

I
THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER
GODS BEFORE ME.

II
THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO
THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE.

III
THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME
OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.

IV
REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY
TO KEEP IT HOLY.

V
HONOR THY FATHER AND
THY MOTHER.

VI
THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

VII
THOU SHALT NOT
COMMIT ADULTERY.

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THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

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THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS
AGAINST THY NEIGHBOUR.

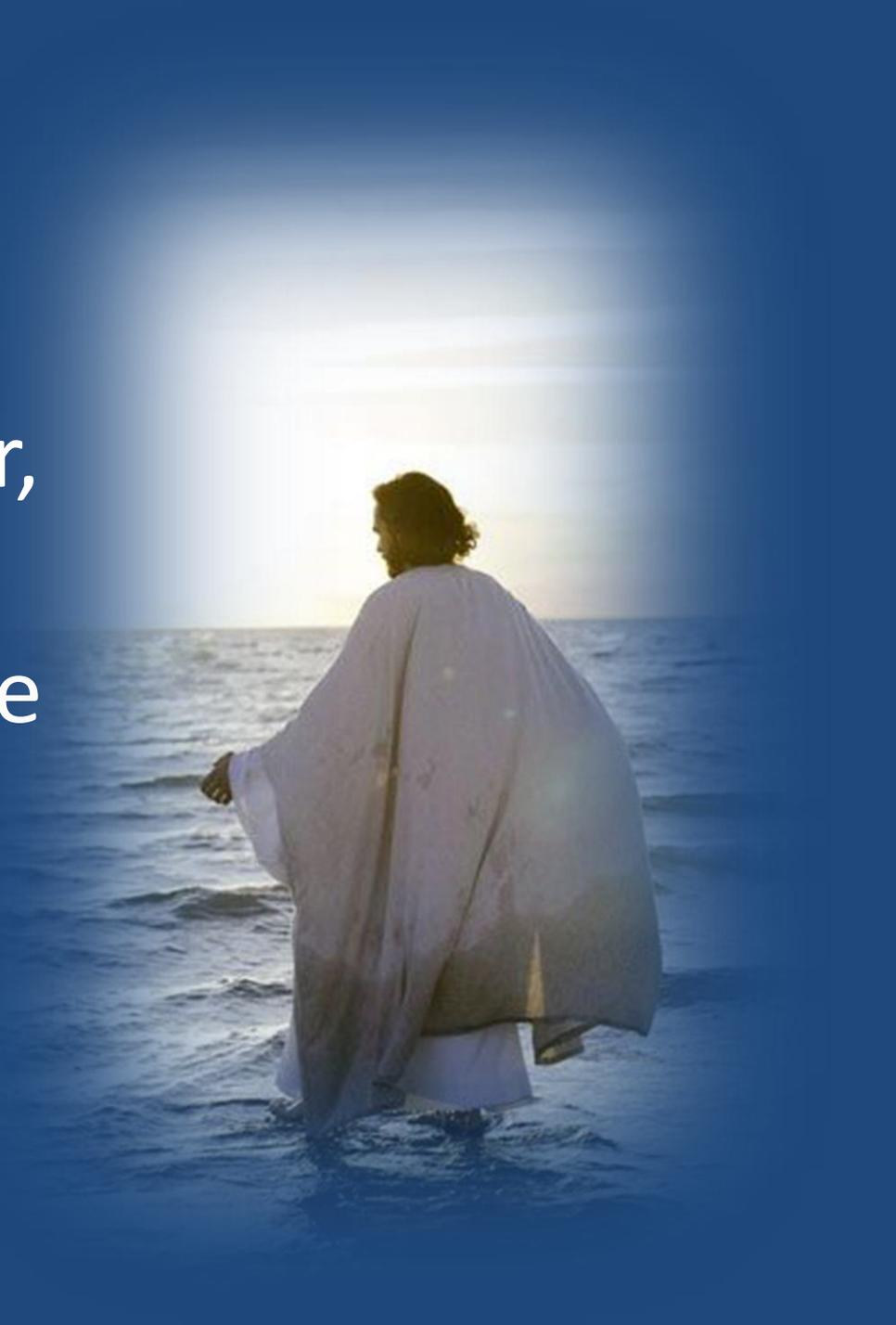
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The Great Commandment

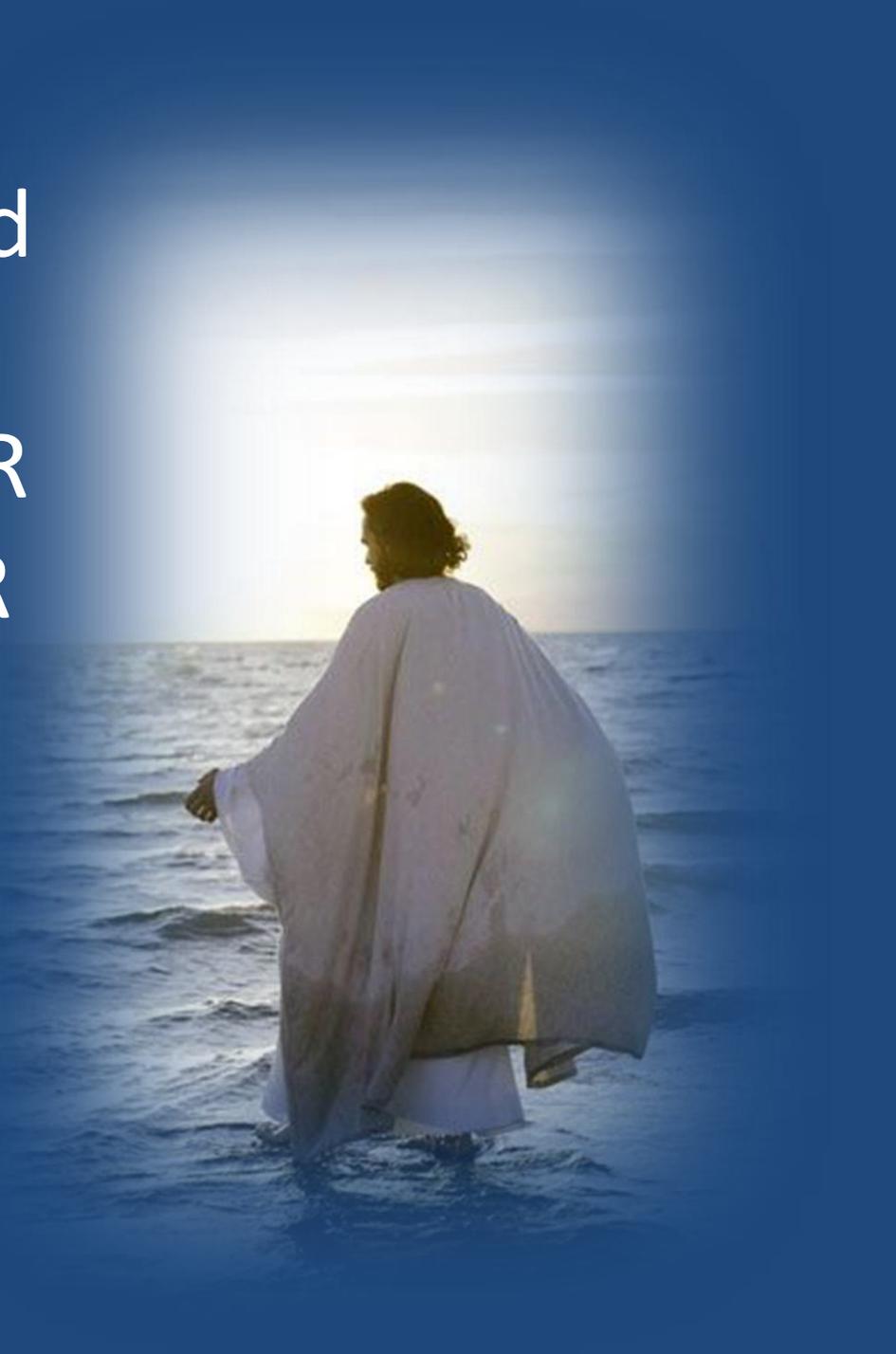
Jesus was often challenged by difficult questions. One day he was approached by a lawyer who wanted to test his knowledge of the law:



Mat 22:36 - "Teacher,
which *is* the great
commandment in the
law?"



Mat 22:37 - Jesus said
to him, 'YOU SHALL
LOVE THE LORD YOUR
GOD WITH ALL YOUR
HEART, WITH ALL
YOUR SOUL, AND
WITH ALL YOUR
MIND.'



Mat 22:38 - This
is *the* first and great
commandment.



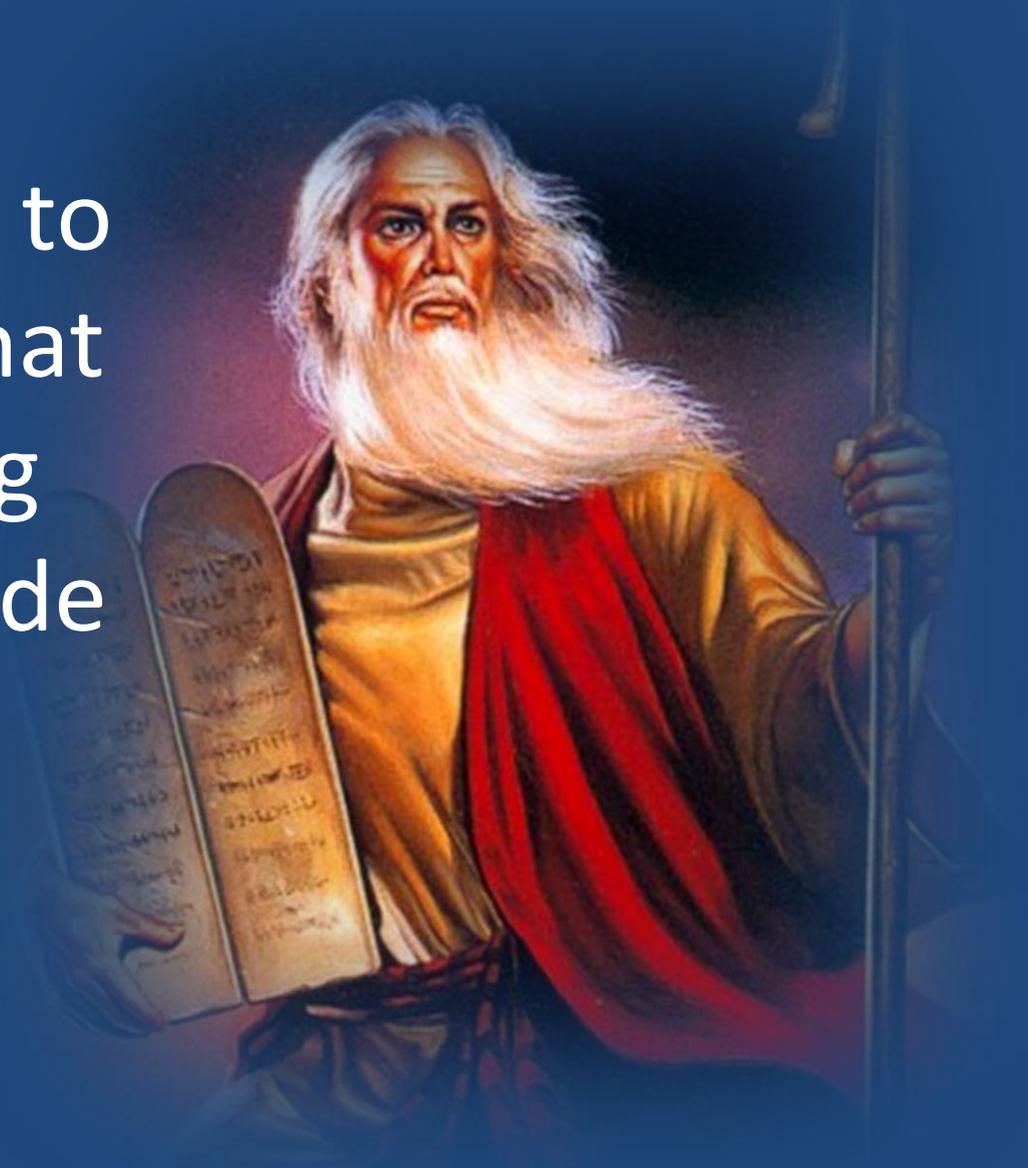
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And *the second is* like
it: 'YOU SHALL LOVE
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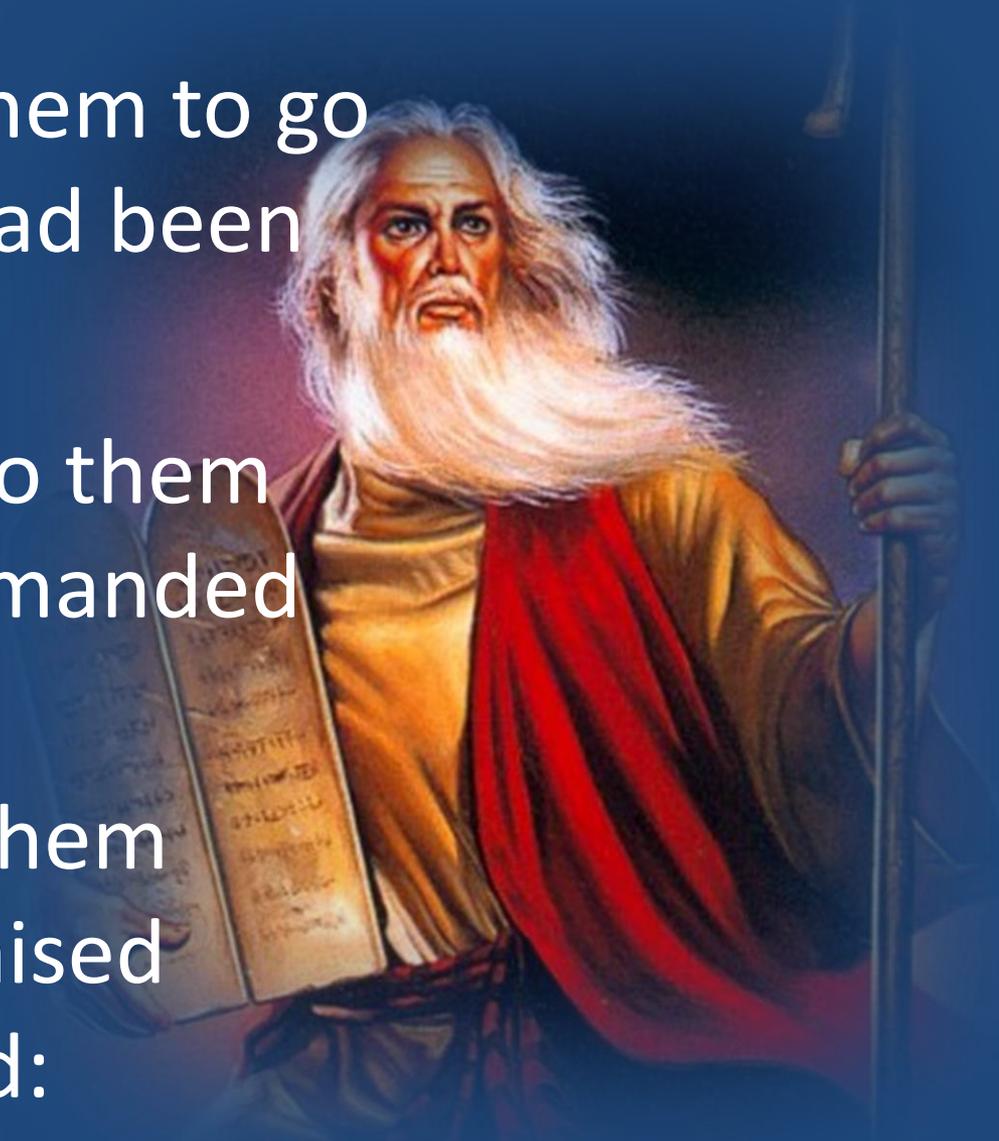
**Mat 22:40 - On these
two commandments
hang all the Law and
the Prophets."**



