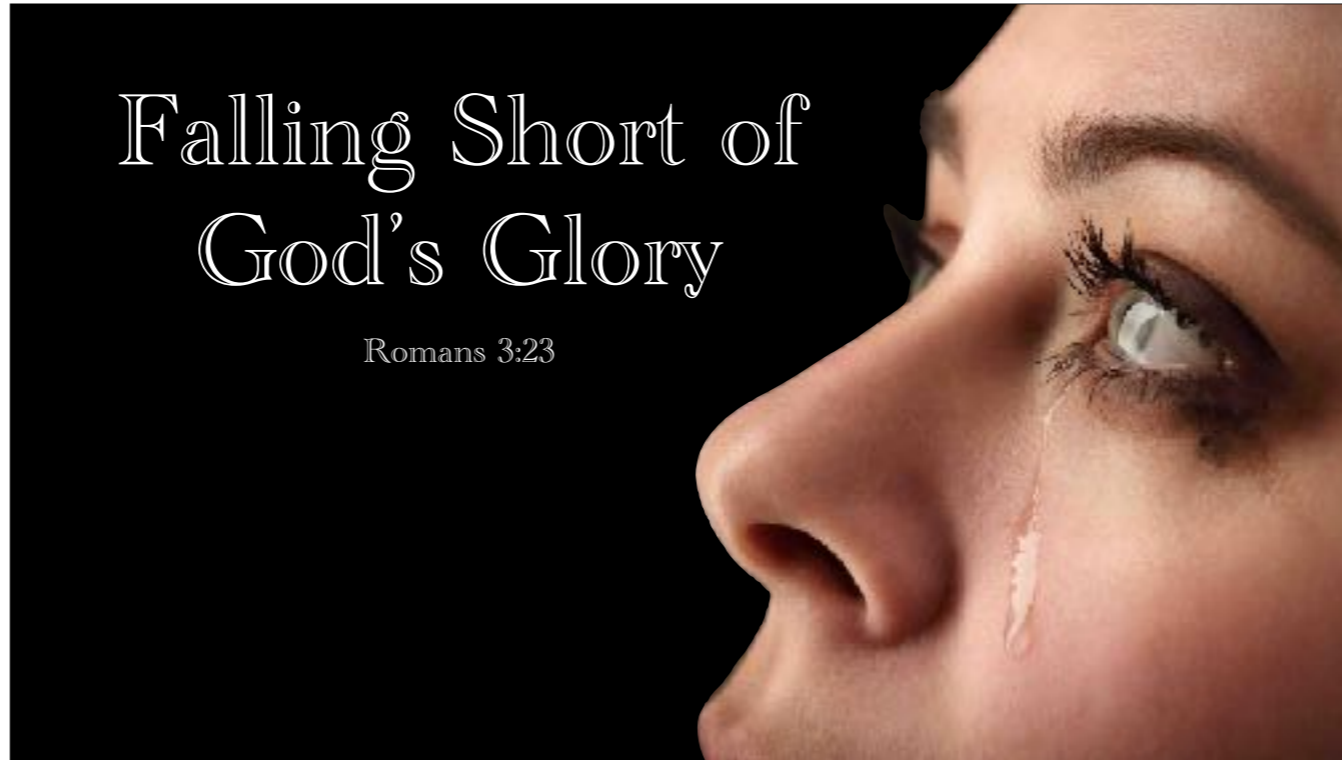


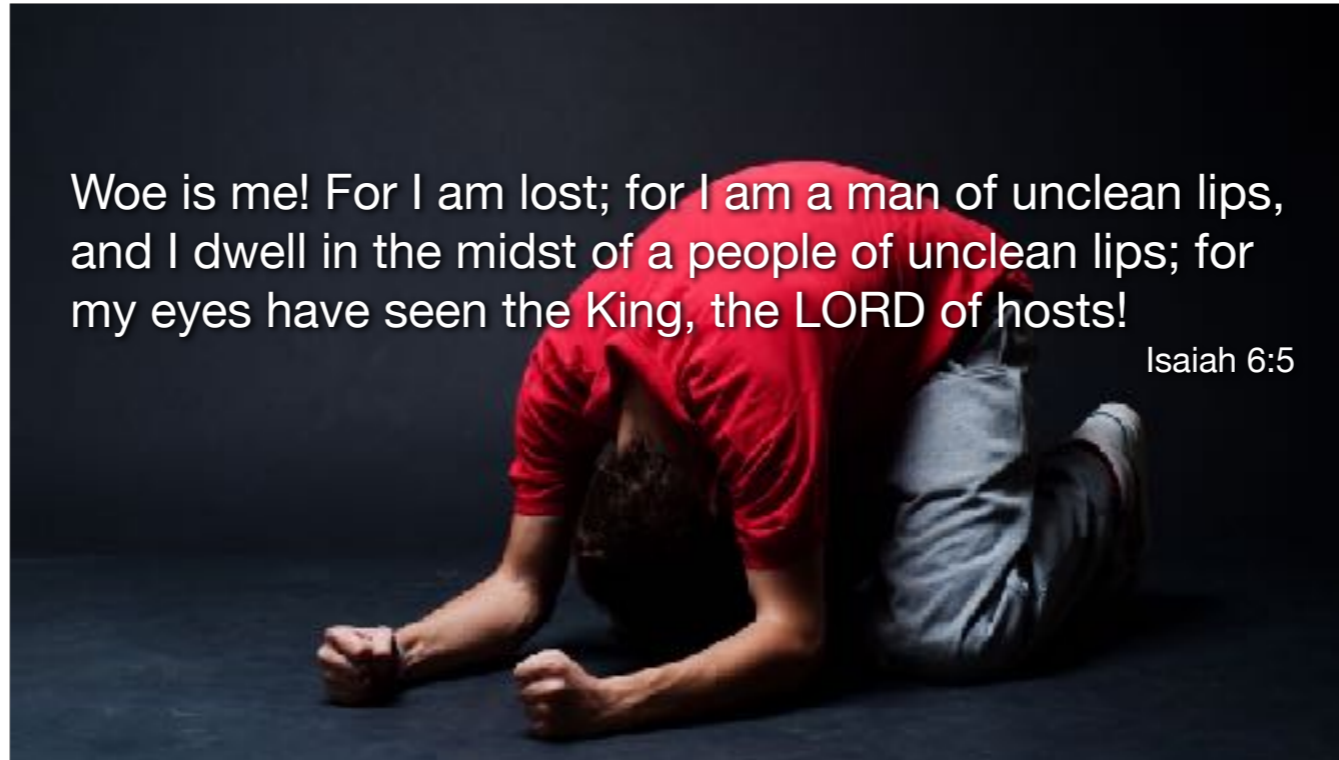
# Falling Short of God's Glory

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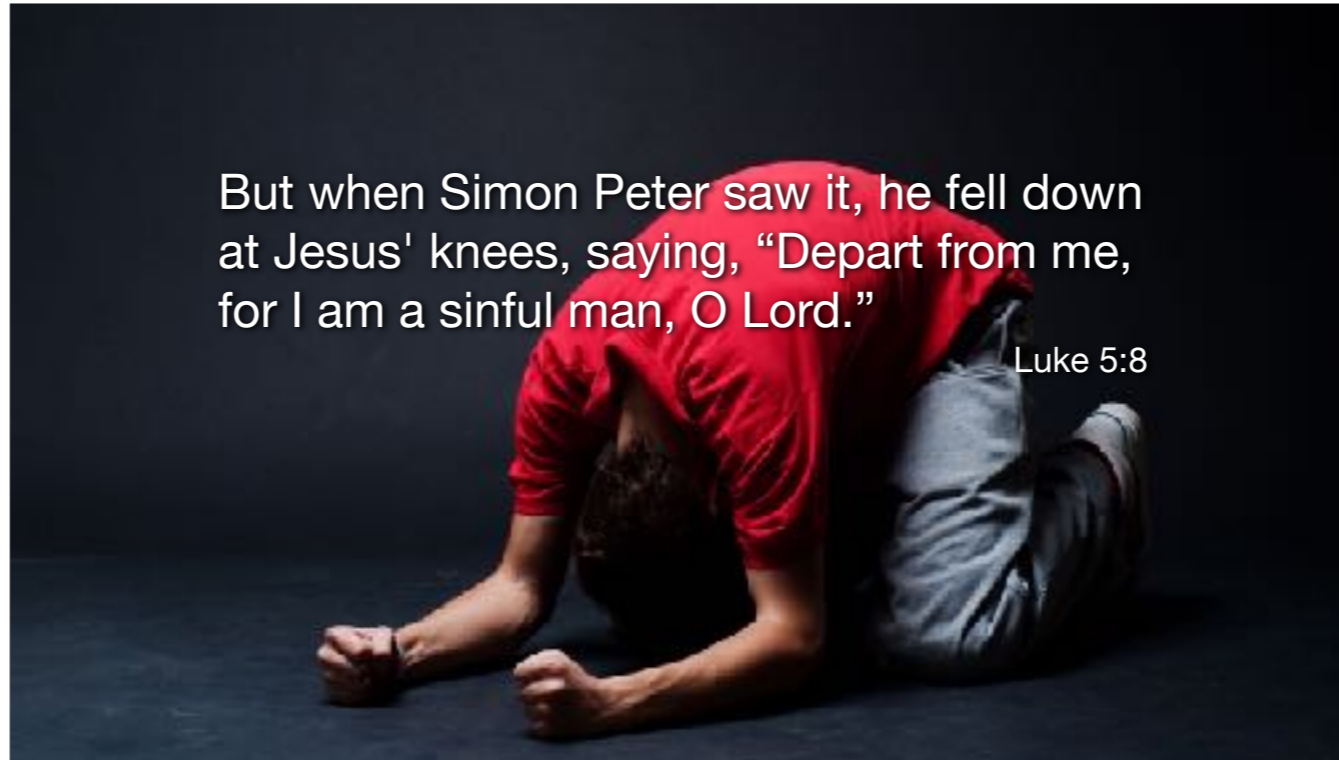
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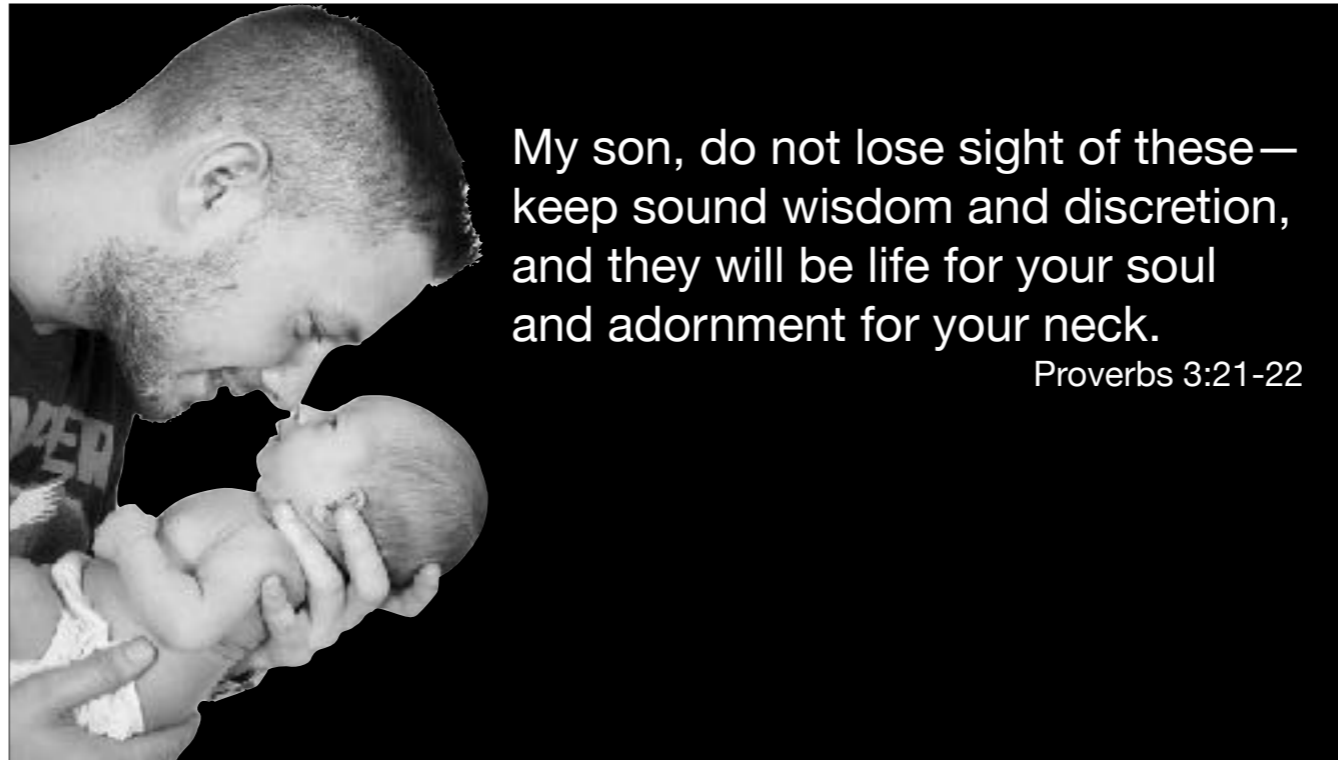
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My son, do not lose sight of these—  
keep sound wisdom and discretion,  
and they will be life for your soul  
and adornment for your neck.

Proverbs 3:21-22

- There's really something beautiful in the relationship of a father with his child.
- And it's really difficult for parents not to have expectations and hopes for their children.
  - Some parents have very specific expectations: "My daughter is going to be the best physicist."
  - Others are more generalized hopes: For having a good life and being a good person.



- “There was a man who had two sons.
  - Do you think the father had hopes and expectations for each his sons?
  - Do you think either of the sons turned out like the father hoped?



