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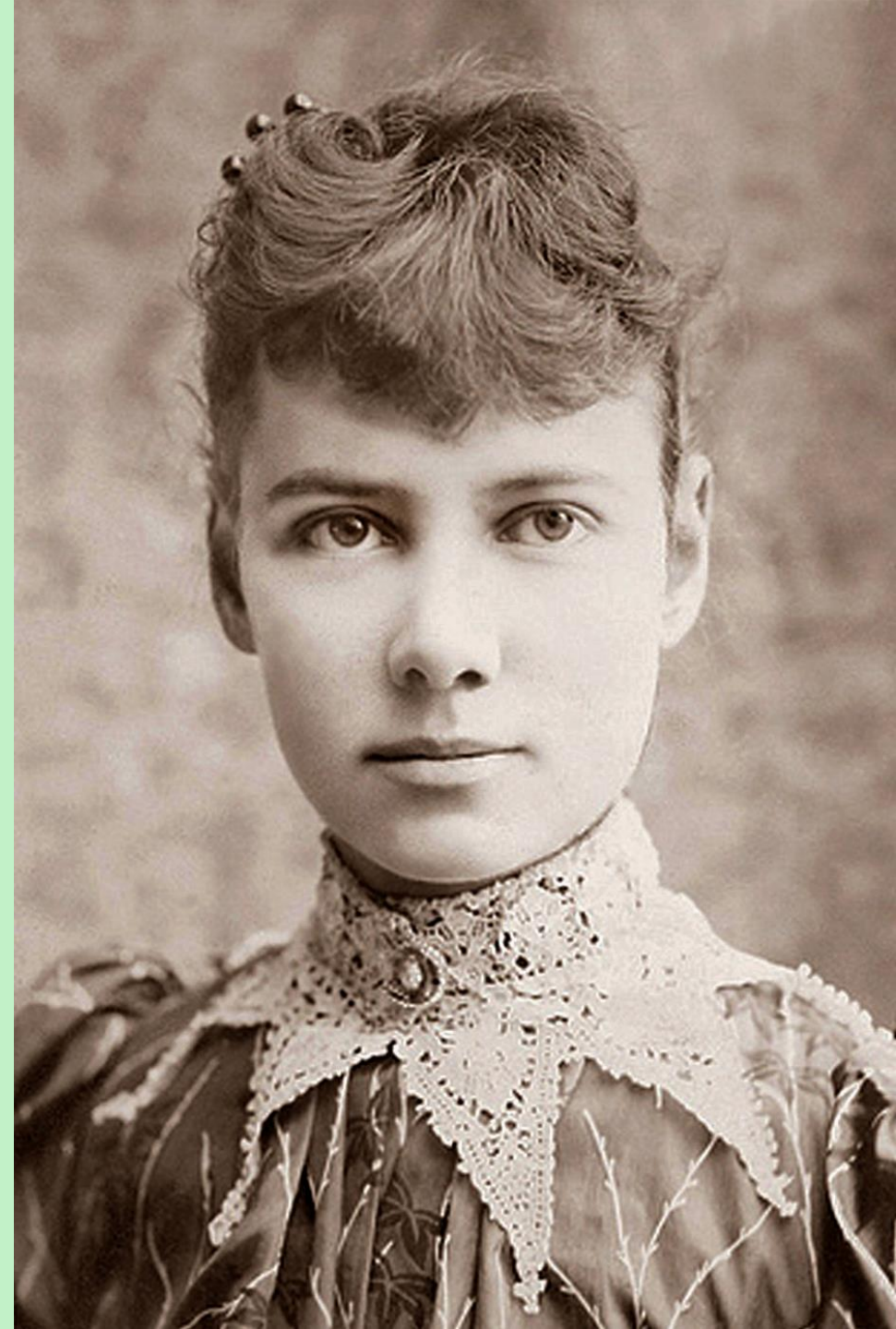






**“I left the insane ward with  
pleasure and regret—pleasure  
that I was once more able to enjoy  
the free breath of heaven; regret  
that I could not have brought with  
me some of the unfortunate  
women who lived and suffered  
with me, and who, I am convinced,  
are just as sane as I was.”**

**(From Nellie Bly’s *Ten Days in a Madhouse*,  
chapter 1)**









**“I had looked forward so eagerly to leaving the horrible place, yet when my release came and I knew that God’s sunlight was to be free for me again, there was a certain pain in leaving. For ten days I had been one of them.”**

