

The Haughty Spirit – Sermon Notes

1. What strikes you most about the truth of Benjamin Franklin’s statement?

“There is perhaps not one of our natural passions so hard to subdue as pride. Beat it down, stifle it, mortify it as much as one pleases, it is still alive. Even if I could conceive that I had completely overcome it, I should probably be proud of my humility.”

2. Reflecting on the message, how does Satan use pride in the life of the un-believer? How does He use pride in the life of the believer?

3. Proverbs 8:13 says “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.” Reflecting on this verse, how is it that all of the elements mentioned (Pride, Arrogance, Evil way and Perverse mouth) , tie in together?

4. Hebrews 13:17 is a favourite verse of pastors (Just kidding), but reflecting upon it, what does it say that our attitude should be to those in spiritual authority over you? *“Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.”*

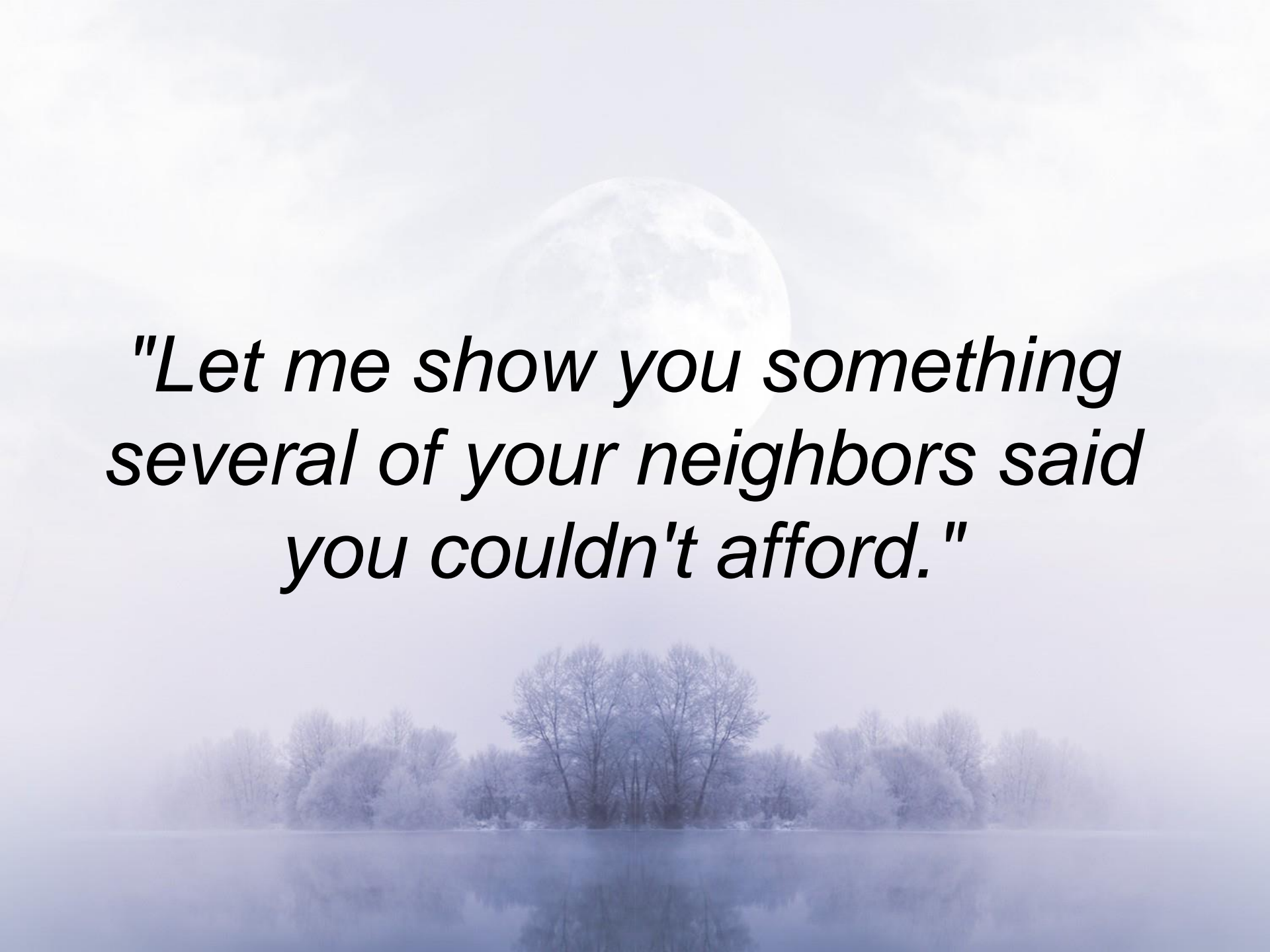
5. Reflect upon the following verse. Proverbs 11:2 “When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.” How have you seen this played out in your own life or in the life of a friend?

