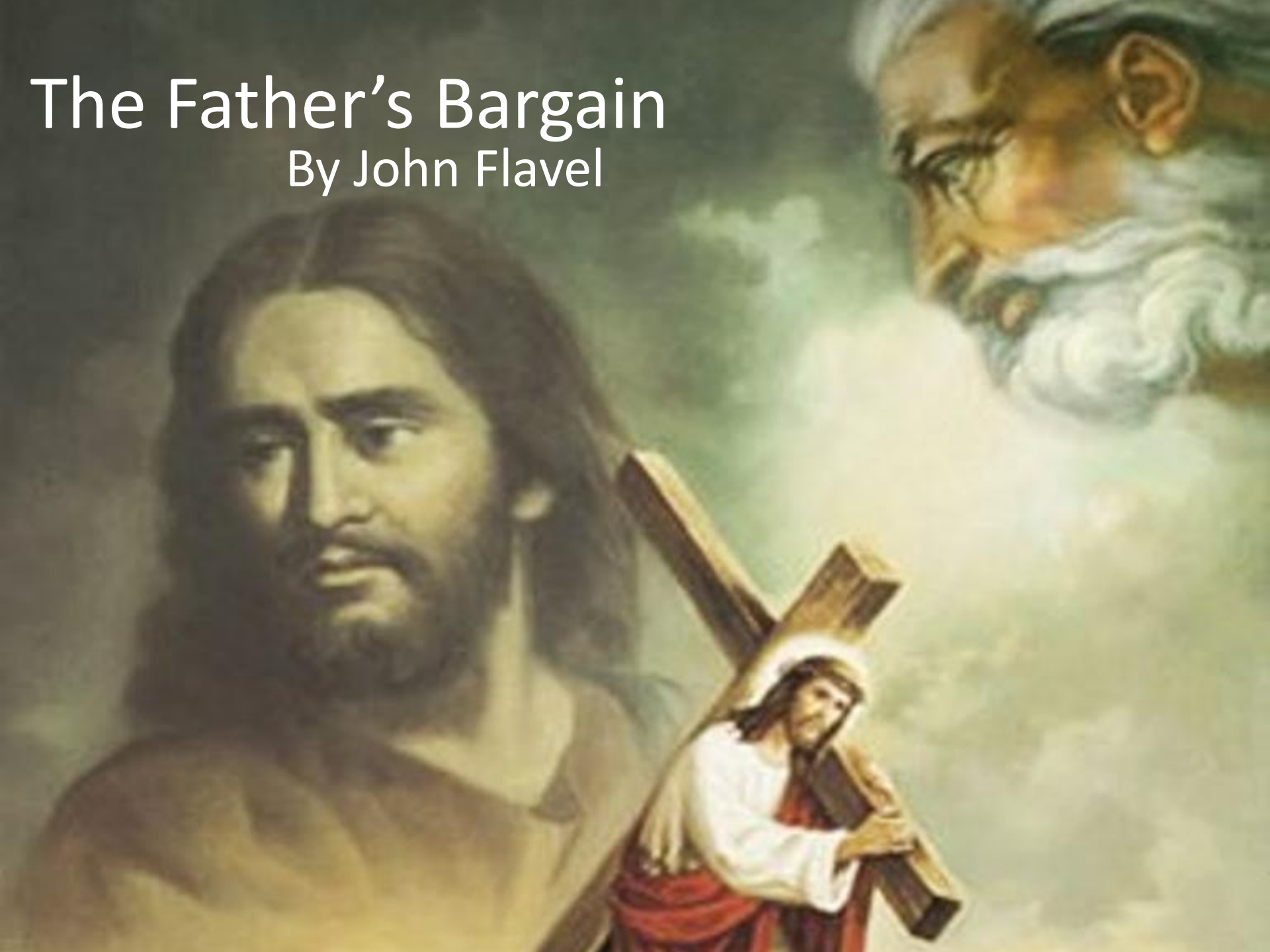


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Here you may suppose the Father to say, when driving his bargain with Christ for you:

Father: My son, here is a company of poor miserable souls, that have utterly undone themselves, and now lie open to my justice! Justice demands satisfaction for them, or will satisfy itself in the eternal ruin of them: What shall be done for these souls. And thus Christ returns



Son: O my Father, such is my love to, and pity for them, that rather than they shall perish eternally, I will be responsible for them as their Guarantee; bring in all your bills, that I may see what they owe you; Lord, bring them all in, that there may be no more discussion as to what is owed you; at my hand you shall require it. I will rather choose to suffer your wrath than they should suffer it: upon me, my Father, upon me will be all their debt.



