

RISE UP AND BUILD

NEHEMIAH



THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH

**Now when the wall had
been built and I had set
up the doors, and the
gatekeepers...**

Nehemiah 7:1 (ESV)

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**It's Always Tempting To
Put Our Confidence In
Our Material Strengths**

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**So Nehemiah Knows It's
Time for a Different Kind
of Leader: Ezra**

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel.

Nehemiah 8:1 (ESV)

And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

Nehemiah 8:3 (ESV)

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**Do We Hunger for
the Word of God?**

Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord God,“ when I will send a famine on the land—not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Amos 8:11-12 (ESV)

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**What will happen when
we spend time in God's
word?**

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Worship

And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

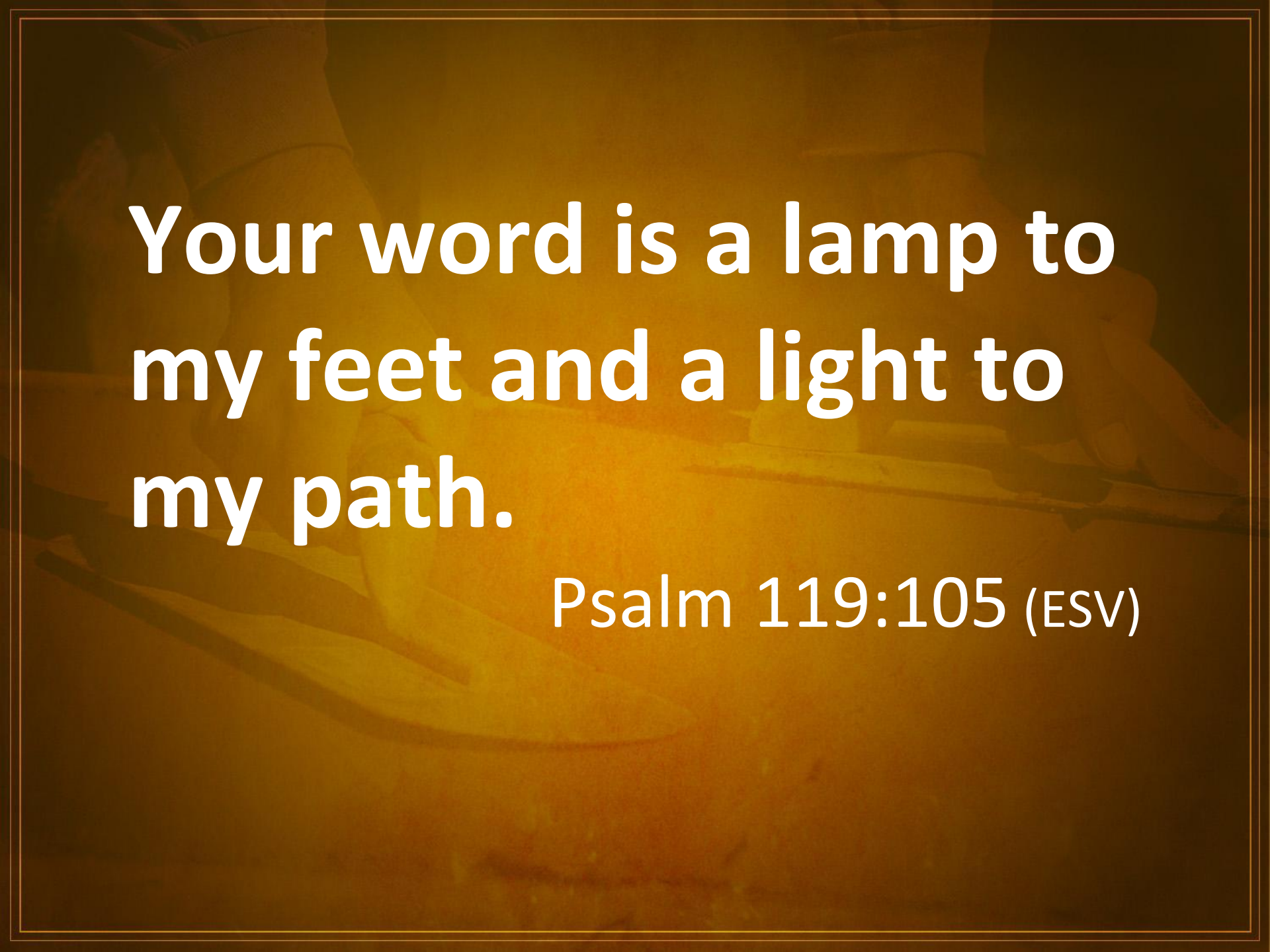
Nehemiah 8:6 (ESV)

