

TEMPTED





This is God's Word for my life in this place and at this time.

*Today, I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and
I believe He has a purpose for my life.*



In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.



Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.”



Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.



Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”



The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”



Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”



But the LORD said to him, “Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him.

Genesis 4:3-15



The Hidden Power of

Sin



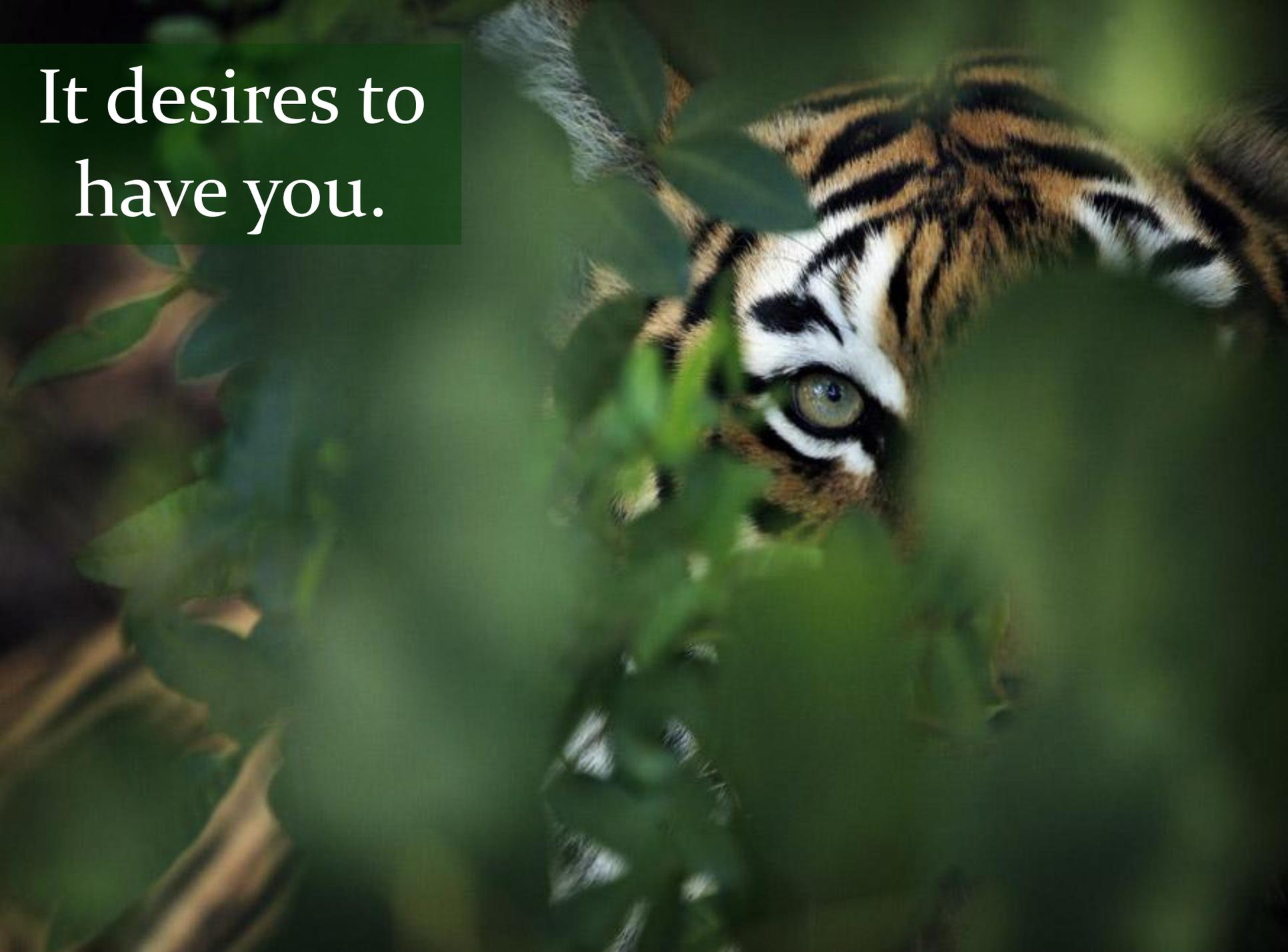
Sin makes itself look trivial.

