



LESSONS FROM THE LAW—

Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

Col 2:17 *Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.*

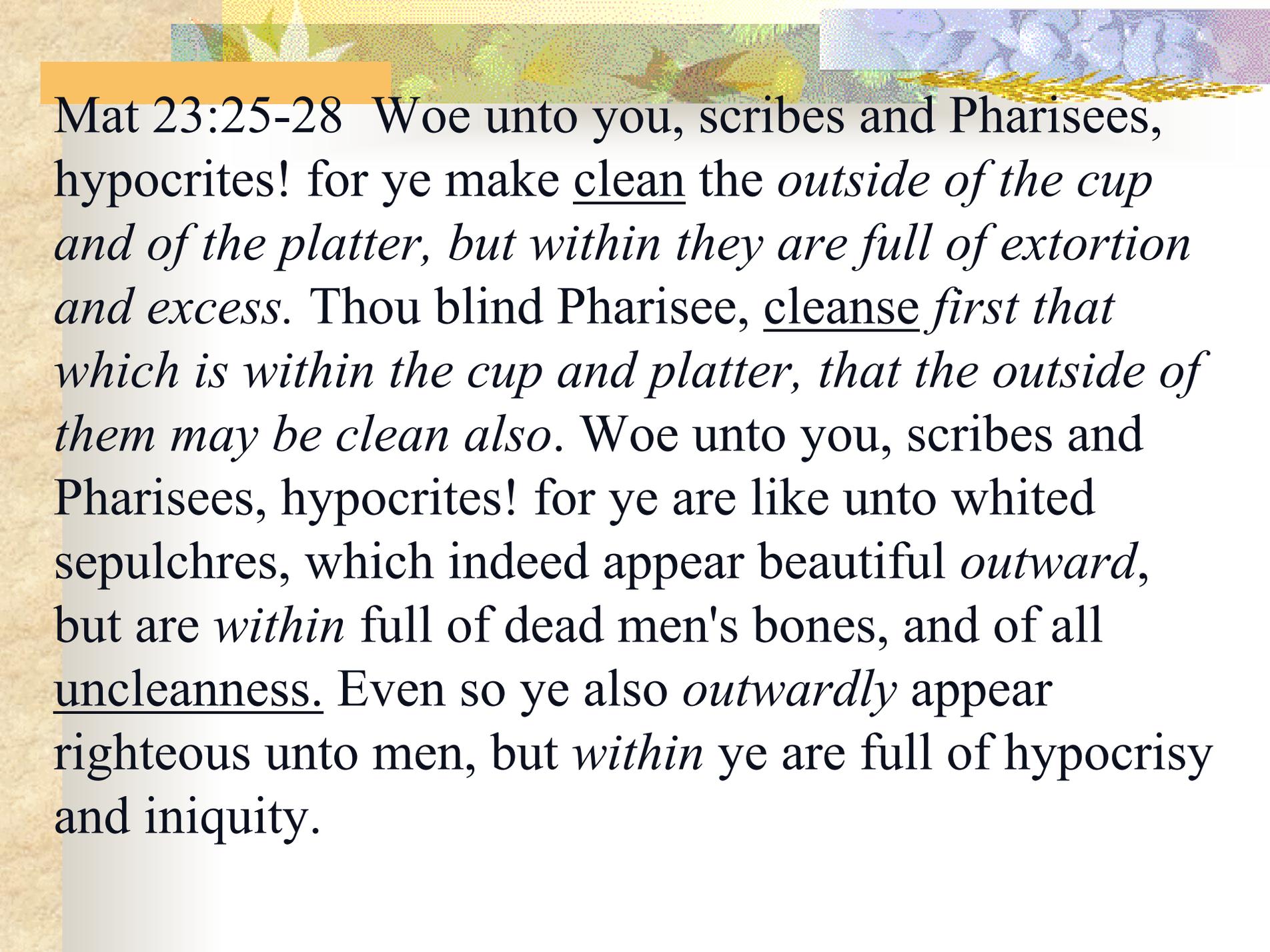
Heb 10:1 *For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.*



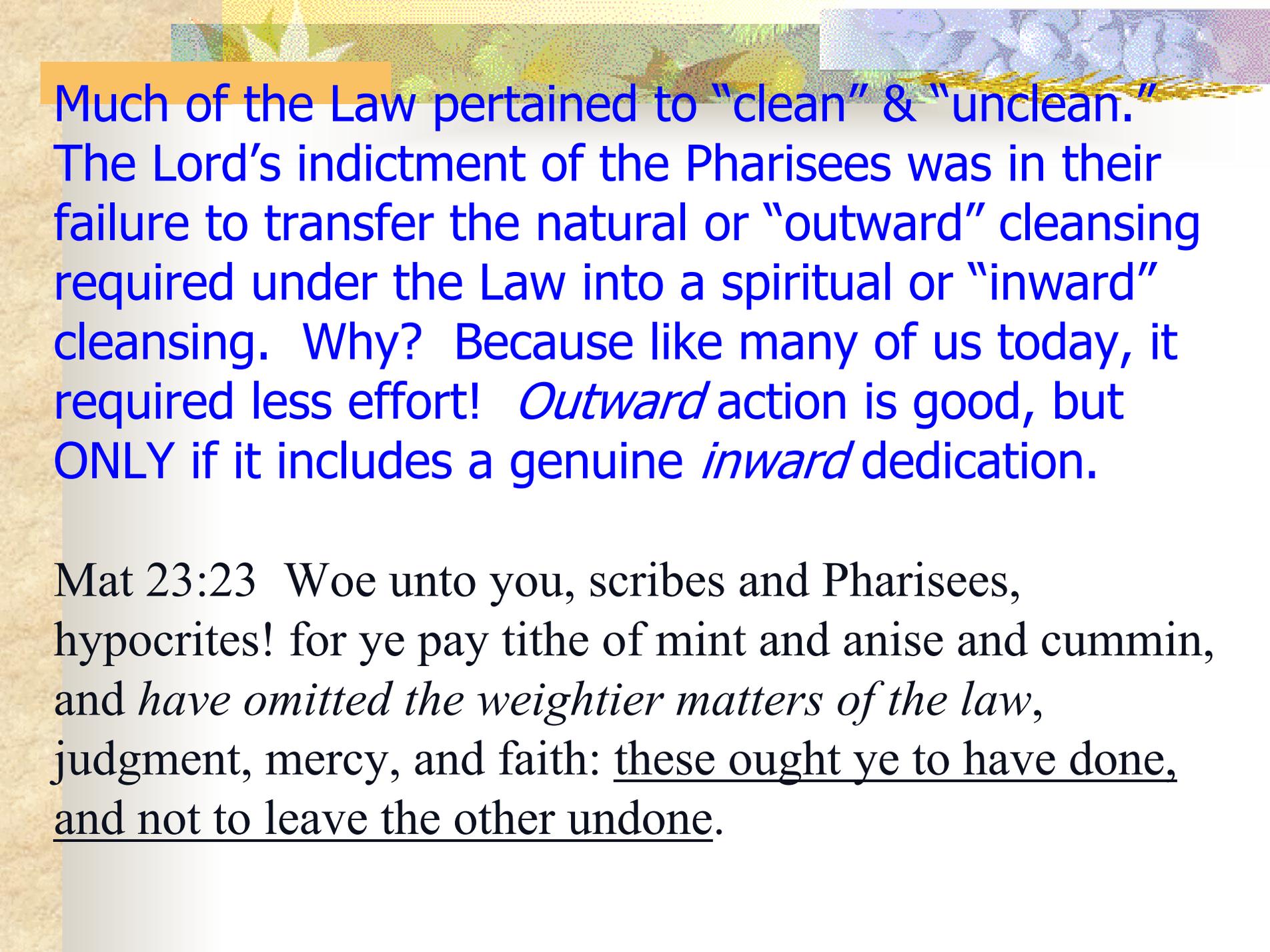
Gal 3:24-25 *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*

The Law contained “shadows” or figurative principles beyond the ritual observances. It was intended to act as a “schoolmaster” to bring us unto Christ; with the natural or physical action demonstrating a deep spiritual lesson.

