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A grayscale photograph of a lone, gnarled tree standing in a misty, open landscape. The tree's branches are sparse and appear to be blowing in the wind. The ground is flat and covered with low-lying vegetation, and the background is a soft, hazy horizon. The text "Use Wisdom" is overlaid in the center of the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Use Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 9:11-12 (ESV)

¹¹ Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all. ¹² For man does not know his

A faded, grayscale background image of a tree in a field. The tree is the central focus, with its branches spreading out. The field is a flat, open area, and the sky is a uniform light gray. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

Ecclesiastes 9:11-12 (ESV)

**time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net,
and like birds that are caught in a snare, so
the children of man are snared at an evil
time, when it suddenly falls upon them.**

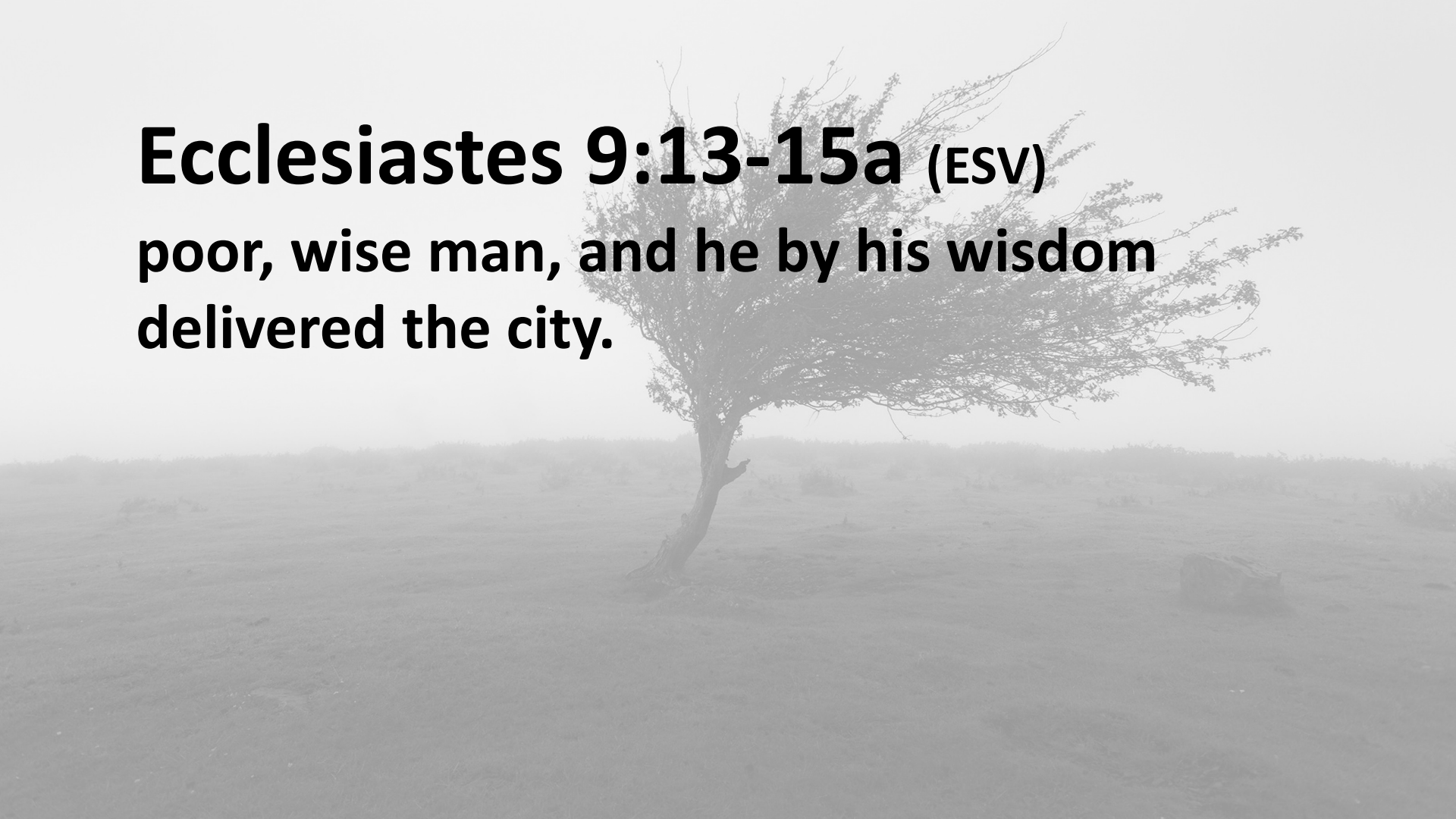
Ecclesiastes 9:13-15a (ESV)

