

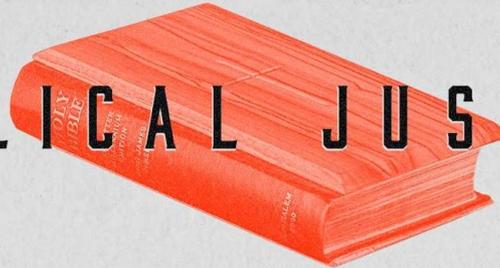
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< HOW ARE CHRISTIANS SUPPOSED TO RESPOND? >

JUSTICE

CAIN & ABEL

BIBLICAL JUSTICE



¹ Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.” ² Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.

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³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴ And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favour on Abel and his offering,

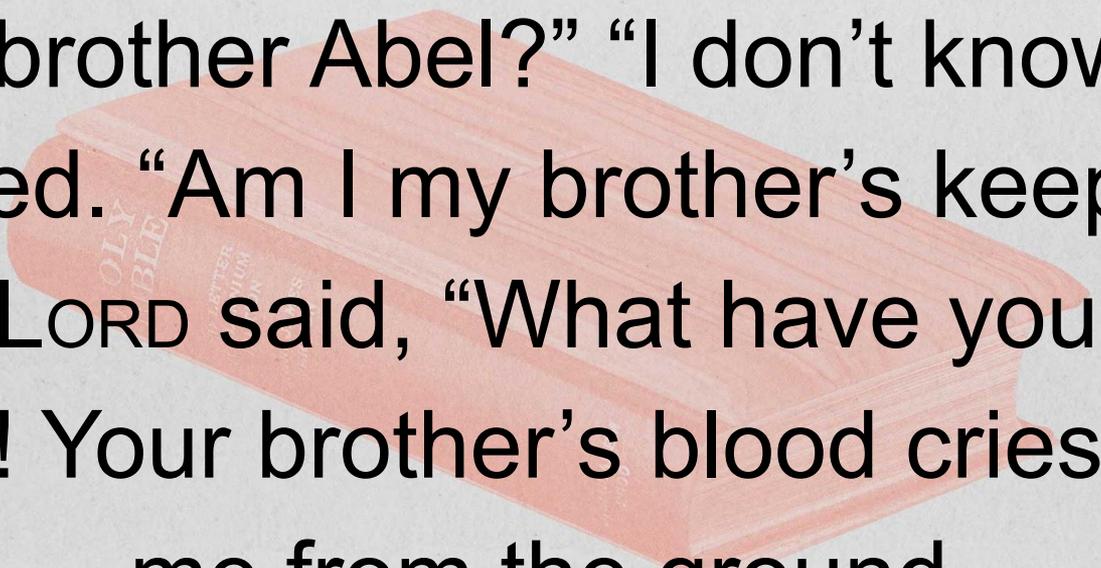
GENESIS 4:1-16

⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favour. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. ⁶ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?

GENESIS 4:1-16

But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”⁸ Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

GENESIS 4:1-16



⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” “I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

¹⁰ The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground.

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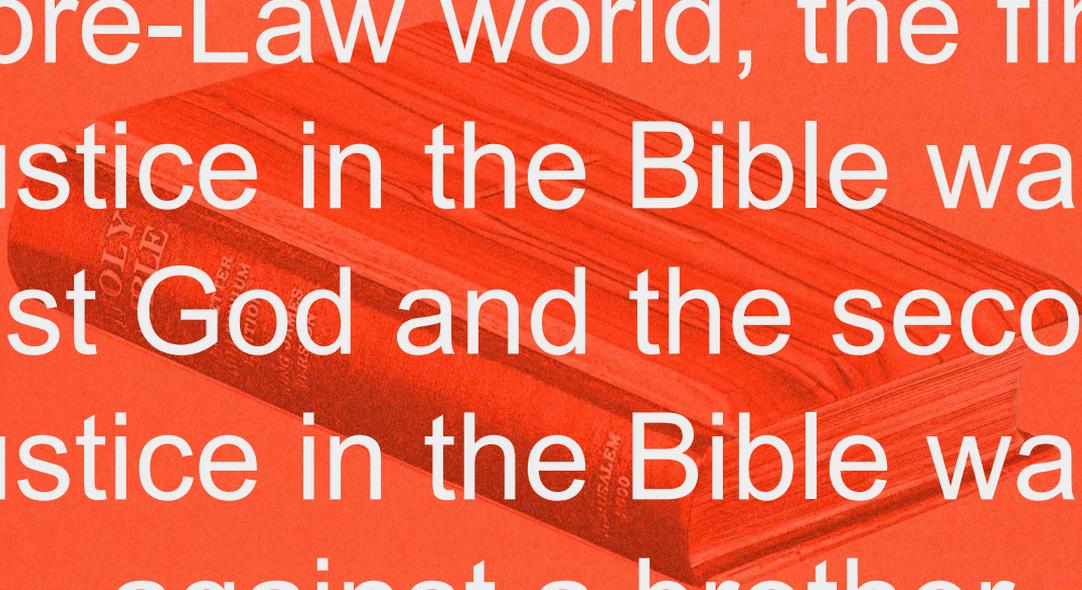
GENESIS 4:1-16

¹³ Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can bear. ¹⁴ Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

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¹⁵ But the LORD said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. ¹⁶ So Cain went out from the LORD’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

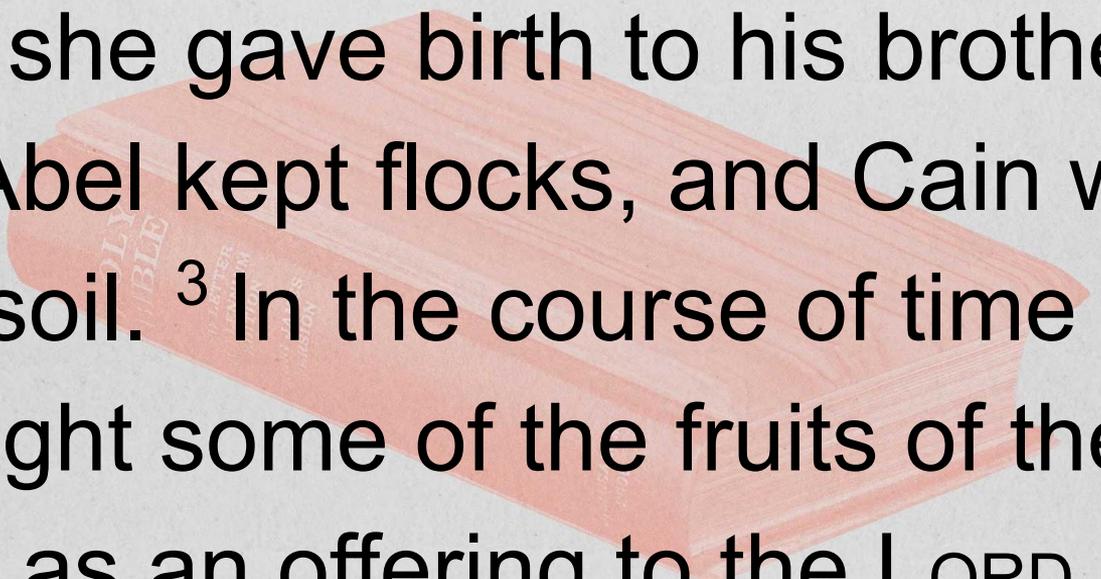
GENESIS 4:1-16

A wooden Bible with gold lettering on the spine, set against a red background. The spine text includes "HOLY BIBLE" and "PHYSICAL BIBLE".

