

The Greatness of God

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Examining God's CV

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Who is God?



Our tendency is to use mental mathematics
when thinking about God.





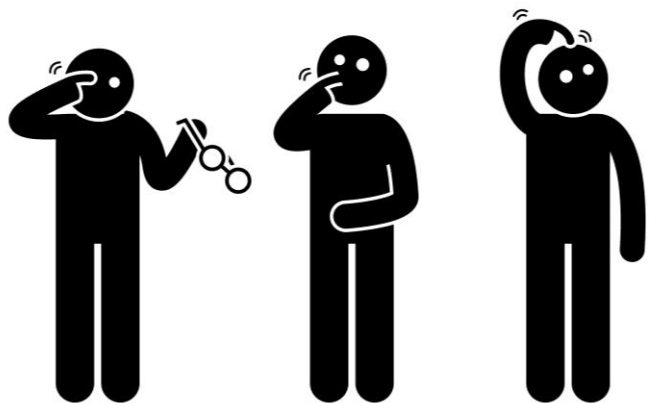
- God = “good”
- I think XYZ = “good”
- Therefore God = XYZ

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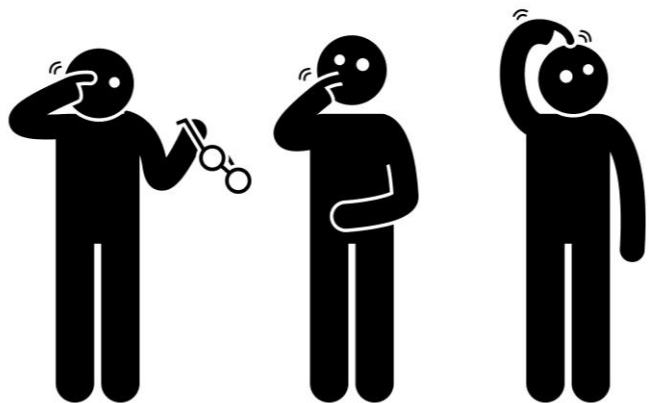
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Revelation (the Bible) becomes our
key to overcoming our natural
tendency to shape God



God continued to
reveal himself in
great detail and
clarity through
Scripture



God's revelation gives light and color to our understanding





The image features a conceptual design where a glowing blue light source, resembling a sun or a divine presence, shines down from the top. This light illuminates an open book with a textured, grey cover and white pages. Overlaid on the upper portion of the image is a semi-transparent blue rectangle containing a CV template. The template includes a central hexagon with the letters 'CV' and several surrounding labels: 'INTERESTS', 'CURRICULUM VITAE', 'EDUCATION', 'REFERENCES', and 'EXPERIENCE'. The overall aesthetic is clean, modern, and spiritual.

God's CV

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Professional:

- **Creator:** As creator, God –
 - Created the heavens and earth, forming and filling them with all that is good. (Gen. 1:1 “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Isa. 45:18 “For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!)”)
 - Created light and dark, well-being and calamity. (Isa. 45:7 “I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.”)
 - Creates a new heaven and earth. (Isa. 65:17 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.”)
 - Creates newness in the human heart. (Ps. 51:10 “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”)
- **Destroyer:** As destroyer, God –
 - Destroyed the world in a flood. (Gen. 6:17 “For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die.”)
 - Destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen. 19:13 “For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.”)

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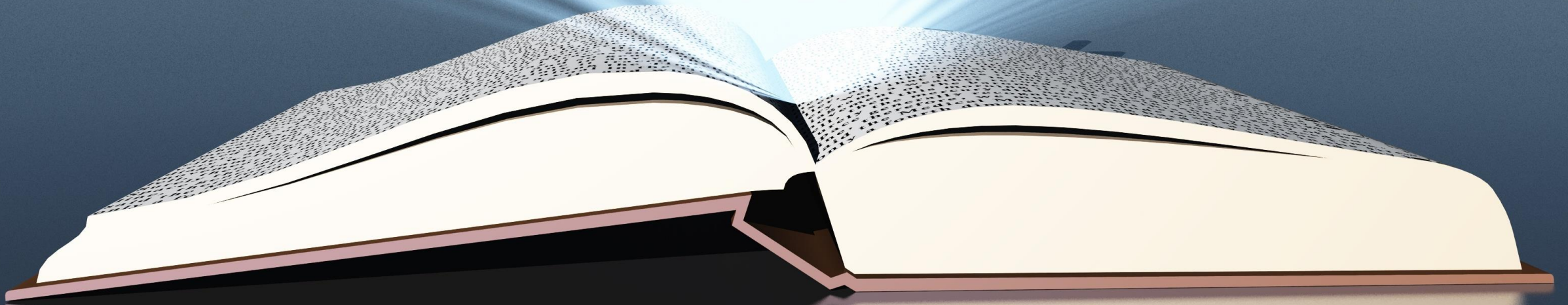
“God is love” – 1 Jn. 4:8



