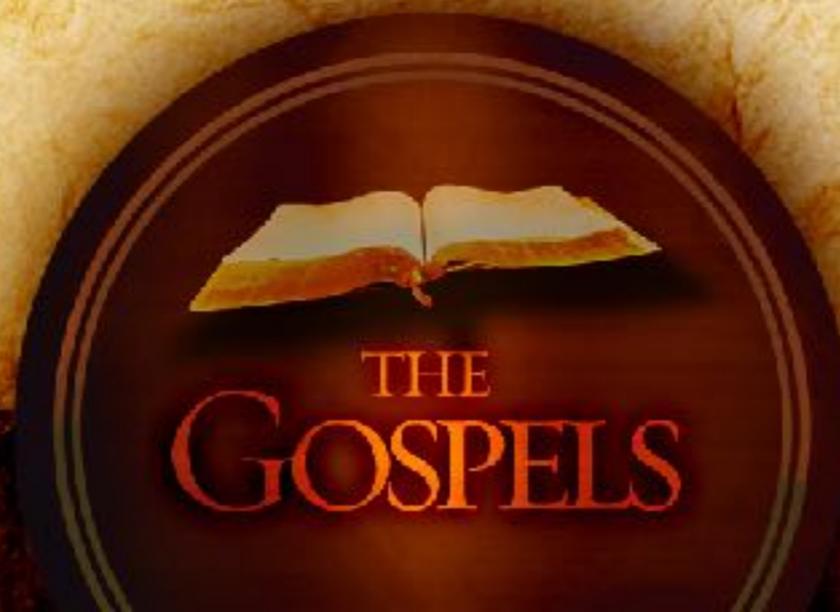




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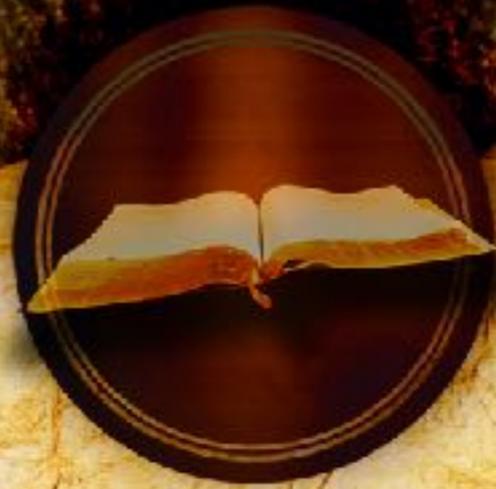
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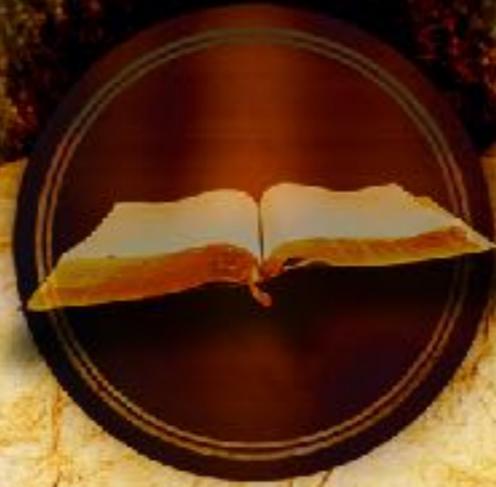
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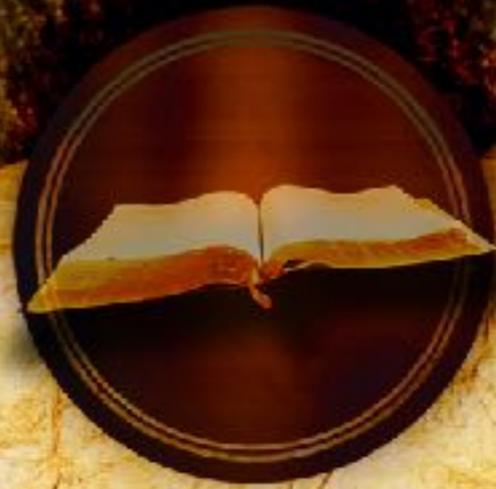
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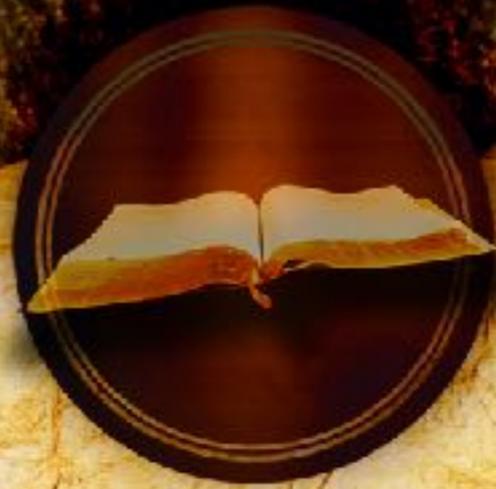
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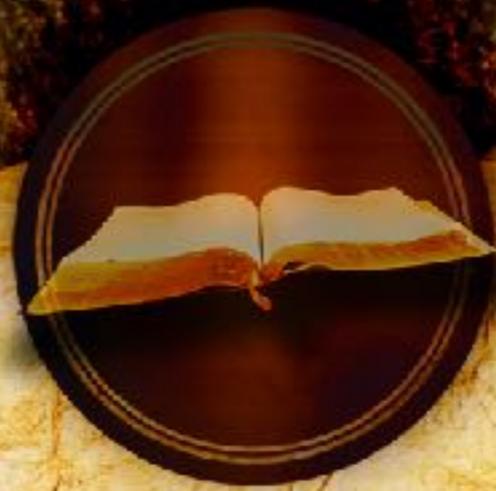
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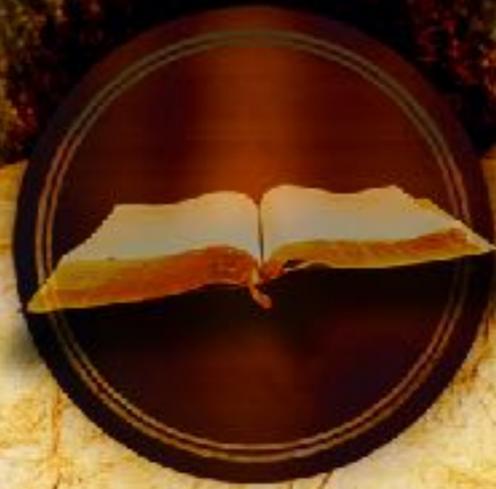
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Matthew 22:19



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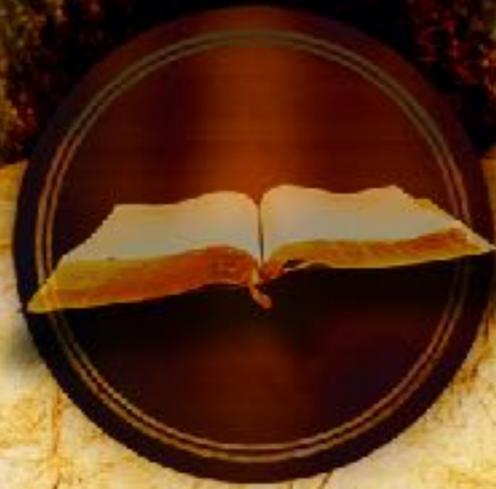


