



What's the  
"Golden Calf"  
in Your Life?

When God isn't enough!



Archaeologists testify that throughout history there have been idols in every culture. What will history say were the idols of 21<sup>st</sup> century America?

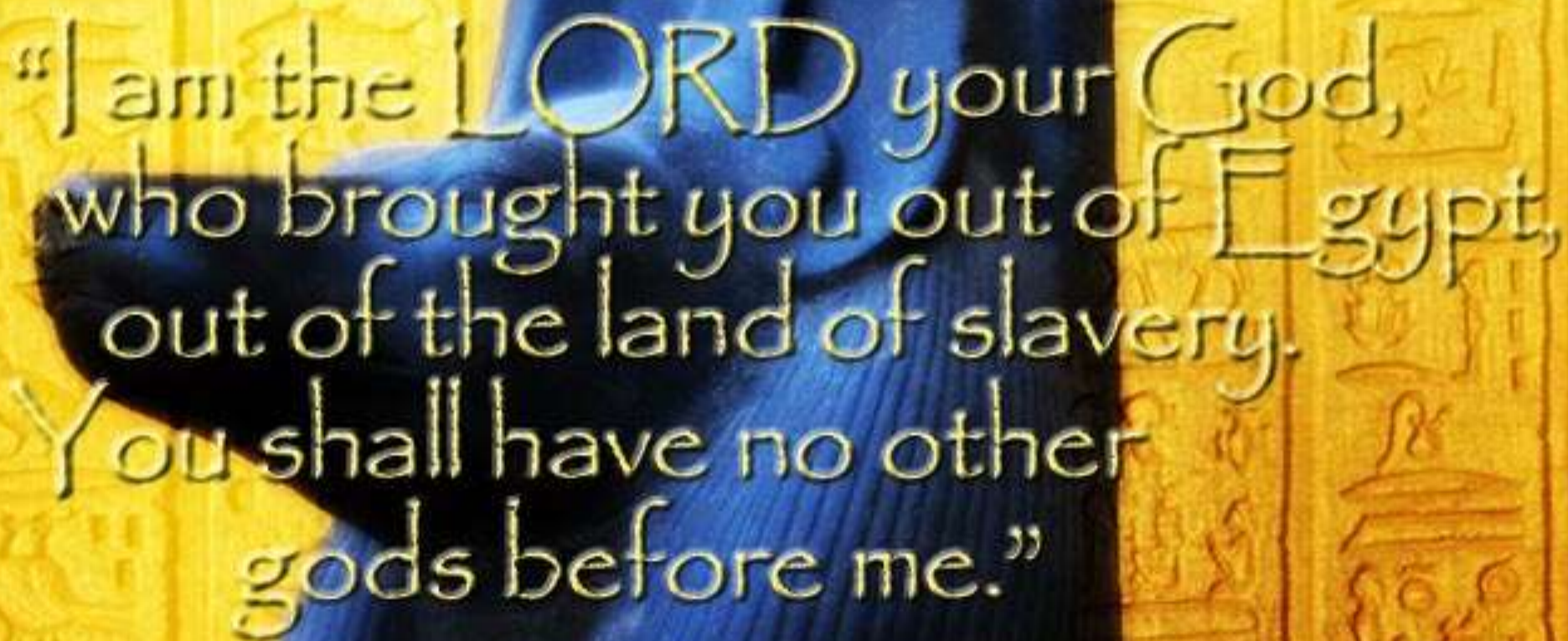


Today we may not have a literal golden calf,  
but do have our idols.

Whatever you do,  
do it all for the

*glory of God*

1 Corinthians 10:31



“I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you out of Egypt,  
out of the land of slavery.  
You shall have no other  
gods before me.”

