DEMONOLOGY





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Preview of Angelology

1. Good angels
2. Satanology
3. **Demonology**
4. Gen. 6:1-4 controversy



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  - Divine intercession (John 17:15; Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25)

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Dressed for Success!

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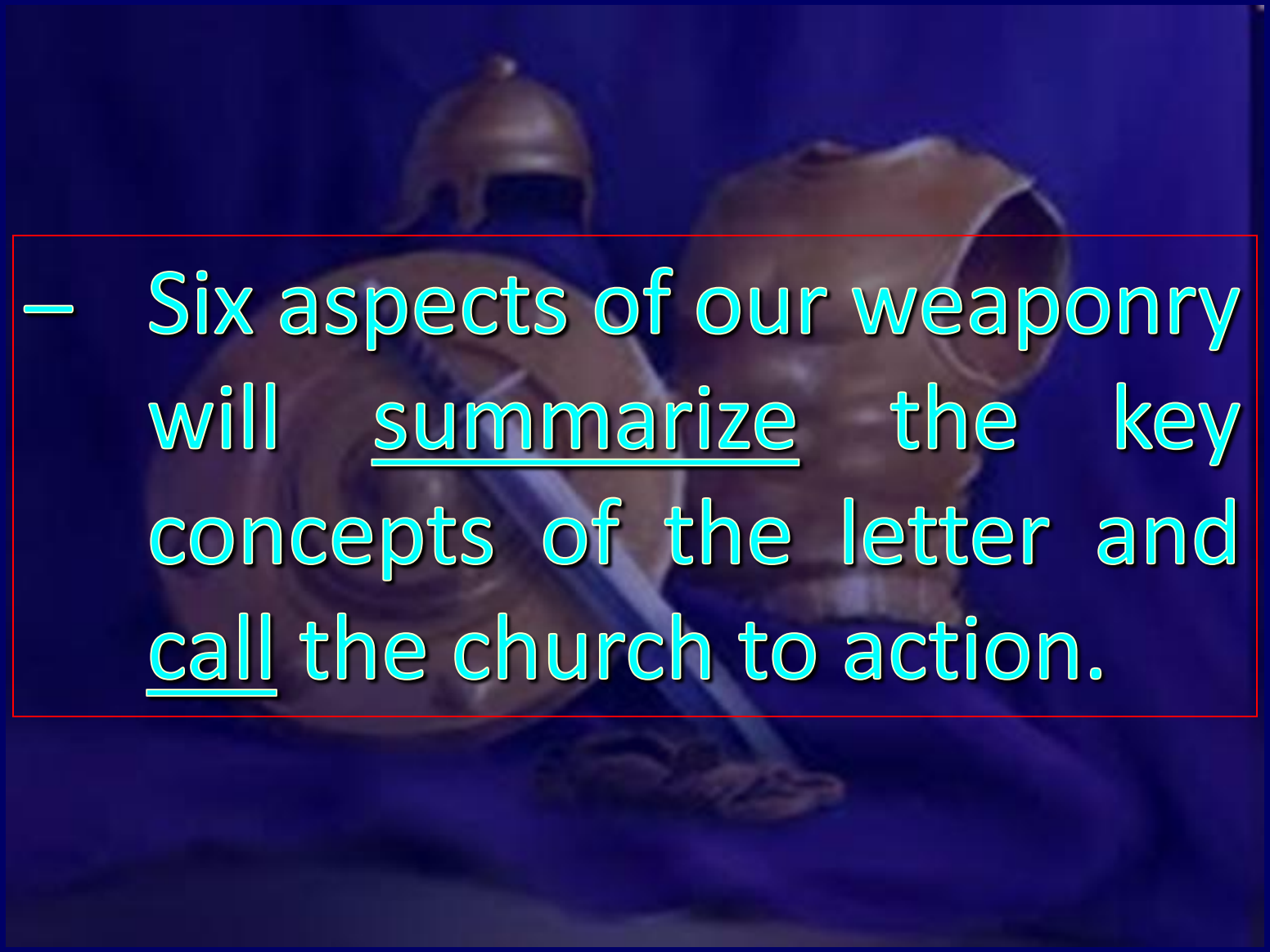
1. Paul's imprisonment (Eph 3:1; 6:20; Philip 1:13)
2. Soldier metaphor
3. Six pieces of armor described
4. Significance of the armor in the ancient world



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5. Paul is reinforcing prior concepts in Ephesians
6. Pieces mentioned in the order they are put on
7. Command: to put on the armor
8. Outline: description, represents, application





- Six aspects of our weaponry will summarize the key concepts of the letter and call the church to action.

EPHESIANS: WHAT IS INSIDE?

