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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.



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Job 33:12-13

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Why dost thou strive against him?

for he giveth not account of any of his matters.

Job 33:12-13

What if I want more?

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Who Decided These For You? Without Asking You?

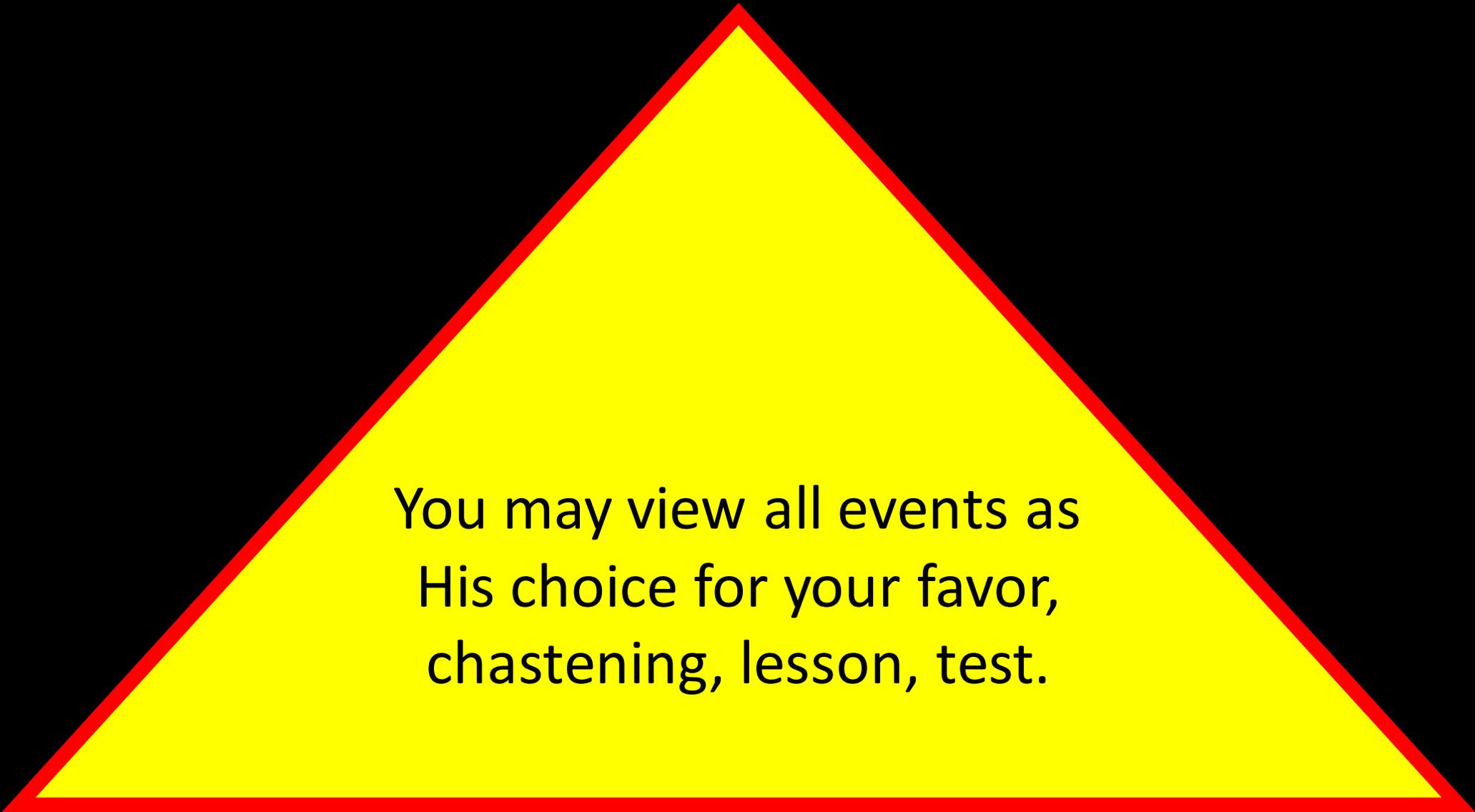
Parents	Looks	Nation of Birth
Intelligence	Neighbors	Generation of Birth
Bodily Strength	Opportunities	Family's Religion
Father's Profession	Family Wealth	Character Training
Schooling	Connections	Personality

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



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.



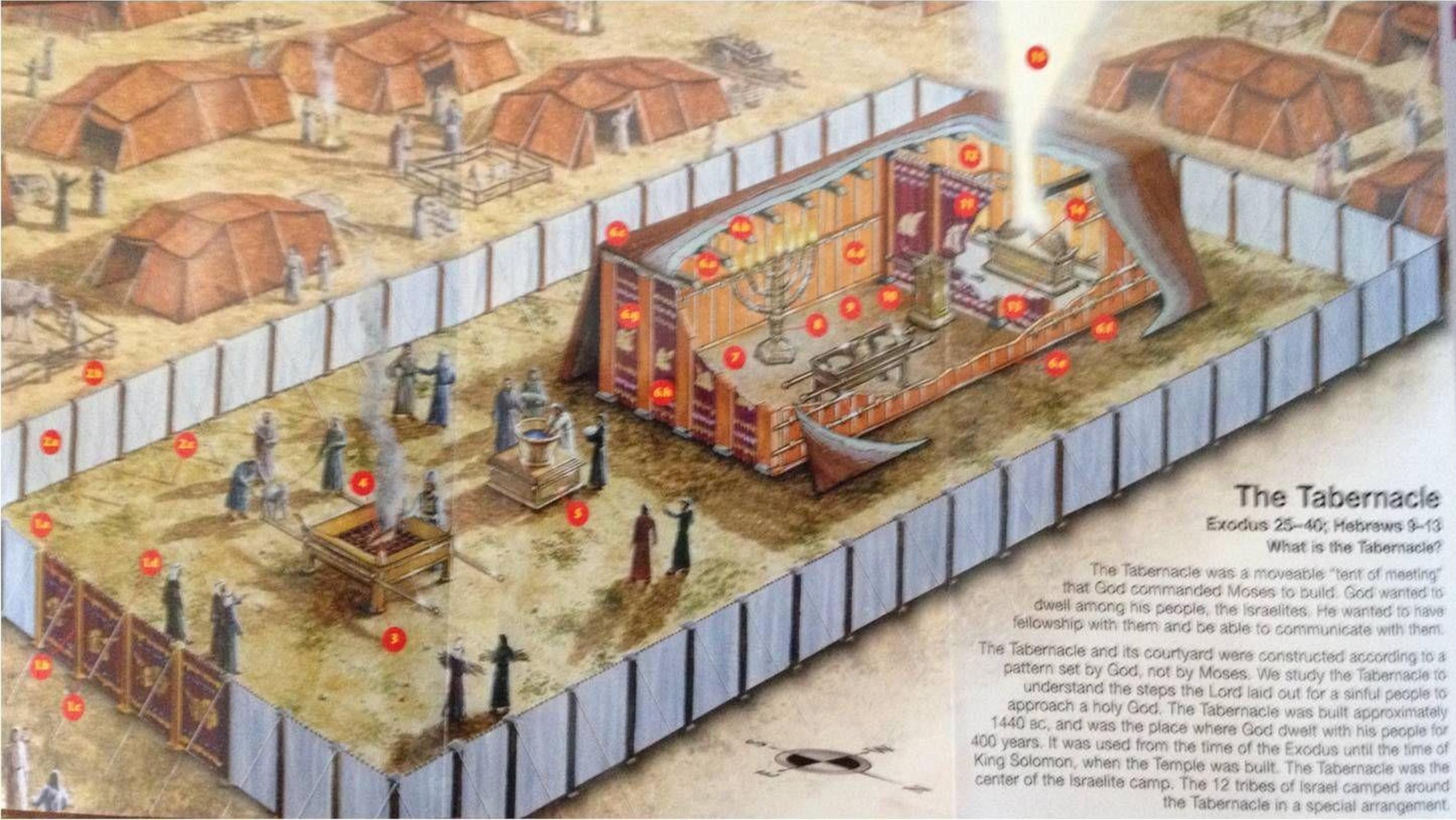
God deals every creature
a hand of cards for your
unique praise of Him.