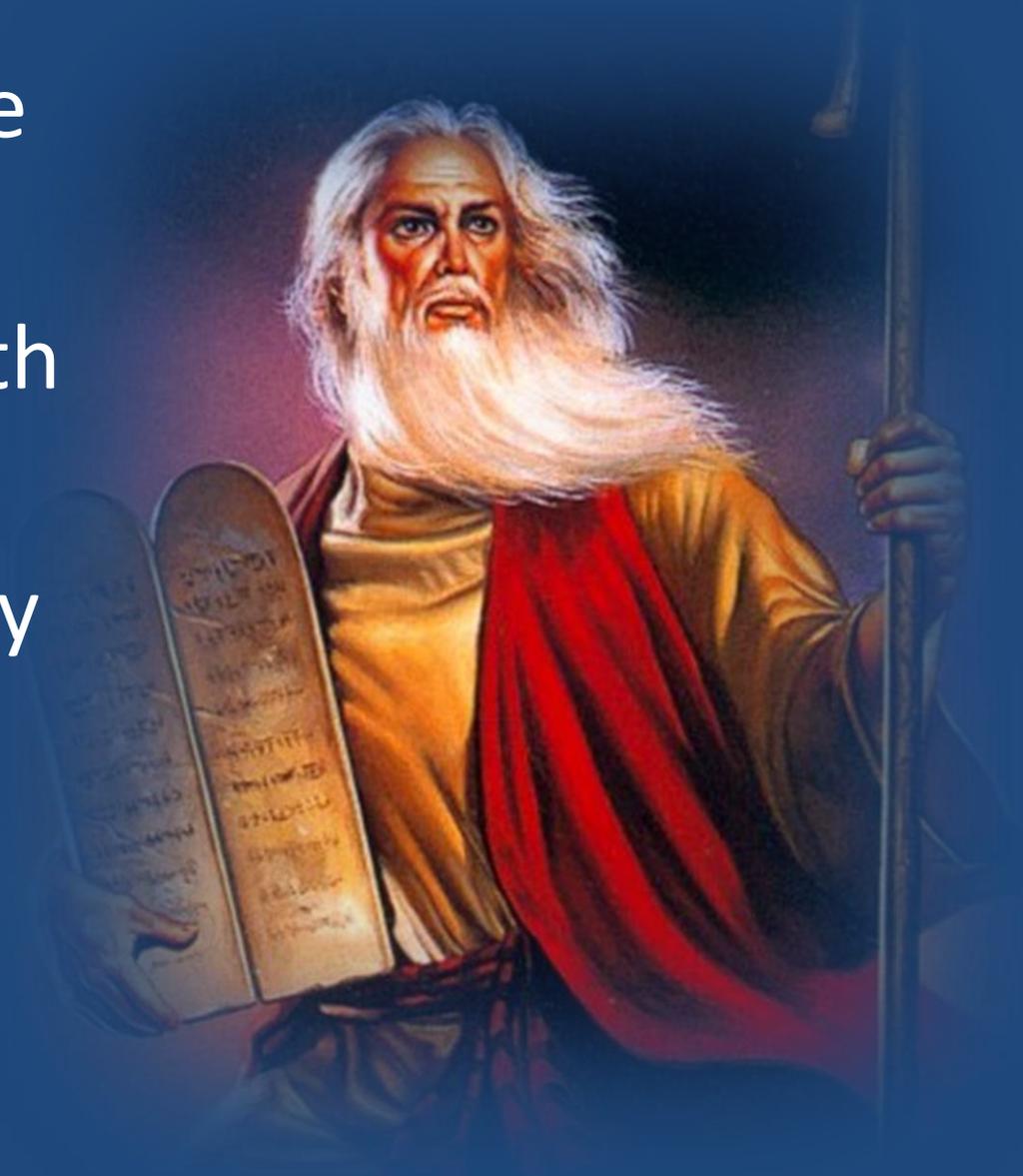
Jesus was referring to Deuteronomy! What was Moses talking about when he made this amazing statement?



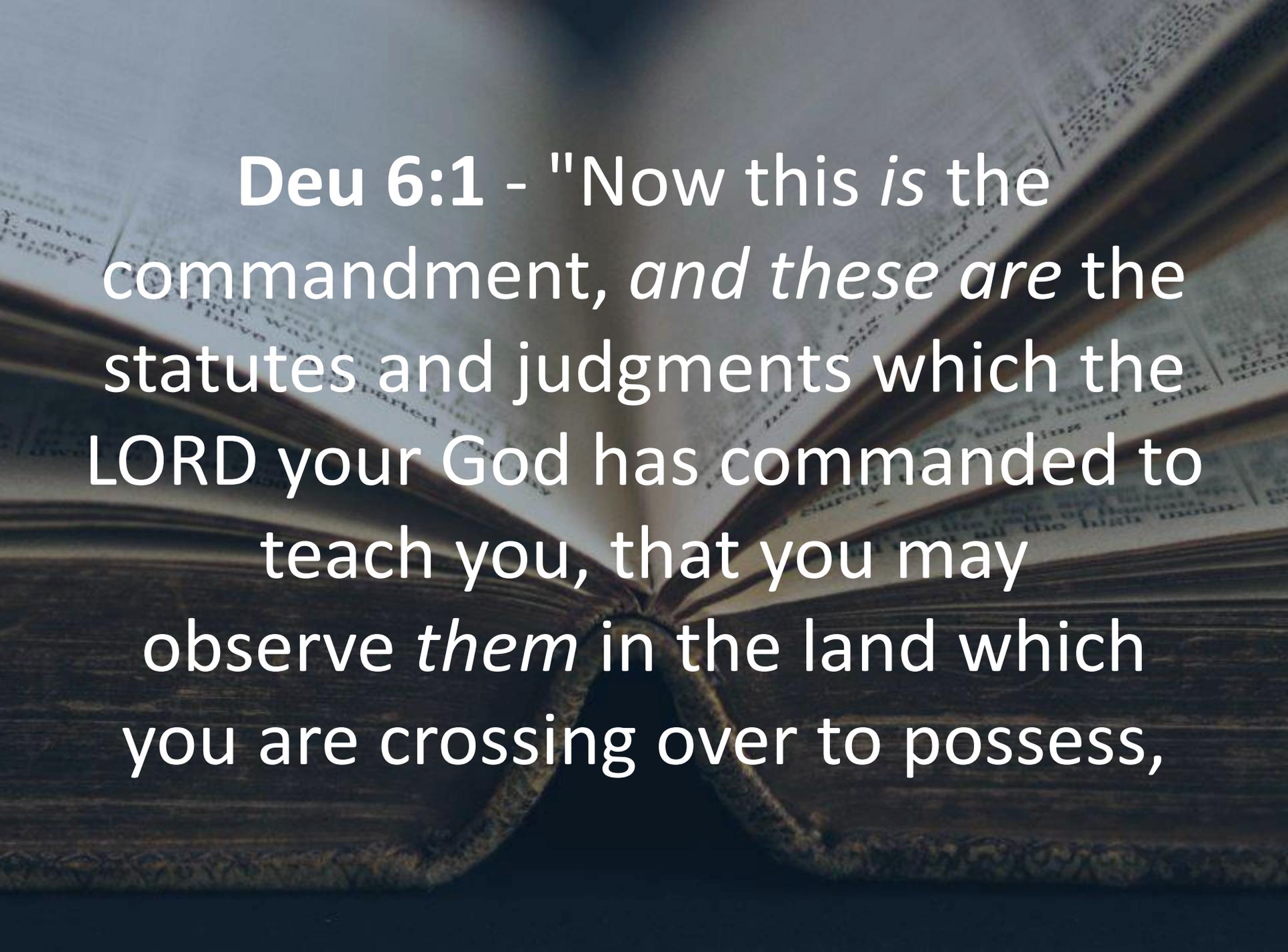
- He was preparing them to go into the land that had been promised to them.
- He was explaining to them what God had commanded them to do.
- He was reminding them what God has promised them if they obeyed:



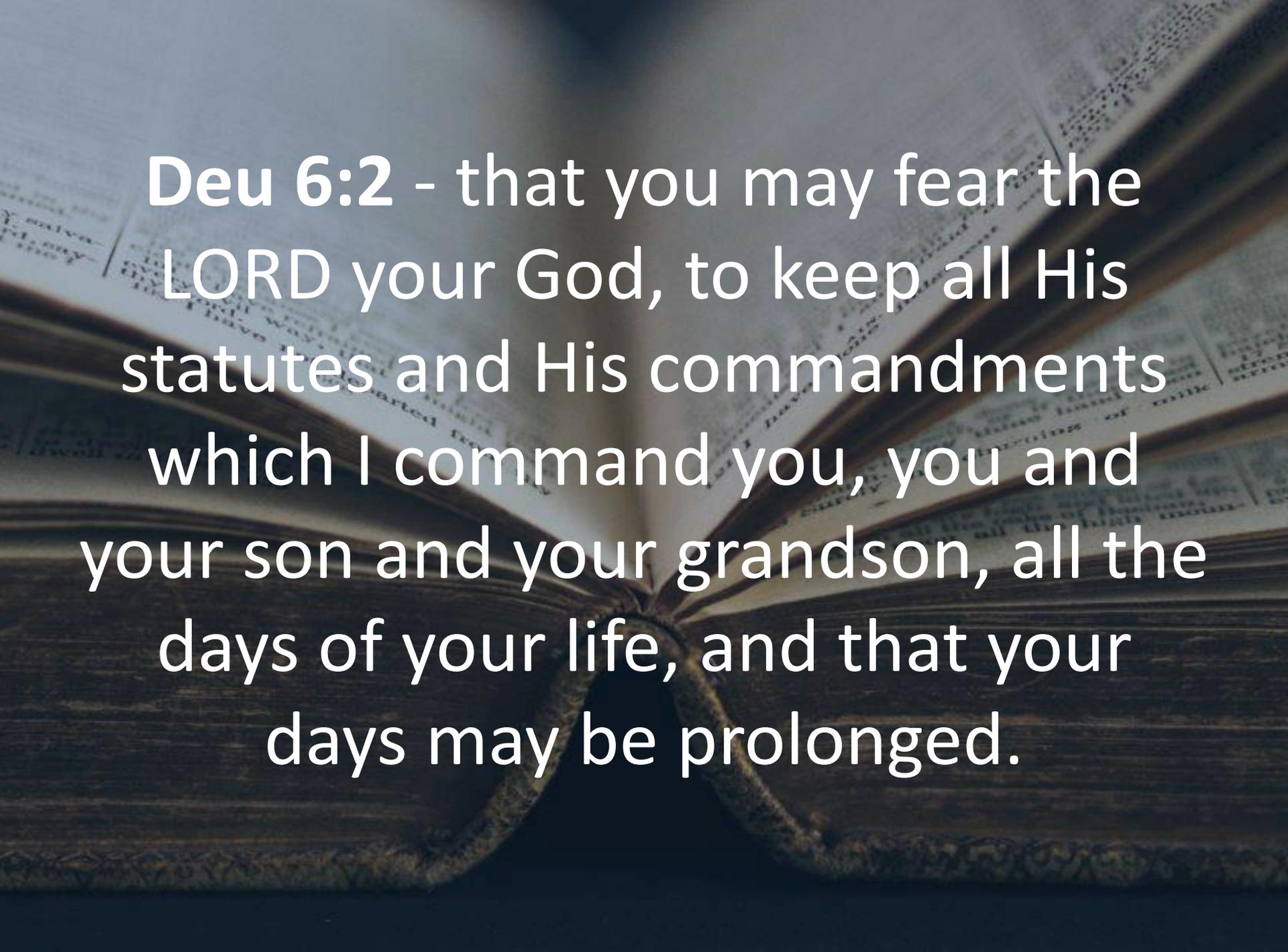
- Their days would be prolonged
- It would go well with them
- They would multiply greatly



