

A brief biography of

Robert Murray M'Cheyne

*"Live for eternity. A few
days more, and our journey
is done."*

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C.H. Spurgeon

“The memoir of such a man ought surely to be in the hands of every Christian and certainly every preacher of the Gospel.”

“Every minister should read it often.”





Edinburgh, Scotland 1813



The Scottish Highlands

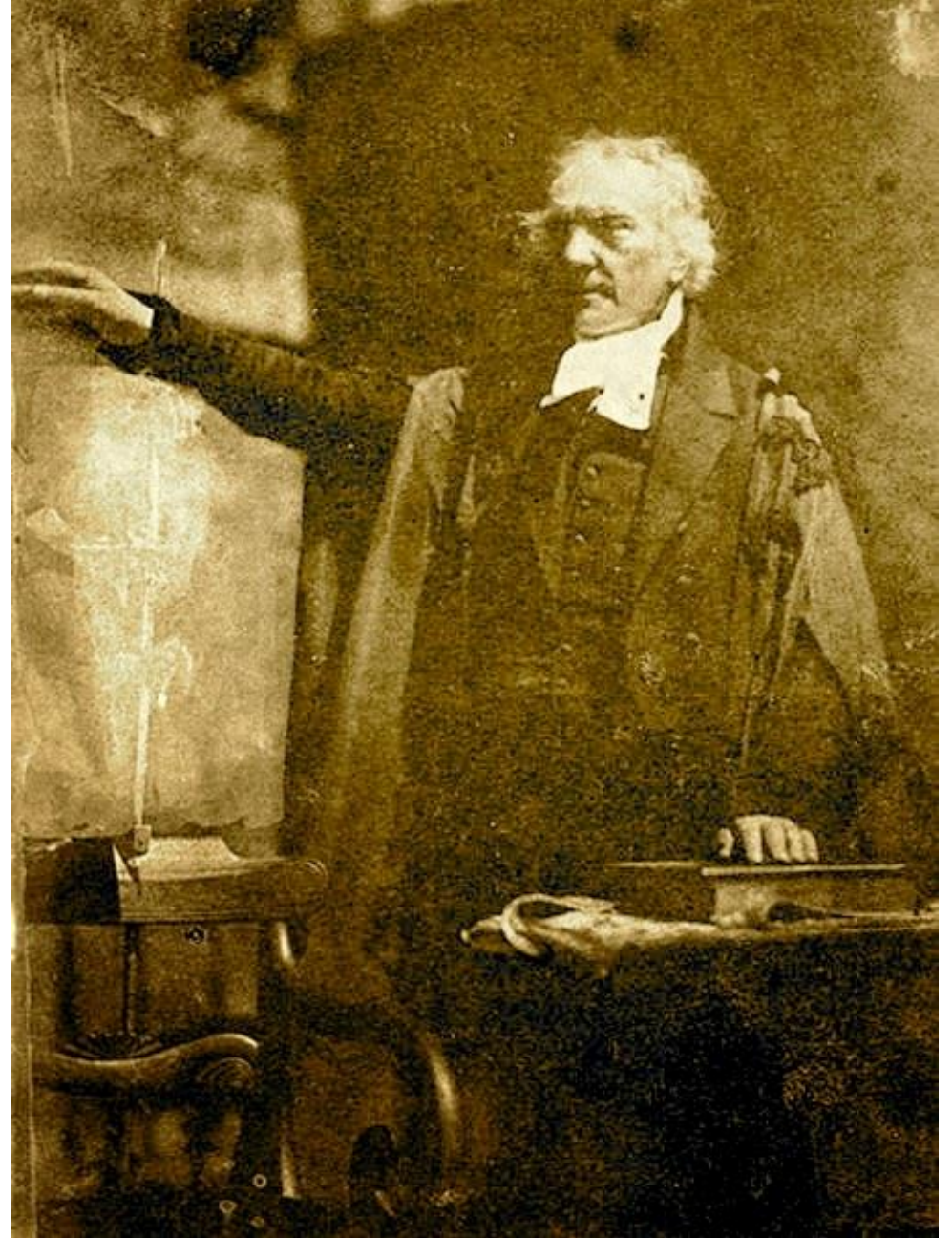
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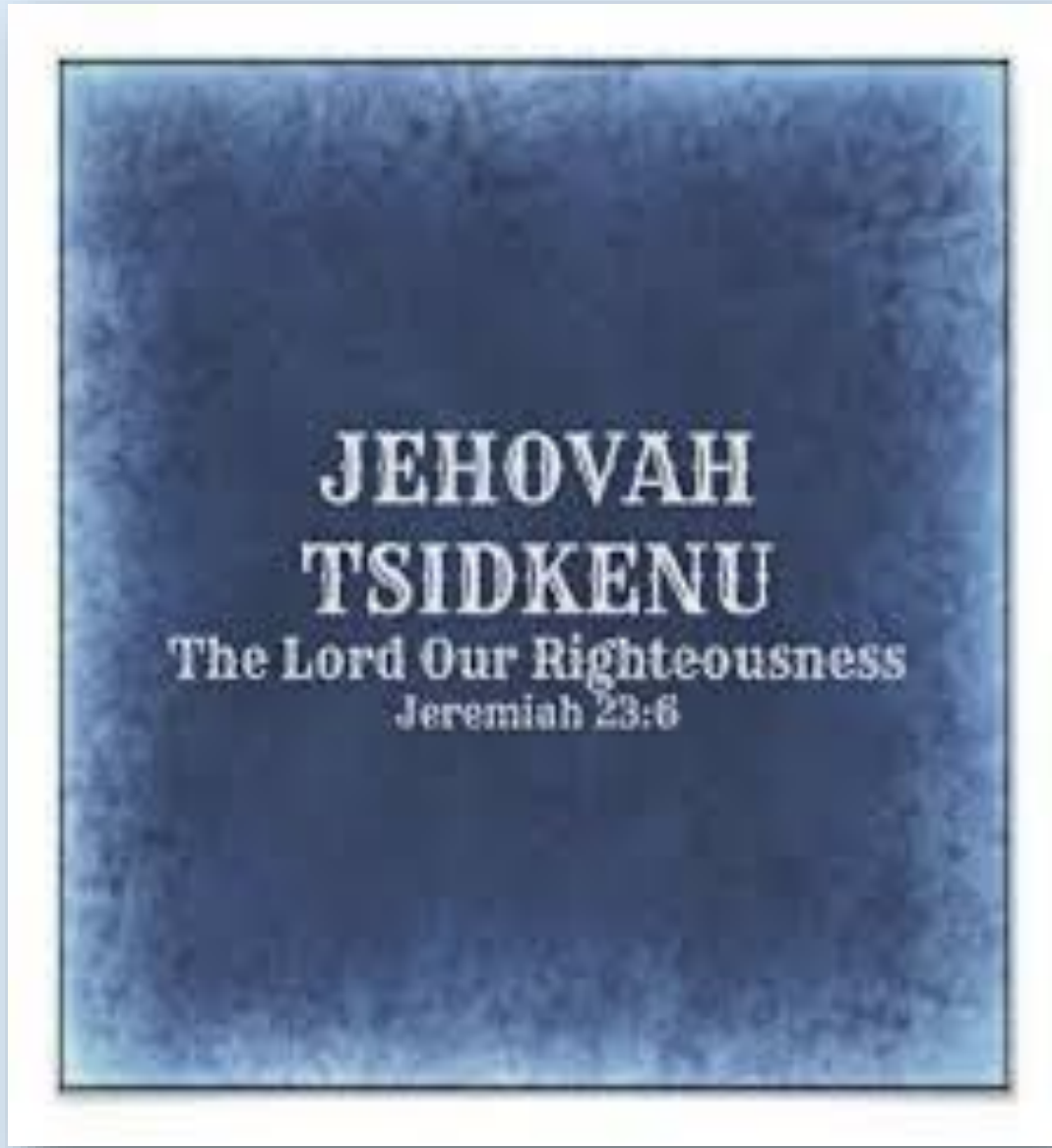


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I once was a stranger to grace and to God,
I knew not my danger, and felt not my load;
Though friends spoke in rapture of Christ on the tree,
Jehovah Tsidkenu was nothing to me.

