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# ***Pastoral Role in Confession***

***Anabaptist Disciples of Christ***

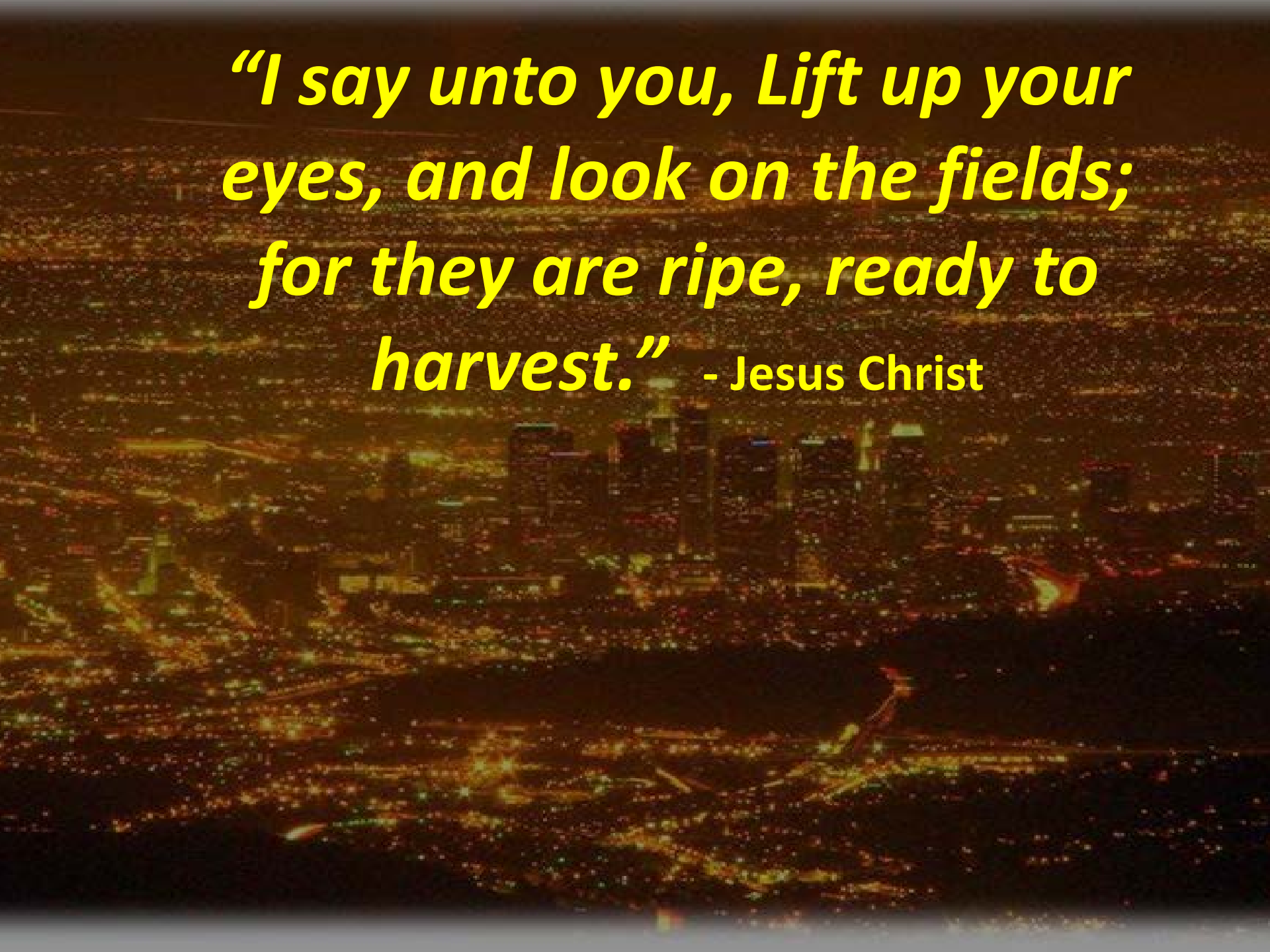
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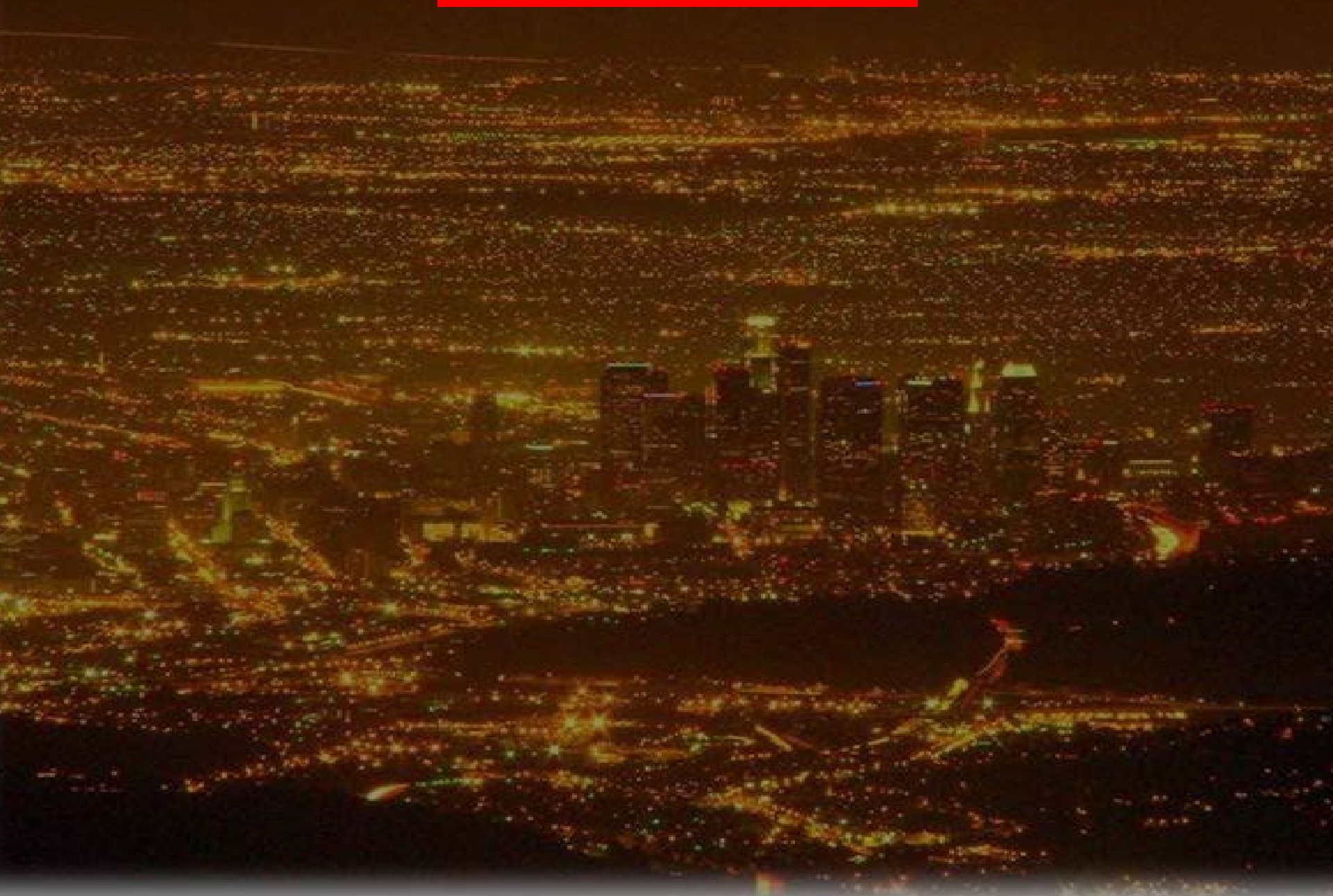
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An aerial night photograph of Los Angeles, California, showing a vast expanse of city lights. The central business district is prominent, with several tall skyscrapers illuminated. The surrounding urban area is a dense grid of lights, with some freeways visible as bright lines. The overall color palette is dominated by warm yellows and oranges, with some cooler blues and purples from the city lights.

