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Jehovah's Divine Authority As God

Where God Presently Has Us

By sovereign providence and for our profit,
He cut us off from a series on soul revival
for Elihu's lessons of sovereignty to Job.



We Have Celebrated His Dominion

Elihu explained the whole matter of Job's evil circumstances by summarizing sovereignty, and God followed with the same lesson.



Then Job arose,
and rent his mantle, and shaved his head,
and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,
And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb,
and naked shall I return thither:
the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away;
blessed be the name of the LORD.
In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Job 1:20-22

Then said his wife unto him,
Dost thou still retain thine integrity?
curse God, and die.

But he said unto her,
Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh.
What? shall we receive good at the hand of God,
and shall we not receive evil?
In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Job 2:9-10

Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu
the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram:
against Job was his wrath kindled,
because he justified himself
rather than God.

Job 32:2

Behold, in this thou art not just:

I will answer thee, that

GOD IS GREATER THAN MAN.

Why dost thou strive against him?

for he giveth not account of any of his matters.

Job 33:12-13

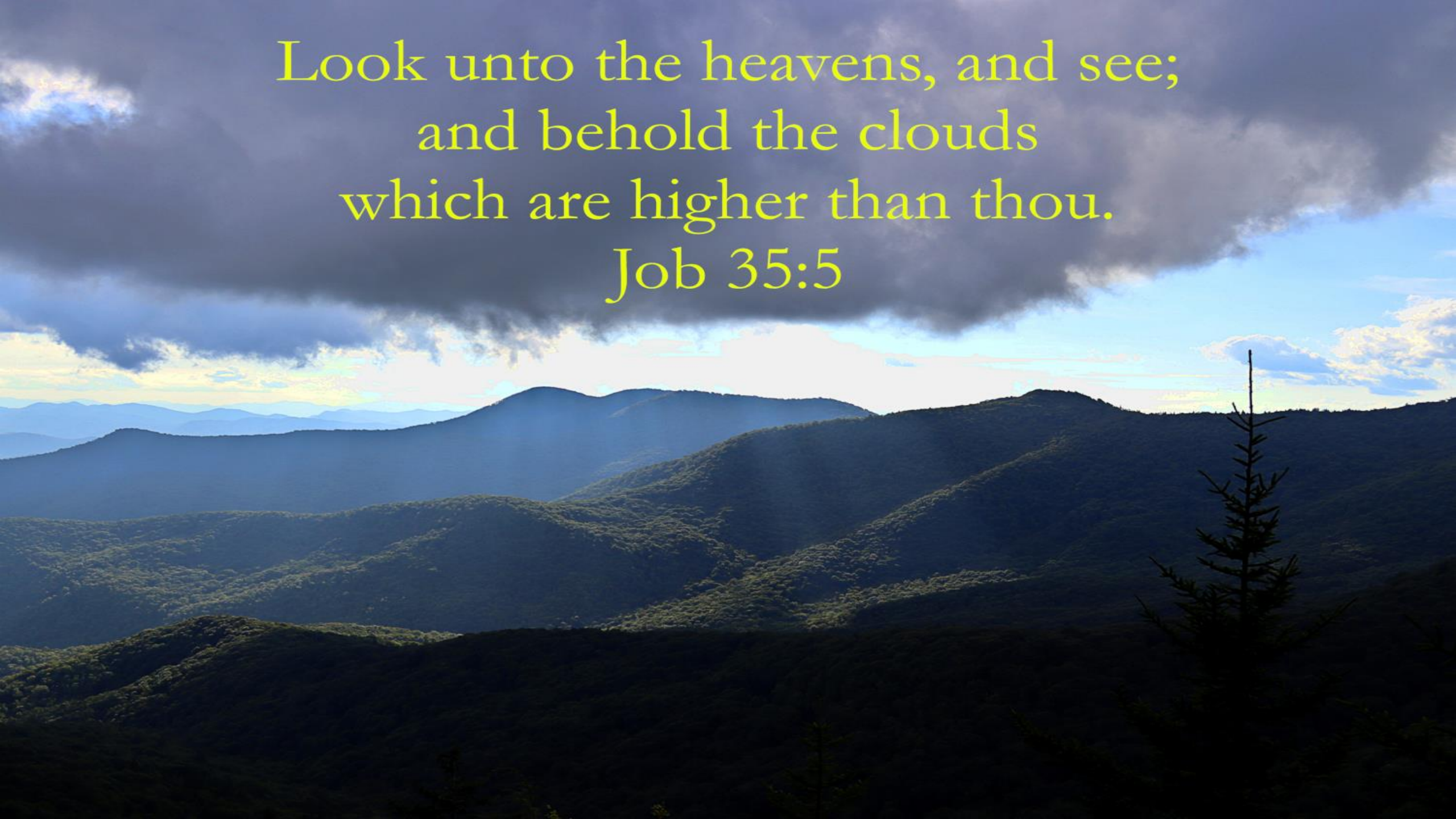
Who hath given him a charge over the earth?
or who hath disposed the whole world?
If he set his heart upon man,
if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;
All flesh shall perish together,
and man shall turn again unto dust.

Job 34:13-15

I will answer thee,
and thy companions with thee.
Look unto the heavens, and see;
and behold the clouds which
are higher than thou.

Job 35:4-5

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and behold the clouds
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Job 35:5







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

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Is it not lawful for me
to do what I will with mine own?
Is thine eye evil, because I am good?
So the last shall be first, and the first last:
for many be called, but few chosen.


Matthew 20:15-16

Who Decided These About You? Without Asking You?

Parents	Looks	Nation of Birth
Intelligence	Neighbors	Generation of Birth
Bodily Strength	Opportunities	Family's Religion
Father's Profession	Family Wealth	Character Training
Schooling	Connections	Personality

I returned, and saw under the sun,
that the race is not to the swift,
nor the battle to the strong,
neither yet bread to the wise,
nor yet riches to men of understanding,
nor yet favour to men of skill;
but time and chance
happeneth to them all.

Ecclesiastes 9:11



Who has complete control
and rule of time and
chance?

What is Omnipotence?

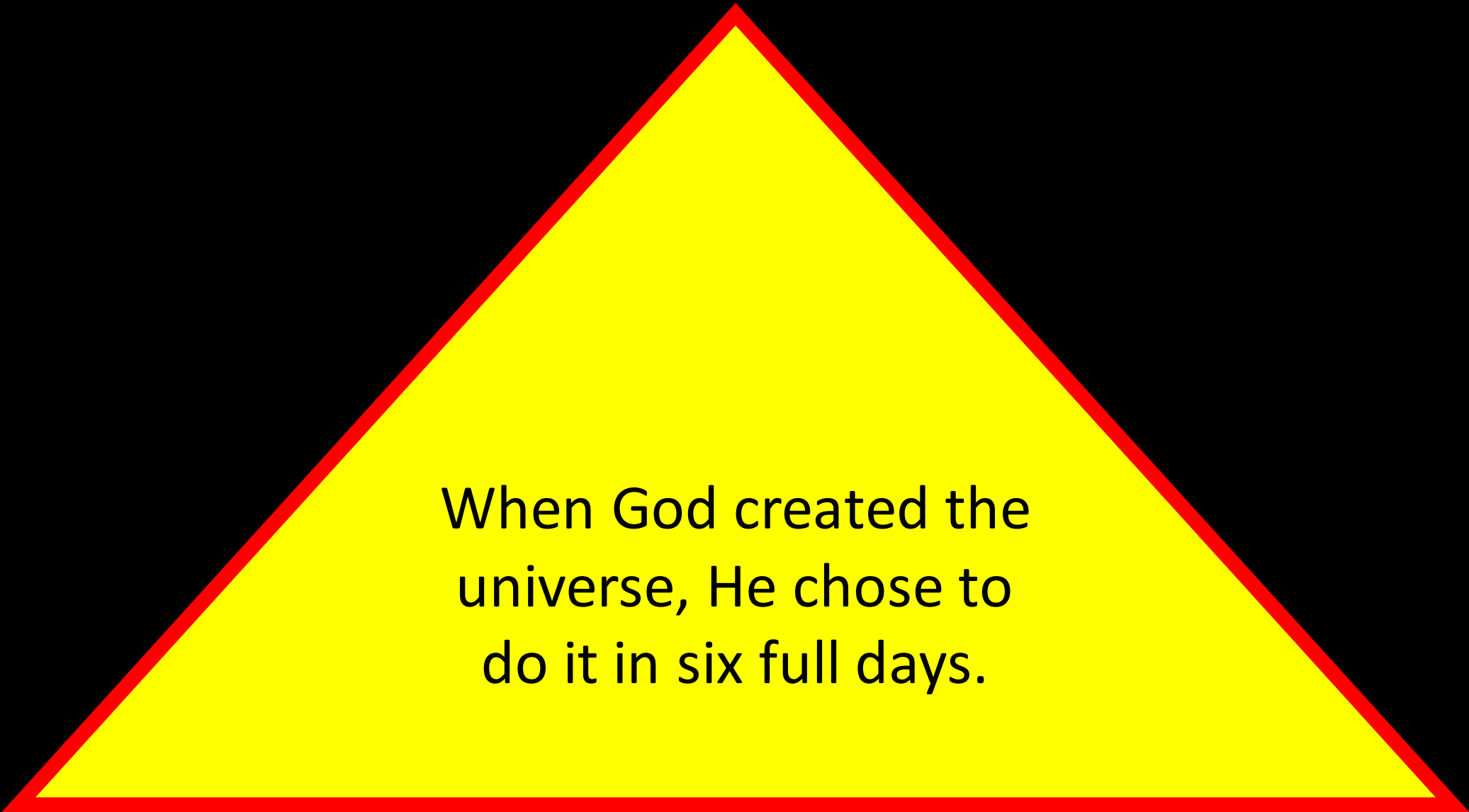
Omni = all ... **Potence** = power

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

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The exercise of His will over all creation to give or to withhold any aspect of existence. His right to do anything He chooses to other rational beings limited only by His own will.

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He made choices by His own will over many aspects of your life that you cannot change. These may include the ability and the result of great pain and suffering now and/or later.

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He gave you existence without asking you if you wanted existence, and you cannot alter your existence, and you cannot ever end it, so that suicide increases pain rather than end it.

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Jesus' Lesson for His Hometown

He taught them the sovereignty of God in the ministries of Elijah and Elisha to justify why He would not do any miracles for them.

