



“A GOOD SHEPHERD CARES”

MATTHEW 18:12-14 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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THE LORD:
OUR GOOD SHEPHERD
WHO CARES



The LORD [YHWH] is my **shepherd**, I shall not want.
He maketh me lie down in green **pastures**. (Ps 23:1-2a, KJV)

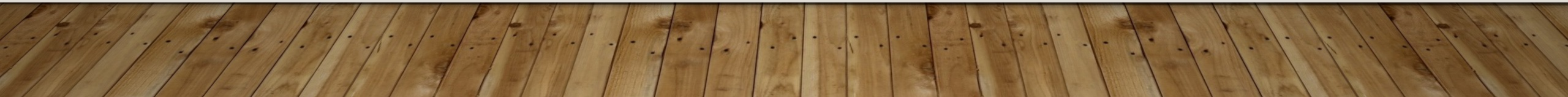




CONTEXT:
GODLY GREATNESS:
HUMILITY > HIGHNESS



At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the **greatest** in the kingdom of heaven?” (Mt 18:1, NIV)

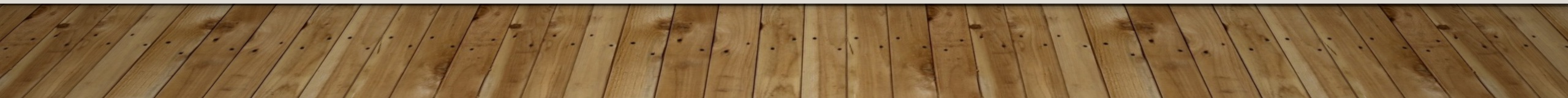




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2 He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. 3 And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and **become like little children**, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever takes the **lowly position** of this child is the **greatest** in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. (Mt 18:2-5, NIV)

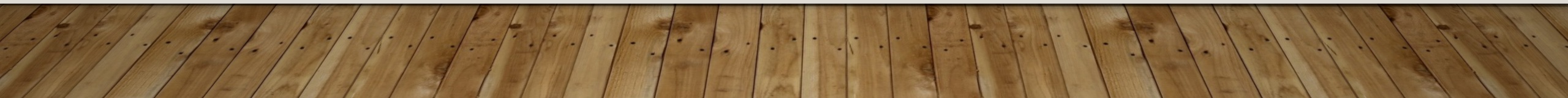




CONTEXT:
LOOK AFTER THE LORD'S
LOWLY SHEEP



“If anyone causes one of these **little ones**—**those who believe in me**—to **stumble** [σκανδαλίζω | *skandalizō*], it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. (Mt 18:6, NIV)

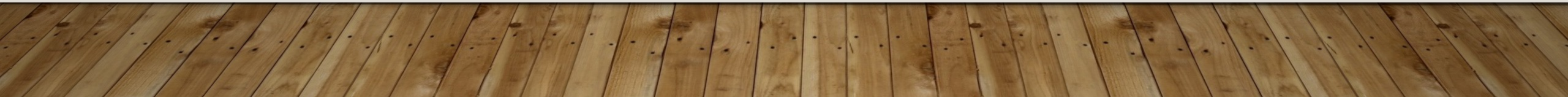




CONTEXT:
LOWLY SHEEP ARE
LIABLE TO STRAY



7 Woe to the world because of the things that **cause people to stumble** [σκάνδαλον | *skandalon*]**!** Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! 8 If your hand or your foot causes you to **stumble** [σκανδαλίζω | *skandalizō*], cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into **eternal fire**. 9 And if your eye causes you to **stumble** [σκανδαλίζω | *skandalizō*], gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be **thrown into the fire of hell**. (Mt 18:7-9, NIV)

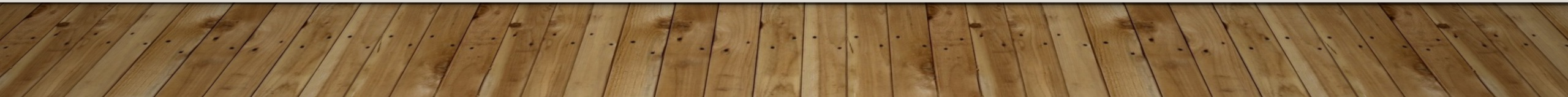




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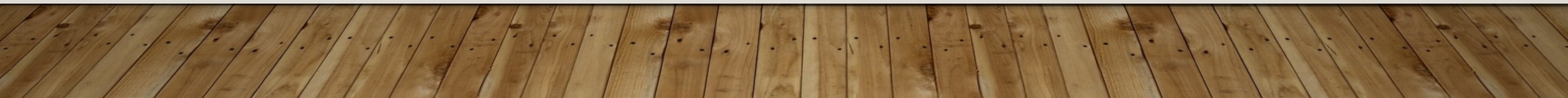
See to it that you do not look down on one of these **little ones**. For I say to you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. (Mt 18:10, AT)





