

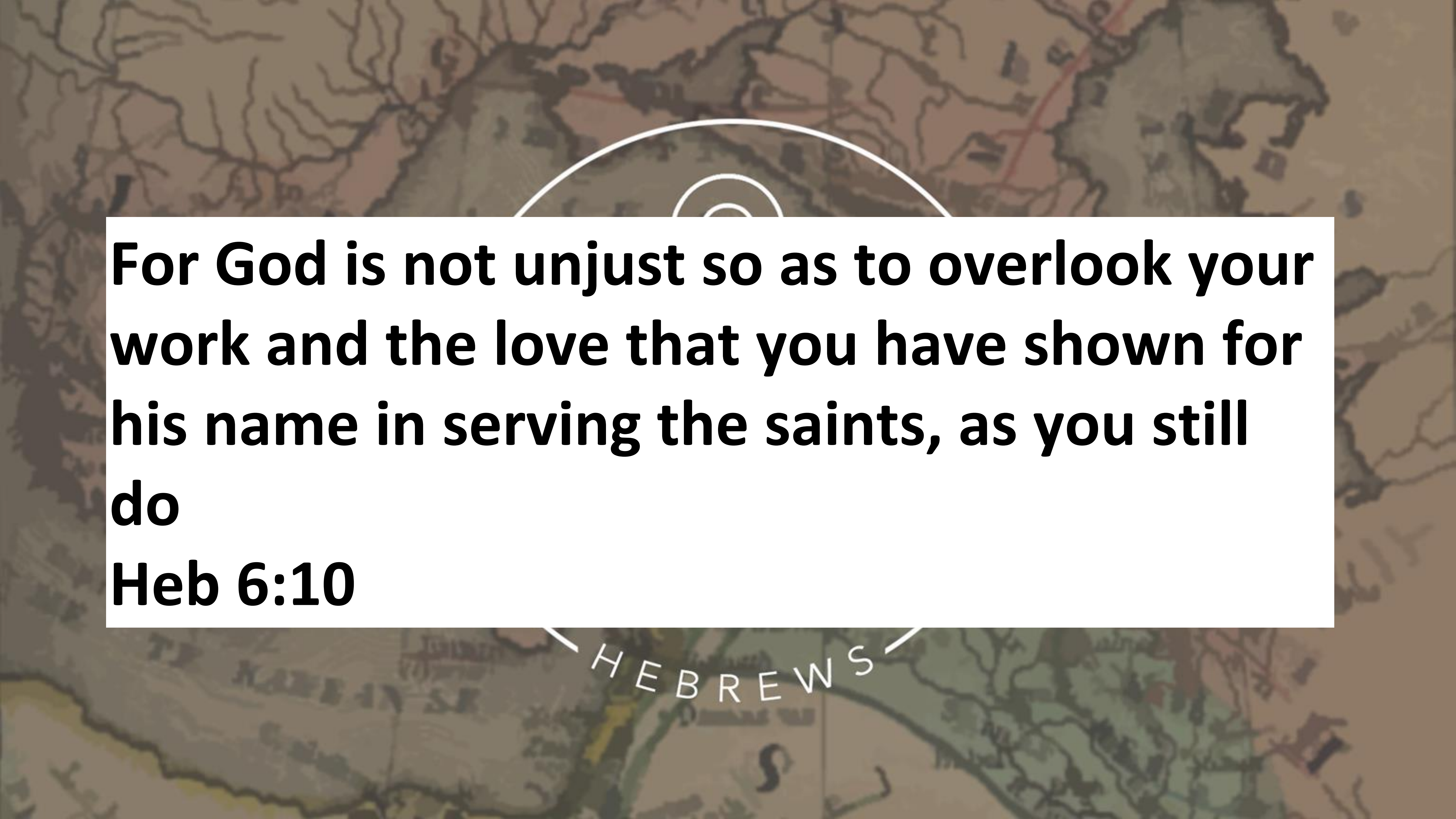
Christ is Our Sufficiency

Hebrews 9:11-14



Quiz: Purpose of letter?

