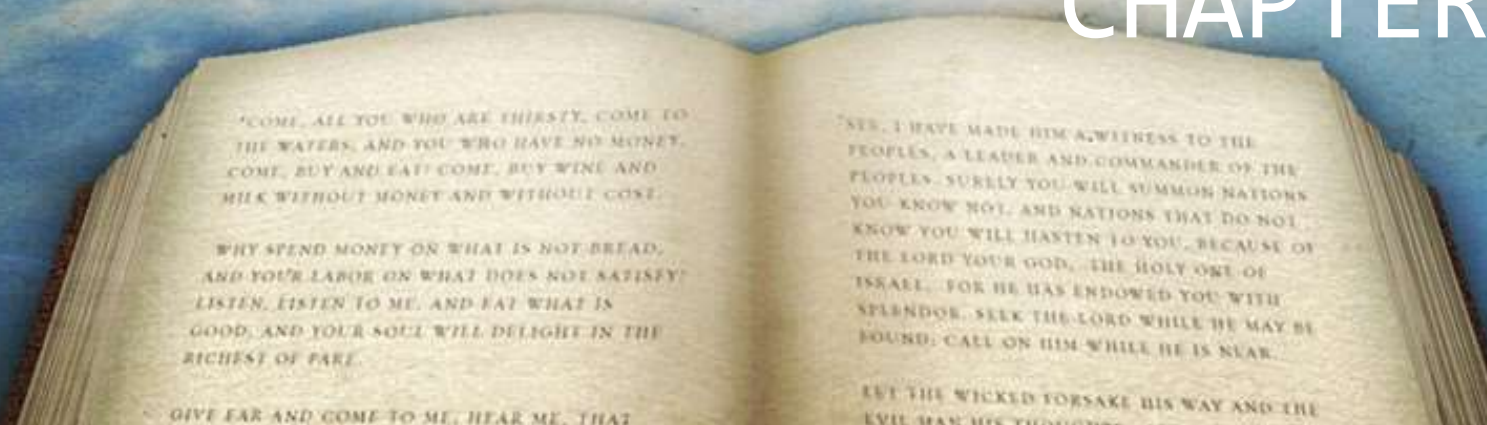


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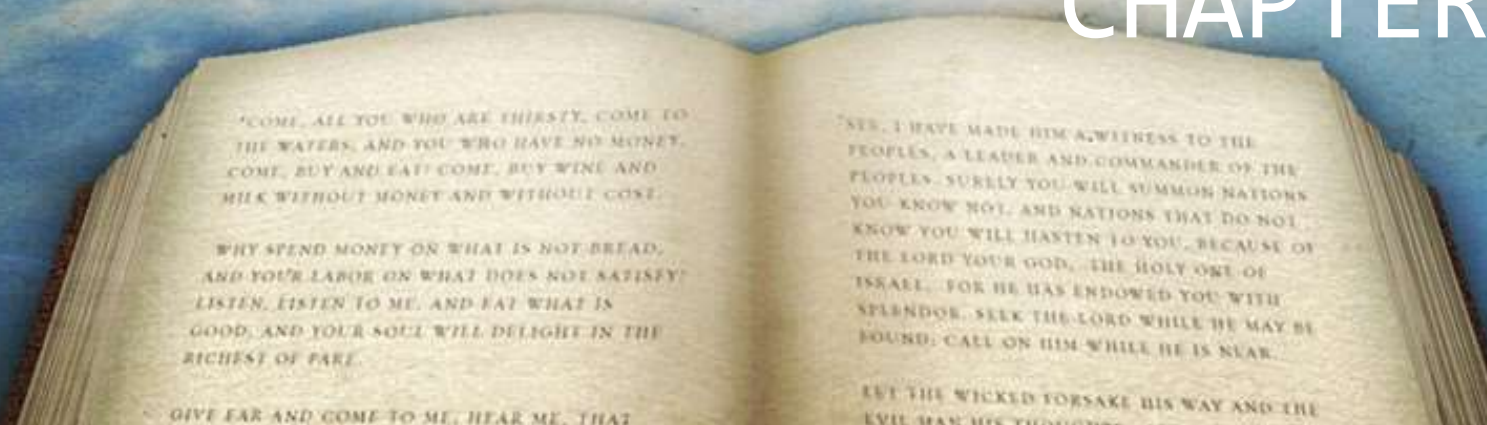


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For this cause I was born, and for this cause I
have come into the world, that I should bear
witness to the truth.

