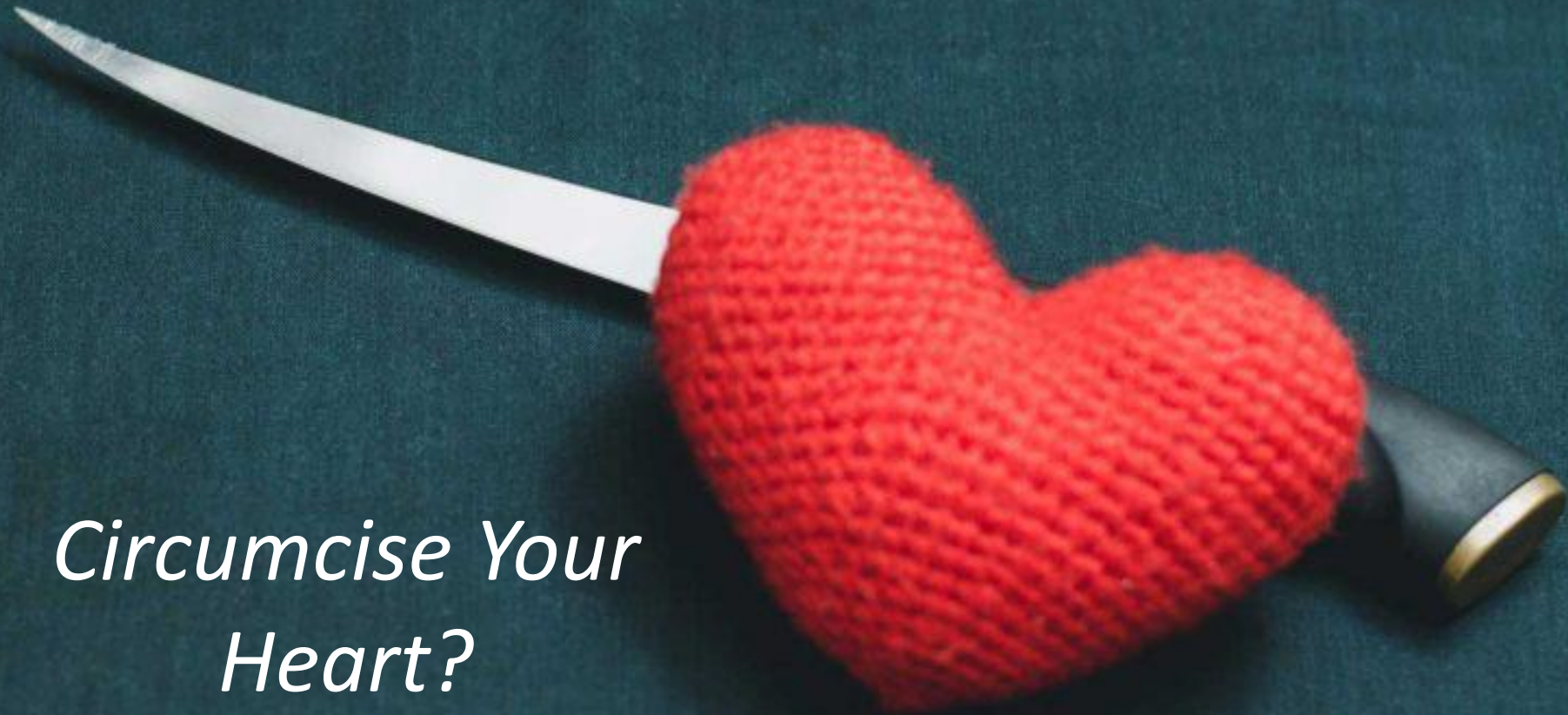
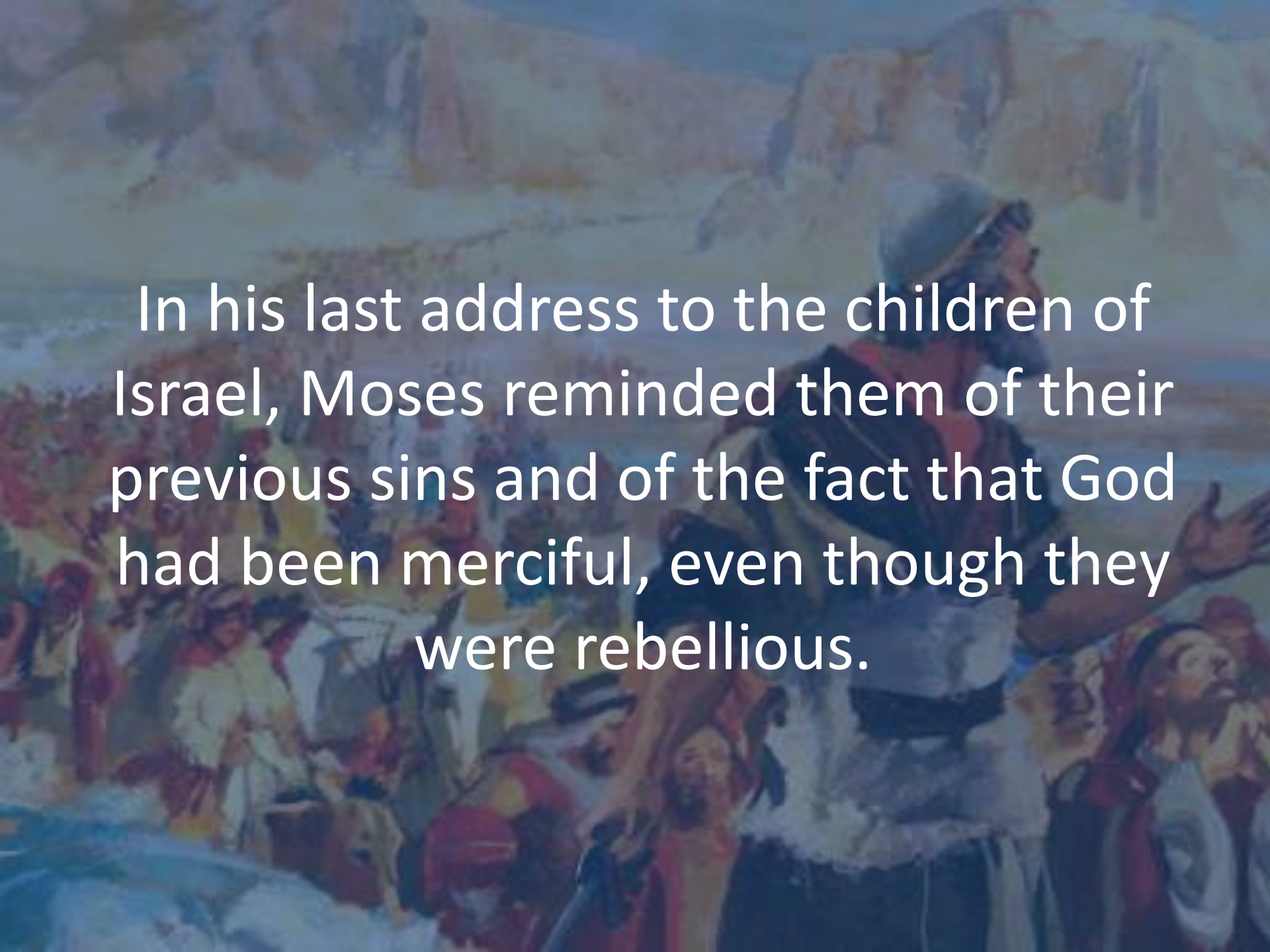




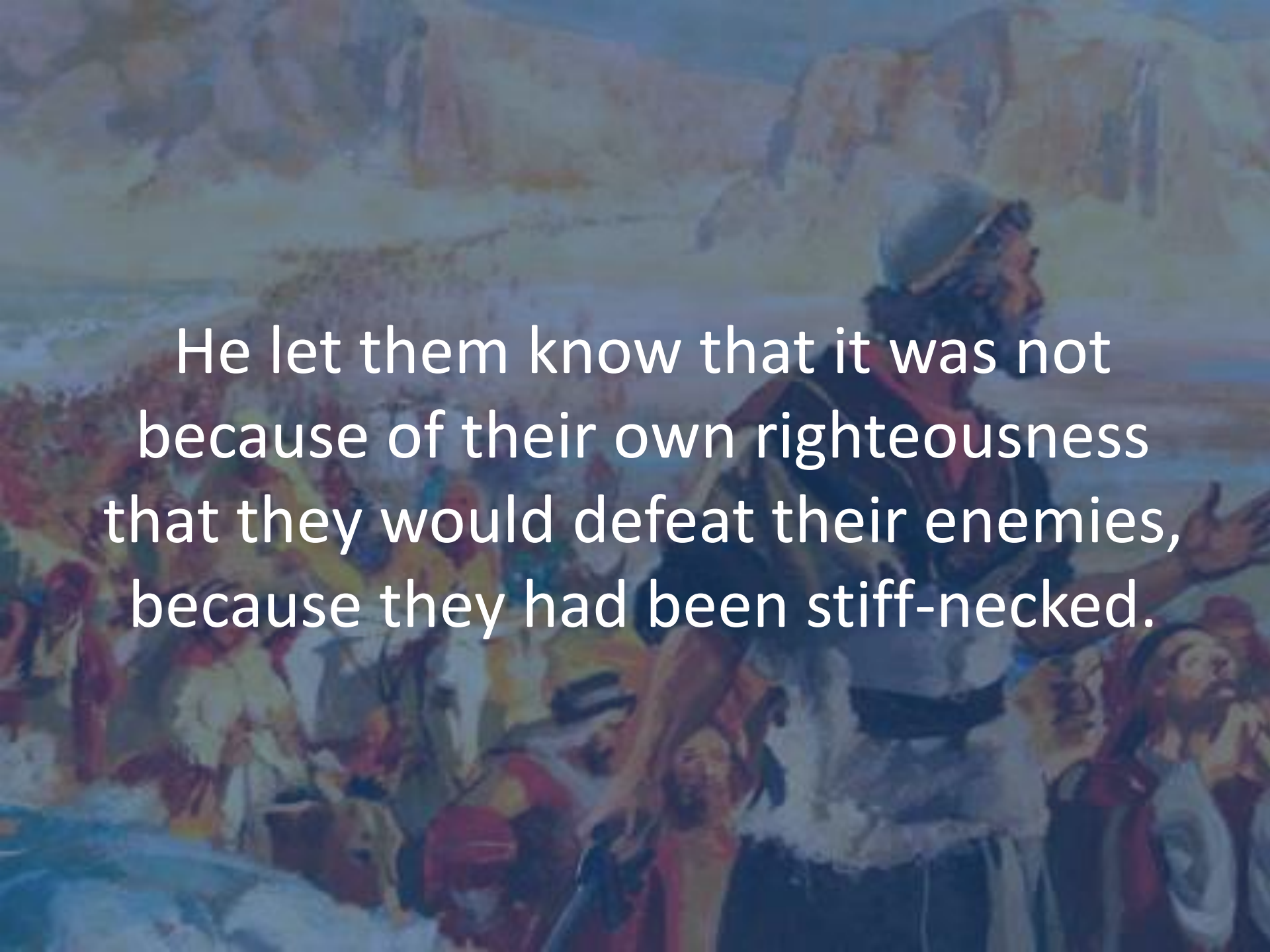
*Circumcise Your  
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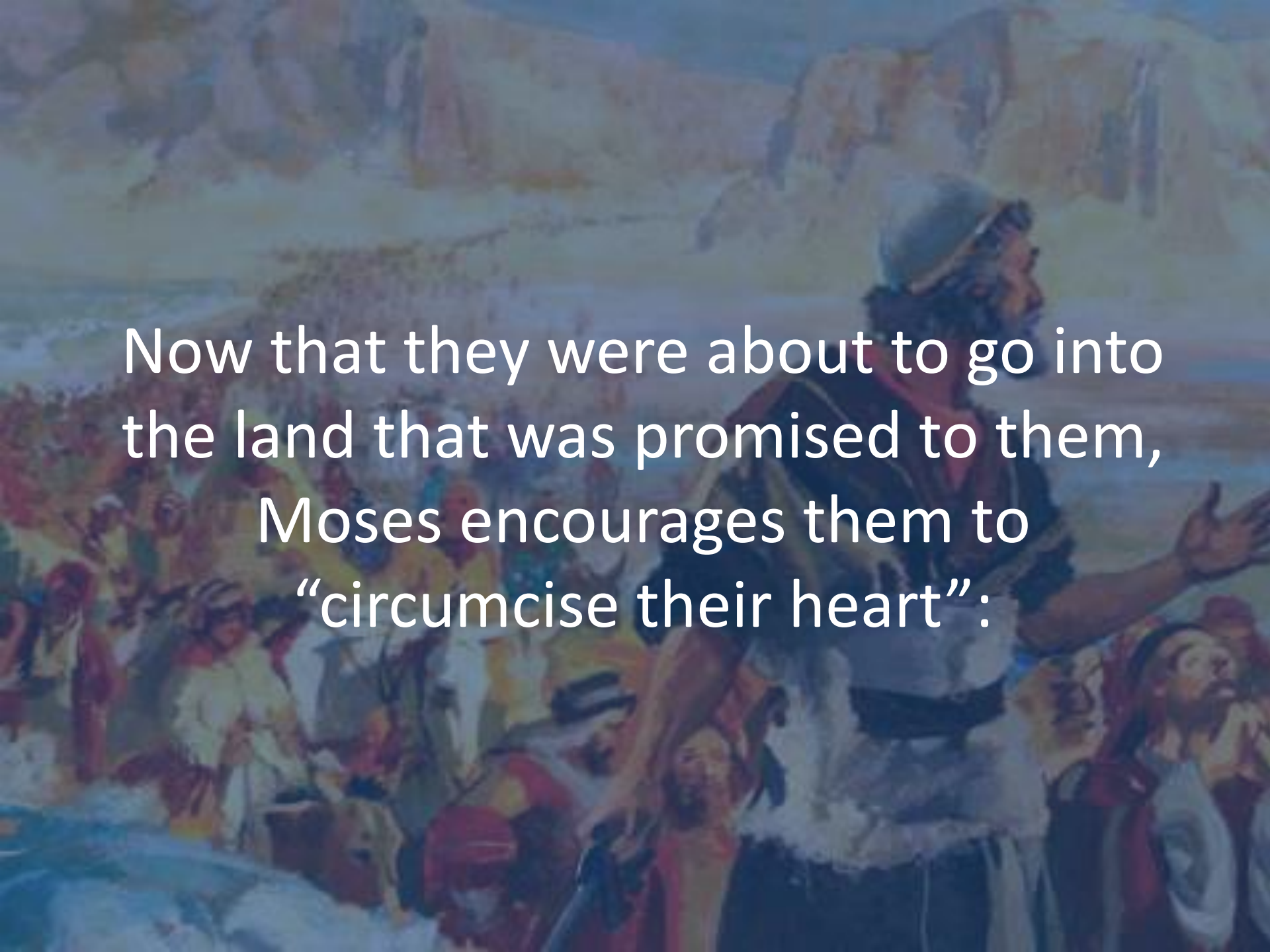
A painting depicting Moses, with a long white beard and wearing a blue turban and a red and black robe, standing on a rocky outcrop and addressing a large crowd of Israelites. The crowd, dressed in traditional Middle Eastern attire, is gathered in a desert landscape with mountains in the background. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

In his last address to the children of Israel, Moses reminded them of their previous sins and of the fact that God had been merciful, even though they were rebellious.



