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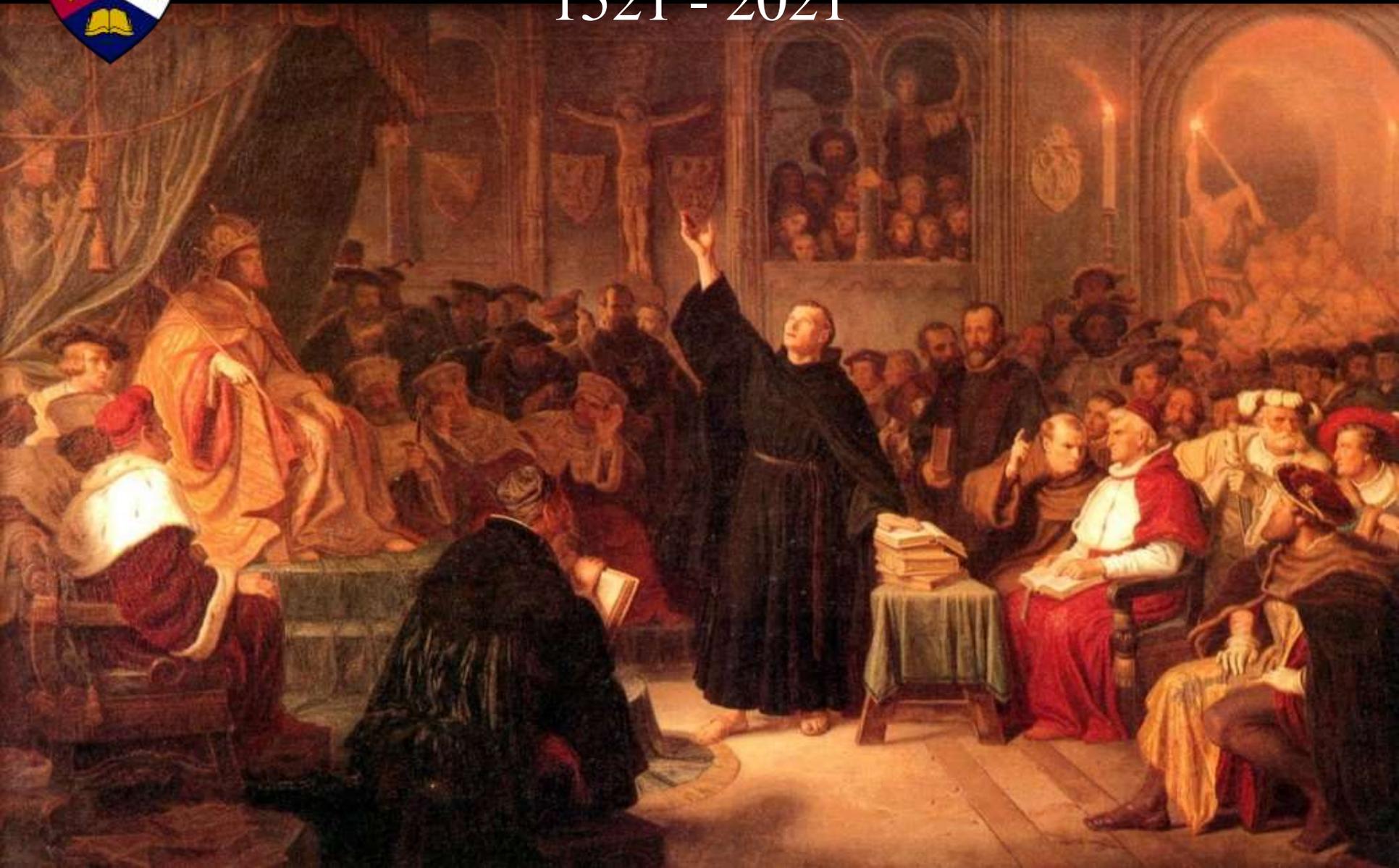


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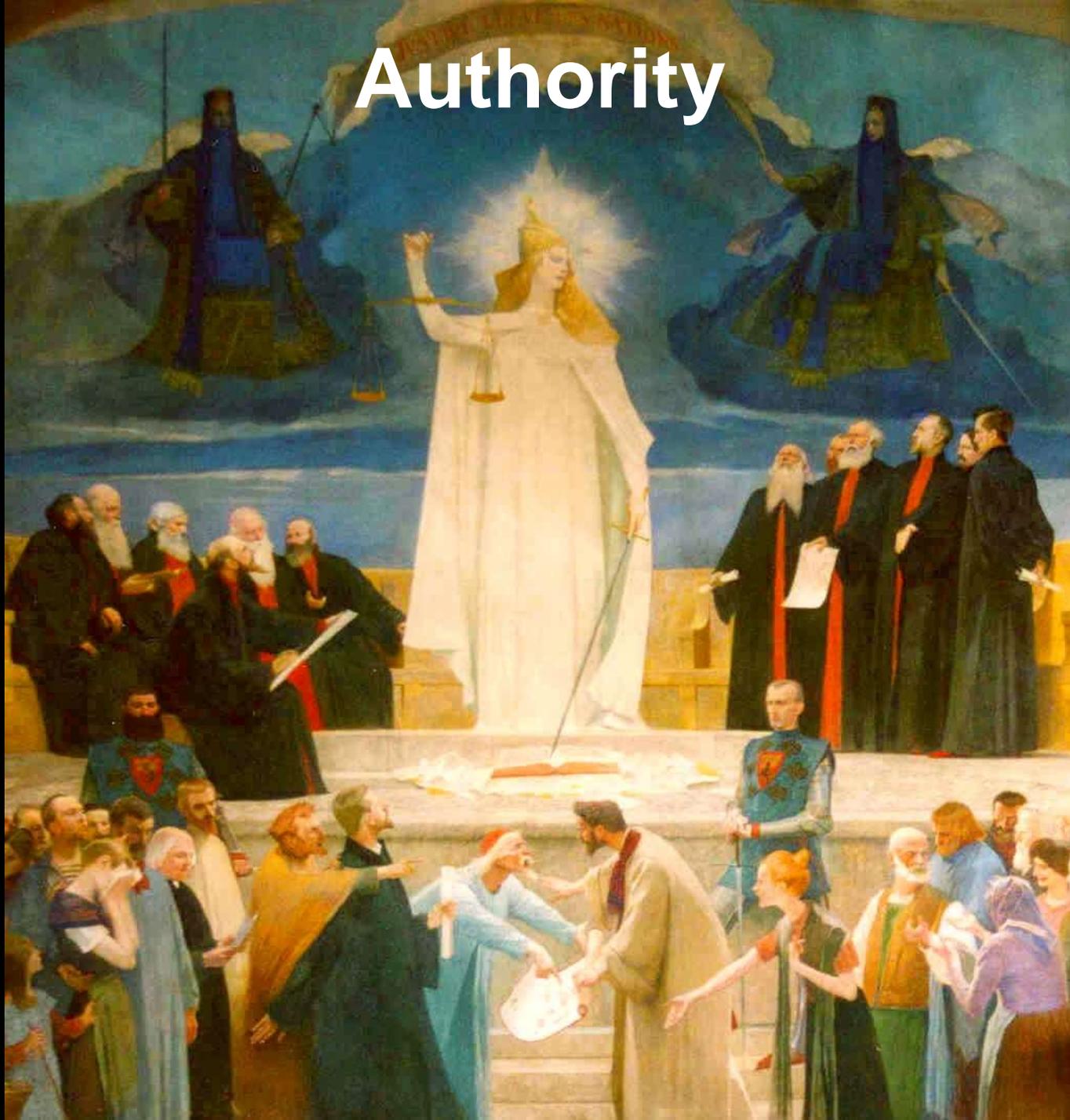


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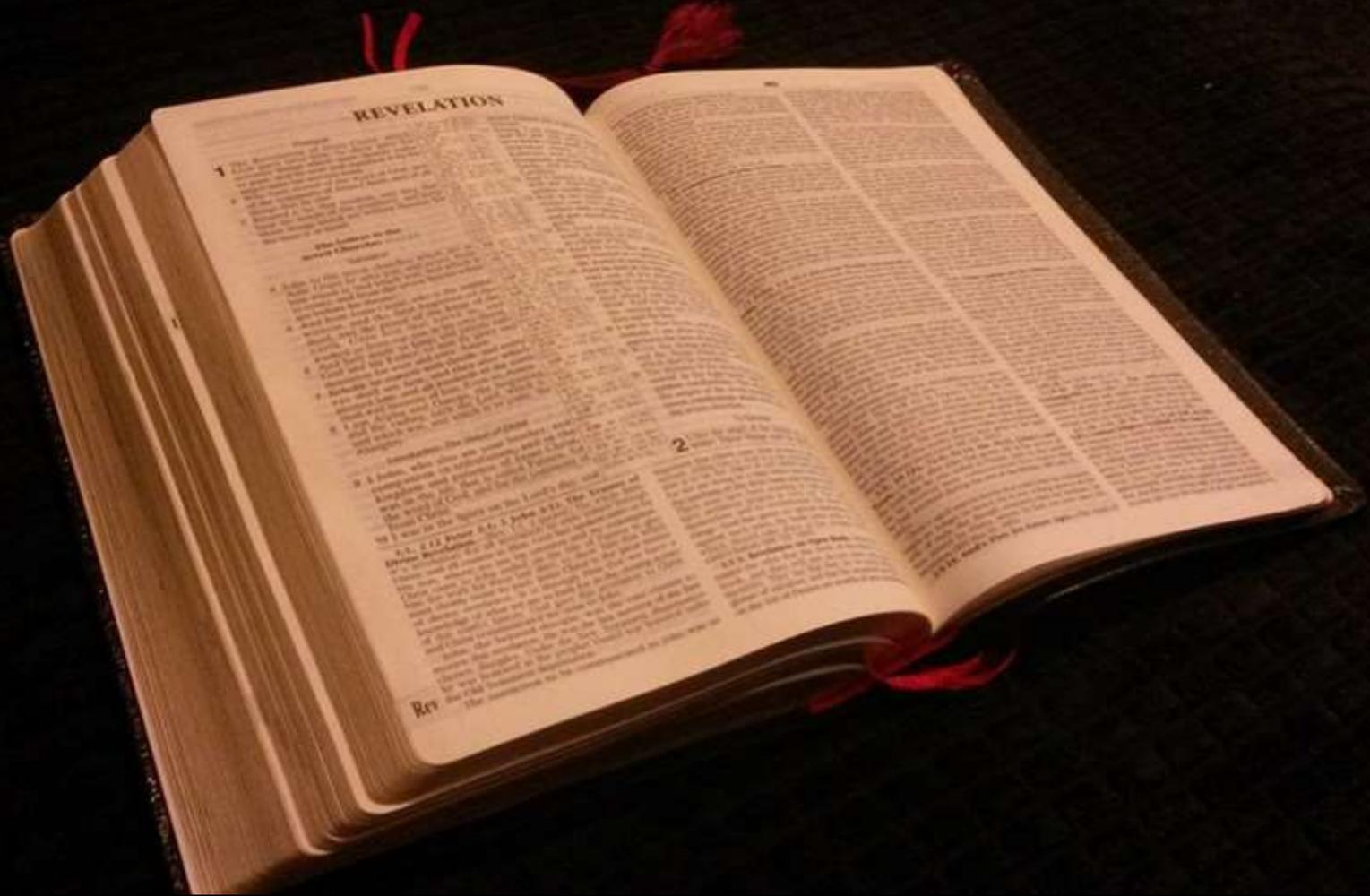
Authority





The Church Father **Origen** (AD 185-254), constantly referred to the Scripture as ***“final authority”*** in his controversy with Celsus over the Deity of Christ.

Infallibility



Augustine (AD 354-430),
declared *“For I confess to your
charity that I have learned to
defer this respecting honour to
those Scripture Books only
which are now called canonical,
that I believe most firmly that
no one of those authors has
erred in any respect in writing.”*



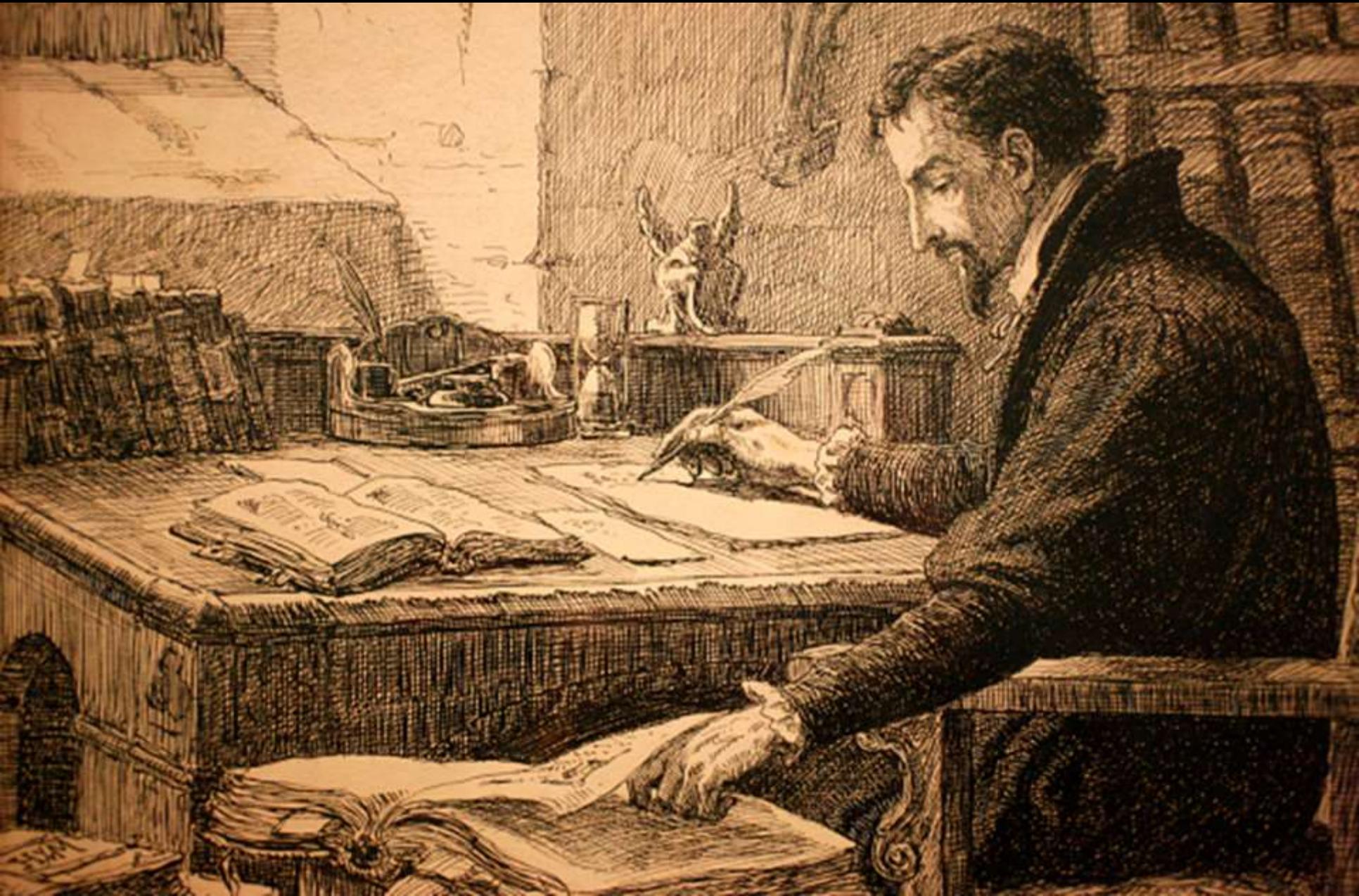
Inerrancy





The great Protestant Reformer, Professor Martin Luther declared:
*“The Scriptures have never erred” and “it is impossible that
Scripture should contradict itself; it only so appears to the
senseless and obstinate hypocrites.”*

