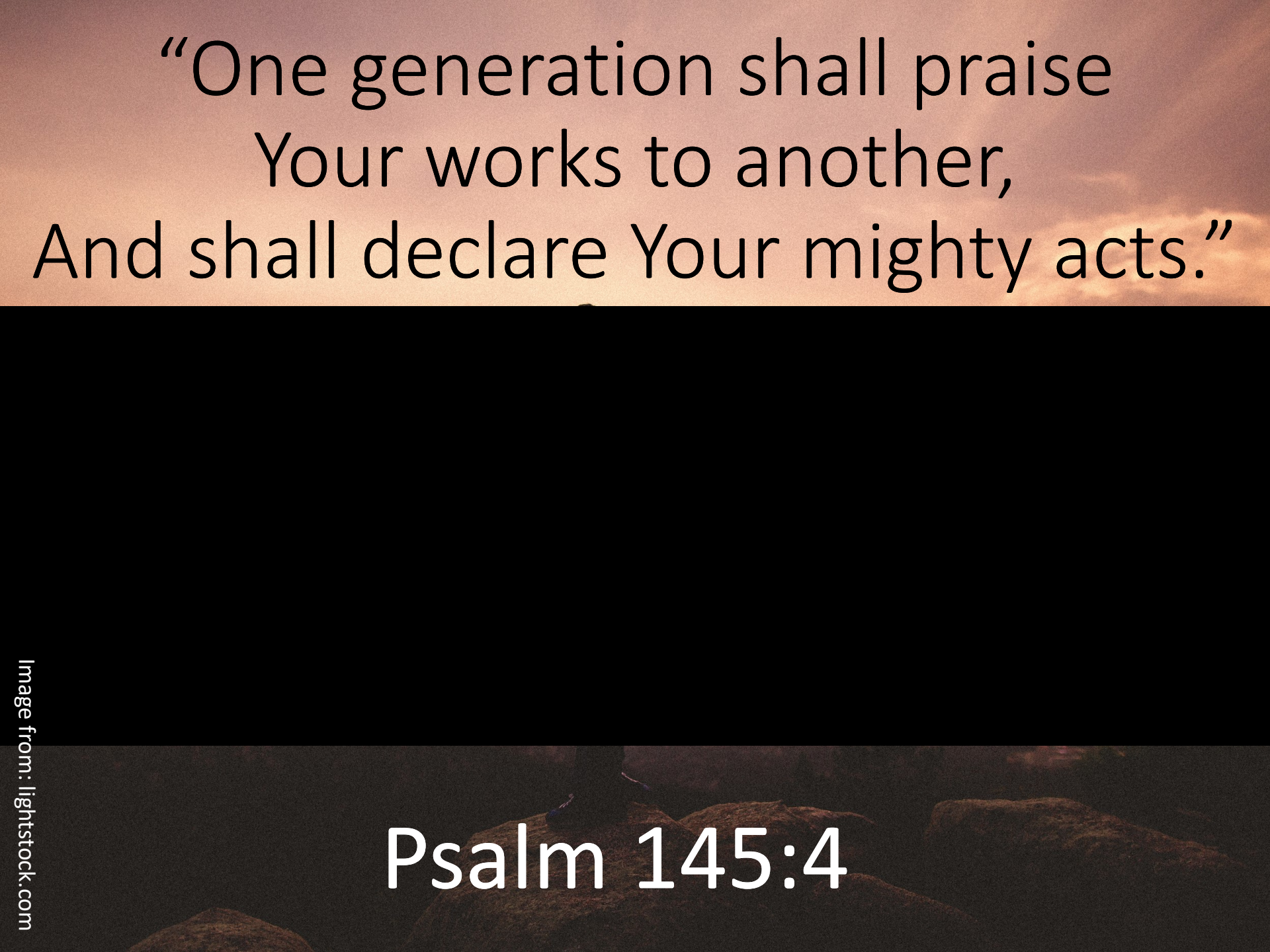




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PSALM 145:4



“One generation shall praise
Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.”

Psalm 145:4

Generation to Generation

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O Worship the King: Listening to God



Foundational Biblical Worship Principles, #1

1) God doesn't accept all worship.

Genesis 4:3-5

³ So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.

⁴ Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;

⁵ but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard.

John 4:23-24

²³ But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Foundational Biblical Worship Principles, #1

2) We want to give God both the
right acts and the right spirit.

Leviticus 10:1-2

¹ Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.

² And fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.

2 Thessalonians 2:15

¹⁵ So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from us.

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The five acts we find God wants in the New Testament:

Preaching/Scripture

Prayer

Singing

Lord's Supper

Giving

1 Timothy 4:13

¹³ Until I come, give attention to the *public reading of Scripture*, to exhortation and teaching.

