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Proverbs 12

¹⁰The righteous care for the needs of their animals, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.¹¹ Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense.

Proverbs 15

¹⁹Being lazy is like walking in a thorn patch, but everyone who does right walks on a smooth road.

Proverbs 22

²⁹ Do you see people skilled in their work? They will work for kings, not for ordinary people.

Proverbs 27

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Tim Keller



“The habit of thinking about work as something one does to make money is so ingrained in us, that we can scarcely imagine what a change it would be, to think otherwise. In the modern view, people become doctors not primarily to treat suffering, people become lawyers not to serve justice but ultimately to bring themselves and their families up in the world. Do you realize how much better we would be, if we chose work for the benefit of those we serve, than just for personal gain?”



Proverbs 22

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Ephesians 2:10

"We are God's workmanship created to do works which God prepared in advance for you to do."

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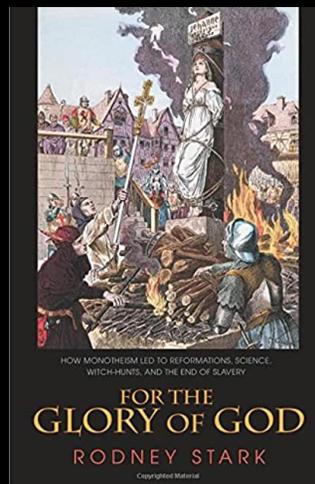


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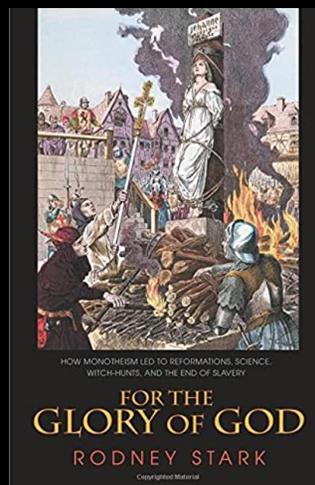
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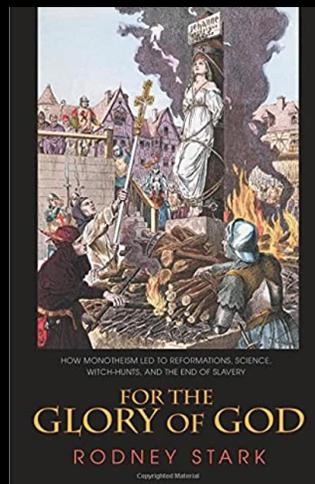
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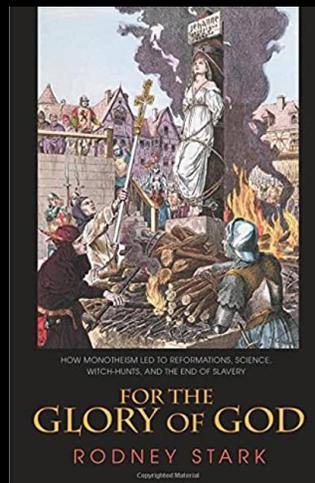
"... to gain this agreement, the abolitionists in the House of Commons accepted provisions in the Emancipation Act so as to compensate the planters for all their losses by an enormous sum, right out of the British treasury, equal to one half of the British annual budget. "



"...The Abolition Act passed in 1833, providing that on August 1, 1834, slavery would cease in all British colonies. The direct cost to individual British citizens was substantial, both in terms of taxes to buy off the planters, and for continuing tax support of naval operations against slave ships, and a much, much higher cost of living."



"...The price of sugar and other foodstuffs did rise sharply, as predicted. Indeed, the costs of emancipation were so high, that the historian Seymour Drescher called the British abolition of slavery 'voluntary econocide,' because they were willing to trash their economy for almost a generation or two in order to rid themselves of the slave trade."



"The history of British abolition is so puzzling because all historians believe all political behavior is self-interested."



"In spite of the exercise of much ingenuity over the last 30 years, no one has succeeded in showing that those who campaigned for the end of the slave trade and then for the freeing of the slaves stood to personally gain in any way at all, but rather, only to lose."





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Psalm 130:3

"O Lord, if you kept a record of sins, who would stand?"

Genesis 3:17,18

"...the ground is cursed because of you; in painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, ..."

Galatians 3:13

"Christ took away the curse..."

2 Corinthians 5

21 "God made him sin, who knew no sin, that we might become the righteousness of God in him."

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Matthew 11

²⁸"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you ..."





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