

Guarding the Gospel of Grace

Preserving Liberty in Christ



Christian - Protestant - Baptist - Northern - Conservative
- Great Lakes Region - Council of 1912



How do you resolve **Doctrinal** differences?

How do you decide
which **Doctrinal** differences are **Crucial**?

The Book of Galatians

- ➔ 1-2 The Gospel of Grace **Defended**
- 3-4 The Gospel of Grace **Explained**
- 5-6 The Gospel of Grace **Applied**



Galatians 2:1-10

A **Challenge** to the Gospel of Grace (1-5)

A **Confirmation** of the Gospel of Grace (6-10)



A **Challenge** to the Gospel of Grace (1-5)

Paul **Travels** to Jerusalem

14 years later

With Barnabas and Titus

By revelation from the Spirit

To speak privately to recognized leaders

To make sure his gospel was accepted



Matthew 10:16

Behold, I send you forth as sheep
in the midst of wolves:
be ye therefore wise as serpents,
and harmless as doves.

A **Challenge** to the Gospel of Grace (1-5)

Paul **Resists** a challenge

About circumcision

From false brothers

Without giving ground

To protect the truth of the gospel



Colossians 3:11

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew,
circumcision nor uncircumcision,
Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free:
but Christ *is* all, and in all.

1 Corinthians 7:19

Circumcision is nothing,
and uncircumcision is nothing,
but the keeping of the commandments of God.

What is the **Gospel**? (See 1:4)

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to **deliver us** from this present world
in **obedience** to the Father
for the **glory** of the Father



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Humility

My son, perform your tasks in meekness, then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself, so you will find favor in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. Seek not what is too difficult for you, nor investigate what is beyond your power. Reflect upon what has been assigned to you, for you do not need what is hidden. Do not stretch to what is beyond your reach, for matters too great for human understanding have been shown you.

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Aims for the Poor

Woe to him who sows discord among his neighbors, for he who sows discord will reap a storm of anger. Whoever sows discord will reap a storm of anger. Whoever sows discord will reap a storm of anger.

Duties toward the Poor and the Oppressed

4 My son, deprive not the poor of his living, and do not keep needy eyes waiting. Do not grieve the one who is hungry, nor anger a man in want, for these things will be counted against you. Do not delay your eye to a human need, nor turn your face away from the needy. Do not avert your eye from the needy, for give a man occasion to curse you.

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The Rewards of Wisdom

Wisdom builds her house on rock, and her foundation is on the rock. Wisdom builds her house on rock, and her foundation is on the rock. Wisdom builds her house on rock, and her foundation is on the rock.

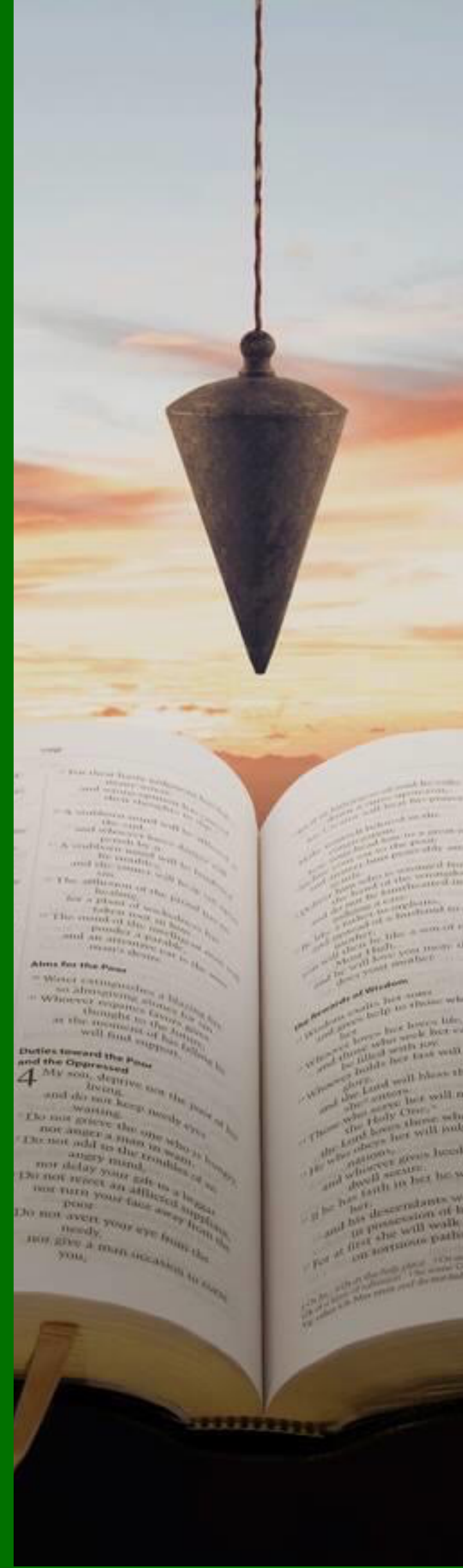
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Do not Be Reckless in Your Speech