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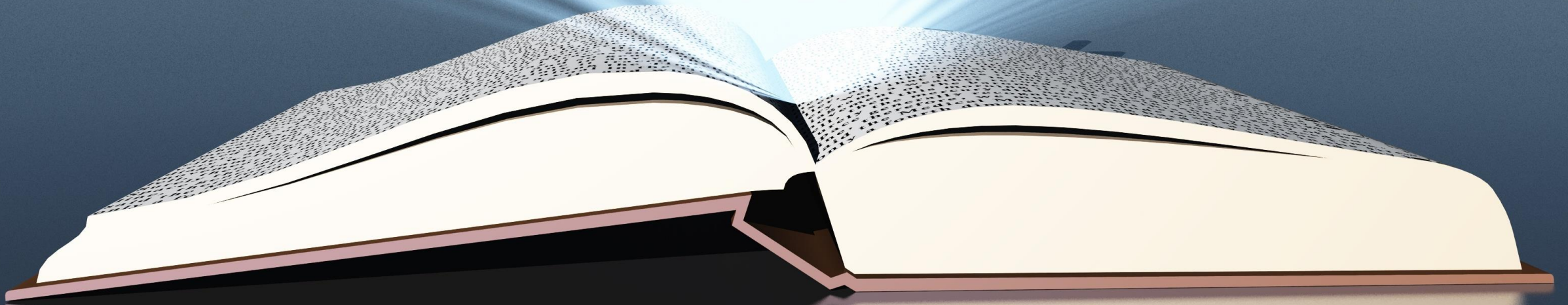
God has affection toward us



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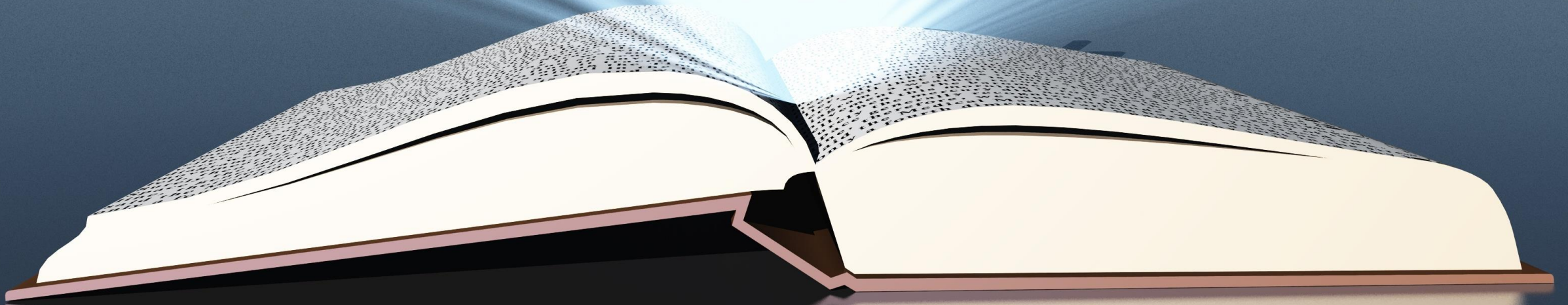
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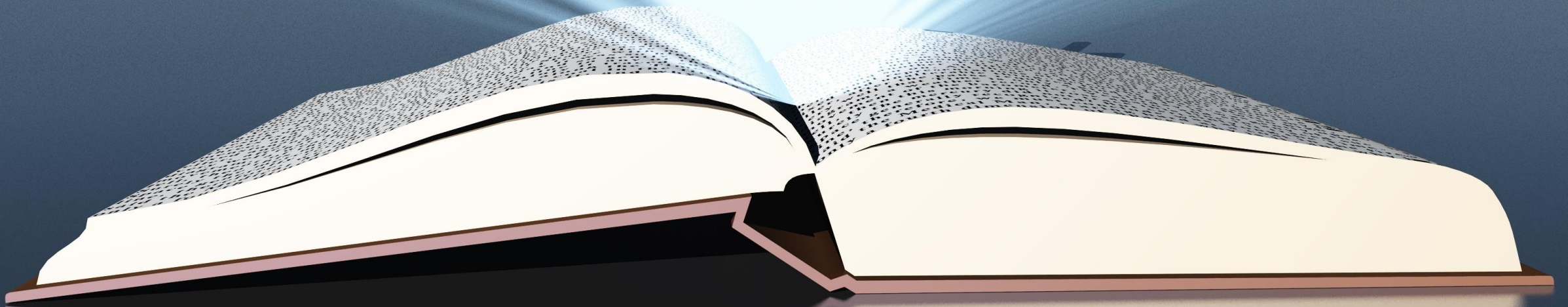
