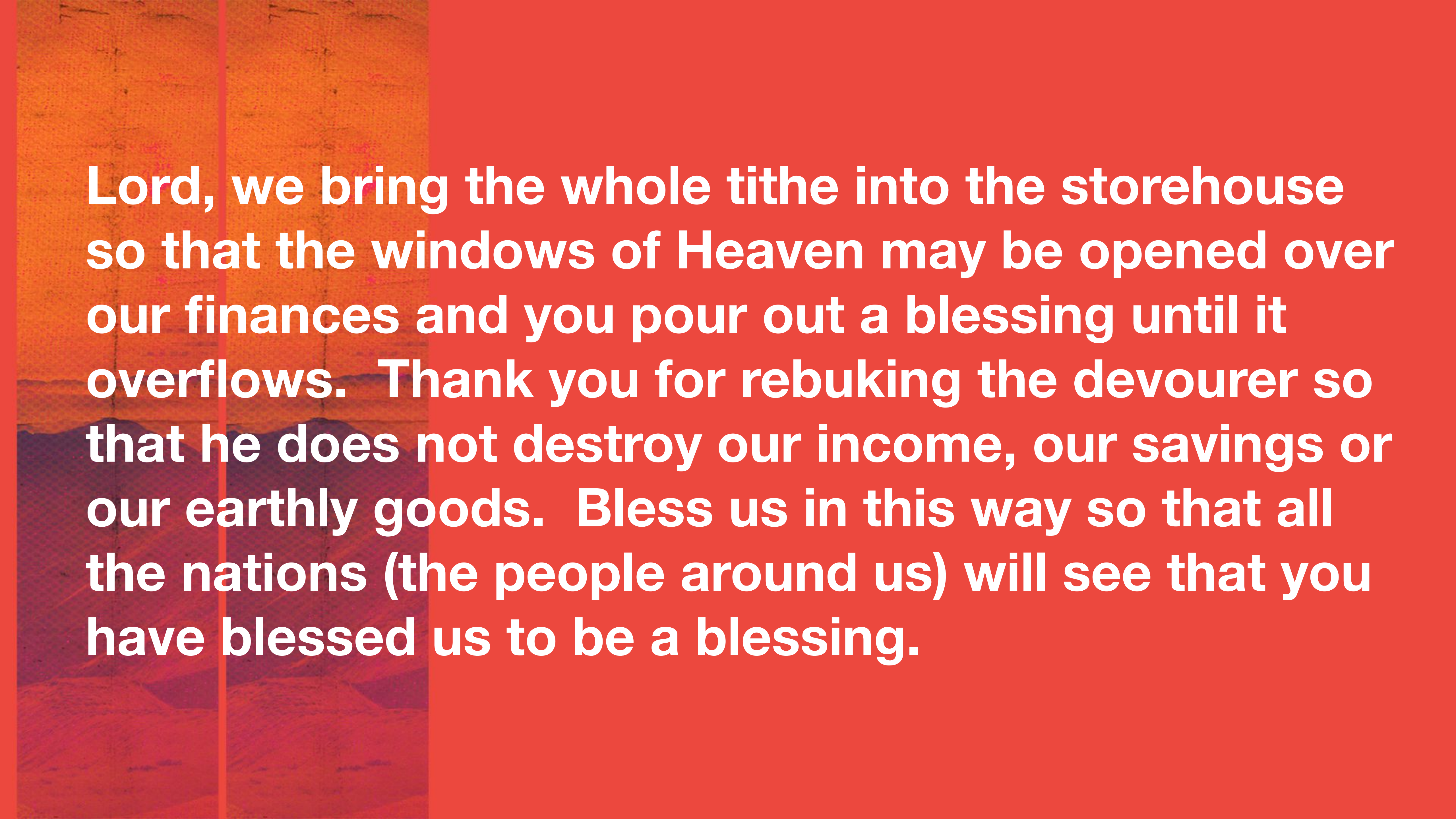


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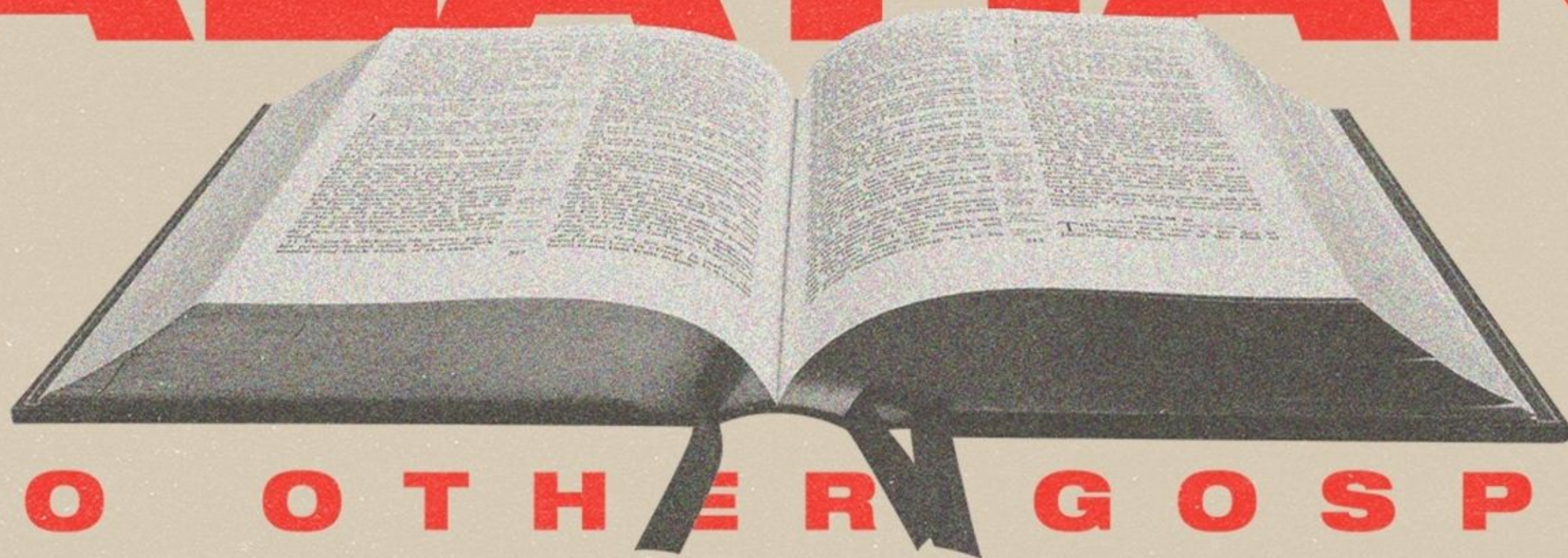
20 For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.

Malachi 3:10–12 - “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. 11 “Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes,” says the Lord of hosts. 12 “All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land,” says the Lord of hosts.



Lord, we bring the whole tithe into the storehouse so that the windows of Heaven may be opened over our finances and you pour out a blessing until it overflows. Thank you for rebuking the devourer so that he does not destroy our income, our savings or our earthly goods. Bless us in this way so that all the nations (the people around us) will see that you have blessed us to be a blessing.

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From the Curse to the Blessing

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Galatians 3:10-14

Galatians 3:10–14 - For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.” 11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.” 12 Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.” 13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

I. The Curse We Could Not Escape

Galatians 3:10 - For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”

Deuteronomy 27:26 - ‘Cursed is he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.’

I. The Curse We Could Not Escape

- The Law is not bad. The point is that no one keeps it.
- The Law demands complete obedience, not occasional obedience.
- The Law is a mirror. It tells you that your face is dirty but it cannot wash your face.

I. The Curse We Could Not Escape

11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.”

- Last week we mentioned that Abraham was saved by faith in Genesis.
- Paul now quotes Habbakuk, “the just shall live by faith.”
- This verse is mentioned in Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews when explaining the Gospel.

I. The Curse We Could Not Escape

11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.”

- To be justified means to be declared righteous before God.
- Paul contrasts two ways of living
 1. Trying to earn righteousness through works
