

Greatness in the Kingdom



**HE HAS MADE US
A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS
FOR GOD HIS FATHER.**

**ALL GLORY AND POWER
TO HIM FOREVER AND
EVER! AMEN.**

REVELATION 1:6 | MEC | VERSE FOR 2012

**Kingdom
Character**
(Matt 5:1-12)

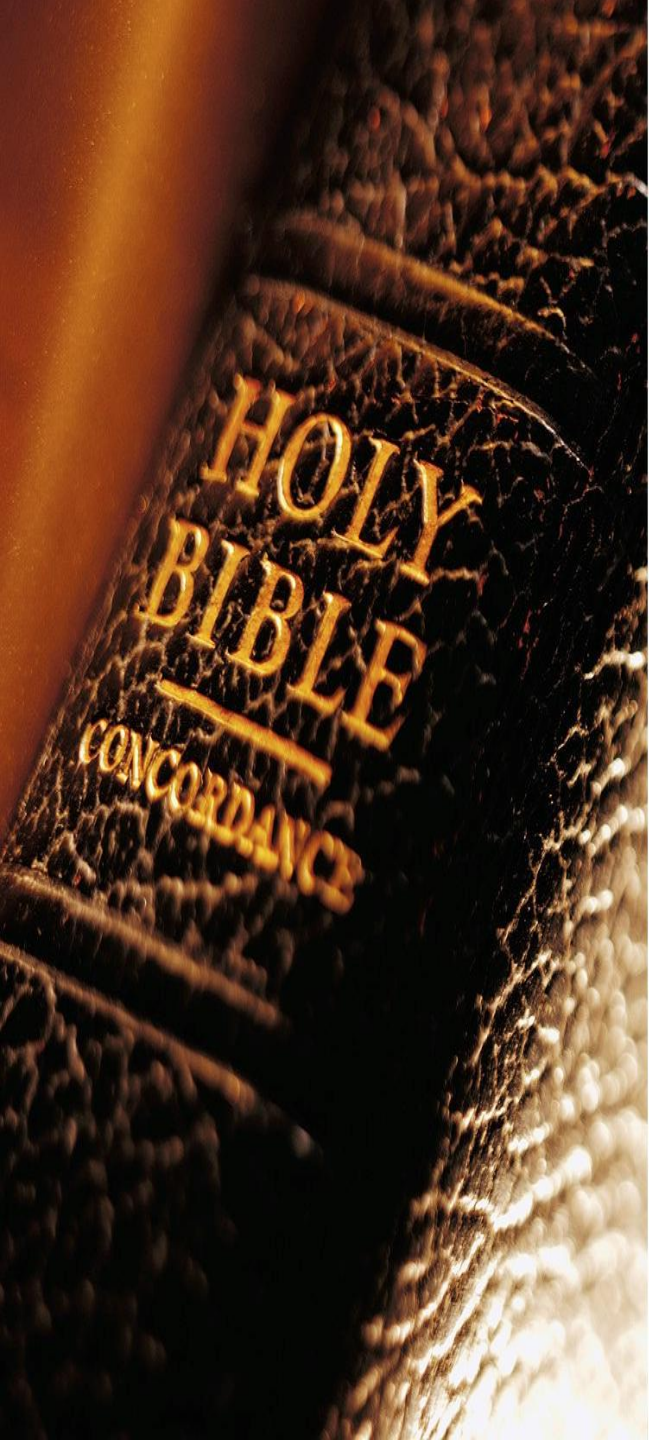
**Kingdom
Calling**
(Matt 5:13-16)

