

# WHEN IN TROUBLE

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## Stanza 2

**Psalm 13:3–4 (KJV)** — 3 Consider and hear me, O LORD my God:  
lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; 4 Lest mine enemy  
say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice  
when I am moved.

## Stanza 3

**Psalm 13:5–6 (KJV)** — 5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. 6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

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**Romans 8:28 (KJV)** — 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

**Psalm 42:9 (KJV)** — 9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

**Psalm 44:22–24 (KJV)** — 22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. 23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever. 24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?



**Psalm 30:7 (KJV)** — 7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

**Matthew 27:46 (KJV)** — . . . My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

. . . The earth trembles. The sun refuses to behold the scene. The heavens gather blackness. Angels have witnessed the scene of suffering until they can look no longer, and hide their faces from the horrid sight. Christ is dying! He is in despair! His Father's approving smile is removed, and angels are not permitted to lighten the gloom of the terrible hour. They can only behold in amazement their loved Commander, the Majesty of heaven, suffering the penalty of man's transgression of the Father's law. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2, p. 209.2)

Even doubts assailed the dying Son of God. He could not see through the portals of the tomb. Bright hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the tomb a conqueror and His Father's acceptance of His sacrifice. The sin of the world, with all its terribleness, was felt to the utmost by the Son of God. The displeasure of the Father for sin, and its penalty, which is death, were all that He could realize through this amazing darkness. He was tempted to fear that sin was so offensive in the sight of His Father that He could not be reconciled to His Son. The fierce temptation that His own Father had forever left Him caused that piercing cry from the cross: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2, p. 209.3)

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The “time of trouble, such as never was,” is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that time of trial, every soul must stand for himself before God. “Though Noah, Daniel, and Job” were in the land, “as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.” Ezekiel 14:20. (*The Great Controversy*, p. 622.4)

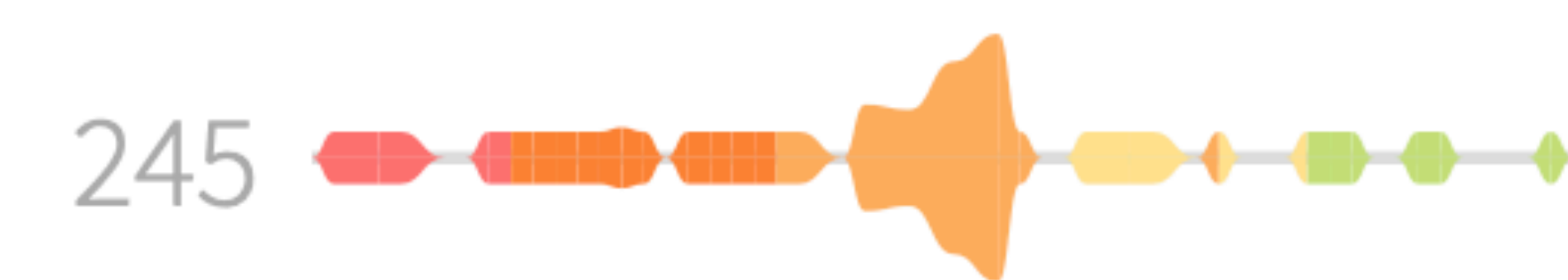
**Psalm 119:105 (KJV)** — 105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.

