

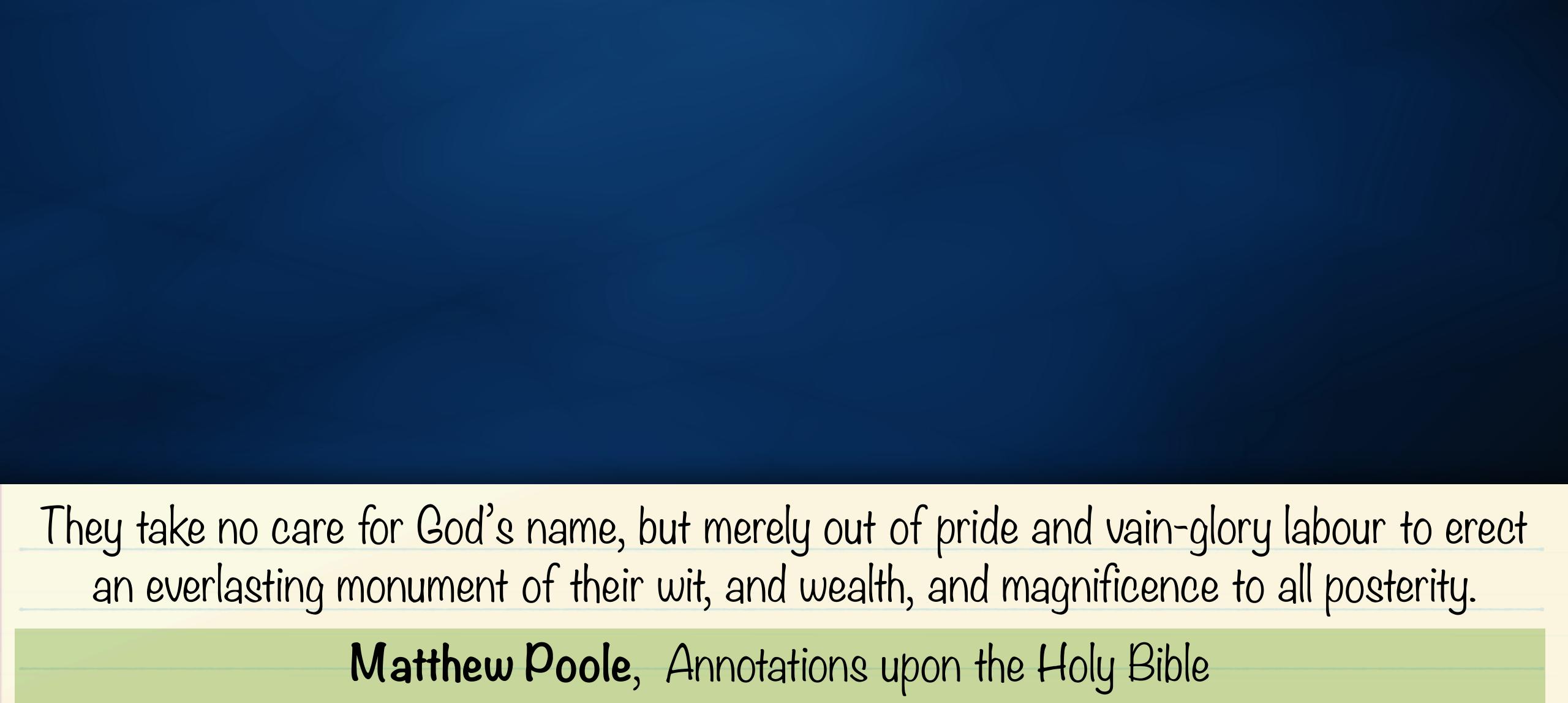
Open Up Your Bible

Genesis 11:1-4











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Abram's intent here was clearly to deceive, and he trusted in his deception to protect him instead of trusting in the Lord. Abram, like most of us, found it easier to trust God in the far-off promises than in the right-now needs.

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Fear sometimes leads us to seize the initiative and disobey God. We can count on God to fulfill His promises to us in spite of threatening circumstances. We should remain faithful and honest.