- 1. Evangelise a group of Jewish people that Christianity is better than Judaism?**
- 2. Teach important Christian doctrines to a group of young Christians in the 1st century?**
- 3. Reach out to a group of Christians who were on the verge of falling away from their faith?**



For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do

Heb 6:10

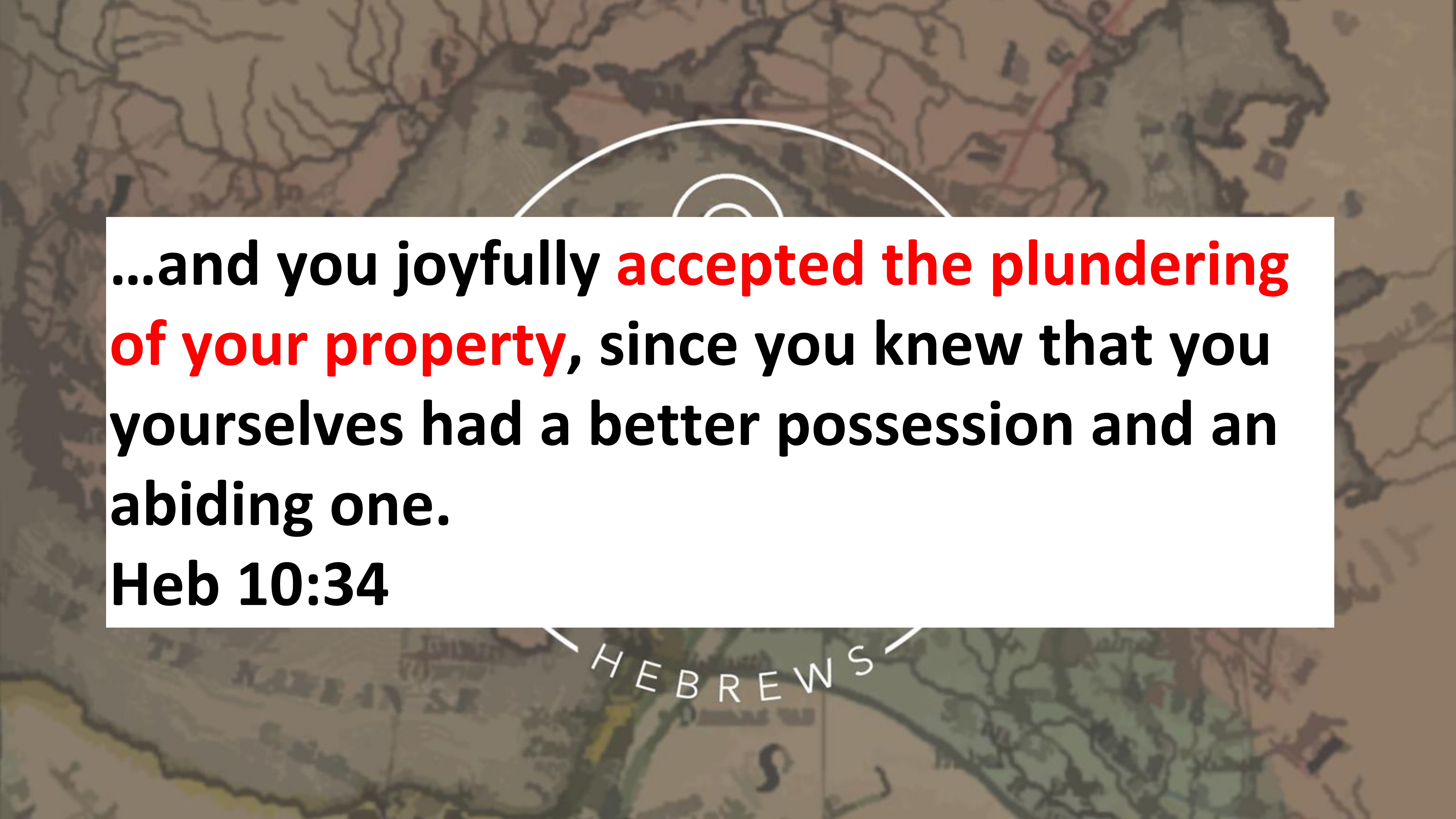
But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.

