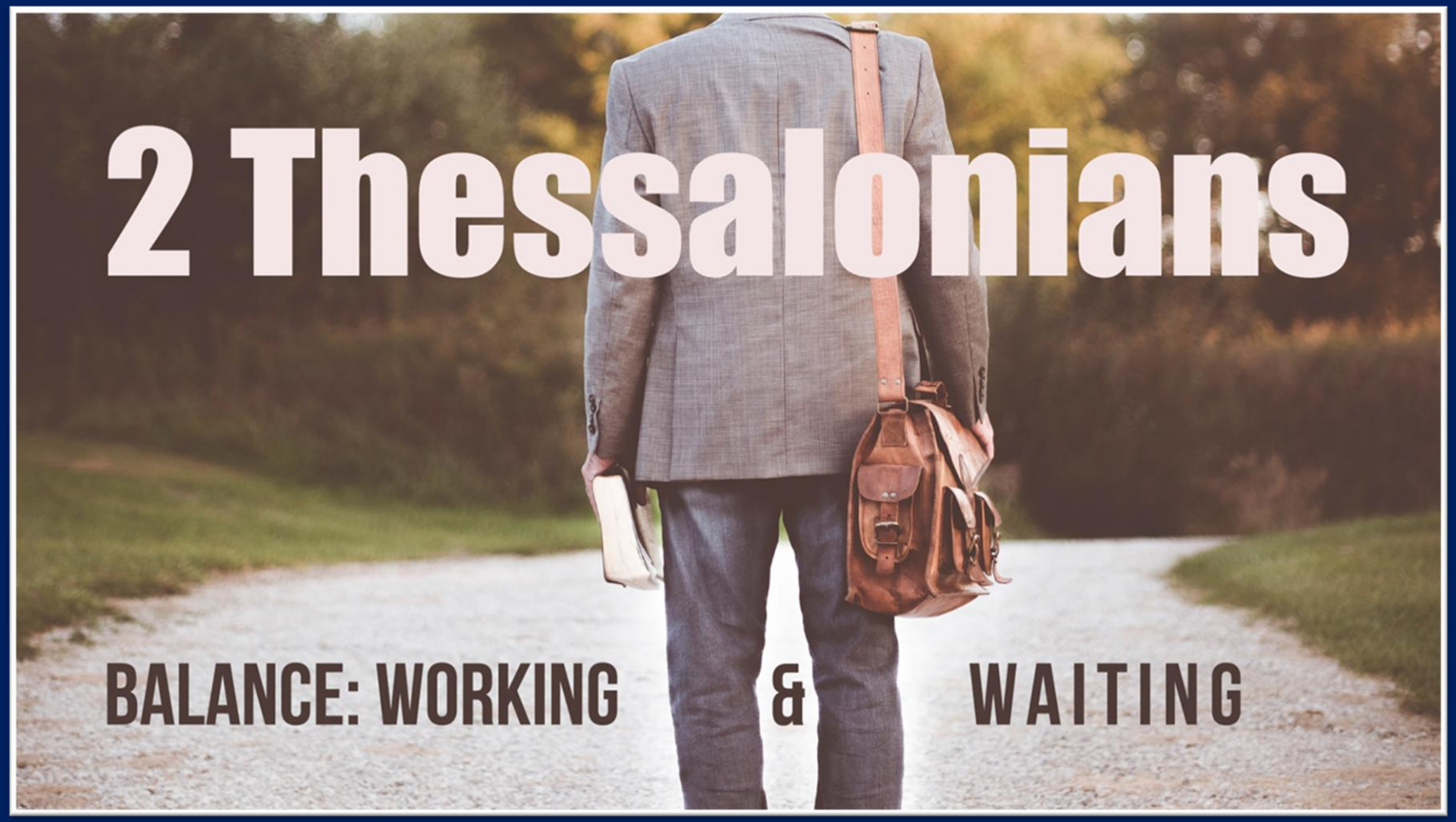




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Paul's Prayer for the Thessalonians

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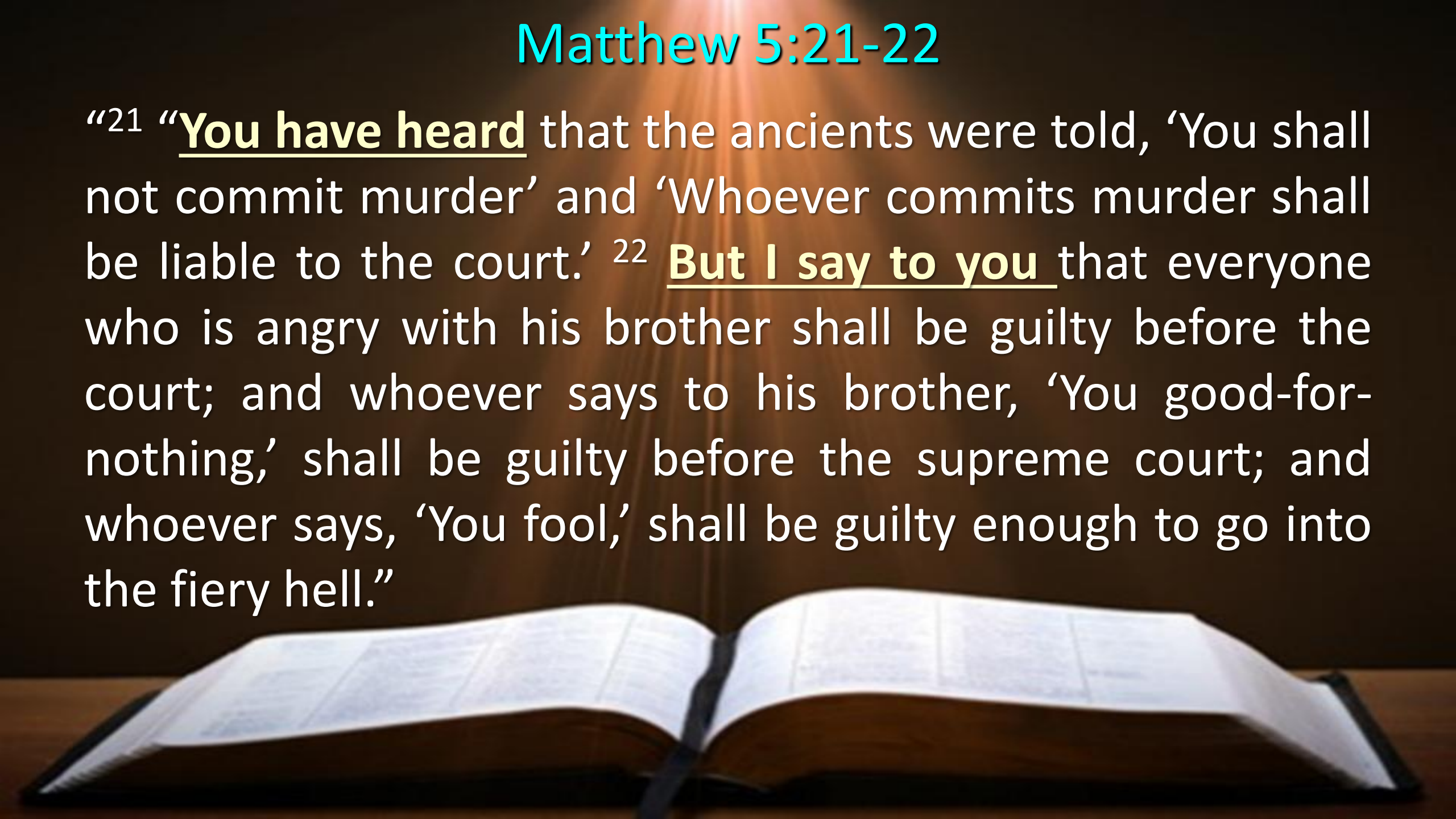
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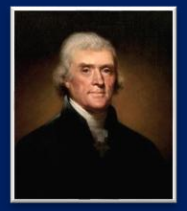
“21 “**You have heard** that the ancients were told, ‘You shall not commit murder’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’ 22 **But I say to you** that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.”



