

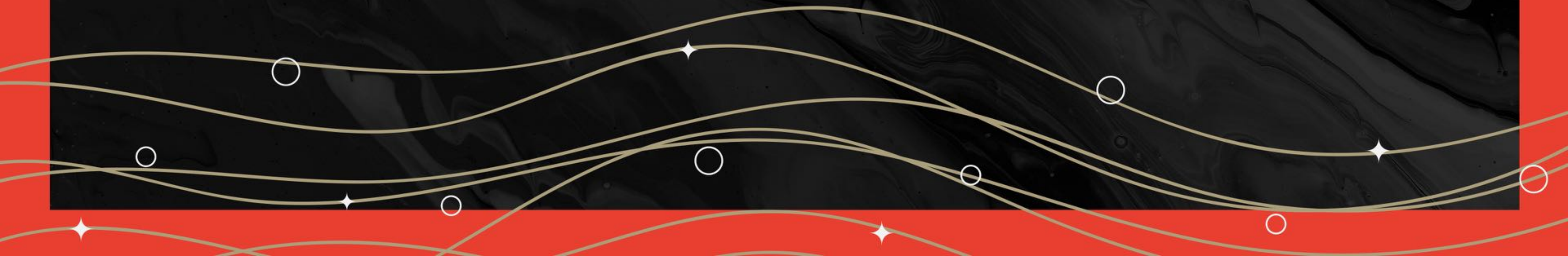


MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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Looking at Christmas Through the Lens of Grace





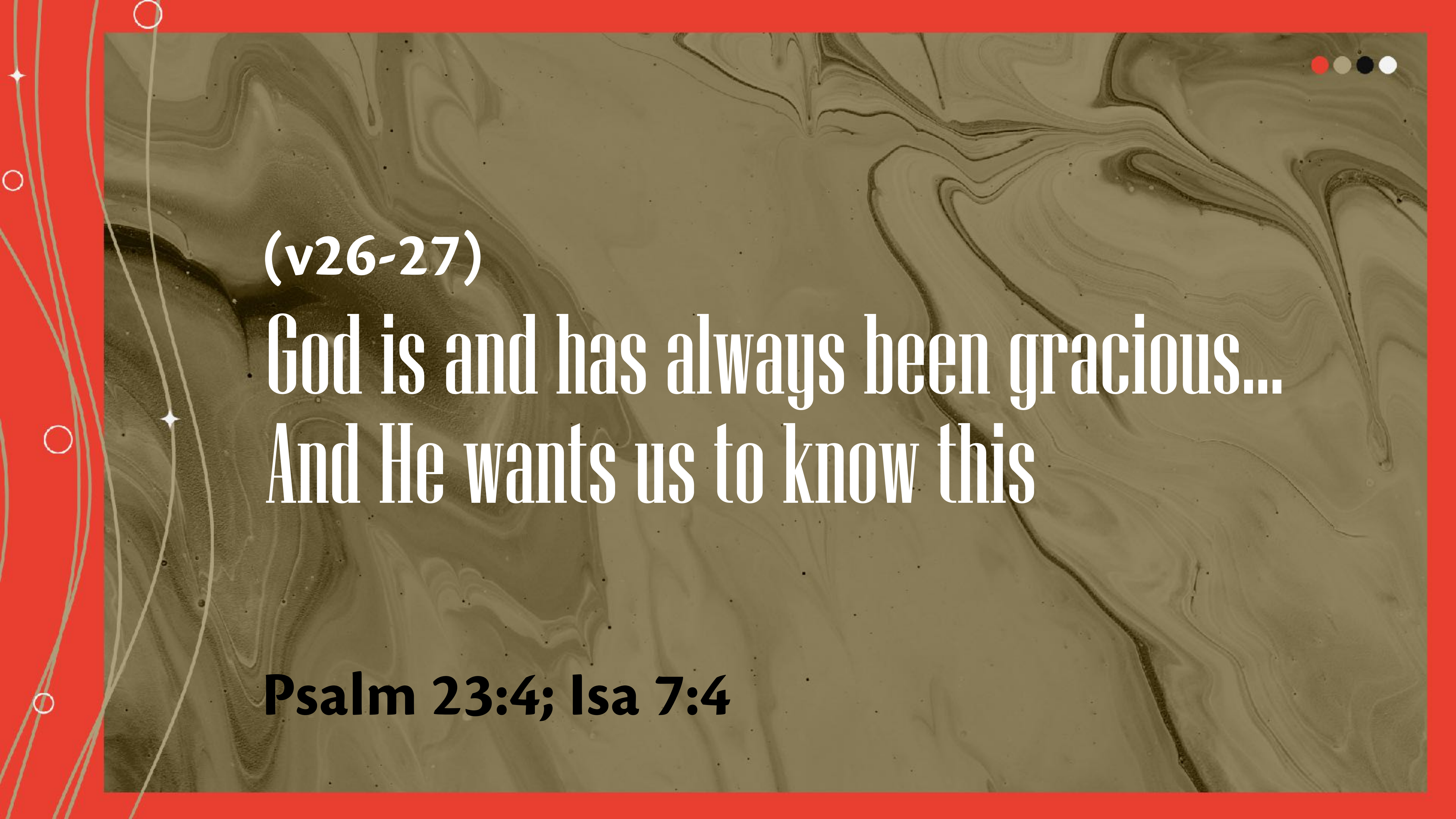
THE GRACE OF GOD

Luke 1:26-38



LUKE 1:26-27

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.



(v26-27)

God is and has always been gracious...
And He wants us to know this

Psalm 23:4; Isa 7:4

LUKE 1:28

And he came to her and said,
“Greetings, O favored one,
the Lord is with you!”



(v28-33)

Favor from God is found in His presence

Psalm 16:11; Eph 2:8; 2 Cor 9:15; Eph 2:13

LUKE 1:29-31

But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

LUKE 1:32-33


He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

LUKE 1:34-35

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

LUKE 1:36-37

And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.”

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God's favor is unlimited

Romans 5:20; Psalm 147:5

LUKE 1:38

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

(v38)

We can receive or reject God's grace

**Luke 11:23; John 3:36; Matt 6:24;
Phil 4:9; Rom 15:13; Phil 4:4**



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