



“TAKE ANTI-THEFT ADVICE”

EXODUS 20:15 BIBLE STUDY

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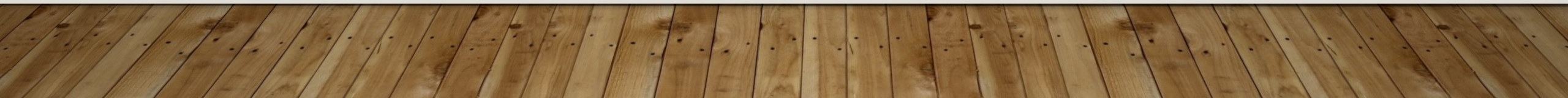




THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT



- You shall not [לָּ | *lō* '] steal [גָּנַב | *gānab*].
(Ex 20:15, AT)





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- “ ‘Do not steal. [גָּנַב | *gānab*]
- “ ‘Do not lie.
- “ ‘Do not deceive one another. (Lev 19:11, NIV)





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- “ ‘Do not defraud or rob [גַזַל | *gāzal*] your neighbor. “ ‘Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight. (Lev 19:13, NIV)



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- “You shall not steal. (Dt 5:19, NIV)





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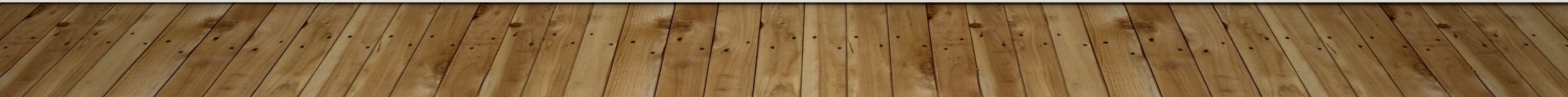




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The highest heavens belong to the LORD [YHWH],
but the **earth** he has **given** to **mankind**. (Ps 115:6, NIV)

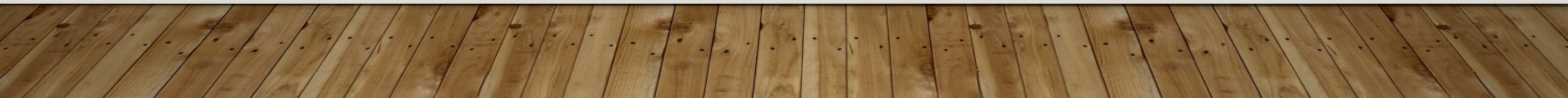




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- 15 The LORD [YHWH] God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to **work it and take care of it**. 16 And the LORD [YHWH] God commanded the man, “You are **free to eat** from any tree in the garden; (Gen 2:15-16, NIV)

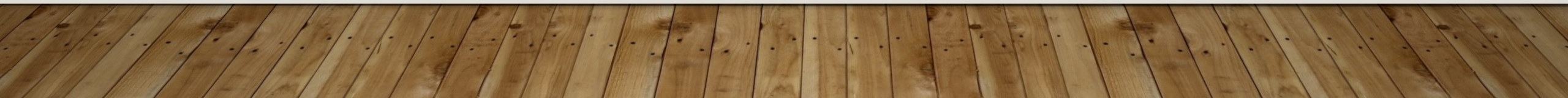




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- 9 I have no need of a bull from your stall
or of goats from your pens,
10 for every animal of the forest is mine,
and the cattle on a thousand hills.
11 I know every bird in the mountains,
and the insects in the fields are mine.
12 If I were hungry I would not tell you,
for the world is mine, and all that is in it.
(Ps 50:9-12, NIV)





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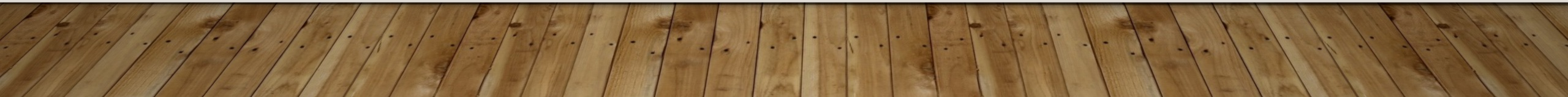
16 But to the **wicked** person, God says:

“What right have you to recite my laws
or take my covenant on your lips?

