

# Advent Series: Week 2

*For this is the love of God, that  
we keep his commandments.*

*1 John 5:3*



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**Luke 1:26-49**

**John 15:9-14**

## Love & Obedience





# John 15:12

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**John 15:14**

You are my friends if  
you do whatever I command you.



**John 14:15**

If you love Me,  
keep my commandments.





**John 15:10**

If you keep my commandments you  
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Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,





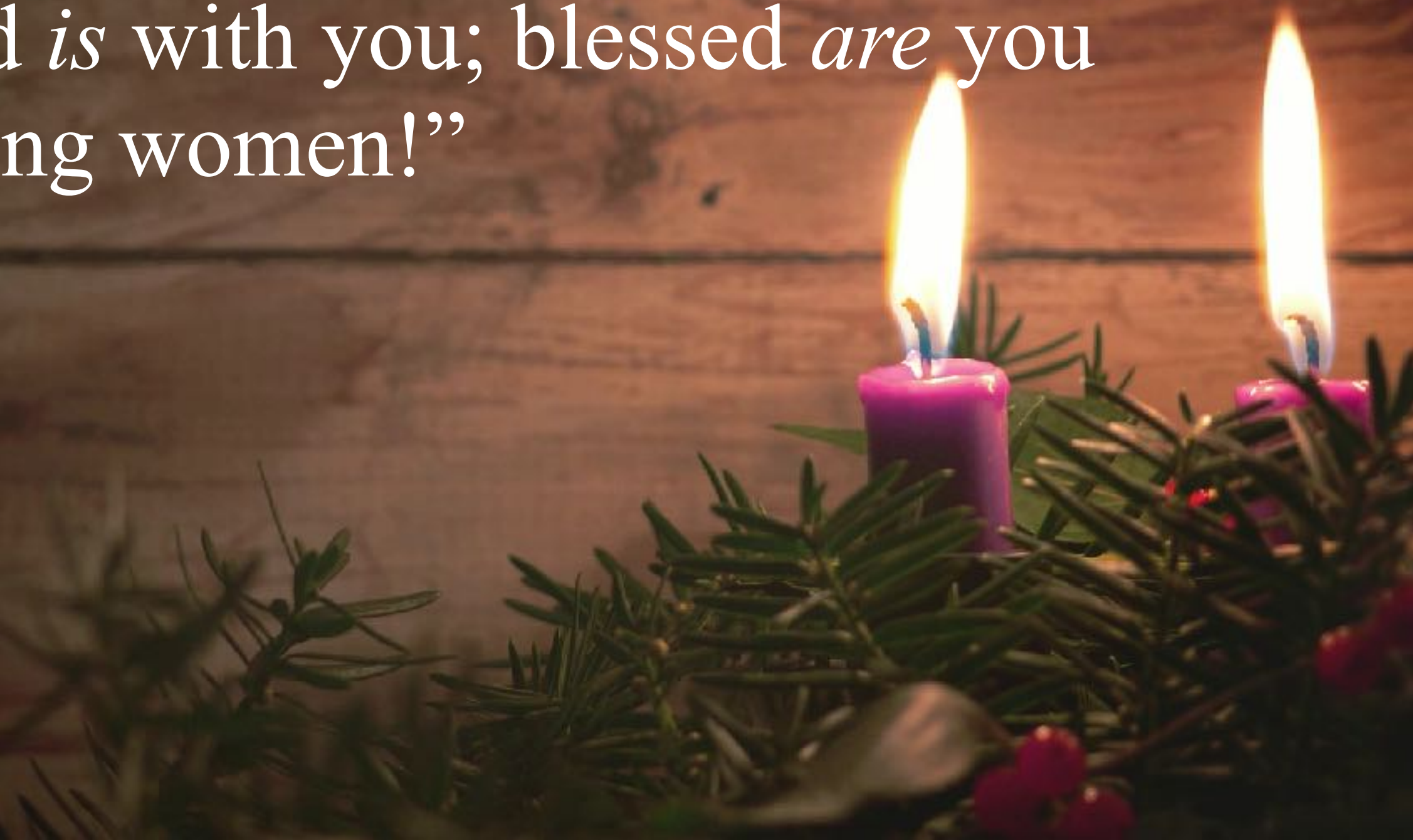
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to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name *was* Mary.



# Luke 1:28

And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!”





# Luke 1:29

But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.





# Luke 1:30

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.





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And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.





# Luke 1:32

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.





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And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”





# Luke 1:34

Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”





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And the angel answered and said to her, “*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.





