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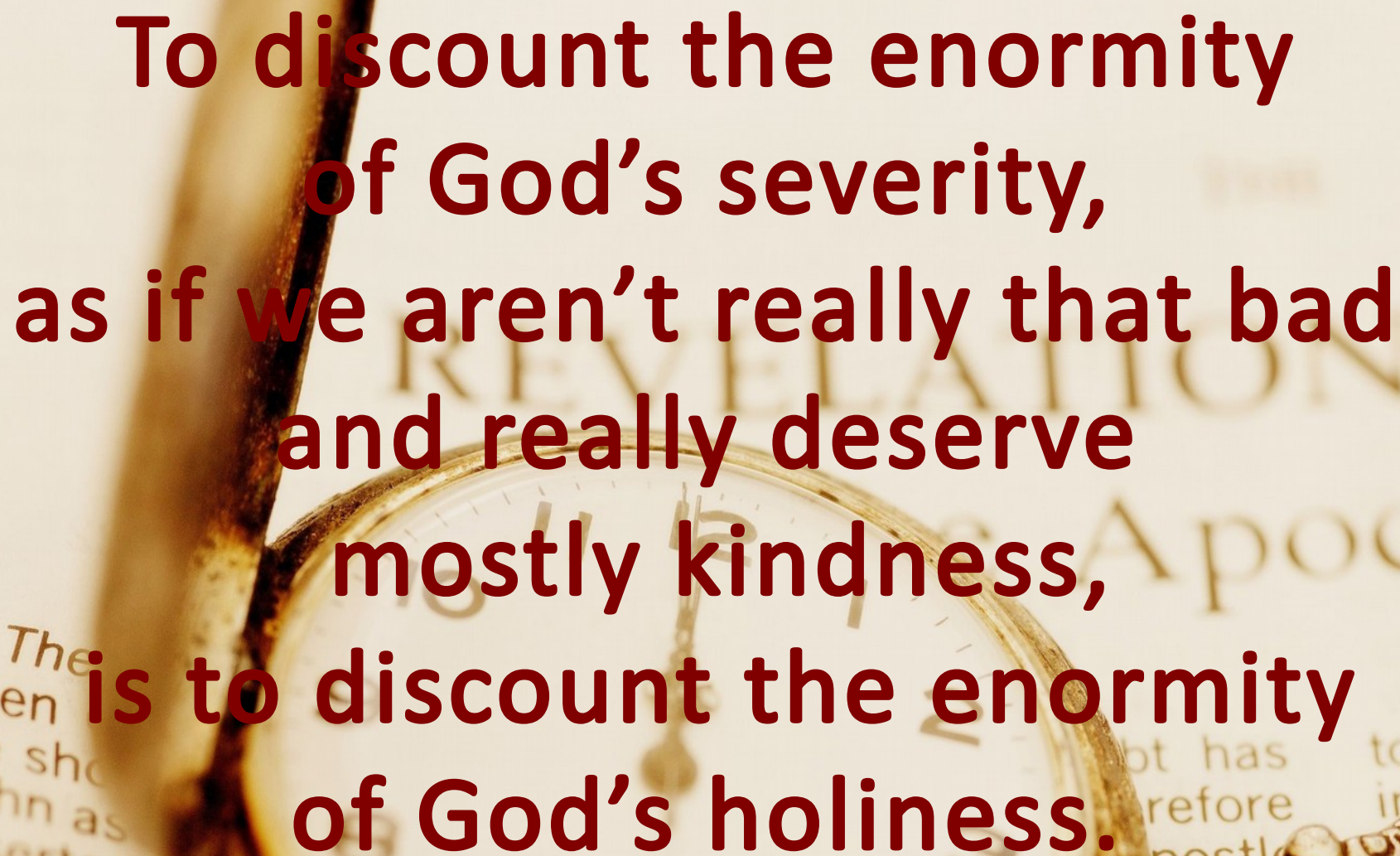


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**To discount the enormity
of God's severity,
as if we aren't really that bad
and really deserve
mostly kindness,
is to discount the enormity
of God's holiness.**

Matt Chandler in *The Explicit Gospel*

Revelation 15 (NIV)

I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God's wrath is completed. 2 And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name.

