

Paul, His Life and Teachings

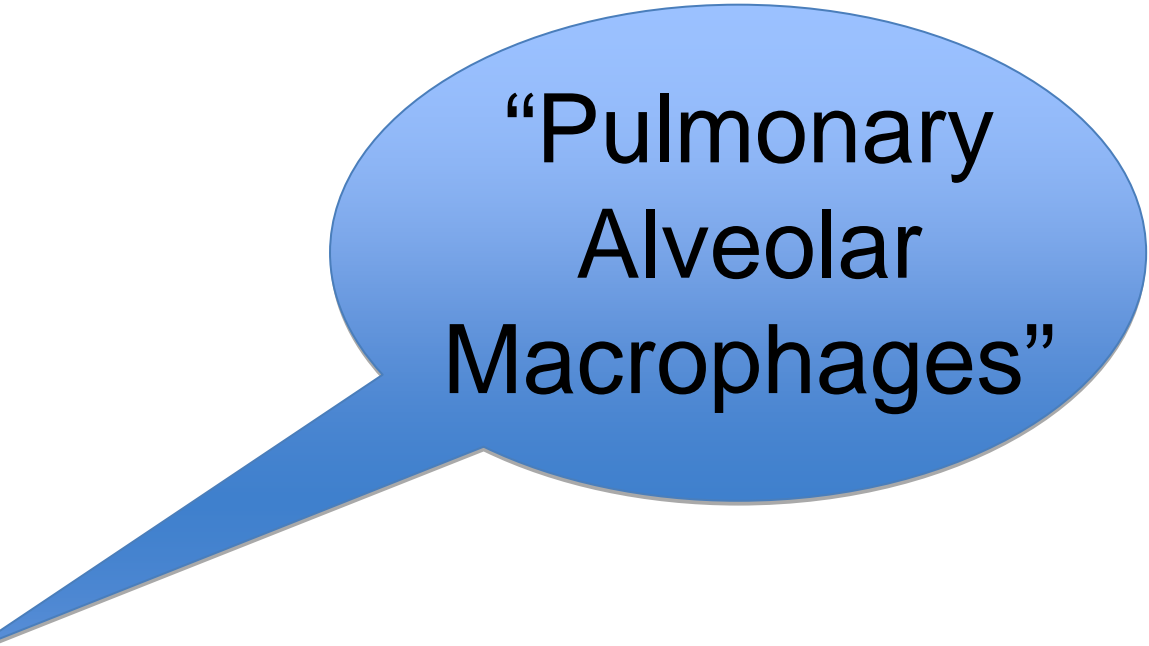


Paul's Theology God (Part 1)

Lesson 38

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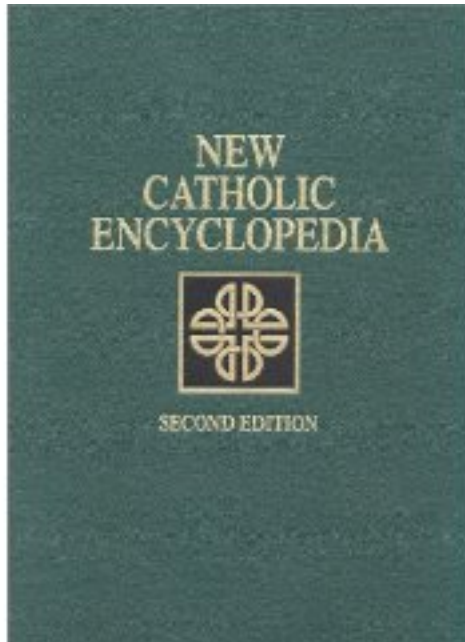
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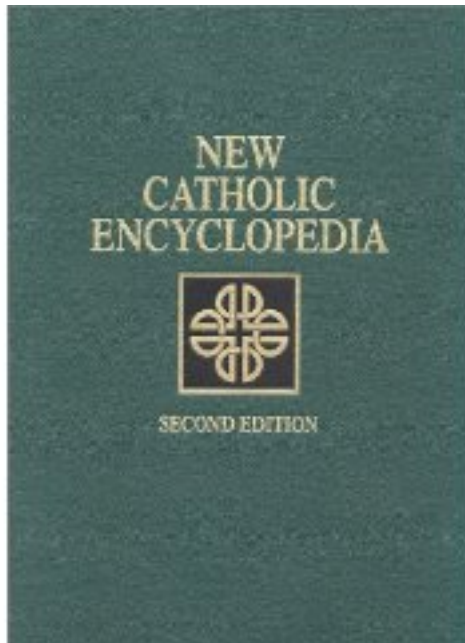
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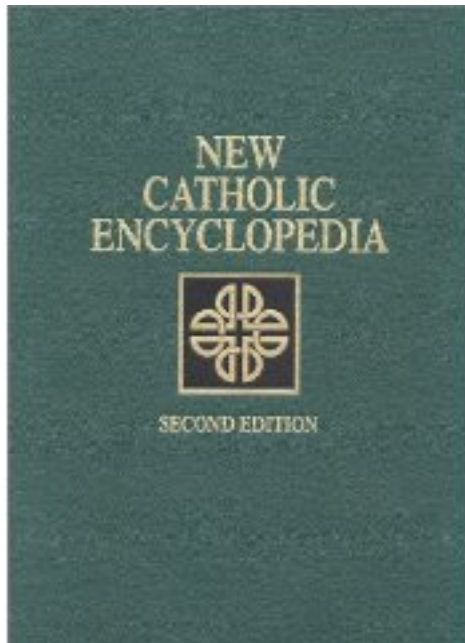
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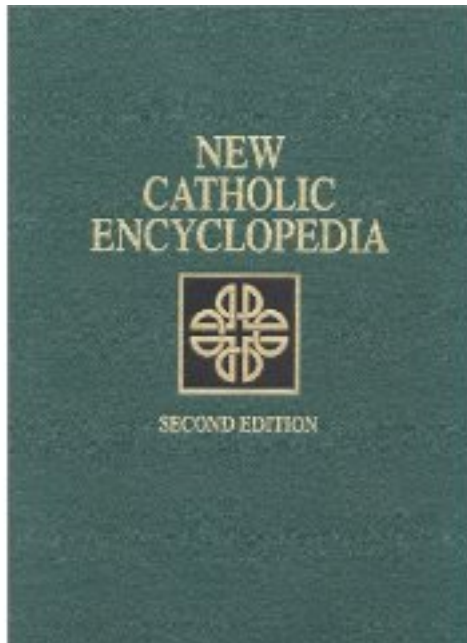
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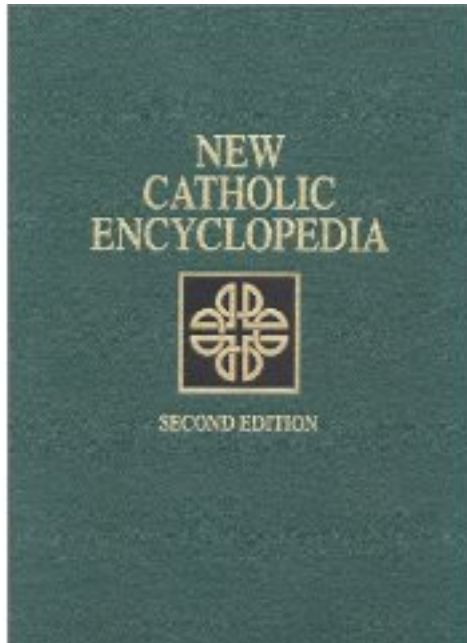


