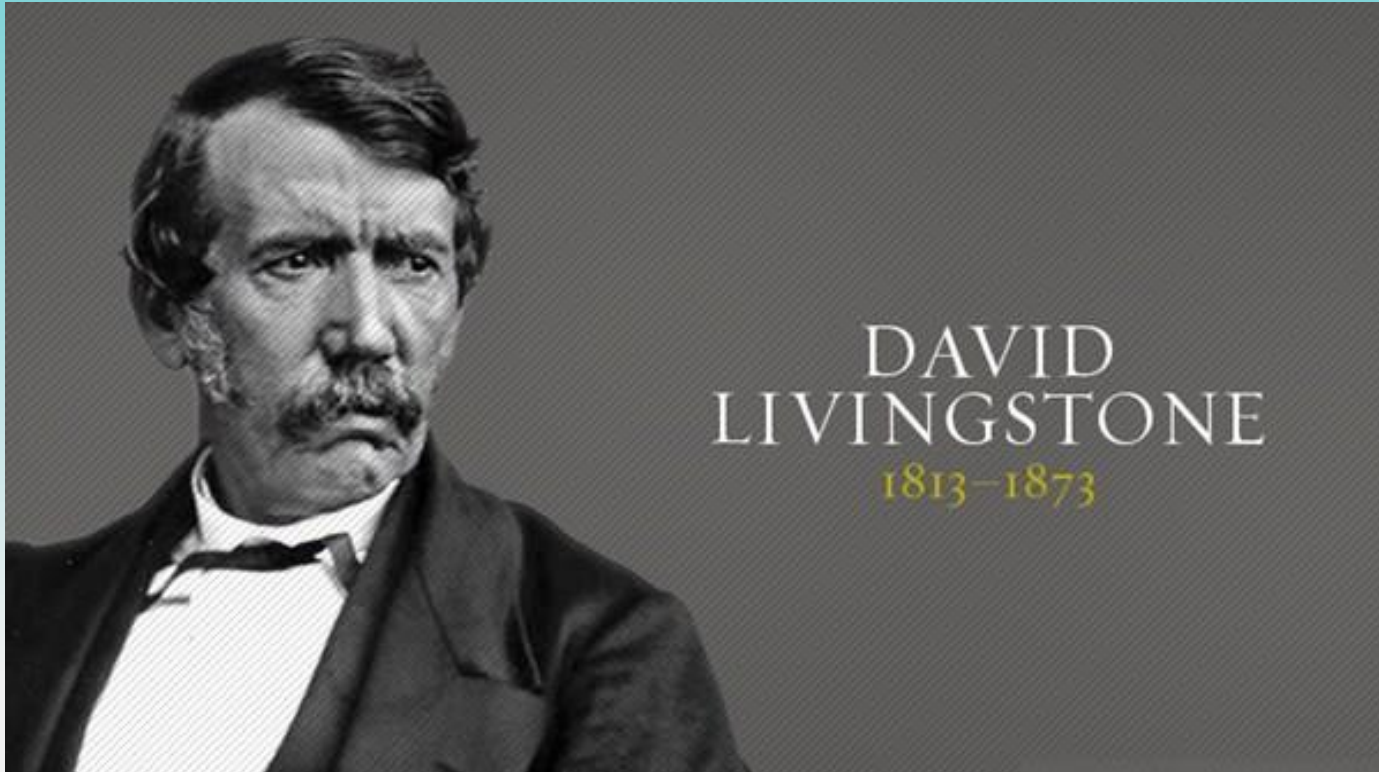


# Gifts For A Firsthand Christmas

Sacrifices

Luke 1:5-7,13-15,26-45,80 (NASB)



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# I. The Sacrifices of Elizabeth



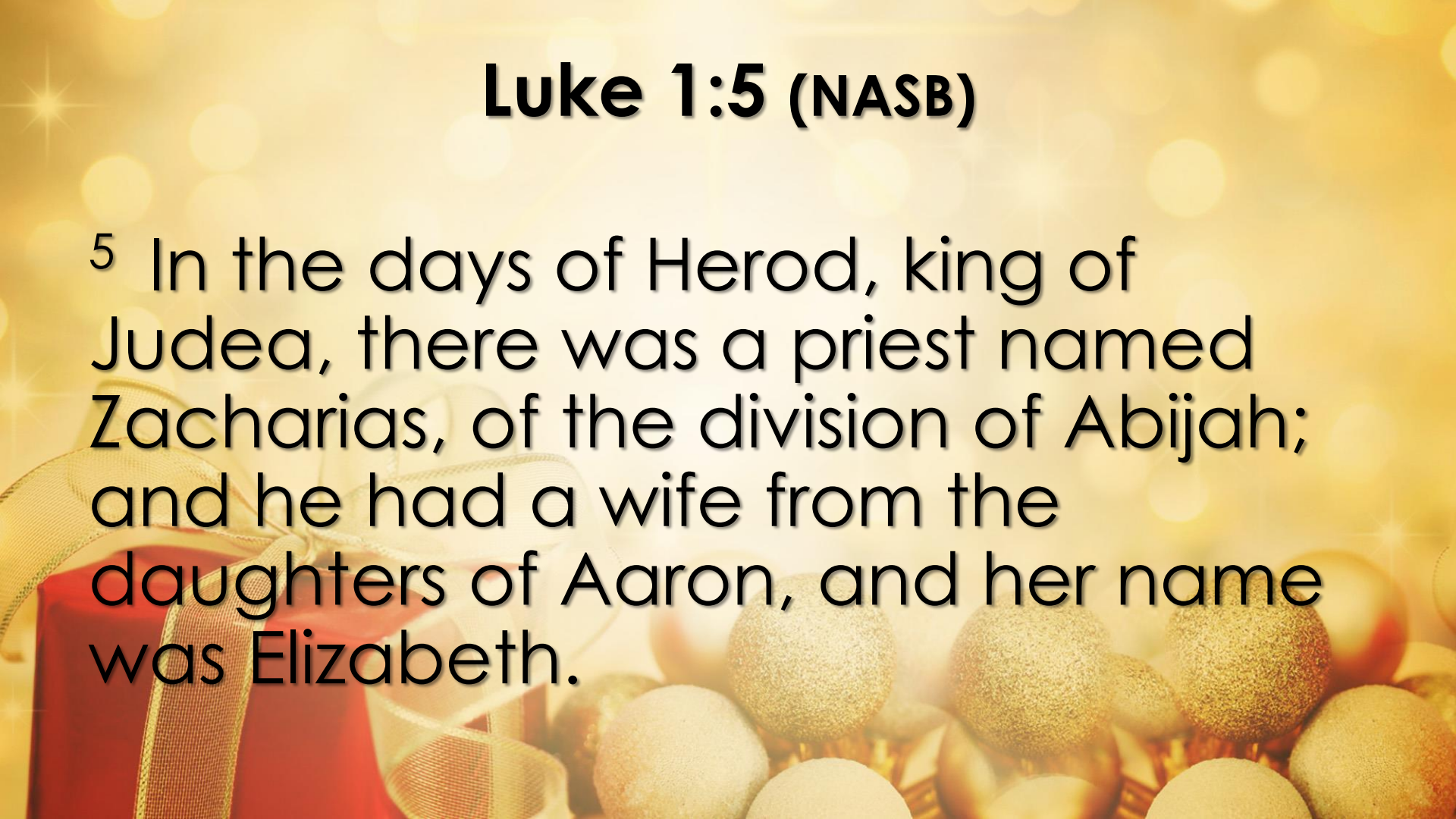
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## **Luke 1:5 (NASB)**

<sup>5</sup> In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.



## **Luke 1:6 (NASB)**

<sup>6</sup> They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.





