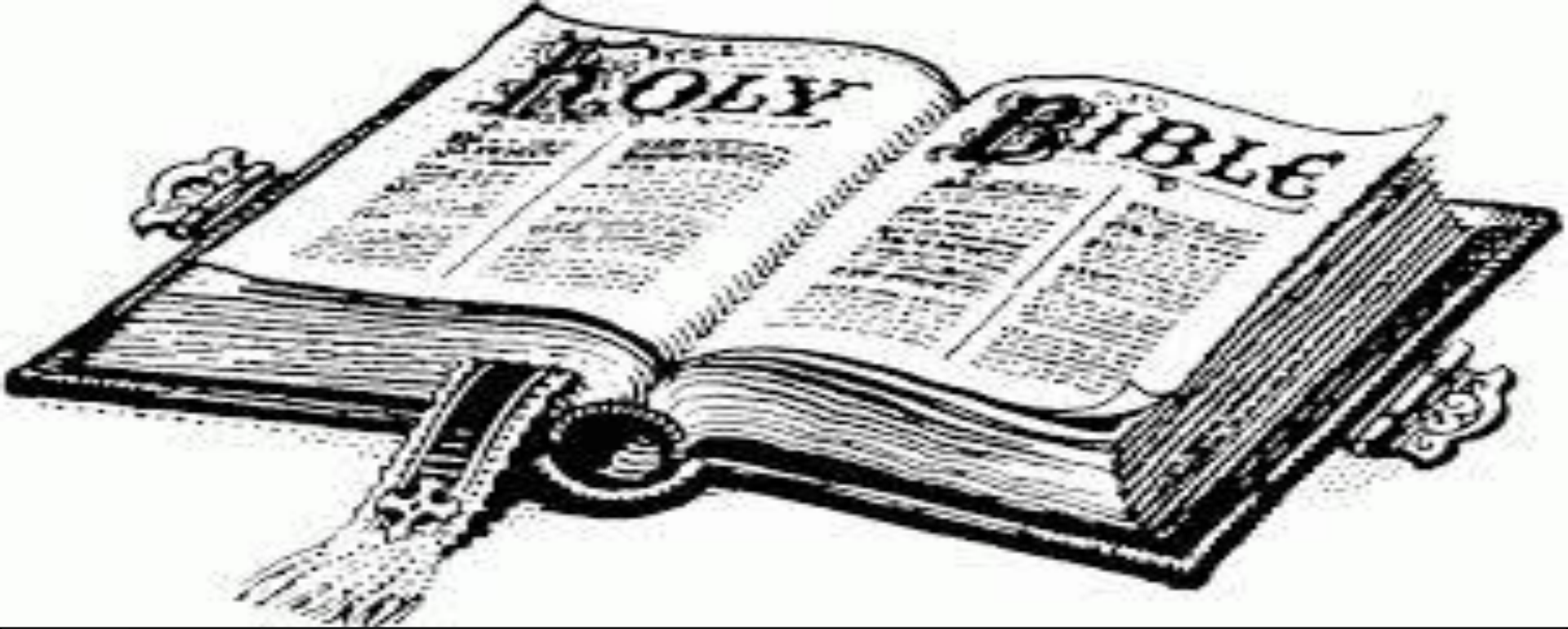


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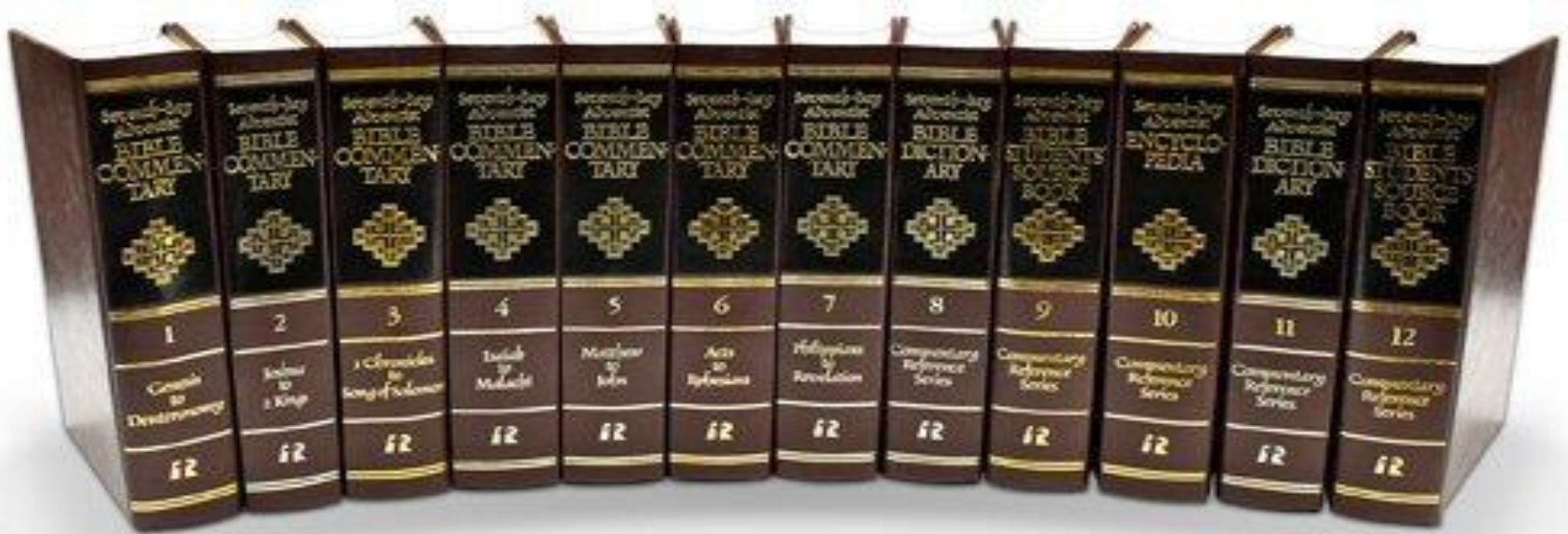
The
Latter Rain
Experience

**Claiming the Power
of the Holy Spirit
(Day Three)**



Joel 2:23

Rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain...



In its figurative application to the Christian Church **the early rain represents the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, whereas the latter rain represents the final outpouring of the Holy Spirit,** which produces “the ripening of the harvest.”

{4BC-945}

Preach The Gospel!



The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. {GC 611.3}



The figures of the early and latter rain have reference to individual Christian experience.

{4BC-945}

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



As the dew and the rain are given first to cause the seed to germinate, and then to ripen the harvest, so the Holy Spirit is given to carry forward, from one stage to another, the process of spiritual growth.

*the
stages
of*

SPIRITUAL

GROWTH



**The ripening of the grain
represents the completion
of the work of God's grace
in the soul.**

Perfecting *Becoming More Like Jesus* ME

**We are to be wholly
transformed into the
likeness of Christ.**

{TM 506.1}



**The latter rain, ripening
earth's harvest, represents
the spiritual grace that
prepares the church for the
coming of the Son of man.**



The Former Rain

Unless the early showers have
done their work, the latter rain
can bring no seed to
perfection. {TM 506.2}



**They expect that the
lack will be supplied
by the latter rain.
When the richest
abundance of grace
shall be bestowed,
they intend to open
their hearts to receive
it.**



