

**COMMANDING
>THE HEART<**

DECEPTION

MATTHEW 5:33-37

24 AUGUST 2022



INTRODUCTION

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PART 1


DECEPTION



1. Deception: We're against it ...



2. What is Jesus for and against in Matthew 5?



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a. For integrity



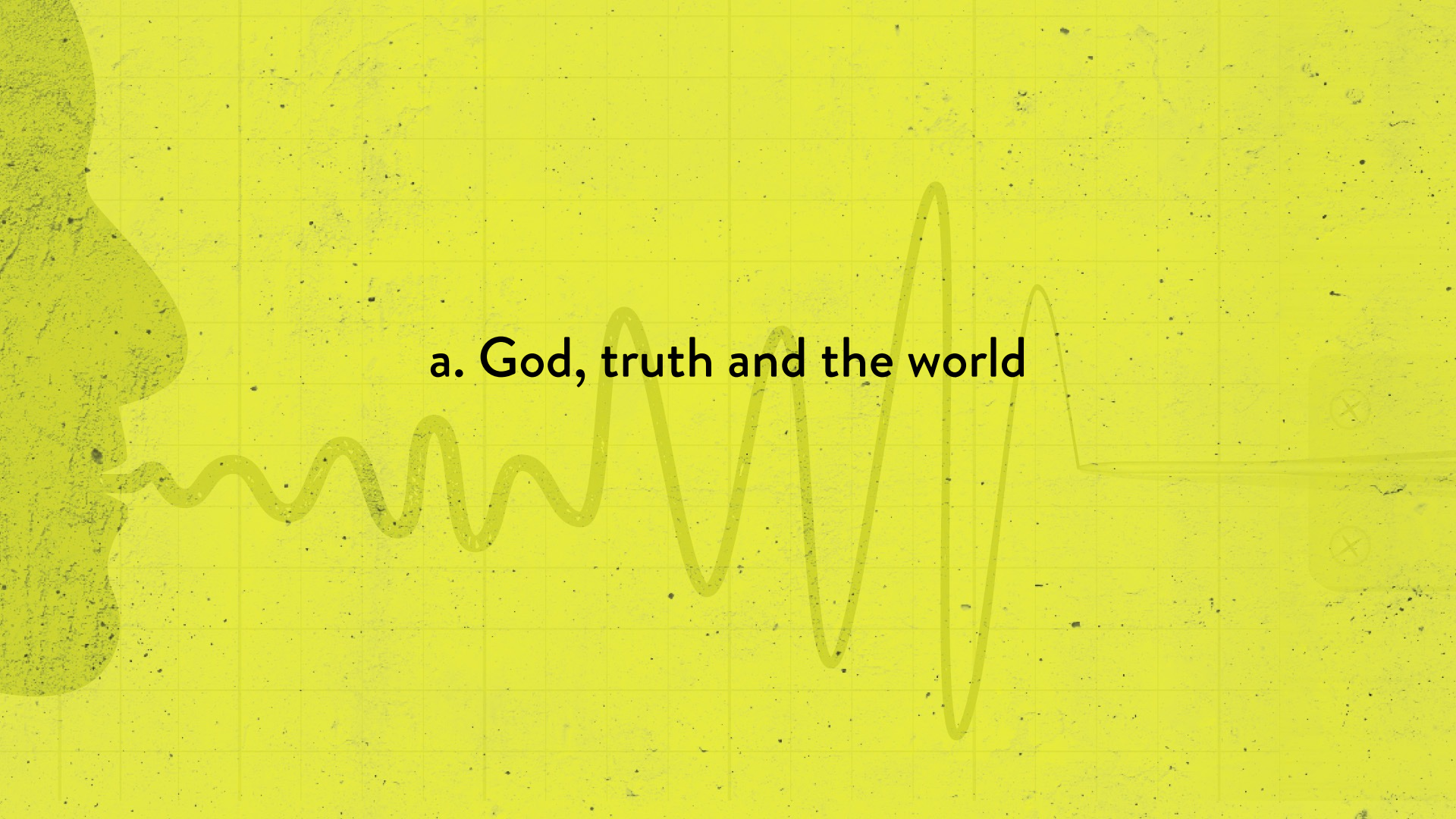
b. Against Pharisaical “righteousness”



