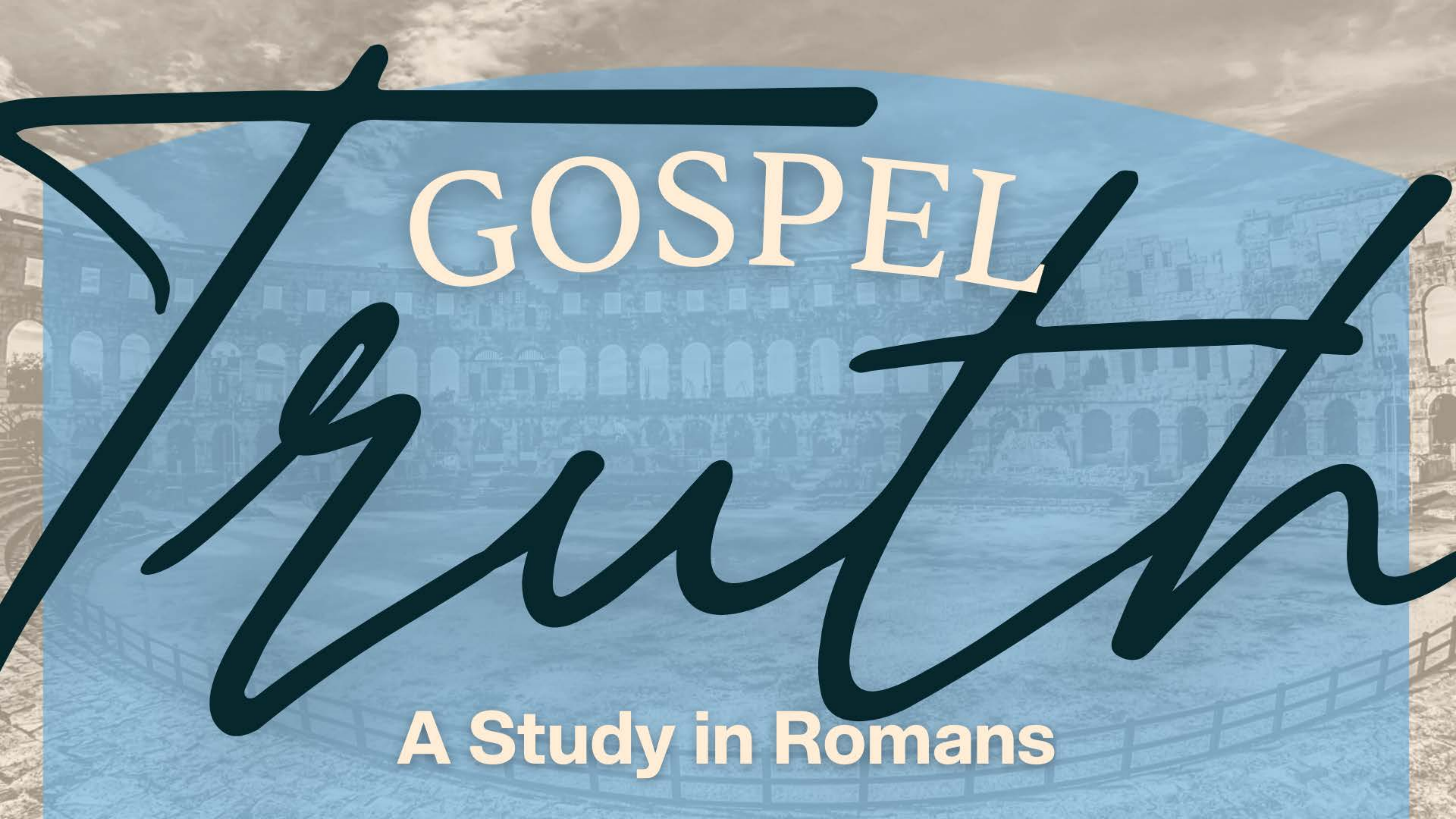




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A Study in Romans



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For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17

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Therefore, having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ, through whom also we have
obtained our introduction by faith into this
grace in which we stand; and we exult in
hope of the glory of God.