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

God Gives Wisdom

Unlike the ostrich, from which God withheld wisdom, He gives wisdom to men to do things He needs them to do, as either a gift or a reward.



The Tabernacle

Exodus 25–40; Hebrews 9–13

What is the Tabernacle?

The Tabernacle was a moveable “tent of meeting” that God commanded Moses to build. God wanted to dwell among his people, the Israelites. He wanted to have fellowship with them and be able to communicate with them.

The Tabernacle and its courtyard were constructed according to a pattern set by God, not by Moses. We study the Tabernacle to understand the steps the Lord laid out for a sinful people to approach a holy God. The Tabernacle was built approximately 1440 bc, and was the place where God dwelt with his people for 400 years. It was used from the time of the Exodus until the time of King Solomon, when the Temple was built. The Tabernacle was the center of the Israelite camp. The 12 tribes of Israel camped around the Tabernacle in a special arrangement.

See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri,
the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:
And I have filled him with the spirit of God,
in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge,
and in all manner of workmanship...

Exodus 31:1-3

Behold, I have done according to thy words:
lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart;
so that there was none like thee before thee,
neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

I Kings 3:12

If any of you lack wisdom,
let him ask of God,
that giveth to all men liberally,
and upbraideth not;
and it shall be given him.

James 1:5



Never envy or resent the
superior gifts of others;
thank God and help them!



You can tap His sovereign
power to give you wisdom
by prayer and conduct!

God Gives Protection!

He can protect you in all kinds of ways, seen
or unseen, as a gift or a reward or
His blessing on means.

Then Satan answered the LORD, and said,
Doth Job fear God for nought?
Hast not thou made an hedge about him,
and about his house,
and about all that he hath on every side?
thou hast blessed the work of his hands,
and his substance is increased in the land.

Job 1:9-10

When a man's ways please the LORD,
he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Proverbs 16:7

And Absalom and all the men of Israel said,
The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better
than the counsel of Ahithophel.

For the LORD had appointed
to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel,
to the intent that the LORD
might bring evil upon Absalom.

II Samuel 17:14



Never take your safety for granted but thank Him and live perfectly before Him.



You can tap His sovereign
protection by trusting Him
and using means He gives.

God Controls Temptations!

He can limit or steer you away from both kinds – situations tempting to sin or trials and tribulations.

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.

Genesis 22:1

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
for ever.

Amen.

Matthew 6:13

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

And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying,
Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed,
and enlarge my coast,
and that thine hand might be with me,
and that thou wouldest keep me from evil,
that it may not grieve me!
And God granted him that which he requested.

I Chronicles 4:10

Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
to practise wicked works
with men that work iniquity:
and let me not eat of their dainties.

Psalm 141:4



Pray as both Jesus taught
and Jabez illustrated, and
then trust a loving Father!



Pray for God by sovereign
influence to change your
heart and redirect desires!

God Controls Sin!

He can allow your lusts to run to sin,
or He can hold you back from
your ordinary lusts.

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

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

Howbeit in the business
of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon,
who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder
that was done in the land,
God left him, to try him,
that he might know all that was in his heart.

II Chronicles 32:31

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

Psalm 81:12



Maintain your integrity
and avoid any lusts that
God could use against you!



Despise every bit of pride
and hate every form of
disobedience and tell Him!

God Created for Himself!

