



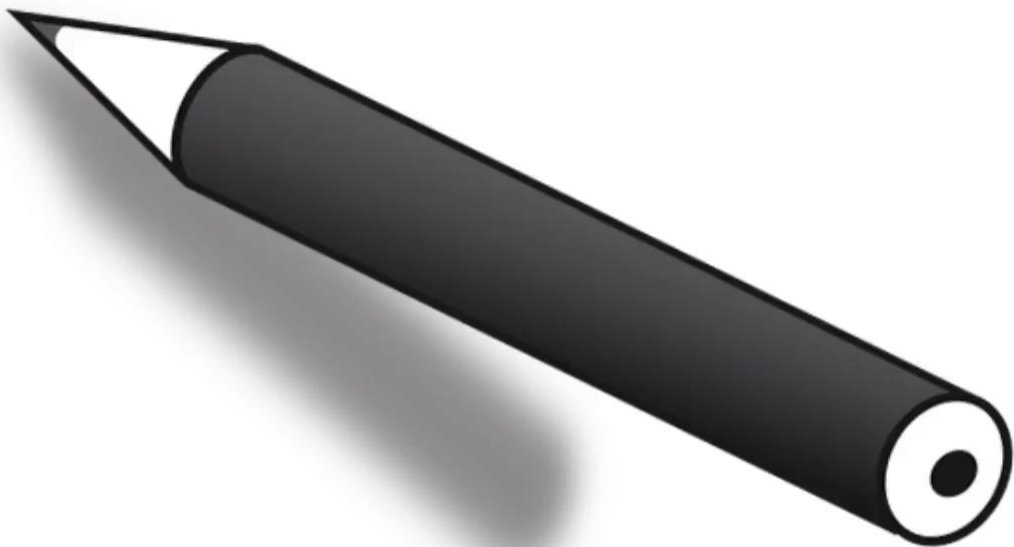
Is God Guilty of  
Fraud?

A row of wooden file folders is shown, with the central folder in sharp focus. The folder has a light-colored label with the word "Investigations" printed in a black, typewriter-style font. To the left, a metal ring is visible, holding the folder in place. Other folders in the background are slightly out of focus, showing labels like "Clients", "Su", and "ers".

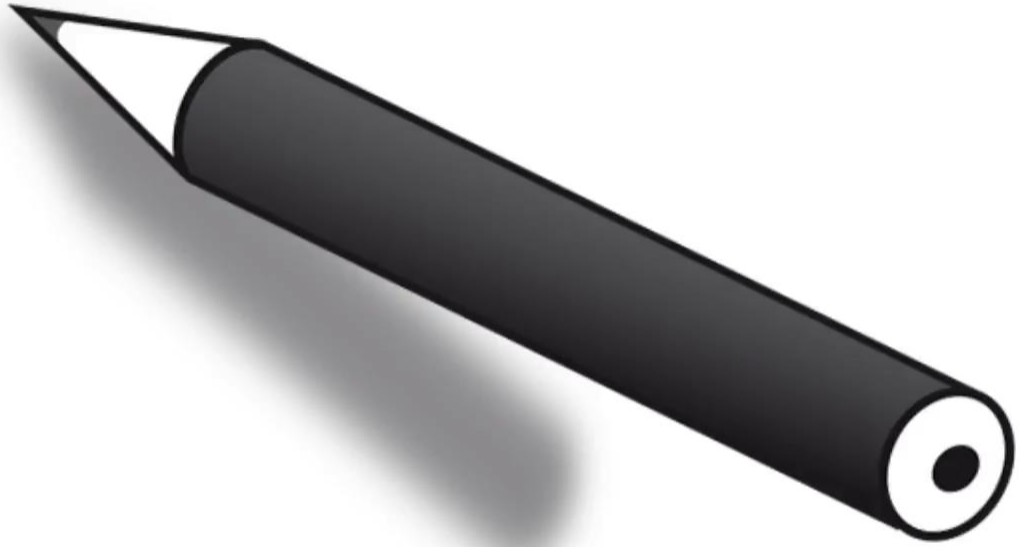
Investigations

A close-up photograph of a person wearing a dark grey suit jacket over a light blue button-down shirt. The person is holding a magnifying glass with a gold-colored rim and a dark wooden handle. They are looking through the lens at a white receipt held in their other hand. The receipt has some text, including "USD 53.28", "Thank you for shopping with us!", "Card Number: \*\*\*\*\*", "Date: 21.10.2014 15:54", and "Credit Card Receipt". In the background, a calculator and some papers are visible on a desk.

God of War or  
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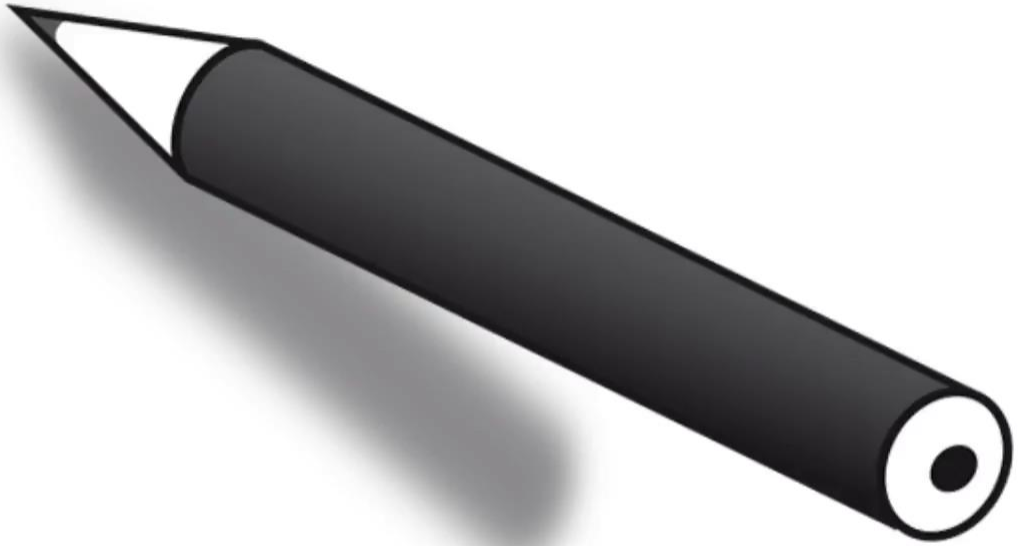


