



BIBLICAL WORSHIP

# Spirit and Truth

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# You Were Made for Worship

**WORSHIP AND SERVICE (OBEDIENCE) GO TOGETHER**

*For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.-Romans 11:36*

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. -1 Corinthians 10:31*

*And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve." -Luke 4:8*



# Loving God Necessitates Obeying God

**FAITHFUL WORSHIP**

*If you love me, you will keep  
my commandments.*

*-John 14:15*

OBEDIENCE AND WORSHIP

# We Serve What We Worship

OUR ALLEGIANCE IS ATTESTED BY OUR OBEDIENCE AS MUCH AS OUR WORDS



# Catechisms

## WHAT IS THE CHIEF END OF MAN?

Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. (Westminster)

## HOW AND WHY DID GOD CREATE US?

God created us male and female in his own image to Glorify him. (New City)

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16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

ROMANS 1

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

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24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

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28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

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You will  
worship  
something.

### **CREATOR (FAITH-FUL WORSHIP)**

The righteous worship the Creator as He reveals Himself, obeying Him as He commands, and delighting in Him with joy.

### **CREATION (IDOLATRY)**

The Unrighteous suppress the truth about God, worshipping the creation while denying the creator. They disobey God, hating Him and His revelation. Their delight is in things that dishonor God.



# Idolatry and Degradation

- 1. Homosexuality and transgenderism is a punishment in itself as God gives sinners over to what they want.**
- 2. Debased minds engage in debased acts .**

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- Gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

