

1 CORINTHIANS

SINNERS *made* SAINTS



Fearfully & Wonderfully Made

*"For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's
womb.*

*I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well."*

Psalm 139:13-14

Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

A serene beach scene at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and the water. Waves are breaking gently onto a sandy beach, with white foam visible. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues. The text "GOD IS A GOD OF ORDER." is overlaid in a large, dark, serif font, centered in the upper half of the image.

GOD
IS A GOD OF ORDER.

*Everything has an
order*

*Everything has a
role*

Everything has a
purpose



Please turn to:
Genesis 1: 26



Genesis 1: 26 (ESV)

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea

Genesis 1: 26 (ESV)

*and over the birds of the
heavens and over the livestock
and over all the earth and over
every creeping thing that
creeps on the earth.”*

God's Design

GOD-JESUS-HOLY SPIRIT

Husband

Wife

Children

Earth and Creation



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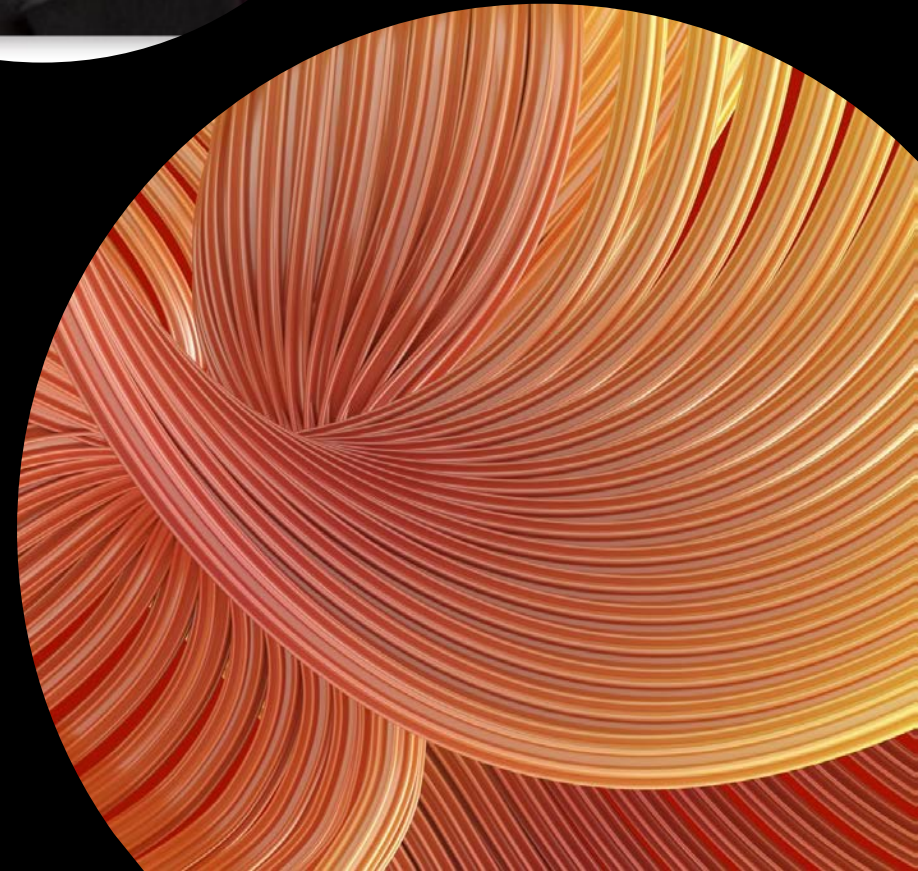
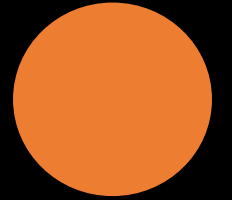
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GOD-JESUS-HOLY SPIRIT



1 Corinthians 11: 16 (NASB)

But if anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor have the churches of God.