# Question



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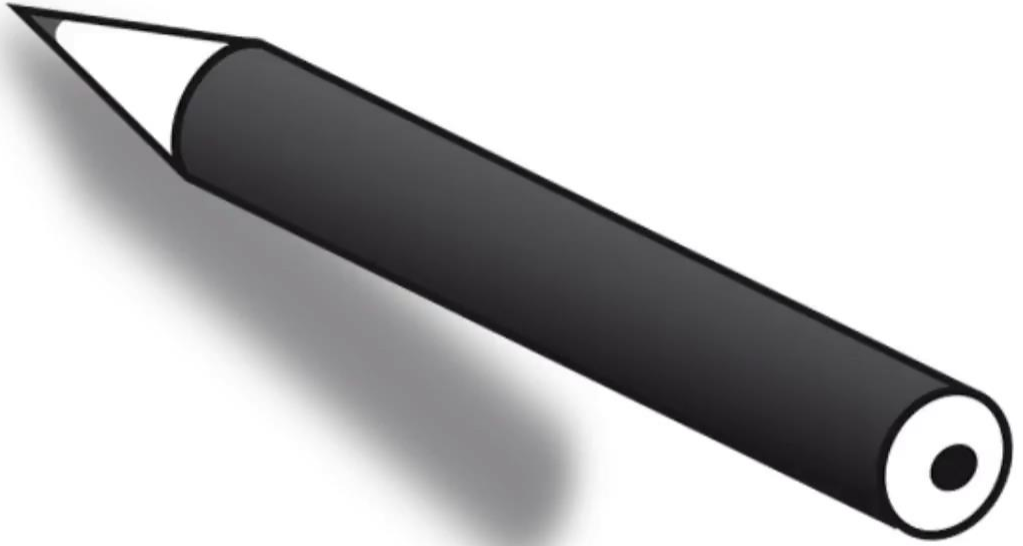




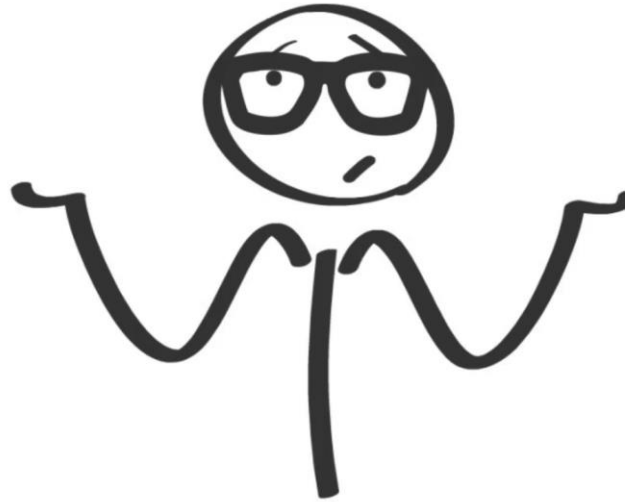
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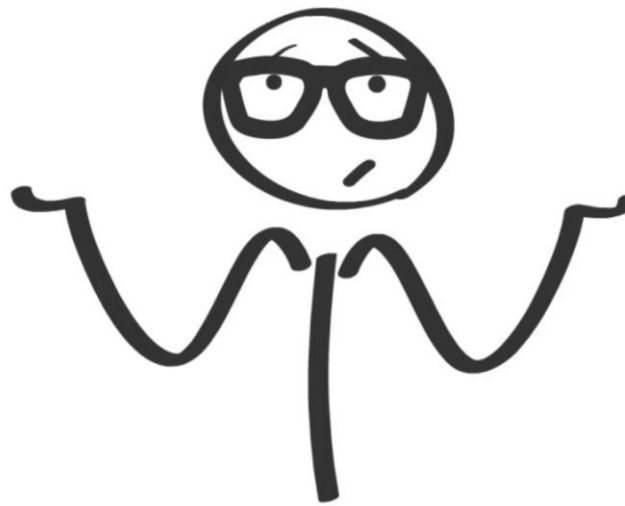


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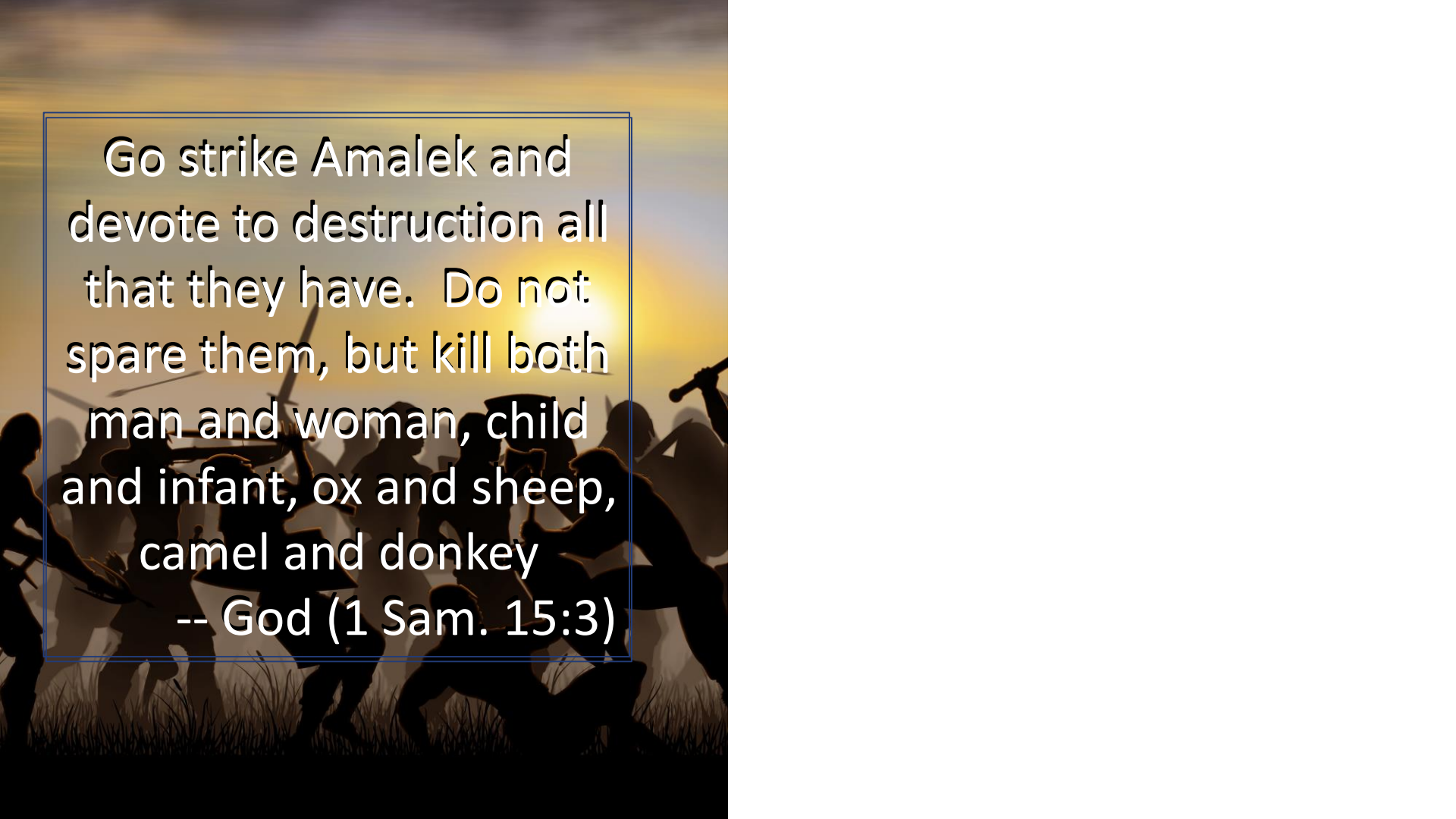
What's  
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with this  
picture?