When free grace awoke me, by light from on high,
Then legal fears shook me, I trembled to die;
No refuge, no safety in self could I see, –
Jehovah Tsidkenu my Saviour must be.

My terrors all vanished before the sweet name;
My guilty fears banished, with boldness I came
To drink at the fountain, life-giving and free, –
Jehovah Tsidkenu is all things to me.



Brothers in Christ

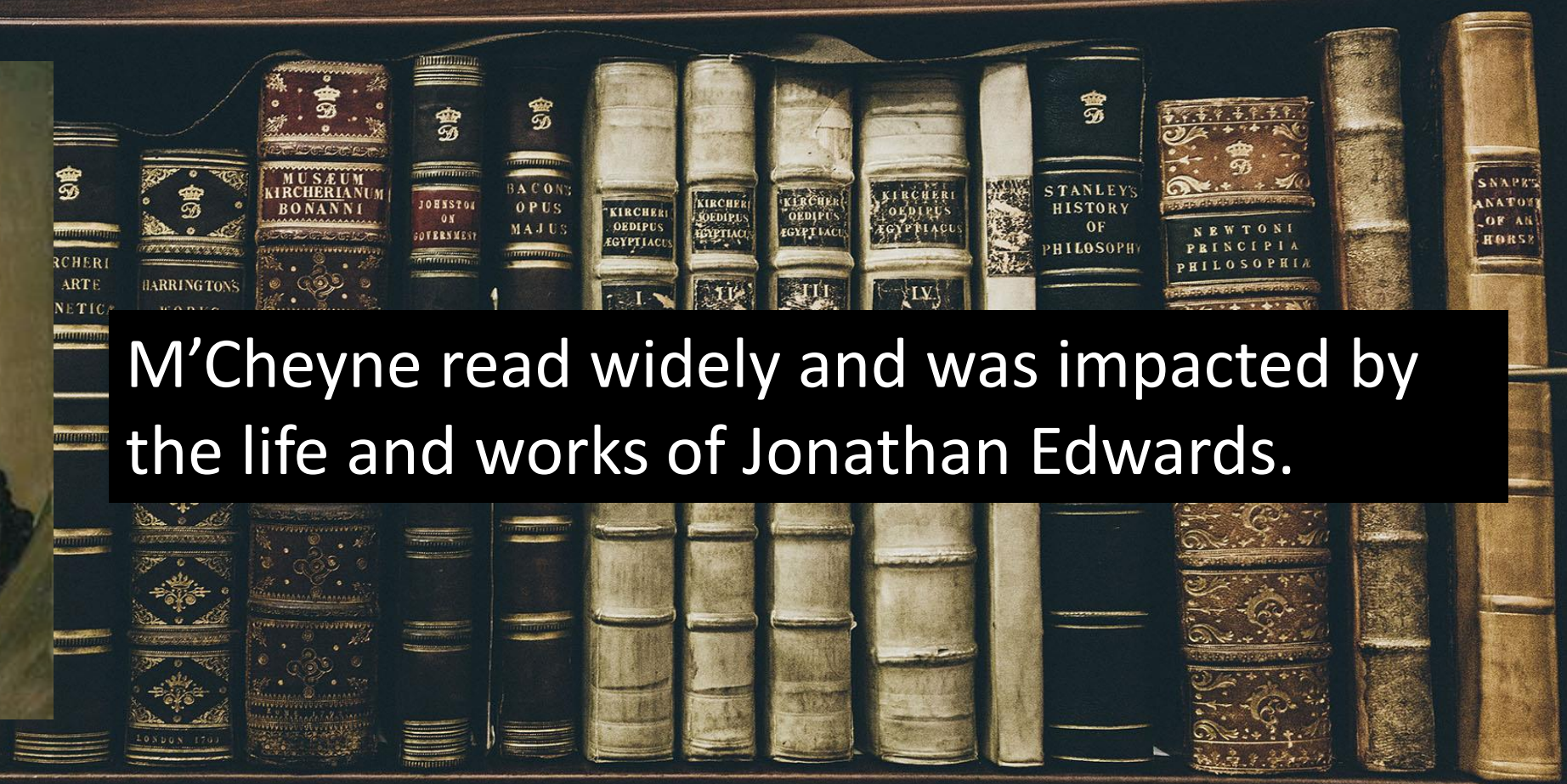
*Andrew Bonar (left) and
Alexander Somerville (right).*

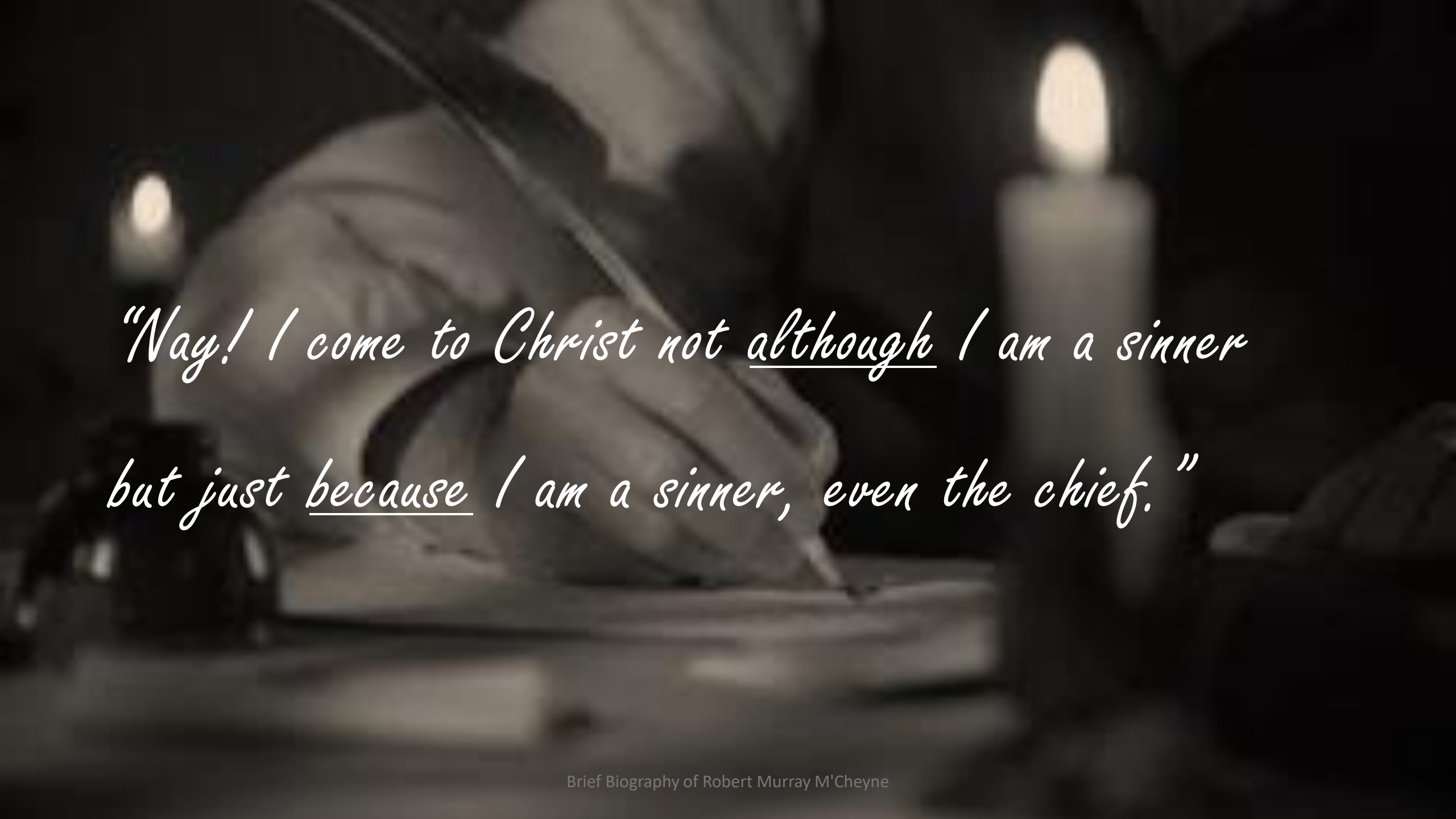
M'Cheyne's best friends through
University and beyond.





