




**All God's people in
All places,
And in All Times,
Are Called to Love
And to Serve.**

MINISTRY OF THE LAITY



*Observed on the third Sunday
in October,
this day calls the Church
to celebrate
the ministry of Christians of
all ages
in the home,
workplace,
congregation,
community and
world.*



LAITY SUNDAY



“Fresh Expressions” by Rev. Michael Adam Beck

*“innovative faith communities that connect with people
in their daily spaces and rhythms of life”*

Laity Session – May 29, 2024

**240TH SESSION OF THE
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**





Blessed Gathering of the Church Conferences!

... he put the laity at the center of the church's missionary task, for it was really with the laity where the deepest encounter between church and world occurred.



Kraemer, Hendrik (1888-1965)

**Dutch Reformed lay theologian,
linguist, and missiologist**

ALL ARE CALLED

Towards a Theology of the Laity

bu.edu/missiology/missionary-biography/i-k/kraemer-hendrik-1888-1965

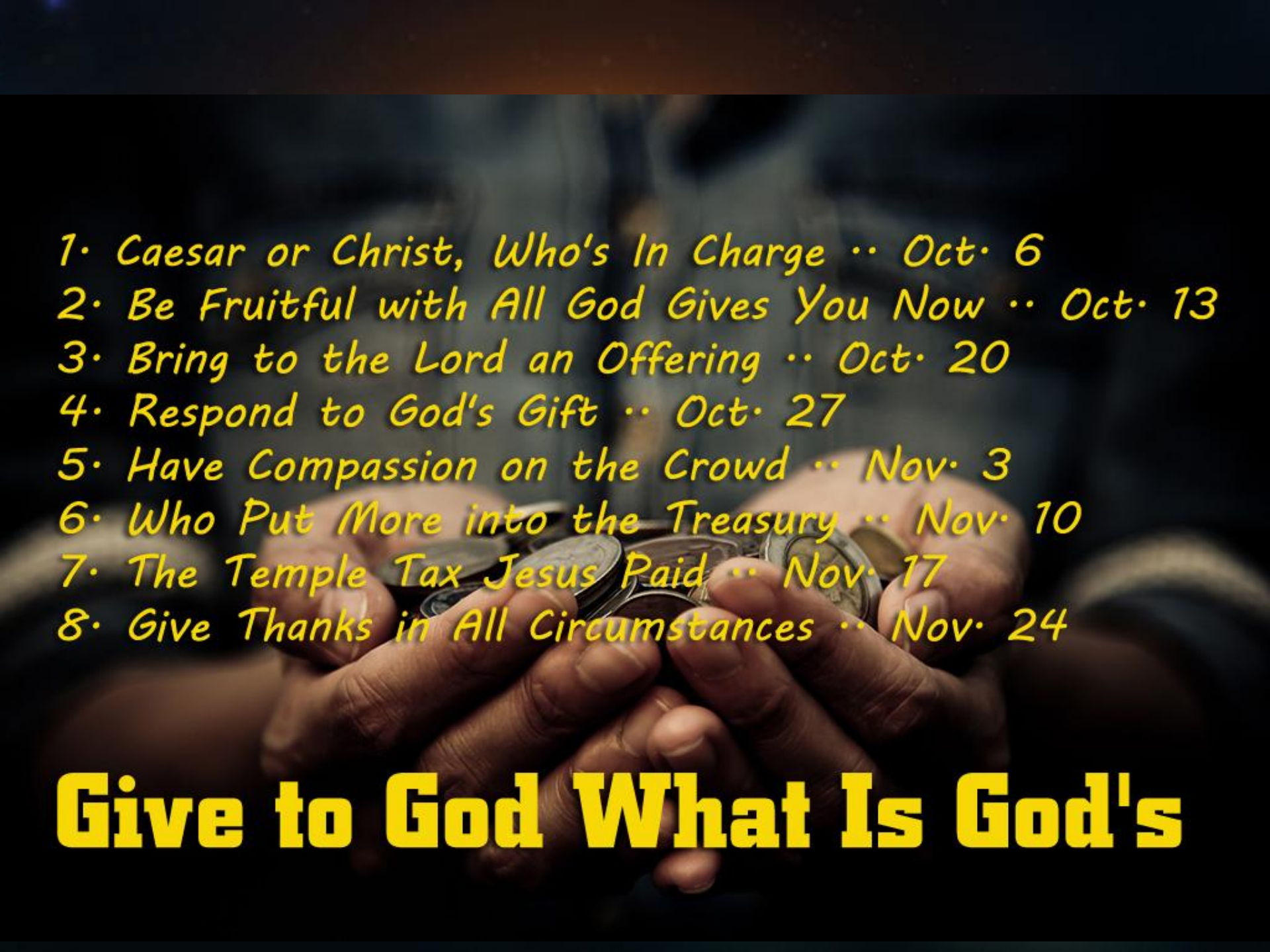


WE ARE
GIVERS

“Theology of Laity”

*And if someone force you to go one mile, go with him two miles.
Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who
wants to borrow from you.*

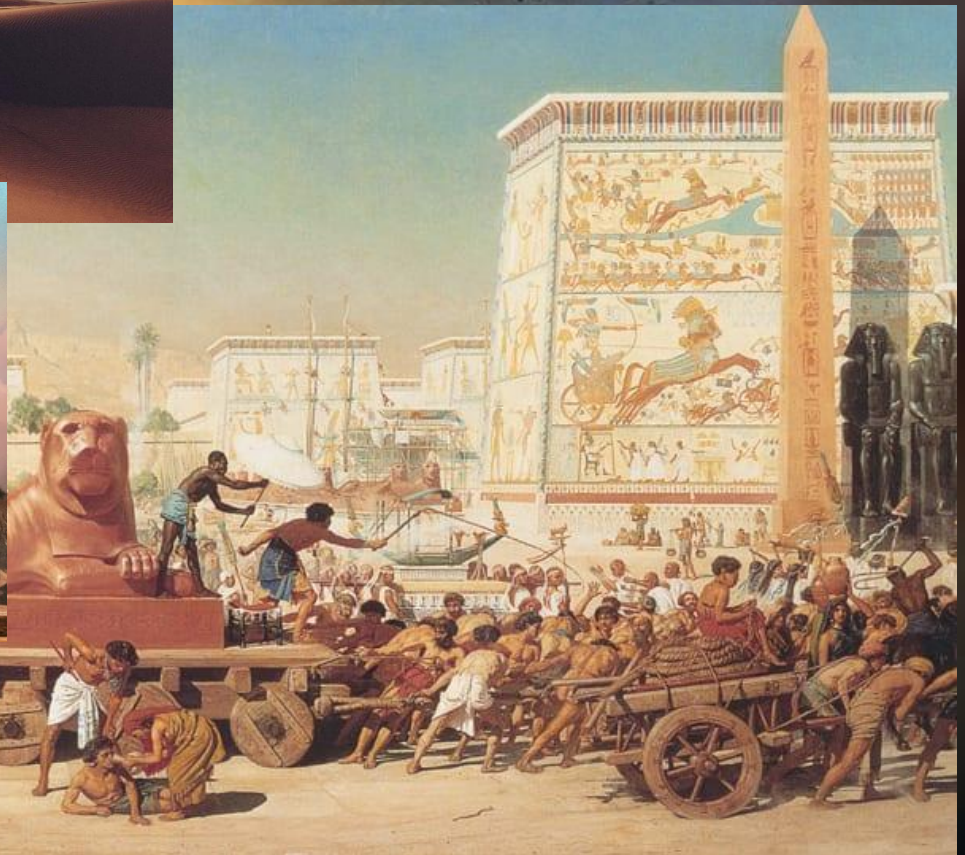
Matthew 5:41-42

- 
1. *Caesar or Christ, Who's In Charge* .. Oct. 6
 2. *Be Fruitful with All God Gives You Now* .. Oct. 13
 3. *Bring to the Lord an Offering* .. Oct. 20
 4. *Respond to God's Gift* .. Oct. 27
 5. *Have Compassion on the Crowd* .. Nov. 3
 6. *Who Put More into the Treasury* .. Nov. 10
 7. *The Temple Tax Jesus Paid* .. Nov. 17
 8. *Give Thanks in All Circumstances* .. Nov. 24