- What kind of man was the Father?
  - Gave his younger son his share of the property when asked
  - Allowed his son to leave
  - Son knew he could return
  - Compassionate
  - Eager for son's return
  - Welcoming: fully
    - ran, embraced, kissed
    - best robe, ring, shoes
  - Rejoicing and Celebrating
  - Went to convince older son to join celebration: entreated
  - comforting older son





- Who is the younger son?
  - Negative
    - Gathered all, went to far country
    - Squandered all
    - reckless living
    - in need
    - This isn't what his father hoped for his son?
  - Positive
    - went to work when desperate
    - Came to himself
    - Thought well of his father
    - Recognized his sin
    - Humbled himself
    - Went home



- Who is the older son?
  - Stayed with father ... served father many years
    - What his attitude about “serving” his father?
      - Because of love? What he would get?
  - Angry
  - Refused to welcome brother
  - Not self aware (never disobeyed)
  - Ungrateful (never gave me a young goat)





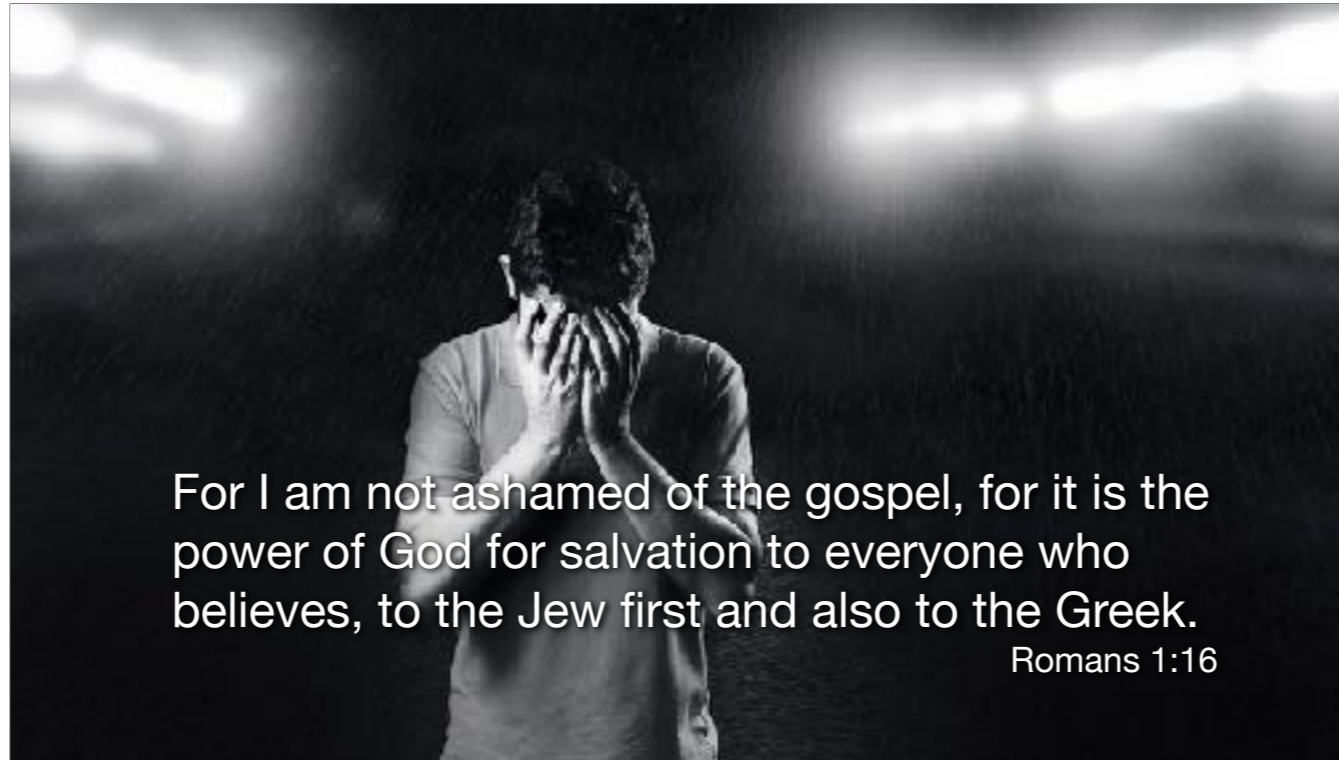
- Bitter
- Judgmental (how could he possibly know this ... it's an assumption!)
  - devoured your property (but it was son's inheritance)
  - prostitutes
- Jealous (killed the fatted calf for him)
- Is this son what his father hoped he would be?



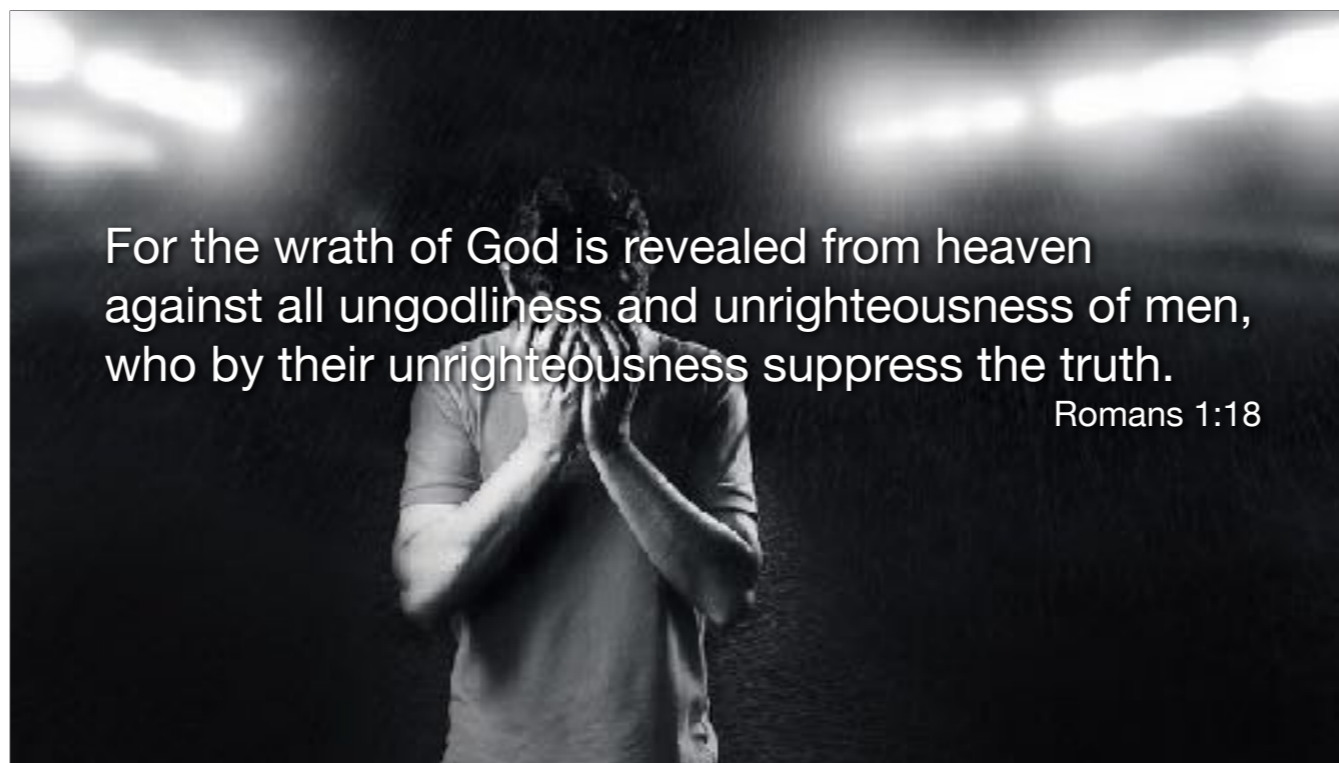
- Neither of these sons became what their father desired
- Neither one of these sons would have had their father's praise



- Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
  - sin: “to miss the mark”
  - 1 John 3:4 sin is lawlessness.
  - But sin is not just lawlessness, it’s breaking of a relationship.
  - Ephesians 2:1-2 (ESV) 1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—



- Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.  
17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