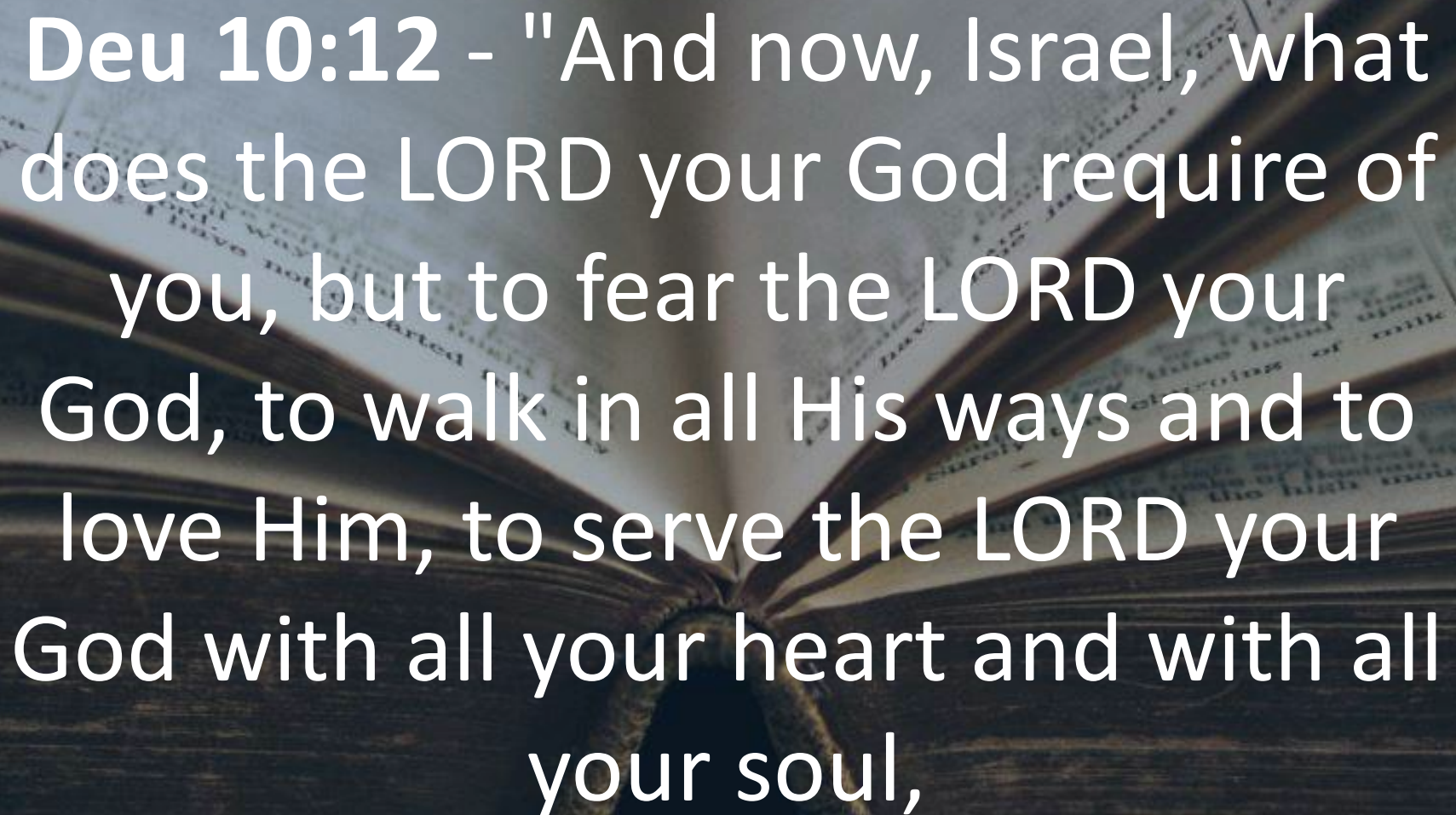
A painting depicting a man in a white tunic and blue hat, possibly a leader or prophet, addressing a large crowd of people. The man is standing on a raised platform, gesturing with his right hand. The crowd is diverse, with people wearing various colored robes and hats. The background shows a hilly landscape with some buildings. The overall style is that of a classical or religious painting.

He let them know that it was not  
because of their own righteousness  
that they would defeat their enemies,  
because they had been stiff-necked.

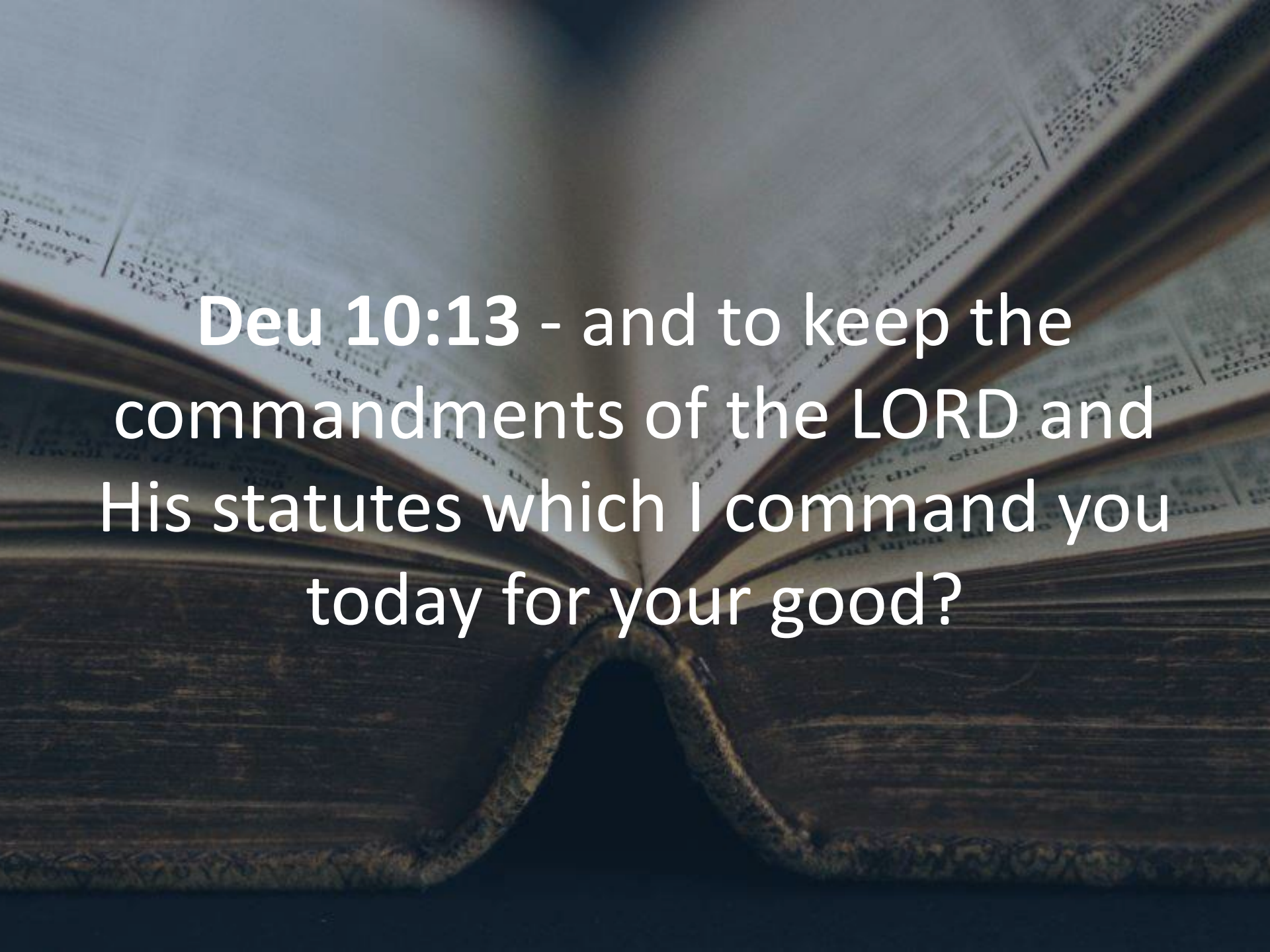
A painting depicting Moses, with a long white beard and wearing a blue turban and a dark robe with a white fur collar, standing and addressing a large crowd of people in a desert setting. The crowd, dressed in various colorful robes, is gathered around him, some looking up at him with expressions of awe or concern. The background shows a vast, hilly landscape under a pale sky. The overall tone of the painting is dramatic and historical.

Now that they were about to go into  
the land that was promised to them,  
Moses encourages them to  
“circumcise their heart”:



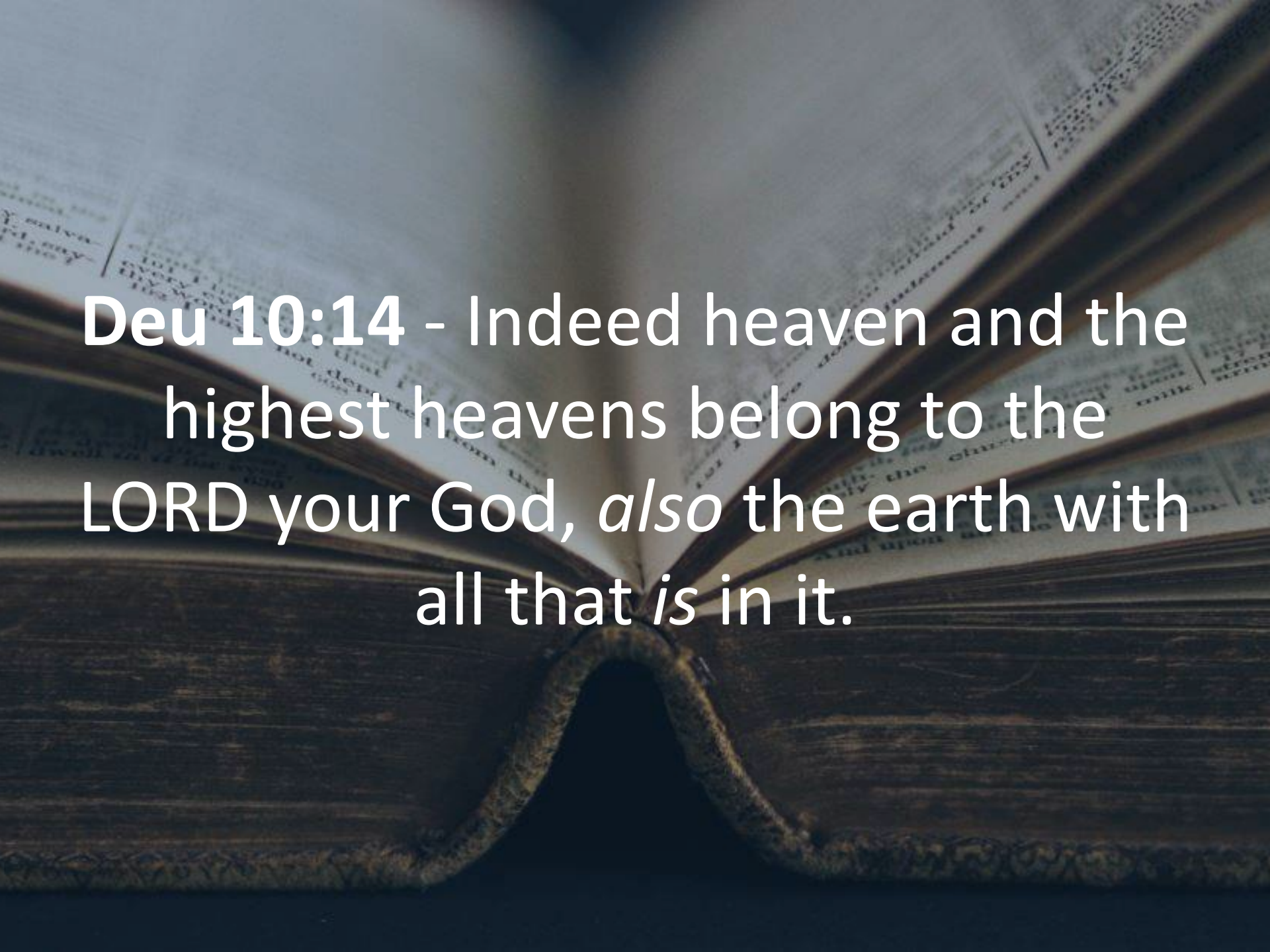
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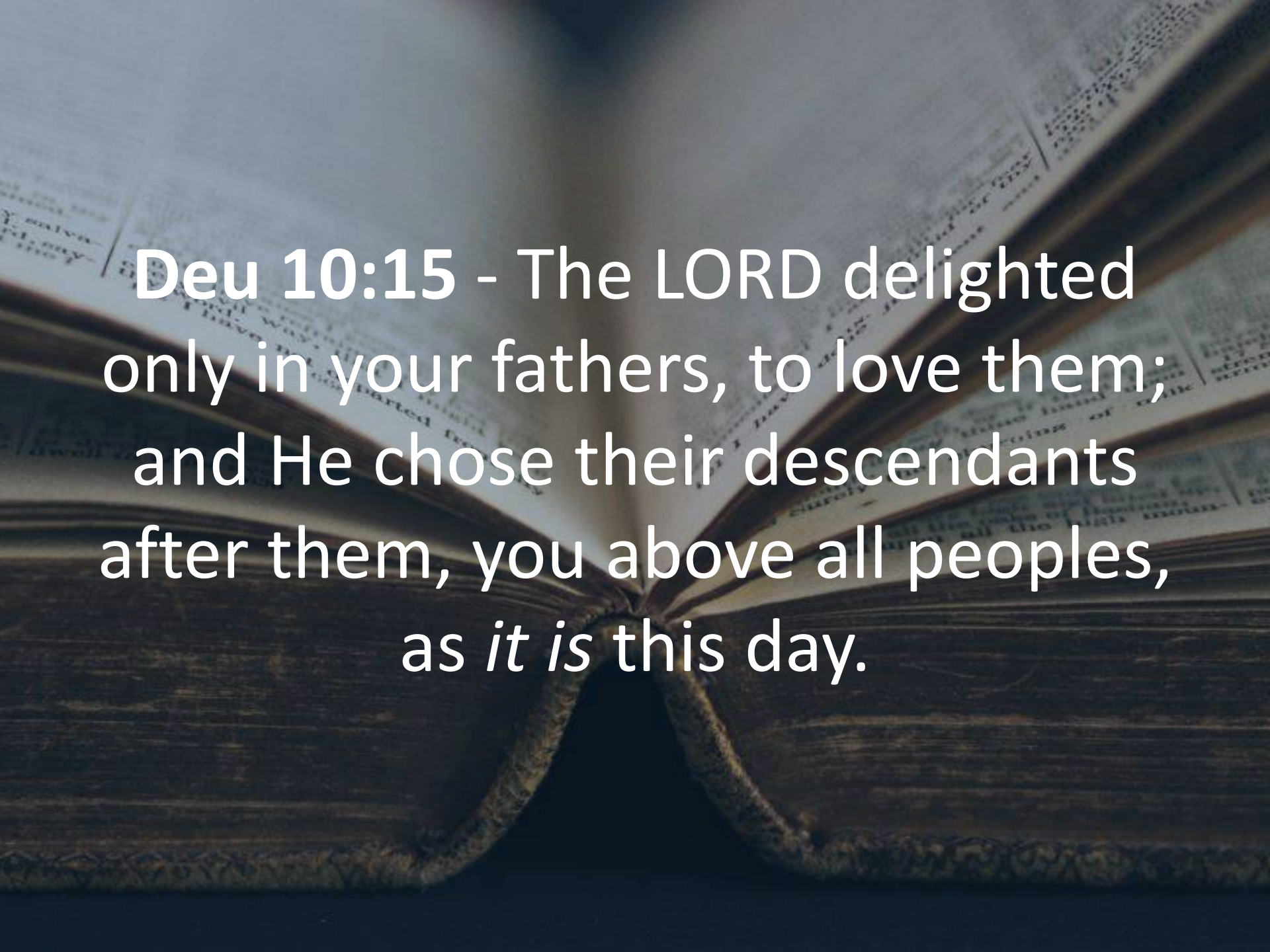
**Deu 10:13** - and to keep the  
commandments of the LORD and  
His statutes which I command you  
today for your good?