Give to God What Is God's

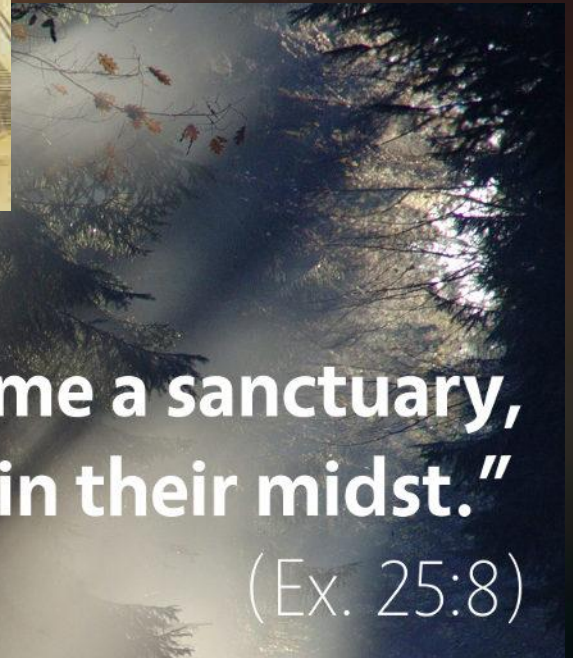
Exodus 25:1-9

Exodus as a New Beginning



Exodus 25:1-9

New Beginning with God and His People



**“And let them make me a sanctuary,
that I may dwell in their midst.”**

(Ex. 25:8)

Exodus 25:1-9

Each Person Gives for the Presence of God

¹ The Lord said to Moses, ² “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give.”

