



Prayer

Introduction

How do you define prayer?

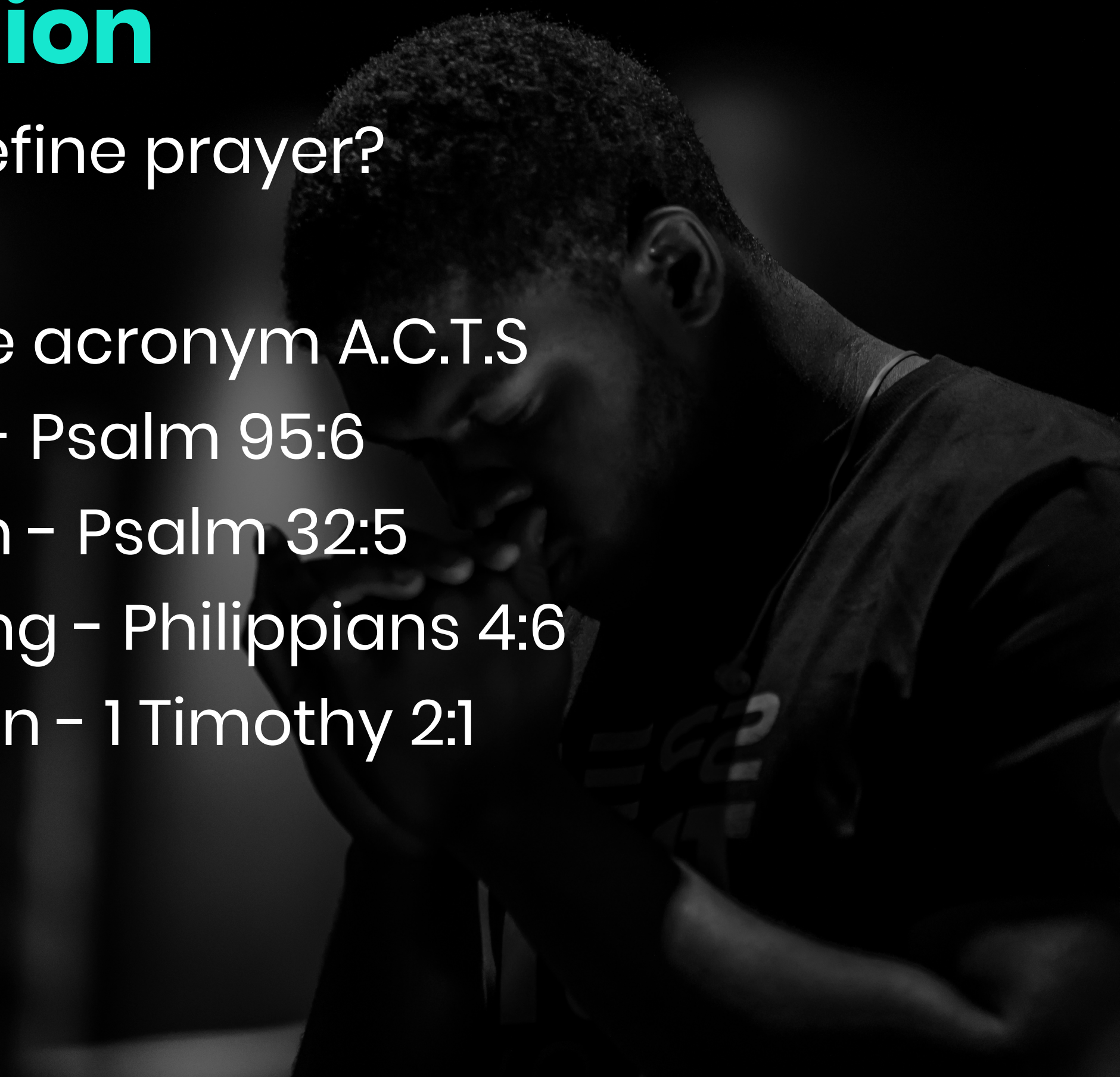
Remember the acronym A.C.T.S

A = Adoration – Psalm 95:6

C = Confession – Psalm 32:5

T = Thanksgiving – Philippians 4:6

S = Supplication – 1 Timothy 2:1