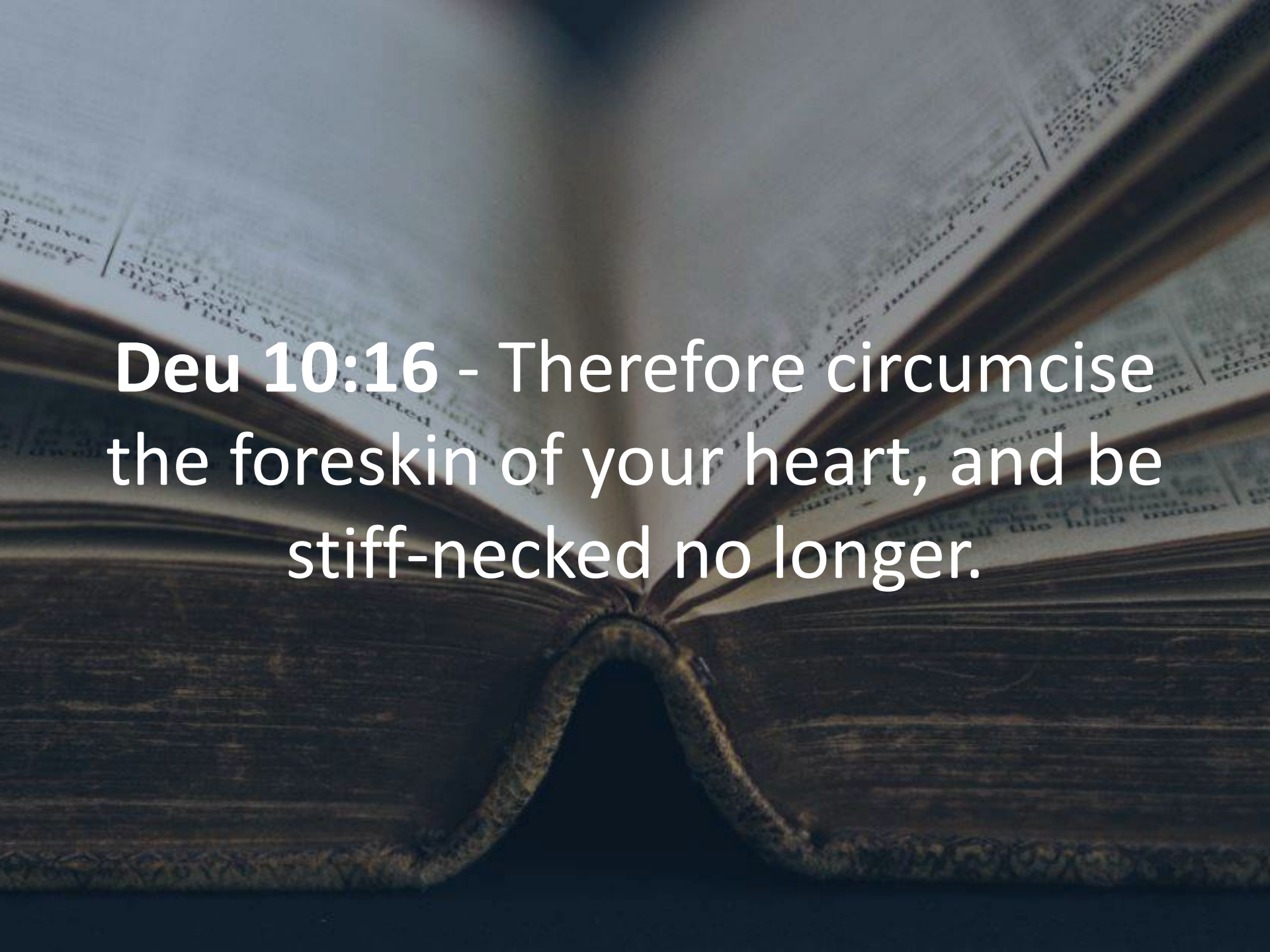


**Deu 10:14** - Indeed heaven and the  
highest heavens belong to the  
LORD your God, *also* the earth with  
all that *is* in it.






**Deu 10:15** - The LORD delighted  
only in your fathers, to love them;  
and He chose their descendants  
after them, you above all peoples,  
as *it is* this day.



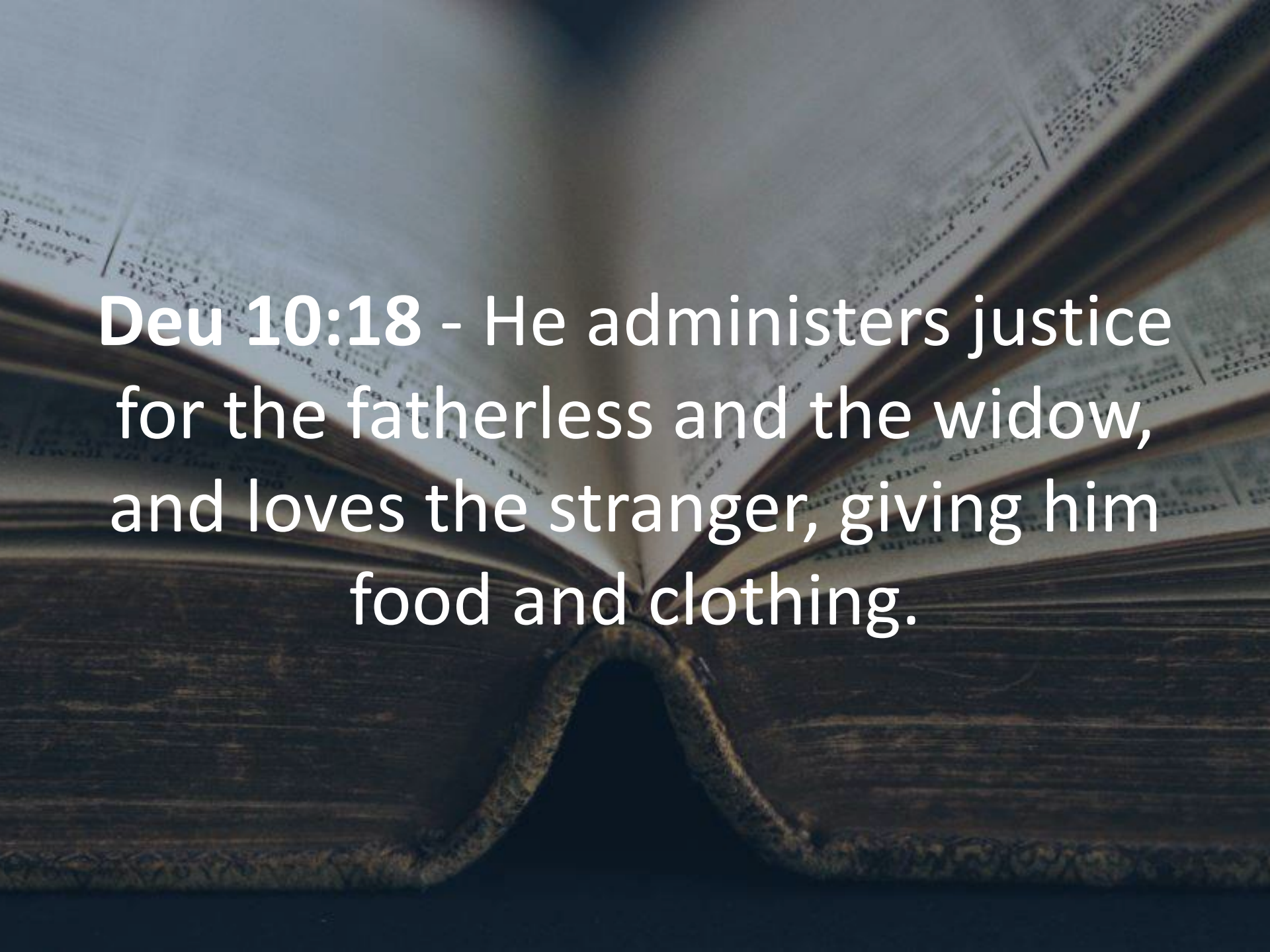
**Deu 10:16** - Therefore circumcise  
the foreskin of your heart, and be  
stiff-necked no longer.




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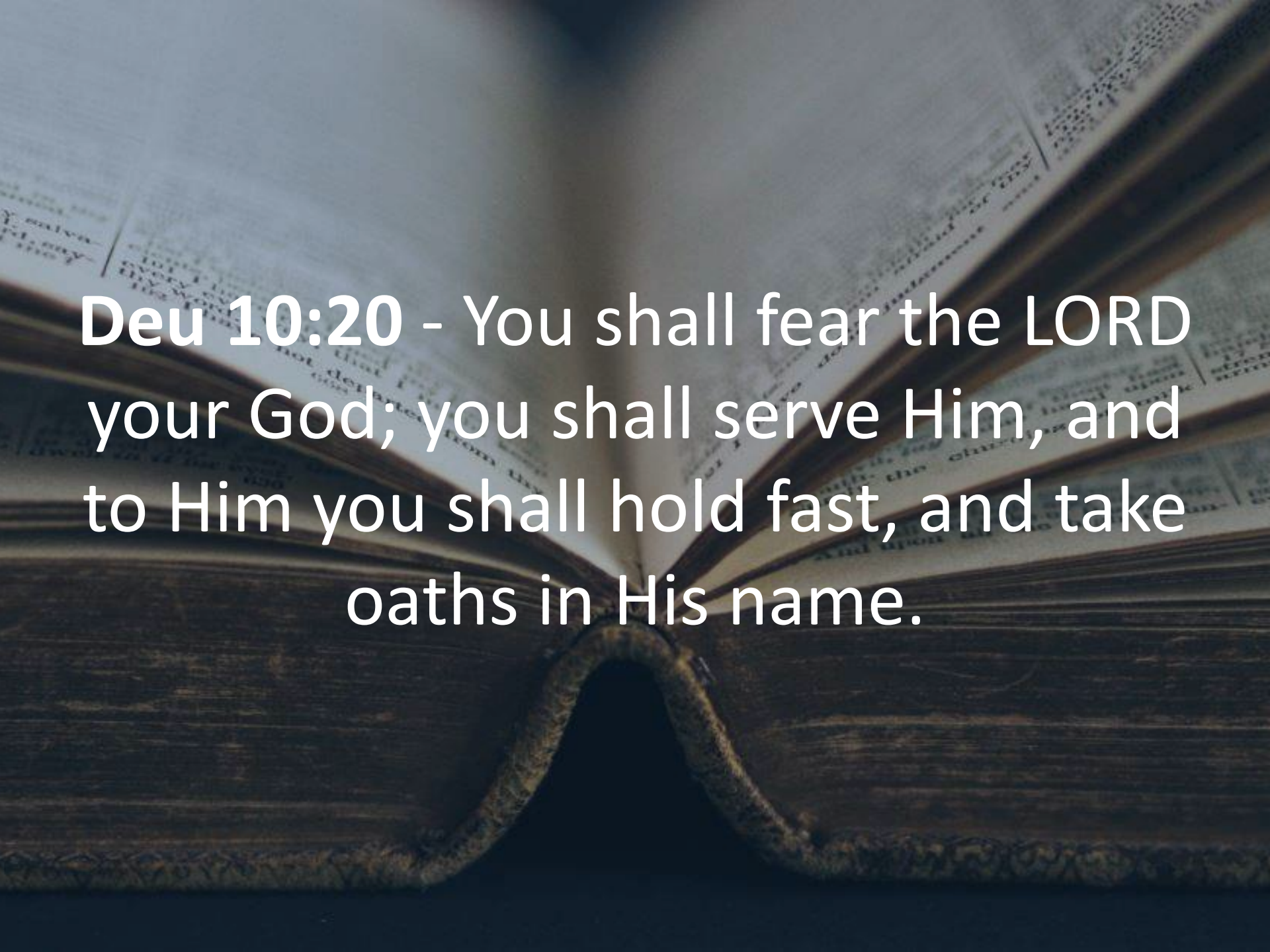
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**Deu 10:18** - He administers justice  
for the fatherless and the widow,  
and loves the stranger, giving him  
food and clothing.