Revelation 15 (NIV)

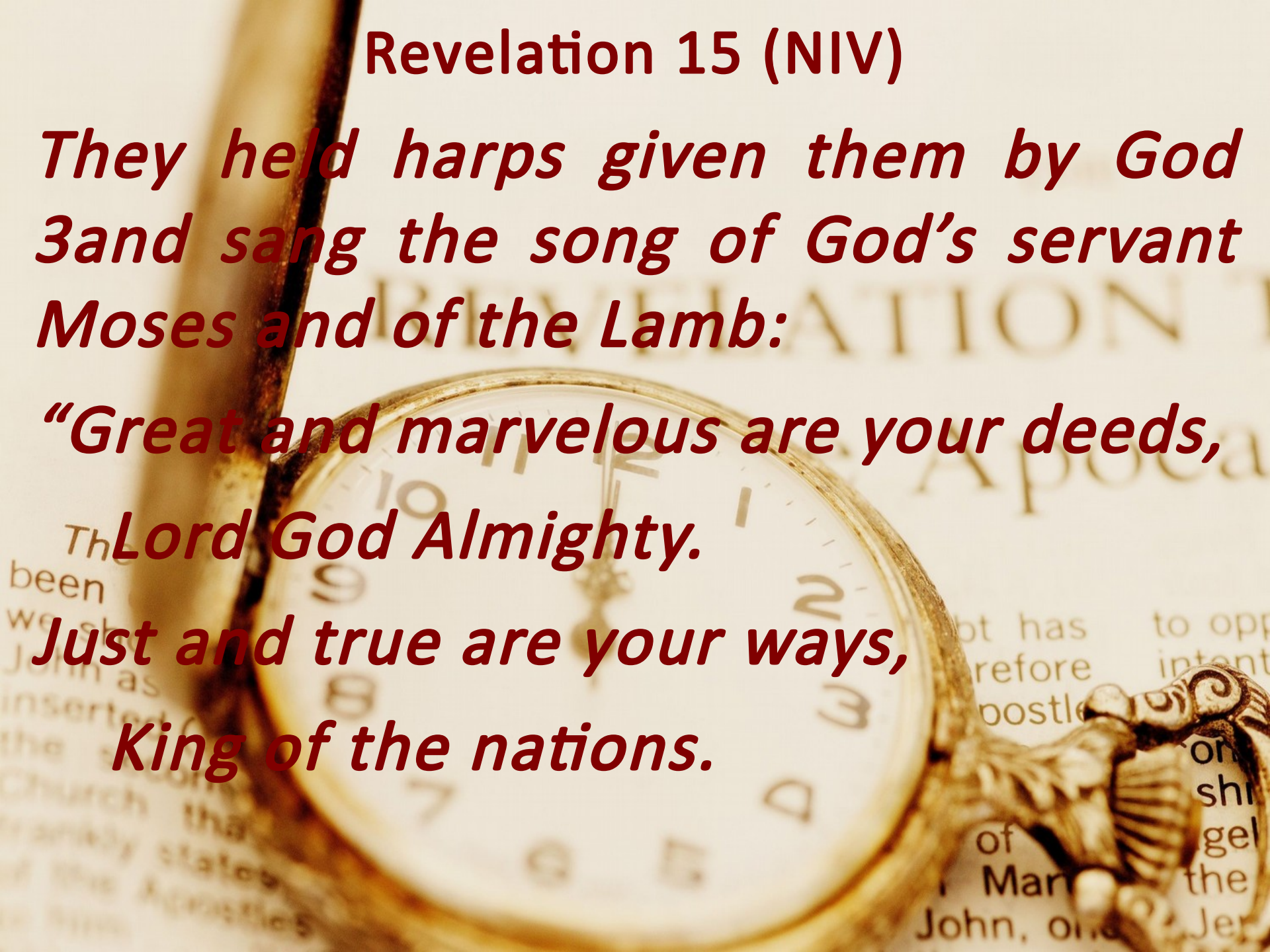
*They held harps given them by God
and sang the song of God's servant
Moses and of the Lamb:*

"Great and marvelous are your deeds,

Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,

King of the nations.



