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Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

If you separate the Beatitudes from the context, they either become frustrating Idealism or oppressive legalism.

HIS GOSPEL!

“…the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

The good news according to Jesus is that IN HIM the long-awaited Kingdom of God has broken into our present world.

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The Kingdom of God into the world

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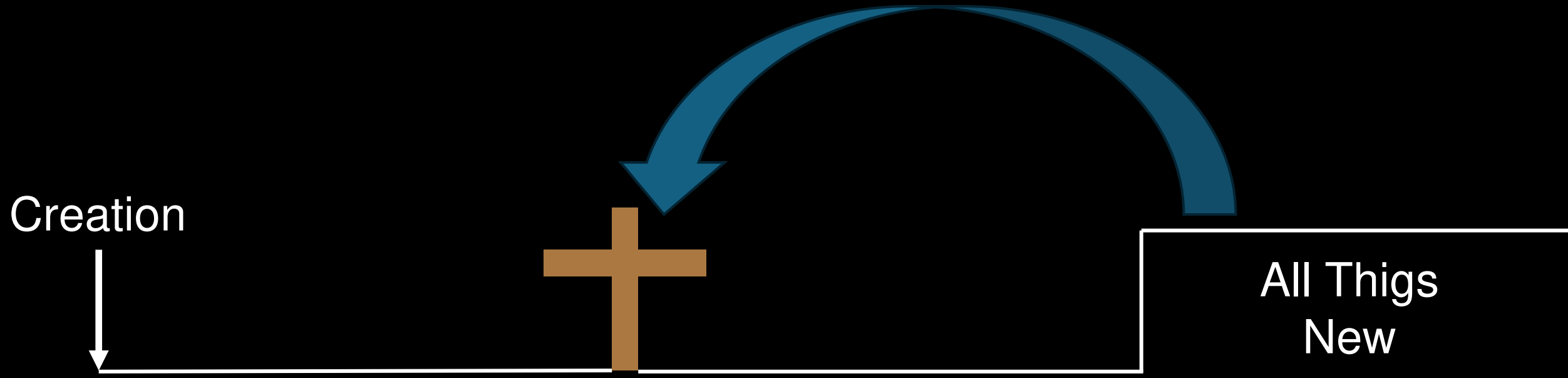
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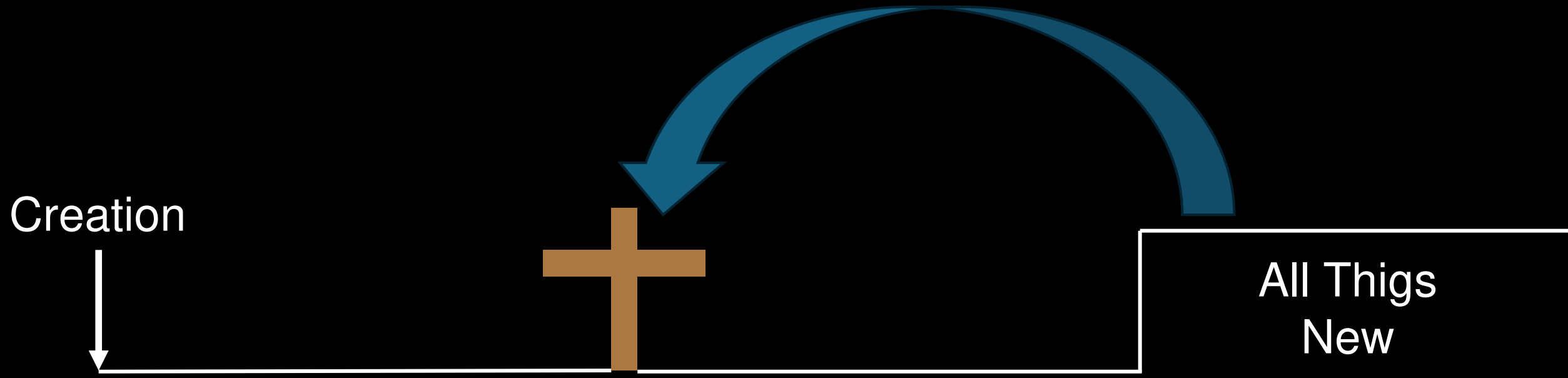

