



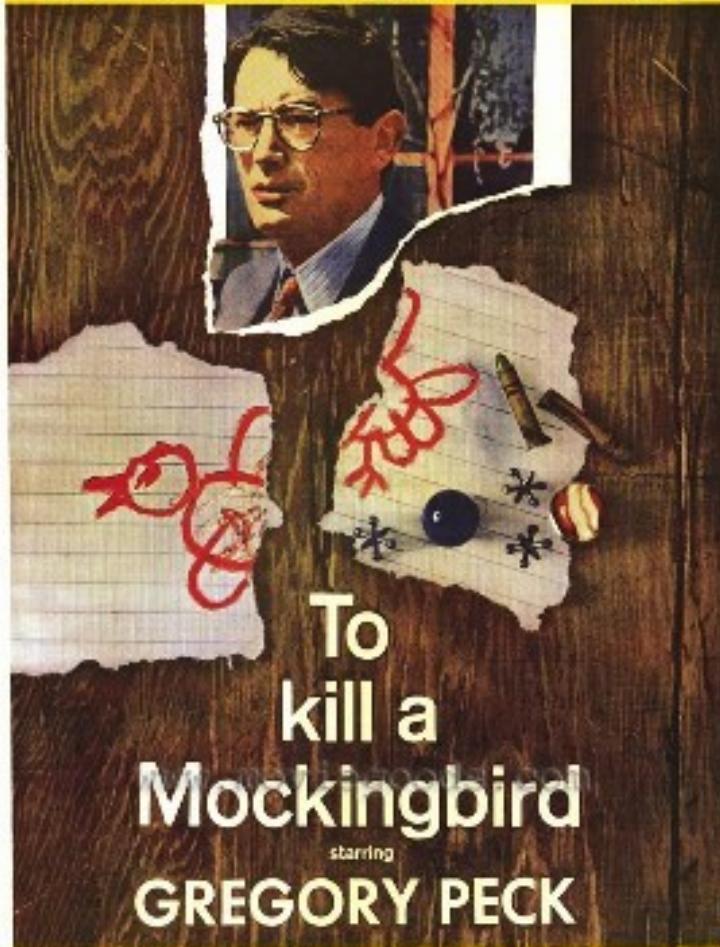
Pleasing God

What does God require of
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Micah 6:6-8

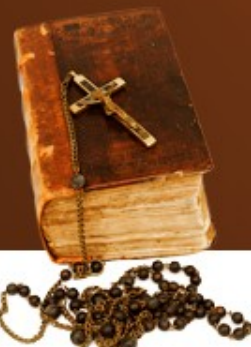
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The Minor Prophets

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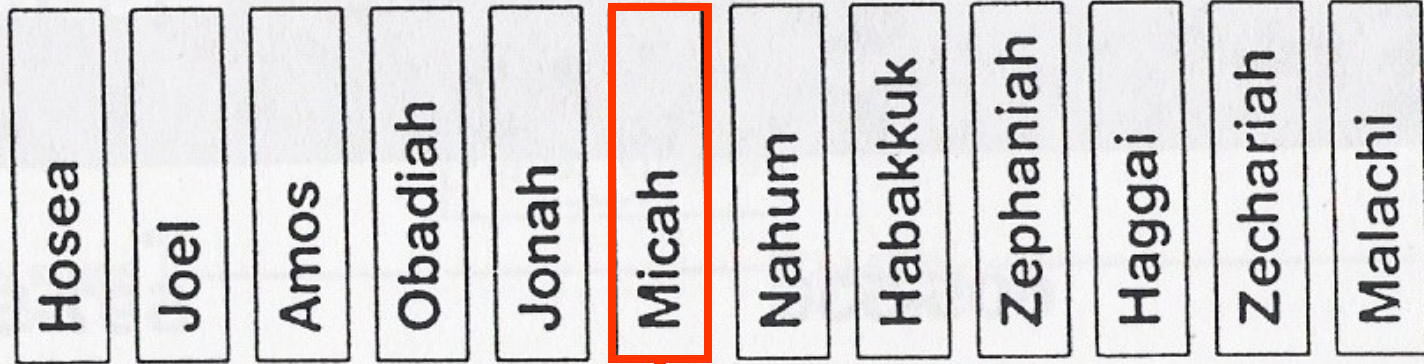
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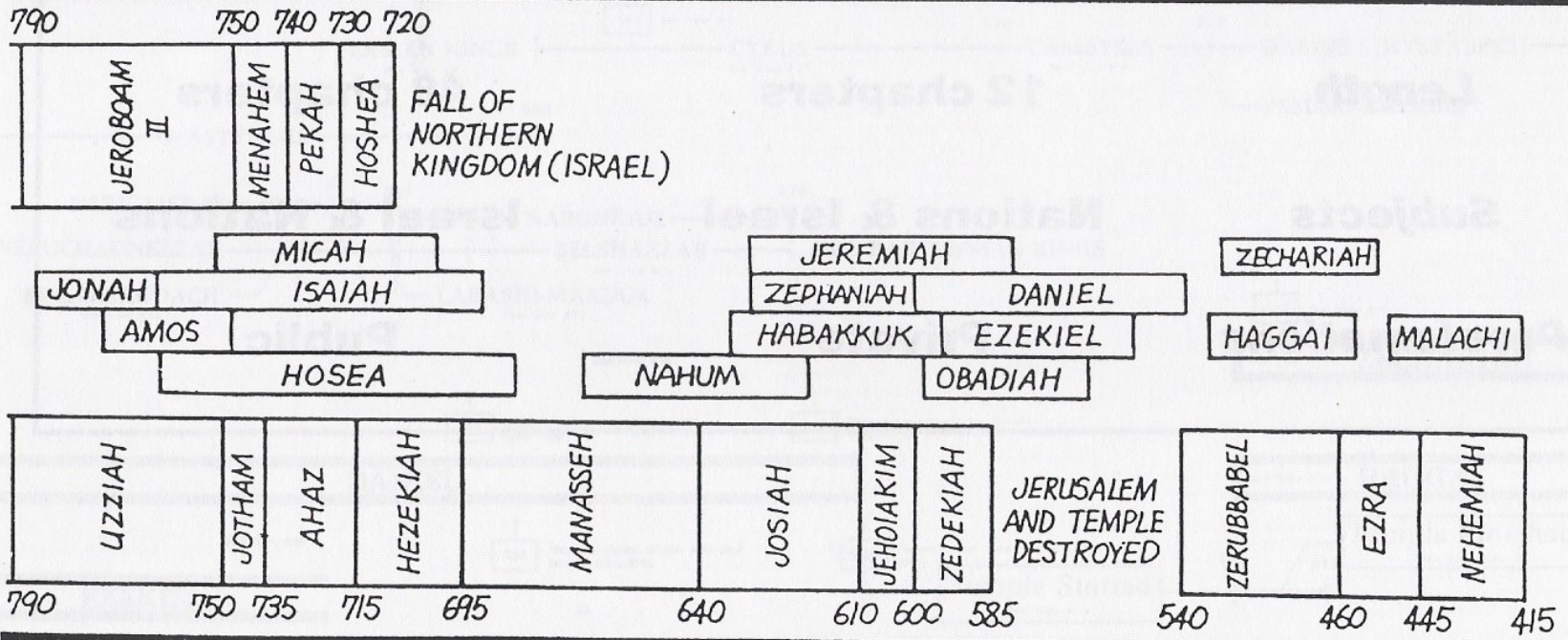