**They are making a
terrible mistake.**



**The heart must
be emptied of
every
defilement and
cleansed for the
indwelling of
the Spirit.**



**The same
work, only in
greater
degree,
must be
done now.**

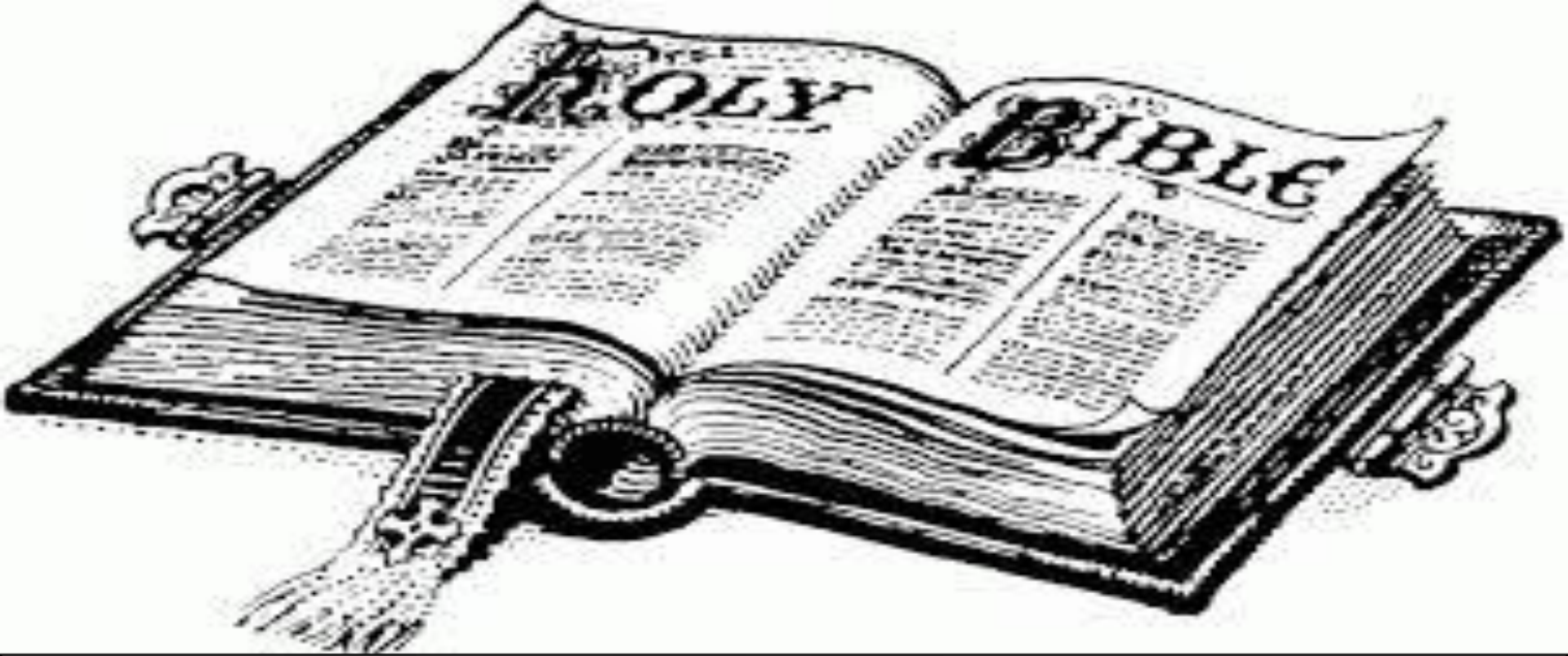


**Only those
who are
living up to
the light they
have will
receive
greater light.**



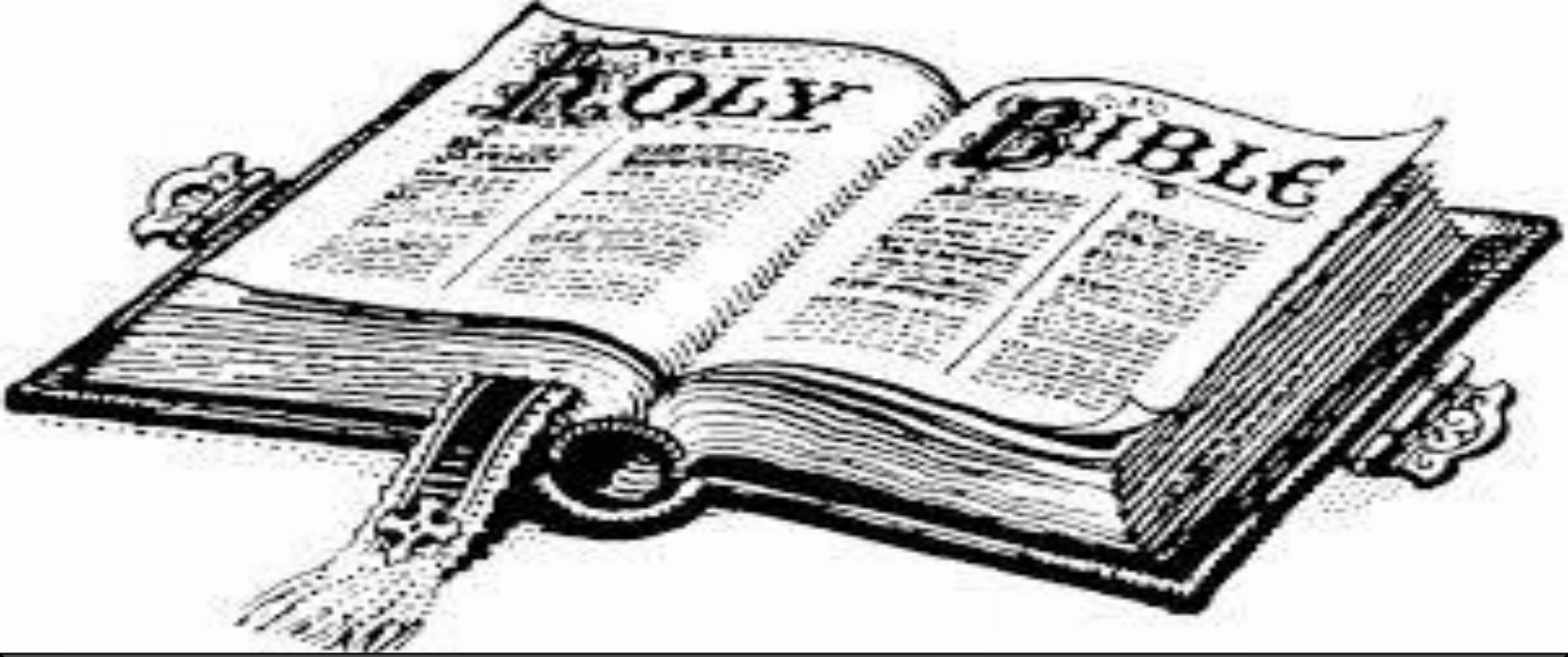
**It may be falling on hearts
all around us, but we shall
not discern or receive it.**