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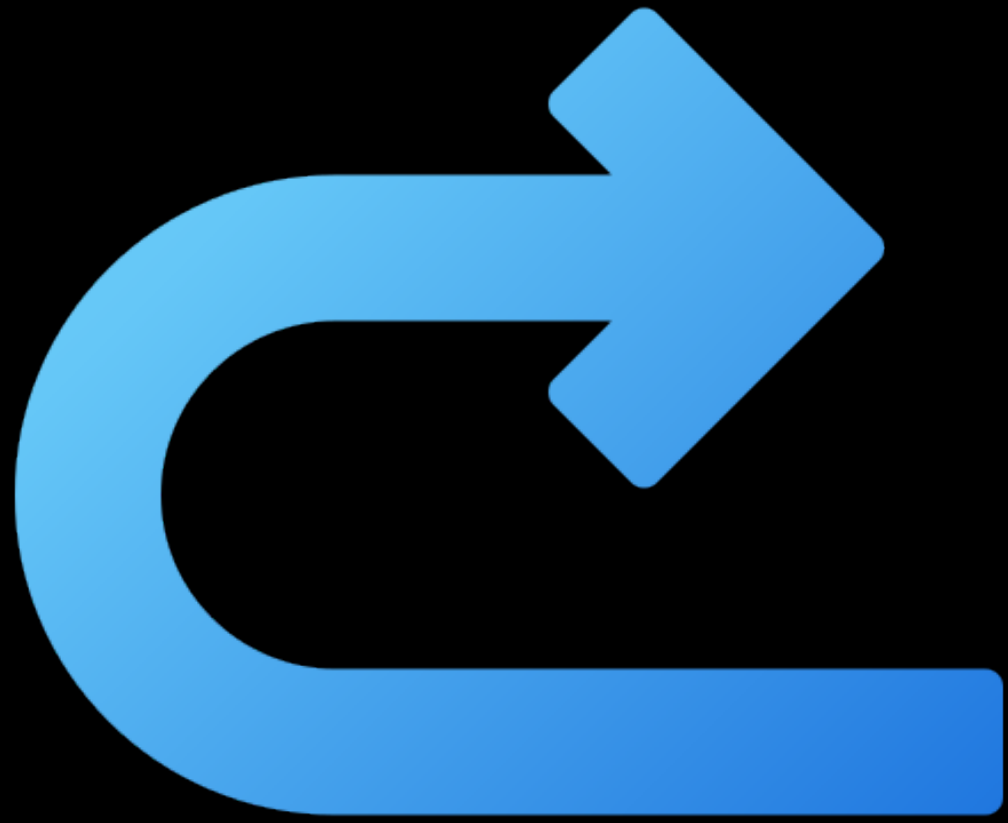

turn around

The clearest sign that a person is *turning around and believing* is that they are becoming *Beatitude people.*

In the Beatitudes Jesus is painting a portrait of people in whom He and His Gospel have taken hold.

Blessed does not refer to your subjective state but to your objective state.

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Those who are so destitute they are forced to beg from others, have absolutely nothing and know it. “Empty hands and pockets.”

The kingdom comes completely at the mercy of the Kingdom Giver.

“Blessed are the poor…”

Luke 6:20

“In the Bible we meet a God who is ‘the champion to the powerless.’”

J.M. Boyce

Yet, nowhere in the Bible is poverty held out as the ideal human condition. Luke is not saying it’s good to be poor.

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The poor know they need help, they know they need God. Their whole existence hangs on God alone.

