

“A Tale of Two Mountains”

Romans 8:1-4



The **New** Testament

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Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

1/2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1/2 Thessalonians

1/2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

1/2 Peter

1/2/3 John

Jude

Revelation

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Mount Zion

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Acts 2:1-8

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Leviticus 23:15-17



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(Hebrew)

“Shabuot”

means

“weeks”

*(similar to “Shabbat”
or “Sabbath”)*

*Passover /
Feast of
Unleavened Bread →
Barley harvest*

*+50 days
or
+7 weeks*

*→ Shabuot /
Feast of Weeks
Wheat harvest*

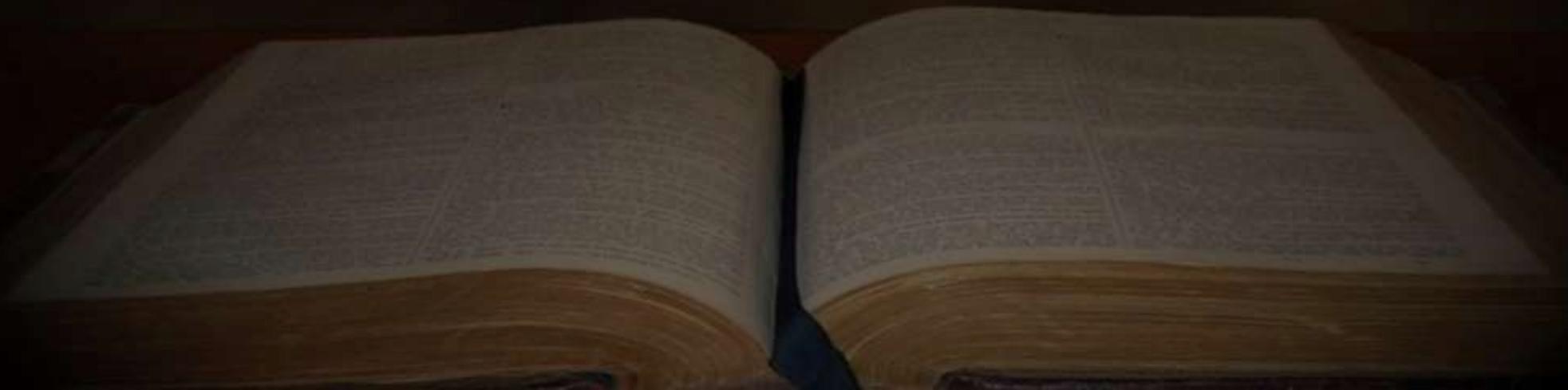
Leviticus 23:15-17

*“From the day after the Sabbath,
the day you brought the sheaf of the wave
offering, count off seven full weeks.*

*Count off fifty days up to
the day after the seventh Sabbath,
and then present an offering
of new grain to the Lord.*

Leviticus 23:15-17

*“From wherever you live,
bring **two loaves** made of two-tenths of an ephah
of the finest flour, baked with yeast,
as a wave offering of firstfruits to the Lord.”*



Acts 2:1-8

*“When the day of Pentecost came,
they were all together in one place.*

*Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind
came from heaven and filled the whole house
where they were sitting.*

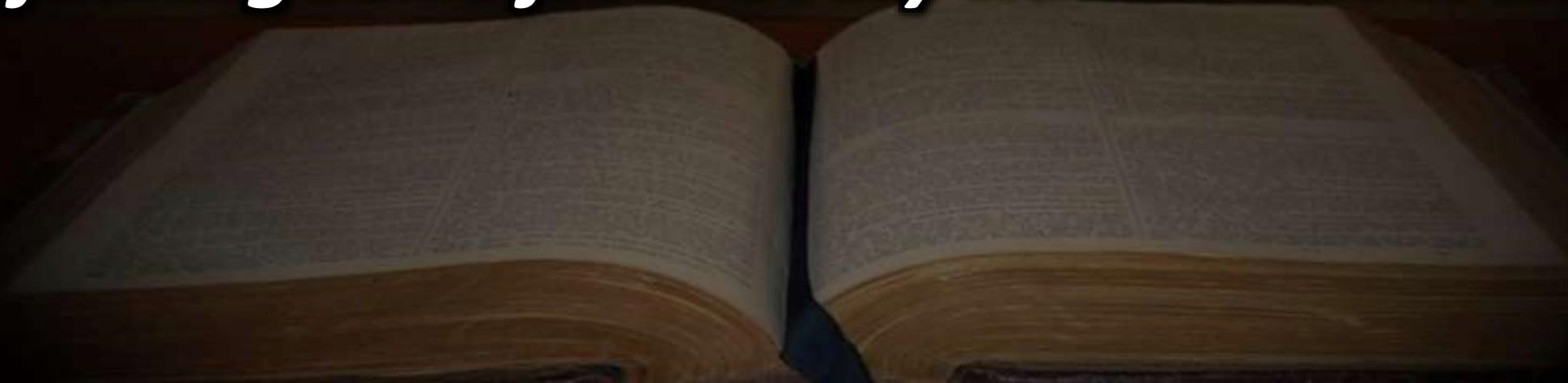
*They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire
that separated and came to rest on each of them.*

Acts 2:1-8

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem

God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.



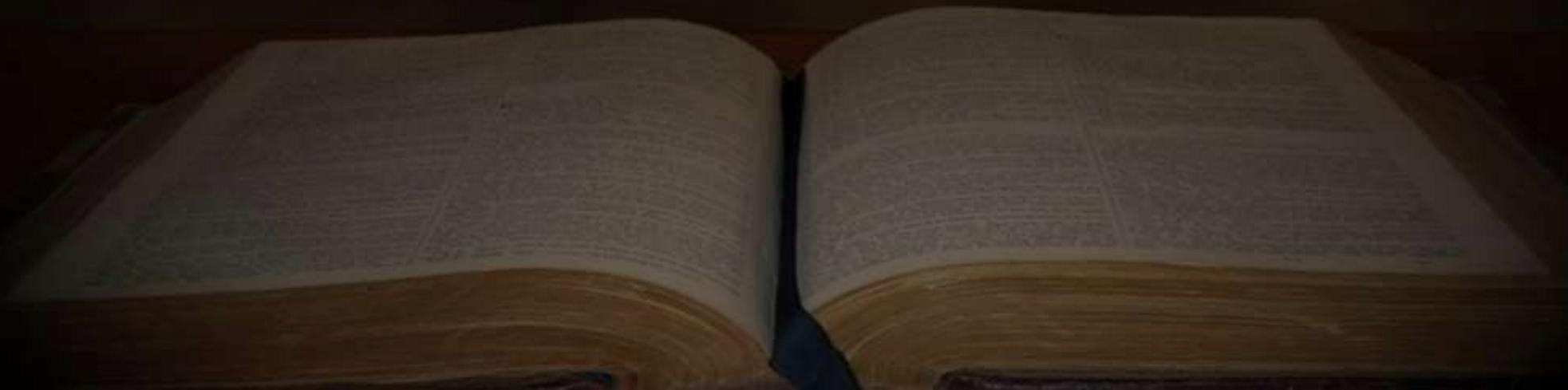
Acts 2:1-8

*“When they heard this sound,
a crowd came together in bewilderment,
because each one heard
their own language being spoken.*

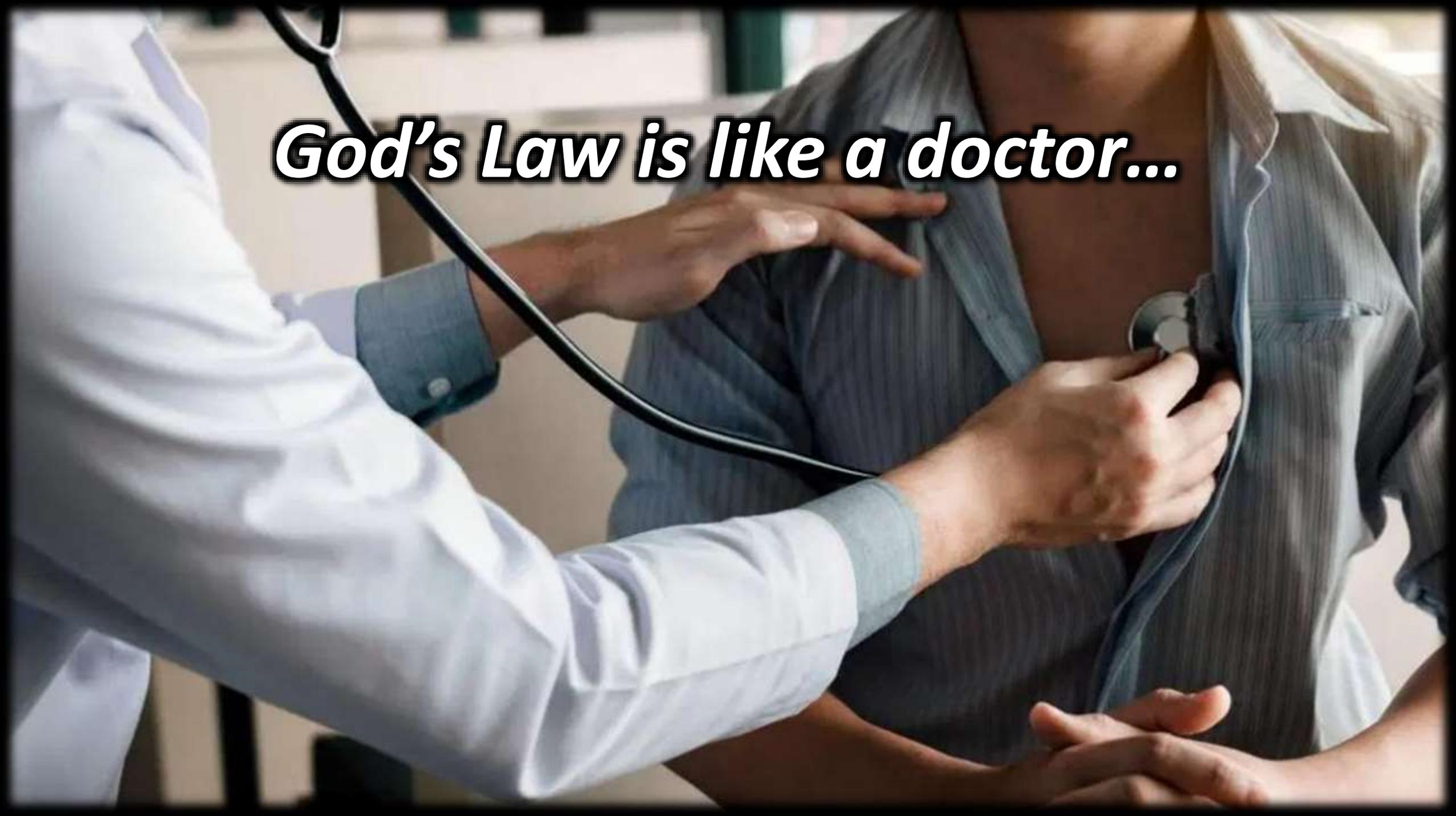
*Utterly amazed, they asked:
‘Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?
Then how is it that each of us hears them
in our native language?’”*

