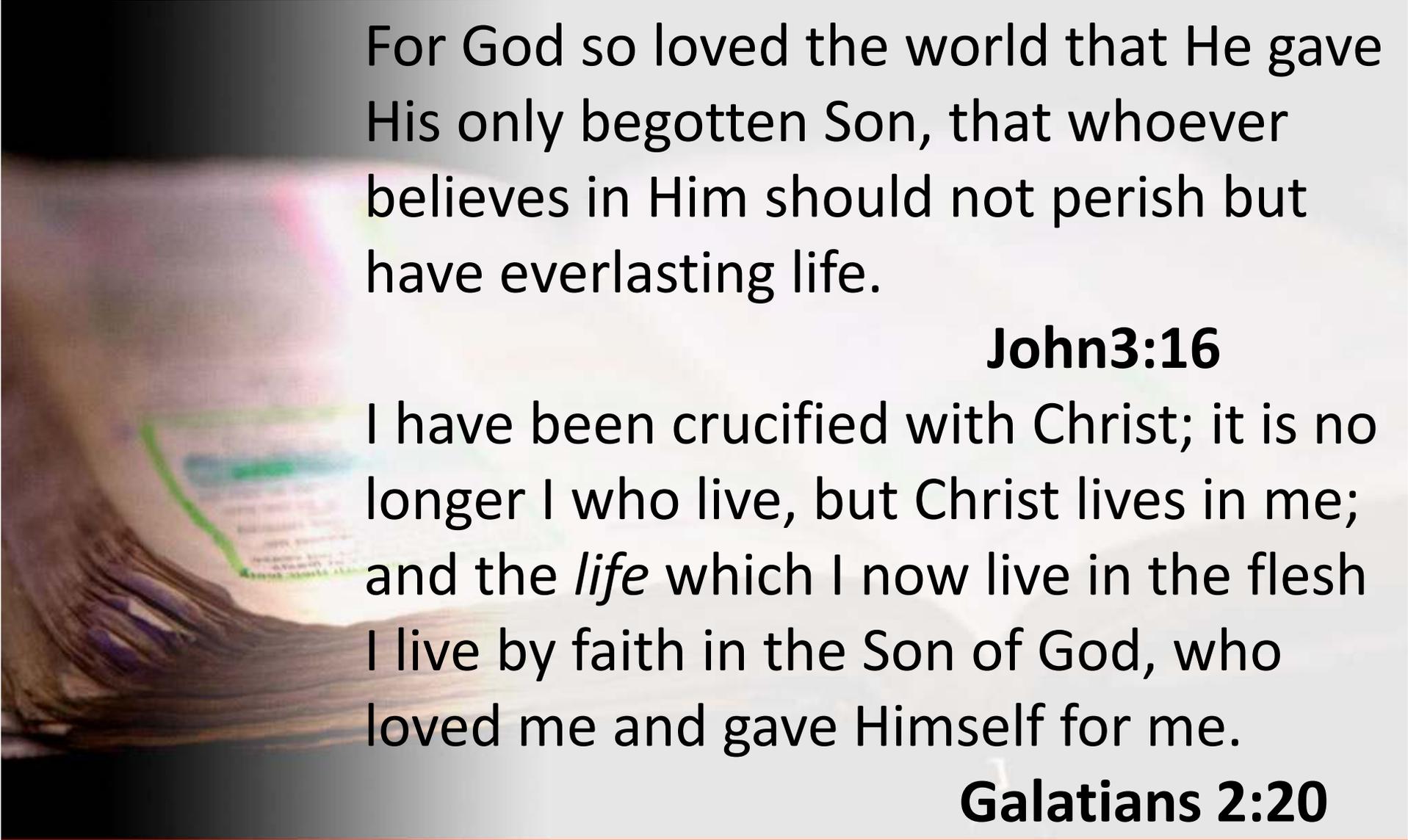




The power of Love

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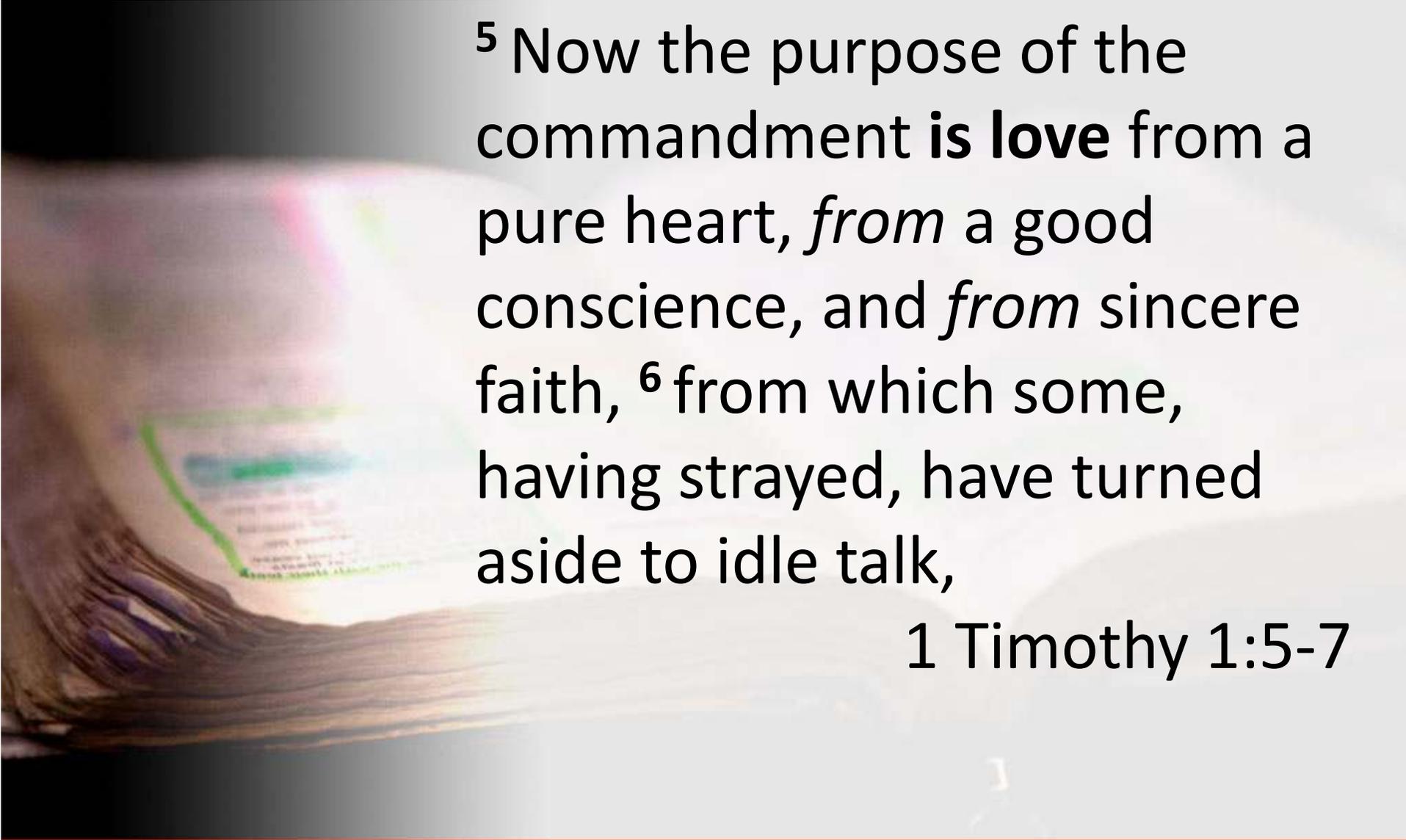
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

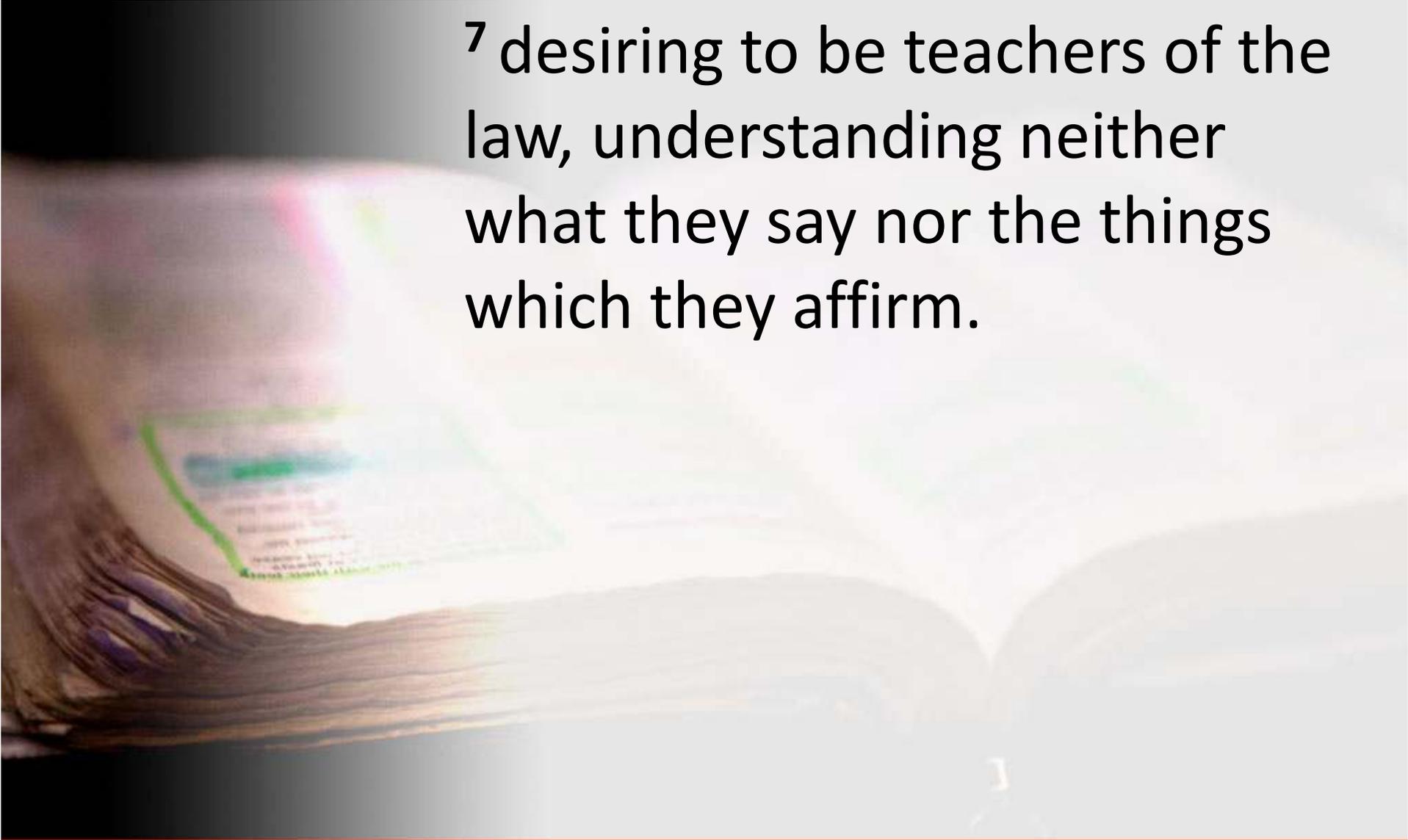


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⁵ Now the purpose of the commandment **is love** from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith, ⁶ from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk,

