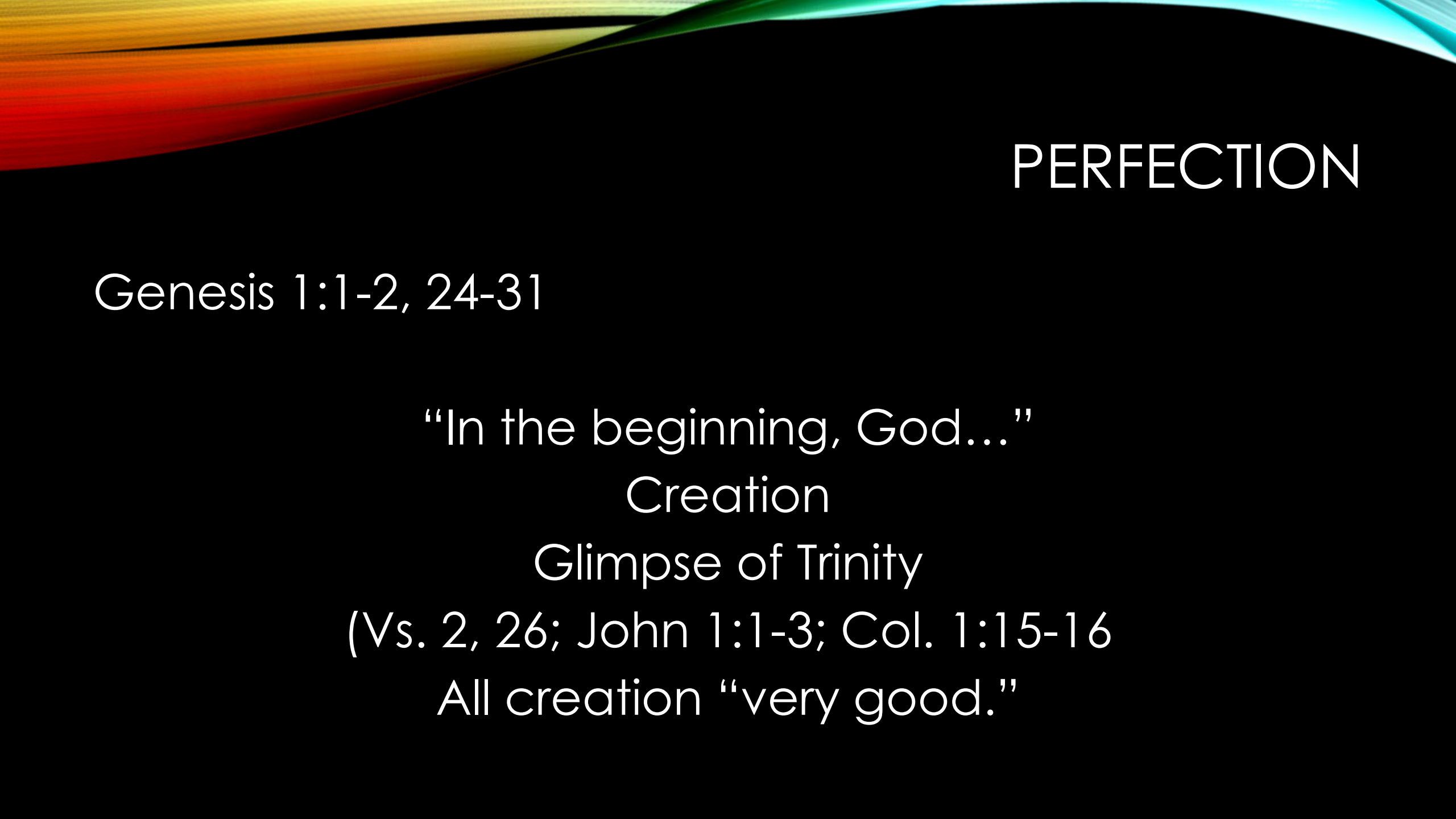




EVERY REASON TO HOPE: THE PROBLEM

Genesis selections



PERFECTION

Genesis 1:1-2, 24-31

“In the beginning, God...”

