

Paul, His Life and Teachings

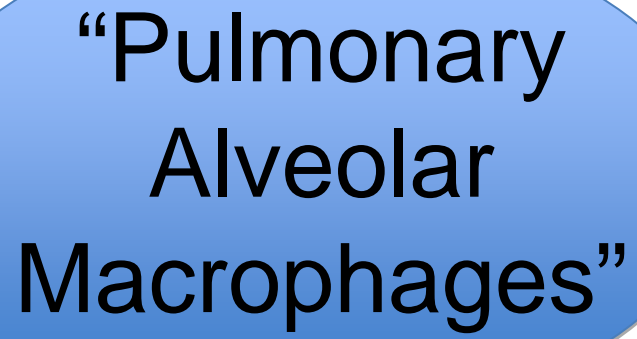


Paul's Theology God (Part 1)

Lesson 38

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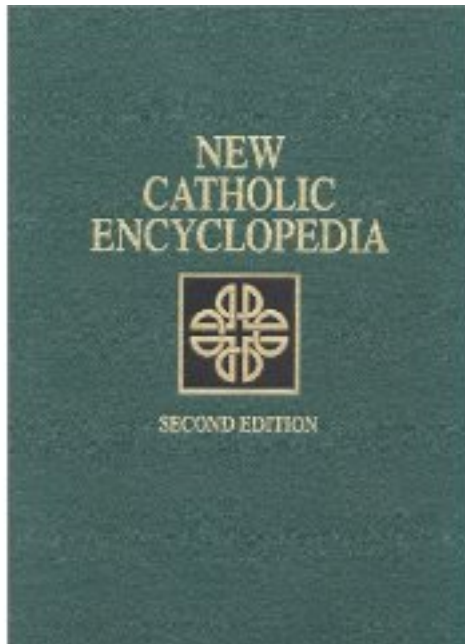
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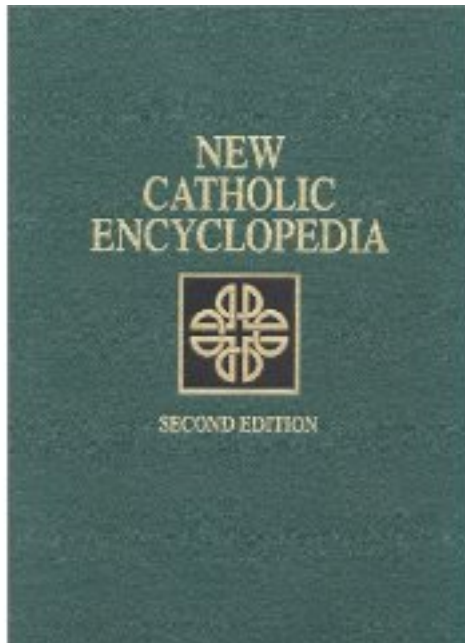
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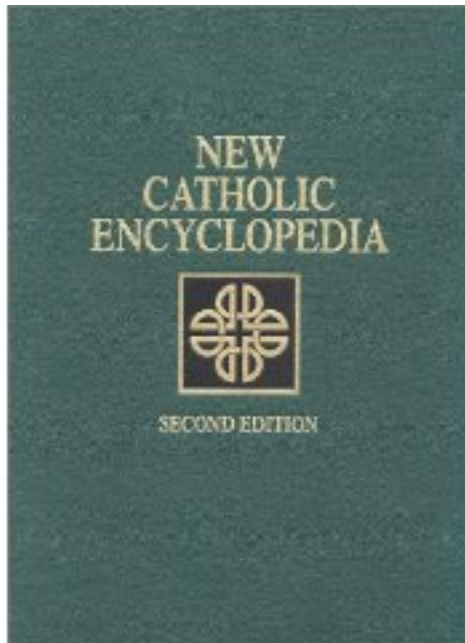
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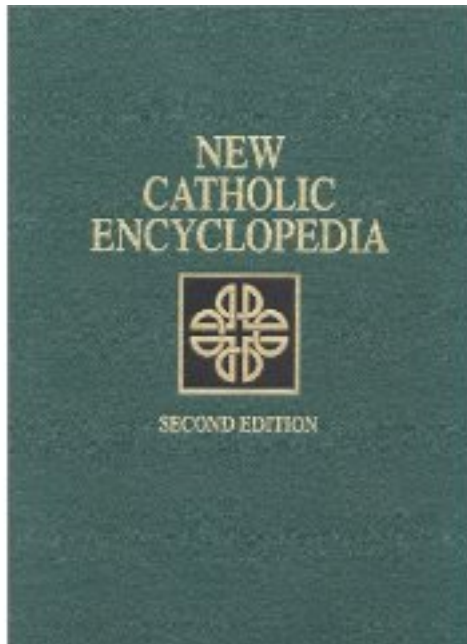
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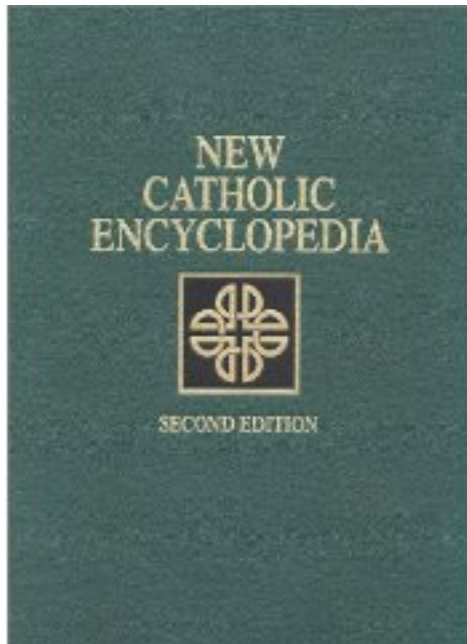
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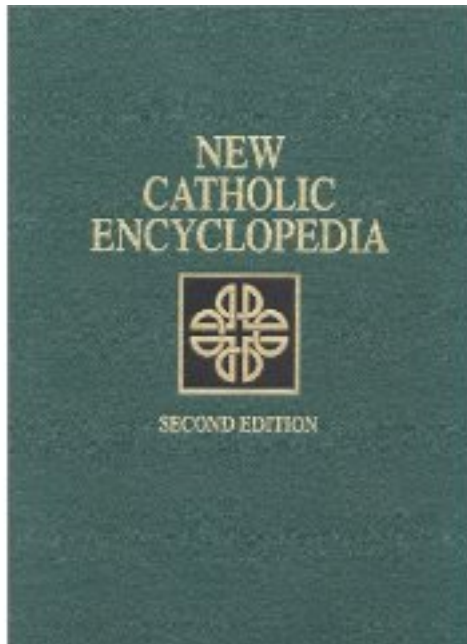


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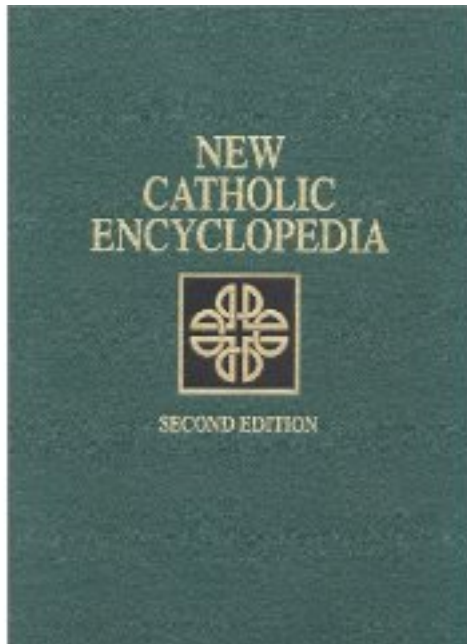


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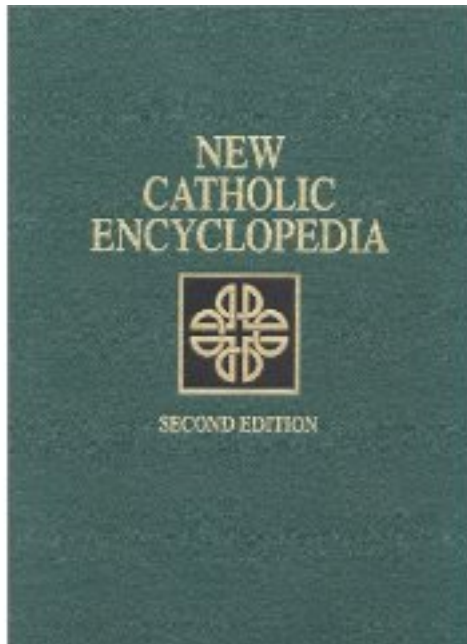
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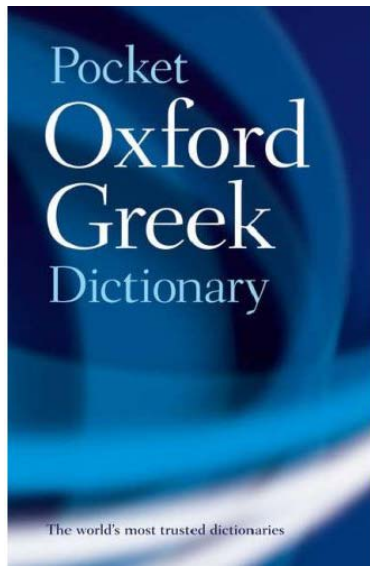


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- The Godhead composed of three Divine Persons in one divine nature

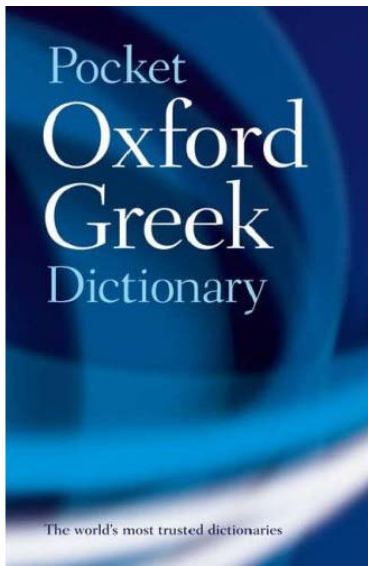


What does Paul
write/say about
God?