But I tell you of a truth,
many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias,
when the heaven was shut up
three years and six months,
when great famine was throughout all the land;
But unto none of them was Elias sent,
save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon,
unto a woman that was a widow.

Luke 4:25-26

And many lepers were in Israel
in the time of Eliseus the prophet;
and none of them was cleansed,
saving Naaman the Syrian.


Luke 4:27

His Hometown's Response to Him

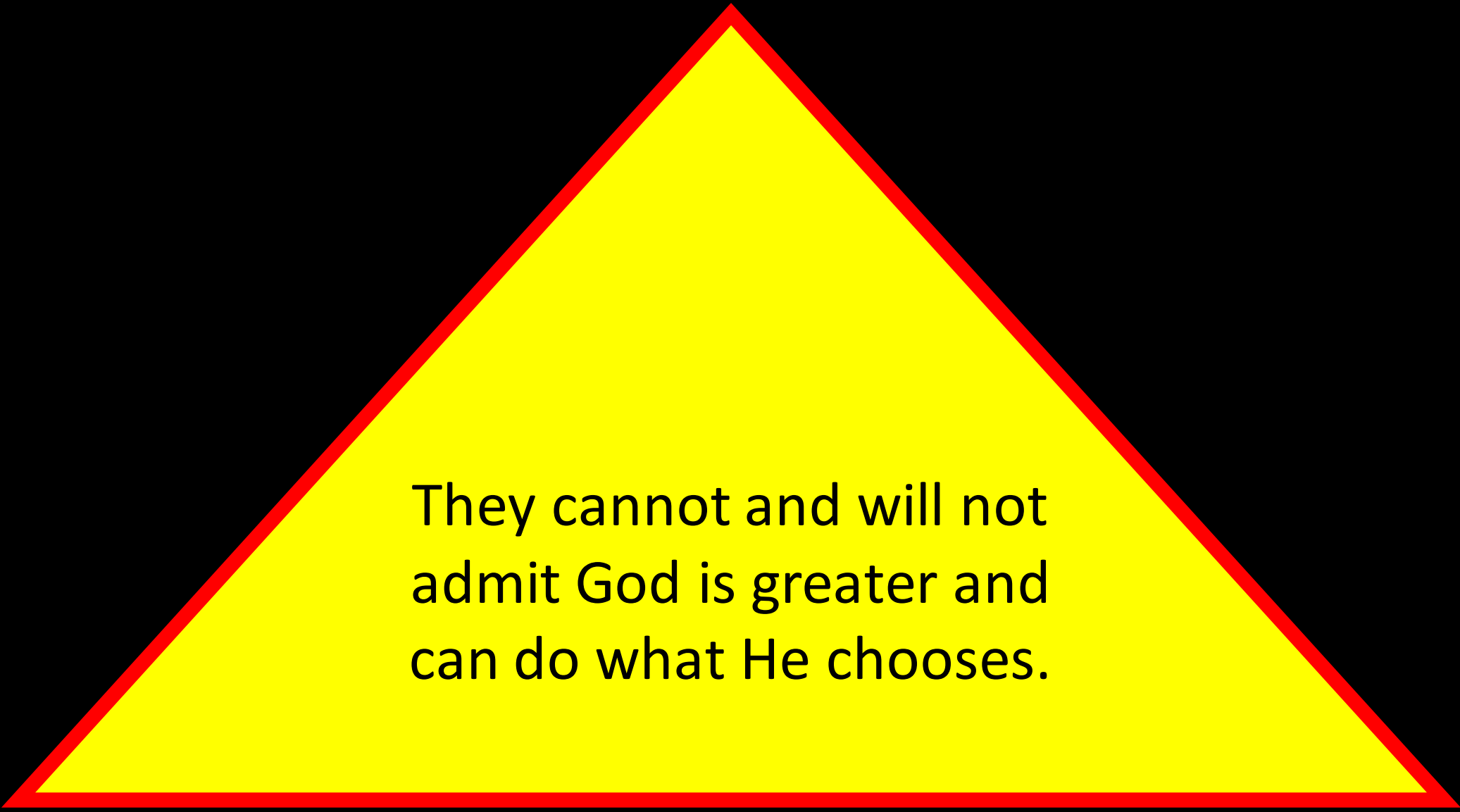
They instantly turned from being amazed by His gracious words and prophecy to filling up with wrath and trying to kill Him.

And all they in the synagogue,
when they heard these things,
were filled with wrath,
And rose up, and thrust him out of the city,
and led him unto the brow of the hill
whereon their city was built,
that they might cast him down headlong.

Luke 4:28-29



Men hate sovereignty for
one reason, it takes value
and control from them.



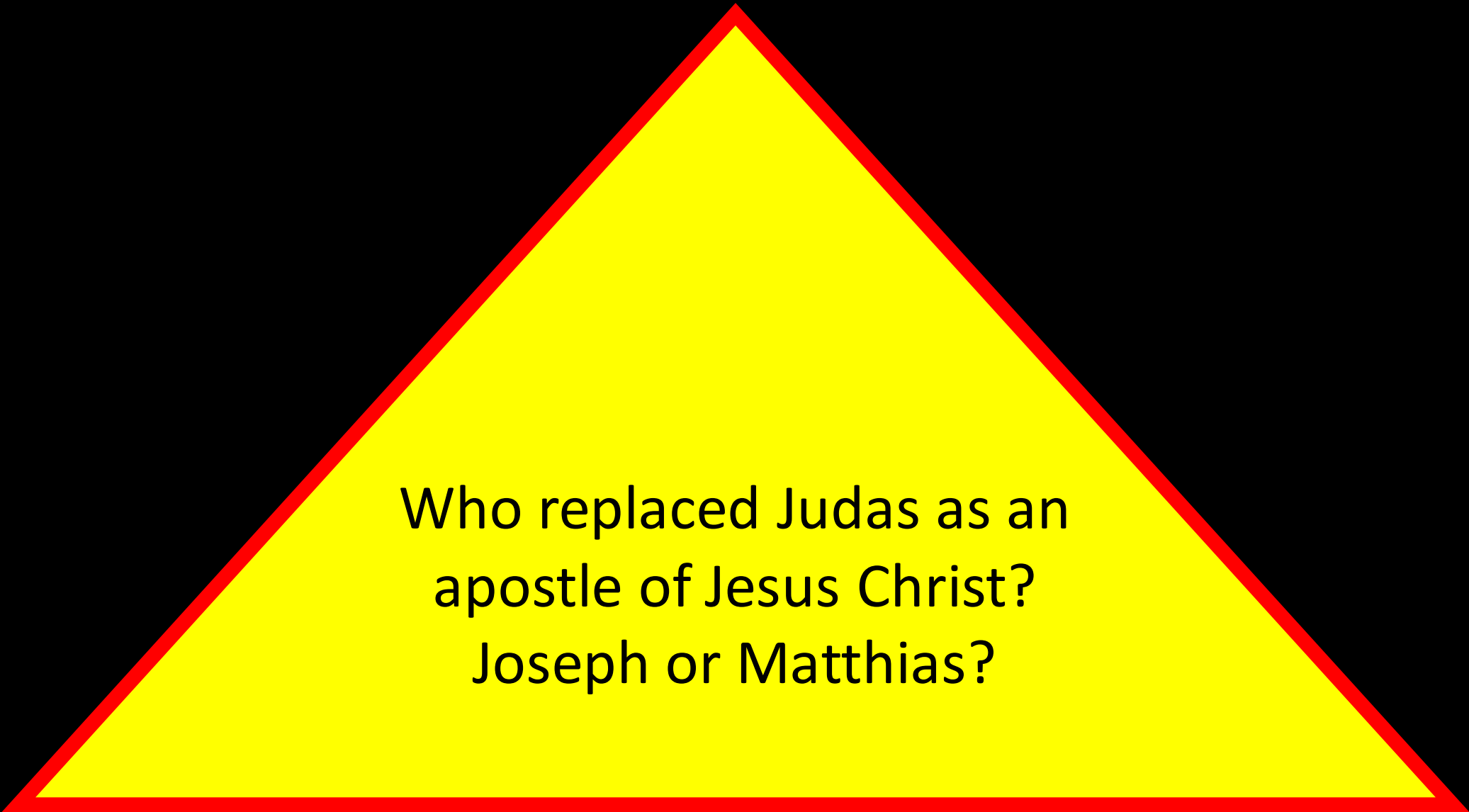
They cannot and will not
admit God is greater and
can do what He chooses.

What about Chance Events?



The lot is cast into the lap;
but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.