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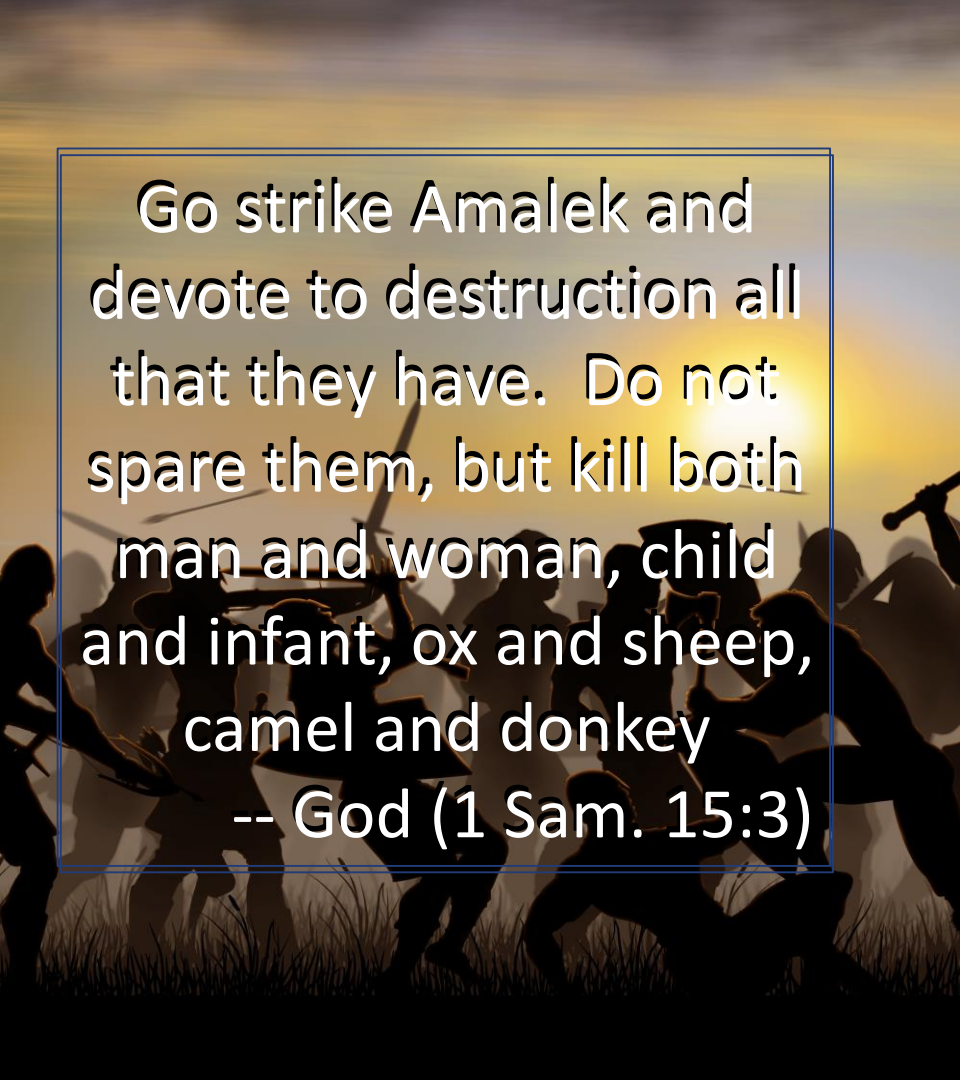
The background of the slide features a dramatic sunset scene. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and grey, with the sun low on the horizon. In the foreground, the silhouettes of several figures are visible against the bright light. Some figures appear to be holding long poles or spears, suggesting a scene of conflict or a hunt. The overall mood is somber and intense.

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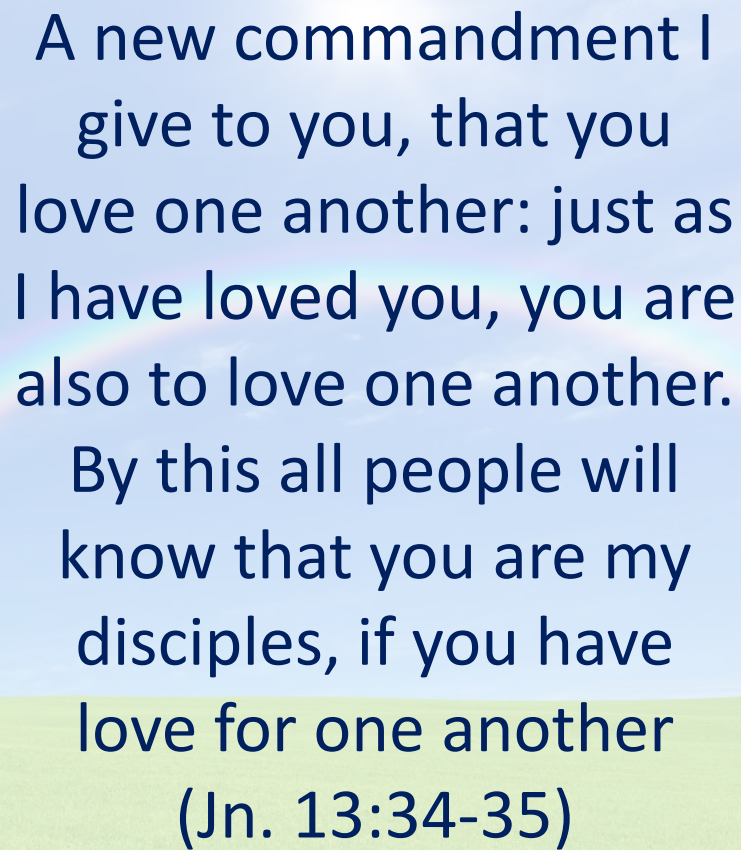