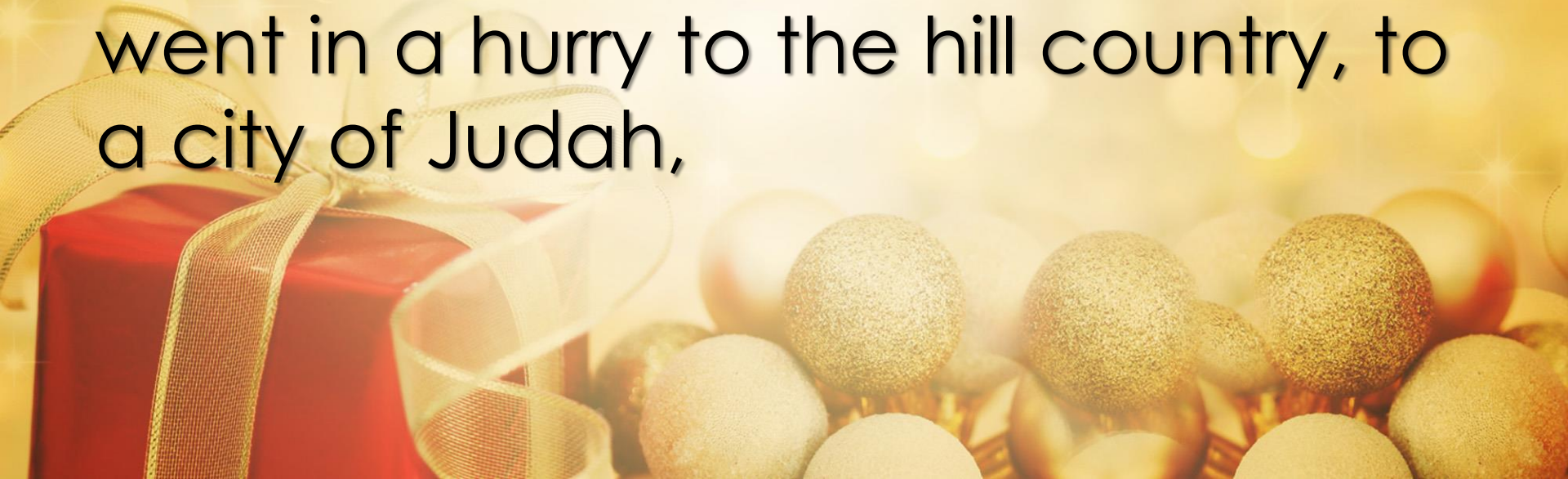
## **Luke 1:7 (NASB)**

<sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.



## **Luke 1:39 (NASB)**

<sup>39</sup> Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah,



## **Luke 1:40 (NASB)**

<sup>40</sup> and entered the house of  
Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.



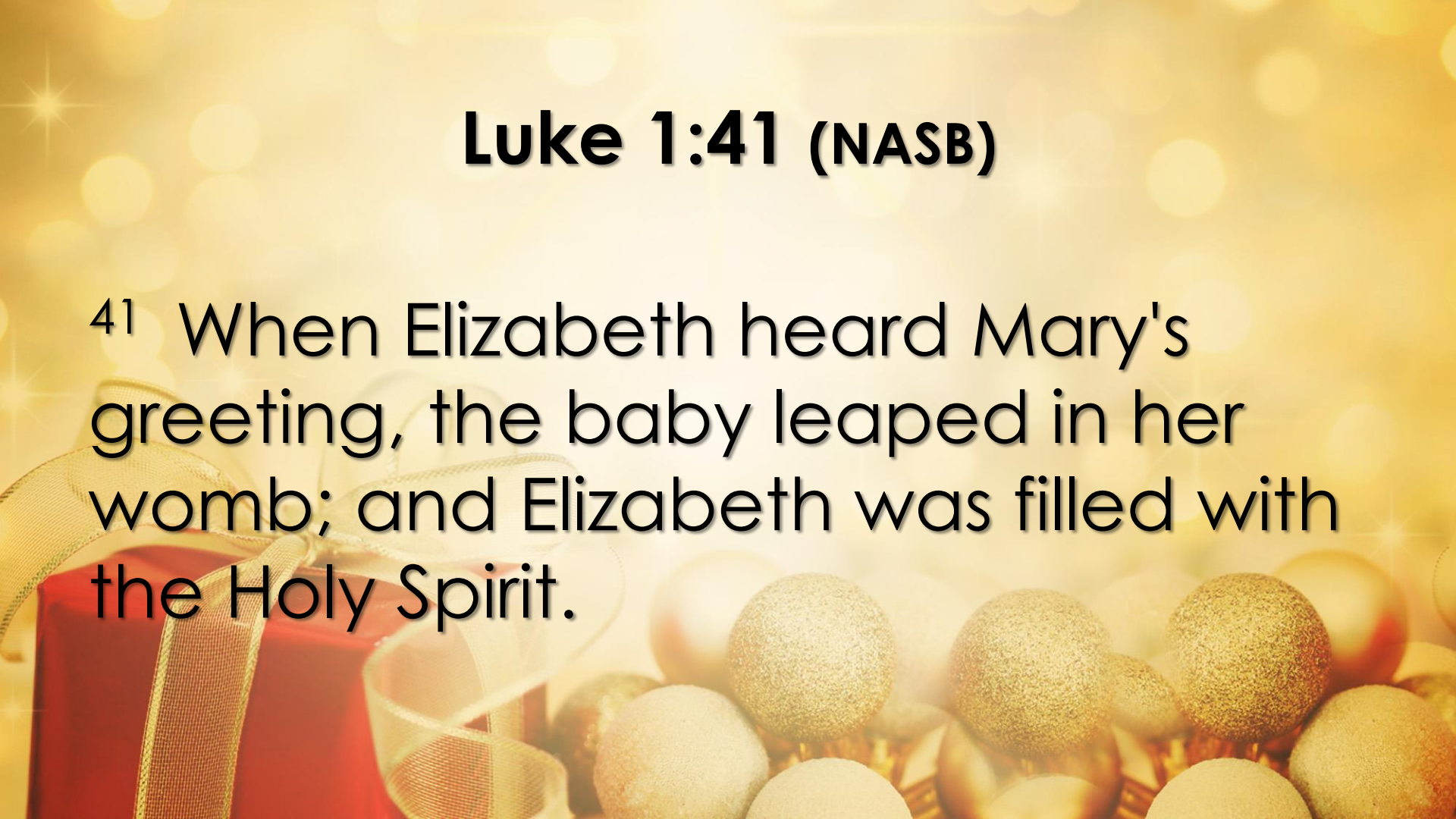




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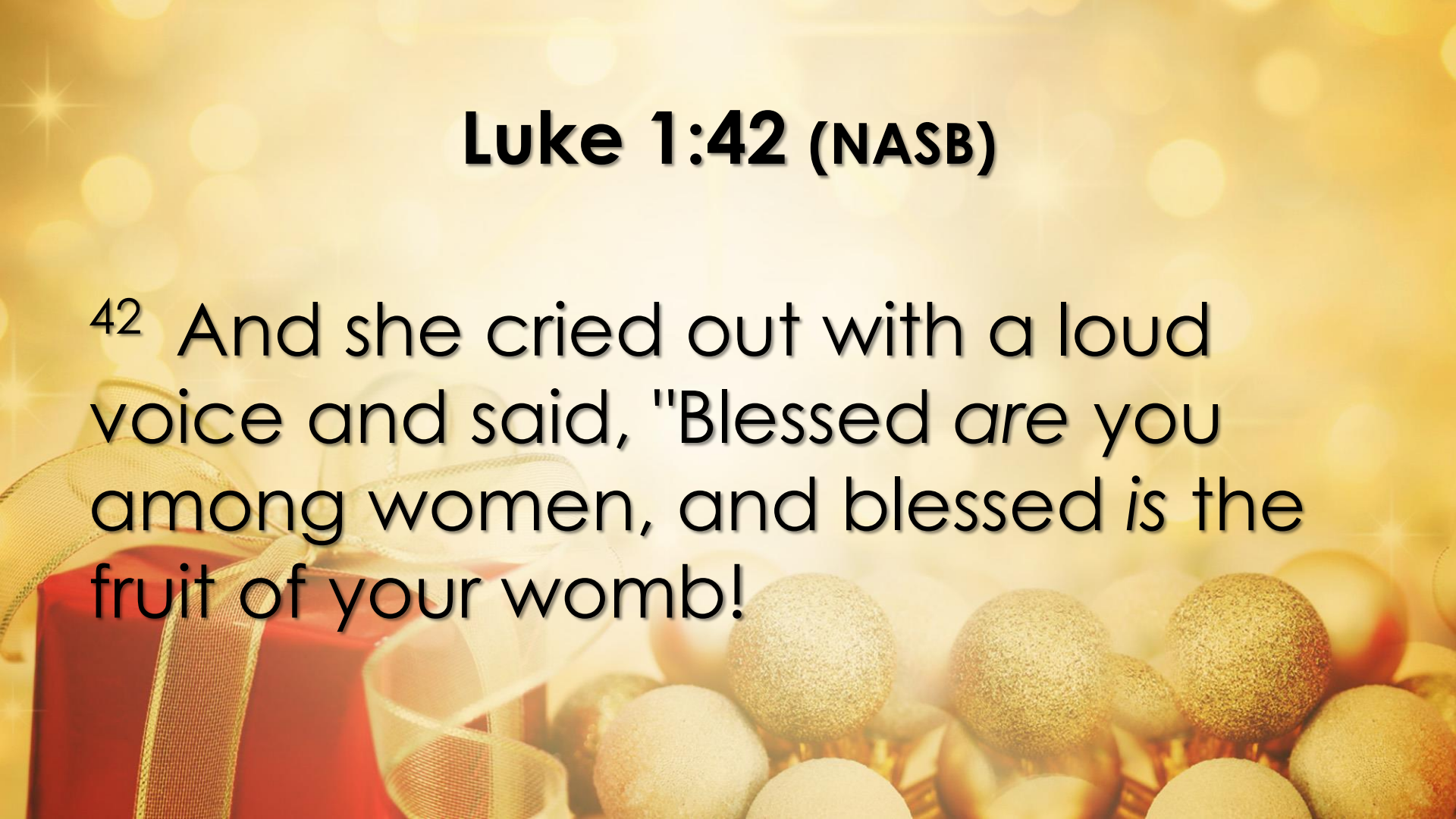
## **Luke 1:41 (NASB)**

41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.