Proverbs 16:33



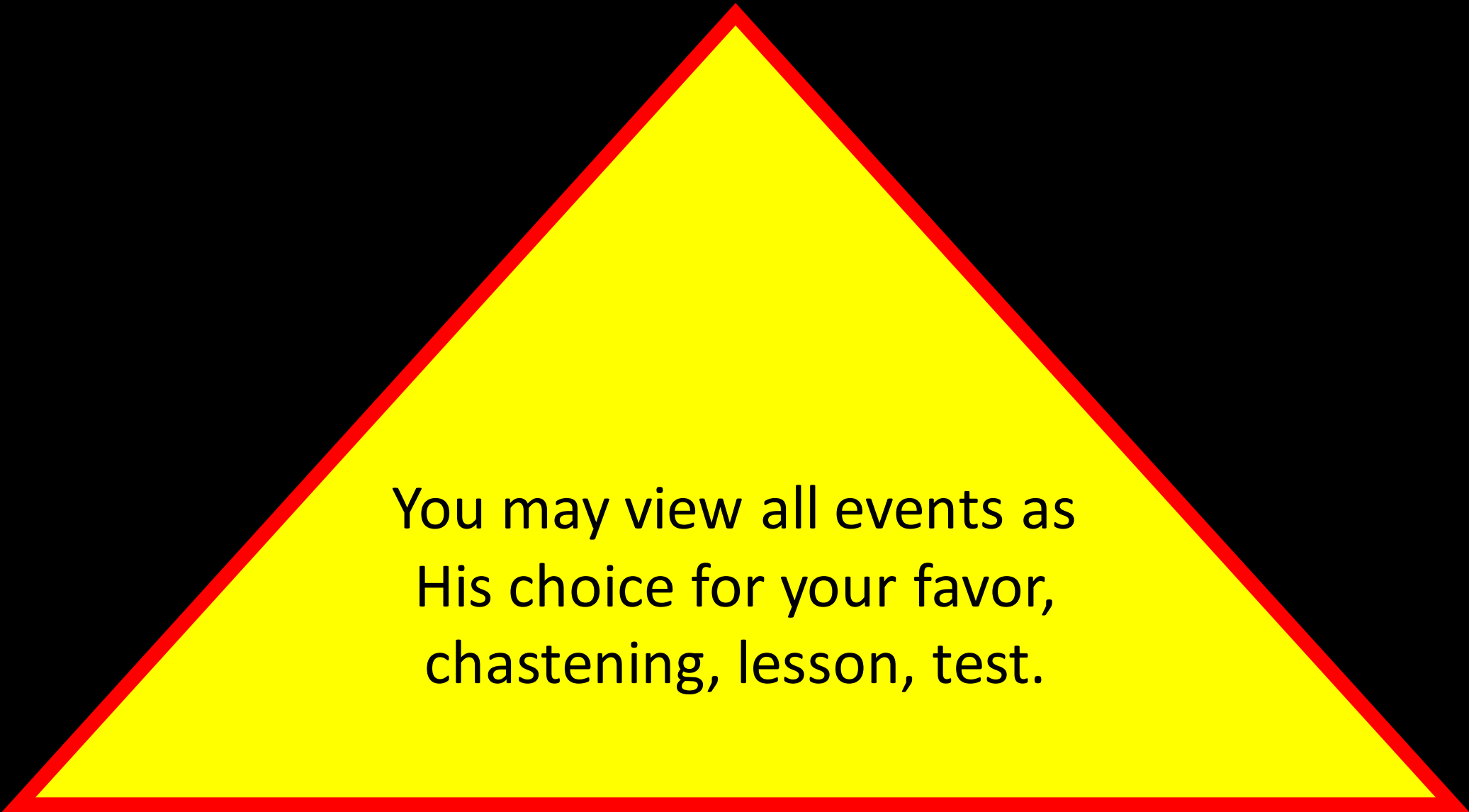
Who replaced Judas as an
apostle of Jesus Christ?
Joseph or Matthias?

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.



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

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My father-in-law in the U.S. Army in 1950 was chosen to serve in Germany while his platoon mates were sent to Korea to their deaths. In this sovereign choice I got a wife. There are many similar choices in your life and wife.




Praise Him for His choices!
You are here tonight by a
billion choices to bless you.

But we are bound to give thanks
alway to God for you,
brethren beloved of the Lord,
because God hath from the beginning
chosen you to salvation through
sanctification of the Spirit
and belief of the truth:

II Thessalonians 2:13

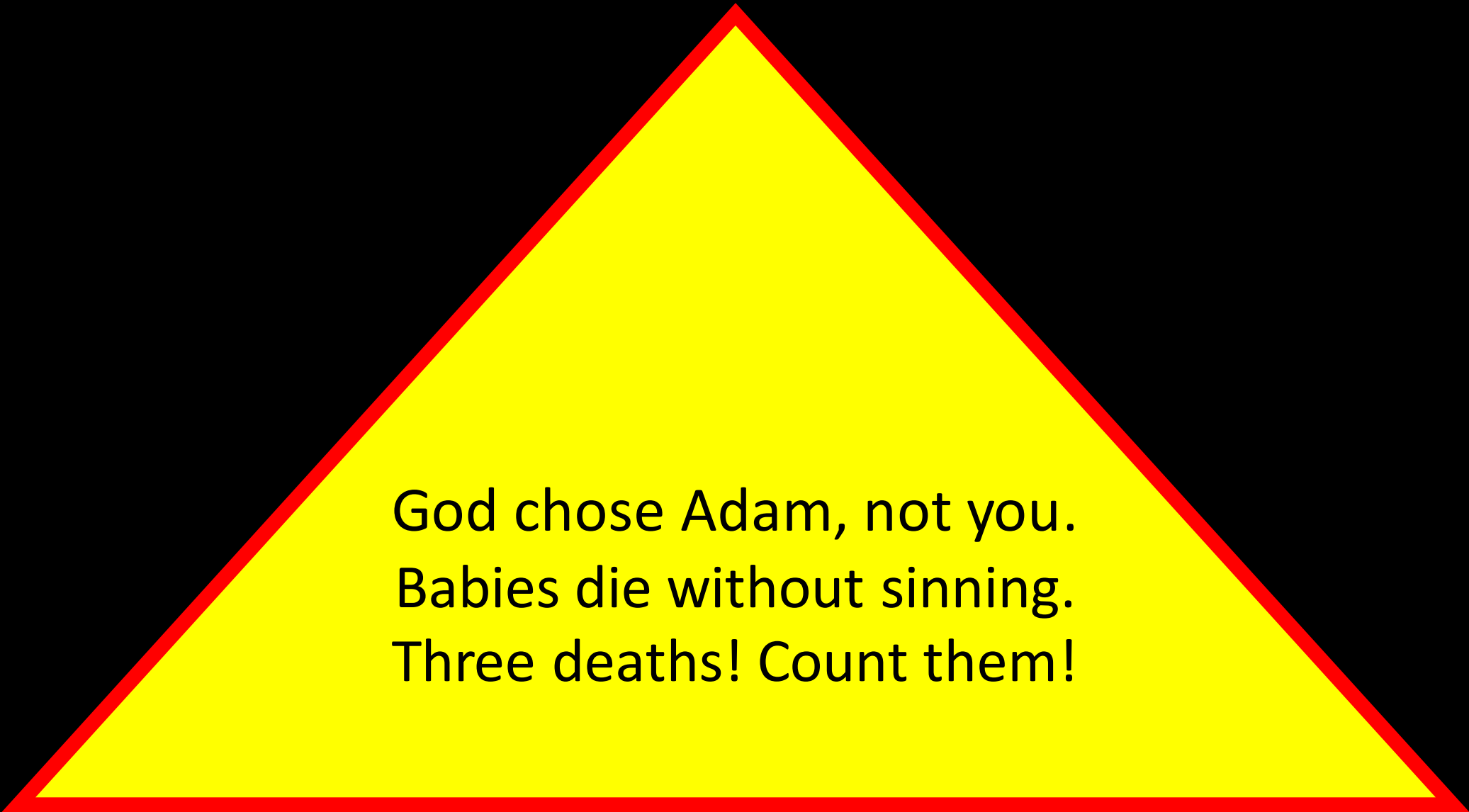


God deals every creature
a hand of cards for your
unique praise of Him.

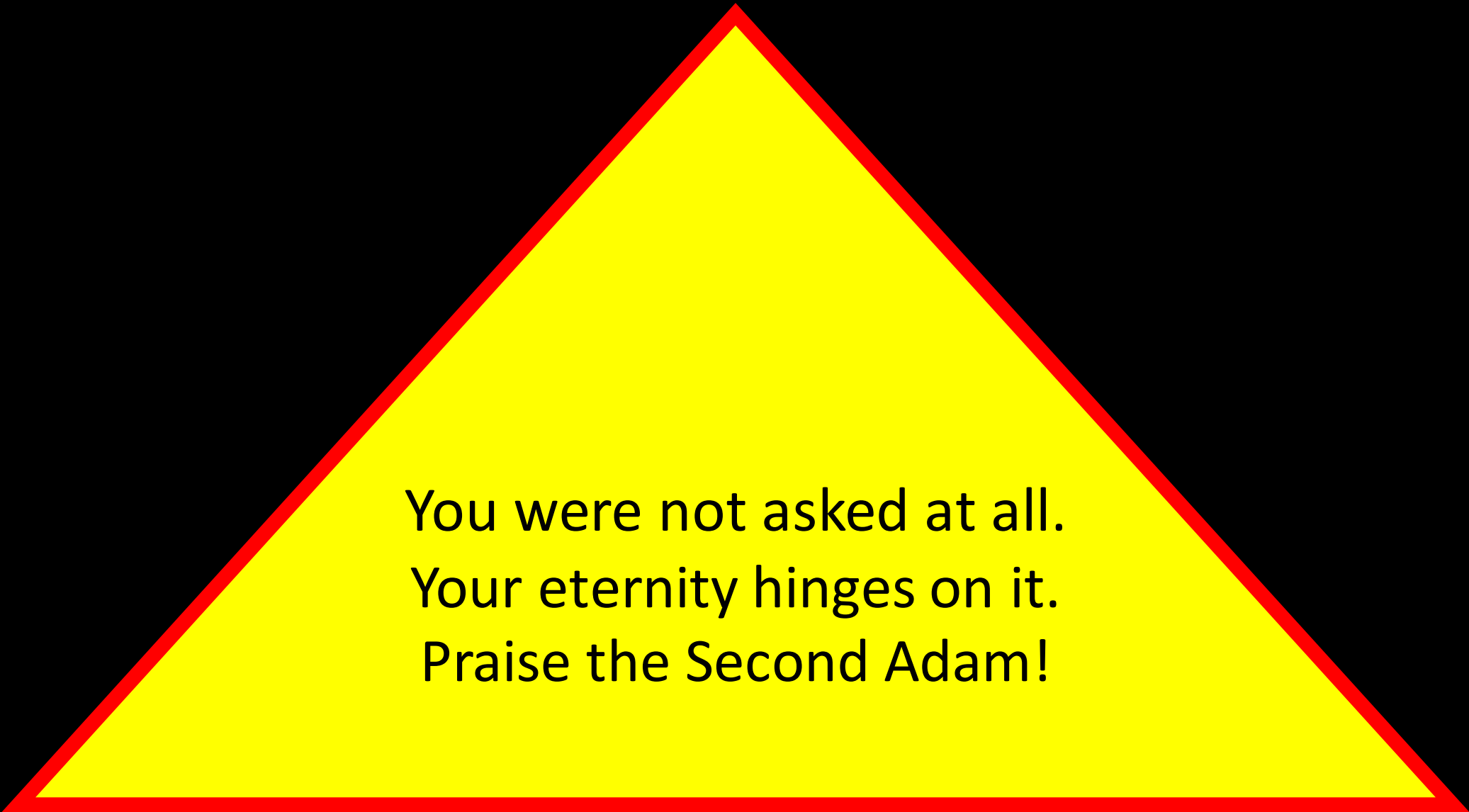


Are you playing them the
best you can to glorify
your great Sovereign God?

What about Original Sin?



God chose Adam, not you.
Babies die without sinning.
Three deaths! Count them!