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“Anthropomorphize”

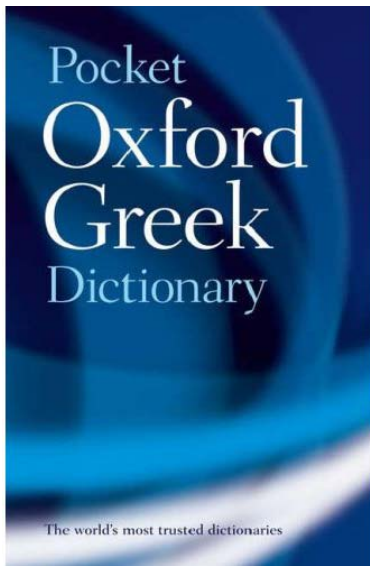


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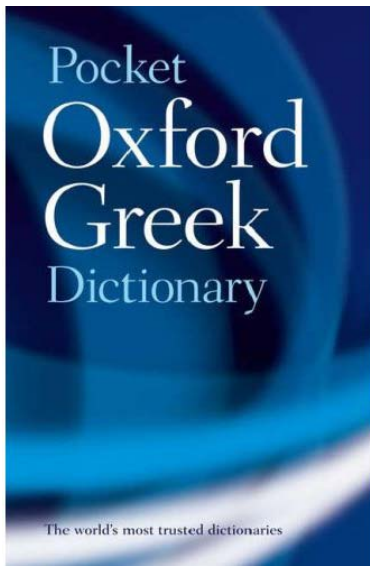
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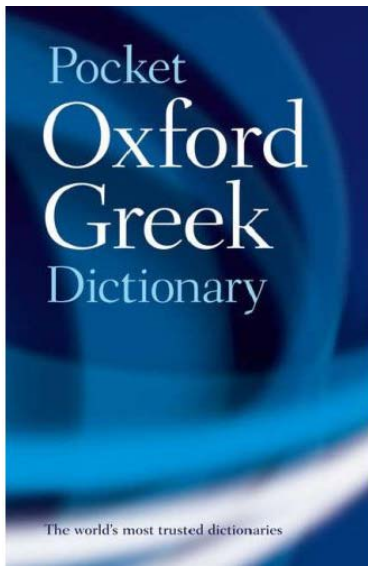


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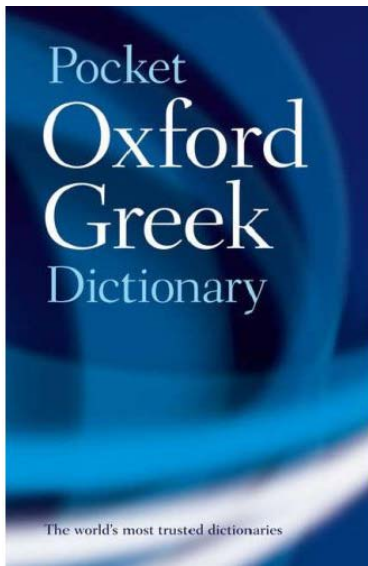


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Morphe
 (“form”)



Tigers really don't
sing...

Or dance...

Or play with Pooh
Bears



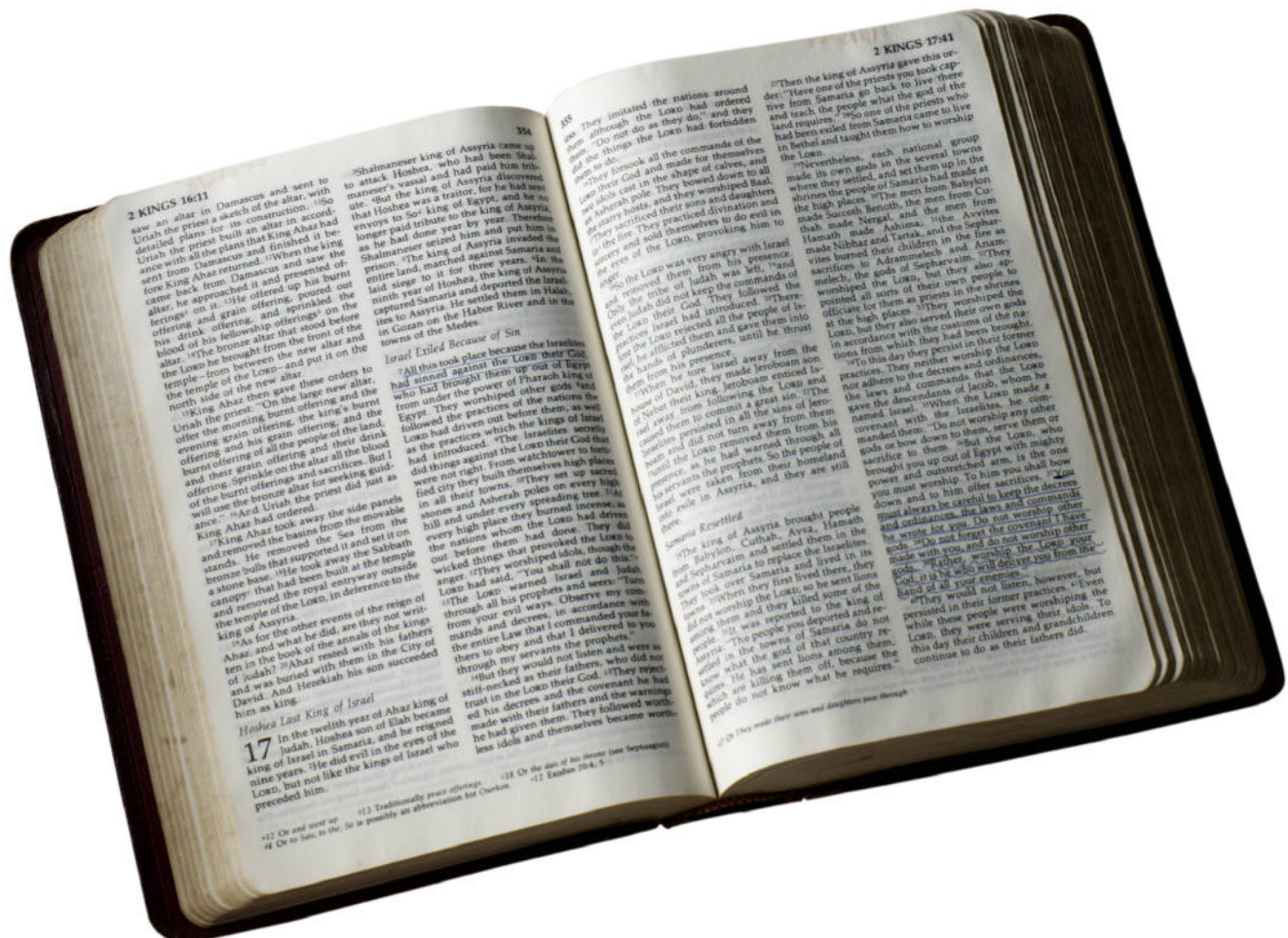
Tigger is an
“Anthropomorphism”

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Anthropomorphisms help us understand things beyond us.



The Old Testament uses anthropomorphisms



2 KINGS 16:11

... saw an altar in Damascus and sent to Uriah the priest for its construction. Uriah the priest built an altar in accordance with all the plans that King Ahab had sent from Damascus and saw the king come back from Damascus and presented the altar to him. He approached it and presented offerings on it. He poured out the offering and grain offering on the altar, he approached it and presented the offering and grain offering, poured out his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his fellowship offering on the altar. The bronze altar that stood before the altar of the Lord he brought from the new altar and put it on the north side of the new altar.

King Ahab then gave these orders to Uriah the priest: "On the morning, burn offering and the evening grain offering, the king's burnt offering and his grain offering, and the offering of all the people of the land, burn offering on the altar all the blood and their grain offering and sacrifices. But I will use the bronze altar for seeking God."

And Uriah the priest did just as King Ahab had ordered.

King Ahab took away the side panels and removed the basins from the movable stands. He removed the Sabbath bronze bulls that supported it and set it on a stone base. He took away the temple canopy that had been built at the entrance and removed the royal entryway outside and removed the royal entryway outside and removed the temple of the Lord, in deference to the king of Assyria.

