

# Spiritual Feasting

— The Gospel of Luke 22:7-20 —







# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE

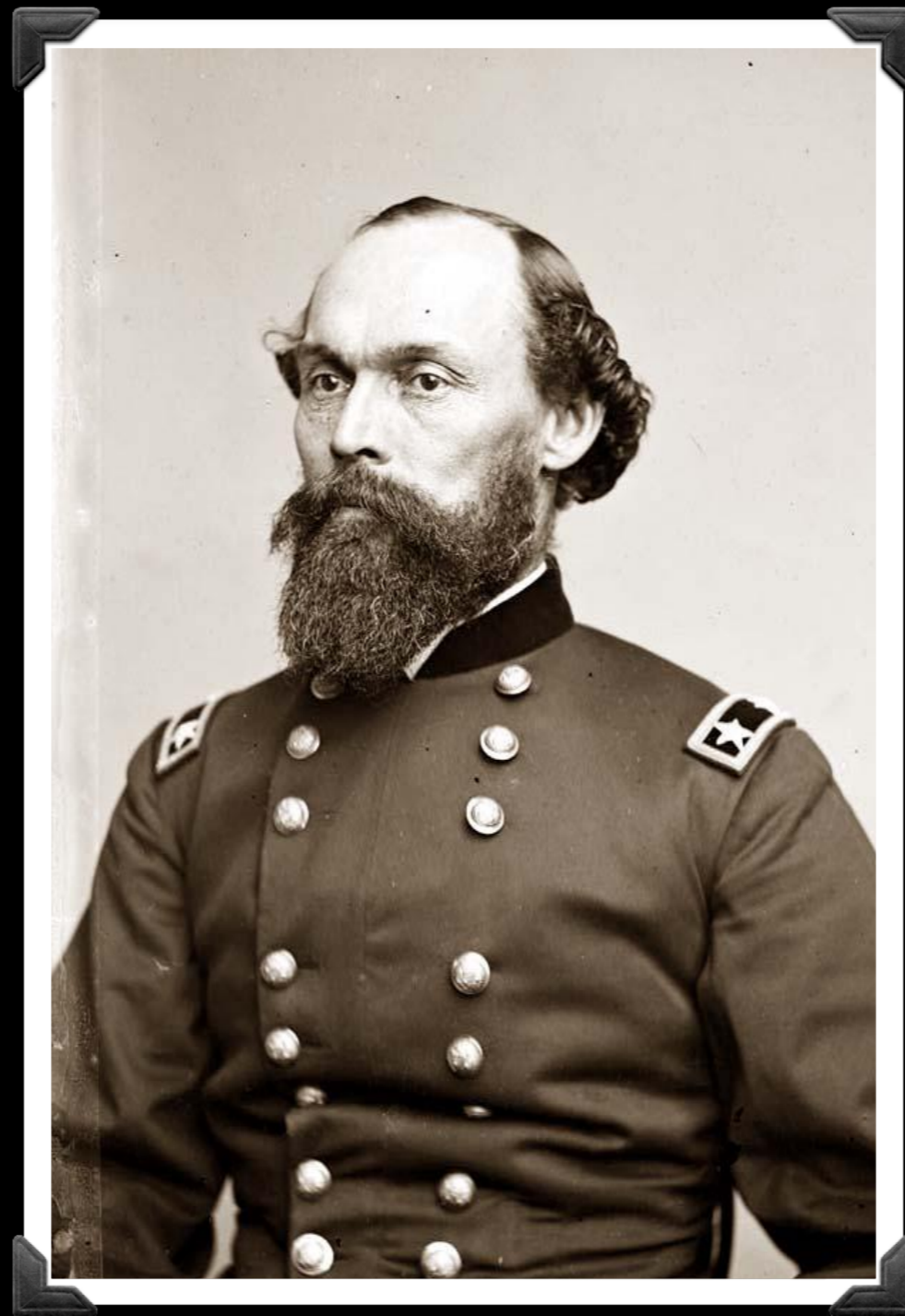




**JUNETEENTH**

*Freedom Day*





On June 19, 1865, Union Major-General Gordon Granger issued a military order in Galveston, Texas, freeing all slaves.







# GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 3

**“The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are Free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves.”**





An African American Band at an  
Emancipation Celebration in Austin in 1900







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**7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.”**





# “The Exodus”

Horace William Petherick (1839-1919)

Museum of Croydon













**WE  
WERE SLAVES**

*to Pharaoh in Egypt. And the Lord our God took  
us out of there with a strong hand  
stretched arm. (Exodus 13:18)*

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**We were slaves**

**of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the LORD  
brought us out of Egypt with a strong  
hand. Before our eyes the LORD inflicted  
great and devastating signs and wonders  
on Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his  
household, but He brought us from there  
in order to lead us in and give us the land  
that He swore to our fathers.**

— Deuteronomy 6:21-23 —



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**9 They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” 10 He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters 11 and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room**



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where I may eat **the Passover** with my disciples?’ 12 And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” 13 And they went and found it just as he told them, and they prepared **the Passover**.

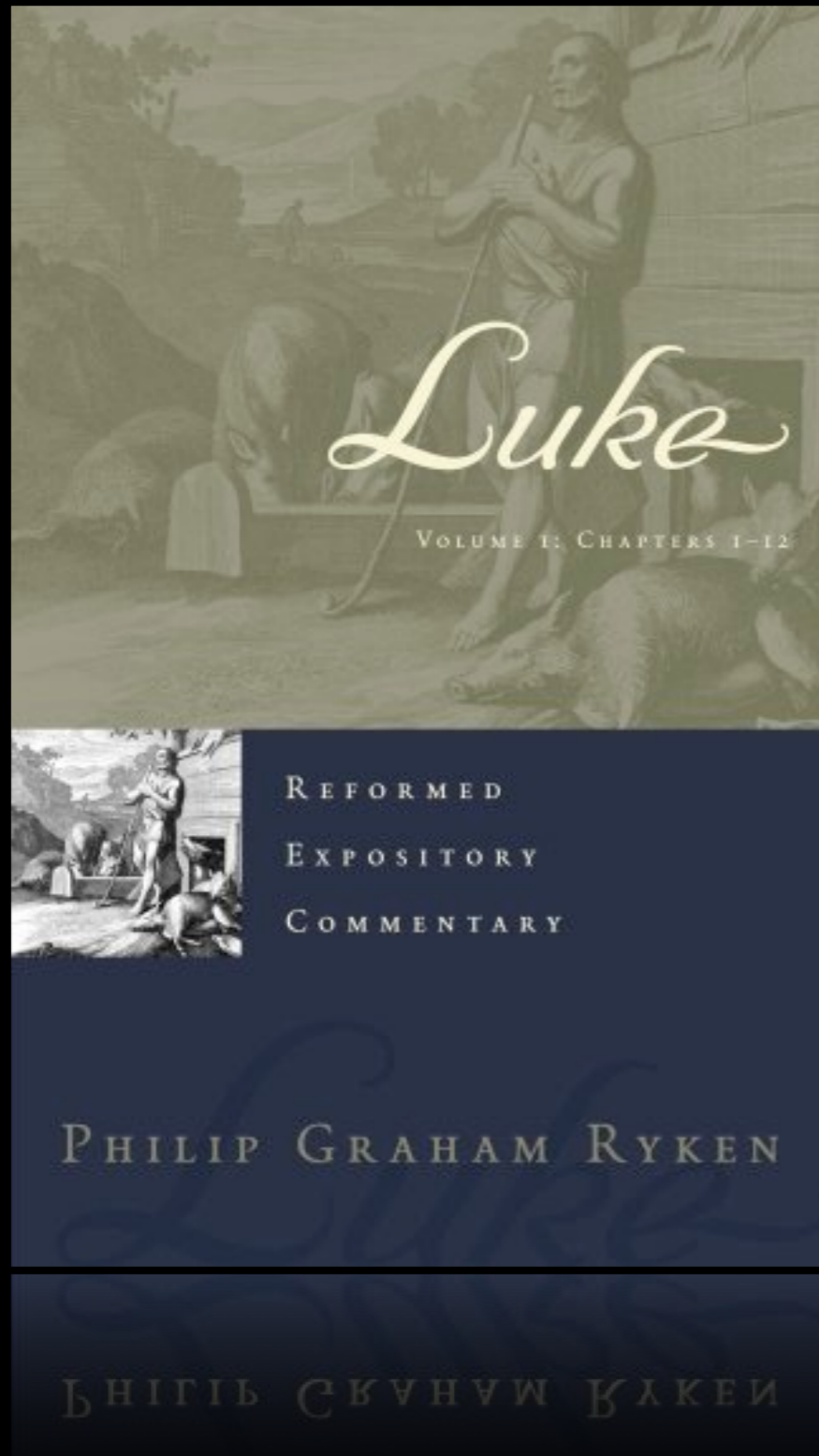


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14 **When when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer....”**





