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“...but He (God the Father)
disciplines us for our good, so that
we may share His holiness.”
(Hebrews 12:10)



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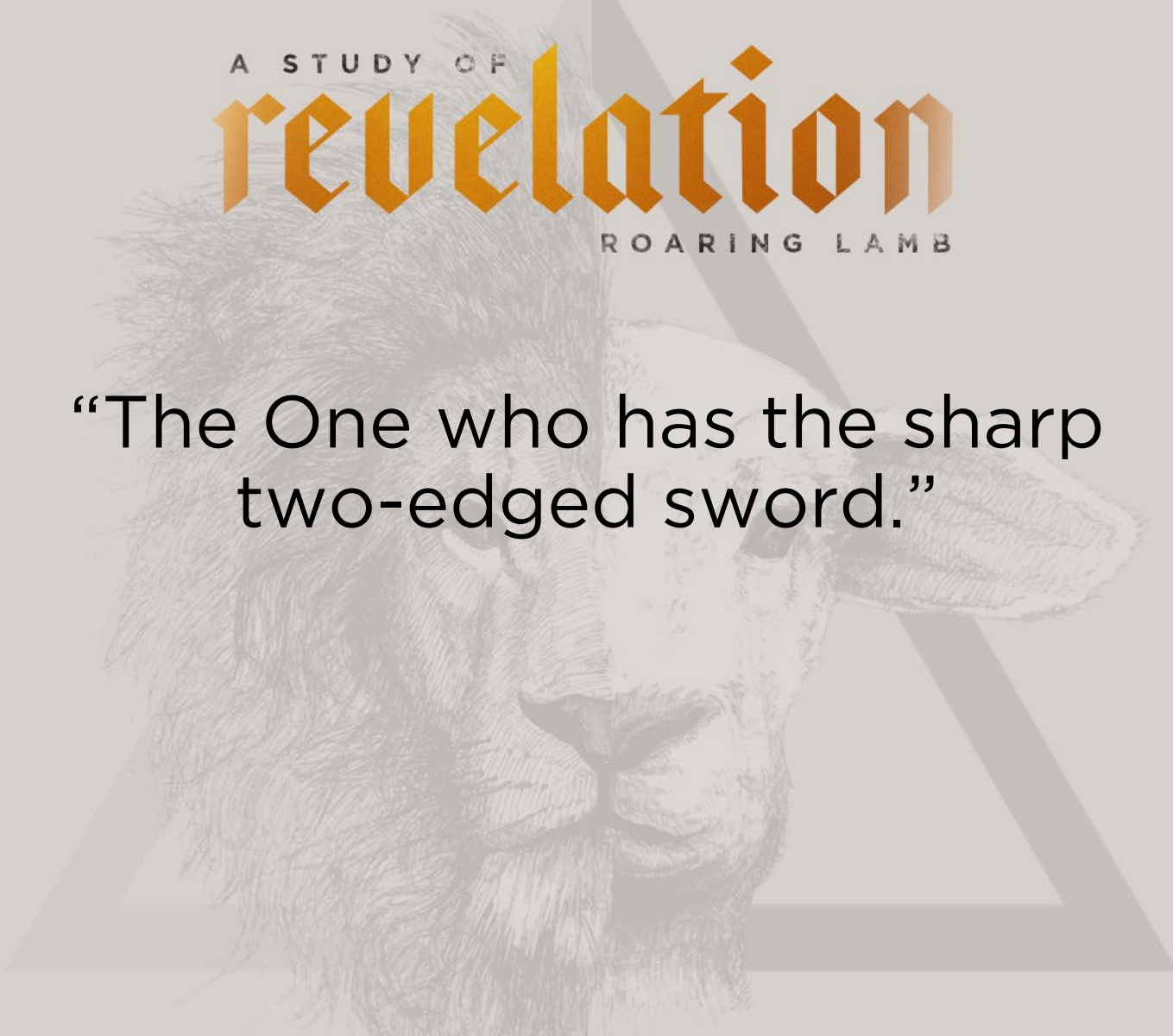
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A Church Of Compromise:

1. Minimizes Fear
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3. Minimizes Value

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“The One who has the sharp
two-edged sword.”





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“The One who has the sharp
two-edged sword.”

Jesus is the Word of God and he
decisively commends and condemns
for our good and His glory.