You were not asked at all.
Your eternity hinges on it.
Praise the Second Adam!

For as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

I Corinthians 15:22

According as he hath chosen us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and
without blame before him in love:
Having predestinated us unto the
adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself,
according to the good pleasure of his will,
To the praise of the glory of his grace,
wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:4-6

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No Wonder He Said ...




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Notwithstanding in this rejoice not,
that the spirits are subject unto you;
but rather rejoice, because your
names are written in heaven.

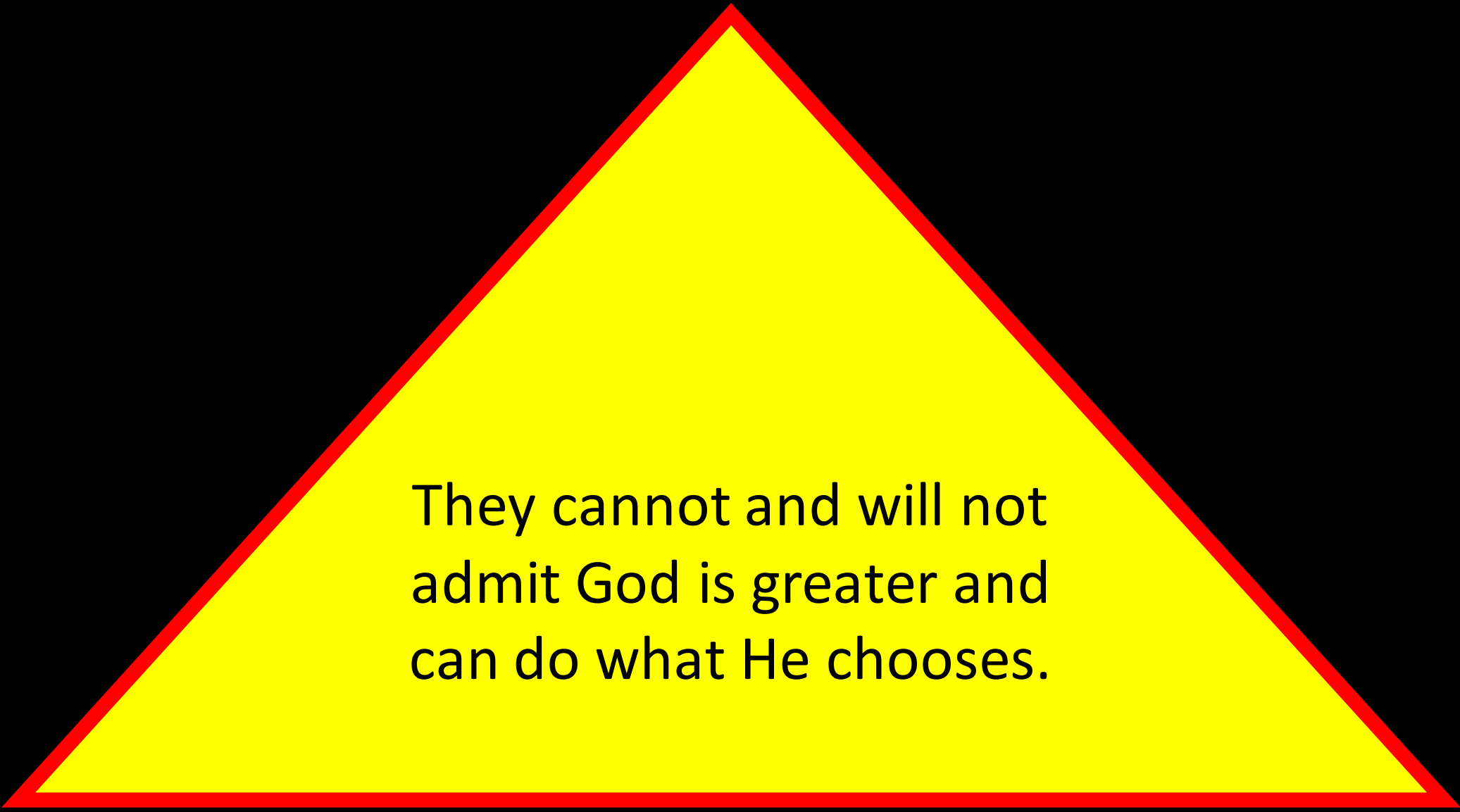
Luke 10:20

They Want Control of Salvation

With or without Bible, God loves them all for being human ... He must give them their own choice over and over and over to be loving.



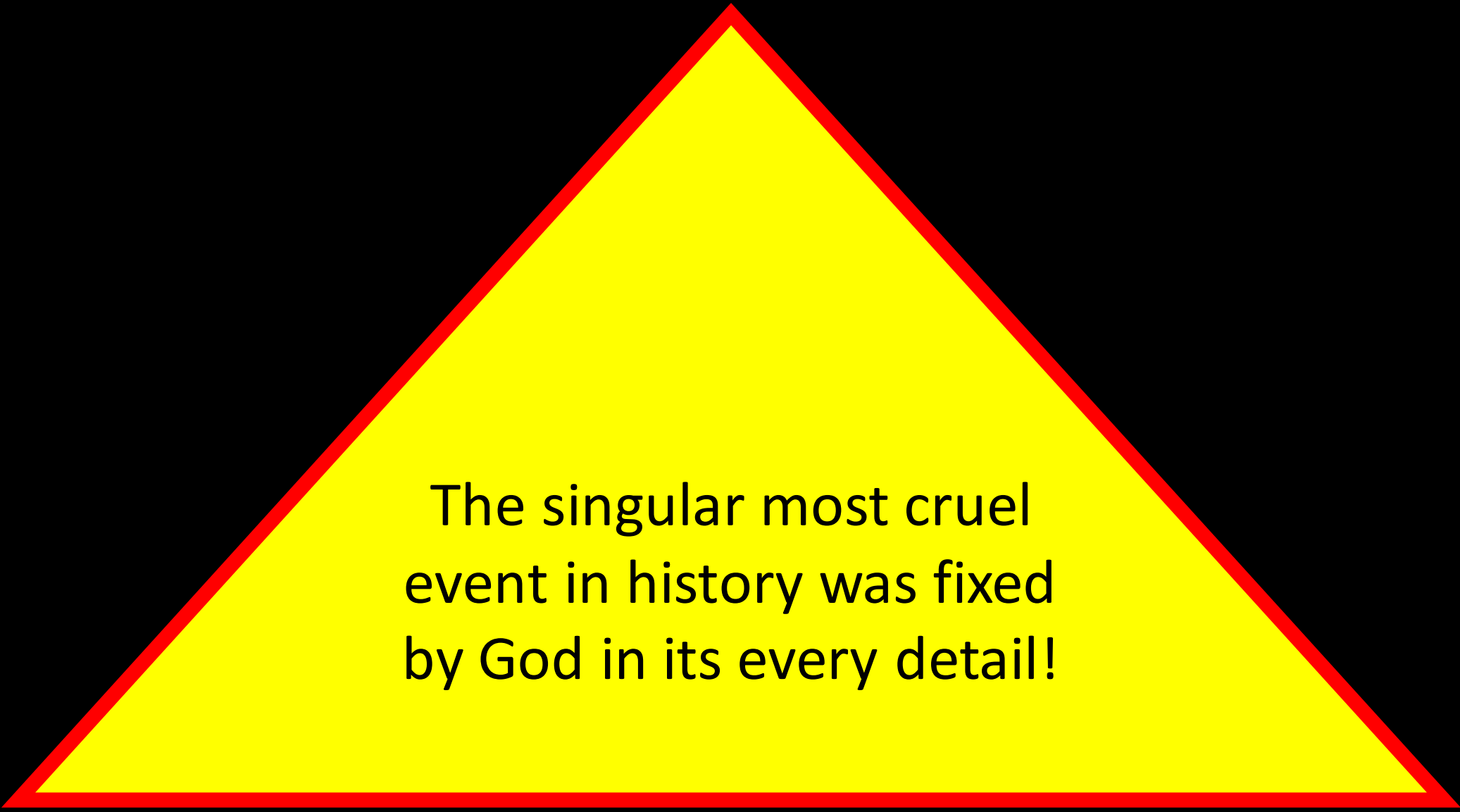
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God Only Has Foreknowledge!

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



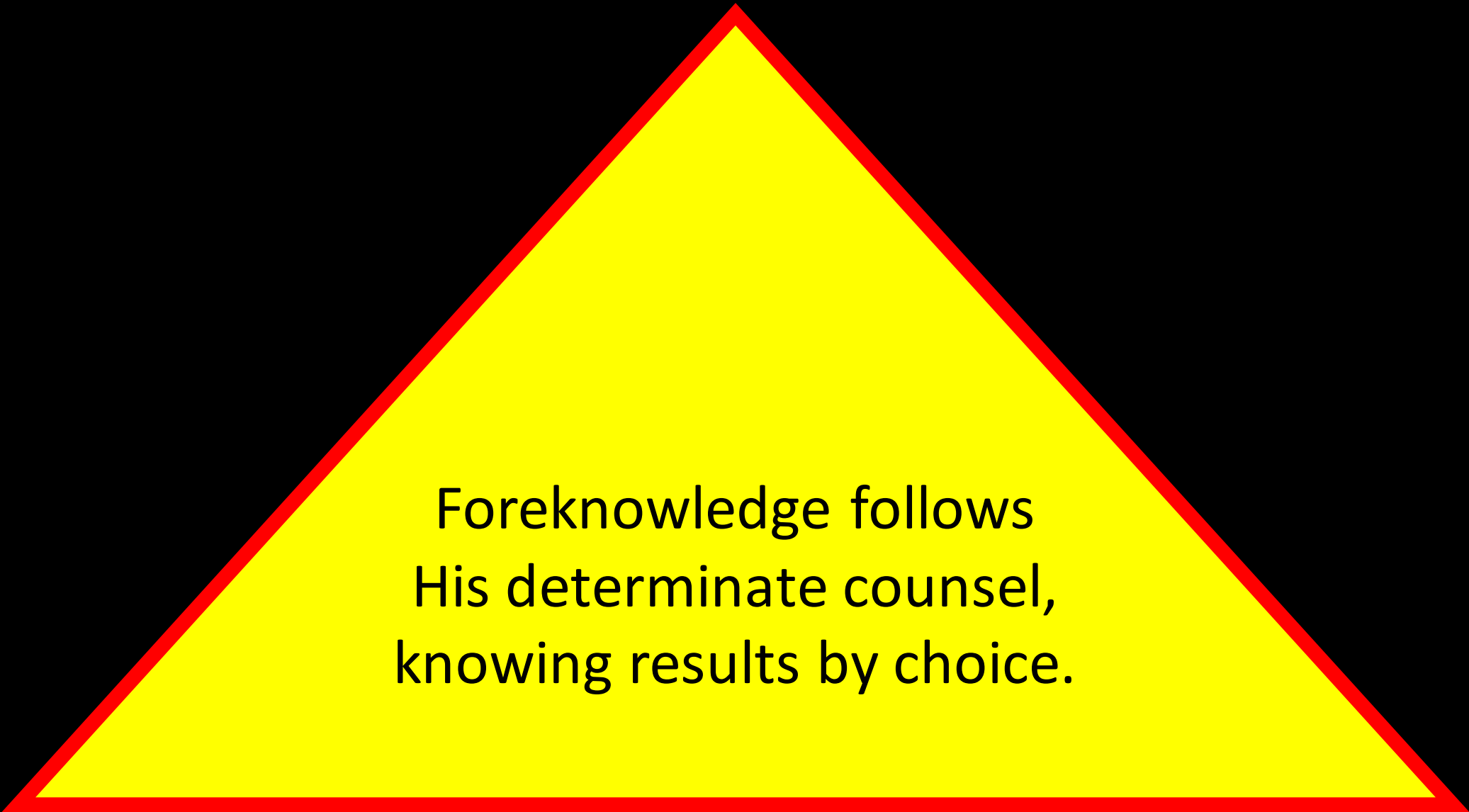
The singular most cruel
event in history was fixed
by God in its every detail!

