



**GOOD
NEWS**

Heart Matters

Heart Central

A close-up portrait of Martin Luther, a German theologian, philosopher, and reformer. He is depicted with a serious expression, wearing a black cap and a black garment. The background is a textured blue-green color.

If we pursue holiness for grace, not from grace we reverse the order of the gospel.

TAKE HOME:

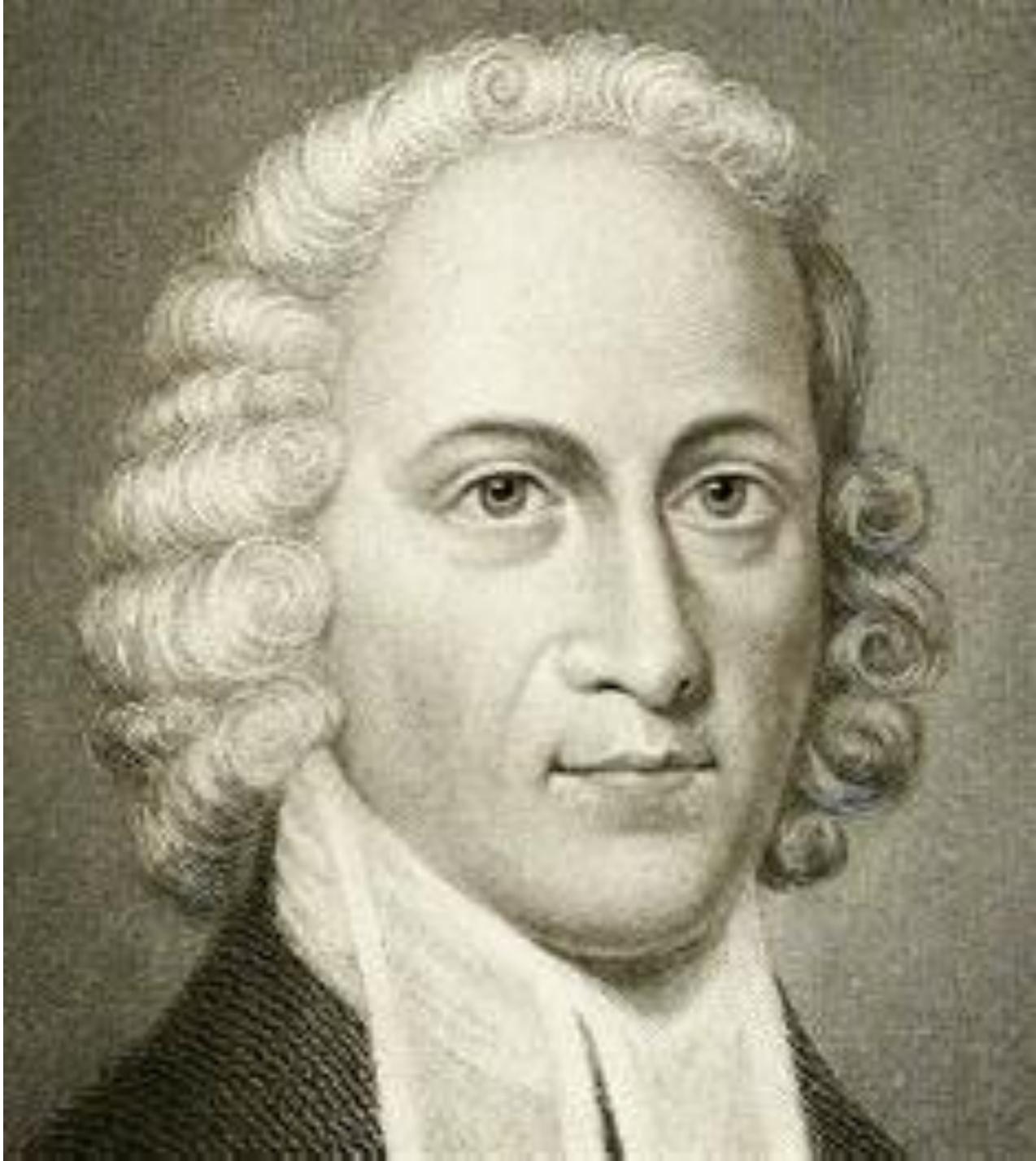
You know what
you worship
because you
worship what
controls you.