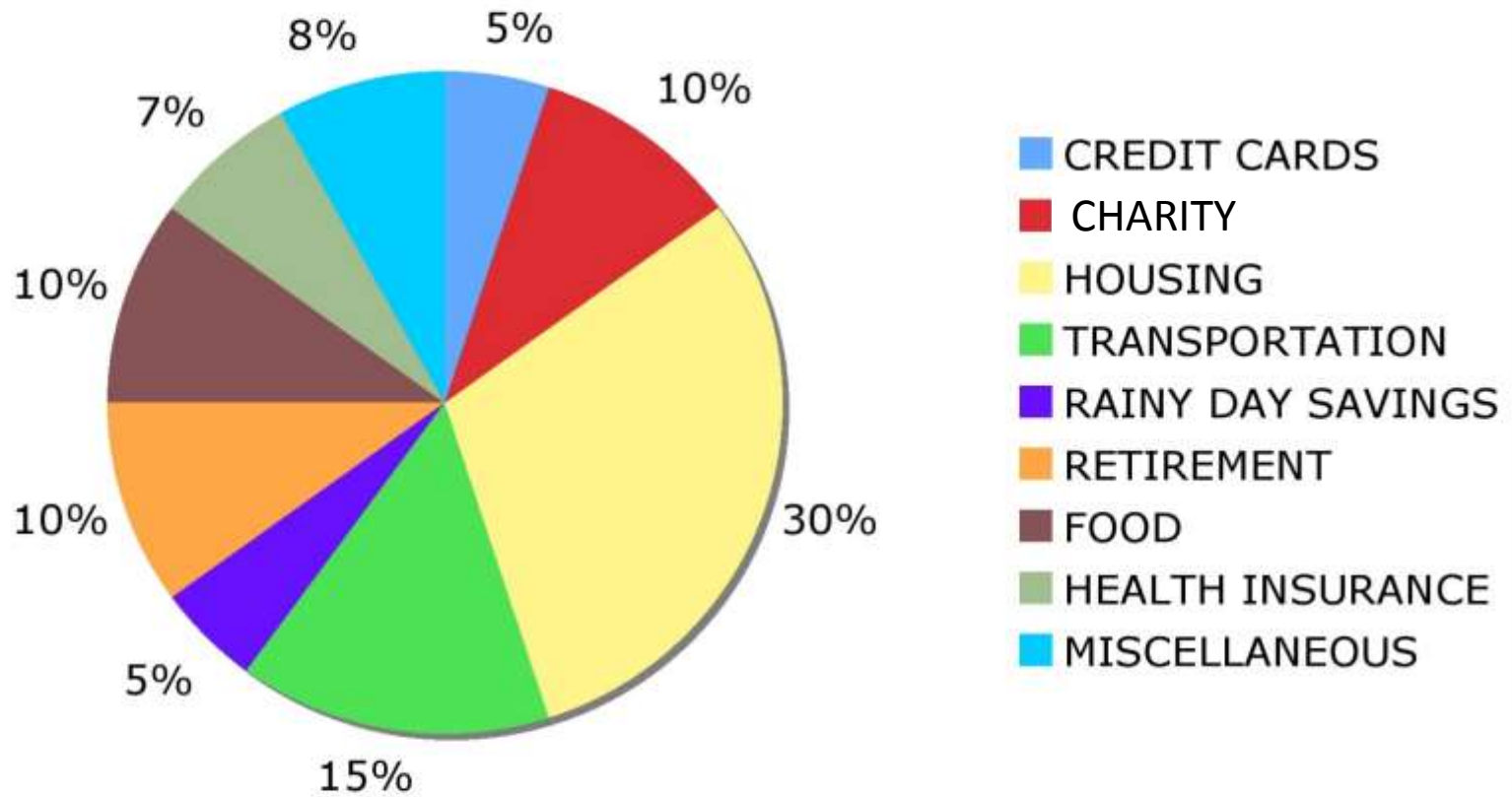
Exodus 20:2-3



**GOD**  
**(You Are Here)**



# How do you spend your money?







God has made everything  
beautiful for its own time.  
He has planted eternity in  
the *human heart*,  
but even so, people cannot  
see the whole scope of  
God's work from  
beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

**Narrow Path →**  
**← Broad Path**

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”  
— Matthew 7:13-14

A silhouette of a family of five (a man, a woman, and three children) stands in front of a large, simple cross. The scene is set against a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise over a range of hills. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

# OUR GREATEST NEED

Our need today is to **discern** and **challenge** the prevalent idols of our culture and in our lives...