Matthew 5:27-28

“[27] **You have heard that it was said**, ‘You shall not commit adultery’; [28] **but I say to you** that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

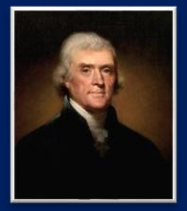




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"My views ... are the result of a life of inquiry and reflection, and very different from the anti-Christian system imputed to me by those who know nothing of my opinions. To the corruptions of Christianity, I am, indeed, opposed; but not to the genuine precepts of Jesus Himself. I am a Christian in the only sense in which He wished any one to be; sincerely attached to his doctrines in preference to all others...His system of morals...if filled up in the style and spirit of the rich fragments He left us, would be the most perfect and sublime that has ever been taught by man...His moral doctrines...were more pure and . . .

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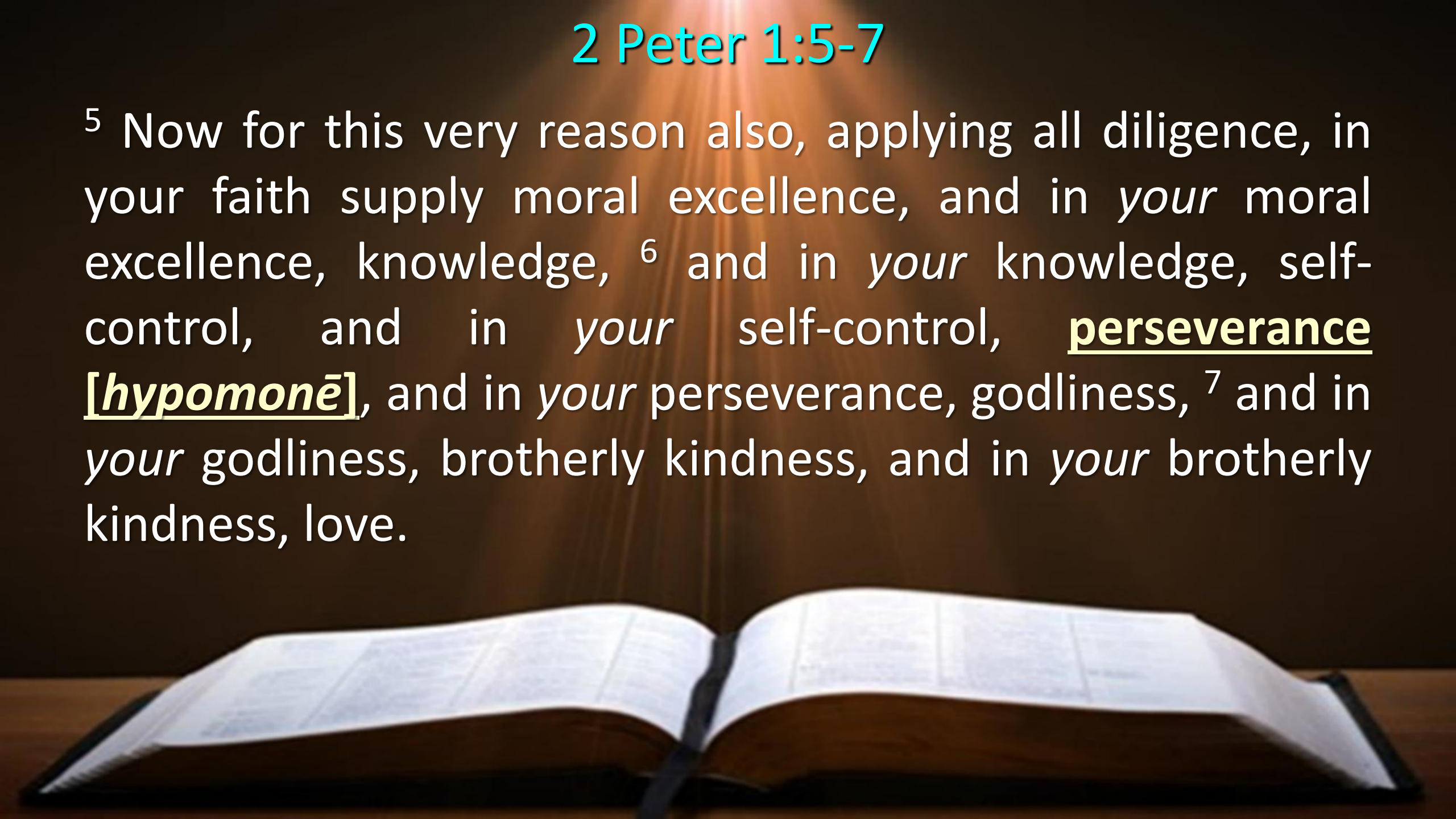
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2 Peter 1:5-7

5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, 6 and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, **perseverance [*hypomonē*]**, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, 7 and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.



Thomas L. Constable

"Notes on 2 Peter," online: www.soniclight.com,
accessed 21 January 2020, 12.

"Unlike other New Testament ethical lists (except Rom. 5:3-5), Peter used a literary device called 'sorites' (also called 'climax' or *gradatio*). Sorites (from the Gr. *soros*, 'a heap') is **a set of statements that proceed, step by step, to a climactic conclusion through the force of logic or reliance upon a series of indisputable facts**. Each new statement picks up the last key word or phrase of the preceding one."

PORTRAIT OF GROWTH

1:5-7



2 Thessalonians 2:2

"that you not be quickly **shaken** from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or **a letter as if from us**, to the effect that **the day of the Lord [the Tribulation] has come**."



