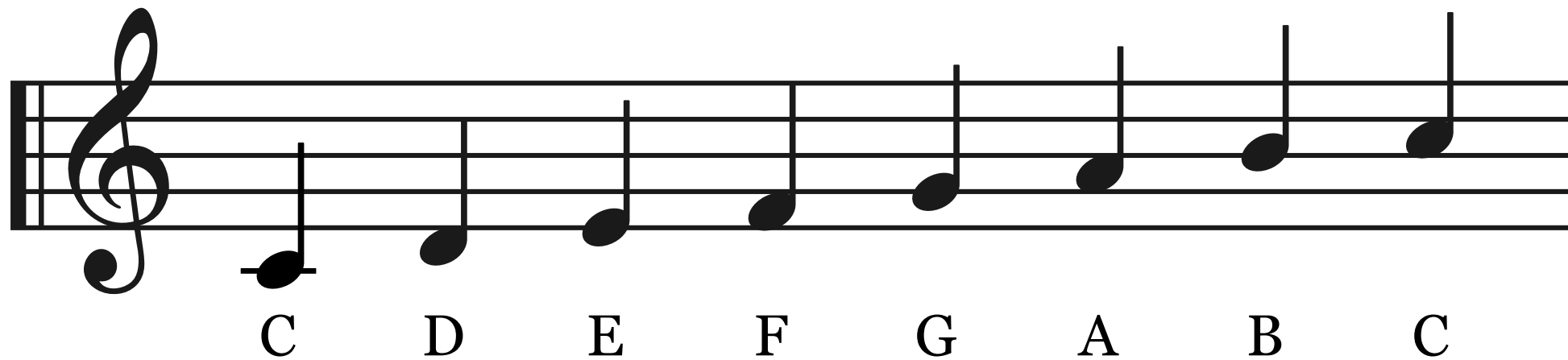
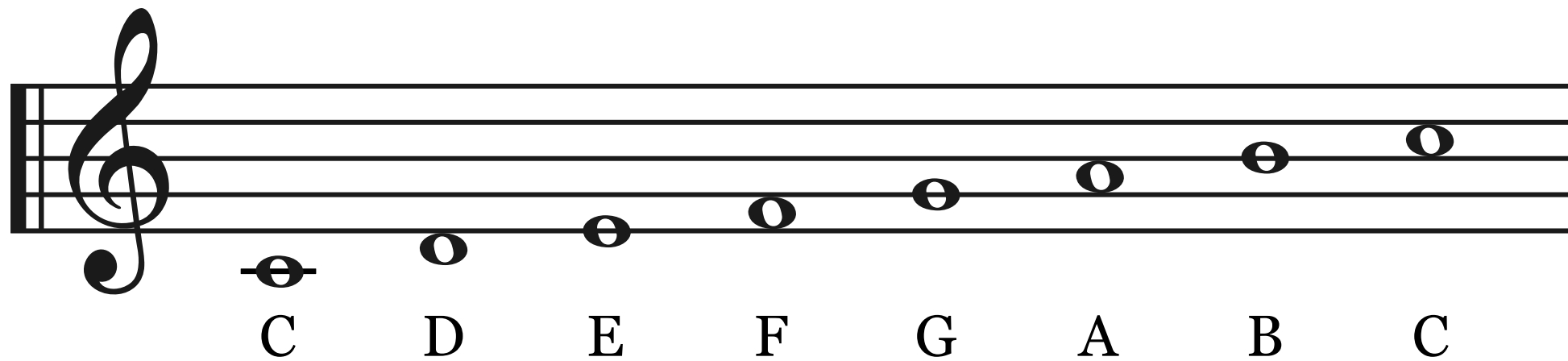
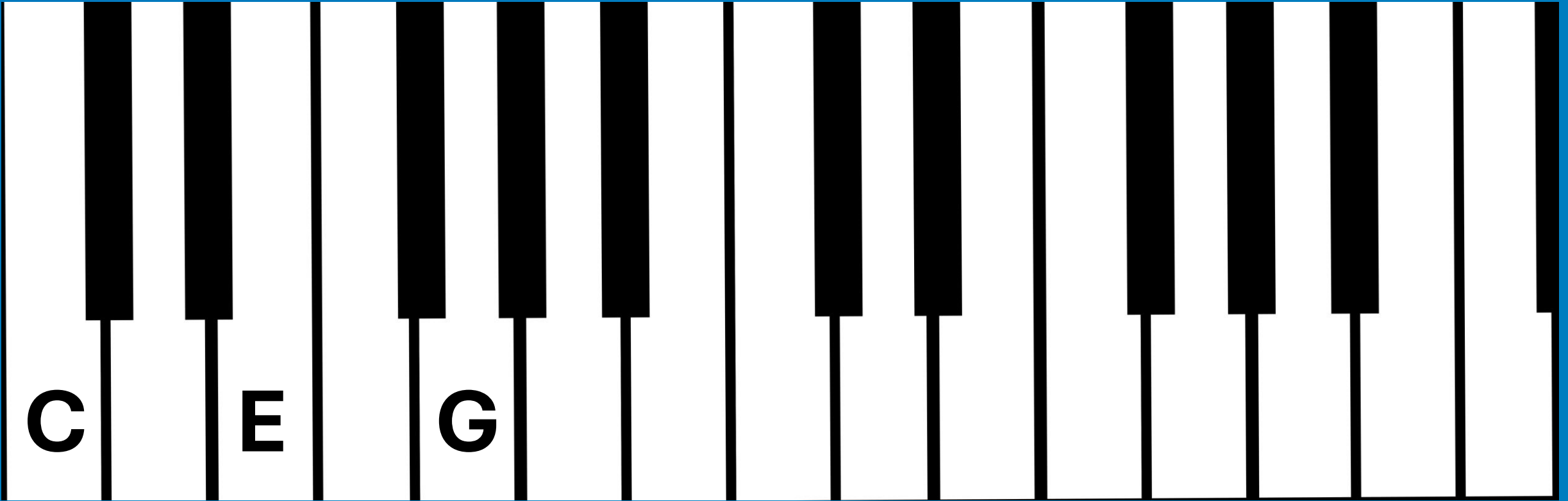


