



Revelation 13:1–10

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The subheading says, “As the latest bunch of innocent Americans are left laying in pools of blood, cowards who could truly end gun scourge continue to hide behind



“meaningless platitudes”????

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Please keep the
victims of
#SanBernardino,
California in your
prayers.



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Thoughts &
prayers are with
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are with the
victims, their
families, and
the first
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San Bernardino ...



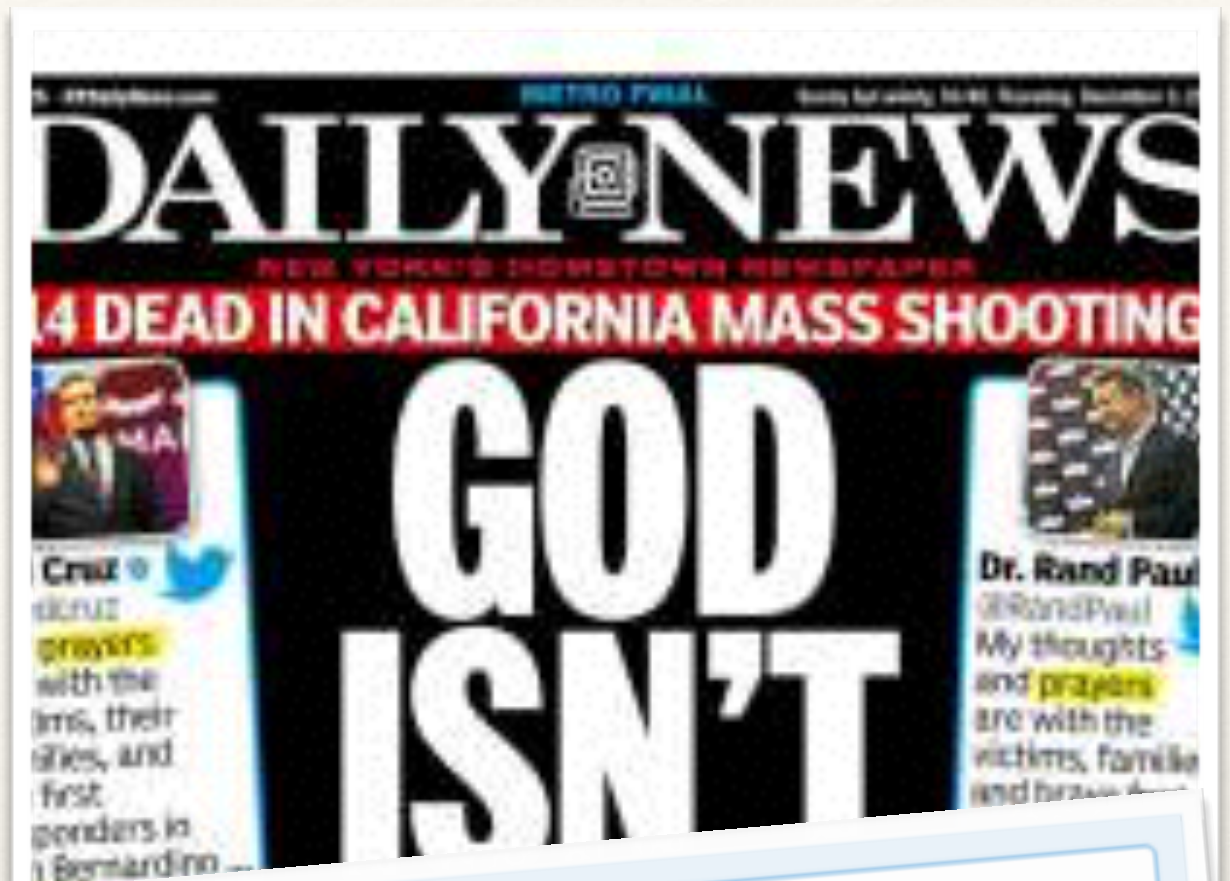
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“Another mass shooting. Another deluge of tweeted prayers. Seems to have been an ineffective strategy so far.”