The Natural Jews Failed To Comprehend This—...



Mat 23:25-28 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the *outside of the cup and of the platter*, but *within they are full of extortion and excess*. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful *outward*, but are *within* full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also *outwardly* appear righteous unto men, but *within* ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.



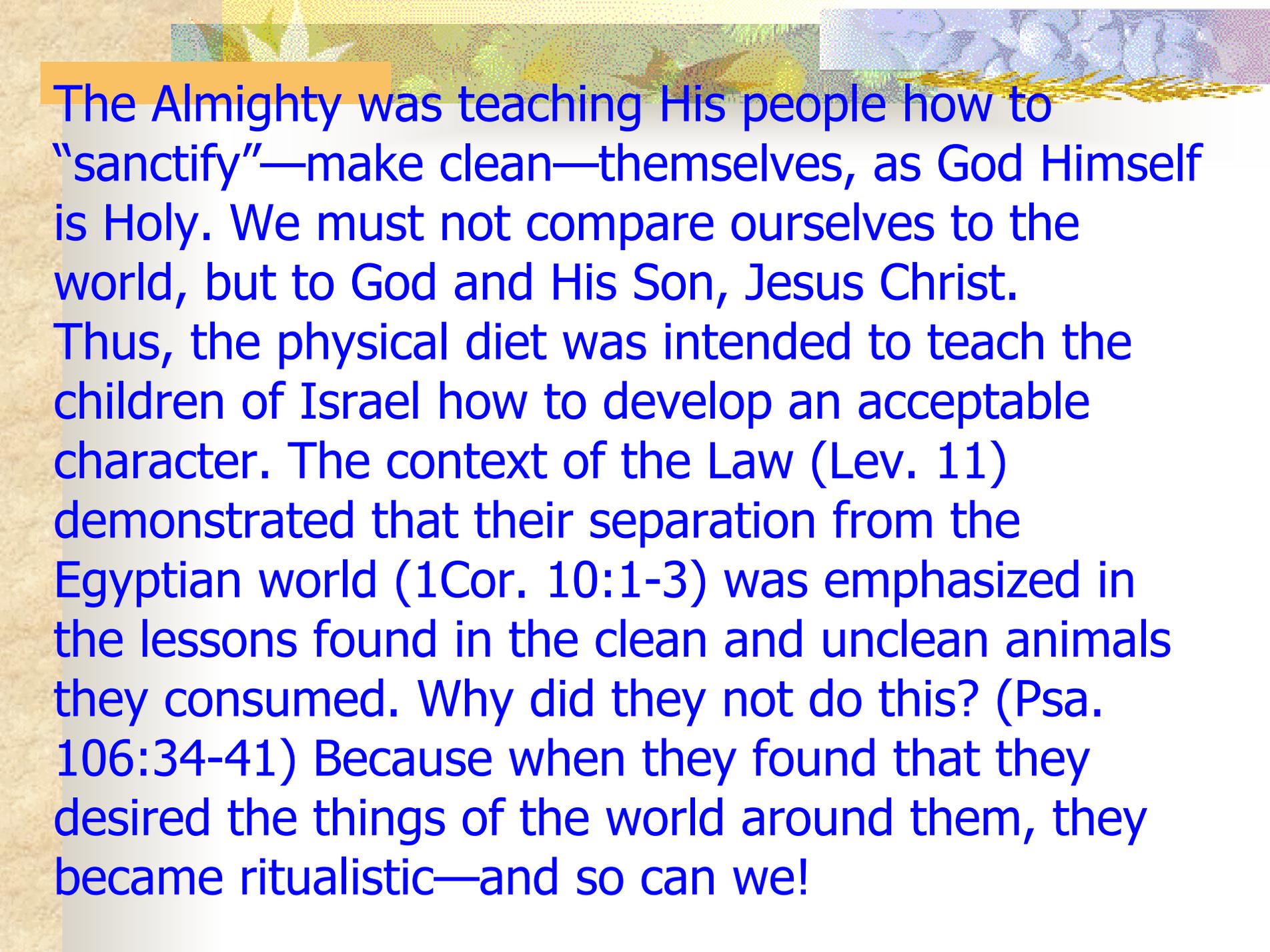
Much of the Law pertained to “clean” & “unclean.” The Lord’s indictment of the Pharisees was in their failure to transfer the natural or “outward” cleansing required under the Law into a spiritual or “inward” cleansing. Why? Because like many of us today, it required less effort! *Outward* action is good, but ONLY if it includes a genuine *inward* dedication.

Mat 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and *have omitted the weightier matters of the law*, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

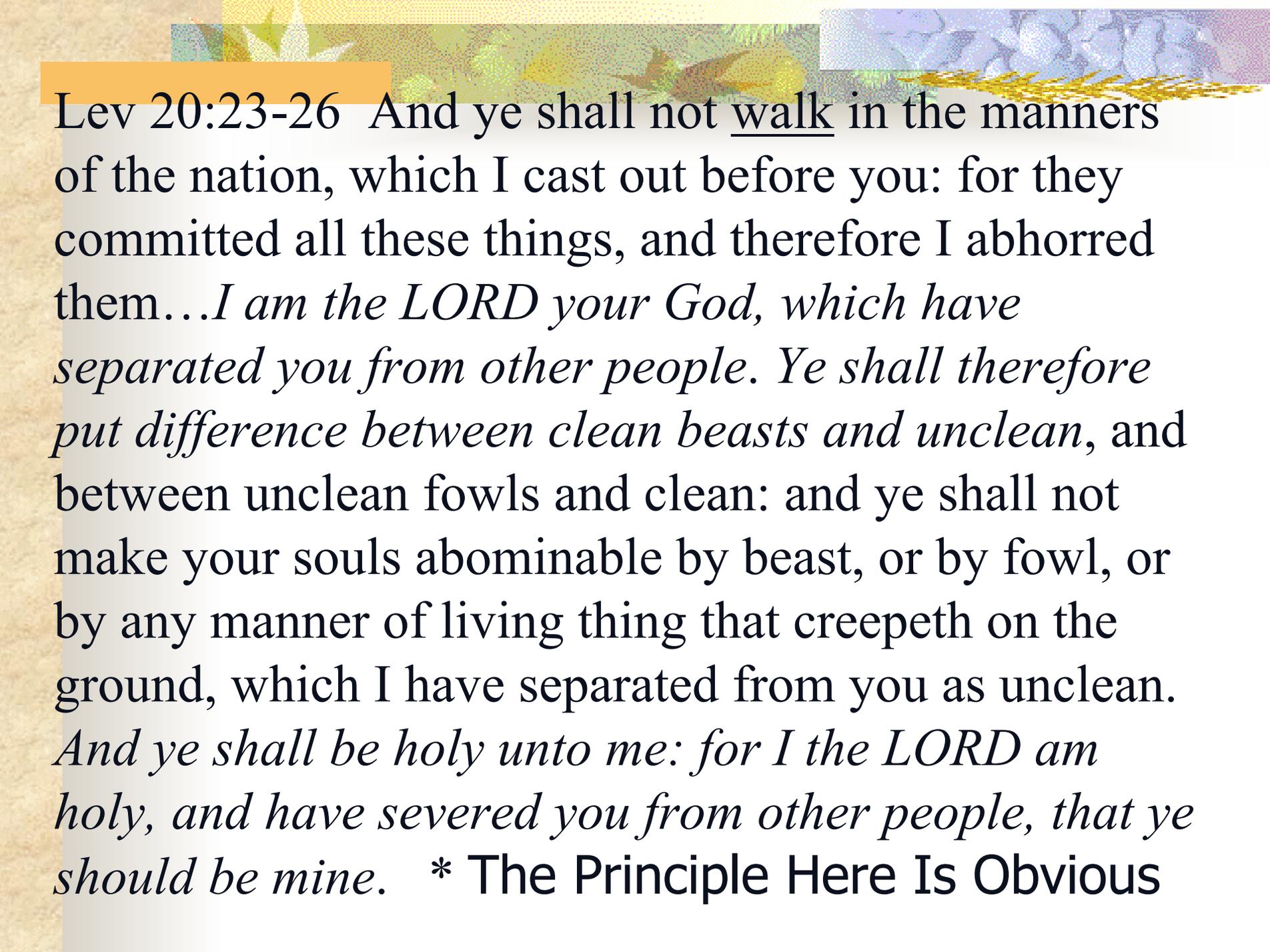


Lev 11:44-47 *For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.* This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth: To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