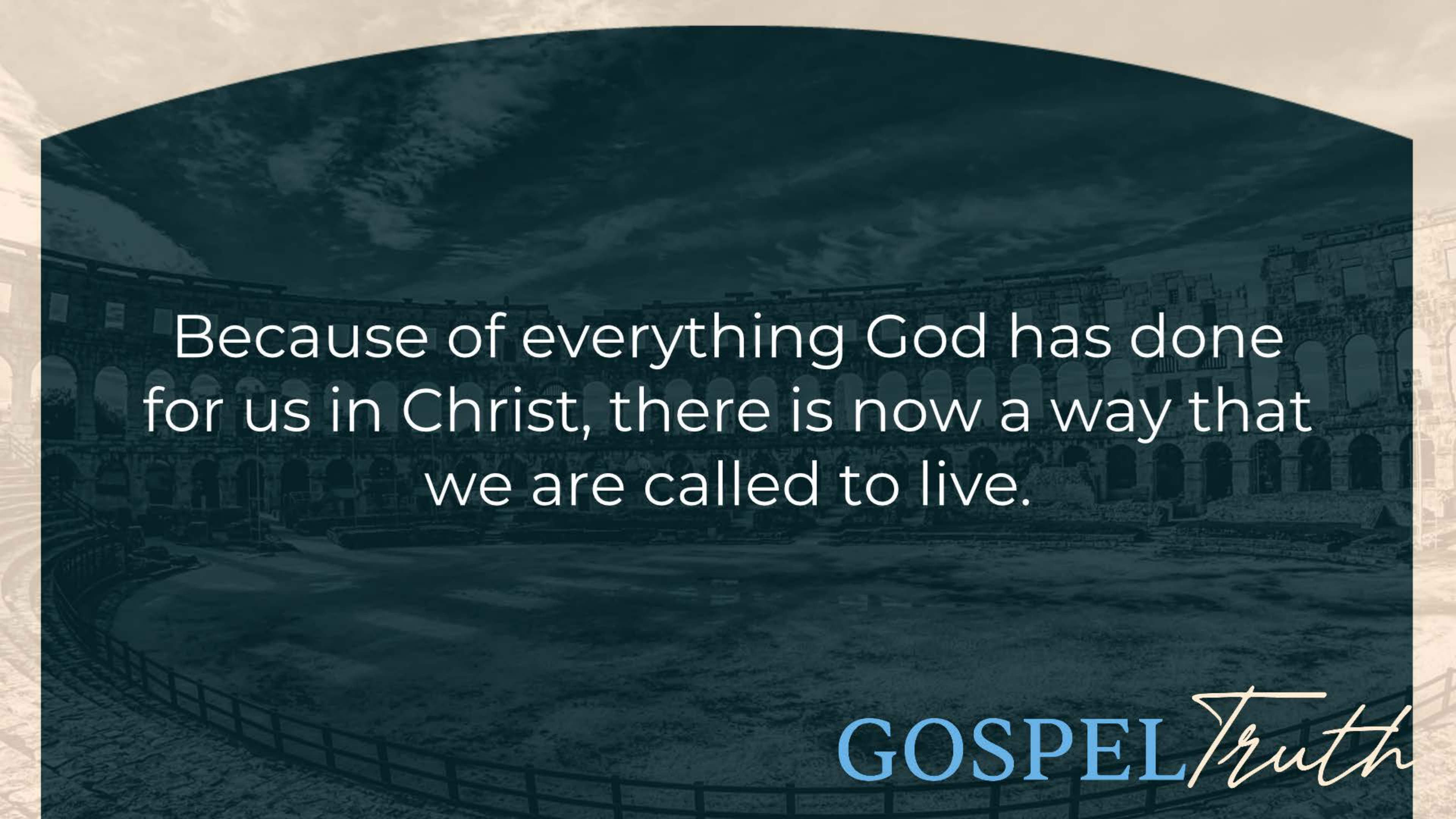
Romans 5:1-2

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Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways...For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:33, 36

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Because of everything God has done
for us in Christ, there is now a way that
we are called to live.

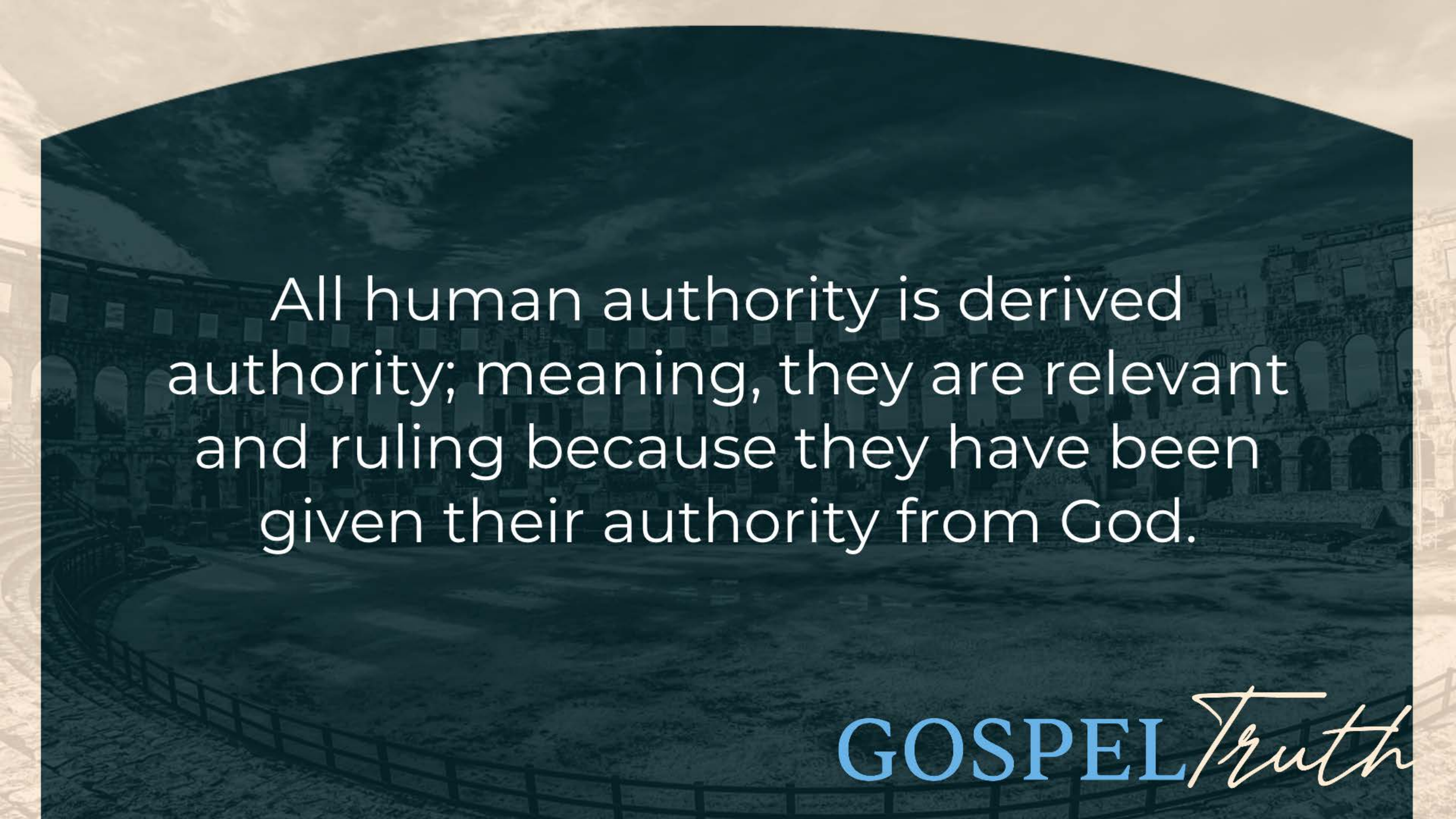
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1. Government is Established by God

