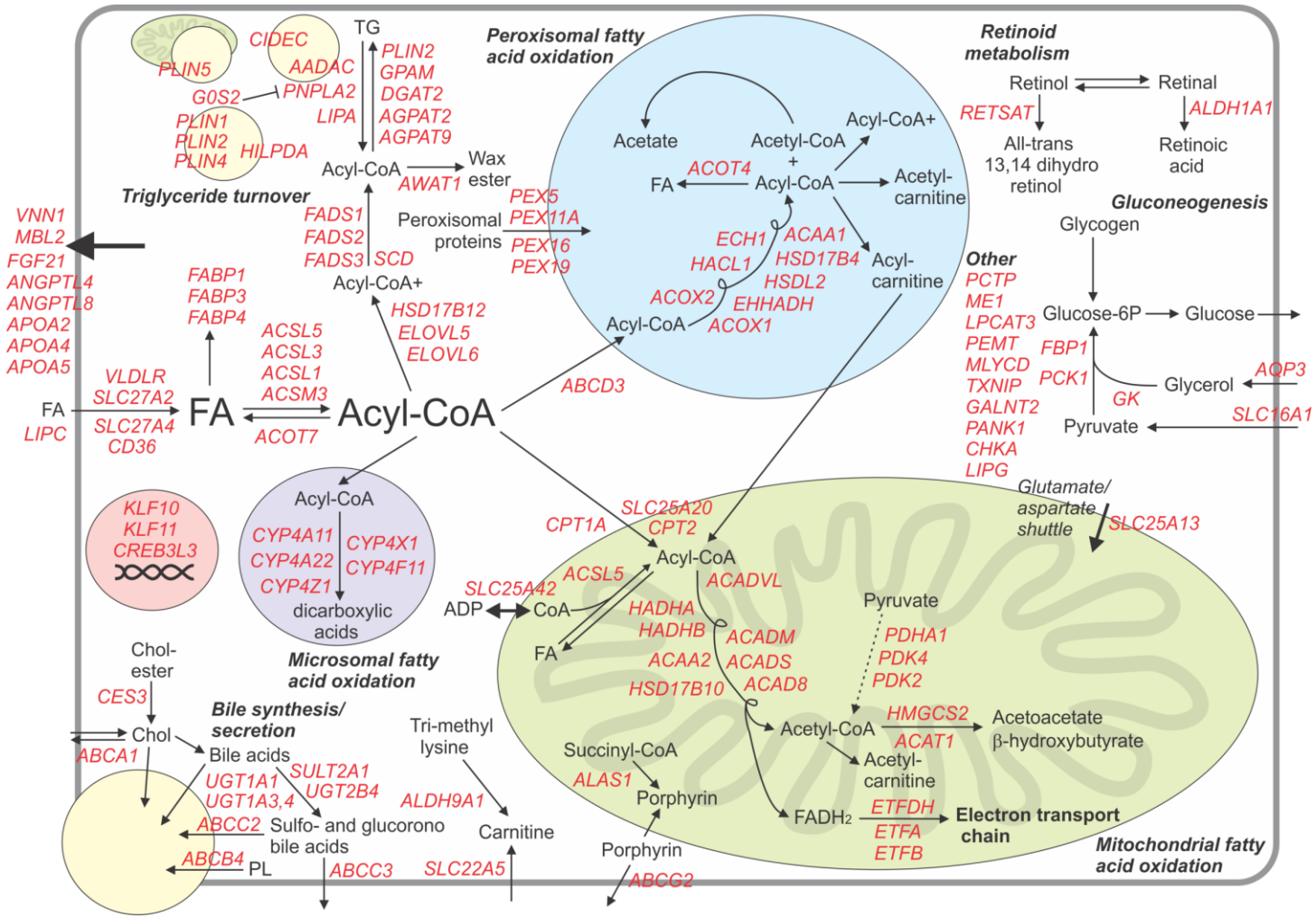
The Greatness of God

Examining God's CV

The difficulties of making sense of tangled ideas

Drawing metaphors and analogies can help make sense of difficult material



PPARs play essential roles in the regulation of cellular differentiation, development, and metabolism (carbohydrate, lipid, protein), as transcription factors regulating the expression of genes. This ability can also make them tumorigenic in higher organisms

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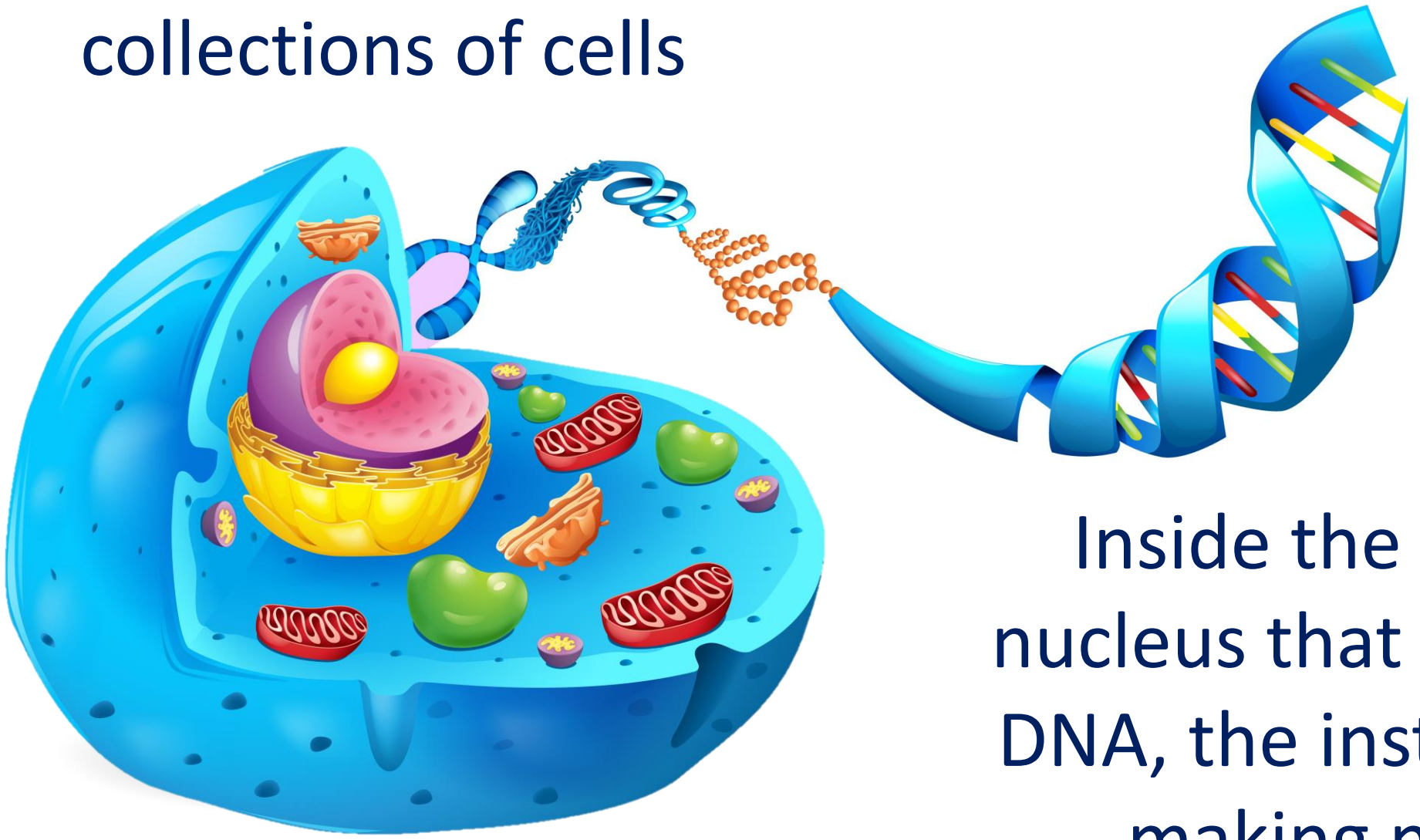

