

What It Means To Have Faith



Facing Life With Faith - Part 1

Hebrews 11:1-6

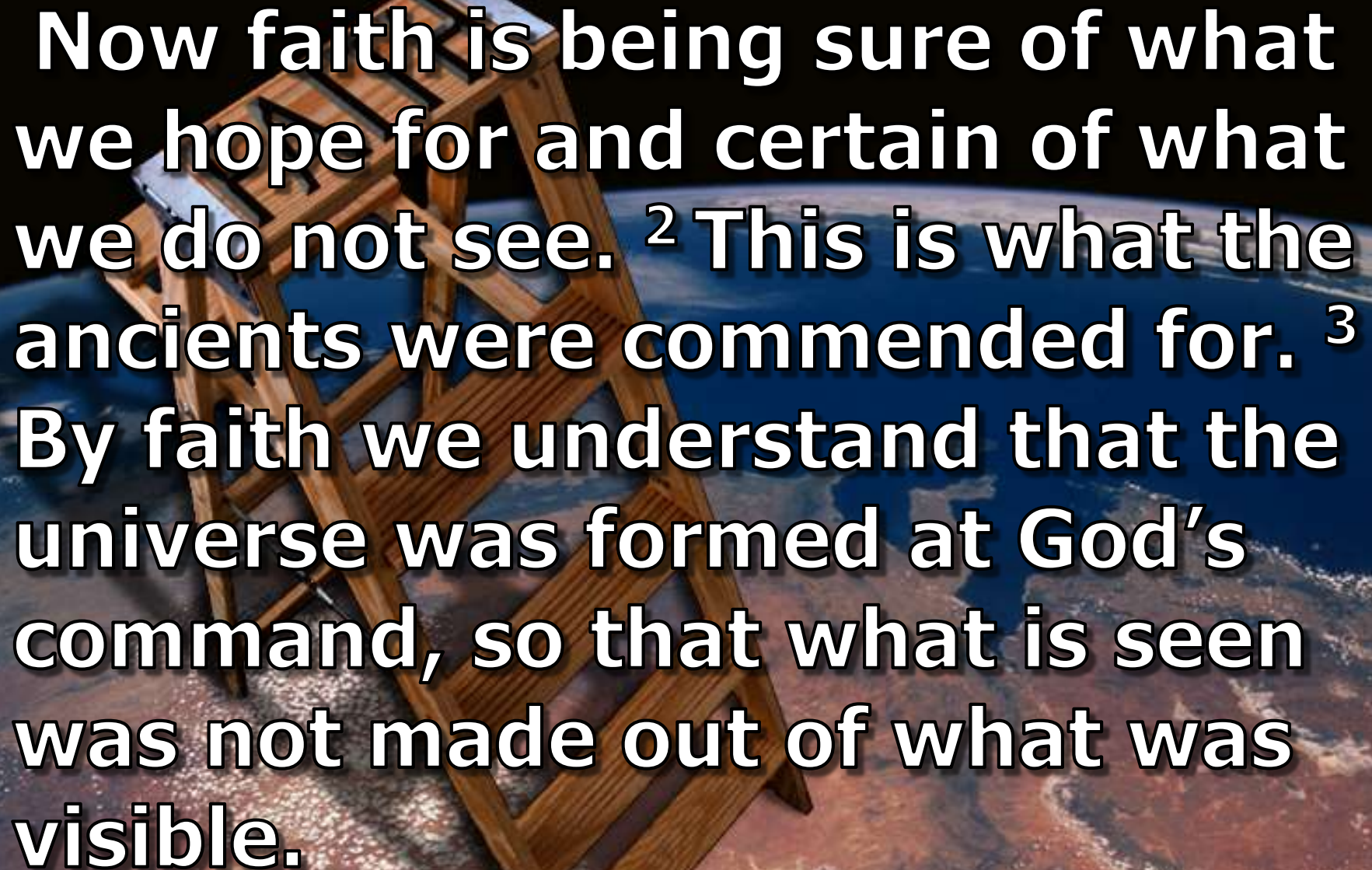