{TM 507.1}



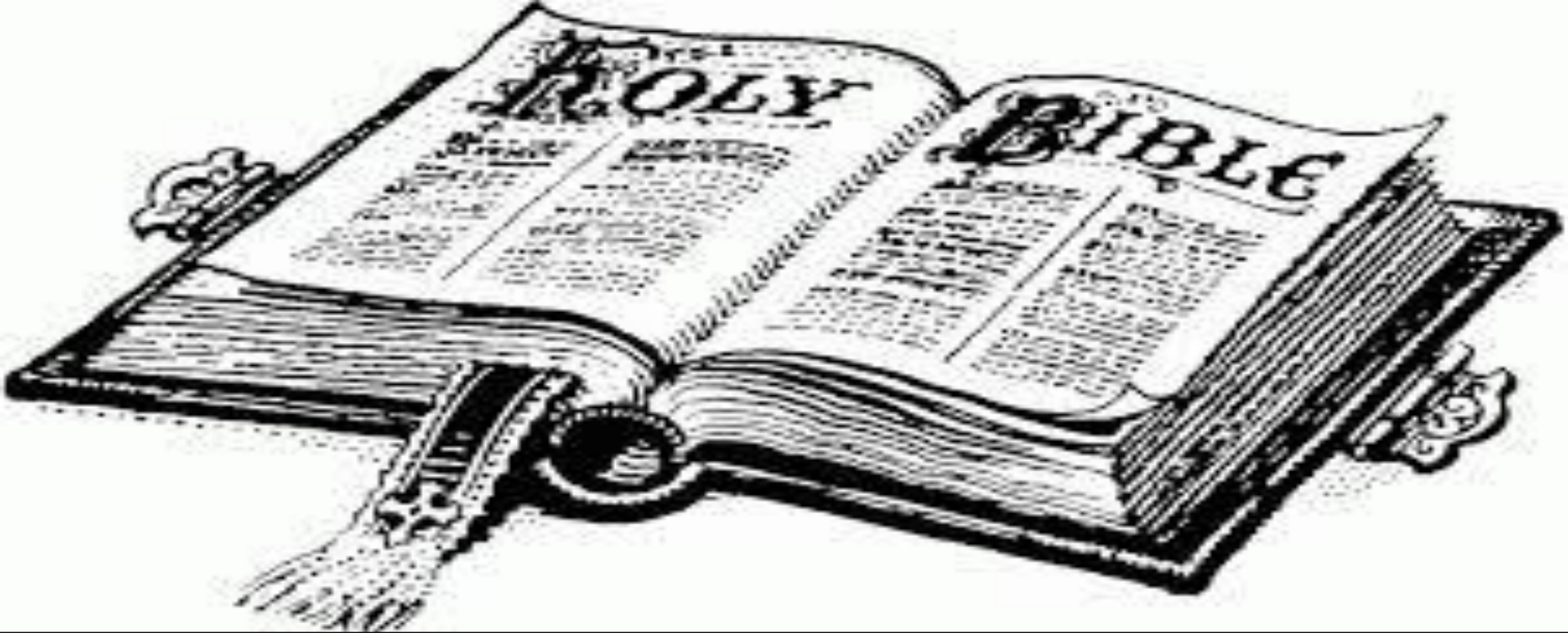
Philippians 2:13

For it is God which worketh in
you both to will and to do of
His good pleasure.



Hebrews 12:2

**Looking unto Jesus the
author and finisher of our
faith...**



Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:



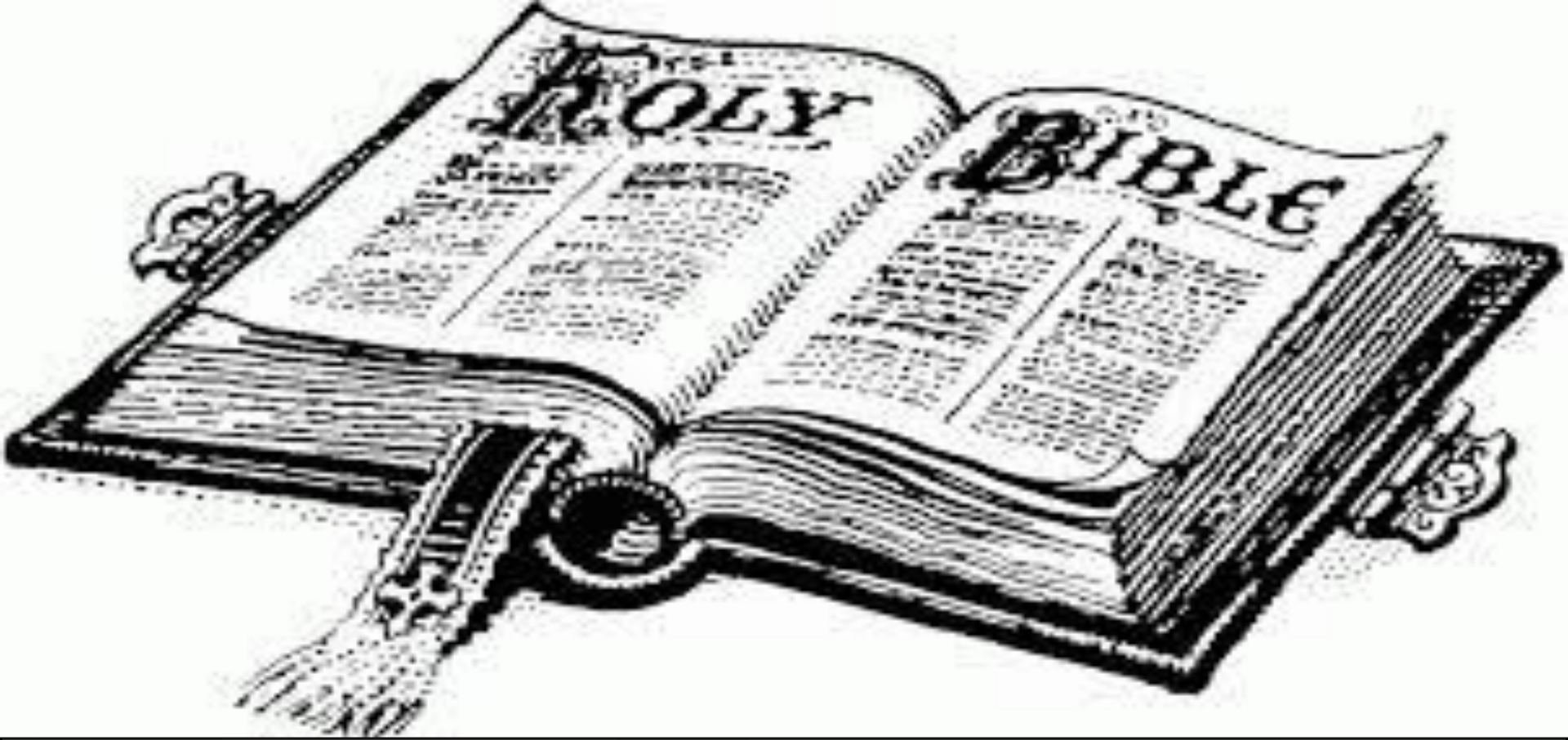
Zechariah 10:1

**Ask ye of the Lord rain in
the time of the latter rain...**

IF MY PEOPLE



We should improve every opportunity of placing ourselves in the channel of blessing.



Matthew 18:20

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.



The convocations of the church, **1) as in camp meetings,** **2) the assemblies of the home church,** **3) and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls,** **are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain.**

{TM 508.1}



It is not an immutable law that all who attend general gatherings or local meetings shall receive large supplies from Heaven.



Let us, with contrite hearts,
pray most earnestly that now,
in the time of the latter rain,
the showers of grace may fall
upon us.

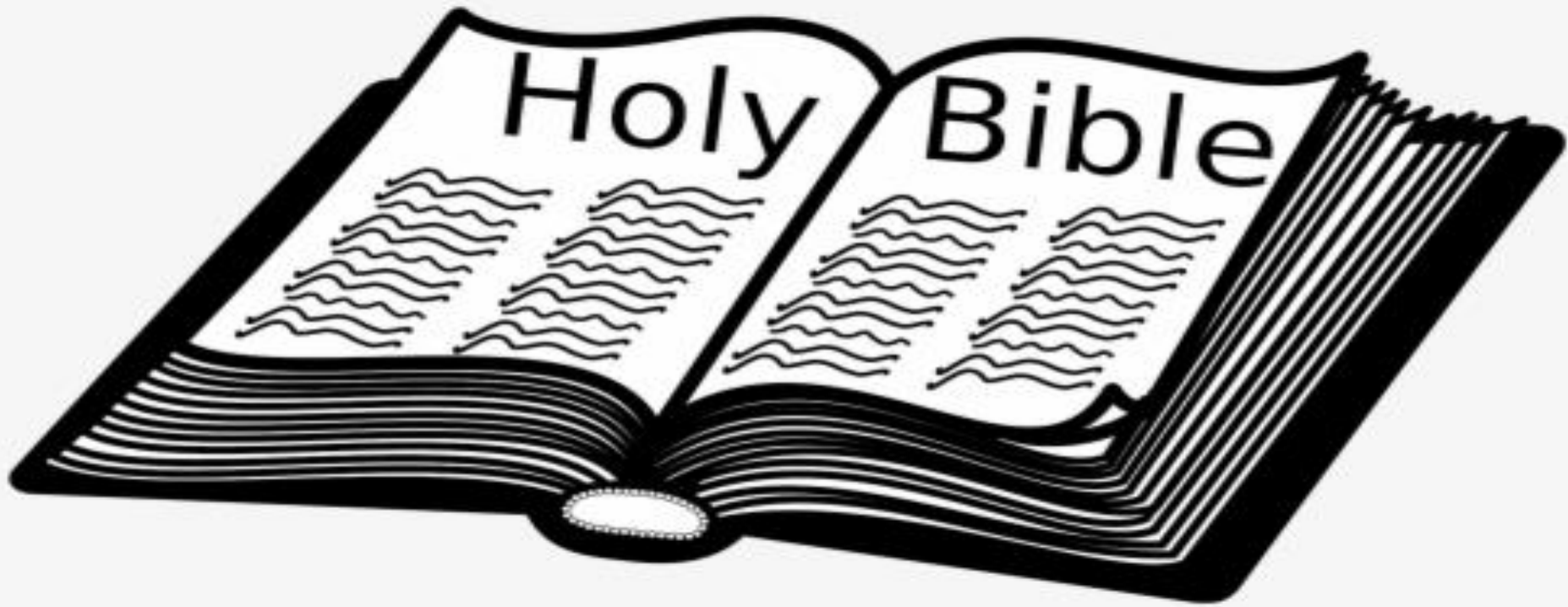


As we seek God for the Holy Spirit, it will work in us meekness, humbleness of mind, a conscious dependence upon God for the perfecting latter rain.