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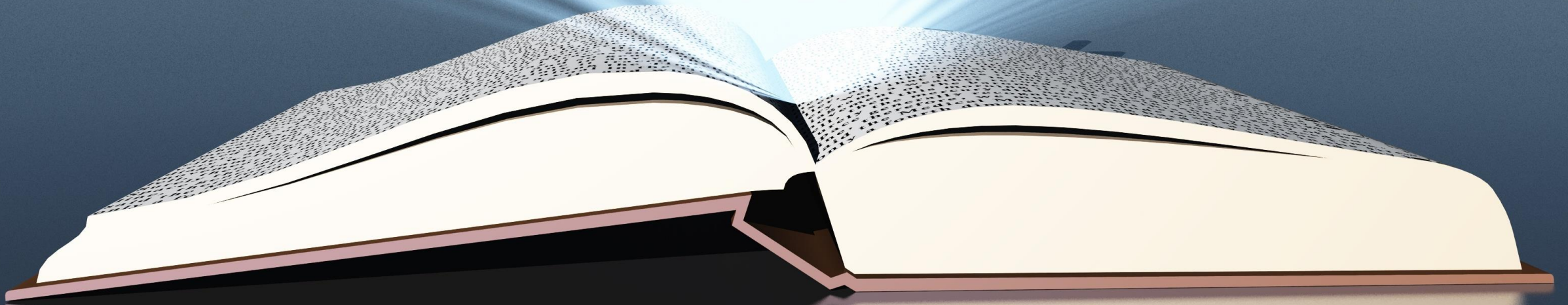
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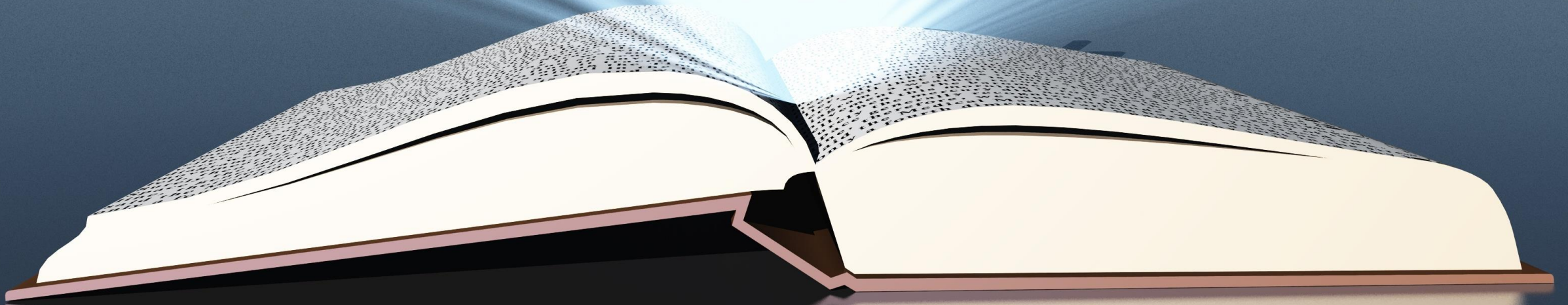
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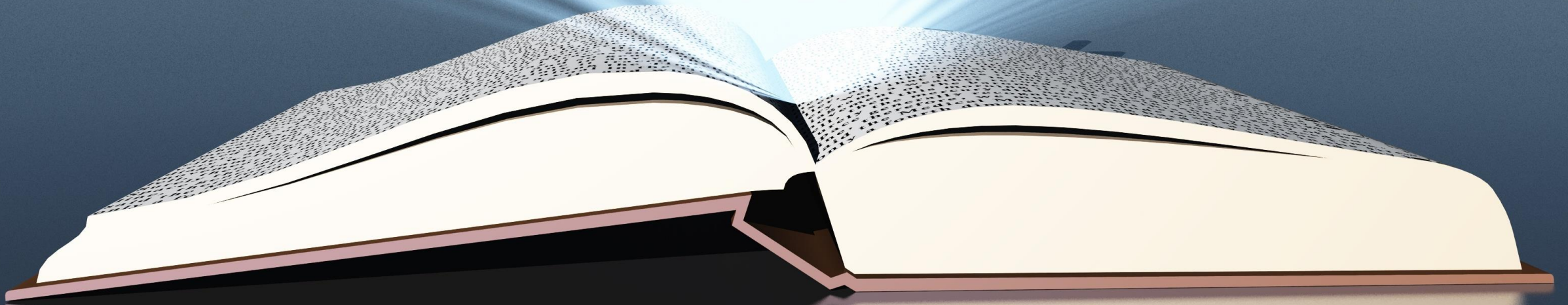
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Eccl. 3:8

