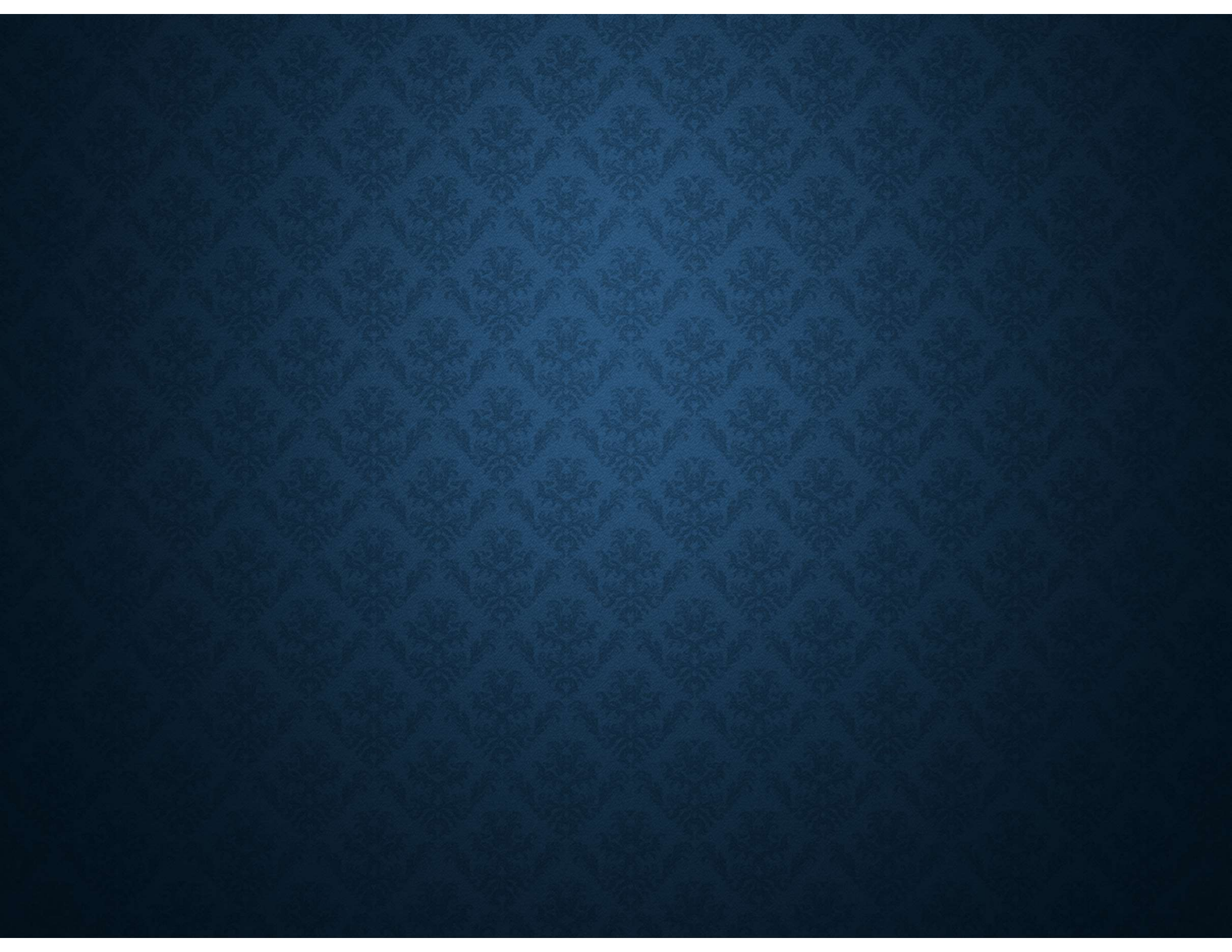


Mark 10:46-53

BLIND BARTIMAEUS

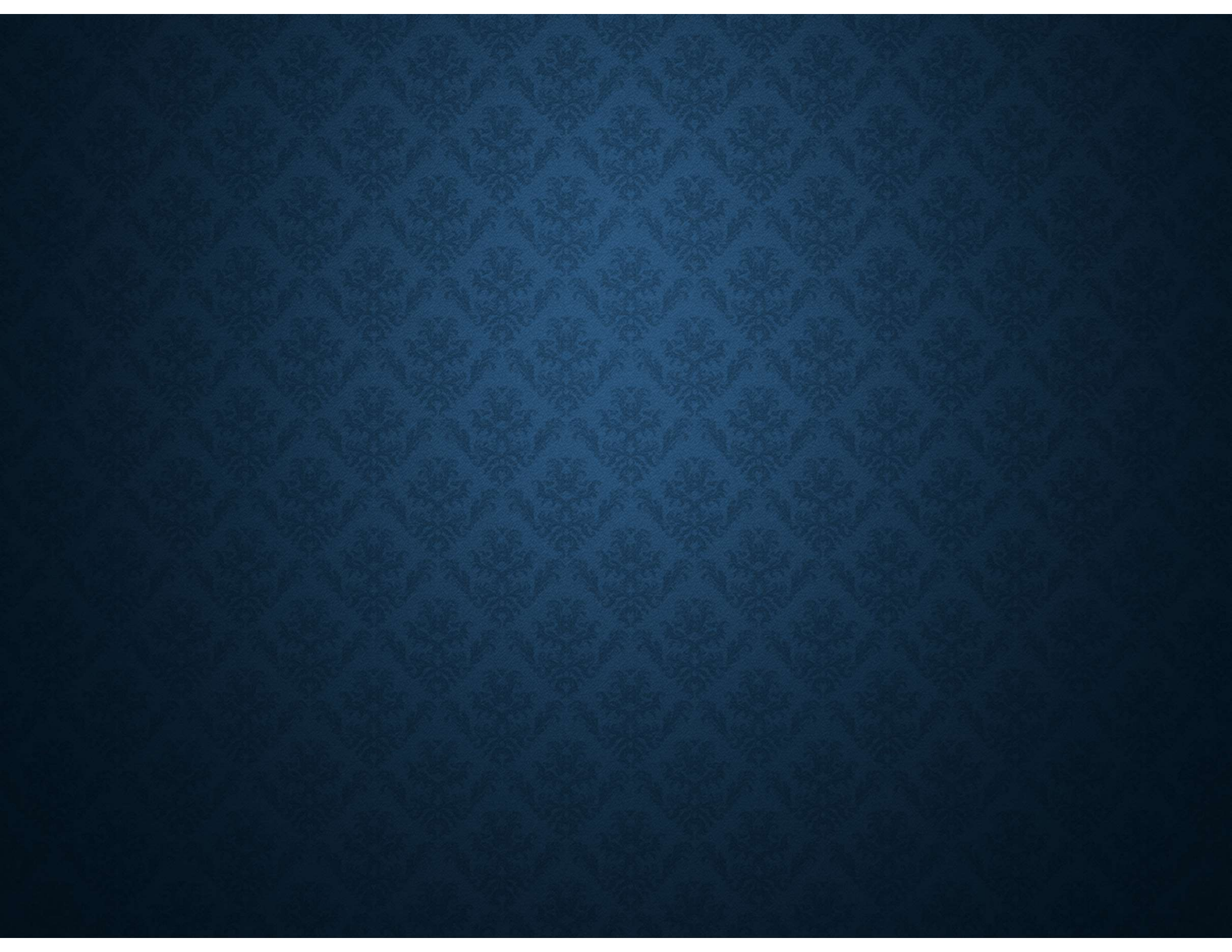


46 Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar *named* Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

