

A woman with long dark hair, wearing an orange long-sleeved shirt, is hugging a young girl from behind. The girl has brown hair and is wearing a white t-shirt with a red backpack. They are both looking down. The background features a stylized globe with glowing white network lines and a warm, golden light effect.

COVID-19

# **Understanding Pestilences - Being Overcomers**

Faith-filled Words & Activities

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Fear-filled Words & Activities





# **Faith**-filled Words & Activities

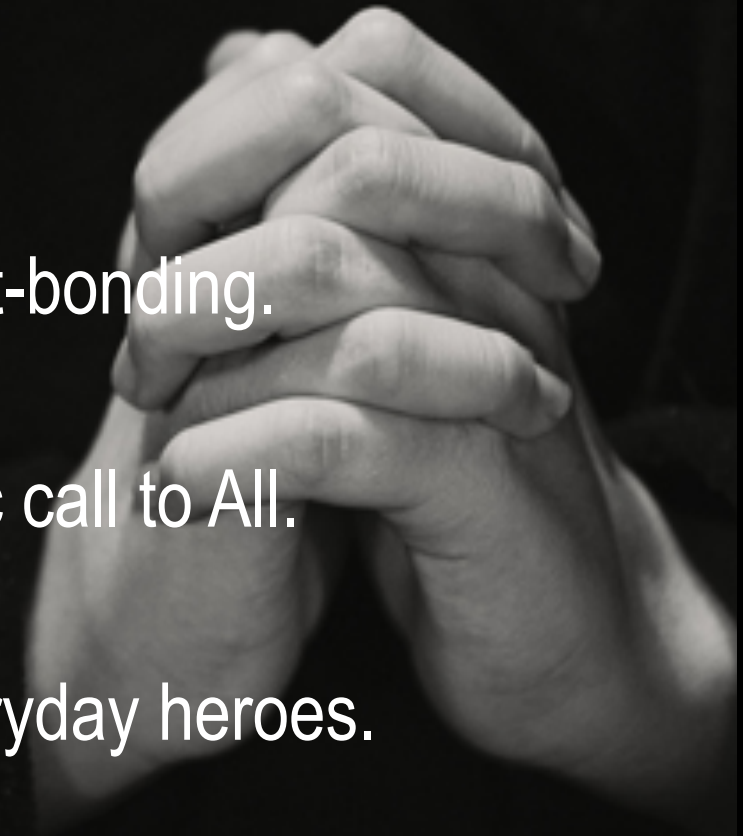
## 1. **Love in action**

- Bless community with masks and hand sanitizers.
- Volunteers needed.
- Check with your leaders.
- Look out for one another. Tighten Body-Life contact-bonding.

## 2. **Pray**

- 12pm for PraySingapore@12. Set alarm - prophetic call to All.
- 9pm or 10pm for BBTC church-wide pray

## 3. **SALUTE.SG** - an online tribute wall to thank our everyday heroes.



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In a broader sense, God has already allowed, sanctioned, approved, permitted everything that happens by the:
1. **Free will of Man**
  2. **Laws & Principles of Life**

When we flow-obey the laws, we reap positive outcomes called **blessings**.

When we disobey-violate the laws, we reap negative outcomes called **curses**.