(Verse 1)

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All human authority is derived
authority; meaning, they are relevant
and ruling because they have been
given their authority from God.

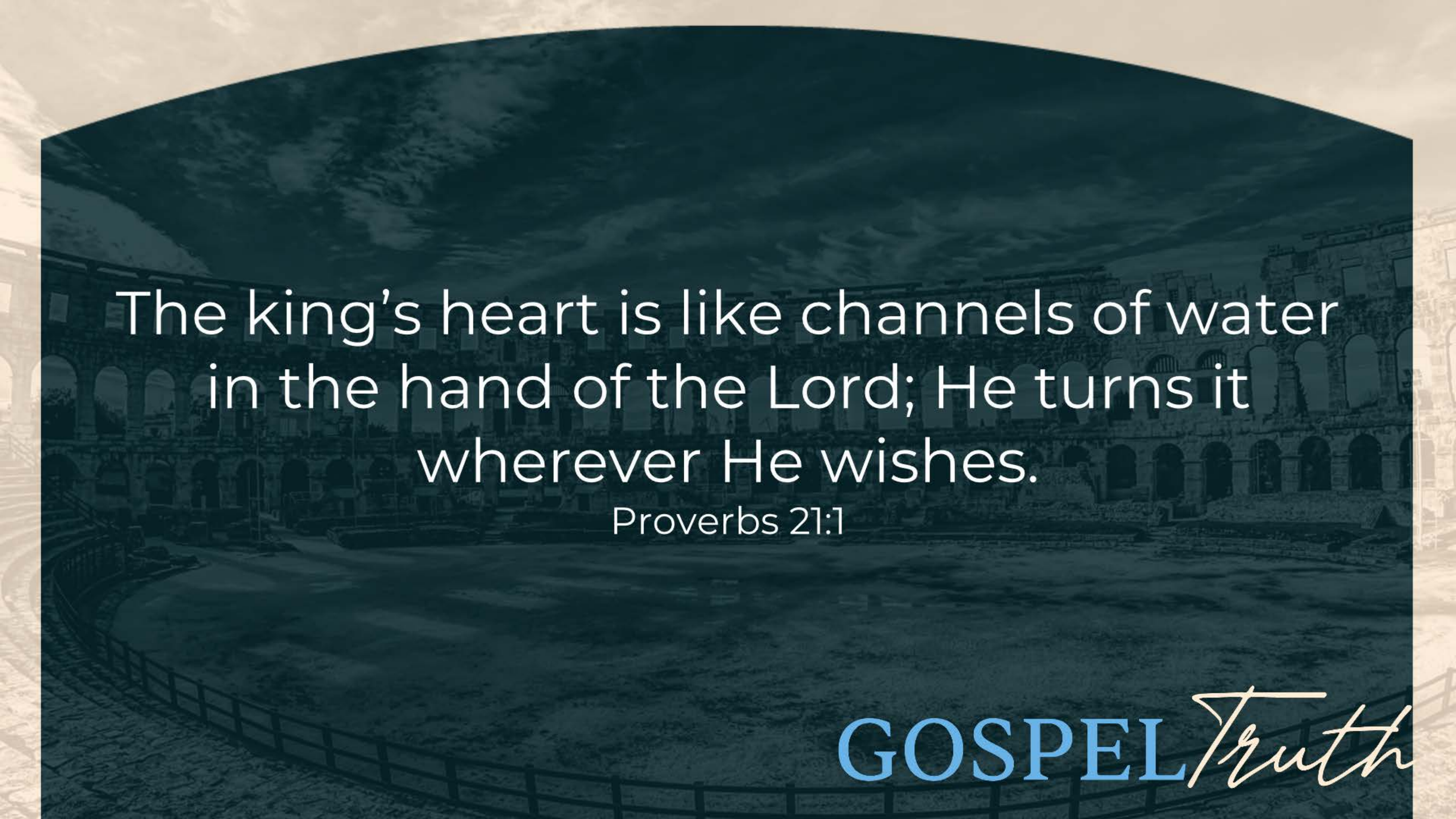
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[God] changes the times and the
epochs; He removes kings and
establishes kings...