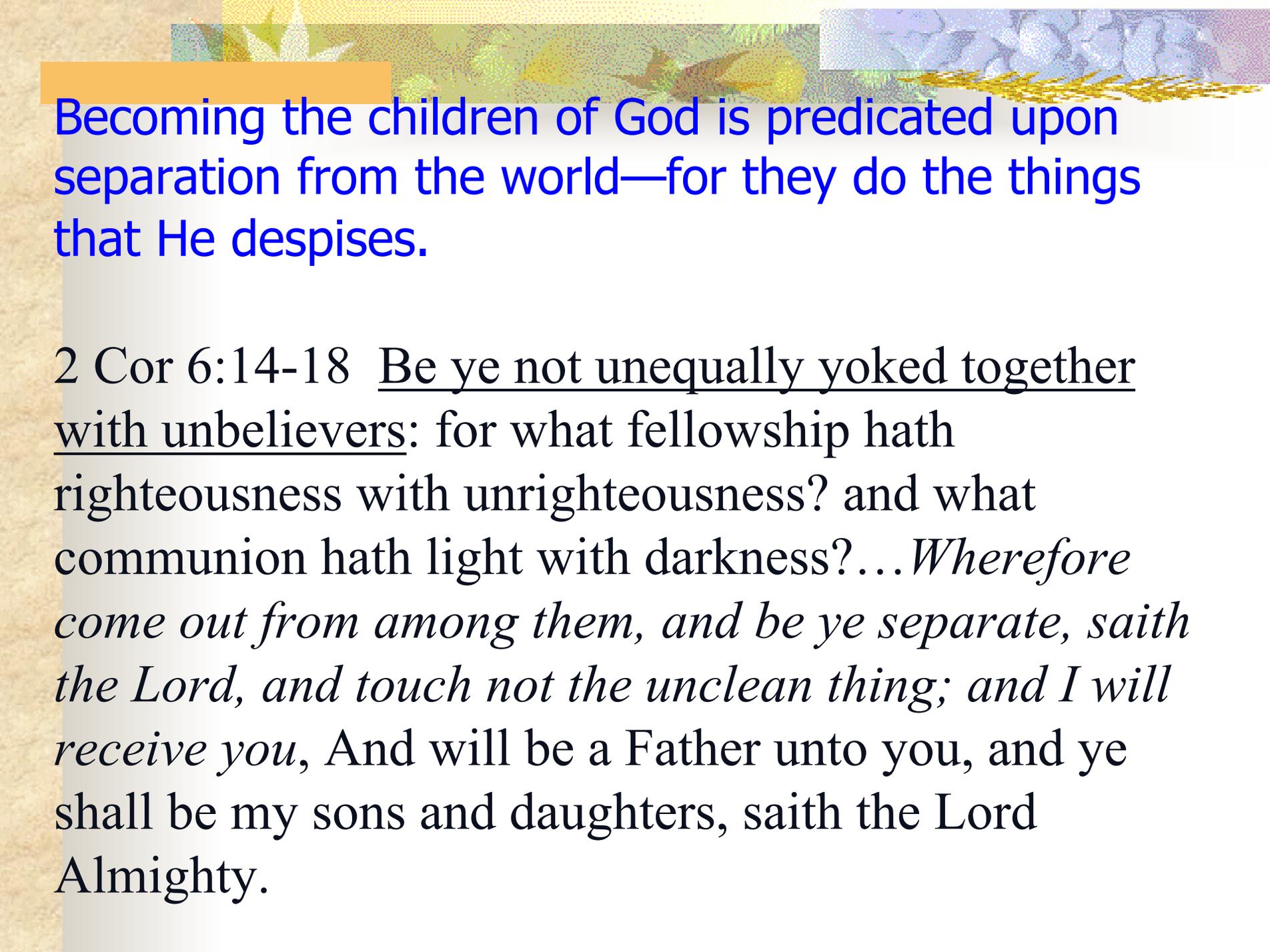
* Sanctify—to make clean. Defile—become unclean



The Almighty was teaching His people how to “sanctify”—make clean—themselves, as God Himself is Holy. We must not compare ourselves to the world, but to God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Thus, the physical diet was intended to teach the children of Israel how to develop an acceptable character. The context of the Law (Lev. 11) demonstrated that their separation from the Egyptian world (1Cor. 10:1-3) was emphasized in the lessons found in the clean and unclean animals they consumed. Why did they not do this? (Psa. 106:34-41) Because when they found that they desired the things of the world around them, they became ritualistic—and so can we!



Lev 20:23-26 And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them...*I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people. Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.* * The Principle Here Is Obvious



Becoming the children of God is predicated upon separation from the world—for they do the things that He despises.

2 Cor 6:14-18 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?...*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*



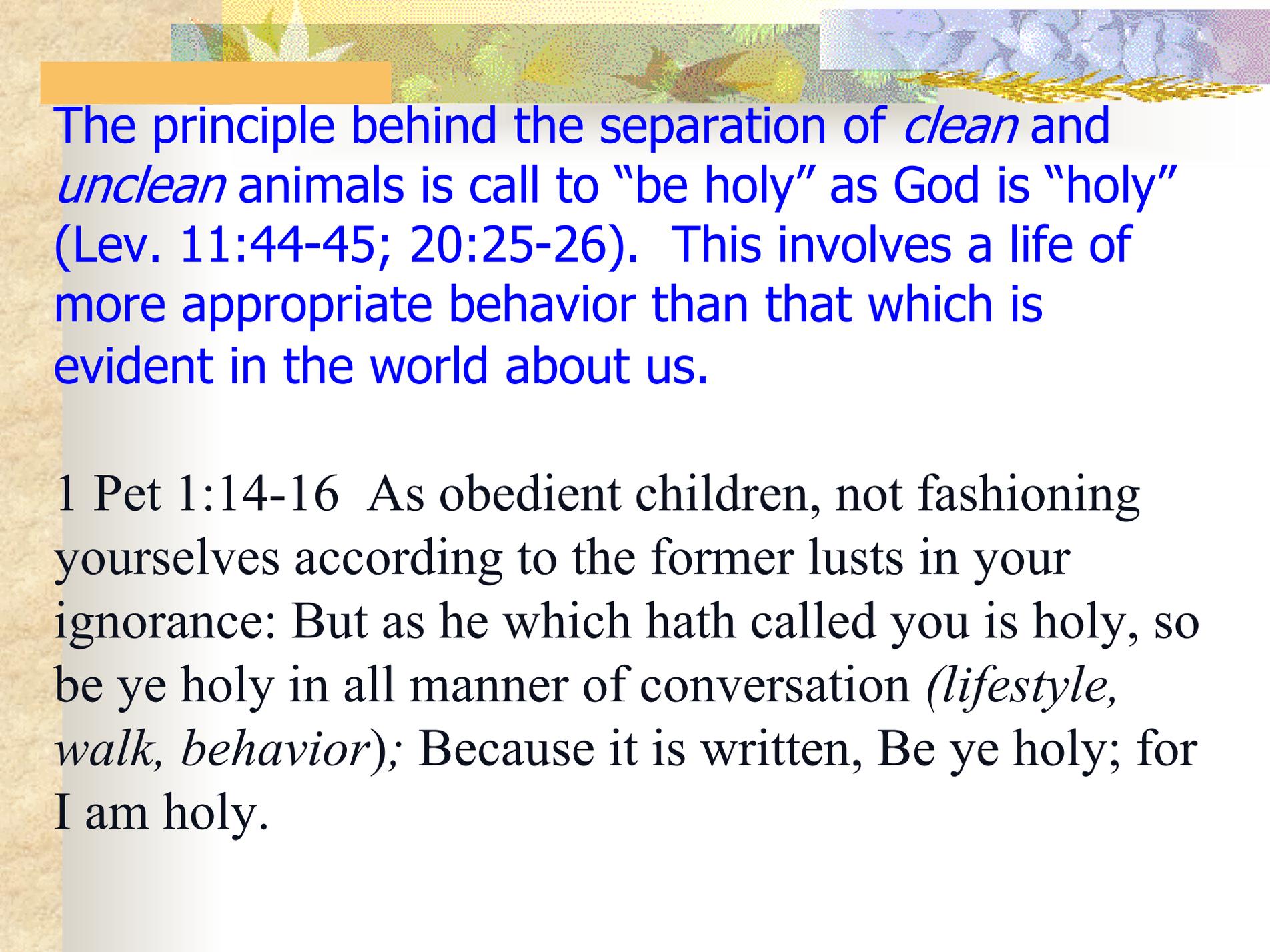
Lesson from the Law—the YOKE.

