



- **We are eternal spiritual beings living in a temporary earthly realm.**
- **Goal: Explore the heavenly realms described in Ephesians and review scriptures in light of what we learn.**



• **Welcome**



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- **Fragmented response (days)**



• **Where is Heaven?**



# •Songs about Heaven

# Songs About Heaven



- **Sing to me of Heaven**
- **When We all get to Heaven**
- **Earth Hold no Treasures**
- **How Beautiful Heaven Must Be**
- **Just over in the Glory Land**
- **There's a Land Beyond the River**
- **Beulah Land**
- **Beyond the Sunset**
- **Beyond this land of Parting**
- **In the Land of Fadeless Day**
- **Heaven Holds All to Me**
- **Mansions over the Hilltop**
- **I'll Flay Away**



## Book of Ephesians

- **Heavenly Realms** ←
- **The mystery**
- **Spiritual Tools and Heavenly Armor**
- **Spiritual Blessings in Christ**
- **Made Alive in Christ**
- **The New Spiritual Humanity**
- **The Cornerstone and the New Building**
- **Love that is wide, long, and high. The infinite God**
- **Worthy calling - Unity and oneness \_**
- **Futile thinking contrasted with Wisdom and Discretion**
- **Quirky things about Ephesians, The Colossian Heresy, Papyrus 46**
- **Christian Living Impacting Relationships.**



A.I. Generated Image based on Input heavenly realms.

## Heavenly Realms

**Ephesians 1:3, 1:20, 2:6, 3:10, 6:12**

- Normally Heaven is associated as the dwelling place of God and everything good and perfect.
- The first four instances above could be confused with the Heaven we sing about.
- Ephesians 6:12 clearly gives meaning to heavenly realms that Paul is writing about.



## Heavenly Realms

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**12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against **the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

**Where are the heavenly (spiritual) realms?**



## Heavenly Realms

Ephesians 1:3, 1:20, 2:6, 3:10, 6:12

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Heavenly  
Realm Not  
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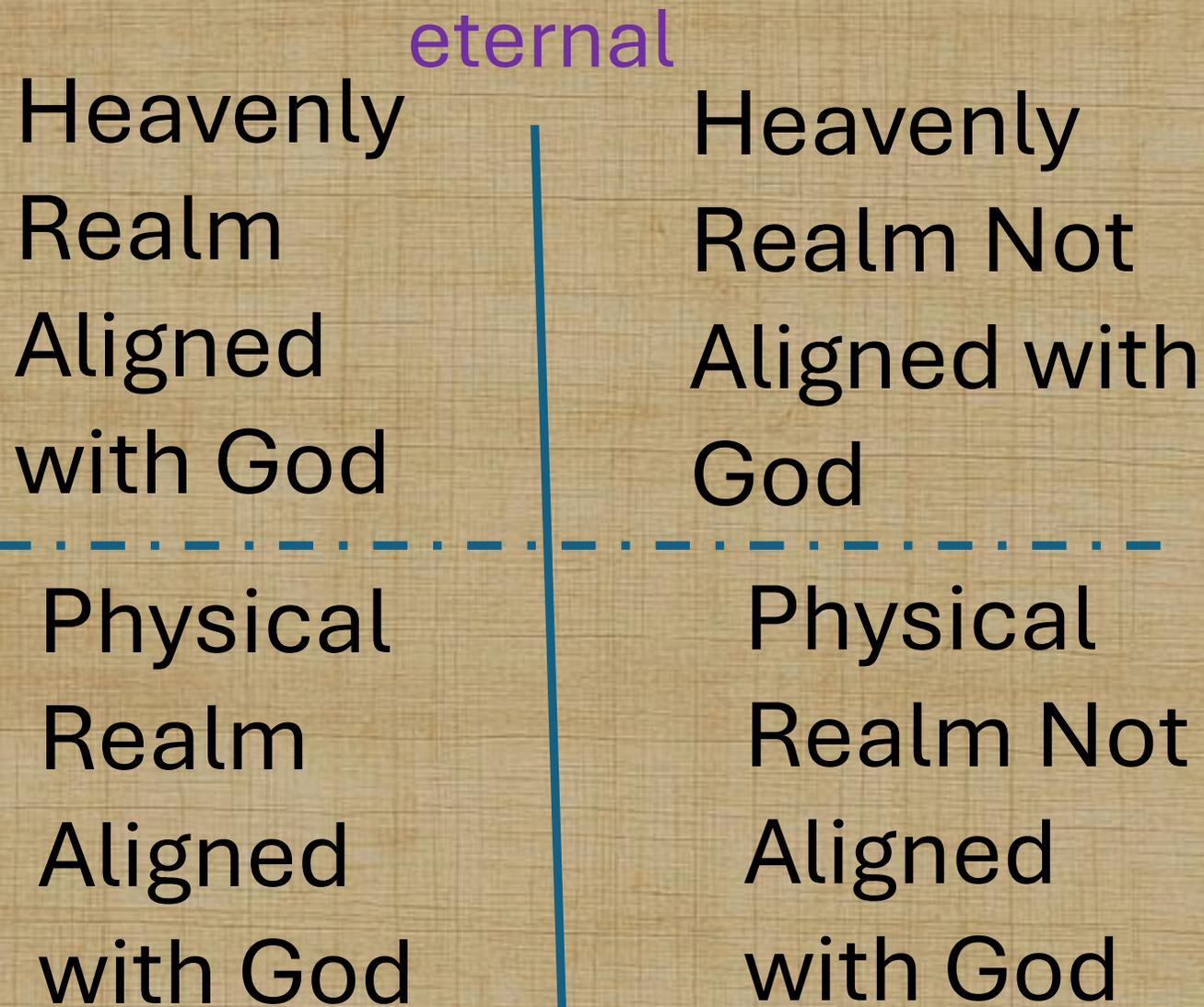
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The dotted line is intentional.  
As humans we reside in both the physical and Spiritual realms.