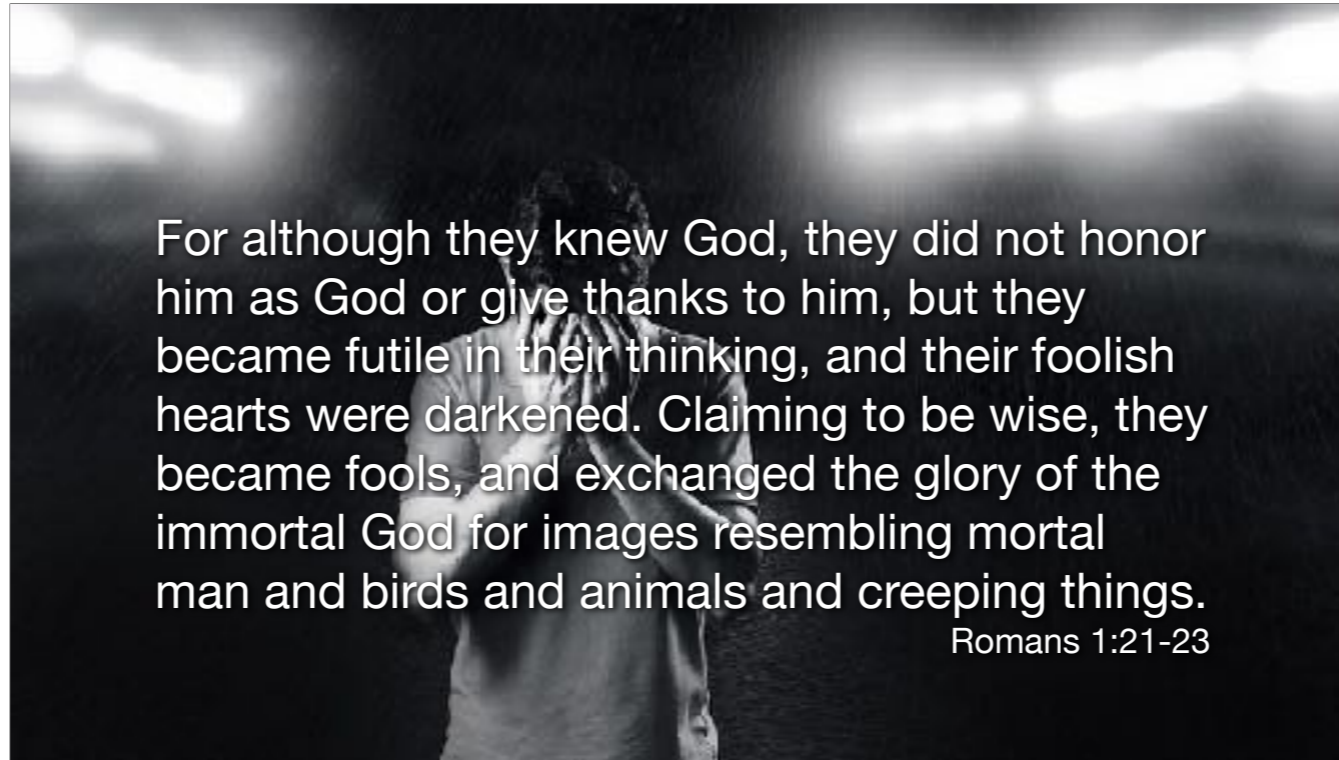


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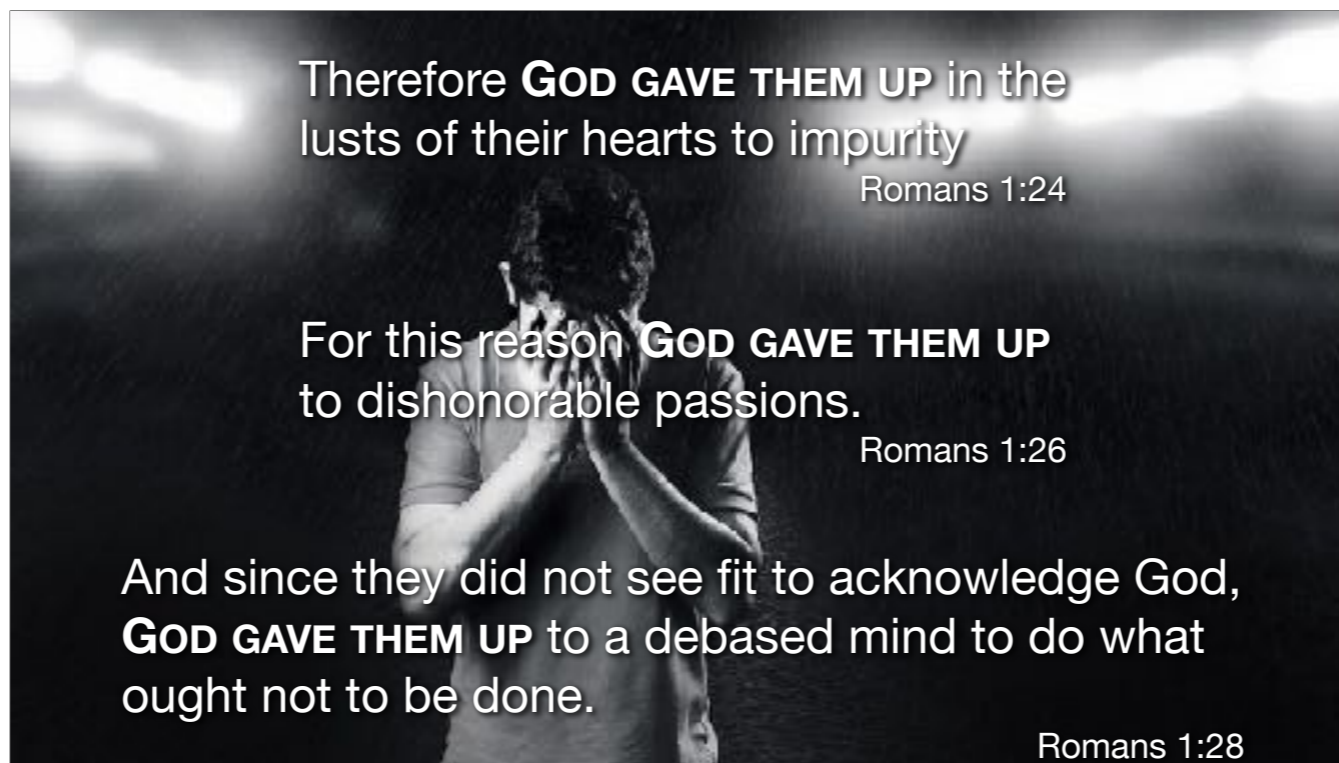