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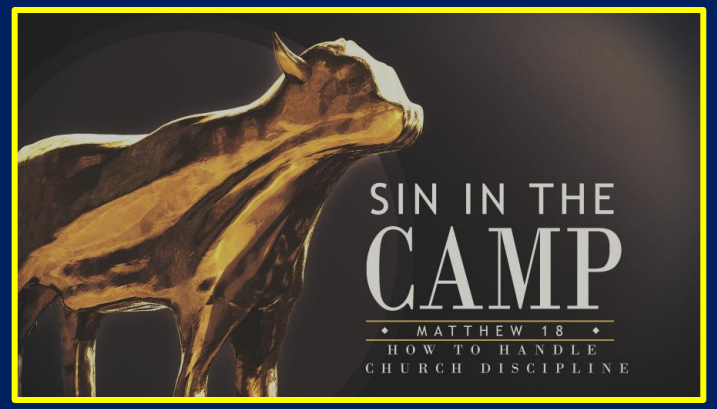


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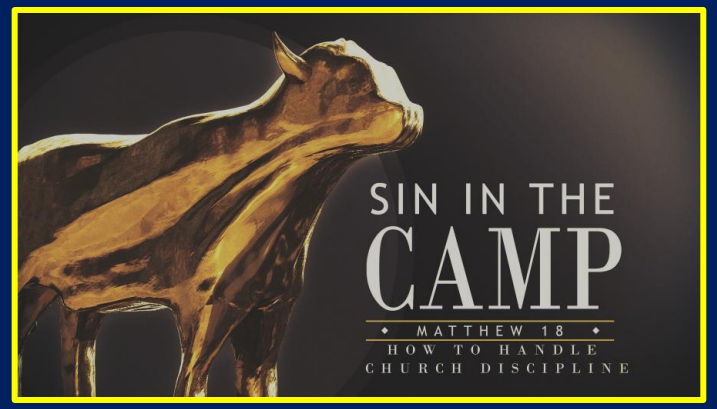
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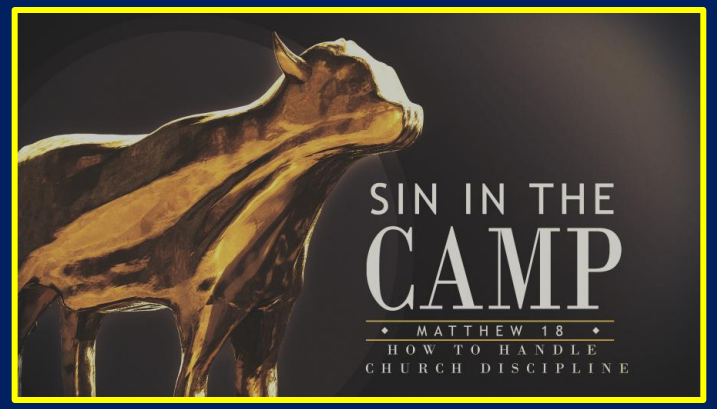


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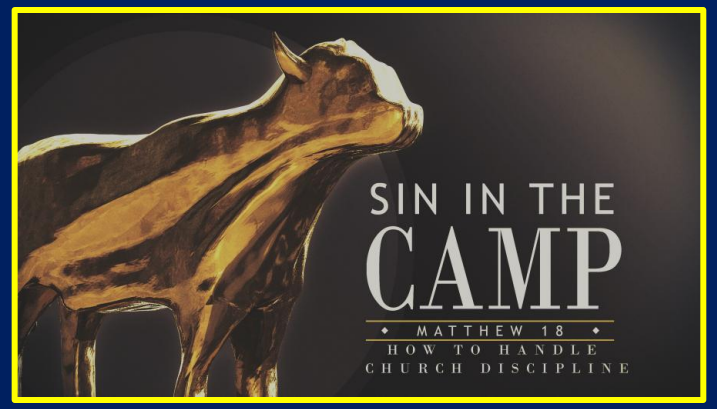


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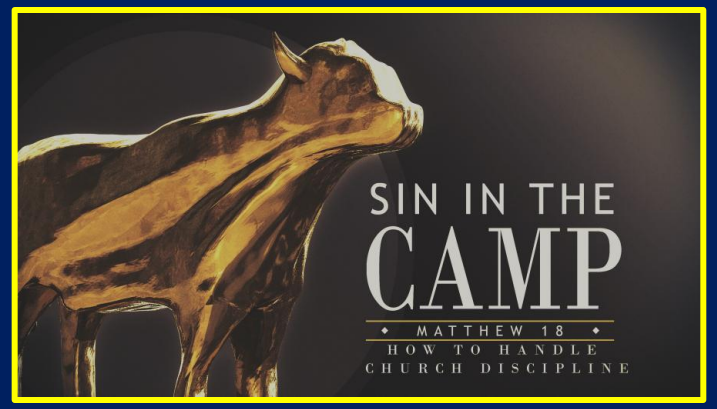
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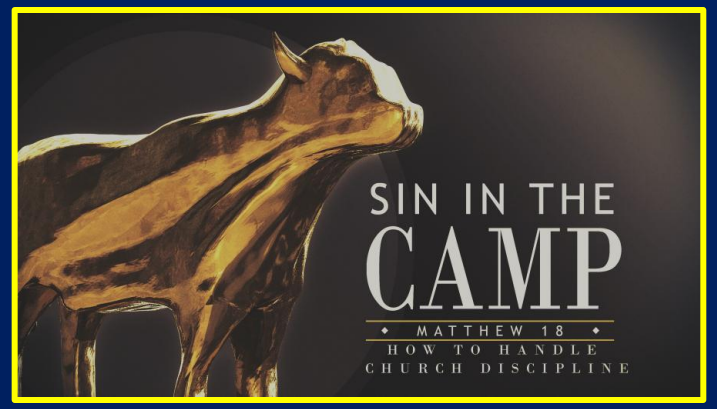


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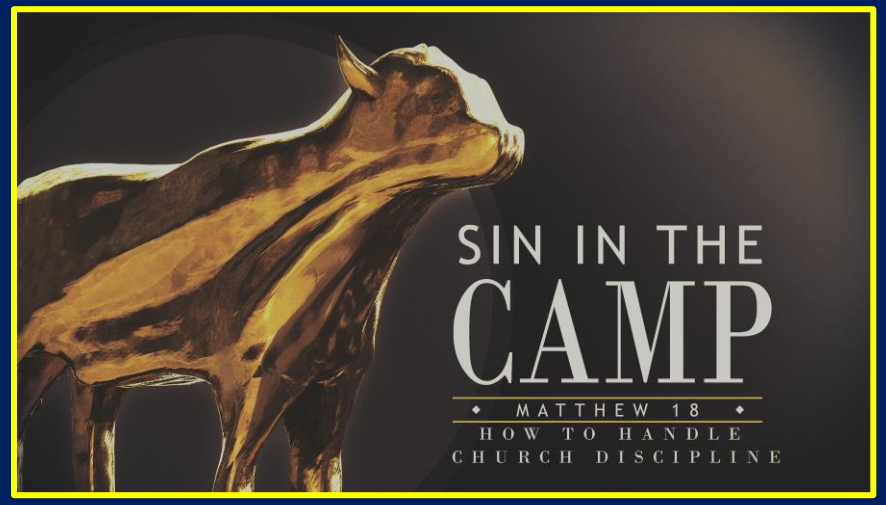
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“[7] For **many deceivers** have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. [8] Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. [9] Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. [10] If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, **do not receive him into *your* house**, and do not give him a greeting; [11] for the one who gives him a greeting **participates** in his evil deeds.”