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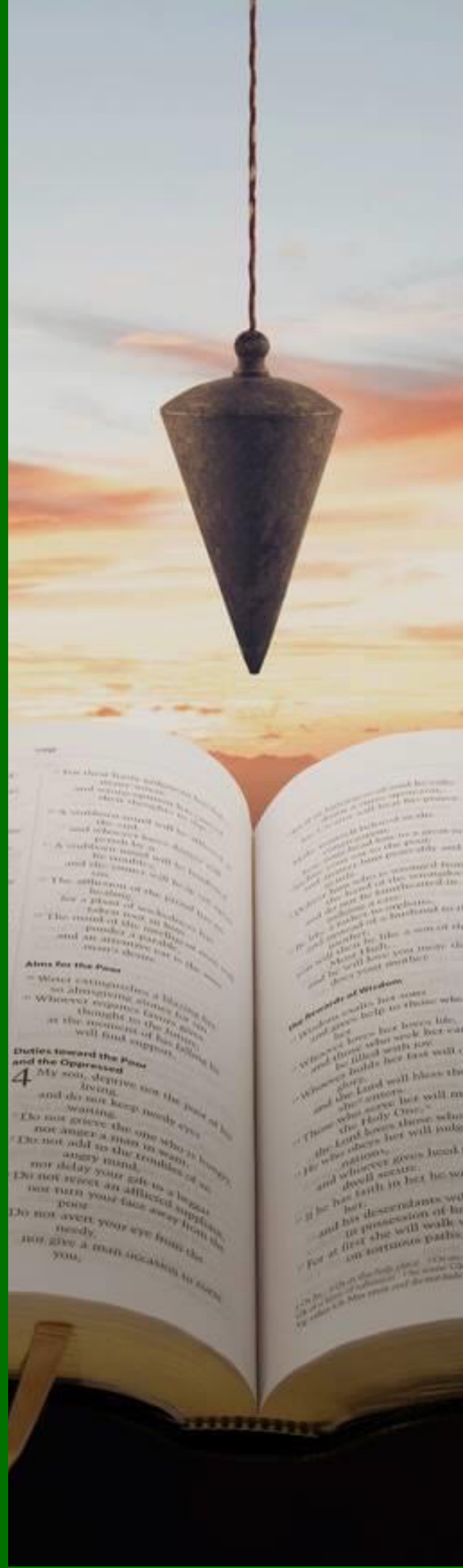
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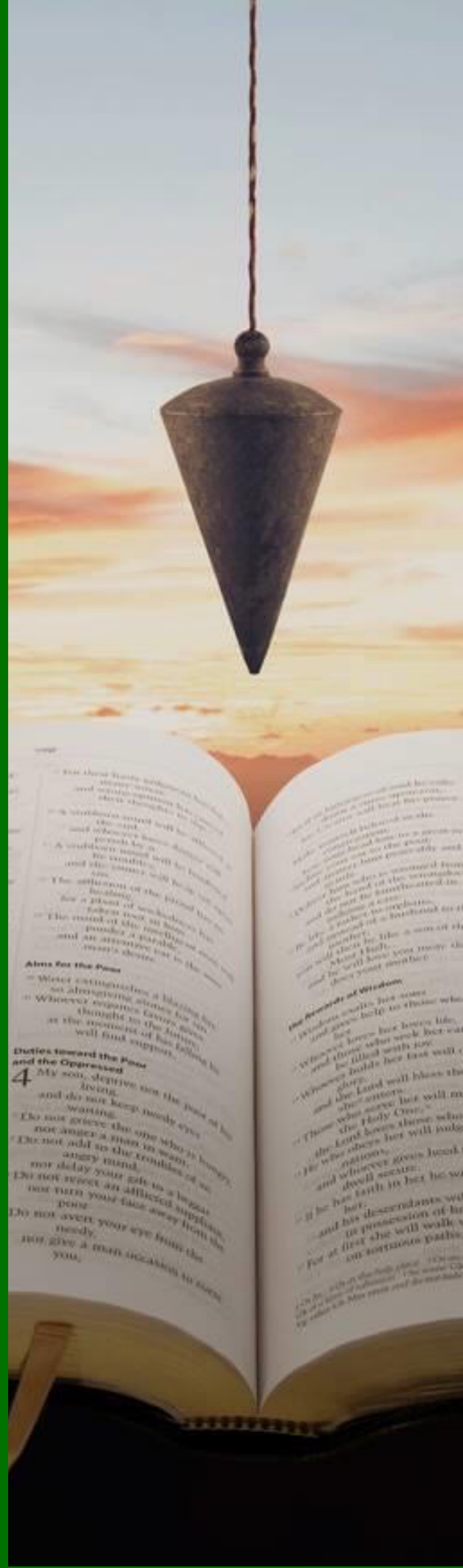
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