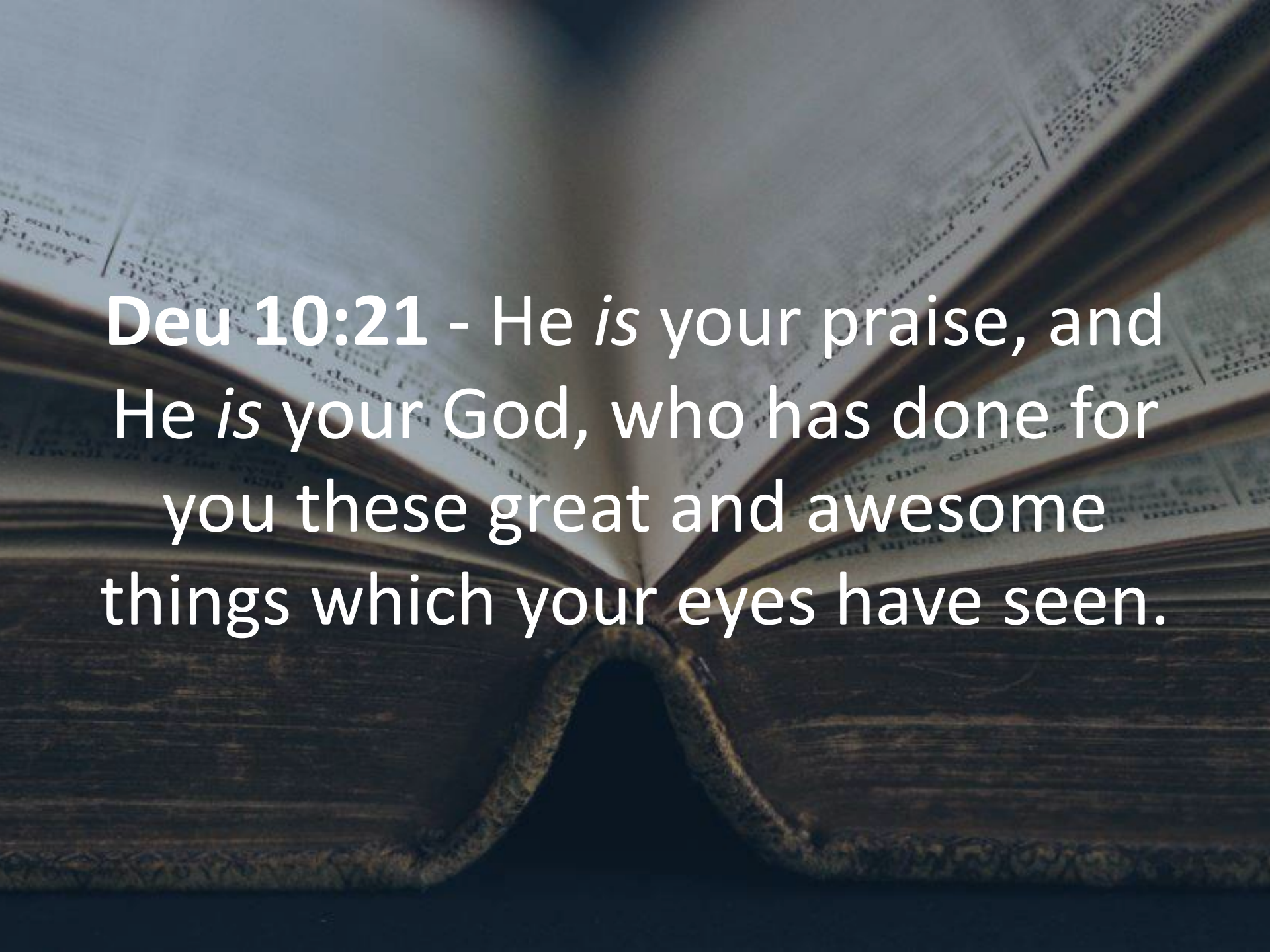
**Deu 10:19** - Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.






**Deu 10:20** - You shall fear the LORD  
your God; you shall serve Him, and  
to Him you shall hold fast, and take  
oaths in His name.





**Deu 10:21** - He *is* your praise, and  
He *is* your God, who has done for  
you these great and awesome  
things which your eyes have seen.



**Deu 10:22** - Your fathers went  
down to Egypt with seventy  
persons, and now the LORD your  
God has made you as the stars of  
heaven in multitude.

What is meant by  
“circumcision of  
the heart?”





# Circumcision:

- The cutting away of the flesh; a physical act which symbolised the removal of the sins of the flesh.
- To circumcise the flesh is to remove that which is physical.



# Uncircumcision:

- Represents something or someone that was unclean, unfit for use, ungodly, unholy etc.
- An uncircumcised person was a heathen!



# Examples

- Moses used the term “uncircumcised” to say that he was not a good speaker.





# Examples

**Exo 6:12** - And Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "The children of Israel have not heeded me. How then shall Pharaoh heed me, for I *am* of uncircumcised lips?"



# Examples

- For the first three years the fruit of the promised land was unfit to present to God and was called “uncircumcised”.



# Examples

**Lev 19:23** - 'When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as uncircumcised. Three years it shall be as uncircumcised to you. *It* shall not be eaten.





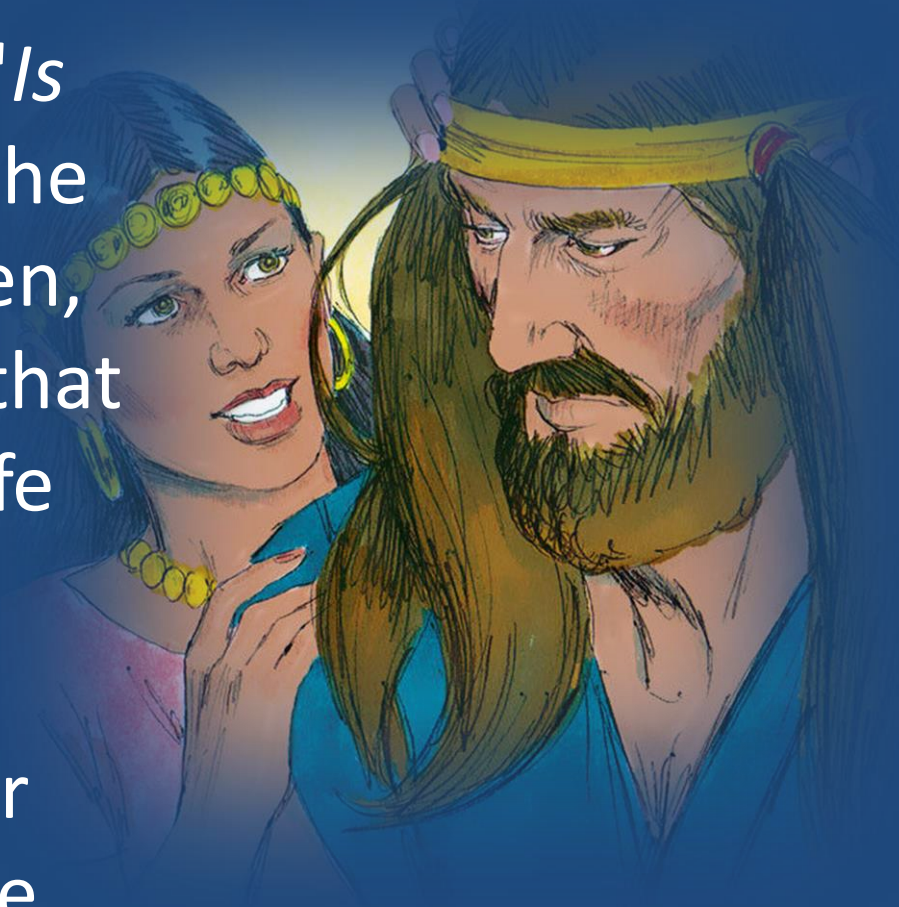
# Examples

- Samson's parents did not want their son to have a wife from the ungodly Philistines, who were "uncircumcised".



# Examples

**Jdg 14:-3** - Then his father and mother said to him, "*Is there* no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" And Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she pleases me well."



# Examples

- David considered the Philistines as a godless people, and Goliath as “uncircumcised”.





# Examples

**1Sa 17:26-** Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"



# Examples

- The martyr, Stephen, spoke of the religious leaders as “uncircumcised” in heart and ears.



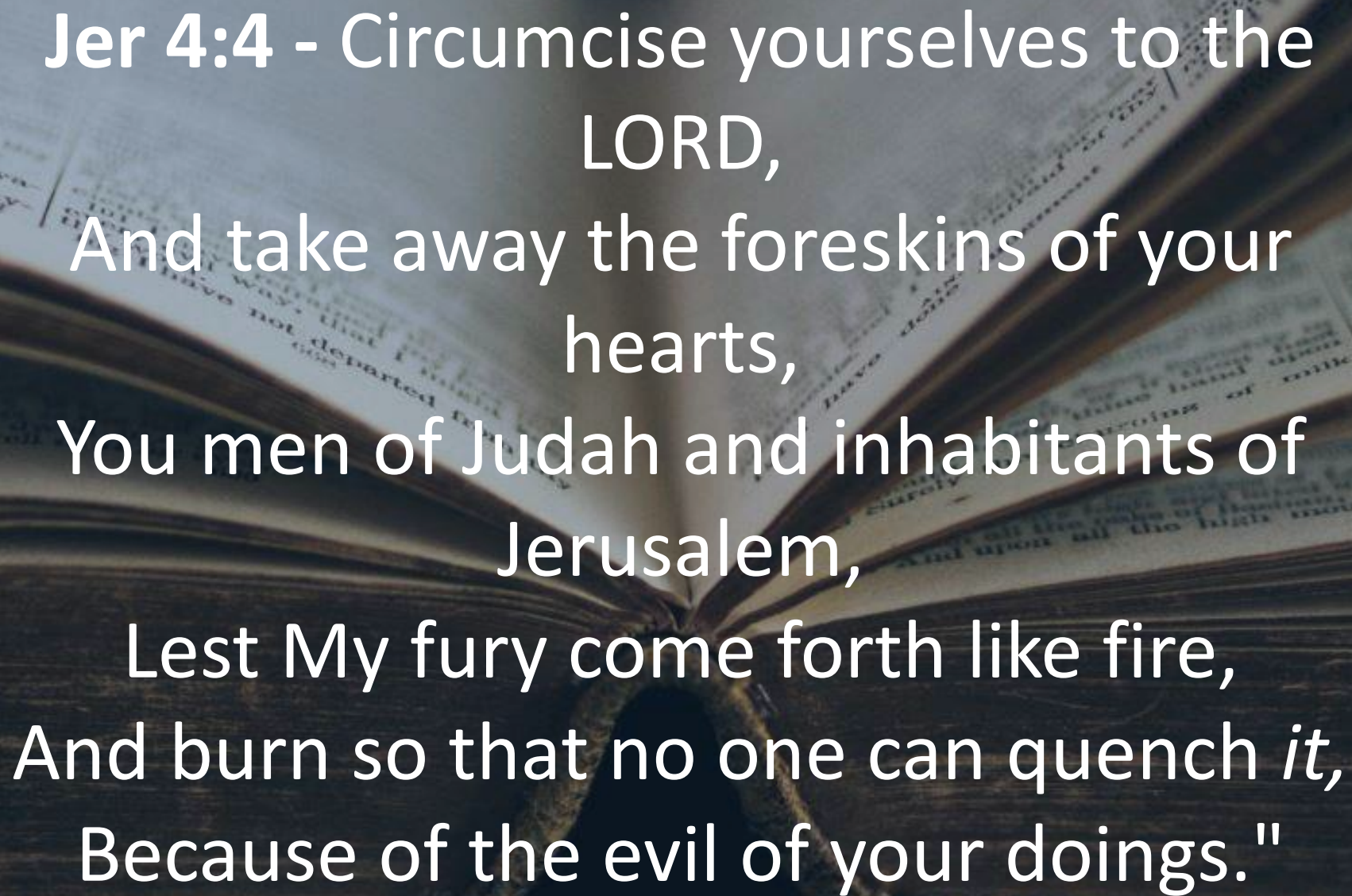
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- **Act 7:51** - "*You* stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so *do* you.





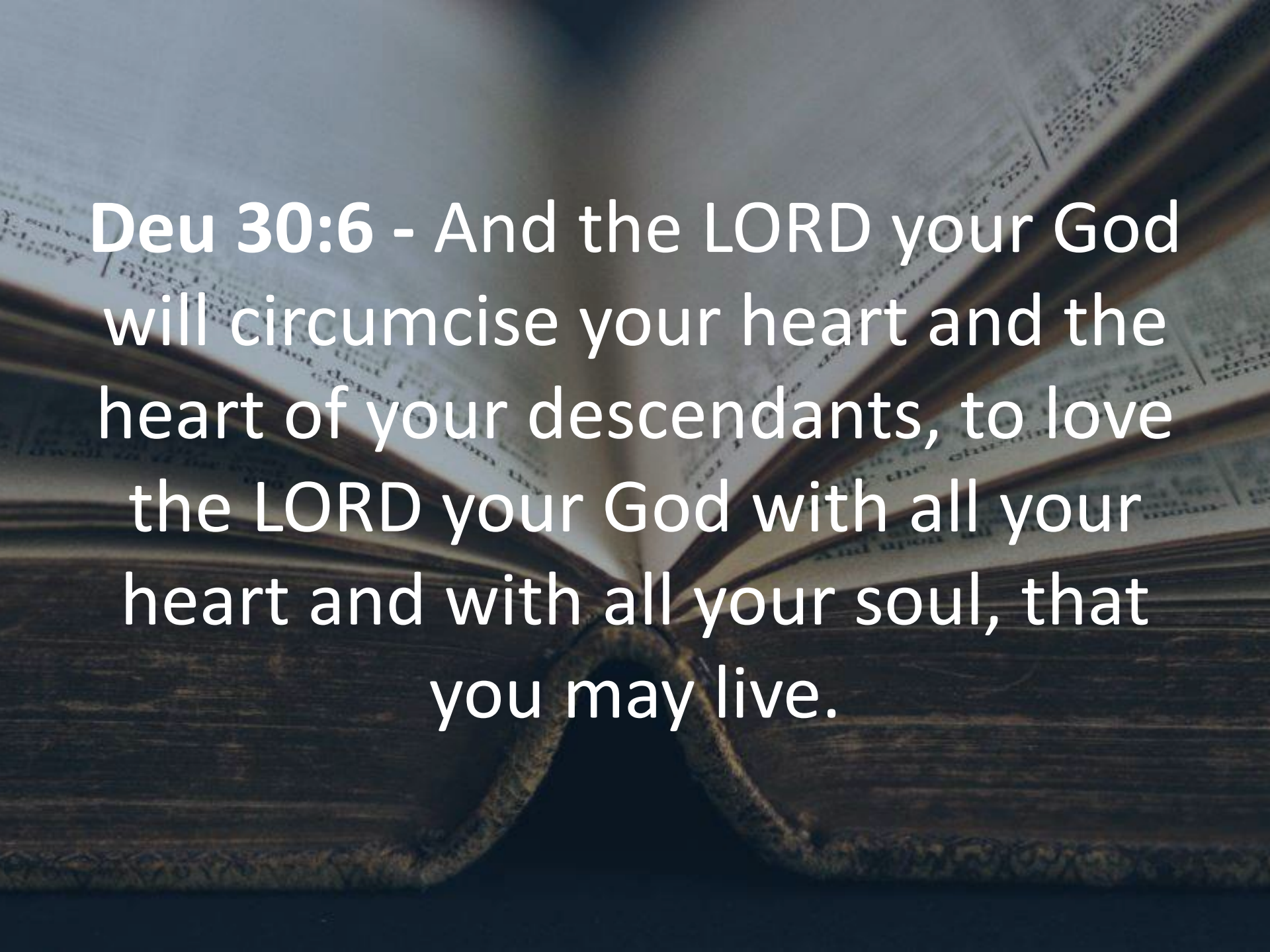
To circumcise the heart is to remove that which is displeasing to God. It implies the cutting off of sins and a pure life. Not the cutting away of the flesh, but the purification of the soul.

