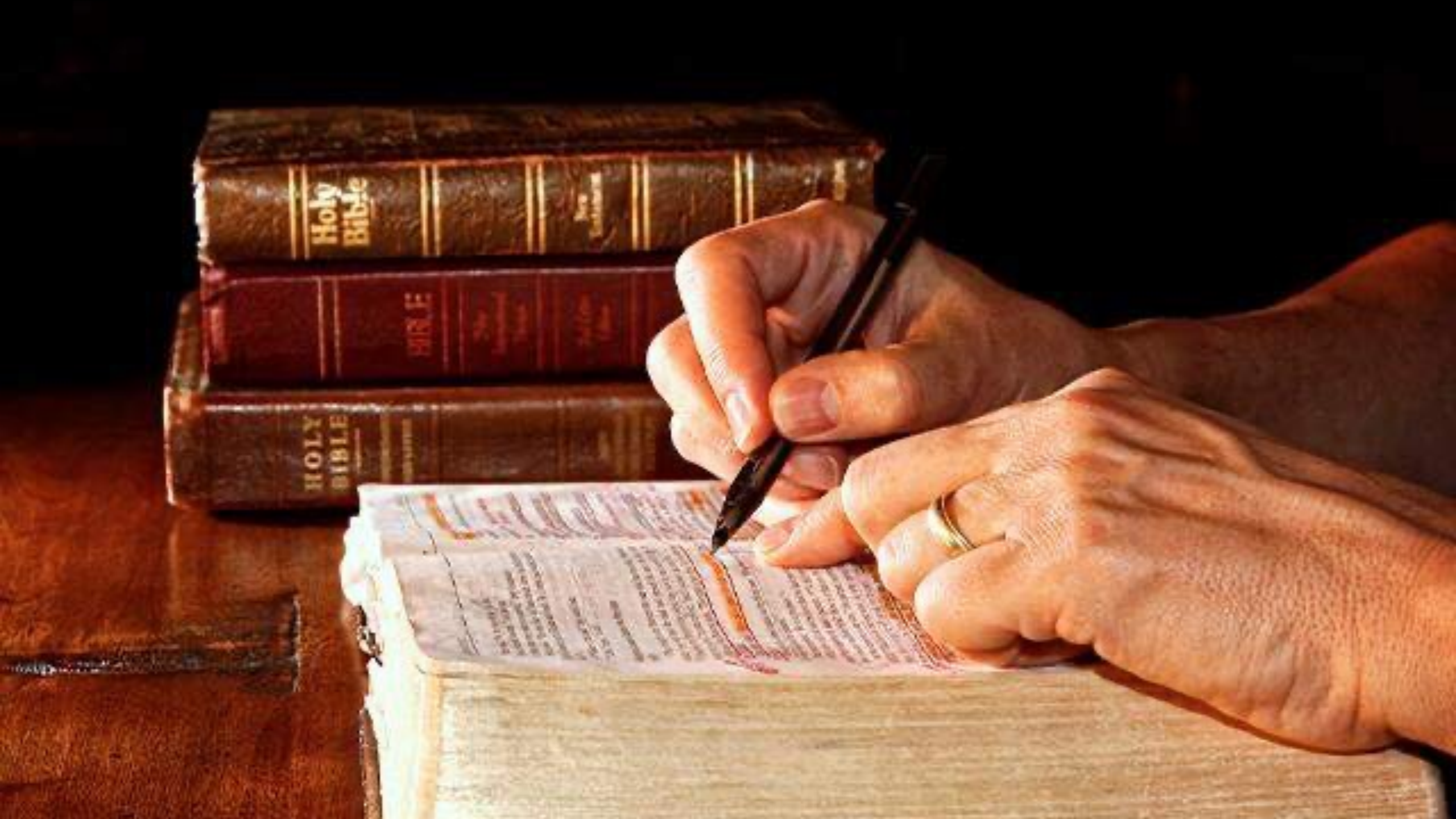


WELCOME
SANFORD FAMILY
& FRIENDS



A detailed black and white engraving of John Calvin, a prominent figure in the Protestant Reformation. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a dark, flat-topped cap and a heavy, dark, textured robe. His face is characterized by a full, dark beard and mustache. He has a serious, contemplative expression, with his eyes looking slightly to the right. The engraving uses fine lines and cross-hatching to create depth and texture in his features and clothing.

