

DAY OF THE LORD COMES AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT

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“IF THE GOODMAN OF THE HOUSE HAD KNOWN IN WHAT WATCH THE THIEF WOULD COME” (MT.24:43; LK.12:39)

Be watchful for the Coming of Jesus. He will come when you do not think He will come.

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“THE DAY OF THE LORD SO COMETH AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT” (2TH.5:2)

Paul connects the Coming of Jesus with the Day of the Lord.

3

“NOT IN DARKNESS, THAT THAT DAY SHOULD OVERTAKE YOU AS A THIEF” (2TH.5:4)

Paul teaches that because we have a Biblical perspective, the Day of the Lord will not overtake us.

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“THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT” (2PE.3:10)

Peter teaches that the Day of the Lord is like a thief to unbelievers.

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“I WILL COME ON THEE AS A THIEF” (RV.3:3)

The church of Sardis, as we likewise, may not be watching for the Coming of Christ. So Christ's coming will be like a thief.

6

“BEHOLD, I COME AS A THIEF” (RV.16:15)

Even after 6 bowl judgments, Jesus says He will come as a thief. Today with such an emphasis on the surprise idea some have created a secret rapture.

DAY OF THE LORD — THIEF IN THE NIGHT SUMMARY

Because the “thief” concept is connected directly to the Day of the Lord, the focus is on the unbeliever (2Th.5:2).

Jesus is not a thief in an unholy sense. His Coming will have the effect of a thief for the people who are not prepared. This is because they will suffer loss. When God pours out His wrath there will be no innocent casualties.

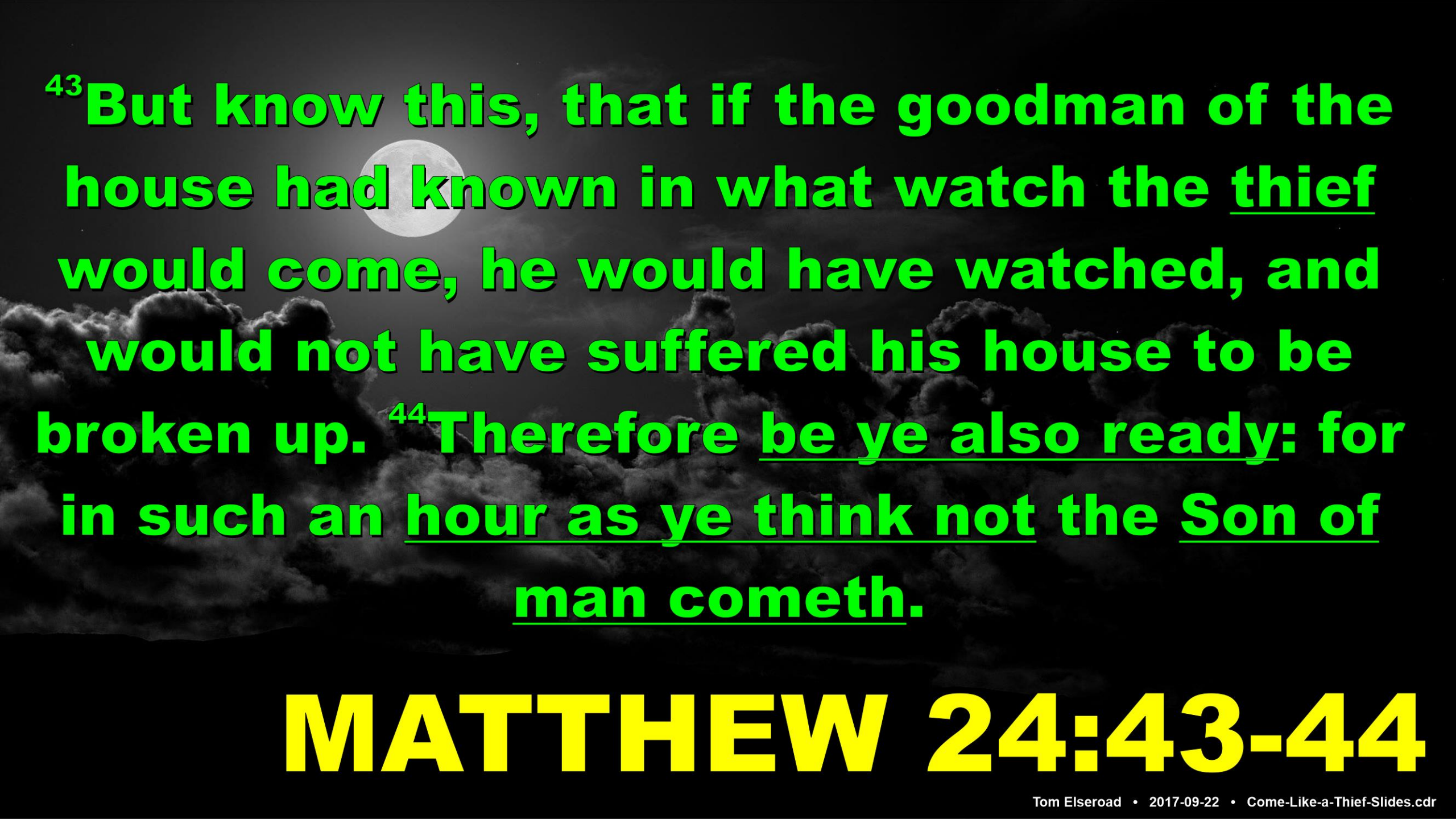
All these passages refer to the return of Jesus at the arrival of the Day of the Lord.

