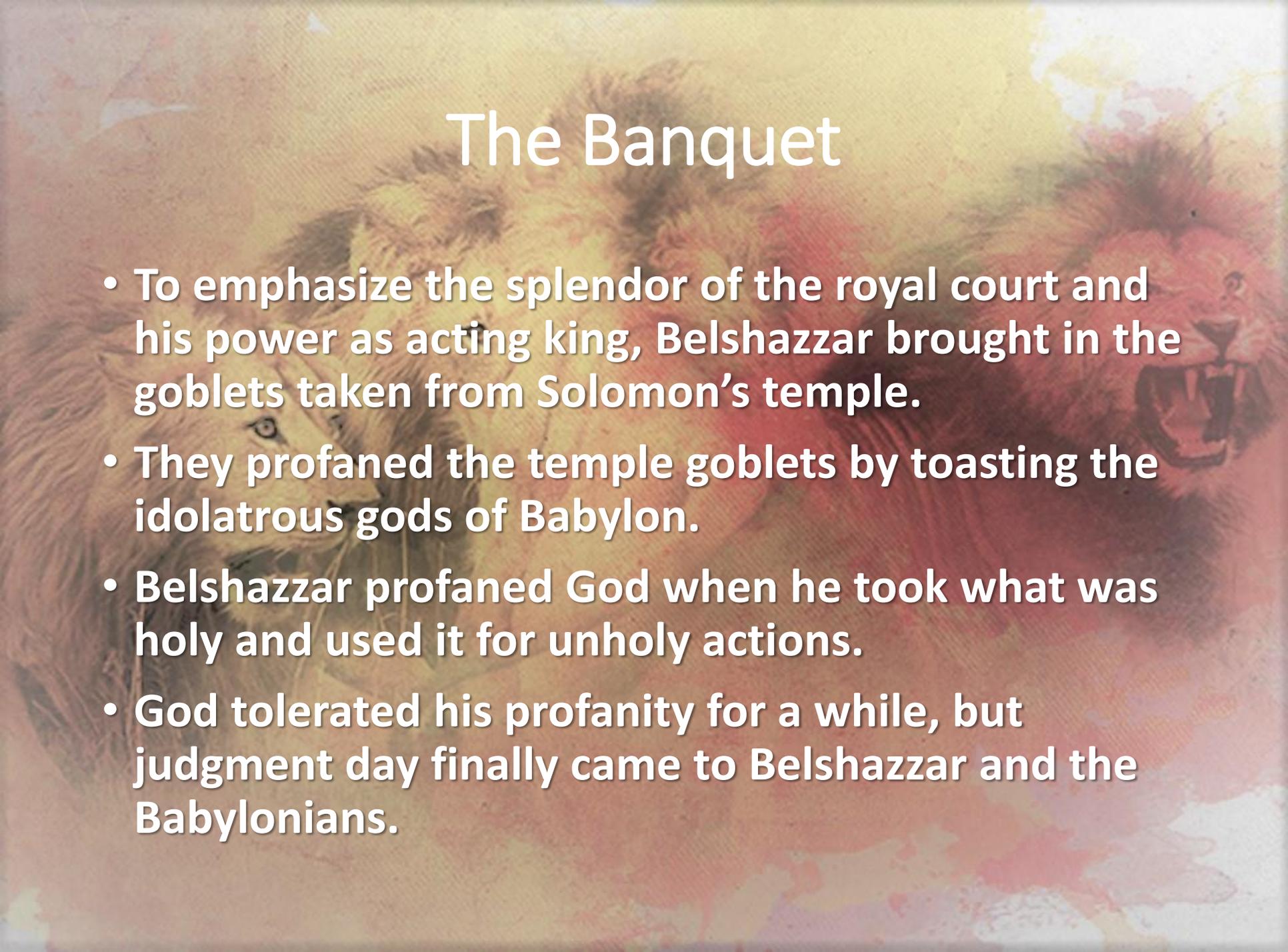
A watercolor illustration of three lions. The lion on the right is roaring with its mouth wide open, showing its teeth. The other two lions are looking towards the right. The background is a mix of yellow, orange, and red watercolor washes on a grey, textured surface.

