

*The City of God or
the City of Man?*



As Augustine wrote in "The City of God" about 462 AD:

A painting of a city at sunset. The sky is a bright, glowing yellow and orange. In the center, there is a large, bright golden gate or opening in a wall. The city behind the gate is dark and silhouetted against the bright sky. The overall atmosphere is one of divine light and celestial beauty.

THE CITY OF GOD

Two cities have been formed by two
loves: the earthly by the love of self,
even to the contempt of God.



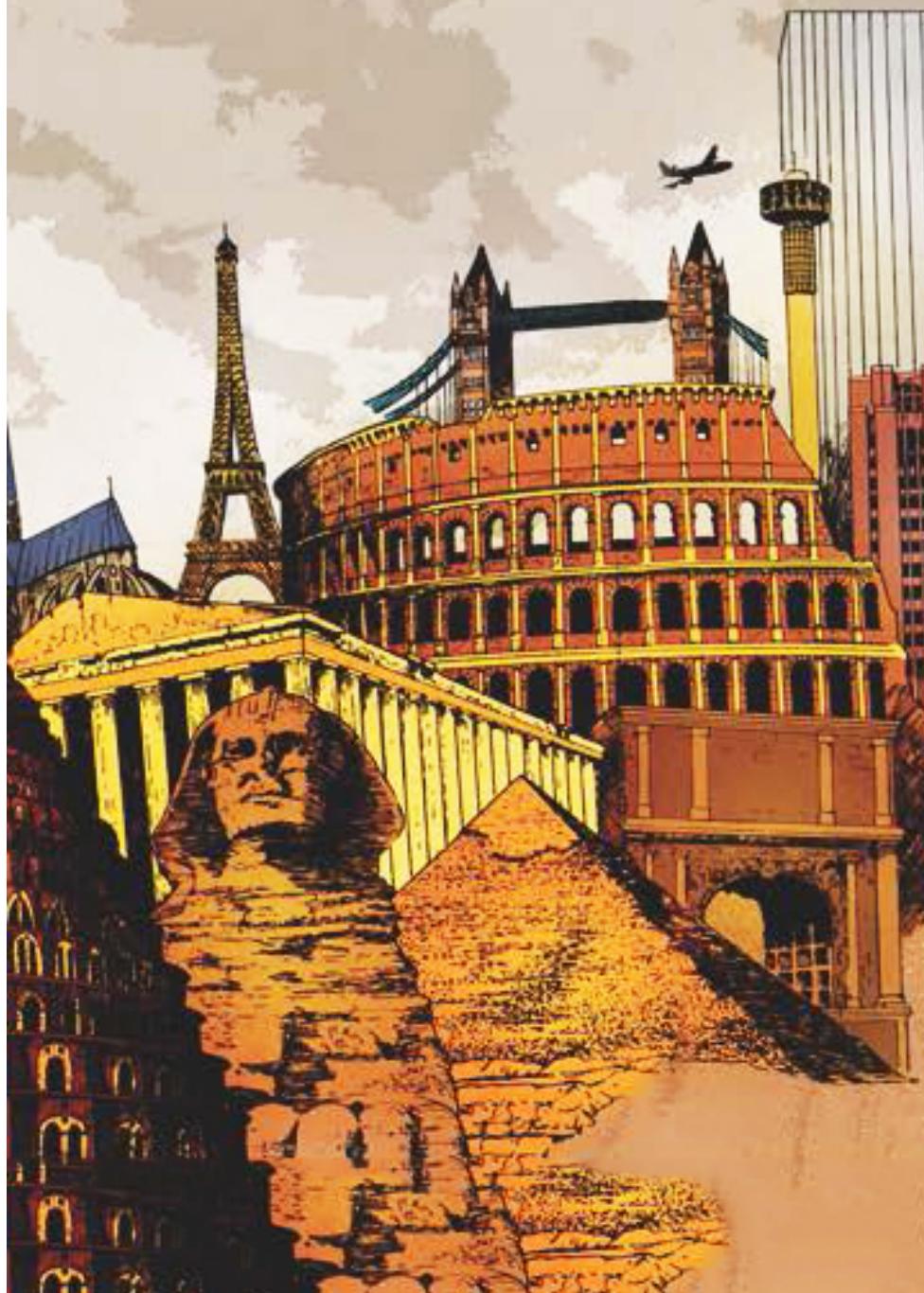
The heavenly by the love of God, even to the contempt of self." (*The City of God*, XIV.28).