Daniel 2:21

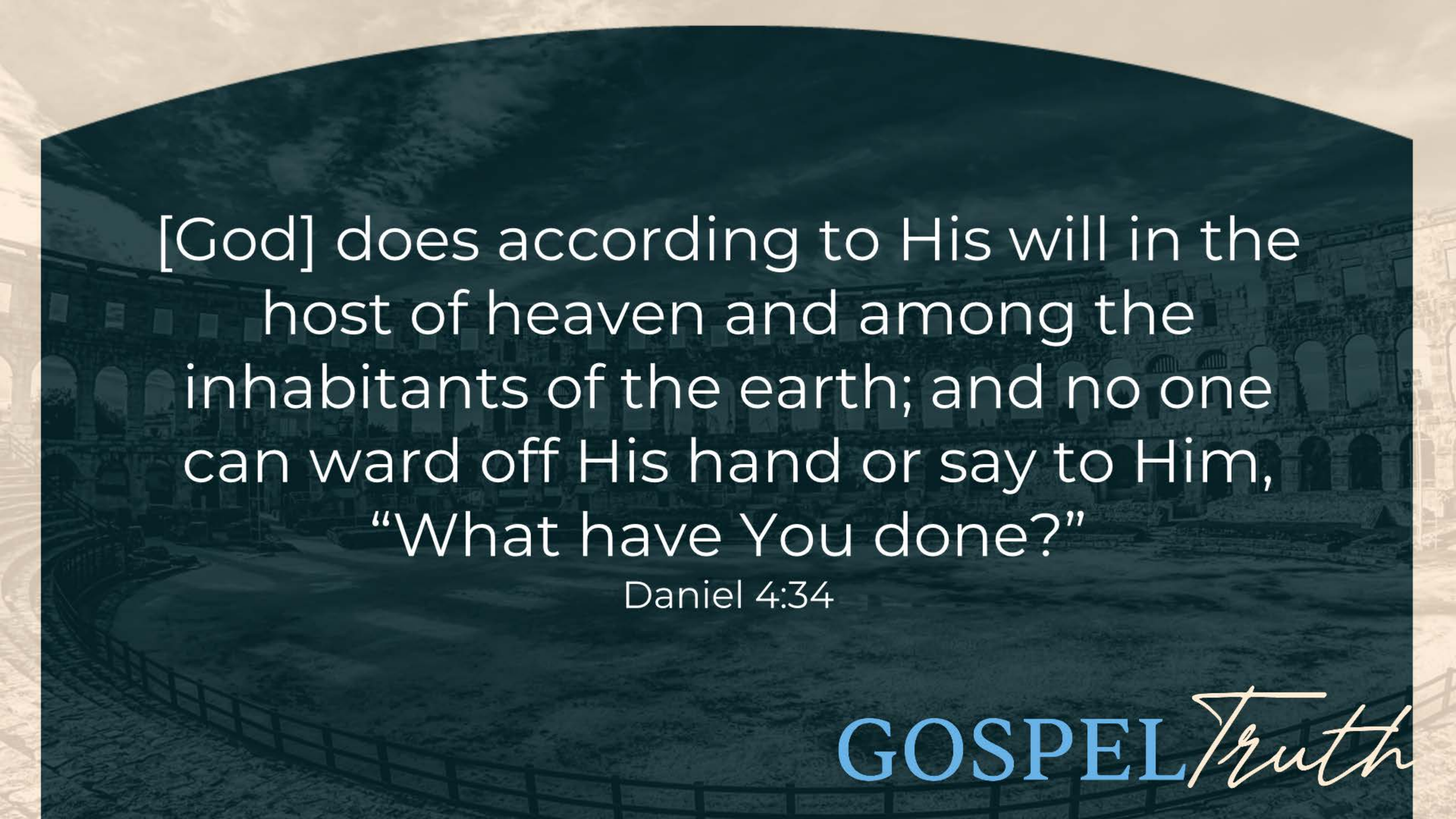
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The king's heart is like channels of water
in the hand of the Lord; He turns it
wherever He wishes.

Proverbs 21:1

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[God] does according to His will in the
host of heaven and among the
inhabitants of the earth; and no one
can ward off His hand or say to Him,
“What have You done?”

Daniel 4:34

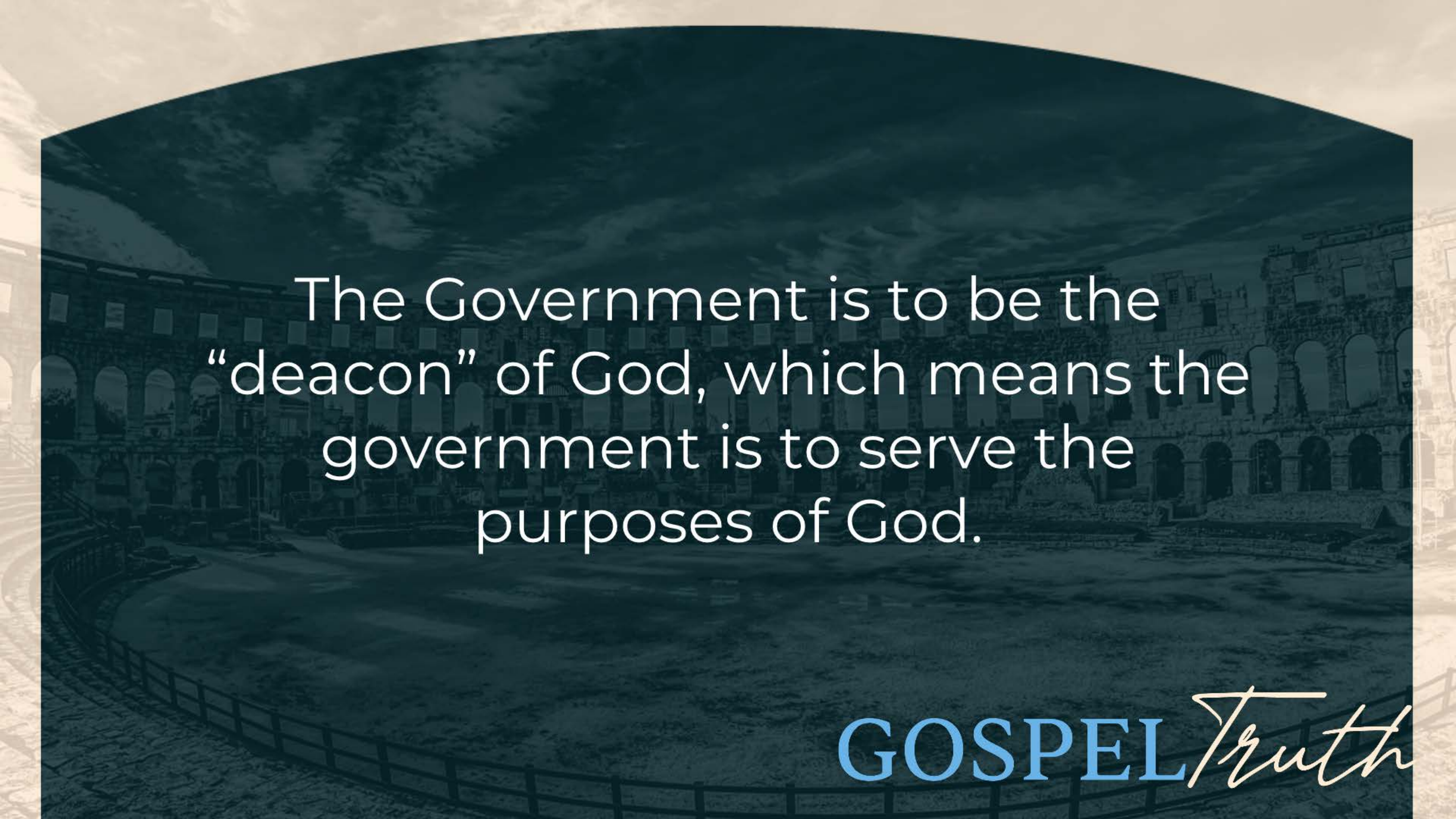
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2. Government is Used by God