Father: But, my Son, if you pay for them, you must agree to pay the last cent, expect no less; if I spare them, I will not spare you.

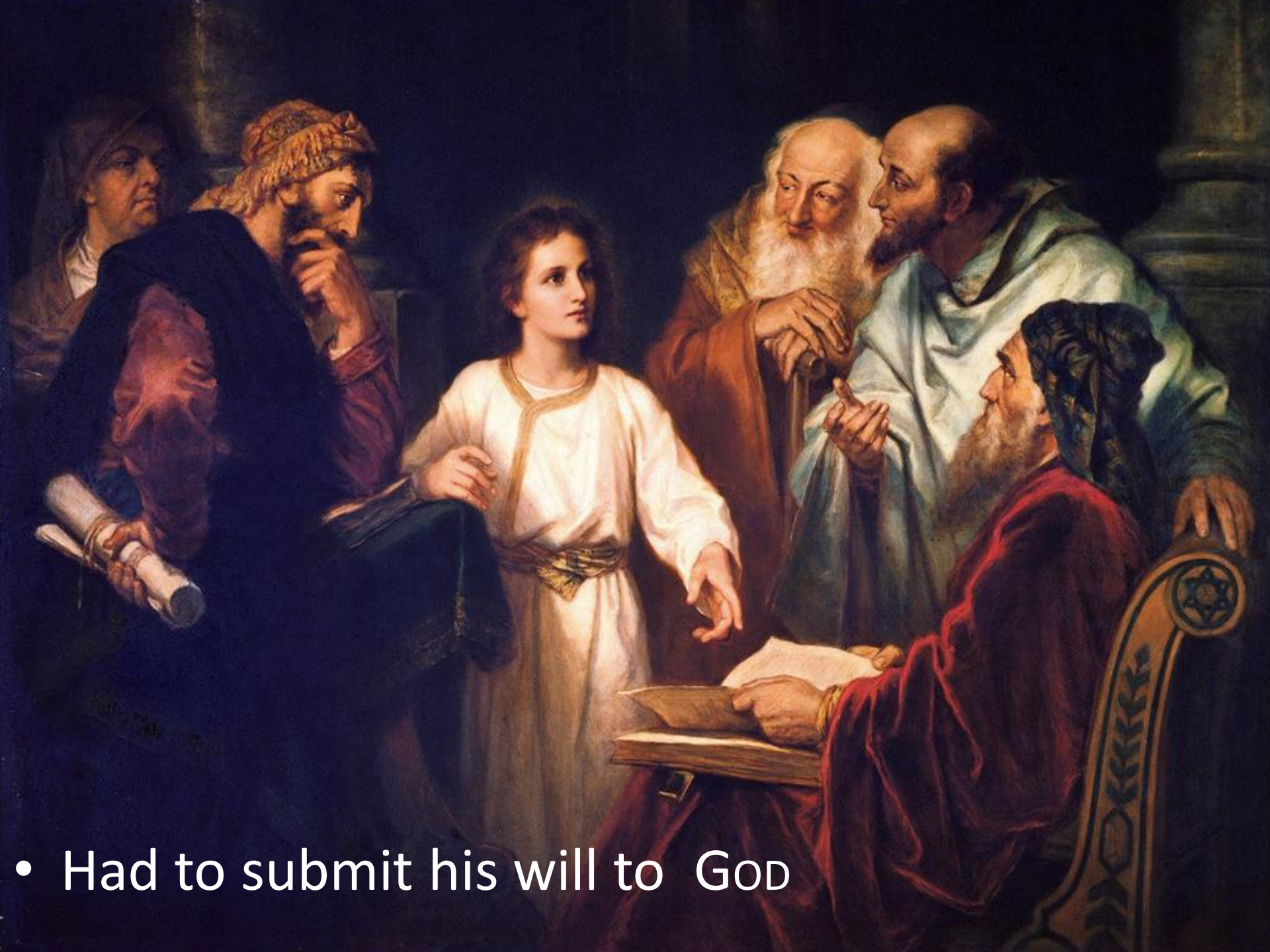
Son: Agreed, Father, let it be so; charge it all upon me, I am able to pay it: and though it prove a kind of undoing to me, though it impoverish all my riches, empty all my treasures, (for so indeed it did, 2 Cor. 8: 9. “Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor”) yet I am content to undertake it.