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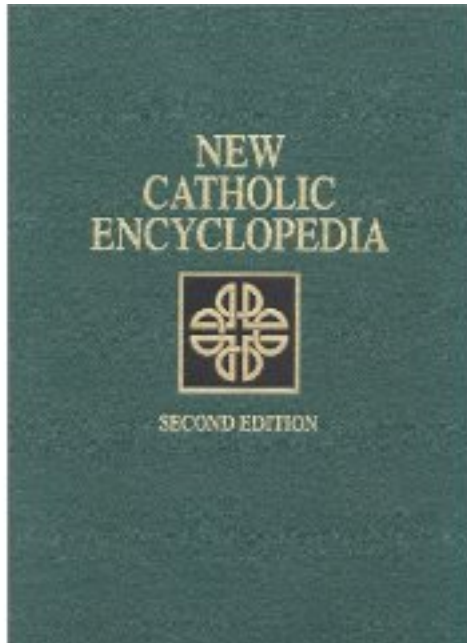


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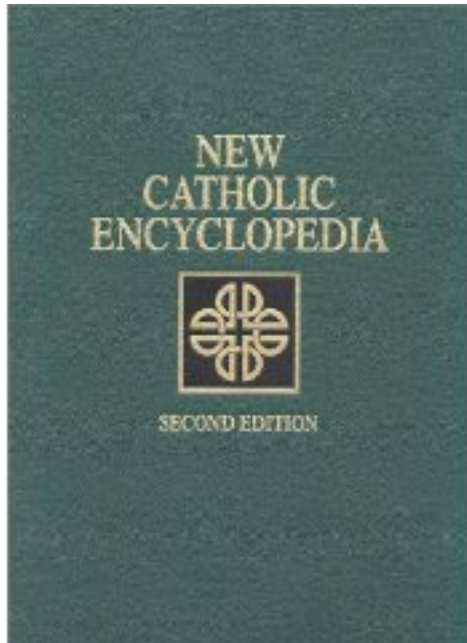
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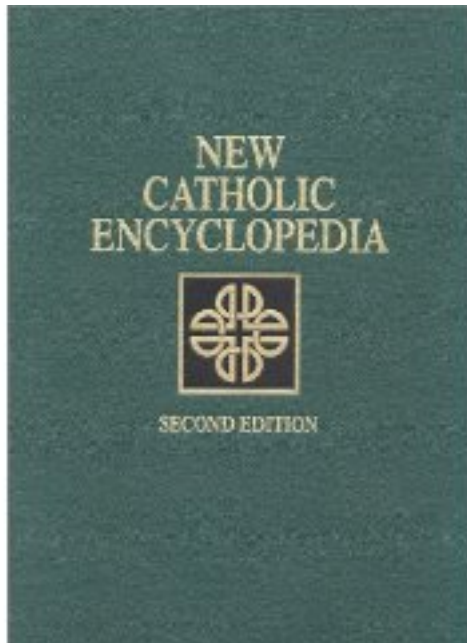
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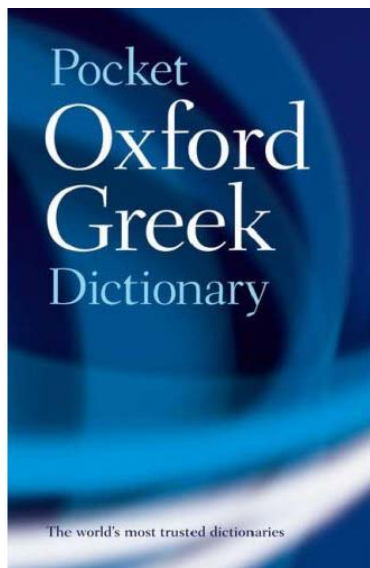


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- The Godhead composed of three Divine Persons in one divine nature

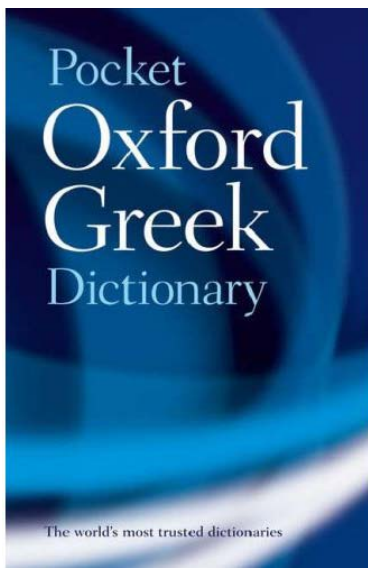


What does Paul
write/say about
God?

Greek for the day:
“Anthropomorphize”

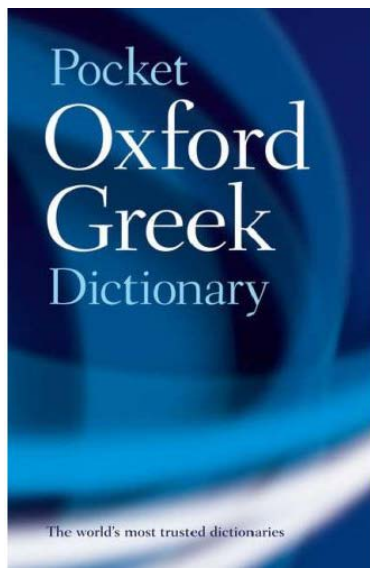


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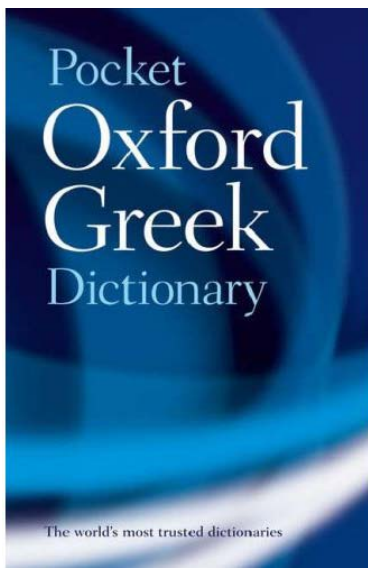
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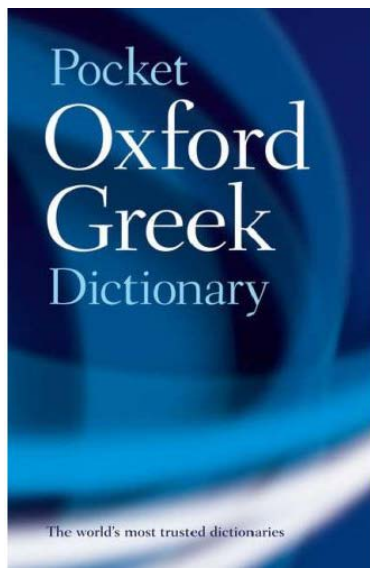


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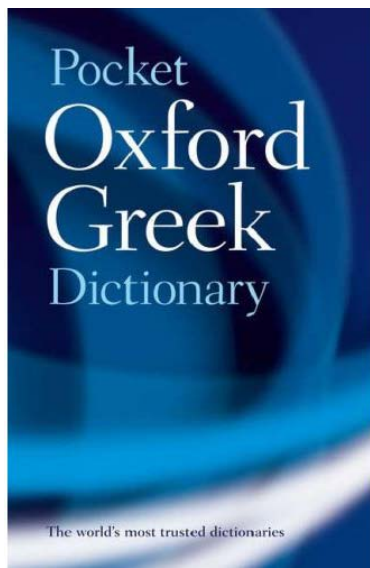


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Morphe
 (“form”)



Tigers really don't
sing...

Or dance...