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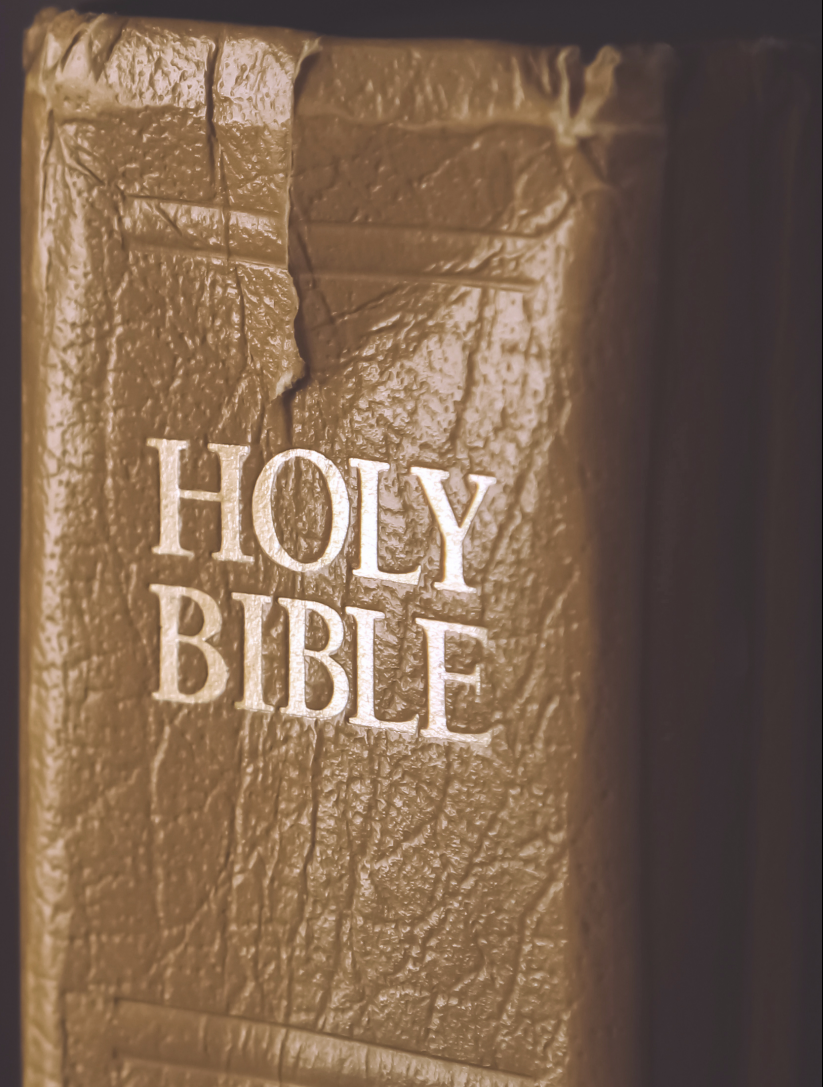
## II. Interpreting the Bible.

The Bible is written in **3 languages**:

1. Hebrew
2. Aramaic
3. Greek

The Hebraic way of writing adopts  
a very high view of God.

Consequently, they attribute every activity  
and action back to God as if God did that  
specific action.





In interpretation, we must then understand the underlying law and principle at work - **Psalm 119:160; 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**EG: 1 Samuel 16:14** But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a distressing - tormenting spirit from the Lord troubled him.

**Question: How did the tormenting spirit come to Saul?**

The underlying principle in this case is **Ephesians 4:27** - nor give place-open doors to the devil.

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### III. Understanding pestilence-plague-disaster-famine.

It is:

1. a major consequence (Hebrew: Judgment) of sins;
2. a major sign of the end-times.

# 1. A major consequence (Hebrew: Judgment) of sins

## Deuteronomy 28:15, 21-22

**15** But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

**21** The Lord will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess. **22** The Lord will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish.

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1. A major consequence (Hebrew: Judgment) of sins

### Deuteronomy 32:21, 24

**21** They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; they have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols ...

**24** They shall be wasted with hunger, devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction; I will also send against them the teeth of beasts, with the poison of serpents of the dust.

1. A major consequence (Hebrew: Judgment) of sins

**Ezekiel 7:15** The sword is outside, and the pestilence and famine within. Whoever is in the field will die by the sword; and whoever is in the city, famine and pestilence will devour him.



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### Ezekiel 5:16-17

**16** When I send against them the terrible arrows of famine which shall be for destruction, which I will send to destroy you, I will increase the famine upon you and cut off your supply of bread. **17** So I will send against you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you. Pestilence and blood shall pass through you, and I will bring the sword against you. I, the Lord, have spoken.'