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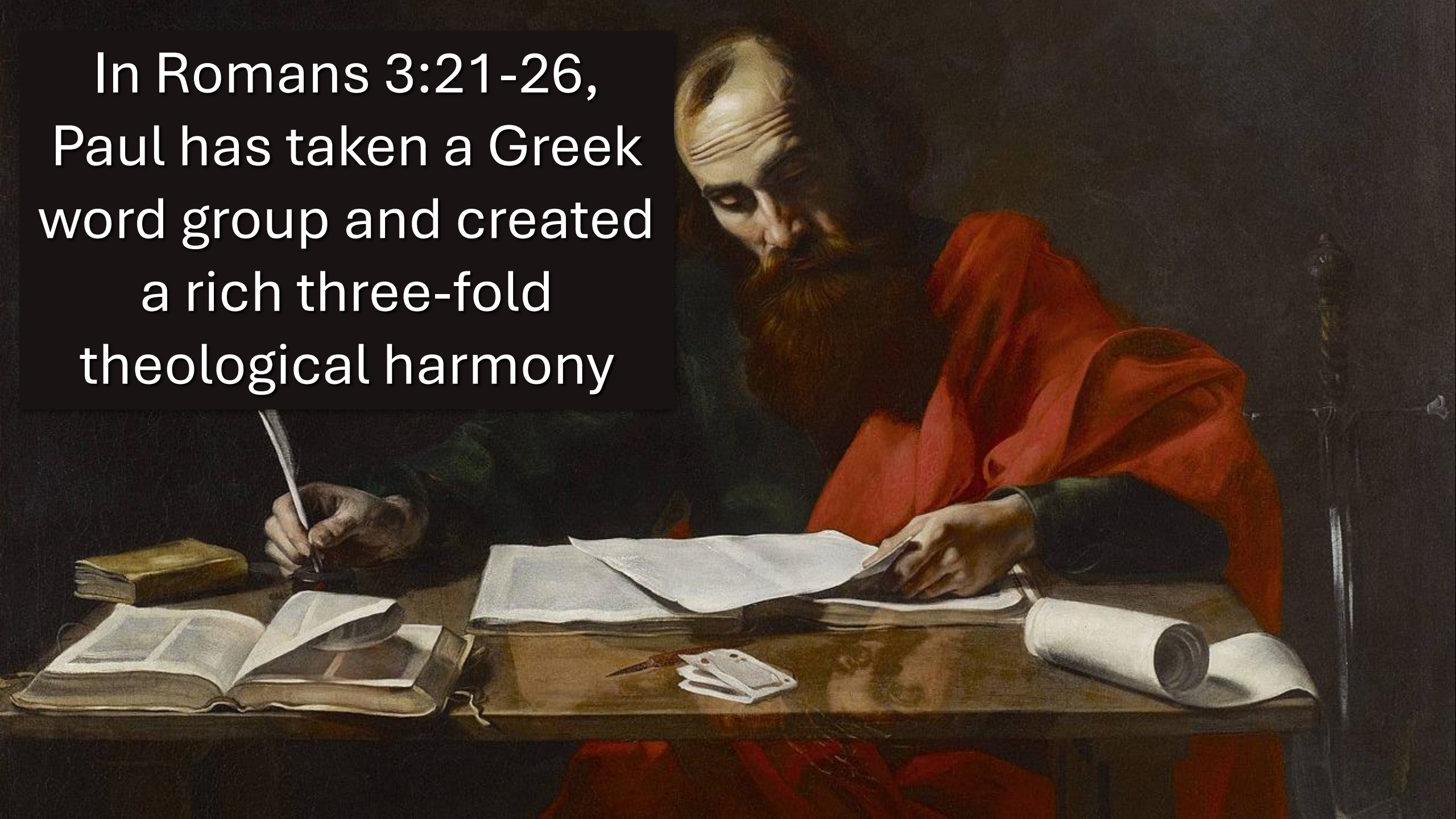