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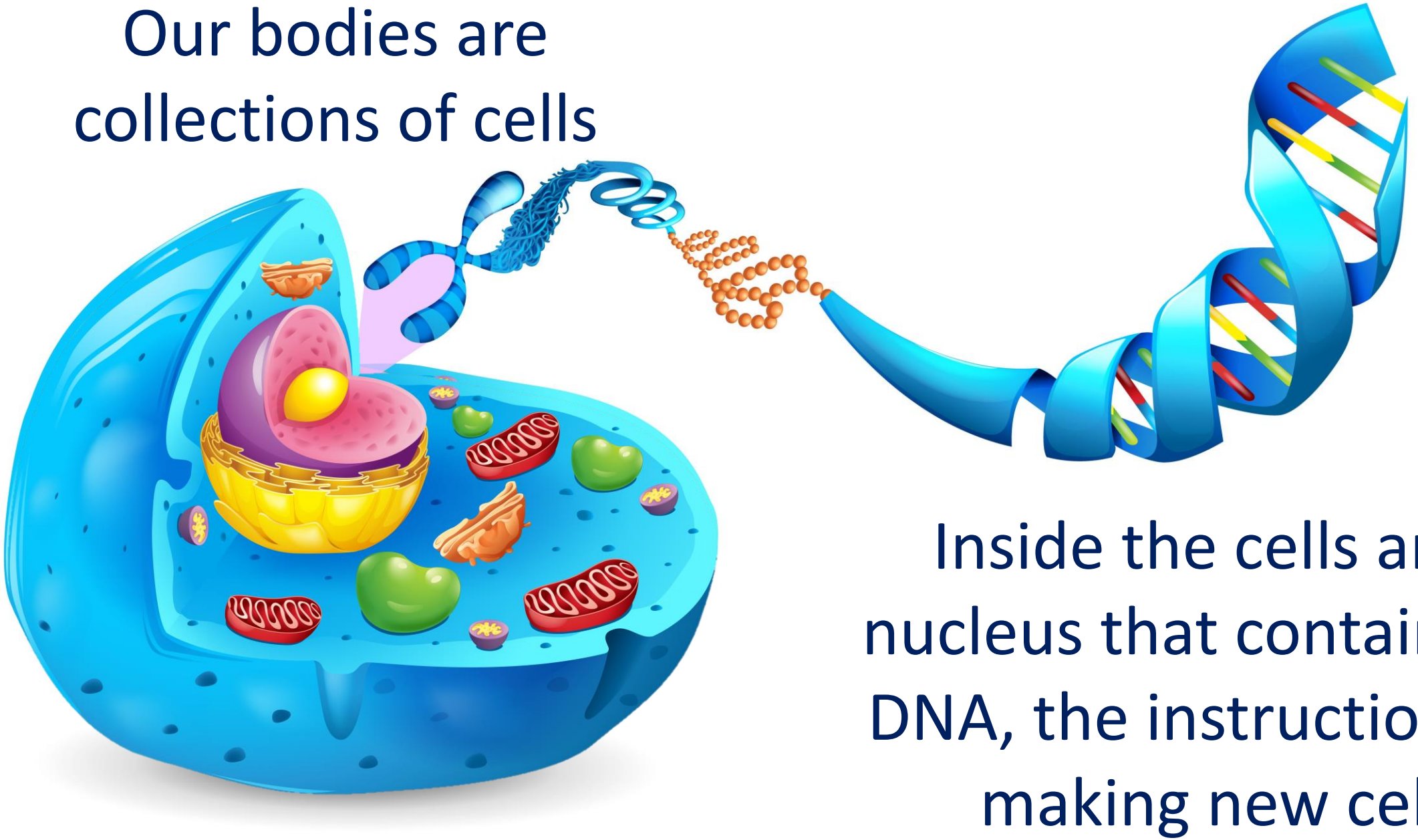

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And they get a plus one!

Some analogies are better than others, but all breakdown at some point

The Trinity in Analogies: God is One and Three

God is Peel, flesh, and seed?

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God (H_2O) is ice, water, and steam?

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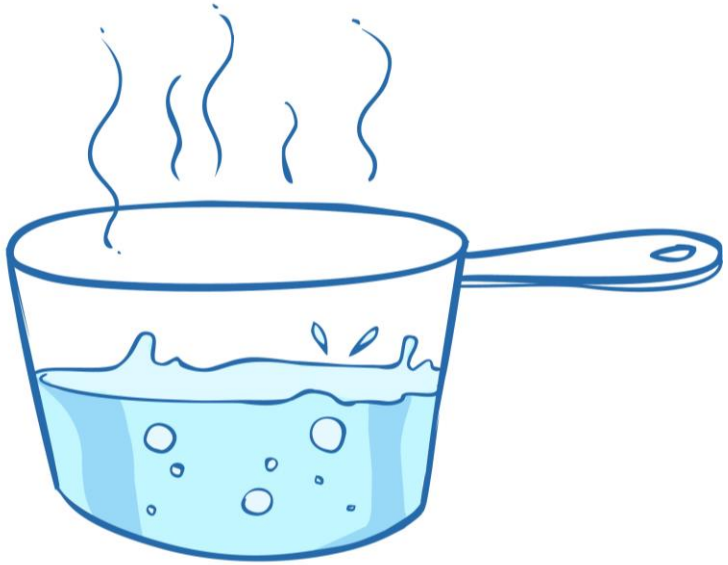

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Tie your new idea to something people already know

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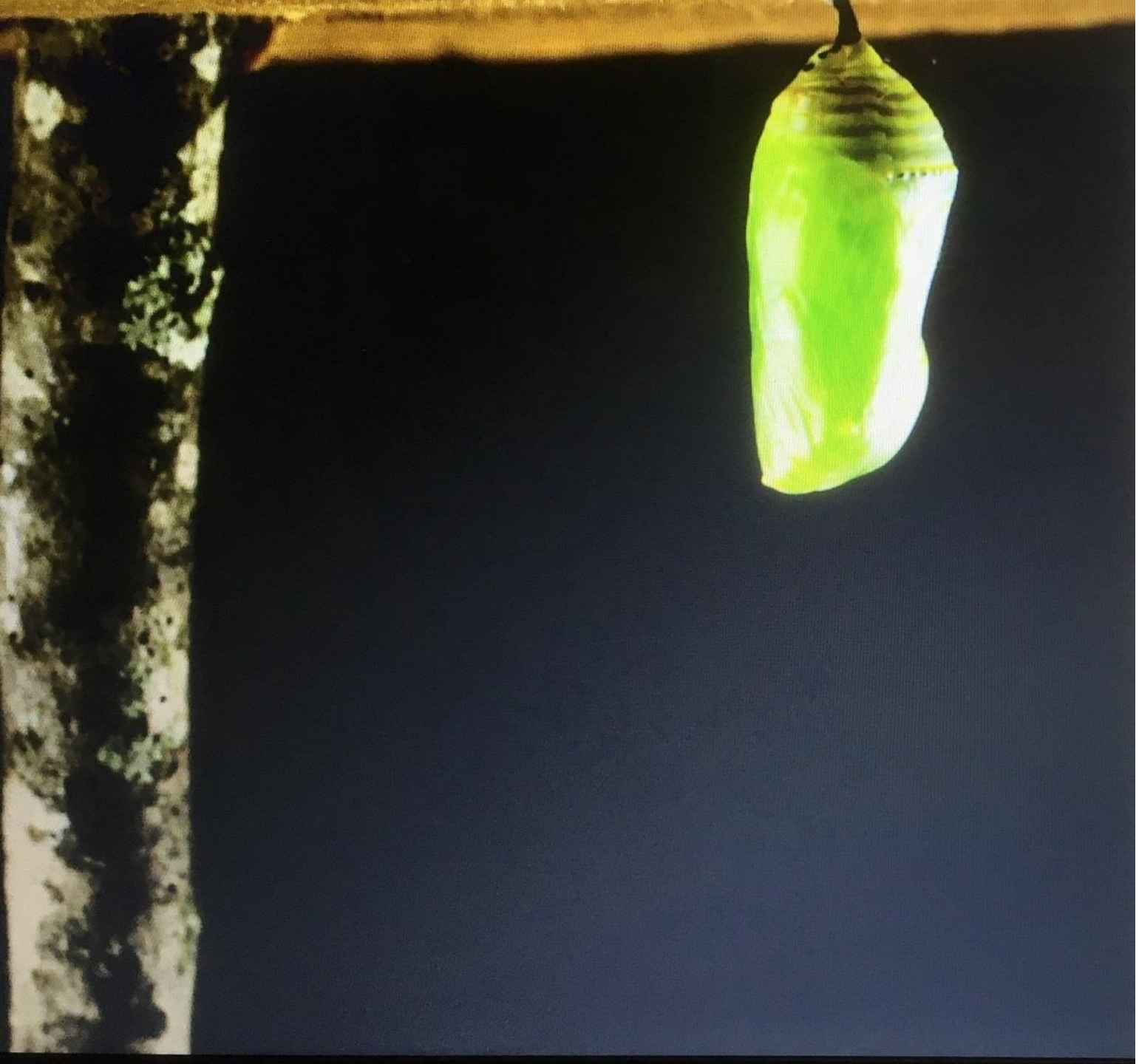