Tom Constable, Tom Constable's Expository Notes on the Bible



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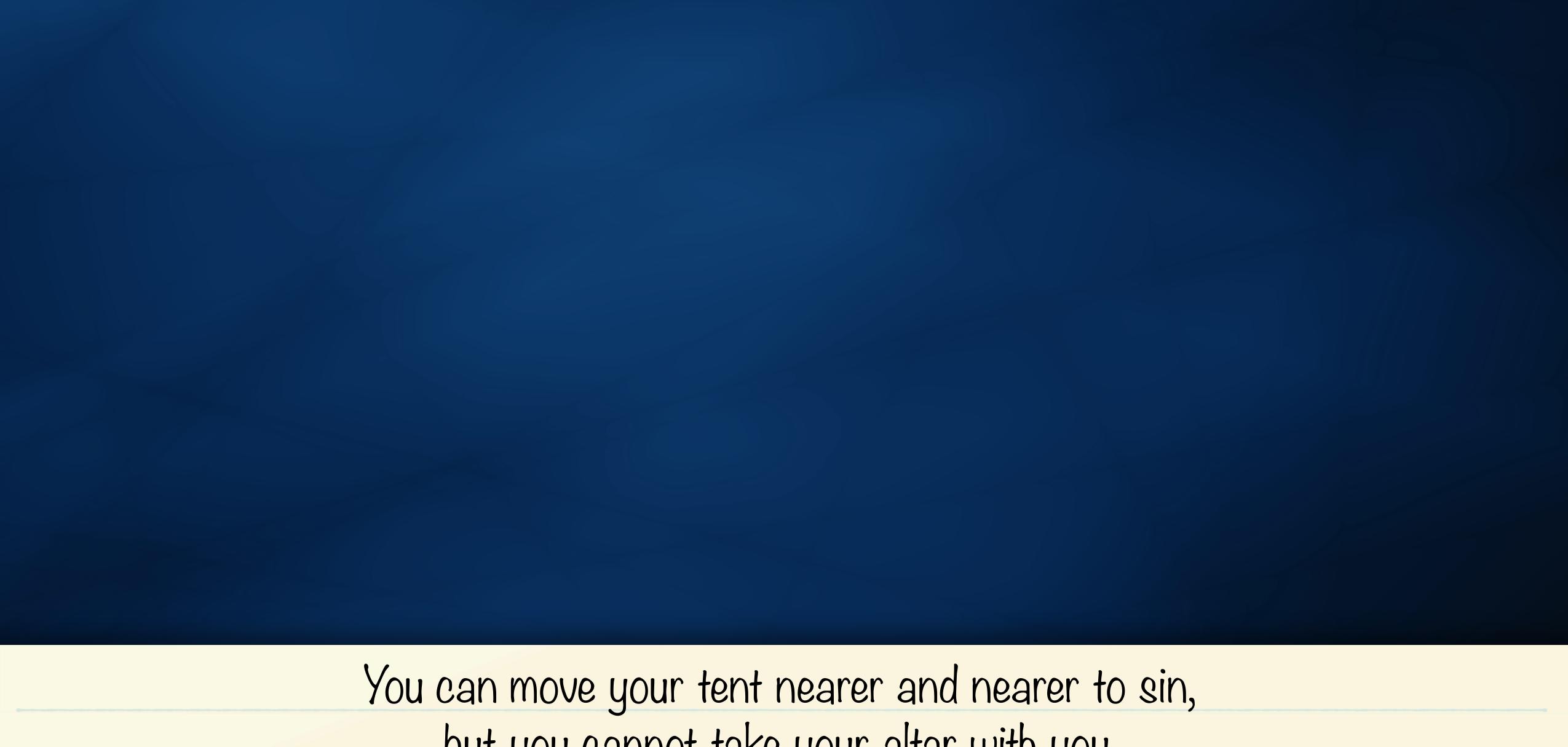


As much as anything, faith means we do not walk by what we see, but by what we know to be true in God: For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Abram was walking by faith; Lot was walking only by sight.

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but you cannot take your altar with you.

Warren Wiersbe, With The Word



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The long waiting for the promise discouraged them and made them vulnerable to acting in the flesh. Yet, even after this, it would still be more than 13 years until the child of promise came.

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