**(From Nellie Bly’s *Ten Days in a Madhouse*, chapter 16)**







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**SUNDAY DINNER**



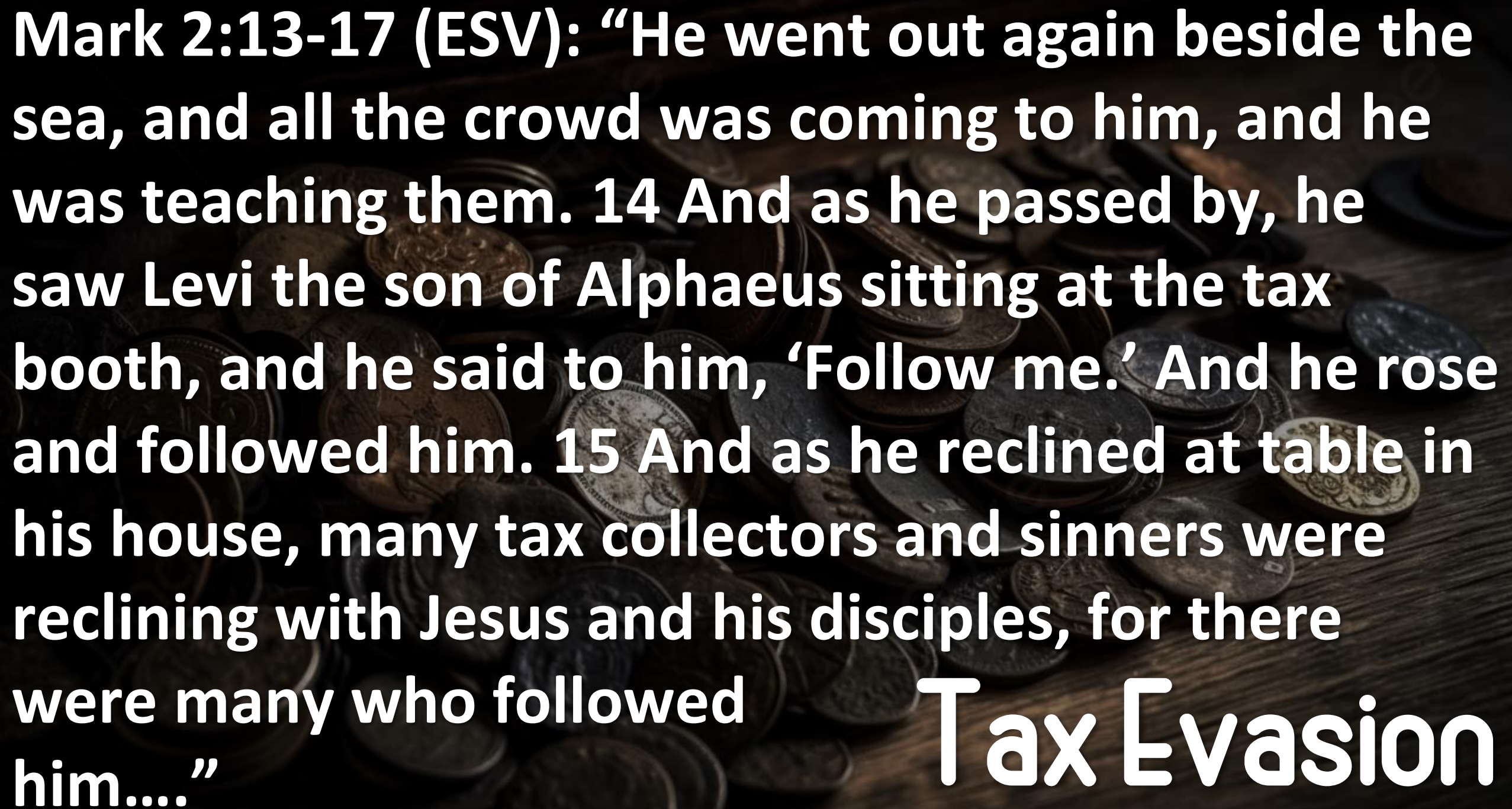


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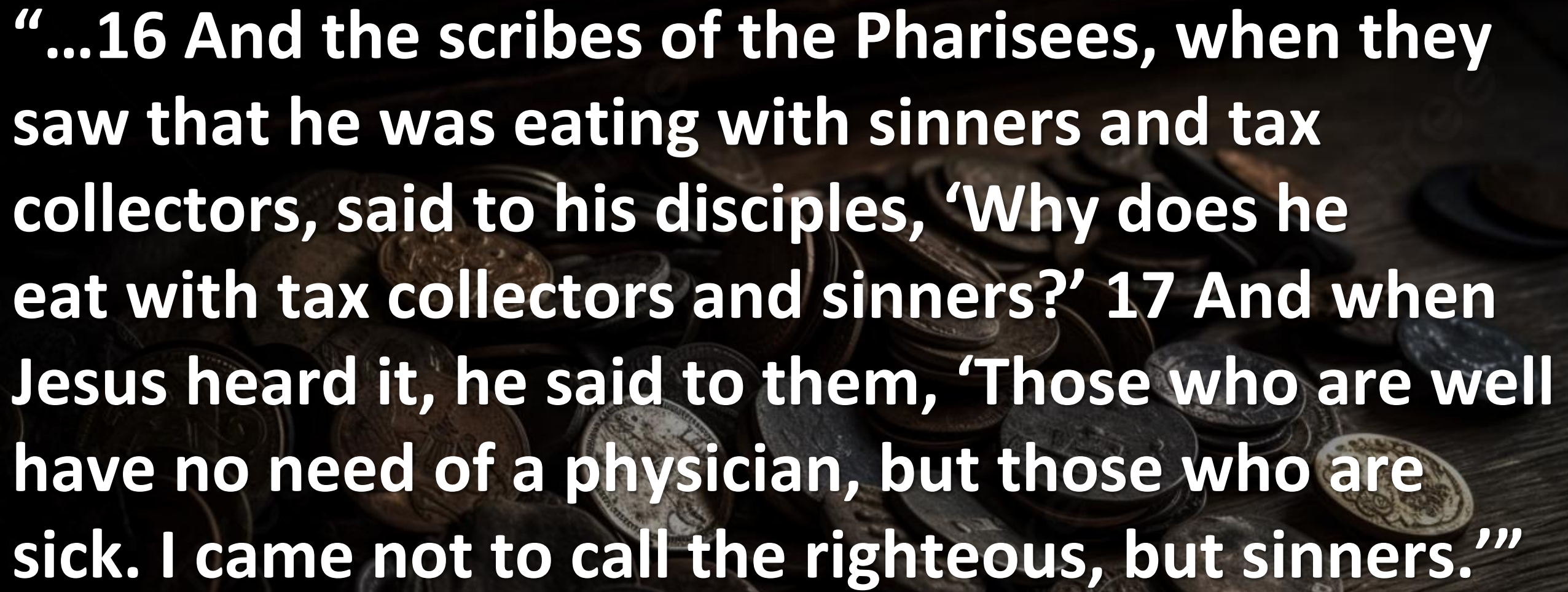
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**Mark 2:13-17 (ESV): “He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. 