

Profiles of **Reconciliation**

Scriptural Examples


Joseph's
Reconciliation
Please turn to Genesis 45:6

What Joseph did to reconcile:

Order is significant:

proving
1. Joseph ***tested*** his brethren. (42:15)

preparation
2. He prepared a ***table*** for them. (43:16)
3. They communed at the ***door*** of his ***house.*** (43:19)

peace
4. He effected peace and ***washed their feet.*** (43:23,24)
5. They offered a ***gift*** at his table. (43:25)
6. He prepared ***bread*** and ***wine.*** (43:25)

penitence
7. There was ***confession*** and ***repentance.*** (44:16,33)
8. God's ***purpose*** was acknowledged. (45:5)
9. They were ***provided*** for their nourishment. (45:11)


Life was preserved.
Empty cup led to repentance.


Life was preserved.
through the Law


Life was preserved.
through Christ

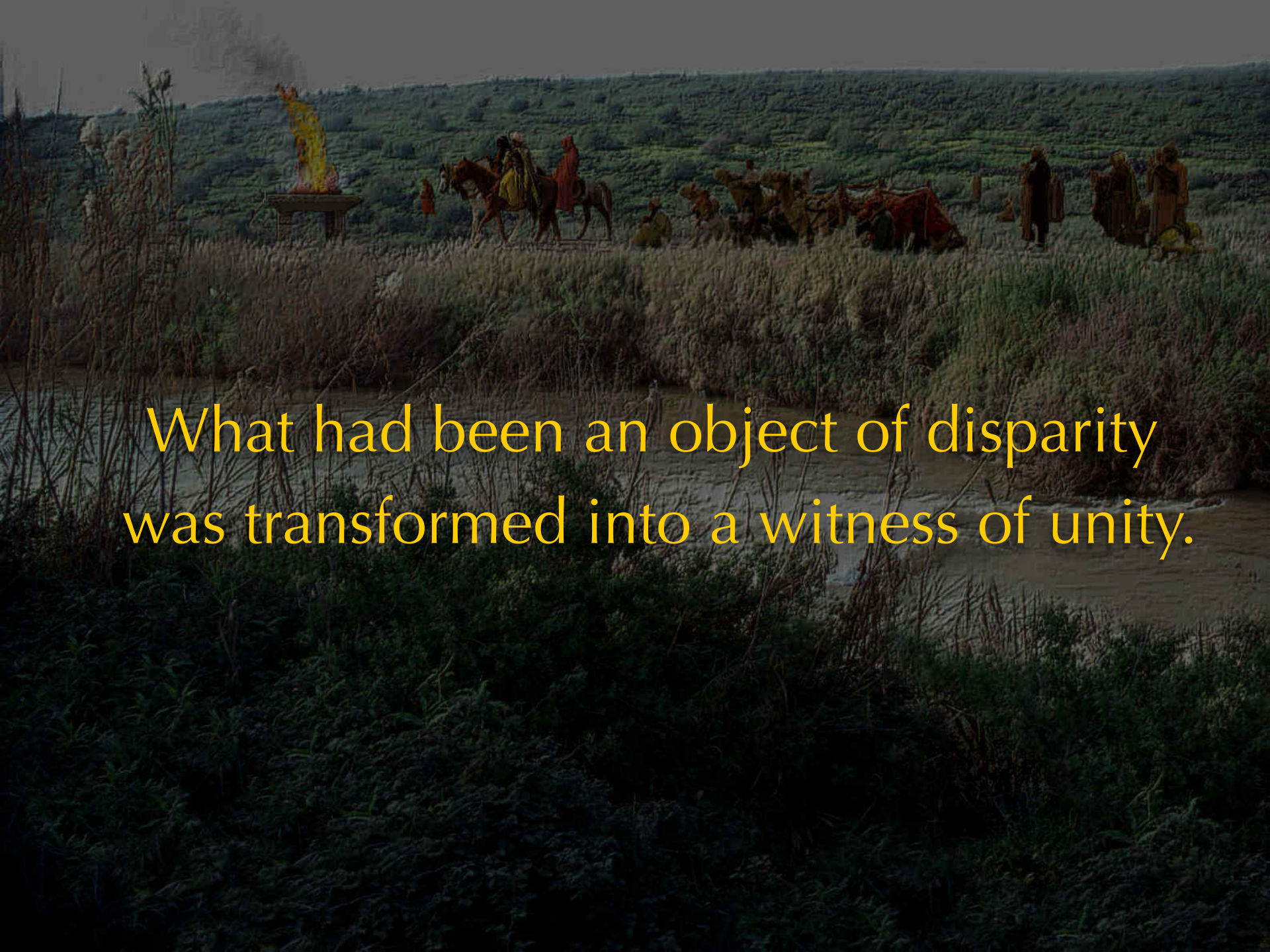

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even until now.

