



# “THE WHOLEHEARTED WHO SEEK GOD WILL SEE GOD”

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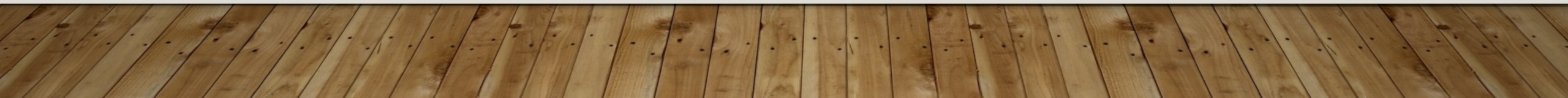


Blessed are the pure [καθαρός | *katharos*] in heart [καρδία  
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because they will see God (Mt 5:8, AT I)

The pure in heart are blessed

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So give your servant a **discerning heart** to govern your people and to **distinguish between right and wrong**. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” (1 Ki 3:9, NIV)







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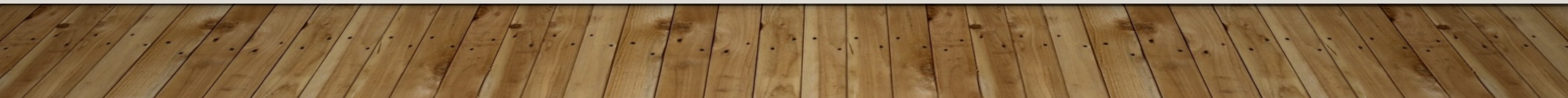




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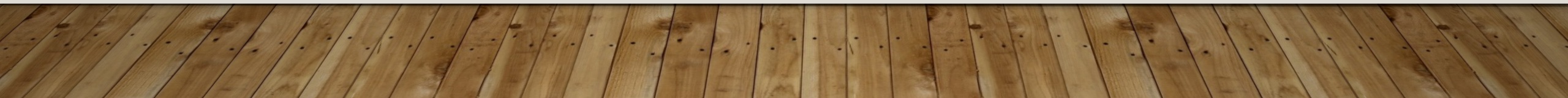


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But Saul and the army **spared** [king] Agag and **the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs—everything that was good.** These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.

(1 Sam 15:9, NIV)





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When Samuel reached him, Saul said,  
“The LORD [YHWH] bless you! I  
have carried out the LORD [YHWH]’s  
instructions.” (1 Sam 15:13, NIV)





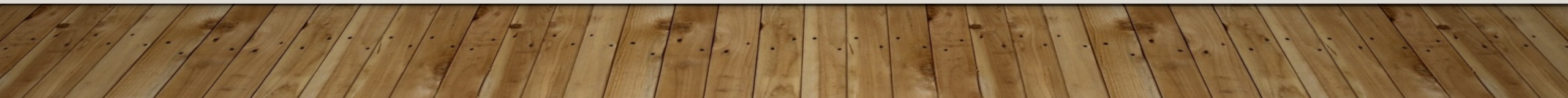


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14 But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?”

15 Saul answered, “The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they **spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the LORD [YHWH] your God**, but we totally destroyed the rest.” (1 Sam 15:14-15, NIV)







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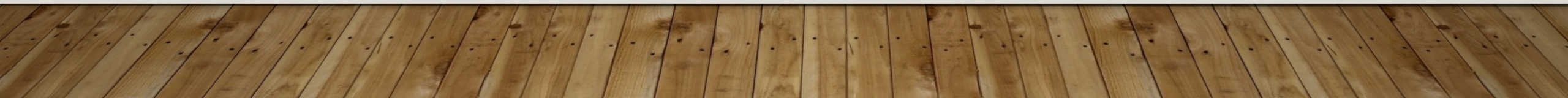
But Samuel replied:

“Does the LORD [YHWH] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices  
as much as in obeying the LORD [YHWH]?”