**For Jesus and the disciples, the feast brought back some of the happiest memories of childhood: making the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem, eating roast lamb with their families, and praising God for his salvation.**



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**The Son of Man  
must suffer many  
things and be  
rejected by the  
elders and chief  
priests and scribes,  
and be killed, and  
on the third day  
be raised.**



**Jesus of Nazareth**  
— The Gospel of Luke 9:22 —



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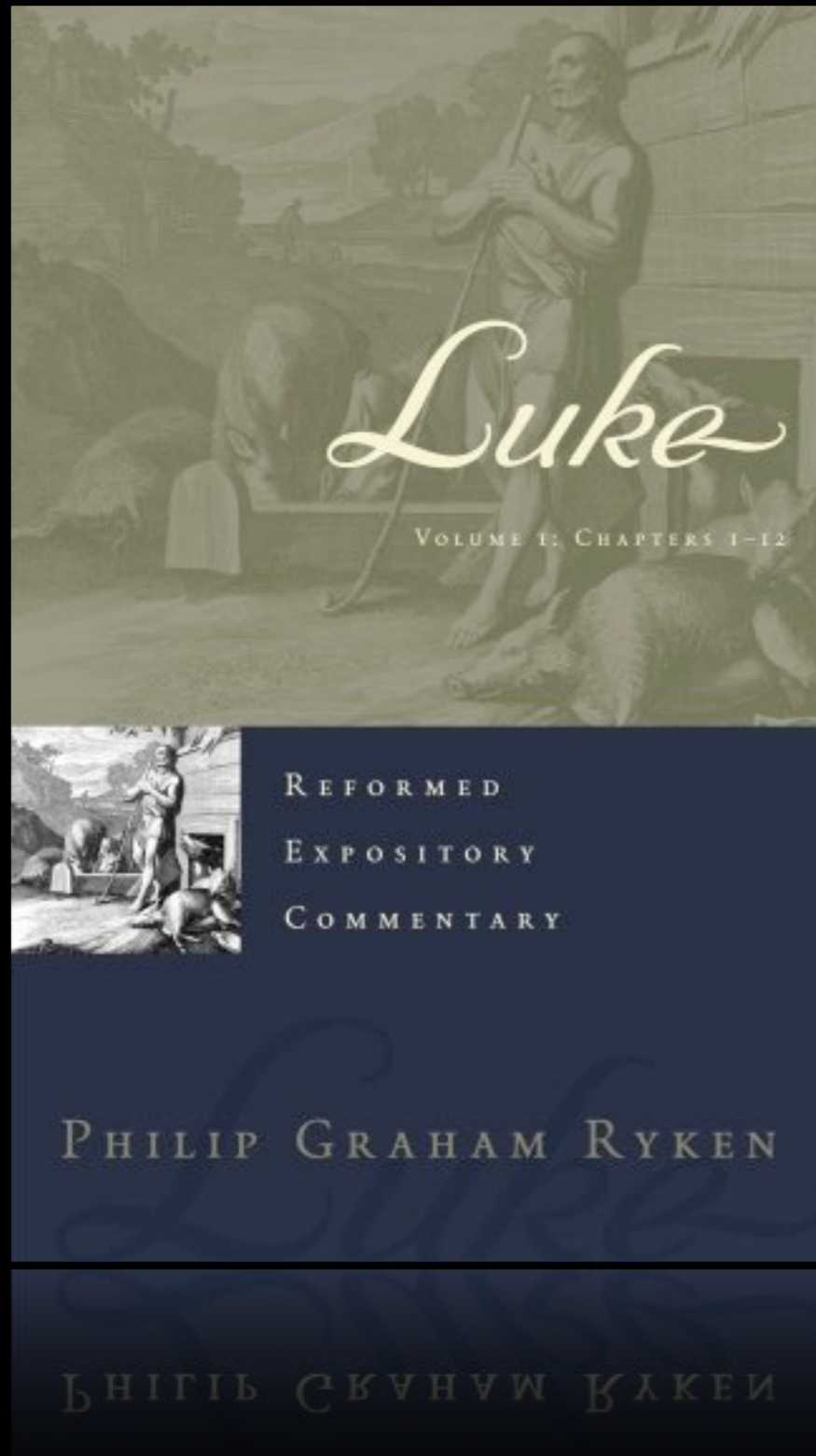
14 When when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, **“I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”**



**...two men were talking with him,  
Moses and Elijah, who appeared in  
glory and spoke of his departure\*  
[literally: exodus] which he was  
about to accomplish in Jerusalem.**