In a pre-Law world, the first act of injustice in the Bible was a sin against God and the second act of injustice in the Bible was a sin against a brother

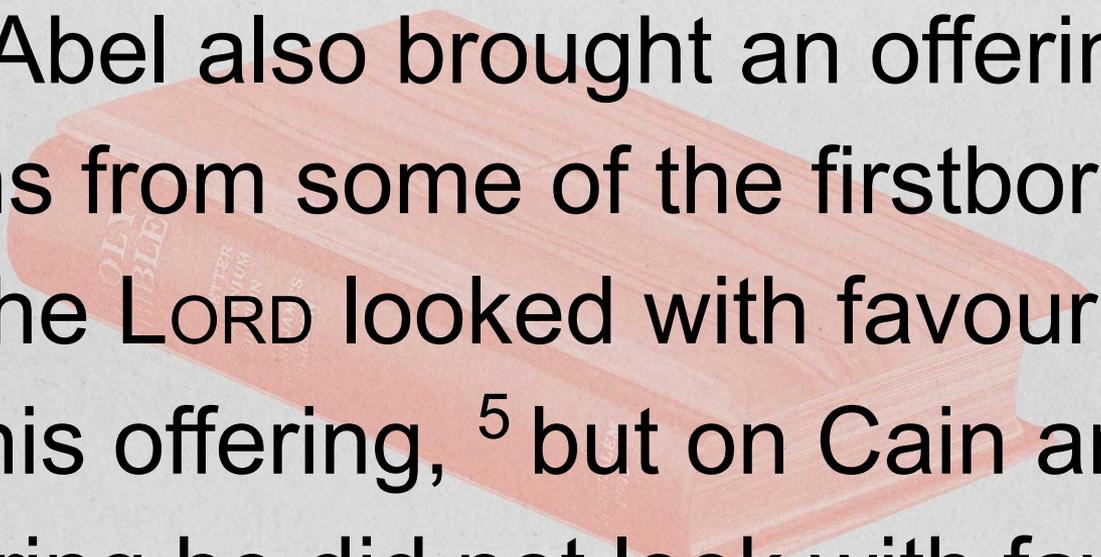


1) ORIGINAL SIN



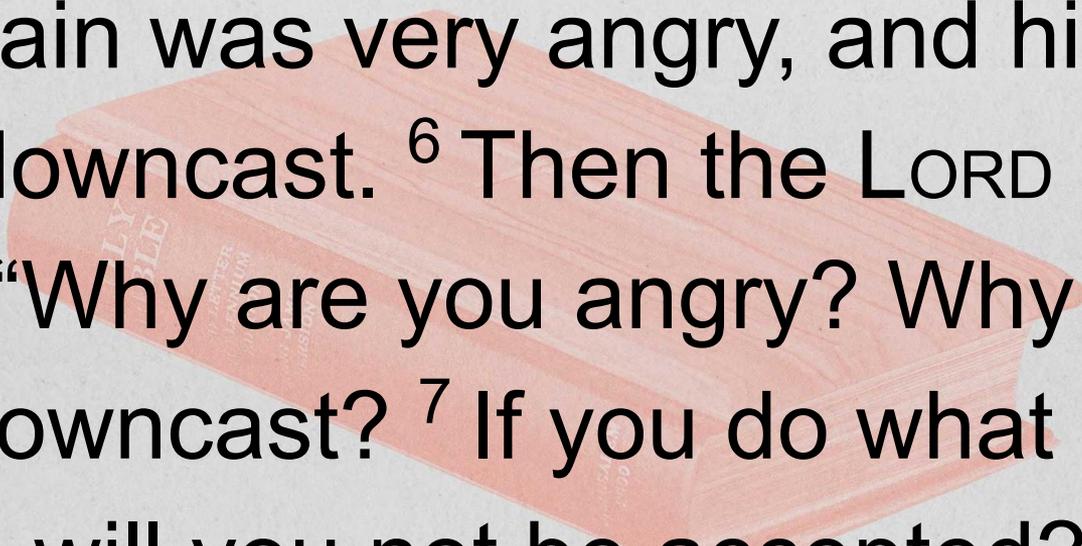
² Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD.

