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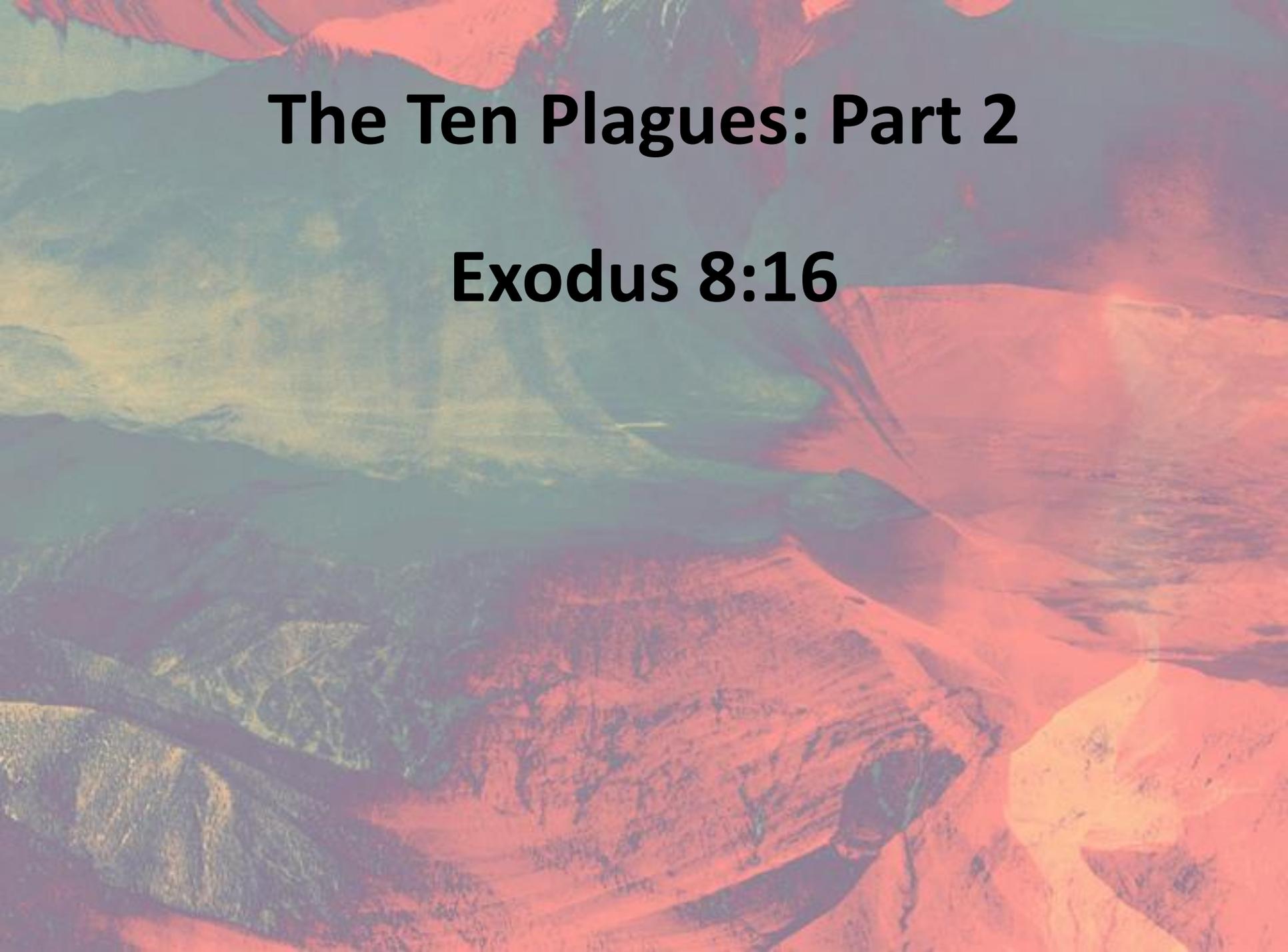
GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN

An aerial photograph of a desert canyon with vibrant red and orange rock formations. A winding river flows through the canyon floor. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**There is no other god than
the One True God.**