Or play with Pooh
Bears



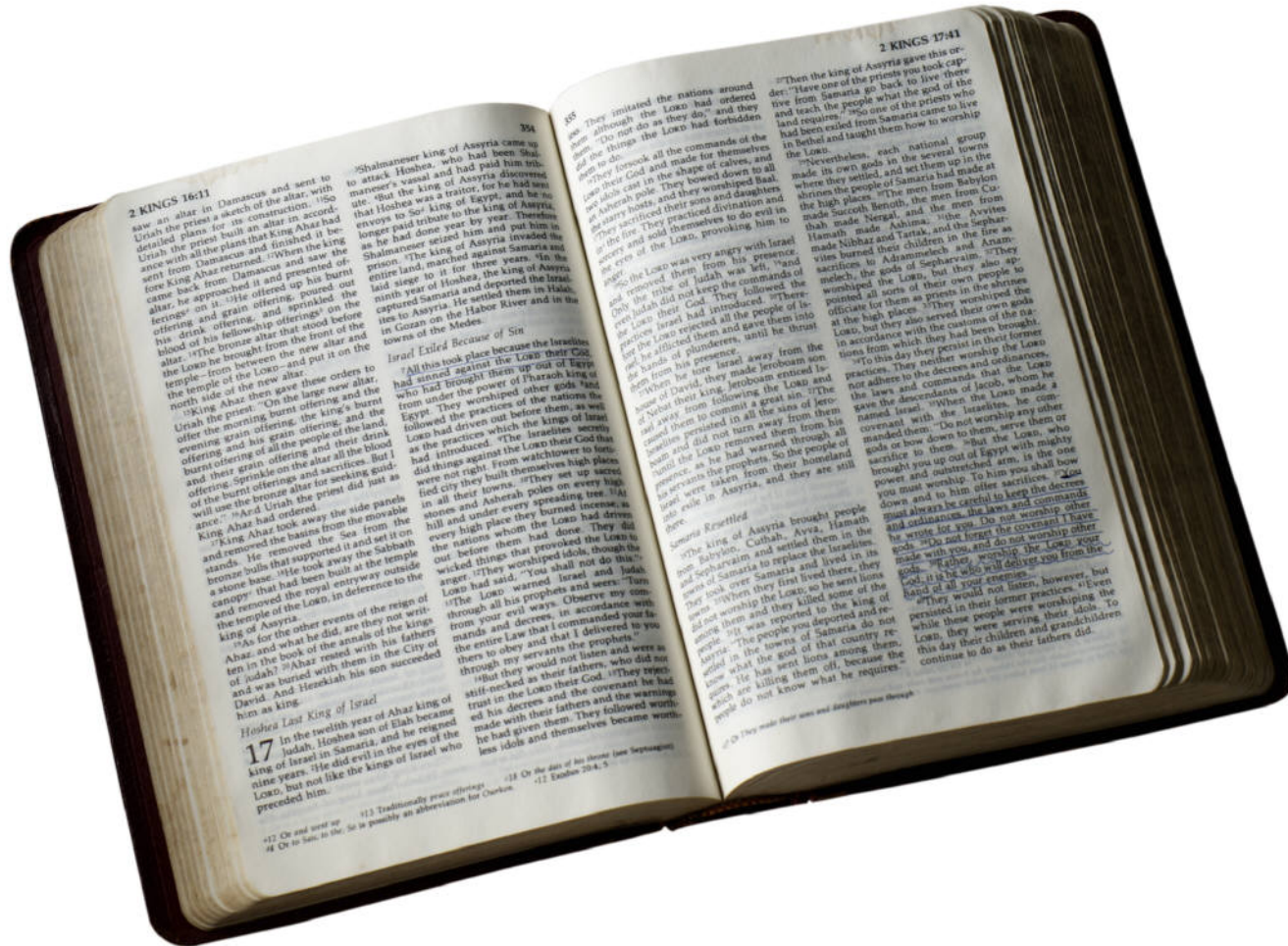
Tigger is an
“Anthropomorphism”

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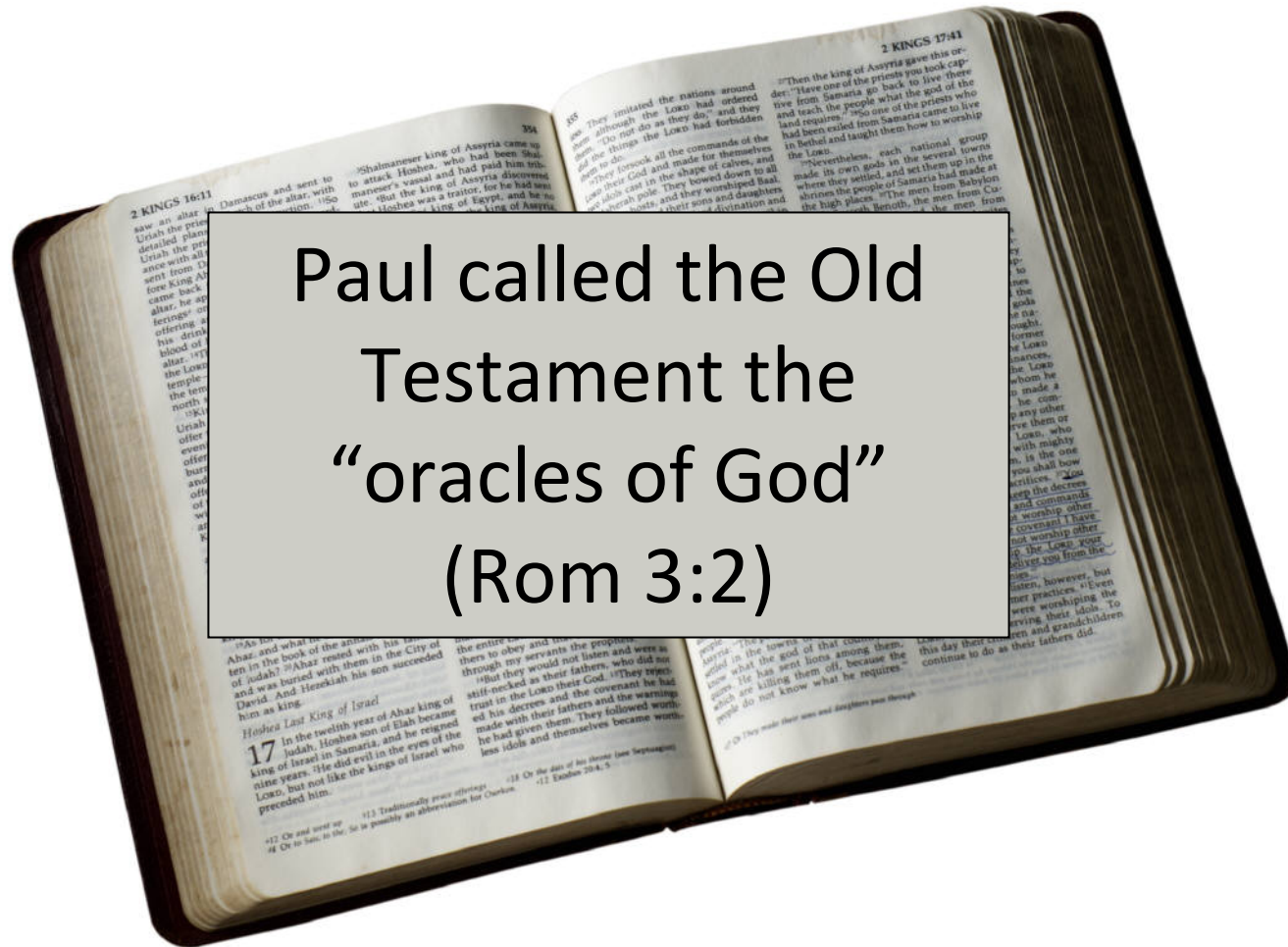
Anthropomorphisms help us understand things beyond us.



