

The background of the slide features a soft-focus cityscape at sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the sky, casting a warm, golden light over the scene. In the foreground, several olive branches with small, green, pointed leaves are visible, some in sharp focus and others blurred, creating a sense of depth. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

“Checking My Motives”

Sunday February 26, 2023

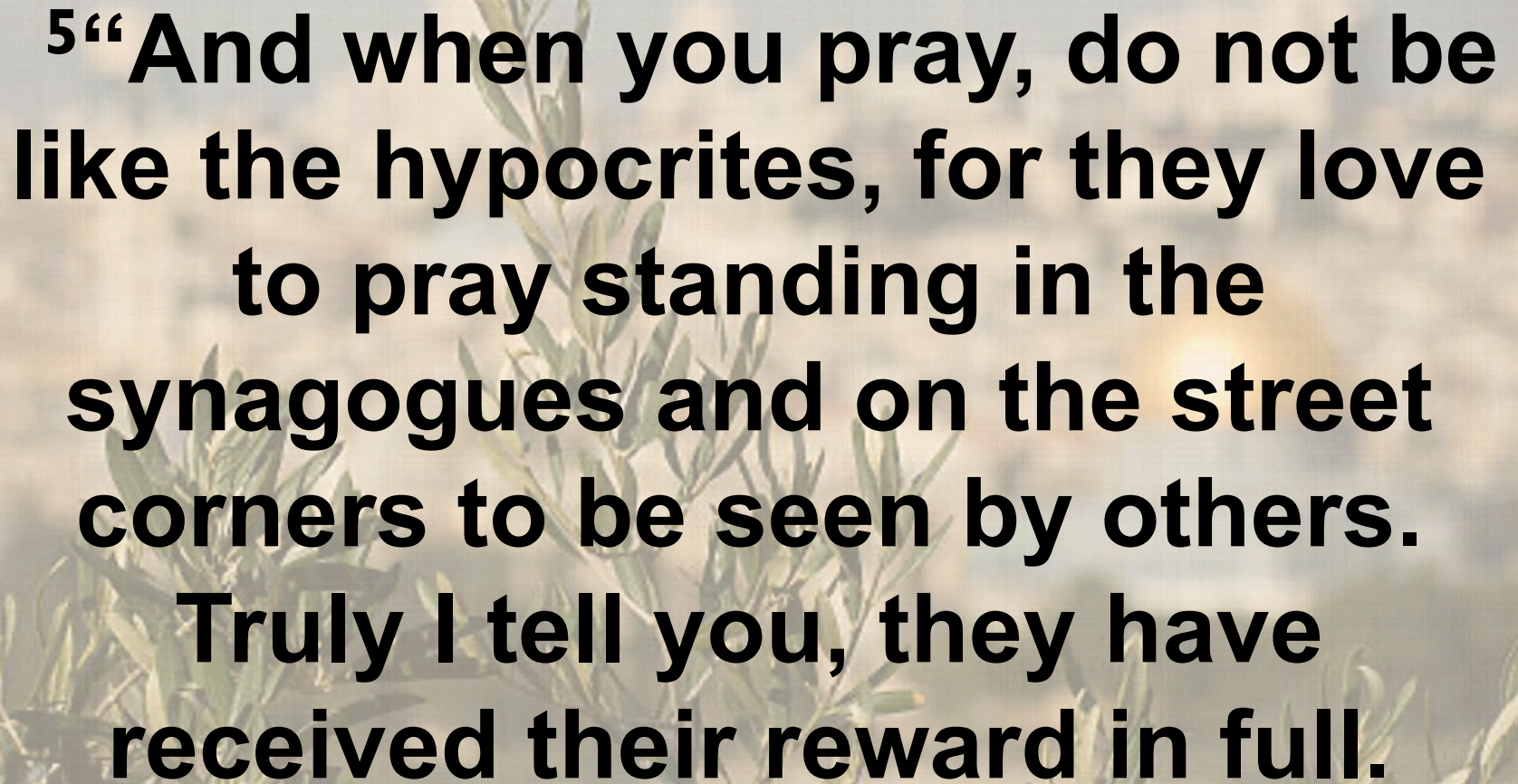
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Matthew 6:1-8