14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he rose and followed him. 15 And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him....”**

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**“...16 And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, ‘Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?’ 17 And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.’”**

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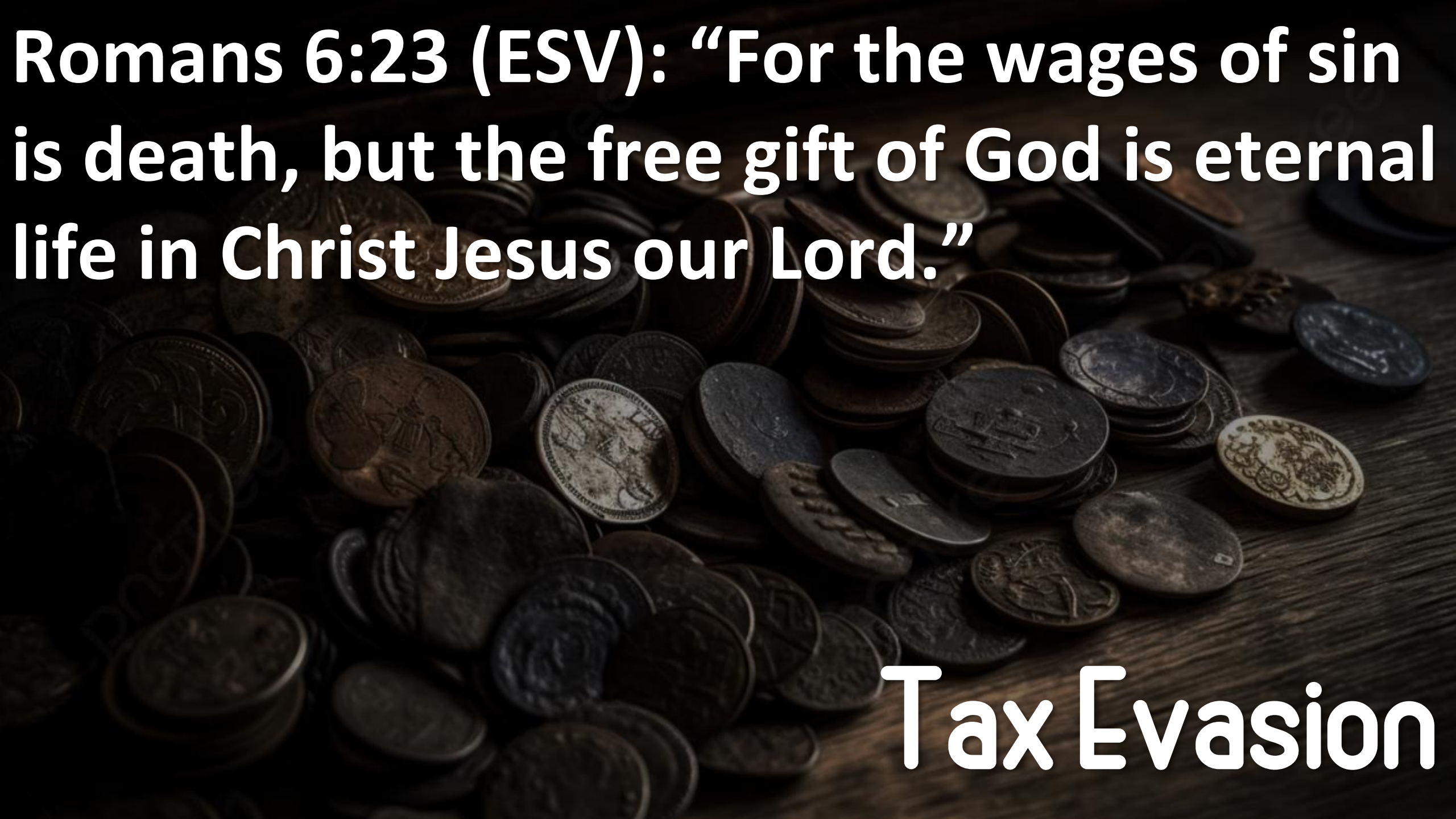


