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Part 10 | September 10, 2023 | Acts 6:1-7



Pain can be profitable



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2 Timothy 2:3

Thou therefore endure
hardness, as a good
soldier of Jesus Christ



Pain can be problematic



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Matthew 19:26

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



The background of the entire image is a textured, brownish-gold surface, possibly a piece of aged paper or parchment. Two hands are visible: one at the top left and one at the bottom left. Both hands are reaching towards the center, with their fingers slightly curled as if holding or gesturing. The lighting is soft, highlighting the skin tones and the texture of the background.

Acts 6:1

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.



Principle 1:

*The Devil's Plot to
Implode the Church*





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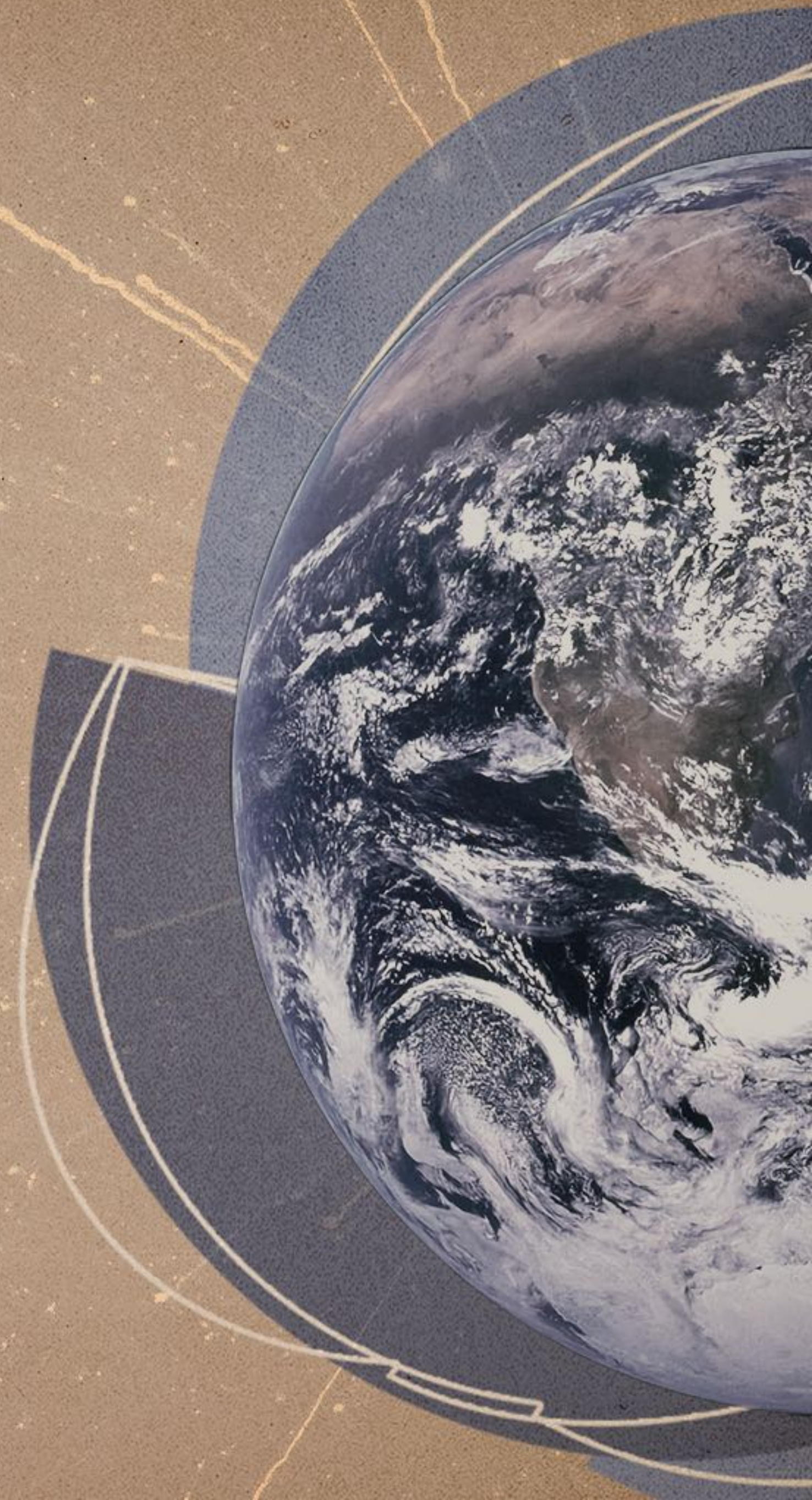


1 Timothy 5:10

...has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work.