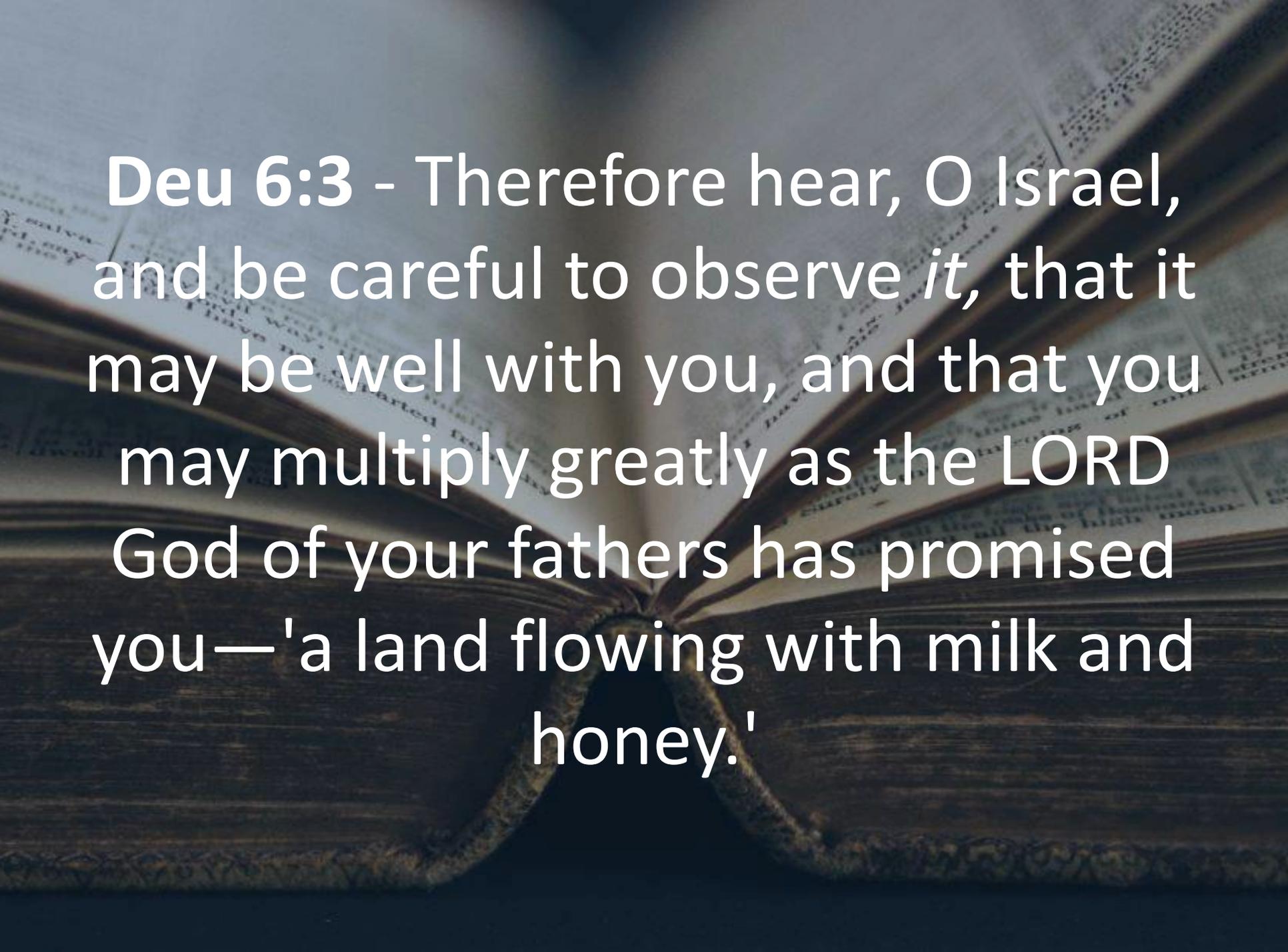
Here is what Moses actually said:

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Deu 6:1 - "Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess,

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Deu 6:2 - that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

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Deu 6:3 - Therefore hear, O Israel,
and be careful to observe *it*, that it
may be well with you, and that you
may multiply greatly as the LORD
God of your fathers has promised
you—'a land flowing with milk and
honey.'

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our God, the LORD *is* one!"**

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your God with all your heart, with
all your soul, and with all your
strength.**

The last two verses here are considered to be very important.

Verse 4 is called
the “Shema”,
which means
“Hear”:



Deu 6:4 - "Hear,
O Israel: The
LORD our God,
the LORD *is* one!



This verse was
to be read
morning and
evening of the
Jewish prayer
service.



It expresses the
unity of God –
one God, self-
existent, eternal,
unchallengeable,
King of kings and
LORD of lords.



Verse 5 is called the great
commandment:

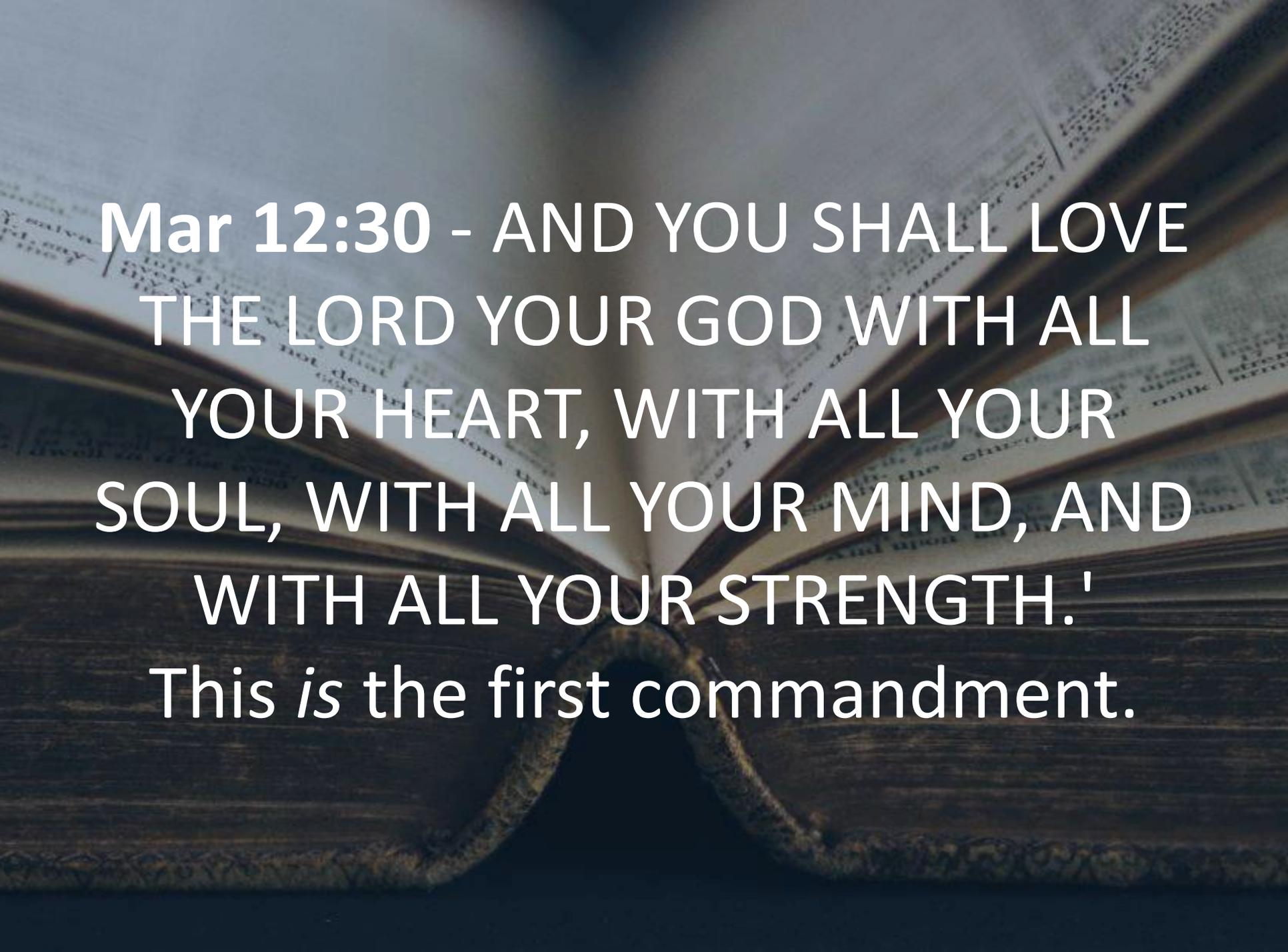
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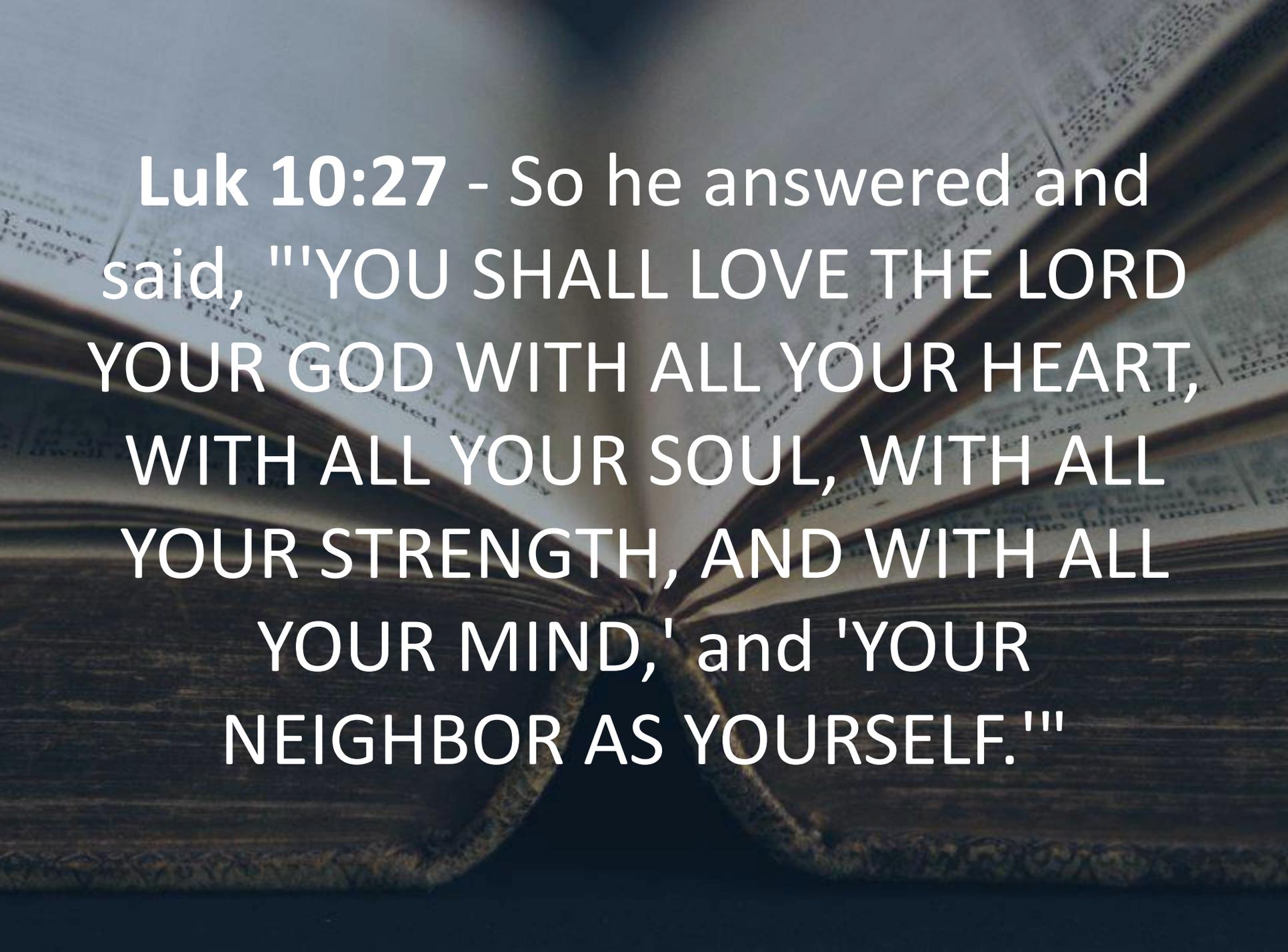
This verse is expressed slightly differently in the gospels:

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**Mar 12:30 - AND YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL
YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR
SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND
WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'**
This is the first commandment.

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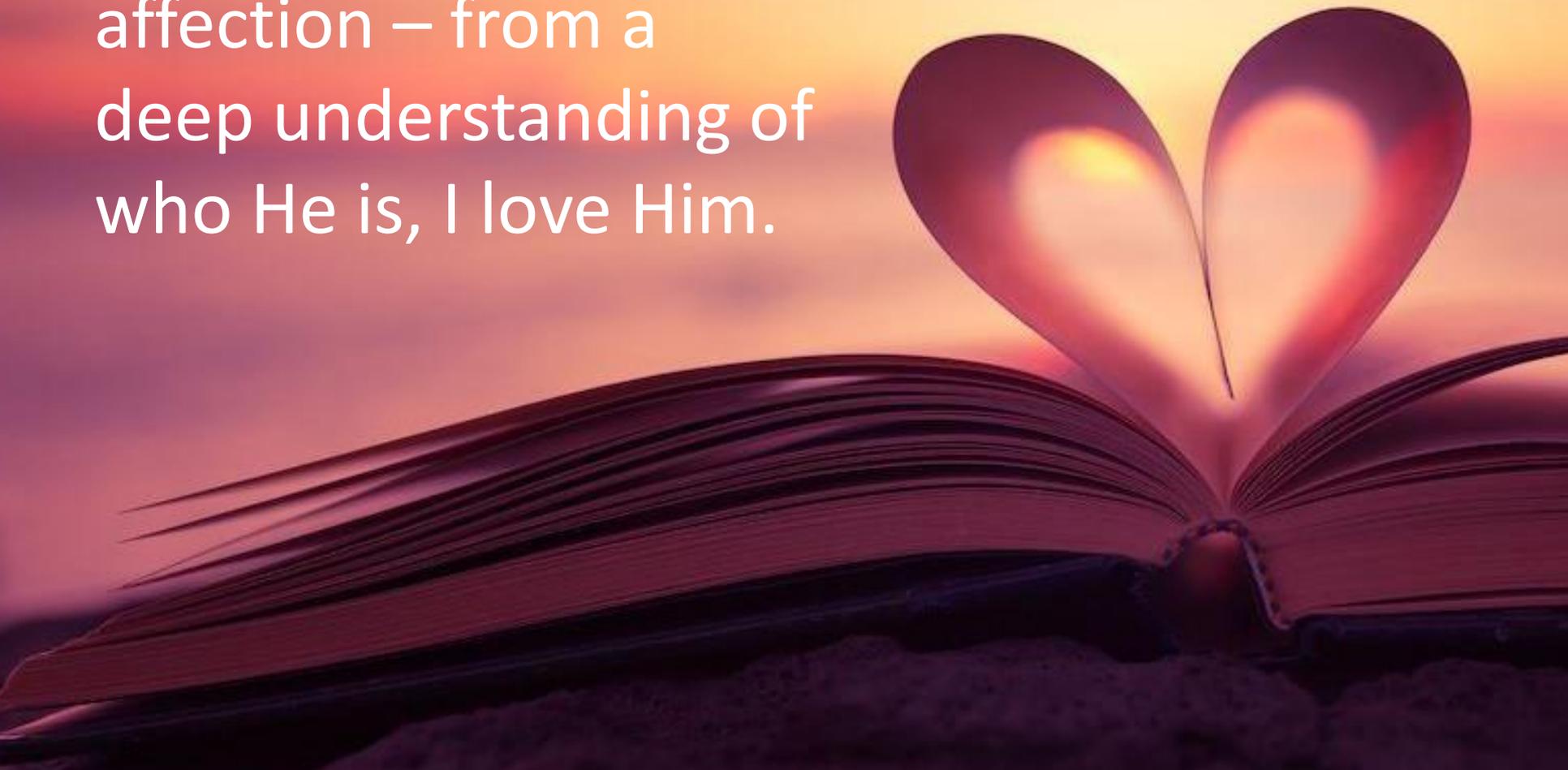
Luk 10:27 - So he answered and said, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND," and "YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

Why the slight differences?

