

Role of Children & Parents

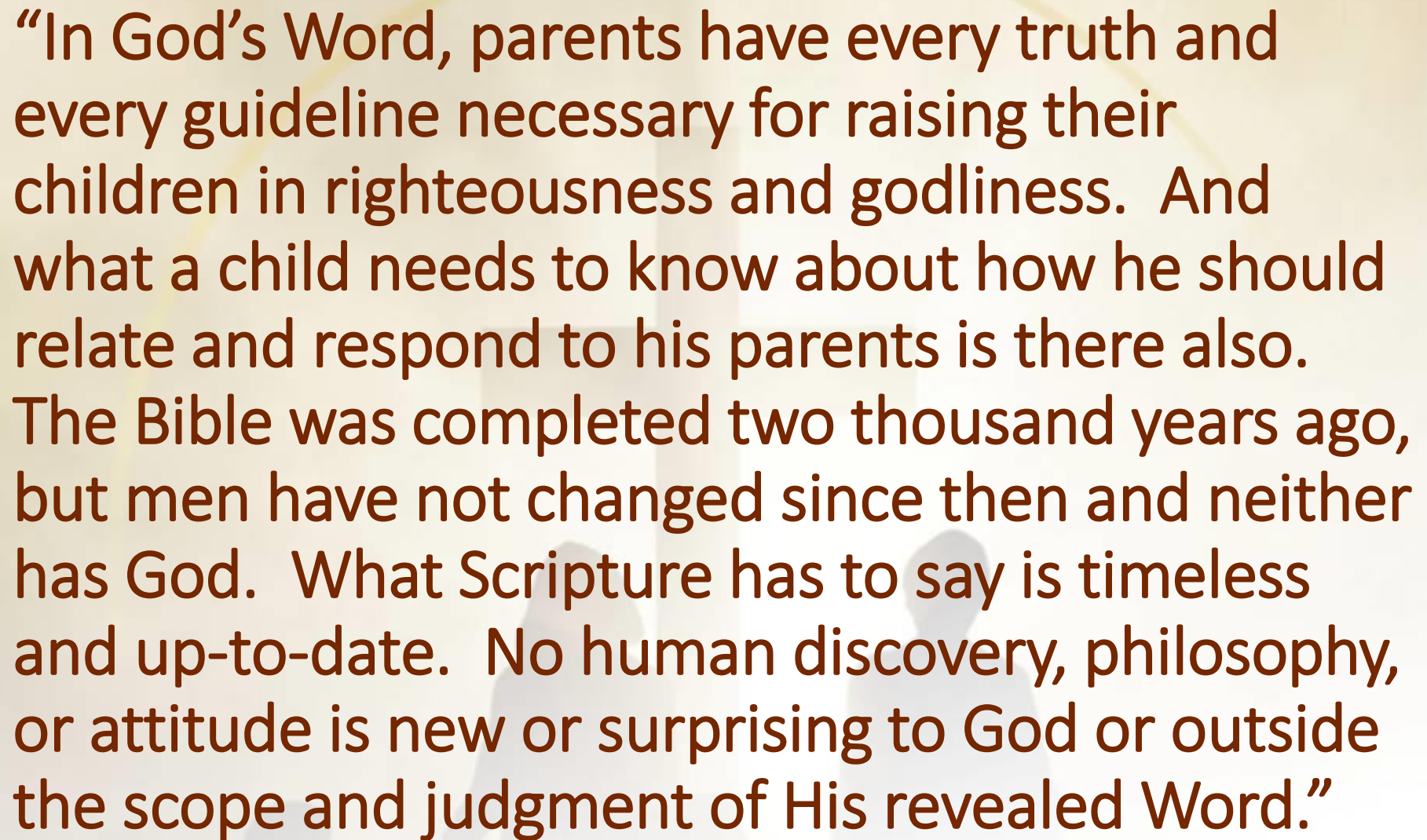
Ephesians 6:1-4



Proverbs 1:8

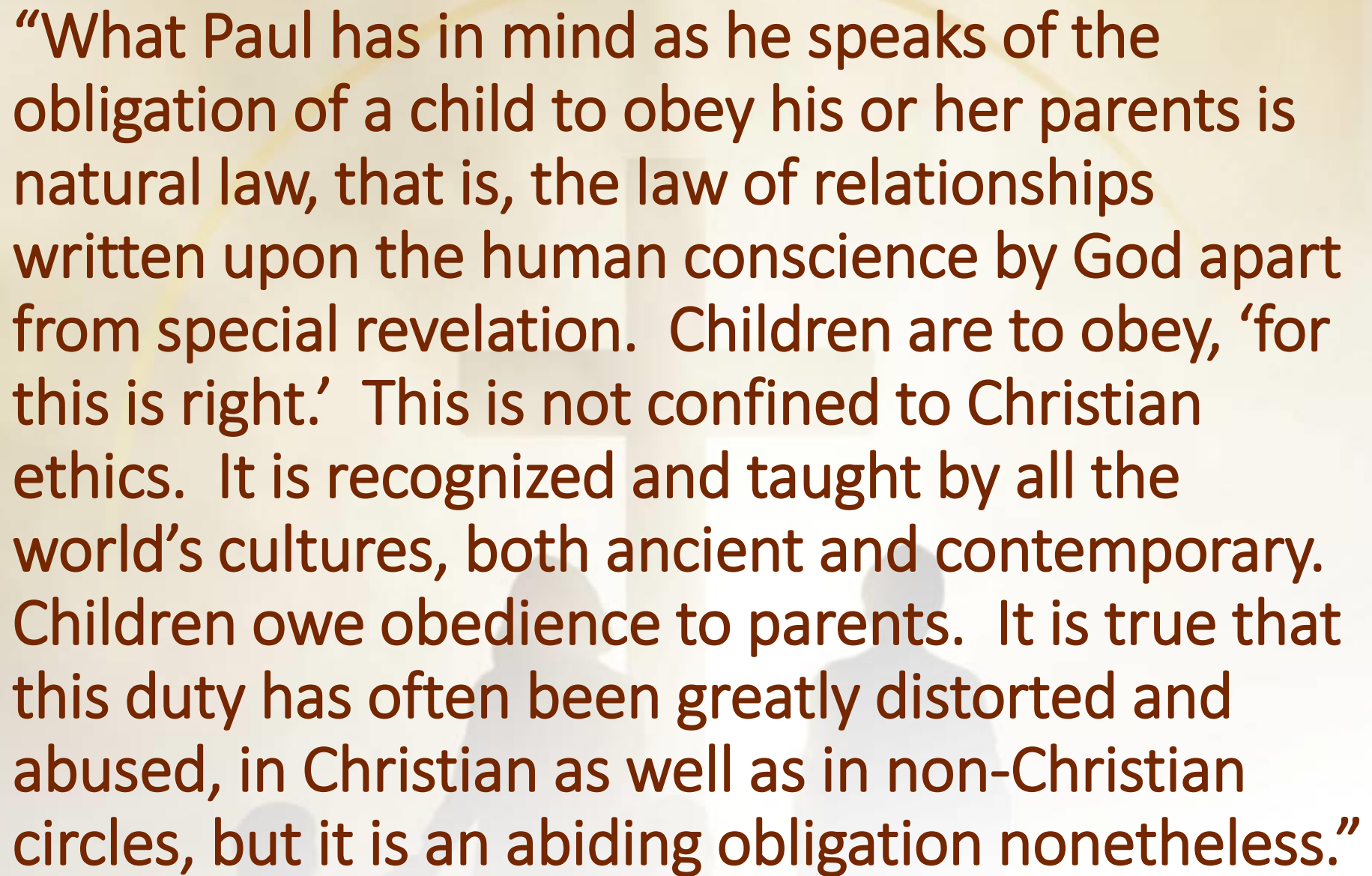
⁸ Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching;



The background of the slide features a soft, warm-toned image. At the top, a faint rainbow arches across the sky. Below it, the silhouettes of a family—a man, a woman, and two children—are visible. The man and woman are standing and holding hands, while the two children are in the foreground, also holding hands. The overall scene is peaceful and suggests a family-oriented theme.

“In God’s Word, parents have every truth and every guideline necessary for raising their children in righteousness and godliness. And what a child needs to know about how he should relate and respond to his parents is there also. The Bible was completed two thousand years ago, but men have not changed since then and neither has God. What Scripture has to say is timeless and up-to-date. No human discovery, philosophy, or attitude is new or surprising to God or outside the scope and judgment of His revealed Word.”