1 Timothy 5:13

Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not.





*The devil loves to take an
unintentional wrong and turn
it into an internal dispute*



A background image showing two hands, one at the top left and one at the bottom left, reaching towards each other. The hands are dark-skinned and are positioned as if they are about to meet or are in the process of shaking hands. The background is a textured, brownish surface, possibly a piece of paper or a wall, with some faint, light-colored lines or scratches. The overall tone is warm and focused on the gesture of reaching out.

Acts 6:2-3

And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty



Principle 2:

*The Disciples' Plan to
Improve the Church*





Acts 6:2-3

And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables..."

Acts 6:5

And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:



Acts 6:4

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.









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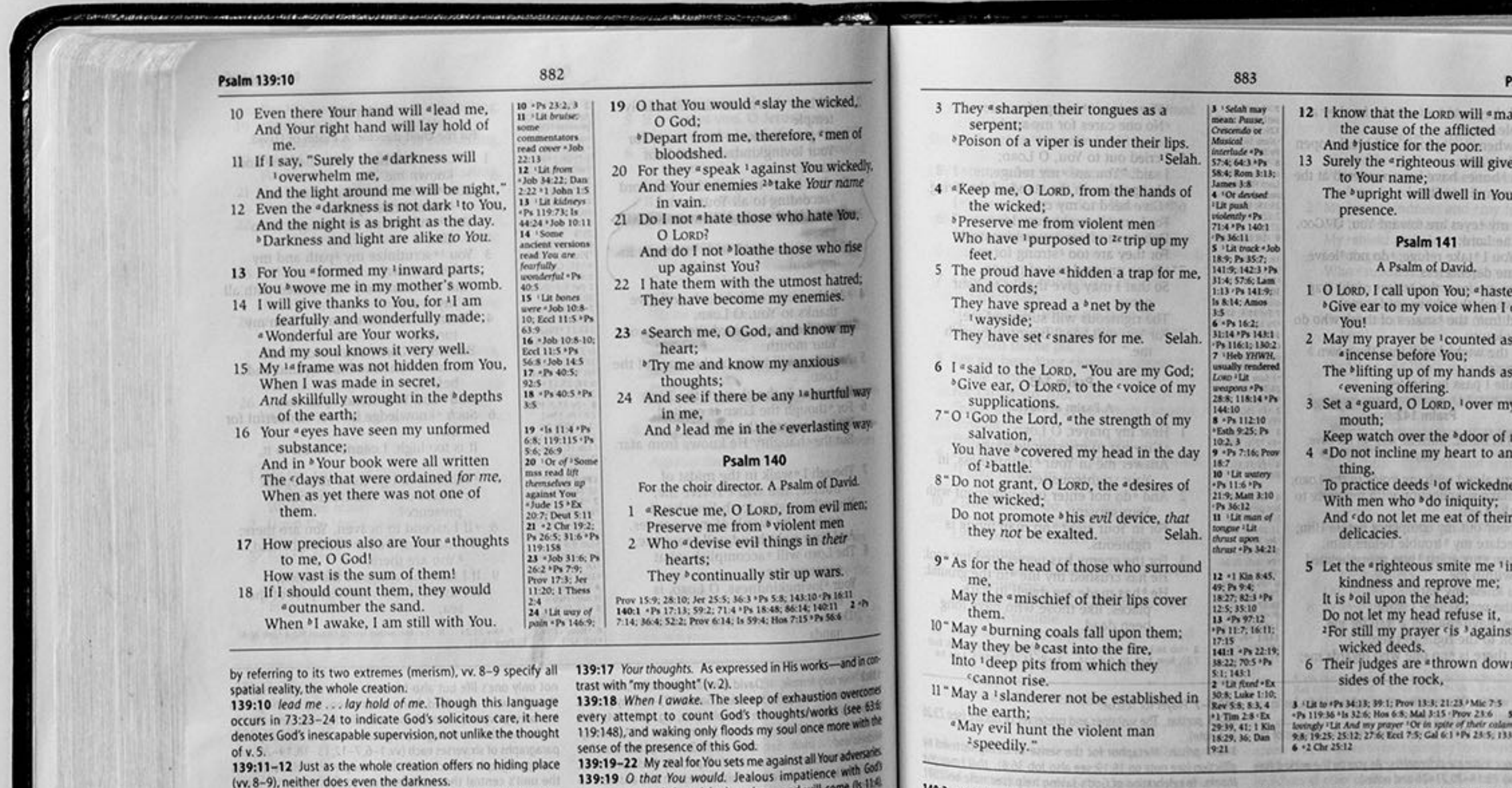
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SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00 A.M.