Heb 10:32-33

The background is a faded topographic map. A large white semi-circle is positioned at the top, with a smaller white circle centered within it. The word "HEBREWS" is written in white, uppercase letters across the bottom of the map, partially obscured by the semi-circle.

...and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison...

Heb 10:33-34



...and you joyfully **accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.**

Heb 10:34

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Not to forfeit God's promises (10:35)

**No more salvation in Christ if they fall away
(6:4-6)**

**God's judgement and raging fire on those
who deliberately keep on sinning (10:26-27)**

➤ **Serious tone of author**

➤ **Spiritual crisis!**



**Do not be led away by
diverse and strange
teachings, for it is good
for the heart to be
strengthened by grace,
not by foods,**

Heb 13:9



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Lessons we can draw:

1) Beware that we may be tempted to fall back on what is familiar and safe.

2) True Sufficiency is found in Christ

3) Offer ourselves in obedience to God



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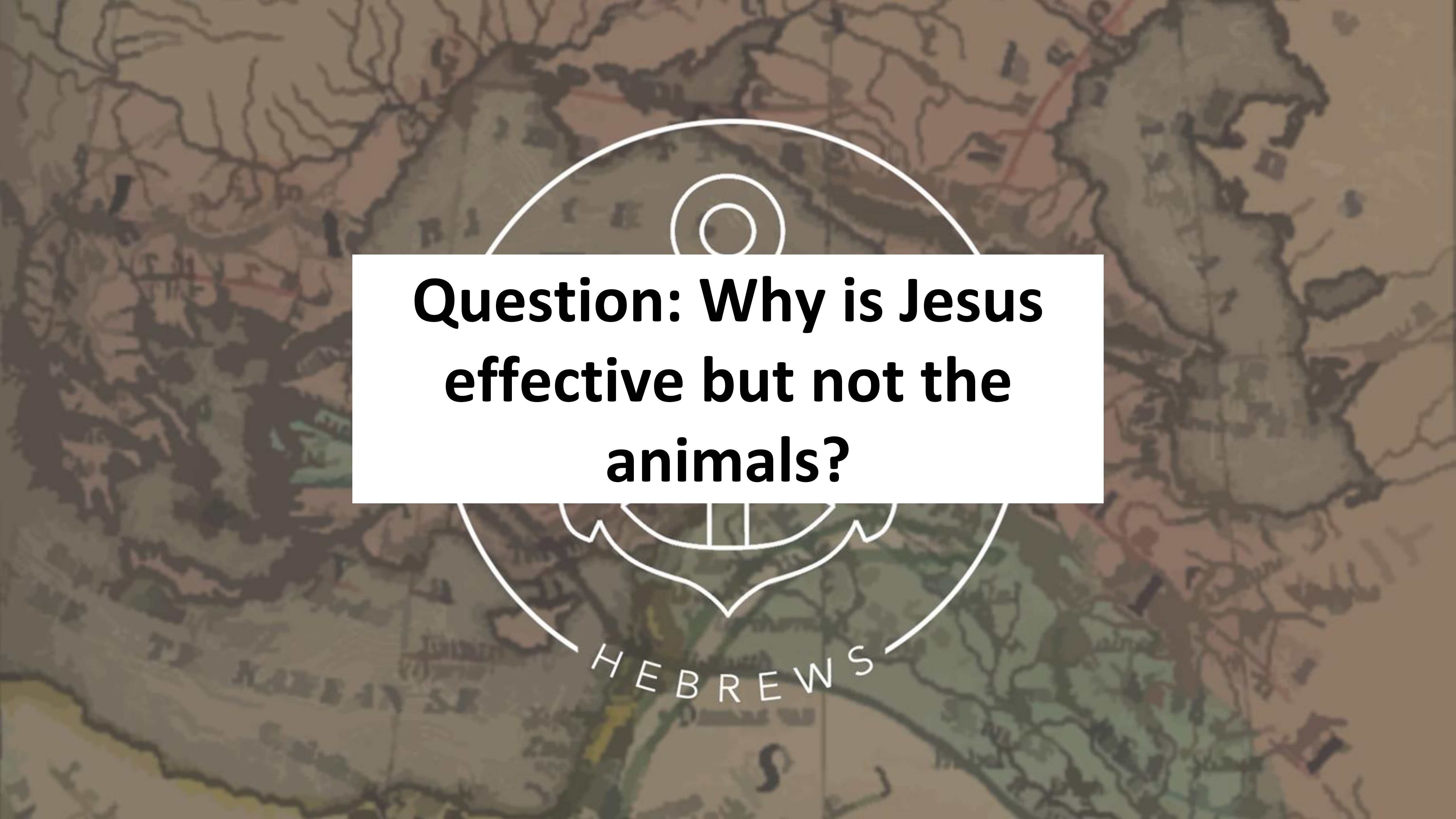




