



“THE FIRST COMMANDMENT: MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE VOW”

EXODUS 20:3 BIBLE STUDY

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CONTEXT



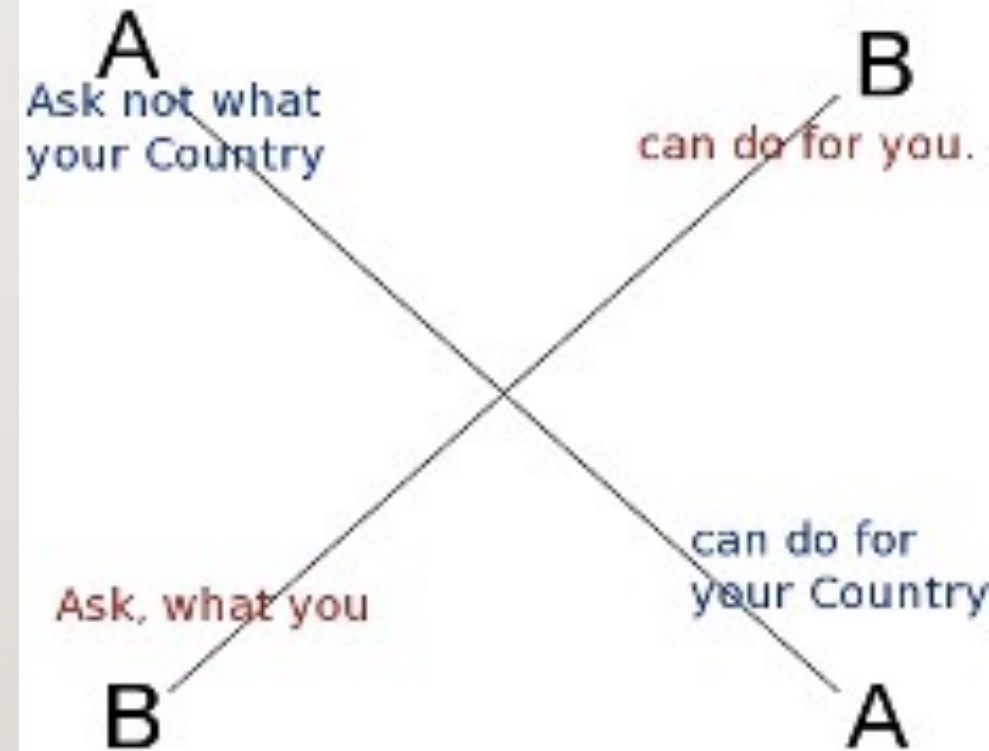
- 1 Then God spoke all these words, saying: 2 “I am the LORD [YHWH] your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” (Ex 20:1-2, AT)



CONTEXT CHIASTIC (X-SHAPED) STRUCTURE



- **A: Thoughts (Commandments 1-2)**
 - **B: Words (Commandment 3)**
 - **C: Deeds (Commandments 4-8)**
 - **B': Words (Commandment 9)**
- **A': Thoughts (Commandment 10)**





EXODUS 20:3
FIRST COMMANDMENT



- You shall not have any other gods before Me!
(Ex 20:3, AT)





EXODUS 20:3
NO RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM



- “Whoever sacrifices to any god **other** than the LORD must be **destroyed**.” (Ex 22:20, NIV)

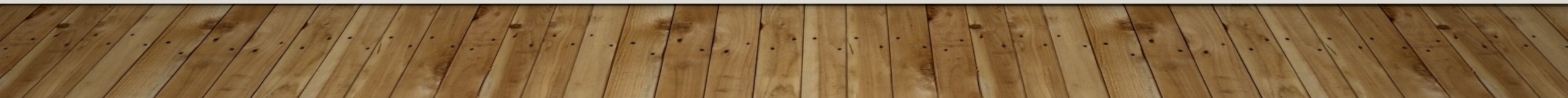




DEATH SENTENCE OF SIN



- For the **wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Rom 6:23, NIV)





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“GODS”?