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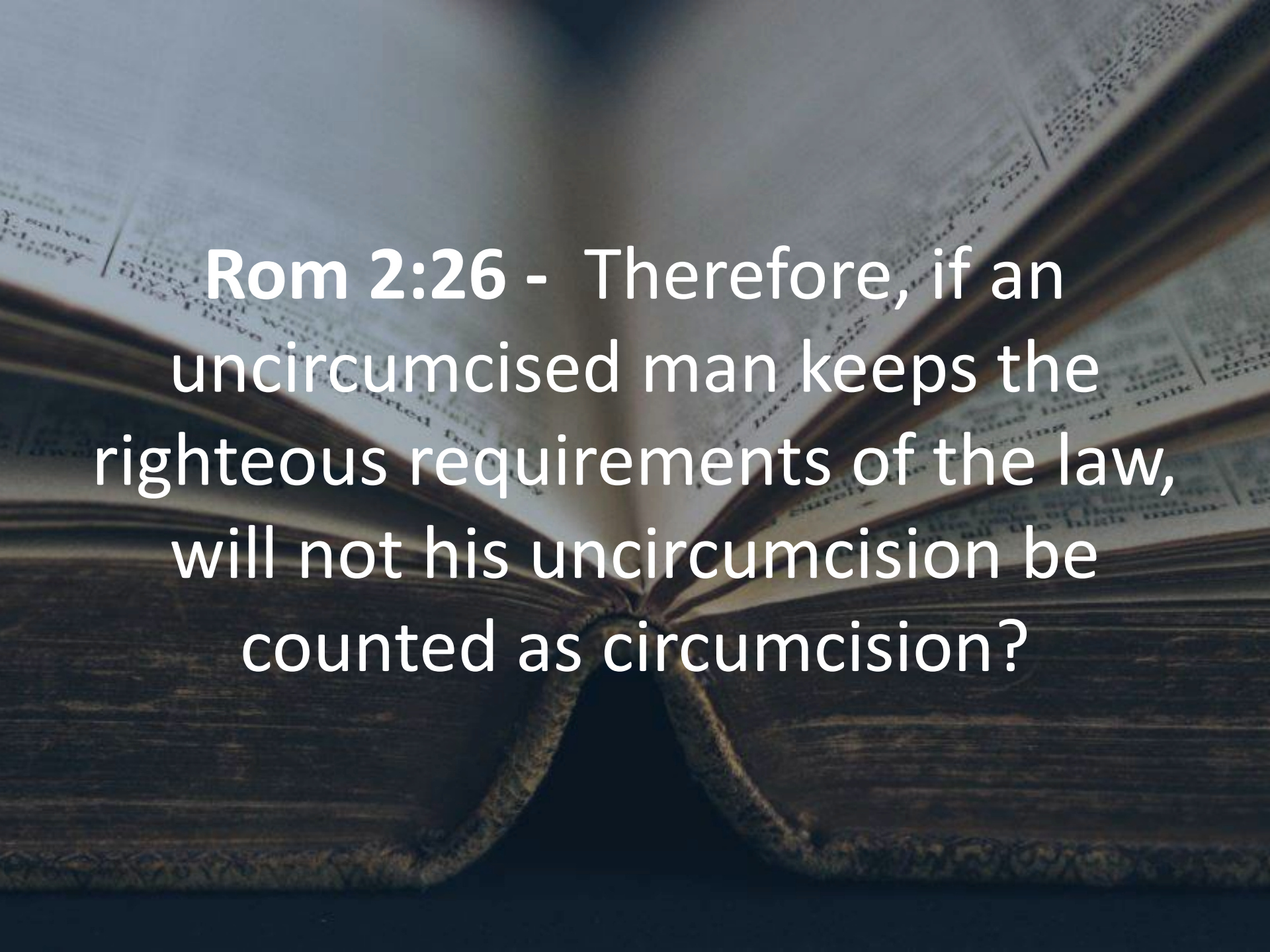
Jer 4:4 - Circumcise yourselves to the  
LORD,  
And take away the foreskins of your  
hearts,  
You men of Judah and inhabitants of  
Jerusalem,  
Lest My fury come forth like fire,  
And burn so that no one can quench *it*,  
Because of the evil of your doings."

This can only be done by the power of  
the Holy Spirit:



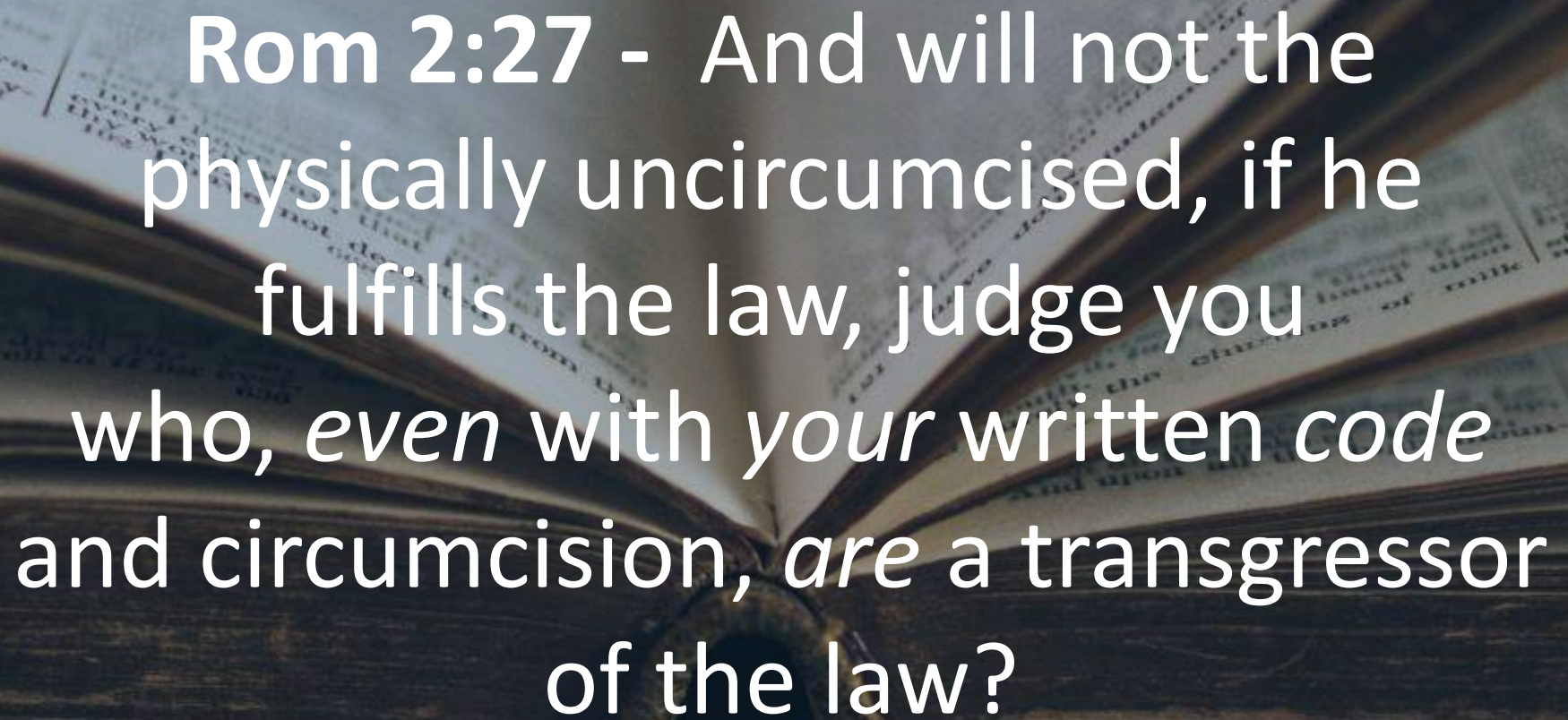
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**Deu 30:6 - And the LORD your God  
will circumcise your heart and the  
heart of your descendants, to love  
the LORD your God with all your  
heart and with all your soul, that  
you may live.**



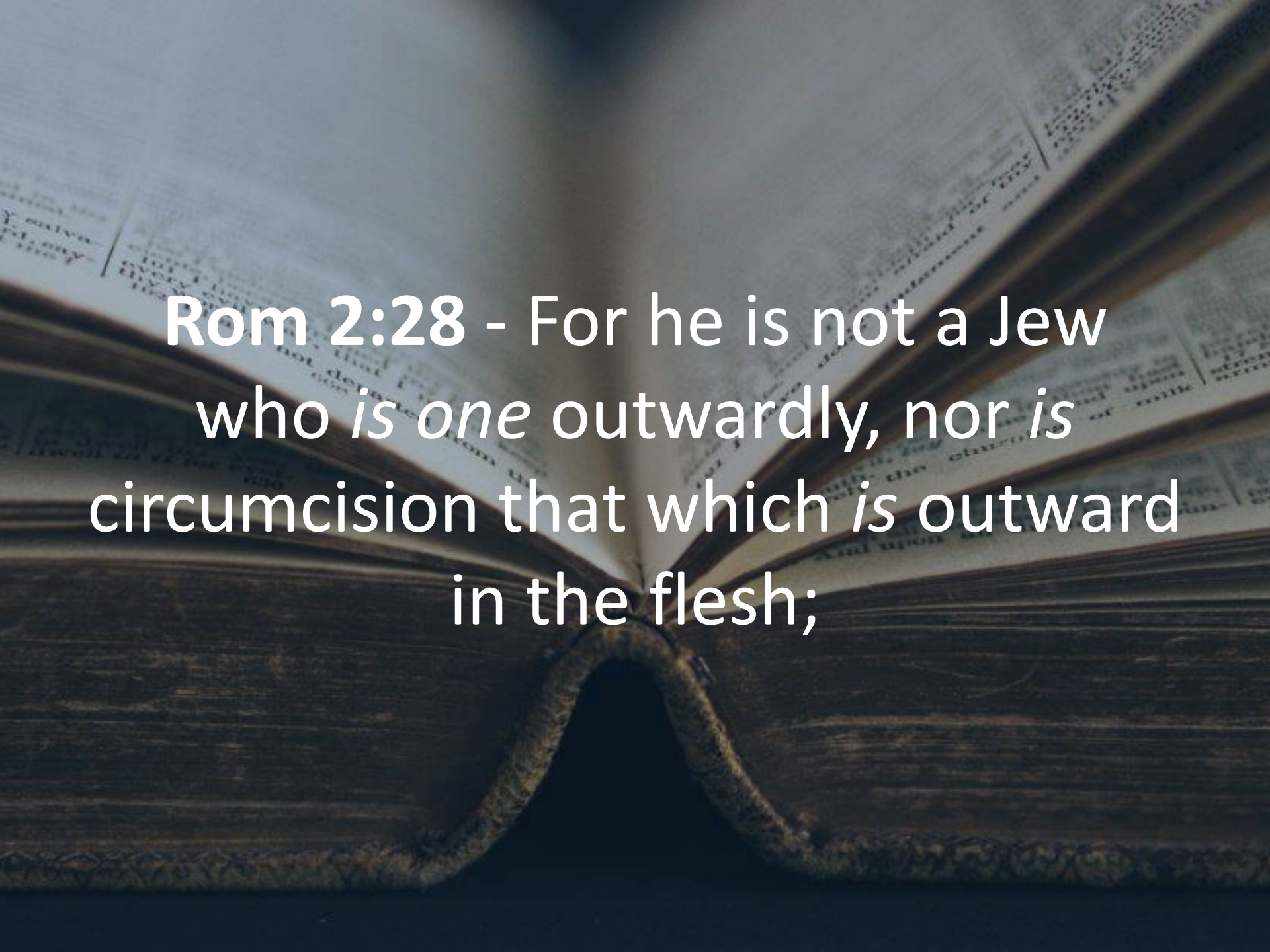
**Rom 2:26** - Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?



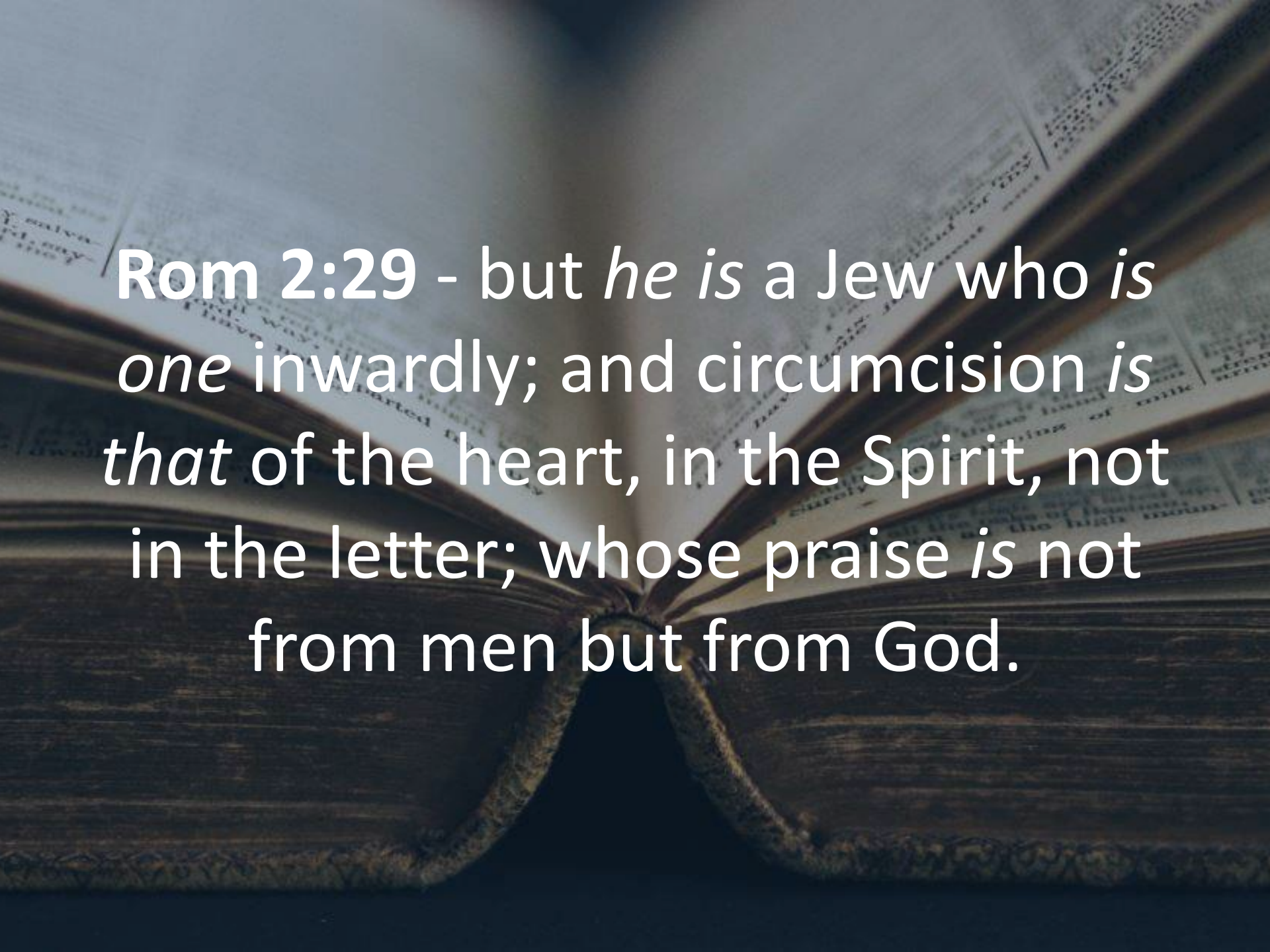


**Rom 2:27** - And will not the  
physically uncircumcised, if he  
fulfills the law, judge you  
who, *even with your written code*  
and circumcision, *are* a transgressor  
of the law?