PRAYER: “Lord, I admit that sometimes I let hurtful pride keep me from humbly serving you with all my heart. Help me to stand against pride by kneeling before You daily. I love you Lord, and I know that You love me. Help me be all that You want me to be.

Amen

A misty winter landscape with a full moon and trees reflected in water. The scene is serene and atmospheric, with a soft, blue-toned palette. The full moon is positioned behind the text, creating a subtle glow. The trees are silhouetted against the mist, and their reflection is clearly visible in the calm water below.

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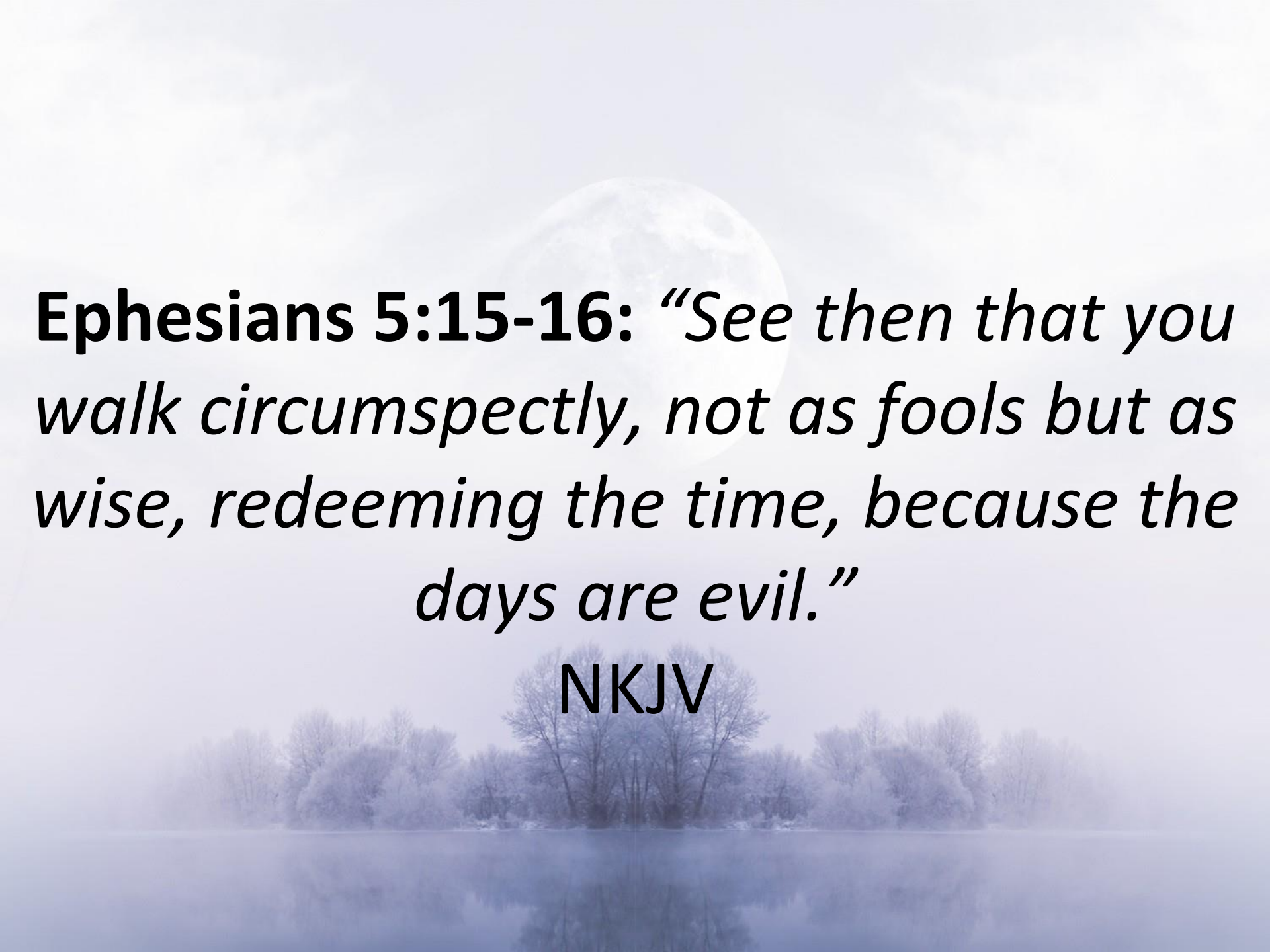
A full moon is visible in the upper center of the image, set against a pale, misty sky. Below the moon, a line of snow-covered trees stretches across the horizon. The trees and the moon are reflected in a calm body of water in the foreground, which is also covered in a light layer of snow. The overall scene is serene and wintry.

