

Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in Message
Worship in the Lord’s Table
Worship in Giving

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Love Harmonizes

Selected Scriptures

Love Is Series

Life Change: We harmonize in community.

The revolution of harmony in music...

The fullness of harmony in God impacts everything.

God is triune.

2 Cor. 13:11, 13

God is one.

Is. 45:5-6

God holds antinomies seamlessly.

Is. 16:5

Life Together Assessment: Score yourself 1-4 on each question.

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How to better harmonize:

Join the community of faith.

Disagree without being disagreeable.

Activate (not create) unity.



PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE

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Musical harmony
Lydia Evans
2012



Alan Rich: *Music, the Mirror of the Arts*



In music, harmony is the sound of two or more notes heard simultaneously...[as] the ear creates harmonic movement in the same way that the eye perceives movement in a motion picture.

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Musical sound may be regarded as having both horizontal and vertical components. The horizontal aspects are those that proceed during time such as melody, counterpoint (or the interweaving of simultaneous melodies), and rhythm. The vertical aspect comprises the sum total of what is happening at any given moment.



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Pythagoras discovered the octave, 5th, and 4th note scales and how they resonated within those domains. Yet, all the cultures of the world still continued to produce music without harmony.

Pythagoras and his Monochord
Franchino Gaffurio
1492



courtesy David Mills



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2 Corinthians 13 CSB

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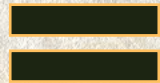
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**God with you
(practitional
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13

**Lord Jesus Christ + God (Father)
+ Holy Spirit with you
(practitional presence)**

Our salvation is rooted in the mysterious nature of the Godhead who coexists as three distinct Persons all of whom are involved in our salvation in all its aspects, past, present, and future. [God's triunity] encompasses everything we know and practice as Christians—our sanctification, our fellowship, our prayer life, our Bible study, or our corporate worship. That this is true and a precious truth for us to rest in is evident in Paul's closing benediction in 2 Corinthians 13 and in Peter's salutation and doxology in 1 Peter 1:1-5.

– J. Hampton Keathley III, "The Trinity (Triunity) of God"

There is one only and true God, but in the unity of the Godhead there are three coeternal and coequal Persons, the same in substance but distinct in subsistence. – B. B. Warfield, “Trinity,” *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*

There are many specific passages which teach us there are three distinct Persons who possess deity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, but the Bible also teaches us with equal emphasis that there is but one true God...one Divine Essence/Substance.

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Isaiah 45 CSB

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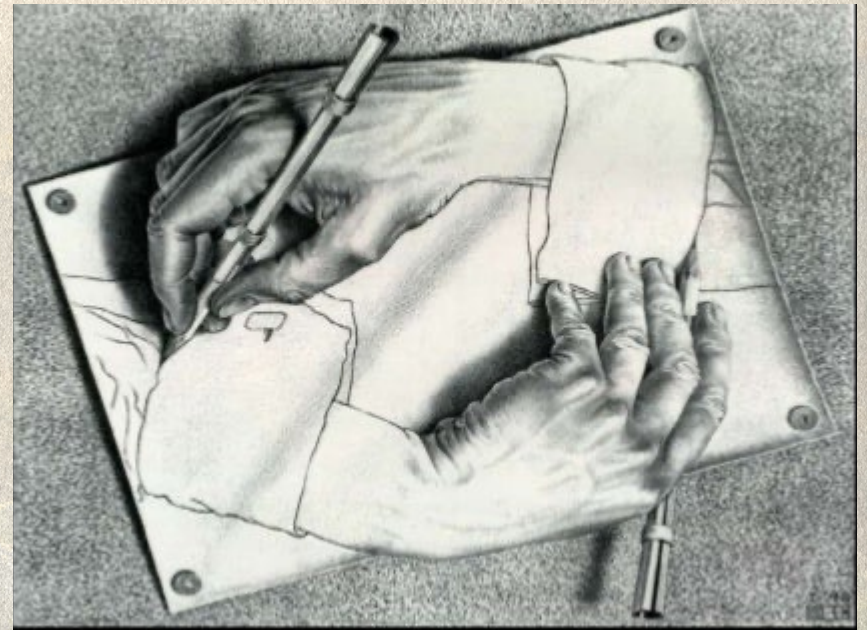
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Antinomy: an apparent contradiction between two equally valid principles or between inferences correctly drawn from such principles.

