

WHAT IS **REALLY** WRONG WITH THE



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Judges 17:1–13. There was a man named Micah, who lived in the hill country of Ephraim. 2 One day he said to his mother, “I heard you place a curse on the person who stole 1,100 pieces of silver from you. Well, I have the money. I was the one who took it.” “The Lord bless you for admitting it,” his mother replied. 3 He returned the money to her, and she said, “I now dedicate these silver coins to the Lord. In honor of my son, I will have an image carved and an idol cast.”



So when he returned the money to his mother, she took 200 silver coins and gave them to a silversmith, who made them into an image and an idol. And these were placed in Micah's house.

5 Micah set up a shrine for the idol, and he made a sacred ephod and some household idols. Then he installed one of his sons as his personal priest.6 In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.



One day a young Levite, who had been living in Bethlehem in Judah, arrived in that area. 8 He had left Bethlehem in search of another place to live, and as he traveled, he came to the hill country of Ephraim. He happened to stop at Micah's house as he was traveling through. 9 "Where are you from?" Micah asked him. He replied, "I am a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, and I am looking for a place to live."



“Stay here with me,” Micah said, “and you can be a father and priest to me. I will give you ten pieces of silver a year, plus a change of clothes and your food.” 11 The Levite agreed to this, and the young man became like one of Micah’s sons. 12 So Micah installed the Levite as his personal priest, and he lived in Micah’s house. 13 “I know the Lord will bless me now,” Micah said, “because I have a Levite serving as my priest.”



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Hannah Arendt

"The Banality of Evil"

Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi butcher







# Hannah Arendt

*"Anybody who could have done this must be a monster," but when she saw him, she realized, "This isn't a monster."*

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He spoke in clichés, little to no insight, very little sense of humor, and he had the absolute run-of-the-mill (like all the rest of us) desire to be important, desire to be liked, and the ability to kind of, you know, not think about things that are unpleasant.





**C.S. Lewis**

"To admire Satan is to give one's vote for a world of lies, propaganda, and incessant autobiography, yet the choice is possible.

Hardly a day passes without some slight movement toward it in every one of us. Sin in each of us is something that wants just to be petted and admired, to take advantage of other lives.



**C.S. Lewis**

It especially wants to be left to itself. It wants to keep well away from anything better or stronger or higher than it, anything that would make it feel small, but unimpeded, sin would exploit the whole universe if it could."



“I now dedicate these silver coins to the Lord. In honor of my son, I will have an image carved and an idol cast.” Judges 17:3



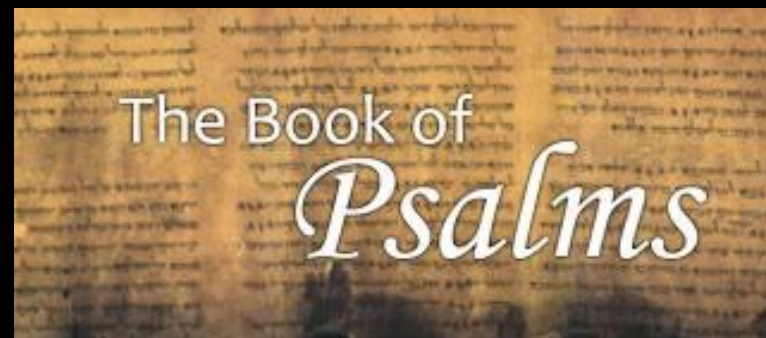
“You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea.  
Exodus 20:4