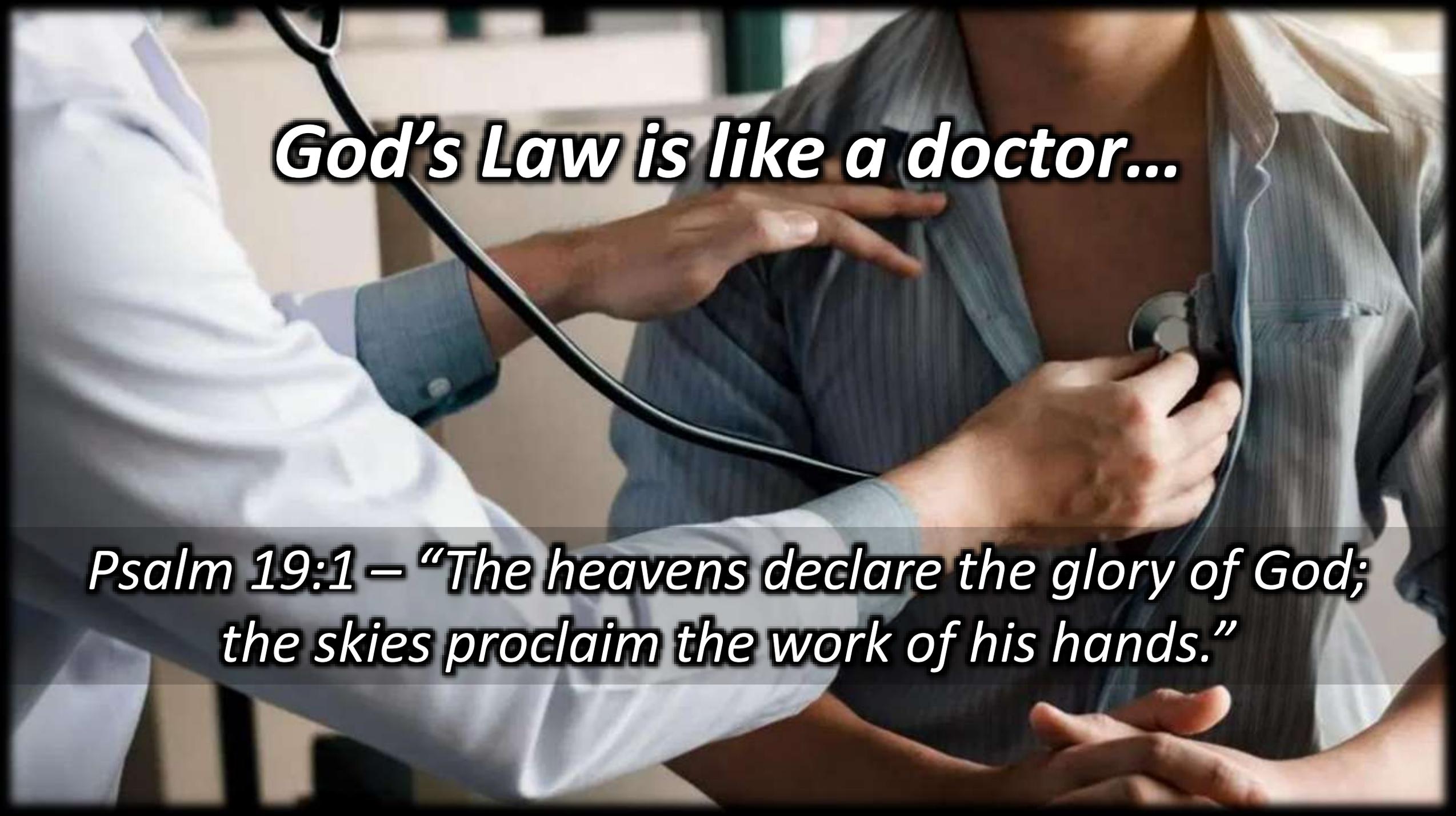
Luke 24:49

*“I am going to send you
what my Father has promised;
but stay in the city until you have been
clothed with power from on high.”*



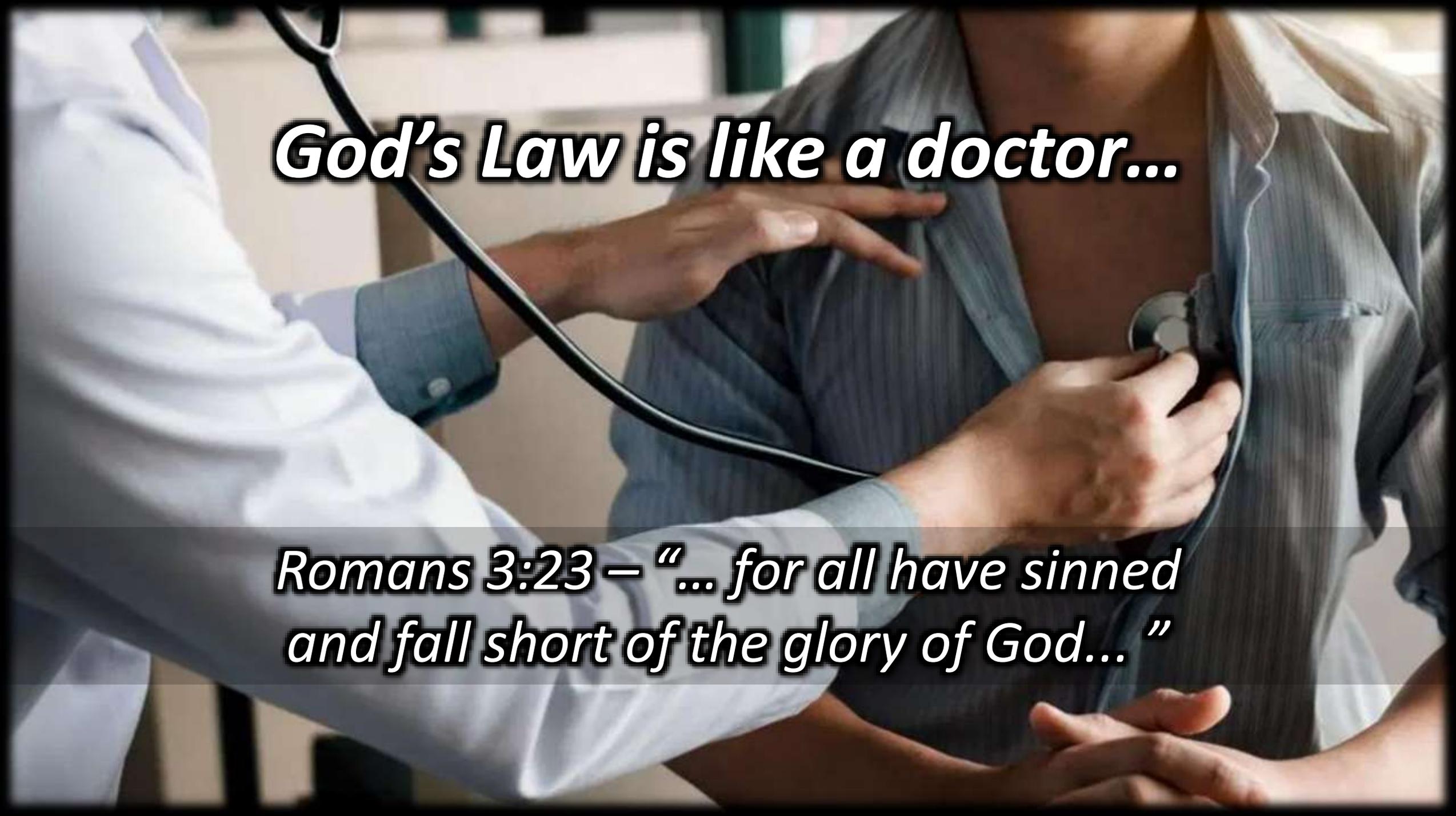
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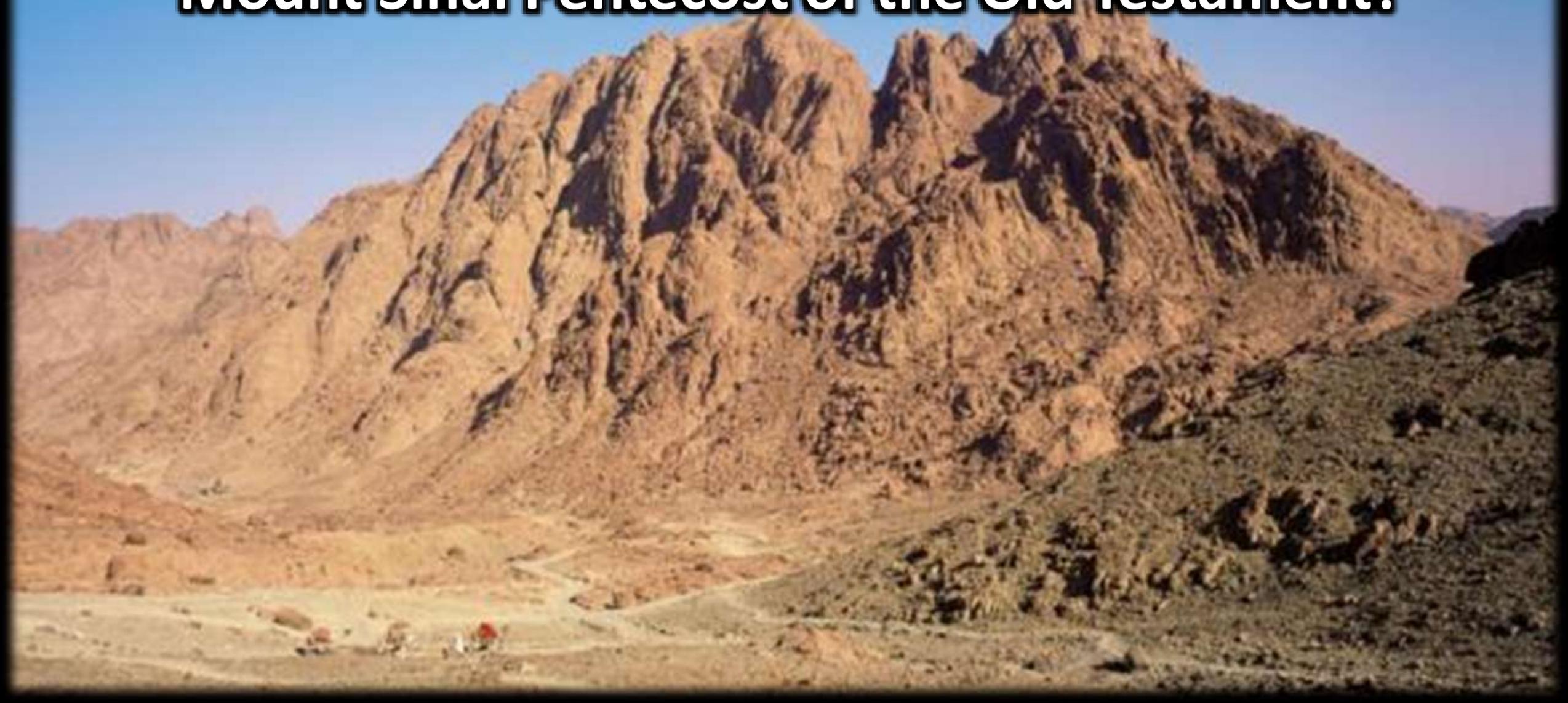
***Psalm 19:1 – “The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”***

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Romans 3:23 – "... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."