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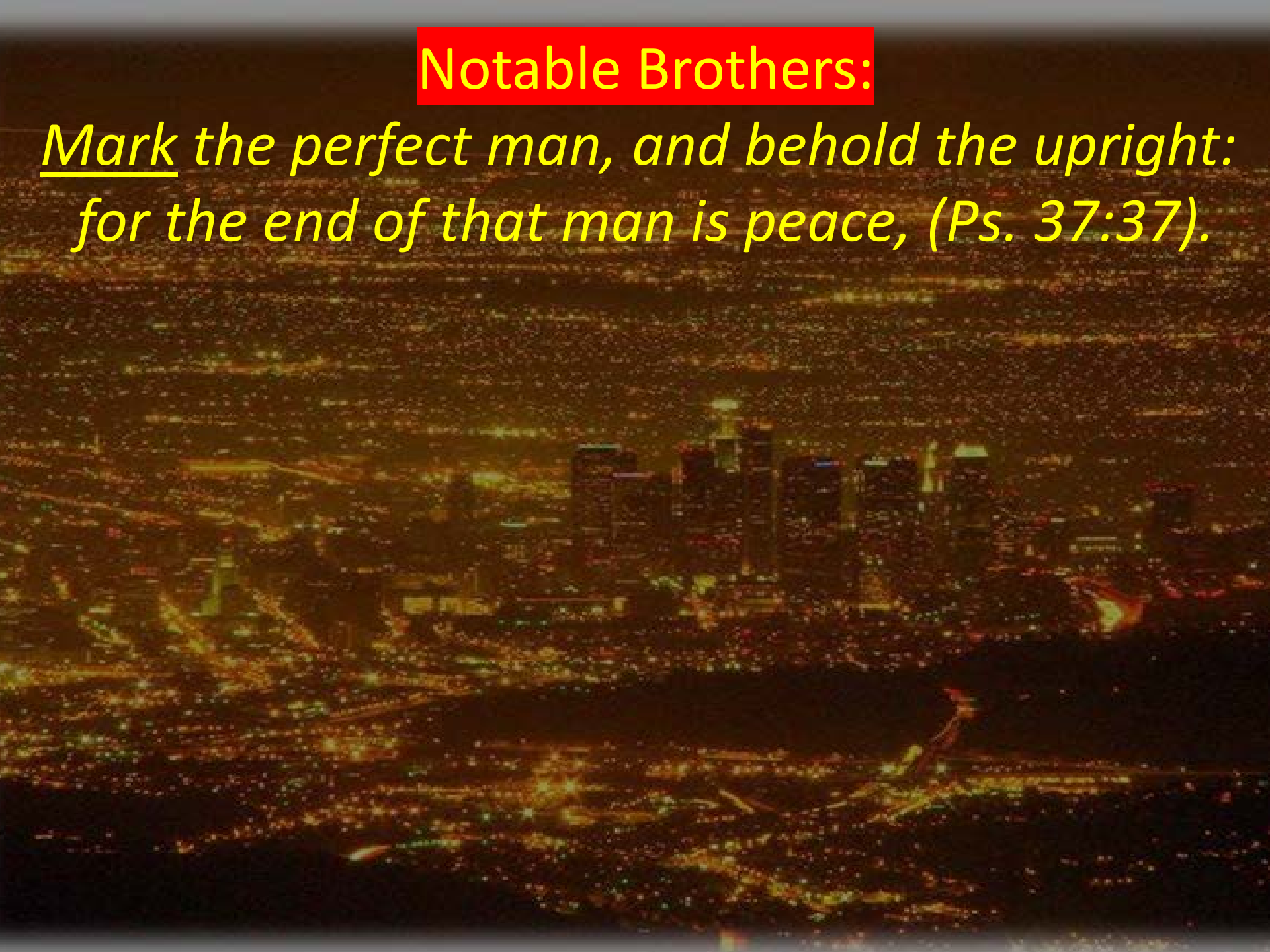
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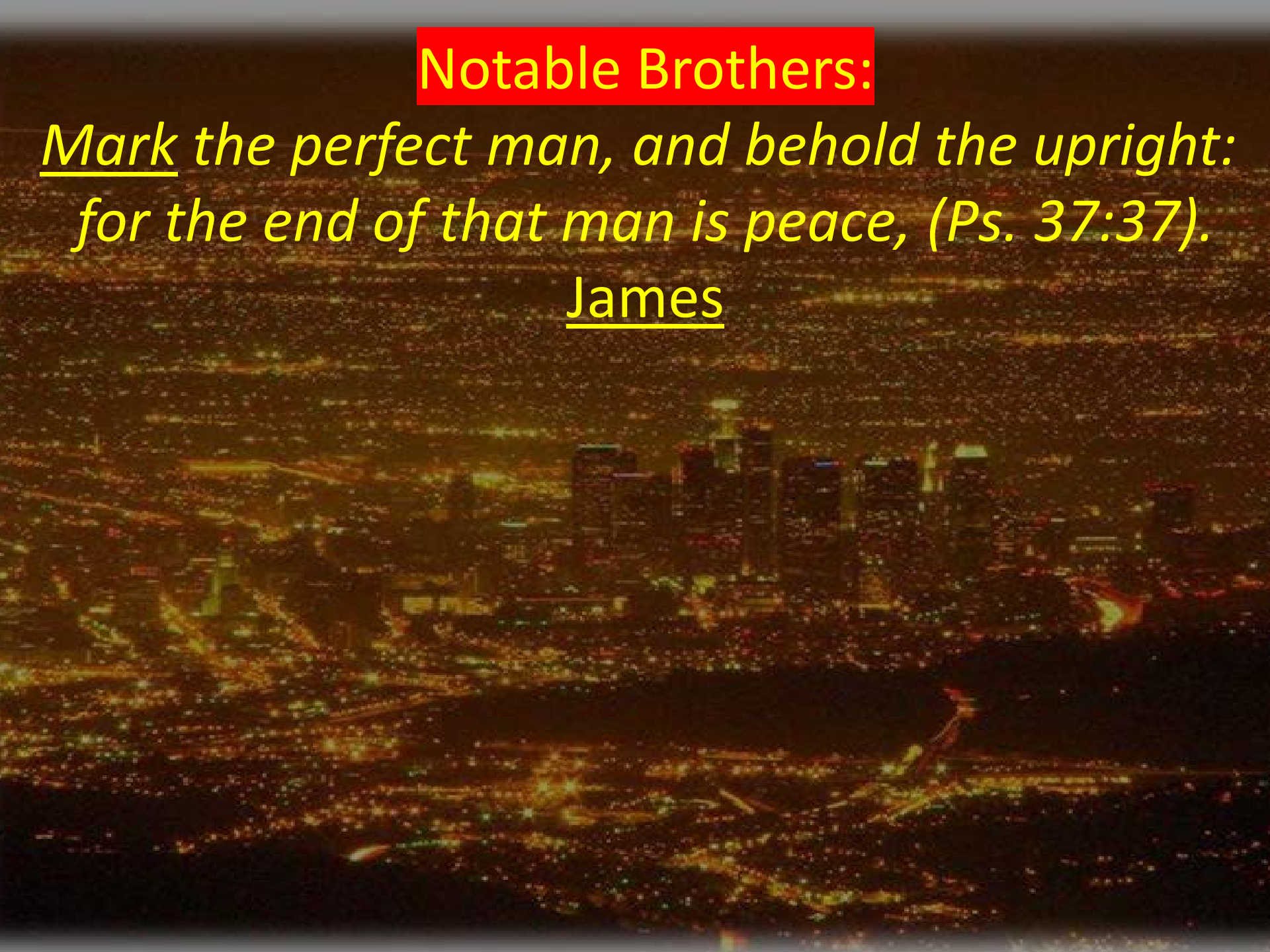
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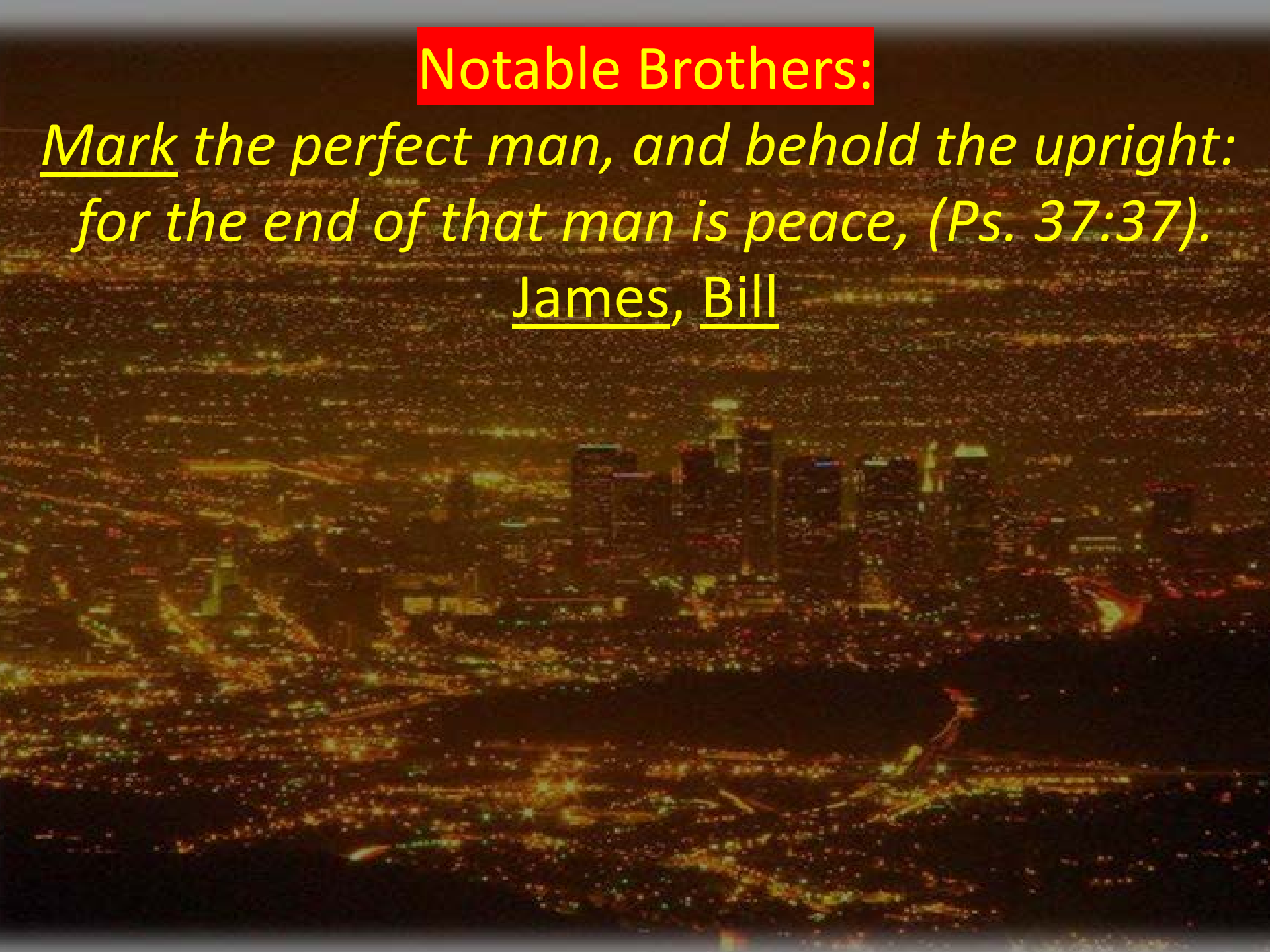