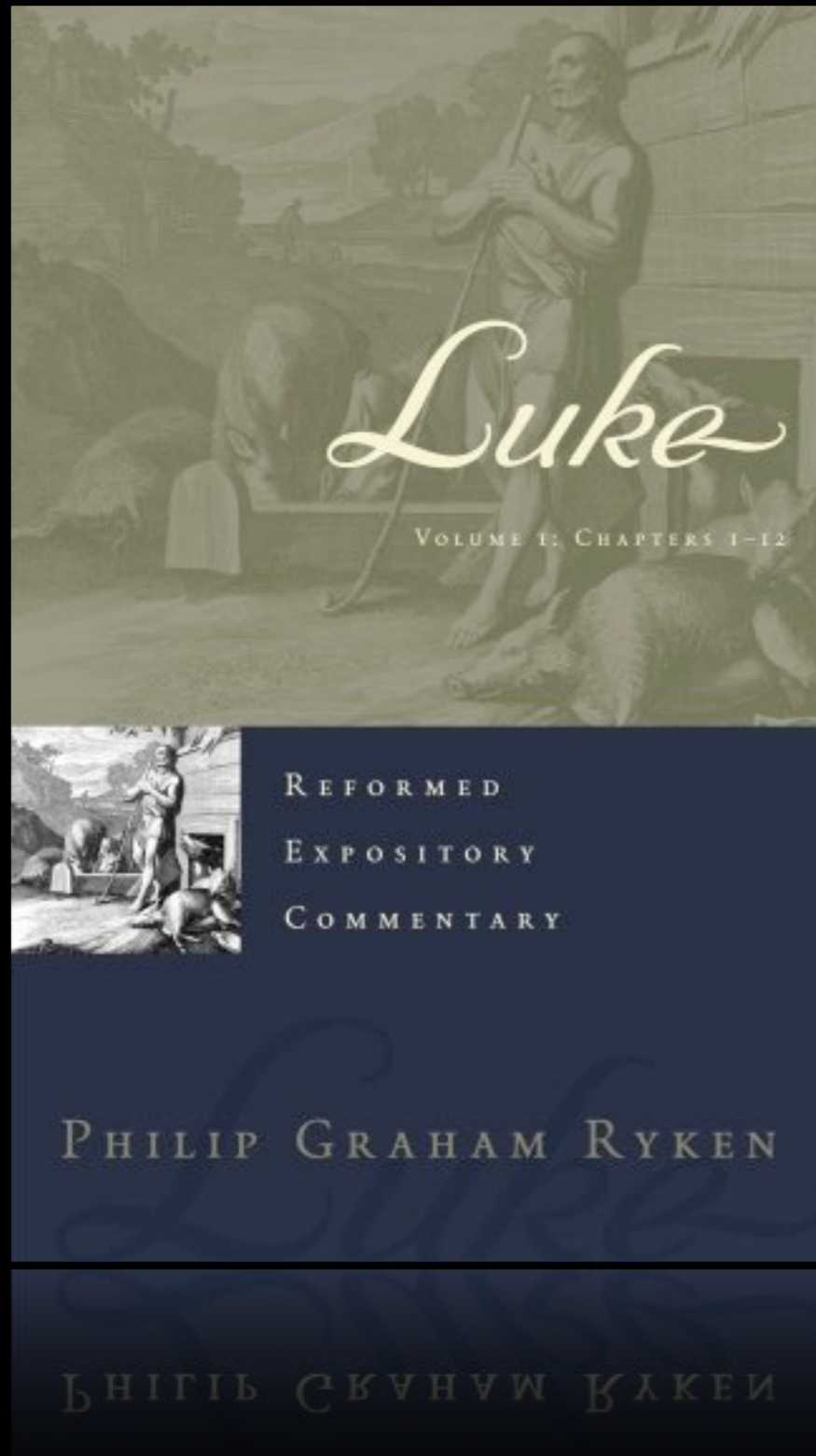
— The Gospel of Luke 9:30 —





**Soon that sacrament  
would find its true  
fulfillment in the  
kingdom of the Lord  
Jesus Christ, and they  
would never have  
occasion to celebrate it  
[that is, the Passover]  
again.**





**Instead, the people of God would celebrate the new sacrament of the new covenant in Christ by eating the bread and drinking the wine of the Lord's Supper.**



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17 And he took **a cup**, and when he had **given thanks** he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 **For I tell you from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”**



# Key Thought

**This Last Supper becomes  
the Last Passover meal  
because Jesus is about to  
accomplish a far greater Exodus  
being Himself the Passover Lamb.**





**“Behold, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world!”**

— John the Baptist in The Gospel of John 1:29 —



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19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, **“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”** 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten saying, **“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”**



**What does  
Jesus mean  
when he says,  
“This is my body”?**





# **Literal View: Transubstantiation**

(The Roman Catholic Church's View)

**The bread and the wine actually  
turn into the literal body  
and blood of Jesus.**



# **Non-Literal View: Mere Memorial**


(Most Evangelical Churches)

**The bread and the wine are merely  
aids to help us remember  
that Jesus died for us.**

**Given that the  
Lord's Table helps  
us remember the  
sacrifice of Jesus,  
is there something  
more going on here**



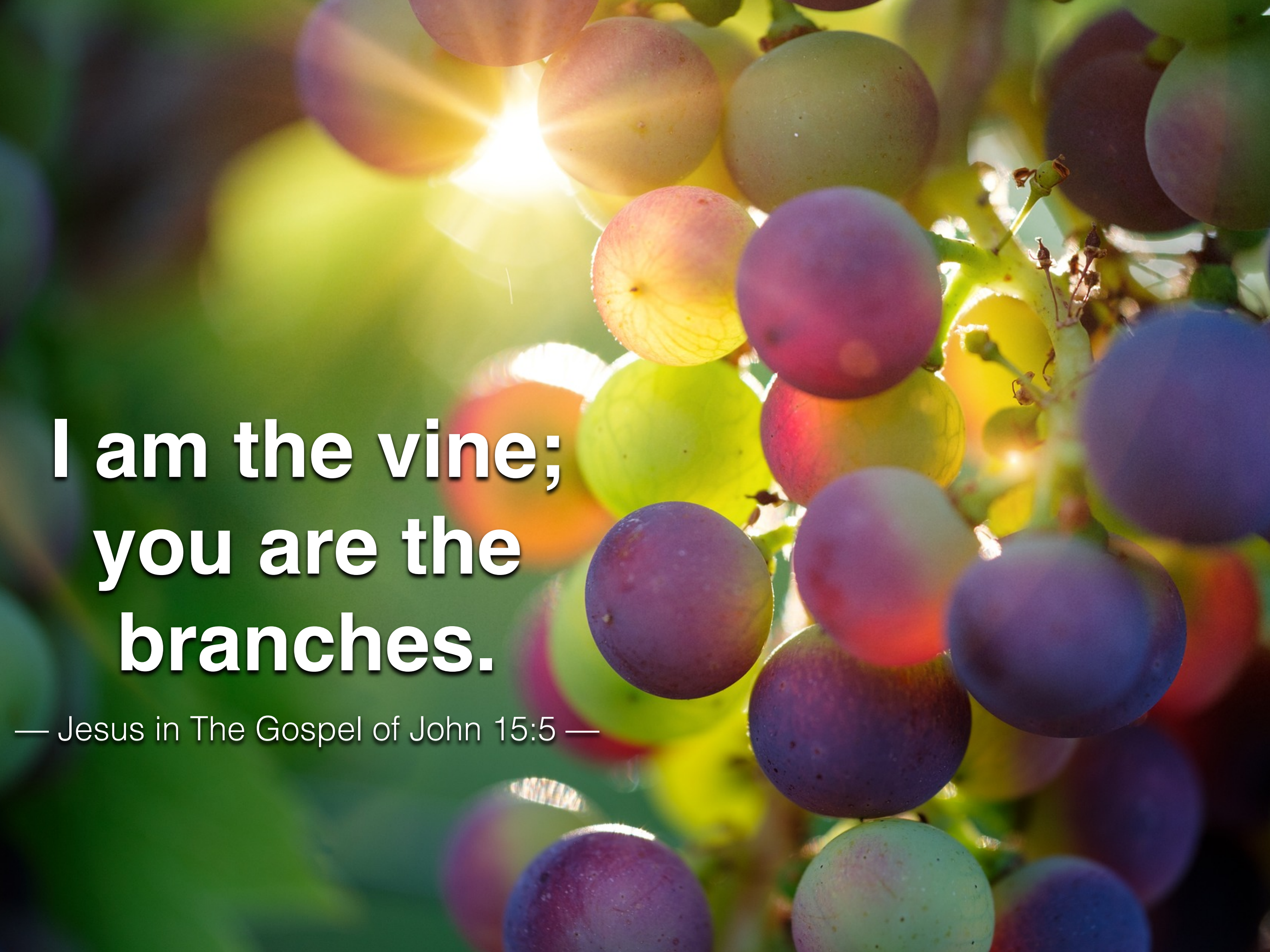




**I am the door.  
If anyone enters  
by Me, he will  
be saved...**

— Jesus in The Gospel of John 10:9 —





**I am the vine;  
you are the  
branches.**

— Jesus in The Gospel of John 15:5 —



A close-up photograph of three loaves of bread on a wooden surface. The bread is golden-brown with a soft, porous texture. The loaves are arranged in a row, with the middle one slightly behind the other two. In the background, there are two glass jars with metal clasps, filled with a light-colored powder, likely flour. The lighting is warm and focused on the bread, creating a soft glow. The overall composition is simple and evocative, suggesting a sense of warmth and sustenance.