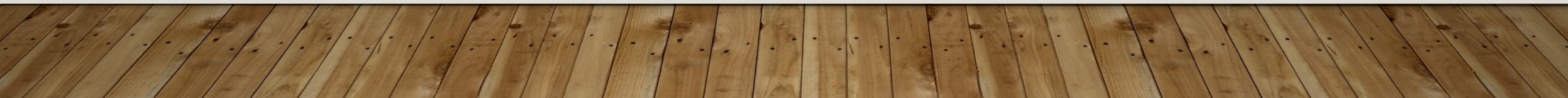


God [*Elohim*, singular] presides in the **divine assembly**,
among the **gods** [*elohim*, plural] He judges:

(Ps 82:1, AT)

God has taken his place in the **divine council**;
in the midst of the **gods** he holds judgment:

(Ps 82:1, NRSV; cf. ESV)





NO OTHER “GODS”?



4 “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

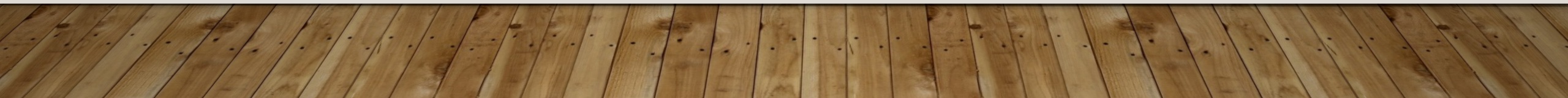
5 Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

6 On what were its footings set,
or who laid its cornerstone—

7 while the **morning stars** sang together

and all the **angels** [lit. sons of Elohim] shouted for joy? (Job 38:4-7, NIV)

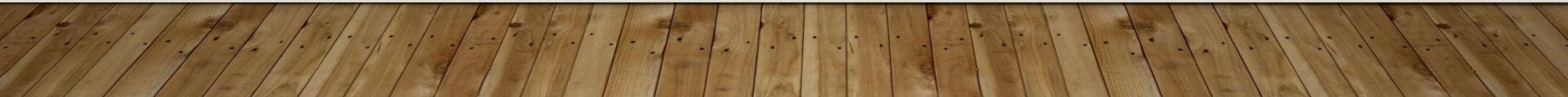




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when the **morning stars** sang together
and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?
(Job 38:7, ESV)

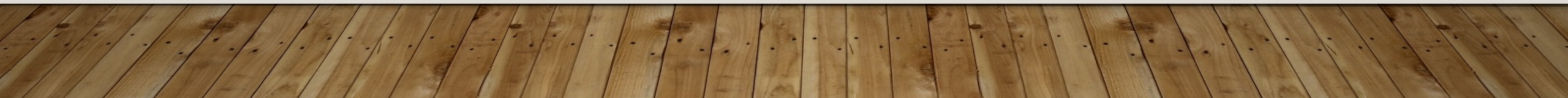




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- Then God said, “Let **us** make mankind in **our** image, in **our** likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” (Gen 1:26, NIV)

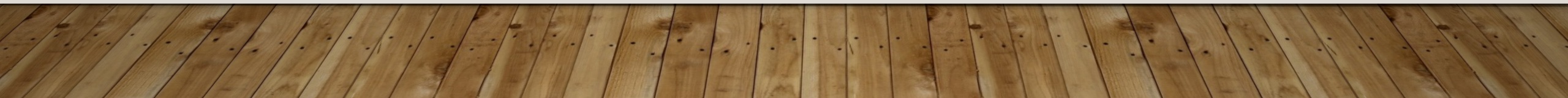




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- Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and **Satan** also came among them. (Job 1:6, ESV)