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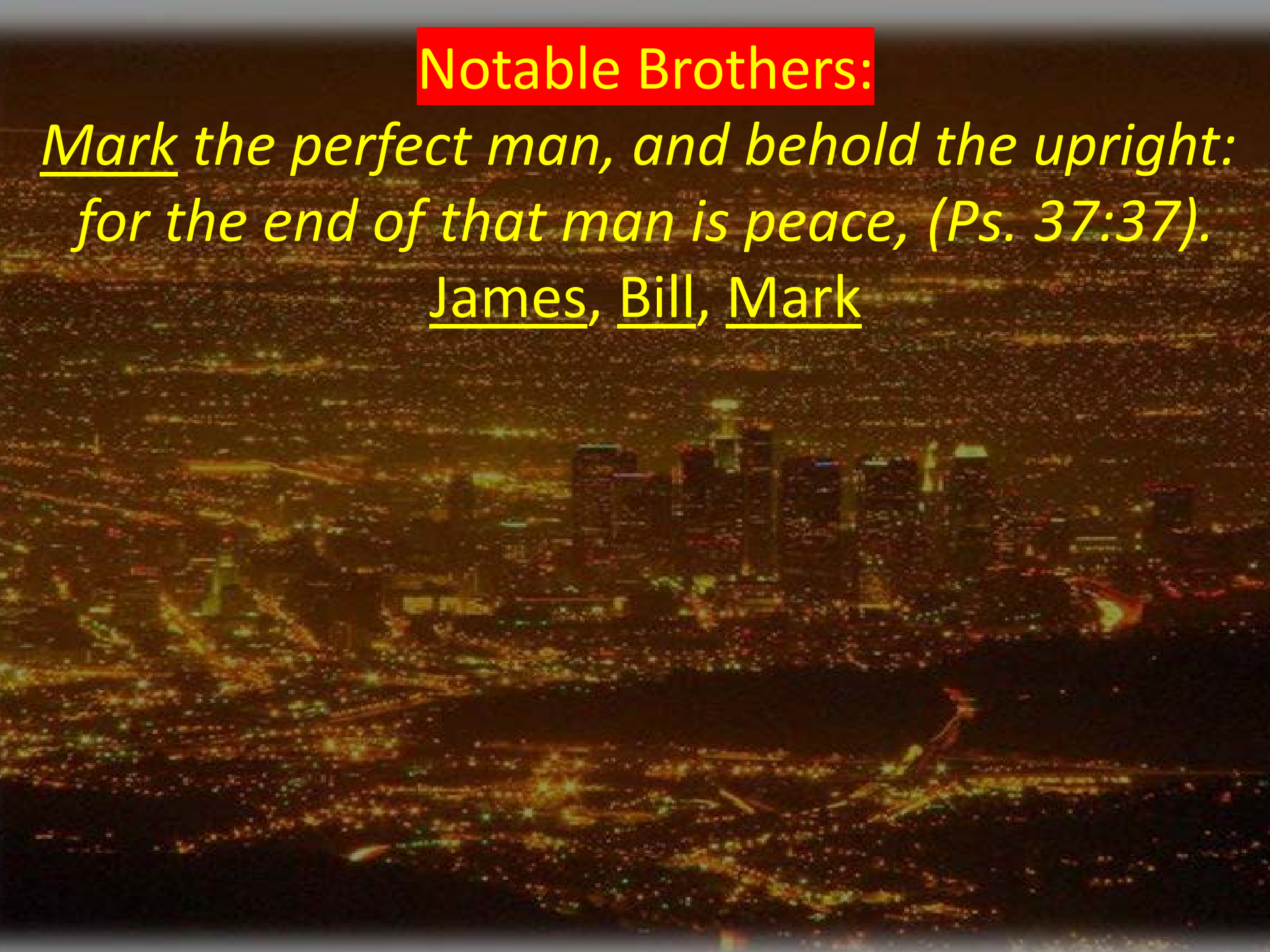
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– Bridget Eileen, BLOG, Meditations of a Traveling Nun



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We place You on the highest place,

For You are the great High Priest,

We place You high above all else...