Revelation 15 (NIV)

4 Who will not fear you, Lord,

and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come

and worship before you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.”



Revelation 15 (NIV)

5 After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple—that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law—and it was opened. 6 Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests.

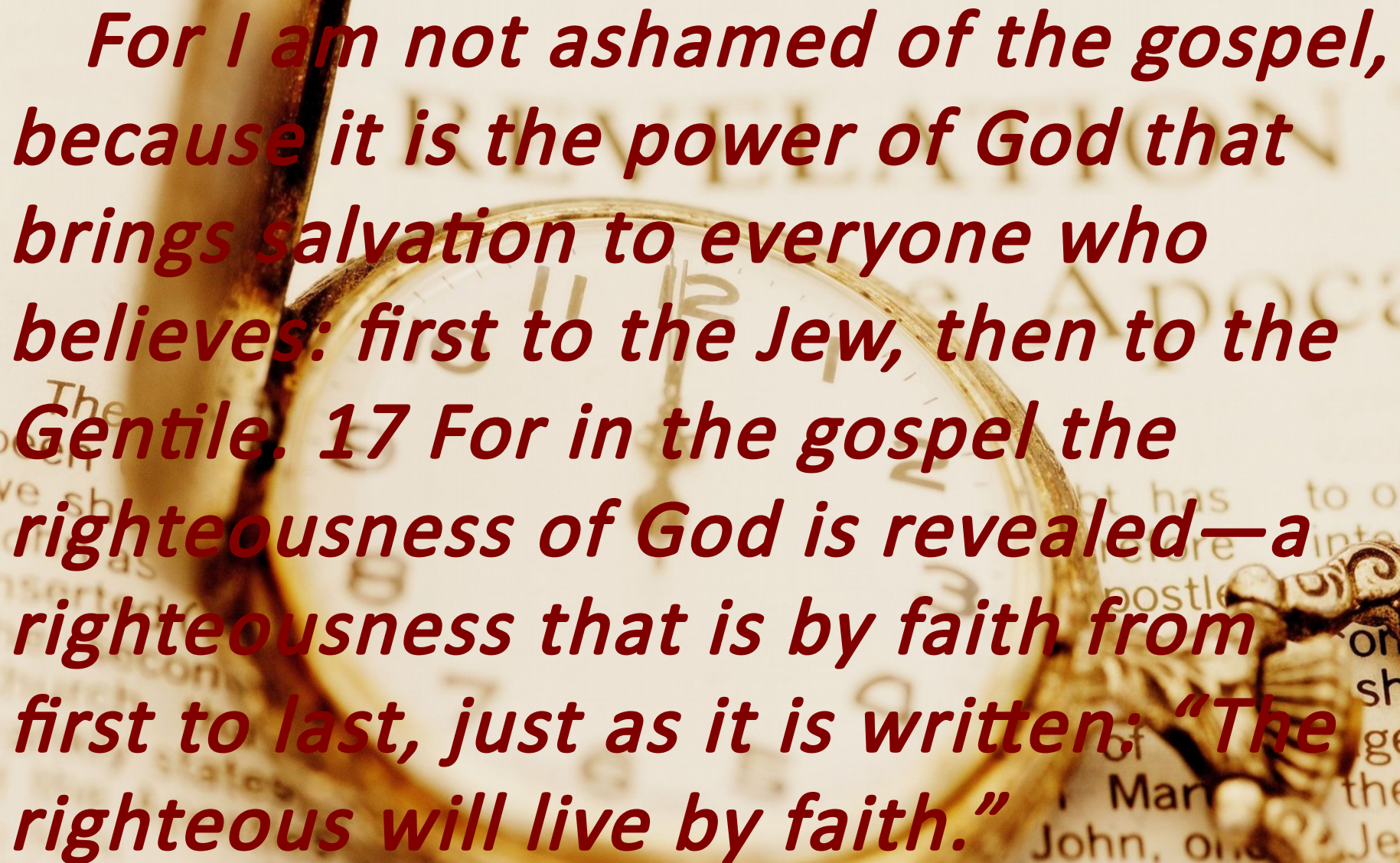
Revelation 15 (NIV)

7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Romans 1:16-17 (NIV)

