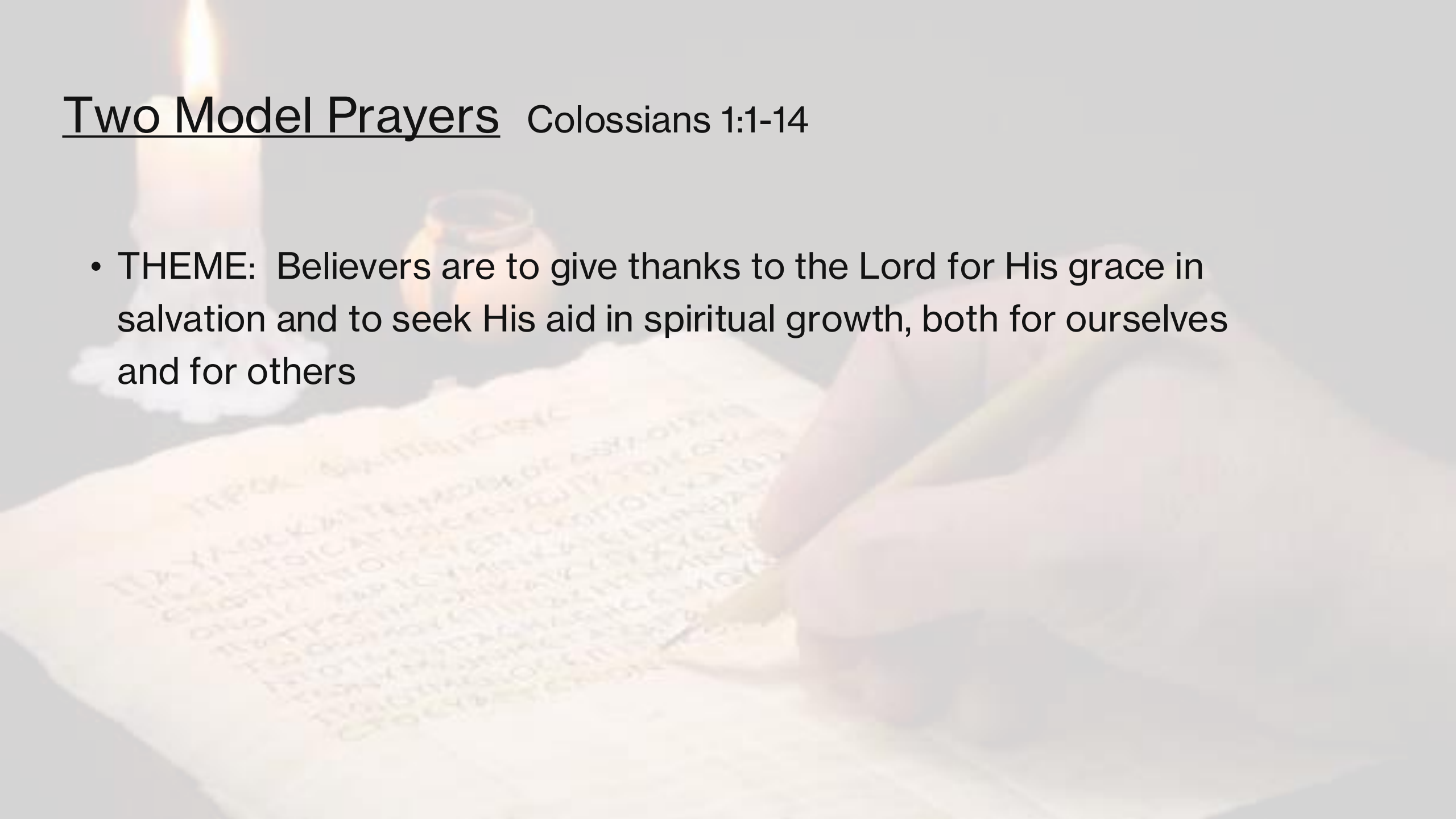


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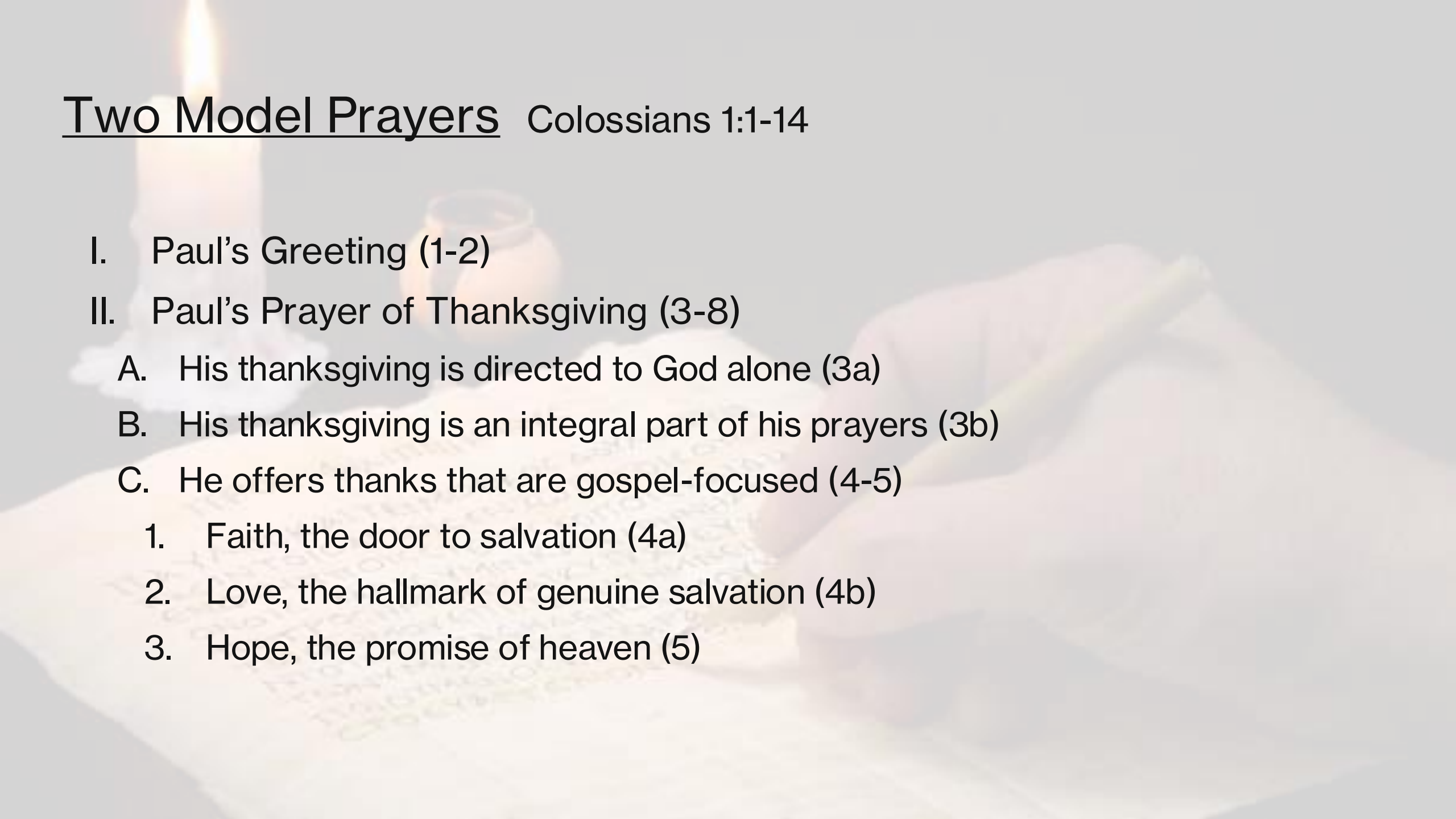
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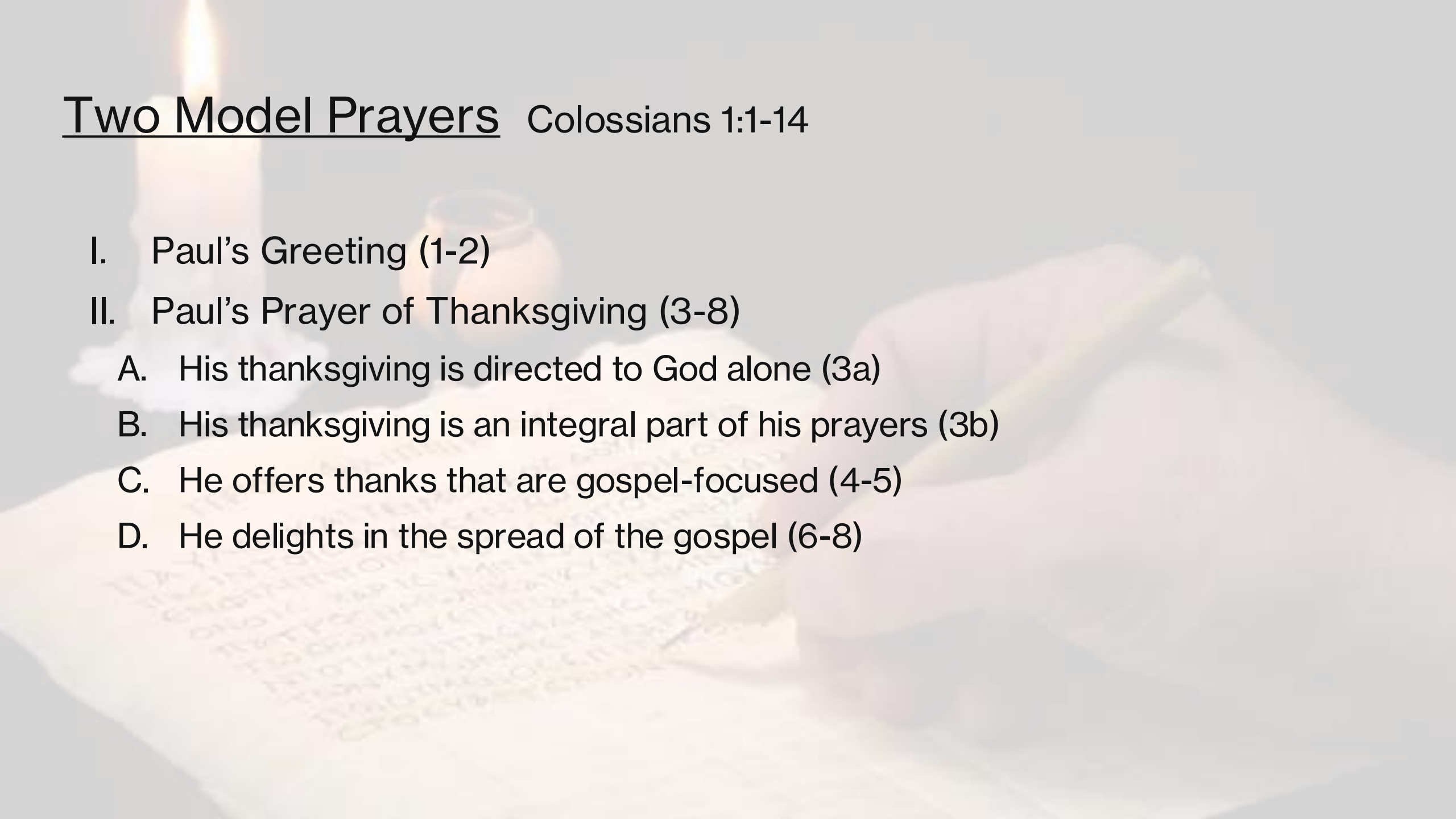
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- **THEME:** Believers