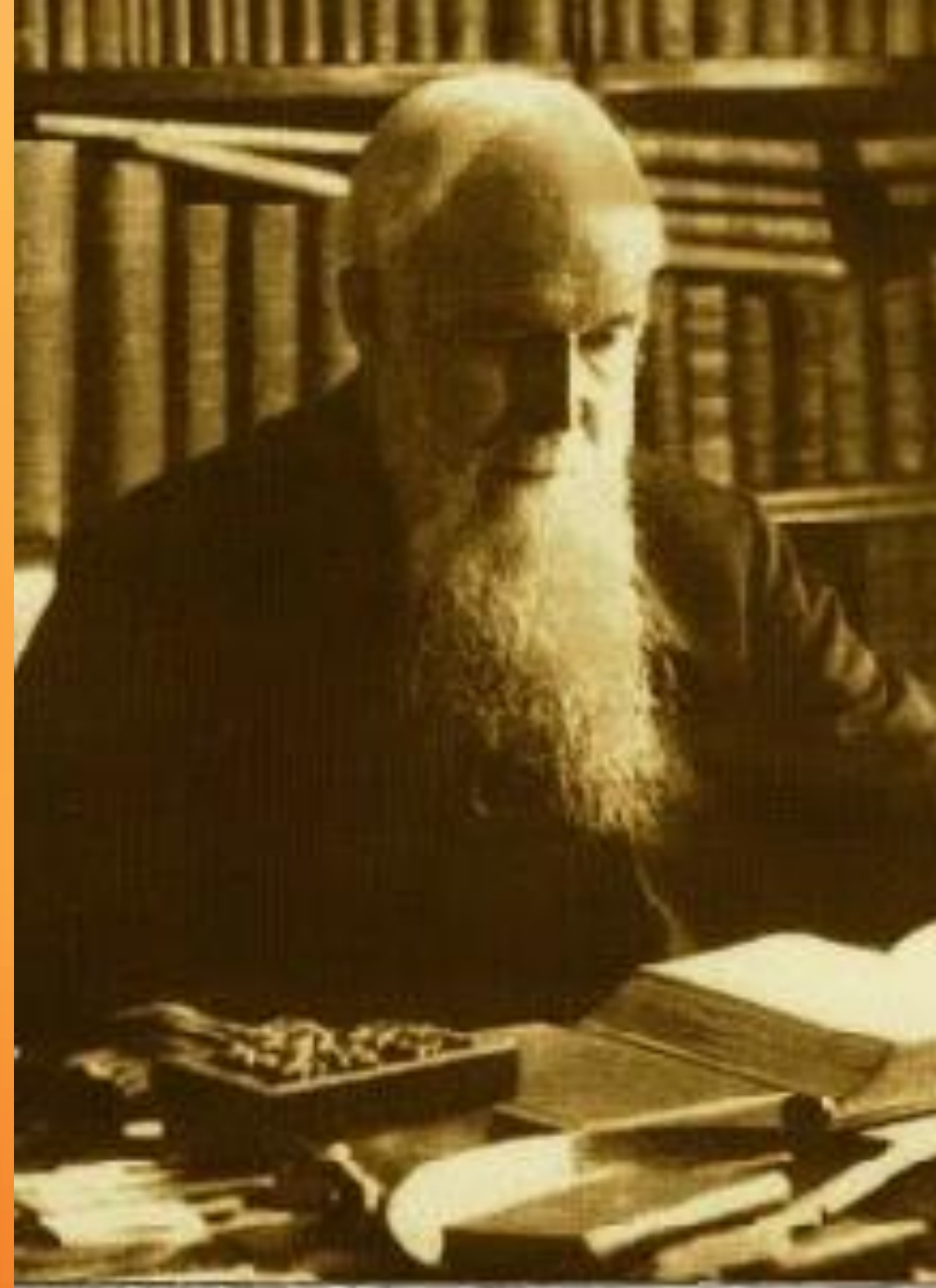
“...the Passover Lamb;
He came voluntarily to be the
Scapegoat on whom the
iniquities of the people were
to be laid. His heart was set on
accomplishing this great work.
It could not be done...

**J.C. Ryle, *Expository
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“...without the ‘hiding of His power,’ for a time: to do it He became a willing sufferer. He was taken, tried, condemned, and crucified entirely of His own free will.”

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