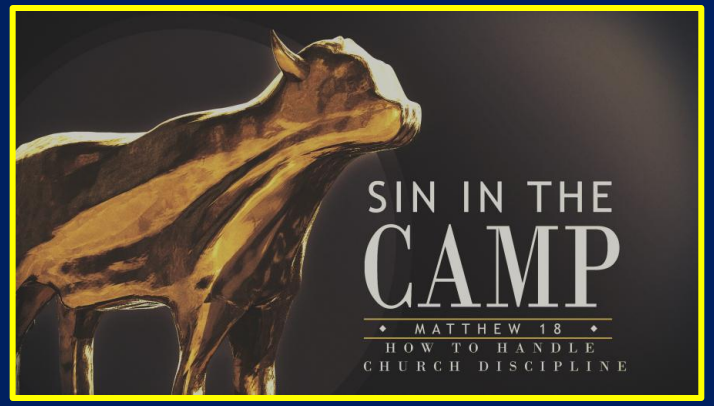


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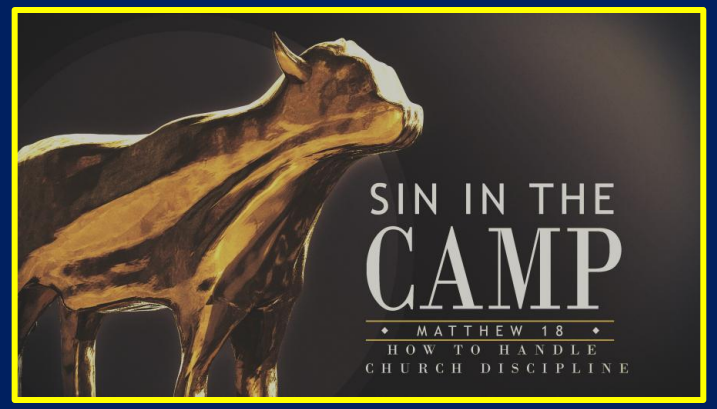
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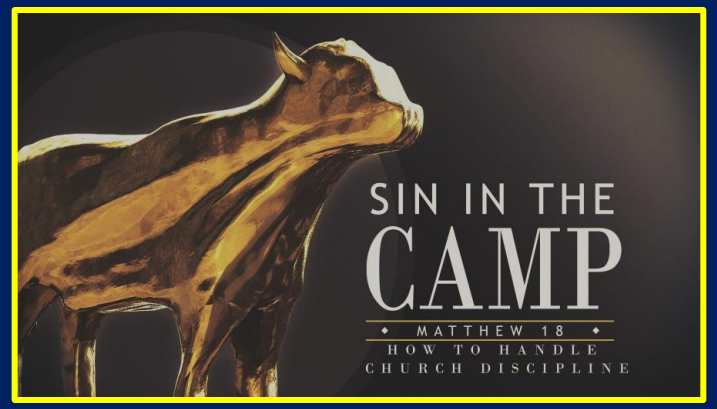
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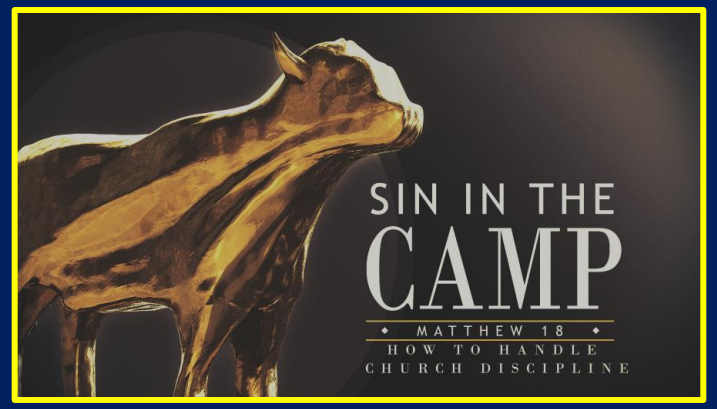
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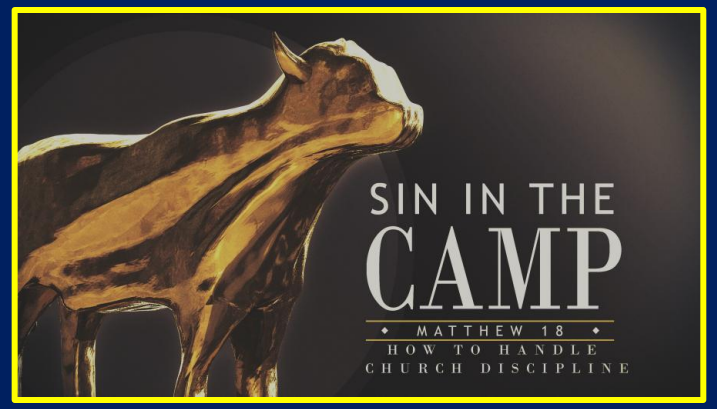
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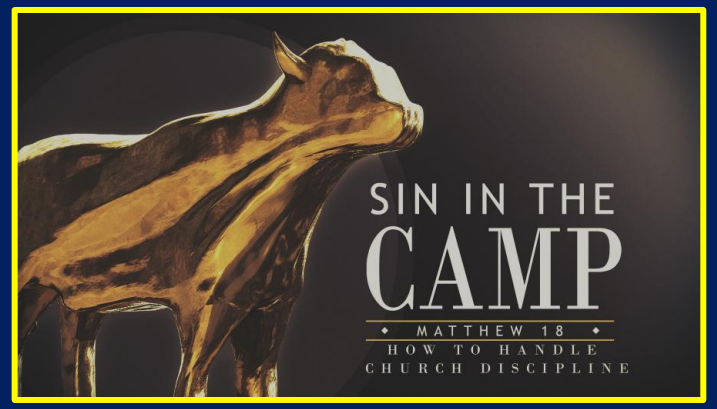
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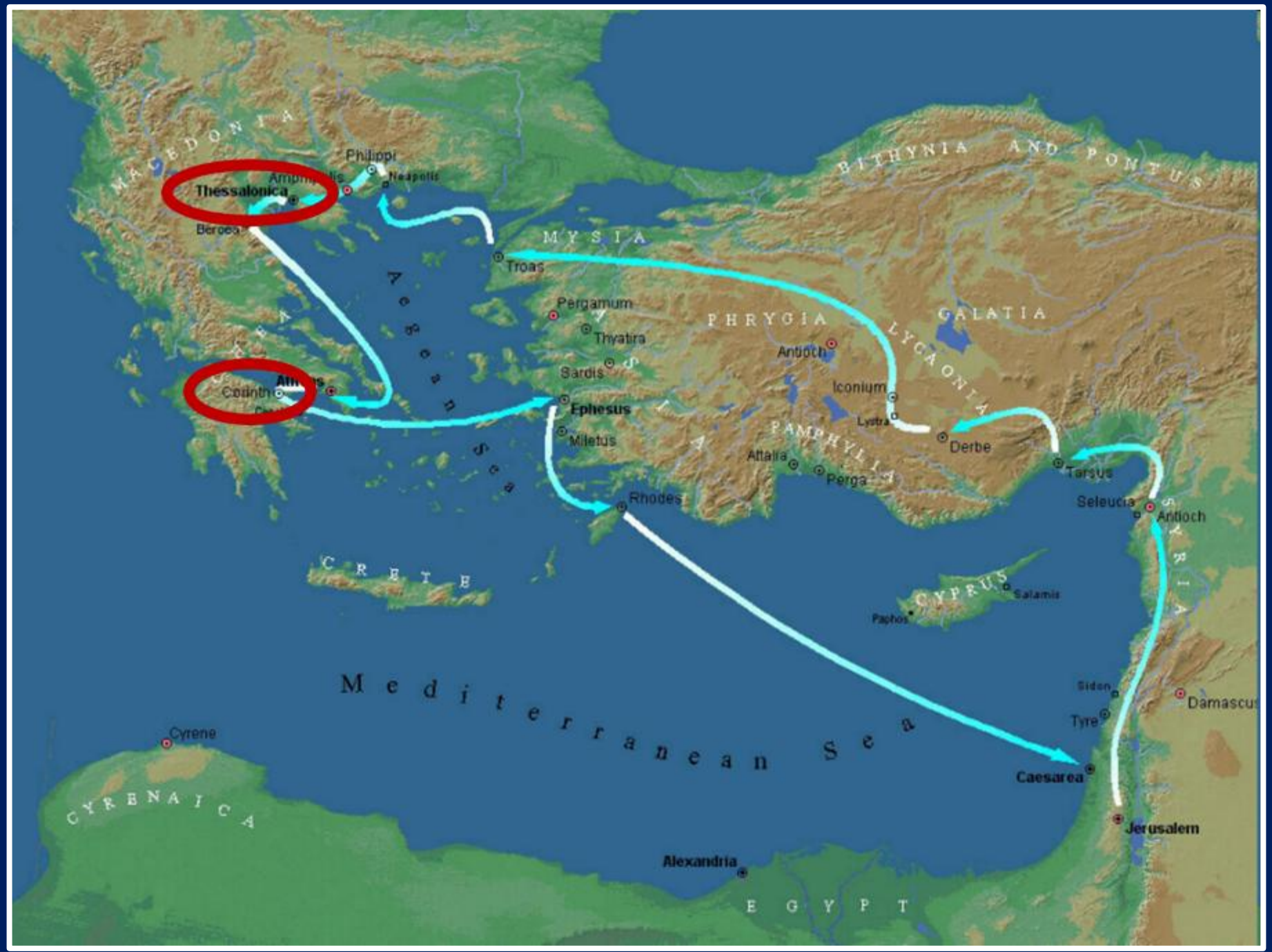
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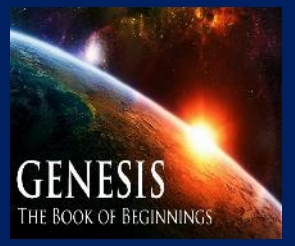
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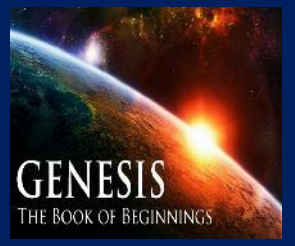