# You Become Like What You Worship: Idolatry Leads to Ignorance and Death

*Why should the nations say,*

*“Where is their God?”*

*3 Our God is in the heavens;*

*he does all that he pleases.*

*4 Their idols are silver and gold,*

*the work of human hands.*

*5 They have mouths, but do not speak;*

*eyes, but do not see.*

*6 They have ears, but do not hear;*

*noses, but do not smell.*

*7 They have hands, but do not feel;*

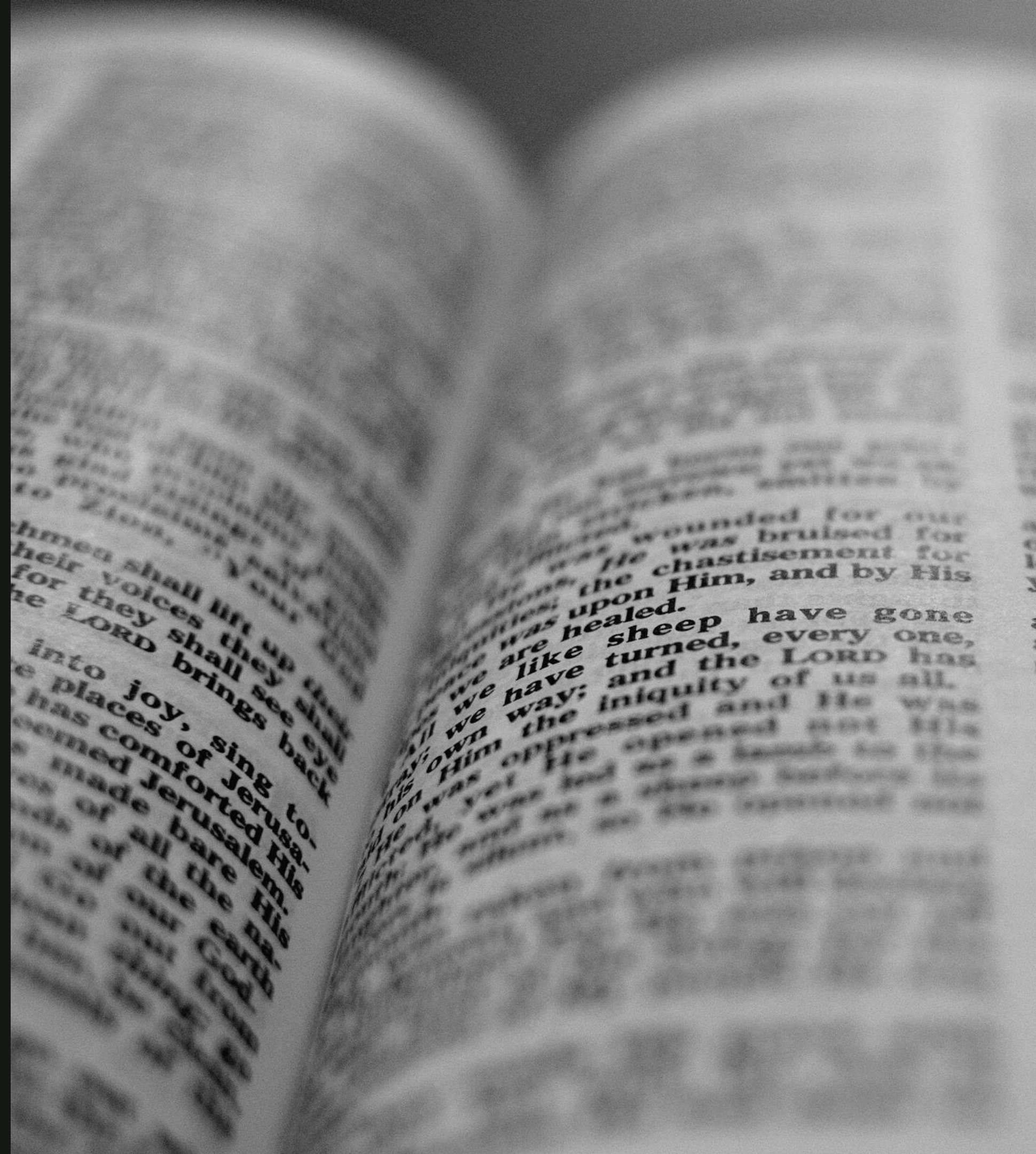
*feet, but do not walk;*

*and they do not make a sound in their throat.*

*8 Those who make them become like them;*

*so do all who trust in them.*

*-Psalm 115:2-8*

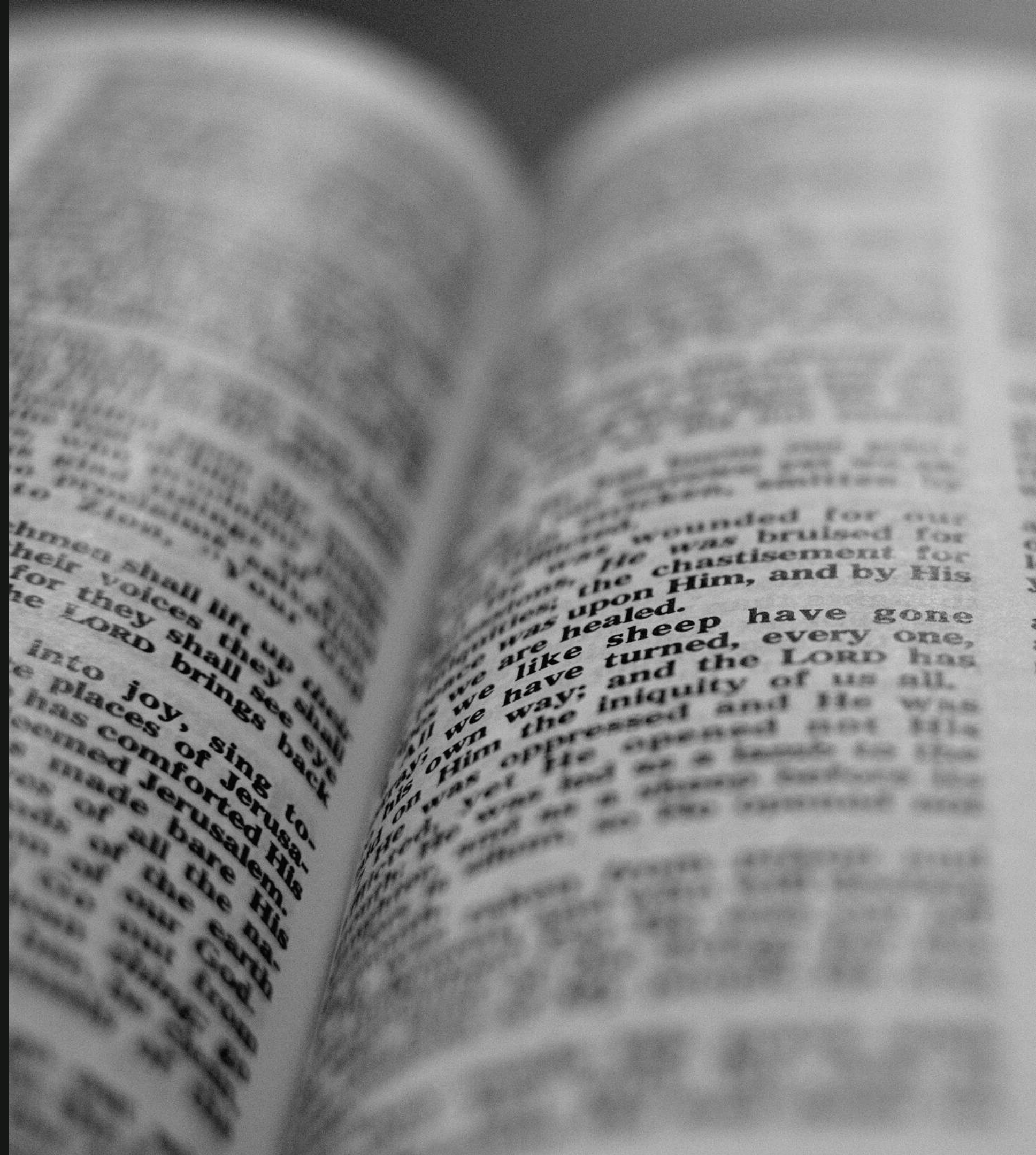


# You Become Like What You Worship:

## Biblical Worship Renews the Mind

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

*-Romans 12:1-2*





# Worship Involves Delight

*You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.  
-Psalm 16:11*

*Delight yourself in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
-Psalm 37:4*

# Worship

ἠΰ Transliterated: **shachah** Strongs: 7812

1. to bow down (often used along with "serve")

σεβάζομαι Transliterated: **sebazomai** Strongs: 4573

Root: σέβας (reverence, awe).

1. to fear, be afraid: Hom. Il. 6, 167. 417.

2. in later auth. i. q. σέβομαι[W. § 2, 1 b.], to honor religiously, to worship: with 1 aor. pass. ἔσεβάσθην in an act. sense, Ro. i. 25 (Orph. Argon. 554; eccl. writ.).

