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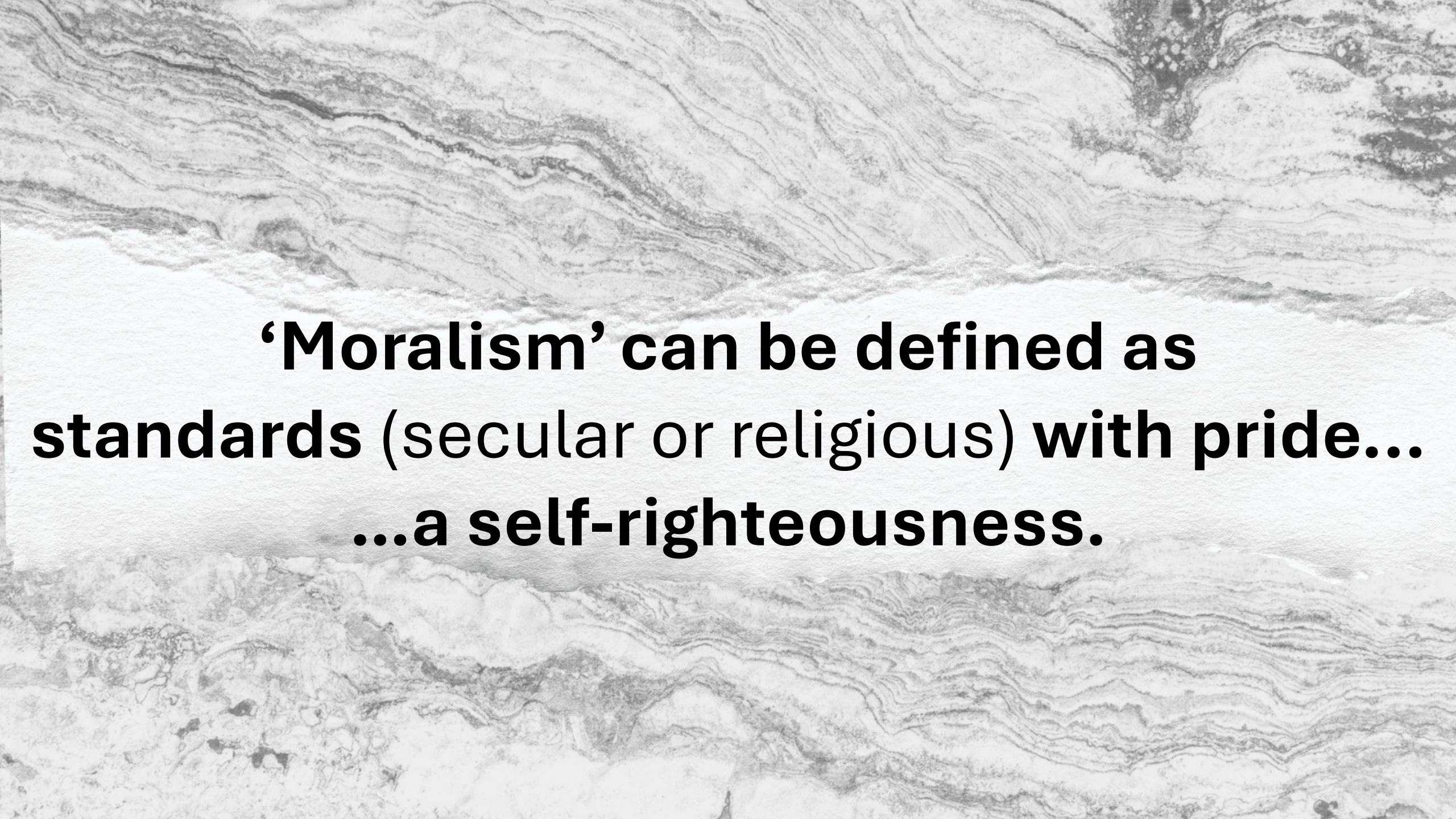
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**Righteousness can be defined as
Biblical morals without pride.**

The three philosophical battlefields of our day:

Morals: *dealing with the human dilemma.*

How do we deal with mankind's ability to be
both amazingly noble
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**...and sits amidst the call to
a life of maturity and sanctity (chapter 19).**

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**Have no other
gods before Me.**

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**Have no graven
images.**

3

**Do not take
God's name in
vain.**

4

**Remember the
Sabbath.**

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**Honor your
father and your mother.**

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The parent / child relationship is foundational of every society...