The Old Testament uses anthropomorphisms

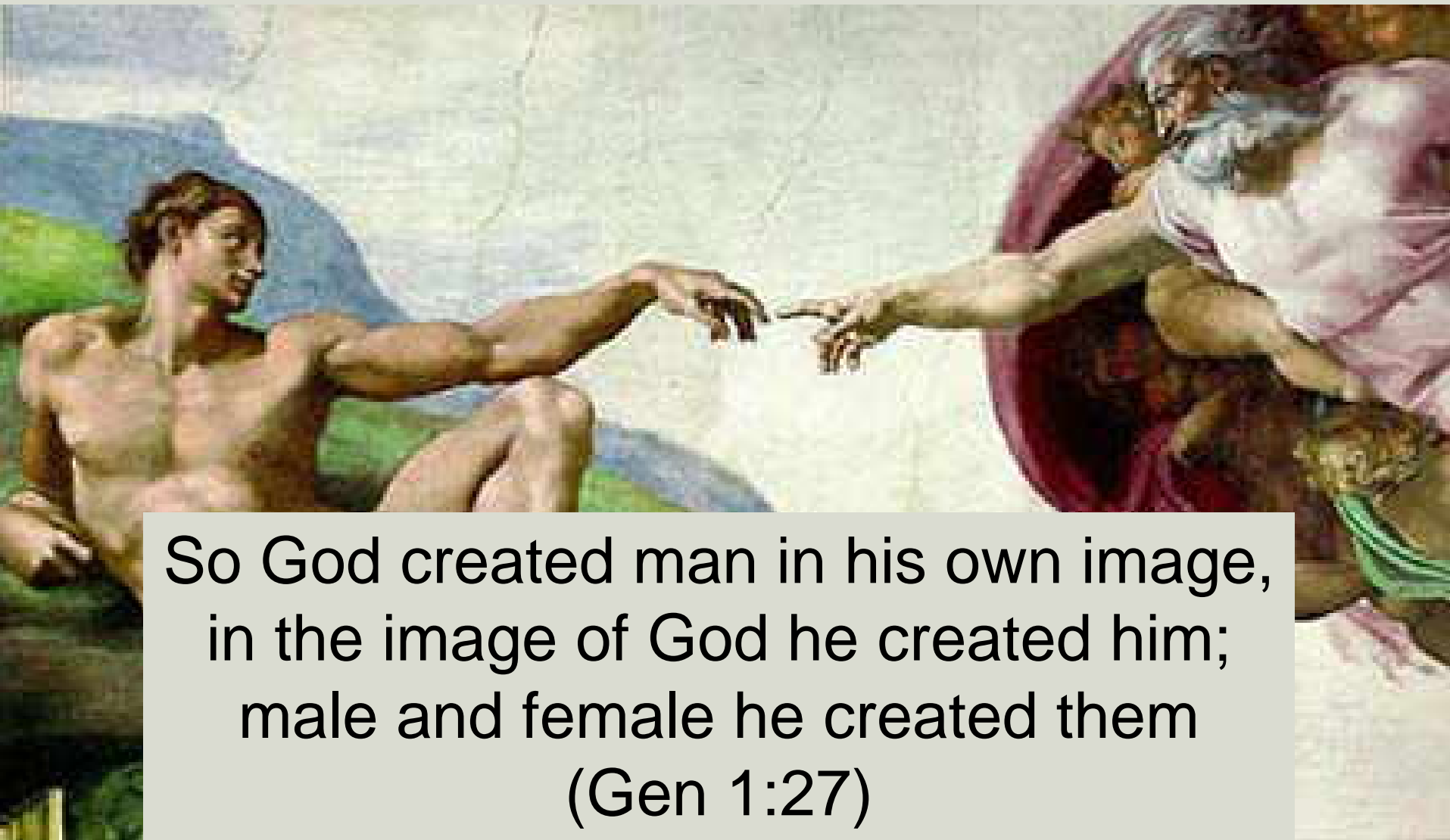


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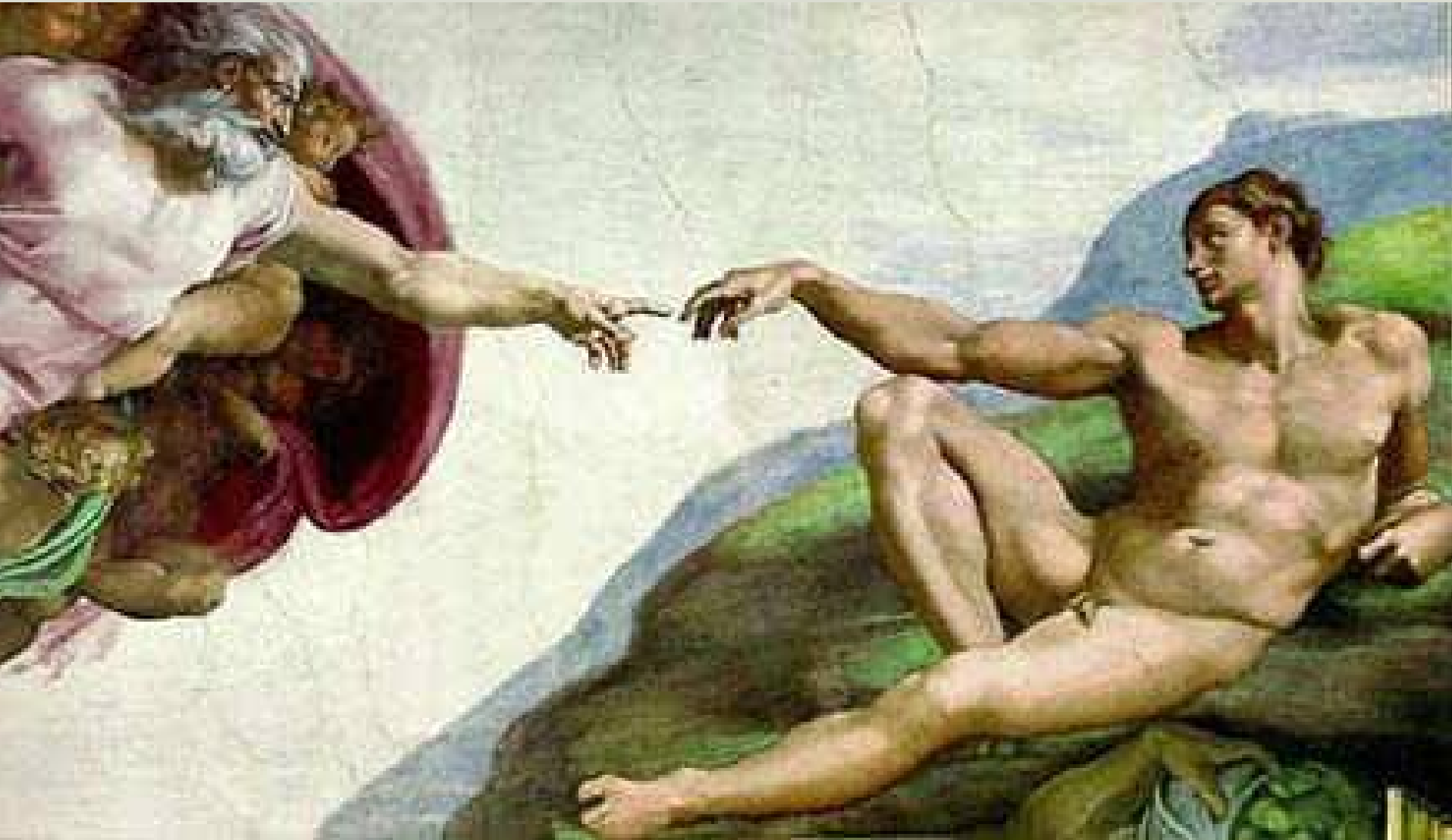
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Paul said the Old
Testament was
“breathed by God”
(2 Tim 3:16)



So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them
(Gen 1:27)