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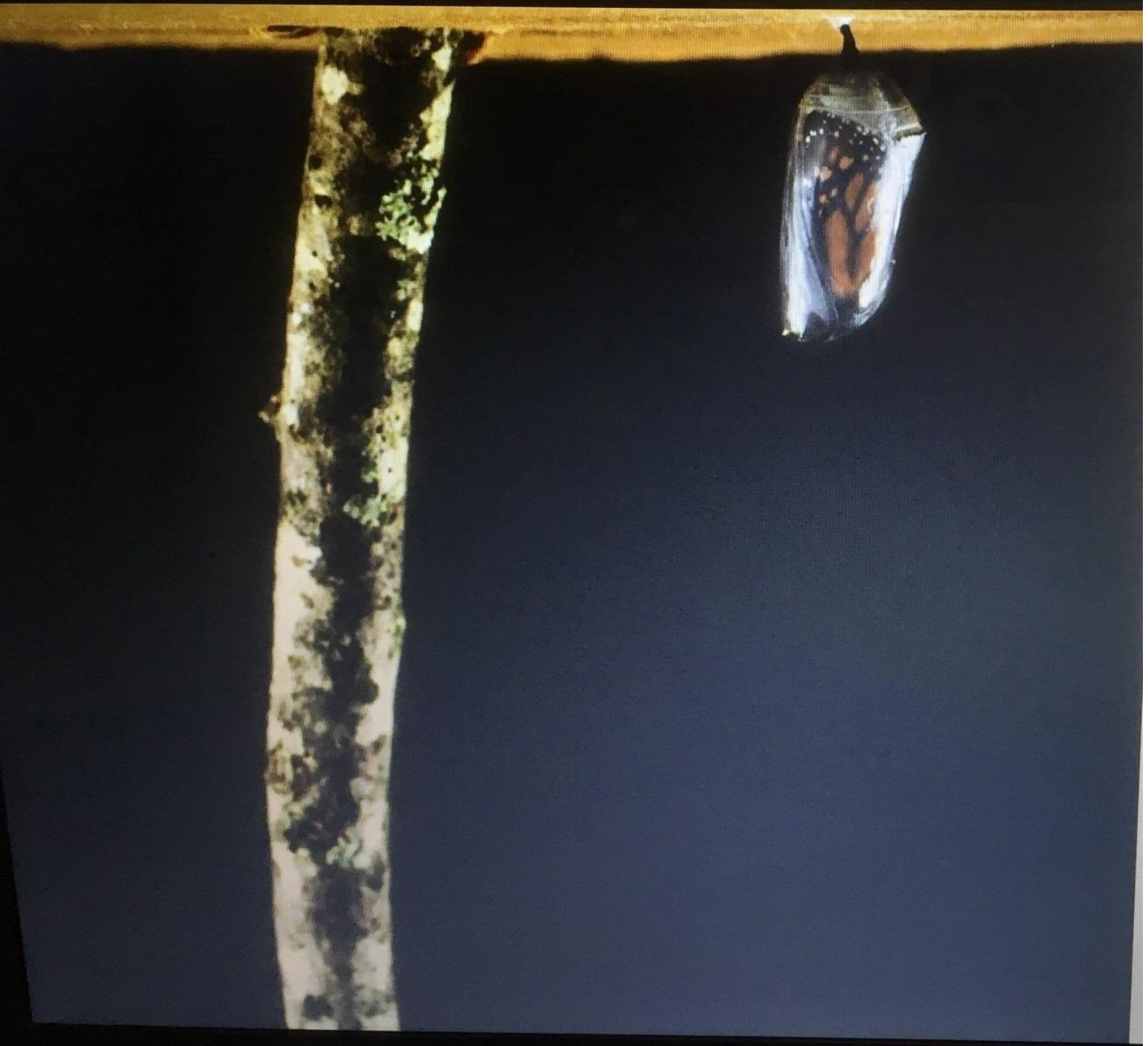

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God used metaphors, analogies, proclamations, parables, figures of speech, and more

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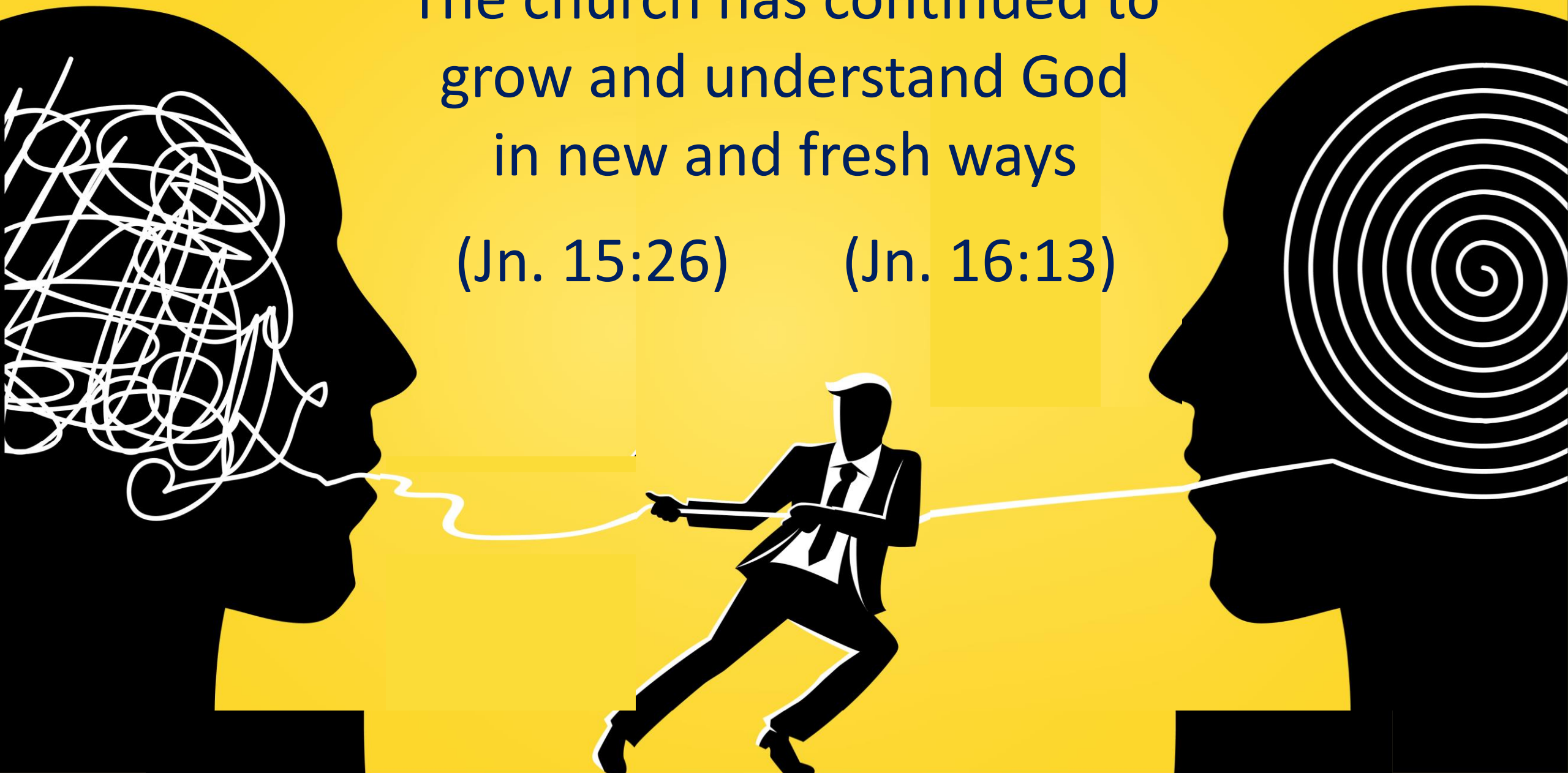