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And we come to you and worship at

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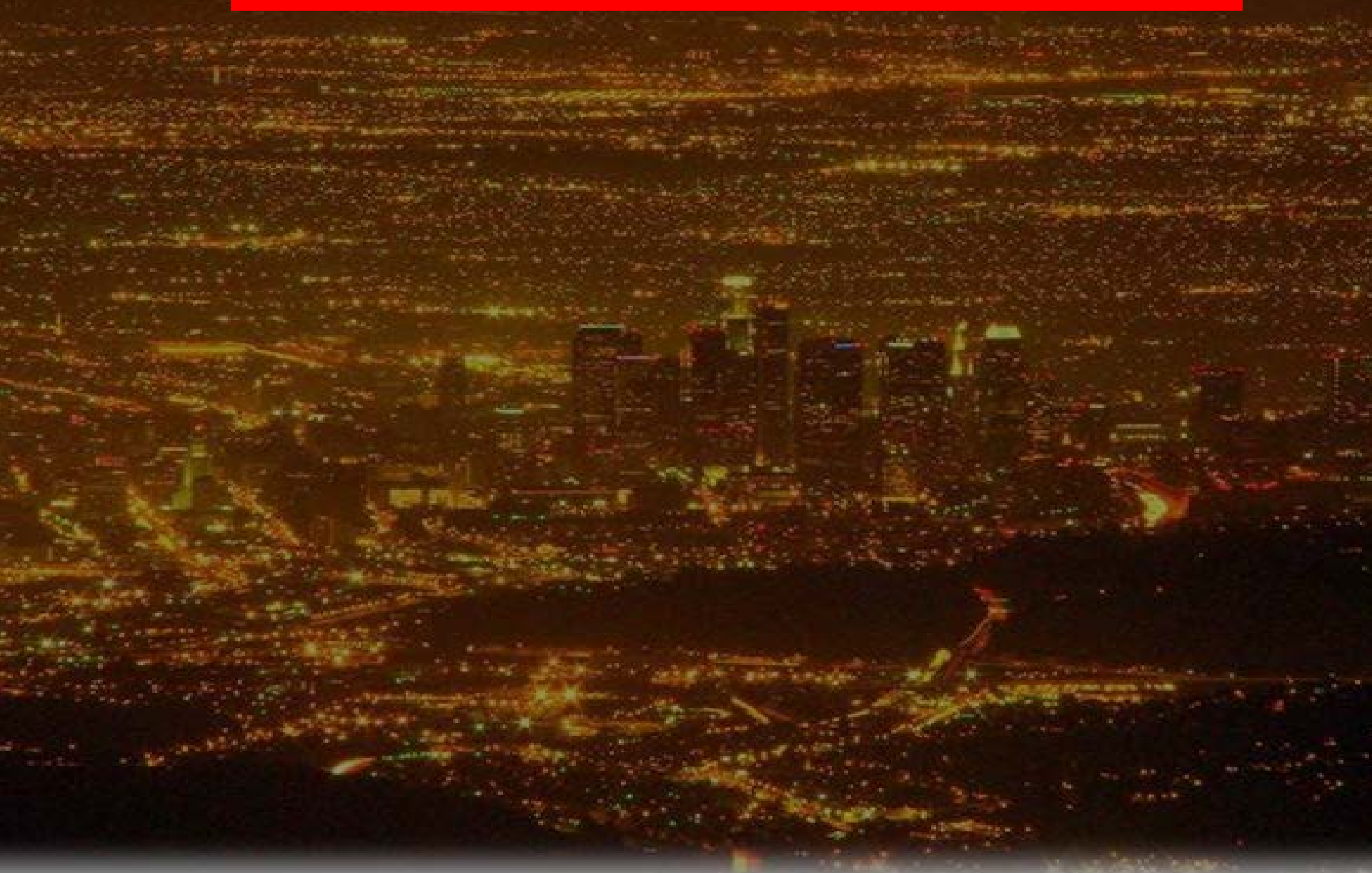
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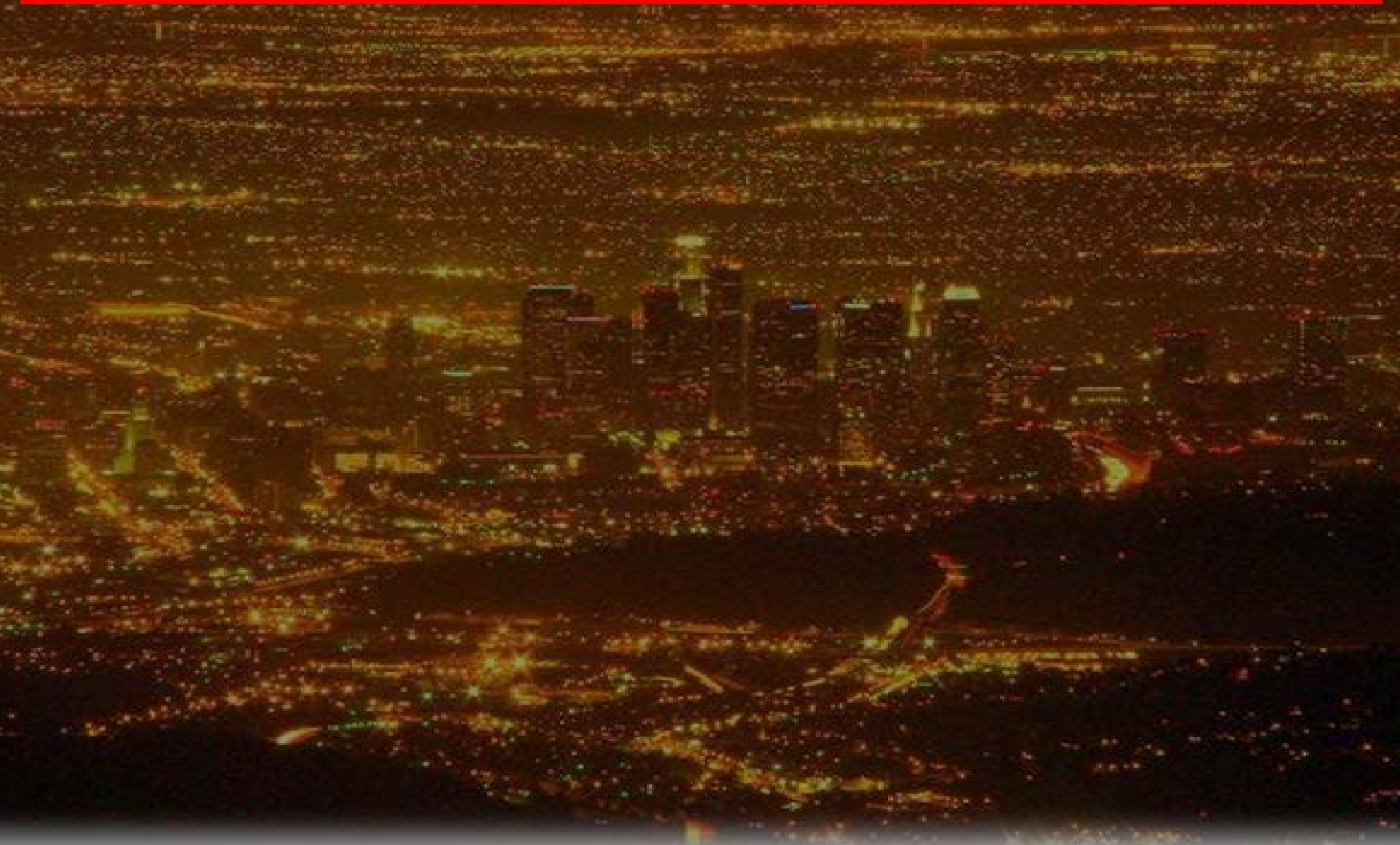