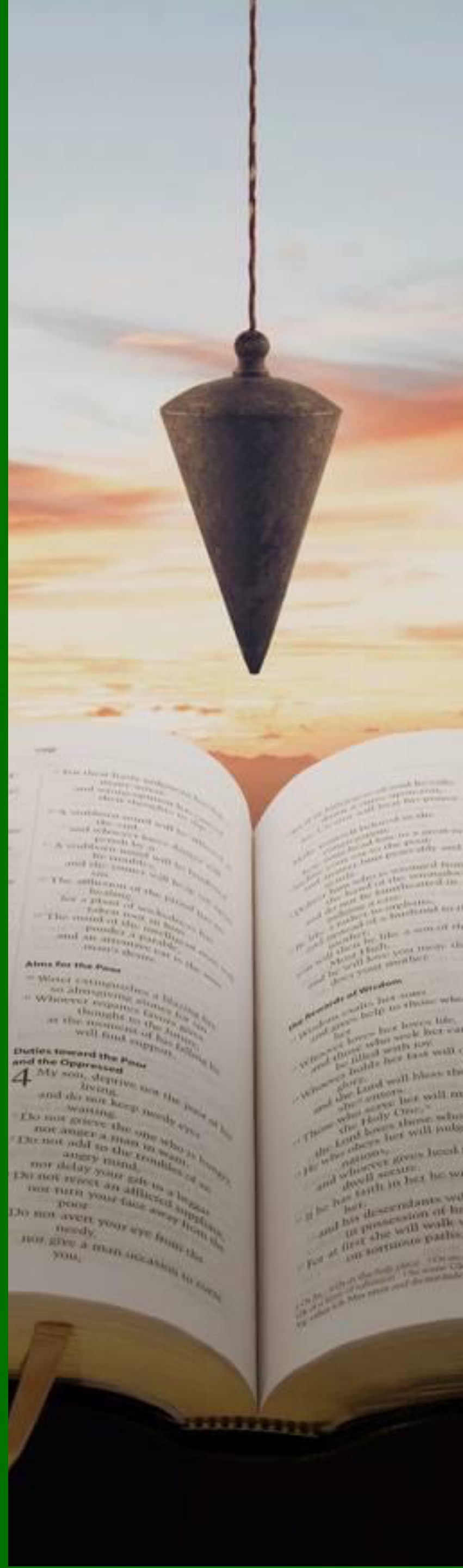
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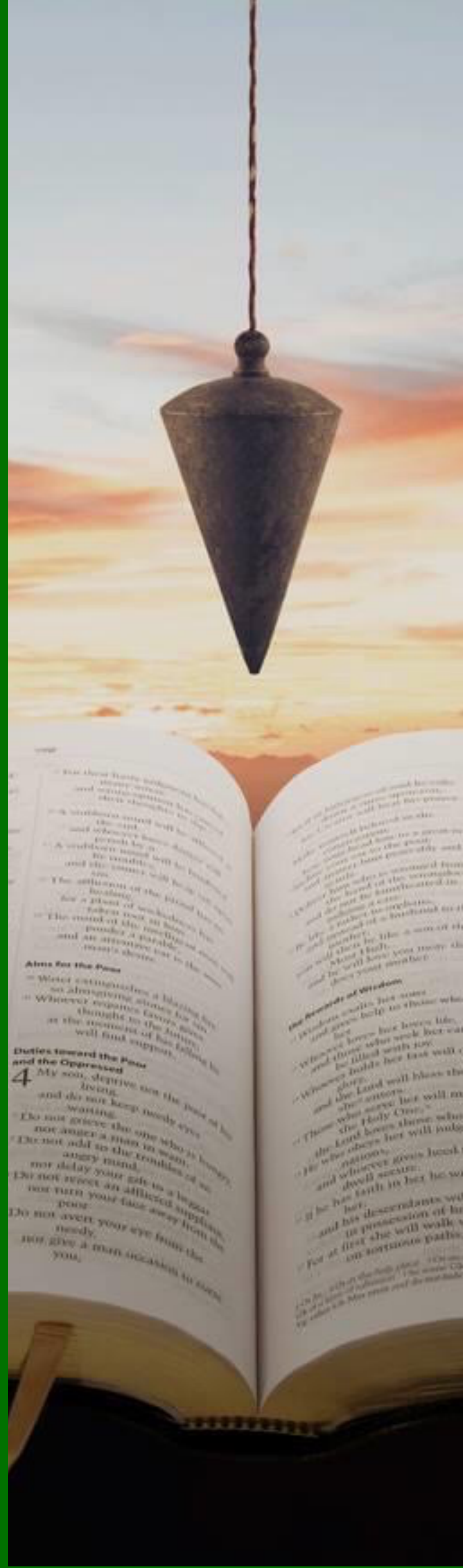
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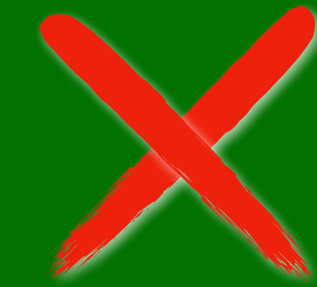
