

THE HOPE THAT TRIUMPHS IN SANCTIFICATION

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

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Rejoice evermore. ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. ¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit. ²⁰ Despise not prophesyings. ²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. ²² Abstain from all appearance of evil. ²³ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.

PAUL'S USE OF THE IMPERATIVE MODE - 20 COMMANDS

(4:18) "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (5:11) "Wherefore comfort yourselves together" (5:11) "Edify one another" (5:13) "And be at peace among yourselves" (5:14) "warn them that are unruly" (5:14) "comfort the feebleminded" (5:14) "support the weak" (5:13) "be patient toward all men" (5:15) "See that none render evil for evil unto any man" (5:15) "Ever follow that which is good" (5:16) "Rejoice evermore" (5:17) "Pray without ceasing" (5:18) "In every thing give thanks" (5:19) "Quench not the Spirit" (5:20) "Despise not prophesyings" (5:21) "Prove all things" (5:22) "hold fast that which is good" (5:22) "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (5:25) "pray for us"

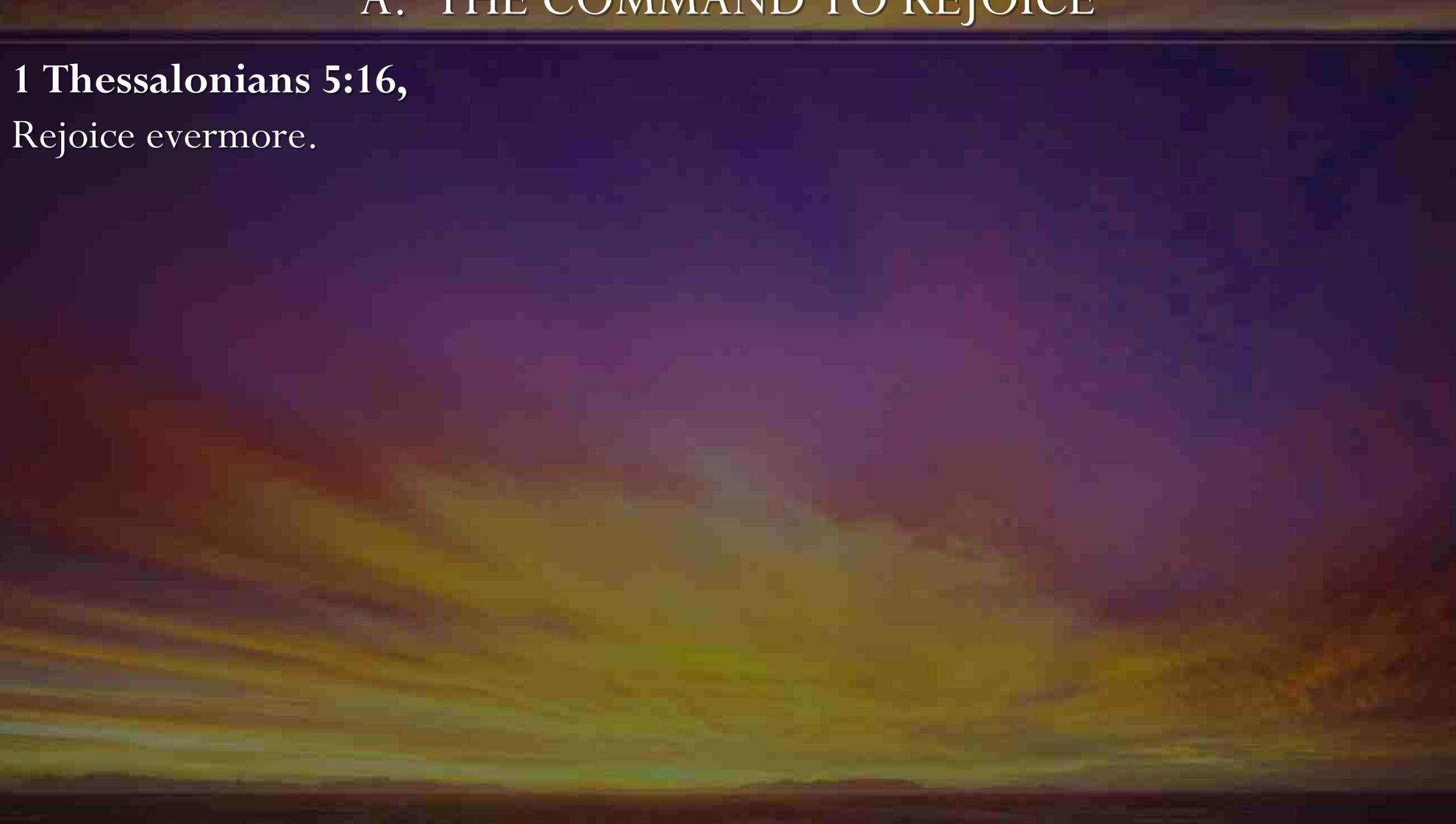
I. THE TRIAD OF COMMANDS RELATED TO SPIRITUAL DEVOTION