Salvation and God's Righteousness

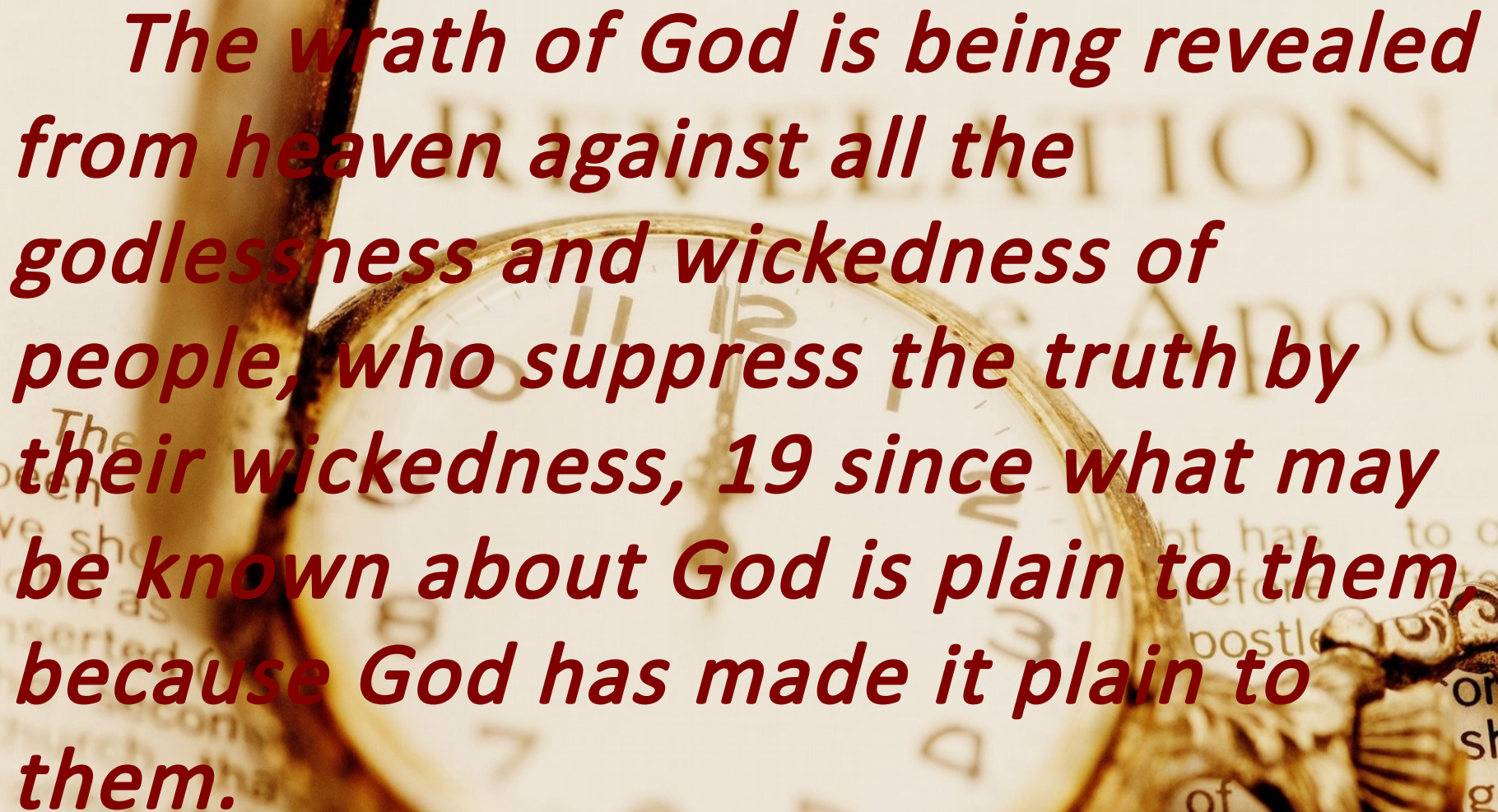
For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”



Romans 1:18-32 (NIV)