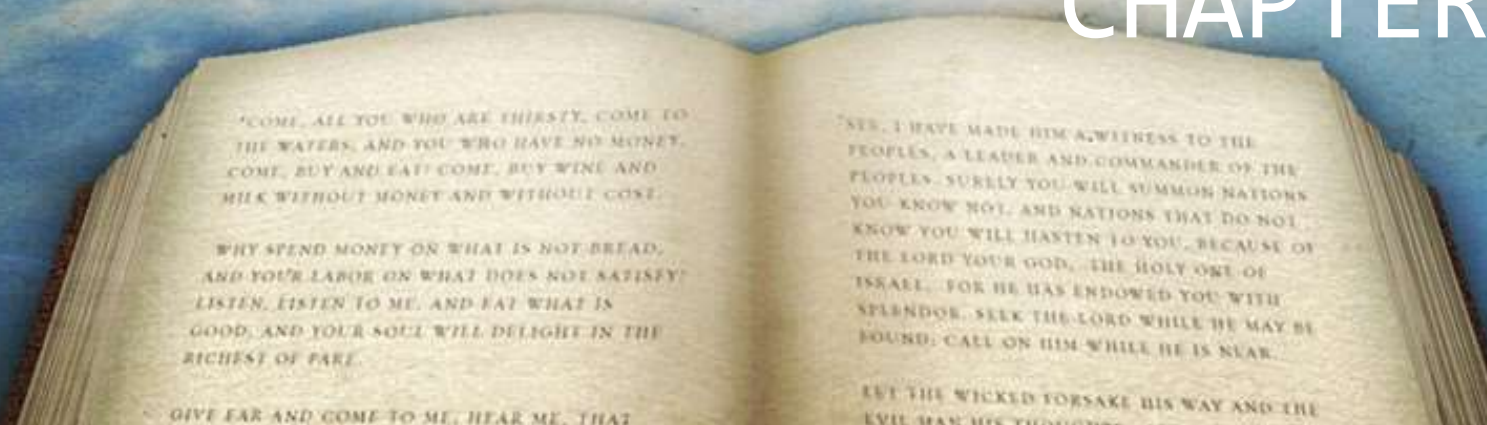
John 18:37, NKJV

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Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

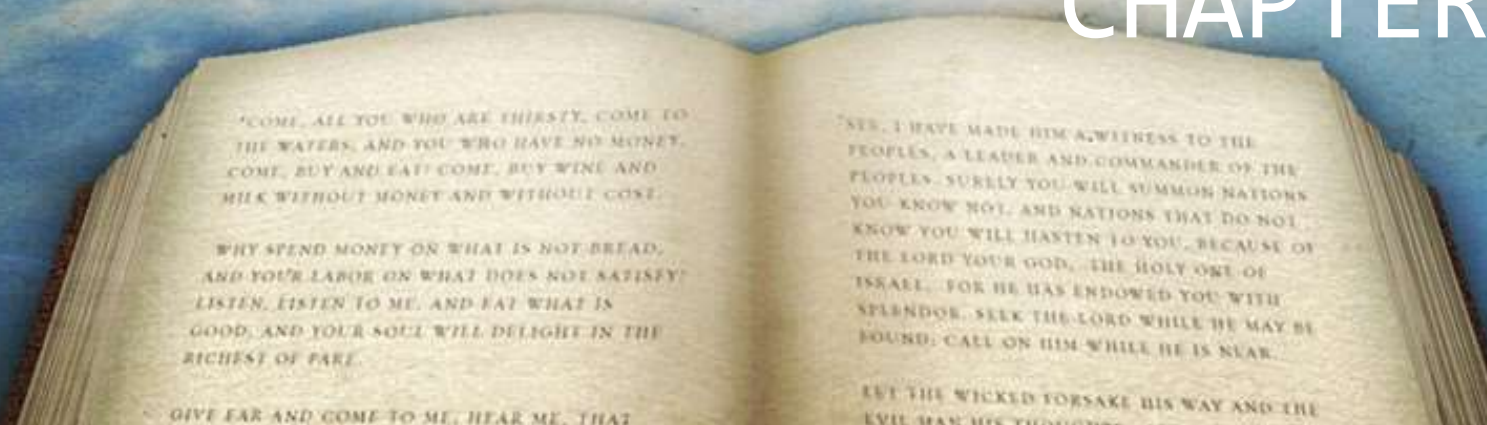
1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NKJV