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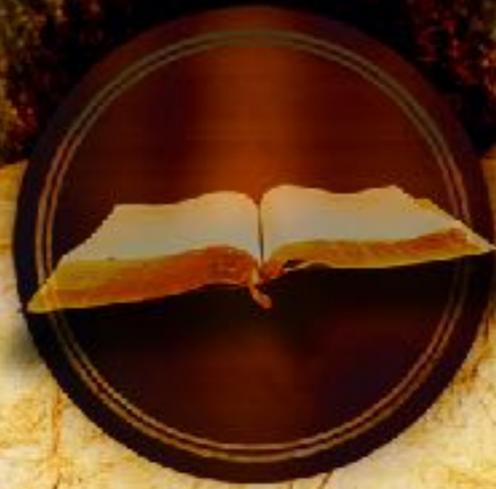
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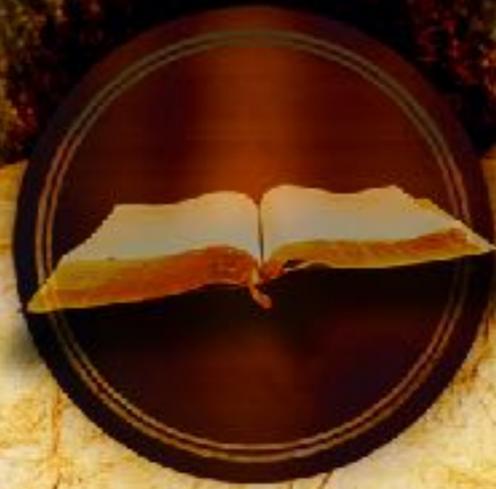
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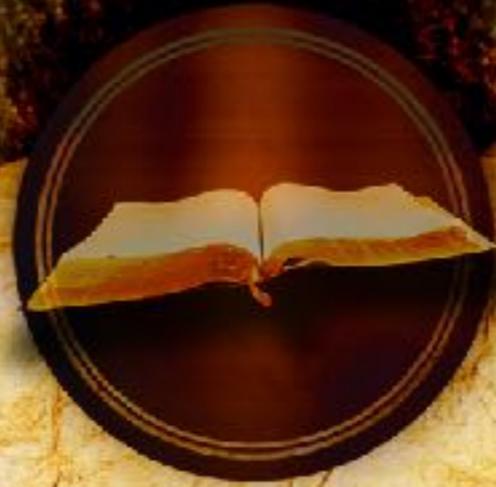
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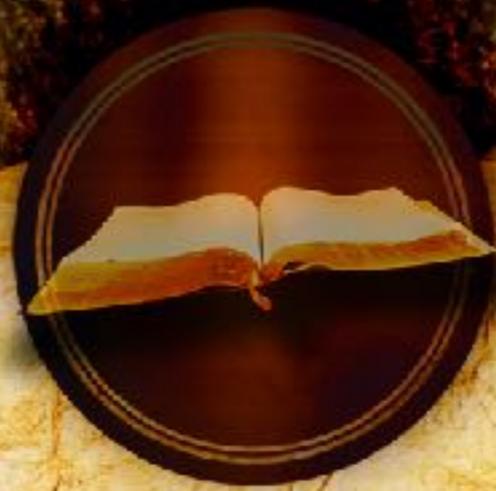
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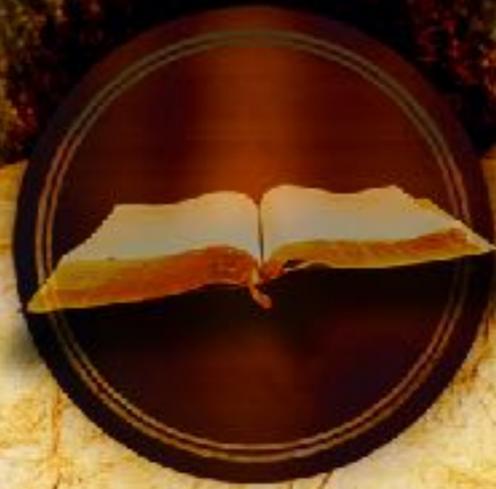
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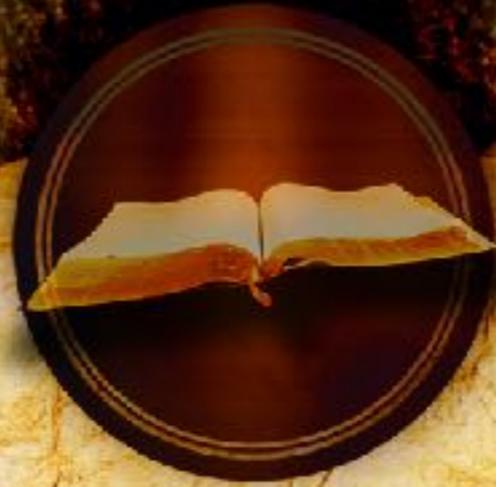
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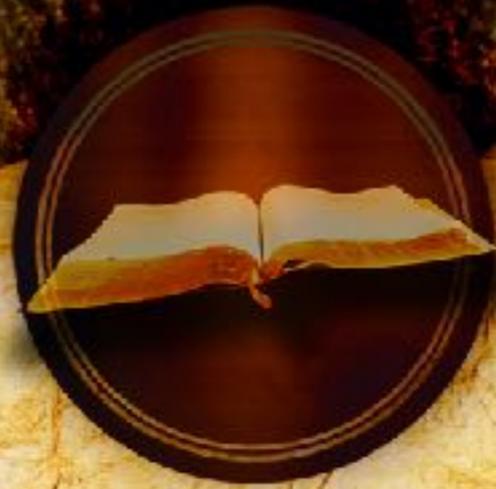
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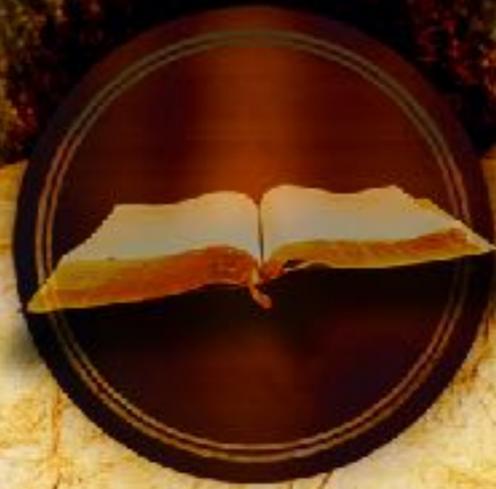


