

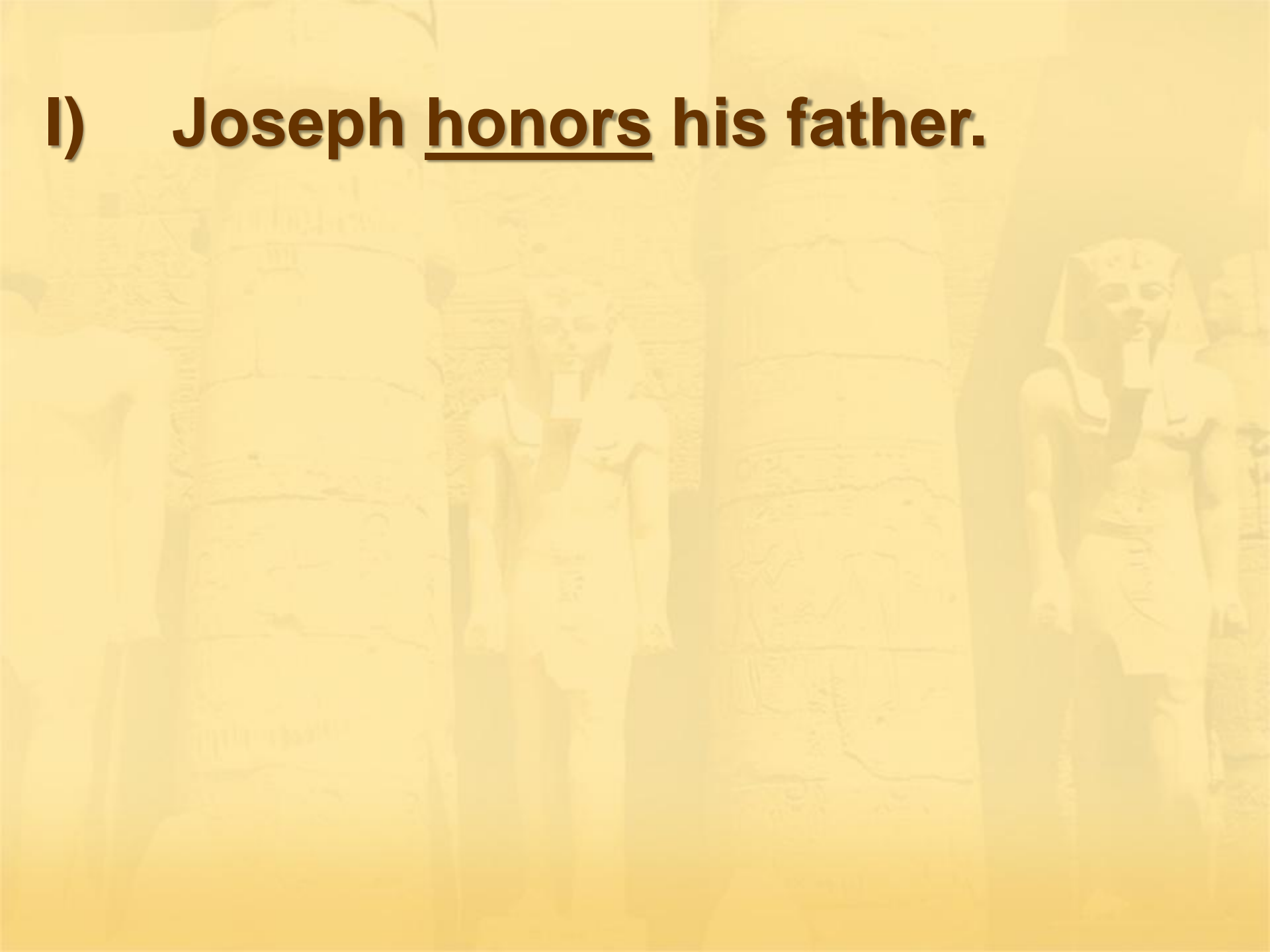
The background of the slide features a photograph of an ancient Egyptian temple interior. It shows several large, light-colored stone columns with hieroglyphs and carved figures. In the foreground, there are three large, standing statues of pharaohs or deities, each wearing a traditional nemes headdress. The scene is brightly lit, casting shadows on the stone surfaces.