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.




The simplest events in
history were also fixed by
God in their every detail!

And Ruth the Moabite said unto Naomi,
Let me now go to the field,
and glean ears of corn after him
in whose sight I shall find grace.
And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.
And she went, and came, and gleaned
in the field after the reapers:
and her hap was to light on a part
of the field belonging unto Boaz,
who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

Ruth 2:2-3

Go to now, ye that say,
To day or to morrow we will go into such a city,
and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:
Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow....
For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will,
we shall live, and do this, or that.
But now ye rejoice in your boastings:
all such rejoicing is evil.

James 4:13-16



Praise Him for all events!
Trust Him for bad events!
Never boast of your plans!

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 Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee,
open his eyes, that he may see.

And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man;
and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full
of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.
And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed
unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people,
I pray thee, with blindness.

And he smote them with blindness
according to the word of Elisha.

II Kings 6:17-18



And as Jesus passed by,
he saw a man which was blind from his birth.
And his disciples asked him, saying, Master,
who did sin, this man, or his parents,
that he was born blind?

Jesus answered,
Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents:
but that the works of God should
be made manifest in him.


John 9:1-3

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.

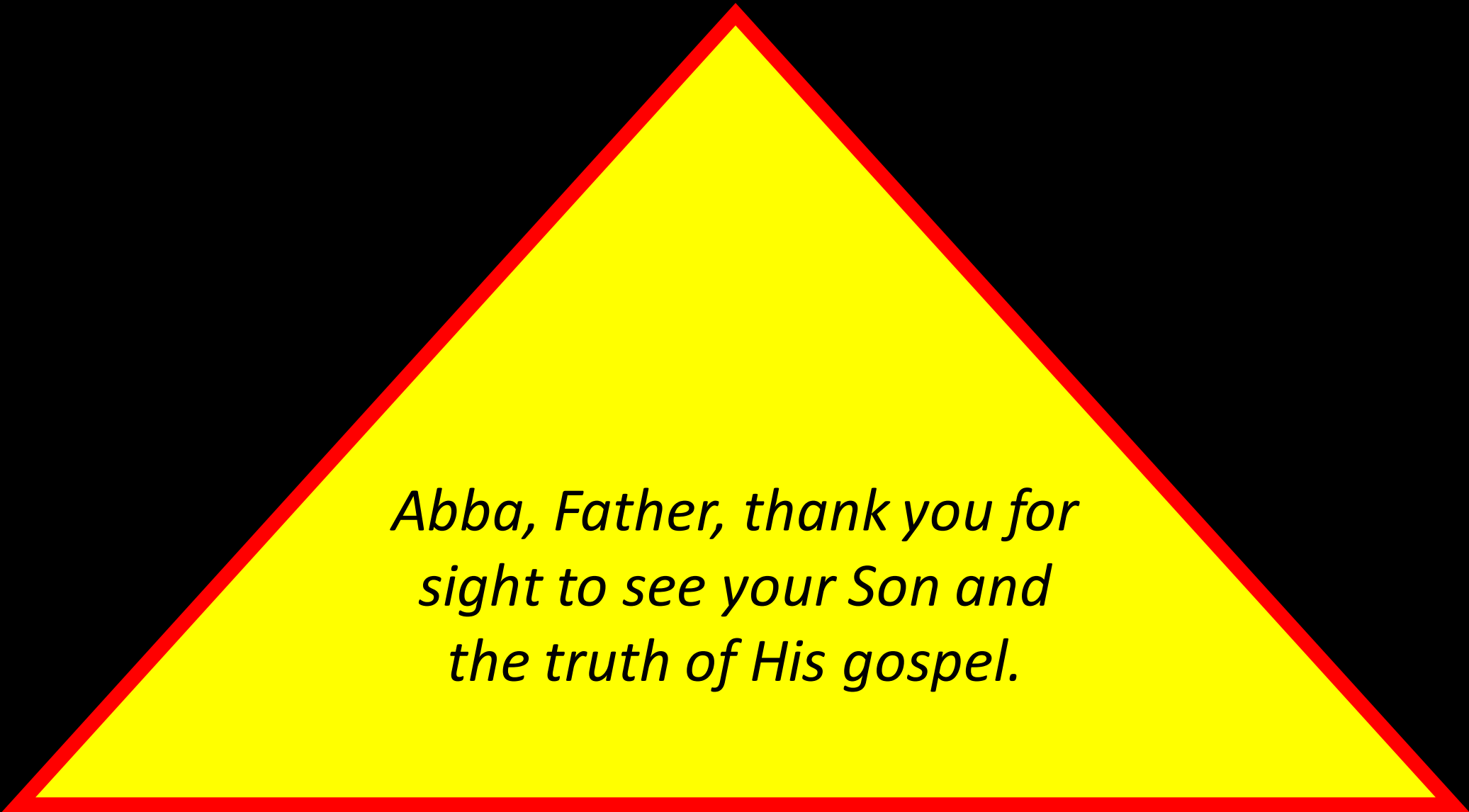
John 9:39

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



Praise Him for your sight!
You here tonight see by a
billion choices for you.



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



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

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


Psalm 119:18

God Hardens & Confuses Hearts!

He uses this discriminating sovereign power to judge His enemies and lead them to the slaughter for touching His beloved church.

And I, behold,
I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians,
and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour
upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host,
upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

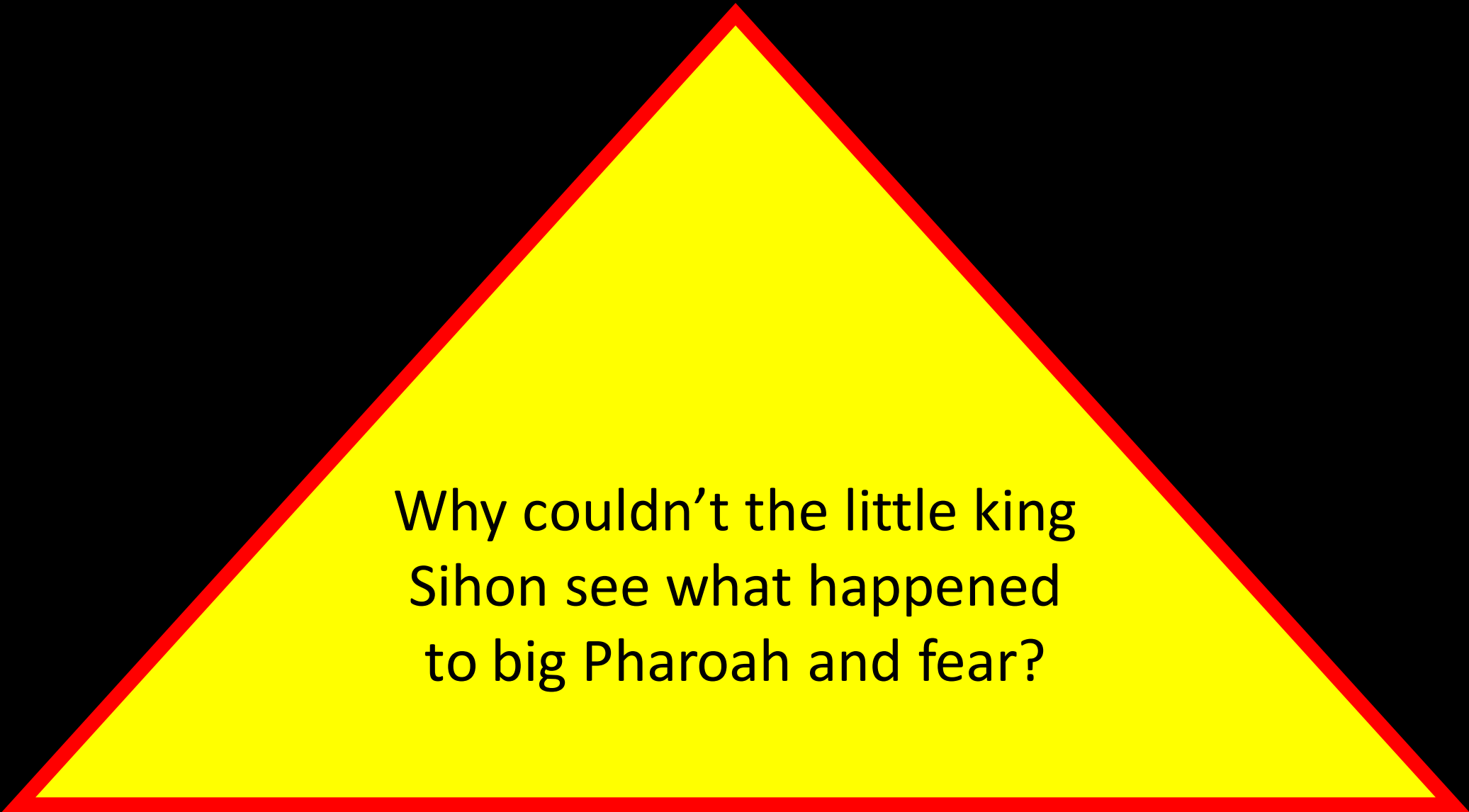
Exodus 14:17



After ten plagues in Egypt,
why could Pharaoh and his
army not think drowning?