# 1. A major consequence (Hebrew: Judgment) of sins

Major reasons for pestilence-plague

## A. Rejecting God

**Deuteronomy 32:21** They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; they have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.

**Amos 4:10** I sent among you a plague after the manner of Egypt; your young men I killed with a sword, along with your captive horses; I made the stench of your camps come up into your nostrils; yet you have not returned to Me,” says the Lord.

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B. Outright disobedience

**1 Chronicles 21** David's sinful census

**2 Samuel 24:10** And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O Lord, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly."

Major reasons for pestilence-plague

B. Outright disobedience

**2 Samuel 24:13-14**

**13** So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him, “Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days’ plague in your land?

Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me.” **14** And David said to Gad, “I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.”



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C. Outright rebellion e.g. Korah

**Numbers 16:49** Now those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides those who died in the Korah incident.

national level

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D. Sexual Immorality-Idolatry

**Numbers 25:1-2, 9**

1 Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. 2 They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. 9 And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.

**national level**

## 2. A sign of the end-times.

**Matthew 24:7** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

**Luke 21:11** And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

**Full Blown During Tribulation Years**



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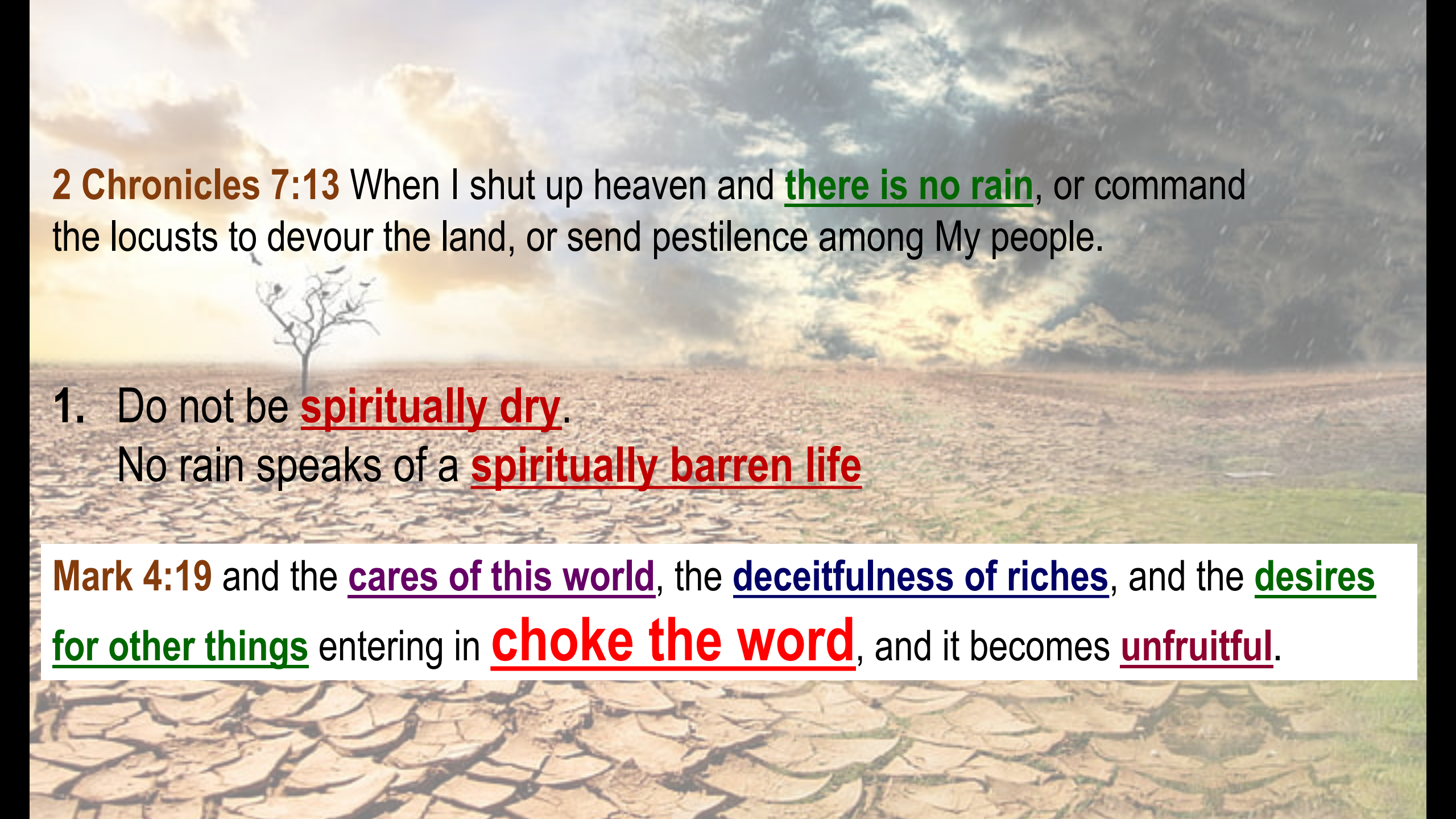