The Sceptre by which Christ Rules His Church



John Calvin referred
to the Scriptures as
***“The sure and
infallible record”***

And

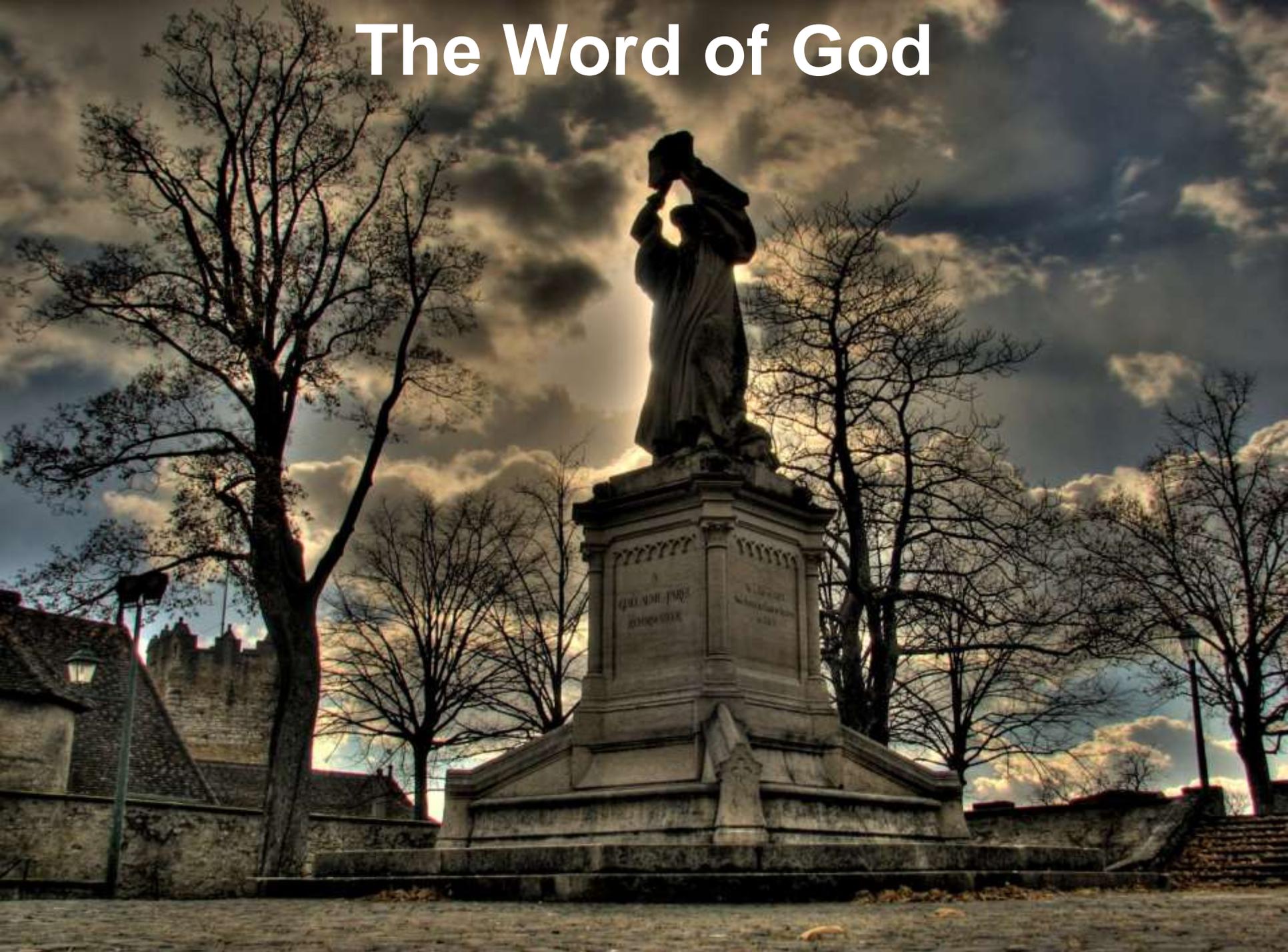
***“the unerring
standard.”***



He also declared the Scripture to be
the ***“Sceptre by which Christ rules His Church.”***



The Word of God

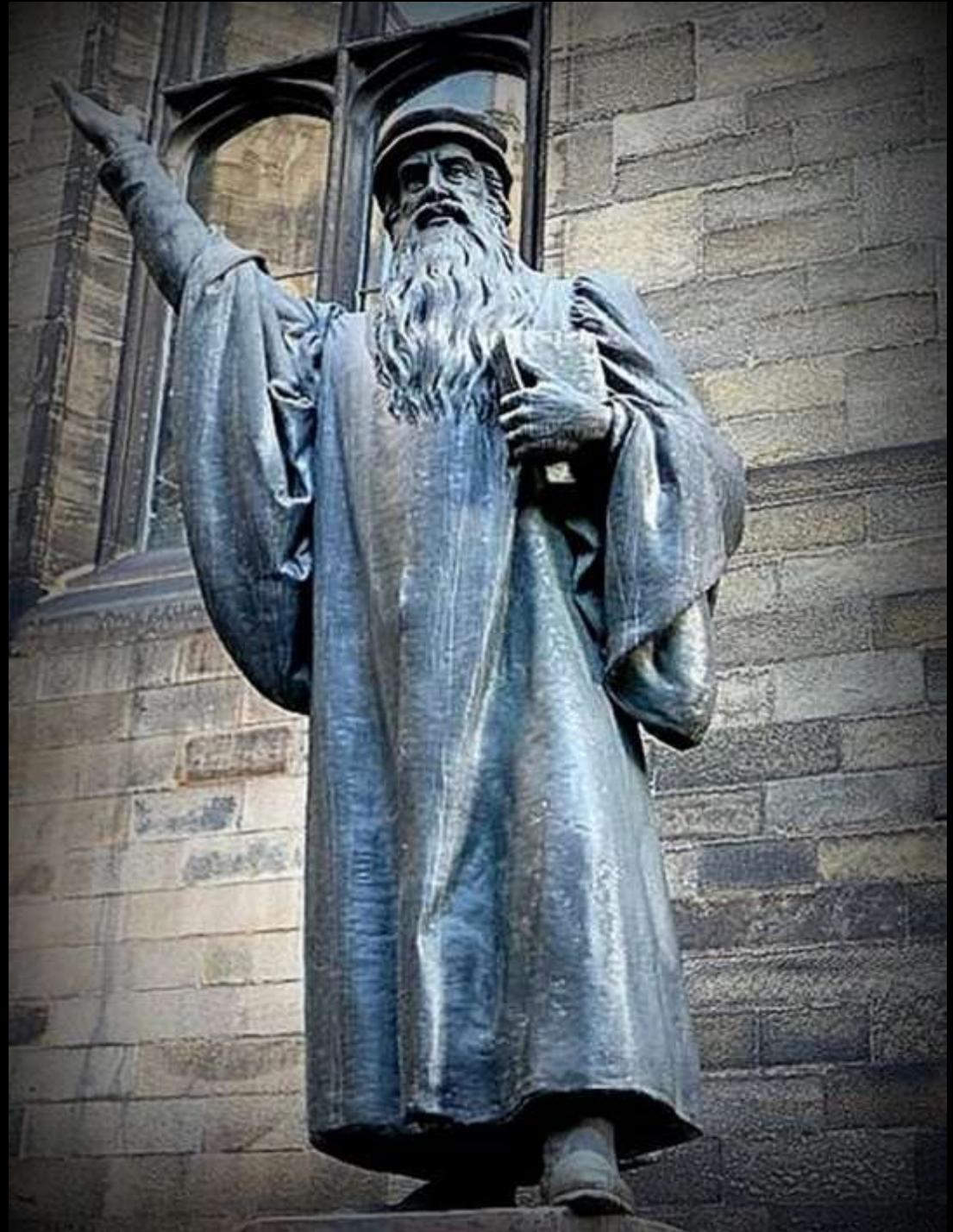




***“Forever, O Lord,
Your Word is settled in Heaven.”***

Psalm 119:89

Stands Forever

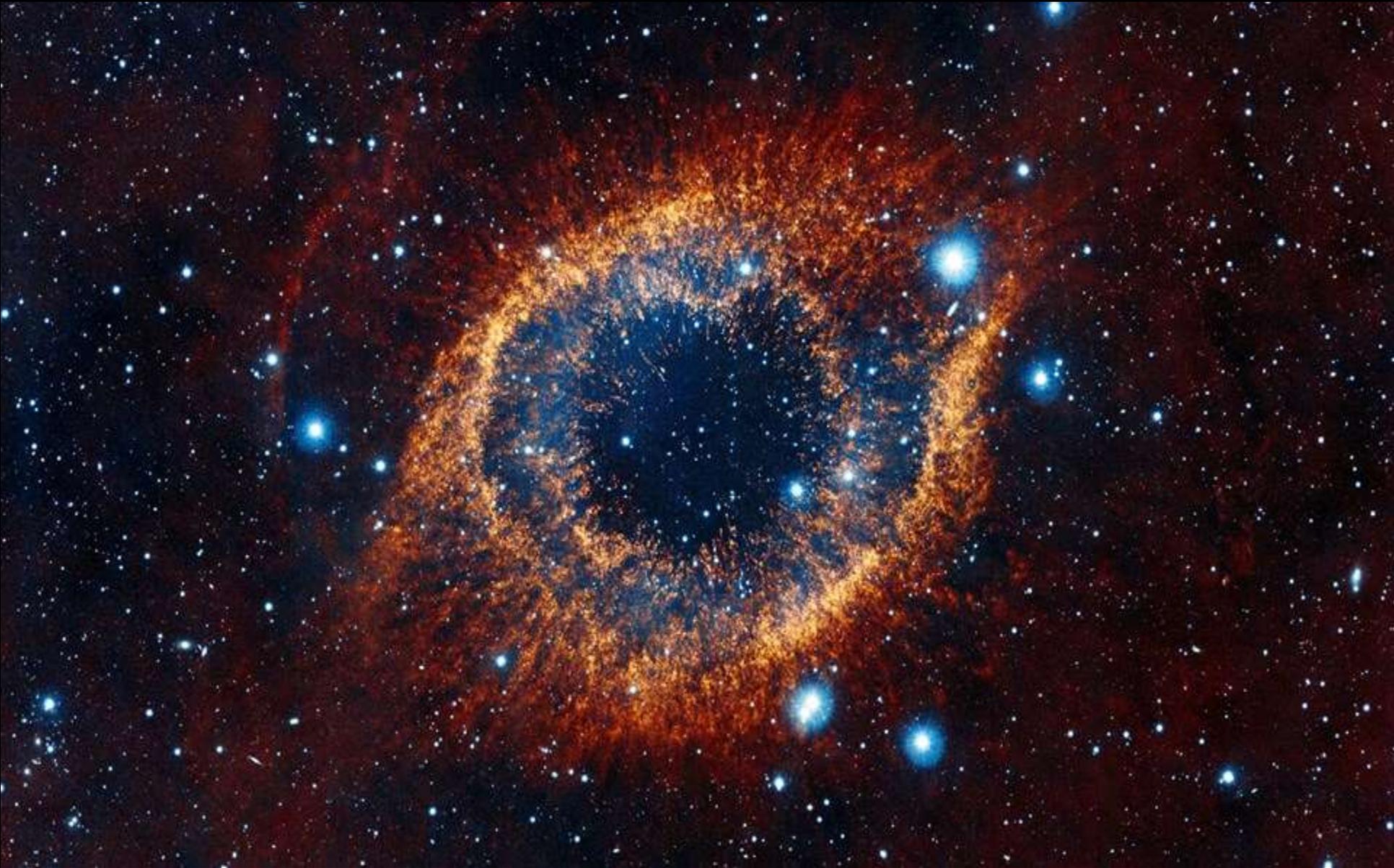




***“The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God stands forever.”***

Isaiah 40:8

Everlasting





Our Lord Jesus Christ declared: ***“For assuredly, I say to you, till
“Heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle
will by no means pass from the Law till all is
fulfilled.”*** Matthew 5:18