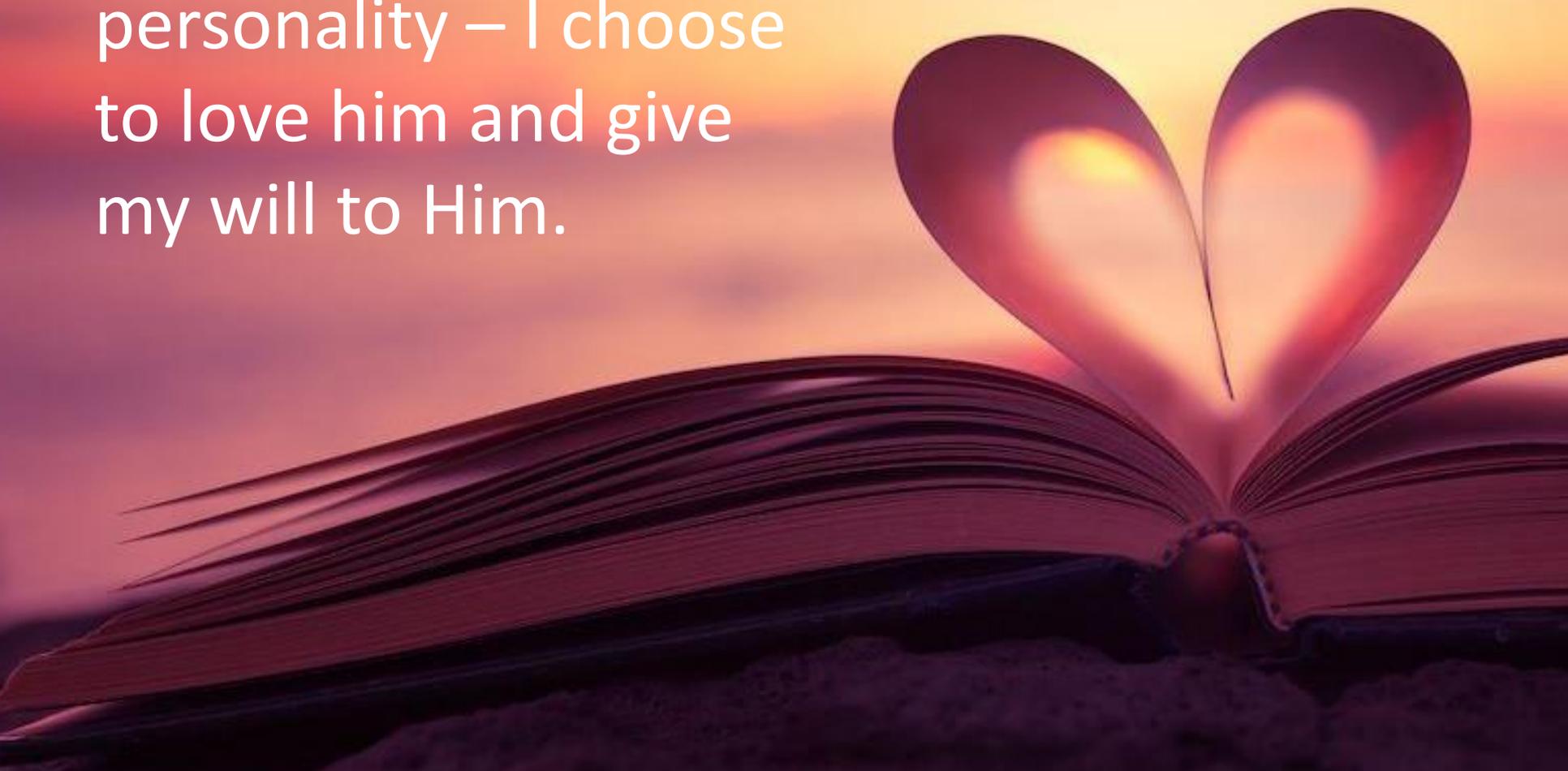
- Because Jesus would have said this more than once.
- Because the writers were expressing all of what Jesus meant:



The *heart* is meant as
the seat of our
affection – from a
deep understanding of
who He is, I love Him.



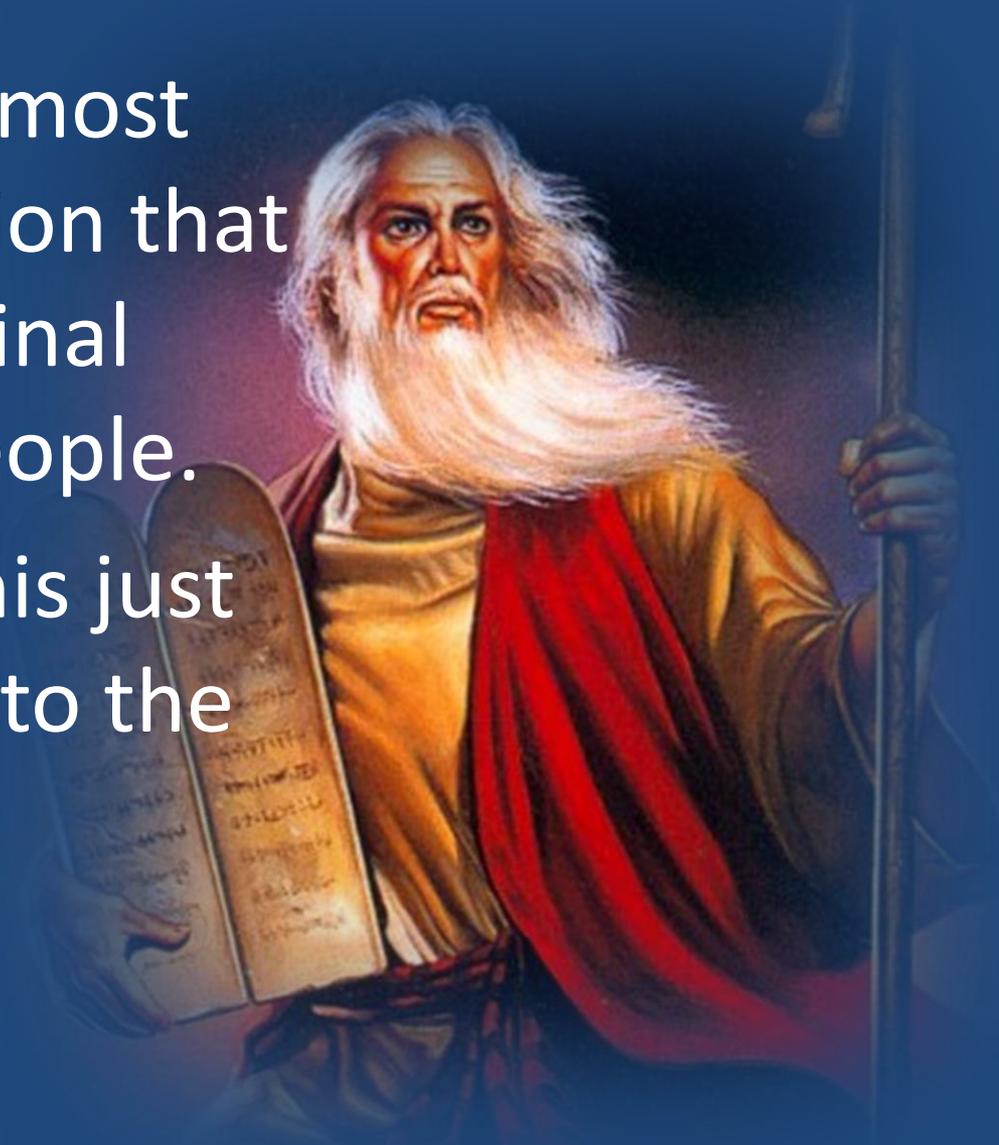
The soul is the center
of our will and
personality – I choose
to love him and give
my will to Him.



The might is the
requirement of all of
our energy, vigor,
effort and force – I
give Him my best with
fervency



- This is the first and most important exhortation that Moses gives in his final address to God's people.
- Moses tells them this just before they head into the promised land.



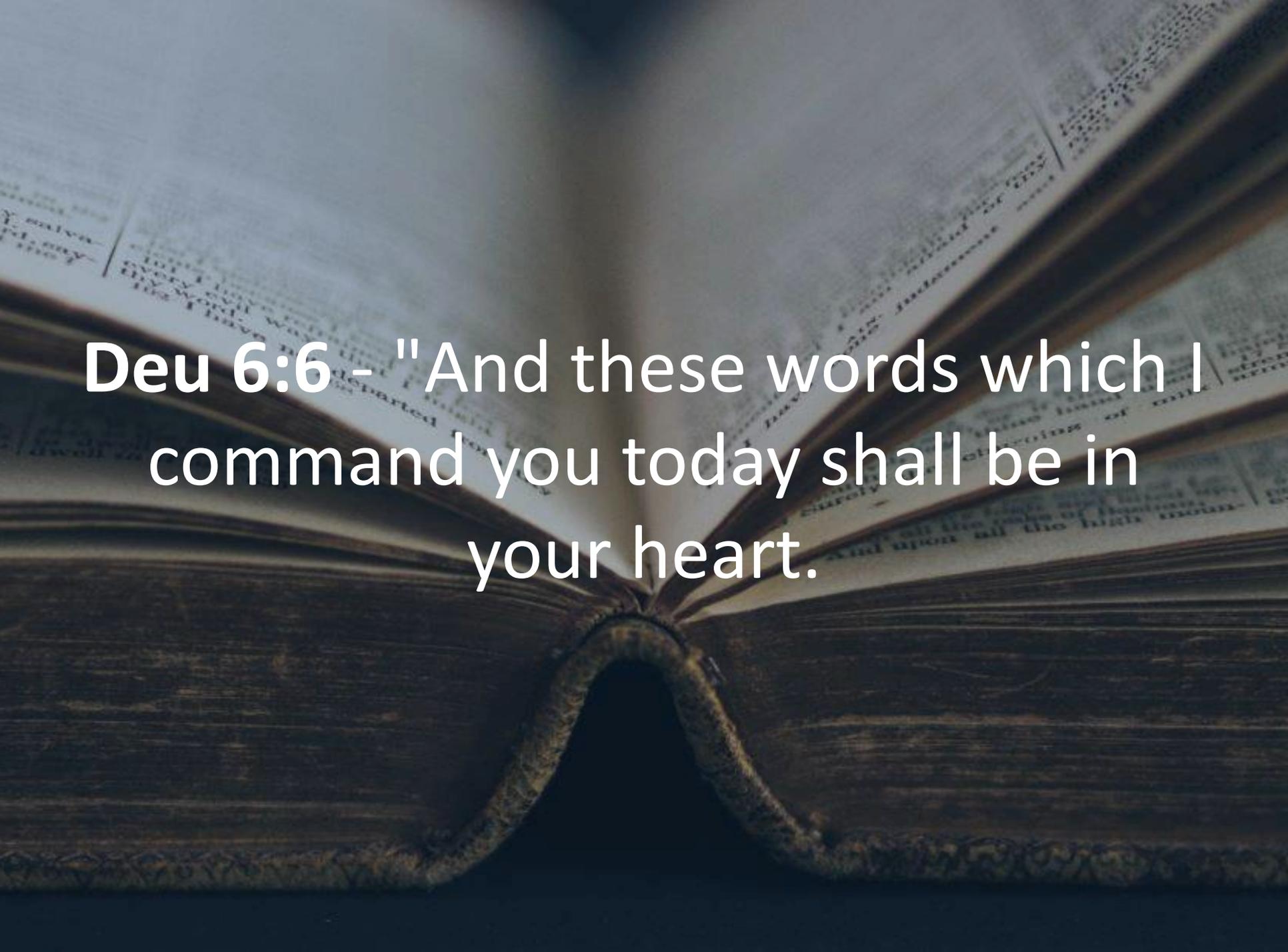
But how do we love God?

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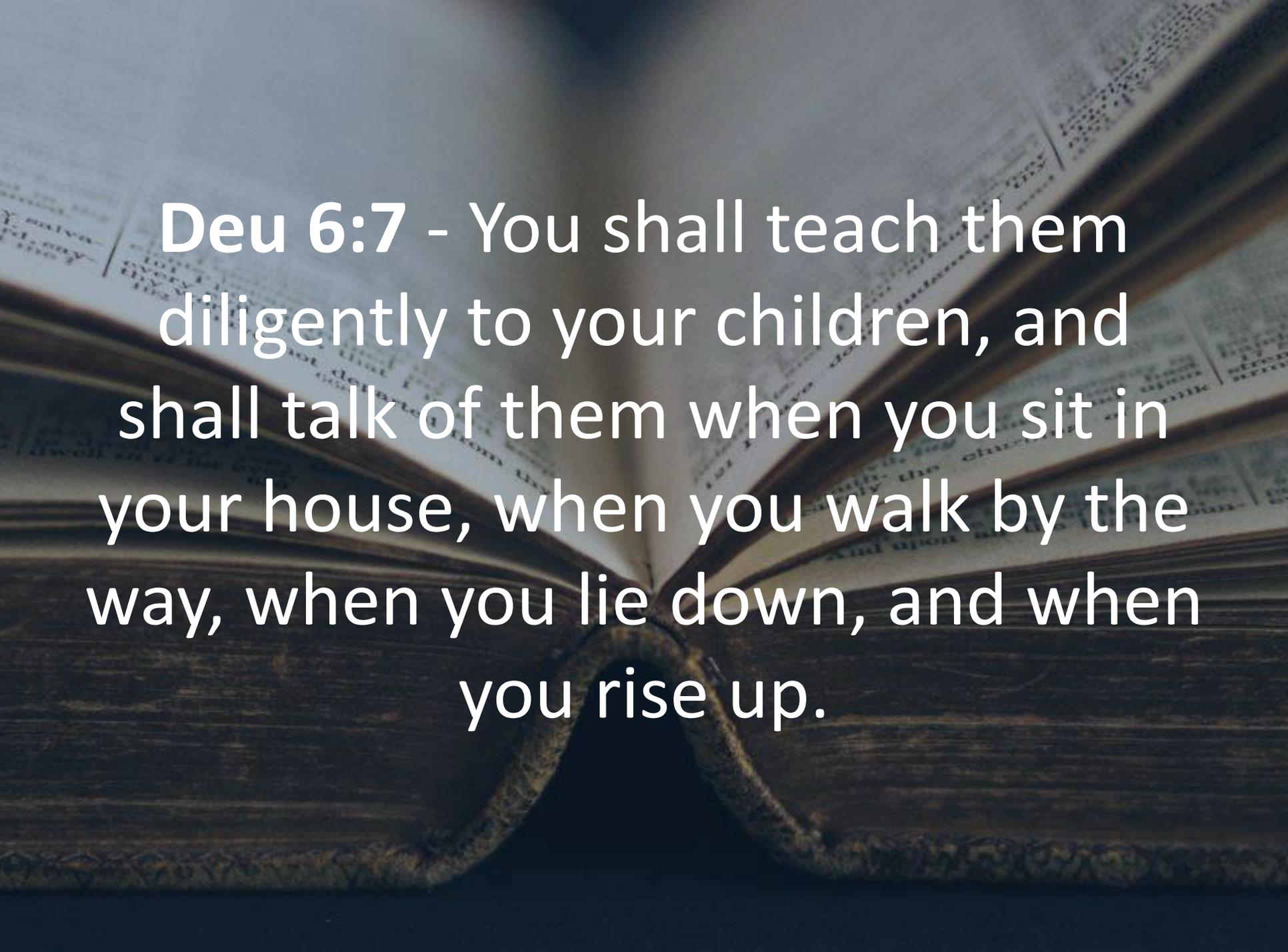
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Keeping God's commands means:

