



Right and Wrong

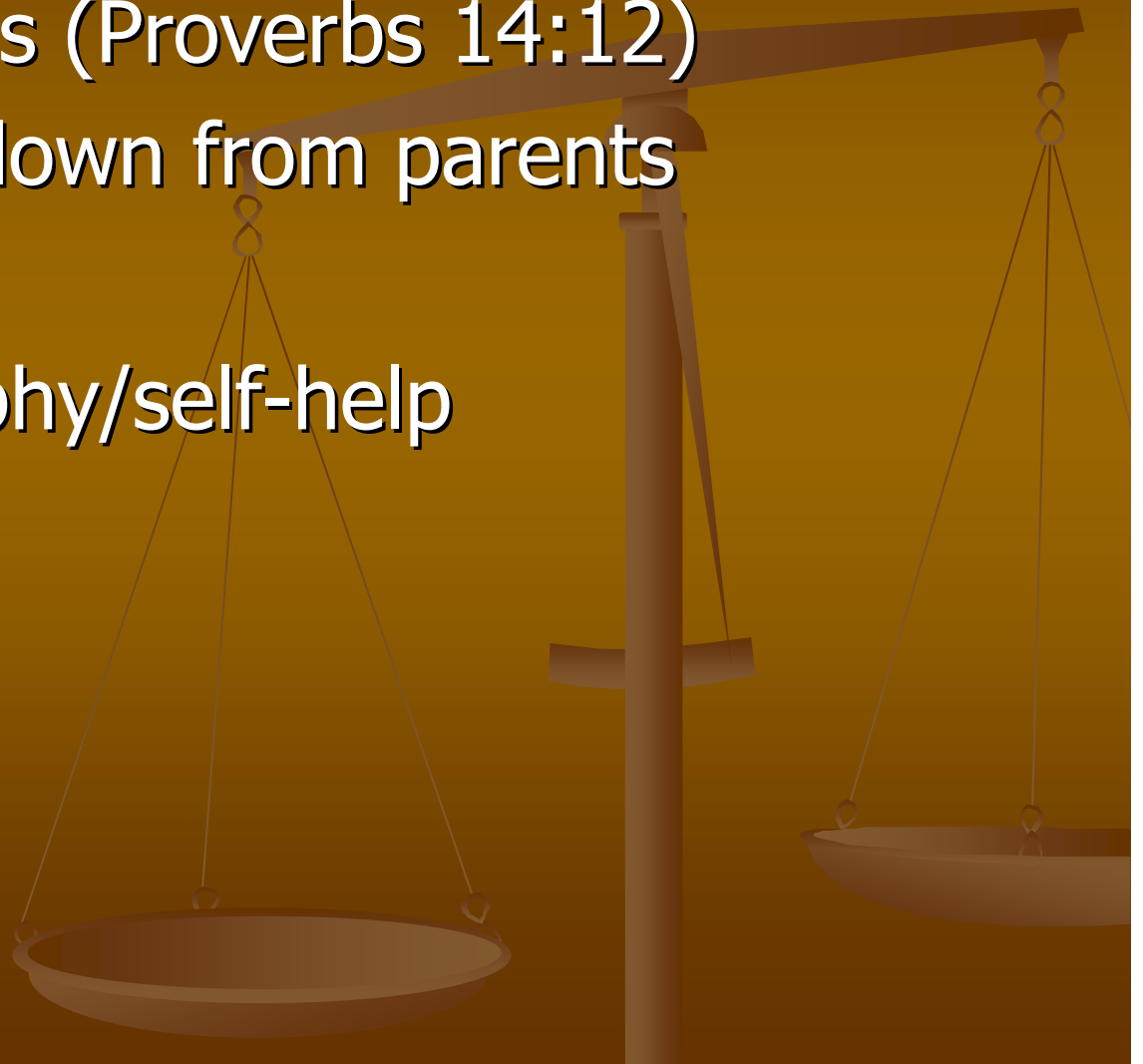
A Review of Recent Surveys on
Moral Values

Values Survey

Issue	Acceptable	Wrong
Divorce	69	23
The death penalty	65	26
Gambling	61	34
Buying and wearing clothing made of fur	60	35
Medical research using stem cells obtained from human embryos	59	32
Fornication between an unmarried man and woman	59	38
Medical testing on animals	59	34
Having a baby outside of marriage	54	40
Homosexual relations	52	43
Doctor assisted suicide	46	46
Abortion	38	50
Cloning animals	31	63
Suicide	15	77
Cloning humans	9	88
Polygamy	7	90
Married men and women having an affair	6	92

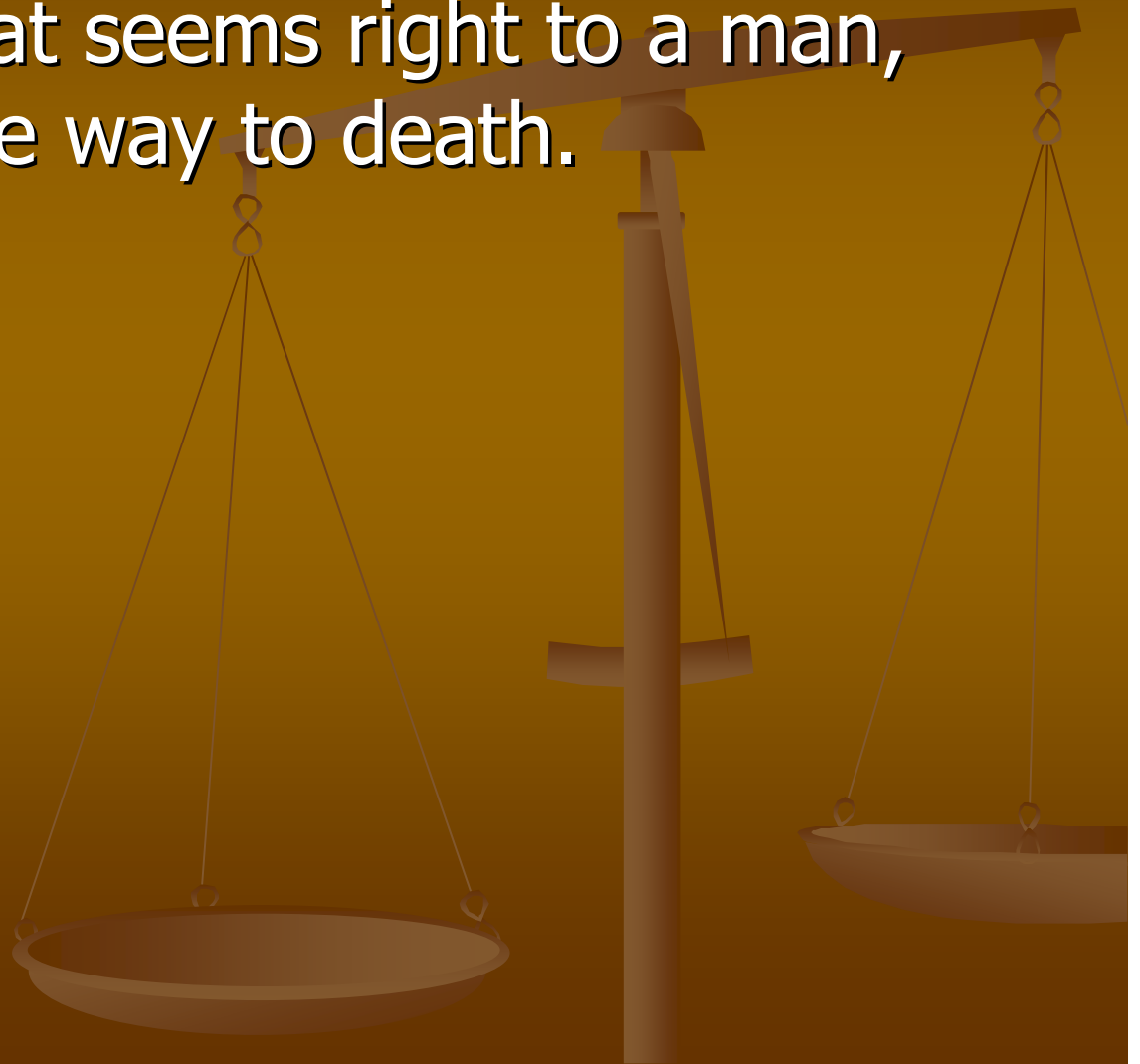
Where do we get our ideas of right and wrong?