GENESIS 4:2-7



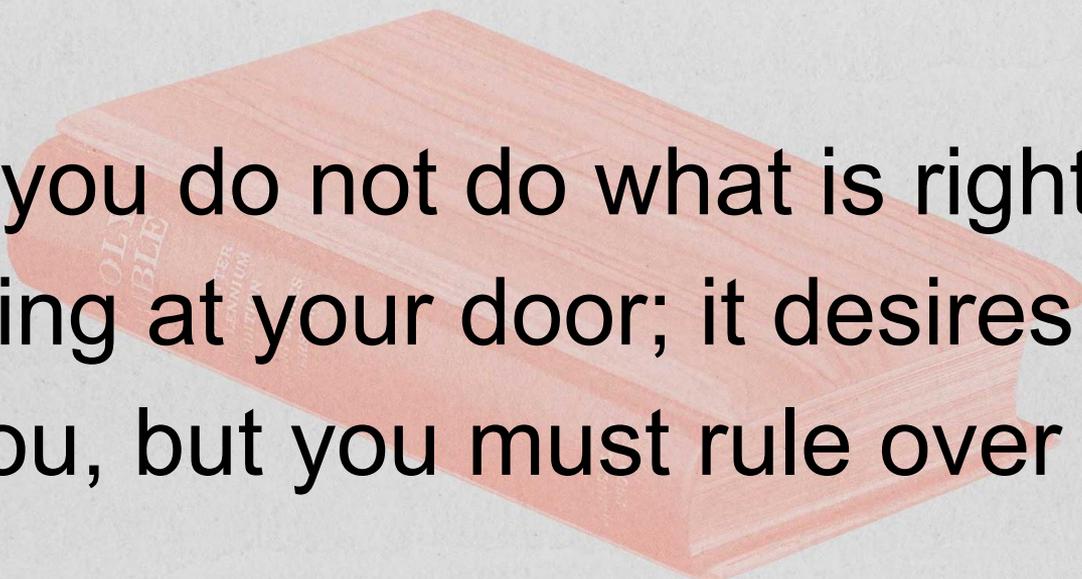
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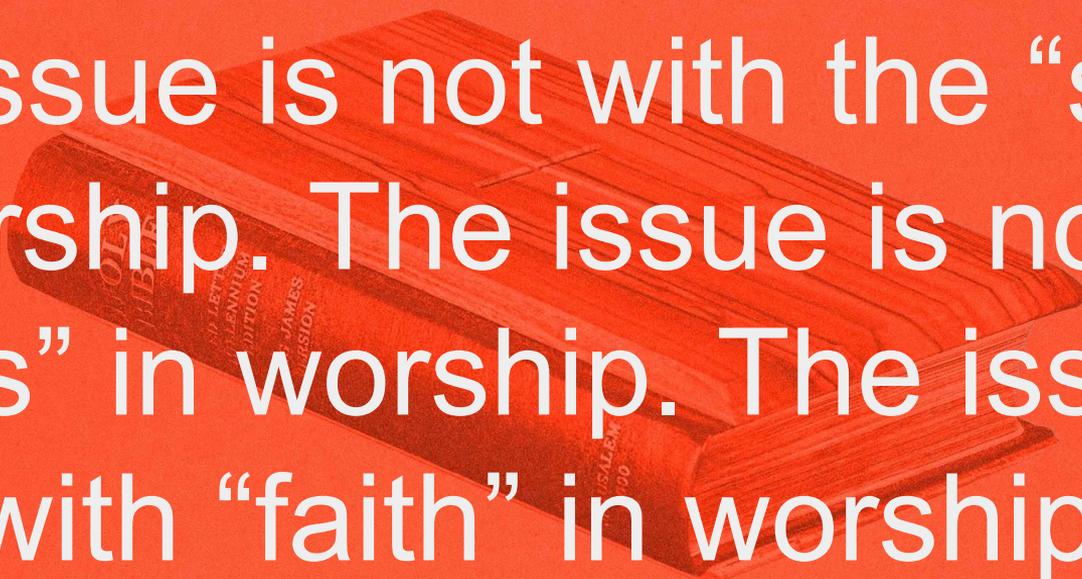
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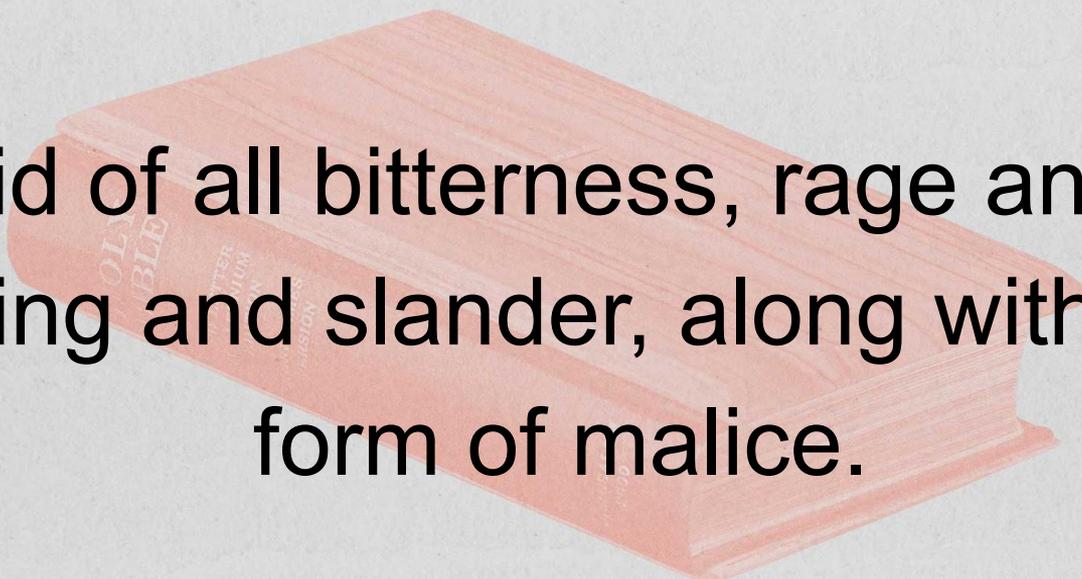


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GENESIS 4:1-16

The issue is not with the “some”
in worship. The issue is not with
“firsts” in worship. The issue is
with “faith” in worship.

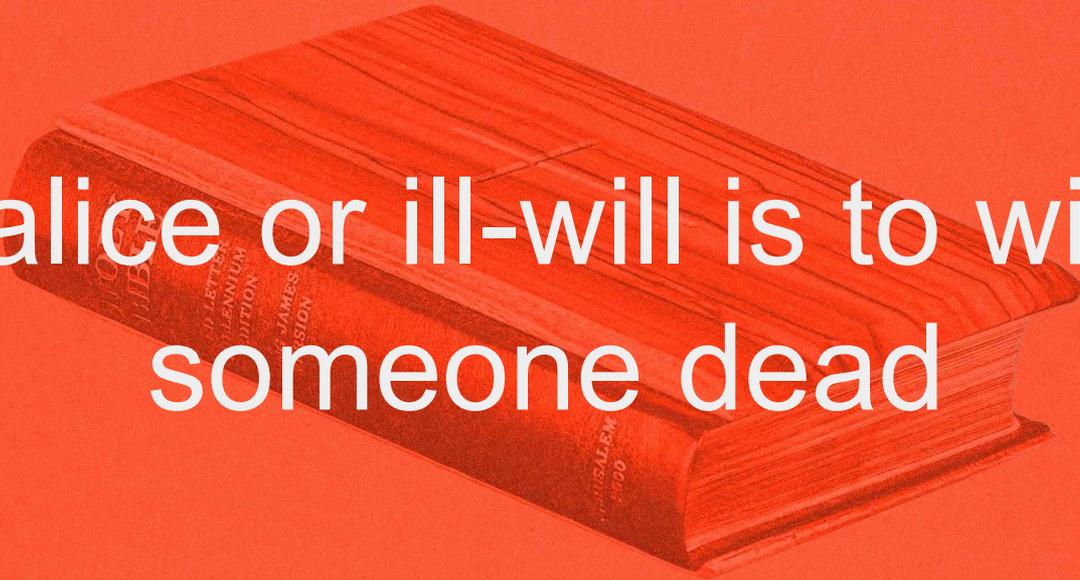
A stack of three old, worn books with leather covers, positioned diagonally behind the text. The top book's spine is visible, showing the text "THE OLD TESTAMENT" and "THE NEW TESTAMENT" in gold lettering. The books are set against a solid red background.