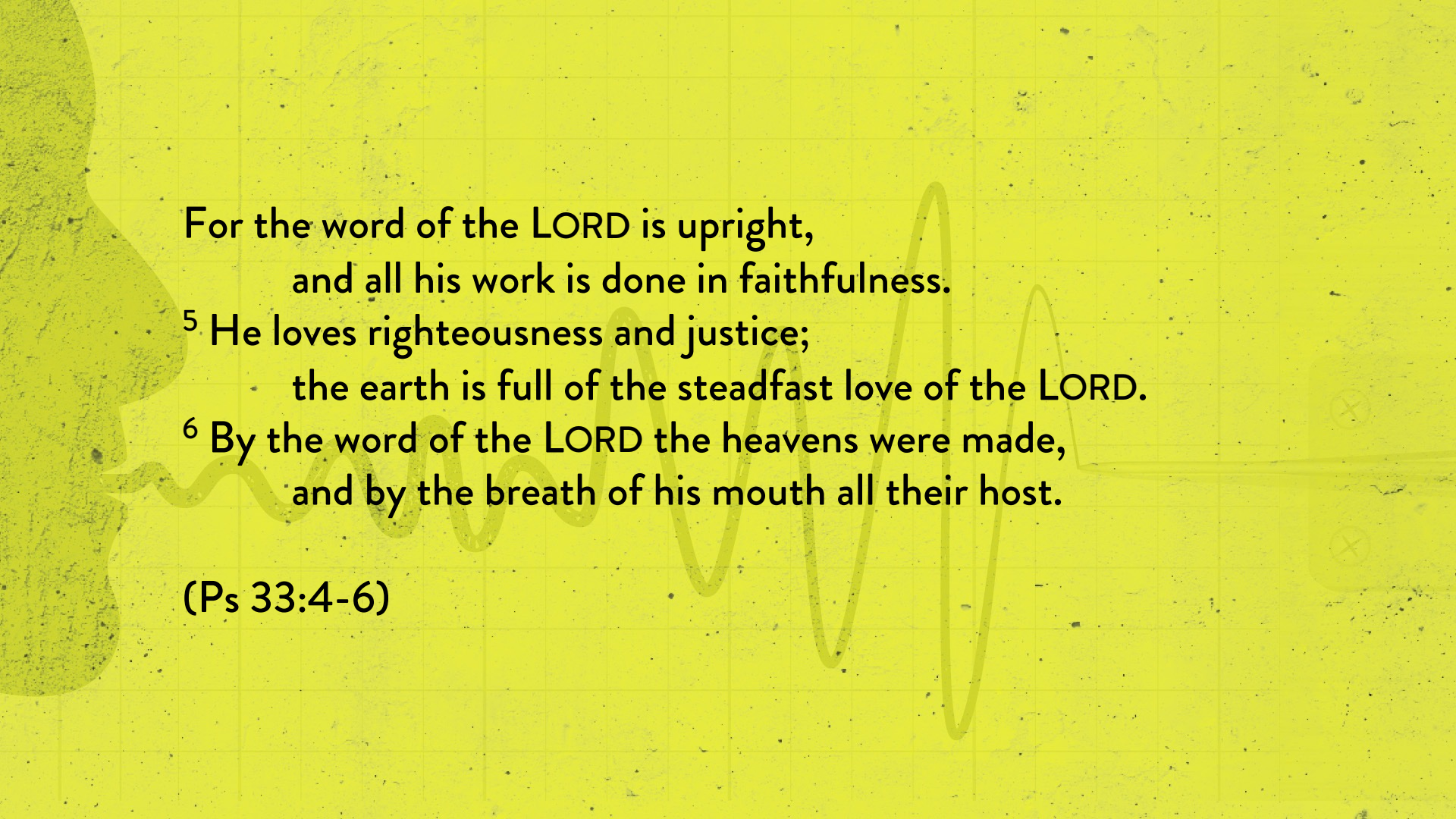
c. Against the law?



