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Foundational Truth #3

Who is God?

Exodus 34:5-9 (ESV)

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5 The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the Name of the LORD. 6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

Exodus 34:5-9 (ESV)

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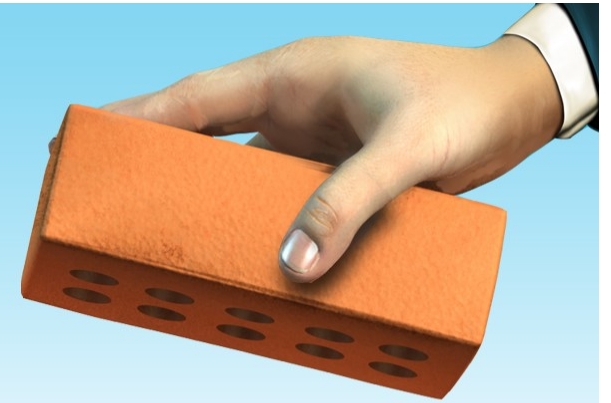
8 And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

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9 And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Your inheritance."

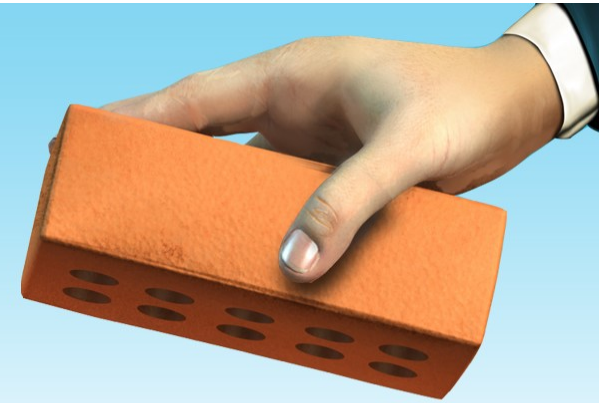
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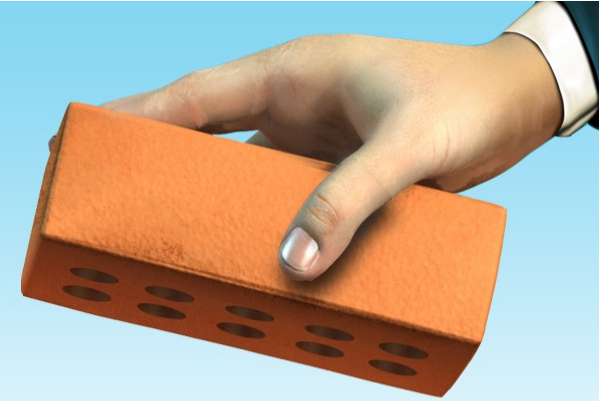


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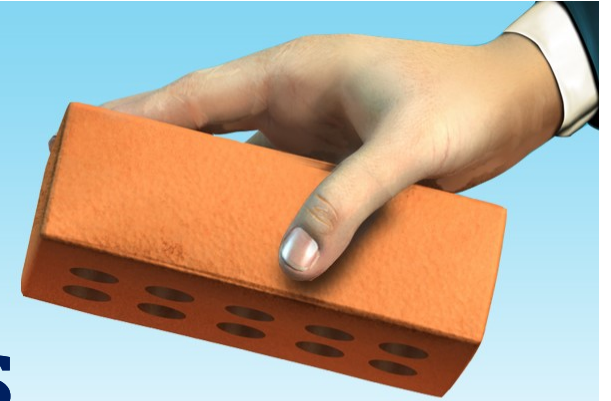
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3 Persons – Father, Son, Holy Spirit

Christians are *Monotheistic* – belief in 1 God

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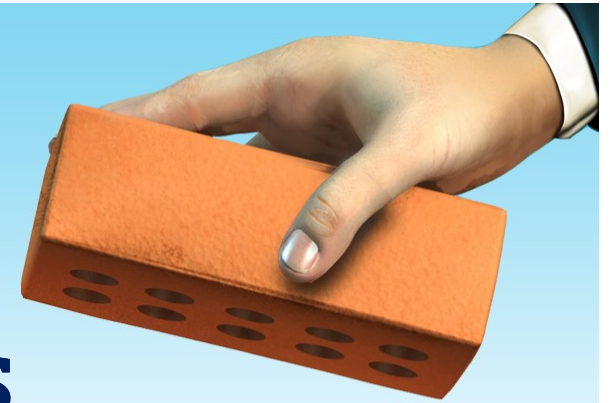