**John 6:47 (ESV): “Truly, truly, I say to you,  
whoever believes has eternal life.”**

A large pile of old, dark, and worn coins scattered on a wooden surface. The coins are of various denominations and are heavily aged, with some showing intricate designs. The background is a dark, textured wooden surface.

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A close-up photograph of a large pile of old, dark, and worn coins scattered on a dark wooden surface. The coins are of various denominations and designs, some showing intricate patterns and others appearing heavily corroded or faded. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the coins and the wood.

**Romans 6:23 (ESV): “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

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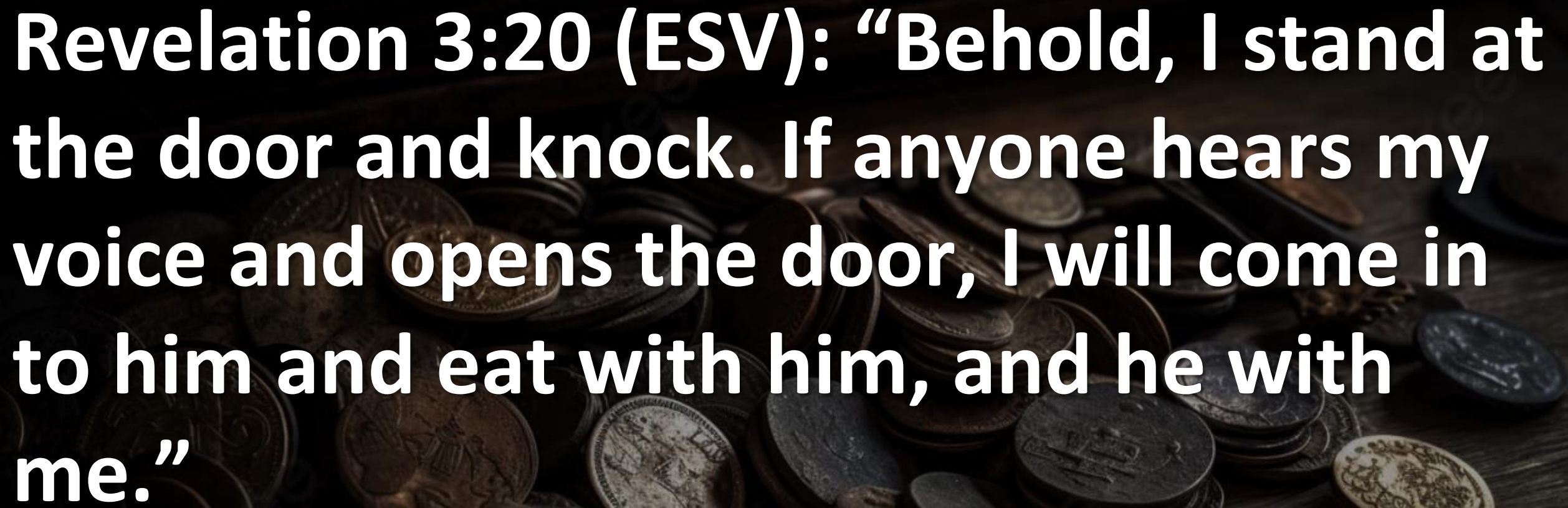
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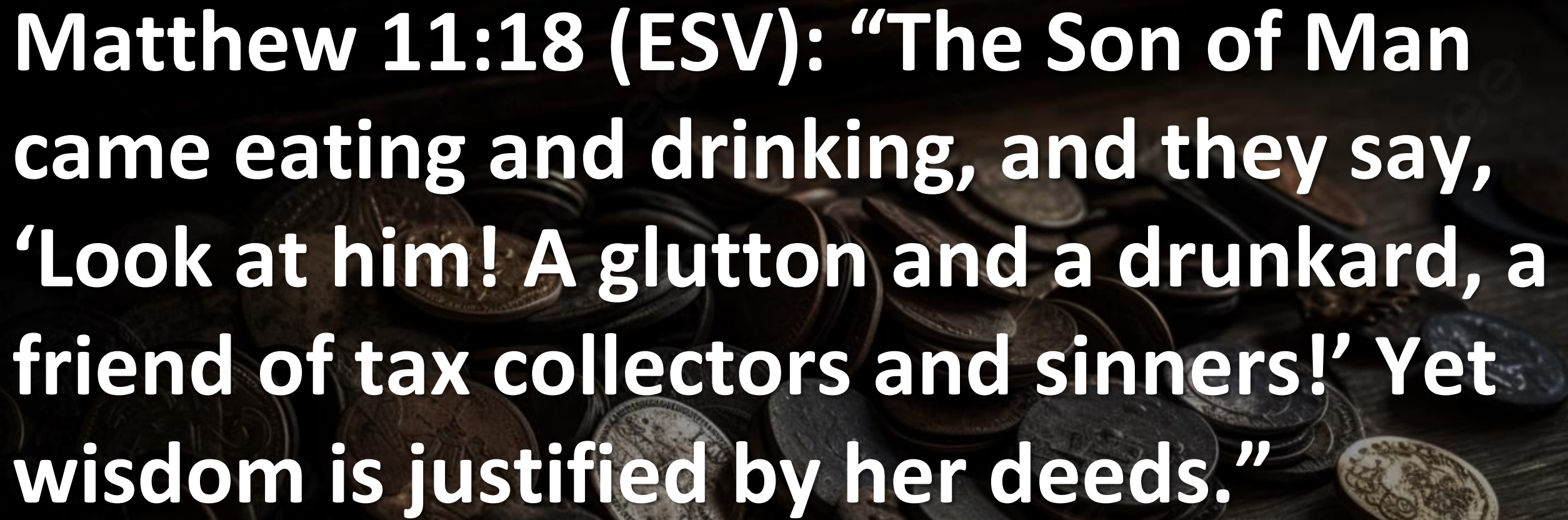