3. What was said to those of old



a. God, truth and the world

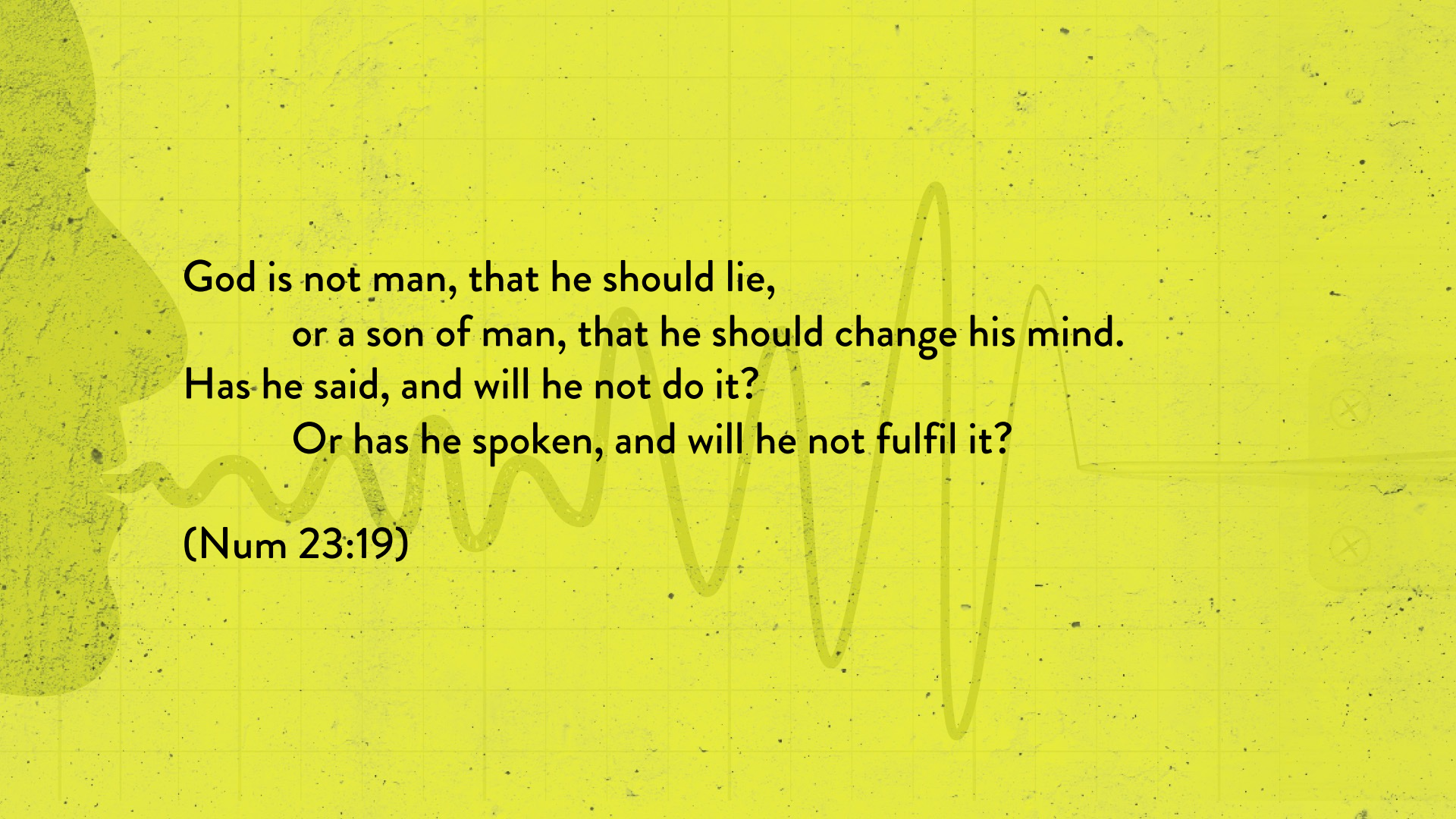


For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

(Ps 33:4-6)