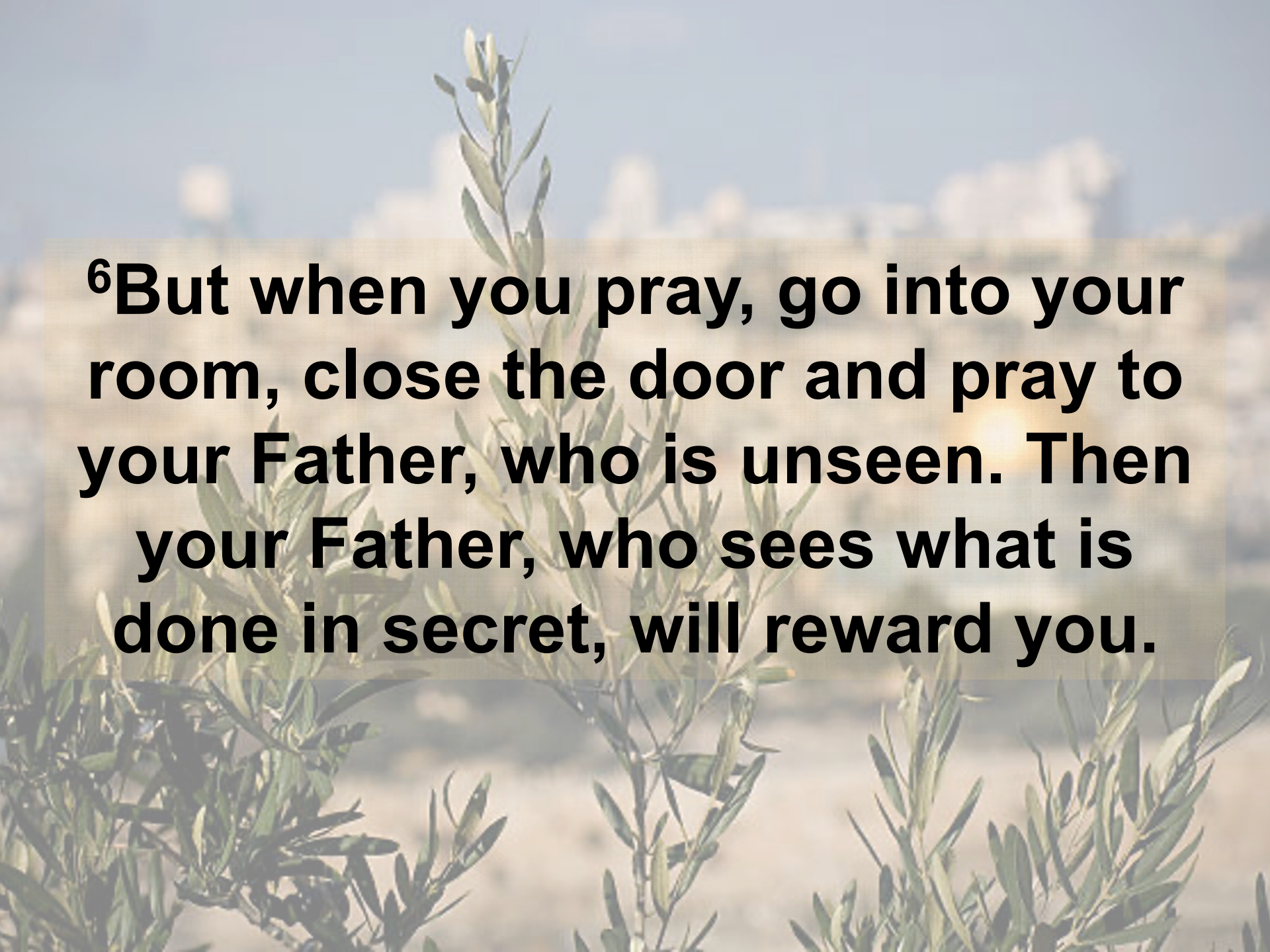
1“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.



⁵“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.



⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Motives Matter to our Heavenly Father:

Am I:

- **Motivated by Self?**
- **Motivated by Others?**
- **Motivated by God?**

Psalm 139:23-24

²³“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”