**To obey is better than sacrifice,**

and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

(1 Sam 15:22, NIV)





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9 God said to Abraham, “As for you, you **shall keep my covenant**, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: **Every male among you shall be circumcised.** 11 You shall **circumcise the flesh of your foreskins**, and it shall be a **sign of the covenant between me and you.** (Gen 17:9-11, NRSV)







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12 Throughout your generations **every male among you shall be circumcised when he is eight days old**, including the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring. 13 Both the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money must be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. 14 **Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.**” (Gen 17:12-14, NRSV)

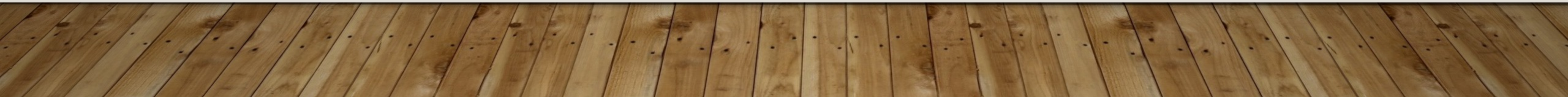




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**Circumcise, then, the foreskin of  
your heart, and do not be stubborn  
any longer. (Dt 10:16, NRSV)**







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Moreover, the LORD [YHWH] your God will **circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants**, so that you **will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul**, in order that you may live. (Dt 30:6, NRSV)





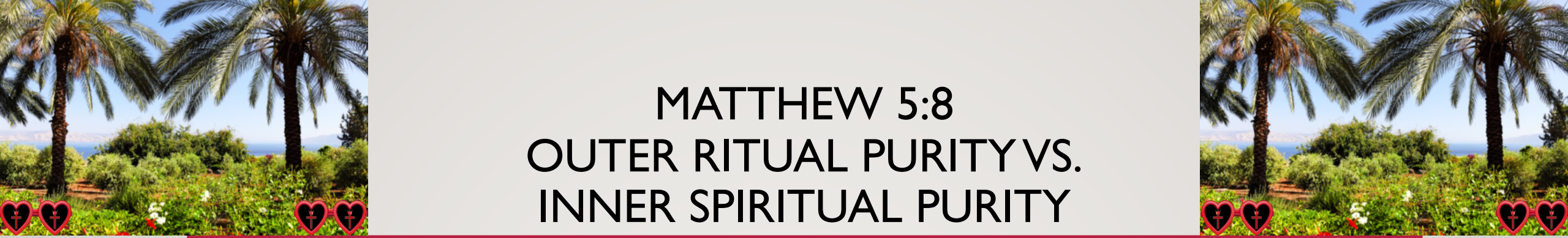
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Create in me a **pure heart**, O God,  
and **renew a steadfast spirit** within me.  
(Ps 51:10, NIV)







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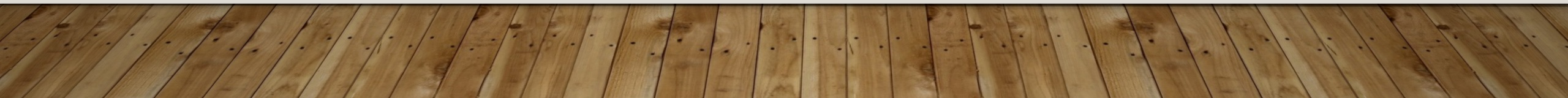
7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:


8 “ ‘These people honor me with their **lips**,  
but their **hearts are far from me**.

9 They worship me in vain;


their teachings are merely **human rules.**’ ” [Is 29:13]

(Mt 15:7-9, NIV)

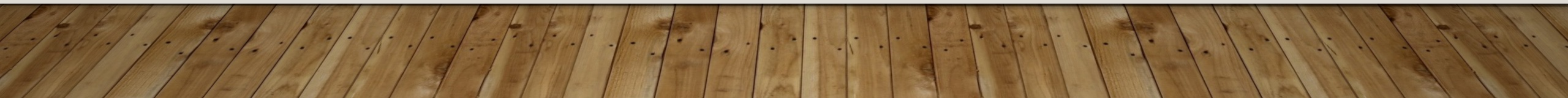





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17 “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? 18 But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the **heart**, and these defile them. 19 For **out of the heart** come **evil thoughts**—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. 20 These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.” (Mt 15:17-20, NIV)