MEETING ROOM B
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10 Even there Your hand will ^alead me,
And Your right hand will lay hold of
me.

11 If I say, "Surely the ^adarkness will
¹overwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"

12 Even the ^adarkness is not dark ¹to You,
And the night is as bright as the day.
^bDarkness and light are alike to You.

13 For You ^aformed my ¹inward parts;
You ^bwove me in my mother's womb.

14 I will give thanks to You, for ¹I am
fearfully and wonderfully made;
^aWonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.

15 My ¹frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the ^bdepths
of the earth;

16 Your ^aeyes have seen my unformed
substance;
And in ^bYour book were all written
The ^cdays that were ordained ^{for me},
When as yet there was not one of
them.

17 How precious also are Your ^athoughts
to me, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they would
^aoutnumber the sand.
When ¹I awake, I am still with You.

10 ^aPs 23:2, 3
11 ^aLit bruise;
some
commentators
read cover ^aJob
22:13
12 ^aLit from
^bJob 34:22; Dan
2:22 ¹John 1:5
13 ^aLit kidneys
^bPs 119:73; Is
44:24 ^aJob 10:11
14 ^aSome
ancient versions
read You are
fearfully
wonderful ^aPs
40:5
15 ^aLit bones
were ^aJob 10:8-
10; Eccl 11:5 ^aPs
63:9
16 ^aJob 10:8-10;
Eccl 11:5 ^aPs
56:8 ^aJob 14:5
17 ^aPs 40:5;
92:5
18 ^aPs 40:5 ^aPs
3:5
19 ^aIs 11:4 ^aPs
6:8; 119:115 ^aPs
5:6; 26:9
20 ^aOr of ^aSome
ms read lift
themselves up
against You
^aJude 15 ^aEx
20:7; Deut 5:11
21 ^a2 Chr 19:2;
Ps 26:5; 31:6 ^aPs
119:158
22 ^aJob 31:6; Ps
26:2 ^aPs 7:9;
Prov 17:3; Jer
11:20; 1 Thess
2:4
24 ^aLit way of
pain ^aPs 146:9;

19 O that You would ^aslay the wicked,
O God;
^bDepart from me, therefore, ^amen of
bloodshed.

20 For they ^aspeak ¹against You wickedly,
And Your enemies ²take Your name
in vain.

21 Do I not ^ahate those who hate You,
O LORD?
And do I not ^bloathe those who rise
up against You?
22 I hate them with the utmost hatred;
They have become my enemies.

23 ^aSearch me, O God, and know my
heart;
^bTry me and know my anxious
thoughts;

24 And see if there be any ¹hurtful way
in me,
And ^blead me in the ^ceverlasting way.

Psalm 140

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

1 ^aRescue me, O LORD, from evil men;
Preserve me from ^bviolent men

2 Who ^adevise evil things in their
hearts;
They ^bcontinually stir up wars.

Prov 15:9; 28:10; Jer 25:5; 36:3 ^aPs 5:8; 143:10 ^aPs 16:11
140:1 ^aPs 17:13; 59:2; 71:4 ^aPs 18:48; 86:14; 140:11 ² ^aPs
7:14; 36:4; 52:2; Prov 6:14; Is 59:4; Hos 7:15 ^aPs 56:6

by referring to its two extremes (merism), vv. 8-9 specify all spatial reality, the whole creation.

