

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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“IF GOD PERMITS”

Heb. 6:1-3

March 10, 2013

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- 2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.
- 3 And this we will do, if God permits.
- 4 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,
- 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,
- 6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.
- 7 For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God;
- 8 but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

Foundational O.T. Truths

“Repentance from dead works”

Heb 9:13-14

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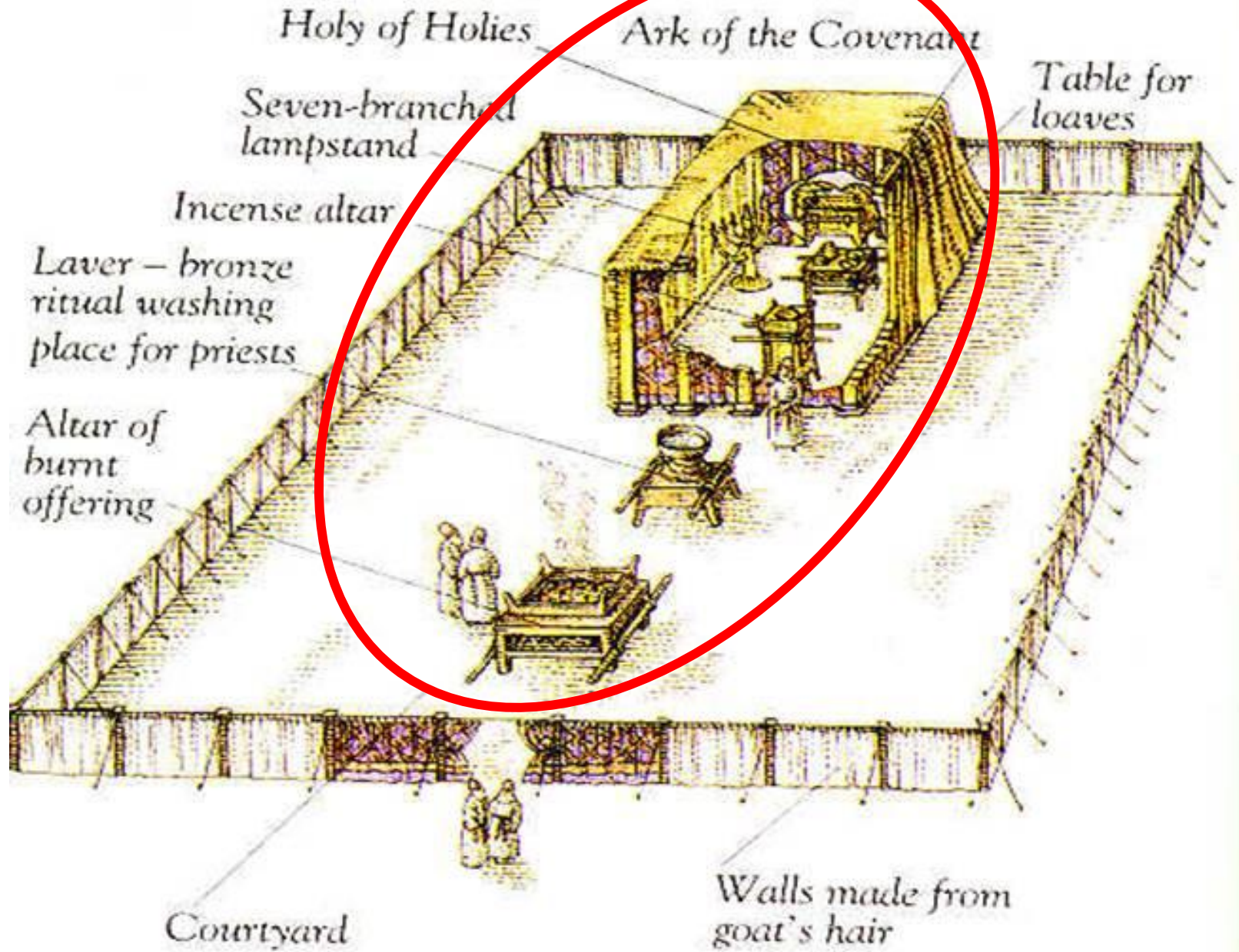
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“Faith toward God”

Acts 4:12

12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Acts 16:31

31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved,

Titus 3:5-6

5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy,

by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

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“Instruction about washings”

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“Laying on of hands”

John 1:29

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

“Resurrection of the dead”

Job 19:26-27

26 "Even after my skin is destroyed,

Yet from my flesh I shall see God;

