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“So much has been given to me that I have no time to ponder that which I don’t have.”

-Helen Keller

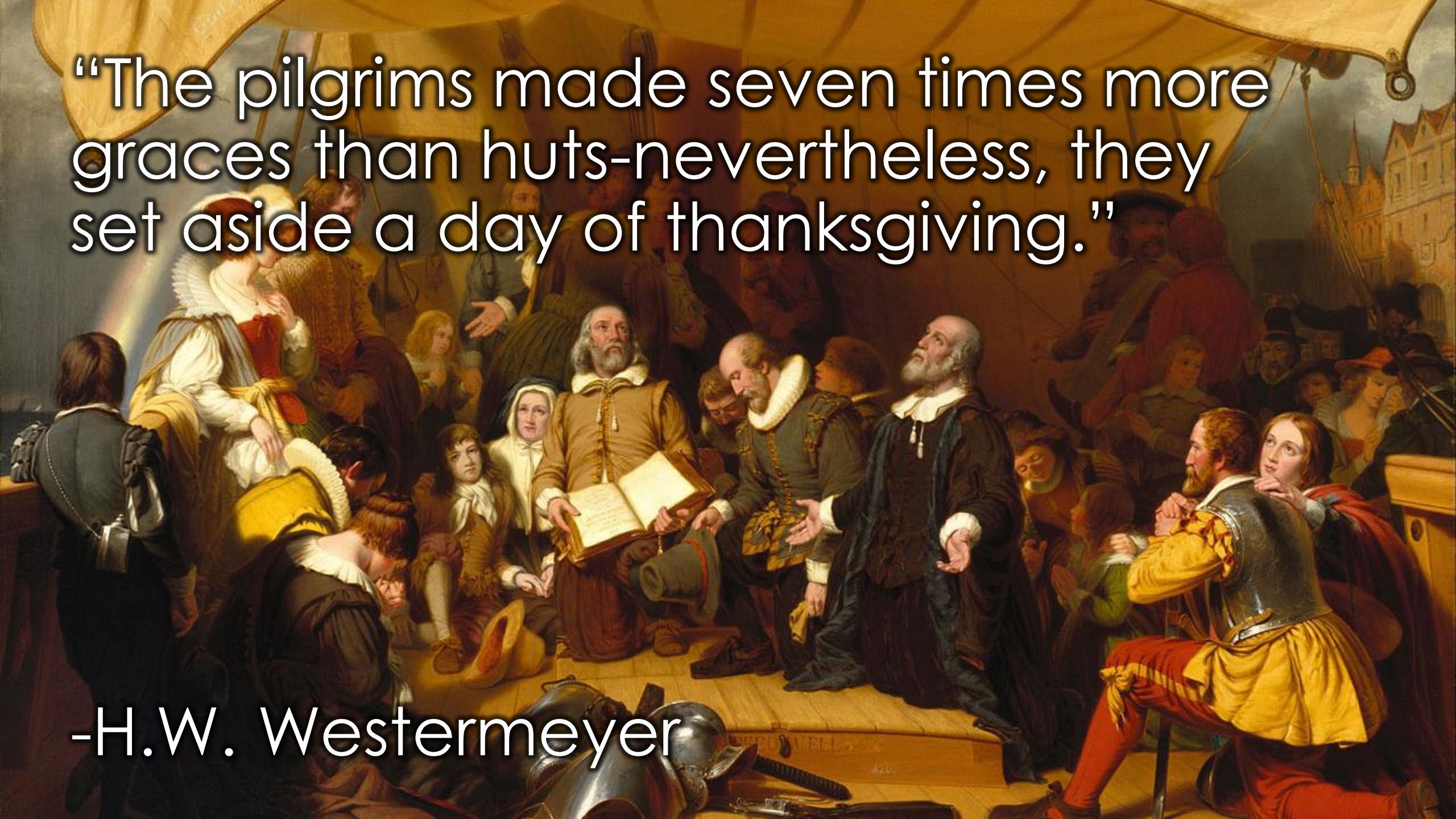
“Giving thanks is not a matter of feeling thankful, it’s a matter of obedience.”

-Joni Erickson Tada



“The pilgrims made seven times more
graces than huts-nevertheless, they
set aside a day of thanksgiving.”