## **Luke 1:42 (NASB)**

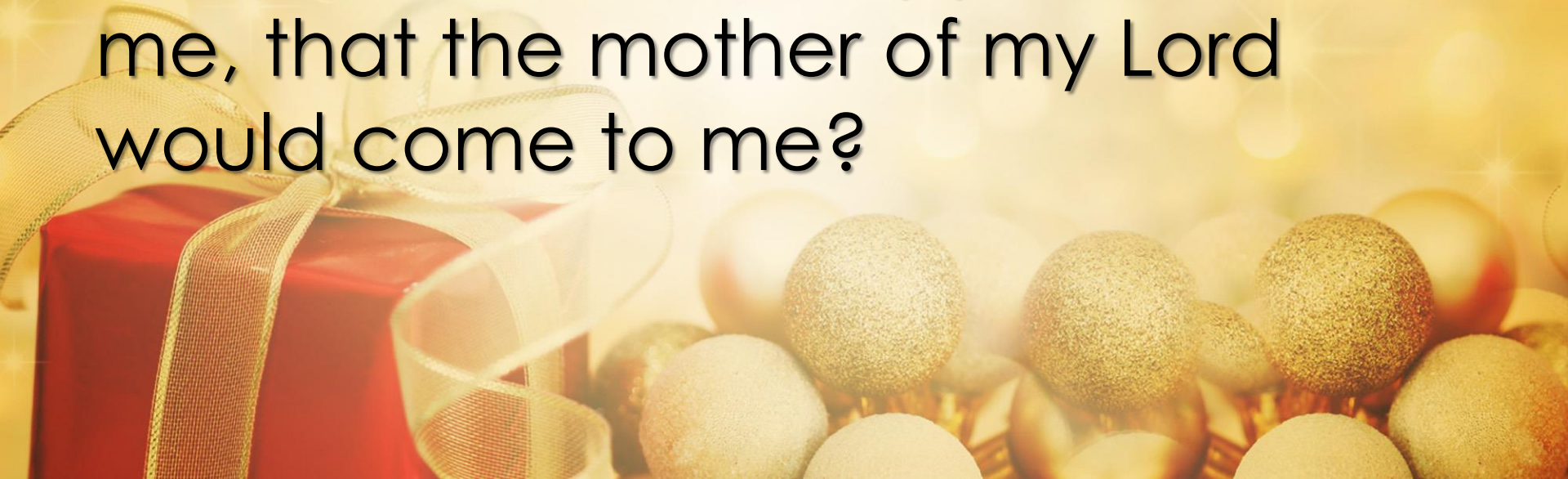
<sup>42</sup> And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!





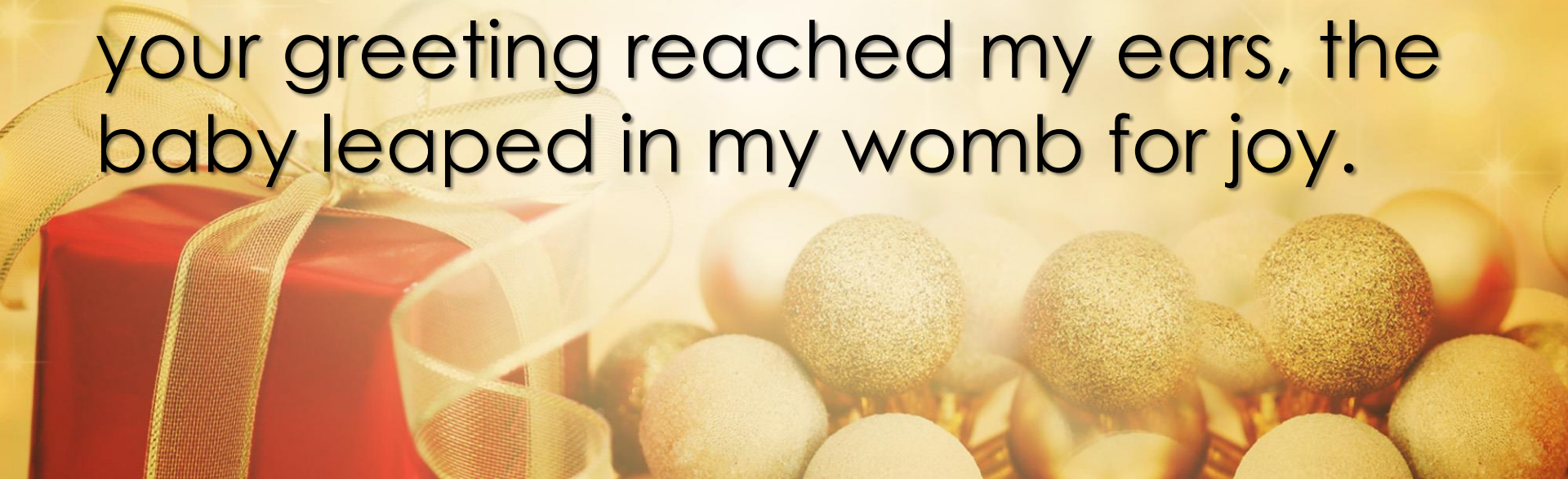
## Luke 1:43 (NASB)

43 "And how has it *happened* to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me?