As for the other events of the reigns of Ahab and what he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah? Ahab rested with his fathers and was buried with them in the City of David. And Hezekiah his son succeeded him as king.

Hoshea Last King of Israel

17 In the twelfth year of Ahab king of Judah, Hoshea son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned nine years. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, but not like the kings of Israel who preceded him.

Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up to attack Hoshea, who had been Israel's vassal and had paid him tribute. But the king of Assyria discovered that Hoshea was a traitor, for he had sent envoys to the king of Egypt, and he no longer paid tribute to the king of Assyria as he had done year by year. Therefore Shalmaneser seized him and put him in prison. The king of Assyria invaded the entire land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria. He settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habur River and in the towns of the Medes.

Israel Exiled Because of Sin

All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They worshiped other gods and followed the practices of the nations of the world. The Israelites secretly did things against the Lord their God that had introduced them to hatred. They did things against the Lord that were not right: they built themselves high places in all their towns, they set up sacred stones and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every spreading tree, in every high place they burned incense, and they did the nations whom the Lord had driven out before them had done. They did the wicked things that provoked the Lord to anger. They worshiped idols, though the Lord had said, "You shall not do this." The Lord warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers. Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commandments and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded you to do, and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets. But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their fathers, who did not trust in his decrees and the covenant he had made with their fathers and the warnings he had given them. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless.

2 KINGS 17:41

Then the king of Assyria gave this order: "Have one of the priests you took captive from Samaria go back to live there and teach the people what the gods of the land require." So one of the priests who had been exiled from Samaria came to live in Bethel and taught them how to worship the Lord.

Nevertheless, each national group made its own gods in the several towns where they settled, and set them up in the shrines the people of Samaria had made at the high places. The men from Babylon made Succoth Benoth, the men from Cush made Nergal, and the men from Hamath made Ashima. The Assyrians made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire as wives burned their children in the fire as sacrifices to Adramelech and Ananias. They worshiped the gods of Sepharvaim, but they also appointed all sorts of their own people to worship the Lord, but they also appointed officials for them as priests in the shrines at the high places. They worshiped the Lord, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought. To this day they persist in their former practices. They neither worship the Lord nor adhere to the decrees and ordinances, the laws and commands that the Lord gave the descendants of Jacob, whom he named Israel. When the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites, he commanded them, "Do not worship any other gods or bow down to them, serve them or sacrifice to them." But the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt with mighty power and outstretched arm, is the one you must worship. To him you shall bow down and to him offer sacrifices. You must always be careful to keep the decrees and ordinances, the laws and commands I have written for you. Do not worship other gods. Do not forget the covenant I have made with you, and do not worship other gods. For if you do, I will deliver you from the hand of your enemies. Even though they would not listen, however, but persisted in their former practices. Even while these people were worshiping the Lord, they were serving their idols. To this day their children and grandchildren continue to do as their fathers did.

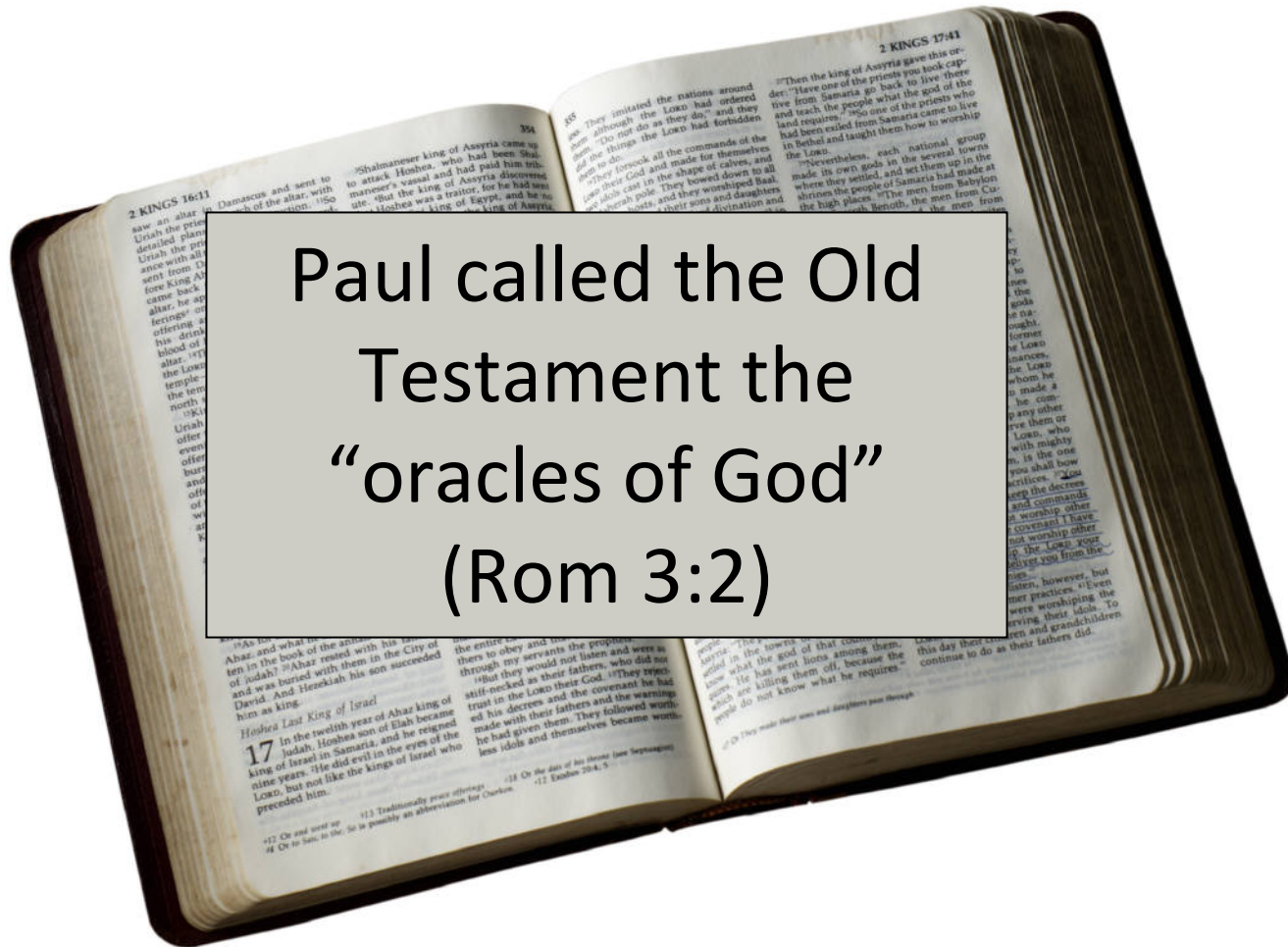
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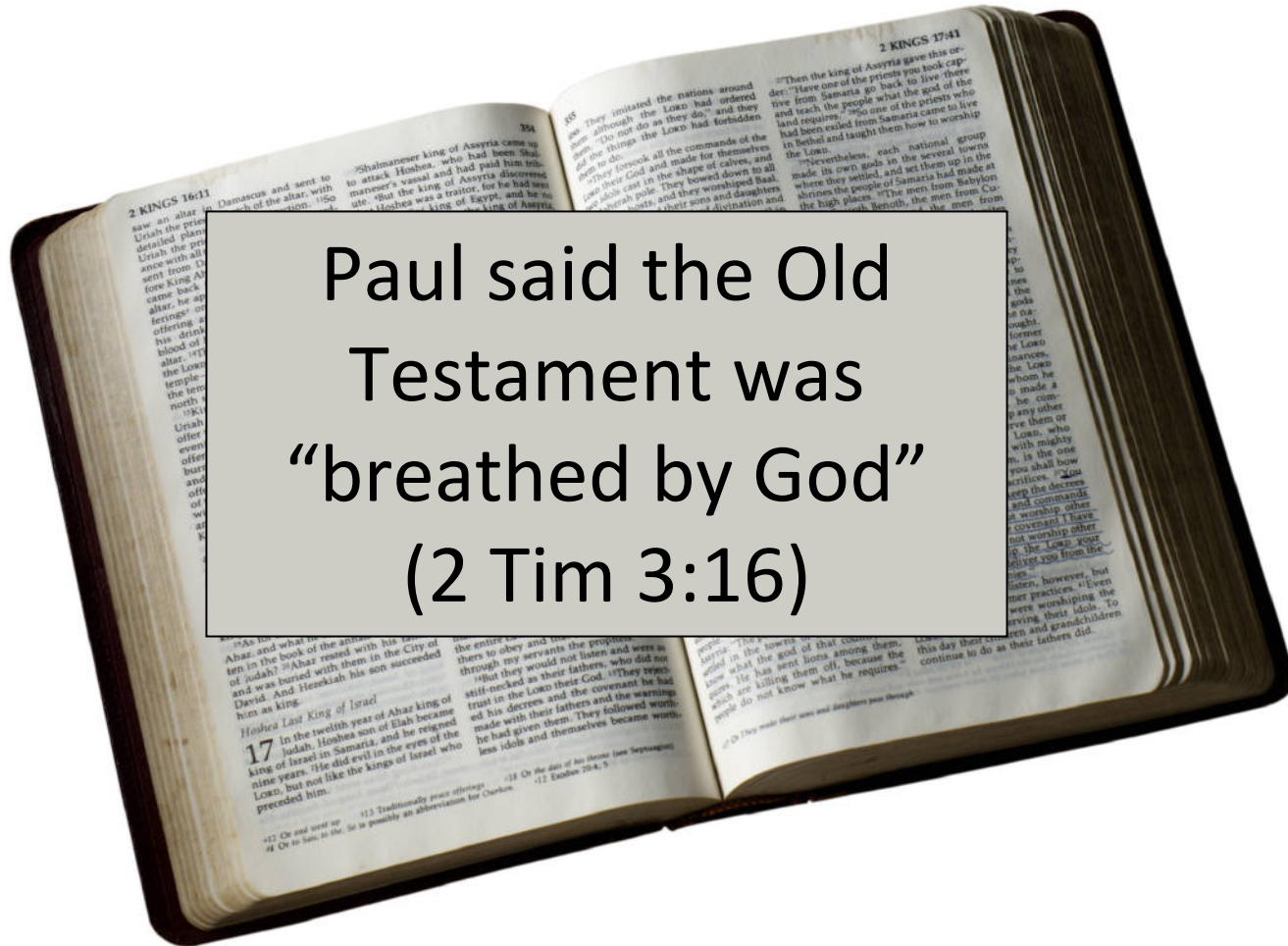
19 Or They made their sons and daughters pass through fire.