**Kingdom
Conduct**
(Matt 5:17-7:27)

Matthew 5:21-26

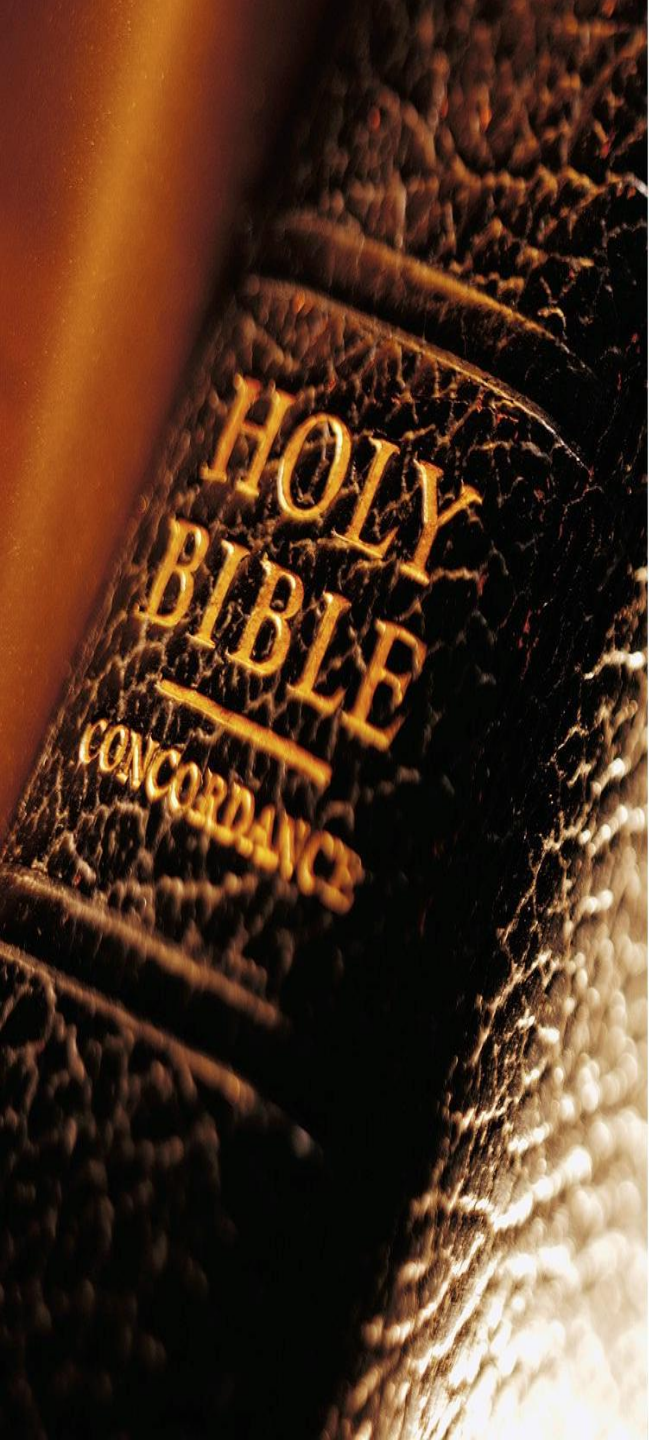
21 “You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’

22 But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.



Matthew 5:21-26

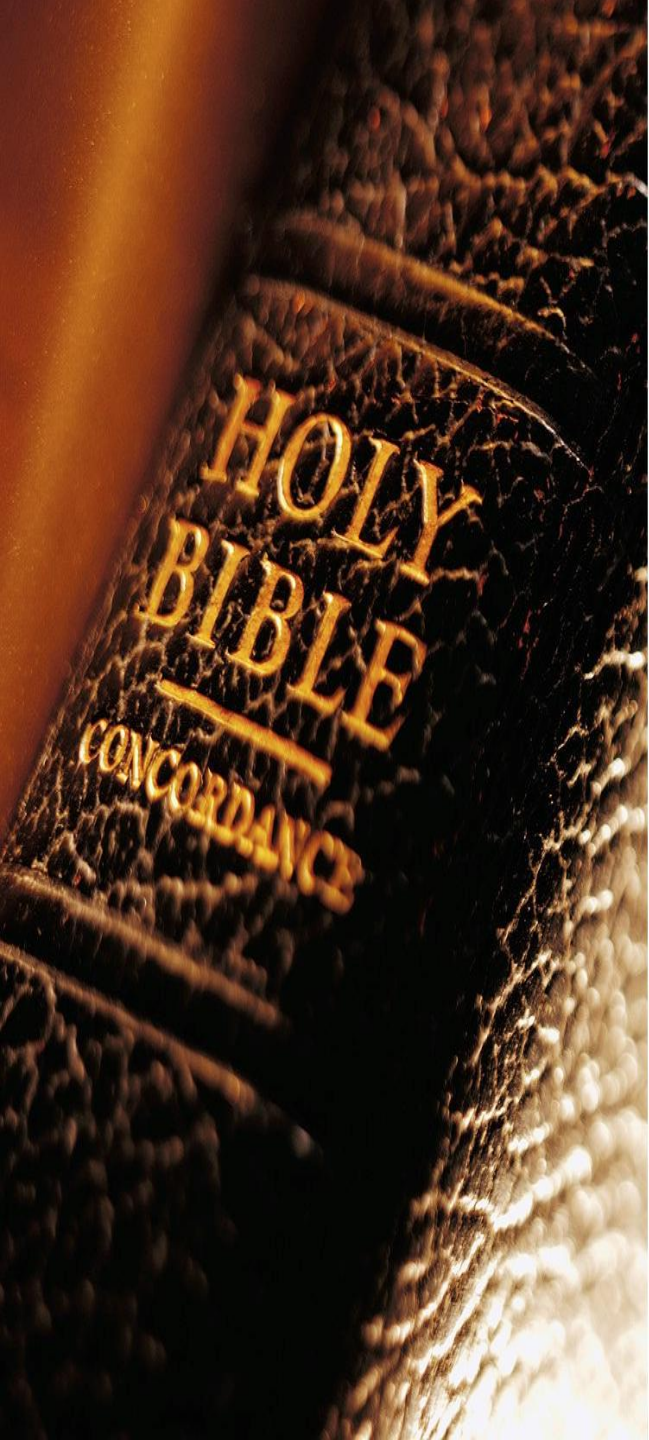
²³ “So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you,
²⁴ leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.