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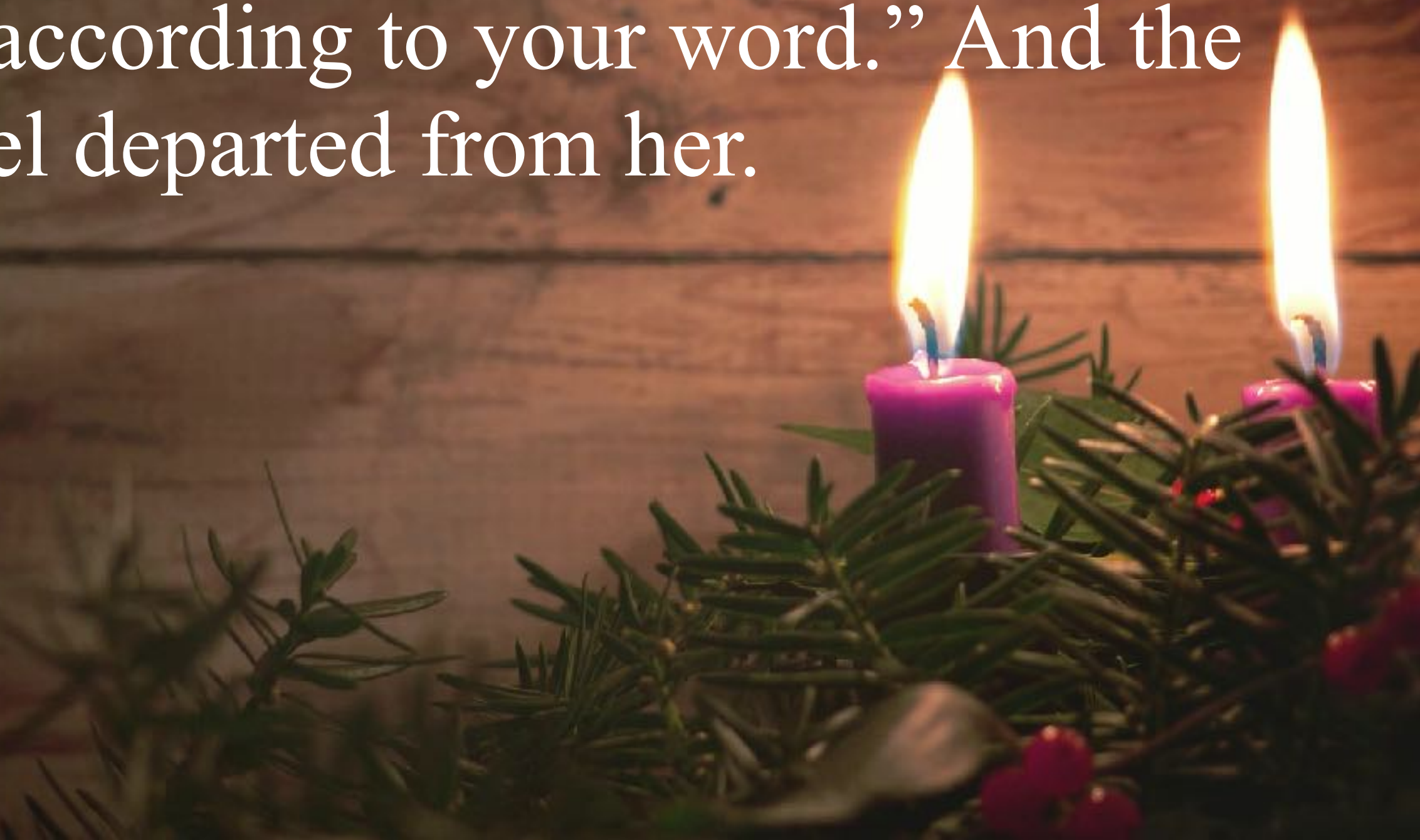
For with God nothing will be  
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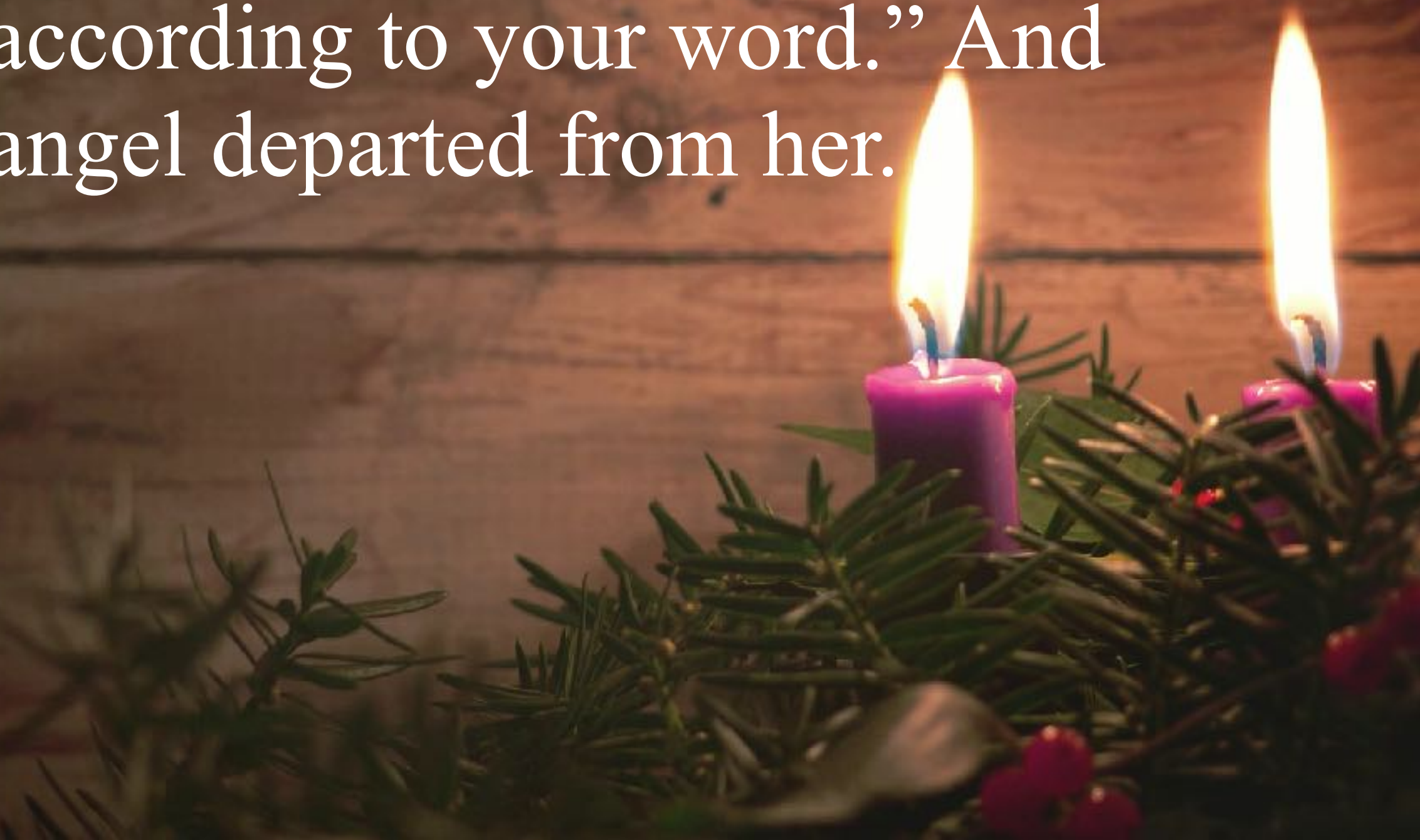
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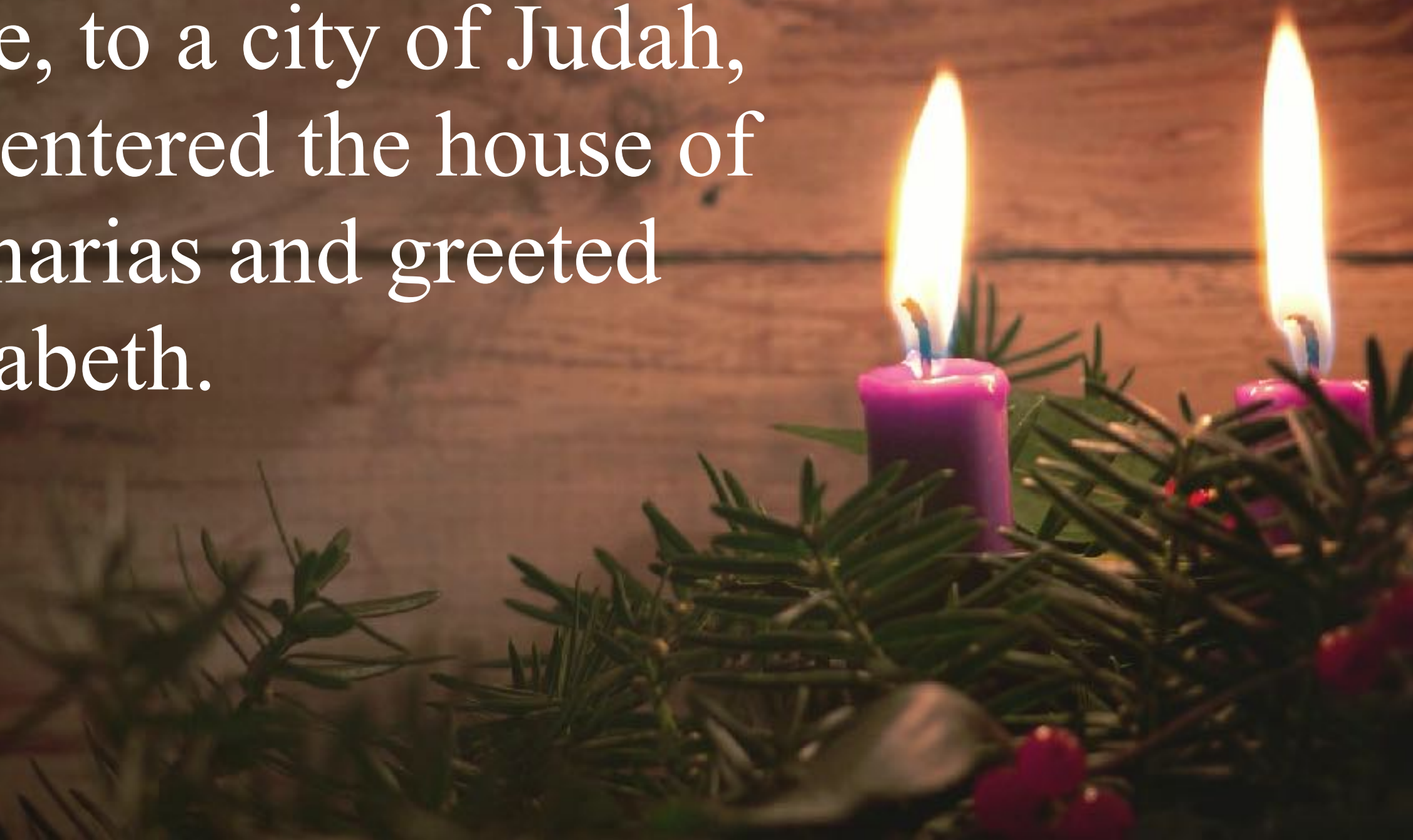
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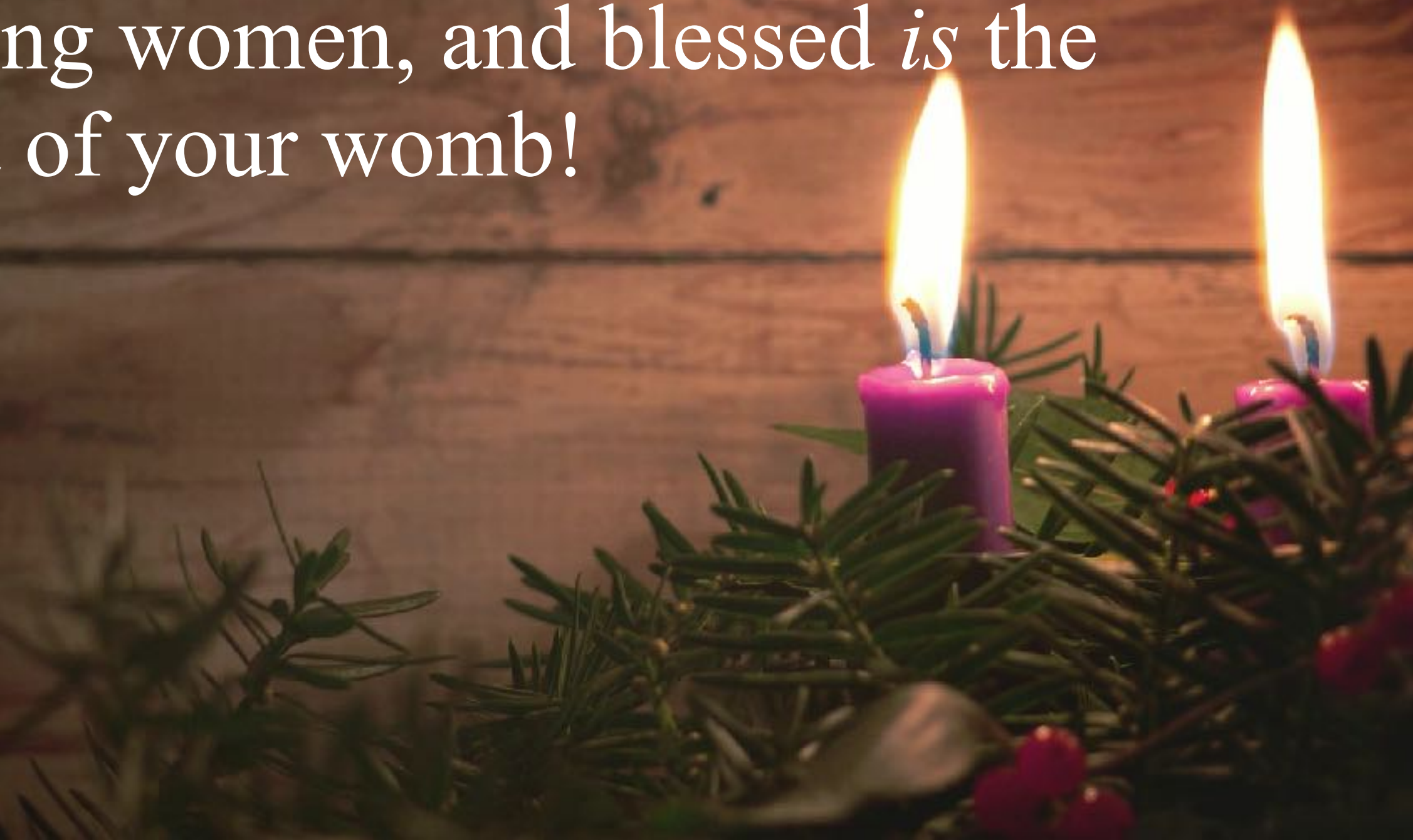
And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.





# Luke 1:42

Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!





# Luke 1:43

But why *is* this *granted* to me, that  
the mother of my Lord should come  
to me?