Eternal





***“Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My Words will by no means pass away.”***

Matthew 24:35

Endures Forever

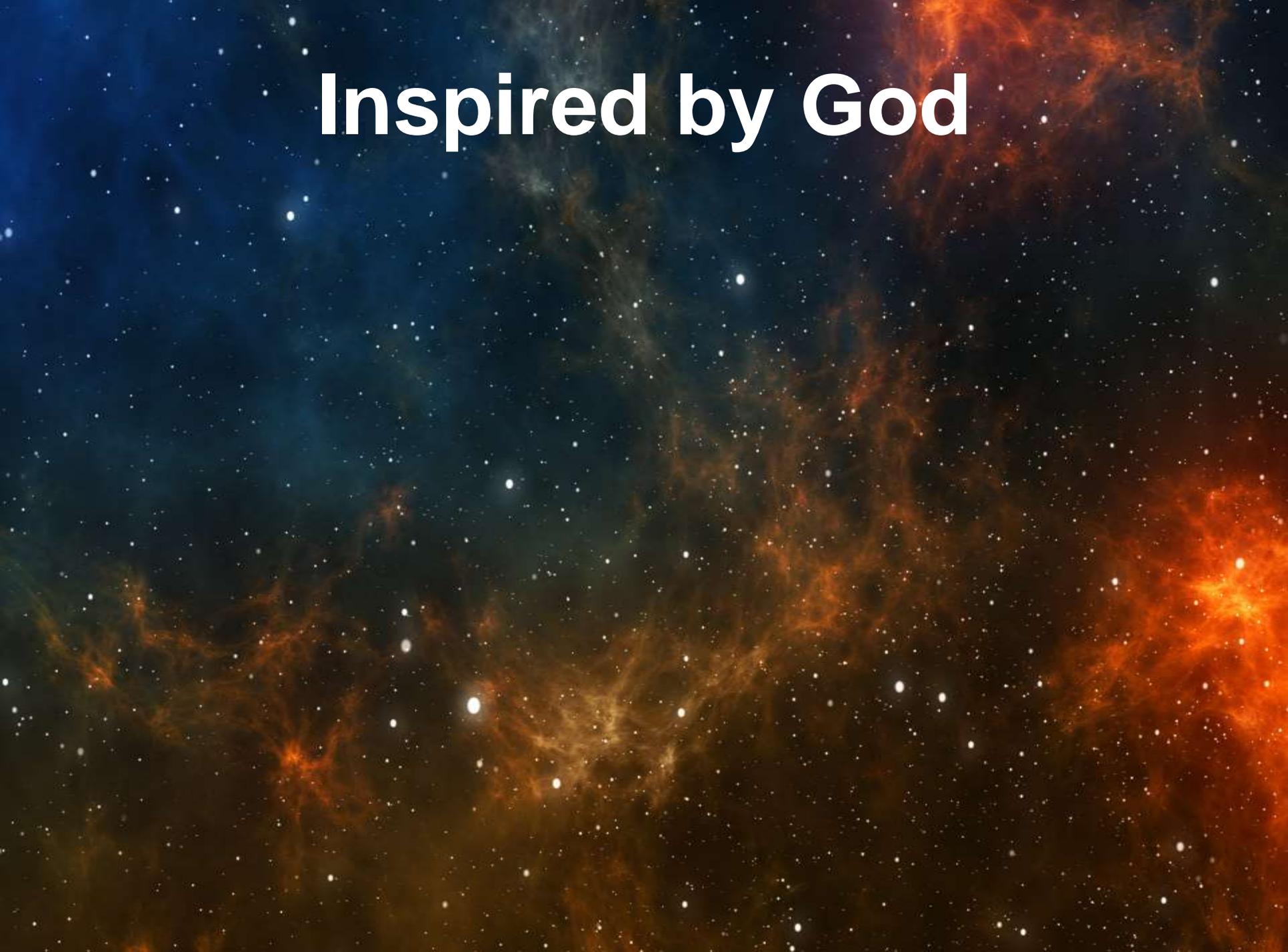




“But the Word of the Lord endures forever...”

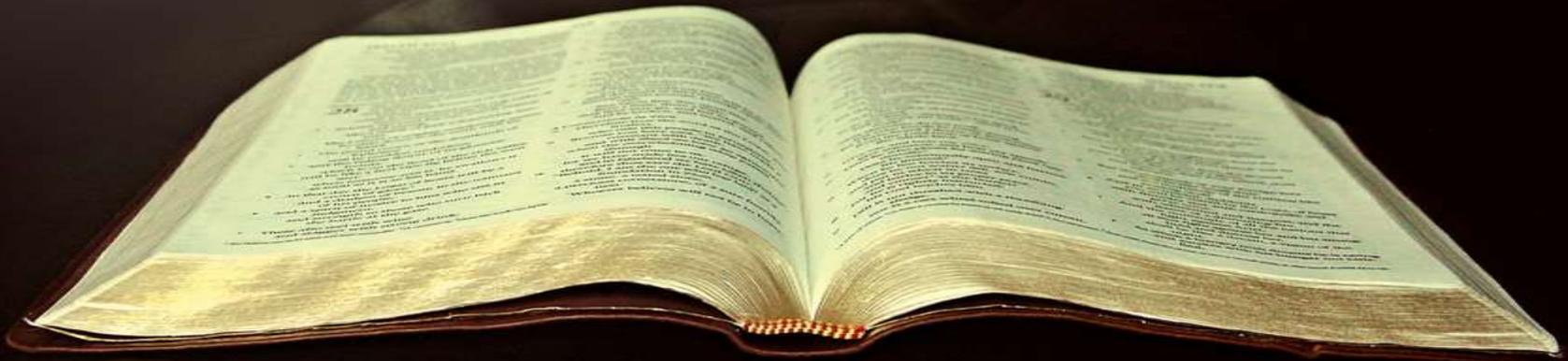
1 Peter 1:25

Inspired by God

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***“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God
and is profitable for doctrine,
for reproof, for correction,
for instruction in righteousness.”***

2 Timothy 3:16



God Breathed



***“For prophecy never came by the will of man,
but holy men of God spoke
as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”*** 2 Peter 1:21



The Faithful Word



“Holding fast the faithful Word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.”

Titus 1:9



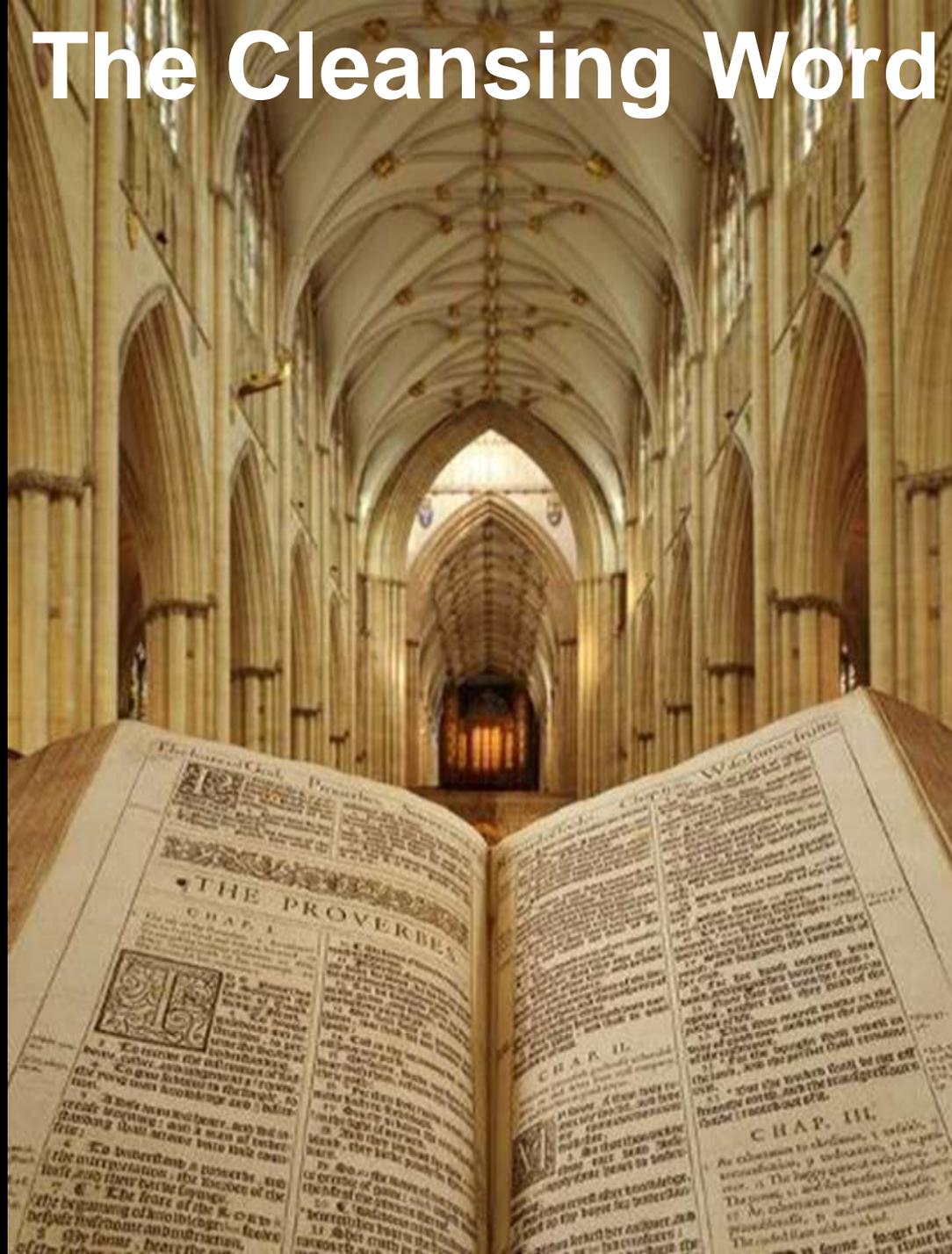
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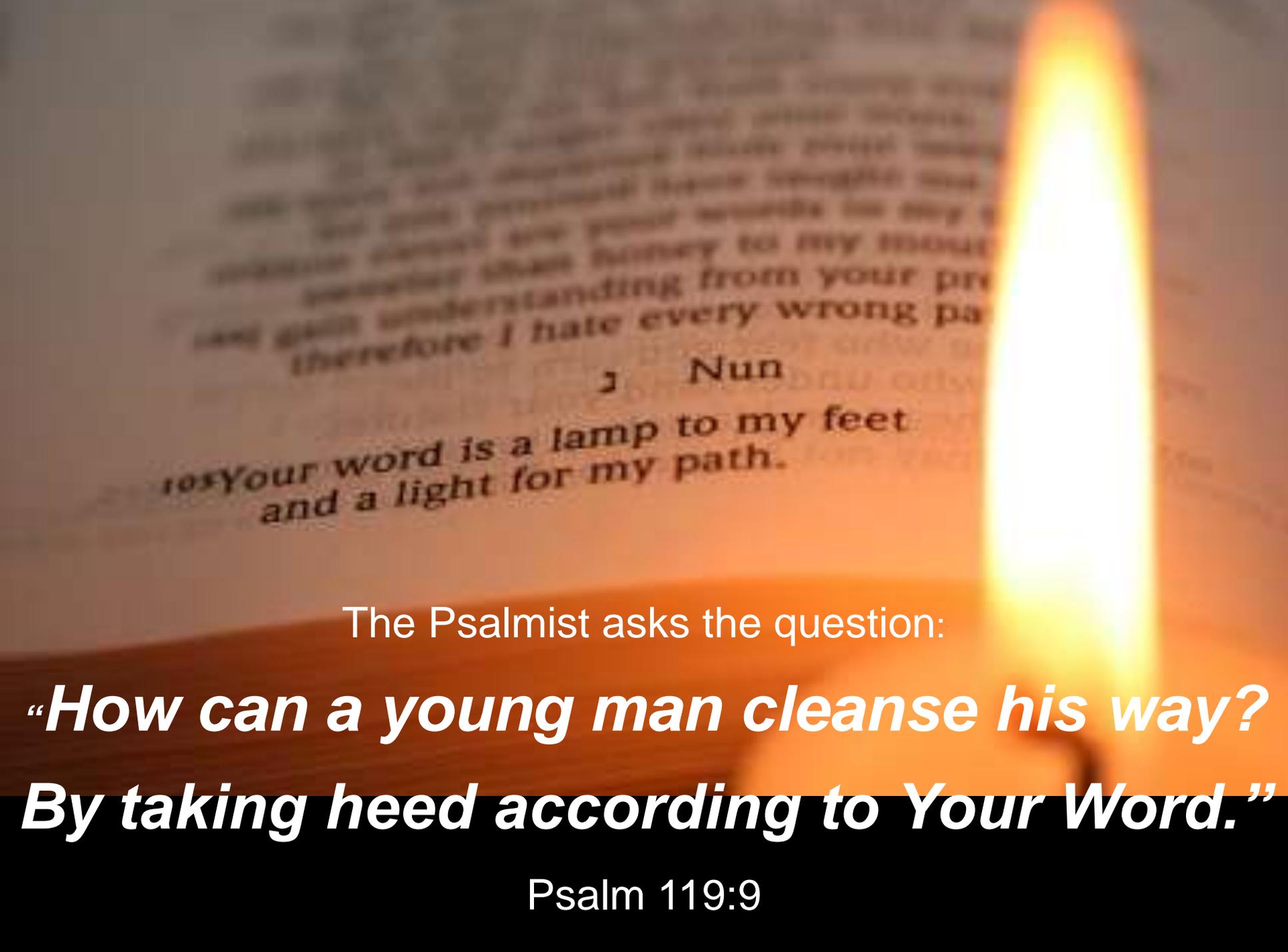




“For the Word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

The Cleansing Word





103 Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.