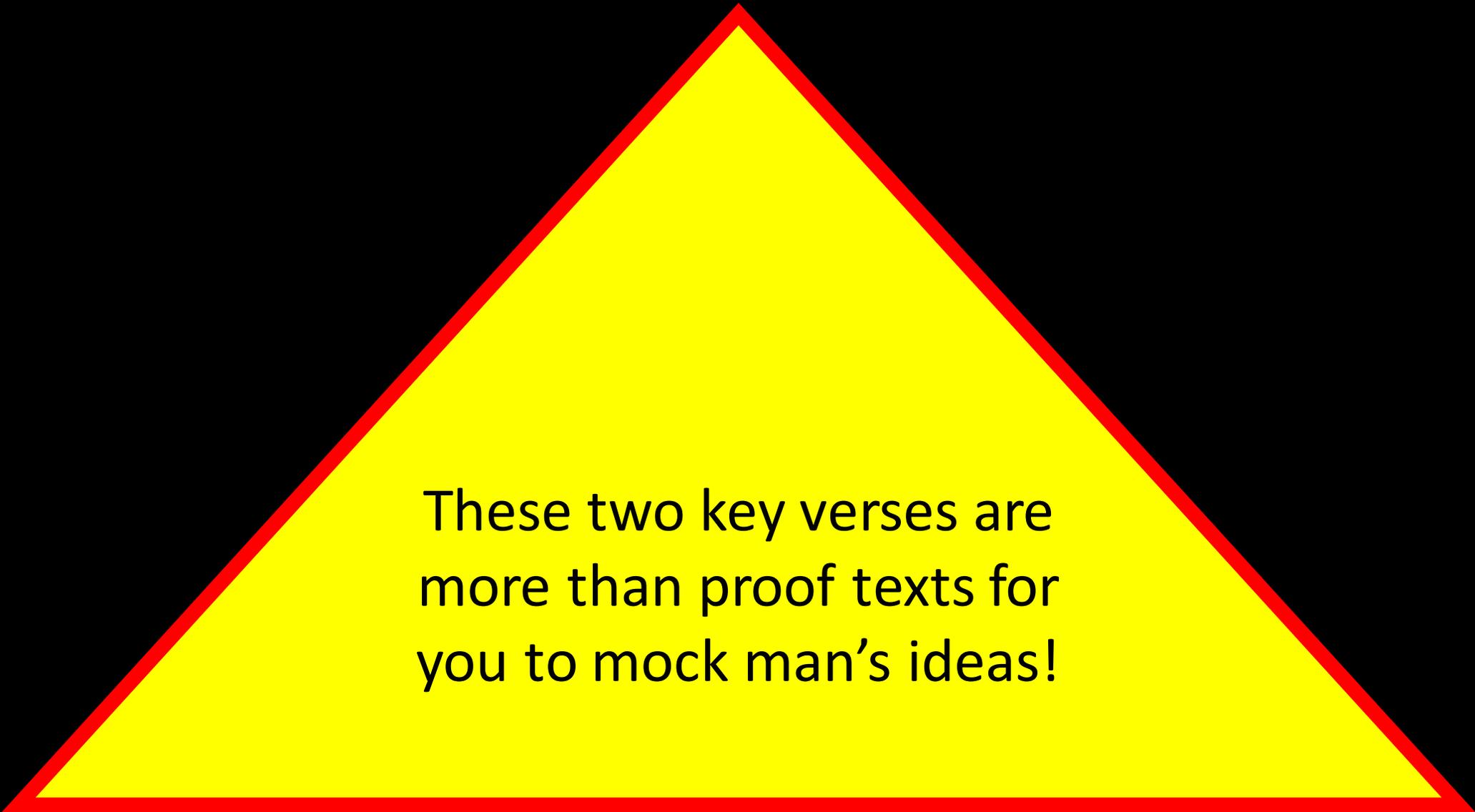
This is the foundational rule in philosophy for the existence of the universe and the reason for your life.

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

Proverbs 16:4

Thou art worthy, O Lord,
to receive glory and honour and power:
for thou hast created all things,
and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 4:11



These two key verses are
more than proof texts for
you to mock man's ideas!



These verses are why you
exist. Compromise of them
will bring His punishment.

God Rules Inanimate Matter!

All matter and laws of nature and natural events are under His absolute dominion for His glory and your potential profit.

And Joseph said unto Pharaoh,
The dream of Pharaoh is one:
God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do....
And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice;
it is because the thing is established by God,
and God will shortly bring it to pass.

Genesis 41:25-32

But as one was felling a beam,
the axe head fell into the water:
and he cried, and said, Alas, master!
for it was borrowed.

And the man of God said, Where fell it?

And he shewed him the place.

And he cut down a stick,
and cast it in thither;
and the iron did swim.

II Kings 6:5-6

Think Sun

He created sunlight ... and later the sun ... He stopped it for Joshua ... He moved it backward for Hezekiah.



If God has said seasons
shall remain, global
warming is a lie.



Be content, thankful, know
God is in weather, laws of
nature, your body, etc.



Trust Him in the nuisances
of rain, cold, weeds, and
look for ways to escape.



Trust Him in the world's
dangers, pain, or death by
rule of disease, storms, etc.

God Rules Irrational Creatures!

Every animal, bird, insect, or reptile across the spectrum was created by God and given its traits and impact good or bad on man ... and its actions.

Examples

God opened an ass's mouth and closed lions'.

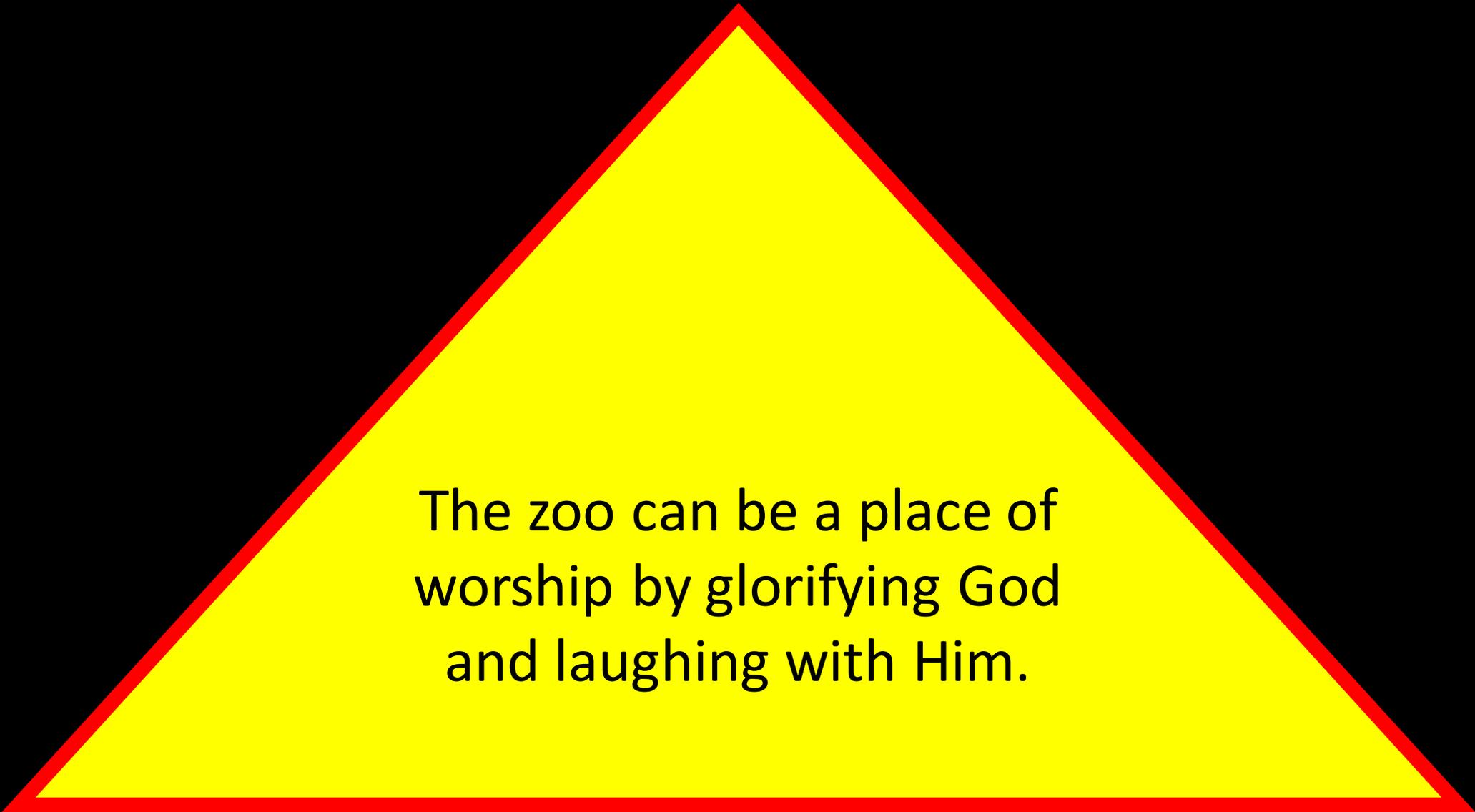
Dogs eat vomit and pigs love mud for traits.

