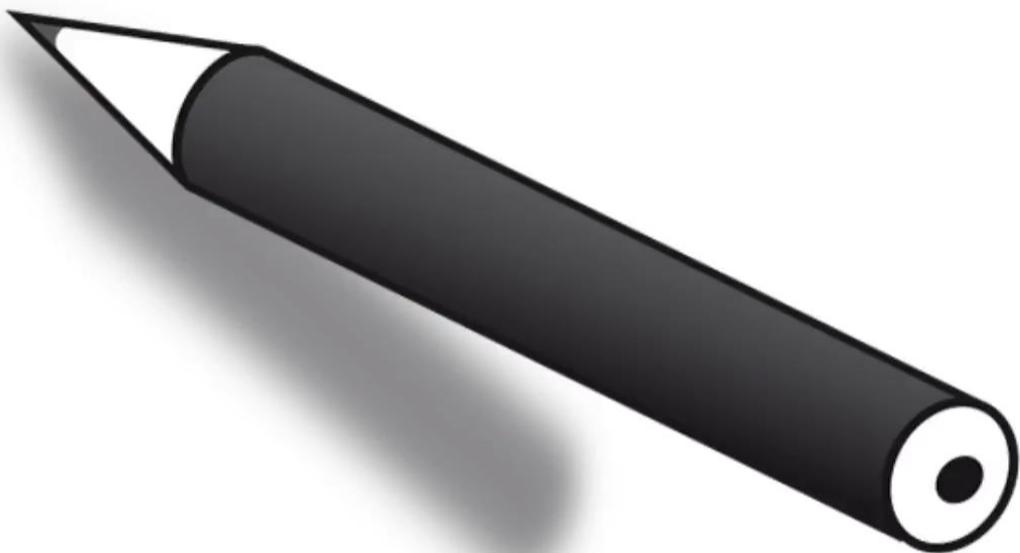




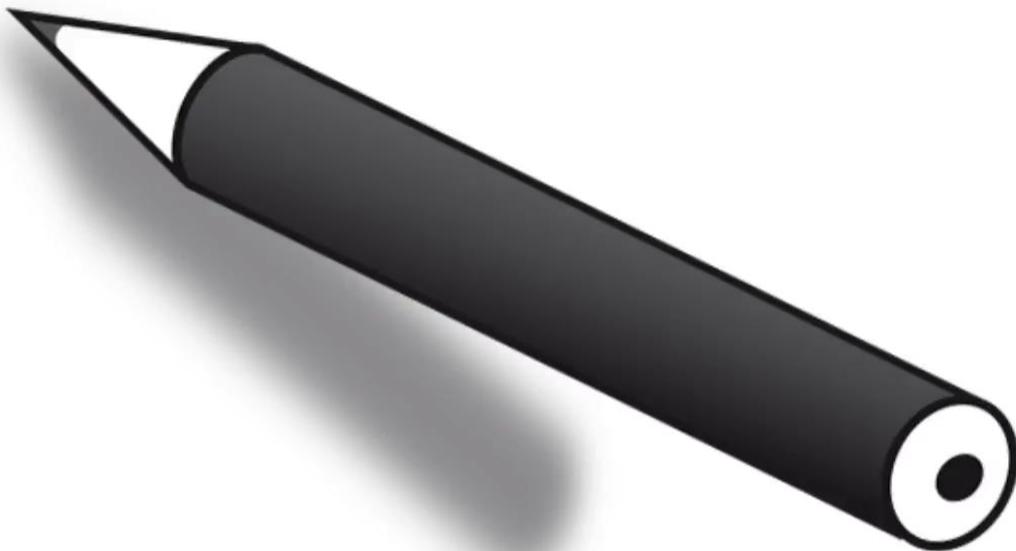
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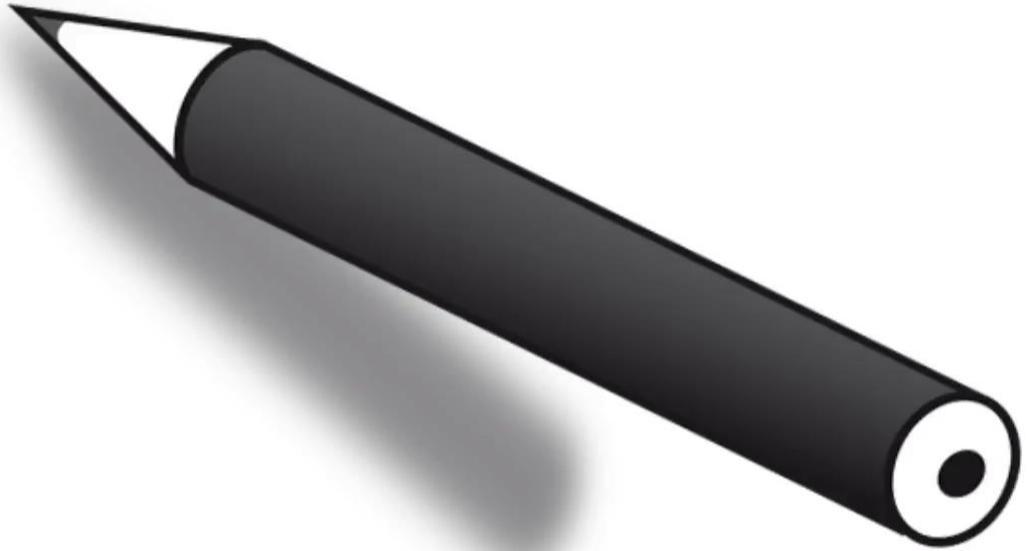


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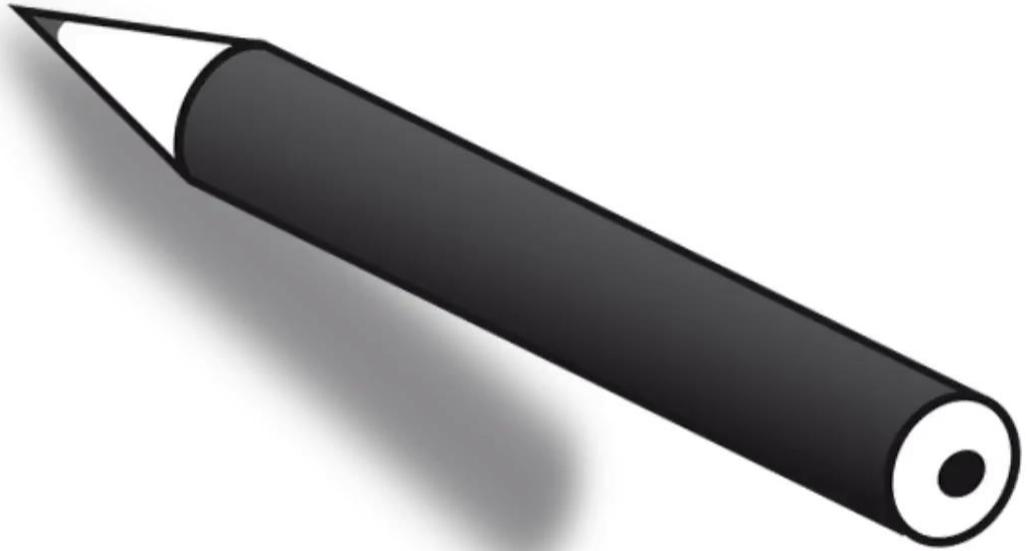
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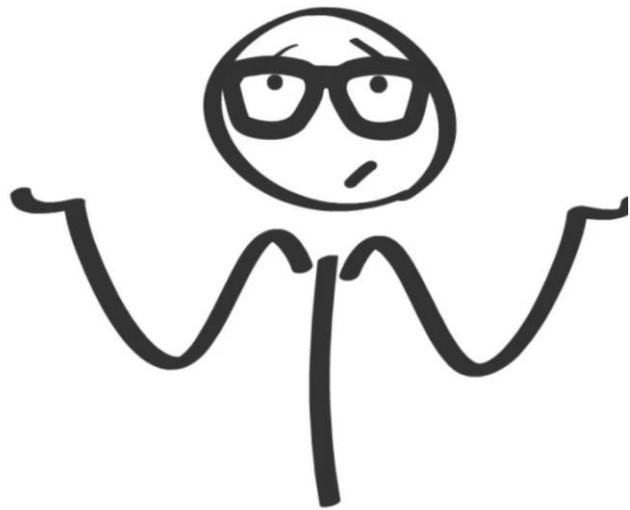