Nun

The Psalmist asks the question:

***“How can a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed according to Your Word.”***

Psalm 119:9

The Word of Truth





Our Lord Jesus Christ
declared in His high
priestly prayer in the
Garden of Gethsemane:

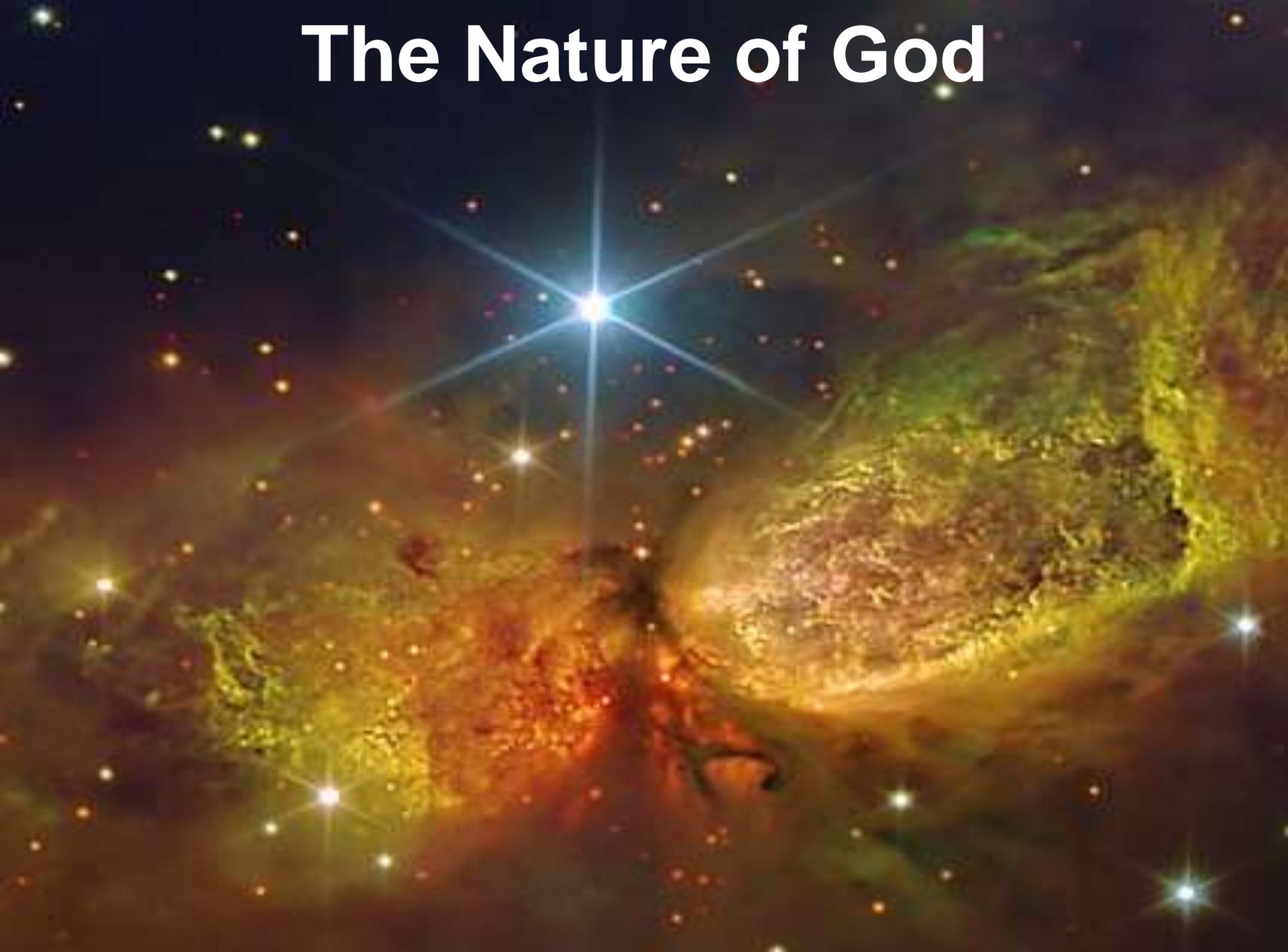
***“Sanctify them
by Your truth.***

Your Word

is truth.”

John 17:17

The Nature of God

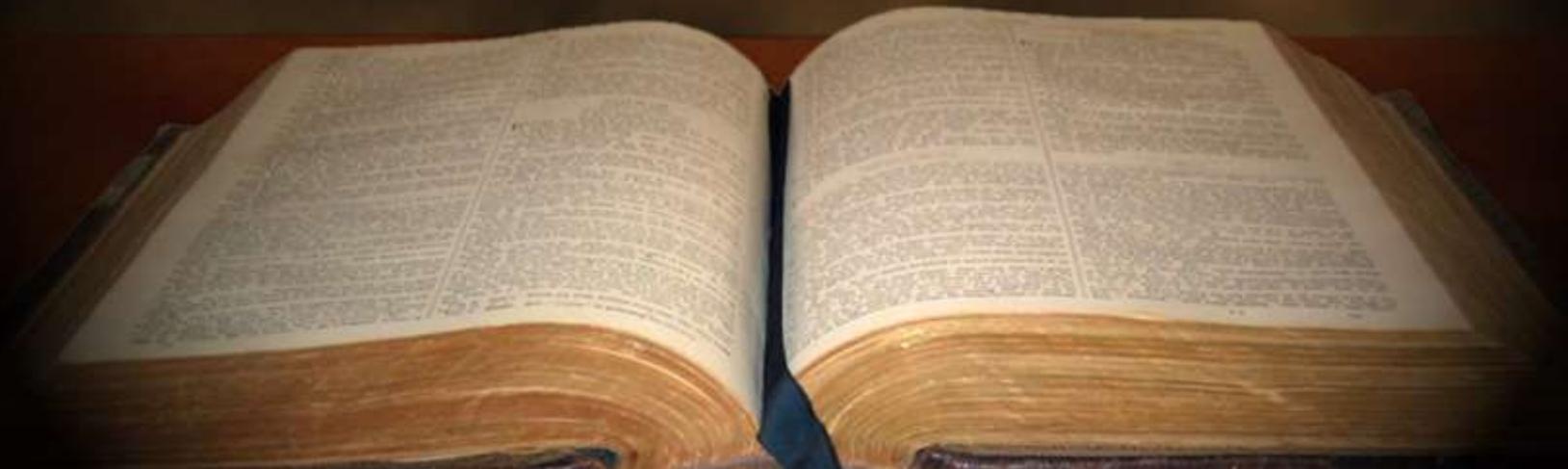


We believe God's Word to be infallible
because God Himself is infallible.

God is truth and therefore His Words are truth.

The Scriptures are God-breathed.

God is fully able to preserve the record of His revelation.



By This Standard

HOLY
BIBLE



There are those who say that their authority is Christ, not the Bible. These same people often hold to a weakened view of infallibility that claim the Bible is only infallible in areas of faith and practice, but in terms of science and history, it does contain errors.

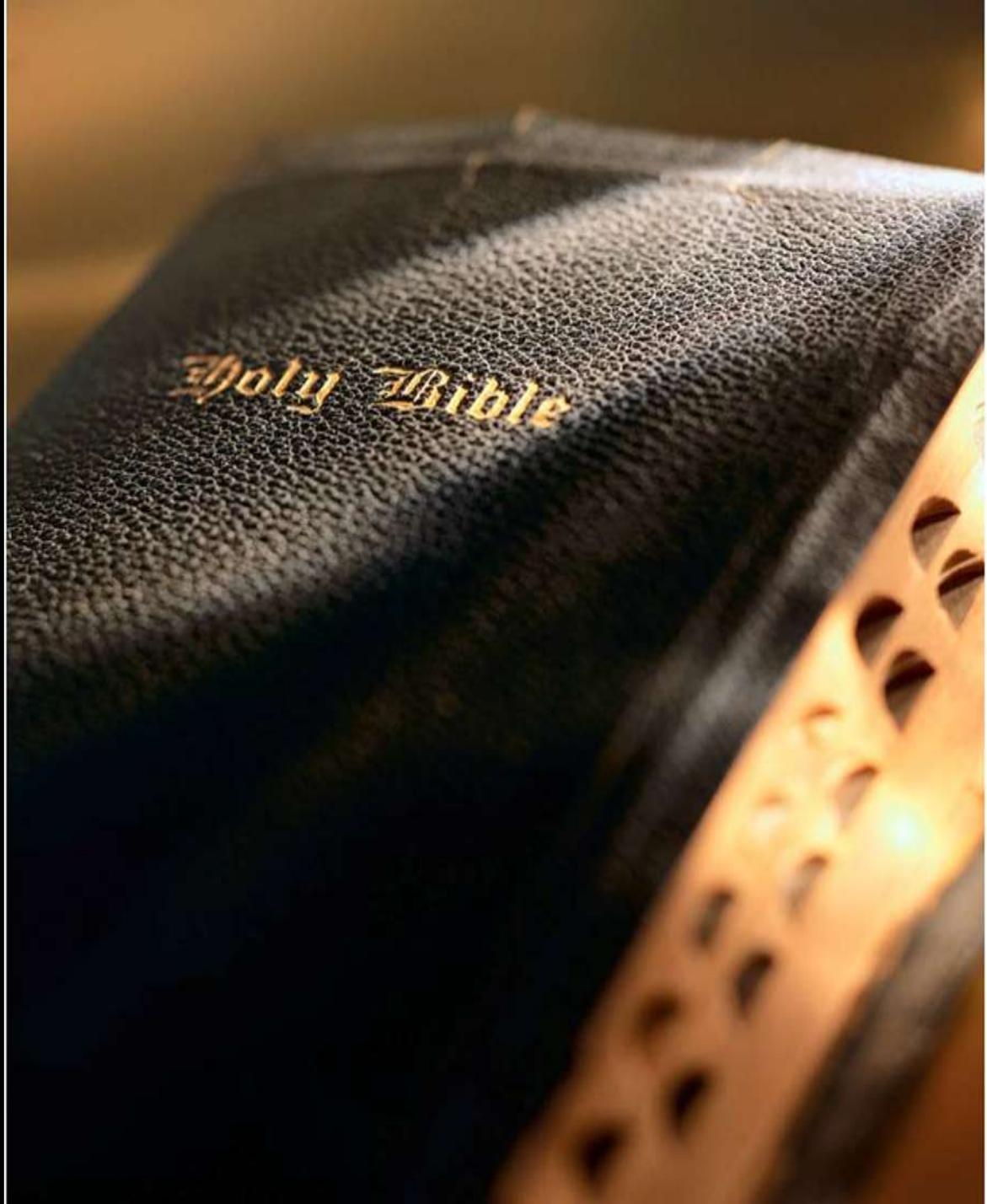
But this apparently super
pious statement must be
questioned, for how can
Christ have any authority,
if the witness to Him,

the Gospels,

are not infallible?

If the Word of God is not
preserved and the Bible
is fallible, then by what
standard are we to know
Him, or His will?

The Bible is the Sceptre
by which Christ rules His
Church.



God's Word Above All Things



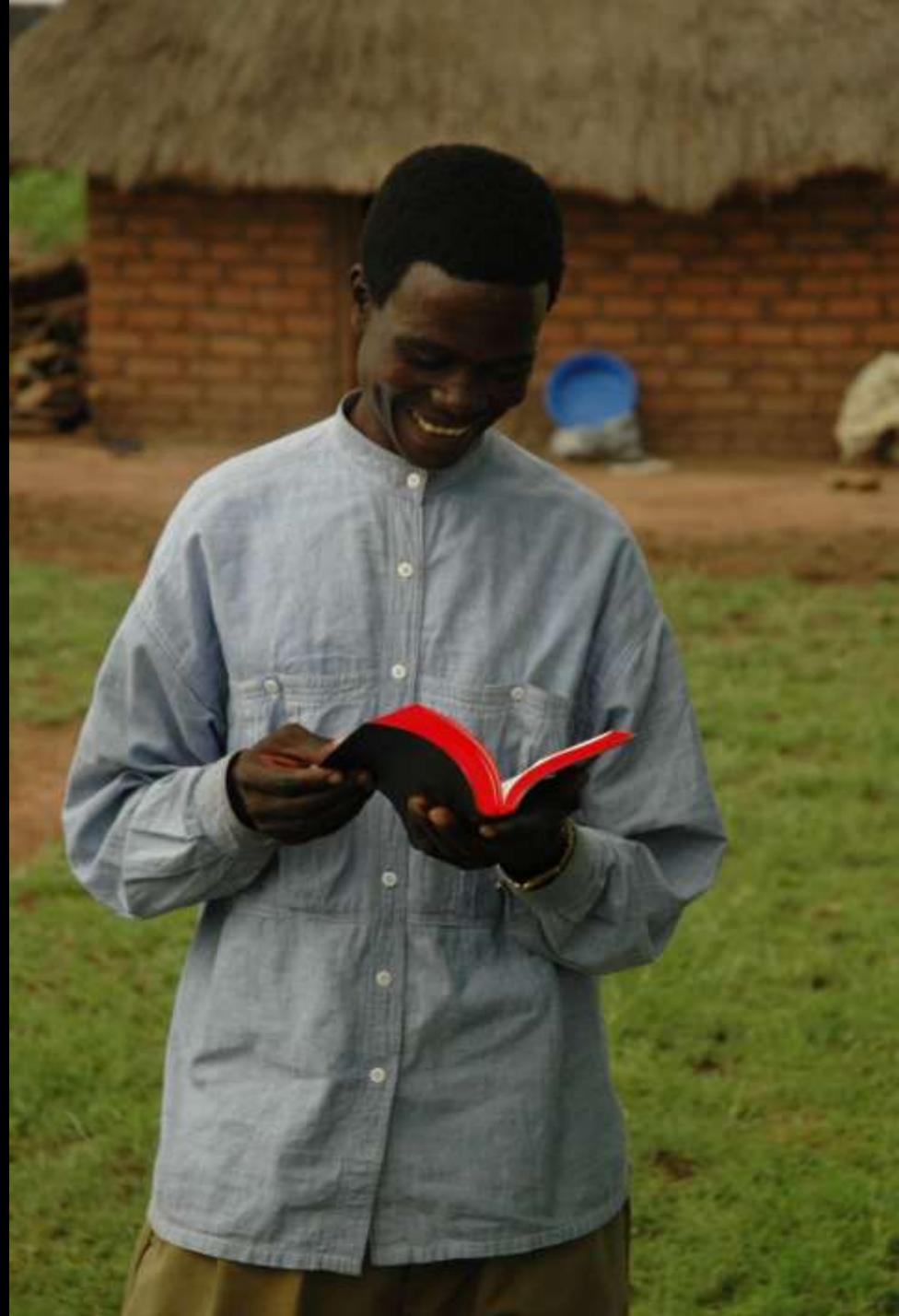
There is **no other way** of knowing about Christ and His Great Commission, except through the Bible.

