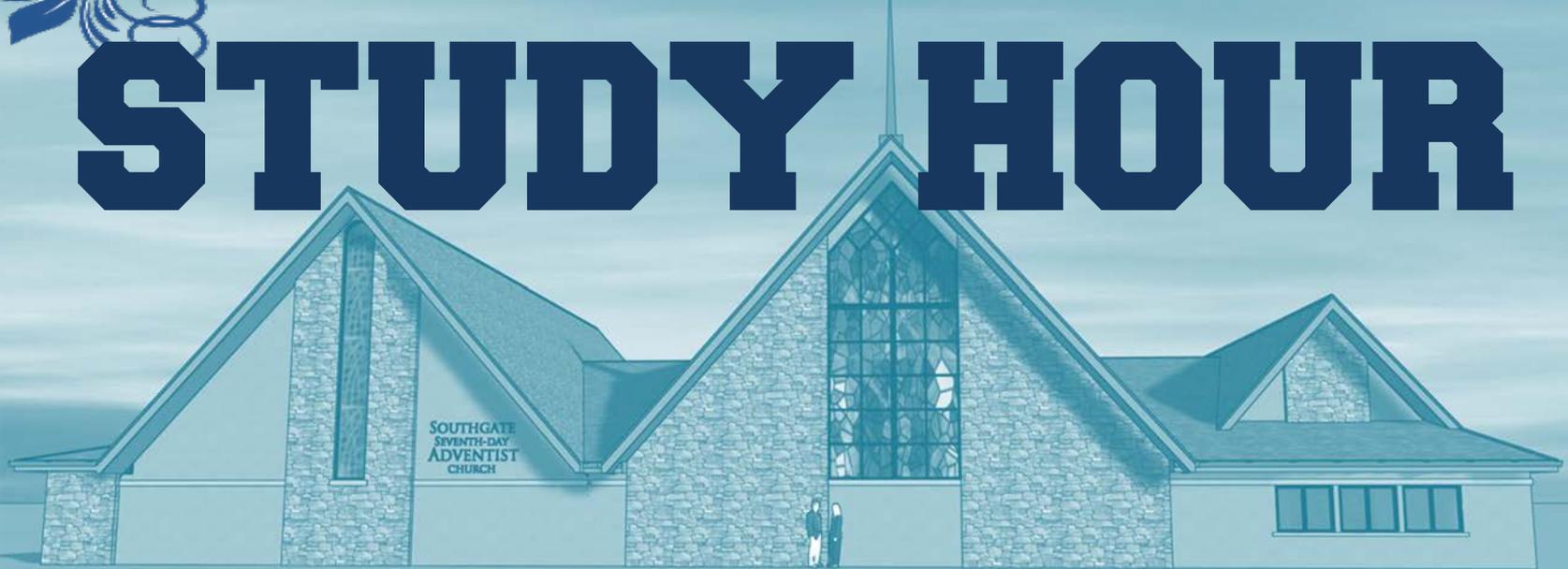


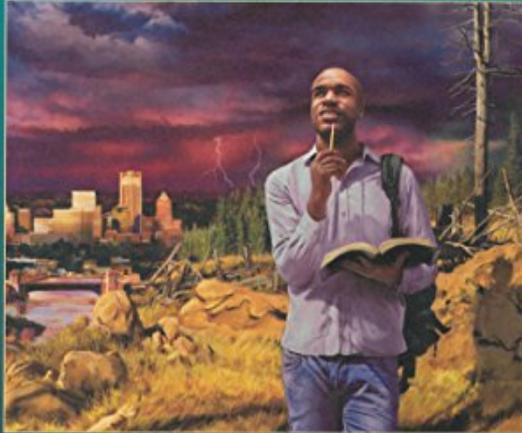
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STUDY HOUR



PREPARATION FOR THE
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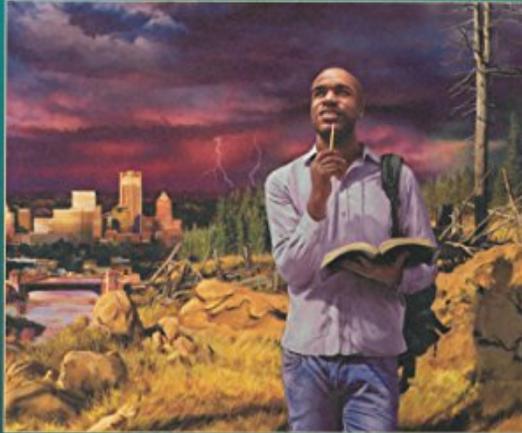
- “**Fear God, and give glory to him**” (Rev. 14:7, KJV) because of the impending judgment.
- “**worship**” because of God's act of Creation.

Analyze what this reference to judgment and Creation really means.

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Explore also the existential components of the truths of judgment and Creation and what each of these two notions should mean in daily life. The message of the first angel placed within the context of Daniel 7 to be able to apprehend the direct apocalyptic intention of the message. **What does the association of “judgment and Creation” mean?**

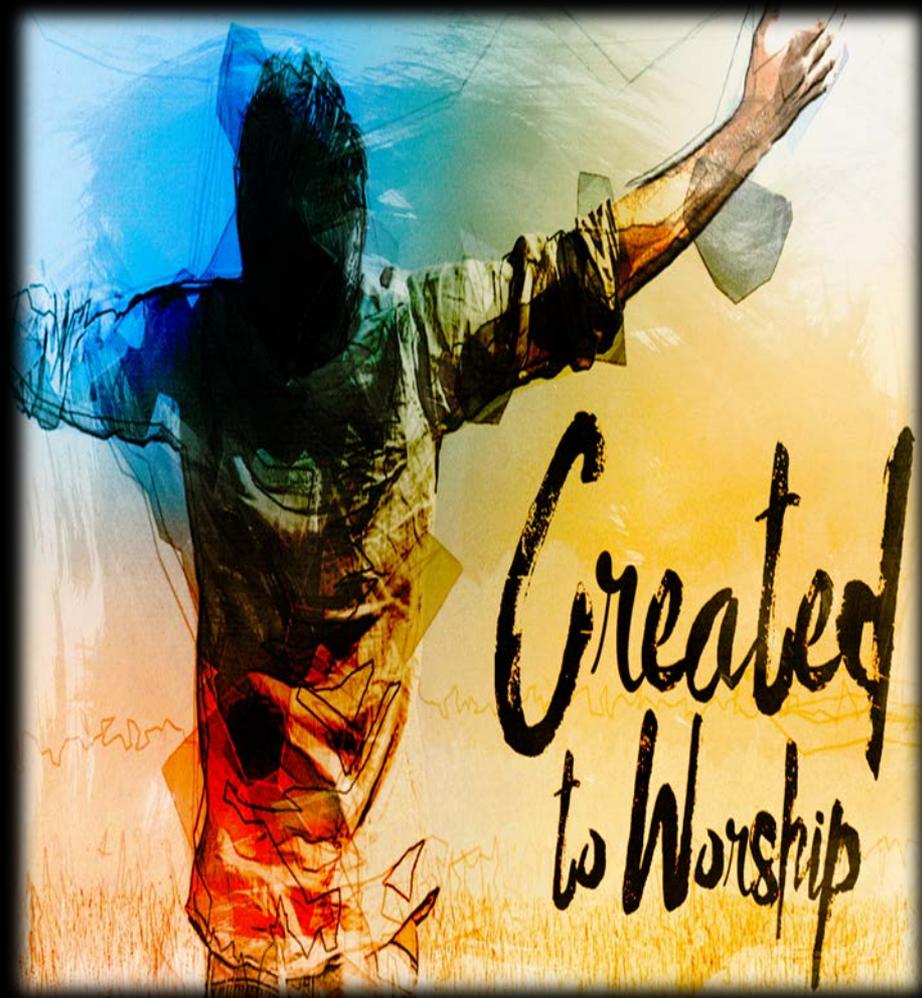
LESSON 8

Worship *the* Creator



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If **worship is the heart of spiritual life**, it should inspire and nurture our spiritual lives daily—when we pray, study the Scriptures, and are engaged in corporate worship.



KEY TEXT:

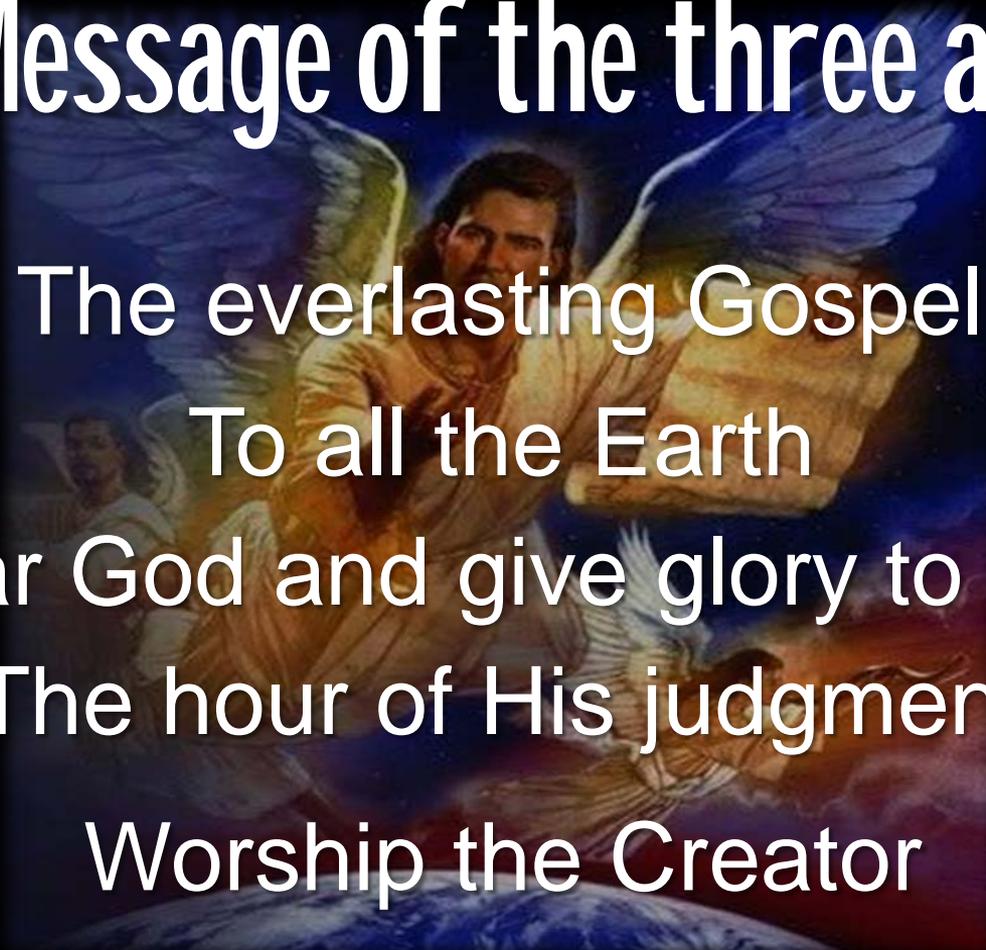
And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Revelation 14:6 KJV



Each phase in that revelation is “**the present truth**” for that moment (2 Peter 1:12). The Message of the Three Angels in Revelation 14:6-11 is the present truth for the End Time.

The Message of the three angels



The everlasting Gospel

To all the Earth

Fear God and give glory to Him

The hour of His judgment

Worship the Creator

The everlasting Gospel

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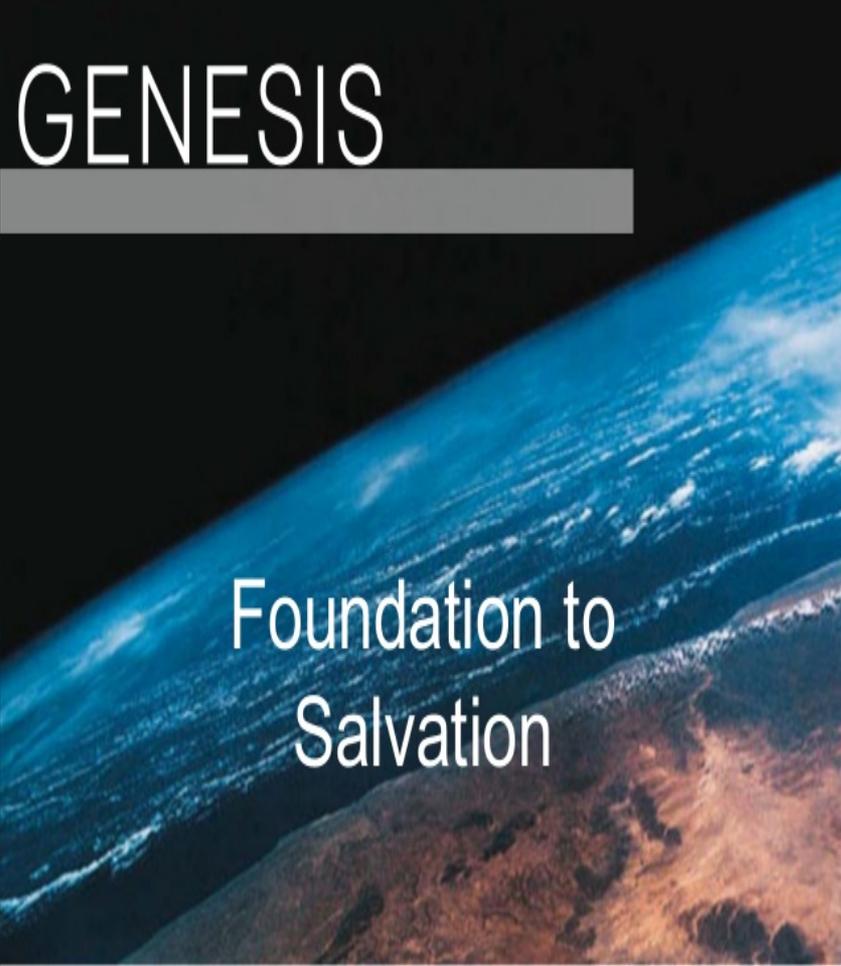