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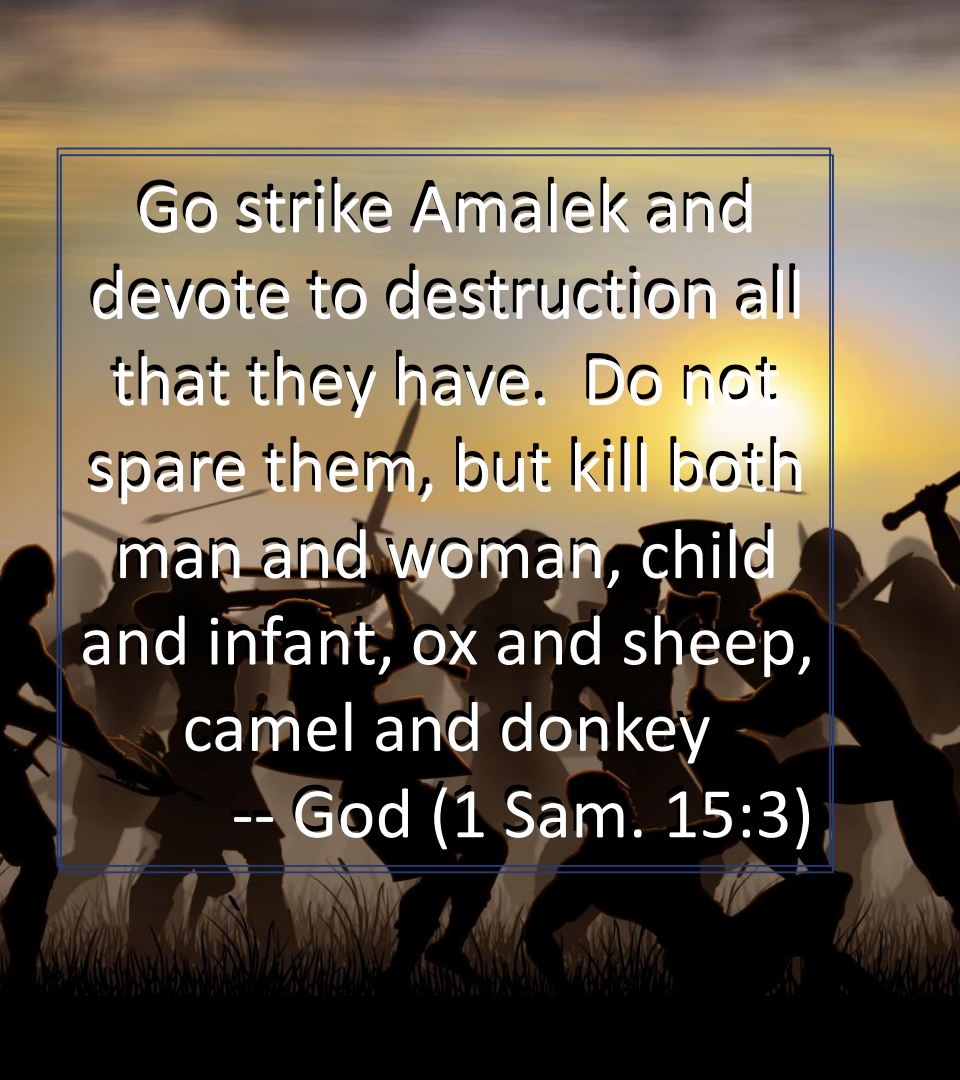
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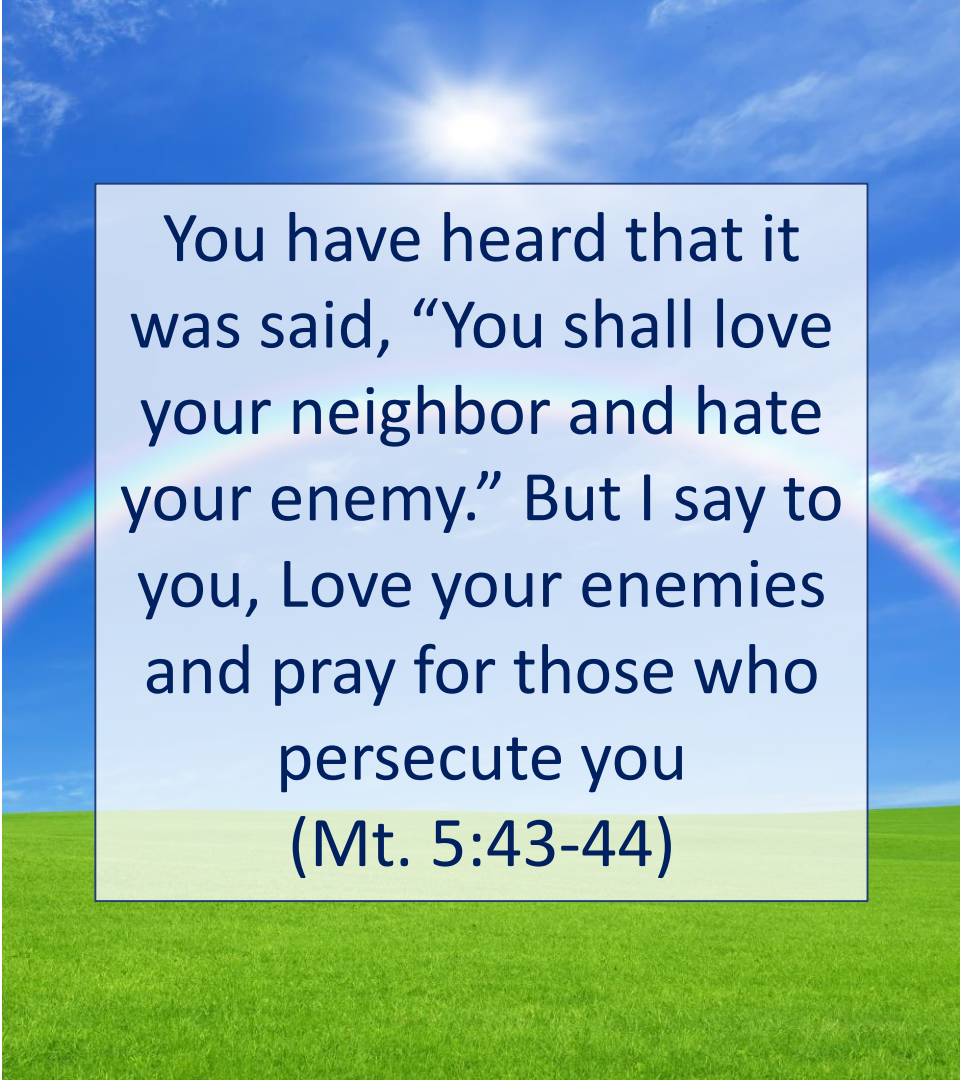
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The background of the left slide shows a group of warriors in silhouette, armed with spears and shields, standing in a field. The scene is set against a bright, low sun, creating a strong backlight effect and long shadows. The sky is a mix of orange and yellow.