Hebrews 4:12



<https://youtu.be/ZSGANzoCtIA>



“Immediately upon the fall, the mind of man shrank from its primitive greatness and expandedness, to an exceeding smallness and contractedness . . . Sin, like some powerful astringent, contracted his soul to the very small dimensions of selfishness; and God was forsaken, and fellow-creatures forsaken, and man retired within himself, and became totally governed by narrow and selfish principles and feelings.”

Jonathan Edwards

The Heart Is the Source of *Life*.

“Keep your heart
with all vigilance, for
from it flow the
springs of life”
(Proverbs 4:23).



The Heart Is the Source of our Words & Action.

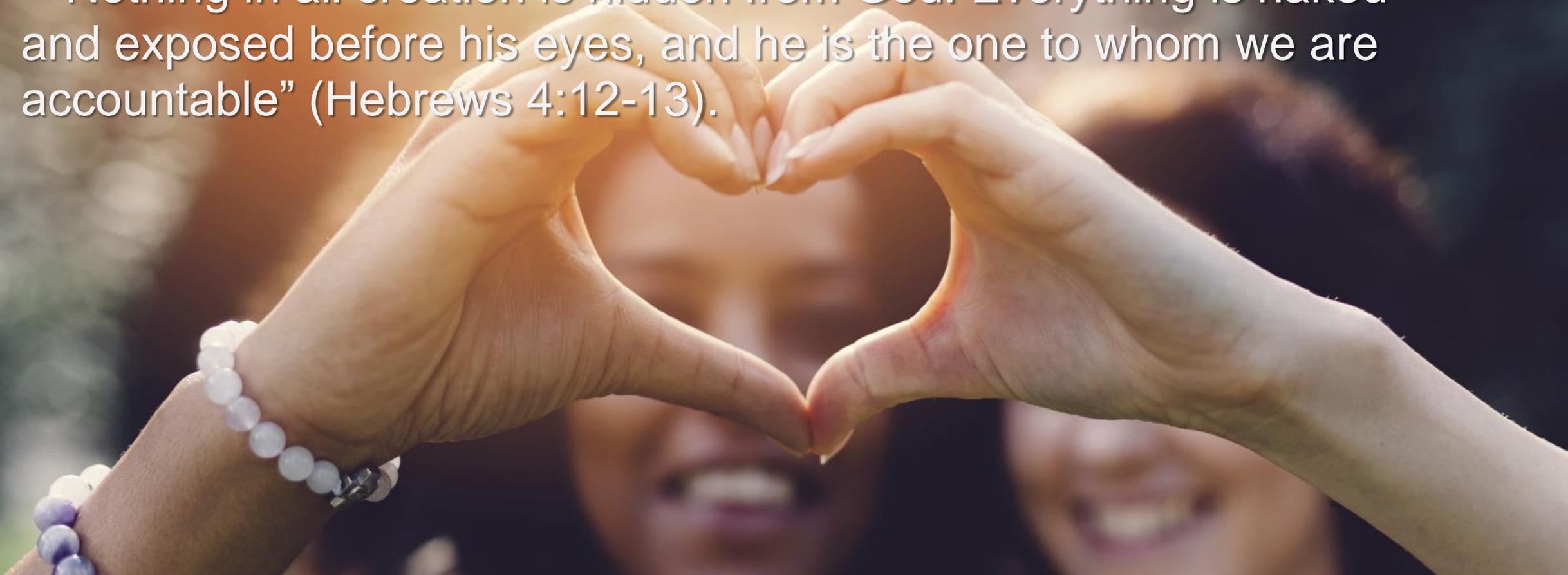
“The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks” (Luke 6:45).

“What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person” (Mark 7:20–23).

The Heart Is Active

¹² For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable” (Hebrews 4:12-13).