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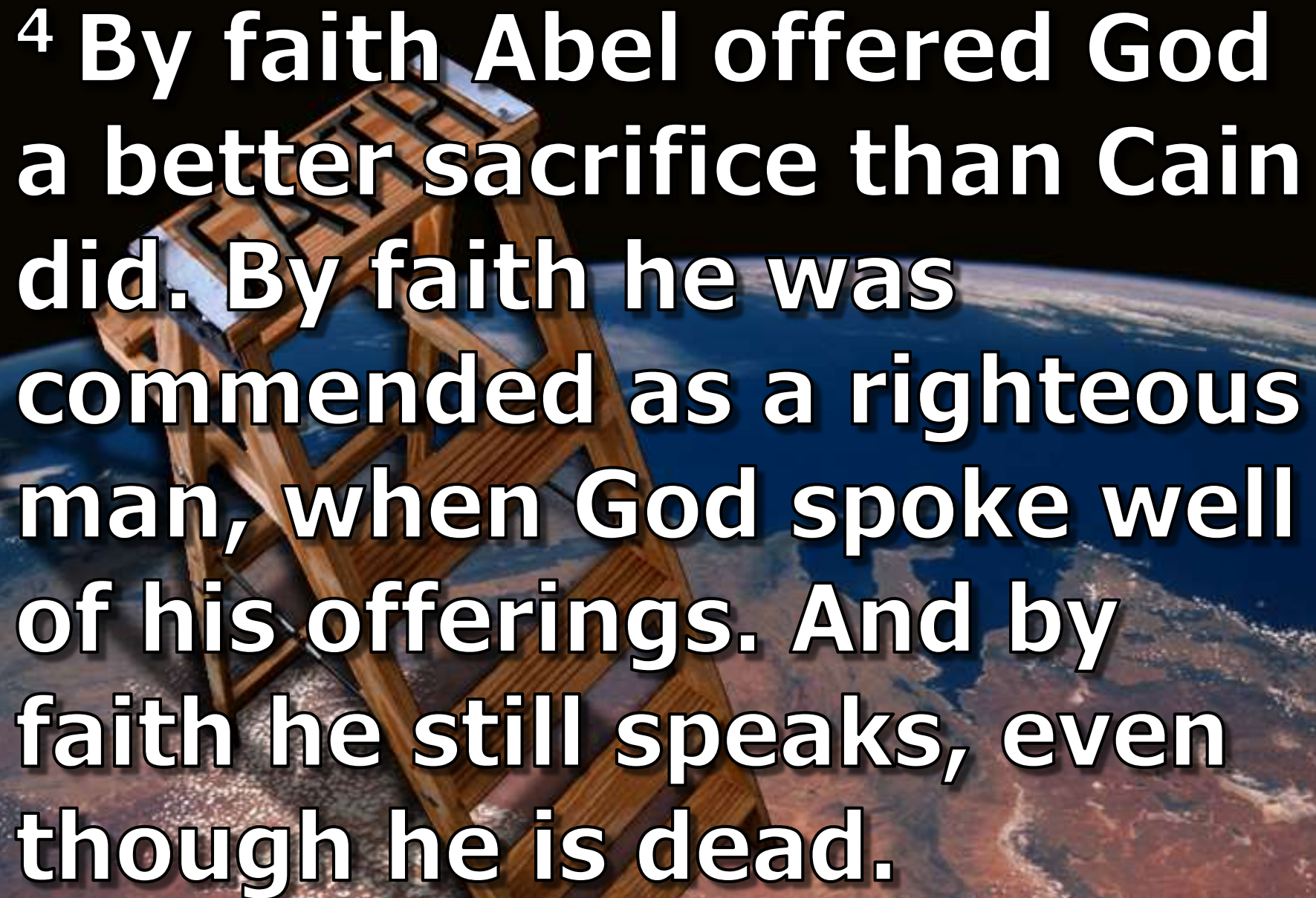
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