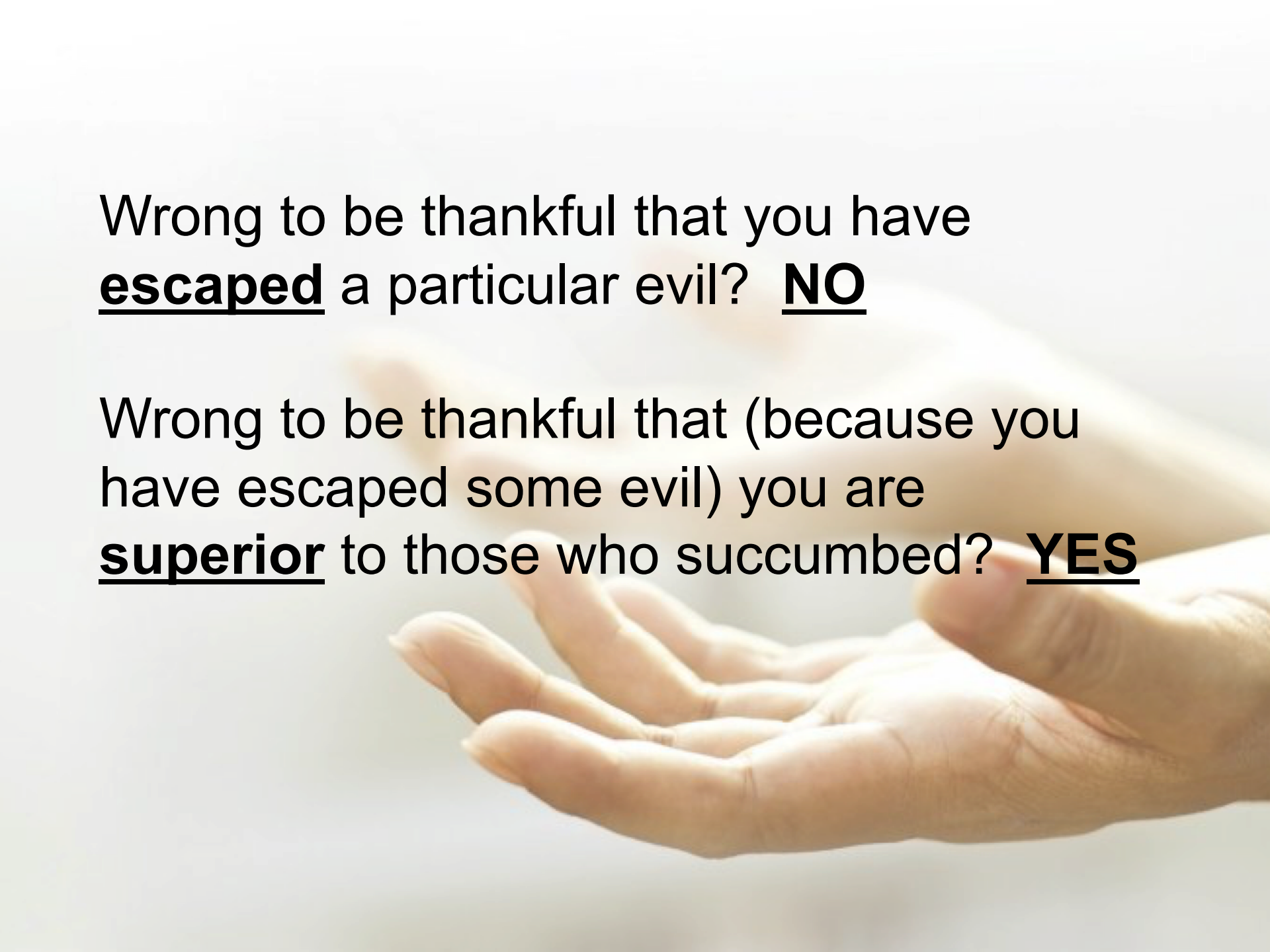




"God I thank you... = right word!

"that I am not like other men..."
wrong attitude!