Example: “This sentence is false.”



Drawing Hands
M.C. Escher
1948



**Then God will establish one
of David's descendants as king.
He will rule with mercy and truth.
He will always do what is just
and be eager to do what is right.**


Isaiah 16:5 NLT



**"It's not
fair, Mom!"**

KeepingLifeSane.com

O dear child.
You don't
want what's
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some antinomies in scripture

- **God is both Transcendent (beyond) and Immanent (near).**
- **Jesus is both Fully Human and Fully Divine.**
- **The Bible is both Word of God (divinely inspired) and Authored by Humans (with language limitations).**
- **The Church is both One universal body of Christ and Many particular local communities.**
- **The Church is both Holy (God's Spirit with us) and Imperfect (in need of ongoing reform).**

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- **Human nature is both Good (created in God's image which is not erased by sin) and Sinful (the Imago Dei is defaced).**
- **The focus of our lives should be on both The Present world (living rightly) and The world to come (going to heaven).**
- **As human beings we are both Individual persons and Social beings in families & communities.**
- **Faith is both a gift from God to us and A proper human response to God.**
- **We know God through both Faith and Reason.**

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- **Our relationship to the Earth involves both Caring for the environment and Using the world's resources.**
- **God's Kingdom, as preached by Jesus, is both A present reality and Awaiting future fulfillment.**
- **We respond to a Christian's death with both Mourning for our loss and Rejoicing in their perfected life with God.**
- **Life after death can be thought of as both Resurrection of the body and Immortality of the soul.**

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- **The Risen Jesus is both Present, ever with us (cf. Matt 28) and Ascended to return physically again (cf. Luke 24).**
- **The Final Judgment is both Individual/Particular and General/Universal.**
- **Christian Theology embraces both The Via Positiva (what we can know) and The Via Negativa (what we cannot know).**

Those who eschew the study of [antinomy] are robbed of the richness of worship based upon truth...acknowledging our creaturely finitude, reveling in His Godship. – James White, “The Lord is One”