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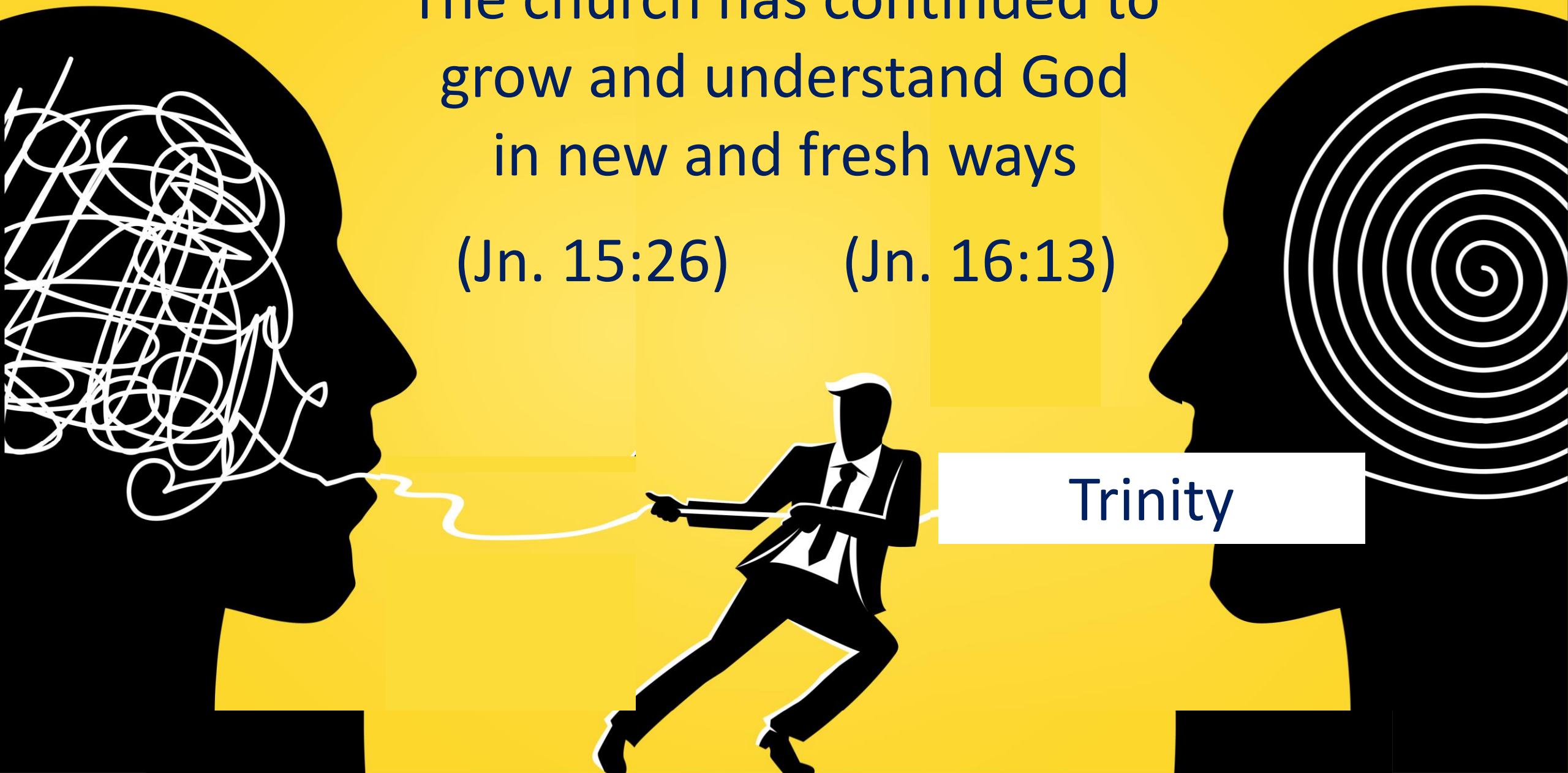

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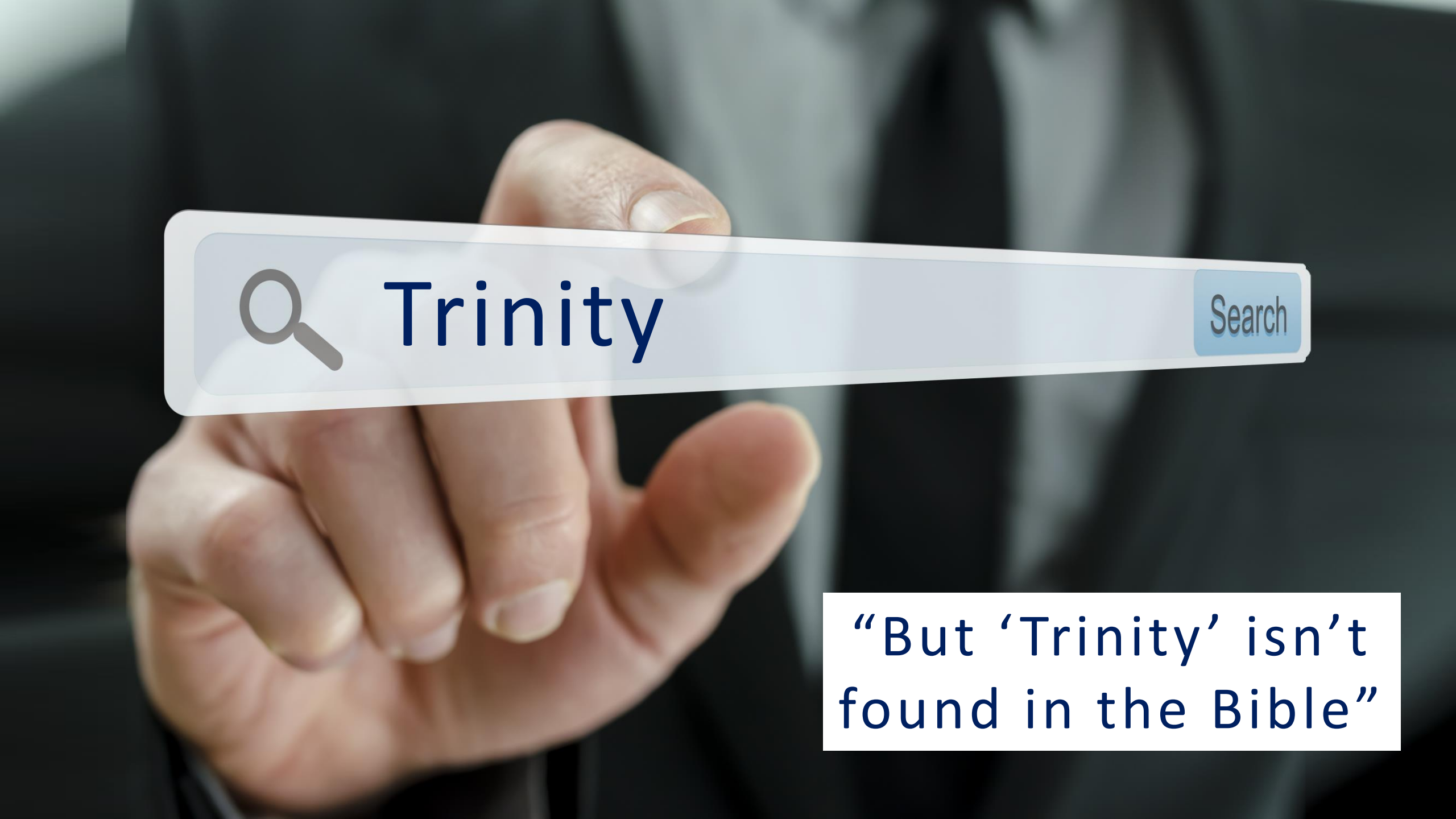

"But 'Trinity' isn't found in the Bible"

