



CLEARANCE OF THE PAST AND CONSECRATION

#5 Day 2 – The Idols
– Removing
Distractions



"Little children, keep yourselves away from idols." — 1 John 5 : 21
(GNT)

"Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts."
— (NLT)



A photograph of a person kneeling in a dark room, facing a bright light source that creates a strong silhouette of their head and shoulders. In front of them on a light-colored surface lies a smartphone, its screen glowing brightly. A power cord is visible, trailing from the phone towards the bottom of the frame.

The Phone That Talked

My phone kept calling
me even when God
was."

"Some idols don't
stand on tables — they
sit in our hands."

What Is an Idol?

An idol is anything that takes the place of God in your heart.

It could be a physical object, a habit, a desire, or even a person you depend on more than God.



List of Common Idols

- 🧠 Mind & Thought Idols
 - Pride — thinking “I don't need God's help.
 - Worry — trusting fear more than God's promises.
 - Doubt — listening to negative voices instead of faith.





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💰 Material Idols

- Money or wealth — believing money gives more security than God.
- Possessions — loving things more than people.
- Job or career — when work becomes your whole identity.
- Phone or social media — when scrolling replaces prayer or quiet time.

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❤️ Relationship Idols

- People — depending on someone more than God (partner, friend, leader).
- Fame or popularity — wanting to please people instead of God.
- Family — when family approval matters more than obeying God.



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Habit Idols

- Addictions — alcohol, drugs, gambling, or anything that controls you.
- Entertainment — music, shows, or games that draw your heart away.
- Laziness or busyness — both can block time for God.





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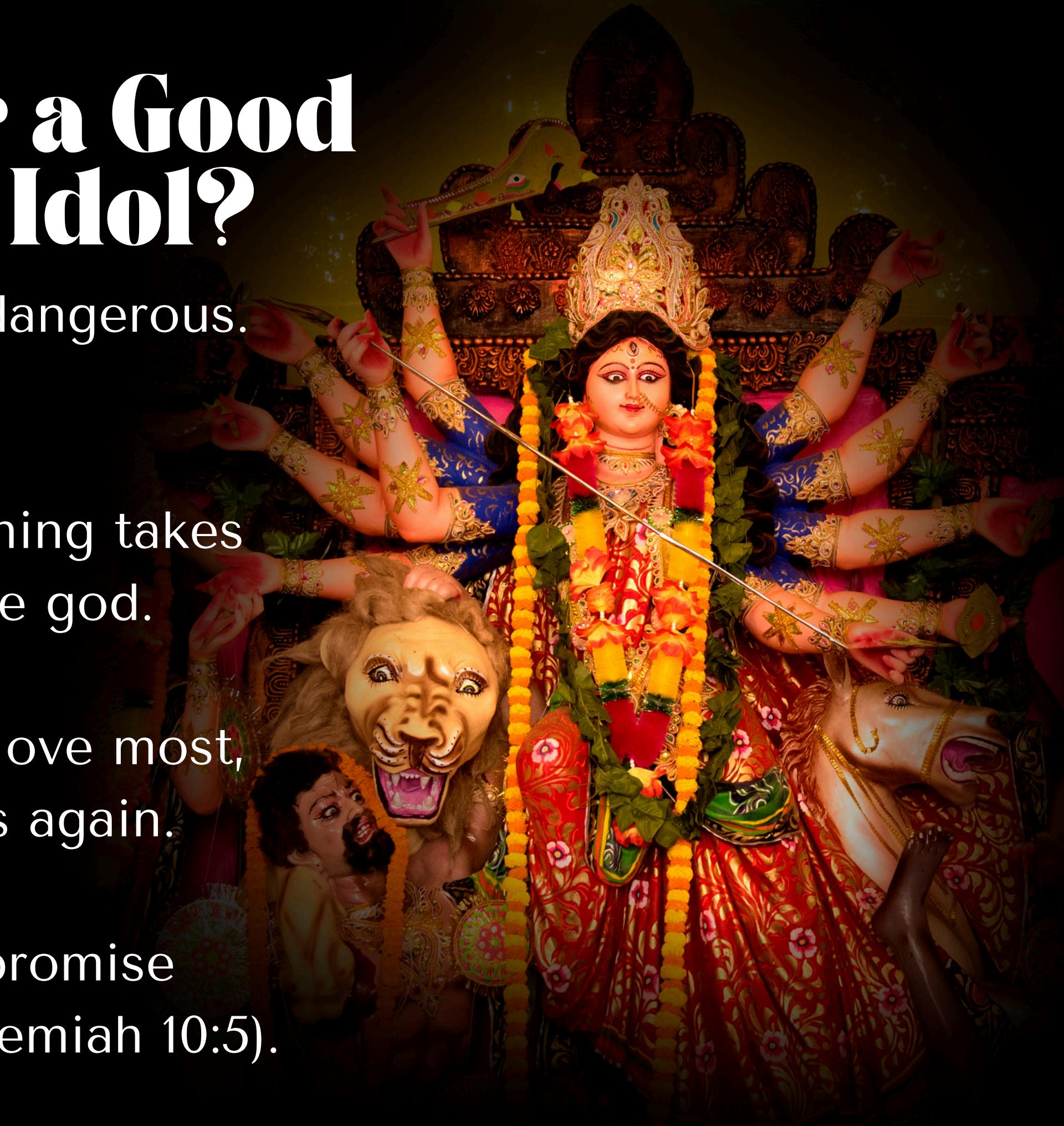
- 🕯️ Spiritual or Superstitious Idols
 - Charms, horoscopes, crystals, or lucky items.
 - Witchcraft, fortune telling, astrology.
 - Religious show — looking holy on the outside but empty inside.

