



**“Principles Of A Godly Marriage –
In The Hard Times!”**

1 Corinthians 7:1-24

Ruins from the temple of Aphrodite
in Corinth, Greece



“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, *and they shall become one flesh.*”

Genesis 2:24



“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

Colossians 3:18



“...let the wife see *that she respects her husband.*”

Ephesians 5:33



“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

Ephesians 5:25-27

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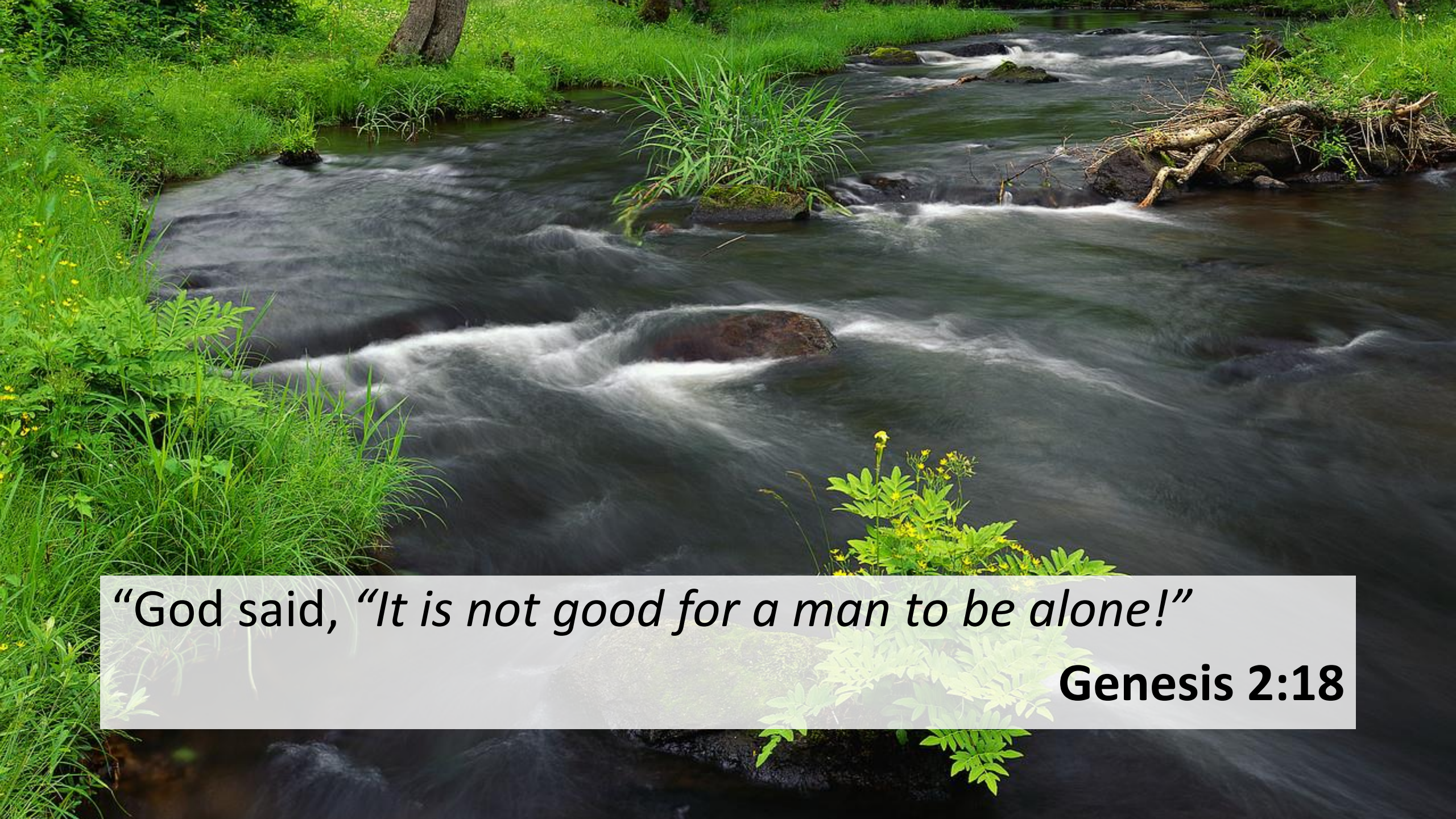