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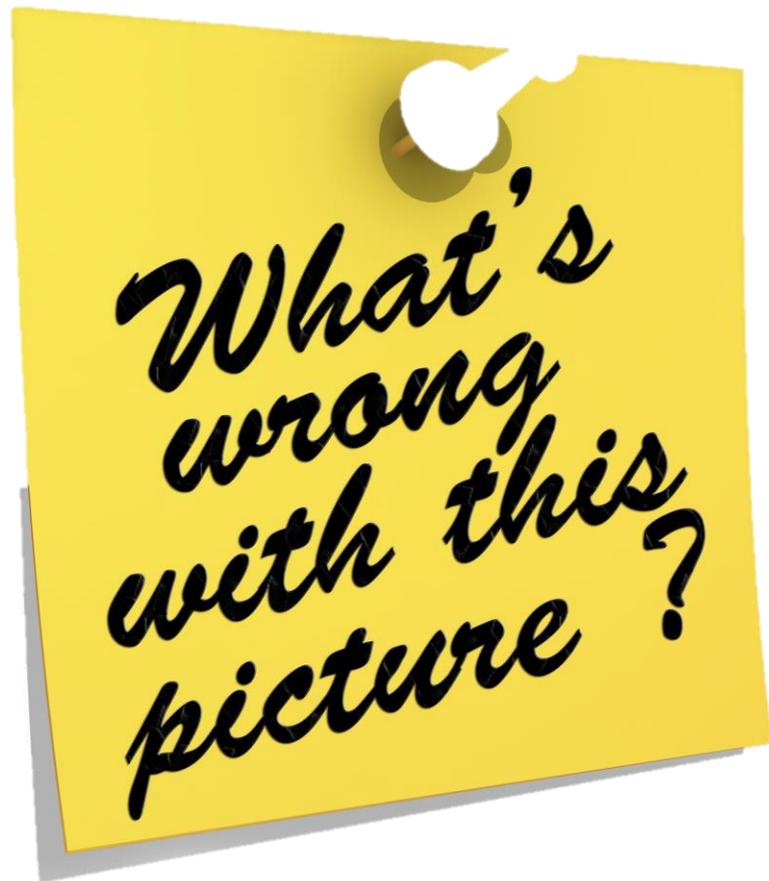
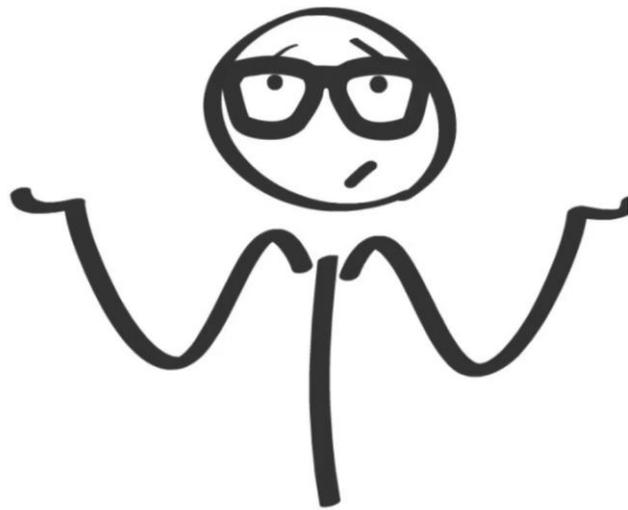
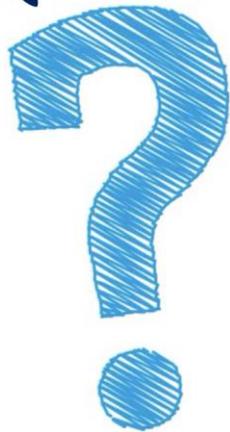
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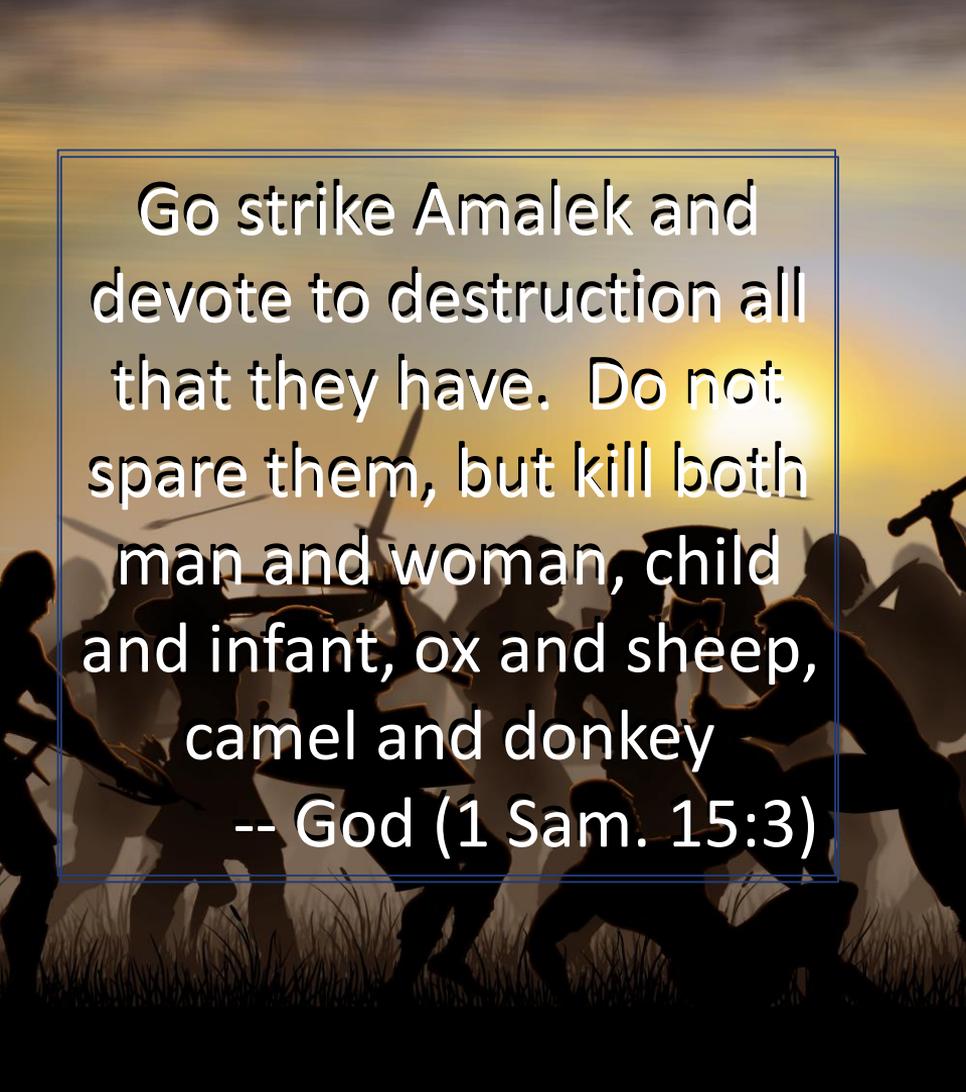


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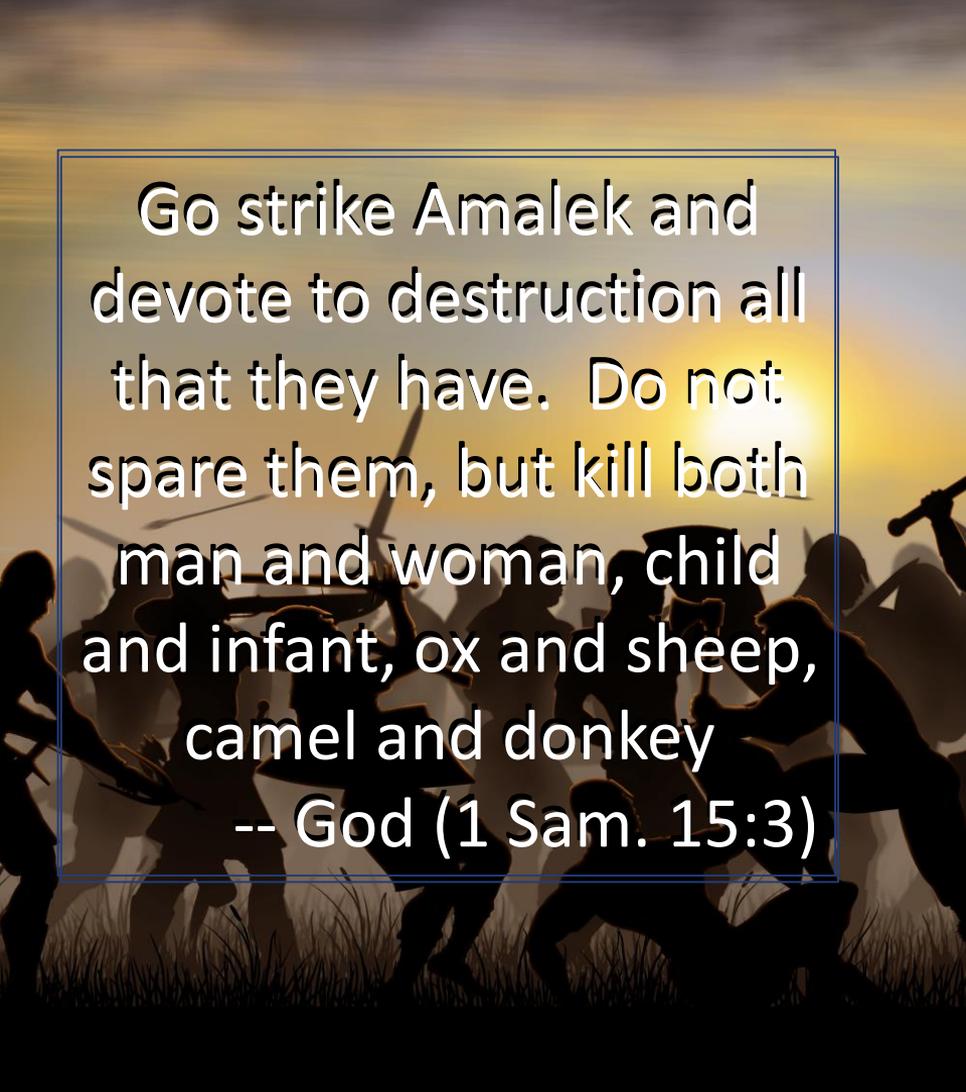


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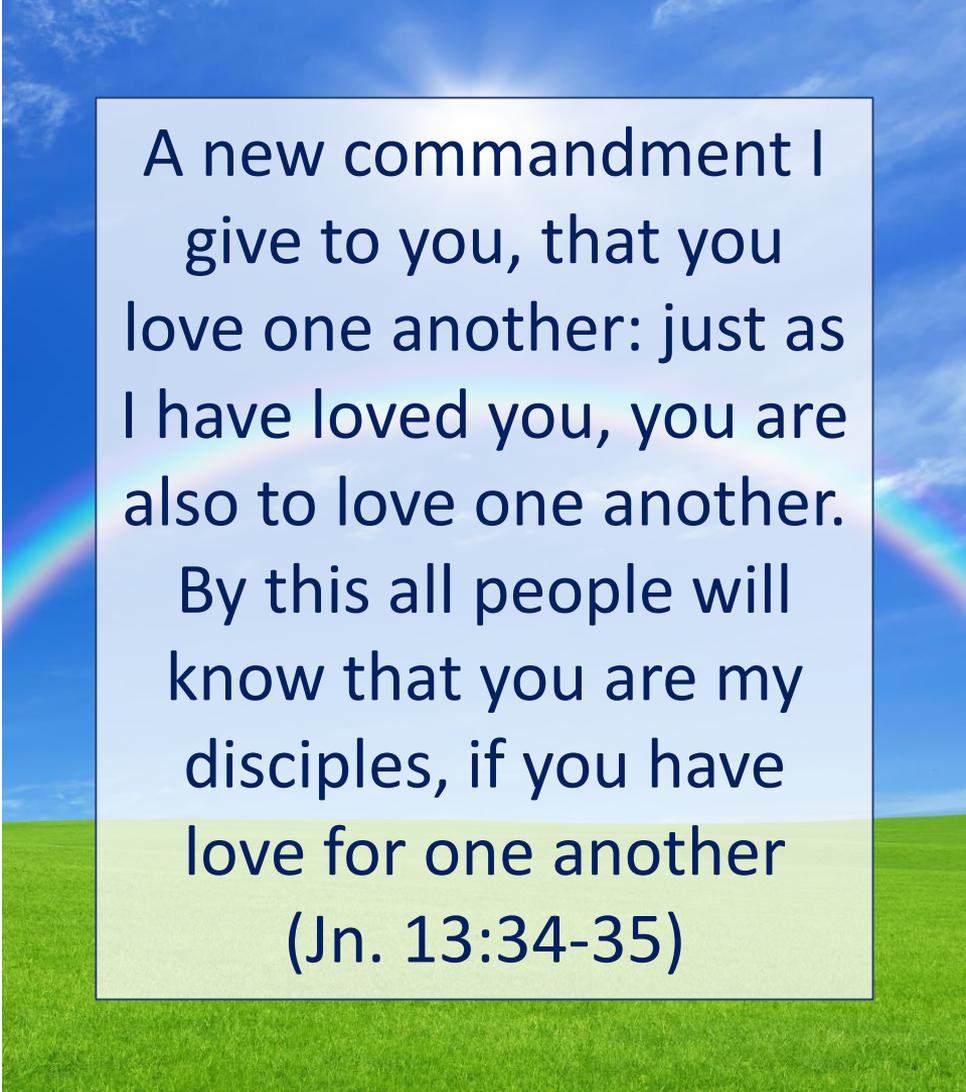