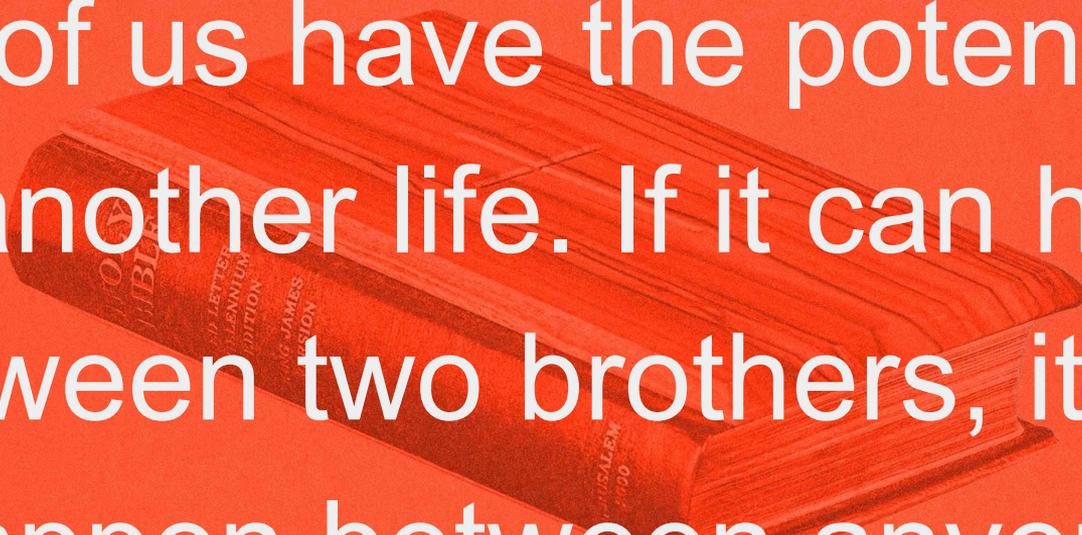
³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger,
brawling and slander, along with every
form of malice.

EPHESIANS 4:31

Malice or ill-will is to wish
someone dead



Any of us have the potential to take another life. If it can happen between two brothers, it can happen between anyone.

A stack of several books is positioned diagonally across the center of the image. The top book is a Bible with a dark cover, featuring gold lettering that reads 'HOLY BIBLE', 'THE NEW TESTAMENT', 'THE OLD TESTAMENT', 'THE KING JAMES VERSION', and '1700'. The books are set against a solid, vibrant red background.

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to [humankind]. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

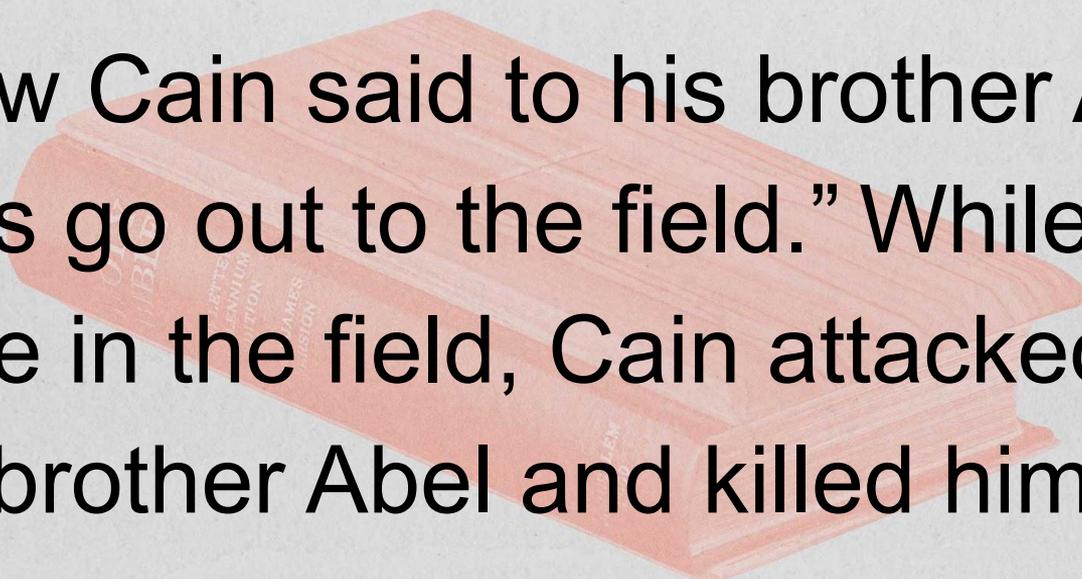
1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

A stack of books, including a Bible, is shown against a solid red background. The books are slightly offset, creating a sense of depth. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Every form of injustice is
systemically rooted in
original sin

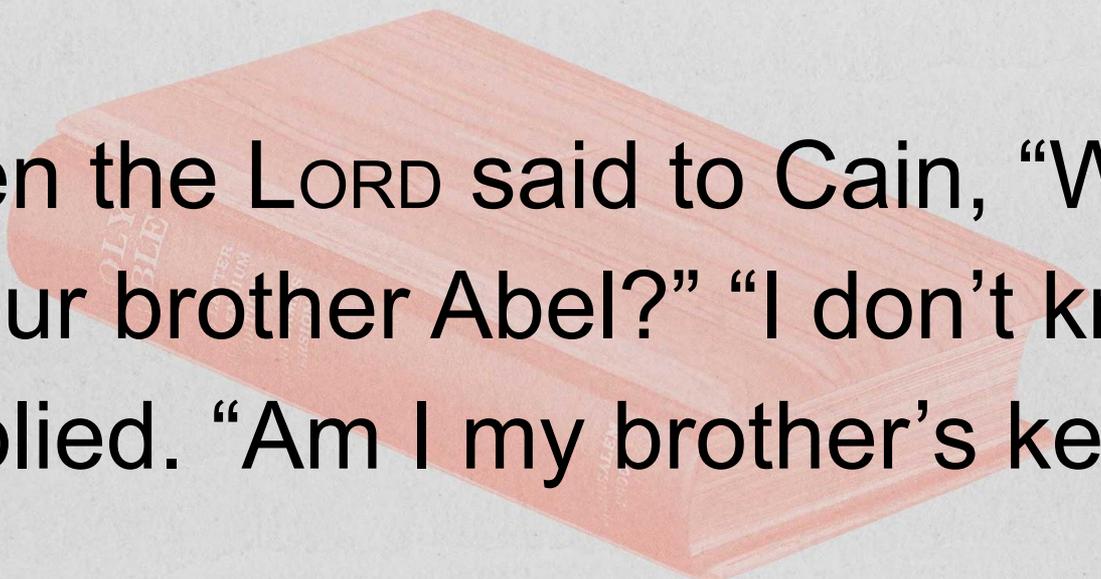
A stack of books is visible in the background, with a prominent red brushstroke behind the text. The books have titles like 'THE OXFORD COMPANION TO THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND' and 'THE OXFORD COMPANION TO THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES'.

2) HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY



⁸ Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

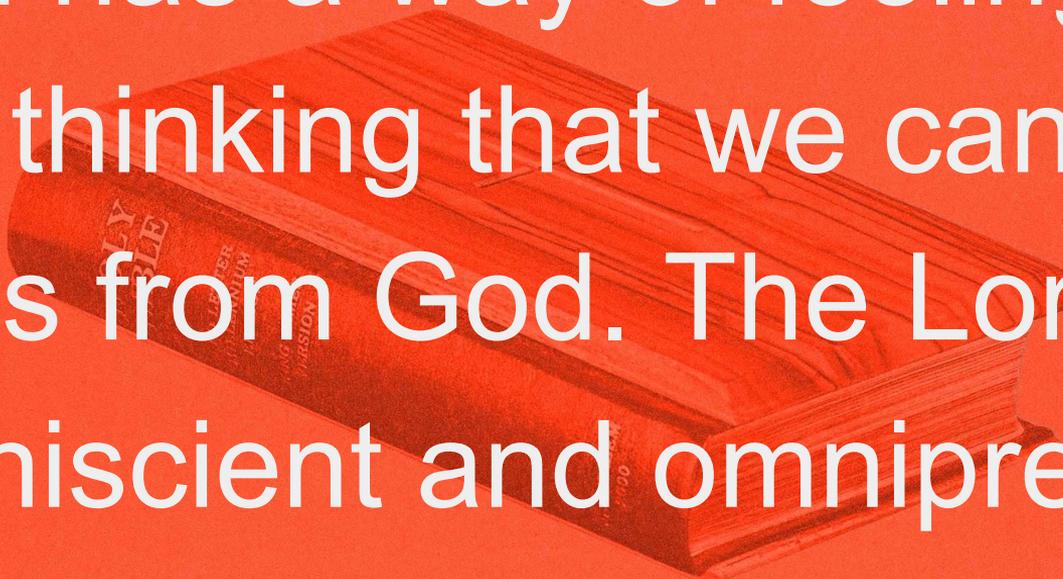
GENESIS 4:8-9



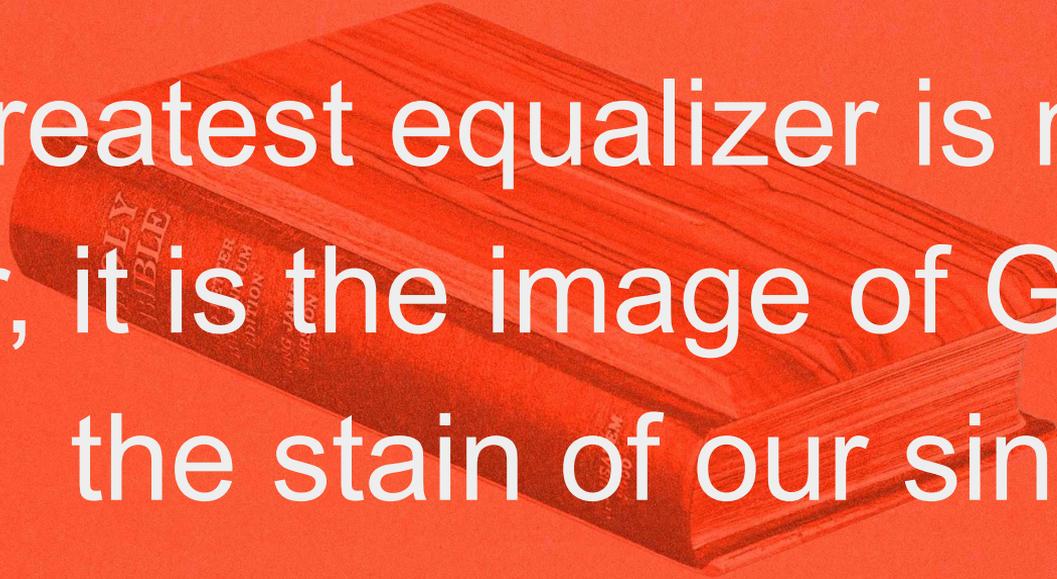
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GENESIS 4:8-9

Sin has a way of fooling us into thinking that we can hide things from God. The Lord, the omniscient and omnipresent God, was and is always watching

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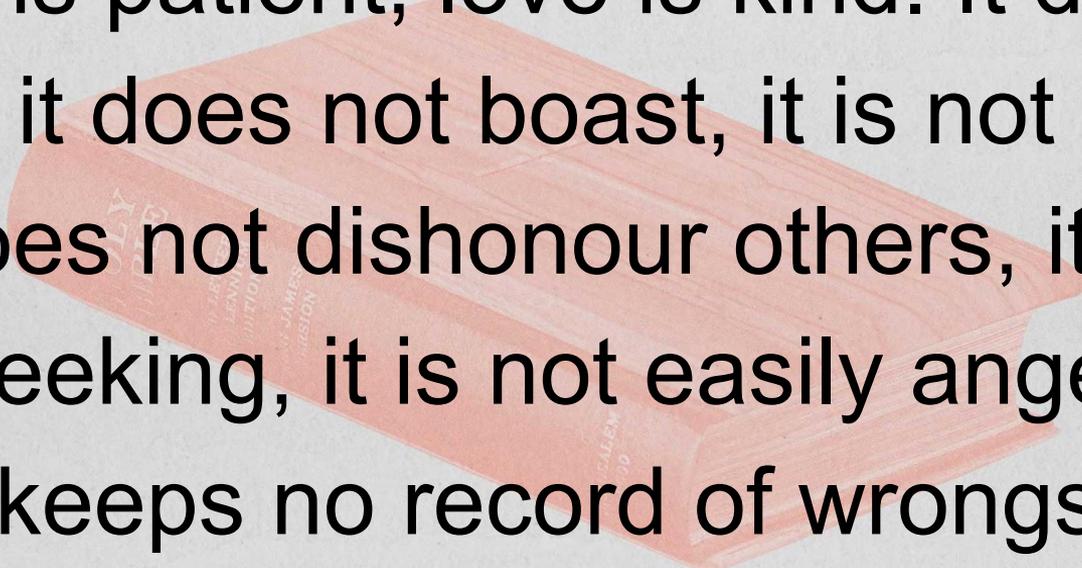
The greatest equalizer is not skin colour, it is the image of God and the stain of our sin