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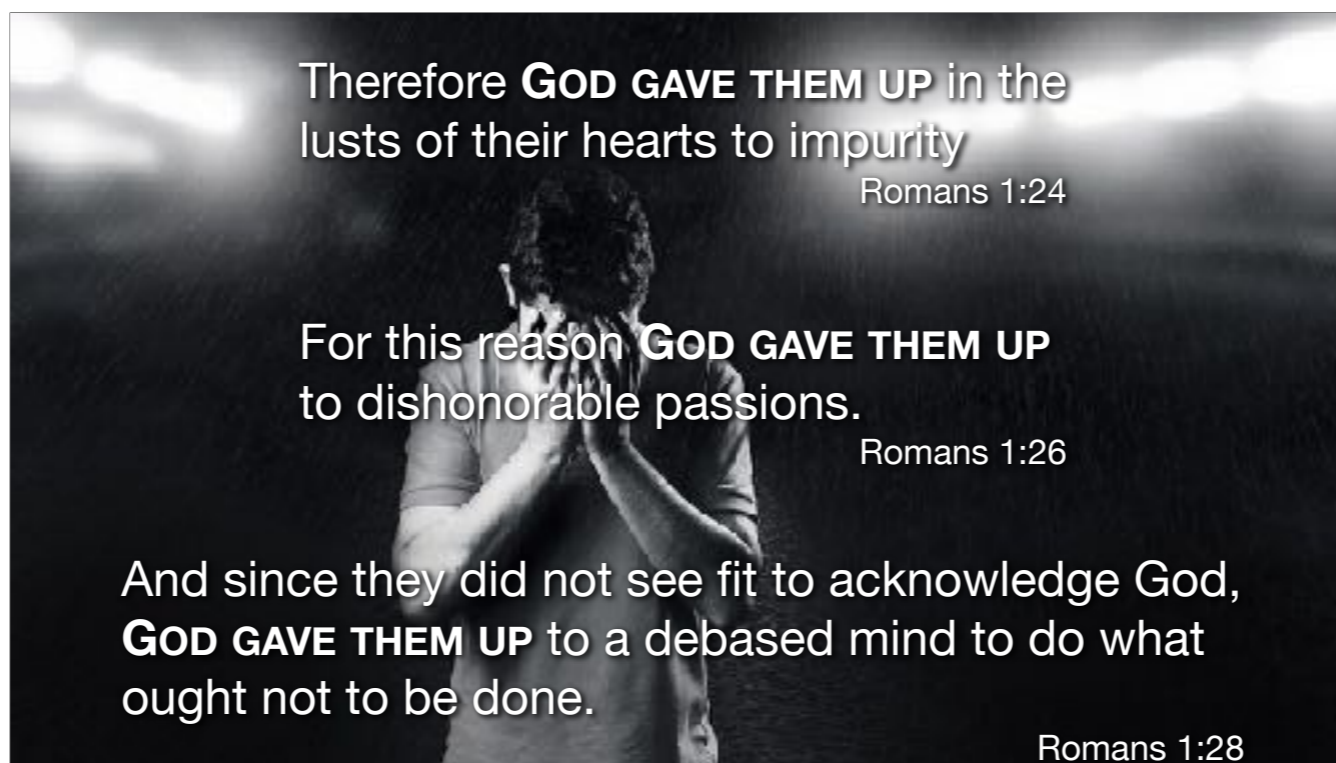
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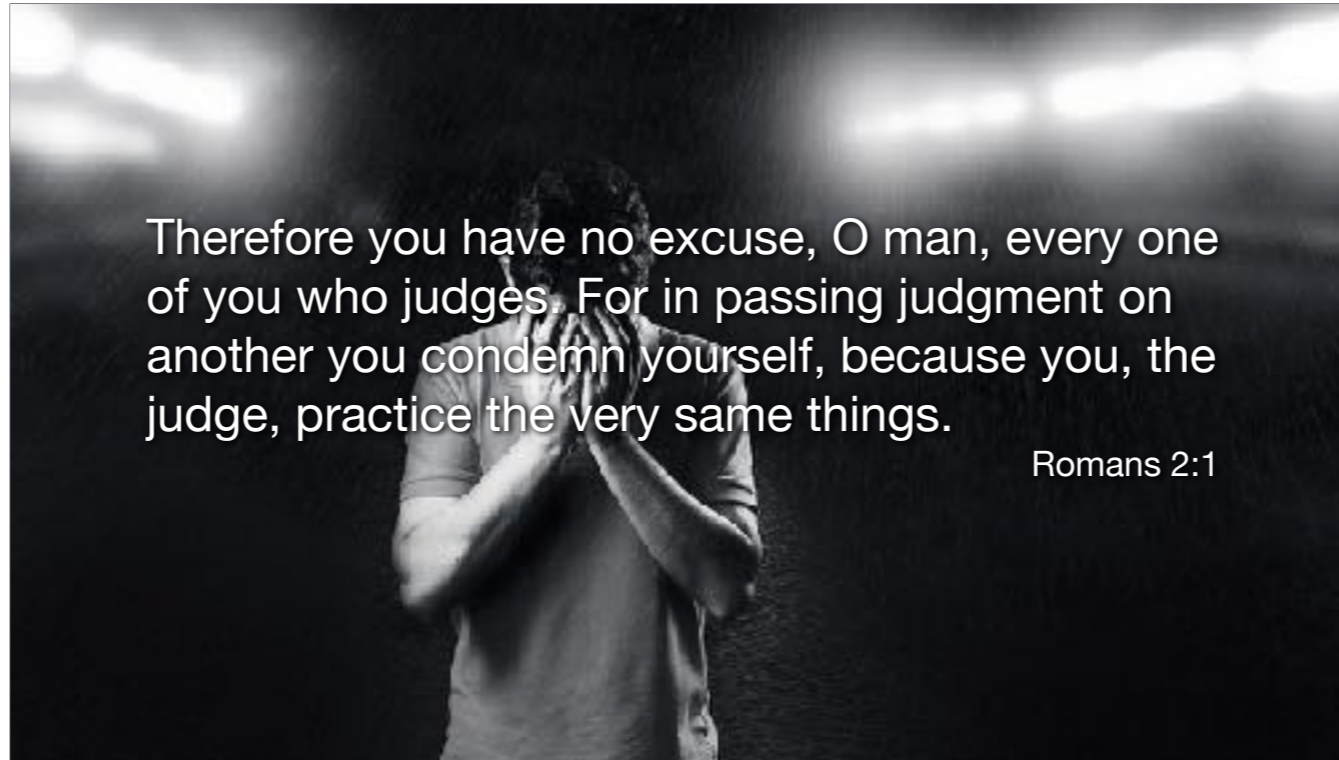
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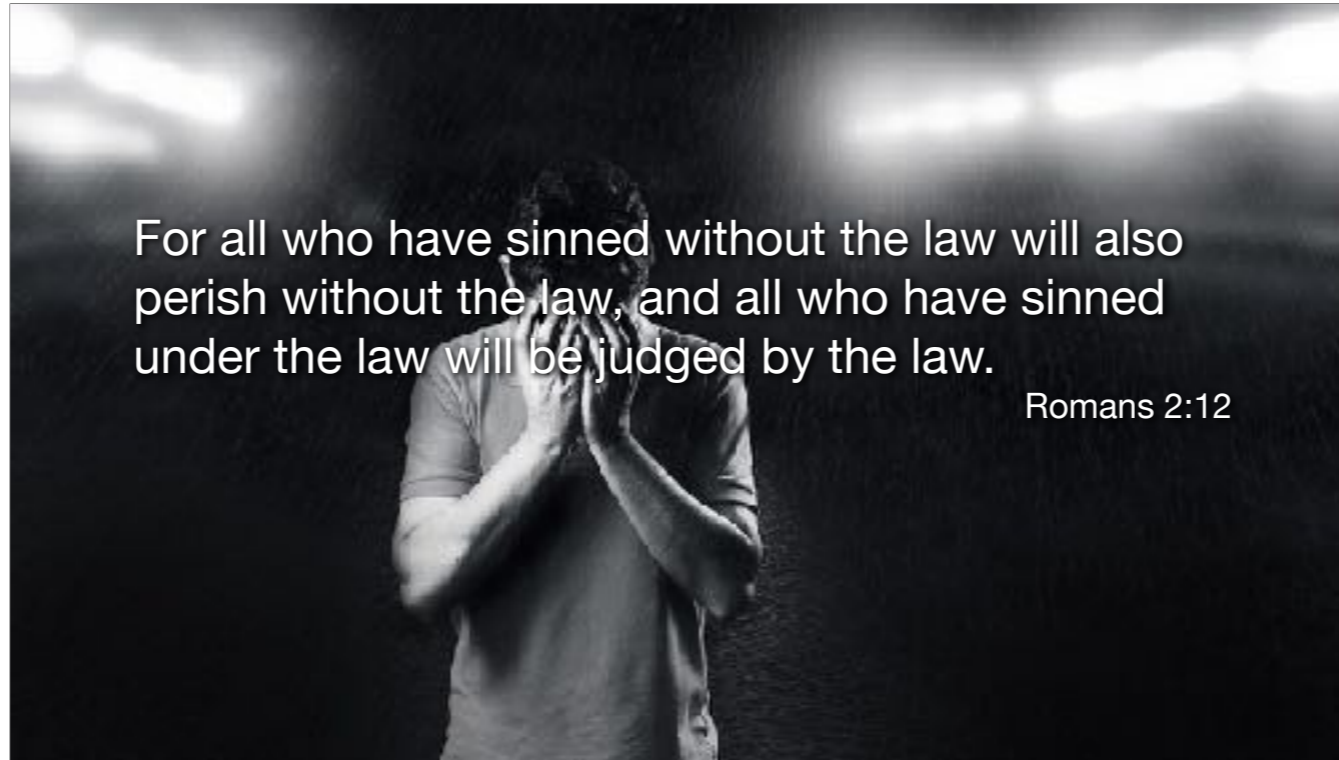
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- God gave them up
  - This is God allowing mankind to walk away from him and do as we please
    - Like the younger son.
- Paul tells us of God's wrath, certainly.
  - But God was not just angry.
  - God let us make our choices.
- The problem for us is where these choices lead us: impurity; dishonorable; debased.