— Moody Commentary

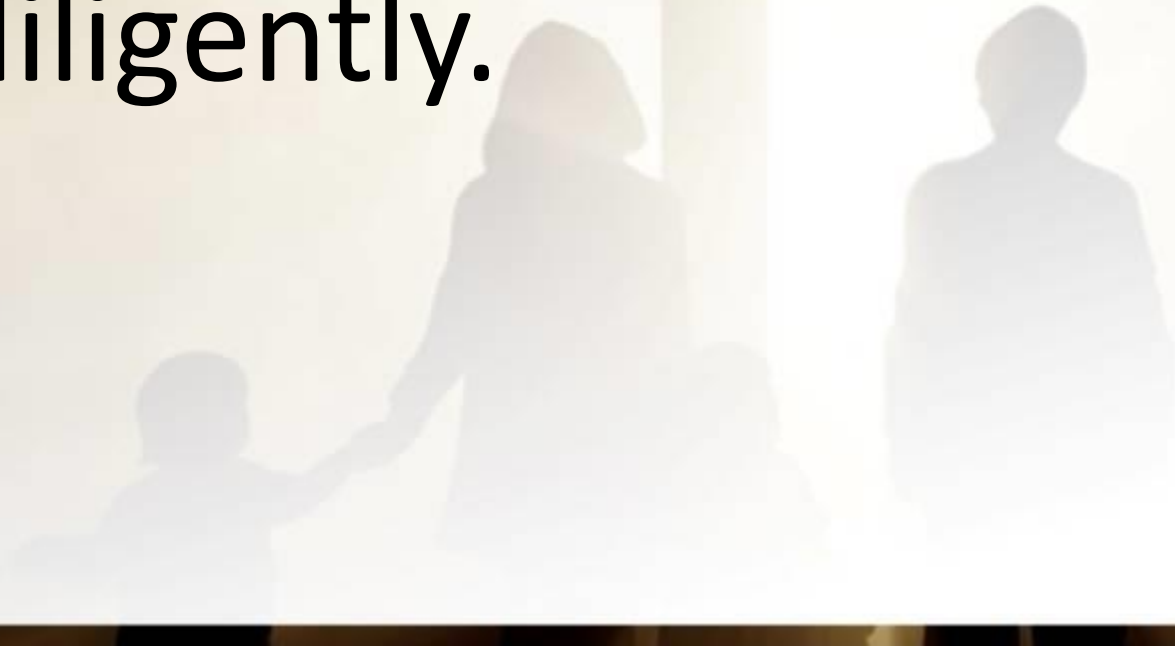


“What Paul has in mind as he speaks of the obligation of a child to obey his or her parents is natural law, that is, the law of relationships written upon the human conscience by God apart from special revelation. Children are to obey, ‘for this is right.’ This is not confined to Christian ethics. It is recognized and taught by all the world’s cultures, both ancient and contemporary. Children owe obedience to parents. It is true that this duty has often been greatly distorted and abused, in Christian as well as in non-Christian circles, but it is an abiding obligation nonetheless.”

- J. Boice

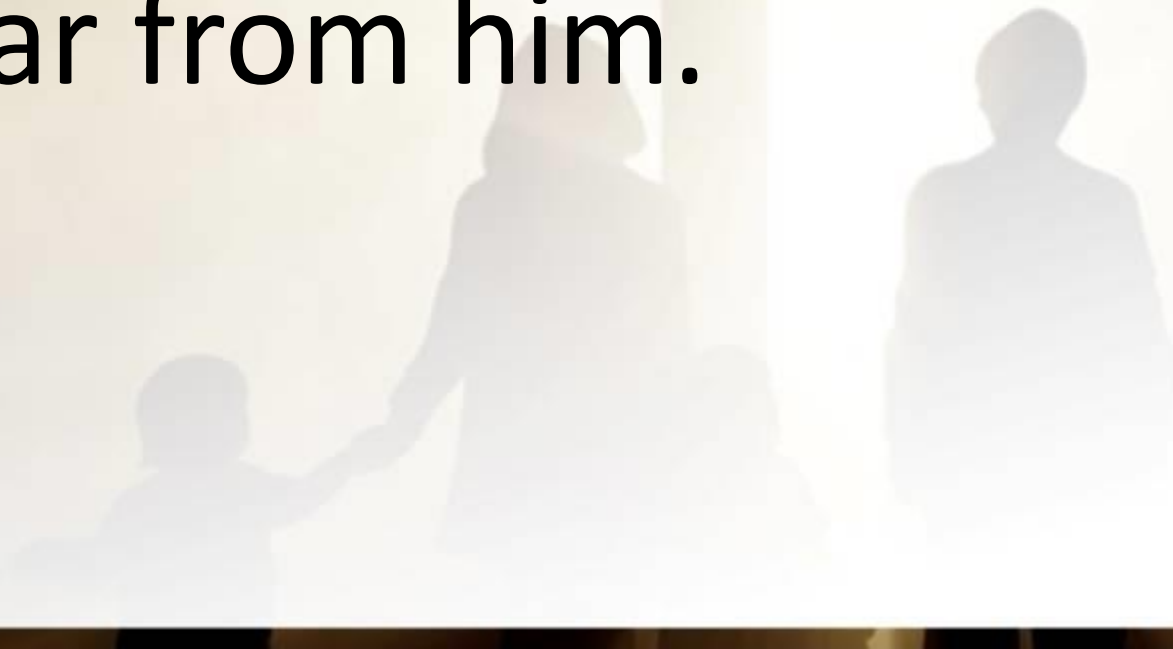
Proverbs 13:24

²⁴ He who withholds his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.