...a relationship that is under attack by a culture that trying to replace it with the authority of other entities like government, education, medicine, etc. ...

...where parents are abdicating and surrendering their responsibility and role in their children's lives to the pressures of an ideology that the parent / child relationship is not the starting point of a healthy society.

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Hebrew: kabad

“to be heavy, weighty or burdensome”...

*to make honorable, to honor, to glorify;
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Greek: kakologeo

Definition: to speak ill of; to speak evil of, to curse, to revile, to abuse.
to speak evil using malicious, damaging words that are *calculated to destroy (misrepresent)*, tries to make evil *seem* good (positive), presenting what is *wrong* as "right" (or the reverse).

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⁵ But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother,
“What you would have gained from me is given to God,”
⁶ he need not honor his father.’

So for the sake of your tradition, you have made void the word of God.

⁷ You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:
⁸ “‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁹ in vain do they worship me,
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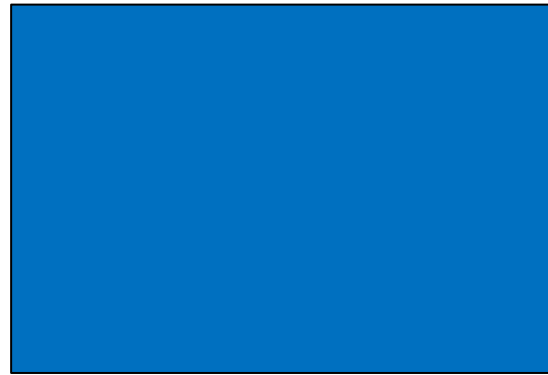
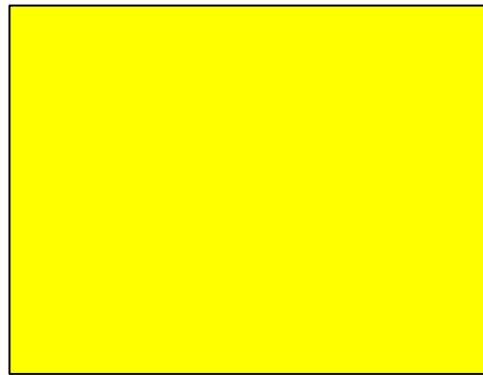
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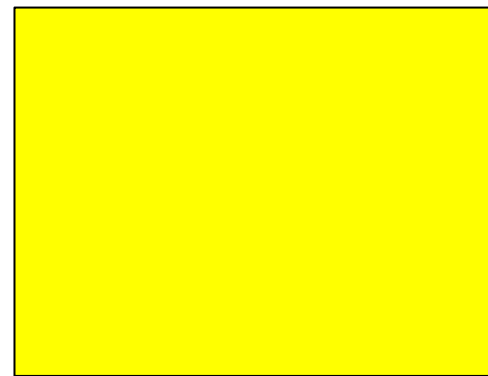