## IV. What is the remedy?

- In the OT - physical-natural, then spiritual
- In the NT – spiritual, then physical-natural
- Drawing typological applications from specific root conditions

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No rain speaks of a spiritually barren life

**Mark 4:19** and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.





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**Matthew 12:43** When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.

**V vulnerable to demonic attacks/schemes/wiles**



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**Ephesians 5:26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.

Regular Word Intake

**John 7:38-39a**

**38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. **39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit.

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2. Do not give the evil one any ground to defeat you.

**John 10:10a** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

**2 Corinthians 2:11** lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

**Distractions-Doubts-Discouragement-Despondency-Depression-Death**

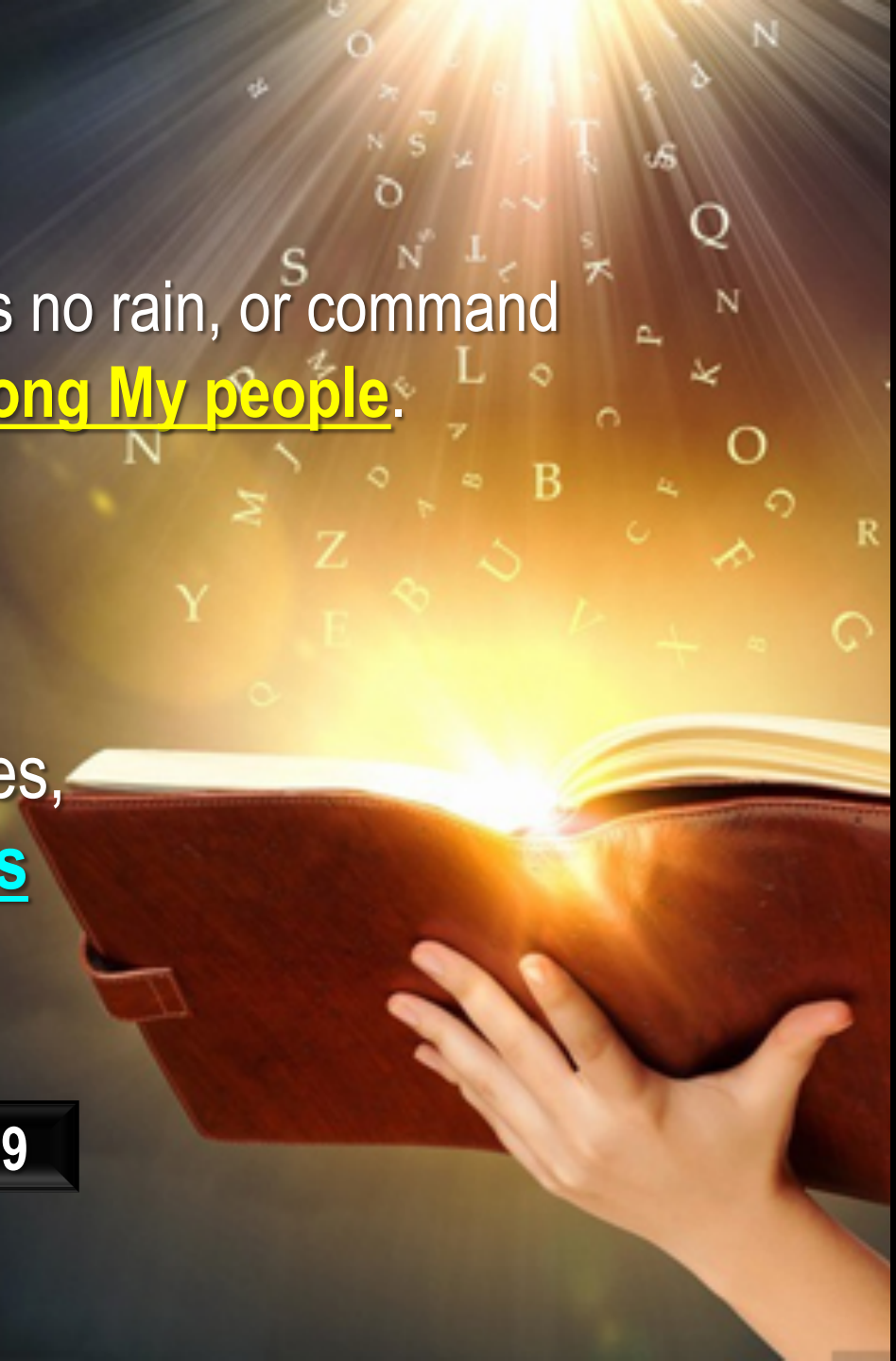


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**2 Corinthians 7:1** Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

S-hygiene-Rom6:13, 16, 19



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1. We must be a saved people. **How?**