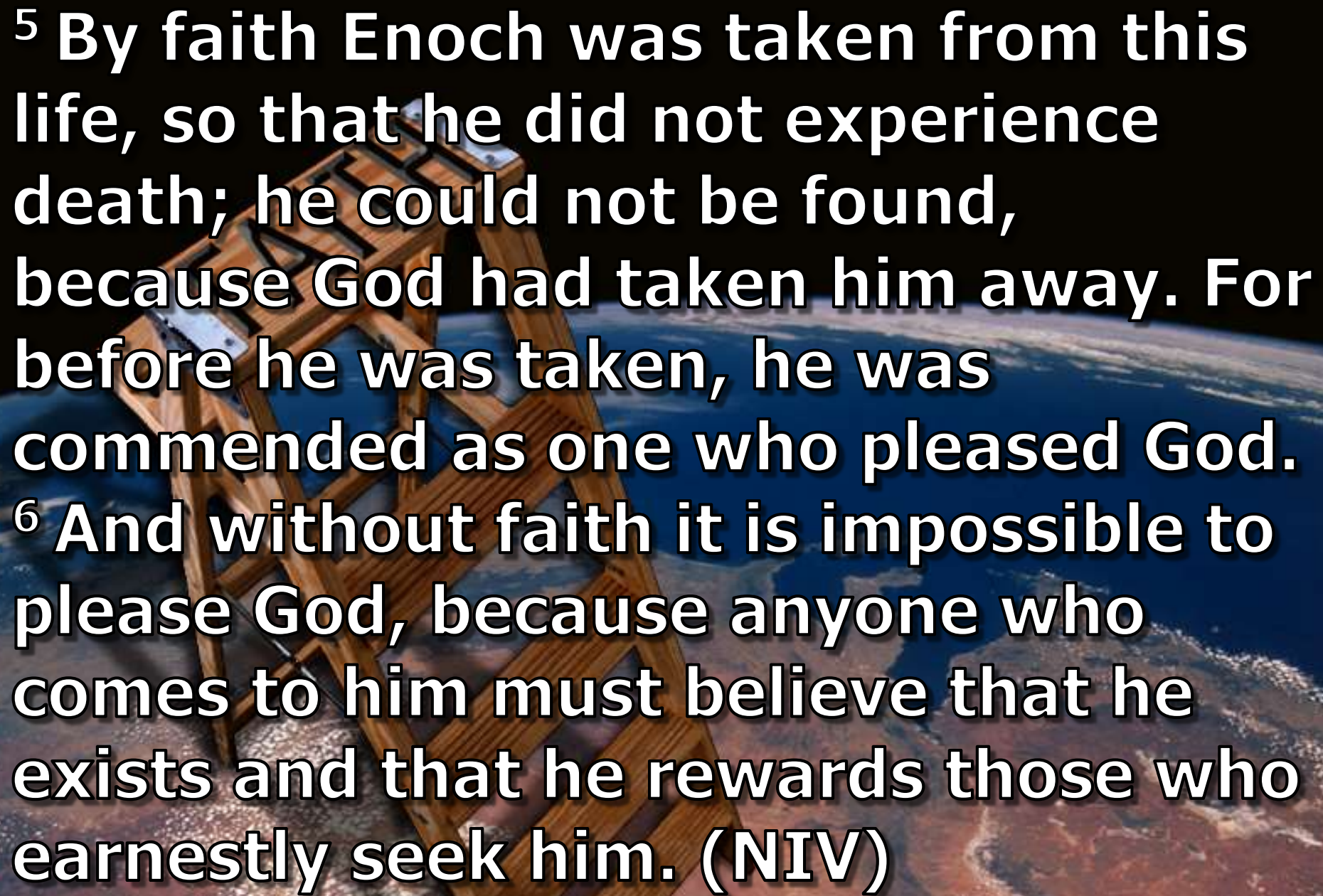
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Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