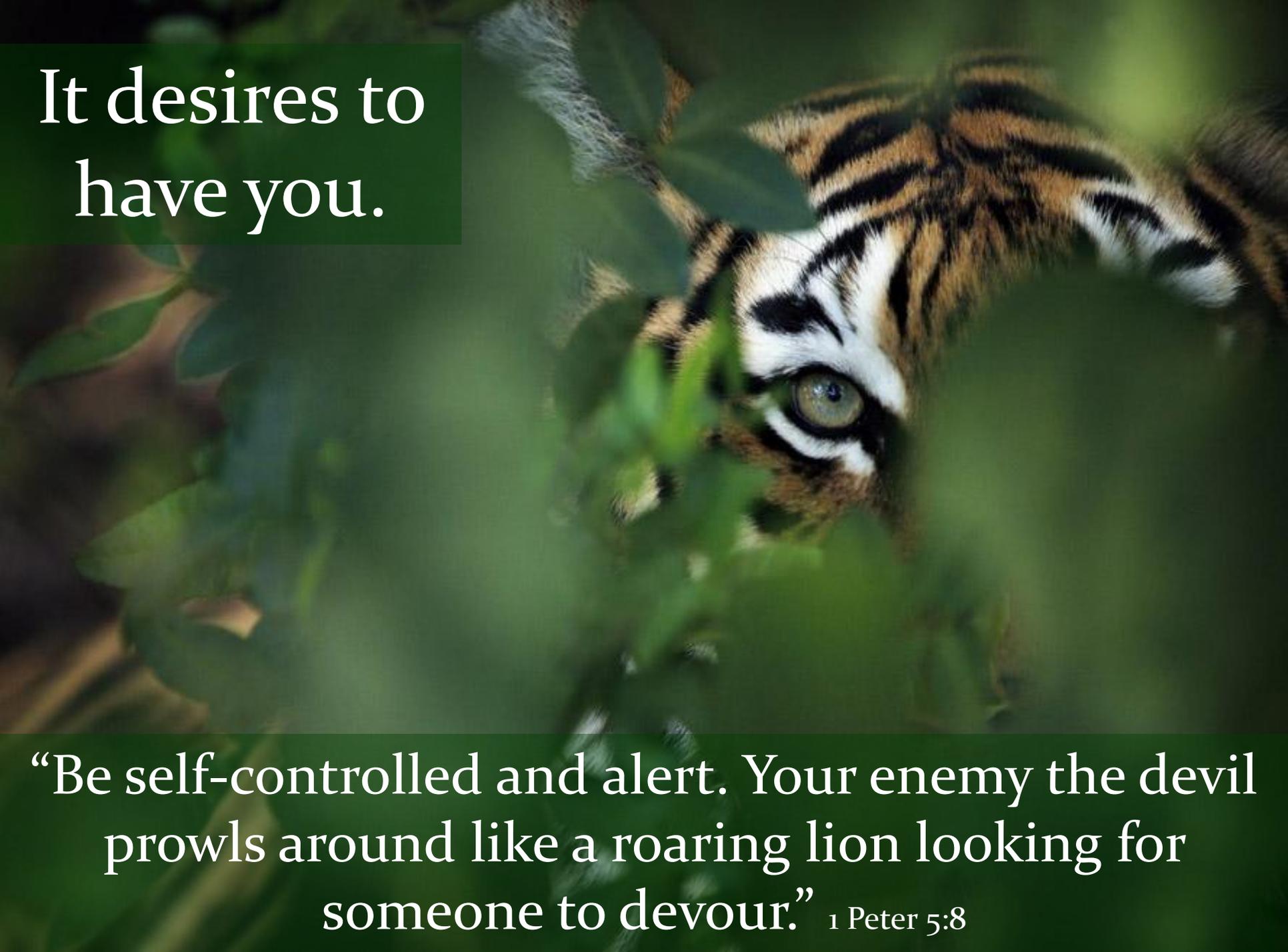
Anyone who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. J 4:17