Matthew 5:21-26

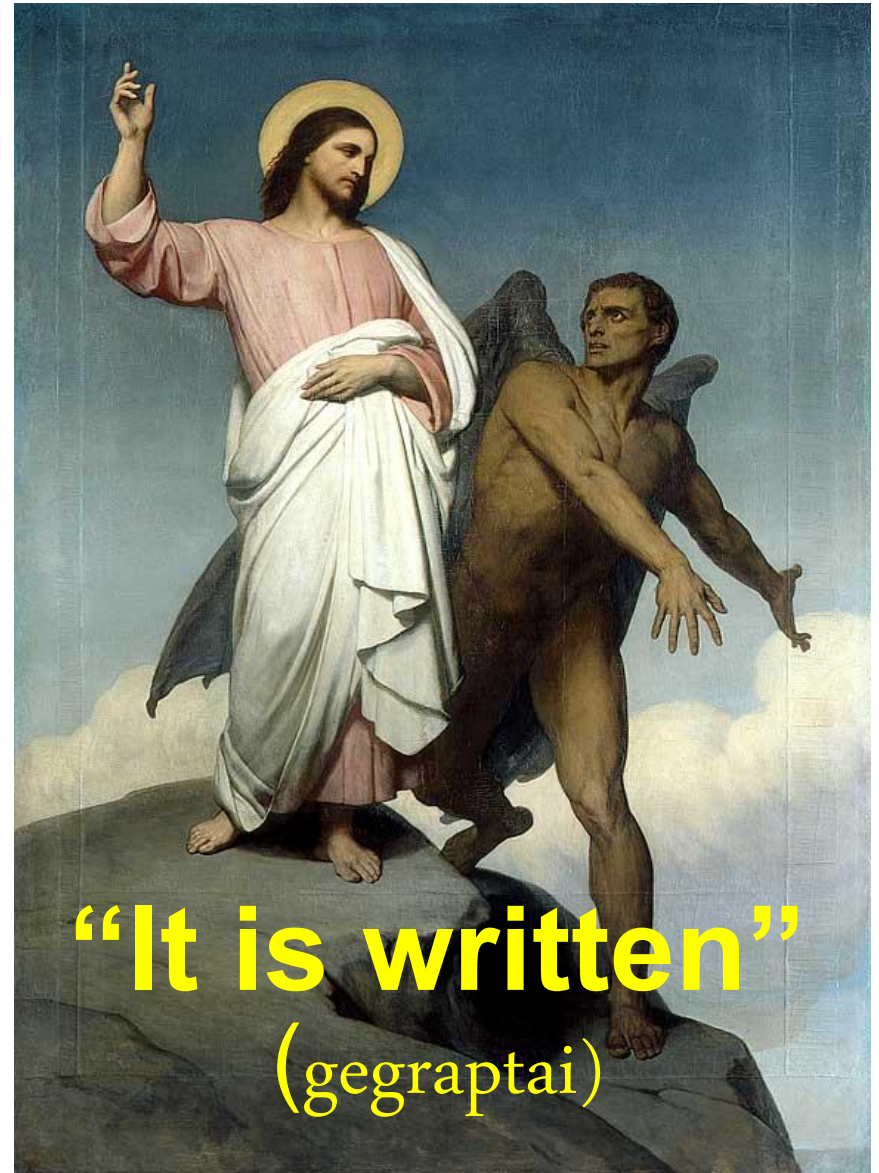
²⁵ “When you are on the way to court with your adversary, settle your differences quickly. Otherwise, your accuser may hand you over to the judge, who will hand you over to an officer, and you will be thrown into prison.