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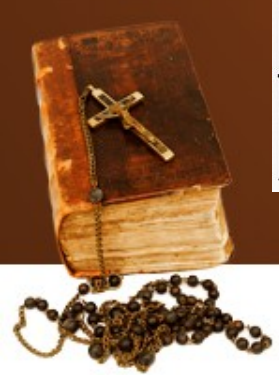
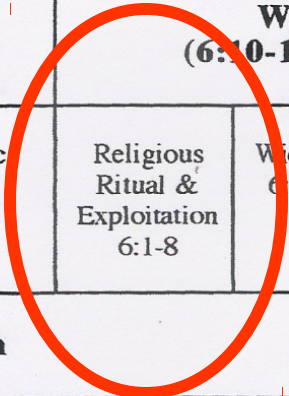
MIC 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times. "





Micah = ‘Who is like Yahweh?’

| Judgment on Israel and Judah for Exploitation | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Israel's Exploitation | | Leaders' Exploitation | | Wicked Ritualism | | | |
| Chapters 1—2 “Hear...” (1:2) | | Chapters 3—5 “Hear...” (3:1) | | Chapters 6—7 “Hear...” (6:1) | | | |
| Punishment & Blessing | | Punishment & Blessing | | Punishment & Blessing | | | |
| Wealth (2:1-2, 8-12) | | Wealth (3:1-3, 9-11) | | Wealth (6:10-12; 7:1-6) | | | |
| Destruction of Samaria & Judah 1:2-16 | Judgment for Exploitation 2:1-11 | Regathering 2:12-13 | Judgment for Exploitation Ch. 3 | Messianic Blessing 4—5 | Religious Ritual & Exploitation 6:1-8 | Wickedness 6:9—7:6 | Confidence 7:7-20 |
| Israel and Judah | | | | | | | |
| 735-710 BC (Before, During, and After the Fall of Israel) | | | | | | | |



Micah 6:1-8

Part one: The courtroom and juries

MIC 6:1 Listen to what the LORD says:

"Stand up, plead your case before the mountains;

let the hills hear what you have to say.

MIC 6:2 Hear, O mountains, the LORD's accusation;

listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.

For the LORD has a case against his people;

he is lodging a charge against Israel.



Micah 6:1-8

Part two: God's complaint

MIC 6:3 "My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? Answer me.

MIC 6:4 I brought you up out of Egypt
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.
I sent Moses to lead you,
also Aaron and Miriam.



Micah 6:1-8

Part two: God's complaint

MIC 6:5 My people, remember
what Balak king of Moab counseled
and what Balaam son of Beor answered.
Remember your journey from Shittim to
Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the
LORD."



Micah 6:1-8

Part three: The people's response

MIC 6:6 With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?