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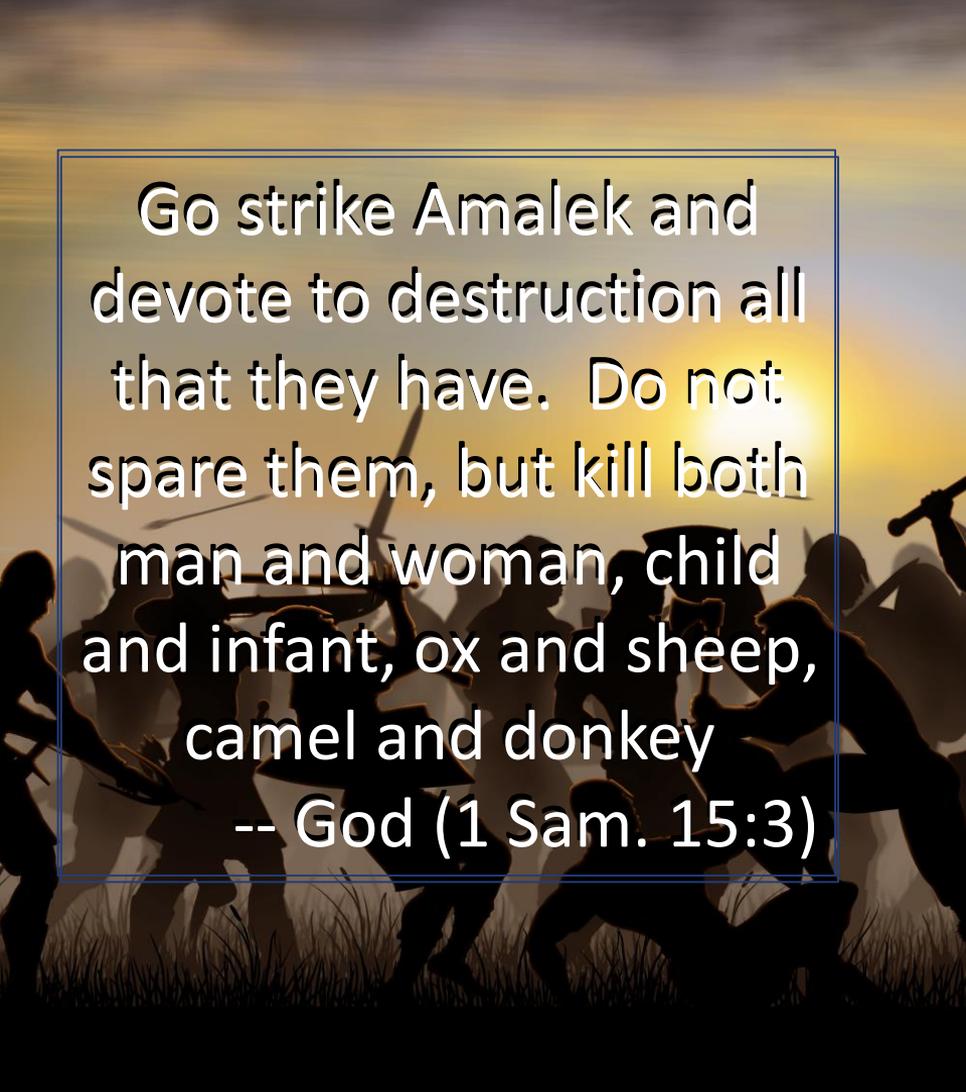
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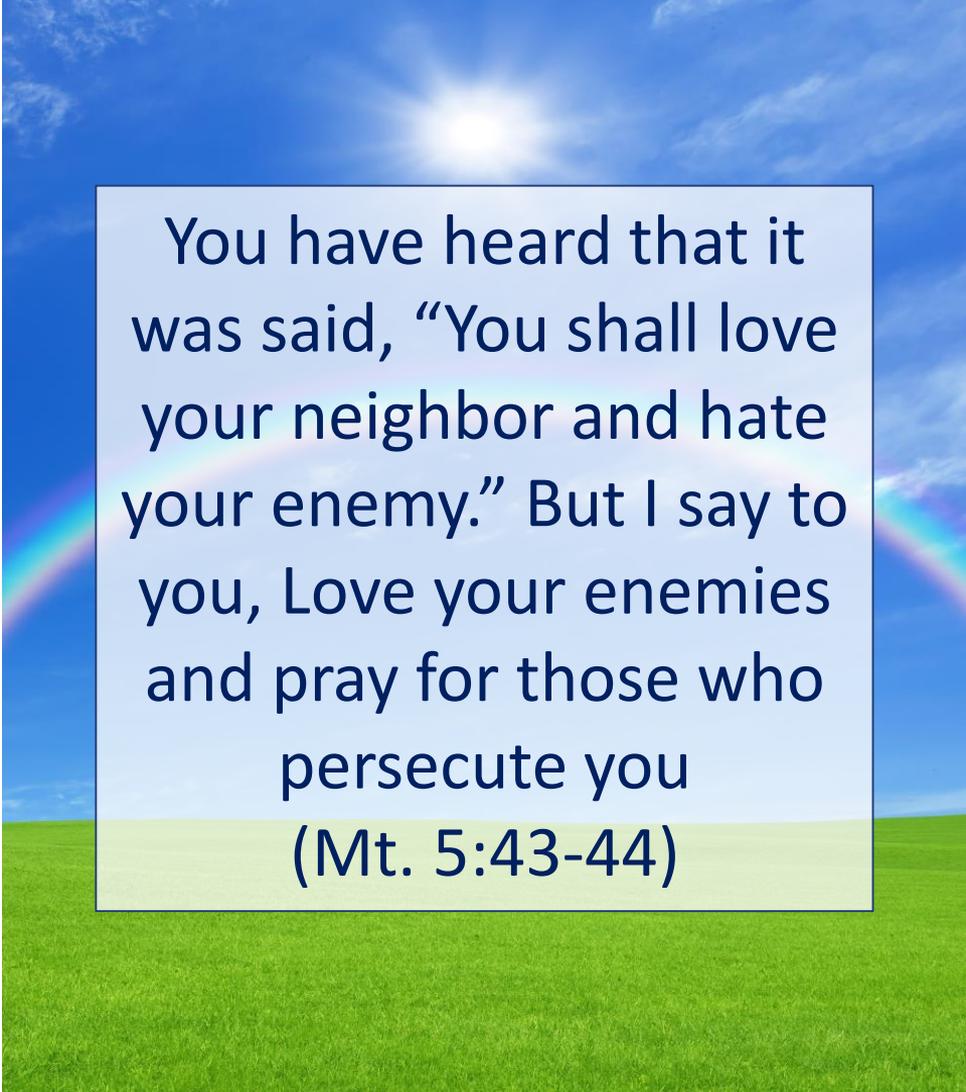
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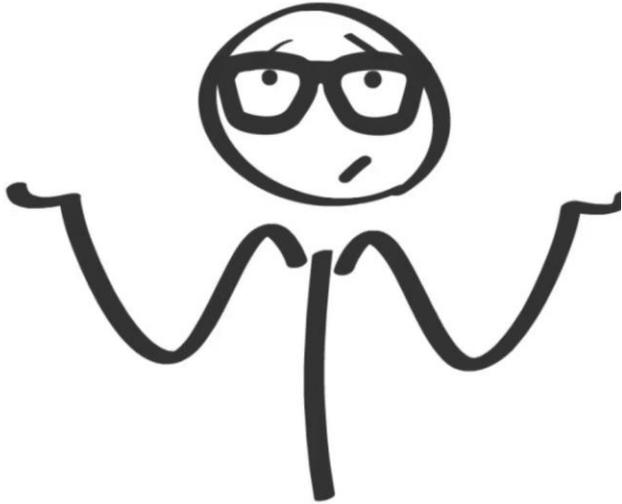
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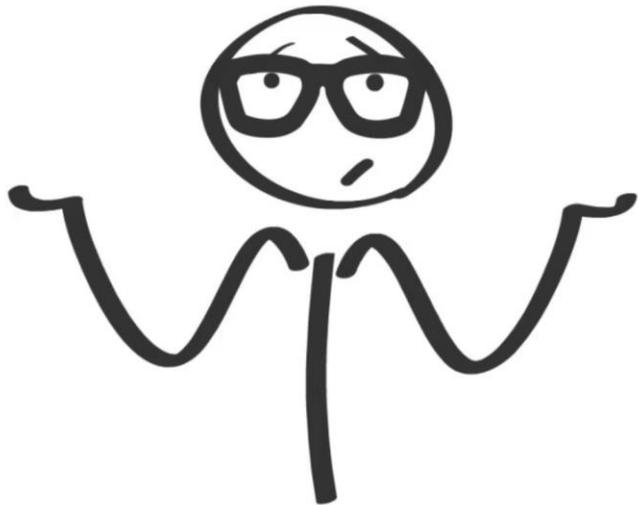