Remember Paul was a devout Jew

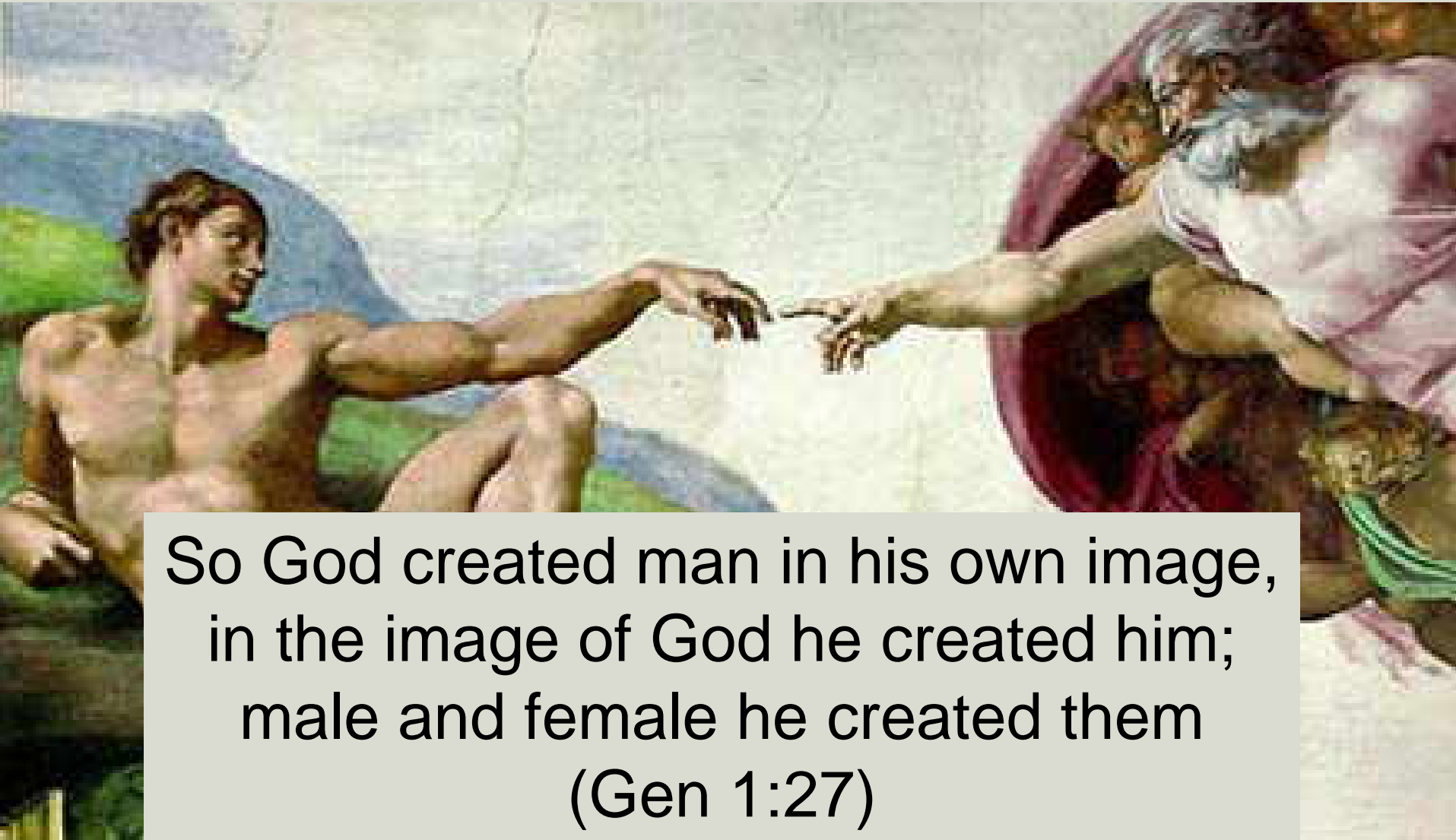


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(Rom 3:2)

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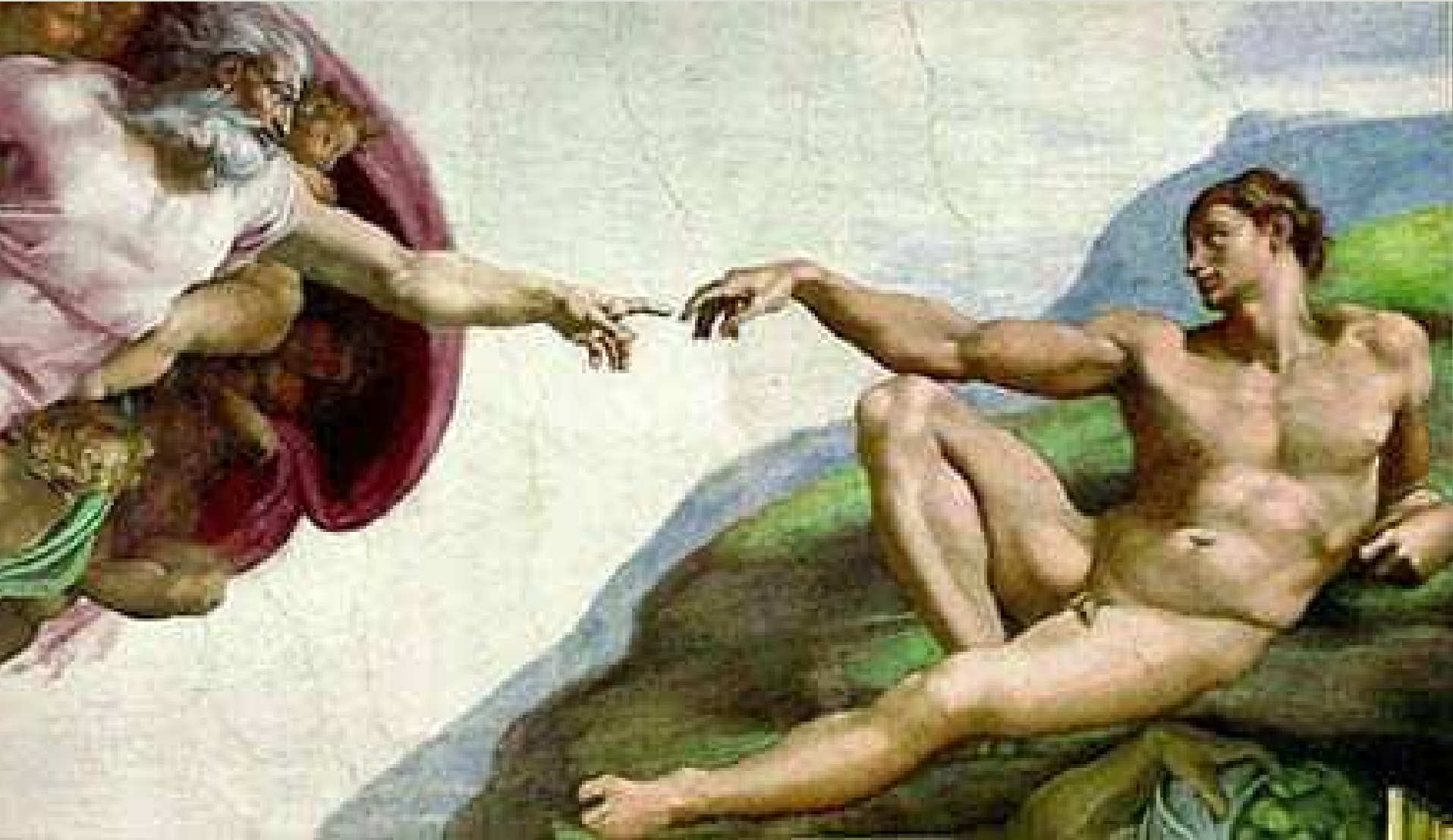