The Law forbid yoking two different animals together. Why? Because of different walk (Lev. 20:23).

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”
Amos 3:3.

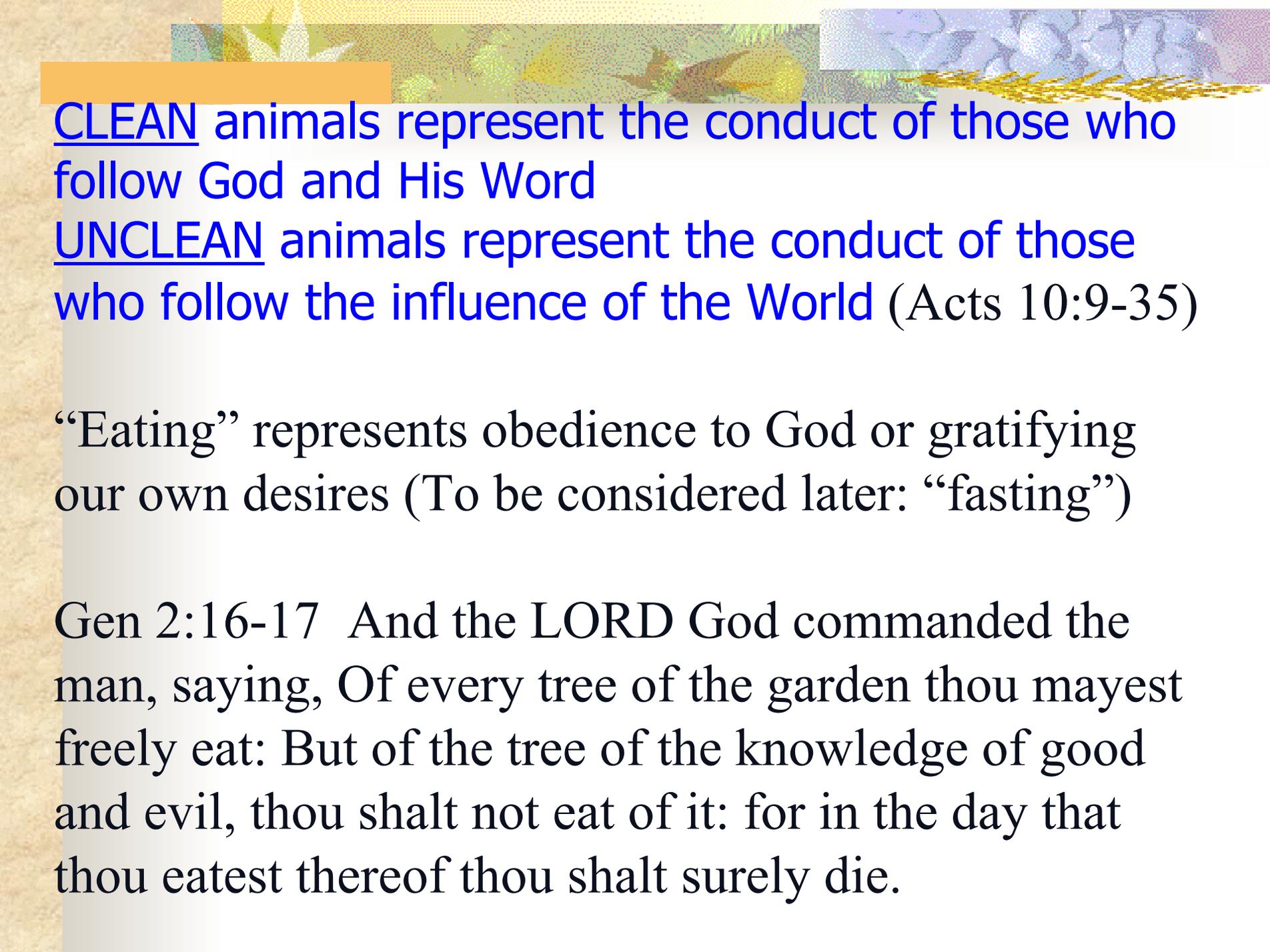
Deu 22:10 “Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.”

“...As it were an half acre of land, *which a yoke of oxen might plow*” (1Sam. 14:14).



The principle behind the separation of *clean* and *unclean* animals is call to “be holy” as God is “holy” (Lev. 11:44-45; 20:25-26). This involves a life of more appropriate behavior than that which is evident in the world about us.

1 Pet 1:14-16 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation (*lifestyle, walk, behavior*); Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.



CLEAN animals represent the conduct of those who follow God and His Word

UNCLEAN animals represent the conduct of those who follow the influence of the World (Acts 10:9-35)

“Eating” represents obedience to God or gratifying our own desires (To be considered later: “fasting”)

Gen 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.