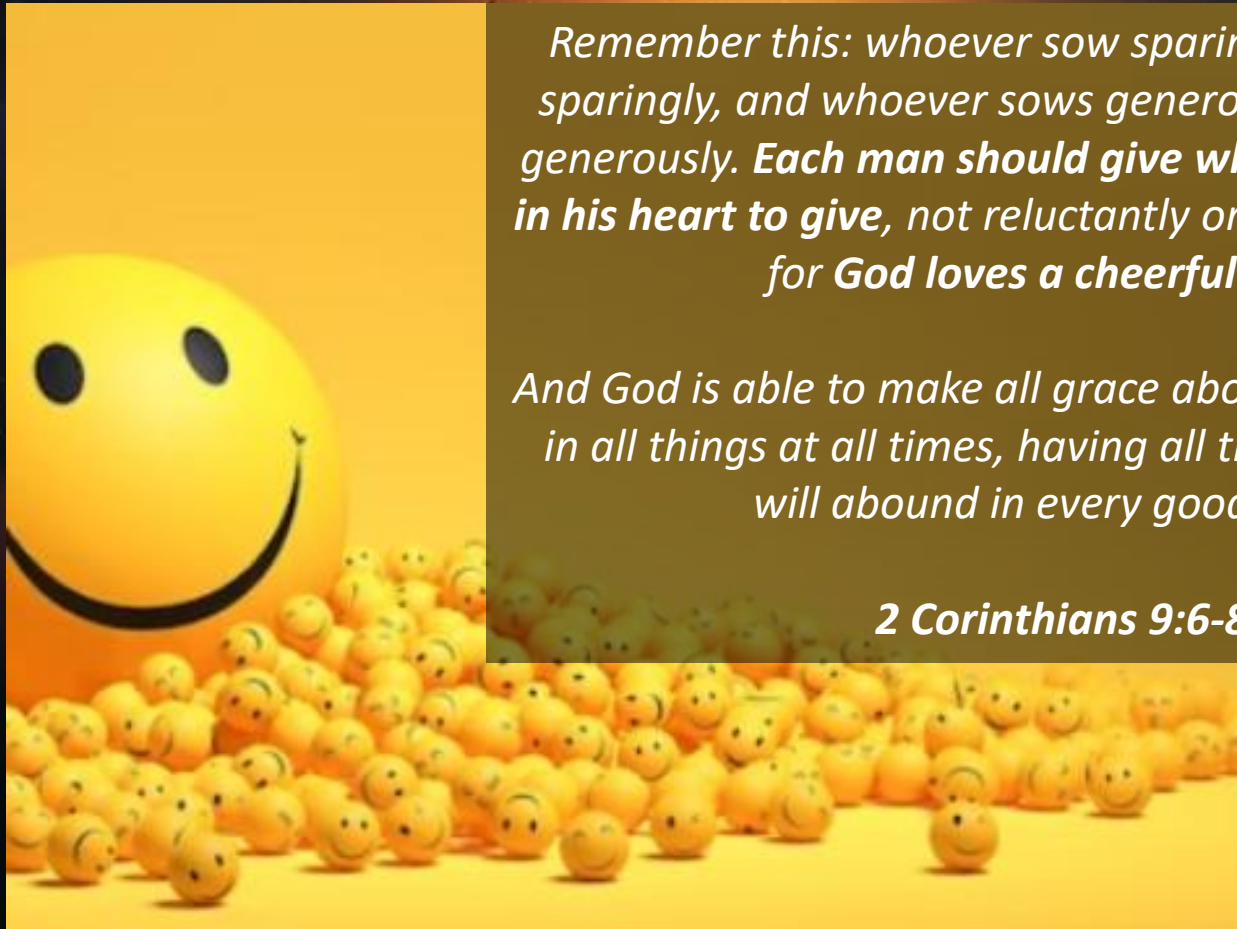
Exodus 25:1-2 NIV

1. The Lord said to Moses, “You are to receive an offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give.”

“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

1. The Lord said to Moses, “You are to receive an offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give.”



*Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. **Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.***

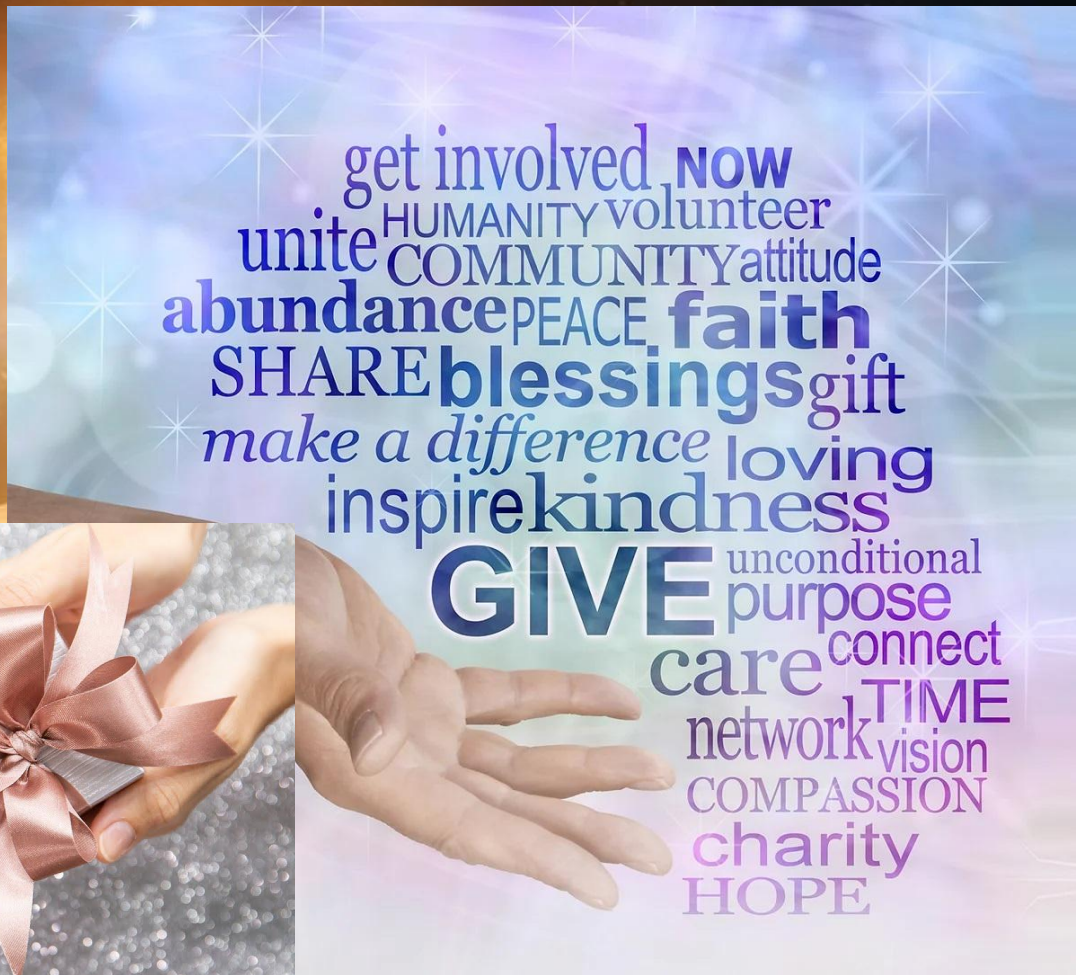
And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