Creation

Glimpse of Trinity

(Vs. 2, 26; John 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-16)

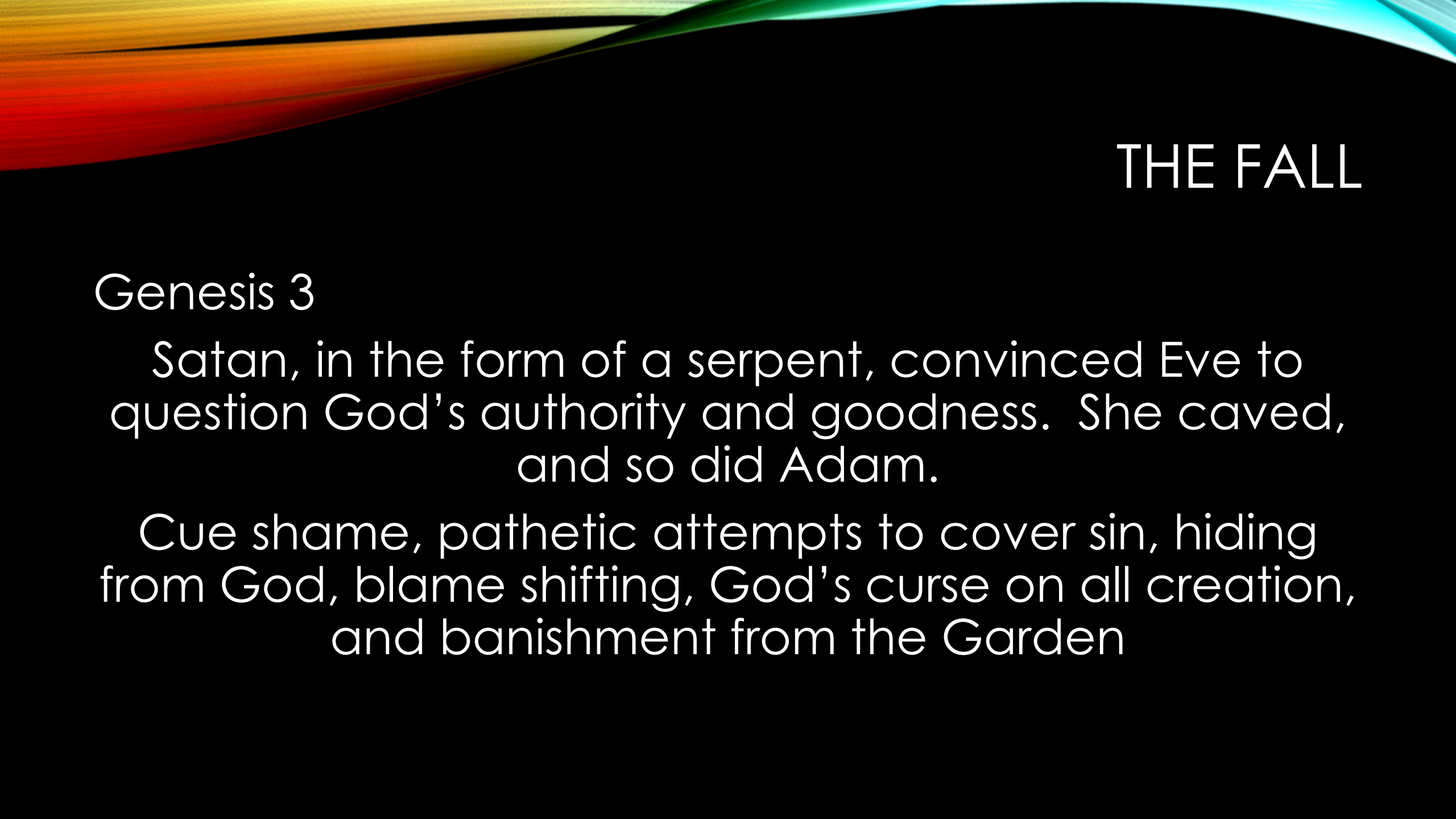
All creation “very good.”

PURPOSE

Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17

God planted the Garden of Eden, loaded it with everything Adam needed and then placed Adam in the garden. Eve, also having been made in God's image (1:26), joined Adam in his work there. (2:15)

One warning: DO NOT eat from "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."