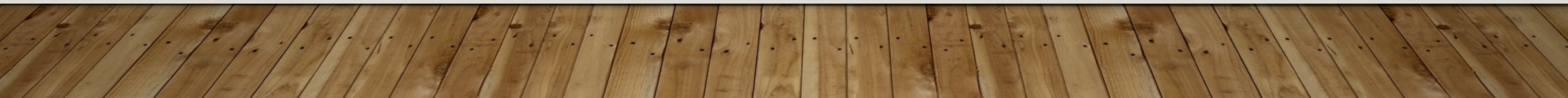




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25 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the **outside** of the cup and the plate, but **inside** they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the **inside** of the cup and the plate, that the **outside** also may be clean. (Mt 23:25-26, ESV)





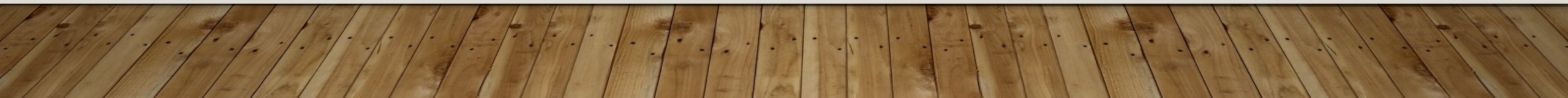
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27 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which **outwardly appear beautiful**, but **within** are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness.

28 So you also **outwardly appear righteous** to others, but **within** you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

(Mt 23:27-28, ESV)







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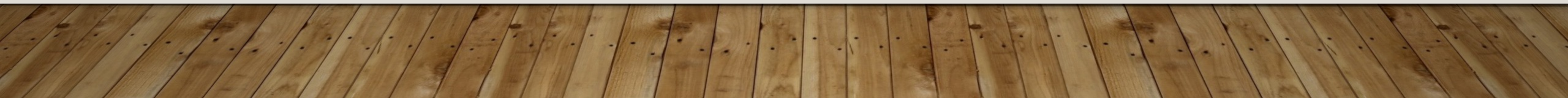


1 The earth is the LORD [YHWH]'s, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;

2 for he founded it on the seas

and established it on the waters.

(Ps 24:1-2, NIV)





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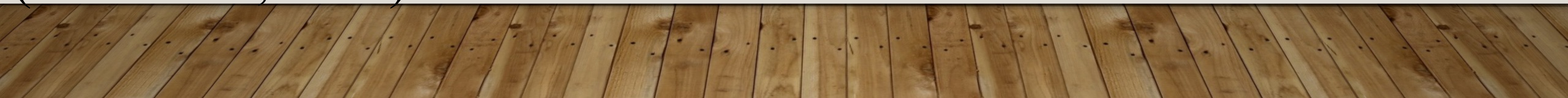
3 **Who** may ascend the mountain of the LORD [YHWH]?

**Who** may stand in his holy place?

4 The one who has clean hands and a **pure** [LXX: καθαρός | *katharos*] **heart** [LXX: καρδία | *kardia*]

**who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.**

(Ps 24:3-4, NIV)







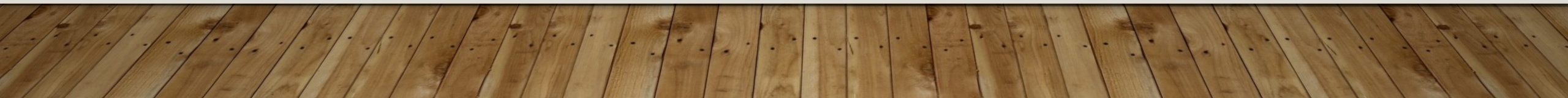
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5 They will receive blessing from the LORD [YHWH]  
and vindication from God their Savior.

6 Such is the generation of those who **seek** him,  
who **seek** your face, God of Jacob.

(Ps 24:5-6, NIV)



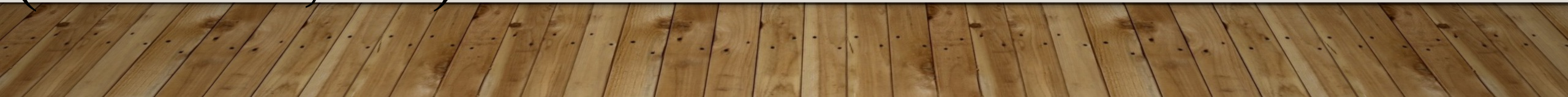


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4 Listen, O Israel! The LORD [YHWH] is our  
God, the LORD [YHWH] **alone**. 5 Love the  
LORD [YHWH] your God with **all your heart**  
and with **all your soul** and with **all your might**.

