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# Gospel of Mark: Clean

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<sup>3</sup> The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.

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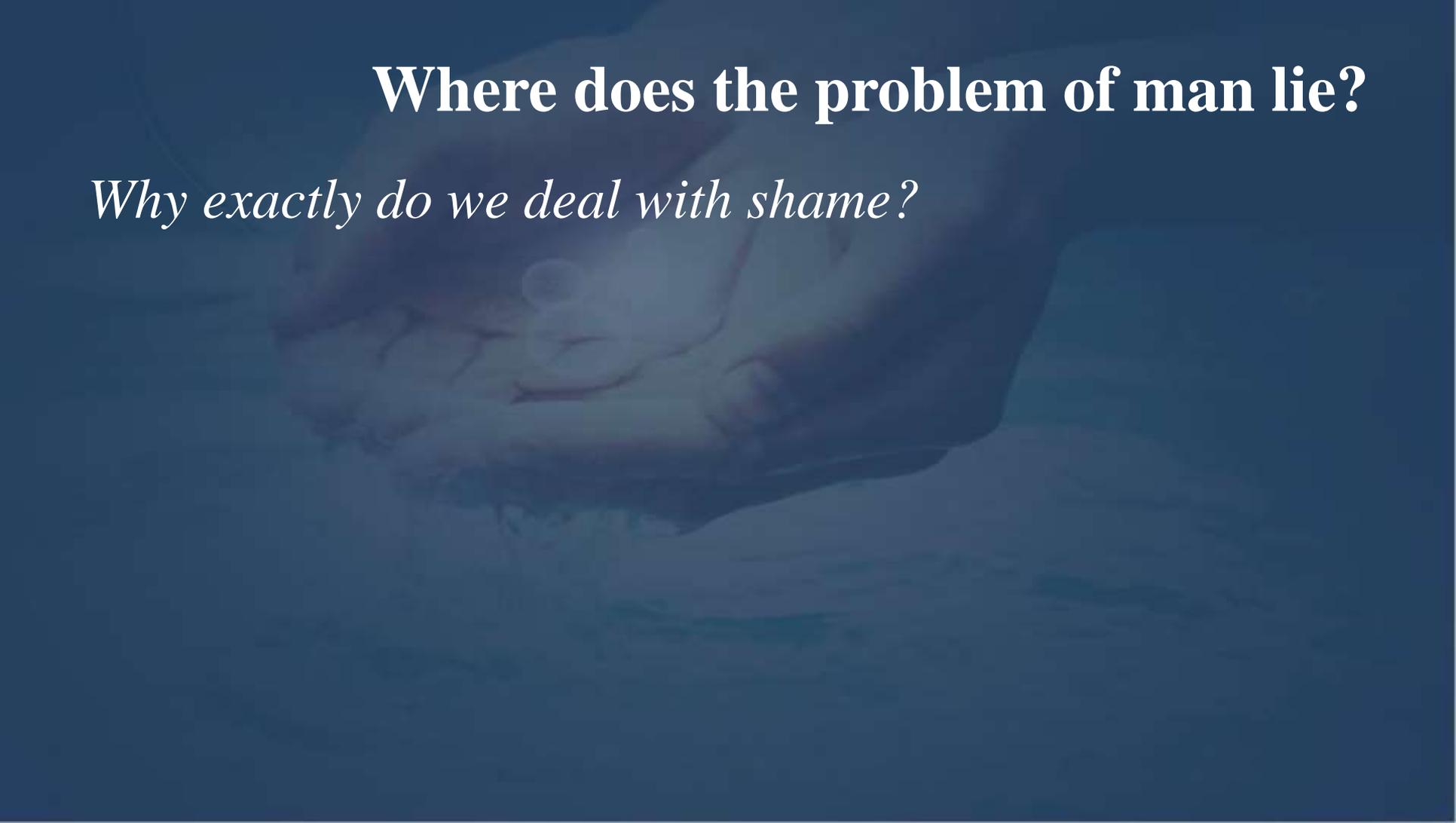
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Mark 7:14 Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.