Is It a Bad Thing or a Good Thing to Have an Idol?

- It is a bad thing — spiritually dangerous.

Reason Explanation

1. Idols replace God When something takes God's place, it becomes a false god.
2. Idols control us Whatever you love most, you serve. Idols make us slaves again.
3. Idols cannot give life They promise happiness but bring emptiness (Jeremiah 10:5).





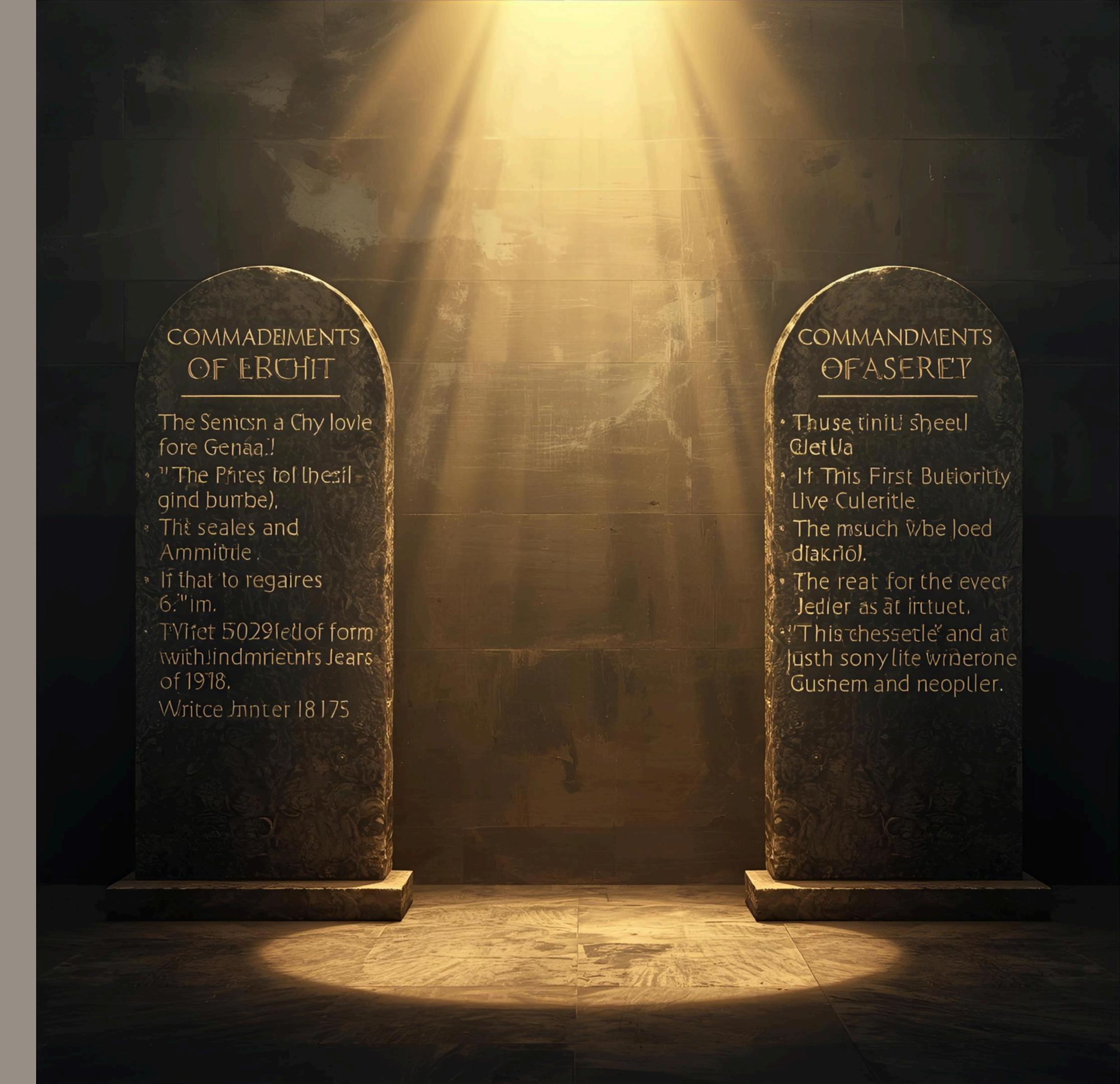
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4. Idols block blessing God cannot fill a heart that is already full of other things.
 5. Idols deceive quietly They look harmless — like “just a hobby” — but slowly steal your heart.
- 👉 God does not hate people — He hates idolatry because it hurts us and separates us from His best.

Scripture Truth

"You must not have any other god but Me." — Exodus 20 : 3 (NLT)

"Do not make for yourselves images to worship." — Leviticus 26 : 1 (GNT)



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Why We Hold On to Idols

Idols make us feel safe
— but keep us stuck.

God asks for our
whole heart — not a
crowded one.





How to Remove Distractions

Name your idol.

Confess it to God.

Break its power —
delete, step away, unplug.

Replace it with
worship and purpose.



Why Spiritual Clearance Is Important

Spiritual clearance means cleaning out the idols so God can take first place again.

It is not about throwing everything away — but putting everything in the right order.

A photograph showing a woman from the side and back. She is holding a black Samsung smartphone in her right hand, looking down at its screen. In her left hand, she holds a thick, light-colored book. Her hair is dark and curly. The background is blurred, suggesting an indoor setting.

Why Spiritual Clearance Is Important

Example:

Your phone isn't evil — but if it takes all your time and blocks prayer, it becomes an idol.

When you use it for good (to study, share God's Word, connect, learn), it becomes a tool for God.

Reflection Verse

"We must get rid of everything that slows us down and the sin that so easily holds us back." — Hebrews 12 : 1 (GNT)

"Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." — (NLT)



My Heart Check

What fills your time
more than God?





My Heart Check

Would you give it
up if He asked?

Closing Thought

When we remove the
idol, we find the real
God.

Empty hands can
finally receive.