Micah 6:1-8

Part three: The people's response

MIC 6:7 Will the LORD be pleased with
thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my
transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my
soul?



Micah 6:1-8

Part three: Micah's response

MIC 6:8 He has showed you, O man, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and


to love mercy and

to walk humbly with your God.





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Deut 10:12–13

And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but *to fear* the Lord your God, to *walk* in all his ways, to *love* him, to *serve* the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to *observe* the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good.

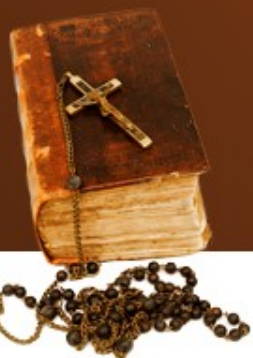


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Micah 6:8

- To act justly does not mean merely to talk about justice or to get other people to act justly. It means to be fair to others.
- Hebrew for “mercy” is *ḥesed*, which means “faithful covenant love.”
- “walk humbly” would be better rendered “walk carefully (with your God)”



Micah 6:8

People of Israel, the Lord has shown you
what is good.

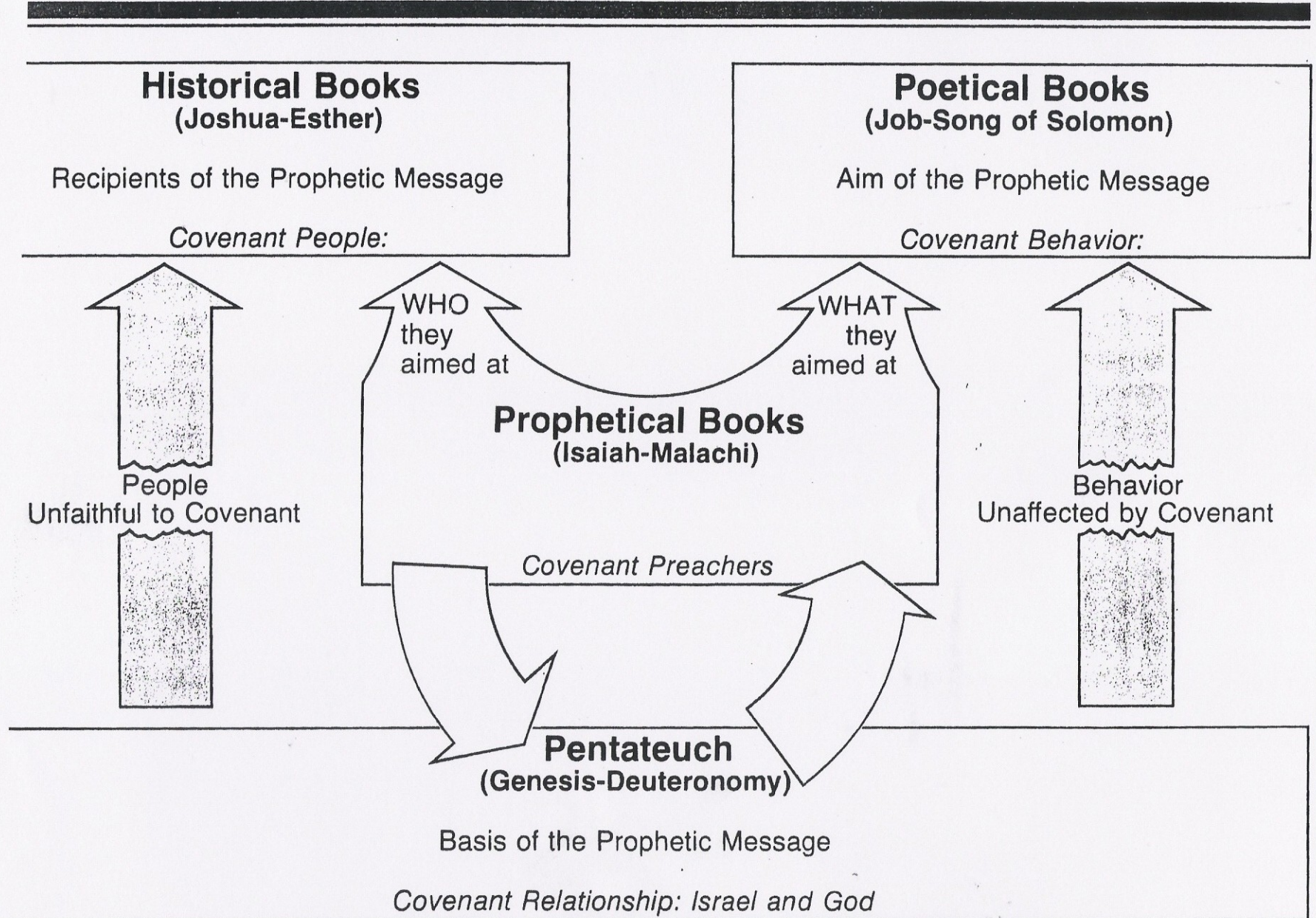
He has told you what he requires of you.

You must treat people fairly. You must
love others faithfully. And you must be
very careful to live the way your God
wants you to.