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This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work.

1 Timothy 3:1, NKJV

We may understand his statement in terms of the prestige and respect given to Christian leaders today. But such was far from Paul's mind. In his day, a bishop faced great danger and worrisome responsibility.

Rewards for the work of leading the church were hardship, contempt, rejection, and even death. The leader was the first to draw fire in persecution, first in line to suffer.

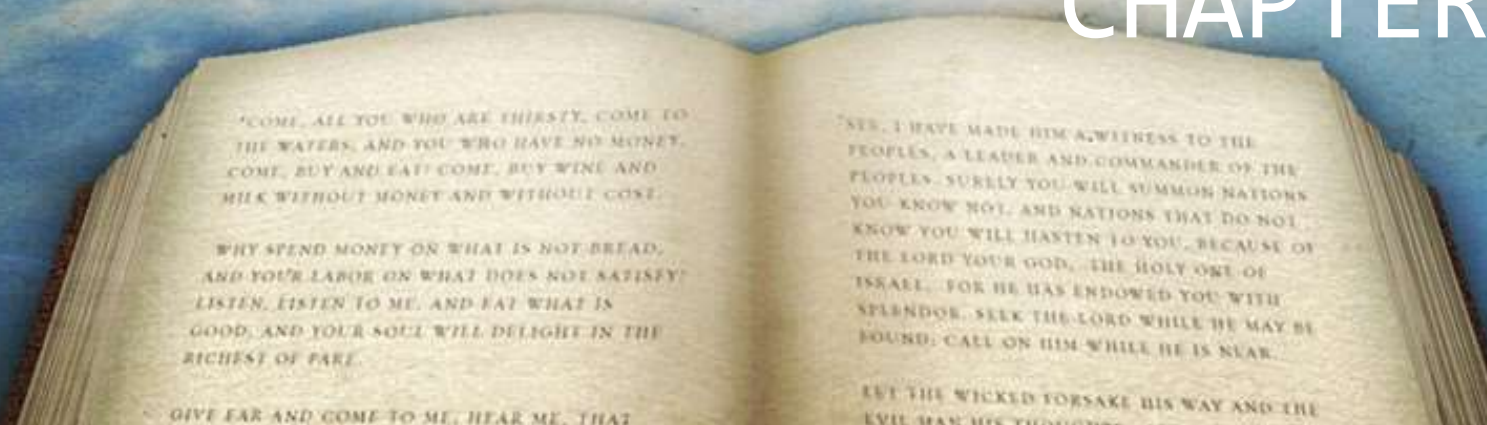
—Oswald Sanders

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The World Hates You: Because They Hate God