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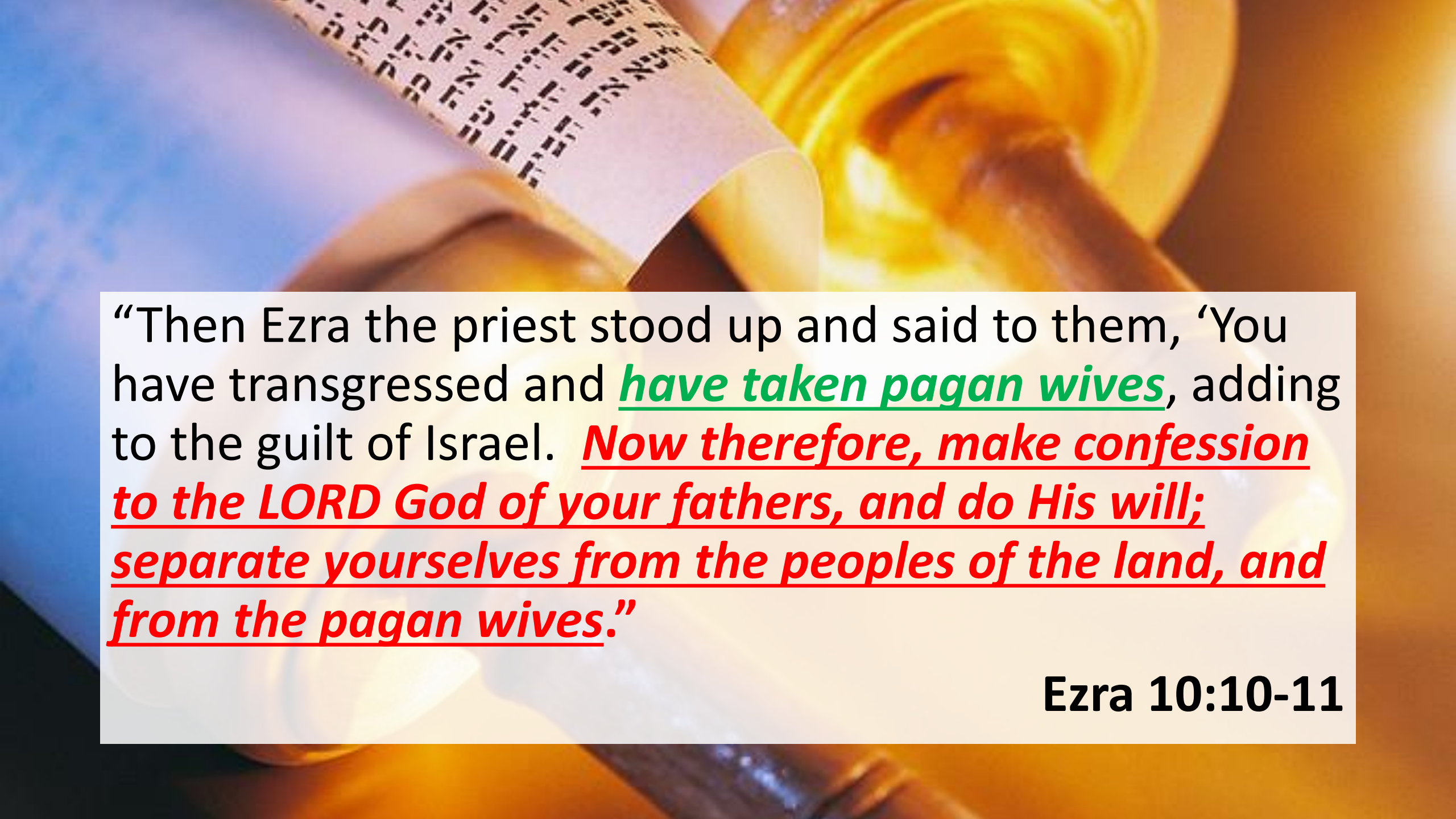
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A scenic view of a river flowing through a lush green landscape. The water is dark and turbulent, cascading over several large, dark rocks. The banks are covered in vibrant green grass and various plants, including some with small yellow flowers. A large, fallen log is partially submerged in the water on the right side. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

“God said, “It is not good for a man to be alone!”