CONTEXT:
LOOKING FOR THE LORD'S
LOST SHEEP

1 Now the **tax collectors** and **sinners** were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the **Pharisees** and the **teachers of the law** muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” 3 Then Jesus told them this parable: (Lk 15:1-3, NIV)





CONTEXT:
LOOKING FOR THE LORD'S
LOST SHEEP



“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and **loses** one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ (Lk 15:4-6, NIV)





CONTEXT:
LOOKING FOR THE LORD'S
LOST SHEEP



I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. (Lk 15:7, NIV)

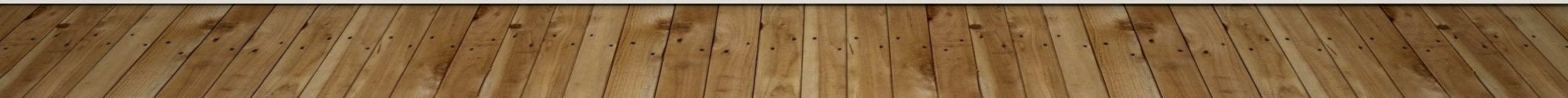




MATTHEW 18:12
SEEKING A SHEEP
WHO'S GONE ASTRAY



What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep and one of them has **gone astray** [πλανᾷω | *planaō*], won't he leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go and look for the one that **went astray** [πλανᾷω | *planaō*]?
(Mt 18:12, AT)

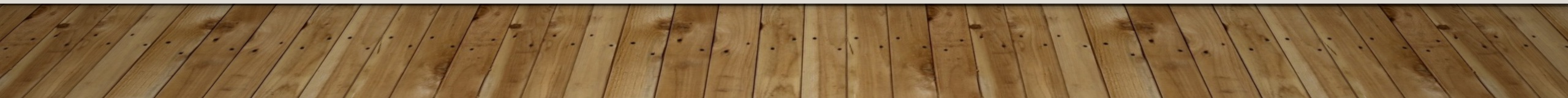




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9 Or do you not know that **wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived** [πλανᾶω | *planaō*]: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you **were**. But you were **washed**, you were **sanctified**, you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Cor 6:9-11, NIV)

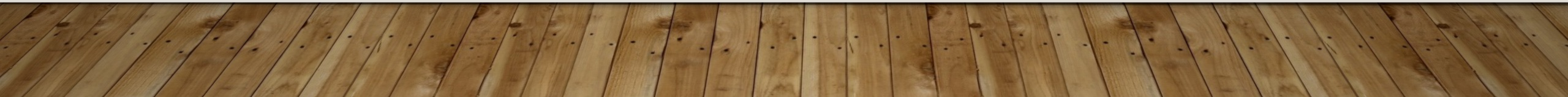




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Jesus said to them: “Watch out
that no one **deceives** [πλανάω |
planaō] you. (Mk 13:5, NIV)

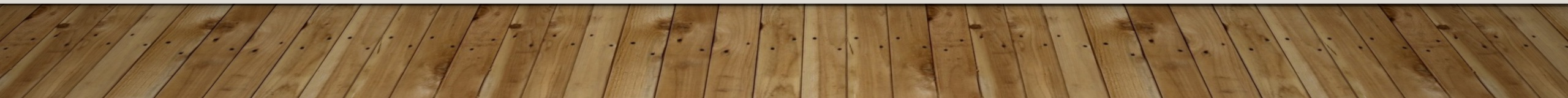




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For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have **wandered** [ἀποπλανᾶω | *apoplanaō*] **from the faith** and pierced themselves with many griefs.
(1 Tim 6:10, NIV)

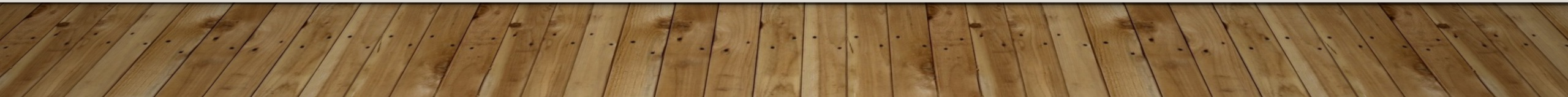




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24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 25 For “you were like **sheep going astray** [πλανάω | *planaō*],” but now you have **returned** to the **Shepherd** and Overseer of your souls. (1 Pet 2:24-25, NIV)





