

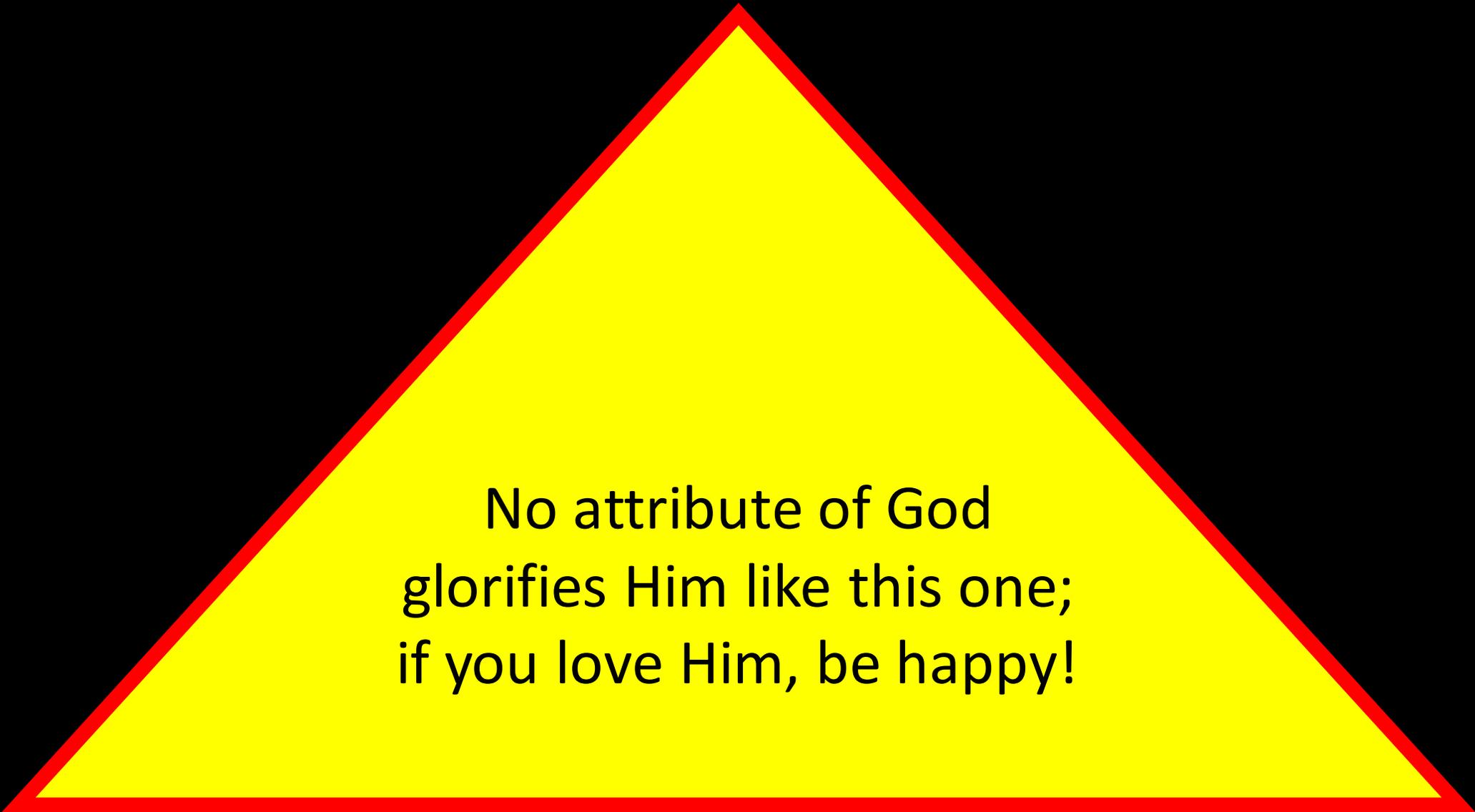
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Jehovah's Divine Authority As God

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There Is No God Like Our Jehovah



No attribute of God
glorifies Him like this one;
if you love Him, be happy!



This is the trait He boasts
about the most and
reveals most in the Bible.

Why this study tonight?

Glorify the God of the Bible like most do not.

Exalt the choice, love, and gift of salvation.

Excite your heart to love Jehovah more.

Thrill your mind with Bible examples.

Rest from all fear by His authority.

He rules events for your good.

Why this study tonight? (2)

To know Jehovah of the Bible as God really is.

For contentment, submission, thanksgiving.

To end all anger or questions against God.

Depend on God as Protector & Provider.

Peace and perspective for world evil.

God's perfect drama of salvation.

Why this study tonight? (3)

To show our God our love of this attribute.
To give Him *What-do-you-think?* delight.

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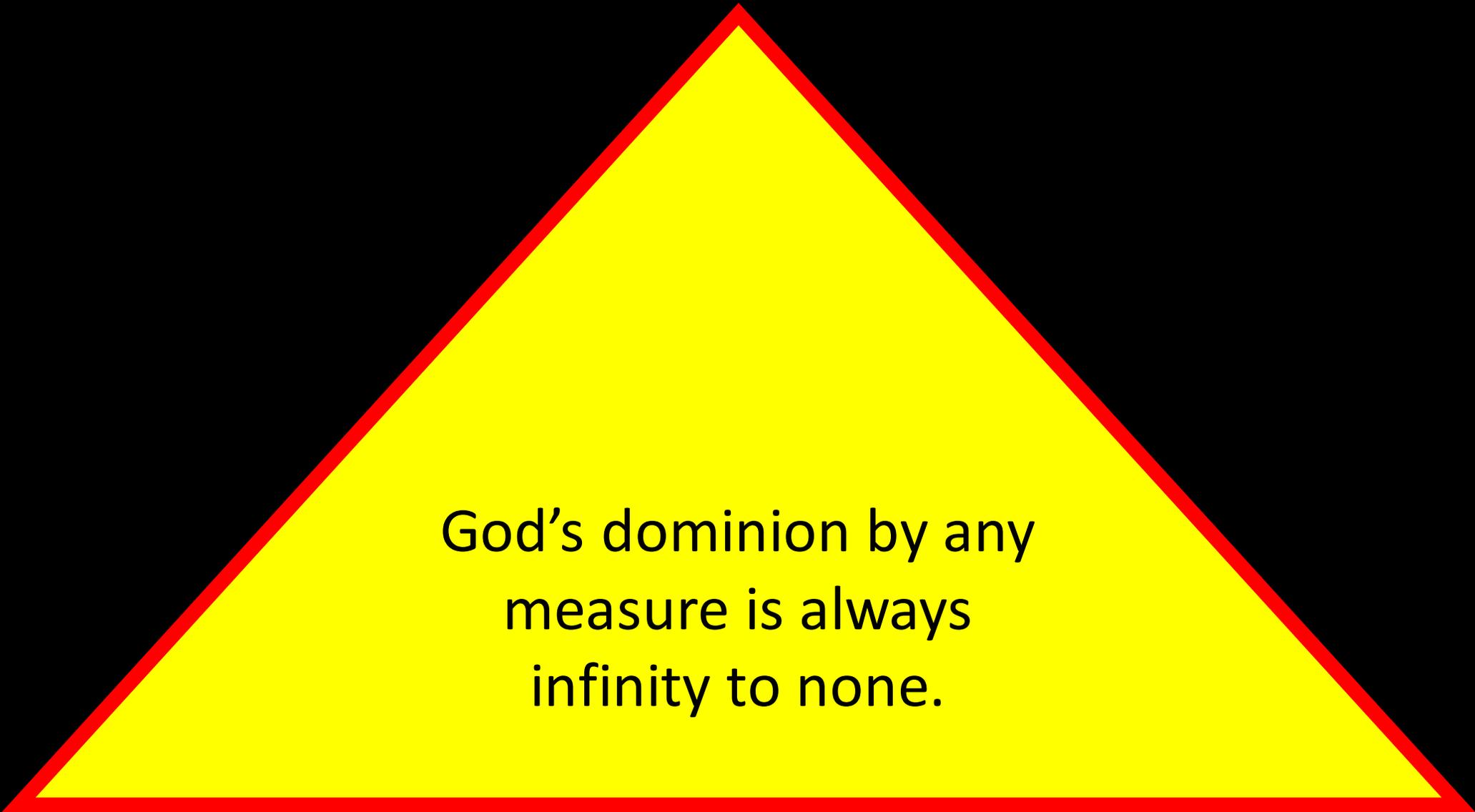
Our God has absolute authority, control, and rule over every creature from the largest to the smallest in every detail of their lives in time or eternity for His own glory.