But Sihon king of Heshbon
would not let us pass by him:
for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit,
and made his heart obstinate,
that he might deliver him into thy hand,
as appeareth this day.


Deuteronomy 2:30



Why couldn't the little king
Sihon see what happened
to big Pharoah and fear?

There was not a city that made peace
with the children of Israel, save the Hivites
the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other they took in battle.
For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts,
that they should come against Israel in battle,
that he might destroy them utterly,
and that they might have no favour,
but that he might destroy them,
as the LORD commanded Moses.

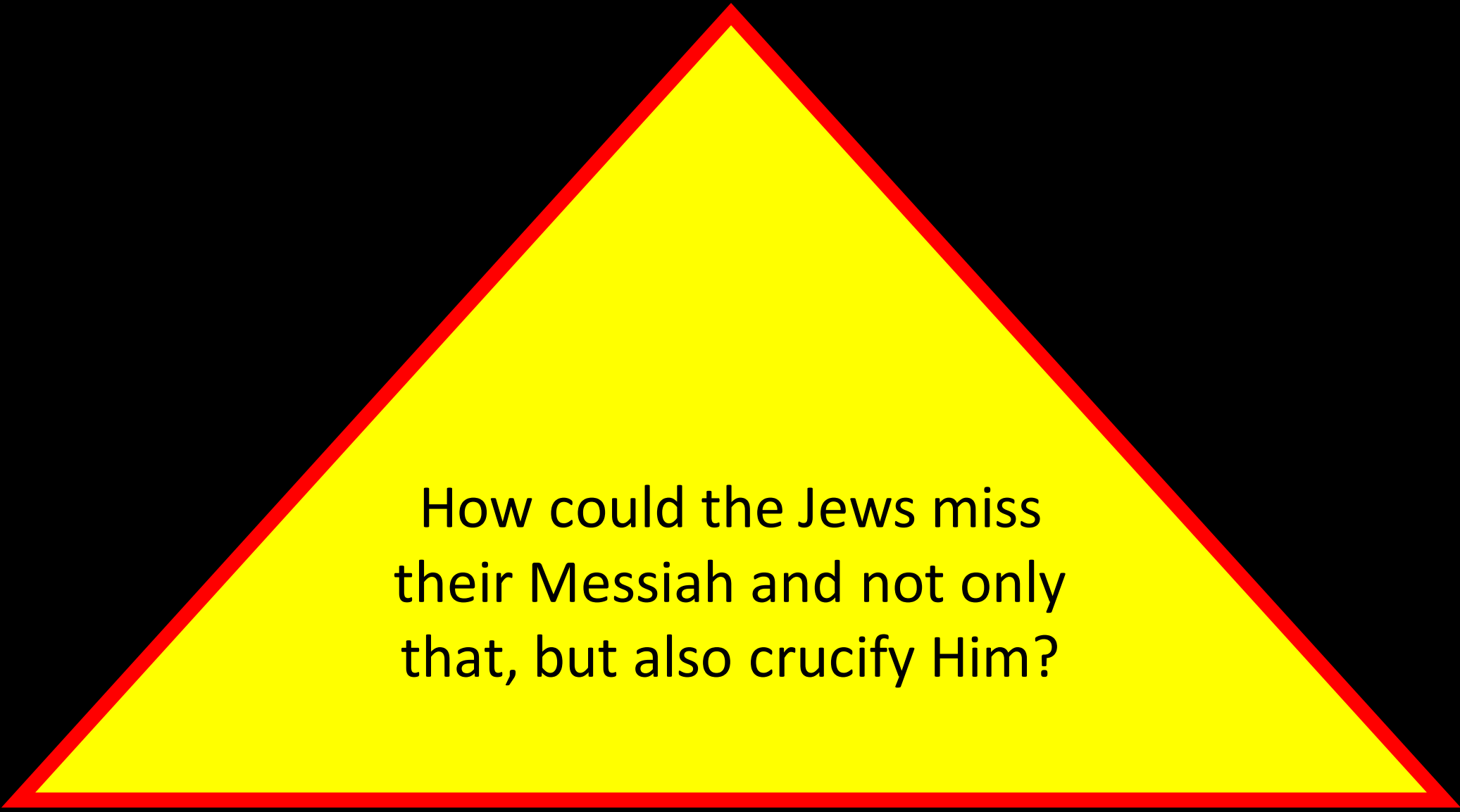
Joshua 11:19-20



To help Israel destroy all
the Canaanites, He made
them come in open battle!

He hath blinded their eyes,
and hardened their heart;
that they should not see with their eyes,
nor understand with their heart,
and be converted, and I should heal them.

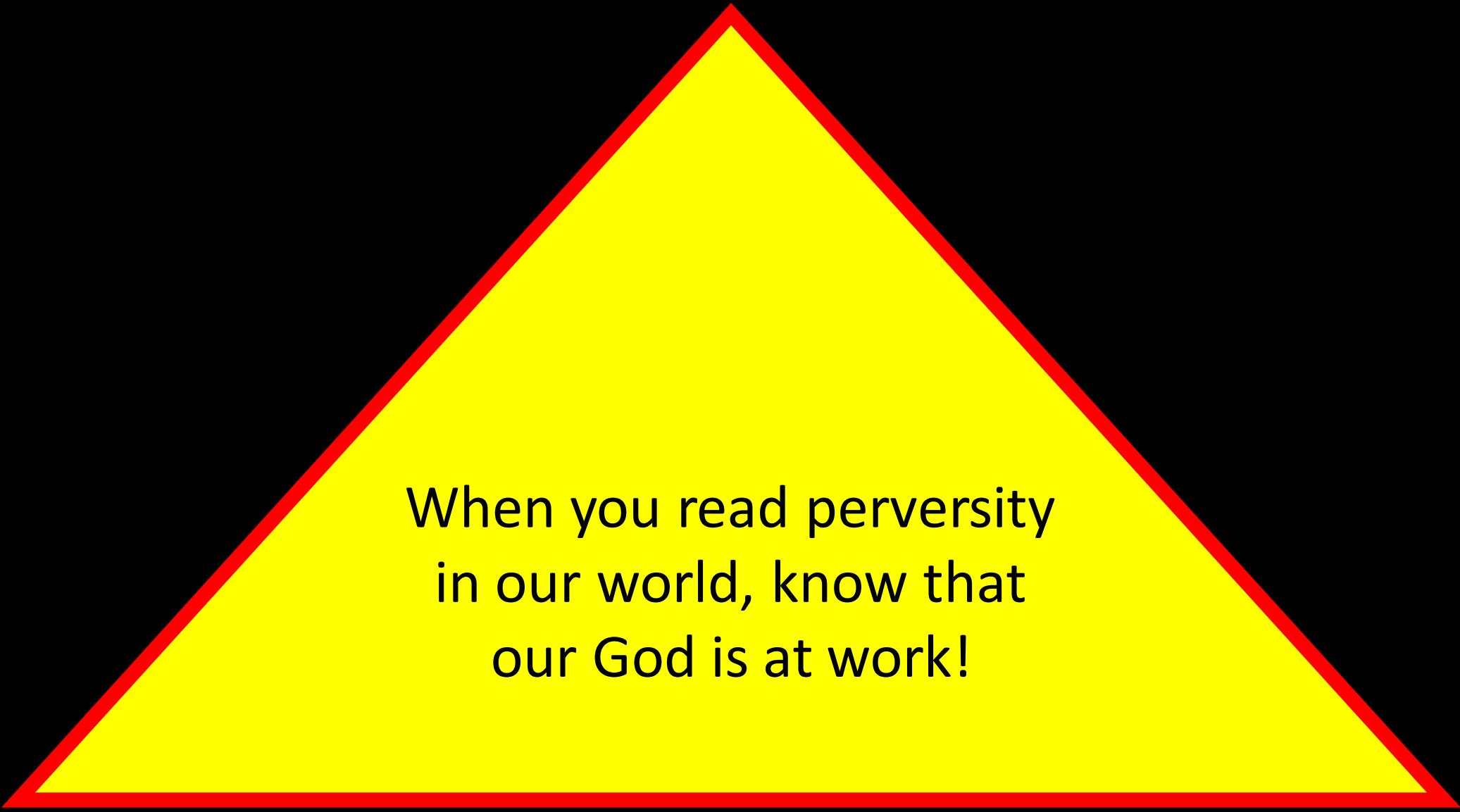
John 12:40



How could the Jews miss
their Messiah and not only
that, but also crucify Him?

Because that, when they knew God,
they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful;
but became vain in their imaginations,
and their foolish heart was darkened....
Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness
through the lusts of their own hearts,...
For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections:....
God gave them over to a reprobate mind,
to do those things which are not convenient;...

Romans 1:21-28



When you read perversity
in our world, know that
our God is at work!

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



Pray like David for God to
renew and restore your
soul to rejoicing again.


Make me to hear joy and gladness;
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice....

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence;
and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psalm 51:8-12



Pray like David for God to
incline your heart away
from sin and toward Him.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies
and not to covetousness.