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<sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'"



**Where does the problem of man lie?**

*Why exactly do we deal with shame?*

## An inside look into inside uncleanness

Mark 7:20 He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,

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<sup>22</sup> greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

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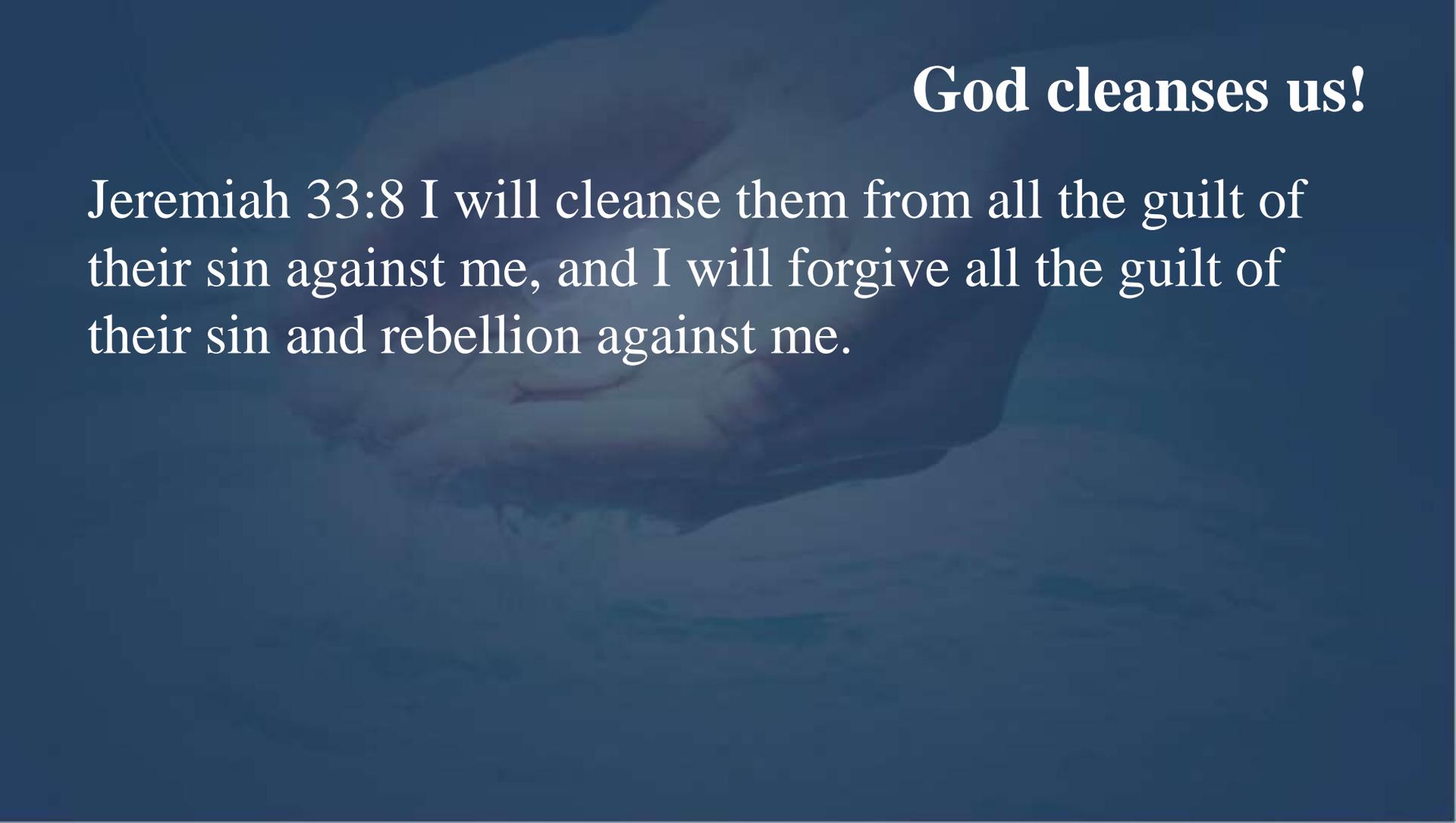
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Jeremiah 2:20 "Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds; you said, 'I will not serve you!' Indeed, on every high hill and under every spreading tree you lay down as a prostitute.

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<sup>21</sup> I had planted you like a choice vine of sound and reliable stock. How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, wild vine? <sup>22</sup> Although you wash yourself with soda and use an abundance of soap, the stain of your guilt is still before me," declares the Sovereign LORD.