A wooden ladder is leaning against a globe of the Earth, which is shown from space with blue oceans and brown landmasses. The ladder is made of light-colored wood and has a small metal hook at the top. The background is a dark, starry space.

A wooden gallows structure is superimposed over a view of Earth from space. The gallows is made of light-colored wood and has a dark cloth draped over the top. The Earth below shows a blue horizon, white clouds, and brownish landmasses.

⁴ By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

A wooden ladder is leaning against a view of Earth from space. The ladder is made of light-colored wood and has a metal hook at the top. The Earth is shown with blue oceans and brownish-red landmasses. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font with a black outline.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (NIV)

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**1. Faith Is Believing When I
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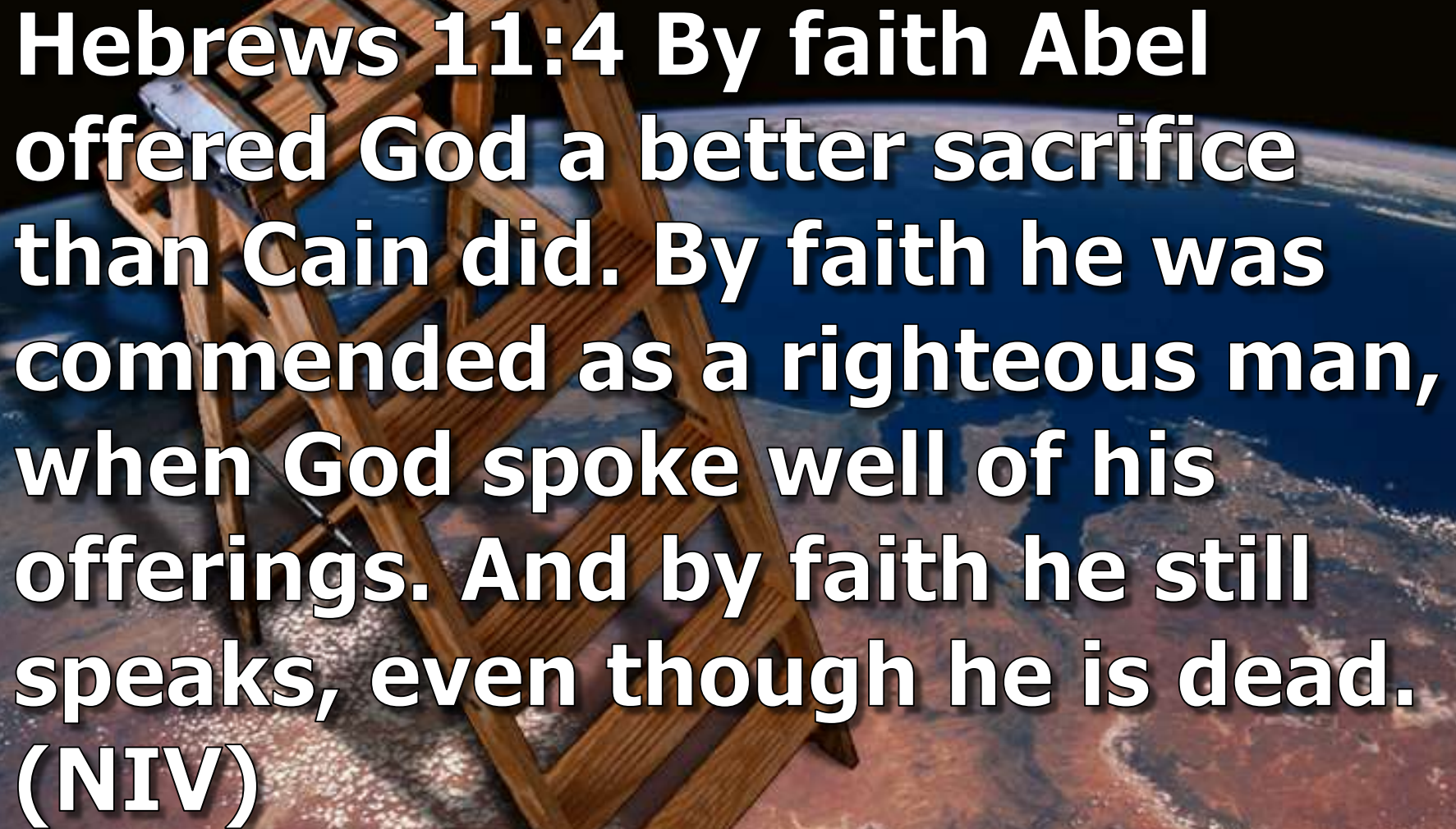
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being sure of what we hope
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do not see. (NIV)**

2. Faith Is Obeying When I Don't Understand It.

Hebrews 11:8 It was faith that made Abraham obey when God called him to go out to a country which God had promised to give him. He left his own country without knowing where he was going. (GNB)