are to give thanks to the Lord for His grace in salvation and to seek His aid in spiritual growth, both for ourselves and for others



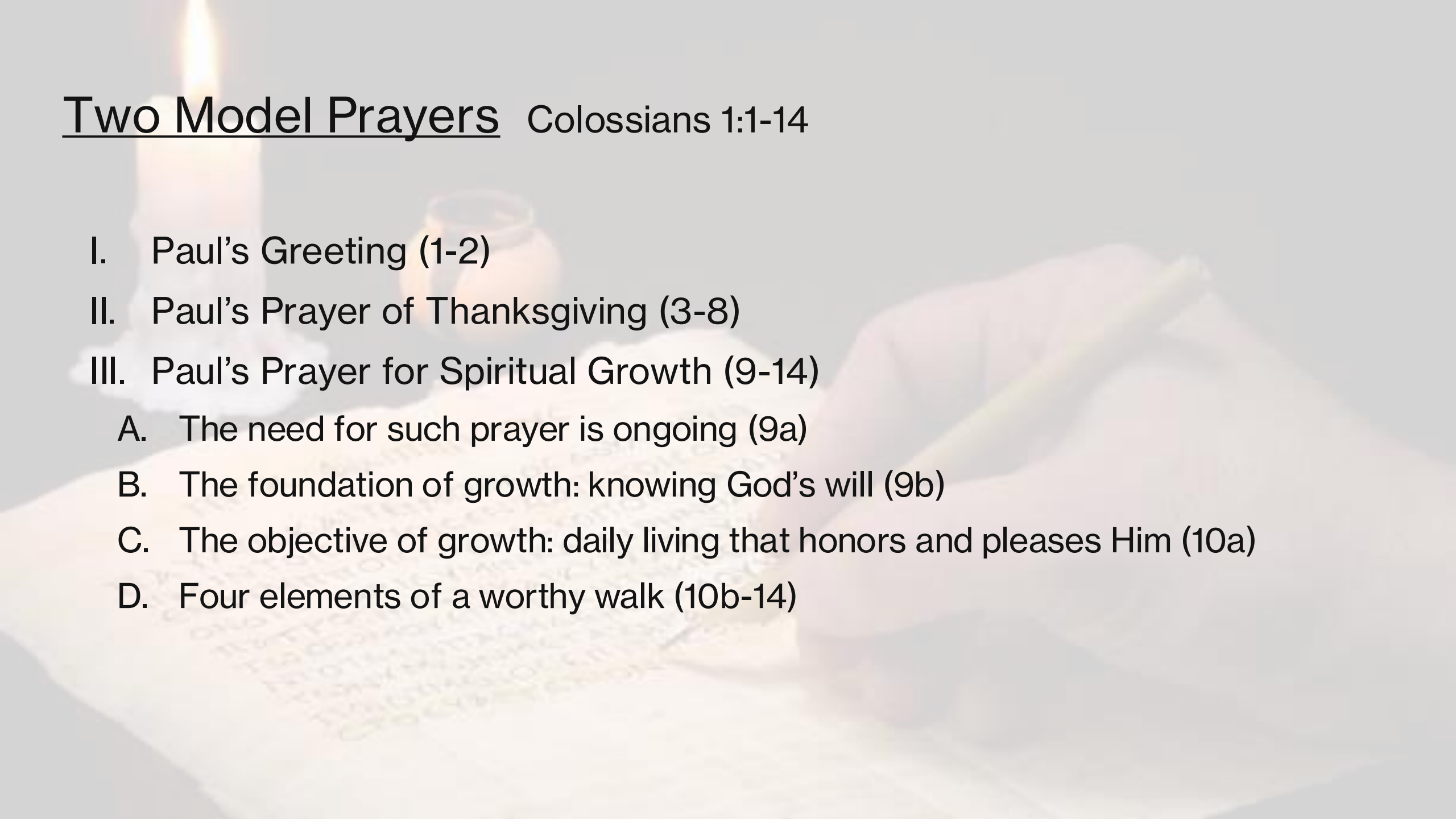
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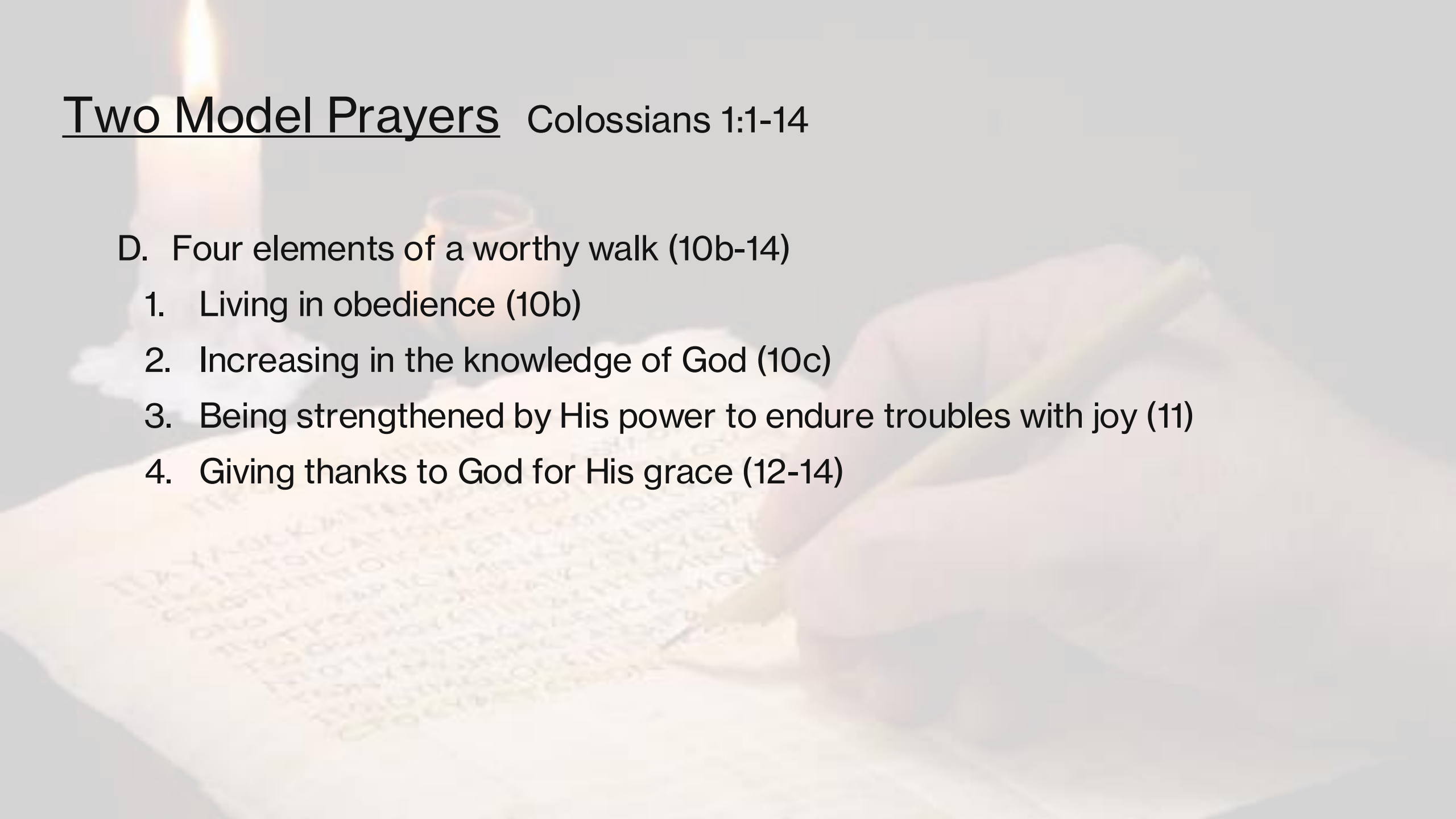
