

THE BOOK OF

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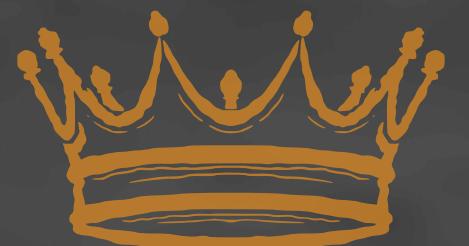


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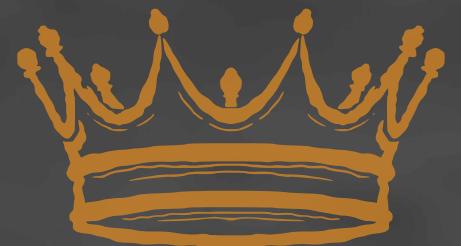
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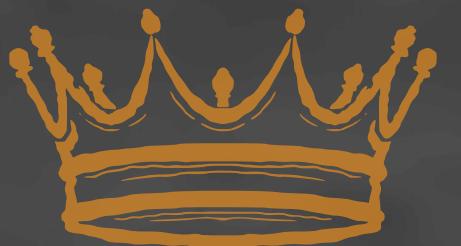
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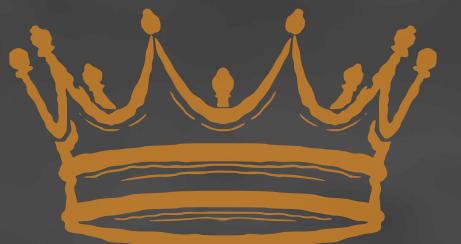
“Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you came out of Egypt, how he attacked you on the way when you were faint and weary, and cut off your tail, those who were lagging behind you, and he did not fear God.

Deuteronomy 25:17-19



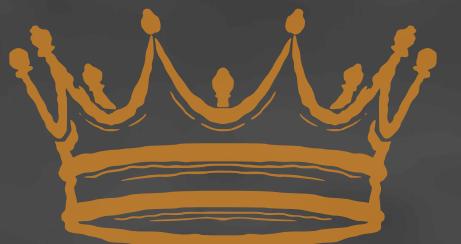
Therefore when the Lord your God has given you rest from all your enemies around you, in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you shall not forget.”

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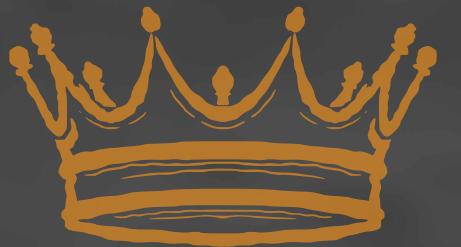
*For the wages of sin is death, but the free
gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus
our Lord.*

Romans 6:23



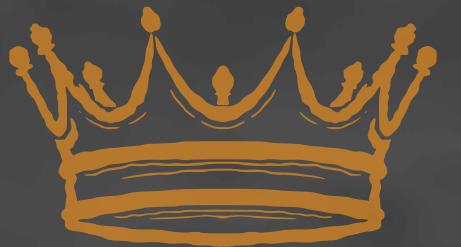
*You have kept count of my tossings; put
my tears in your bottle. Are they not in
your book?*

Psalm 56:8



Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

Romans 12:19



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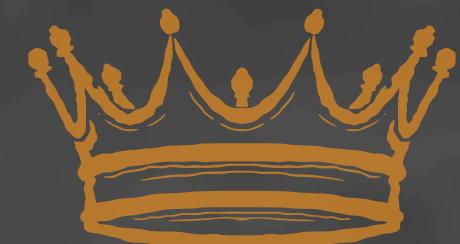
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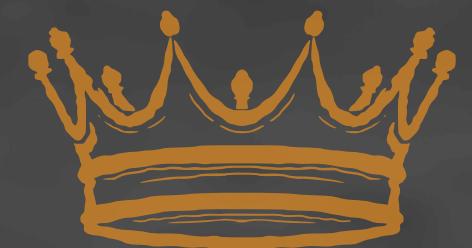
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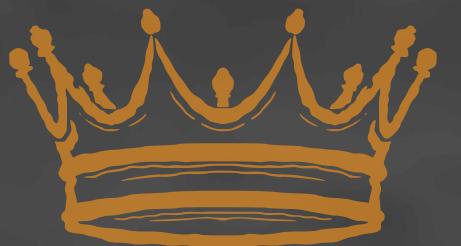


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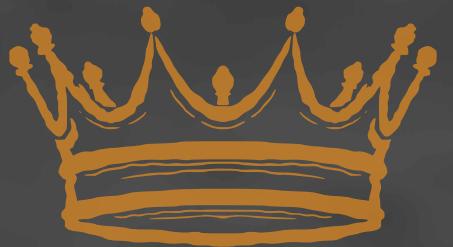
And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

Genesis 6:6



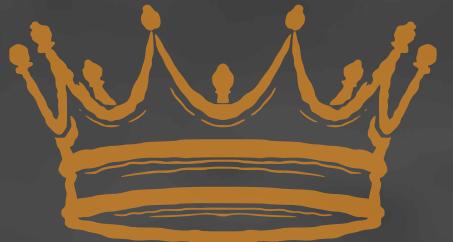
“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Matthew 23:37