- Personal feelings (Proverbs 14:12)
- Values passed down from parents
- Societal norms
- Human philosophy/self-help
- God



Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death.



Values Survey – Sexual Conduct

Activity

Fornication between
unmarried man and woman

Homosexual behavior

Polygamy

Adultery

Morally
acceptable

58%

52%

7%

6%

Morally
wrong

38%

43%

90%

92%



Values Survey – Value of Human Life

Activity

The death penalty

Medical research using human
embryonic stem cells

Abortion

Suicide

Cloning humans

Morally
acceptable

65%

59%

38%

15%

9%

Morally
wrong

26%

32%

50%

77%

88%



Values Survey – Animal Rights

Activity

Morally
acceptable

Morally
wrong

Buying and wearing
clothing made of animal fur

60%

35%

Medical testing on animals

59%

34%

Cloning animals

31%

63%



Values Survey – Outcome-oriented behavior

Activity

Morally
acceptable

Morally
wrong

Divorce

69%

23%

Gambling

61%

34%

Having a baby outside of
marriage

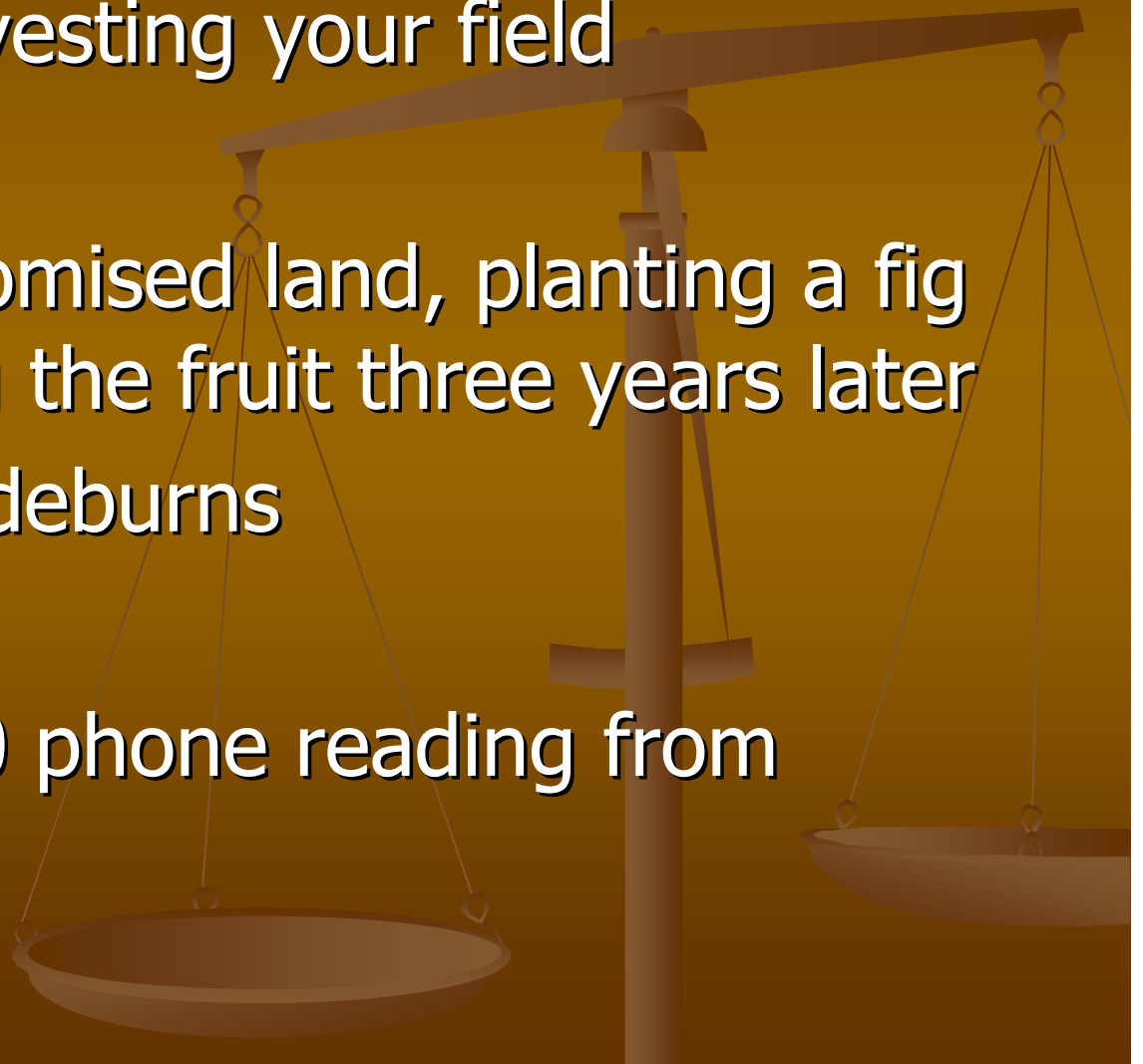
54%

40%



Which of the following would be morally acceptable under the Mosaic Law?