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**1. Minimizes Fear
(Revelation 2:12-13)**

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“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” **(Hebrews 4:12)**

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“...and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.”
(Ephesians 6:17)

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“...and He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.” **(Isaiah 11:4)**



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1. Minimizes Fear

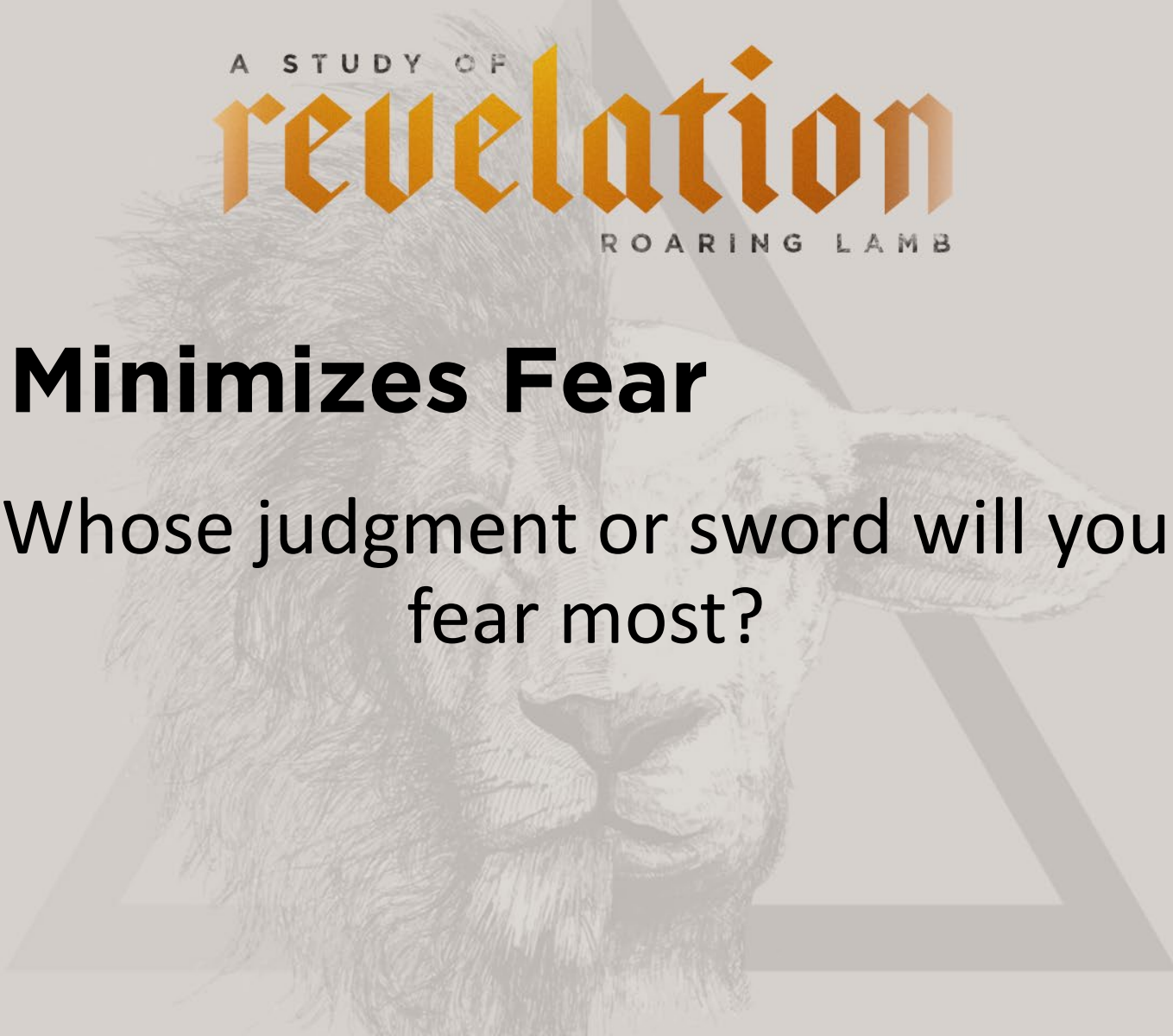
This association with the Word of God means that the same reverence we show to Christ should also be applied to the Bible.



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1. Minimizes Fear

Whose judgment or sword will you
fear most?





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We all face situations today that the world judges right, but these judgments stand in direct contrast with what Jesus judges to be right.