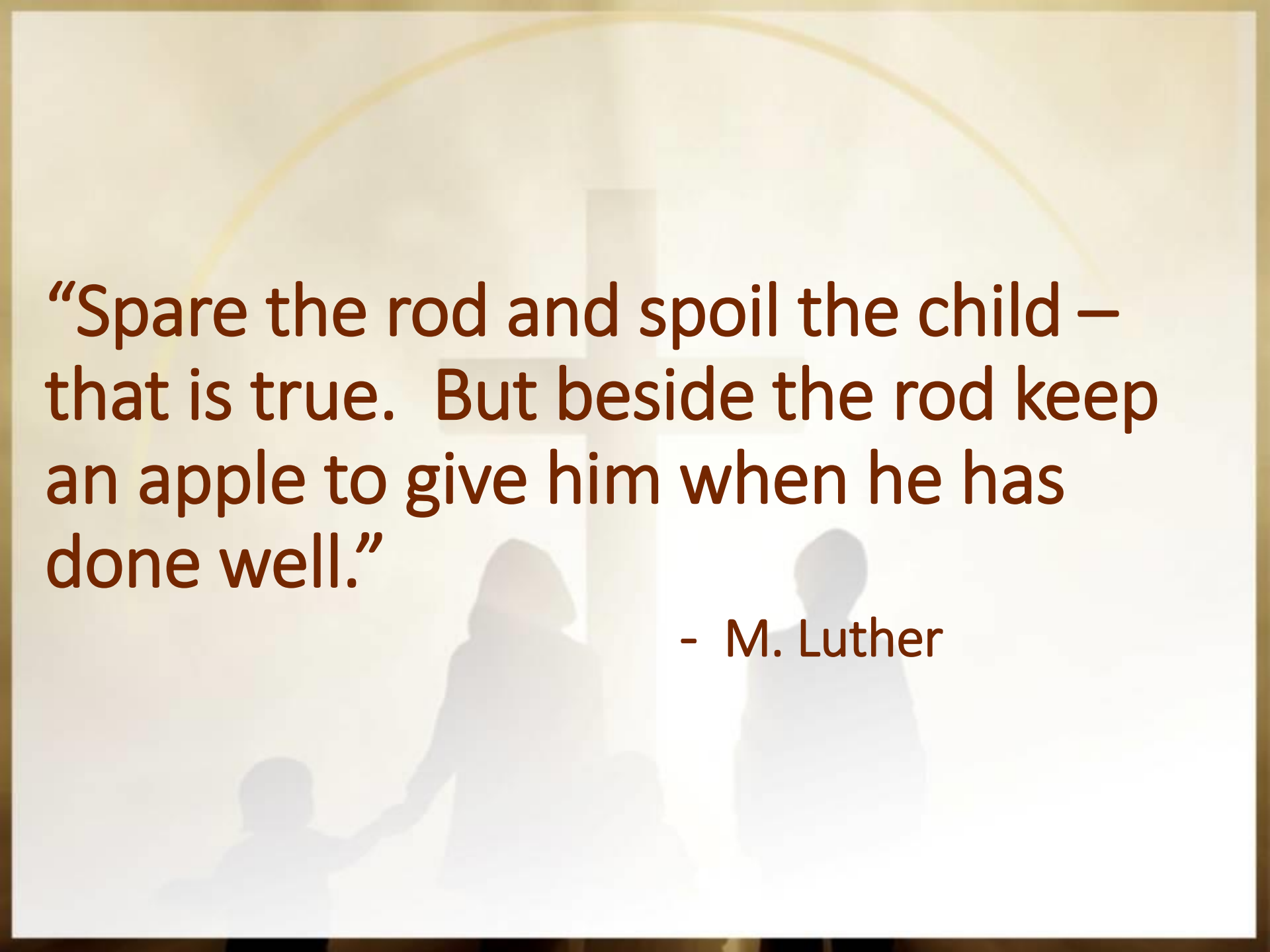
Proverbs 22:15

¹⁵ Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him.