**If we pray for the blessing
in faith, we shall receive it
as God has promised.**

{TM 508.2}



Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?



*Holy Spirit come
and fill this place*

**Seek for it, pray for it, believe
for it. We must have it, and
Heaven is waiting to bestow it.
{The Review and Herald, March
19, 1895}**

THE LATTER RAIN

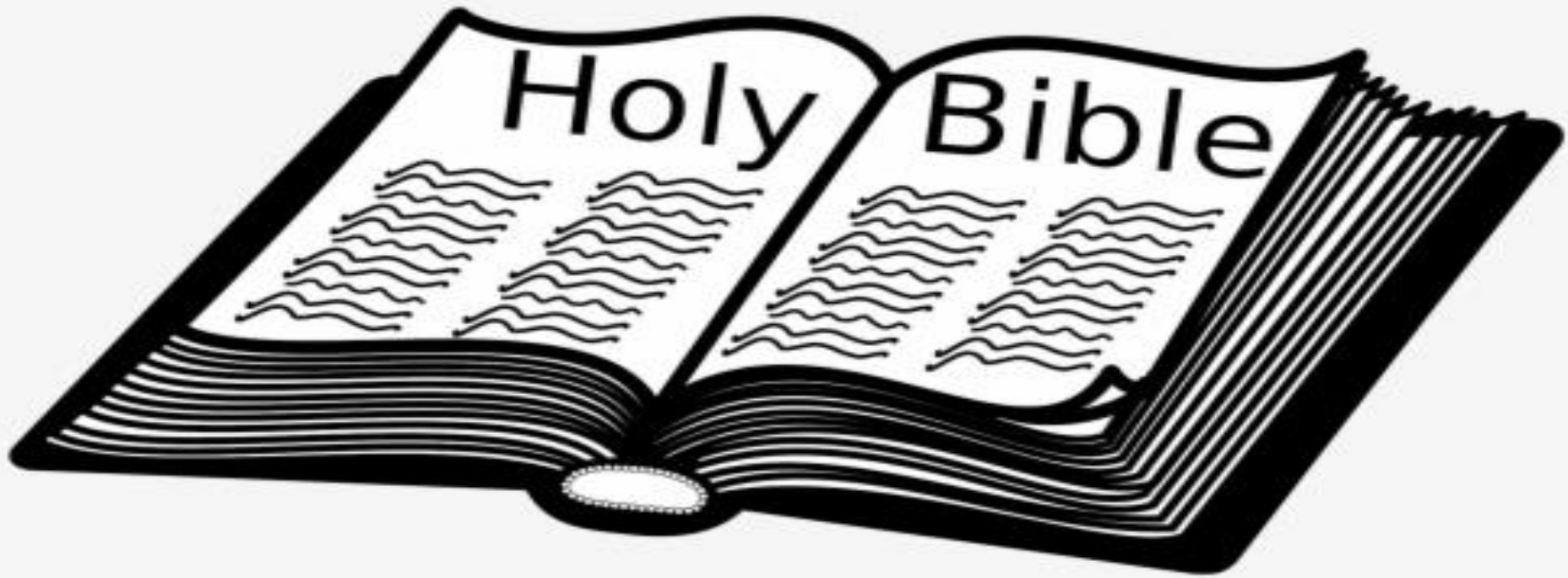
...now is the hour

The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was the former rain, and glorious was the result. But the latter rain will be more abundant. {The Signs of the Times, February 17, 1914}



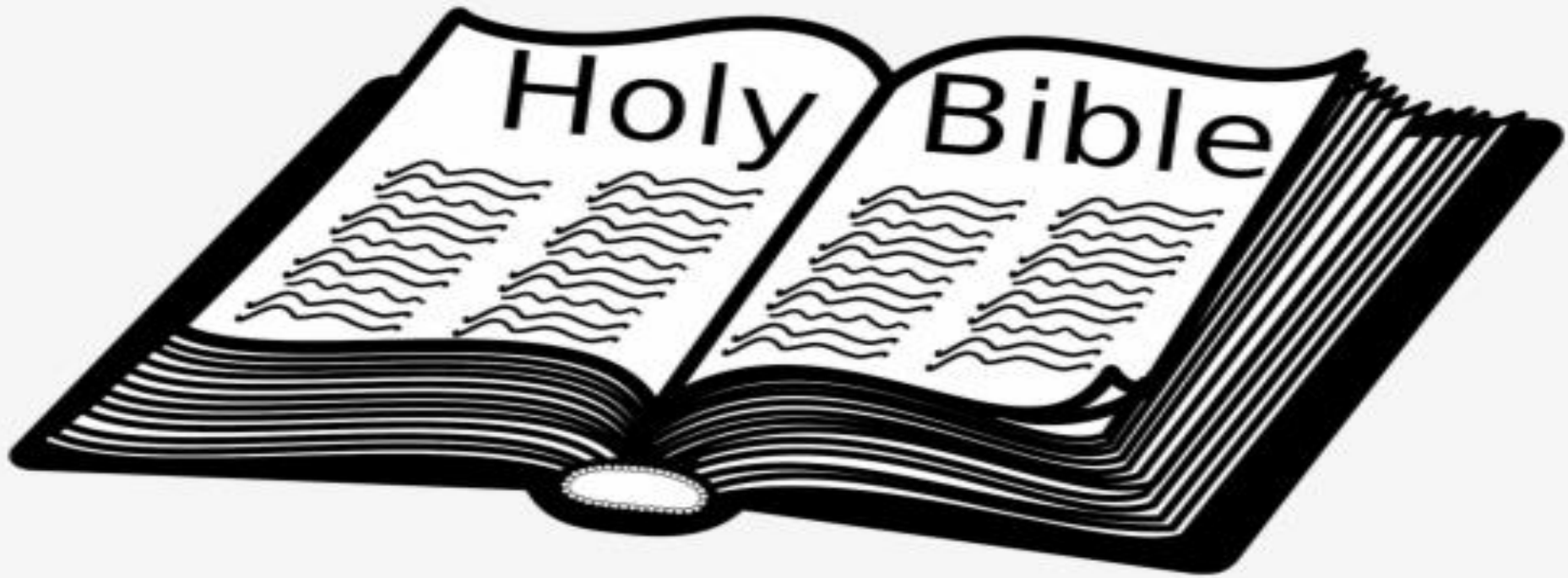
When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God.

{The Review and Herald, July 21, 1896} ³¹



Luke 10:2

Therefore said Jesus unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into His harvest.



Roman 13:11

**And that, knowing the time,
that now it is high time to
awake out of sleep...**

The WORD
of God
Will Never
Fail !!

The fact that time has continued longer than was expected does not mean that the word of God has failed. There is a work to be done and there are conditions to be met before Christ can come. {6BC-629}



ARE
YOU
READY?