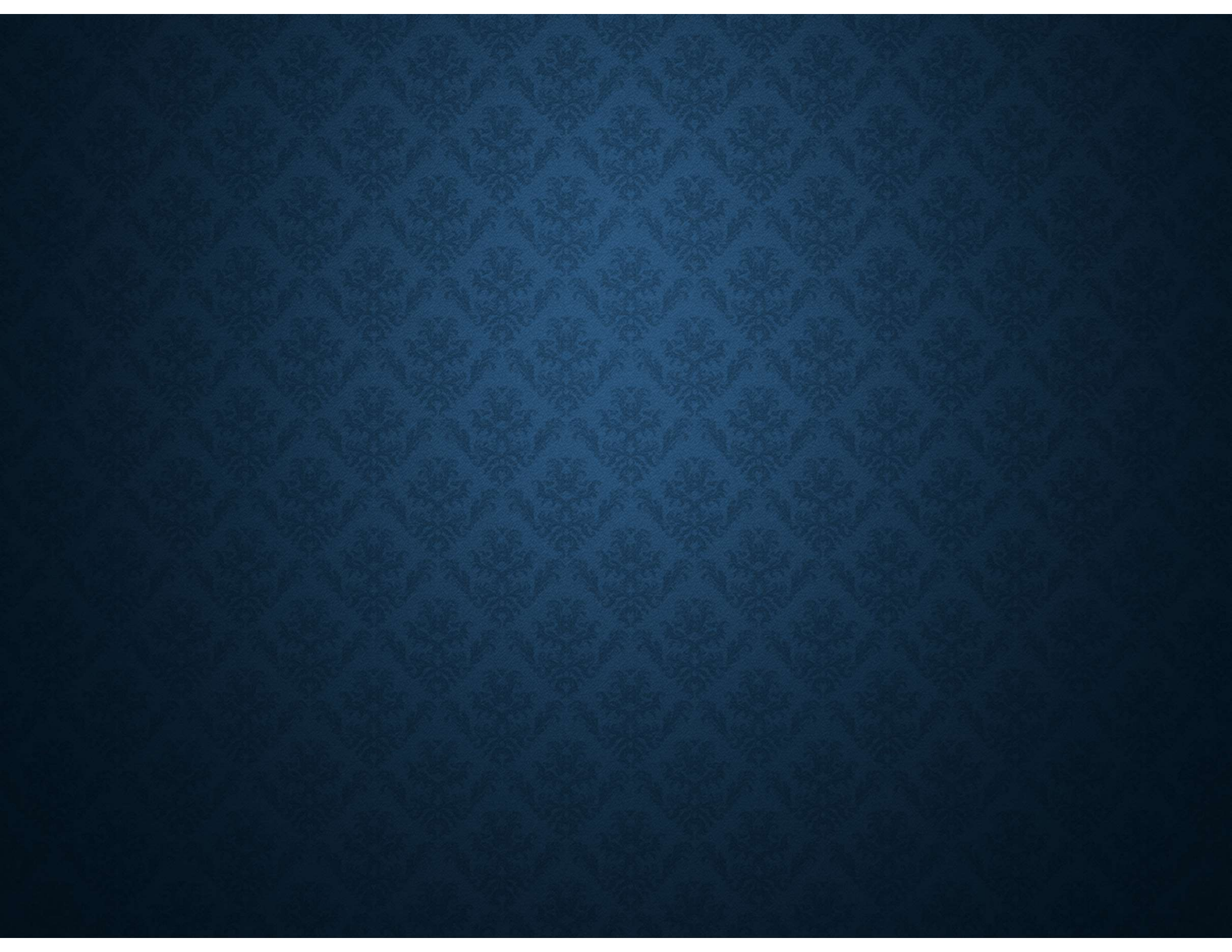
48 Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 49 And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him *here*.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.”

50 Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. 51 And answering him, Jesus said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And the blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, *I want* to regain my sight!” 52 And Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.”