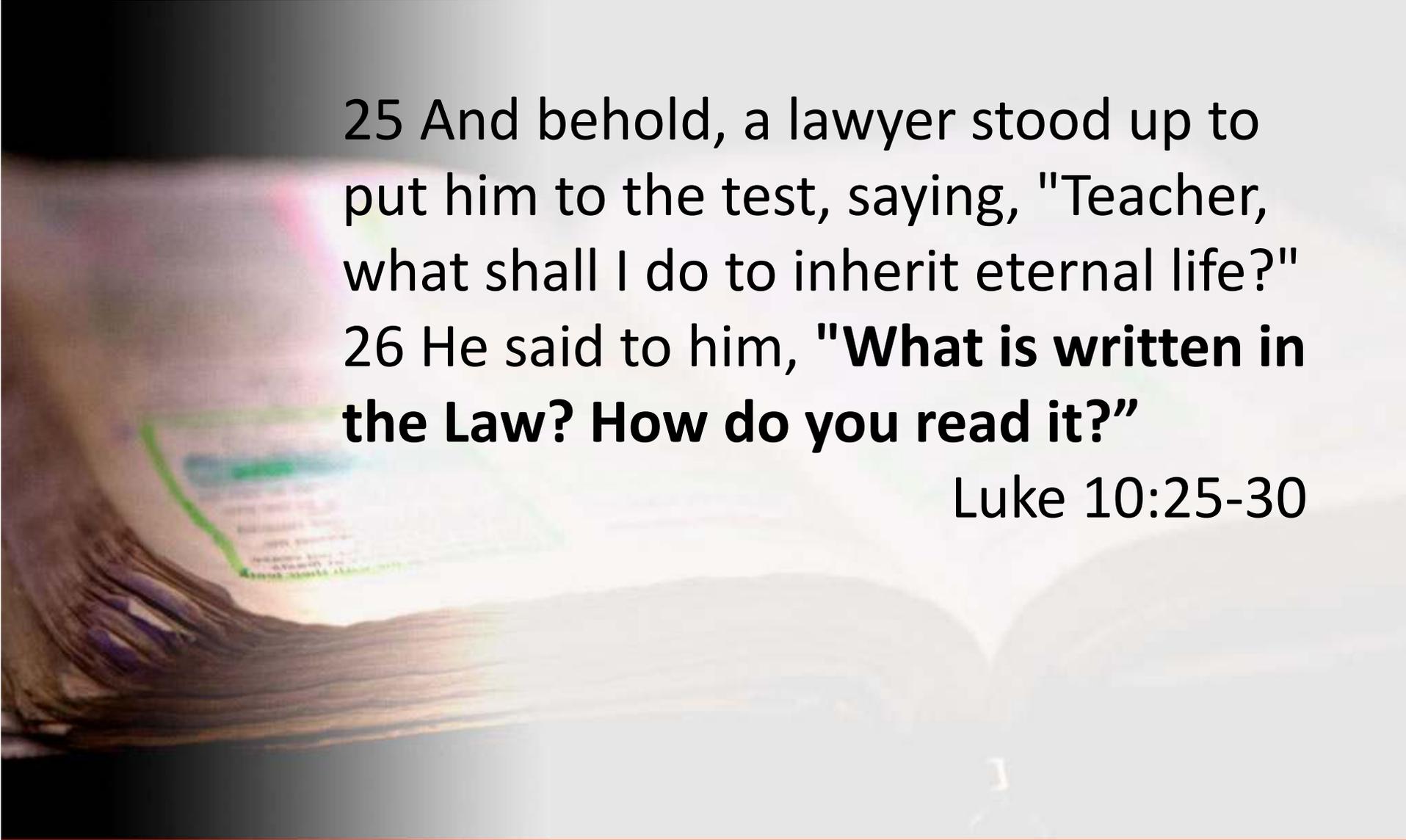
1 Timothy 1:5-7

The purpose of the commandment

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⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

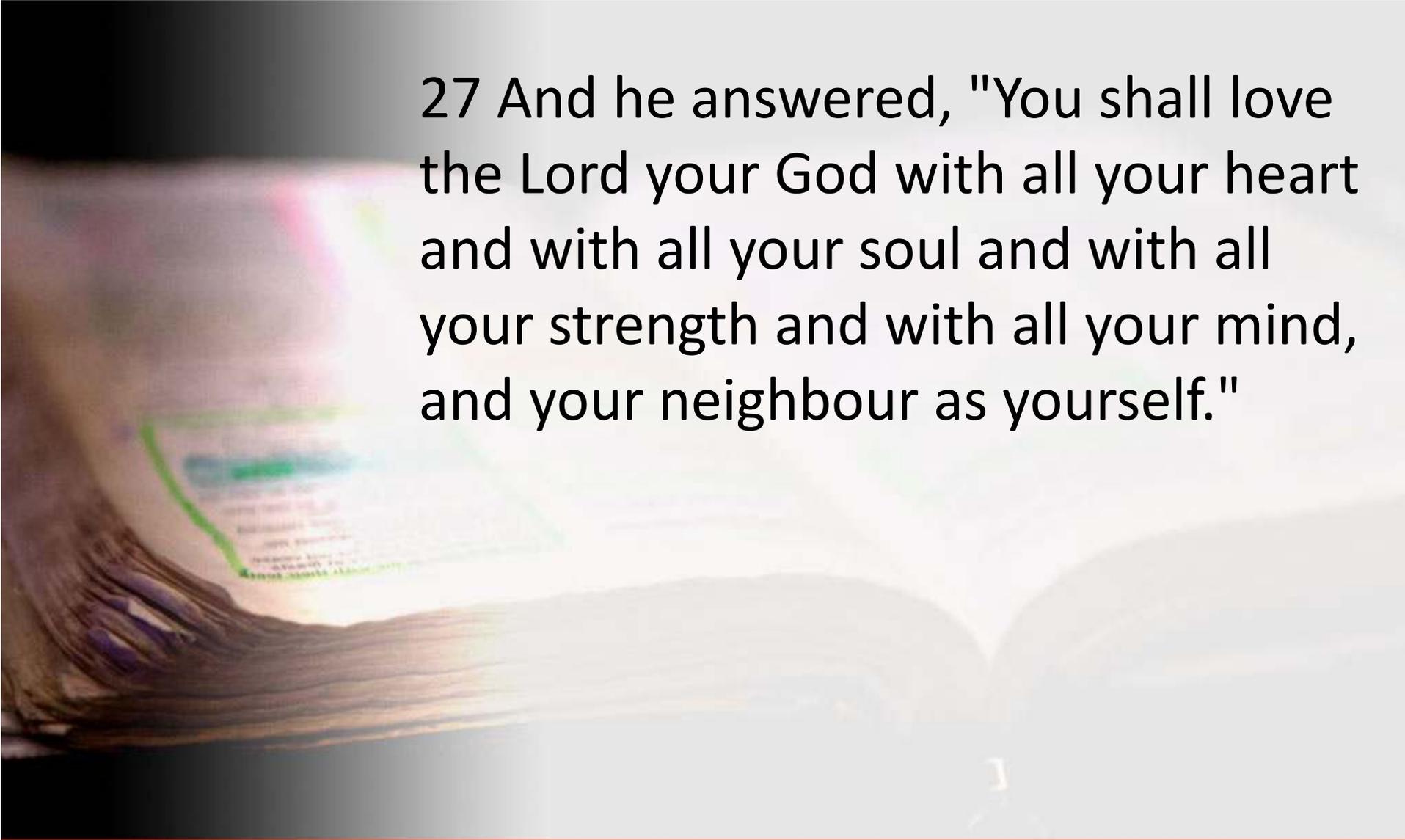
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25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
26 He said to him, "**What is written in the Law? How do you read it?**"