Divine Judgments
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- Serpent (3:14-15)
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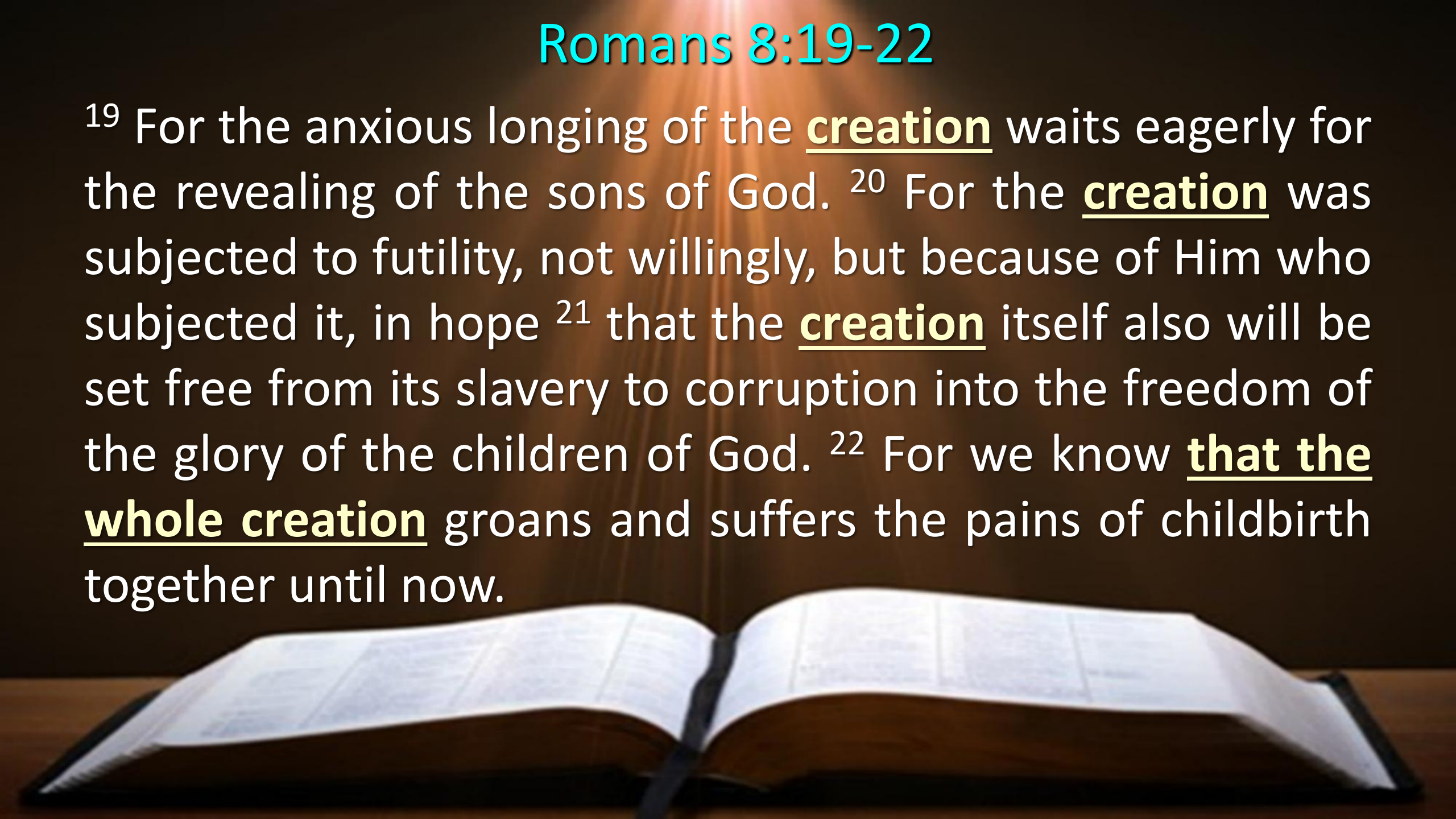
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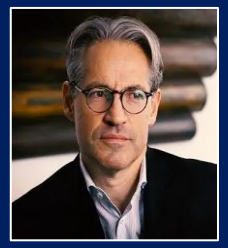


