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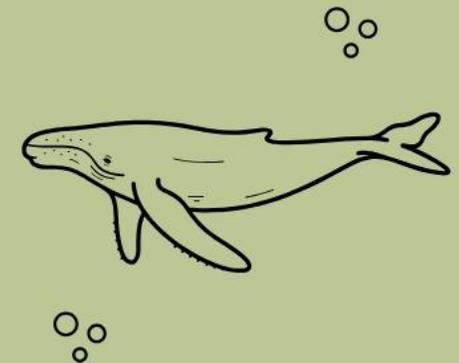
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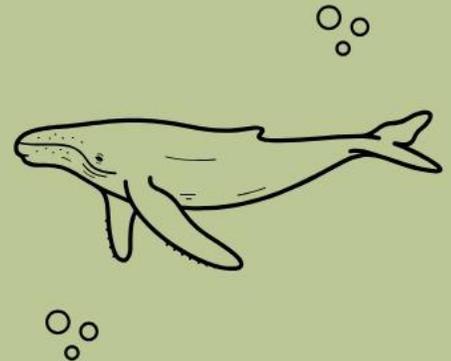


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- Nahum 3.1
- Woe to the city of blood,
totally deceitful,
full of plunder,
never without prey.



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- Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?



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- Hebrews 11.6

- Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.



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- Genesis 15.6
- Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.



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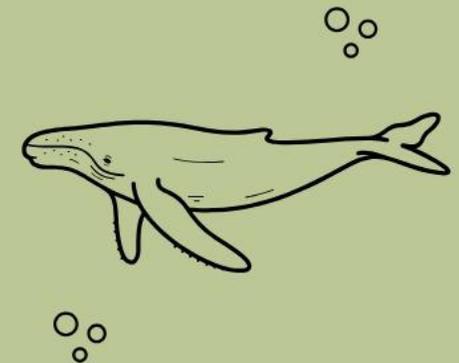
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*Is your life marked by
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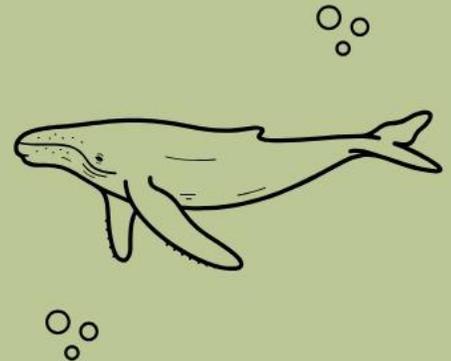


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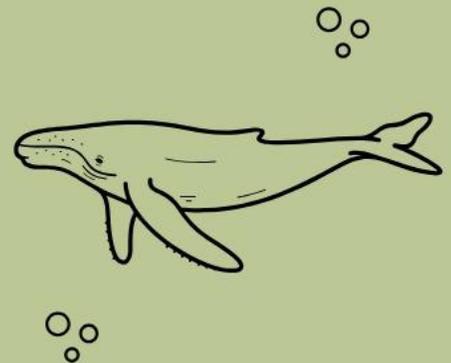
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How does God
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All the way

