

# 1 CORINTHIANS

LEARNING TO LIVE BY THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

**"The Wisdom of God—Christ Crucified"**

*1 Corinthians 1:18-25*



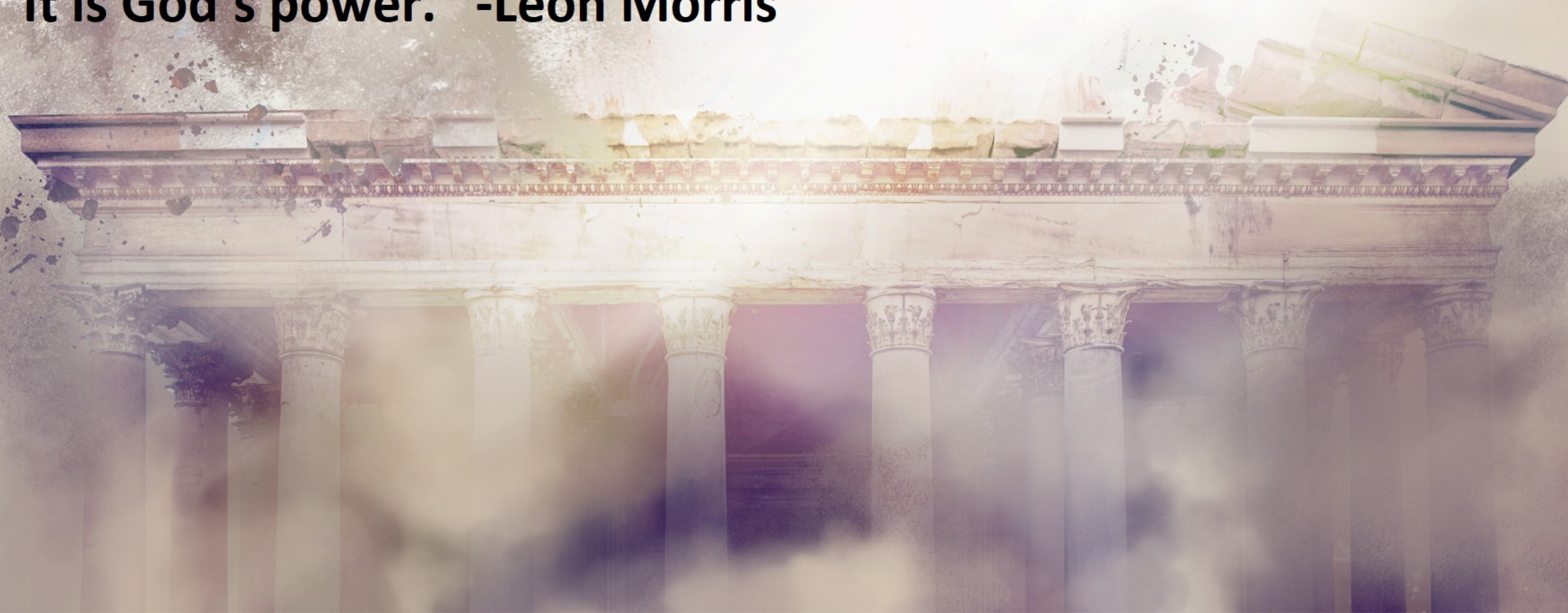
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**“The gospel of Christ crucified is not merely good advice telling us what we should do, nor is it information about God’s power. It is God’s power.” -Leon Morris**





**“There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death.**

**And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”**

**And they divided His garments and cast lots. And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.”**

**The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.”**

**And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**



**Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."**

**But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."**

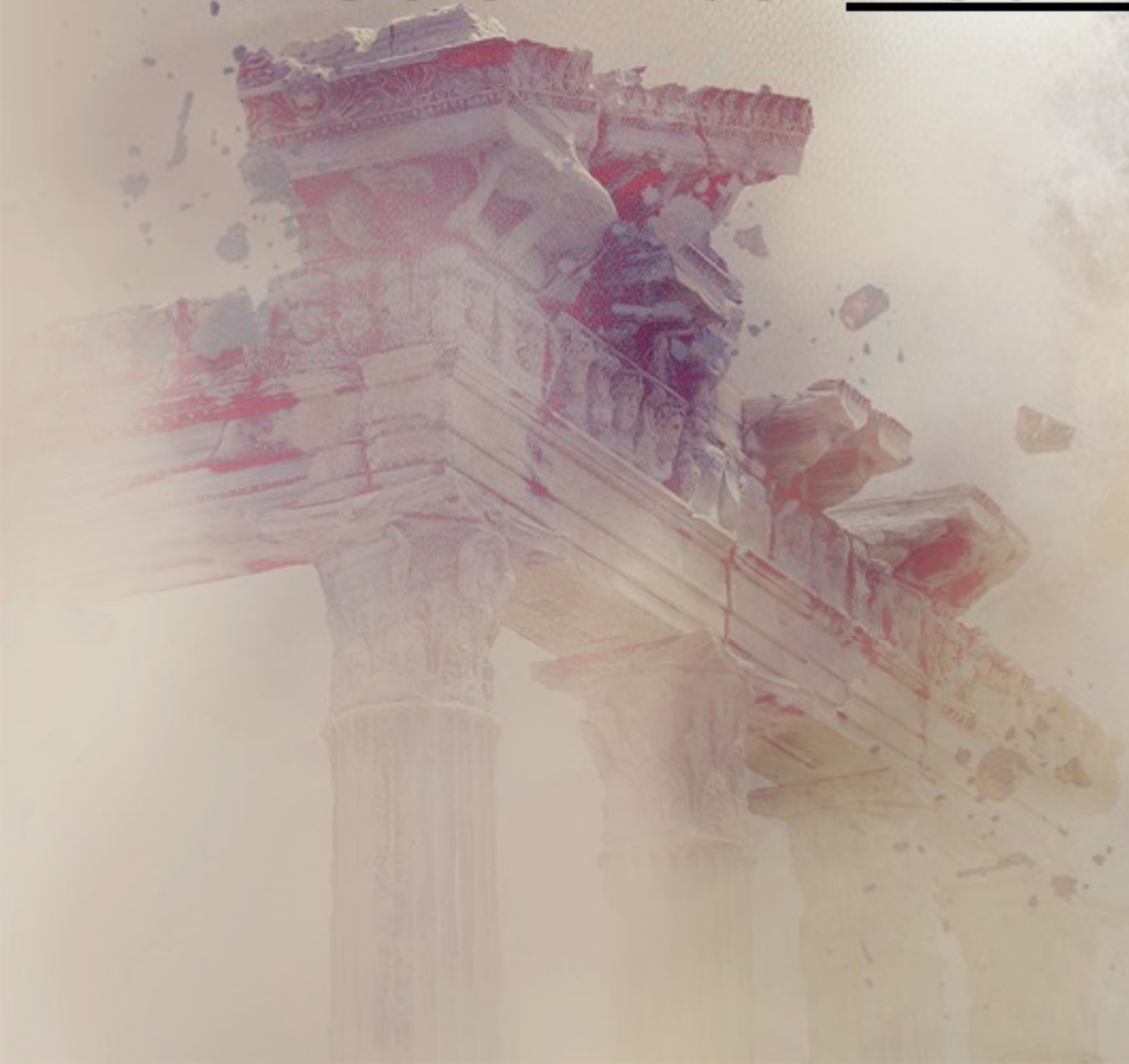
**And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:32-43**