Genesis 2:18



“Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, ‘You have transgressed and have taken pagan wives, adding to the guilt of Israel. Now therefore, make confession to the LORD God of your fathers, and do His will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the pagan wives.”

Ezra 10:10-11



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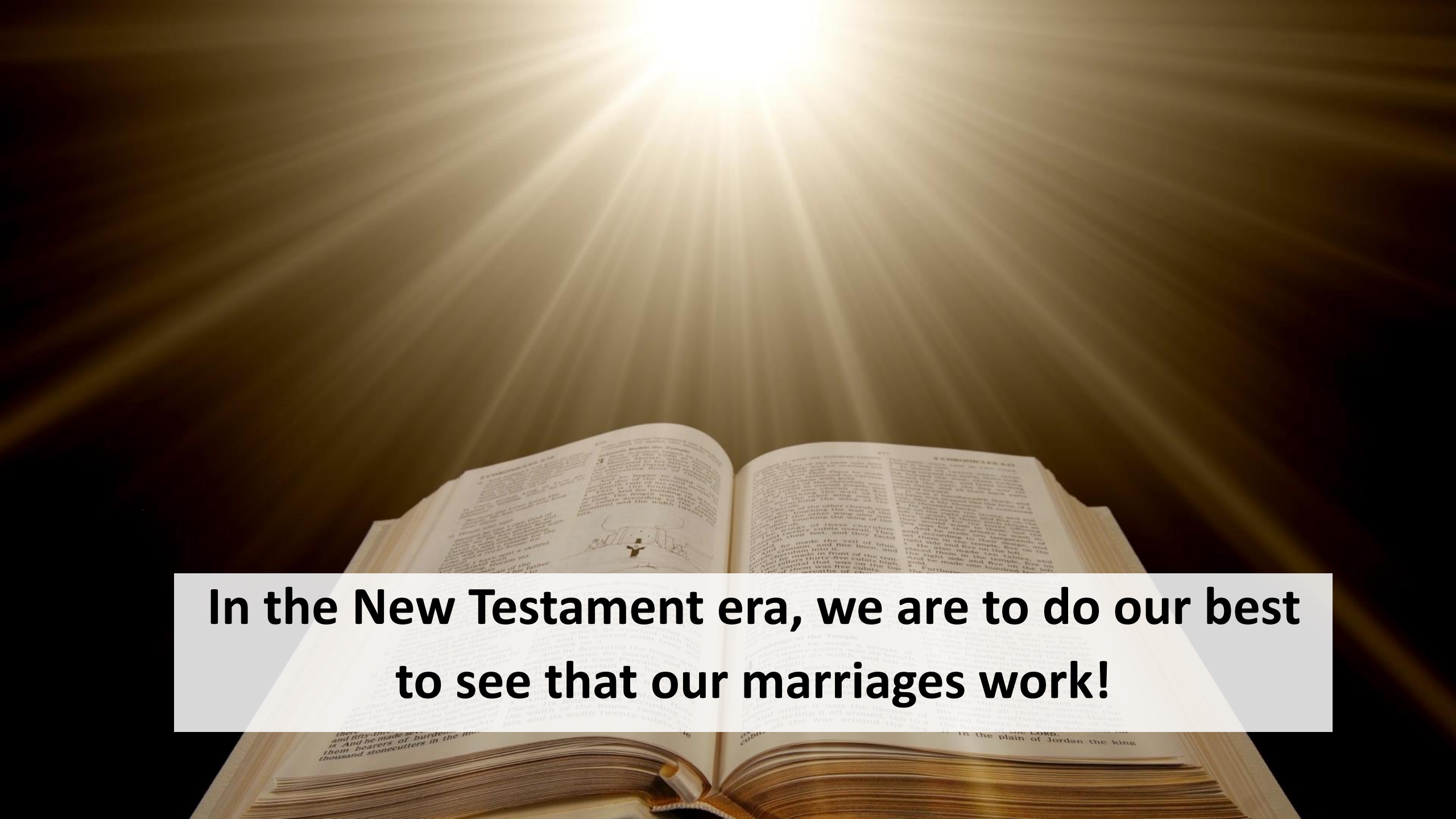
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**In the New Testament era, we are to do our best
to see that our marriages work!**

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“Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ *But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery;* and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”

Matthew 5:31-32



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“A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives;
but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married
to whom she wishes, **only in the Lord.”**

1 Corinthians 7:39

Wedding

Day





Jesus said:

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

John 14:15



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“The very word vocation comes from the Latin “*vocare*,” to call. Our vocation is a calling; it is a calling from God.”