CALVANISM

Five Points of Calvinism (TULIP)

- **Total Depravity:** through Adam and Eve's fall, every person is born sinful
- **Unconditional Election:** God "saves" those he wishes; concept of predestination
- **Limited Atonement:** Jesus died for the chosen only, not for everyone.
- **Irresistible Grace:** God's grace is given freely; it cannot be earned or denied
- **Perseverance of the "saints":** those elected by God have full power to interpret the will of God

The doctrine of total depravity is central to the rest of Calvinistic doctrine.

ESV Romans 5:13-14

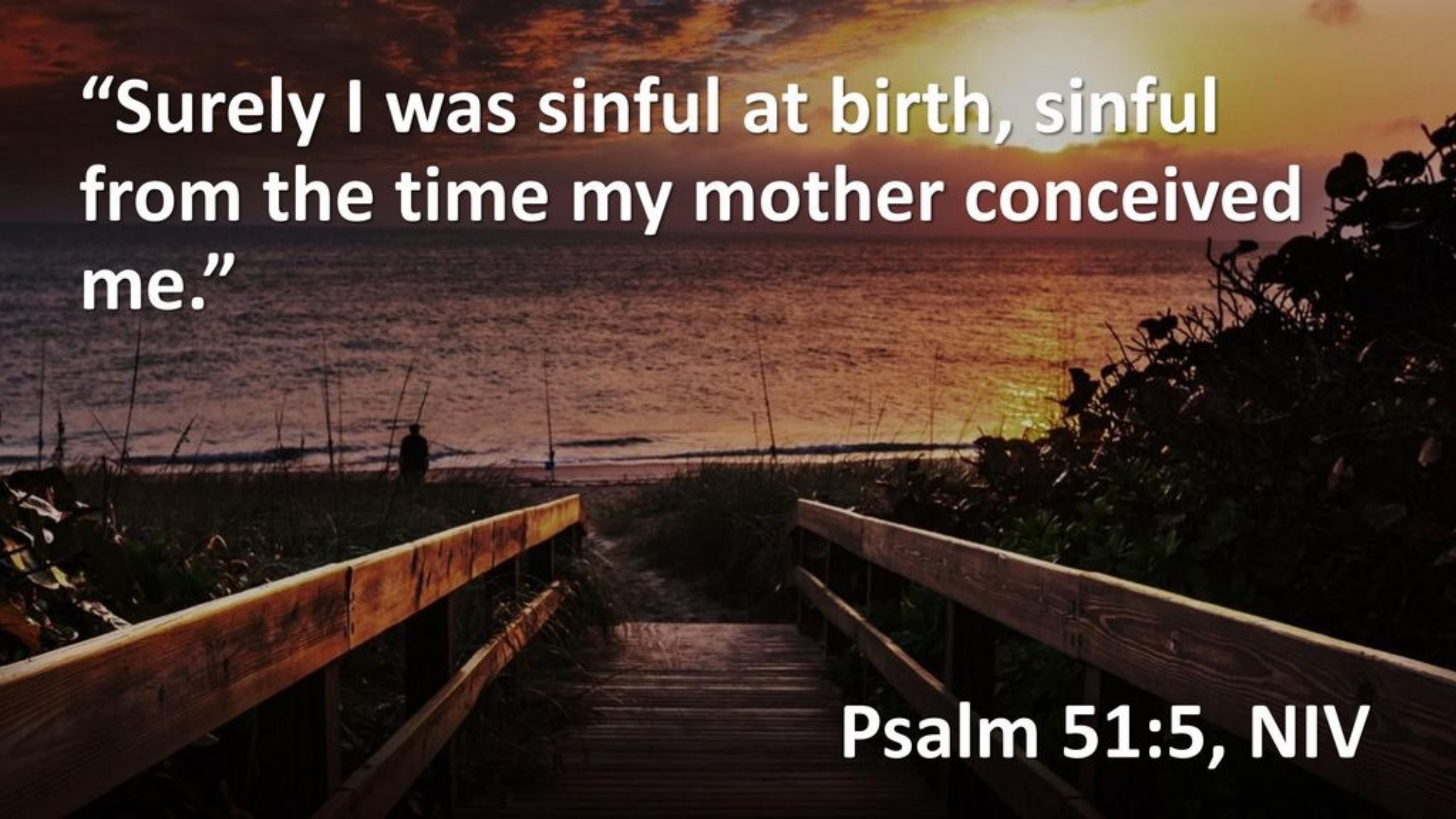
for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.



ESV Romans 5:18-19

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.



