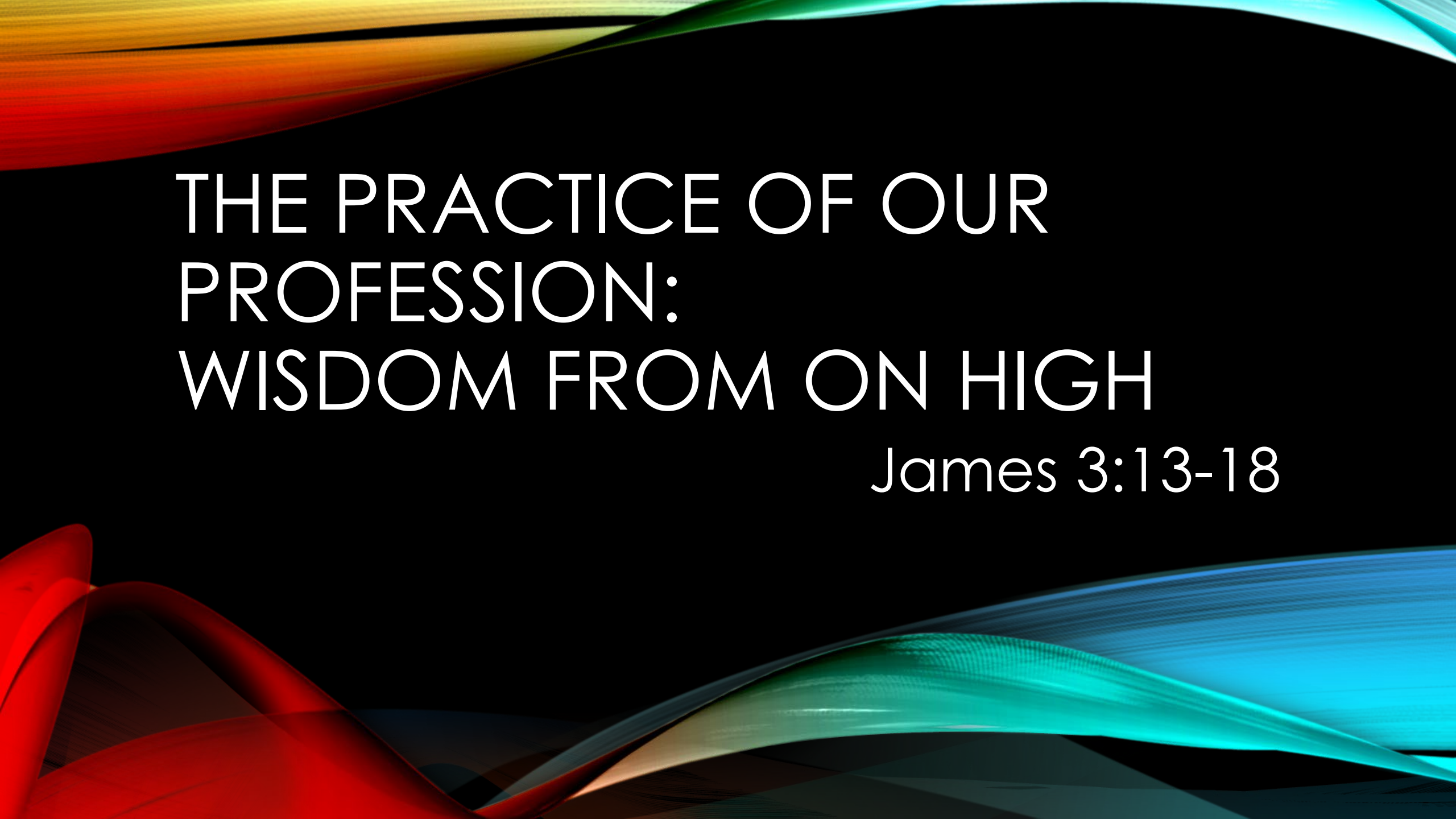
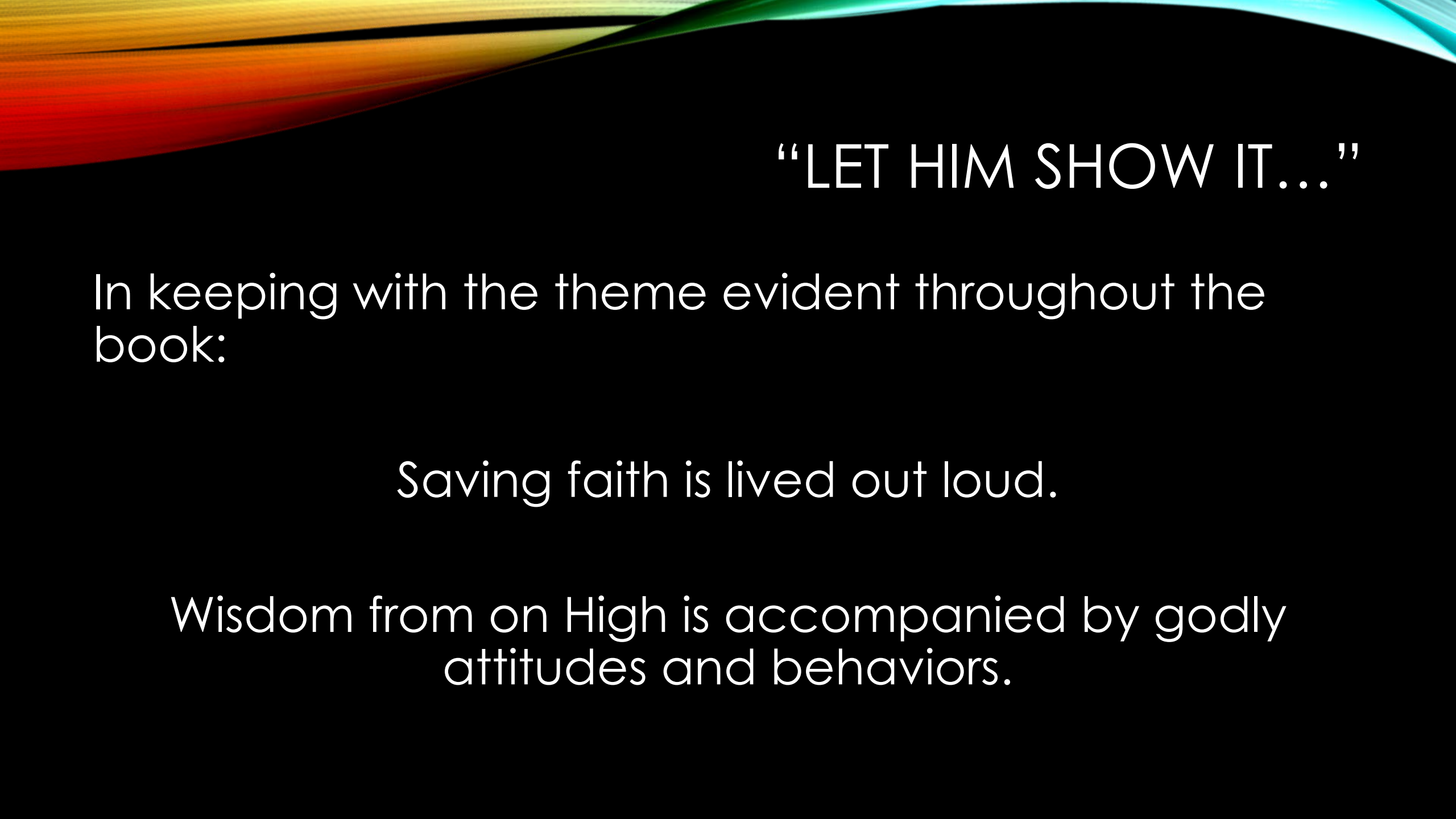