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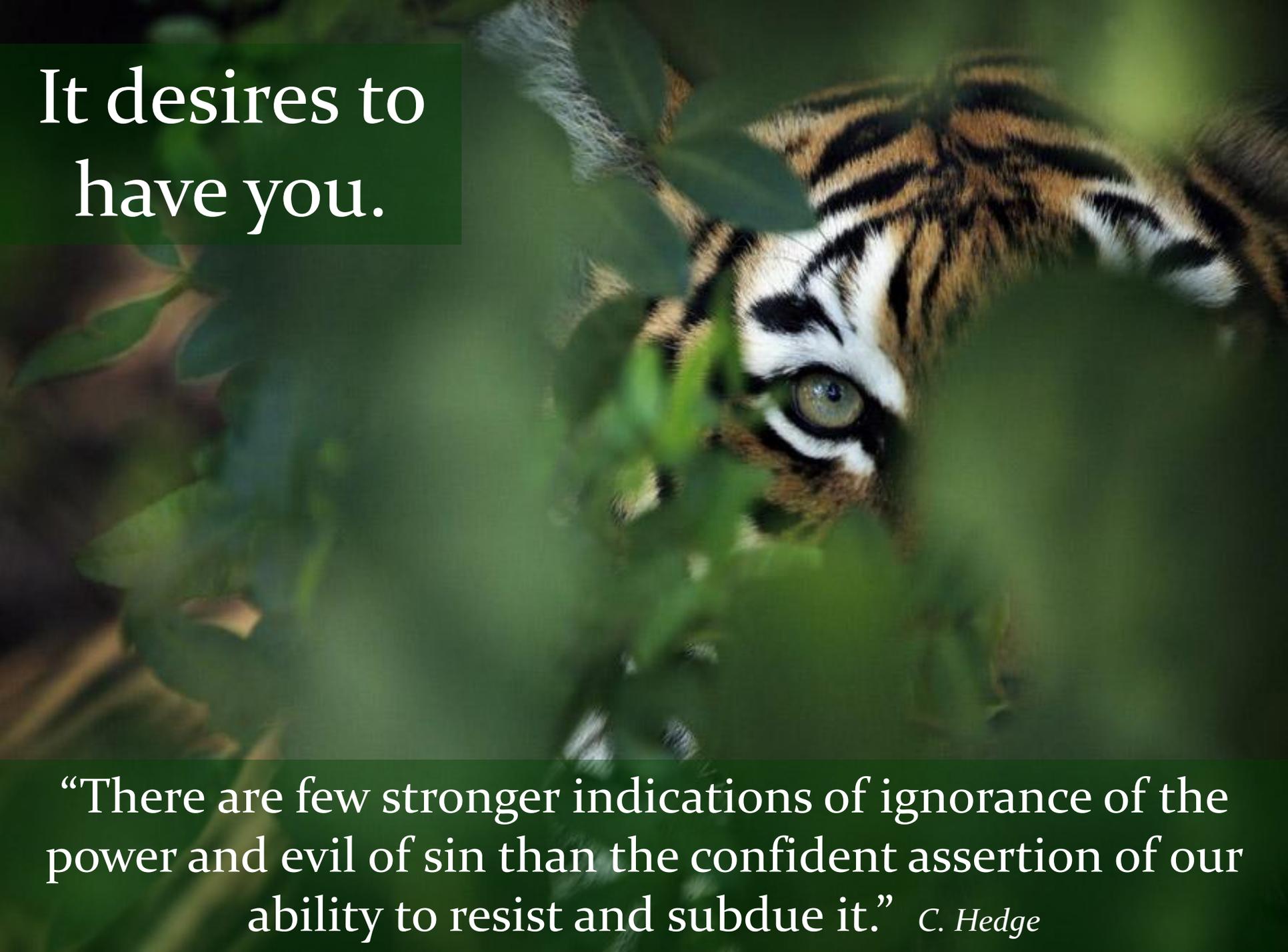
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A close-up photograph of a tiger's face, partially obscured by vibrant green leaves. The tiger's eyes are sharp and focused, looking directly at the viewer. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural habitat.

