

The Greatness of God

INTERESTS

Examining God's CV

CV

CURRICULUM
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Do you know the word “taxonomy”?

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It is **NOT** the study of taxis!



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It **is**
the science of
classifying things!



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So:
**What makes God
“God”?**



Most ancients thought
gods were simply the
best of humanity in
super-sized ways



Lets be **different!**





The BIG question:
**What is the
nature of God?**



Is God
made up of atoms?

God?



God?



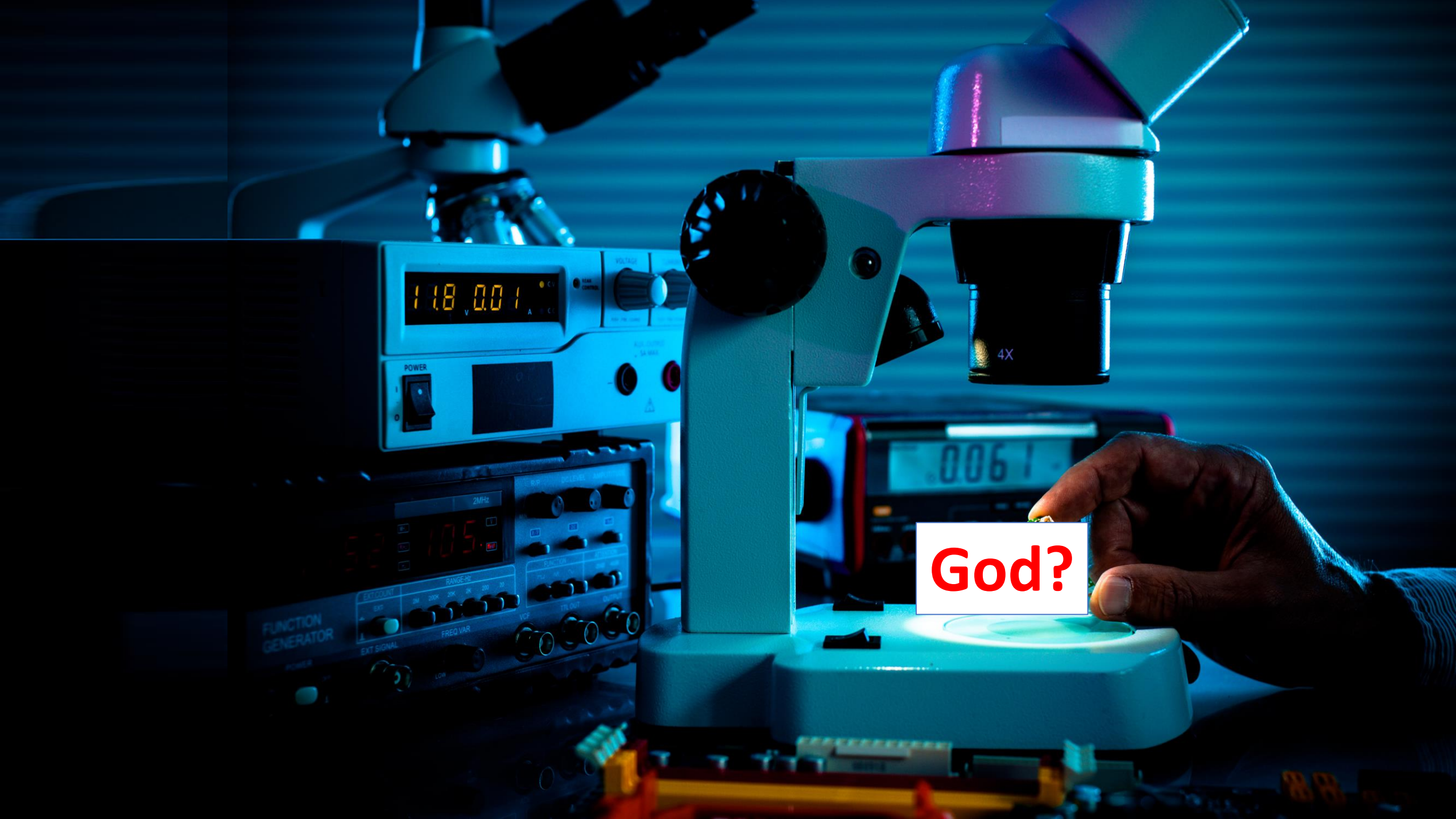


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How do we
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Drawing metaphors and analogies can help make sense of difficult material

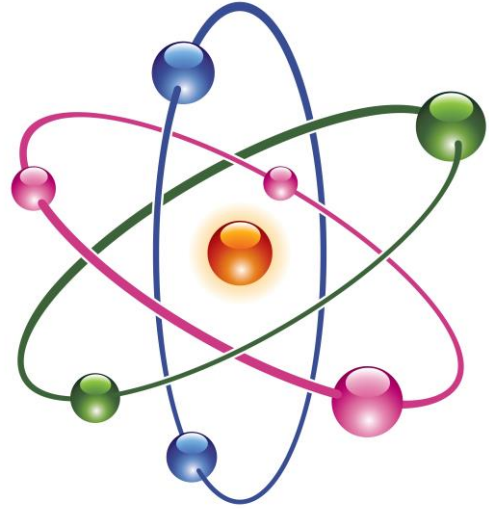
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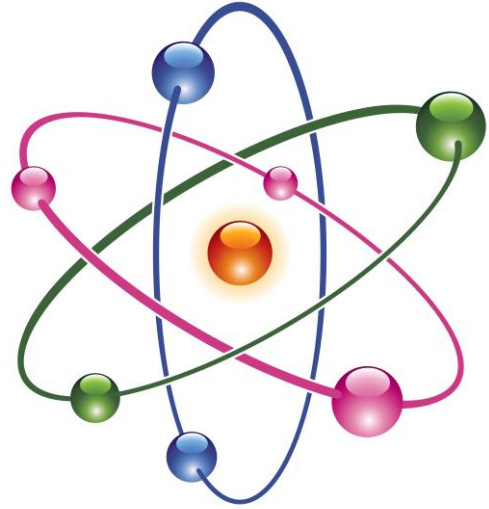
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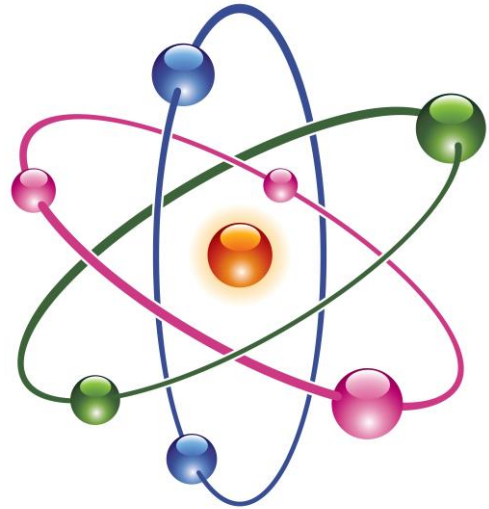
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**4 times smaller
than a dust mite**