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In Romans 3:21-26,
Paul has taken a Greek
word group and created
a rich three-fold
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Explore the word group



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Work through the passage



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Cuisine Ballet





Sky
Egg

ENGLISH
is a linguistic melting pot



cow/beef
pig/pork



ENGLISH
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deer/venison
fear/terror



ENGLISH
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theft/larceny



witness/testimony



ENGLISH

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sweat/perspire
rise/ascend



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Ancient
Greece

dikē – δίκη
("DEE-kay")

"what is right"
"justice" or
"punishment"

Adverb (δικαίως): Jesus "continued entrusting
himself to him who judges *justly*" (2 Pet. 2:23)

dikē – δίκη



“Right”

“Righteous”

“Righteousness”



“Just”

“Justice”

“Justify”

1



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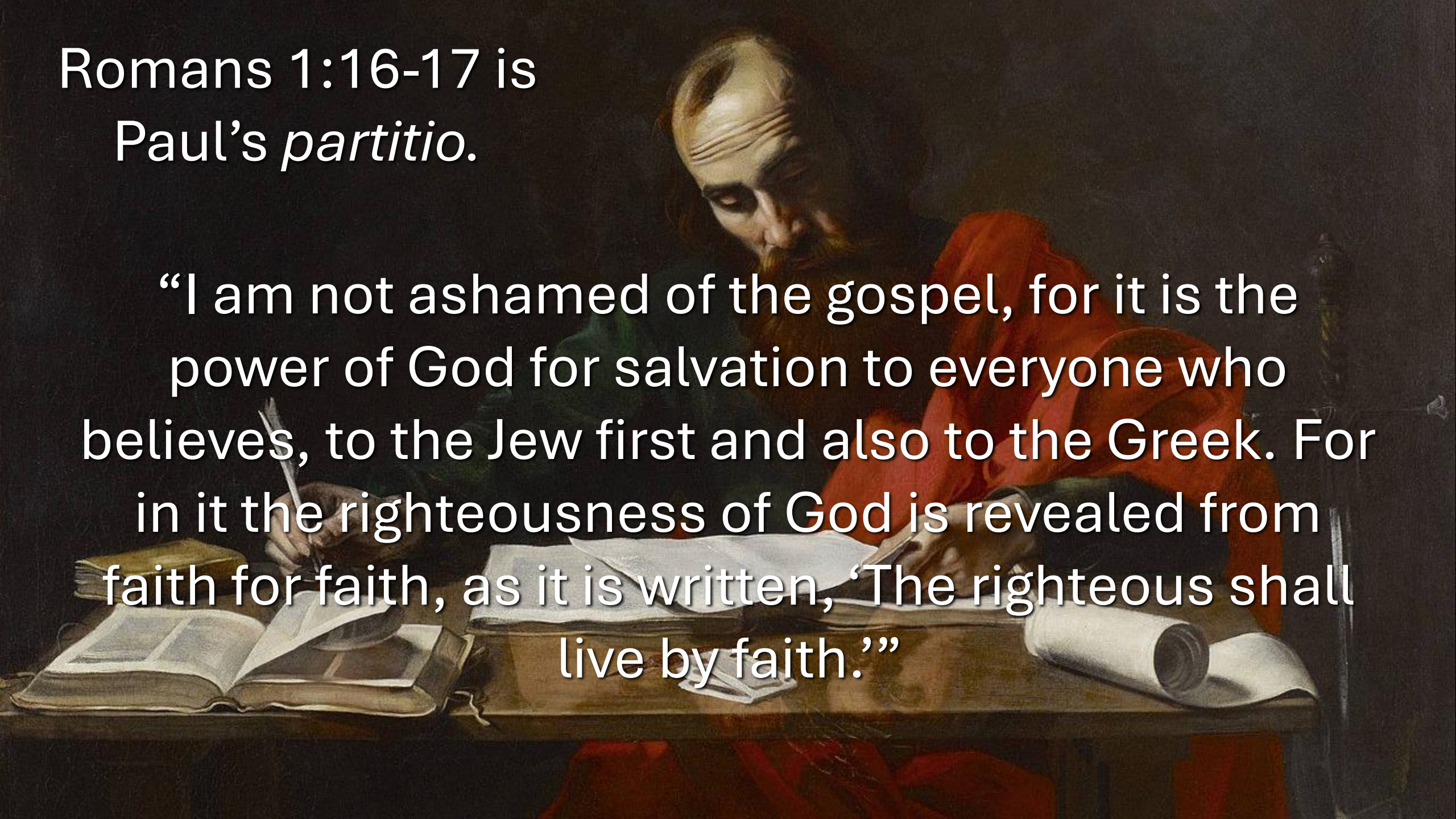
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Work through the passage

Romans 1:16-17 is
Paul's *partitio*.