The Bible does not use
“sovereignty.” It uses a
better word 57 times,
DOMINION.



What is dominion? The
1991 Gulf War tank
losses: **3,300 to 31.**



God's dominion by any
measure is always
infinity to none.

The Dominion of God

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The LORD Jehovah's
kingdom is over all.



The LORD Jehovah
reigns over all.



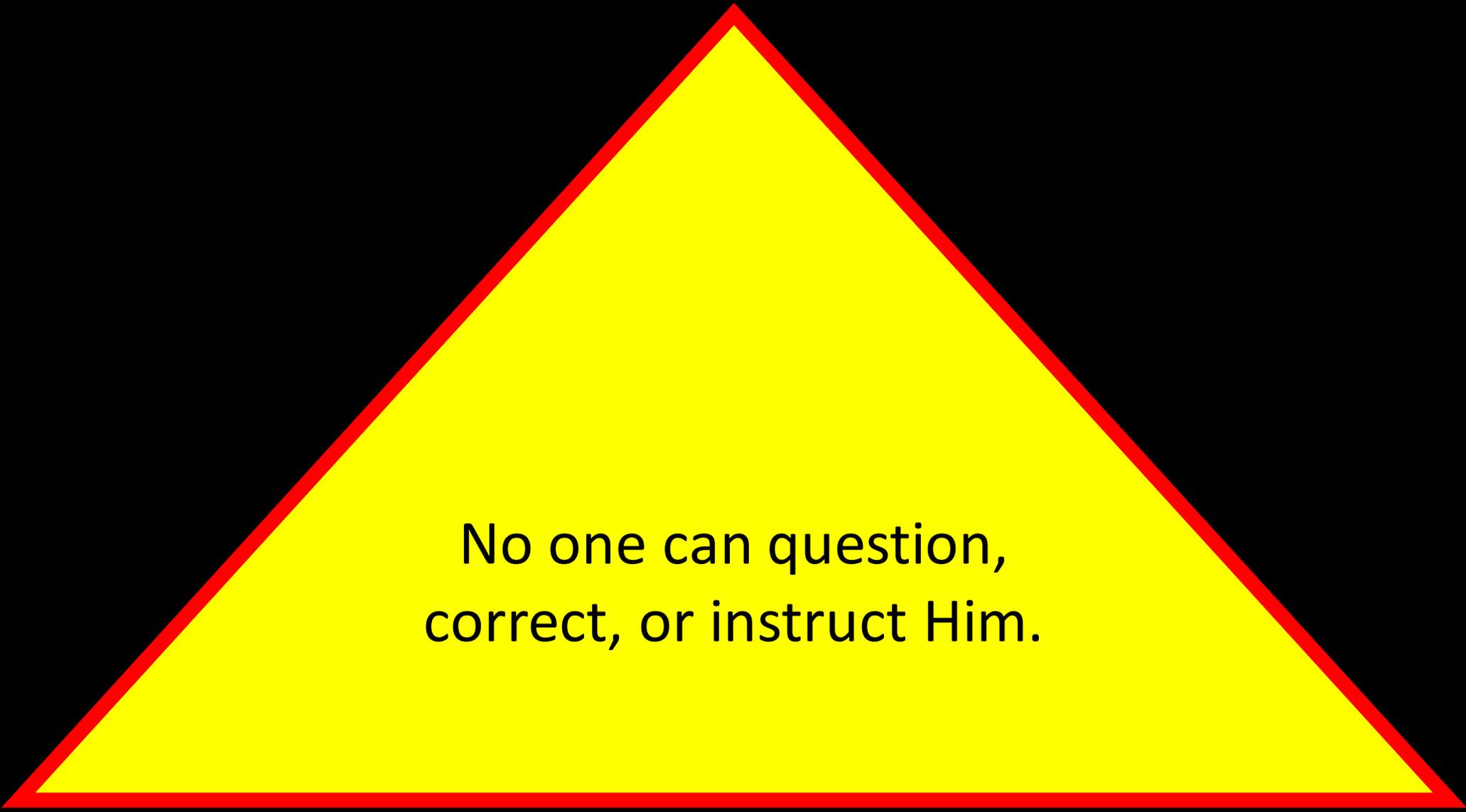
The LORD Jehovah
rules over all.



The LORD Jehovah is
independent of all others.



No one can hinder,
restrain, or stop Him.



No one can question,
correct, or instruct Him.

What is Omnipotence?

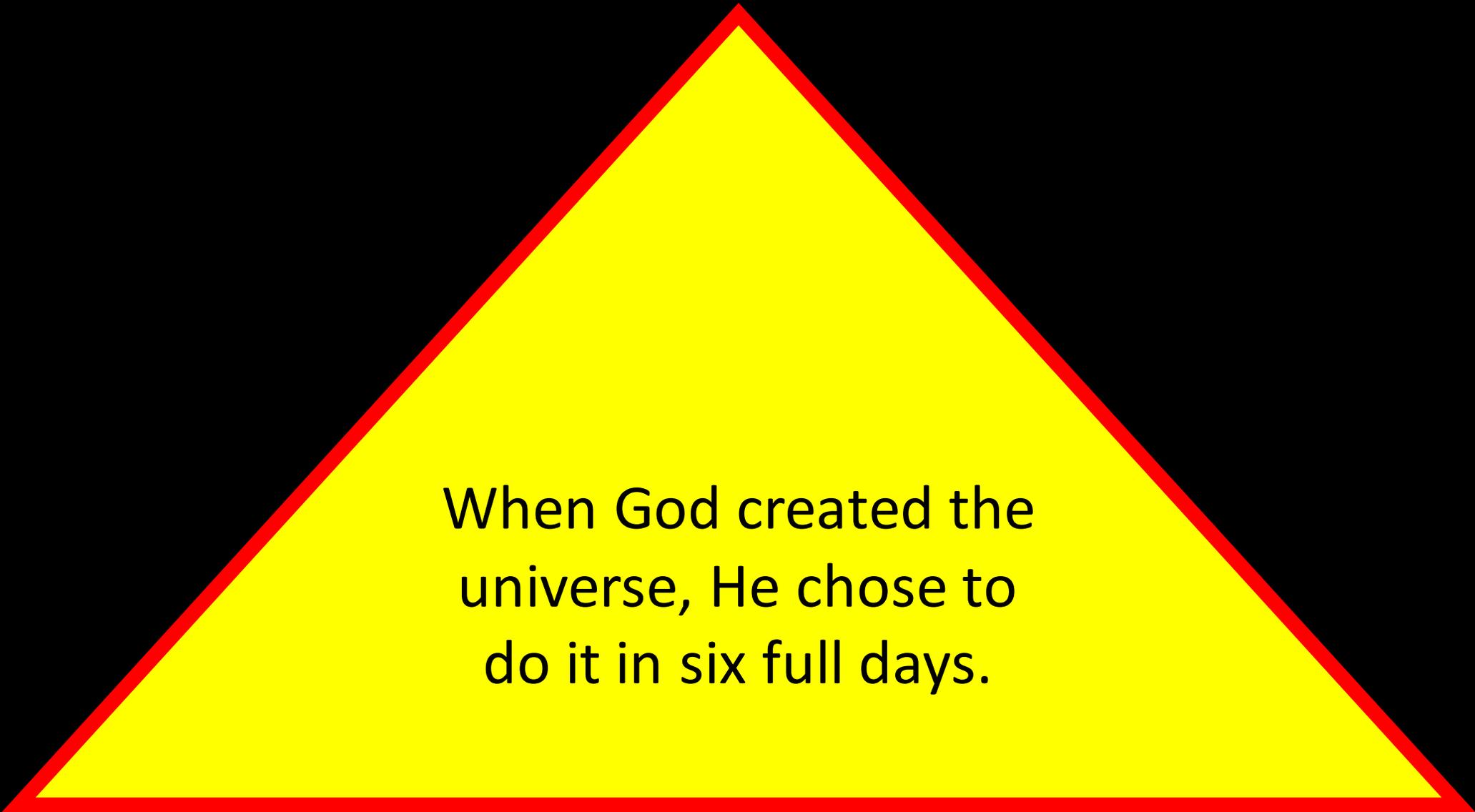
Omni = all ... **Potence** = power

So, omnipotence means all power
or the ability/strength to do anything.