**Romans 10:9-10**

**9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**John 1:12; 3:16**

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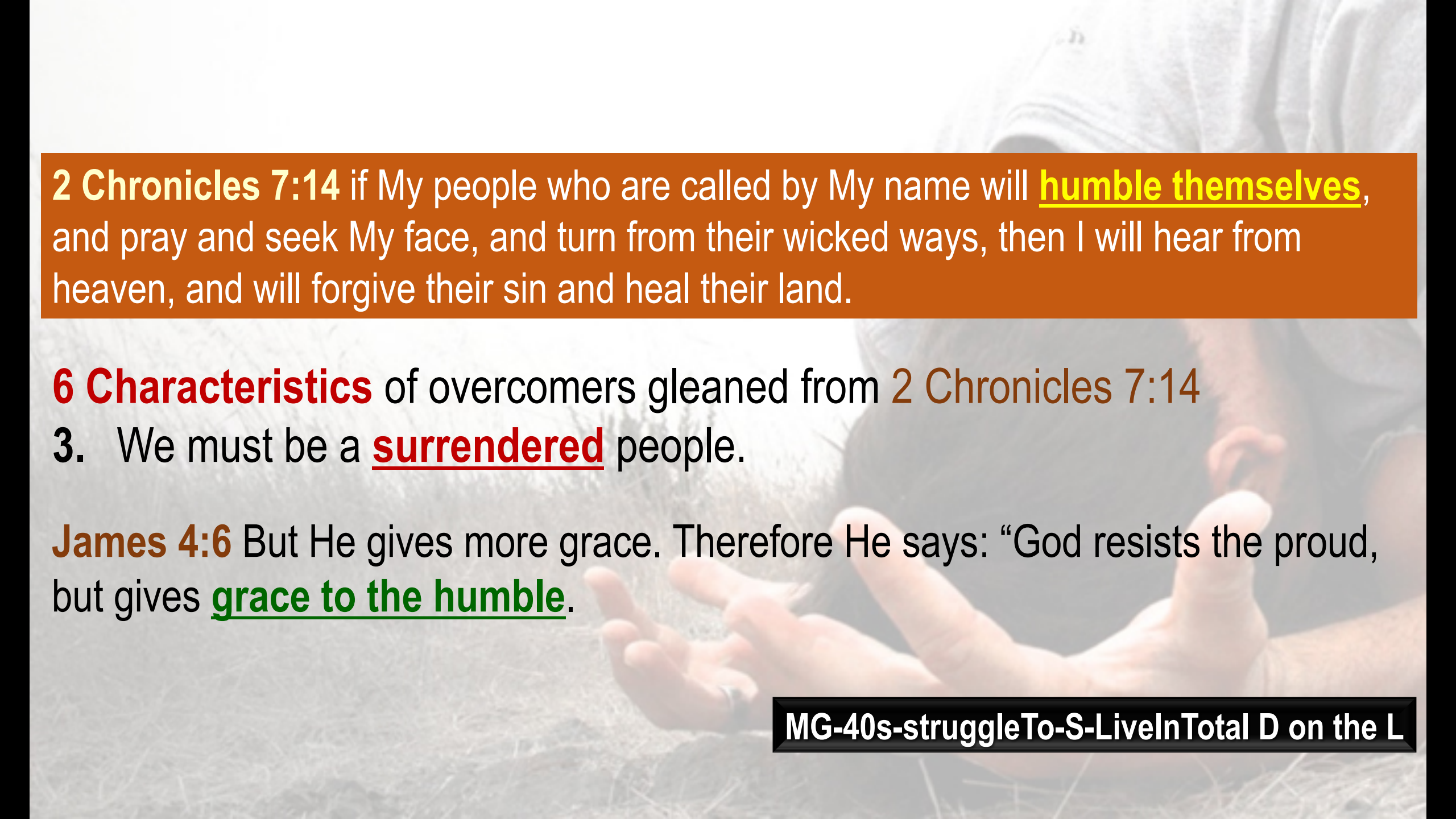
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2. We must be a separated people.