The City of Man seeks glory from men,
built on pride and self-love—like
Cain's city (Genesis 4:17)



... and continues in every
system that seeks glory from
man rather than God.



It is marked by pride, injustice, and fleeting power—like Babylon, which intoxicates the nations and falls under judgment (Revelation 18:2–3, 21). Its end is eternal separation from God.



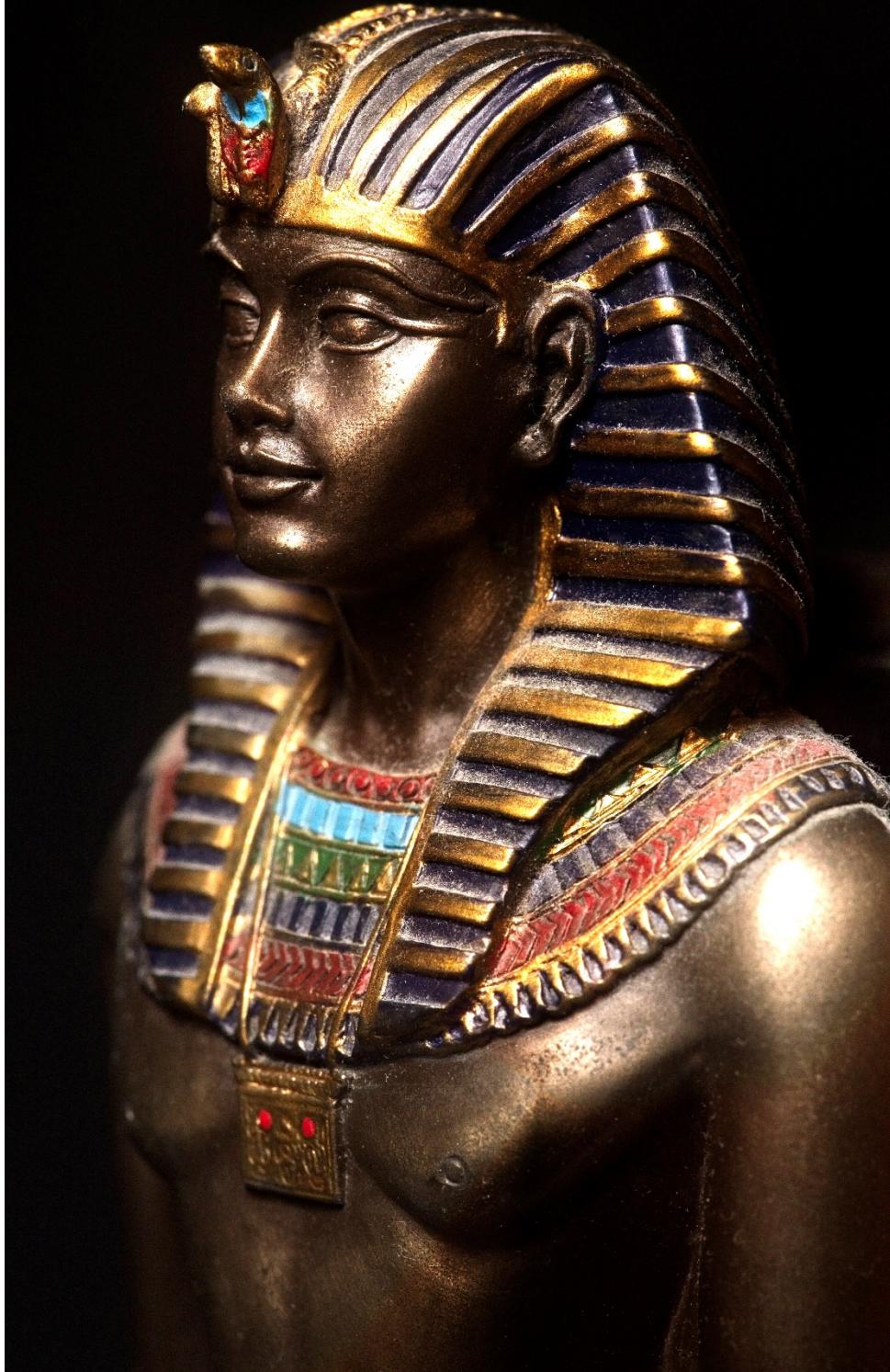
In contrast, the City of God is built on love for God. It begins with the faithful who called on His name.