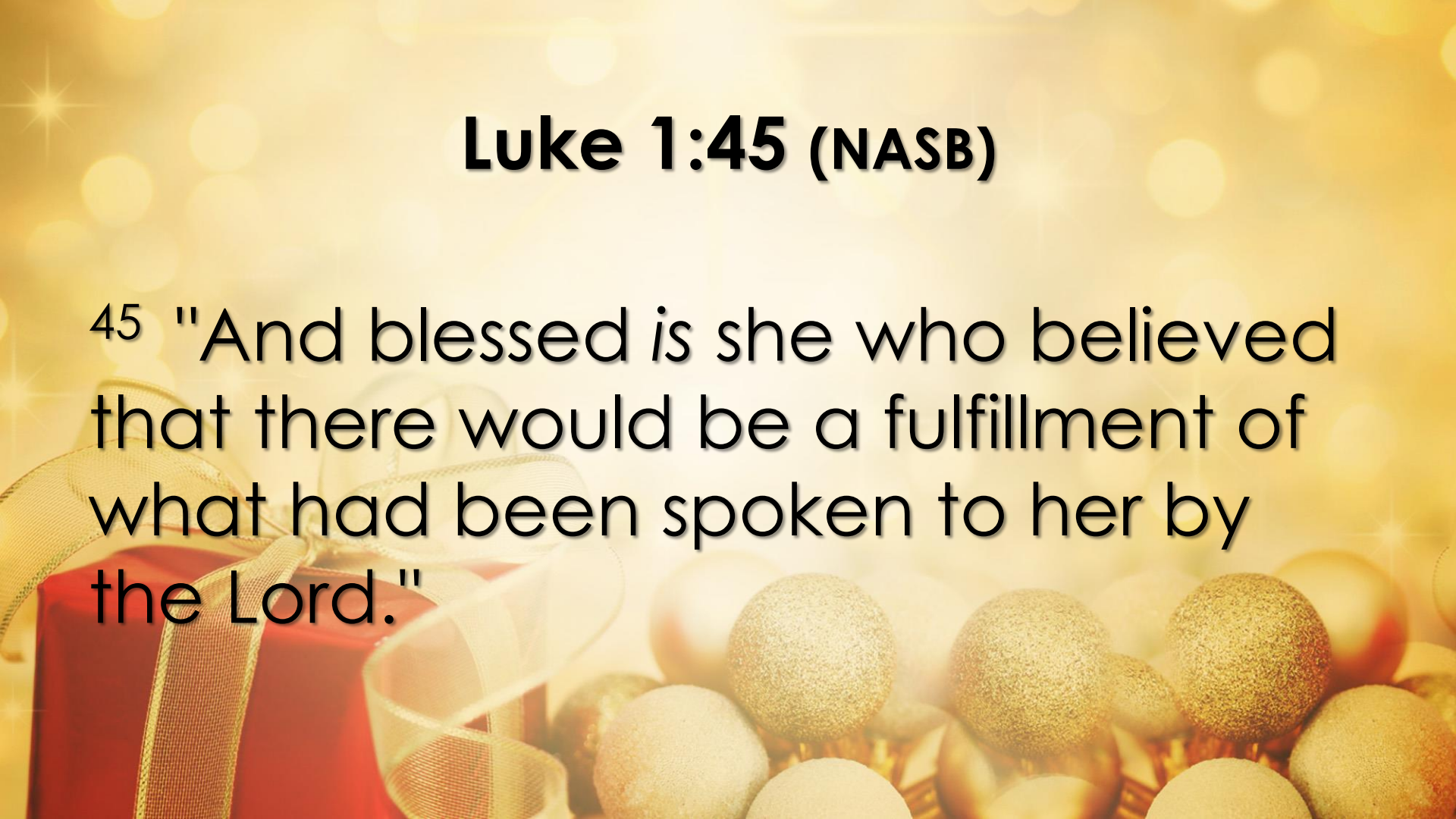
## **Luke 1:44 (NASB)**

44 "For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.



## Luke 1:45 (NASB)

45 "And blessed *is* she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord."





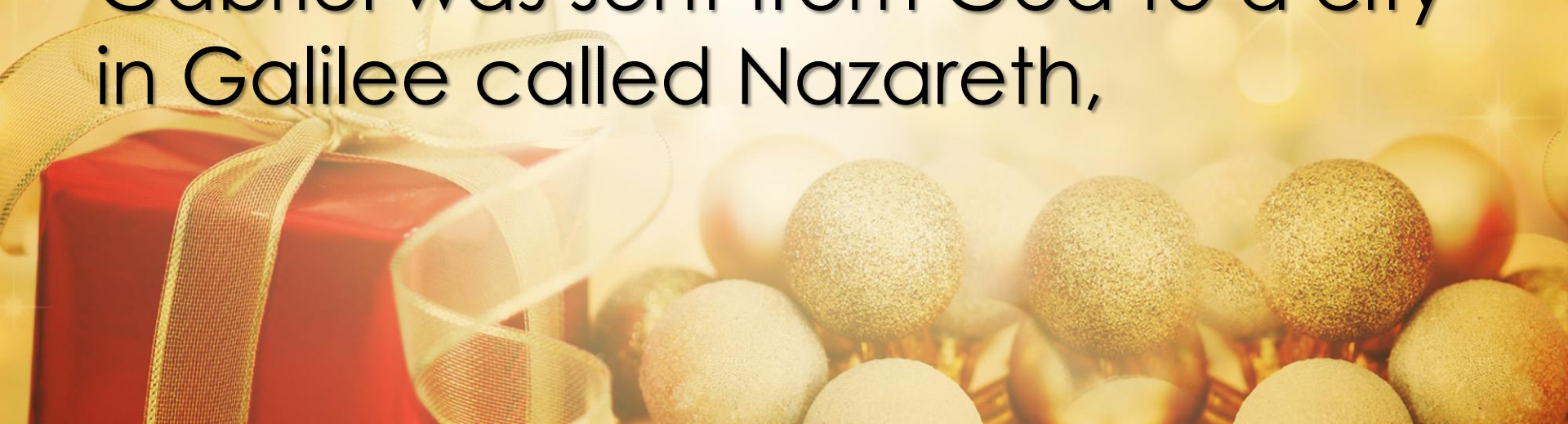
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## **Luke 1:26 (NASB)**

<sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth,



## **Luke 1:27 (NASB)**

<sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.





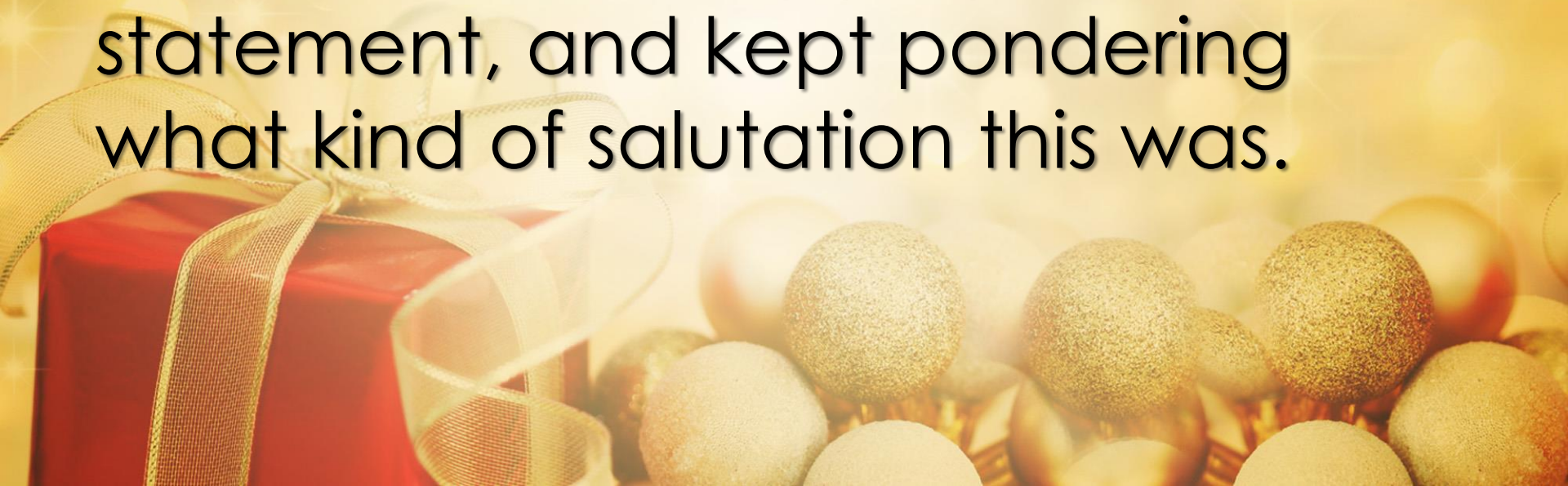
## Luke 1:28 (NASB)

<sup>28</sup> And coming in, he said to her,  
"Greetings, favored one! The Lord *is*  
with you."



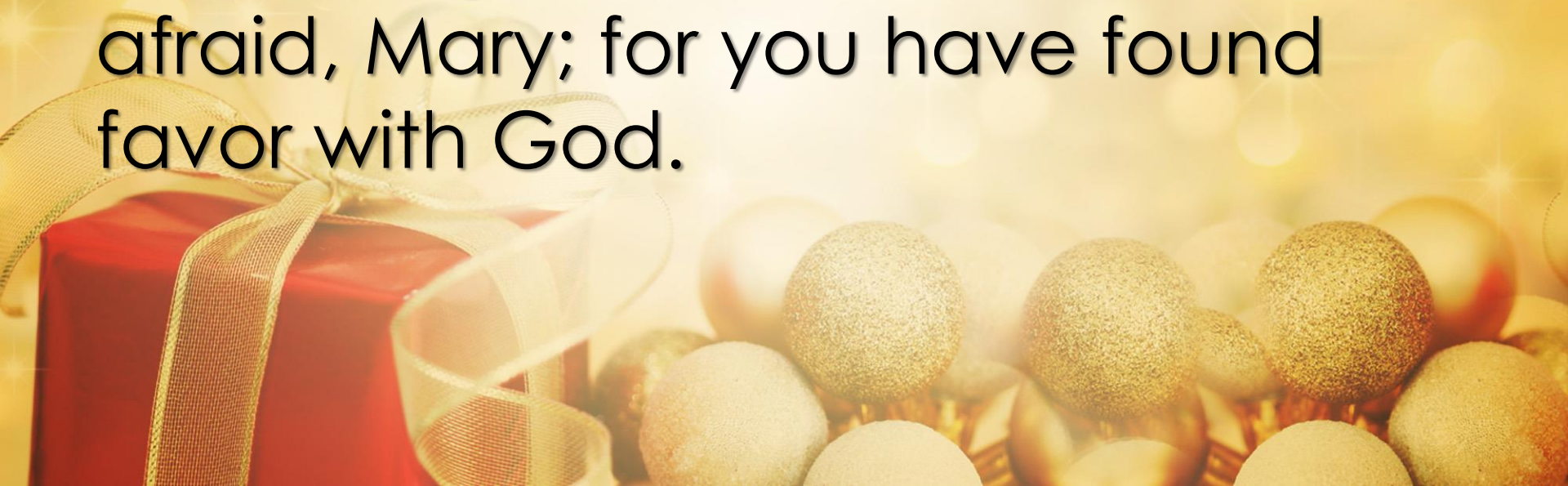
## Luke 1:29 (NASB)