And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Luke 23:43 KJV

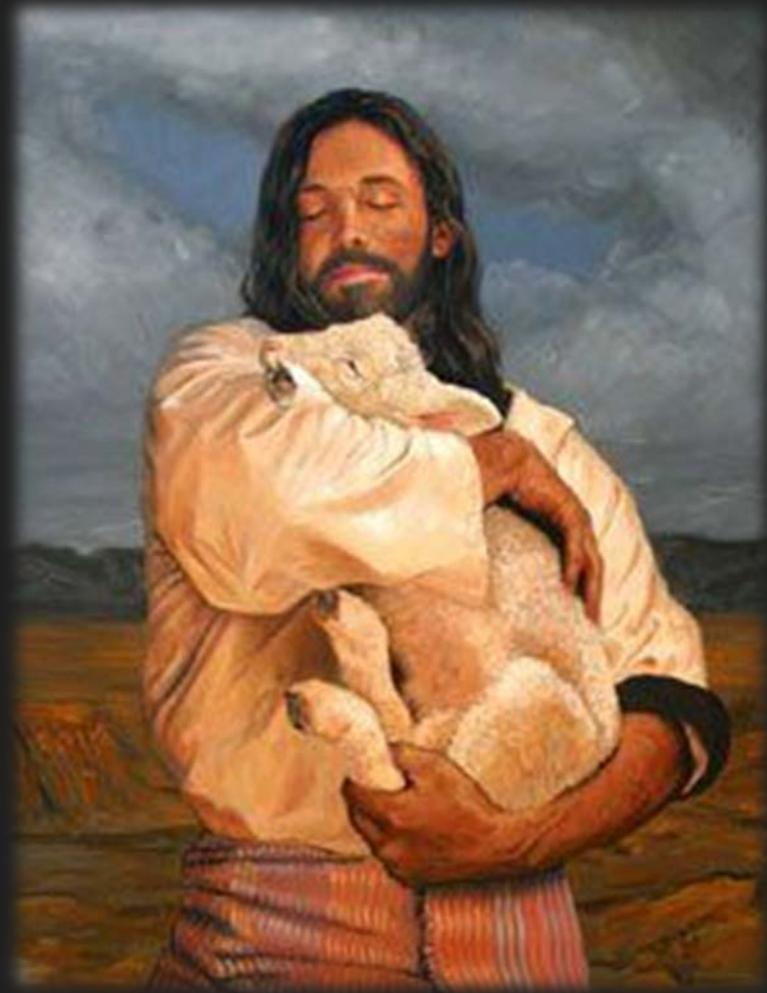
GENESIS



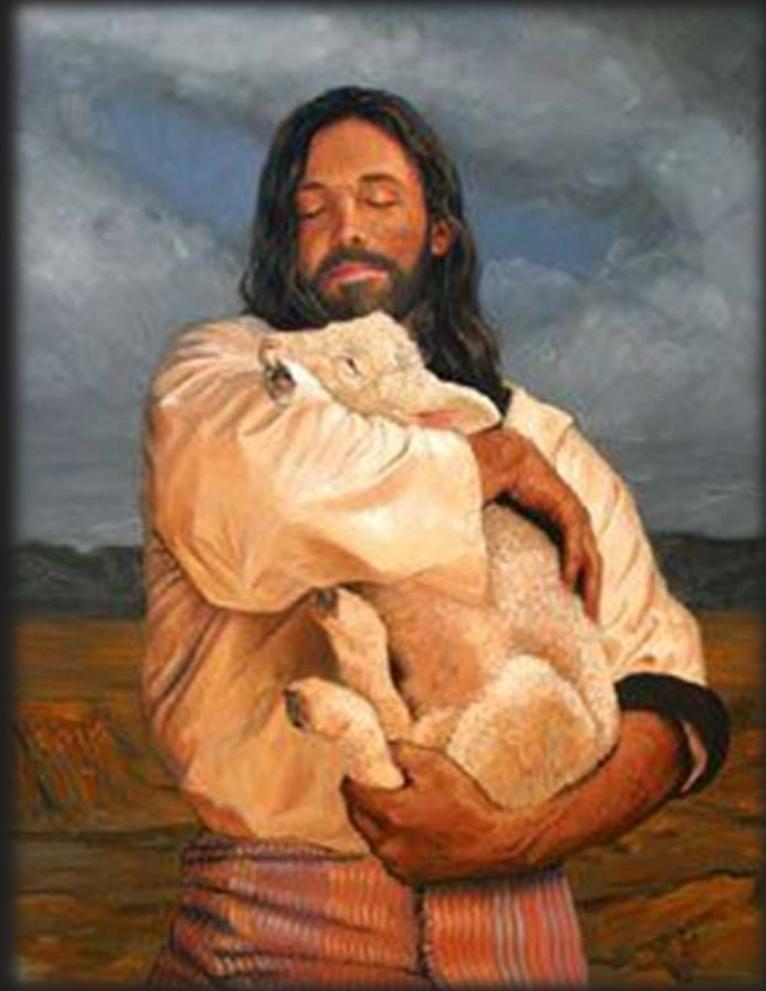
Foundation to
Salvation

God offered the way of salvation from the moment Adam and Eve sinned (Genesis 3:15). That's the good news message, **the everlasting gospel.**

**Everyone who
accepts Jesus** as his
or her personal
Savior will live with
Him in paradise, like
the thief on the
cross.

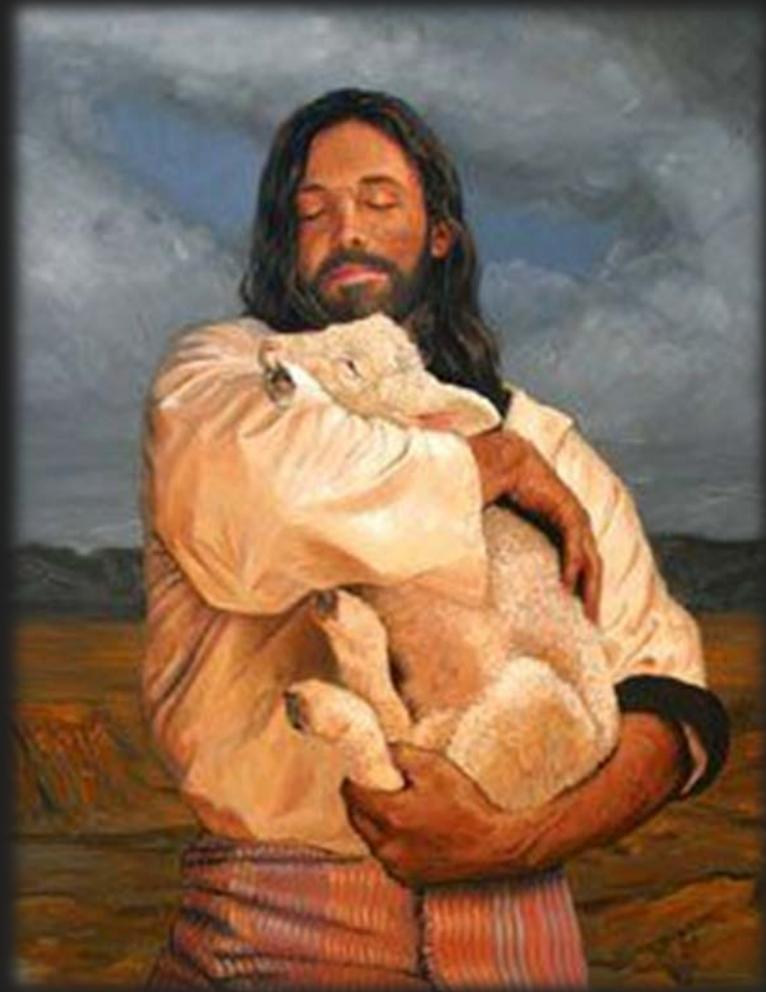


We can do nothing to
gain our salvation,
just **repenting and
wanting** to be with
Jesus.

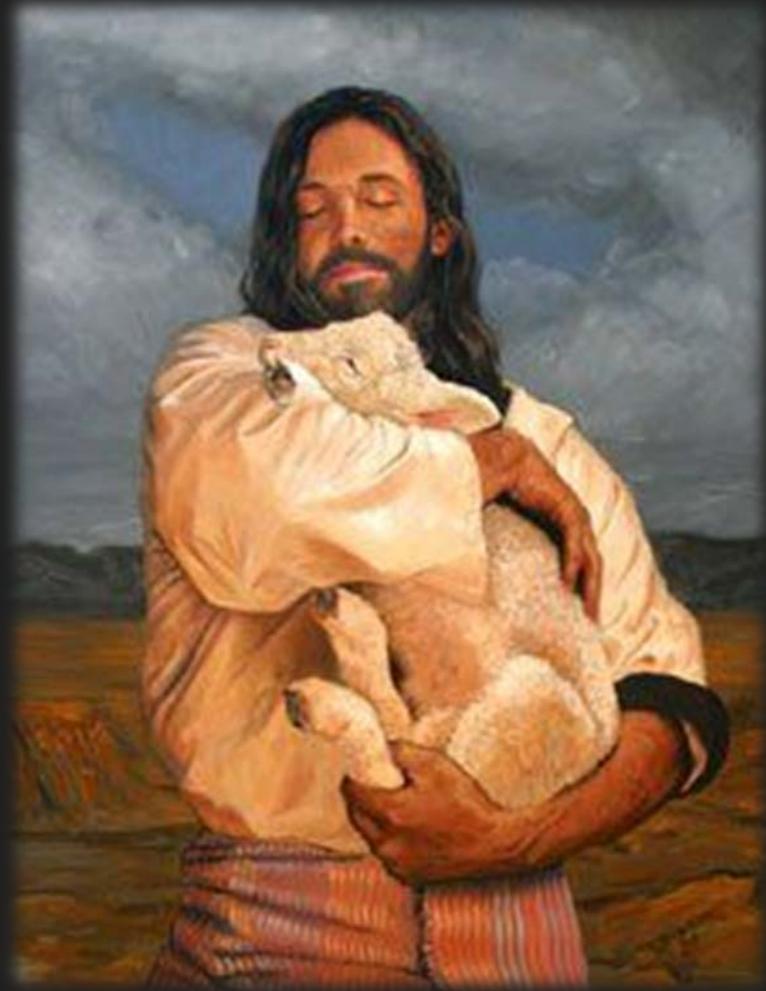


All that the Father
giveth me shall come
to me; and **him that
cometh to me I will in
no wise cast out.**

John 6:37 KJV



Jesus offers
salvation to you
freely, no matter
**how big or small
your sins may be.**



To all the Earth

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A world map is centered on the page, rendered in a dark brown color against a lighter, textured brown background that resembles aged paper or parchment. The map shows the outlines of the continents. Overlaid on the map is a block of text in white and red. The text is a quote from the Bible, Matthew 24:14 KJV.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall
be preached in all the world **for a**
witness unto all nations; and then
shall the end come.

Matthew 24:14 KJV



The everlasting Gospel will be preached **“to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people”** in the End Time.



Why is it necessary
to preach the Gospel
to all the people in
the world?



For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 3:23 KJV



Because the problem of sin affects everyone, therefore, **everyone needs to know** about sin and their need for a Savior.



Go ye therefore, and
teach all nations,
baptizing them in the
name of the Father,
and of the Son, and
of the Holy Ghost:

Matthew 28:19 KJV



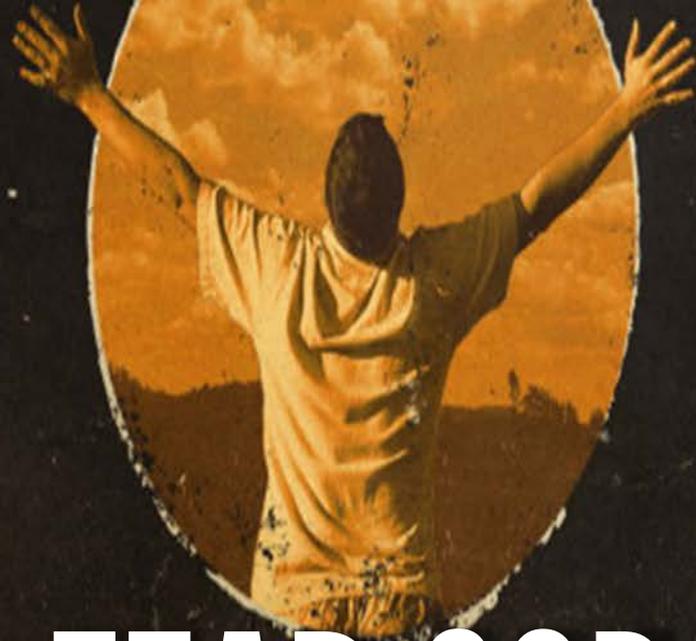
Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28:20 KJV



That's the Great Commission Jesus gave us before ascending to Heaven. That commission is even more important today, **because His Coming is near.**

OBEDIENCE



FEAR GOD



Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God**, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 KJV

And he said, Lay not
thine hand upon the
lad, neither do thou any
thing unto him: **for now
I know that thou fearest
God**, seeing thou hast
not withheld thy son,
thine only son from me.

Genesis 22:12 KJV



God knew that
Abraham feared
Him because he
obeyed Him.



And Moses said unto
the people, Fear not:
for God is come to
prove you, and that **his**
fear may be before
your faces, that ye sin
not.

Exodus 20:20 KJV

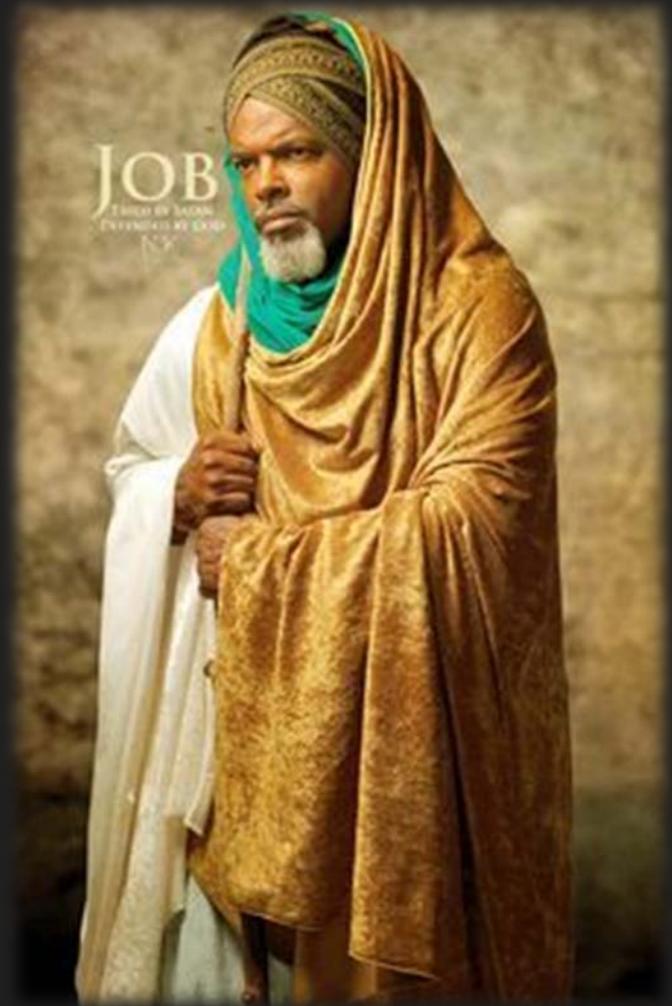


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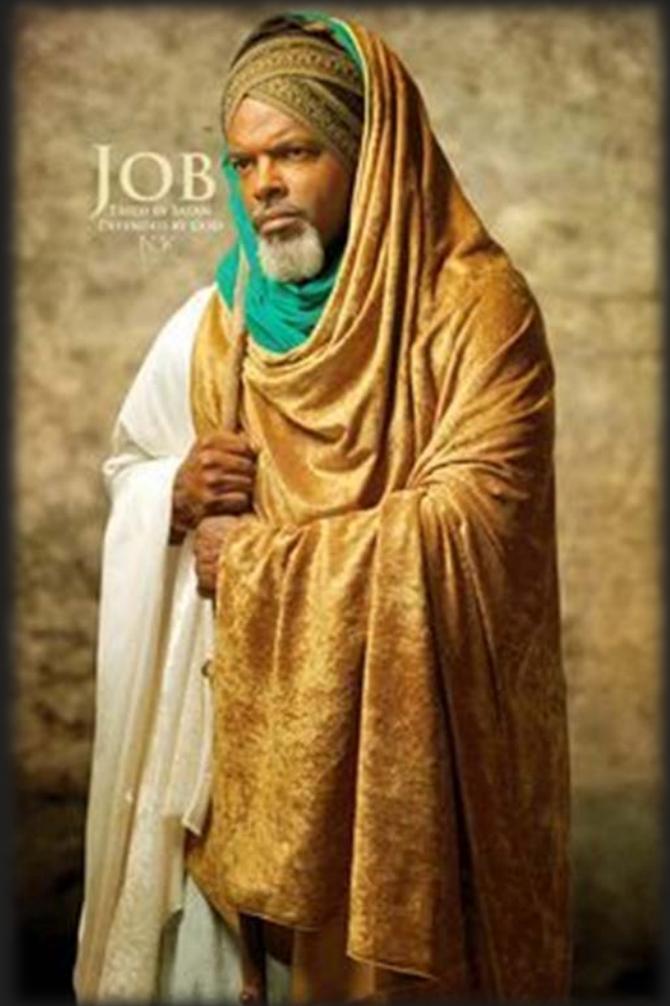


There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and **one that feared God**, and eschewed evil.

Job 1:1 KJV



**Job feared God
and moved away
from evil.**



When we understand
that we are sinners, **we**
fear a righteous God.
But when we
understand His grace
and forgiveness, **we**
are moved to worship
and obey Him.