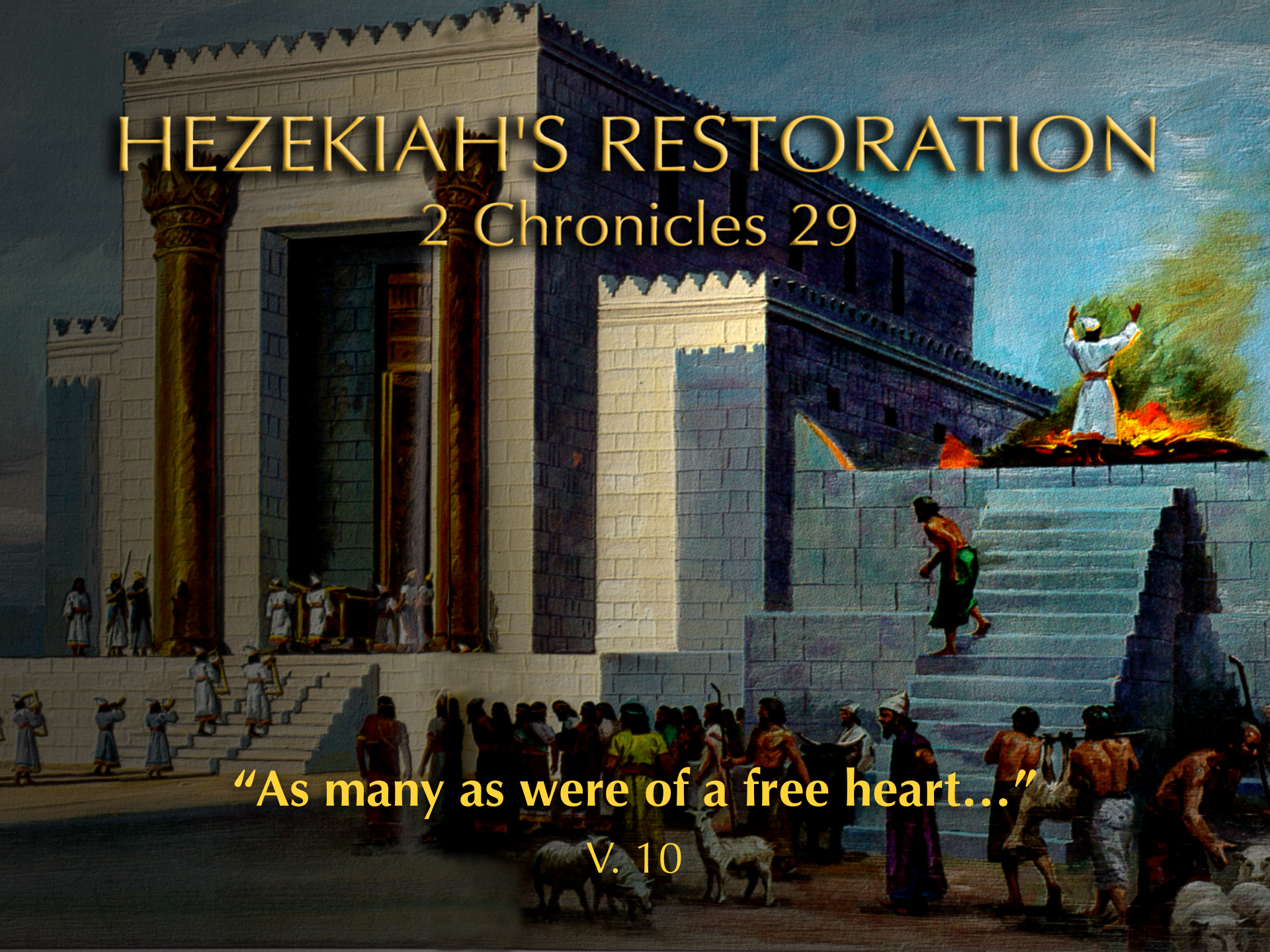

Altar at Gilead
Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh
"A witness between us that the LORD is God:"
Joshua 22:34