- Completely harvesting your field
- Raising beefalo
- Entering the promised land, planting a fig tree, and eating the fruit three years later
- Shaving your sideburns
- Eating lobster
- ▶ Getting an \$850 phone reading from Sylvia Browne



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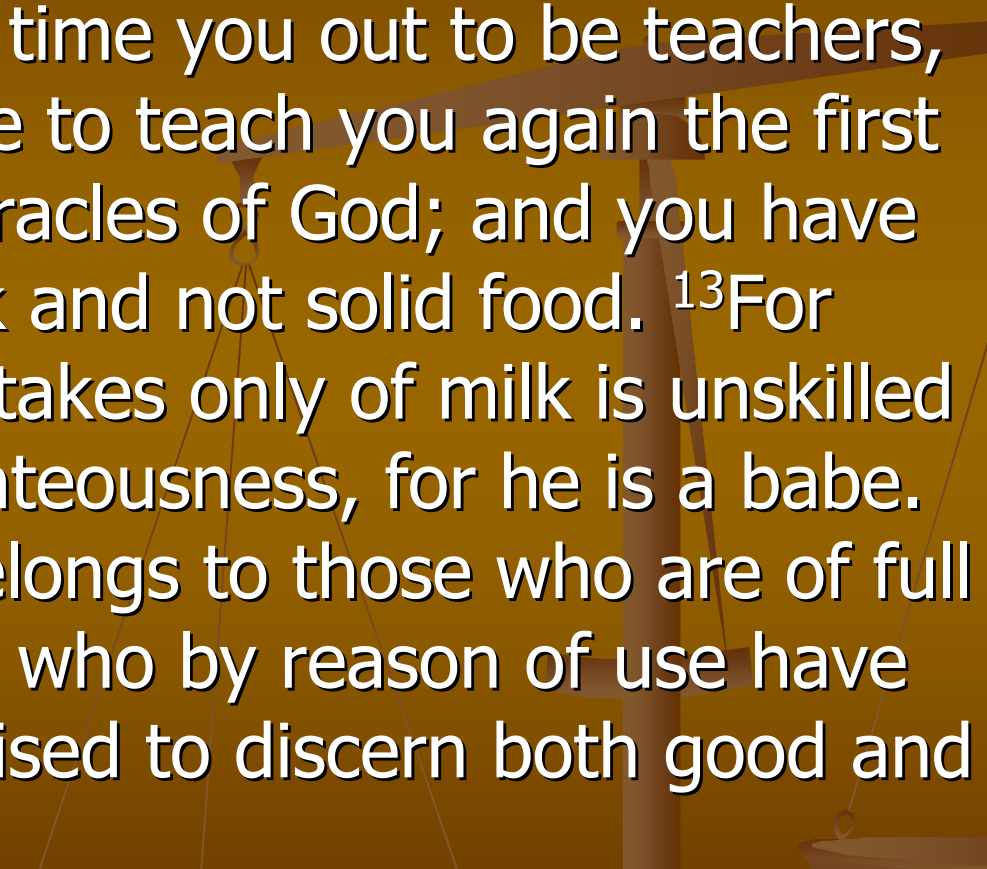
- Completely harvesting your field
- Raising beefalo
- Entering the promised land and cutting a fig tree, and eating the fruit three years later
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All Forbidden