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18,

- (5:16) Rejoice evermore. LITERALLY, "ALWAYS REJOICE YE"
- (5:17) Pray without ceasing. LITERALLY, "CONTINUALLY PRAY YE"
- (5:18) In every thing give thanks: LITERALLY, "IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS"

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

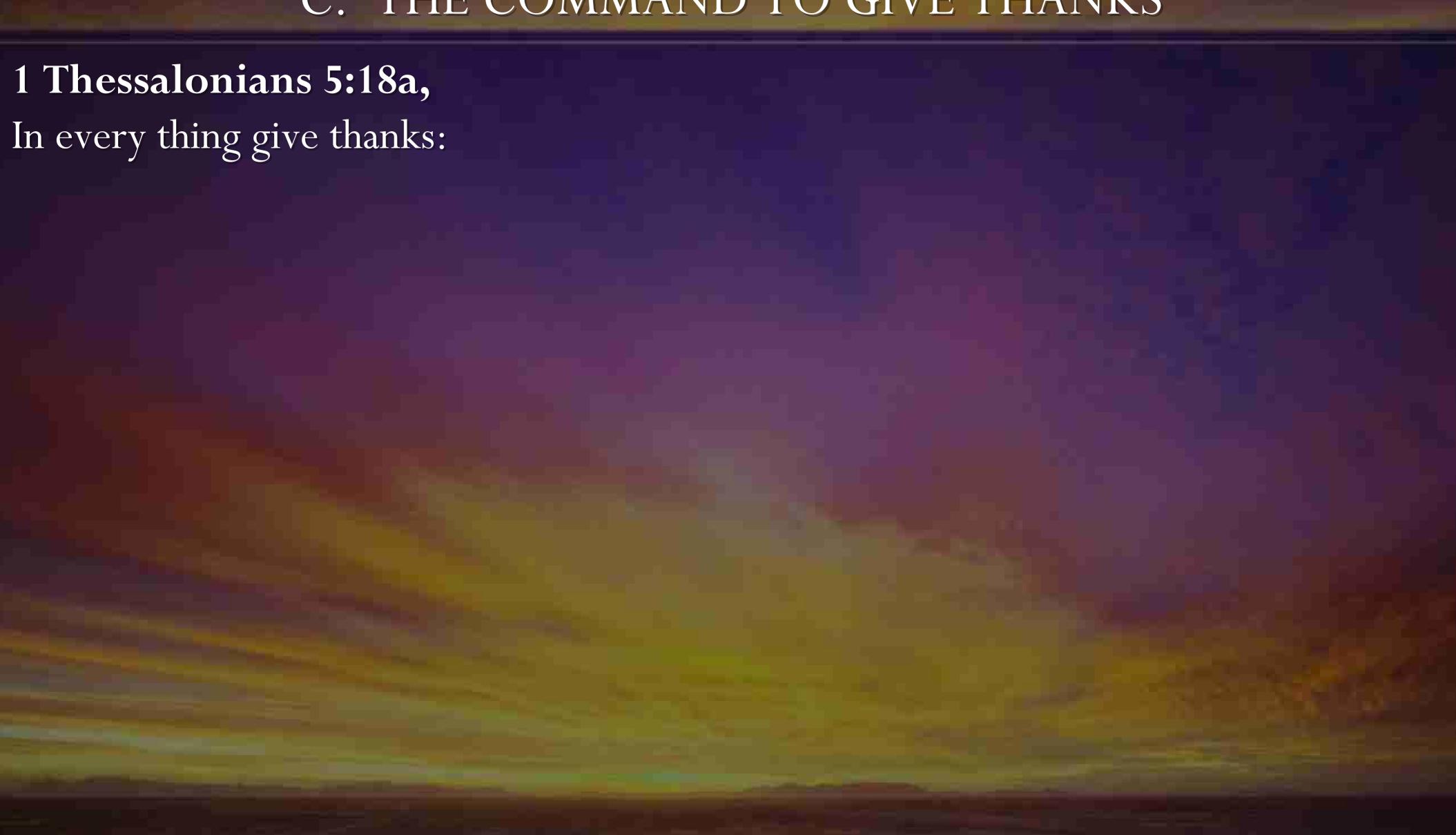
A. THE COMMAND TO REJOICE



B. THE COMMAND TO PRAY

1 Thessalonians 5:17, Pray without ceasing.

C. THE COMMAND TO GIVE THANKS



THE WILL OF GOD INCLUDES . . .