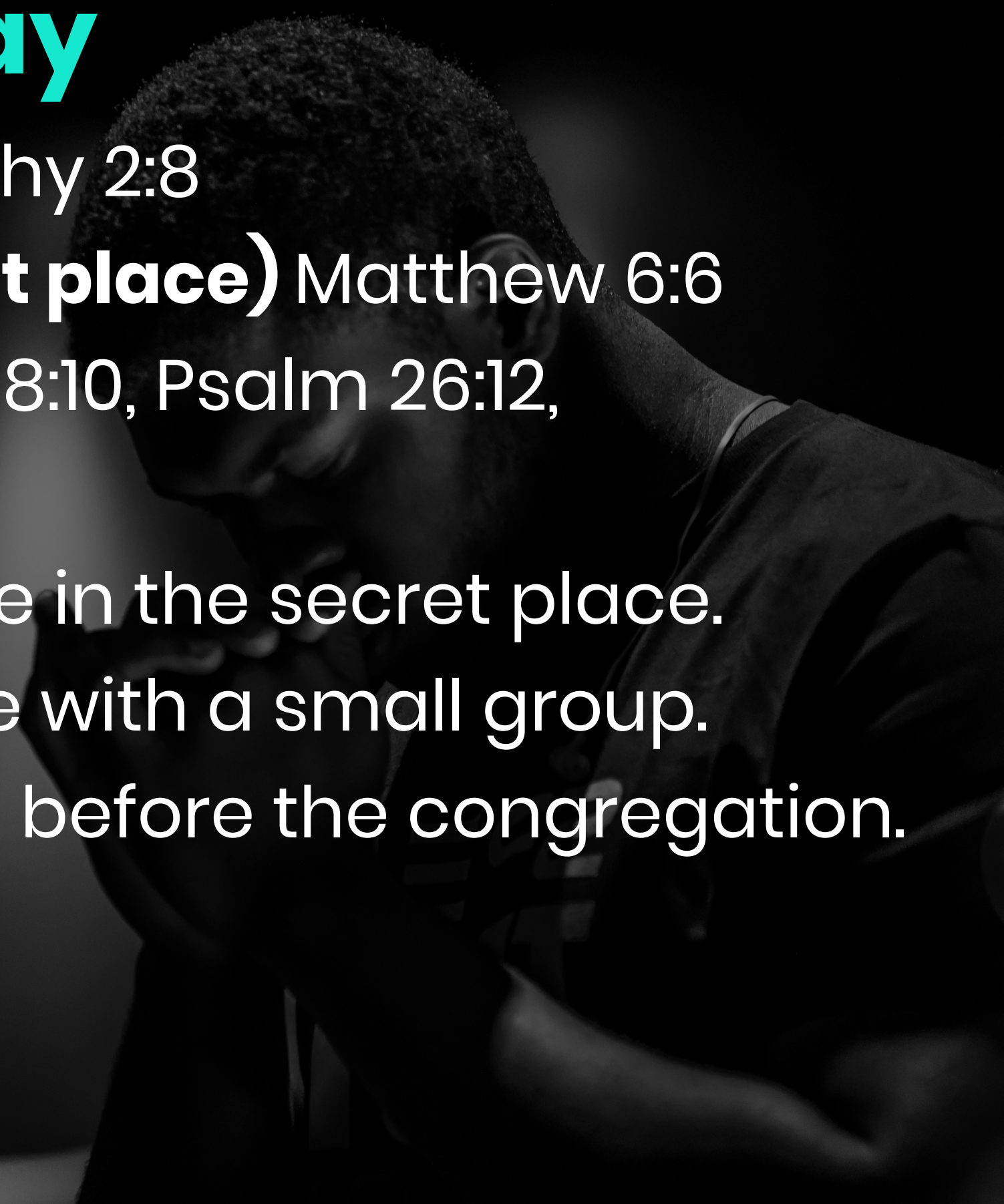
1. Where to pray

- **Everywhere** 1 Timothy 2:8
- **In the closet (secret place)** Matthew 6:6
- **In the temple** Luke 18:10, Psalm 26:12,

Private prayer is made in the secret place.

Family prayer is made with a small group.