M'Cheyne read widely and was impacted by the life and works of Jonathan Edwards.



A black and white photograph of a person writing in a book by candlelight. The person is seen from the side, hunched over their work. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being a candle on the right. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor setting. The overall mood is quiet and focused.

*"Nay! I come to Christ not although I am a sinner
but just because I am a sinner, even the chief."*





Lessons in Larbert

- Learning to preach
- Ministering to the dying
- Patience and humility

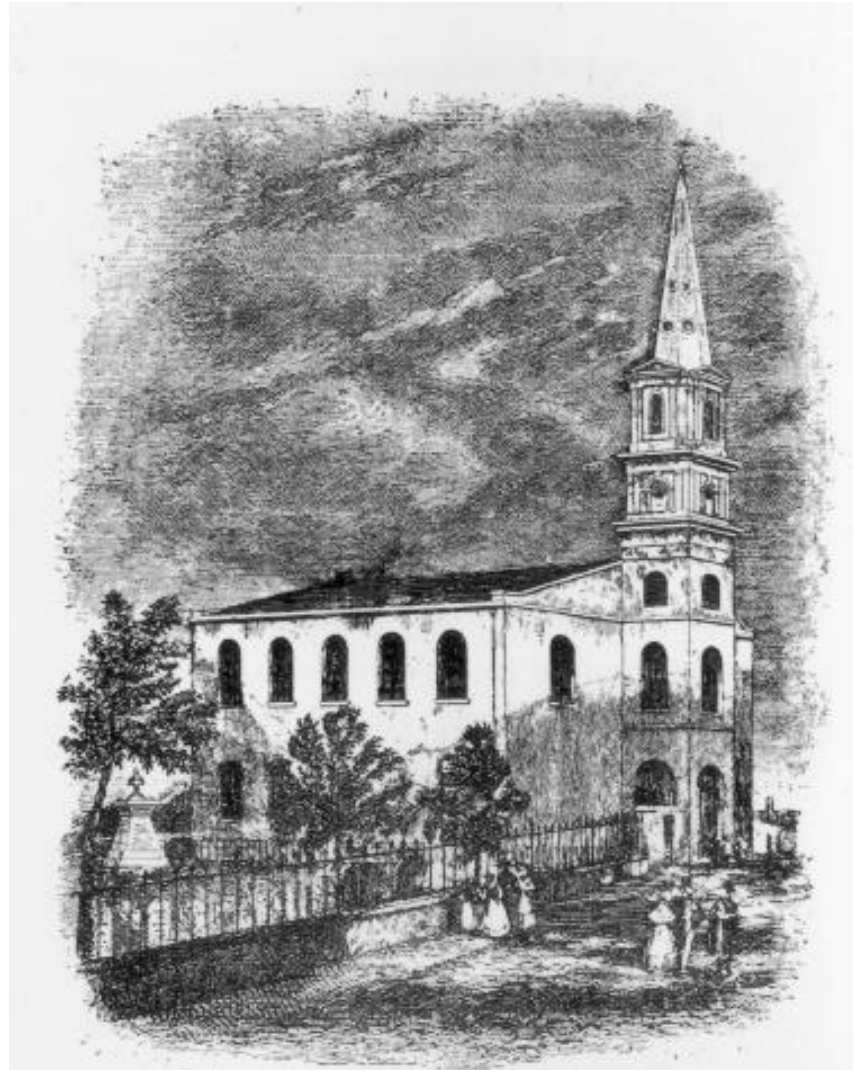




To Dundee – a city in Scotland

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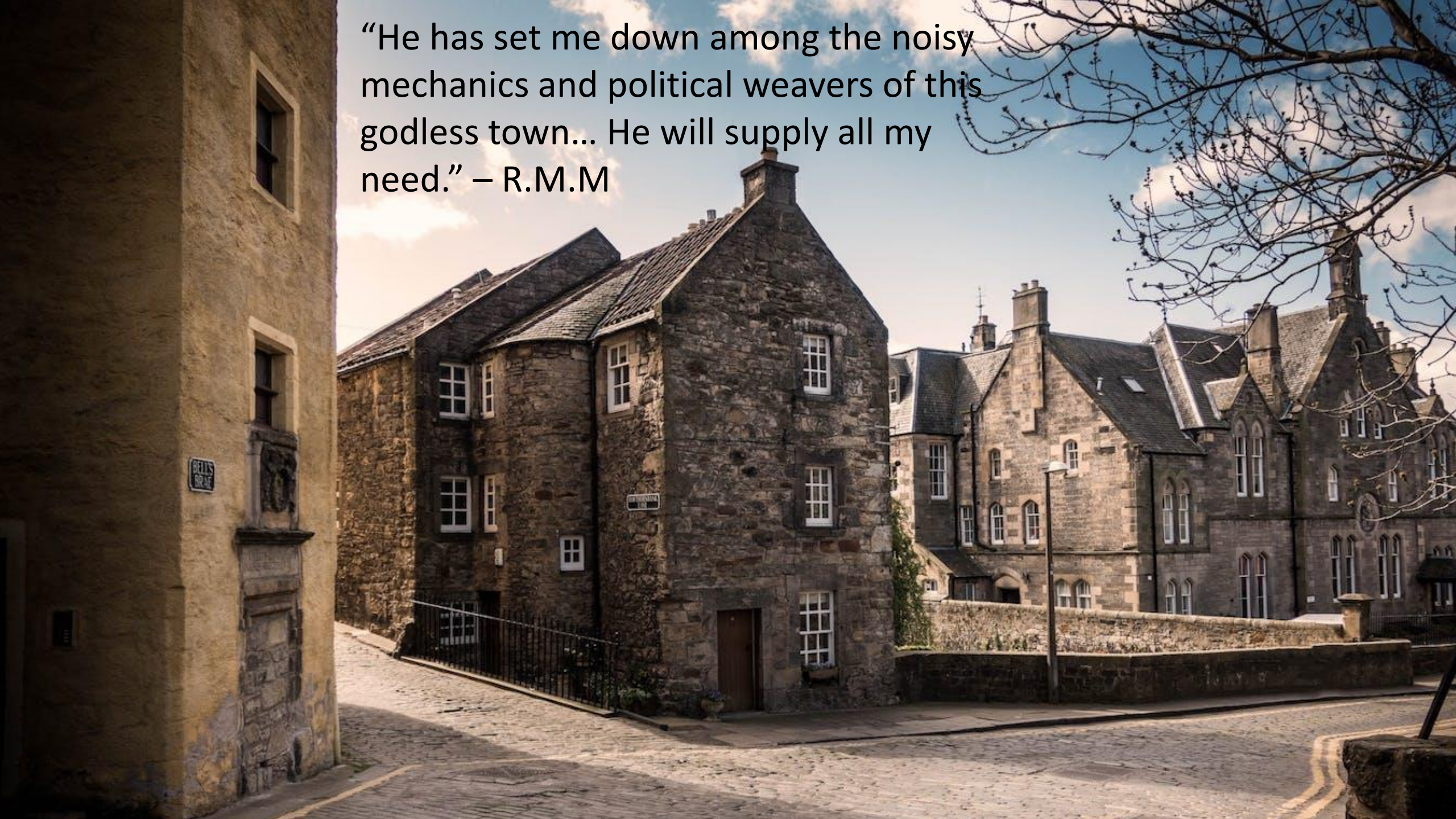
St Peter's Dundee



ST. PETER'S CHURCH. DUNDEE.