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“Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

(Matthew 10:28)



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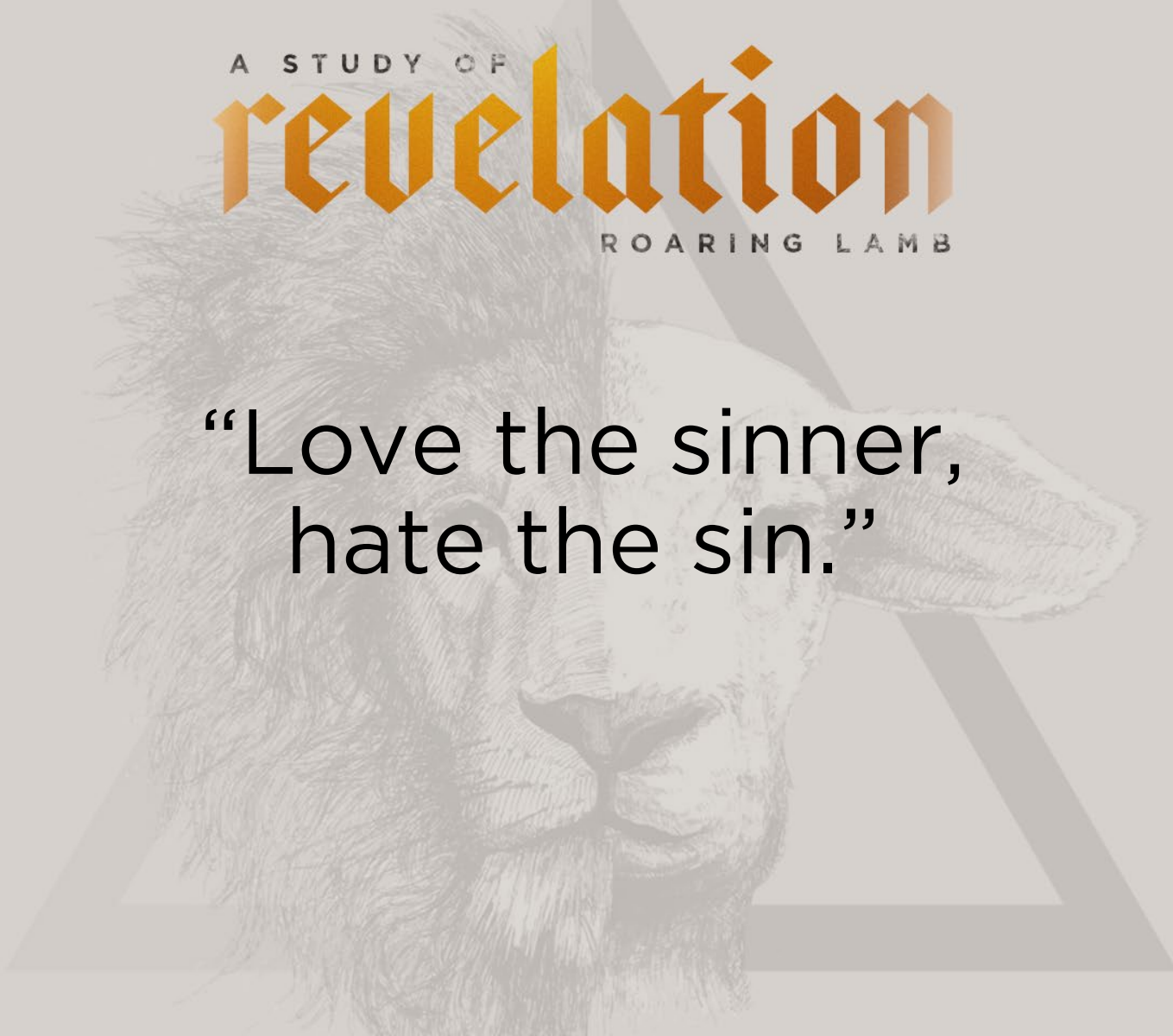
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A Church Of Compromise:
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(Revelation 2:14-16)

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“Love the sinner,
hate the sin.”





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2. Minimizes Sin

The church was being faithful on the outside, but on the inside they were minimizing sin and compromising their convictions.

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The lethal infection was not necessarily the immorality of the few, but the compromise from the whole that tolerated or made excuses for such activity.