Paul said the Old
Testament was
“breathed by God”
(2 Tim 3:16)



So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them
(Gen 1:27)

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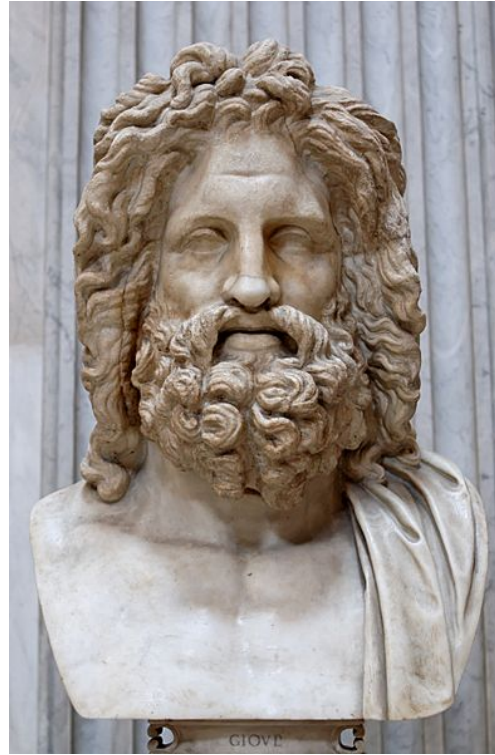
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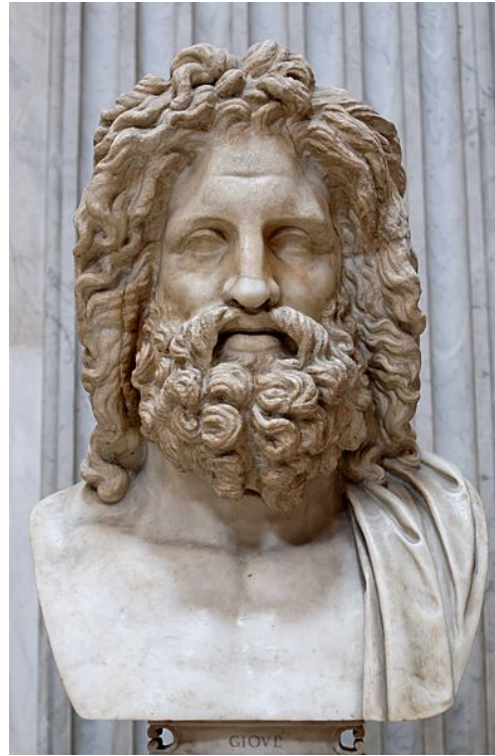
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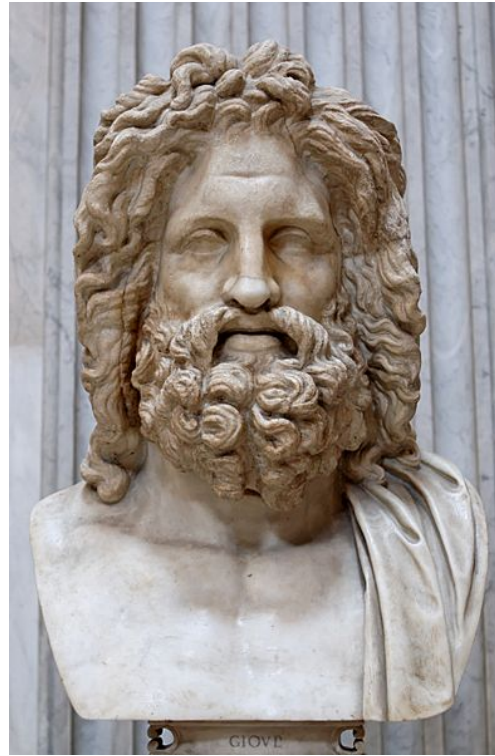
“Ra”



“Zeus”



“Poseiden”



“They exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals...

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshipped the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. (Rom 1:23-25)

Cecil B. DeMille's
*The Ten
Commandments*



Introduction by Cecil B. DeMille



“You shall not make
for yourself any
carved image...”
(Ex 20:4)



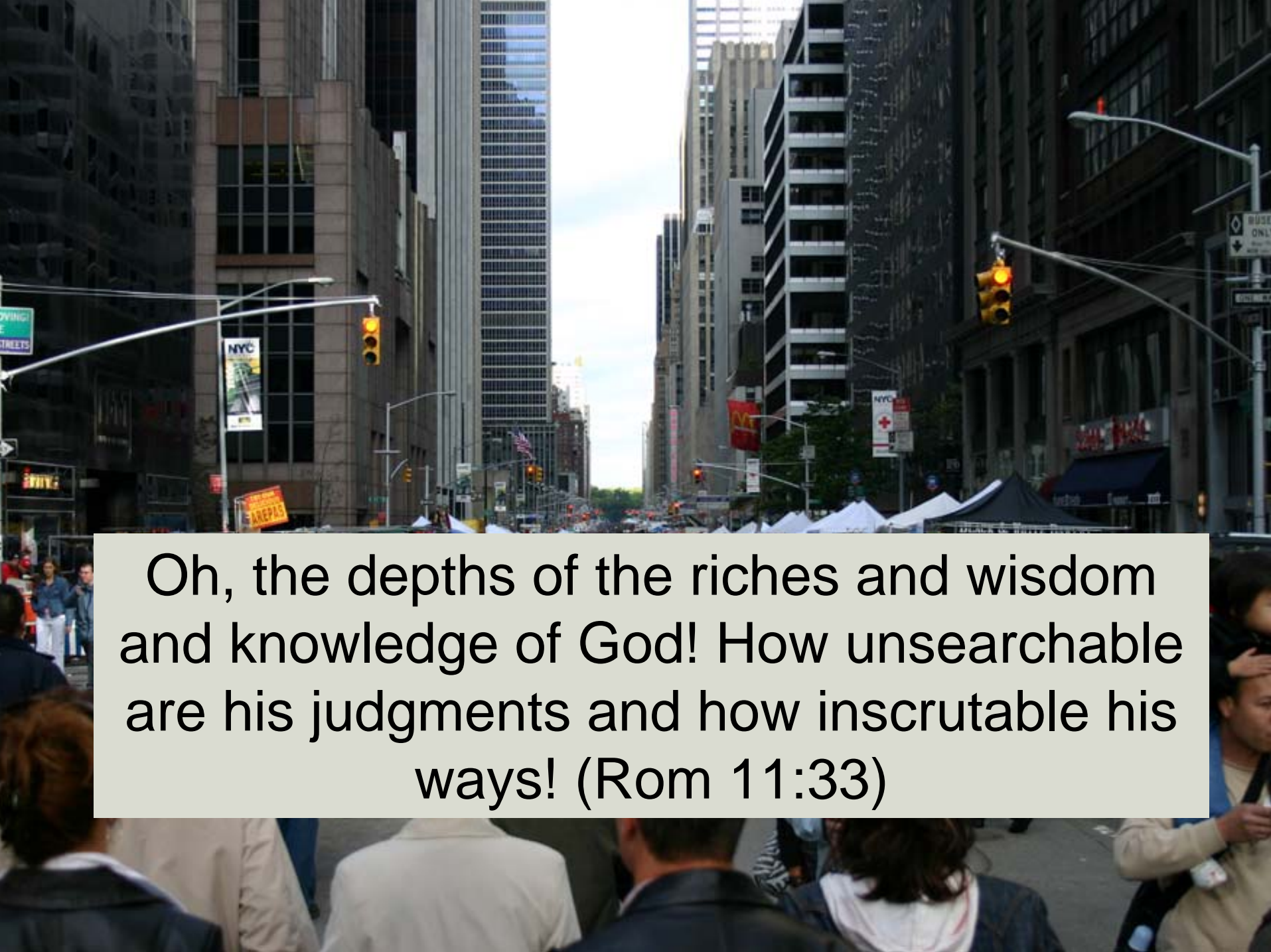


“No one
comprehends
the thoughts
of God except
the Spirit of
God”
(1 Cor 2:11)



“The blessed and Only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.”
(1 Tim 6:15-16)



A photograph of a busy city street, likely in New York City, with tall buildings on either side and a crowd of people in the foreground. The street is filled with traffic lights, signs, and various structures. A large white text box is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing a quote from the Bible.

Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom
and knowledge of God! How unsearchable
are his judgments and how inscrutable his
ways! (Rom 11:33)



“The God, who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything...



“And he made from one man every nation ... in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him... Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.”