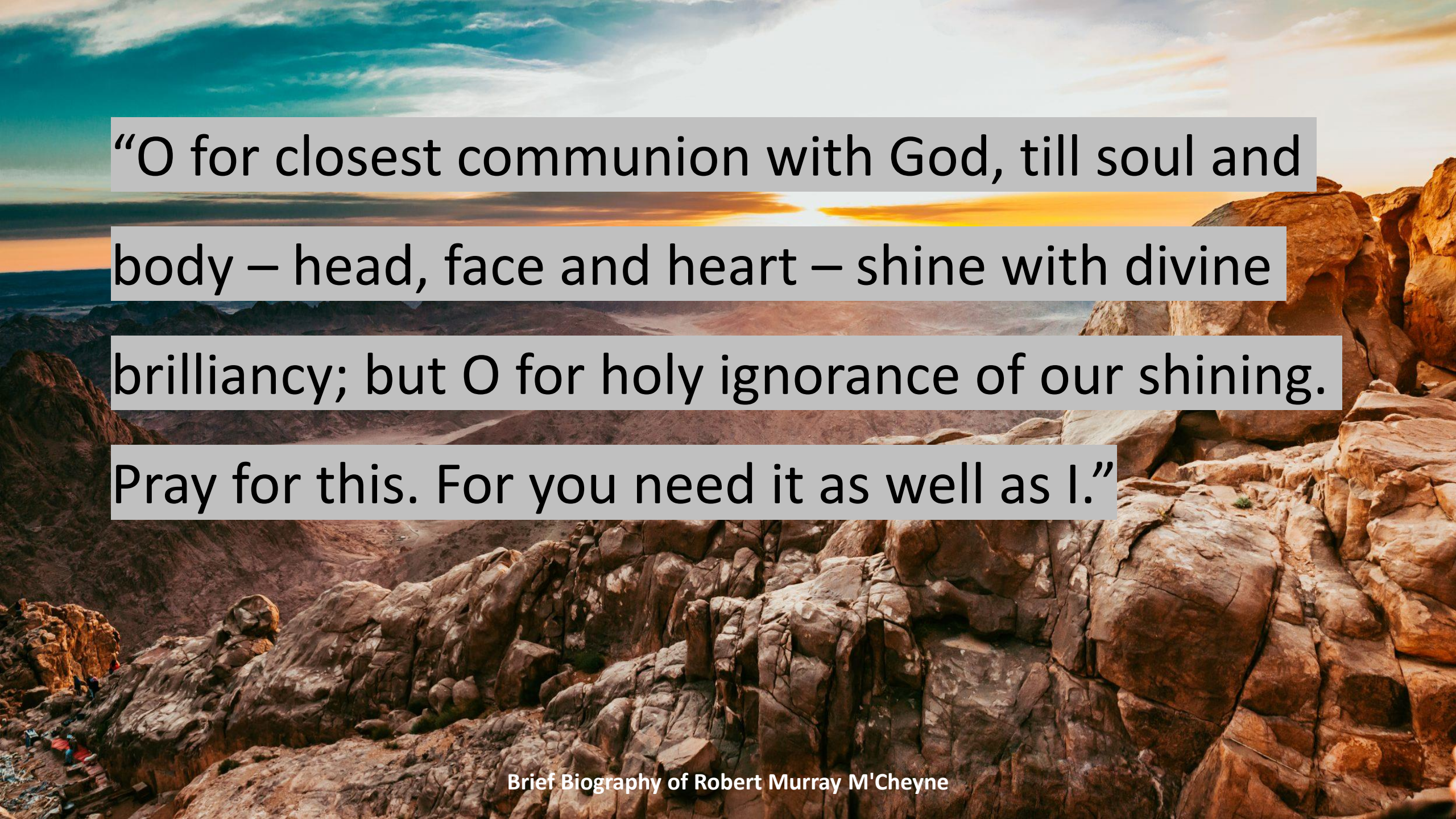
“He has set me down among the noisy mechanics and political weavers of this godless town... He will supply all my need.” – R.M.M



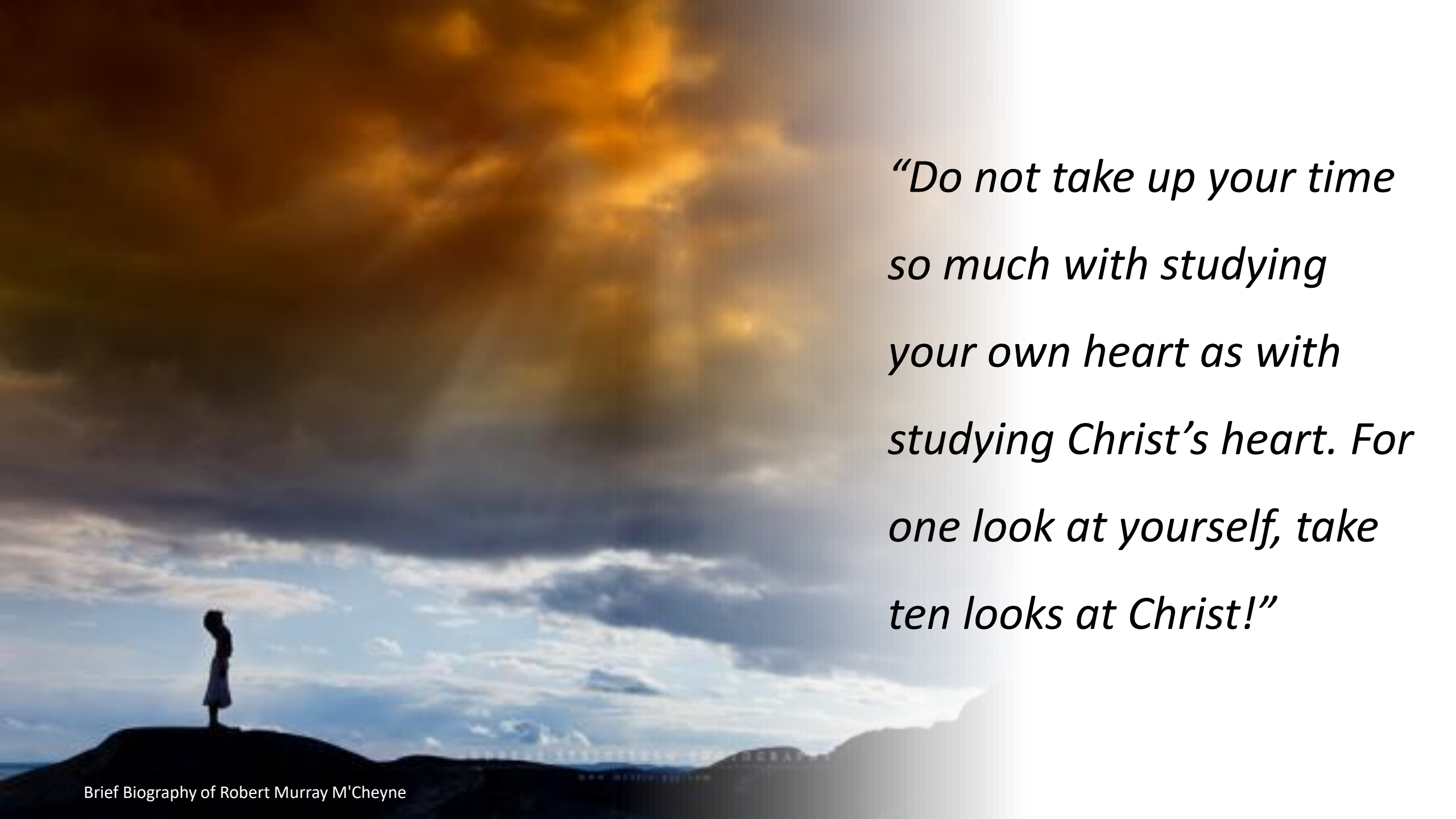
A scenic landscape featuring a church tower in the foreground, a castle on a hillside, and mountains in the background under a soft, hazy sky. The church tower is the most prominent structure, with a dark spire. The castle is situated on a rocky outcrop. The mountains are layered, with some peaks appearing more distinct than others. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

My people's greatest need
is my personal holiness.