A close-up photograph of a large pile of old, dark, and worn coins scattered on a dark wooden surface. The coins are of various denominations and designs, some showing intricate patterns and others appearing heavily corroded or discolored. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the coins and the wood.

**Revelation 3:20 (ESV): “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”**

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**Matthew 11:18 (ESV): “The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”**

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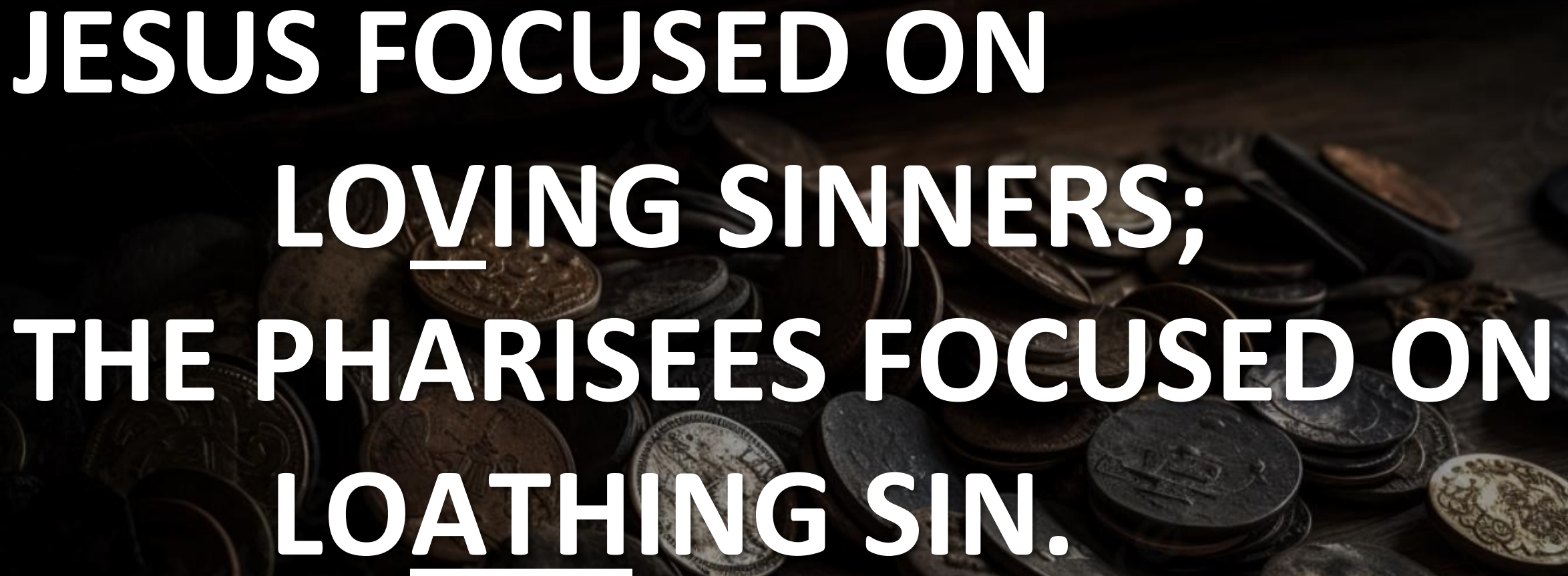