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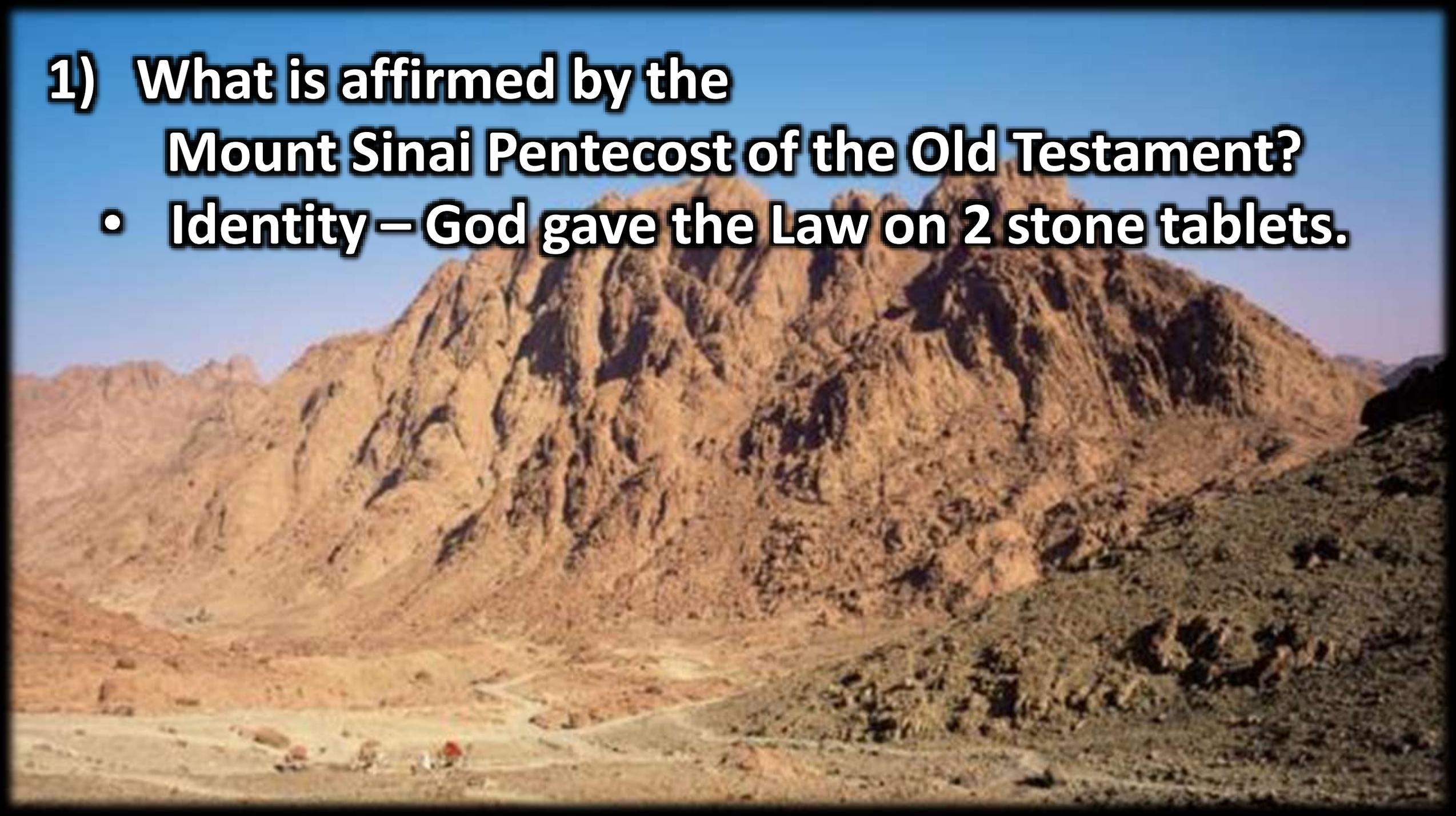
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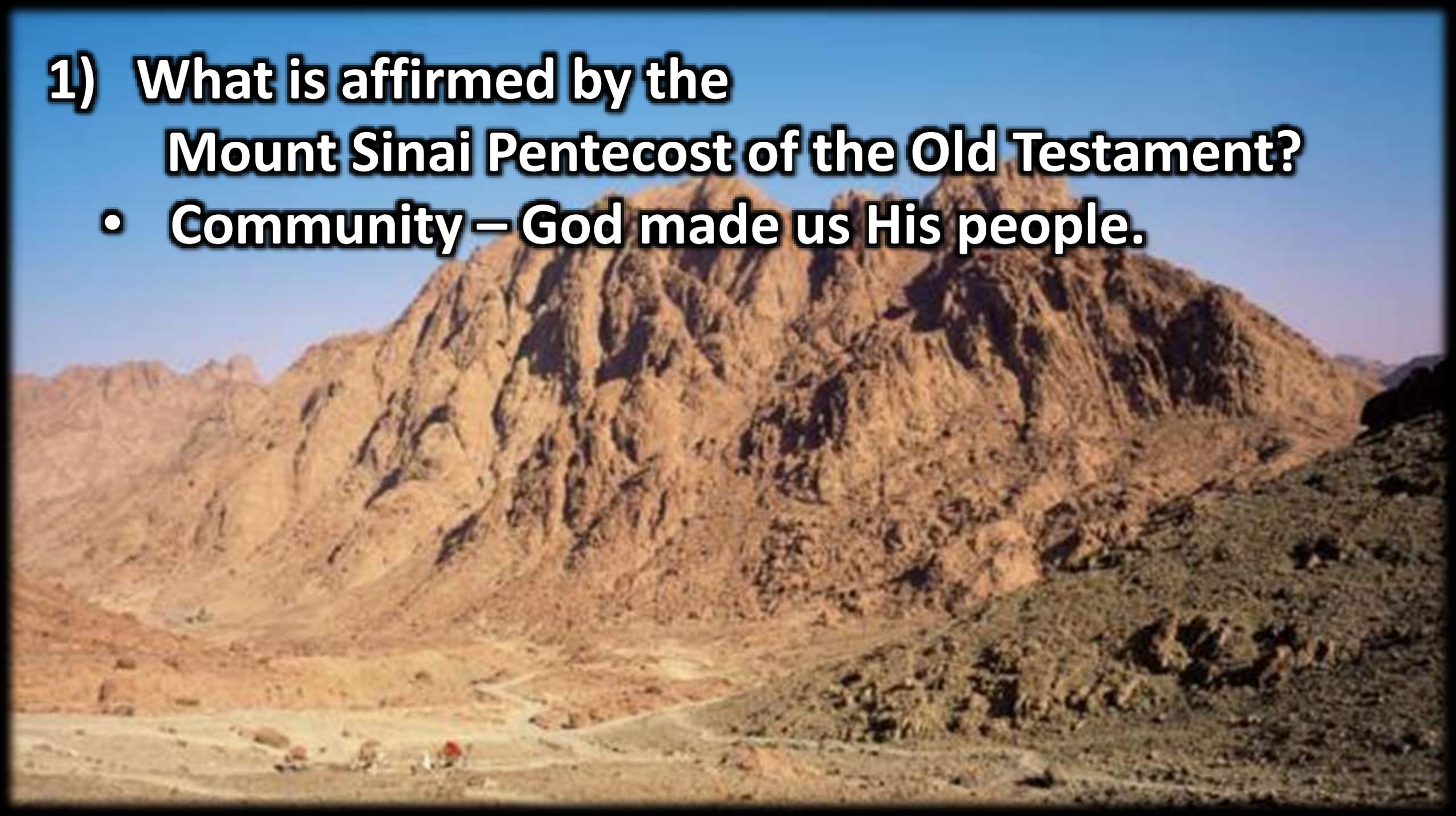
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- Identity – God gave the Law on 2 stone tablets.**



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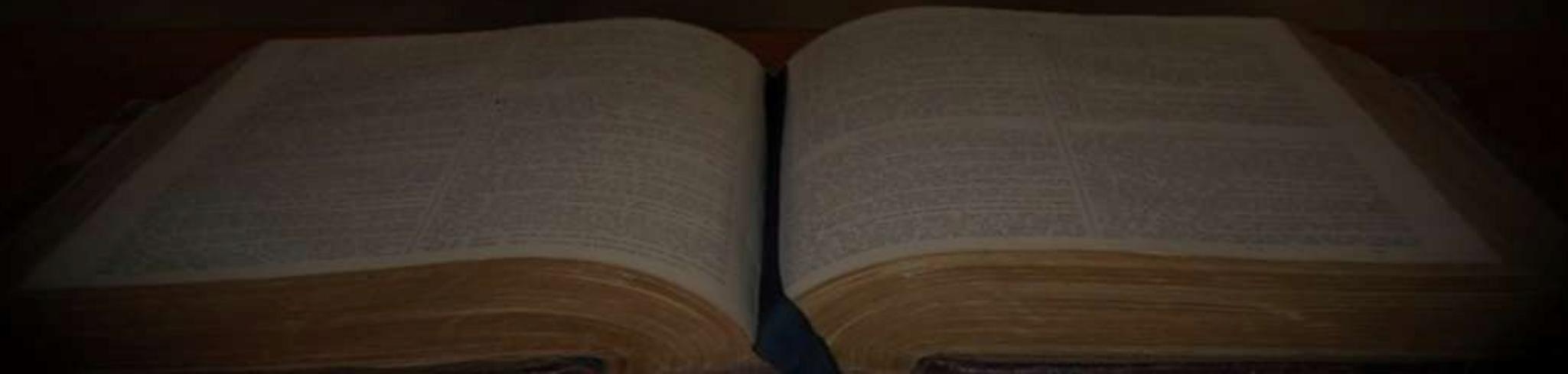
- Worship – God gave us His harvest (a lost world).
Matthew 9:38; Acts 1:8**



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“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

*“... and you will be my witnesses...
to the ends of the earth.”*



The background of the slide is a photograph of the Mount Zion archaeological site in Jerusalem. It shows extensive ruins of ancient stone buildings, including walls, foundations, and some structures with arches. The terrain is hilly and rocky, with some green vegetation. In the upper right, a modern building with a flag is visible on a higher elevation. The sky is clear and blue.

2) What is affirmed by the Mount Zion Pentecost of Acts?

- Identity – God redeemed us and gave us
His Holy Spirit to restore our glory.**

**2 Corinthians 4:6;
Colossians 1:27**

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“... [God] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.”

“... to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

**The Law represents the standard
for our restoration to God's image.**

The Law reveals God's character.