**I am the  
bread of life.**

— Jesus in The Gospel of John 6:48 —



# **The View of the Real Spiritual Presence of Christ**

(Many Reformational Churches)

**Jesus is using a figure of speech—  
a metaphor—to help His disciples  
understand that He is really present  
in this meal in a way that we can  
truly by faith lay hold of Him  
in an experiential way.**





**When Jesus says the bread is His body which is given for us, and the wine is His blood which is shed for us, we need to see Jesus infusing Passover Meal with new meaning:  
*I am the ultimate Passover sacrifice.***



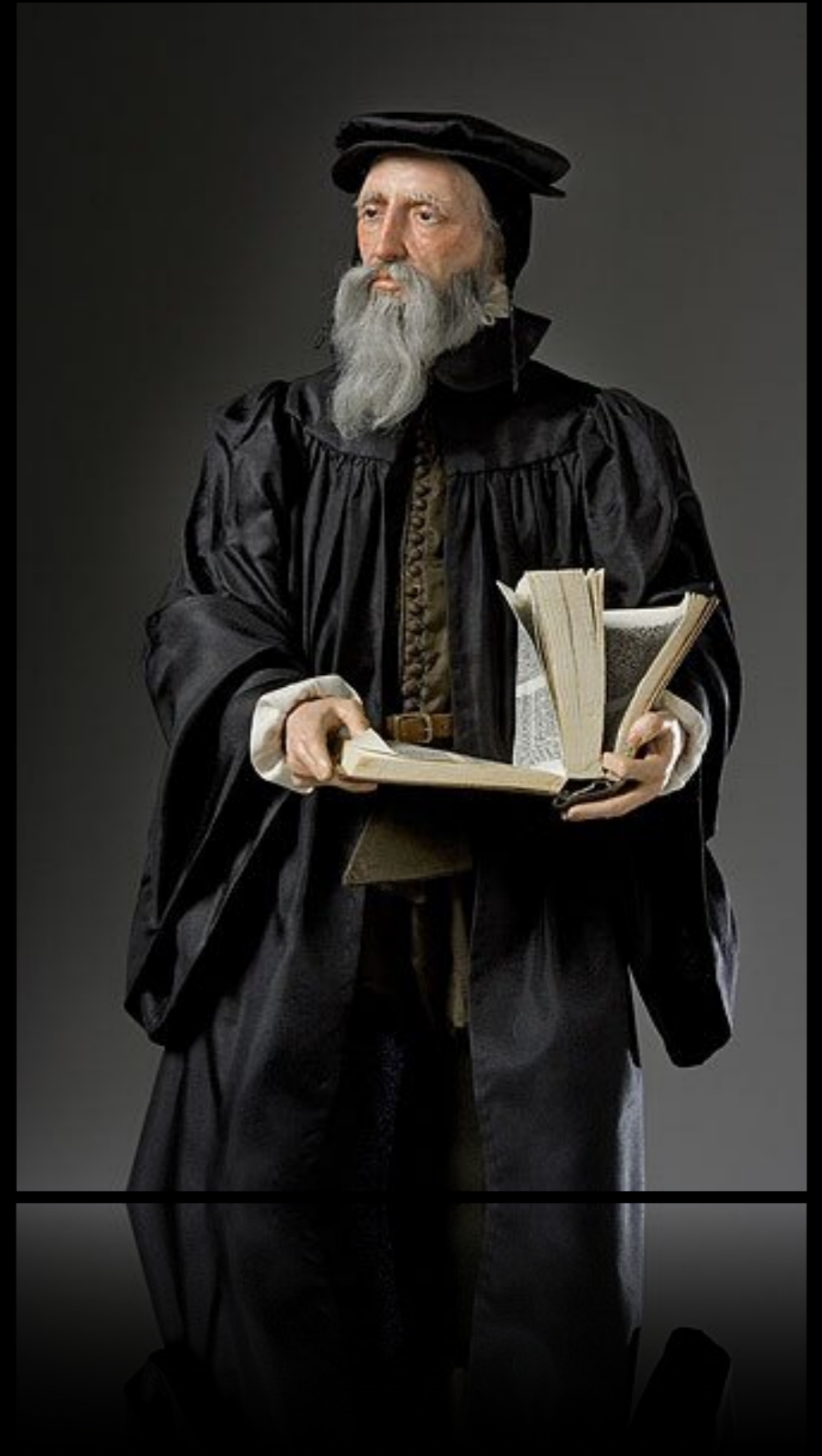
**Sacraments are sacred mysteries  
that speak to us about the Gospel.**





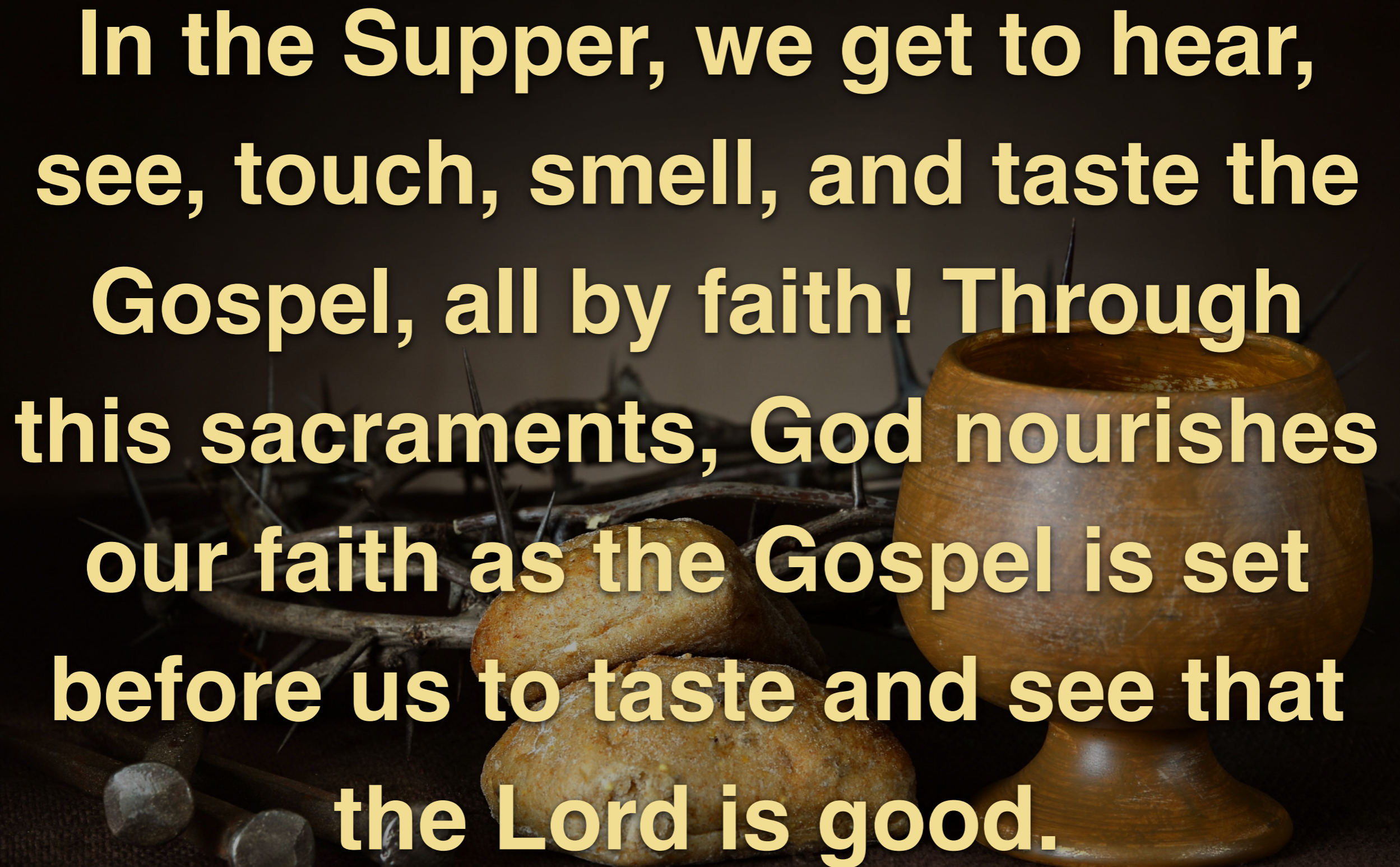
**The sacraments are exercises which make us more certain of the trustworthiness of God's Word.... For by them he manifests himself to us... and attests his good will and love toward us more expressly than by the Word.**