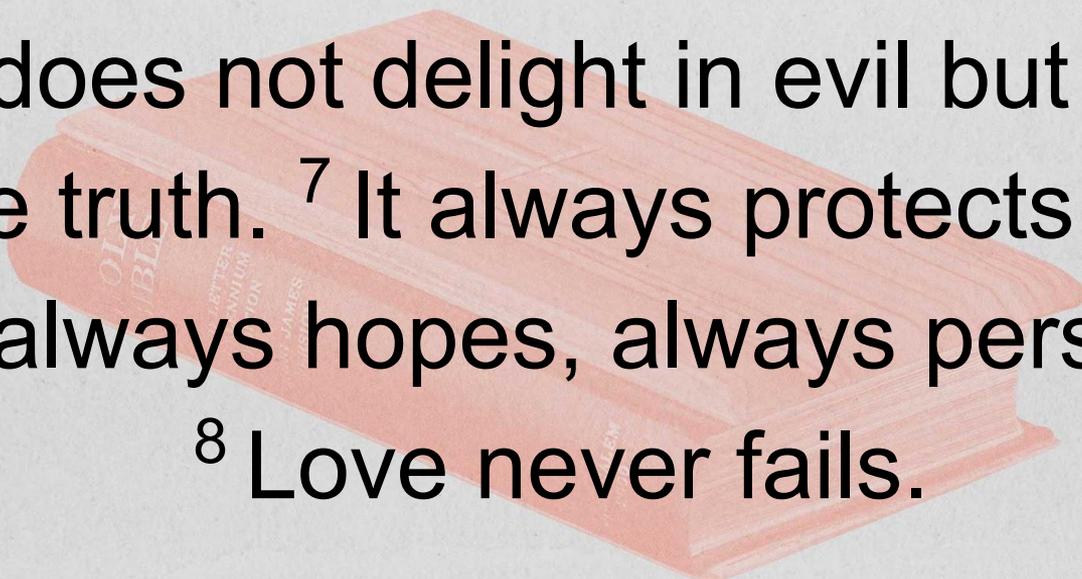
⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from
the time my mother conceived me.

PSALM 51:5



⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8



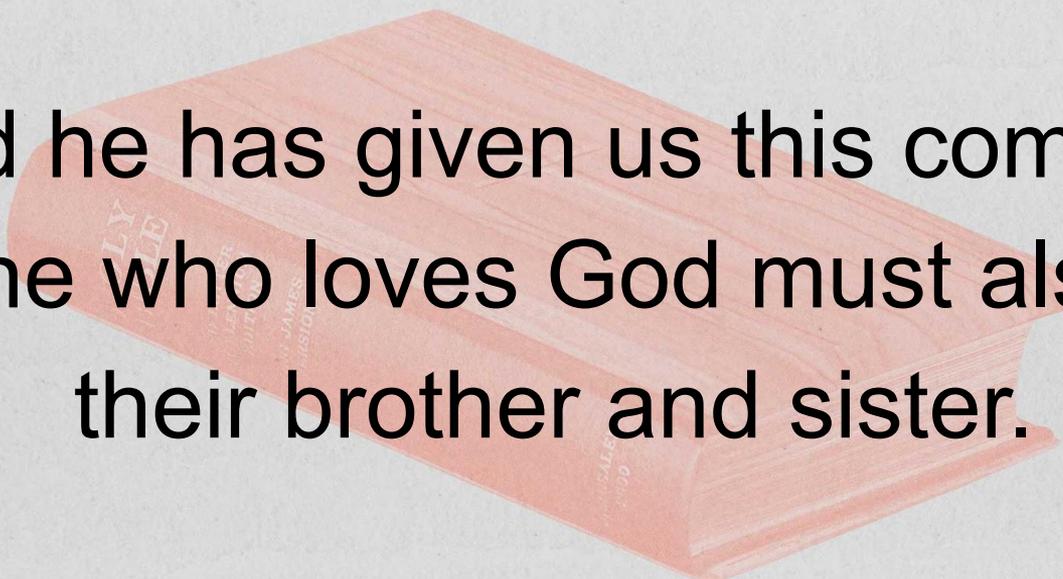
⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

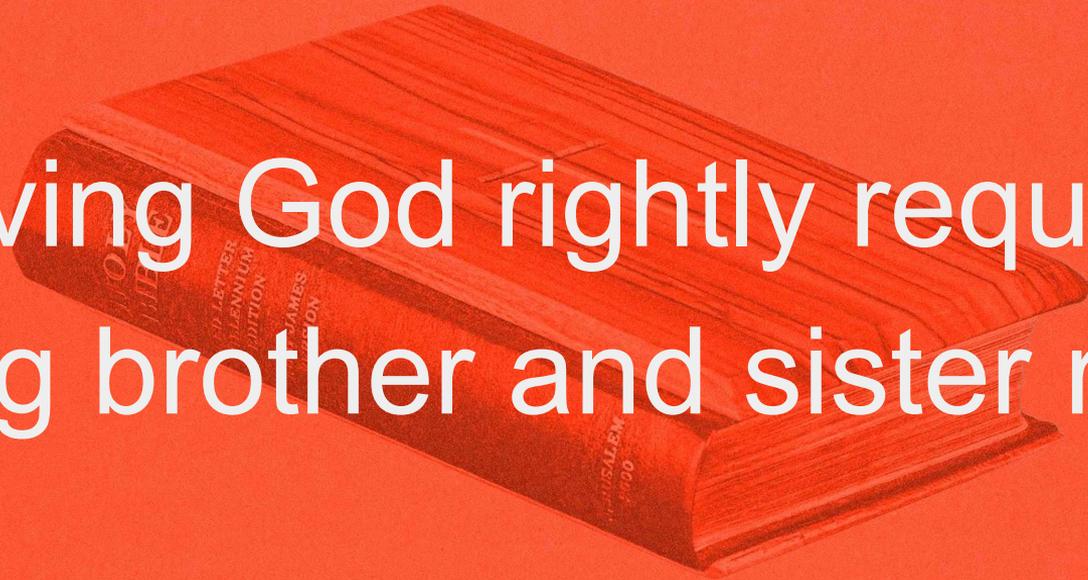
1 JOHN 4:19-21



²¹ And he has given us this command:
Anyone who loves God must also love
their brother and sister.