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’”

A detailed oil painting of the Apostle Paul, depicted as an elderly man with a long, flowing white beard and hair. He is seated at a wooden desk, leaning forward with his head bowed in concentration. He wears a vibrant red robe over a dark green tunic. In his right hand, he holds a quill pen, poised to write on a large, open scroll that lies flat on the desk. To his left, another open book with yellowed pages is visible. On the desk, there are also several loose sheets of parchment and a small, rolled-up scroll. The background is dark and indistinct, focusing all attention on Paul and his work. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of his beard, the folds of his robe, and the details of the books and scrolls.

Paul's "Good news" (gospel):



Jesus' death,
burial, and
resurrection on
our behalf

**Let's think
logically:**

If Jesus' d/b/r is "good
news" how is life without
that, "bad news"?





Here are God's
principles of judging:
(Romans 2:1-11)

Live right – great
Don't - uh oh!

Gentiles
(Those without the “Law”)



These perish

Jews
(Those under the “Law”)



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Bottom line: All have sinned
and fallen short of God’s glory

Paul has established
universal sinfulness



Rom. 3:20

For by works of the law
no human being will be
justified in his sight,
since through the law
comes knowledge of
sin.

Rom. 3:20

διότι ἐξ ἔργων νόμου οὐ
δικαιωθήσεται πᾶσα
σὰρξ ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ, διὰ
γὰρ νόμου ἐπίγνωσις
ἁμαρτίας.

Rom. 3:21

But now the
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Deus ex Machina



A dramatic scene set in a large, circular Roman amphitheater. In the center, Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white tunic and a yellow robe, stands with his arms outstretched. He is suspended in the air by a large wooden cross structure that hangs from above. The amphitheater is filled with a large crowd of people, mostly men, dressed in traditional Roman or Greek attire, including tunics and head coverings. They are seated on the tiered stone steps of the amphitheater, looking towards the center. The architecture features large, fluted columns and a high, arched wall. The lighting is warm and golden, suggesting a sunset or sunrise, creating a dramatic and intense atmosphere.

Deus ex Machina,
but not!

Dramatic
intervention,
but not an
afterthought!

But now...