*"Let me show you something
several of your neighbors said
you couldn't afford."*

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Benjamin Franklin



Ephesians 5:15-16: *“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”*

NKJV

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Proverbs 8:13

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and the perverse mouth I hate.*

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1.

You Refuse To Submit To Those In Authority Over You.



Philippians 2:5-8

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Hebrews 13:17

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2. You Refuse To Admit That Others May Be Right And You Are Wrong.



A large, bright full moon is centered in the upper half of the image, partially obscured by soft, white clouds. Below the moon, a line of bare trees is visible, their forms reflected in a calm body of water at the bottom of the frame. The overall scene is serene and atmospheric.

**What we think, feel, have, want,
and desire is not what is important**



Ps 147:6

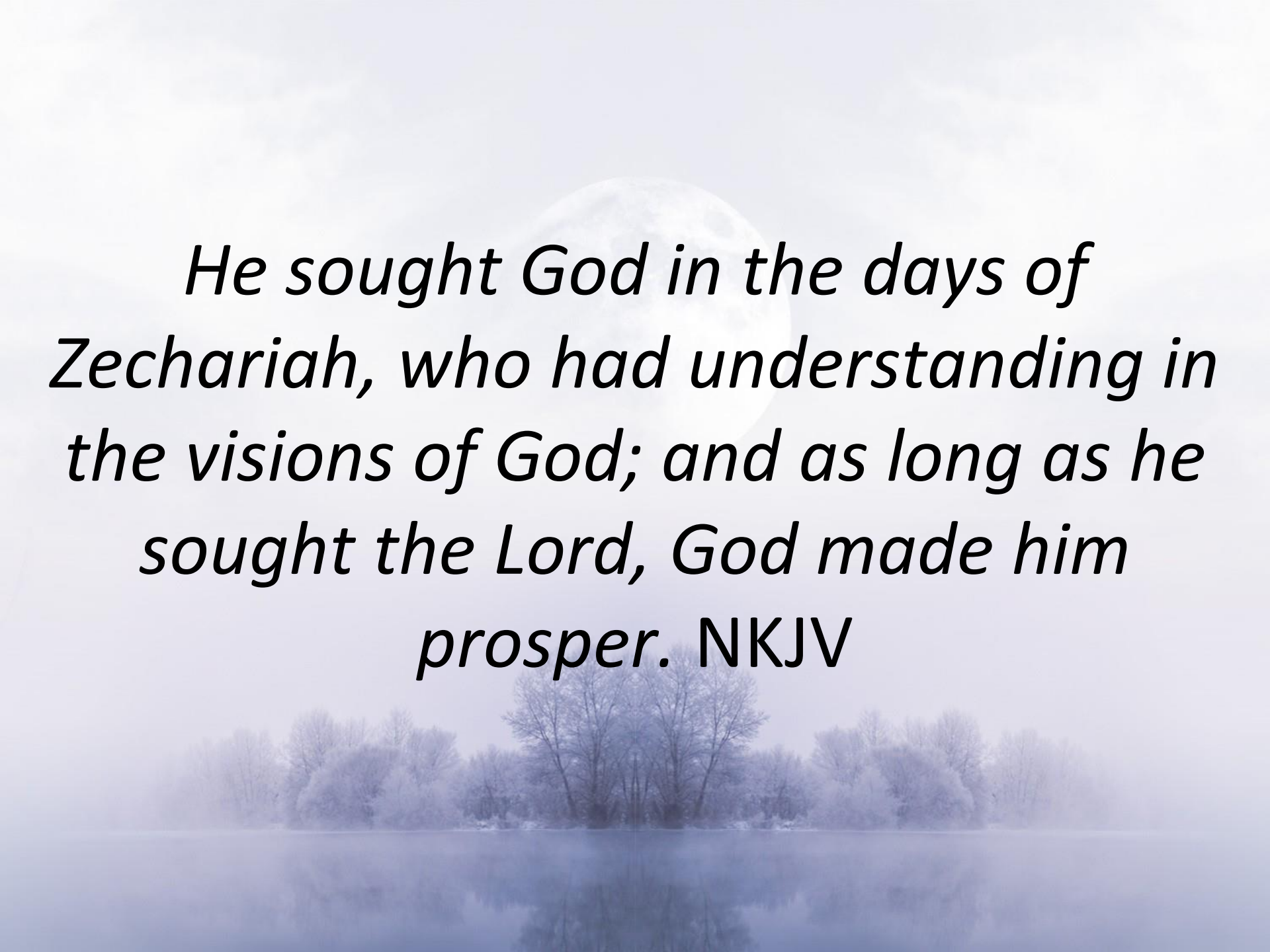
The Lord supports the humble, but He brings the wicked down into the dust.

