

The background of the slide is a vibrant orange-red gradient. It features faint, stylized musical notes and a guitar. The guitar is positioned diagonally, with its neck and strings visible on the left side. The musical notes are scattered throughout the background, some appearing as simple dots and others as more complex, flowing lines. The overall aesthetic is energetic and musical.

LEADING YOUR CHURCH IN MUSIC AND WORSHIP

NY Youth Congress, January 19th, 2013

WORSHIP

In “Putting an End to Worship Wars” Elmer Towns asks the questions: What do you do in worship? How do you worship? What motivates you to worship?

Surrender my life, ministry, dreams
and goals to God's.

Express gratitude and praise toward God.

Tell others about God. The grace and the
love I enjoy as His child.




“Religion is not to be confined to external forms and ceremonies. The religion that comes from God is the only religion that will lead to God.

In order to serve Him right, we must be born of the divine Spirit. This will purify the heart and renew the mind, giving us a new capacity for knowing and loving God. It will give us a willing obedience to all His requirements. This is true worship. It is the fruit of the working of the Holy Spirit.”

EGW. Desires of Ages, 189





We don't know what God
wants us to pray for. But
the Holy Spirit prays for us
with groanings that cannot
be expressed in words.

Romans 8:26

THE LEVITES

“Moses saw that Aaron had let the people get completely out of control, much to the amusement of their enemies. So he stood at the entrance to the camp and shouted, “All of you who are on the LORD’s side, come here and join me.” And all the Levites gathered around him.

(EXODUS 32: 25,26)



THE LEVITES

“The Lord also said to Moses, “Take the Levites in place of all the firstborn of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites in place of their livestock. The Levites are to be mine. I am the Lord.”

(Numbers 3:45)



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“But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.”

2 Peter 2:9



THE LEVITES

- ★ The Levites ministered in an organized effective service. They were facilitators, connecting people to God through meaningful worship.
- ★ The centerpiece of worship was the sacrifice of the lamb.
- ★ The tithe was the money that God earmarked to support the ministry of the Levites
- ★ Their repertoire included old and contemporary music.



THE LEVITES

- ★ Were ministers called of God for service. Levites were servant leaders.
- ★ Levites were both skilled and trained musicians.
- ★ Only Levites of a certain age could serve as priestly leaders in the church.

(1 Chronicles 15-25)