1. The Lord said to Moses, “You are to receive an offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give.”



“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

1. *The Lord said to Moses, “You are to receive an offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give.”*

“

**It's not how much we give,
but how much love we put
into giving.**

Mother Teresa



“Give to God What Is God’s”


Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

1. The Lord said to Moses, “You are to receive an offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give.”



Why Is It Important to Give to the Church?

There are so many good reasons to give to the church!

- Provide a Place for Fellowship
- Does Good Works in the Community
- Serve as a Voice for Morality
- Money & Possessions Can Become Idols
- Giving Reflects Your Commitment to the Christian Faith
- The Bible Teaches That We Should Give
- Giving Makes You Happier!

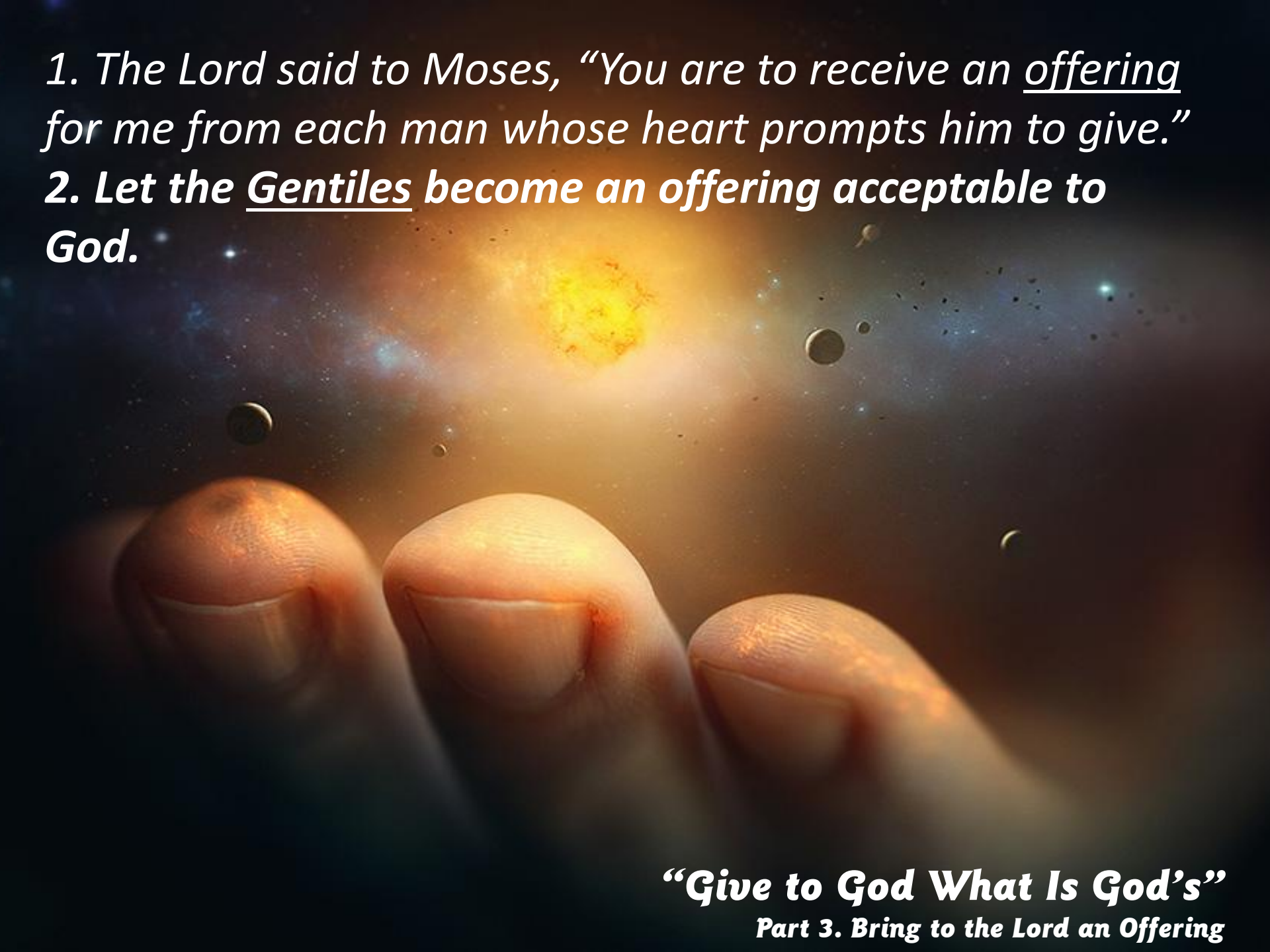


+BISHOP ALEXEI
OF SITKA
AND ALASKA



“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

- 
- A close-up photograph of a hand reaching out, with the fingers slightly curled. The hand is illuminated from the left, casting a warm glow. In the background, a bright yellow sun is visible, surrounded by a field of stars and distant galaxies, creating a cosmic atmosphere.