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Purpose of the Prophetic Books





The Laws-Old Covenant  New Covenant



Christians are in a covenant relationship with God in which the law (*torah*) has been placed within their hearts (Jer 31:33; Heb 10:14–17)

John Calvin



Matt 23:23

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

Jesus regards justice, mercy, and faithfulness as “the more important matters of the law.”

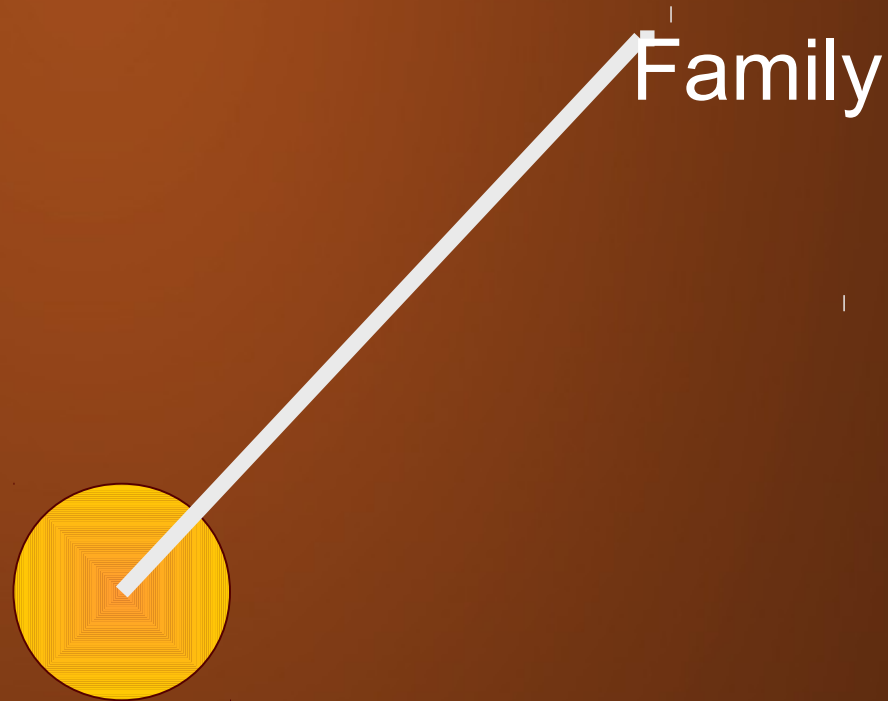


Lessons for us

1. Treat people fairly
2. Love others faithfully
3. Careful to live the way God wants us to



1. Treat people fairly (mind)



spouse, children, parents



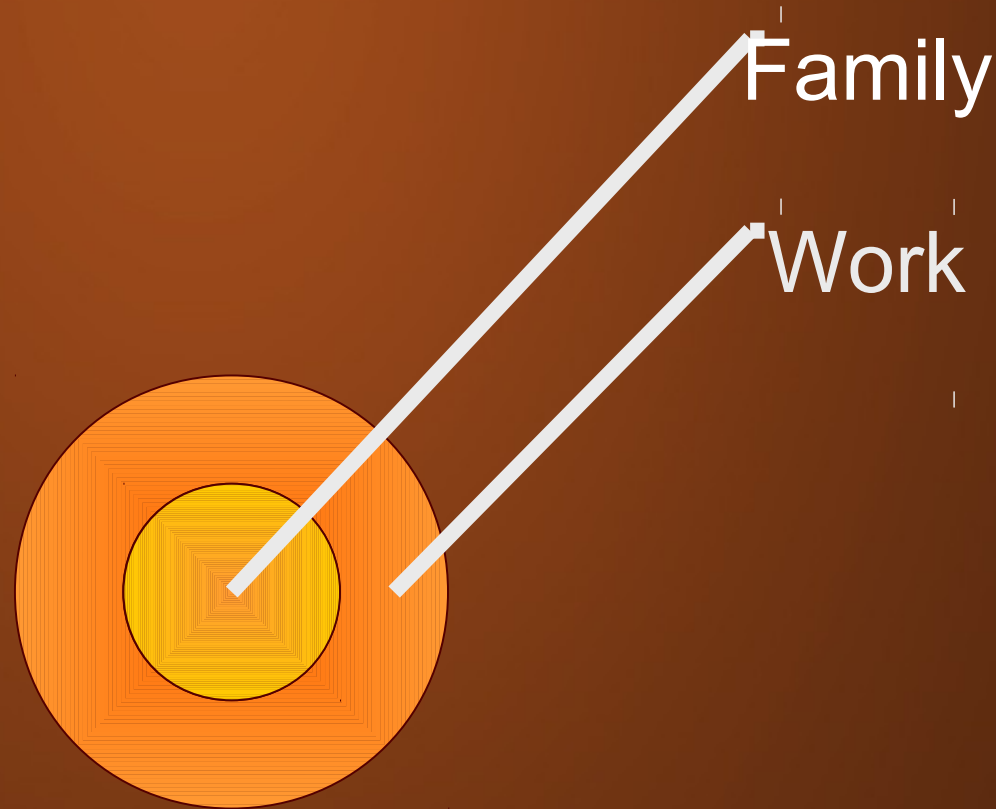


1 CORINTHIANS 11:8-9

For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.