## Heavenly Realms

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Contrast with  
Gen 1:1  
Gen 3:15

God's Creation



## What is the key takeaway from this slide?

**Copilot said:**

### **Key Takeaway from Slide 13**

The central message of slide 13 is a comparison of different realms as described in the Book of Ephesians. It highlights four distinct realms:

**Heavenly Realm Aligned with God**

**Heavenly Realm Not Aligned with God**

**Physical Realm Aligned with God**

**Physical Realm Not Aligned with God**

The slide also references Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 3:15, suggesting a contrast between God's creation and the spiritual realities discussed in Ephesians.

The overall takeaway is that Ephesians explores the interaction and distinction between spiritual and physical realms, emphasizing the importance of alignment with God



## **Spiritual Realms O.T.**

### **1 Samuel 16:14**

<sup>14</sup> Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.



## Spiritual Realms O.T.

### 1 Kings 11

<sup>4</sup> As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. <sup>5</sup> He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. <sup>6</sup> So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done.



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• **Where is Christ Seated?**



# • Where is Christ Seated? Eph 1

- 19<sup>b</sup> That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.



• Where are we?



- **Where are we? Ephesians 2**
- <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> **And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,** <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus



# • Spiritual Blessings and tools



## The Armor of God (Panoply) Eph 6

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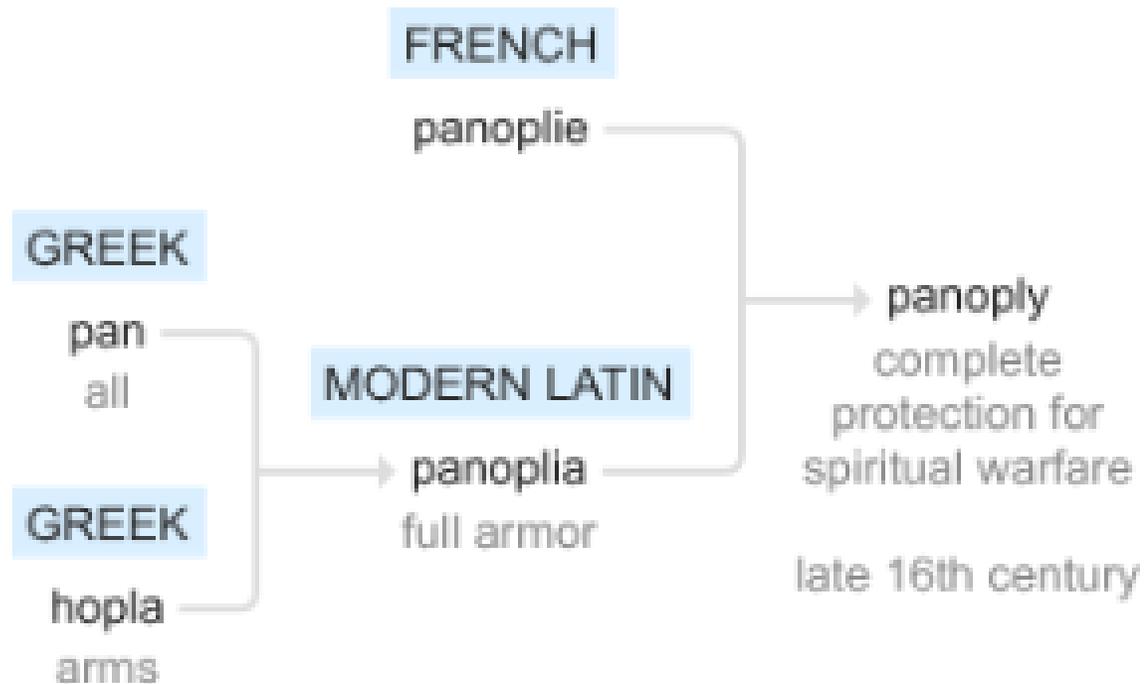