Abraham looked for
a city which hath
foundations, whose
builder and maker
is God.

Moses could have ruled as a prince of the greatest empire of his day, but he rejected Egypt's power and pleasures.

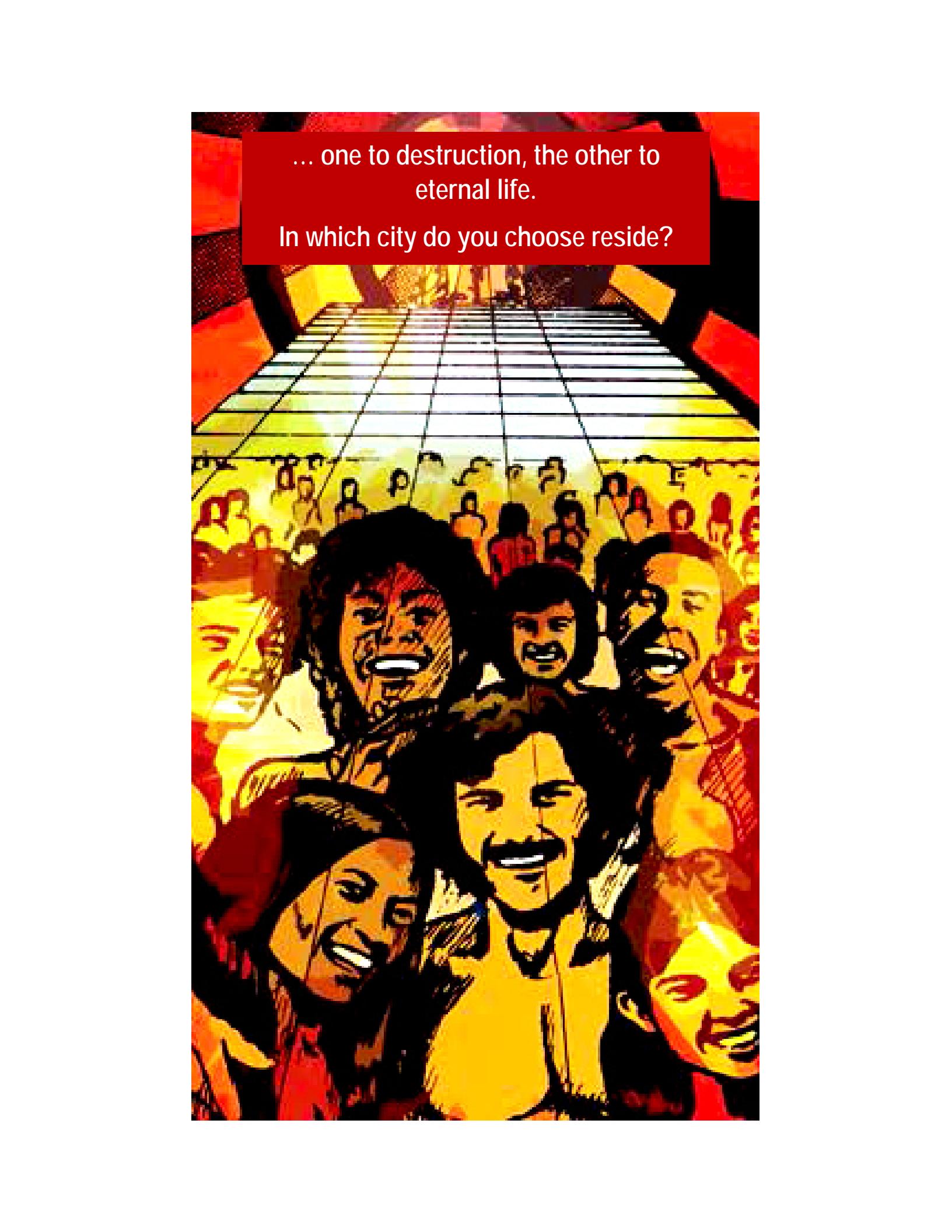


The Bible says: They all desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.