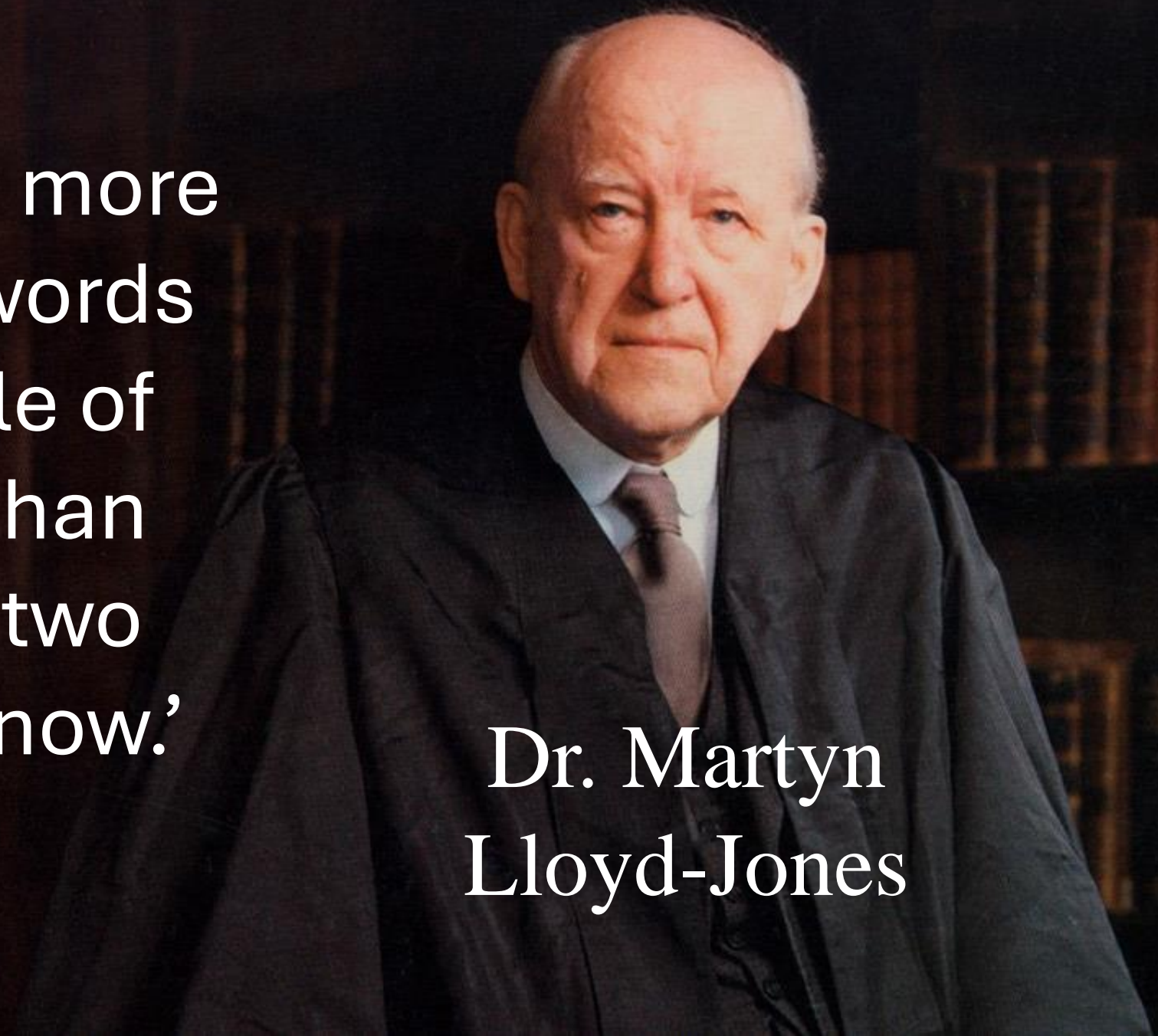


But now...



There are no more
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in the whole of
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just these two
words 'But now.'

Dr. Martyn
Lloyd-Jones



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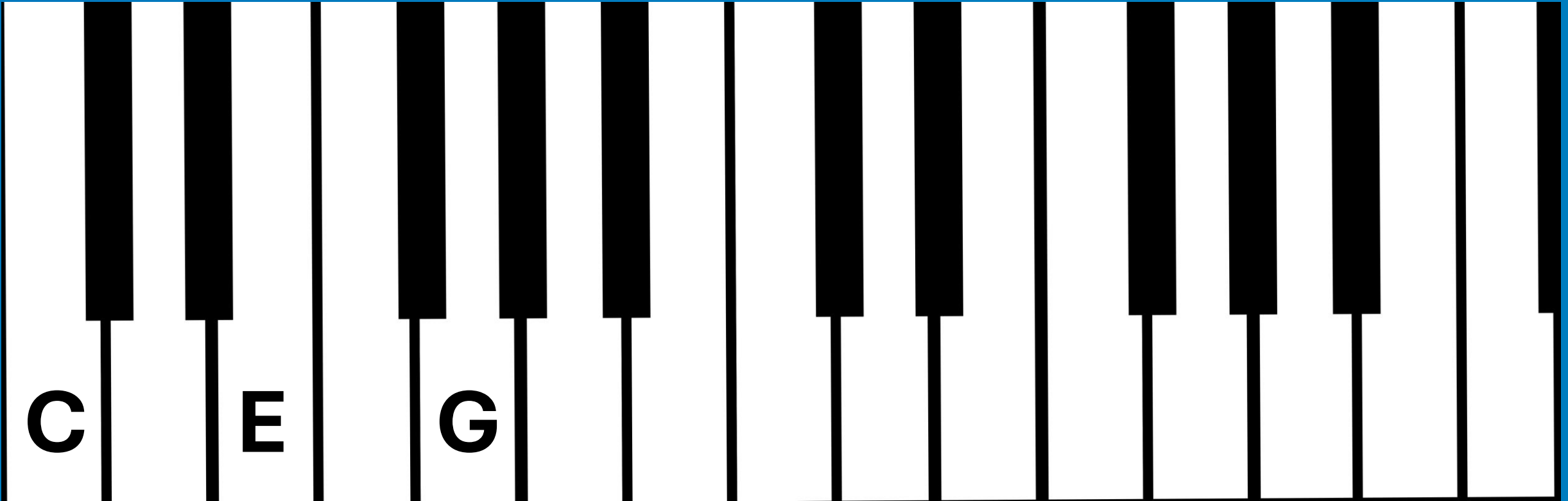
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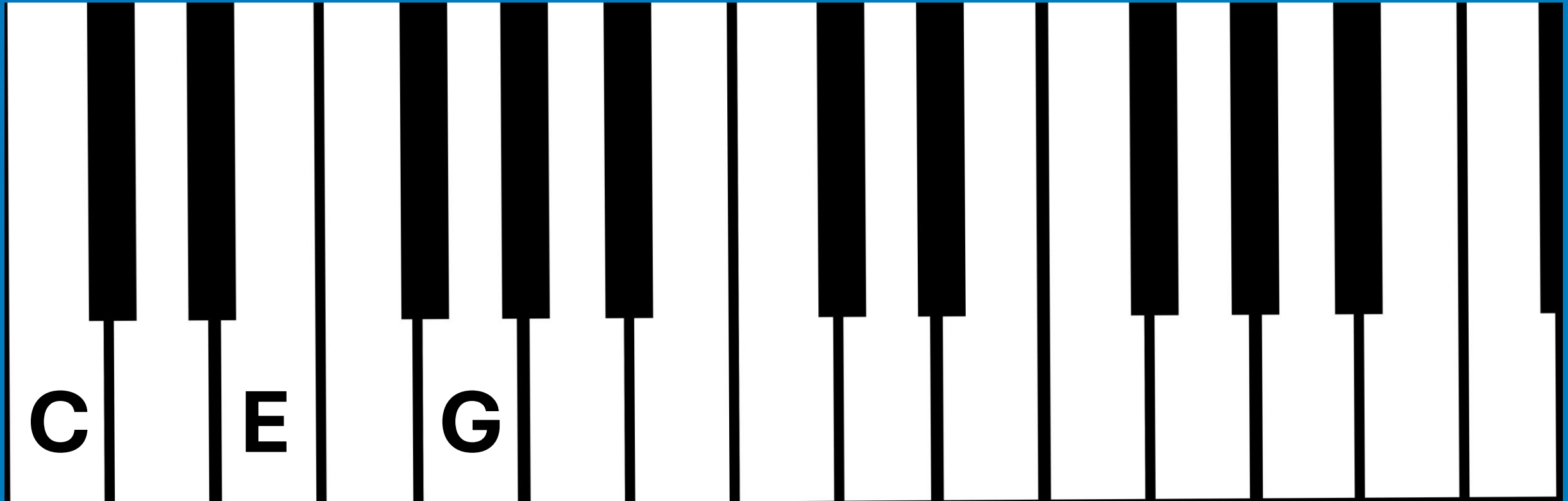
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Noun (δικαιοσύνη): The state or quality of righteousness