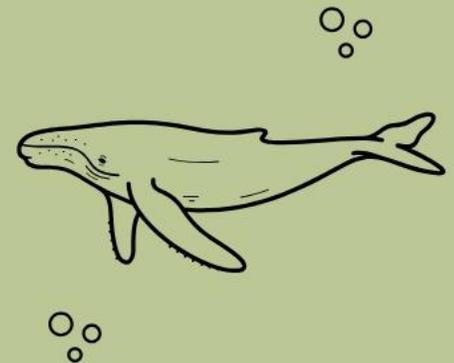
Right away

With a
happy heart



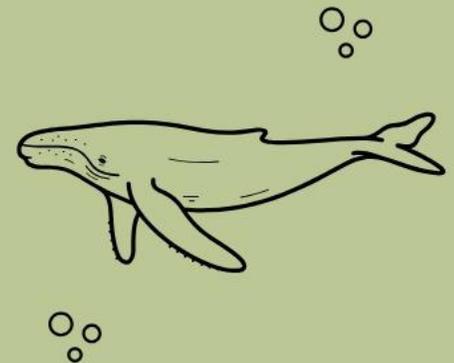
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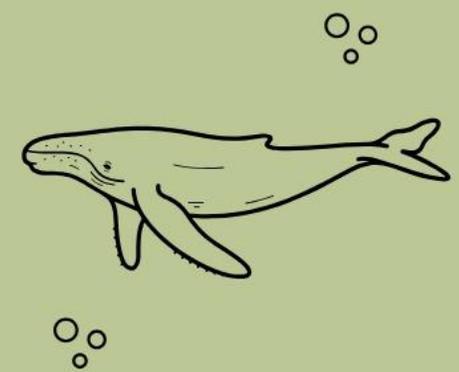
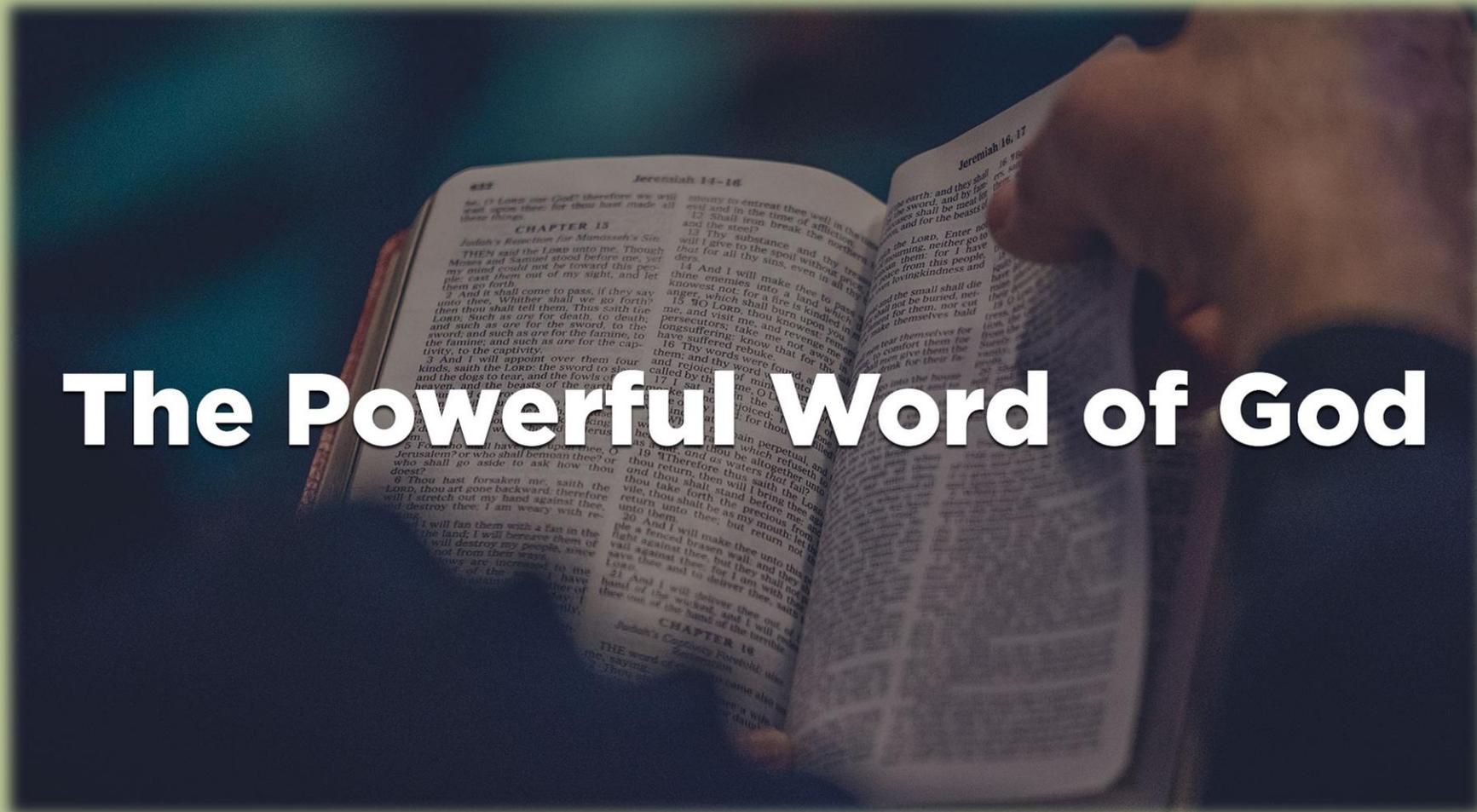
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- Being a “stationary runaway”



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- B) Be awed by God's powerful Word