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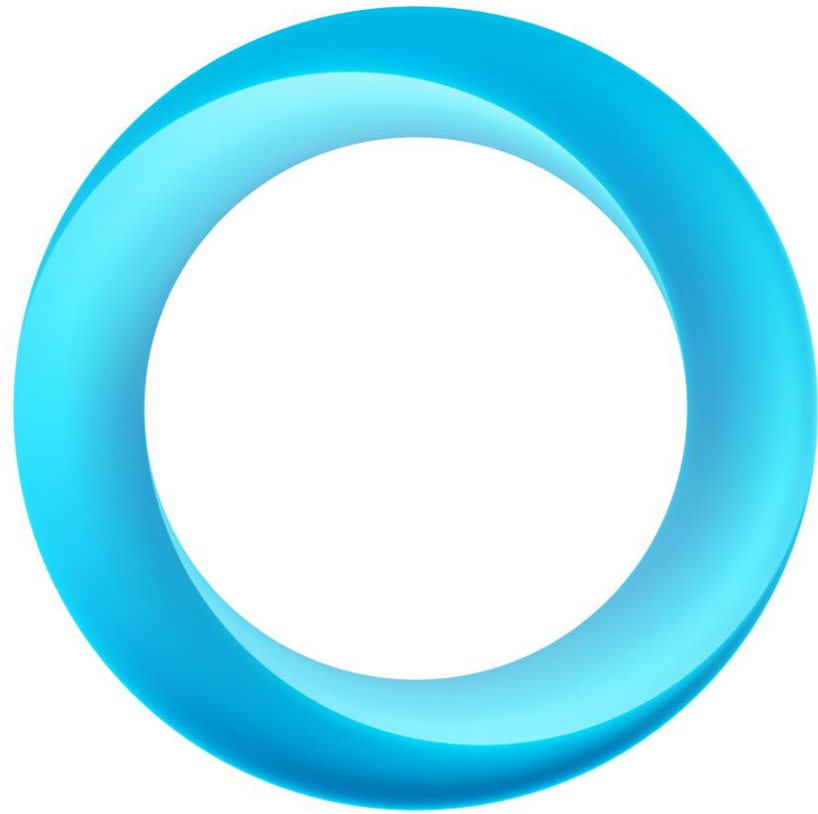
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God has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure (Isa. 40:12)

**How precious to me are your thoughts,
O God! How vast is the sum of them!
If I would count them, they are more than
the sand. I awake, and I am still with you
(Ps. 139:17-18)**



God has
no beginning
no ending

The “aseity” of God



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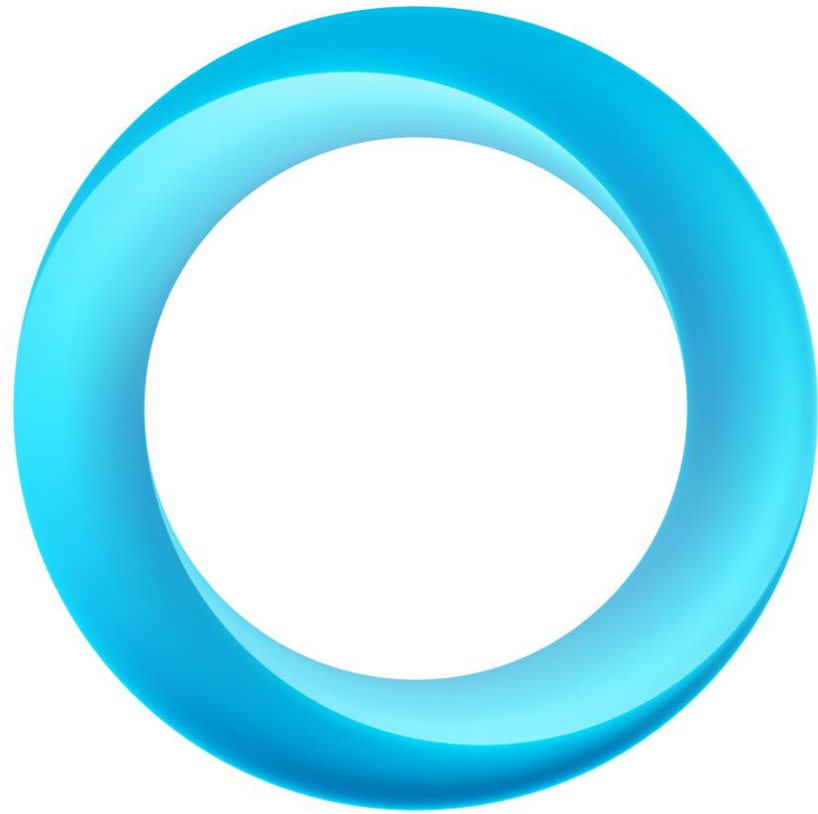
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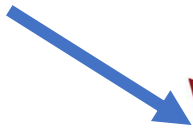
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Some analogies are better than others, but all breakdown at some point



The Trinity in Analogies: God is One and Three



God is Peel,
flesh, and
seed?