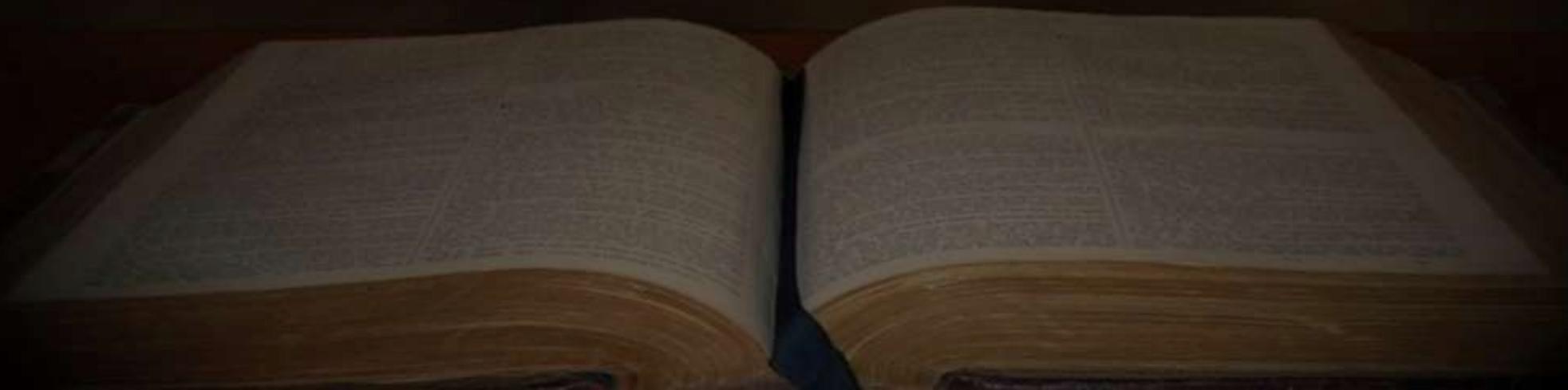
- **You shall not murder,**
because God is not a murderer – He is life.
- **You shall not lie,**
because God is not a liar – He is truth.
- **You shall not commit adultery,**
because God is never unfaithful –
He is the covenant-keeper.

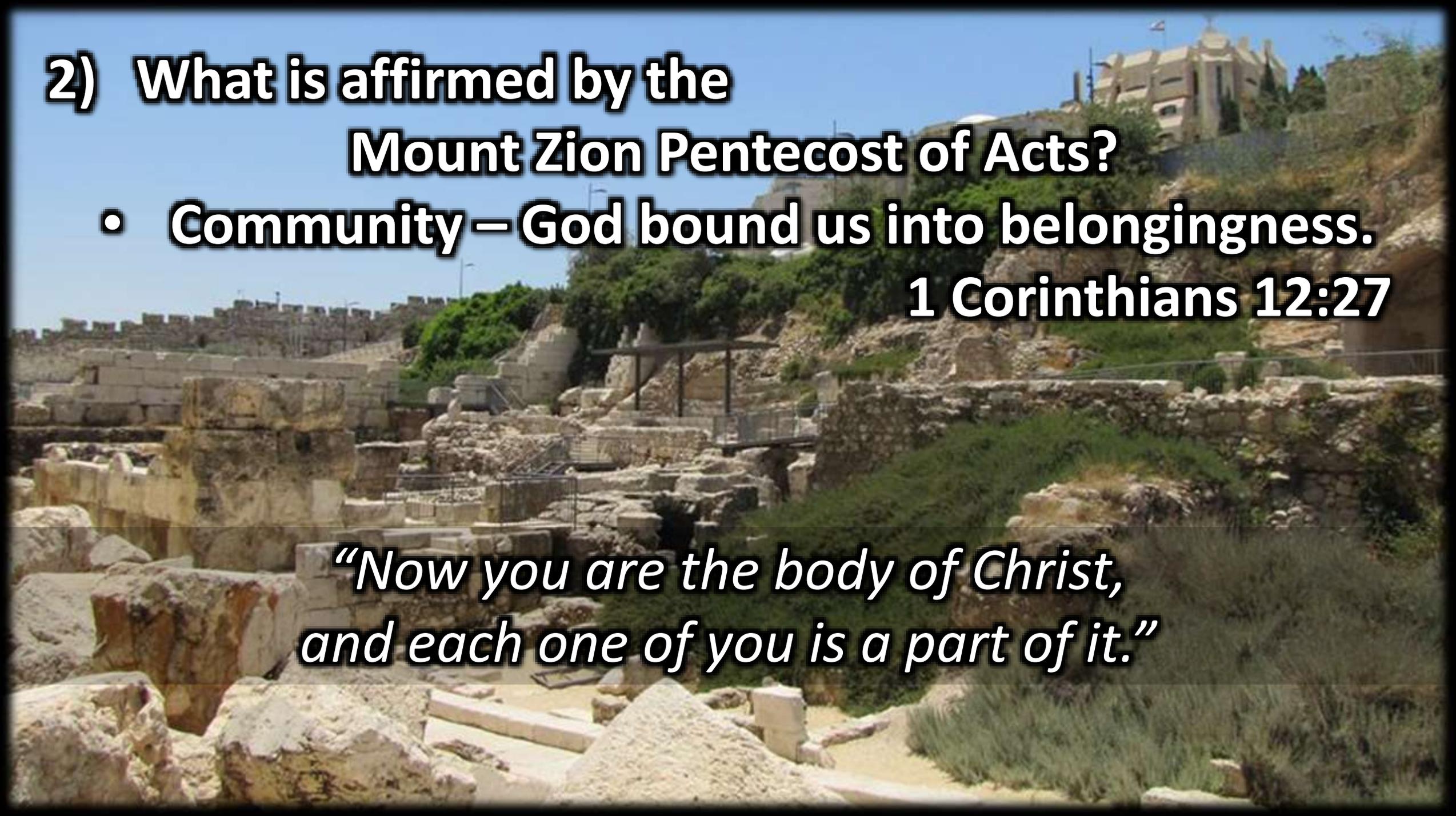
*God's glory =
God's perfect
character.*

*Our glory =
the image of God,
as He created us.*

2 Corinthians 3:18

*“And we all, who with unveiled faces
contemplate the Lord’s glory,
are being transformed into his image
with **ever-increasing glory...**”*

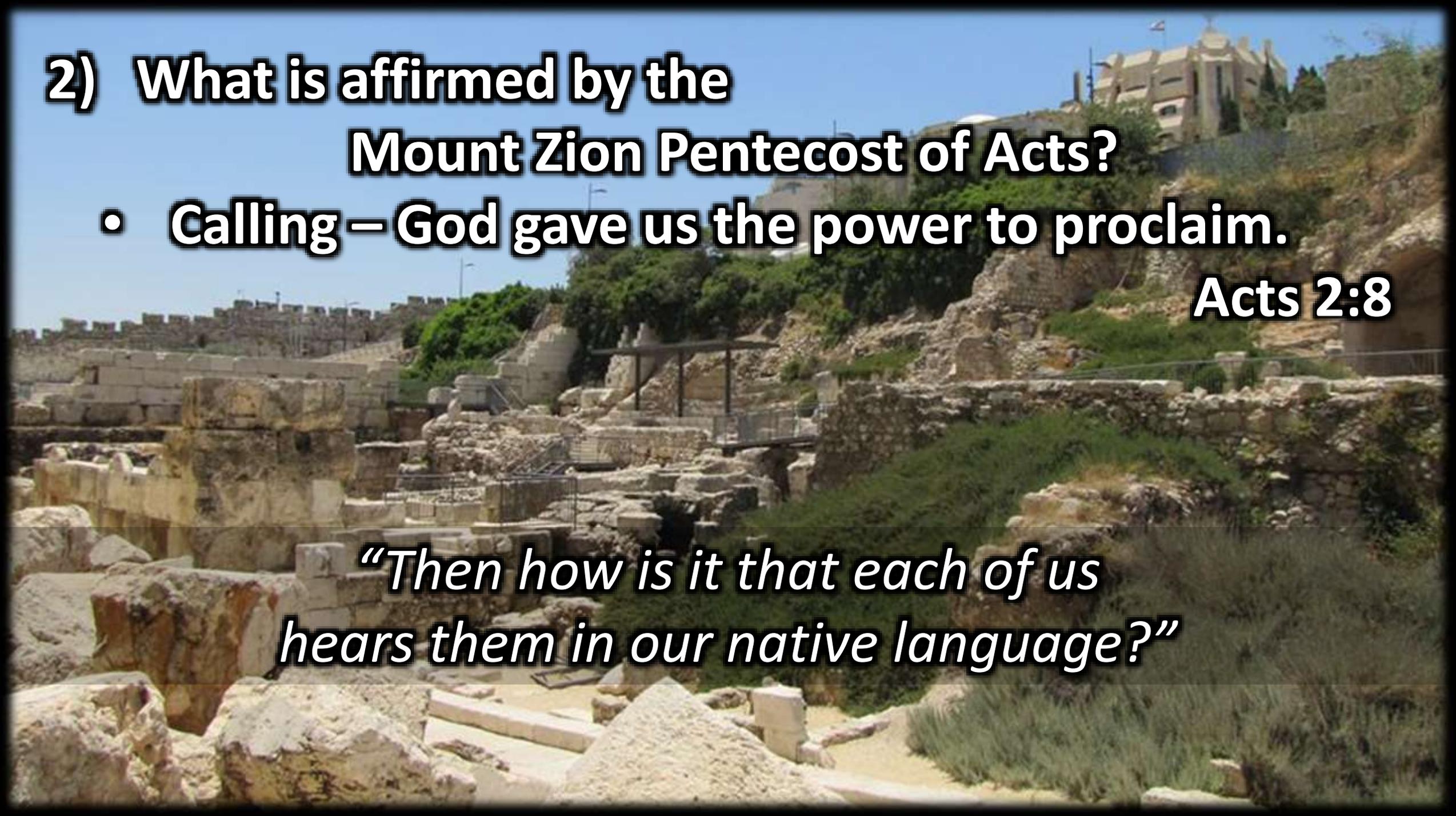


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- **Community – God bound us into belongingness.**
1 Corinthians 12:27

*“Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.”*

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- **Calling – God gave us the power to proclaim.**

Acts 2:8

“Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?”