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to hide behind meaningless **platitudes** PAGE 2

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“Dear thoughts and prayers people: Please shut up and slink away. You are the problem, and everyone knows it.”

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REVELATION 13:1–10 (NKJV)

¹ Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

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³ And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. ⁴ So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?” ⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

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⁶ Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

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⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

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Sin is the Problem - Not God

- ❖ God made everything GOOD - Gen 1:27-31
- ❖ God created man upright. In his image & after His likeness. (Ps 86:5; Lev 19:2; I Jn 4:16; Eccl 7:29; Gen 1:26-27).
- ❖ Free will can ONLY exist when choices exists! Gen 3:15-17

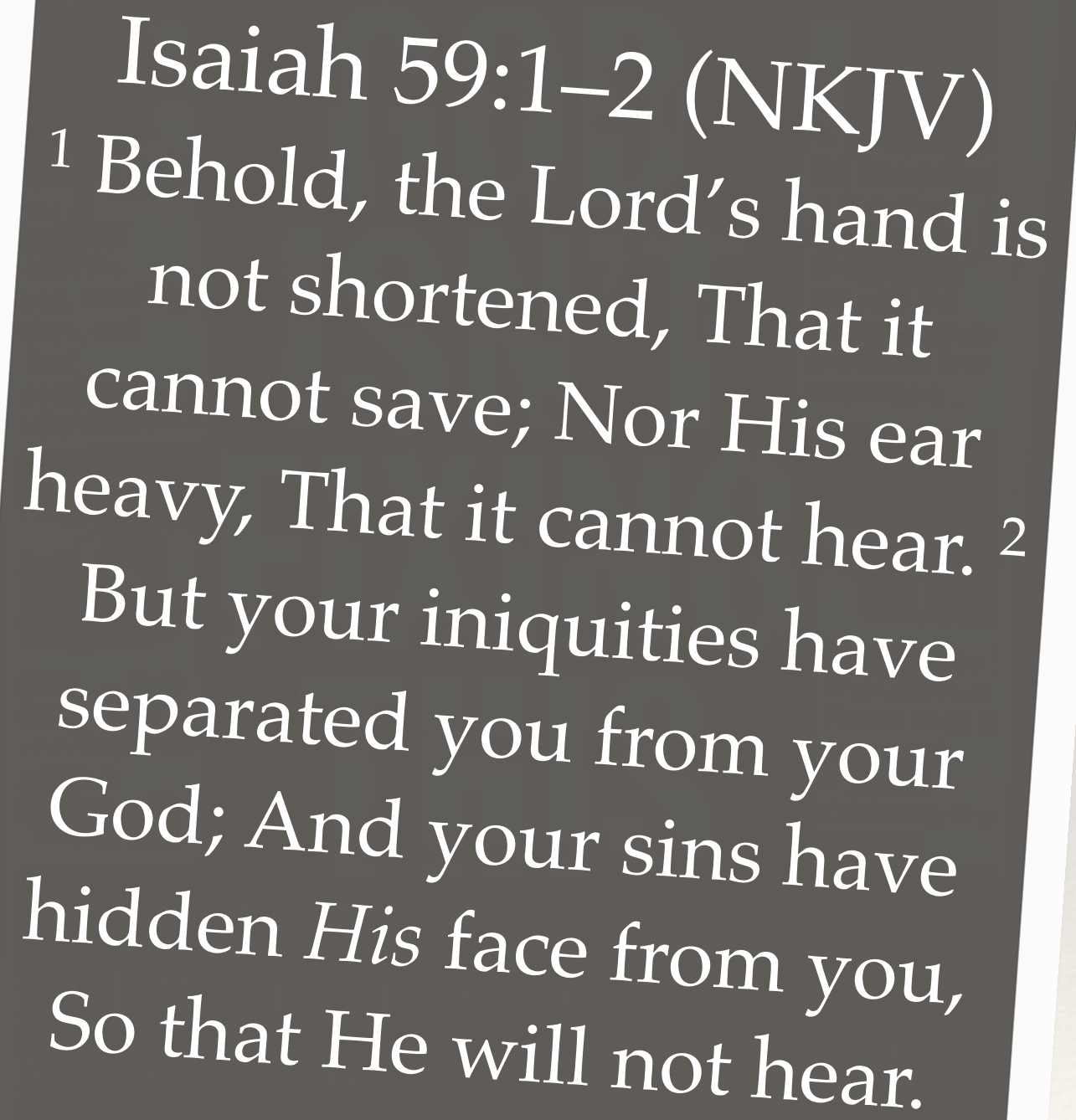


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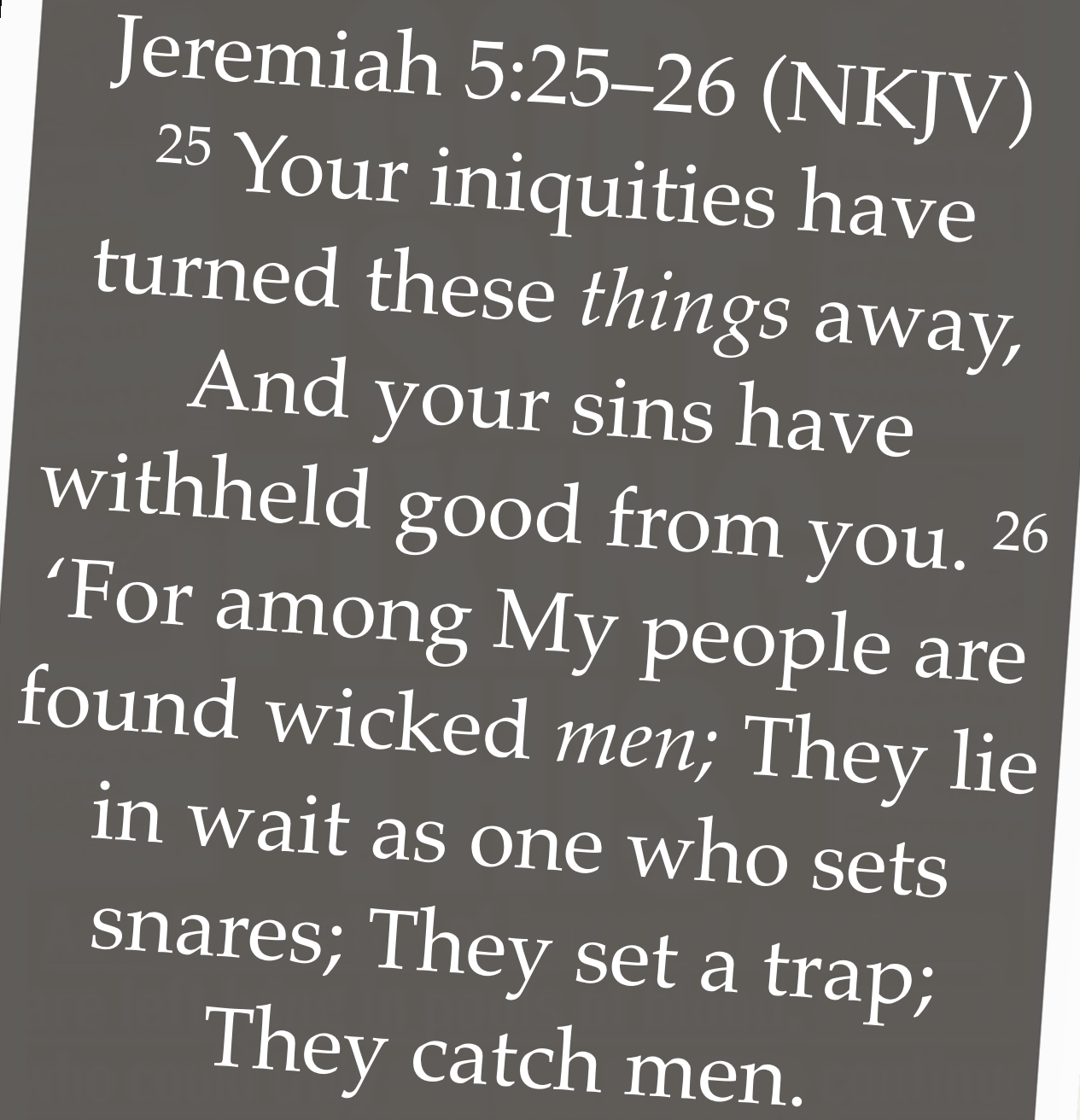
Isaiah 59:1–2 (NKJV)
¹ Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear.