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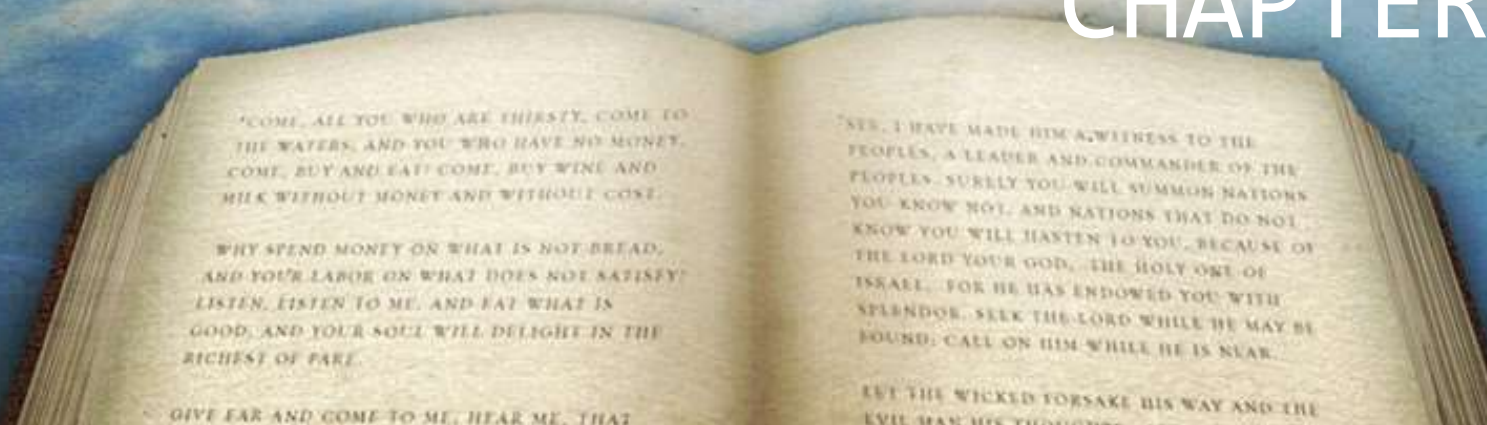


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The World Hates You: Because You Left Them

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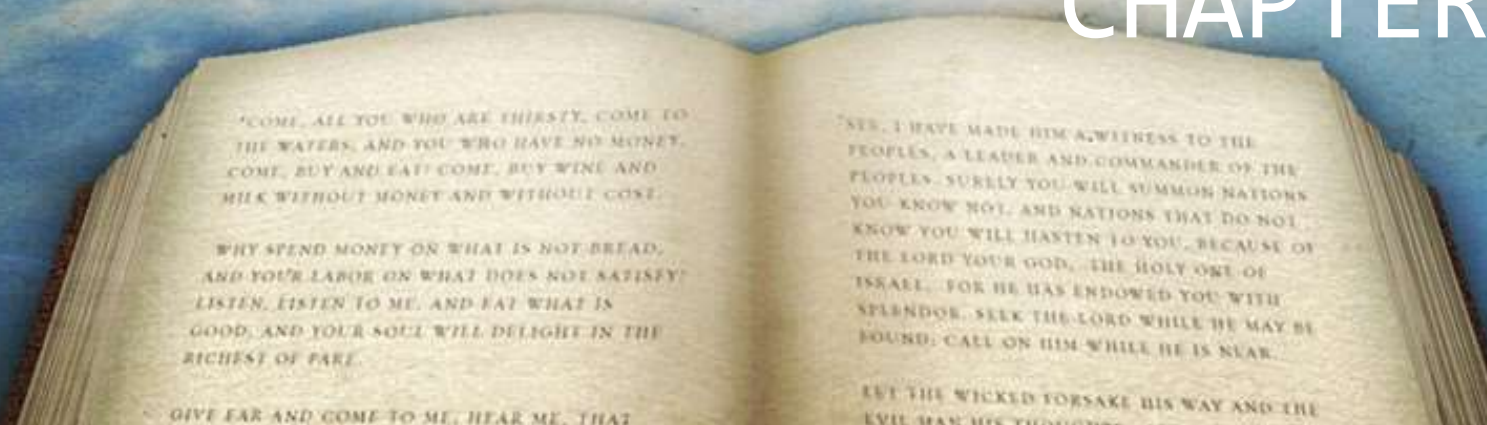


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All who desire to live Godly in Christ Jesus
will suffer persecution.