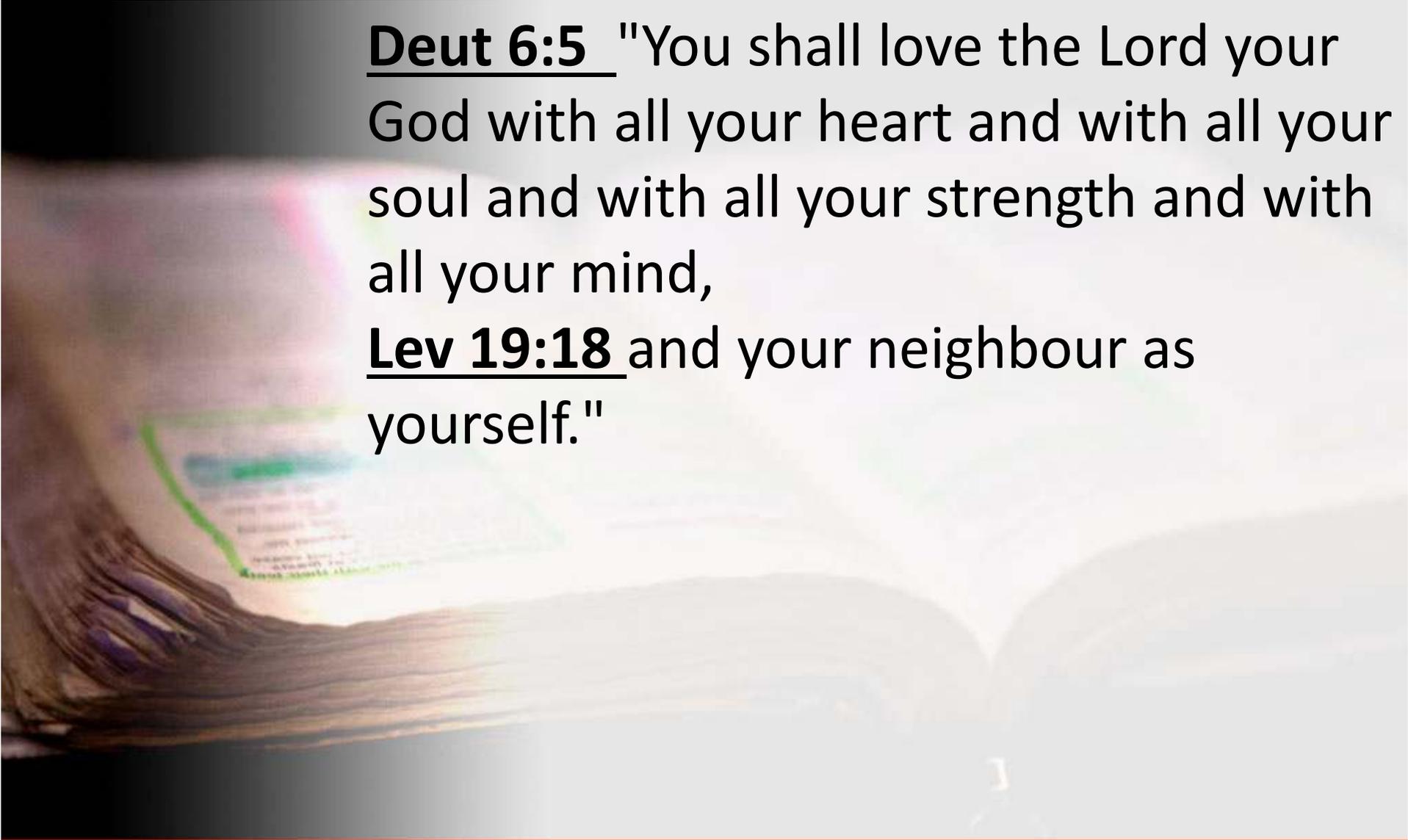
Luke 10:25-30

What shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

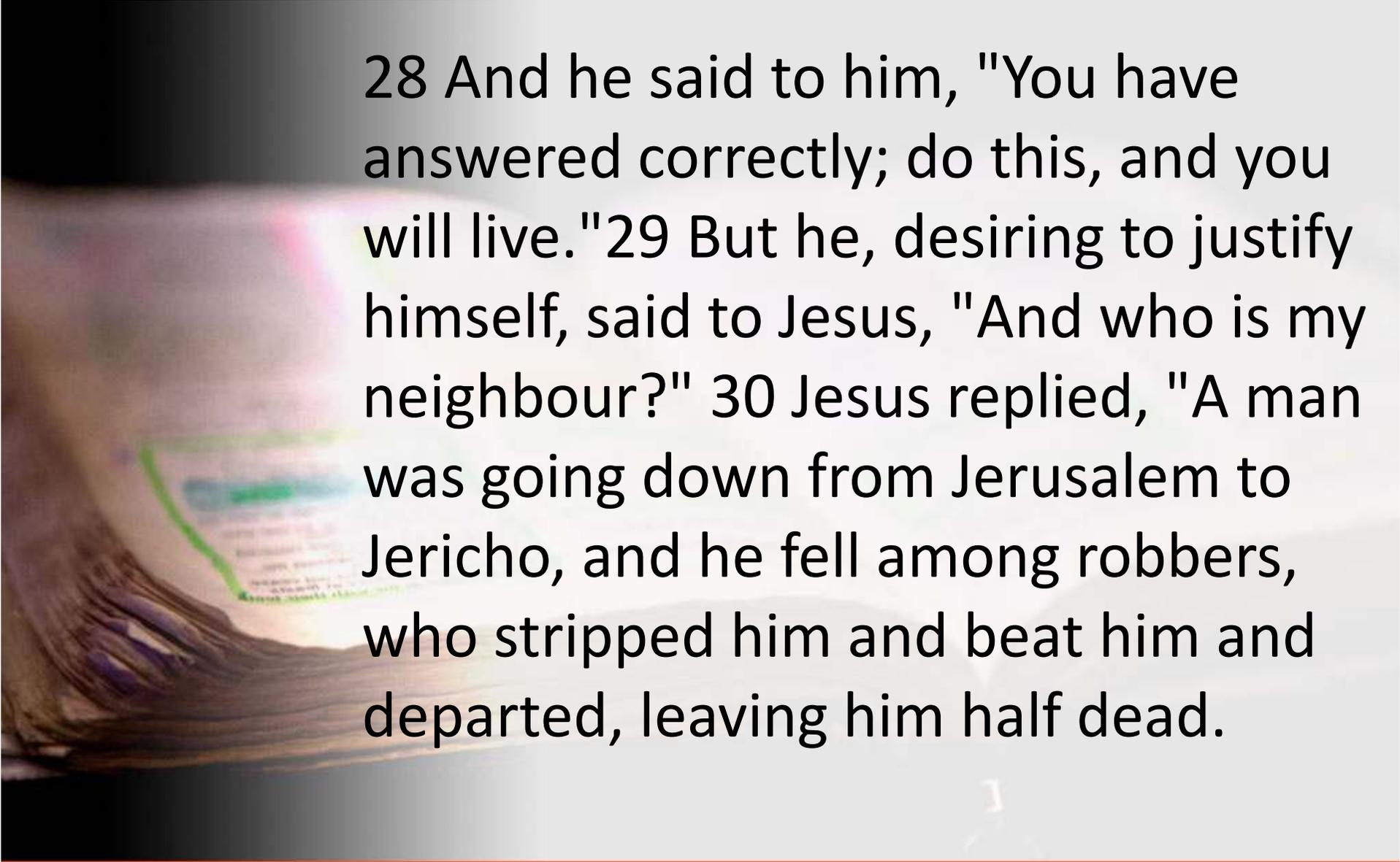
An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, with its pages slightly curved. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself."

**Love the Lord your God
and love your neighbour**

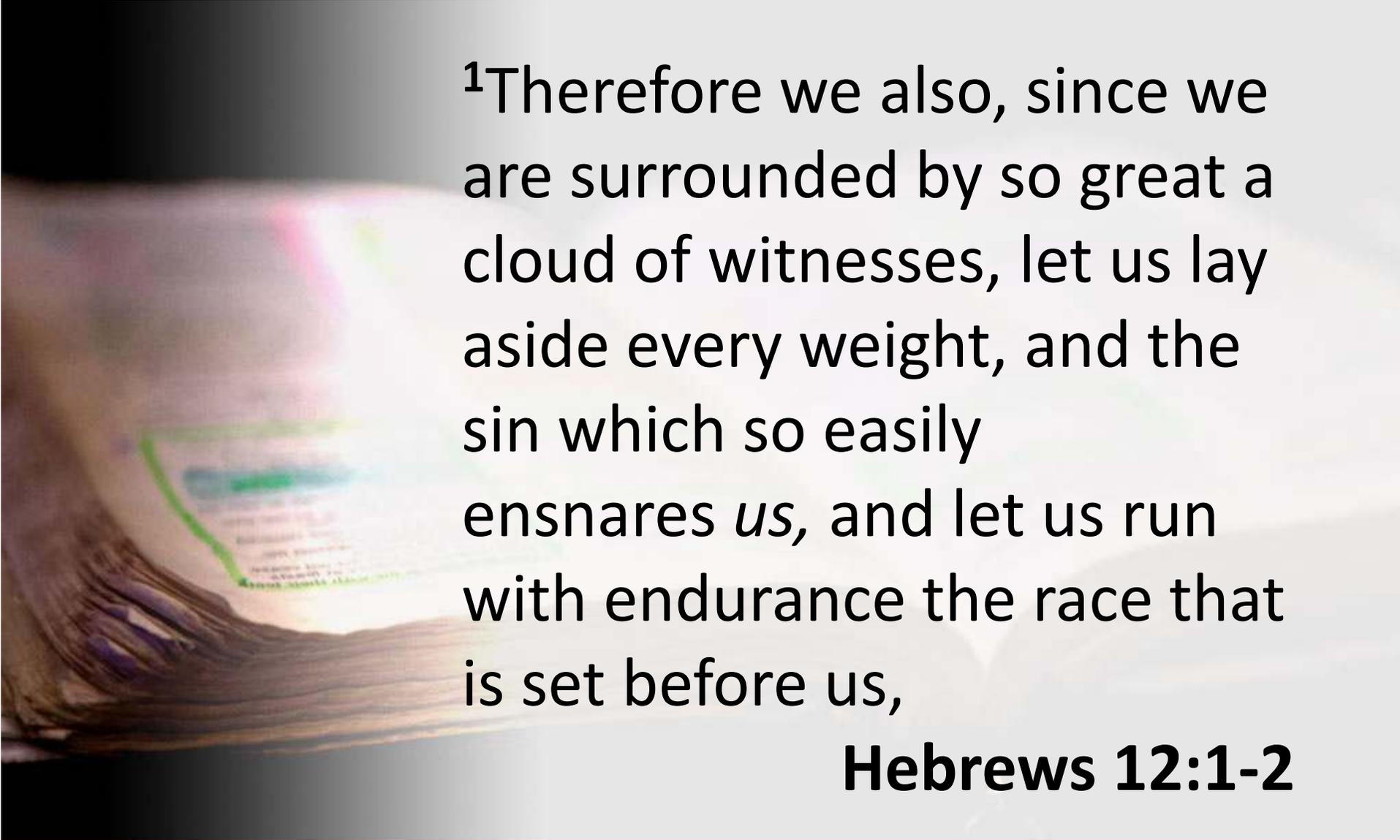


Deut 6:5 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind,
Lev 19:18 and your neighbour as yourself."