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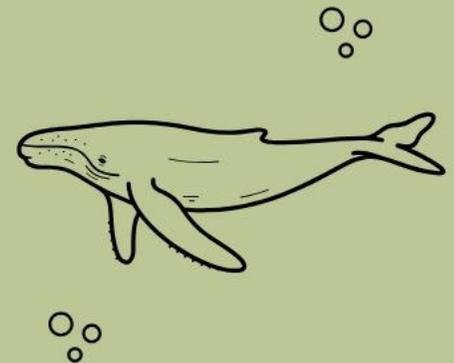
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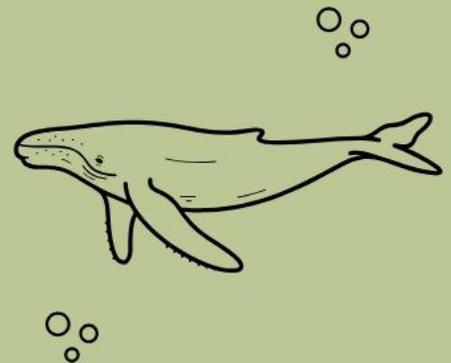
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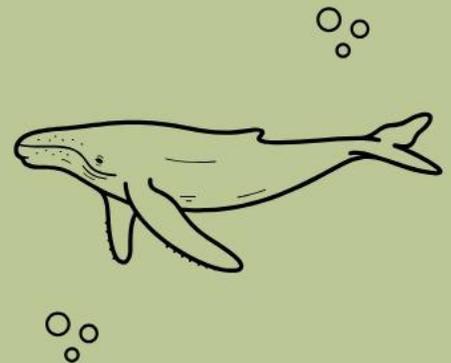
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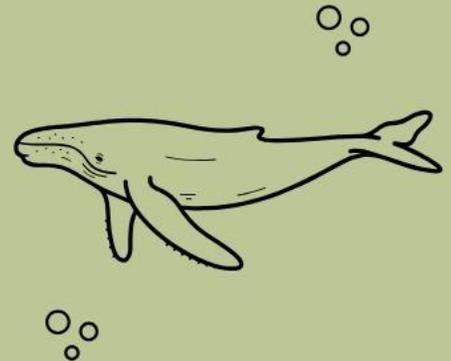


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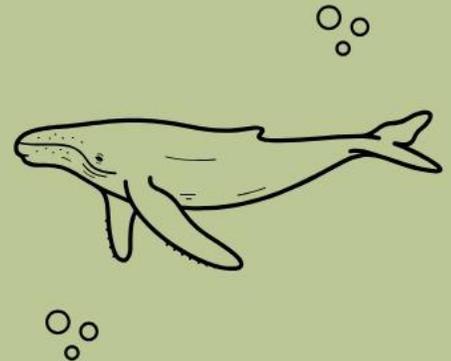
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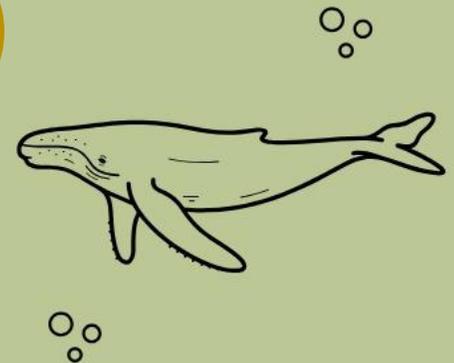
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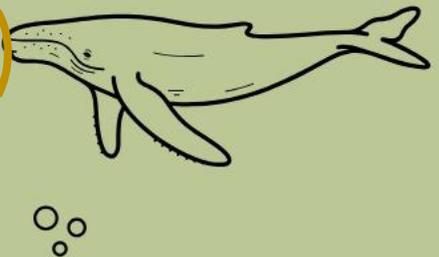
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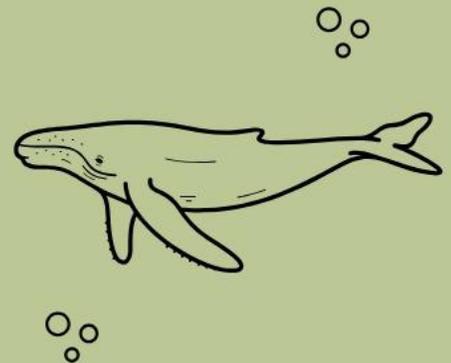
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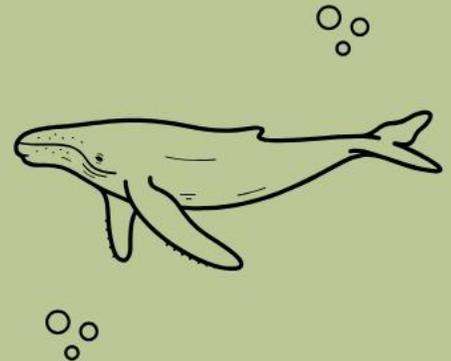
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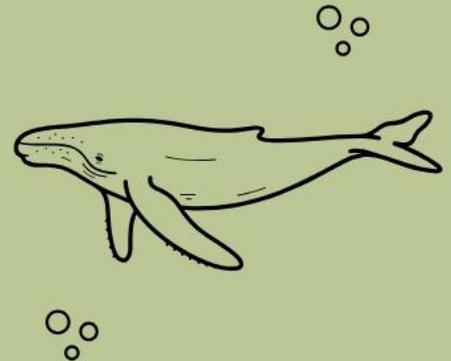
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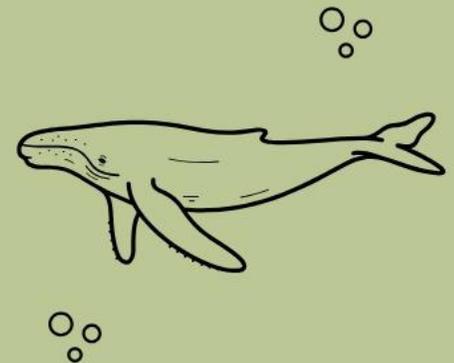
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- Numbers 23.19