17 You hate my instruction
and cast my words behind you.

18 When you see a **thief**, you **join with him**;
you throw in your lot with adulterers.

(Ps 50:16-18, NIV)

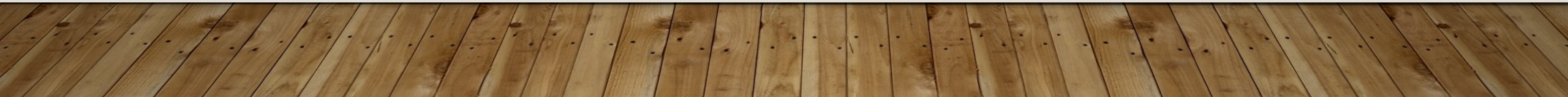




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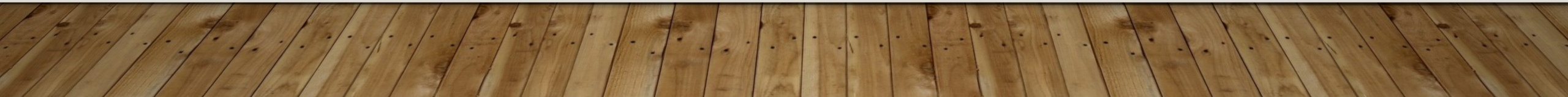




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- 26 If you take your **neighbor's cloak** as a pledge, **return it by sunset**, 27 because that cloak is the **only covering** your neighbor has. **What else** can they sleep in? When they cry out to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate. (Ex 22:26-27, NIV)

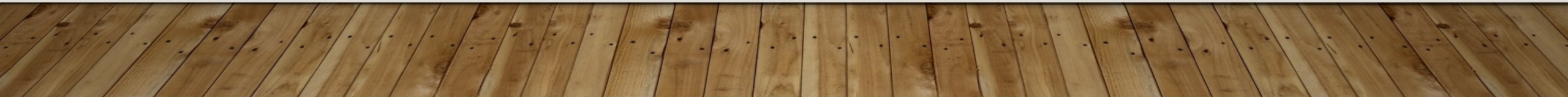




IS IT “STEALING” IF THEY’RE POOR?



People do not despise a **thief** [גַּנָּב | *gannāb*] if he **steals** [גָּנַב | *gānab*]
to **satisfy his hunger** when he is **starving**. (Pr 6:30, NIV)



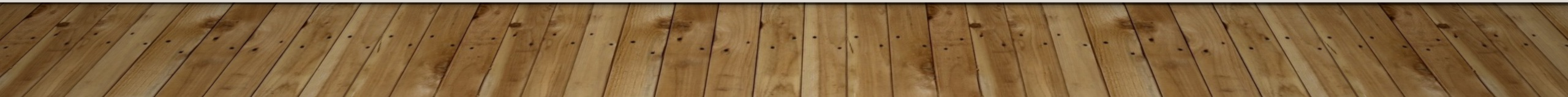


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- 7 “Two things I ask of you, LORD [YHWH];
do not refuse me before I die:
- 8 Keep falsehood and lies far from me;
give me **neither poverty nor riches**,
but give me **only my daily bread**.
- 9 Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you
and say, ‘Who is the LORD [YHWH]?’
Or I may become **poor and steal**,
and so **dishonor the name of my God**.

(Pr 30:7-9, NIV)





PUNISHMENT FOR STEALING: RESTITUTION



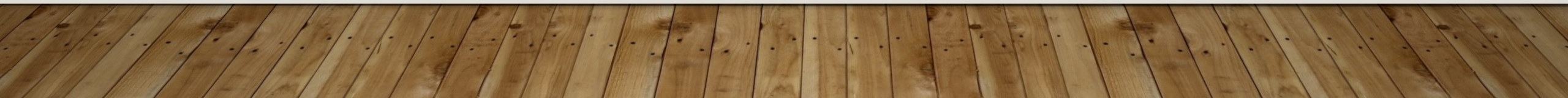
- “If anyone gives a neighbor silver or goods for safekeeping and they are **stolen** [גָּנַב | *gānab*] from the neighbor’s house, the **thief** [גַּנָּב | *gannāb*], if caught, must **pay back double**. (Ex 22:7, NIV)



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- But if the **thief** [גַּנָּב | *gannāb*] is not found, the **owner** of the house must appear before the judges, and they must determine whether the **owner** of the house has laid hands on the other person's property. (Ex 22:8, NIV)