-H.W. Westermeyer



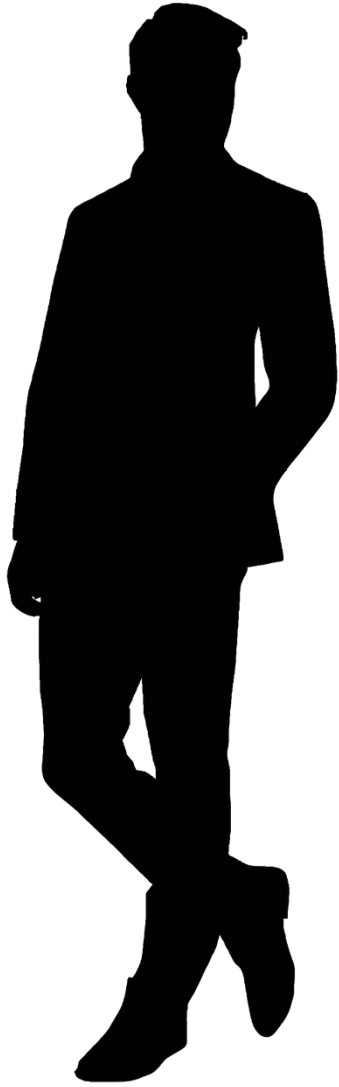
“A bad moment for an atheist is when he feels grateful, and has no one to thank.”

-Author unknown

Receive one who is weak in the faith, *but* not to disputes over doubtful things.

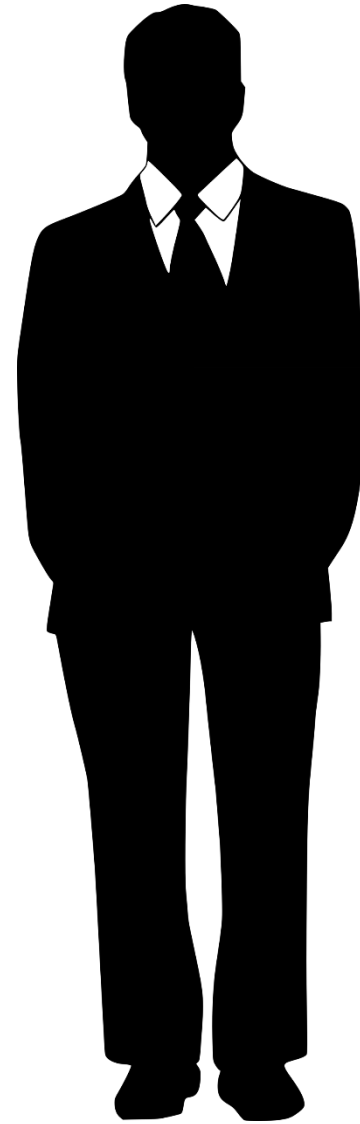
Romans 14:1





“THE STRONG”

VS



“THE WEAK”

For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats *only* vegetables.

Romans 14:2





FOOD OFFERED TO IDOLS



Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

Romans 14:3



Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:4







One person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike*. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

Romans 14:5



He who observes the day,
observes *it* to the Lord; and he who
does not observe the day, to the
Lord he does not observe *it*.

Romans 14:6a





**...but what about other
days like Christmas????**



**The power of
social media**



What did one of our church leader's/founder's have to say about Christmas?

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THE DAY NOT TO BE IGNORED

As the twenty-fifth of December is observed to commemorate the birth of Christ, as the children have been instructed by precept and example that this was indeed a day of gladness and rejoicing,



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you will find it a difficult matter to pass over this period without giving it some attention. **It can be made to serve a very good purpose.**



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The angels found this an occasion to rejoice

CHRISTMAS, A TIME TO HONOR GOD

By the world the holidays are spent in frivolity and extravagance, gluttony and display. . . . Thousands of dollars will be worse than thrown away upon the coming Christmas and New Year's in needless indulgences.



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But it is our privilege to depart from the customs and practices of this degenerate age; and instead of expending means merely for the gratification of the appetite or for needless ornaments or articles of clothing, we may **make the coming holidays an occasion in which to honor and glorify God.**



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**What about the
Christmas Tree?**



For the customs of the
peoples *are* futile;
For *one* cuts a tree from the forest,
The work of the hands of the
workman, with the ax.

Jeremiah 10:3



They decorate it with silver and gold; They fasten it with nails and hammers So that it will not topple.

Jeremiah 10:4



“SHALL WE HAVE A CHRISTMAS TREE?”