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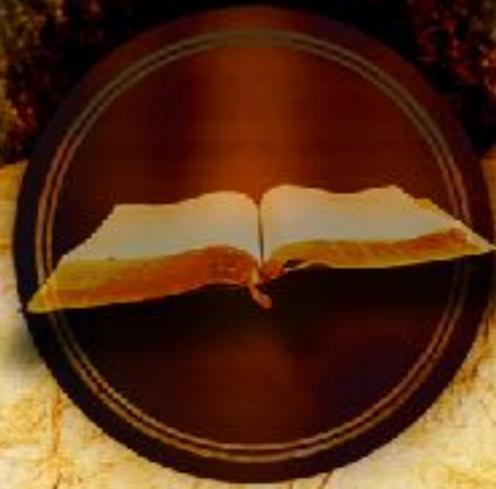
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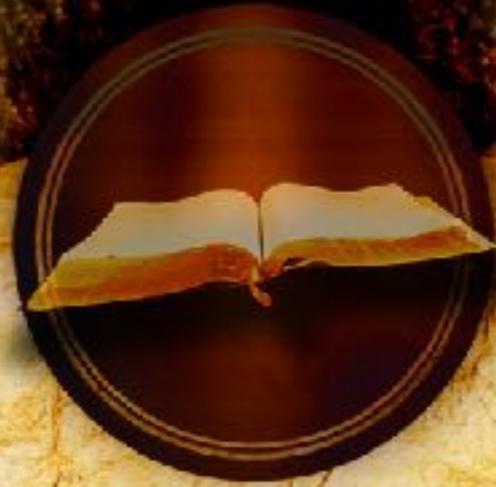
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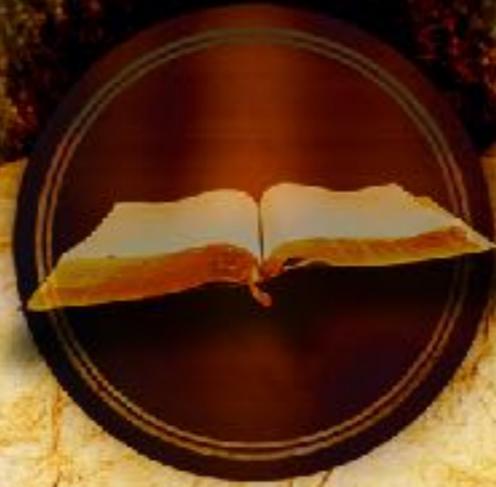
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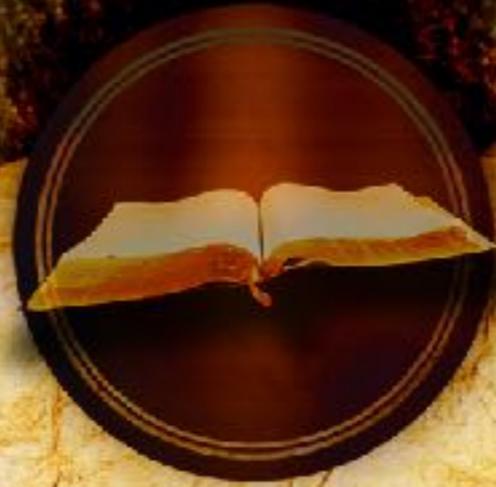
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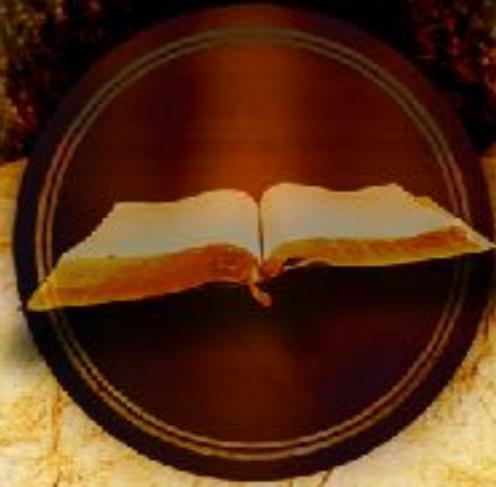
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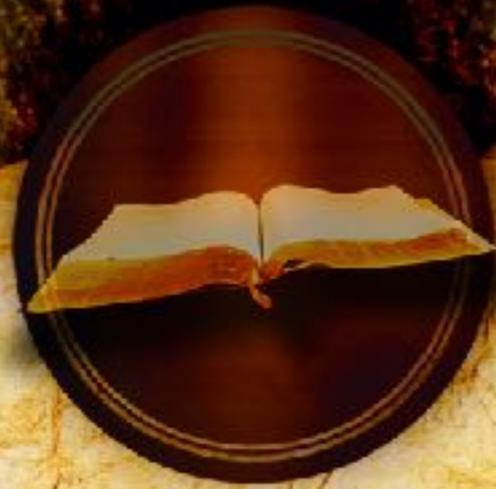
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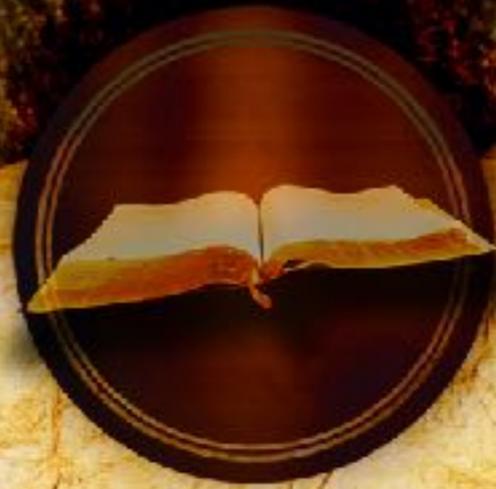
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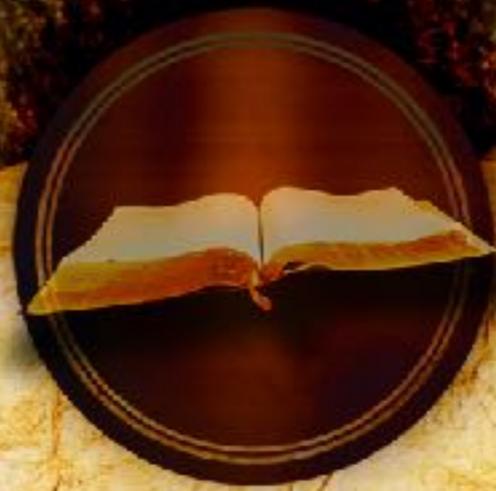
