

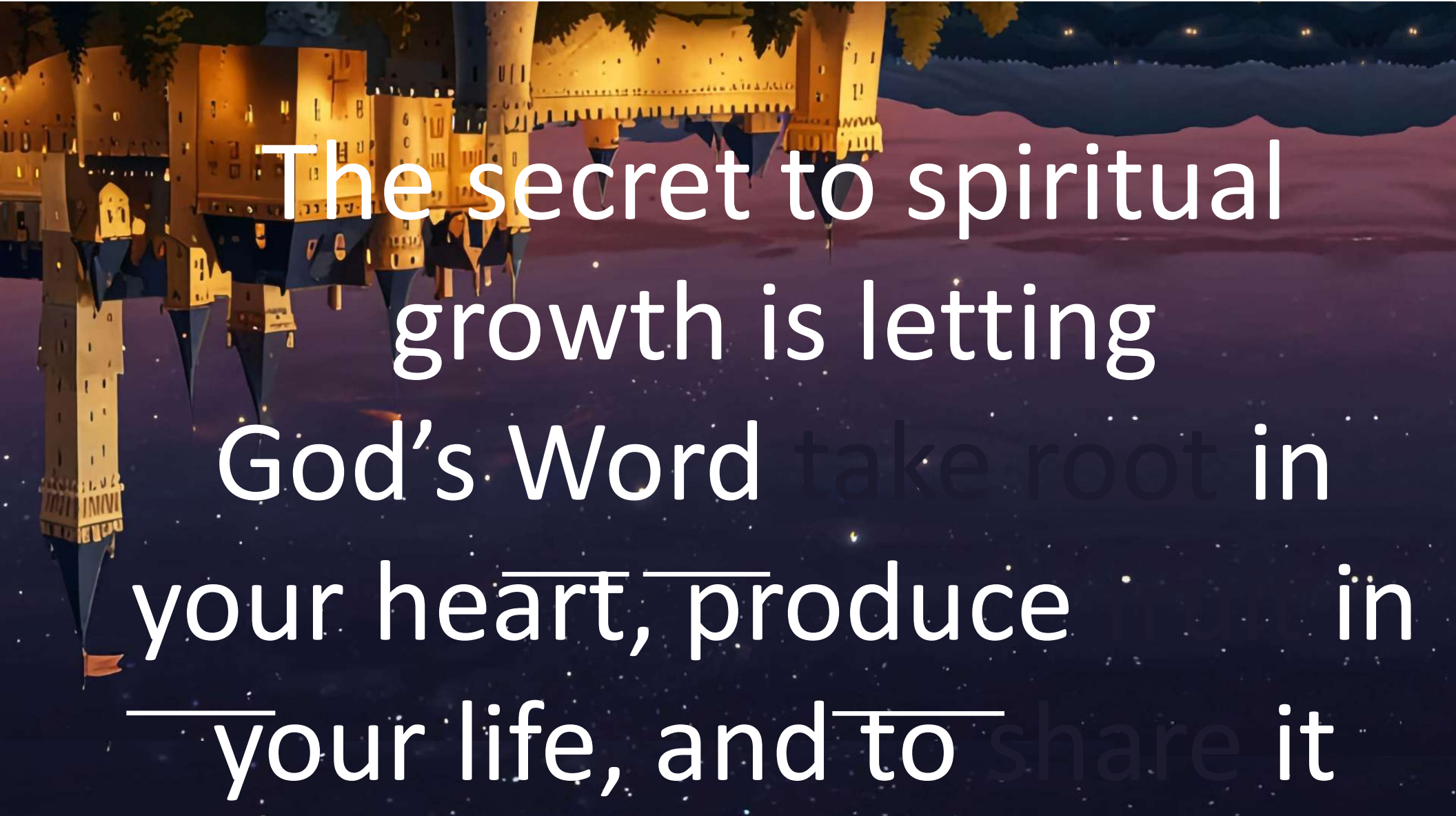
A digital illustration of a castle at night, oriented upside down. The castle is illuminated with a warm, golden light, and its reflection is visible in the dark, starry sky below. The scene is set against a dark blue and purple twilight sky with scattered stars. The castle features multiple towers, crenellated walls, and a central tower with a pointed roof. The overall atmosphere is magical and mysterious.