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Understanding

Also Jeshua... the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

Nehemiah 8:6 (ESV)



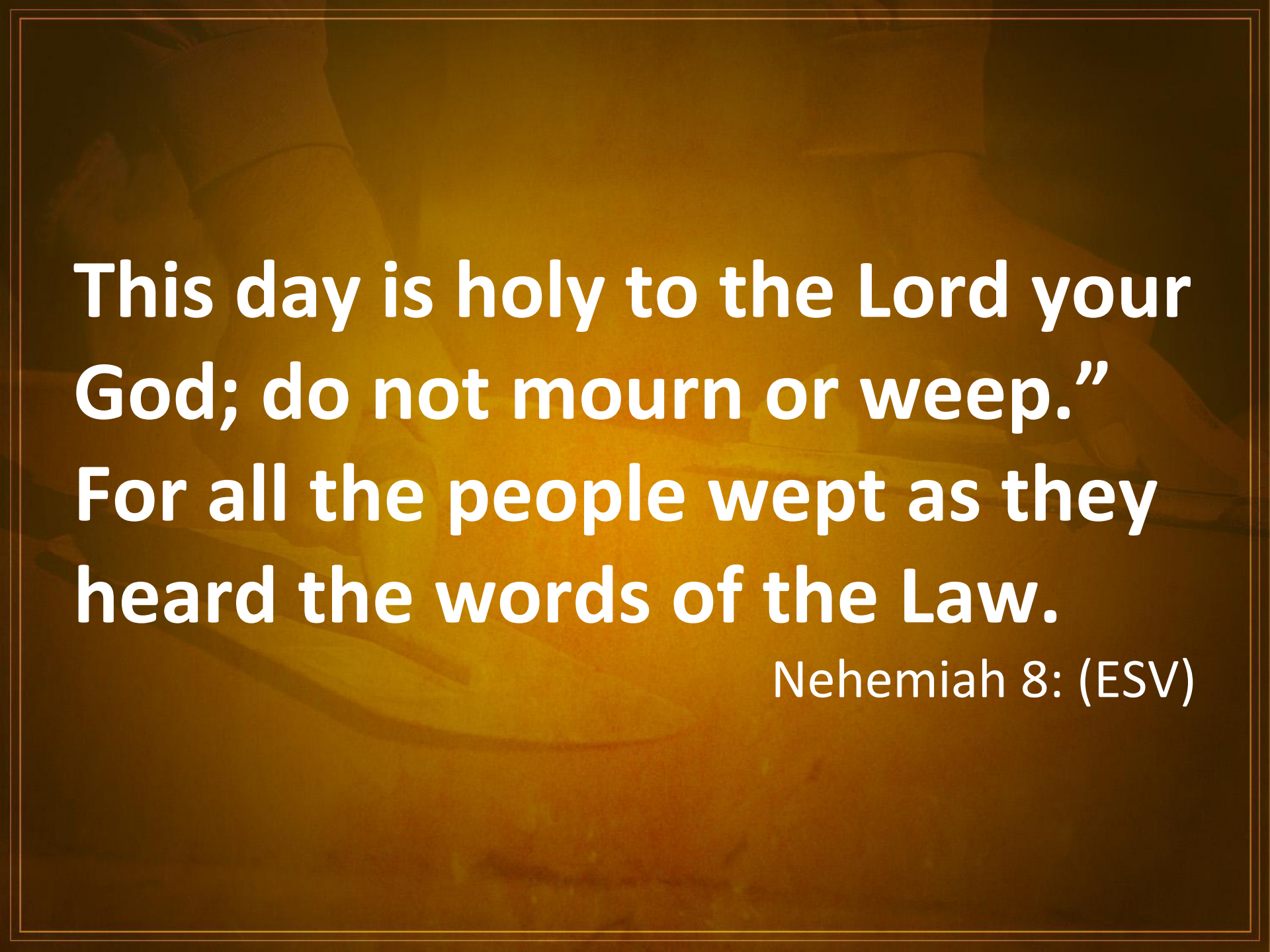
**Your word is a lamp to
my feet and a light to
my path.**