OBEDIENCE



GIVE GLORY TO HIM



The Word of God is our standard of character. It is a "form of sound words" from the great Source of light and life. There is nothing that we need to preserve so sacredly as this standard of doctrine, a **"Thus saith the Lord."**

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This is the pure fountain from which we are to draw the reasons for our faith. **The Bible is our guide and textbook.** The law of God is our covenant with our Maker, in life, in death, in the resurrection, and through all eternity.

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Our loyalty to God in obeying, in spirit and letter, the ten commandments, reveals to the world, to angels, and to men, our covenant relation with Him. **Adam and Eve were to glorify God by personal and perpetual obedience to His law, and it is in this way that we are to give God glory** for all His entrusted gifts. We are to love God supremely and our neighbor as ourselves.

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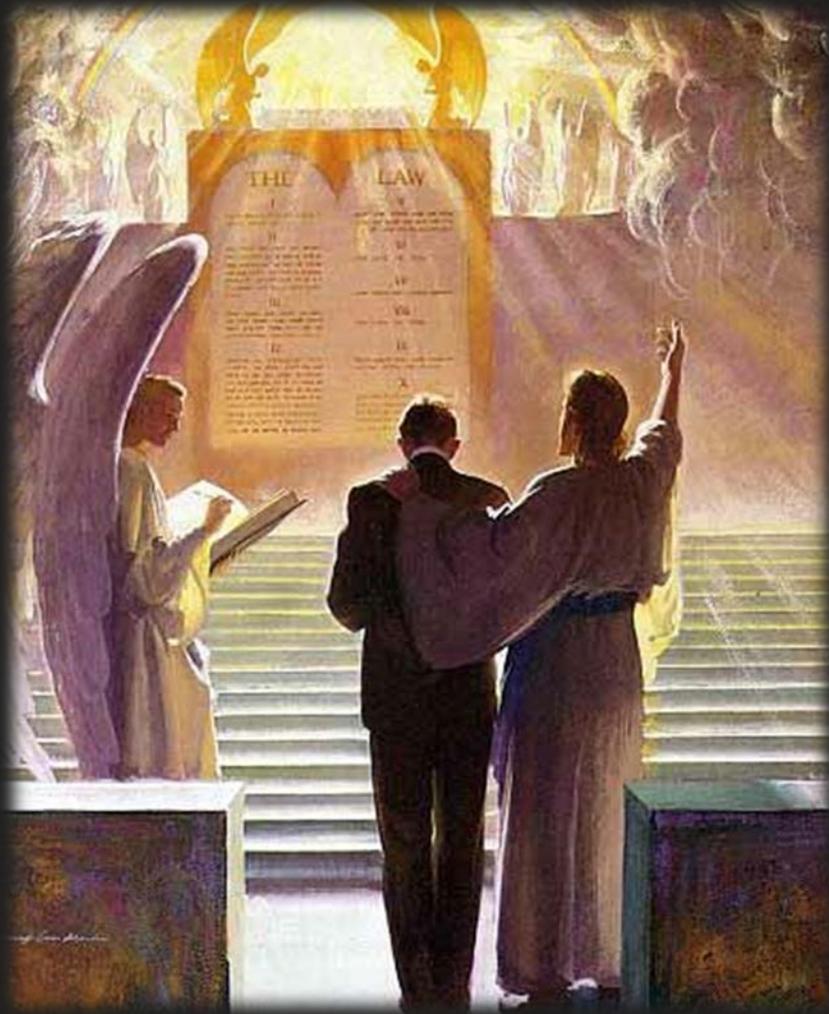
The biblical concept of “give glory” refers to the Hebrew word kabod, which means “heavy.” **The first angel’s message is thus an appeal to give “weight” to our religion.**



Give unto the LORD the
glory due unto his name;
**worship the LORD in the
beauty of holiness.**

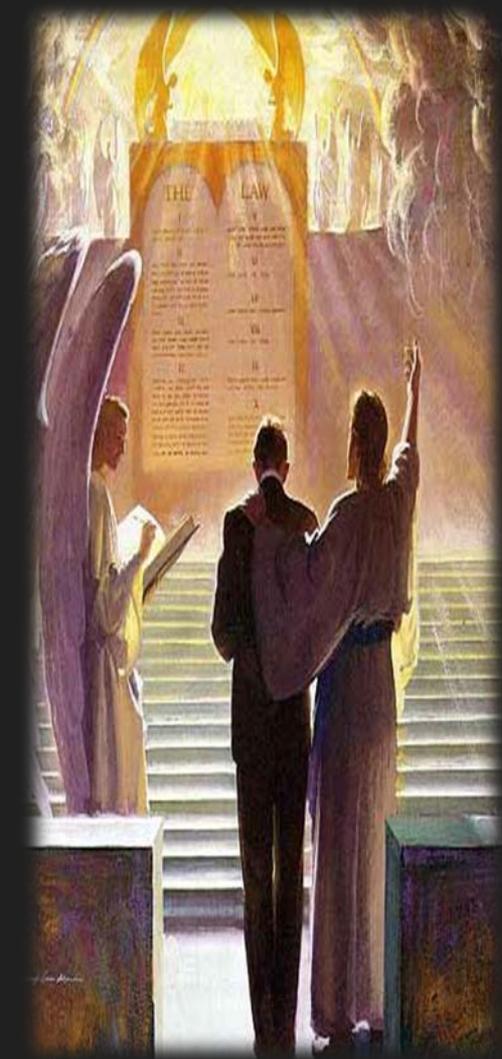
Psalms 29:2 KJV



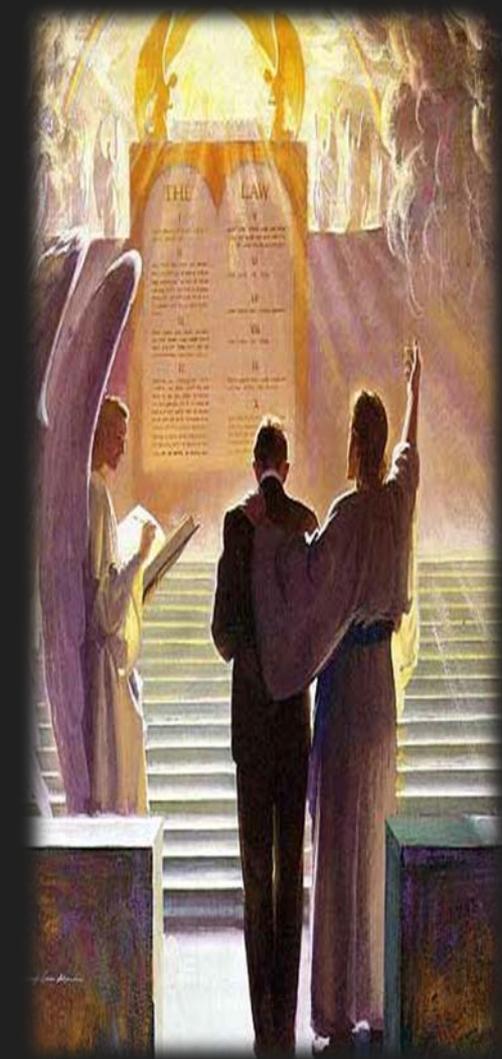


THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT

THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT HAS
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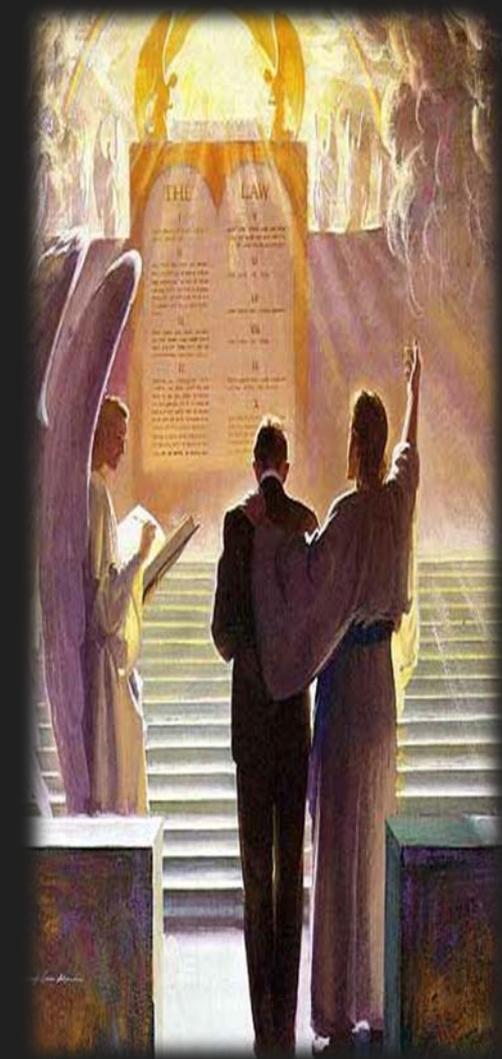


If the Bible is clear about any teaching, it is clear that **God is a God of justice and of judgment.** One day the judgment and justice so lacking in this world will indeed come.



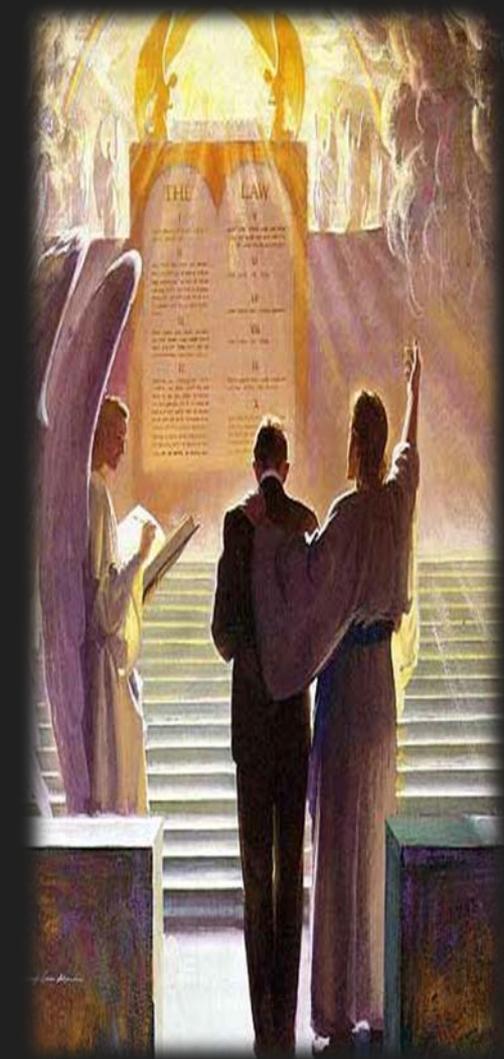
But I say unto you, **That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.** 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:36-37 KJV



**For God shall bring every
work into judgment, with
every secret thing, whether
it be good, or whether it be
evil.**

Ecclesiastes 12:14 KJV



Therefore judge nothing before the time, **until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.** 1 Corinthians 4:5 KJV



How well would you do in the judgment standing on your own merits?

There is therefore now
**no condemnation to
them which are in
Christ Jesus,** who
walk not after the
flesh, but after the
Spirit.

Romans 8:1 KJV



Our hope in the hour of judgment is based only in being **covered with the robe of Christ's righteousness.**



**Not by works of
righteousness which
we have done, but
according to his mercy
he saved us, by the
washing of
regeneration, and
renewing of the Holy
Ghost;**

Titus 3:5 KJV



WORSHIP THE CREATOR

WORSHIP THE ONE WHO MADE THE
HEAVENS AND EARTH



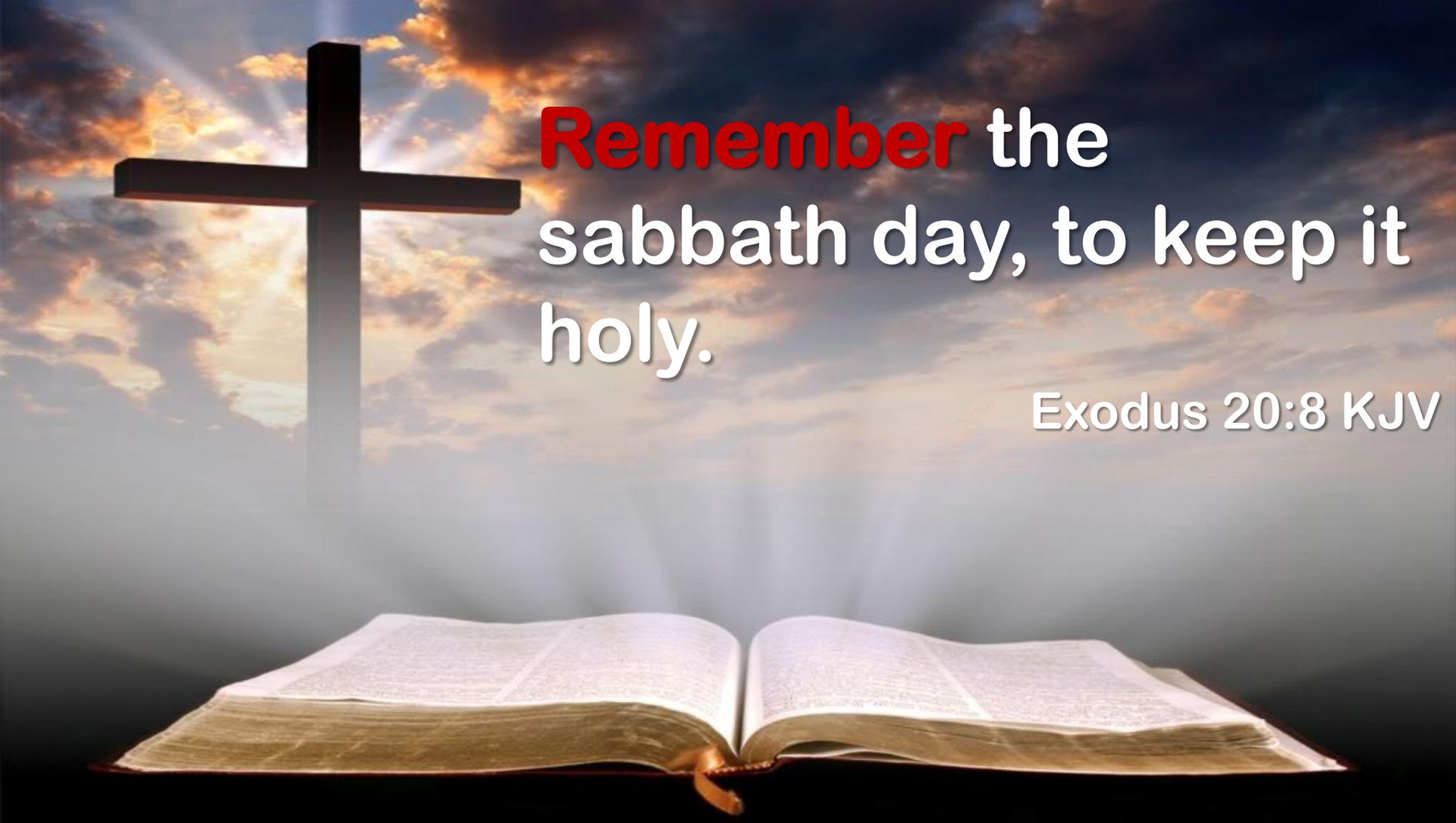


In addition to the judgment, **there's a command to worship the Creator.** That's a reference to another "present truth" that's been forgotten for a long time: **keeping the Sabbath.**