Romans 8:19-22

19 For the anxious longing of the **creation** waits eagerly for
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subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who
subjected it, in hope 21 that the **creation** itself also will be
set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of
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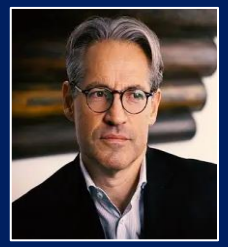
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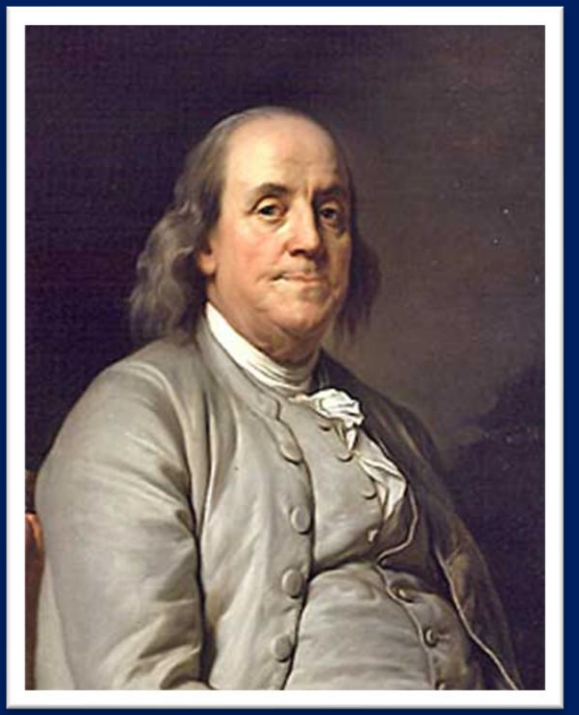
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The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787, ed. Max Farrand, vol. 3, appendix A, p. 85 (1911, reprinted 1934).



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1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual** *people* but as to **carnal**, as to **babes** in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it,* and even now you are still not able; 3 **for you are still carnal**. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, **are you not carnal** and behaving like *mere* **men**?



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Galatians 6:7-9

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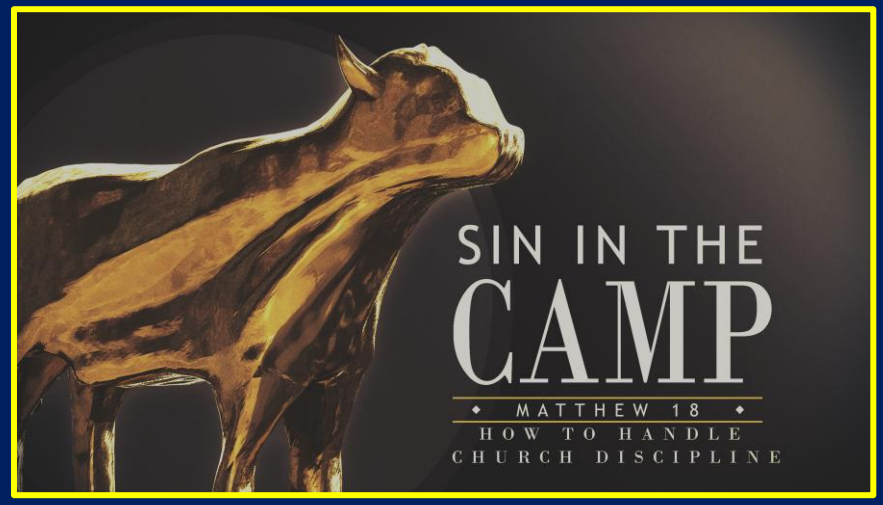
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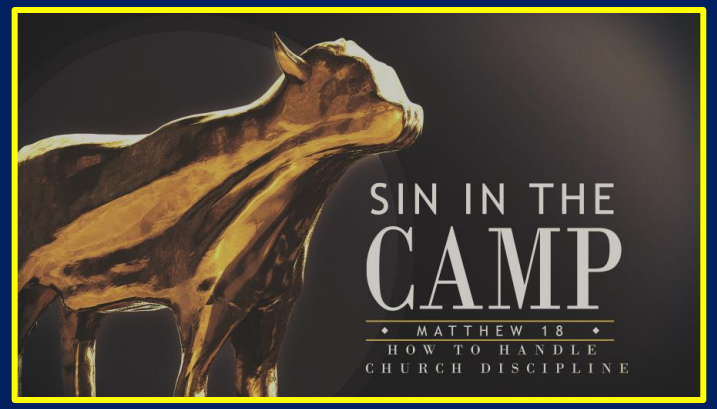
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“[7] For **many deceivers** have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. [8] Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. [9] Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. [10] If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, **do not receive him into *your* house**, and do not give him a greeting; [11] for the one who gives him a greeting **participates** in his evil deeds.”