1 Corinthians 11: 17 (NASB)

*Now in giving
this next instruction I do not
praise you, because you come
together not for the better, but
for the worse.*



What is
happening
when this
Church meets
together?

1 Corinthians 11: 17 (NASB)

*Now in giving
this next instruction I do not
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for the worse.*

1 Corinthians 11: 18 (NASB)

For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it.

1 Corinthians 11: 19 (NASB)

For there also have to be factions among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you.

1 Corinthians 11: 19 (NLT)

But, of course, there must be divisions among you so that you who have God's approval will be recognized!



How do you
recognize those
in the Church
who have God's
approval?

What would
happen if
someone
seeking Christ
visited a Church
and witnessed
quarreling,
divisions and
cliques?



1 Corinthians 11: 20 (NASB)

Therefore when you come together it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,

What is the Lord's Supper?



Fellowship in the Early Church

1. Share a meal together
2. Share communion together

1 Corinthians 11: 20 (NASB)


*Therefore when you come
together it is not to eat the
Lord's Supper,*

Why is Paul
saying they are
not truly
gathering to eat
the Lord's
Supper?



1 Corinthians 11: 21 (NASB)

*for when you eat, each one
takes his own supper first; and
one goes hungry while another
gets drunk.*

A group of people are gathered around a long table, celebrating a birthday. In the foreground, a large, multi-tiered cake is visible, with several lit candles on top. The table is set with plates of food, glasses, and more lit candles. People are seated around the table, some looking at the cake, others talking. The atmosphere is warm and festive, with soft lighting from the candles. The text "What does it sound like is going on?" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

What does it
sound like is
going on?

1 Corinthians 11: 22 (NASB)

*What! Do you not have houses
in which to eat and drink?*

1 Corinthians 11: 22 (NASB)

*Or do you despise the church of
God and shame those who
have nothing? What am I to
say to you? Shall I praise you?
In this I do not praise you.*



Sharing a meal together
in the Church is about
fellowship and agape
love, not about eating
and drinking to please
yourself or your little
cliques!

1 Corinthians 11: 23 (NASB)

*For I received from the Lord
that which I also delivered to
you, that the Lord Jesus, on the
night when He was betrayed,
took bread;*

1 Corinthians 11: 24 (NASB)

*and when He had given thanks,
He broke it and said, “This is
My body, which is for you; do
this in remembrance of Me.”*

1 Corinthians 11: 25 (NASB)

In the same way He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

What is the
purpose of
Communion?



How do we
remember
events in our
lives today?



Why did Jesus
choose food and
drink as a way to
remember Him?



Food triggers memory!