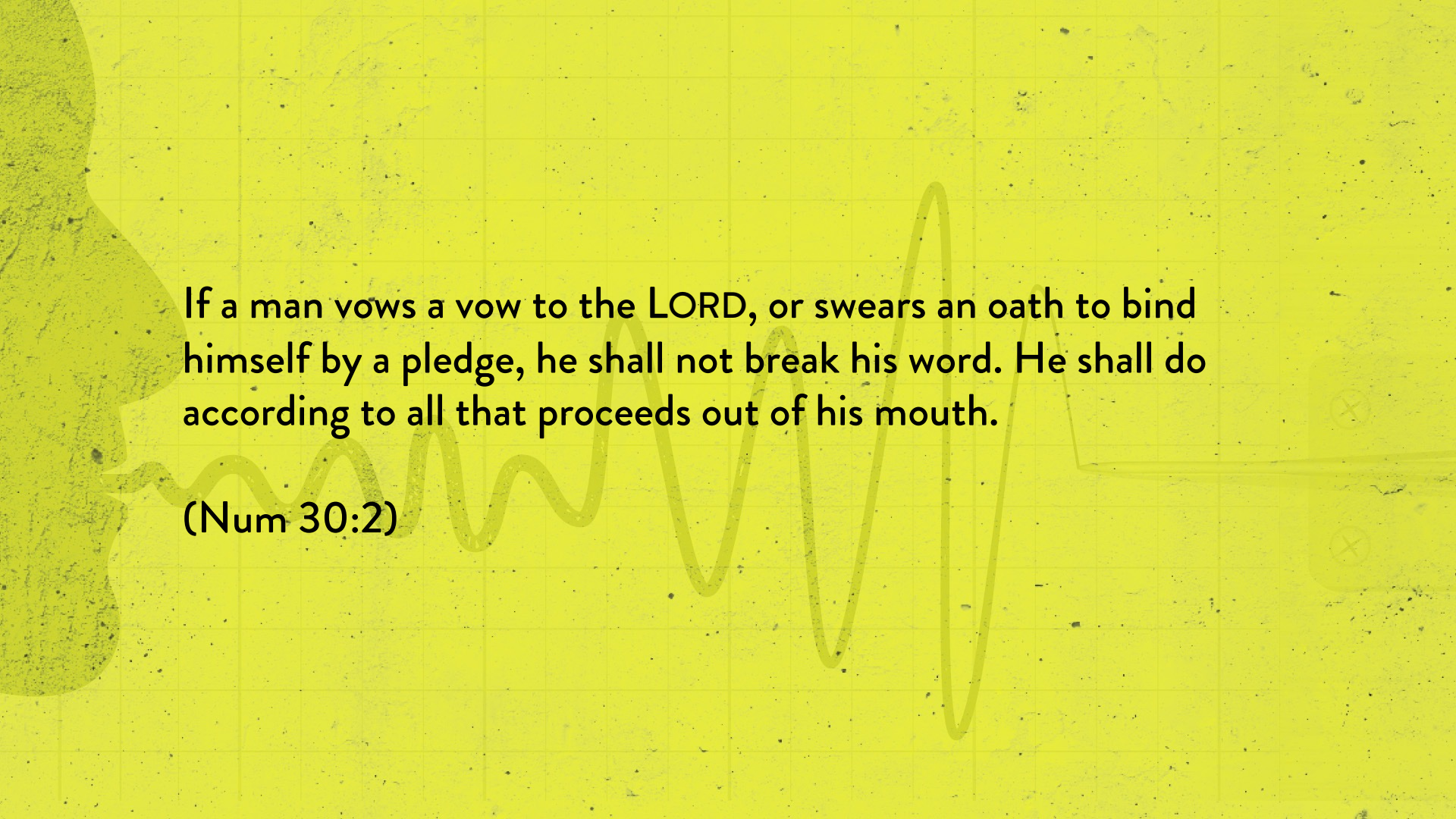


God is not man, that he should lie,
or a son of man, that he should change his mind.
Has he said, and will he not do it?
Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfil it?