1 Thessalonians 5:18b,

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

- 1. To Rejoice Evermore
- 2. To Pray without Ceasing
- 3. To Give Thanks

1 Thessalonians 4:3,

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

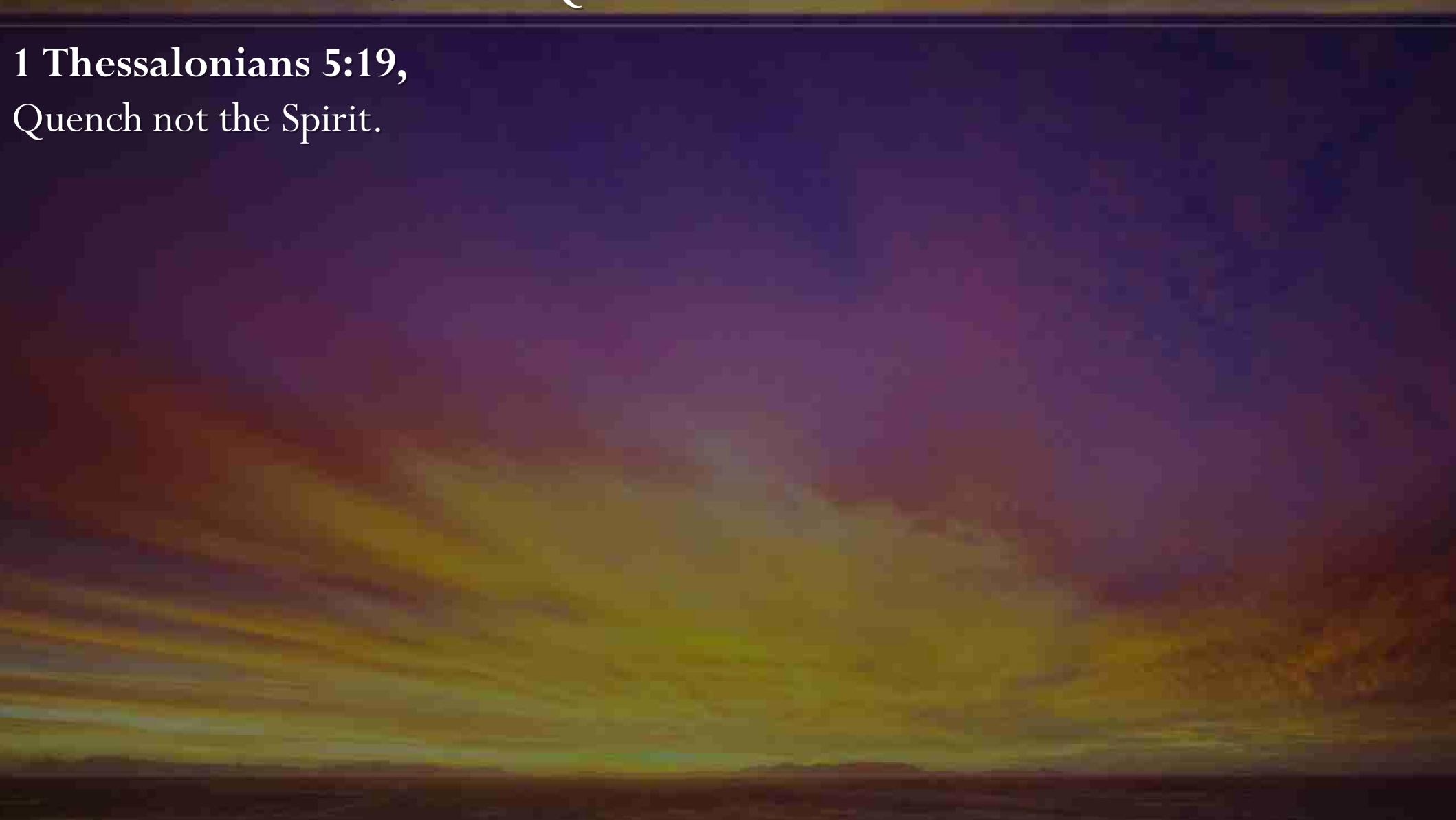
4. To Be Morally Pure

II. THE TWO NEGATIVE COMMANDS RELATED TO THE SPIRIT

1 Thessalonians 5:19-20,

- (5:19) Quench not the Spirit.
- (5:20) <u>Despise</u> not prophesyings.