**2 Corinthians 6:17** Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.”

Heb12:14; 1 Peter 1:15; 2:9





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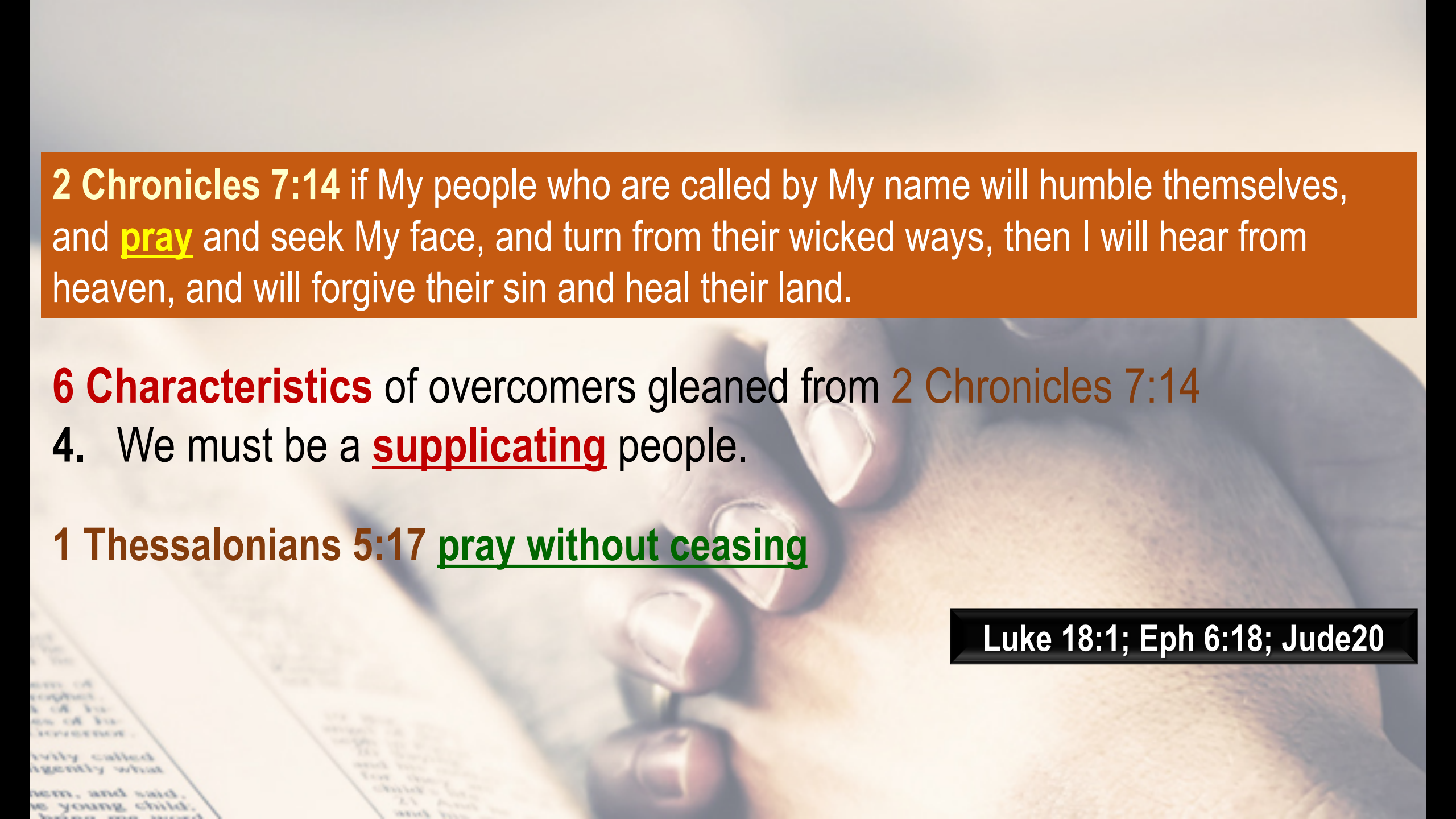
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3. We must be a surrendered people.

**James 4:6** But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

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4. We must be a supplicating people.

**1 Thessalonians 5:17** pray without ceasing

**Luke 18:1; Eph 6:18; Jude 20**

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Psalm 91:2, 9

**2** I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust.”

**9** Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place.

**Prov18:21; 2Cor4:13; Heb 3:1, 4:14; 10:23**

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5. We must be a seeking people.

**Hebrews 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Luke 11:9-10  
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6. We must be a sin-forsaking people.