¹³ I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed great to me.

¹⁴ There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siegeworks against it. ¹⁵ But there was found in it a

Ecclesiastes 9:13-15a (ESV)

**poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom
delivered the city.**



Ecclesiastes 9:15b-10:1 (ESV)

Yet no one remembered that poor man.

¹⁶ But I say that wisdom is better than might, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heard.

¹⁷ The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among



Ecclesiastes 9:15b-10:1 (ESV)

fools. ¹⁸ Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

10:1 Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give off a stench; so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.

A grayscale photograph of a tree in a foggy or misty landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its branches spreading out. The background is a soft, hazy expanse of land and sky, creating a serene and somewhat somber atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the tree and the landscape.

**Since even a little folly can be
disastrous, use wisdom in all
areas of life.**

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Wisdom and Folly

Ecclesiastes 10:2-3 (ESV)

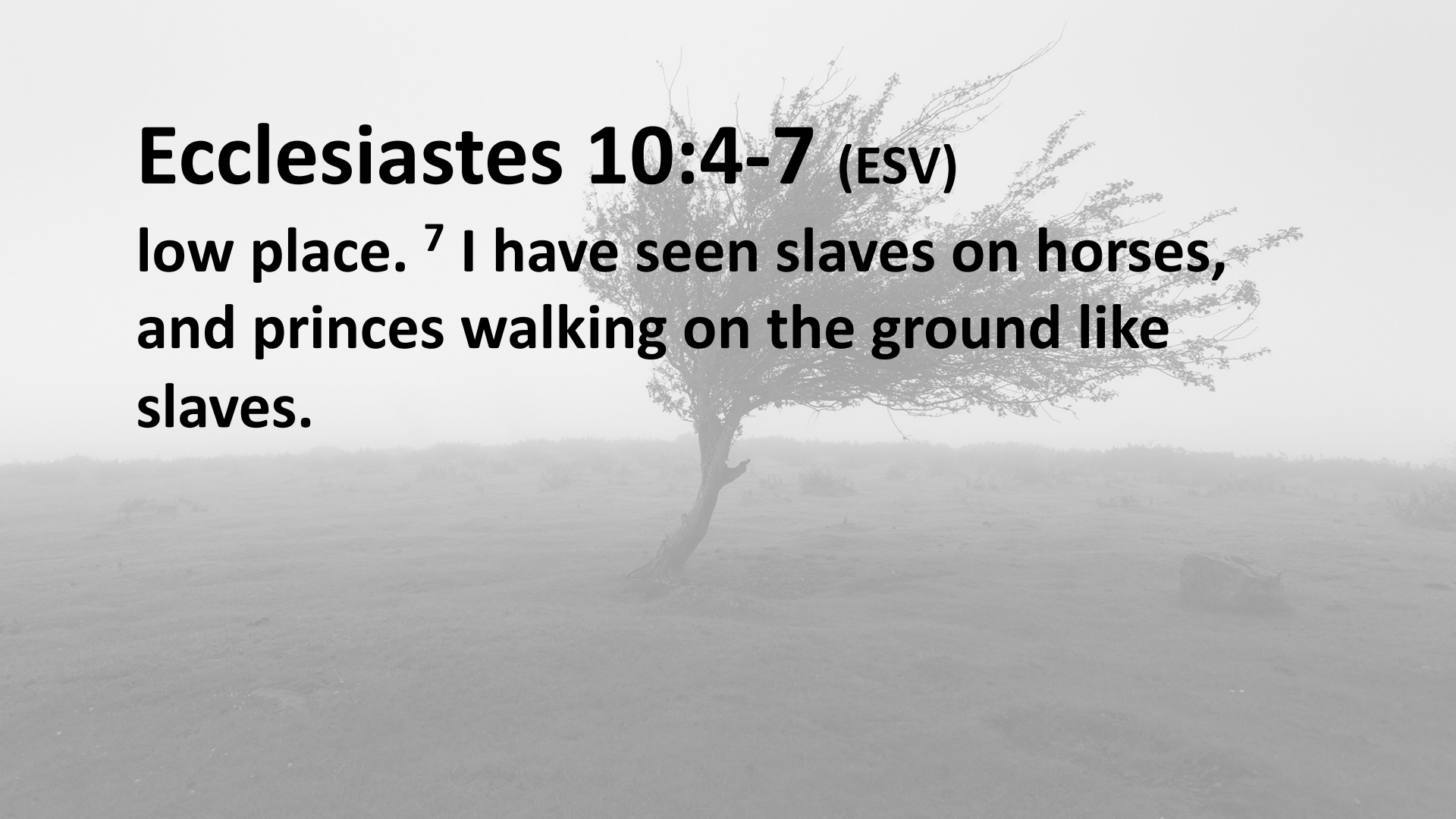
² A wise man's heart inclines him to the right, but a fool's heart to the left. ³ Even when the fool walks on the road, he lacks sense, and he says to everyone that he is a fool.