A wooden boardwalk with railings leads from the foreground towards a beach at sunset. The sky is filled with warm, golden light, and the ocean reflects the sun. A person is visible in the distance on the beach. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**“Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful
from the time my mother conceived
me.”**

Psalm 51:5, NIV

“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.” (Psalm 51:5, ESV)

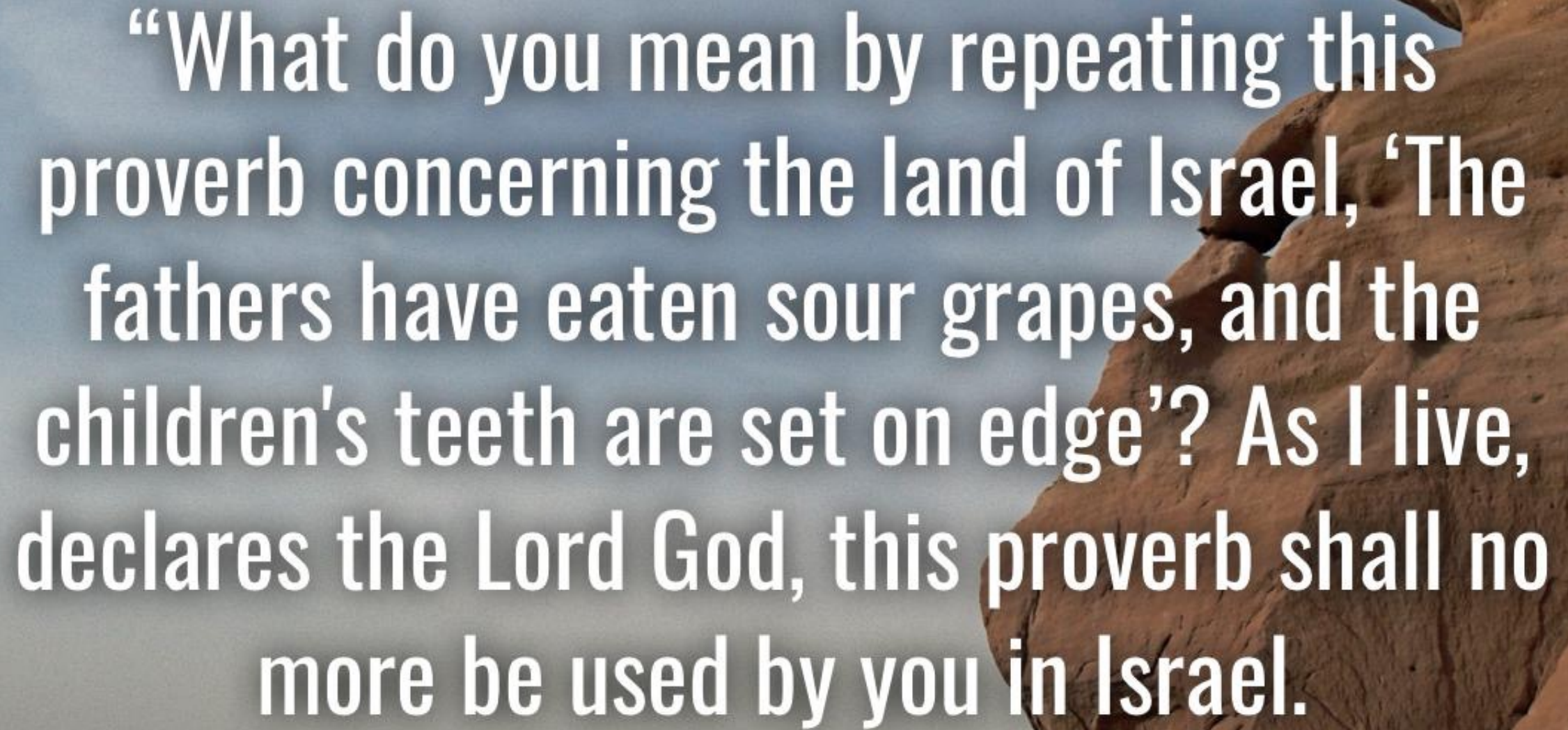
What are the implications of the inherited sin doctrine?

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- We bear the guilt of sinful action we took no part in.
 - We cannot do anything that pleases the Lord God.
 - Romans 8:7 – 8 (ESV) (*7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*)
 - Babies are born guilty of sin. Therefore, when a child dies passes away, he or she is doomed to be condemned in Hell.
 - Jesus, being born in the flesh, would have inherited sin as well as the rest of mankind.

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a baby's foot. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers gently cradling the foot. The foot is the central focus, showing the toes and the sole. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a white cloth or garment. Overlaid on the image is the text "Is Man born in a state of total depravity?" in a white, sans-serif font with a subtle drop shadow, centered horizontally and vertically.

Is Man born in a state of
total depravity?

We must understand the
difference between guilt and
consequences.



“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.