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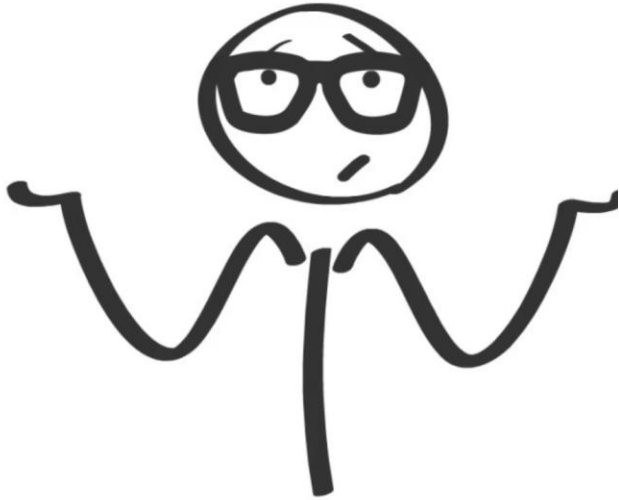
The background of the right slide features a bright sun in a clear blue sky. A vibrant rainbow is visible on the left side, arching over a lush green field that occupies the bottom portion of the image.

You have heard that it  
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your neighbor and hate  
your enemy." But I say to  
you, Love your enemies  
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(Mt. 5:43-44)

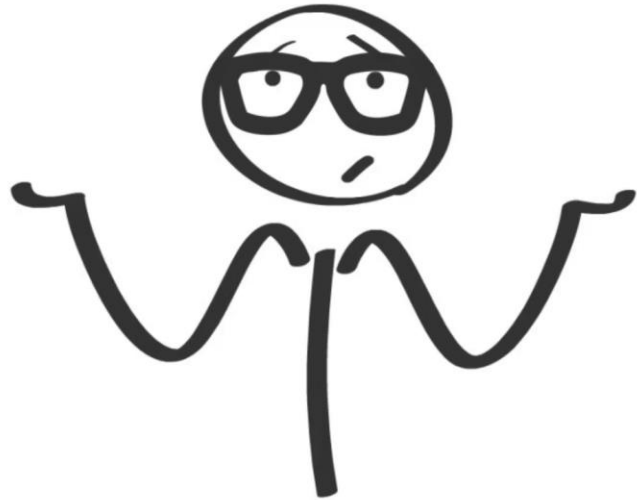
**These seem totally opposite to each other**



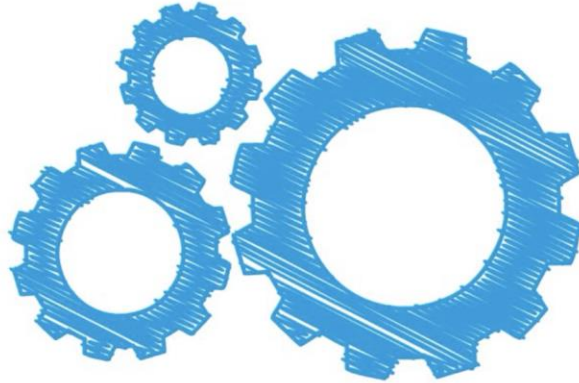
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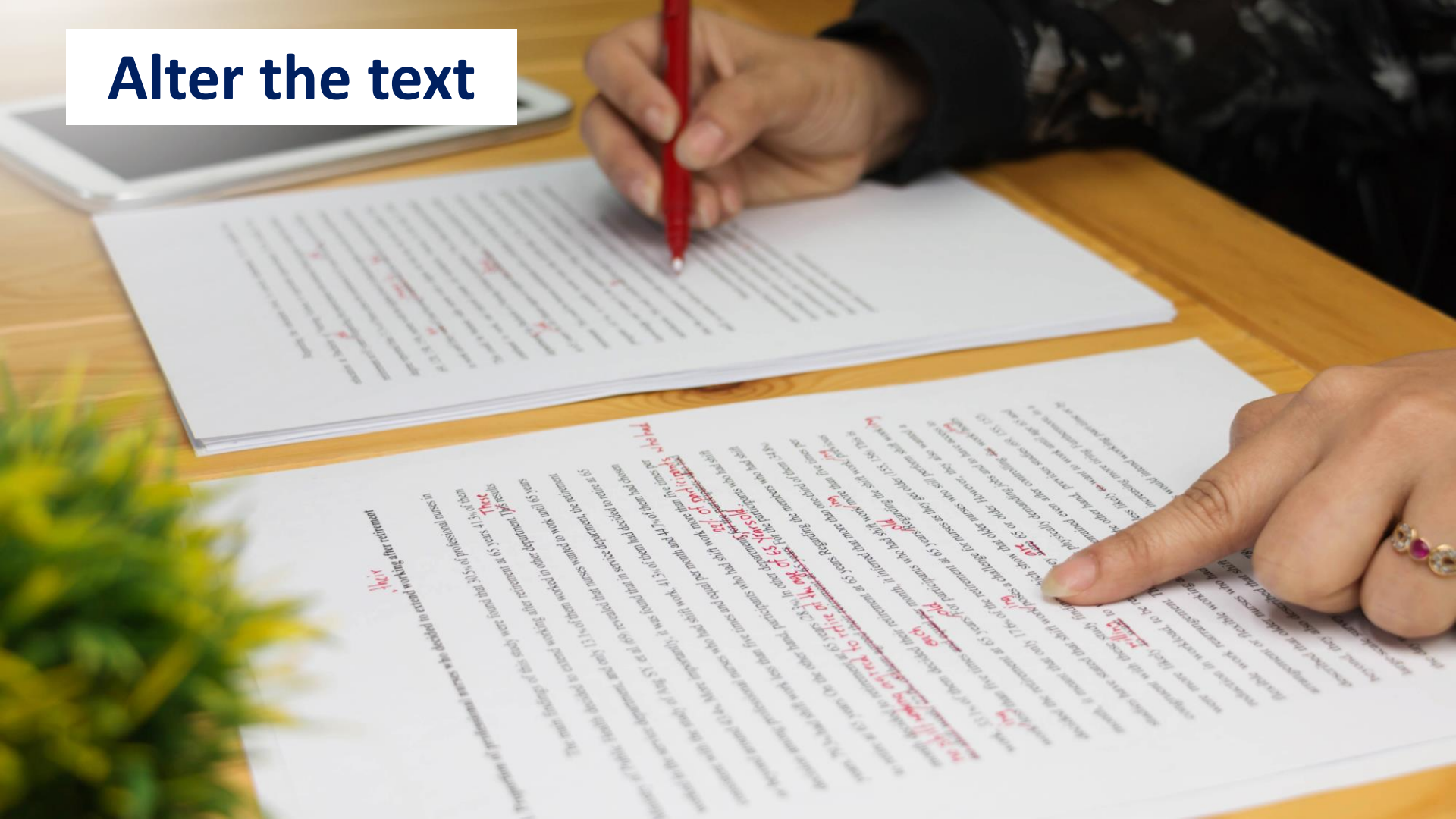


