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PARADOXES

Giving Is Gaining



LUKE 6:37,38

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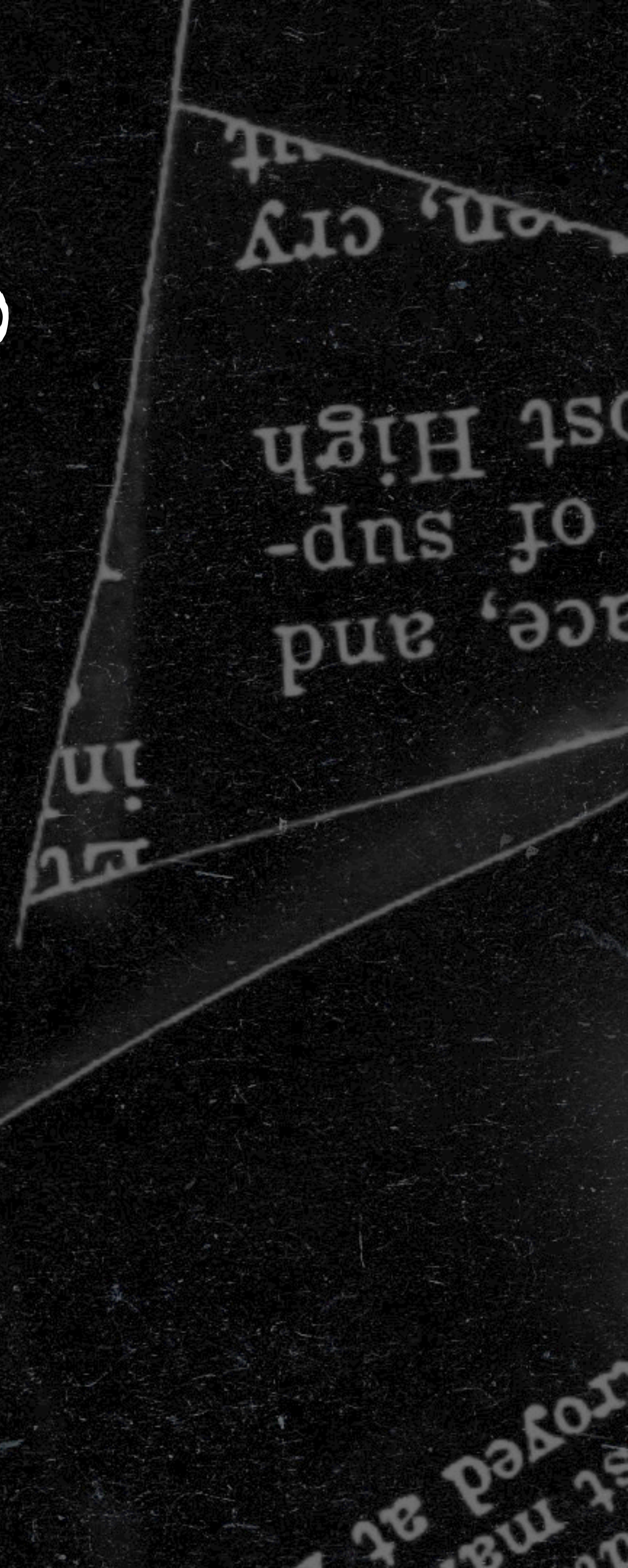
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PSALM 112:5

⁵ Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

II CORINTHIANS 9:6

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

GALATIANS 6:9,10

⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

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- ⊕ Our *outflow* will affect our *inflow*.
- ⊕ A *scarcity* mentality will seriously *limit* us.