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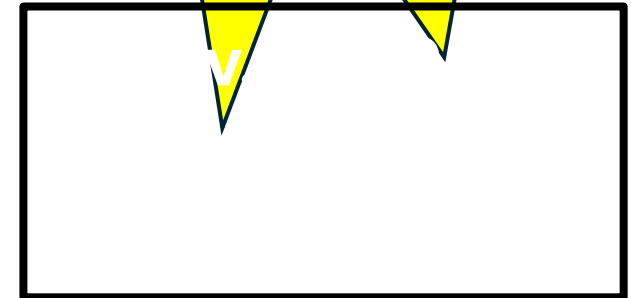
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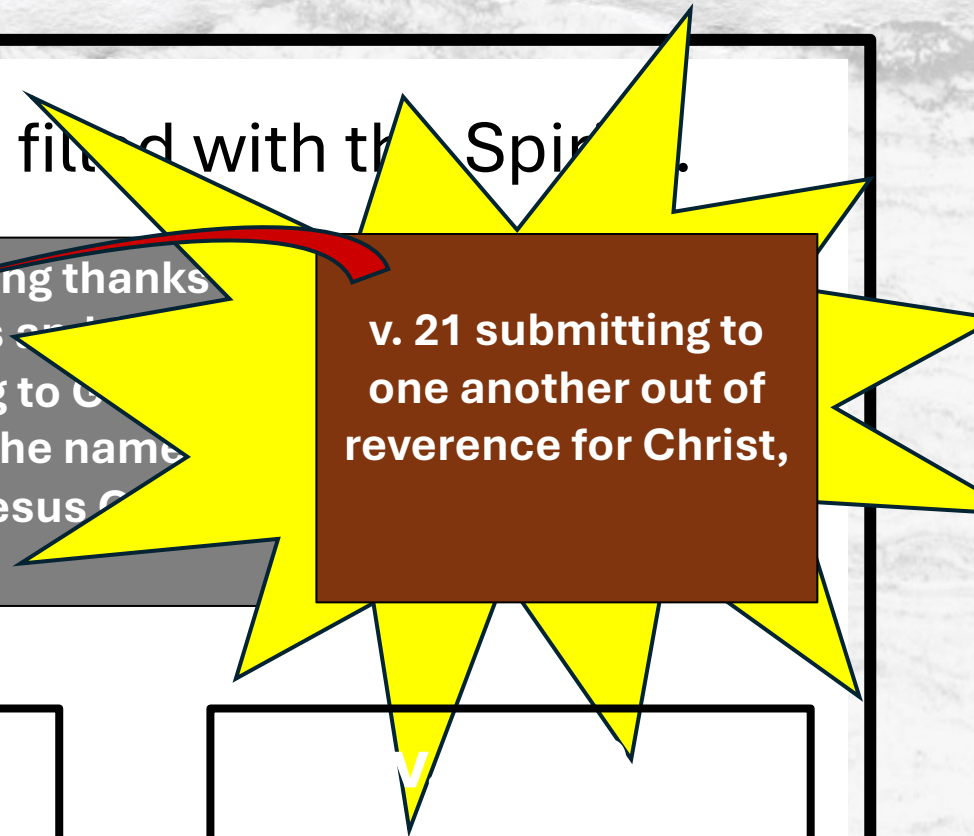
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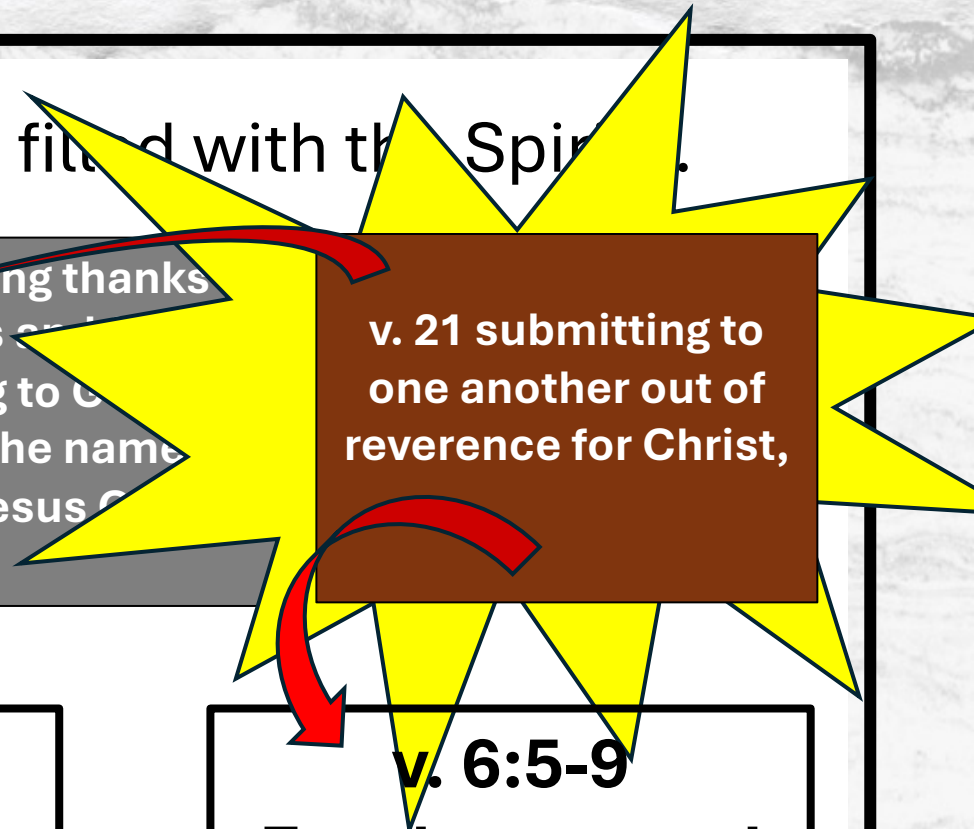