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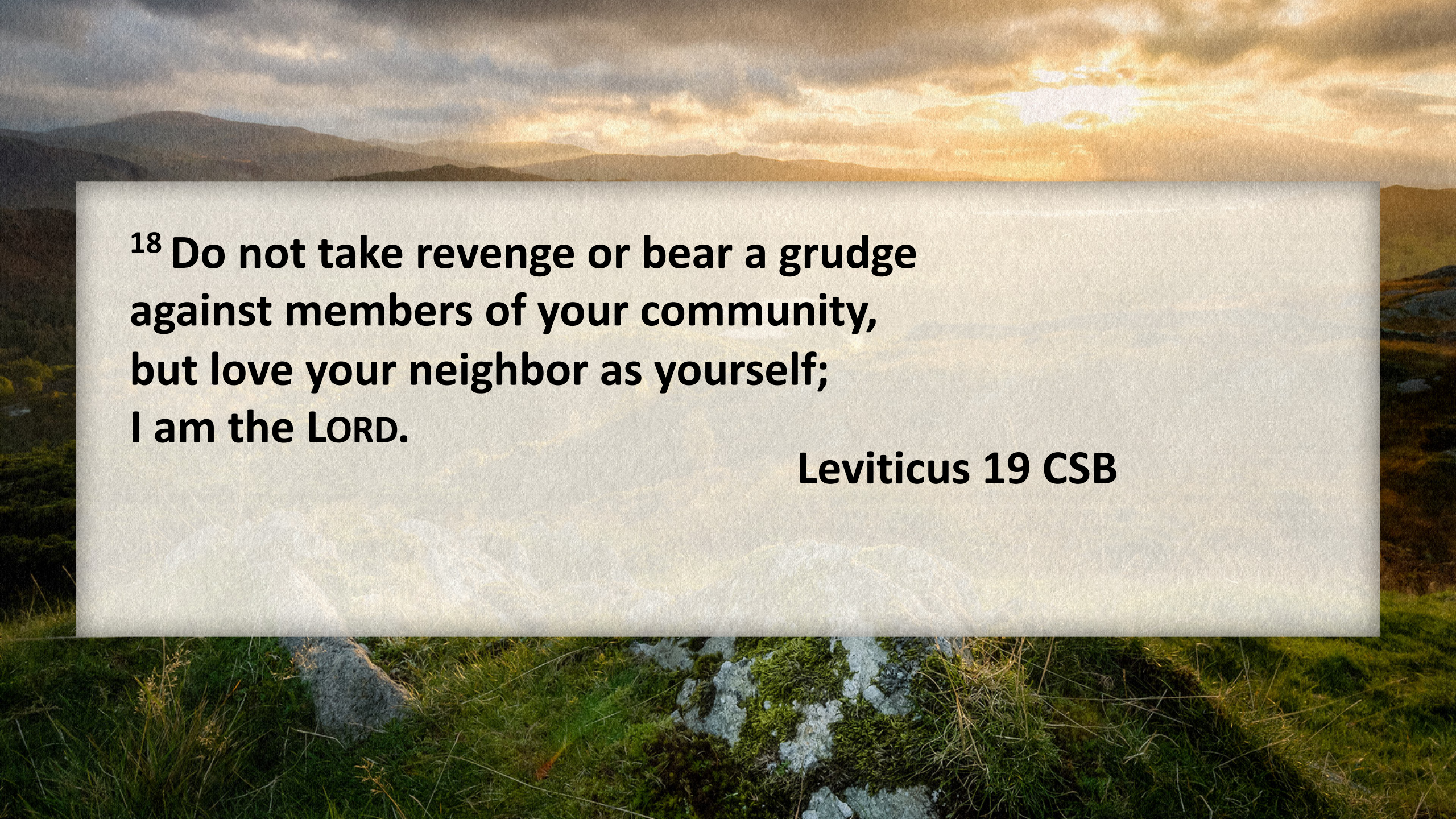


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Leviticus 19 CSB

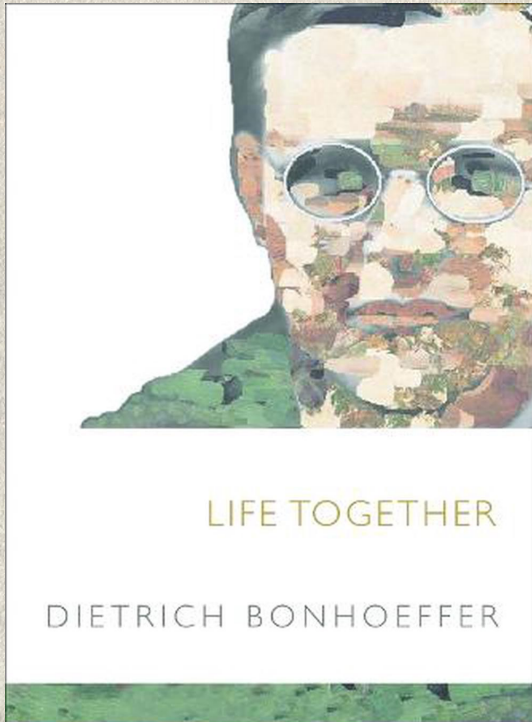
**¹ How delightfully good
when brothers live together in harmony!**

Psalm 133 CSB

**³⁴ “Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also
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John 13 CSB

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The lifestyle Dietrich Bonhoeffer promotes is completely centered on faith in Christ. Christ is your first thought in the morning and the last thought at night. Devotions and times of prayer fill your day. Even work is a cause for “praying without ceasing.” – Nathaniel Williams