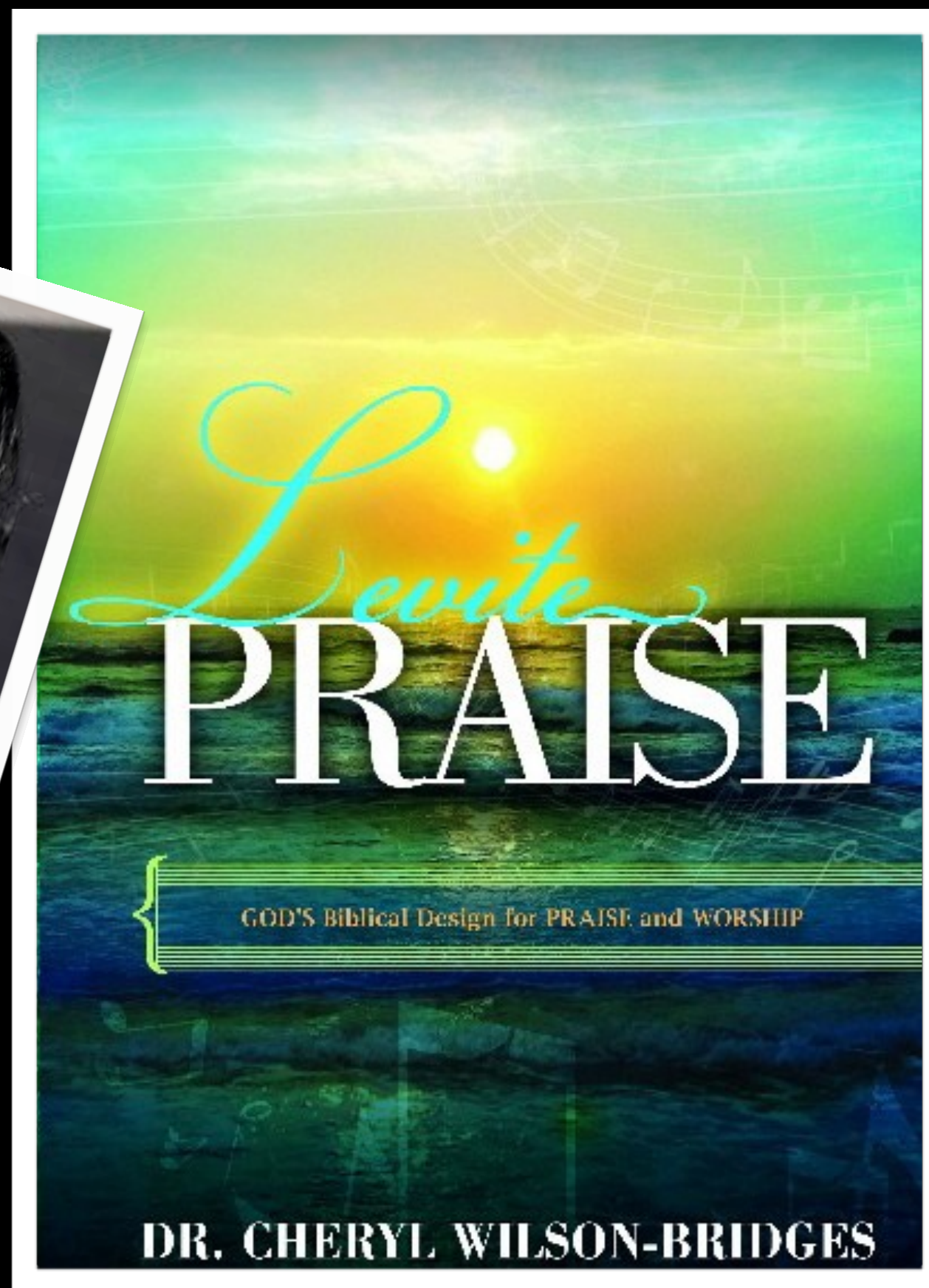


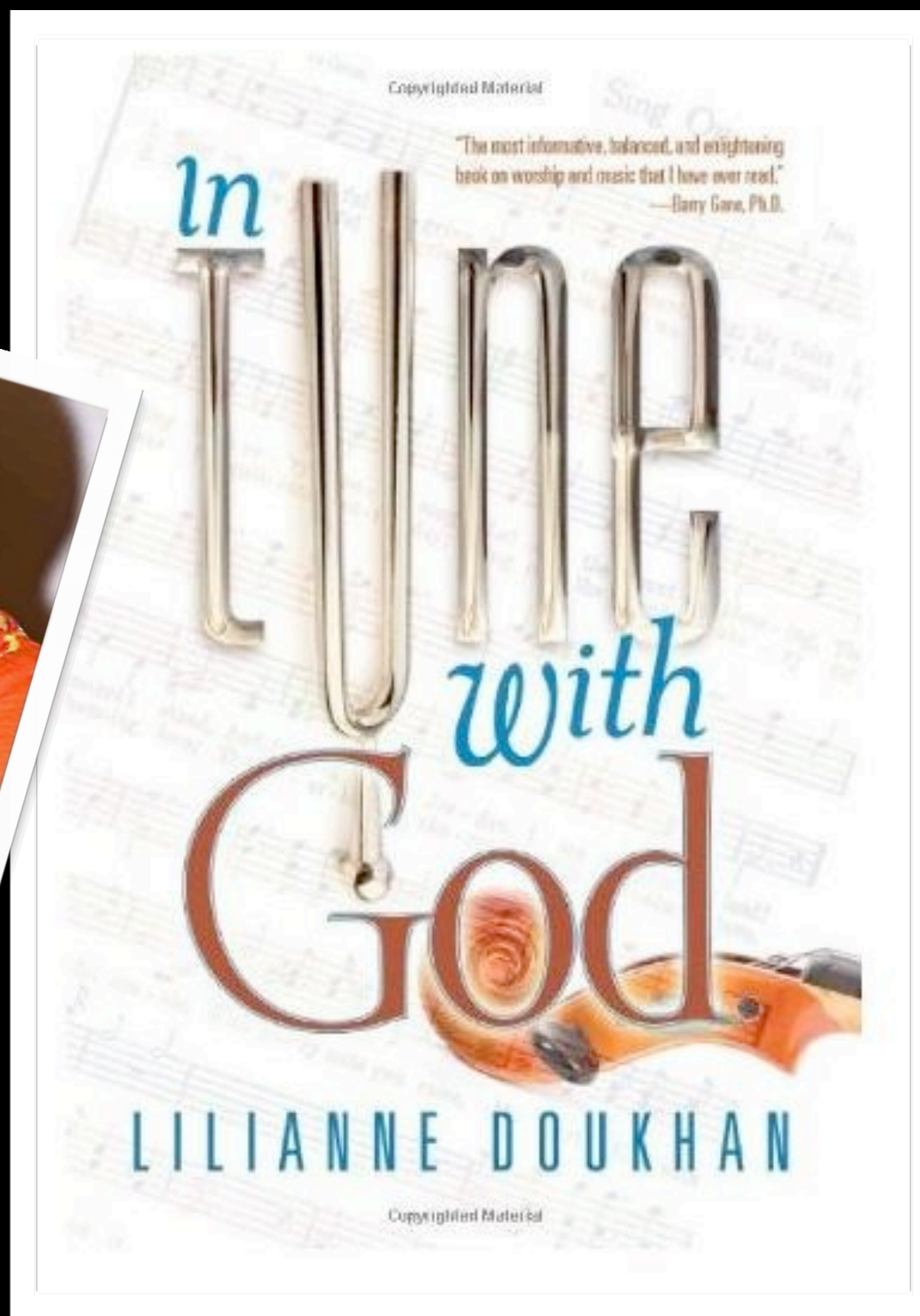
THE LEVITES

“Levite ministry is intelligent effective worship. Each Levite is assigned specific duties, and when the temple of Salomon is inaugurated, they will change their duties. So we can see the flexibility and evolution of the worship experience through the Levites duties described in the Bible.”

(Cheryl Wilson-Bridges. Levite Praise, 38)







“From 1990 to 2010, 70% of Christian churches in North America were divided in traditional and contemporary services because of worship styles.”