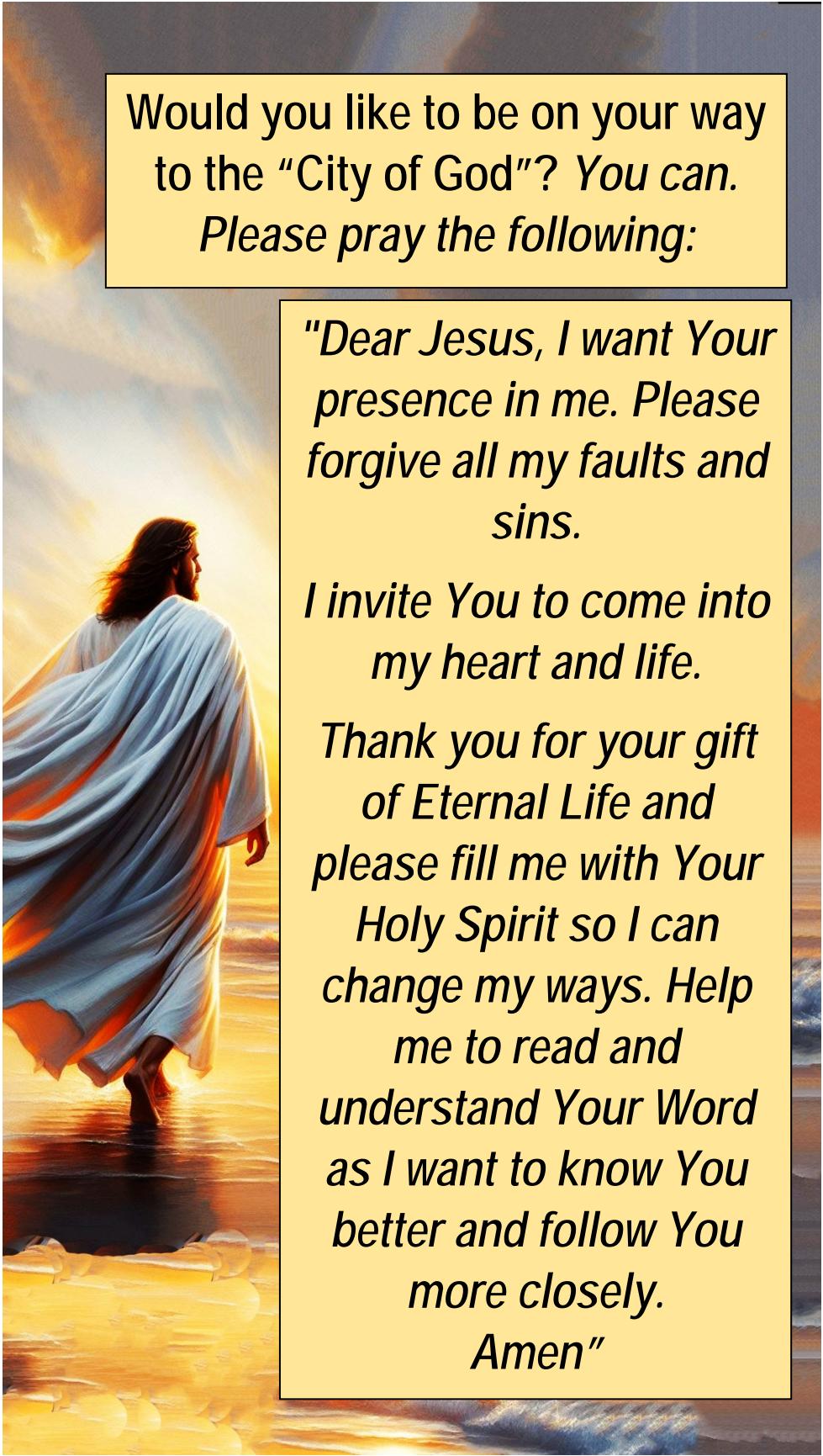
In this present age, the two cities are intermingled (Matthew 13:24–30), but at the final judgment they will be separated forever ...





... one to destruction, the other to
eternal life.

In which city do you choose reside?



Would you like to be on your way
to the "City of God"? You can.
Please pray the following:

"Dear Jesus, I want Your presence in me. Please forgive all my faults and sins.

I invite You to come into my heart and life.

Thank you for your gift of Eternal Life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I can change my ways. Help me to read and understand Your Word as I want to know You better and follow You more closely.

Amen"