A. STOP QUENCHING THE SPIRIT



B. STOP DESPISING PROPHESYING

1 Thessalonians 5:20, Despise not prophesyings.

III. THE TRIAD OF COMMANDS RELATED TO SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

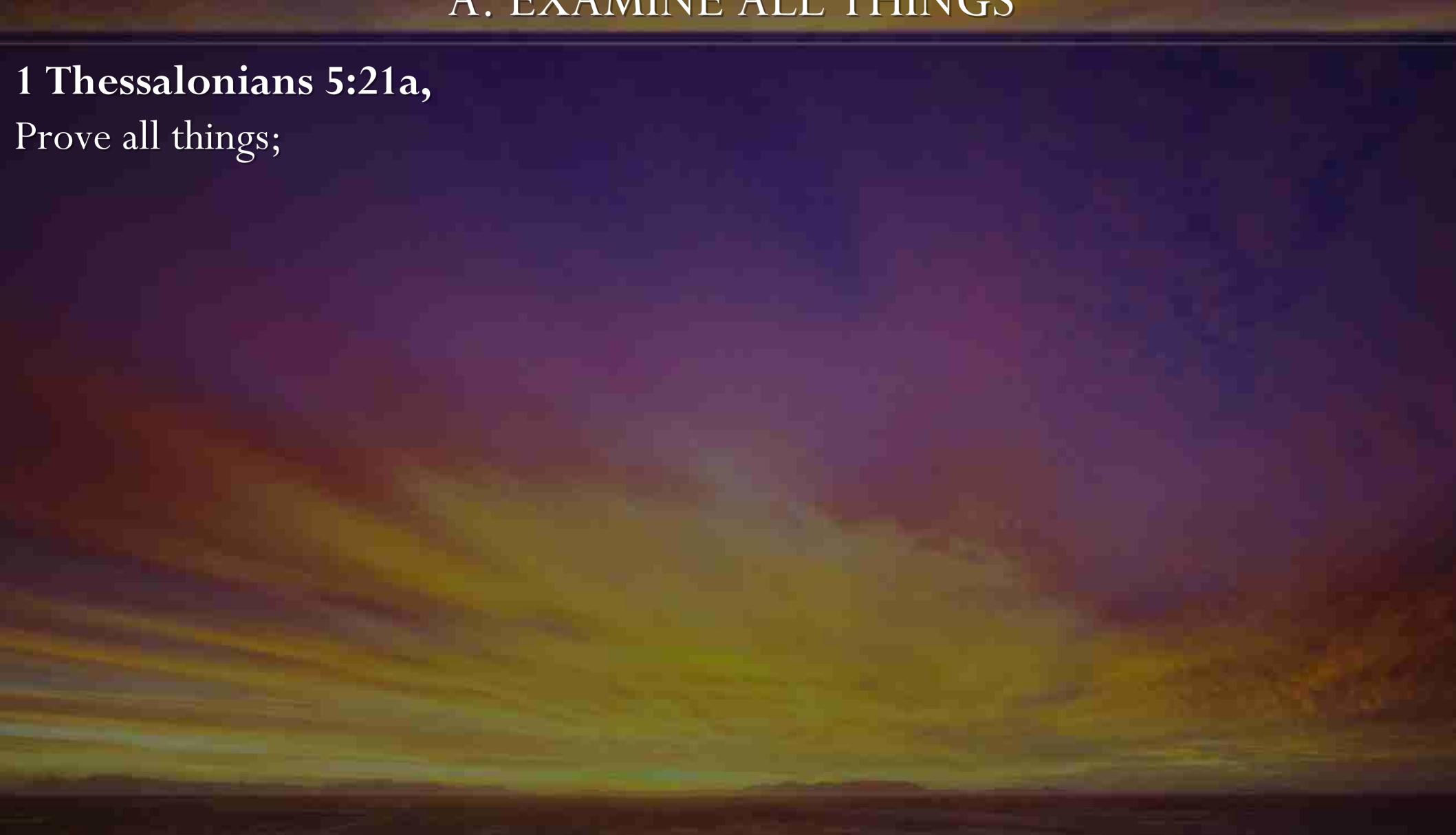
1 Thessalonians 5:21-22,

(5:21a) Prove all things;

(5:21b) hold fast that which is good.

(5:22) Abstain from all appearance of evil.

A. EXAMINE ALL THINGS



B. EMBRACE THE GOOD



C. ELIMINATE THE EVIL

1 Thessalonians 5:22,

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

IV. THE ONE PRAYER RELATED TO SANCTIFICATION

1 Thessalonians 5:23,

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. THE SOURCE OF SANCTIFICATION

1 Thessalonians 5:23a,

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. THE SCOPE OF SANCTIFICATION

1 Thessalonians 5:23b,

and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless

C. THE SEQUENCE SANCTIFICATION

- 1. THE PAST ASPECT OF SANCTIFICATION Positional Sanctification
- 2. THE PRESENT ASPECT OF SANCTIFICATION Progressive Sanctification
- 3. THE FUTURE ASPECT OF SANCTIFICATION Permanent Sanctification

1 Thessalonians 5:23c,

unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

V. THE PROMISE RELATED TO COMPLETE SANCTIFICATION

- A. THE FAITHFUL CALLER
- B. THE FAITHFUL DOER

1 Thessalonians 5:24,

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

INVITATION - "TO TURN TO GOD"

Dear God:

I have been serving idols and living for the material and the temporal. I now turn from such a life to the true and living God. Please forgive me of my sins. I believe Jesus Christ died for me and rose again from the grave. Please save me by your grace.

I pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.