# Luke 1:44

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Blessed *is* she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”





# Luke 1:46-47

And Mary said: “My soul magnifies  
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# Luke 1:48

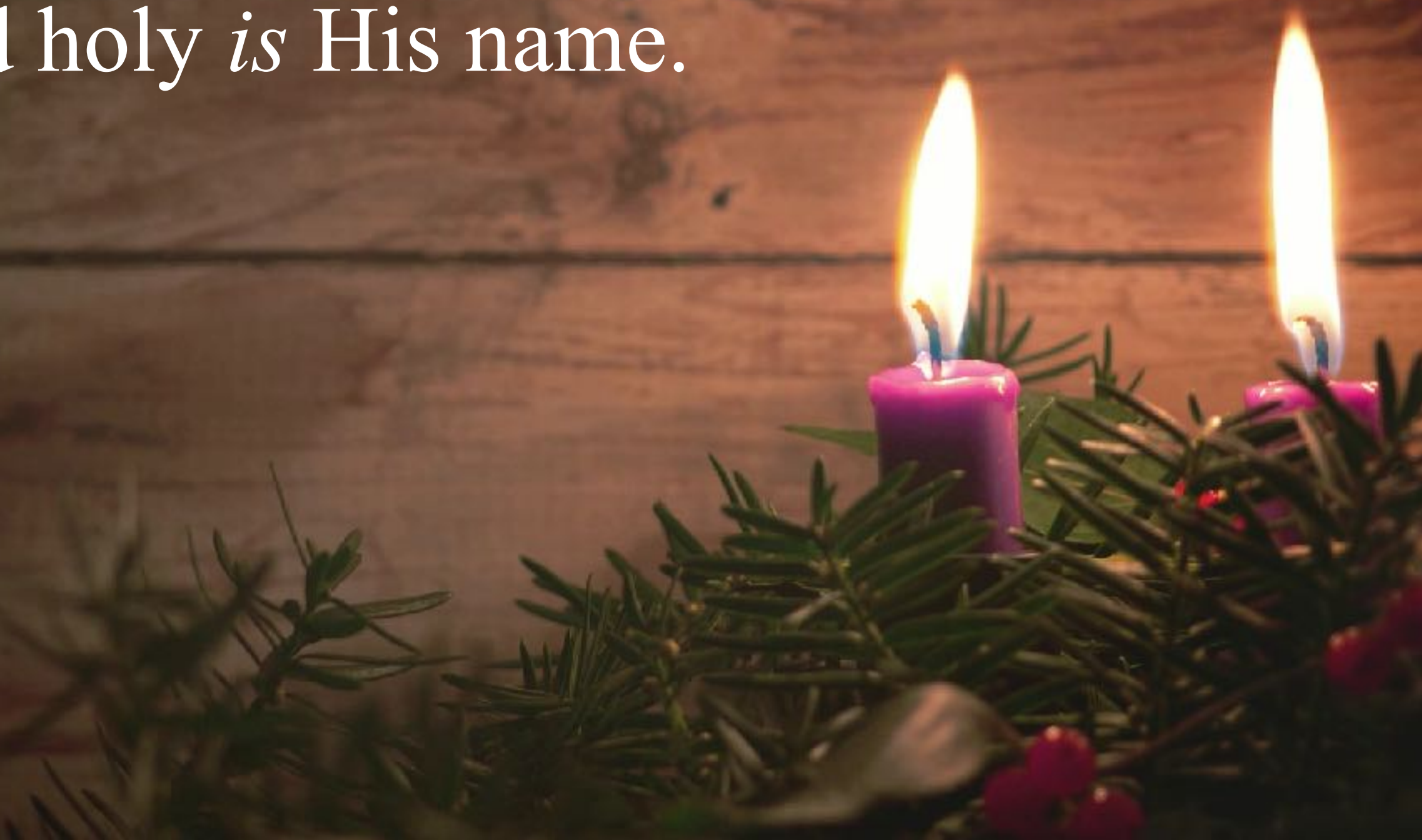
For He has regarded the lowly state  
of His maidservant;  
For behold, henceforth all  
generations will call me  
blessed.





# Luke 1:49

For He who is mighty has done  
great things for me,  
And holy *is* His name.







# Luke 1:38b

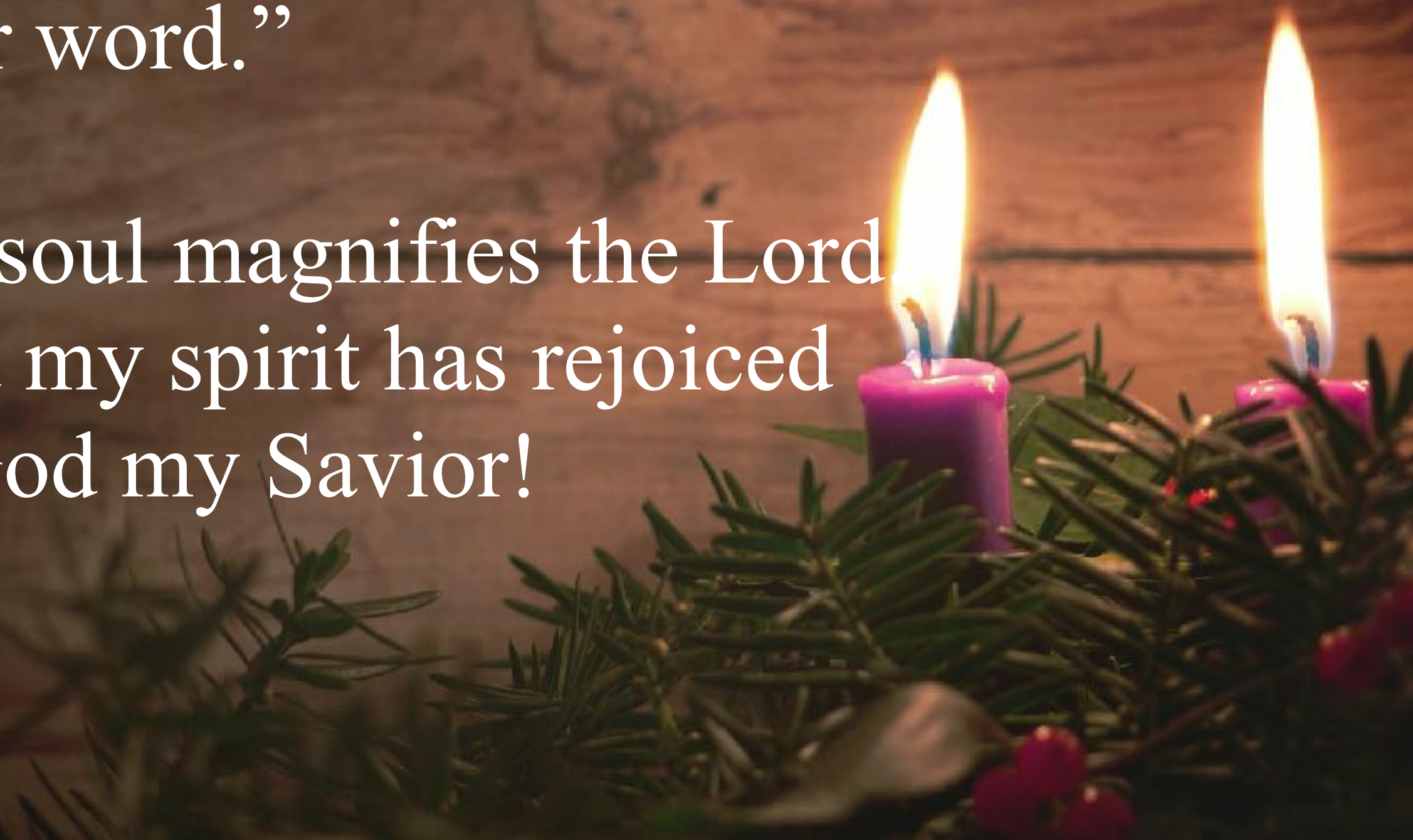
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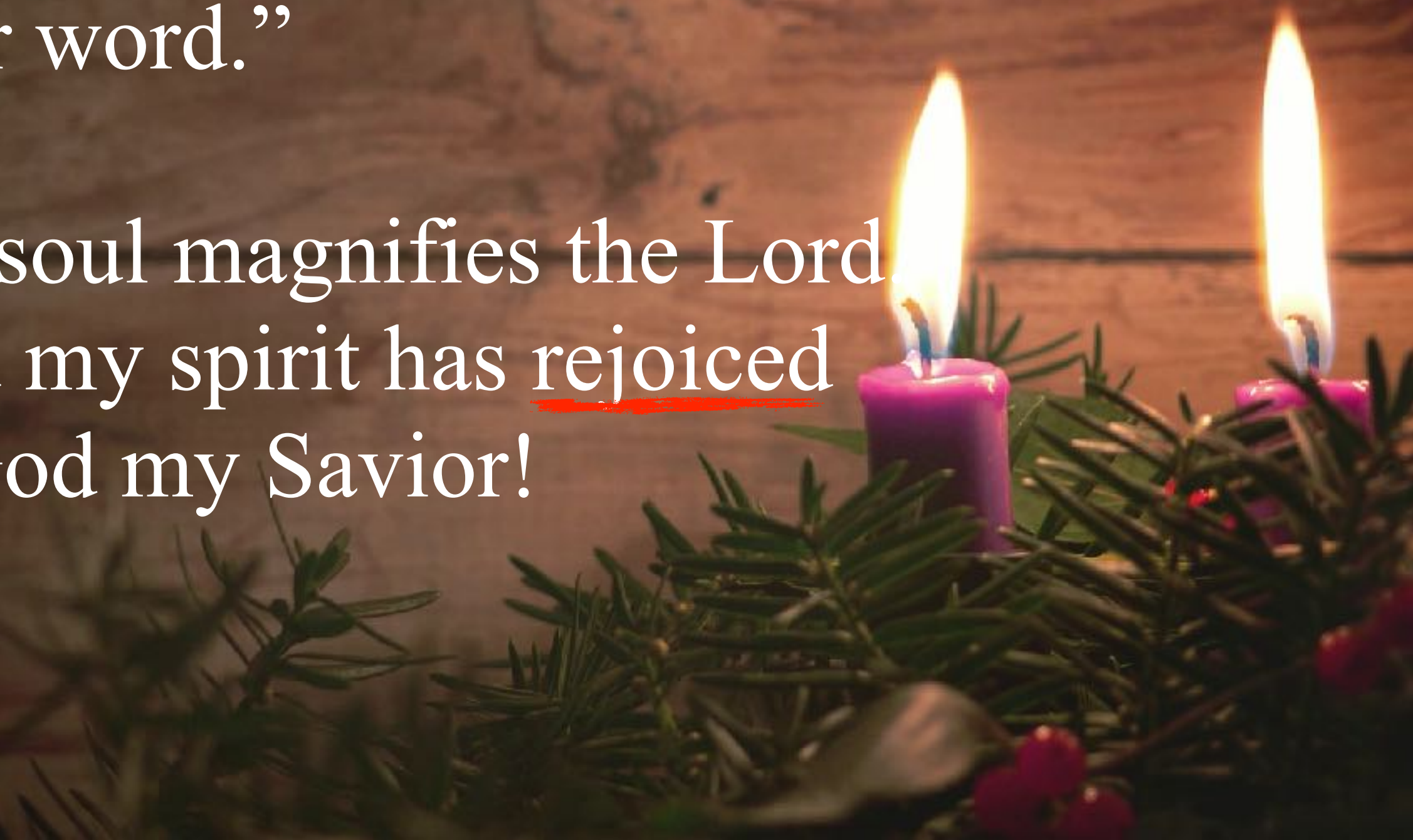