Sin and God's Wrath

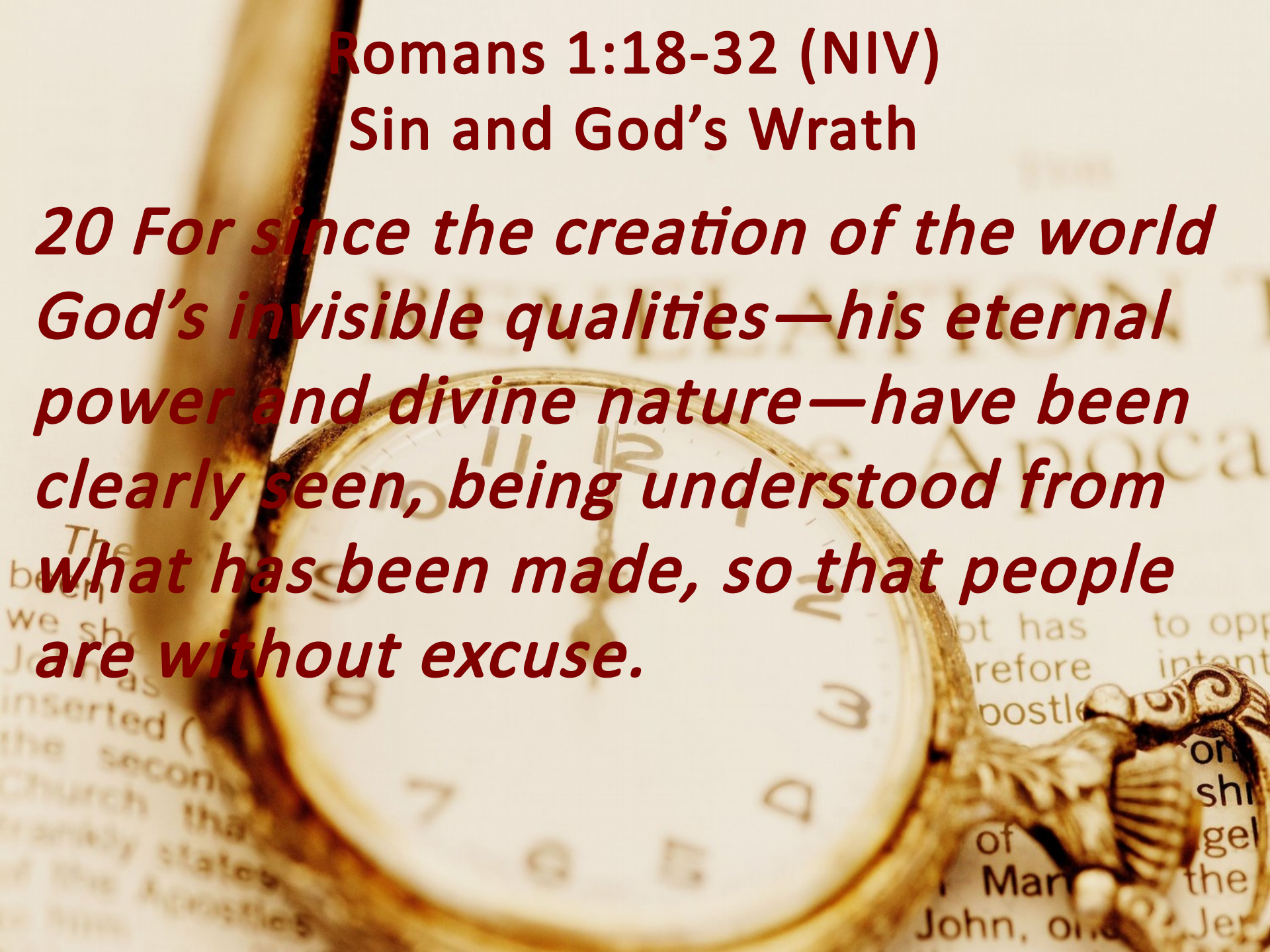
The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.