dikē – δίκη

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Covenantal
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See also Lev. 19:15

Heb. 11:33

who through faith
conquered kingdoms,
enforced **justice**,
obtained promises,
stopped the mouths of
lions

Heb. 11:33

οἱ διὰ πίστεως
κατηγωνίσαντο
βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο
δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον
ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν
στόματα λεόντων

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Titus 3:5

he saved us, not because
of works done by us in
righteousness, but
according to his own
mercy, by the washing of
regeneration and renewal
of the Holy Spirit,

See also Dt. 33:19

Titus 3:5

οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων τῶν ἐν
δικαιοσύνῃ ἃ ἐποιήσαμεν
ἡμεῖς ἀλλὰ κατὰ τὸ αὐτοῦ
ἔλεος ἔσωσεν ἡμᾶς διὰ
λουτροῦ παλιγγενεσίας καὶ
ἀνακαινώσεως πνεύματος
ἁγίου,

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2 Tim. 2:22

So flee youthful
passions and pursue
righteousness, faith,
love, and peace, along
with those who call on
the Lord from a pure
heart.

See also Gen. 18:19

2 Tim. 2:22

Τὰς δὲ νεωτερικὰς
ἐπιθυμίας φεῦγε, δίωκε
δὲ **δικαιοσύνην** πίστιν
ἀγάπην εἰρήνην μετὰ τῶν
ἐπικαλουμένων τὸν
κύριον ἐκ καθαρᾶς
καρδίας.

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See also Jdgs. 5:11

Heb. 12:11

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of **righteousness** to those who have been trained by it.

Heb. 12:11

πᾶσα δὲ παιδεία πρὸς μὲν
τὸ παρὸν οὐ δοκεῖ χαρᾶς
εἶναι ἀλλὰ λύπης, ὕστερον
δὲ καρπὸν εἰρηνικὸν τοῖς δι'
αὐτῆς γεγυμνασμένοις
ἀποδίδωσιν **δικαιοσύνης**