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# Panoply

## Origin



late 16th century (in the sense 'complete protection for spiritual warfare', often with biblical allusion to Eph. 6:11, 13): from French *panoplie* or modern Latin *panoplia* 'full armor', from Greek, from *pan* 'all' + *hopla* 'arms'.



## The Armor of God (Panoply)

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- <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



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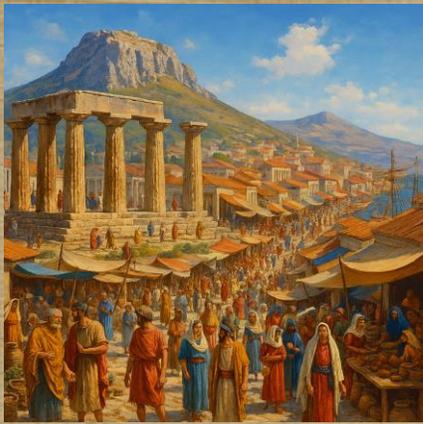
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Why armor?  
Offence or  
Defense?



## Posture for battle.

- <sup>18</sup> And **pray** in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of **prayers** and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on **praying** for all the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup> **Pray** also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

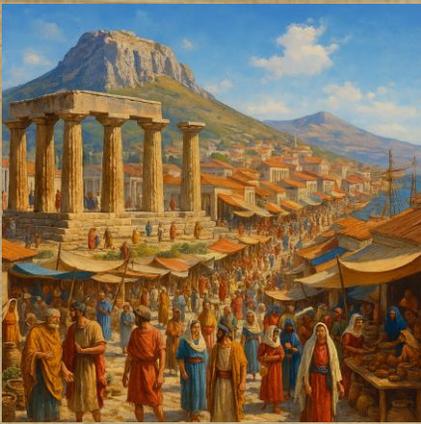


# Heavenly Realms

## 2 Corinthians 5

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## Evil Spirits result in Evil Acts

- [John 3:20](#) Everyone who does **evil** hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.
- [John 17:15](#) My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the **evil** one.
- [Romans 2:8](#) But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow **evil**, there will be wrath and anger.
- [Romans 1:29-Romans 1:29](#)
- They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, **evil**, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing **evil**; they disobey their parents;



# Heavenly Realms

## Summary A.I. Generated **MUST CHECK**

- **Spiritual and Physical Realms Throughout Ephesians**

- The presentation repeatedly explores the concept of “heavenly realms” and “spiritual realms,” especially in relation to passages from Ephesians (e.g., Ephesians 1:3, 1:20, 2:6, 3:10, 6:12). These slides discuss how spiritual realities interact with physical life, and how believers are called to align themselves with God in both realms.

- **Contrast and Interaction**

- Multiple slides illustrate the difference between realms aligned with God and those not aligned with God, both spiritually and physically. This contrast is used to highlight the ongoing spiritual struggle described by Paul, and the importance of spiritual awareness and readiness (such as putting on the “Armor of God”).



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- **Biblical References and Examples**

- The presentation draws on Old Testament examples (e.g., Saul, Solomon) and New Testament teachings to show how spiritual forces and choices impact both heavenly and earthly experiences.

- **Practical Application for Christian Living**

- The latter slides connect these spiritual concepts to practical Christian living, emphasizing unity, love, grace, and the transformative power of God's presence. The distinction between realms serves as a foundation for understanding how Christians are to live out their faith in the world.



# Heavenly Realms

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- **Summary:**

The theme of contrasting spiritual and physical realms is woven throughout the presentation. It serves as a **lens** for interpreting Paul's message in Ephesians, illustrating the believer's call to live in alignment with God, equipped for spiritual challenges, and grounded in practical faith.