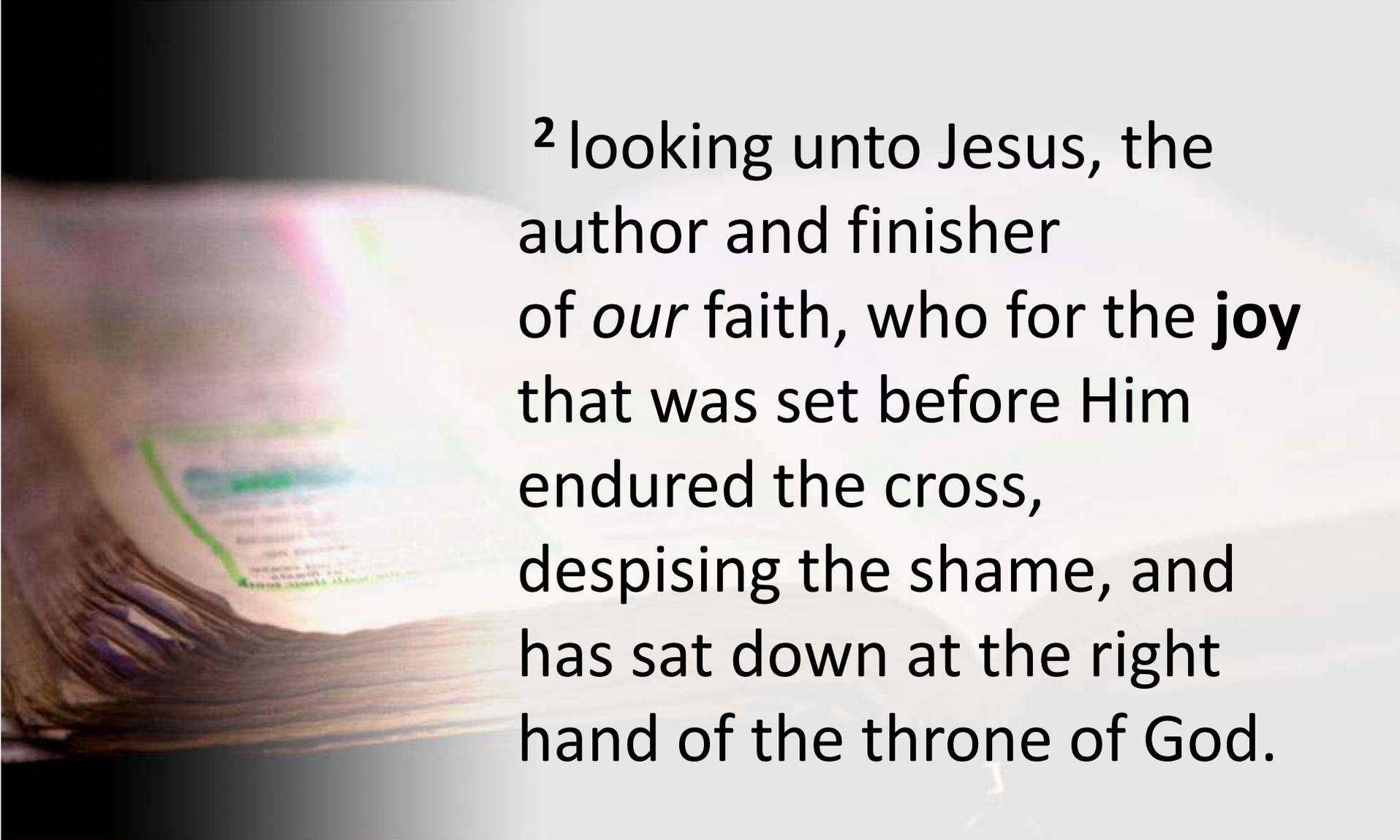
28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan



¹Therefore 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,

Hebrews 12:1-2



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.