Proverbs 29:15 & 17

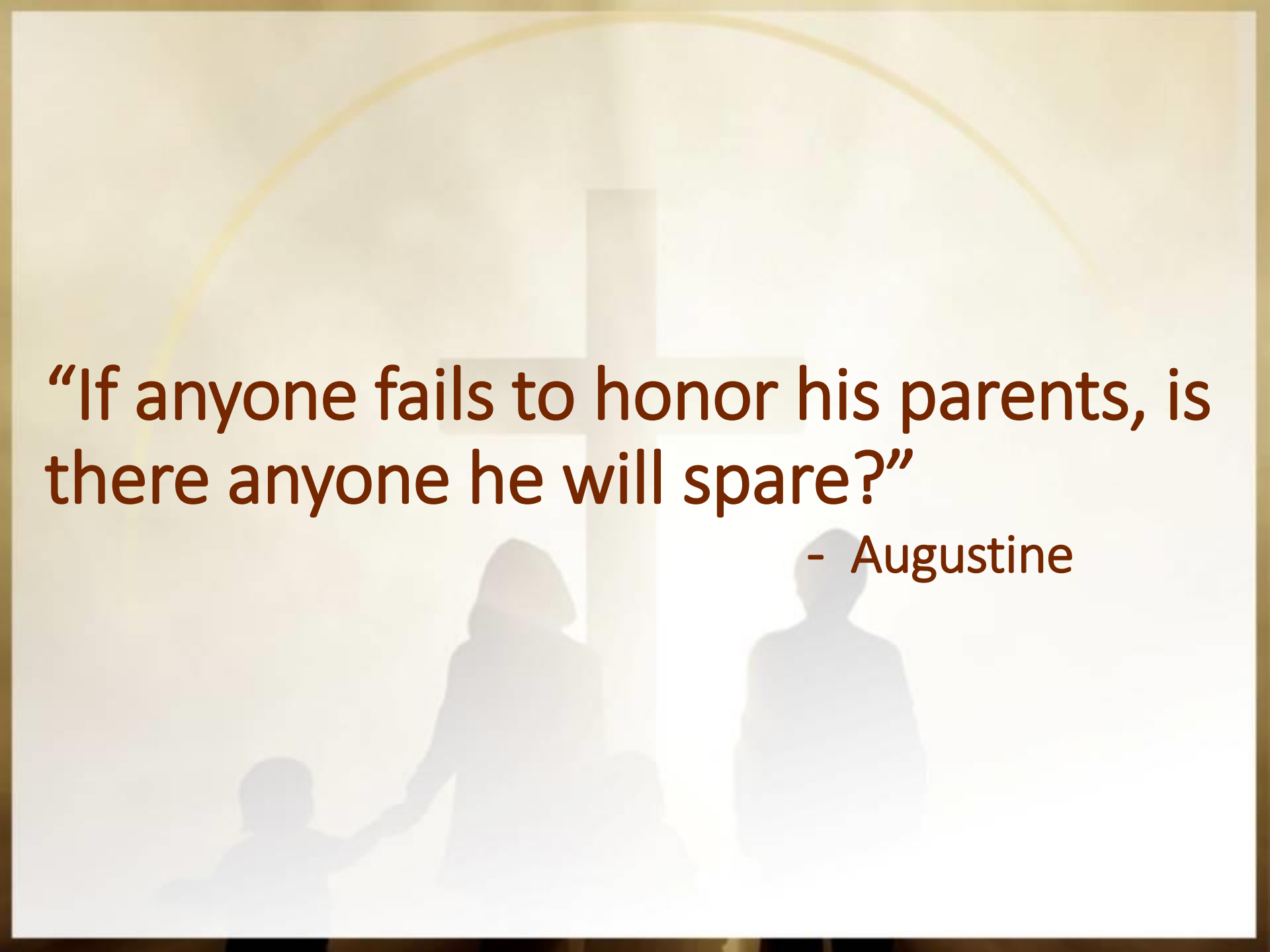
¹⁵The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother. ¹⁶When the wicked increase, transgression increases; but the righteous will see their fall. ¹⁷Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; he will also delight your soul.



“Spare the rod and spoil the child –
that is true. But beside the rod keep
an apple to give him when he has
done well.”