 2. Receiving righteousness by faith

I. The Curse We Could Not Escape

12 Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.”

The Law operates on the principle of achievement. “Do more.”

The Gospel operates on the principle of faith. “It is finished.”

The Gospel is an announcement that God came down to rescue us.

II. The Price Christ Willingly Paid

Gal. 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”)

Redeemed includes the idea of purchasing someone out of bondage.

- Jesus did not merely sympathize with our condition.
- He took our place.

II. The Price Christ Willingly Paid

He bore:

- Our guilt, our condemnation, our shame, and the judgement our sin deserved.
- The curse was transferred from the guilty to the innocent.
- Jesus willingly entered the place of rejection and disgrace.

III. The Blessing We Freely Receive

14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

- Jesus went to the place of the curse so that we could enter the place of blessing.
- The blessing of Abraham includes being brought into a right relationship with God through faith.

III. The Blessing We Freely Receive

The blessing is for all people.

The Gospel does not simply remove something from us; it gives us His righteousness, peace with God, and the Promise of the Holy Spirit.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit is bigger than we can imagine. That is why we talk so much about Him.

III. The Blessing We Freely Receive

The Holy Spirit Within: John 14:16–17 - “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

The Holy Spirit Upon: Luke 24:49 - “And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Challenge

- The central question is not, “**Have I been good enough?**”
- The question is, “**Am I fully trusting in what Jesus has done?**”
- We are not saved by Jesus plus good works, Jesus plus human religious effort, or Jesus plus personal improvement.
- We are saved by Christ alone, through faith alone.

Jesus became what we were under the curse so that, through Him, we could receive what only He deserves: righteousness, blessing, and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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Man

God

Jesus

Sin
Death
Judgment

Eternal Life
No Judgment