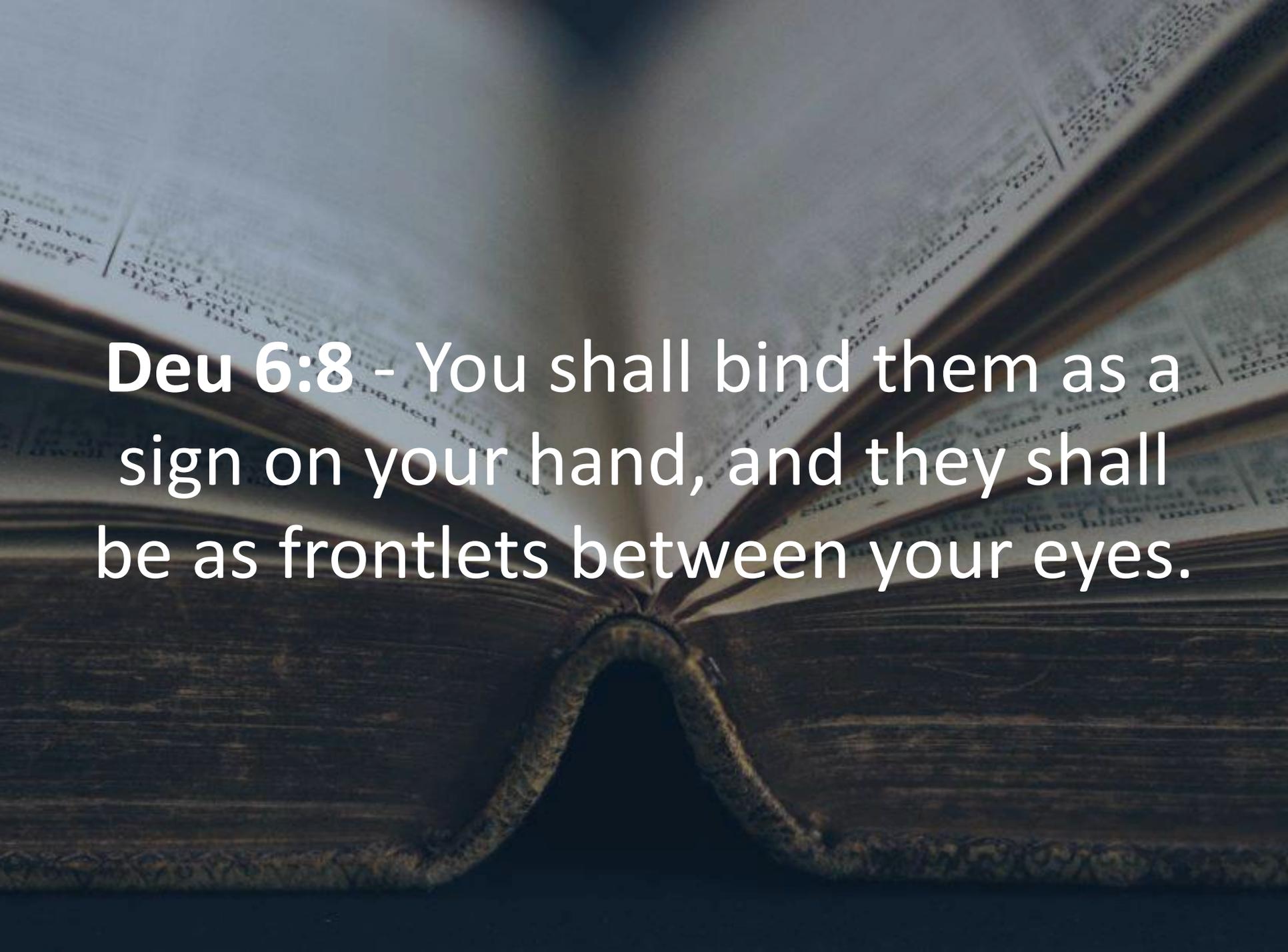
- Obedience – when you love someone, you will do what pleases them.
- Gratitude – when you love someone, you are thankful for having them in your life.
- Willingness to serve – when you love someone, you will want to help them.
- Desiring their presence – when you love someone, you want to be with them.



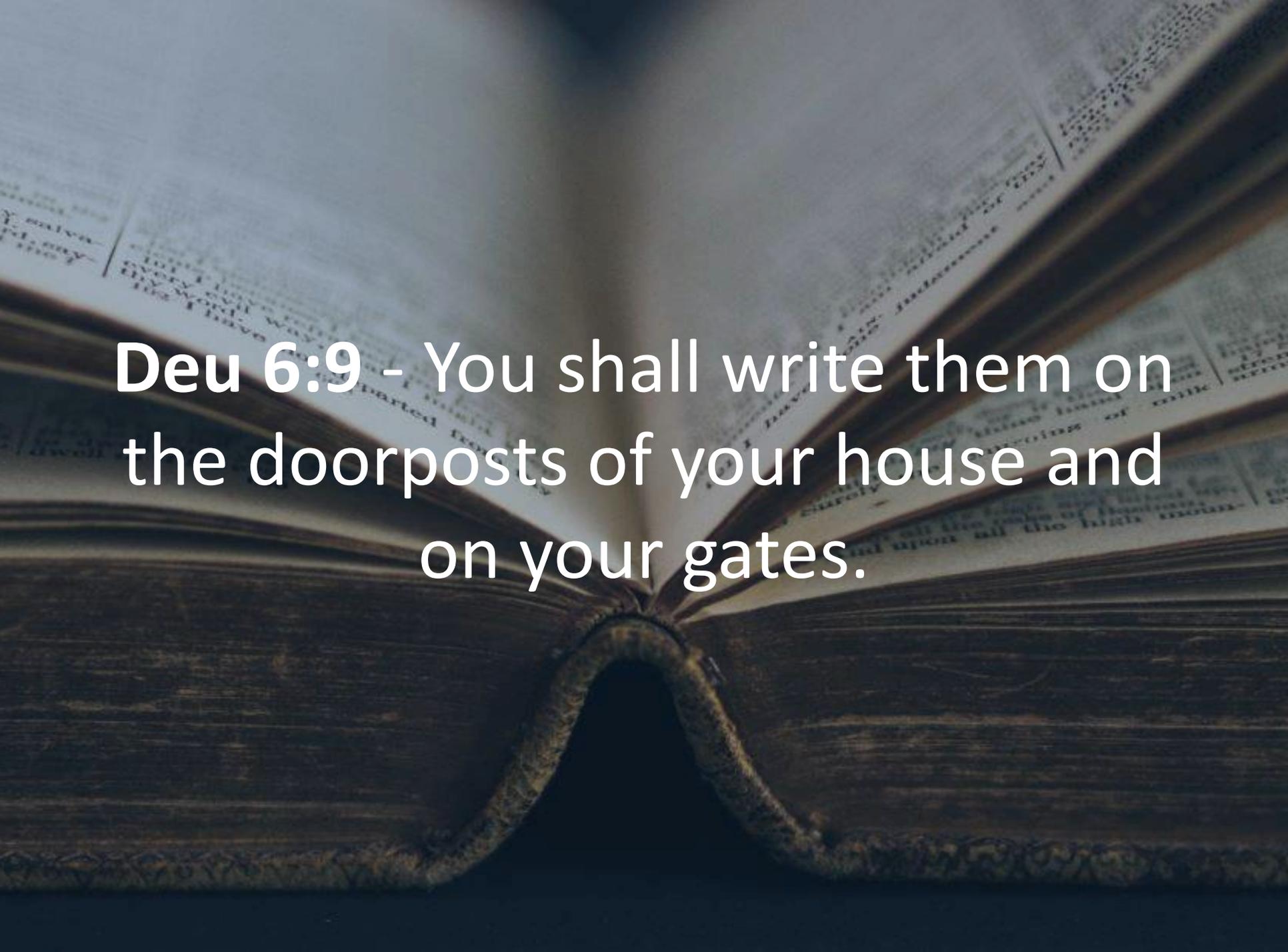
Deu 6:6 - "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart."

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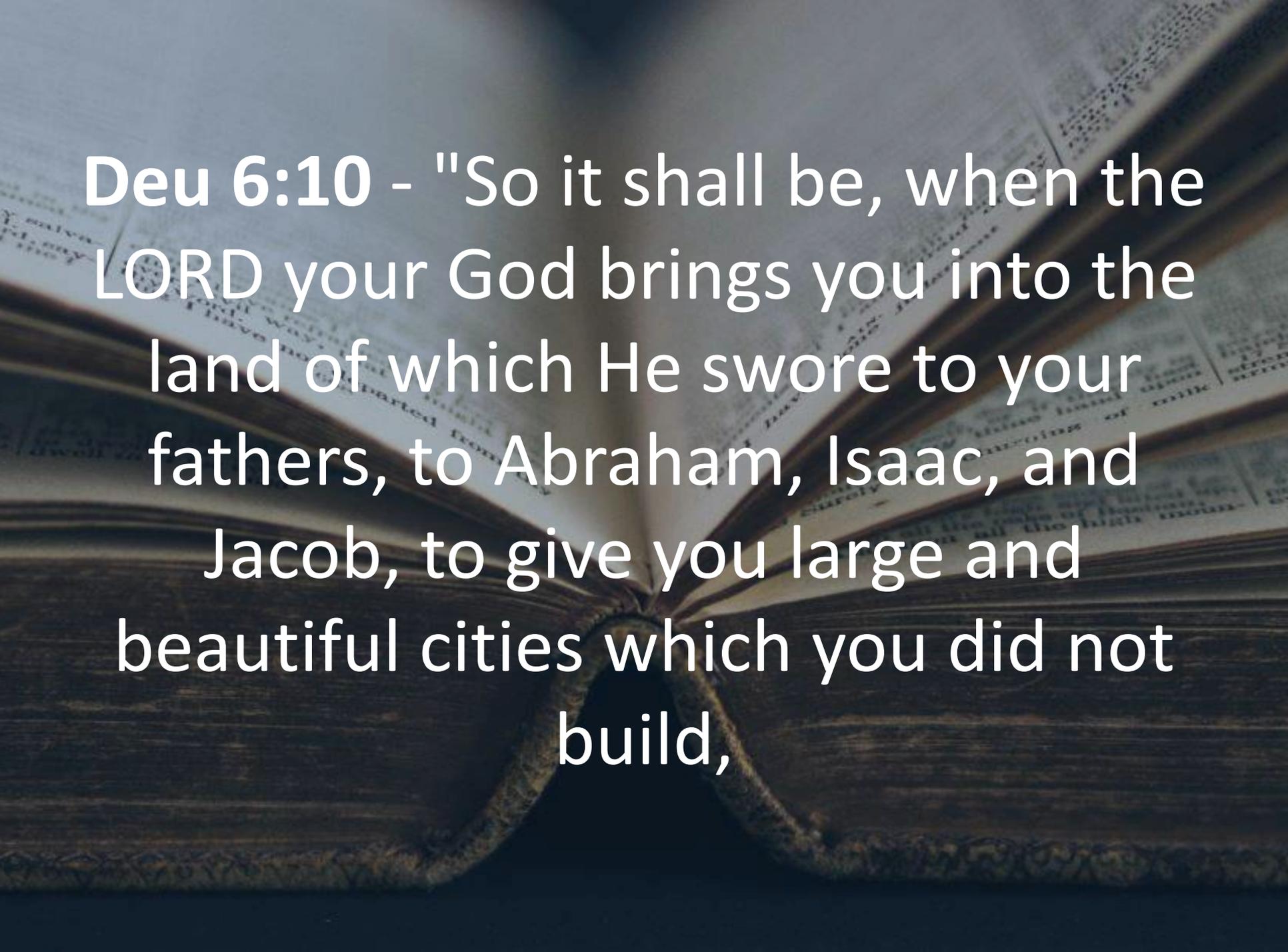
Deu 6:7 - You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

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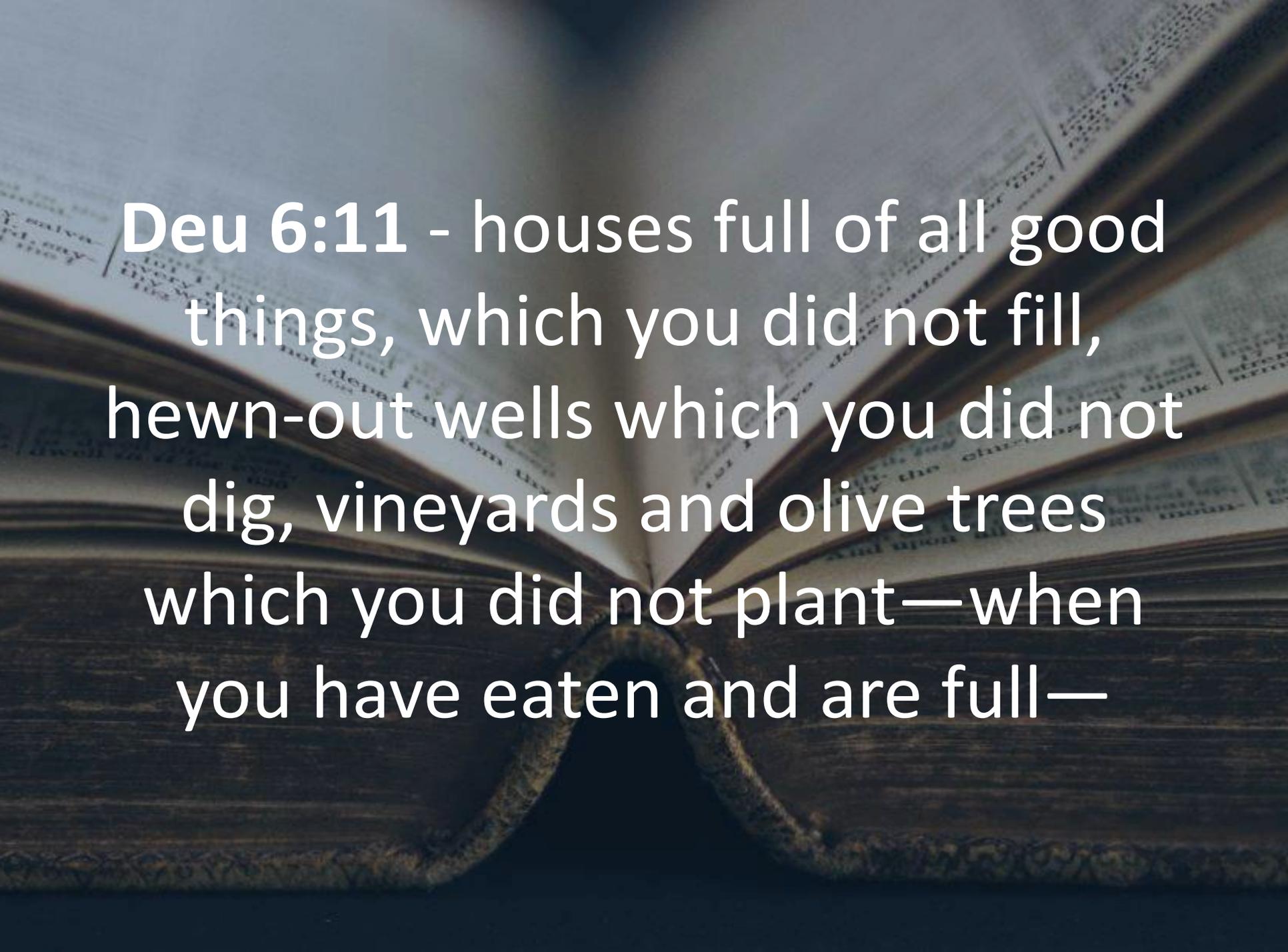
Deu 6:8 - You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