(Num 23:19)



b. Lies and law



If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

(Num 30:2)

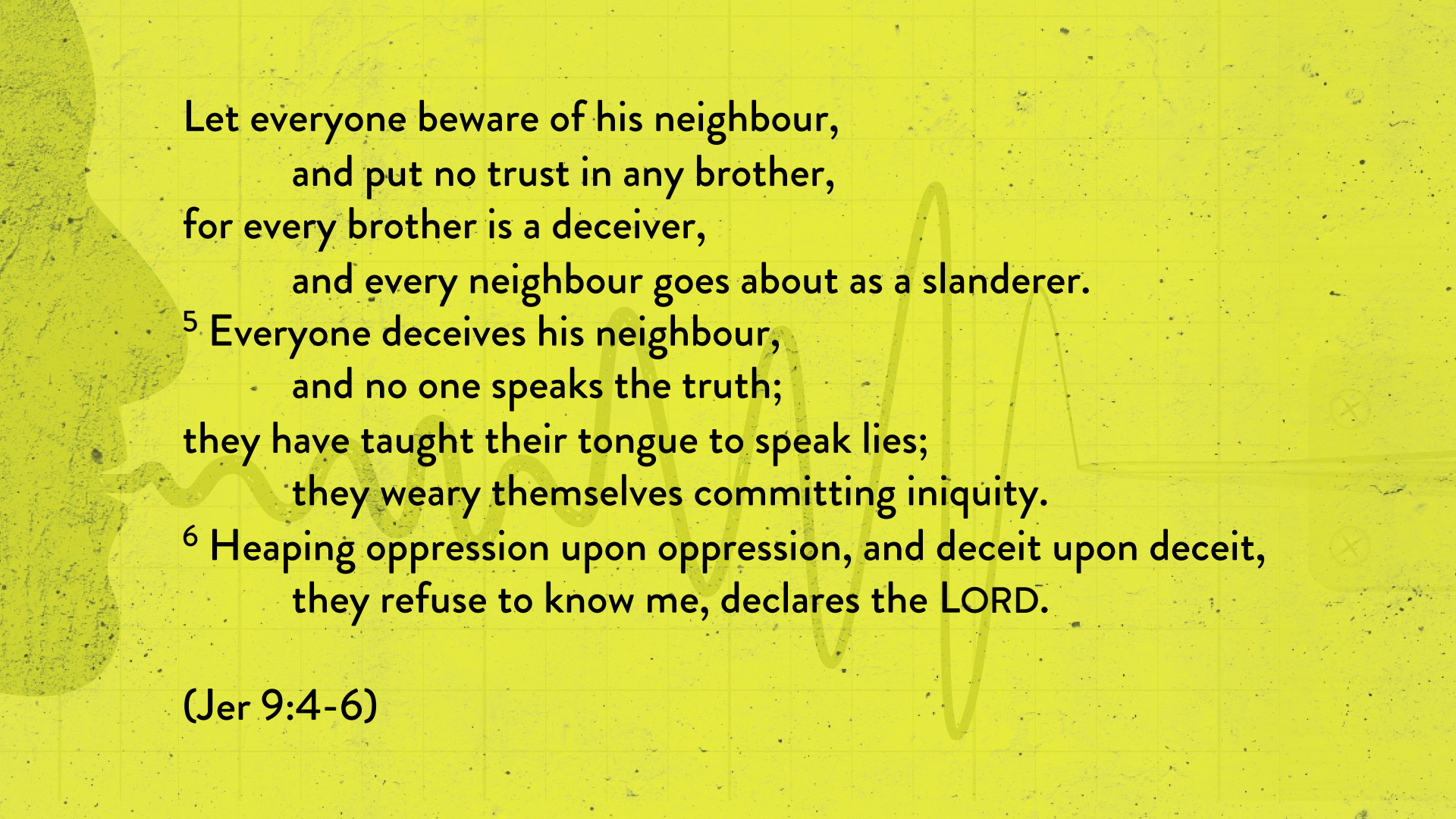


Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD,
but those who act faithfully are his delight.

