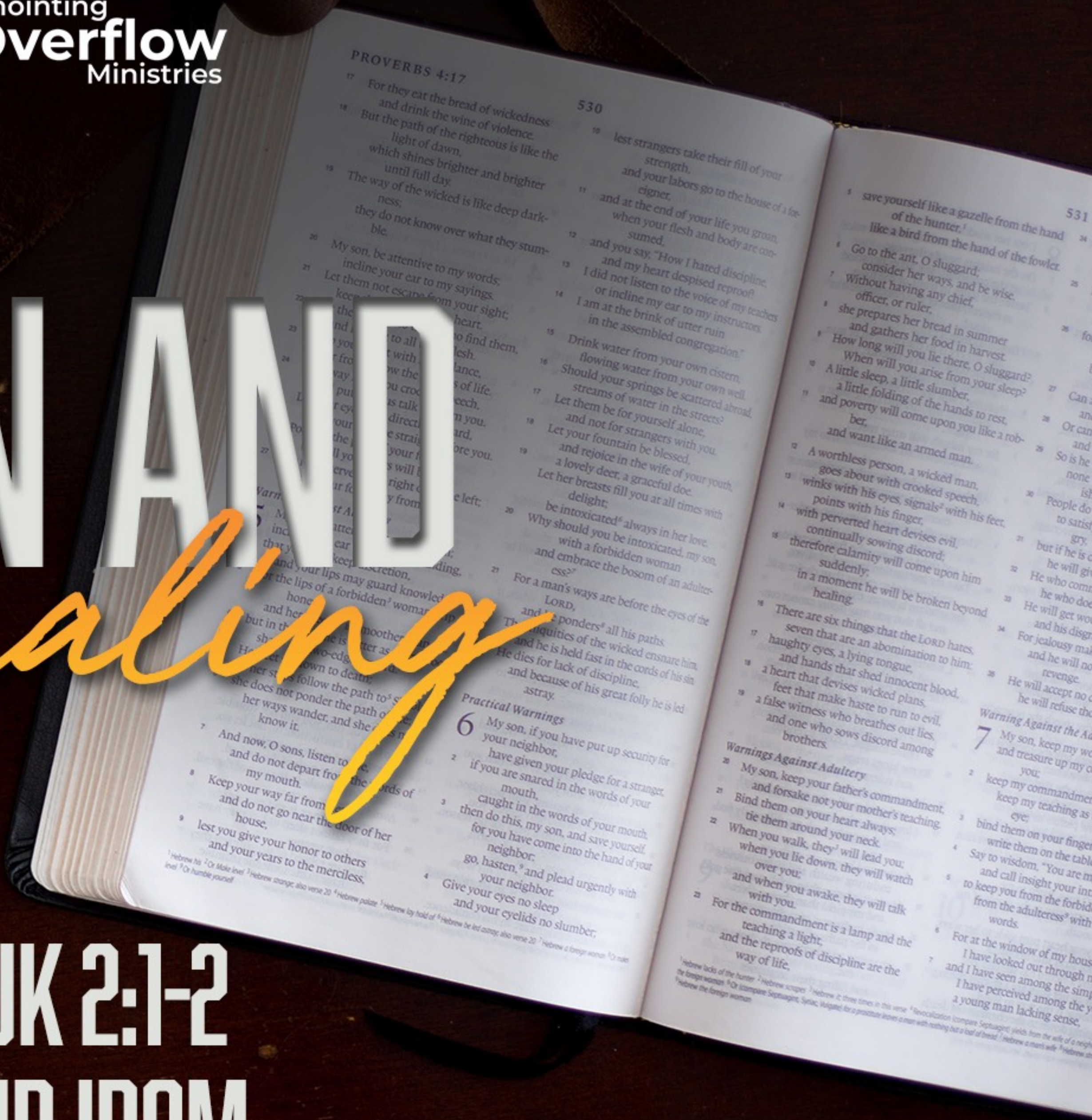


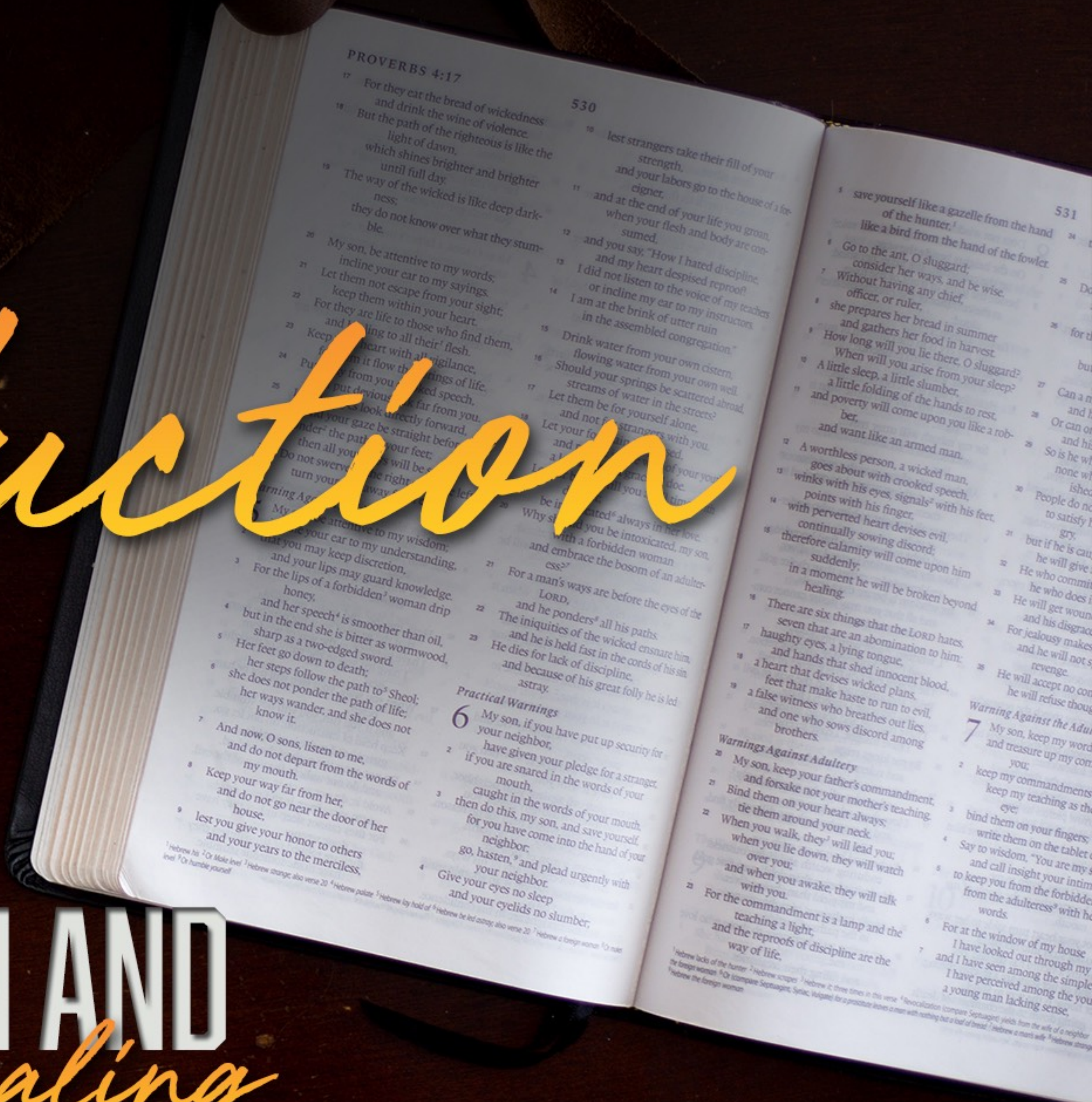
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LORD,
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Genesis 26:12 (ESV)

12 And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him,

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Using Habakkuk 2:1–2 (NIV)