²⁶ And if that happens, you surely won't be free again until you have paid the last penny.



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**“You have heard
that it was said”**



“It is written”
(gegraptai)

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You shall not murder
(Exodus 20:13)

If anyone takes a human life, that person's life will also be taken by human hands. For God made human beings in His own image.

(Genesis 9:6)

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If you commit murder, you are subject to “**the judgment**”.

(Matthew 5:21)

“**The judgment**” was the lowest court

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“thumos”
angry
outburst

“orge”
seething
anger



“if you are even
angry with
someone”
(Matthew 5:22)

“you are
subject to the
judgment”
(Matthew 5:22)

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(Jesus) looked around at them **angrily** and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts.

(Mark 3:5)

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Put aside
anger, wrath ...
(Colossians 3:8)

Man's **anger**
does not
achieve God's
righteousness
(James 1:20)



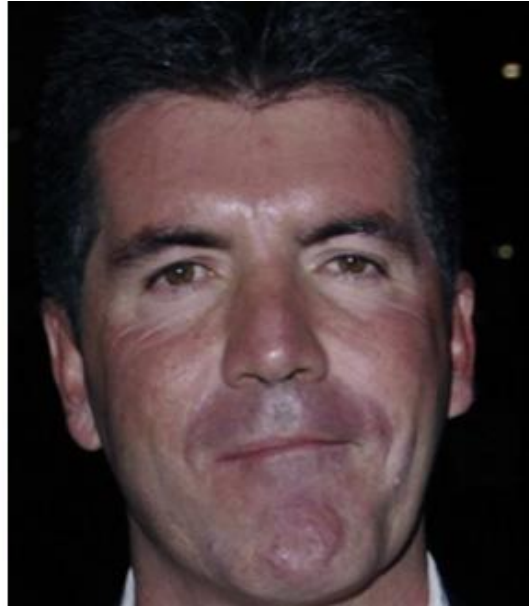
Be **angry**, and
yet do not sin.
(Ephesians 4:26)

Be slow to
anger
(James 1:19)

Anger gives the
devil a foothold
(Ephesians 4:27)

Godly anger hates sin
Godly anger loves sinners

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“you are in
danger of being
brought before
the **court**”
(Matthew 5:22)

“if you call someone an
idiot”

(Matthew 5:22)