Wrong to be thankful that you have
escaped a particular evil? **NO**

Wrong to be thankful that (because you
have escaped some evil) you are
superior to those who succumbed? **YES**



The issue of disdain toward others (in our heart). PRIDE



View of own achievement/status **SATISFIED**

- ✓ certain areas I've handled well
- ✓ certain good qualities I've achieved
- ✓ certain evils I've avoided

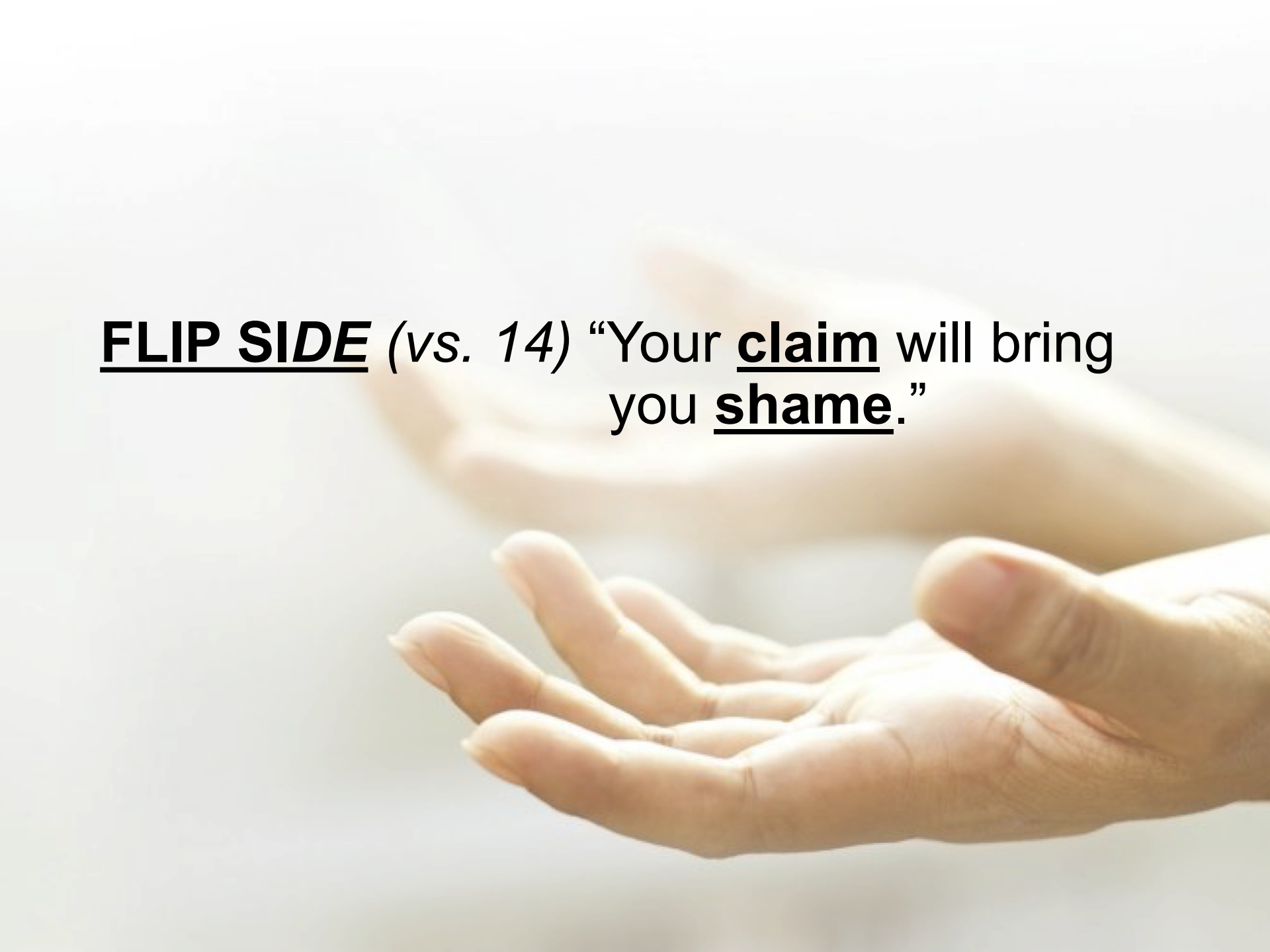
“Ok. I'm good. God will be so impressed, he'll overlook my flaws.”





A “superior” attitude creates a **barrier** that does not allow you to listen to, learn from, or influence others for Christ. **DIVIDE**





FLIP SIDE (vs. 14) “Your claim will bring you shame.”

WHAT IS REAL THANKSGIVING?




Though I may **feel** that I must stand at a distance, I **know** that God is listening for and listening to **MY** prayer. What LOVE!



Though I do not deserve even to raise my eyes to heaven because I am a sinner, I know there is a Savior and a Solution.
What MERCY!





My status **before** God and my blessings
from God are not dependent upon any
human opinion or permission.
What a RELIEF!