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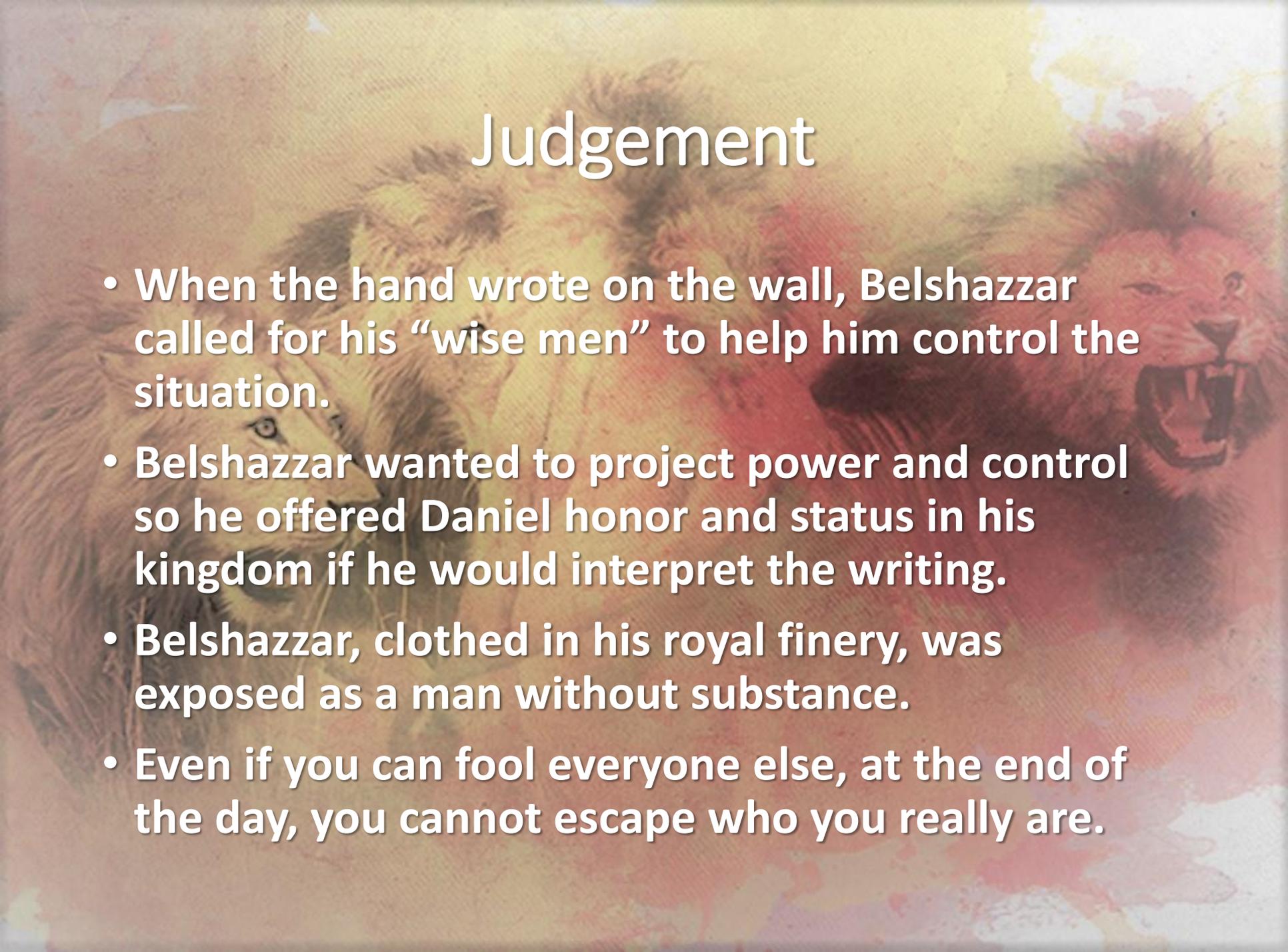
Daniel 5:1-31, Matthew 5:1-10, Matthew 7:24-27

The Banquet

A painting of a lion's head, likely representing the Babylonian gods or the consequences of the banquet. The lion is depicted with a thick, golden-brown mane and a red face, looking towards the left. The background is a mix of warm, textured colors like yellow, orange, and red.

- To emphasize the splendor of the royal court and his power as acting king, Belshazzar brought in the goblets taken from Solomon's temple.
- They profaned the temple goblets by toasting the idolatrous gods of Babylon.
- Belshazzar profaned God when he took what was holy and used it for unholy actions.
- God tolerated his profanity for a while, but judgment day finally came to Belshazzar and the Babylonians.