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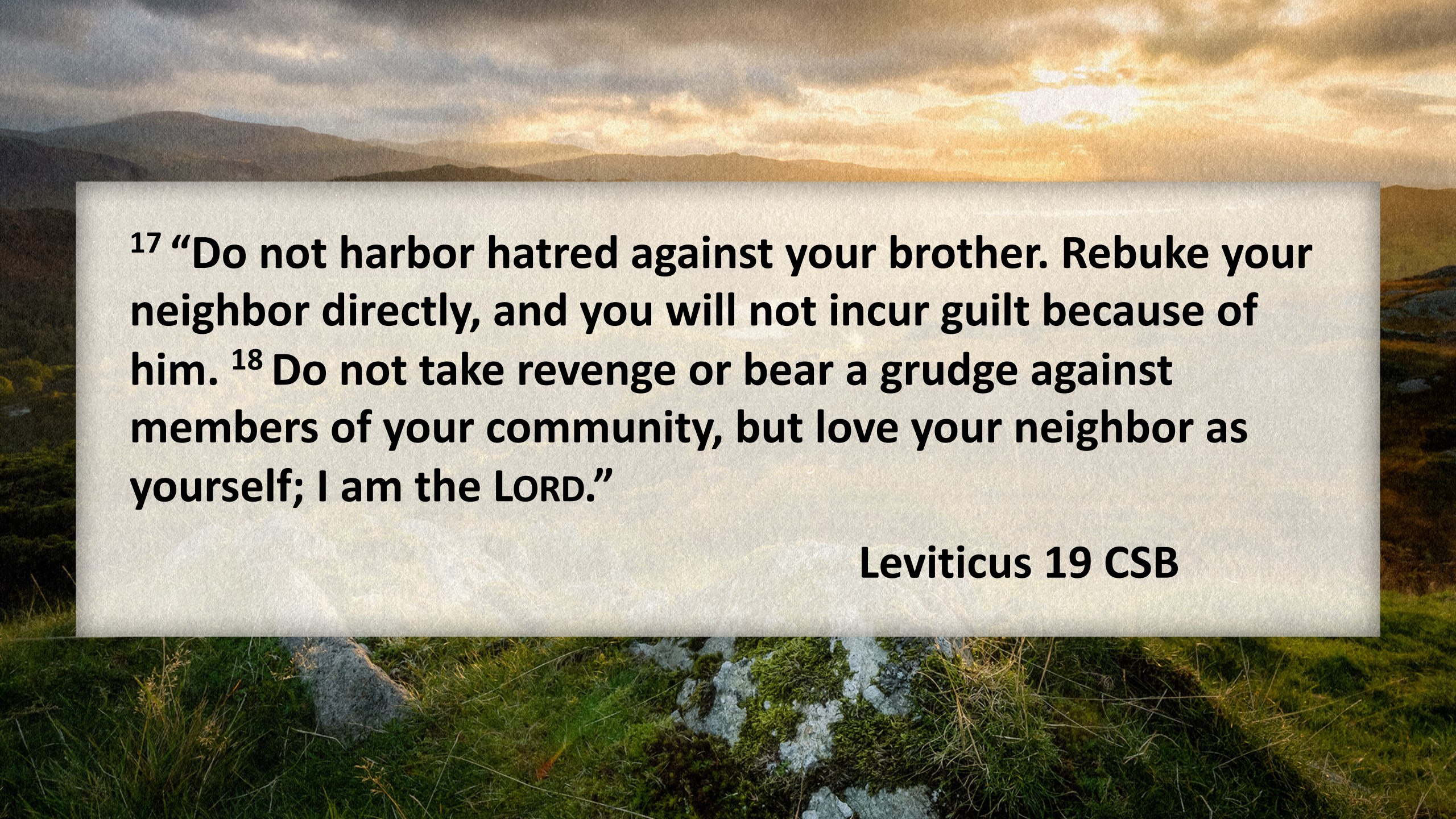
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John 13 CSB

¹ Don't argue about disputed matters...⁴ Who are you to judge another's household servant?