Jesus says He comes as a thief even after the 6th bowl judgments (Rv.16:15). Today there is such an emphasis by some on a surprise (thief) idea that they have created a “secret” rapture. By secret it means there is no prophesied events that must occur before the rapture takes place. Even though several events must precede the Day of the Lord.



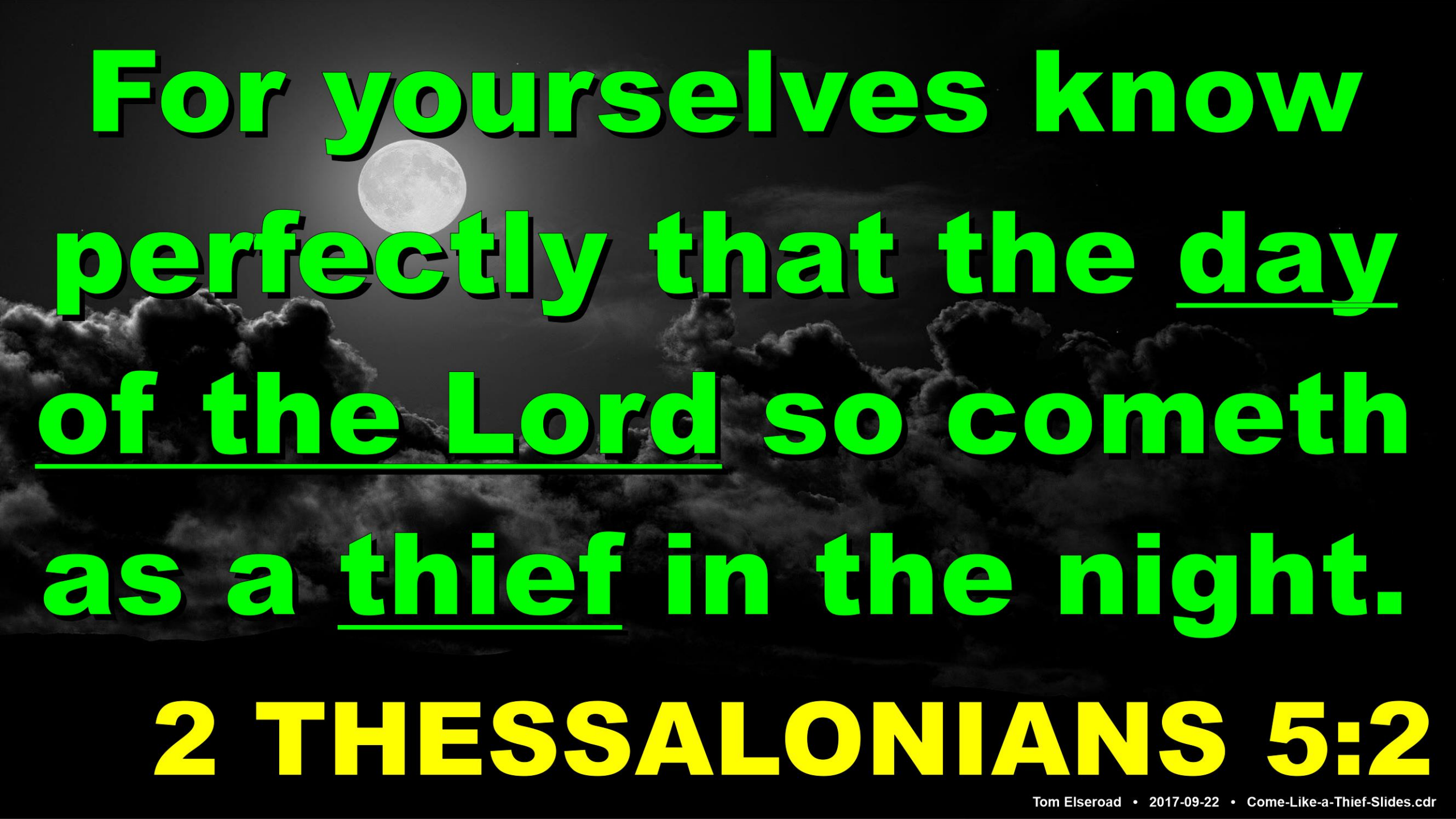
TWO SIDES
OF
ONE COIN



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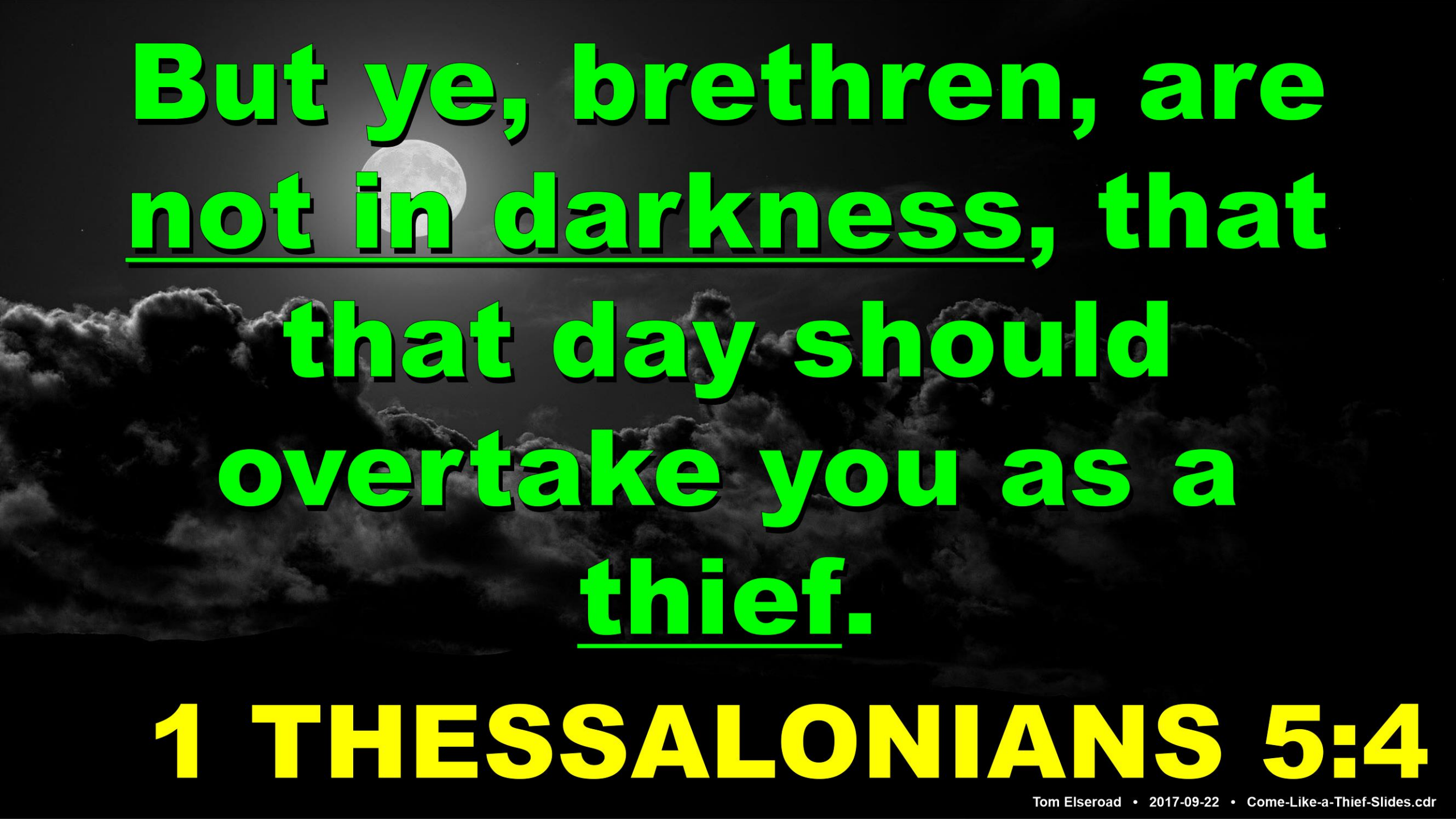
⁴³ But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. ⁴⁴ Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