29 But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was.



## **Luke 1:30 (NASB)**

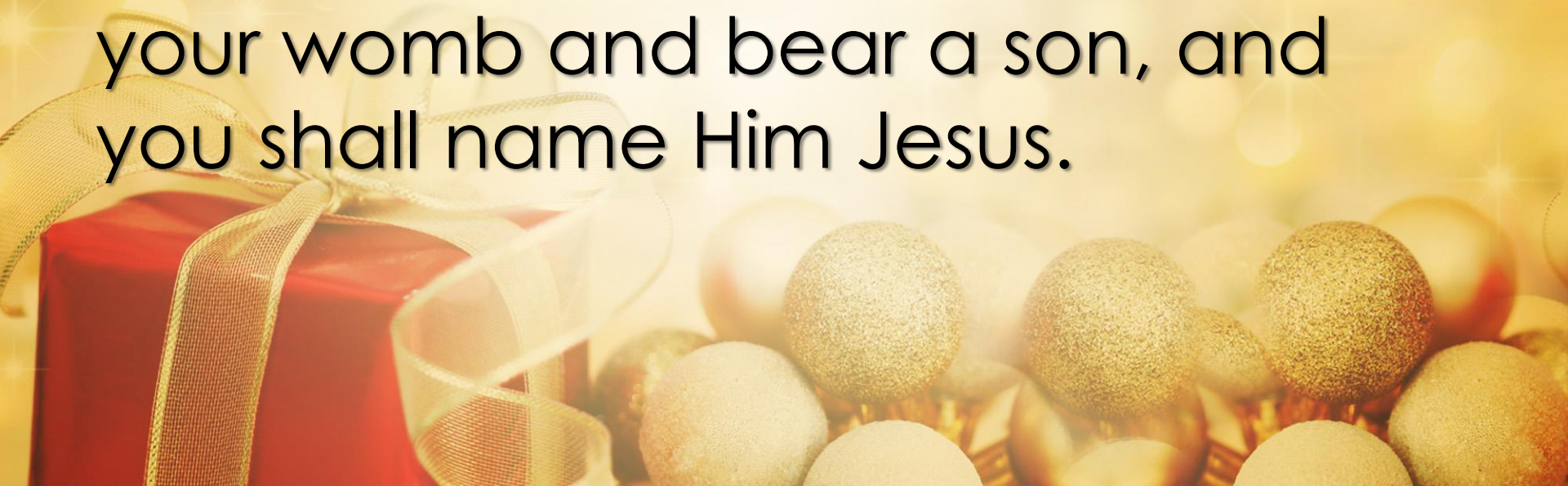
<sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.





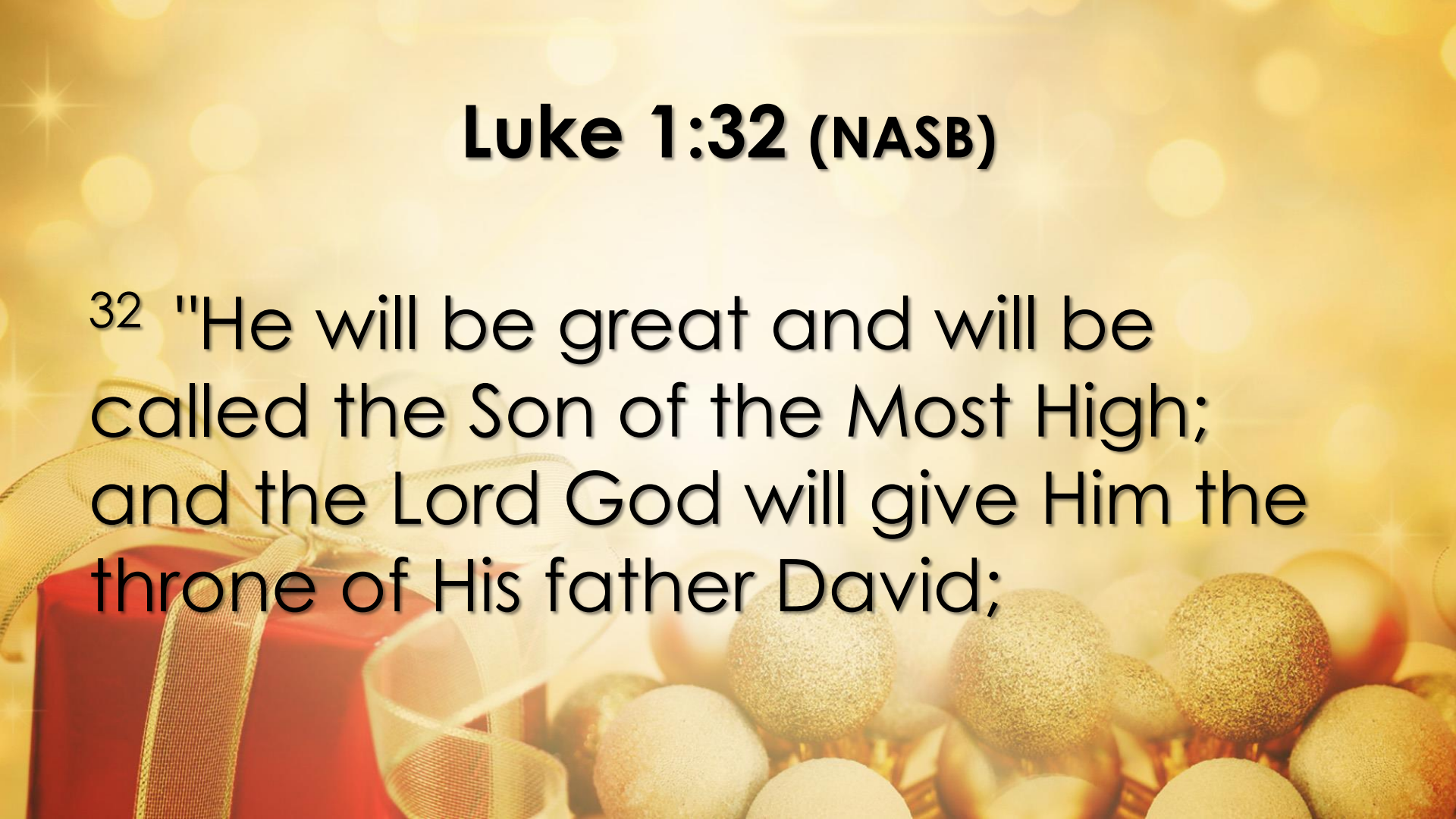
## **Luke 1:31 (NASB)**

<sup>31</sup> "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.



## **Luke 1:32 (NASB)**

32 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;



## **Luke 1:33 (NASB)**

<sup>33</sup> and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."