1 JOHN 4:19-21

Loving God rightly requires
loving brother and sister rightly

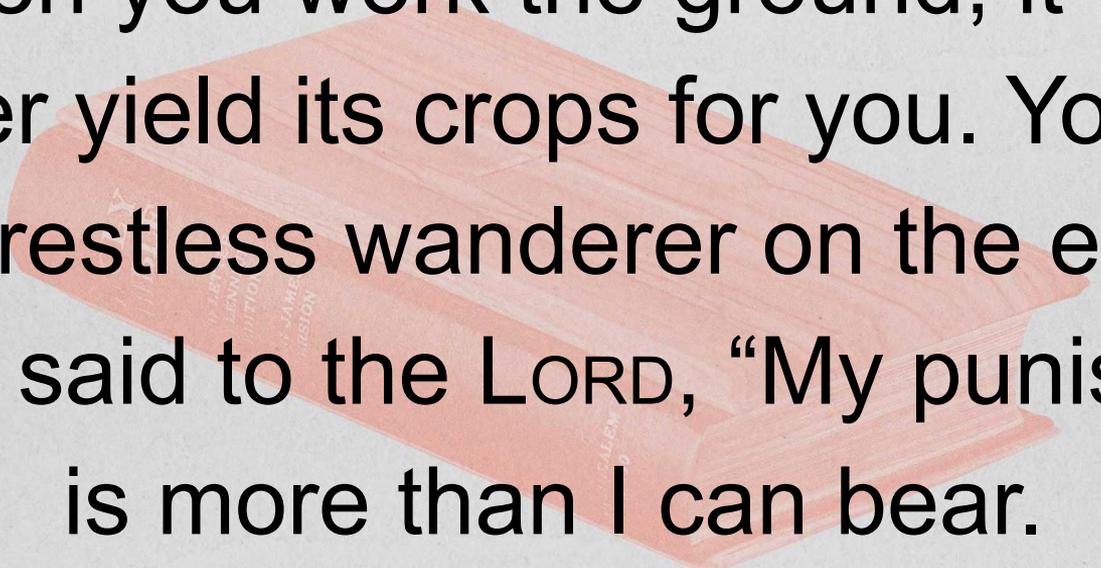


3) DIVINE CURSE

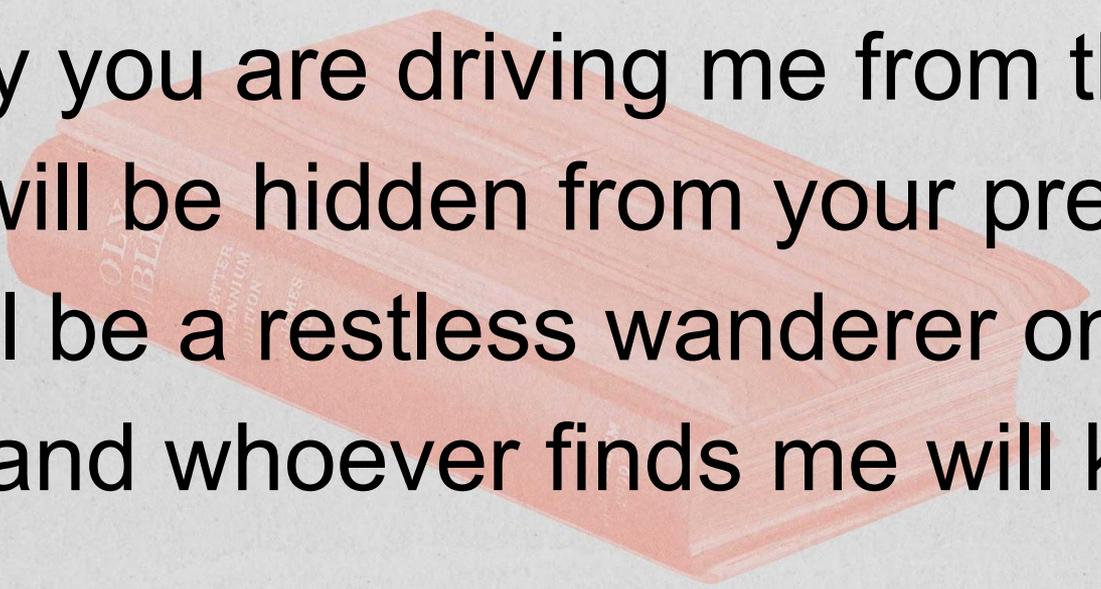


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GENESIS 4:10-15

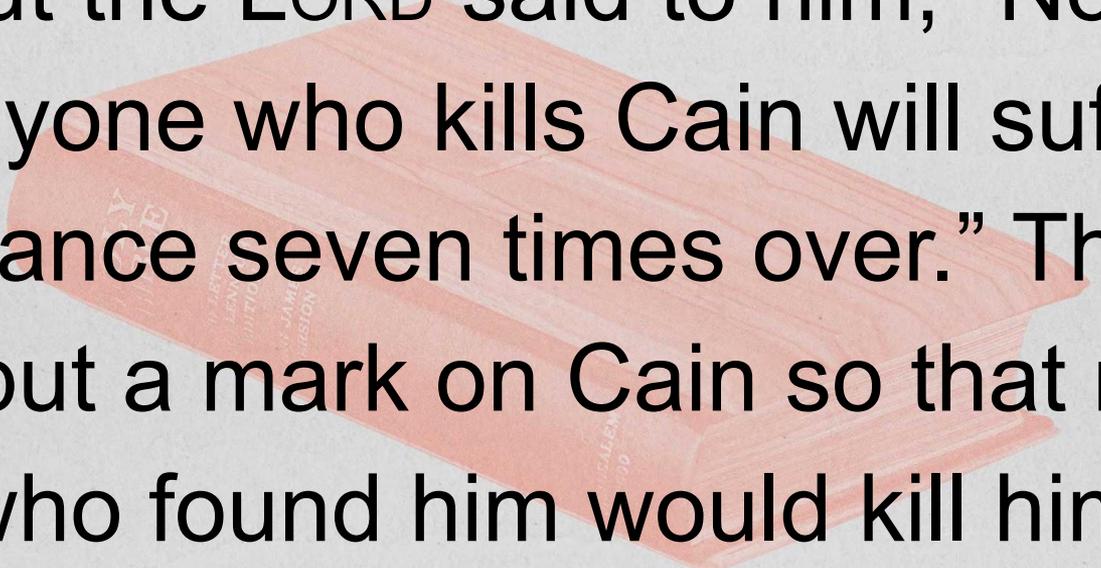
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The blood of injustice has a
sound because the life of every
creature is in its blood