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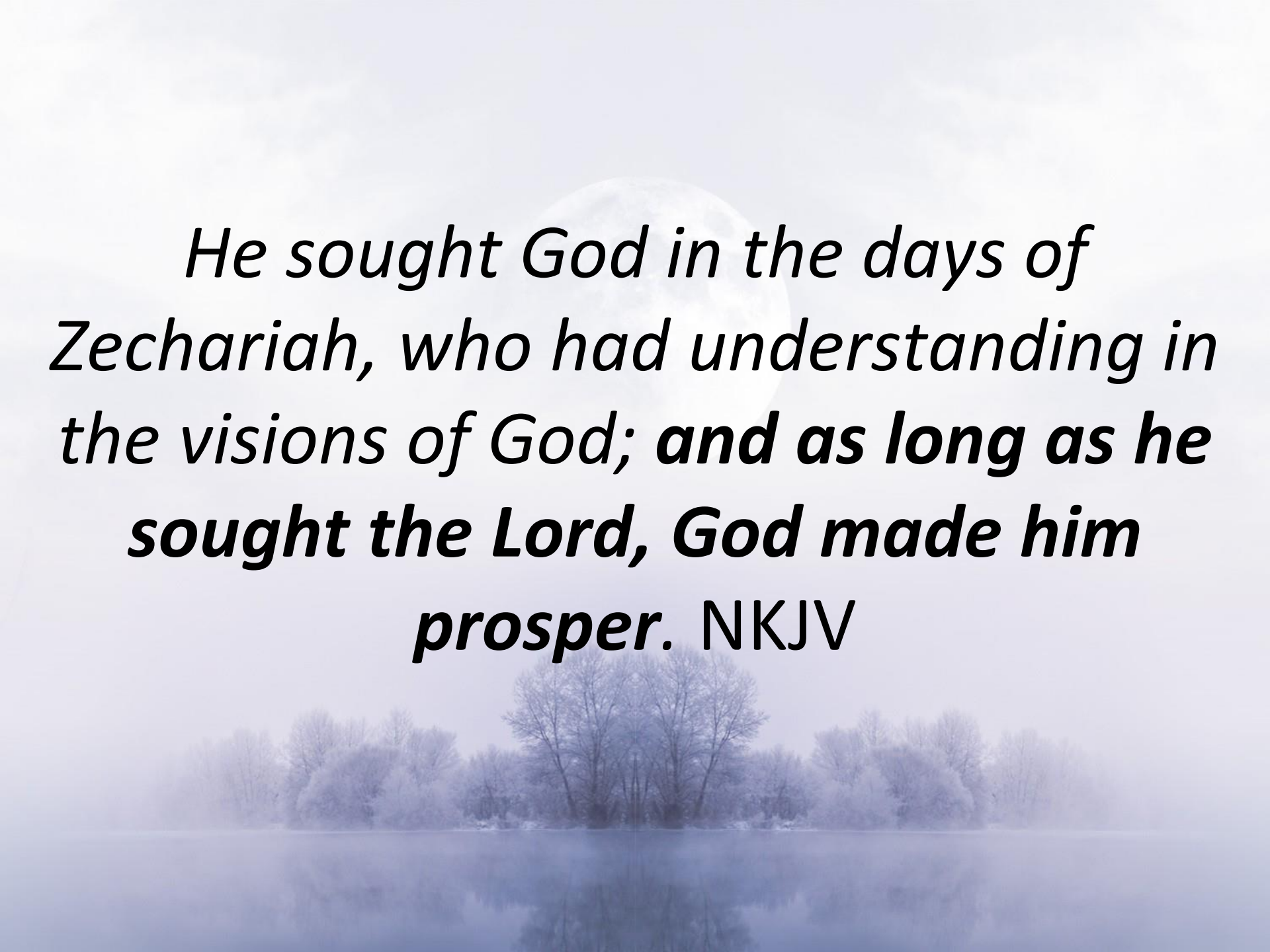
2 Chronicles 26:1-5

Now all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king rested with his fathers.