1–3	4–6
Relationship	Responsibility
Doctrine	Deed
Orthodoxy	Orthopraxy
Knowledge	Wisdom
Belief	Behavior
Position	Practice
Privileges	Responsibility

6 Pieces of Armor

(Eph 6:14-17)

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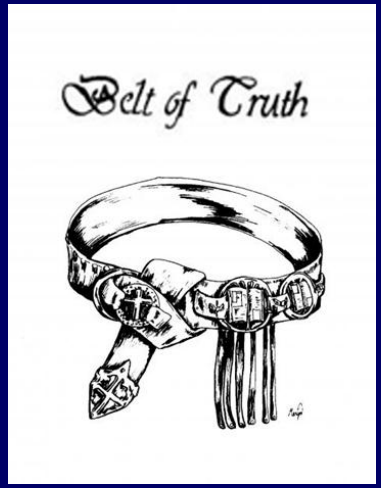
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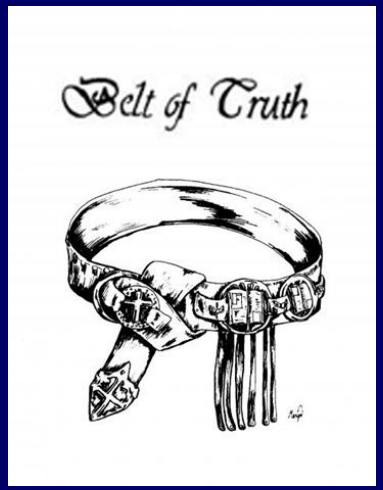
Belt of Truth
(Eph 6:14a)

- Represent
  - "Truth" [*alēthia*] used 6 times
    - Gospel (1:13; 4:21)
    - Doctrinal orthodoxy/stability (4:15)
    - Moral purity (4:24-25; 5:9)



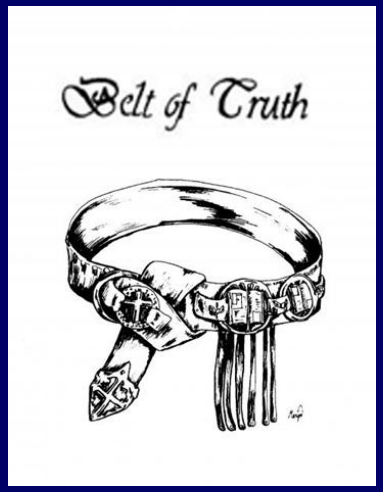
Belt of Truth
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- Definition
  - Foundation of our defense is standing firm in the truth of God's Word as well as our personal integrity



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- Application
  - Objective: Stand in the truth of God's Word
  - Subjective: Personal integrity



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Breastplate of Righteousness
(Eph 6:14b)

- Description



Breastplate of Righteousness
(Eph 6:14b)

- Represent
  - "Righteousness [*dikaiosynē*] used 2 times
    - 4:24; 5:9
    - Practical righteousness



Breastplate of Righteousness
(Eph 6:14b)

- Definition
  - Our underlying protection includes our righteous character and deeds stemming from our positional righteousness



Breastplate of Righteousness
(Eph 6:14b)

- Application
  - Live consistently with our position
  - When we engage in a sinful or impure lifestyle, we are vulnerable and can take an arrow through the chest



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Sandals of Peace
(Eph 6:15)

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Sandals of Peace
(Eph 6:15)

- Represent
  - "Peace" [*eirēnē*] used 7 times
    - Positional peace (1:2; 6:23)
    - Racial harmony (2:14, 15, 17)
    - Unity (4:3)





Sandals of Peace
(Eph 6:15)

- Definition
  - Because we are at peace with God, we should pursue peace and unity within the church





Sandals of Peace
(Eph 6:15)

- Application
  - When we pursue unity in the church, we are putting on the sandals of peace
  - Negative example: Philip 4:2-3