- 1. The Lord said to Moses, “You are to receive an offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give.”*
 - 2. Let the Gentiles become an offering acceptable to God.*

“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

2. Let the Gentiles become an offering acceptable to God.

For the maintenance of the dwelling of God ...



These are offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple, and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ram skins dyed red and hides of sea cows; acacia wood; olive oil and for the fragrant incense; and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

Exodus 25:3-7

“Give to God What Is God’s”

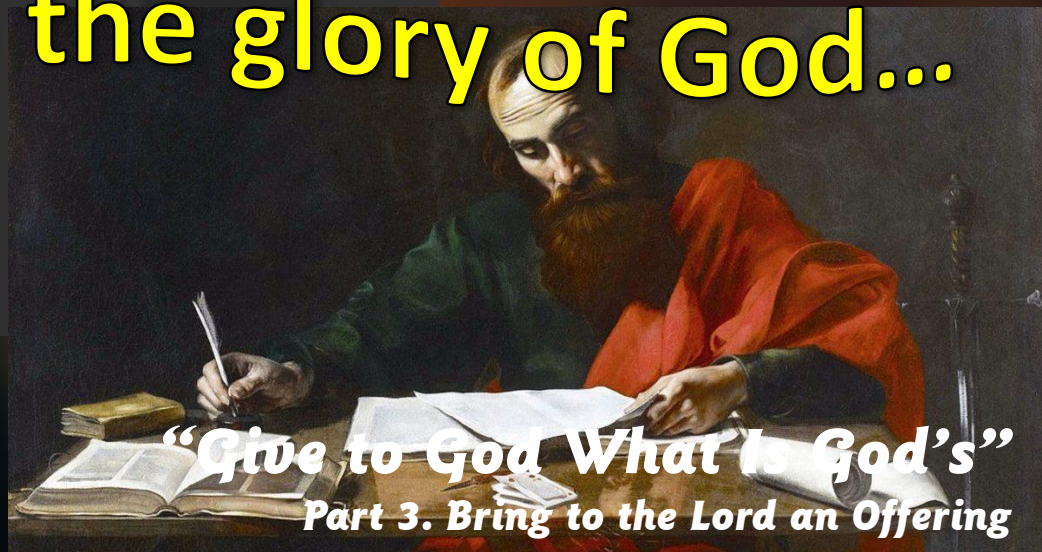
Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

2. Let the Gentiles become an offering acceptable to God.

That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

To the glory of God...

Romans 15:16



“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

2. Let the Gentiles become an offering acceptable to God.

THERE IS JOY IN HEAVEN
OVER ONE SINNER WHO REPENTS

LUKE 15:7

For the Son of Man came to seek
and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10