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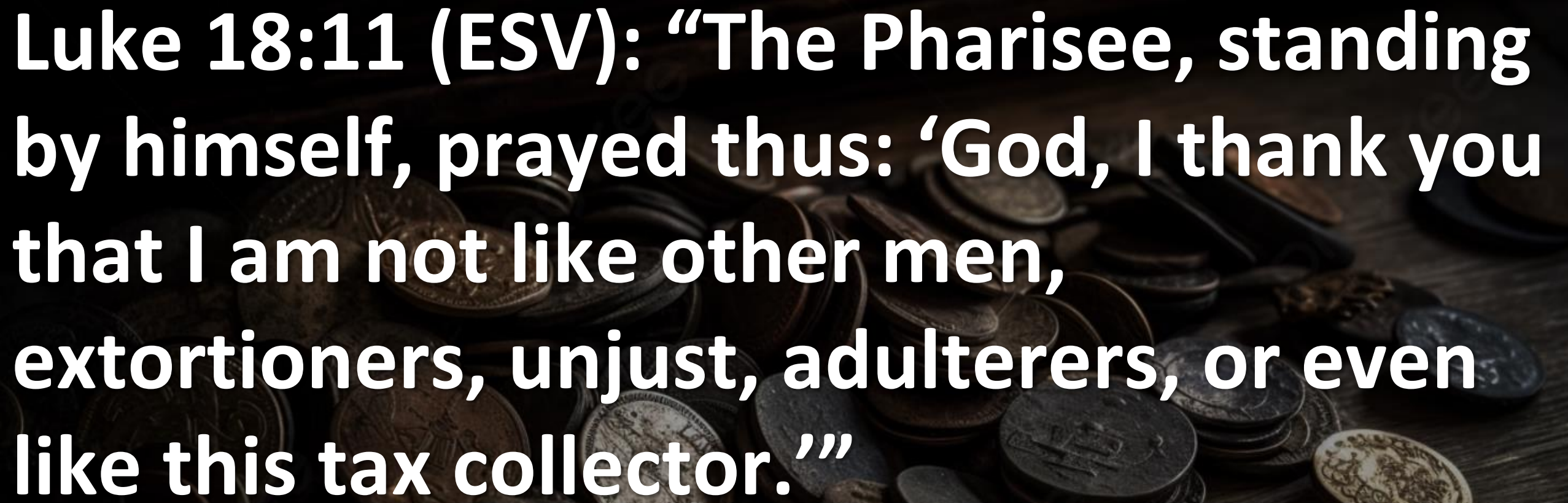
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**JESUS FOCUSED ON  
LOVING SINNERS;  
THE PHARISEES FOCUSED ON  
LOATHING SIN.**