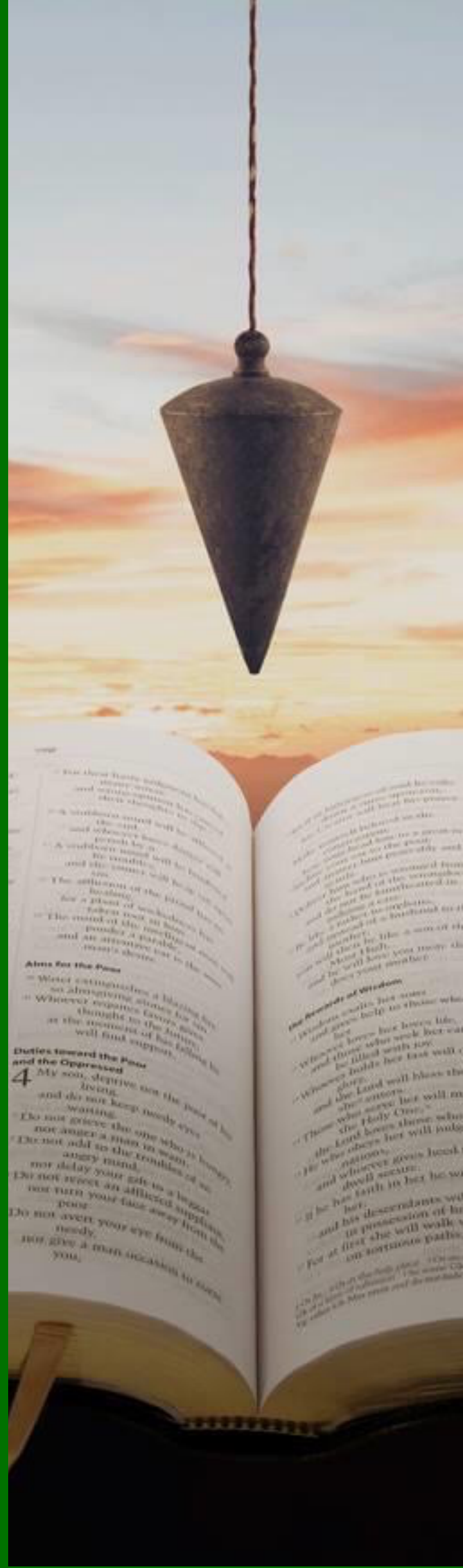
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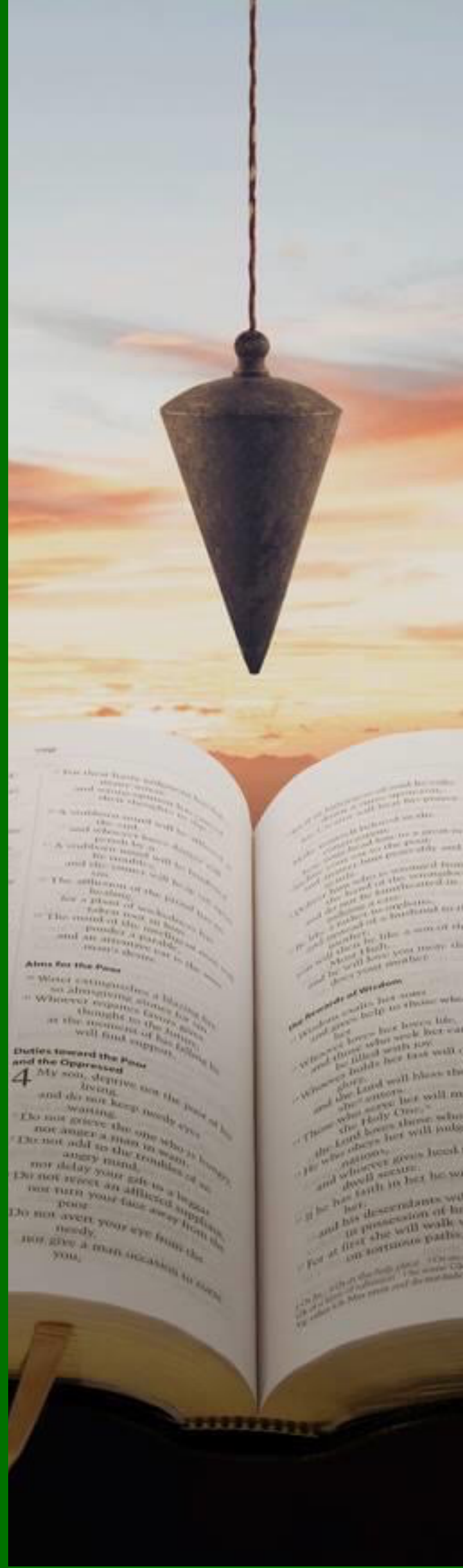
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A **Confirmation** of the Gospel of Grace (6-10)