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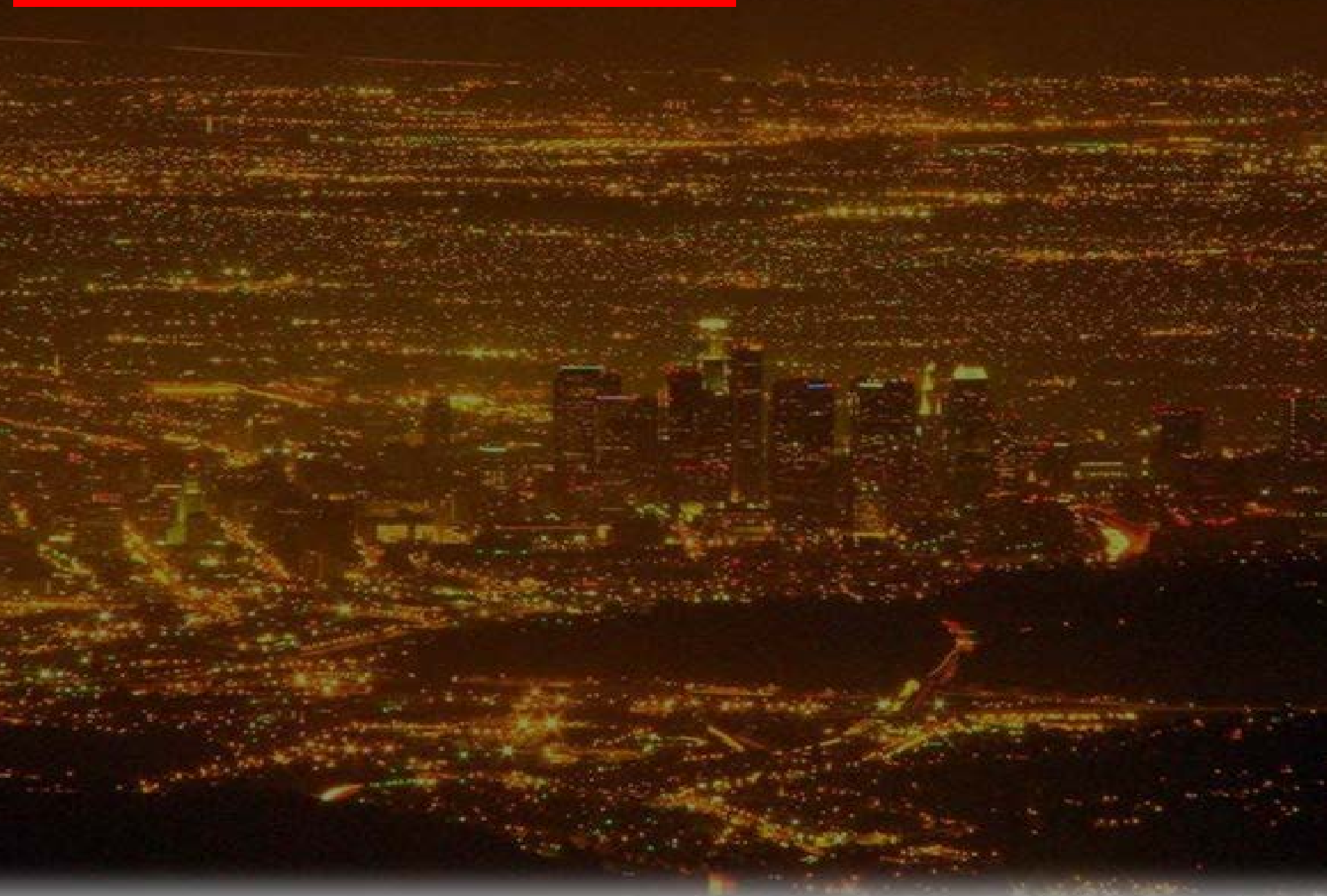
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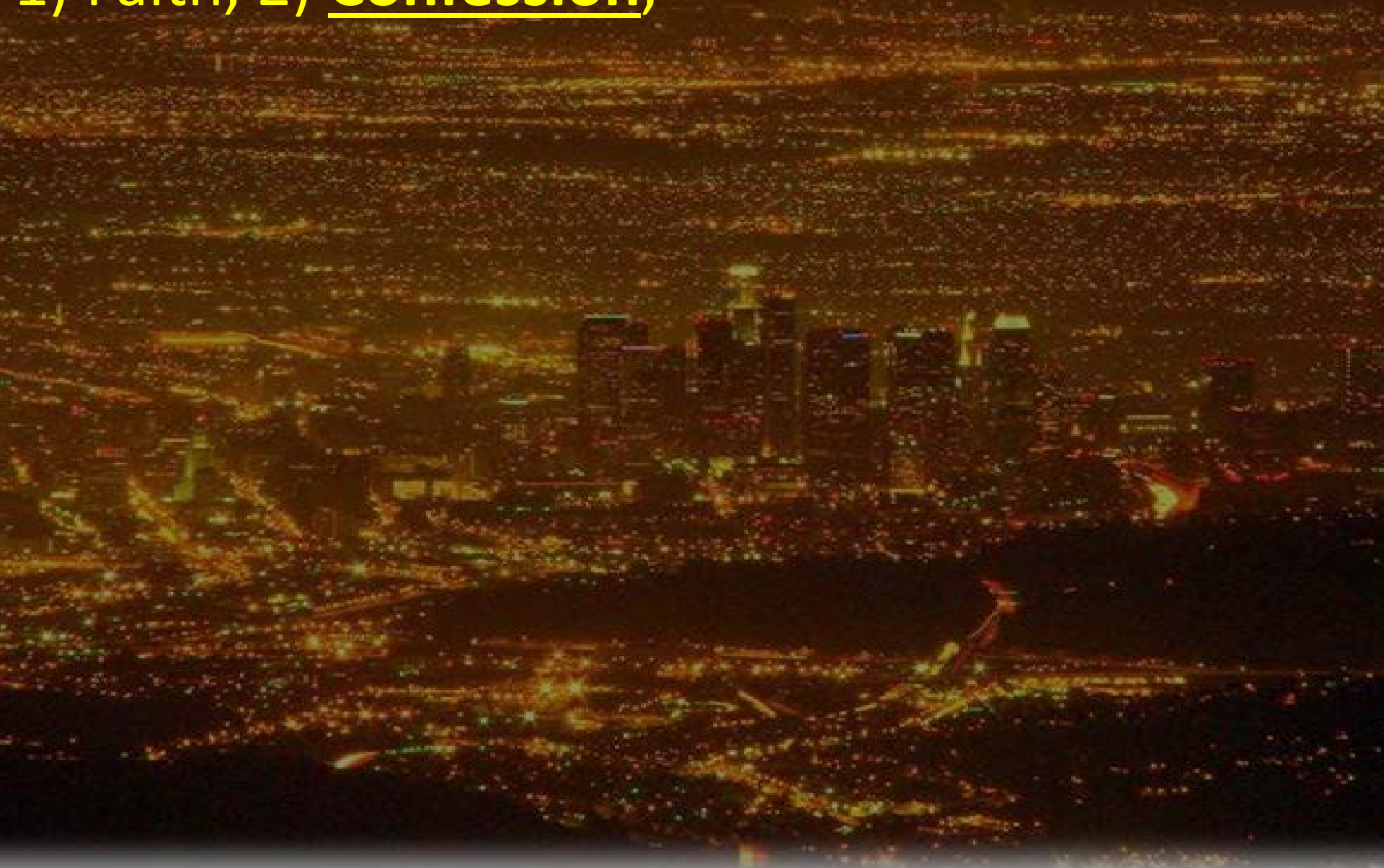