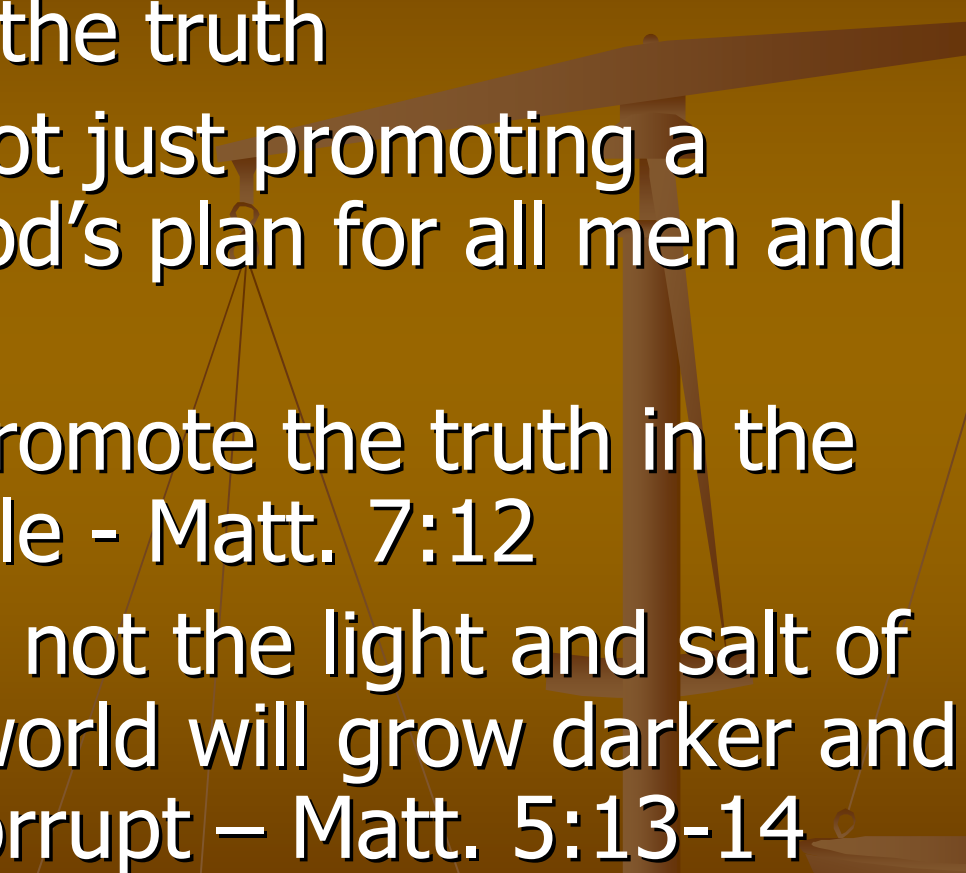


Hebrews 5:12-14

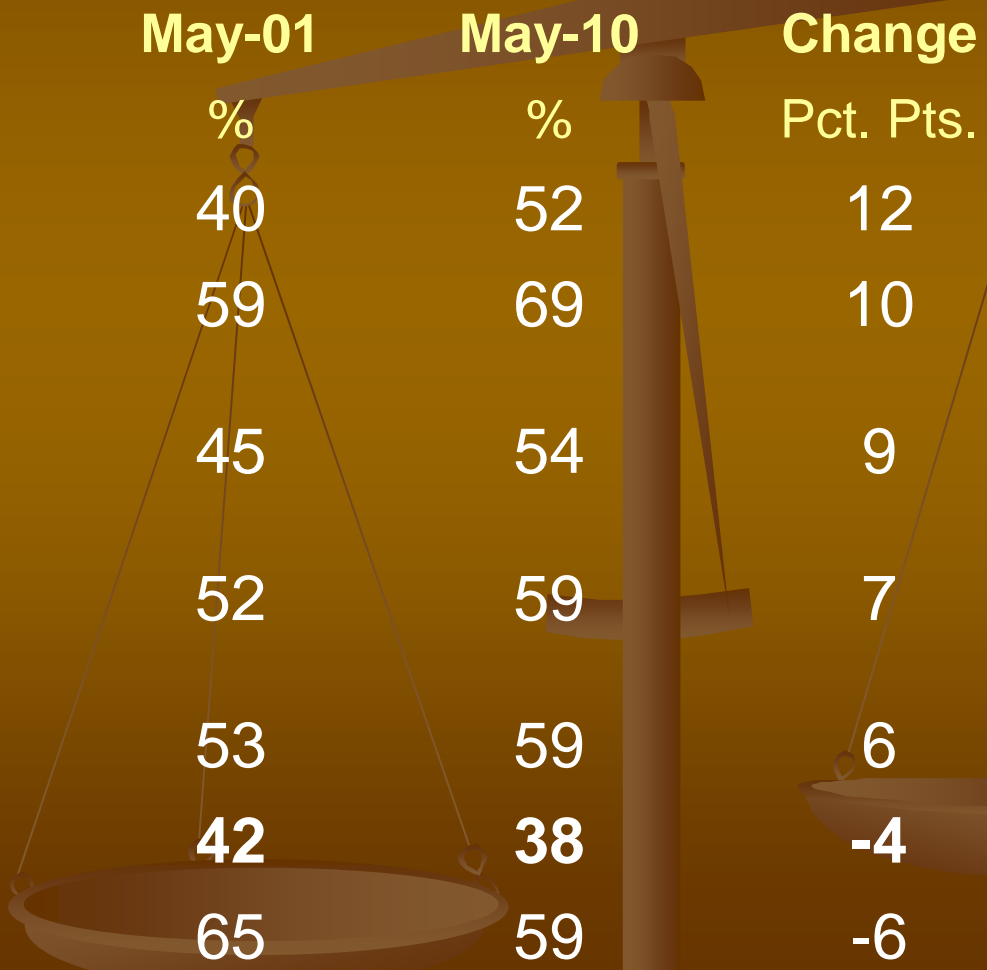
¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴For solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.



Why Christians Must Defend the Truth

- Christians have the truth
 - Christians are not just promoting a tradition, but God's plan for all men and women
 - Christians will promote the truth in the best way possible - Matt. 7:12
 - If Christians are not the light and salt of the world, the world will grow darker and more morally corrupt – Matt. 5:13-14
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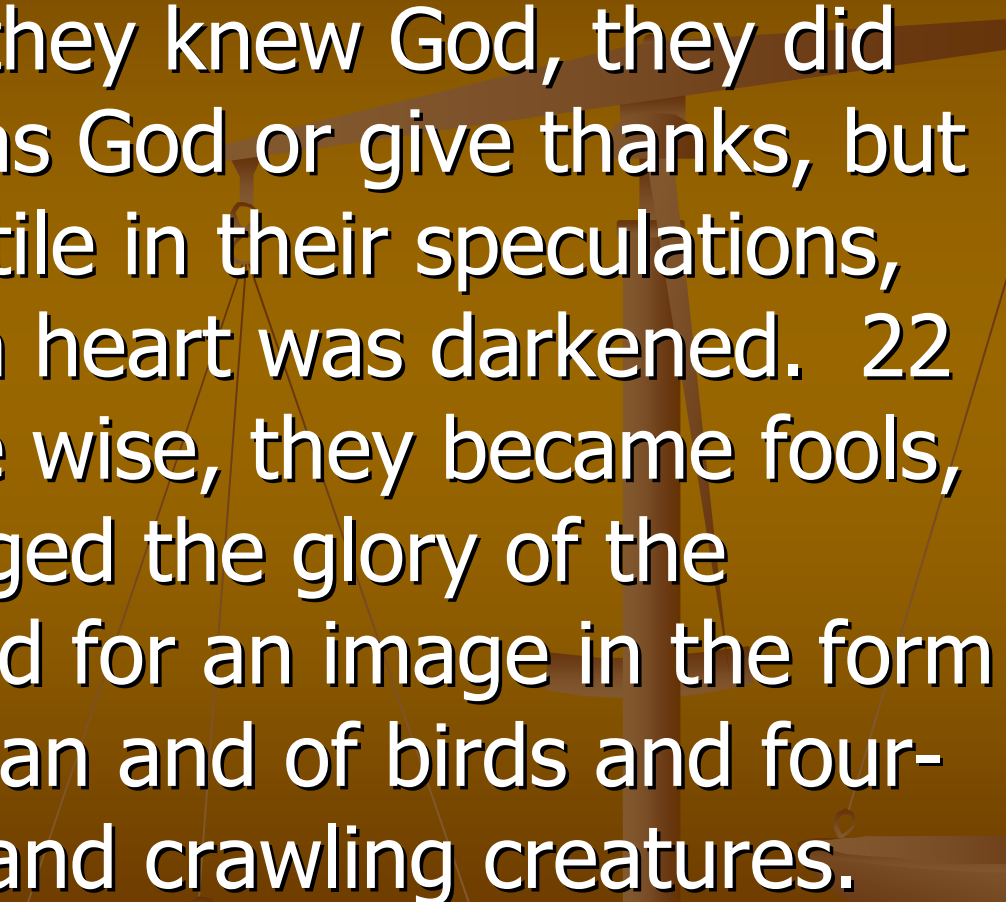
Which Direction is Your Part of the World Heading?



Issue	May-01	May-10	Change
	%	%	Pct. Pts.
Homosexual relations	40	52	12
Divorce	59	69	10
Having a baby outside of marriage	45	54	9
Human embryonic stem-cell research	52	59	7
Sex between an unmarried man and woman	53	59	6
Abortion	42	38	-4
Medical testing on animals	65	59	-6