A viper bit Paul on Melita by God's order.

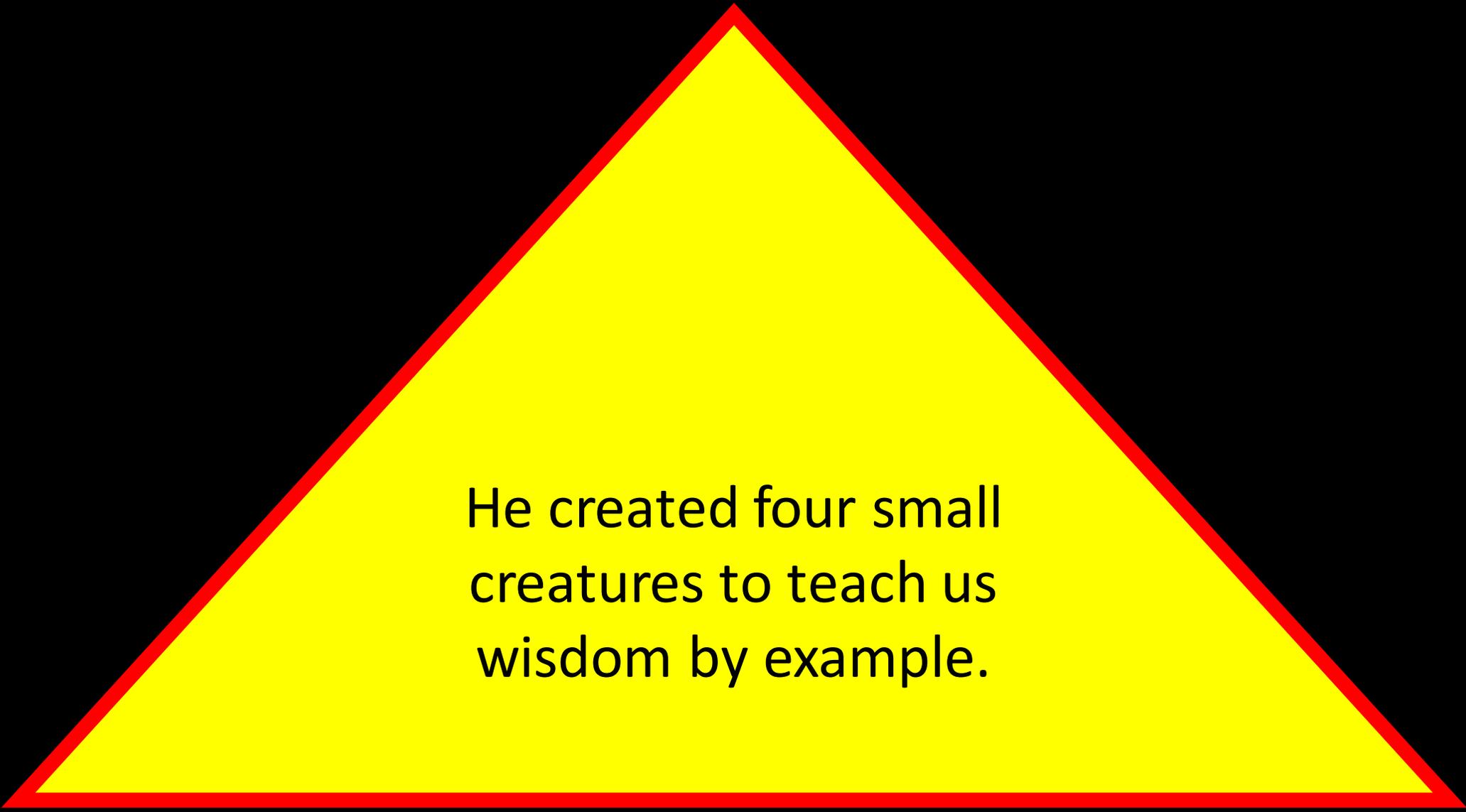
God sends locusts and keeps sparrows.



Let PETA scream!
God gave us dominion.
He chose abusive worship.



The zoo can be a place of
worship by glorifying God
and laughing with Him.



He created four small
creatures to teach us
wisdom by example.



If a snake bites a child or a
hunter gets or does not get
a deer, we submit to Him.



Since God feeds and keeps
birds, we should never
worry about either.

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.