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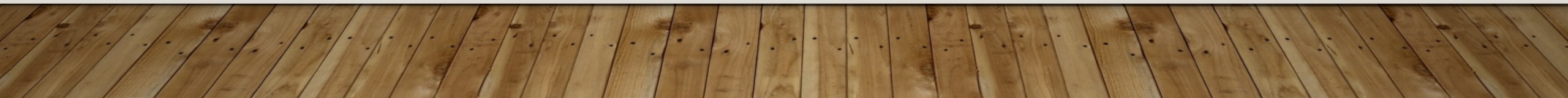


1 Ascribe to the LORD, you **heavenly beings** [sons of *Elohim*],
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness

(Ps 29:1-2, NIV)





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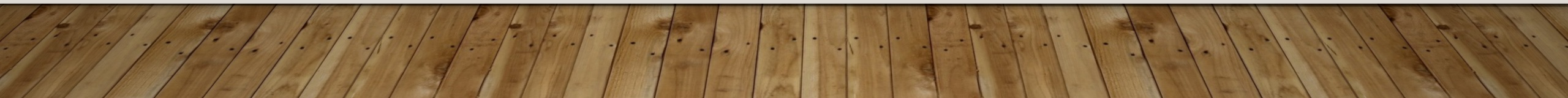


You were shown these things so that you might know that the **LORD is God; besides him there is no other** (Dt 4:35, NIV)

“There is no one holy **like** the LORD;

there is no one besides you;

there is no Rock **like** our God. (1 Sam 2:2, NIV)





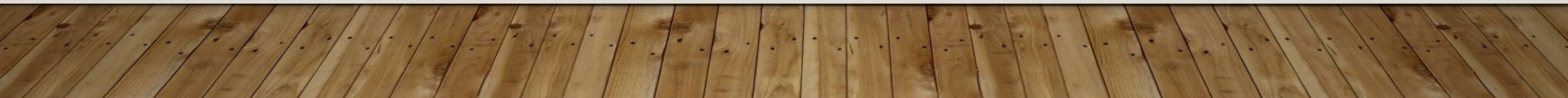
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“Now then, listen, you lover of pleasure,
lounging in your security
and **saying to yourself,**

‘I am, and there is none besides me.’

(Is 47:8abcd, NIV)





NO OTHER
“GODS”?



This is the city of revelry
that lived in safety.

She said to herself,

“I am the one! And **there is none besides me.**”

(Zep 2:15, NIV)

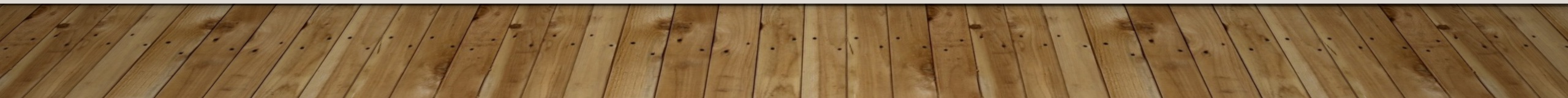




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Who **among the gods**
is **like** you, LORD? [YHWH]
Who is **like** you—
majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory,
working wonders? (Ex 15:11, NIV)

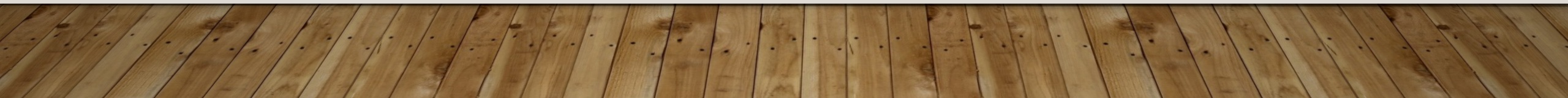




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- Now I know that **the LORD [YHWH]** is greater than all other **gods [*elohim*]**, for he did this to those who had treated Israel arrogantly.
(Ex 18:11, NIV)