Romans 1:18-32 (NIV)

Sin and God's Wrath


*20 For since the creation of the world
God's invisible qualities—his eternal
power and divine nature—have been
clearly seen, being understood from
what has been made, so that people
are without excuse.*



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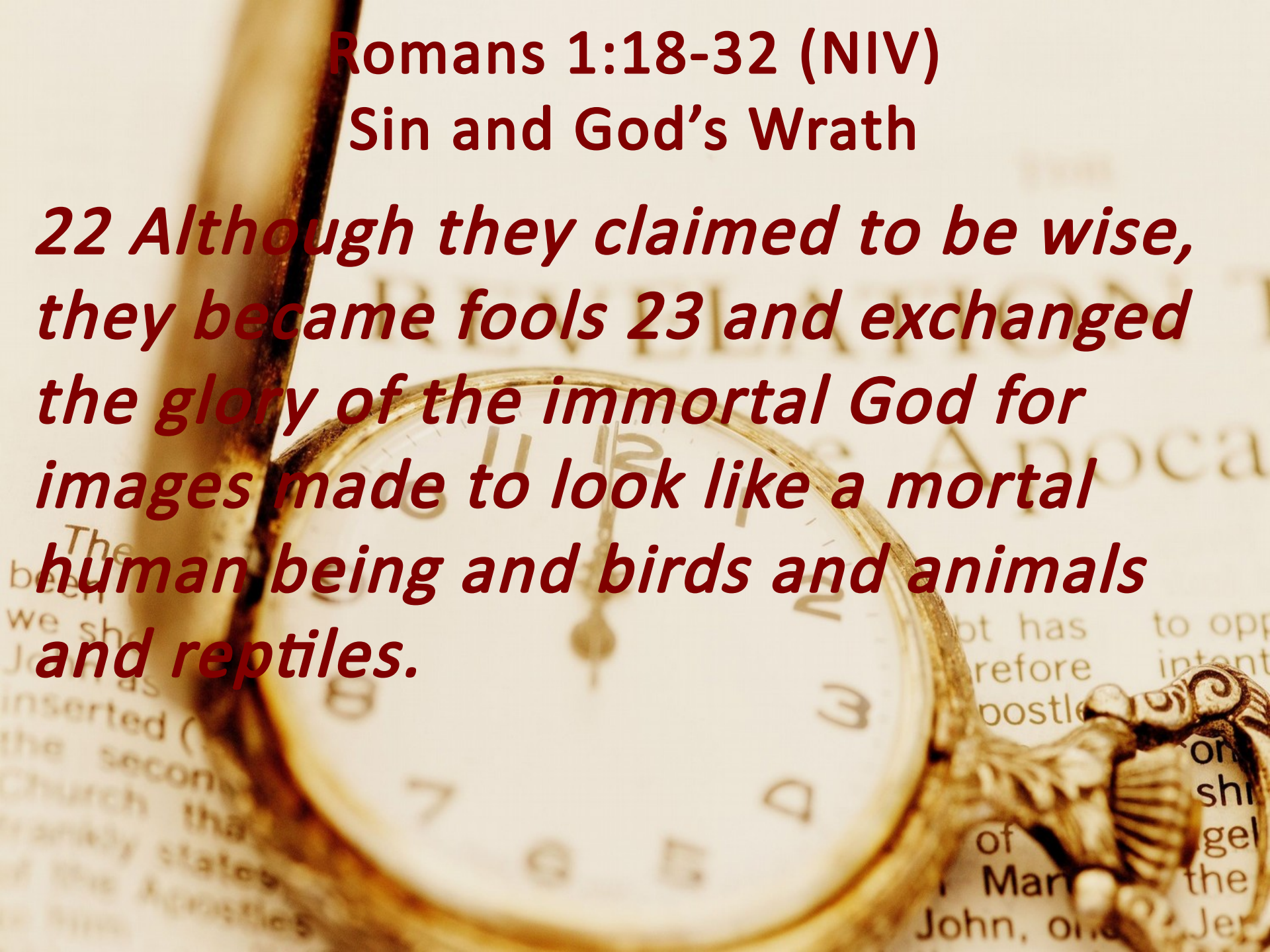
21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.



Romans 1:18-32 (NIV)

Sin and God's Wrath

22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.