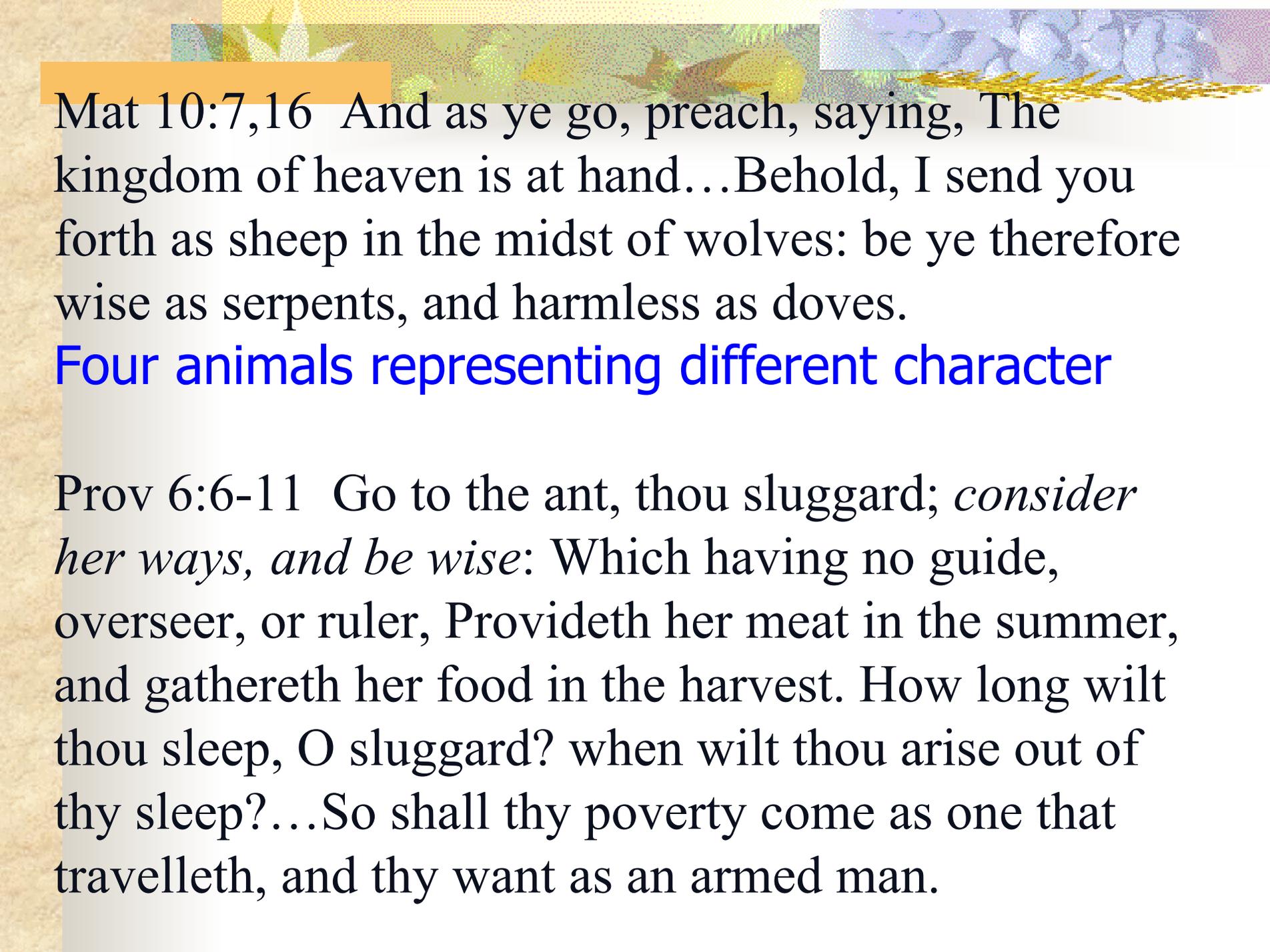
Job 12:7-9 But ask now the beasts, and *they shall teach thee*; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and *it shall teach thee*: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?

Creation is an impression of The Creator, and therefore is filled with evidence of God's power and wisdom. Accordingly, Creation also resounds with principles of the Truth and its Author—The Almighty Himself. (READ: Rom. 1:16-32 *note the contrast*)



Use of Animals Denote Character (Good or Bad)

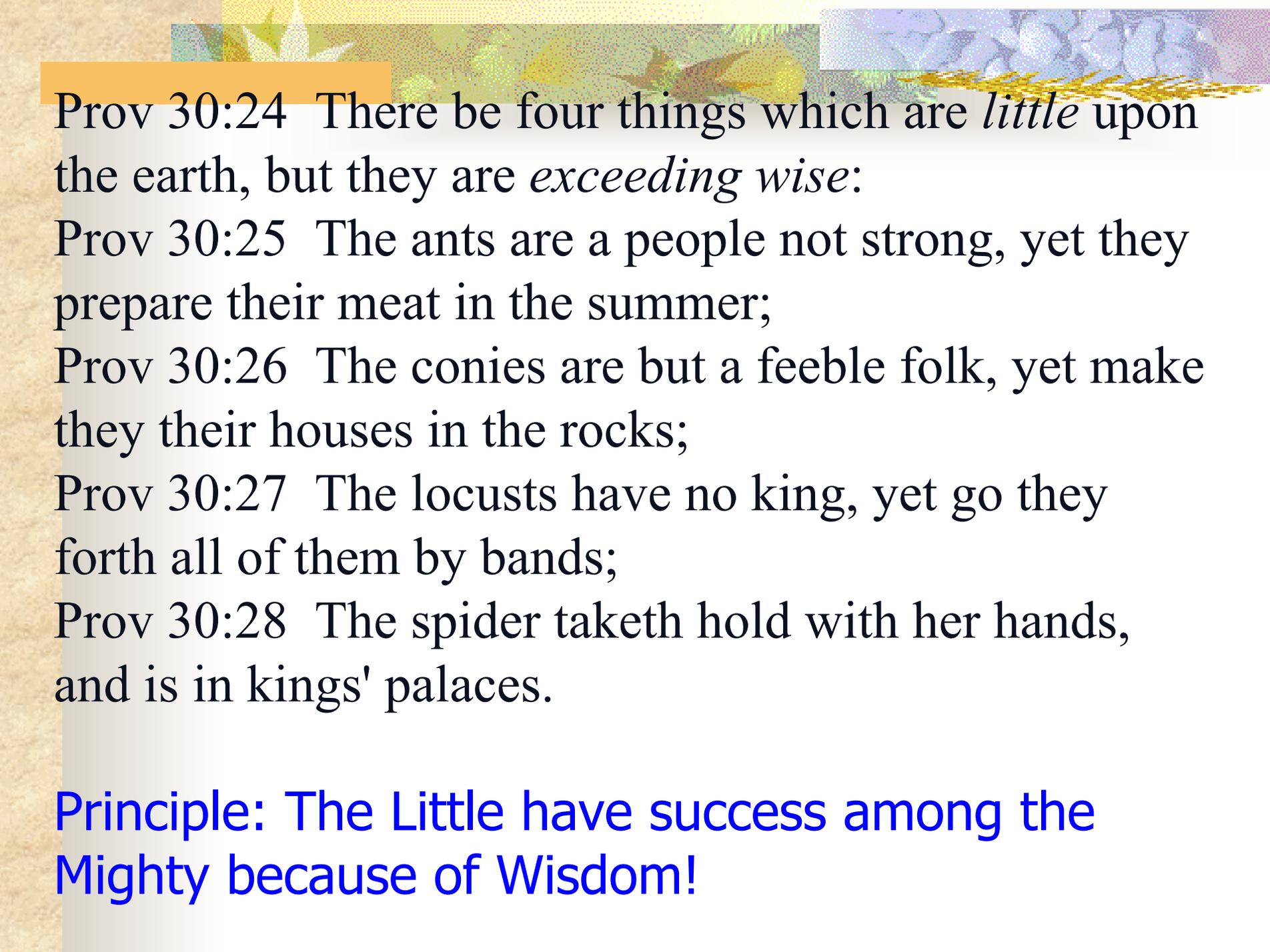
Mat 25:31-34 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and *he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats*: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:



Mat 10:7,16 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand...Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Four animals representing different character

Prov 6:6-11 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; *consider her ways, and be wise*: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?...So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.



Prov 30:24 There be four things which are *little* upon the earth, but they are *exceeding wise*:

Prov 30:25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

Prov 30:26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

Prov 30:27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;

Prov 30:28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

Principle: The Little have success among the Mighty because of Wisdom!



Christ called the Jews: “Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers”—Mat. 23:33

Paul called false teachers: “grievous wolves entering in among the flock”—Acts 20:29

Animals are used to denote character, whether good or bad, throughout the Word of God. In the natural environment, these characteristics can be seen, and spiritual application can be applied. Thus, we turn our attention to Leviticus chapter 11.

Lev 11:3 Whatsoever *parteth the hoof*, and is *clovenfooted*, and *cheweth the cud*, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.