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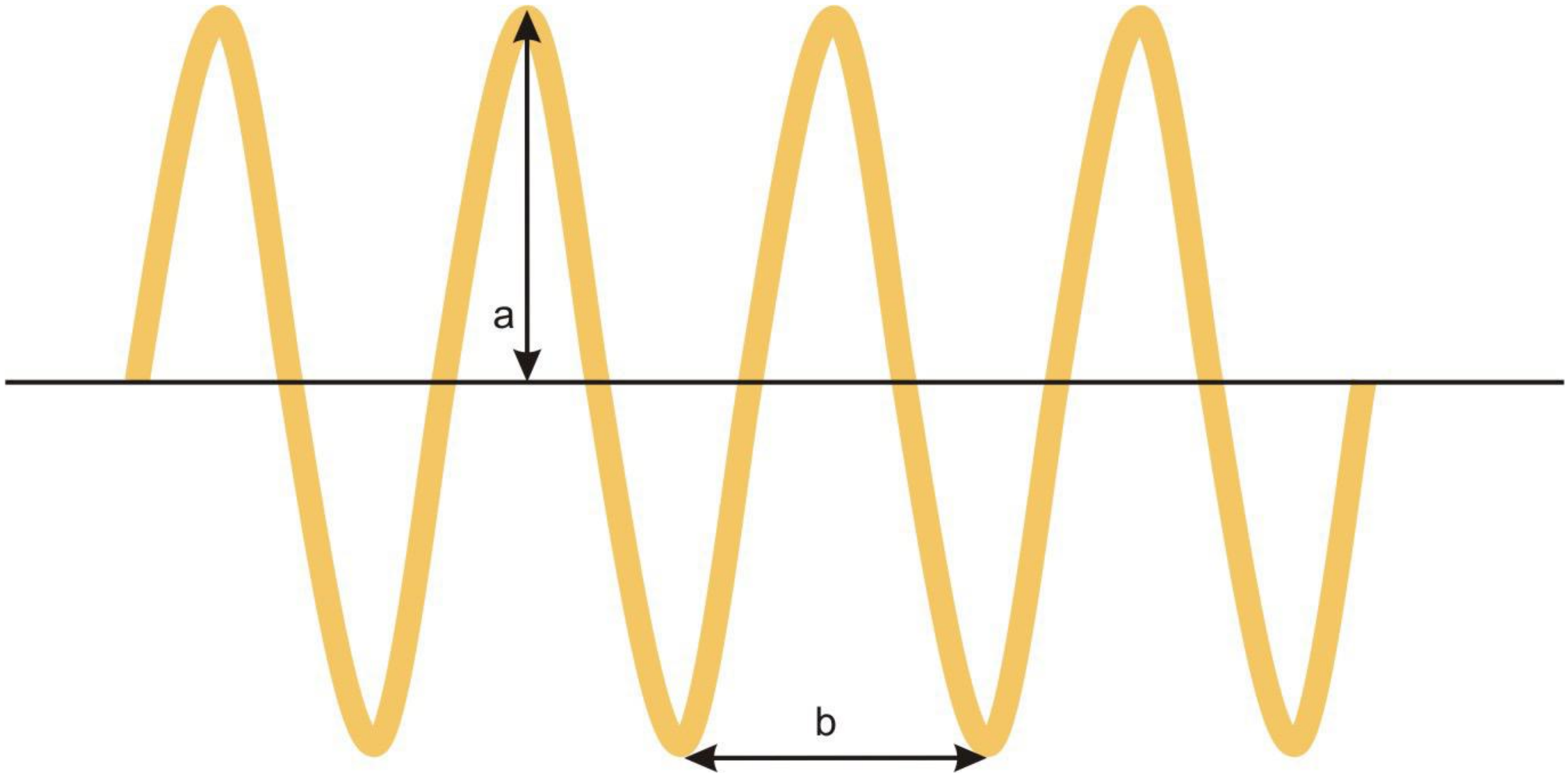
Those who take their life in their own hands, who have no need for God, thinking they can make it without God.