(Verses 2-4)

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The Government is to be the
“deacon” of God, which means the
government is to serve the
purposes of God.

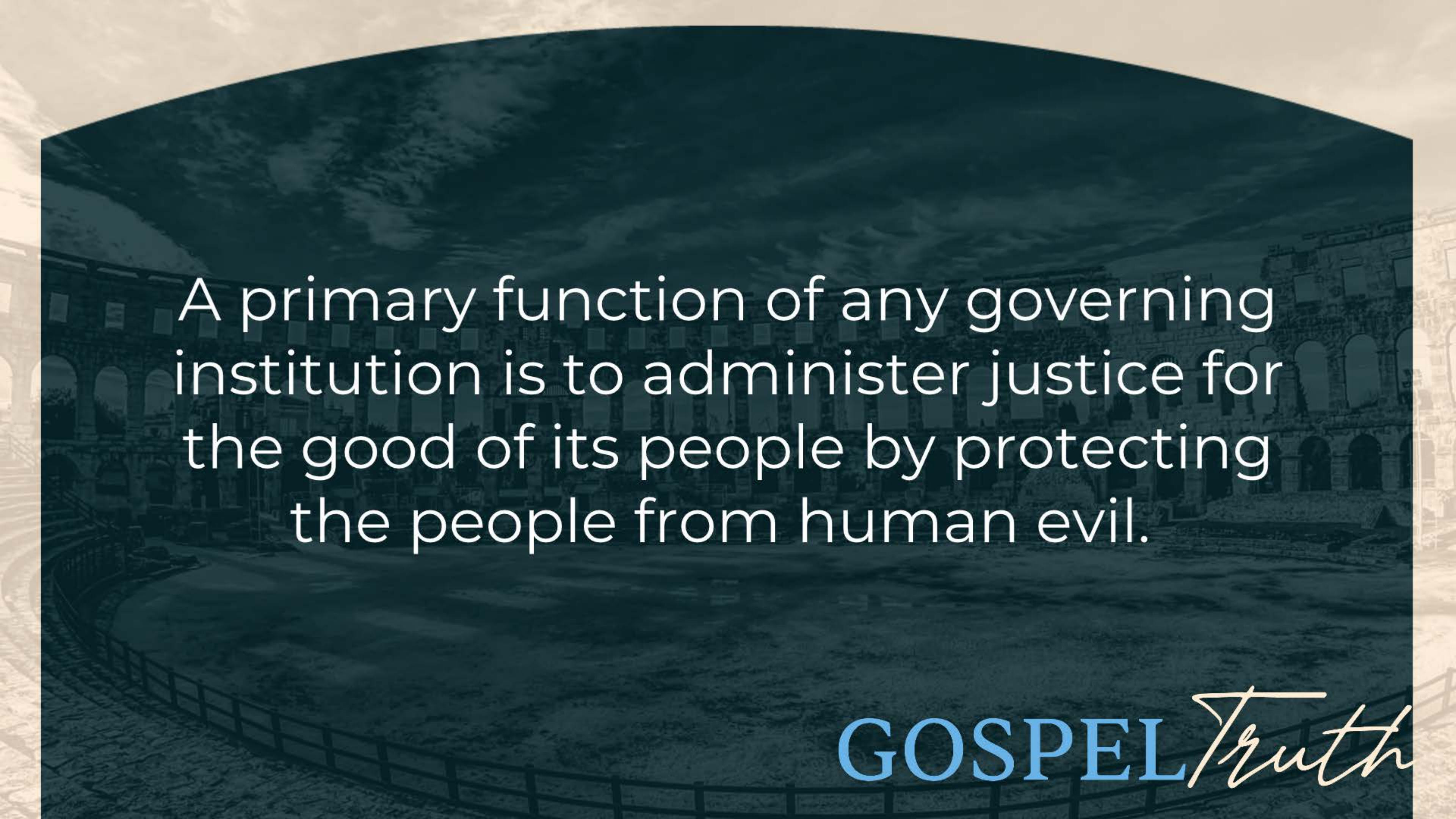
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Never take your own revenge,
beloved, but leave room for the
wrath of God.