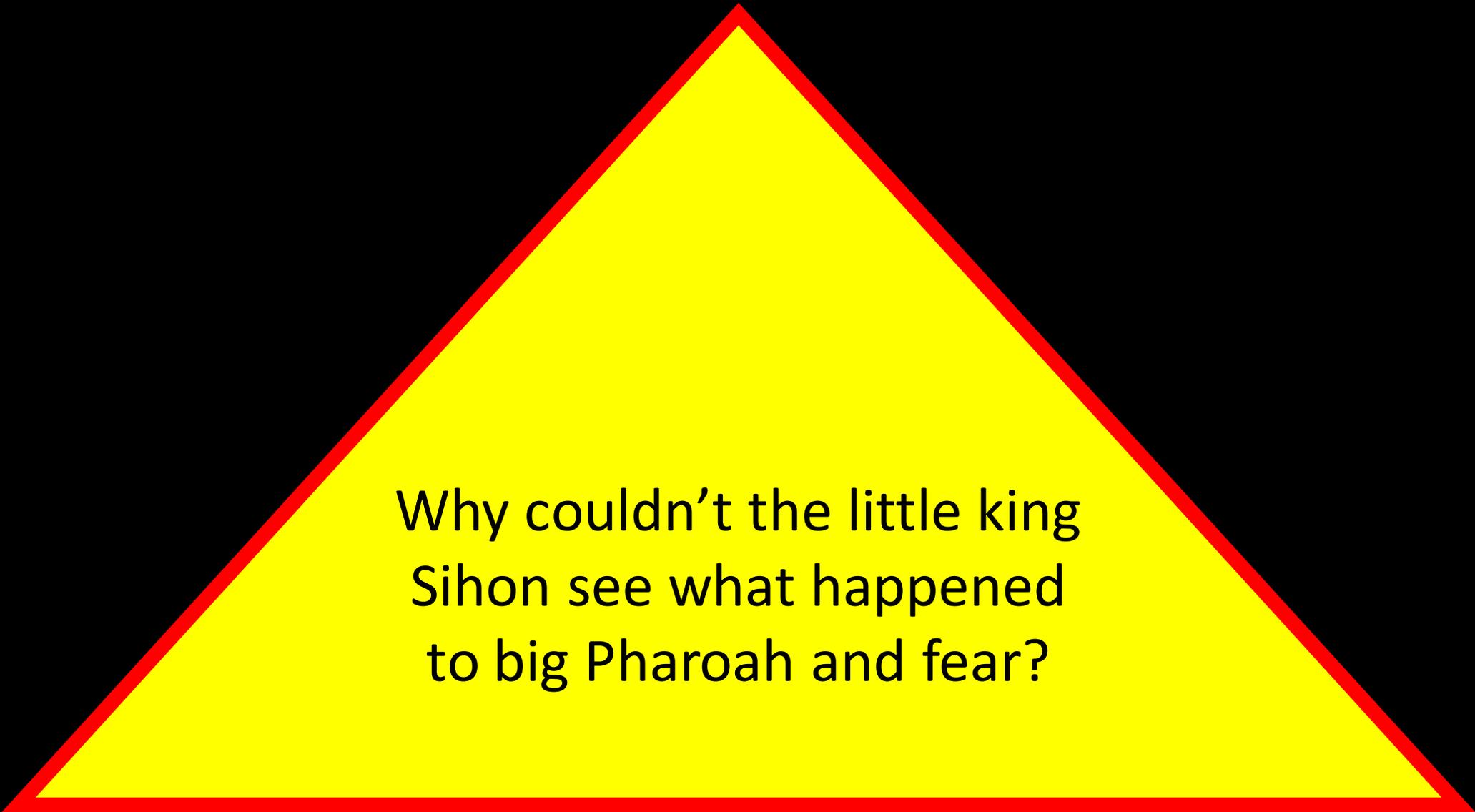
Exodus 14:17



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.

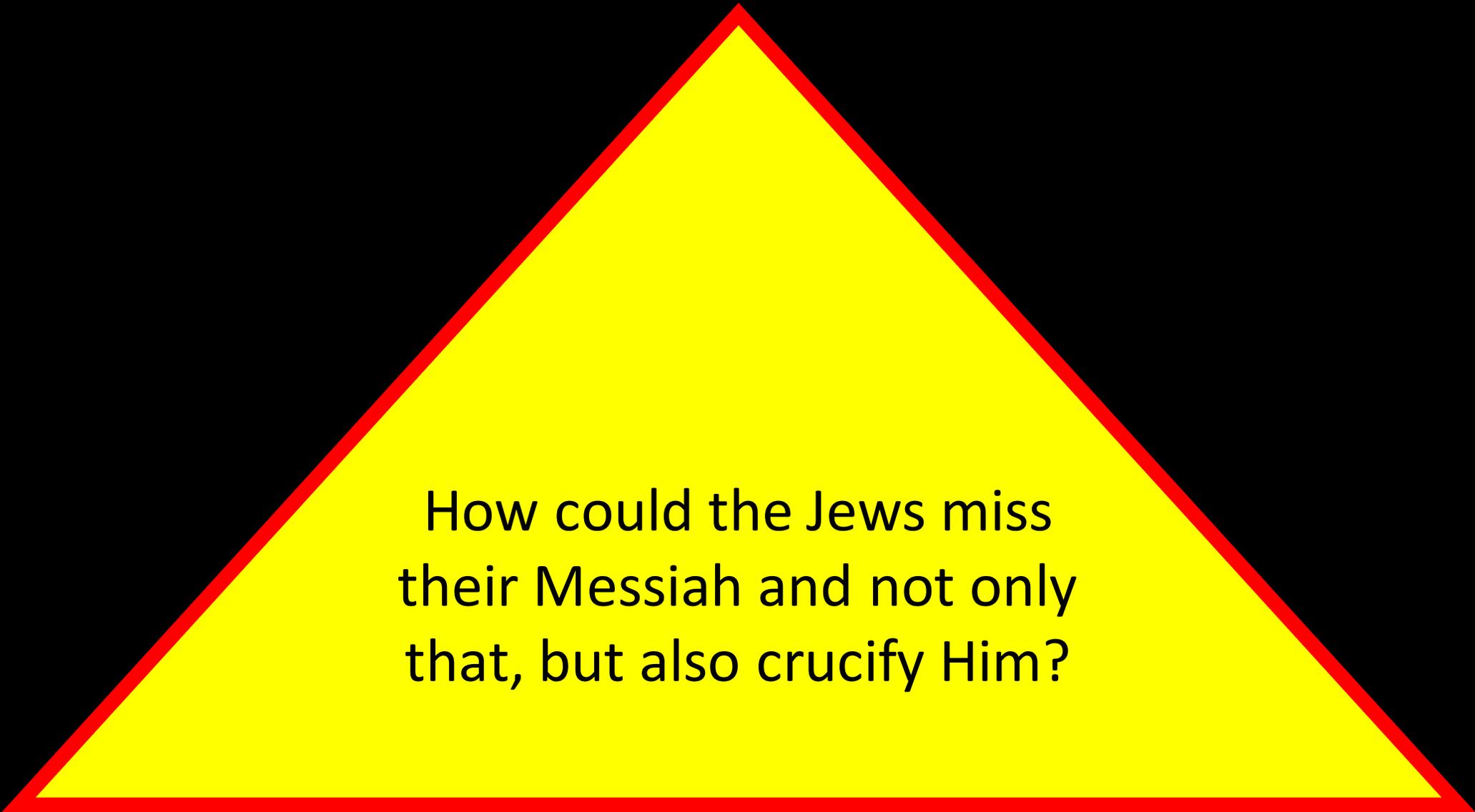
Joshua 11:19-20



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.