THE PRACTICE OF OUR PROFESSION: WISDOM FROM ON HIGH

James 3:13-18



“LET HIM SHOW IT...”

In keeping with the theme evident throughout the book:

Saving faith is lived out loud.

Wisdom from on High is accompanied by godly attitudes and behaviors.



VS. 13

Characteristics of true wisdom:

It's the fruit of a "good" life

(Good = "Constitutionally good. Expressed in harmonious completeness, balance and proportion")

It's borne in meekness and humility

(Meekness = "An inwrought grace of the soul. Gentleness demonstrated not in weakness but in power.")



VS. 14-16

If the life is characterized by the following, the wisdom is not from God:

A heart that is a storehouse of bitter envy.
(Antagonism and hostility)

Selfish ambition/strife. (Harsh rivalry and factions)

Genesis 3



WORLDLY 'WISDOM'

Earthly

Unspiritual

Of the Devil (Isaiah 14:12-15)

Disorder and every evil practice thrive in an
atmosphere of envy and selfish ambition

(In contrast, see Psalm 115:1)

WISDOM FROM ON HIGH VS. 17 - 18

If it's from God, it is:

Pure “free of defilement or impurity”

Peace-loving

Considerate “mild, gentle, patient”



Submissive “Willing submission to God’s standards”

Full of mercy “Compassionate and tender”

Full of good fruit “Fruit that is good, benevolent,
profitable, useful”

Impartial “without separation or discrimination”

Sincere “Unfeigned. Genuine”



What a great tool for discerning Truth from Error, and
for sorting out that which is from God and that which
is from the Enemy of our souls.

It's so useful when wrestling with our own heart and
when hearing from the many voices claiming to have
“a word from the Lord.”