Romans 1:18-32 (NIV)

Sin and God's Wrath

24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

*25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised.
Amen.*

Romans 1:18-32 (NIV)

Sin and God's Wrath

26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

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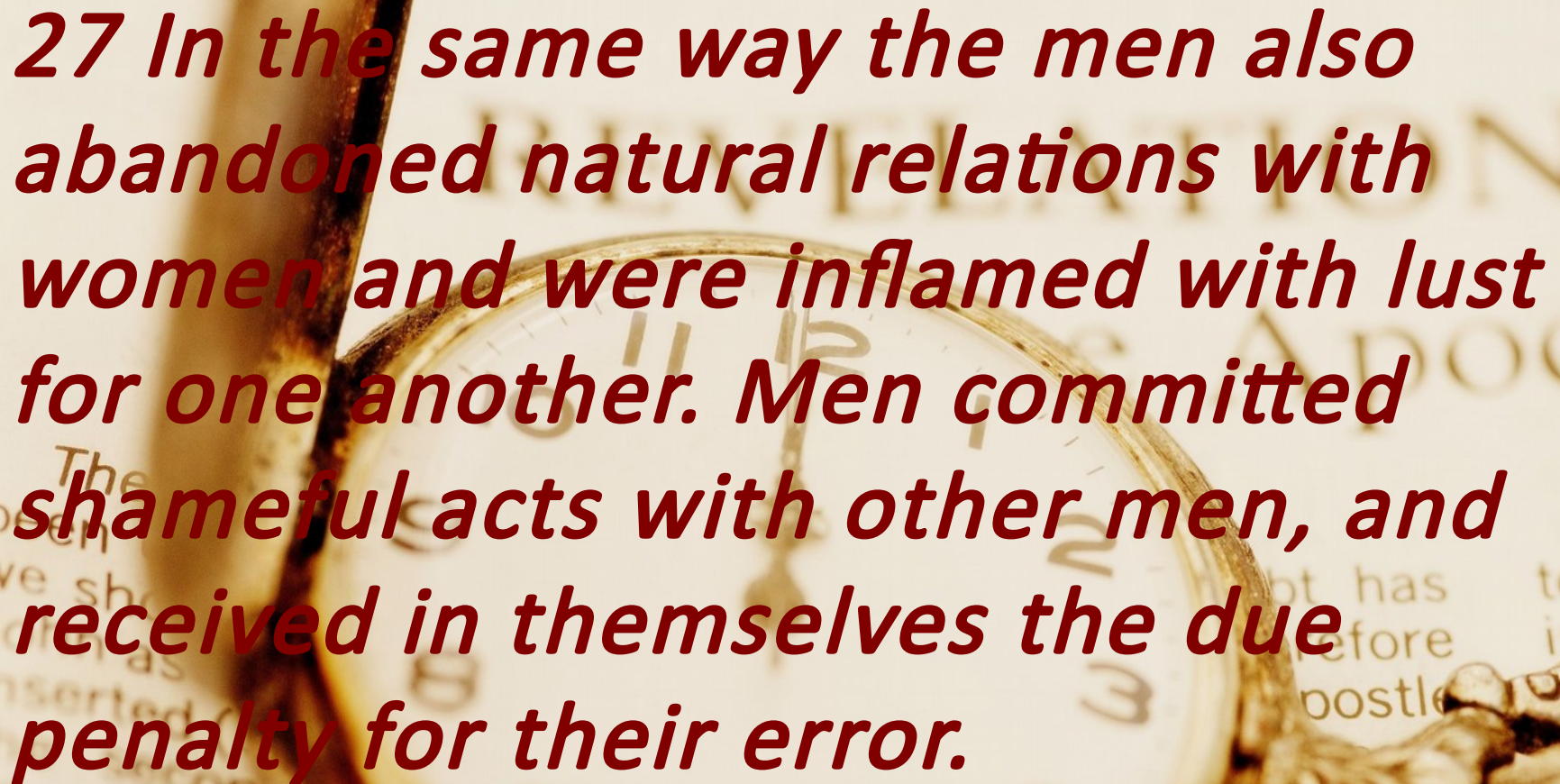


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Romans 1:18-32 (NIV)

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27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.



Romans 1:18-32 (NIV)

Sin and God's Wrath

28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.

29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice.