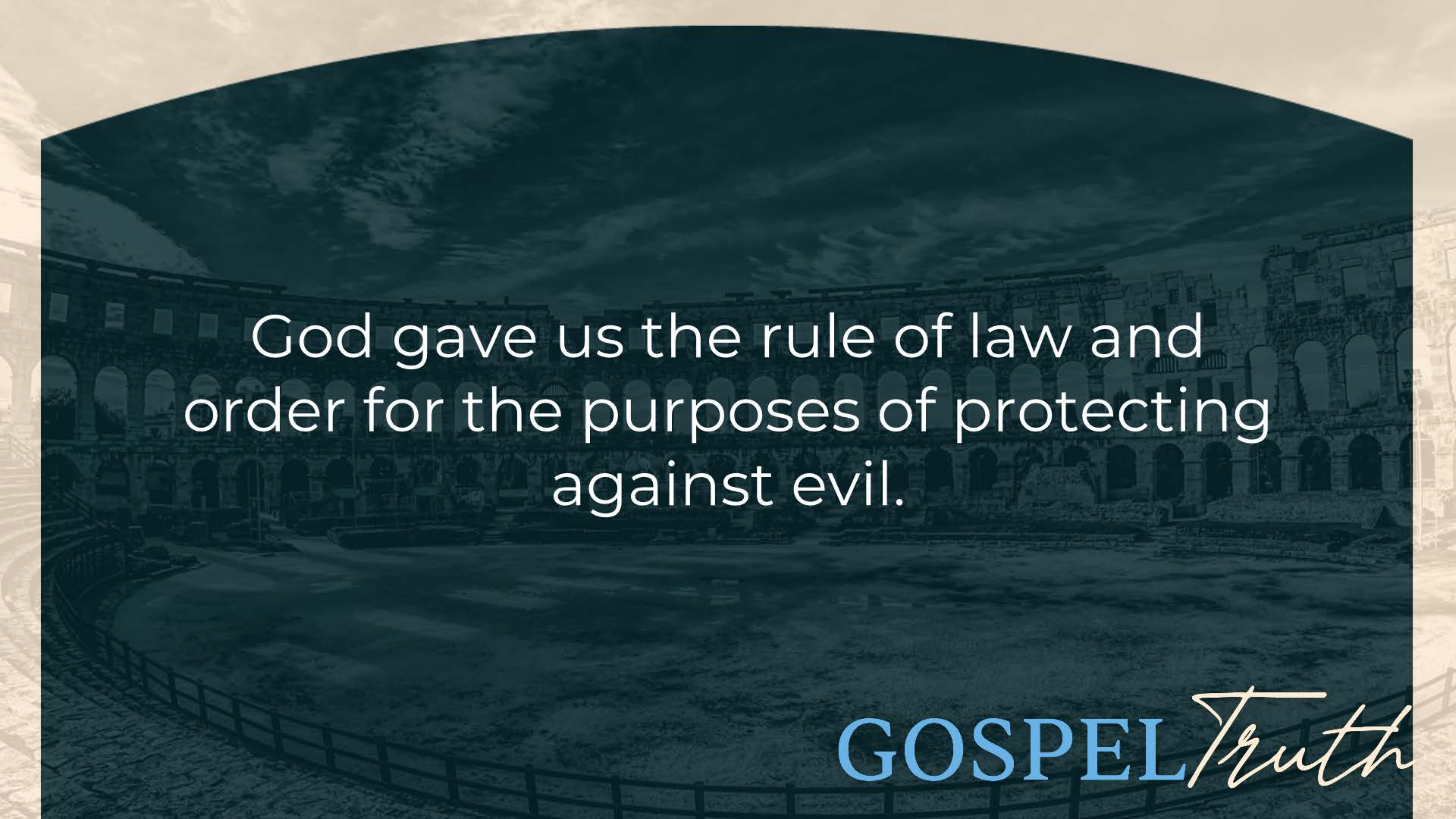
Romans 12:19

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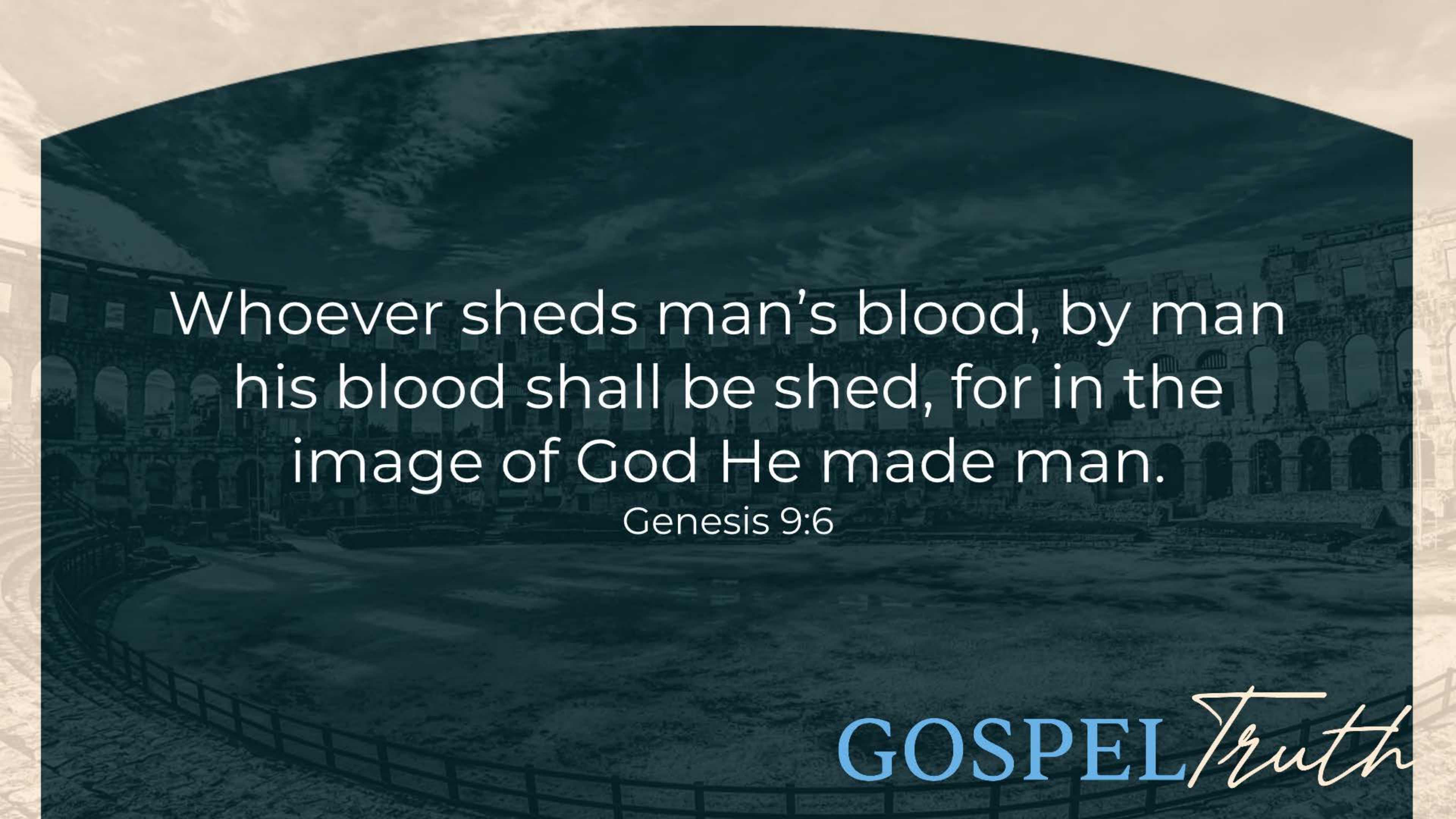
A primary function of any governing institution is to administer justice for the good of its people by protecting the people from human evil.

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God gave us the rule of law and