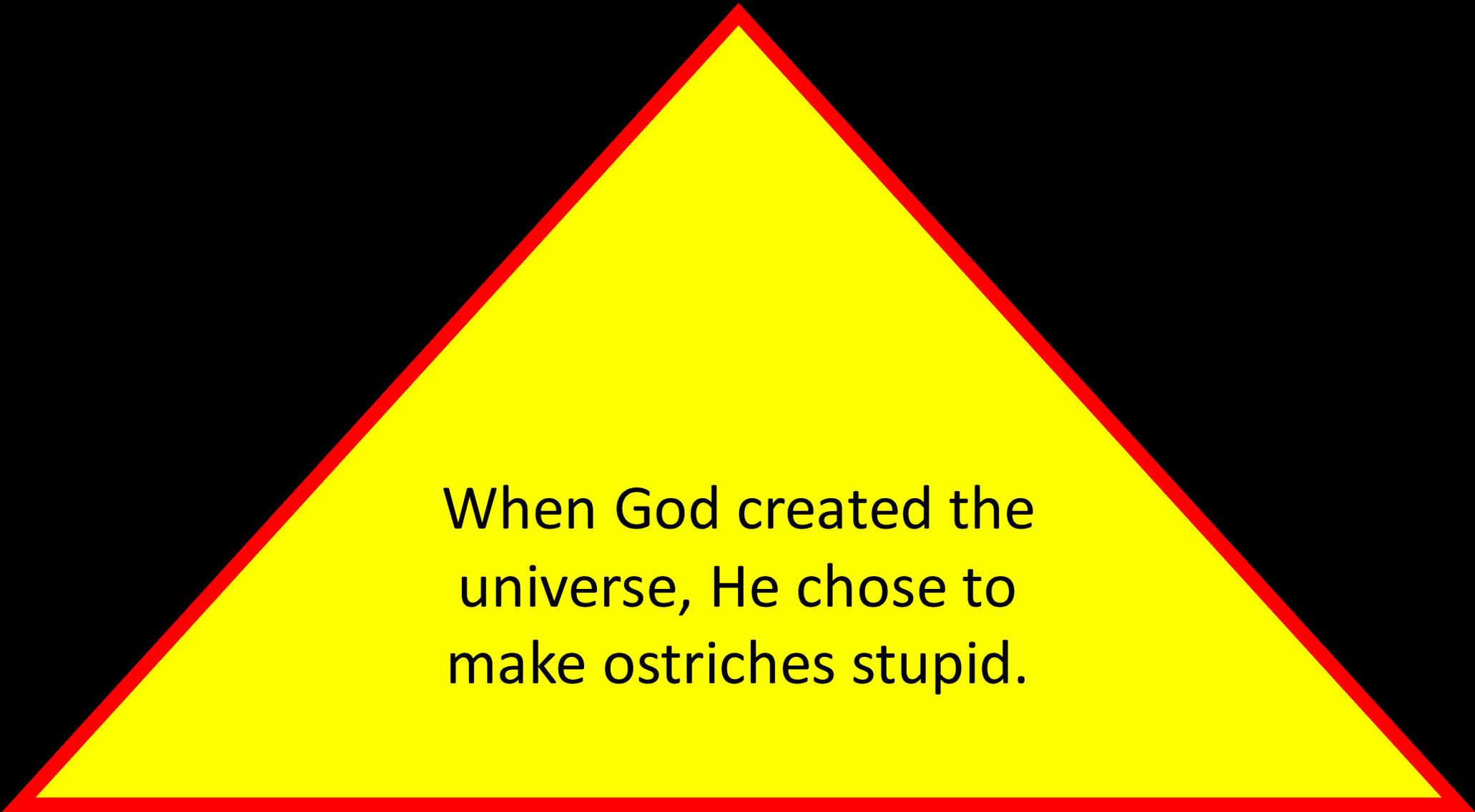
Omnipotence Is Not Sovereignty!

Omnipotence = All Power to Do Anything

Sovereignty = His Choice of What He Does



When God created the
universe, He chose to
do it in six full days.



When God created the
universe, He chose to
make ostriches stupid.

She is hardened against her young ones,
as though they were not hers:
her labour is in vain without fear;
Because God hath deprived her of wisdom,
neither hath he imparted to her understanding.

Job 39:16-17

How Does This Gorilla Have Red Hair?



Why Does This Gorilla Have Red Hair?



How Is This Mandrill Painted Front and Rear?



Why Is This Mandrill Painted Front and Rear?



What about Chance Events?



He that smiteth a man, so that he die,
shall be surely put to death.
And if a man lie not in wait,
but God deliver him into his hand;
then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.
But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour,
to slay him with guile;
thou shalt take him from mine altar,
that he may die.

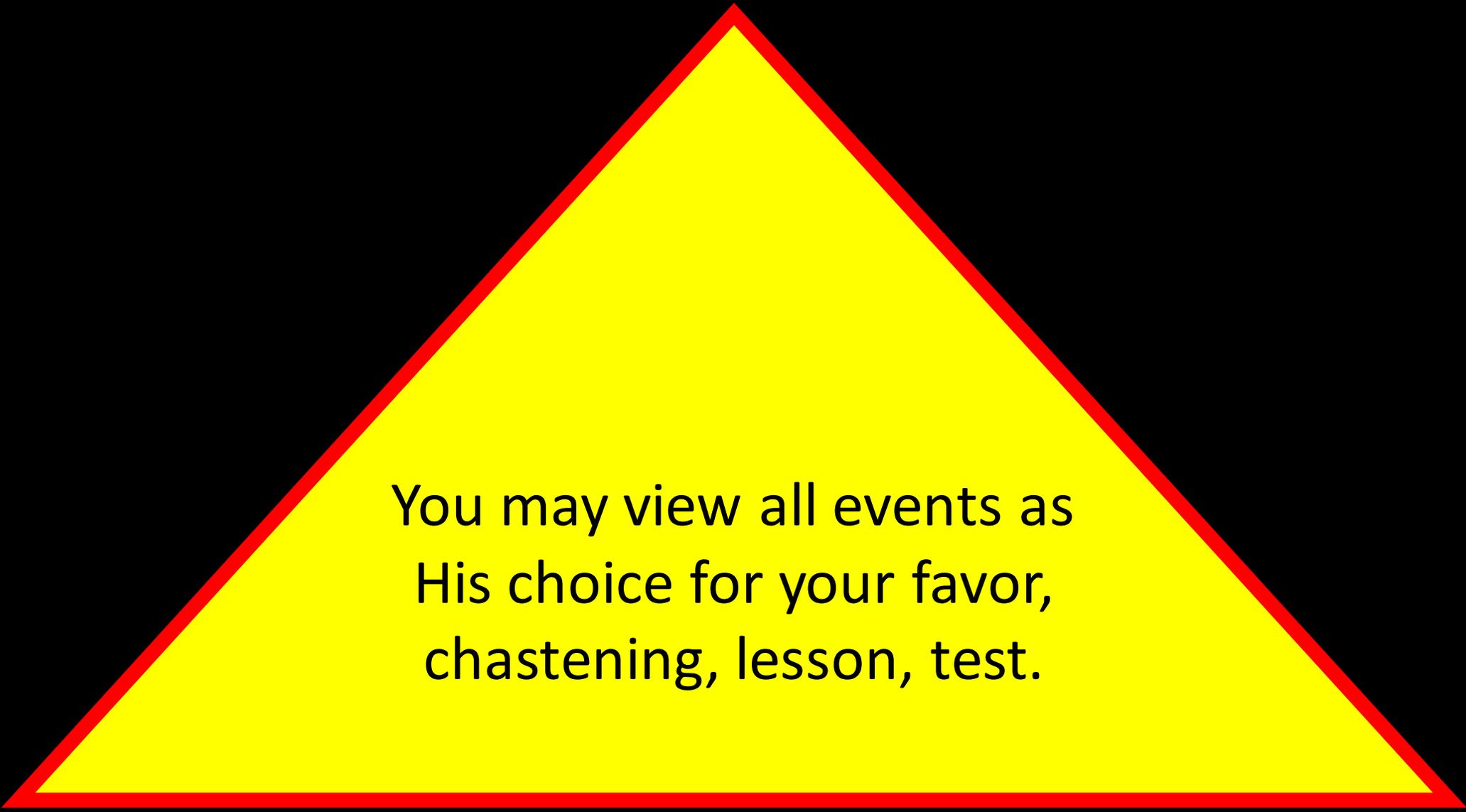
Exodus 21:12-14

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing?
and one of them shall not fall on the ground
without your Father.