MATTHEW 24:43-44

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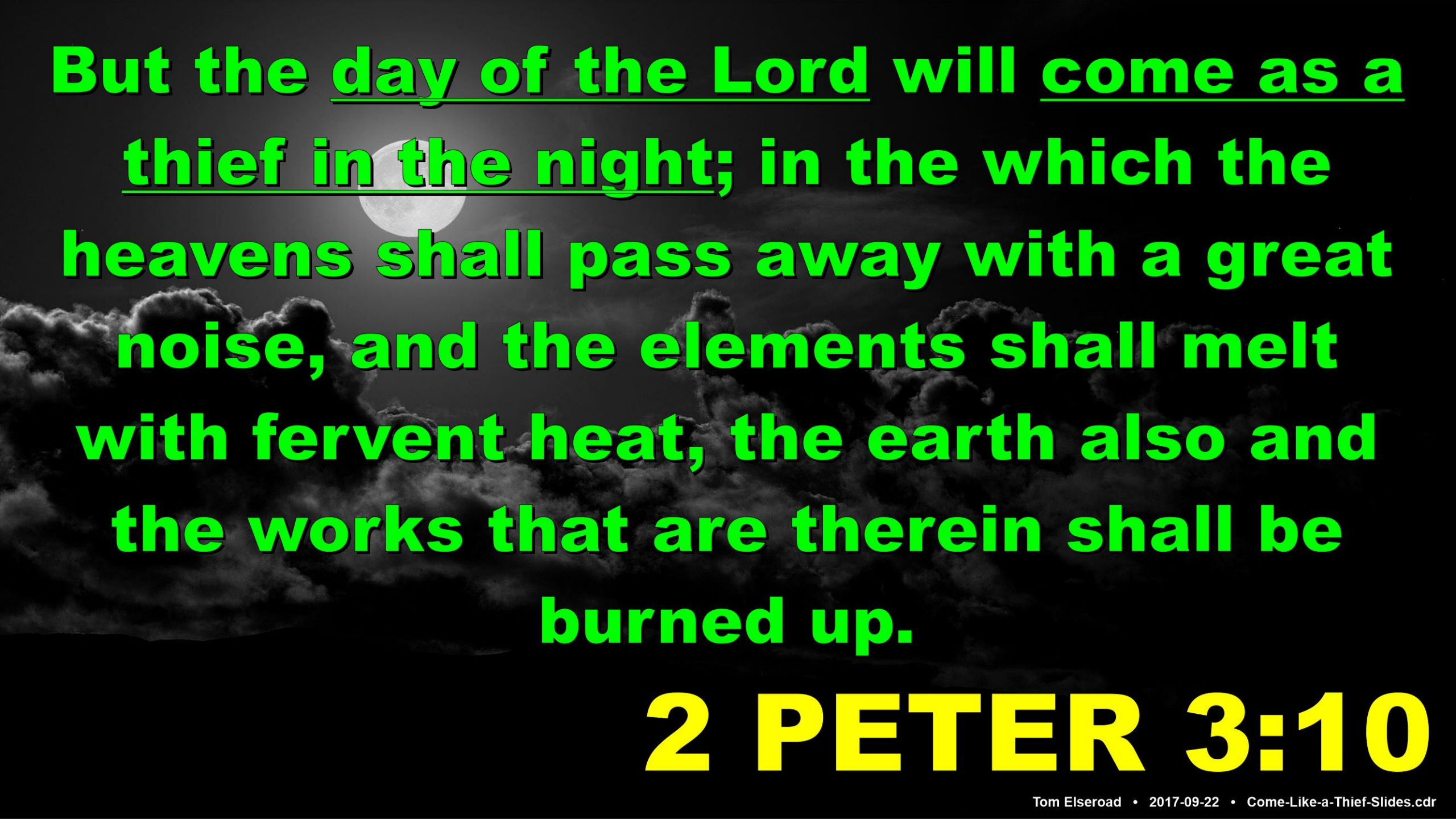
**For yourselves know
perfectly that the day
of the Lord so cometh
as a thief in the night.**