What they did:

1. They gathered against the Brethren on ***hearsay.***
2. They ***assembled*** to speak with them.
3. They ***tested*** their assumption.
4. Their brethren ***answered*** and were ***trusted.***
5. ***Clarification*** and mutual ***assurance*** were provided.
6. They went home; ***spoke no more against*** them.
7. They named the altar: ***"Witness Between Us"***


What had been an object of disparity
was transformed into a witness of unity.


HEZEKIAH'S RESTORATION
2 Chronicles 29
"As many as were of a free heart…"
V. 10

Hezekiah Sanctifies the House of God:

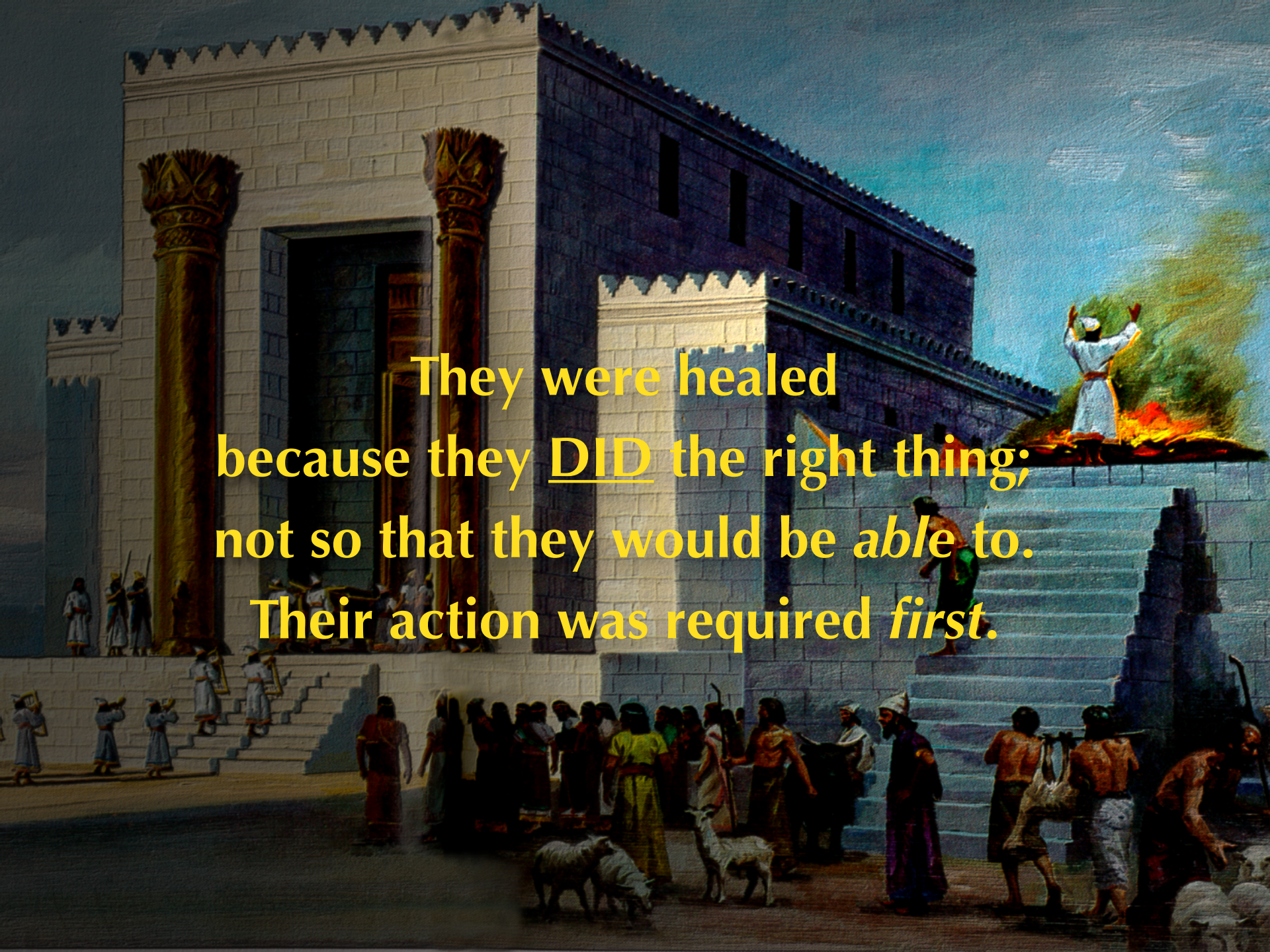
Hezekiah's restoration of the Sacrifice (2 Chr 29)