Yes
No

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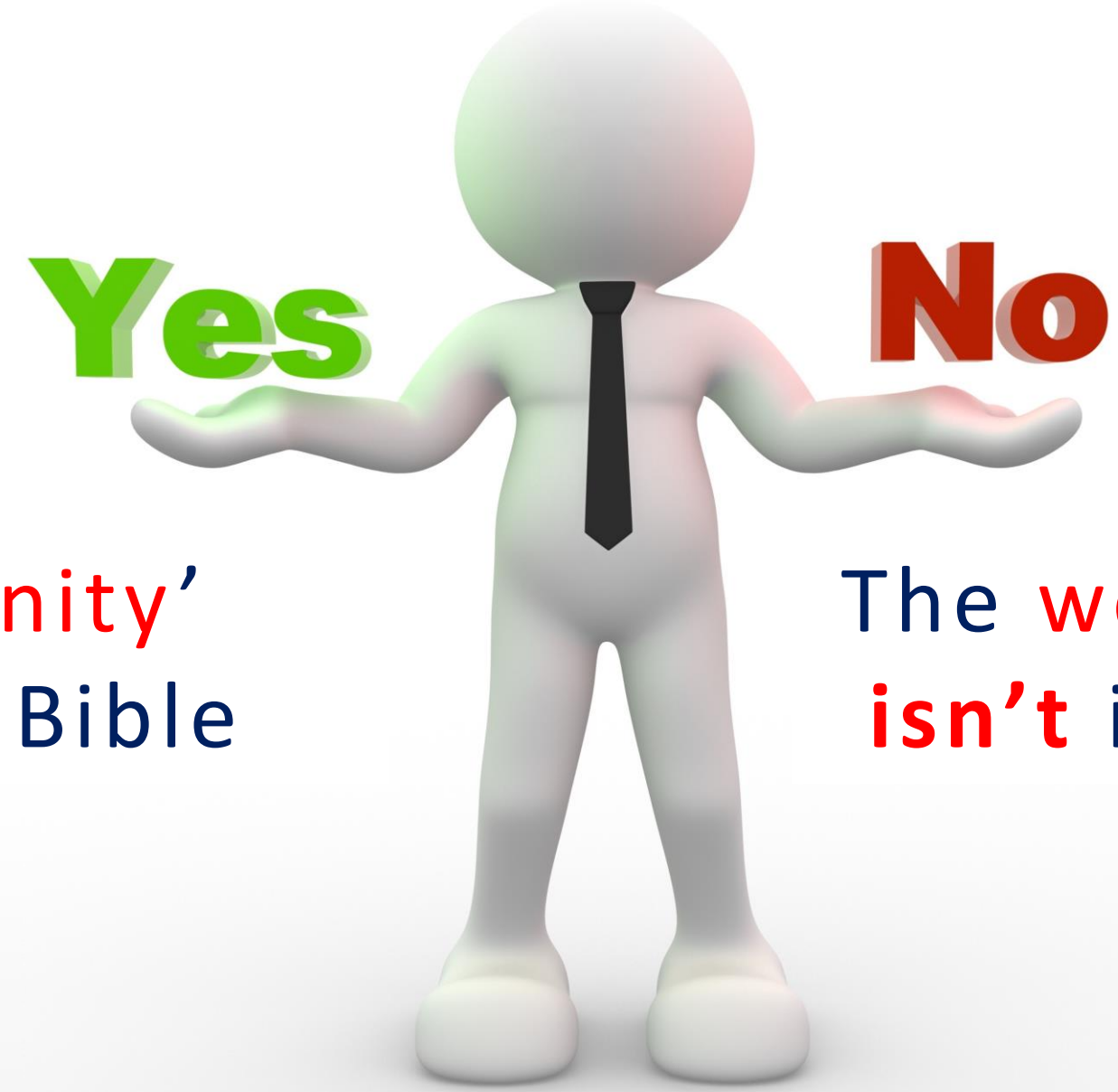

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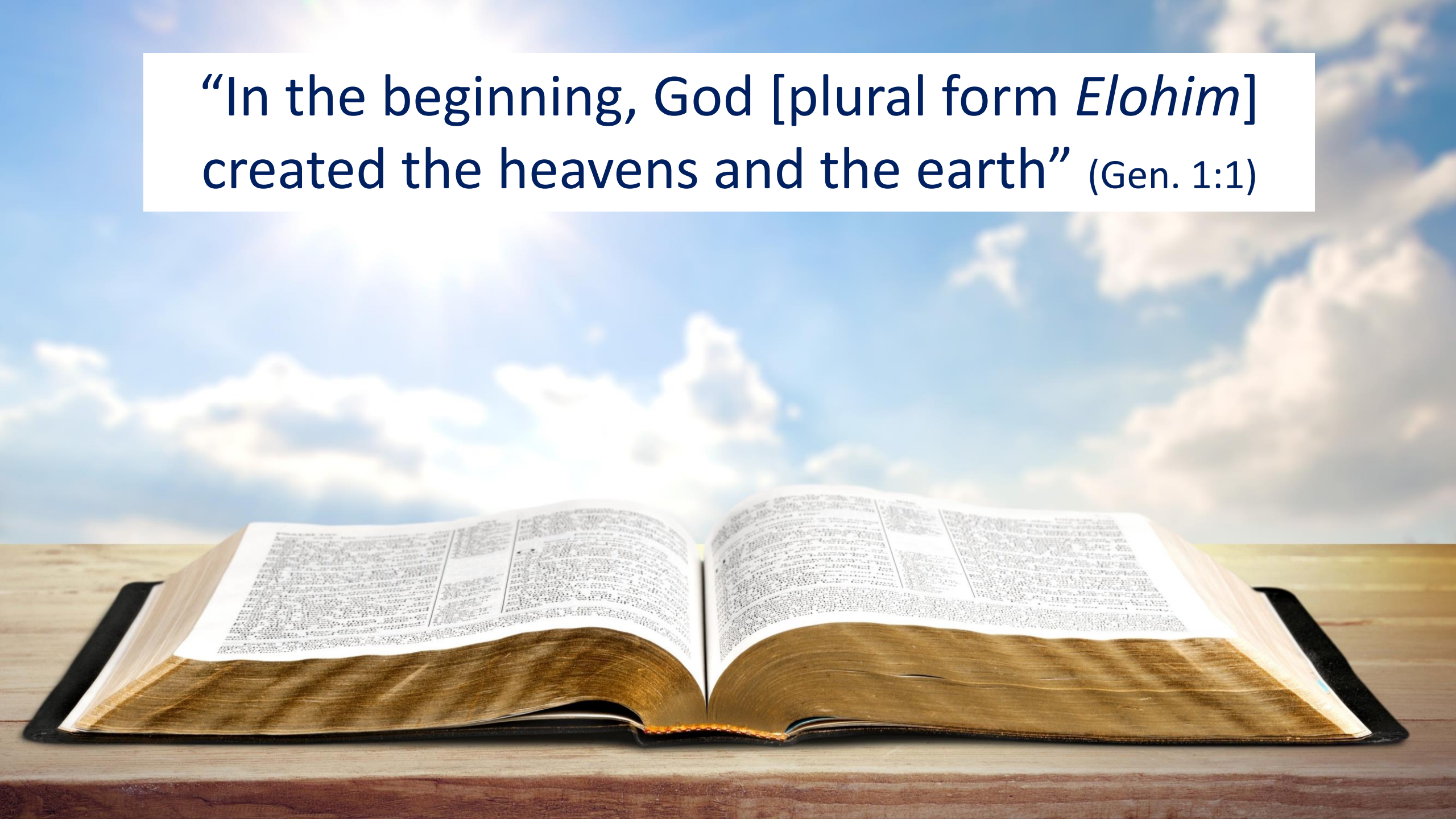
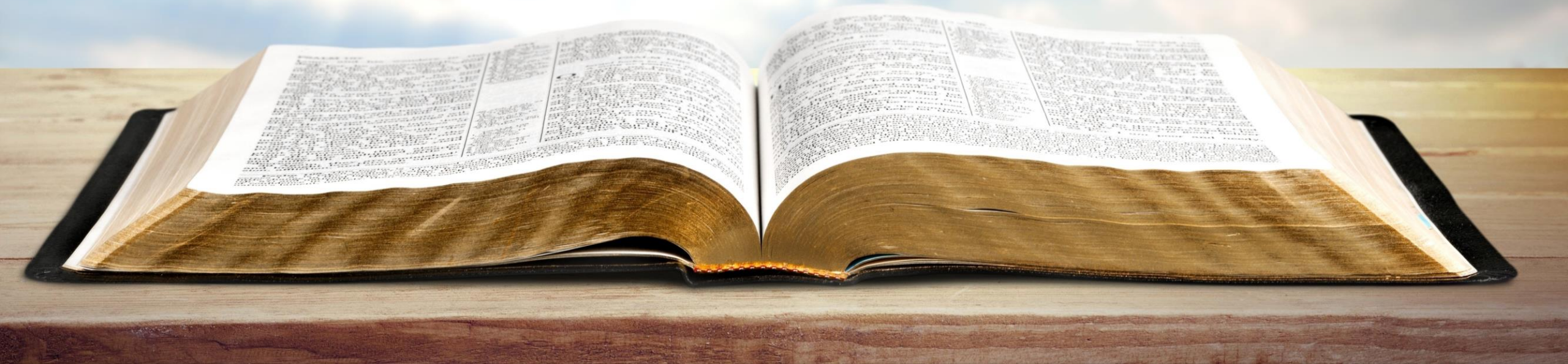
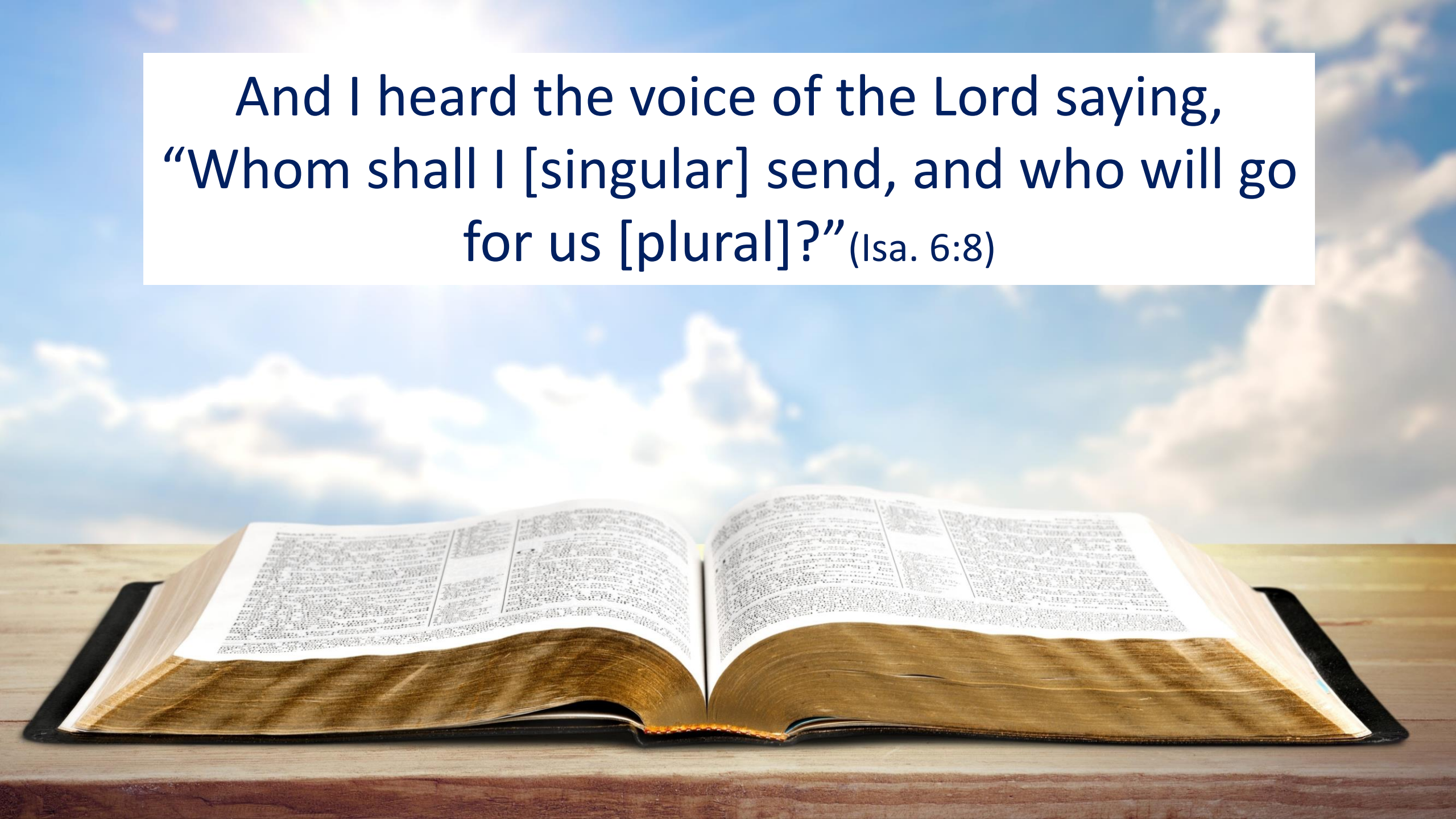