Isa. 61:8

Amos 5:15

Rom. 12:9

Lk 6:27-36

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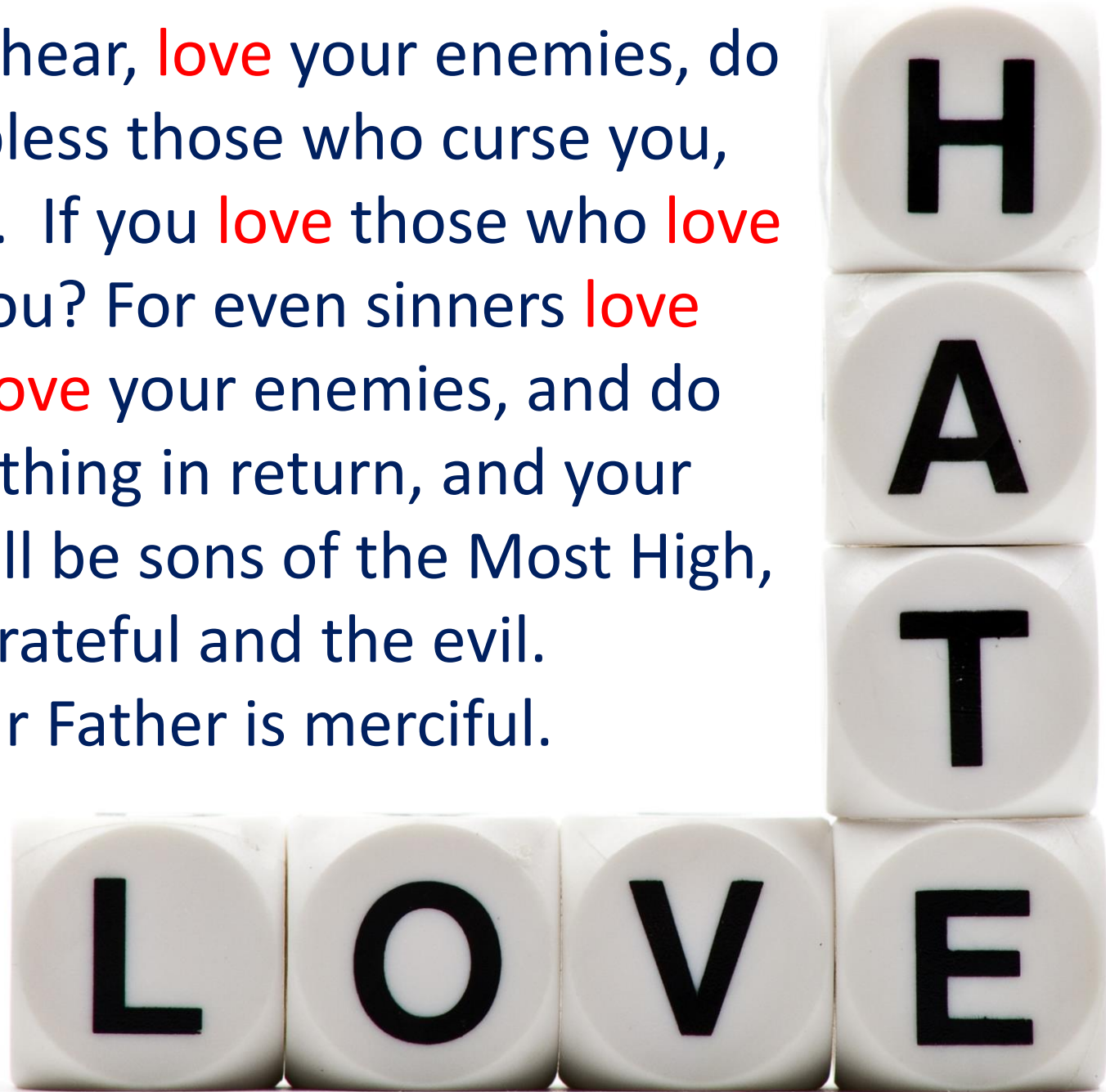
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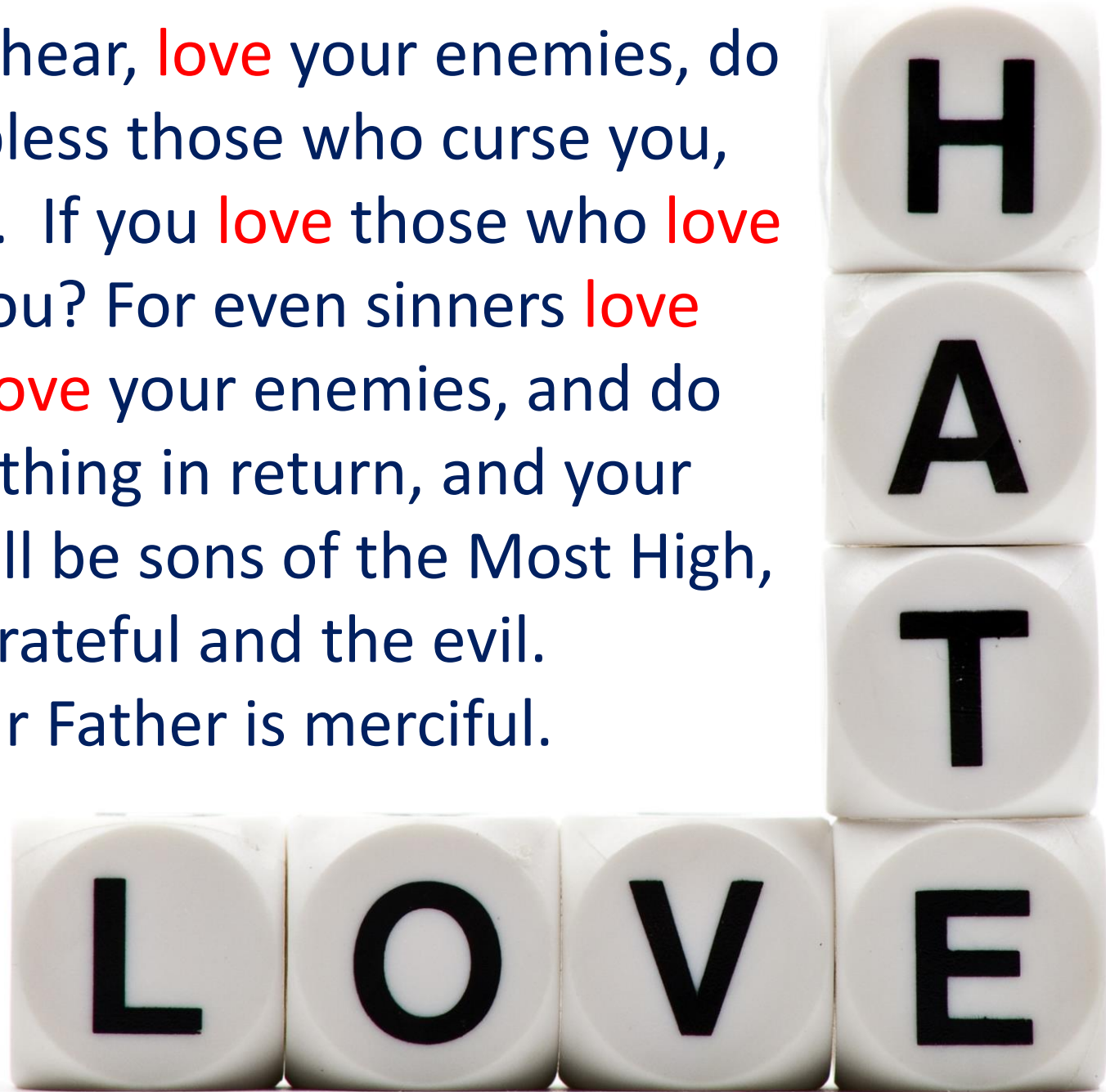
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...We hate what harms/ruins them



