

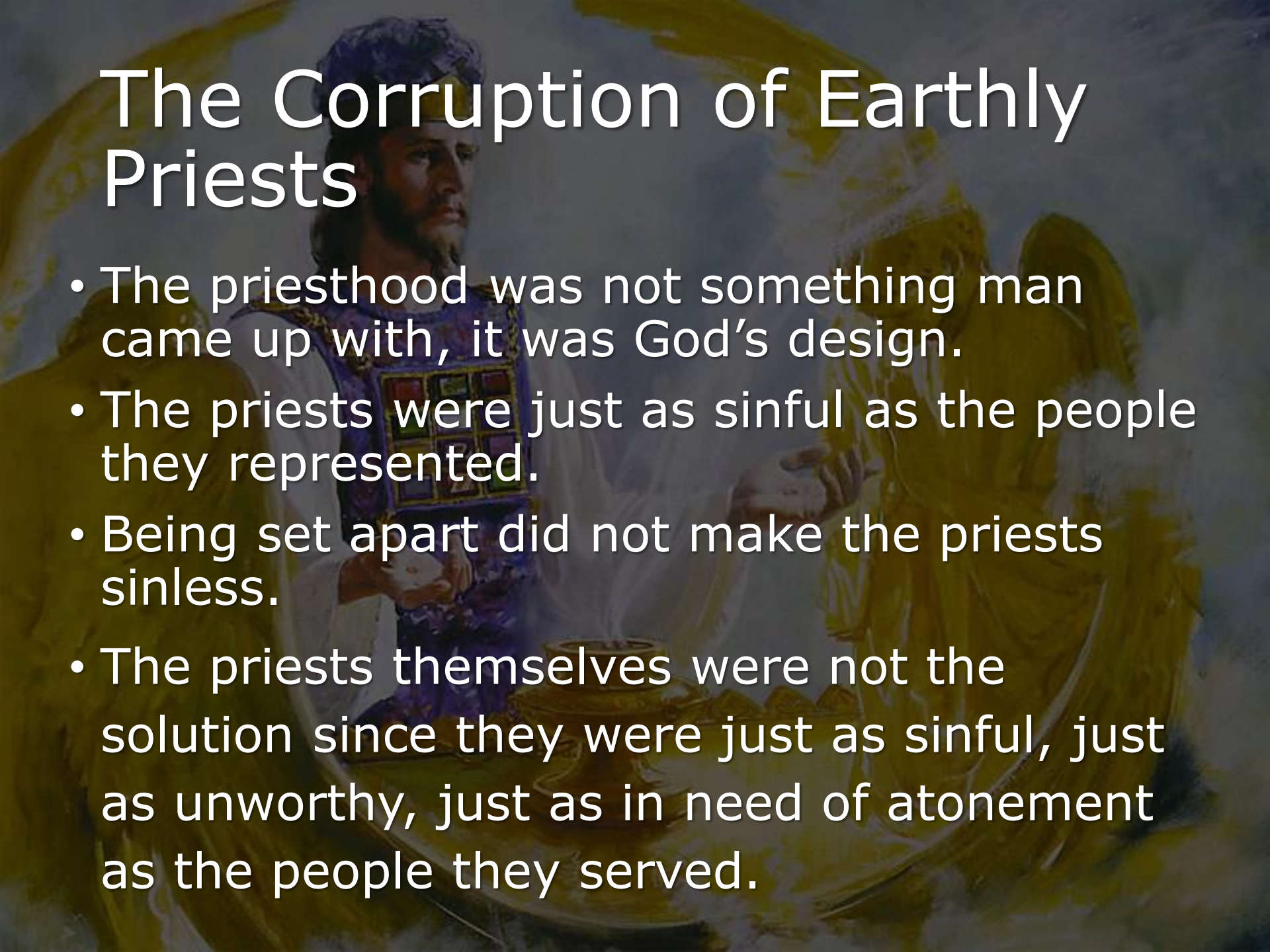


# A Perfect High Priest

Leviticus 8:1-10, Hebrews  
4:14-16, Hebrews 5:1-10,  
Hebrews 7:23-28



# The Corruption of Earthly Priests

A painting of a priest in ornate vestments performing a ritual, with a large golden bowl in the foreground. The priest is wearing a purple and gold vestment and a purple turban. He is holding a small object in his hands. The background is a soft, golden glow.