"In the beginning, God [plural form *Elohim*] created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1)

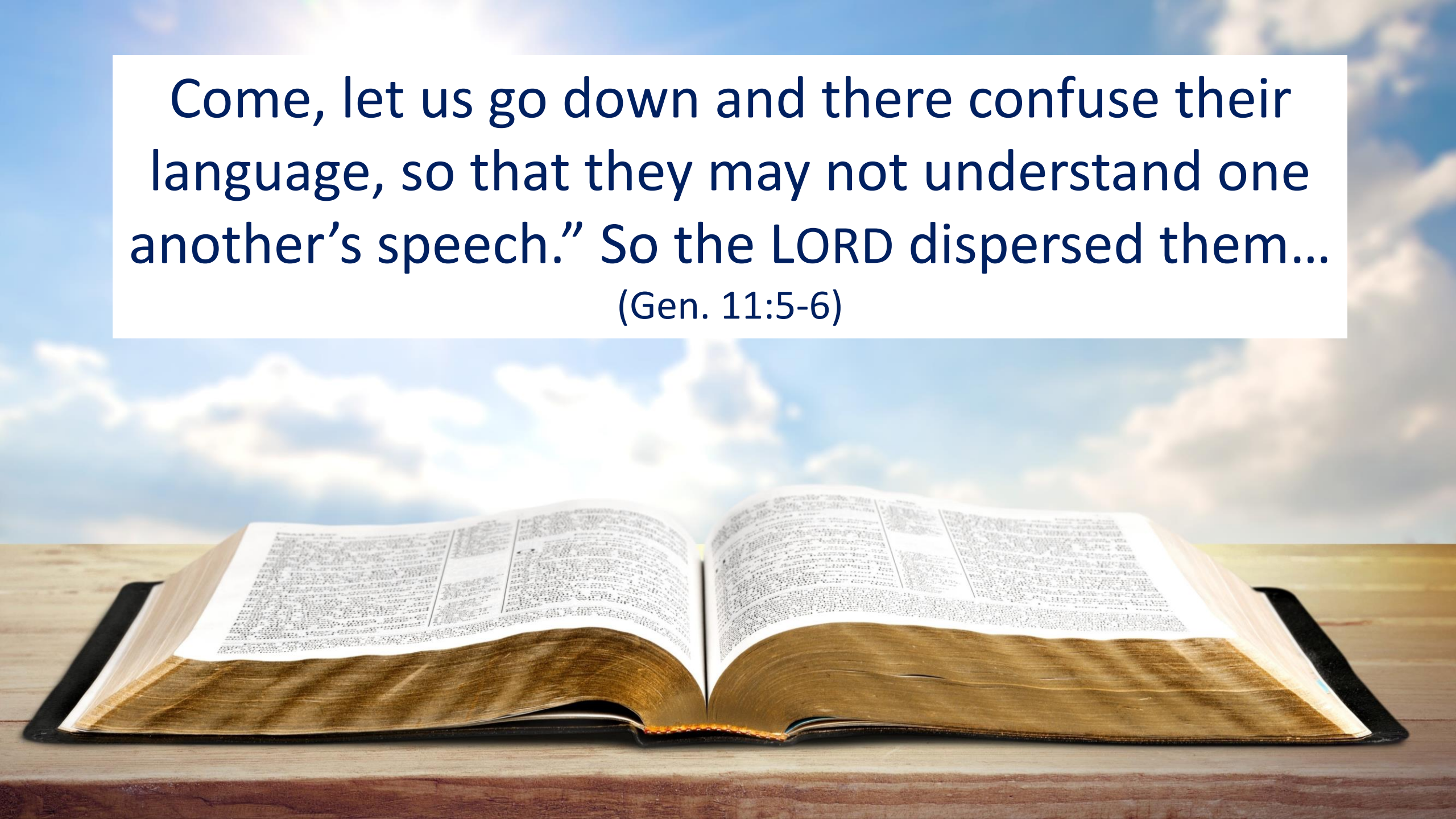
"Then God [plural form *Elohim*] said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." (Gen. 1:26)




And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I [singular] send, and who will go for us [plural]?”(Isa. 6:8)

Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them…

(Gen. 11:5-6)



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God as “Spirit”