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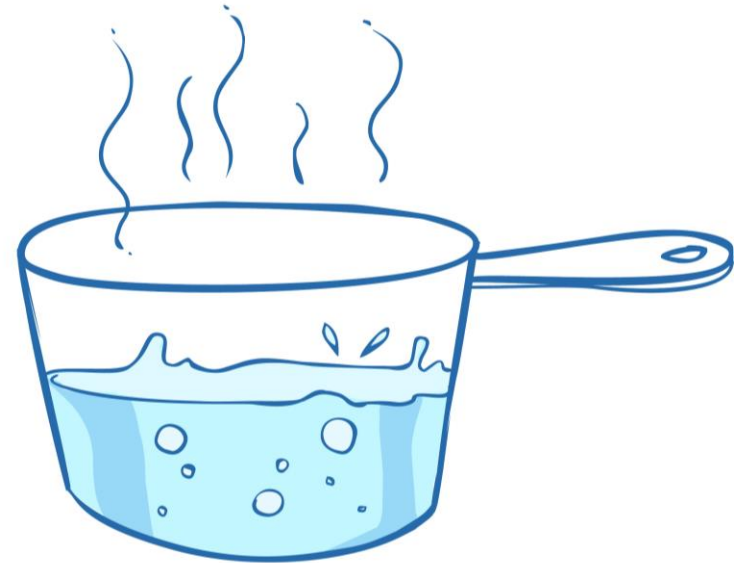
God (H₂O) is ice, water, and steam?



Solid



Liquid



Gas



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

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grow and understand God
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“But ‘Trinity’ isn’t found in the Bible”





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A 3D white figure is shown from the waist up, holding a sign that says "No". The figure is positioned on the right side of the image, with its right arm extended towards the sign. The sign is a large, bold, red "No" with a slight shadow. The figure is standing on a light gray surface.

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From *tribus* (three)



