

## Isaiah 9:1-7 (ESV)

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## The Wickedness of Judah

<sup>1</sup> The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. <sup>2</sup> Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken: “Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. – Isaiah 1



## Isaiah's Vision of the Lord

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.— Isaiah 6



## The Unfaithful City

<sup>21</sup> How the faithful city has become a whore, she who was full of justice!

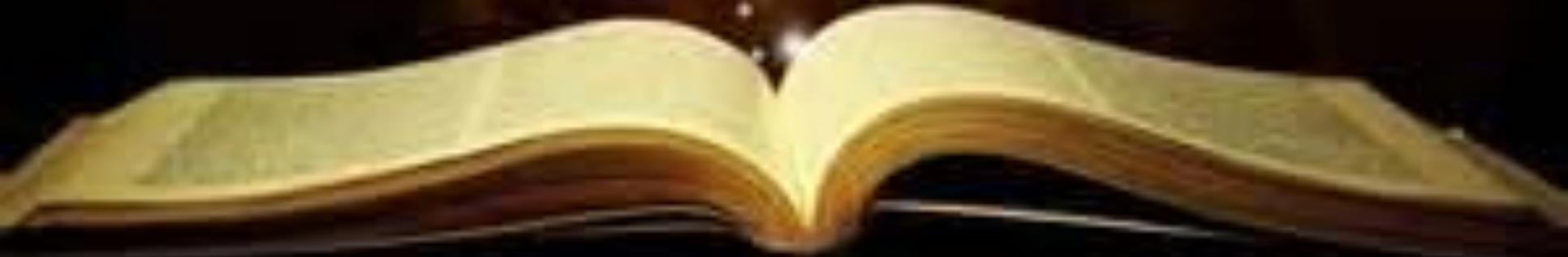
Righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers.

<sup>22</sup> Your silver has become dross, your best wine mixed with water.

<sup>23</sup> Your princes are rebels and companions of thieves.

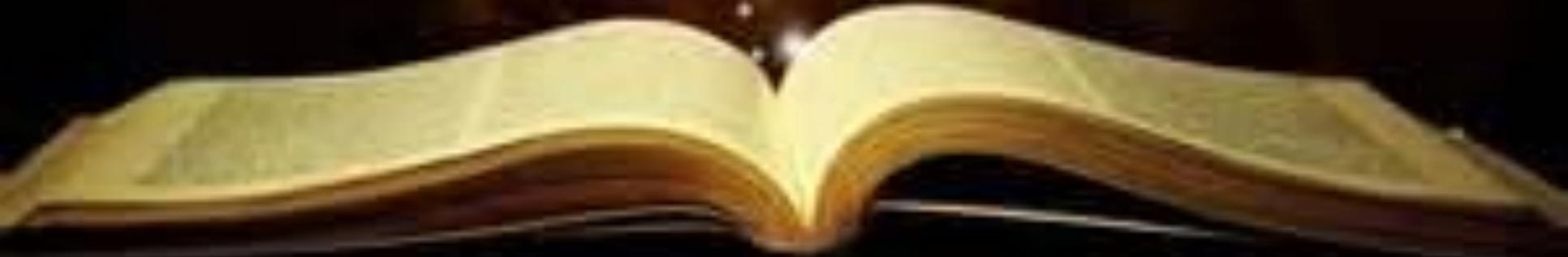
Everyone loves a bribe and runs after gifts. They do not bring justice to the fatherless, and the widow's cause does not come to them. -- **Isaiah**

**1:21-23**



<sup>12</sup> “When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? <sup>13</sup> **Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me.** New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly  
<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup> learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

-- **Isaiah 1:12-17**



<sup>8</sup> Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no more room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land.<sup>9</sup> The LORD of hosts has sworn in my hearing: “Surely many houses shall be desolate, large and beautiful houses, without inhabitant.<sup>10</sup> For ten acres of vineyard shall yield but one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield but an ephah.”<sup>11</sup> Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may run after strong drink, who tarry late into the evening as wine inflames them!<sup>12</sup> They have lyre and harp, tambourine and flute and wine at their feasts, but they do not regard the deeds of the LORD, or see the work of his hands.<sup>13</sup> Therefore my people go into exile for lack of knowledge; their honored men go hungry, and their multitude is parched with thirst.— **Isaiah 5**

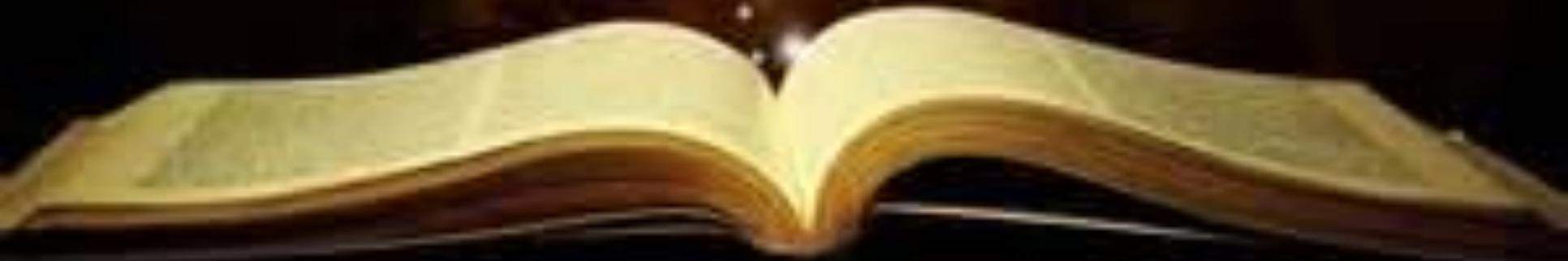


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**-- Isaiah 9**



<sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> **For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.** -- **Hebrews 2:17-18**