What people are doing when they try to side-line the Bible and say that their authority is God, without being tied to the Bible as the Word of God,

is to place their feelings, emotions, or reason,

on the Throne,

which should be reserved for **God and His Word alone.**





“Every Word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you and you be found a liar.” Proverbs 30:5-6

Shall Never Pass Away

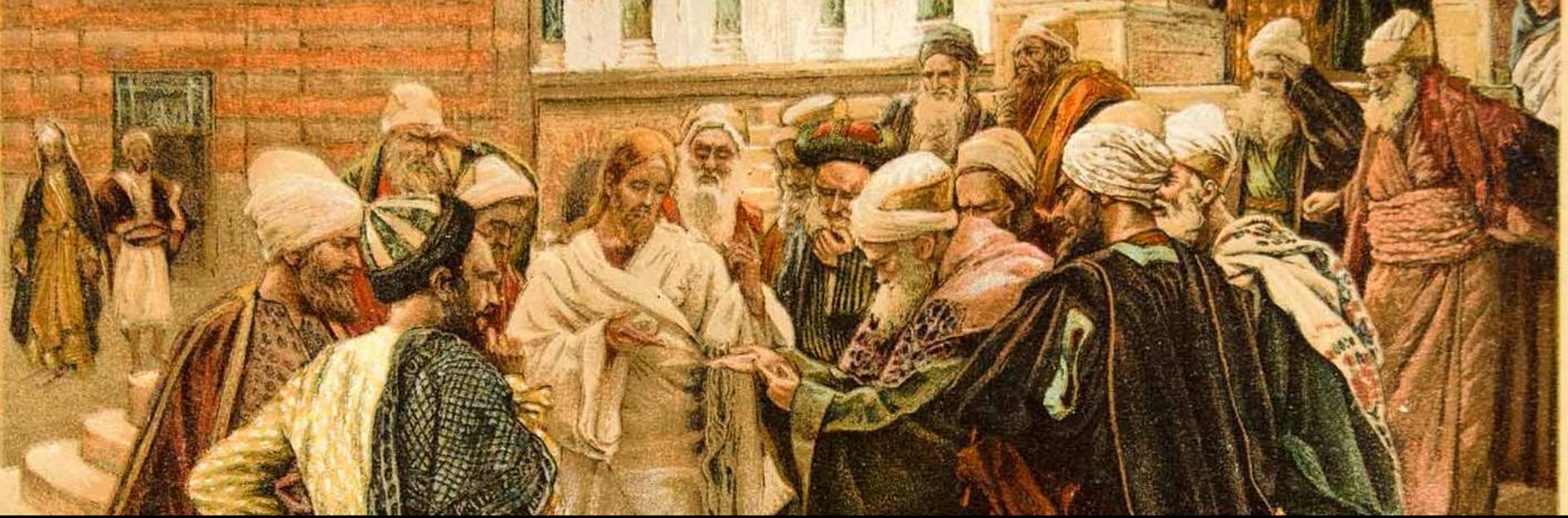


Our Lord declared that not the smallest letter, nor even the least stroke of a pen shall pass away. Heaven and earth may pass away, but the Word of God cannot pass away (Matthew 5:18).



The Scripture Cannot be Broken





In John 10:33-36, our Lord told the Jewish religious leaders that *“the Scripture cannot be broken.”*

In Matthew 22:32, our Lord based His argument against the Sadducees on the present tense of the verb, *“to be”* (Greek *eimi*).



As God identified Himself to Moses, as saying: *“I am (ego eimi) the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob...”* it proves that He is the God of the living and not of the dead. If the Resurrection of the body is not a fact, then God would have said: *“I was the God of Abraham....”*

Yet, hundreds of years after their death, God could state that He still is their God *“I am the God of Abraham...”* This, our Lord taught, proved that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, though they had experienced physical death, were still very much alive.



Verbal Inspiration

26 He sent Moses his servant,
and Aaron whom he had chosen;
27 They turned their hearts to hate
him, to deal subtilly with him,
that they might kill him.
28 He sent darkness, and made it
dark; and they rebelled not against
his word.
29 He turned their waters into
blood, and slew their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs
in abundance, in the chambers of
their kings.
31 He spake, and there came divers

PSALM
PRAISE ye the LORD, O give
thanks unto the LORD; for he
excels: for his mercy endureth
for ever.
Who can utter the mighty acts
of the LORD? who can shew forth
all his praise?
Blessed are they that keep
thy judgment, and he that doeth right-
eousness at all times.
4 Remember that thou bearest
thy favour unto thy people: O visit me with
thy salvation;
5 That I may see the good of thy
chosen, that I may rejoice in the
gladness of thy nation, that I may
glory with thine inheritance.
6 We have sinned with our fa-



We could illustrate the point that Christ was making in this way. If a married couple were blessed with four children, but one had died and you asked how many children you have, they may answer, *"We had four, but only three are living."*

They may also say
“We have four children,
three on earth
and one in Heaven.”





From the second answer, it is clear that those parents believe
in the truth of the resurrection.

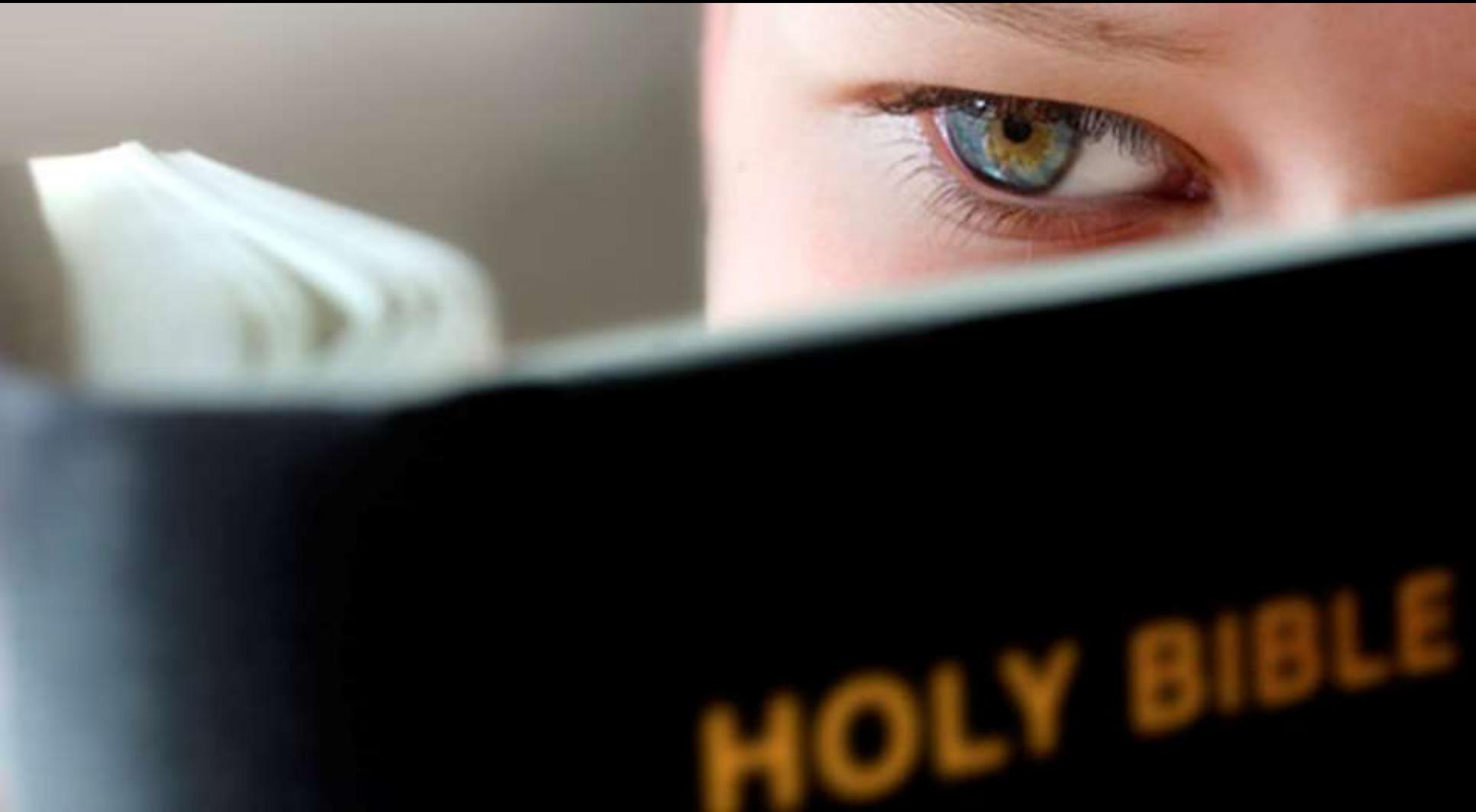
We *had*, past tense, verses, we *have*, present tense.



Our Lord bases His argument defending the truth of the Resurrection, against the Sadducees who denied this, by pointing to the present tense of God's Revelation of Himself,

as, *"I am the God of Abraham..."* not *"I was..."*

Every Word of God is Sure





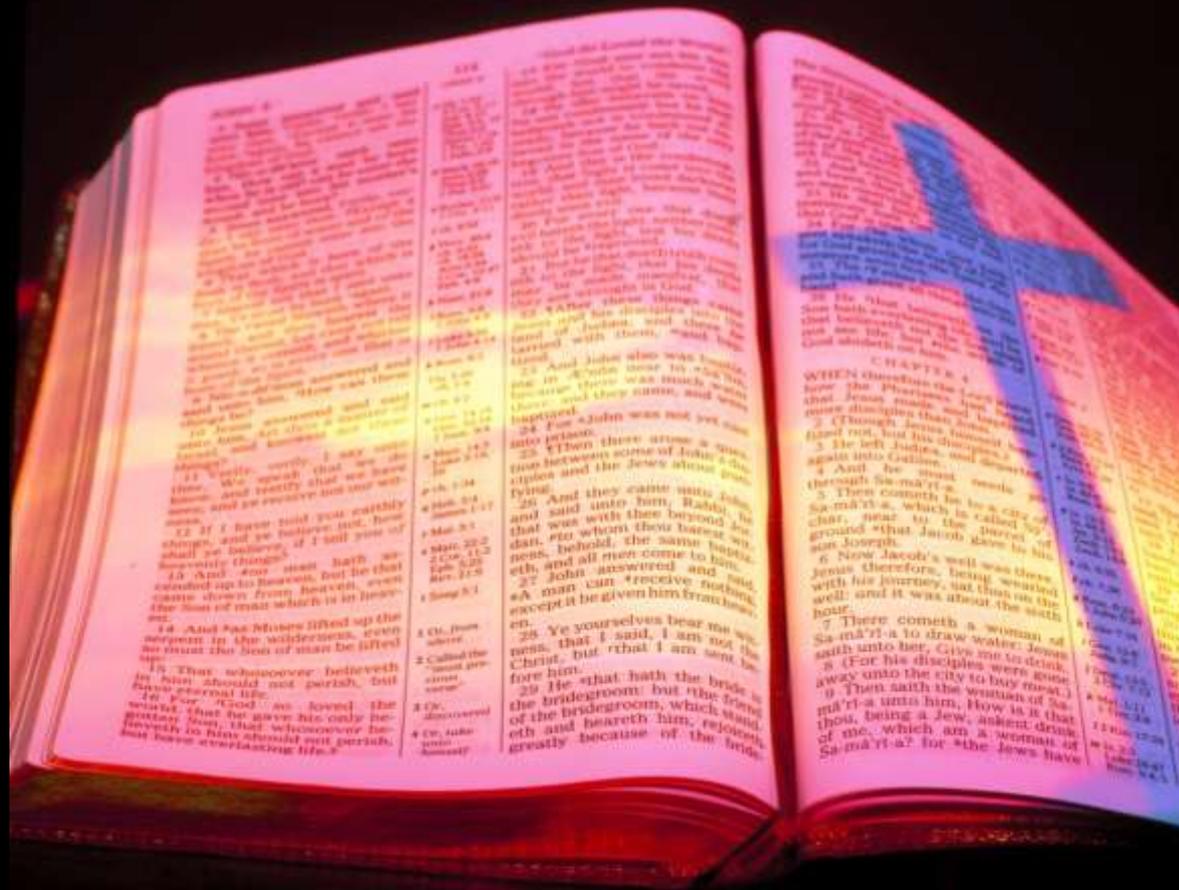
In Matthew 22:43-45,
our Lord Jesus takes
a single word

from Psalm 110:1 to prove
that the Son of David is
also the Lord of David.
Messiah was born a
descendant of King David,
yet is his Divine Lord.