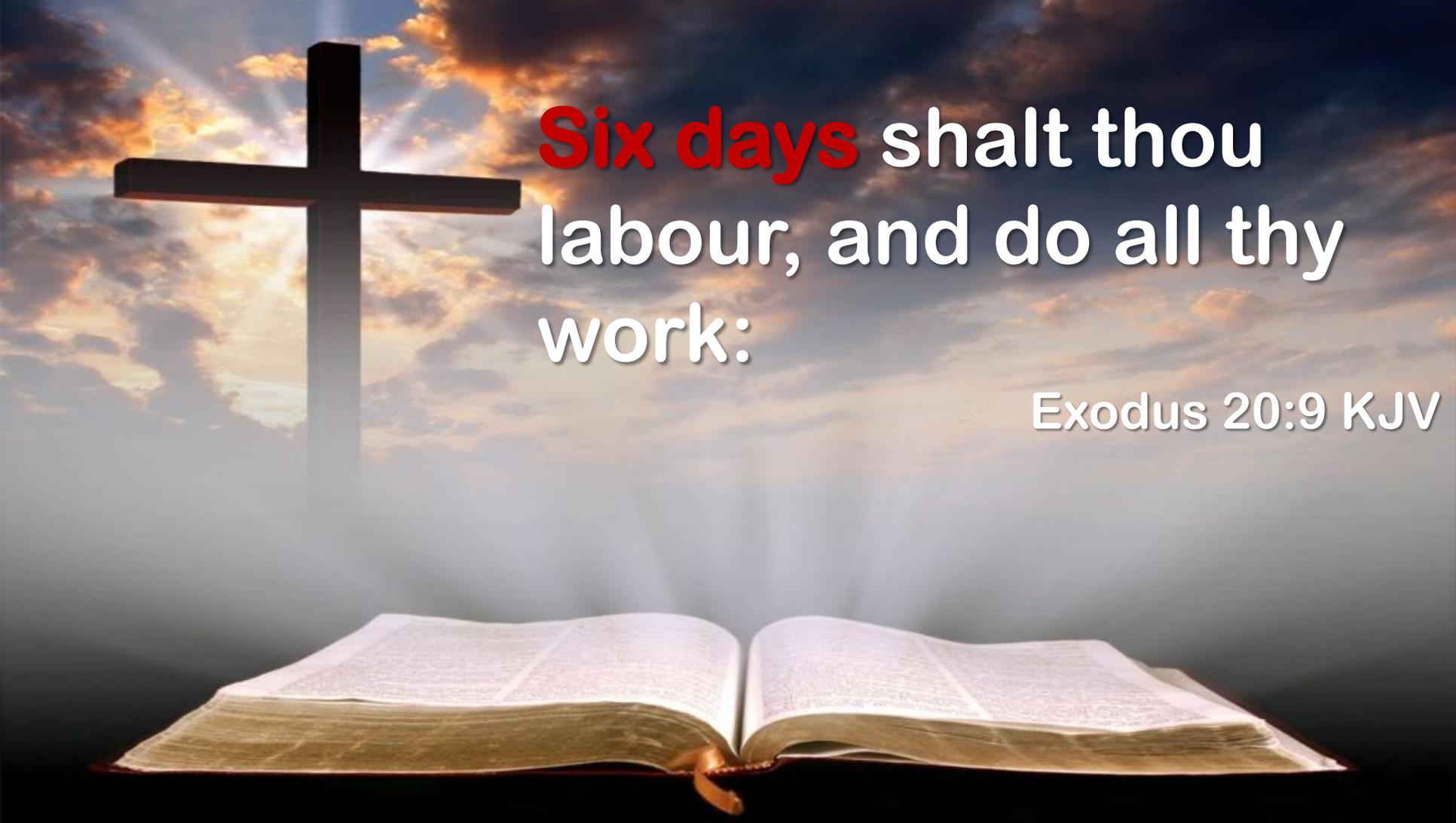
A lie told often enough becomes the truth.

(Vladimir Lenin)



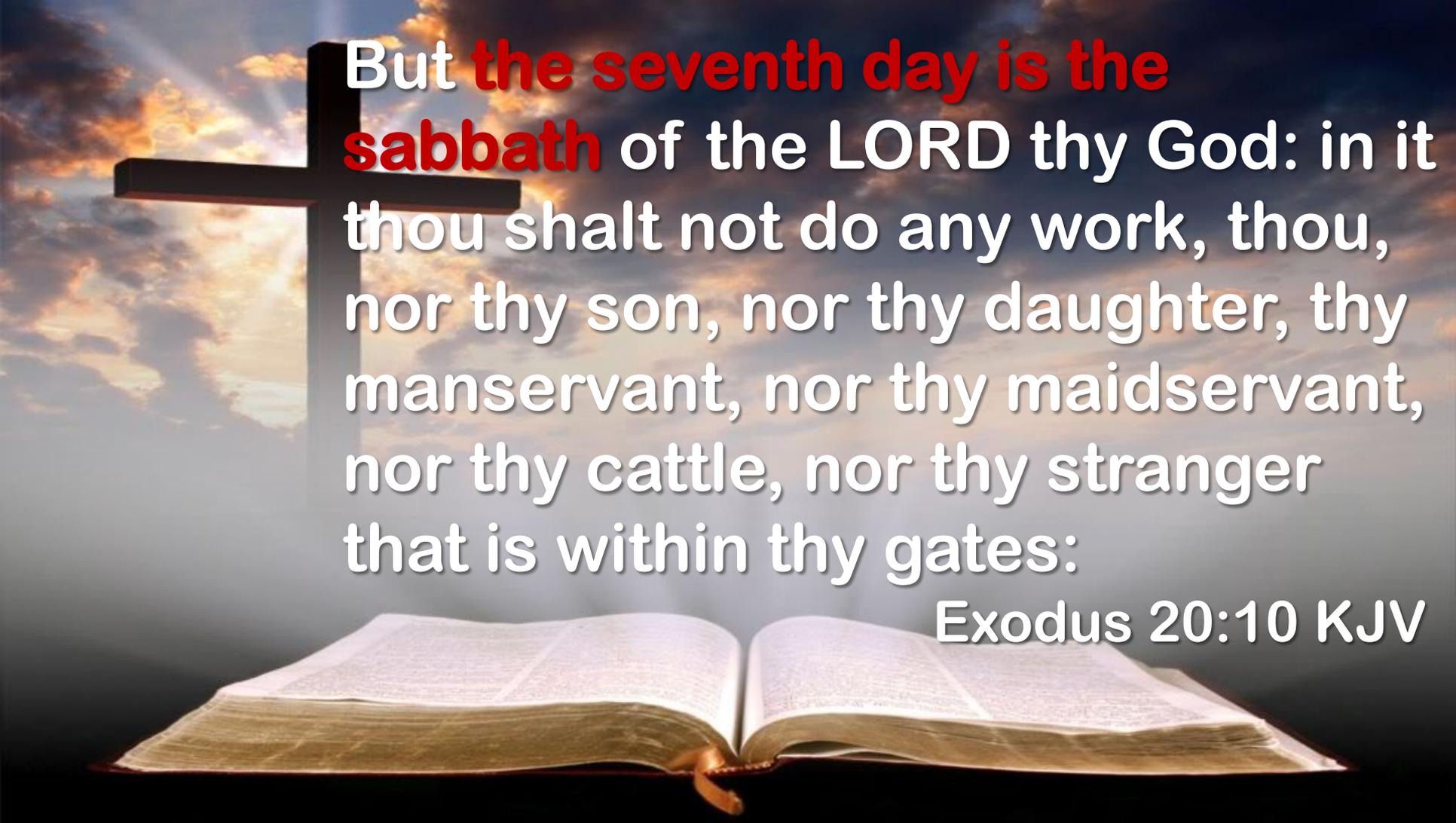
Remember the
sabbath day, to keep it
holy.

Exodus 20:8 KJV



Six days shalt thou
labour, and do all thy
work:

Exodus 20:9 KJV



But **the seventh day is the sabbath** of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

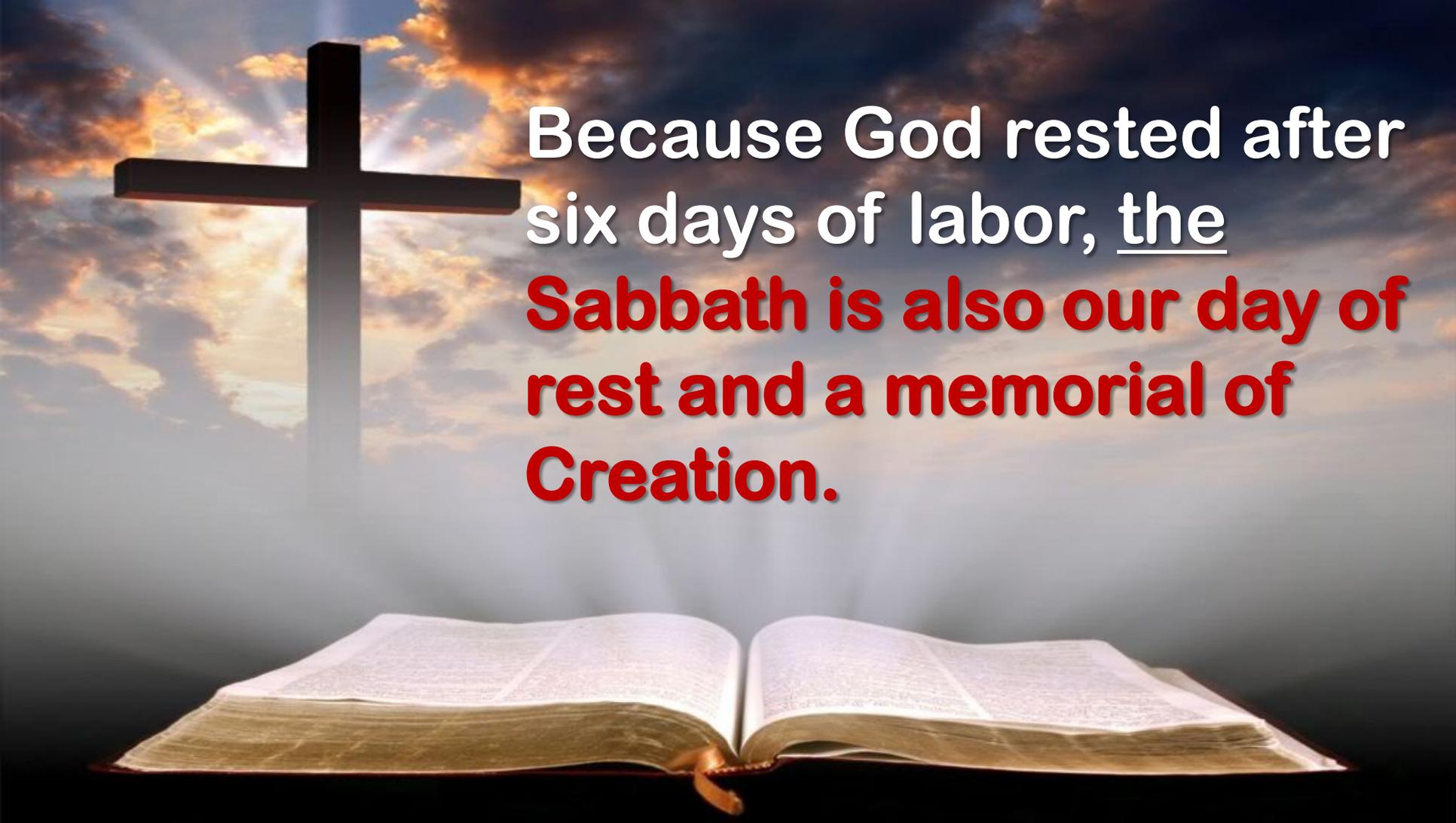
Exodus 20:10 KJV



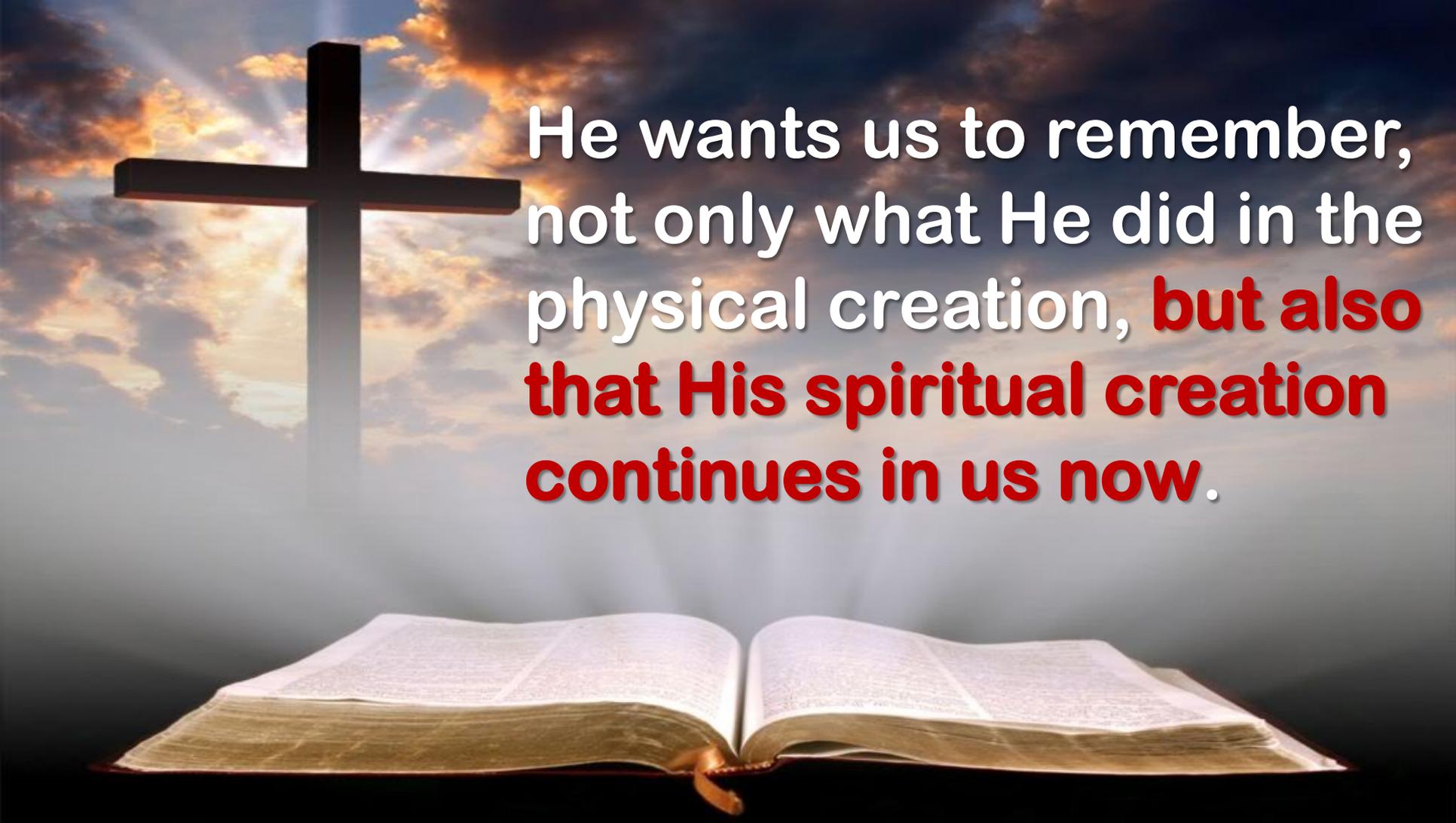
**For in six days the LORD made
heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that in them is, and
rested the seventh day:**

wherefore the LORD blessed
the sabbath day, and hallowed
it.

Exodus 20:11 KJV



Because God rested after
six days of labor, the
**Sabbath is also our day of
rest and a memorial of
Creation.**



He wants us to remember,
not only what He did in the
physical creation, **but also**
that His spiritual creation
continues in us now.