THE CLOVEN FOOT





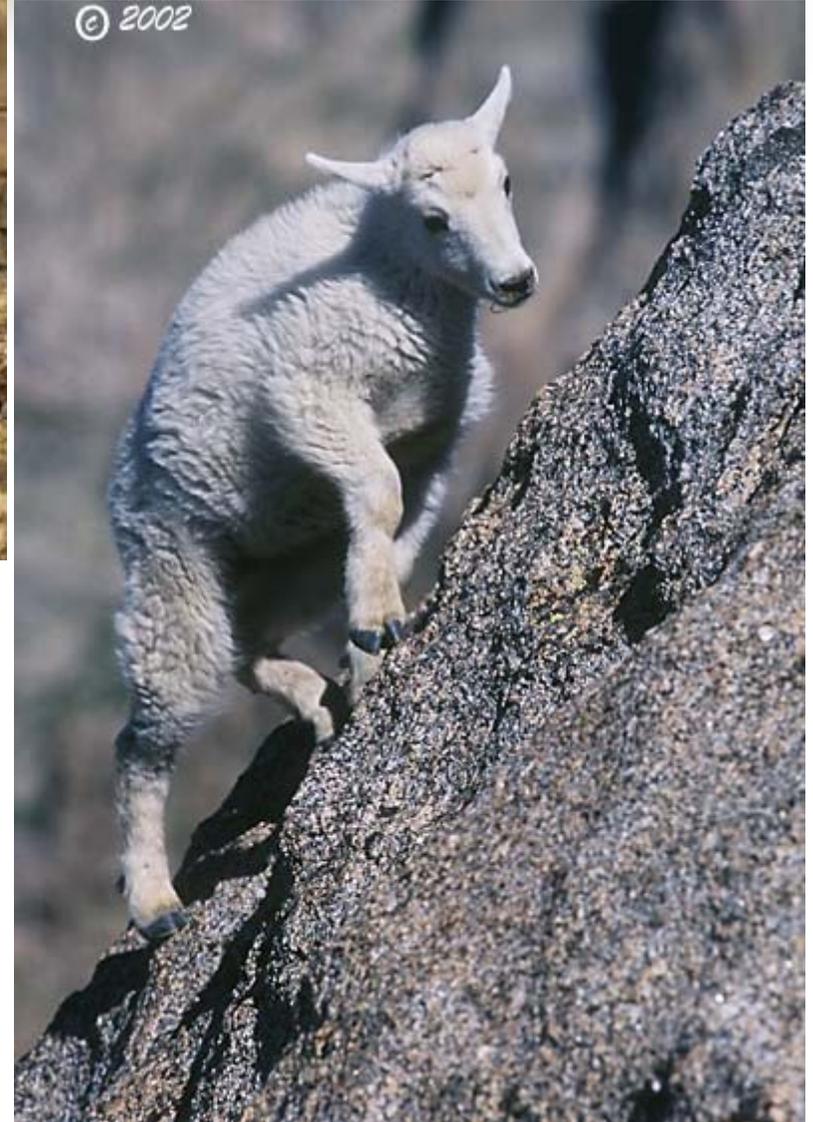
CLEAN ANIMALS

Deu 14:4 These are the beasts which ye shall eat: *the ox, the sheep, and the goat,*

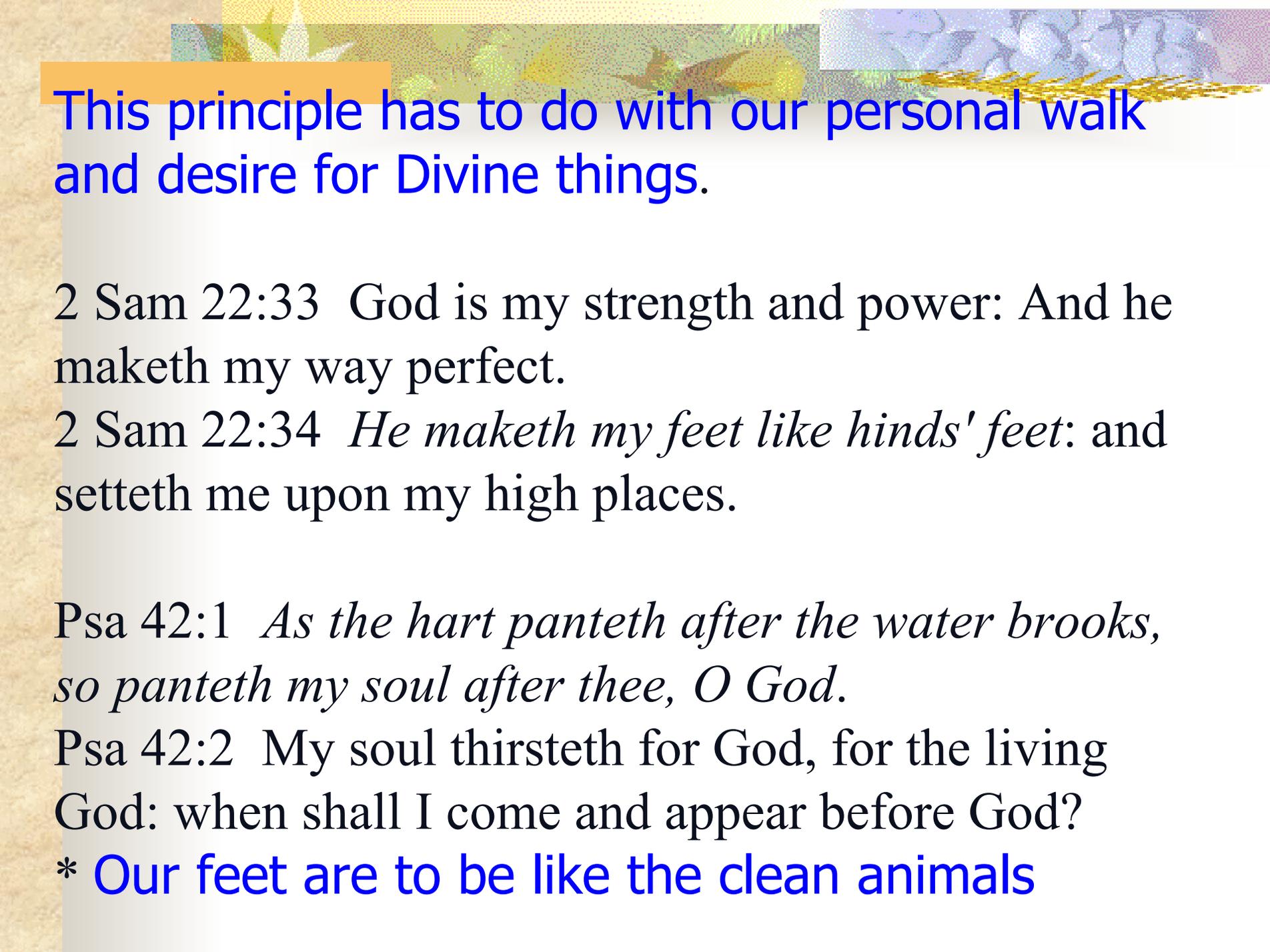
Deu 14:5 *The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois (gazelle).*

WHY? Because animals with cloven feet are swift and agile; and able to walk on uneven ground.

Song 2:17 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether (8:14)



Cloven Feet provide remarkable balance and agility.



This principle has to do with our personal walk and desire for Divine things.