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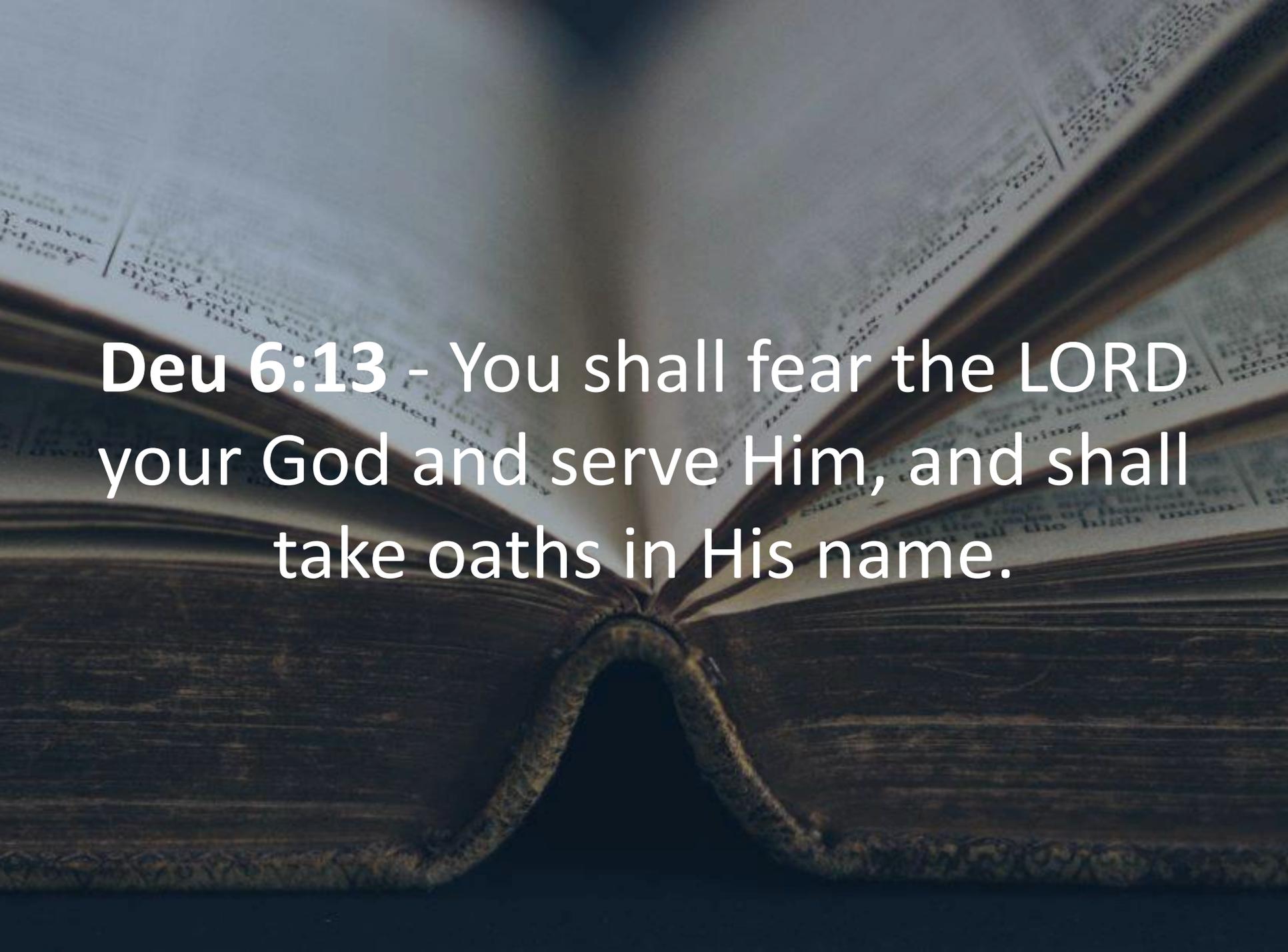
Deu 6:10 - "So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build,

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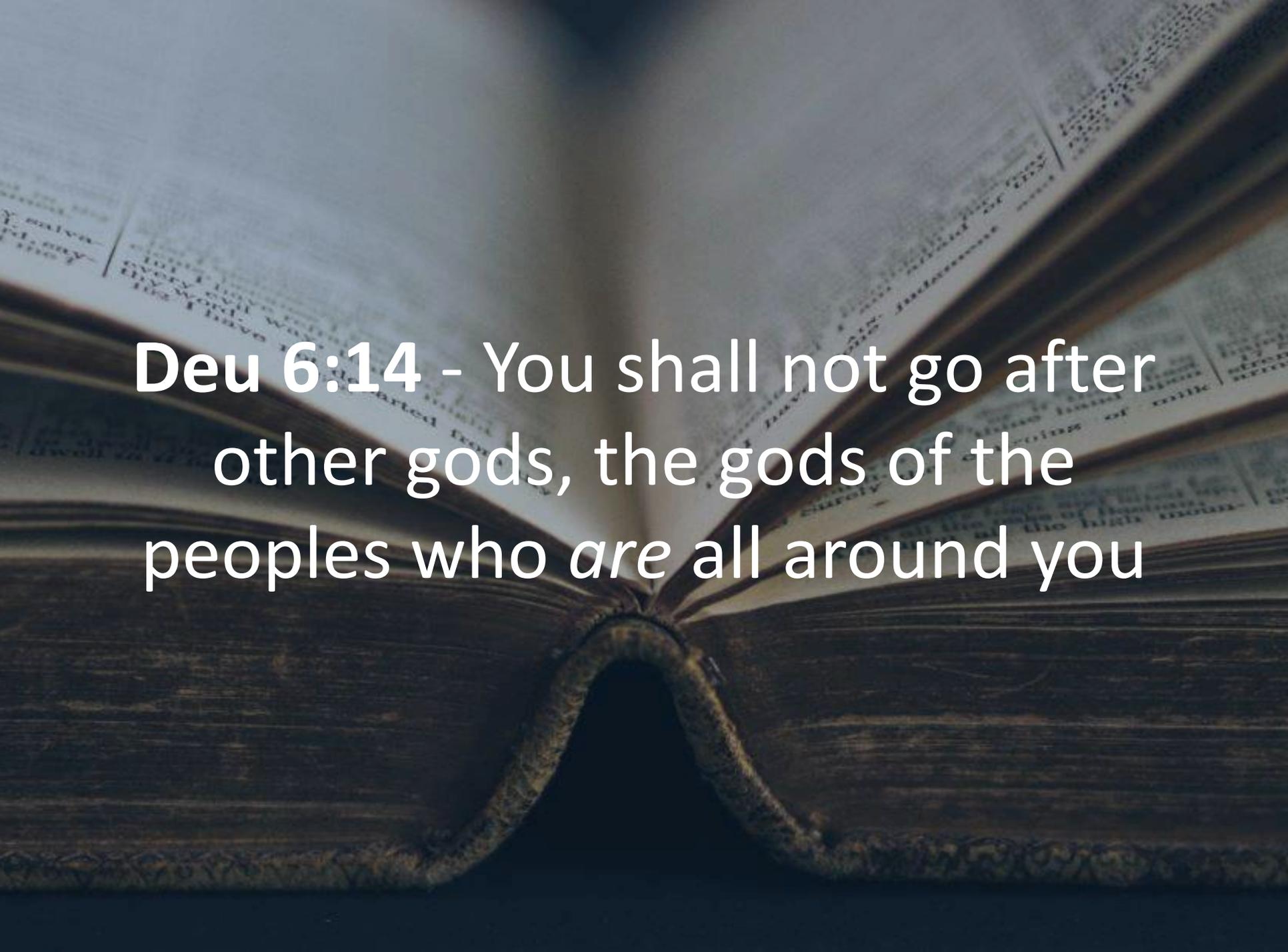
Deu 6:11 - houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full—

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Deu 6:12 - then beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

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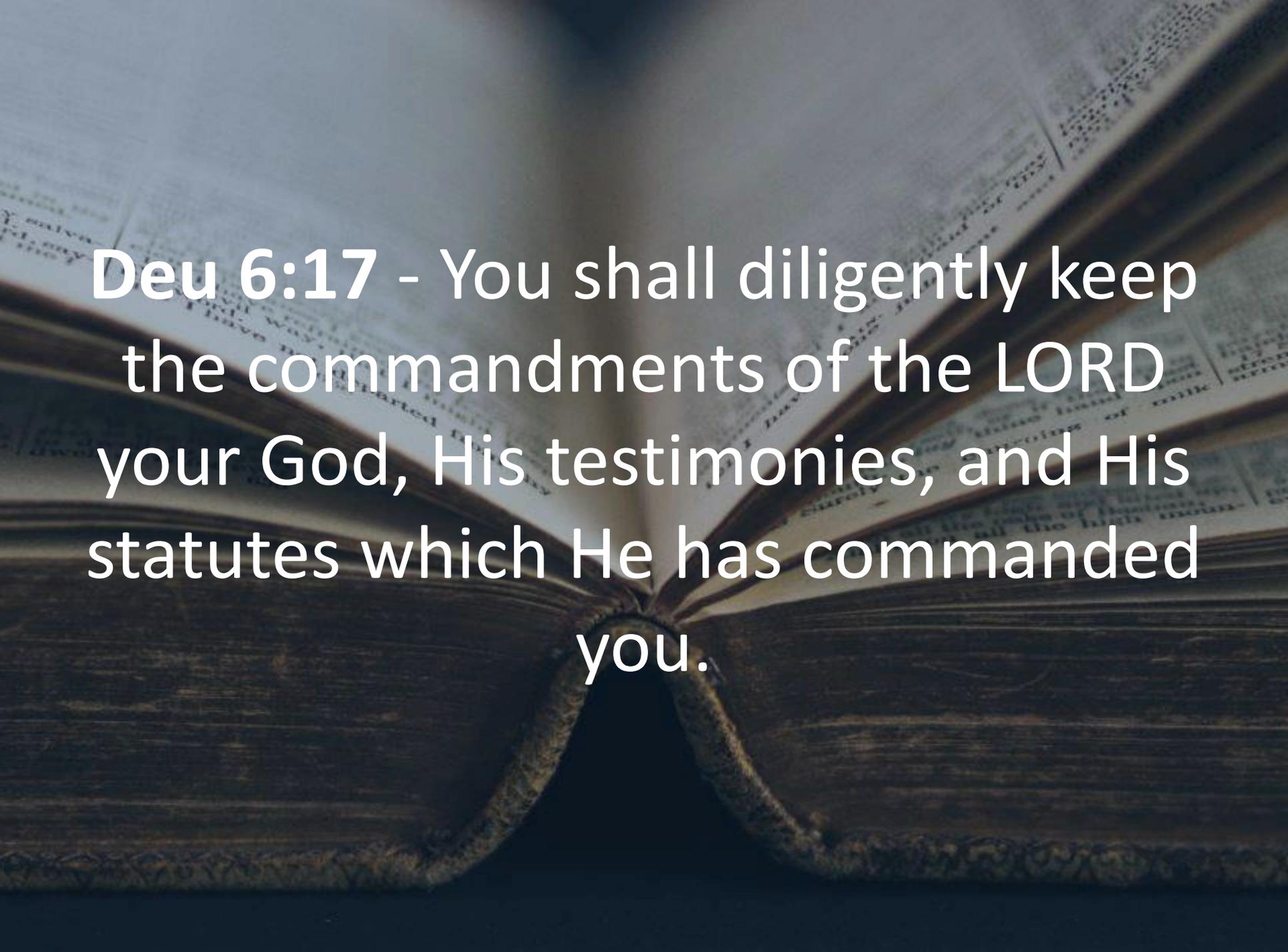
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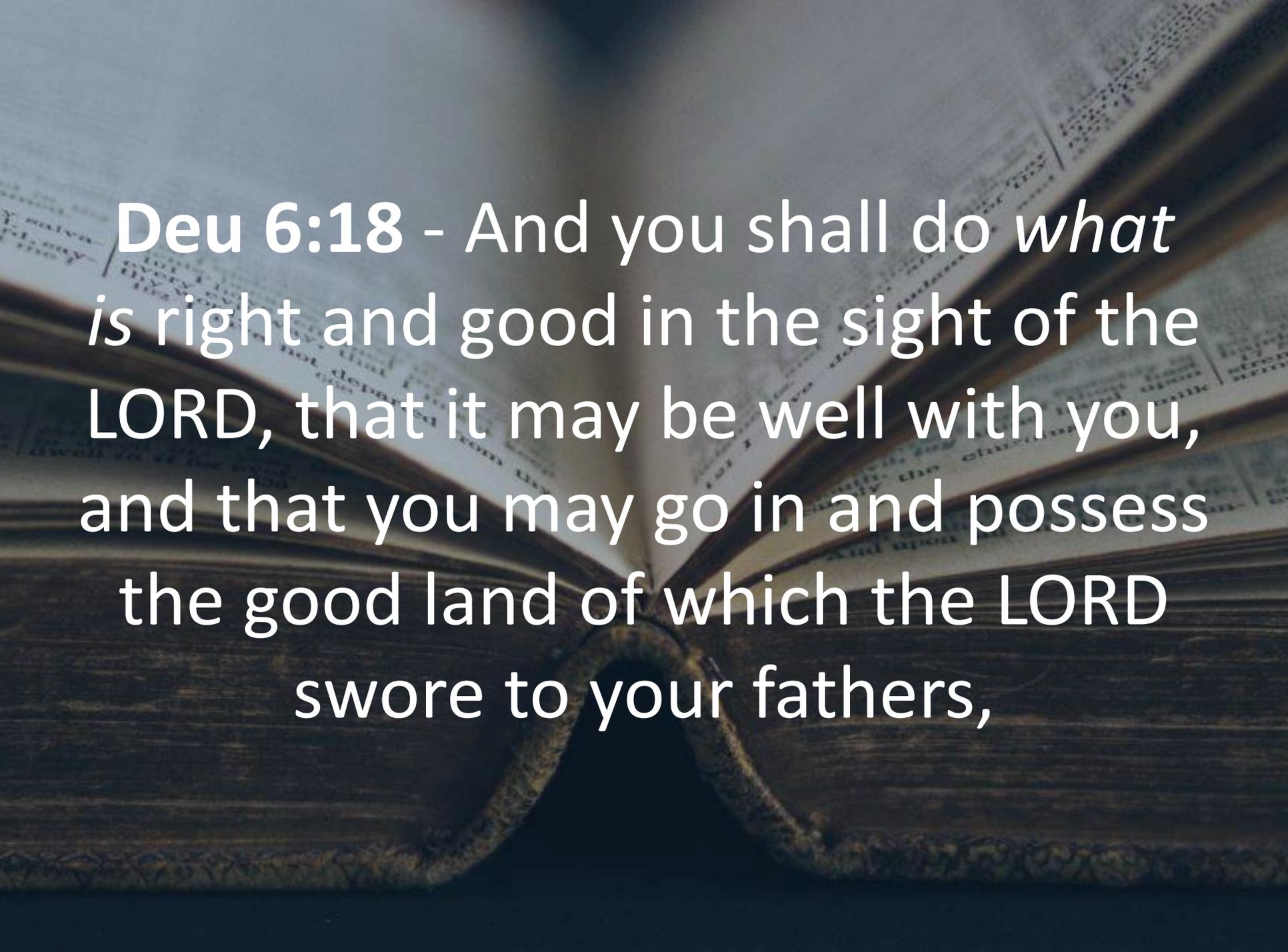
Deu 6:15 - (for the LORD your God *is* a jealous God among you), lest the anger of the LORD your God be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth.