139:10 *lead me . . . lay hold of me.* Though this language occurs in 73:23-24 to indicate God's solicitous care, it here denotes God's inescapable supervision, not unlike the thought of v. 5.

139:11-12 Just as the whole creation offers no hiding place (vv. 8-9), neither does even the darkness.

139:17 *Your thoughts.* As expressed in His works—and in contrast with "my thought" (v. 2).

139:18 *When I awake.* The sleep of exhaustion overcomes every attempt to count God's thoughts/works (see 63:6; 119:148), and waking only floods my soul once more with the sense of the presence of this God.

139:19-22 My zeal for You sets me against all Your adversaries. **139:19** *O that You would.* Jealous impatience with God's patience toward the wicked—whose end will come (Is 11:4).

3 They ^asharpen their tongues as a
serpent;
^bPoison of a viper is under their lips.
^cThey will bite, O LORD, ¹and ²bruise ³Selah.

4 ^aKeep me, O LORD, from the hands of
the wicked;
^bPreserve me from violent men
Who have ¹purposed to ²trip up my
feet.

5 The proud have ^ahidden a trap for me,
and cords;
They have spread a ^bnet by the
¹wayside;
They have set ^csnare for me. Selah.

6 I ^asaid to the LORD, "You are my God;
^bGive ear, O LORD, to the ^cvoice of my
supplications.

7 ^aO God the LORD, ^bthe strength of my
salvation,
You have ^ccovered my head in the day
of ¹battle.

8 ^aDo not grant, O LORD, the ^bdesires of
the wicked;
Do not promote ^chis evil device, that
they ¹not be exalted. Selah.

9 ^aAs for the head of those who surround
me,
May the ^bmischief of their lips cover
them.

10 ^aMay ^bburning coals fall upon them;
May they be ^ccast into the fire,
Into ¹deep pits from which they
²cannot rise.

11 ^aMay a ^bslanderer not be established in
the earth;
^cMay evil hunt the violent man
¹speedily."

3 ^aSelah may
mean: Pause,
Crescendo or
Musical
interlude ^aPs
57:4; 64:3 ^aPs
58:4; Rom 3:13;
James 3:8
4 ^aOr devised
^bLit push
violently ^aPs
71:4 ^aPs 140:1
^aPs 36:11
5 ^aLit truck ^aJob
18:9; Ps 35:7;
141:9; 142:3 ^aPs
31:4; 57:6; Lam
1:13 ^aPs 141:9;
Is 8:14; Amos
3:5
6 ^aPs 16:2;
31:14 ^aPs 148:1;
^aPs 116:1; 130:2
7 ^aHeb 139:7;
usually rendered
LORD ^aLit
weapons ^aPs
28:8; 118:14 ^aPs
144:10
8 ^aPs 112:10
^aEzth 9:25; Ps
102:3
9 ^aPs 7:16; Prov
18:7
10 ^aLit victory
^aPs 11:6 ^aPs
21:9; Matt 3:10
^aPs 36:12
11 ^aLit man of
tongue ^aLit
thrust upon
thrust ^aPs 34:21

12 I know that the LORD will ^amake
the cause of the afflicted
And ^bjustice for the poor.

13 Surely the ^arighteous will give
to Your name;
The ^bupright will dwell in Your
presence.

Psalm 141

A Psalm of David.

1 O LORD, I call upon You; ^ahasten
^bGive ear to my voice when I c
You!

2 May my prayer be ¹counted as
²incense before You;
The ³lifting up of my hands as
⁴evening offering.

3 Set a ^aguard, O LORD, ¹over my
mouth;
Keep watch over the ²door of m
thing.

4 ^aDo not incline my heart to any
thing.
To practice deeds ^bof wickedne
With men who ^cdo iniquity;
And ^ddo not let me eat of their
delicacies.

5 Let the ^arighteous smite me ¹in
kindness and reprove me;
It is ²oil upon the head;
Do not let my head refuse it,
³For still my prayer ^cis ^dagainst
wicked deeds.