The Upside-Down Kingdom

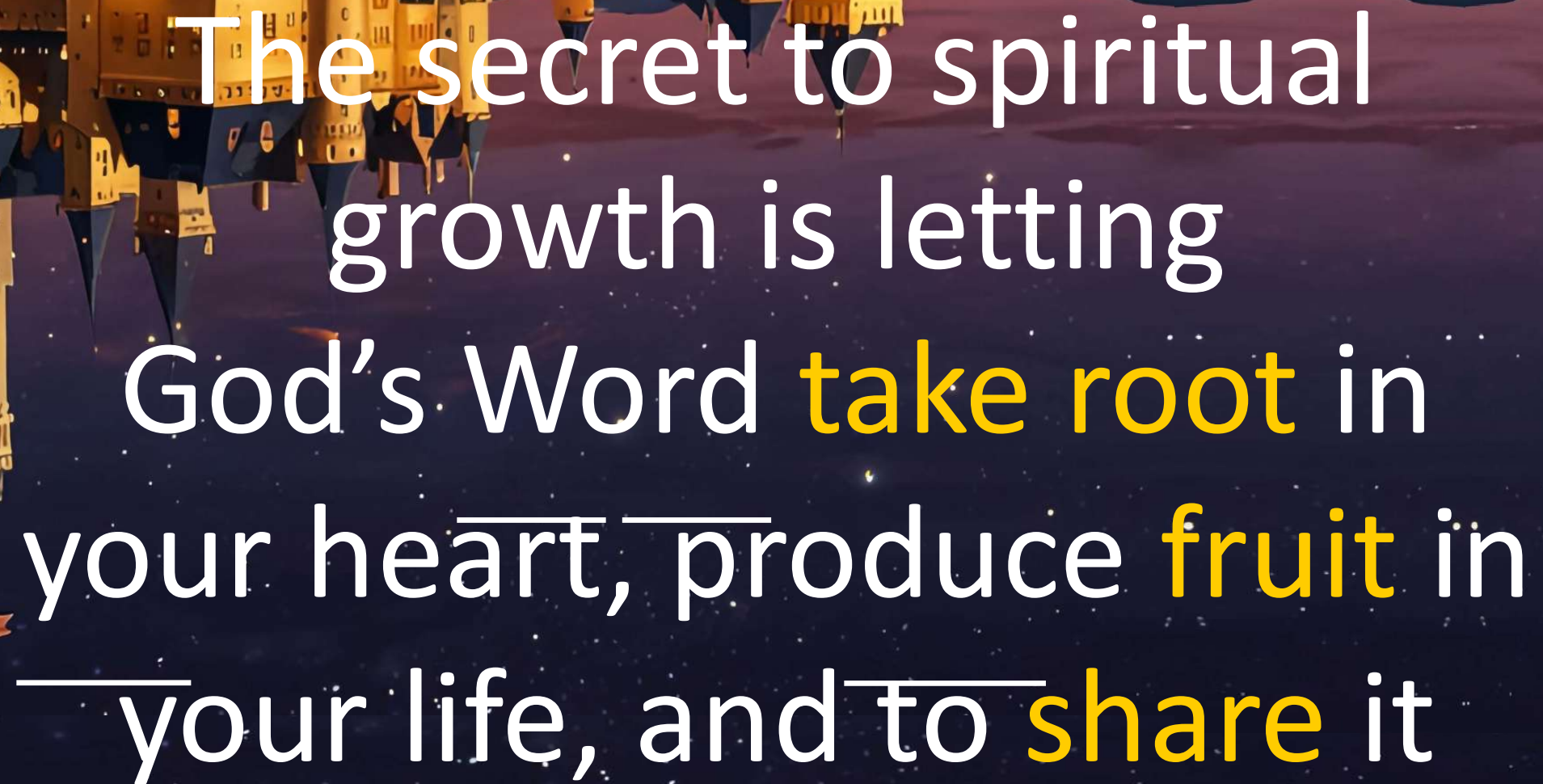


A night scene of a city with illuminated buildings and a starry sky. The buildings are lit up with warm yellow light, and the sky is dark blue with many small white stars. The text "Matthew 13:1-23" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Matthew 13:1-23