Judgement

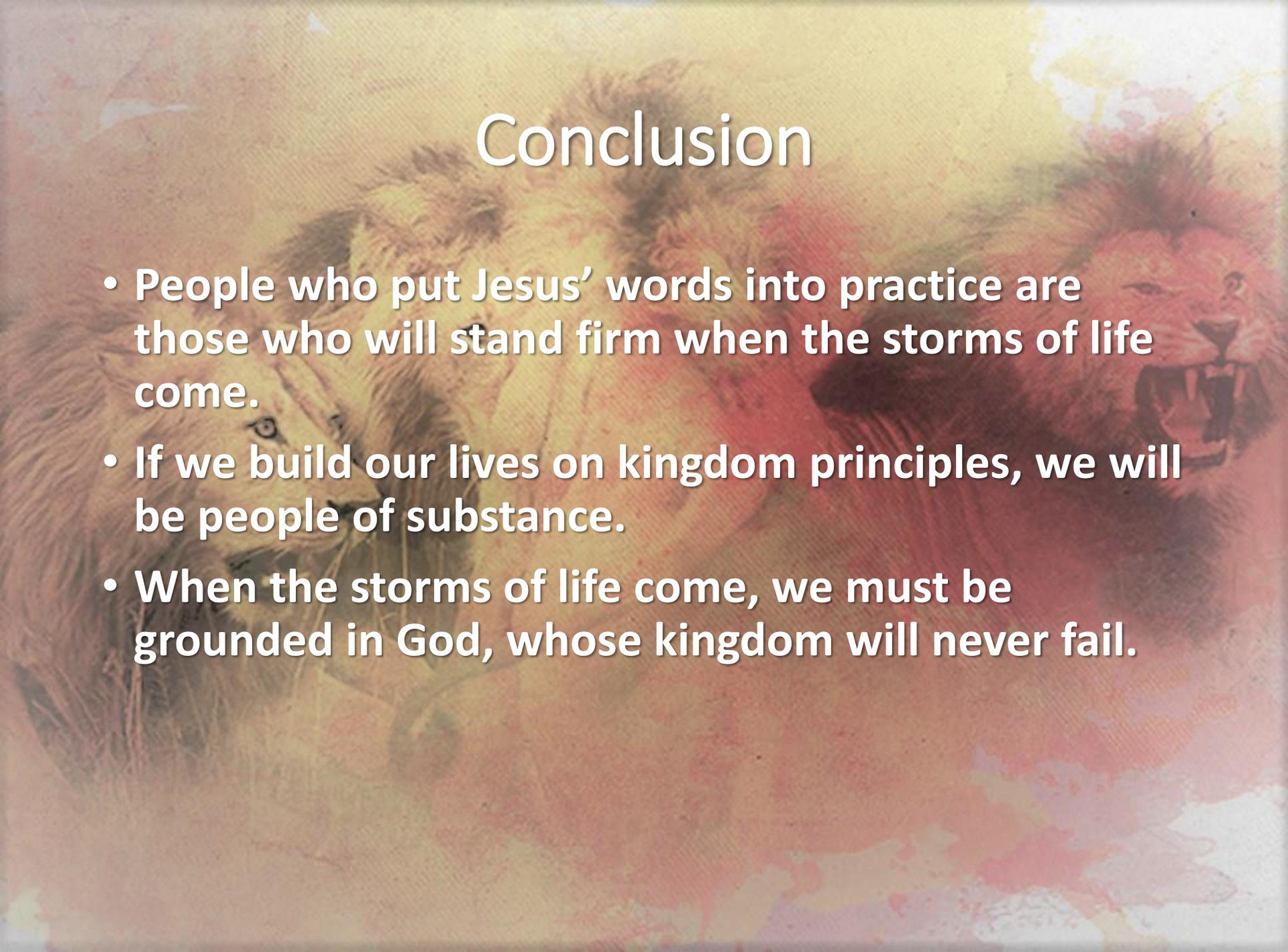
A painting of two lions. The lion on the right is roaring with its mouth wide open, showing its teeth. The lion on the left is looking towards the right with a more neutral expression. The background is a mix of warm colors like yellow, orange, and red, with a textured, almost woven appearance.

- When the hand wrote on the wall, Belshazzar called for his “wise men” to help him control the situation.
- Belshazzar wanted to project power and control so he offered Daniel honor and status in his kingdom if he would interpret the writing.
- Belshazzar, clothed in his royal finery, was exposed as a man without substance.
- Even if you can fool everyone else, at the end of the day, you cannot escape who you really are.

How Can We Become A Person Of Substance

- Daniel was not impressed by the kingdom of Babylon.
- Daniel and his friends recognized that the kingdoms of this world do not give substance to life.
- God revealed to Daniel that a kingdom was coming that would be greater than all the kingdoms of the world, and it would endure forever.
- We establish ourselves as people of substance by recognizing that the kingdom of God, the kingdom of Christ Jesus, endures forever.
- His kingdom gives us meaning, stability, and security.
- We are blessed in the kingdom of God if we trust God, seek God's righteousness, and live as children of God.

Conclusion



- People who put Jesus' words into practice are those who will stand firm when the storms of life come.
- If we build our lives on kingdom principles, we will be people of substance.
- When the storms of life come, we must be grounded in God, whose kingdom will never fail.