God would be well pleased if on Christmas each church would have a Christmas tree on which shall be hung offerings, great and small, for these houses of worship. Letters of inquiry have come to us asking, Shall we have a Christmas tree? Will it not be like the world?



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We answer, You can make it like the world if you have a disposition to do so, or you can make it as unlike the world as possible. There is **no particular sin in selecting a fragrant evergreen and placing it in our churches**, but the sin lies in the motive which prompts to action and the use which is made of the gifts placed upon the tree...



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...let its boughs be laden with the golden and silver fruit of your beneficence, and present this to Him as your Christmas gift. Let your donations be sanctified by prayer.

Christmas and New Year celebrations can and should be held in behalf of those who are helpless. God is glorified when we give to help those who have large families to support.



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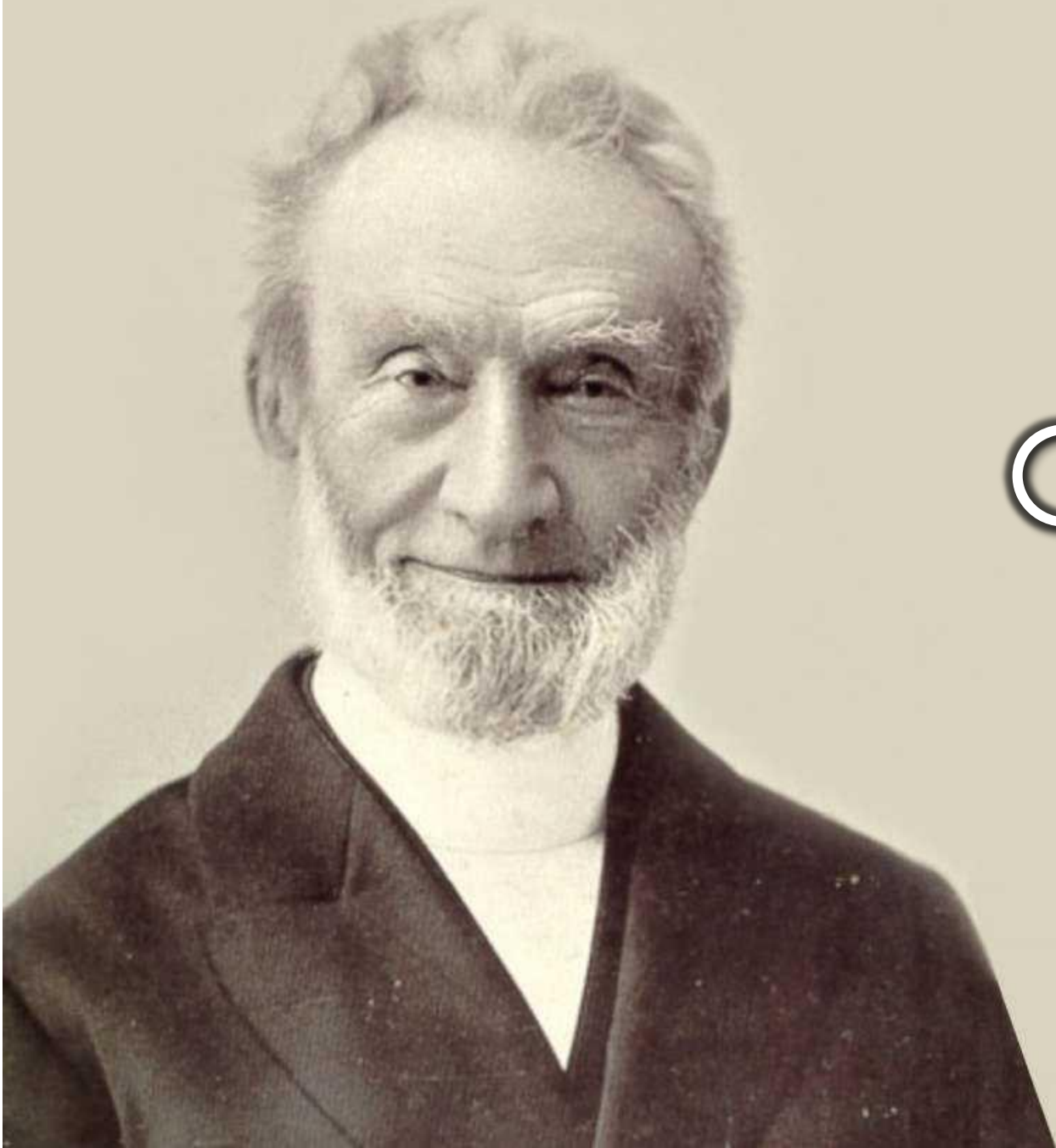


He who eats, eats to the Lord,
for he gives God thanks; and he
who does not eat, to the Lord he
does not eat, and gives God
thanks.