JOY

delight,

happiness,

enjoyment,

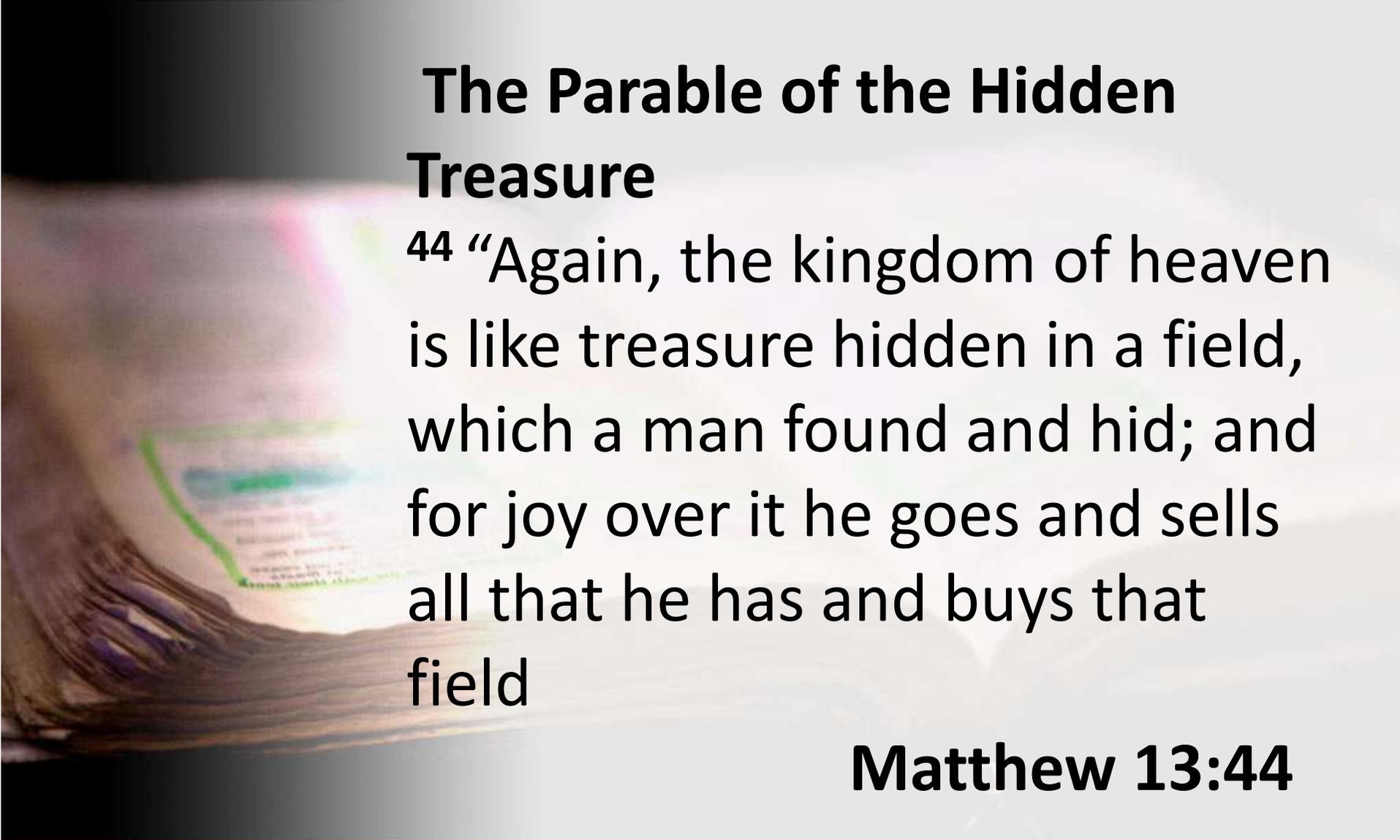
bliss,

source of pleasure







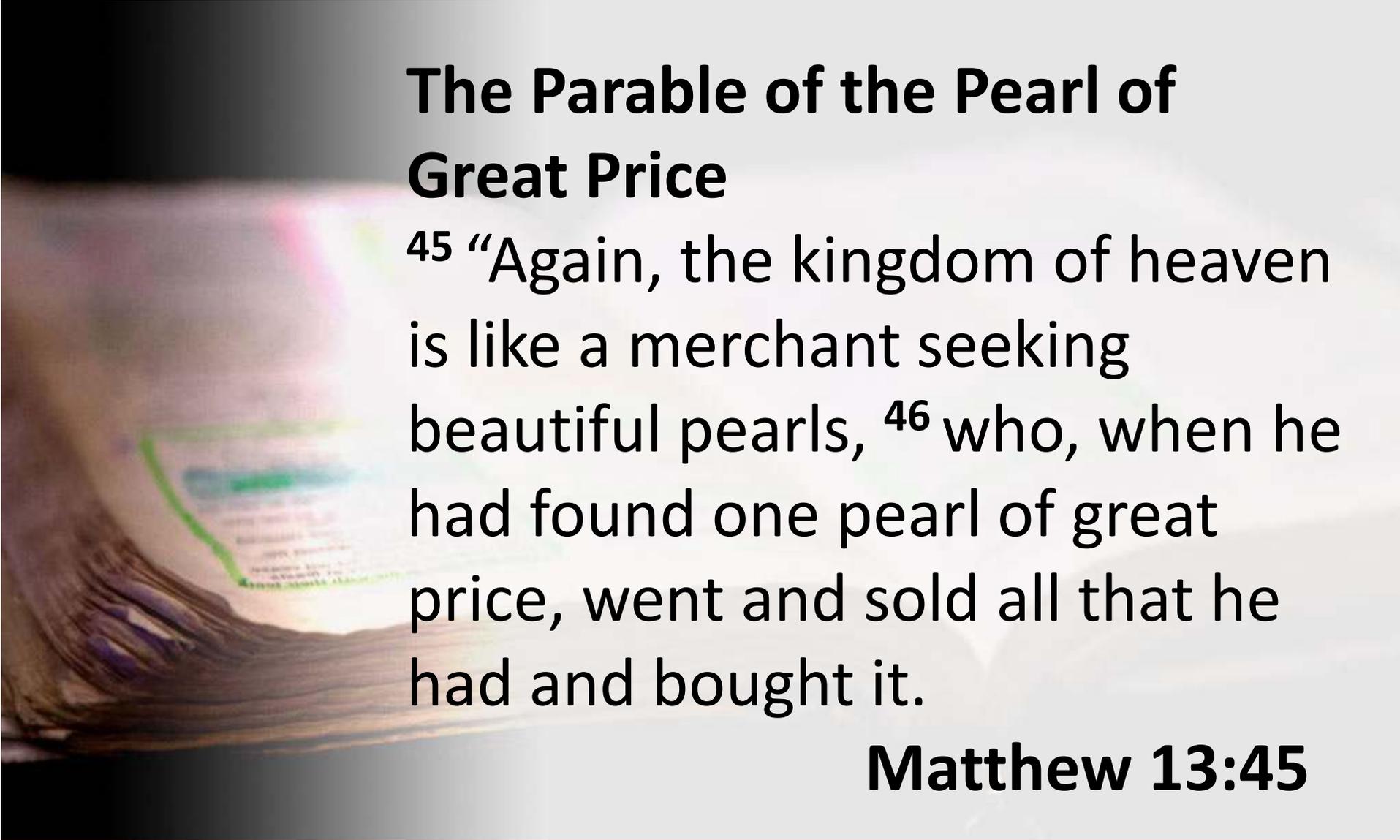


The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

⁴⁴ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field

Matthew 13:44



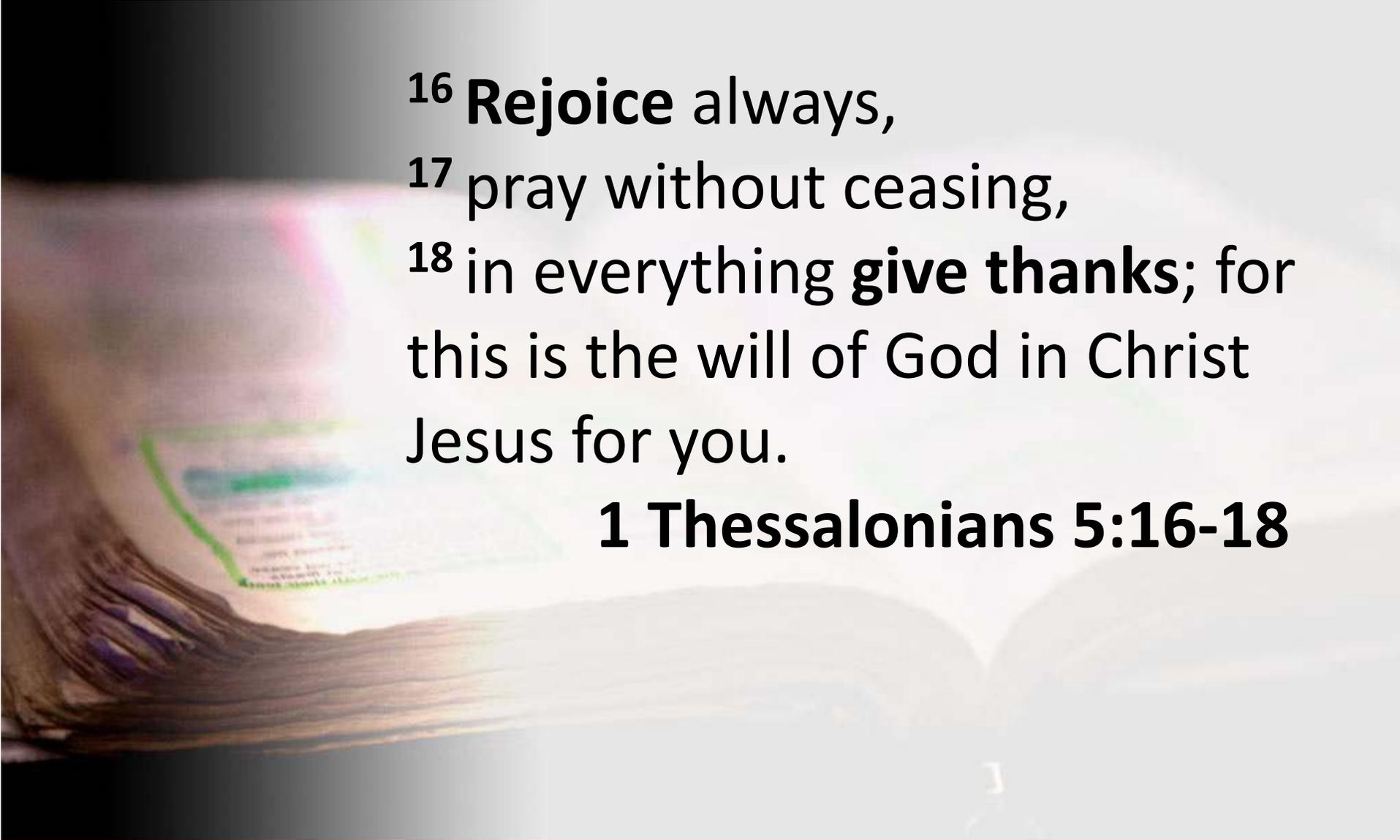


The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, ⁴⁶ who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:45





¹⁶ **Rejoice** always,
¹⁷ pray without ceasing,
¹⁸ in everything **give thanks**; for
this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**God will for you to Rejoice
and give thanks.**