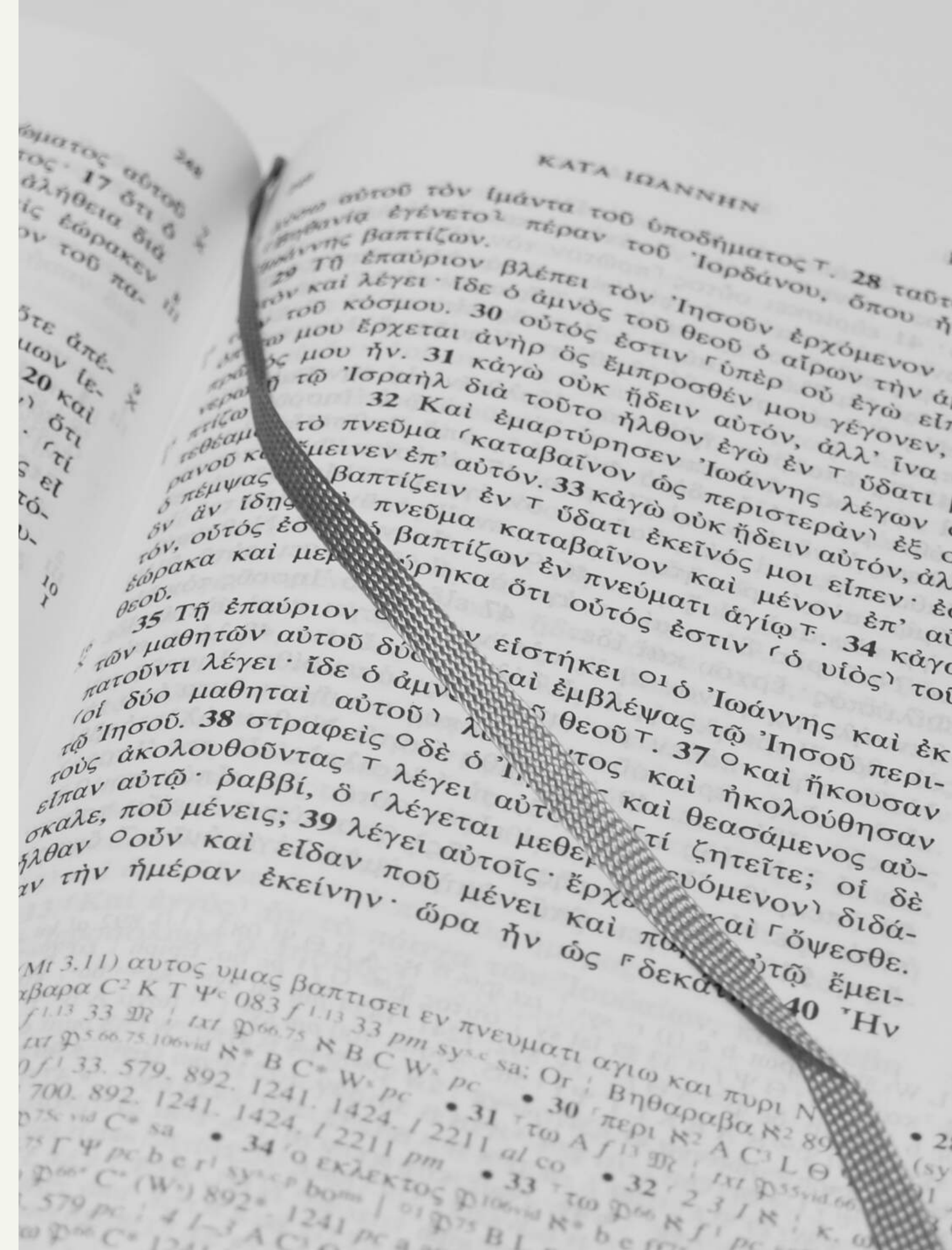
προσκυνήσεις Transliterated: **proskunēseis** Strong's: 4352

Root: προσκυνέω

1. to kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence

2. among the Orientals, esp. the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence

3. in the NT by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication



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Worship is...ascribing all honor and worth  
to [the] Creator-God precisely because he is  
worthy, delightfully so.