order for the purposes of protecting
against evil.

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Whoever sheds man's blood, by man
his blood shall be shed, for in the
image of God He made man.

Genesis 9:6

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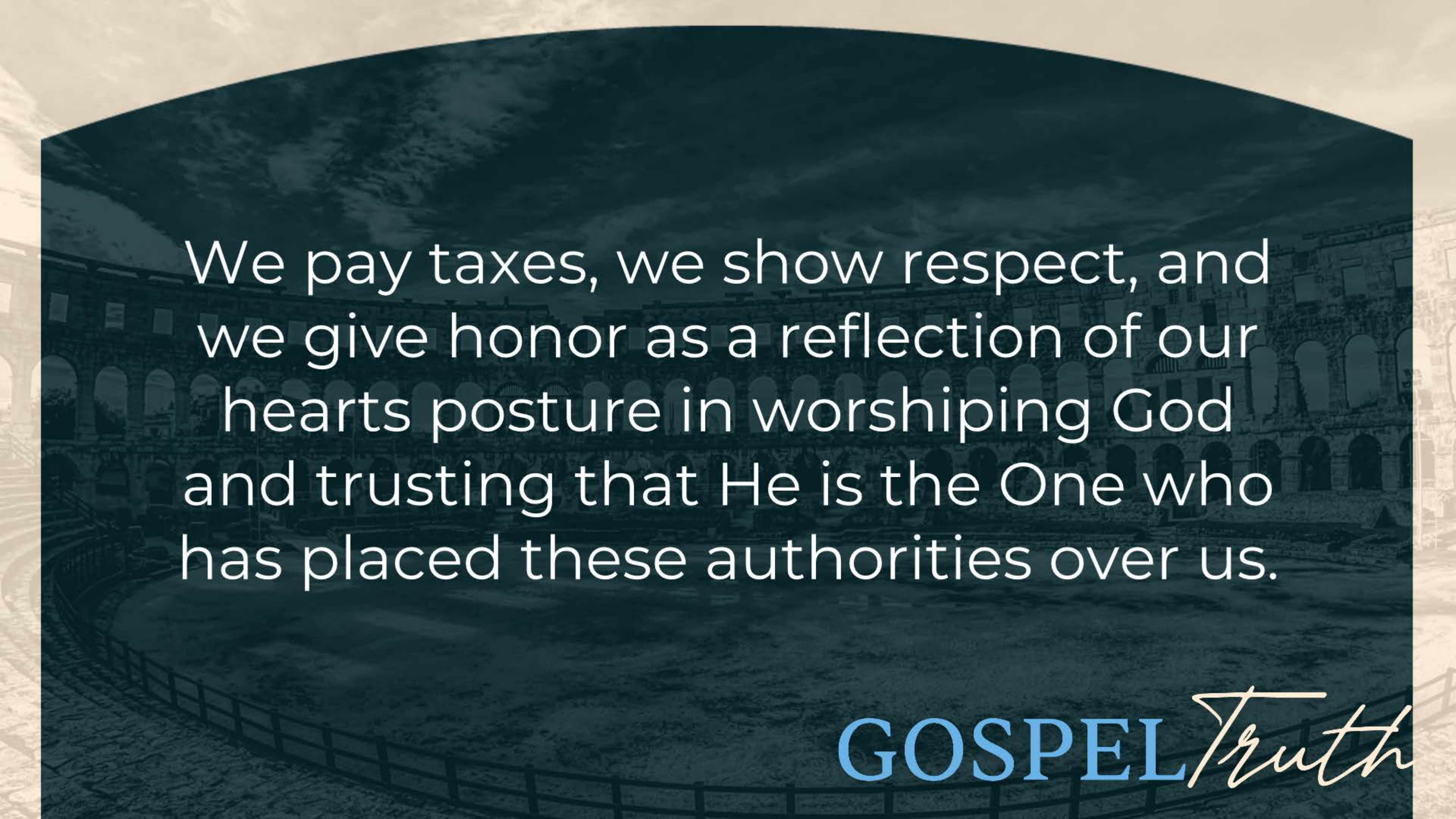
3. Government is a Servant of God (Verses 5-7)