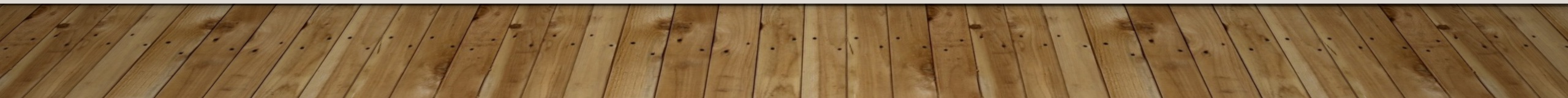




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- In all cases of **illegal possession** of an ox, a donkey, a sheep, a garment, or any other lost property about which somebody says, ‘This is mine,’ both parties are to bring their cases before the judges. The one whom the judges declare guilty must **pay back double** to the other. (Exodus 22:9, NIV)





PUNISHMENT FOR STEALING: RESTITUTION



- 10 “If anyone gives a donkey, an ox, a sheep or any other animal to their neighbor for safekeeping and it dies or is injured or is taken away while no one is looking, 11 the issue between them will be settled by the taking of an oath before the LORD [YHWH] that the neighbor did not lay hands on the other person’s property. The owner is to accept this, and **no restitution** is required. 12 But if the animal was **stolen** [גָּנַב | *gānab*] from the neighbor, restitution must be made to the owner. (Ex 22:10-12, NIV)



PUNISHMENT FOR STEALING: RESTITUTION



- “Whoever **steals** [גָּנַב | *gānab*] an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it must **pay back five head of cattle** for the ox and **four sheep for the sheep**. (Ex 22:1, NIV)



PUNISHMENT FOR STEALING: RESTITUTION



- 1 The LORD [YHWH] said to Moses: 2 “If anyone **sins** and is **unfaithful to the LORD** by **deceiving** a neighbor about something entrusted to them or left in their care or about something **stolen**, or if they **cheat** their neighbor, 3 or if they **find lost property** and **lie** about it, or if they swear falsely about any such sin that people may commit—4 when they **sin** in any of these ways and **realize their guilt**, they must **return** what they have **stolen** or taken by **extortion**, or what was **entrusted** to them, or the **lost property they found**, 5 or whatever it was they swore falsely about. They must **make restitution** in full, **add a fifth of the value** to it and give it all to the owner on the day they present their guilt offering. (Lev 6:1-5, NIV)



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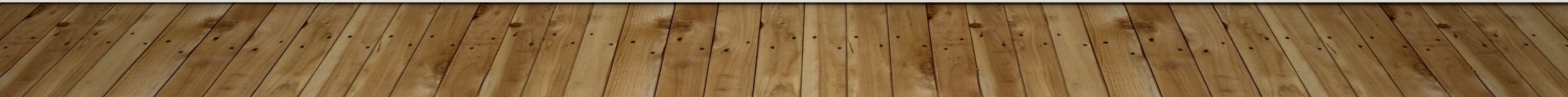
- 2 “If a **thief** [גַּנָּב | *gannāb*] is caught breaking in at night and is struck a fatal blow, the defender is not guilty of bloodshed; 3 but if it happens after sunrise, the defender is guilty of bloodshed. (Ex 22:2-3a, NIV)



PUNISHMENT FOR STEALING: RESTITUTION



- 3b “Anyone who steals must certainly **make restitution**, but if they have nothing, they must be **sold to pay for their theft**. 4 If the stolen animal is found alive in their possession—whether ox or donkey or sheep—they must **pay back double**. (Ex 22:3b-4, NIV)





PUNISHMENT FOR STEALING: RESTITUTION



- 39 “ ‘If any of your **fellow Israelites become poor** and **sell themselves to you**, do **not** make them **work as slaves**. 40 They are to be treated as **hired workers** or temporary residents among you; they are to work for you **until the Year of Jubilee**. 41 Then they and their children are to be released, and they will go back to their own clans and to the property of their ancestors. 42 Because the Israelites are my servants, whom I brought out of Egypt, they **must not be sold as slaves**. (Lev 25:39-42, NIV)



