



“AMAZING GRACE: HOW SWEET THE SIGHT!”

JOHN 9:13-41 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

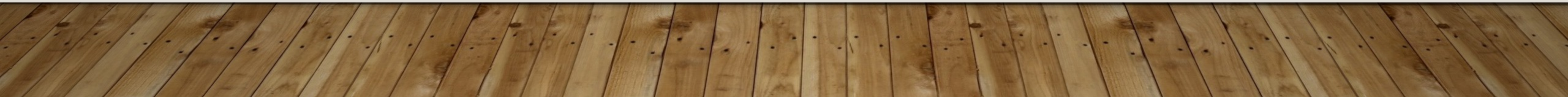




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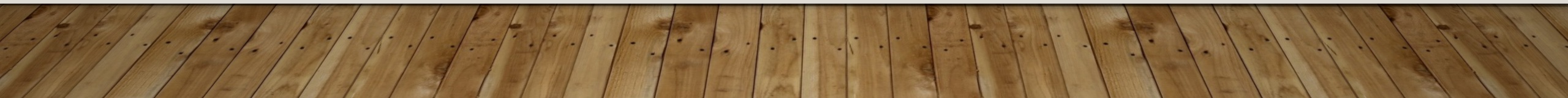
When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “**I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**” (Jn 8:12, NIV)





CONTEXT

He replied, “**The man they call Jesus** made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could **see.**” (Jn 9:11, NIV)






JOHN 9:13-14
SIGHT ON THE SABBATH



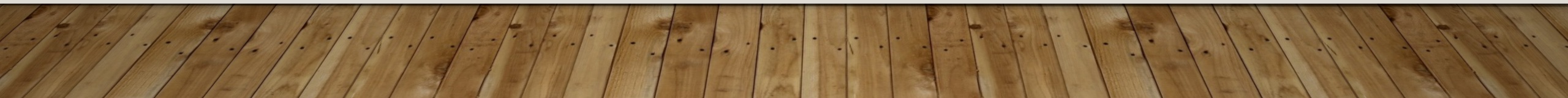
13 They bring to the Pharisees that man who was once blind. 14 Now the day on which Jesus made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. (Jn 9:13-14, AT)





JOHN 9:13-14
SIGHT ON THE SABBATH

8 Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD [YHWH] your God. [**On it,**] **you shall not do any work** – neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female slave, nor your animals, nor any foreigner within your gates. (Ex 20:8-10, AT)

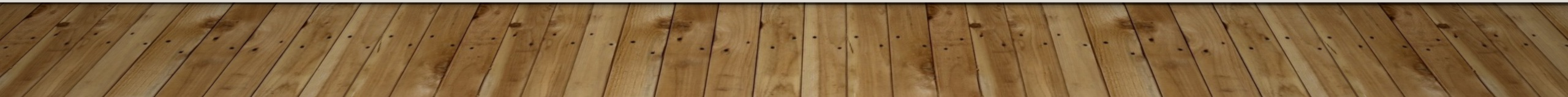




JOHN 9:15-16
PRINCE OF PEACE?



51 You think *peace* I have come to establish **on the earth**? No, I tell you, but rather **division**. 52 For, from now on, it will be five divided in one house: three against two and two against three.
(Lk 12:51-52, AT)





JOHN 9:15-16 DIVISIVE DELIVERER



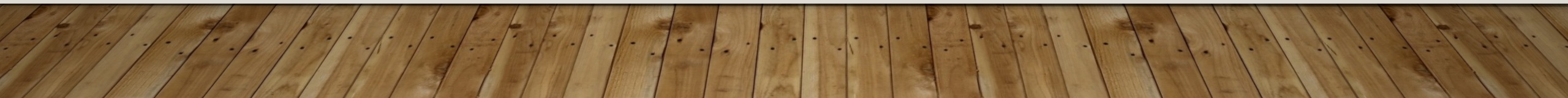
53 Father will be **divided** against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” [Mic 7:6]
(Lk 12:53, AT)



JOHN 9:20-23
FORSAKEN BY FAMILY
AND FRIENDS?