Blush, ungrateful believers, O let shame cover your faces; judge in yourselves now, has Christ deserved that you should stand with him for trifles, that you should shrink at a few petty difficulties, and complain, this is hard, and that is harsh? O if you knew the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in this his wonderful condescension for you, you could not do it.



- Jesus went from Heaven to earth



- Had to submit his will to God

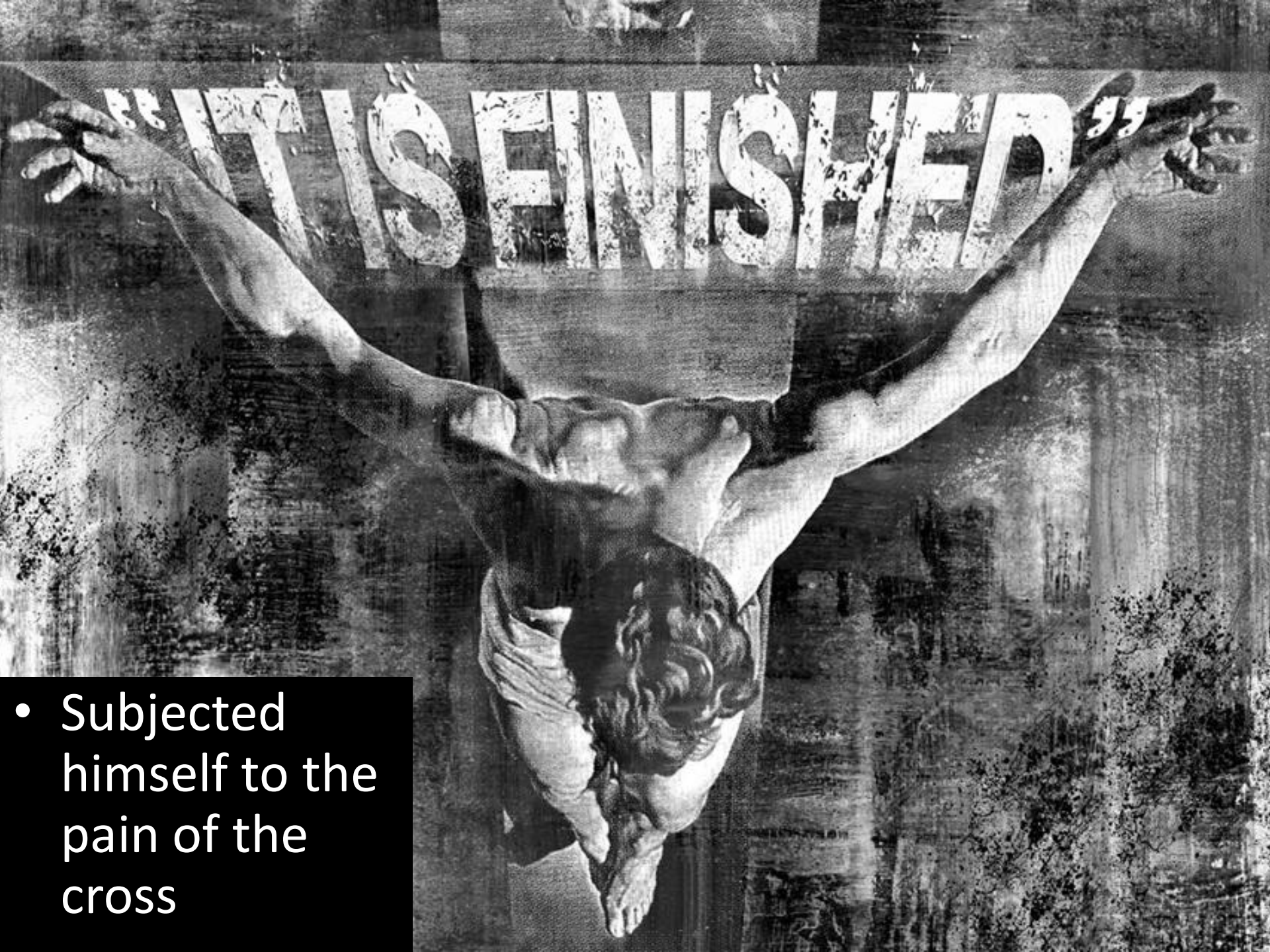


- Tempted as we are

Cost to Jesus

- Unable to have a family
- Had no Place to lay his head





- Subjected himself to the pain of the cross



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