Psalms 119:105 (ESV)

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Joy



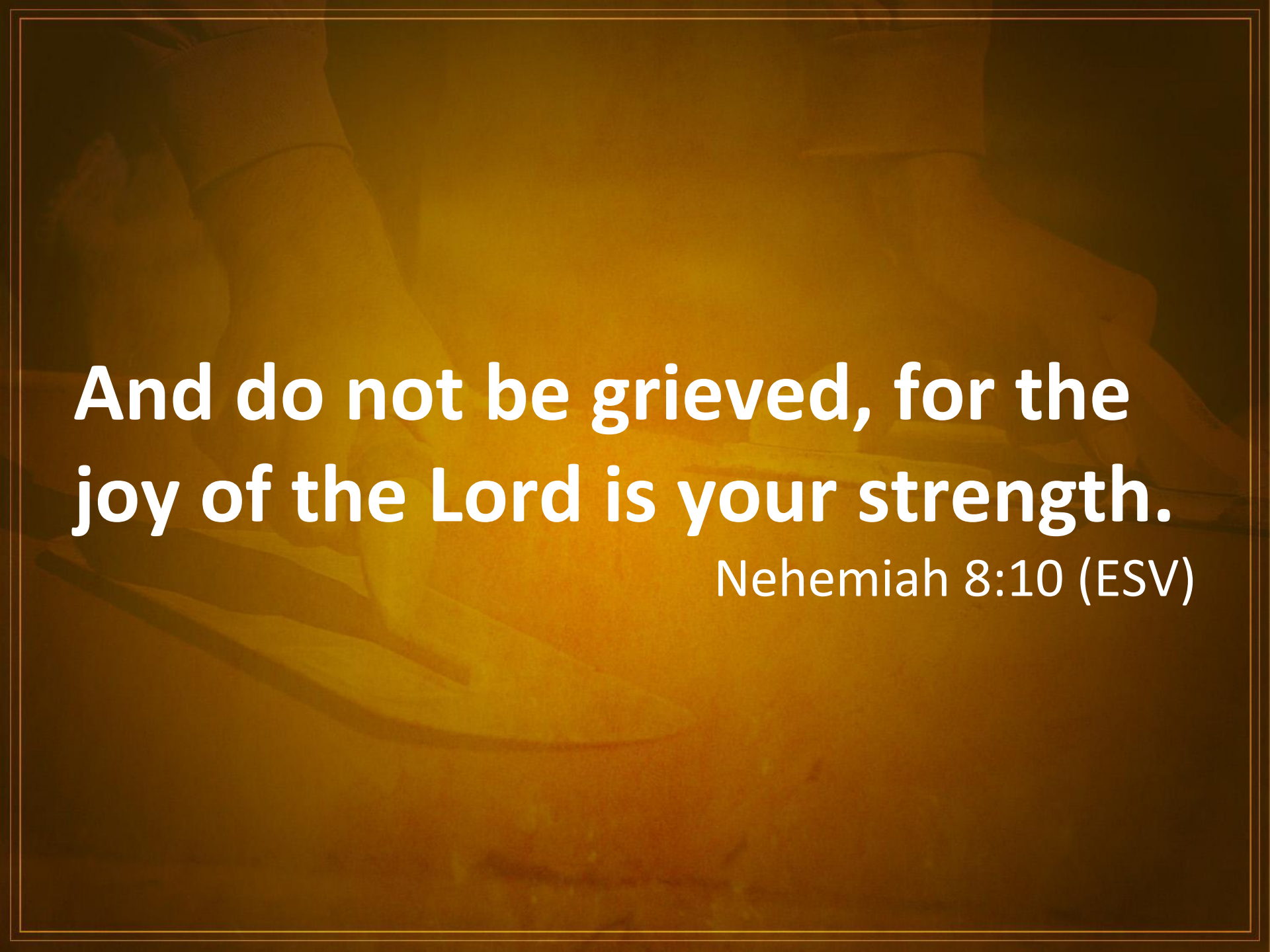
The background of the image shows a pair of hands, likely belonging to a person of African descent, holding a large, unrolled scroll. The hands are positioned on either side of the scroll, with fingers gently gripping the edges. The scroll itself is a light, warm brown color, contrasting with the darker, more saturated brown of the hands. The overall lighting is soft and warm, creating a sense of reverence and care. The image is framed by a thin, dark brown border.