1. It took them eight days to sanctify the House of the LORD. (29:17)
2. As many as were of a *free heart* offered the sacrifice. (29:31)
3. They rejoiced because the *thing came about suddenly*. (29:36)
4. *A proclamation* was made. (30:5)
5. At first, they were laughed to scorn. (30:10)
6. <u>The hand of God gave them one heart.</u> (30:12)
7. Afterward, a very great assembly came to keep the feast. (30:13)
8. There were many in the assembly who were not cleansed. (30:18)
9. Hezekiah prayed that "the good Lord provide atonement for every one who sets his heart to seek God, the LORD the God of his fathers, even though not according to the sanctuary's rules of cleanness." (30:18)

Hezekiah Sanctifies the House of God:

Hezekiah's restoration of the Sacrifice (2 Chr 29)

10. **The Lord listened to Hezekiah and healed the people.** (30:20)
11. **For seven days they offered fellowship offerings** (30:22)
12. **There was great joy in Jerusalem** (30:26)
13. **Their prayer came up to to His holy dwelling place** (30:27)


They were healed
because they DID the right thing;
not so that they would be *able* to.
Their action was required *first*.


מטי־גר
The Right of the Stranger
Malachi 3:5

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"And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts."

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Malachi 3:5

1. Who is the **stranger**?

2. Who is the stranger **not**?

3. What is the stranger's **right**?

4. What is the righteous **principle**?

5. Is the principle **applicable** to us?

Who the stranger **was not**:

Who the stranger *is not!*

- NOT a pagan
- NOT a Canaanite
- NOT an uncircumcised Philistine
- NOT an idol worshiper
- NOT a person in darkness
- NOT a denominational Christian
- NOT a friend who chances by
- NOT a socially preferred individual
- NOT someone I personally approve
- NOT an unbaptized family member
- NOT a visitor off the street
- NOT an entire group of people
- NOT a reprobate Brother in Christ

Who the stranger **was**:

A Sojourner in Israel

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a *stranger* with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

Def: SOJOURNER – temporary lodger

Psa 39:12

Scriptural Meaning of "Stranger"

HEB: *ger* *(Strong's 1616)*

a guest; by implication
a foreigner:
sojourner
stranger

ORIGIN: circumcised ~ purchased.

And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

Gen 17:12

The stranger was not to be oppressed.

"You shall not oppress a stranger; you know the heart of a stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Def. OPPRESS: to distress, afflict, crush, force.

Exo 23:9

The stranger was to be loved equally.

And if a stranger sojourn with you in your land, you shall not vex him. But the stranger that dwells with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

Lev 19:33-34

Royal Law:

"If you really fulfill the royal law, according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself,' you do well. But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors."