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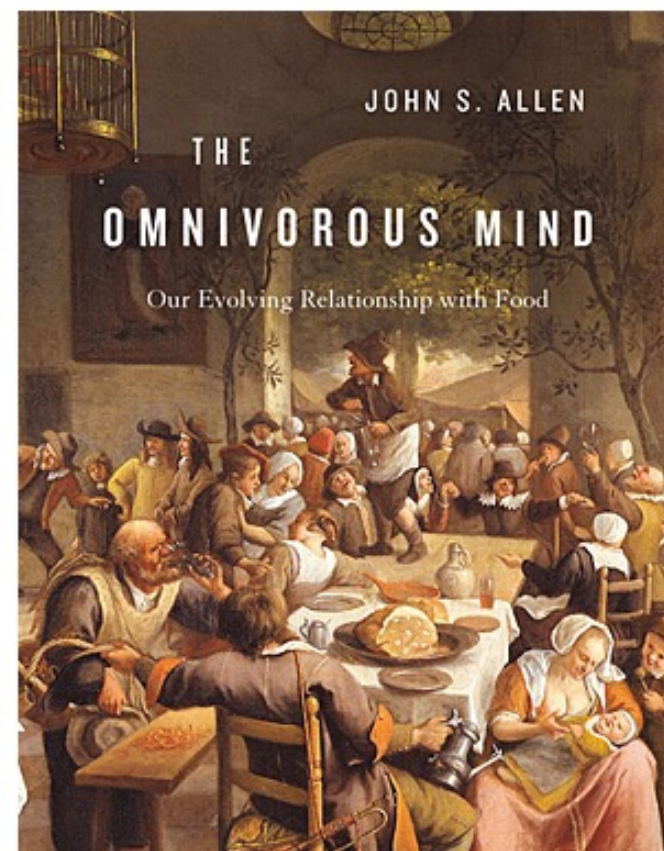
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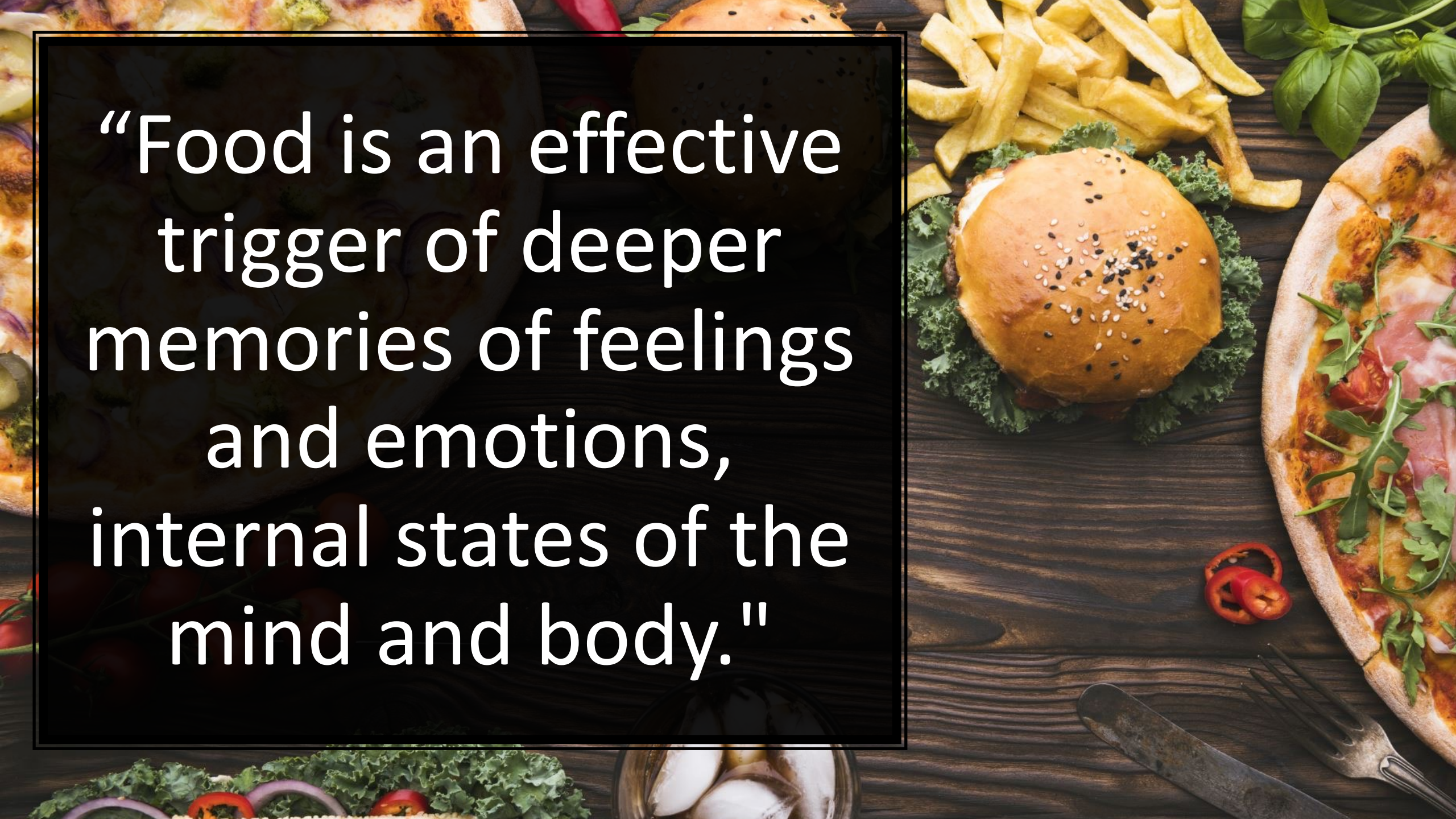
Food and Memory