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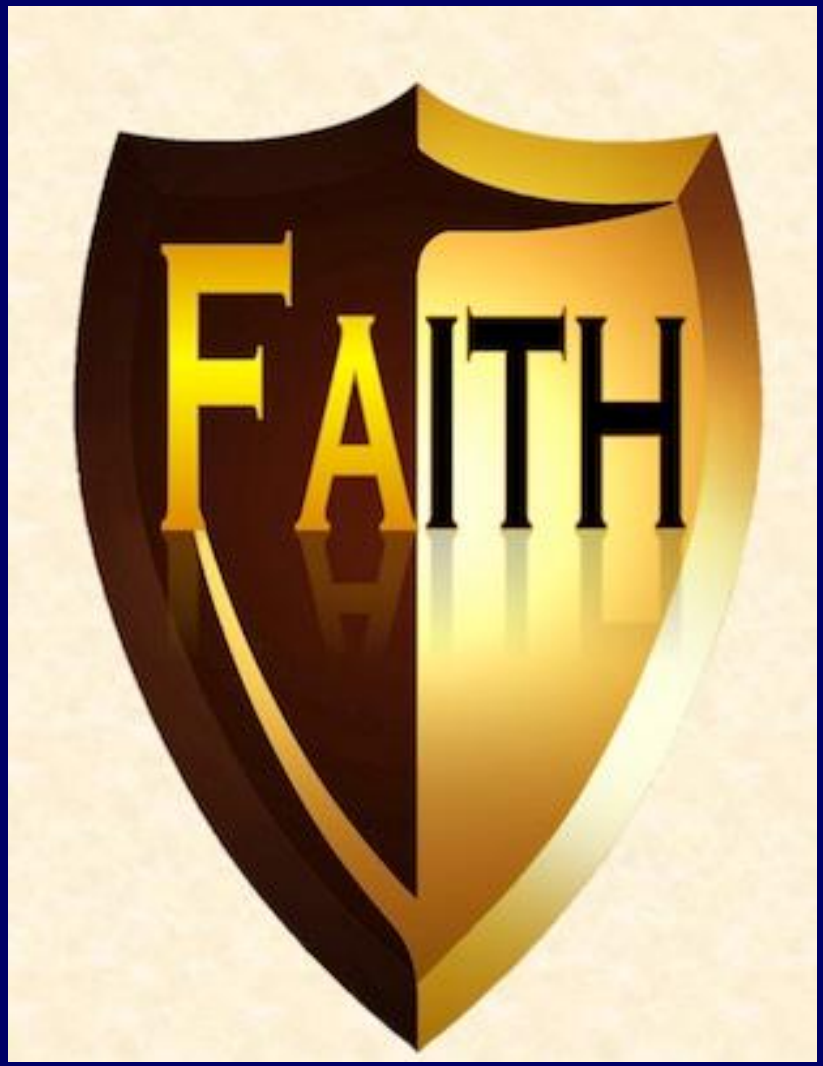
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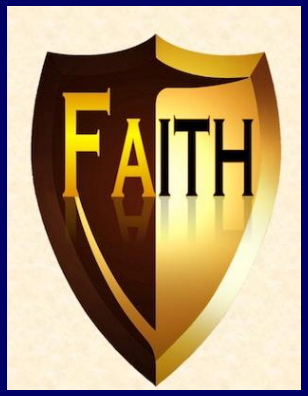


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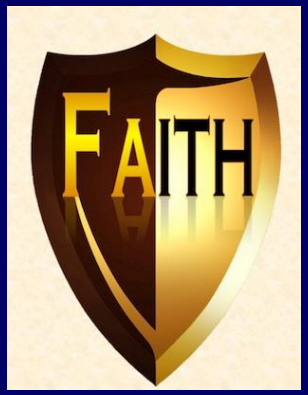
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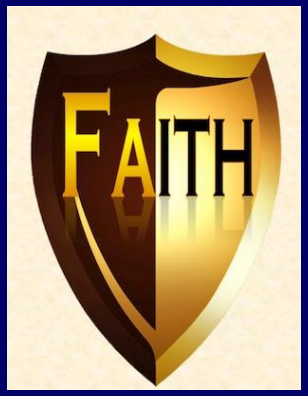
- Represent
  - "Faith" [*pistis, pisteuō*] used 9 times
    - Noun (1:15; 2:8; 3:12, 17; 4:5, 13; 6:23)
    - Verb (1:13, 19)
    - Content of what Christians believe

Shield of Faith
(Eph 6:16)

- Definition
  - Our confident trust in God's ways in order to withstand Satan's attacks



Shield of Faith
(Eph 6:16)



- Application
  - Flaming arrows in the ancient world
  - Examples of Satan's flaming arrows
  - Our trust in God's ways extinguishes them all
  - Unbelieving believer (Num 13-14; Mat. 14:28)

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Helmet of Salvation
(Eph 6:17a)

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- Represent
  - "Salvation" [*sōtēria*, *sōtērion*] used 1 time
    - Eph 1:13
    - Full ramification of salvation



Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

Helmet of Salvation
(Eph 6:17a)

- Definition
  - Maintaining confidence of our past, present, and future deliverance in the mist of battle.



Helmet of Salvation
(Eph 6:17a)



- Application
  - Confidence in the full ramifications of our salvation no matter what Satan throws at us that causes our assurance to wane
  - John 10:28-29; Rom 8:35; Philip 1:6; 1 Pet 1:4-5

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(Eph 6:17b)

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  - Communication by the Spirit through the Word [*rhēma*] of God
  - 2 Pet 1:21
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John 17:17, 20-23

“17 **Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth**…20 I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.”