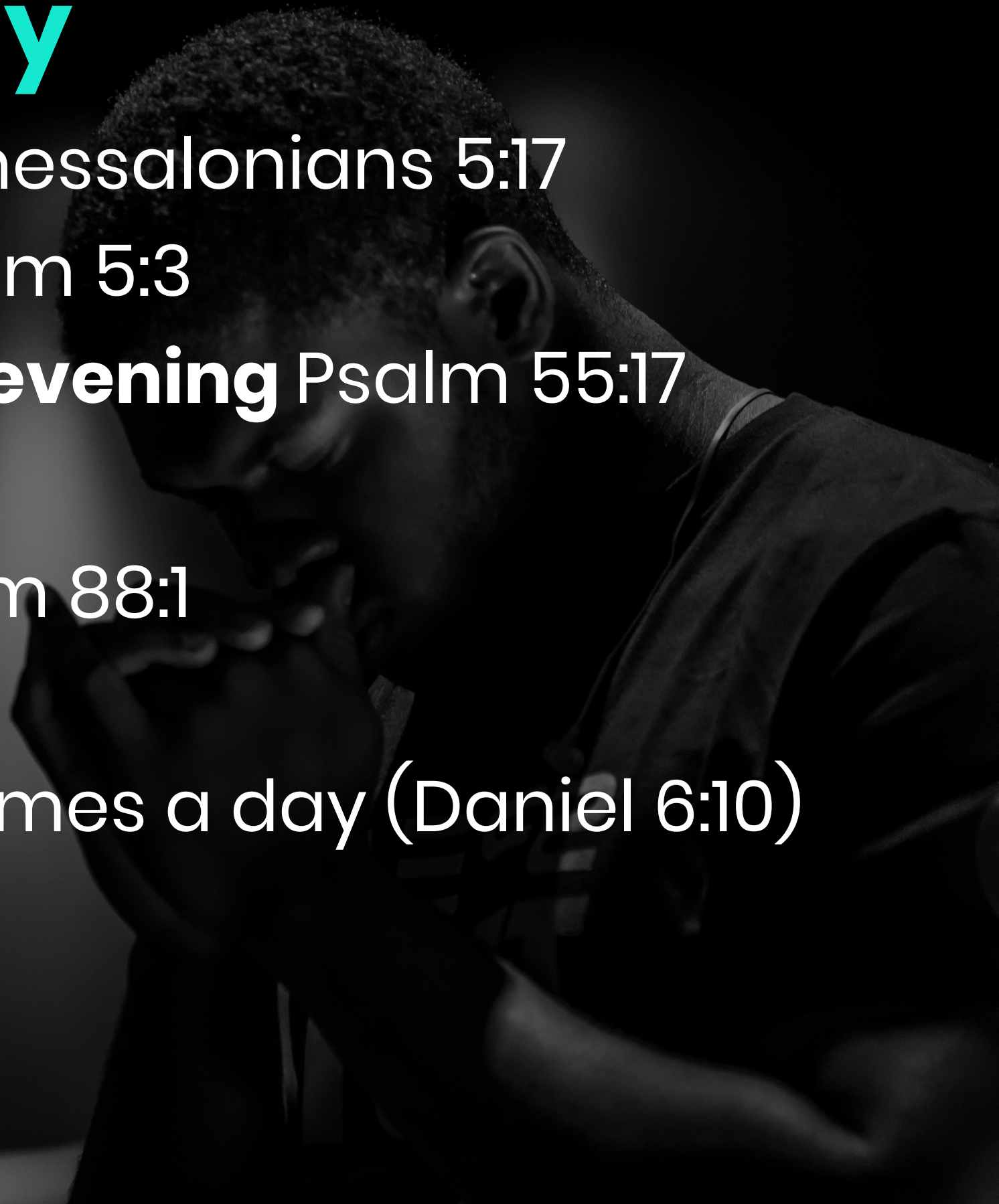
Public prayer is made before the congregation.



2. When to pray

- **Always** Luke 18:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- **In the morning** Psalm 5:3
- **At noon and in the evening** Psalm 55:17
- **Daily** Psalm 86:3
- **Day and night** Psalm 88:1

Daniel prayed three times a day (Daniel 6:10)