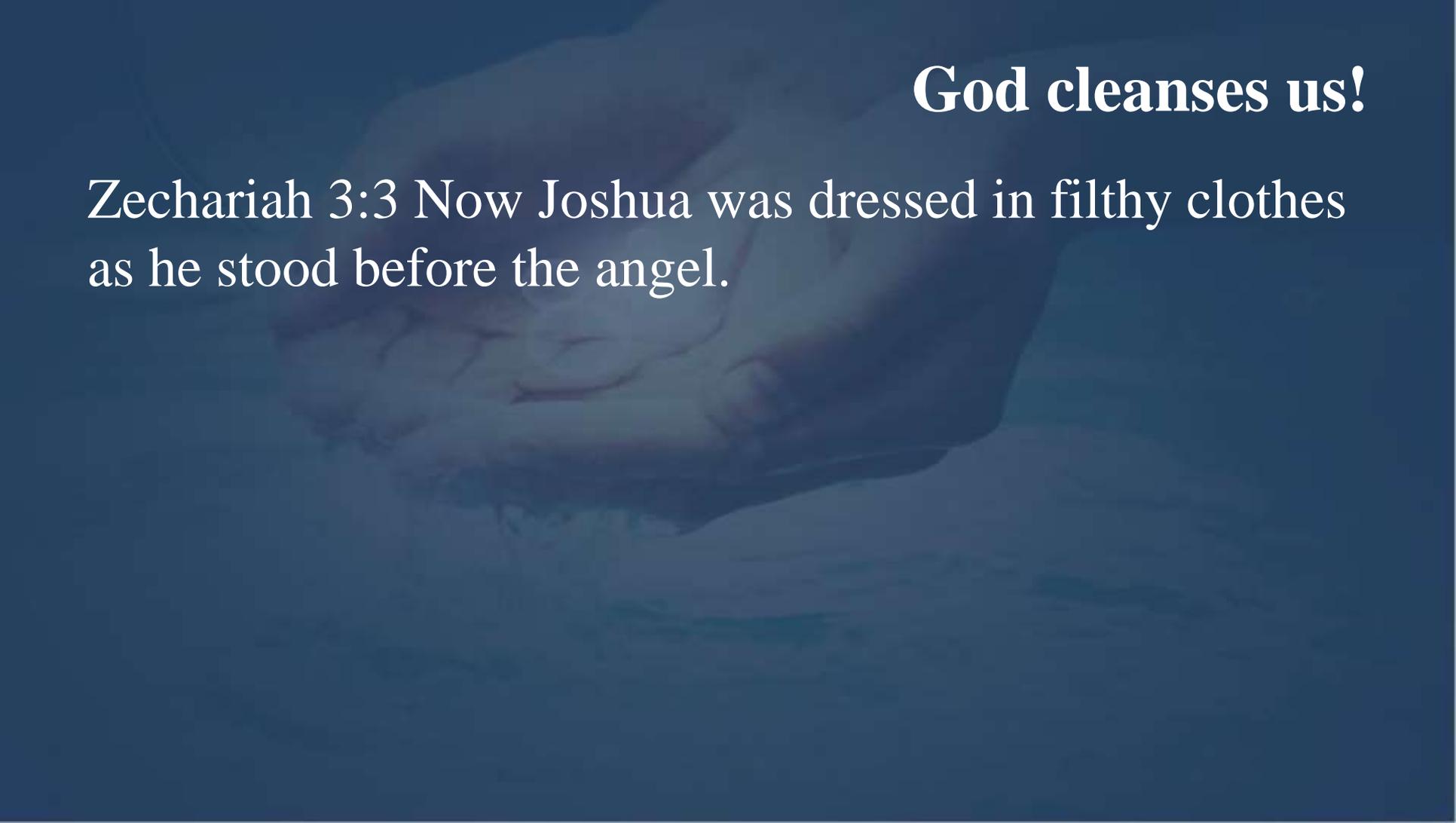
A close-up photograph of a hand being washed with water, symbolizing cleansing. The background is a solid dark blue color.