# Proven Character

**(Genesis 46 & 47)**

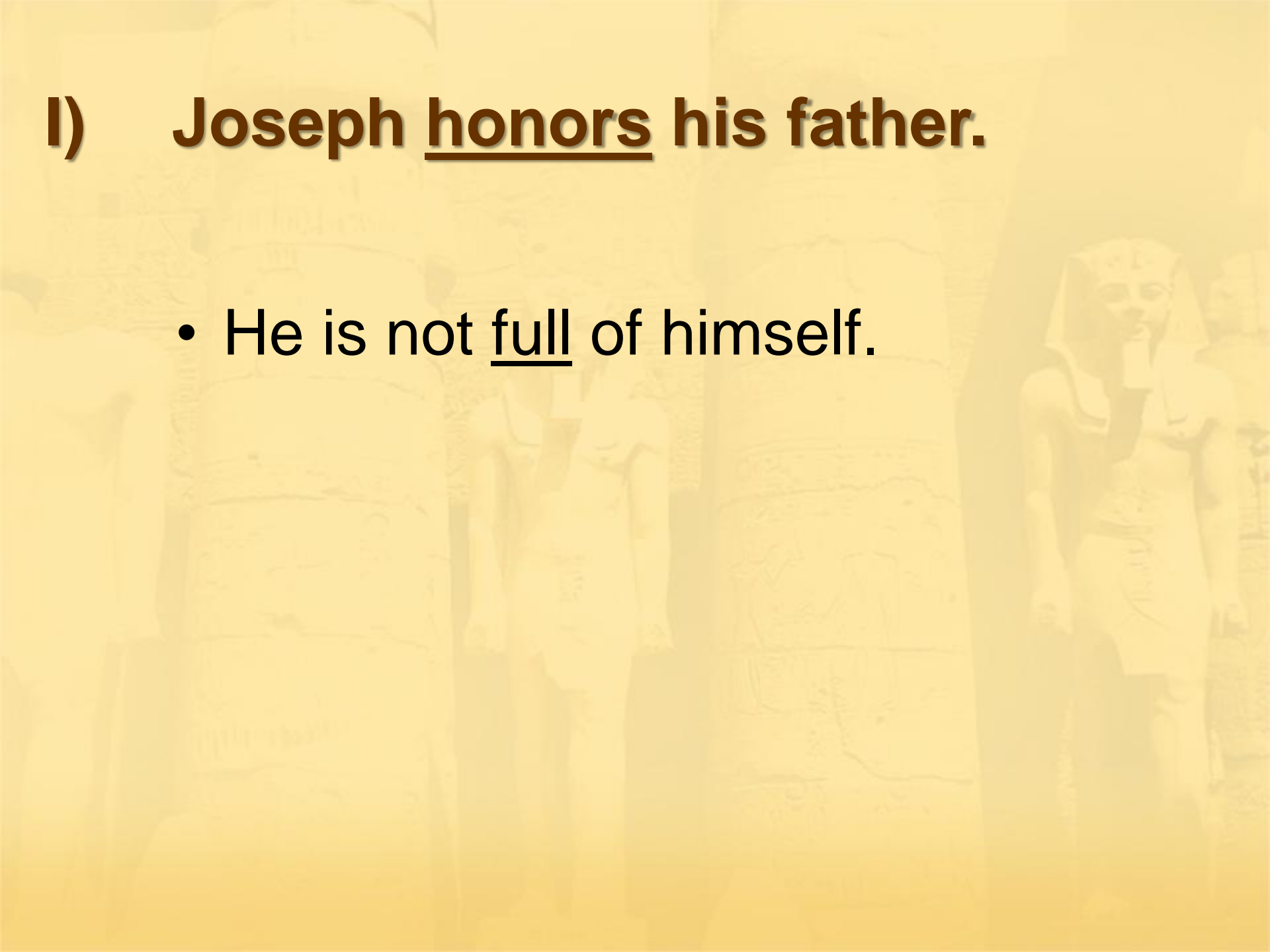


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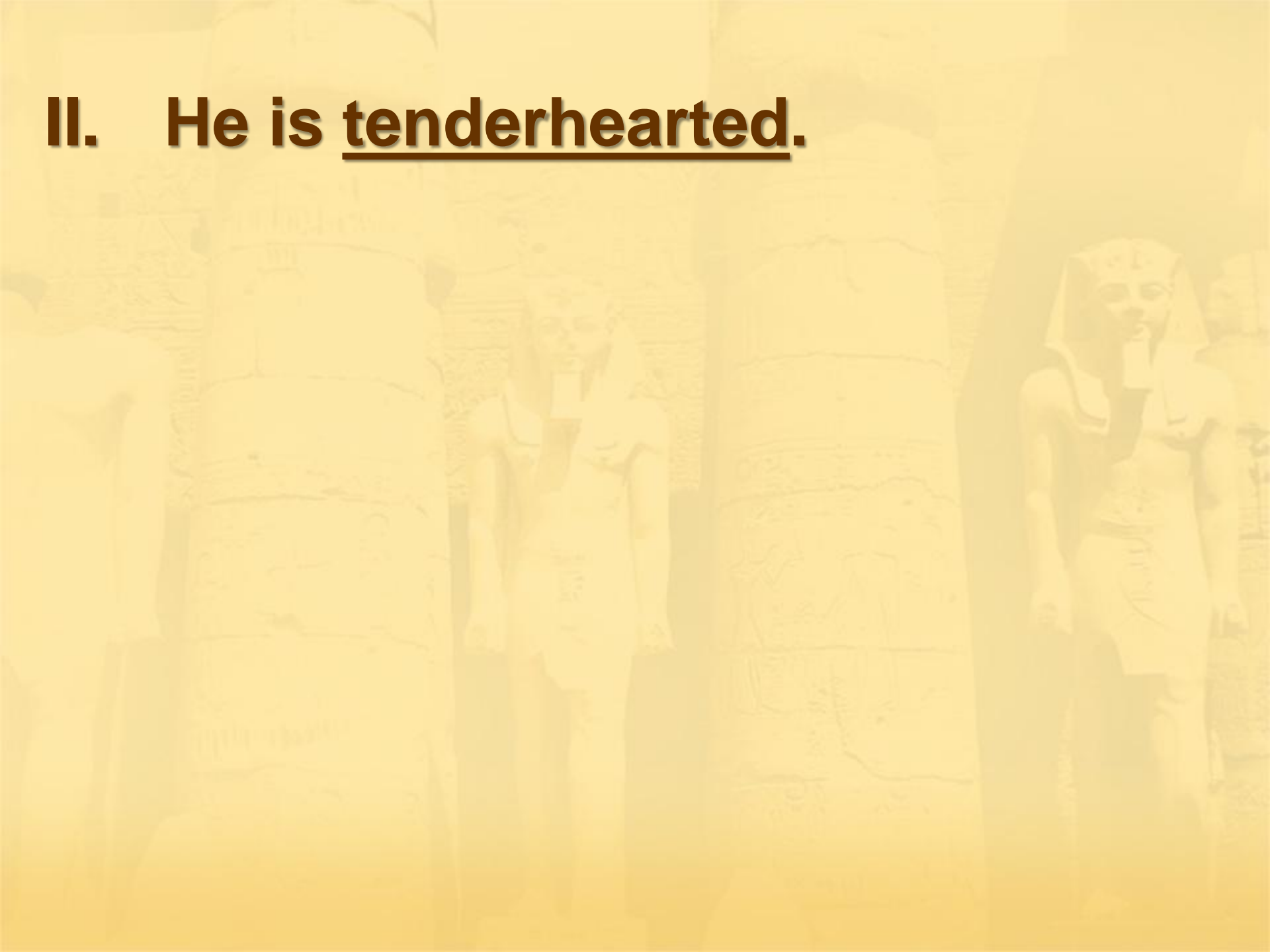
# Exodus 20:12

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother,  
that your days may be prolonged in  
the land which the LORD your God  
gives you.

# Ephesians 6:1-3

- 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- 2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),
- 3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

## II. He is tenderhearted.



# Psalm 34:18

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.