John Calvin (1509-1564)  
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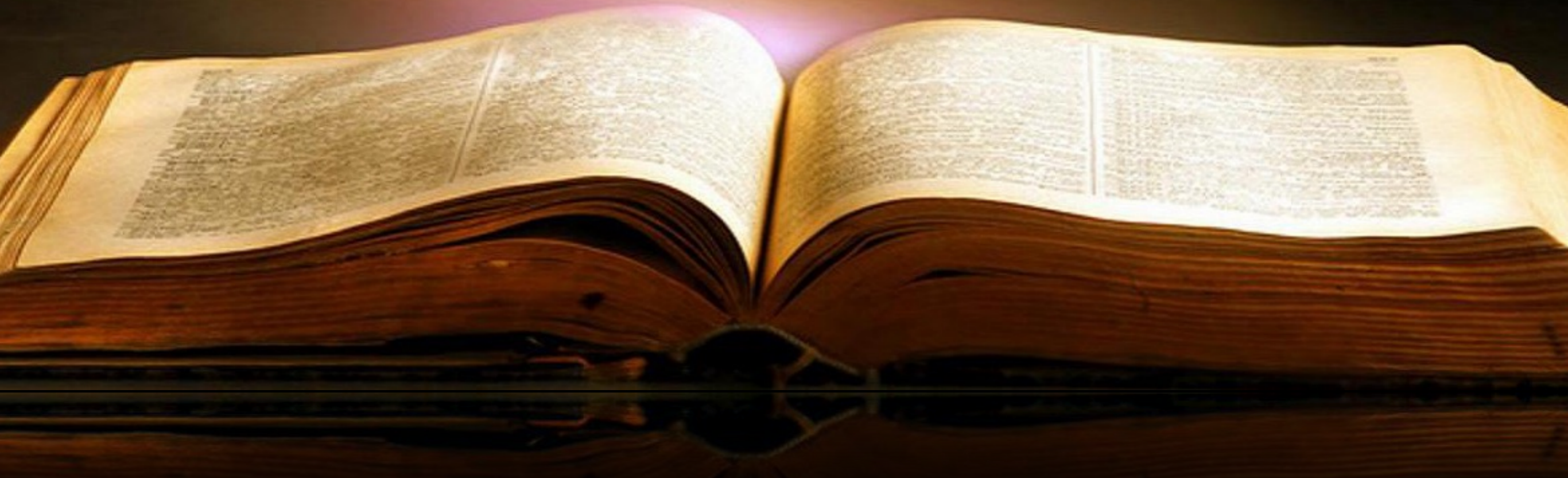


**In the Supper, we get to hear,  
see, touch, smell, and taste the  
Gospel, all by faith! Through  
this sacraments, God nourishes  
our faith as the Gospel is set  
before us to taste and see that  
the Lord is good.**

A still life composition featuring a wooden chalice, two round breads, and a crown of thorns on a dark surface. The chalice is on the right, the breads are in the center, and the crown of thorns is on the left. The background is dark and textured.