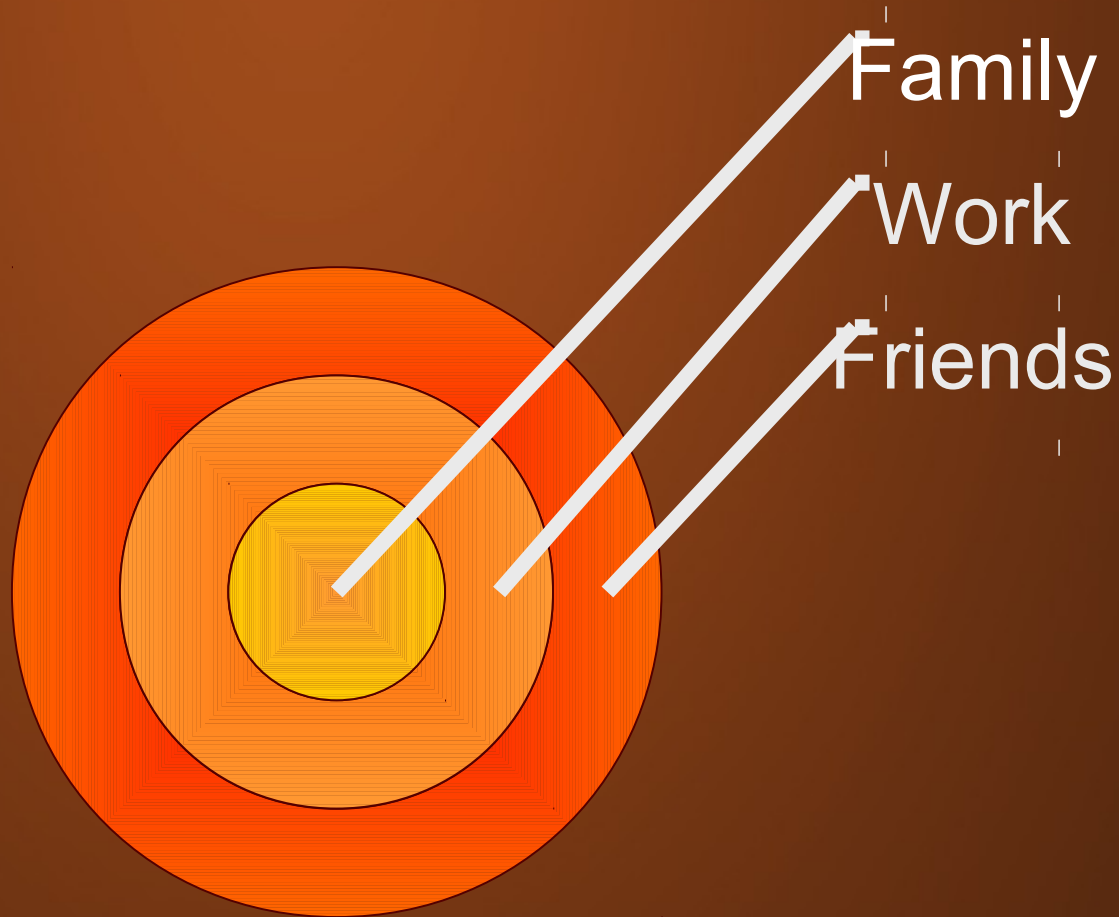
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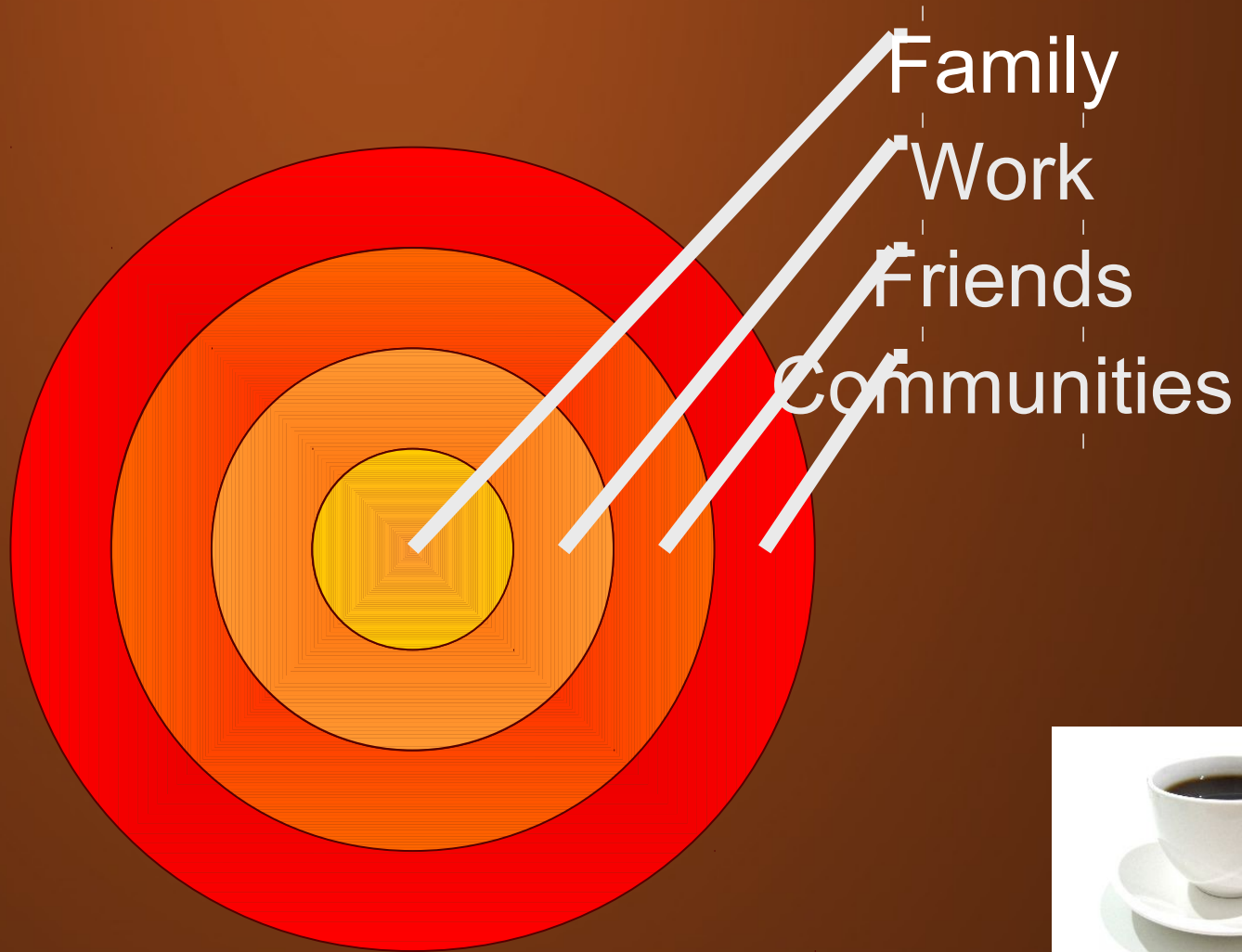
colleagues, workers, maids