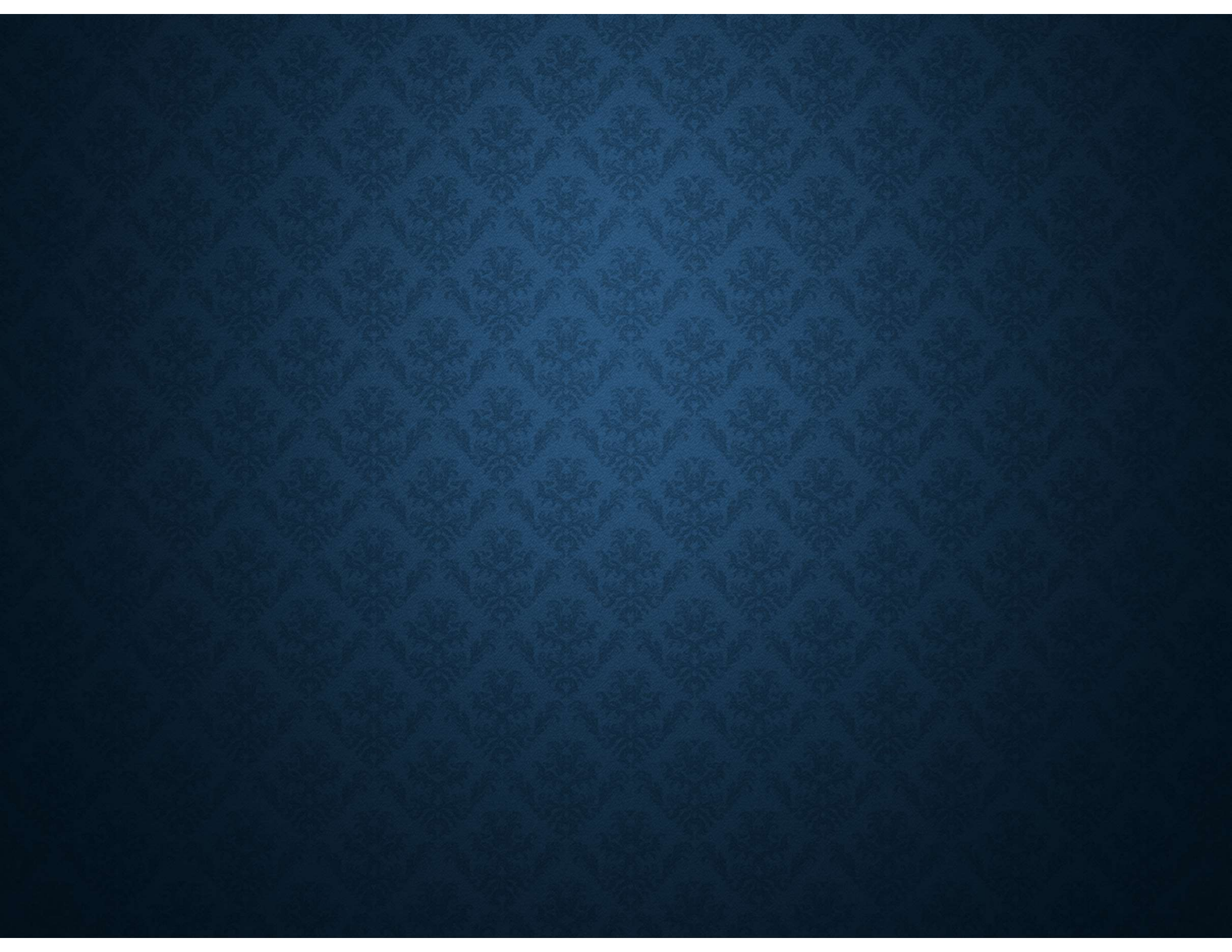
Immediately he regained his sight and *began* following Him on the road



v. 47 Jesus the Nazarene is known
as the Son of David and
Bartimaeus calls out, “Have mercy
on me.”



v. 48 – The crowd response – “be
quiet”



v. 49 – Jesus' response and the
new attitude of the crowd

Bartimaeus is showing a dependent trust and faith. He knows he has nothing to bring to the table. He's not trying to get Jesus to give him a place of honor. He is seeking mercy.

- Little do they know that his ultimate act of mercy will take place within a few days as He dies on a cross as a ransom for many.

v. 51 The Jesus Question – What do
you want me to do for you?

The contrast between Bartimaeus and the Sons of Zebedee is striking.