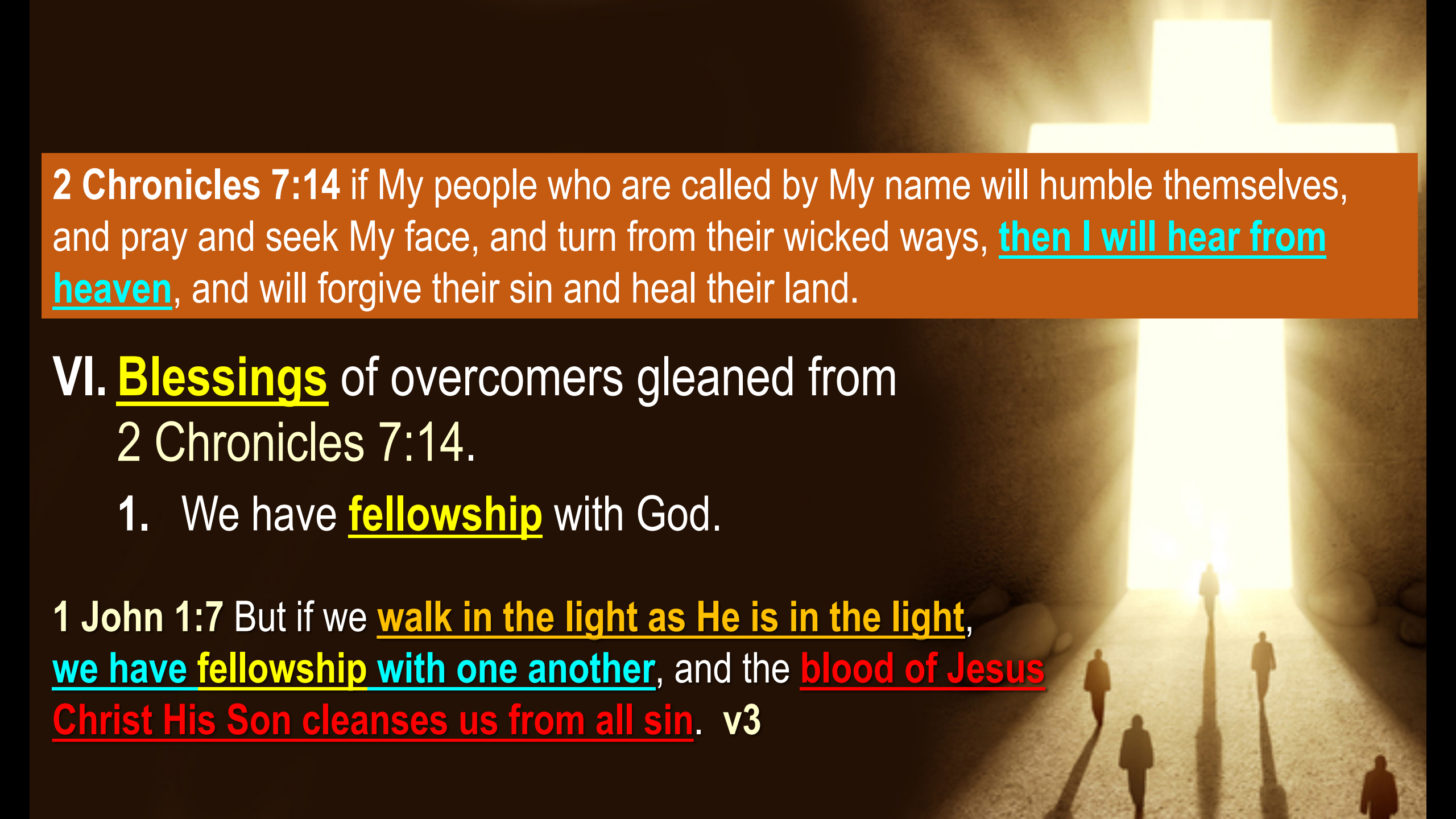
**Galatians 5:19-21**

**19** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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1. We have fellowship with God.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. v3



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2. We receive forgiveness.

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Psalms 32:1; 103:3**





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3. We receive fruitfulness - every grace that we need. **Hebrews 4:16**

**Joel 2:25** So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, my great army which I sent among you.

**Deut28:1-2; Eph1:3; 2Cor9:8; 3John**





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Protection - Psalm 91:3, 5-6, 10

3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.

5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day,  
6 nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

10 No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling



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## **Healing & Health**

Exodus 15:26 and said, “If you **diligently heed the voice of the Lord**  
your God and **do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments**  
and **keep all His statutes**, I will put **none of the diseases** on you which I have  
brought on the Egyptians. **For I am the Lord who heals you.**”

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### **Peace - Wholesome Well-Being**

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you,  
that in Me you may have peace. In the world  
you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer,  
I have overcome the world.




# Bottom-Line - **Being Overcomers! Pursue Righteousness**

**James 5:16** Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

**R standing-Believing-Living**

**Isaiah 54:14** In righteousness you shall be **established**; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

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Overcomers - Walking In Holiness - Ps & Ks