~ Ezekiel 18:2-3

**Behold, all souls are mine;
the soul of the father as well
as the soul of the son is
mine: the soul who sins shall
die.**

~ Ezekiel 18:4 ESV

The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

~ Ezekiel 18:20

**Therefore, just as sin came into
the world through one man, and
death through sin, and so death
spread to all men because all
sinned—**

~ Romans 5:12

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11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

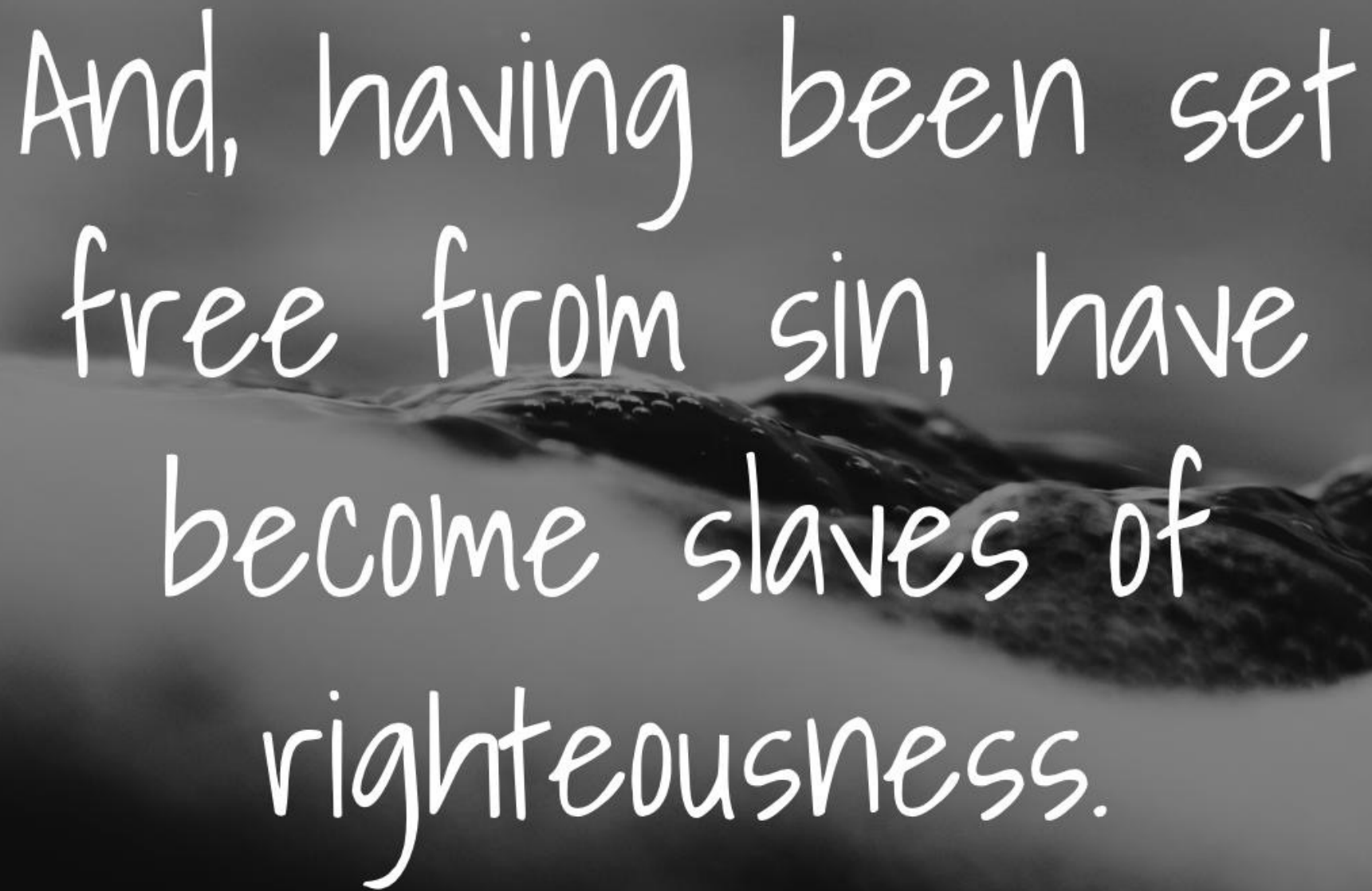
14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.