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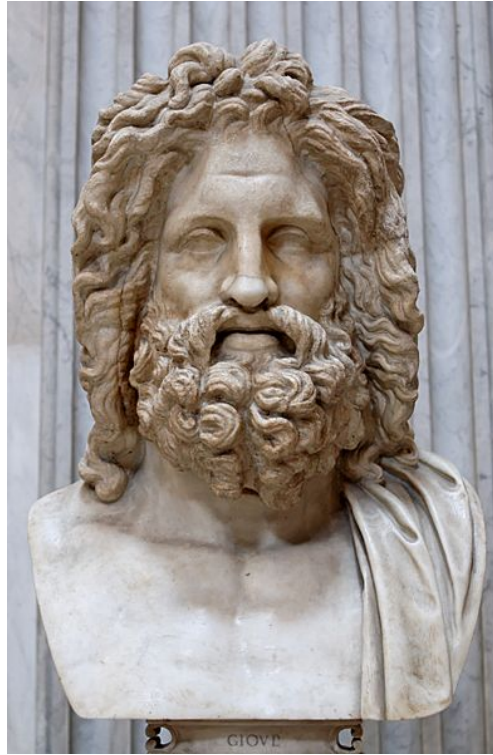
History has man creating god in his own image, in the image of man he created gods; male and female he created them



“Ra”



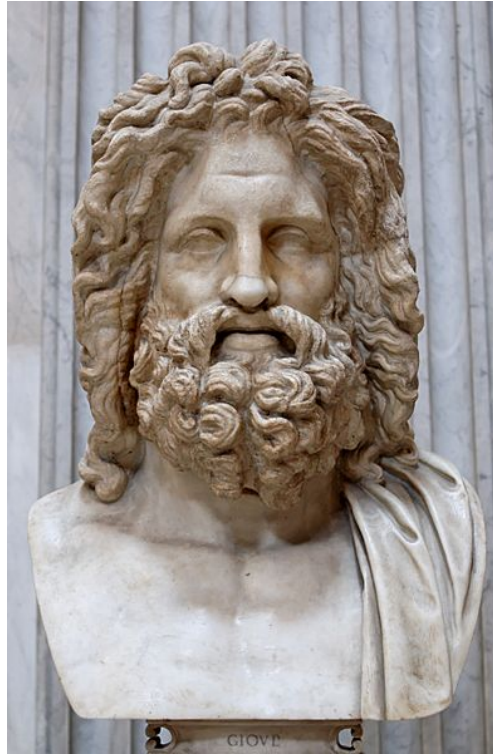
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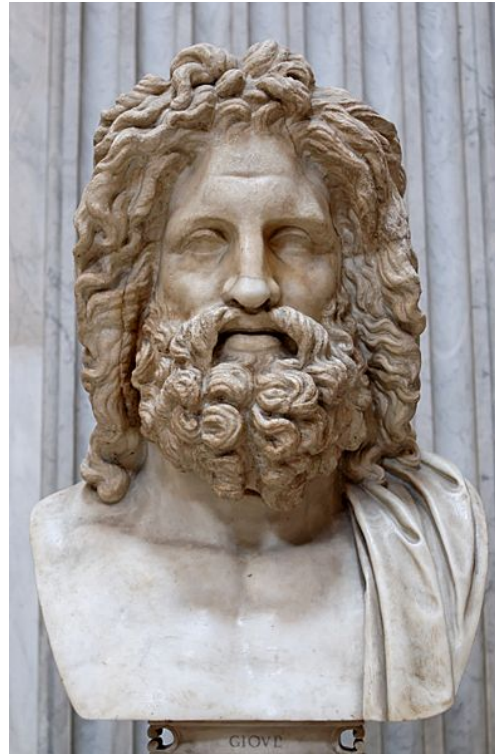
“Ra”



“Zeus”



“Poseiden”



“They exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals...

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshipped the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. (Rom 1:23-25)





“You shall not make
for yourself any
carved image...”
(Ex 20:4)





“No one
comprehends
the thoughts
of God except
the Spirit of
God”
(1 Cor 2:11)



“The blessed and Only
Sovereign, the King of
kings and Lord of lords,
who alone has
immortality, who dwells
in unapproachable light,
whom no one has ever
seen or can see. To him
be honor and eternal
dominion. Amen.”
(1 Tim 6:15-16)





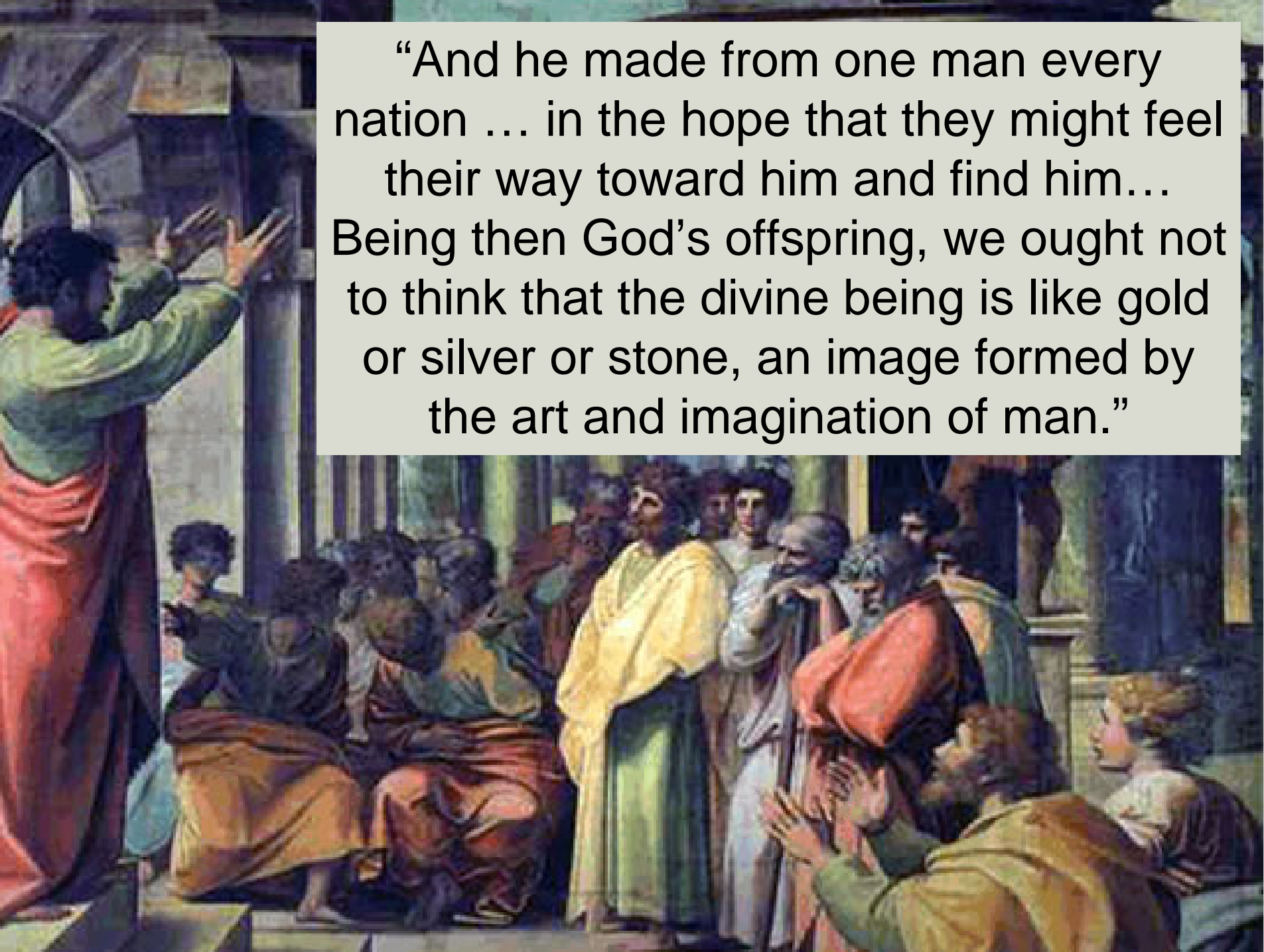
Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! (Rom 11:33)