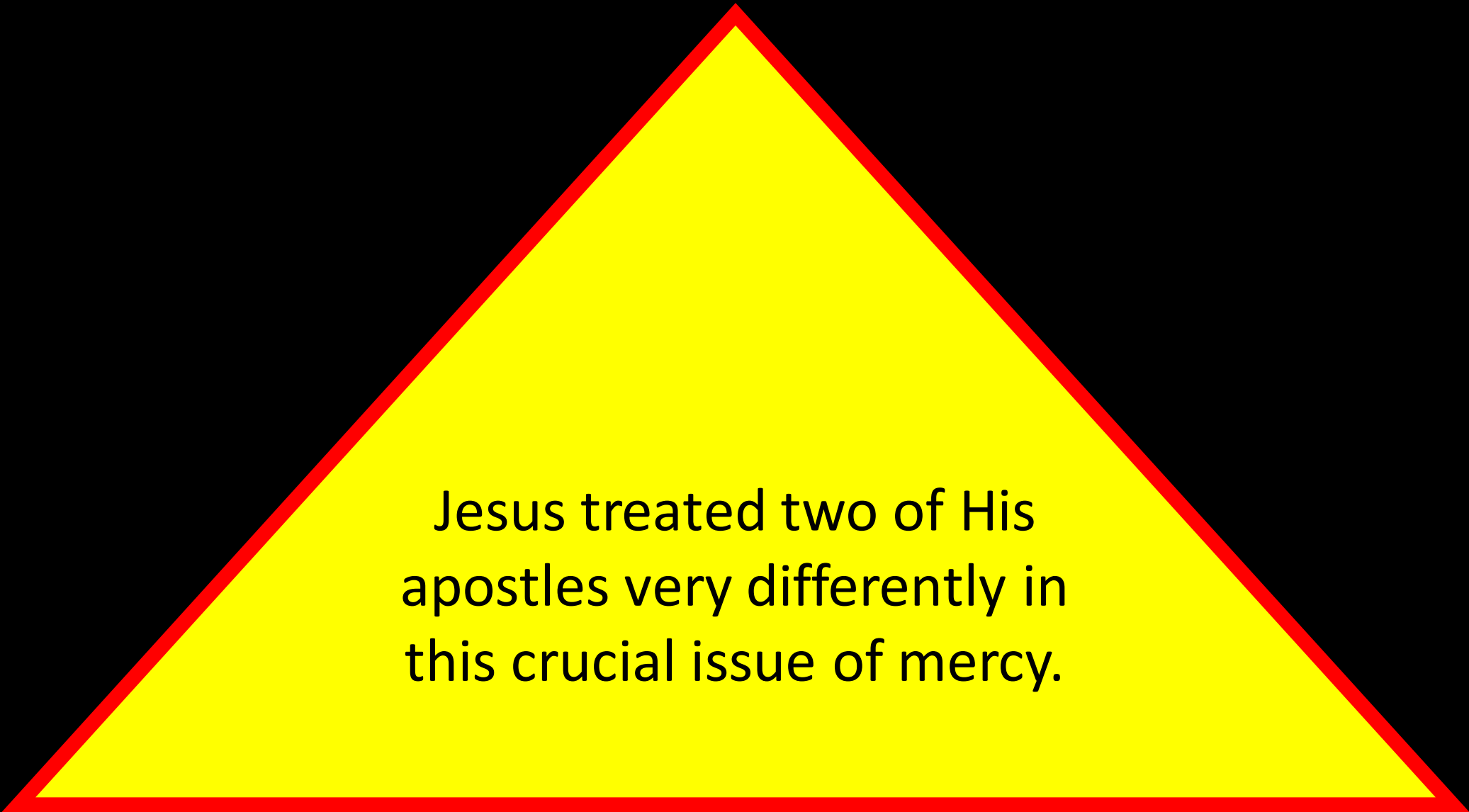
Psalm 119:36

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.

God's Will Is Always Supreme

He operates according to His own will, and both large and small events of life are all under His sovereign will.

For I am God, and there is none else;
I am God, and there is none like me,
Declaring the end from the beginning,
and from ancient times the things that are not yet done,
saying, My counsel shall stand,
and I will do all my pleasure:
Calling a ravenous bird from the east,
the man that executeth my counsel from a far country:
yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass;
I have purposed it, I will also do it.

Isaiah 46:9-11

And all the inhabitants of the earth
are reputed as nothing:
and he doeth according to his will
in the army of heaven, and among
the inhabitants of the earth:
and none can stay his hand,
or say unto him, What doest thou?

Daniel 4:35

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance,
being predestinated according to the purpose of him
who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Ephesians 1:11

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

James 4:15

How Do You Differ from Another?

Men think success in life is due to their ability or efforts; they love to speak of the self-made man pulling himself up. God says otherwise.

For who maketh thee to differ from another?
and what hast thou that thou didst not receive?
now if thou didst receive it,
why dost thou glory,
as if thou hadst not received it?

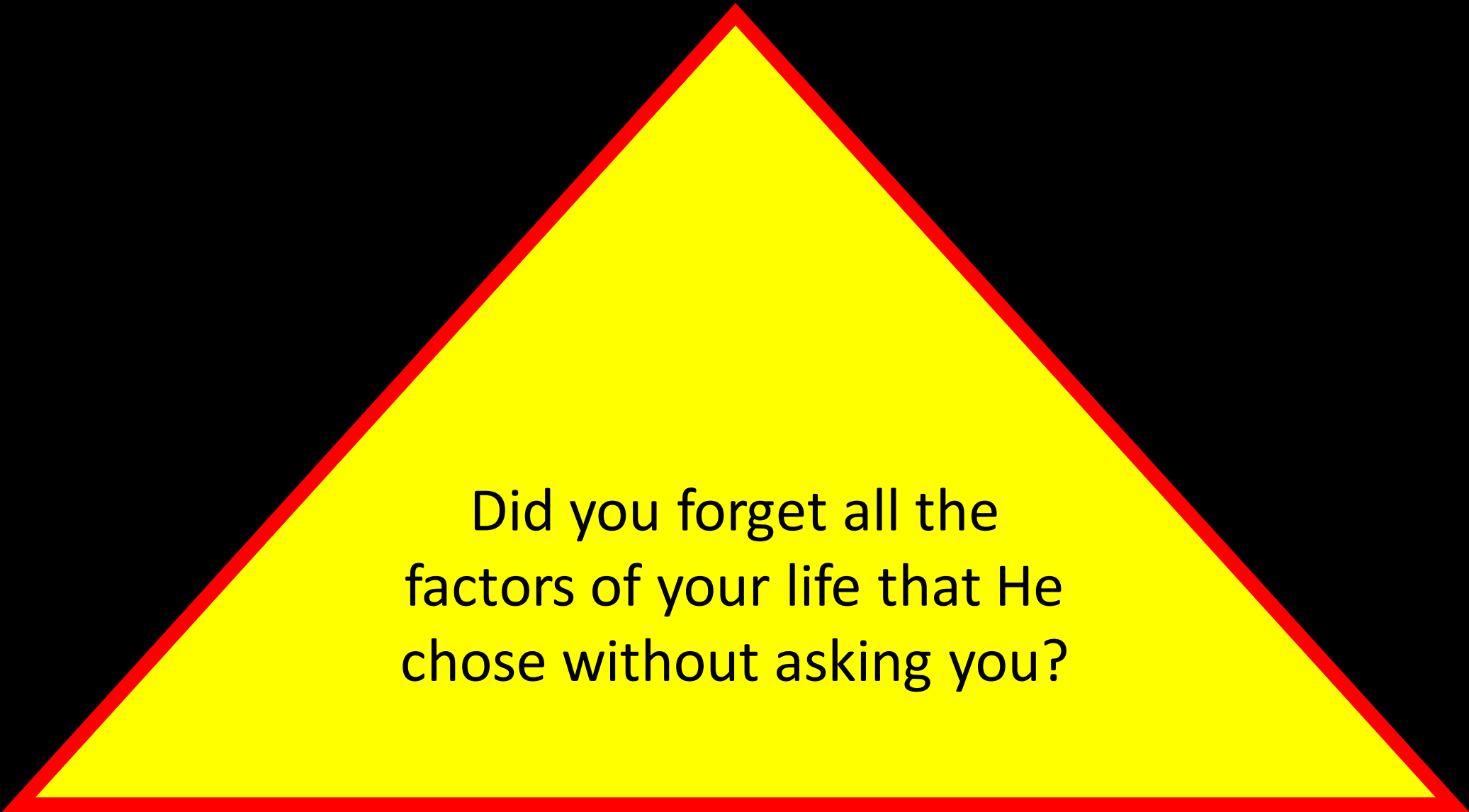
I Corinthians 4:7

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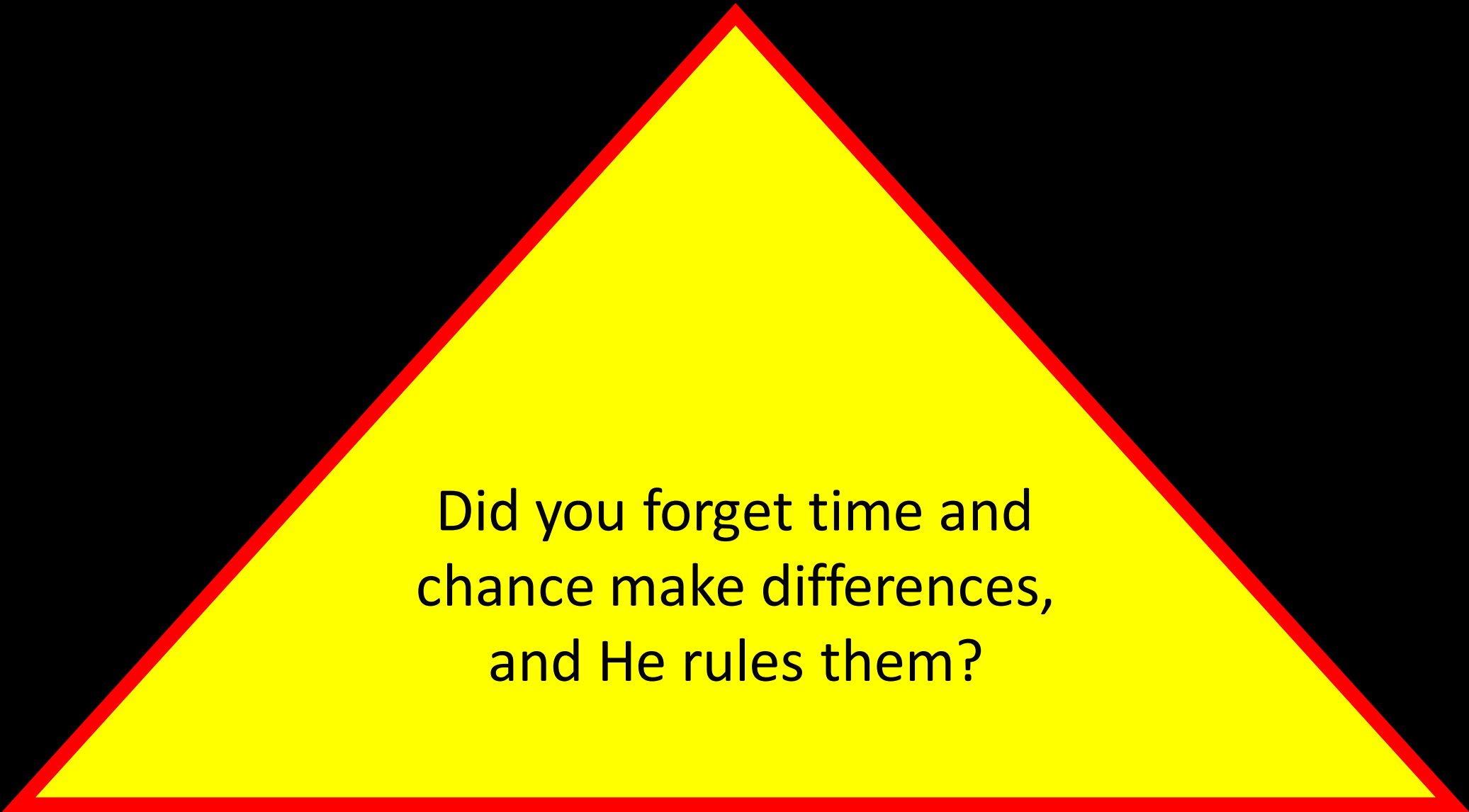
The context for Paul's rule is mainly all the spiritual gifts or offices that the church at Corinth was arrogantly puffed up about.