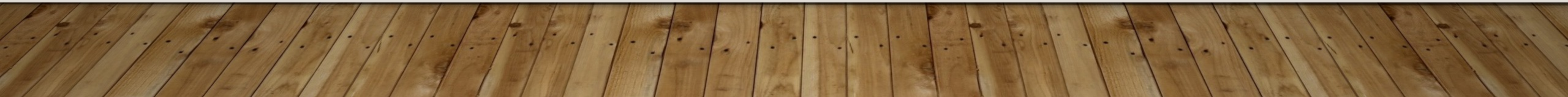




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**Among the gods [*elohim*] there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours. (Ps 86:8, NIV)**

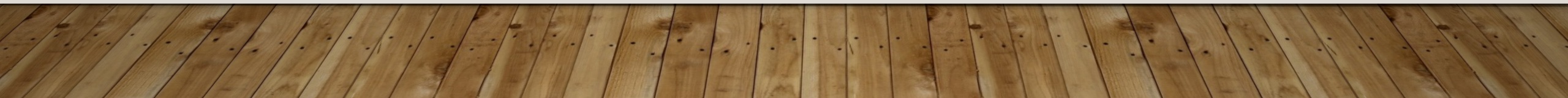




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- For what **god** is there in **heaven** or on earth who can do the deeds and mighty works you do? (Dt 3:24b, NIV)

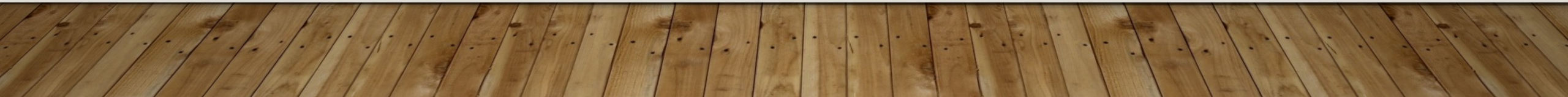




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For you, LORD [YHWH], are the **Most High** over all the earth;
you are exalted far **above all gods** [*elohim*]. (Ps 97:9, NIV)



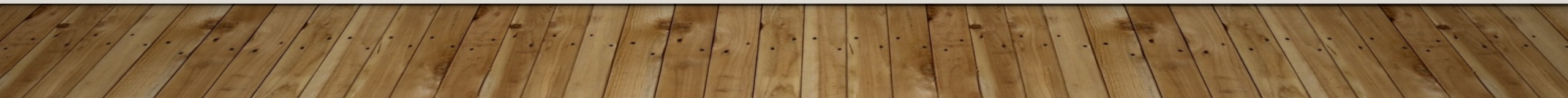


NO OTHER
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For great is the **LORD** and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared **above all gods** [*elohim*].

(Ps 96:4, NIV)





NO OTHER “GODS”?



1 Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

2 Praise him, all his **angels**;
praise him, all his **heavenly hosts**.

3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for **at his command they were created**, (Ps 148:1-5, NIV)

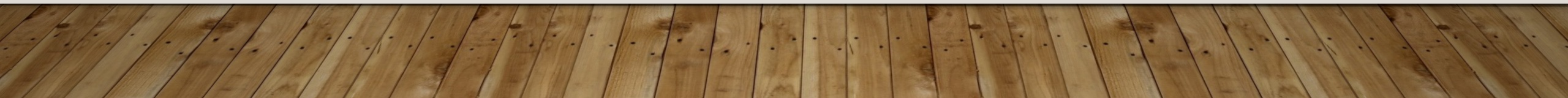




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- “You are the LORD [YHWH], you alone. You have **made heaven**, the heaven of heavens, **with all their host**, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the **host of heaven worships you.** (Neh 9:6, ESV)

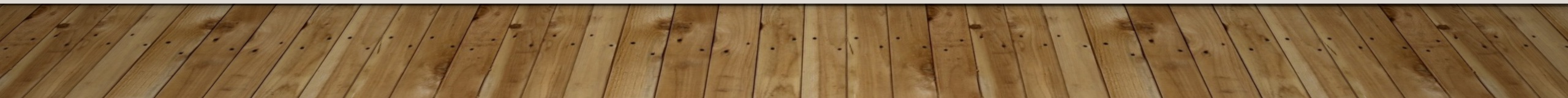




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- And Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the **host of heaven** standing beside him **on his right hand and on his left**; (1 Ki 22:19, NIV)



