



The Storehouse

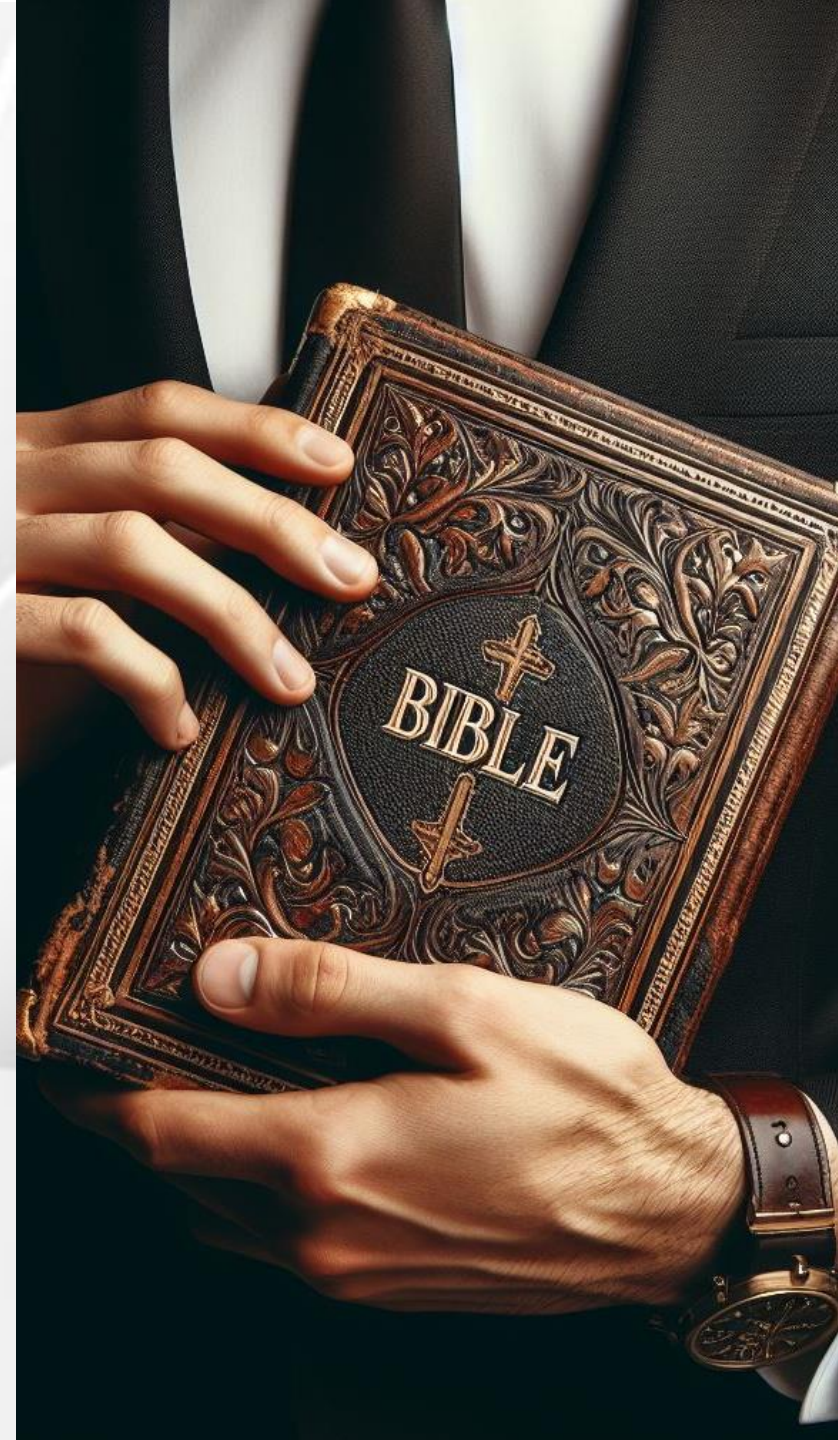
A close-up photograph of a pair of hands gently holding a small, vibrant green seedling with two leaves. The seedling is planted in a mound of dark, rich soil. The hands are positioned on either side of the soil, with fingers slightly curled to support it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white, suggesting a clean, bright environment. The overall mood is one of care, nurturing, and hope.