Robert Murray M'Cheyne

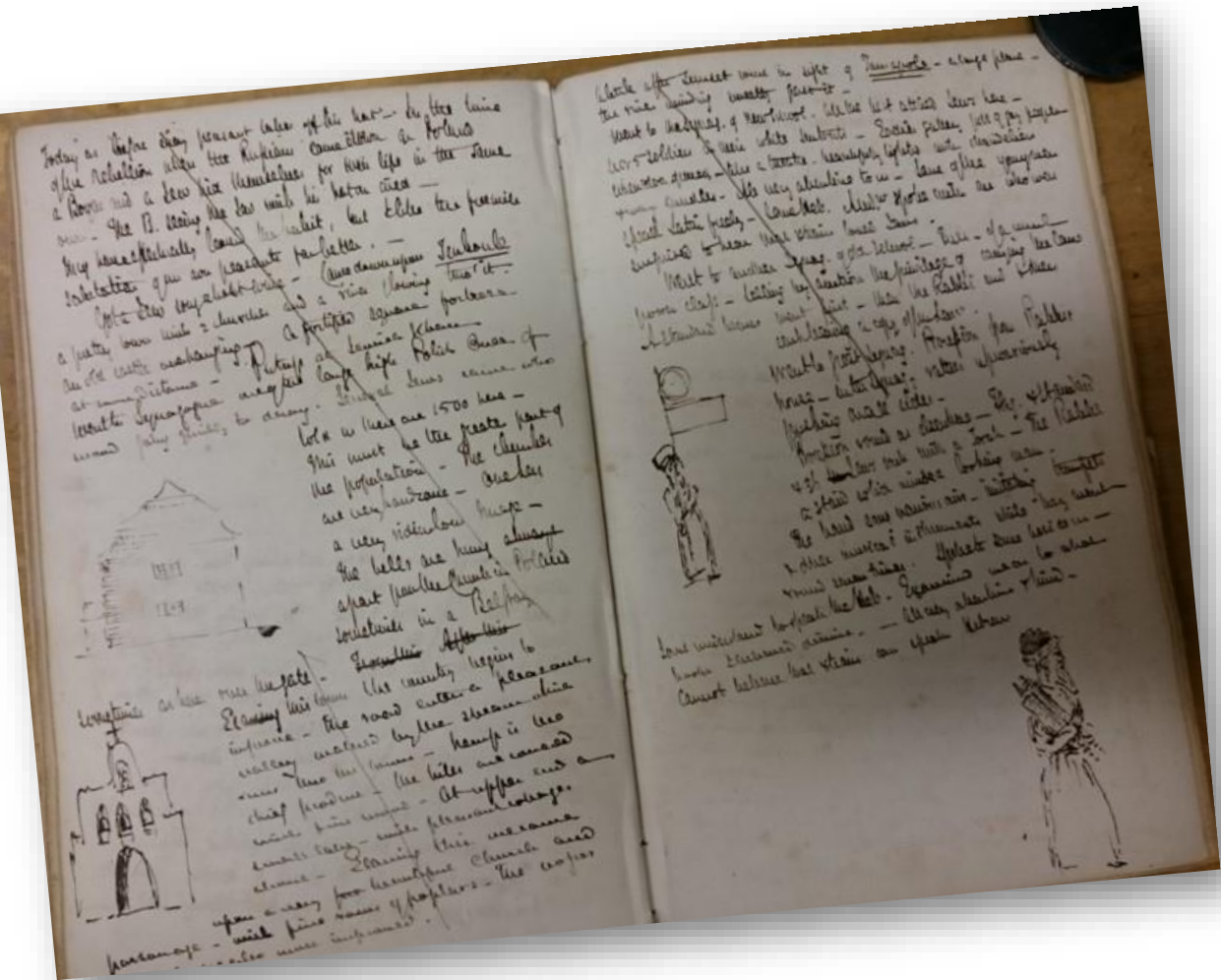


“O for closest communion with God, till soul and
body – head, face and heart – shine with divine
brilliance; but O for holy ignorance of our shining.
Pray for this. For you need it as well as I.”

A silhouette of a person standing on a hill against a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, looking towards the right. The sky is filled with large, dark clouds, with a bright glow of light breaking through near the horizon, creating a gradient from dark blue to orange and yellow. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

*“Do not take up your time
so much with studying
your own heart as with
studying Christ’s heart. For
one look at yourself, take
ten looks at Christ!”*

Diaries and Letters...



Like many people in his day, Robert Murray M'Cheyne kept a diary of his daily life.



Communion Season

People travelled from surrounding areas to come for communion (breaking of bread).

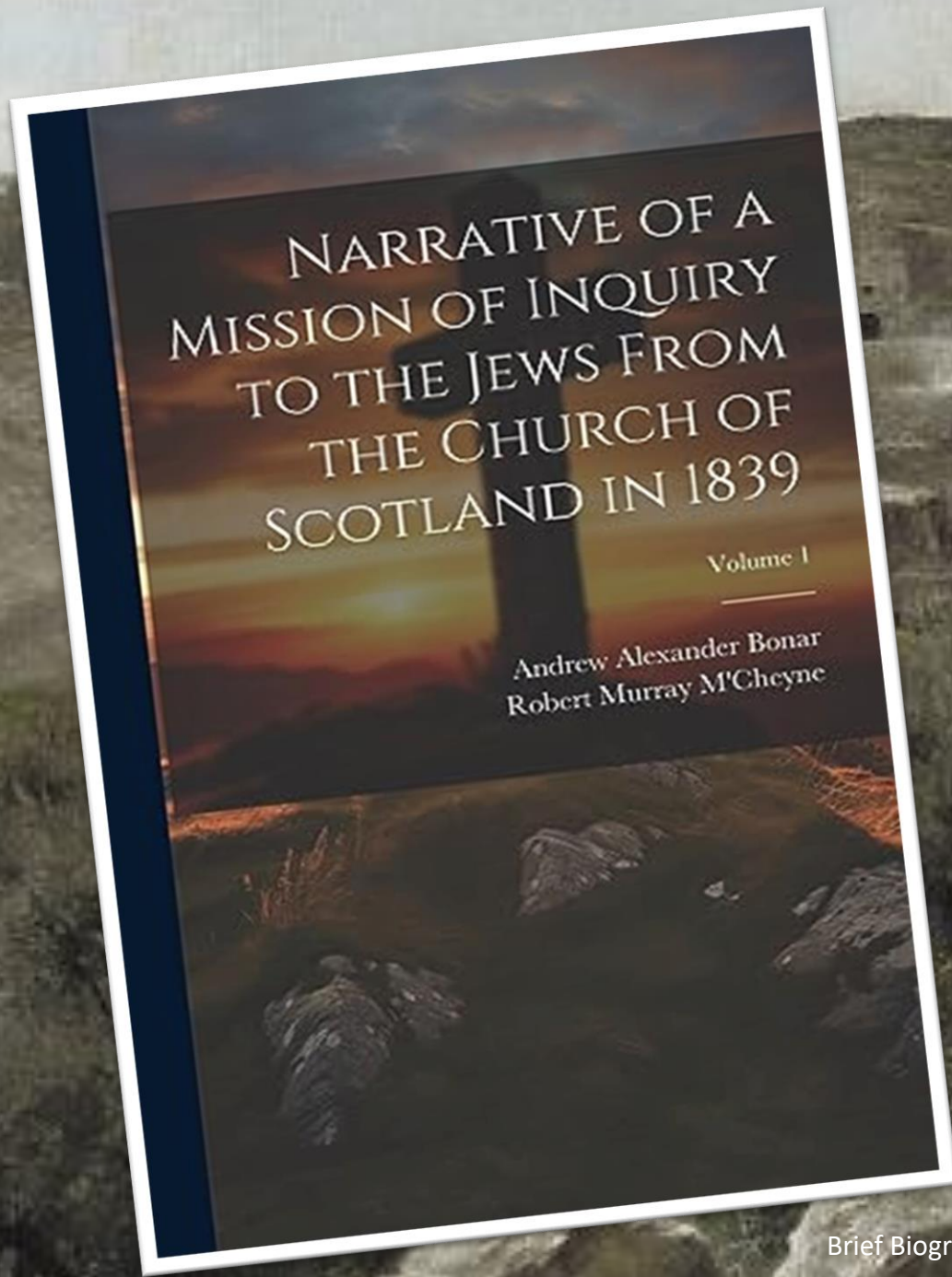


M'Cheyne increased these 'seasons' from once or twice a year to four times a year.