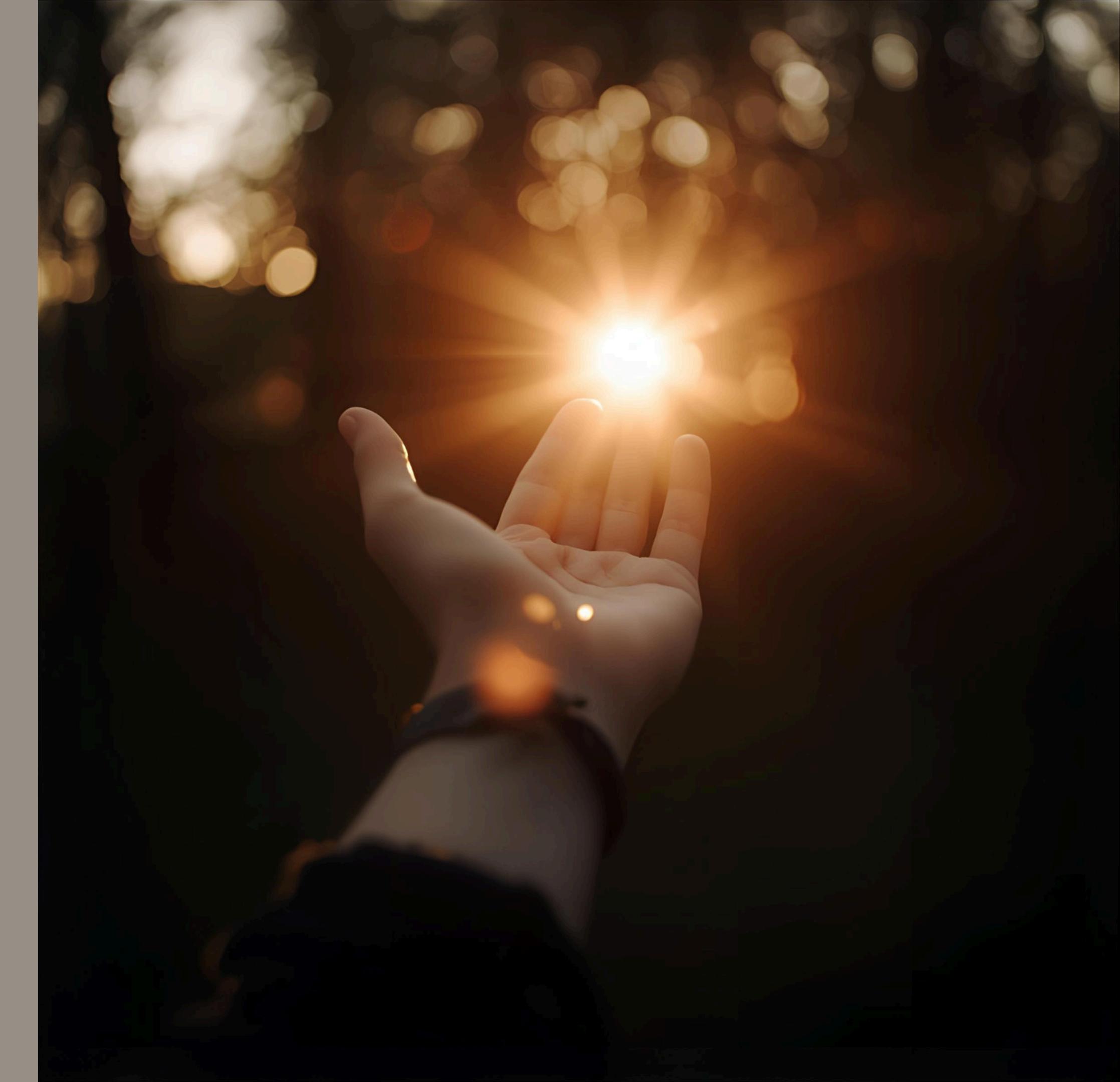


Closing Prayer

Lord, show me
anything that has
taken Your place.

I lay it down
today.

Be my first love
again." Amen.





**see YOU
TOMORROW**

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#5 Day 3 – Zacchaeus
– Making Things Right