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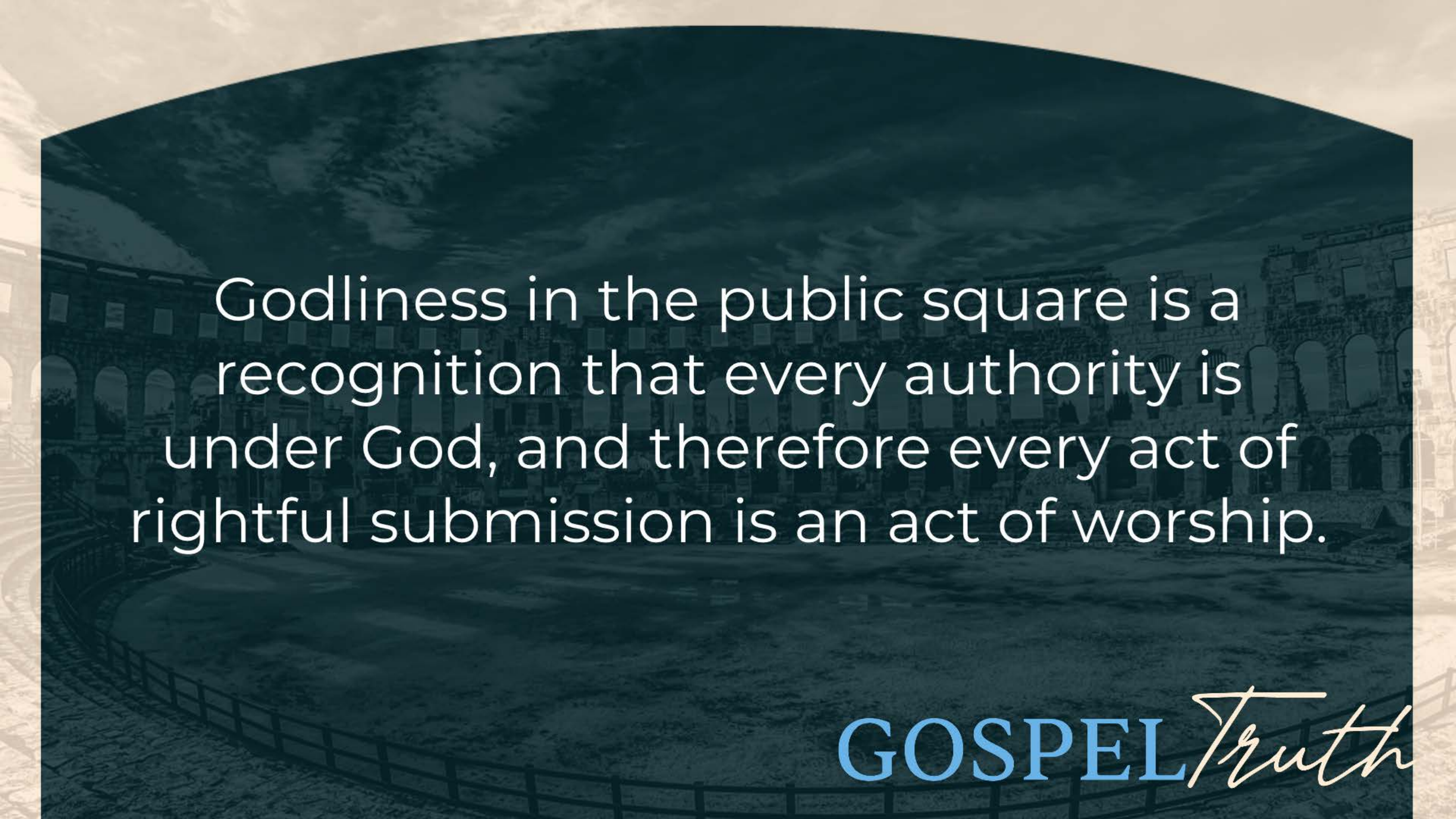
Our attitude toward human
authority is a reflection of our hearts
capacity to trust and obey God.

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We pay taxes, we show respect, and we give honor as a reflection of our hearts posture in worshiping God and trusting that He is the One who has placed these authorities over us.

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Godliness in the public square is a recognition that every authority is under God, and therefore every act of rightful submission is an act of worship.

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