(Prov 12:22)



c. The ongoing problem

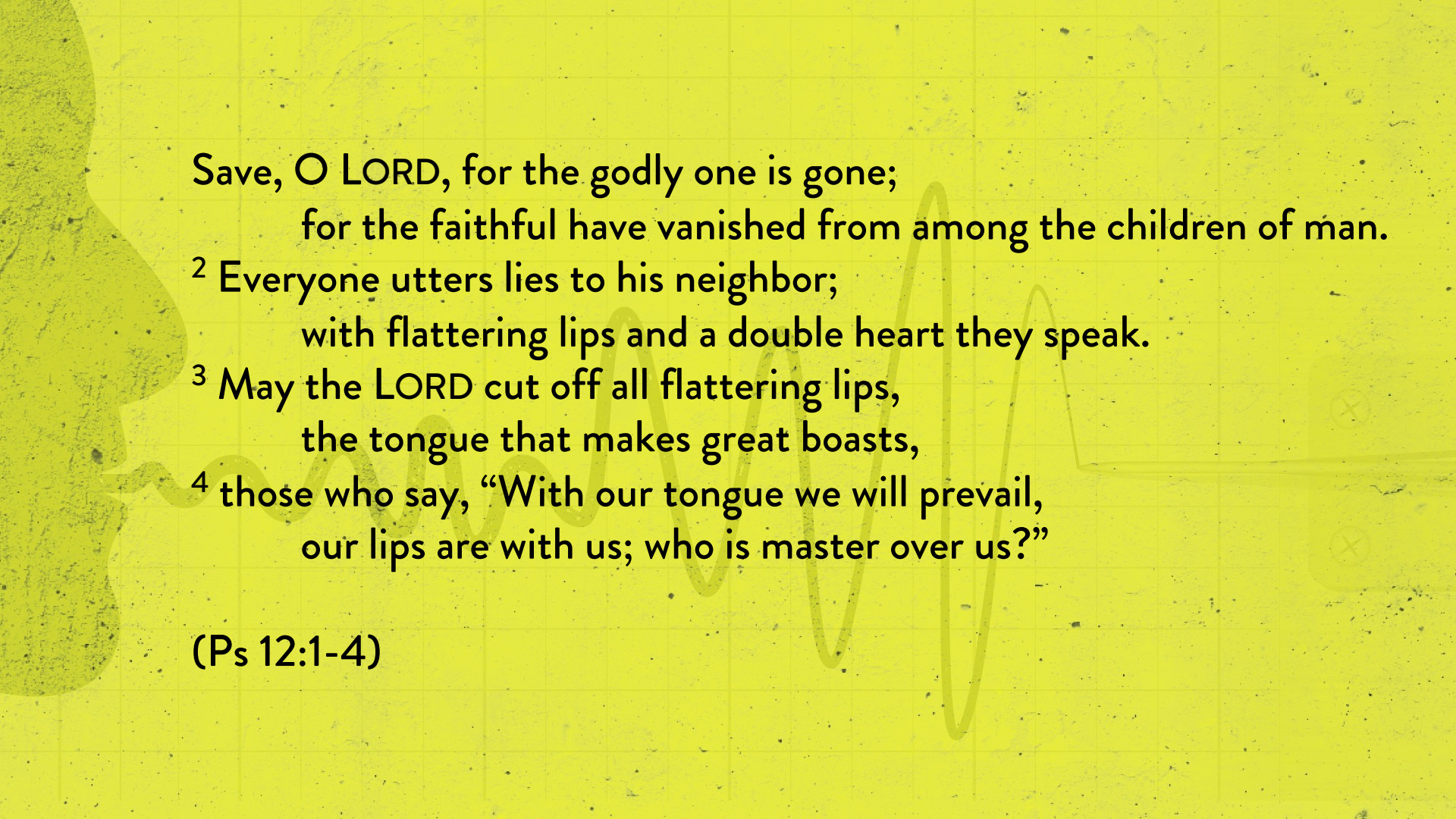


Let everyone beware of his neighbour,
and put no trust in any brother,
for every brother is a deceiver,
and every neighbour goes about as a slanderer.

⁵ Everyone deceives his neighbour,
and no one speaks the truth;
they have taught their tongue to speak lies;
they weary themselves committing iniquity.

⁶ Heaping oppression upon oppression, and deceit upon deceit,
they refuse to know me, declares the LORD.

(Jer 9:4-6)



Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone;
for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man.

² Everyone utters lies to his neighbor;
with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

³ May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,
the tongue that makes great boasts,

⁴ those who say, “With our tongue we will prevail,
our lips are with us; who is master over us?”