SPECIAL CASE: THE LORD'S HOLY WAR



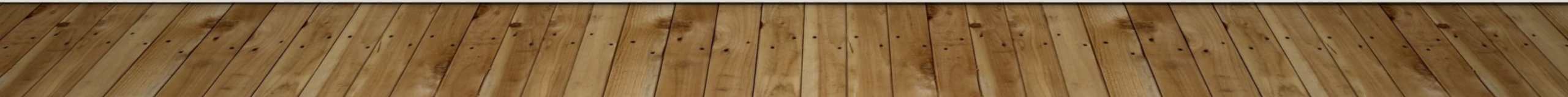
- 10 “When you draw near to a city to **fight against it**, offer terms of peace to it. 11 And if it responds to you peaceably and it opens to you, then all the people who are found in it shall do **forced labor for you** and shall **serve you**. 12 But if it makes no peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it. 13 And when the LORD [YHWH] your God **gives it into your hand**, you shall put all its **males to the sword**, 14 but the women and the little ones, the livestock, and everything else in the city, all its spoil, you shall **take as plunder for yourselves**. And you shall **enjoy the spoil of your enemies**, which the LORD [YHWH] your God has given you. (Dt 20:10-14, ESV)



SPECIAL CASE: DEVOTED THINGS



- And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. **Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.** (Jos 6:24, ESV)

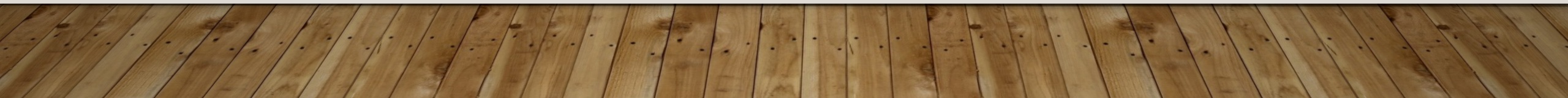




SPECIAL CASE: DEVOTED THINGS



- But the people of Israel broke faith in regard **to the devoted things**, for **Achan** the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, **took some of the devoted things**. And the anger of the LORD [YHWH] burned against the people of Israel. (Jos 7:1, ESV)





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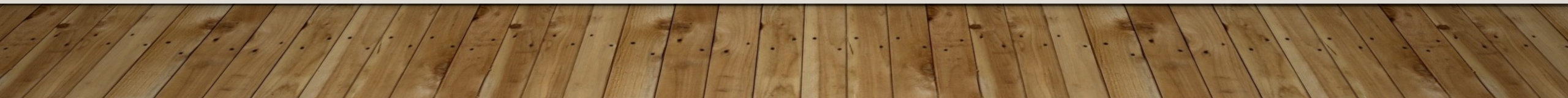
- 11 Israel has **sinned**; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have **taken some of the devoted things**; they have **stolen** [גָּנַב | *gānab*] and **lied** and put them **among their own belongings**. 12 Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. (Jos 7:11-12, ESV)



SPECIAL CASE: DEVOTED THINGS



- 20 And Achan answered Joshua, “**Truly I have sinned** against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I did: 21 when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I **coveted** them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.” (Jos 7:20-21, ESV)





SPECIAL CASE: DEVOTED THINGS



- And Joshua said, “Why did you bring trouble on us? The LORD [YHWH] brings trouble on you today.” And all Israel stoned him with stones. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. (Jos 7:25, ESV)



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- “Anyone who kidnaps [גָּנַב | *gānab*] someone is to be put to death, whether the victim has been sold or is still in the kidnapper’s possession. (Ex 21:16, NIV)



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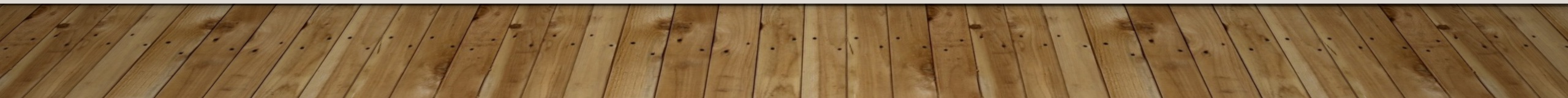


- If someone is caught **kidnapping** [גָּנַב | *gānab*] a fellow Israelite and treating or selling them as a slave, the **kidnapper** [גַּנָּב | *gannāb*] **must die**. You must purge the evil from among you. (Dt 24:7, NIV)