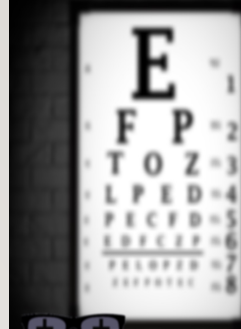


20 Then his parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. 21 But we don't know how he now sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." 22 His parents said these things because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed with each other that if anyone acknowledged Him as the Messiah [Christ], they would be excommunicated from the synagogue. 23 This is why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." (Jn 9:20-23, AT)

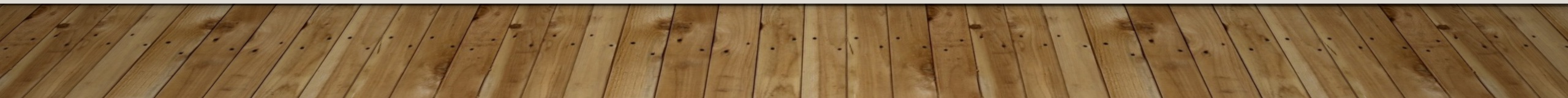






JOHN 9:20-23
FORSAKEN BY FAMILY
AND FRIENDS?





You are my friends if you do
what I command you.
(Jn 15:14, AT)



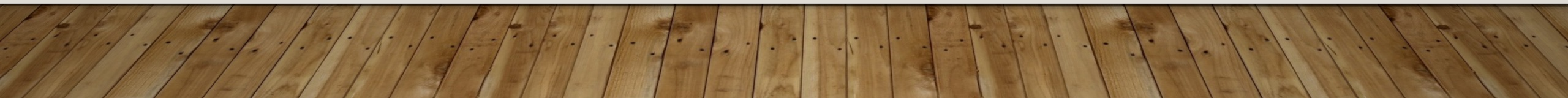


JOHN 9:24-25
WAS BLIND BUT NOW
I SEE



24 So they called for the man a second time – the man who was [once] blind – and said to him, "Give glory to God! **We know** that this guy is a sinner."

25 Then he answered these men: "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know: Though I was **blind**, now I **see**." (Jn 9:24-25, AT)



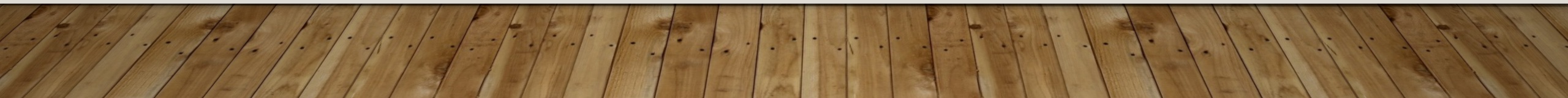


JOHN 9:24-25
TELL THE TRUTH,
SO HELP YOU GOD!



Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, **give glory to the LORD [YHWH]**, the God of Israel, and **honor him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me.**”

(Jos 7:19, NIV)





JOHN 9:26-29
DO YOU WANT
TO BE A DISCIPLE?



26 Then they said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

27 He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You don't also want to become disciples of His, do you?"

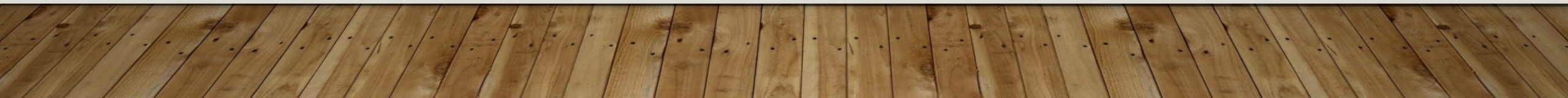
(Jn 9:26-27, AT)



JOHN 9:26-29
DO YOU WANT
TO BE A DISCIPLE?



28 Then they hurled insults at him and said,
"You are a disciple of that [man], but we are
disciples of Moses. 29 **We know** that God has
spoken to Moses, but we don't know where this
[guy] is from." (Jn 9:28-29, AT)





JOHN 9:30-33
AMAZING
GRACE!



30 The man answered and said to them, "Well, this is **amazing**: you don't know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes.
31 **We know** that God does not listen to sinners. But if anyone is godly and does the will [of God], He listens. 32 From the beginning of time, it has never been heard that someone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, He would not be able to do anything." (Jn 9:30-33, AT)



JOHN 9:30-33

THE PRAYERS OF THE RIGHTEOUS...



The LORD [YHWH] **detests the sacrifice** of the **wicked**,
but the **prayer** of the **upright pleases** him.

(Pr 15:8, NIV)

The LORD [YHWH] is **far** from the **wicked**,
but he **hears the prayer** of the **righteous**.

(Pr 15:29, NIV)



JOHN 9:30-33
THE PRAYERS OF THE
RIGHTEOUS...