(Dt 6:4-5, AT)







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Truly God is good to the **upright**,  
to those who are **pure in heart**.

(Ps 73:1, NRSV)





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<sup>2</sup>But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;  
my steps had nearly slipped.

<sup>3</sup>For I was envious of the arrogant;  
I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

(Ps 73:2-3, NRSV)







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- <sup>4</sup> For they have no pain;  
their bodies are sound and sleek.
- <sup>5</sup> They are not in trouble as others are;  
they are not plagued like other people.
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore pride is their necklace;  
violence covers them like a garment.
- (Ps 73:4-6, NRSV)





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- <sup>7</sup> Their eyes swell out with fatness;  
their hearts overflow with follies.
- <sup>8</sup> They scoff and speak with malice;  
loftily they threaten oppression.
- <sup>9</sup> They set their mouths against heaven,  
and their tongues range over the earth.  
(Ps 73:7-9, NRSV)







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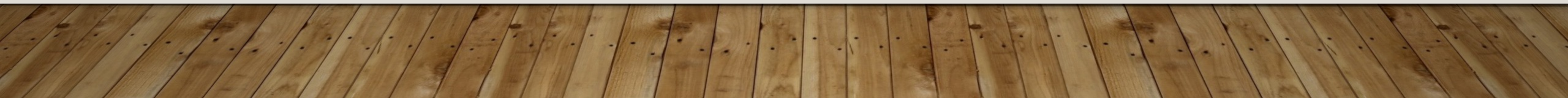


<sup>10</sup> Therefore the people turn and praise them,  
and find no fault in them.

<sup>11</sup> And they say, “How can God know?  
Is there knowledge in the Most High?”

<sup>12</sup> Such are the wicked;  
always at ease, they increase in riches.

(Ps 73:10-12, NRSV)





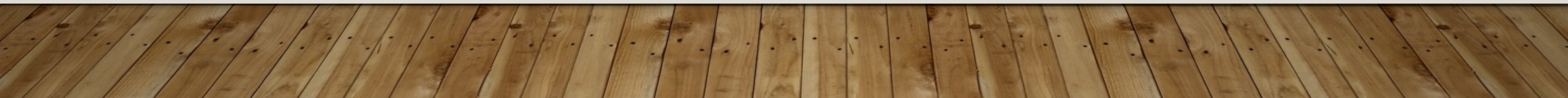
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<sup>13</sup> All in vain I have **kept my heart clean**  
and washed my hands in innocence.

<sup>14</sup> For all day long I have been plagued,  
and am punished every morning.

(Ps 73:13-14, NRSV)







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<sup>15</sup> If I had said, “I will talk on in this way,”  
I would have been untrue to the circle of your children.  
<sup>16</sup> But when I thought how to understand this,  
it seemed to me a wearisome task,  
(Ps 73:15-16, NRSV)





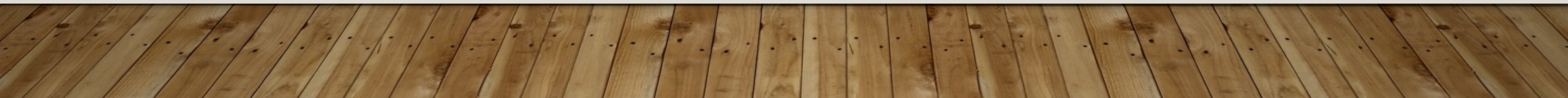
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<sup>17</sup> until I went into the sanctuary of God;  
then I perceived their end.

<sup>18</sup> Truly you set them in slippery places;  
you make them fall to ruin.

(Ps 73:17-18, NRSV)







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<sup>19</sup> How they are destroyed in a moment,  
swept away utterly by terrors!

<sup>20</sup> They are like a dream when one awakes;  
on awaking you despise their phantoms.