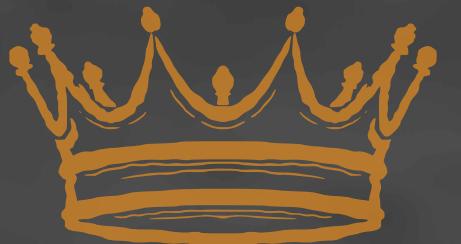
“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’

Ezekiel 33:10-11

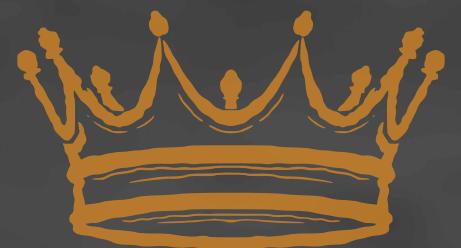


*Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord
God, I have no pleasure in the death of the
wicked, but that the wicked turn from his
way and live; turn back, turn back from
your evil ways, for why will you die, O
house of Israel?*

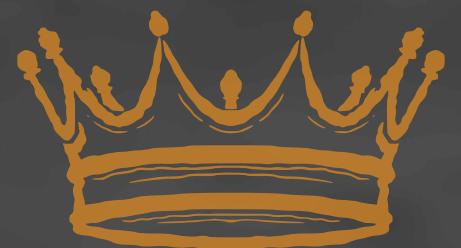
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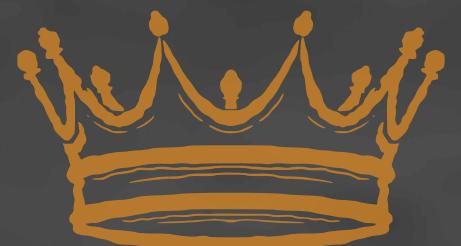
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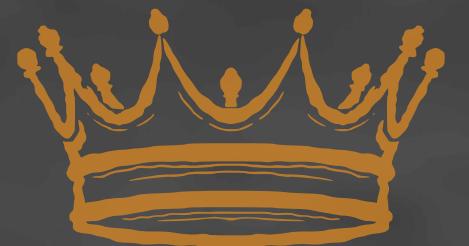


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*Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let
your laughter be turned to mourning and
your joy to gloom.*

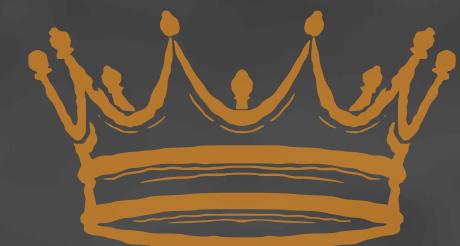
James 4:9



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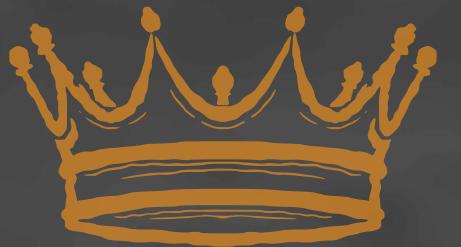


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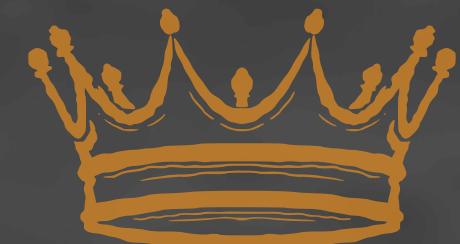


“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 14:15

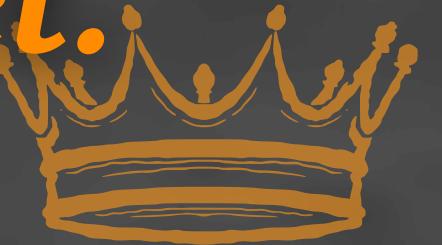


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I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2



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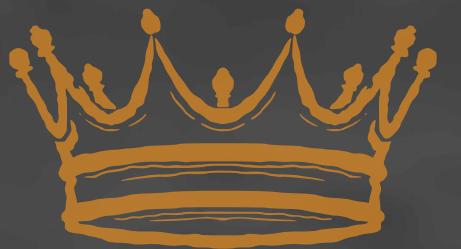
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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

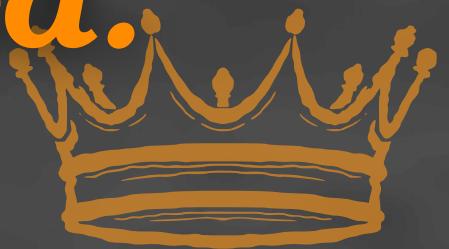
1 John 1:9



Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

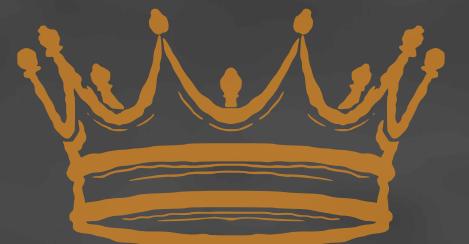
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Isaiah 55:1-2



Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7



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APPLY TO LIFE.

1. **How am I doing at waiting on God's vengeance?**
2. **Where have I become comfortable with disobedience?**
3. **What is keeping me from repenting and trusting in Jesus Christ?**