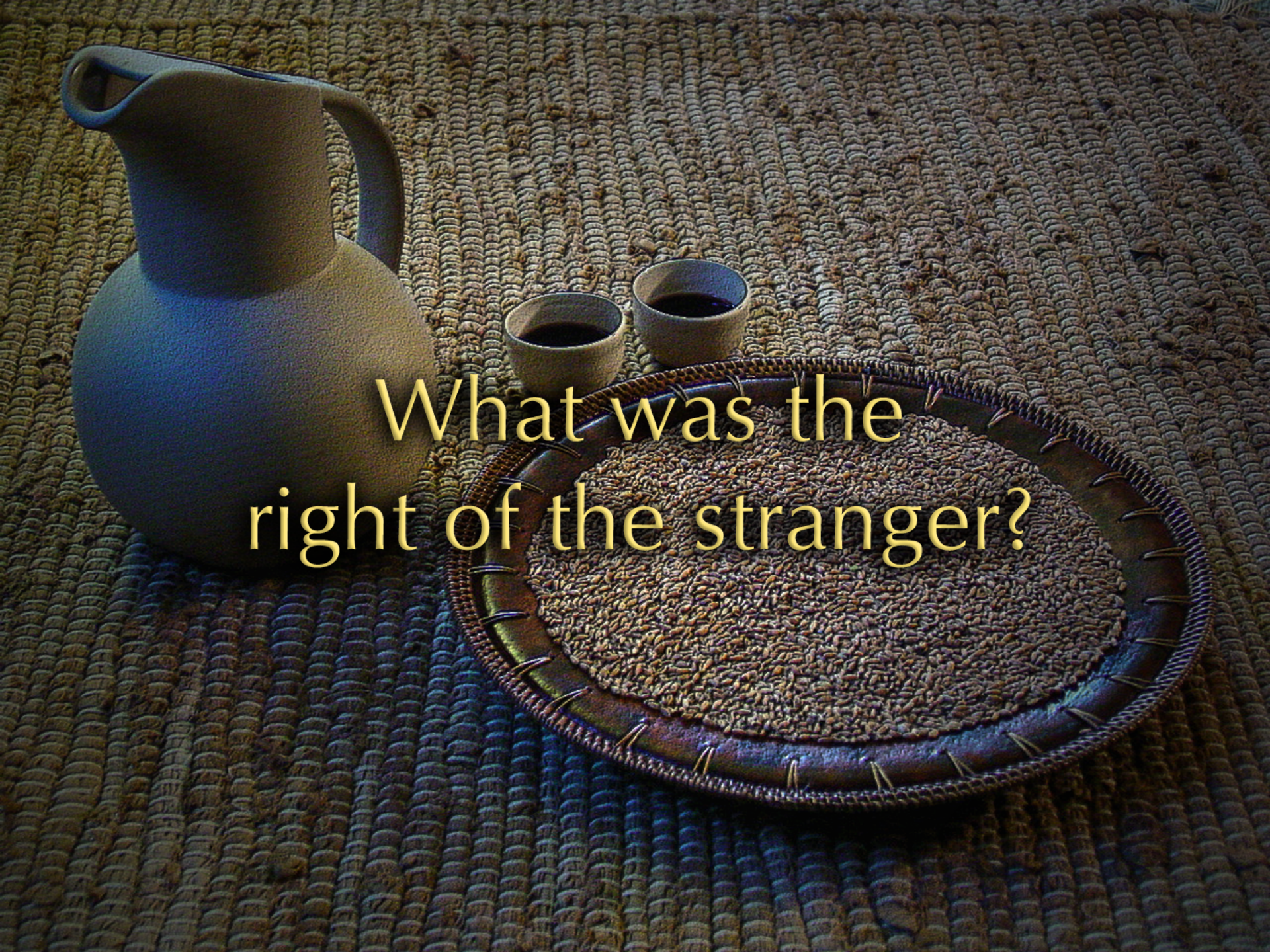
James 2:8-9

Applying the Royal Law:

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3. Not to be oppressed (Exo 23:9)
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6. Not to be vexed or distressed (Exo 22:20-24)
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What was the
right of the stranger?

PASSOVER CLOSED to the Uncircumcised

And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

Exo 12:48-49

NOT OPEN in the Law or in the Kingdom

Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

Ezek 44:9


The offering is closed to
"strangers from the covenants of promise."
Eph 2:12

NEVER closed to the circumcised.

And if a stranger sojourns among you,

and will keep the Passover to the LORD, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its ordinance, so shall he do; you shall have one statute, both for the sojourner and for the native."

Num 9:14

An offering of *grain* and *wine:*

And when you prepare…a [fellowship] offering unto the LORD: Then shall be offered… a grain offering… And you shalt bring as a drink offering… wine.. [it is] a sweet aroma unto the LORD.

Num 15:8-10

[NKJV]

Stranger has a RIGHT to make an offering:

And if a stranger is sojourning with you, or any one is among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to offer an offering... a pleasing odor to the LORD, he shall do as you do. For the assembly, there shall be one statute [custom or practice] for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a perpetual statute throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the sojourner be before the LORD. One law and one ordinance shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you."

Num 15:14-16

[RSV]


How does the *principle* apply
in the Old Testament?

The Principle Applied to Discretion

"For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off: That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproves in the gate,

and turn aside the just for a thing of nought."