The Heart Is the Source of

WORSHIP

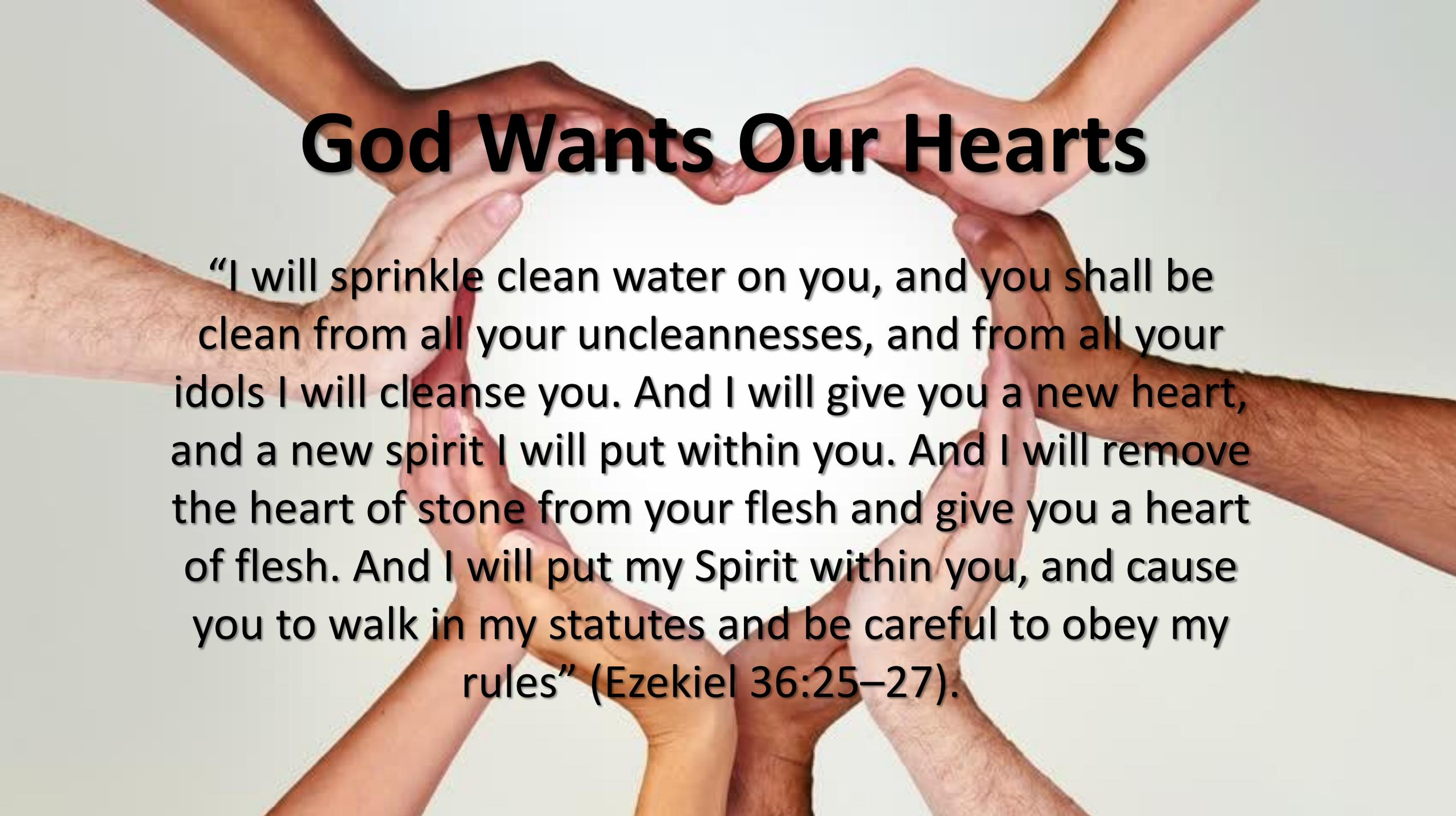
Jesus says, “This people honors me with their lips, but their *heart* is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men” (Matt. 15:8–9).

The Heart Is the Source of **YOU**.

“As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man” (Prov. 27:19).

“Man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart” (1 Sam. 16:7).





God Wants Our Hearts

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules” (Ezekiel 36:25–27).