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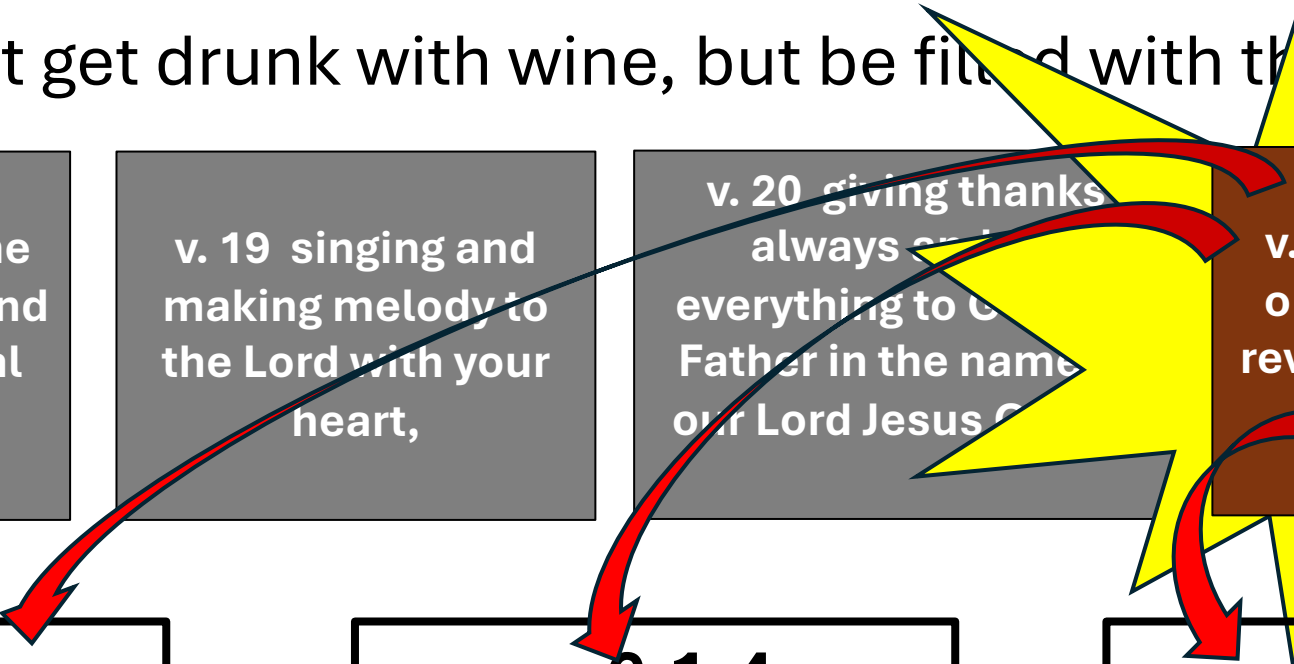
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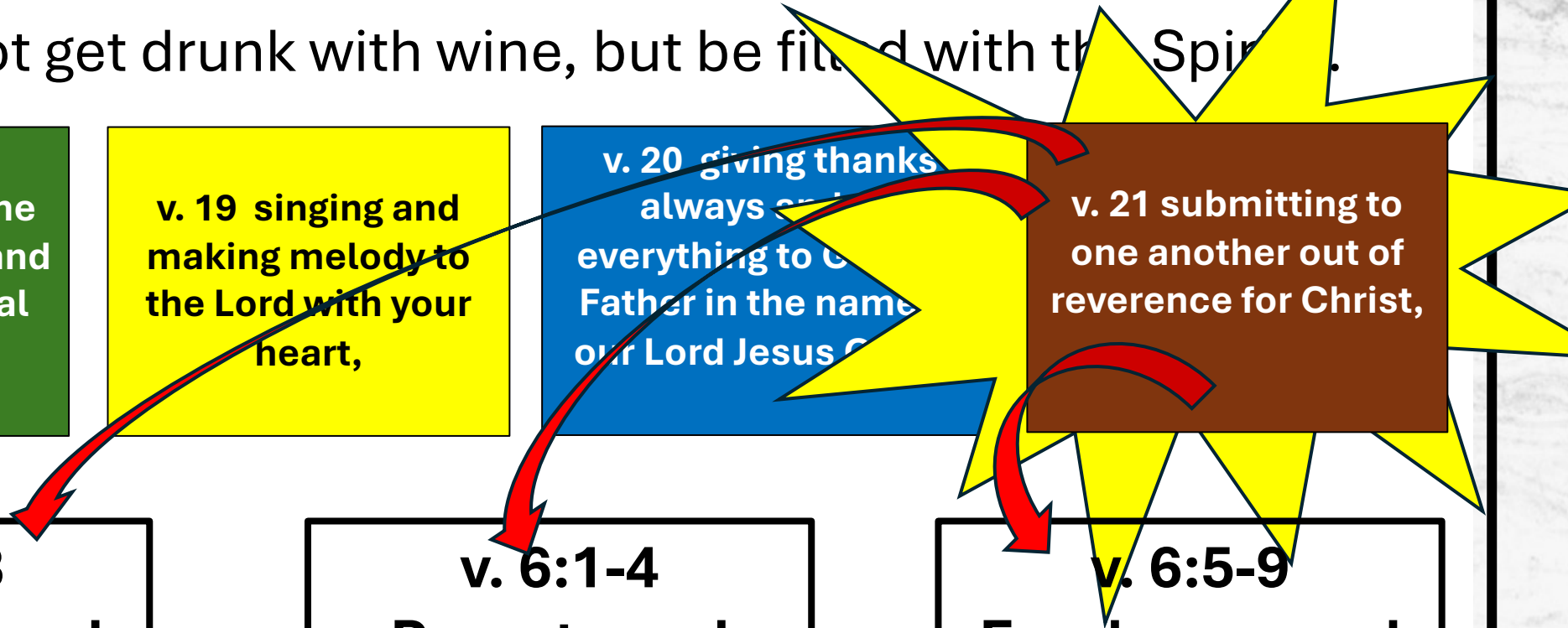
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Greek: **teknon**