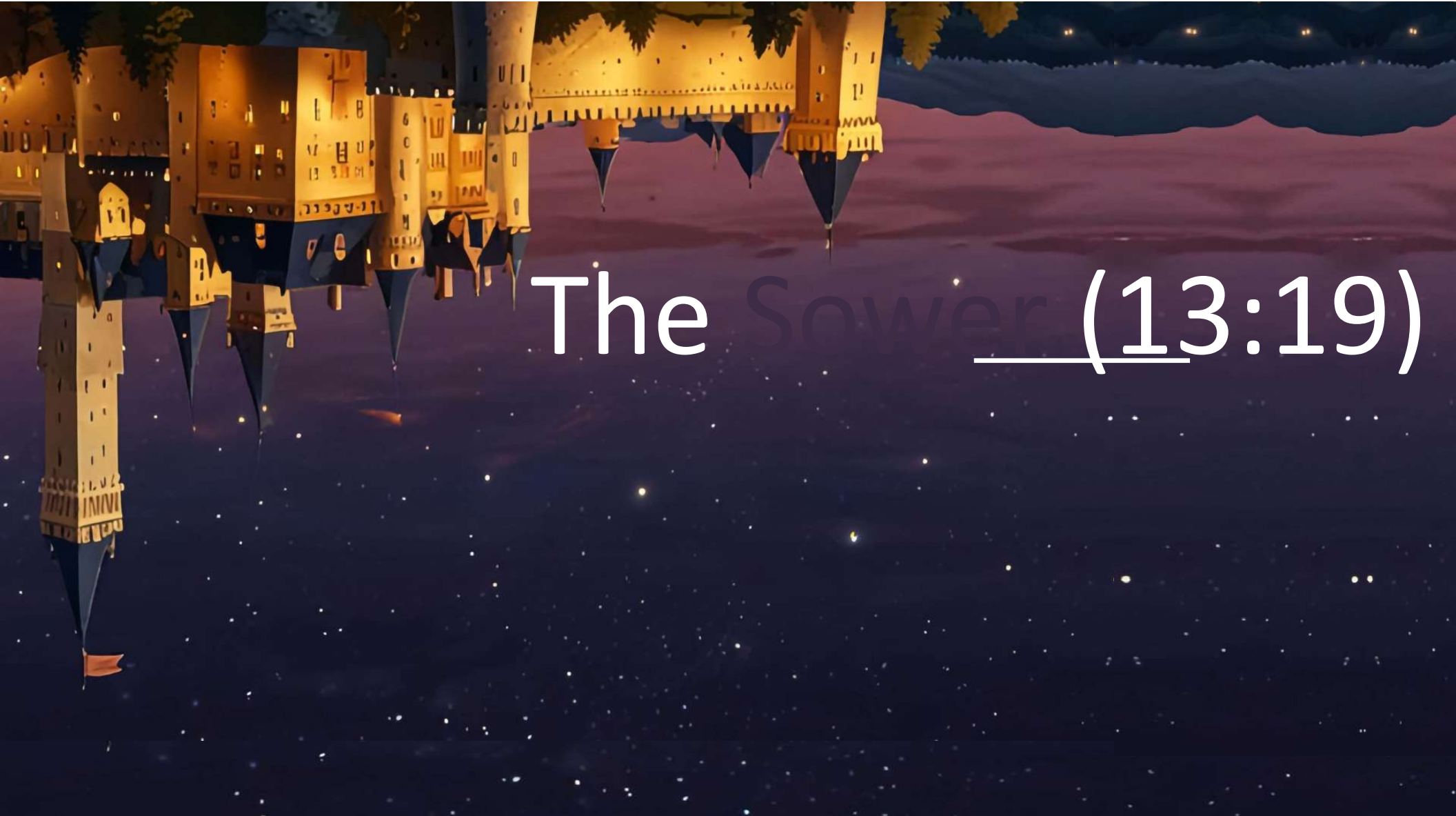


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The background of the image is a night scene of a city. On the left, there are several tall, illuminated buildings with many windows glowing. In the center, there's a large, brightly lit structure, possibly a church or a public building, with a sign that is partially visible. The sky is dark with some stars and a few clouds. The overall atmosphere is serene and spiritual.