All these other aspects of “present truth”—the everlasting gospel, the call to witness, the judgment — **what do they mean apart from God as our Creator?**



These truths, and all other truths, arise from the foundational truth of the Lord as the One who has made all things. **By worshiping the Lord as Creator, we are getting back to basics.**



A lie told once remains a lie but a lie
told a thousand times becomes the
truth

— *Joseph Goebbels* —

**IN THE BEGINNING GOD
CREATED THE HEAVEN
AND THE EARTH.**

Genesis 1:1 KJV

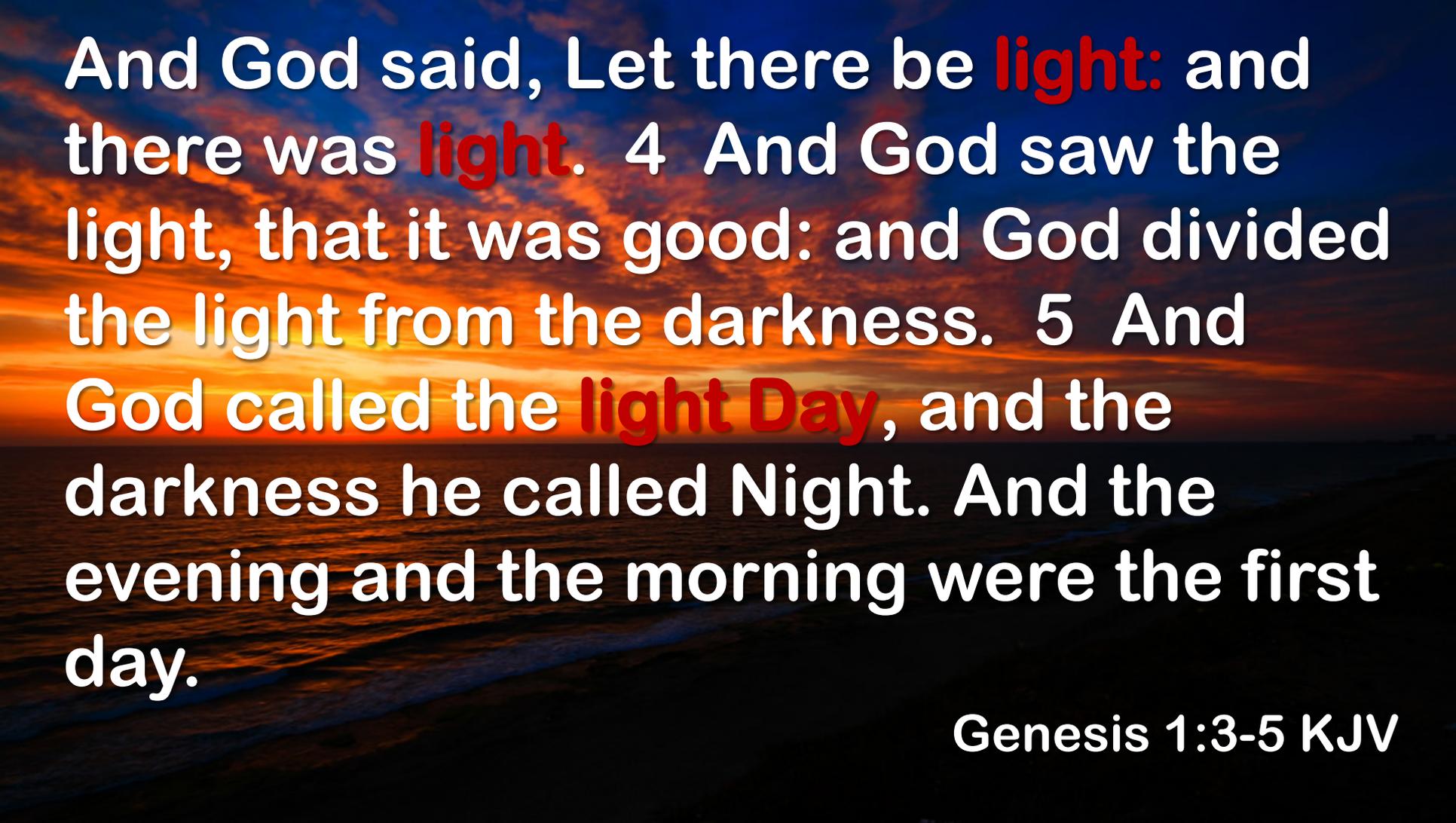
And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2 KJV

Form: tohû (to'-hoo) From an unused root meaning to lie waste; **a desolation** (of surface);

Void: bõhũ (bo'-hoo) From an unused root (meaning to be empty); a vacuity, that is, (superficially) **an undistinguishable ruin**: - emptiness, void

Deep: tehõm (teh-home´) - an abyss (as a surging mass of water), especially the deep (**the main sea or the subterranean water supply**): - deep (place), depth.



And God said, Let there be **light**: and there was **light**. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the **light Day**, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Genesis 1:3-5 KJV

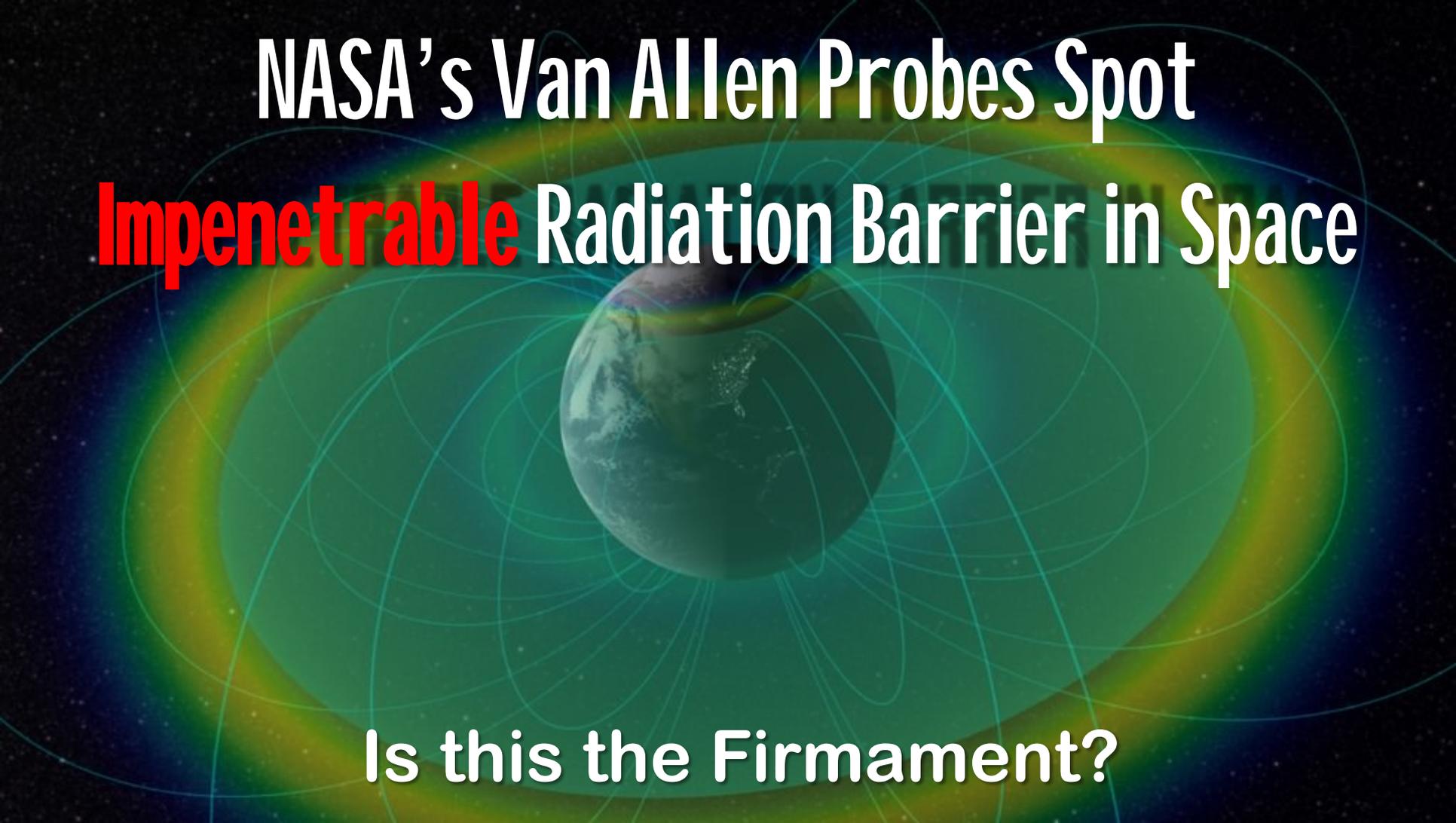
And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And God made the **firmament**, and divided the waters which were under the **firmament** from the waters which were above the **firmament**: and it was so.

Genesis 1:6-8 KJV

râqîya' (*raw-kee'-ah*) - properly an *expanse*, that is, the *firmament* or (apparently) **visible arch of the sky**: - firmament.

And God called the **firmament** Heaven.
And the evening and the morning were
the second day.

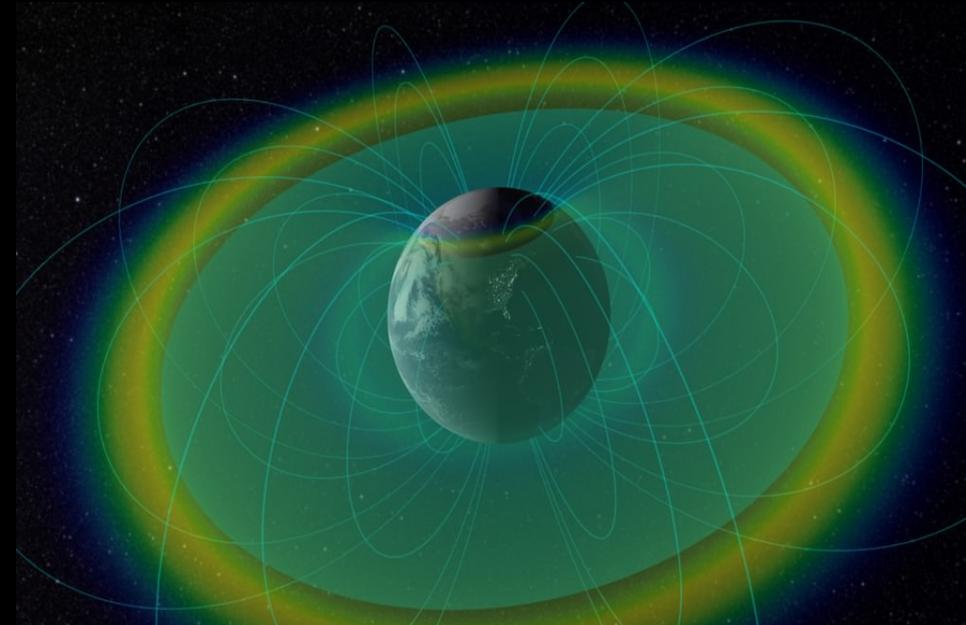
Genesis 1:8 KJV



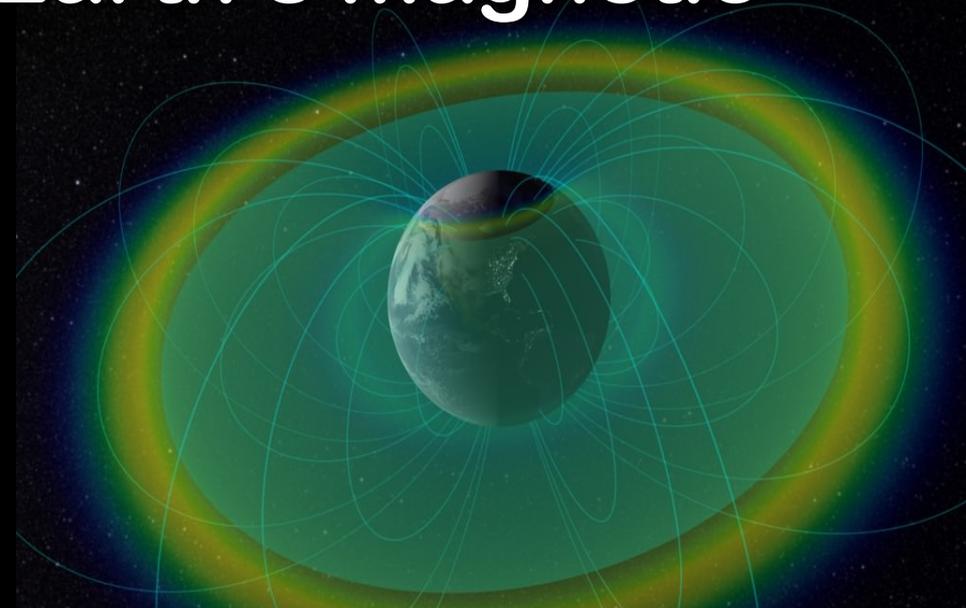
NASA's Van Allen Probes Spot
Impenetrable Radiation Barrier in Space

Is this the Firmament?

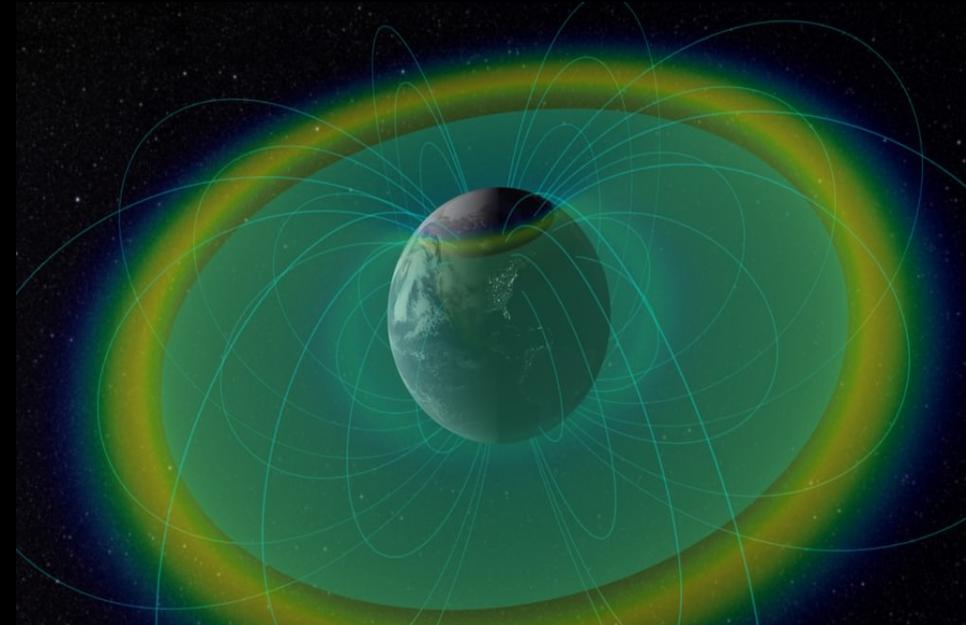
Earth's ozone layer protects us from a great deal of the Sun's ultra-violet radiation.



Beyond this barrier lies another – a **series of shields formed by a layer of energetic charged particles** that are held in place by the Earth's magnetic field.

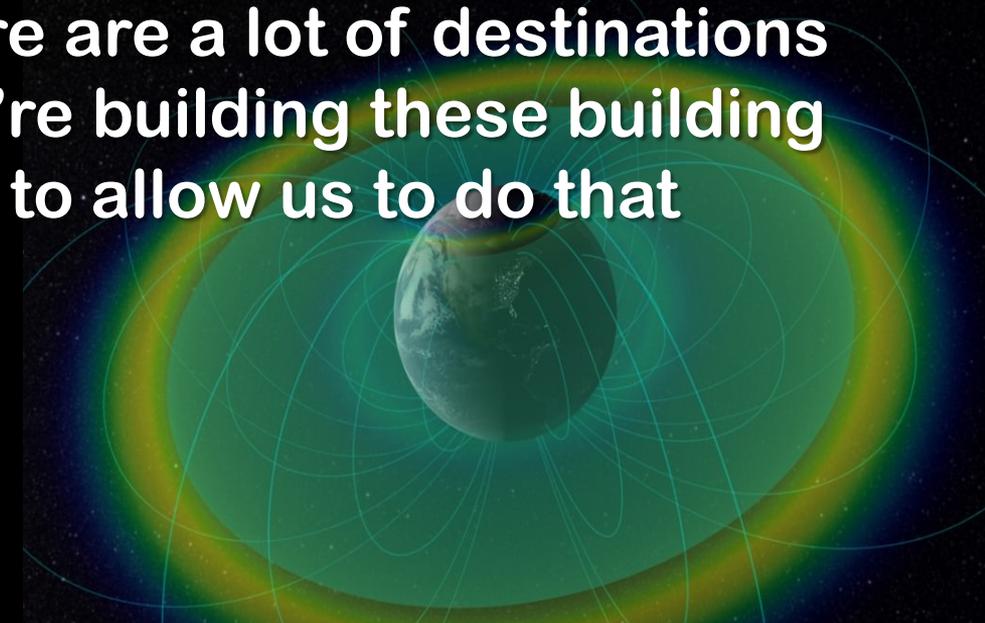


Known as the Van Allen radiation belts, **this wall** prevents the fastest, most energetic electrons from reaching Earth.