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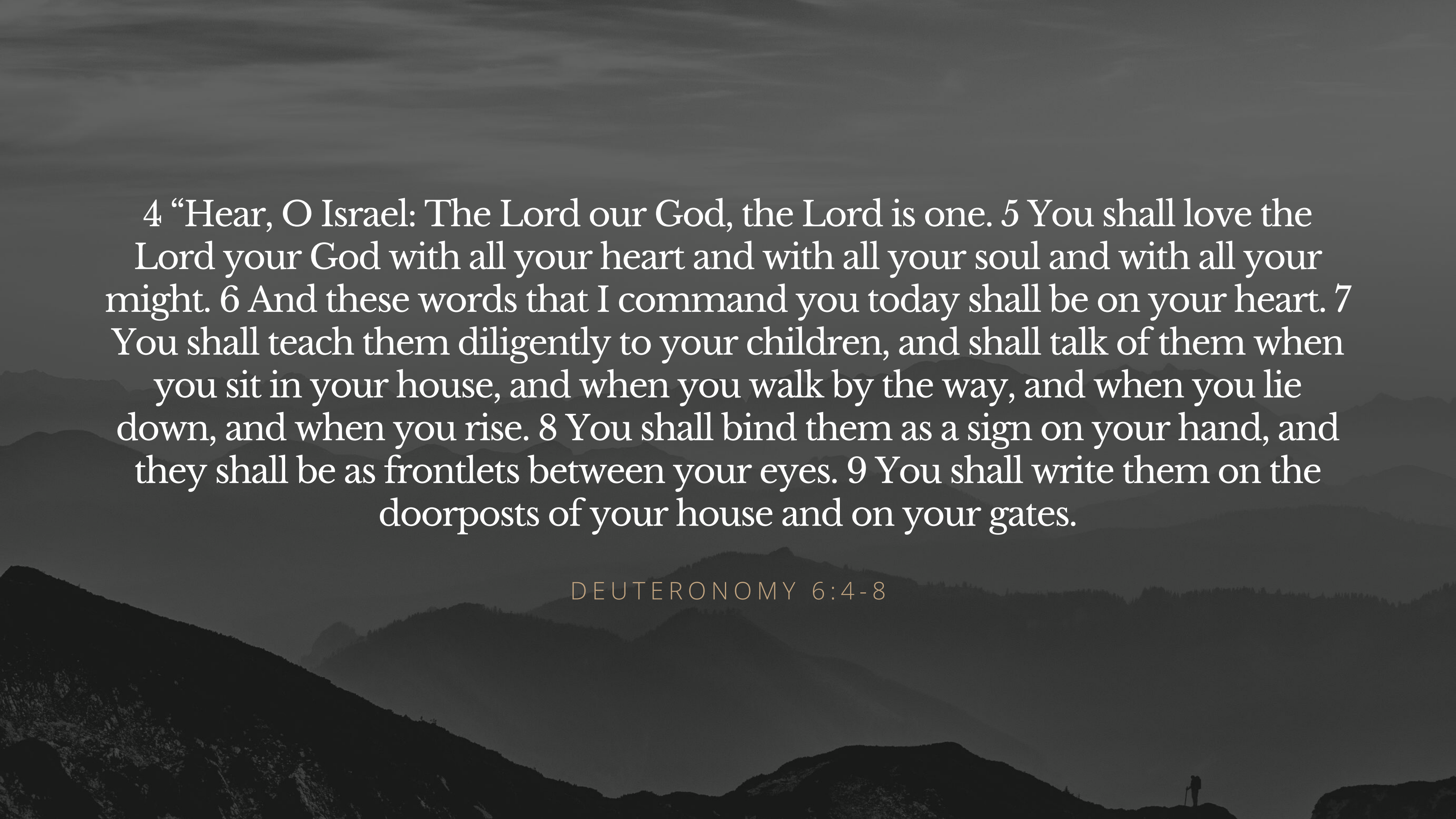




# Worship is For God Alone

And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve." -Luke 4:8

Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. -Revelation 19:10



4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-8



# Worship is to be built into daily life.

**AND THE WORD OF GOD IS CENTRAL**

We are to teach our children, keep God's Word ever before us, and worship God in accordance with His revelation.

21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

JOHN 4:21-26

# Criteria For Worship

## SPIRIT AND TRUTH

**Spirit:** Worship requires regeneration. Your spirit must be alive to worship God (before this all our righteous acts are filthy rags. Whatever is not done in faith is sin).

**Truth:** God must be worshiped as He is, not as you imagine Him to be. God tells us Who He is and how He is to be worshipped.