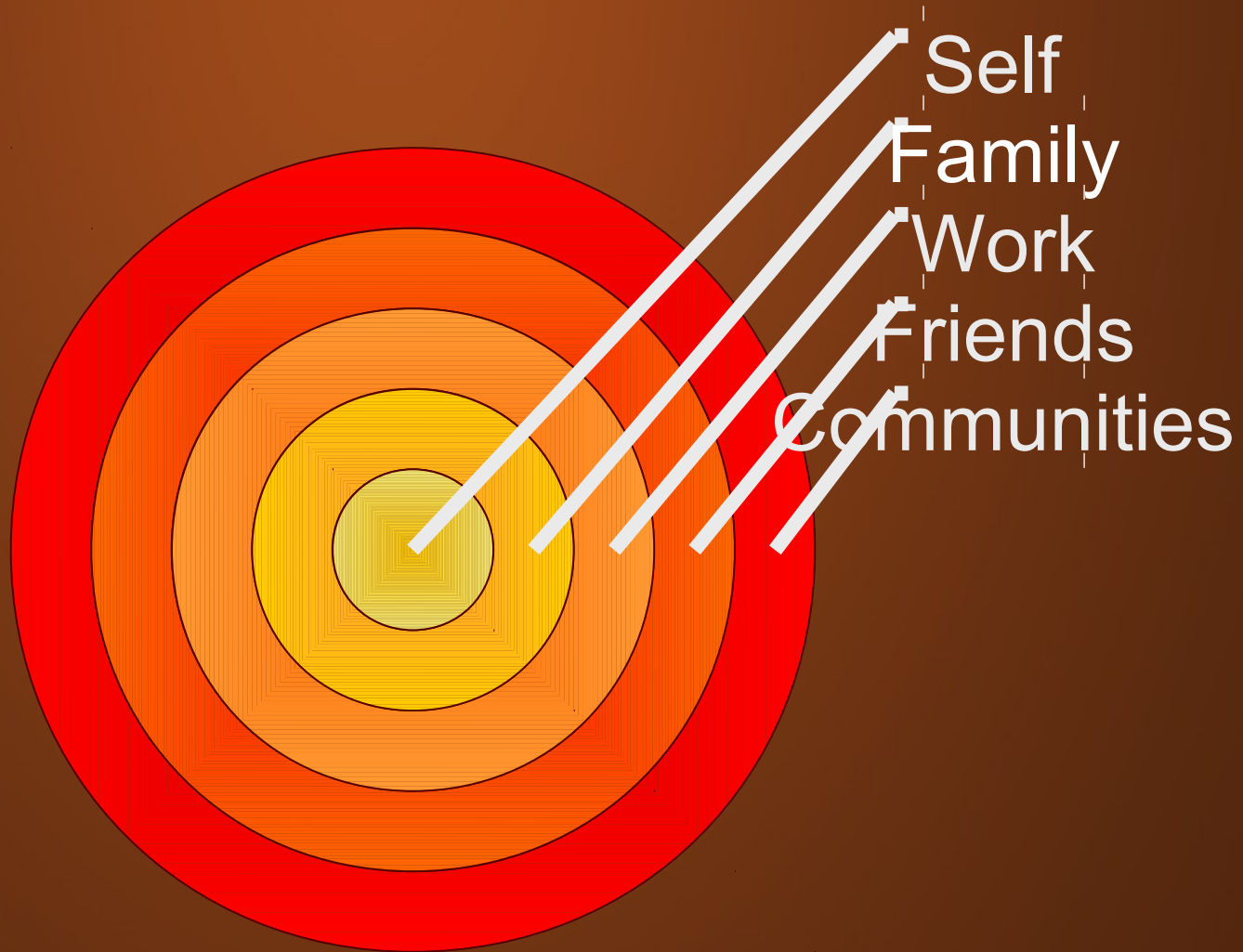
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