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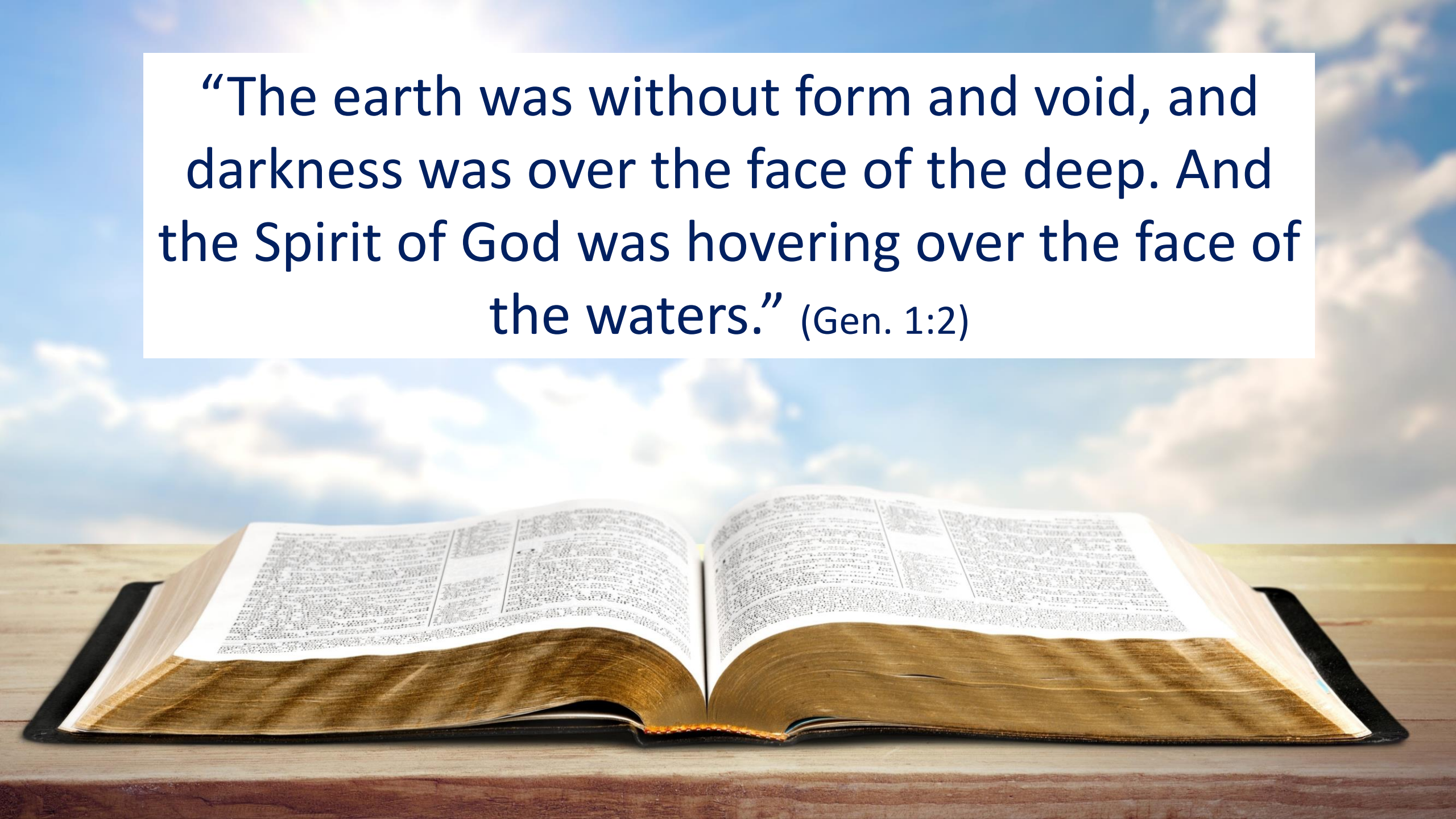
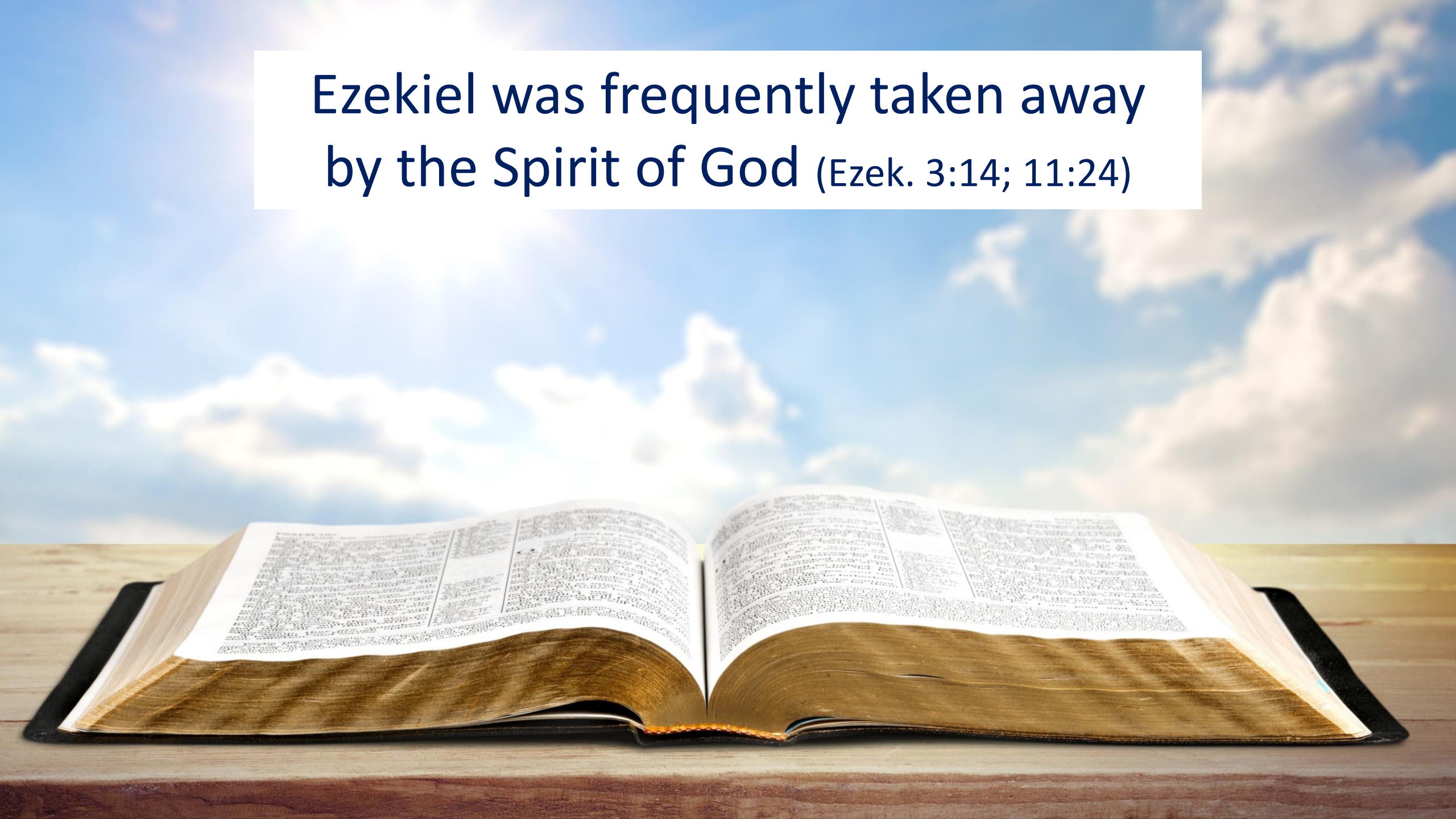
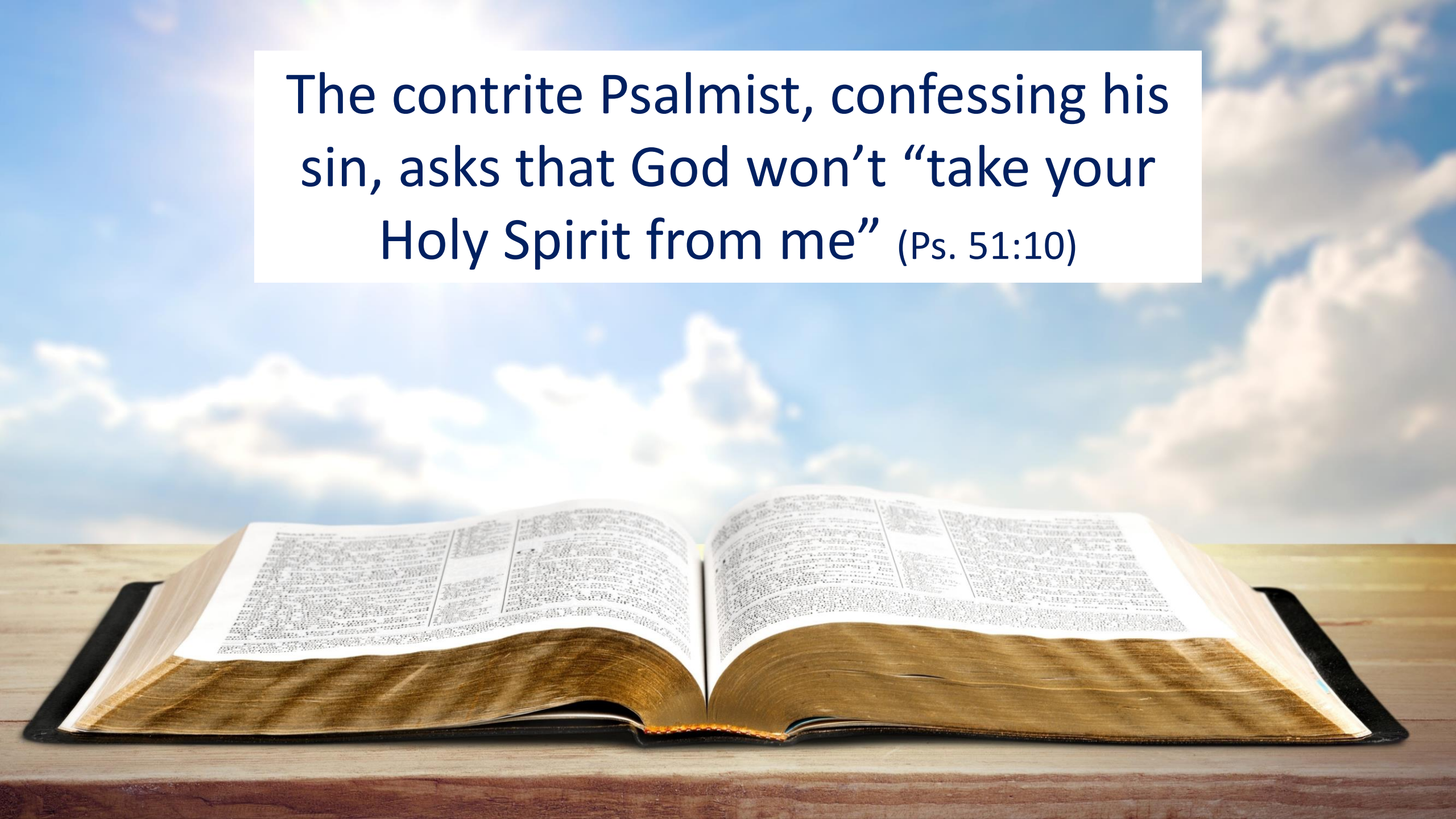
“The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” (Gen. 1:2)