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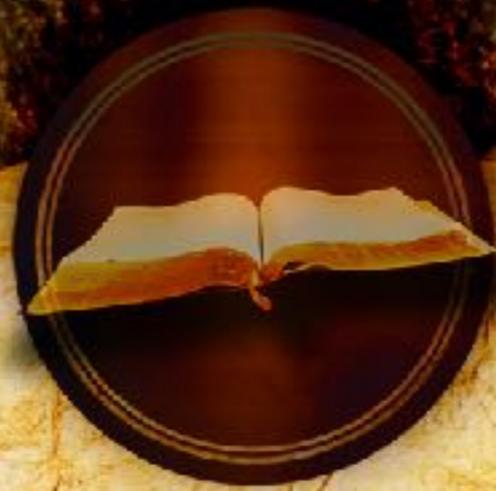
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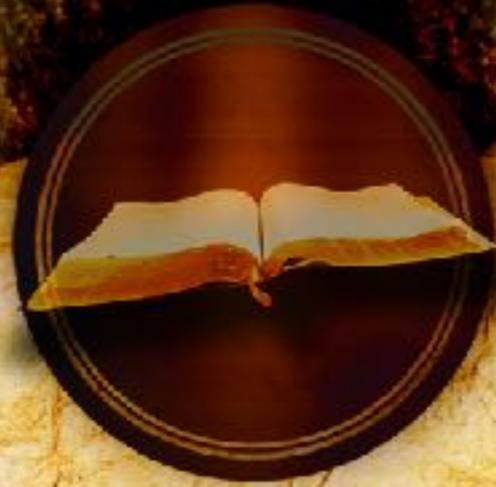
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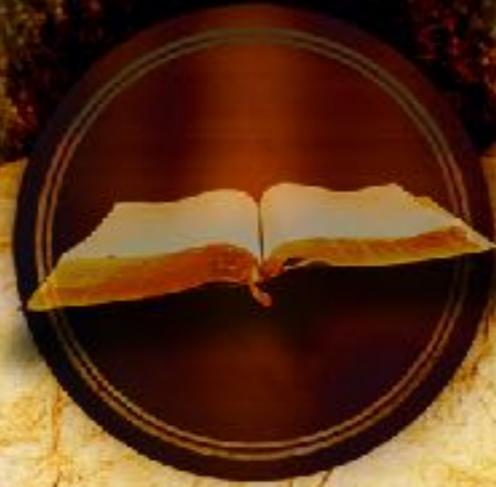
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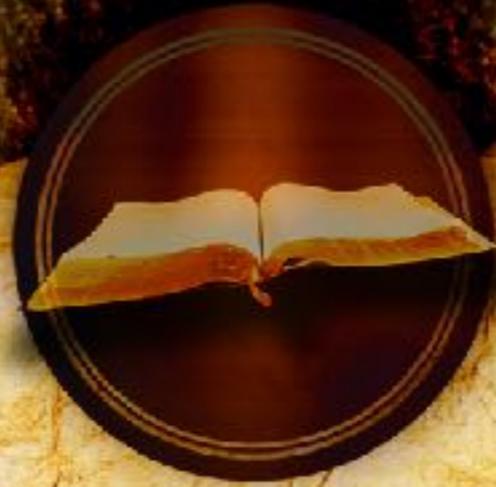
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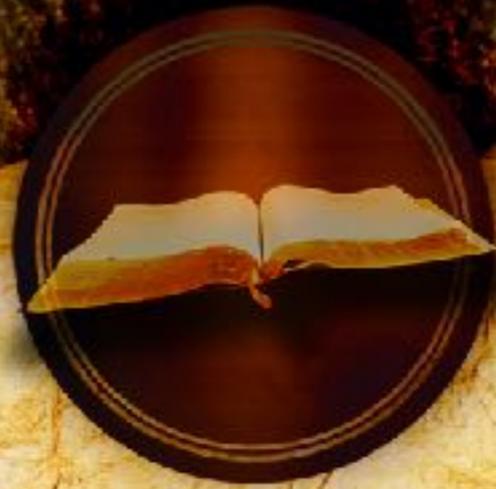
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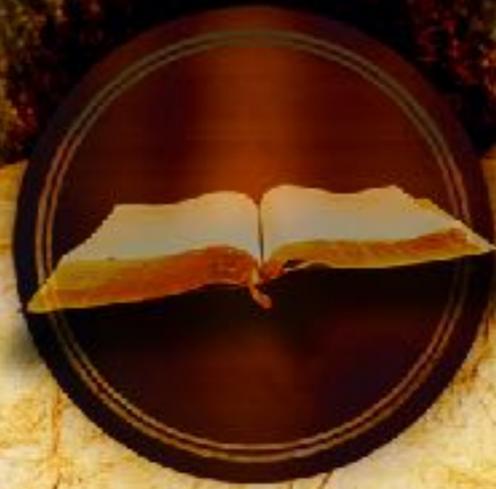
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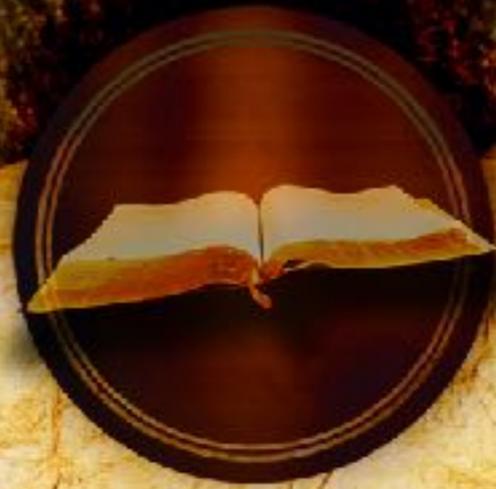
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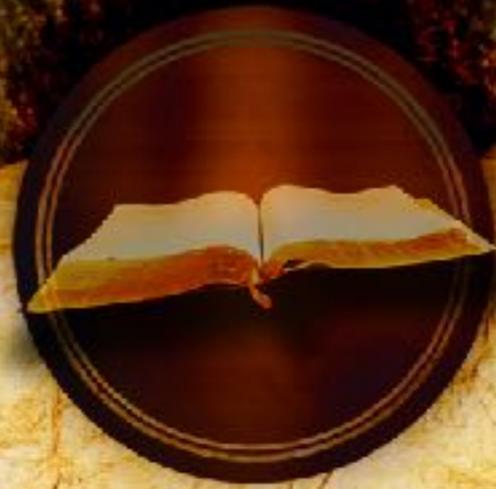