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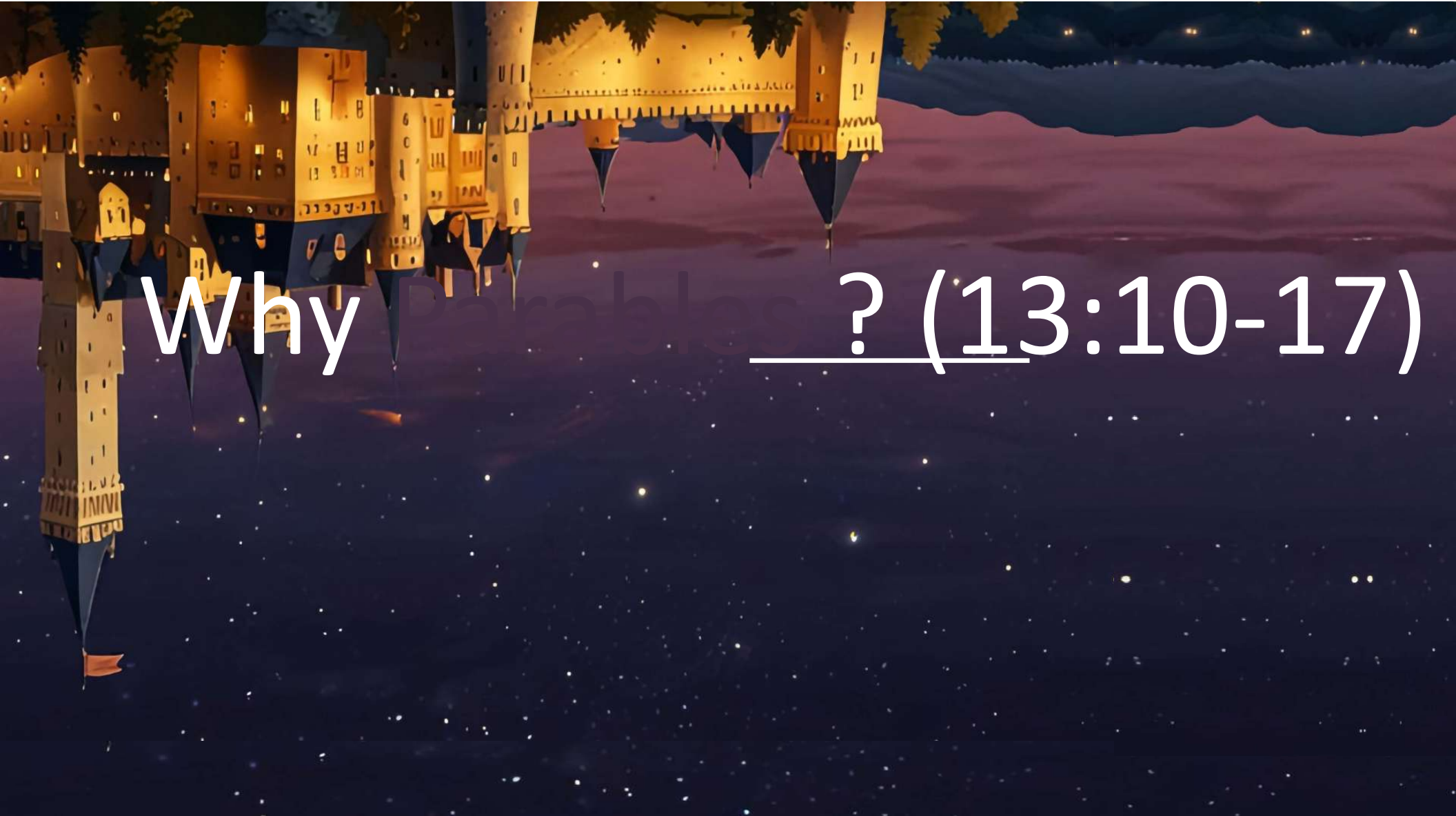


The Sower (13:19)

A night scene featuring a cityscape reflected in water. The city buildings are illuminated with warm yellow lights, and their reflection is visible in the calm water below. The sky is dark blue and black, filled with numerous small white stars. The overall atmosphere is serene and magical.

The Sower (13:19)