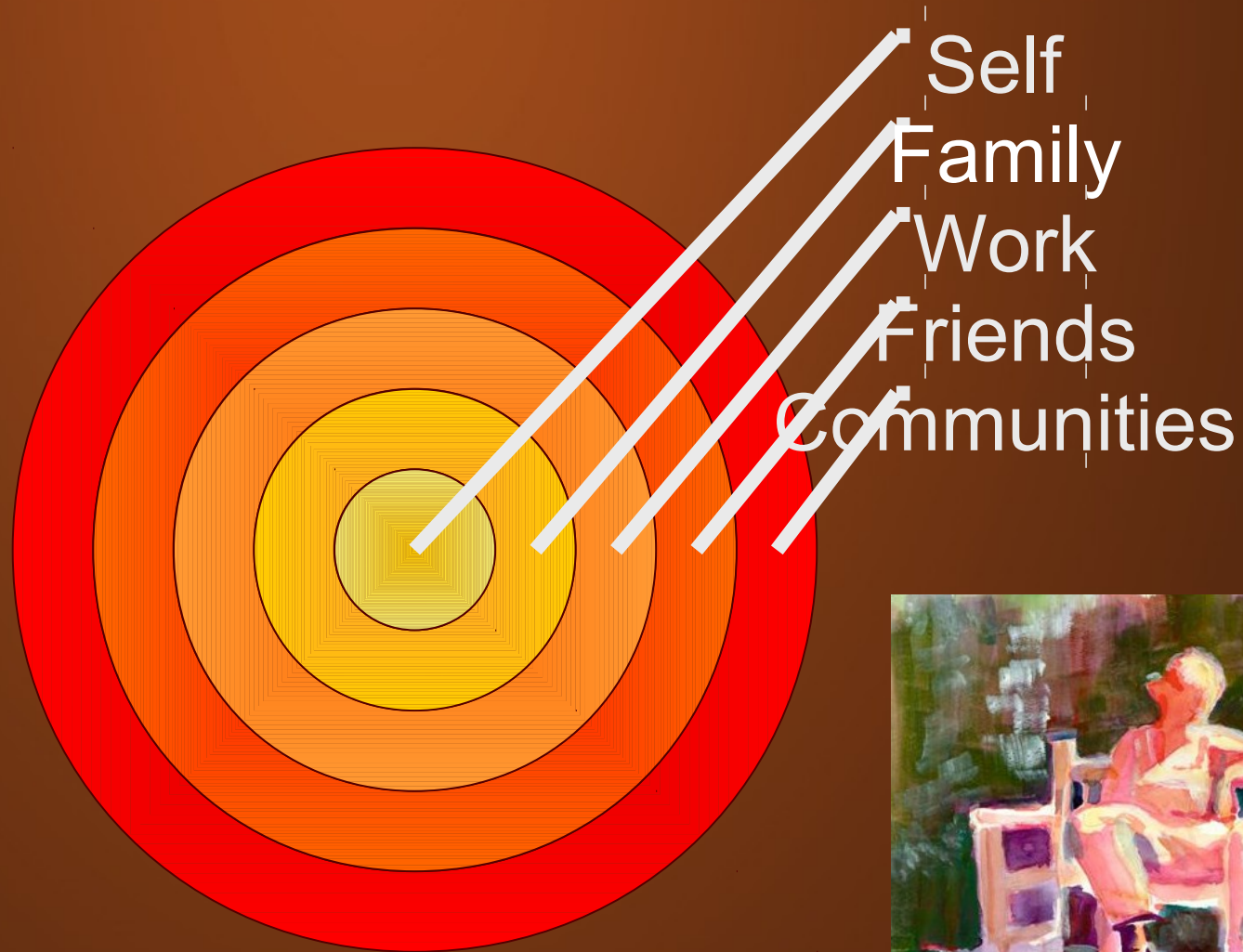
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2. Love others faithfully (heart)