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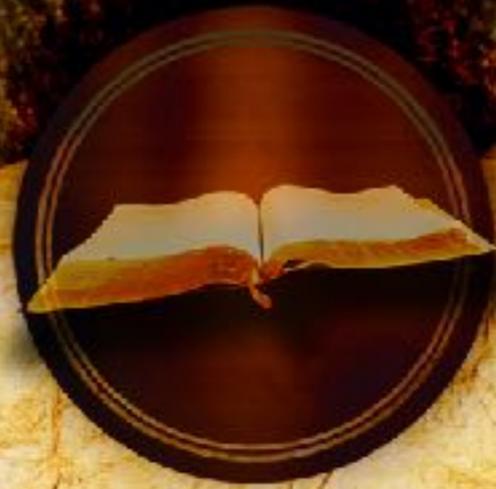
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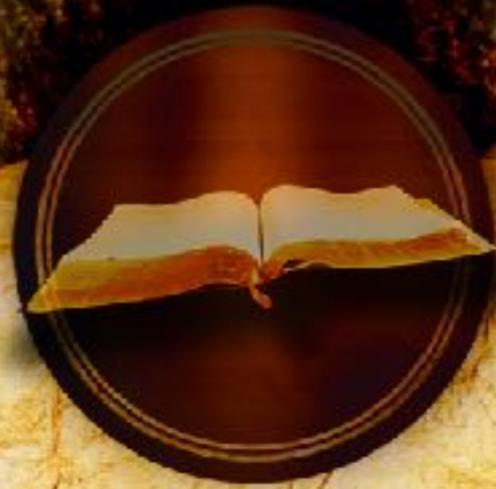
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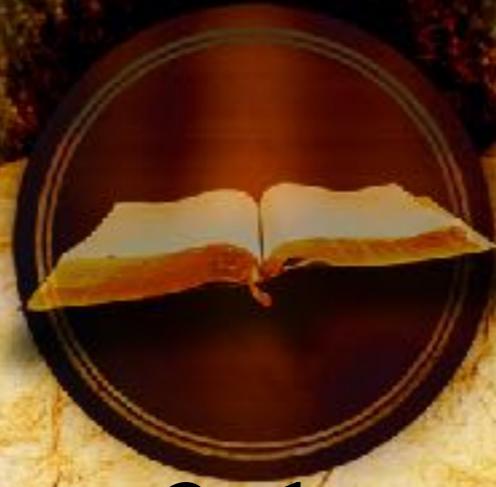
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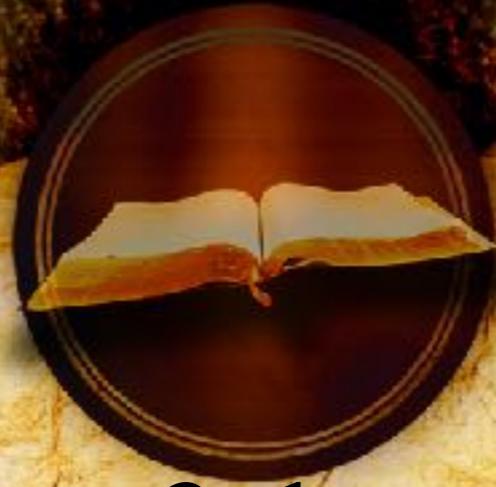
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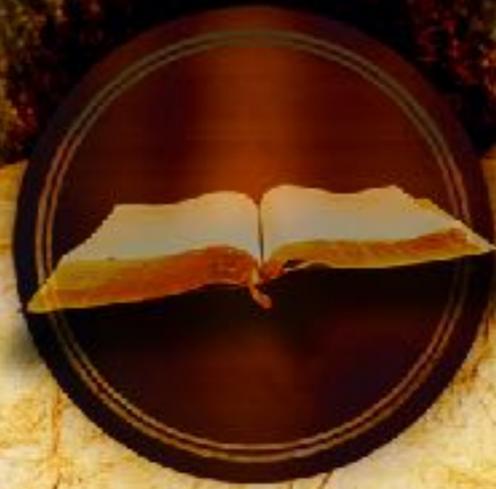




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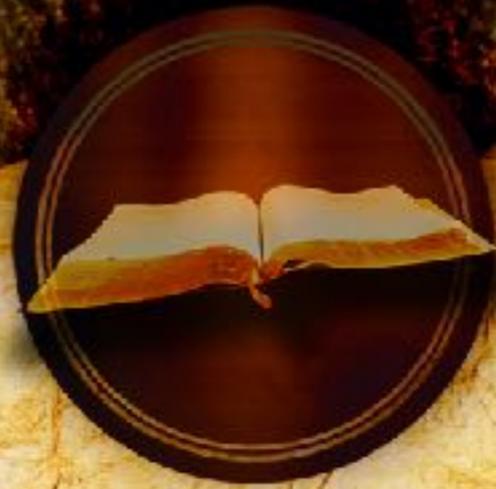
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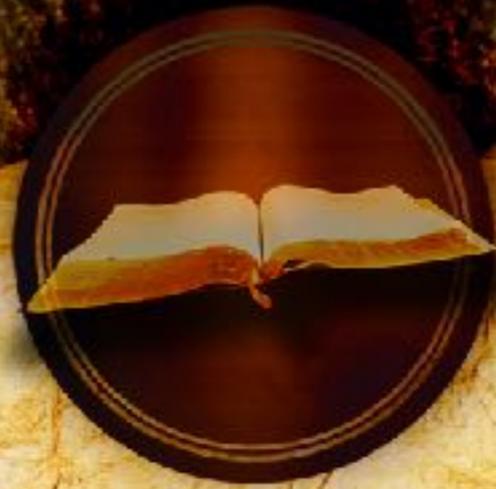
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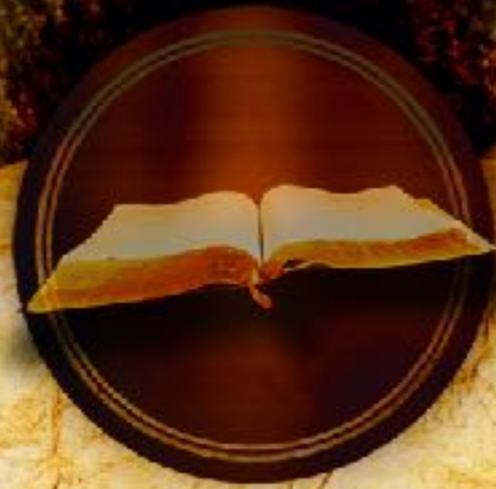