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4 Surely he took up our pain

and bore our suffering,

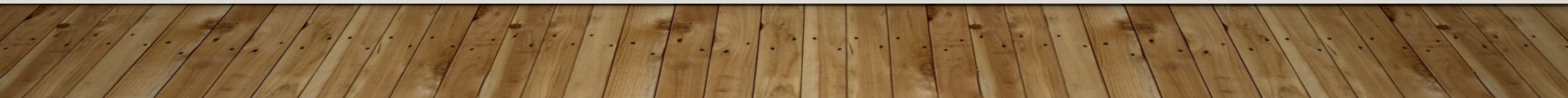
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,

he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was on him,

and by his wounds we are healed. (Is 53:4-5, NIV)

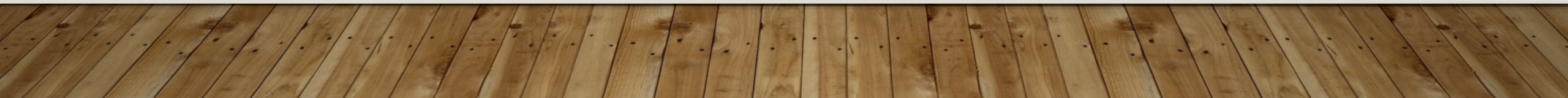




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6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray [LXX: *πλανάω* | *planaō*],
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD [YHWH] has laid on him
the iniquity of us all. (Is 53:6, NIV)

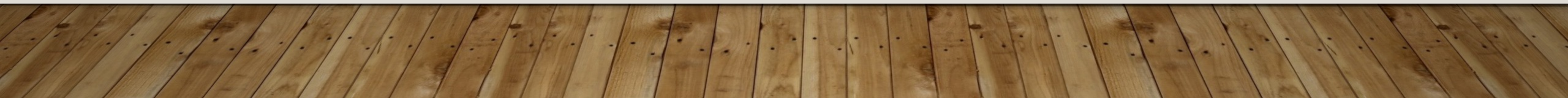




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They have **left** the straight way and **wandered off** [πλανάω | *planaō*] to follow the way of Balaam son of Bezer, who loved the wages of wickedness. (2 Pet 2:15, NIV)



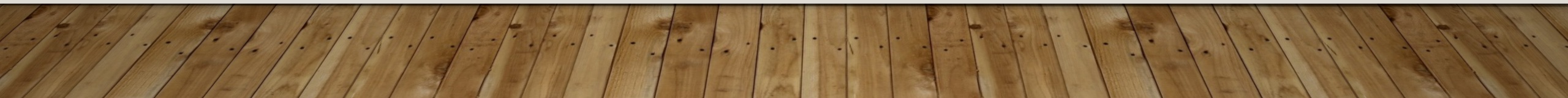


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and many **false prophets** will
appear and **deceive** [πλανάω |
planaō] many people.

(Mt 24:11, NIV)

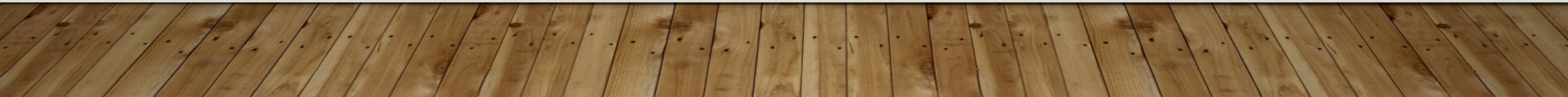




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For **false messiahs** and **false prophets** will appear and perform great signs and wonders to **deceive** [πλανάω | *planaō*], if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time. (Mt 24:24-25, NIV)

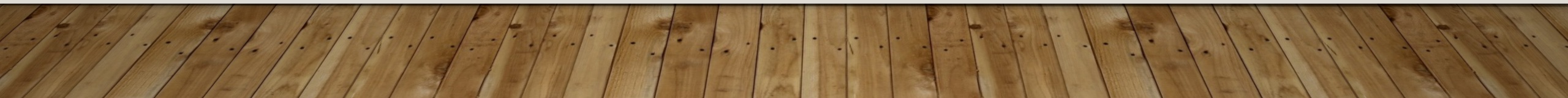




MATTHEW 18:12
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20 As for what was sown on the rocky ground, this is the one who hears the message and **quickly** – with joy – **accepts** it. 21 Yet such a person has no root in themselves, but is **fleeting**. So when hardship or persecution comes because of the message, that person quickly **falls away** [from the faith] [σκανδαλίζω | *skandalizō*]. 22 As for what was sown among the thorns, this is the one who hears the message and the concerns of daily life and the deceitfulness of wealth **choke** the message – and it becomes unfruitful. (Mt 13:20-22, AT)