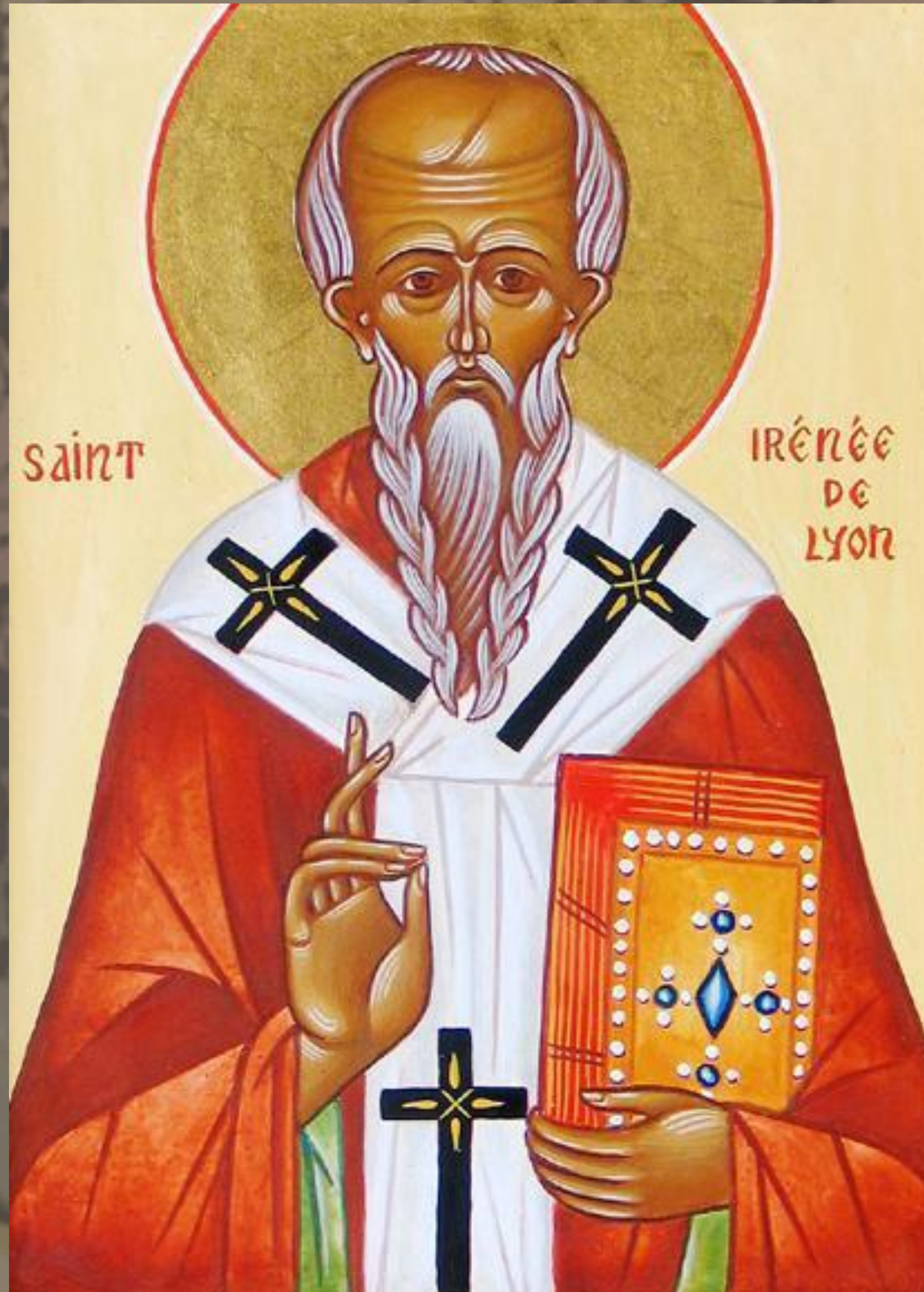
2) True sufficiency is found in Christ

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	Old	New
High Priest	Aaron and his descendants	High priest of the good things that have come (v11)
Sacrifice	Blood of goats and calves (v12)	Christ's blood (v12) Without blemish (v14)
Tent	Of this creation, hand-made (v11) -> earthly tent	The greater and more perfect tent -> heavenly (v11)
Result	Purification of the flesh (v13)	Purification of conscience from dead works (v14) Serve the living God (v14)

A map of the Middle East region, showing various geographical features and place names. Overlaid on the map is a white outline of a dome, resembling the Dome of the Rock, with the word "HEBREWS" written in white capital letters across its base. A white rectangular box is centered on the map, containing the text "Question: Why is Jesus effective but not the animals?".