Palestine in the 1830s



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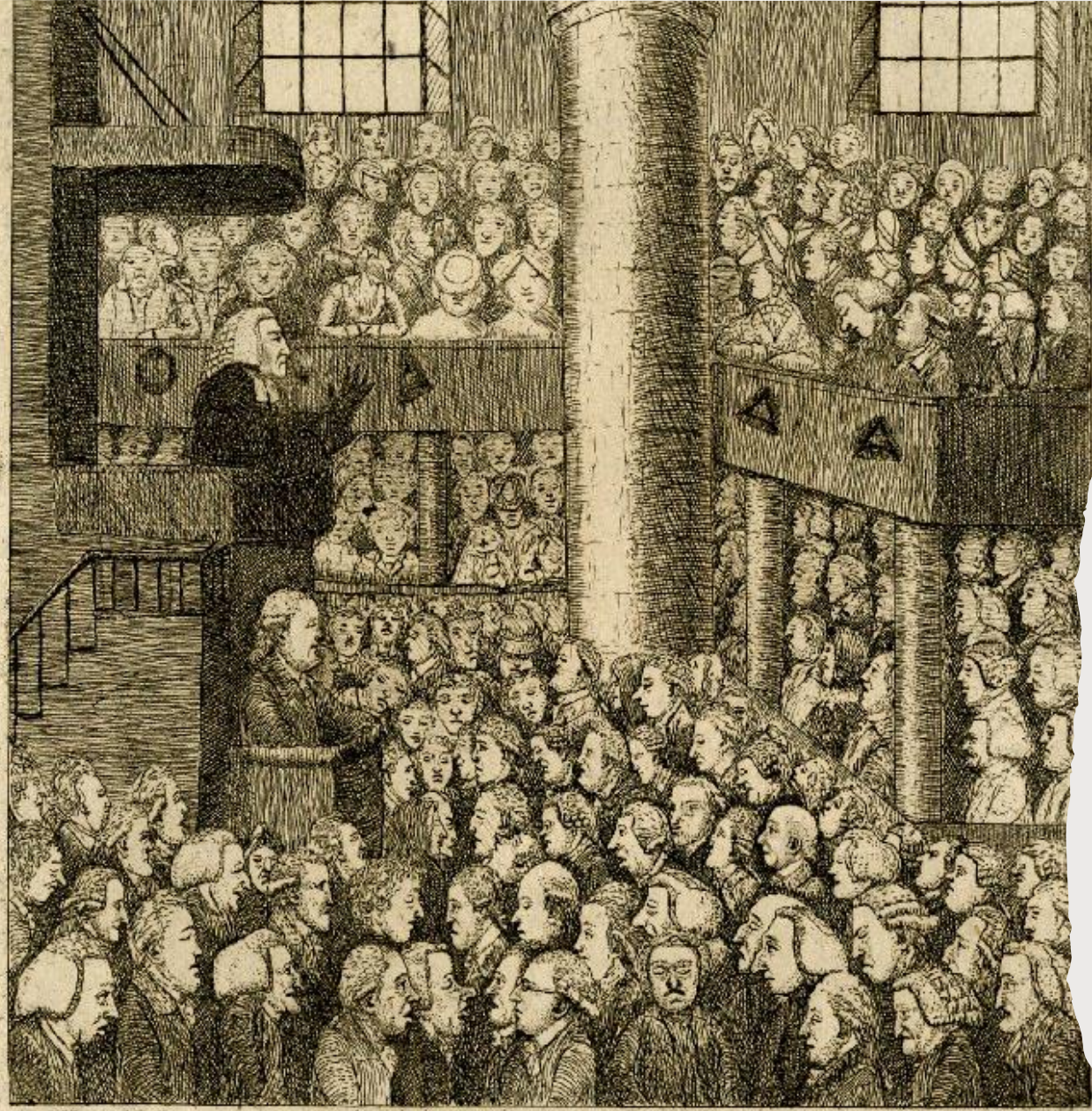


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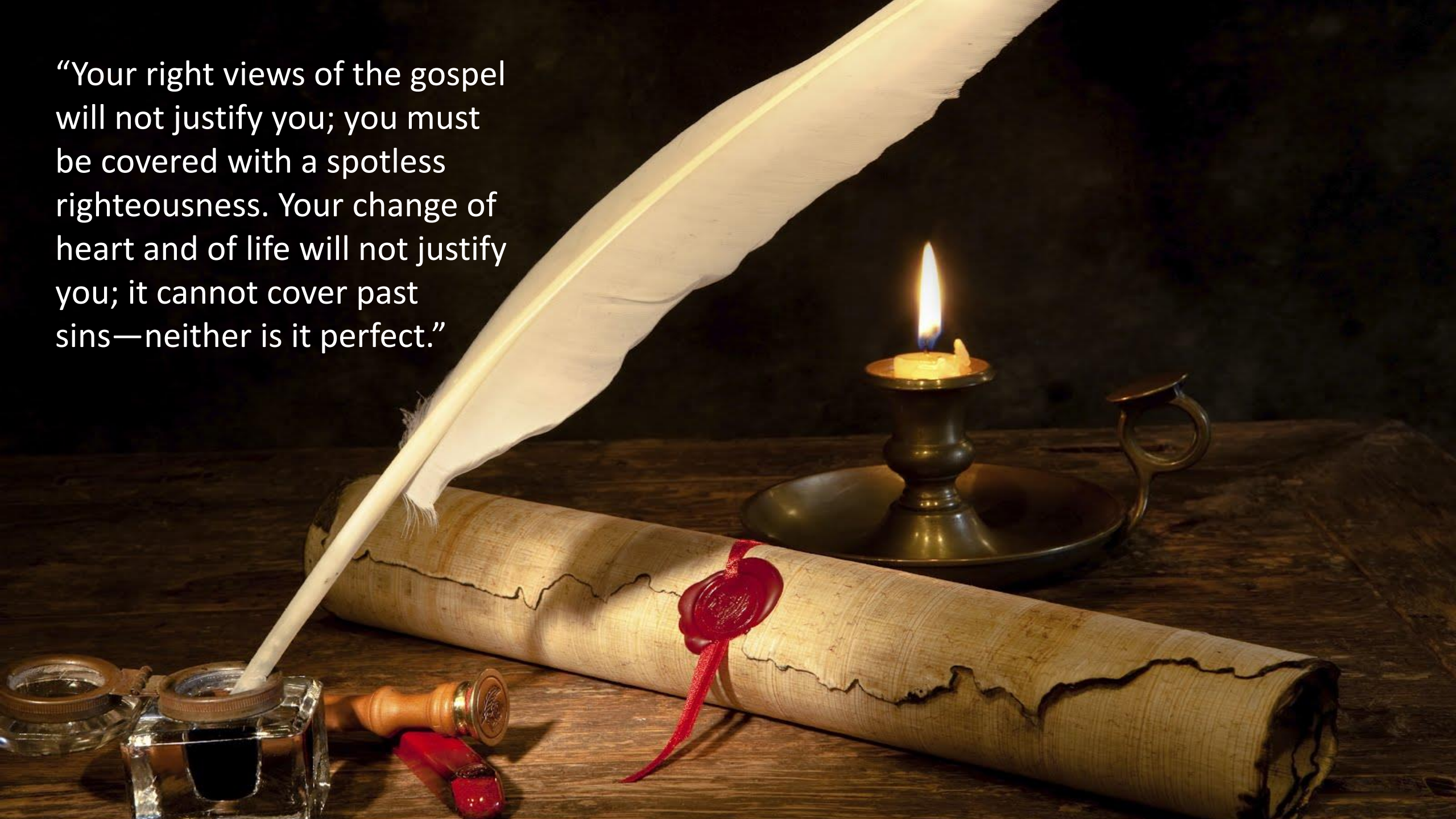
William Chalmers Burns

Burns took M'Cheyne's place at St Peter's in Dundee while M'Cheyne was in Palestine.