- Romans 2:1-3 (ESV) 1 Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. 2 We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. 3 Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?

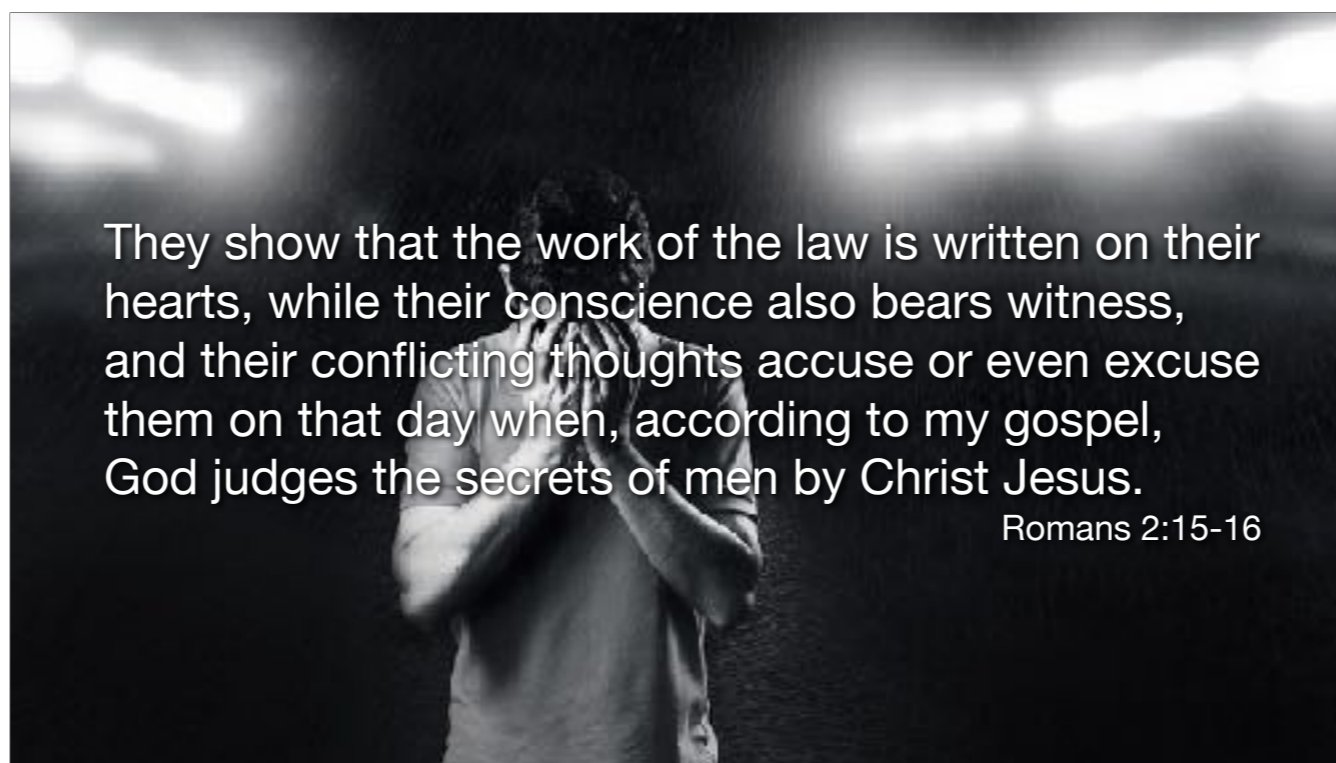


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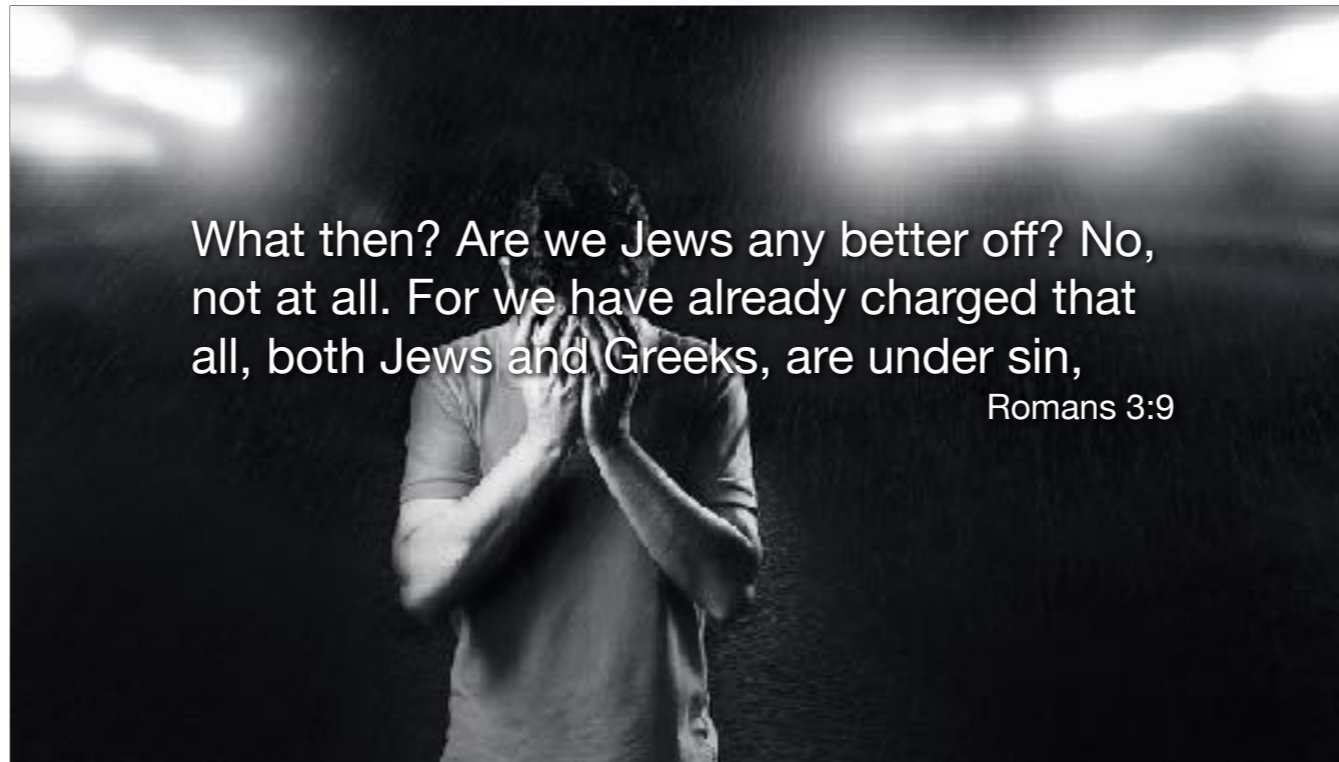