*A Story of
Great Faith*

John 7:37

...“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

**Have you exhausted the fountain? No, for it is inexhaustible.*





THE KEY OF FAITH

There is no need for us to hunger, there is no need for us to thirst, while the storehouse of heaven is open for us, and the key is given into our possession.

What is the key? Faith, which is the gift of God. Unlock the storehouse; take of its rich treasures.

The Review and Herald, March 15, 1892.



Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1



The First Offering

Adam and Eve's fashion choice



The Second Offering

Cain and Abel's worship choice



Bring all the tithes into
the storehouse,
That there may be food in My
house,

Malachi 3:10A



And try Me now in this,”
Says the LORD of hosts,
“If I will not open for you
the windows of heaven And pour
out for you *such* blessing
That *there will not be*
room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:10B

An open book is shown from a high angle, with its pages fanned out. The lighting is dramatic, with a bright, warm glow emanating from the center of the book, creating a halo effect. The pages are filled with text, though it is mostly out of focus. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is positioned in the lower half of the image, containing the main title and subtitle in a serif font.

What is the Storehouse

The offering was made where worship took place.



THE STOREHOUSE

Tithes were stored in a “storehouse”, a collection of rooms at the Temple in Jerusalem, since tithes were often paid in agricultural produce.

The tithes were the payment, or inheritance, for the tribe of Levi—those who ministered before God at the Temple.



TITHE?

Since the time Abraham first paid “tithe” to Melchizedek (Gen. 14:18)—**believers throughout the ages have earnestly inquired about:**

- **How** to figure one’s tithe
- **When** and **where** to return it to God
- **What** God wants the tithe to be used for.



And all the **tithe** of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD's. **It is holy** to the LORD.

Leviticus 27:30



Since we have no Levitical priests today, what is tithe to be used for?

THE USE OF TITHE

It is used primarily to support those appointed, accredited, and paid by the church to preach the gospel: **pastors, evangelists, ministers, and their support team.**





“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings.

Malachi 3:8



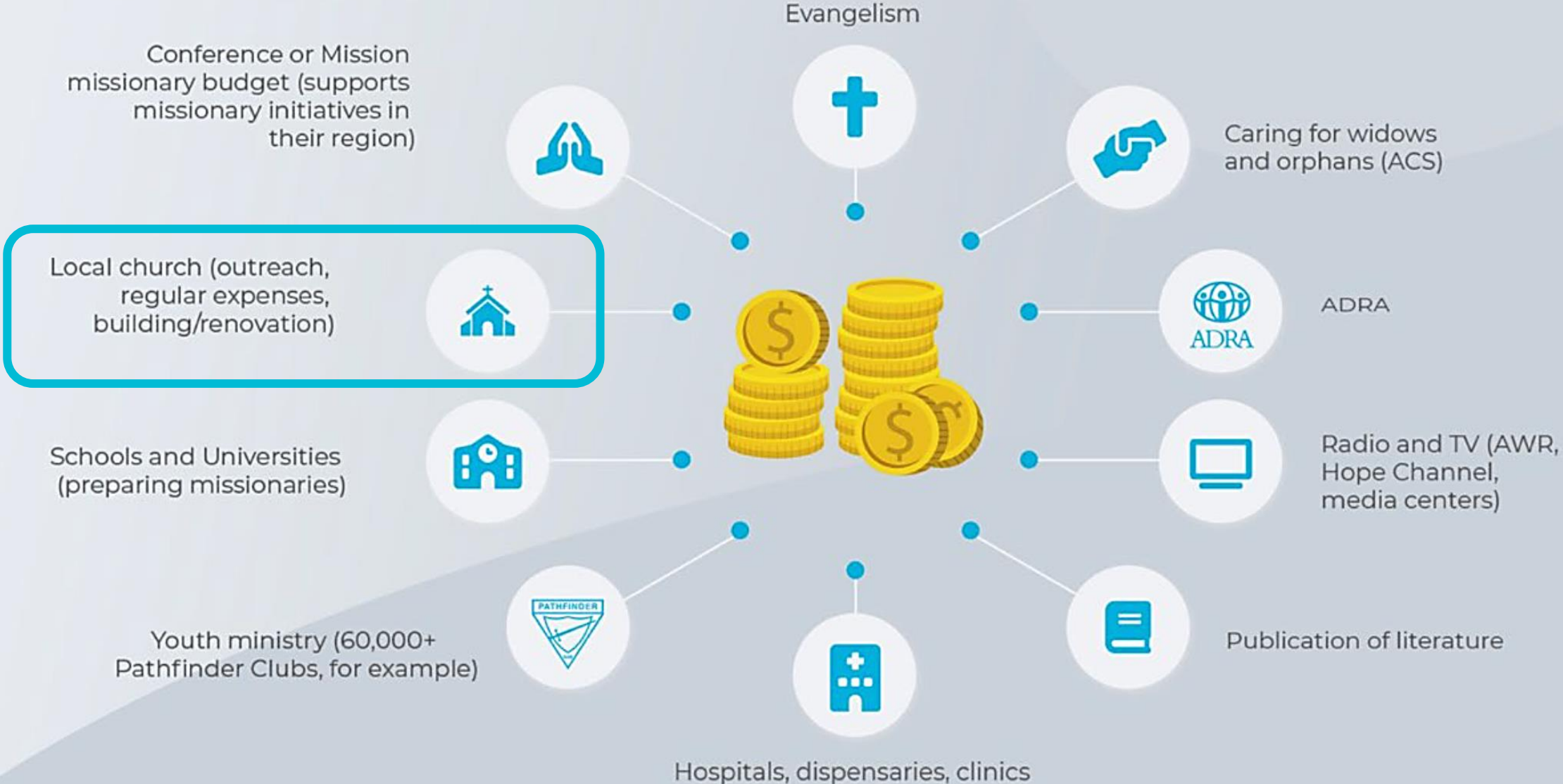
Why should I give offering if I
already give tithe?