Matthew 10:29



There are no accidents,
coincidences, or lapses.
His will is always done.



You may view all events as
His choice for your favor,
chastening, lesson, test.

God Sovereignly Rules All Events

His secret will is what He will do or use.

His revealed will is what we should do.

The secret things belong unto the LORD our God:
but those things which are revealed
belong unto us and to our children for ever,
that we may do all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 29:29

His Secret Will ... *You Born a Cretian.*

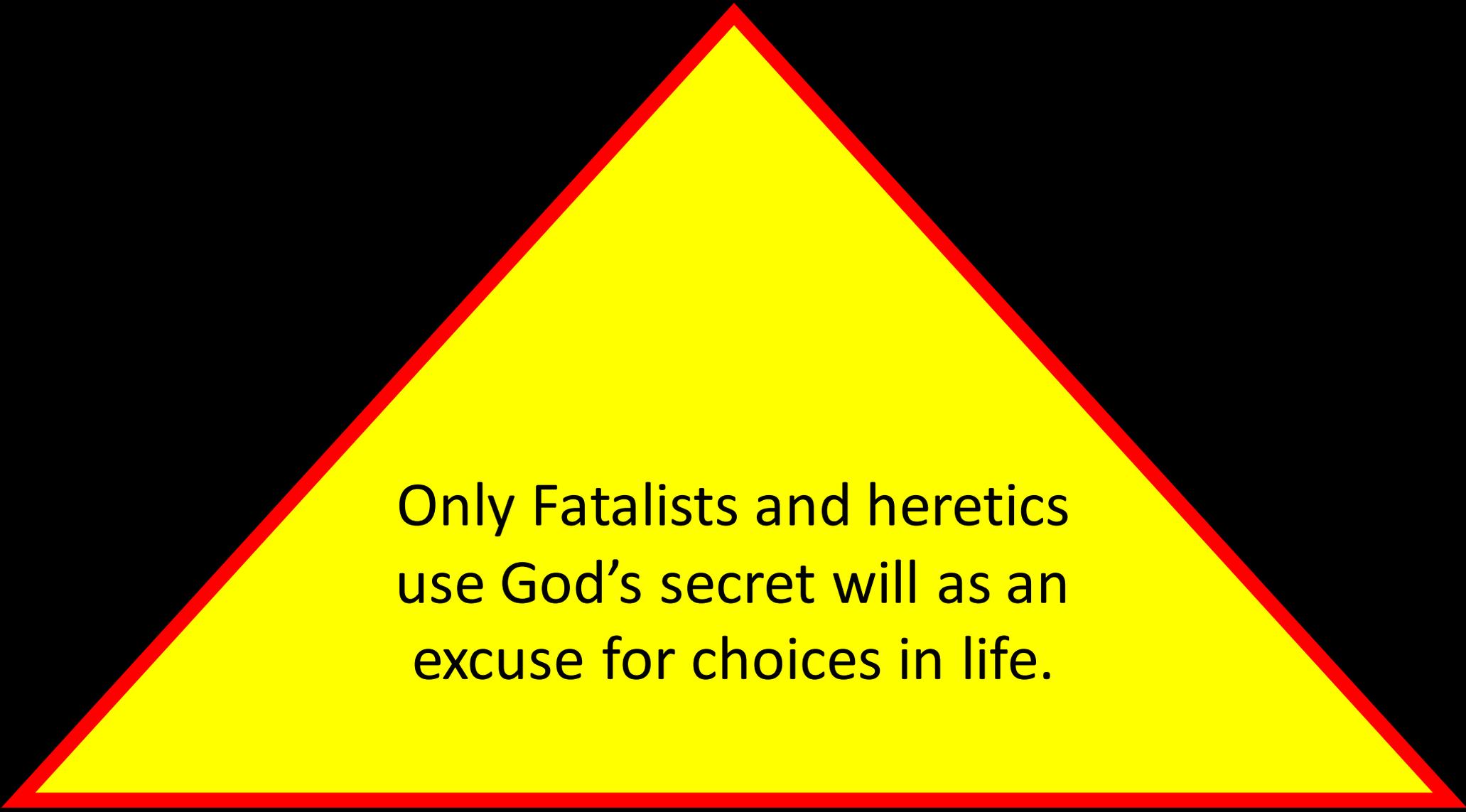
His Revealed Will ... *Work Hard Anyway!*

His Secret Will:

God does what He wants.

His Revealed Will:

We better do what He wants.



Only Fatalists and heretics
use God's secret will as an
excuse for choices in life.

Our God Is King of Kings

Meaning He is absolute sovereign over all earthly monarchs, as Nebuchadnezzar proved.

The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD,
as the rivers of water:
he turneth it whithersoever he will.

Proverbs 21:1

For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh,
Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up,
that I might shew my power in thee,
and that my name might be declared
throughout all the earth.

Therefore hath he mercy
on whom he will have mercy,
and whom he will he hardeneth.

Romans 9:17-18

Shall the axe boast itself
against him that heweth therewith?
or shall the saw magnify itself
against him that shaketh it?

Isaiah 10:15



Nothing happens in D.C.
or Beijing outside His total
control, even their hearts.

God Is First Cause of All Things

The clearest axiom of the universe is that God planned, approved, purposed, and uses every event no matter how good or how evil it is.

In the beginning
God
created
the heaven and the earth.

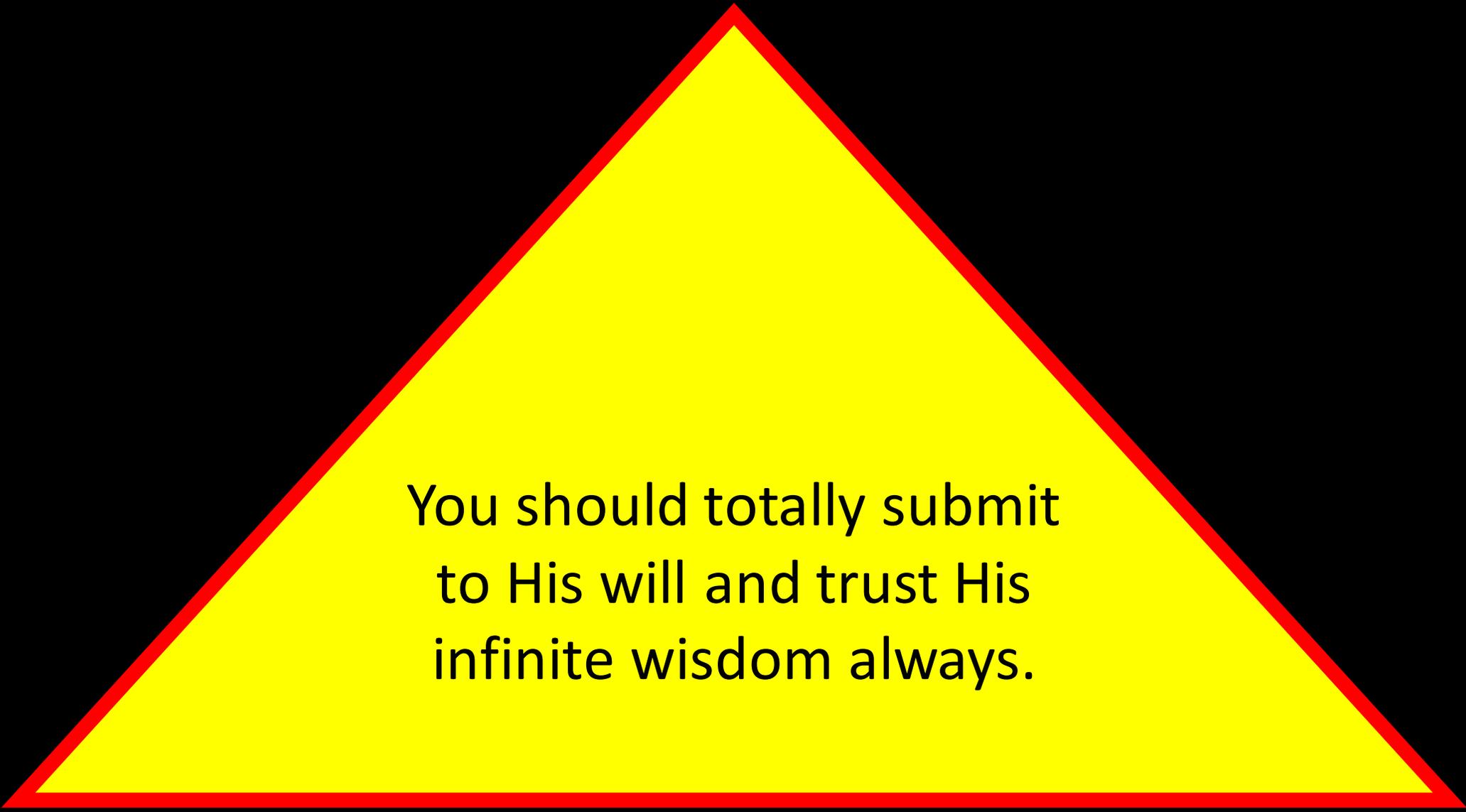
Genesis 1:1

The LORD hath made all things for himself:
yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Proverbs 16:4

Known unto God are all his works
from the beginning of the world.