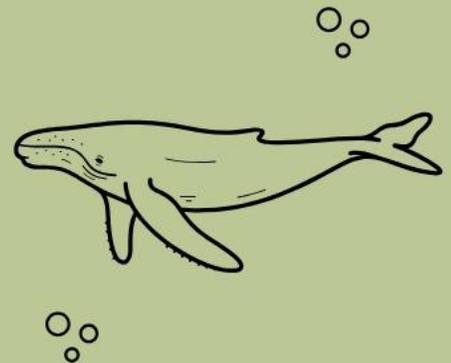
- God is not a man, that he might lie,
or a son of man, that he might change his mind.

Does he speak and not act,
or promise and not fulfill?



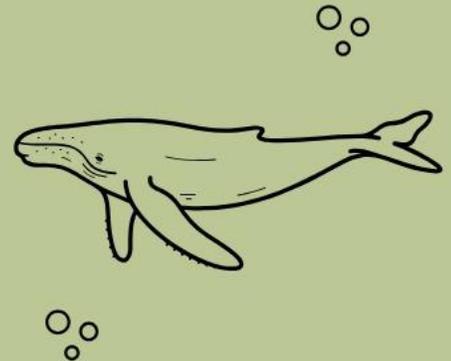
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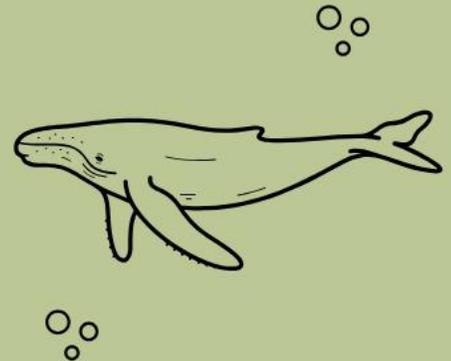
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- Sun: melts butter but hardens clay

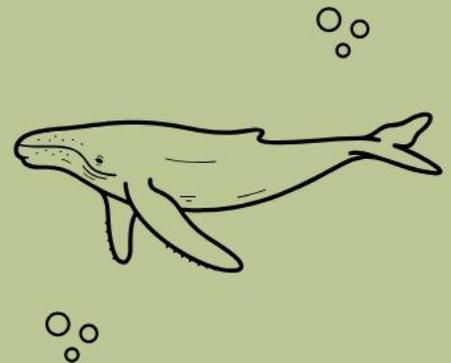


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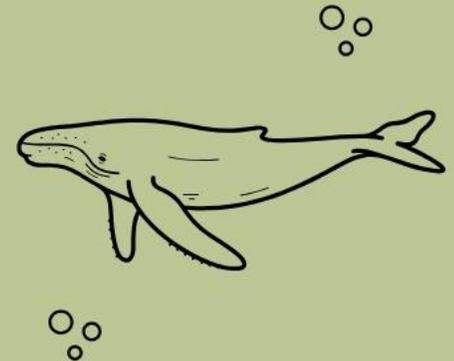


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- ⁸ However, if that nation about which I have made the announcement turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the disaster I had planned to do to it.