**Question: Why is Jesus
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animals?**



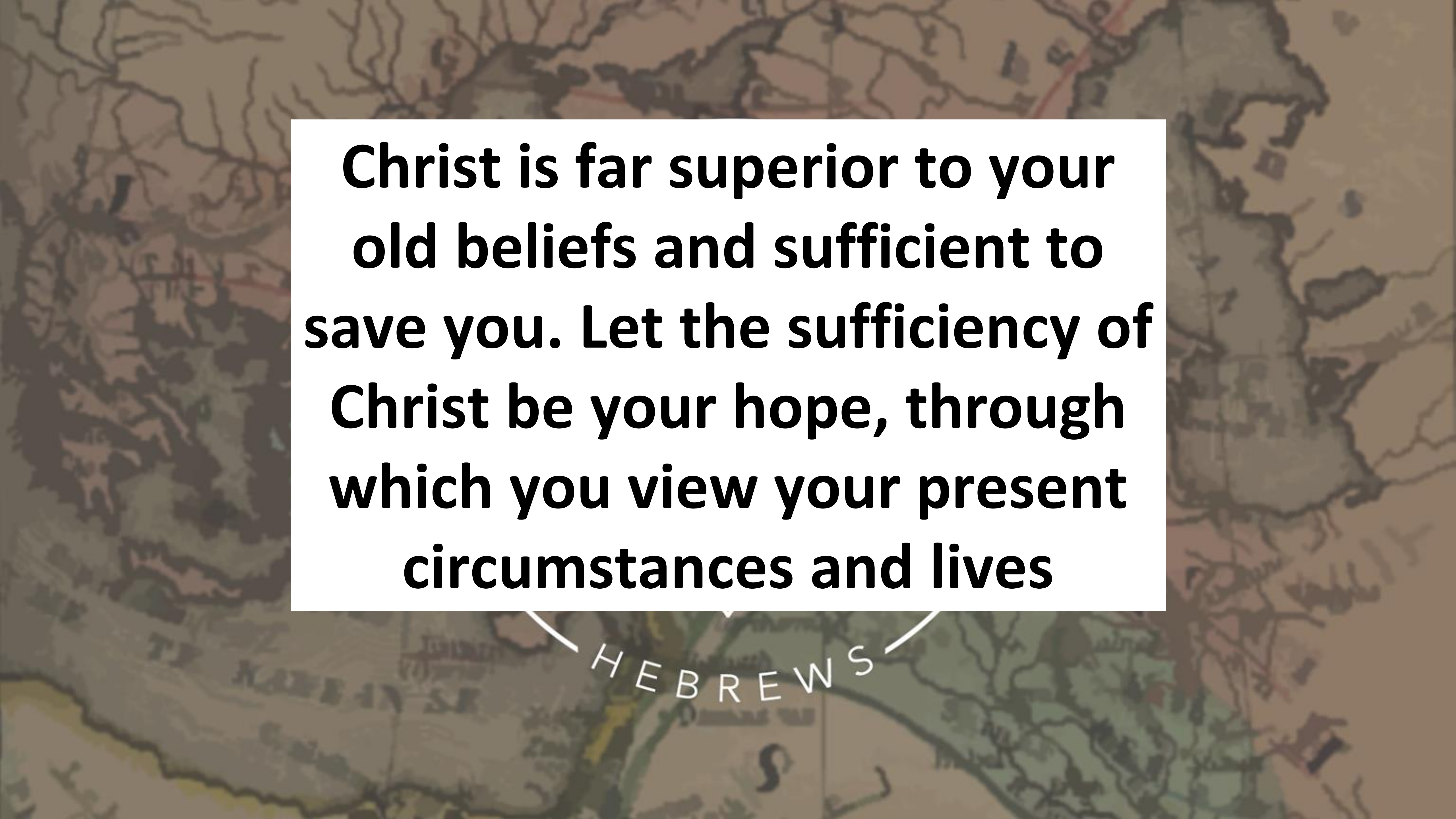
**Irenaeus of Lyons (born
c.140)**

Doctrine of Recapitulation

Recapitulate – sum up an argument by restating the main points; or bring all things under one head

Jesus - representative of a new humanity; went through the key points of Adam's life. Unlike Adam who rebelled, Jesus obeyed. For recap to work, Jesus must be 100% human like Adam