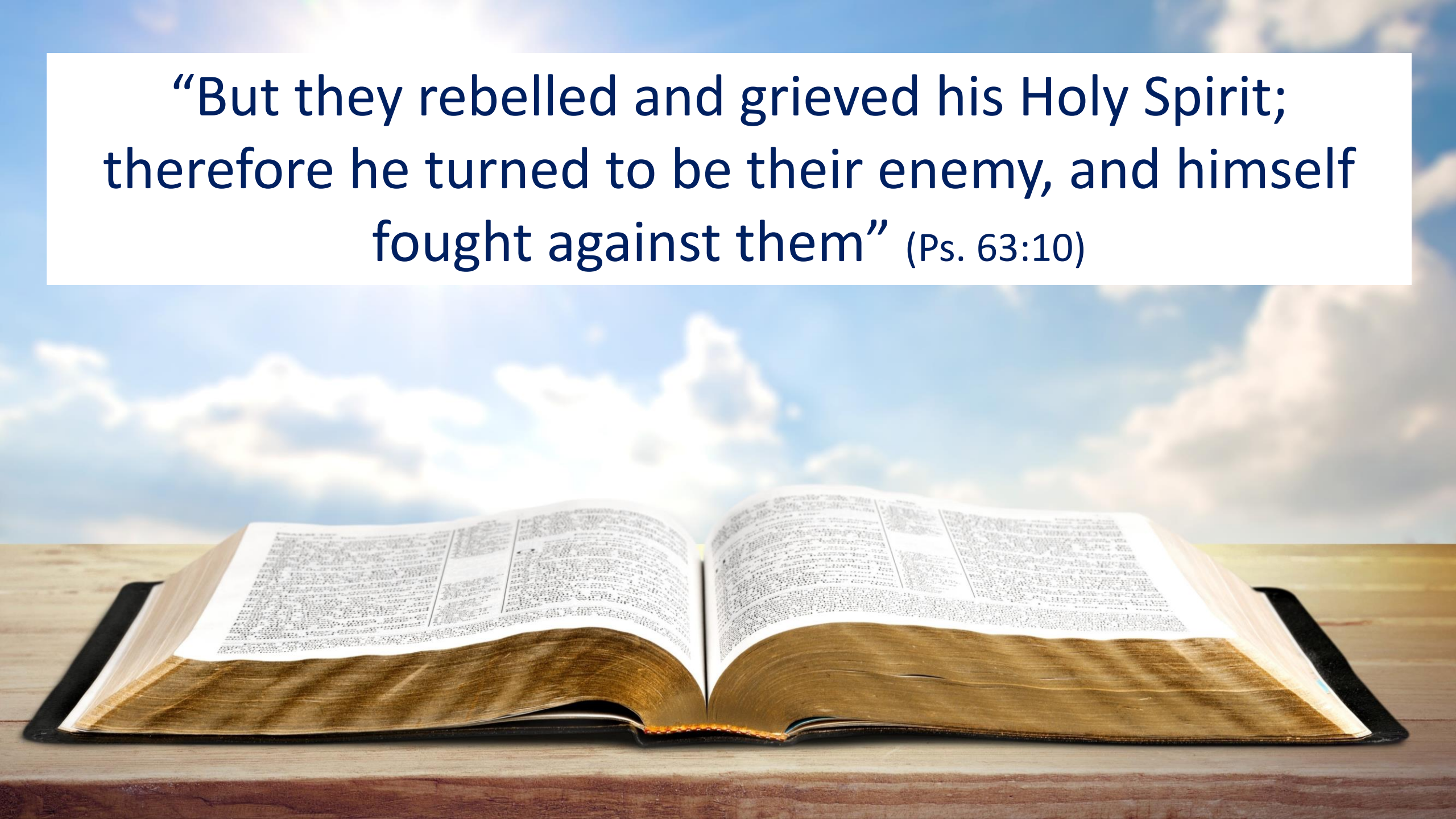
Ezekiel was frequently taken away by the Spirit of God (Ezek. 3:14; 11:24)



The contrite Psalmist, confessing his sin, asks that God won't "take your Holy Spirit from me" (Ps. 51:10)



“But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them” (Ps. 63:10)



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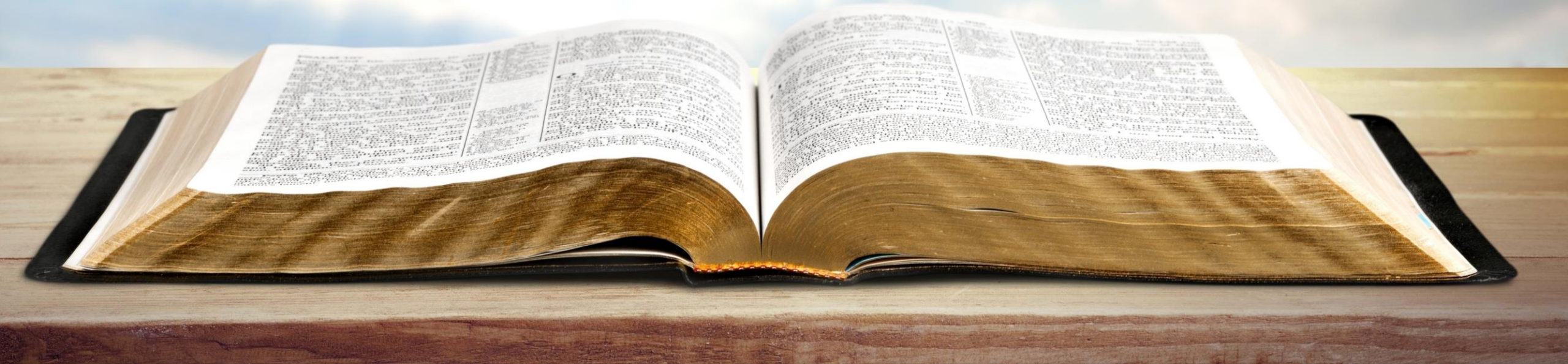
“And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre” (Gen. 18:1)

“He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him” (Gen. 18:2)



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"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD"
– Isa. 55:8

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"For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
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"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!" – Isa. 6:3

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