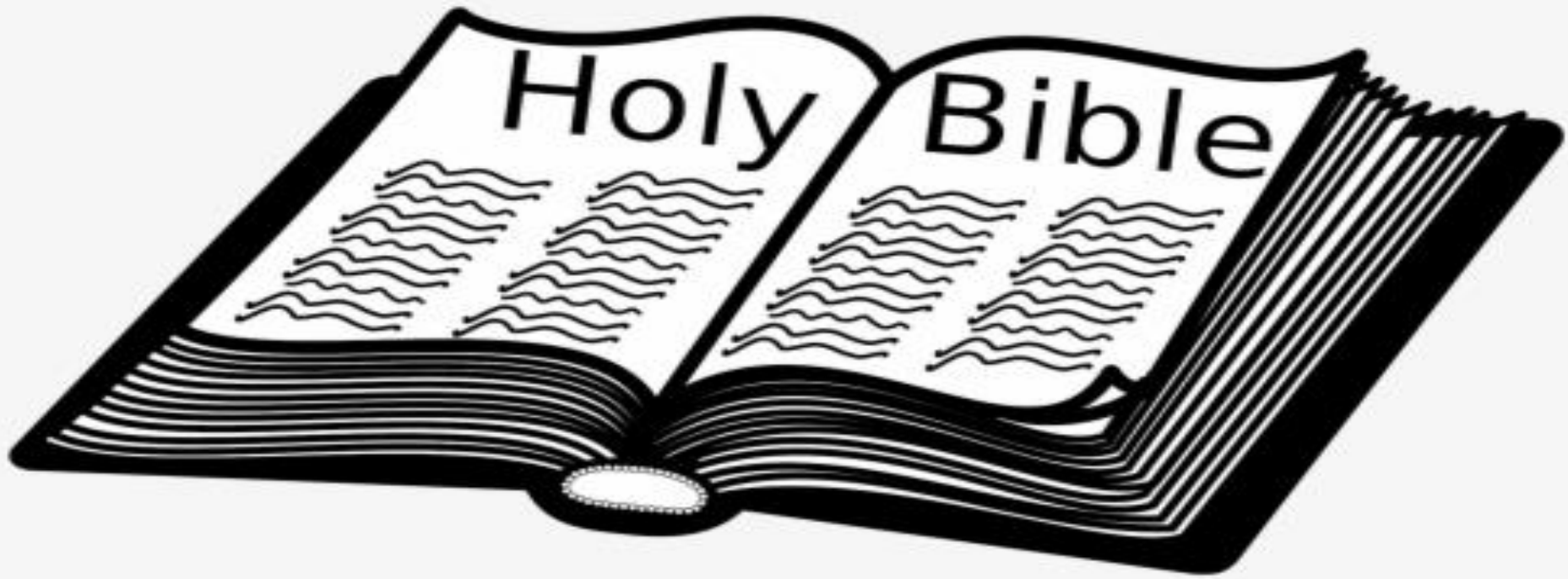
**The long night of
gloom is trying,
but the morning is
deferred in mercy,
because if the
Master should
come, so many
would be found
unready.**



God's unwillingness to
have His people perish,
has been the reason of
so long delay.

{Testimonies for the
Church Volume 2

pg.194}



2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.



Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God.

{Testimonies for the Church Volume 6 pg. 450}



I know that if the people of God had preserved a living connection with Him, if they had obeyed His Word, they would today be in the heavenly Canaan. {The General Conference Bulletin, March 30, 1903}



**While men have slept, Satan
has stolen a march upon us.
{Testimonies for the Church
Volume 9 pg. 29}**



It is the unbelief, the worldliness, the lack of consecration, and strife among the Lord's professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years. {Manuscript 4, 1883}



REDISCOVERING
the **POWER**
of the **Holy Spirit**

**Let us come out of this
formality and deadness.**
**{The Review and Herald,
June 4, 1889}**

A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

New Life ➔

⬅ Old Life

God can breathe new life into every soul that sincerely desires to serve Him, and can touch the lips with a live coal from off the altar, and cause them to become eloquent with His praise.



The stammering tongue will be unloosed, and the timid will be made strong to bear courageous testimony to the truth.



May the Lord help His people to cleanse the soul temple from every defilement, and to maintain such a close connection with Him that they may be partakers of the latter rain when it shall be poured out (The Review and Herald, July 20, 1886).

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**It is our work today to yield our
souls to Christ, that we may be
fitted for the time of refreshing
from the presence of the Lord—
fitted for the baptism of the
Holy Spirit. {The Review and
Herald, March 22, 1892}**



They think they are all right
when they are all wrong.

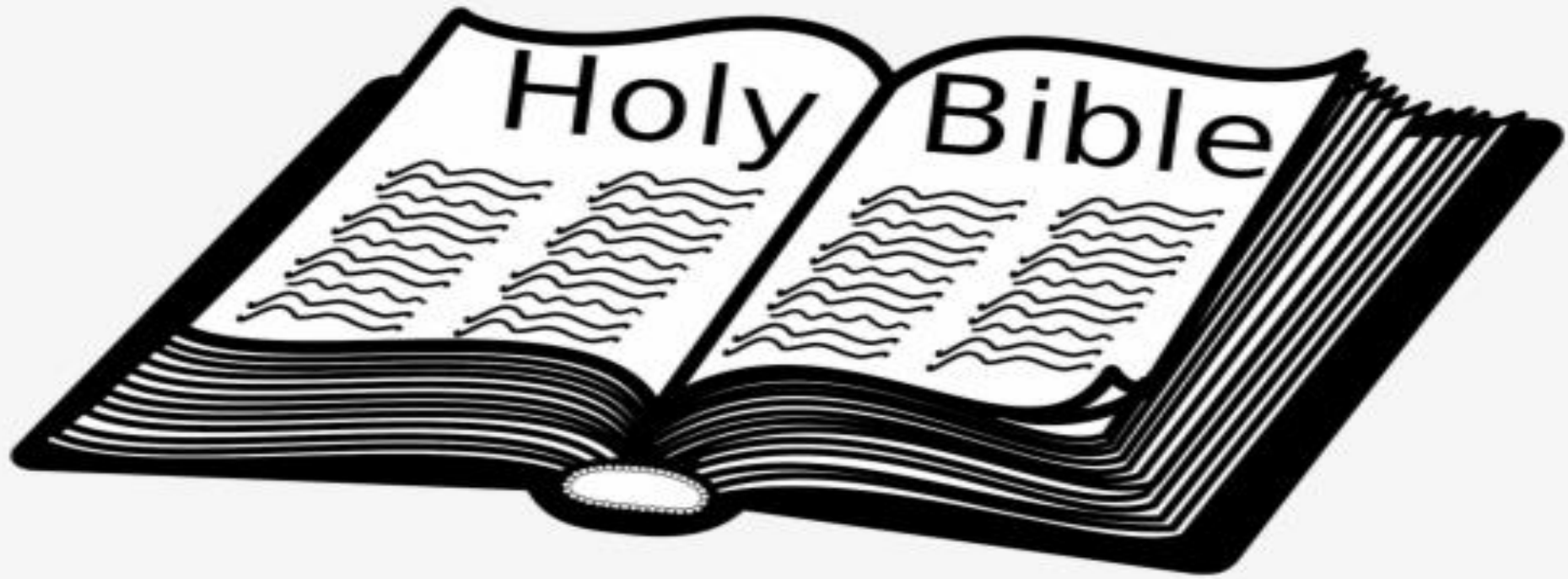
{1T 466.1}



SPECIAL PREPARATION
FOR THE LATTER RAIN

Genuine Revival & Reformation

Ministers and people
must make greater
advancement in the
work of reform. They
should commence
without delay to correct
their wrong habits of
1) eating, 2) drinking,
3) dressing, and
4) working. {1T 466.2}



Revelation 3:19

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

LAOD **ICEA**



*The Church
That Made God
Sick*

Will the churches heed the Laodicean message? Will they repent, or will they, notwithstanding that the most solemn message of truth—the third angel’s message—is being proclaimed to the world, go on in sin?