“**Raca**” is Aramaic
term of contempt



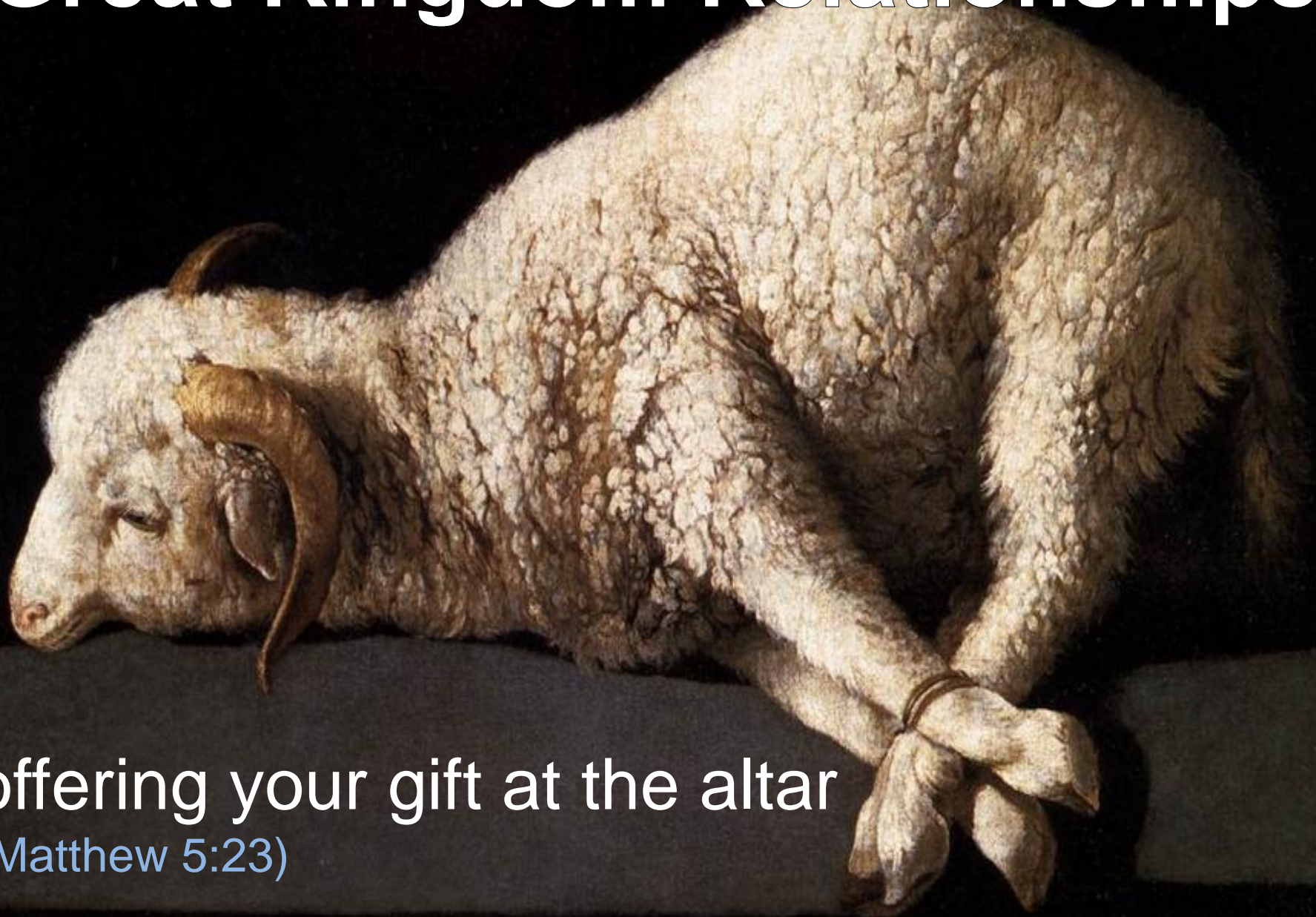
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“moros” is a moral fool
“whoever says **“You fool”**
(Matthew 5:22)

“in danger of the
fires of hell”
(Matthew 5:22)

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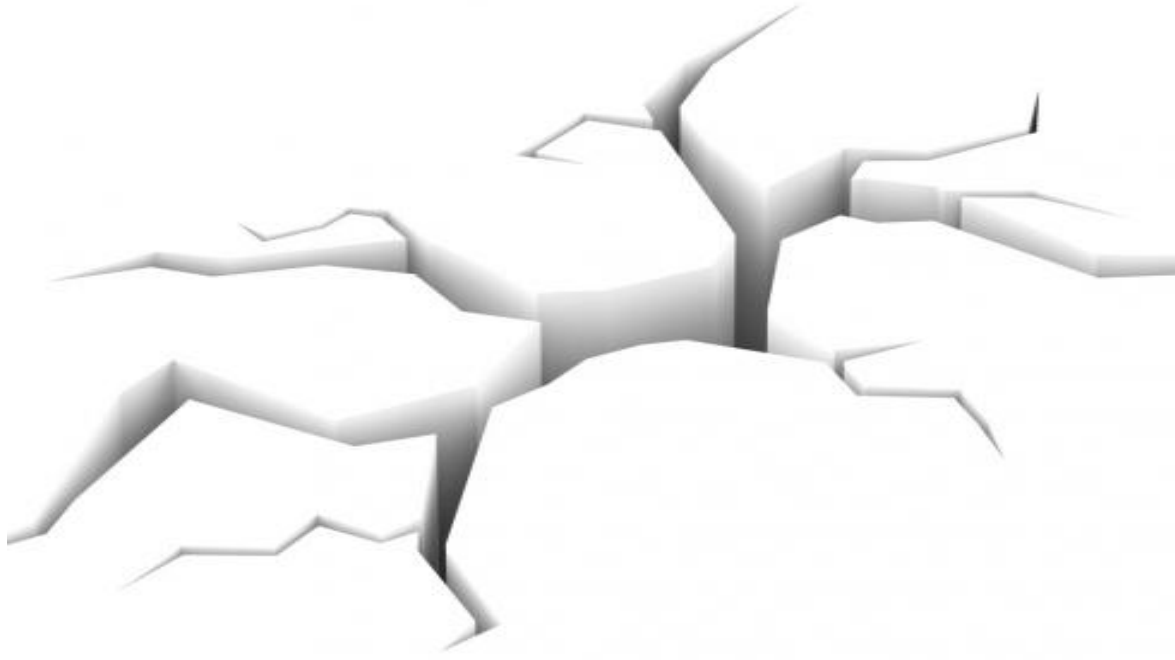
offering your gift at the altar
(Matthew 5:23)