6 Their judges are ^athrown down
sides of the rock,

3 ^aLit to ^aPs 34:3; 39:1; Prov 13:3; 21:23 ^aMic 7:5
^aPs 119:36 ^aIs 32:6; Hos 6:8; Mal 3:15 ^aProv 23:6 ^a
lovingly ^aLit And my prayer ¹Or in spite of their calamity
9:8; 19:25; 25:12; 27:6; Eccl 7:5; Gal 6:1 ^aPs 23:5; 133:
6 ^a2 Chr 25:12



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Acts 6:7

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.





Principle 3:

*The Divine Product of
Increase to the Church*



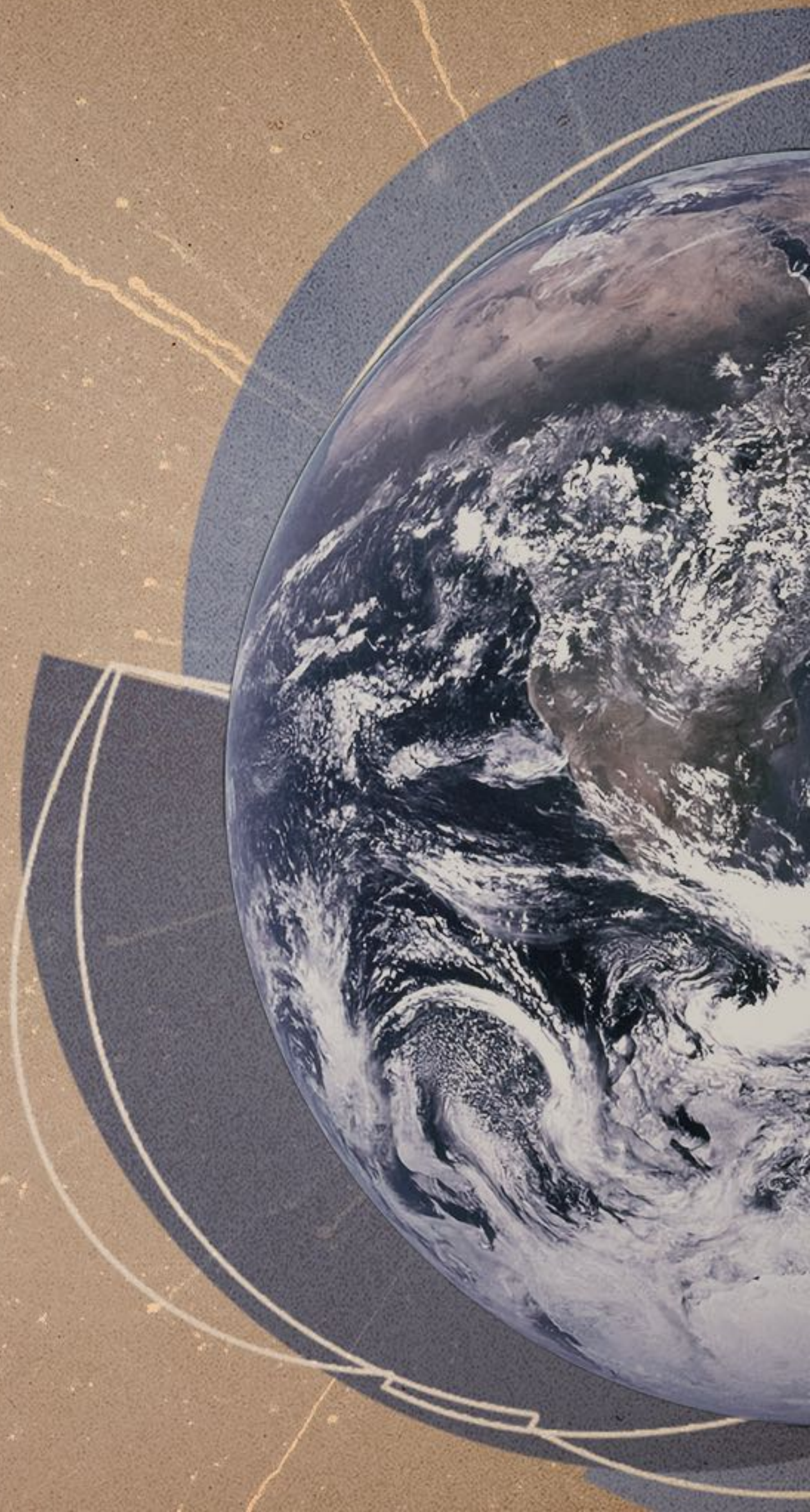
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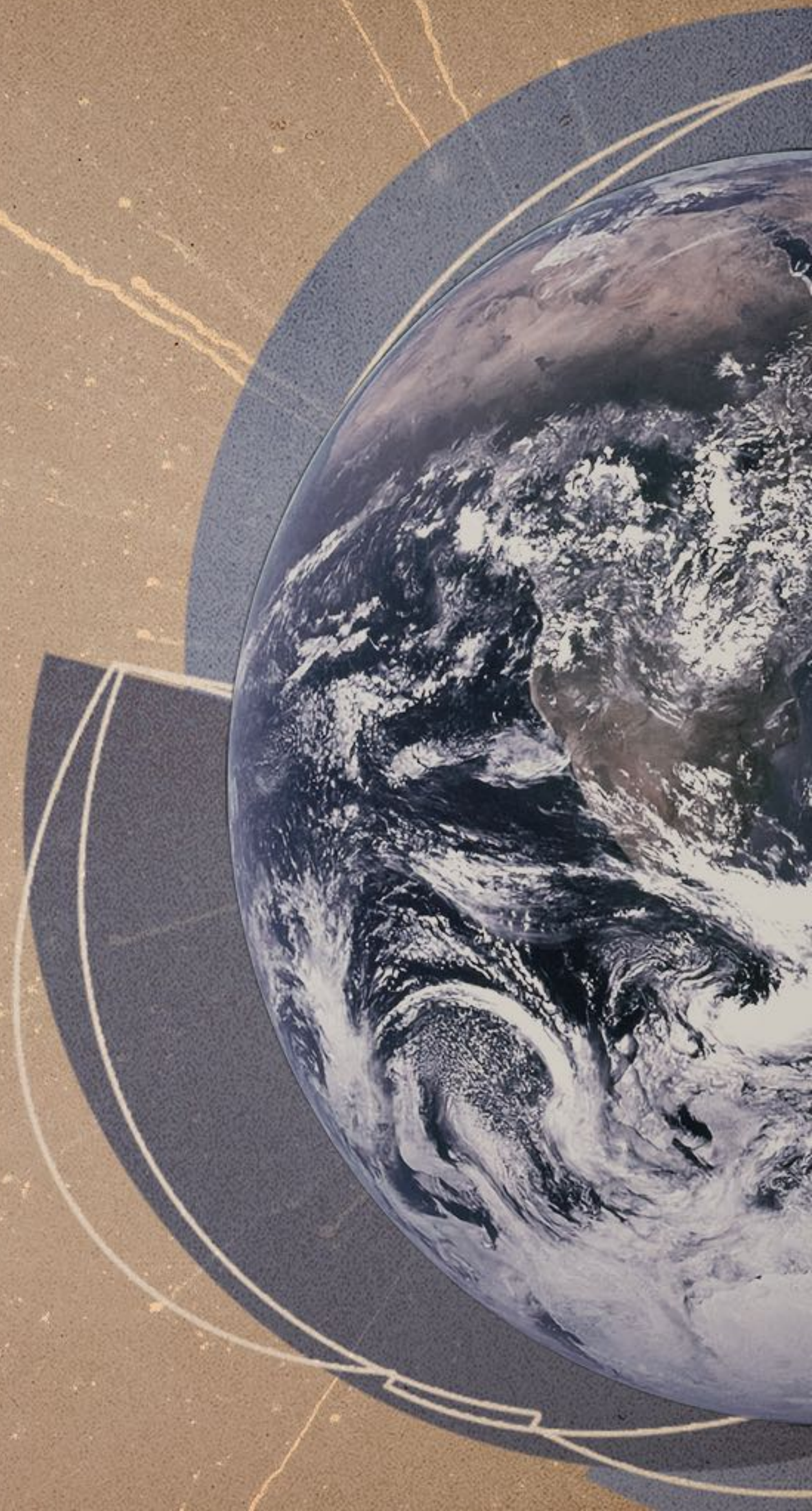
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