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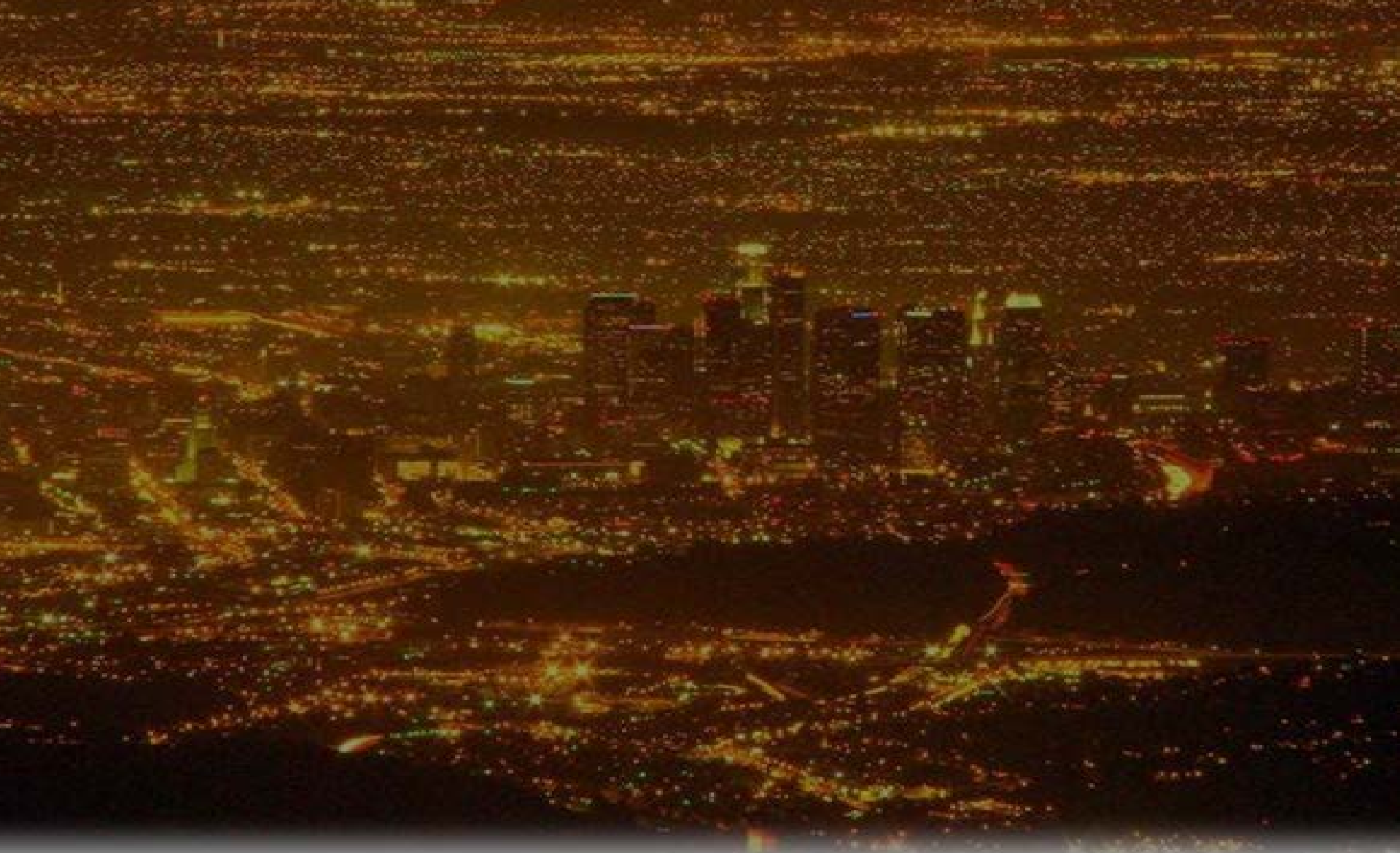
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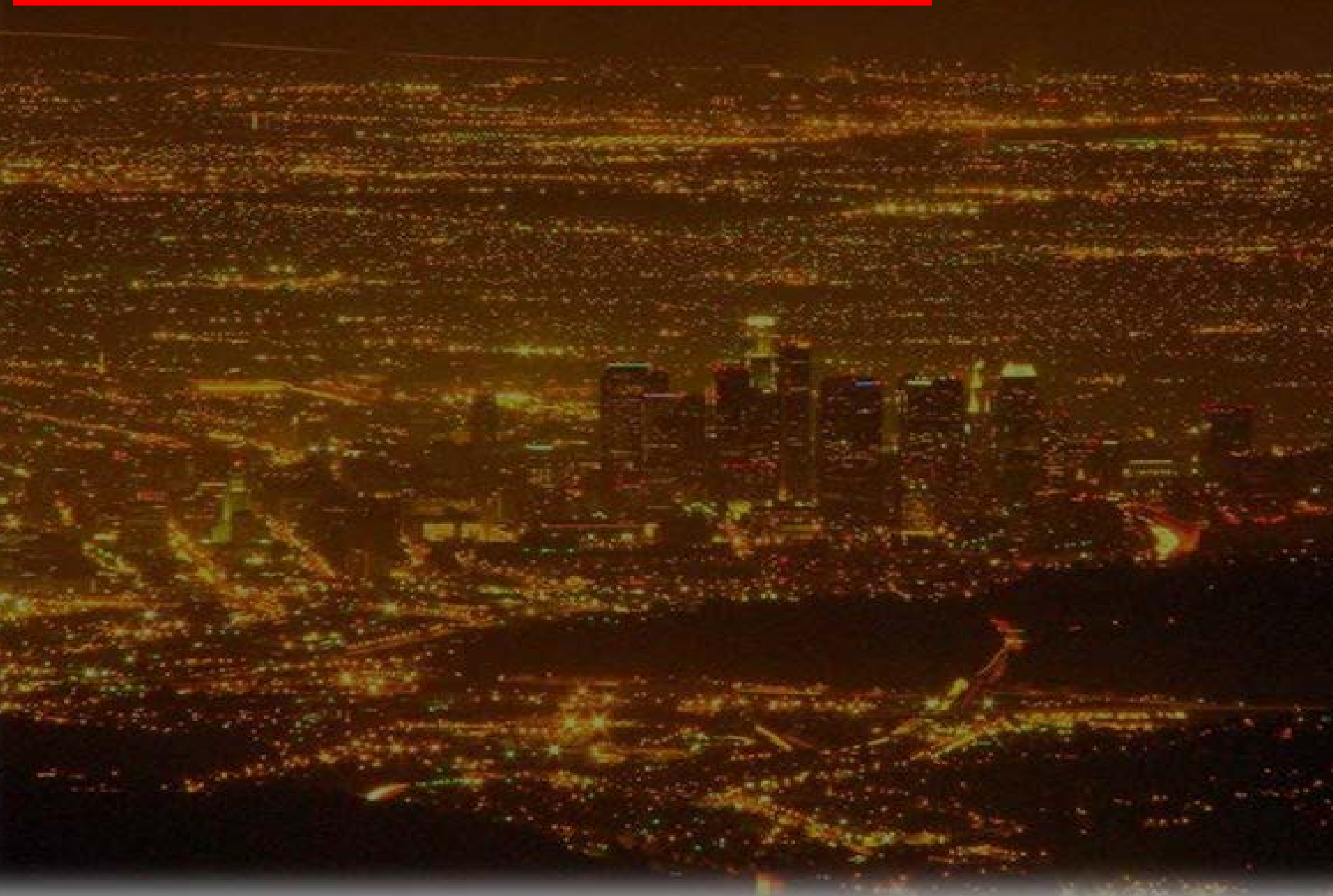
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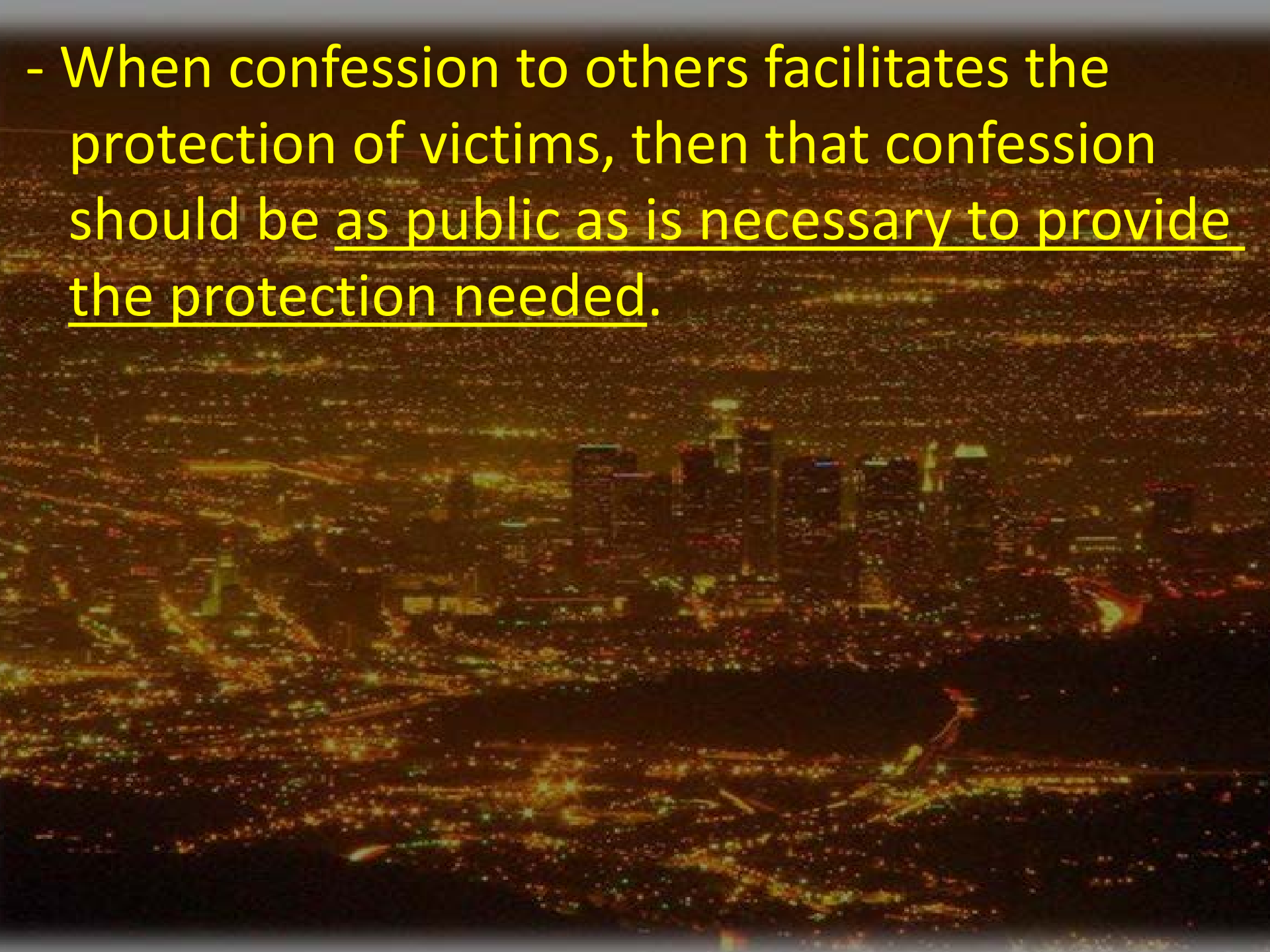