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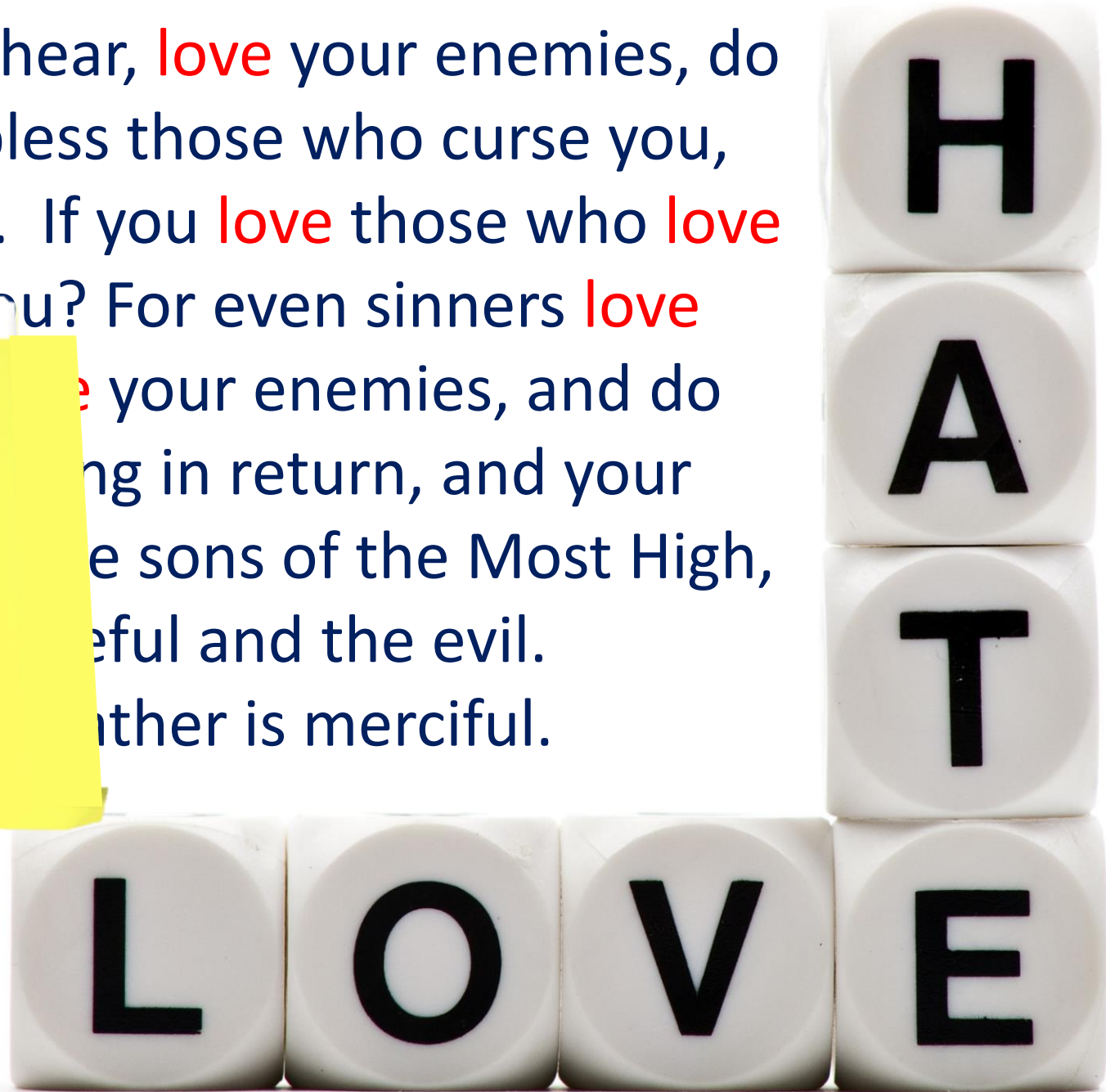
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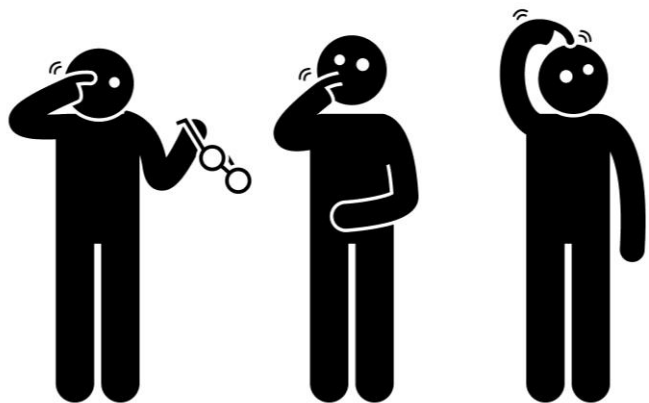
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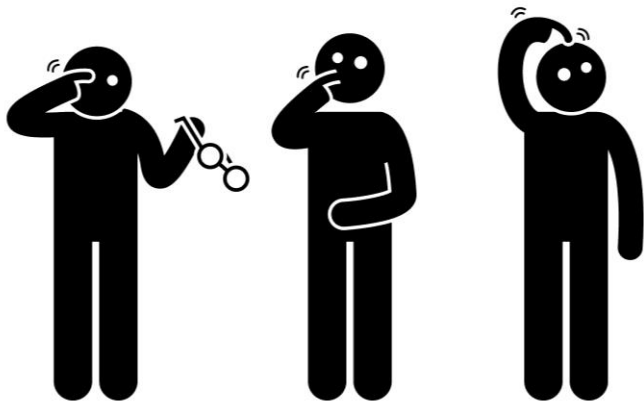
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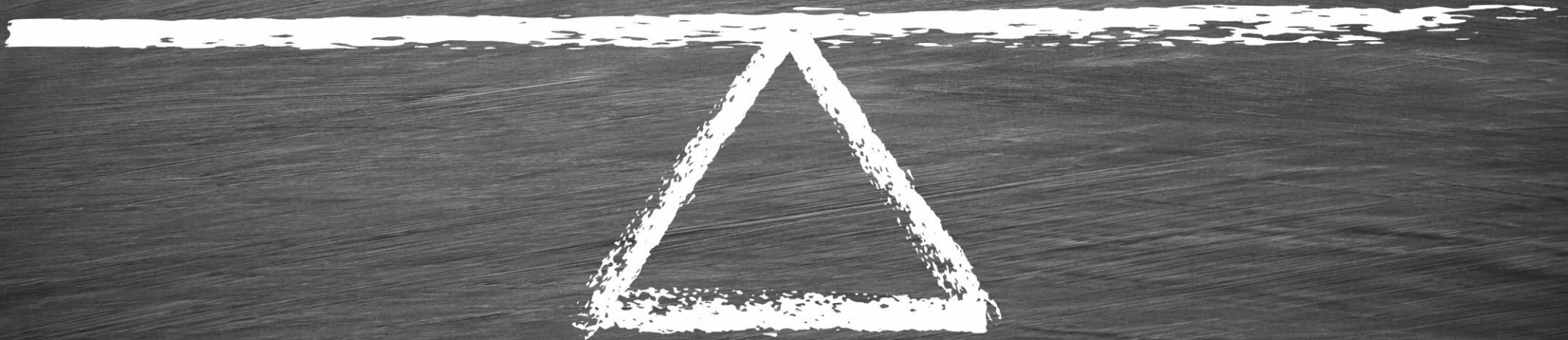
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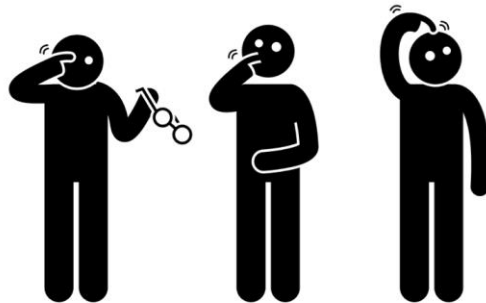
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Matthew 5:29 – If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.