“You thought that I was just  
like you, ...” Psalm 50:21



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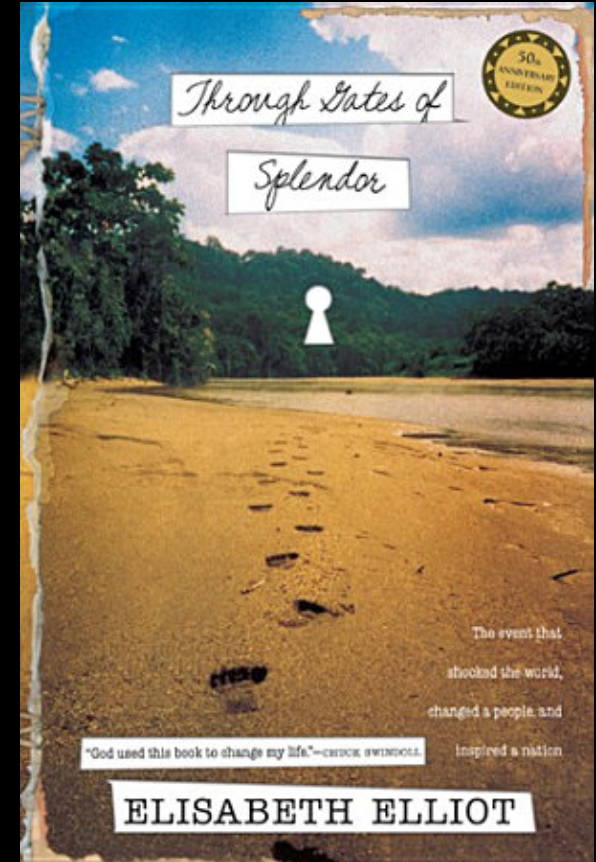


*You know, if you believe there's a God big enough to have caused this, then you have to believe there's a God who's big enough to have some reason for it that's bigger than what you know. You can't have it both ways. You can't be mad at God, because you acknowledge he's more powerful than you, but then you won't let him be wiser than you.*



**Tim Keller Pastor/Author**

# Through Gates of Splendor



Elisabeth Elliot- Missionary/Writer

*"People ask me, 'What did you learn from all that? What did you learn from your husband, the love of your life, being killed when you had a little baby girl, and you had only been married for two years? What did you learn?'" "*



**Elisabeth Elliot- Missionary/Writer**

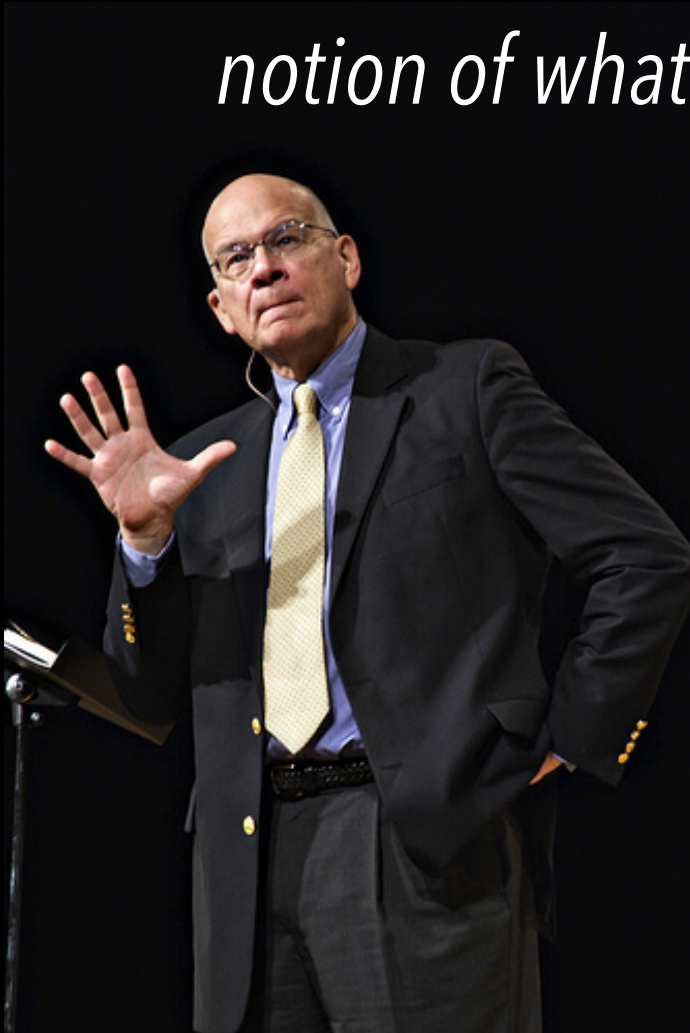
*"I reflected on all that happened to me, and one thing is pointed out. If he is God, he is worthy of my worship and my service, and I will find rest nowhere but in his will, and that will is infinitely, immeasurably, unspeakably beyond my largest notion of what he is up to.*