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, **but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.** – **Hebrews 4**



<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. —**Isaiah 53**



<sup>25</sup> and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew  
what was in man. – **John 2:25**



**34** “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” – **Romans 11**



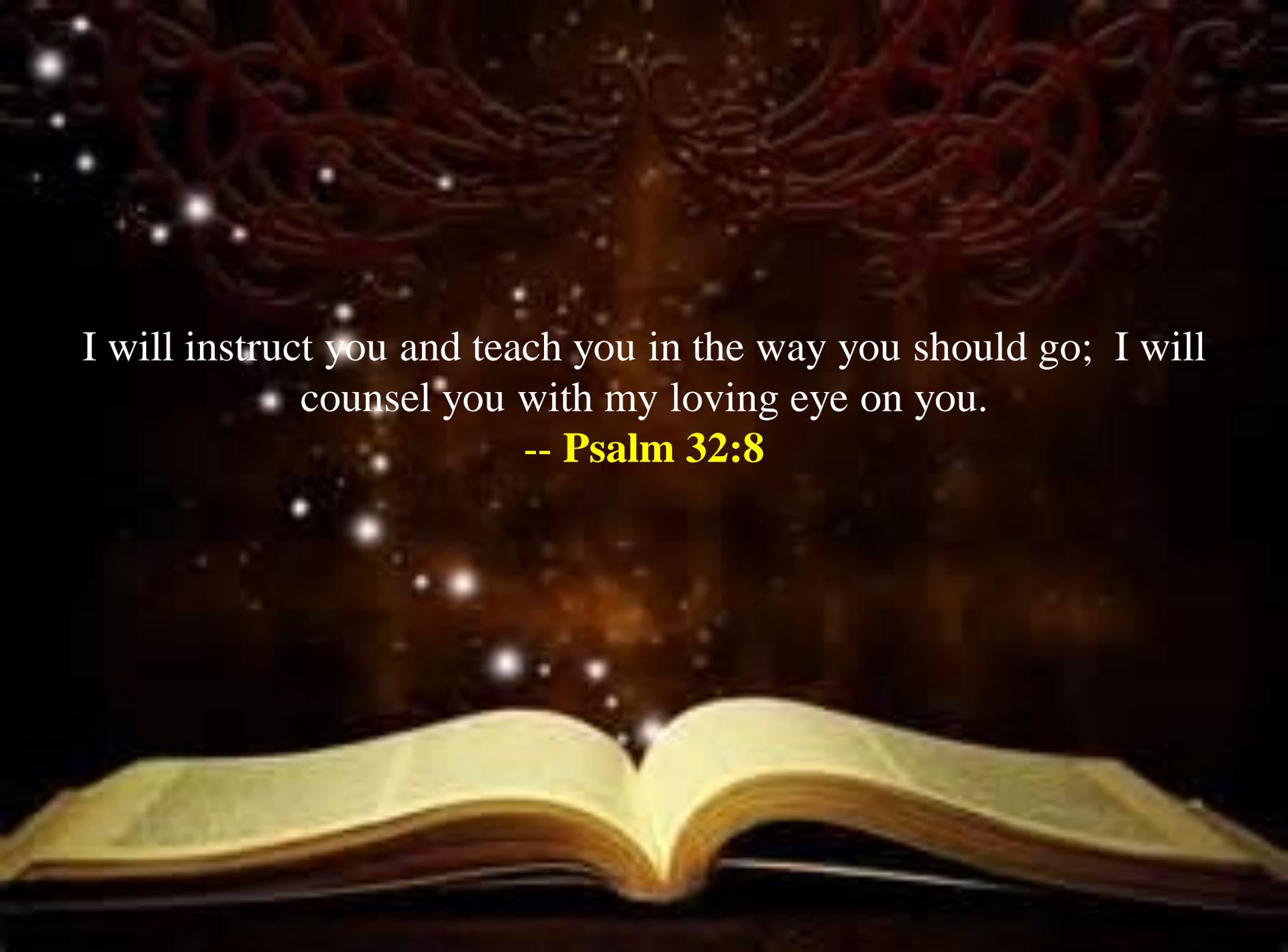
<sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and **keeps them**, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, **and I will love him and manifest myself to him.** <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and **my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.** <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.” – **John 14**



<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. --

**Romans 5:6-8**





I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will  
counsel you with my loving eye on you.

**-- Psalm 32:8**