Romans 1:18-32 (NIV)

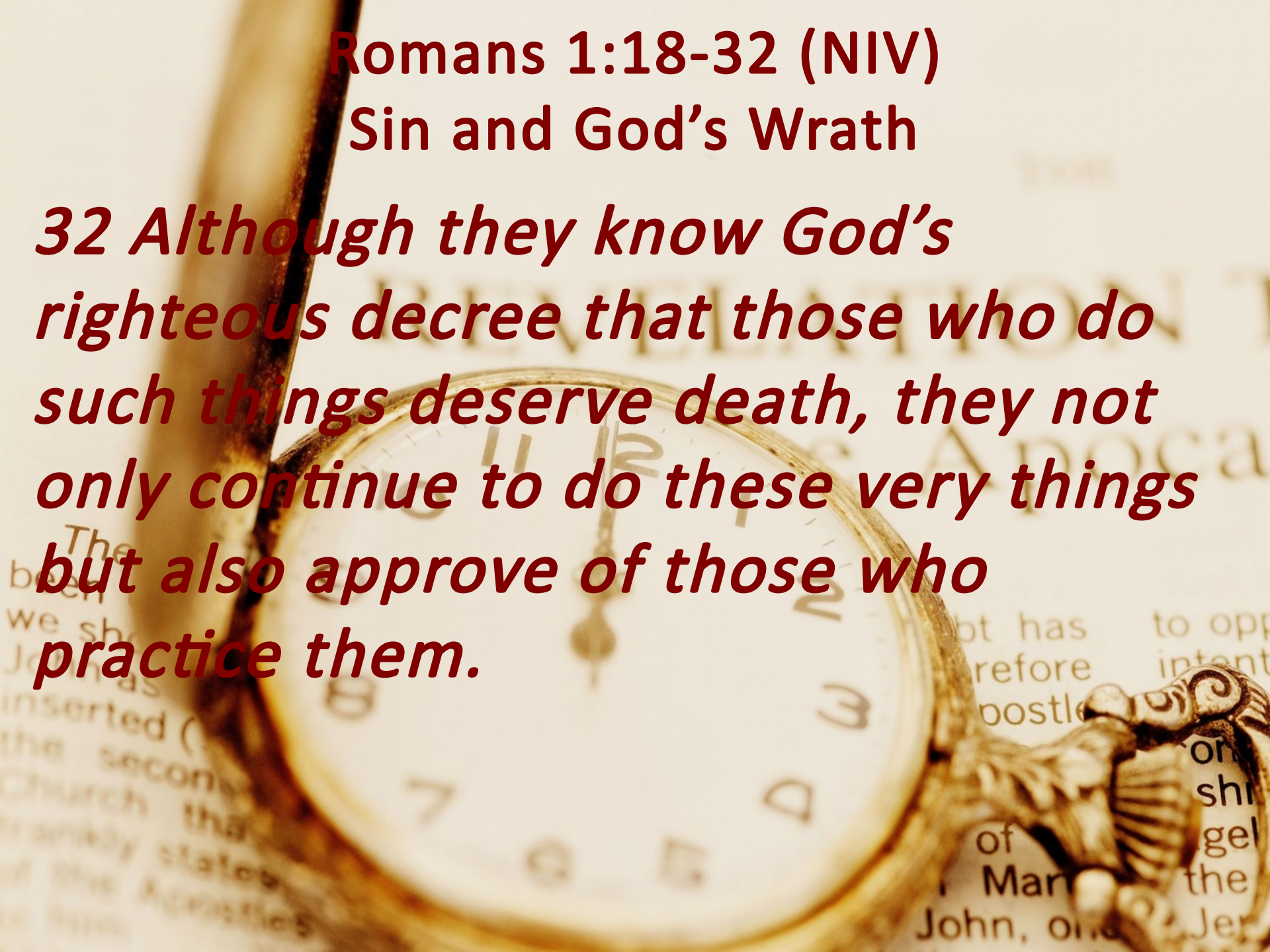
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They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.

Romans 1:18-32 (NIV)

Sin and God's Wrath

32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.



What We Walk Away With...

- Are we more concerned about who the anti-christ might be in *Revelation* rather than knowing the Christ of *Revelation*?
- Do we recognize our need for the Gospel?
- As Christ-followers do we display the glory of God's presence to those around us?
- Are we concerned about the lost