**Rom 2:28** - For he is not a Jew  
who *is one* outwardly, nor *is*  
circumcision that which *is* outward  
in the flesh;

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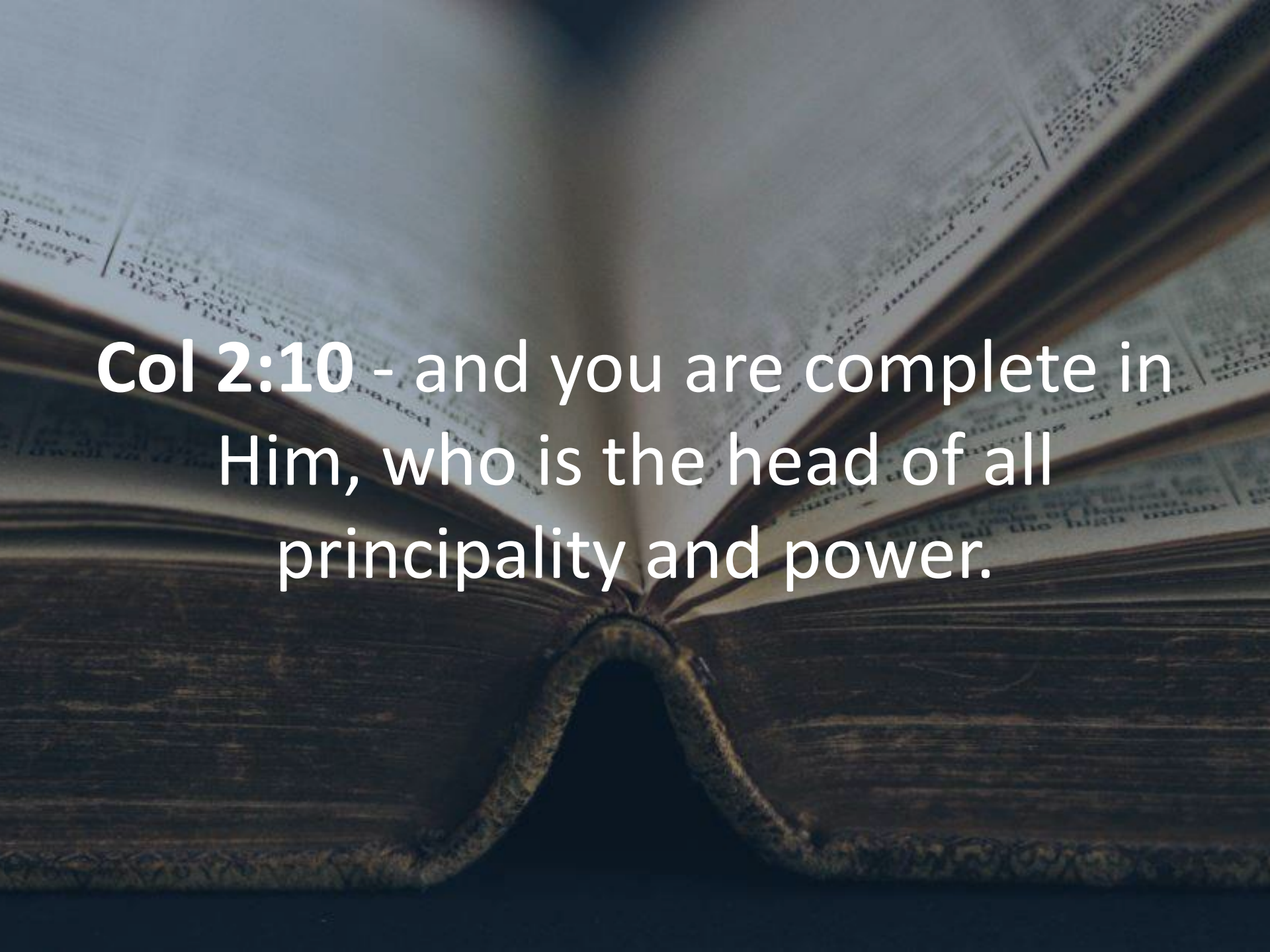
**Rom 2:29** - but *he is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise *is not* from men but from God.



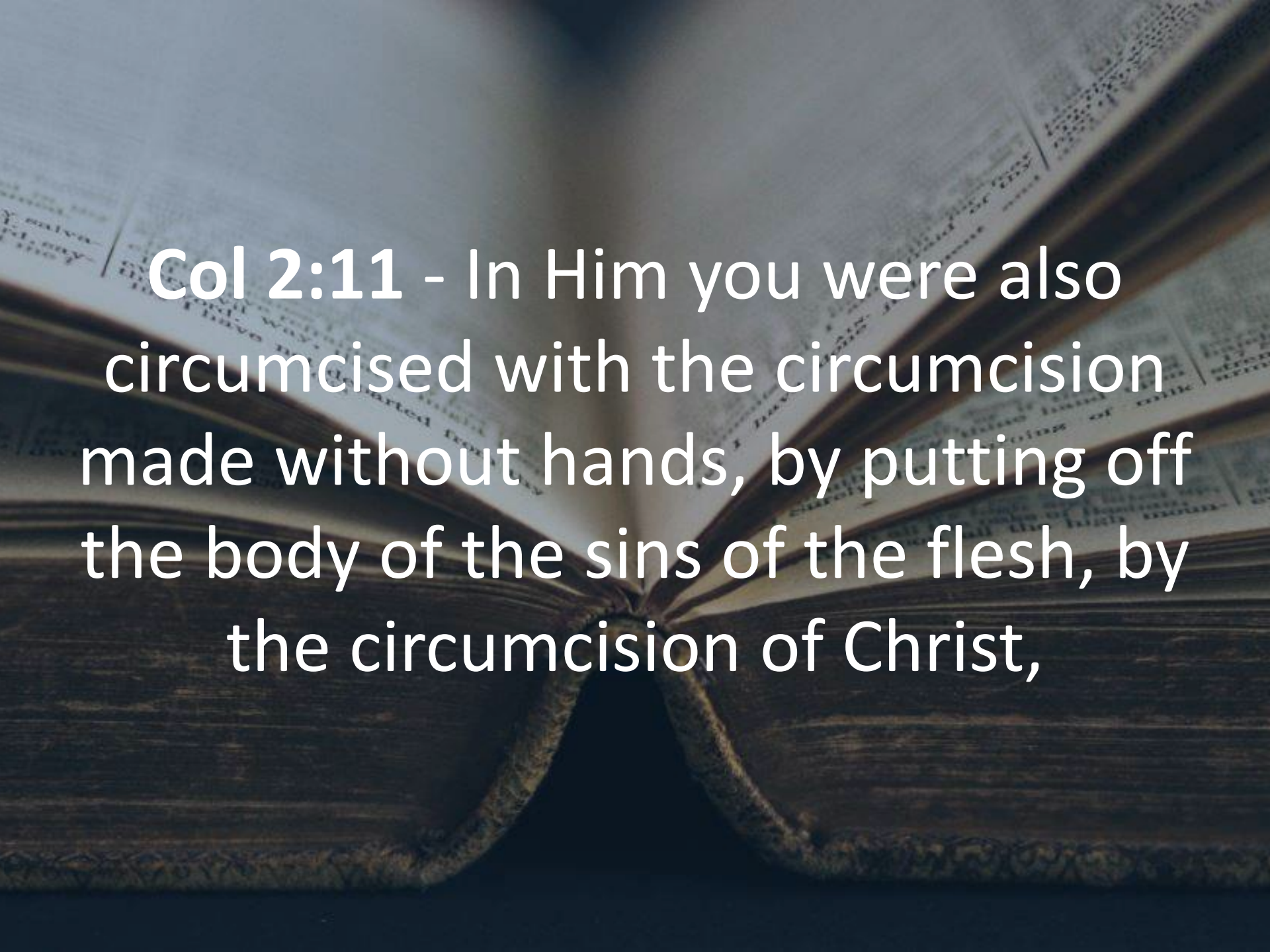


**Col 2:9** - For in Him dwells all the  
fullness of the Godhead bodily;



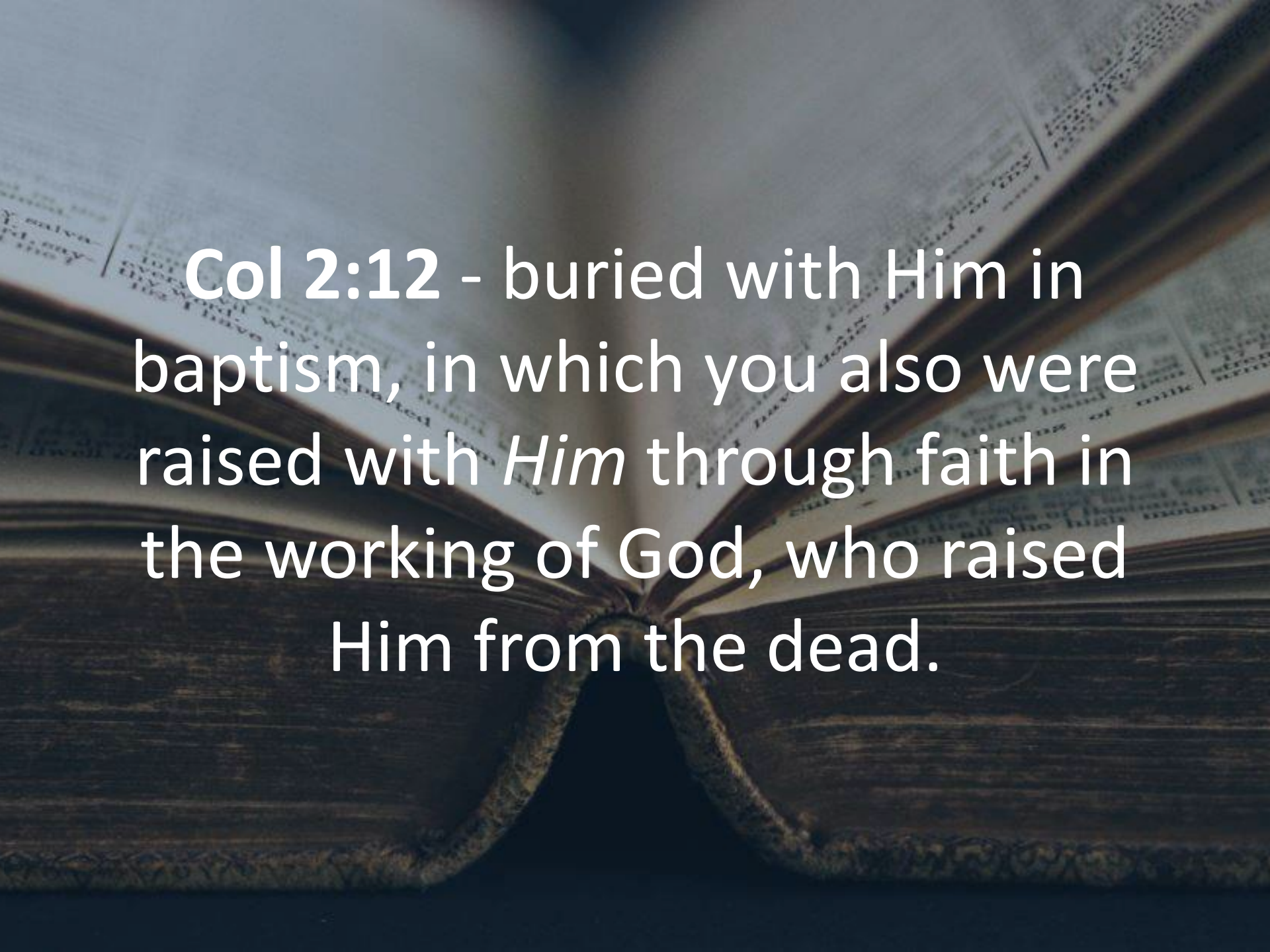


**Col 2:10** - and you are complete in  
Him, who is the head of all  
principality and power.



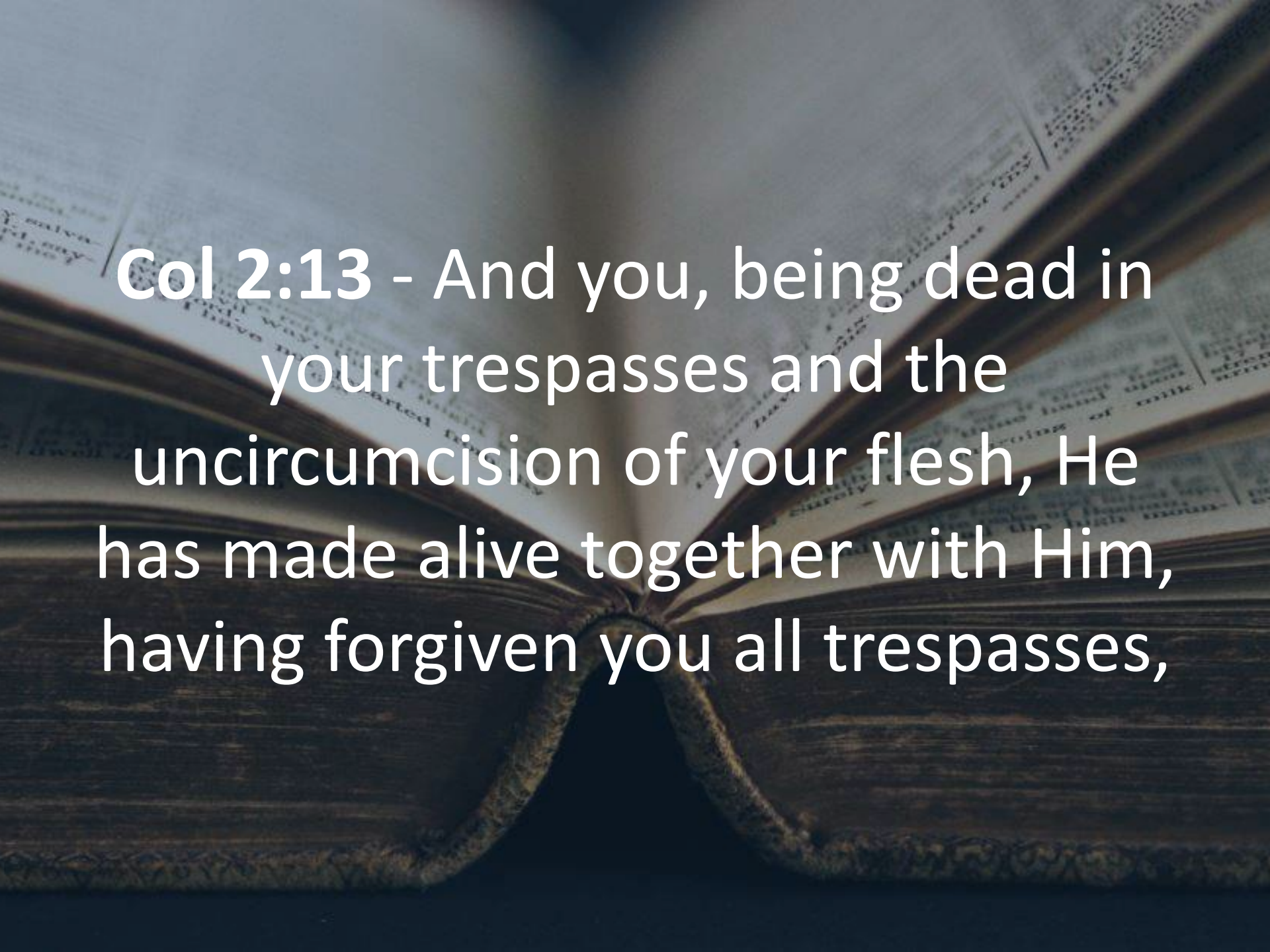
**Col 2:11** - In Him you were also  
circumcised with the circumcision  
made without hands, by putting off  
the body of the sins of the flesh, by  
the circumcision of Christ,