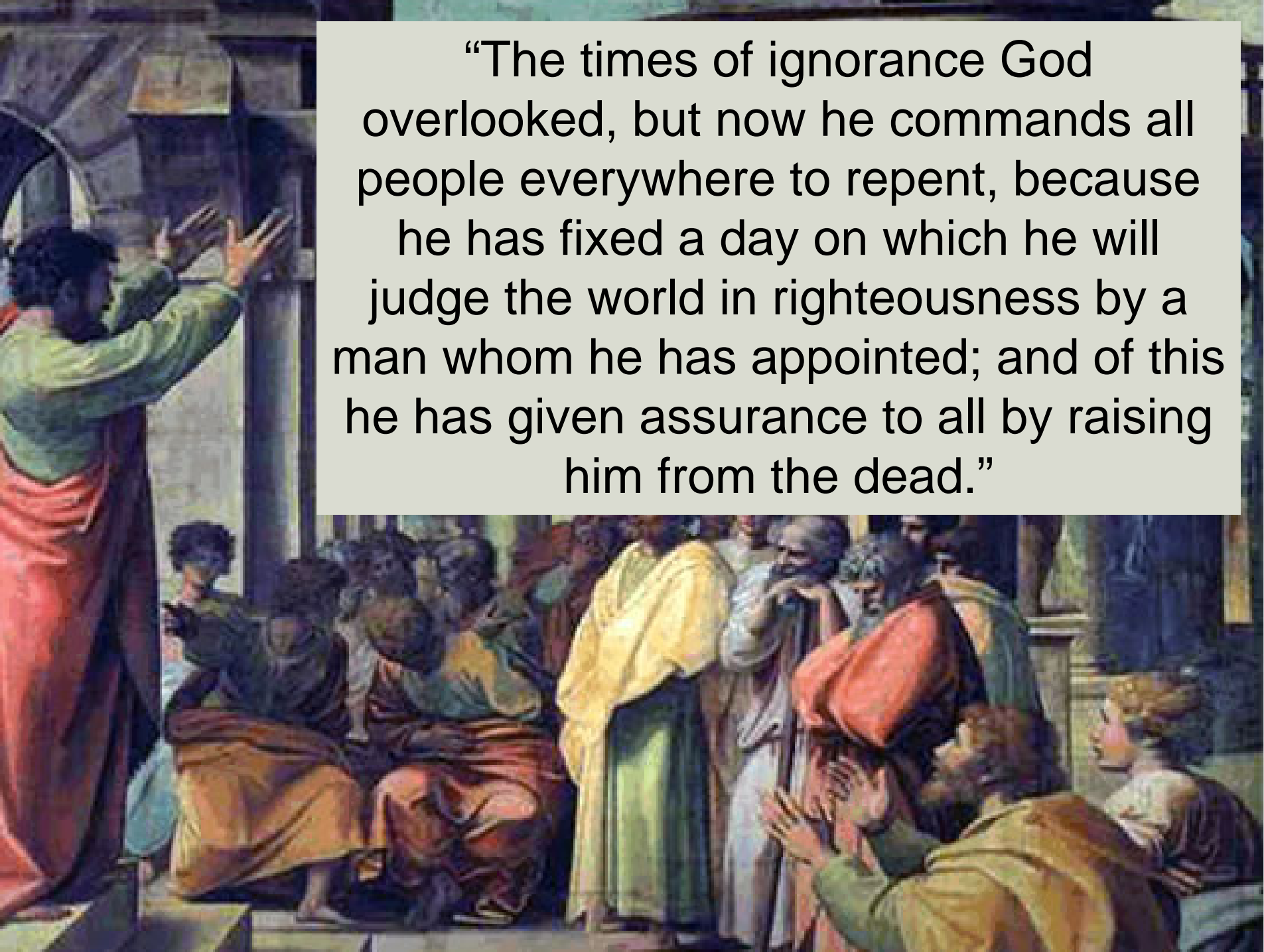
“The God, who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything...



“And he made from one man every nation ... in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him... Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.”



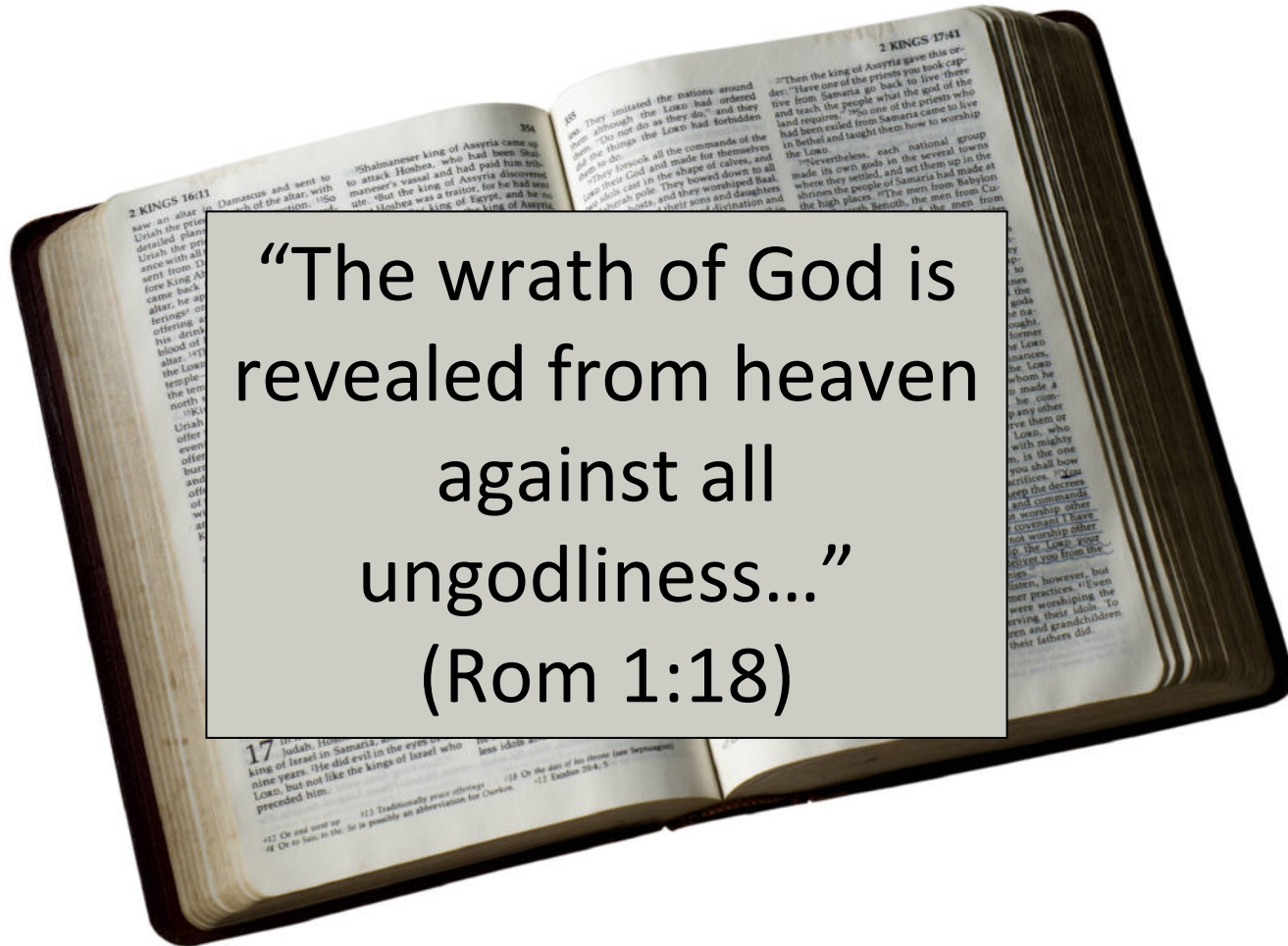
“The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”