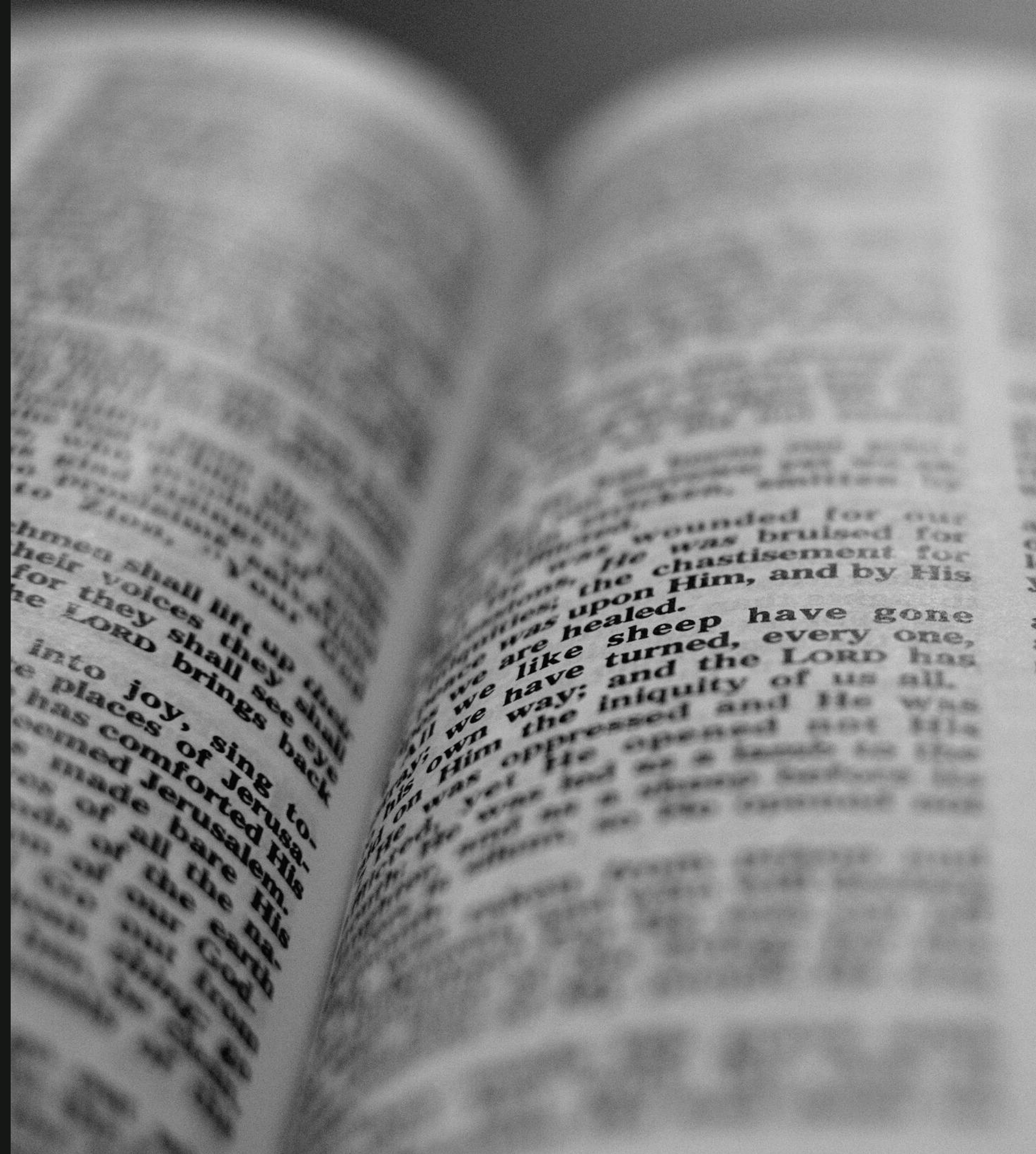


# Before you are regenerated, your righteous acts are worth nothing.

## DEAD, SELF-DECEIVED SPIRITS CAN'T WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved—

-Ephesians 2:1-5





# Faithful Worship Begins At Regeneration

And it continues with a life of love and  
obedience to God.



# Every Knee Will Bow

**AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT JESUS  
CHRIST IS LORD**

For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." -Romans 14:11

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. -Philippians 2:10-11