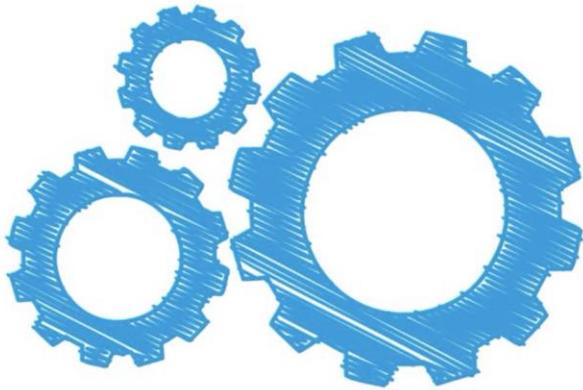
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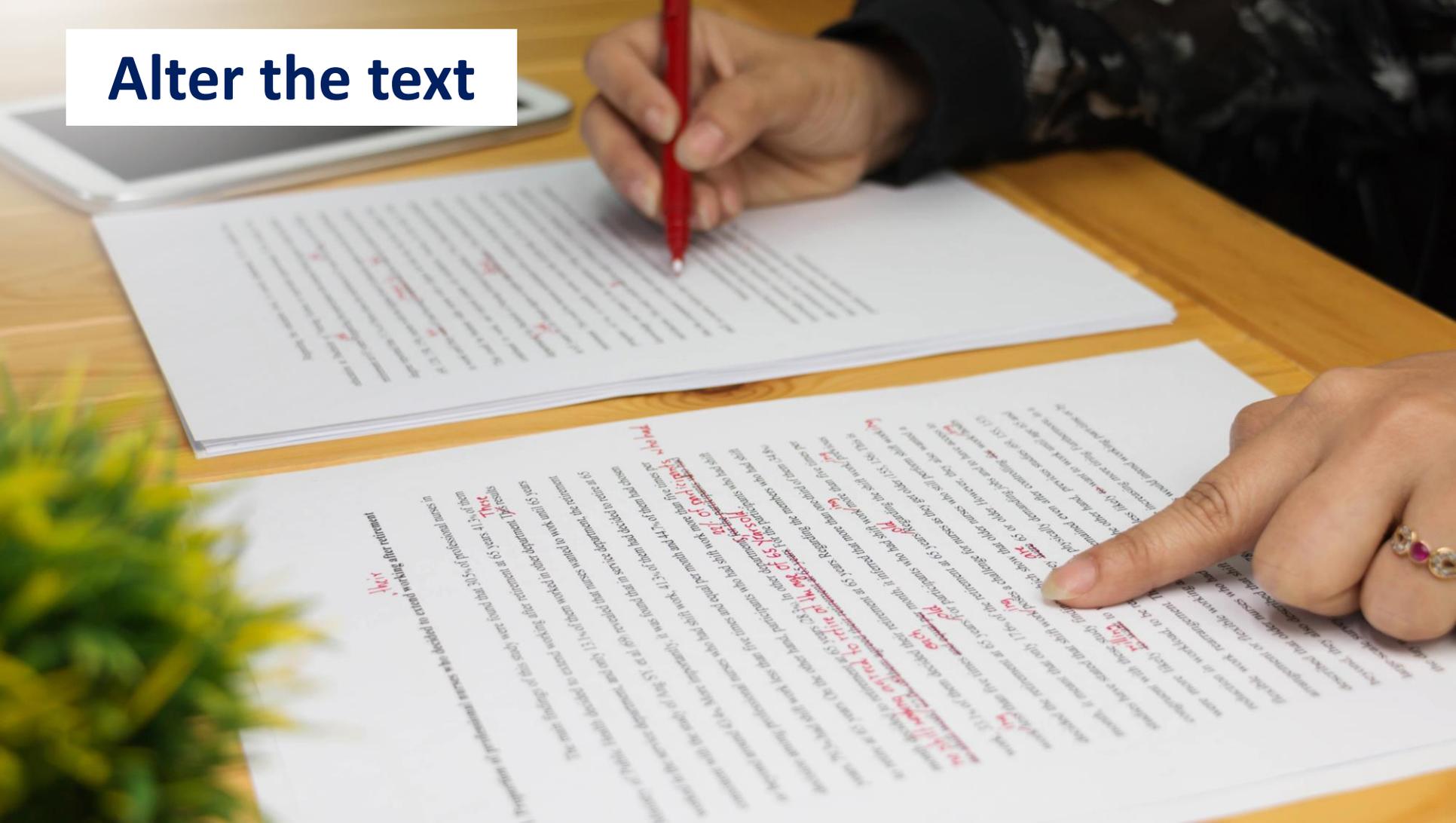
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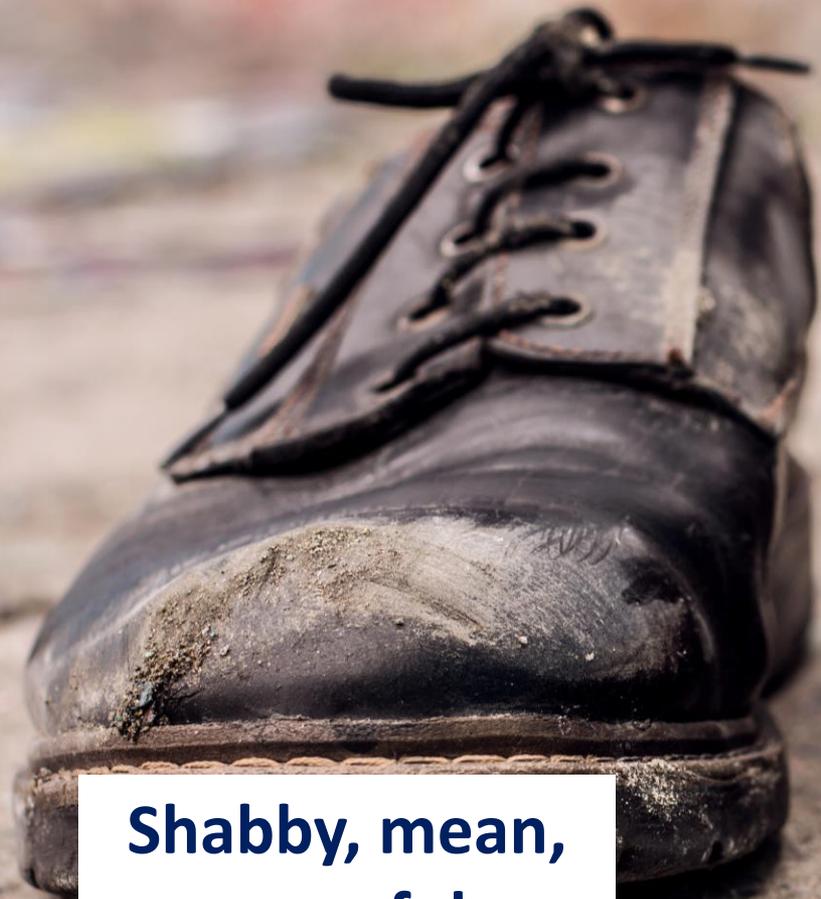


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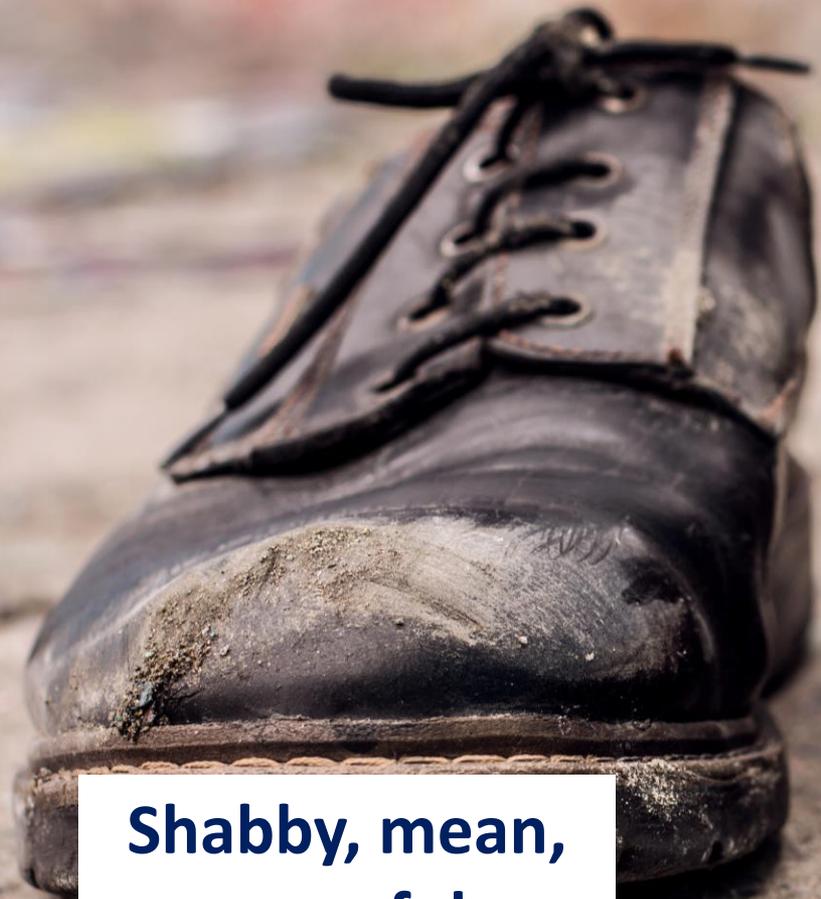


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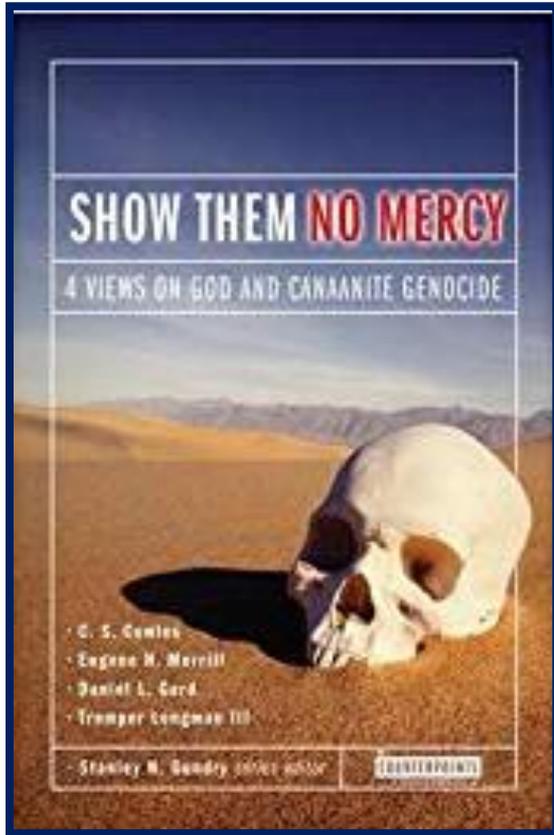