- **Stillness**: I will stand on my guard post - Quiet yourself down by
- **Vision**: And I will keep watch to see - Fixing your eyes on Jesus.
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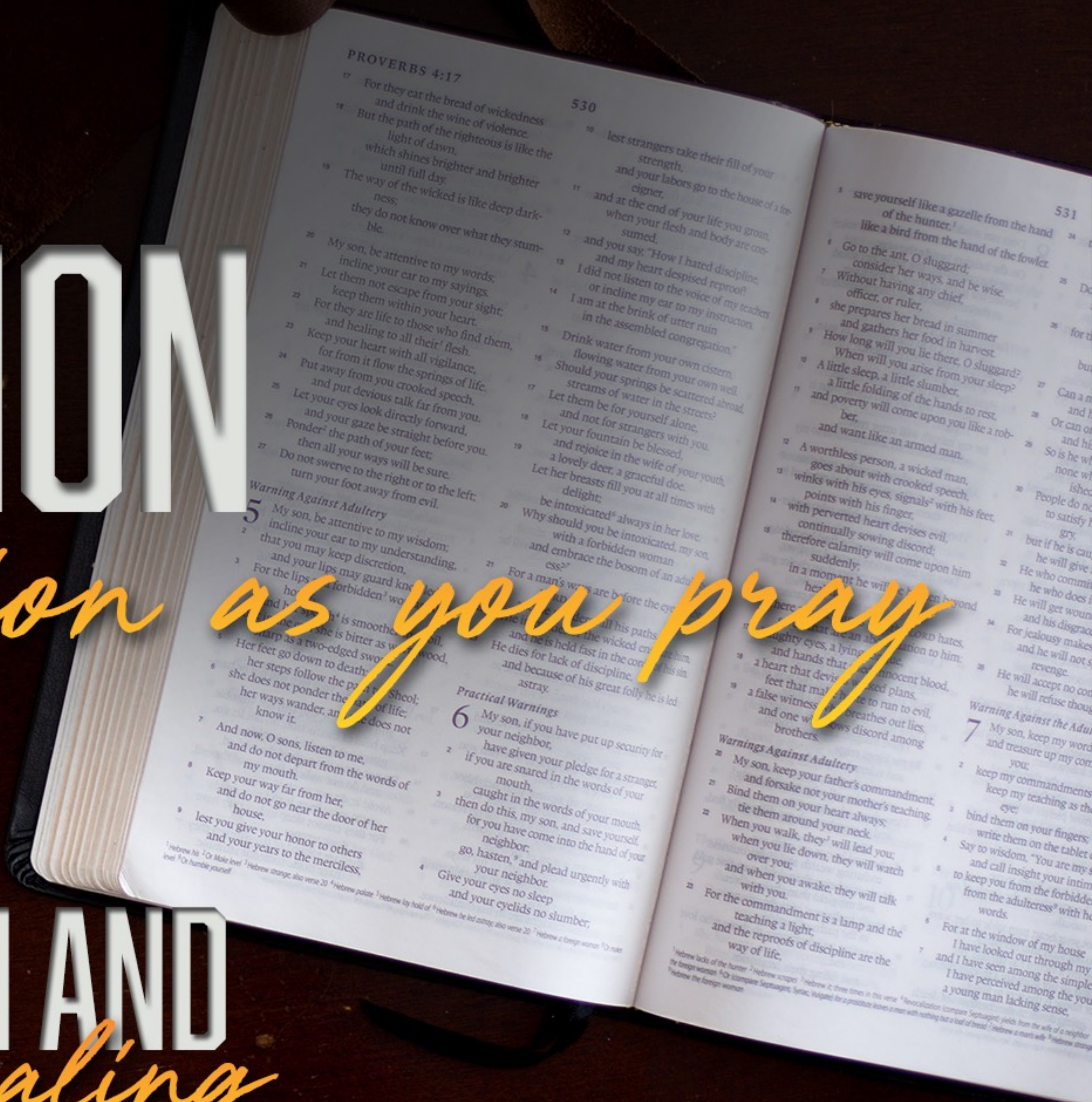
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25 Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.
26 Ponder¹ the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.
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lest strangers take their fill of your strength, and your labors go to the house of a foreigner.
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Practical Warnings

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12 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.
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1 I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guardpost. There I will wait to see what the Lord says and how he will answer my complaint.

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Acts 2:17 (ESV)

17 “ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall **prophesy**, and your young men shall **see visions**, and your old men shall **dream dreams**;

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John 5:19 (ESV)

19 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

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2 Kings 6:17 (NLT)

17 Then Elisha prayed, “O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!” **The Lord opened the young man’s eyes**, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.