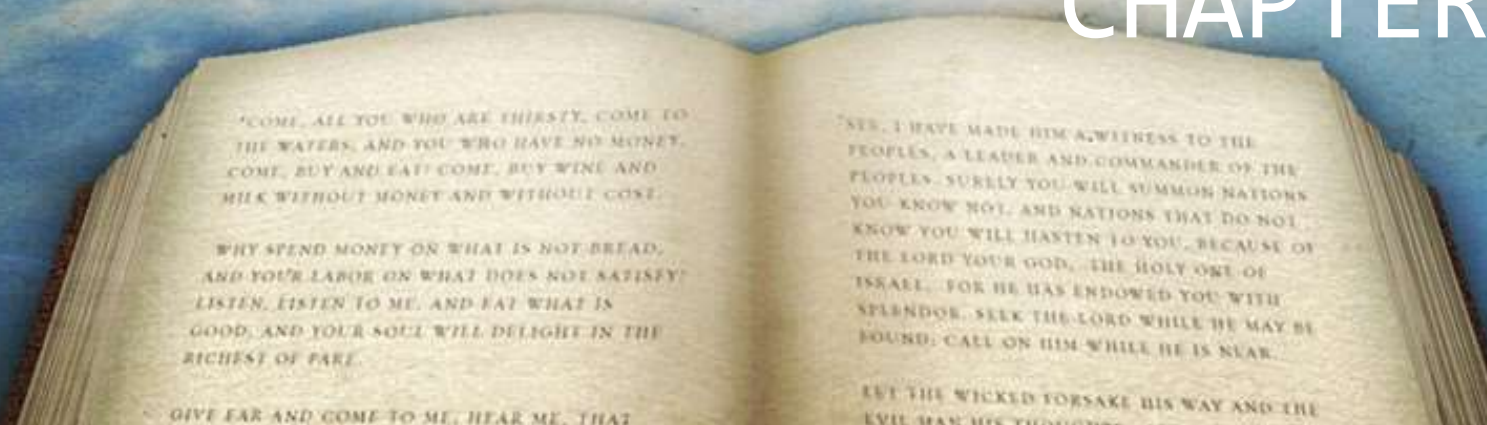
2 Timothy 3:12, NKJV

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So He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life.”