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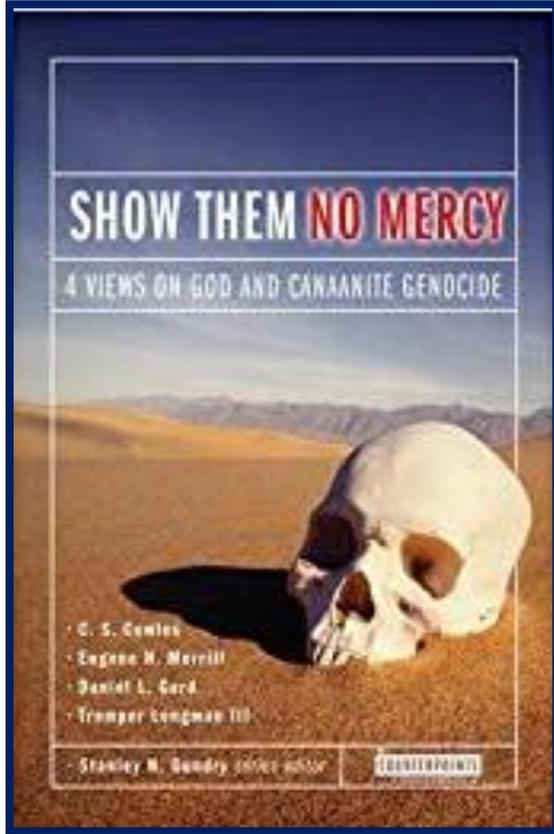


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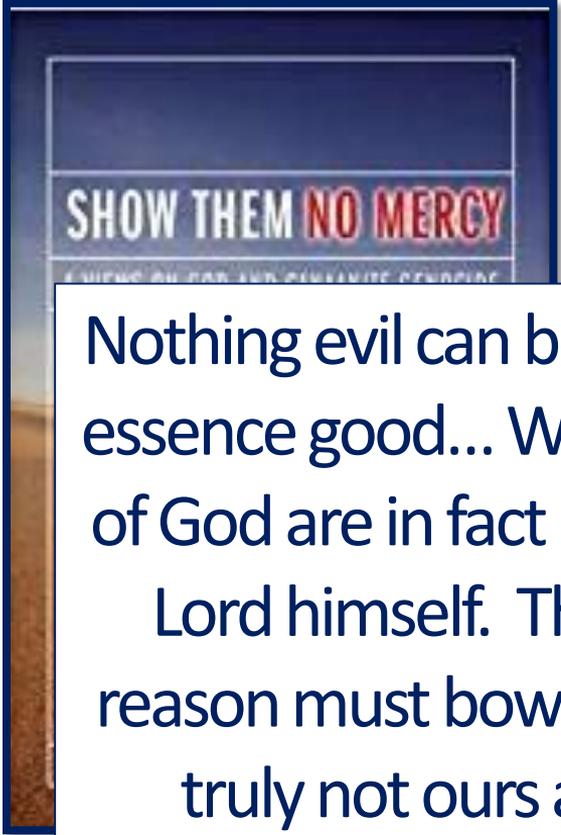
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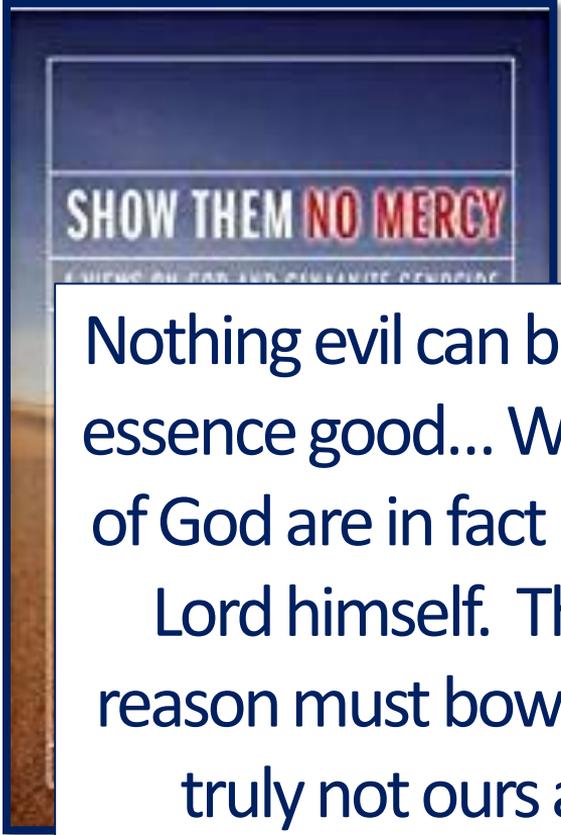


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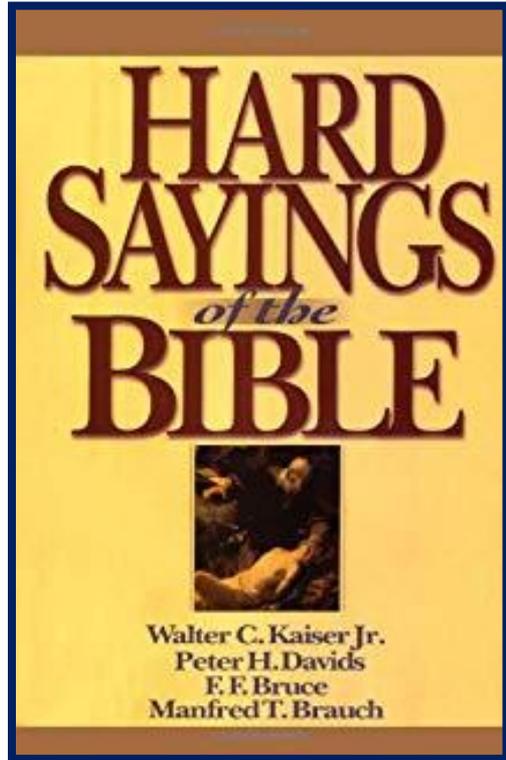