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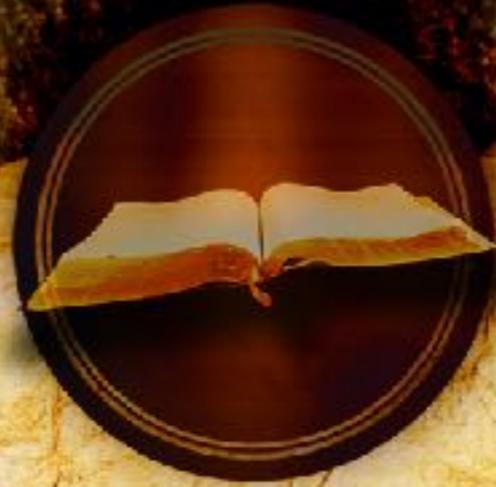
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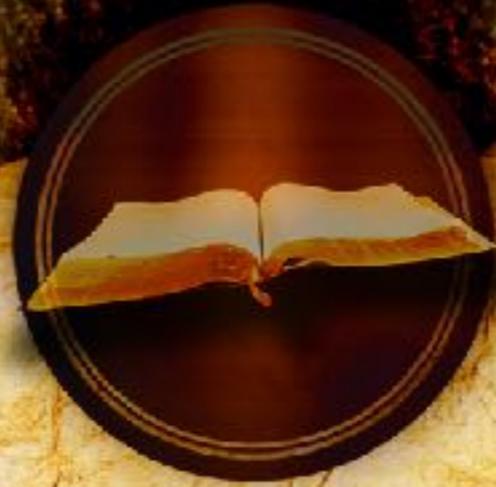
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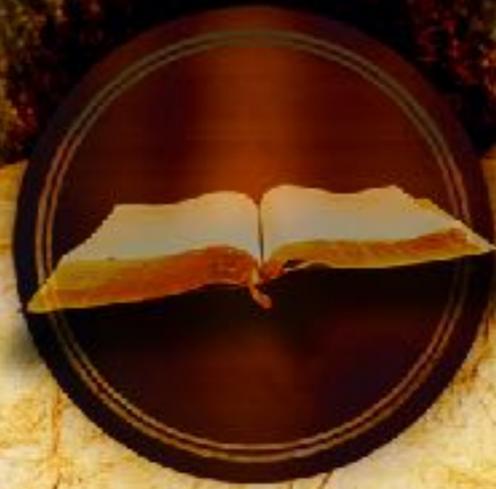
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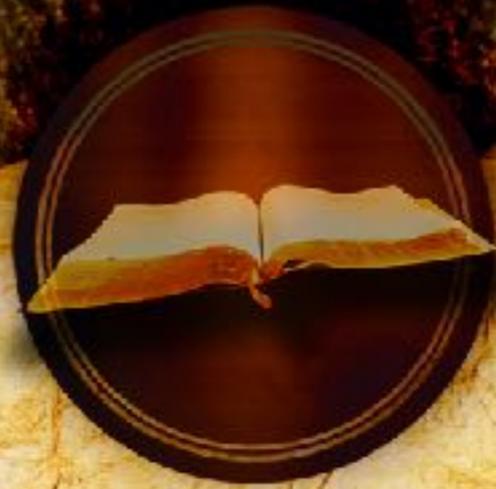
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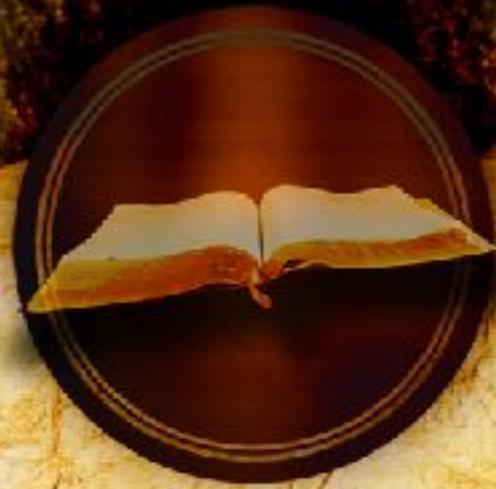
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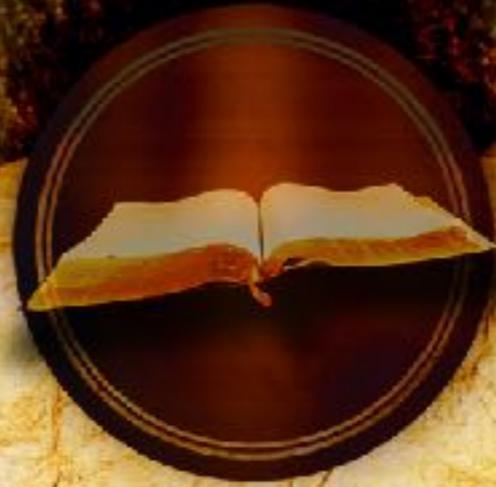
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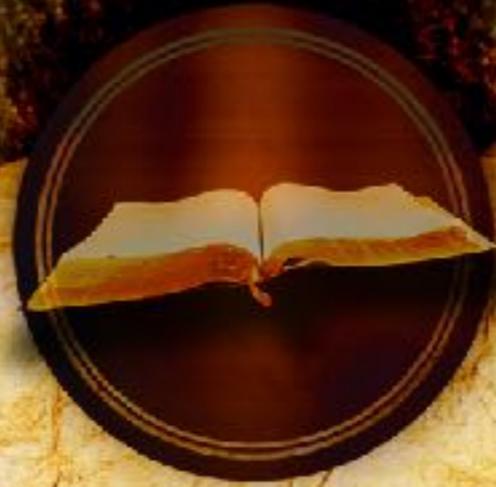
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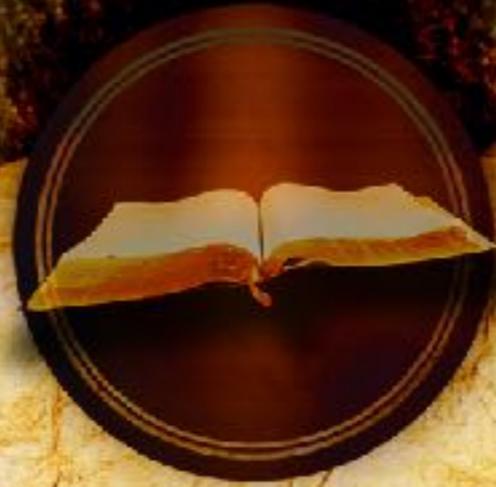