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Jeremiah 5:25–26 (NKJV)
²⁵ Your iniquities have turned these *things* away,
And your sins have withheld good from you. ²⁶
'For among My people are found wicked *men*; They lie in wait as one who sets snares; They set a trap; They catch men.

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Deuteronomy 31:17–18
(NKJV)

¹⁷ ... I will forsake them,
and I will hide My face
from them, and they
shall be devoured. And
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shall befall them, so that
they will say in that day,
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‘Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?’ ¹⁸ And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods.

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Matthew 13:15 (NKJV)
¹⁵ *For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'*

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Eccl 8:11; Rom 2:2-4; Mat 13:24-30;



Ecclesiastes 8:11 (NKJV)
¹¹ Because the sentence
against an evil work is
not executed speedily,
therefore the heart of the
sons of men is fully set in
them to do evil.

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Romans 2:4 (NKJV)
⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

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Matthew 13:24–30 (NKJV)

²⁴ Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. ²⁶ But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. ²⁷ So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’

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Matthew 13:24–30 (NKJV)

²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ”

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- God has already provided a remedy for evil - Jn 3:16; Acts 17:30; Rom 5:8-10; 8:18-28; Tit 3:1-5



Romans 5:8 (NKJV)
⁸ But God demonstrates
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Romans 8:18–19 (NKJV)
¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

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Proverbs 14:34
(NKJV)
*³⁴ Righteousness
exalts a nation, But
sin is a reproach to
any people.*

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- What if Adam & Eve chose NOT to sin? -
- What IF all men LOVED God?
- Laws & restrictions forced upon society by Gov. will NOT do away with evil!



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*In order for prayer to be
effectual, it **MUST BE**:*

- ♦ By faith - James 1:6; Mar 11:22-24
- ♦ From the righteous - Jn 9:31; Jam 5:16; 1 Pet 3:12
- ♦ According to God's will - 1 John 5:14-16