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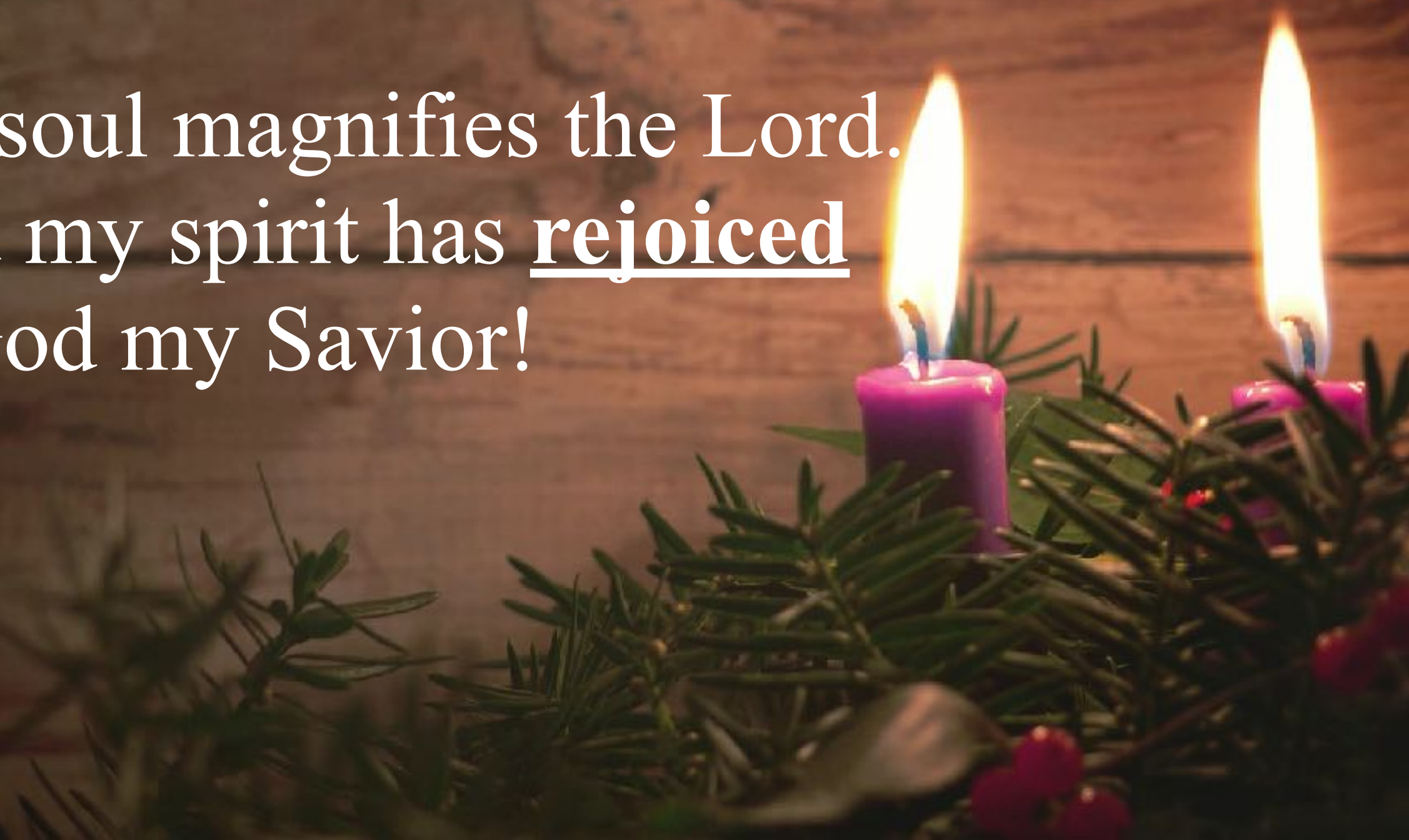




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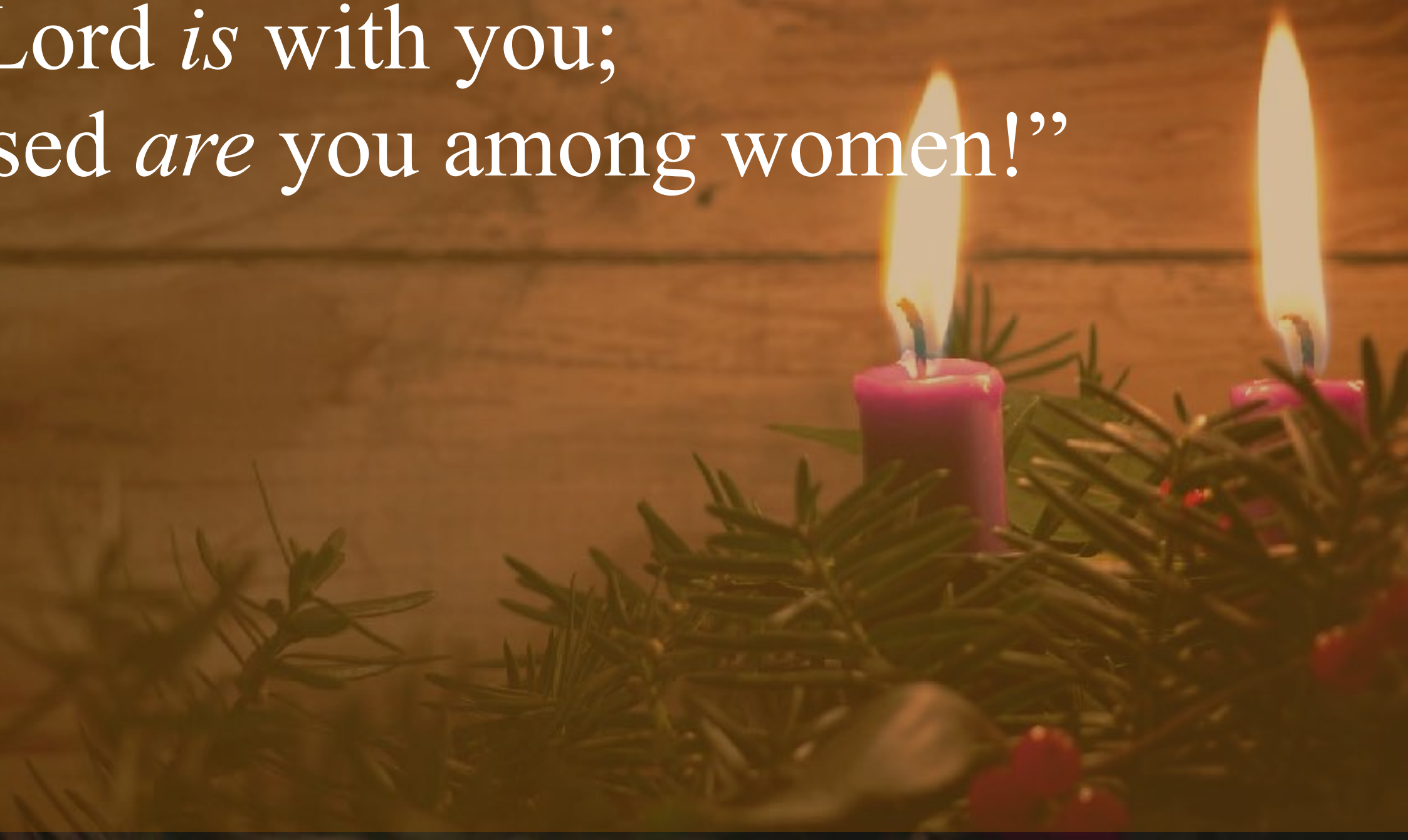
# Angst