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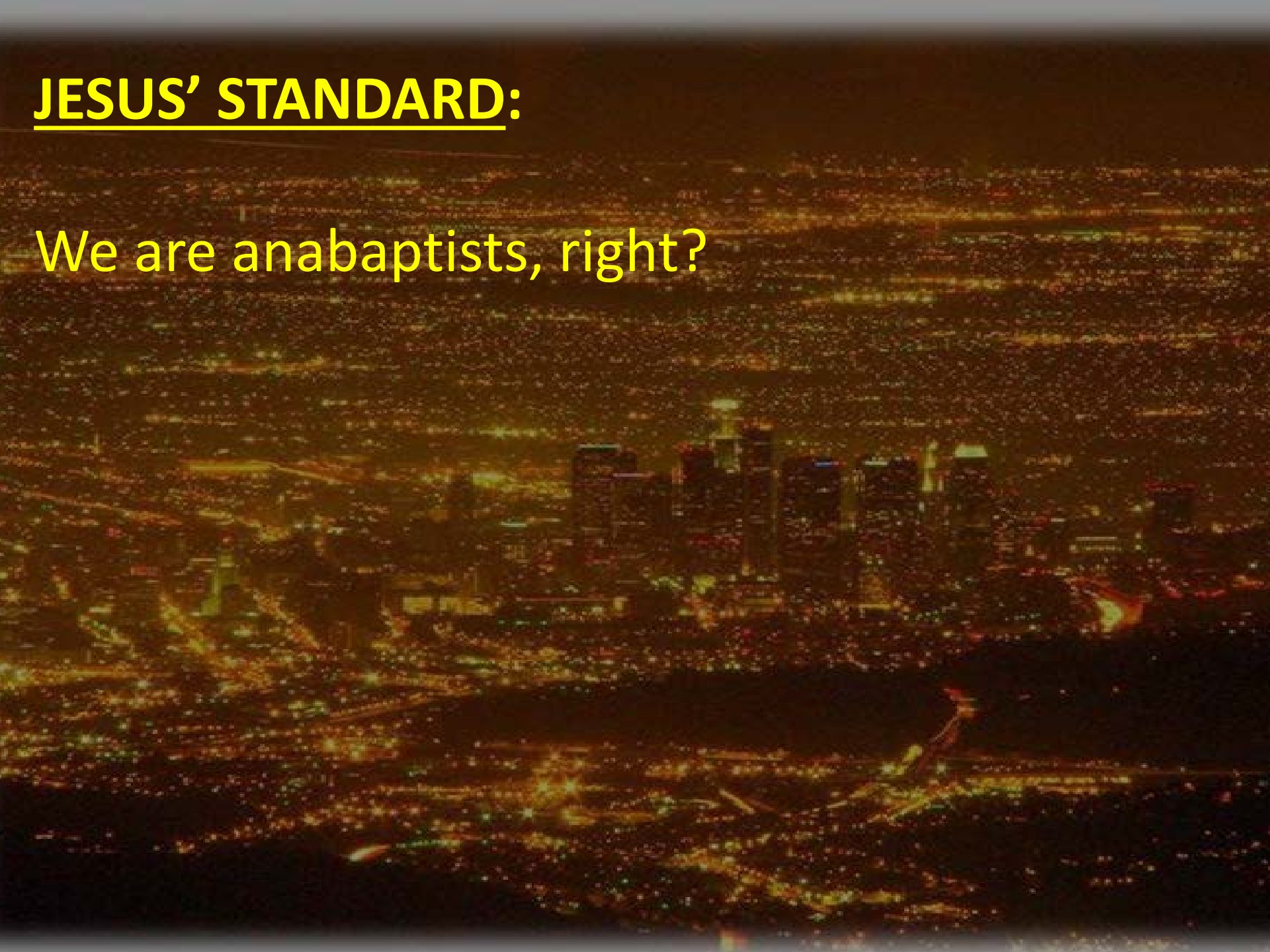
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Ok, then let's be true anabaptists and allow Jesus to actually define adultery.