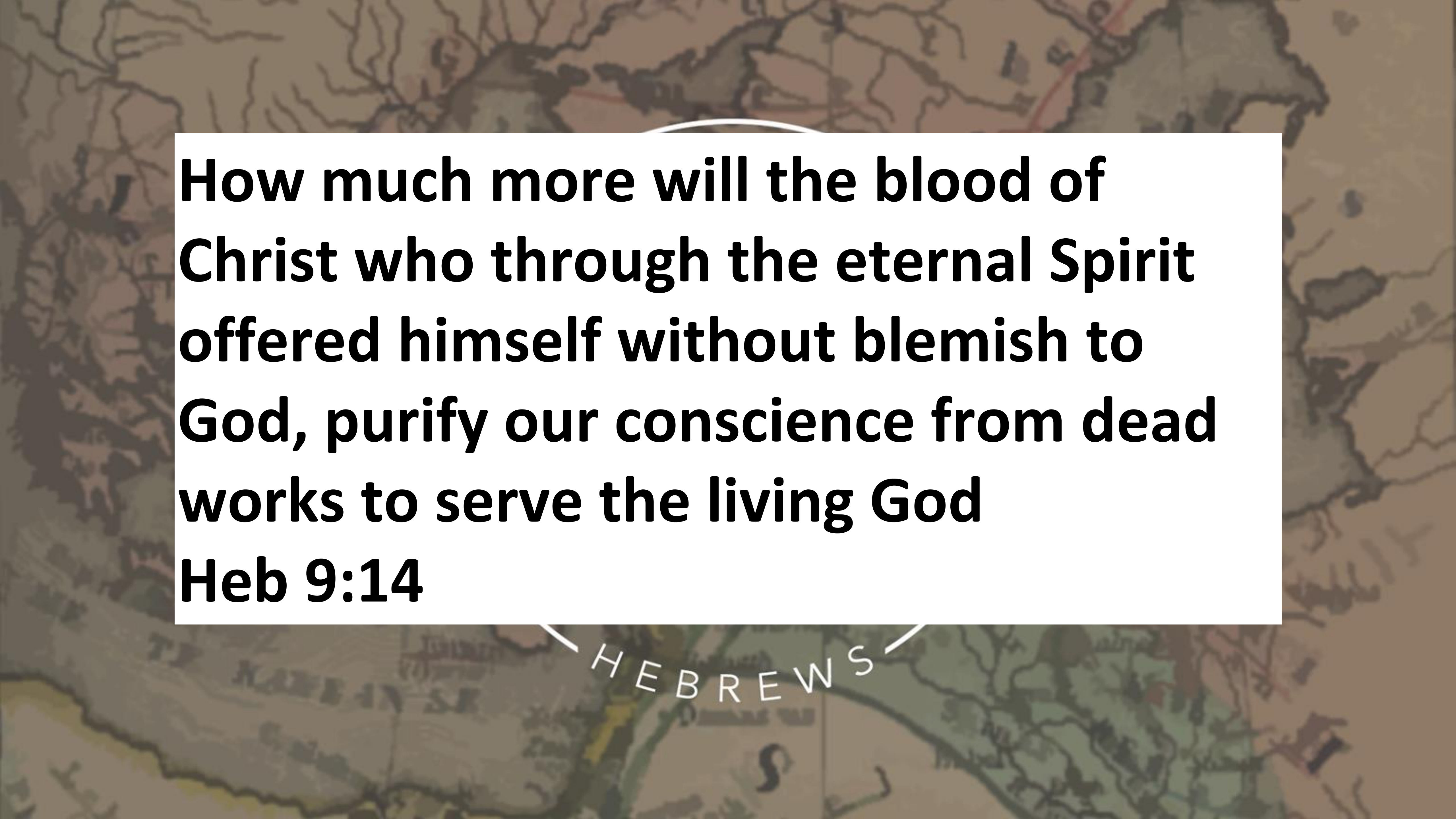


The background is a topographical map of the Middle East, showing the Mediterranean Sea to the west, the Red Sea to the south, and the Persian Gulf to the east. The word "HEBREWS" is written in white capital letters across the central part of the map, with two white lines pointing to the region. A white rectangular text box is centered over the map, containing the following text in bold black font:

Christ is far superior to your old beliefs and sufficient to save you. Let the sufficiency of Christ be your hope, through which you view your present circumstances and lives

3) Offer ourselves in obedience to God



The background is a topographical map with brown and green tones, showing terrain features like rivers and hills. A white rectangular text box is centered on