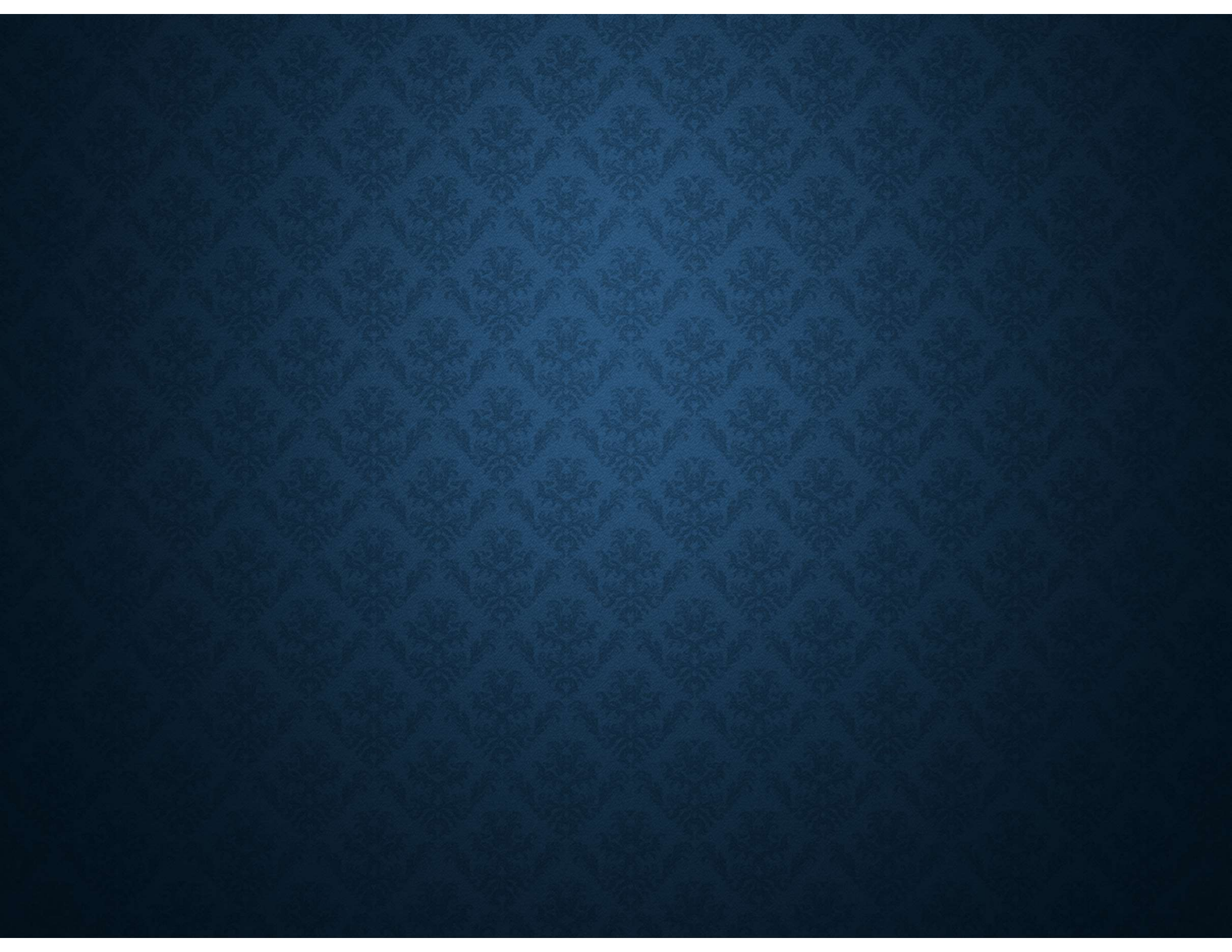
Bartimaeus comes in humility; they come with a sense of entitlement

He comes from a place of desperation; they come from a place of self-satisfaction

- He comes from a place of no status; they come looking for power and status.