The Lukewarm CHRISTIAN

If the church of God becomes lukewarm, it does not stand in favor with God any more than do the churches that are represented as having fallen and become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

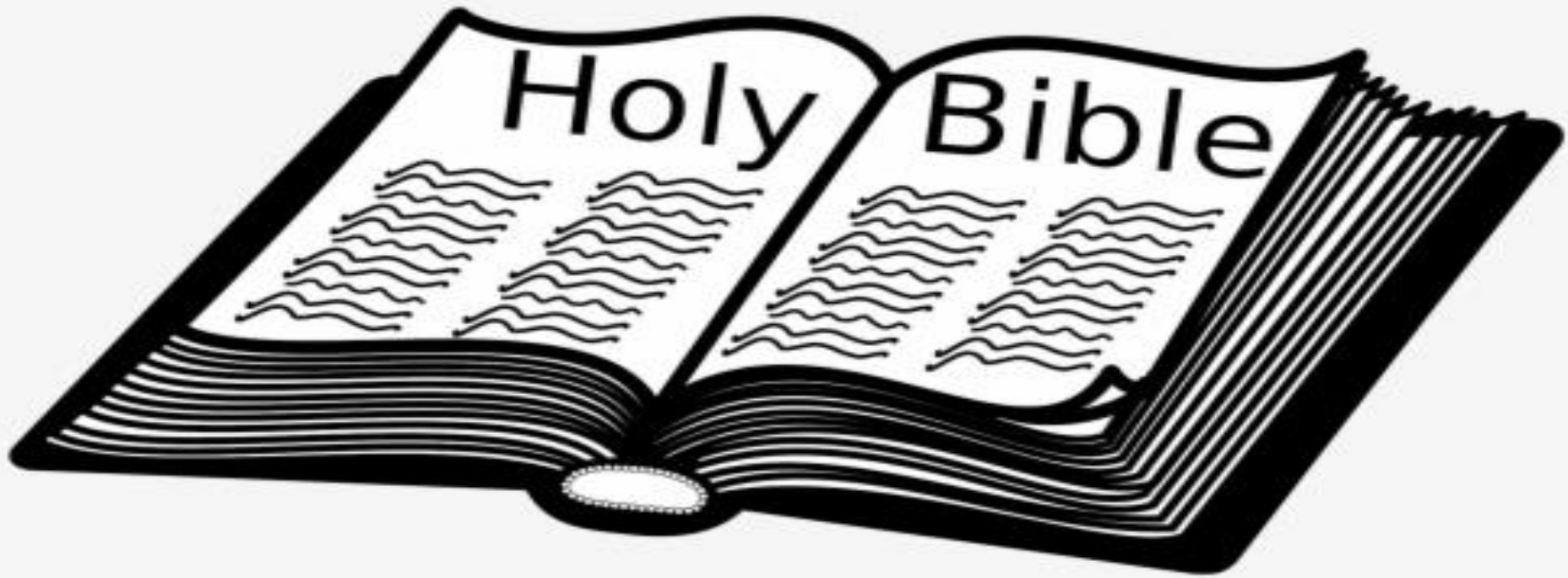


THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

Those who have had opportunities to hear and receive the truth and who have united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, calling themselves the commandment-keeping people of God, and yet possess no more vitality and consecration to God than do the nominal churches, will receive of the plagues of God just as verily as the churches who oppose the law of God.



The message to the Laodicean Church is applicable to our condition. How plainly is pictured the position of those who think they have all the truth, who take pride in their knowledge of the Word of God, while its sanctifying power has not been felt in their lives. {The Review and Herald, July 23, 1889}



Revelation 3:17

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:



Every phase of the Christian life is to be a representation of the life of Christ. If it is not, we shall hear the terrible words, “I know you not”

{The Review and Herald, October 17, 1899}

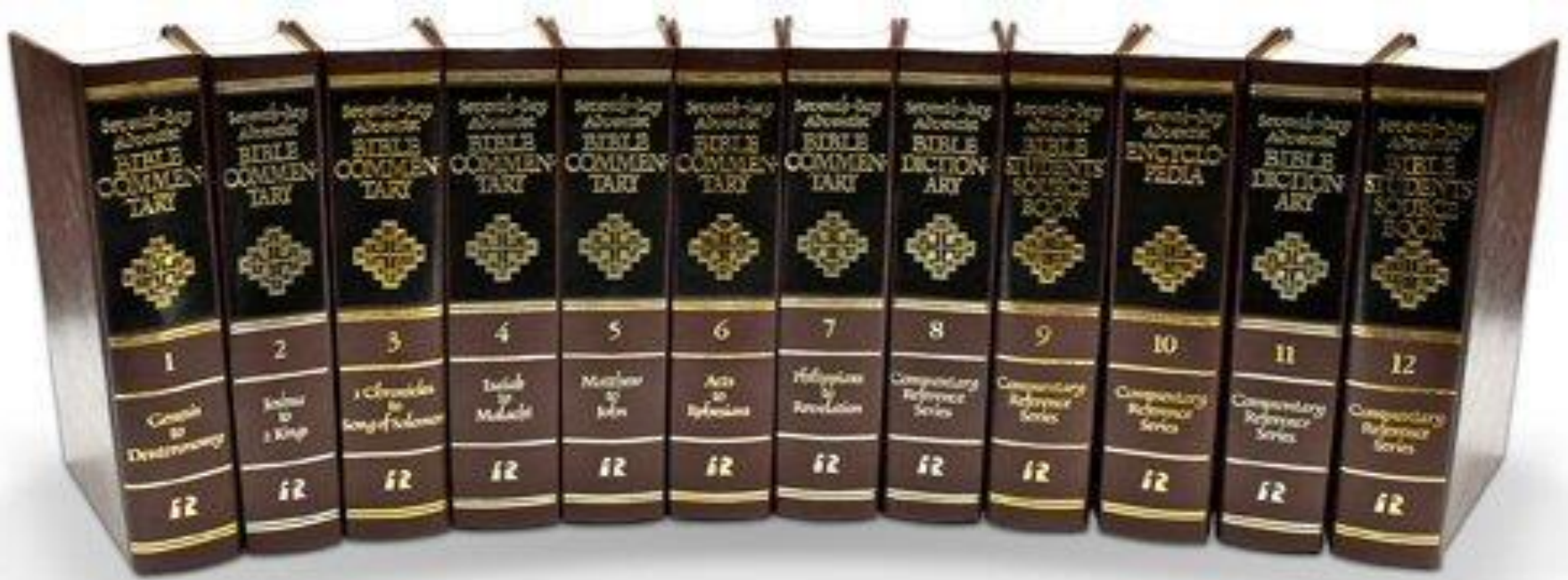
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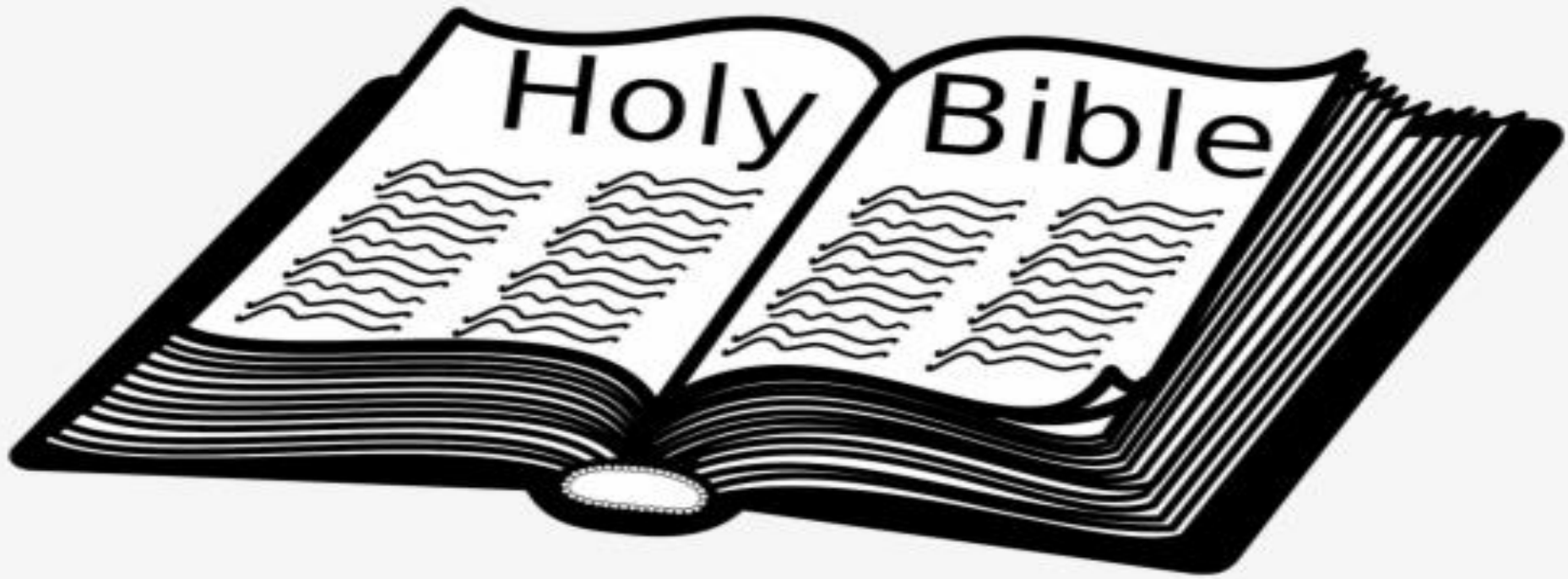
**HALFHEARTED
CHRISTIAN**

He is neither a good worldling nor a good
Christian. Satan uses him to do a work
that no one else can do.