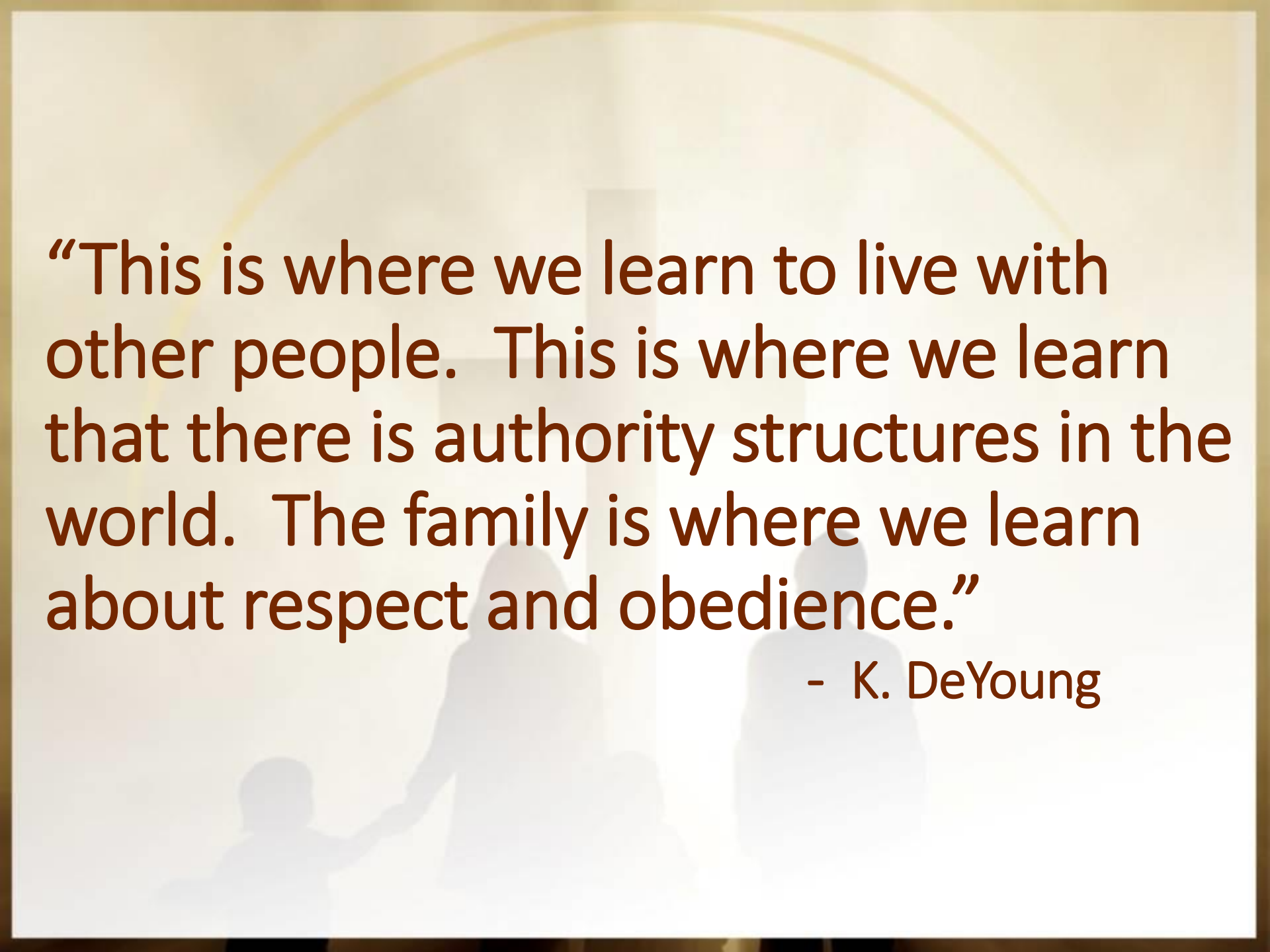
- M. Luther

“Parents stand in the gap, so to speak, between children and God while the children are too young to have a full and mature relationship with Him themselves. Parents are God’s stewards, His proxy authority, for their children, who are simply loaned to them in trust by their own heavenly Father. That is why children are commanded, ‘Be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord’ (Col. 3:20) - Moody Commentary



“If anyone fails to honor his parents, is there anyone he will spare?”

- Augustine



“This is where we learn to live with other people. This is where we learn that there is authority structures in the world. The family is where we learn about respect and obedience.”

- K. DeYoung

Deuteronomy 5:16

¹⁶ ‘Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged and that it may go well with you on the land which the LORD your God gives you.

Proverbs 4:10

¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my sayings and the years of your life will be many.



Proverbs 30:10

¹⁰ Do not slander a slave to his master, or he will curse you and you will be found guilty.



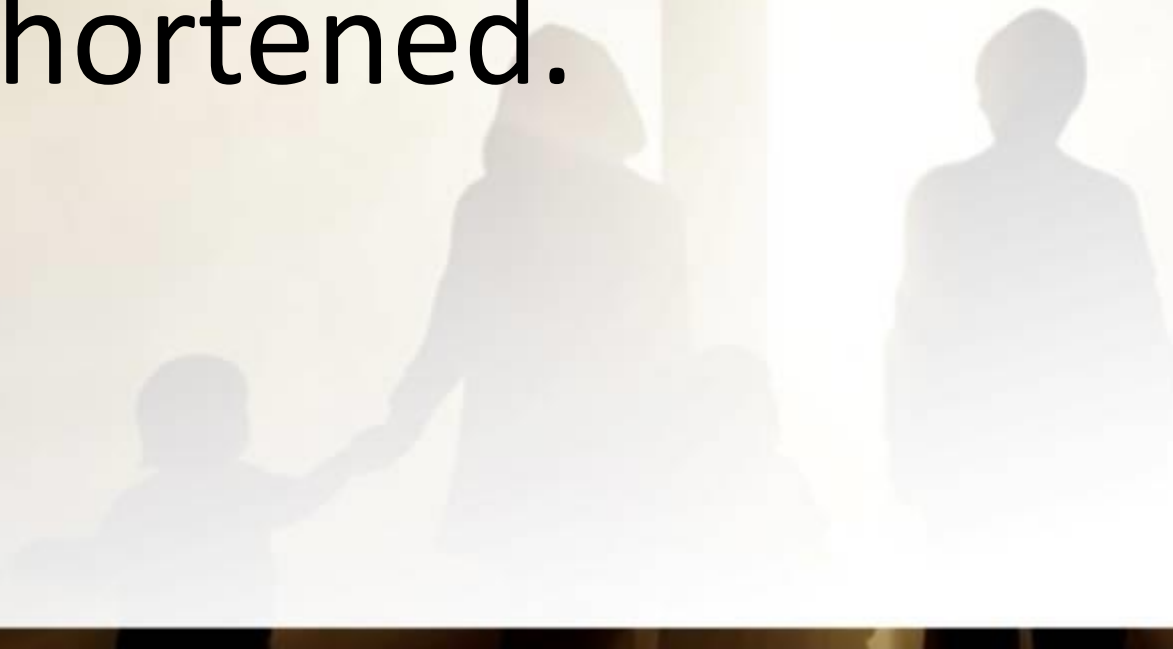
Exodus 21:17

¹⁷ He who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.