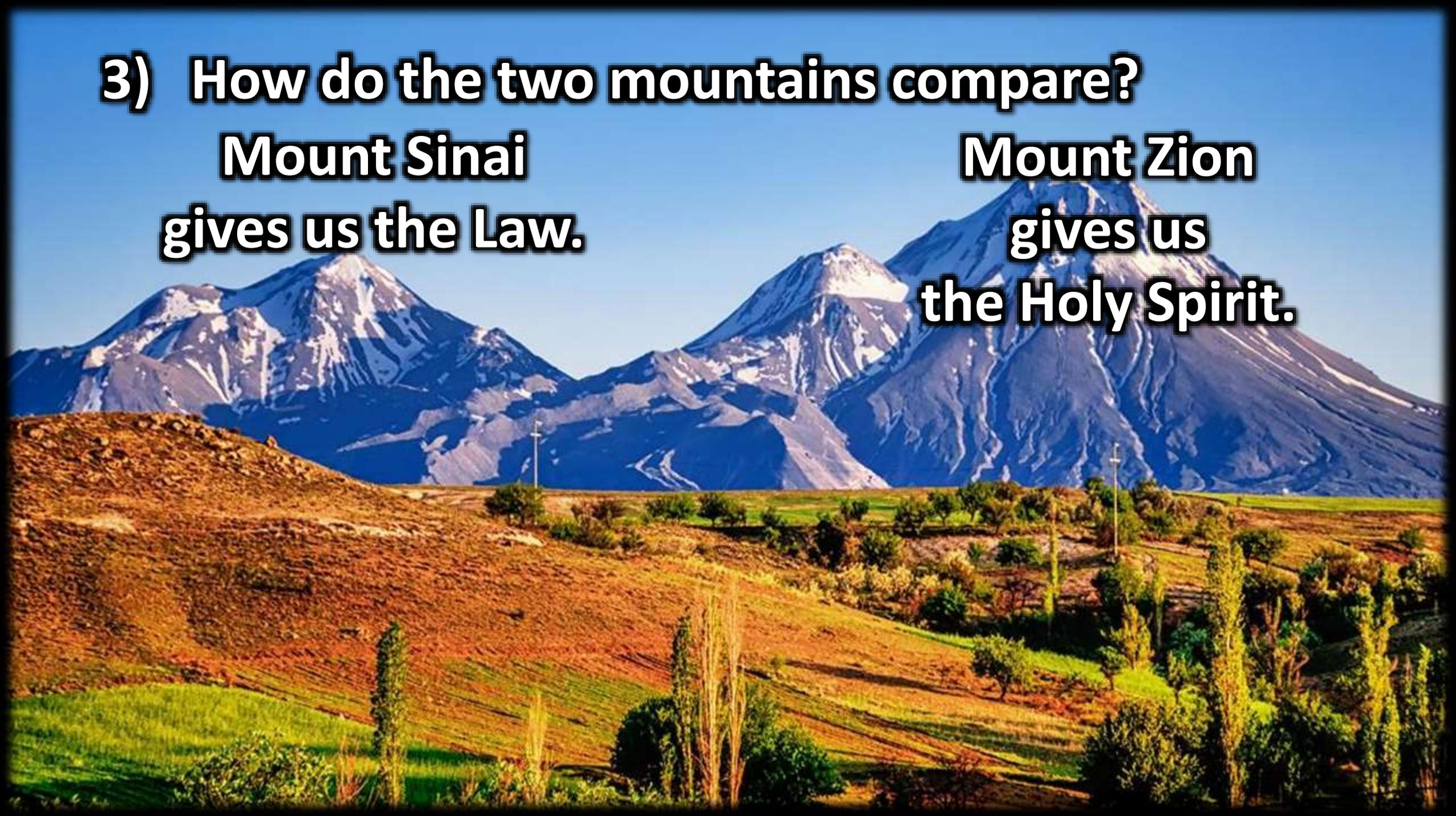
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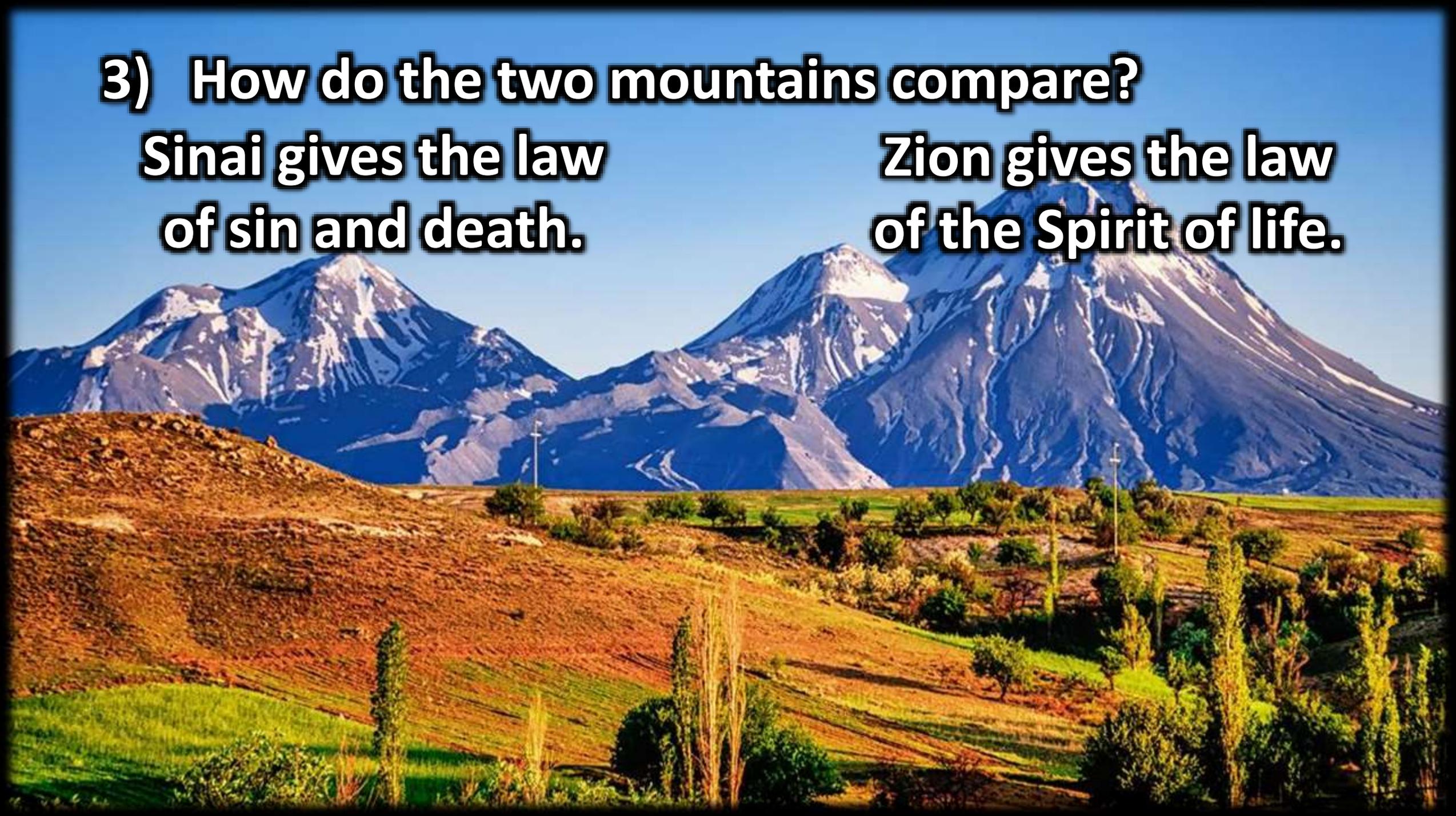
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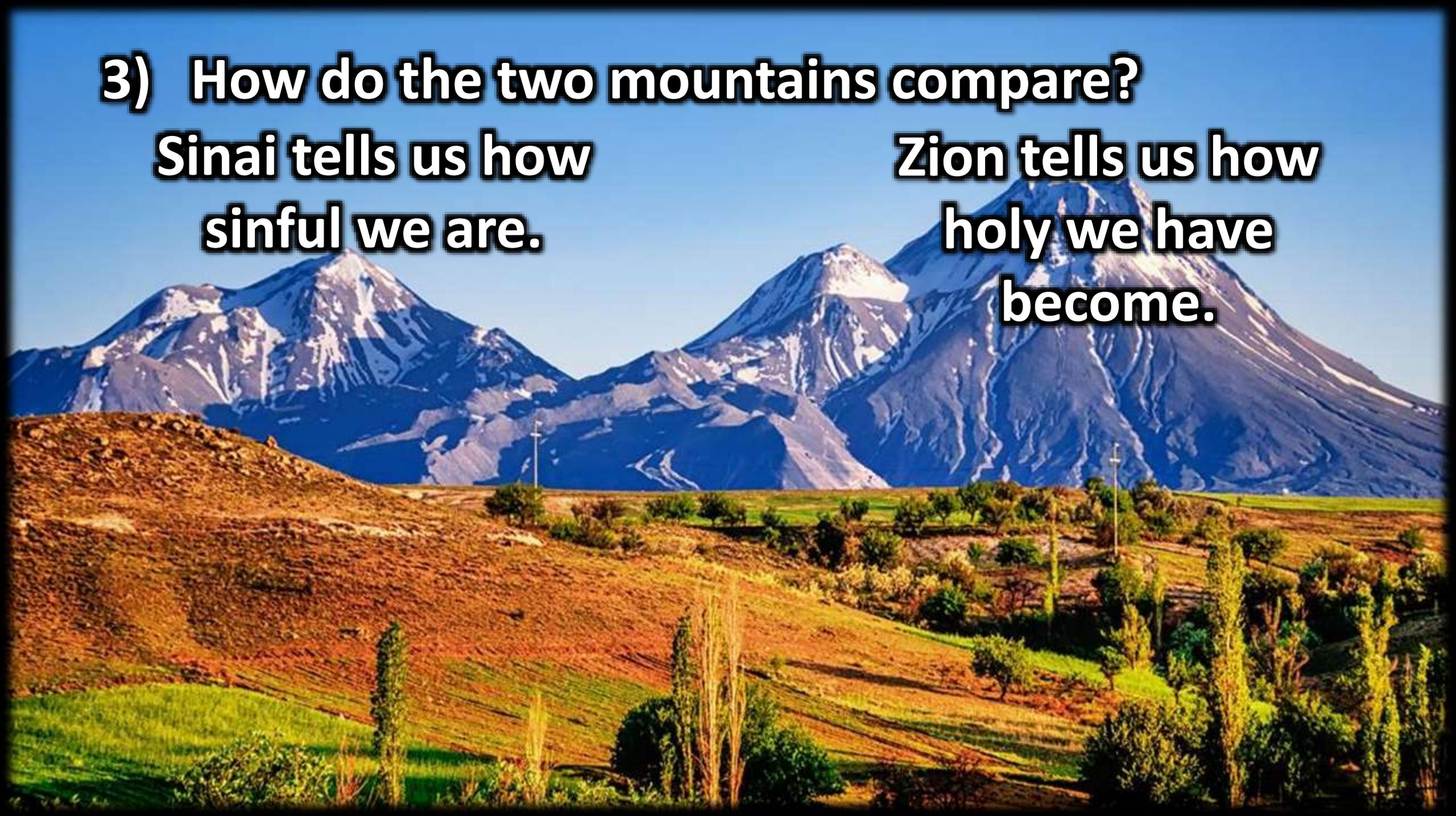
**Zion gives the law
of the Spirit of life.**



3) How do the two mountains compare?