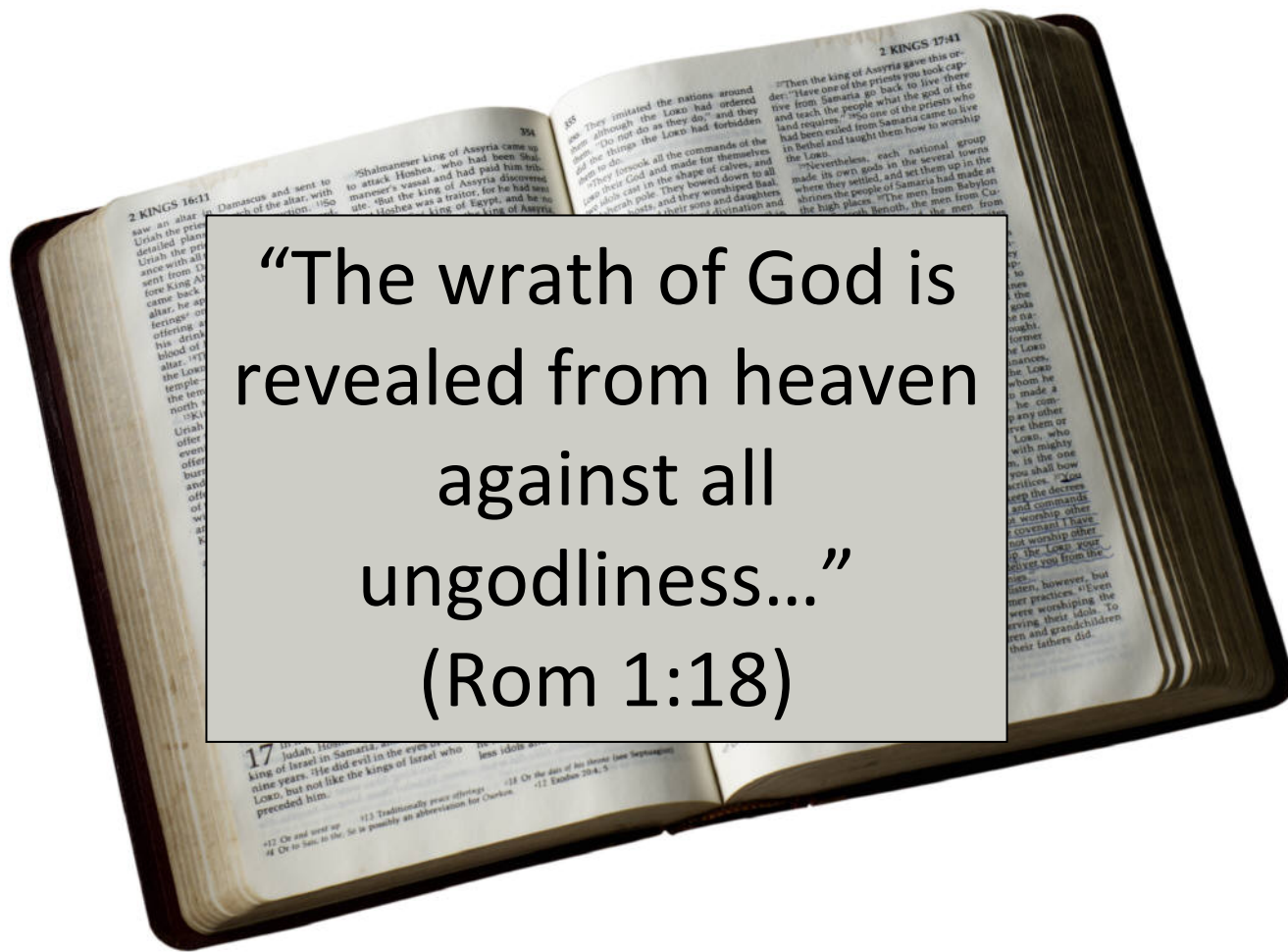
“The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”





With that background, we
now consider how Paul
anthropomorphizes God

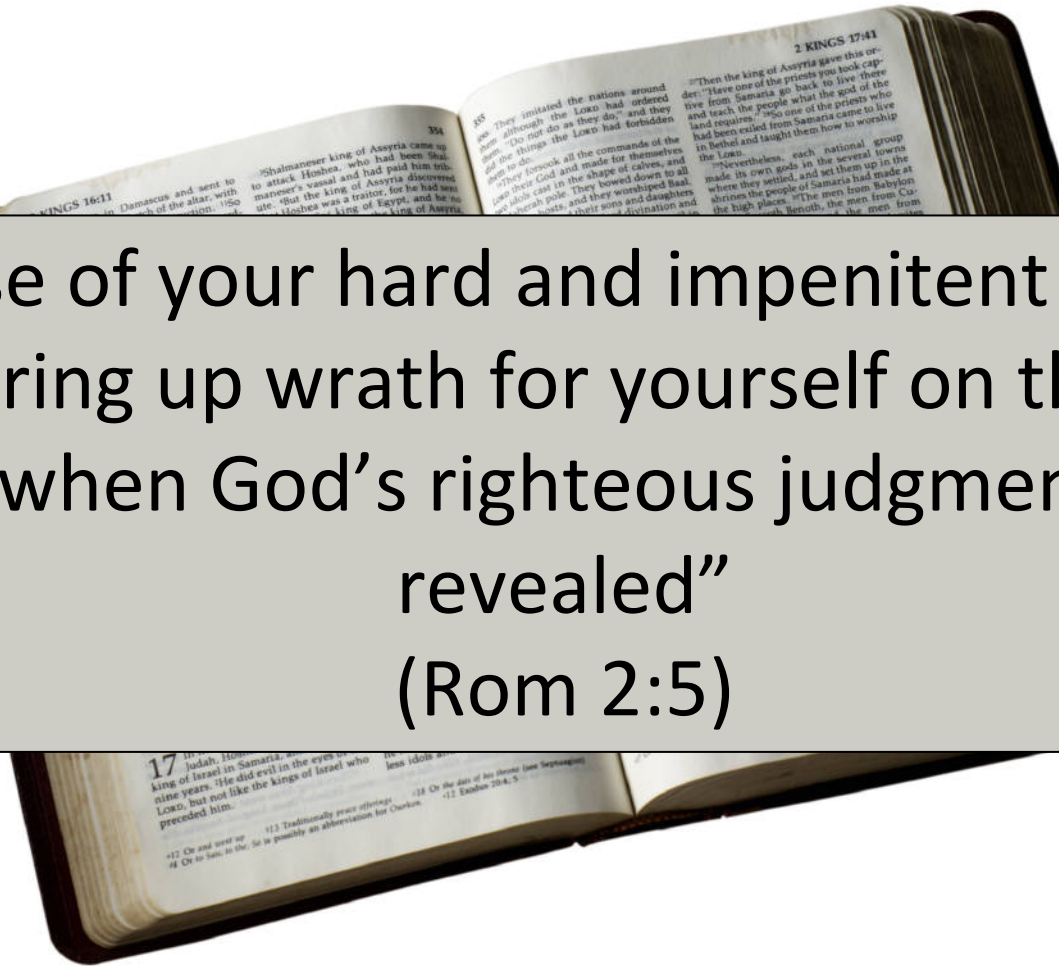
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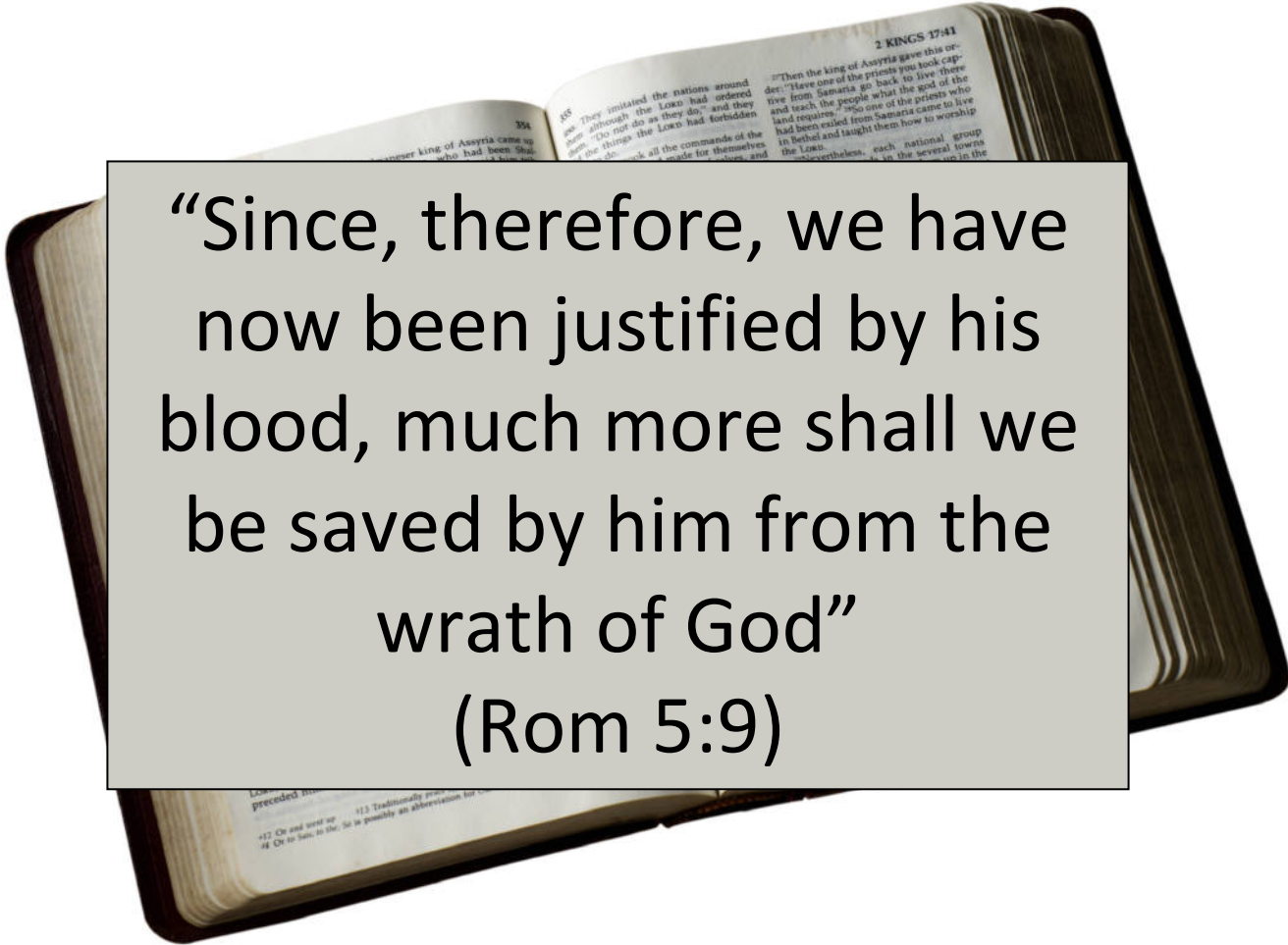
“The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness...”
(Rom 1:18)