Definition: a child of either sex, a descendent, an inhabitant of a family; a dependent relationship with a child – properly, a *child*,

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(figuratively) anyone living in *full dependence* on the heavenly *Father*, i.e. fully (*willingly*) relying upon the Lord in *glad submission*.

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This prompts God to *transform* them into *His likeness*.

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Greek: *hupakouo*

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– properly, to *obey* what is heard (literally, "under hearing");

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recognizing and acting in response to the authority of the one speaking, i.e. really listening to the one giving the charge (order); suggests attentively listening, i.e. fully compliant (responsive).

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Greek: parorgizo

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pará, "from close-beside" *orgízō*, "become angry"

3 To rouse someone to anger; to *provoke* in a way that "really pushes someone's buttons," i.e. to "*really get to them*" in an "up-close-and-personal" way. (se),
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The way you interact with your parents is a profoundly weighty issue that has relational and spiritual consequence.

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This is because the way you practice responding to your parents sets a pattern inside you for the way you most often respond to God...and to other people.

Cliff Davidson, Young Life Magazine

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Honoring your parents is a lifelong
responsibility,...

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Making herculean efforts to understand, appreciate and respect your children will pay tremendous benefits down the road as they navigate the uneven terrain of a broken world and yet they are confident that you are trustworthy.

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FIGHT BACK.