Acts 15:18



You should totally submit
to His will and trust His
infinite wisdom always.

But What About Prayer?

Are you questioning its role, as if God might be contradicted or you might be able to grasp it?
You think prayer and sovereignty opposed?

For I am the LORD,
I change not;
therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Malachi 3:6

God is not a man, that he should lie;
neither the son of man, that he should repent:
hath he said, and shall he not do it?
or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Numbers 23:19

And the LORD repented of the evil
which he thought to do unto his people.

Exodus 32:14

And it came to pass,
that when they had made an end
of eating the grass of the land,
then I said, O Lord GOD,
forgive, I beseech thee:
by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.
The LORD repented for this:
It shall not be, saith the LORD.

Amos 7:2-3

Prayer Changes Things!

From your limited vantage point, but not His!

He saw your prayers in His eternal counsel!

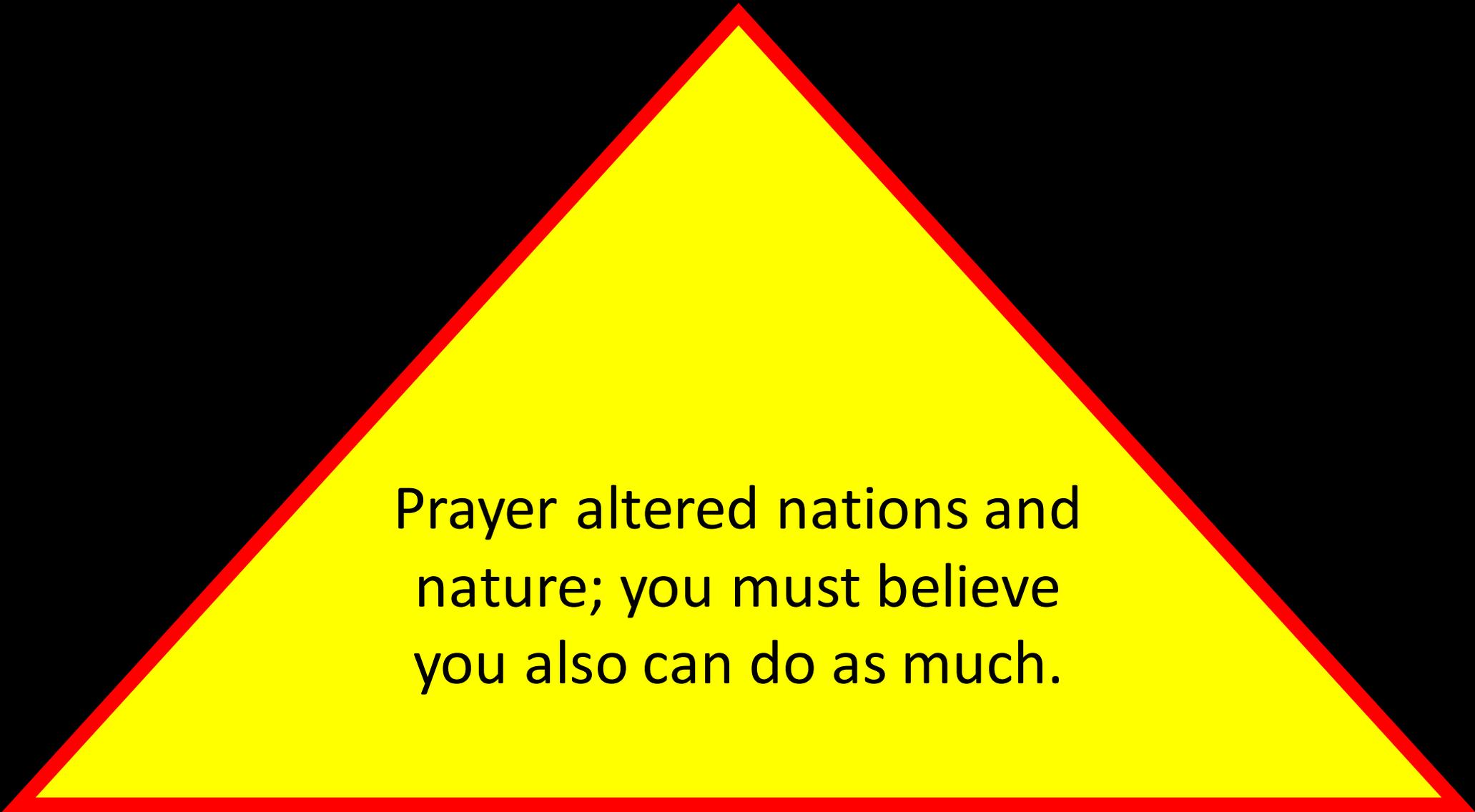
Your foreknowledge is infinitely inferior!

Remember secret versus revealed will!

Implied conditions were often used!



God's sovereign power to
intervene for you should
build your faith in prayer.



Prayer altered nations and
nature; you must believe
you also can do as much.

What If His Will Is I Must Die?

You foolishly wonder about His secret will, though not your business. Pray fervently and confidently, if you truly want to live.

In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death.
And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him,
and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD,
Set thine house in order:
for thou shalt die,
and not live.

Isaiah 38:1

Go, and say to Hezekiah,
Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father,
I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears:
behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