- **Gabriel's greeting**



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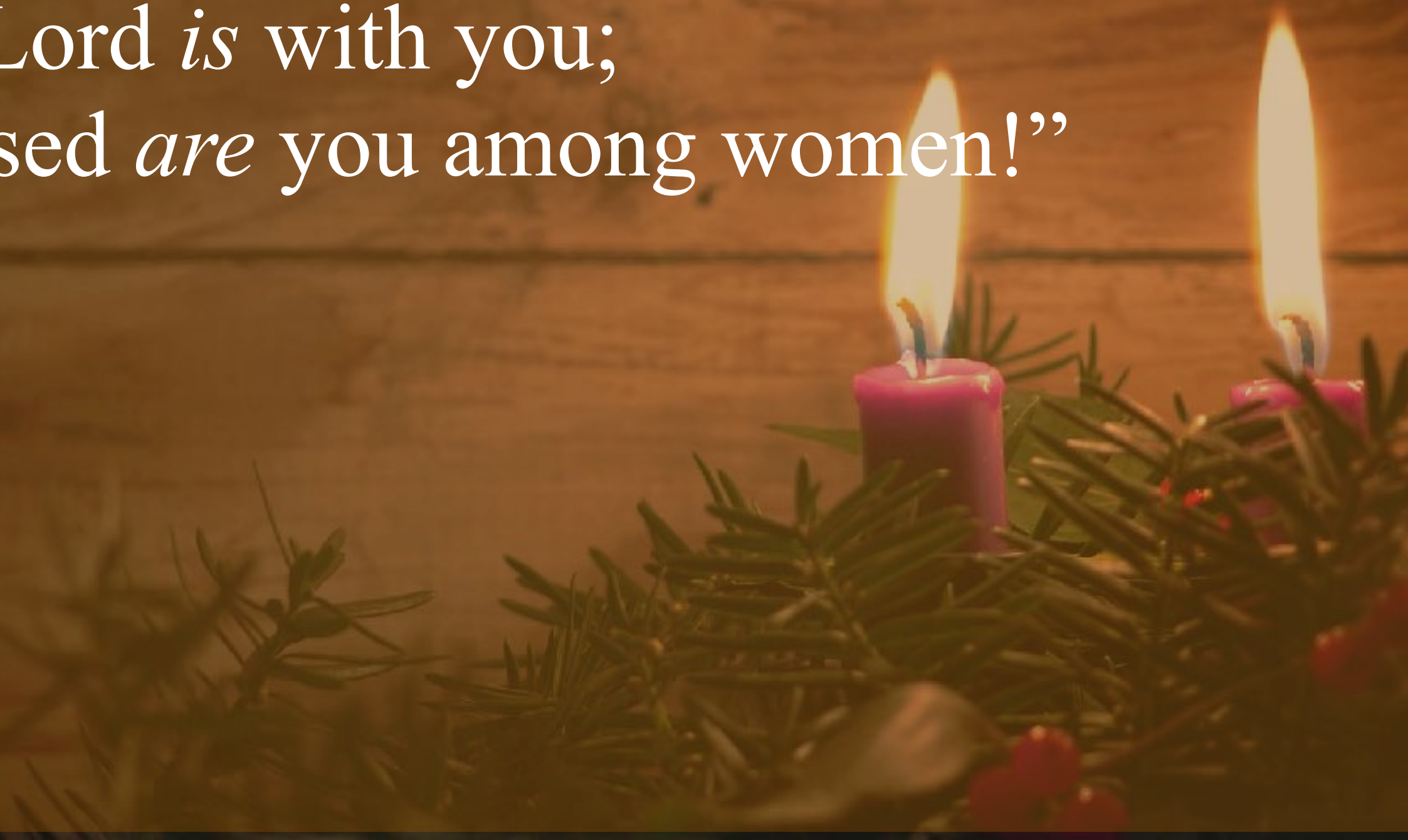
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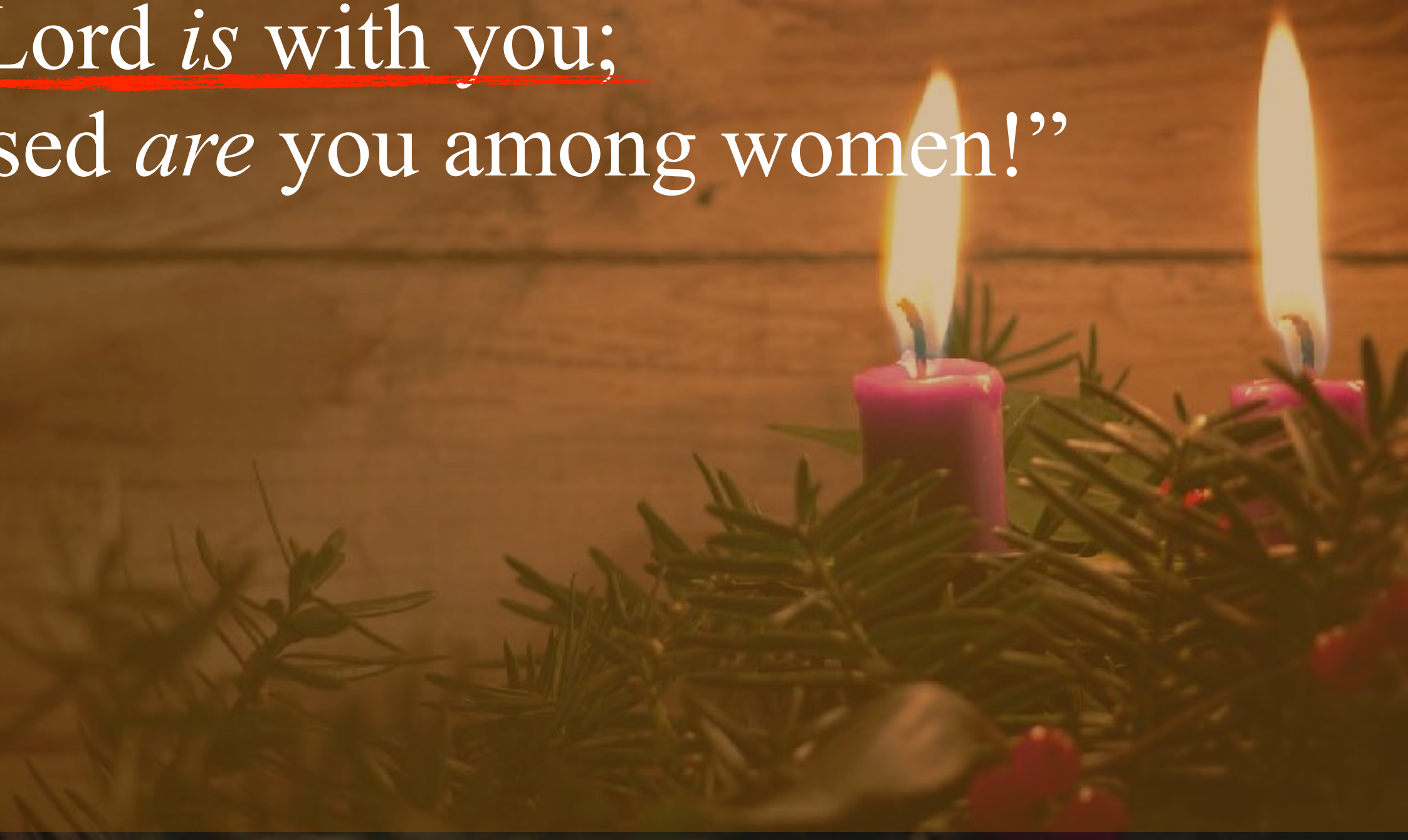
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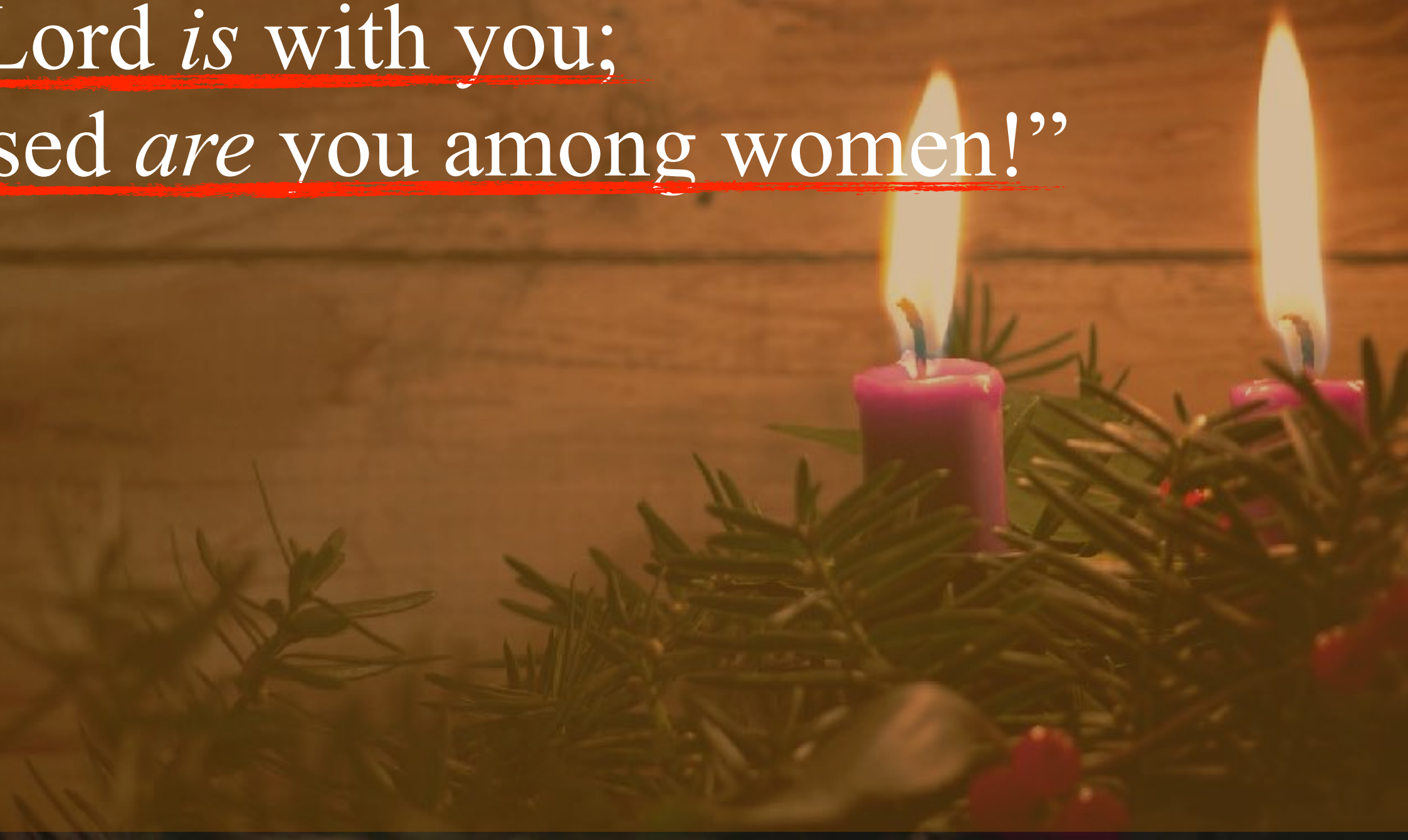
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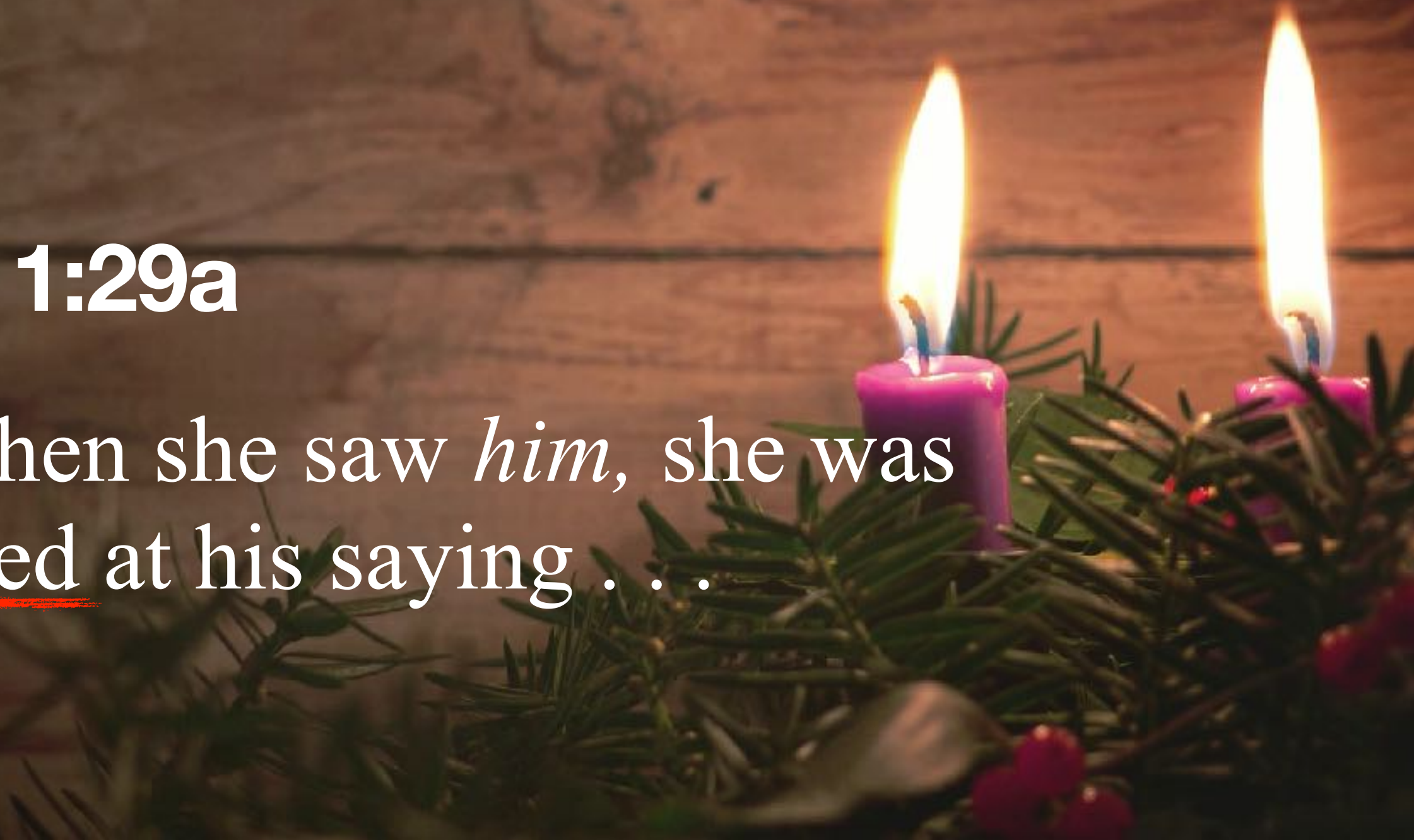