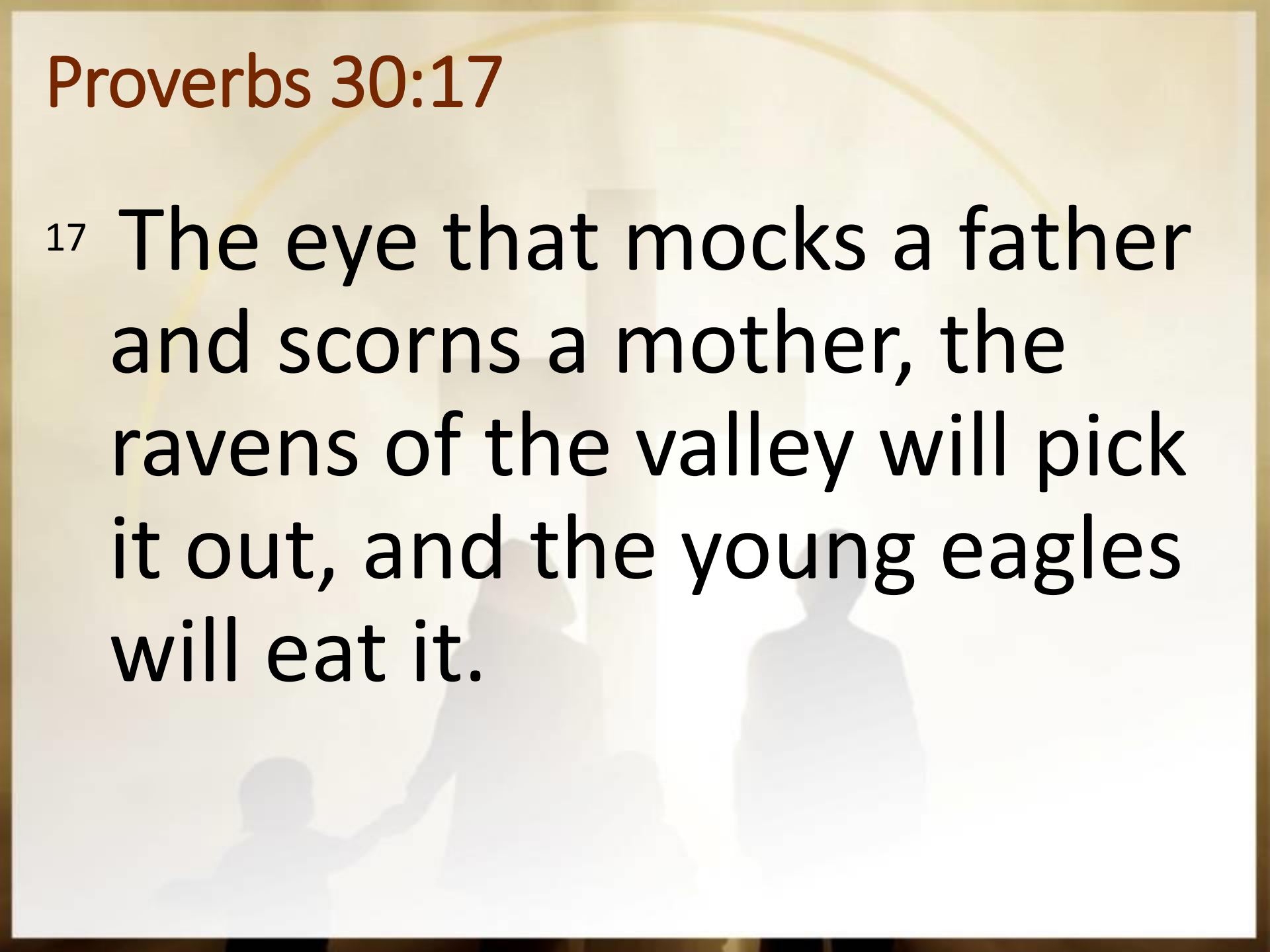
Proverbs 10:27

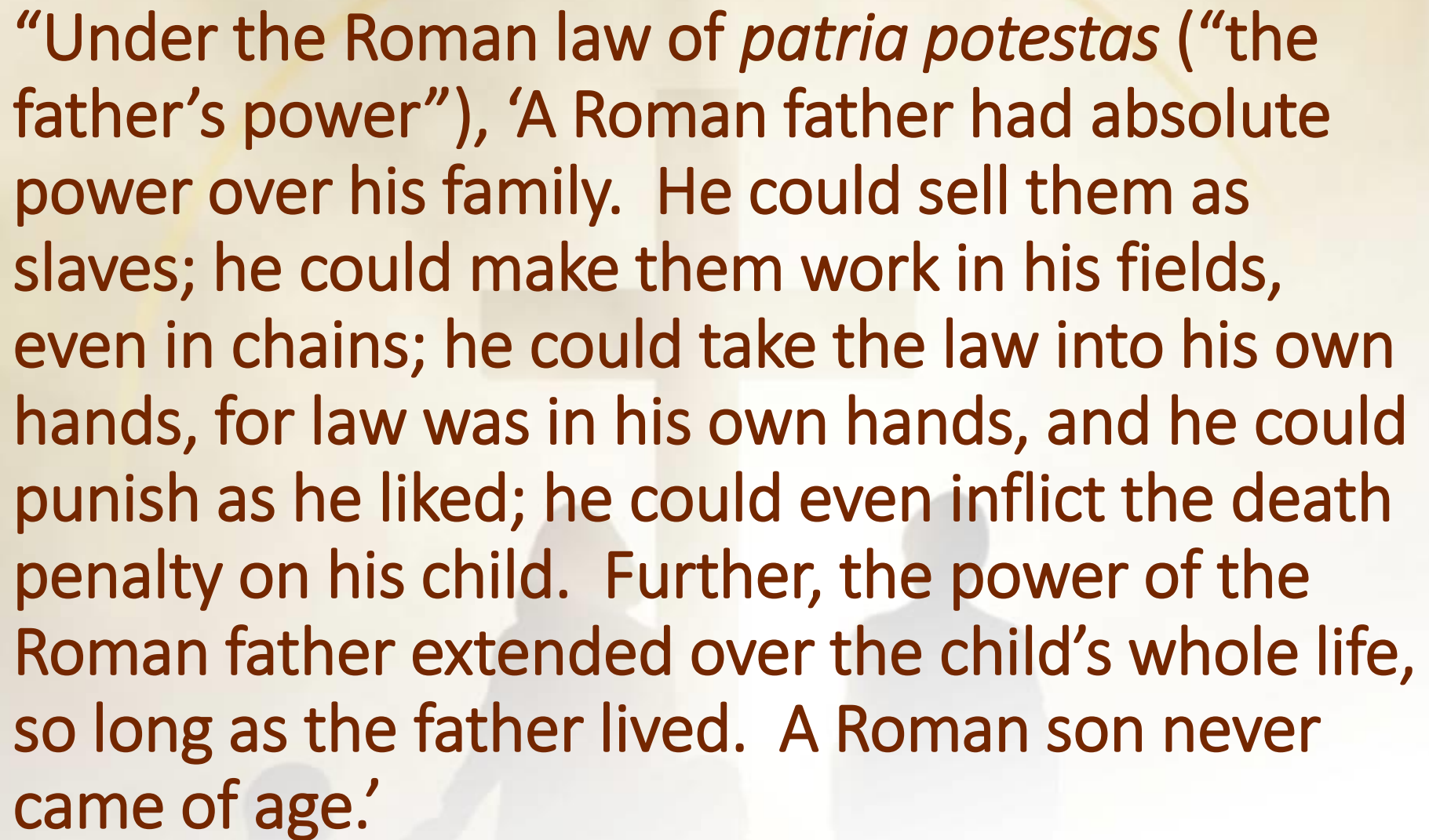
²⁷ The fear of the LORD
prolongs life, but the years
of the wicked will be
shortened.



Proverbs 30:17

¹⁷ The eye that mocks a father
and scorns a mother, the
ravens of the valley will pick
it out, and the young eagles
will eat it.

A faint, light-colored background illustration is visible behind the text. It depicts a family silhouette consisting of a man, a woman, and two children, with the man holding the hand of one of the children. Above the family, a soft, multi-colored rainbow arches across the upper portion of the image. The overall background has a warm, yellowish-gold hue.



“Under the Roman law of *patria potestas* (“the father’s power”), ‘A Roman father had absolute power over his family. He could sell them as slaves; he could make them work in his fields, even in chains; he could take the law into his own hands, for law was in his own hands, and he could punish as he liked; he could even inflict the death penalty on his child. Further, the power of the Roman father extended over the child’s whole life, so long as the father lived. A Roman son never came of age.’

There was also the matter of child repudiation, leading to exposure of the newborn. When a baby was born it was placed before its father. If the father stooped and lifted the child, the child was accepted and was raised as his. If he turned away, the child was rejected and was literally discarded. Such rejected children were either left to die, or they were picked up by those who trafficked in infants. These people raised children to be slaves or to stock the brothels. One Roman father wrote to his wife from Alexandria: 'If – good luck to you! – you have a child, if it is a boy, let it live; if it is a girl, throw it out.'"

- W. Barclay

Colossians 3:21

²¹ Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.



Causes of angering our children:

- Failing to take into account the fact that they are kids.
- Comparing them to others.
- Disciplining them inconsistently.
- Failing to express approval, even at small accomplishments.
- Failing to express our love to them.
- Disciplining them for reasons other than willful disobedience and defiance.
- Pressuring them to pursue our goals, not their own.
- Withdrawing love from them or overprotecting them.