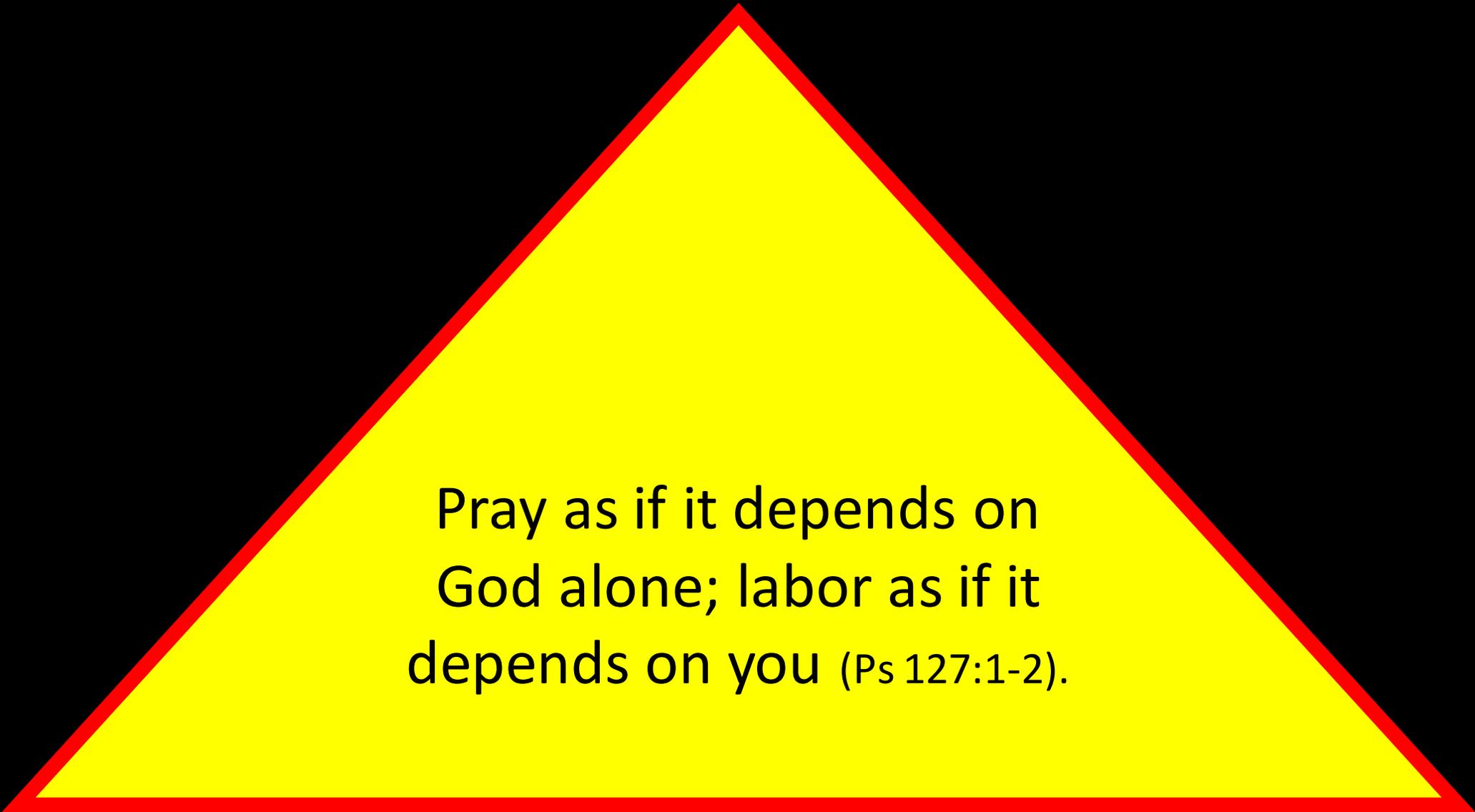
Isaiah 38:5

And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey,
and he cried, and said, Yet forty days,
and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

Jonah 3:4

And God saw their works,
that they turned from their evil way;
and God repented of the evil,
that he had said that he would do unto them;
and he did it not.

Jonah 3:10



Pray as if it depends on
God alone; labor as if it
depends on you (Ps 127:1-2).



David prayed seven days
for his son by Bathsheba
and then worshipped.

God Restrains Sin

He uses man's wickedness every day without any wickedness in Himself, but He also restrains sins, which is a comfort.

Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee:
the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

Psalm 76:10

And God said unto him in a dream,
Yea, I know that thou didst this
in the integrity of thy heart;
for I also withheld thee from sinning against me:
therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

Genesis 20:6

And your father hath deceived me,
and changed my wages ten times;
but God suffered him not to hurt me.

Genesis 31:7

For I will cast out the nations before thee,
and enlarge thy borders:
neither shall any man desire thy land,
when thou shalt go up to appear
before the LORD thy God
thrice in the year.

Exodus 34:24



There is no reason to
wonder or fear sinners
in any civil government.



David understood this
powerful restraint and
called for it in prayer.

Keep back thy servant also
from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me:
then shall I be upright,
and I shall be innocent
from the great transgression.

Psalm 19:13

Make me to go in the path
of thy commandments;
for therein do I delight.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to covetousness.
Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity;
and quicken thou me in thy way.

Psalm 119:35-37

God Leaves Men In Their Sins

He uses man's wickedness every day without any wickedness in Himself, and He may leave them in their sins to the just consequences.

But his father and his mother
knew not that it was of the LORD,
that he sought an occasion against the Philistines:
for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

Judges 14:4

And again the anger of the LORD
was kindled against Israel,
and he moved David against them to say,
Go, number Israel and Judah.

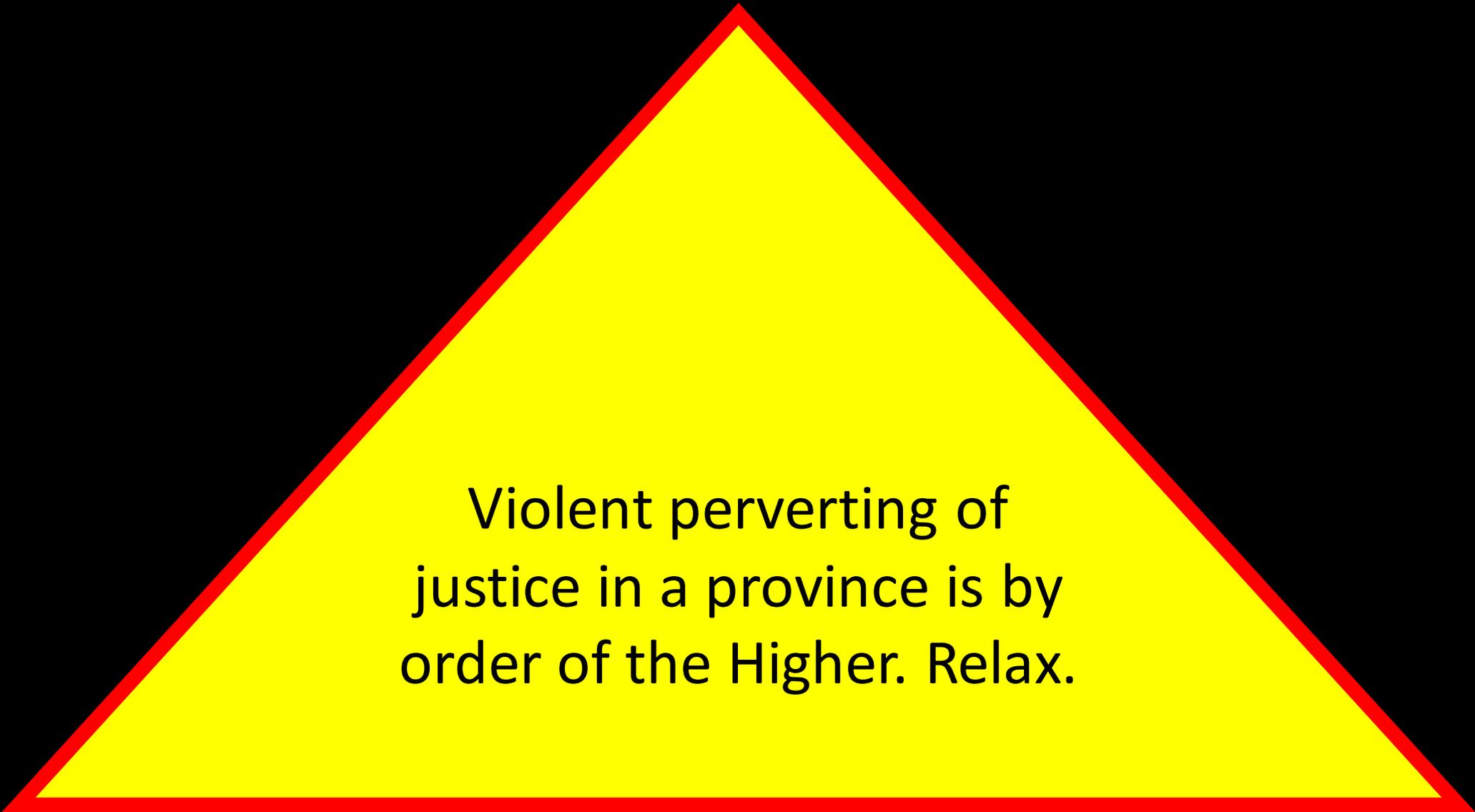
II Samuel 24:1

So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust:
and they walked in their own counsels.

Psalm 81:12



God is not Author of Sin
more than the sun cause
of darkness by leaving.



Violent perverting of
justice in a province is by
order of the Higher. Relax.



Irrationality can be devil-
induced, but as with Job
or Peter, God used Satan.



God sending a reprobate
mind in Romans 1 is in
many other places also.

All Events Are God's Command

The universe exists and plays itself out, even rational creatures, according to the eternal decrees of God's sovereign counsel.

Who is he that saith,
and it cometh to pass,
when the Lord commandeth it not?

Lamentations 3:37

Shall a trumpet be blown in the city,
and the people not be afraid?
shall there be evil in a city,
and the LORD hath not done it?

Amos 3:6



We honor God's sovereign
will every time we say,
If the Lord will.