# Psalm 51:17

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

## Isaiah 66:2

- 2 “For My hand made all these things, thus all these things came into being,” declares the LORD.  
“But to this one I will look,  
to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

# Ephesians 4:32

<sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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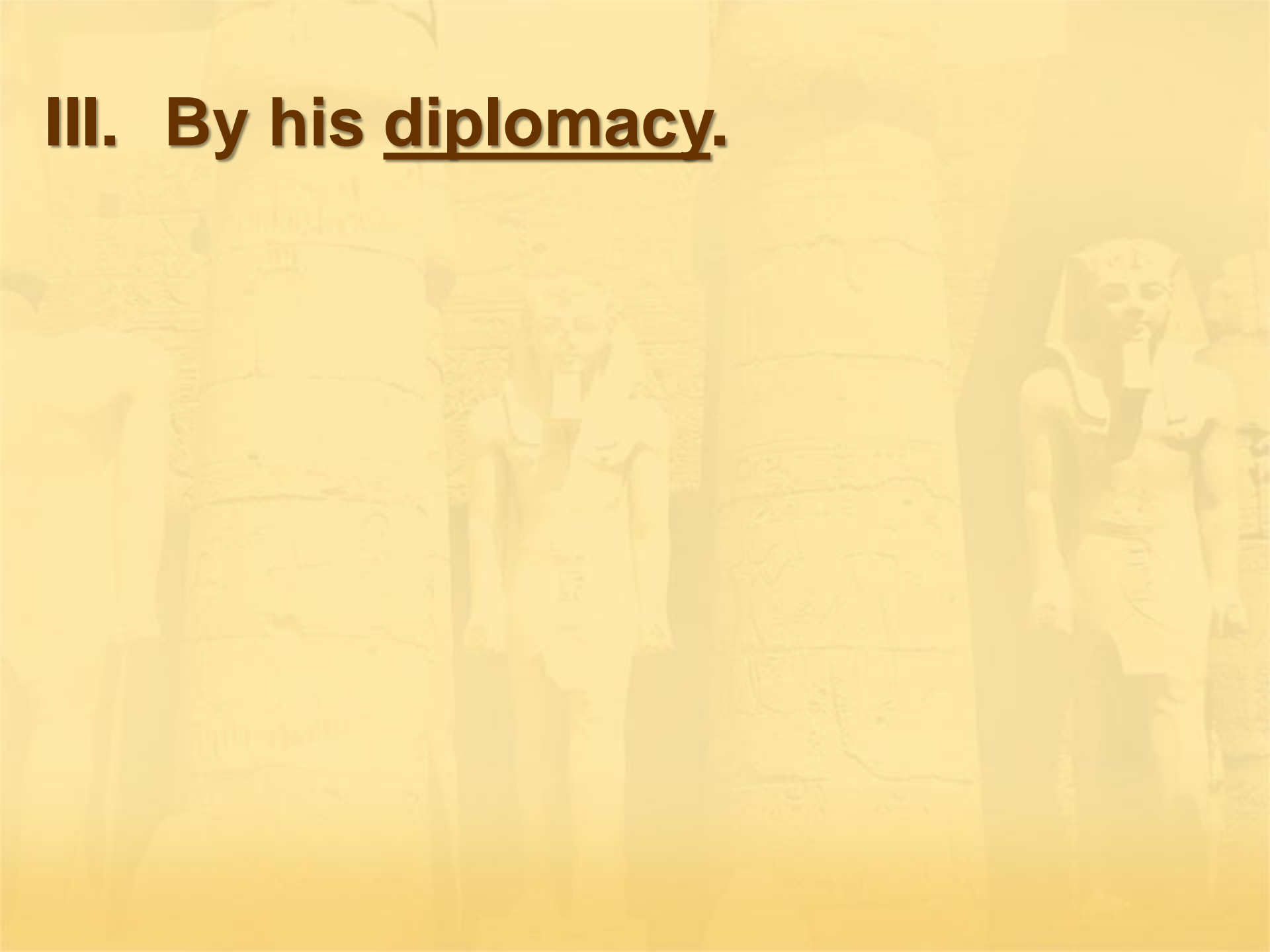
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“It may be as difficult for a man to be godly *and* a politician as it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, but it is not impossible. If you think so, consider Joseph. Joseph was godly. He was a model of consistently upright behavior in a place and time when much lower standards were normative. Yet he was also a successful politician. In fact, he was probably one of the wisest and most successful politicians who has ever lived.”

– J. Boice



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- He is tactful, gracious and wise in how he “honors all people.”

# I Peter 2:17

17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.