(Ps 12:1-4)



4. But Jesus



a. The truth of the world has come into the world

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him ... ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:9-10, 14)

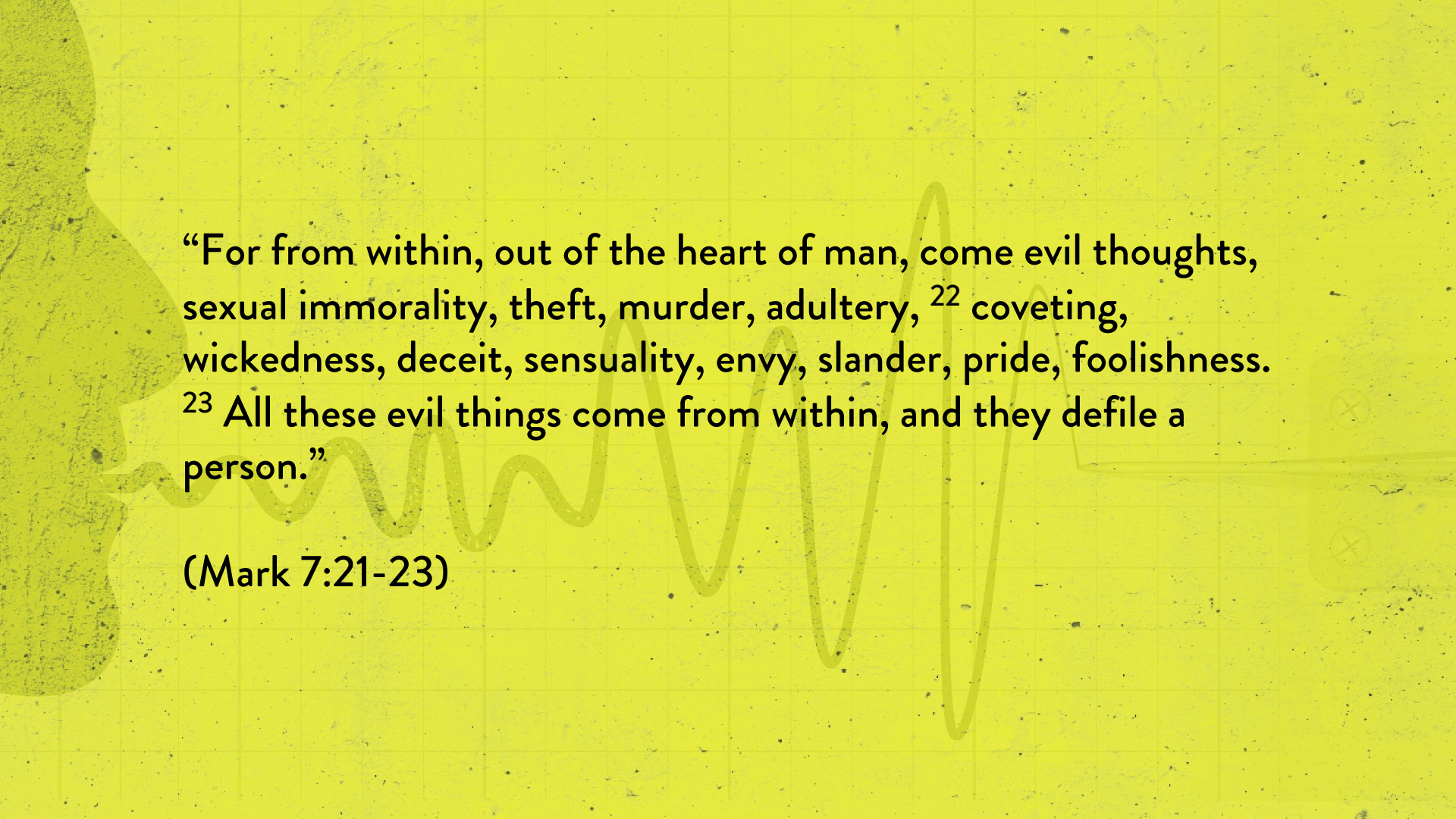


“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.”