**Hedone or Aphrodite**

# Athena or Titan





Plutos or Copia

# IDOLATRY

**Anytime you look to some created thing to give you what only God can give you, you're committing idolatry.**

# **IDOLATRY**

**Idolatry is anything you look at in your heart of hearts, and you say to it, if I have that, then my life has significance or value or meaning, if I should lose it, I don't know how I would live.**



I can't live without ...

**What is it in your life that you can't live without?**

# IDOLATRY

**When you take a finite limited thing, a relative thing, and make it into an absolute, when you take a good thing and make it an ultimate thing, you've created an idol.**

**SAVED BY  
GRACE**

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

# Knowledge of good and evil



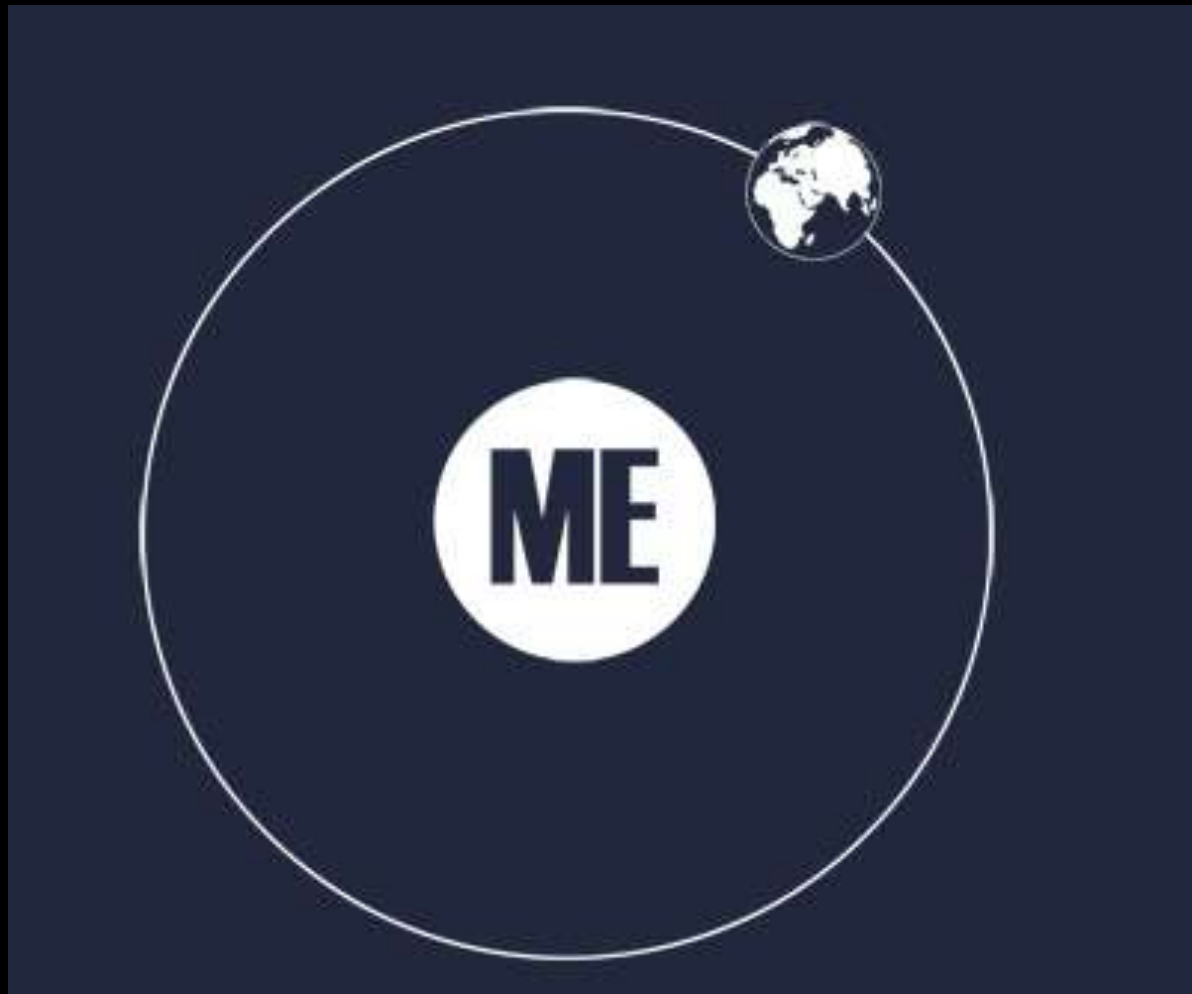


There is no pride on earth like the pride of intellect and science.

(Roswell Dwight Hitchcock)

**Romans 1:25 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.



# Mark 10:21-24



**Go your way, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven.**

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**Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God.**