## God cleanses us!

Jeremiah 33:8 I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

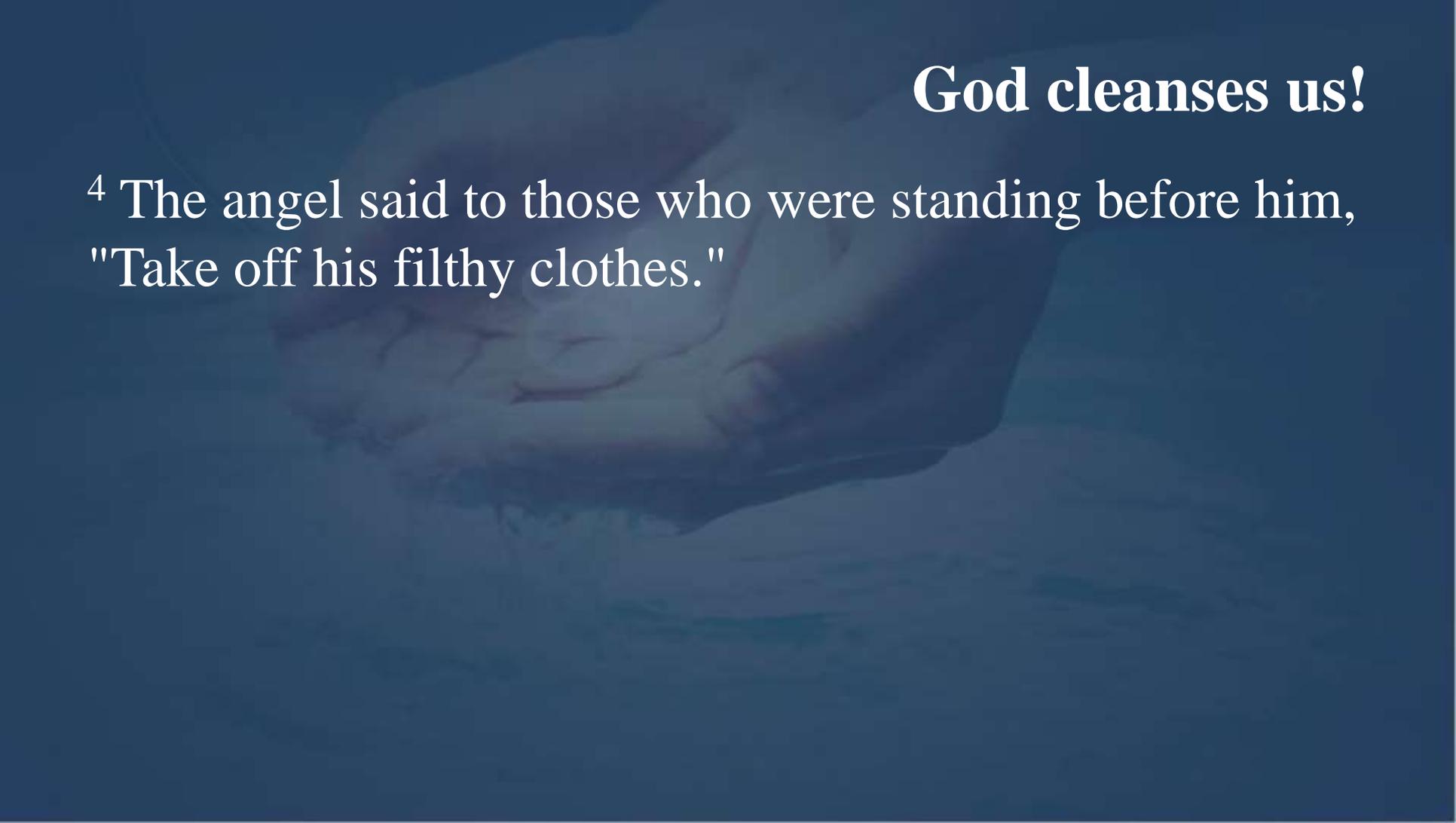
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<sup>9</sup> And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them; they shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.