{Letter 44, 1903}

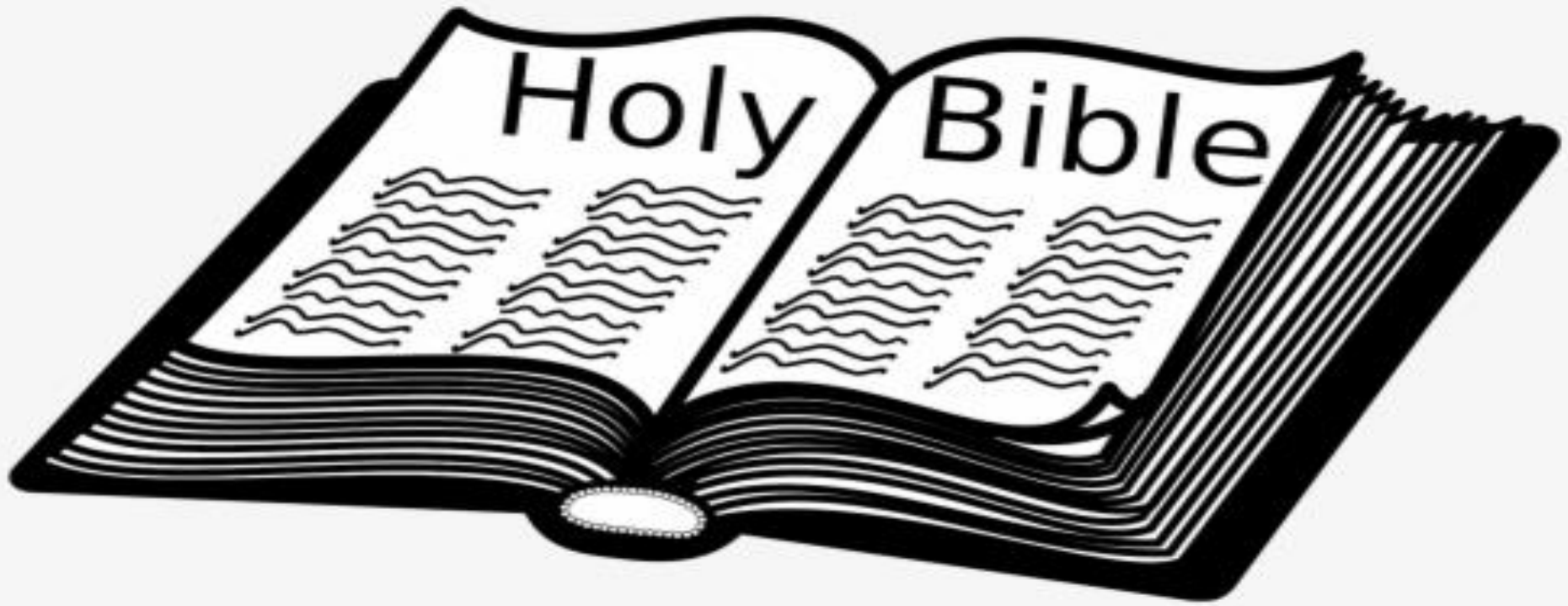


The condition of many of those who claim to be the children of God is exactly represented by the message to the Laodicean Church. {7BC 963.9}