2 THESSALONIANS 5:2



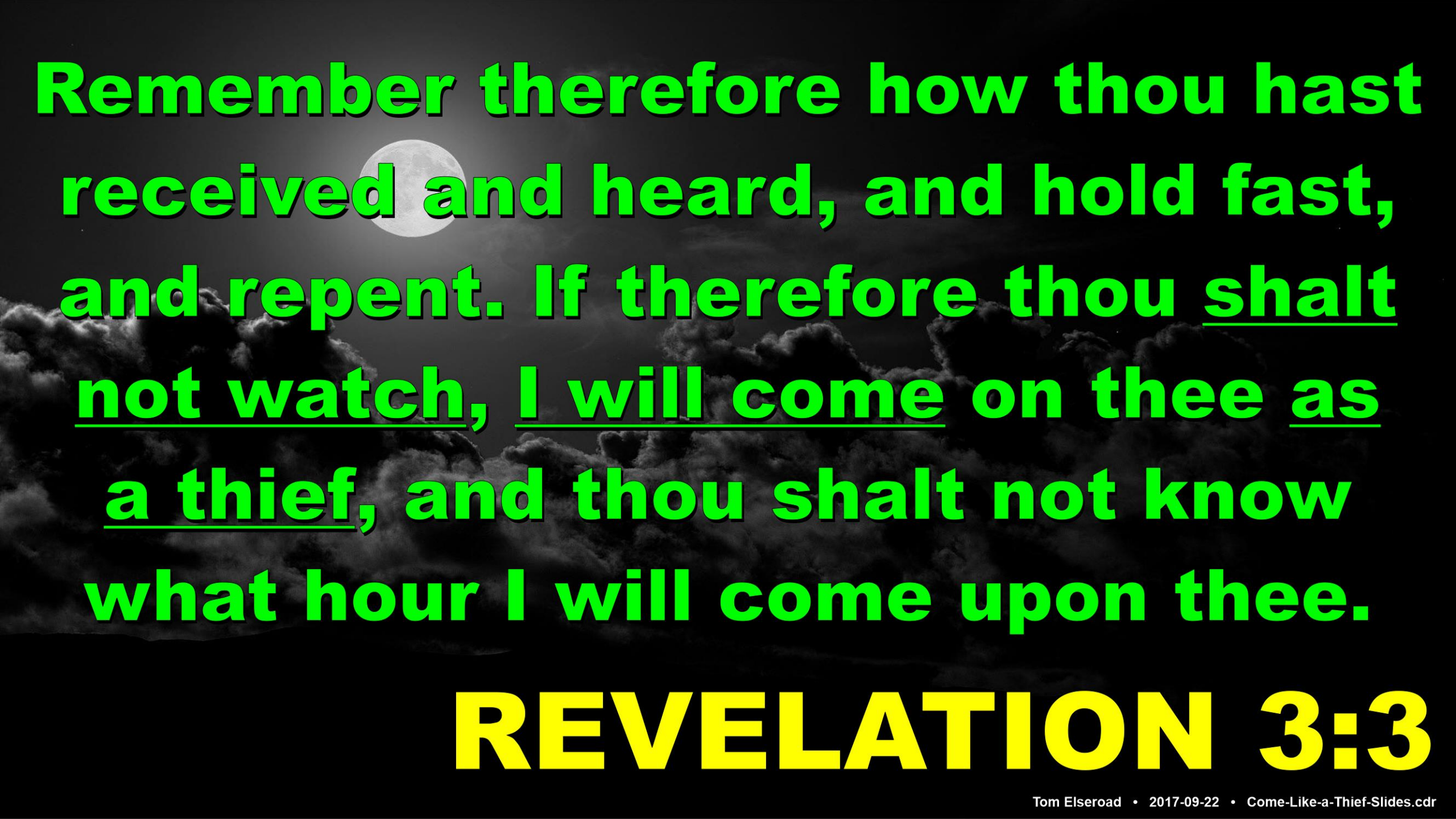
**But ye, brethren, are
not in darkness, that
that day should
overtake you as a
thief.**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:4