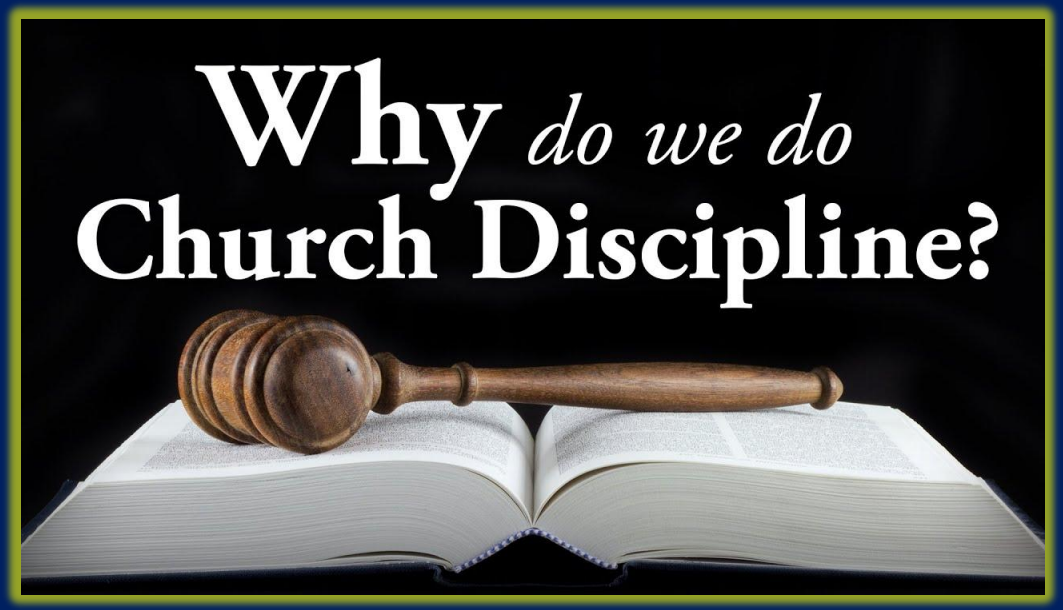
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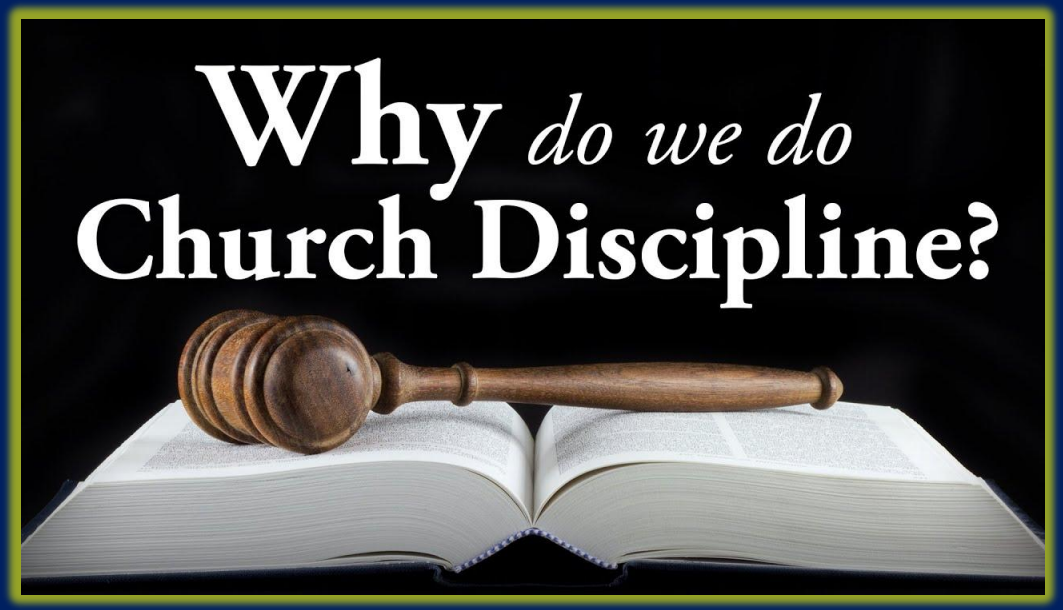
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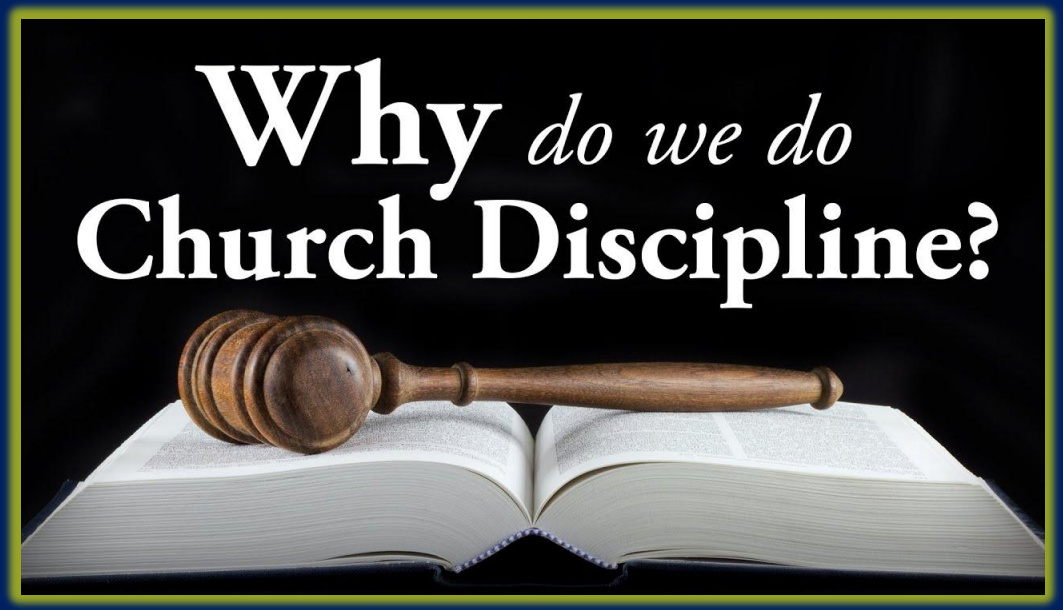
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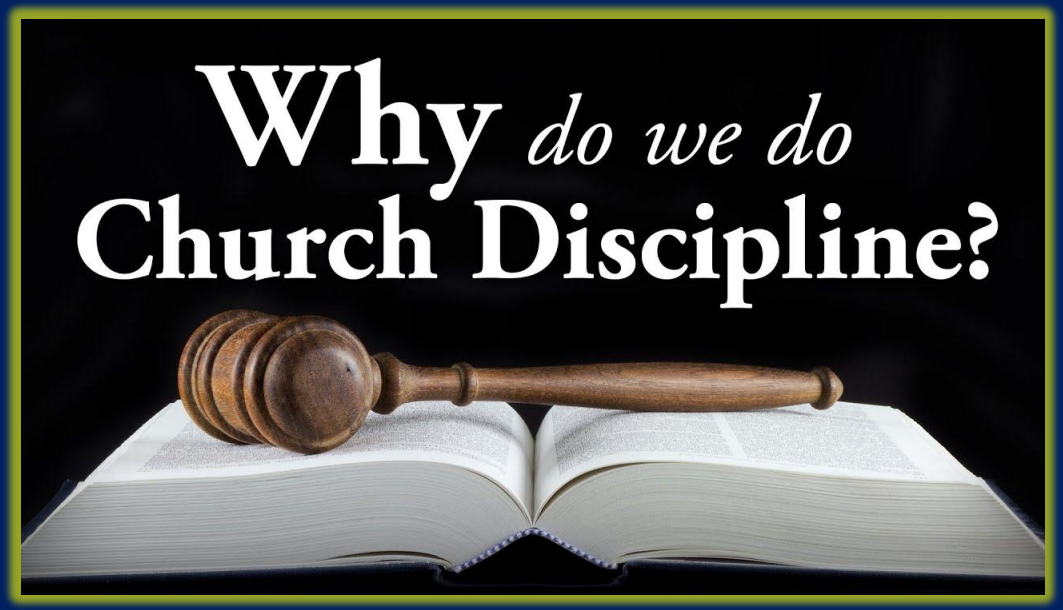
