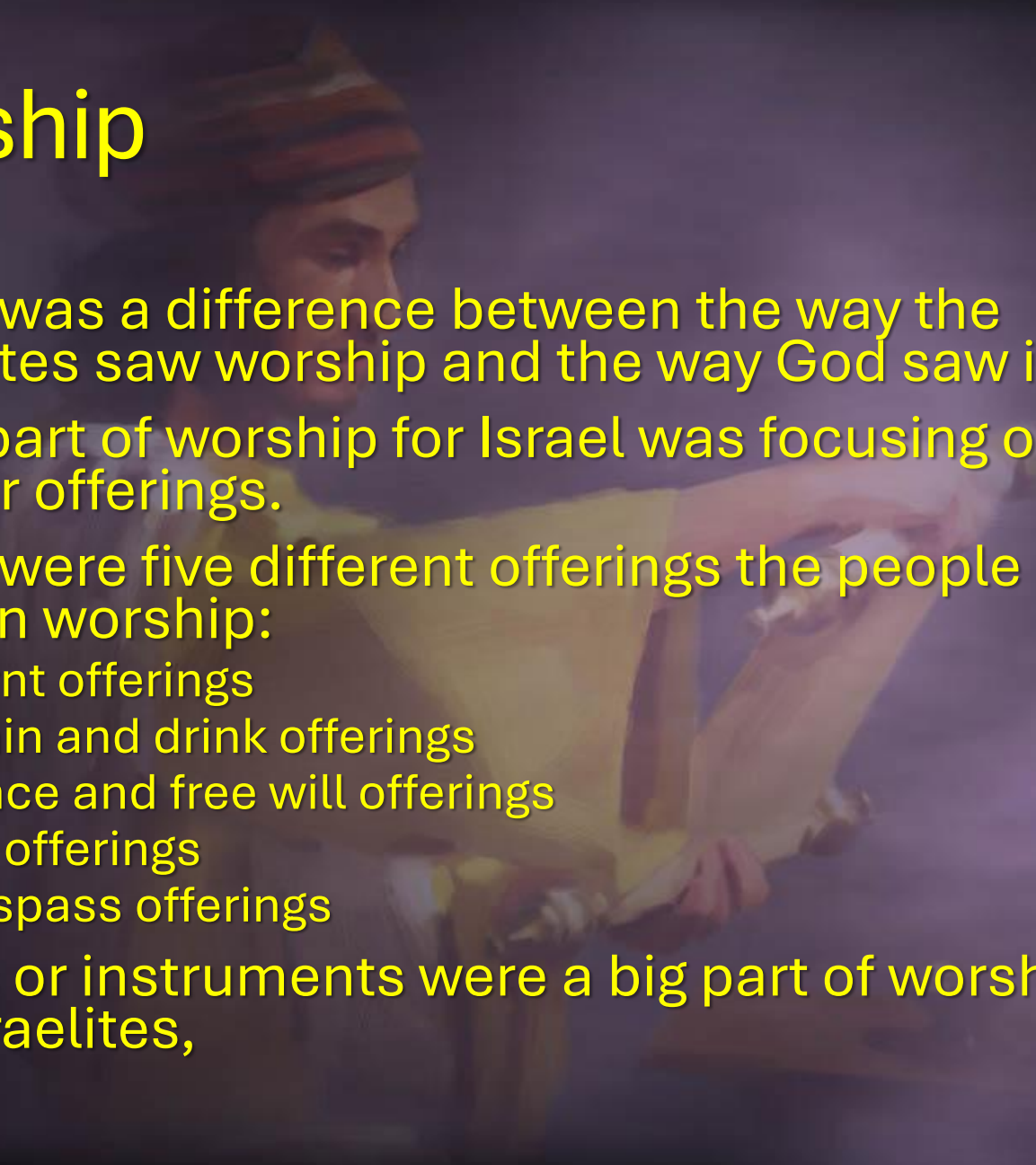




Idle Songs

Amos 5:21-24, 6:4-8

Worship

A person wearing a yellow robe and a headband with a red and white striped band is shown from the chest up. They are holding a large, light-colored scroll or tablet with both hands. The background is a soft, out-of-focus purple and blue.