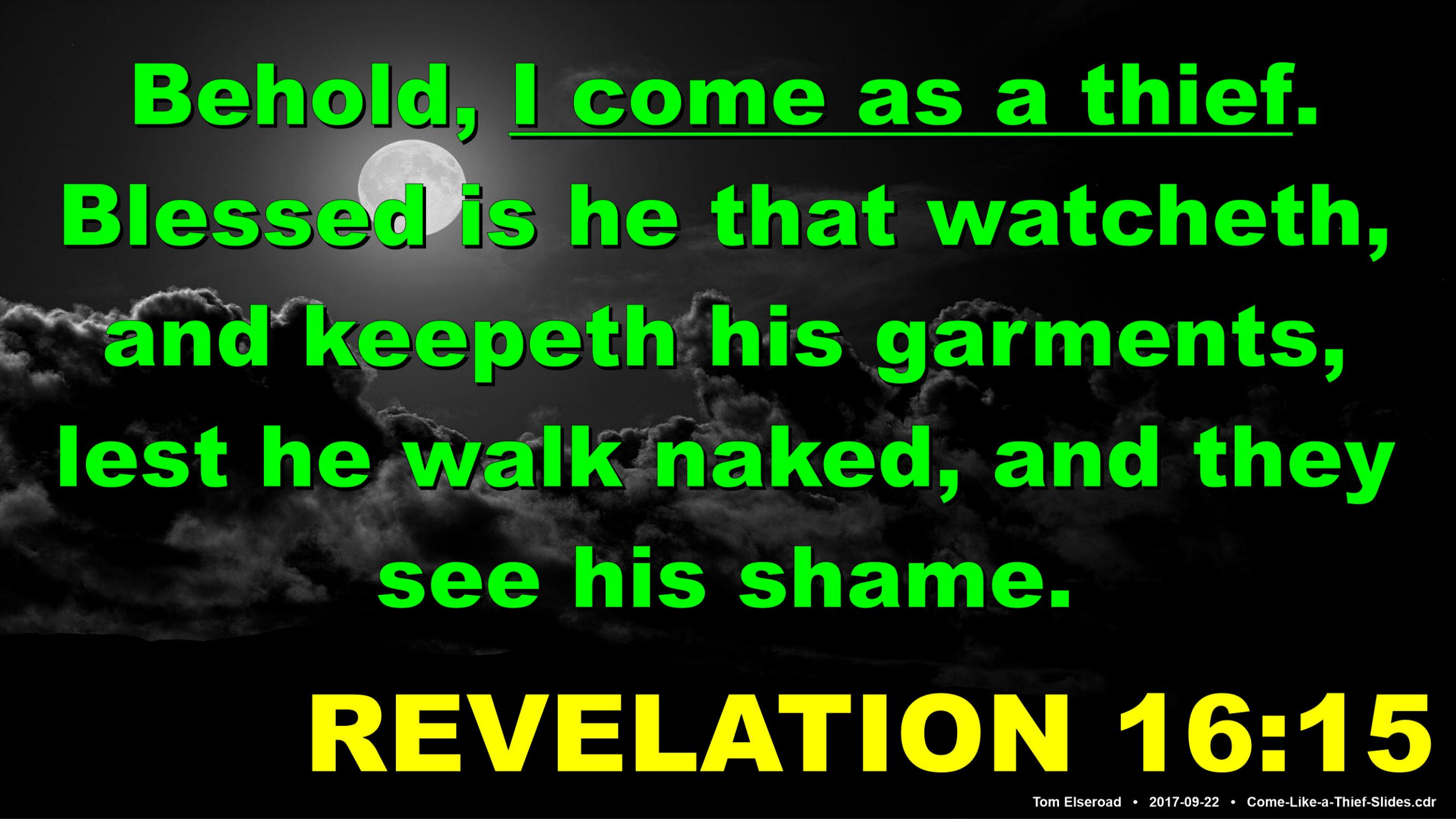
**But the day of the Lord will come as a
thief in the night; in the which the
heavens shall pass away with a great
noise, and the elements shall melt
with fervent heat, the earth also and
the works that are therein shall be
burned up.**

2 PETER 3:10

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**Remember therefore how thou hast
received and heard, and hold fast,
and repent. If therefore thou shalt
not watch, I will come on thee as
a thief, and thou shalt not know
what hour I will come upon thee.**

REVELATION 3:3

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Behold, I come as a thief.
Blessed is he that watcheth,
and keepeth his garments,
lest he walk naked, and they
see his shame.

REVELATION 16:15