Romans 14 CSB

A globe of the Earth is centered in the upper left quadrant, overlaid with a glowing green network of lines and nodes. The background is a dark teal space filled with numerous small, glowing yellow and green particles, some of which are arranged in a circular pattern around the globe.

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An abstract background consisting of many thin, parallel lines that flow and curve across the right side of the image. The lines are multi-colored, featuring shades of teal, blue, green, and yellow, creating a sense of movement and energy.

unity

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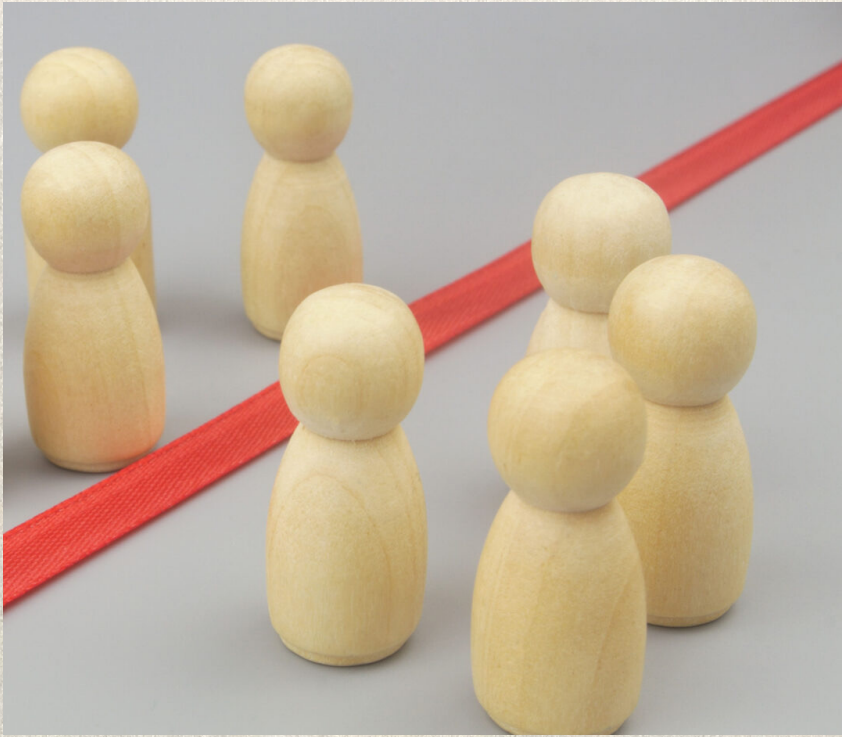


God's Law: harmonious call to community



Where there's light, there's going to be bugs. – H.A. Ironside to Howard Hendricks, who shared the saying with Wayne Braudrick





“We are Christians. But not like those ignorant, bigoted evangelicals over there. We are thoughtful and urbane.” It’s a class thing...[So] when the line gets drawn, on which side will I stand?

With the people who belong to my class or the people who belong to Jesus’ church? – Carl Trueman, “Yes, I am a Christian, just like those over there”

When I reflect on my own Christian life, the great personal influences on me have not been the elite of my [professorial] class. They have been the humble and the unknown by worldly standards: the friend at school who shared the gospel with me; the elderly couple who invited me to lunch on my first Sunday at church as a new postgraduate all alone in a new city; the mentor who called that Friday when I was at my lowest ebb to tell me that he and his wife had just prayed for me and my family.

These are...the people so often sprayed with the righteous spittle of those who see racists and homophobes and bigots in every face that dares to say “No!” to the latest imperious demands of our decadent culture. And I pray that when they [weird Christians] are persecuted, I will say, “*Yes, I am a Christian. Just like those over there.*”



– Carl Trueman, “Yes, I am a Christian, just like those over there”

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The singer is feeling the strain of isolation & busyness, and he recognizes that his life is like emptiness in harmony.

