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Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord,

And their works are in the dark;

They say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?”

¹⁶ Surely you have things turned around!

Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay;


For shall the thing made say of him who made it,

“He did not make me”?

Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it,

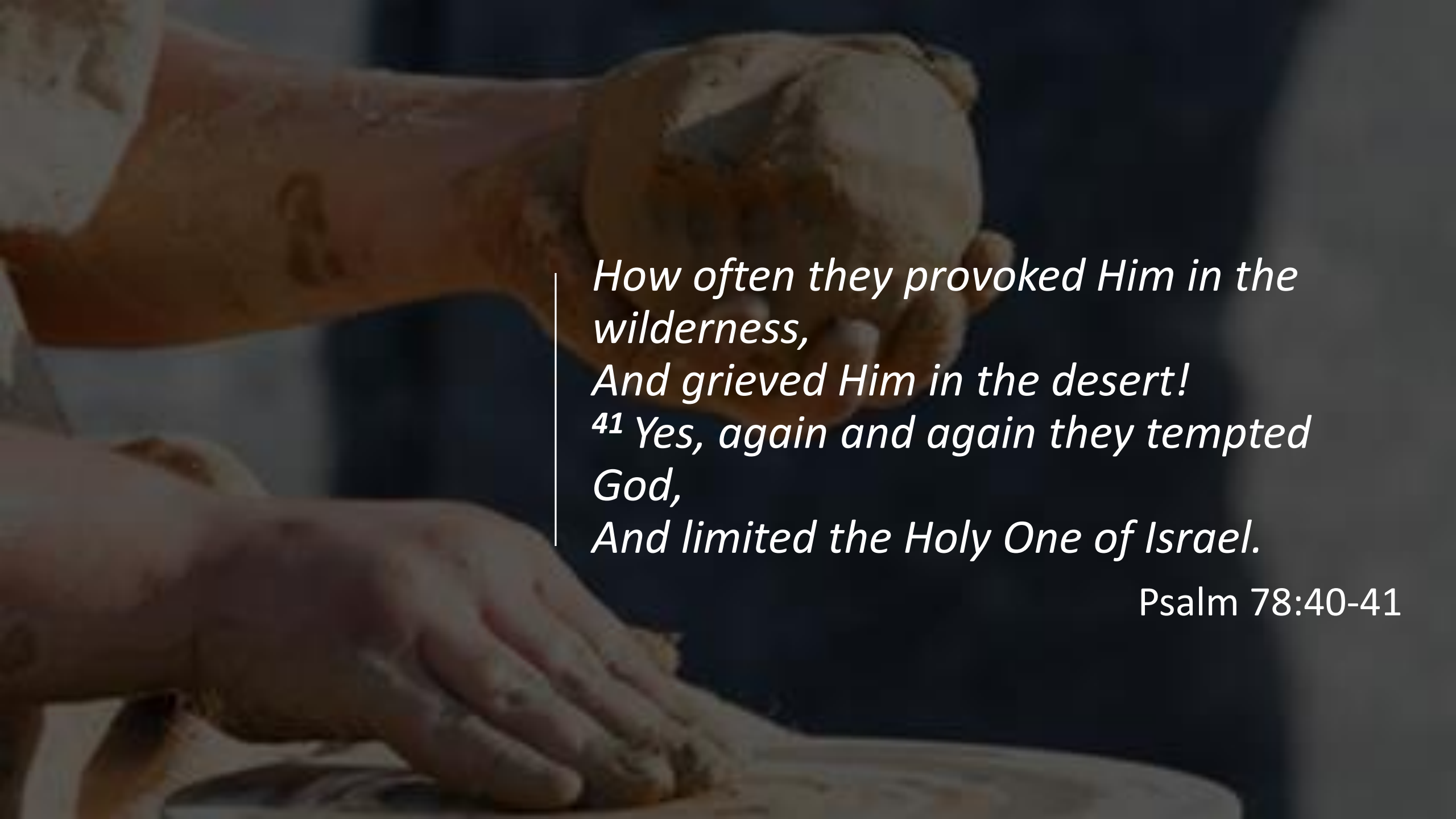
“He has no understanding”?

Isaiah 29:16

A close-up photograph of a potter's hands shaping a piece of clay on a pottery wheel. The hands are covered in wet clay, and the wheel is spinning. The background is blurred, showing a workshop setting. A white horizontal line is drawn across the top of the image.

*But now, O Lord,
You are our Father;
We are the clay, and You
our potter;
And all we are the work of
Your hand*

Isaiah 64:8

A close-up photograph of a person's hands kneading dough on a wooden surface. The hands are positioned in the lower left and center of the frame, with the dough being worked into a ball. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*How often they provoked Him in the wilderness,
And grieved Him in the desert!
41 Yes, again and again they tempted
God,
And limited the Holy One of Israel.*

Psalm 78:40-41

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: ² “Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.” ³ Then I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. ⁴ And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: ⁶ “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?” says the Lord. “Look, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!”

Jeremiah 18:1-6