# Matthew 8:21-22



**<sup>21</sup> Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."**

**<sup>22</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."**

# John 8:11



**“Go and sin no more!”**

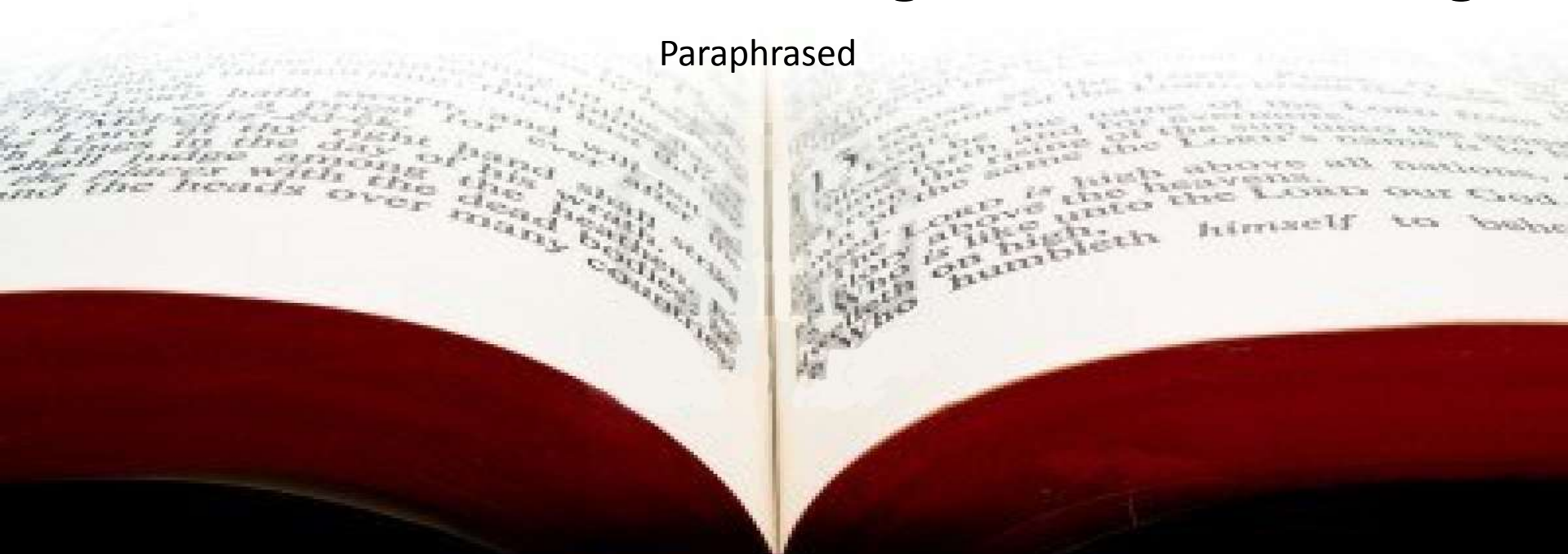
# Luke 19:8



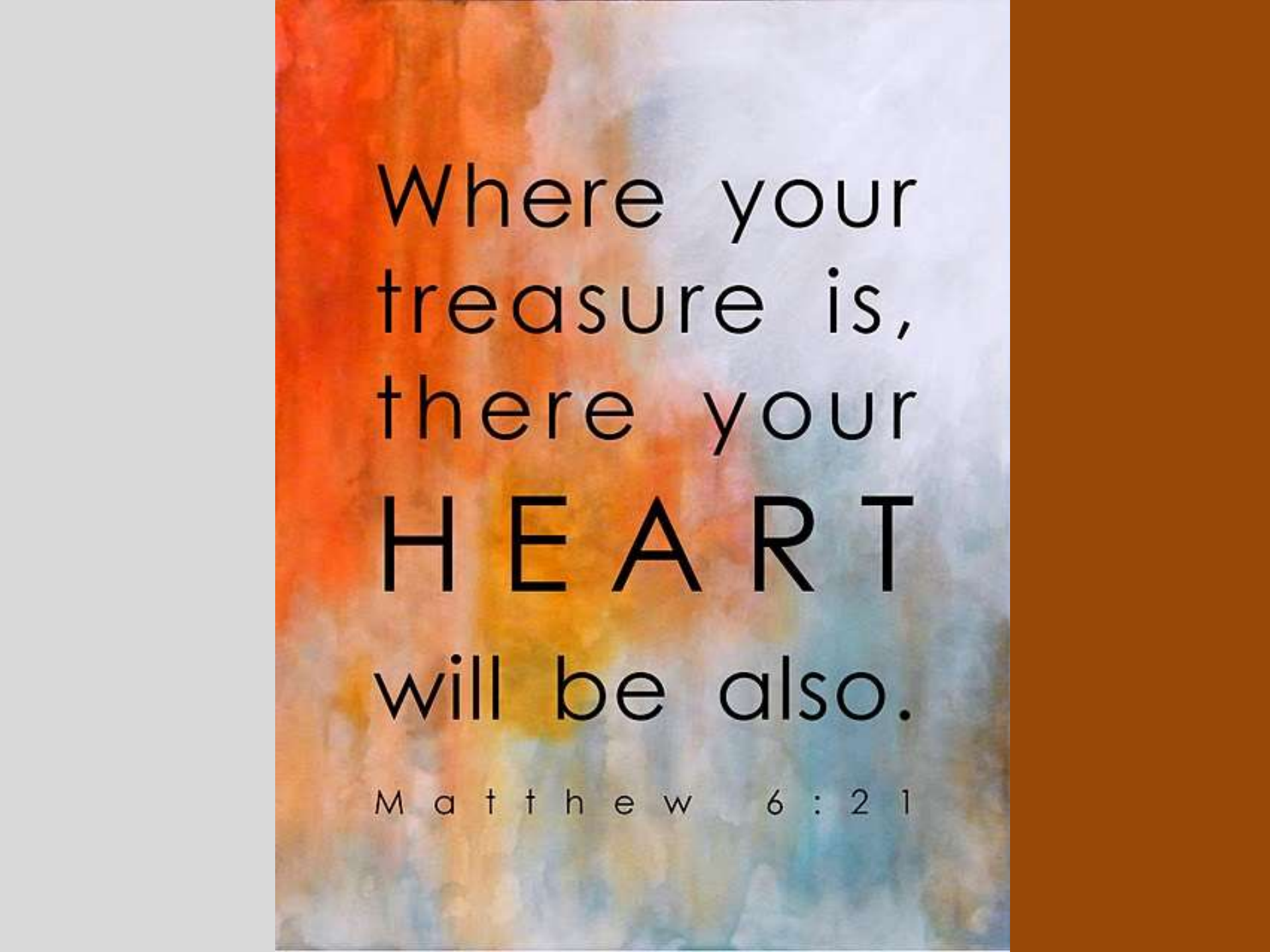
**“I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!”**

**<sup>5</sup> So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for all these things are an expression of idolatry, worshiping the things of this world. <sup>6</sup> Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.**

Paraphrased



**Colossians 3:5-6**



Where your  
treasure is,  
there your  
**HEART**  
will be also.

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