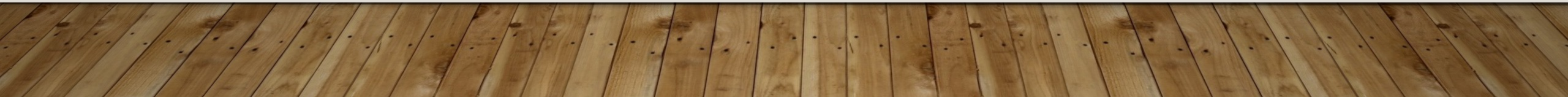




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15 “Watch out for **false prophets**. They come to you in **sheep’s clothing**, but **inwardly** they are **ferocious wolves**. 16 **By their fruit you will recognize them**. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. (Mt 7:15-18, NIV)



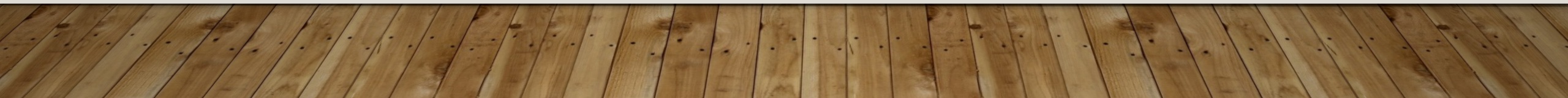


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19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is **cut down and thrown into the fire.**

20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. (Mt 7:19-20, NIV)

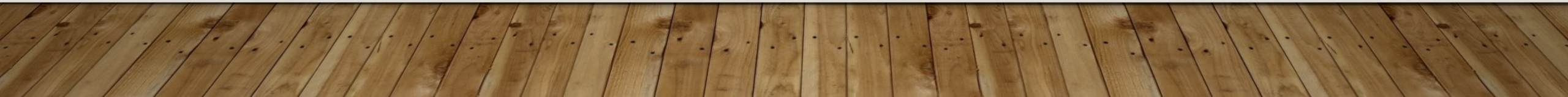




MATTHEW 18:13
GREAT JOY OVER SALVATION
FROM GREAT JEOPARDY



And if he happens to find it, truly [lit. Amen] I say to you that he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that have not gone astray. (Mt 18:13, AT)



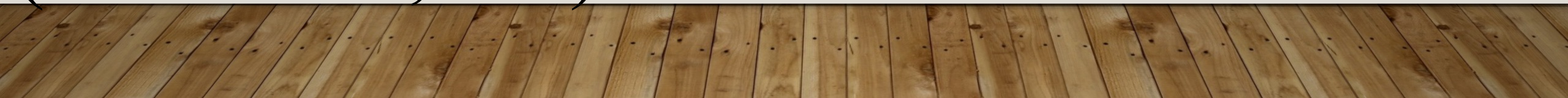


MATTHEW 18:14
THE/A GOOD SHEPHERD DOESN'T
DESIRE SHEEP'S DAMNATION



In the same way, it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

(Mt 18:14, AT)



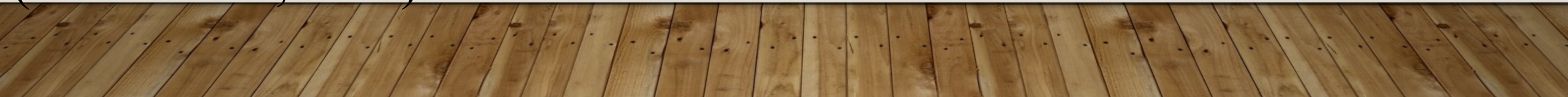


MATTHEW 18:14
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2 Be shepherds of **God's flock** that is under **your care**, **watching over them**—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but **eager to serve**; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being **examples to the flock**. 4 And when **the Chief Shepherd appears**, you will receive **the crown of glory** that will never fade away.

(1 Pet 5:2-4, NIV)





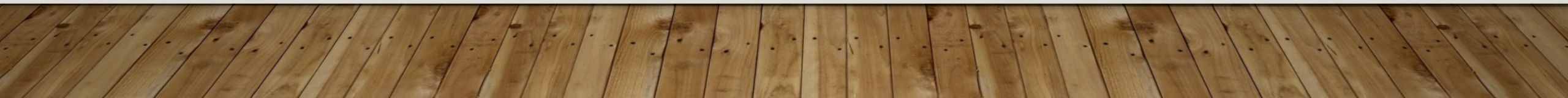
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15 “If your brother or sister sins, **go and point out their fault**, just **between the two of you**. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of **two or three witnesses**.’

17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. (Mt 18:15-17, NIV)





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19 My brothers and sisters, if one of you should **wander** [*πλανάω* | *planaō*] from the **truth** and someone should bring that person back, 20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will **save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.** (Jas 5:19-20, NIV)