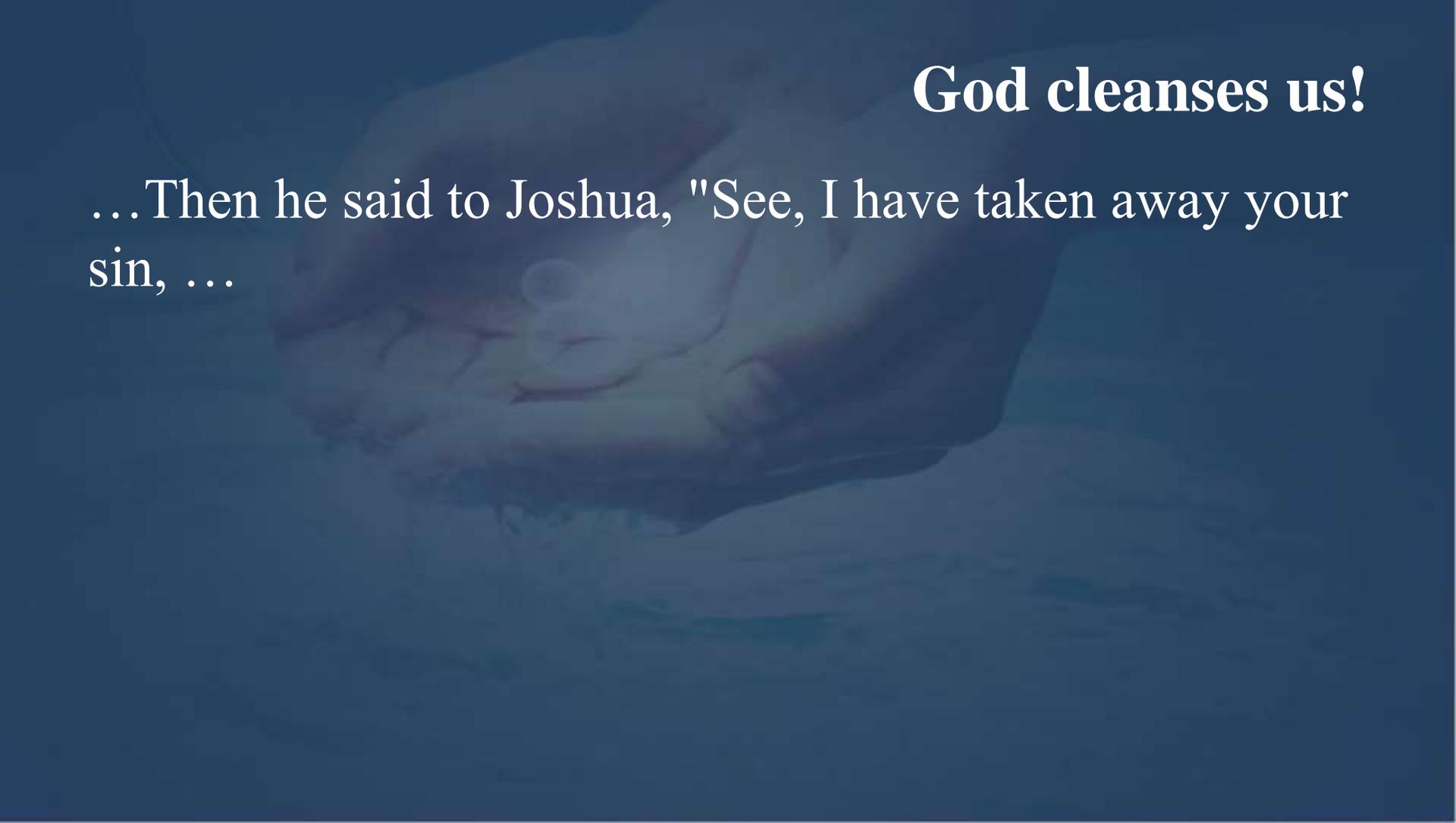
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Zechariah 3:3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.

A close-up photograph of a hand being washed in water. The hand is held under a stream of water, and the water is splashing around it. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a sink or a basin. The overall tone is blue and somewhat somber, suggesting a theme of purification or cleansing.

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<sup>4</sup> The angel said to those who were standing before him,  
"Take off his filthy clothes."



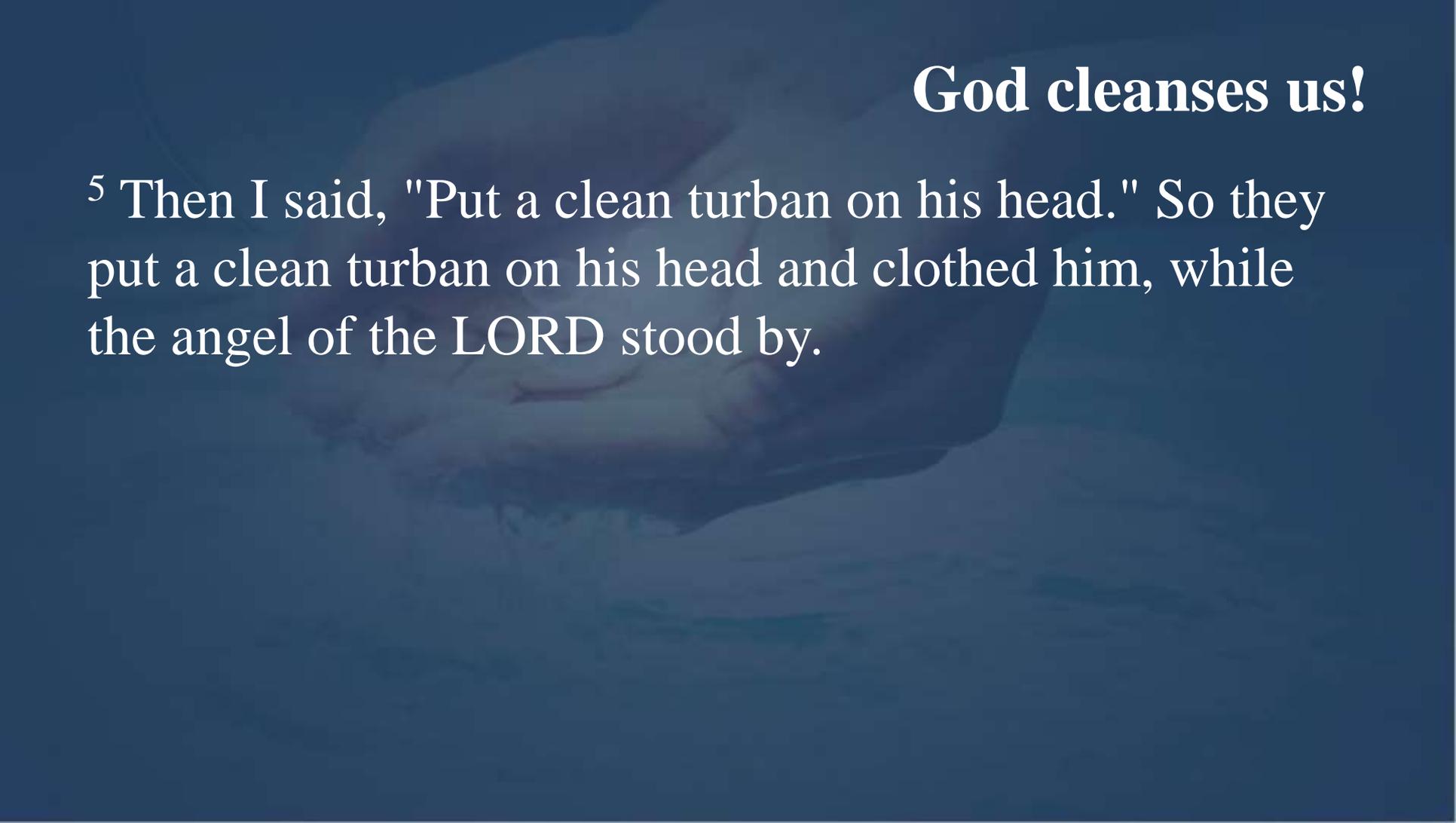
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...Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, ..."