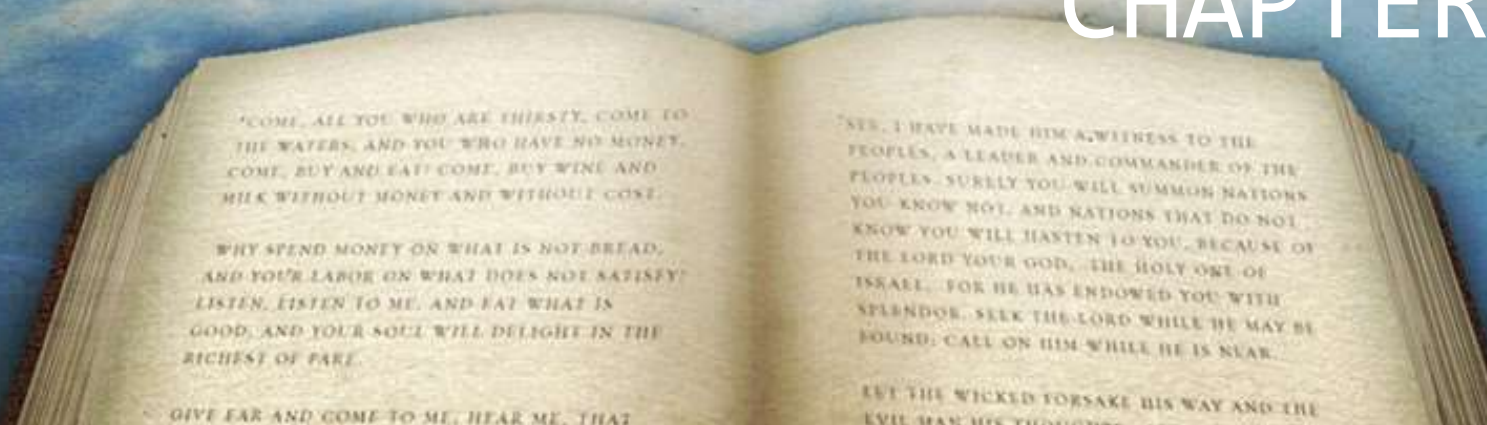
Luke 18:29-30, NKJV

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The World Hates You: But There's Good News!

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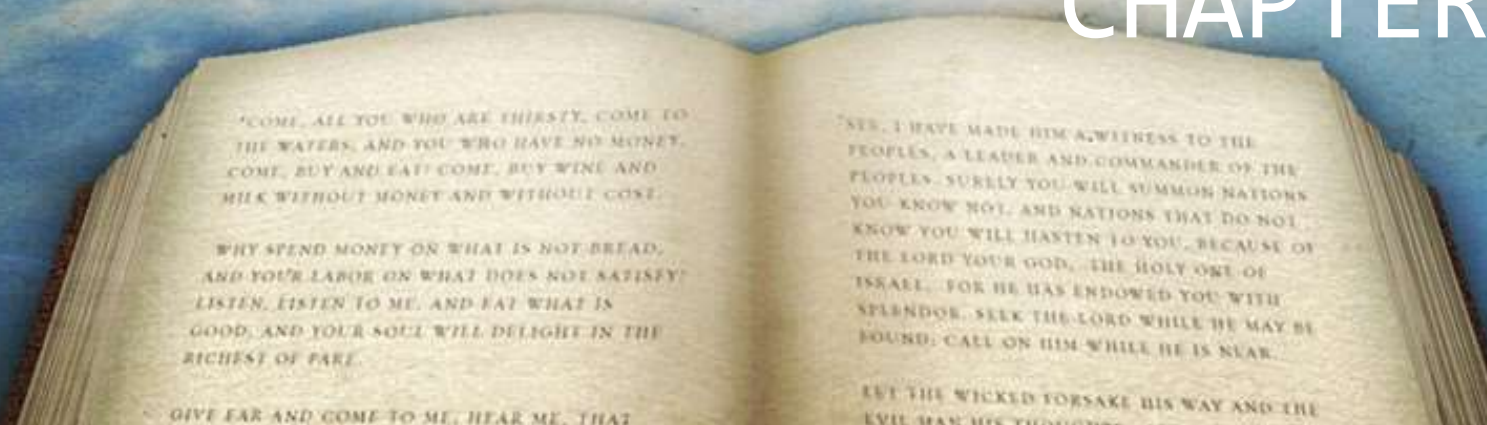


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Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