The Ten Plagues: Part 2

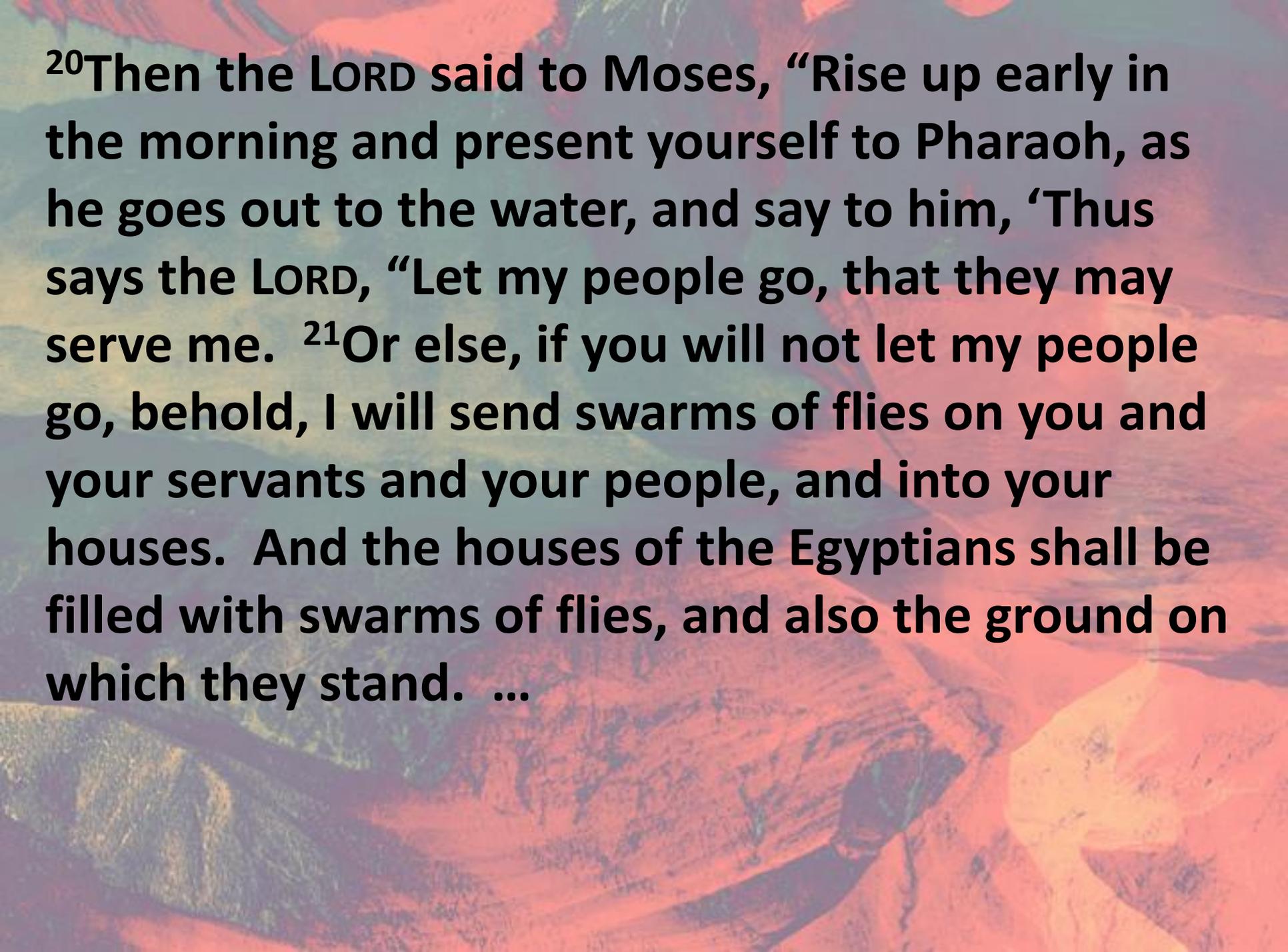
Exodus 8:16



16Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” **17**And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. **18**The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. **19**Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.



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The background of the slide is a photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there is a large, dark, textured rock formation, possibly a cave entrance or a natural rock shelter. To the right, a small, simple structure with a conical roof is visible. The ground is sandy and uneven. The overall lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The text is overlaid on this background in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

²⁰Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²¹Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ...