Ecclesiastes 10:4-7 (ESV)

⁴ If the anger of the ruler rises against you, do not leave your place, for calmness will lay great offenses to rest. ⁵ There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, as it were an error proceeding from the ruler: ⁶ folly is set in many high places, and the rich sit in a

Ecclesiastes 10:4-7 (ESV)

**low place. ⁷ I have seen slaves on horses,
and princes walking on the ground like
slaves.**

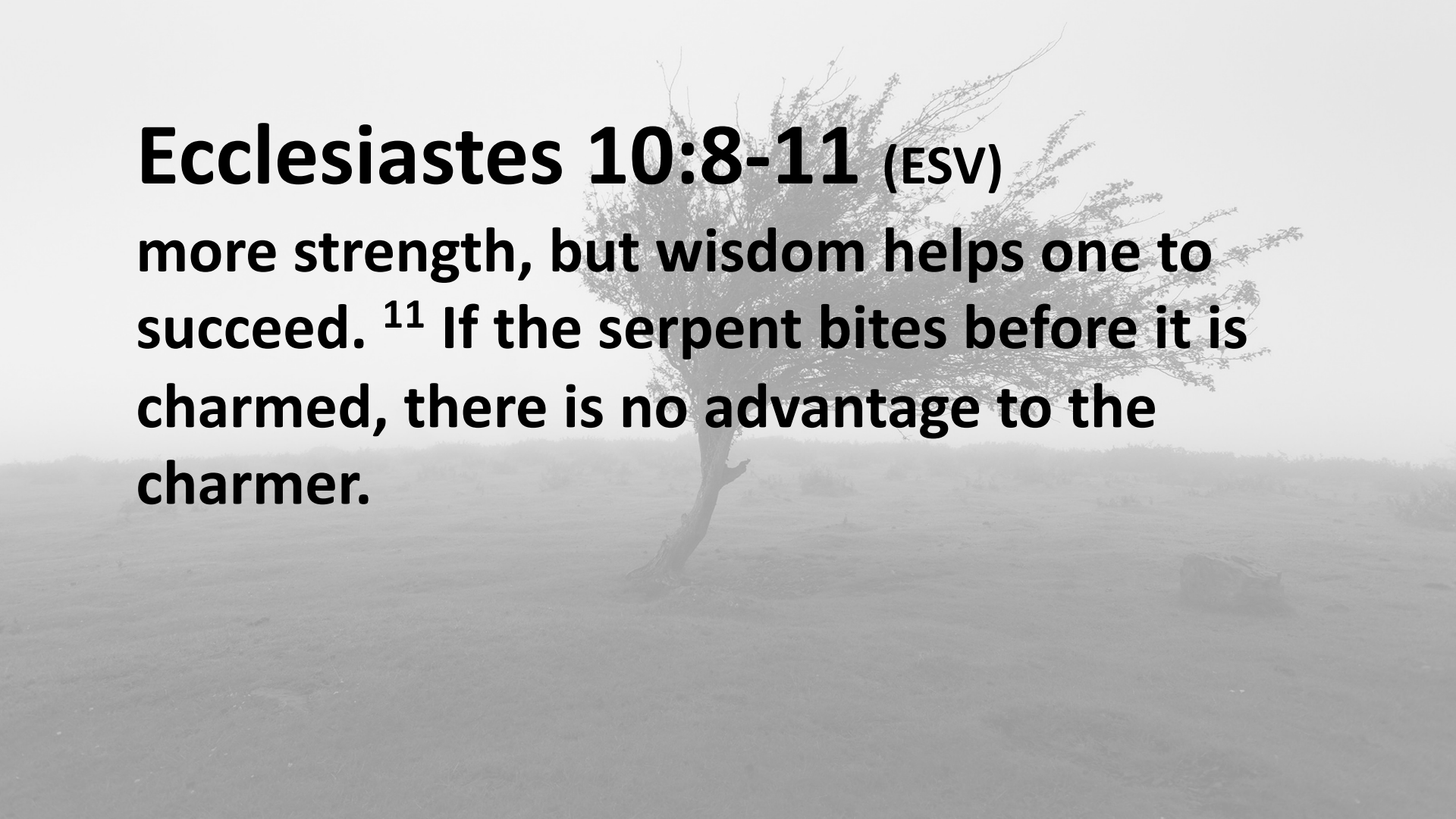


Ecclesiastes 10:8-11 (ESV)

⁸ He who digs a pit will fall into it, and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall. ⁹ He who quarries stones is hurt by them, and he who splits logs is endangered by them. ¹⁰ If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use

Ecclesiastes 10:8-11 (ESV)

more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed. ¹¹ If the serpent bites before it is charmed, there is no advantage to the charmer.

A grayscale background image of a tree in a field. The tree is the central focus, with its branches spreading out. The ground is a flat, open field, and the background shows a line of trees or a horizon under a light sky.

Ecclesiastes 10:12-15 (ESV)

¹² The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor, but the lips of a fool consume him. ¹³ The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness, and the end of his talk is evil madness. ¹⁴ A fool multiplies words, though no man knows what is to

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Ecclesiastes 10:12-15 (ESV)

be, and who can tell him what will be after him? ¹⁵ The toil of a fool wearies him, for he does not know the way to the city.