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“Because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed”
(Rom 2:5)

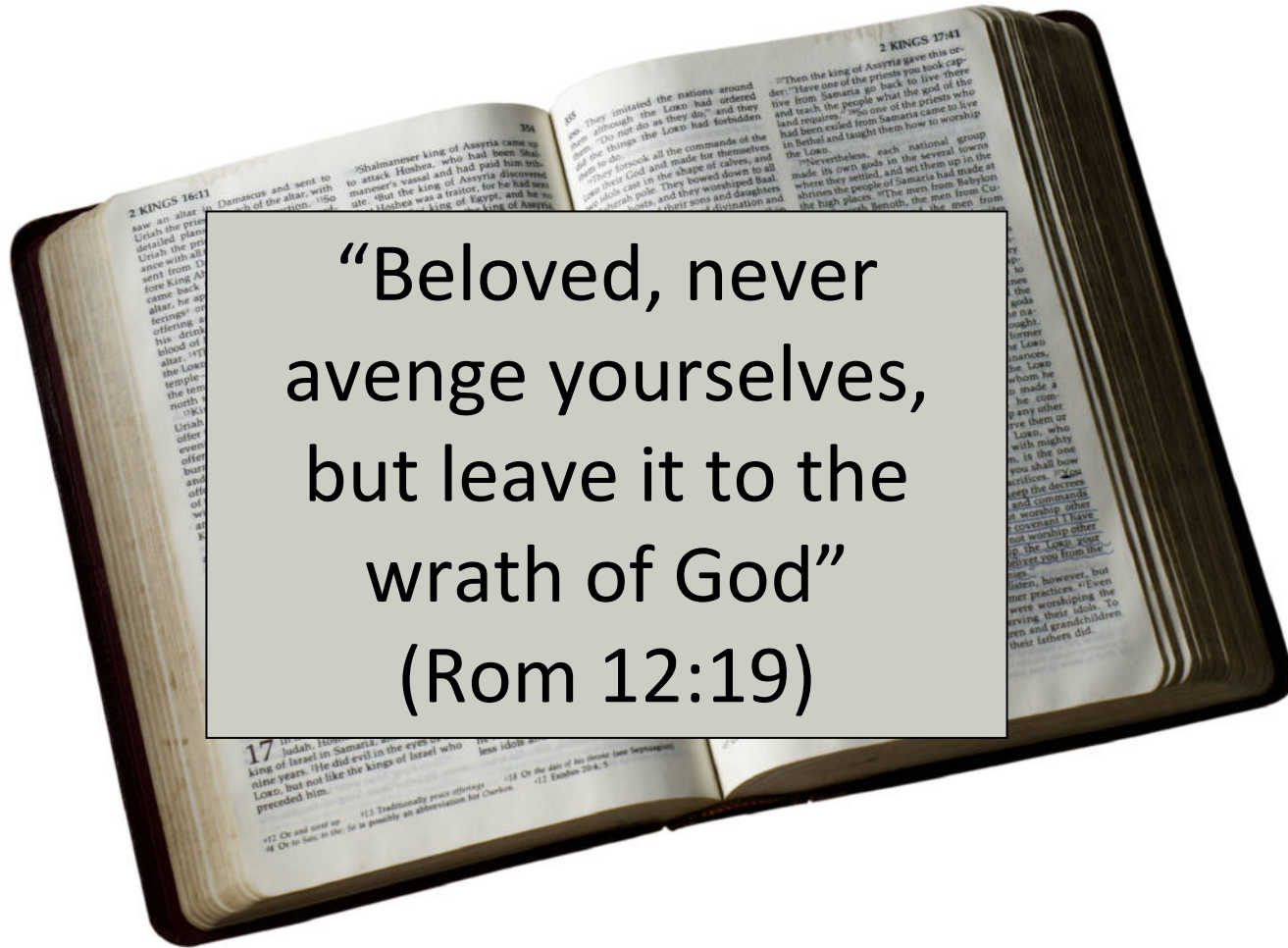


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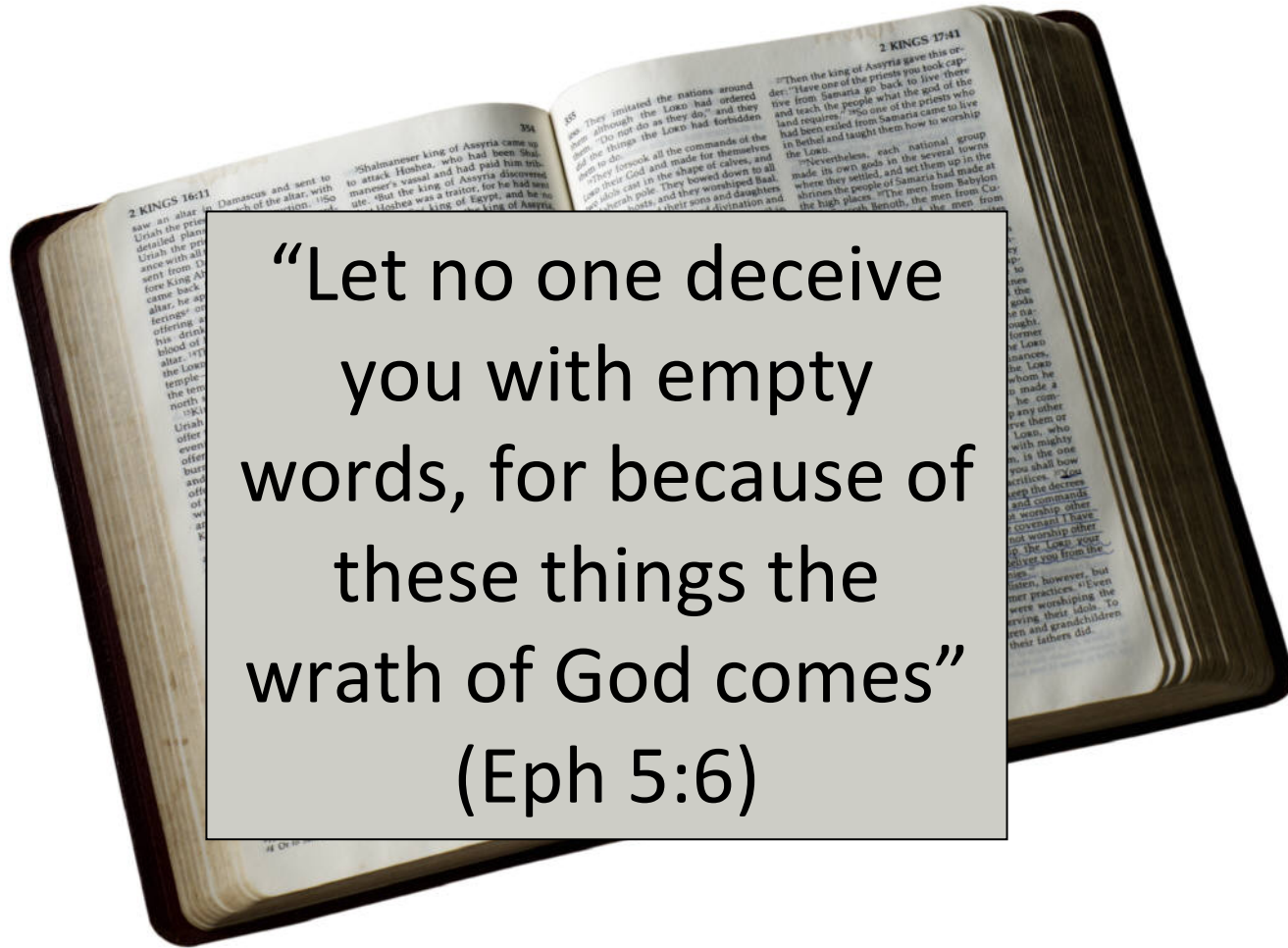
“Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God”
(Rom 5:9)

The “wrath” of God



“Beloved, never
avenge yourselves,
but leave it to the
wrath of God”
(Rom 12:19)

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“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes”
(Eph 5:6)

Is wrath a temper tantrum?