The Tense of Every Word is Trustworthy





In the same way, the Apostle Paul argues, in Galatians 3:16, that the promise is to Abraham and his Seed (singular), not plural. ***“Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘And to your Seed,’ who is Christ.”***

Galatians 3:16

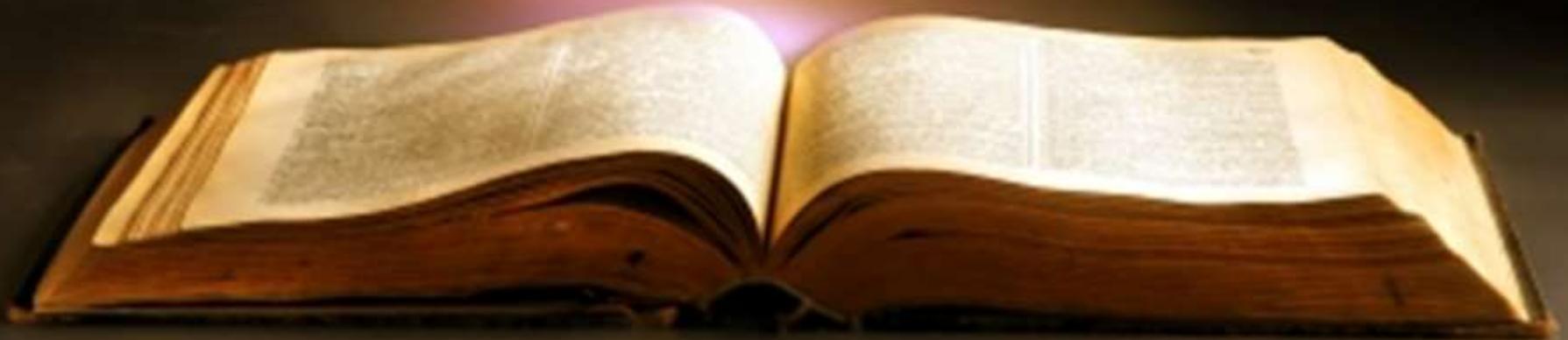
God's Word is Truth



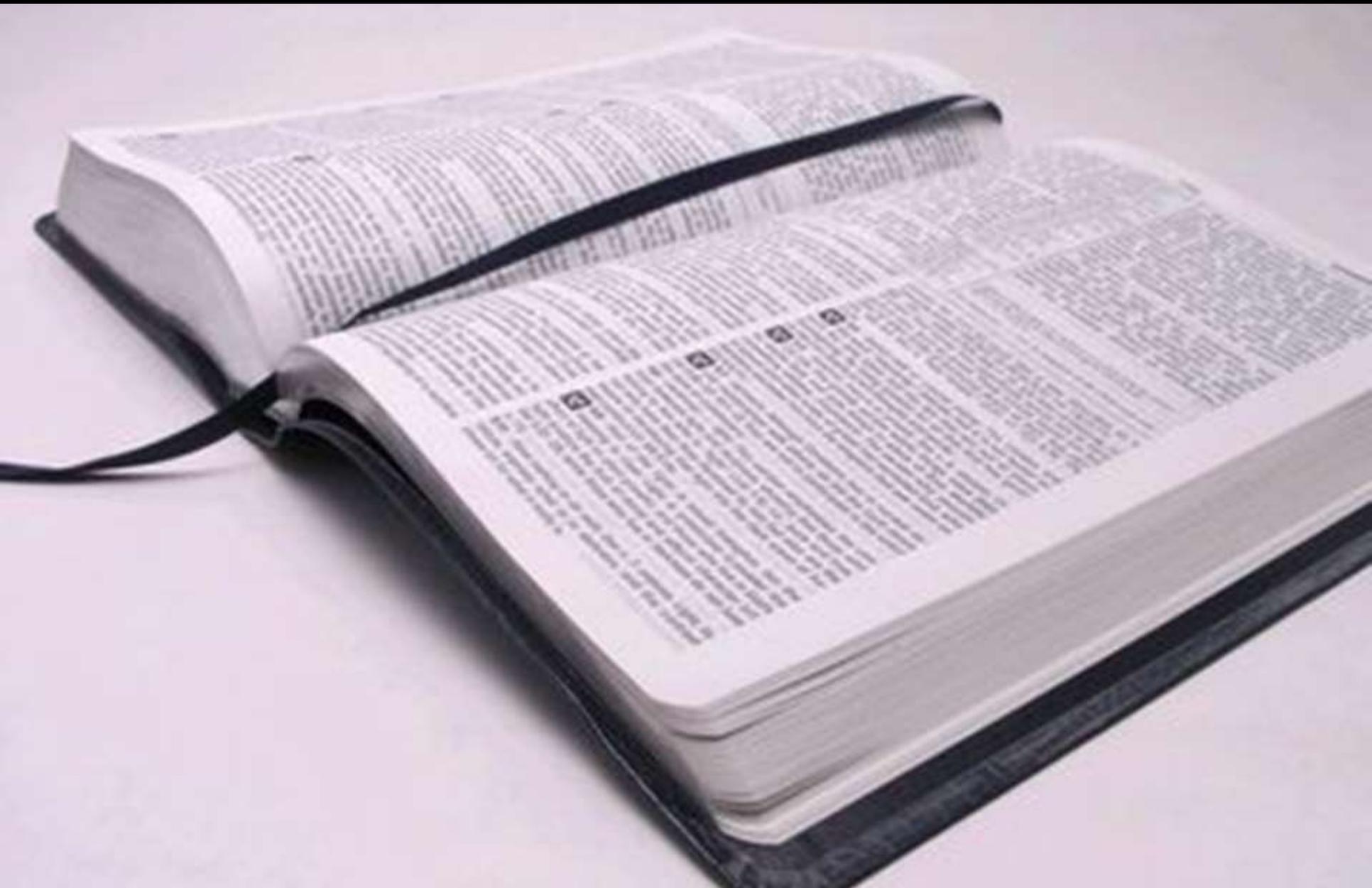
All of this proves the plenary verbal inspiration, inerrancy and authority of Holy Scripture, as contained in the Bible. It is the Word of God.

This means that every Word of Scripture was inspired by the Holy Spirit and bear the authority of God.

All of His Words are true. God is Almighty and all of His Words come with the full weight of the King of kings and the Lord of lords. God is Truth.



Definite





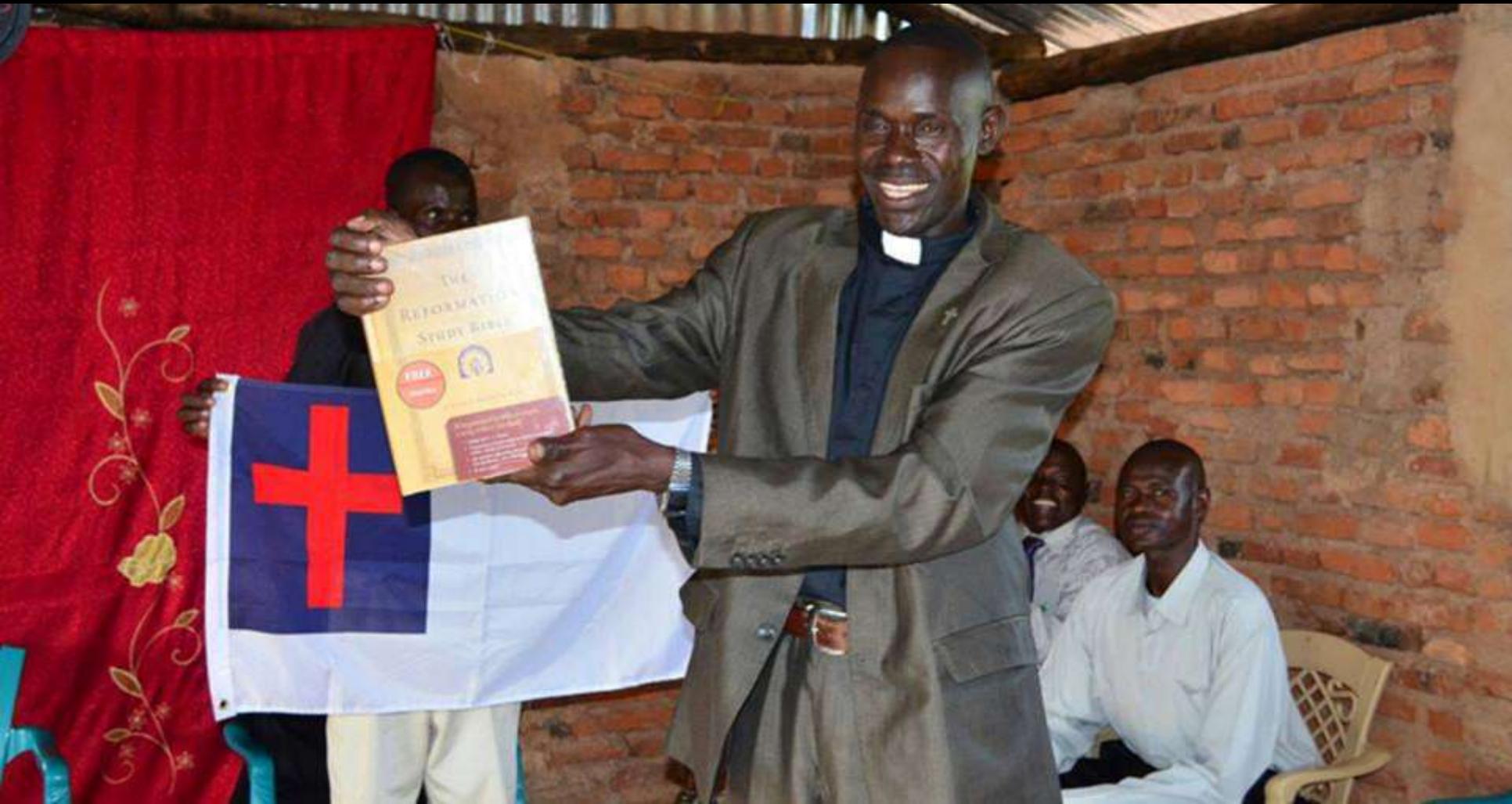
*As A.A. Hodge in *Outlines of Theology* writes: “Men think in words and the more definitely they think, the more are their thoughts immediately associated with an exactly appropriate verbal expression. Infallibility of thought cannot be secured, or preserved, independently of an infallible verbal rendering.”*

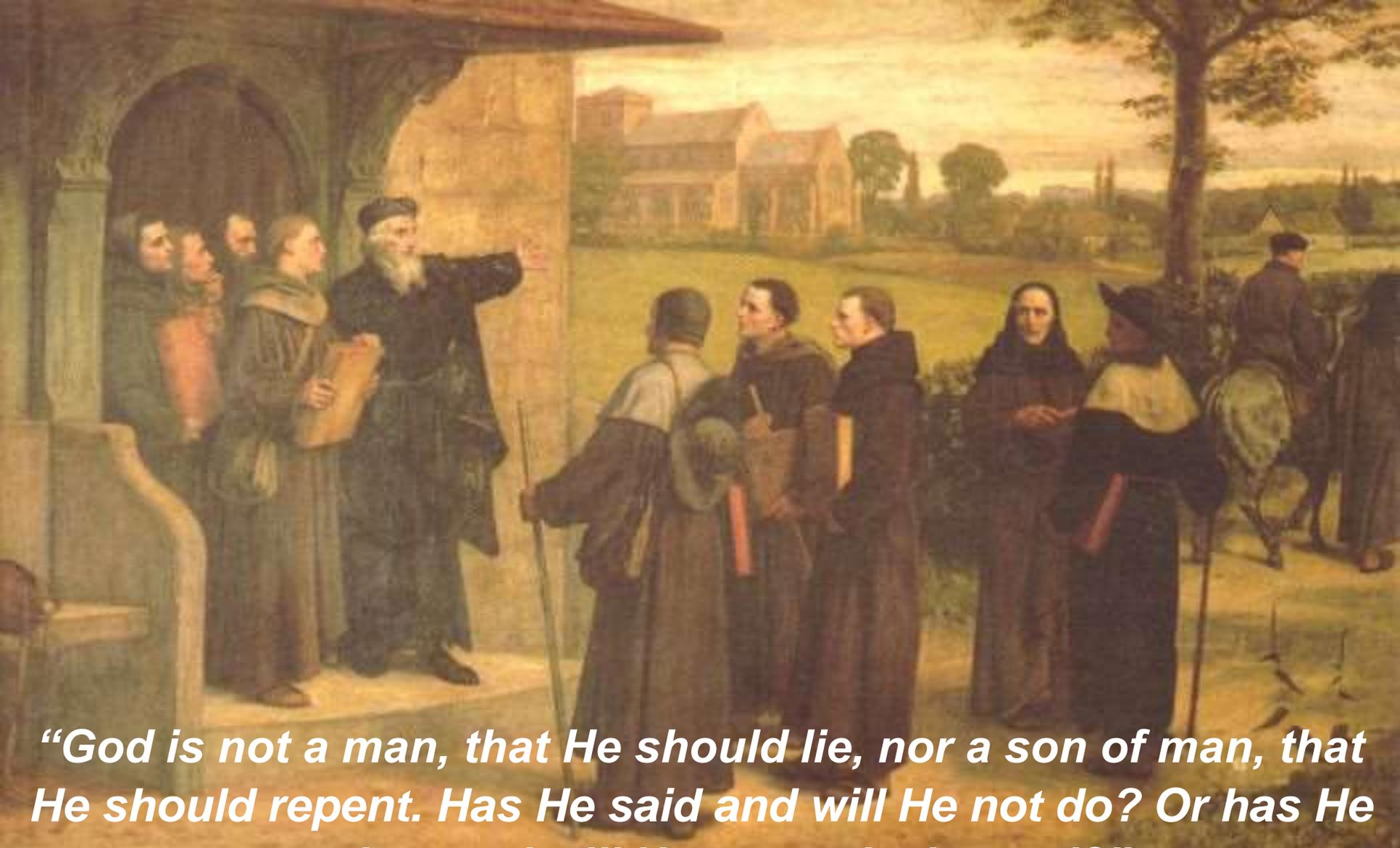
The Infallible Standard



“To the Law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them.”