Because of sin, all human beings apart from Jesus Christ are spiritually bankrupt.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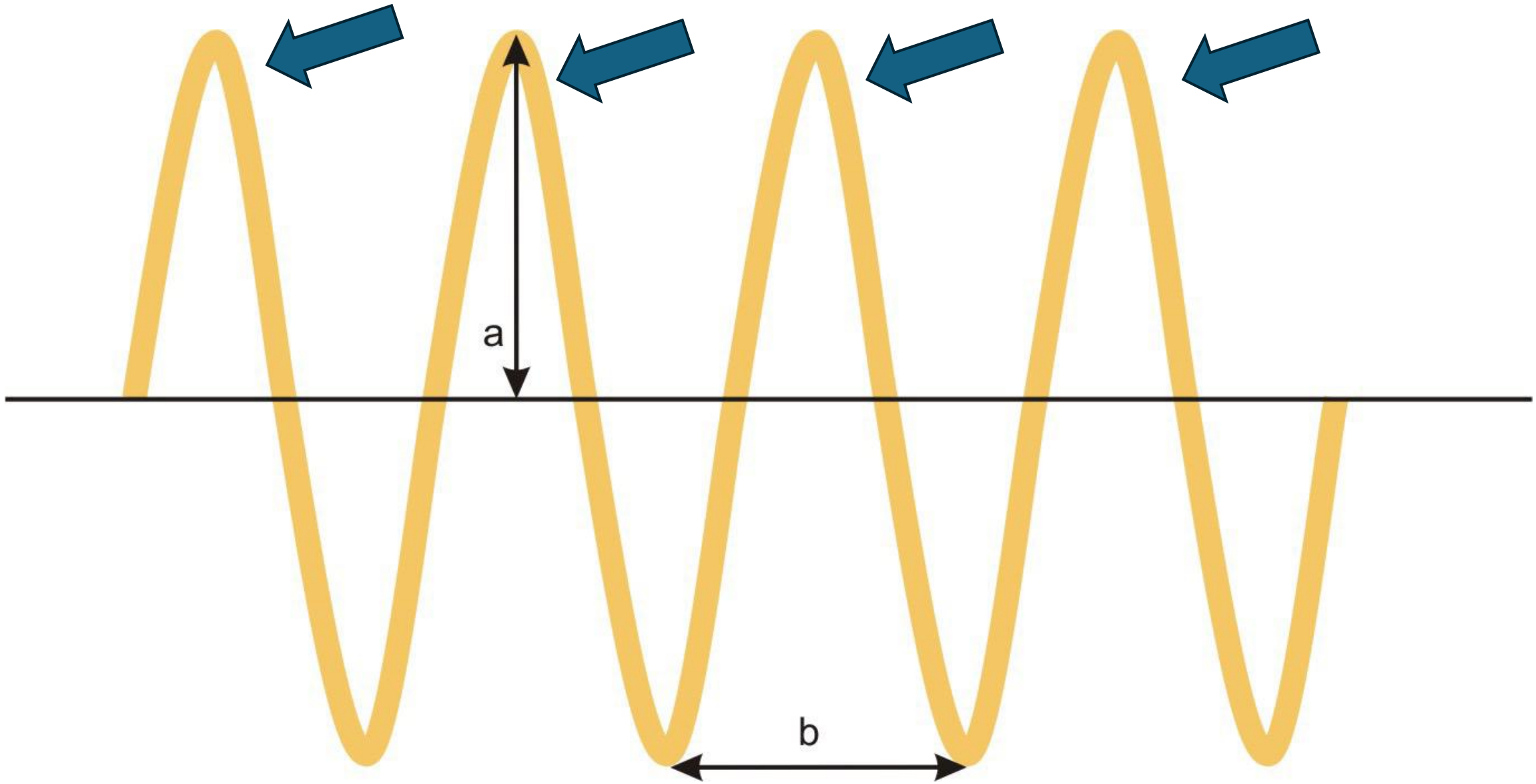
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"We have come to see ourselves as we really are: Loved by HIM, but falling so short of who we were made to be."

Paul Tripp

Luke 18

Luke 5

“….let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matt. 5: 16

“….You cannot serve two masters. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Matt. 6: 25

“….don’t be anxious about your life, do not worry.”

Matt. 6:34

“….love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Matt. 7: 24

“….who hears these words and puts them into practice is like a wise man.”