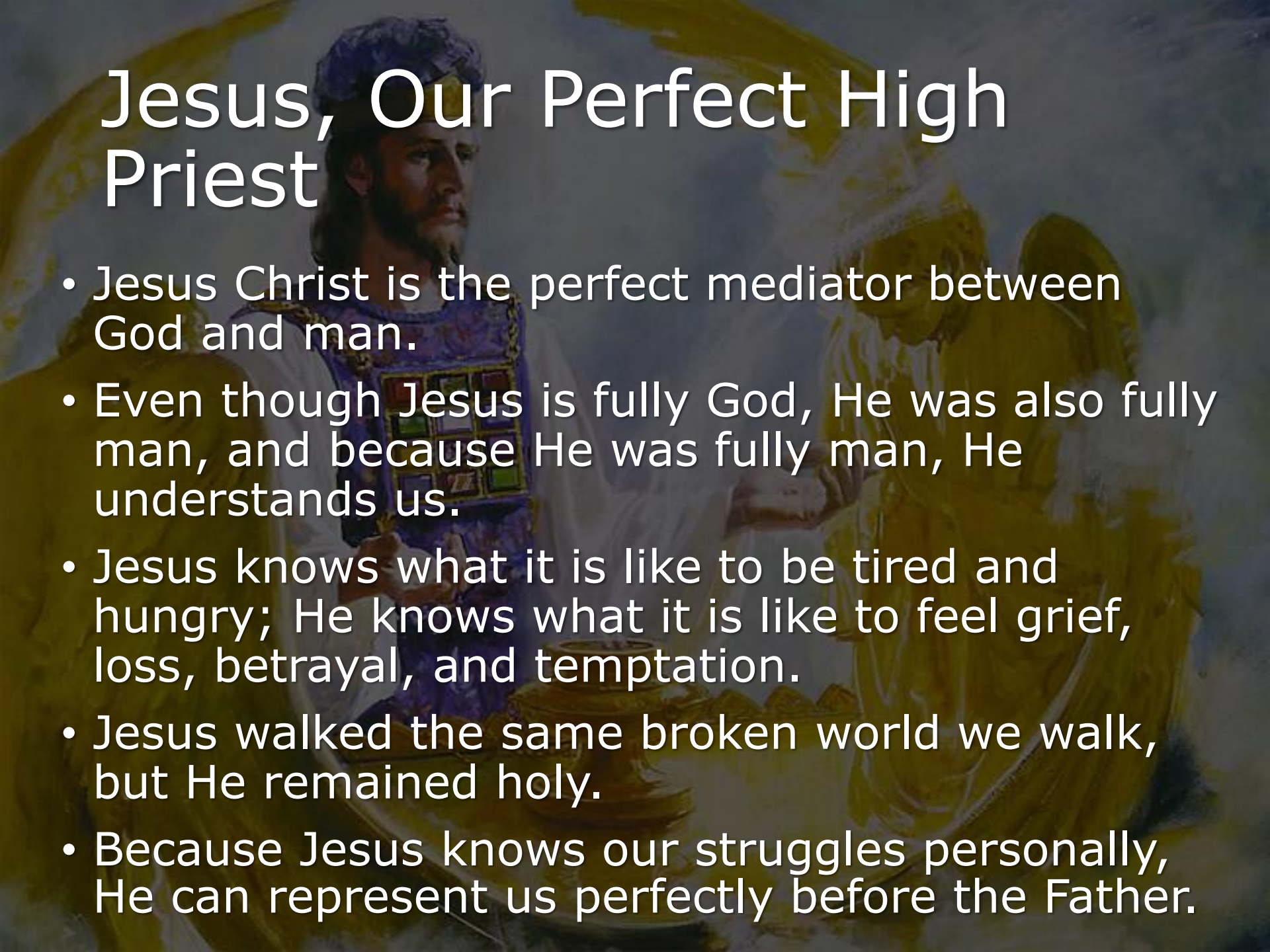
- The priesthood was not something man came up with, it was God's design.
- The priests were just as sinful as the people they represented.
- Being set apart did not make the priests sinless.
- The priests themselves were not the solution since they were just as sinful, just as unworthy, just as in need of atonement as the people they served.

# Priests Were Limited In Their Ministry

- The priests' work was never finished.
- The priests' ministry could never remove sin; it could only temporarily cover it.
- The priests were constantly standing, sacrificing, offering, and interceding because sin was never truly dealt with.
- The entire sacrificial system was designed to show our desperate need for something greater.
- The people needed a greater priest.



# Jesus, Our Perfect High Priest



- Jesus Christ is the perfect mediator between God and man.
- Even though Jesus is fully God, He was also fully man, and because He was fully man, He understands us.
- Jesus knows what it is like to be tired and hungry; He knows what it is like to feel grief, loss, betrayal, and temptation.
- Jesus walked the same broken world we walk, but He remained holy.
- Because Jesus knows our struggles personally, He can represent us perfectly before the Father.

# Jesus Secures Our Access



- The ministry of the priests of Israel was always temporary.
- Jesus' priesthood never ends.
- Earthly priests could only offer temporary atonement; Jesus is able to save forever.
- Unlike the earthly priests who had to offer sacrifices daily, Jesus' saving work is complete.
- Because Jesus' sacrifice was final, His intercession is eternal.



# Conclusion



- If you are in Christ, your salvation is secure.
- If you have trusted in Jesus, your sins are fully atoned for.
- You do not have to work to earn His approval—you already have it.
- Jesus, our Perfect High Priest, has secured our access once and for all!