John S. Allen's **The Omnivorous Mind** is an examination of the cultural and biological truths revealed by our evolving relationship with food. From the diets of our earliest ancestors, to cooking's role in the evolution of the human brain, to the preoccupations of contemporary foodies, Allen's take on how and what we eat is consistently revelatory. Below, Allen looks at the powerful role food plays in human memory. Also below, listen to a conversation with Allen on a recent episode of our podcast.



"The taste, smell, and texture of food can be extraordinarily evocative, bringing back memories not just of eating food itself but also of place and setting."



A collage of various food items including a burger with sesame seeds, a pile of french fries, a slice of pizza with toppings, and a salad with lettuce and tomatoes, all arranged on a dark wooden surface. A black rectangular box with a thin white border is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

“Food is an effective
trigger of deeper
memories of feelings
and emotions,
internal states of the
mind and body.”

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COVENANT

A red blood drop is shown falling from the end of the word 'COVENANT' onto a wooden surface. Below the drop is a small, dark red bloodstain.

What does Jesus mean by
“New Covenant”?

What does Covenant mean?



- A covenant is a solemn promise to engage in or refrain from a specified action (it establishes a relationship)
- In the Bible, God enters into covenants with people when he has a relationship with them

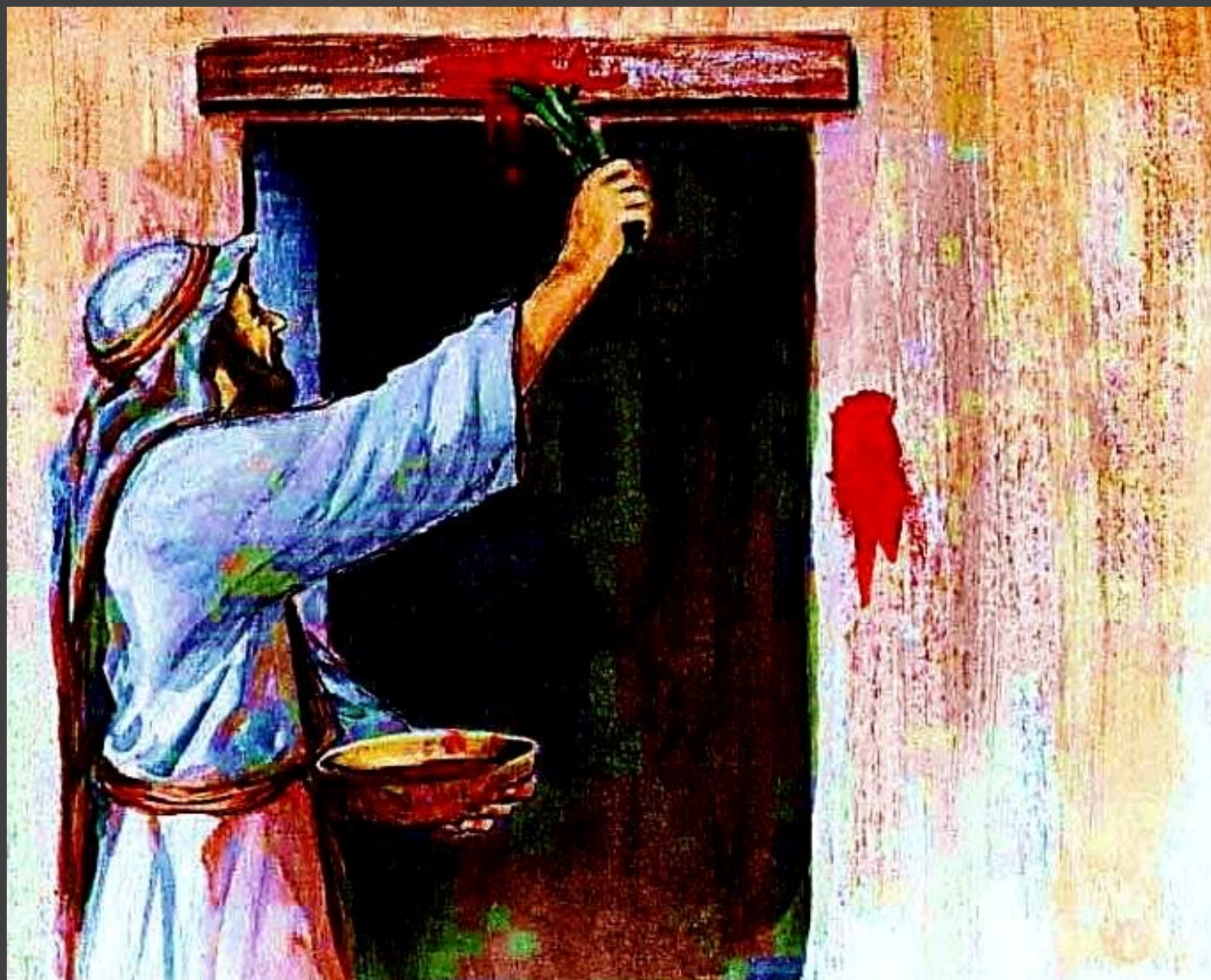
I do set my bow in the cloud,
and it shall be for a token of a covenant
between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:13