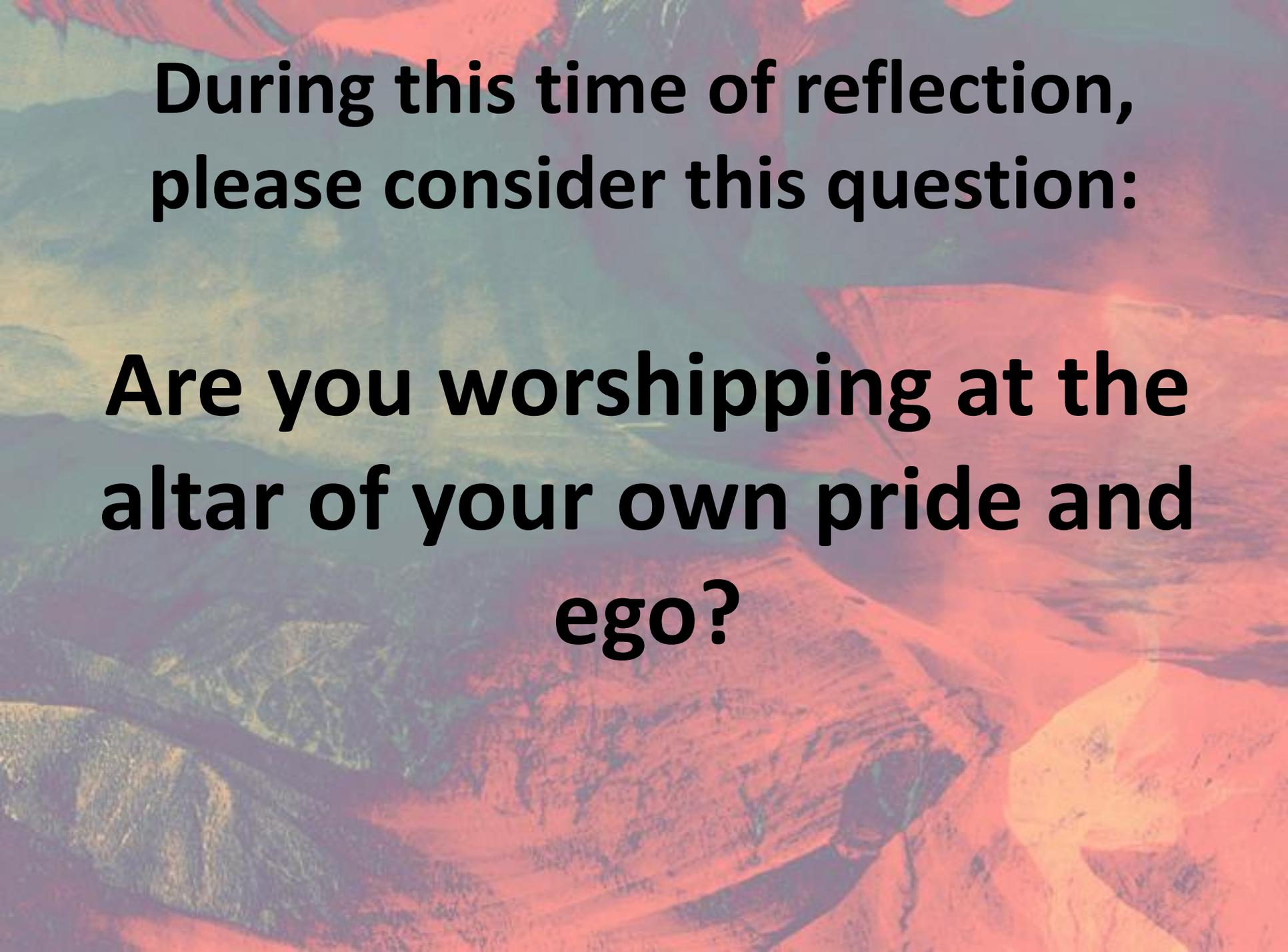
22But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.

23Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”””

24And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

25Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, “Go, sacrifice to your God within the land.” **26**But Moses said, “It would not be right to do so, for the offerings we shall sacrifice to the LORD our God are an abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice offerings abominable to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us? **27**We must go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as he tells us.” **28**So Pharaoh said, “I will let you go to sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you must not go very far away. Plead for me.” ...

29Then Moses said, “Behold, I am going out from you and I will plead with the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow. Only let not Pharaoh cheat again by not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.” **30**So Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD. **31**And the LORD did as Moses asked, and removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; not one remained. **32**But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and did not let the people go.

An aerial photograph of a desert canyon, likely the Grand Canyon, showing a winding river through the deep, layered rock formations. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunset or sunrise, with a mix of orange, red, and purple hues. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

**During this time of reflection,
please consider this question:**

**Are you worshipping at the
altar of your own pride and
ego?**