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- **Mary's self-evaluation**





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# Assurance



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- **Spiritual**





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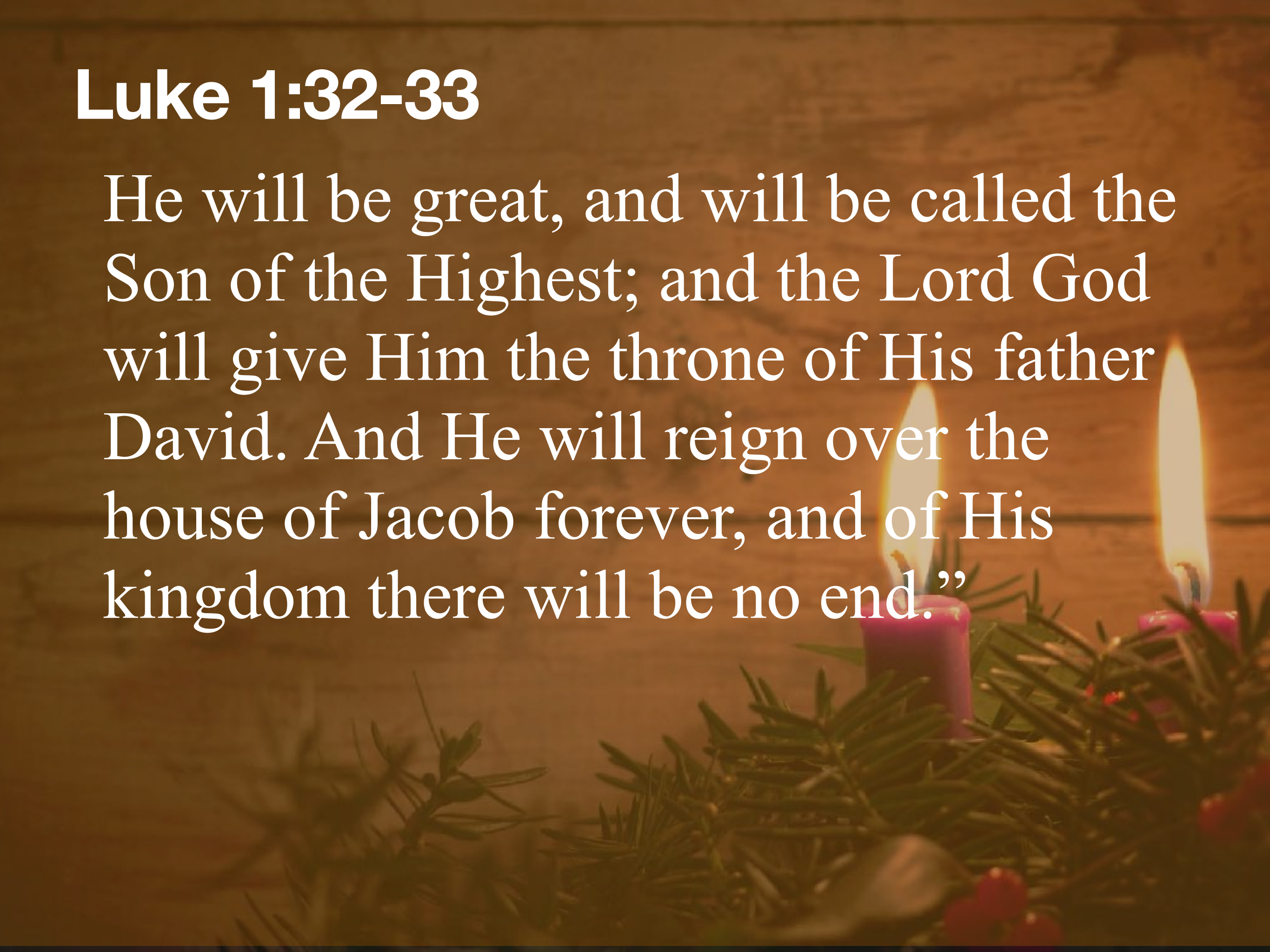
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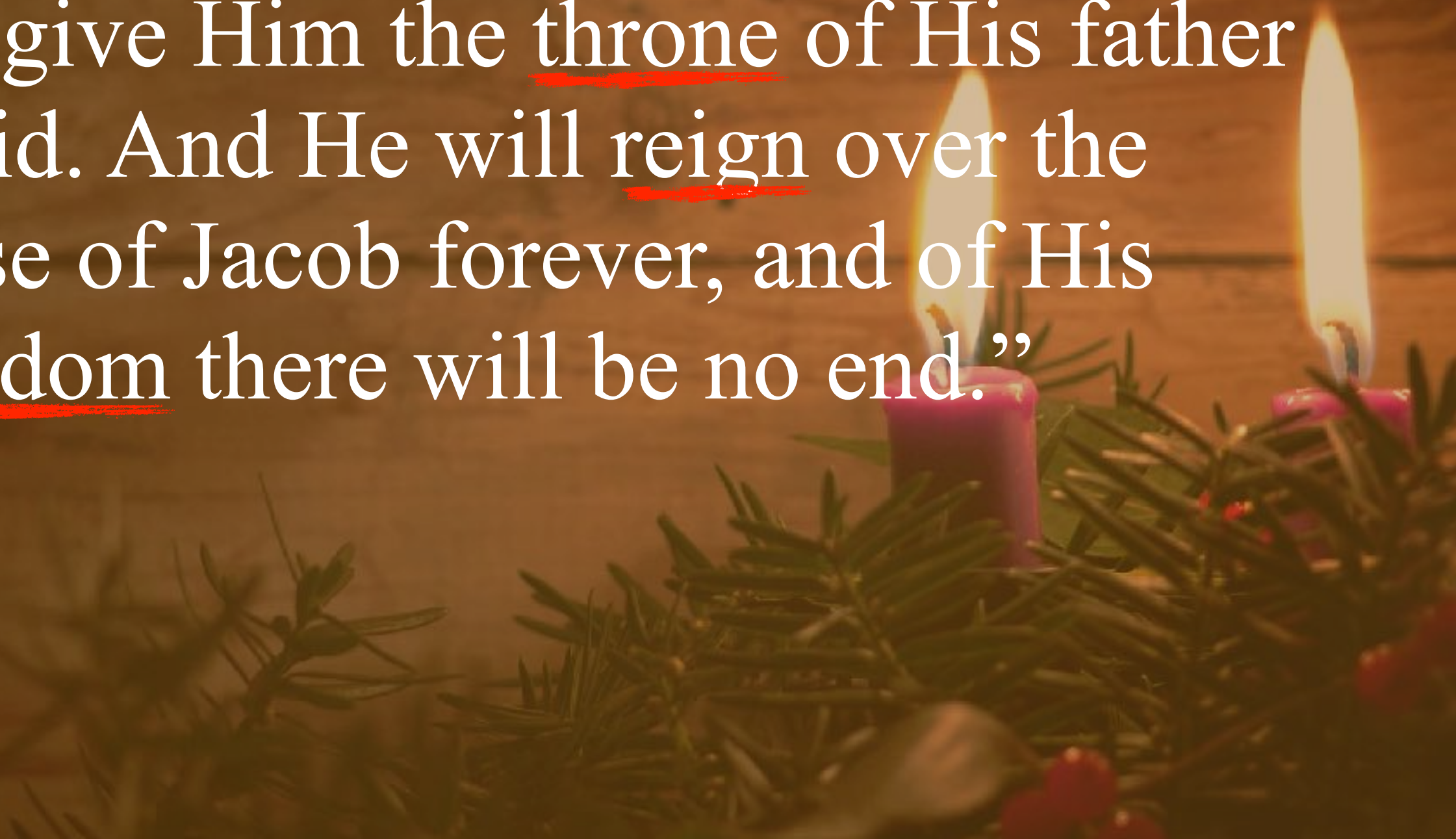
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# Luke 1:35b