If anyone turns a **deaf** ear to **my instruction**,
even their **prayers are detestable**. (Pr 28:9, NIV)





JOHN 9:30-33
THE PRAYERS OF THE
RIGHTEOUS...



- 1 Surely the arm of the LORD [YHWH] is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.
- 2 **But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.** (Is 59:2, NIV; cf. 1 Pet 3:7)



JOHN 9:30-33

NEW EYESIGHT, NEW INSIGHT

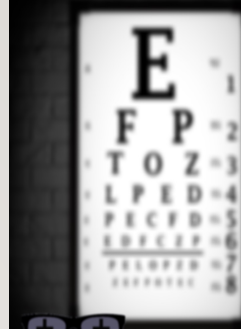


This man came to Him **at night** and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has **come from God**. For **no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.**"

(Jn 3:2, AT)



JOHN 9:34
AD HOMINEM ATTACK



They answered and said to him, "You were born wholly in sin, and you are teaching us?" And they threw him out.

(Jn 9:34, AT)



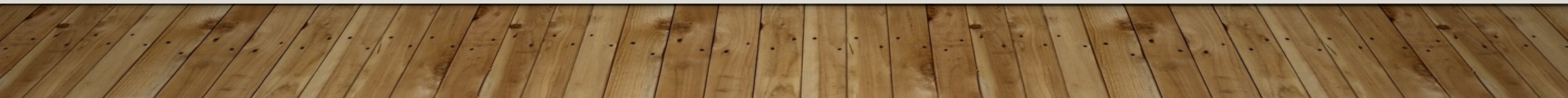
JOHN 9:34
AD HOMINEM ATTACK



1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, **who sinned**, this man or his **parents**, that he was **born blind**?”

3 “**Neither** this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

(Jn 9:1-3, NIV)

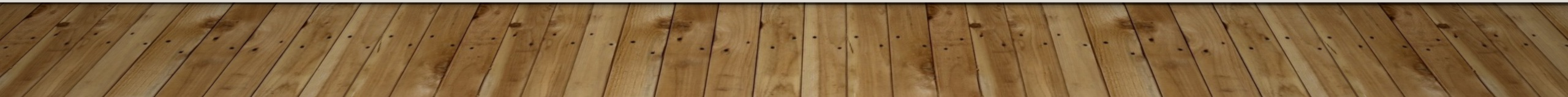




JOHN 9:35
THE GOOD SHEPHERD
SEEKS THE LOST



Jesus heard that they threw him out
and, when He found him, He said,
"Do you believe **in** the Son of Man?"
(Jn 9:35, AT)






JOHN 9:35
THE GOOD SHEPHERD
SEEKS THE LOST




For the Son of Man came to
seek and to save the lost.”

(Lk 19:10, NIV)

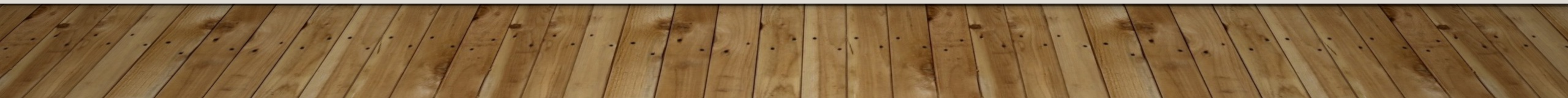




JOHN 9:35
BELIEVE *IN*
THE SON OF MAN



13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man**, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; **all nations** and peoples of **every language worshiped him**. His dominion is an **everlasting dominion** that will not pass away, and his **kingdom** is one that will **never be destroyed**. (Dn 7:13-14, NIV; cf. Mk 14:61-64)





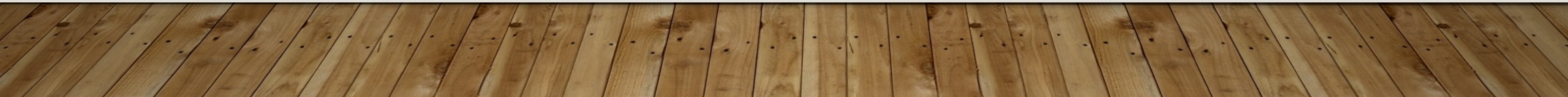
JOHN 9:36-38
LORD, I BELIEVE!