the map. The text inside the box is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the map, the word 'HEBREWS' is written in a light, semi-transparent font, with a white line pointing to the text box.

**How much more will the blood of
Christ who through the eternal Spirit
offered himself without blemish to
God, purify our conscience from dead
works to serve the living God**

Heb 9:14

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**O my God, I am
ashamed and blush to
lift my face to you, my
God, for our iniquities
have risen higher than
our heads, and our guilt
has mounted up to the
heavens.**



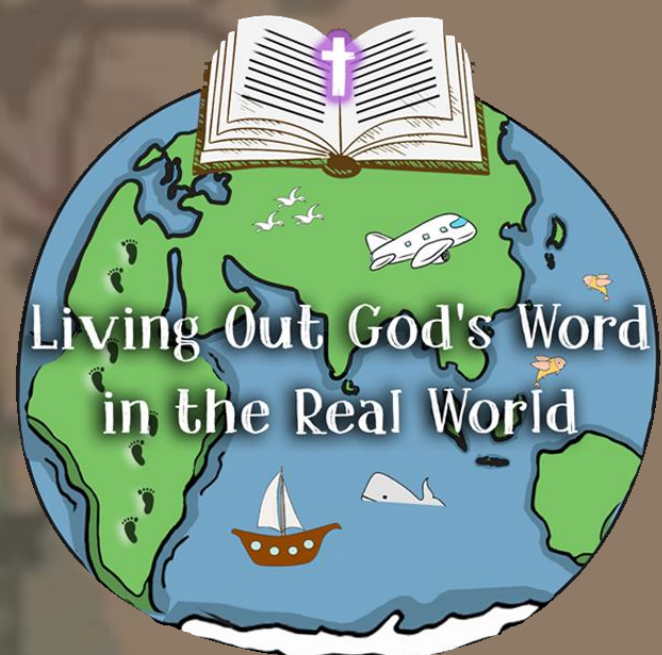
Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in **obeying** the voice of the LORD? Behold, to **obey** is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