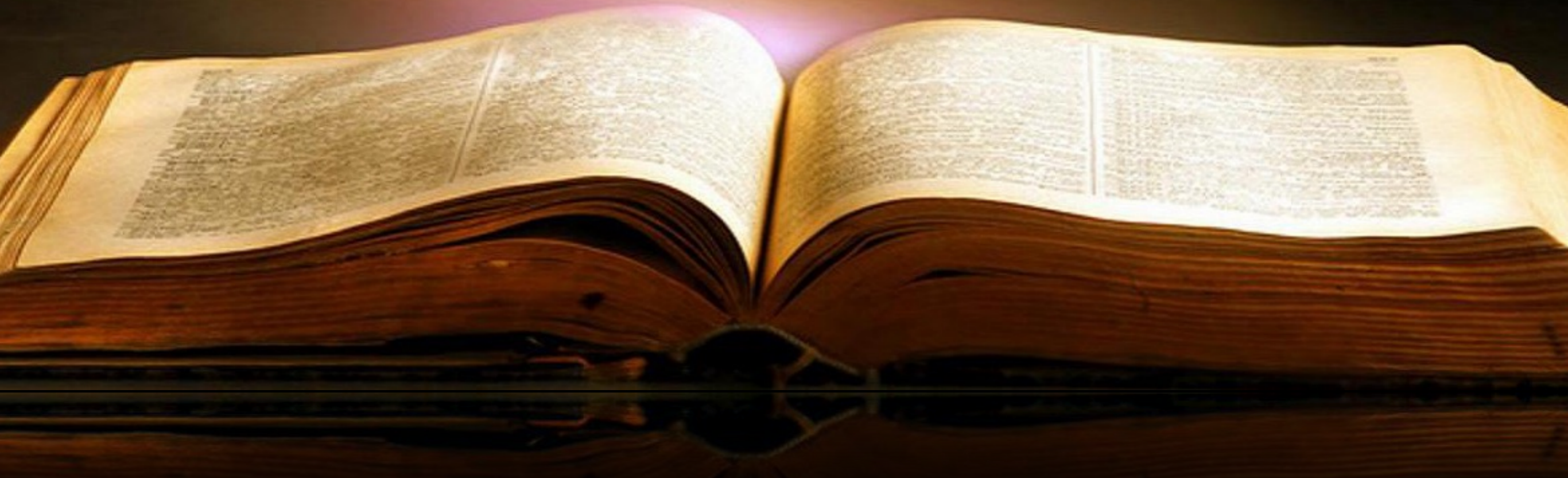


**For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.... Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.**



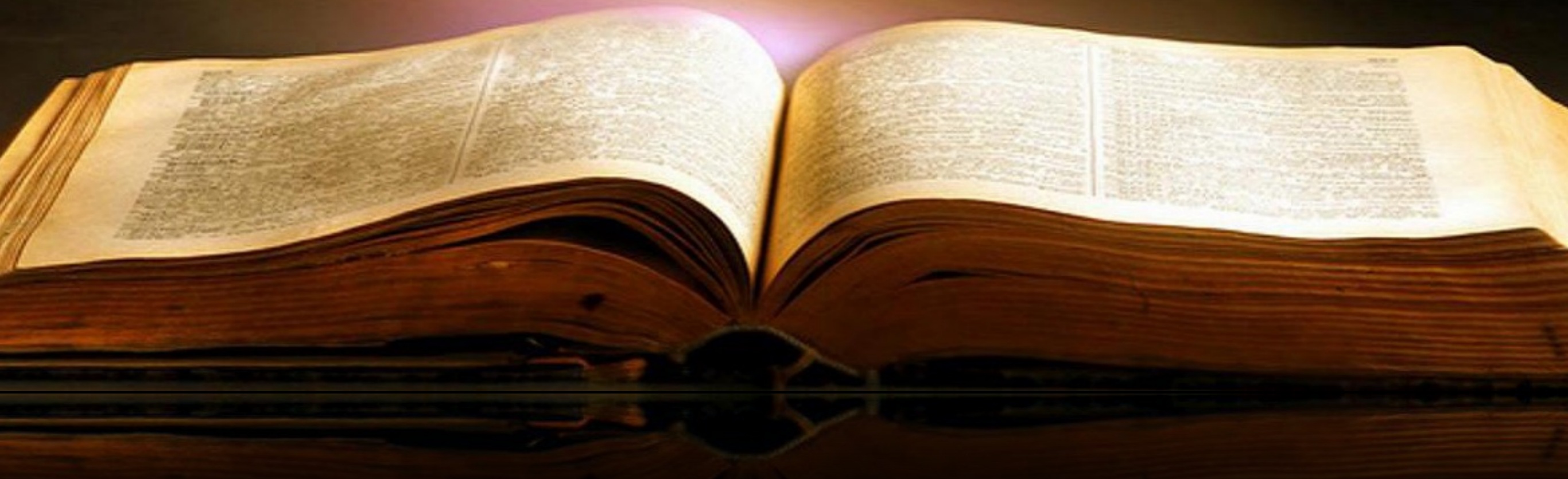


**I am the bread of life... I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.**





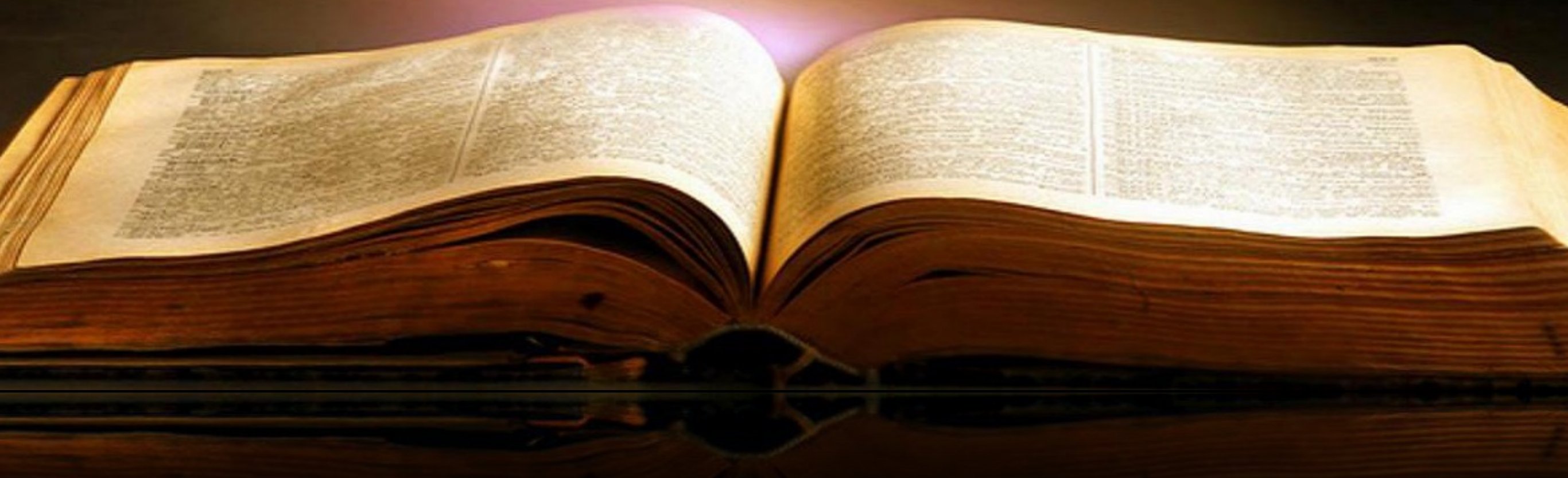
**The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”**





**So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”**

— Jesus of Nazareth in The Gospel of John 6:40, 47ff —



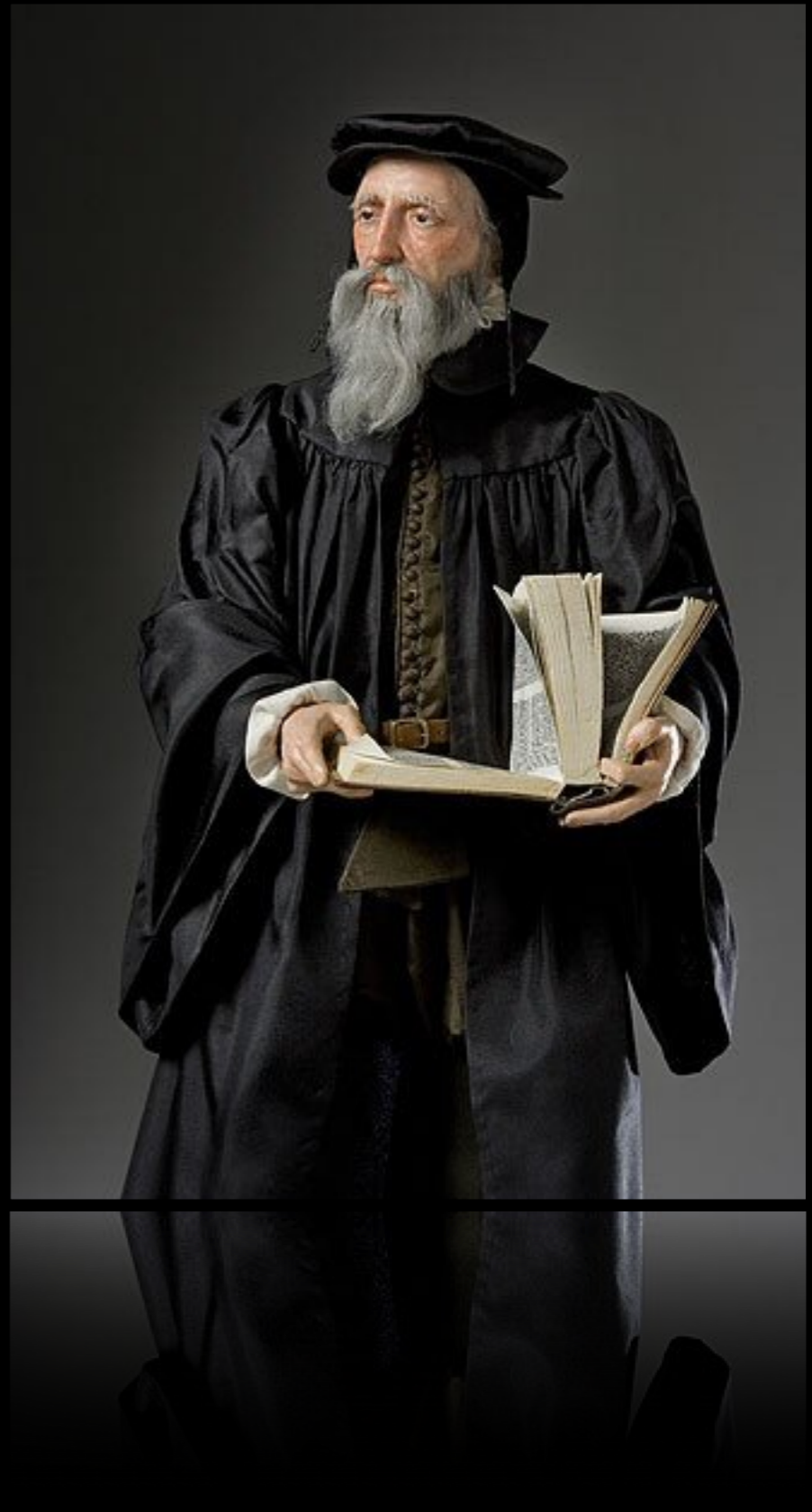


**Just as bread and wine  
nourish our physical lives,  
so feasting on Jesus by faith  
nourishes our spiritual lives.**