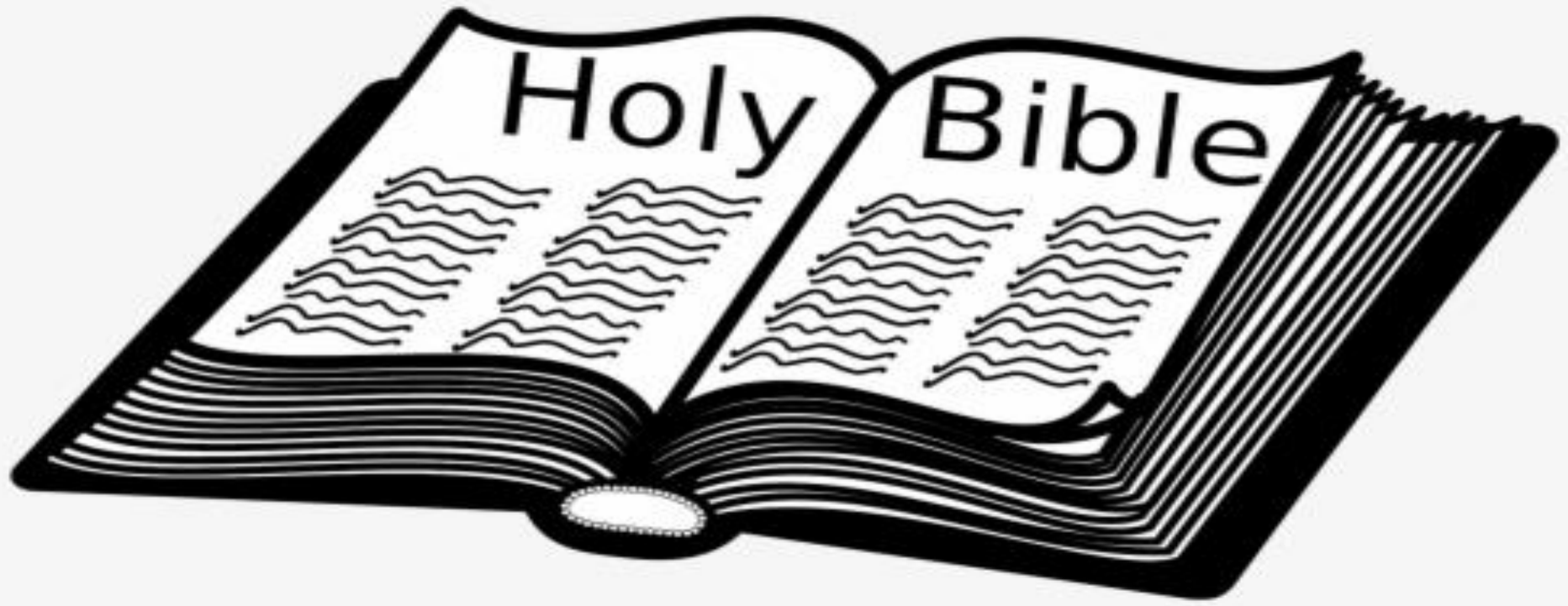


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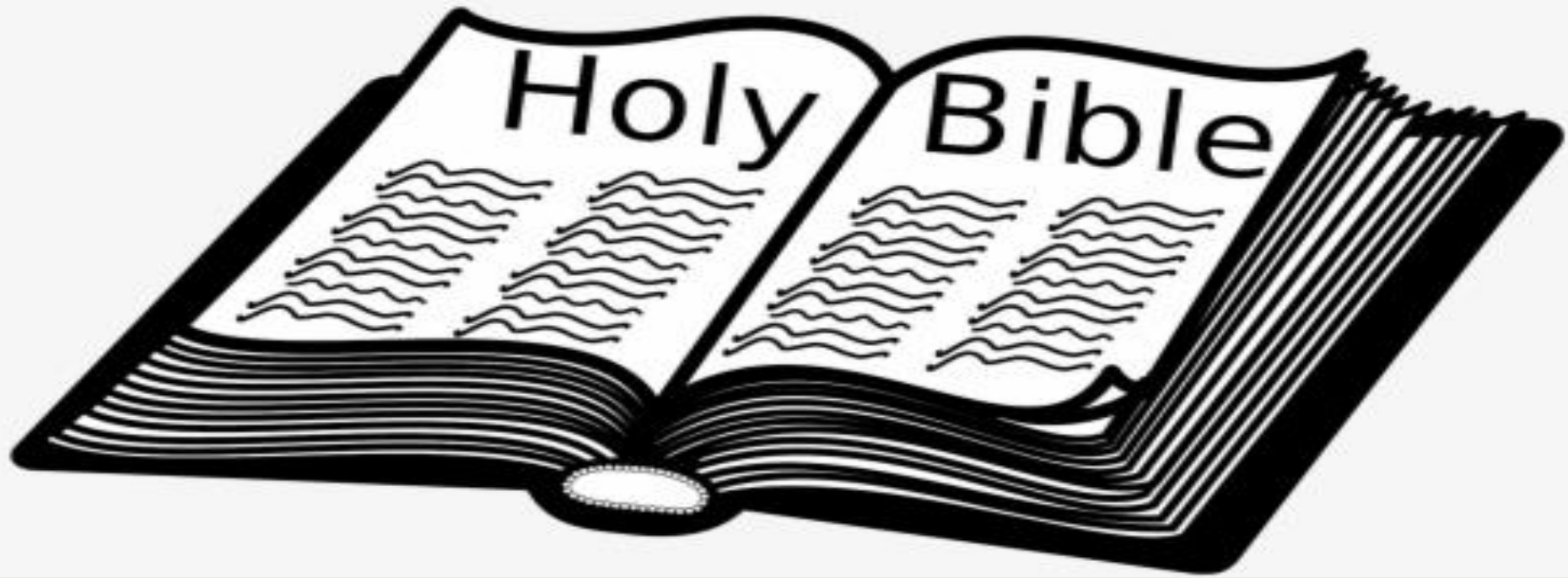
**Wash me thoroughly from mine
iniquity, and cleanse me from my
sin.**



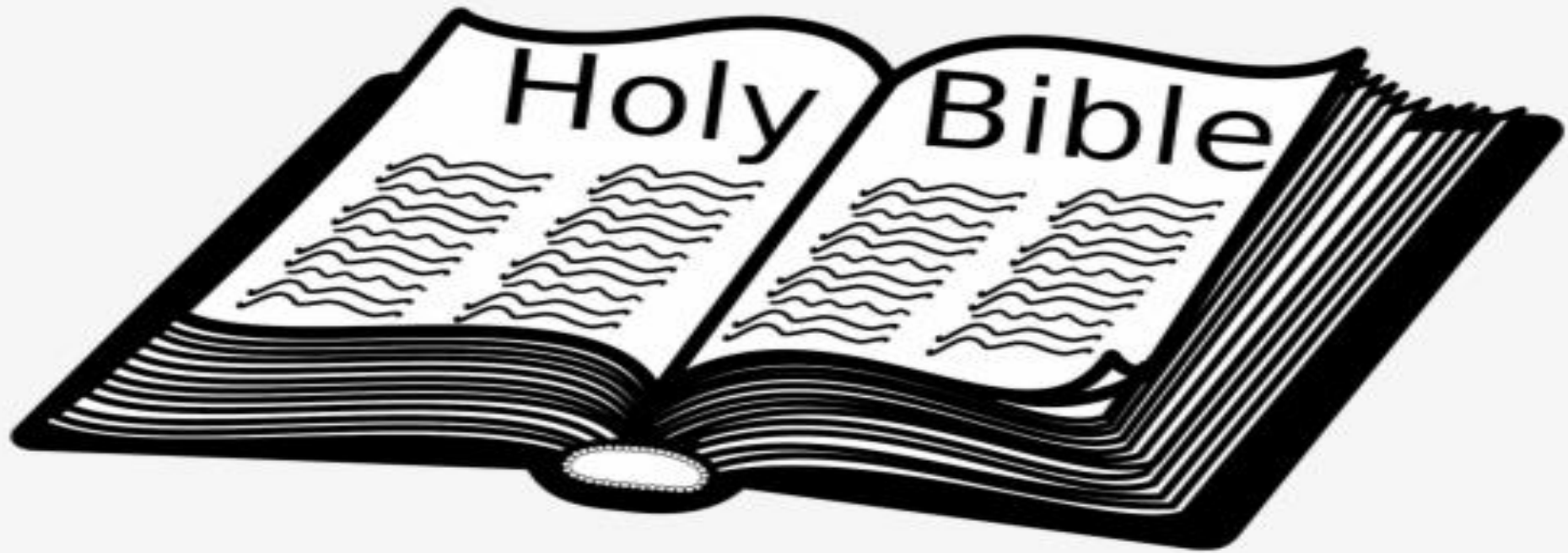
**For I acknowledge my
transgressions: and my
sin is ever before me.**⁵⁹



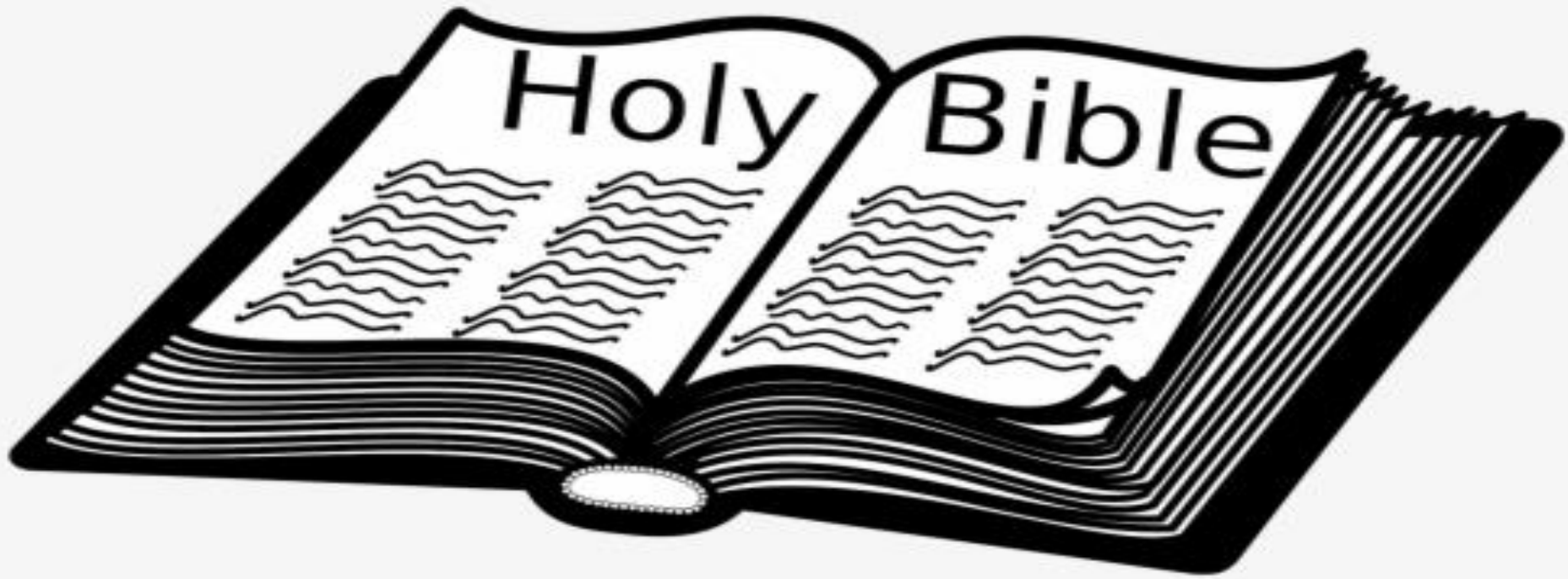
**Against Thee, Thee only,
have I sinned, and done
this evil in Thy sight...**



**Create in me a clean
heart, O God; and
renew a right spirit
within me.**



**Cast me not away from
Thy presence; and take
not Thy Holy Spirit from
me.**



1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



**There is hope for our
churches if they will heed
the message given to the
Laodiceans.**

{Manuscript 139, 1903}