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2013 LEVITES

We need Levites that
connect people with God
through meaningful
worship music

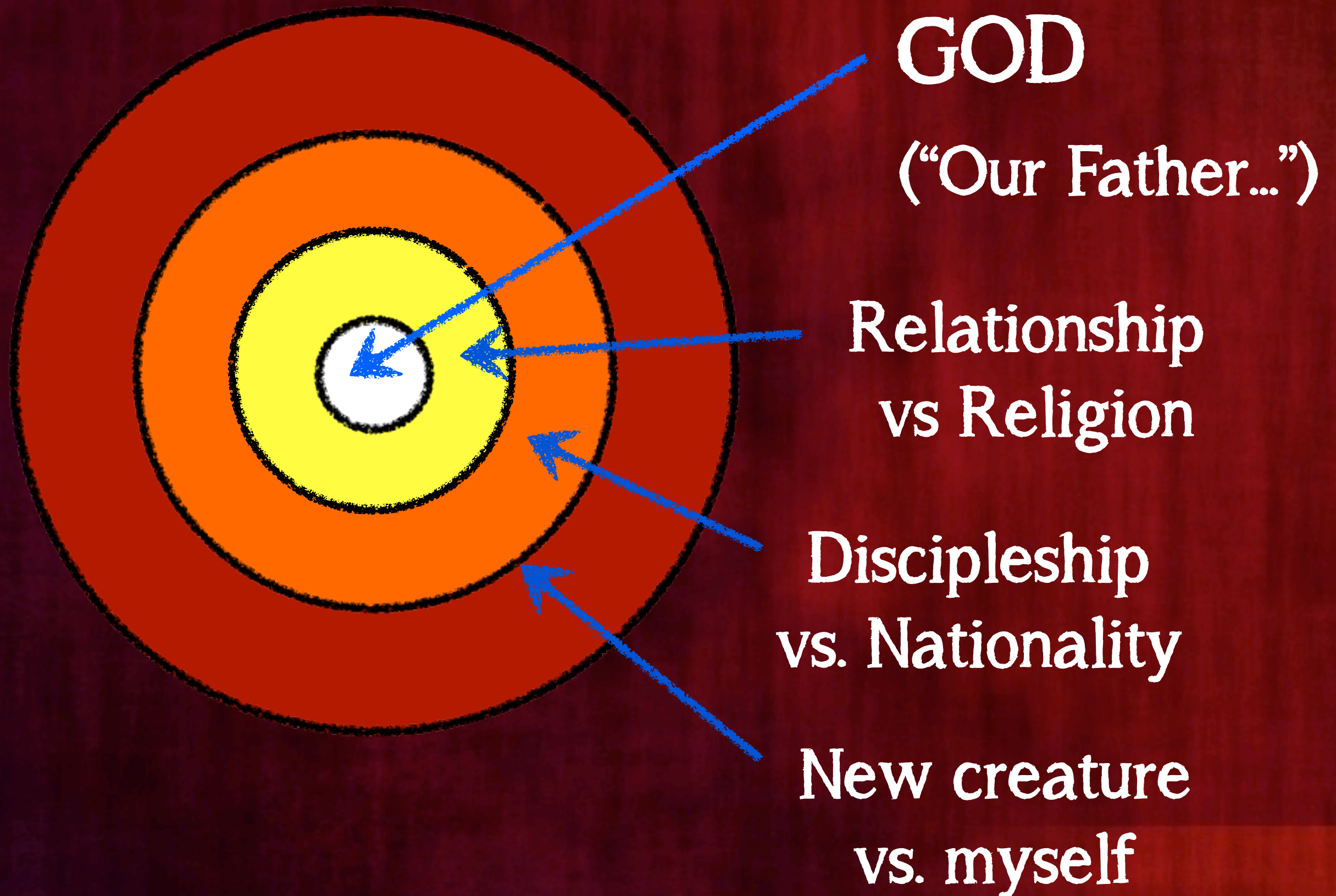
DIRECTION

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We need Levites free from
personal ambition and pride,
willing to exalt Jesus's character

DIRECTION

TRUE WORSHIP



2013 LEVITES

We need Levites that
face change with a positive,
Spirit-led attitude.

DIRECTION

“Do not quench the Spirit”

1 Thessalonians 5:19




“But let the godly **rejoice**.
Let them be **glad** in God’s presence.
Let them be **filled with joy**.
Sing praises to God and to his name!
Sing **loud praises** to him
who rides the clouds.
His name is the LORD
rejoice in his presence!

Psalm 68:3,4



2013 LEVITES

We need Levites that
empower biblical worship:
keeping a balance between
transcendence and immanence,
spirit and truth,
form and content,
joy and reverence.