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“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil
prowls around like a roaring lion looking for
someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8

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“There are few stronger indications of ignorance of the power and evil of sin than the confident assertion of our ability to resist and subdue it.” *C. Hedge*

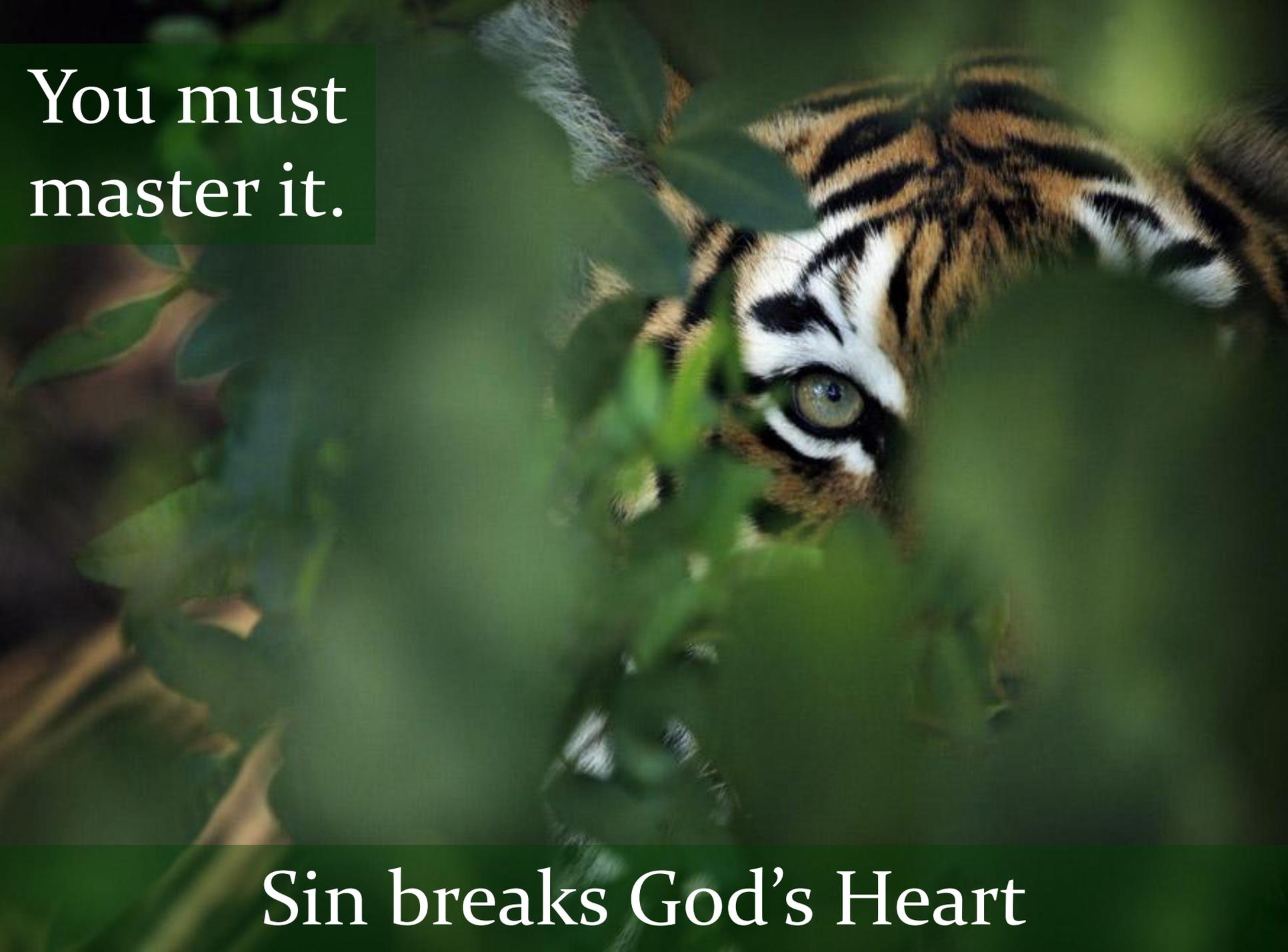


Sin replaces God at the center

Half-hearted vs. Whole Hearted



Sin hates it's reflection.

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Sin breaks God's Heart