THE FALL

Genesis 3

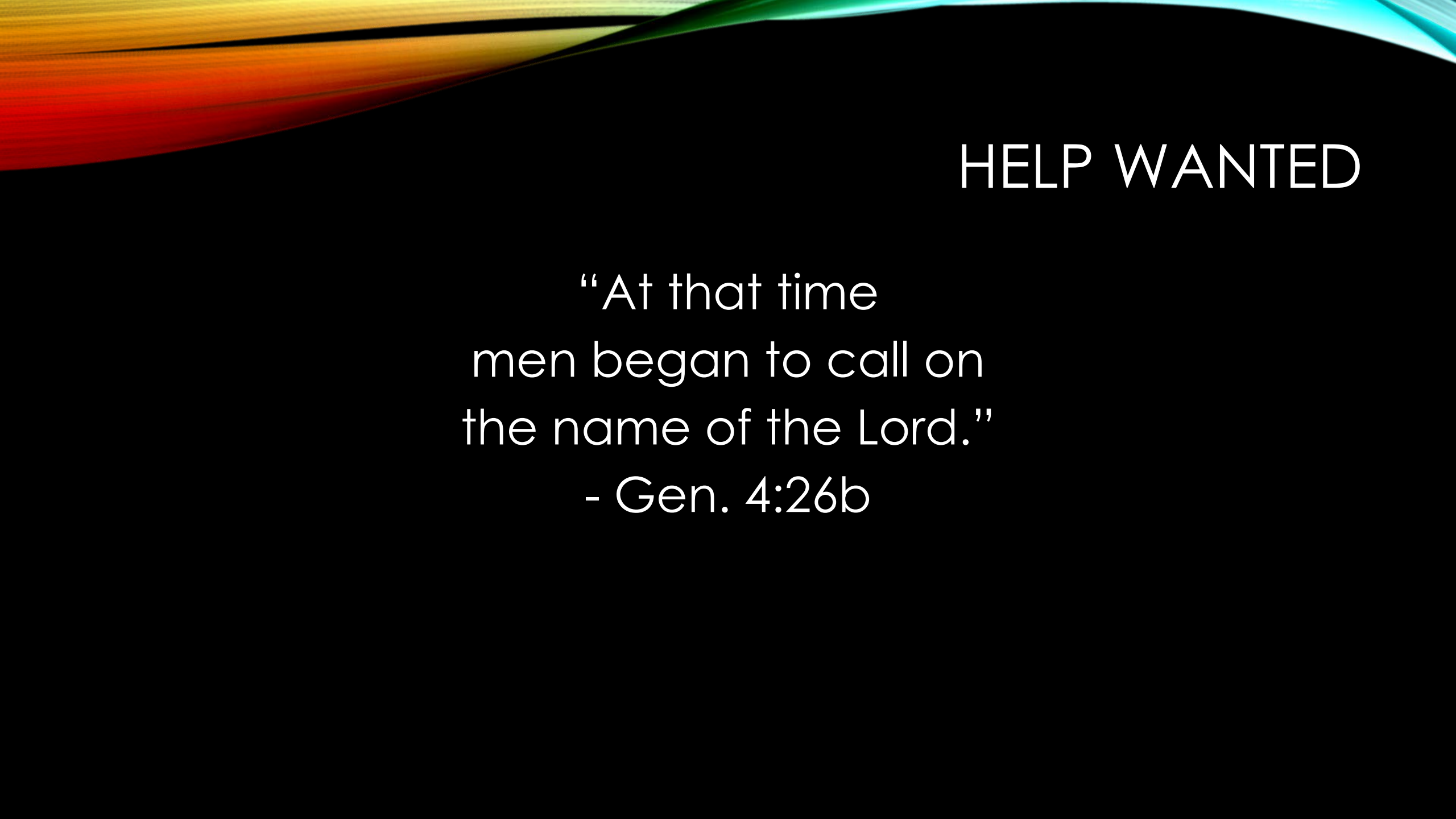
Satan, in the form of a serpent, convinced Eve to question God's authority and goodness. She caved, and so did Adam.

Cue shame, pathetic attempts to cover sin, hiding from God, blame shifting, God's curse on all creation, and banishment from the Garden



Genesis 4:1-12

Right out the gate, murder becomes an early symptom of man's fallenness – and the consequences of sin just keep rolling



HELP WANTED

“At that time
men began to call on
the name of the Lord.”

- Gen. 4:26b

THE UNFOLDING COLLAPSE

Genesis 6:1-3, 5-8, 9-14

As sin's darkness spread, "every inclination of the thoughts of (man's) heart was only evil at the time."

God declared judgment.

"The Lord was grieved that He had made man."

God said, "I am going to put an end to all people..."

REASON TO HOPE

Gen. 3:15 The Enemy will be crushed by the Offspring

Gen. 3:21 God providing an effective covering for man's sin

Gen. 6:14 The Ark

Gen. 12:1-3; 15:1-6 The Covenant

Gen. 22:1-19 The Substitute