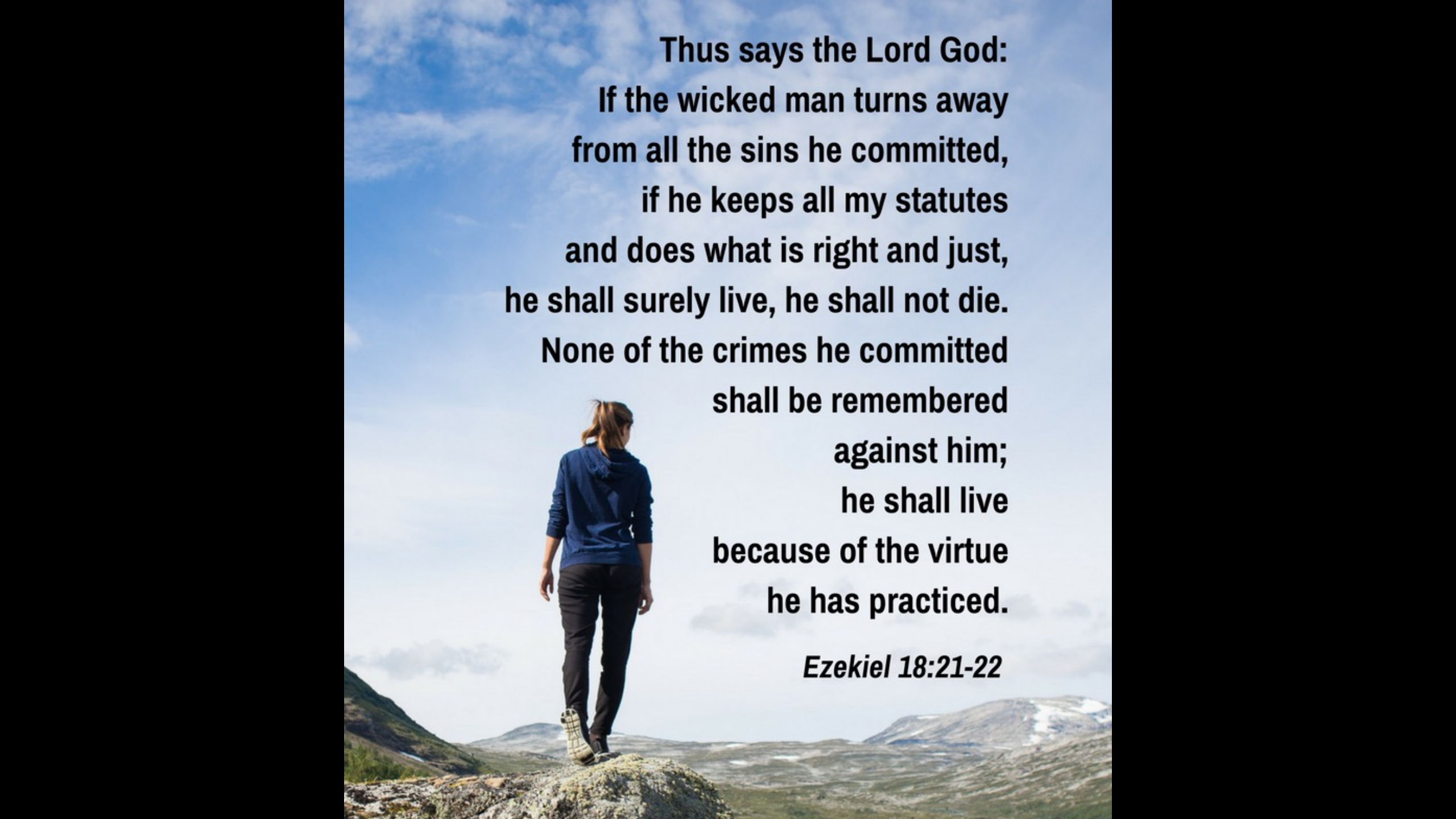
17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should



And, having been set
free from sin, have
become slaves of
righteousness.

~ Romans 6:18 ESV

A person with long hair, wearing a blue hoodie and dark pants, stands with their back to the camera on a rocky outcrop. They are looking out over a vast, mountainous landscape with patches of snow on the hills. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Thus says the Lord God:
If the wicked man turns away
from all the sins he committed,
if he keeps all my statutes
and does what is right and just,
he shall surely live, he shall not die.
None of the crimes he committed
shall be remembered
against him;
he shall live
because of the virtue
he has practiced.**

Ezekiel 18:21-22

Ezekiel
18:23
(ESV)

23 Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?

Acts 17:30


The times of ignorance

God overlooked, but
now he commands all
people everywhere to

REPENT

38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and **be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins**, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 2:38

A circular red wax seal with a slightly irregular, textured edge, containing the text 'ESV' in white capital letters.

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Acts 2:41 KJV

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Have you obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