Rejoice

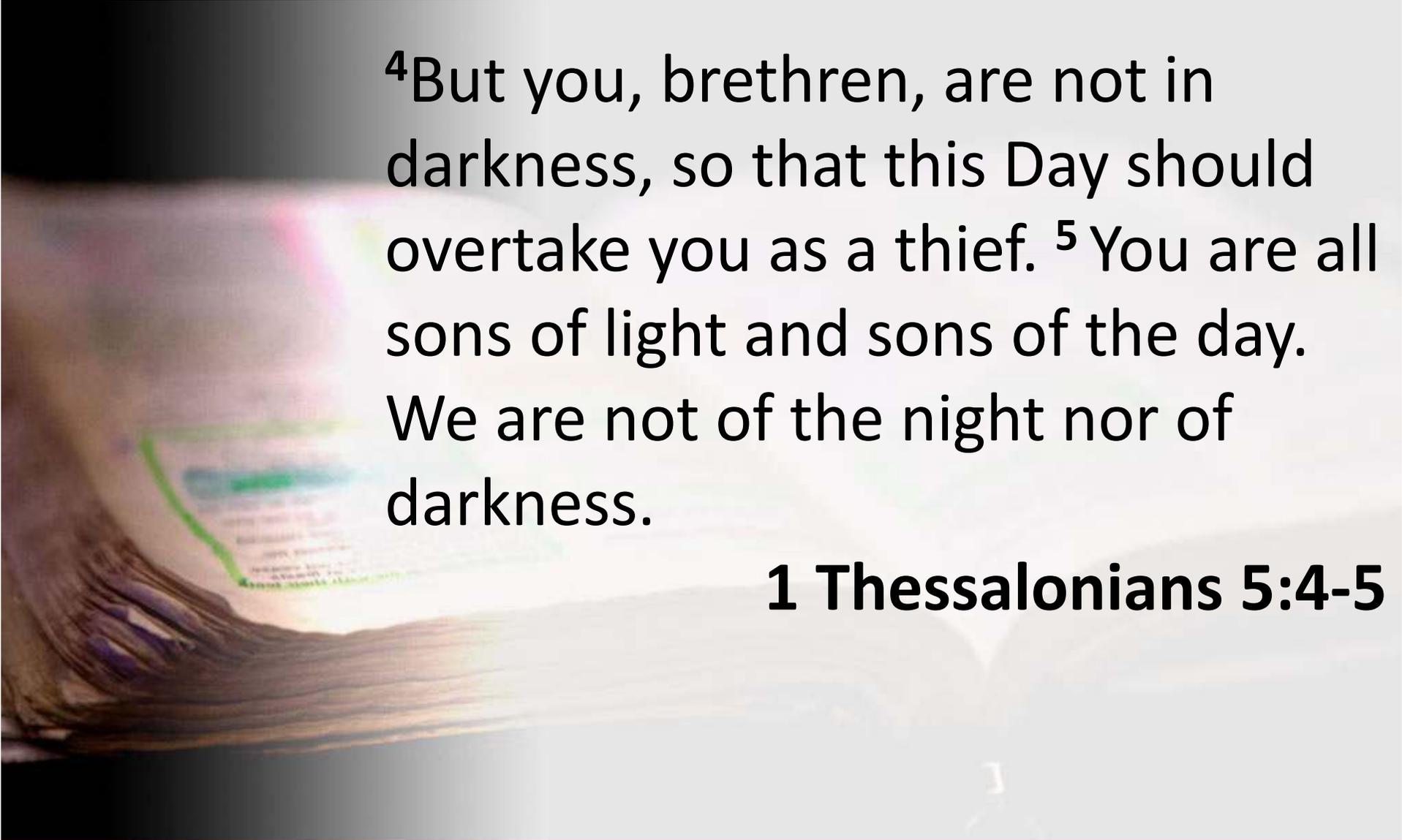
Celebrate,

Express joy,

Be pleased about,

Be glad,

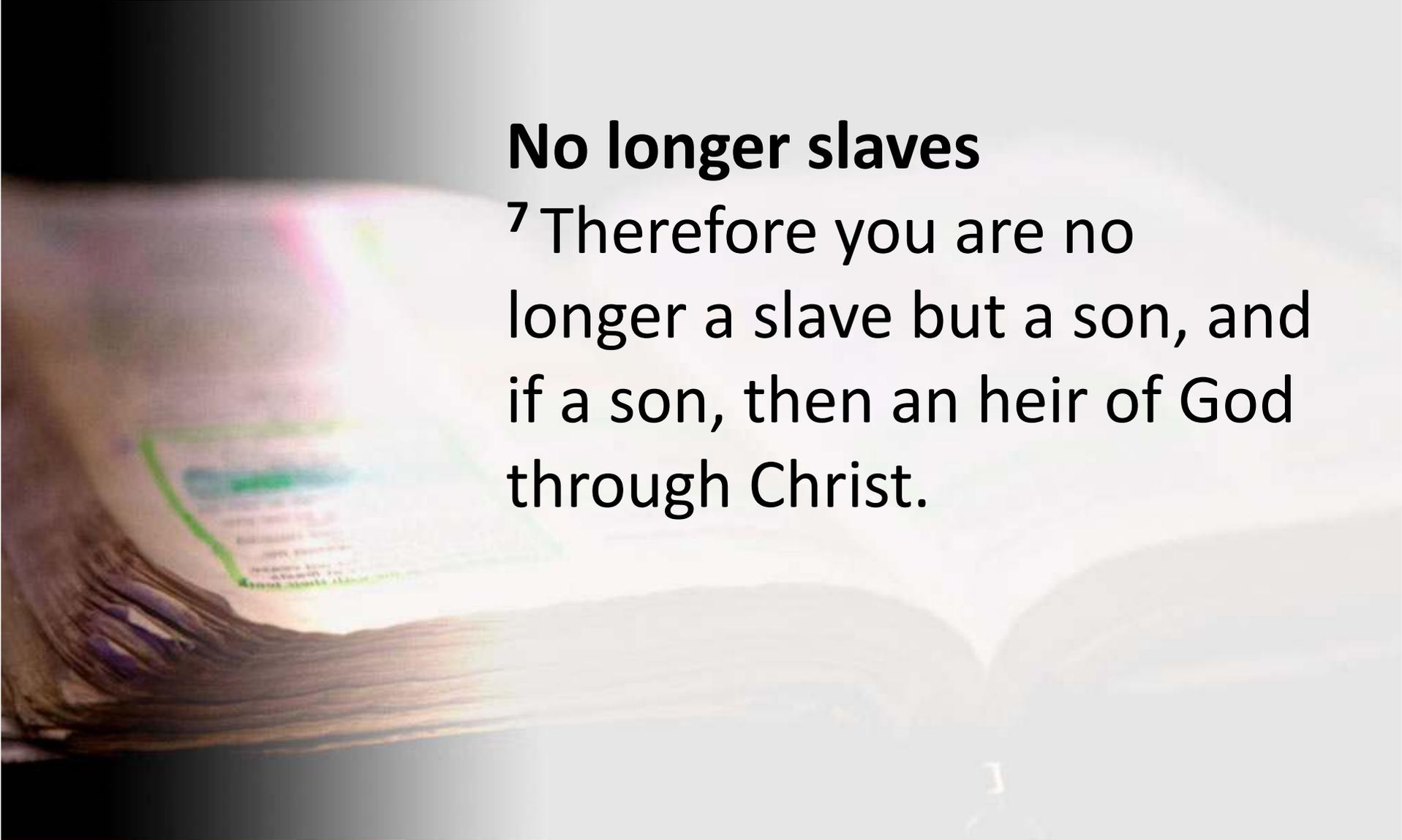
Delight,



⁴But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5

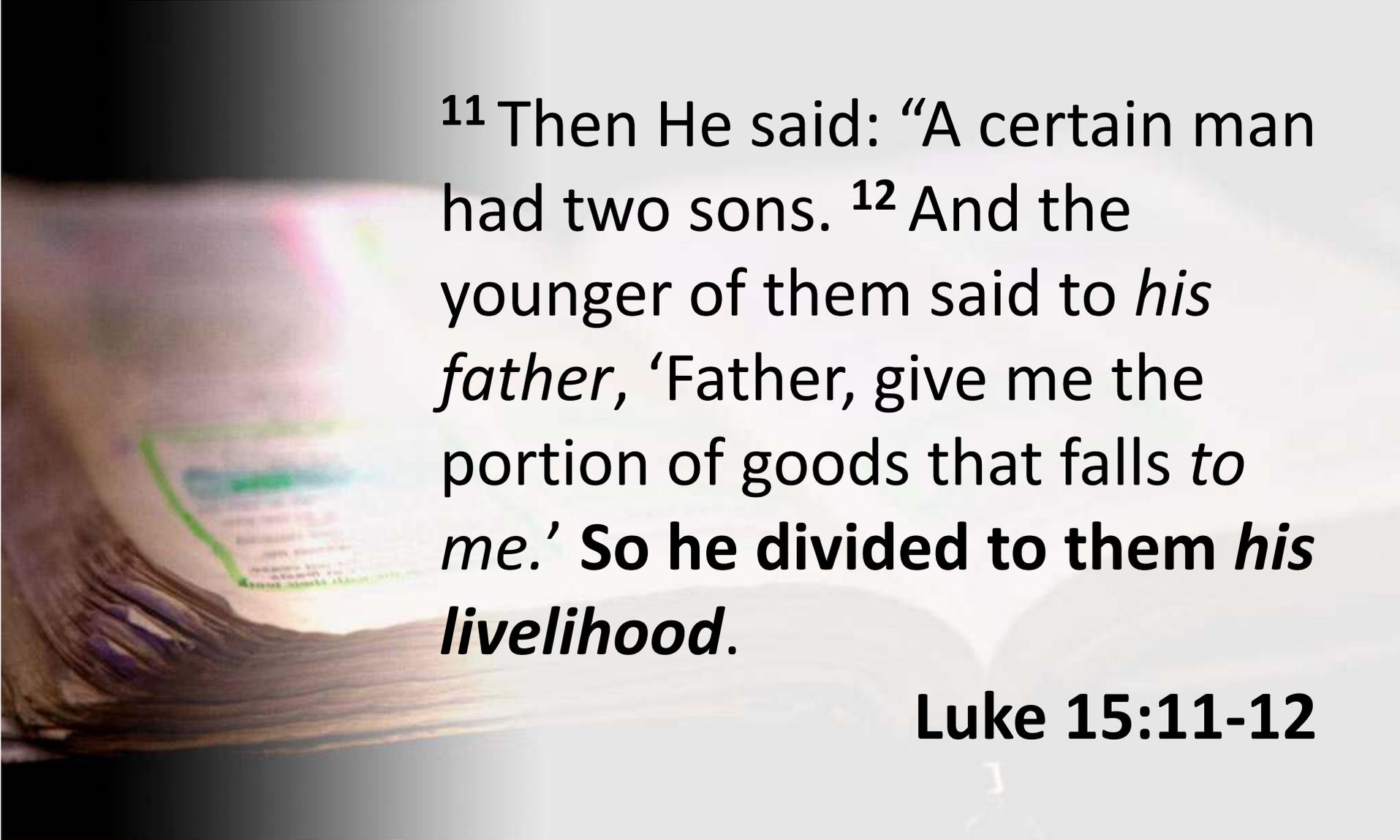
No longer slaves

An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, with a bright, glowing light effect emanating from the center of the pages. The light creates a soft, ethereal glow that fades into the background. The pages are slightly curved, and the binding is visible in the center. The overall image has a spiritual and serene atmosphere.