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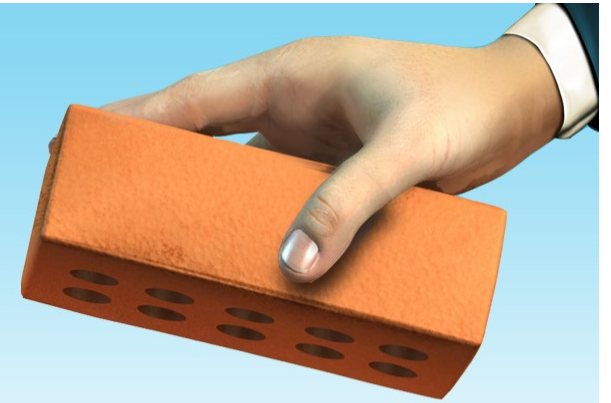
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James 1:17

1 Timothy 6:17

Romans 2:4

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3. Slow to Anger

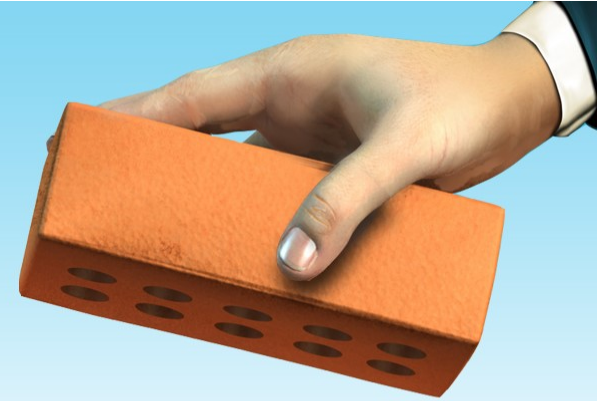


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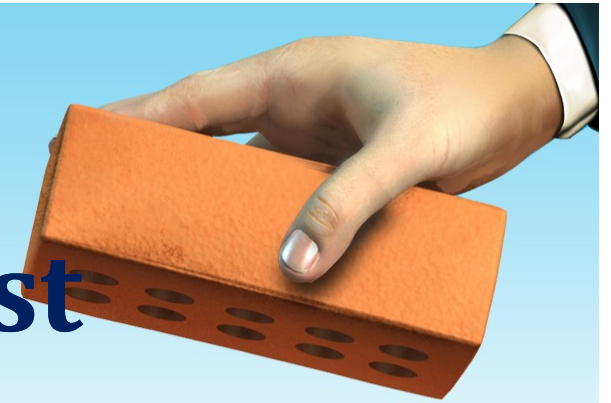


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2 Peter 3:9

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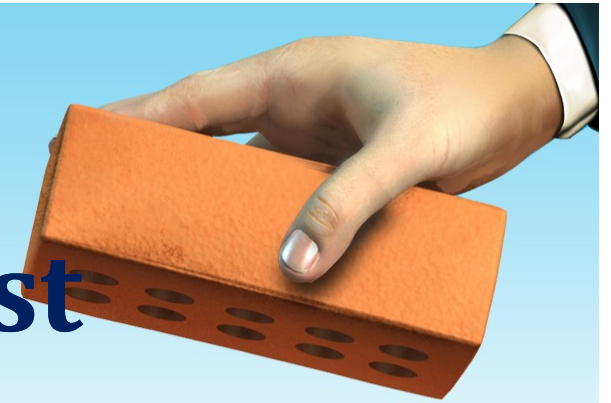


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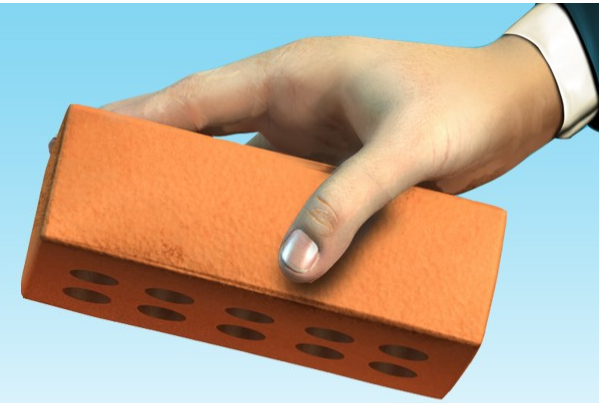


Hebrew – “*chesed*” or “*cheved*”

God’s covenant keeping love.