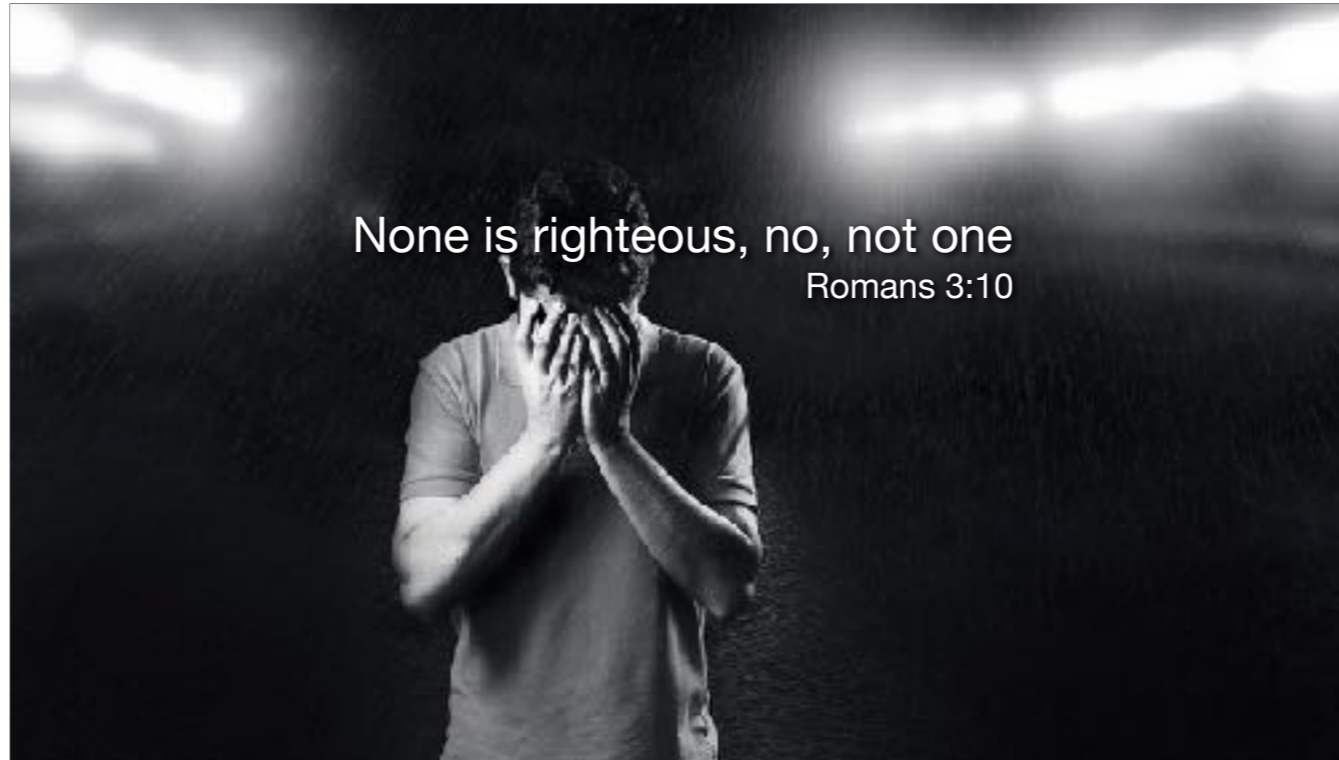
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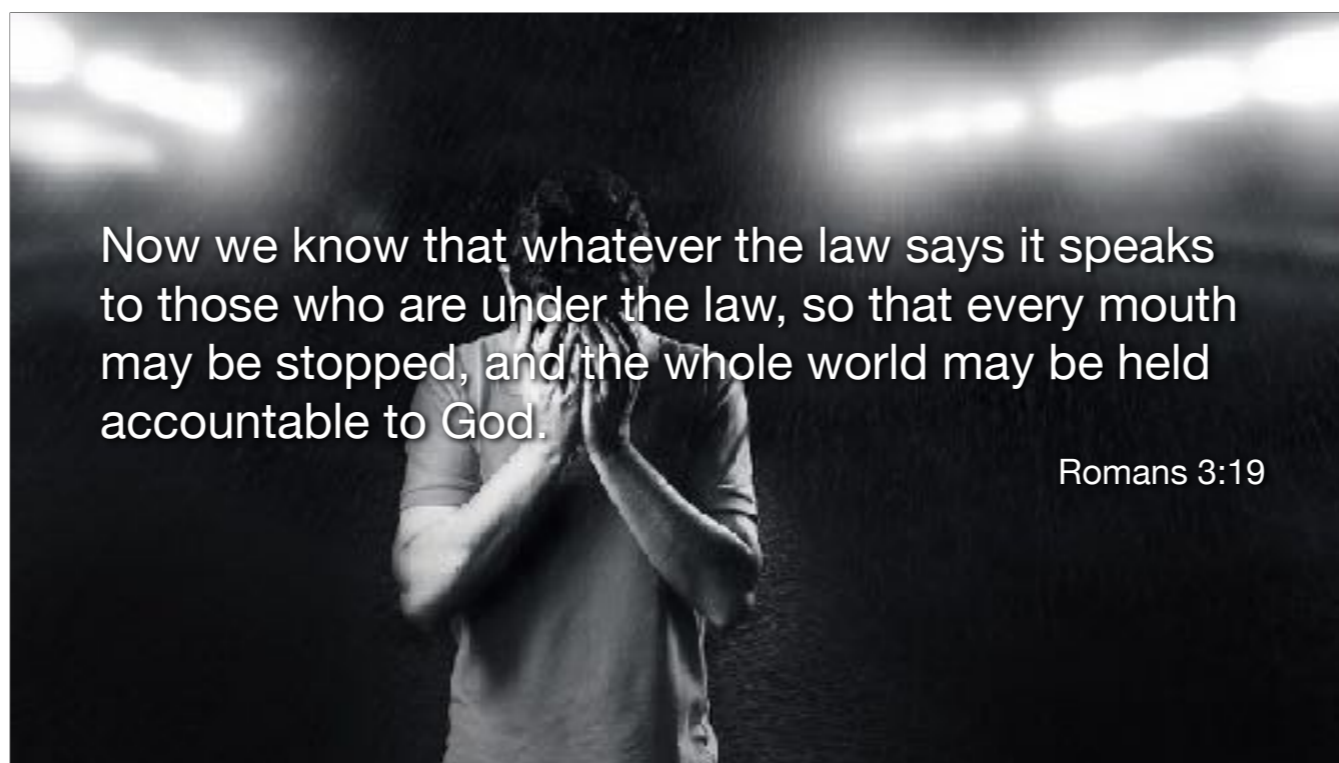
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- Romans 3:9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,