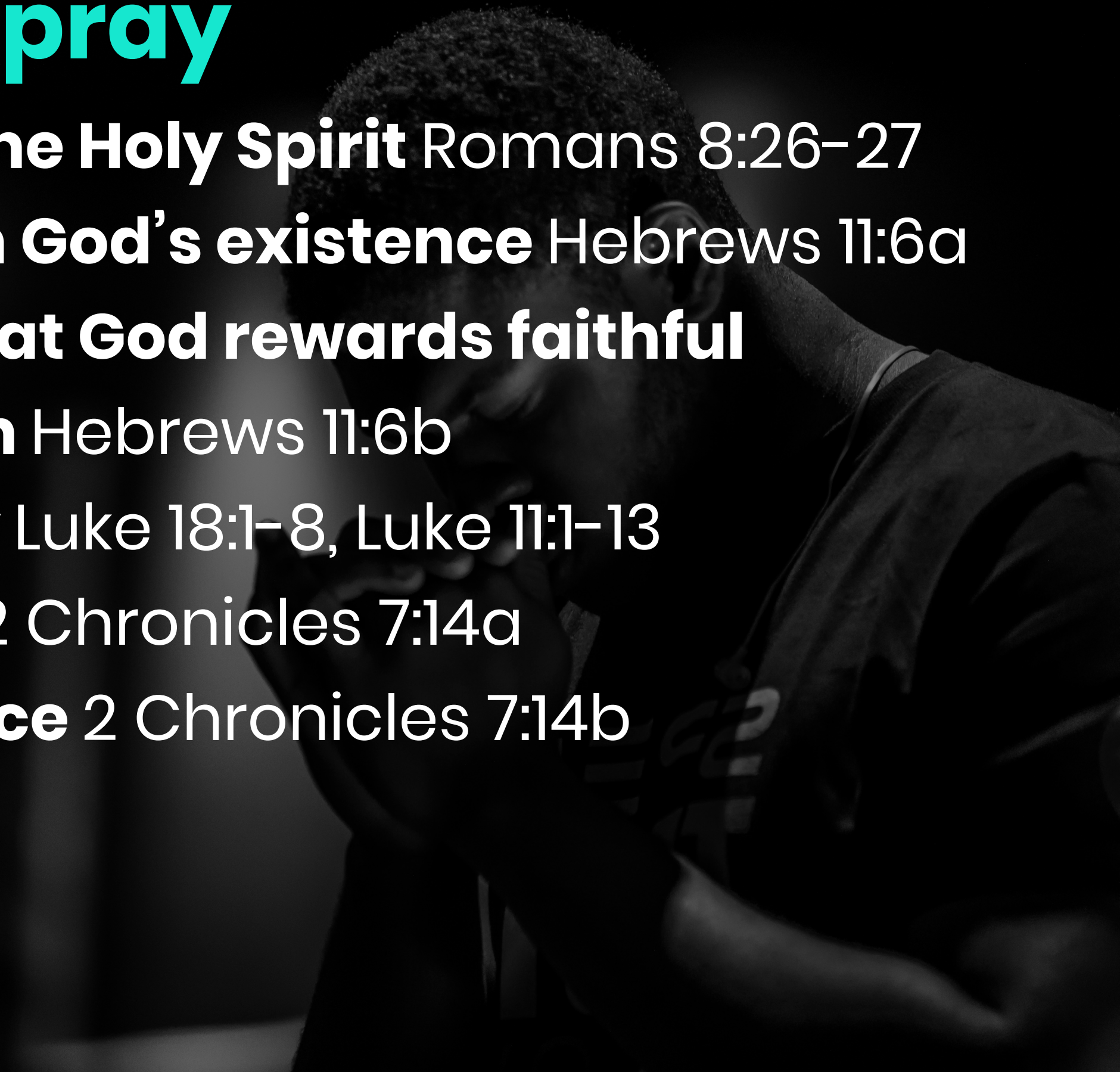


3. Subjects for prayer

- **The Lord's prayer** Matthew 6:9–13
- **Healing** James 5:13–16
- **For all people** 1 Timothy 2:1–4
- **For a longer life** Isaiah 38:15
- **For safety** Daniel 6:18–23
- **For wisdom and understanding** 1 Kings 3:5–9
- **For material needs** Matthew 6:25–34
- **For a prosperous journey** Romans 1:10
- **Perfection in Christ Jesus** Colossians 1:28
- **For your enemies** Matthew 5:38–48
- **For the church** 1 Timothy 5:17

4. How to pray

- **Guided by the Holy Spirit** Romans 8:26–27
- **With faith in God's existence** Hebrews 11:6a
- **Believing that God rewards faithful intercession** Hebrews 11:6b
- **Persistently** Luke 18:1–8, Luke 11:1–13
- **In humility** 2 Chronicles 7:14a
- **In repentance** 2 Chronicles 7:14b