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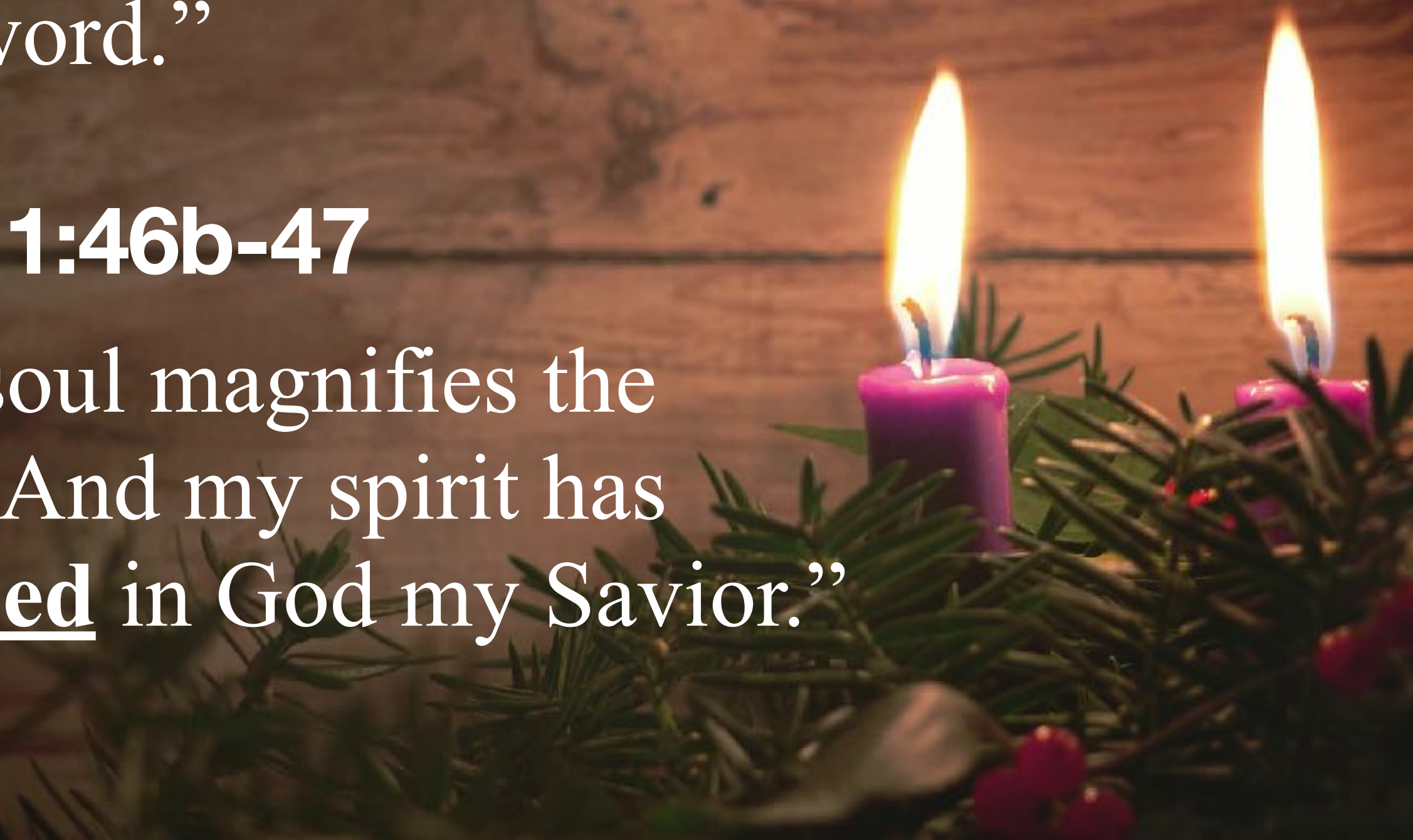


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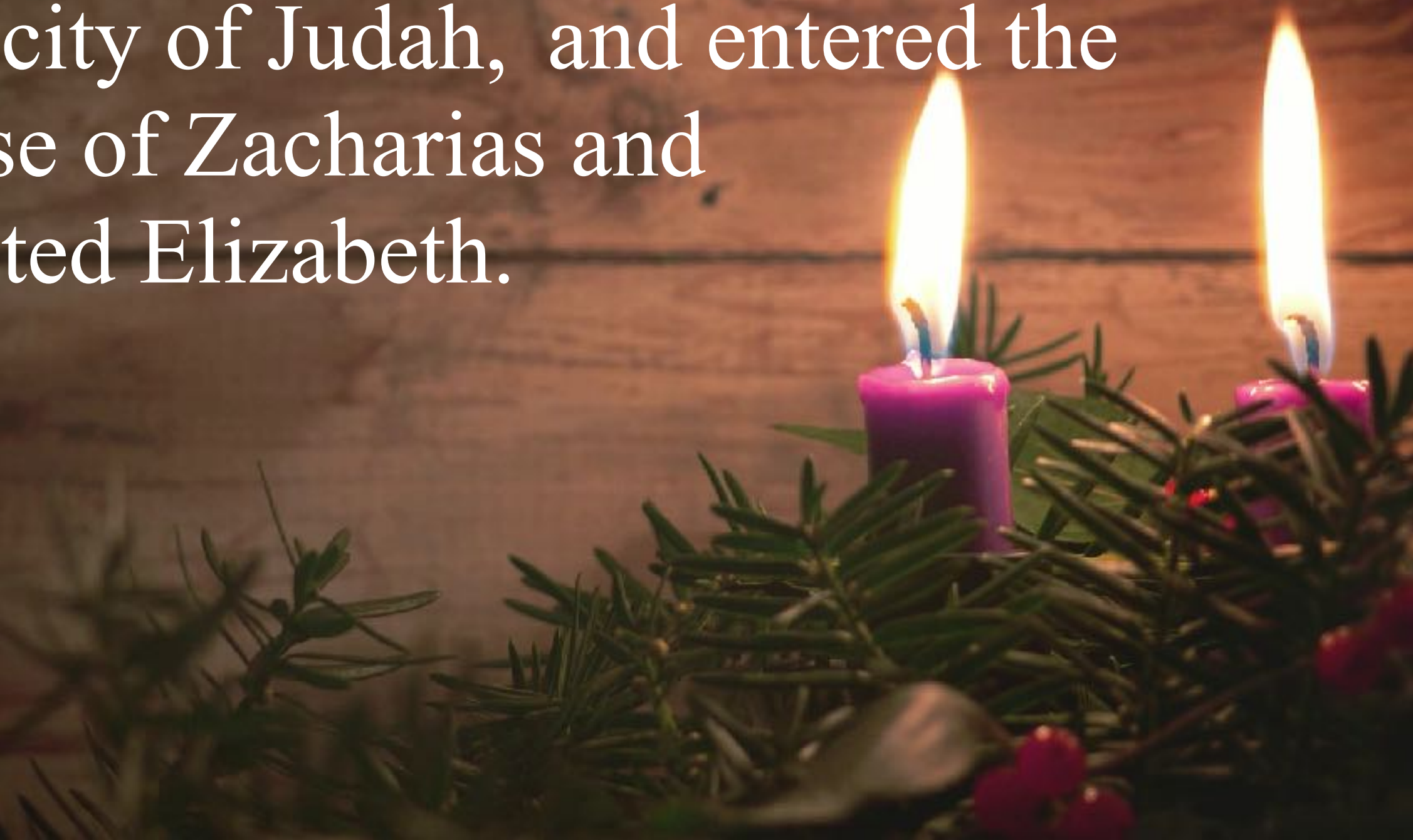