**Psalm 119:130 (KJV)** — 130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.



**John 8:12 (KJV)** — 12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

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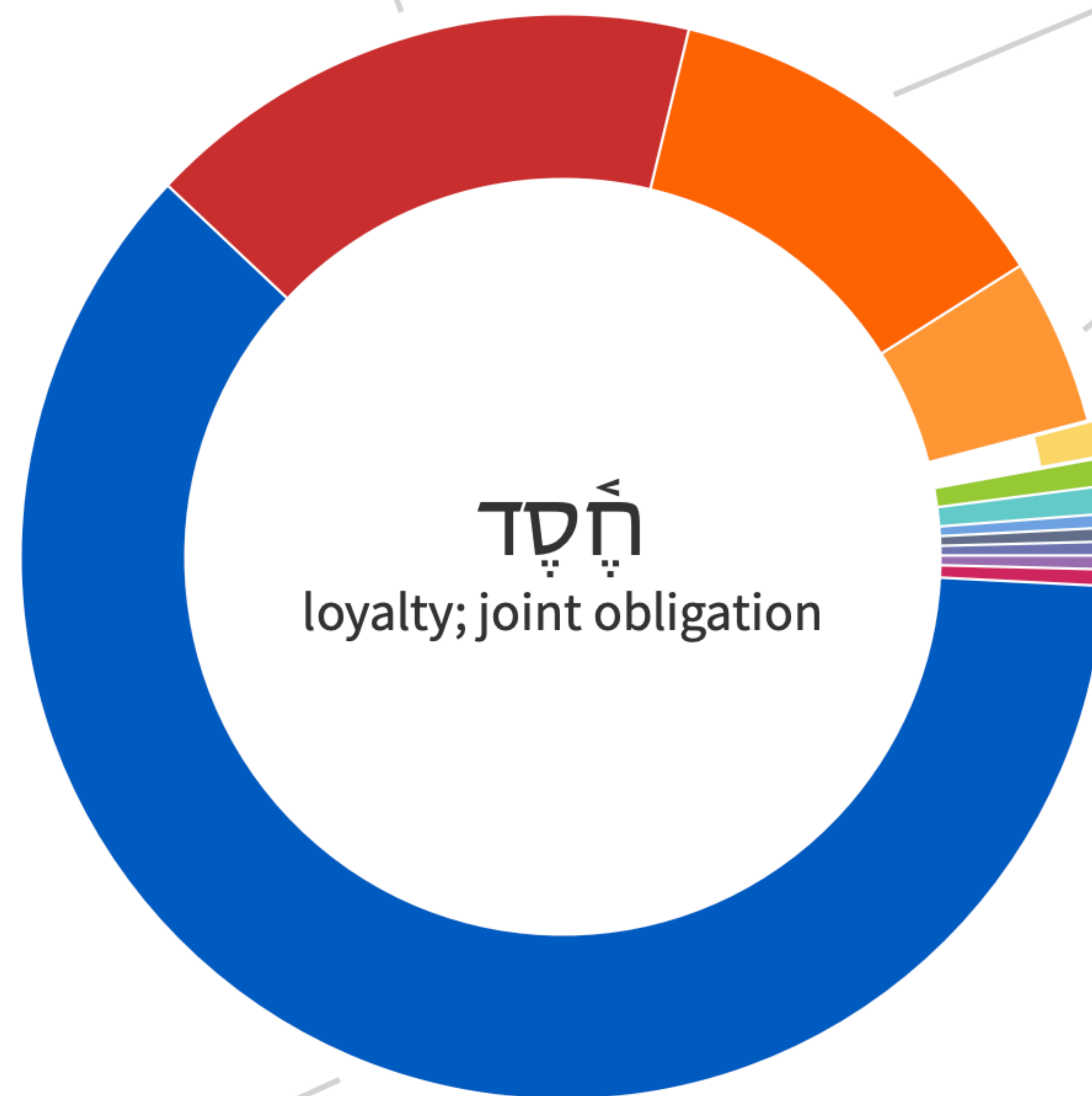
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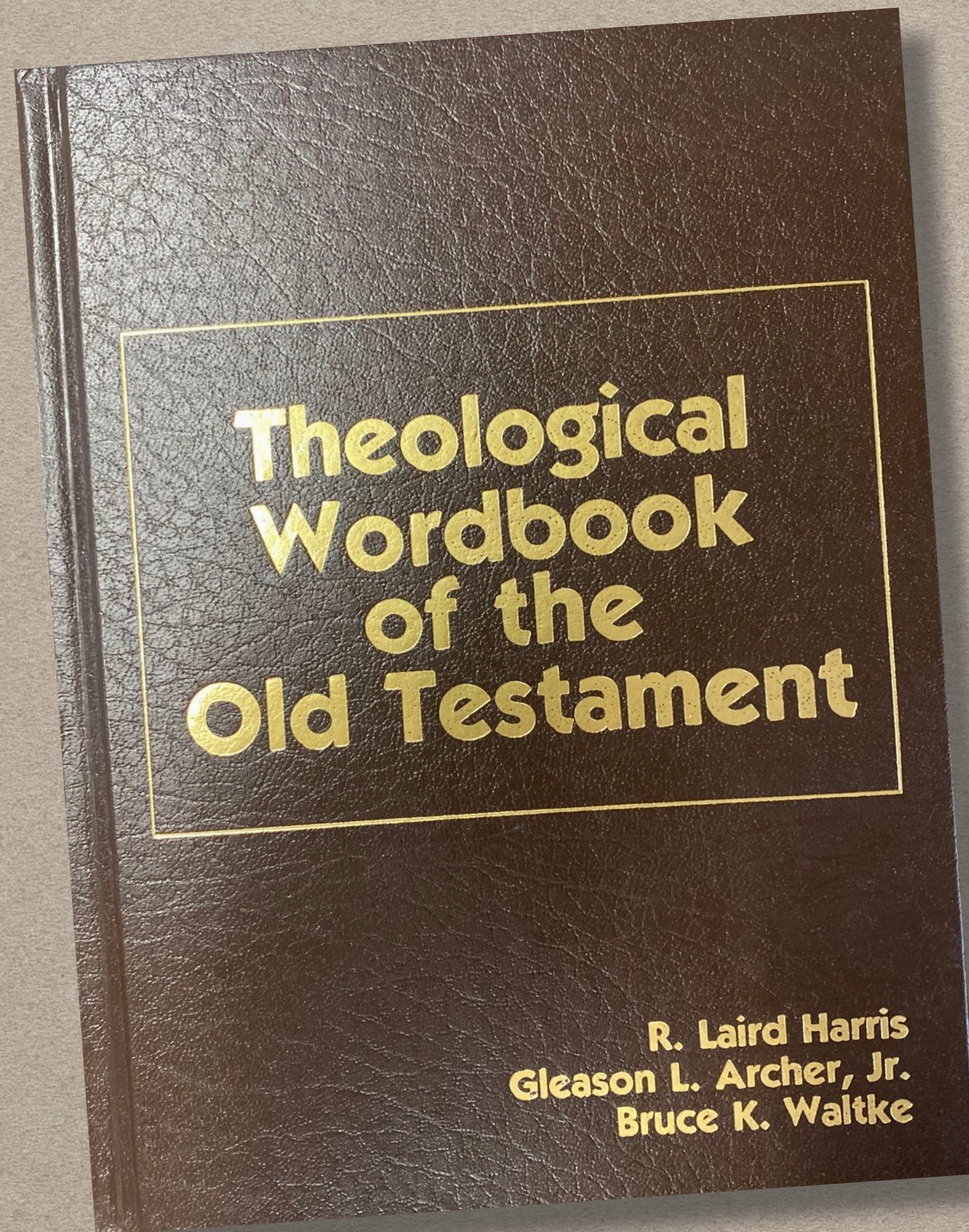
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**Exodus 20:6 (KJV)** — 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

**Psalm 51:1 (KJV)** — 1 Have mercy upon me, O God,  
according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude  
of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

**Jeremiah 9:24 (KJV)** — 24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

**Daniel 1:9 (KJV)** — 9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.



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**Psalm 103:8–13 (KJV)** — 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. 9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy [hesed] toward them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. 13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

**Psalm 66:13, 14 (KJV)** — 13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows, 14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

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