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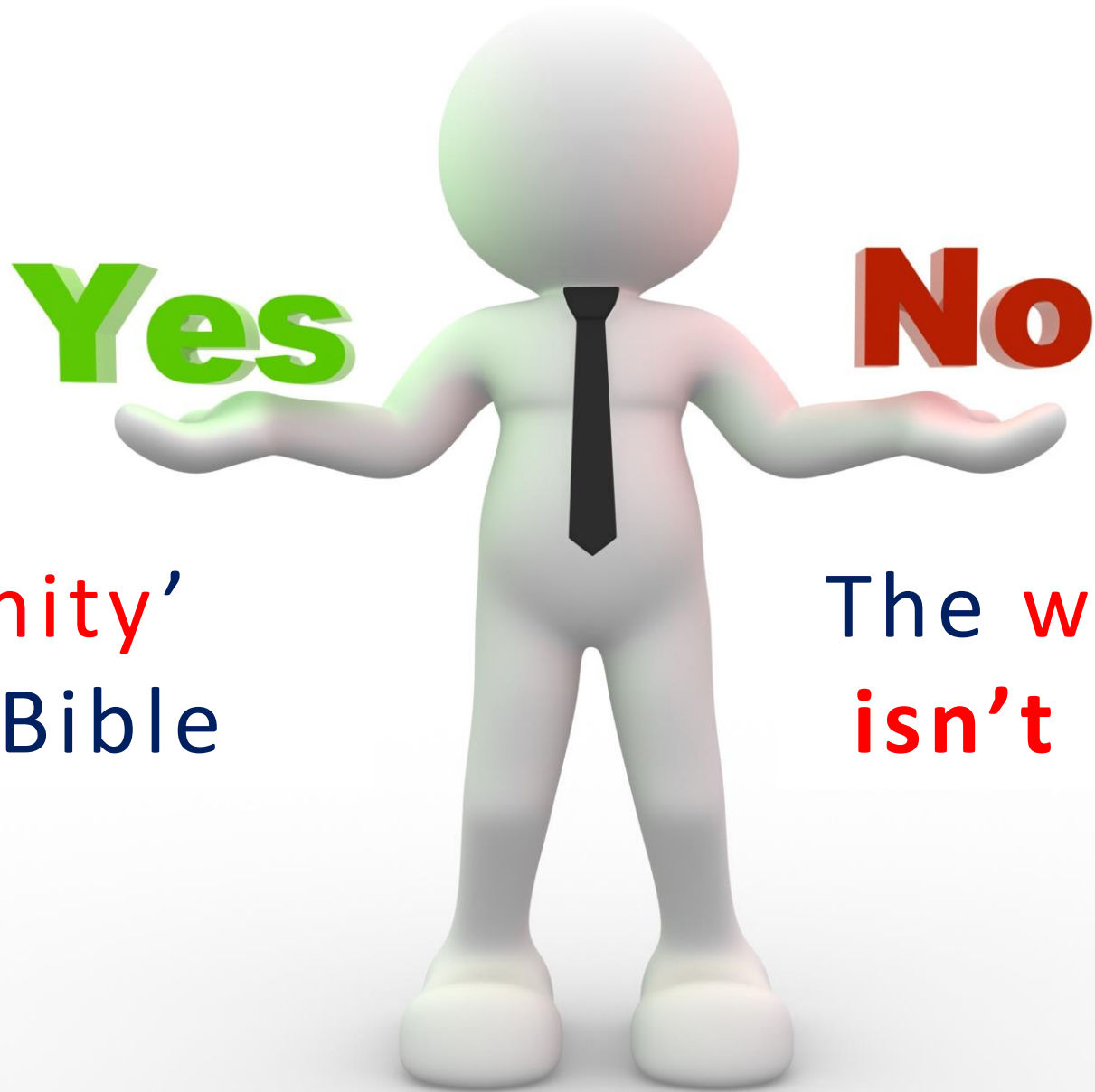
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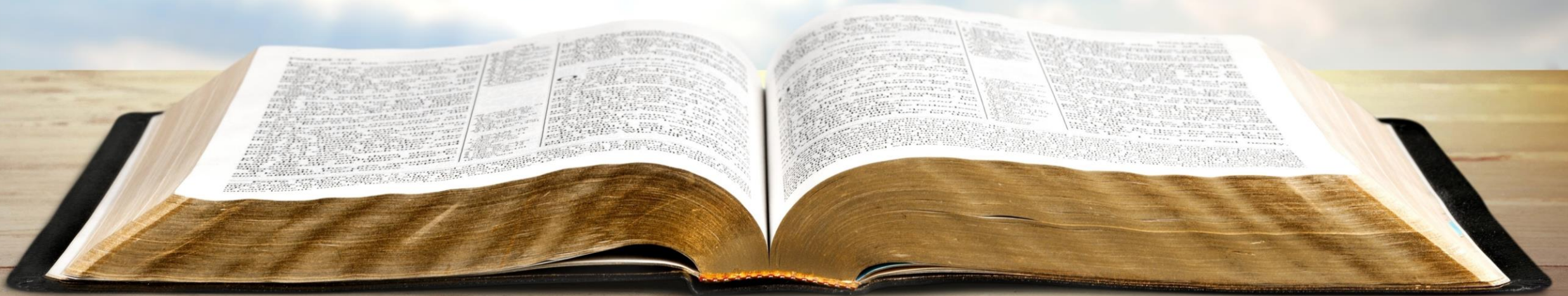
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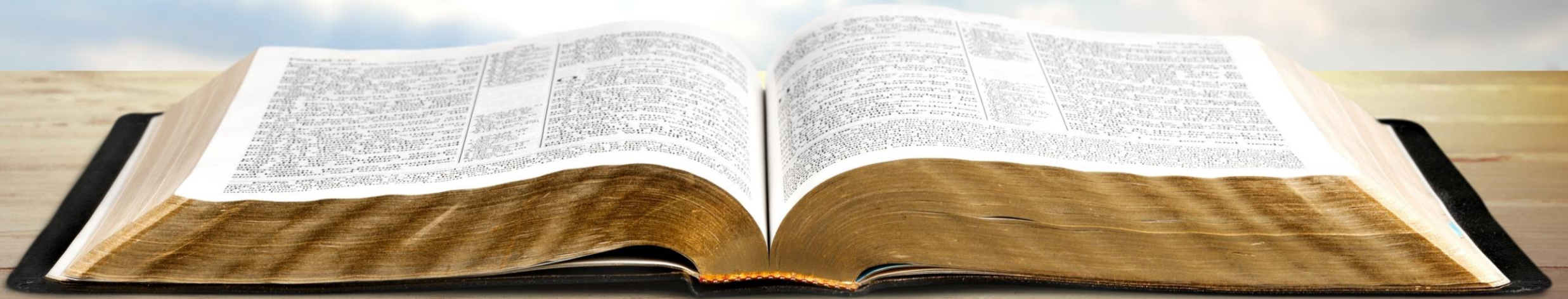
God as “one”

**“You believe that God is one; you do well.
Even the demons believe—and shudder!”**

(Jms. 2:19)