Please turn to:
Exodus 12: 13





“The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.”

Exodus 12:13



**WHAT IS THE
NEW COVENANT?**

The New Covenant is the promise that God makes with humanity that He will forgive sin and restore fellowship through the Blood of Christ to those who repent and turn to Him.

Jesus Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant, and His death on the cross is the fulfillment of this Covenant.

Please turn to:
Luke 22: 20



Luke 22: 20 (NIV)

And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant in My blood.

Please turn to:
Revelation 5: 6



Revelation 5: 6 (NIV)

*Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if
it had been slain, standing at
the center of the throne,*

Please turn to:
John 1: 29



BEHOLD,

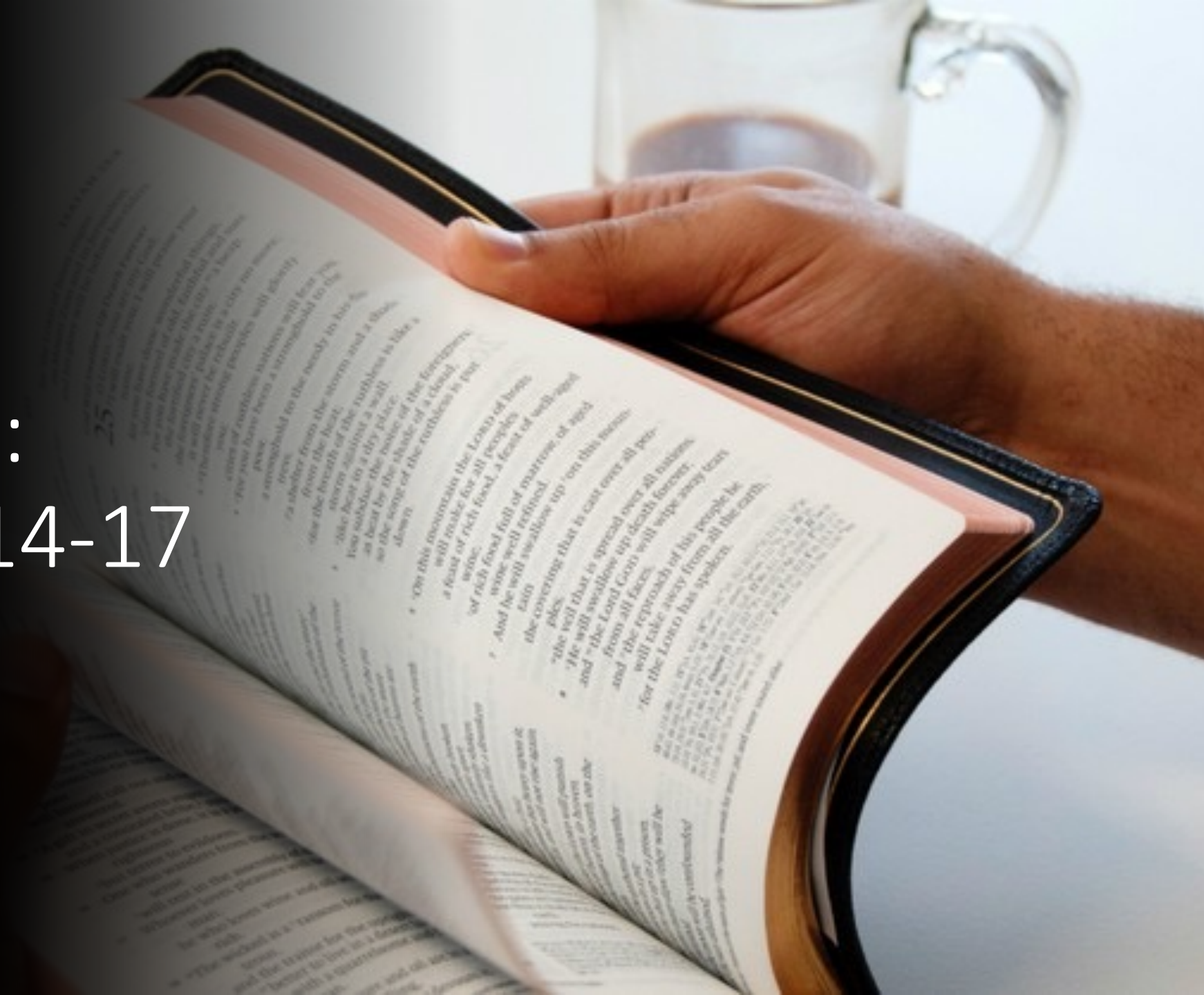
THE LAMB
OF GOD,

WHO TAKES
AWAY THE SIN
OF THE WORLD!

JOHN 1:29



Please turn to:
Hebrews 10: 14-17



Hebrews 10: 14-17 (NASB)

*For by one offering He
has perfected for all time those
who are sanctified. And the
Holy Spirit also testifies to us;*

Hebrews 10: 14-17 (NASB)

for after saying,

***“This is the covenant which I will
make with them After those days,
declares the Lord: I will put My
laws upon their hearts, And write
them on their mind,”***

Hebrews 10: 14-17 (NASB)

He then says,

***“And their sins and their
lawless deeds I will no longer
remember.”***

At the beginning of the
Passover Seder meal in Jewish
homes the middle portion of
the unleavened bread, (Matza)
is broken in half then wrapped
in a linen napkin.

This bit of unleavened bread is called the "afikomen" which means "that which is to come".

The Afikomen is then hidden and later brought out to be served as the last morsel of food eaten at the end of the lengthy observance of this ancient Jewish feast.

1 Corinthians 11: 26 (NASB)

*For as often as you eat this
bread and drink the cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until
He comes.*

1 Corinthians 11: 27 (NASB)

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.



What does
unworthy
manner
mean?

You do not take
Communion seriously!