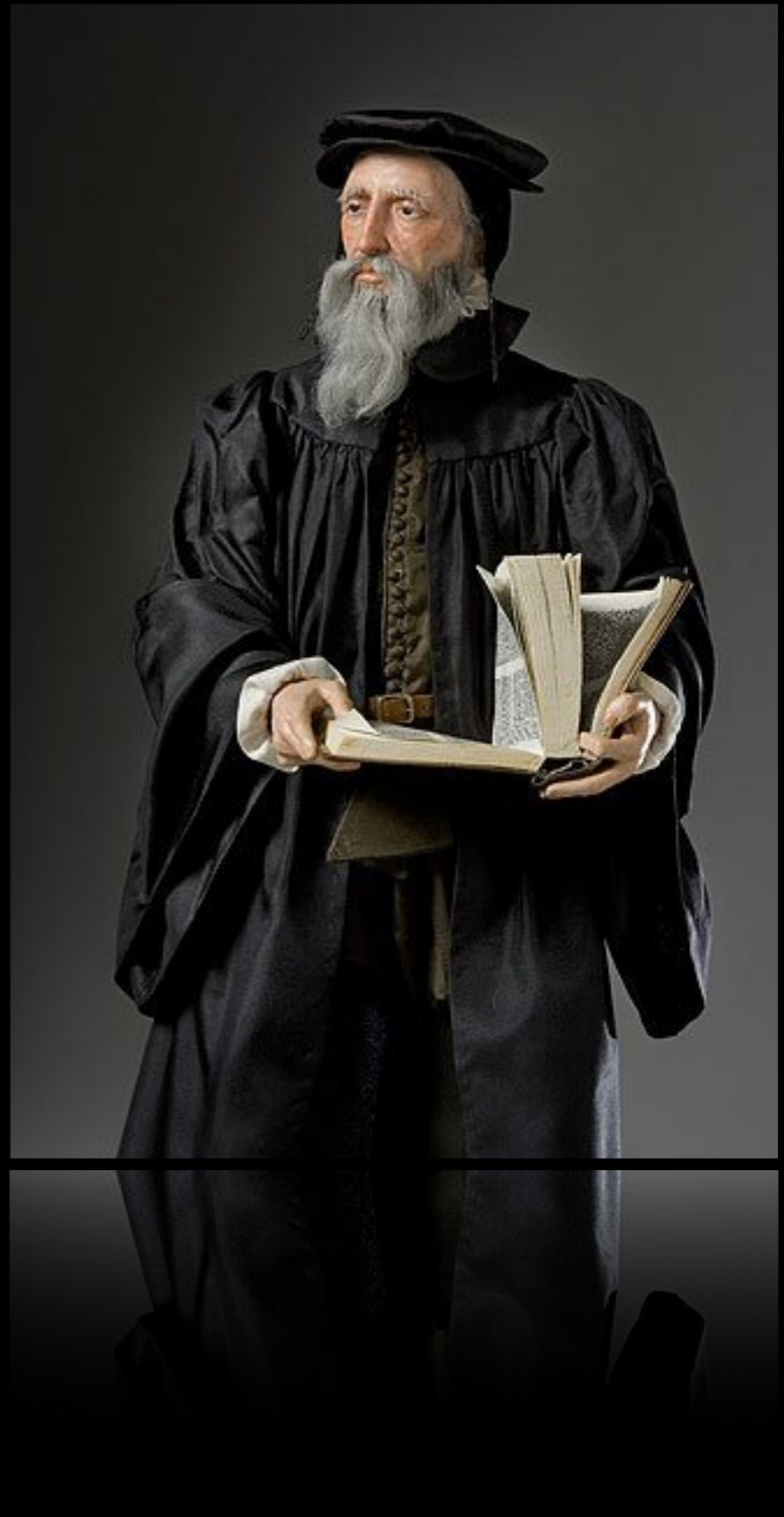


**For whenever this  
matter is discussed,  
when I have tried to  
say all, I feel that I  
have as yet said little  
in proportion to its  
worth.**





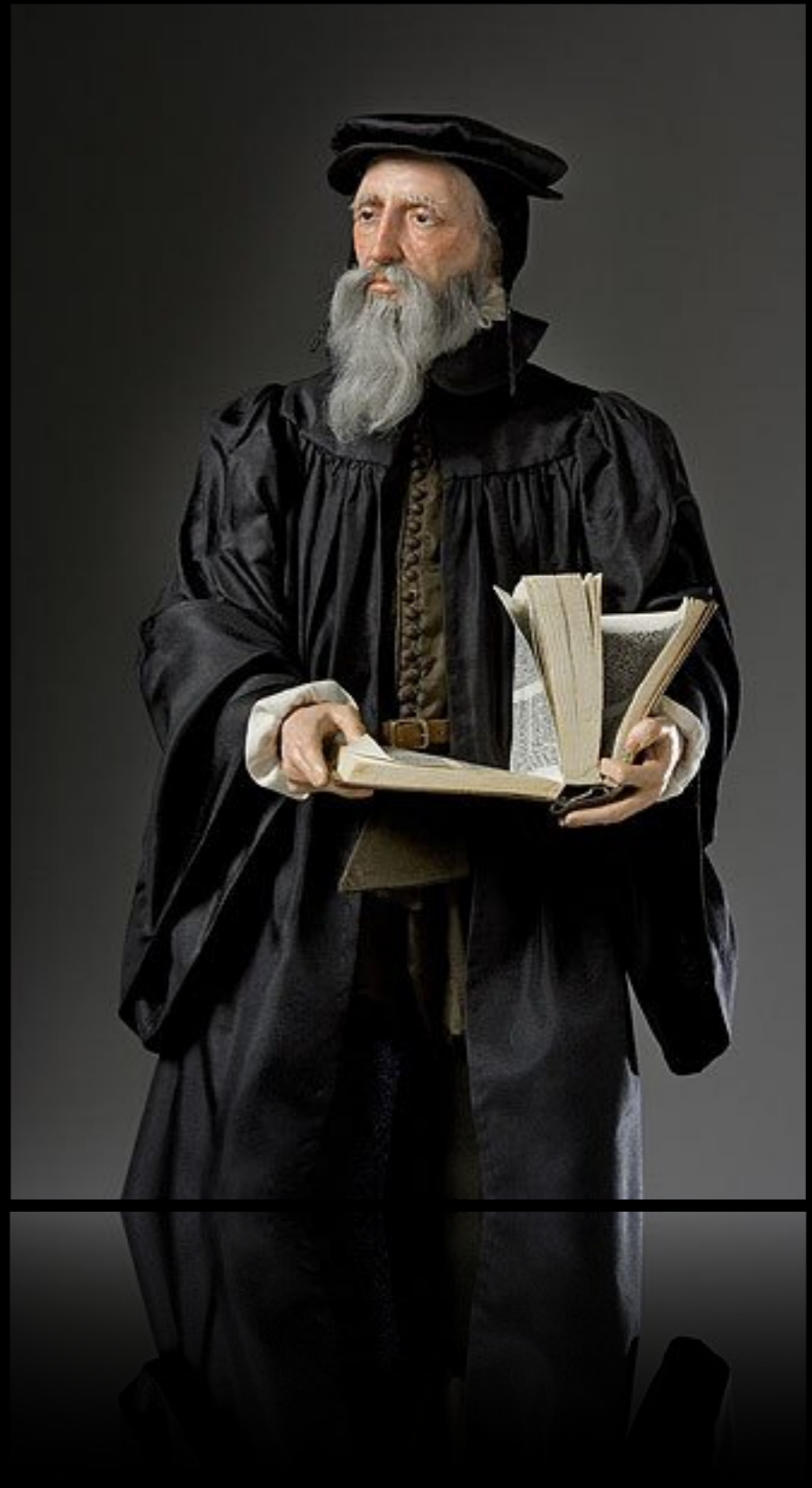
**Although my mind  
can think beyond  
what my tongue can  
utter, yet even my  
mind is conquered  
and overwhelmed  
by the greatness of  
the thing.**