(Ps 73:19-20, NRSV)





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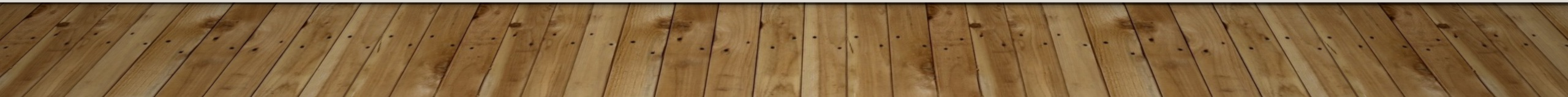


<sup>21</sup> When my soul was embittered,  
when I was pricked in heart,

<sup>22</sup> I was stupid and ignorant;  
I was like a brute beast toward you.

<sup>23</sup> Nevertheless I am **continually with you**;  
you hold my right hand.

(Ps 73:21-23, NRSV)







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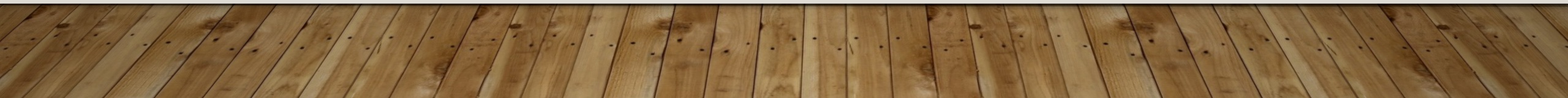
<sup>24</sup> You guide me with your counsel,  
and afterward you will receive me with honor.

<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but you?

**And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.**

<sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

(Ps 73:24-26, NRSV)





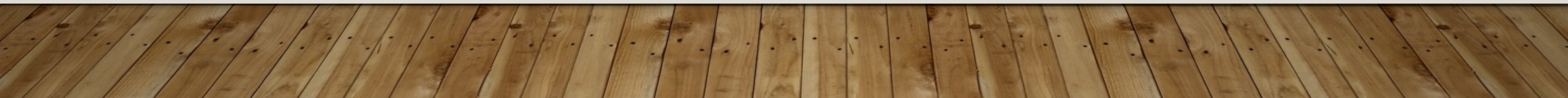
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**<sup>27</sup> Indeed, those who are far from you will perish;  
you put an end to those who are false to you.**

**<sup>28</sup> But for me it is good to be near God;  
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,  
to tell of all your works.**

**(Ps 73:27-28, NRSV)**







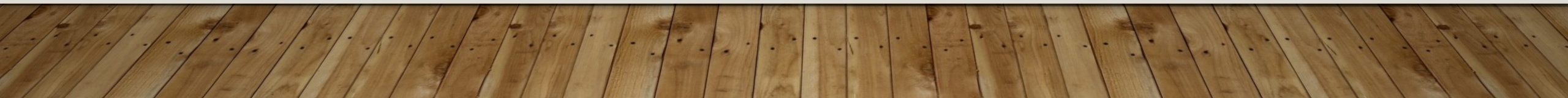
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18 Then Moses said, “Please, let me see Your glory.”

19 He said, “I will cause all My goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name Yahweh [YHWH] before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”

(Ex 33:18-19, HCSB)





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20 But He answered, “**You cannot see My face, for no one can see Me and live.**” 21 The LORD [YHWH] said, “Here is a place near Me. You are to stand on the rock, 22 and when My glory passes by, I will put you in the crevice of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take My hand away, and you will **see My back, but My face will not be seen.**” (Ex 33:20-23, HCSB)







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**No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. (Jn 1:18, NIV)**





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In the year that King Uzziah died, I **saw the Lord**, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. (Is 6:1, NIV)





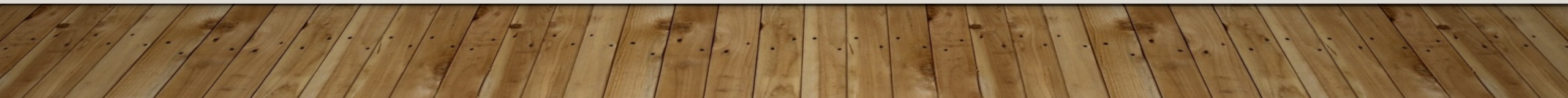


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3 When Moses went and told the people **all the LORD's [YHWH] words and laws**, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD [YHWH] has said **we will do.**" 4 Moses then wrote down everything the LORD [YHWH] had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an **altar** at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD [YHWH].(Ex 24:3-5, NIV)