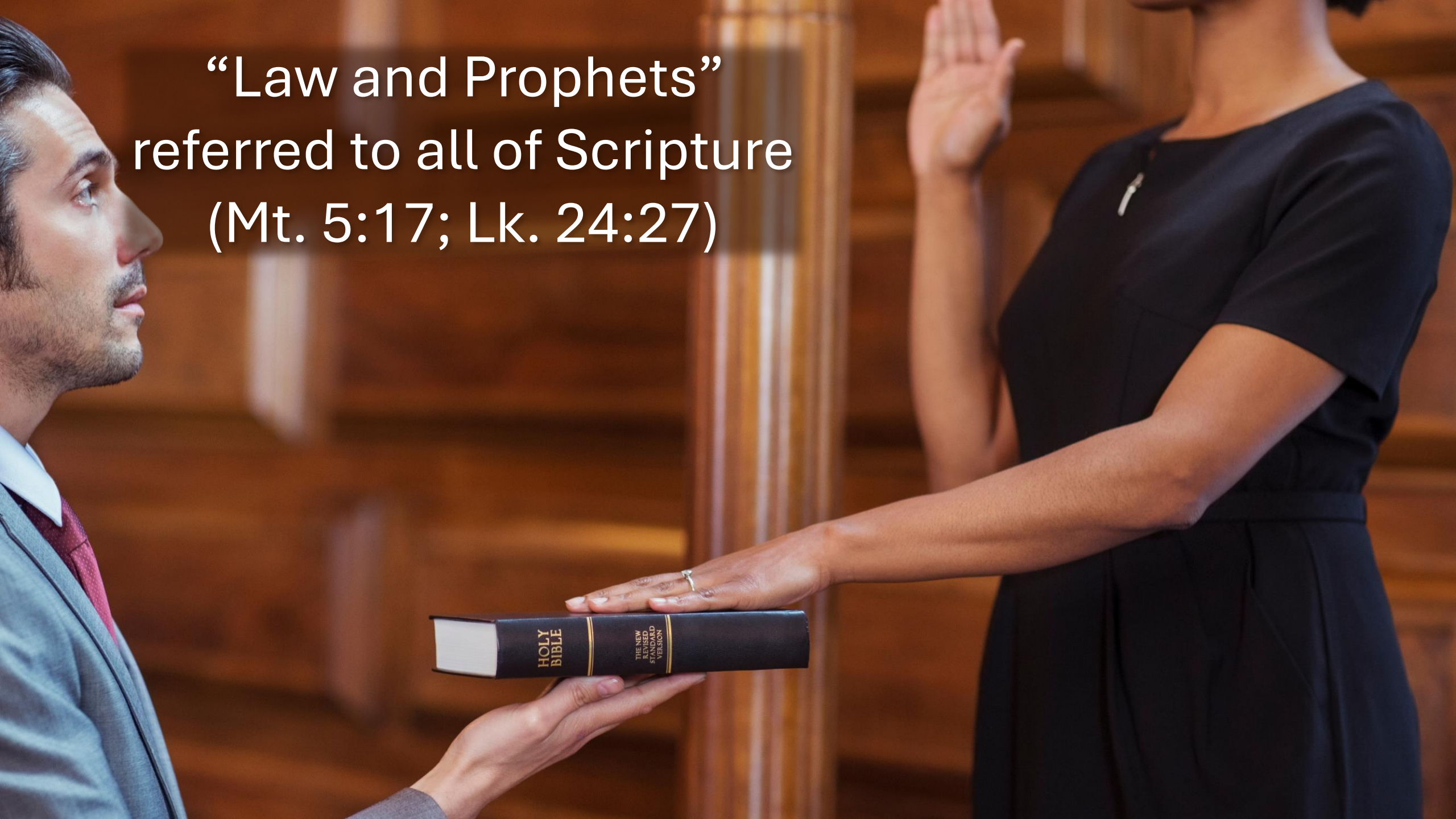
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“Law and Prophets”
referred to all of Scripture
(Mt. 5:17; Lk. 24:27)





This isn't some small keyhole
tucked away in the O.T.

A person with reddish-brown hair tied in a ponytail, wearing a white t-shirt and a black mesh backpack with orange straps, stands on a rooftop or high-rise platform. They are looking out over a vast, dense urban landscape, likely New York City, filled with numerous skyscrapers and buildings under a clear blue sky. The image is framed by dark, triangular shapes on the left and right sides.