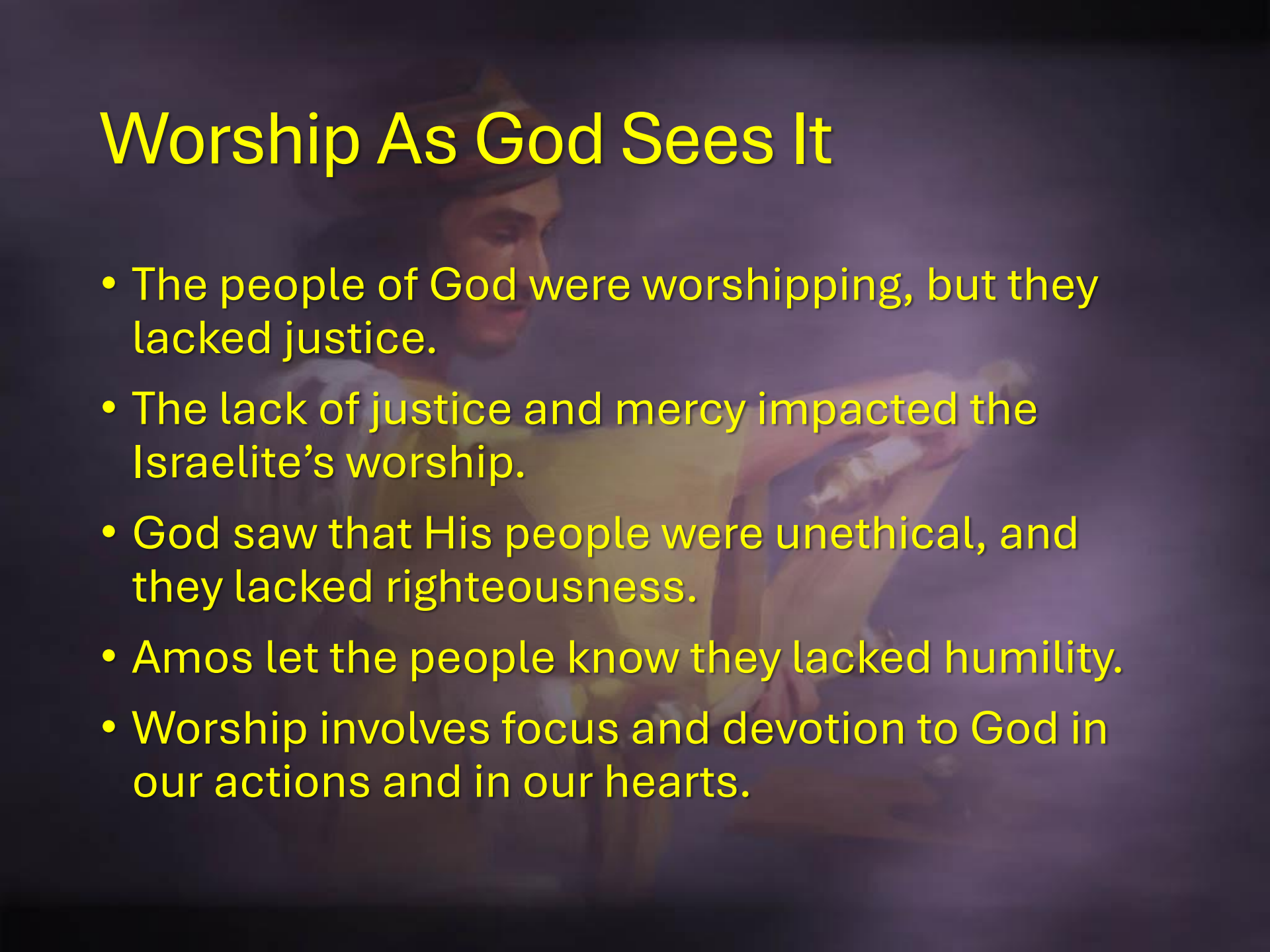
- There was a difference between the way the Israelites saw worship and the way God saw it.
- A big part of worship for Israel was focusing on God in their offerings.
- There were five different offerings the people of God used in worship:
 - Burnt offerings
 - Grain and drink offerings
 - Peace and free will offerings
 - Sin offerings
 - Trespass offerings
- Songs or instruments were a big part of worship for the Israelites,