3. Careful to live the way God wants us to (practice/behaviour)

- Study His Word



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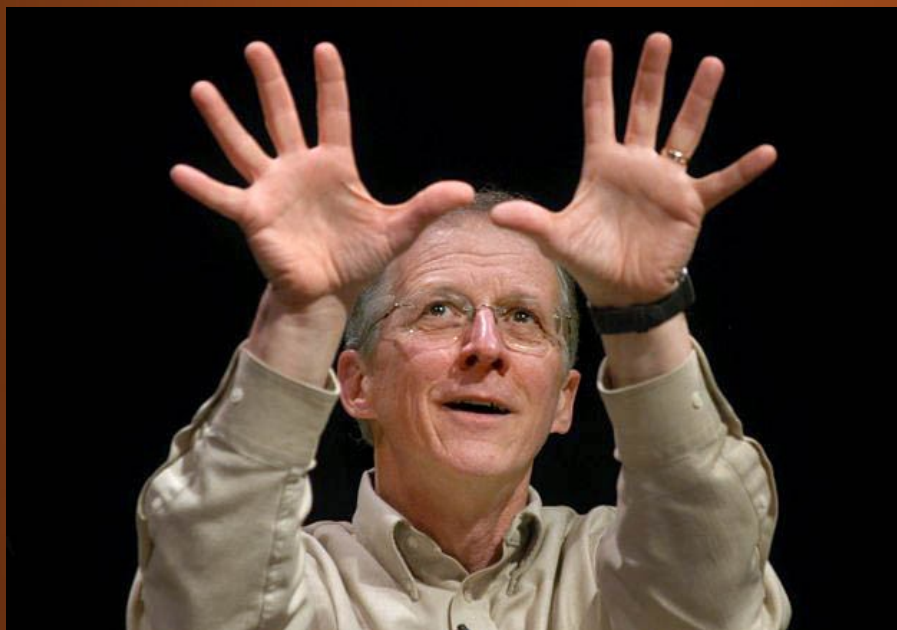
I am convinced
that neither
DEATH
nor **LIFE**,
neither
angels nor demons,
neither
the present
nor the future,
nor any powers,
neither height
nor depth
nor
ANYTHING
else in
all creation,
will be able to
separate us from
the
love of
God
that is in
Christ Jesus our
LORD.

Romans 8:36,39

3. Careful to live the way God wants us to (practice/behaviour)

- Study His Word
- Pray to Him
- Expand His Kingdom
- Be a Christian hedonist





John Piper

Bethlehem Baptist Church

My shortest summary of
Christian Hedonism is:
*God is most glorified in us
when we are most
satisfied in him.*

We all make a god out of
what we take the most
pleasure in. Christian
Hedonists want to make
God their God by seeking
after the greatest pleasure
—pleasure in him.



The Christian hedonist

don't worry, be happy [in God]

- happier in giving than receiving (Acts 20:35);
- count everything as loss for the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus their Lord (Philippians 3:8);
- aim of all of Jesus' commandments is that their joy be full (John 15:11);



The Christian hedonist

don't worry, be happy [in God]

- delight themselves in the Lord he will give them the desire of their heart (Psalm 37:4);
- great gain in godliness with contentment (1 Timothy 6:6);
- the joy of the Lord is their strength (Nehemiah 8:10).

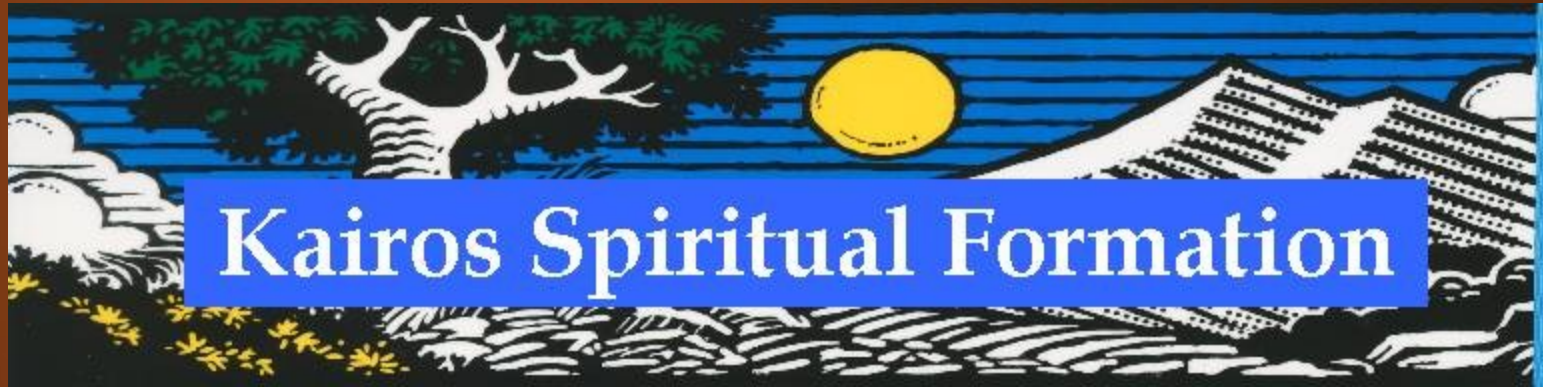


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Micah 6:8





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