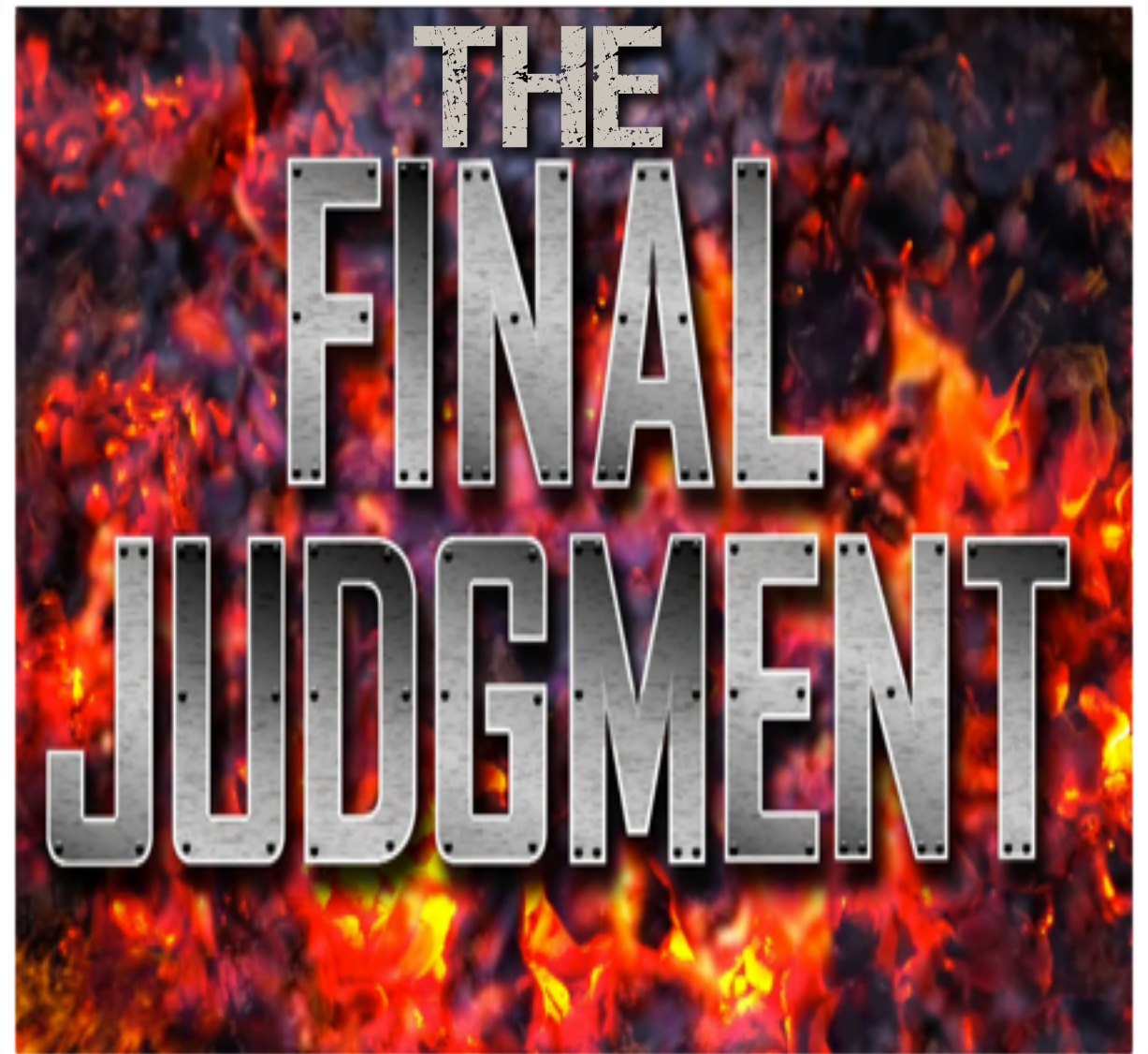
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Matthew 25:32 (NKJV)
³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats.

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Romans 2:5 (NKJV)

⁵ But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

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2 Thessalonians 1:7–10 (NKJV)
⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,
⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe,

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Revelation 21:7–8 (NKJV)

⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

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Concluding thoughts

- ♦ “God isn’t fixing my problems” -
- ♦ “God isn’t fixing my home!” -
- ♦ “God isn’t fixing the church!” -
- ♦ “God isn’t fixing ME!” -