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2. Worldly wisdom vs. God's wisdom: God brings the world's wisdom to nothing while saving those who believe in the Gospel.





**“It is certain that a blind man is no judge of colors, a deaf man is no judge of sound, and a man who has never been quickened into spiritual life can have no judgment as to spiritual things.”**

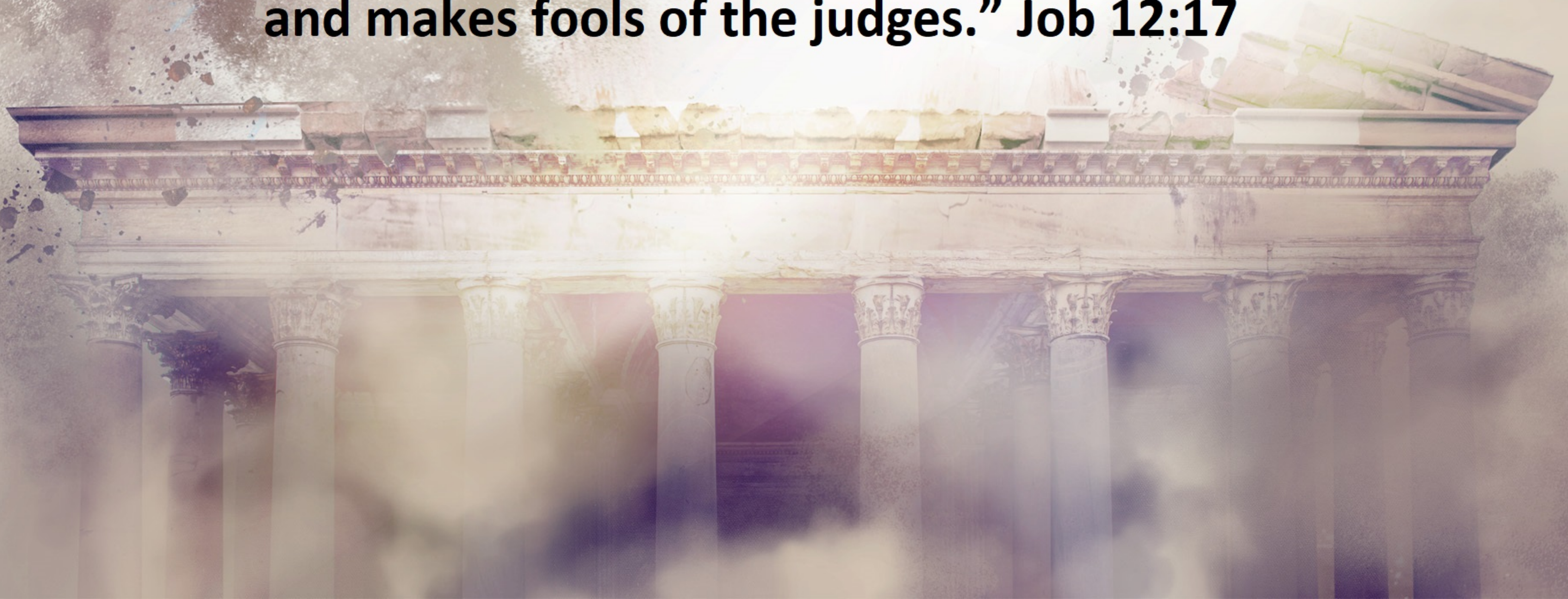
**-Charles Spurgeon**





**“He catches the wise in their own craftiness,  
and the counsel of the cunning comes quickly upon them.”  
Job 5:13**

**“He leads counselors away plundered,  
and makes fools of the judges.” Job 12:17**





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3. Your Way vs. Christ Crucified: Your expectations of what God should do can keep you from being saved by the true power and wisdom of God in Christ.