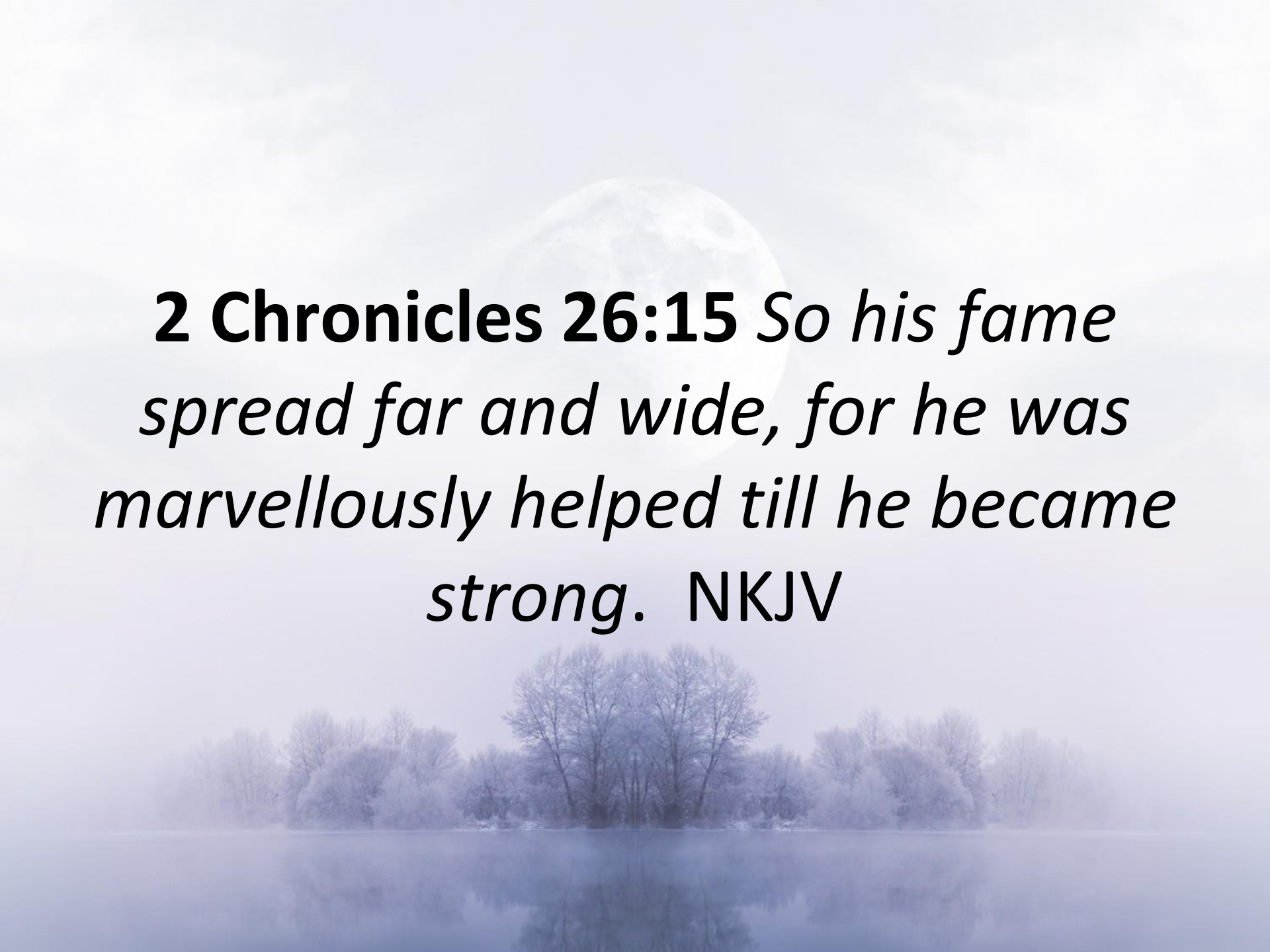
Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.