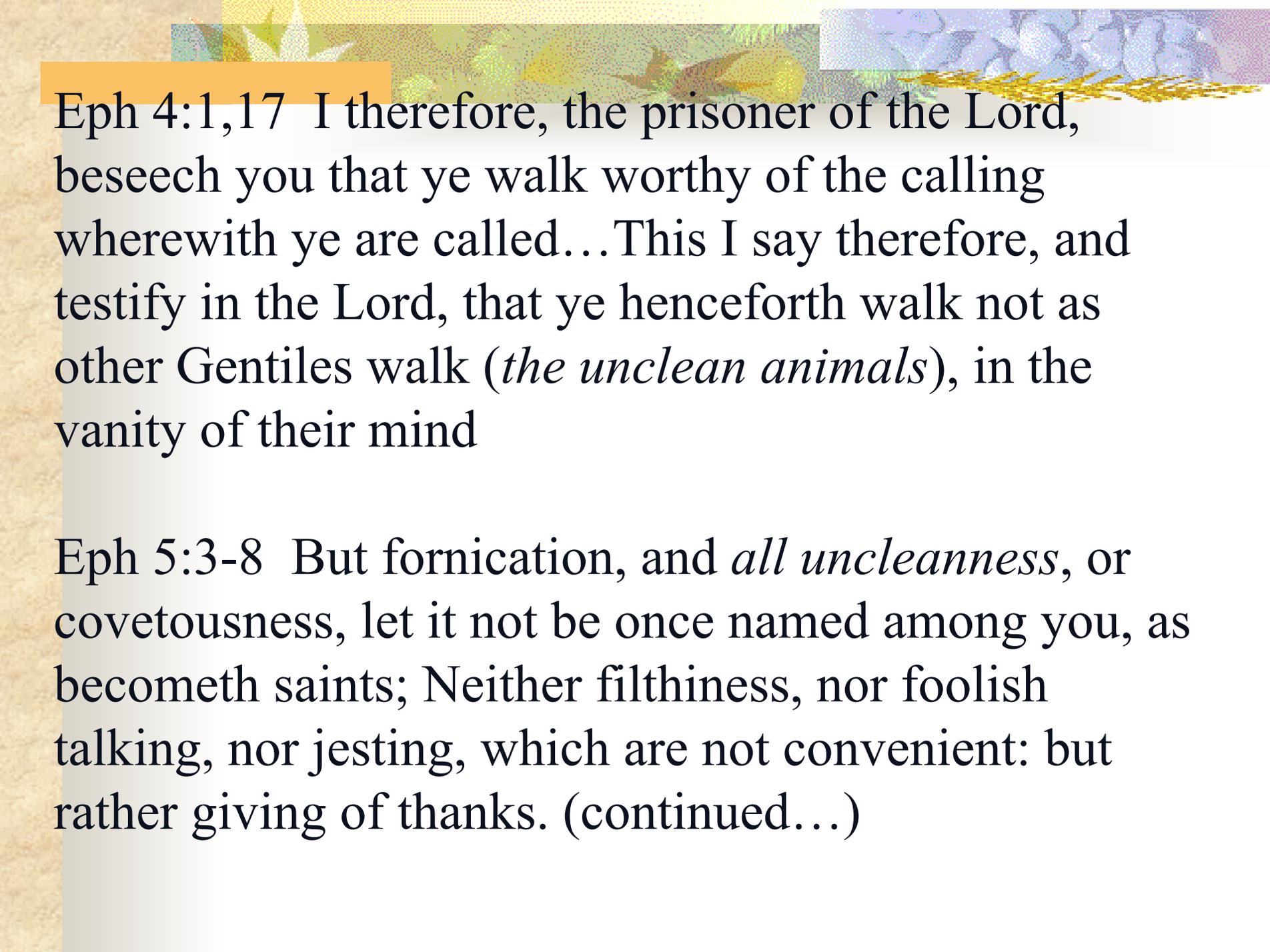
2 Sam 22:33 God is my strength and power: And he maketh my way perfect.

2 Sam 22:34 *He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.*

Psa 42:1 *As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.*

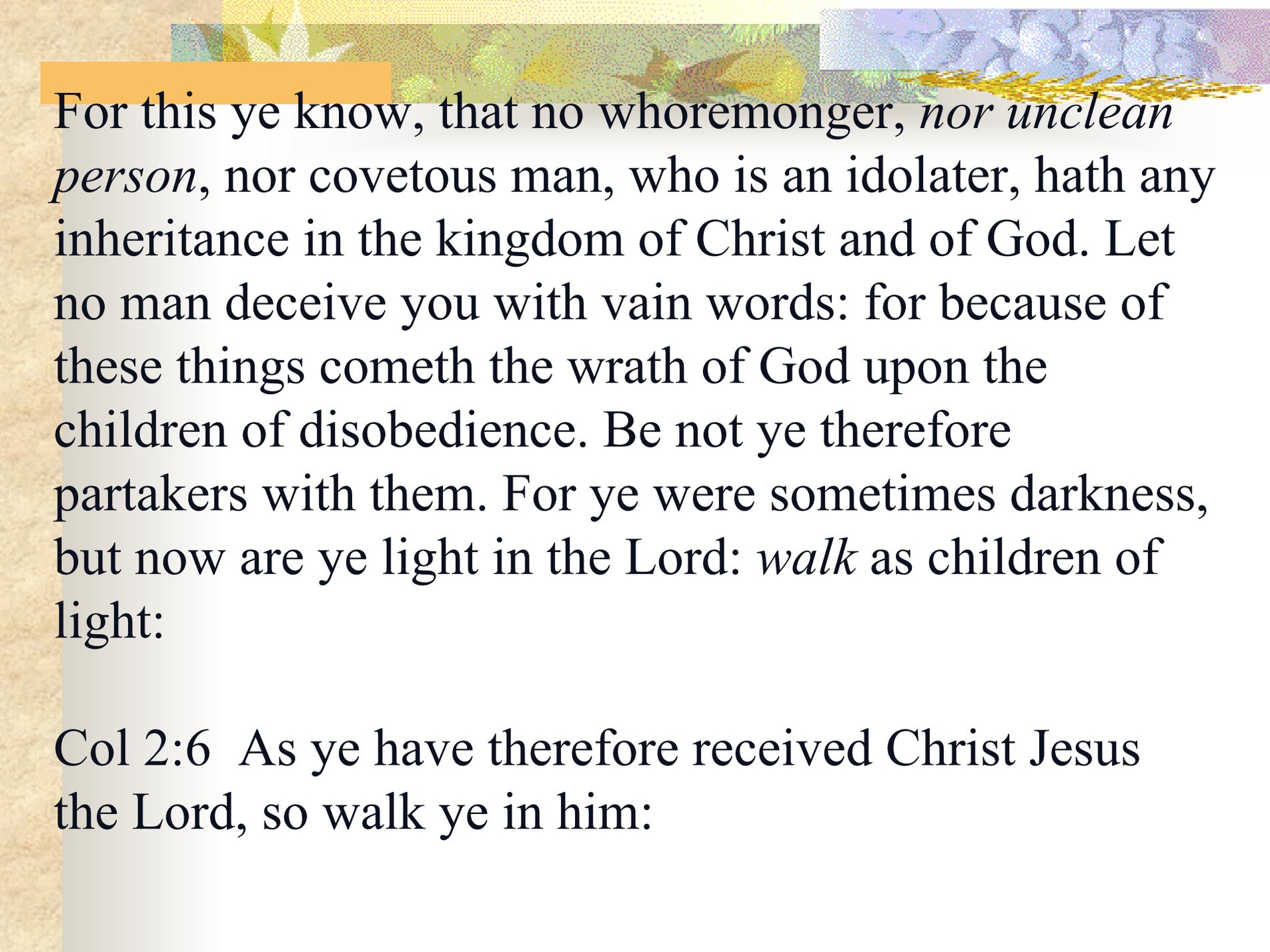
Psa 42:2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