THE OFFERING

1. God requires and expects offerings just as He does tithe.
2. Offerings are an expression of recognition and gratitude.
3. Offerings require a more complex decision process than the tithe.
4. Offerings can accomplish all that the tithe cannot.

SOME EXAMPLES FOR THE USE OF OFFERINGS



A close-up photograph of a hand dropping a one-dollar bill into a wooden offering plate. The bill is held between the thumb and index finger, with the rest of the hand positioned to release it into the plate. The plate is made of dark, textured wood and is held by another hand from the bottom right. The background is slightly blurred, showing a person in a blue shirt. A semi-transparent white banner with a pink shadow is overlaid on the bottom half of the image, containing the text.

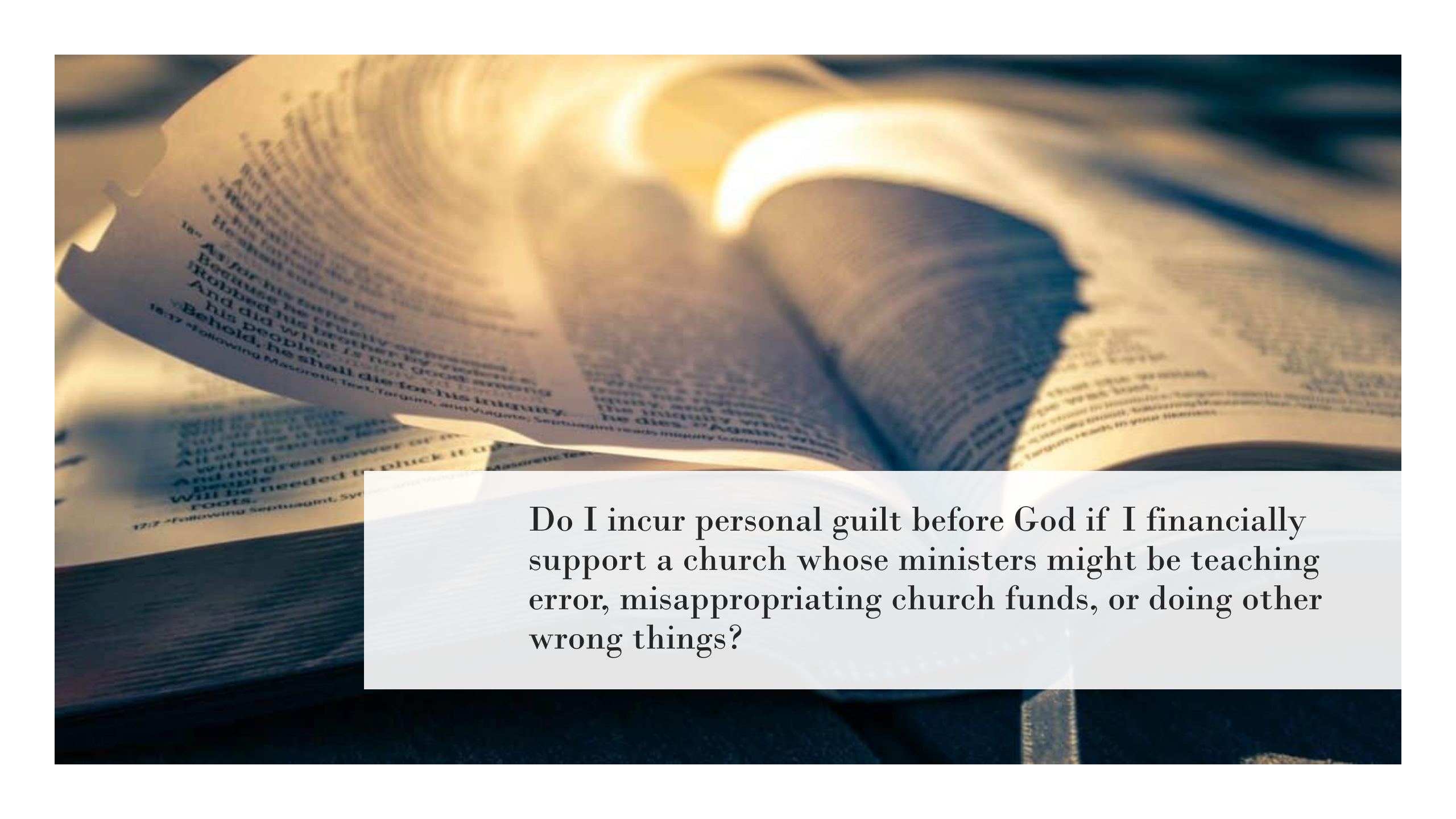
**Understand your
offering envelope.**



APOSTASY

There is a fine line, but significant distinction, between
“a church in apostasy” and **“apostasy in the church.”**

**Apostasy is a departure from pure doctrine or practice. Who defines the practice?*



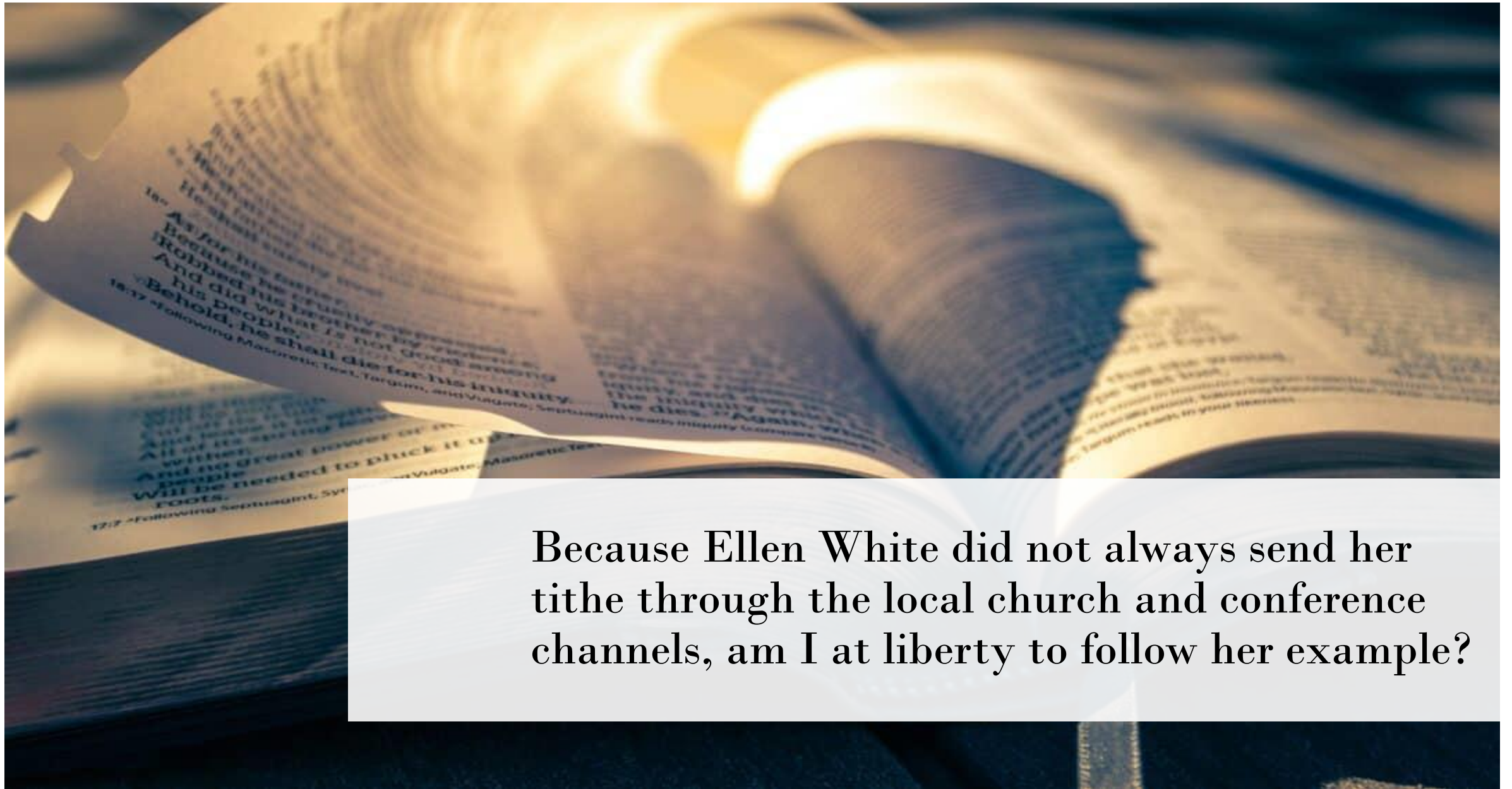
Do I incur personal guilt before God if I financially support a church whose ministers might be teaching error, misappropriating church funds, or doing other wrong things?