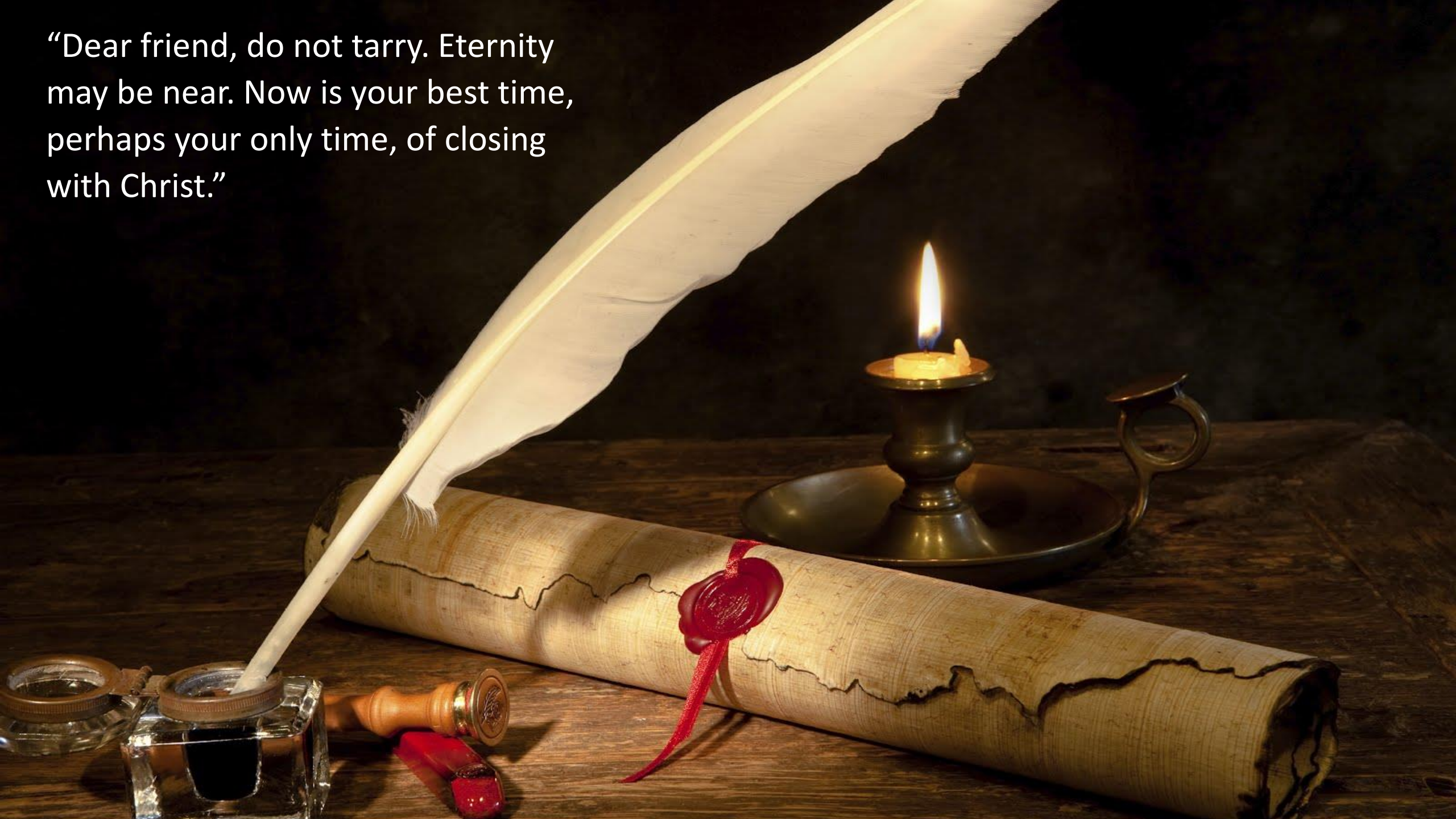


Revival in Dundee

“Your right views of the gospel will not justify you; you must be covered with a spotless righteousness. Your change of heart and of life will not justify you; it cannot cover past sins—neither is it perfect.”



“Dear friend, do not tarry. Eternity may be near. Now is your best time, perhaps your only time, of closing with Christ.”





On Sin

*"The seeds of all sins are
in my heart and perhaps all
the more dangerously that I
do not see them".*

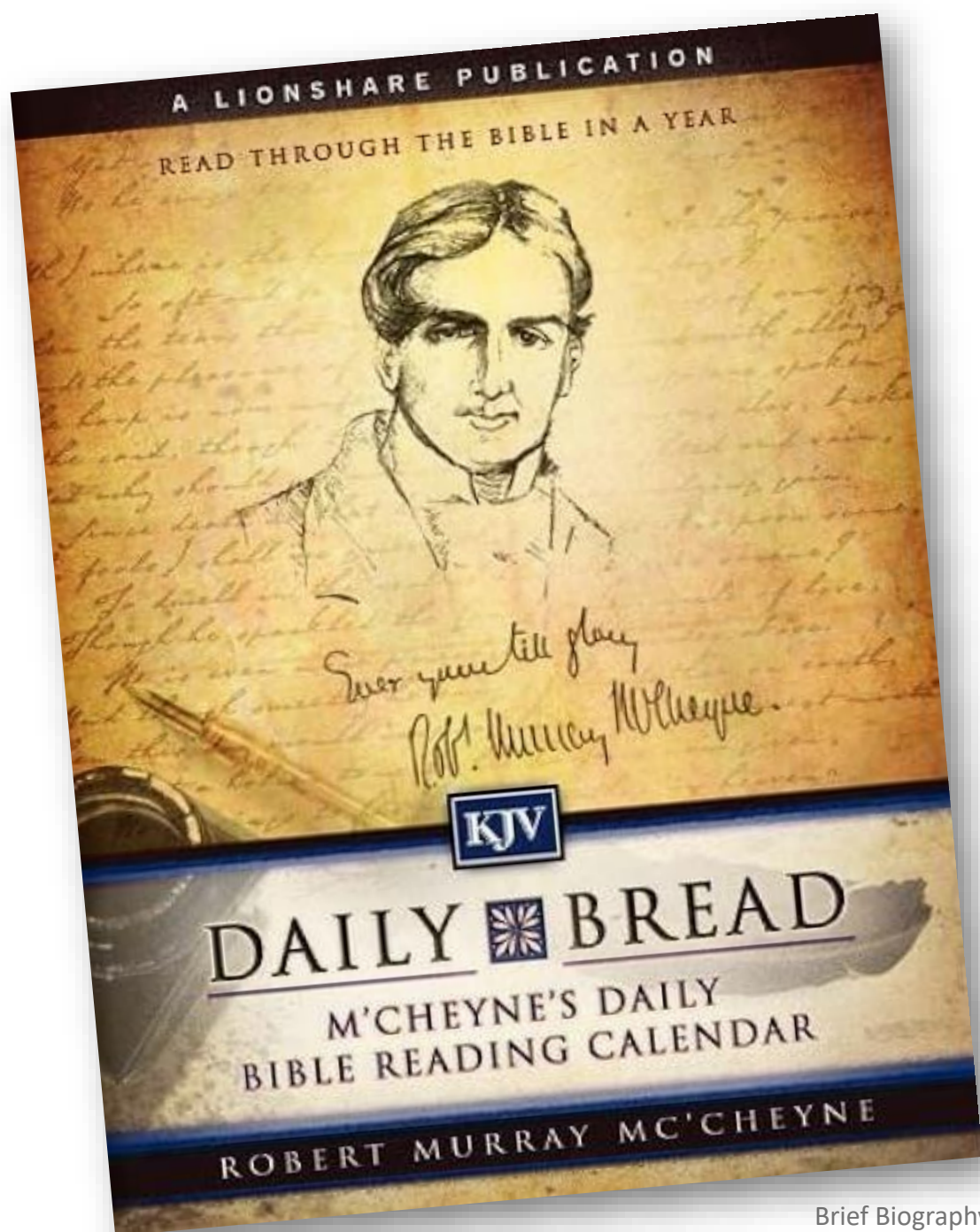
On Prayer

"I feel it is far better to begin with God - to see his face first - to get my soul near him before it is near another."

On Daily Bible Reading

"I ought to read three chapters of the Bible... in three different places."





Following his plan, you will read the whole Bible in a year.

- The OT through once
- The NT through twice
- The Psalms through twice

"The oil of the lamp in the temple burnt away in giving light; so should we."