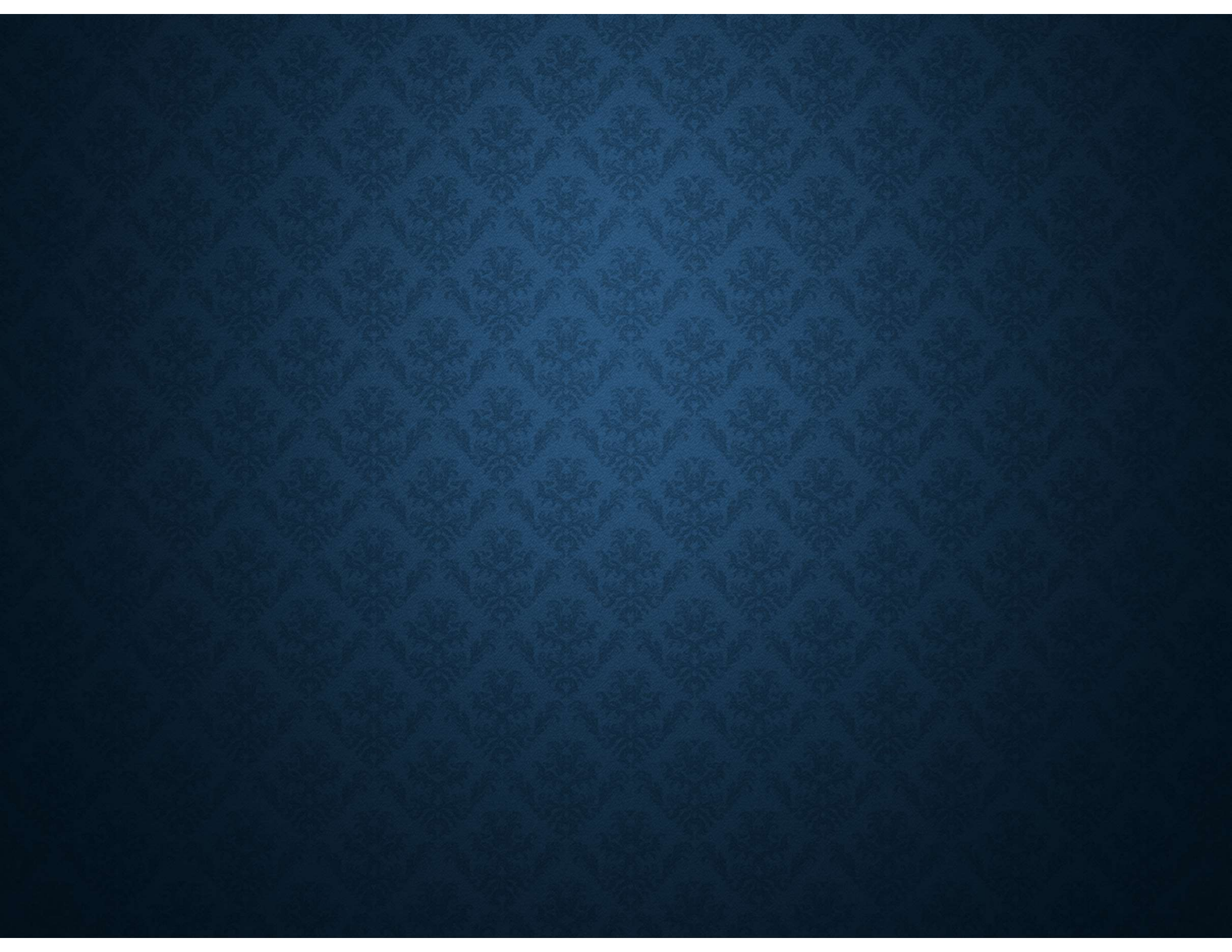
He is looking for a seat by the road;
they are looking for a seat next to a
throne.

He is simply looking to have ordinary
vision; they are looking for
extraordinary glory.



V. 51b-52 His honest request and healing

- Jesus said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And the blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, *I want* to regain my sight!”