Jesus praised a poor widow for making a gift to a religious organization that was on the verge of heaven's rejection (Luke 21:2-4).



Checks, balances, and security protocols are in place locally and worldwide.



Because Ellen White did not always send her tithe through the local church and conference channels, am I at liberty to follow her example?

IN THE AID OF DESTITUTE PASTORS

One has to realize that in those days there was neither a denominational retirement program nor yet a state pension for the retired (in the States called Social Security).



IN THE AID OF DESTITUTE PASTORS

The church's retirement plan was yet six years in the future (and Social Security was yet 30 years away) when Mrs. White wrote a letter in 1905 to George F. Watson, president of the Colorado Conference, concerning her occasional use of some of her tithe for special Church needs.





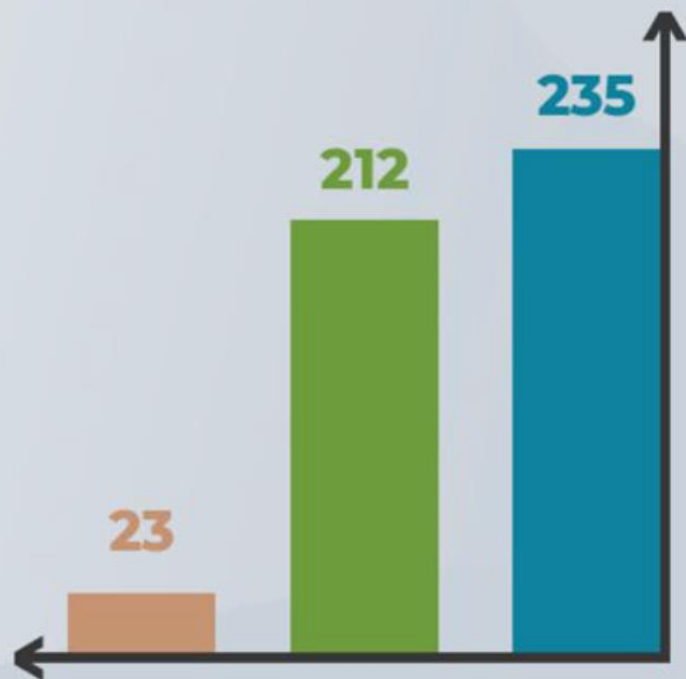
Giving of my time, my
talent, of myself



UNREACHED

COUNTRIES IN WHICH THE ADVENTIST CHURCH HAS AN ESTABLISHED WORK

(AS OF 2019):