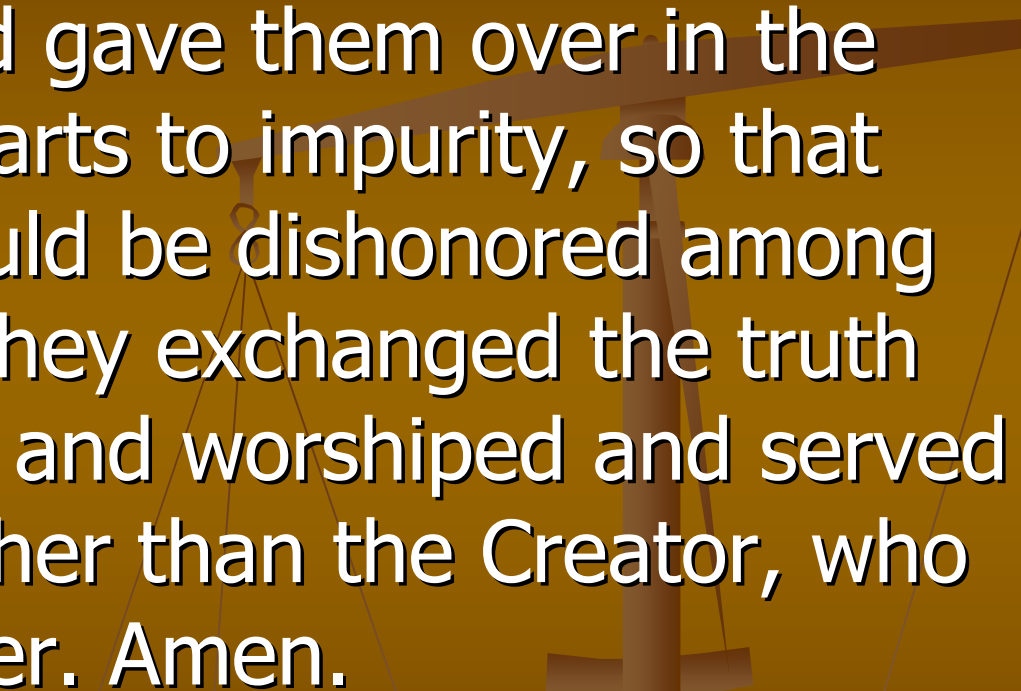
Romans 1:21-32 NASB

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.



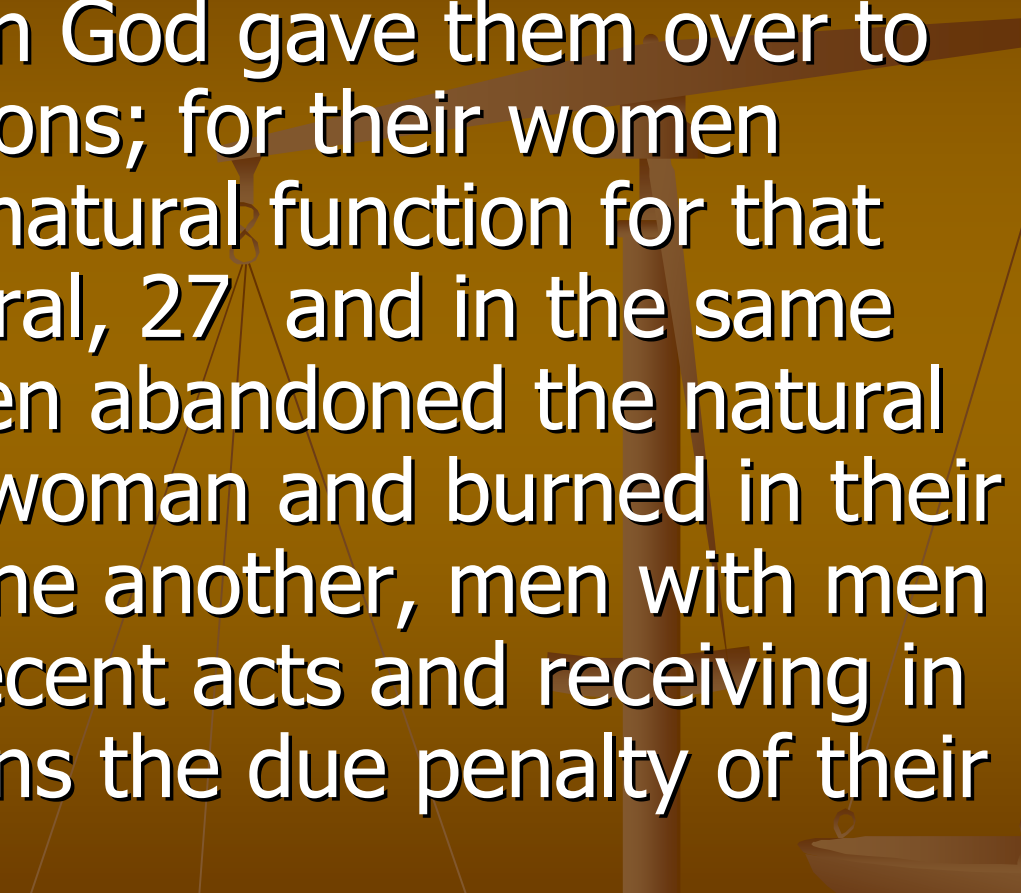
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24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.



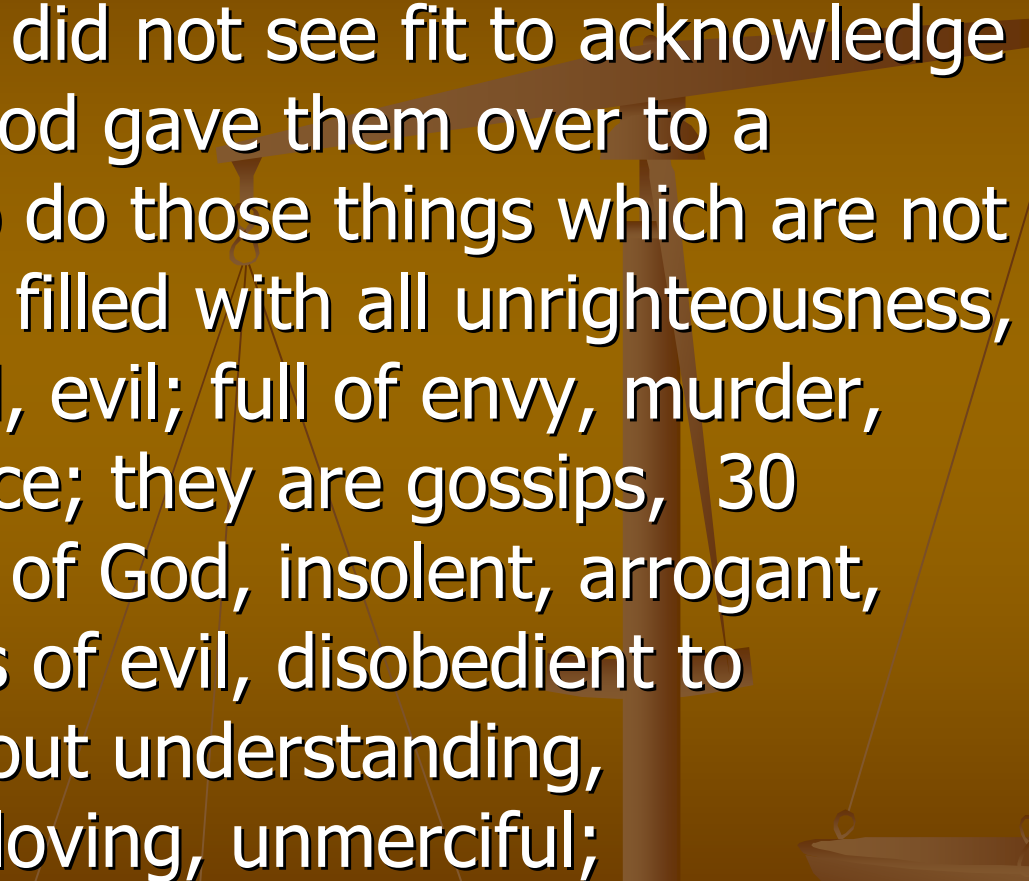
Romans 1:21-32 NASB

26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.



