



# GOD OF HOLY VIOLENCE

TAKING THE KINGDOM BY FORCE





**HEBREWS 12:4**

**“Strive for the holiness... without which, no one  
will see God.”**





## PHILIPPIANS 3:8

“Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith...”

## PHILIPPIANS 3:10-12

“That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already attained this, or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus made me his own.”



## PHILIPPIANS 3:13-15

**“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.”**





# WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Justification comes by faith alone, “but the faith that saves is never alone.”



## 2 THESSALONIANS 2:13

God chose you as the first-fruits to be saved  
through sanctification by the Spirit and belief  
in the truth.”





## MATTHEW 11:1-3

“And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities. Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, ‘Are you the one that is to come, or do we look for another?’.”

## **MATTHEW 11:4-6**

**Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.'**"



## MATTHEW 11:7-10

“And as they departed, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’”

## MATTHEW 11:4-6

“Truly, I say to you, Among them that are born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist: yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”





## JOHN 1:29-34

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’... I did not know him: but he that sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit’. And I saw, and testified that this is the Son of God.”



A dramatic, dark sky with swirling, textured clouds in shades of deep blue, grey, and black. A small, dark silhouette of a bird is visible in flight near the center of the frame. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

# JOHN 17:17

**“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”**





# GALATIANS 5:24

**“And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”**





## ROMANS 8:13

**“If you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.”**





# 1 PETER 2:11

“abstain from sinful desires, which wage war  
against your soul.”





# PHILIPPIANS 2:8

**“And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”**



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