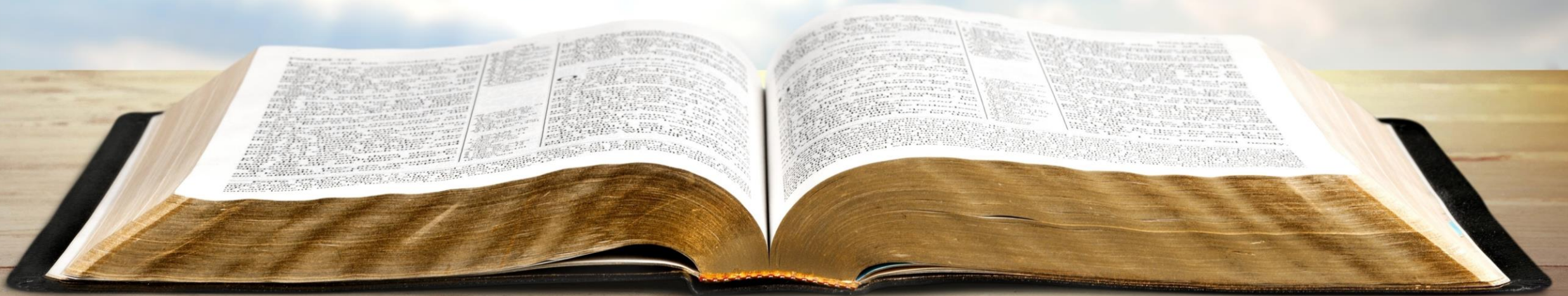


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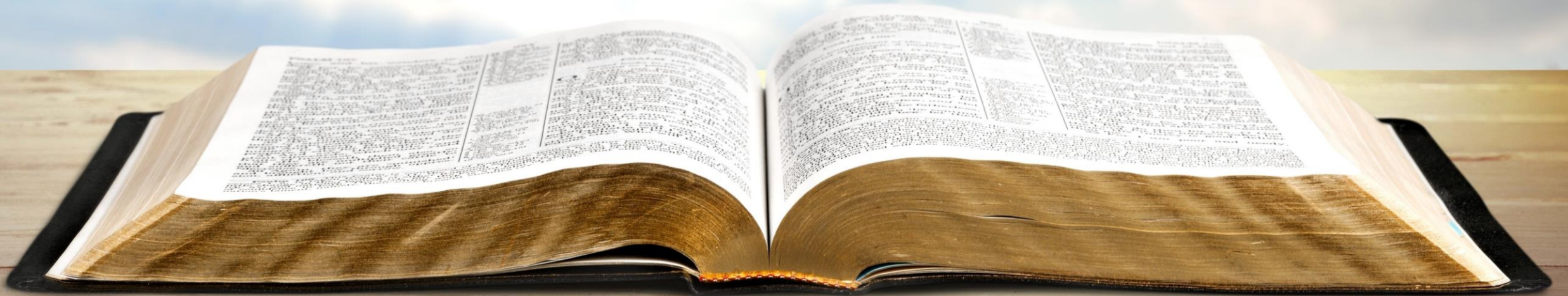
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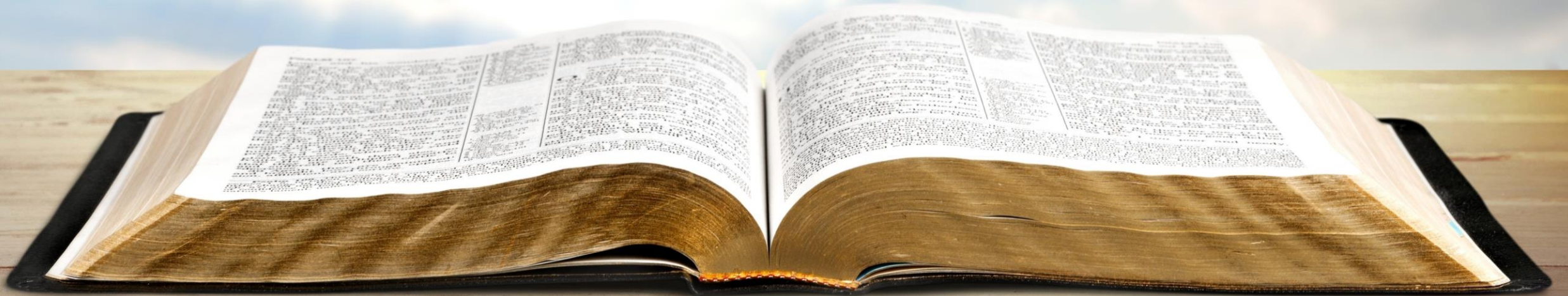
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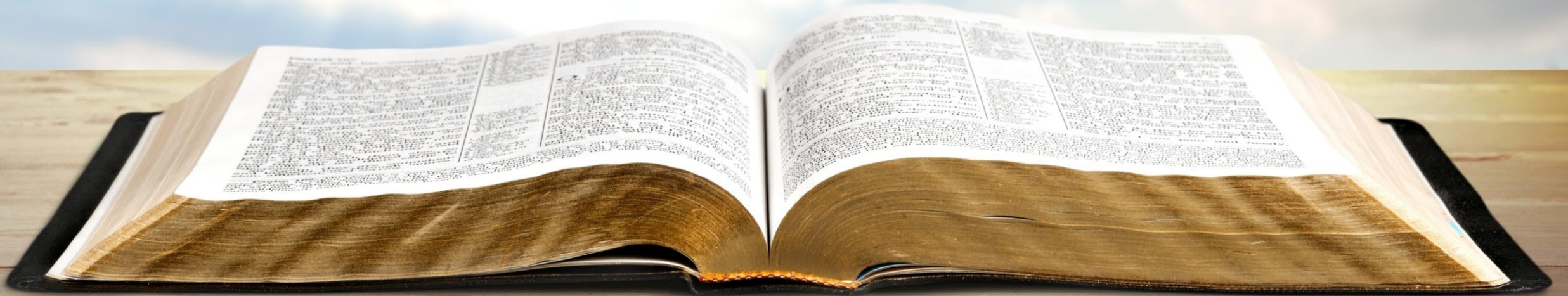
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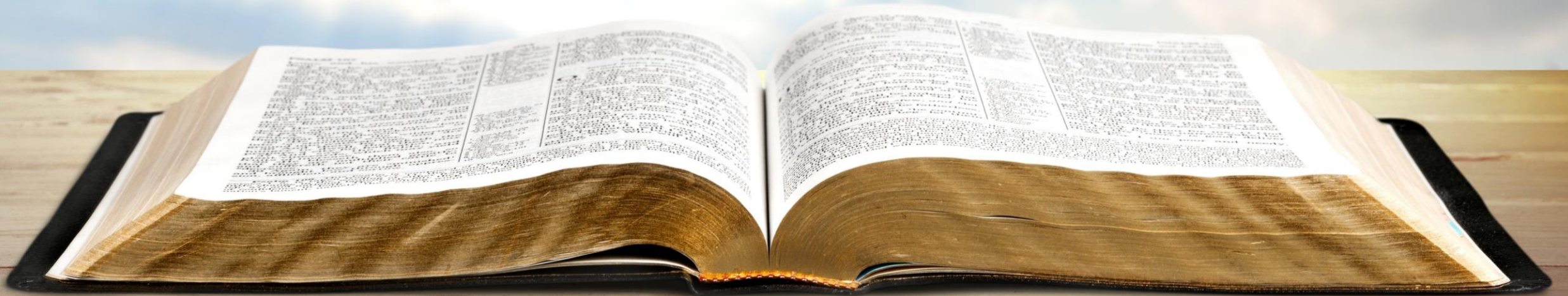