USAF Col. Terry Virts

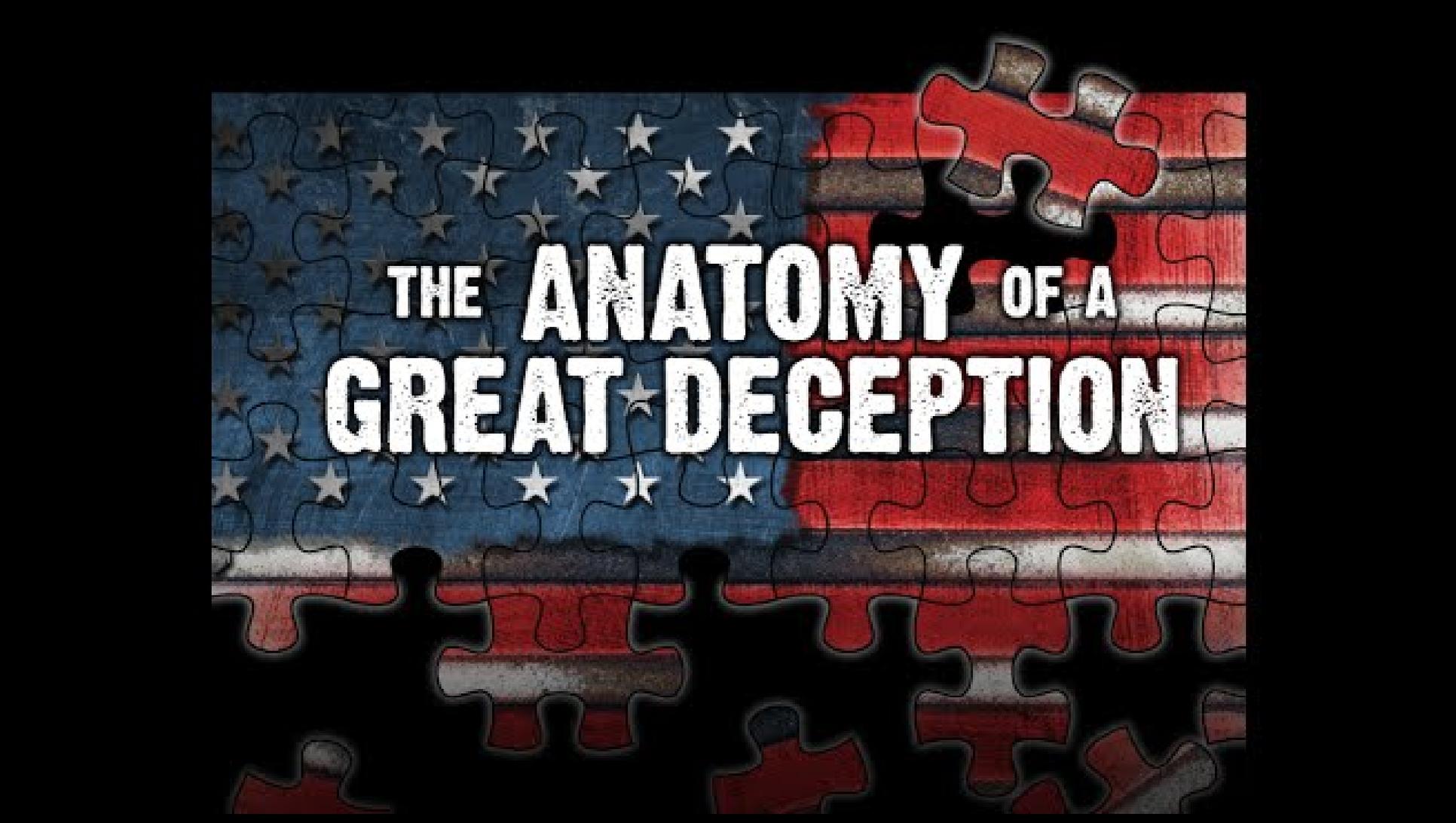
“Right now we can only fly in Earth orbit, that is the farthest that we can go. This new system that we are building is going to allow us to go beyond and **hopefully take humans into the solar system to explore,** so the Moon, Mars, asteroids, there are a lot of destinations that we could go to and we’re building these building block components in order to allow us to do that eventually.” (2013)



200 miles (320 km) up is about the minimum orbit to avoid atmospheric interference. The Hubble space telescope **orbits at an altitude of 380 miles** (600 km) or so.



The moon's orbit around Earth is elliptical. Its closest approach is said to be **225,623 miles**. The farthest away it gets is said to be **252,088 miles** from Earth.

The image shows a puzzle with an American flag theme. The left side of the puzzle features a blue field with white stars, while the right side features red and white horizontal stripes. The puzzle pieces are interlocking, and the title is printed across the center in a white, distressed, sans-serif font. The background behind the puzzle is black.

**THE ANATOMY OF A
GREAT DECEPTION**

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the **dry land appear**: and it was so.

Genesis 1:9-10 KJV



And God called the **dry land Earth**; and the gathering together of the **waters called he Seas**: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:10 KJV



WATERS ABOVE



WATERS BELOW

And God said, Let the earth bring forth **grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree** yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

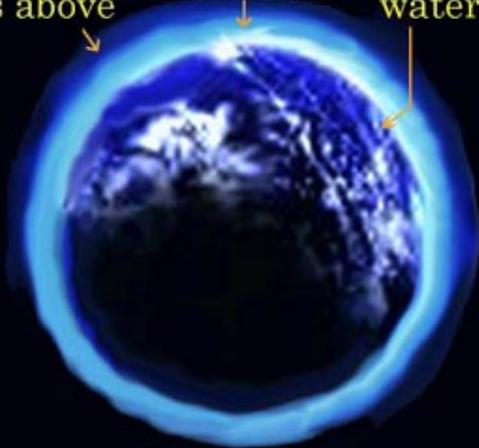
Genesis 1:11 KJV

Let there be a firmament...

firmament

waters above

waters below



WATERS ABOVE



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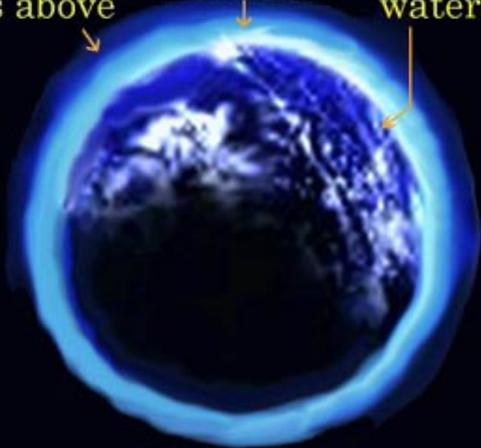
WATERS BELOW

Let there be a firmament...

firmament

waters above

waters below



And the earth brought forth **grass, and herb** yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

Genesis 1:12-13 KJV

And God said, Let
there be lights **in the
firmament** of the
heaven to divide the
day from the night;
and let them be **for
signs, and for
seasons, and for days,
and years:**

Genesis 1:14 KJV

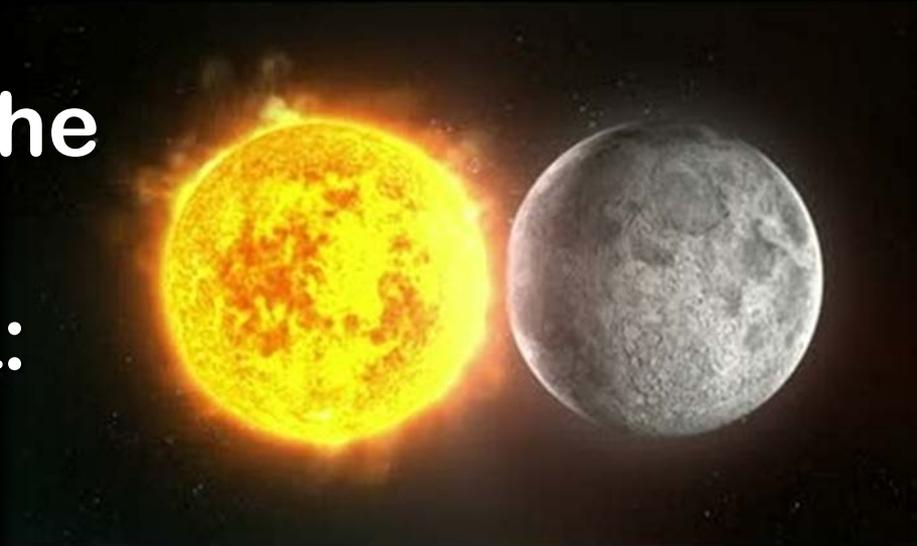


And let them be for
lights in the firmament
of the heaven to **give**
light upon the earth:
and it was so.

Genesis 1:15 KJV

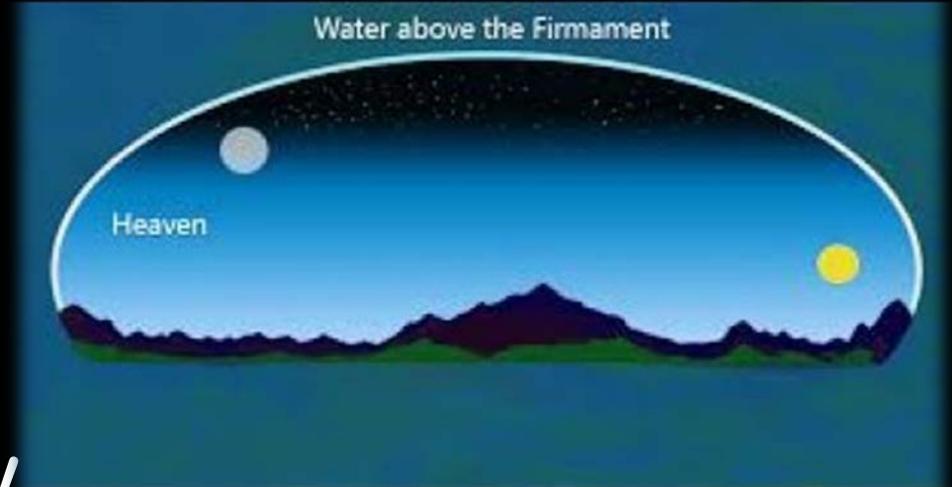


And God made **two great lights**; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he **made the stars also**.



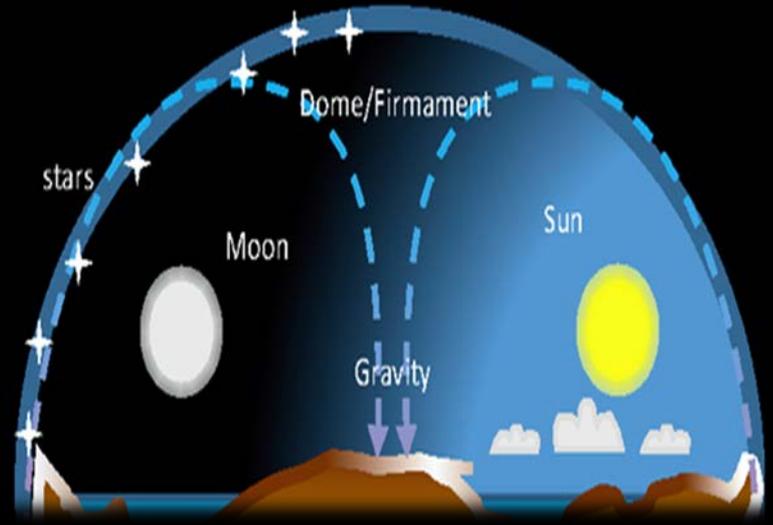
Genesis 1:16 KJV

And God set them **in the firmament of the heaven** to give light upon the earth,
Genesis 1:17 KJV

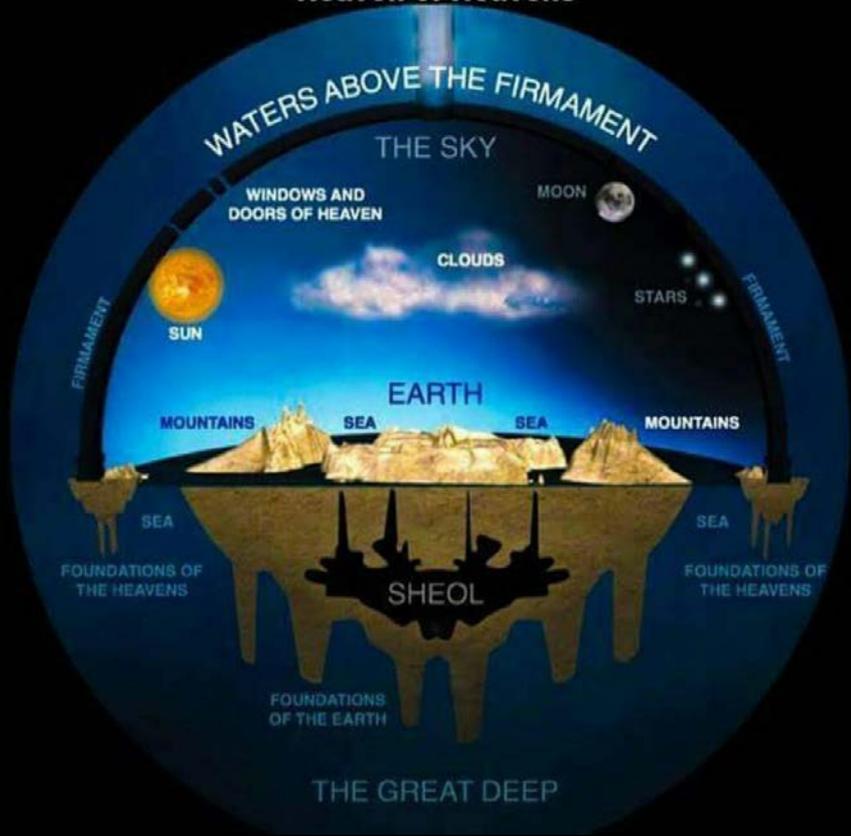


And to rule over the day
and over the night, and to
**divide the light from the
darkness:** and God saw
that it was good. 19 And
the evening and the
morning were the fourth
day.

Genesis 1:18-19 KJV

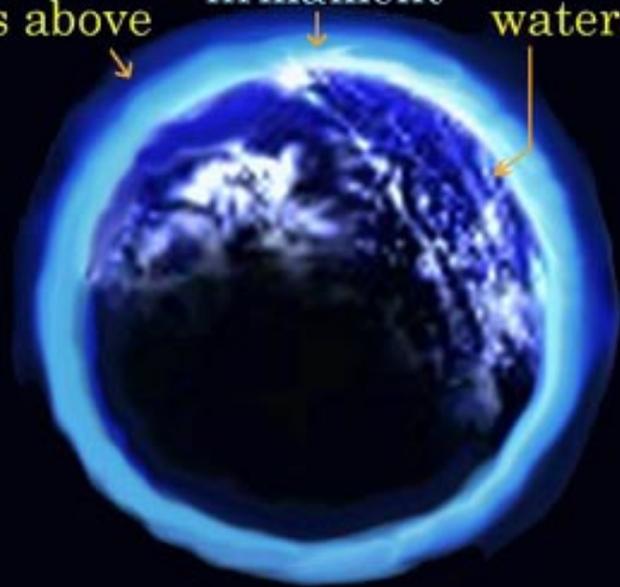


Heaven of Heavens



Let there be a firmament...

waters above firmament waters below





God says to every soul,
"What is that to thee?
follow thou Me. I have given
you your commission.