With that background, we
now consider how Paul
anthropomorphizes God

The “wrath” of God

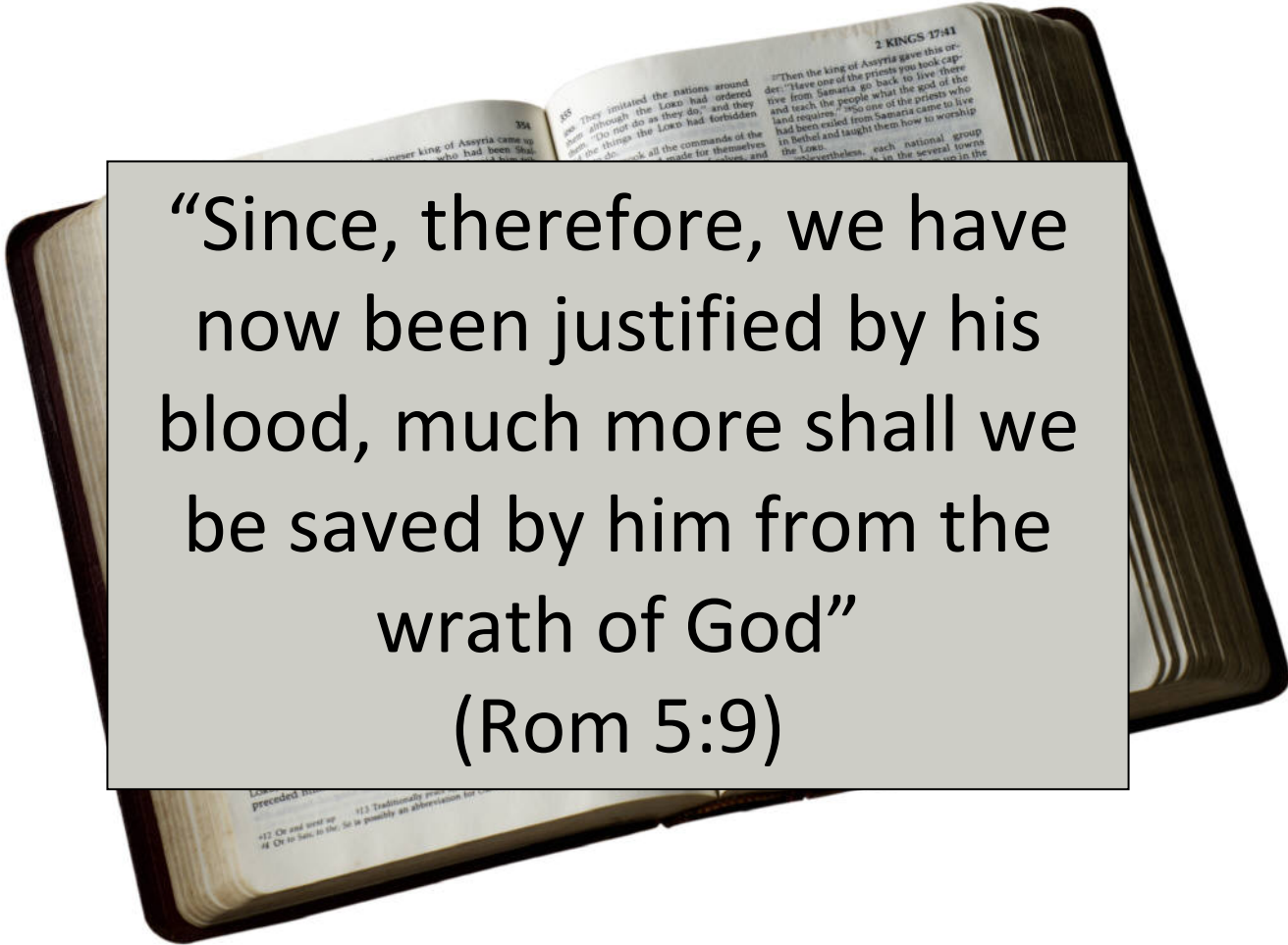


“The wrath of God is
revealed from heaven
against all
ungodliness...”
(Rom 1:18)

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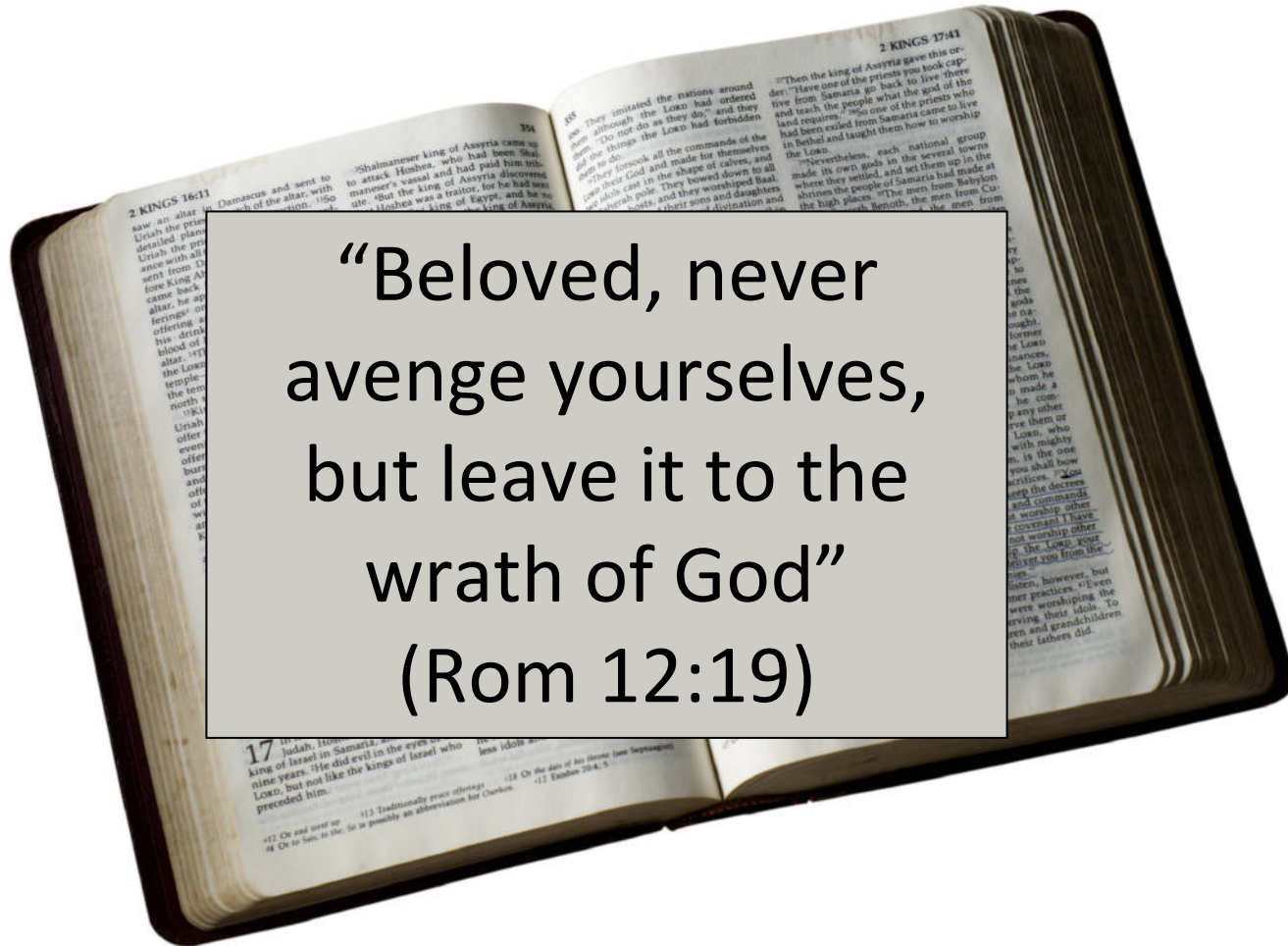
“Because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed”
(Rom 2:5)

The “wrath” of God

An open Bible is shown at an angle, with its pages slightly curved. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box is centered over the open pages. The text within the box is in a large, black, sans-serif font. The Bible's pages are visible around the edges of the box, showing some text from the surrounding chapters.