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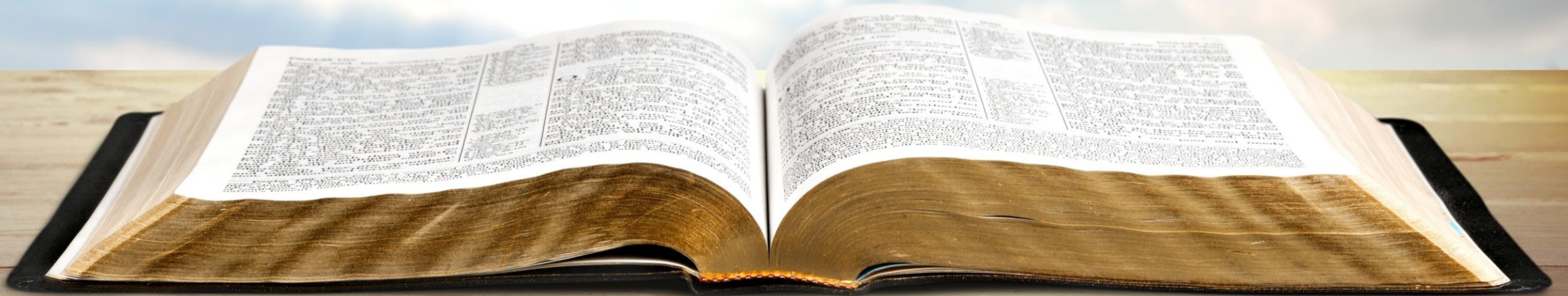
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“there is no God but
one.” (1 Cor. 8:4)



“The most important [commandment] is, ‘Hear,
O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one...’
(Mk. 12:29)





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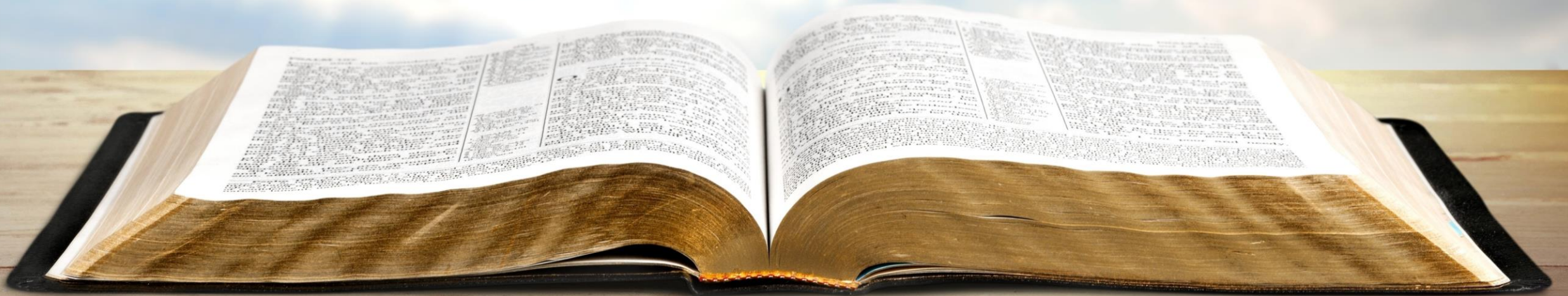
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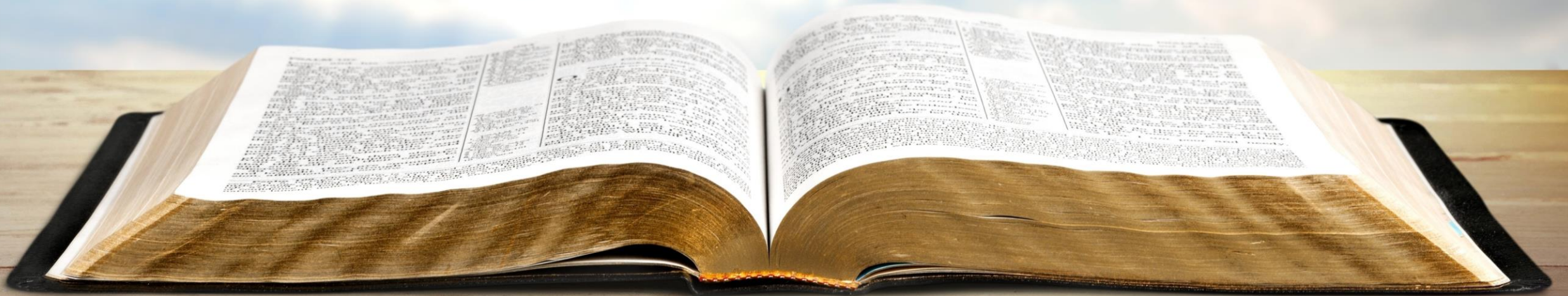
Jesus “was in the **form of God**, did not count **equality with God** a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men”

(Phi. 2:5-11)