# The answers are all over the map





# Alter the text



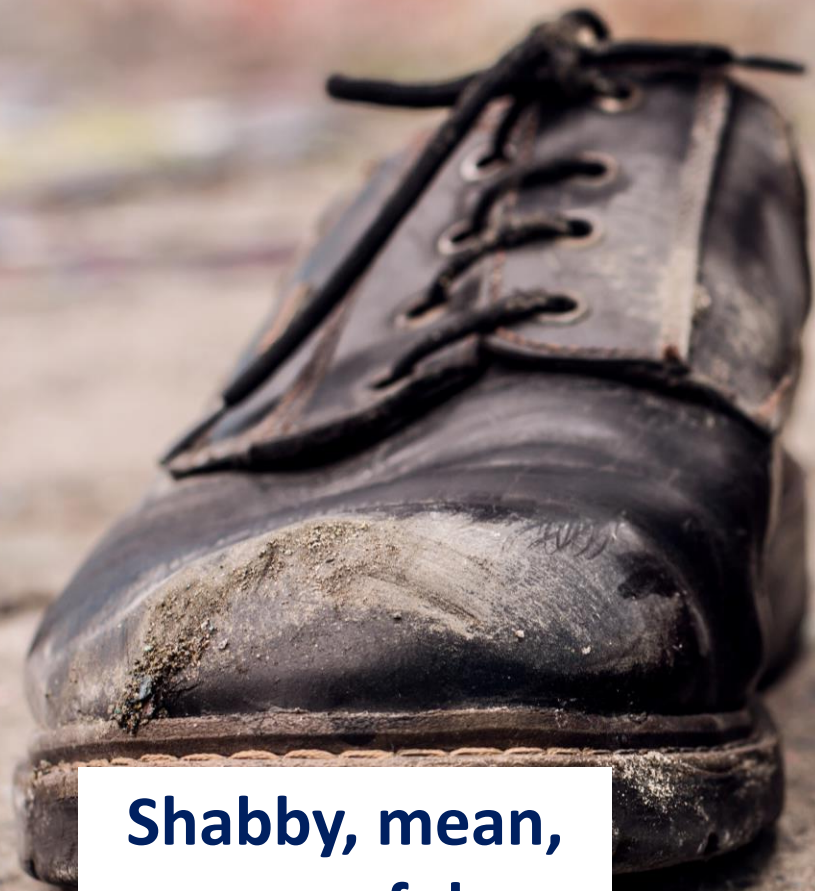
**Alter God**

GO

Mistake

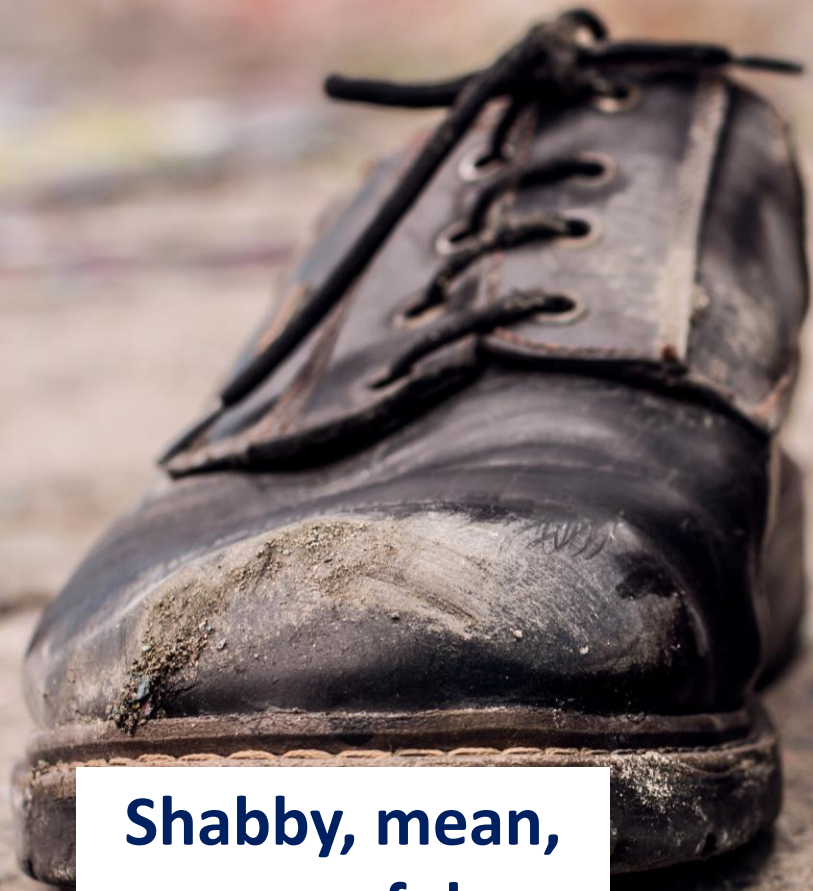






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**Shiny, kind  
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**Alter how we read the Bible**