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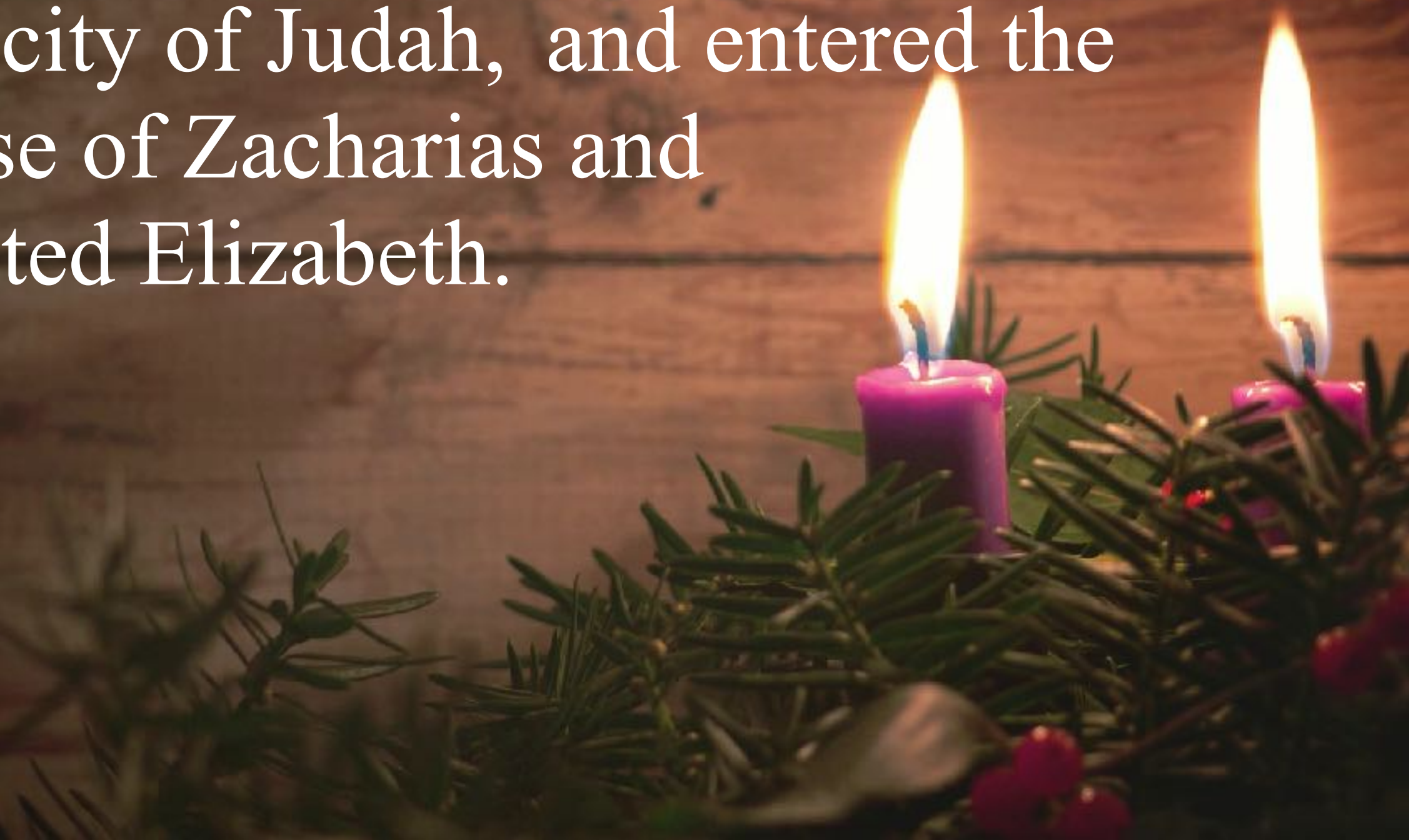
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# Affirmation





## Luke 1:42b-45 Elizabeth's Affirmation of Mary:

“Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! But why *is* this *granted* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

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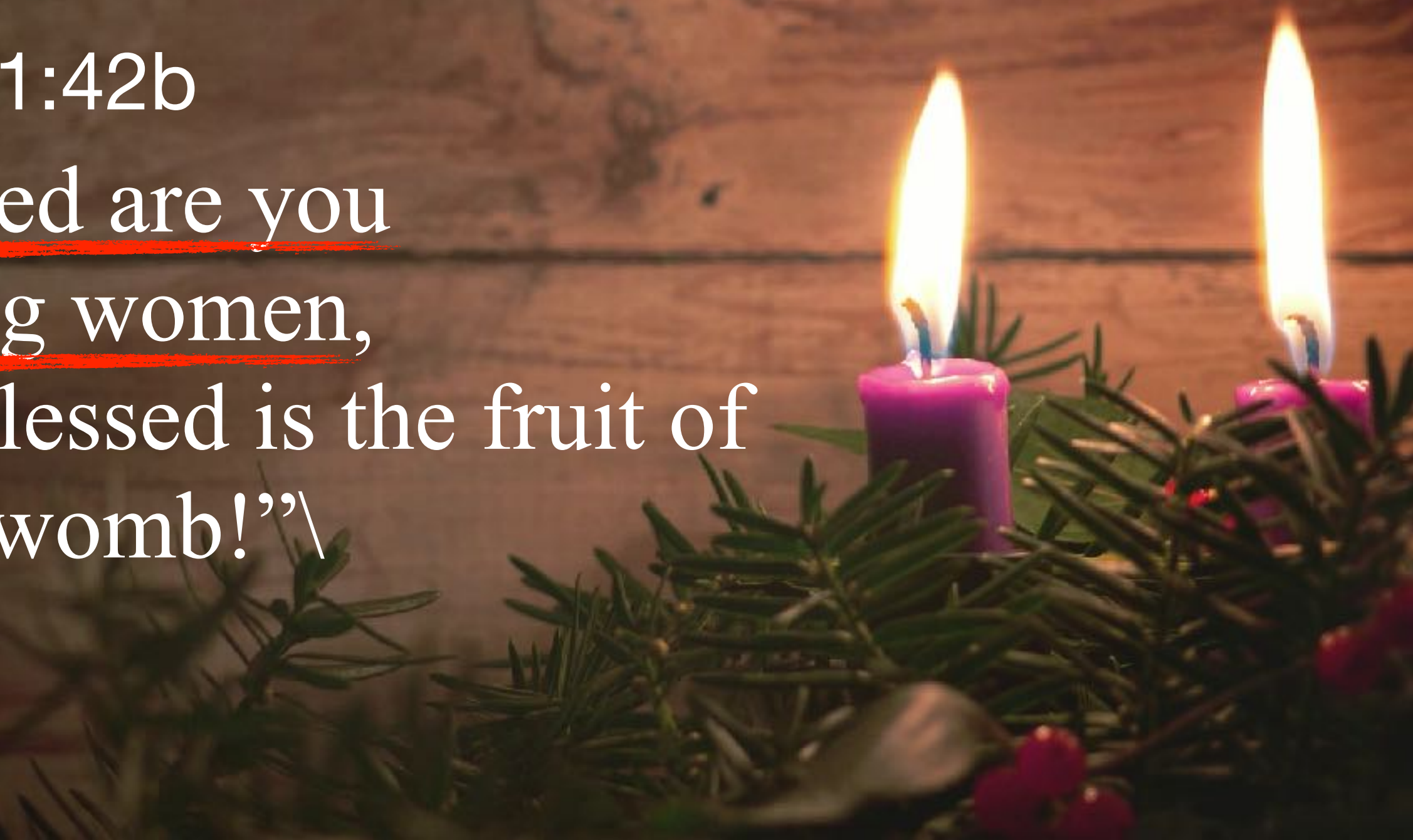


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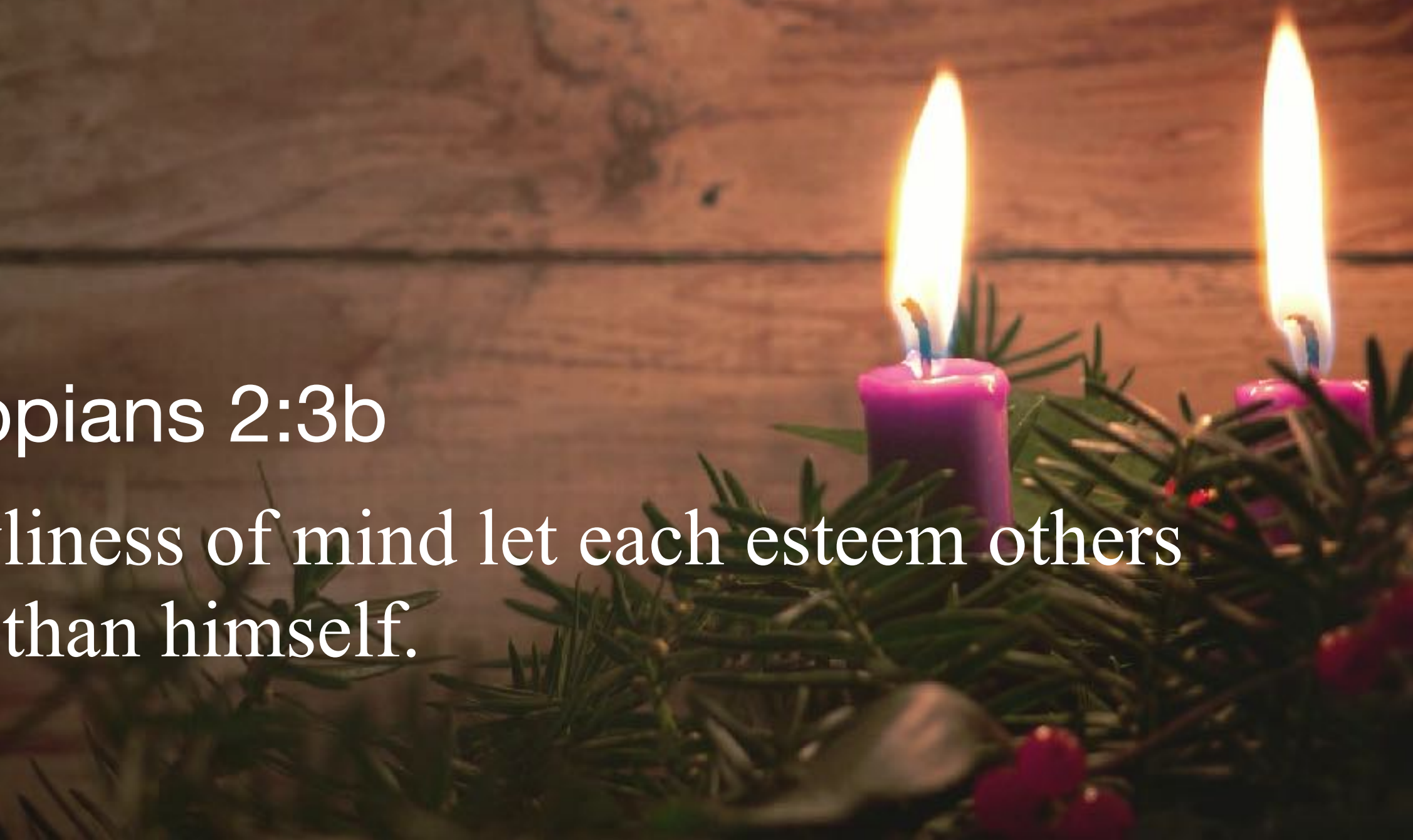


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Philippians 2:3b

in lowliness of mind let each esteem others  
better than himself.





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