1 Sam 15:22

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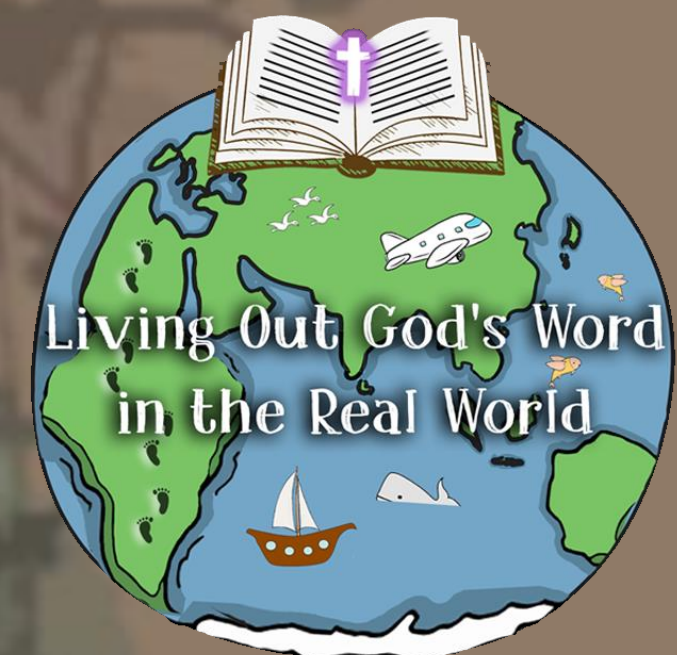
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Pursue holiness even though it may be seen as foolishness in the sight of other people.



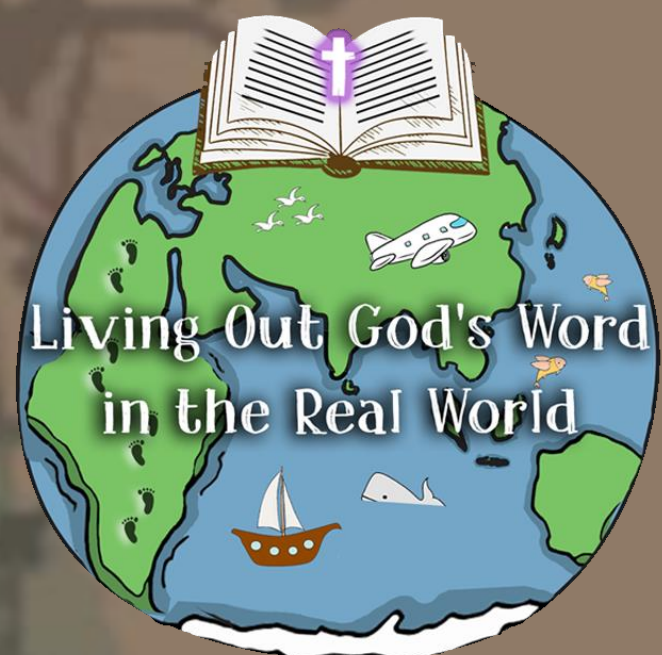
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Persevere to rely on Christ in difficult times



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**Seek reconciliation, serve one another
in love and find solidarity with one
another**



“The Christian life has its beginning and its continuance in the work of the cross as Christ died for the forgiveness of our sins and to impart new life to us. The Christian life is cruciform (*taking the form of the cross*) as we die to sin, to selfish individualism, to our own desires and ambitions, to the mindset of the world and to the life dictated by the old nature, and become like Christ himself in his death”

Derek Tidball, *The Message of the Cross*