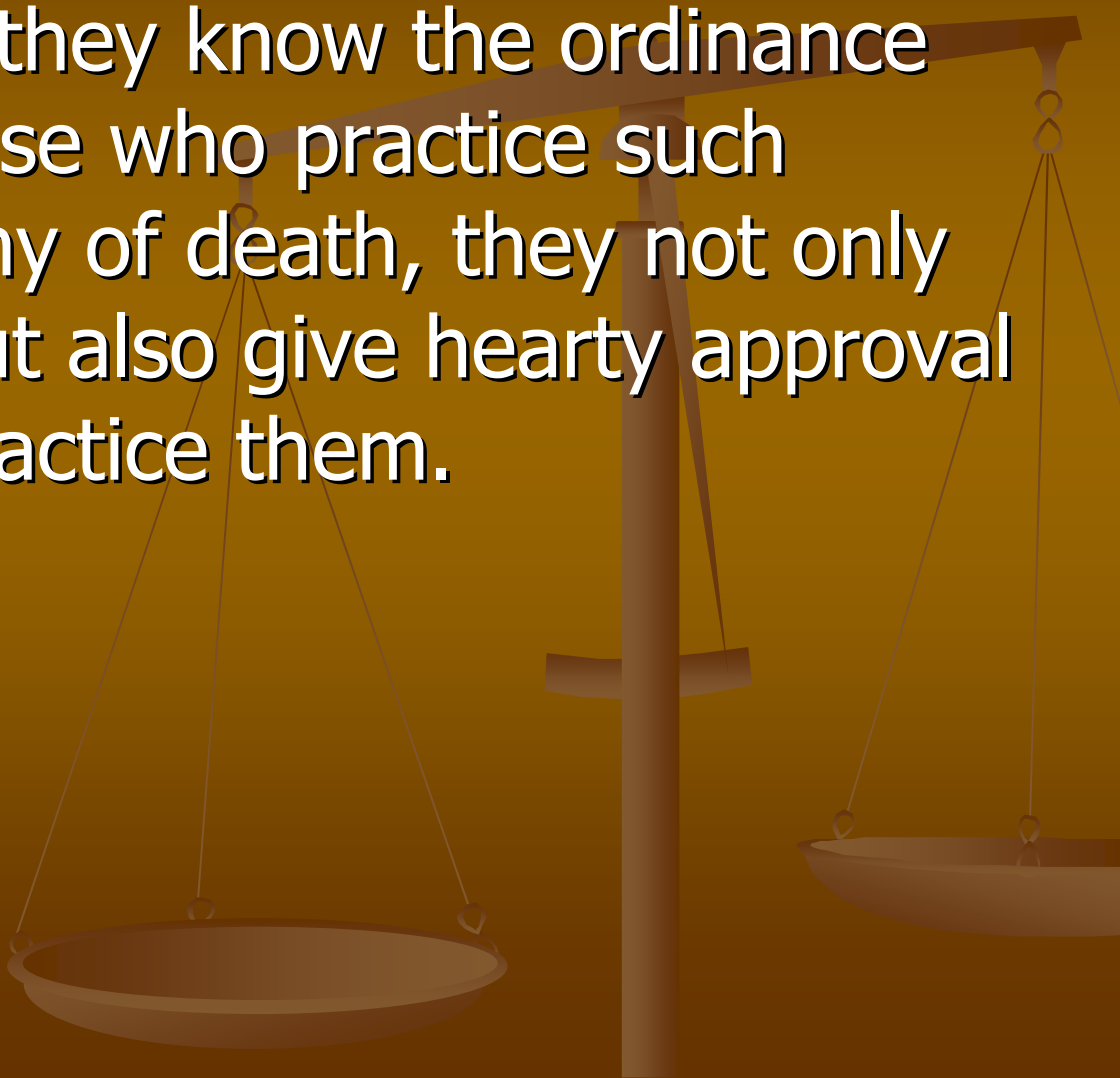
Romans 1:21-32 NASB

28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;