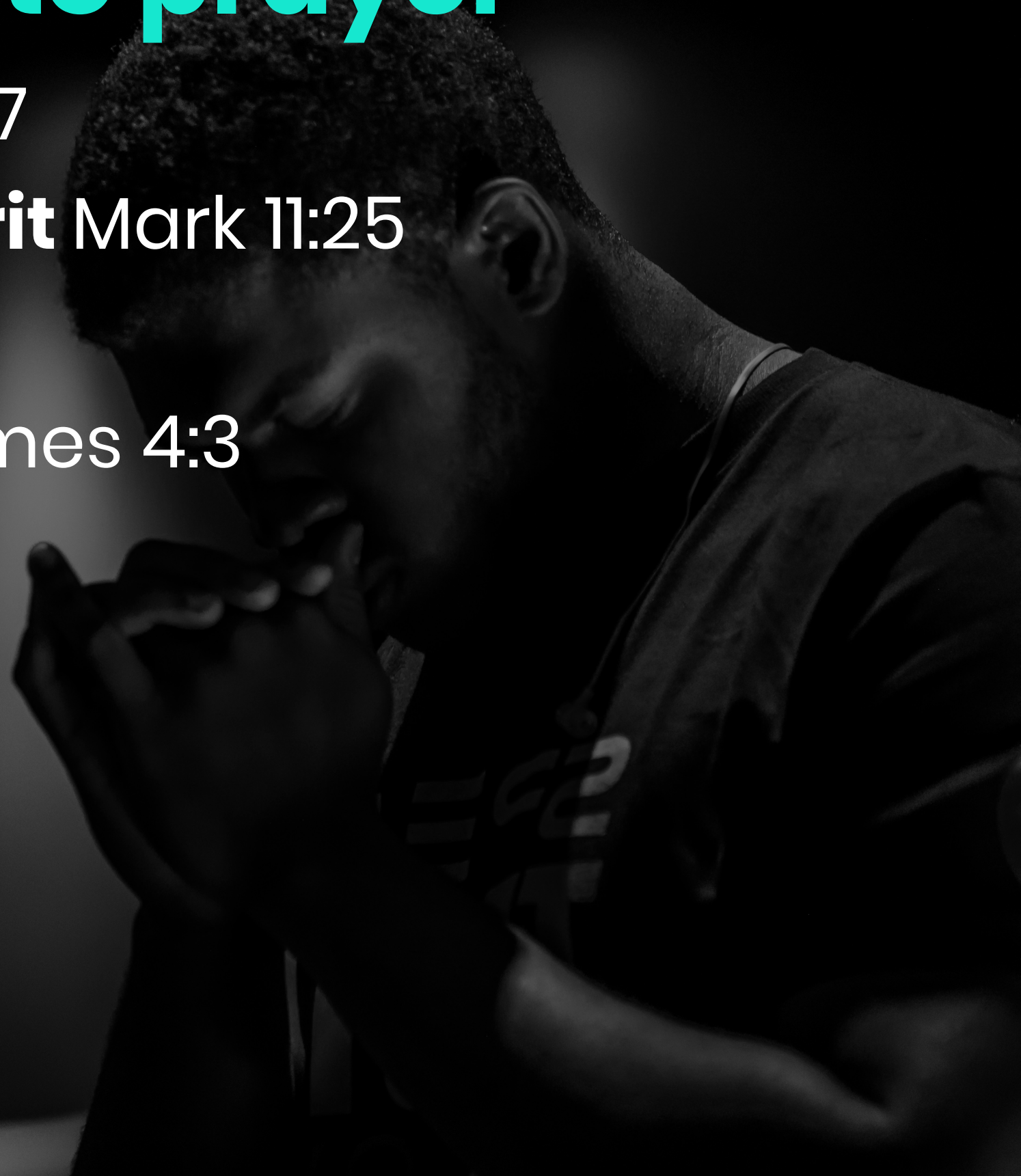
5. Conditions of prayer

We must:

- **Pray in the will of God** Romans 8:27, Matt 26:39
- **Forgive others before God will hear and answer our prayers** Mark 11:25
- **Pray in faith believing** Mark 11:24, James 1:6–7
- **Keep His commandments** 1 John 3:22
- **Abide in Christ** John 15:7
- **Pray in the Holy Ghost** Jude 20
- **Pray in Jesus' name** John 16:24

6. Hindrances to prayer

- **Unbelief** James 1:6–7
- **An unforgiving spirit** Mark 11:25
- **Iniquity** Psalm 66:18
- **Wrong motives** James 4:3



7. Some prayer promises

- Mark 11:24
- John 15:7
- I John 5:1-15
- Ephesians 3:12-20
- Philippians 4:19; 4:6
- Matthew 7:7-8
- Luke 11:9-13
- Hebrews 4:16



Conclusion

- **God gives one of three answers to prayer:**
(1) Yes, (2) No, (3) Wait.
- **Isaiah 65:24** *"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."*
- The one **prayer of a sinner** that God promises to hear is, Luke 18:13 *"God be merciful to me a sinner."* See also II Pet. 3 :9.
- Be sure to **thank God constantly** for answered prayer.

Review questions

- Define prayer.
- What 4 things should prayer include?
- List 3 places where prayer ought to be made.
- Give 2 illustrations to prove that it is possible to obey Luke 18:1.
- List 15 things for which we should pray.
- What 3 things do we learn about prayer from Rom. 8:26–27?
- Name one absolute essential before prayer becomes effective.
- List 7 conditions of prayer.
- Give 4 hindrances to prayer.
- Mention 4 possible answers to a single prayer.