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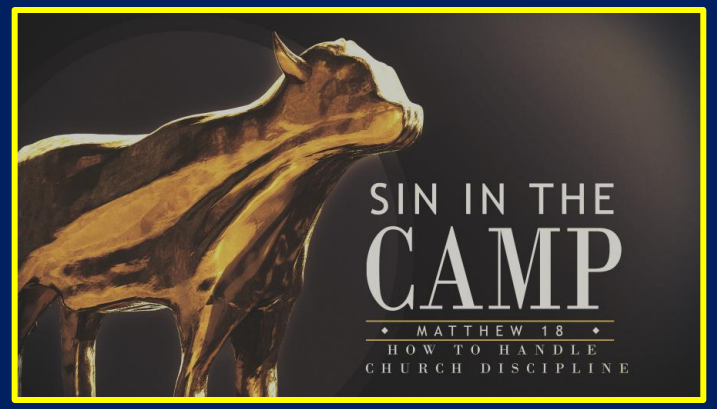
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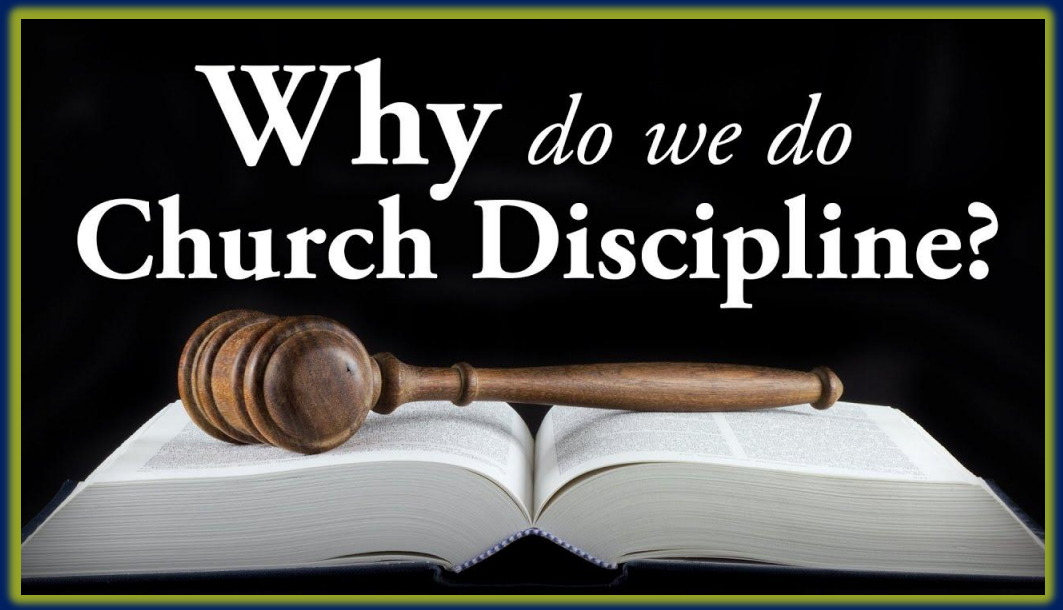
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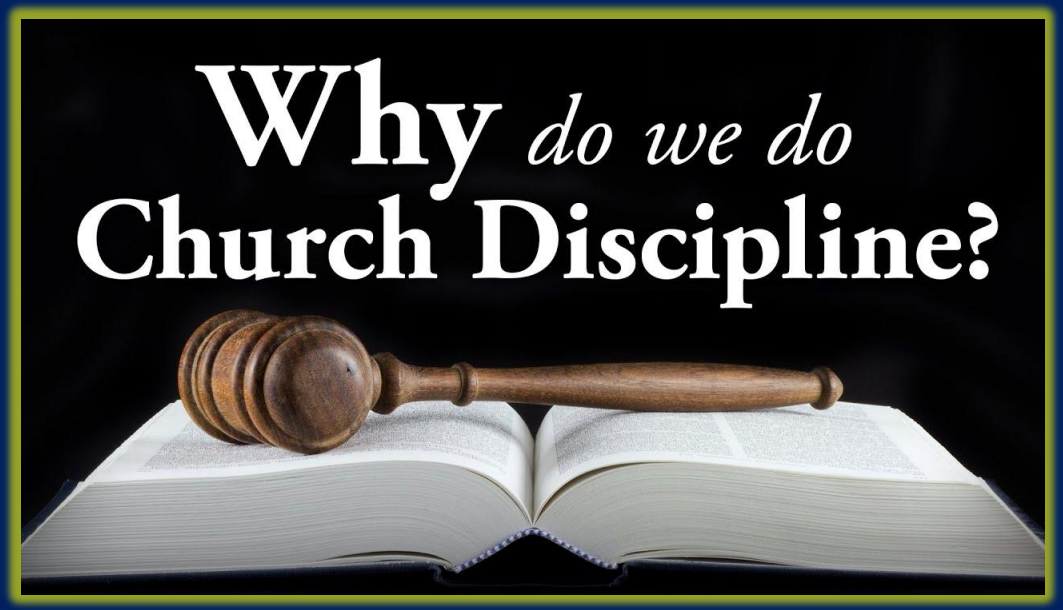
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