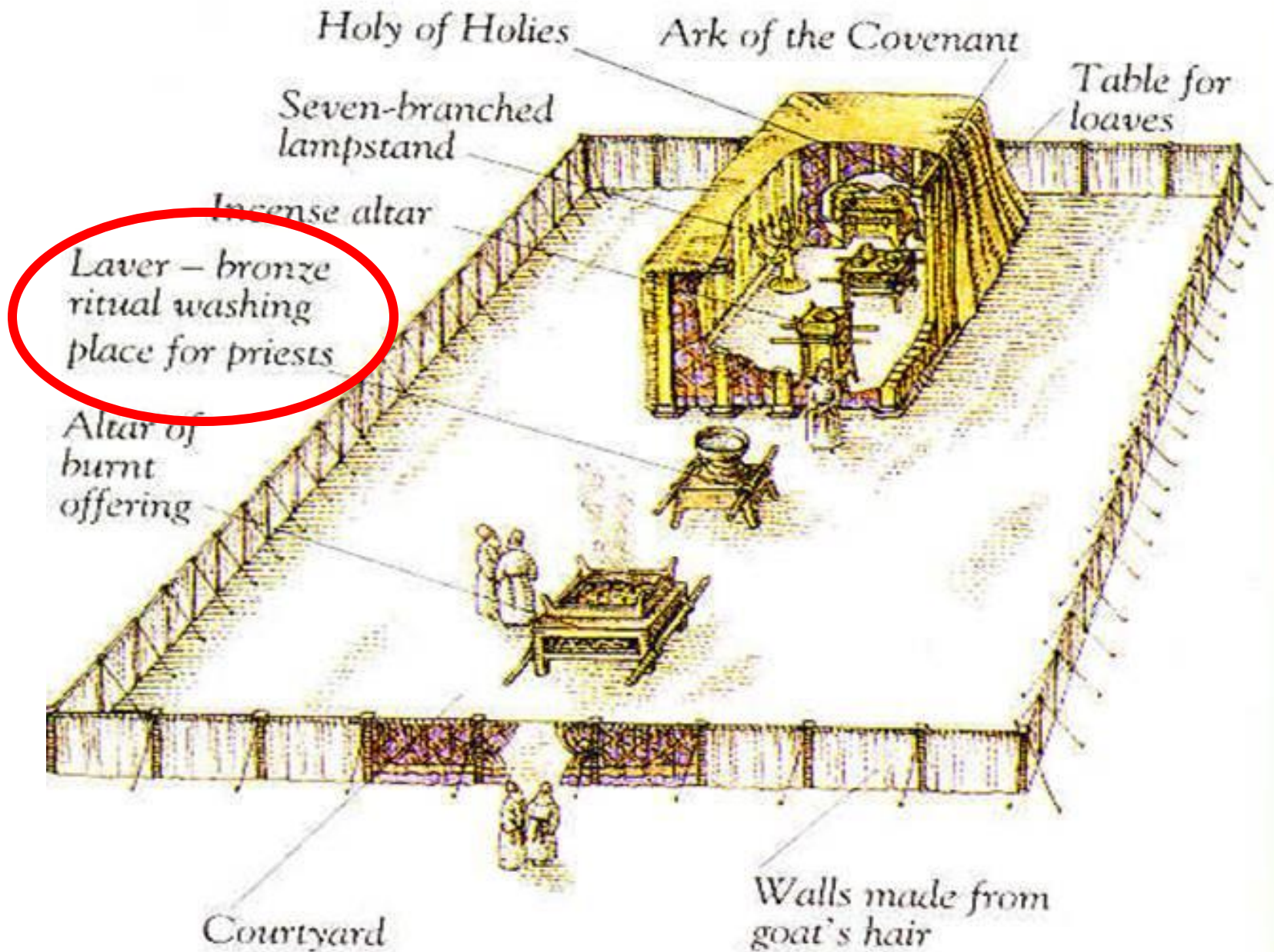
27 Whom I myself shall behold,

And whom my eyes will see and not another.