“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. **It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”**

Colossians 3:23-24 NIV



Map of Roman Empire at its greatest extent

..... Roman Empire at the Time of Jesus

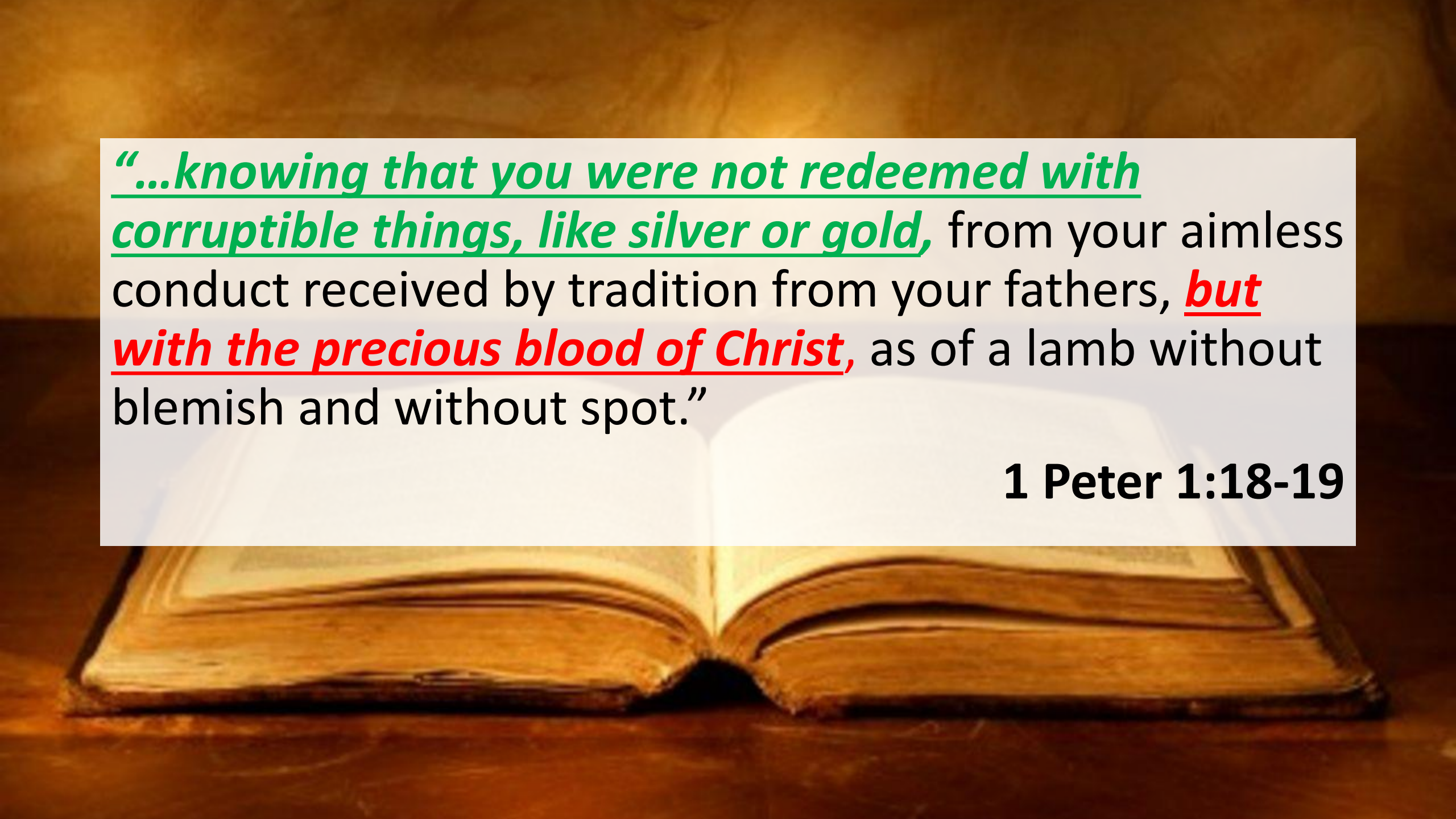
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During Paul's day over 60 million slaves worked in the Roman Empire!
Slaves were the backbone of the Empire's economy.