“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

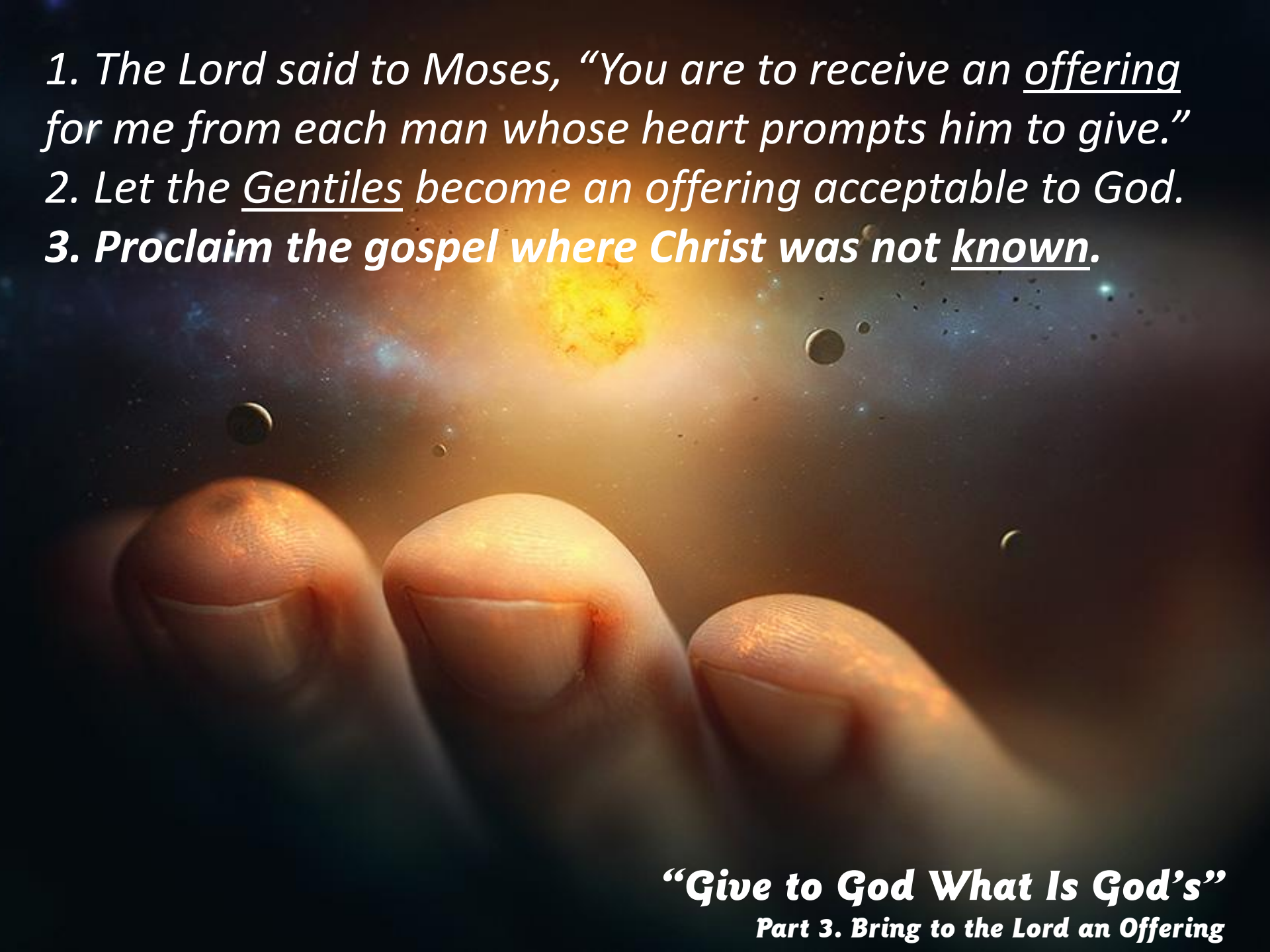
2. Let the Gentiles become an offering acceptable to God.

We
GIVE
because He first
GAVE

Be the Church that Gives...