Matt. 5: 44

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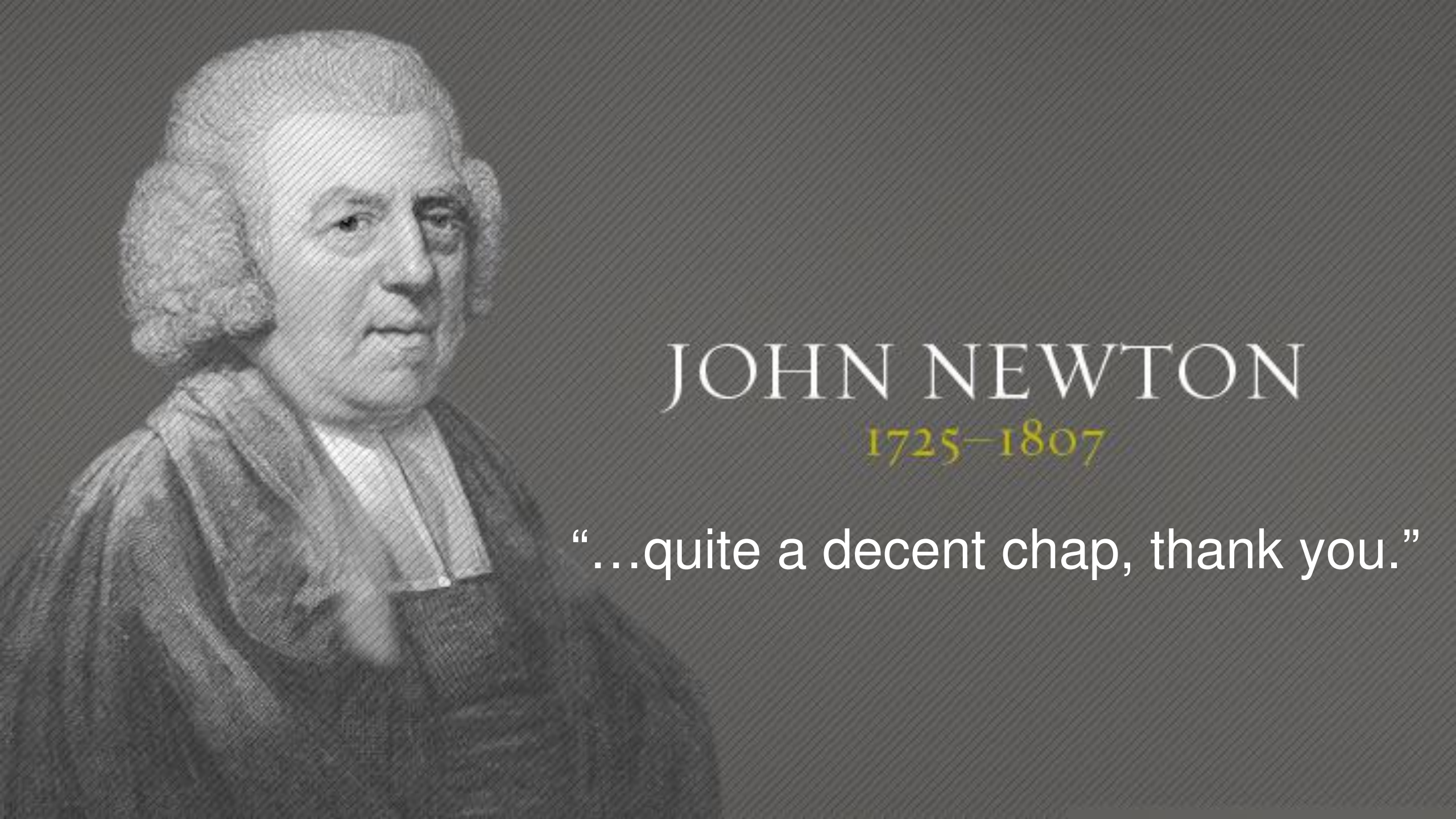
JOHN NEWTON

1725–1807



“…quite a decent chap, thank you.”

“I once was lost but now I am found, was blind but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.”

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

2 Cor. 4:6

Will we ever be *rich in spirit*?

Yes and No

We were created to live dependent on the Father’s love.

“…and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

Eph. 3:19

Every time we are *poor in spirit* Jesus says to us: Yours is the Kingdom! All of it!

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