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Acts 17:10-12

¹⁰ The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.

Acts 17:10-12

¹¹ Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily *to see* whether these things were so.

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¹² Therefore many of them believed, along with a number of prominent Greek women and men.

➤ How we should listen to God:



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➤ How we should listen to God:

Eagerly



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➤ How we should listen to God: Examining



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➤ How we should listen to God:

Humility



James 1:21

²¹ Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

➤ How we should listen to God:
Ready to act on it



Listening to God



Matthew 14:22-33



Ephesians 4:22-32



1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:6



Romans 8:31-39



Ezekiel 37

³ He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.”

⁴ Again He said to me, “Prophecy over these bones and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’”

Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

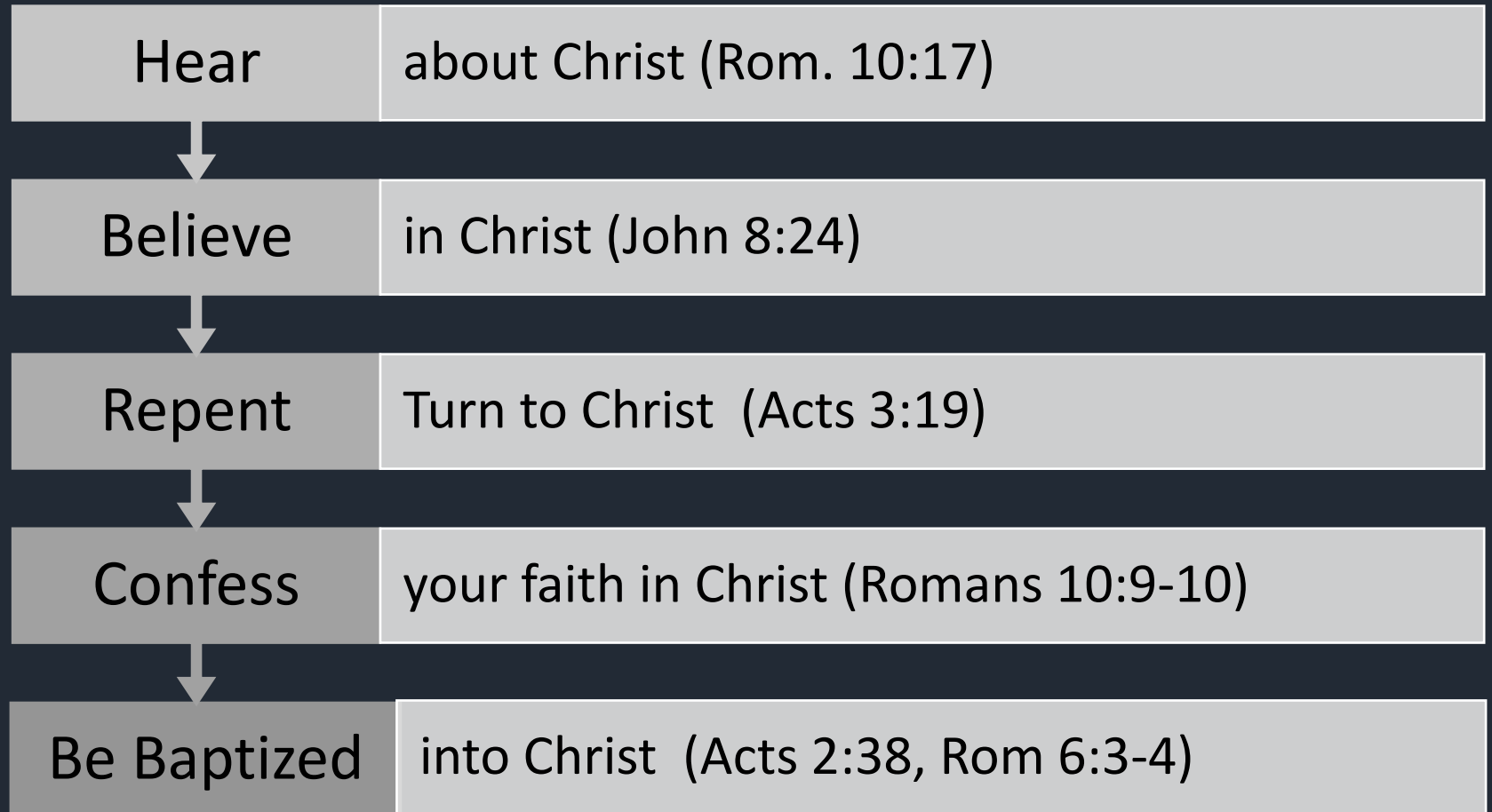
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¹³ For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it not as* the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

There is a power in God's word
if we are listening correctly!



Receiving Salvation in Christ:



James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.