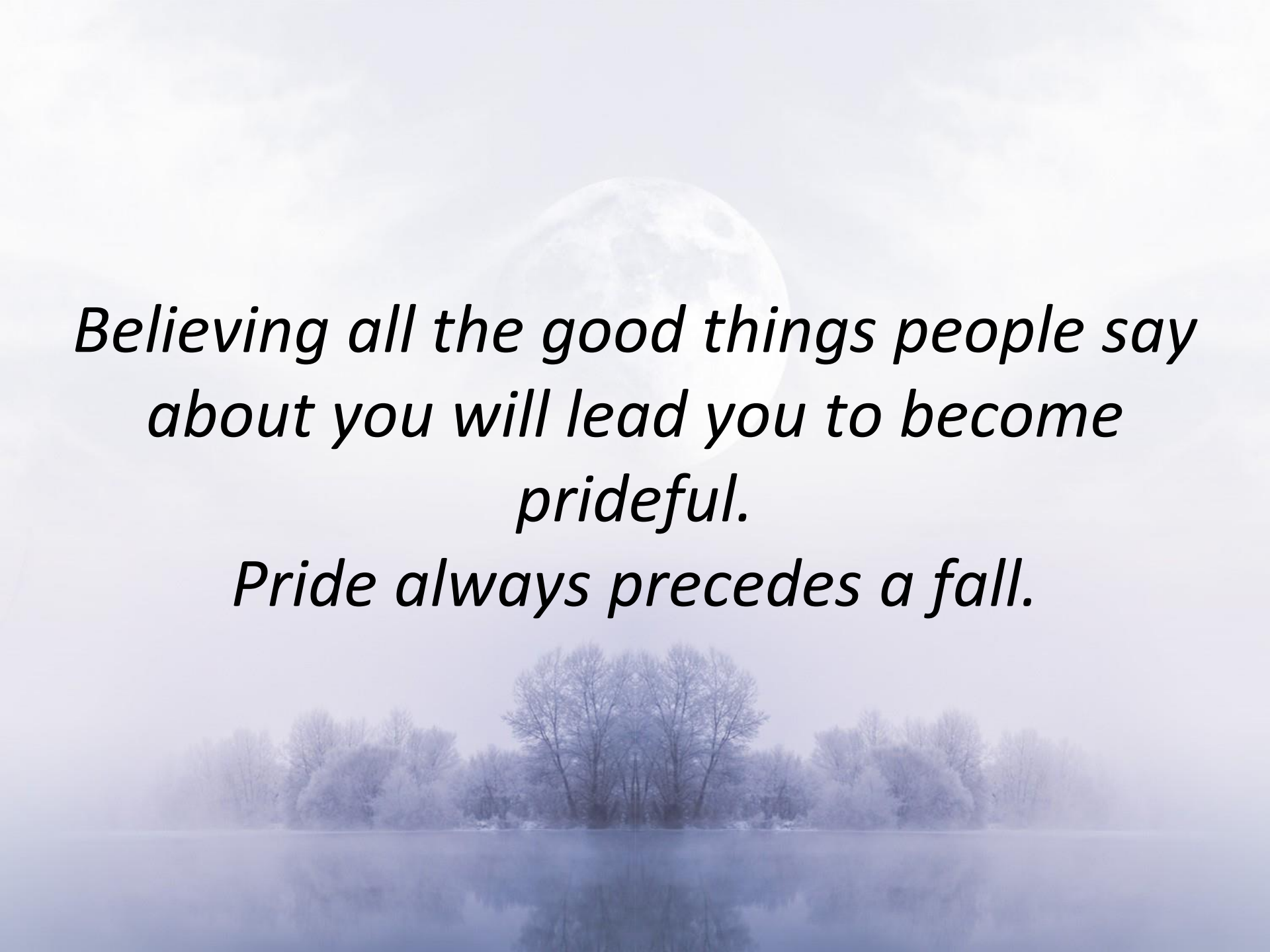
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2 Chronicles 26:15 *So his fame spread far and wide, for he was marvellously helped till he became strong. NKJV*

A full moon is visible in the upper center of the image, partially obscured by light, wispy clouds. Below the moon, the text is centered. The background shows a snowy landscape with bare trees and a body of water in the foreground, all reflected in the water.

*Believing all the good things people say
about you will lead you to become
prideful.*

Pride always precedes a fall.

2 Chronicles 26:16

But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the Lord his God by entering the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. NKJV



Proverbs 11:2

*When pride comes, then comes
shame; But with the humble is
wisdom. NKJV*

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Matt 15:14

*They are blind leaders of the blind.
And if the blind leads the blind, both
will fall into a ditch."* NKJV

Proverbs 16:18-19

*Pride goes before destruction, And a
haughty spirit before a fall.*

*Better to be of a humble spirit with
the lowly, than to divide the spoil with
the proud. NKJV*