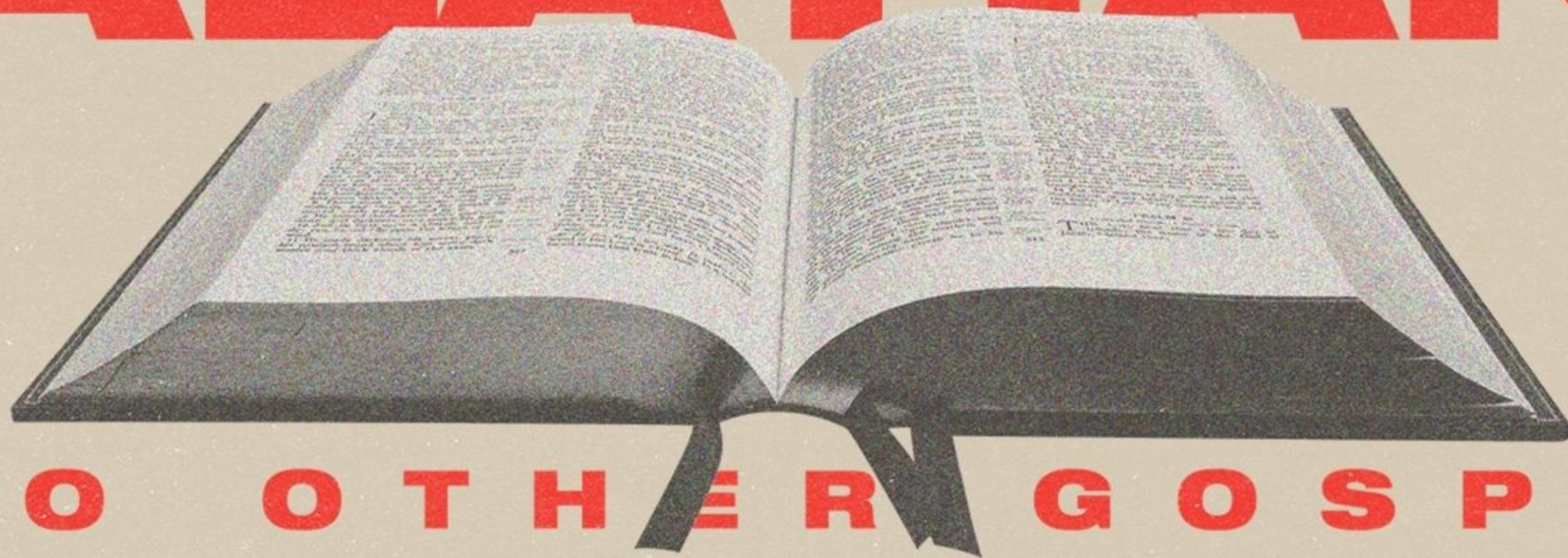


Proverbs 3:9–10

9 Honor the Lord from your wealth And from the first of all your produce; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Lord, we honor you from our wealth and from the first of all our produce. We are grateful that as a Loving Heaven Father you have put in place a system where our fears and worries are checked. As we walk in faith in your Word, our barns are filled with plenty and our vats overflow with new wine. With our generosity toward You, we cooperate with a supernatural heavenly economy that is more powerful than the economies of this earth. We pray for jobs from those who need them. We pray for promotions and favor at work. We pray for new business ideas and divine help with our finances.

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When Grace is Betrayed by Fear

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Galatians 2:11-14

Galatians 2:11–13 - But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. 13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

Galatians 2:11-14

Galatians 2:14 - But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, “If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

Introduction: A Flashback to Acts 10

- Peter has a vision about eating unclean things
- Acts 10:15 - Again a voice came to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy"
- Acts 10:28 - And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and yet God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean."

I. Paul Rebukes Peter

Galatians 2:11 - But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned

- The Gospel is a stake here.
- Proverbs 27:5–6 - Better is open rebuke than love that is concealed. 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

I. Paul Rebukes Peter

Hebrews 12:11 - All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

- It is not fun to be corrected but afterwards it is life changing
- Notice the word “trained”. Change takes a while.

II. Grace at the Table

Gal. 2:12 - For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision.

- Peter ate with Gentiles and had fellowship with them.
- Peter stopped eating with the Gentiles when the party of the circumcision came.
- He withdrew because he feared “party of the circumcision”.

II. Grace at the Table

Galatians 1:10 - For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

Proverbs 29:25 - The fear of man brings a snare, But he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted.

Ephesians 2:14–15 - For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,

III. Peter's Impact on Others

13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

- Everyone joins in the hypocrisy.
- “Even Barnabas...”
- Have you considered who is impacted by your behavior?

IV. Be Straightforward

Galatians 2:14 - But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, “If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

- Be straightforward about the Gospel
- Today we are asked to compromise the Gospel in different areas and topics but the consequences are the same.
- Think of the areas where you are to be “open minded”.

Fear of man can make us deny what we truly believe.

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Man

God



Jesus

**Sin
Death
Judgment**

**Eternal Life
No Judgment**