Signs you
are not
taking
Communion
Seriously

- You are not a Christian
- Your life does not reflect Jesus
- You are distracted
- It has become a ritual

1 Corinthians 11: 27 (NASB)

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

Paul is saying if you do not
take Communion seriously you
are mocking the power and
sacrifice of Jesus Christ!

1 Corinthians 11: 28 (NASB)

But a person must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

What does it mean
to exam yourself?

Please turn to:
2 Corinthians 13: 5



2 Corinthians 13: 5 (NIV)

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?

1 Corinthians 11: 28 (NASB)

But a person must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

1 Corinthians 11: 29 (NASB)

*For the one who eats and
drinks, eats and drinks
judgment to himself if he does
not properly recognize the
body.*

1 Corinthians 11: 29 (NLT)

For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself.

1 Corinthians 11: 30 (NLT)

*For this reason many among
you are weak and sick, and a
number are asleep.*



For what reason?

1 Corinthians 11: 31-32 (NASB)

But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.



Is there something going on in your life that you know is sinful yet you intentionally continue without repentance?

1 Corinthians 11: 31-32 (NASB)

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The fear of the Lord
should motivate us to
strive to live a Holy life!

1 Corinthians 11: 33 (NASB)

So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

1 Corinthians 11: 34 (NASB)

If anyone is hungry, have him eat at home, so that you do not come together for judgment. As to the remaining matters, I will give instructions when I come.

Paul is now
moving from
correcting to
teaching!



1 Corinthians 12: 1 (NASB)

*Now concerning spiritual gifts,
brothers and sisters, I do not
want you to be unaware.*



What is
the source
of our
spiritual
power?

Please turn to:
Acts 1: 6-8



Acts 1: 6-8 (NASB)

So, when they had come together, they began asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time that You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?”

Acts 1: 6-8 (NASB)

But He said to them, “It is not for you to know periods of time or appointed times which the Father has set by His own authority;

Acts 1: 6-8 (NASB)

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.”