**Elisabeth Elliot- Missionary/Writer**



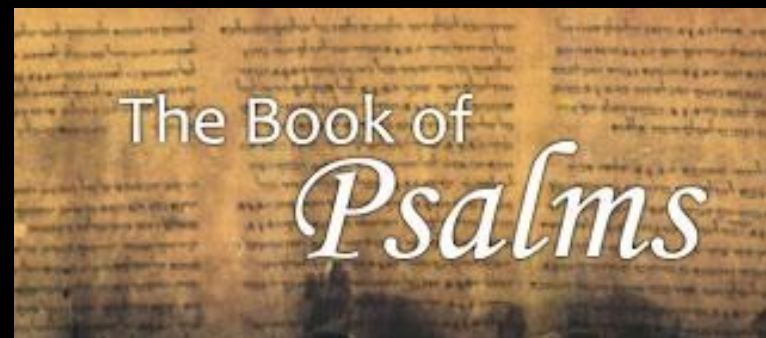
*There will never be freedom in your heart unless you're willing to admit his will is "infinitely, immeasurably, unspeakably beyond my largest notion of what he is up to."*



**Tim Keller Pastor/Author**

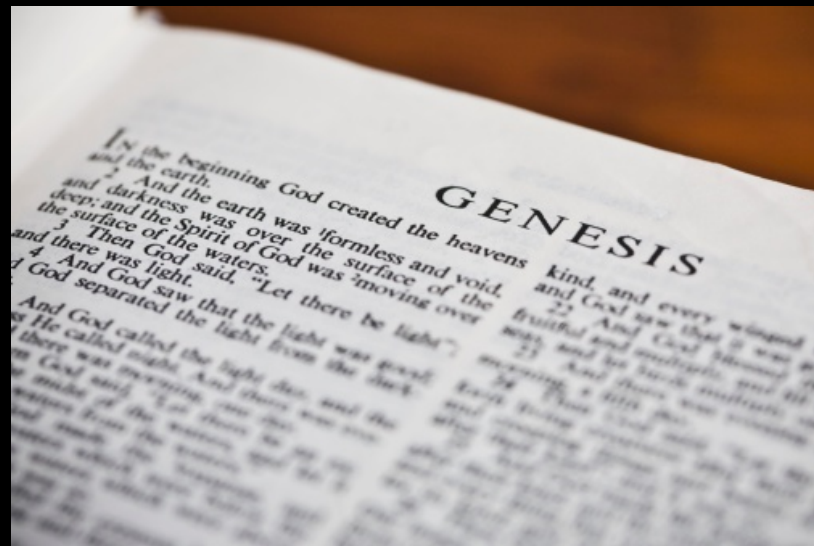


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You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.” Genesis 4:7

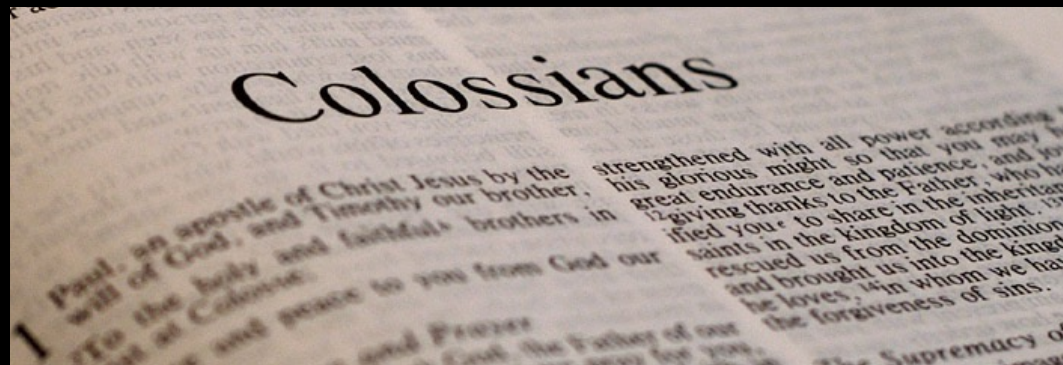


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"Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, for by him all things were created, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities." Colossians 1:15





And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. 20 By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.



And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, 22 let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.



23 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.



26 Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins. 27 There is only the terrible expectation of God's judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies.

Hebrews 10