**Dwell upon the great
testing truths for this time,
not upon matters that have
no bearing upon our work."**

Gospel Workers, p. 314

A cosmic landscape featuring a bright sun on the left, a large planet (Earth) on the right, and a smaller planet in the distance. The scene is set against a backdrop of colorful nebulae and a dark, rocky terrain in the foreground.

**IS THE CREATION
STORY A TESTING
TRUTH TODAY?**

**DOES IT HAVE BEARING
ON OUR WORK TODAY,
OF SPREADING THE
THREE ANGELS
MESSAGES?**

According to the
Washington Post, October
29, 2014, Delivering an
address to the Pontifical
Academy of Sciences:

“Pope Francis continued his
**habit of making provocative,
seemingly progressive
statements.”**



“The pontiff appeared to endorse the theory of **the Big Bang** and told the gathering at the Vatican that **there was no contradiction between believing in God as well as the prevailing scientific theories regarding the expansion of our universe.**”



“When we read about creation in Genesis, **we run the risk of imagining God was a magician,** with a magic wand able to do everything. But that is not so,” Francis said. **“He created human beings and let them develop according to the internal laws** that he gave to each one so they would reach their fulfillment.”

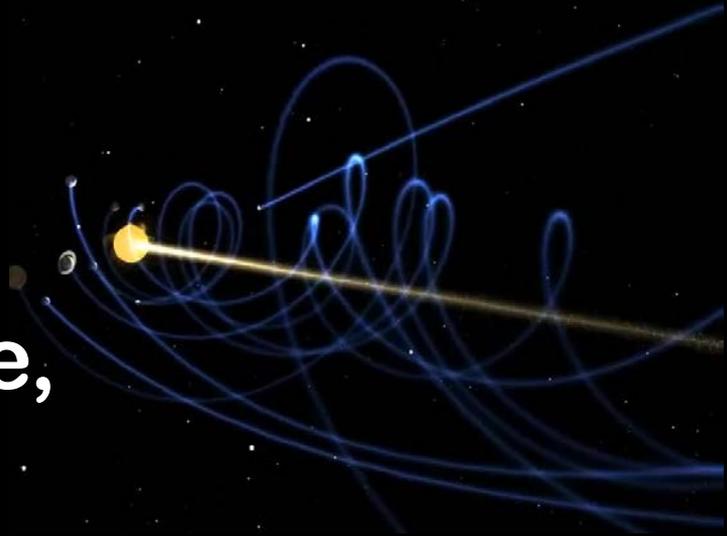


“God is not... a magician, but the Creator who brought everything to life,” Francis said. **“Evolution in nature is not inconsistent with the notion of creation,** because evolution requires the creation of beings that evolve.”

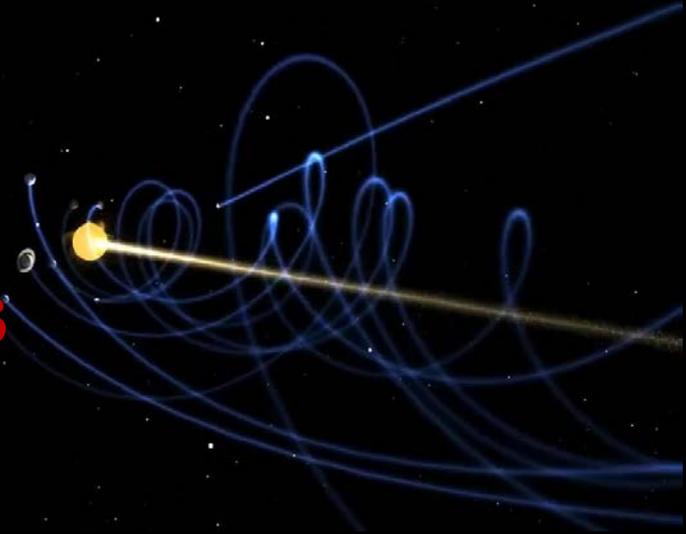


**The sophistries regarding
God and nature** that are
flooding the world with
skepticism are the
inspiration of the fallen foe,
who is himself a Bible
student. . .

Councils For The Church, pg. 323



... who knows the truth
that it is essential for the
people to receive, and
whose study it is **to divert
minds from the great truths
given to prepare them for
what is coming upon the
world.**



Councils For The Church, PG. 323

We need to search the
Scriptures daily, that
we may know the way
of the Lord, and that
we be not deceived by
religious fallacies.

Selected Messages, Book 1, p. 170



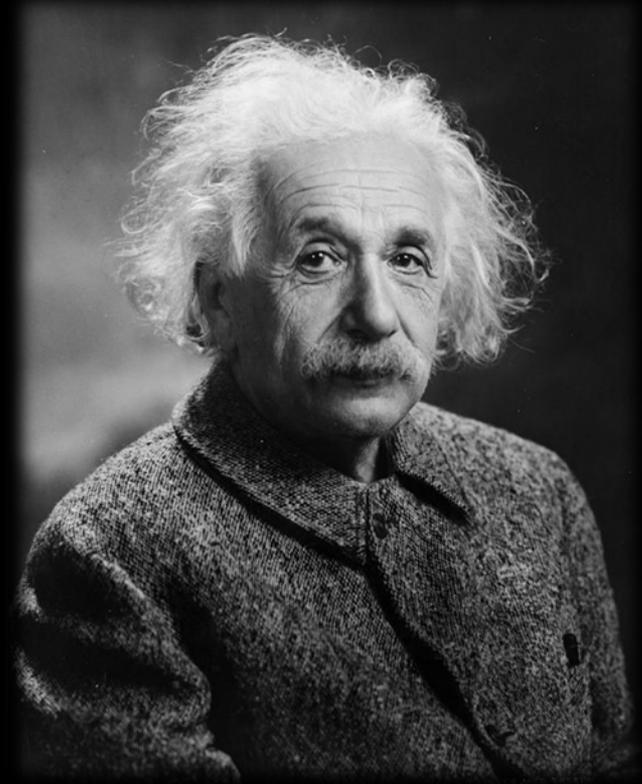
The world is full of **false theories and seductive spiritualistic ideas**, which tend to destroy clear spiritual perception, and to lead away from truth and holiness.

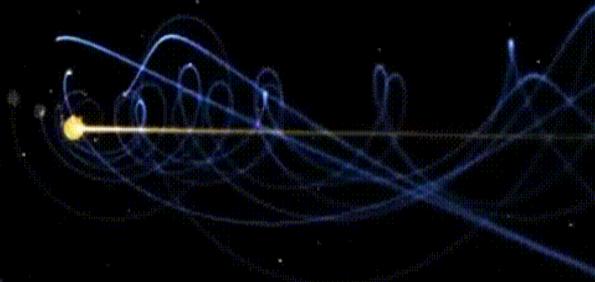
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Especially at this time do we need to heed the warning, "**Let no man deceive you with vain words**" (Ephesians 5:6).

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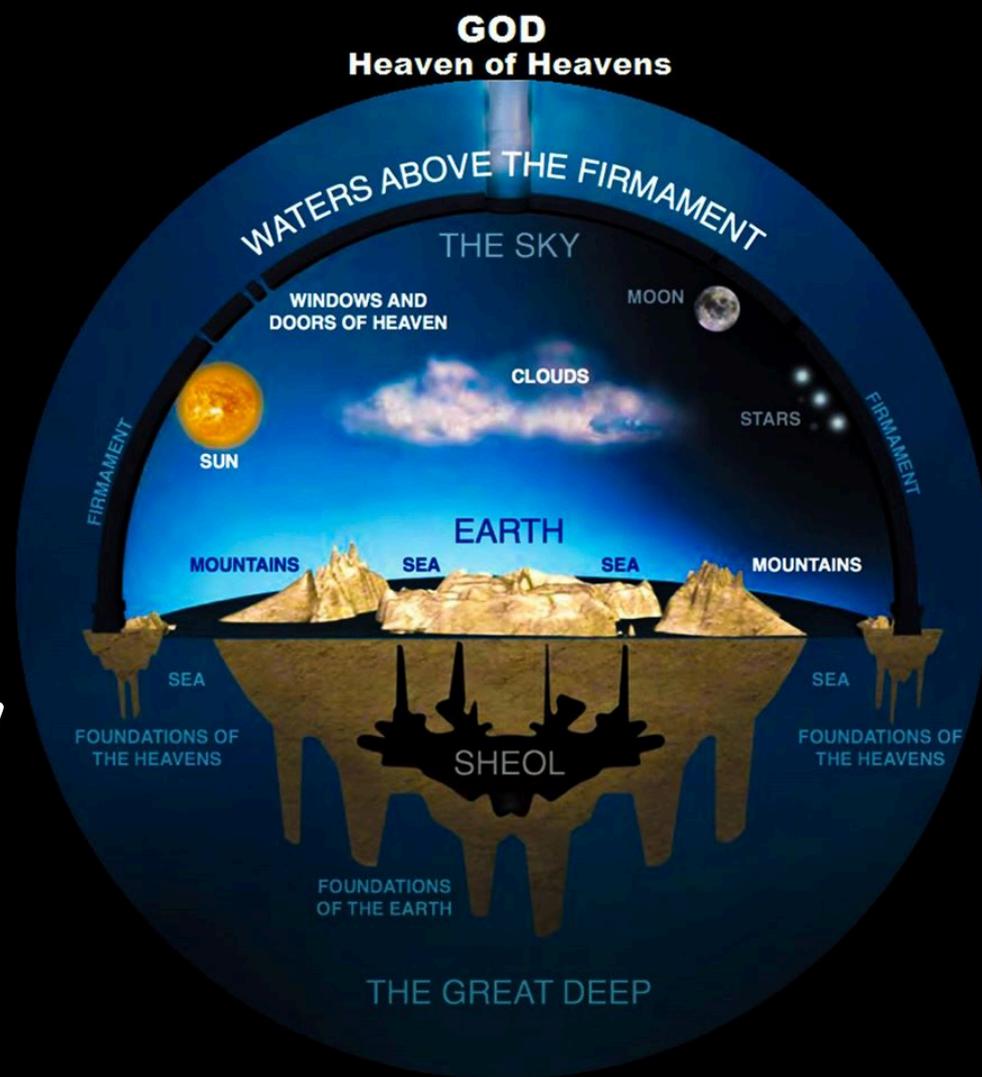


**YOU MUST ALSO
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BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU BELIEVE

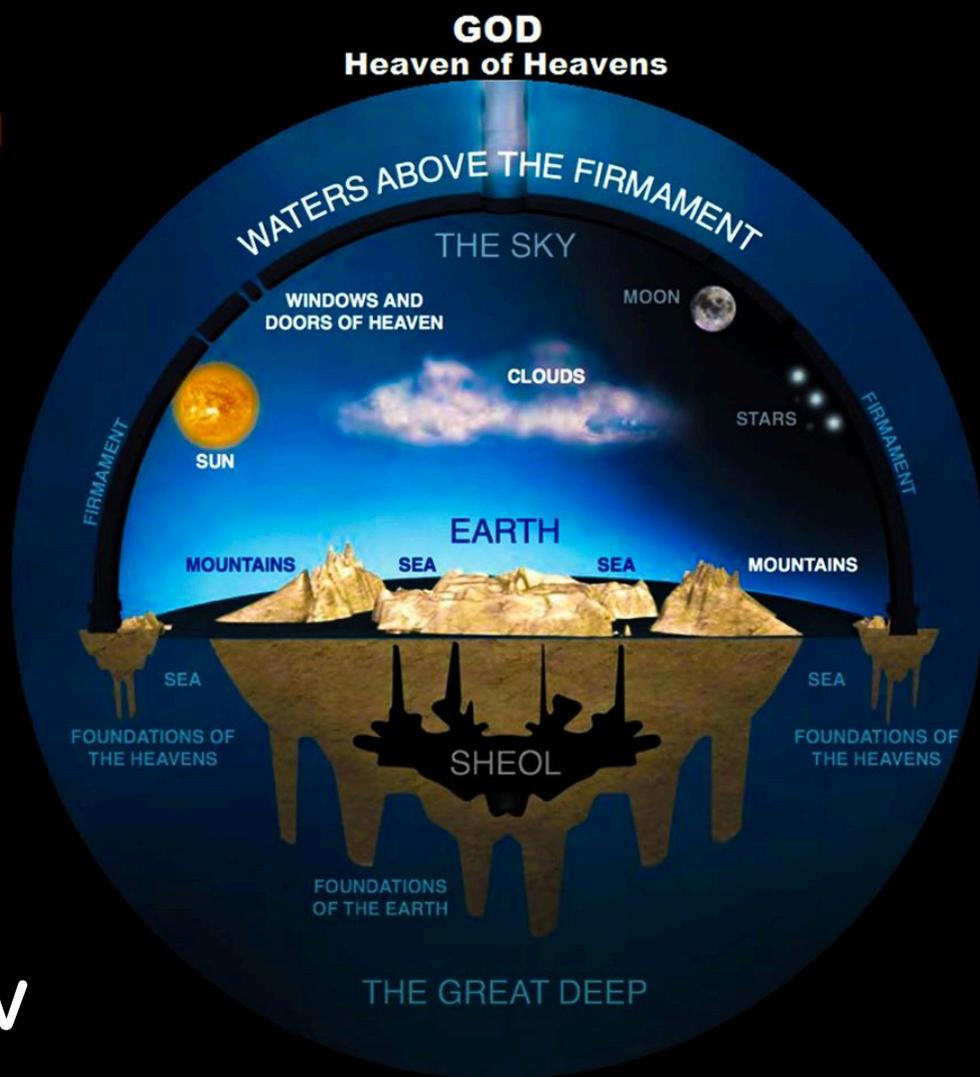
Thus the heavens
and the earth were
finished, and all
the host of them.

Genesis 2:1 KJV



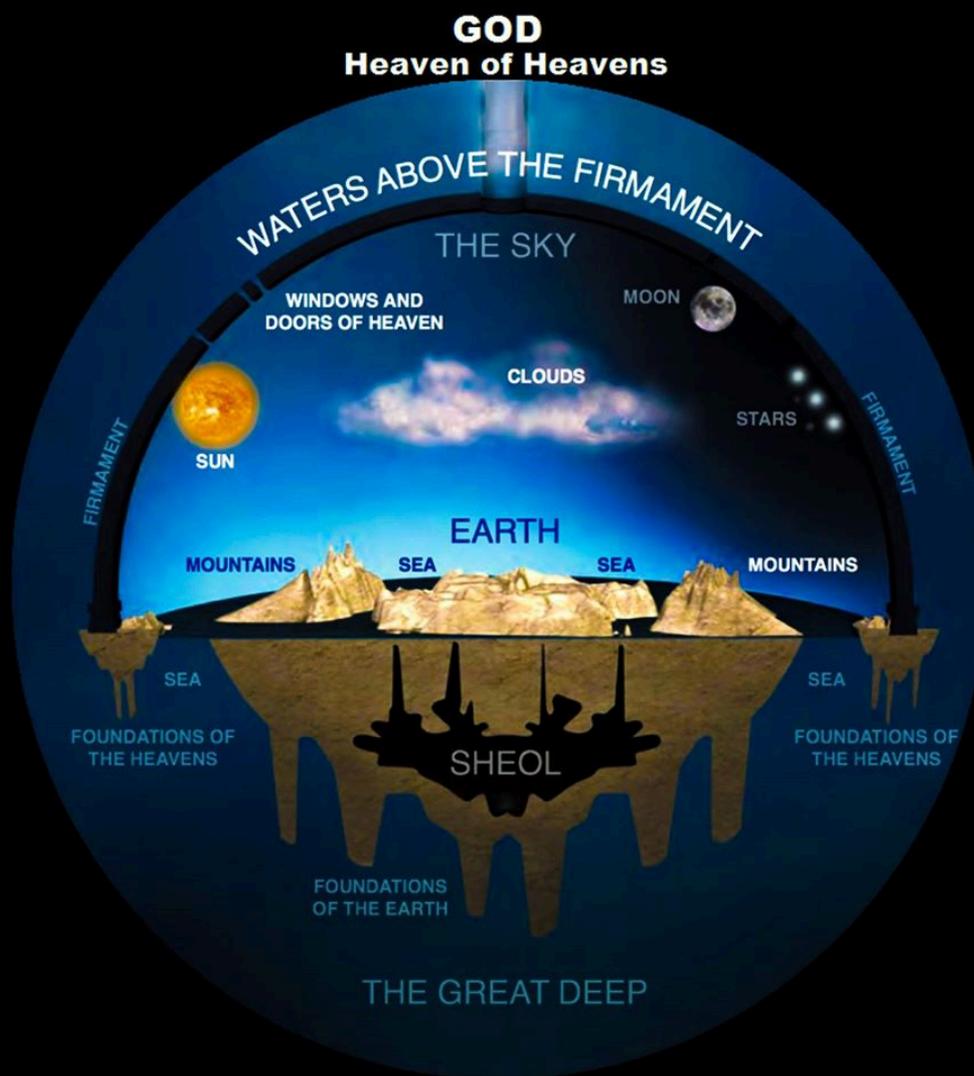
And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Genesis 2:2 KJV



And God blessed
the seventh day,
and sanctified it:
because that in it
he had rested from
all his work which
God created and
made.