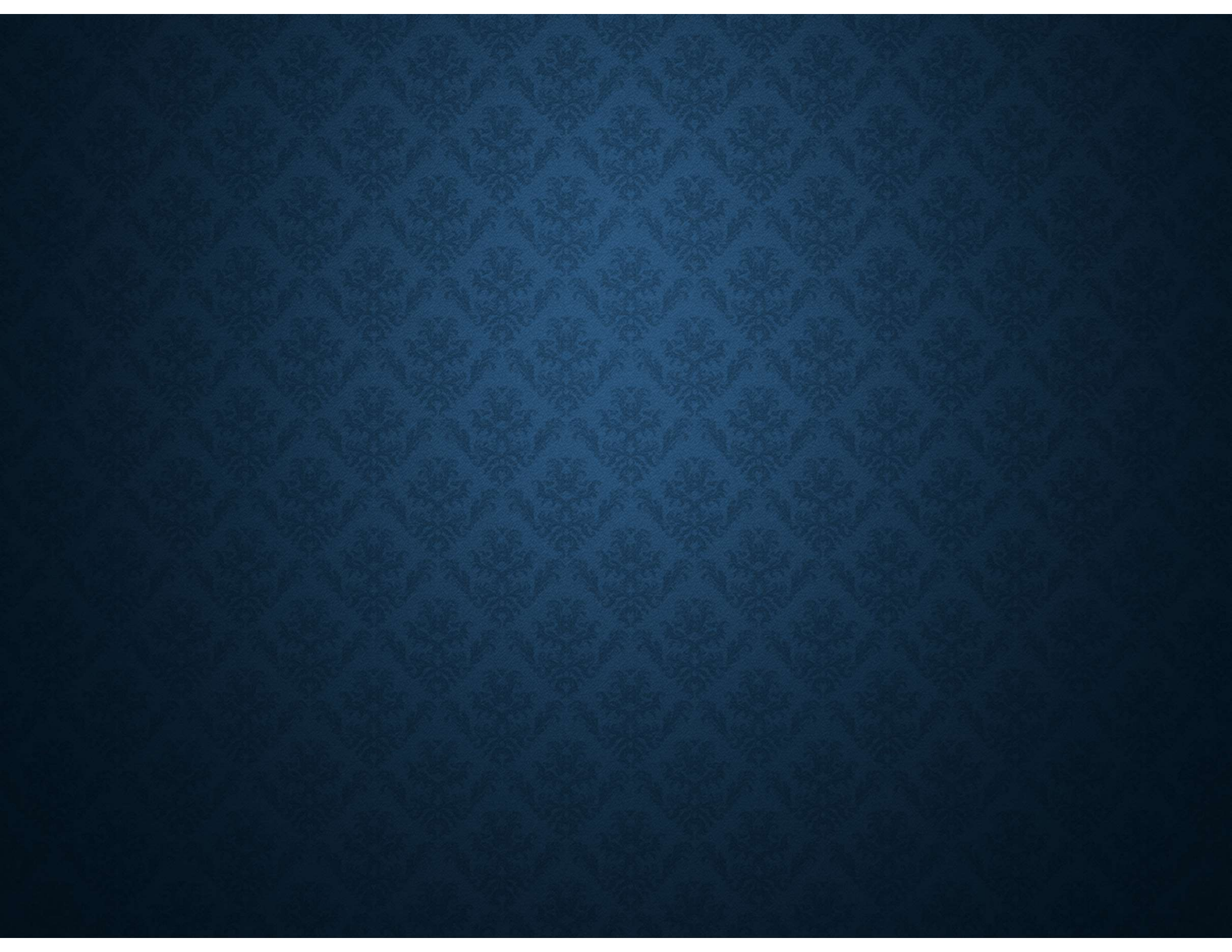


v. 52 And Jesus said to him, “Go;
your faith has made you well.”

Immediately he regained his sight
and *began* following Him on the road

Faith is the instrument that healed him. It was not faith in faith. It was not faith in his own words, but faith that is rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Messiah.

Faith connected him to Jesus.
Bartimaeus knew that this man,
Jesus the Nazarene, could provide
him with something that only The
Messiah could accomplish.



1 Peter 1:7..., 7 so that the proof of your faith...may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him,

you greatly rejoice with joy
inexpressible and full of glory, 9
obtaining as the outcome of your
faith the salvation of your souls.

Bartimaeus heard about Christ,
saw him with the eyes of faith,
was healed, saw Him visibly, and
followed Him.