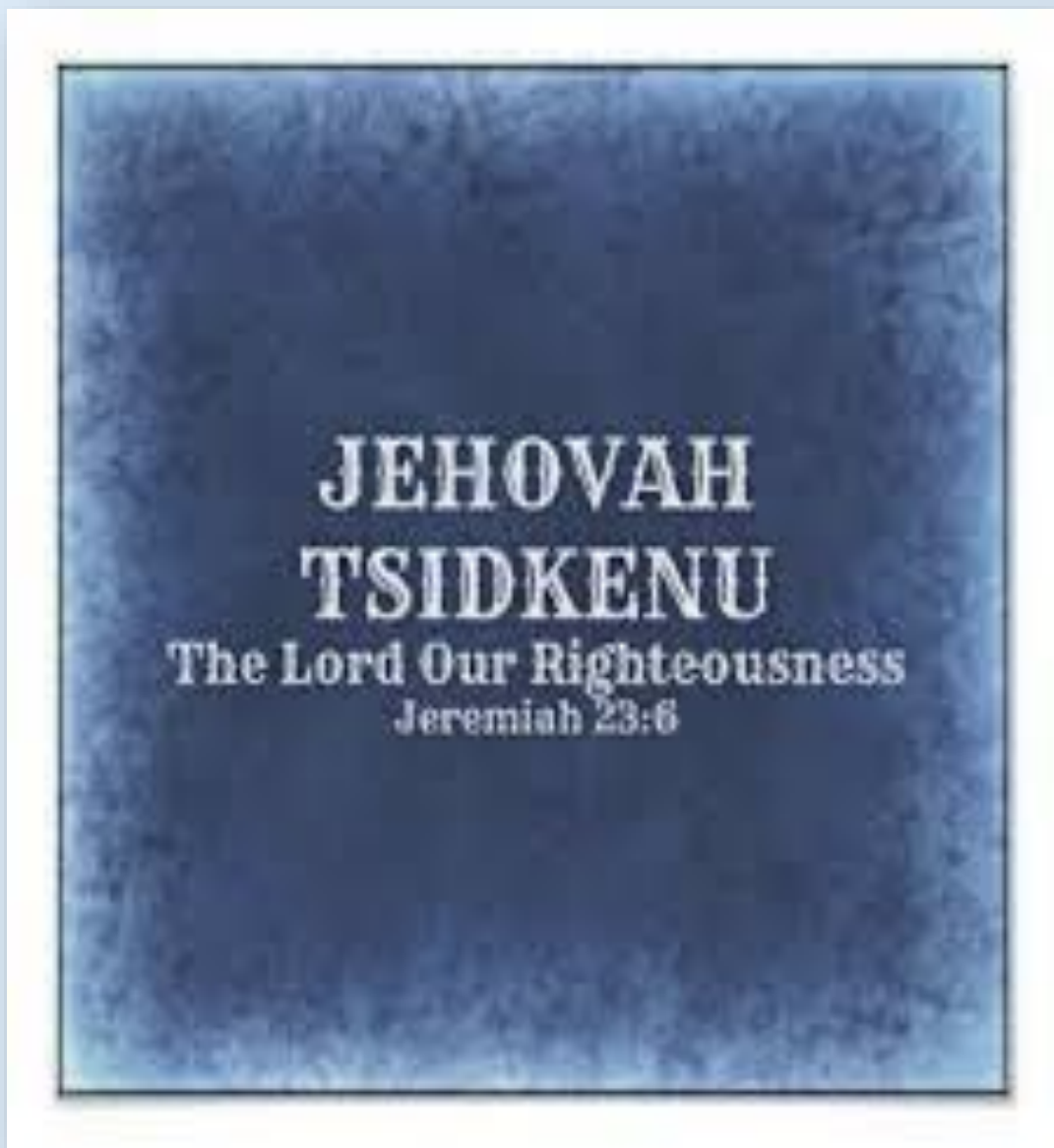
- R.M.M



Typhus Fever Through the City



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Even treading the valley,
the shadow of death,

This “watchword” shall rally
my faltering breath;

For while from life’s fever
my God sets me free,

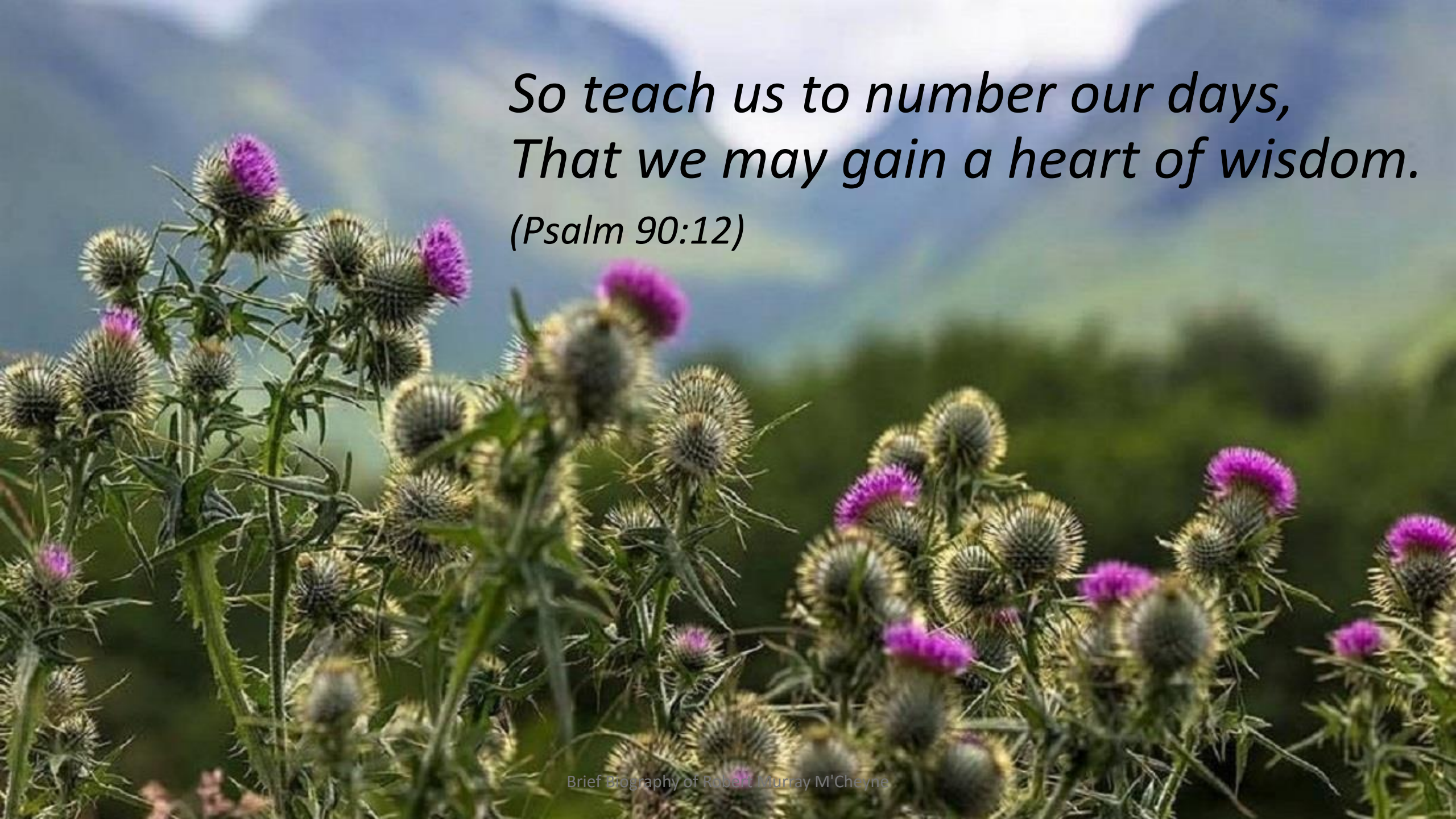
Jehovah Tsidkenu,
my death song shall be.

"Oh! brethren, be wise. 'Why stand ye all the day idle?' In a little moment it will be all over.

A little while and the day of grace will be over - preaching, praying will be done. A little while, and we shall stand before the great white throne - a little while, and the wicked shall not be; we shall see them going away into everlasting punishment.

A little while, and the work of eternity shall be begun. We shall be like Him - we shall see Him day and night in His temple - we shall sing the new song, without sin and without weariness, for ever and ever."

*Robert Murray
McCheyne*



*So teach us to number our days,
That we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

(Psalm 90:12)