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Matthew 3:12 – His
winnowing fork is in his
hand, and he will clear
his threshing floor and
gather his wheat into
the barn, but the chaff
he will burn with
unquenchable fire



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Matthew 5:46-48 – For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? **You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**





Why is God so
hung up
about sin?

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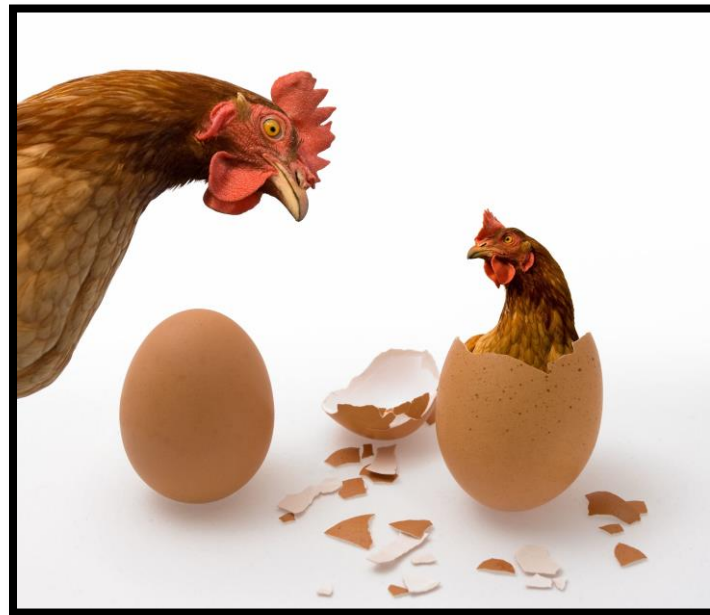