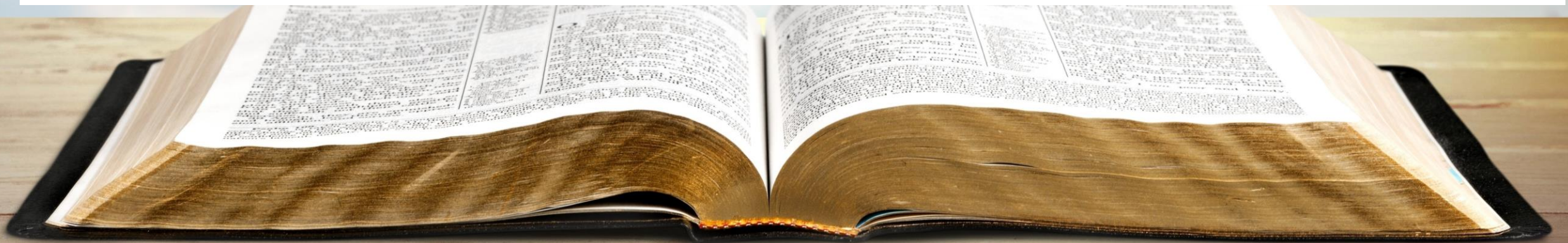
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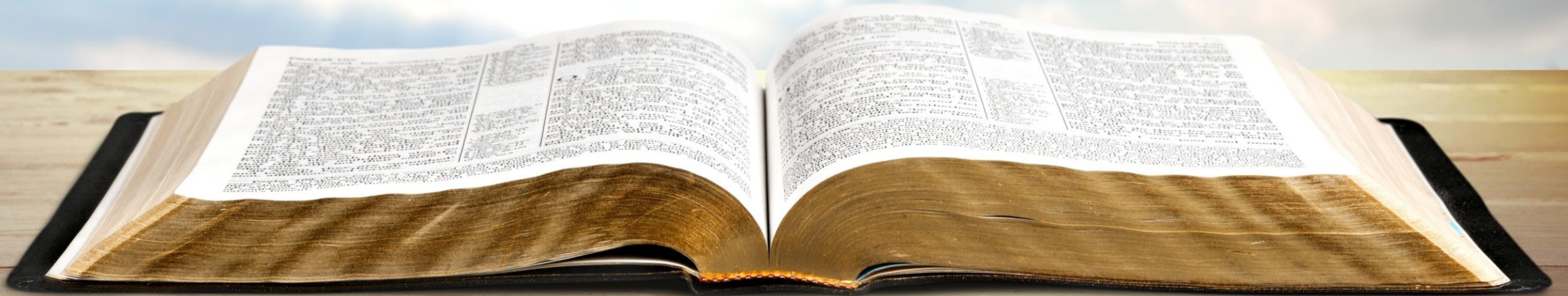


“For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved’... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

(Rom. 10:6, 9)



All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, **God with us**). (Mt. 1:22-23)





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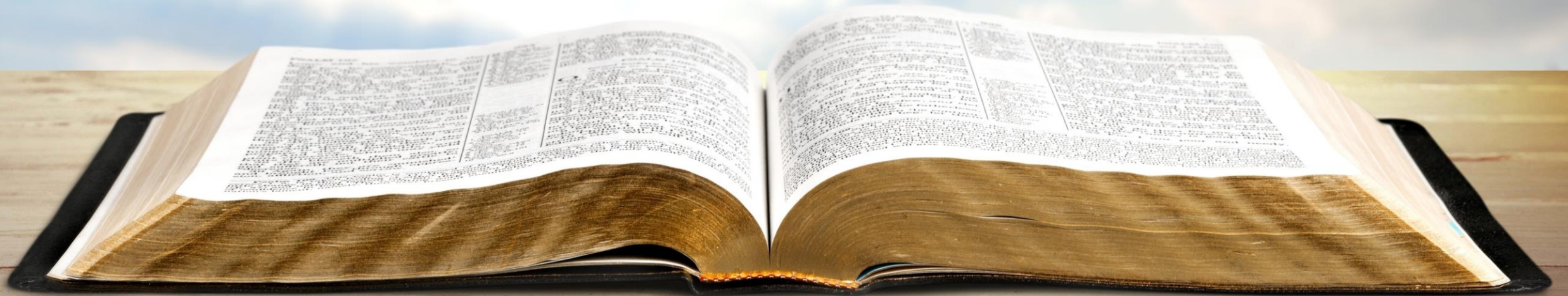
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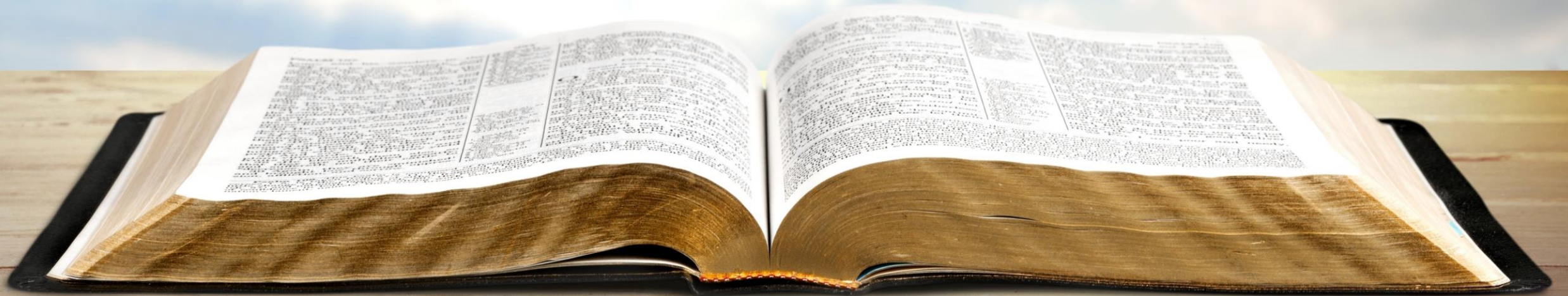
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The Father as God

This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God (Jn. 5:18)



No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is
at the Father's side, he has made him known
(Jn. 1:18)