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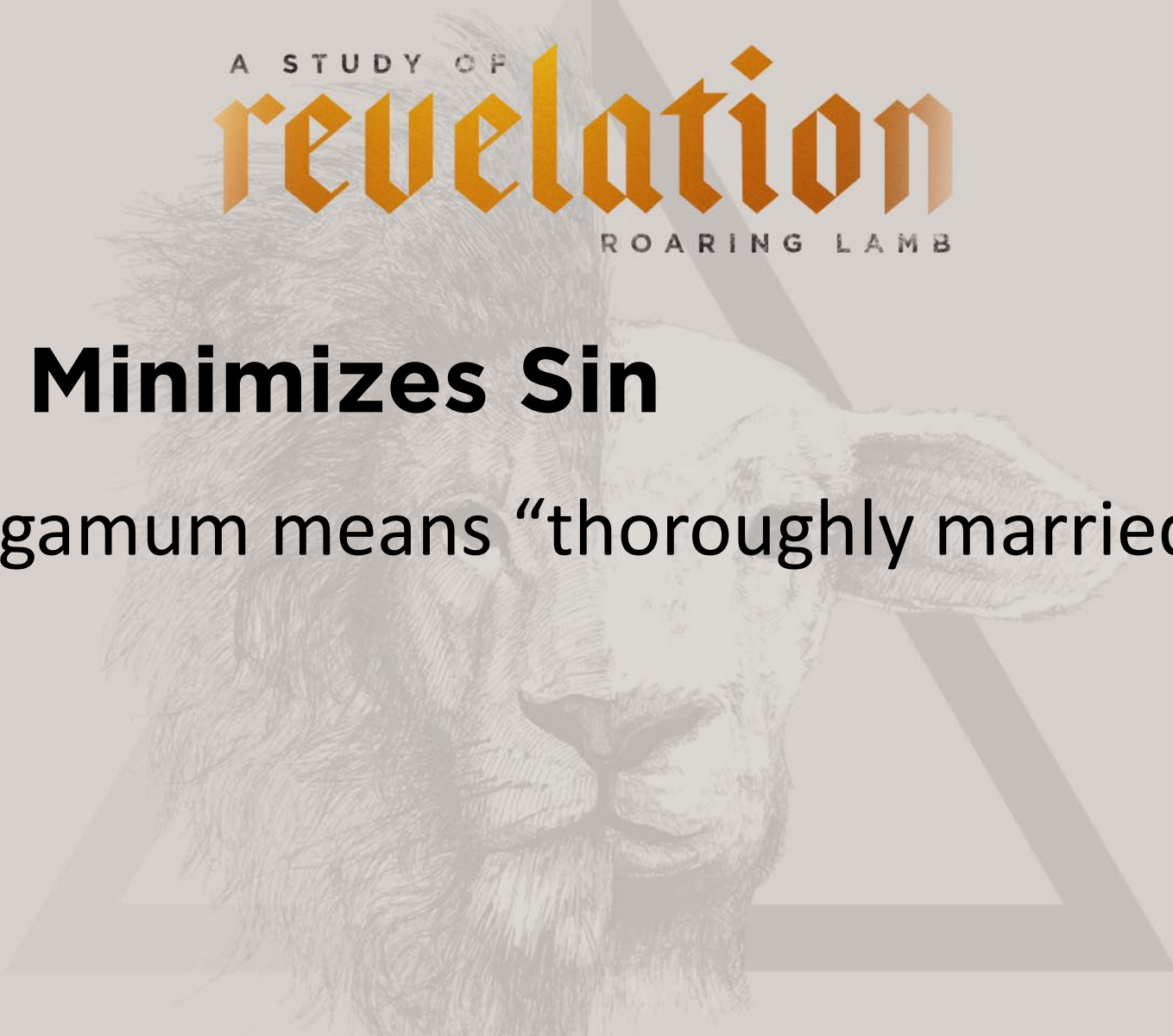
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Too many times we maximize the sinner but then minimize the sin.

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2. Minimizes Sin

Pergamum means “thoroughly married.”



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2. Minimizes Sin

But how many times has someone been won to Jesus because we condone or endorse the very thing that keeps them from Jesus?

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“Truth always carries confrontation. Truth demands confrontation; loving confrontation nevertheless. If our reflex action is always accommodation of the centrality of the truth involved, there is something wrong.” **(Francis Schaeffer)**

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“From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.”

(Revelation 19:15)



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3. Minimizes Value

This image of the unveiled, exalted Jesus compels us to a whole and healthy view of both fear and sin.

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“For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.” **(Romans 8:5)**

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3. Minimizes Value

Hidden manna suggests that Jesus will always meet our needs.



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White stone suggests that Jesus offers us an intimacy that can never be matched by the acceptance and accolades of the world.

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What is temporary and unsatisfying in one realm is permanently improved upon in another – in a kingdom established by the eternal presence of Jesus.



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