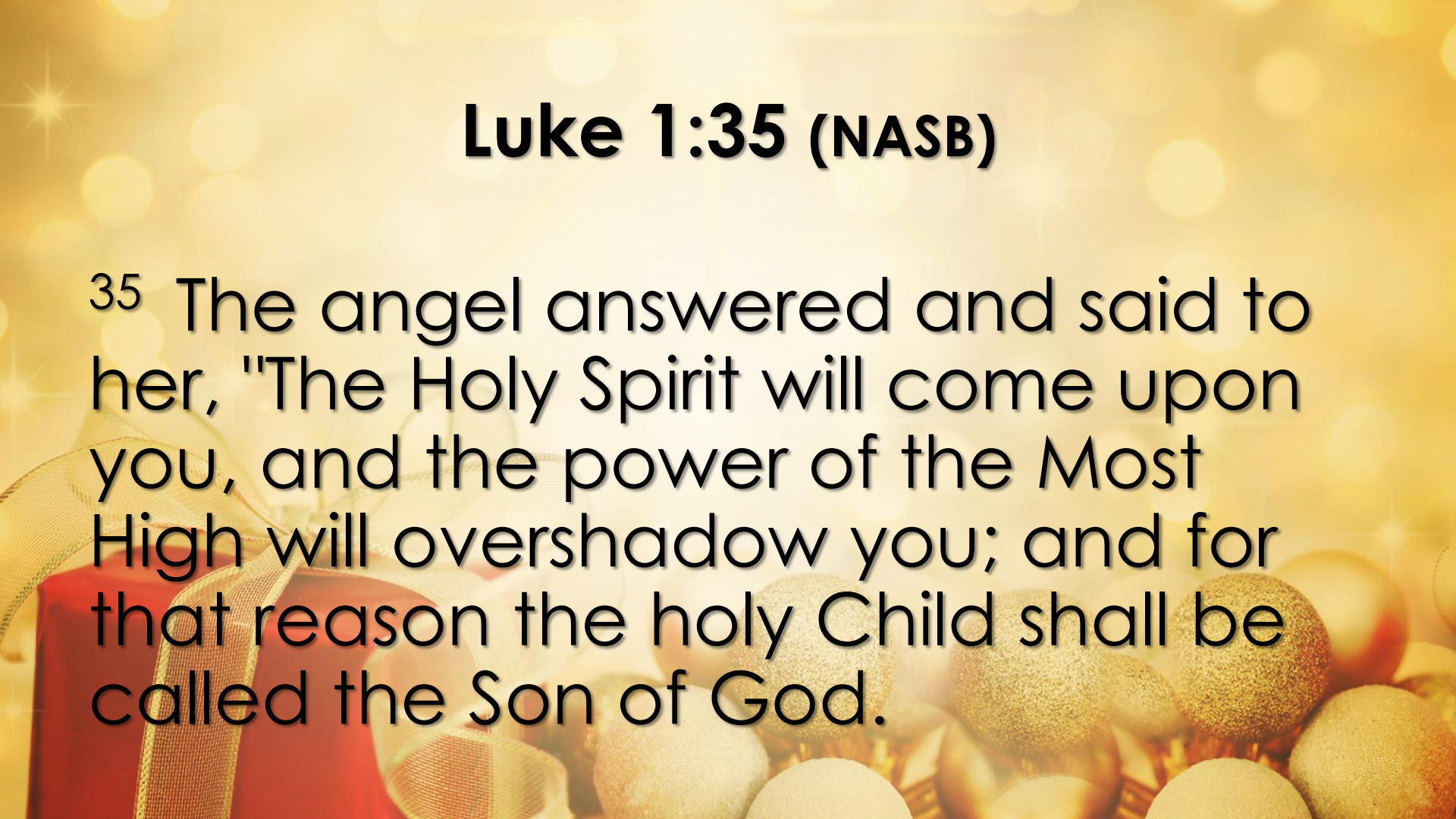
## **Luke 1:34 (NASB)**

<sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"



## **Luke 1:35 (NASB)**

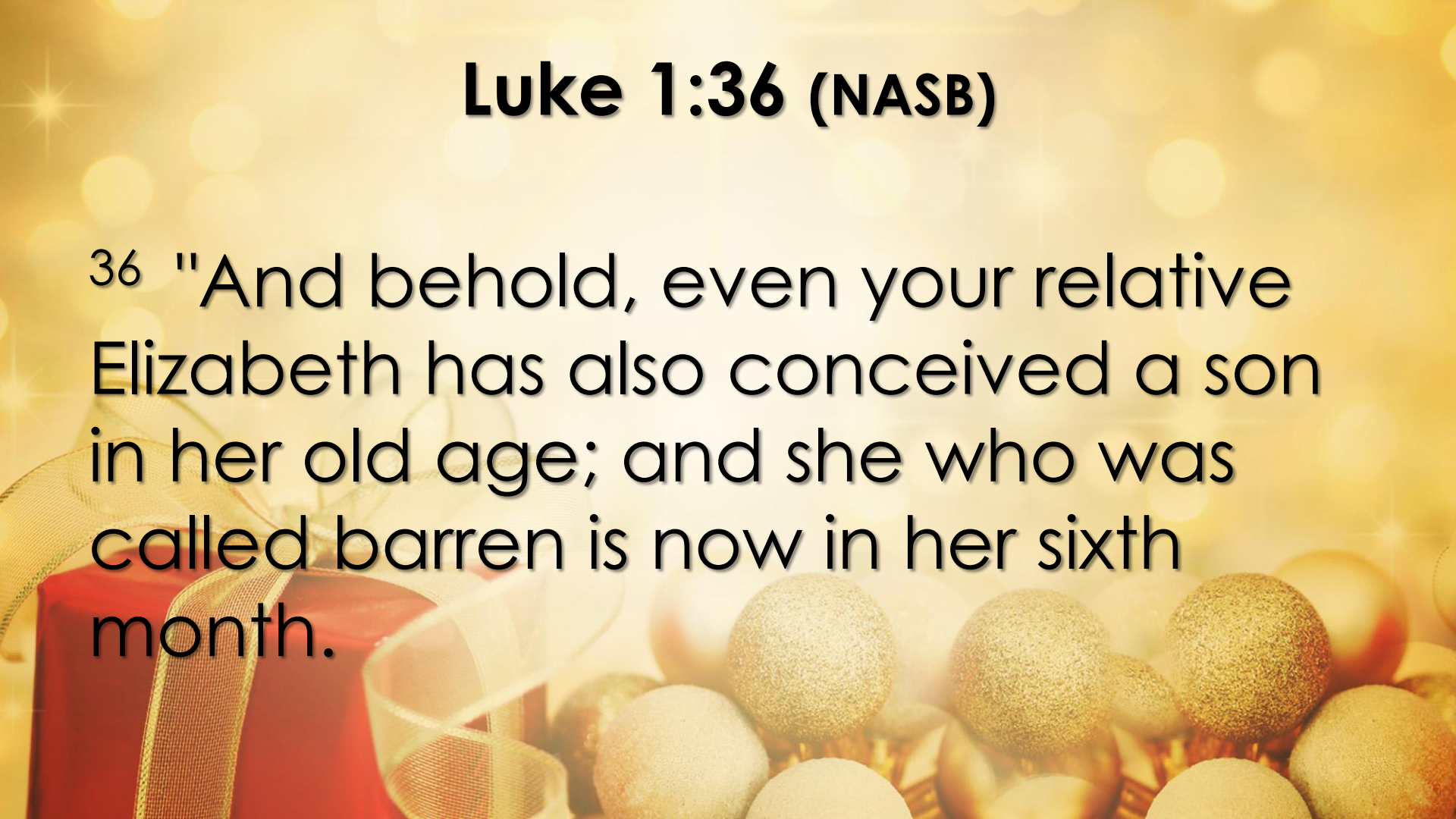
<sup>35</sup> The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.





## **Luke 1:36 (NASB)**

<sup>36</sup> "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.