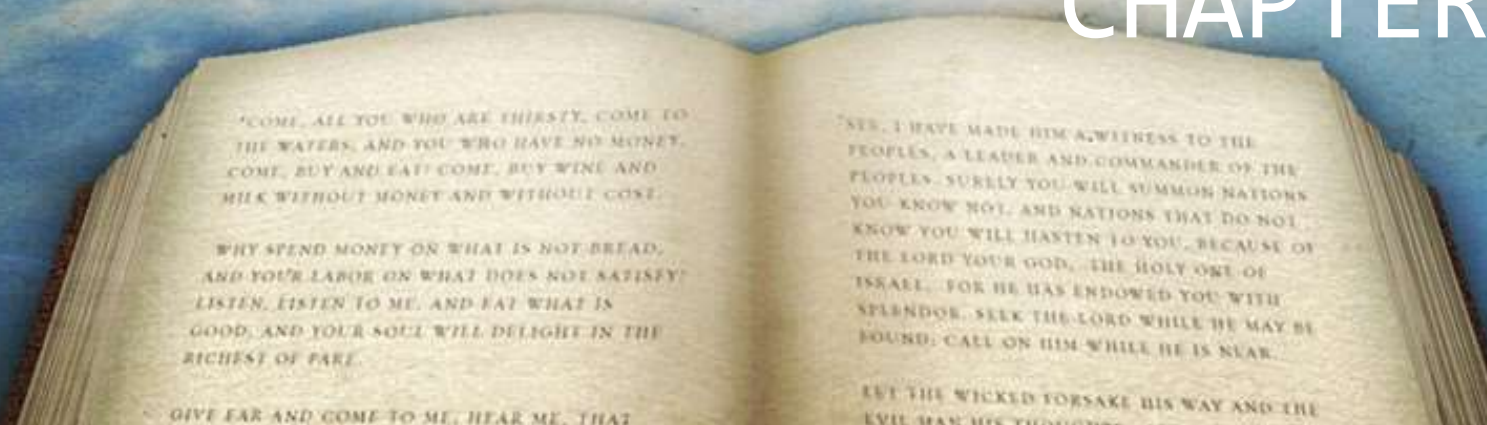
Matthew 5:11-12, NKJV

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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,

Hebrews 12:1, NKJV

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.

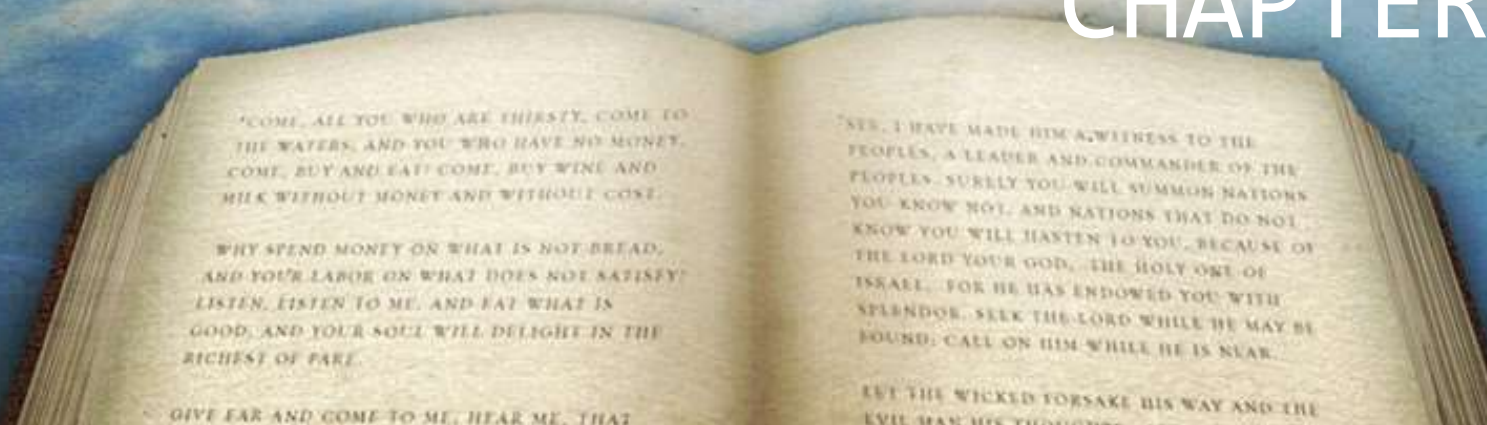
Hebrews 12:2, NKJV

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And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

Acts 4:23-24, NKJV

who by the mouth of Your servant David
have said: 'Why did the nations rage, And
the people plot vain things? The kings of the
earth took their stand, And the rulers were
gathered together Against the LORD and
against His Christ.'

Acts 4:25-26, NKJV

For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus,
whom You anointed, both Herod and
Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the
people of Israel, were gathered together to
do whatever Your hand and Your purpose
determined before to be done.

Acts 4:27-28, NKJV

Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

Acts 4:29-30, NKJV

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