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Acts 10:10–13 (NLT)

10 and he was hungry. But while a meal was being prepared, **he fell into a trance**. 11 He saw the sky open, and something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners. 12 In the sheet were all sorts of animals, reptiles, and birds. 13 Then a voice said to him, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.”

Acts 16:9 (NLT)

9 That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!”

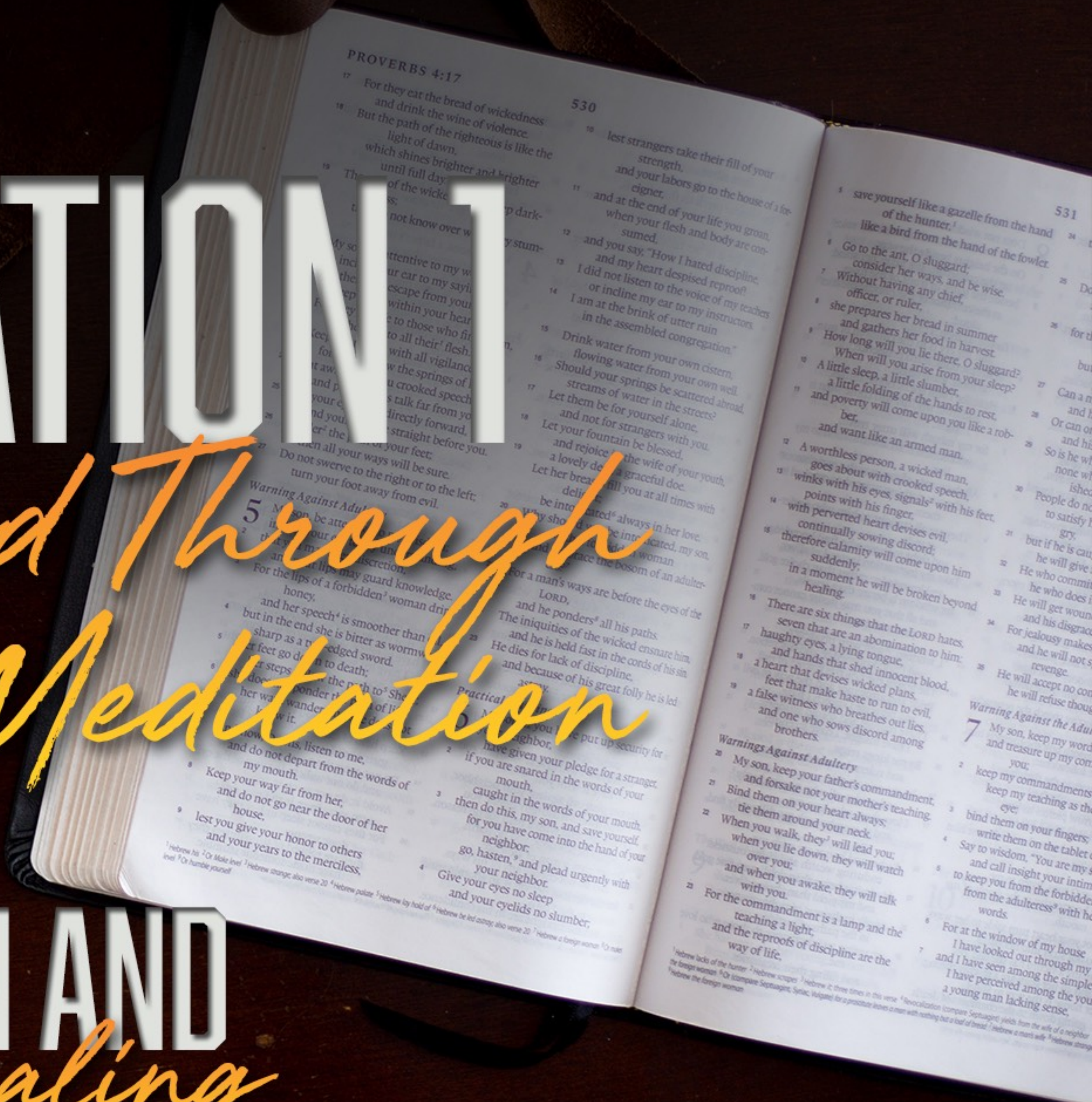
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- Meditate on the Ephesians 1:3–14.
- Picture each verse and pray, “Lord, please enlighten the eyes of my heart”. Ask God to speak to you through His word.
- Now tune to flowing thoughts and flowing pictures as you wait in His presence.
- Write down what God speak to you.