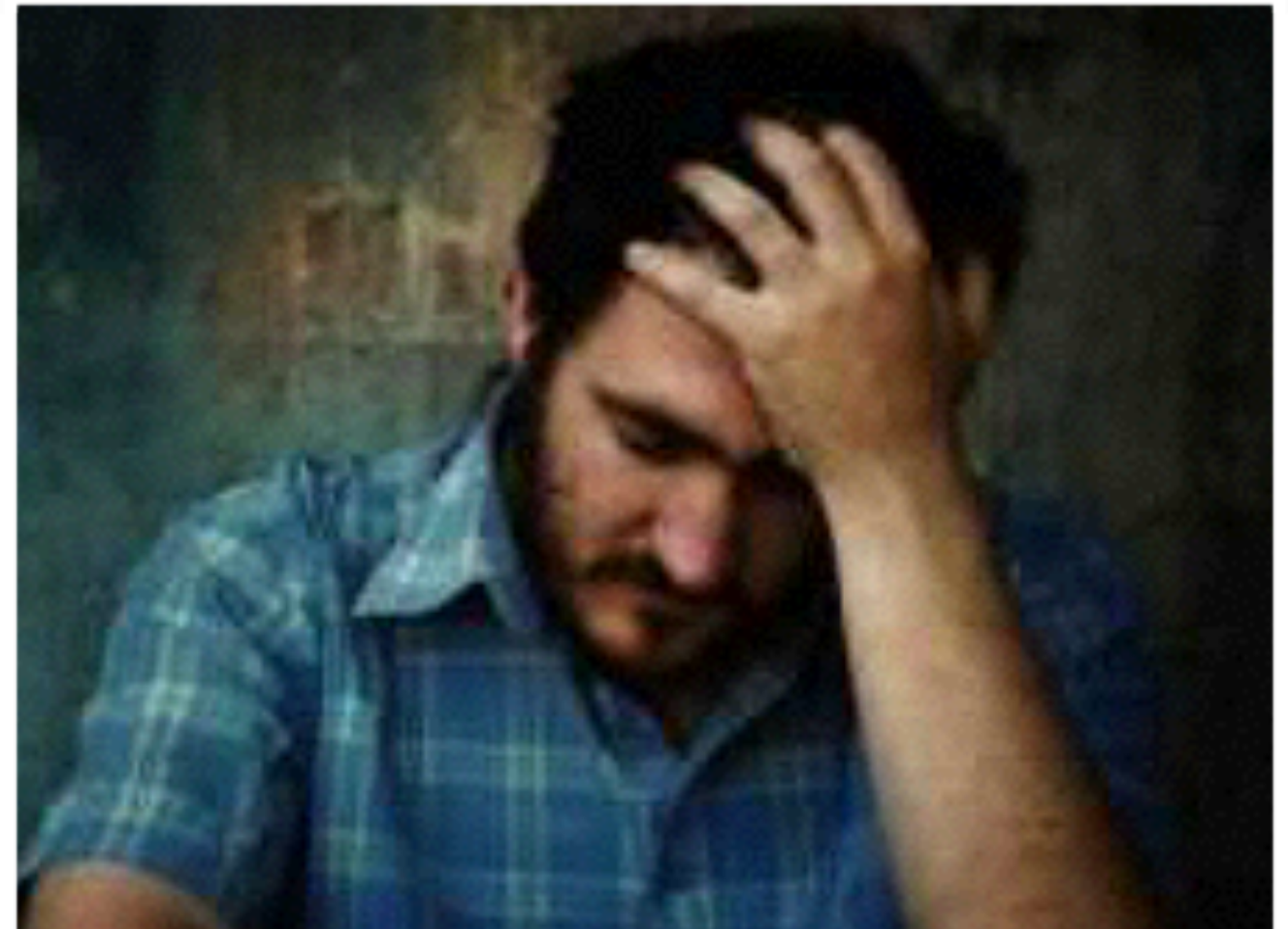
Romans 12:118 (NKJV)
¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as
depends on you, live
peaceably with all men.

Fully surrender to God -
Put on Christ -
Be a part of the solution -
Have patience / endurance
I will answer for myself -

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Concluding thoughts

- ♦ As long as the world stands, there will be evil, injustice and corruption. -
- ♦ But God has prepared a better world for the righteous - Heb 11:13-16
- ♦ God will “FIX IT!”



1 Peter 5:6–10 (NKJV)

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

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Psalm 11:1–7 (NKJV)

¹ In the Lord I put my trust; How can you say to my soul, “Flee as a bird to your mountain”? ² For look! The wicked bend their bow, They make ready their arrow on the string, That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart. ³ If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do? ⁴ The Lord is in His holy temple, The Lord’s throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

Psalm 11:1–7 (NKJV)

⁵ The Lord tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. ⁶ Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup. ⁷ For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.