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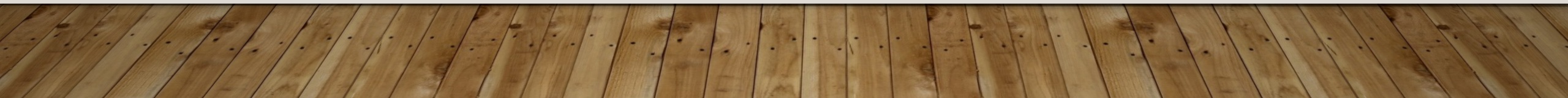
- “Whoever **steals a man** and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death. (Ex 21:16, ESV)





SPECIAL CASE: KIDNAPPING

- “You shall not covet your neighbor’s **house**; you shall not covet your neighbor’s **wife**, or his **male** servant, or his **female** servant, or his **ox**, or his **donkey**, or **anything** that is your neighbor’s.” (Ex 20:17, ESV)





STEALING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



- You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, **you shall not steal**, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” (Mk 10:19, NIV)



STEALING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



- 37 Jesus replied: “ ‘**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ [Dt 6:5] 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘**Love your neighbor** as yourself.’ [Lev 19:18] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Mt 22:37-40, NIV; cf. Mk 12:29-31)



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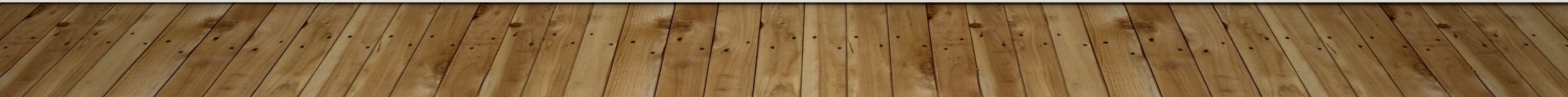
- 8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.
- 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “**You shall not steal,**” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “**Love your neighbor** as yourself.” [Lev 19:18]
- 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:8-10, NIV)



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- In fact, this is **love for God**: to **keep his commands**. And his commands are not burdensome, (1 Jn 5:3, NIV)





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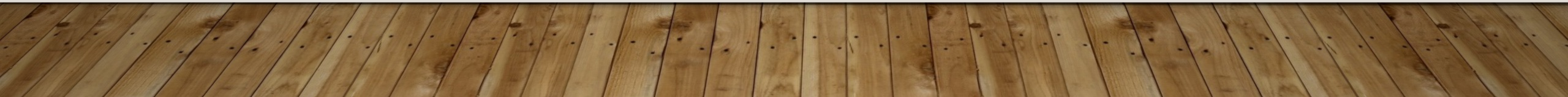
- 9 Or do you not know that **wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men 10 **nor thieves** nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you **were**. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Cor 6:9-11, NIV)



STEALING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



- Anyone who has been **stealing** must **steal no longer**, but **must work**, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.
(Eph 4:28, NIV)





CHRISTIAN CONTENTMENT



Keep your lives **free from the love of money** and **be content with what you have**, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.” (Heb 13:5, NIV)



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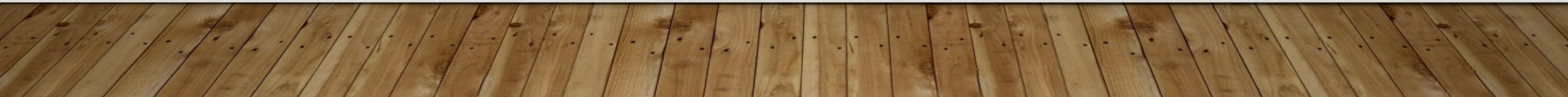
- 12 I know what it is to **be in need**, and I know what it is to **have plenty**. I have learned the secret of **being content** in **any and every situation**, whether **well fed** or **hungry**, whether living in **plenty** or in **want**. 13 I can do **all this** through him who gives me strength. (Php 4:12-13, NIV)



STEALING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



- 15 If you **suffer**, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. 16 However, if you **suffer as a Christian**, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. (1 Pet 4:15-16, NIV)





STEALING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



- 6 And as a penalty they must bring to the priest, that is, to the LORD [YHWH], their **guilt offering**, a **ram from the flock**, one **without defect** and of the **proper value**. 7 In this way the priest will **make atonement for them** before the LORD [YHWH], and they will be **forgiven for any of the things** they did that made them **guilty.**” (Lev 6:6-7, NIV)