* **Our feet are to be like the clean animals**



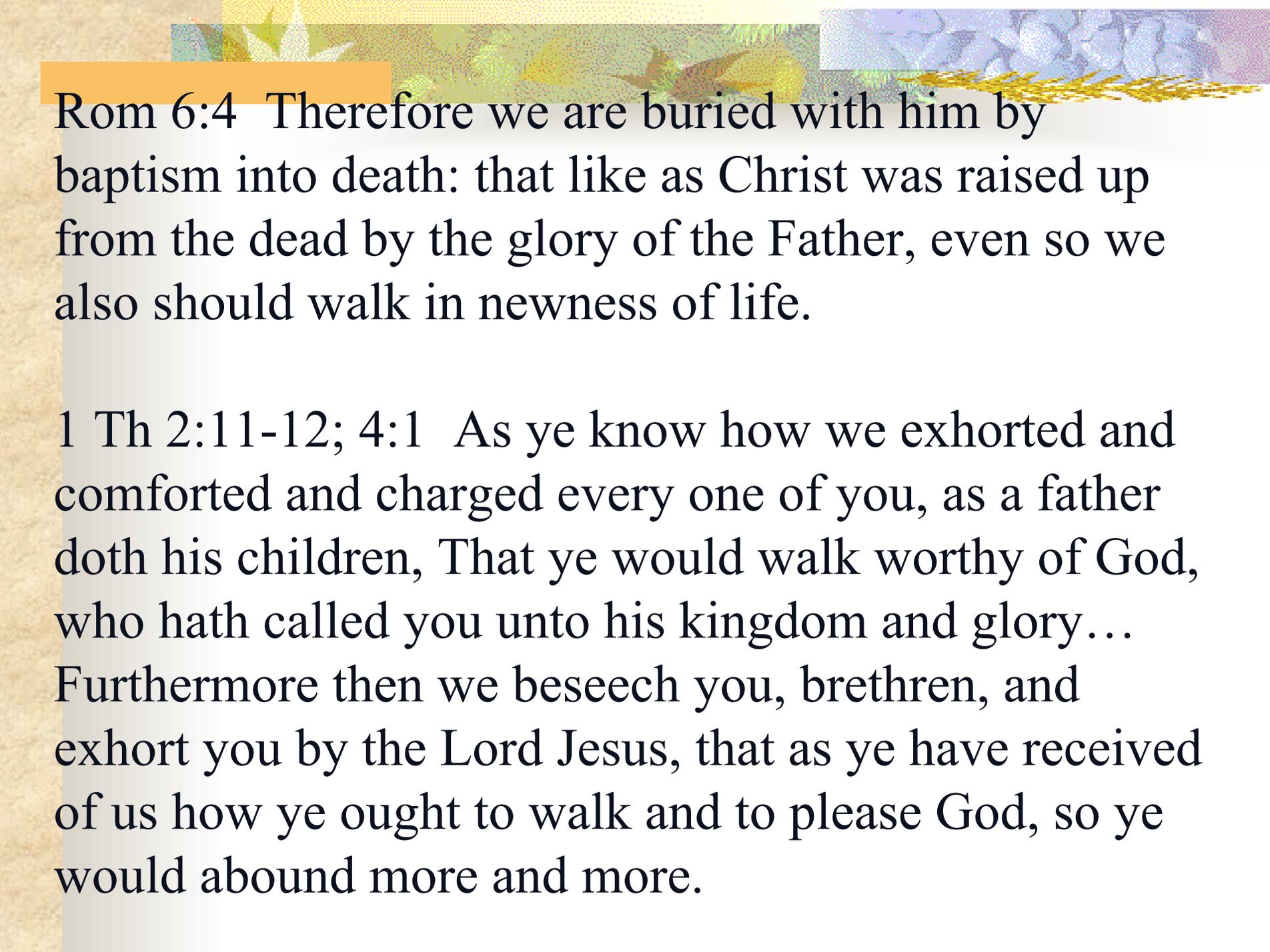
Eph 4:1,17 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the calling wherewith ye are called... This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk (*the unclean animals*), in the vanity of their mind

Eph 5:3-8 But fornication, and *all uncleanness*, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. (continued...)



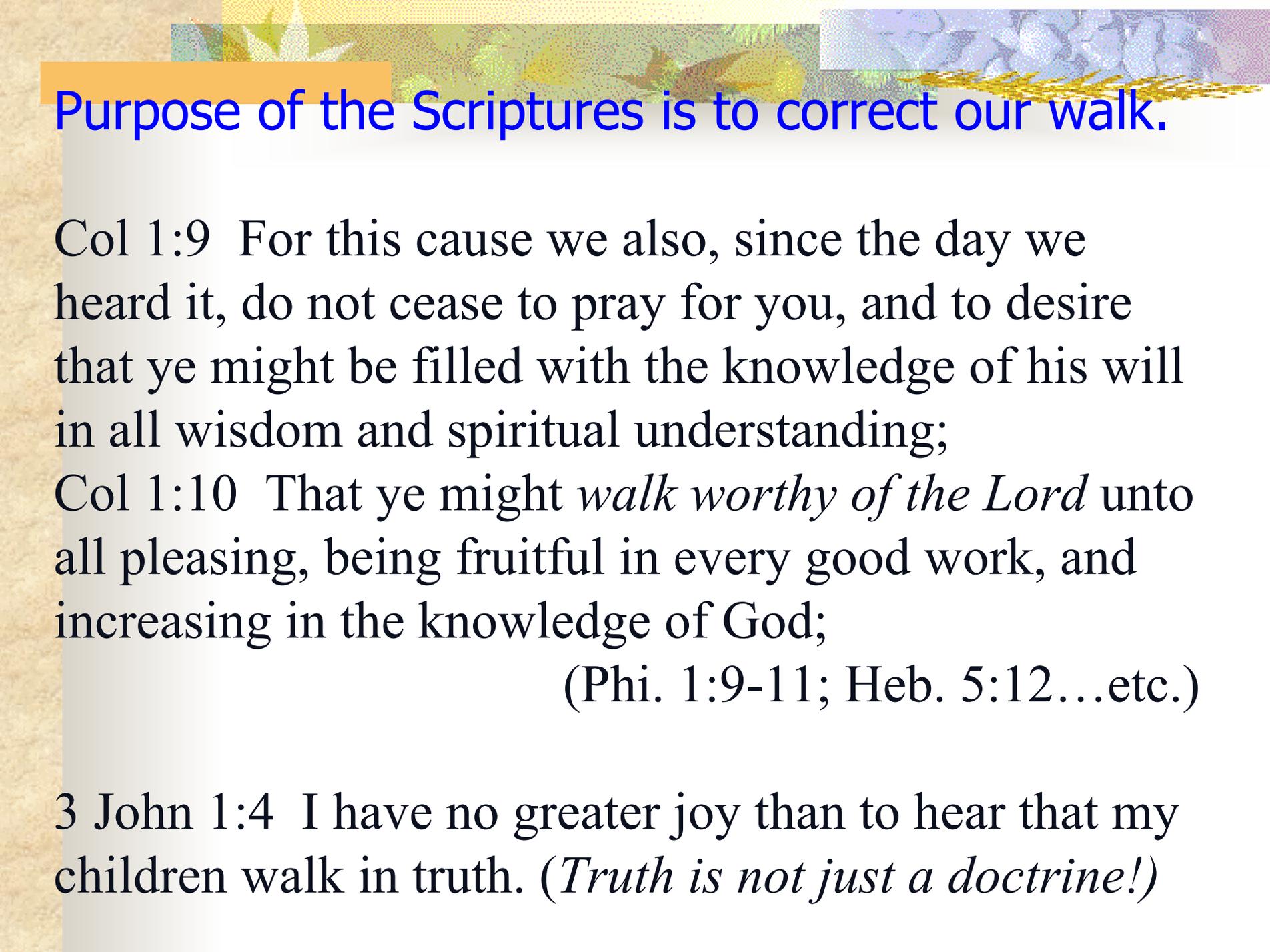
For this ye know, that no whoremonger, *nor unclean person*, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: *walk* as children of light:

Col 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:



Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

1 Th 2:11-12; 4:1 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory... Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.



Purpose of the Scriptures is to correct our walk.

Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Col 1:10 That ye might *walk worthy of the Lord* unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

(Phi. 1:9-11; Heb. 5:12...etc.)

3 John 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. (*Truth is not just a doctrine!*)