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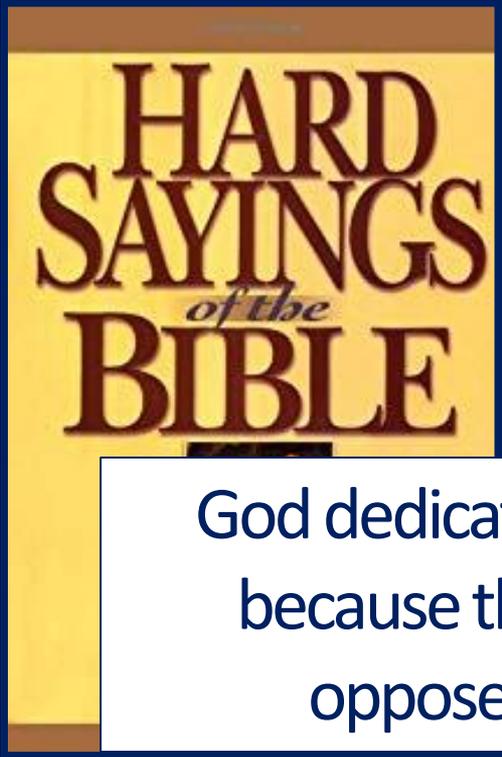
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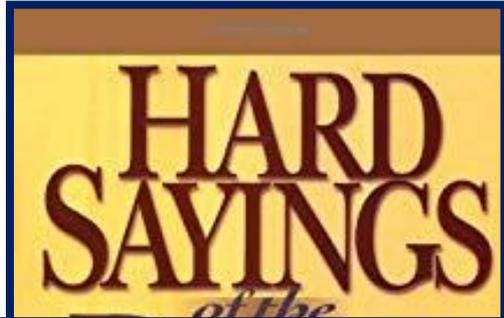
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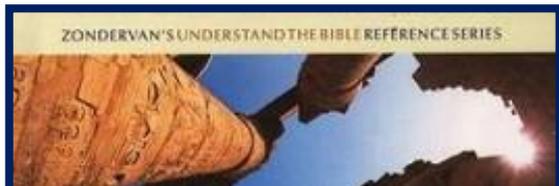
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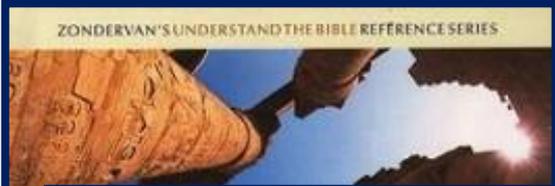
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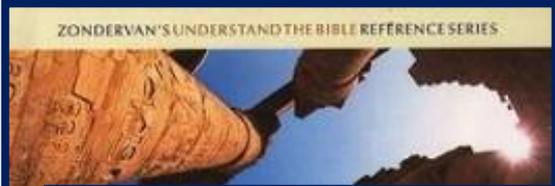