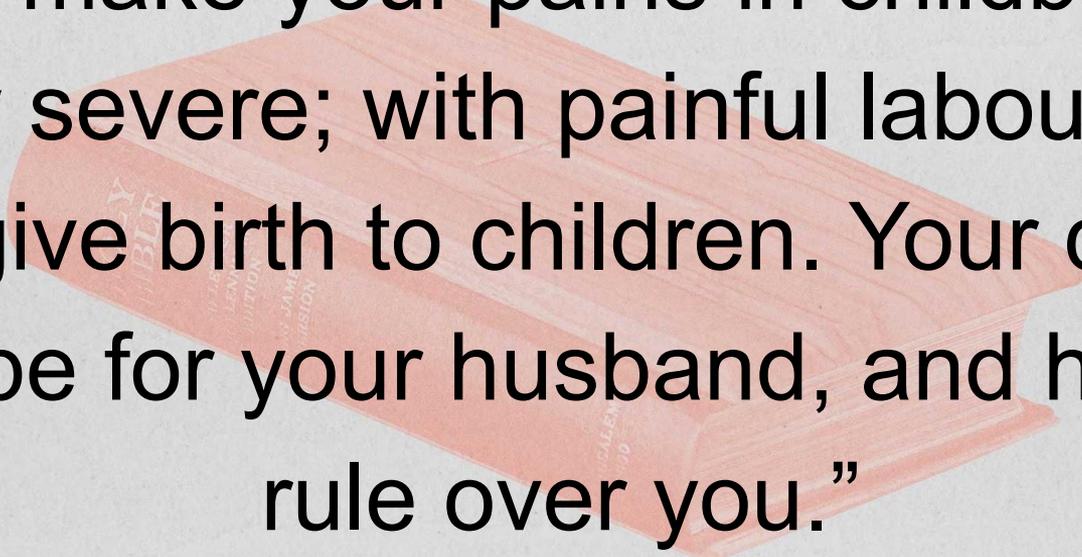


It was the shedding of blood that
made Abel's sacrifice the
preferred sacrifice



Anyone who embraces injustice
voluntarily places themselves
under a divine curse



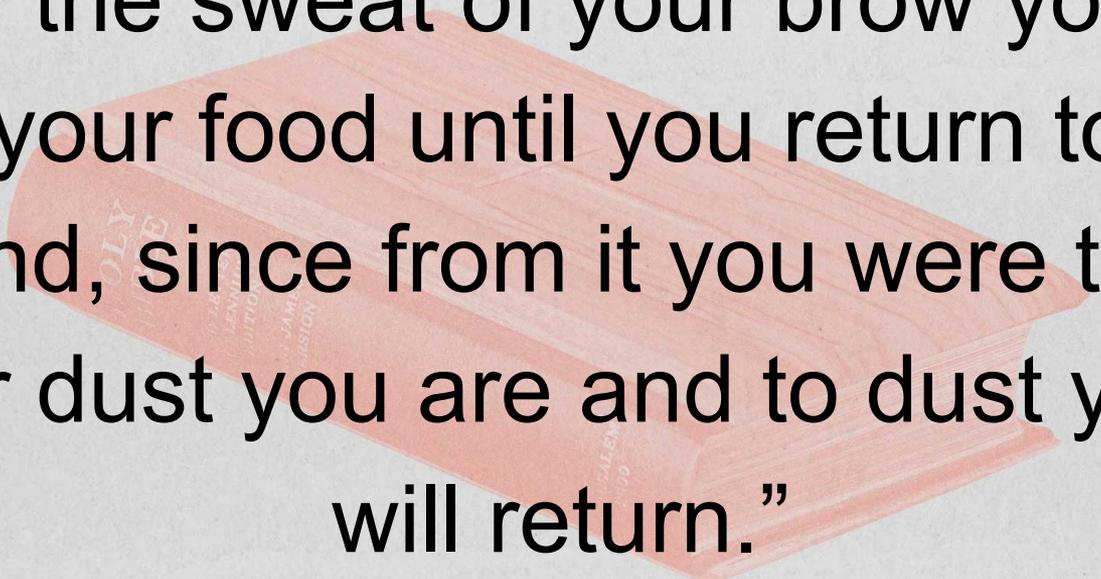


“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labour you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

GENESIS 3:16

“Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat food from
it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ It will produce
thorns and thistles for you, and you will
eat the plants of the field.

GENESIS 3:17-19

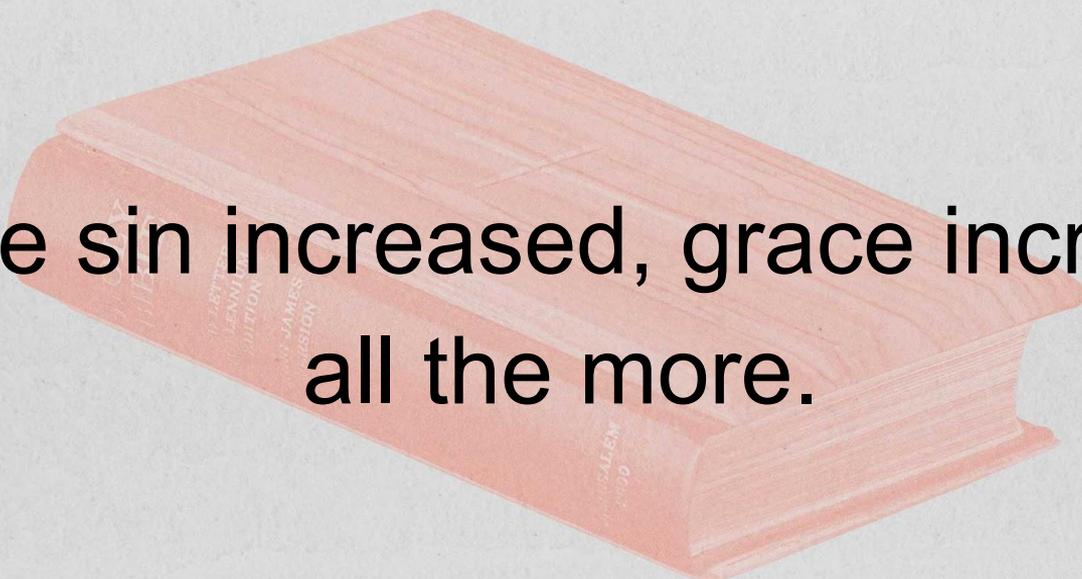


¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

GENESIS 3:17-19

Two wrongs do not make a right



A red Bible is shown at an angle, with its cover and spine visible. The cover has a faint, embossed design. The spine has text that includes "THE LETTERS TO THE ROMANS" and "THE NEW AMERICAN BIBLE".

Where sin increased, grace increased
all the more.

ROMANS 5:20

In matters of injustice, Christians
cannot be part of the problem,
we must be part of the solution



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