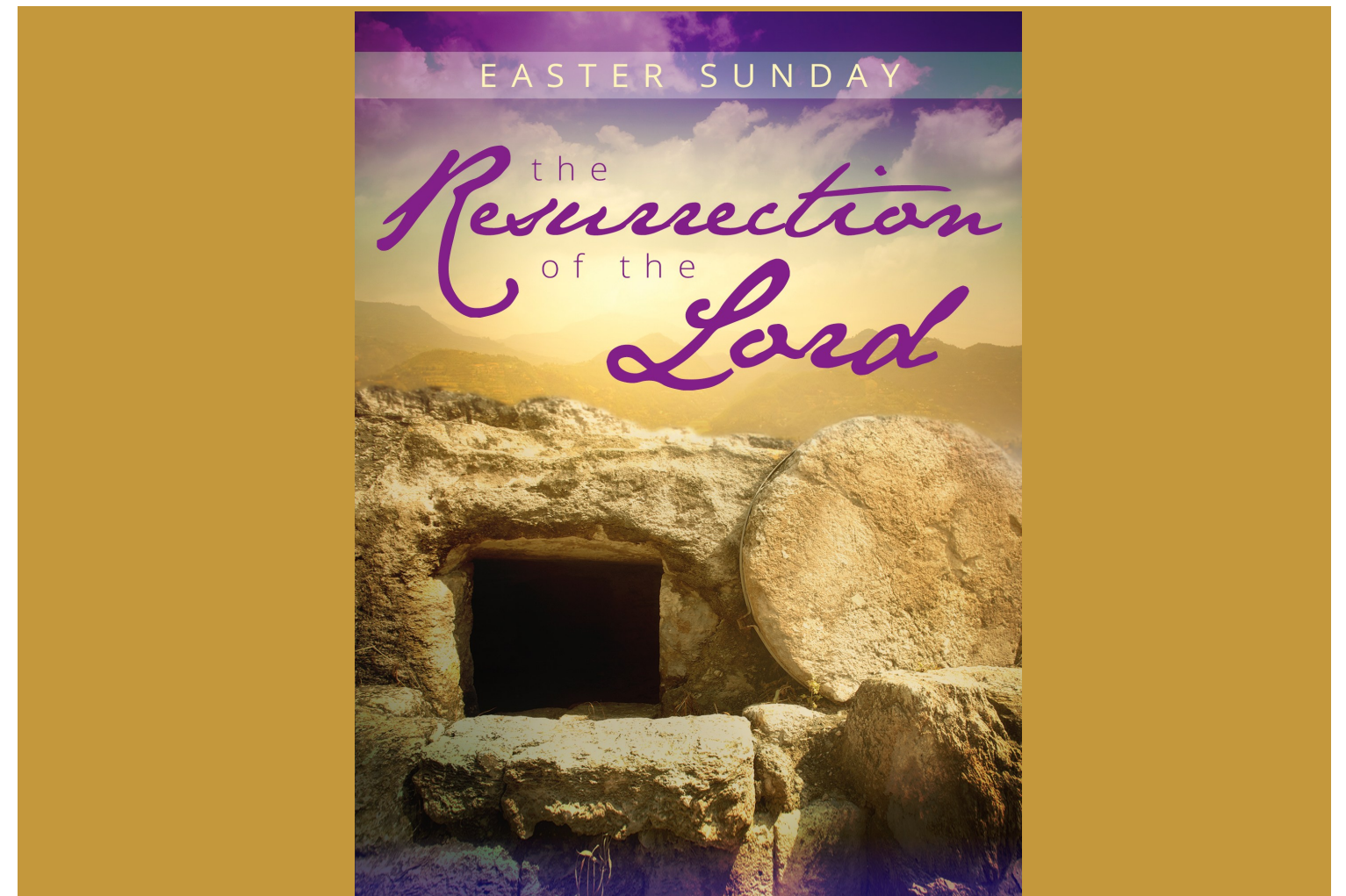


*Those who do not allow their appetites to carry them away will soar in their
spirit as swiftly as the bird that lacks no feathers
Saint John of the Cross*

Regarding contemplative prayer, Saint John of the Cross gives three signs that one has entered the passive night of sense and is being invited to the prayer of loving attention (aka - to contemplative prayer):

1. The first is when men find no comfort in the things of God, and none also in created things. (MY NOTE – He does not say “no comfort in God,” but “no comfort in the things of God.”)
2. The second sign and condition of this purgation [of sense] are that the memory dwells ordinarily upon God with a painful anxiety and carefulness, the soul thinks it is not serving God, but going backwards, because it is no longer conscious of any sweetness in the things of God.
3. [The soul has] an inability to meditate [but instead is] with an attraction simply to gaze inwardly at God.

For those wondering whether they might be called to contemplative prayer as opposed to meditation or vocal prayer, hopefully this helps.



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