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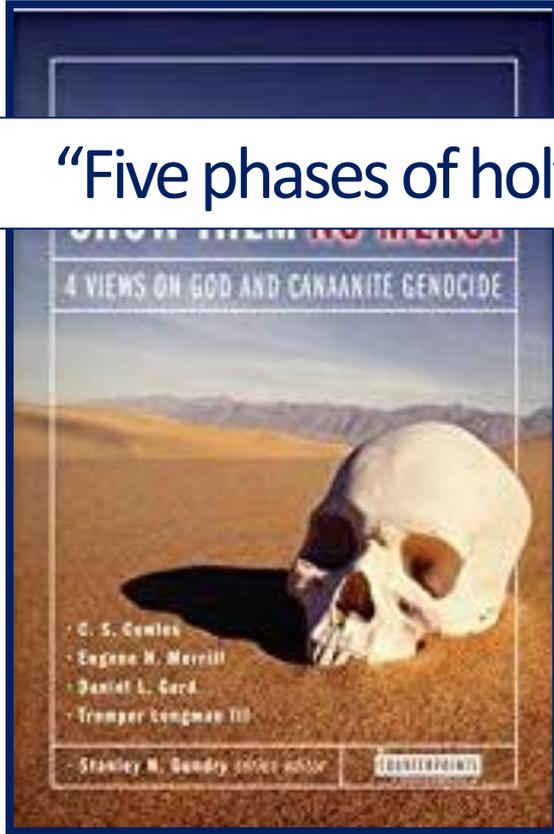
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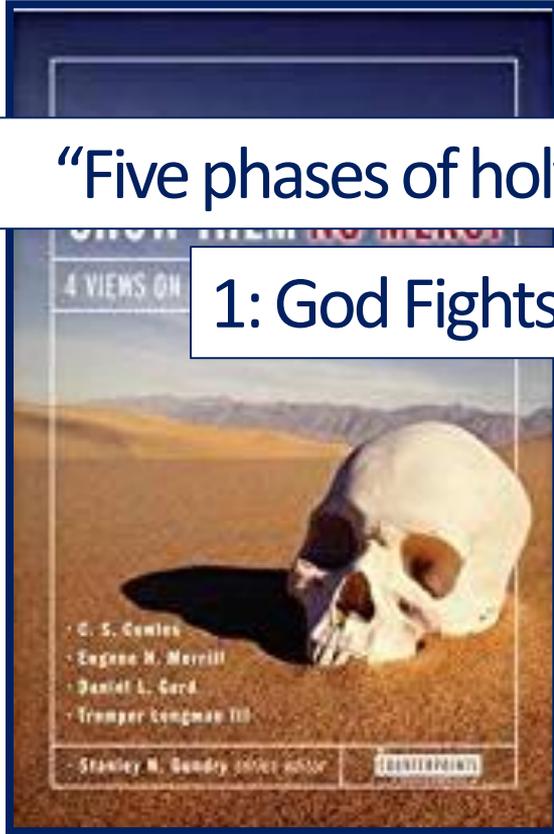
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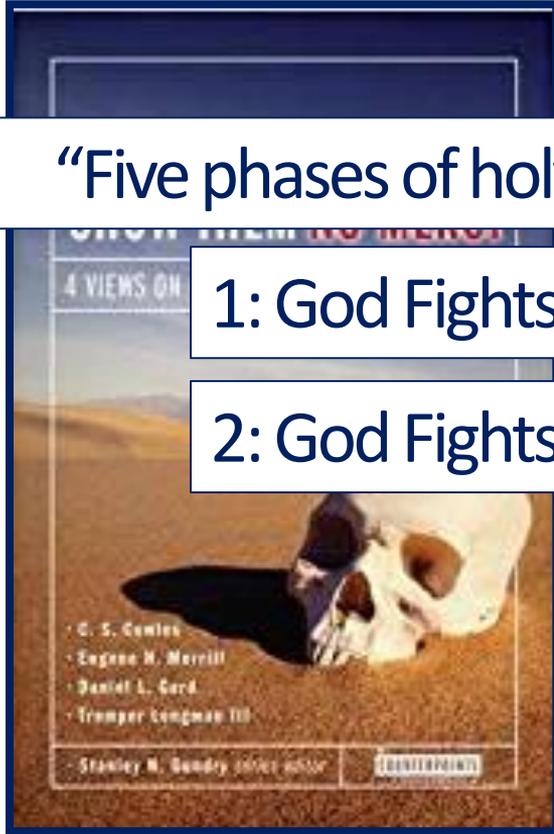
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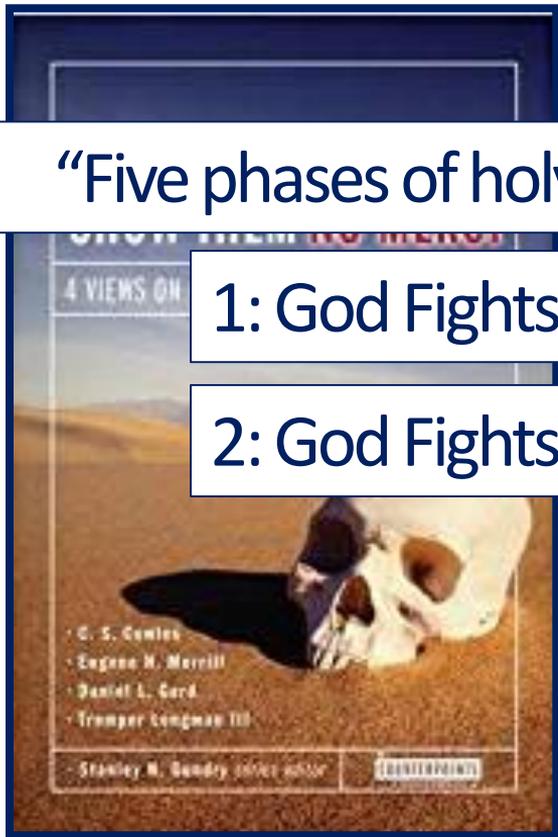