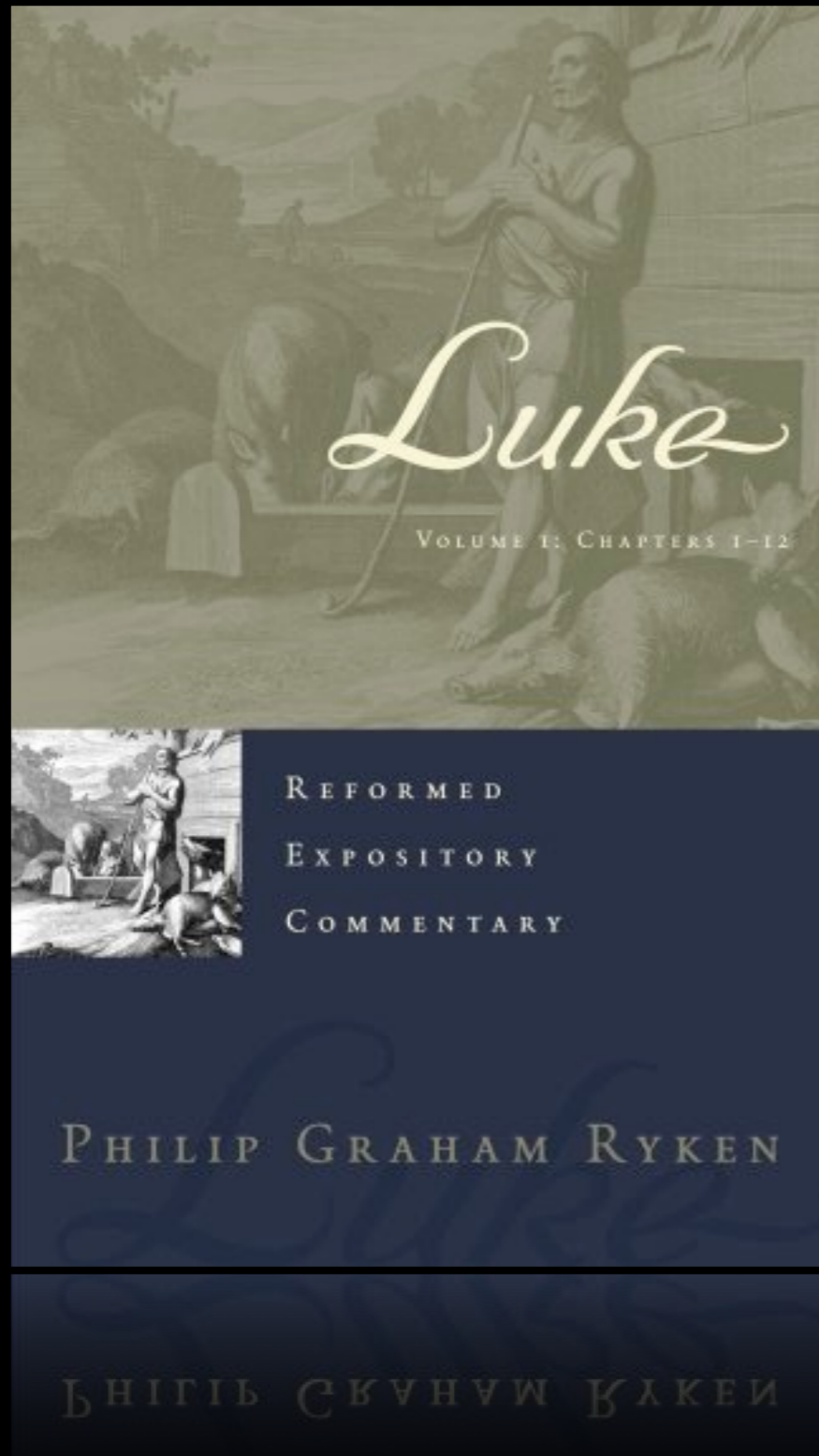


**Therefore, nothing remains but to break forth in wonder at this mystery, which plainly neither the mind is able to conceive or the tongue to express.**

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**They are words it takes only a moment to understand but a lifetime to comprehend, for although they are simple in themselves, they reveal many deep mysteries of the gospel.**



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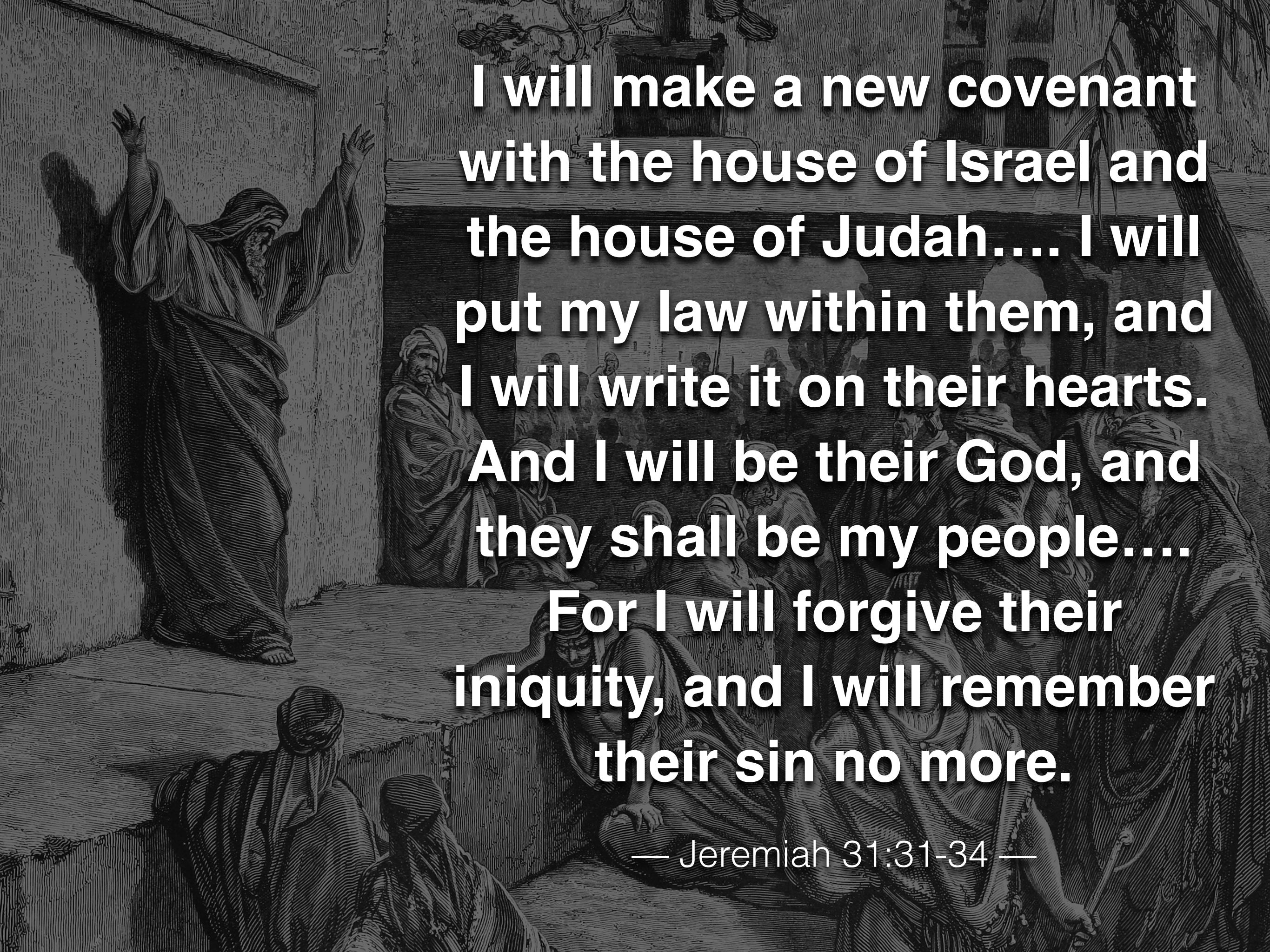


**Behold the blood  
of the covenant  
that the Lord has  
made with you.**

**The Prophet Moses**  
— Exodus 24:8 —








**I will make a new covenant  
with the house of Israel and  
the house of Judah.... I will  
put my law within them, and  
I will write it on their hearts.  
And I will be their God, and  
they shall be my people....  
For I will forgive their  
iniquity, and I will remember  
their sin no more.**

— Jeremiah 31:31-34 —





**Christ our Passover Lamb  
has been sacrificed.  
Therefore let us keep the feast.**

— 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 —



**Jesus is life—eternal life—and  
so we feast upon him by faith.**





# Come Humbly





# Come Hungry





**The danger is not  
lest the soul should  
doubt whether  
there is any bread,  
but lest, by a lie,  
it should persuade  
itself that it is  
not hungry.**



— Simone Weil (1909-1949) —





**All the treasures  
of this world  
will never satisfy  
You alone are  
endless joy  
so I cling to Christ**

— “Cling to Christ” —



# Come Believing





# Come Celebrating





# Come Regularly





# Come Together





**The cup of blessing  
that we bless, is it not  
a fellowship in the  
blood of Christ? The  
bread that we break,  
is it not a fellowship in  
the body of Christ.**

**The Apostle Paul**  
— 1 Corinthians 10:16 —





# Come Longing







**Blessed are all those who  
are invited to the marriage  
supper of the Lamb.'**

— Revelation 19:6 —



# The Lord's Table

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**These are the gifts of God  
for the people of God.  
Take them believing that  
Christ died for you, and  
feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.**