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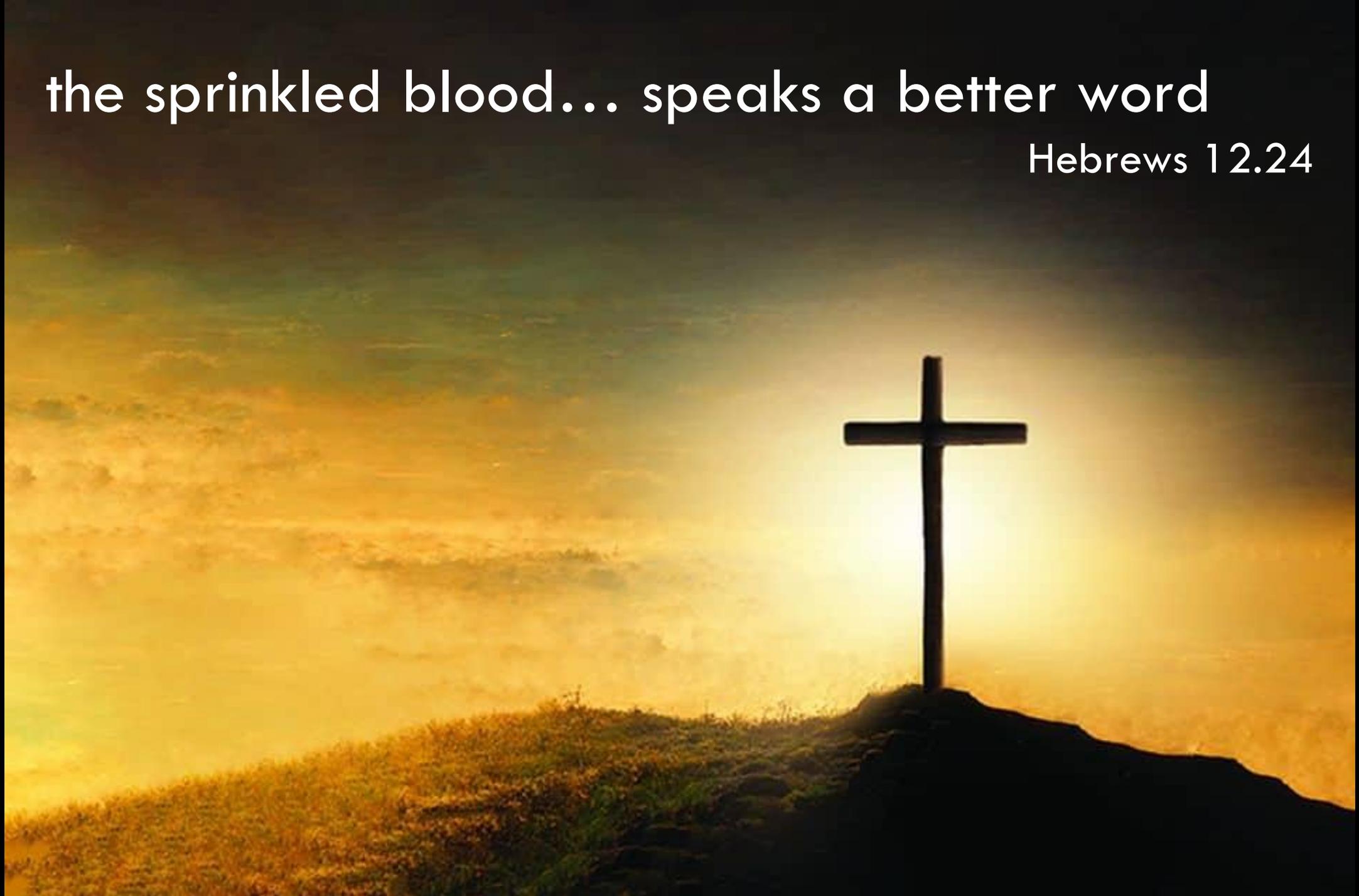
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- Nineveh needed a better word



the sprinkled blood... speaks a better word

Hebrews 12.24



**The path to overthrowing evil & death
is by being overthrown**