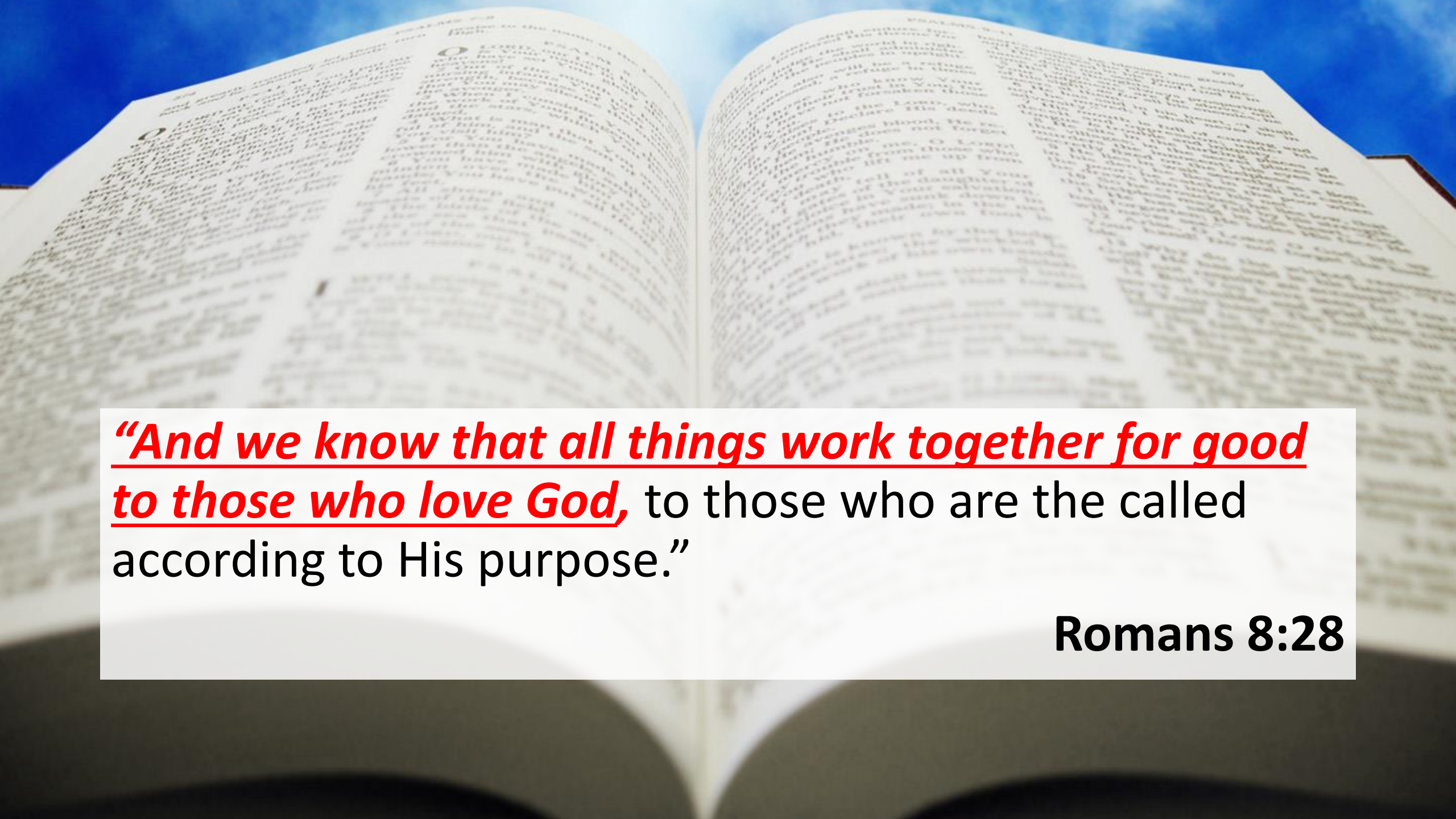
“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, *in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

Romans 6:8-9

An open book with a white overlay containing text. The book is open, showing two pages. The text is centered on the white overlay. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wooden table.

“...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

1 Peter 1:18-19



“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:28