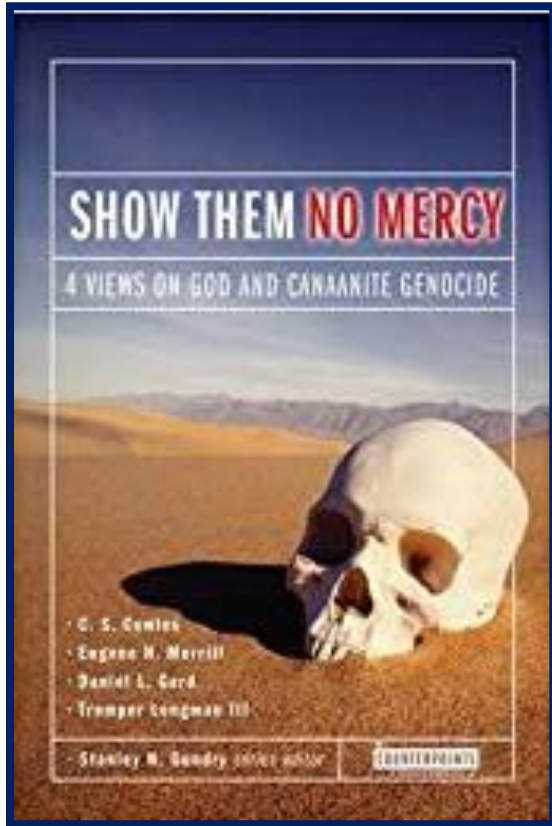
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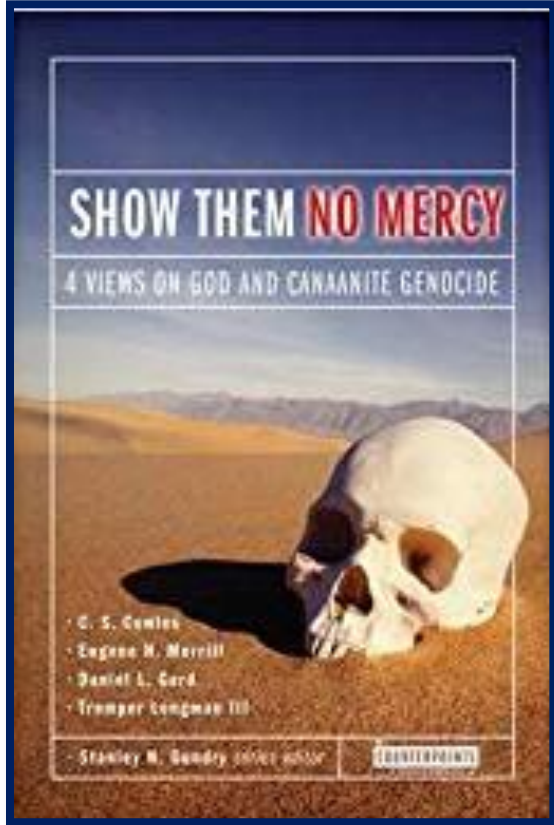


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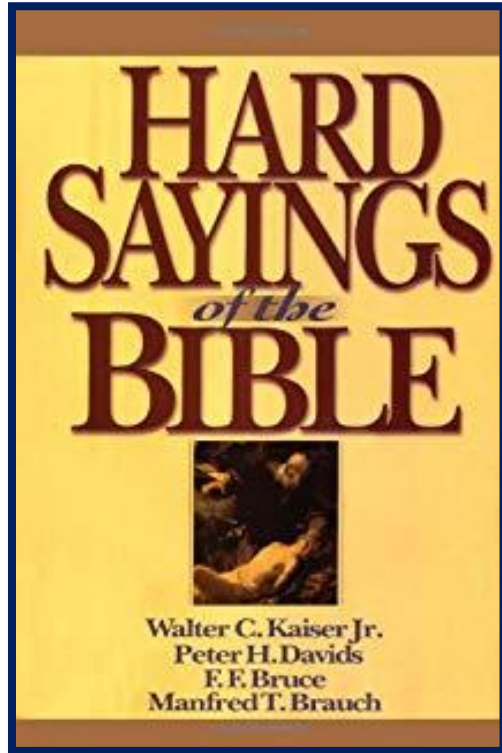
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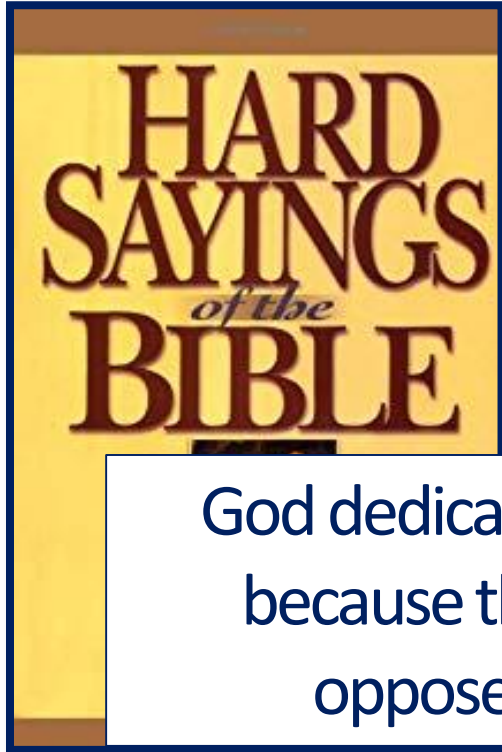
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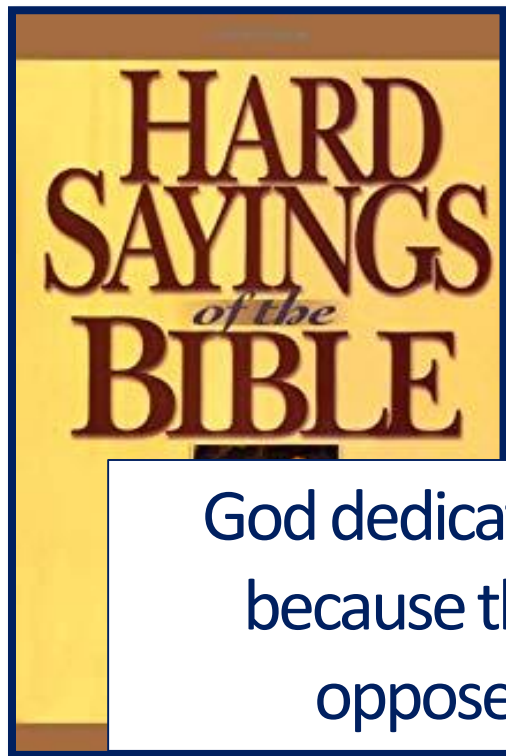
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Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the Lord your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob (Dt. 9:5).