II CORINTHIANS 9:7-8

⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

II CORINTHIANS 9:11

... ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

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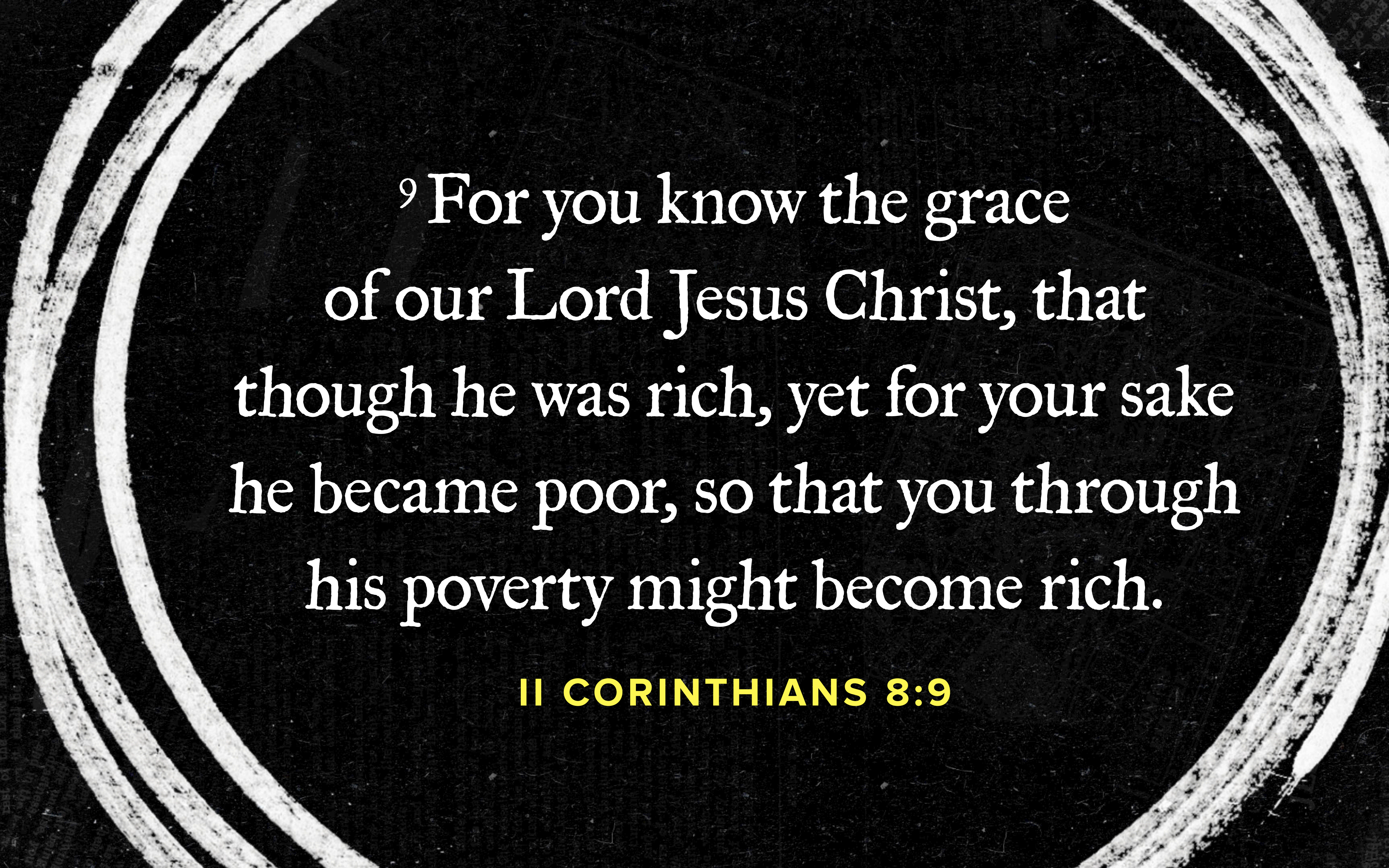
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- ✚ Forgiveness — give to be *free*

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⁹ For you know the grace
of our Lord Jesus Christ, that
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his poverty might become rich.

II CORINTHIANS 8:9

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