Paul **Met** with the Jerusalem Leaders

James, Peter (Cephas), and John

Explained the gospel preached to Gentiles

Demonstrated the power of God



A **Confirmation** of the Gospel of Grace (6-10)

Paul was **Approved** by the Jerusalem Leaders

James, Peter (Cephas), and John

They saw God's grace through Paul

They confirmed the ministry of Paul

They identified a diversity of ministry



1 Corinthians 12:4–6

Now there are diversities of gifts,
but the same Spirit.

And there are differences of administrations,
but the same Lord.

And there are diversities of operations,
but it is the same God
which worketh all in all.

**This is why we pray
for other churches**



Channel of Cooperation

Matthew 12:30

He that is not with me is against me;
and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

Mark 9:40

For he that is not against us is on our part.

A **Confirmation** of the Gospel of Grace (6-10)

Paul was **Directed** by the Jerusalem Leaders

James, Peter (Cephas), and John

To minister to the poor

To do what he was already eager to do



Acts 11:27–30

And in these days came prophets
from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

And there stood up one of them named Agabus,
and signified by the Spirit that there should be
great dearth throughout all the world:
which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

...

Acts 11:27–30

... Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

James 1:27

Pure religion and undefiled
before God and the Father is this:
to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction,
and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Colossians 2:13–14

And you, being dead in your sins
and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
hath he quickened together with him,
having forgiven you all trespasses;
blotting out the handwriting of ordinances
that was against us, which was contrary to us,
and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.

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Hymn #295

“Calvary Covers It All”