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2 Timothy 3:16-17

"All Scripture is **inspired by God [*theopneustos*]** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."



2 Peter 1:20-21

"[20] But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation, [21] for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men **moved (*pherō*)** by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."



INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:20-21

- Men Wrote as they were inspired by Holy Spirit

  "pherō" = to carry

  Acts 27:15,17



- Opposite of Knowledge of False Teachers
  - *Which is their own imagination*
    - *Jer. 23:16*

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  - Specific skillful speaking and application of God's written revelation in order to overcome Satan's schemes



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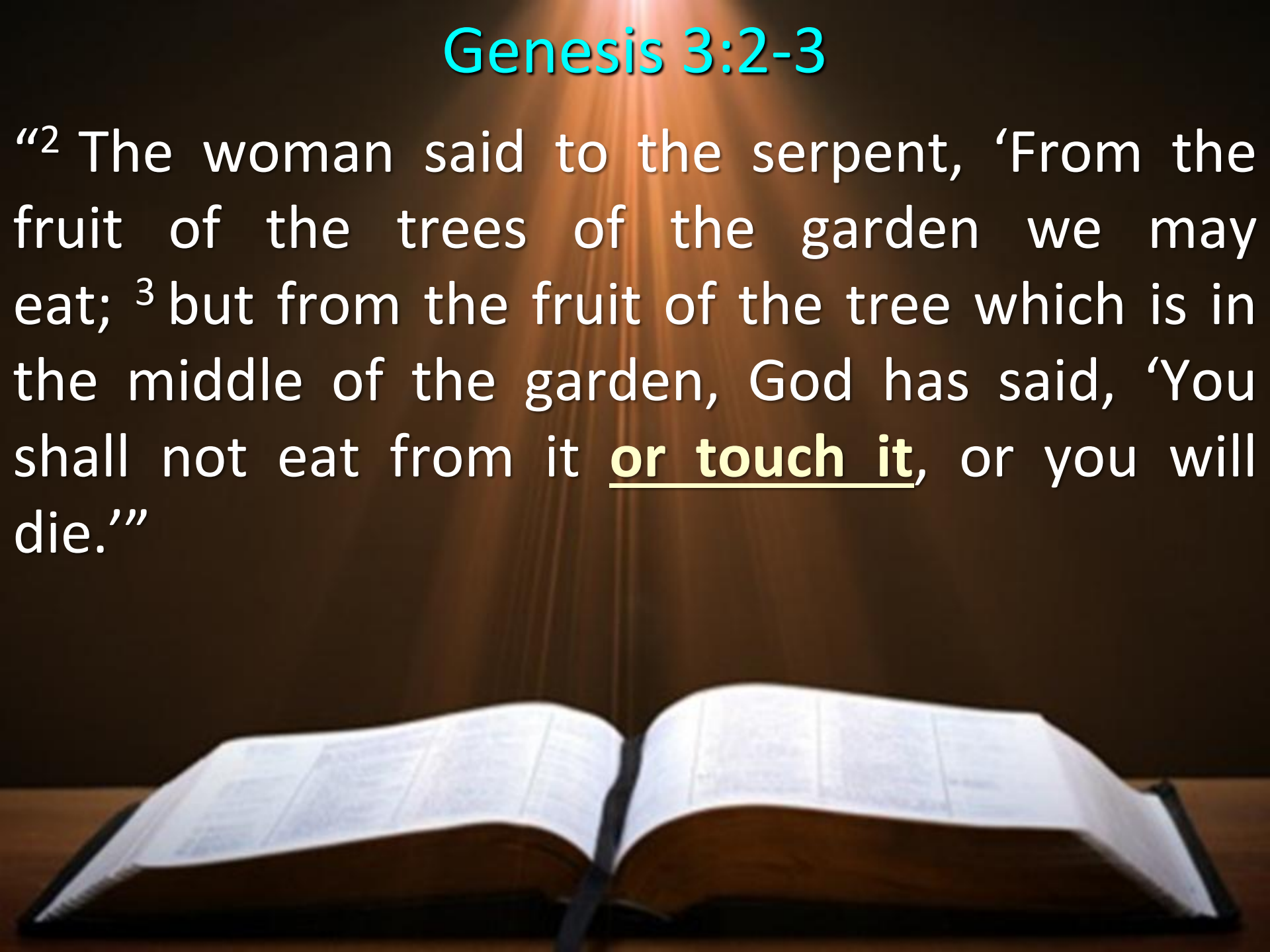
Genesis 2:16-17

“16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘From **any** tree of the garden you may eat **freely**; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.’”



Genesis 3:2-3

“2 The woman said to the serpent, ‘From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it **or touch it**, or you will die.’”



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