“Since, therefore, we have
now been justified by his
blood, much more shall we
be saved by him from the
wrath of God”
(Rom 5:9)

The “wrath” of God



“Beloved, never
avenge yourselves,
but leave it to the
wrath of God”
(Rom 12:19)

2 KINGS 16:11
Damasus and sent to
of the altar, with
tion. 16:10

Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up
to attack Hoshea, who had paid him tri-
bute. But the king of Assyria discovered
that Hoshea was a traitor, for he had sent
messengers to Egypt, and he re-
turned with horses and chariots.

2 KINGS 17:41
Then the king of Assyria gave this or-
der: "Have one of the priests who re-
side from Samaria go back to live there
and teach the people what the god of the
land requires." So one of the priests who
had been exiled from Samaria came to live
in Bethel and taught them how to worship
the Lord.

Nevertheless, each national group
made its own gods in the several towns
where they settled, and set them up in the
shrines the people of Samaria had made at
the high places. The men from Babylon
the high priest Benoth, the men from Cu-
teah the high priest Belemoth, the men from

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Is wrath a temper tantrum?



Wrath is the natural consequence
of sin and disobedience



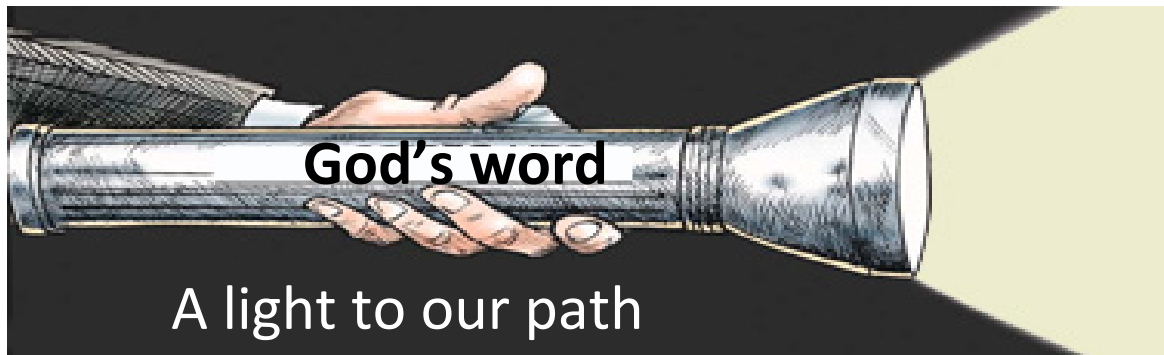
If you stick your hand in fire, you will get
burned

Before we leave
anthropomorphisms...



This is a detail from a medieval manuscript, likely the Lindisfarne Gospels, showing a portrait of a bearded man with a halo. The man has a serious expression, with deep-set eyes and a full, dark beard. He is wearing a red garment, possibly a robe or cloak, which is draped over his shoulders. The background is a textured, golden-brown color, suggesting a halo or a decorative background. The style is characteristic of the Lindisfarne Gospels, with its intricate line work and use of color.

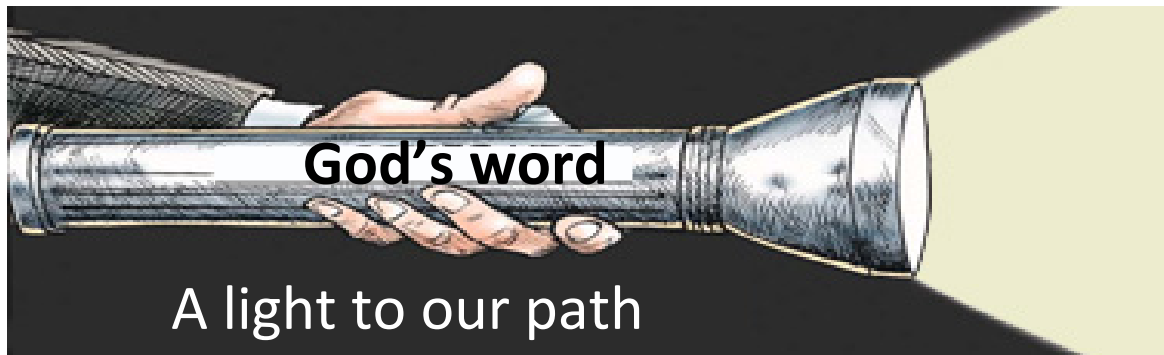
Look on passages of
God as "Father"



Points for Home



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image” (Gen 1:27)

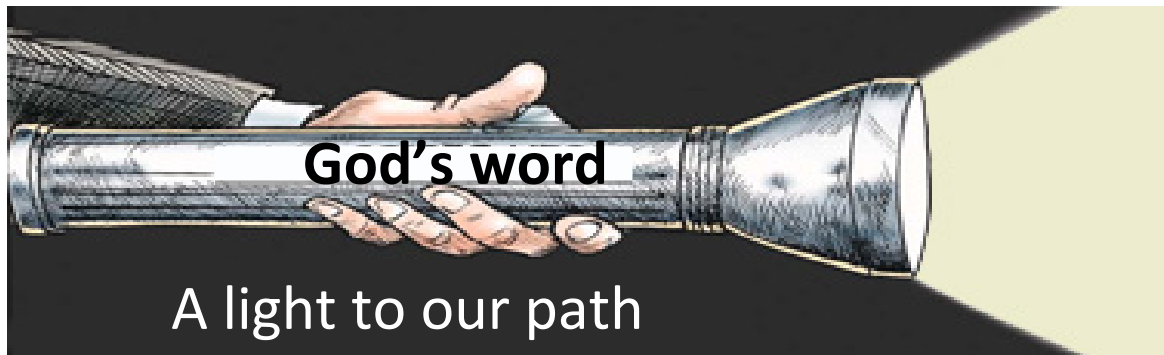


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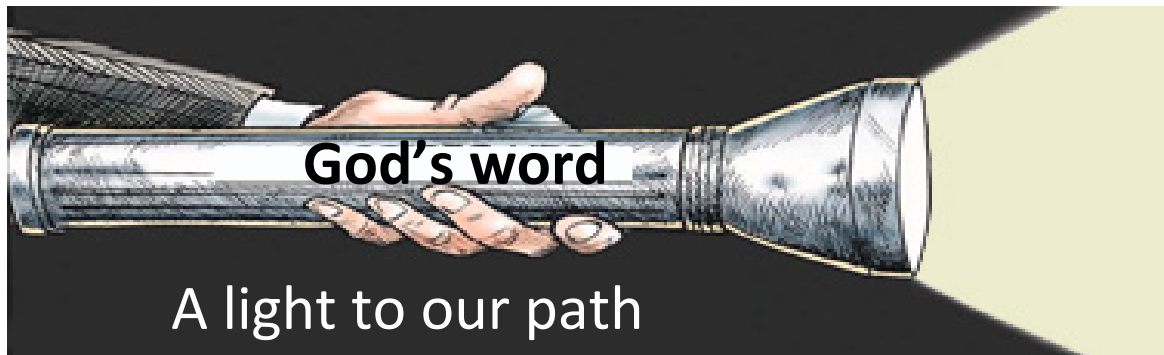
Yet God is still KNOWABLE ...
He has revealed himself!



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