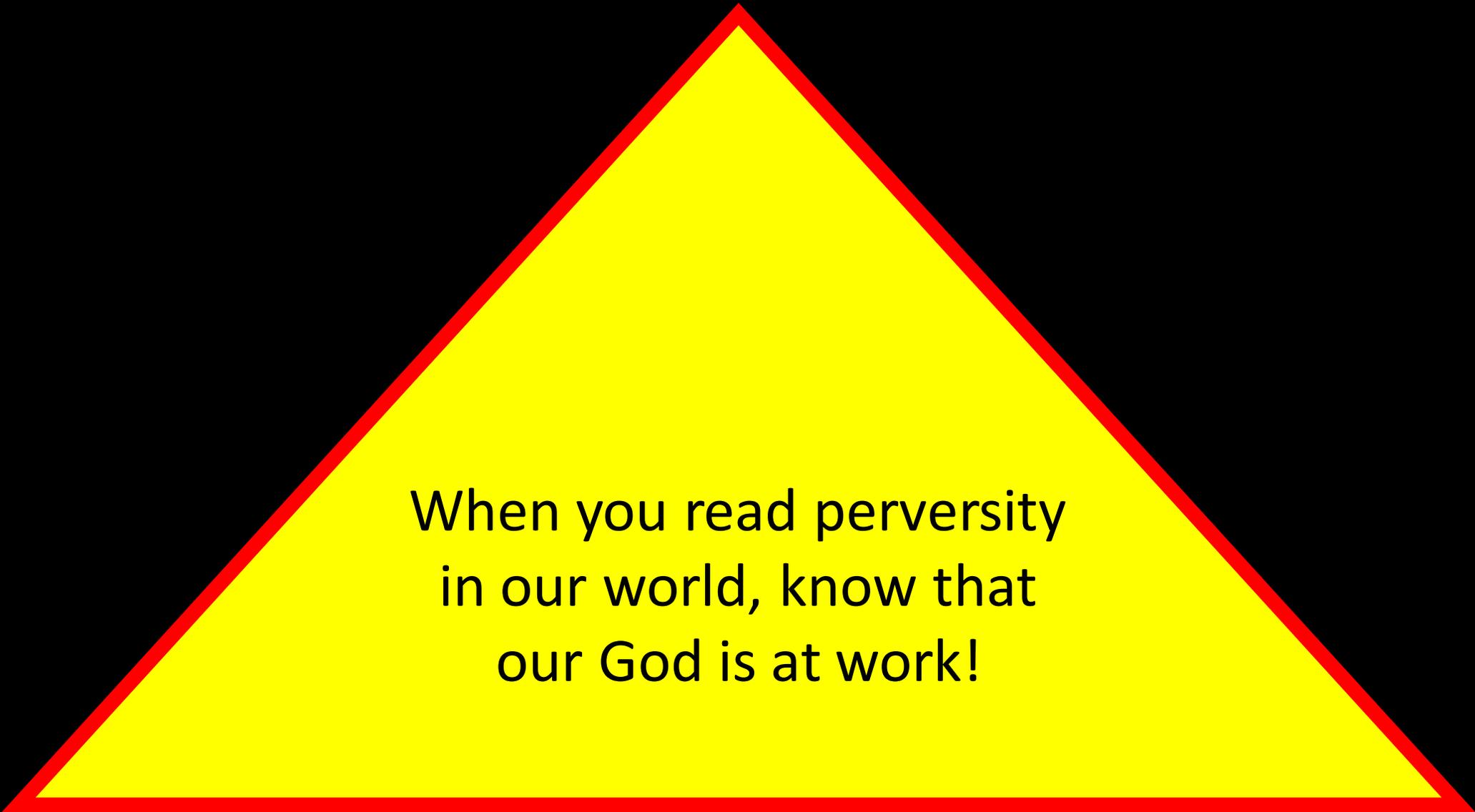
John 12:40



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

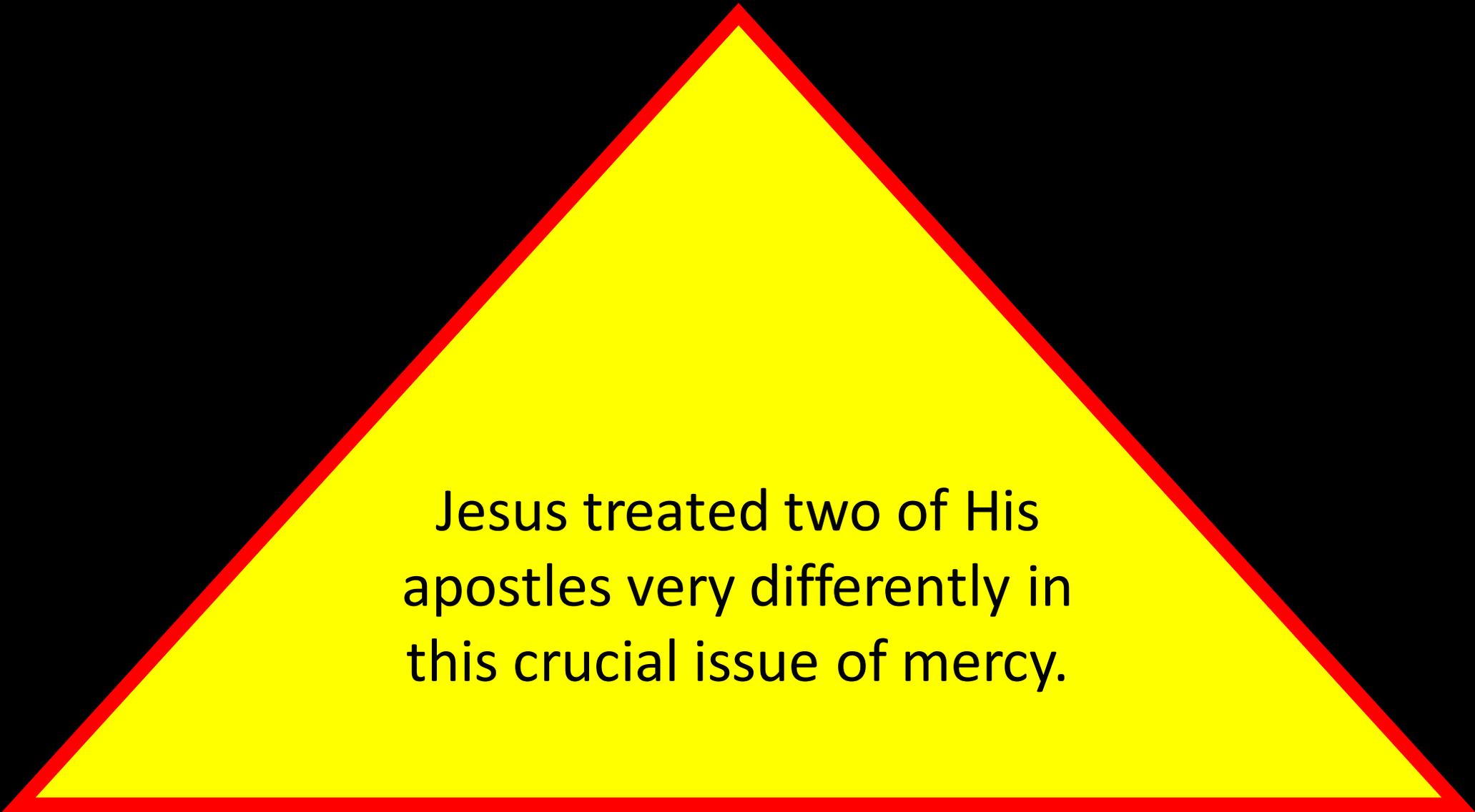
This is where we ended on 1/05