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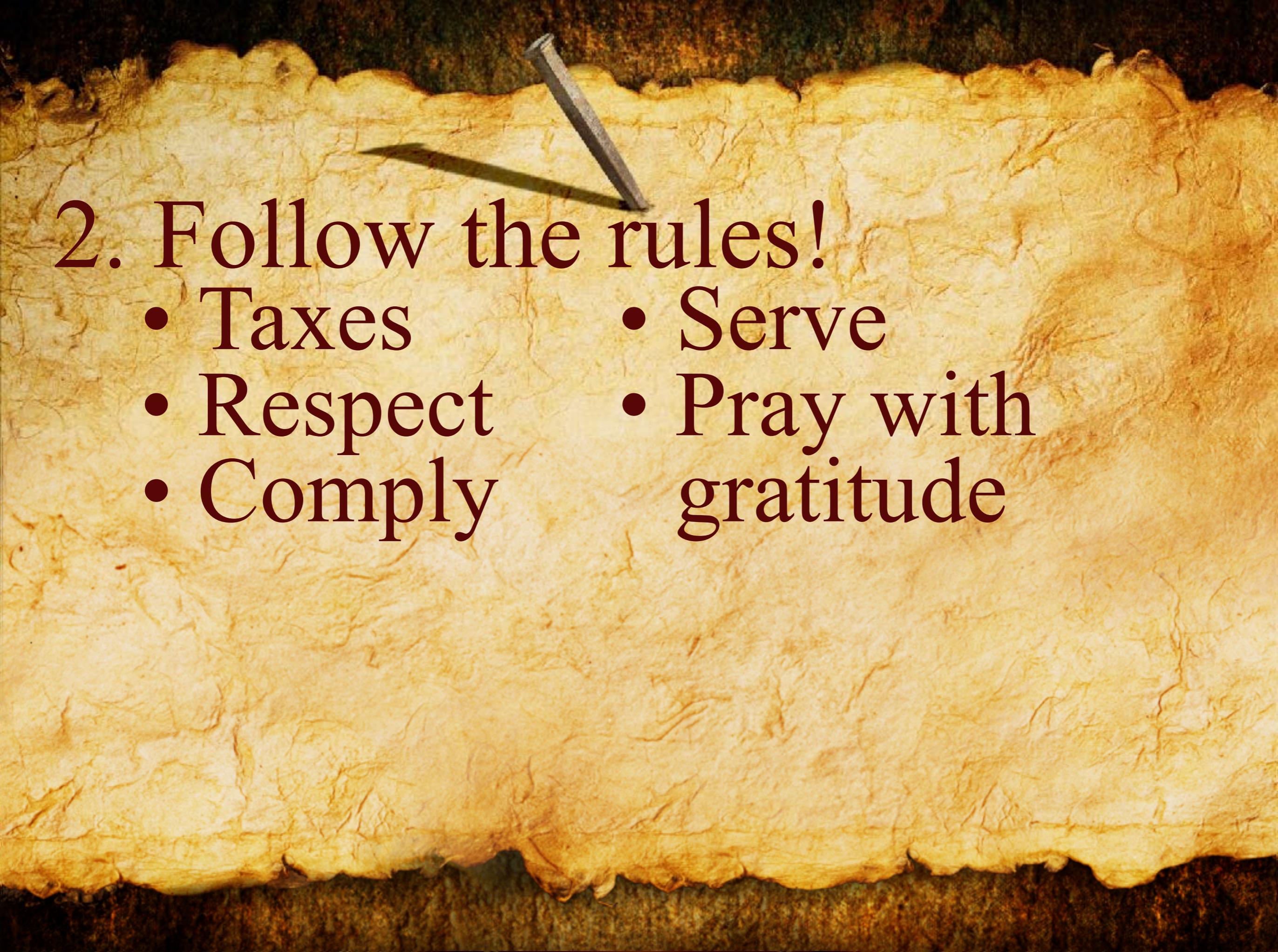
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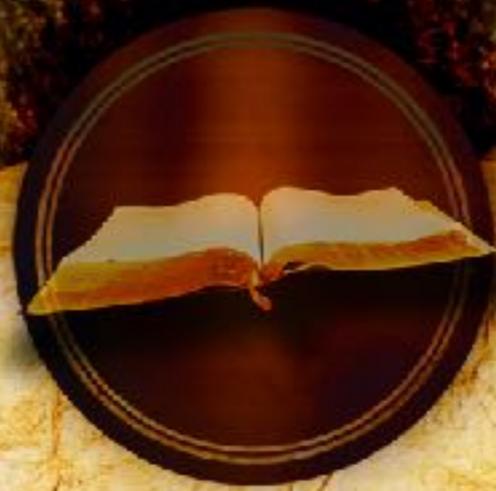
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Application: Are we responding appropriately toward our governing authorities?



Render to Caesar the things that are
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Matthew 22:21b

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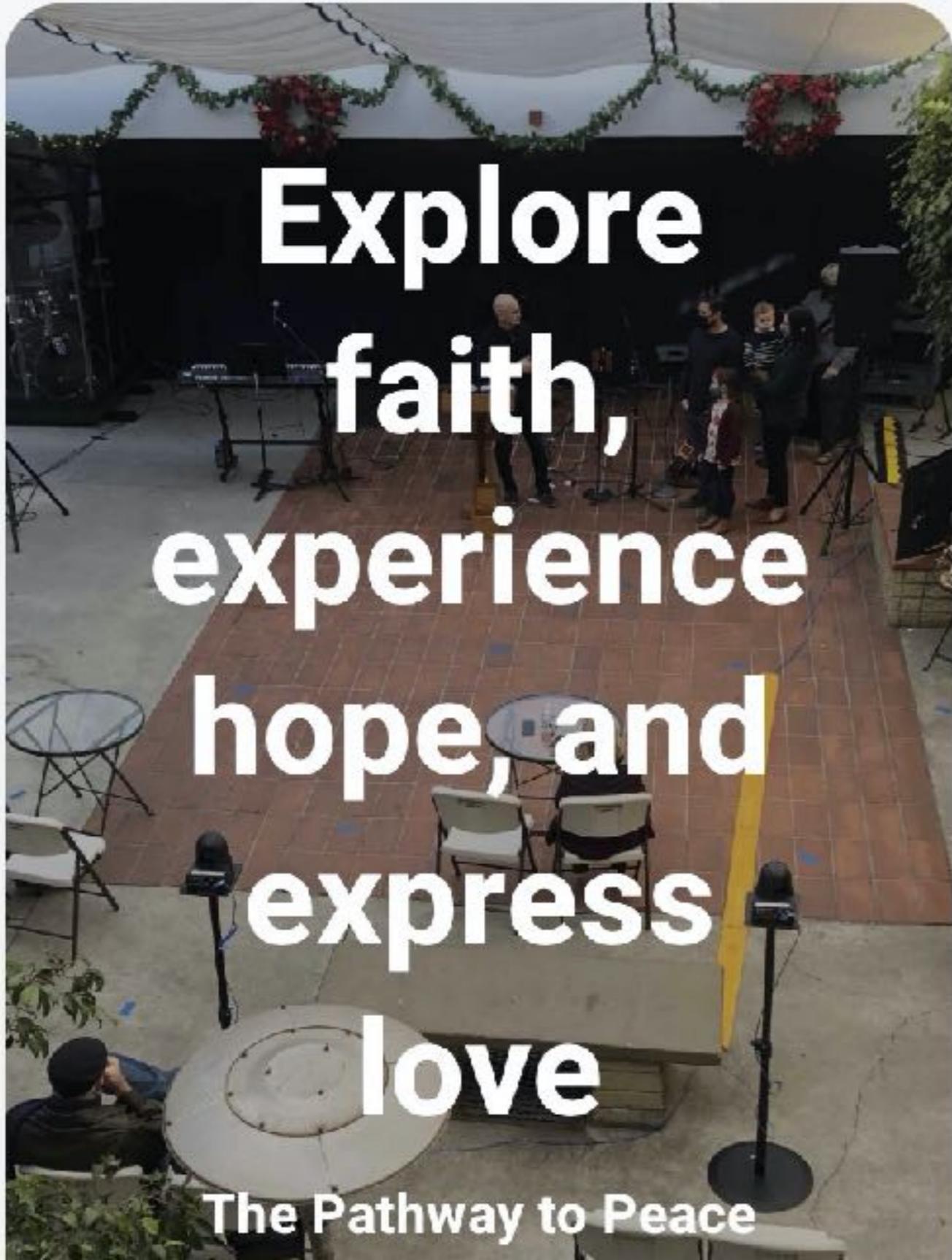
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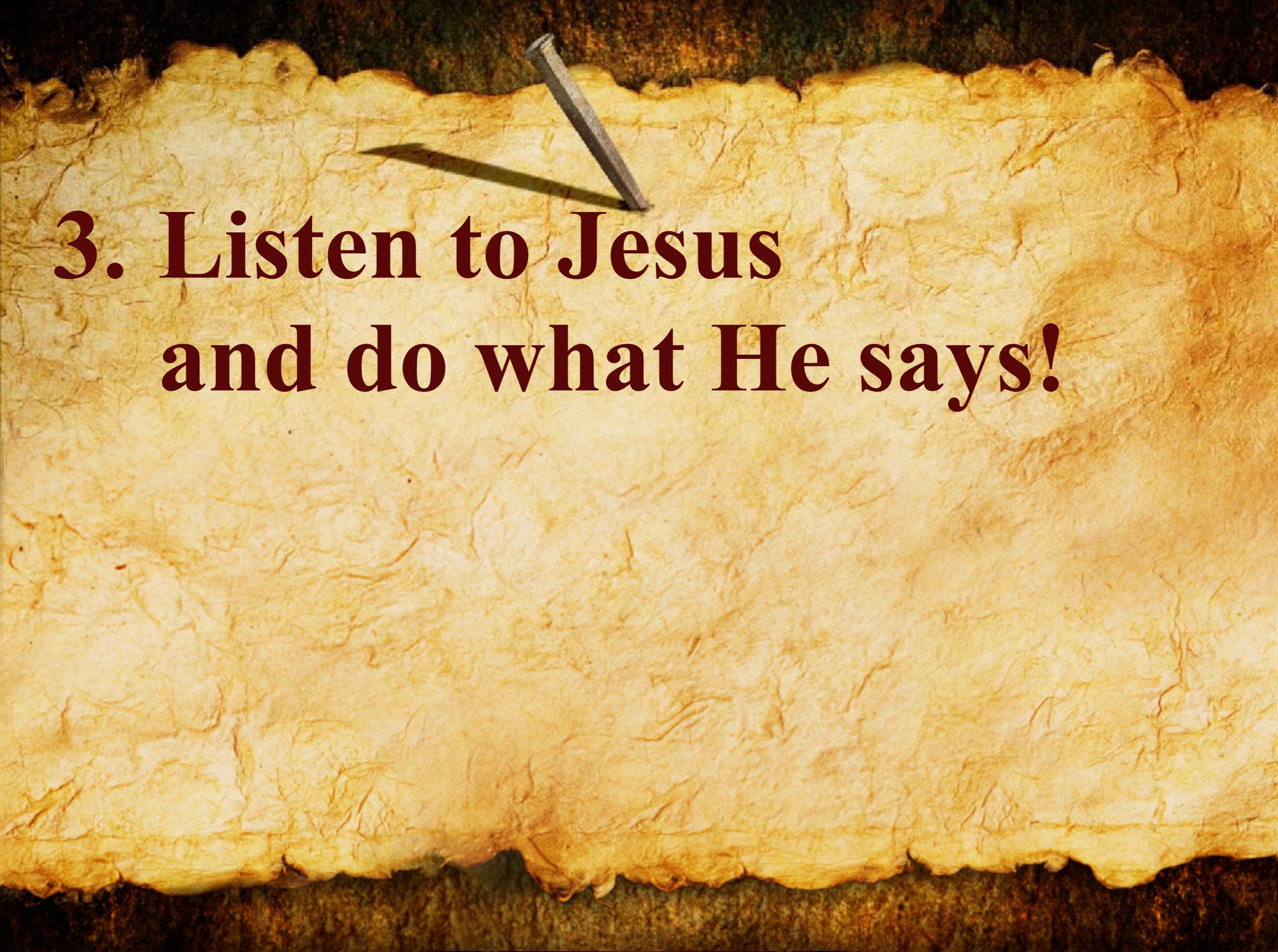
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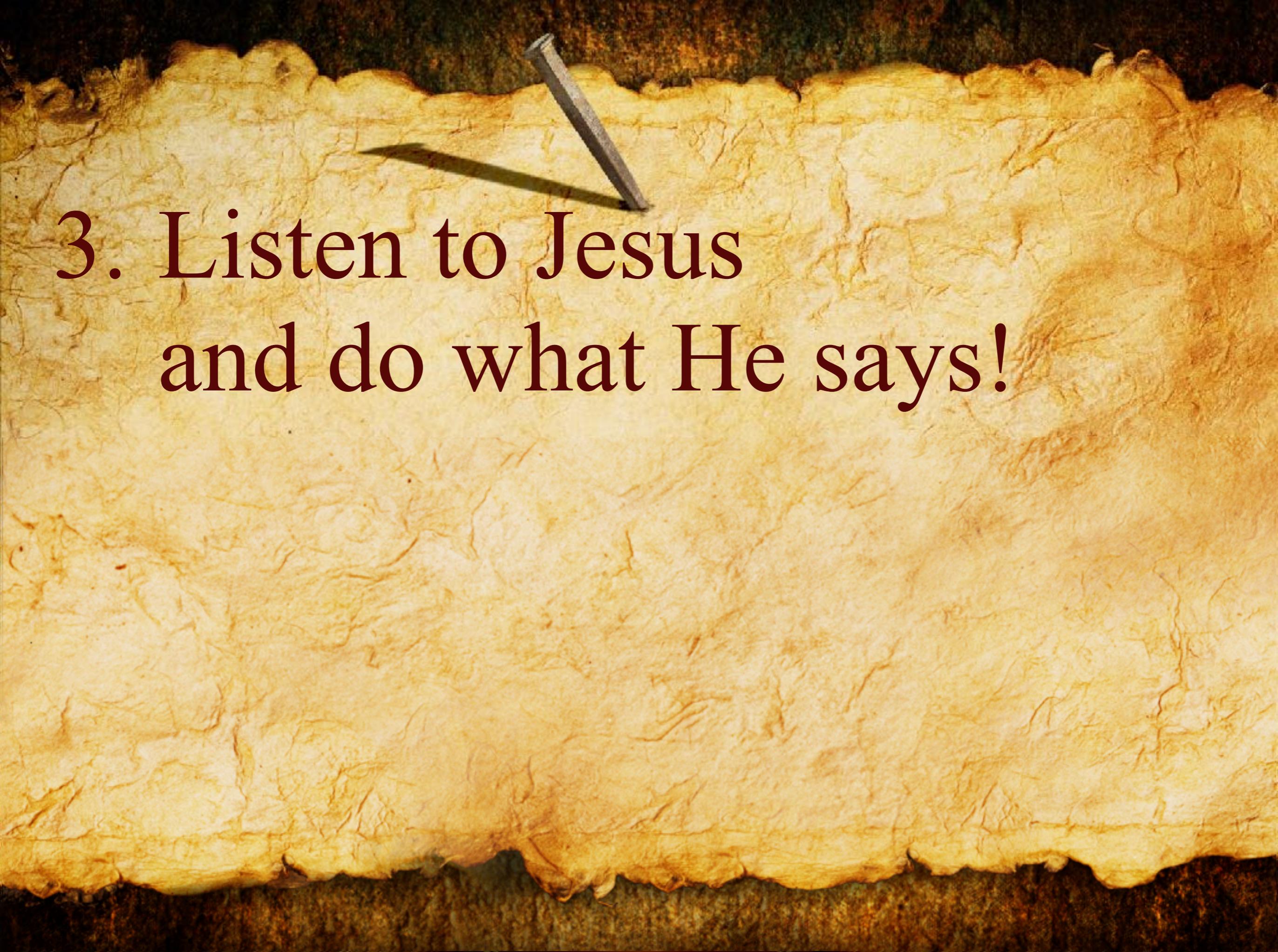