# Heavenly Realms Summary By weldon

- **Summary:**

I had thought about making a slide with a lens BEFORE I let Copilot do a summary. It was spooky that my intent of creating a lens of the heavenly realms as a viewpoint for our reexamination of several scriptures. Paul has developed a concept viewpoint that merits our attention. The lens of heavenly realms is important but is not as important of other lens such as the cross, attributes of God and many others. Paul is changing us to keep heaven on our hearts reminding us to focus on alignment with God and our eternal destiny while identifying the spiritual battle that we face. We are not alone but have blessings and provisions to win the battle of all battles. God be praised for his Gift of Jesus and provision of his Holy Spirit.



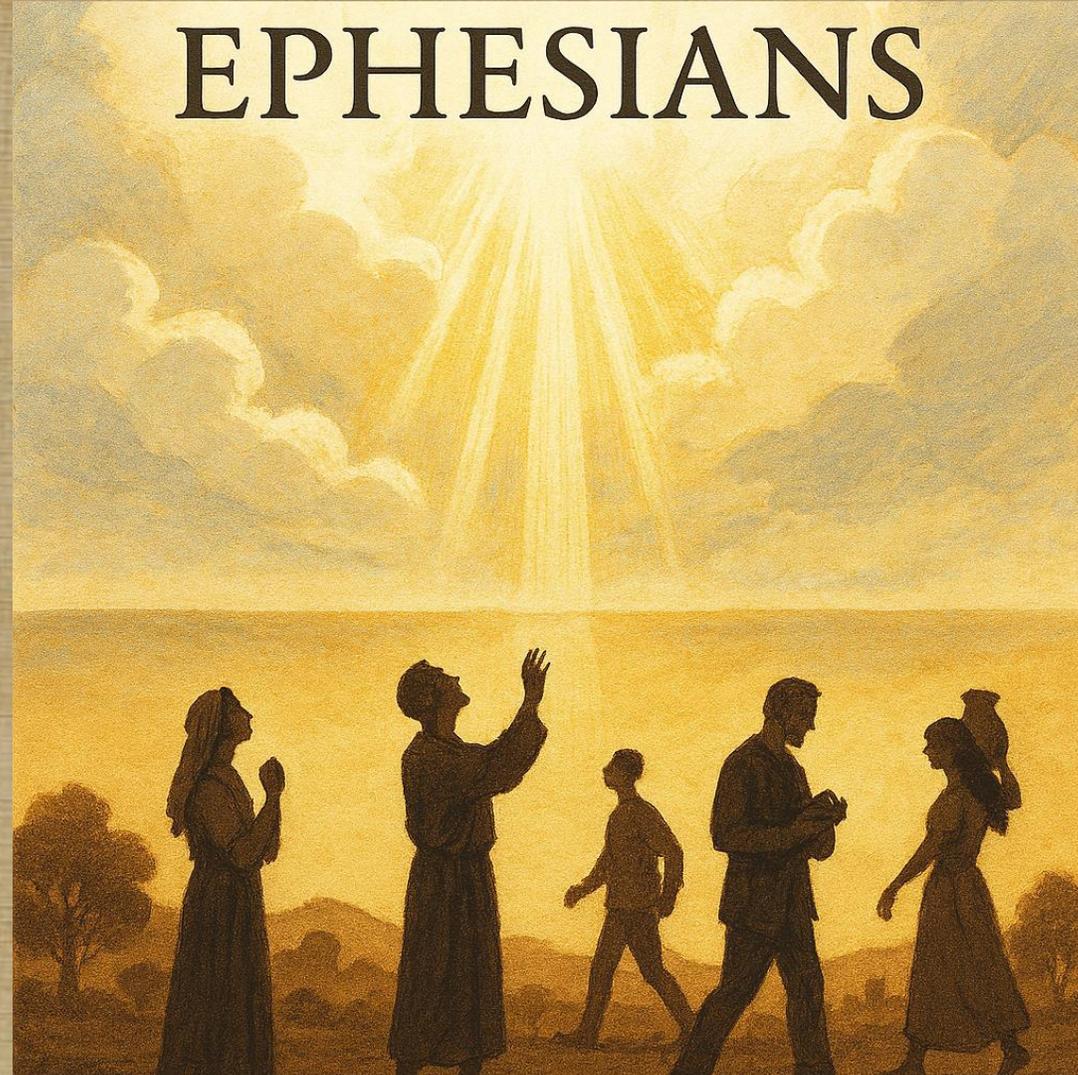