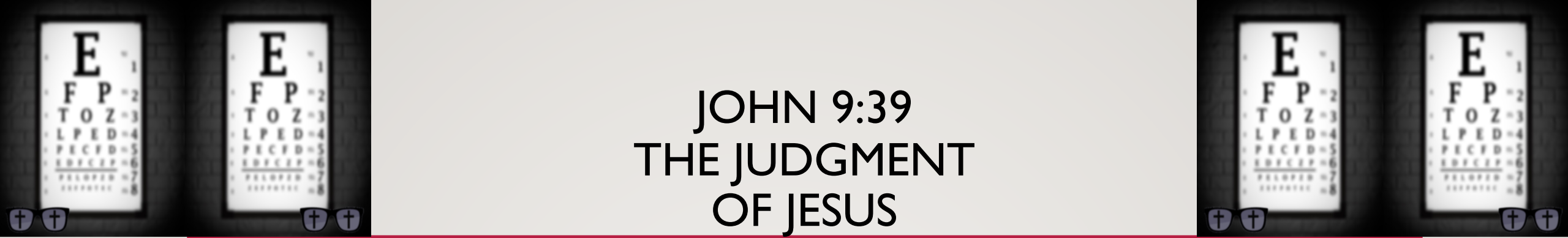


36 That man answered and said, "And who is He, Lord? [Tell me] so that I may believe in Him."

37 Jesus said to Him, "Indeed, you have **seen** Him, and the One speaking with you is He."

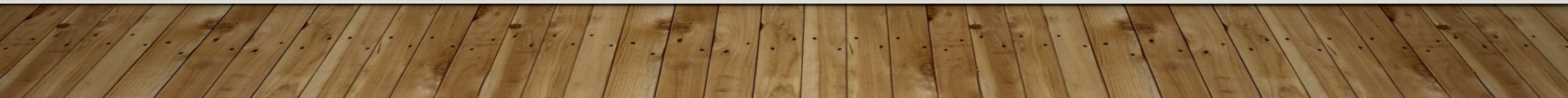
38 Then he declared, "Lord, I believe!!" And he worshipped Him. (Jn 9:36-38, AT)





JOHN 9:39
THE JUDGMENT
OF JESUS

Then, Jesus said, "For judgment [*κρίμα* | *krima*] I have come into this world, so that those who **don't see may see**, and those who **do see may become blind**." (Jn 9:39 AT)



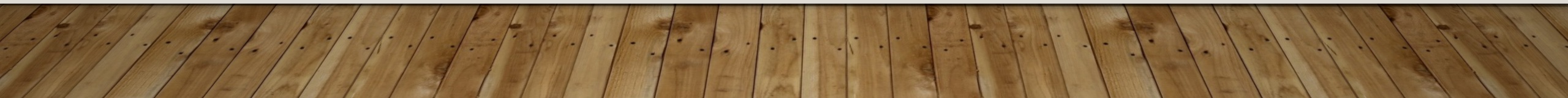


JOHN 9:39 THE JUDGMENT OF JESUS



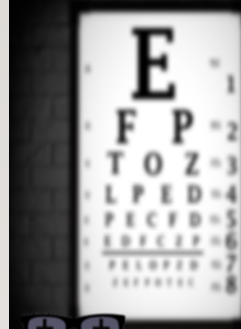
For, in this way, God loved the world: that He gave the one-of-a-kind Son, so that everyone who is [continually] faithful to Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (Jn 3:16, AT)

For God did **not** send the Son into the world in order to **condemn** [κρίνω | *krinō*] the world, but so that the world shall be **saved** through Him. (Jn 3:17, AT)





JOHN 9:39 THE JUDGMENT OF JESUS



47 “If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not **judge** [κρίνω | *krinō*] that person. For I did not come to **judge** [κρίνω | *krinō*] the world, but to **save** the world. 48 There is a **judge** [κρίνω | *krinō*] for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; **the very words I have spoken will condemn** [κρίνω | *krinō*] **them** at the last day. (Jn 12:47-48, NIV)



JOHN 9:39 THE JUDGMENT OF JESUS



18 Whoever **believes in** him is not **condemned** [κρίνω | *krinō*], but whoever does not believe stands **condemned** [κρίνω | *krinō*] already because they have not **believed in** the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict [κρίσις | *krisis*]: **Light has come into the world**, but people loved **darkness instead of light** because **their deeds were evil**. 20 Everyone who **does evil hates the light**, and **will not come into the light** for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever **lives by the truth comes into the light**, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God. (Jn 3:18-21, NIV)



JOHN 9:39 SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS



18 “Hear, you deaf;

look, **you blind**, and **see!**

19 Who is **blind** but **my servant**,

and deaf like the messenger I send?