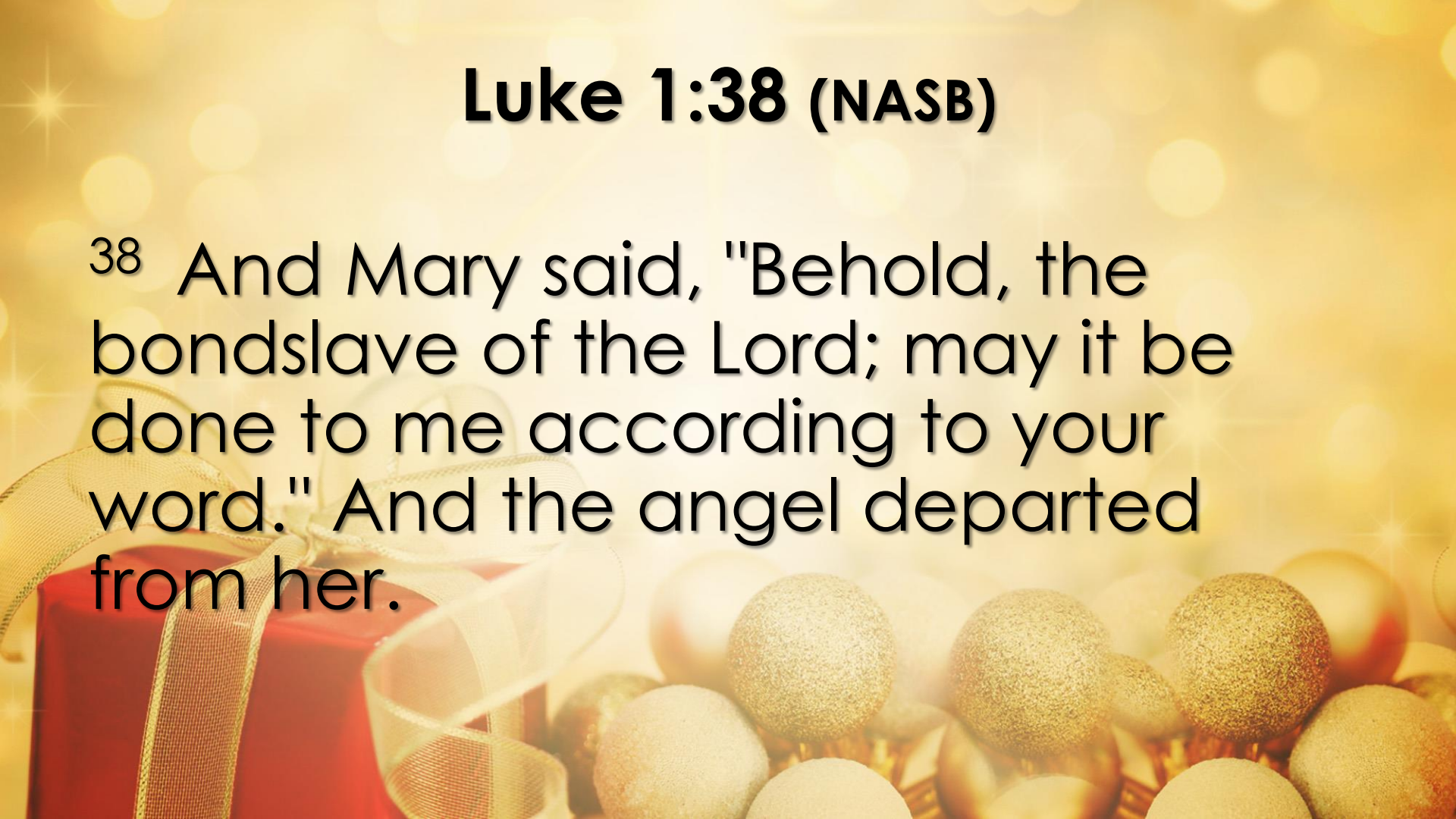
## **Luke 1:37 (NASB)**

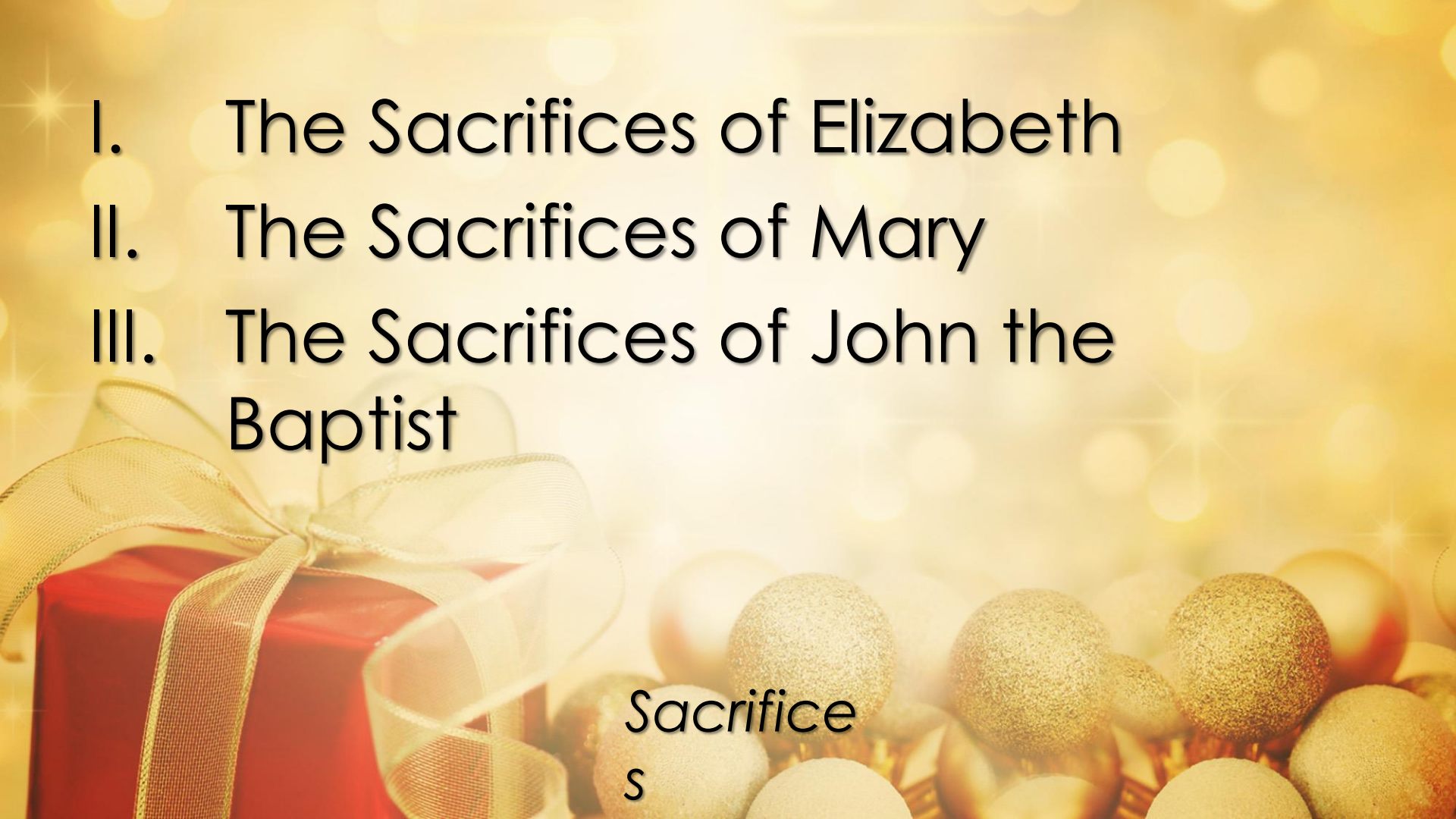
37 "For nothing will be impossible  
with God."



## **Luke 1:38 (NASB)**

<sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, the bonds slave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



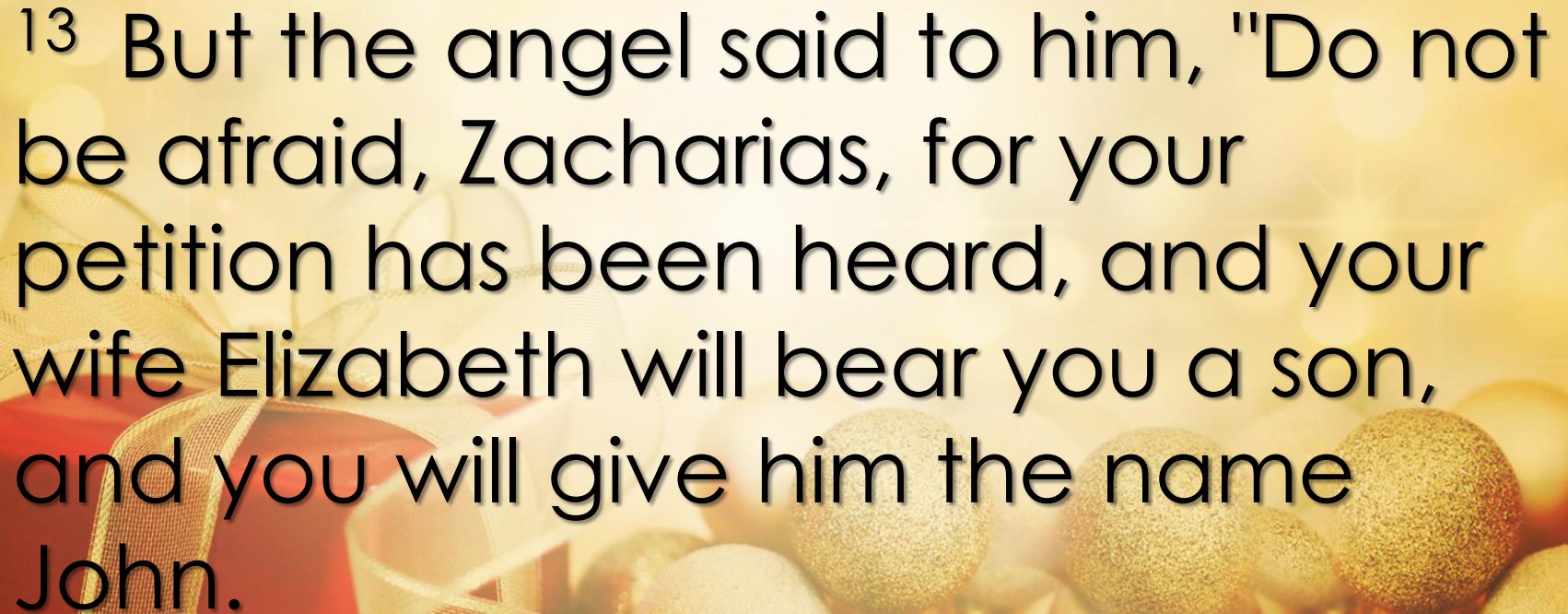
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## **Luke 1:13 (NASB)**

<sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.