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- I'll try to create that. (note from copilot)
- Here's the concept for your slide image:
- **Theme:** Contrasting spiritual and physical realms, as described in the Book of Ephesians.
- **Visual Elements:**
  - A radiant, heavenly realm above, filled with light, clouds, and a sense of divine presence.
  - A grounded, earthly realm below, with people living out their faith.
  - A subtle dividing line or gradient separating the two realms.
  - Rays of light connecting the realms, with figures in the earthly realm looking upward, symbolizing alignment with God.
- **Tone:** Uplifting, spiritual, and suitable for a Christian educational context.
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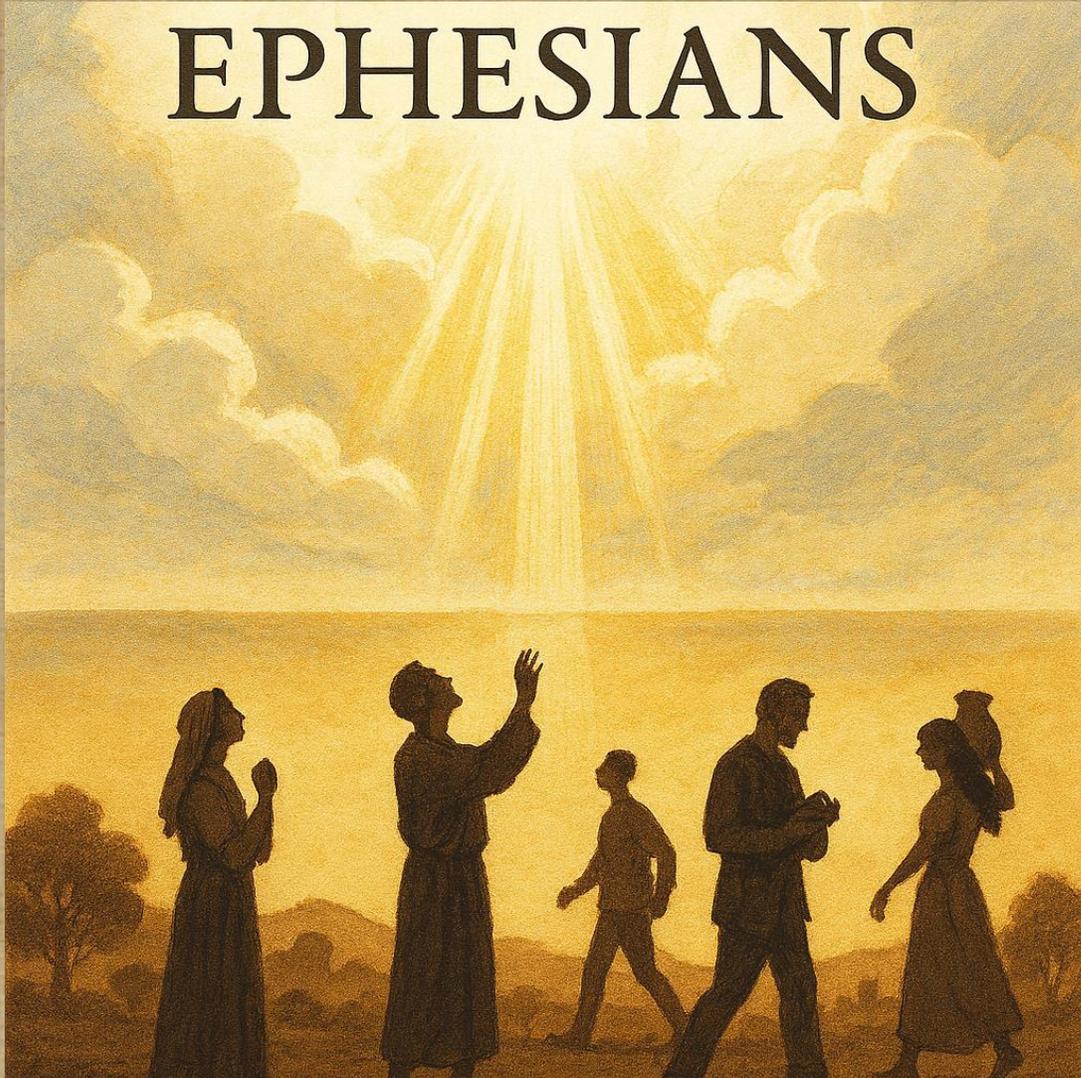
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# EPHESIANS



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