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6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the **Covenant** and read it to the people. They responded, “**We will do** everything the LORD has said; we will obey.” (Ex 24:6-7, NIV)







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Moses then took the **blood**, **sprinkled it on the people** and said, “This is the **blood of the covenant** that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” (Ex 24:8, NIV)





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9 Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up 10 and **saw the God of Israel. Under his feet** was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli [sapphire], as bright blue as the sky. 11 But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they **saw God, and they ate and drank.** (Ex 24:9-12, NIV)







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I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will **take their places at the feast** with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob **in the kingdom of heaven.** (Mt 8:11, NIV)





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1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables,  
saying: 2 “The **kingdom of heaven** is like  
a **king** who prepared a **wedding banquet**  
for his **son**. (Mt 22:1-2, NIV)







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For now we see **only a reflection as in a mirror**; then we **shall see face to face**. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. (1 Cor 13:12, NIV)





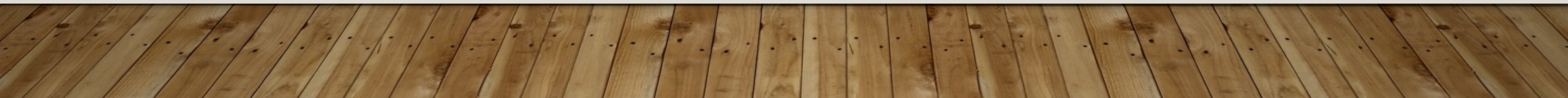
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25 I know that my redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

26 And after my skin has been destroyed,  
yet in my flesh **I will see God;**

(Job 19:25-26, NIV)





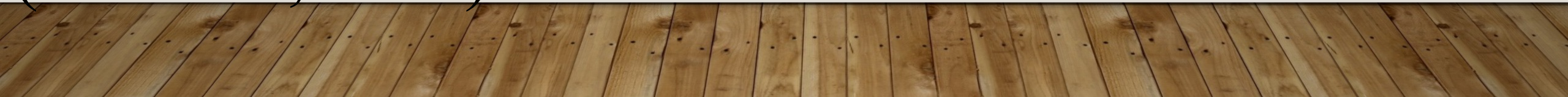


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Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that **when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**

(1 Jn 3:2, NIV)





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1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the **tree of life** with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be **anything accursed**, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. (Rev 22:1-3, ESV)







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4 **They will see his face**, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. (Rev 22:4-5, ESV)





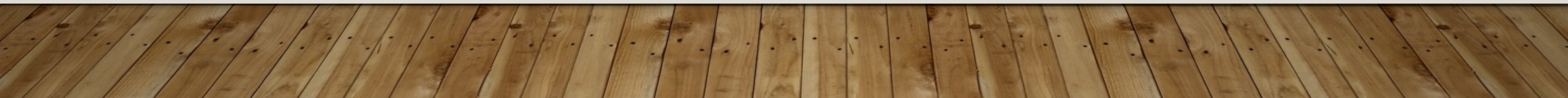
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4 The LORD [YHWH] is in his holy temple;  
the LORD [YHWH] is on his heavenly throne.

He observes everyone on earth;  
his eyes examine them.

5 The LORD [YHWH] examines the righteous,  
but **the wicked**, those who love violence,  
**he hates with a passion.** (Ps 11:4-5, NIV)







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6 On the wicked he will rain

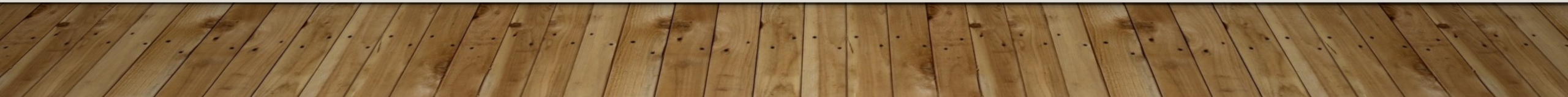
**fiery coals and burning sulfur;**

**a scorching wind will be their lot.**

7 For the LORD [YHWH] is righteous,

he loves justice;

**the upright will see his face. (Ps 11:6-7, NIV)**





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Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. (Heb 12:14, ESV)