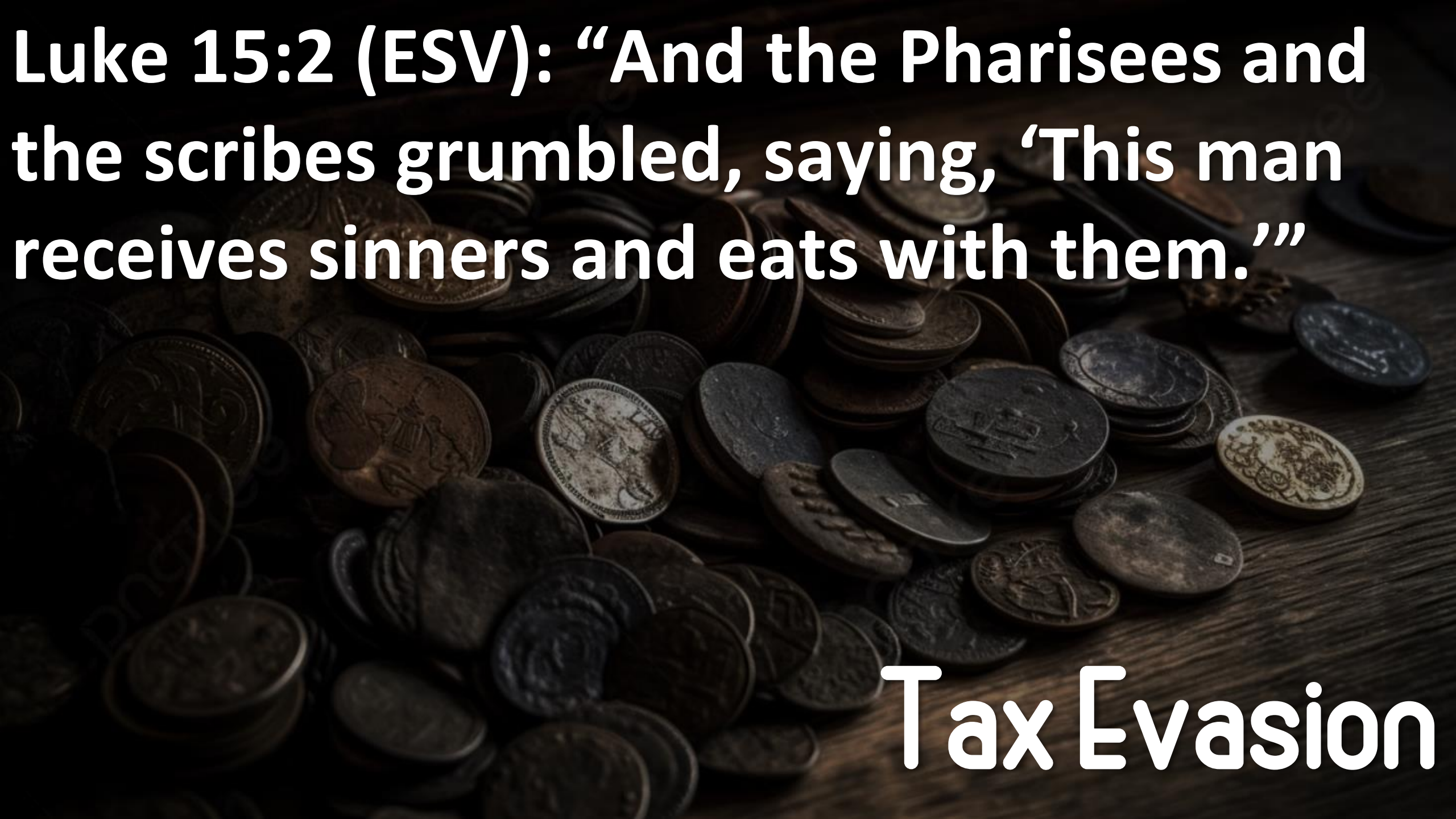
**Main Point**

A close-up photograph of a large pile of old, dark, and worn coins scattered on a dark wooden surface. The coins are of various denominations and designs, some showing intricate patterns and others appearing as simple dark discs. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the coins and the wood.

**Luke 18:11 (ESV): “The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.’”**

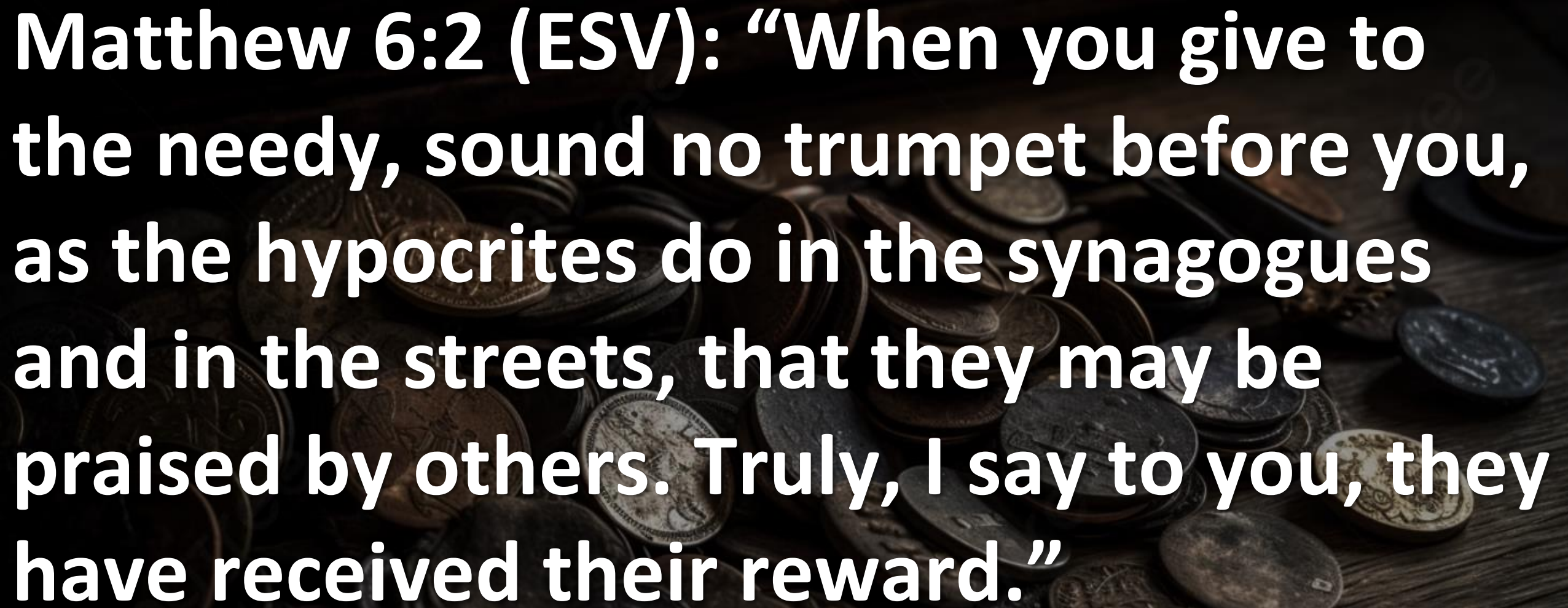
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A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a large pile of old, dark coins, likely pennies, scattered on a dark wooden surface. The coins are heavily worn, with some showing intricate designs and others appearing as dark, flat discs. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the metal and wood.