**Sinai tells us how
sinful we are.**

**Zion tells us how
holy we have
become.**



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**Sinai commands us
to obey the Law.**

**Zion gives us
the power
to obey the Law.**

Acts 2:4

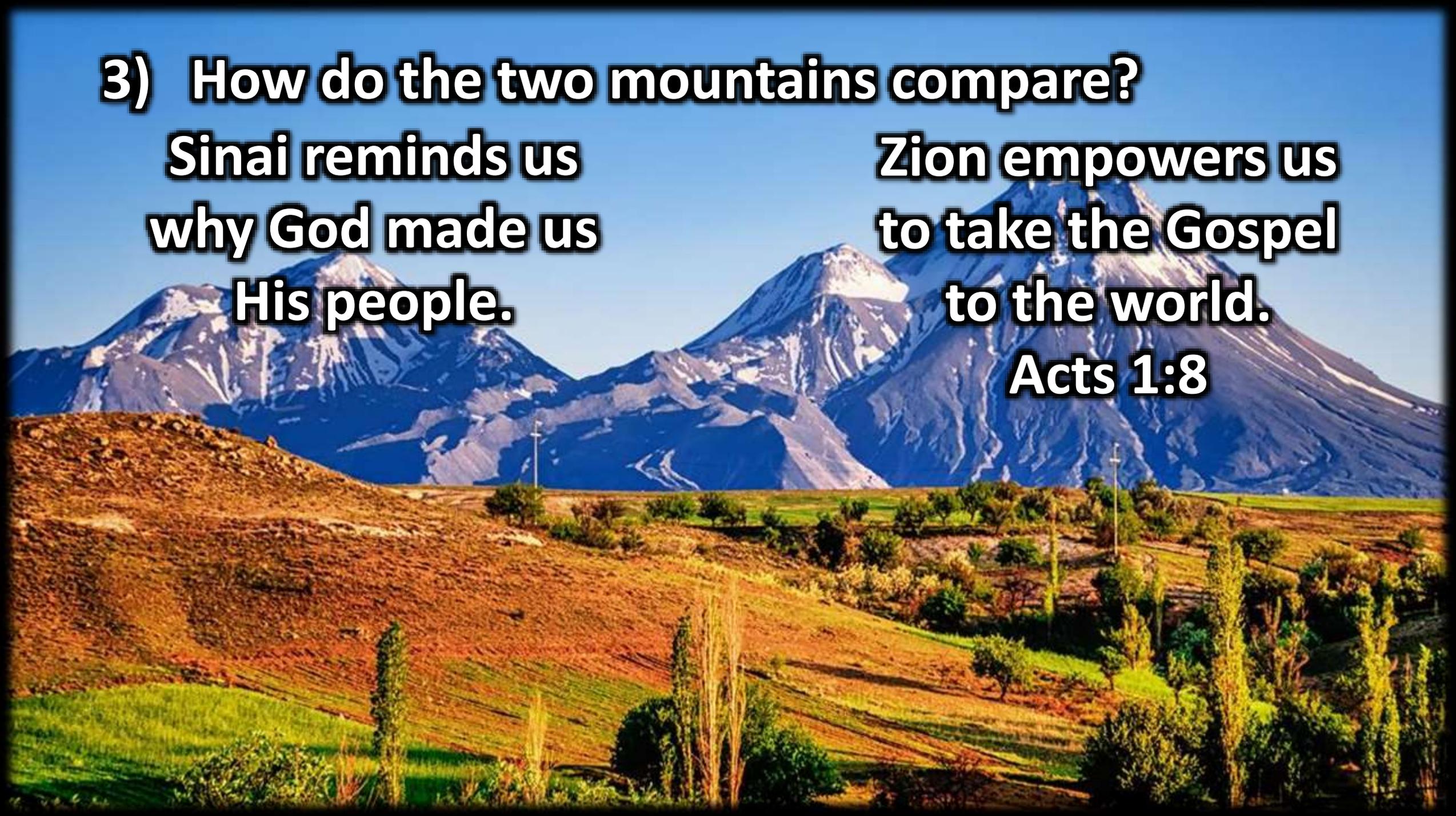
*“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit
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**Sinai reminds us
why God made us
His people.**

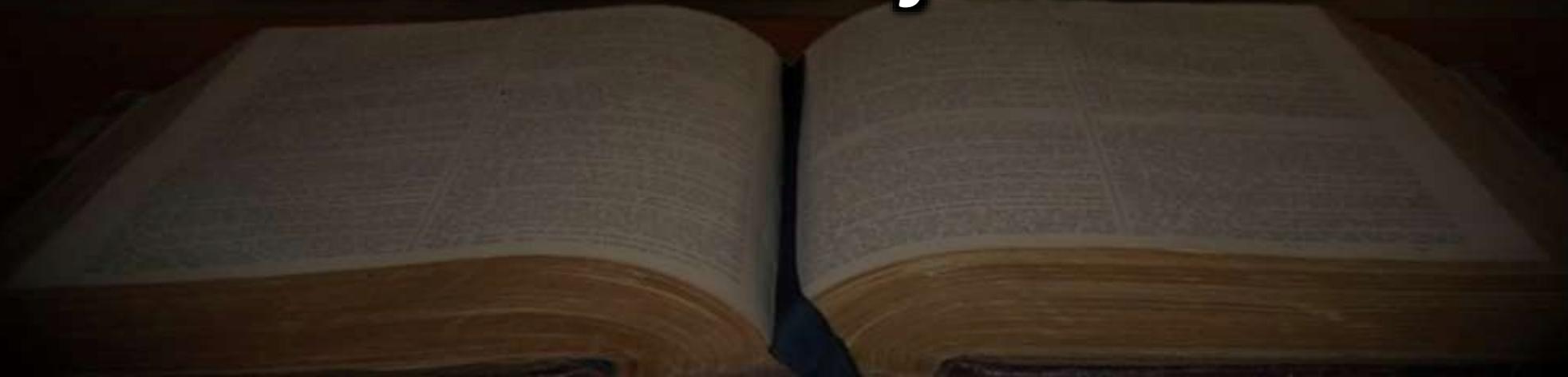
**Zion empowers us
to take the Gospel
to the world.**

Acts 1:8



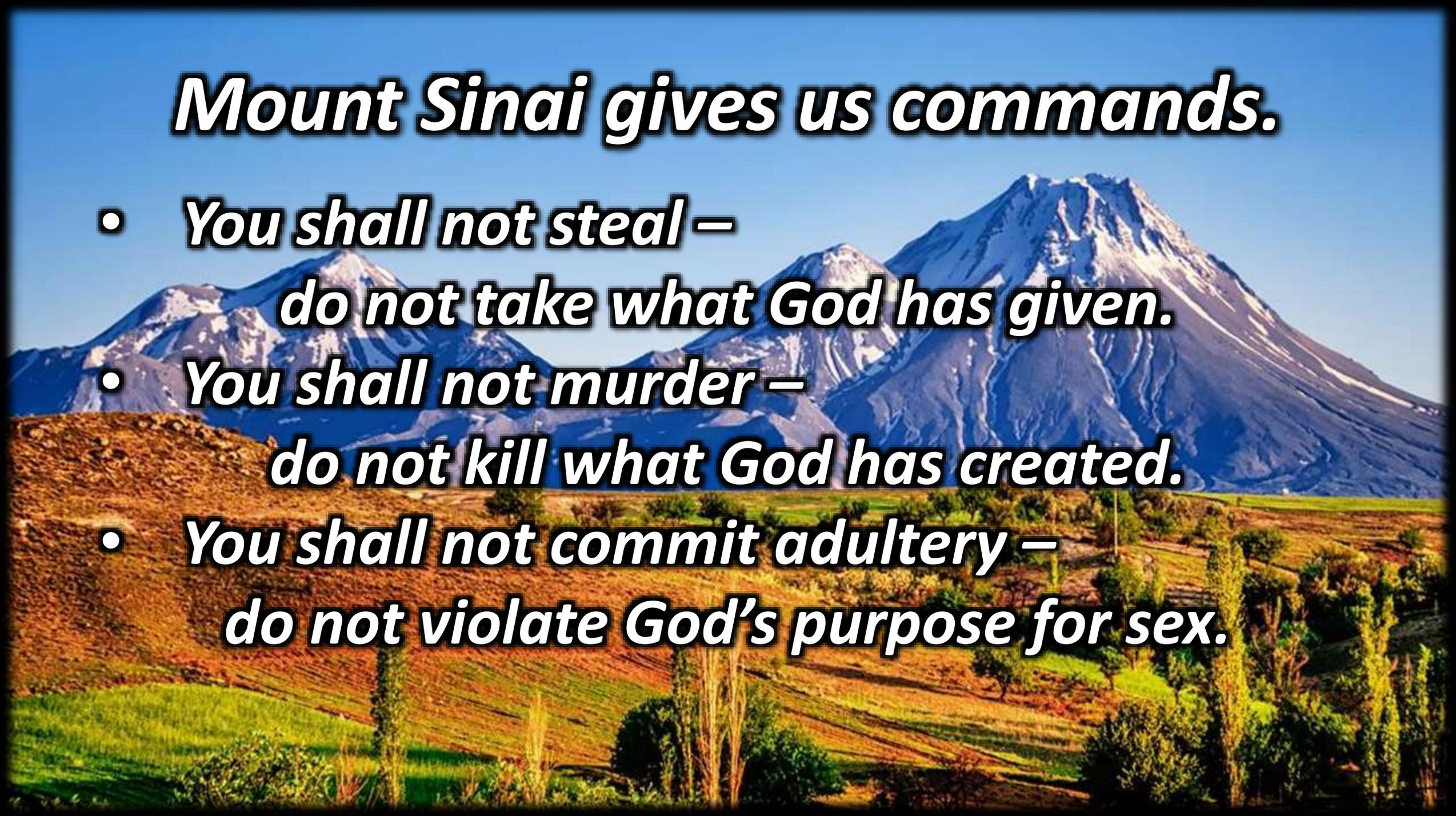
Acts 1:8

*“But you will receive **power** when **the Holy Spirit** comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*



Mount Sinai gives us commands.

- ***You shall not steal –
do not take what God has given.***
- ***You shall not murder –
do not kill what God has created.***
- ***You shall not commit adultery –
do not violate God's purpose for sex.***



Mount Zion gives us promises.

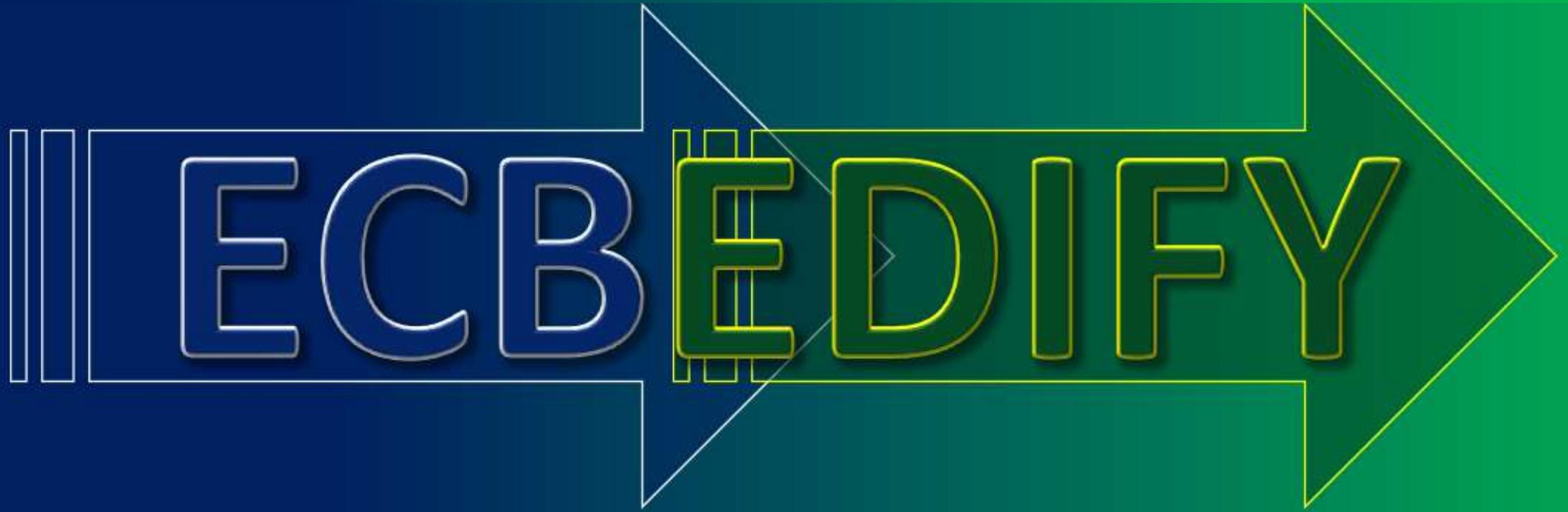
- ***You shall not steal –
God will work in you not to steal***
- ***You shall not murder –
God will work in you to love His creation.***
- ***You shall not commit adultery –
God will give you sexual pleasure
according to His plan.***

***The 10 commands
of Mount Sinai
have become
the 10 promises
of Mount Zion
by the power of the Holy Spirit!***

4) How do we celebrate Pentecost every day?