Why

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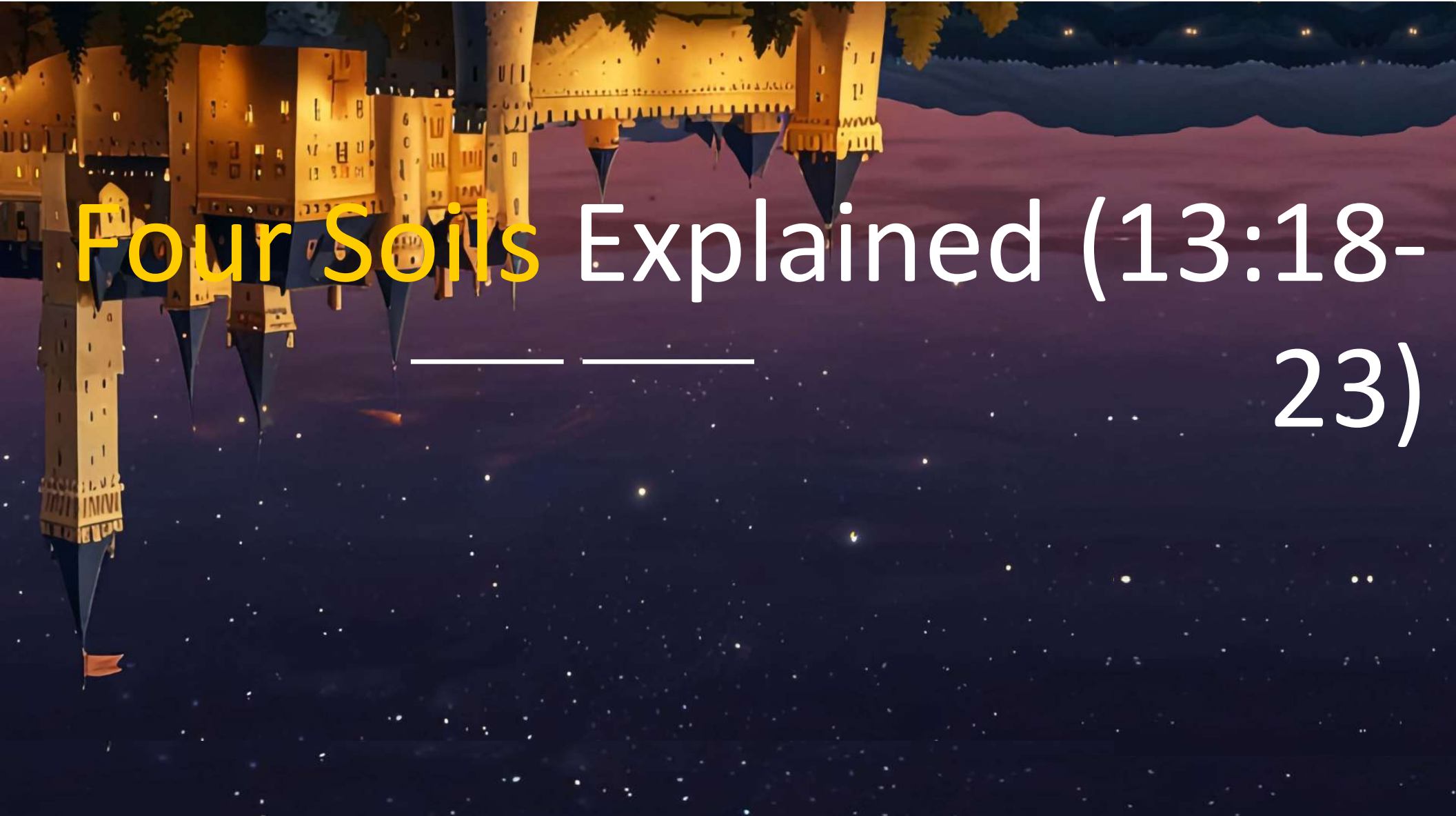
Why Parables ? (13:10-17)



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*The people's hearts were not ready
and willing to hear the truth*





Four Soils Explained (13:18-23)



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*Hard/Resistant – Truth doesn't settle,
Satan has them fooled,
won't receive truth*



Four Soils Explained (13:18- 23)

Rocky/Shallow – Receive truth quickly and readily but doesn't allow for heart change or transformation, cannot endure tests of life



Four Soils Explained (13:18- 23)


*Thorns/Distracted – passions for
other things distract from
spiritual growth*



Four Soils Explained (13:18- 23)

*Good/Ready – Humbly surrendered
and yielded to God's
work in their heart*





Four Soils Explained (13:18- 23)

Hears and Understands


⇒ *Bears Fruit*

⇒ *Yields*




Four Soils Explained (13:18- 23)

*Learns to love God and others
=>grows in spiritual maturity
=>serves and lives it out*



Four Soils Explained (13:18- 23)

The fruit produced is a life transformed by Jesus and visible to others.