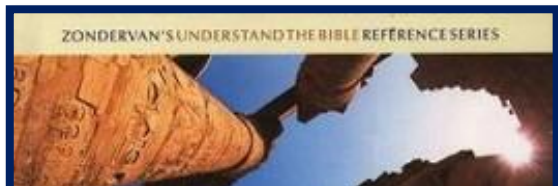


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This is not doing evil that good may come; it is removing the cancer that could infect all of society and eventually destroy the remaining good

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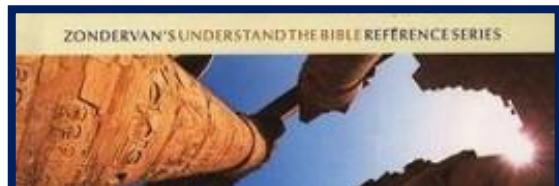
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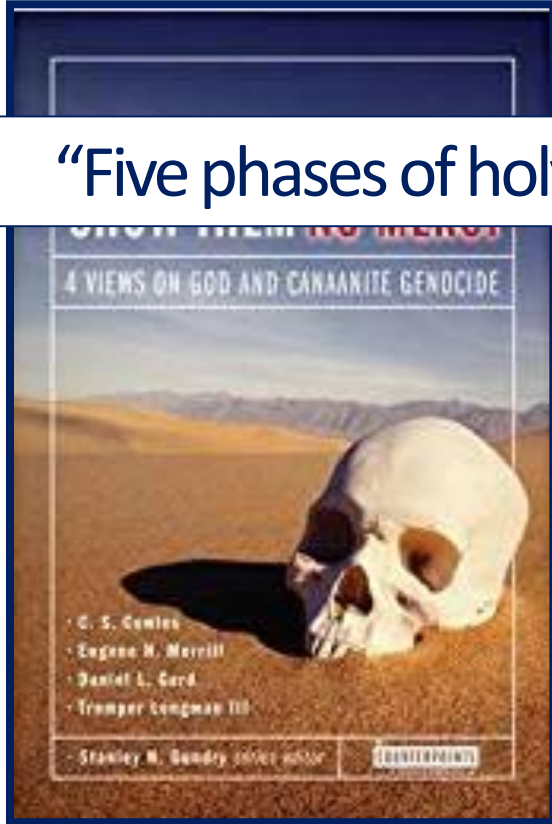
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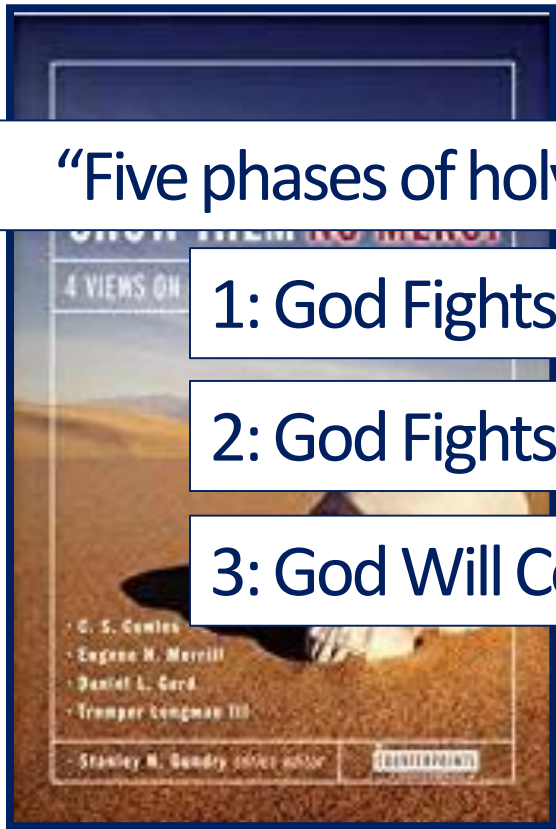
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5: The Final Battle

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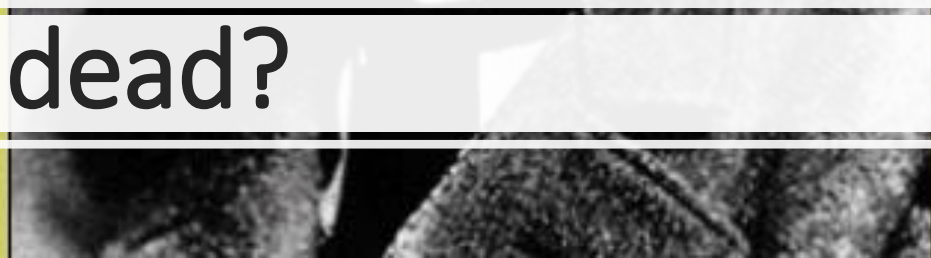
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## Is God

God is dead?



## Dead!





A young man with brown hair and a beard, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt, stands with his arms crossed and chin resting on his hand, looking upwards thoughtfully. He is positioned in front of a wall covered in dense, intricate black-and-white sketches. These sketches include various diagrams, flowcharts, and symbols such as lightbulbs, gears, arrows, and abstract shapes, suggesting a state of deep intellectual activity or brainstorming. The overall composition conveys a sense of creative problem-solving and critical thinking.

**THE BEST IS  
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A close-up photograph of a file folder tab. The tab is made of light brown cardboard and has a white rectangular label with rounded corners attached to it. The label contains the text "Is God Guilty of Fraud?" in a black, sans-serif font. The tab is part of a larger filing system, with other tabs visible in the background. Some of these background tabs have labels like "Clients", "Su", and "ers", which are partially obscured and out of focus. A metal ring is visible on the left side of the tab, holding it in place.

Is God Guilty of  
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Clients

Is God Guilty of

**NO**

Su

ers

**TAKE ACTION NOW**





# **TAKE ACTION NOW**

A hand holding a red marker, drawing a horizontal red line across the page.

**Ask for wisdom**



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## **Ask for wisdom**

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask  
God, who gives generously to all without  
reproach, and it will be given to him”  
(Jms. 1:5)

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**See God as God**



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“No one is good except God alone”

– Lk. 18:19



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**Welcome his Spirit**



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## **Welcome his Spirit**

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

**– Zech. 13:8**