Romans 14:6b



Give thanks at Thanksgiving



George Müller
1805 - 1898

**Beloved, let us love one another,
for love is of God; and everyone
who loves is born of God and
knows God.**

1 John 4:7



He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:8



In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

1 John 4:9



In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

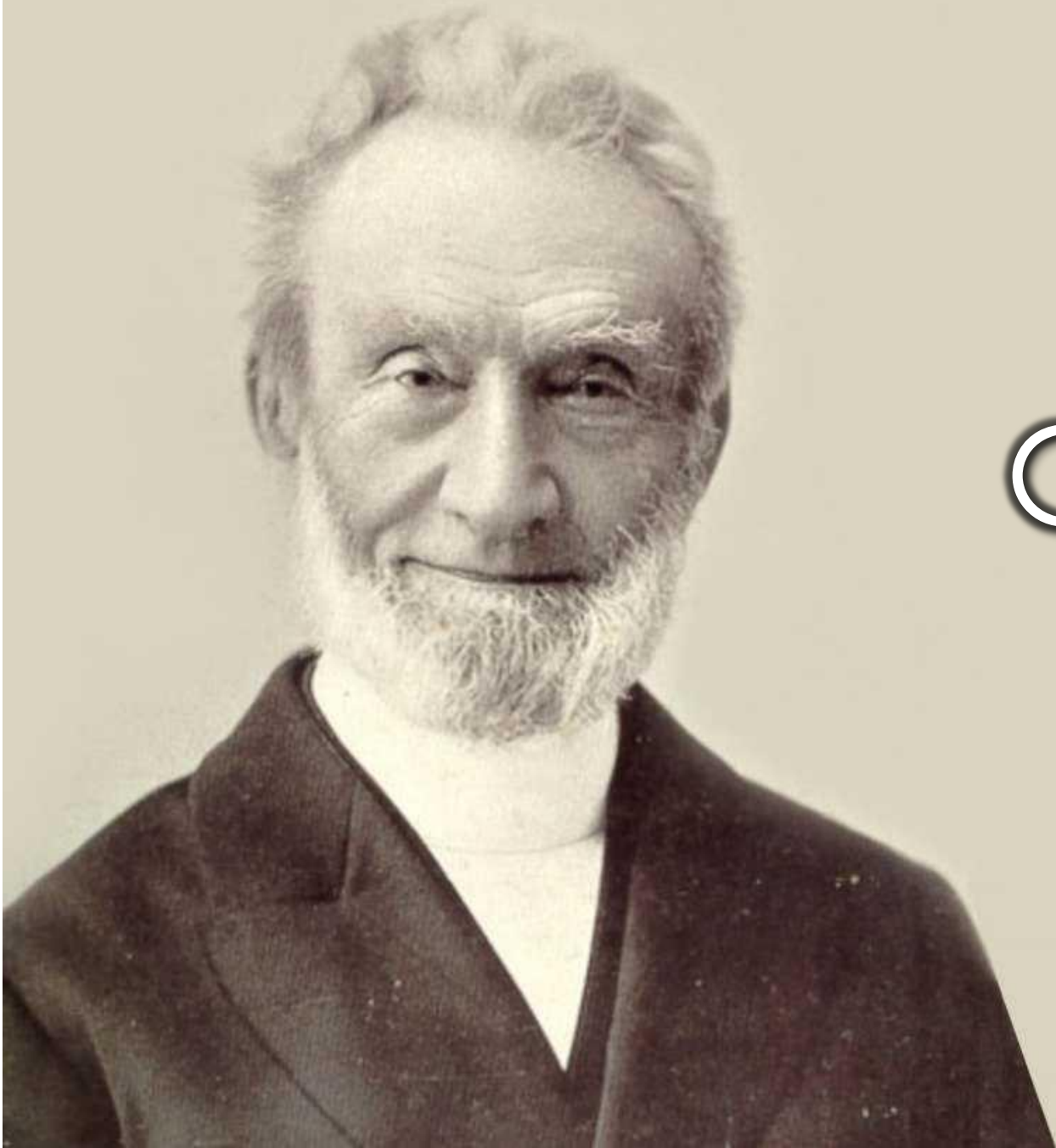
1 John 4:10



**Beloved, if God so loved us, we
also ought to love one another.**

1 John 4:11





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**For none of us lives to himself, and
no one dies to himself.**