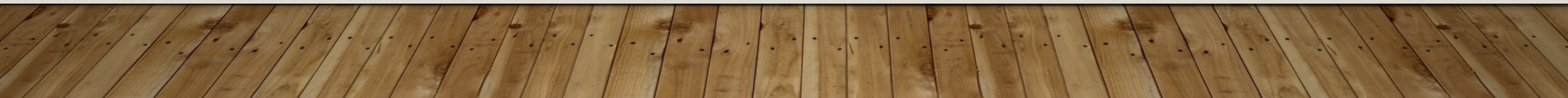


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For the **LORD** [YHWH] is the great God [*el*],
the great **King** above all gods [*elohim*].

(Ps 95:3, NIV)

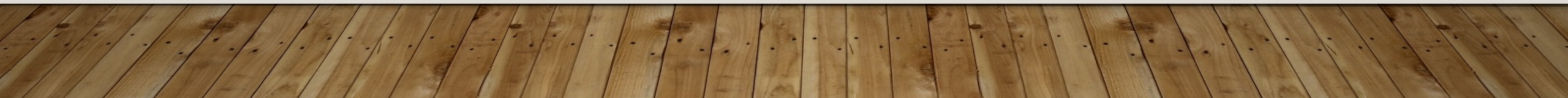




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- “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will **bring judgment on all the gods** [*elohim*] **of Egypt**. I am the LORD [YHWH]. (Ex 12:12, NIV)





BEFORE ME



14 “Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me.

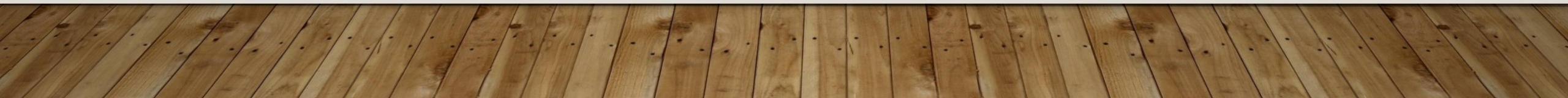
15 “Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread; for seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Aviv, for in that month you came out of Egypt.

“No one is to appear before me empty-handed.

16 “Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field.

“Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.

17 “Three times a year all the men are to appear **before** [אֶל-פְּנֵי | more lit. to the face] the Sovereign LORD. (Ex 23:14-17, NIV)





BEFORE ME

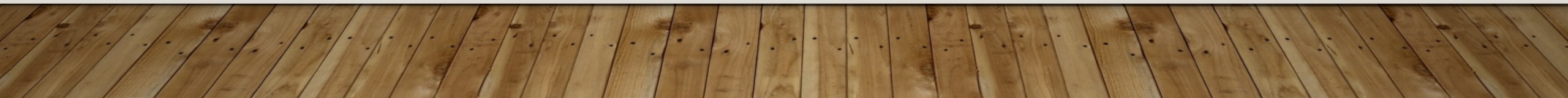


18 “Do not offer the **blood of a sacrifice** to me along with anything containing yeast.

“The **fat of my festival offerings** must not be kept until morning.

19 “Bring the best of the **firstfruits** of your soil to the house of the LORD your God.