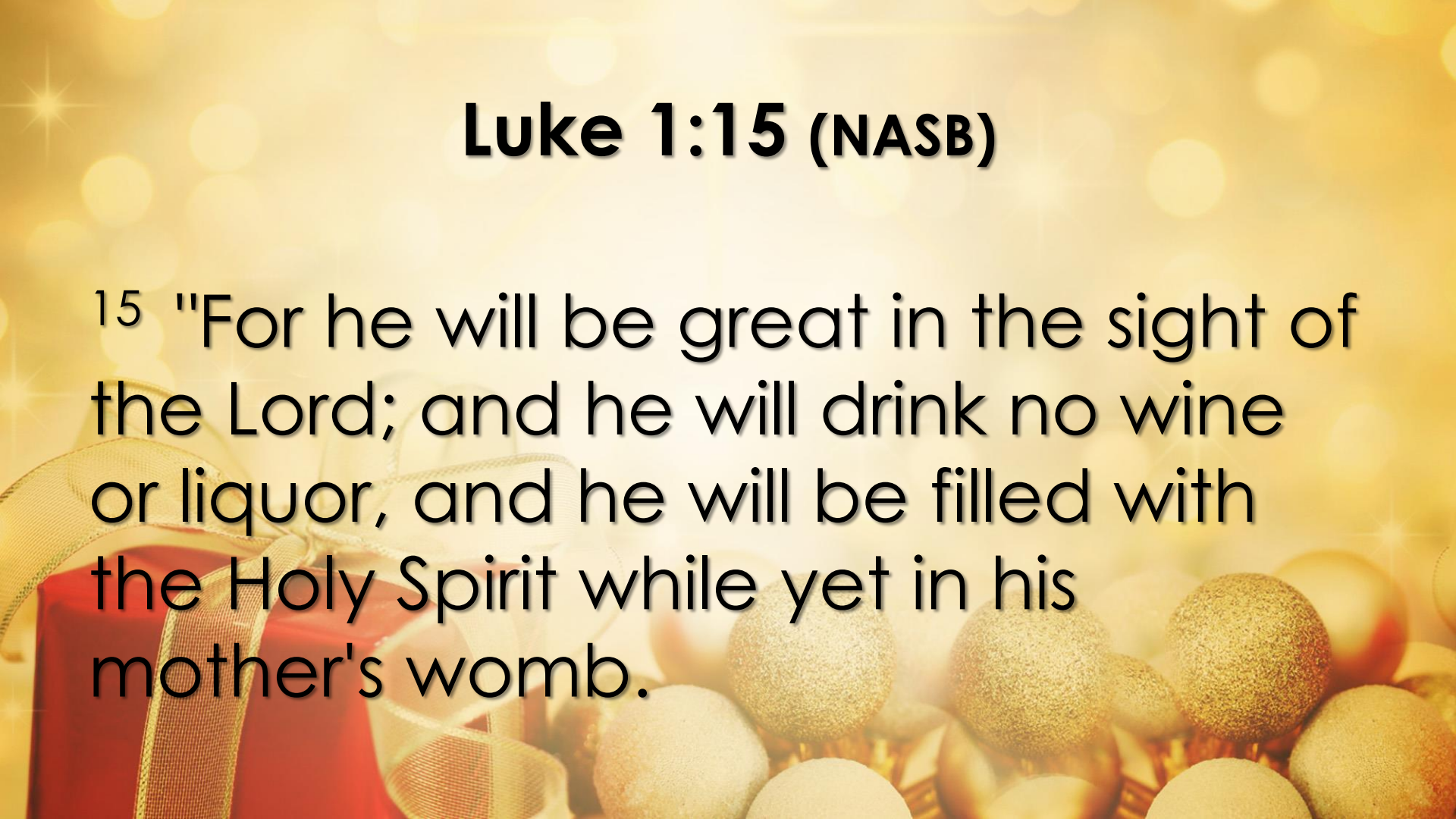
## **Luke 1:14 (NASB)**

<sup>14</sup> "You will have joy and gladness,  
and many will rejoice at his birth.



## **Luke 1:15 (NASB)**

<sup>15</sup> "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb.





## **Luke 1:80 (NASB)**

<sup>80</sup> And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.





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# Gifts For A Firsthand Christmas

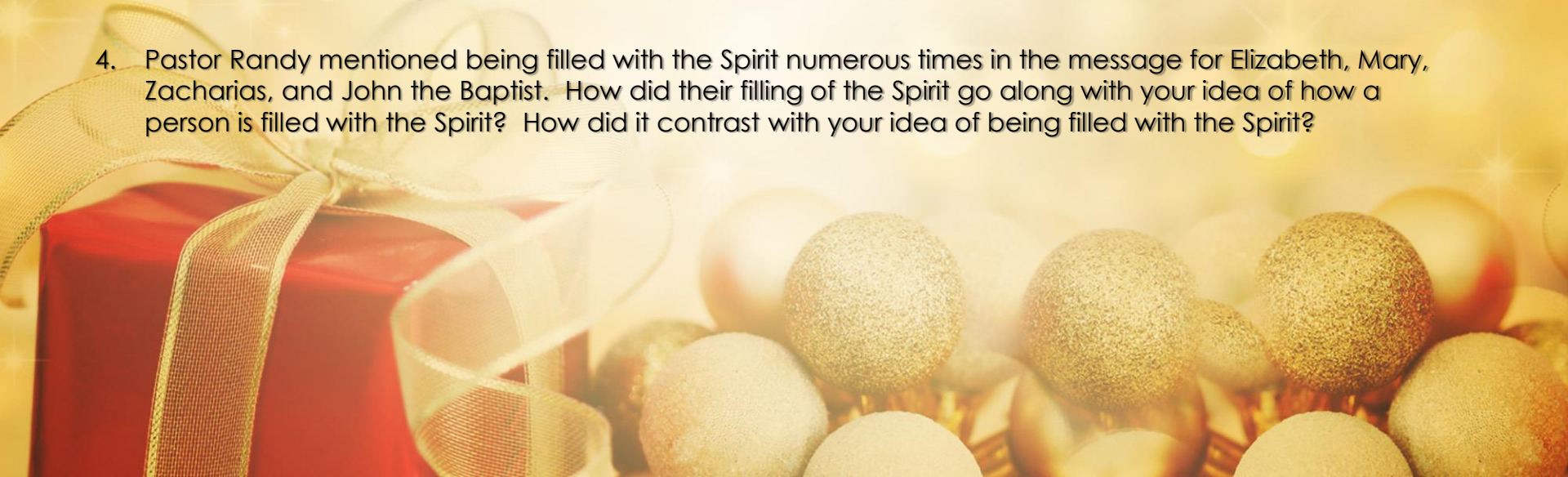
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## Questions

1. What kind of sacrifices did your parents make for you to have your childhood experiences?
2. What sacrifices have you done for your spouse or children or nieces and nephews so that they might have a full life?
3. When you have gone through “barren” times in your life, how have you maintained a serving, giving spirit to others with a good attitude?
4. Pastor Randy mentioned being filled with the Spirit numerous times in the message for Elizabeth, Mary, Zacharias, and John the Baptist. How did their filling of the Spirit go along with your idea of how a person is filled with the Spirit? How did it contrast with your idea of being filled with the Spirit?



## Questions

5. Have you received the filling of the Holy Spirit? What do you believe a person needs to do or have to be receive the Holy Spirit? What Scriptures do you have to support your belief?
6. What are some of the common, ordinary sacrifices you make daily that you have sort of taken for granted and not seen as being special in God's eyes? Do you see yourself as favored or graced by God (Lk 1:28,30)?