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on your way to court
(Matthew 5:24)

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**It is the heart that matters most
God sees not as man sees.**

(1 Samuel 16:7)

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so careful to clean the
outside of the cup



but inside you are filthy
- full of self-indulgence!

Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees!

(Matthew 23:25)

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Scorning others deeply offends God!
God made human beings in His own image.

(Genesis 1:26-27, 6:9)

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Relationships impact our worship

Fellowship with God, fellowship with each other.

(1 John 1:6-7, 2:9)

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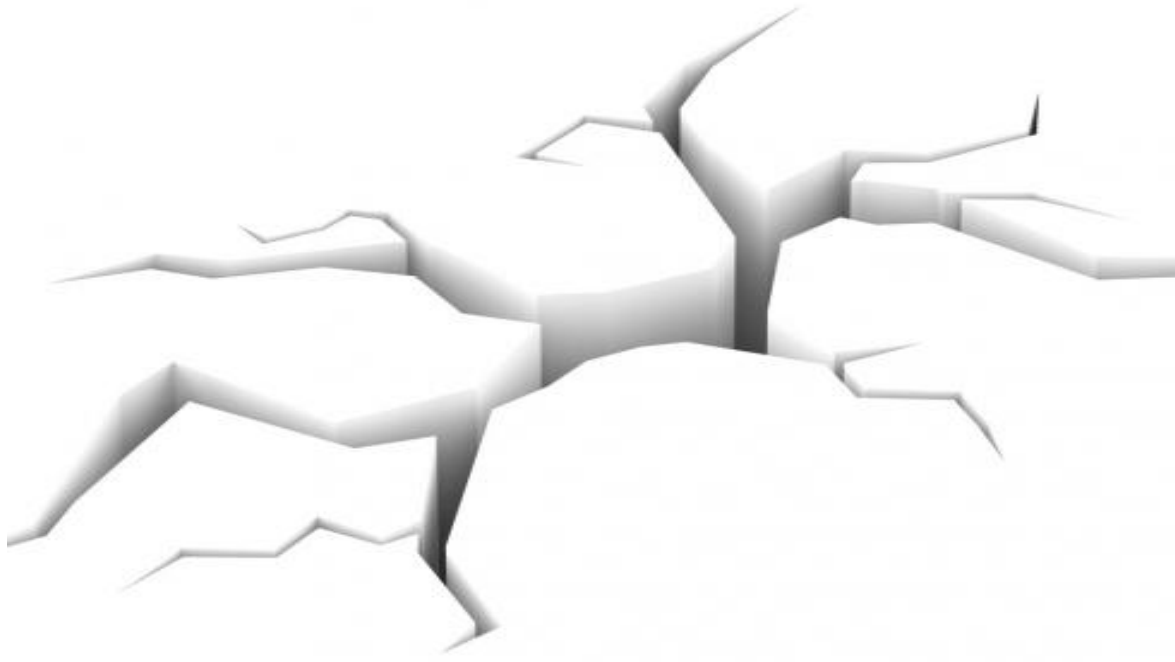
Reconciliation moves towards

If someone has something against you, go to him

If a believer sins against you, go to him

(Matthew 5:23, 18:15)

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Reconciliation is urgent

Settle your differences quickly!

Don't let the sun go down while you are angry.

(Matthew 5:24, Ephesians 4:26)