Daniel 7:15 (NIV)

15 “I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me.

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1 Kings 3:5 (NIV)

5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

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Matthew 1:20 (NIV)

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

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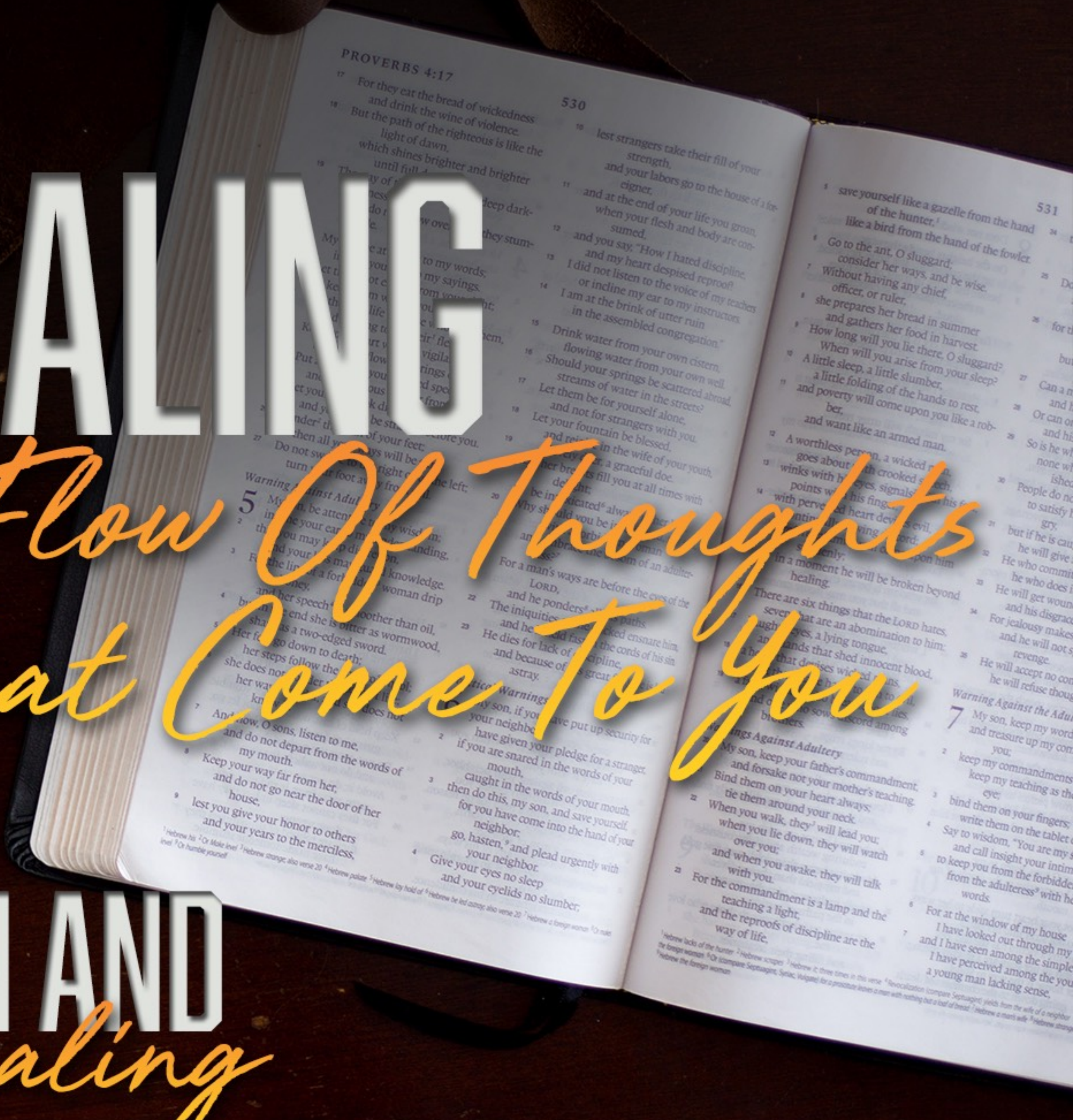