“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

- 
- 1. The Lord said to Moses, “You are to receive an offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give.”*
 - 2. Let the Gentiles become an offering acceptable to God.*
 - 3. Proclaim the gospel where Christ was not known.*

“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

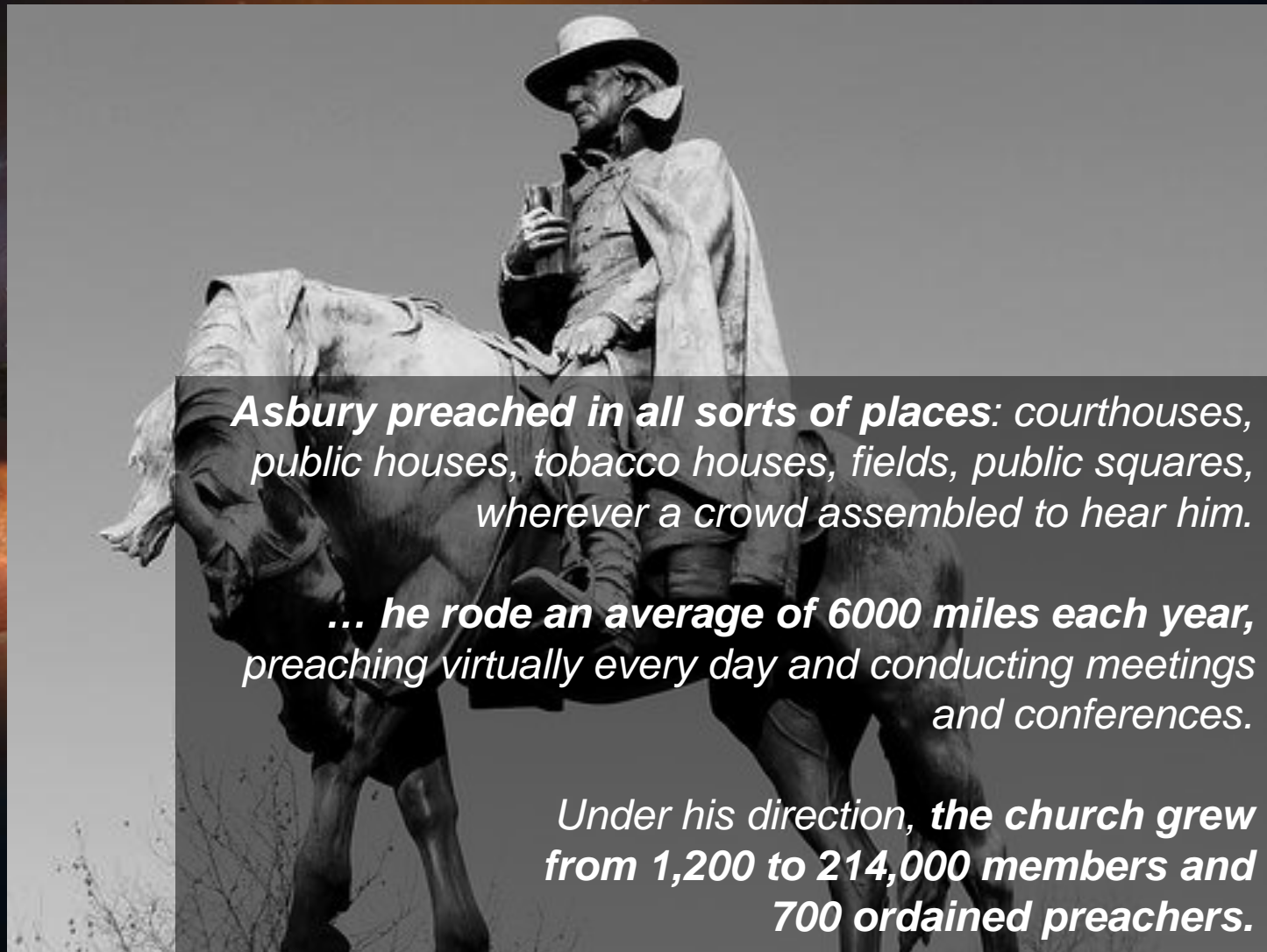
3. Proclaim the gospel where Christ was not known.



“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

3. Proclaim the gospel where Christ was not known.



Asbury preached in all sorts of places: courthouses, public houses, tobacco houses, fields, public squares, wherever a crowd assembled to hear him.

... he rode an average of 6000 miles each year, preaching virtually every day and conducting meetings and conferences.

Under his direction, the church grew from 1,200 to 214,000 members and 700 ordained preachers.

“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering

3. *Proclaim the gospel where Christ was not known.*

**All God's people in
All places,
And in All Times,
Are Called to Love
And to Serve.**

MINISTRY OF THE LAITY



“Give to God What Is God’s”

Part 3. Bring to the Lord an Offering