(Matt 5:17)



b. Judging and saving from deceit



“For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

(Mark 7:21-23)

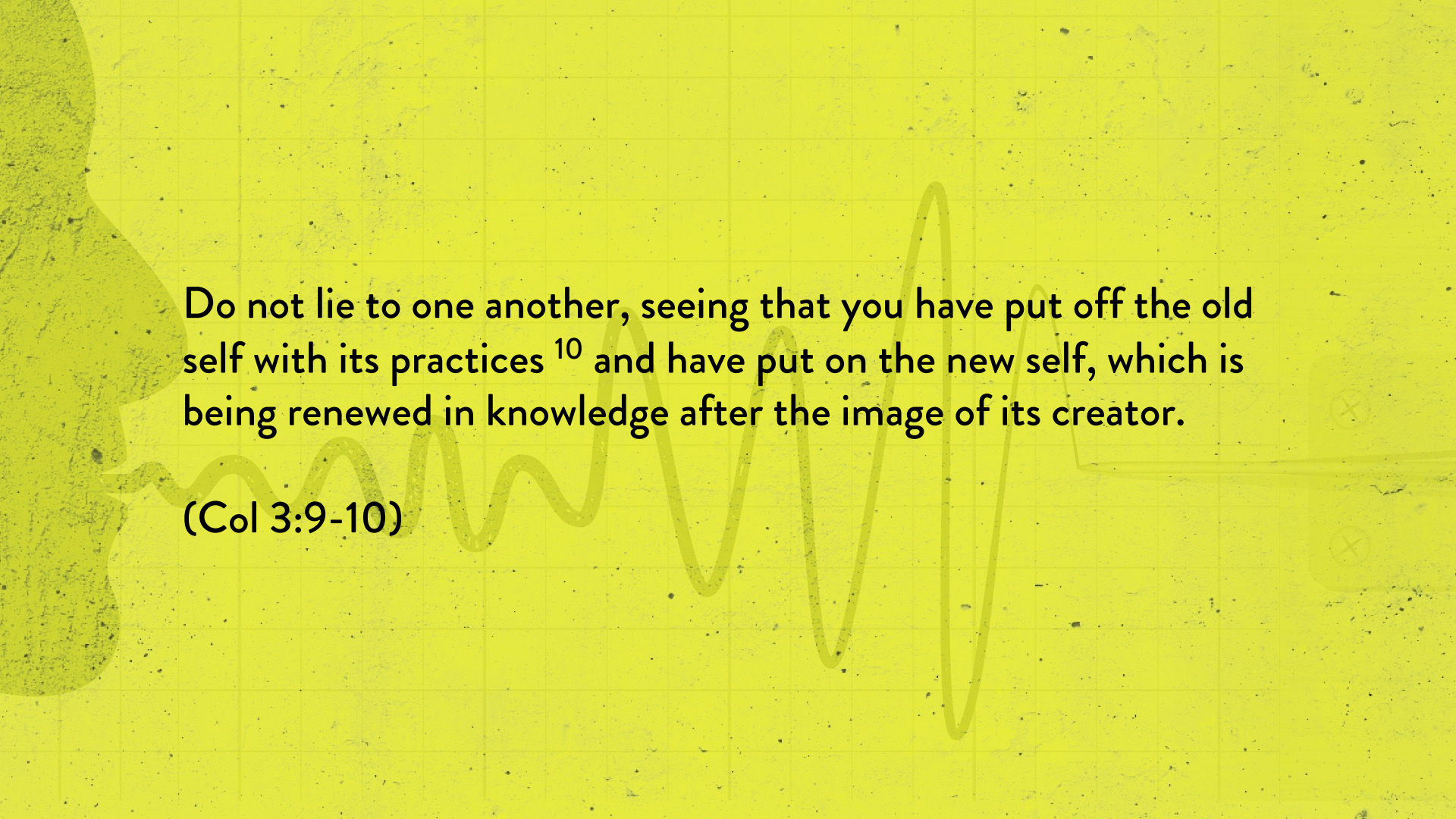


c. A new community of truth



Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another.

(Eph 4:25)



Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

(Col 3:9-10)



5. Seeking the righteousness of integrity today



PART 2

DISCUSSING PRACTICALITIES

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MATTHEW 5:38-42



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