1 Corinthians
13: 3-12

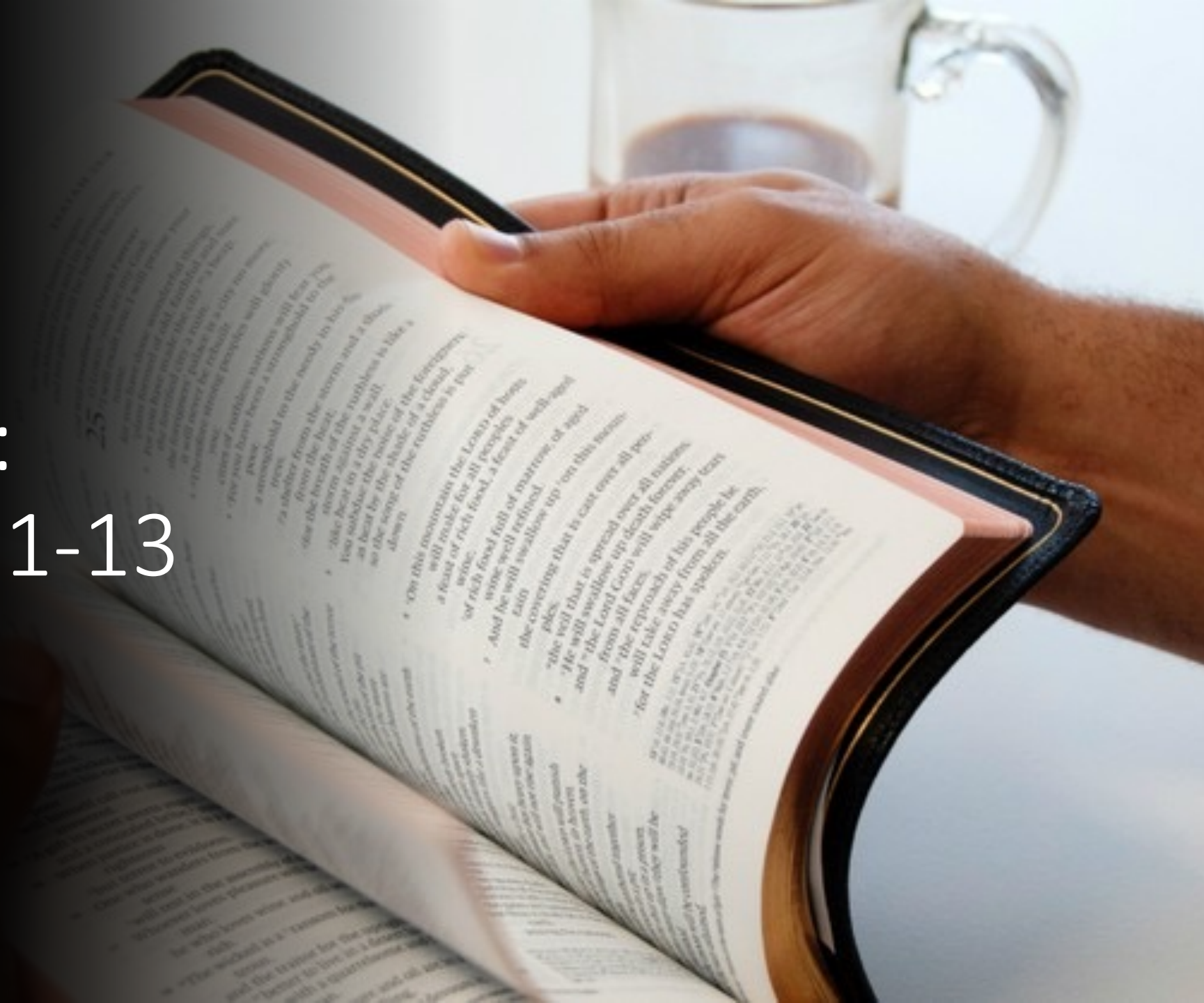
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“God” is referred to 2 times
(verses 3 & 6)

“Jesus” is referred to 2 times
(verses 3 & 12)

The “Holy Spirit” is referred to
10 times

(verses 3,4,7,8,9,11,13)

Please turn to:
Ephesians 4: 11-13



Ephesians 4: 11-13 (NASB)

*And He gave some as apostles,
some as prophets,
some as evangelists,
some as pastors and teachers,*

Ephesians 4: 11-13 (NASB)

*for the equipping of the saints
for the work of ministry, for the
building up of the body of
Christ; until we all attain to the
unity of the faith,*

Ephesians 4: 11-13 (NASB)

*and of the knowledge of the
Son of God, to a mature man,
to the measure of the
stature which belongs to
the fullness of Christ.*

Everything has an order

Every Christian has one or more gifts to fulfill a role

Every Christian has a purpose



1 Corinthians 12: 1 (NASB)

*Now concerning spiritual gifts,
brothers and sisters, I do not
want you to be unaware.*

1 Corinthians 12: 2 (NASB)

You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, however you were led.

Mute

aphónos
soundless,
voiceless,
speechless,
dumb

1 Corinthians 12: 3 (NASB)

*Therefore I make known to you
that no one speaking by the
Spirit of God says, "Jesus
is accursed"; and no one can
say, "Jesus is Lord," except by
the Holy Spirit.*

What does accursed mean?

God pronounced a curse upon mankind after Adam and Eve's sin in the garden.

Paul is saying anyone who says that Jesus Christ is nothing but a mere man or is only a prophet is virtually saying, "Jesus is accursed,"

Please turn to:
2 Corinthians 11: 3-4



2 Corinthians 11: 3-4 (NASB)

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his trickery, your minds will be led astray from sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11: 3-4 (NASB)

*or if one comes and preaches
another Jesus whom we have not
preached, or you receive a
different spirit which you have
not received, or a different gospel
which you have not accepted, this
you tolerate very well!*

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