Romans 1:21-32 NASB

32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

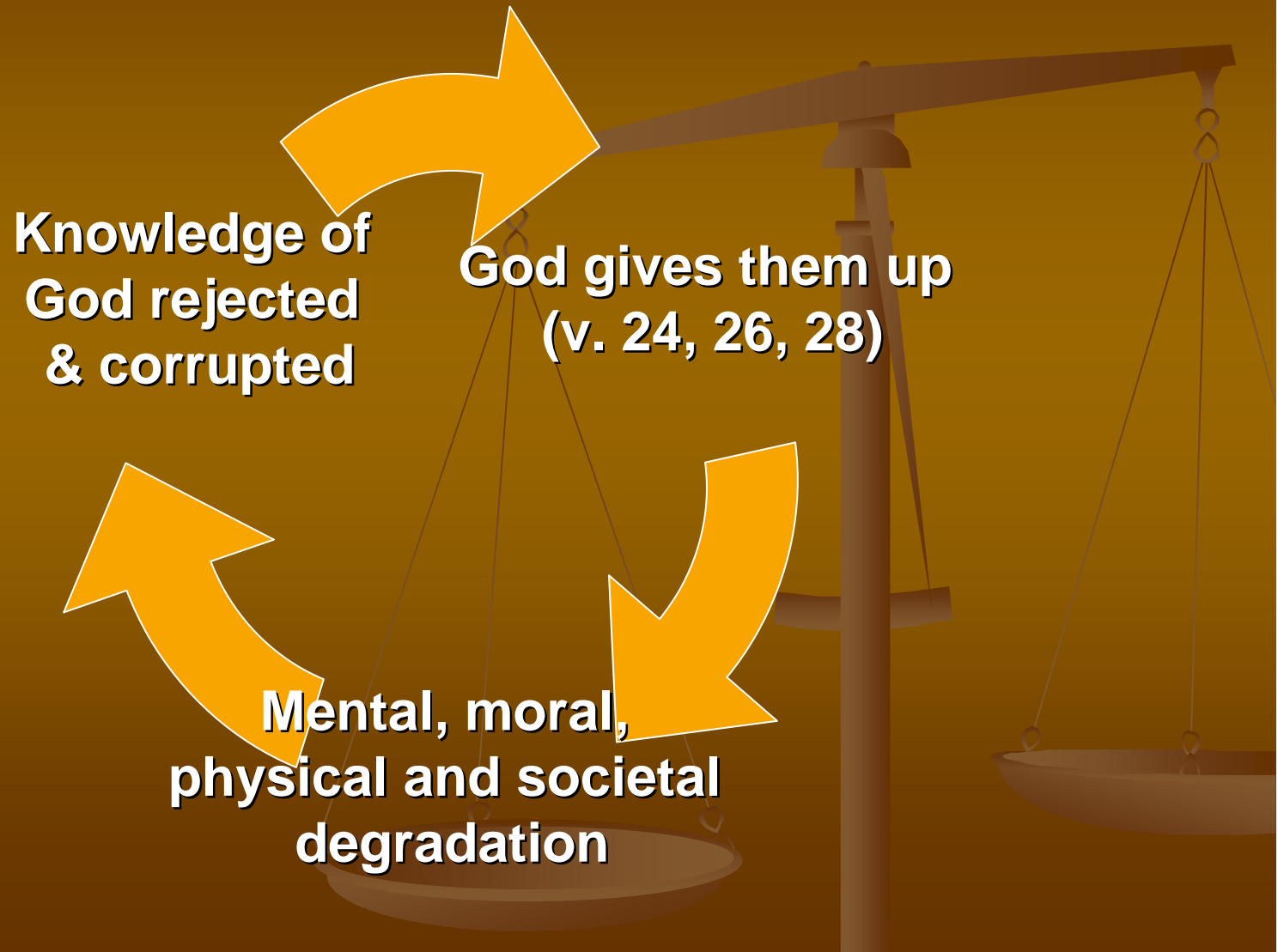


The Cycle of Moral Corruption

**Knowledge of
God rejected
& corrupted**

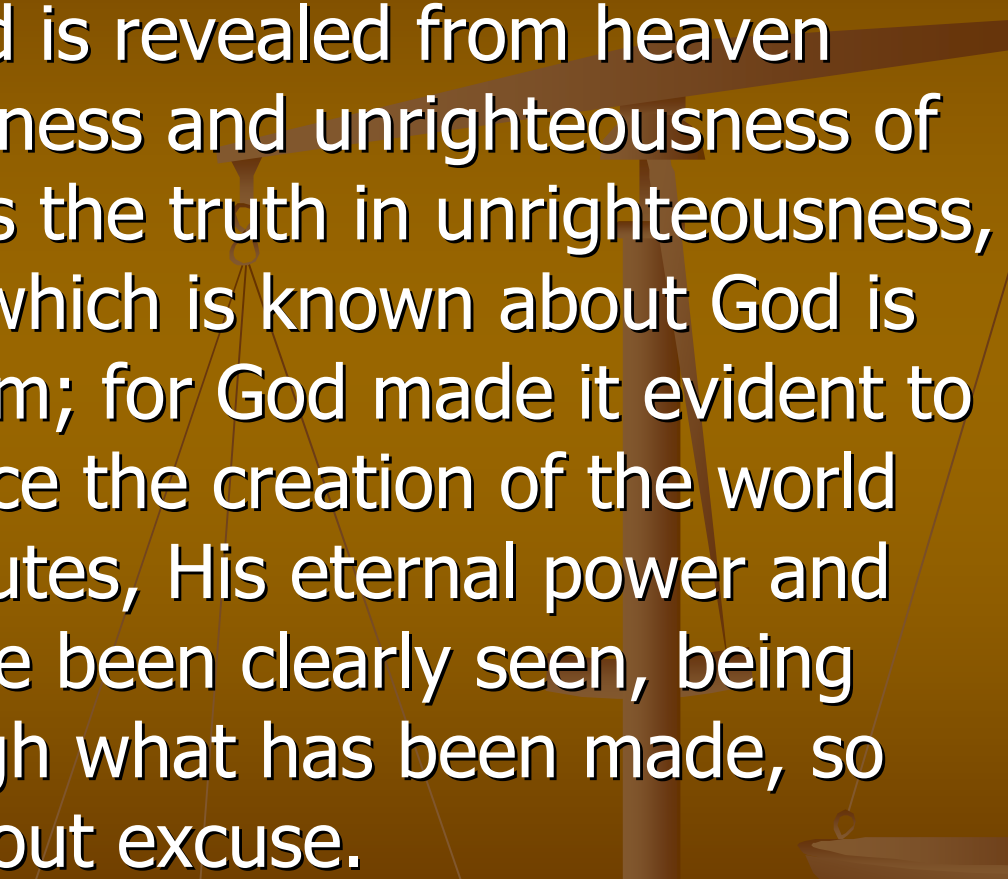
**God gives them up
(v. 24, 26, 28)**

**Mental, moral,
physical and societal
degradation**



Romans 1:18-20 NASB

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.



Our Neighbors and Morality



- 71% say moral values are getting worse
- 76% identify themselves as Christian
- 57% say religion can solve all or most of today's problems
- 38% attended a religious service this week; About 6 in 10 attended this month
- 61% belong to a church or synagogue
- 58% believe that traditional values should be promoted