Who is **blind** like the one in covenant with me,

blind like the servant of the LORD [YHWH]?

20 You have **seen** many things, but you **pay no attention**;

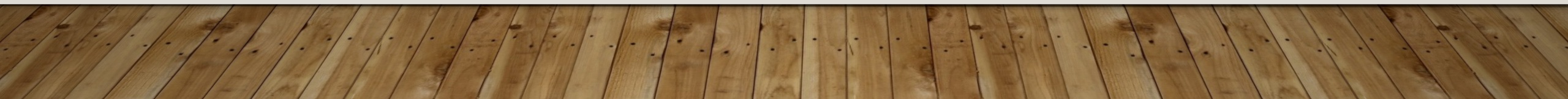
your ears are open, but you **do not listen.**” (Is 42:18-20, NIV)



JOHN 9:39
SPIRITUAL
BLINDNESS



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”
And I said, “**Here am I. Send me!**”
(Is 6:8, NIV)





JOHN 9:39 SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

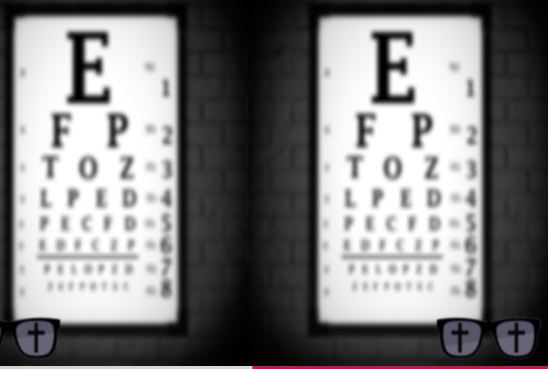


9 He said, “Go and tell this people:

“ ‘Be ever hearing, but never understanding;
be ever **seeing**, but never **perceiving**.’

10 Make the heart of this people calloused;
make their ears dull
and **close their eyes**.

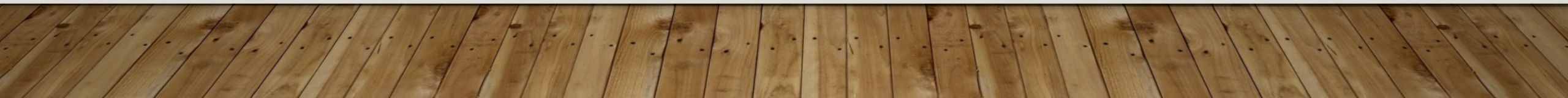
Otherwise they might **see with their eyes**,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.” (Is 6:9-10, NIV)



JOHN 9:39
SPIRITUAL
BLINDNESS



In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll,
and out of **gloom and darkness**
the **eyes of the blind** will see. (Is 29:18, NIV)





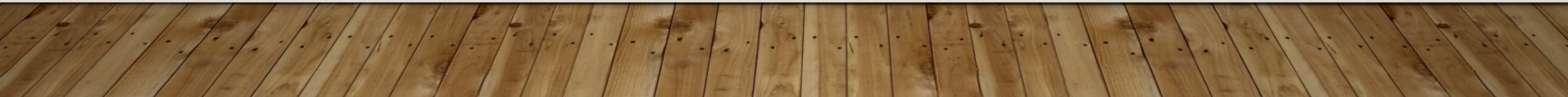
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SPIRITUAL
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5 Then will the **eyes** of the **blind** be **opened**
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

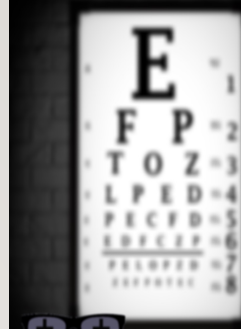
6 Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

(Is 35:5-6ab, NIV)





JOHN 9:39 SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS



- 6 “I, the LORD [YHWH], have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a **covenant** for the people
and a **light** for the Gentiles,
7 to **open eyes** that are **blind**,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in **darkness**.

(Is 42:6-7, NIV)



JOHN 9:40-41
BLIND AND
STILL DON'T SEE



40 Some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things. And they said to Him, "We aren't **blind**, too, are we?"

41 Jesus said to them, "If you were **blind**, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We **see**', your sin remains." (Jn 9:40-41 AT)