The background of the slide is a night scene of a city. On the left, there are several tall, illuminated buildings with many windows glowing. The sky is dark blue and purple, with a few stars visible. In the foreground, there are some dark, pointed structures that look like tents or awnings. The overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

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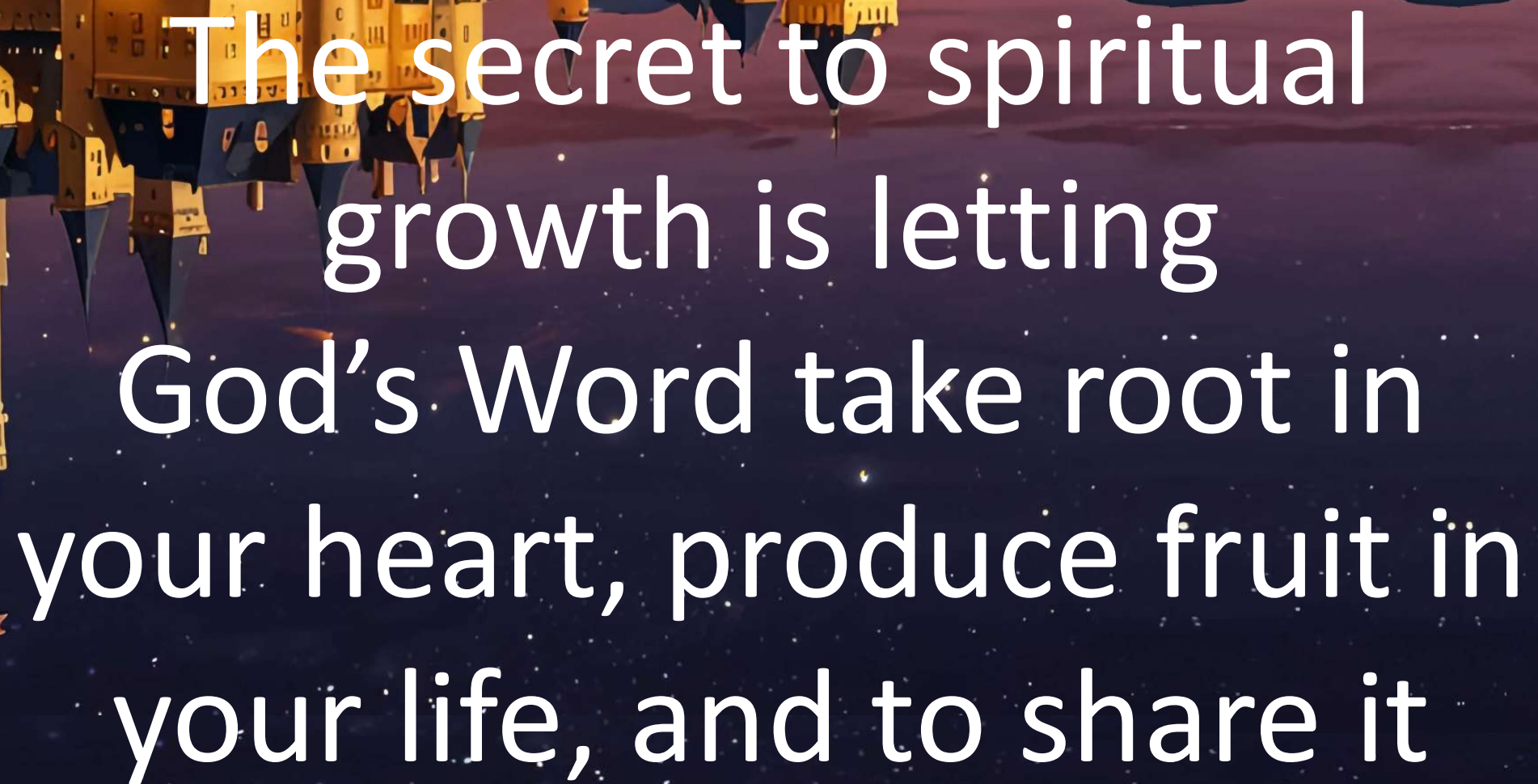
*Spiritual growth is the
natural result of a heart that
intentionally cultivates it*



Four Soils Explained (13:18- 23)

Rocky/Shallow – Receive truth quickly and readily but doesn't allow for heart change or transformation, cannot endure tests of life



The background is a stylized illustration of a city at night. On the left, there are several tall, yellow buildings with windows that are lit up, suggesting a city street scene. The sky is a deep purple and blue, with many small white stars scattered throughout. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

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