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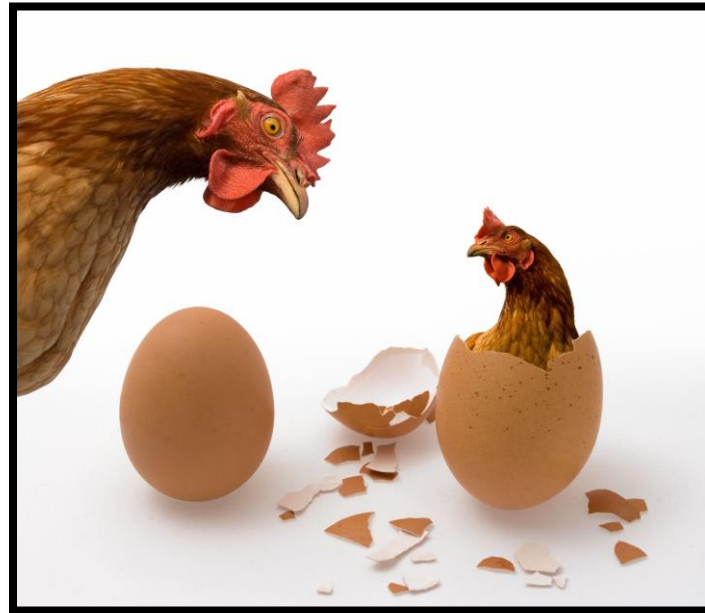
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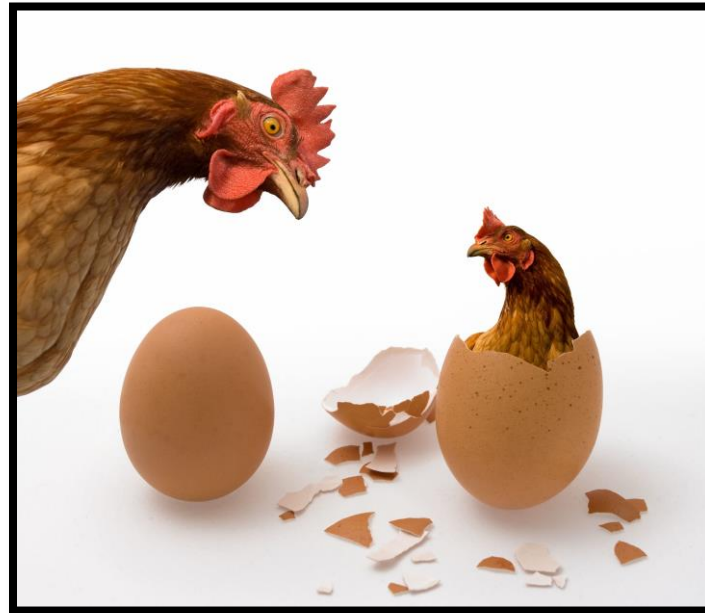
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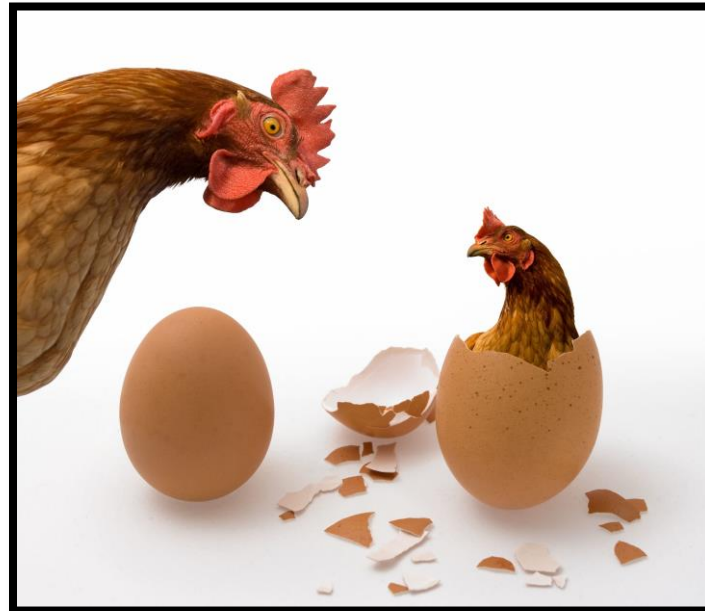
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Option 2

Some actions loved by the
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God **IS**
moral!







If God is 100%
pure, how do we
fit in when we are
less than 100%?

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Matthew 7:19

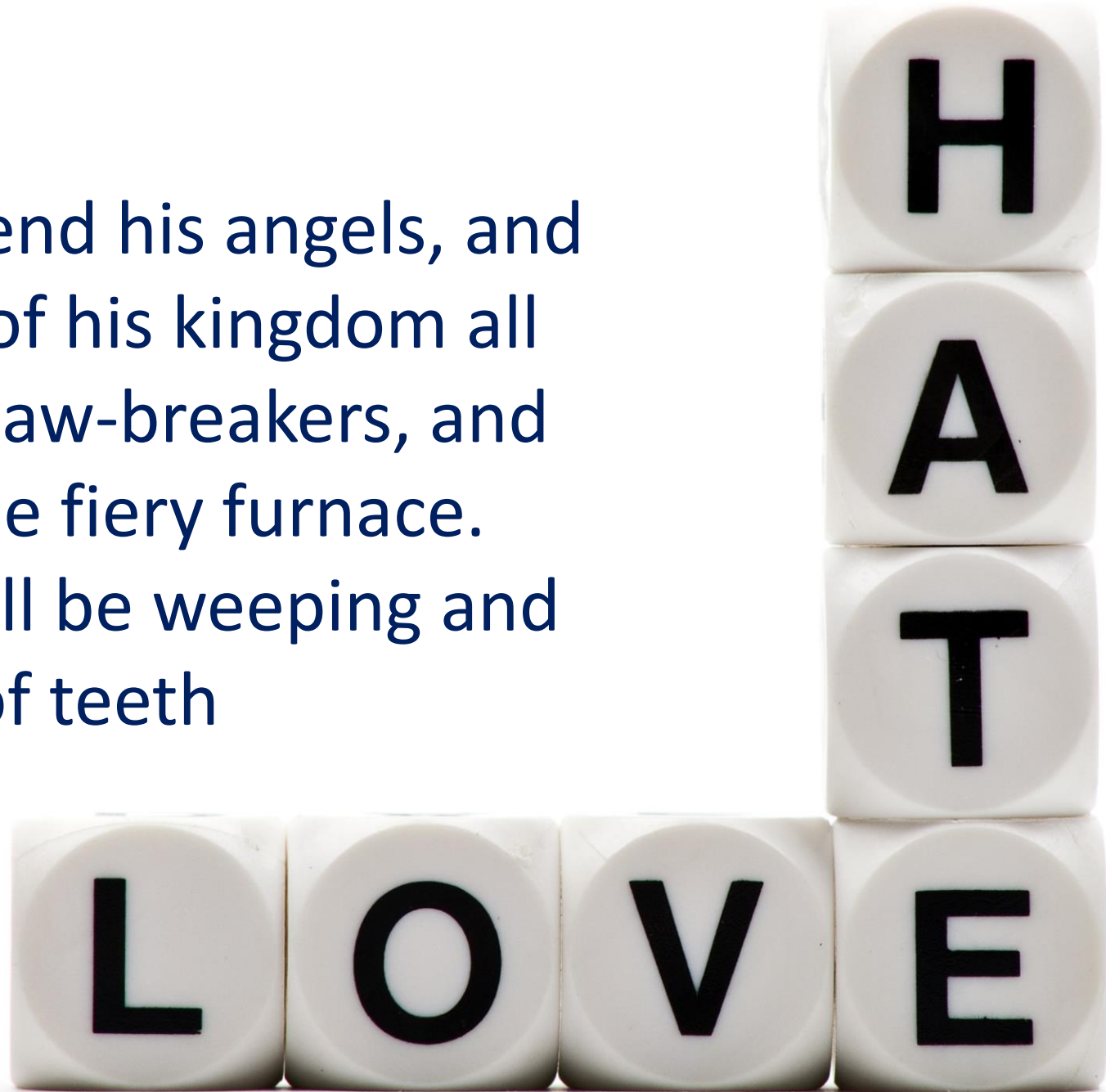
Every tree that does not bear
good fruit is cut down and
thrown into the fire