## Matthew 5:27:32 - Adultery

<sup>27</sup> Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

<sup>28</sup> But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

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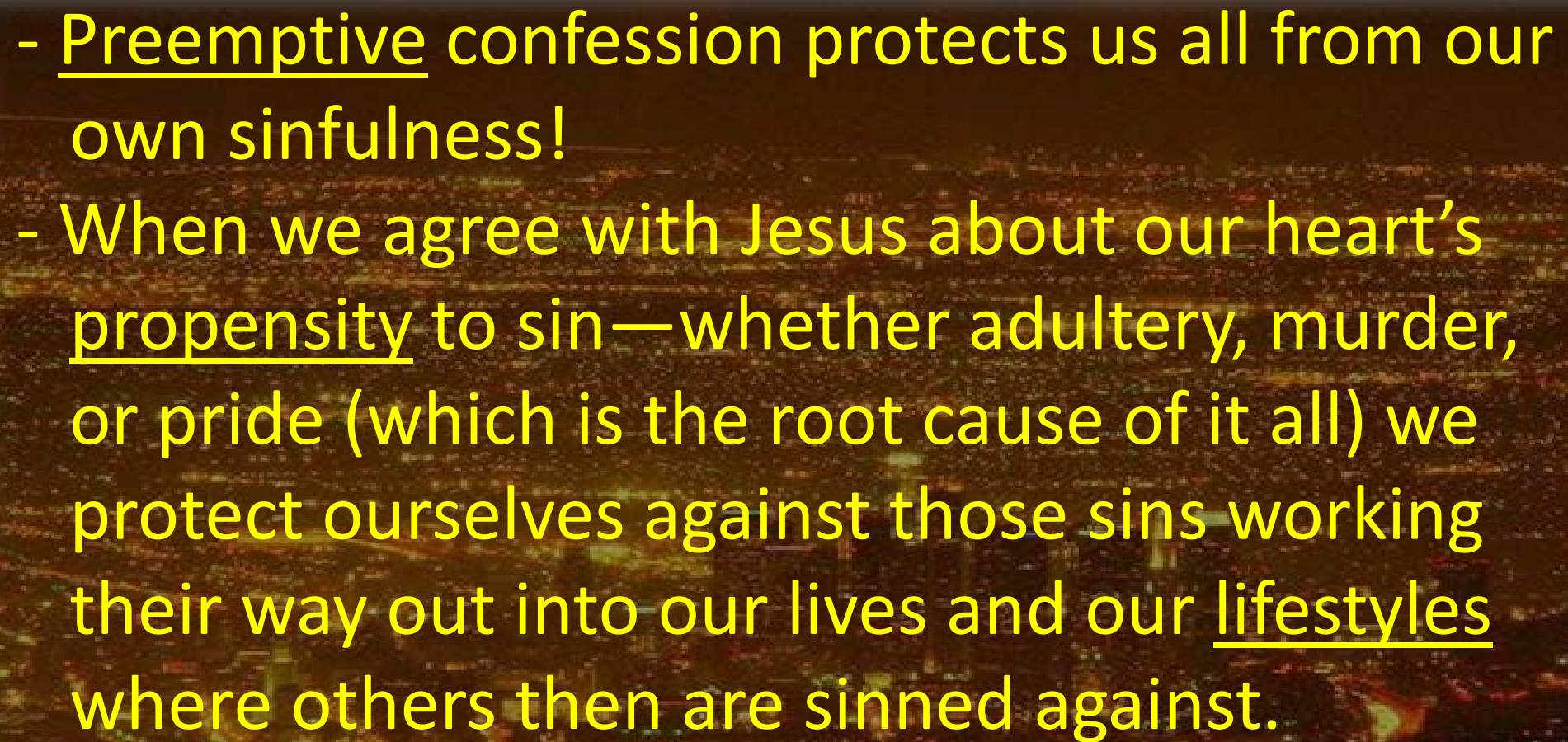
## Matthew 5:20-22 - Murder

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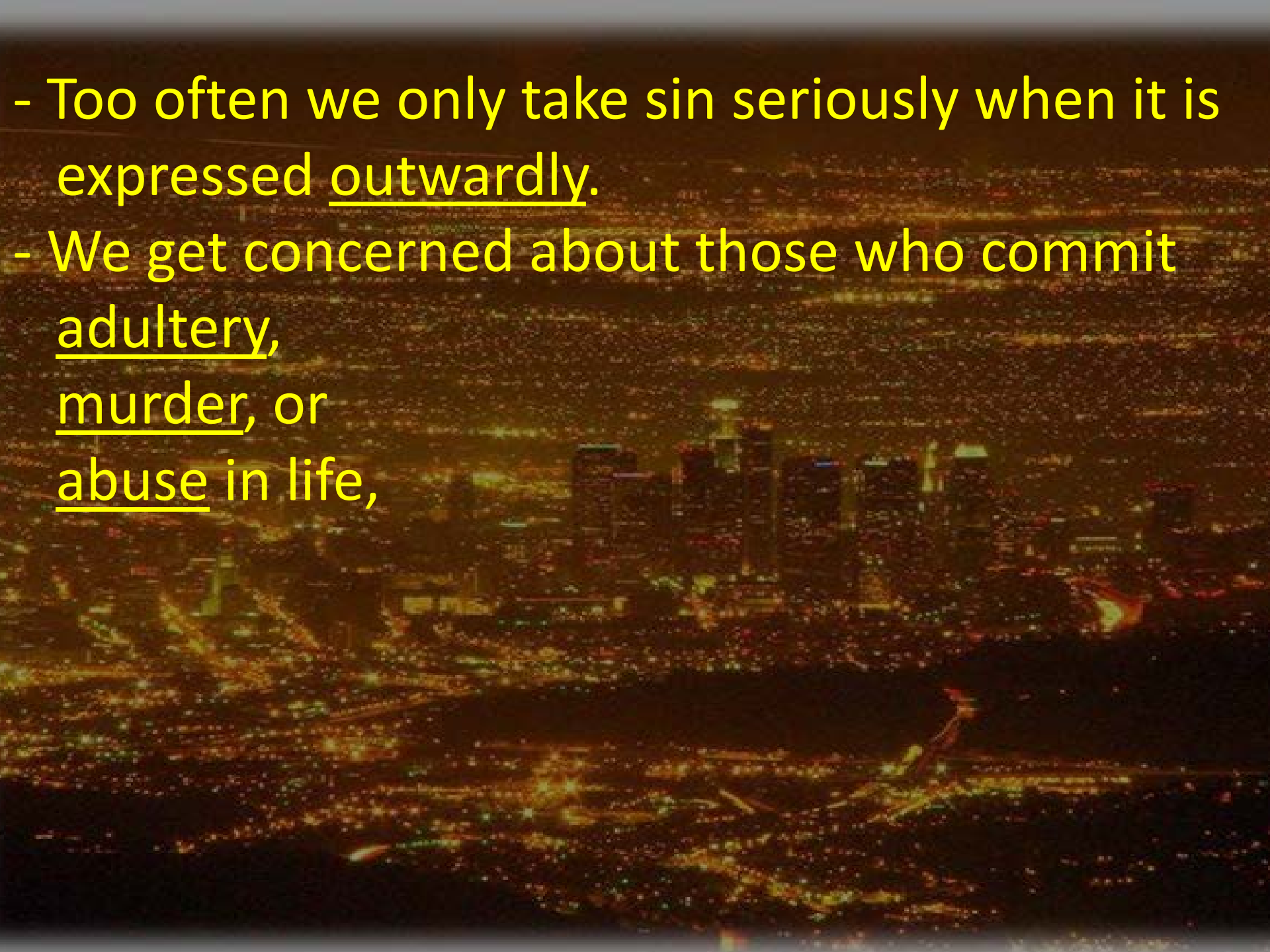


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