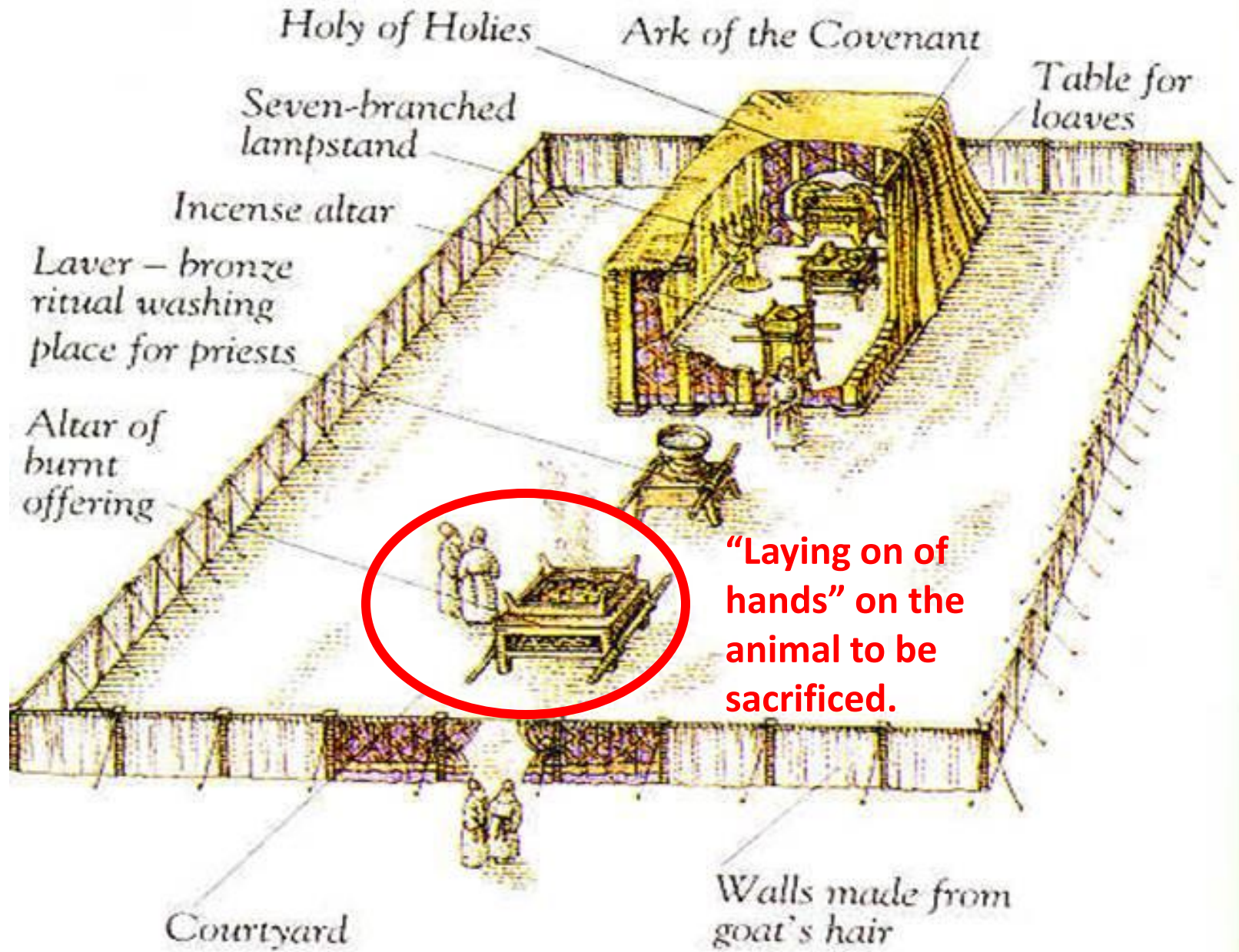
John 11:25

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

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Holy of Holies

Ark of the Covenant

Table for loaves

Seven-branched lampstand

Incense altar

Laver – bronze ritual washing place for priests

Altar of burnt offering

“Laying on of hands” on the animal to be sacrificed.

Courtyard

Walls made from goat's hair

“Eternal judgment”

Ecc1 12:14

14 For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

1 Cor 4:5

5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

2 Cor 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Tim 4:1

4 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom,

John 5:22

22 "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

Acts 10:42

42 "And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

Rev 3:21-22

21 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Rev 22:1

1 Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,

Rev 20:11-15

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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God's Will

1 Will - 2 Dimensions

God's Determined Will - what He determines will happen.

(unrevealed in His Divine Decrees)

God's Desired Will - what He desires to happen.

(revealed in His Word)

Desired

Ex 5:1

"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "**Let My people go** that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness."

Determined

Ex 4:21

21 The LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in your power; but I will harden his heart so that he will **not let the people go.**"

Desired

Ex 20:13

13 "You shall not murder.

Determined

Acts 2:23

23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

Acts 4:27-28

27 "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

Principle: God wills the "greater good". It may be His desired will or it may not be.

God determines for any given situation what will best put on display His divine attributes and therefore achieve His divine purposes.

We exercise our wills the same way: "I really want a piece of French Silk pie, but I am determined to stick to my diet."

"I really desire to go on a trip to Europe, but I am determined to save my money."

"I don't want to punish you, but I have determined it is the best thing to do."

Application

1. The Bible teaching ministry of a local church must move forward. It can not slow down or continue to dumb down the teaching, and wait until everyone has matured to a certain point.
2. The Old Testament laid the foundation, and is beneficial in helping us understand the super structure of the New Testament.
3. The aim of our lives should be to do the desired will of God.
4. Express to God in prayer your desire to grow as far and deep as possible.