Wrath is the natural consequence
of sin and disobedience

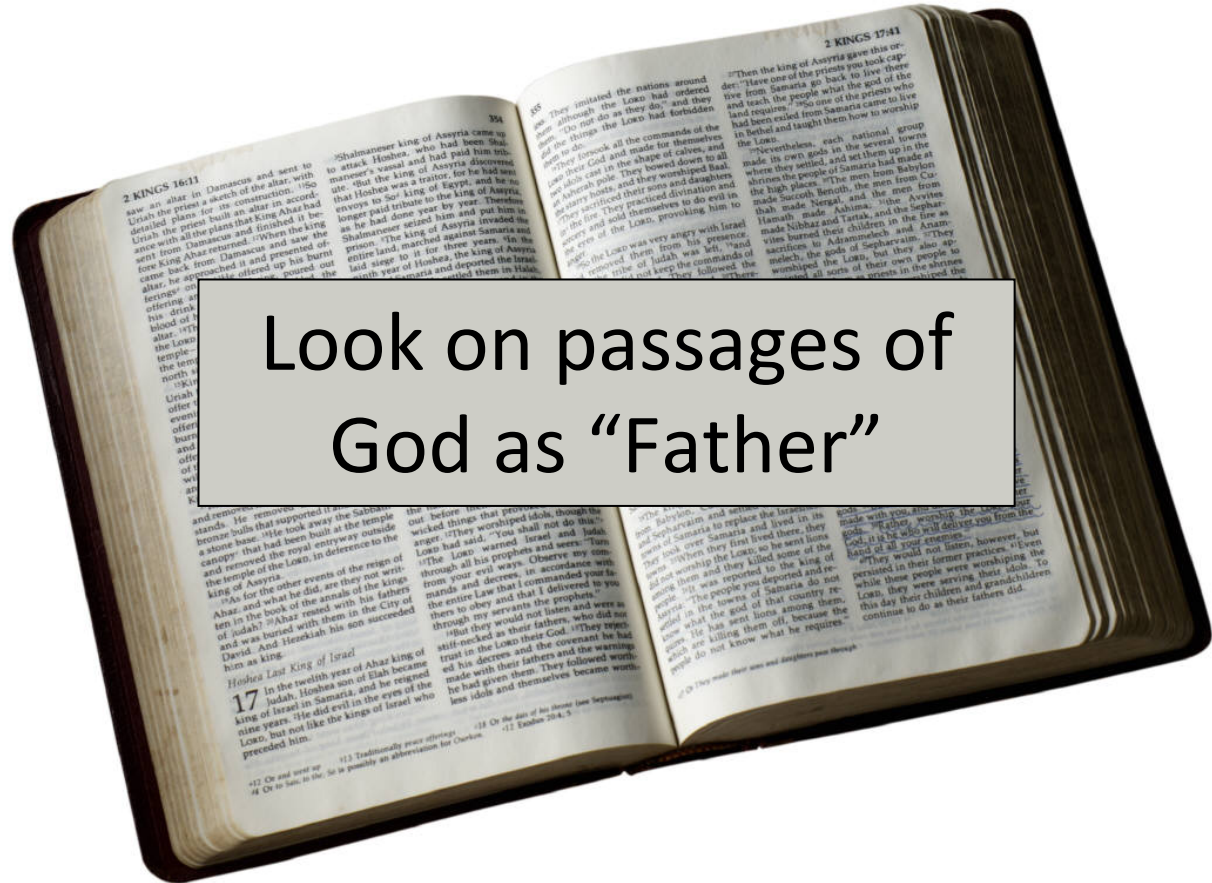


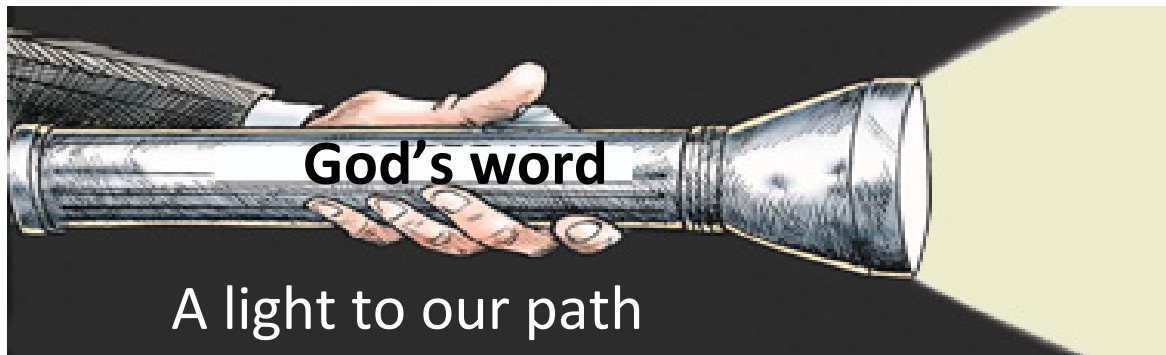
If you stick your hand in fire, you will get
burned

Before we leave
anthropomorphisms...



Homework!

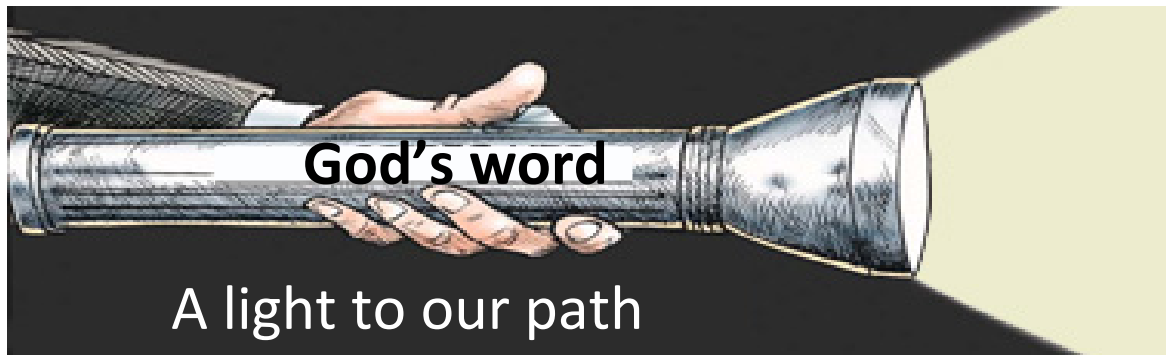




Points for Home



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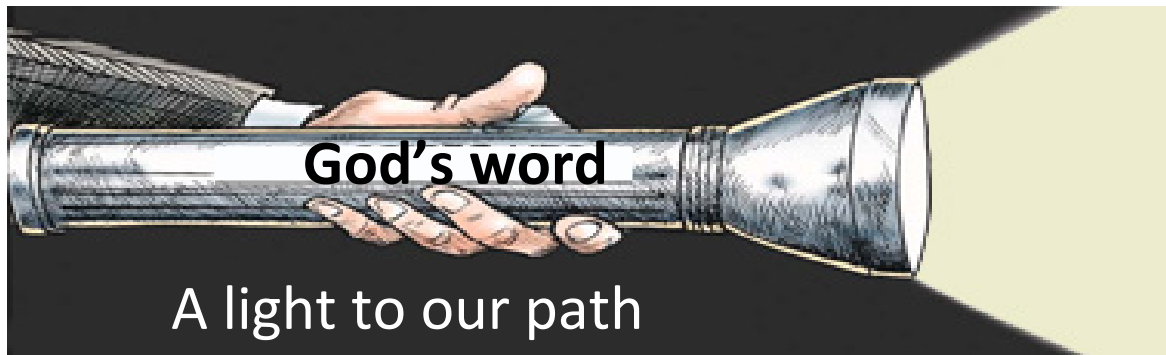


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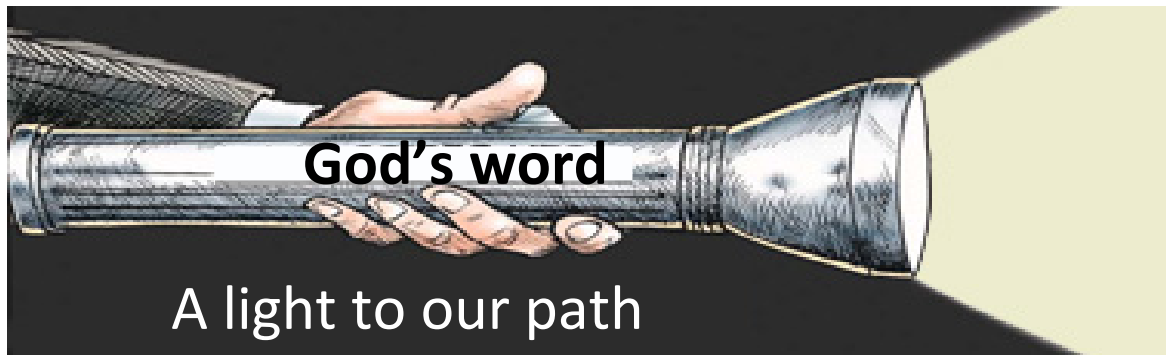
Yet God is still **KNOWABLE** ...
He has revealed himself!



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