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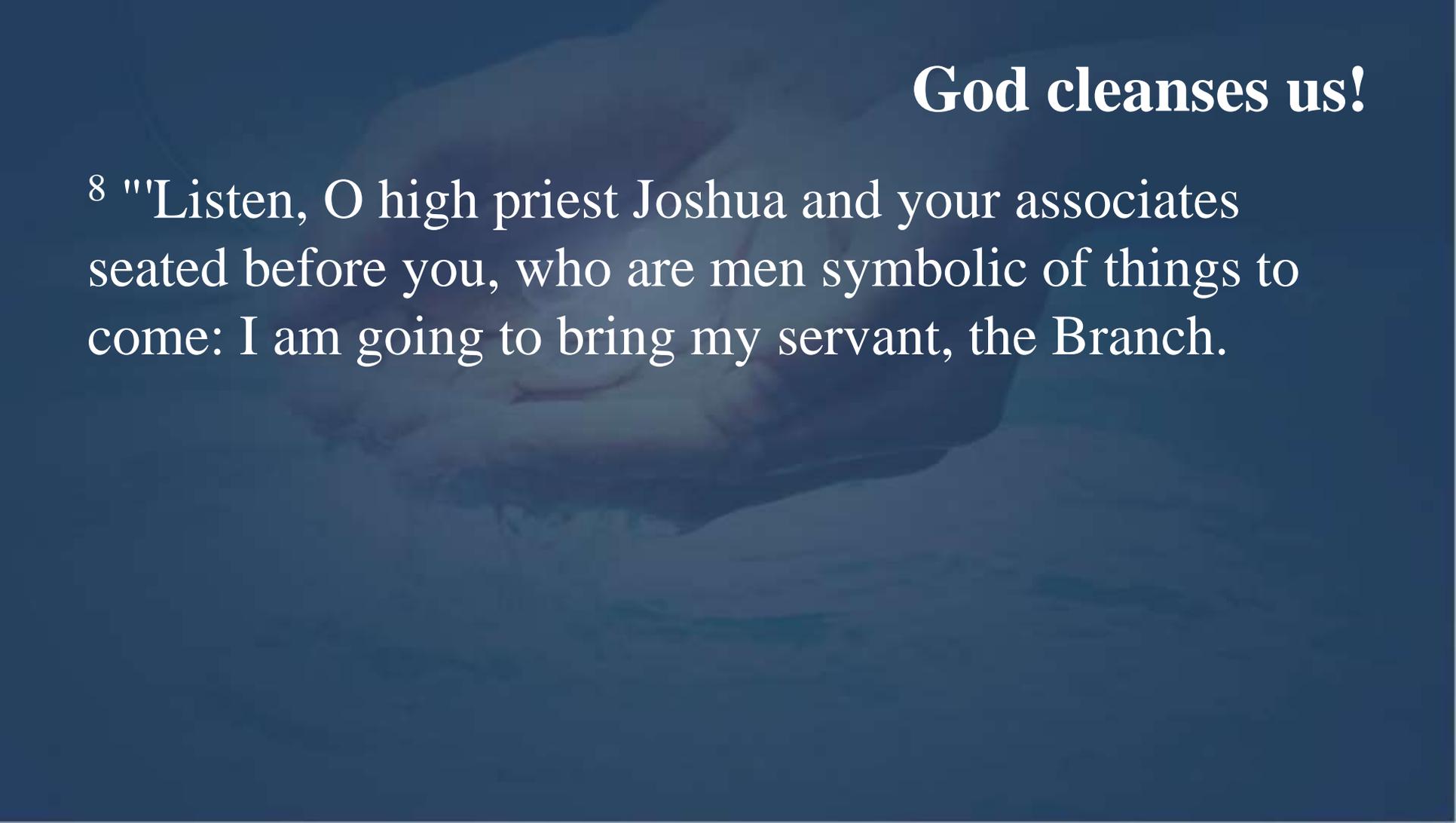
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"...and I will put rich garments on you."