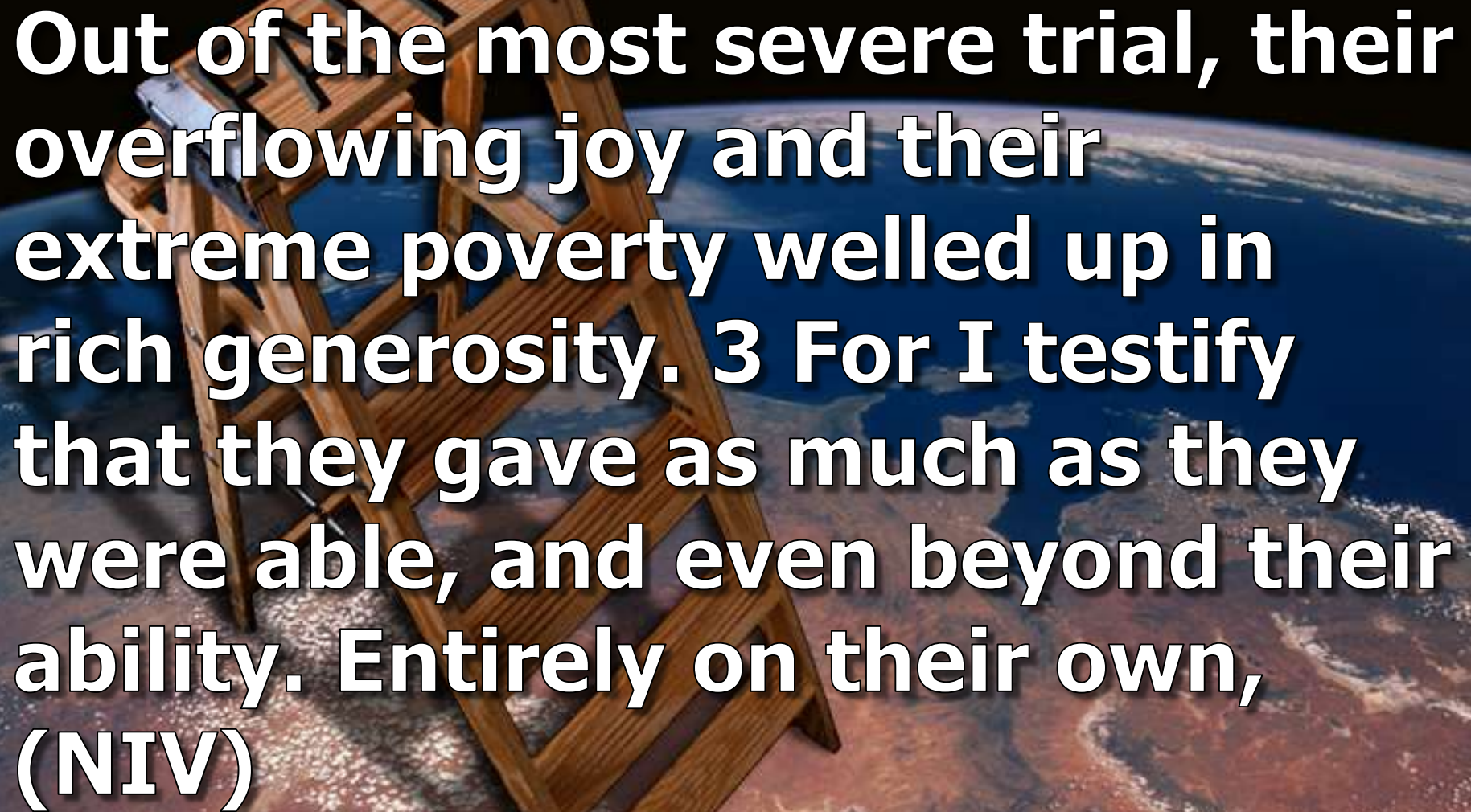
3. Faith is Giving When I Don't Have It.

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead. (NIV)

A wooden ladder is leaning against a globe of the Earth, which is shown from space with blue oceans and brown landmasses. The ladder is made of light-colored wood and has several rungs. The globe is tilted, and the ladder is positioned diagonally across the frame.

2 Corinthians 8:2-3

Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, (NIV)

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4. Faith Is **Persisting** When I Don't **Feel** It.

Hebrews 11:27 It was by faith that Moses left Egypt and was not afraid of the King's anger. He held to his purpose like a man who could see the invisible." (JB)

5. Faith Is Thanking God Before I Receive It.

Hebrews 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days. (NIV)

Mark 11:20

Early next morning, as they walked along the road, they saw the fig tree. It was dead all the way down to its roots. (GNB)

6. Faith Is Trusting God Even If I Don't Get It.

Hebrews 11:39-40 ³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. ⁴⁰ God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. (NIV)

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