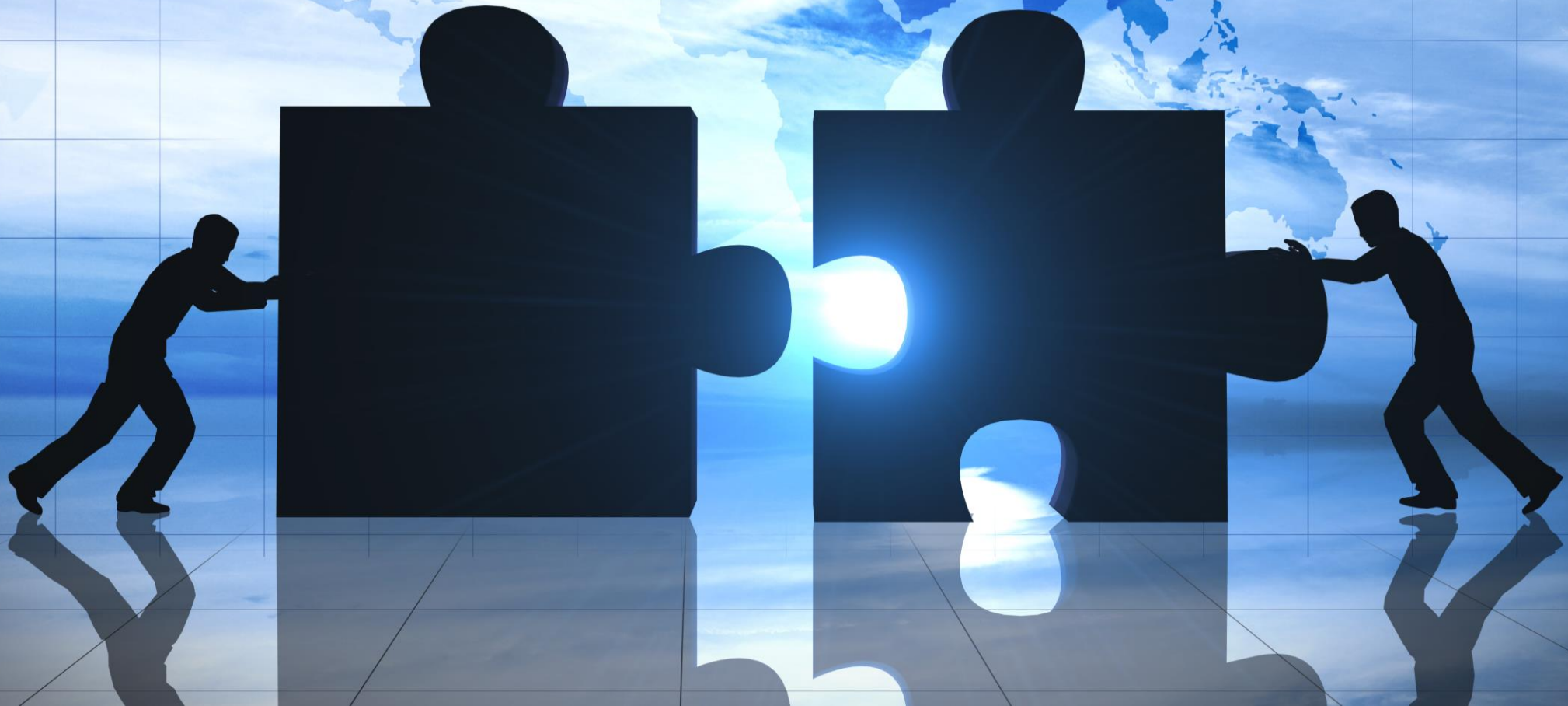
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Matthew 13:41-42

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth



How does God's all-loving trait merge with his hatred of evil trait?





Tell
you
next
week!

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Look to God as the good one



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“No one is good except
God alone” – Lk 18:19

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Take sin seriously

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“And you were dead in the
trespasses and sins ”

– Eph. 2:1

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Walk in God's mercy

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“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ ”

– Eph. 2:4-5

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