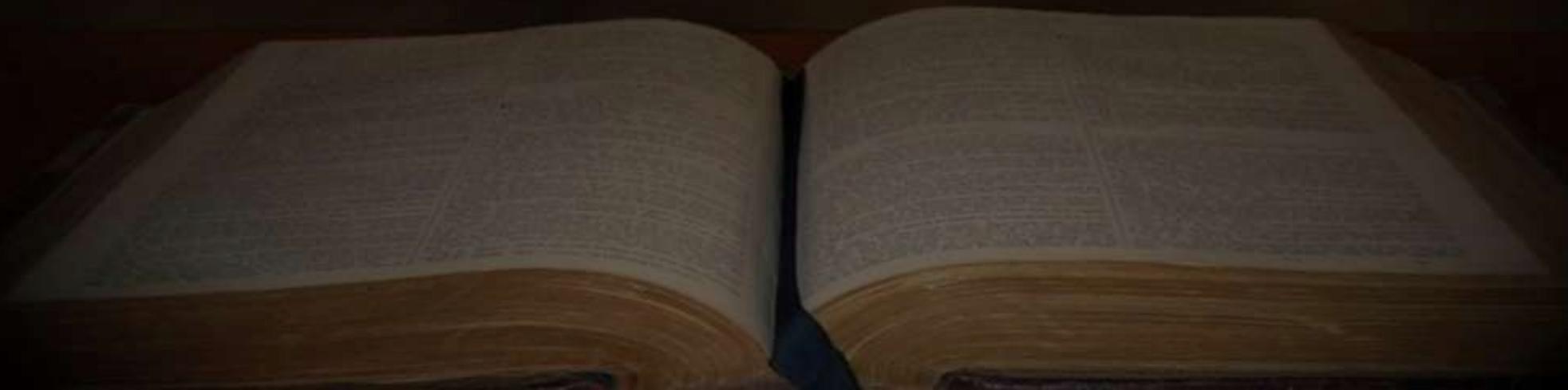
- **EDIFY – Live with the commonality of Jesus.**

John 17:21; Philippians 2:3-5



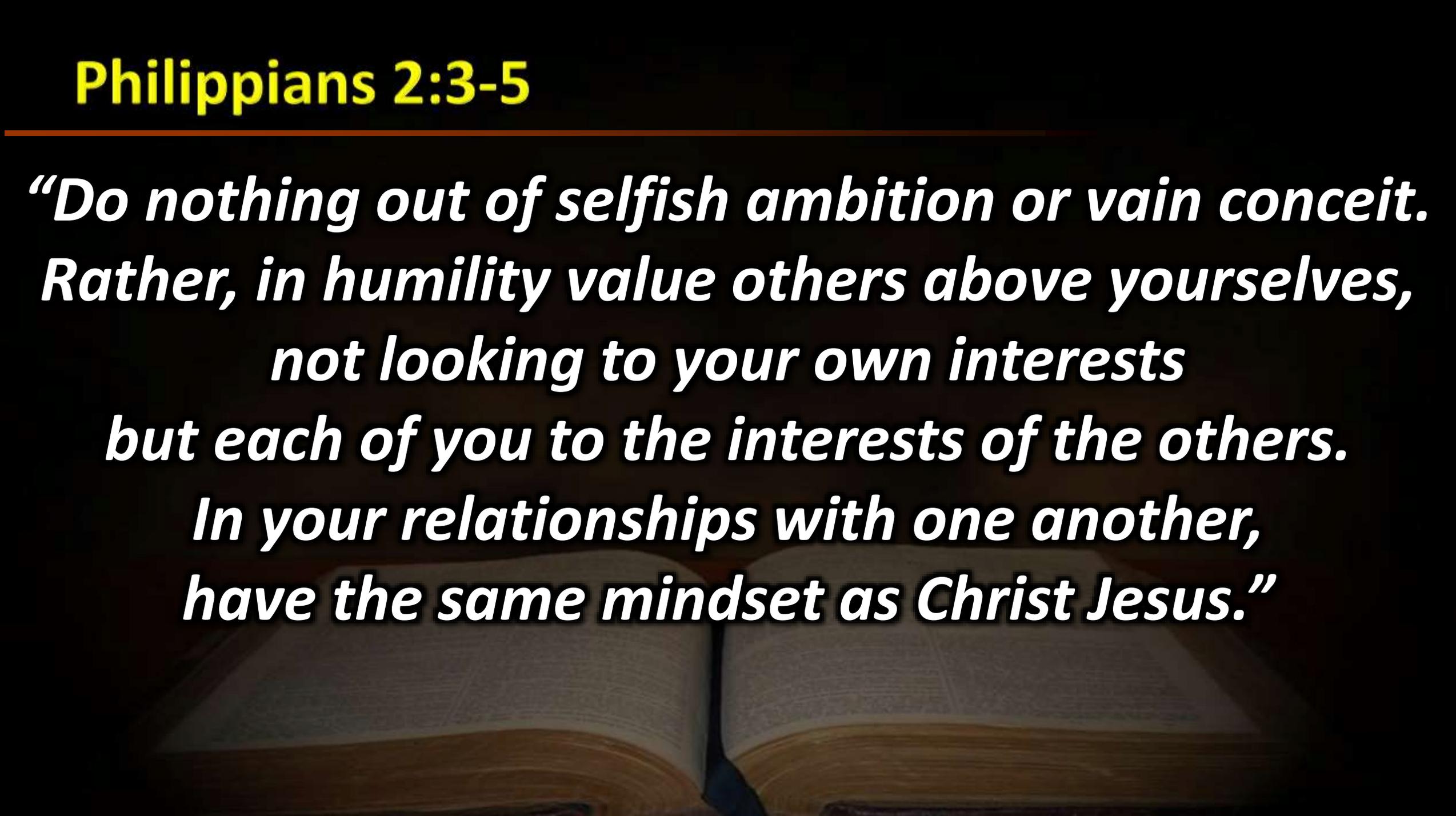
John 17:21

*“My prayer is...
that all of them may be one, Father,
just as you are in me and I am in you.”*



Philippians 2:3-5

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.”

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- EXALT – Recognize God in all of life.

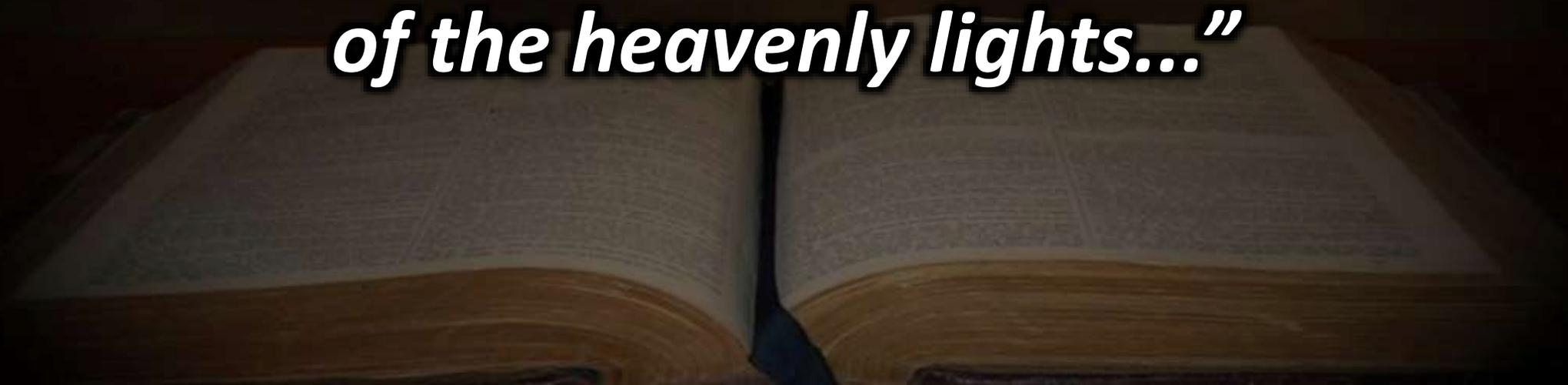
1 Corinthians 10:31; James 1:17



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***“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do it all for the glory of God.”***

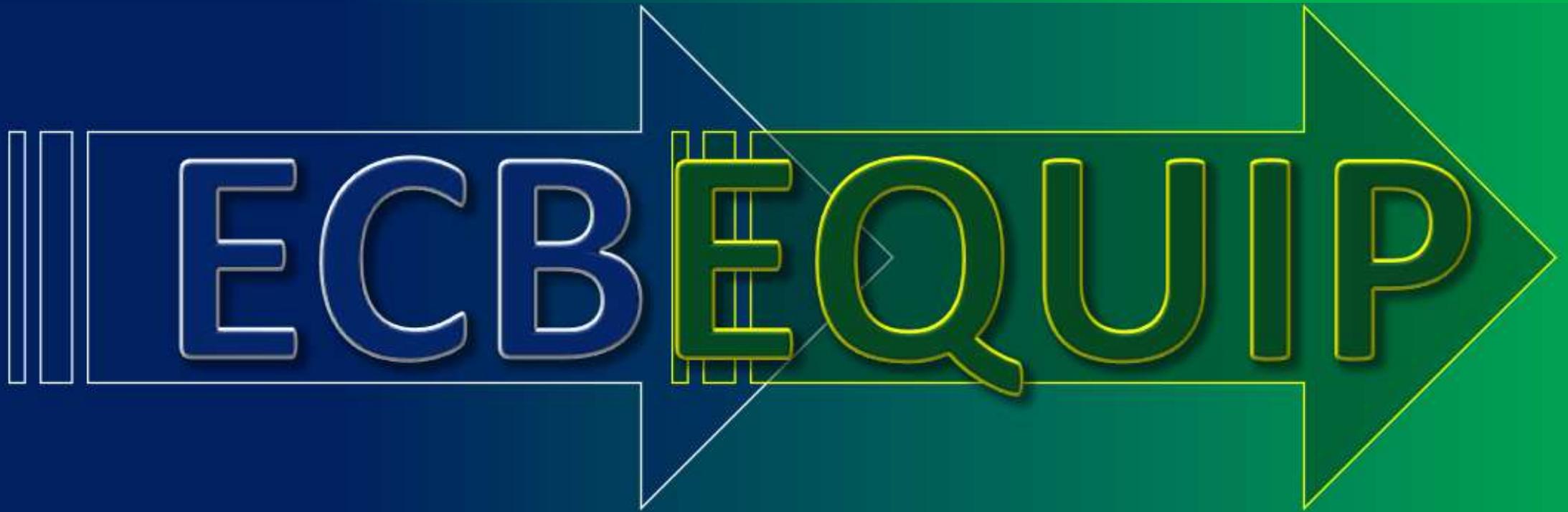
***“Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father
of the heavenly lights...”***