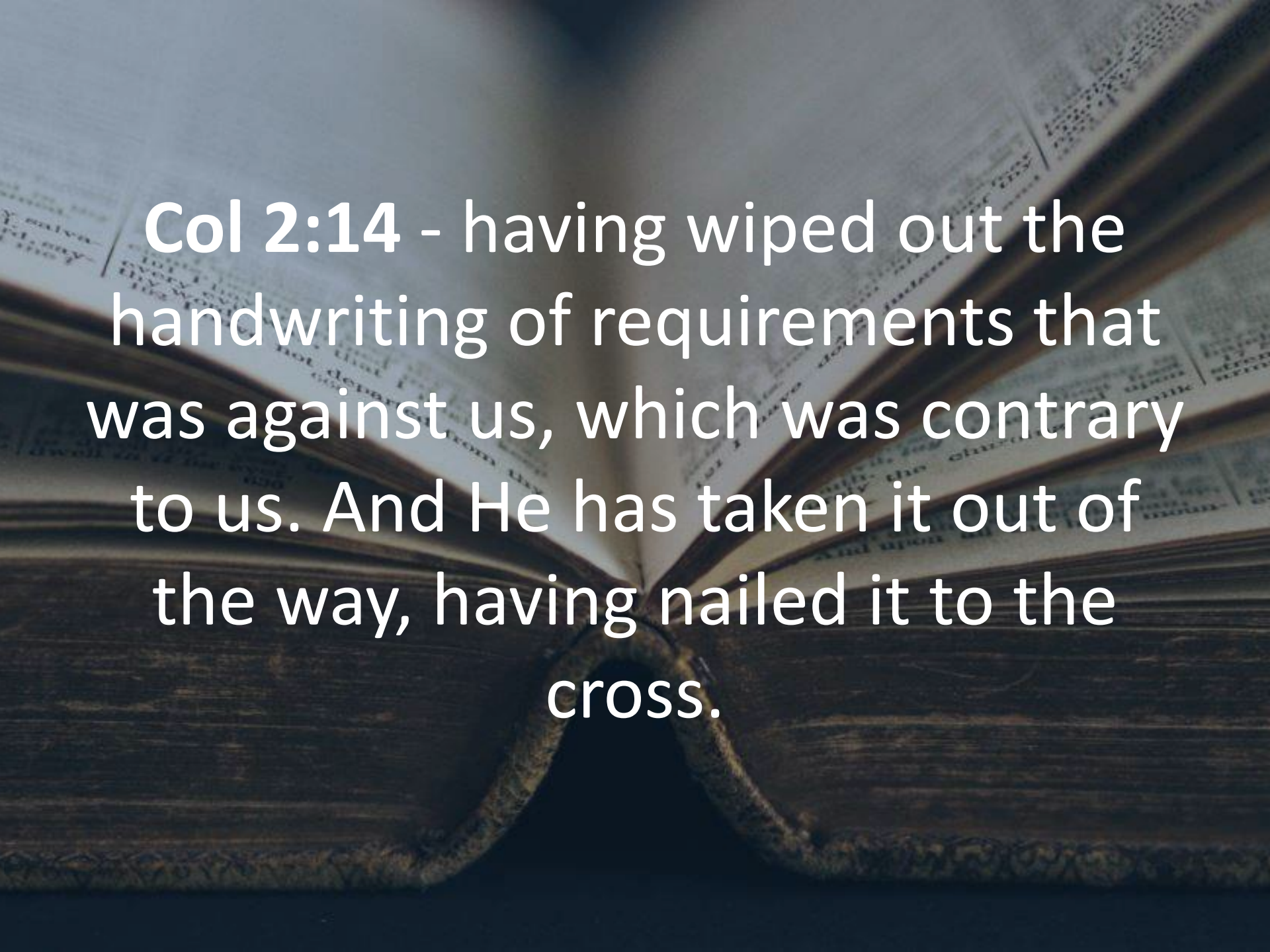


**Col 2:12** - buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.



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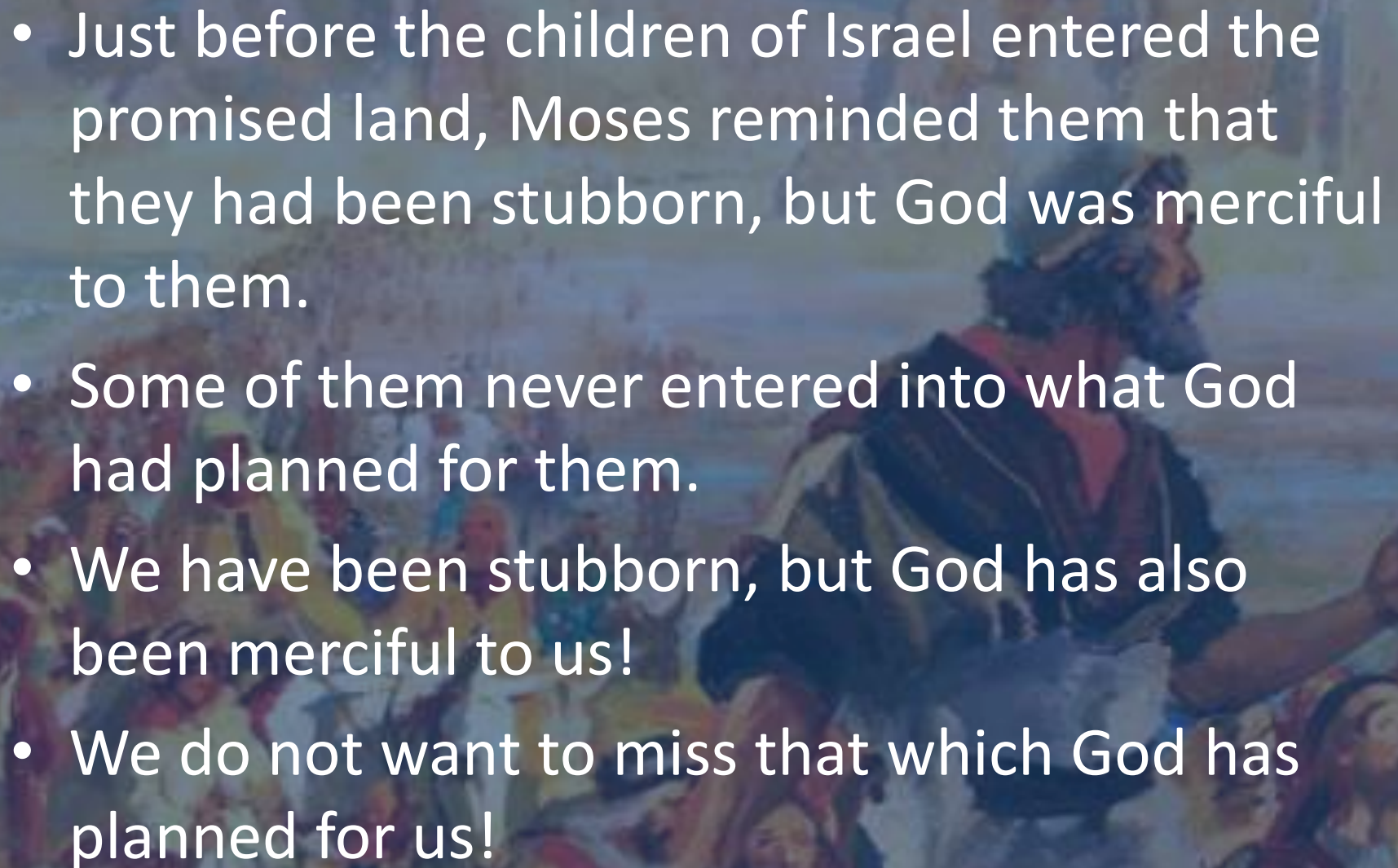
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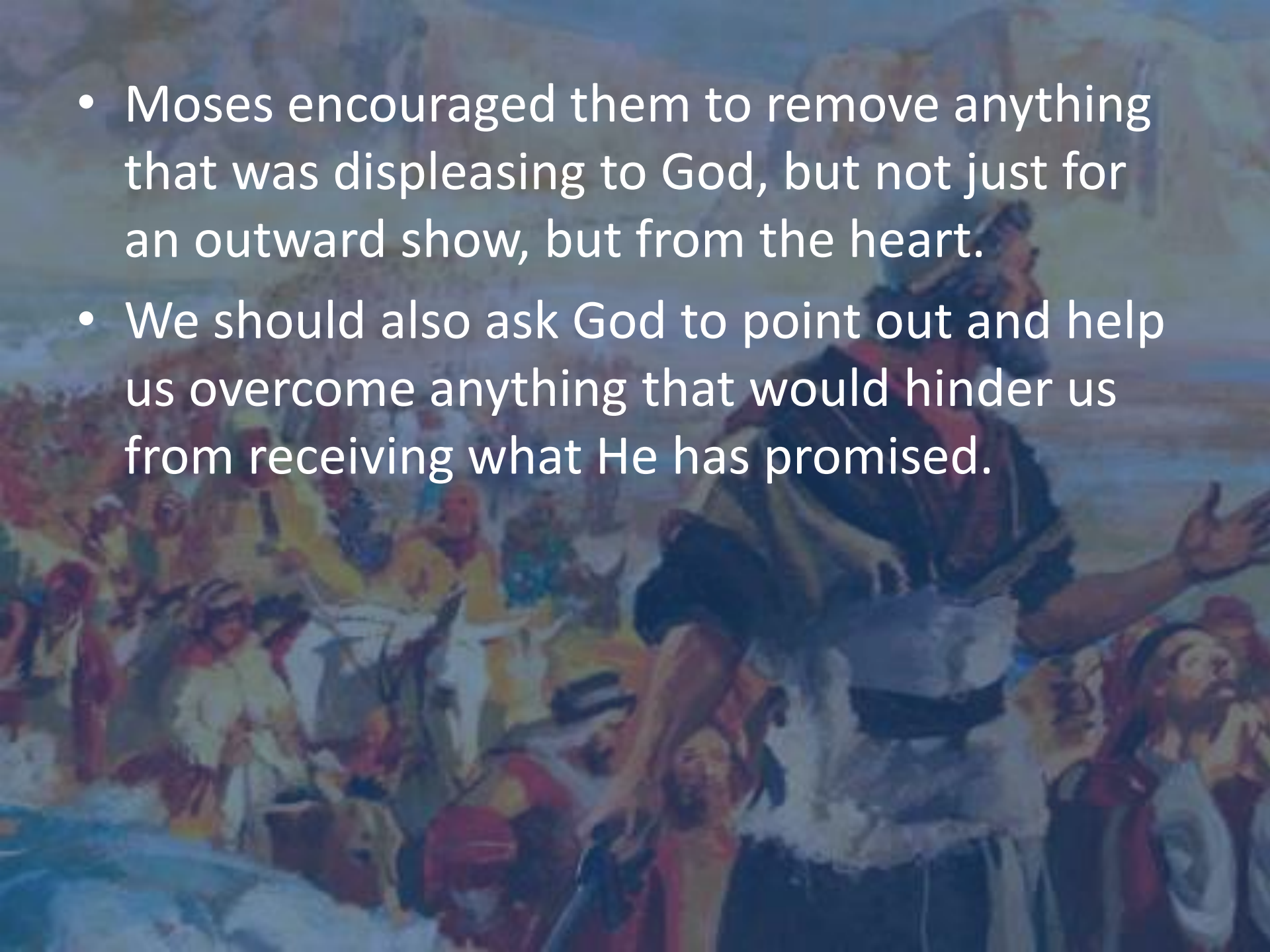
**Col 2:14** - having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

So, what is God saying to us?  
What can we learn from their  
example?