“Do not cook a **young goat** in its mother’s milk. (Ex 23:18-19, NIV)

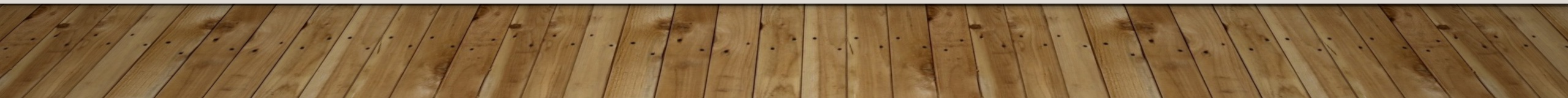




COVENANTAL LANGUAGE



- Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite **to be** [*hayah l^e*] **your wife.**’ (2 Sam 12:10, ESV)





COVENANTAL LANGUAGE



- I will take you **to be my people**, and I will be [*hayah l^e*] **your God**, and you shall know that I am the LORD [YHWH] your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
(Ex 6:7, ESV)



I DO



- 3 When Moses went and told the people **all the LORD's [YHWH] words and laws**, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD [YHWH] has said **we will do.**"
- 4 Moses then wrote down everything the LORD [YHWH] had said.
- He got up early the next morning and built an **altar** at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD [YHWH]. 6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the **Covenant** and read it to the people. They responded, "**We will do** everything the LORD has said; we will obey." (Ex 24:3-7, NIV)



I DO



- Moses then took the **blood**, **sprinkled it on the people** and said, “This is the **blood of the covenant** that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” (Ex 24:8, NIV)

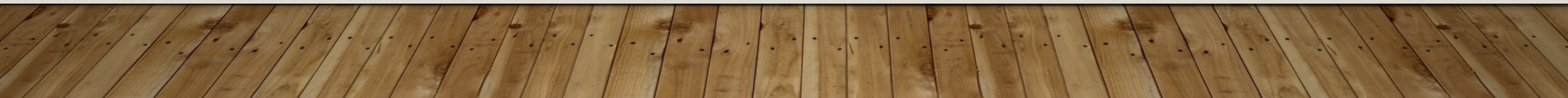


MARRIED TO
THE MAKER



5 For your **Maker** is your **husband**—
the **LORD [YHWH]** Almighty is his name—
the **Holy One of Israel** is your **Redeemer**;
he is called the **God of all the earth**.

(Is 54:5, NIV)





MARRIED TO THE MAKER



“Where is your mother’s **certificate of divorce**
with which **I sent her away?**

Or to which of my creditors
did I sell you?

Because of **your sins** you were sold;

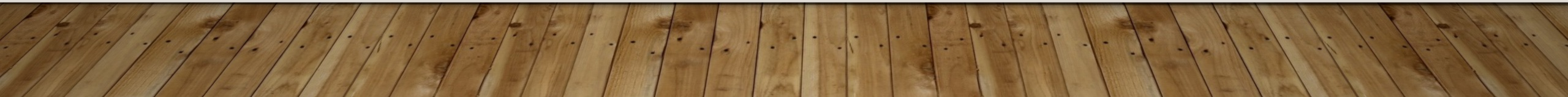
because of **your transgressions your mother was**
sent away. (Is 50:1, NIV)



MARRIED TO THE MAKER



As a **young man** marries a **young woman**,
so will your **Builder** marry you;
as a **bridegroom** rejoices over his **bride**,
so will your **God** rejoice over **you**. (Is 62:5, NIV)

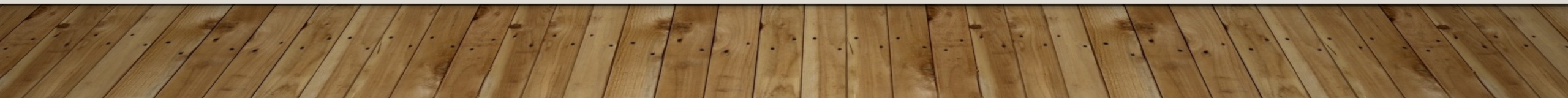




MARRIED TO THE MAKER



- 25 Husbands, **love your wives**, just as **Christ loved the church** and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Eph 5:25-27, NIV)





SECULAR, SELFISH GODS



- 18 For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as **enemies of the cross of Christ**. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their **god is their stomach**, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. (Php 3:18-19, NIV)