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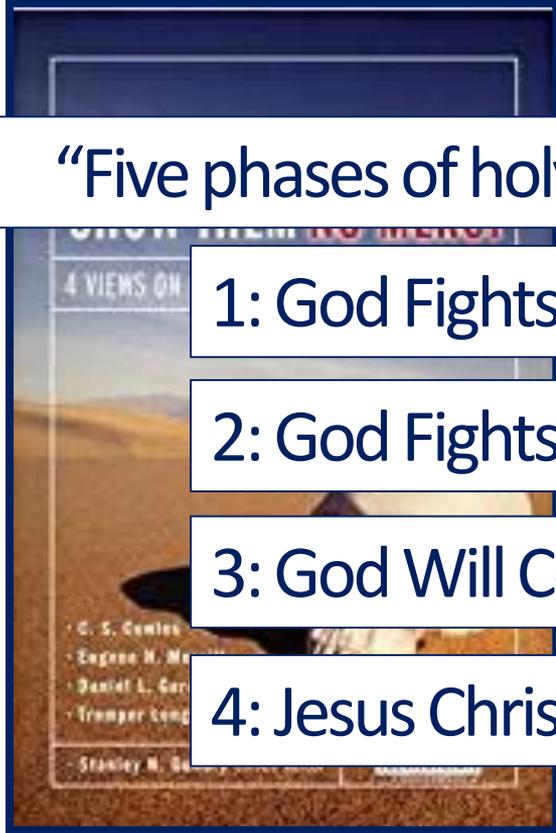
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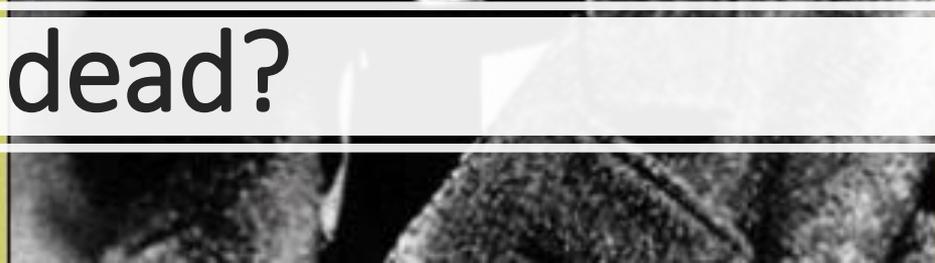
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“No one is good except God alone”

– Lk. 18:19

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“I will...refine them as one refines silver”

– Zech. 13:8