No longer slaves

⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

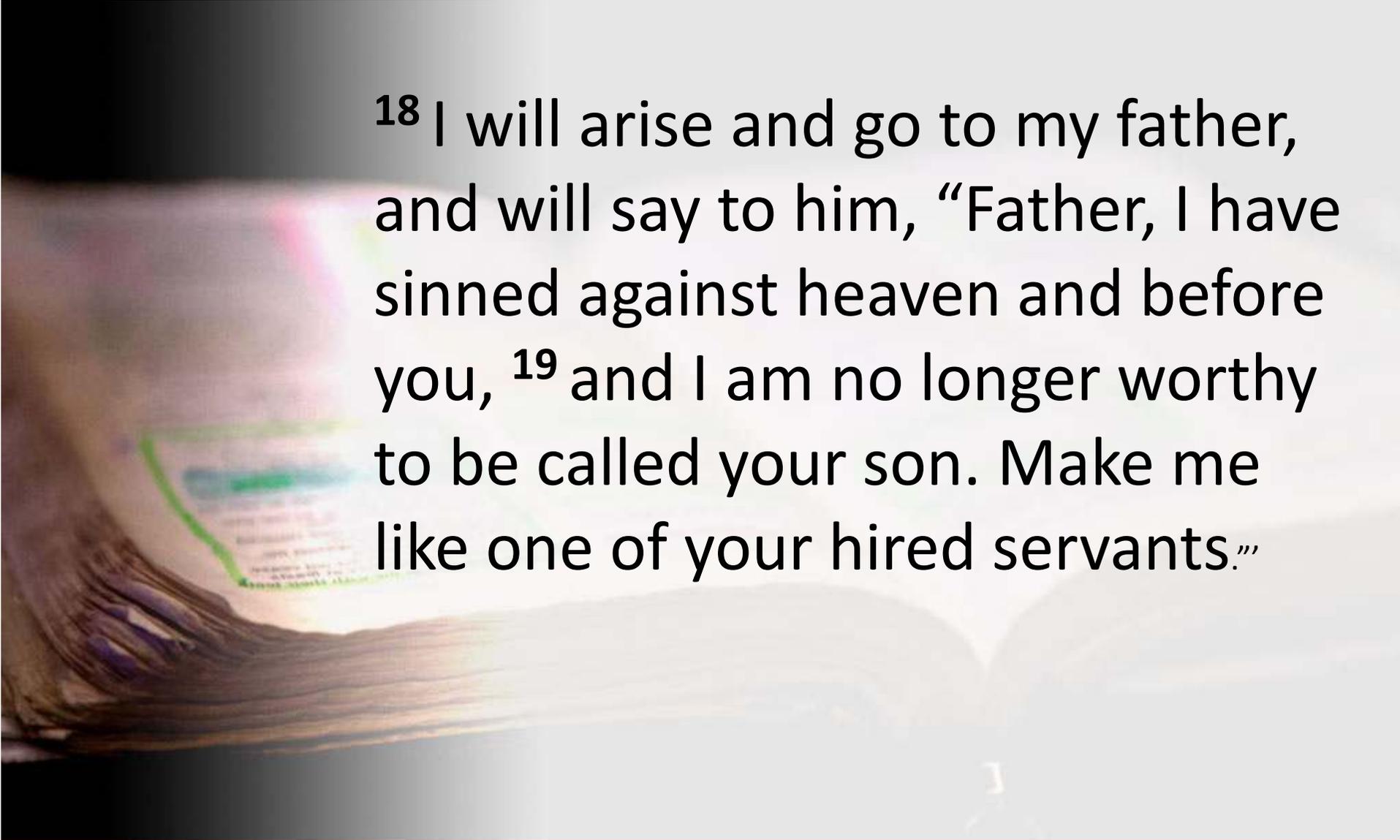
Galatians 4:7



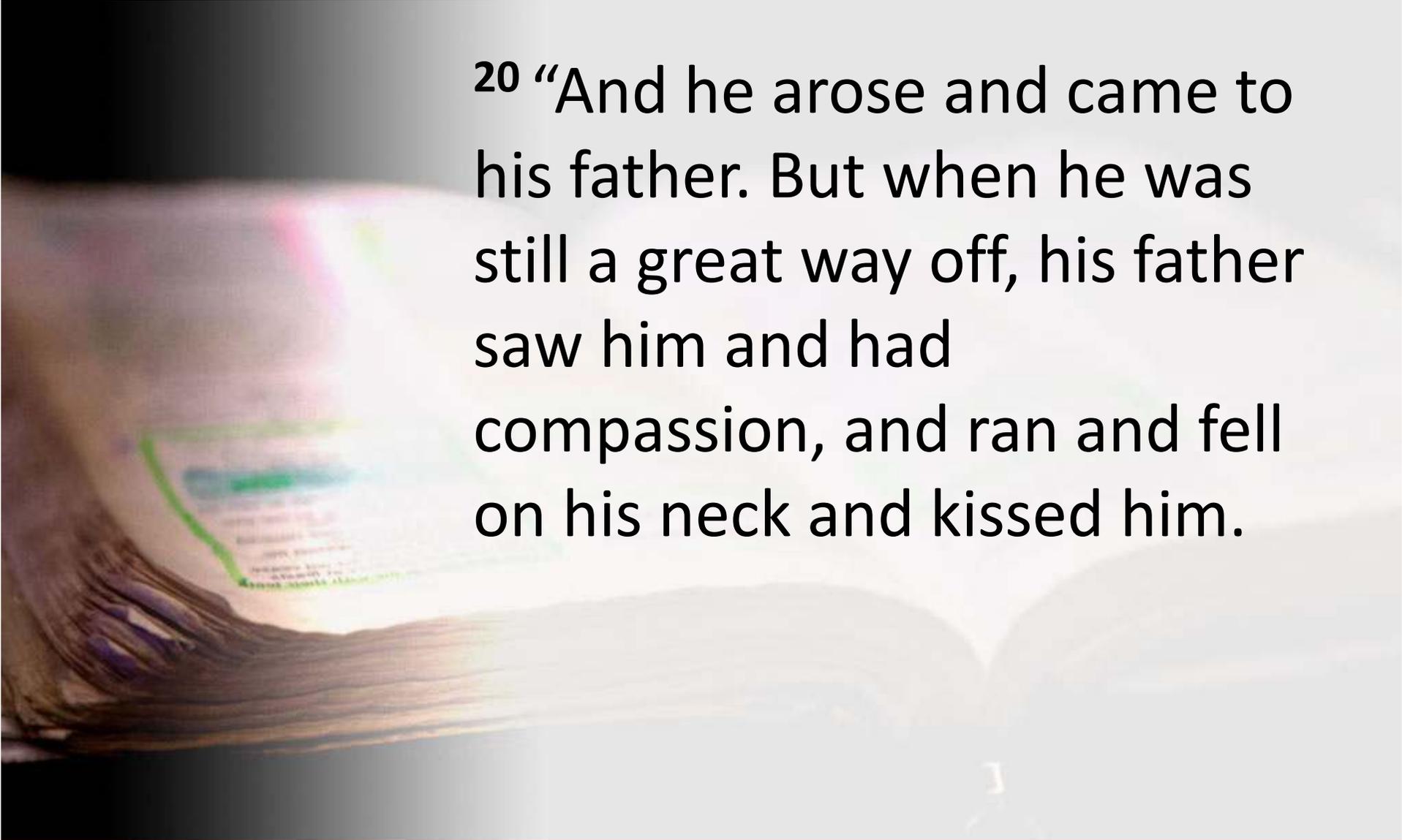
11 Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. **12** And the younger of them said to *his father*, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me.*’ **So he divided to them *his livelihood.***

Luke 15:11-12

The Parable of the Lost Son

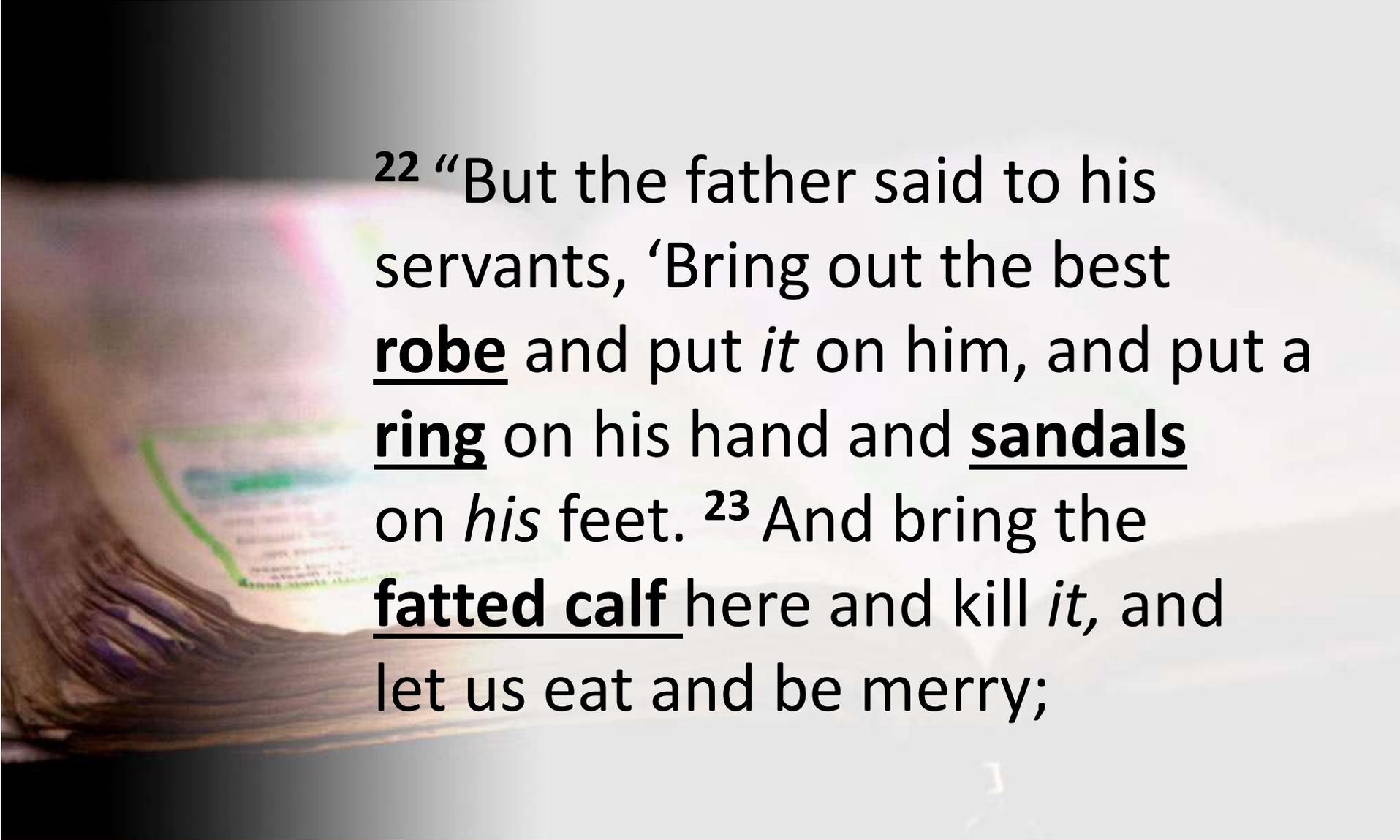


¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”