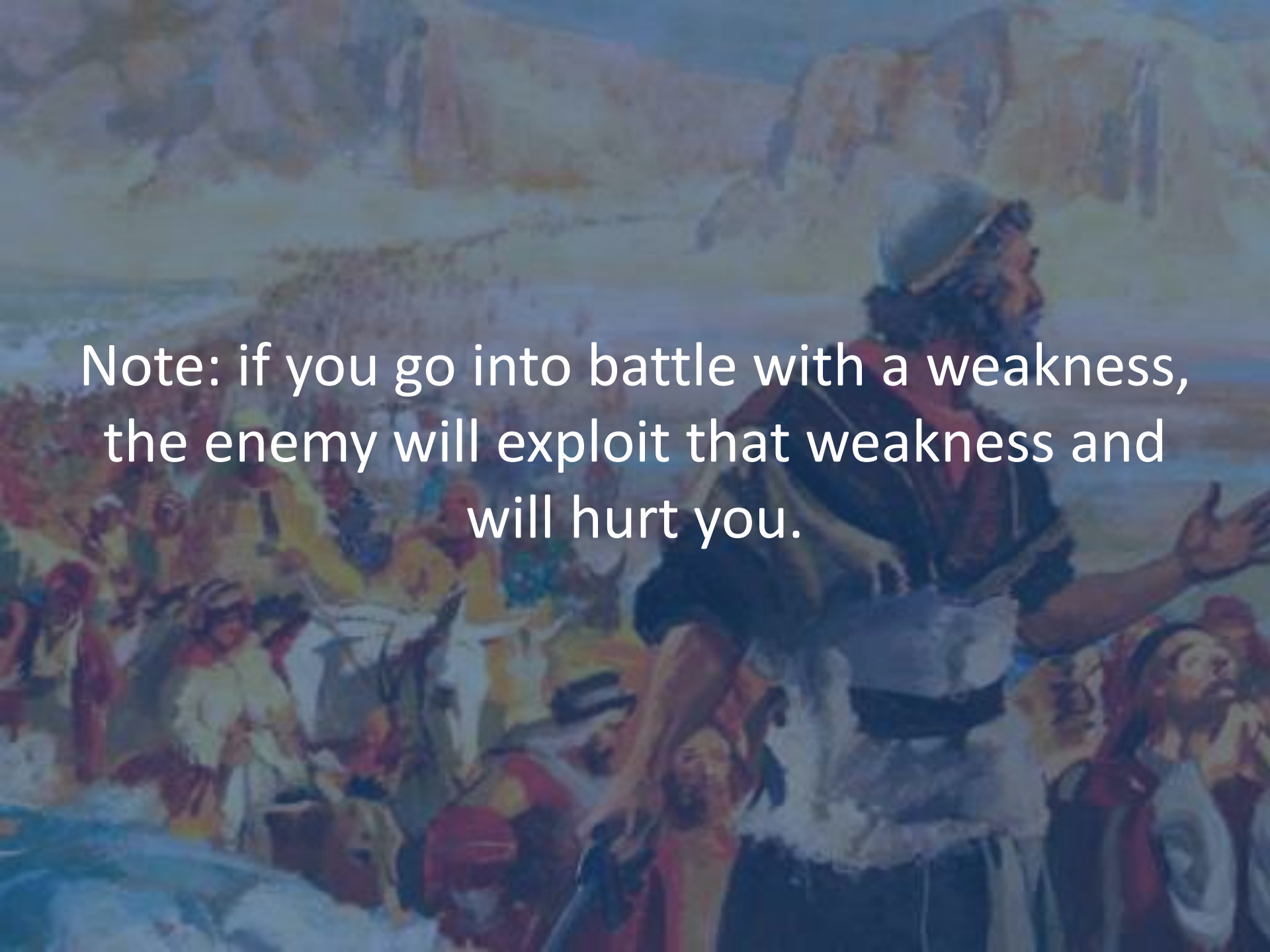


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- A painting depicting Moses, with a long white beard and wearing a blue and red robe, standing on a rocky outcrop and gesturing with his right hand towards a large crowd of people below. The crowd, dressed in various colorful garments, is gathered on a sloping hillside. The background shows a hazy, mountainous landscape under a soft sky. The overall tone is dramatic and historical.
- Just before the children of Israel entered the promised land, Moses reminded them that they had been stubborn, but God was merciful to them.
  - Some of them never entered into what God had planned for them.
  - We have been stubborn, but God has also been merciful to us!
  - We do not want to miss that which God has planned for us!

- Moses encouraged them to remove anything that was displeasing to God, but not just for an outward show, but from the heart.
- We should also ask God to point out and help us overcome anything that would hinder us from receiving what He has promised.





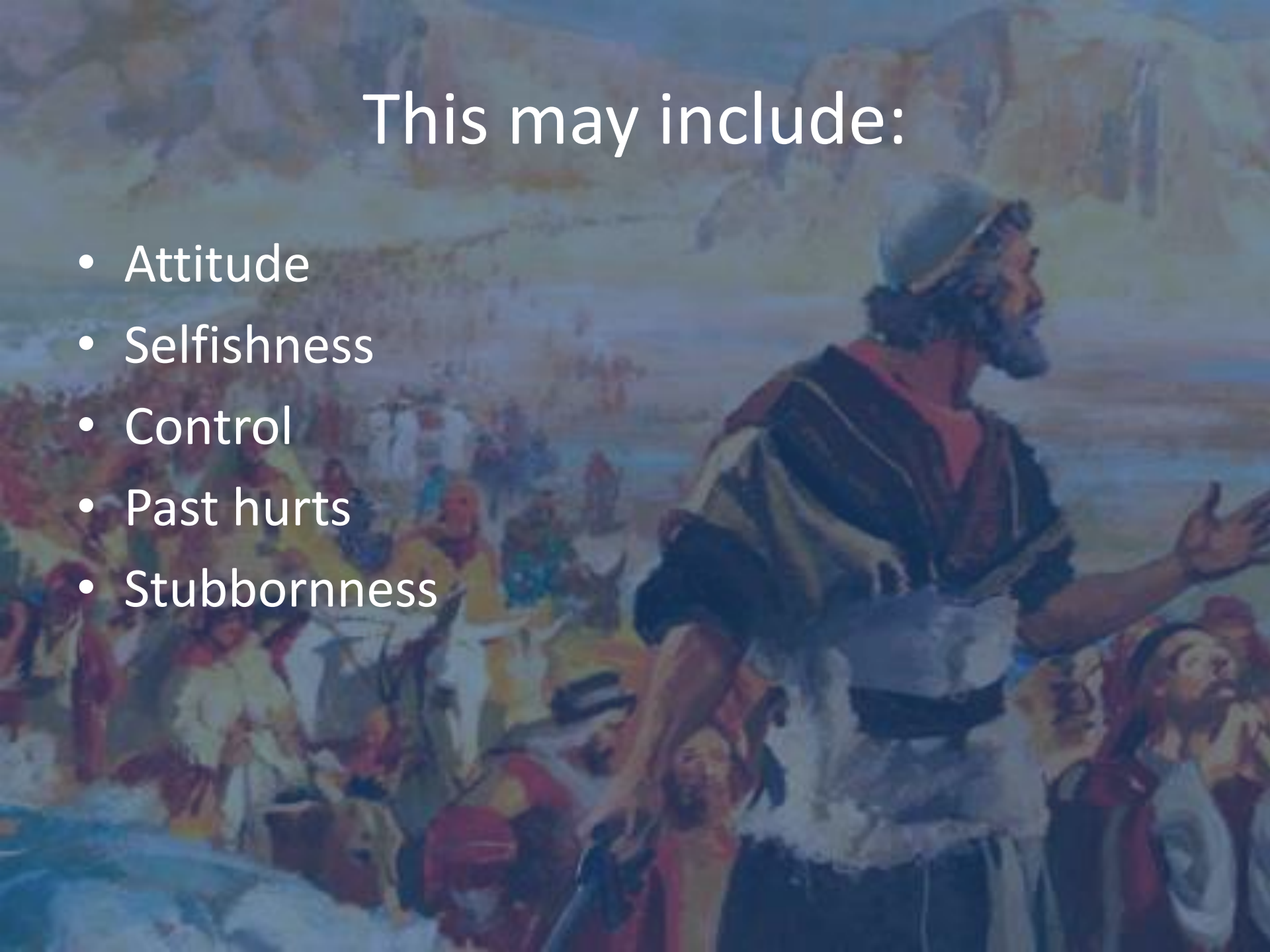
A painting depicting a man in a military uniform, possibly a general or commander, standing on a battlefield. He is wearing a dark uniform with a red sash and a white ruffled collar. He has a beard and is looking towards the right. His right arm is raised, and he appears to be addressing the troops. The background is filled with the smoke and chaos of battle, with soldiers and horses visible in the distance. The overall tone is dramatic and historical.

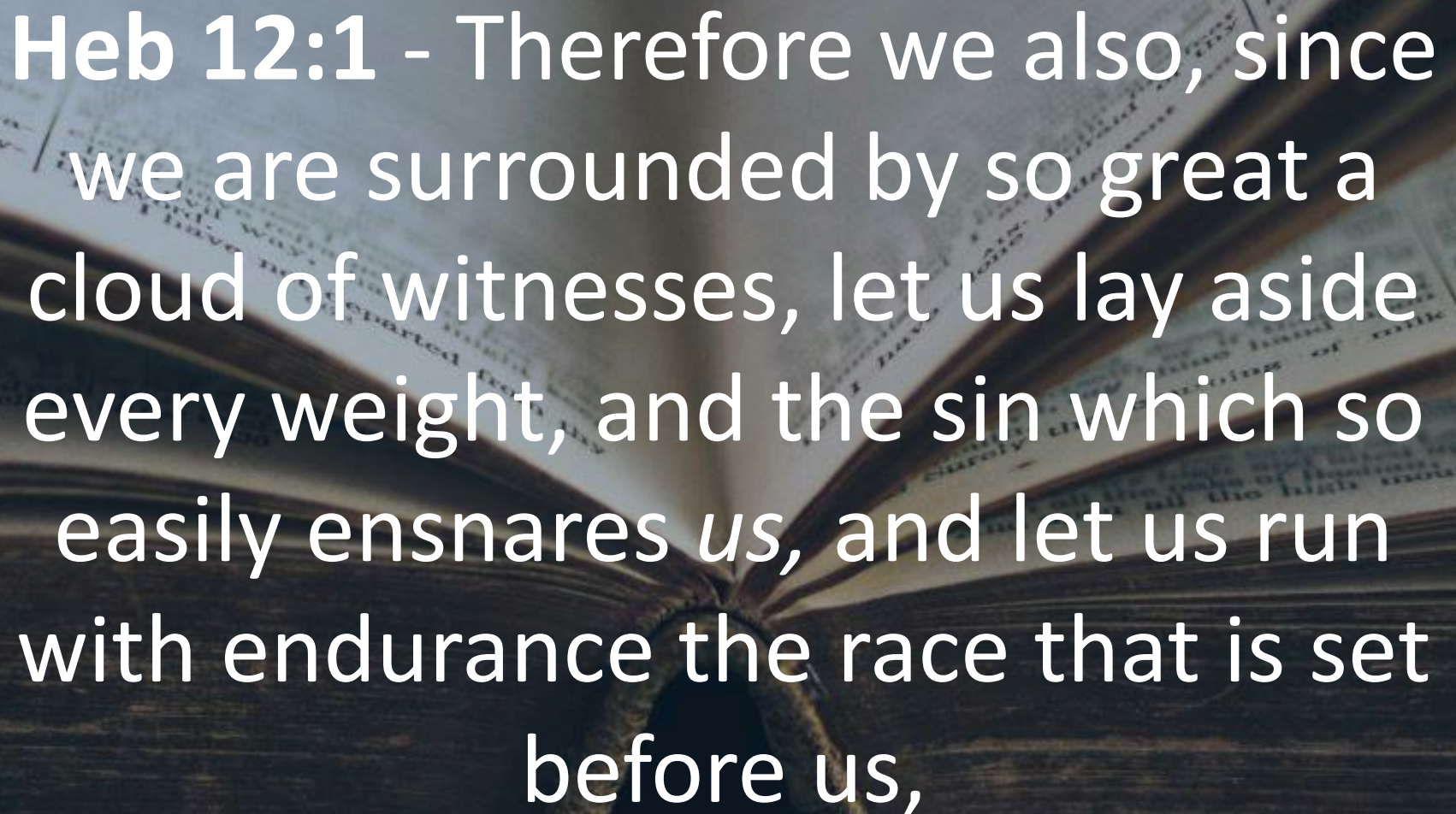
Note: if you go into battle with a weakness,  
the enemy will exploit that weakness and  
will hurt you.



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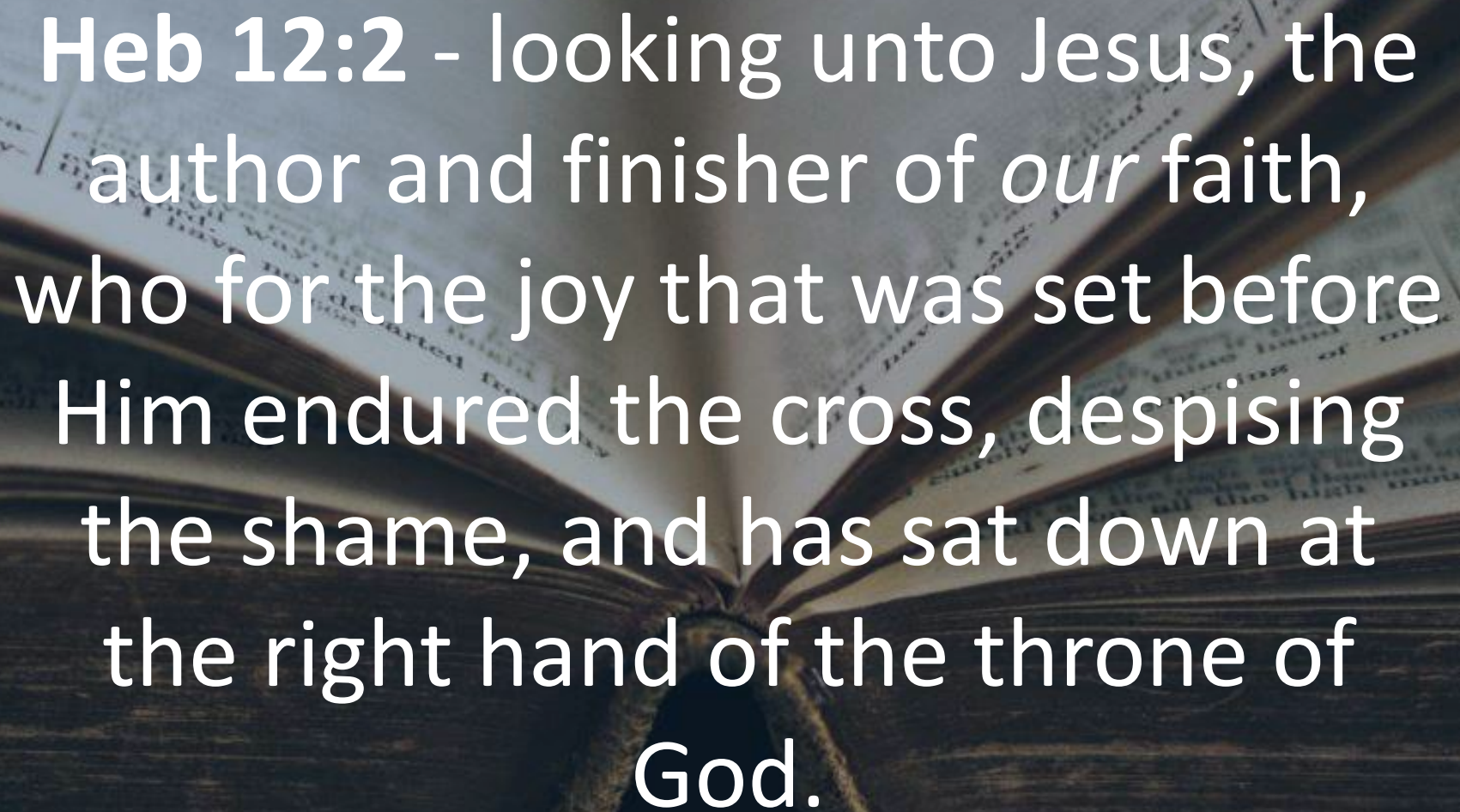
- Attitude
- Selfishness
- Control
- Past hurts
- Stubbornness



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**Heb 12:1** - Therefore we also, since  
we are surrounded by so great a  
cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside  
every weight, and the sin which so  
easily ensnares *us*, and let us run  
with endurance the race that is set  
before us,



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**Heb 12:2** - looking unto Jesus, the  
author and finisher of *our* faith,  
who for the joy that was set before  
Him endured the cross, despising  
the shame, and has sat down at  
the right hand of the throne of  
God.