Genesis 2:3 KJV

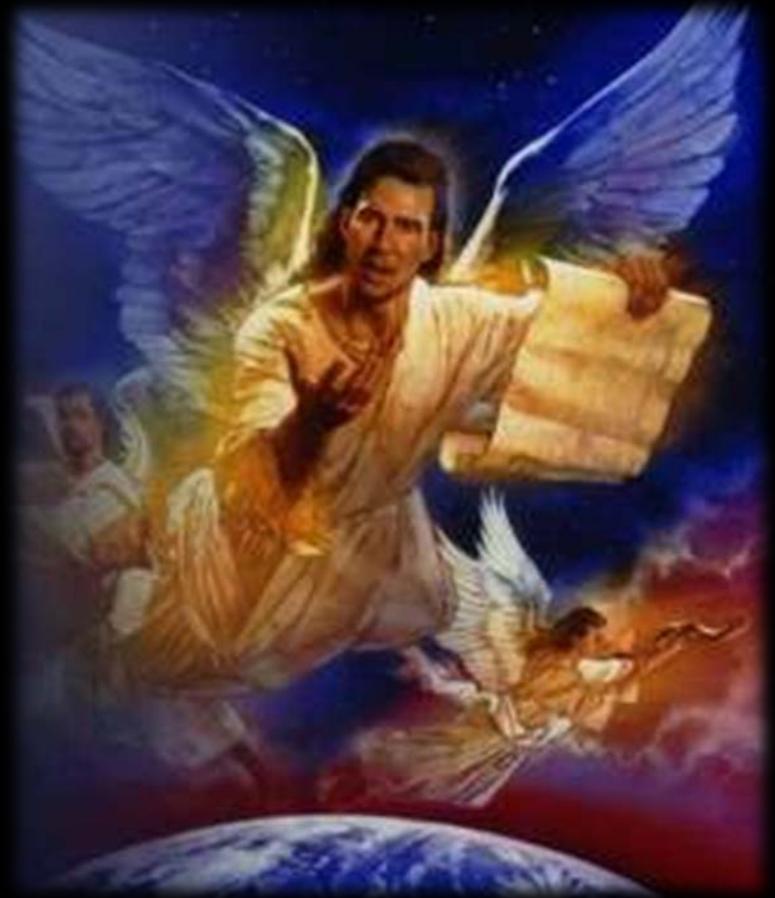




Worship the Creator

A SUMMARY

To summarize, the message of the first angel highlights the **everlasting gospel** and invites those who accept it to proclaim **the hour of judgment** and to act accordingly by **keeping the Ten Commandments.**



The result of that message is followed by the message of the next two angels (Revelation 14:8-11). Those messages will make the difference between those worshipping God and those obeying the “beast.”



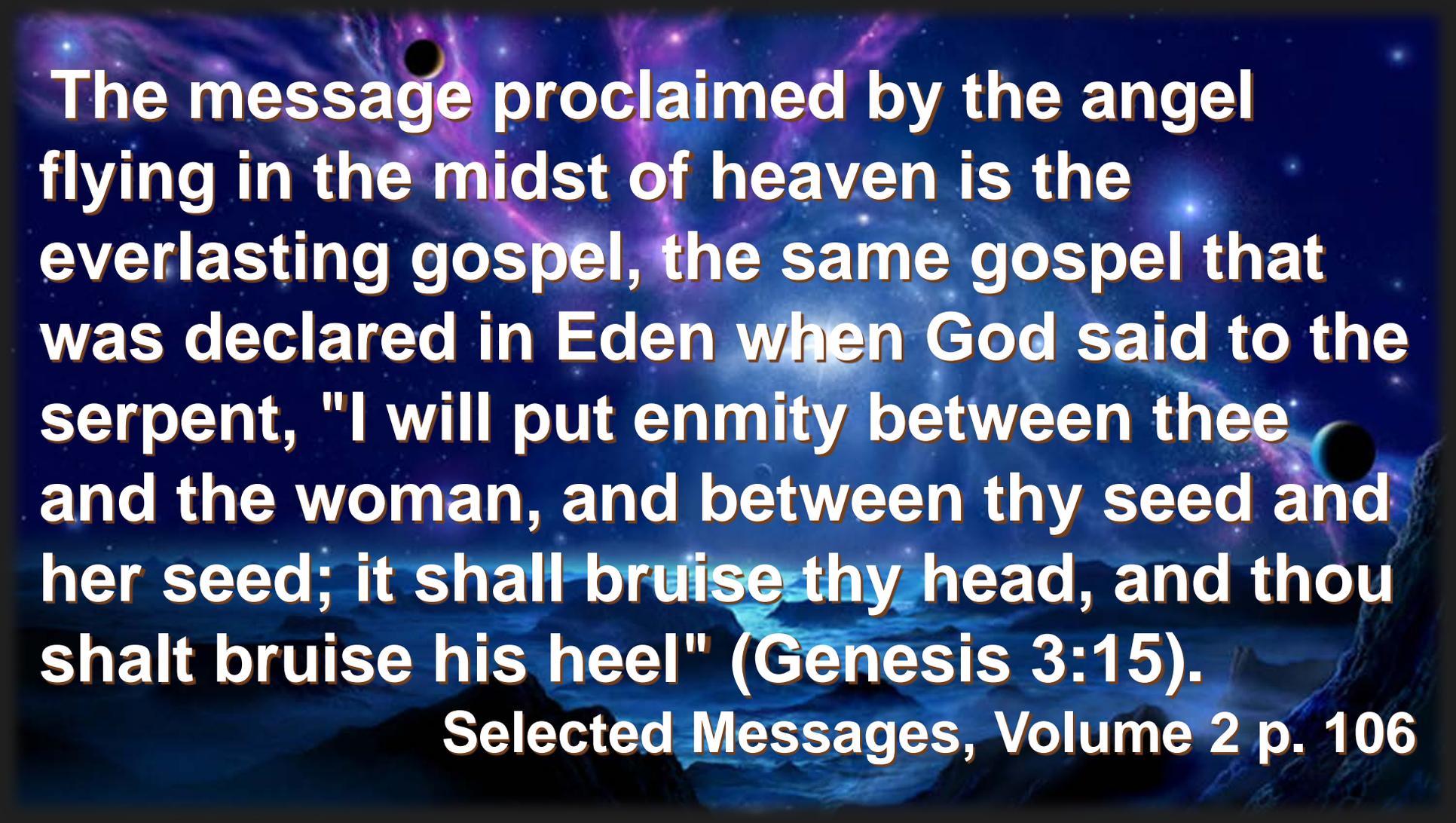
And there followed
another angel, saying,
**Babylon is fallen, is
fallen,** that great city,
because she made all
nations drink of the
wine of the wrath of her
fornication.

Revelation 14:8 KJV



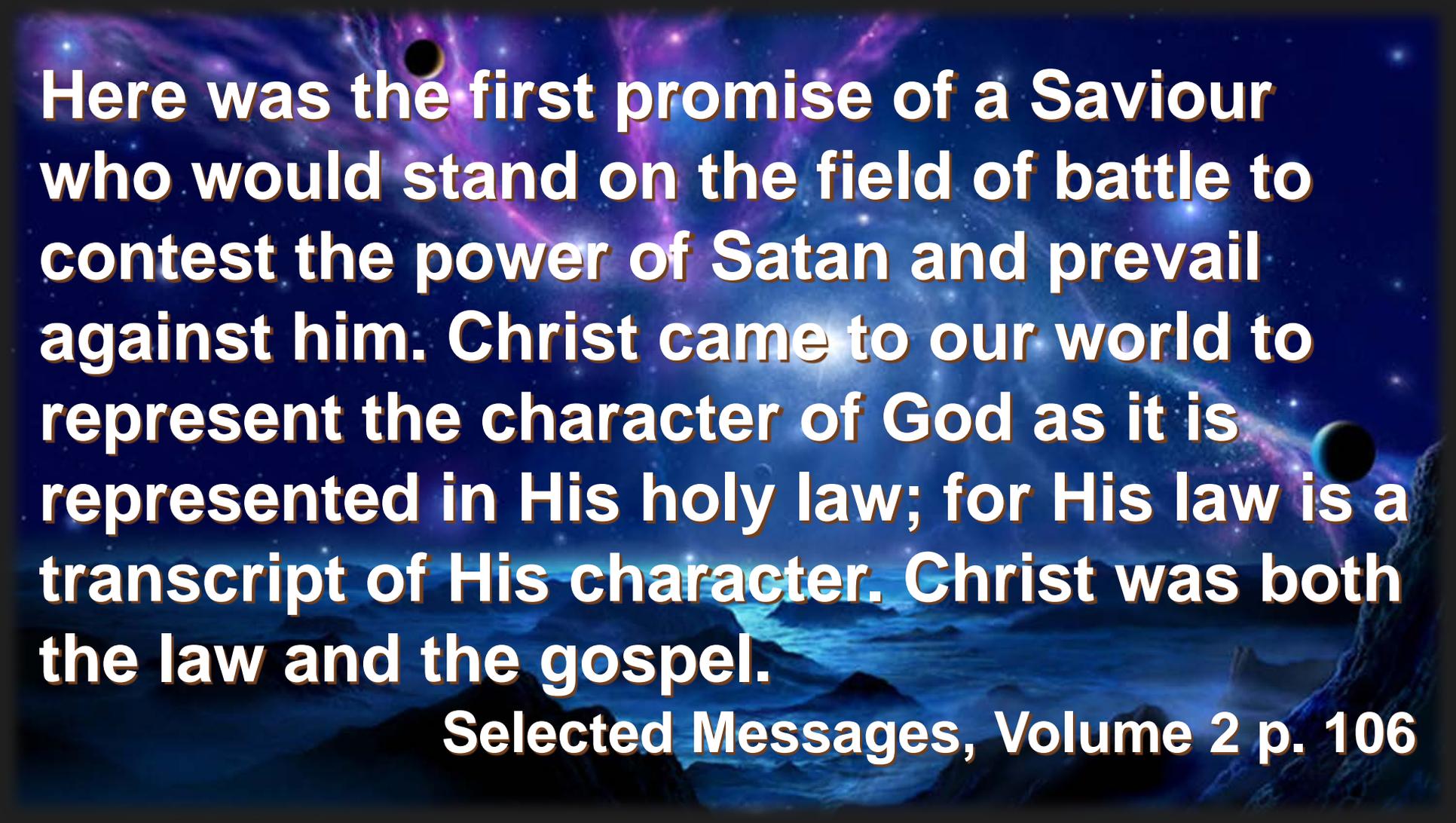
And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,**
Revelation 14:9 KJV



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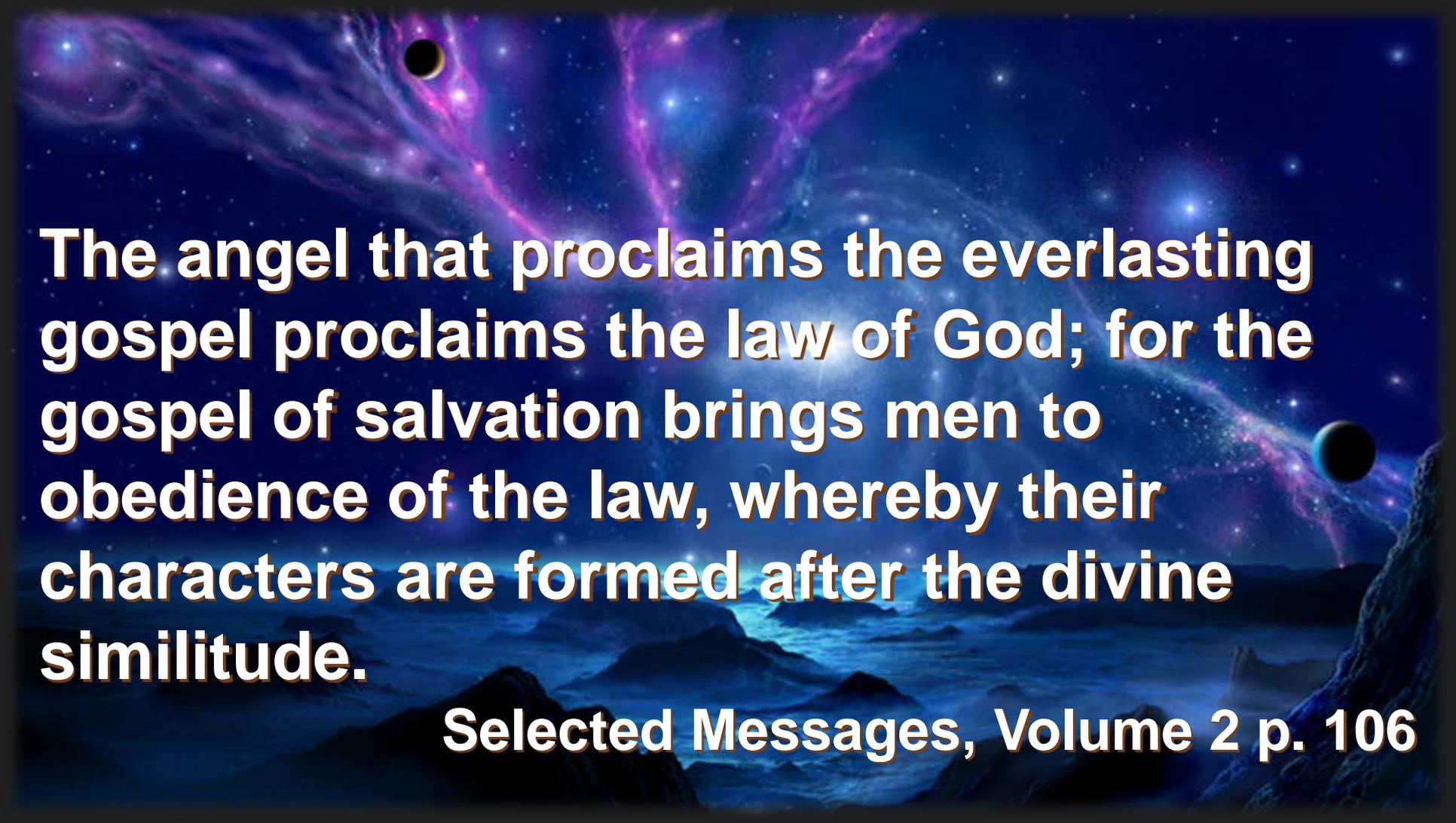
The message proclaimed by the angel flying in the midst of heaven is the everlasting gospel, the same gospel that was declared in Eden when God said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15).

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Here was the first promise of a Saviour who would stand on the field of battle to contest the power of Satan and prevail against him. Christ came to our world to represent the character of God as it is represented in His holy law; for His law is a transcript of His character. Christ was both the law and the gospel.

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The angel that proclaims the everlasting gospel proclaims the law of God; for the gospel of salvation brings men to obedience of the law, whereby their characters are formed after the divine similitude.

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LESSON 8

Worship *the* Creator



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