**This day is holy to the Lord your
God; do not mourn or weep.”
For all the people wept as they
heard the words of the Law.**

Nehemiah 8: (ESV)

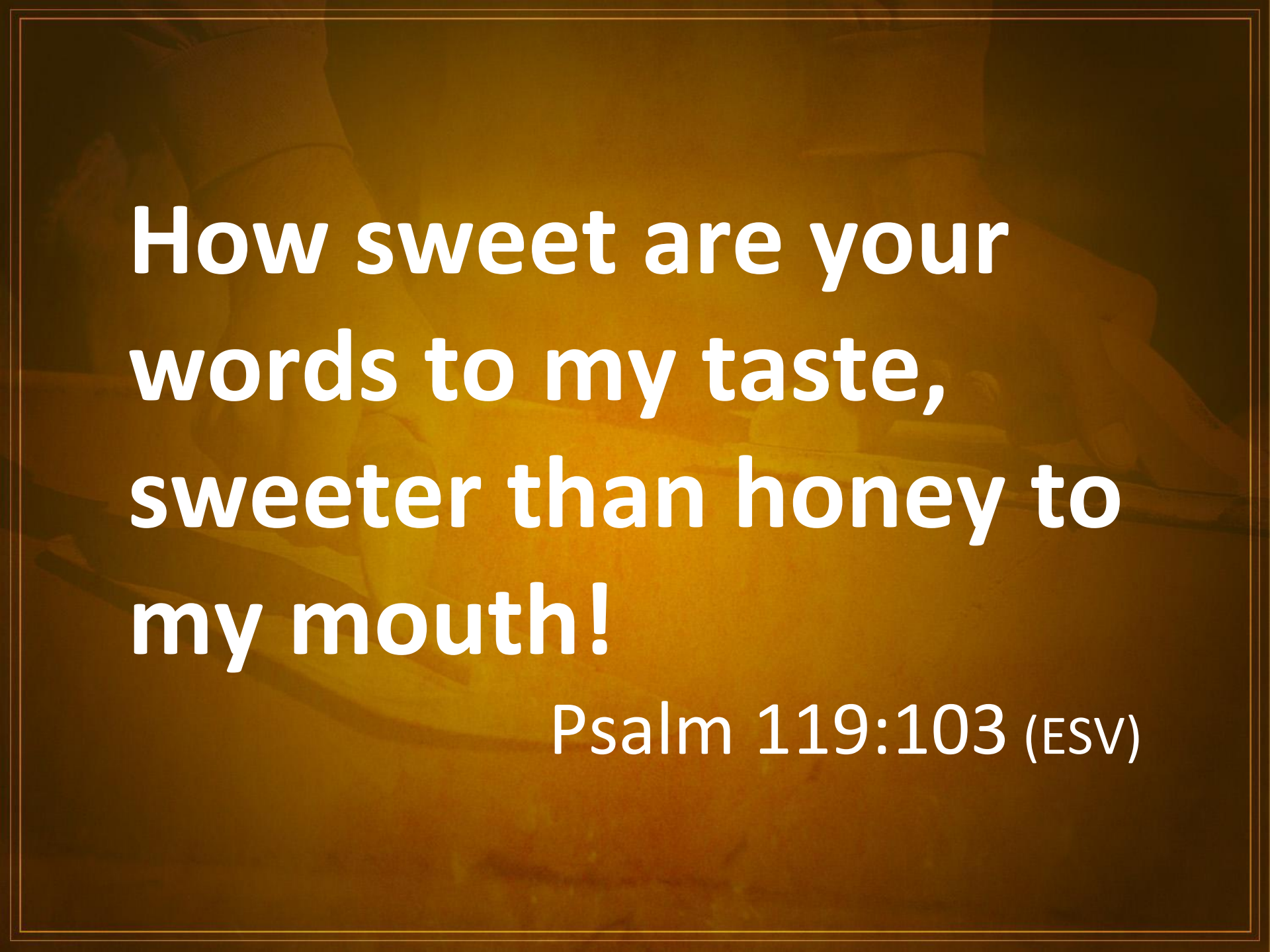
Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord.

Nehemiah 8:10 (ESV)



**And do not be grieved, for the
joy of the Lord is your strength.**

Nehemiah 8:10 (ESV)



**How sweet are your
words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to
my mouth!**

Psalms 119:103 (ESV)