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<sup>5</sup> Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by.



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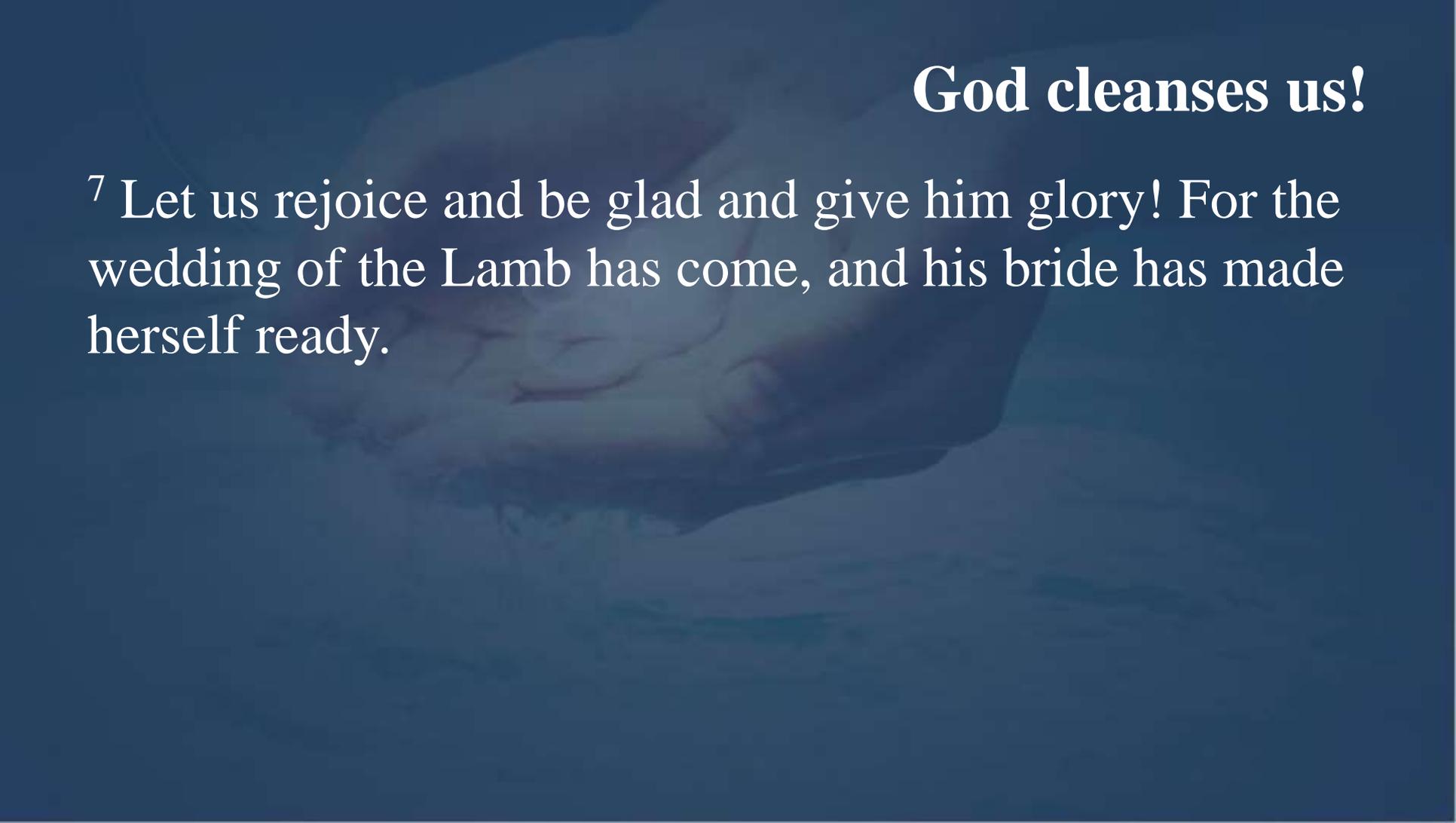
<sup>8</sup> "Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch.