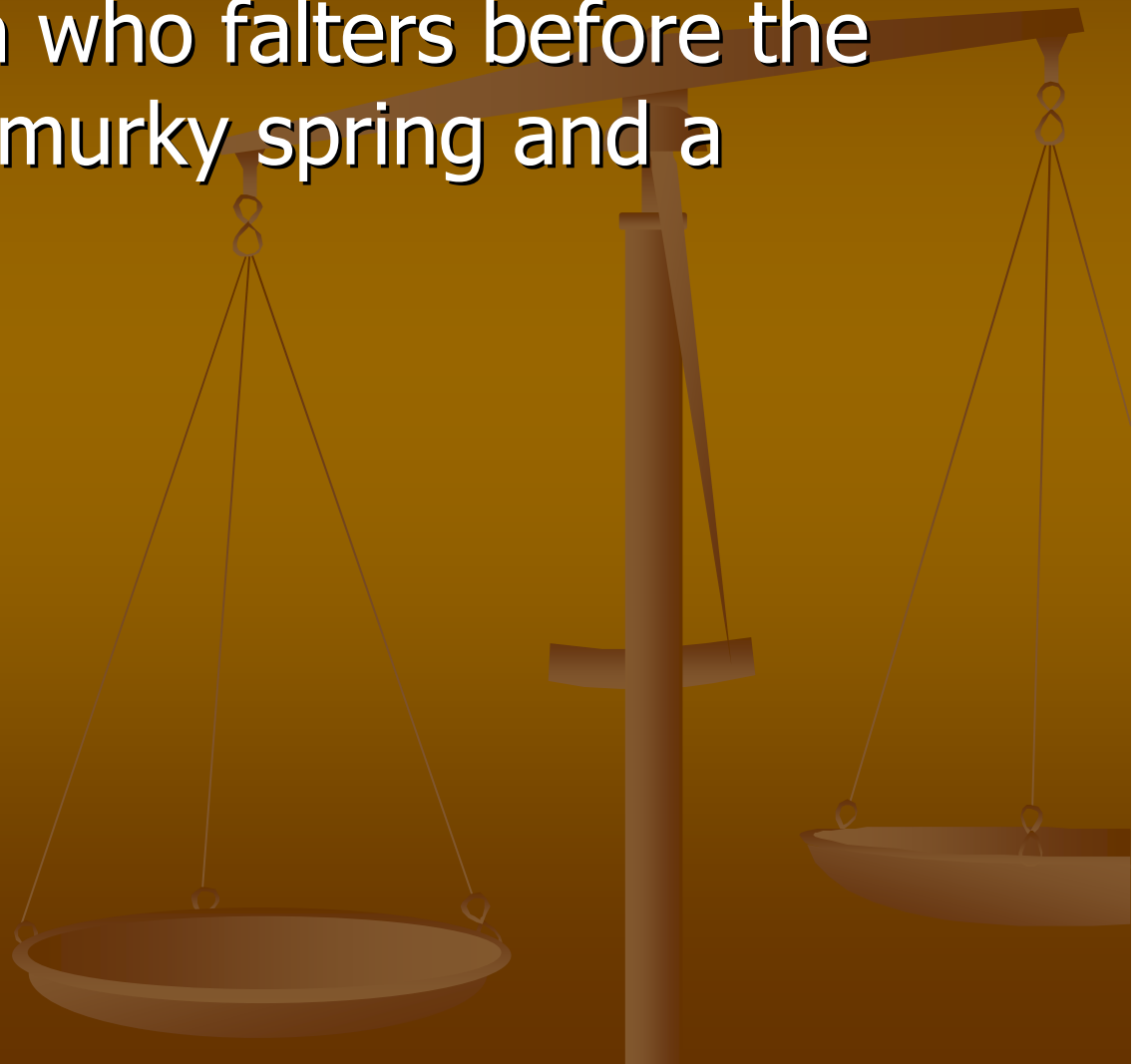
Proverbs 24:10

¹⁰If you faint in the day of adversity your strength is small.



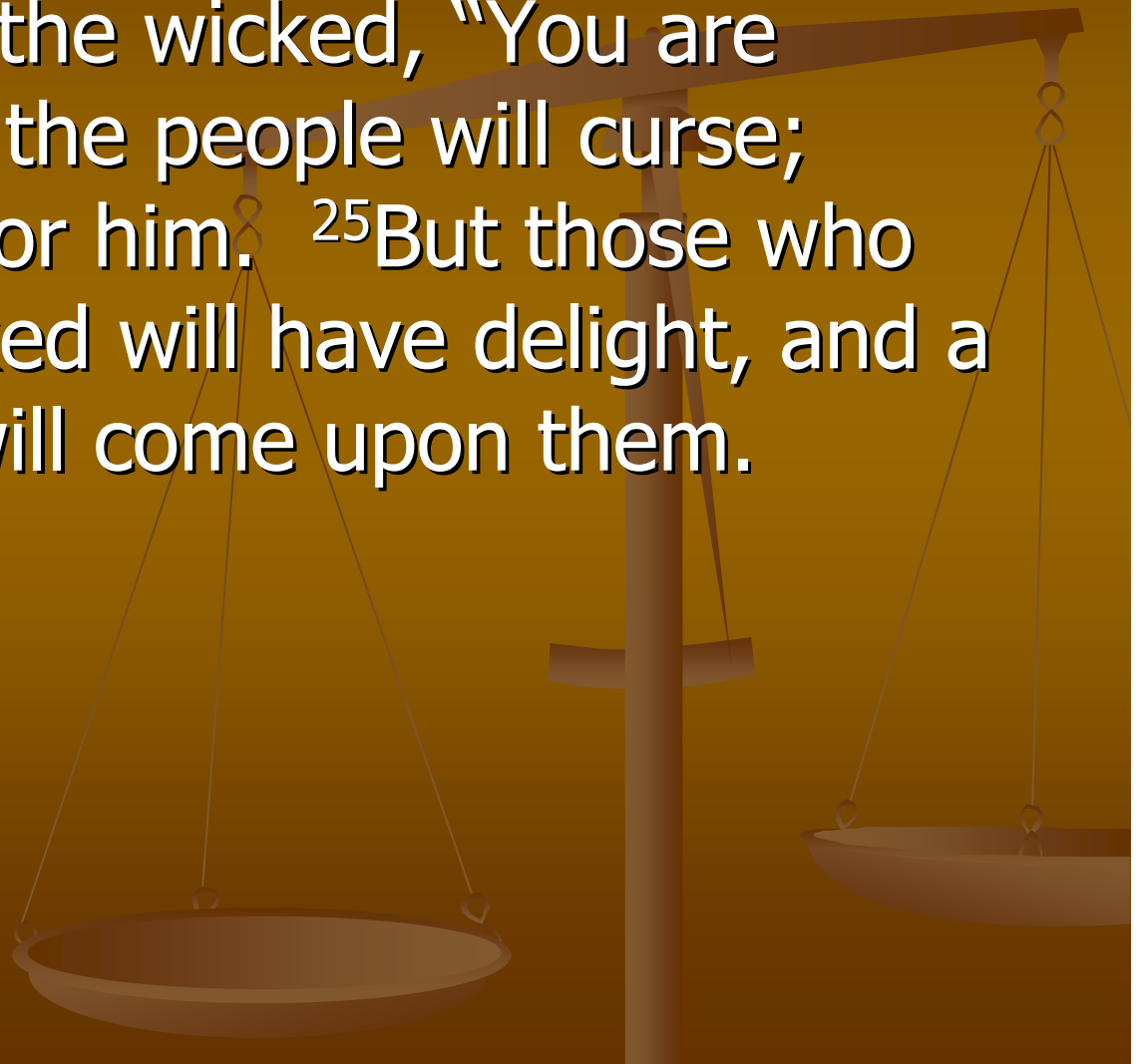
Proverbs 25:26

²⁶A righteous man who falters before the wicked is like a murky spring and a polluted well.



Proverbs 24:24-25

²⁴He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous," him the people will curse; nations will abhor him. ²⁵But those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, and a good blessing will come upon them.



Proverbs 24:11-12

¹¹Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. ¹²If you say, "Surely we did not know this," does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?