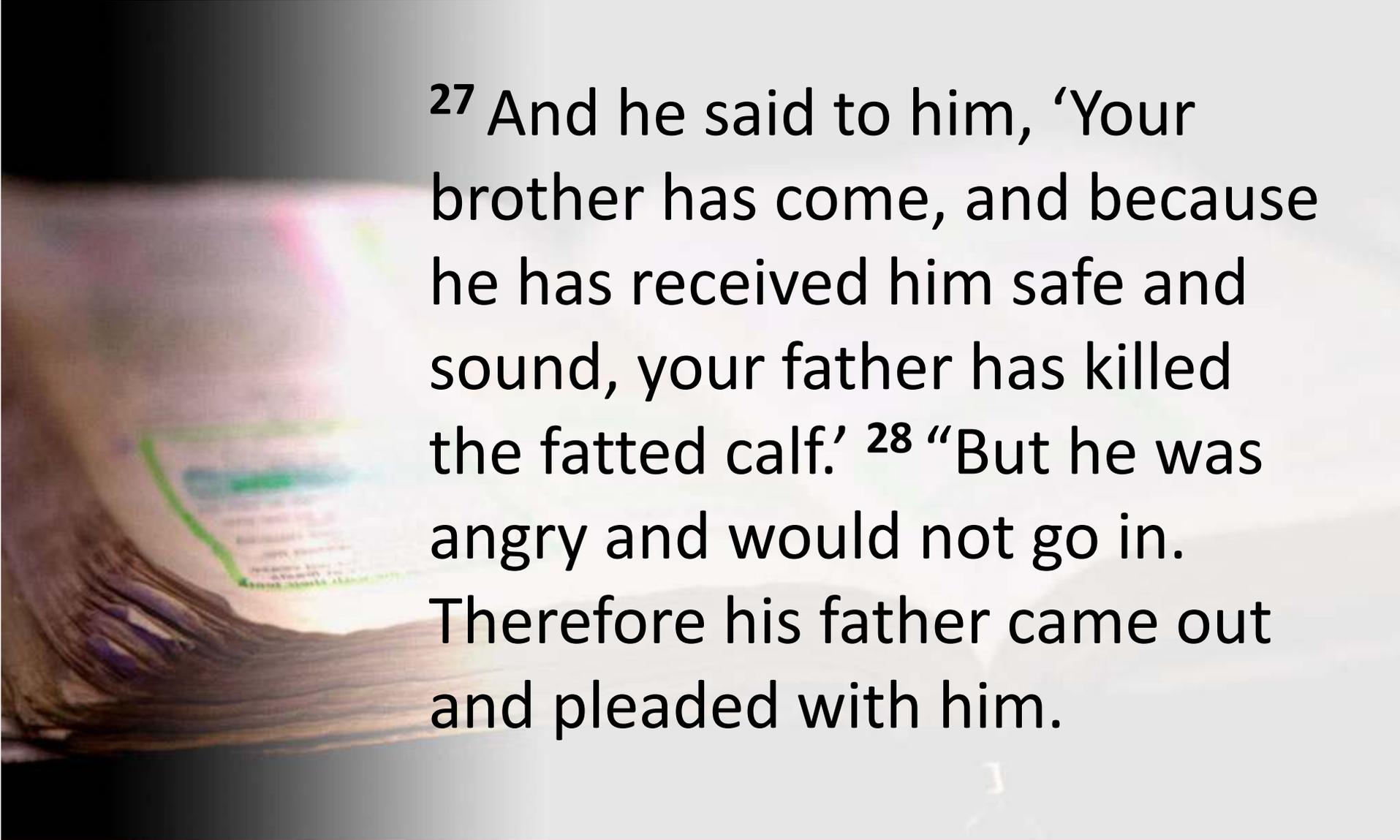
²⁰ “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

The Father's love.

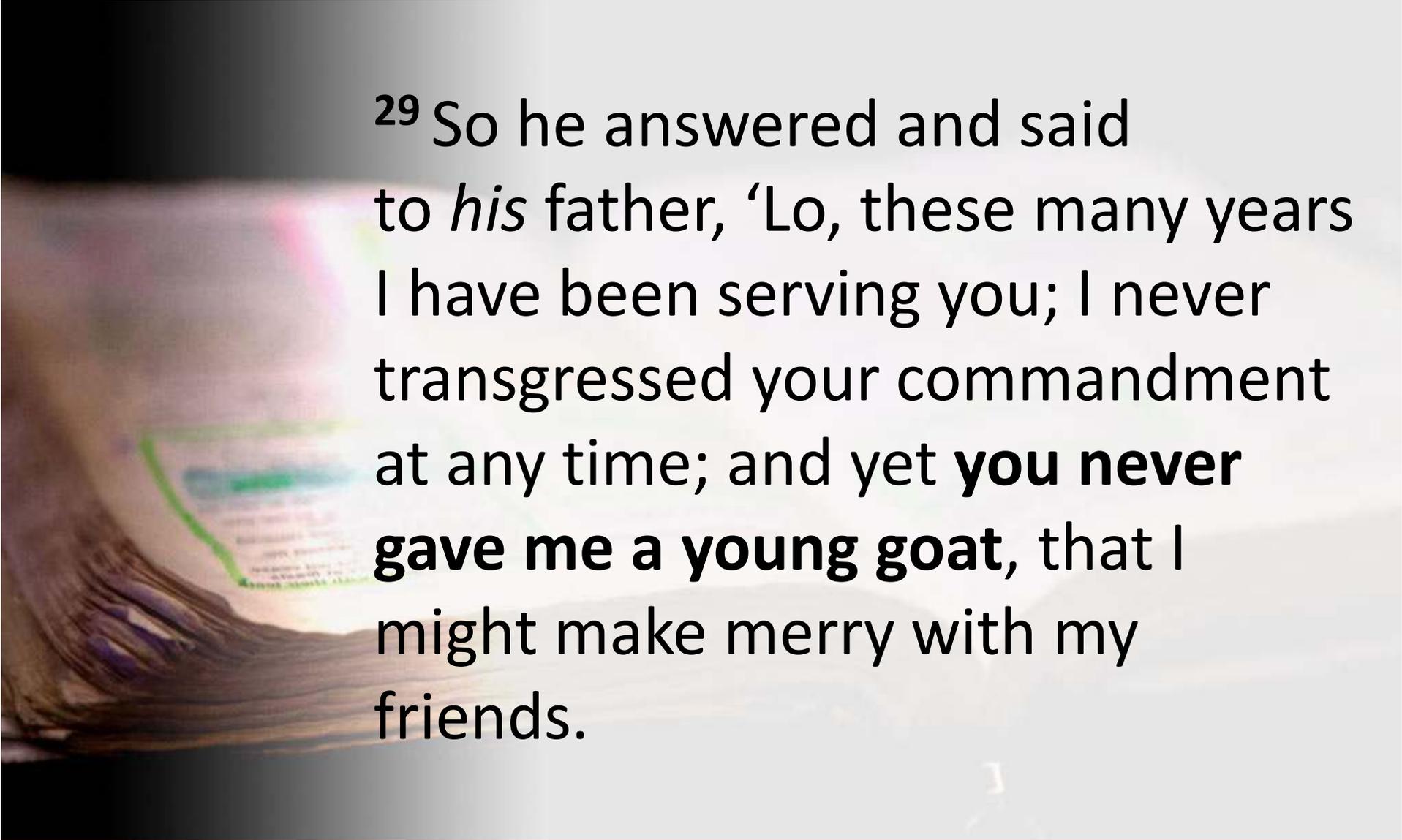


²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. ²³ And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry;

The Lost Son is celebrated

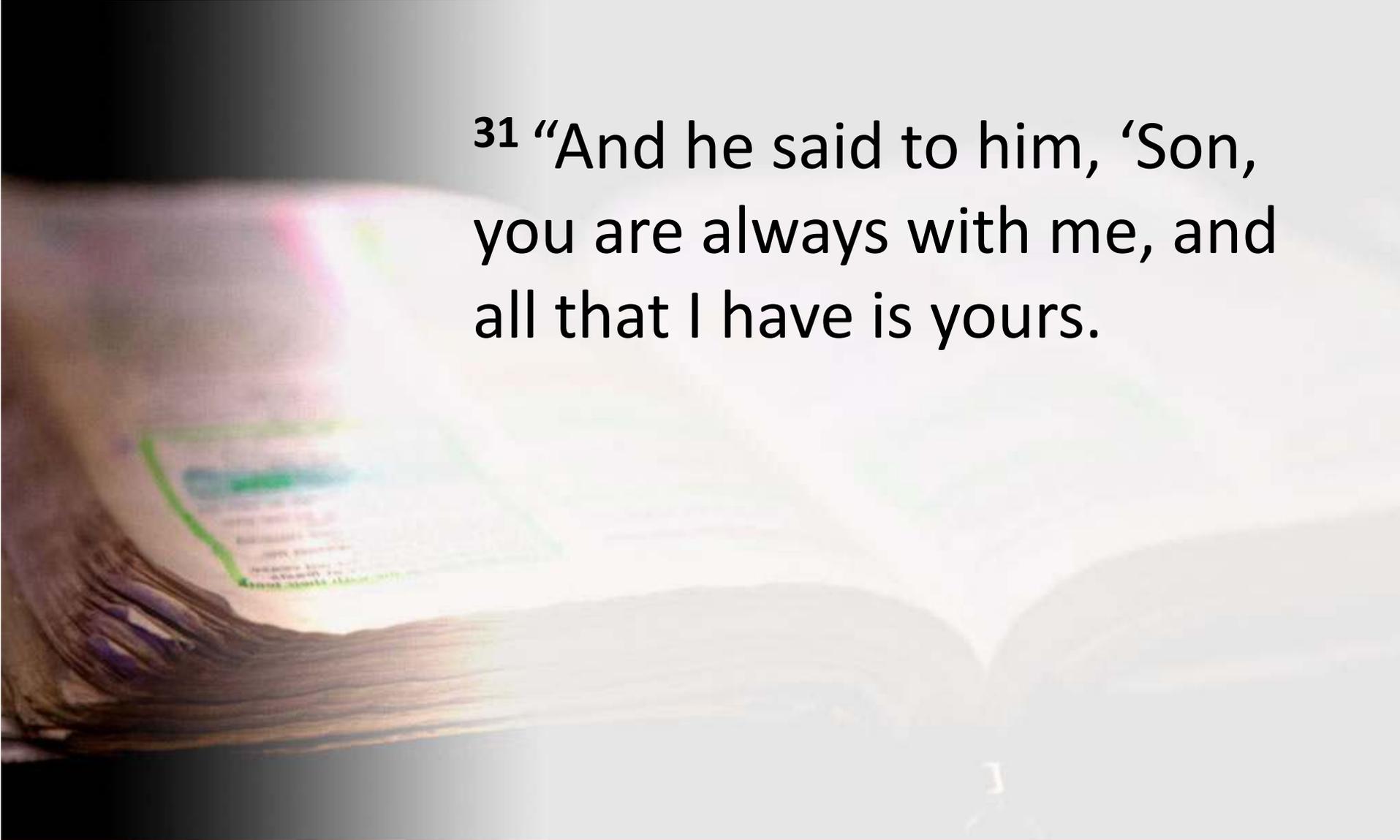


²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fattened calf.’ ²⁸ “But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

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²⁹ So he answered and said to *his* father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet **you never gave me a young goat**, that I might make merry with my friends.

A son how sees himself as a slave

An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are slightly aged and have a warm, yellowish glow. A bright, circular light source is positioned above the book, creating a soft, ethereal glow that radiates across the pages. The light is most intense in the center, where it appears to be shining through the text. The edges of the pages are slightly darker, and the overall atmosphere is one of quiet illumination. The book is set against a dark background, which makes the glowing pages stand out.

³¹ “And he said to him, ‘Son,
you are always with me, and
all that I have is yours.