For that ye ought to say,
If the Lord will,
we shall live,
and do this,
or that.

James 4:15

Why Does He Still Fault Me?

If everything happens by the mighty will of God, then I could not help what I did, so He should not hold me responsible.

Thou wilt say then unto me,
Why doth he yet find fault?
For who hath resisted his will?

Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God?
Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it,
Why hast thou made me thus?

Romans 9:19-20

But if our unrighteousness
commend the righteousness of God,
what shall we say? Is God unrighteous
who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)
God forbid: for then how shall
God judge the world?

Romans 3:5-6

For if the truth of God hath
more abounded through my lie unto his glory;
why yet am I also judged as a sinner?
And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported,
and as some affirm that we say,)
Let us do evil, that good may come?
whose damnation is just.

Romans 3:7-8



In every event and always,
glorify God and humbly
submit to His holiness.

Does God Make Men Sin?

Of course not, why would you even ask? He is infinitely holy and separate from sin and sinners. He is not an origin or source of sin.

I form the light, and create darkness:
I make peace, and create evil:
I the LORD do all these things.

Isaiah 45:7



Rightly divide the word.
Evil here and elsewhere is
pain and trouble, not sin.

Let no man say when he is tempted,
I am tempted of God:
for God cannot be tempted with evil,
neither tempteth he any man:
But every man is tempted,
when he is drawn away
of his own lust, and enticed.
Do not err, my beloved brethren.

James 1:13-16



God does not infuse lust
in men to sin; they have
plenty for Him to use.

But God Does Tempt Men!

Sure, He does! He asks them to do things or puts them in situations to test them, but He always makes the tests easy enough to pass.

And it came to pass after these things,
that God did tempt Abraham,
and said unto him, Abraham:
and he said, Behold, here I am.
And he said, Take now thy son,
thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest,
and get thee into the land of Moriah;
and offer him there for a burnt offering
upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Genesis 22:1-2

There hath no temptation taken you
but such as is common to man:
but God is faithful,
who will not suffer you to be tempted
above that ye are able;
but will with the temptation
also make a way to escape,
that ye may be able to bear it.

I Corinthians 10:13



Never resent your life.
Trust God and His test.
Embrace it and escape.

God Only Has Foreknowledge!

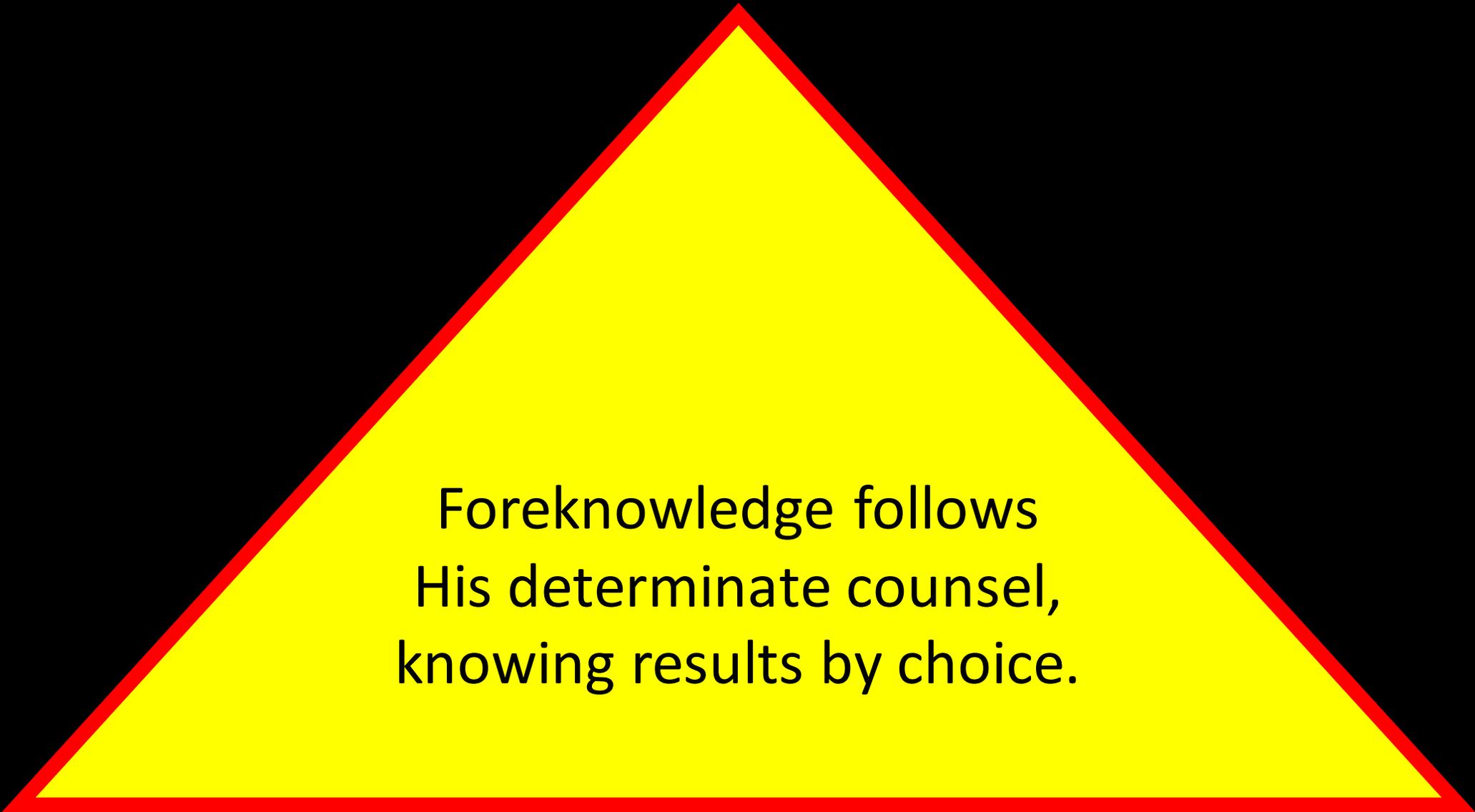
You are wrong. God did not start the universe and let it run according to its inhabitants and laws. He determined the events that happen.

Him, being delivered
by the determinate counsel
and foreknowledge of God,
ye have taken, and by wicked hands
have crucified and slain:

Acts 2:23

For to do whatsoever
thy hand and thy counsel
determined before to be done.

Acts 4:28



Foreknowledge follows
His determinate counsel,
knowing results by choice.



God does more than allow
or approve. He purposes,
determines, commands.

God Blinds and Heals the Blind!

He uses this discriminating sovereign power both naturally and spiritually, for which you should cry *Abba, Father, thank you for sight.*

And they smote the men
that were at the door
of the house with blindness,
both small and great:
so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

Genesis 19:11



And Jesus answered and said unto him,
What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?

The blind man said unto him,

Lord, that I might receive my sight.

And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way;
thy faith hath made thee whole.

And immediately he received his sight,
and followed Jesus in the way.