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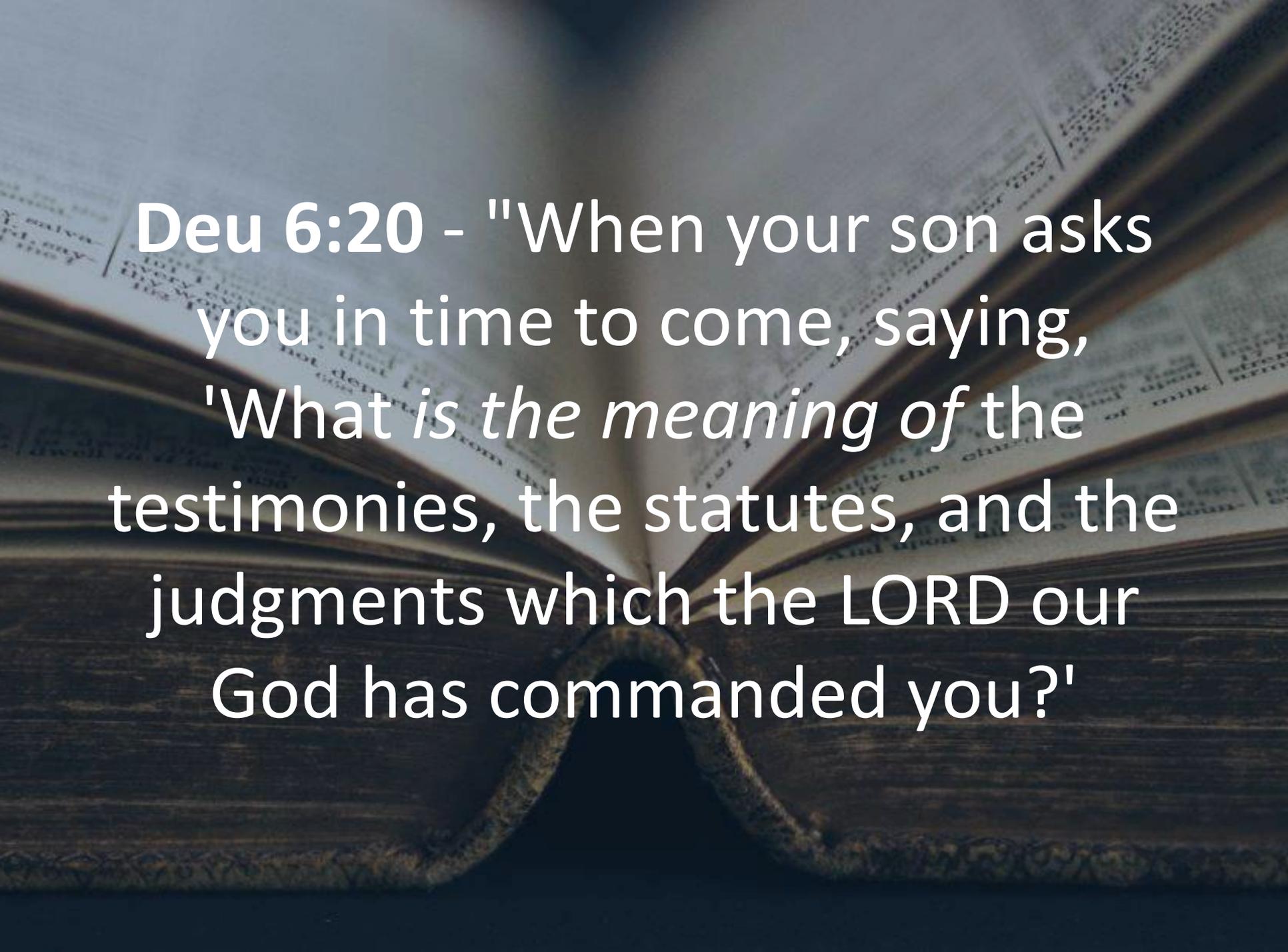
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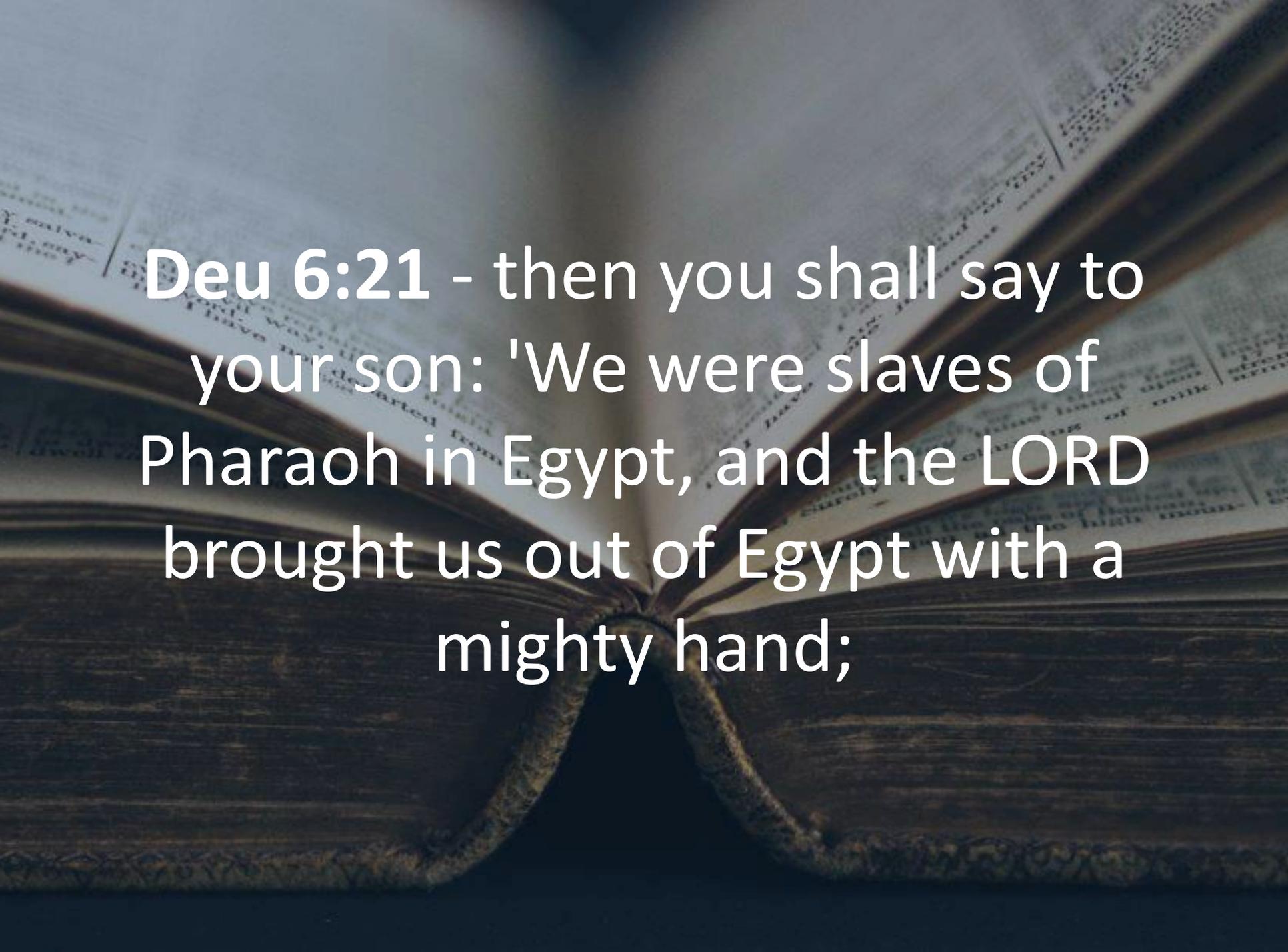
Deu 6:18 - And you shall do *what* is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the LORD swore to your fathers,