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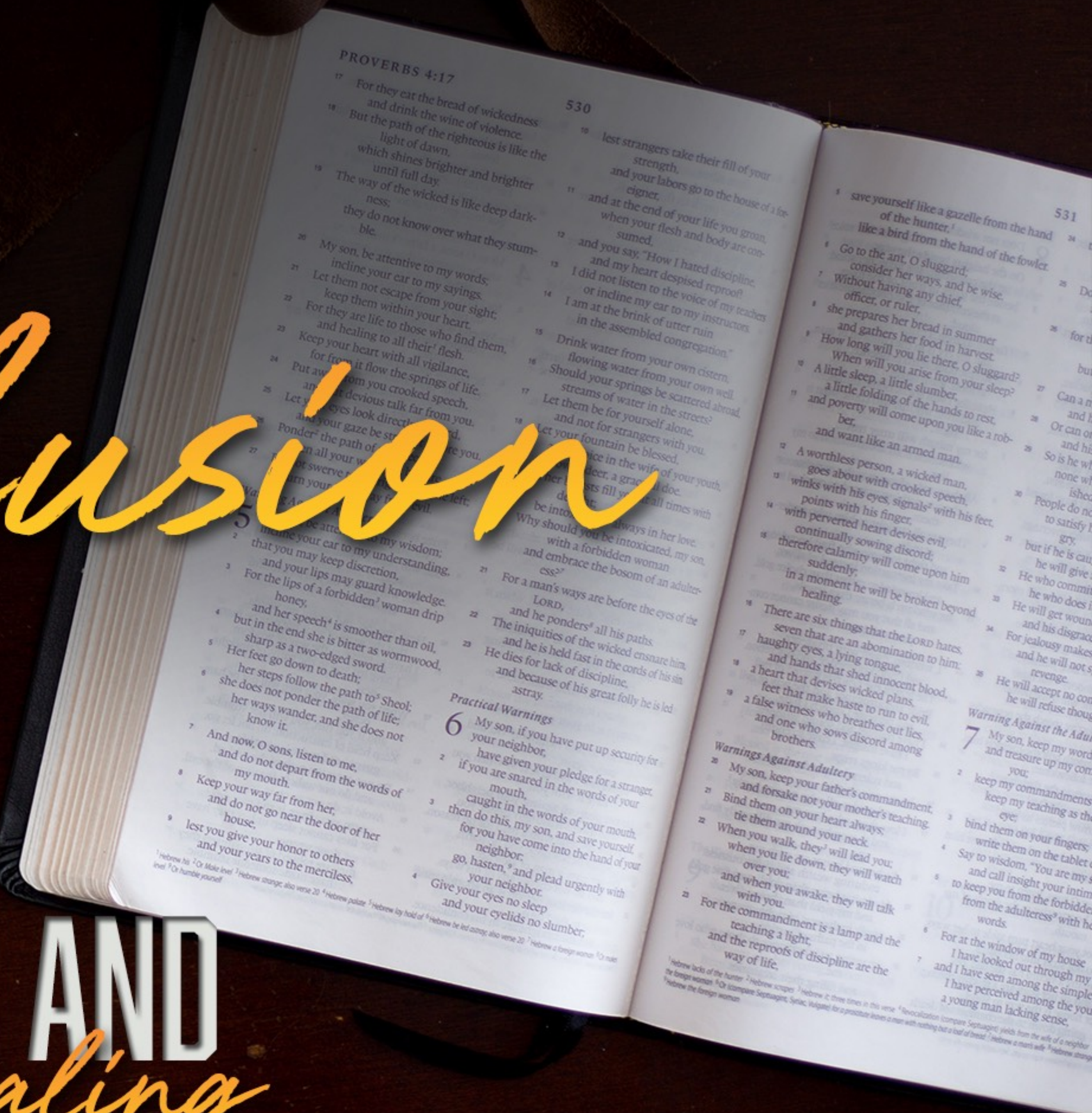
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2 And the Lord answered me: “**Write the vision**; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. 3 For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

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