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- **EQUIP – Appropriate the Holy Spirit! Behave as restored people.**

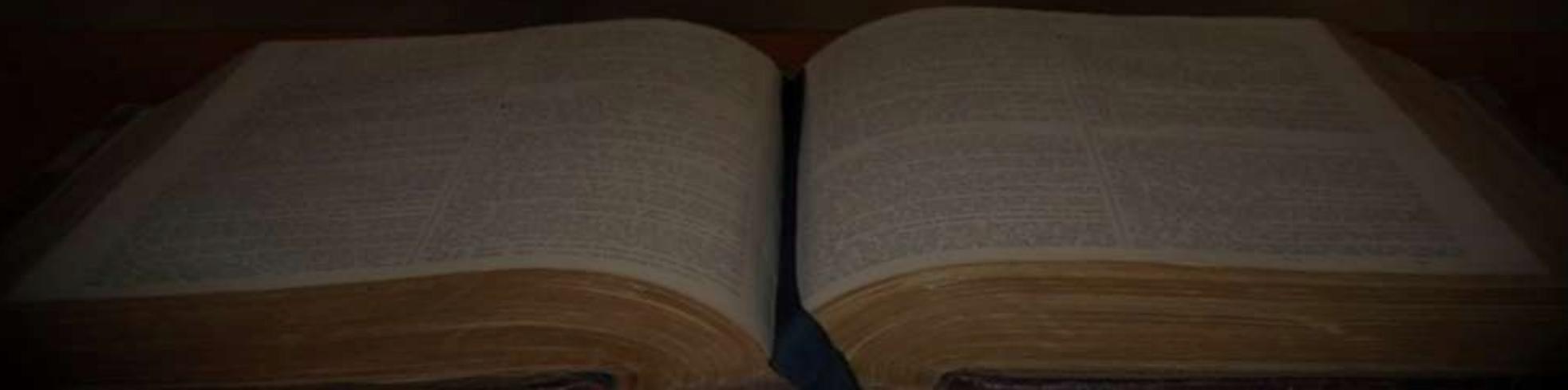
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“... Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

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- **EXTEND – Make a lost world as a priority.**

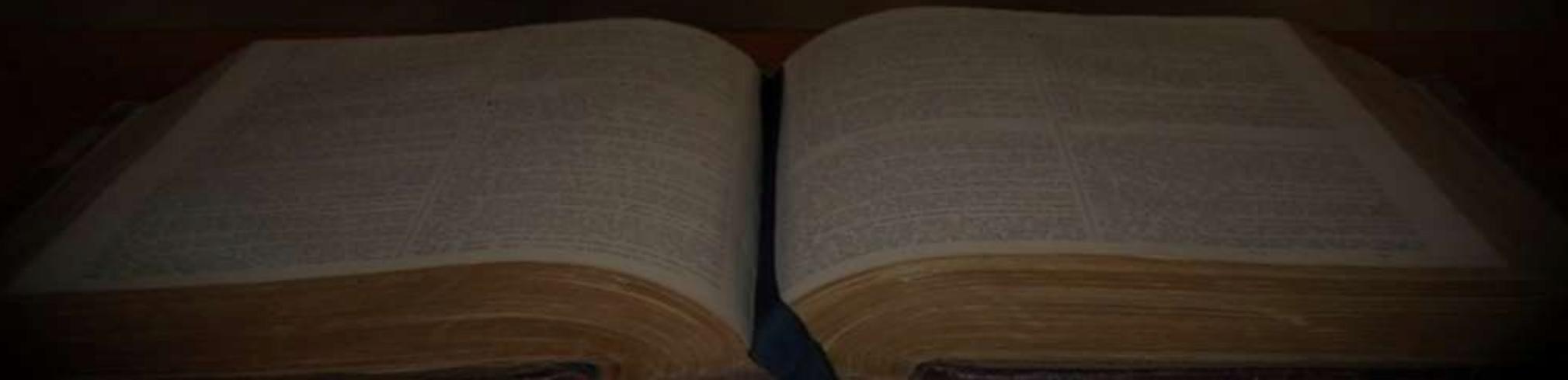
Psalm 96:3; Acts 1:8

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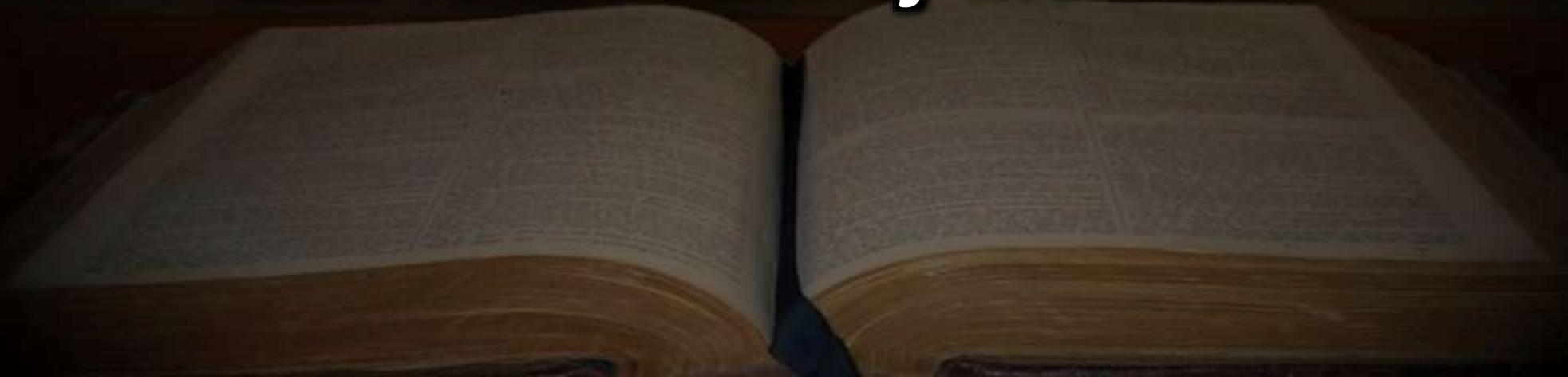
Psalm 96:3

*“Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.”*



Acts 1:8

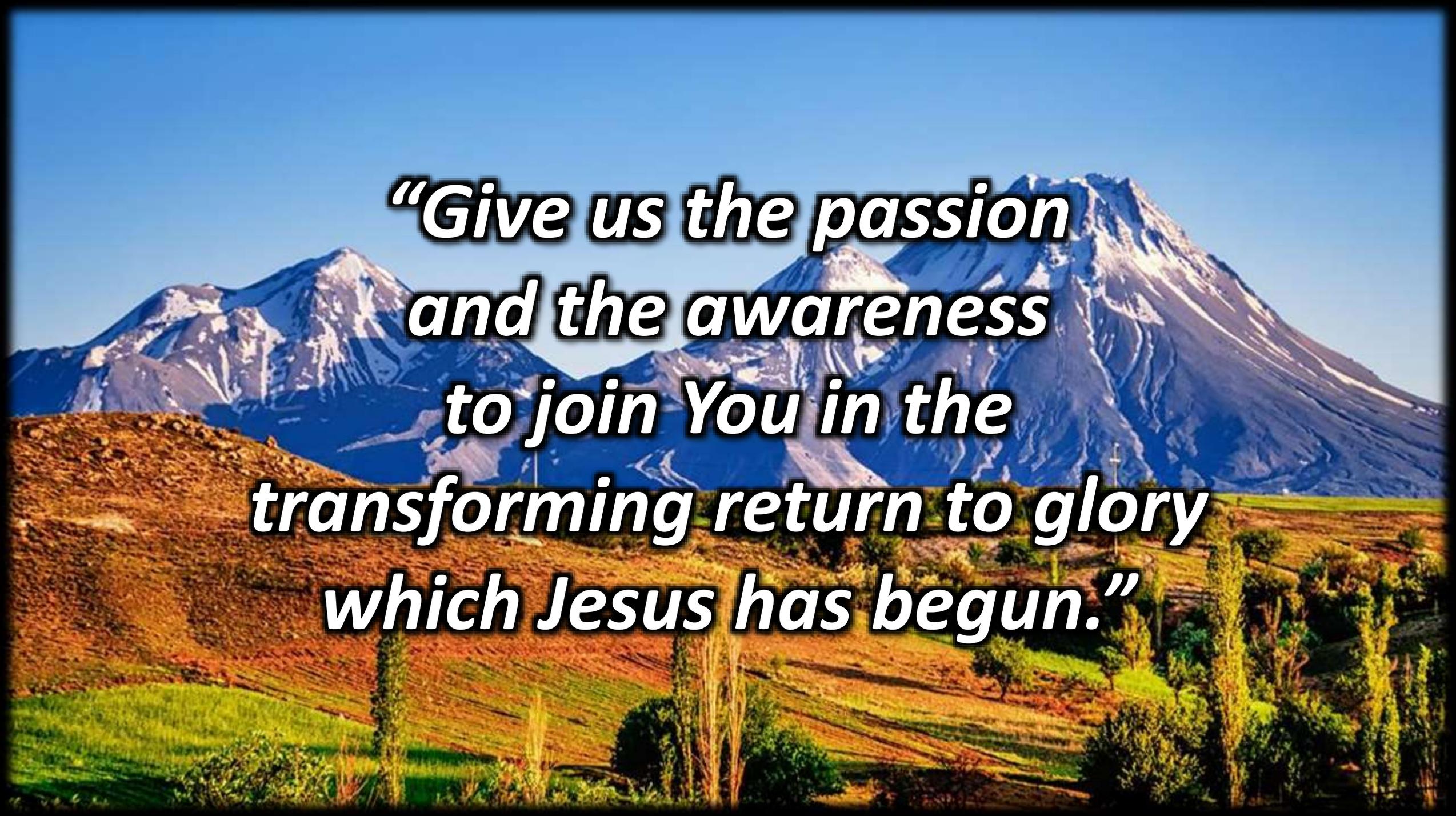
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Romans 8:1-4





***“Give us the passion
and the awareness
to join You in the
transforming return to glory
which Jesus has begun.”***

A Promise from the Mountain...