Countries and areas of the world: 235

Countries and areas of the world in which Seventh-day Adventist work is established: 212

Countries and areas of the world in which Seventh-day Adventist work is not established: 23

Estimated population of countries and areas of the world in which Seventh-day Adventist work is established:

7,470,014,000

Estimated population of countries and areas of the world in which Seventh-day Adventist work is not established:

221,506,000

LANGUAGES REACHED BY THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH (AS 2019):



Languages and
Dialects Heard in
Broadcasts:

306



Languages and
Dialects Used in
Publications:

311



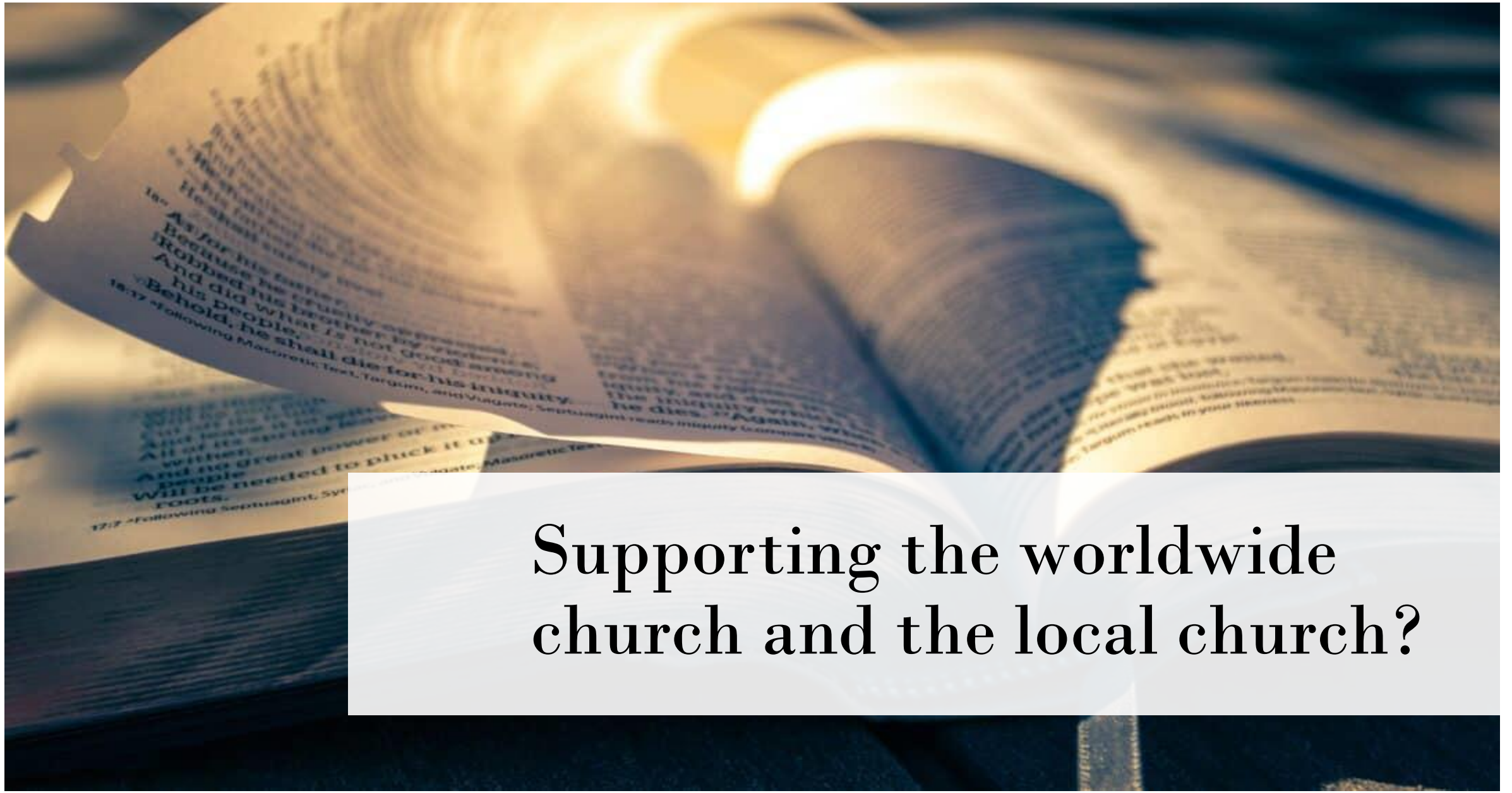
Languages and
Dialects Used in
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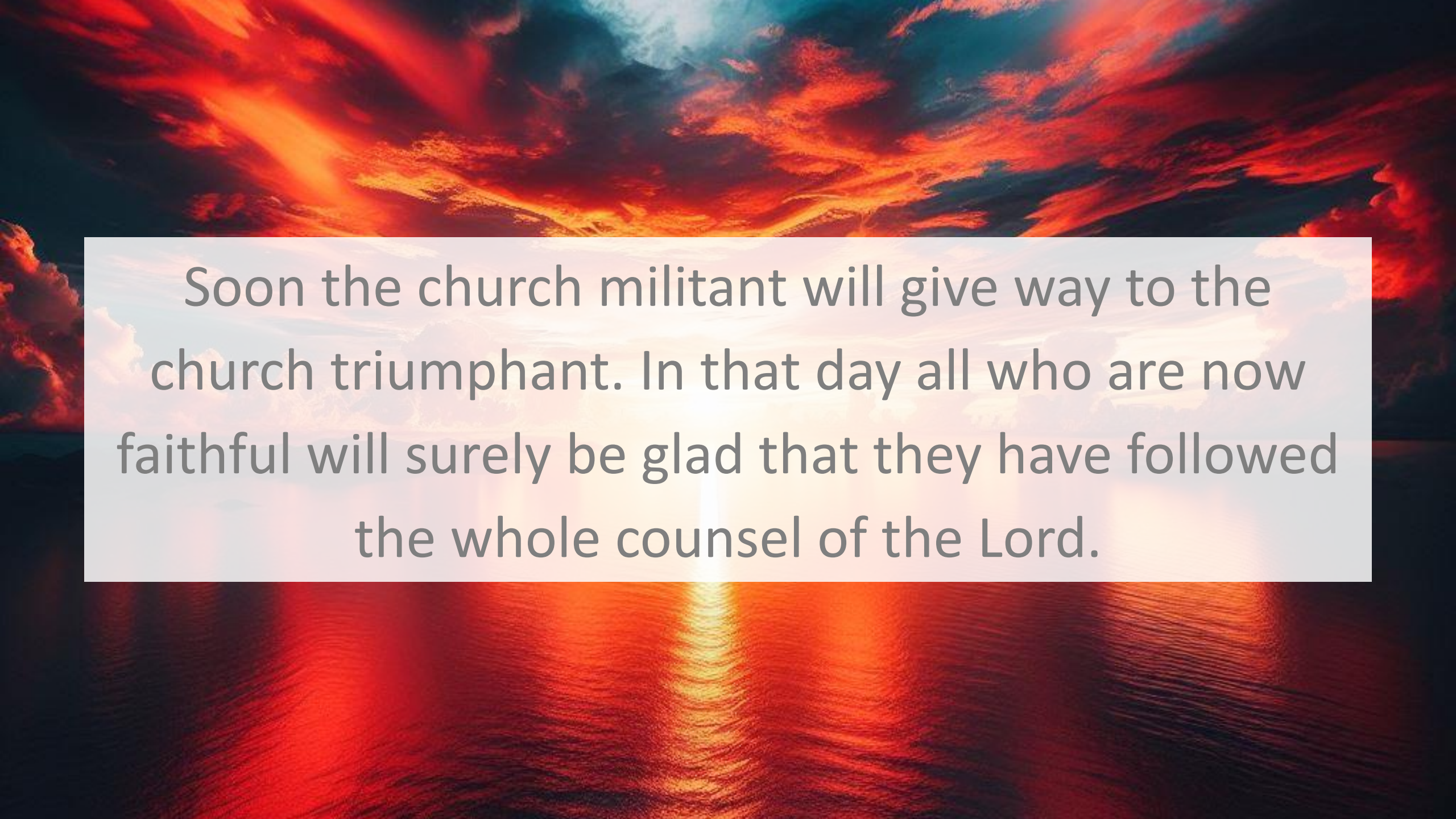


Living Languages
in the World:

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Supporting the worldwide
church and the local church?



Soon the church militant will give way to the church triumphant. In that day all who are now faithful will surely be glad that they have followed the whole counsel of the Lord.



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