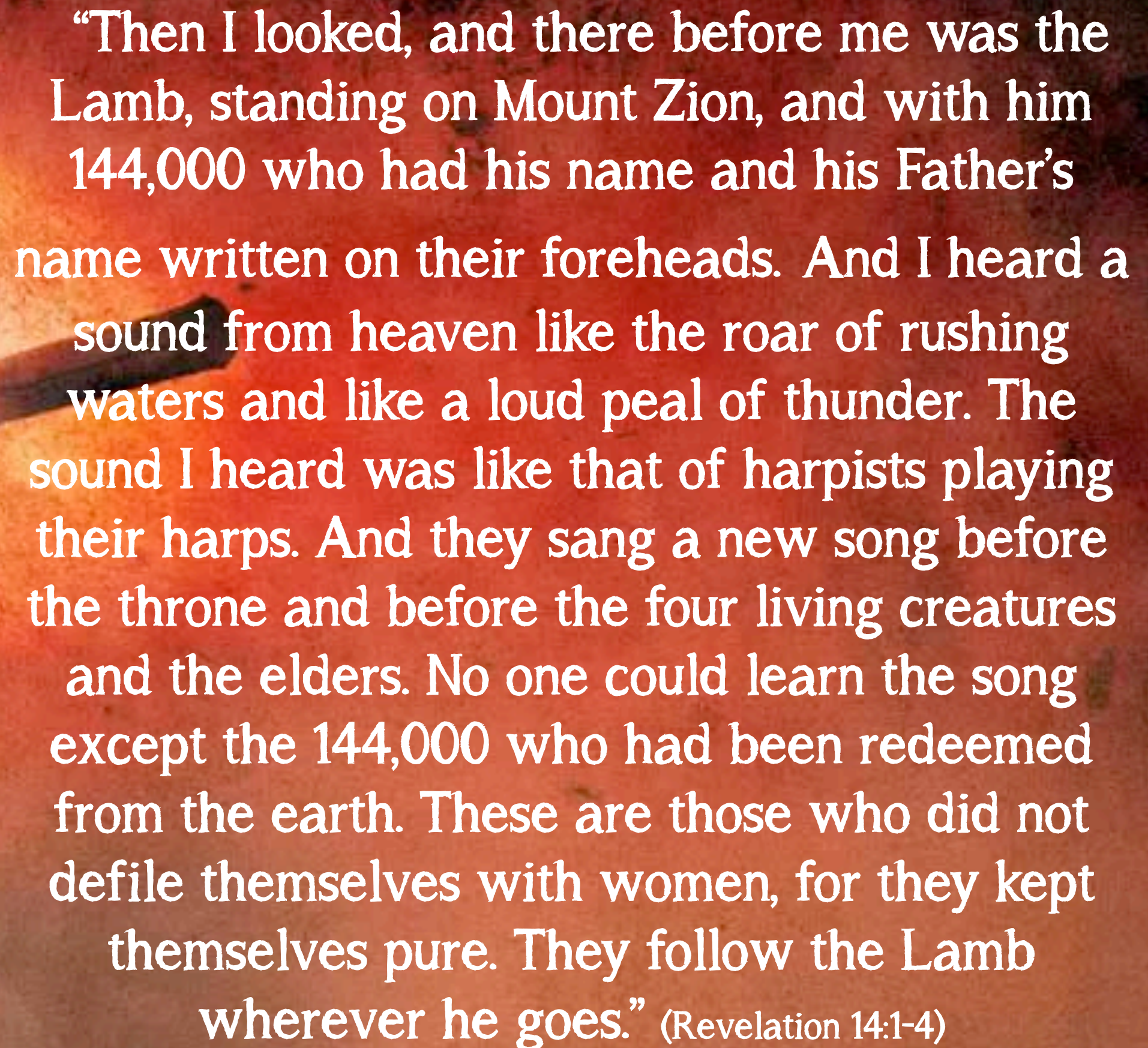


Praise the Lord.
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his mighty greatness.
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with the strings and flute,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord.



Psalm 150



A large, glowing cross is positioned on the left side of the image. The cross is made of dark wood and is illuminated from within, creating a bright, warm light that fades into the surrounding dark, textured background. The background has a mottled, almost stone-like appearance with shades of brown, orange, and red.

“Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes.” (Revelation 14:1-4)