Preparation



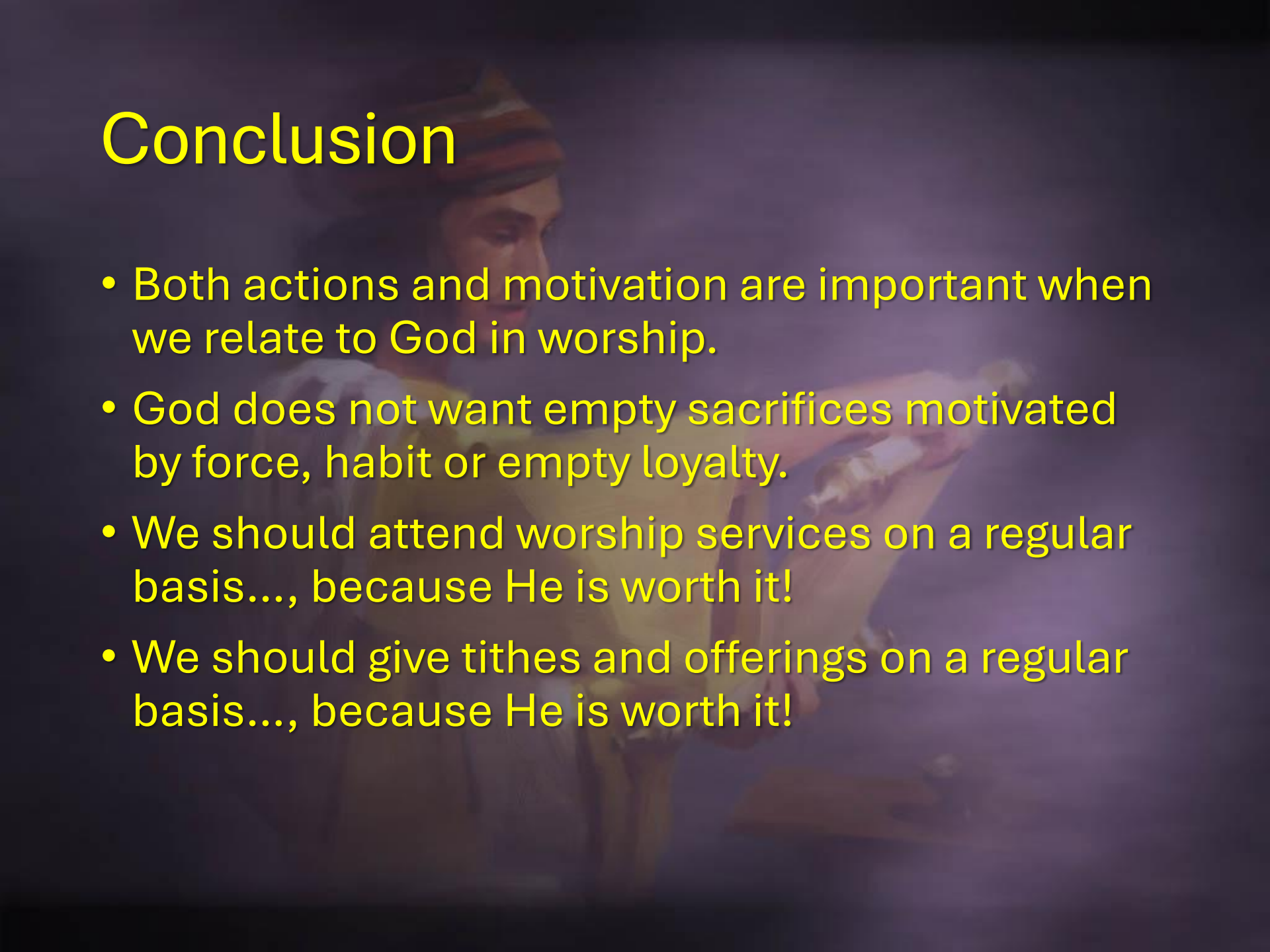
- The Israelites wanted to look good while they did worshipful things.
- The Israelites were feasting and gathering at certain times, but God was not pleased.
- God was angry with His people for how they were treating Him.
- God was fed up and would not uphold their sinfulness anymore.

Worship As God Sees It



- The people of God were worshipping, but they lacked justice.
- The lack of justice and mercy impacted the Israelite's worship.
- God saw that His people were unethical, and they lacked righteousness.
- Amos let the people know they lacked humility.
- Worship involves focus and devotion to God in our actions and in our hearts.

Conclusion



- Both actions and motivation are important when we relate to God in worship.
- God does not want empty sacrifices motivated by force, habit or empty loyalty.
- We should attend worship services on a regular basis..., because He is worth it!
- We should give tithes and offerings on a regular basis..., because He is worth it!