Romans 14:7



For if we live, we live to the Lord;
and if we die, we die to the Lord.
Therefore, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:8



For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Romans 14:9



*Happy
Holidays!*





**So then each of us shall give
account of himself to God.**

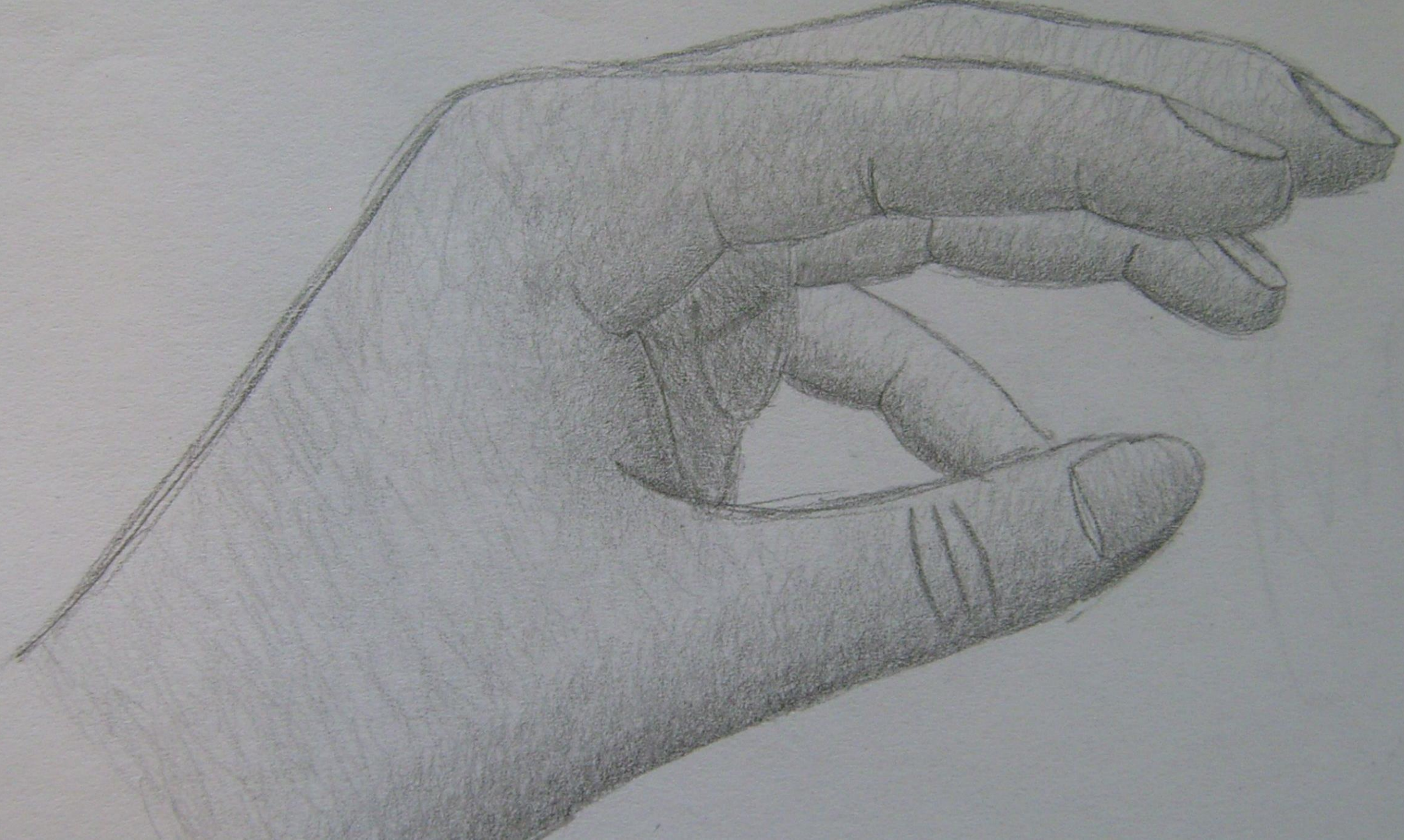
Romans 14:12



Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather **resolve this**, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother's way.

Romans 14:13





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CLOSING SONG
Hymn # 195

Showers of Blessings