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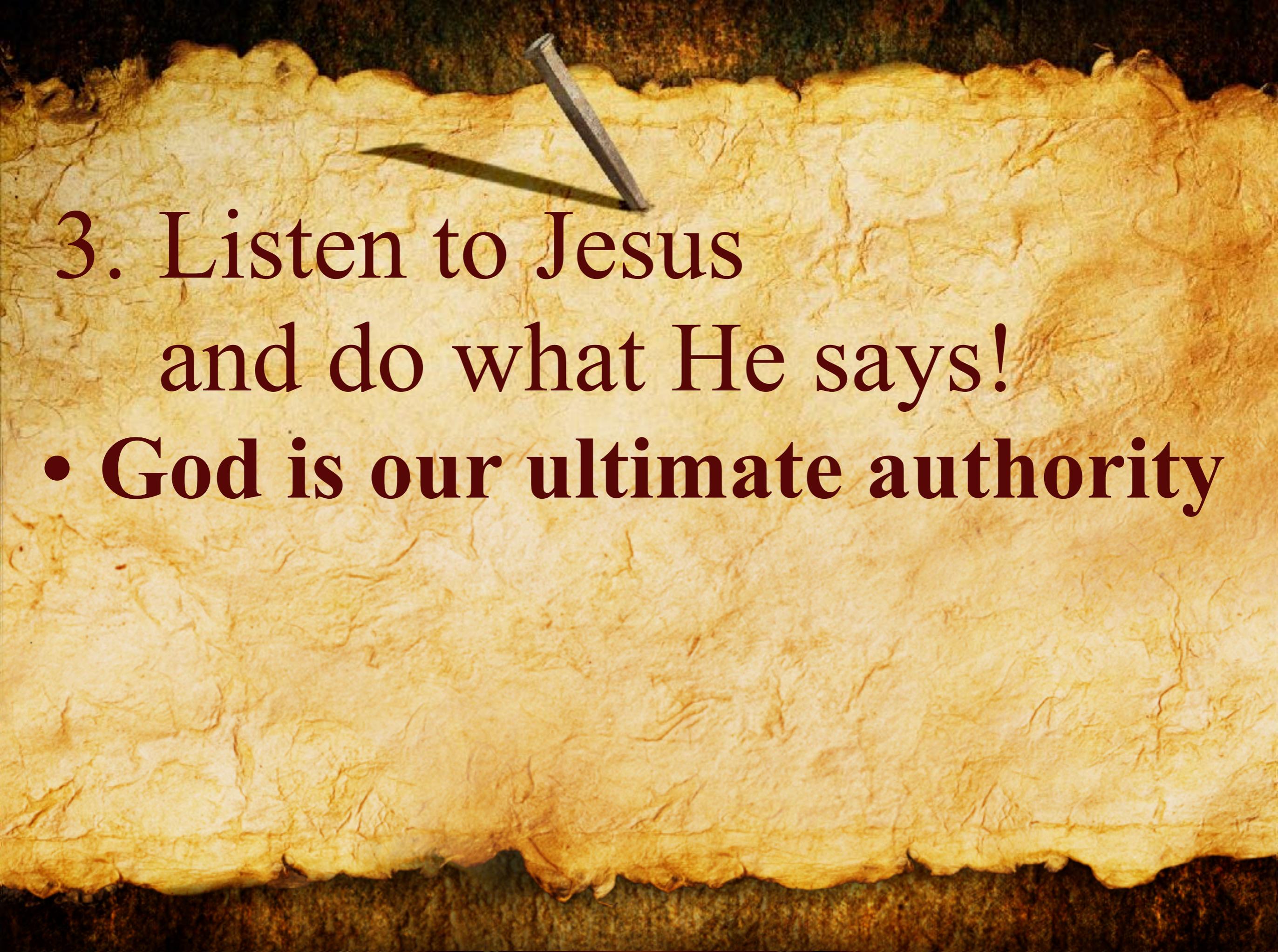




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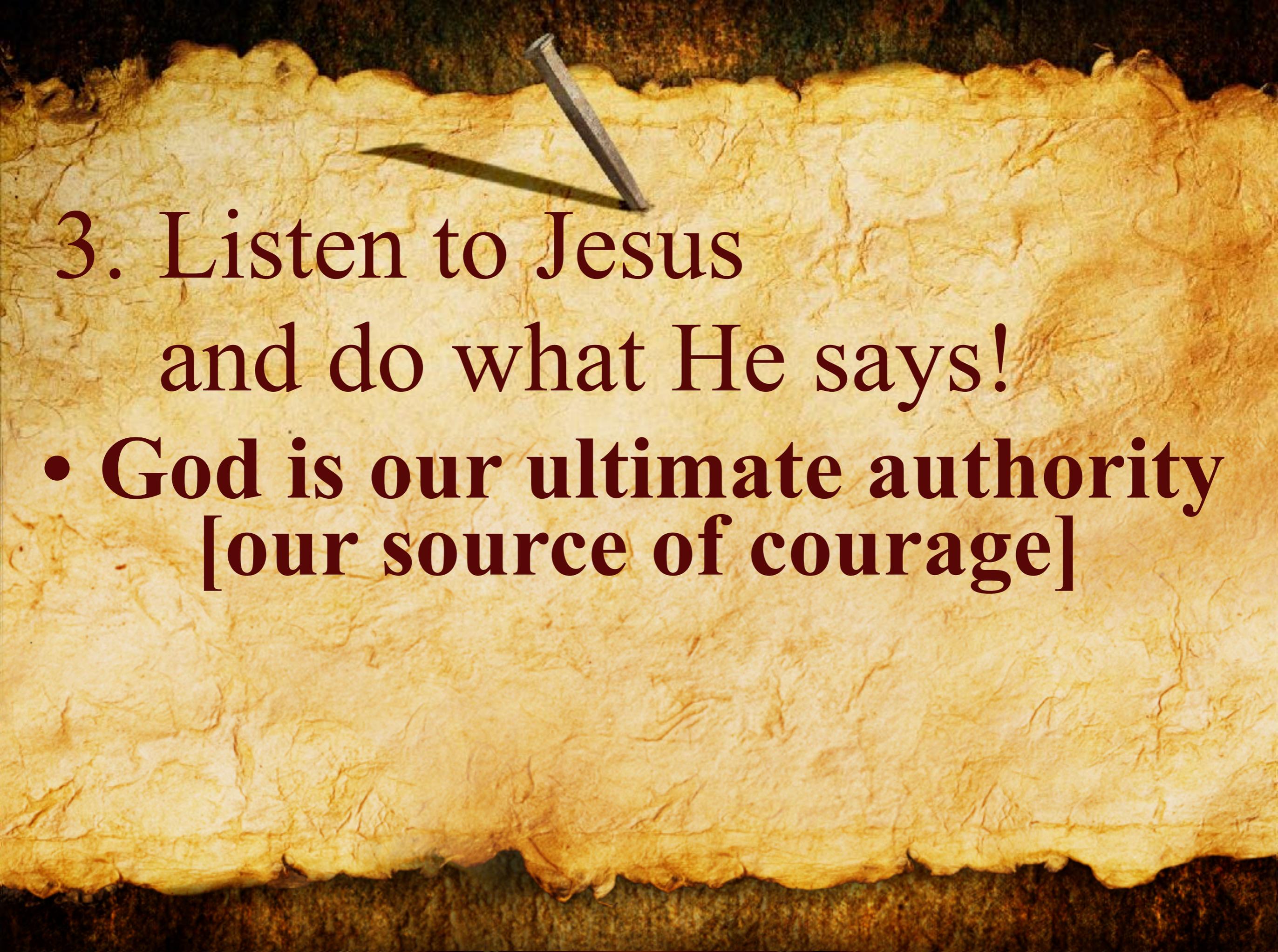
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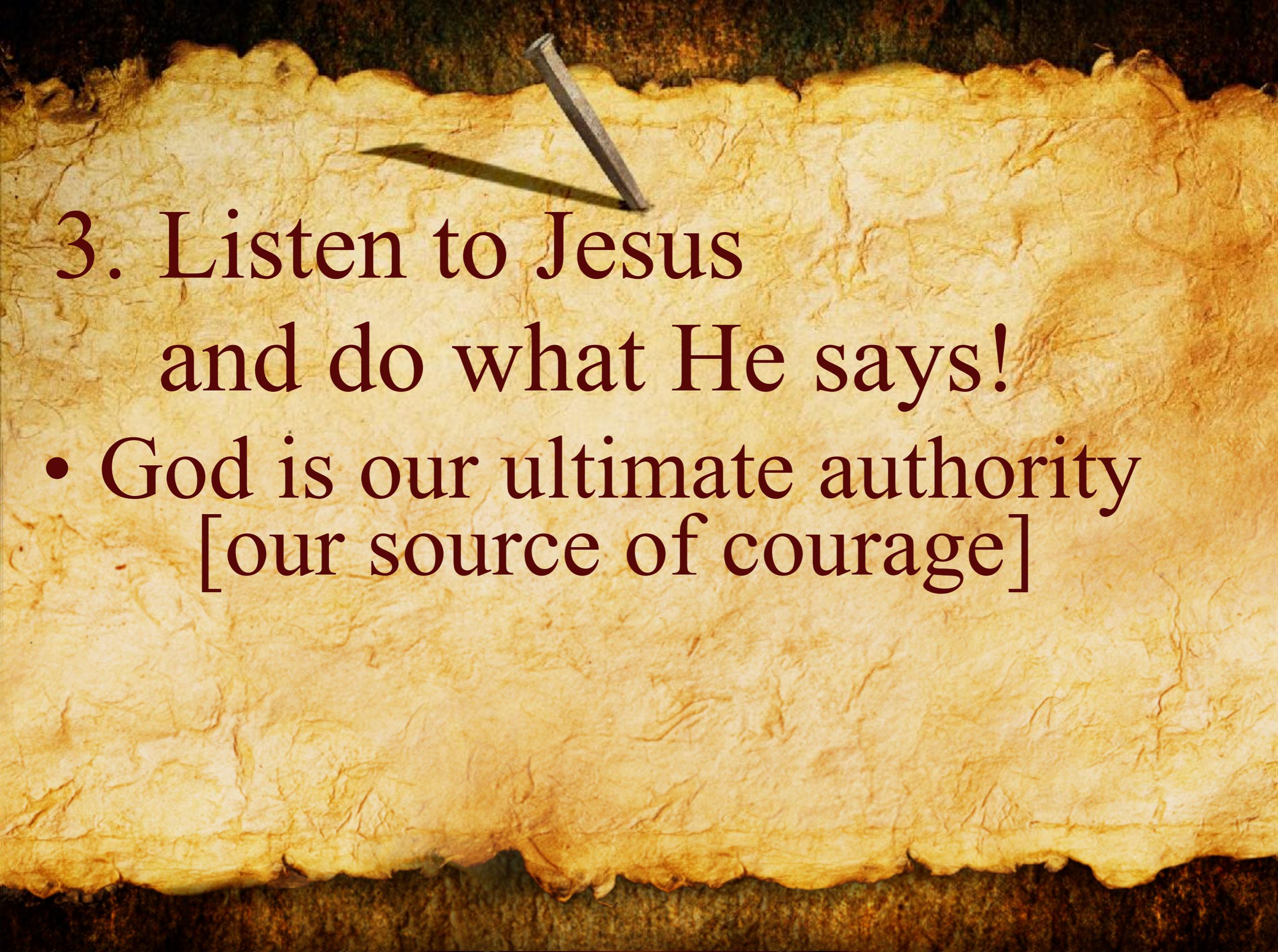
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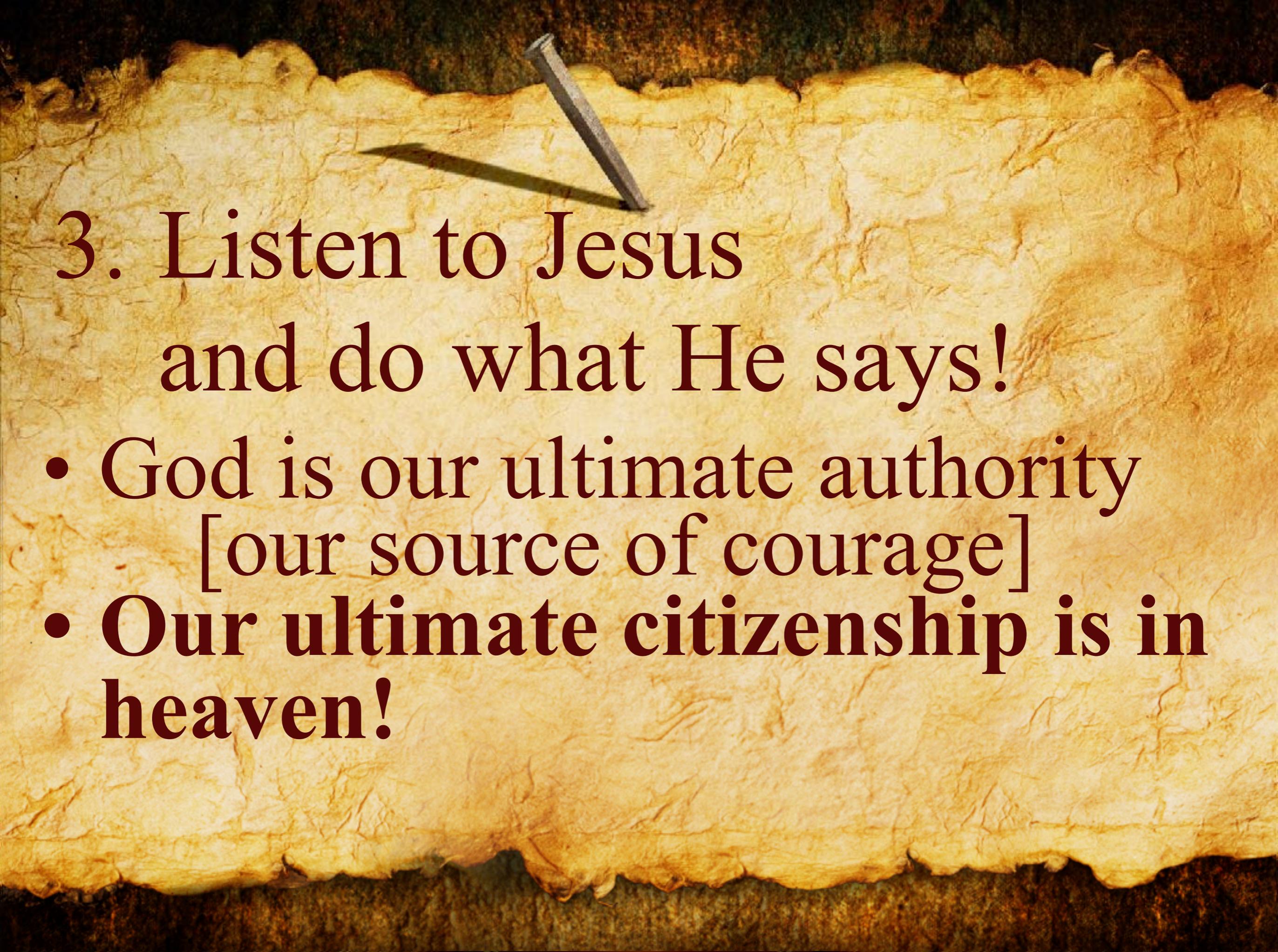
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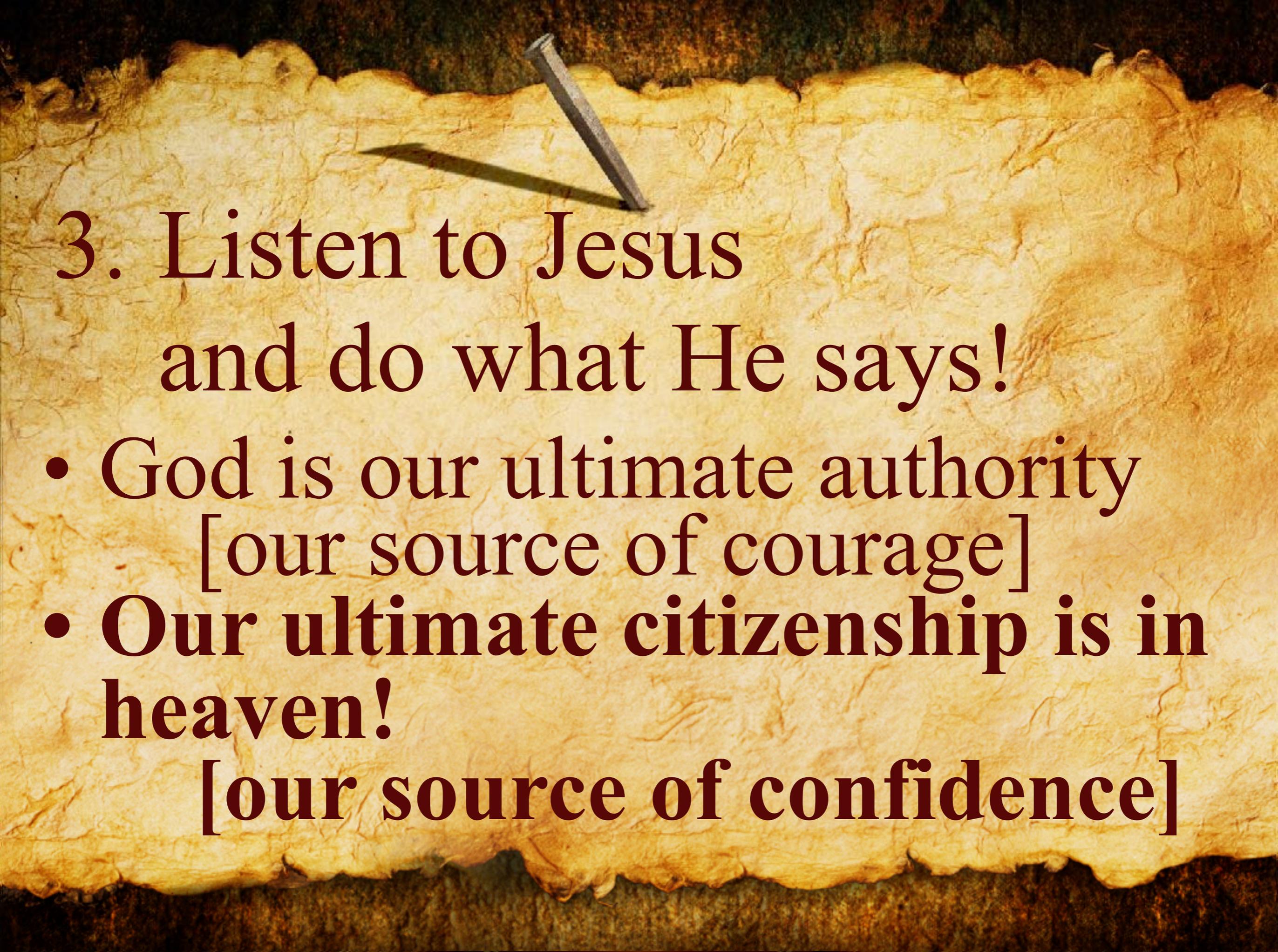
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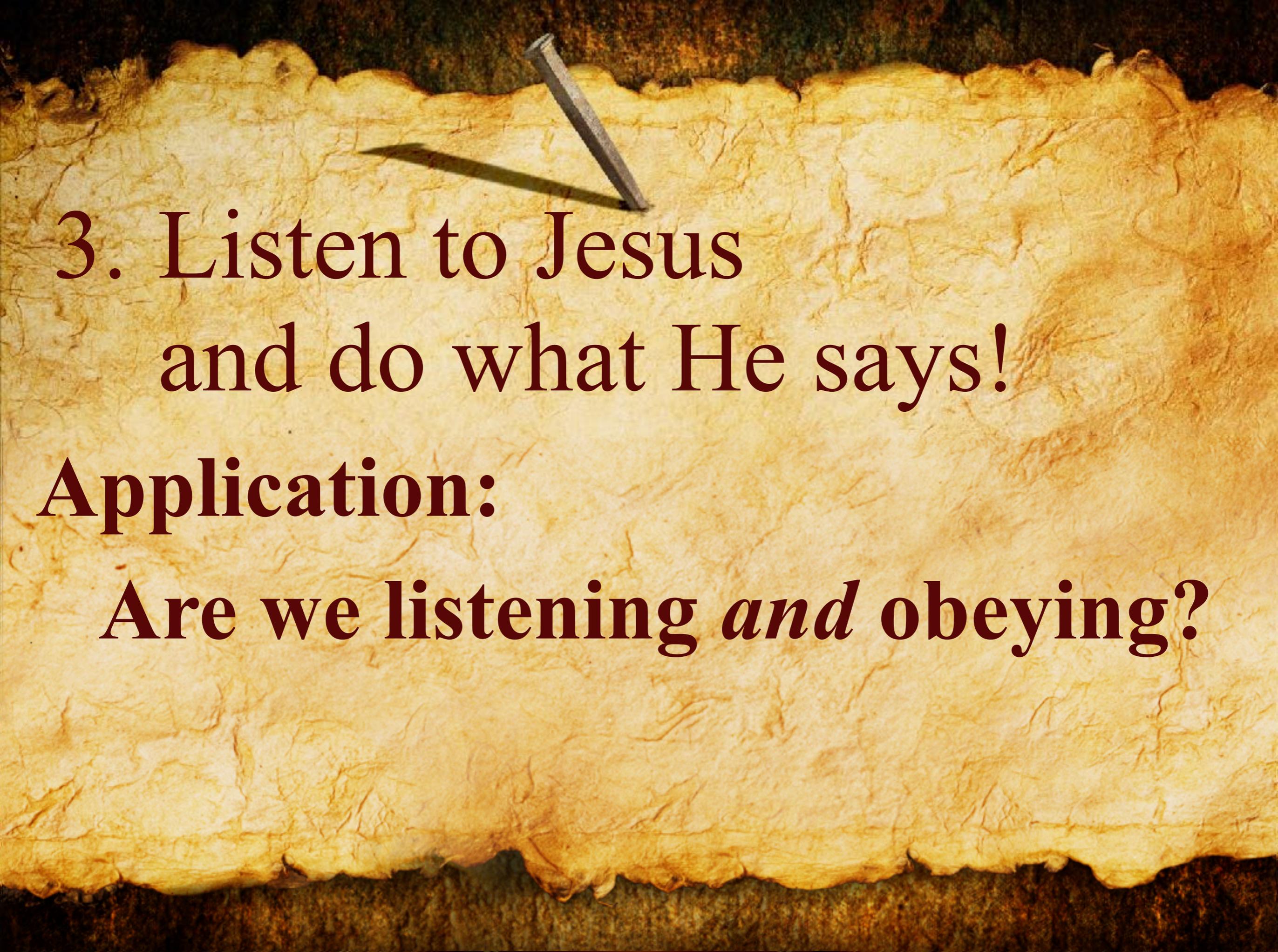


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How to Follow Jesus When our Government Doesn't?



Matthew 22:15-22



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Who is YOUR King?!?