- Romans 3:10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;



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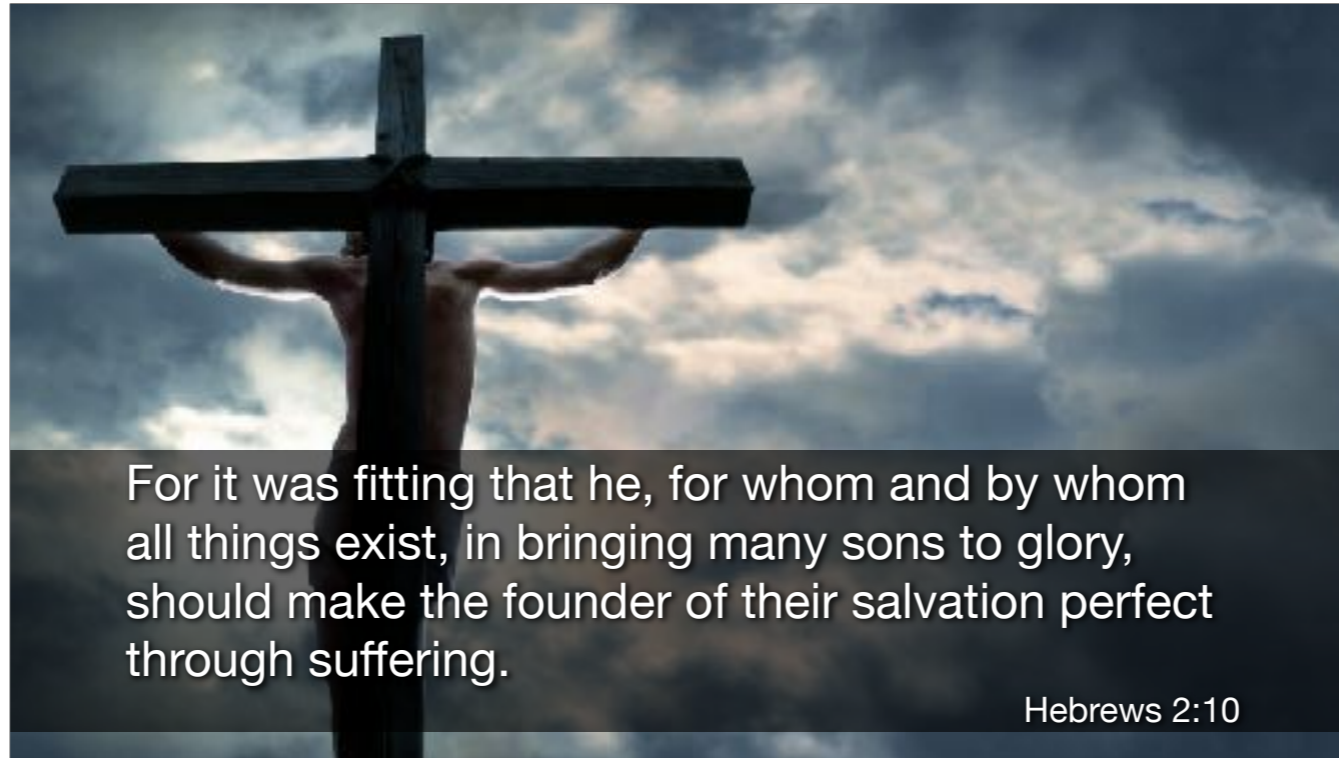
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- If we've all sinned, how can we go home?
- Would God even want us back?
  - And this is where many of us stumble.
  - Knowing that we've sinned, and face God's wrath,
    - And that I haven't been what he would want me to be
    - And that he doesn't approve of what I am now: I've fallen short





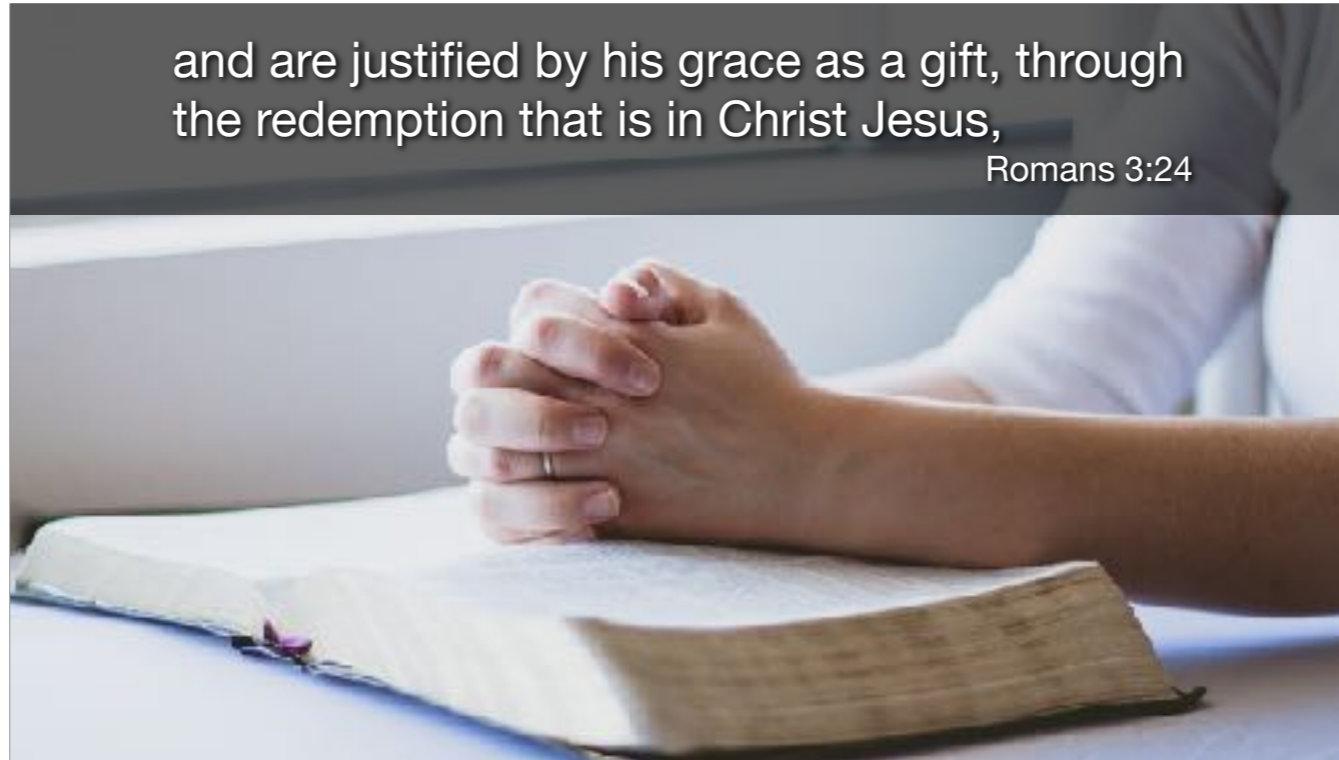
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- Will you choose to come home to your father?
  - Come to your senses
  - Trust in your father who loves you so much.
  - Received by faith ... he will welcome you.

We implore you  
on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Synopsis: In this lesson we are reminded that all of us have sinned, yet God's plan was to bring us back to glory.

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