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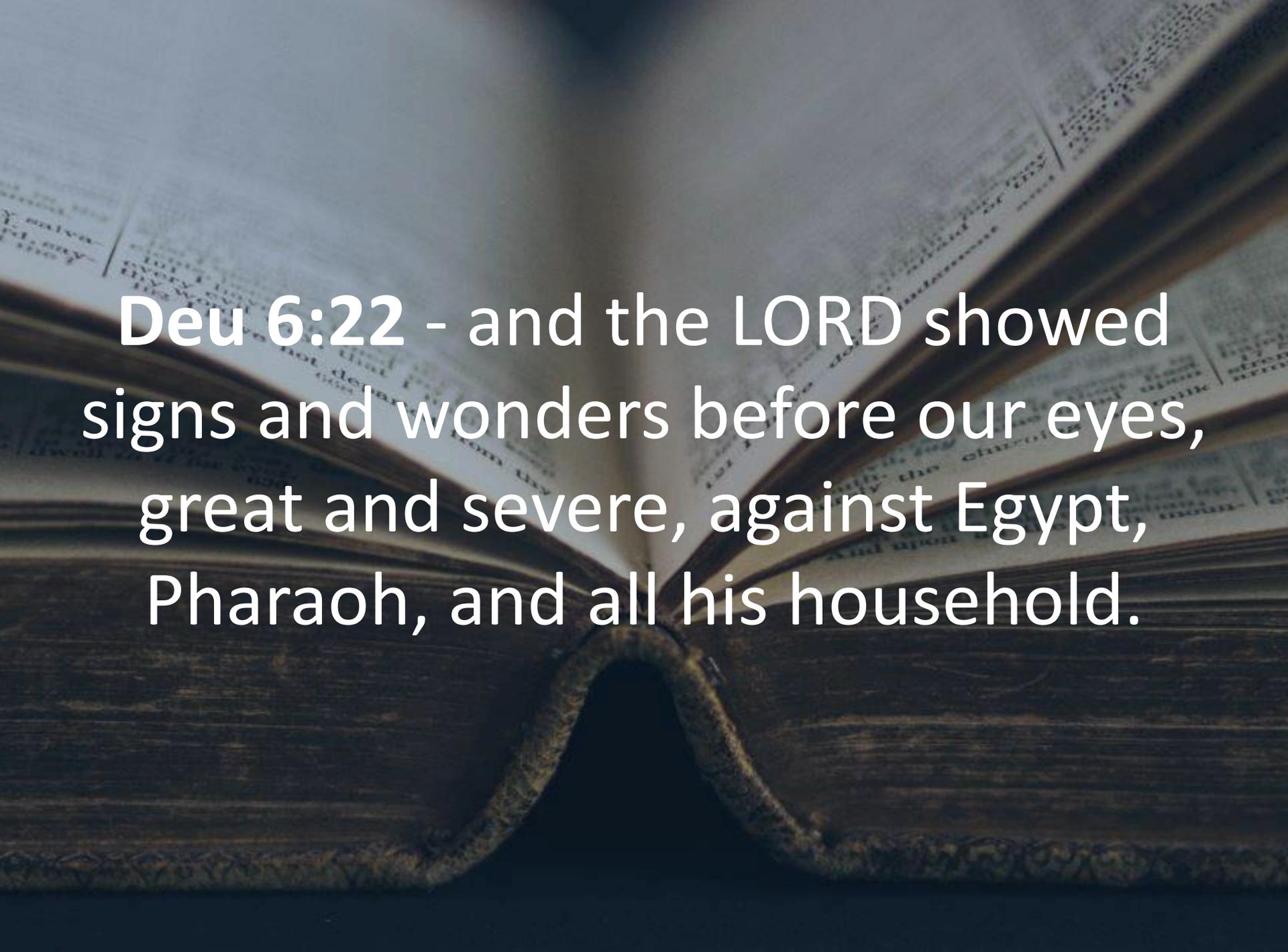
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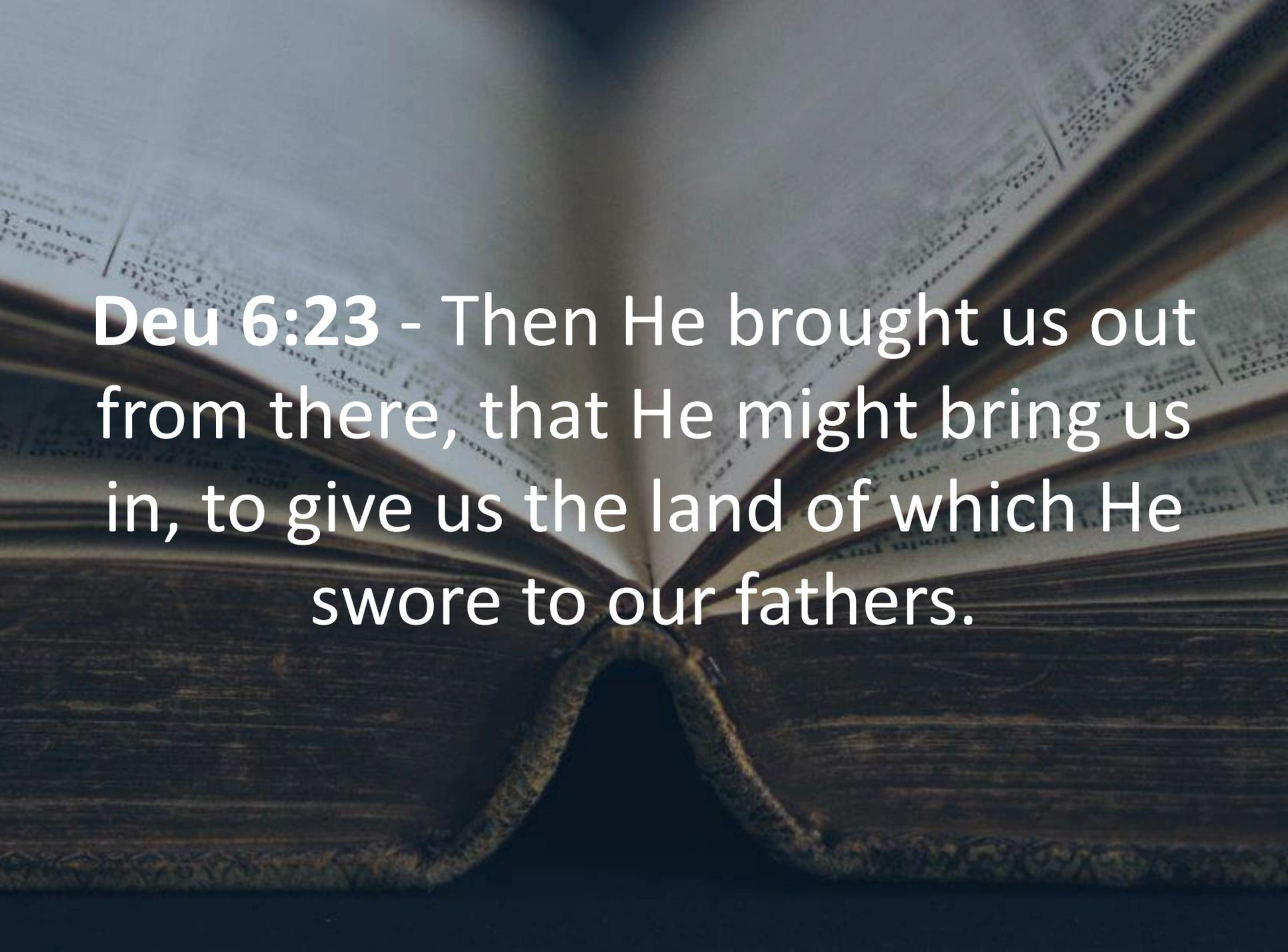
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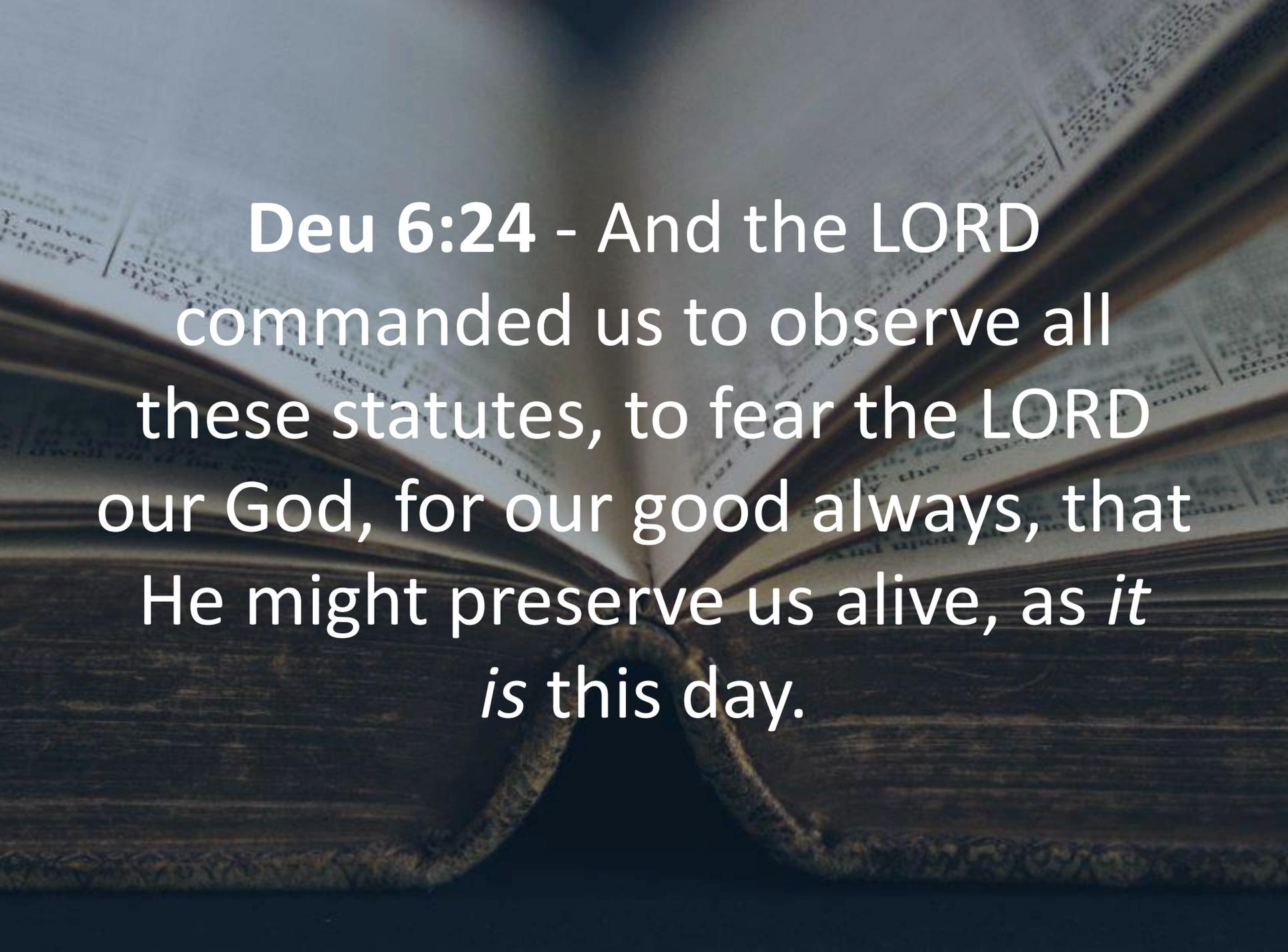
Deu 6:21 - then you shall say to
your son: 'We were slaves of
Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD
brought us out of Egypt with a
mighty hand;



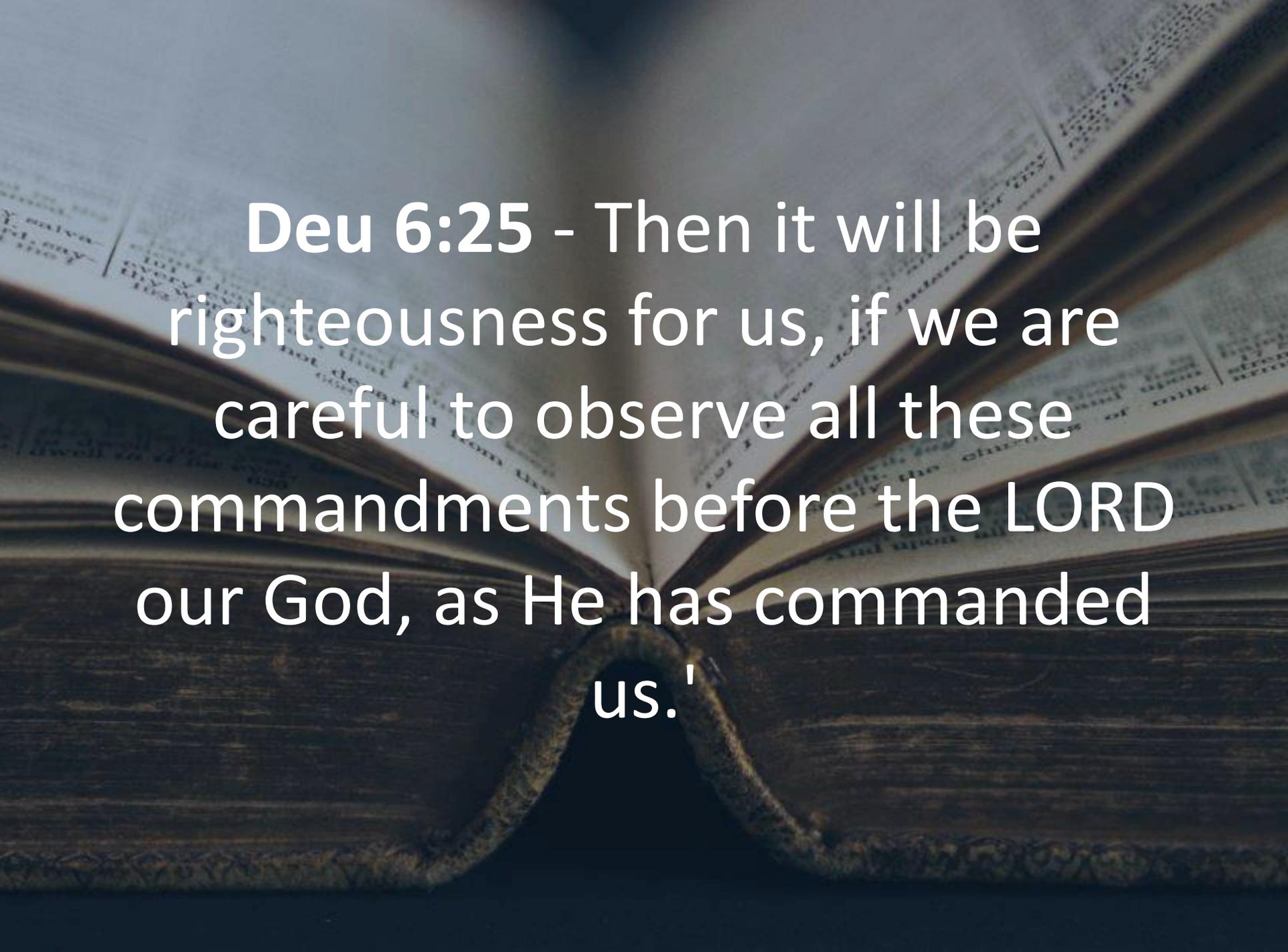
Deu 6:22 - and the LORD showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household.

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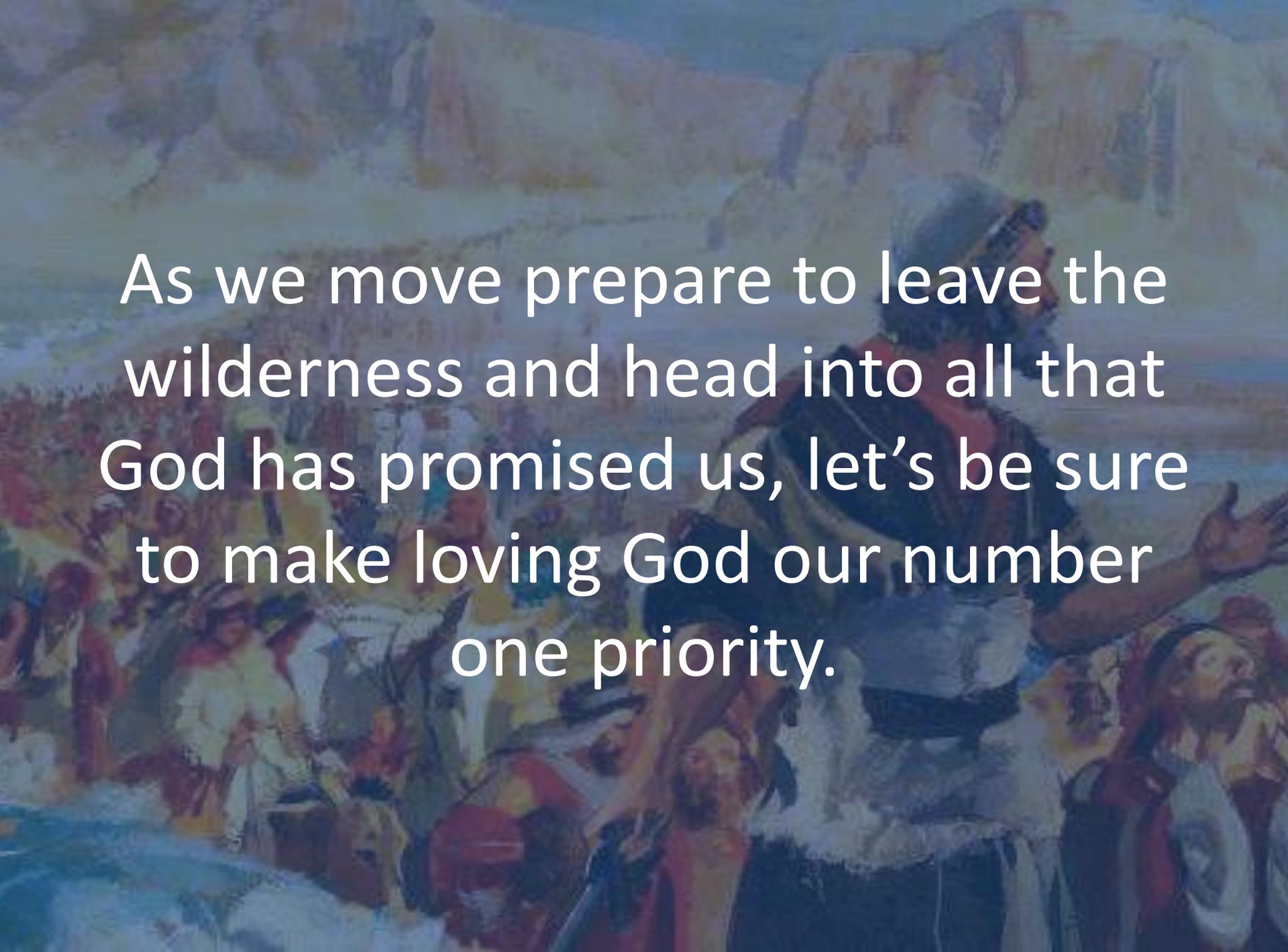
Deu 6:23 - Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers.



Deu 6:24 - And the LORD
commanded us to observe all
these statutes, to fear the LORD
our God, for our good always, that
He might preserve us alive, as *it*
is this day.

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Deu 6:25 - Then it will be
righteousness for us, if we are
careful to observe all these
commandments before the LORD
our God, as He has commanded
us.'



As we move prepare to leave the wilderness and head into all that God has promised us, let's be sure to make loving God our number one priority.