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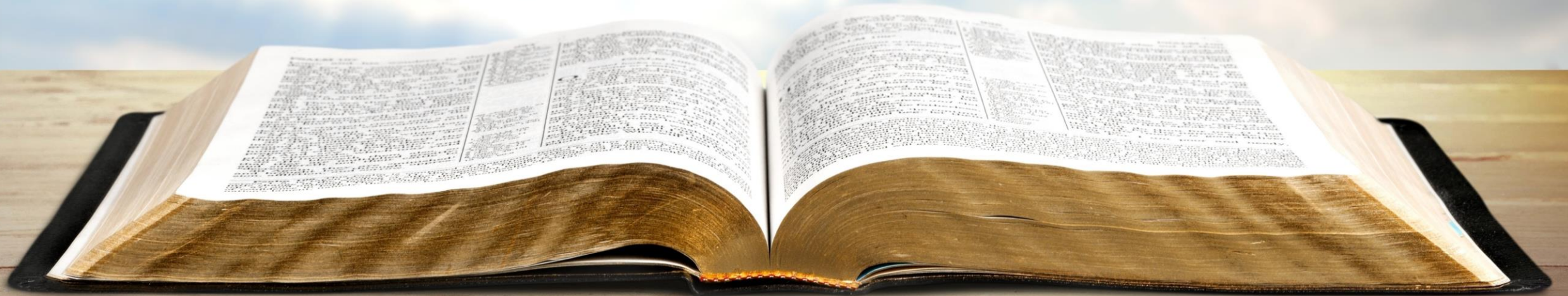
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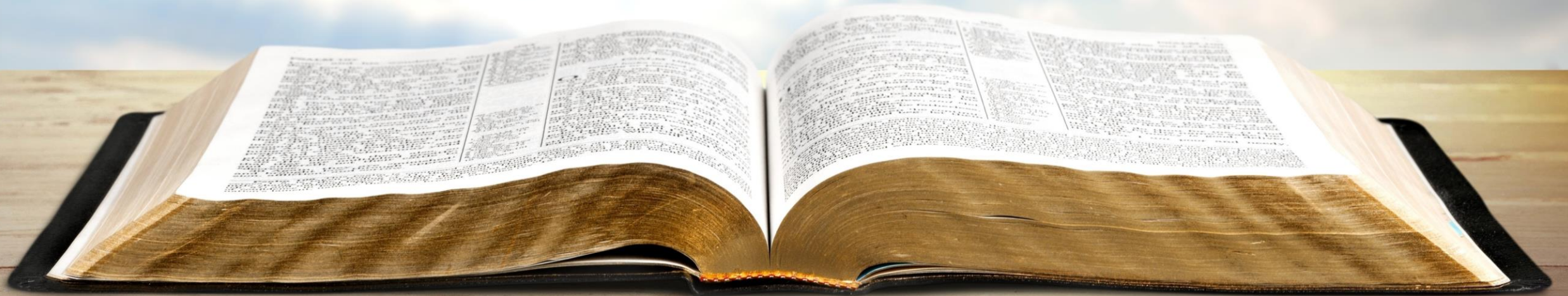
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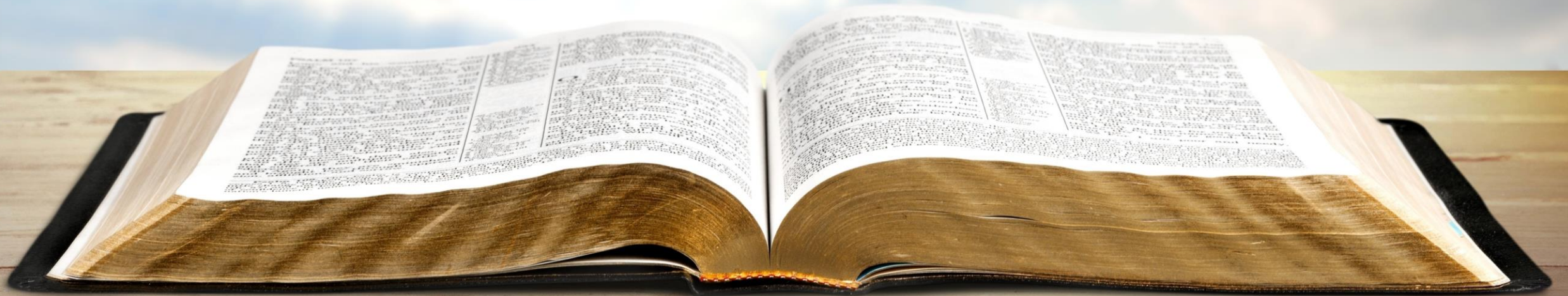
“The heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him” (Mt. 3:16)



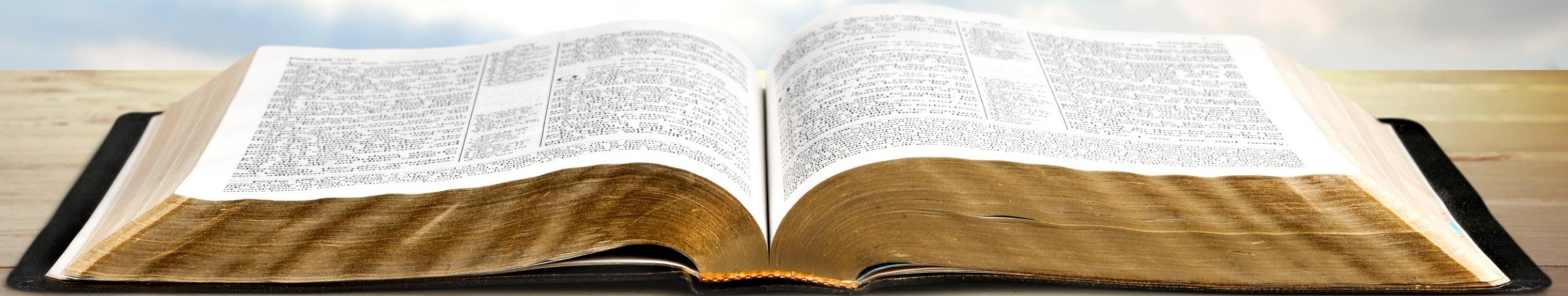
“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me” (Jn. 15:26)



And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30)



For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God (Rom. 8:26-27)



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**Stand amazed
before our Lord**

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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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“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me”

– Jn. 17:20-21

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Worship the Lord



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God as Father, Creator, and Lord;
as Savior, Redeemer, and Son;
as wisdom, strength, inspiration, and Spirit

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