Isaiah 8:20

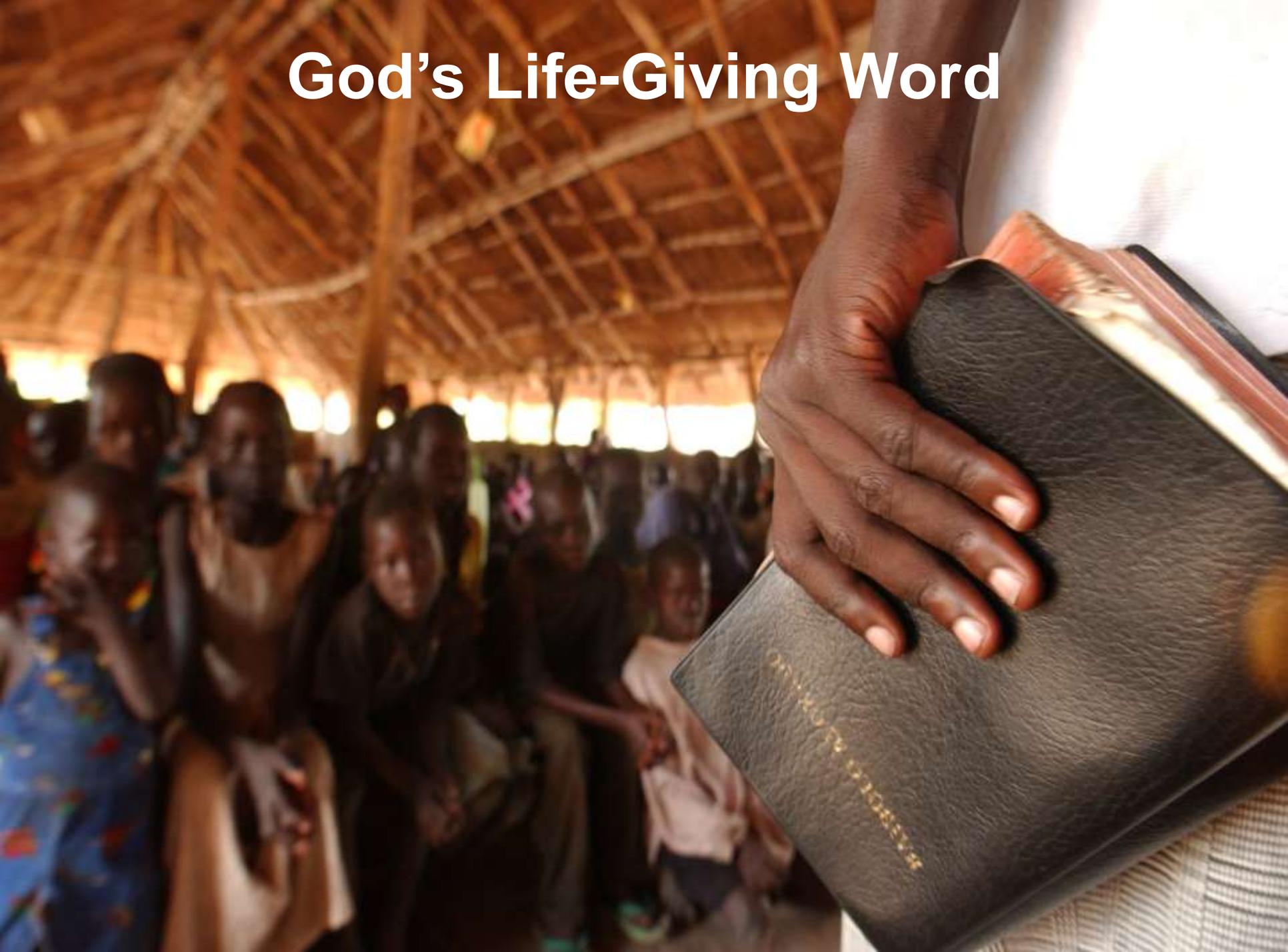


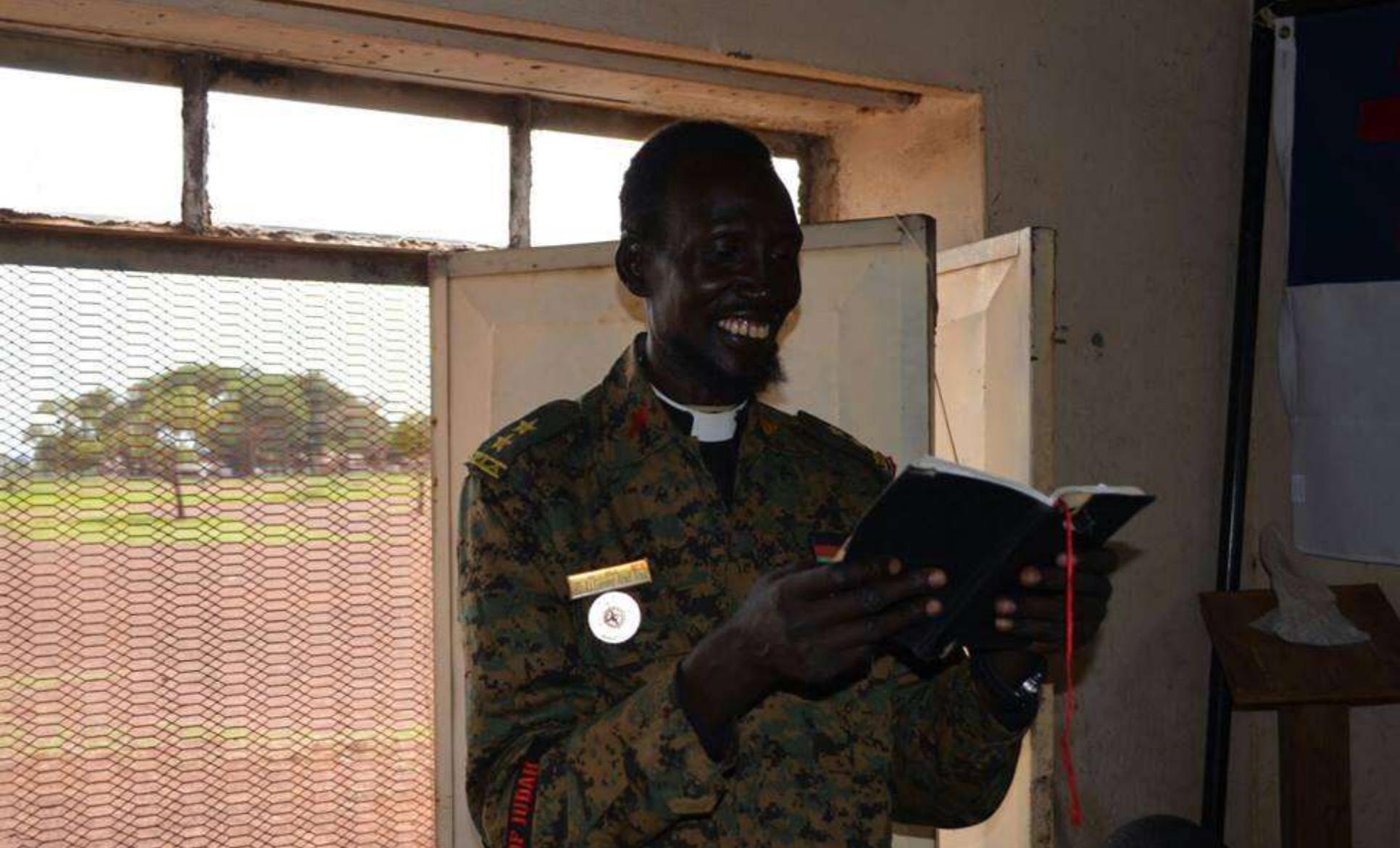


“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said and will He not do? Or has He spoken and will He not make it good?”

Numbers 23:19

God's Life-Giving Word

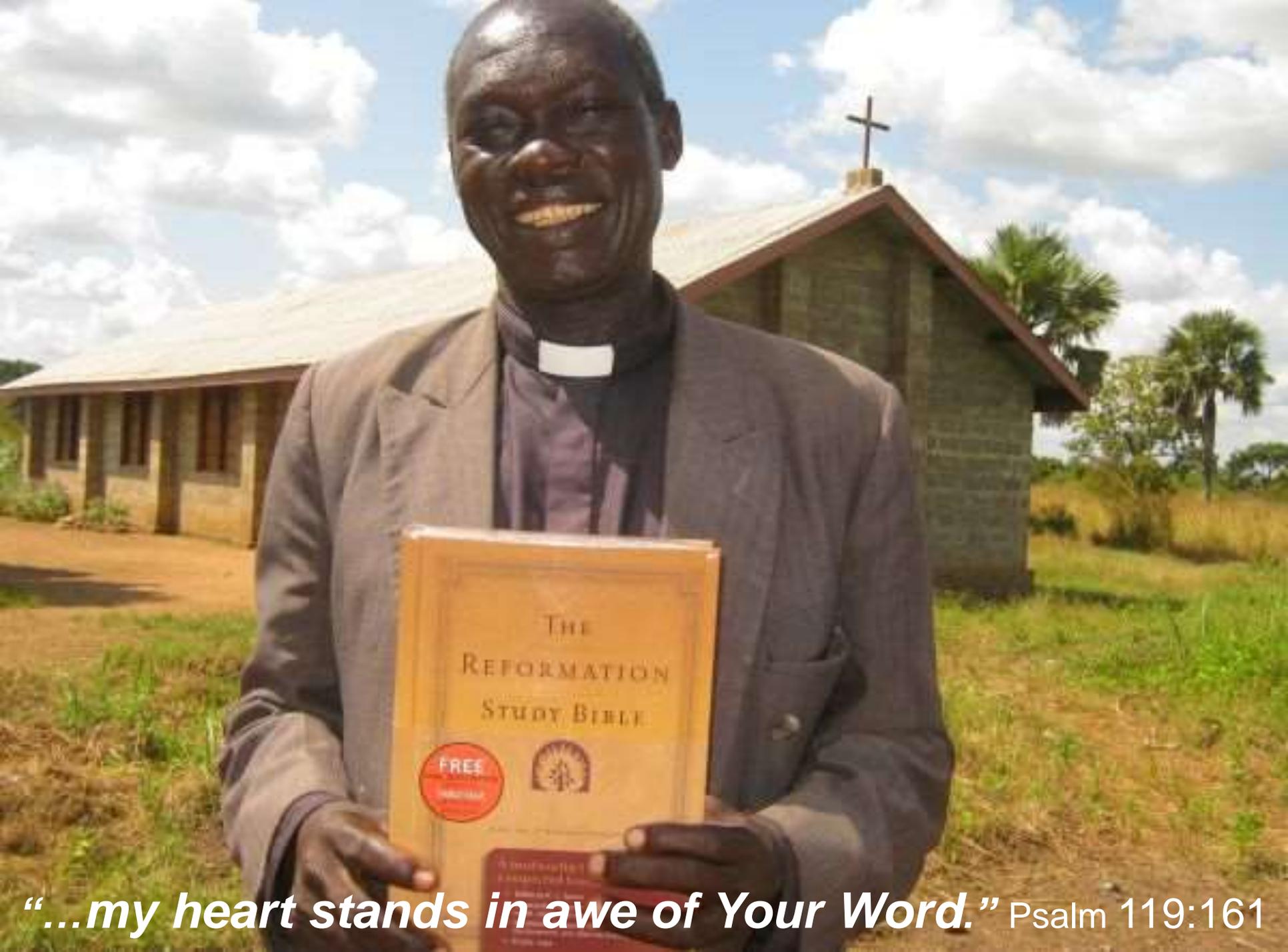




“Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the Word of God which lives and abides forever.” 1 Peter 1:23

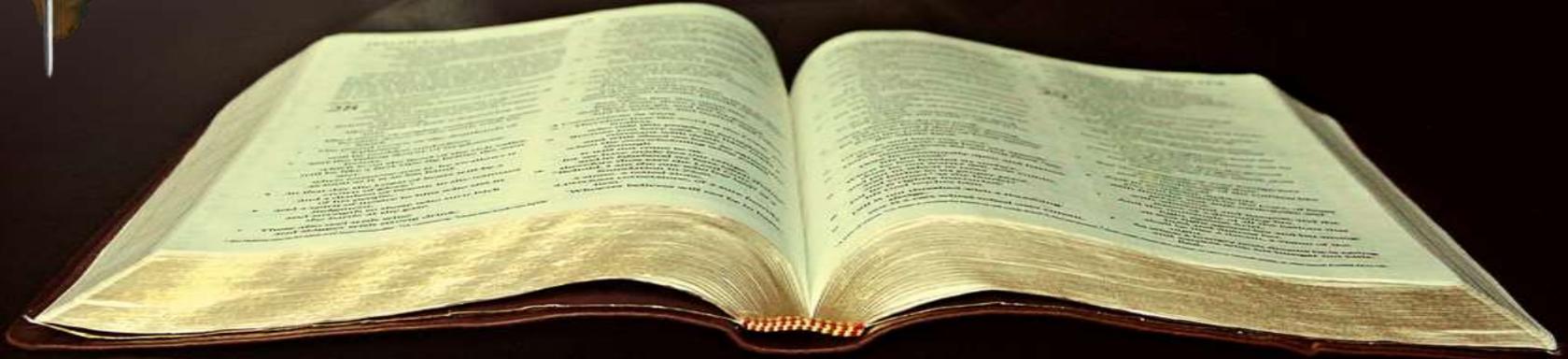
The Awesome Word of God





“...my heart stands in awe of Your Word.” Psalm 119:161

Invincible



"So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Isaiah 55:11

THE WORD OF GOD OBSERVE HIS LAW
SEE OUR NEED FOR CHRIST SHOWS WE'RE SURELY FLAWED

The Word of God

GRASS WITHERS FLOWERS FADE
BUT THE WORD OF GOD ENDURES FOREVER
A PERFECT TREASURE

***"The greatest missionary is the Bible in the mother tongue.
It needs no furlough and is never considered a foreigner."
William Cameron Townsend.***

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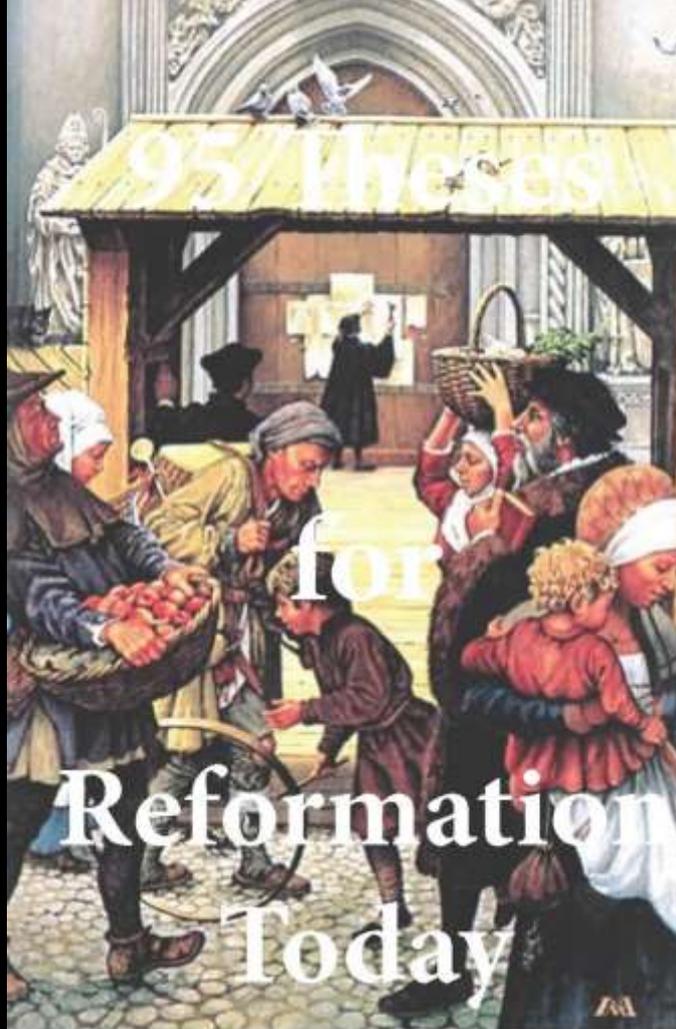
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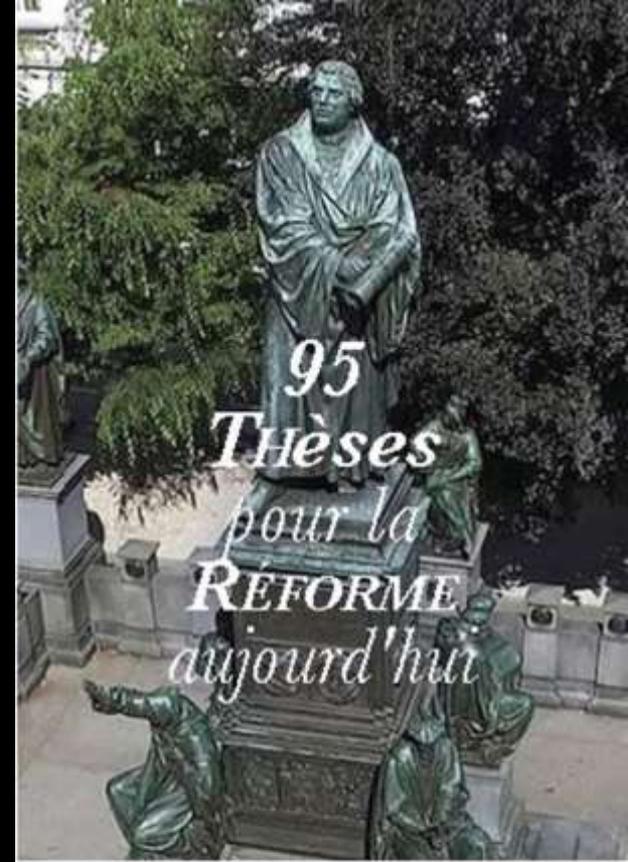
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The Controversial

Martin Luther was the brilliant scholar who rediscovered the central message of the Bible, a prophet like Elisha and John the Baptist who reformed God's people, the liberator who arose to free his people from the oppression of Rome, the last medieval man, and the first modern man. Zwingli described him as "the Hercules who defeated the tyranny of Rome."