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the righteousness of
God through faith in
Jesus Christ for all who
believe. For there is no
distinction:

faith "in" or
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πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ
εἰς πάντα τοὺς
πιστεύοντας. οὐ γάρ
ἐστιν διαστολή,

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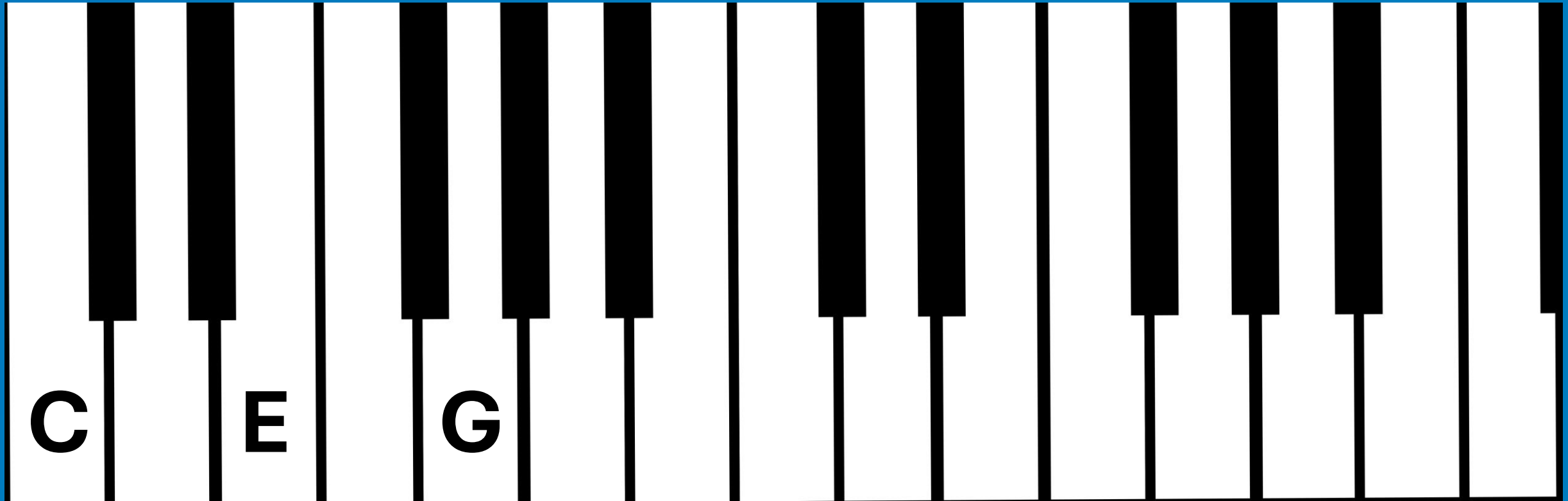
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“propitiation” (ἱλαστήριον):
the mercy seat on the ark of the covenant



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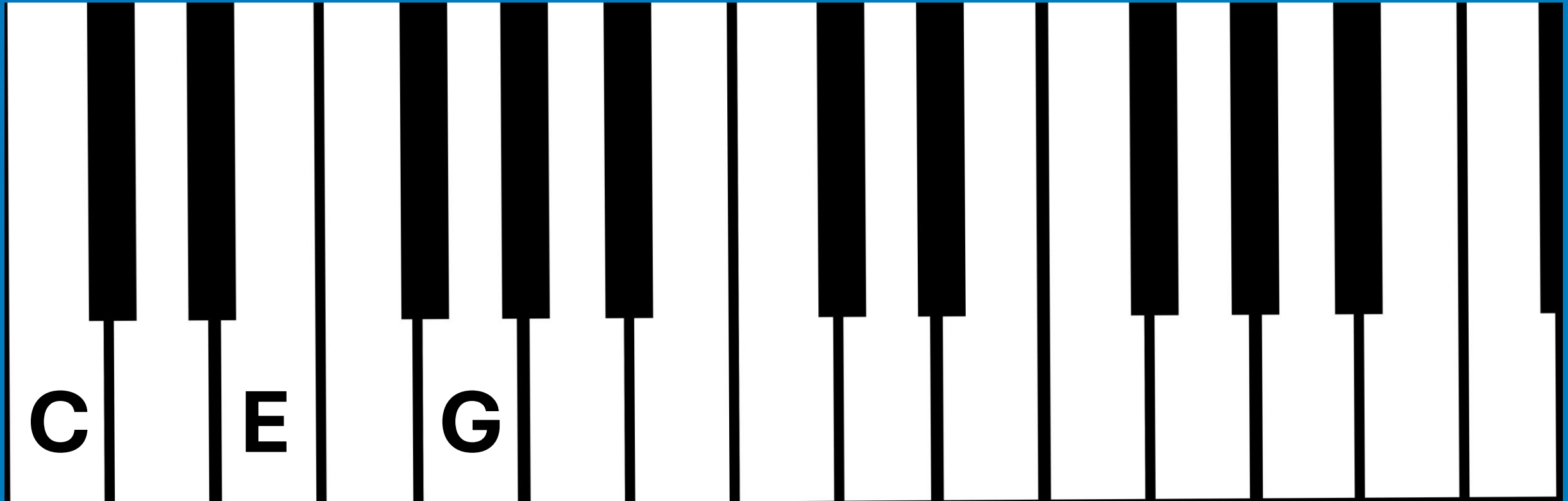


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Who can refuse???

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