**Luke 15:2 (ESV): “And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’”**

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**Matthew 6:2 (ESV): “When you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.”**

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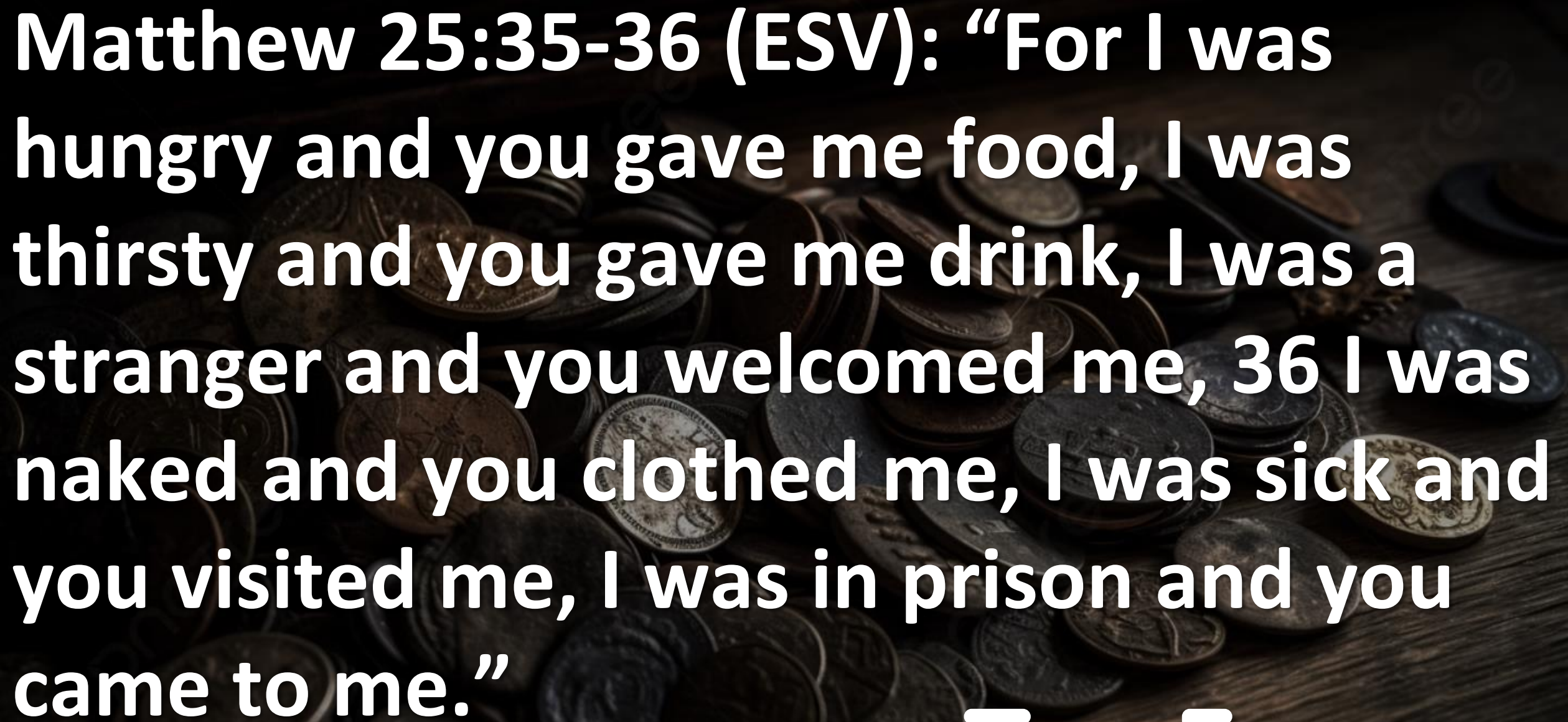
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A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a large pile of old, dark coins scattered on a wooden surface. The coins are mostly dark and worn, with some showing lighter, more detailed designs. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the coins and the wood.

IF YOU CAN'T  
FIX THEM,  
MIX WITH THEM.

Application





**Matthew 25:35-36 (ESV): “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”**

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**NEXT WEEK: LUKE 1:36-50**



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