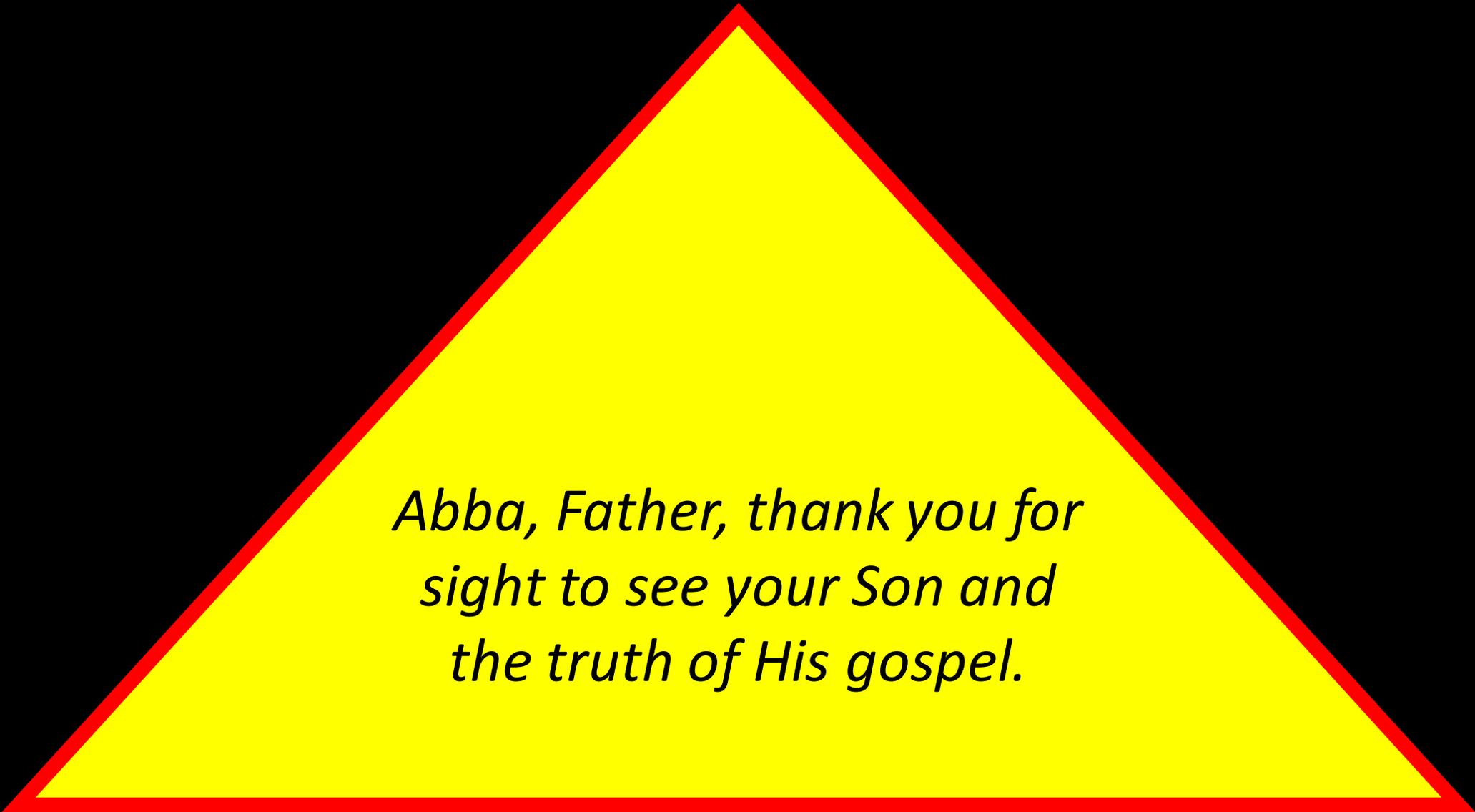
Mark 10:51-52

And Jesus said,
For judgment I am come into this world,
that they which see not might see;
and that they which see might be made blind.

John 9:39

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;
that ye may know what is the hope of his calling,
and what the riches of the glory
of his inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 1:18



*Abba, Father, thank you for
sight to see your Son and
the truth of His gospel.*



*Give sight to our children
and contacts that we
might shew them truth.*

Open thou mine eyes,
that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Psalm 119:18

God Opens and Restores Hearts!

He uses this discriminating sovereign power for us to know Him, the only true God, and His Son Jesus Christ, and to love them again.

Hear me, O LORD, hear me,
that this people may know
that thou art the LORD God,
and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

1 Kings 18:37

And a certain woman named Lydia,
a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira,
which worshipped God, heard us:
whose heart the Lord opened,
that she attended unto the things
which were spoken of Paul.

Acts 16:14

I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus;
Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised,
as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke:
turn thou me, and I shall be turned;
for thou art the LORD my God.
Surely after that I was turned, I repented;
and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh:
I was ashamed, yea, even confounded,
because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

Jeremiah 31:18-19



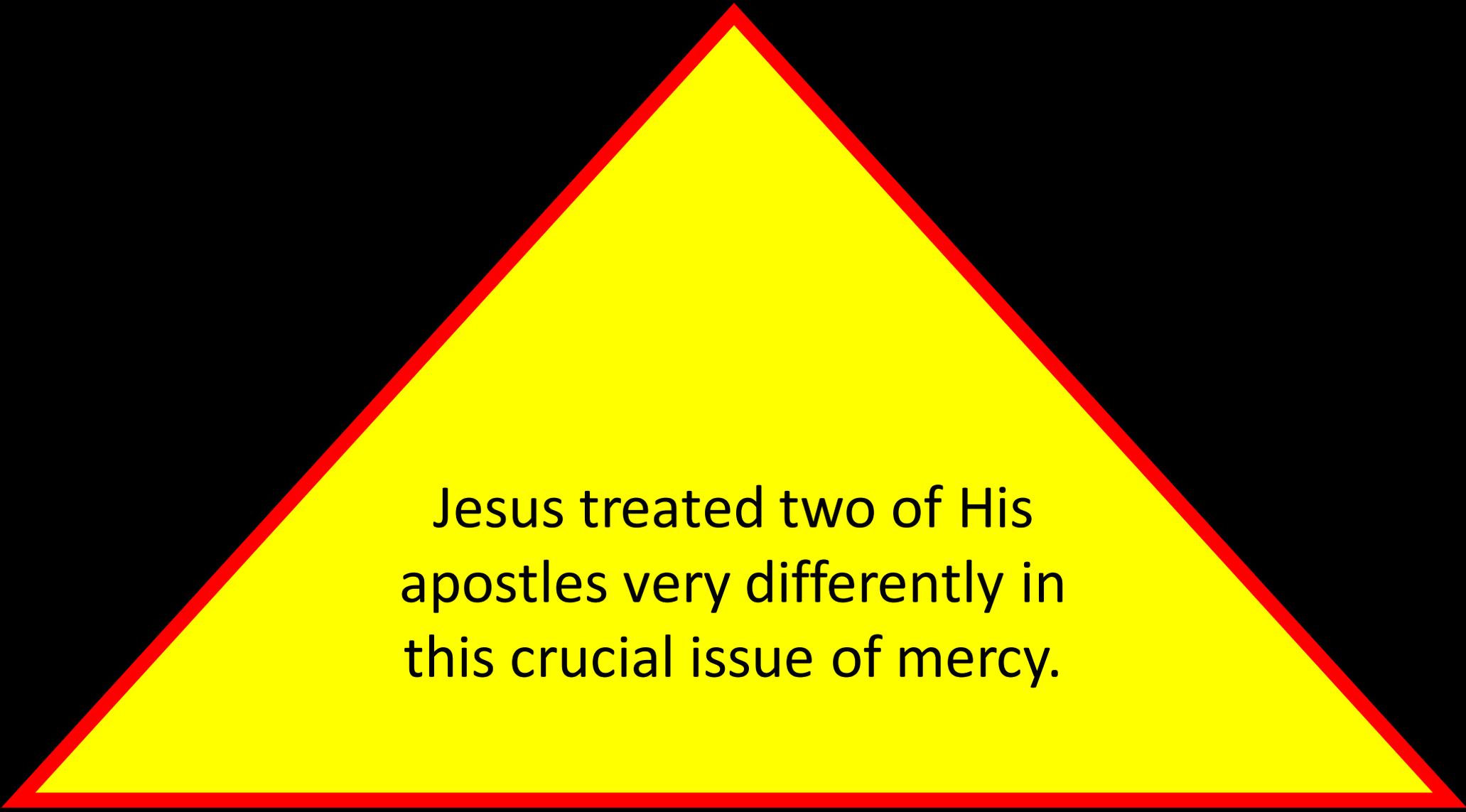
Pray like David for God to
renew and restore to cause
rejoicing again (Ps 51:8,10,12).

God Shows or Withholds Mercy!

He owes mercy to none, thus the definition of demerited forgiveness and favor, but He sovereignly chooses to show or to withhold.

For he saith to Moses,
I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy,
and I will have compassion
on whom I will have compassion.
So then it is not of him that willeth,
nor of him that runneth,
but of God that sheweth mercy.
Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy,
and whom he will he hardeneth.

Romans 9:15-18



Jesus treated two of His
apostles very differently in
this crucial issue of mercy.

Jesus answered them,
Have not I chosen you twelve,
and one of you is a devil?
He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon:
for he it was that should betray him,
being one of the twelve.

John 6:70-71

And truly the Son of man goeth,
as it was determined:
but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

Luke 22:22

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon,
behold, Satan hath desired to have you,
that he may sift you as wheat:
But I have prayed for thee,
that thy faith fail not:
and when thou art converted,
strengthen thy brethren.

Luke 22:31-32



God be merciful to us and
may thy Son pray for us
constantly and forever.

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