The Student

From age 7, Martin began studying Latin at school. Hans intended his son to become a lawyer, so he was sent on to the University of Erfurt before his 14th birthday. Martin proved to be extraordinarily intelligent and he earned his BA and MA degrees in the shortest time allowed by the statutes of the University. Martin proved so effective in debating, that he earned the nickname: "the philosopher."

The Storm

As Martin excelled in his studies, he began to



be concerned about the state of his soul and the suitability of the career his father had set before him. While travelling on foot, near the town of Stotternheim, a violent thunderstorm brought Martin to his knees. With lightning striking all around him, Luther cried out for protection to the patron saint of miners: "St. Anna, help me, I will become a monk!" The storm around him mirrored the conflict raging within his soul.

The Monk

Martin was 21 years old when, in July 1505, he gave away all his possessions – including

his lute, his many books and clothing – and entered the Black Cloister of the Augustinians. Luther quickly adapted to monastic life, throwing himself wholeheartedly into the manual labor, spiritual disciplines and studies required. He went way beyond the fasts, prayers and ascetic practices required and forced himself to sleep on the cold stone floor without a blanket, whipped himself, and seriously damaged his health. He was described as "devout, earnest, relentlessly self-disciplined, amply self-critical, intelligent..." and

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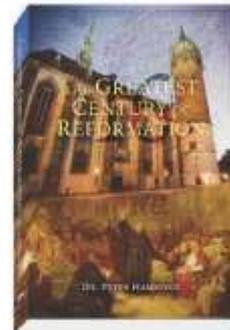
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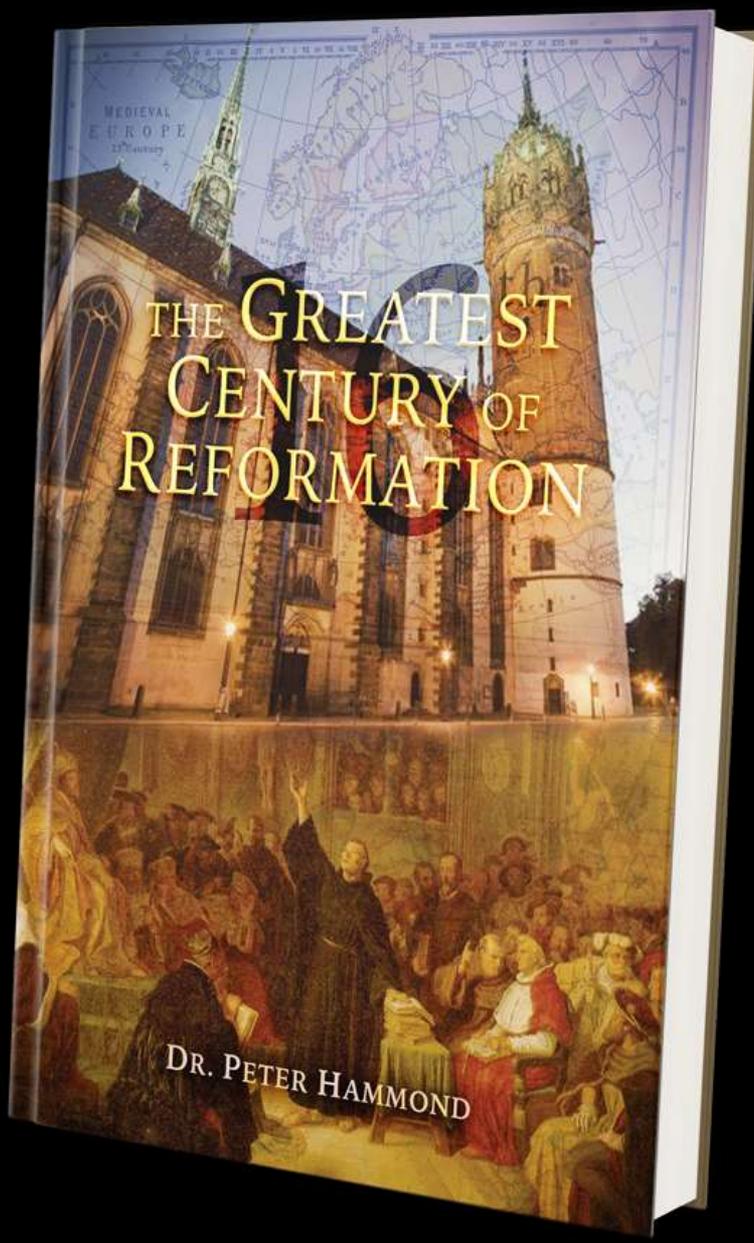
events that shaped that phenomenal Back to the Bible movement.

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In this book, readers are introduced to examples of excellence: Professor John Wycliffe of Oxford University; Queen Anne from Bohemia; Professor Jan Hus of Prague University; Gutenberg – the Father of the Printing Press and Italian Reformer – Savonarola, are some of the pre-Reformers that are highlighted in the chapter on Preparation for Reformation. Towering above all the Reformers is Dr. Martin Luther; followed by Ulrich Zwingli, the Reformer of Zürich; William Tyndale, who gave his life translating the



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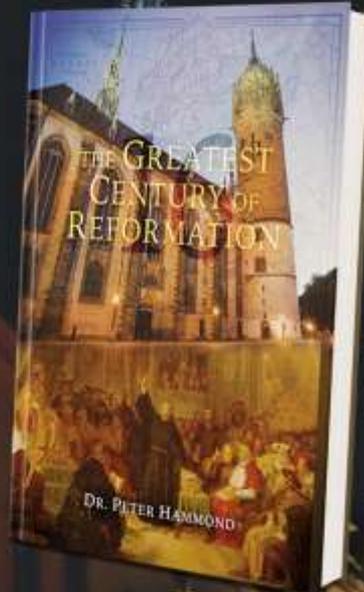


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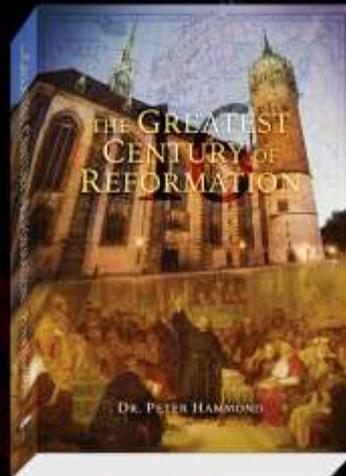
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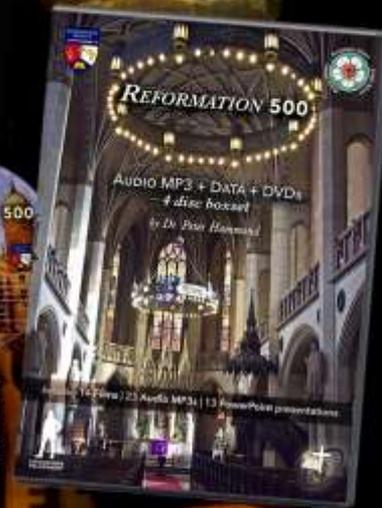


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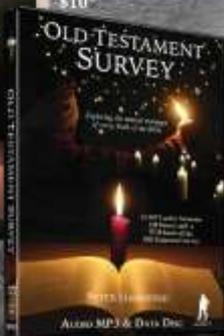
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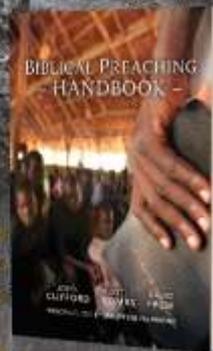
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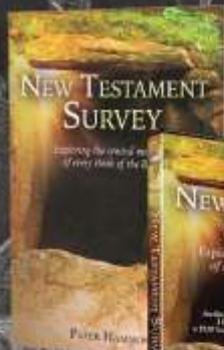
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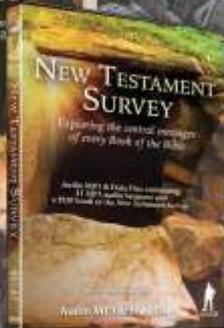
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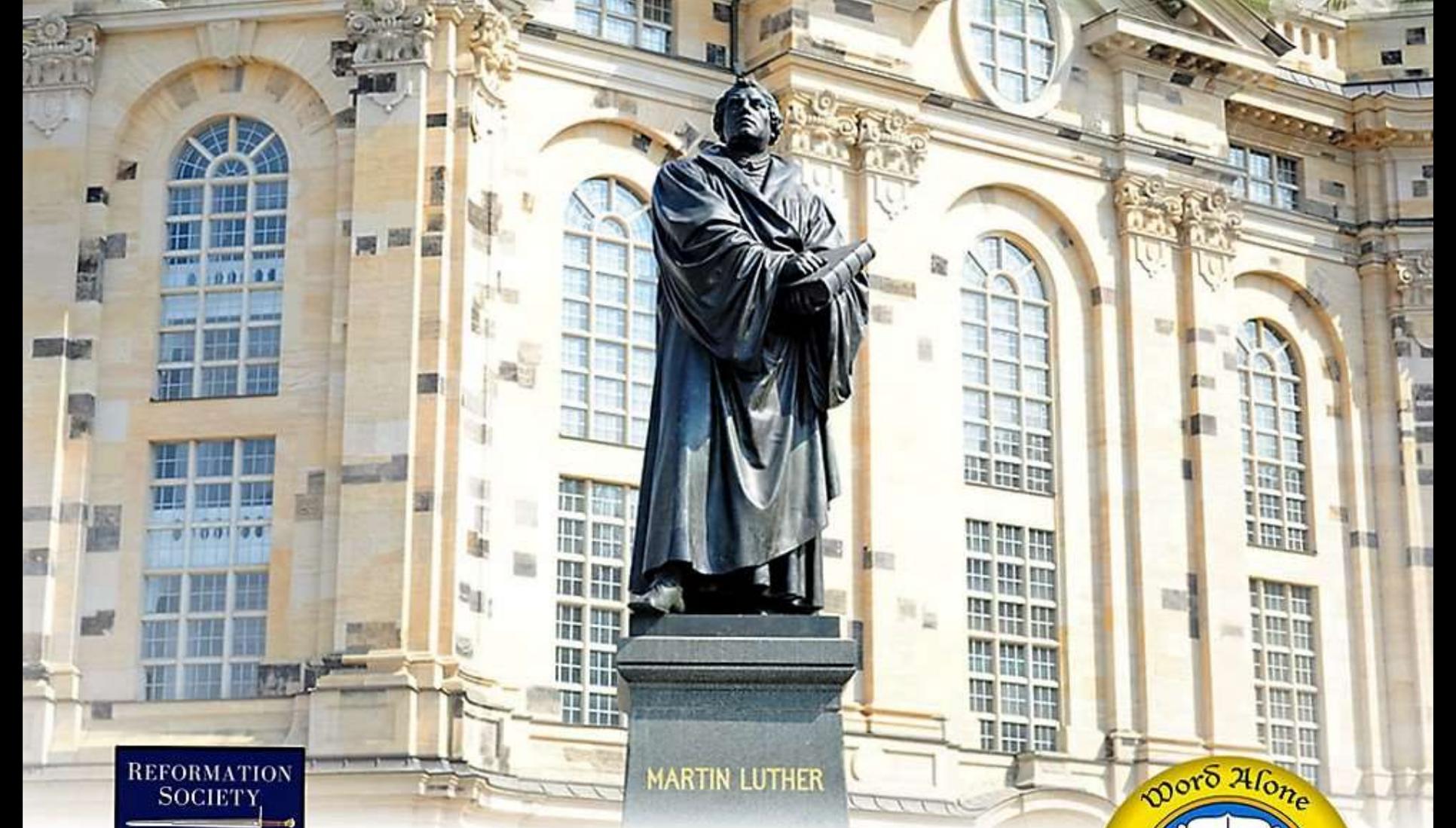
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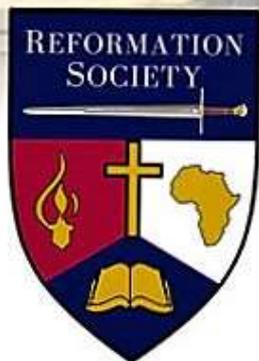


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PSALM 85:6