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 - A. The need for such prayer is ongoing (9a)
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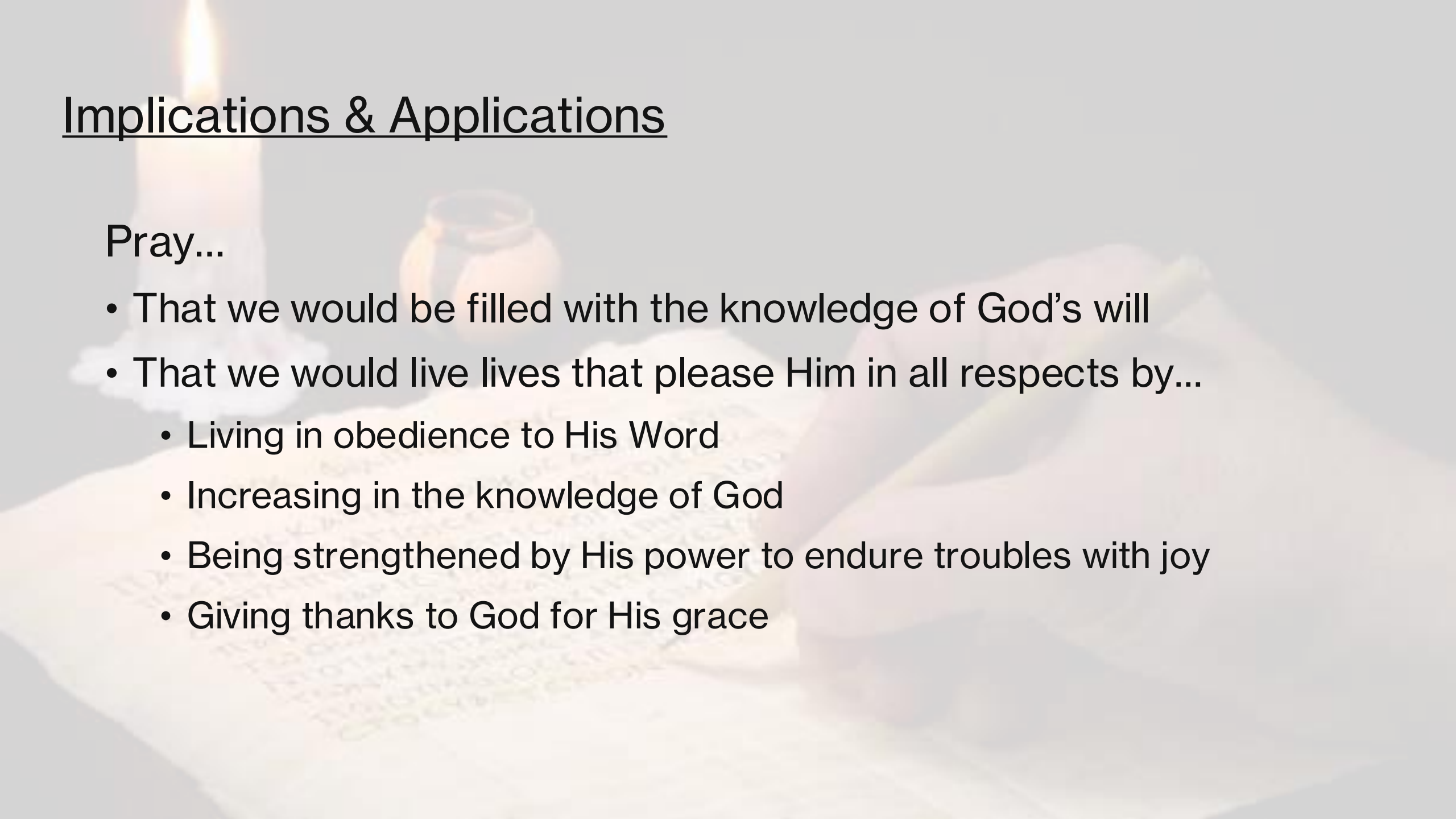
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D. Four elements of a worthy walk (10b-14)

1. Living in obedience (10b)
2. Increasing in the knowledge of God (10c)
3. Being strengthened by His power to endure troubles with joy (11)
4. Giving thanks to God for His grace (12-14)

Implications & Applications

1. Make a conscious effort to thank God for His work of grace in the lives of those we are praying for, and for the grace He has shown us
2. Consider your influence: To what extent are faith, love and hope evident in your life?
3. We would do well to pray verses 9-14 for our fellow believers and ourselves



Implications & Applications

Pray...

- That we would be filled with the knowledge of God's will
- That we would live lives that please Him in all respects by...
 - Living in obedience to His Word
 - Increasing in the knowledge of God
 - Being strengthened by His power to endure troubles with joy
 - Giving thanks to God for His grace