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<sup>9</sup> See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.

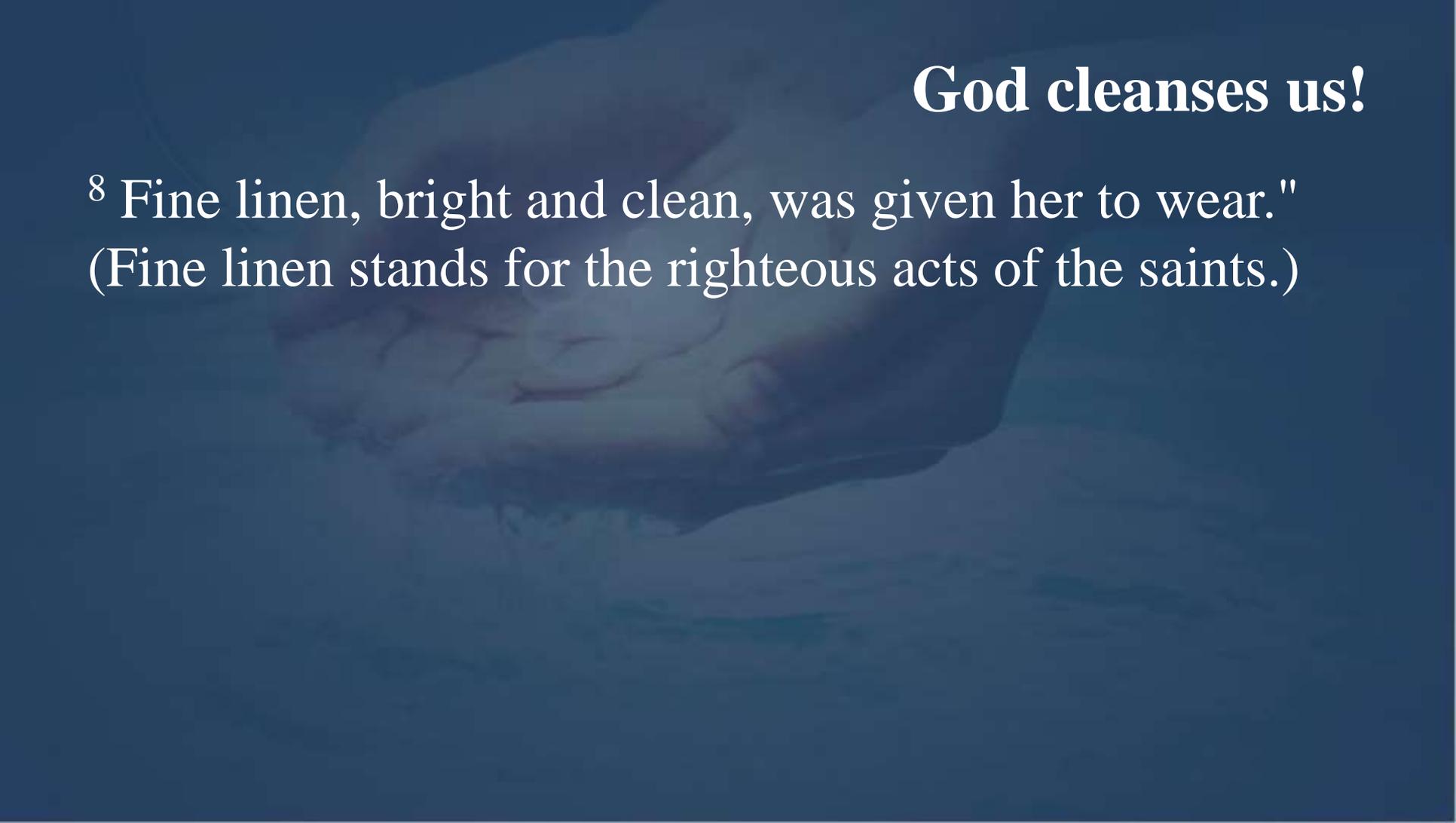
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Revelation 19:6 Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

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<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.



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<sup>8</sup> Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear."  
(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

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