Ecclesiastes 10:16-20 (ESV)

¹⁶ Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes feast in the morning! ¹⁷ Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of the nobility, and your princes feast at the proper time, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

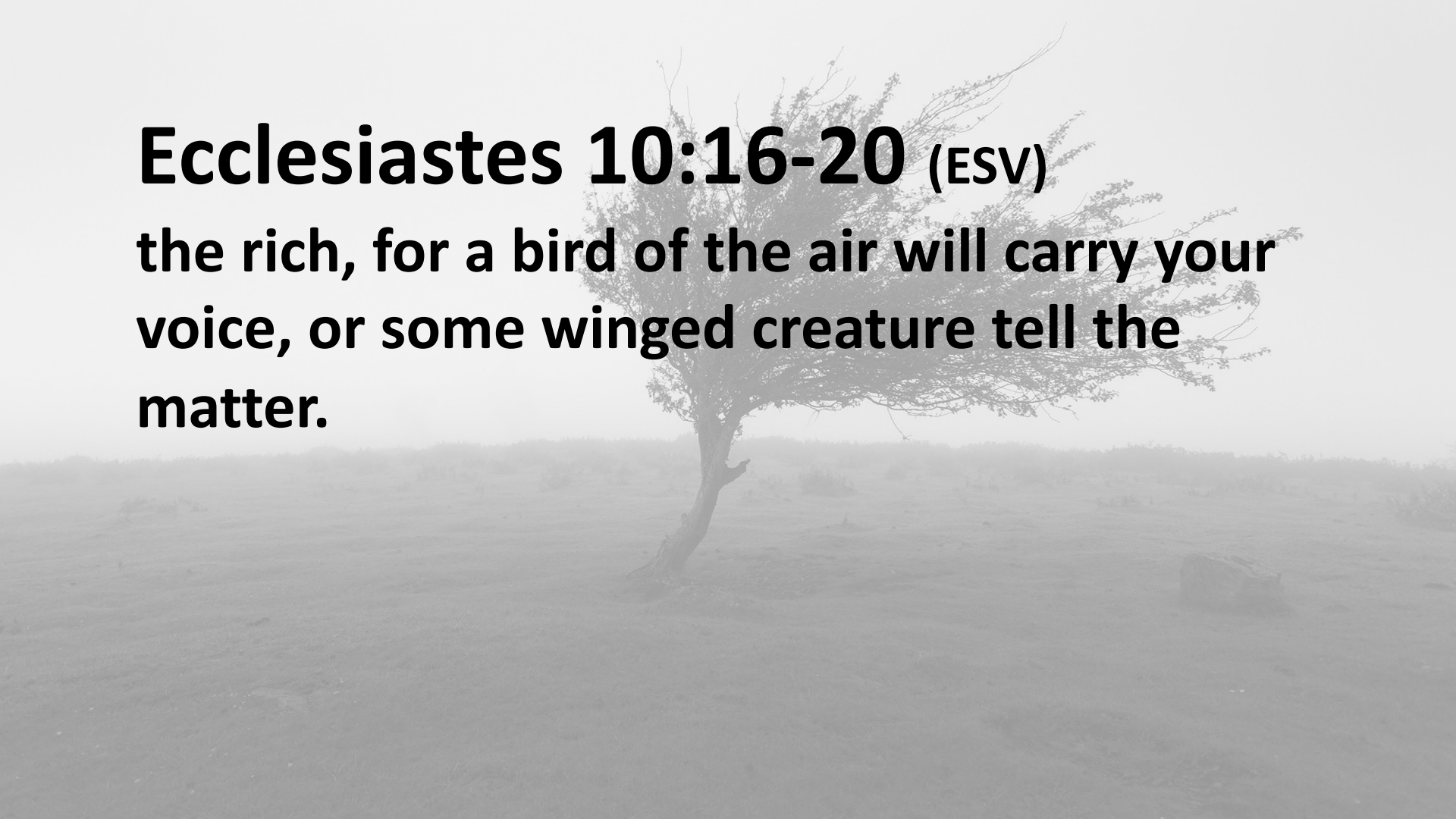
Ecclesiastes 10:16-20 (ESV)

18 Through sloth the roof sinks in, and through indolence the house leaks.

19 Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life, and money answers everything. 20 Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king, nor in your bedroom curse

Ecclesiastes 10:16-20 (ESV)

the rich, for a bird of the air will carry your voice, or some winged creature tell the matter.



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