But Let Us Not Discard the Rule

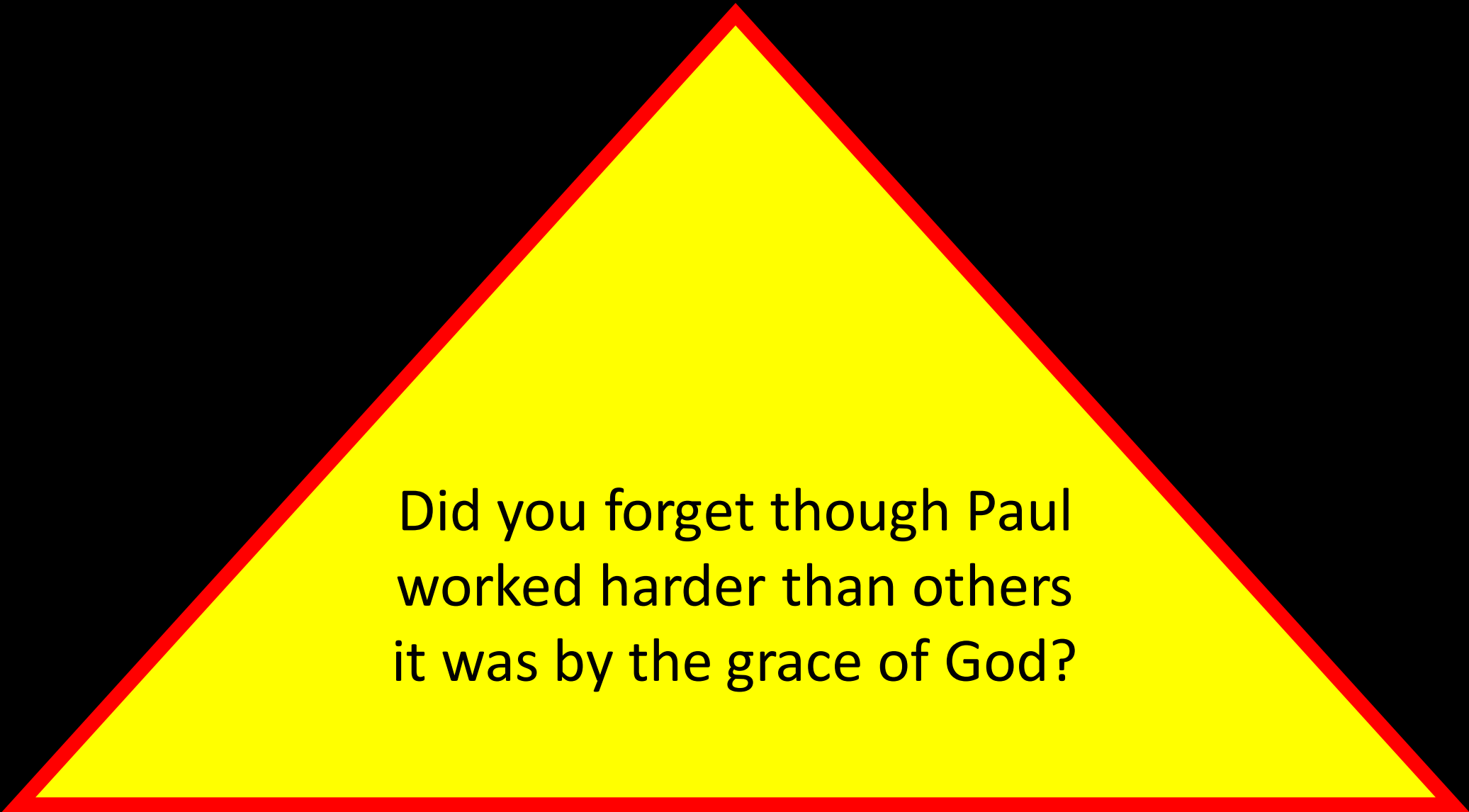
For Paul's language for spiritual gifts can be applied to all gifts, opportunities, and privileges in general that affect life.




Did you forget all the
factors of your life that He
chose without asking you?



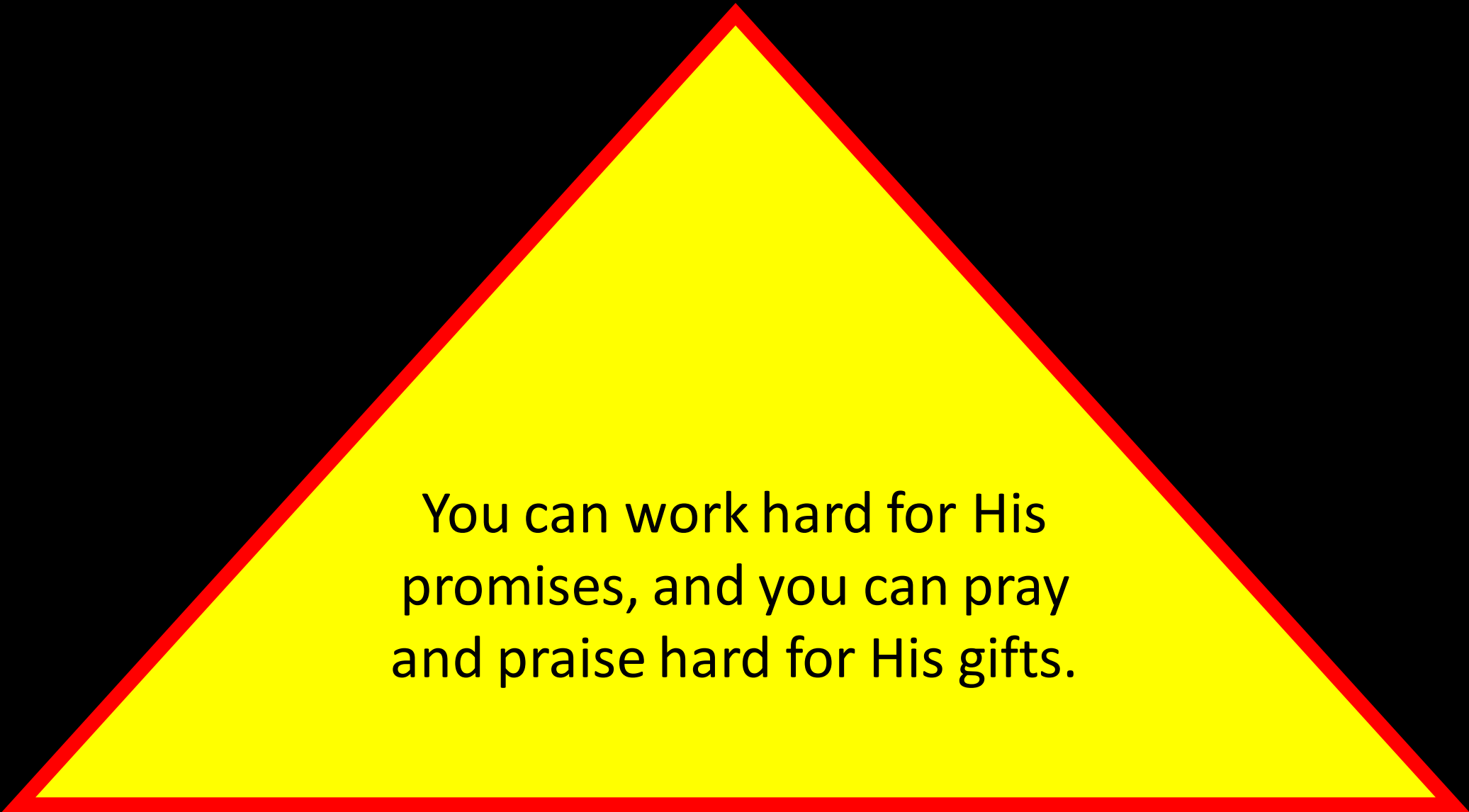
Did you forget time and
chance make differences,
and He rules them?



Did you forget though Paul
worked harder than others
it was by the grace of God?



We know God and men
reward diligence, but the
factors in diligence are big.



You can work hard for His
promises, and you can pray
and praise hard for His gifts.

God Chooses Eternal Destinies!

He owes eternal life and heaven to none, for we chose death in our first father, and He alone makes the decision as sovereign Potter.

And not only this;
but when Rebecca also had conceived by one,
even by our father Isaac;
(For the children being not yet born,
neither having done any good or evil,
that the purpose of God according to election might stand,
not of works, but of him that calleth;)

It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.
As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Romans 9:10-13

What shall we say then?
Is there unrighteousness with God?
God forbid. 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.

Romans 9:14-16

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.

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

Romans 9:17-19

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?
Hath not the potter power over the clay,
of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour,
and another unto dishonour?


Romans 9:20-21

What if God, willing to shew his wrath,
and to make his power known,
endured with much longsuffering
the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:
And that he might make known the riches
of his glory on the vessels of mercy,
which he had afore prepared unto glory,
Even us, whom he hath called,
not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?


Romans 9:22-24

What If?

You cannot question the Potter, resist the Potter, or change the Potter's choices.



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