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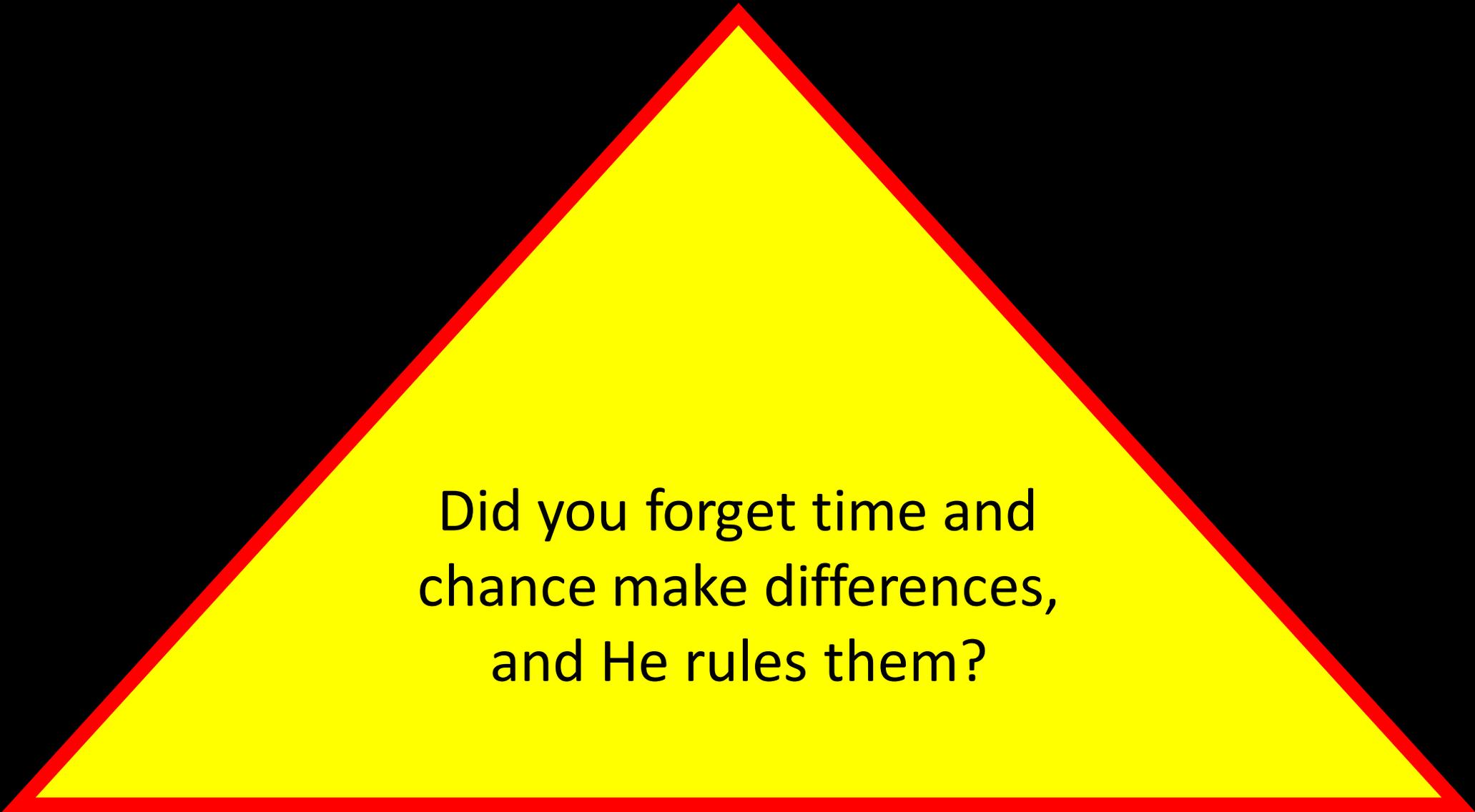
The context for Paul's rule is mainly all the spiritual gifts or offices that the church at Corinth was arrogantly puffed up about.