Isa 29:20-21

Principle Applied to Good Judgment

"Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, nor the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart."

Zec 7:9-10

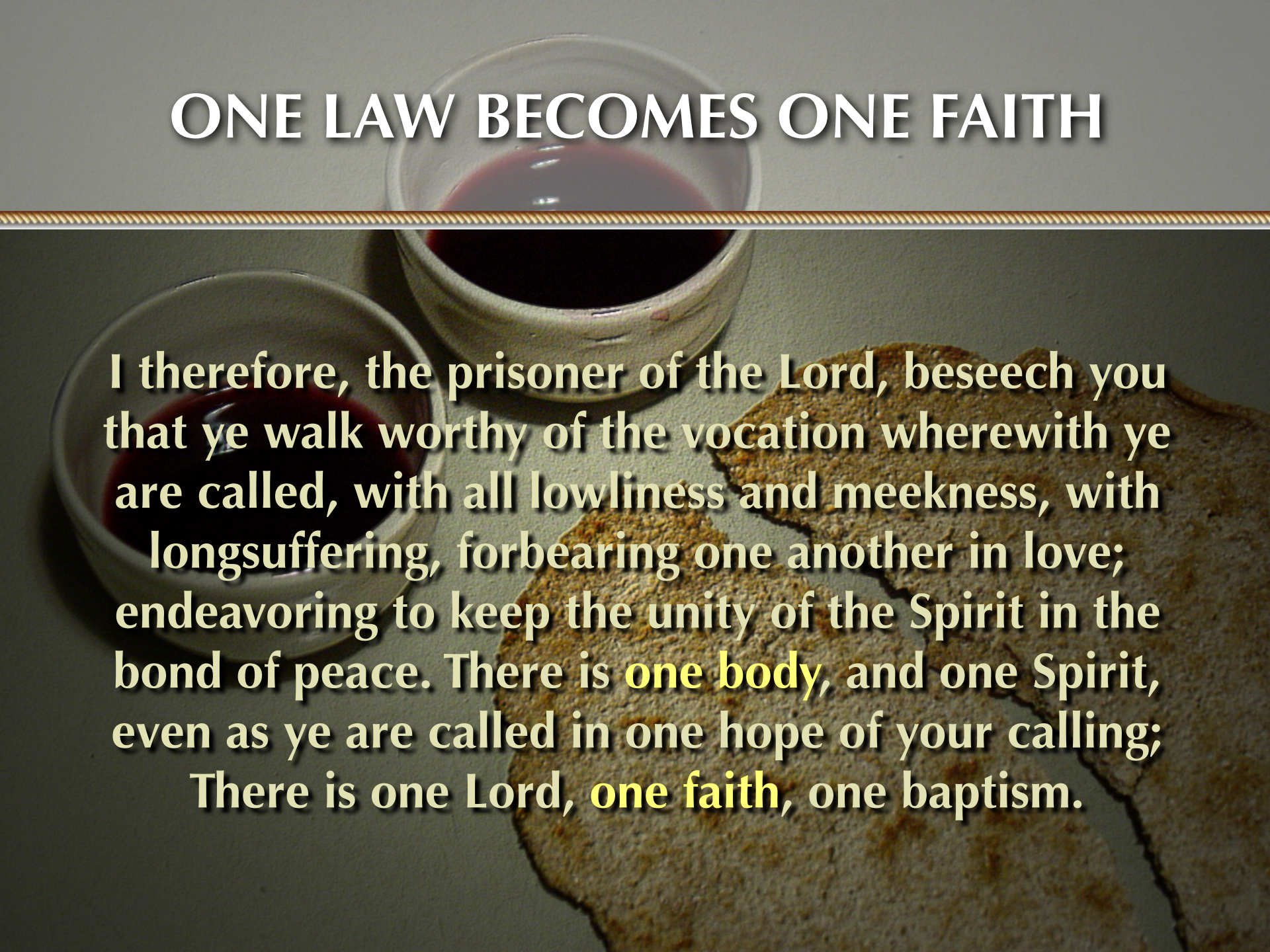
Principle Applied to our Offering

"the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple. …But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appears? …he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness."

Mal 3:1-5


How does the principle apply
in the New Testament?

ONE LAW BECOMES ONE FAITH



I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.


"I was a stranger and you took me in."
Matt 25:35