But Let Us Not Discard the Rule

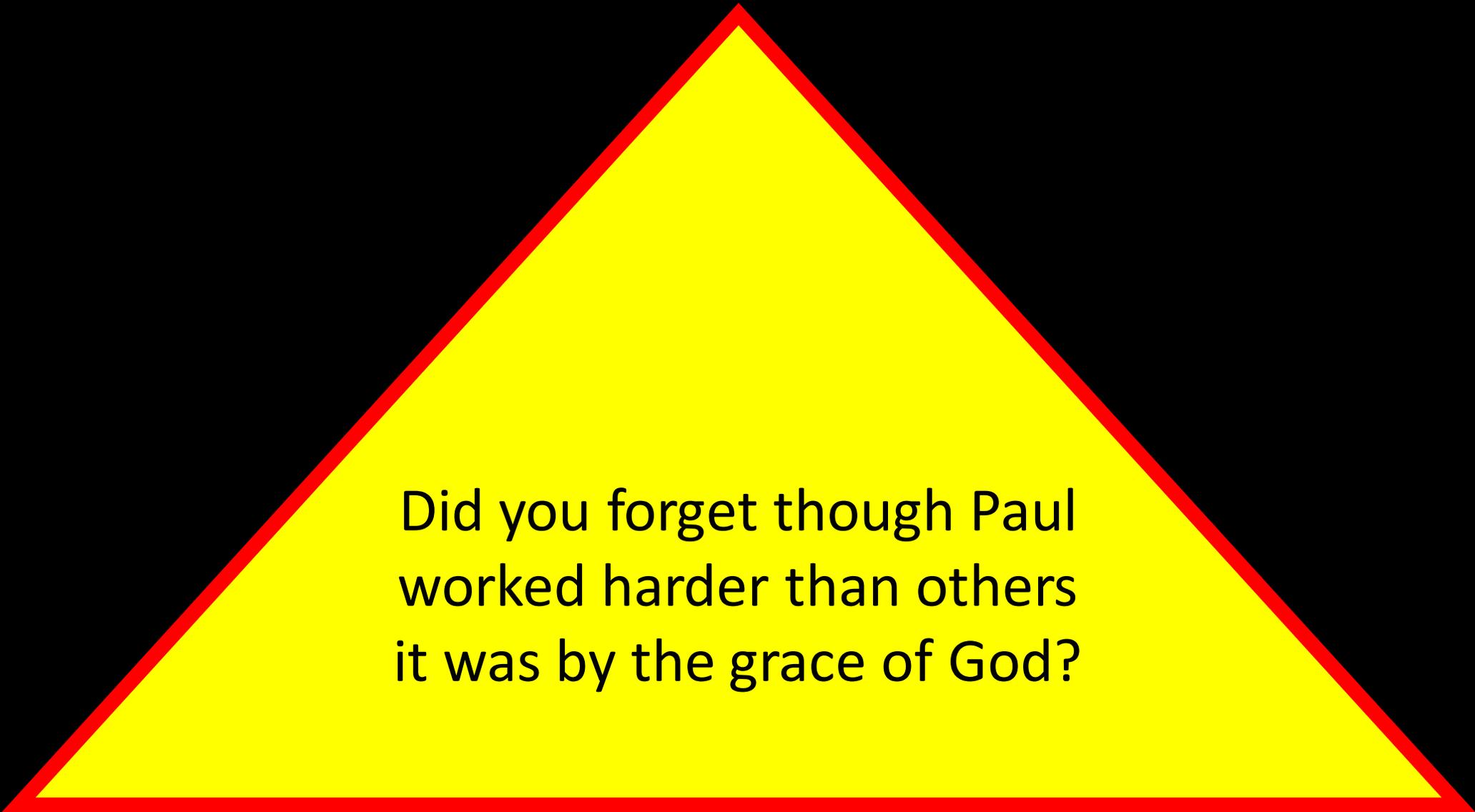
For Paul's language for spiritual gifts can be applied to all gifts, opportunities, and privileges in general that affect life.



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



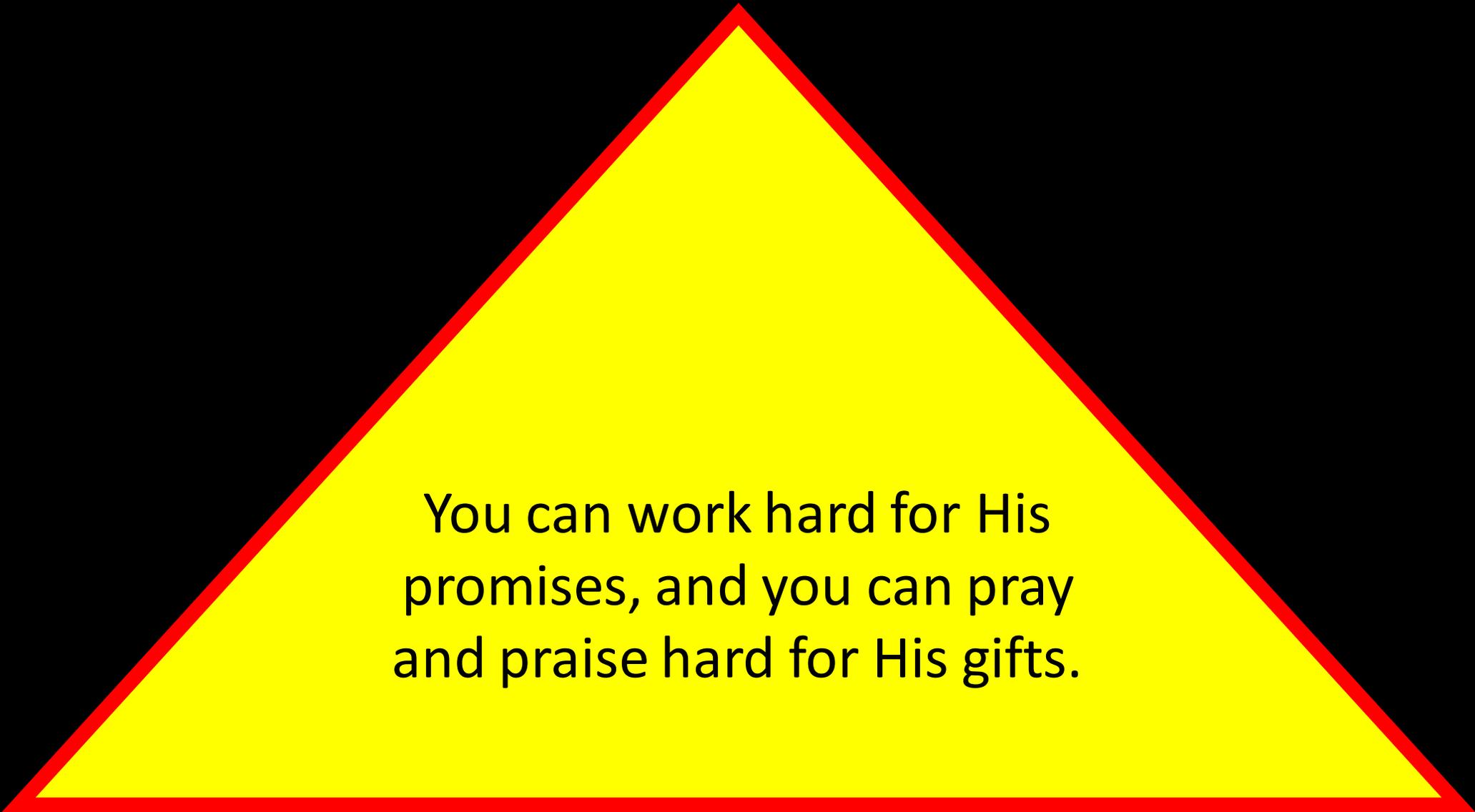
Did you forget time and
chance make differences,
and He rules them?



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.



Praise Him for His choice!
You are here tonight with
hope of heaven by His will.



You were not asked at all.
Your eternity hinges on it.
Praise our sovereign God!

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