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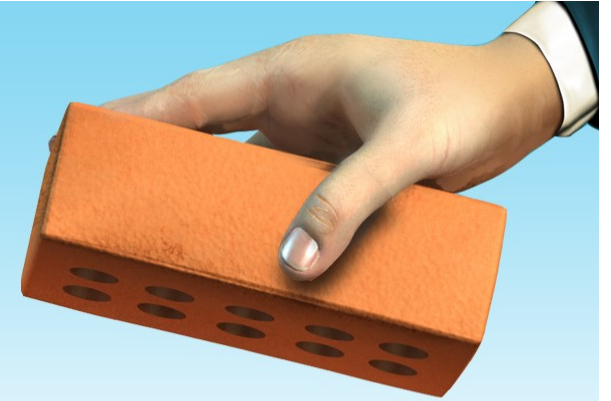
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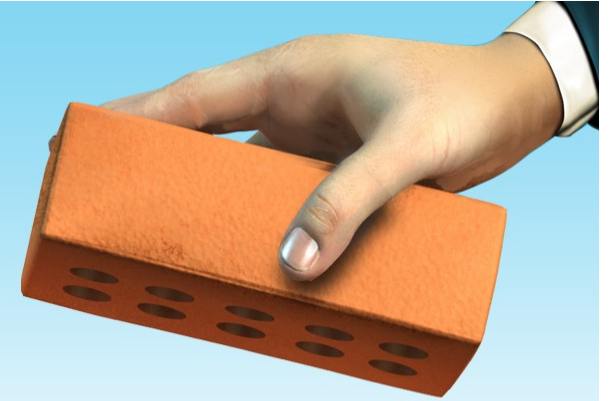


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2 Samuel 11 – David and Bathsheba

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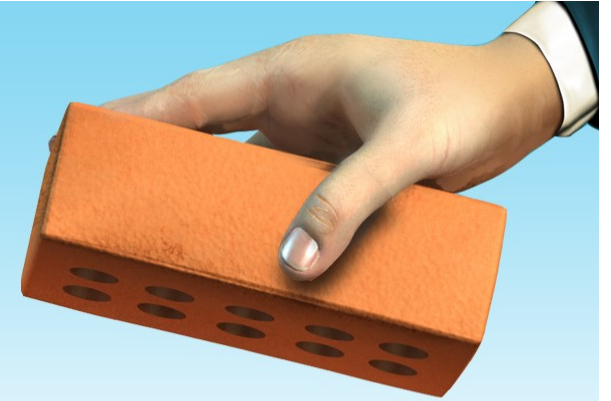
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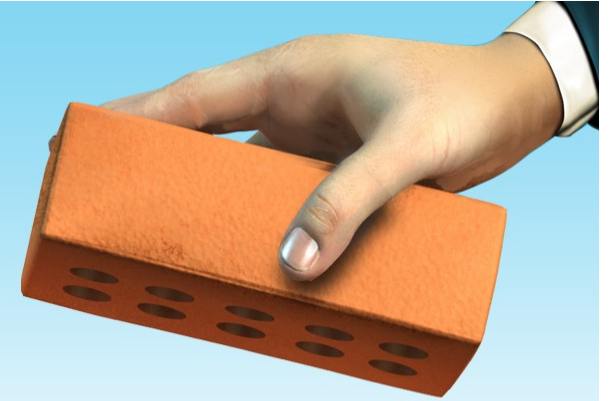


Exodus 20:4-6 and Deuteronomy 5:8-10

What about “generational curses?”

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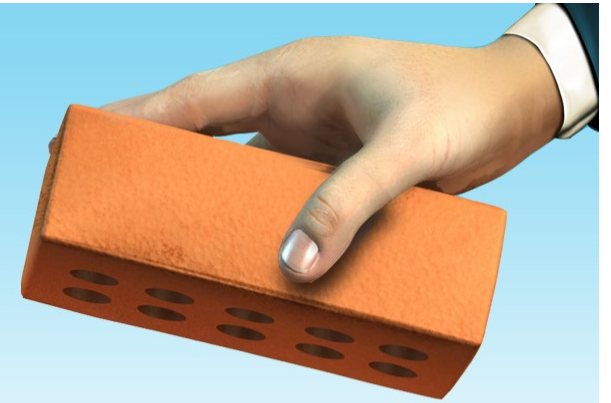


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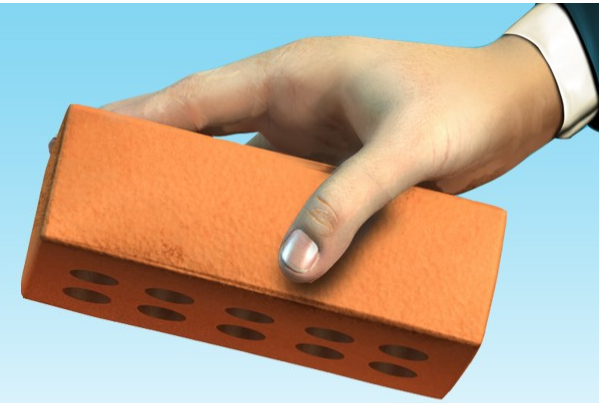


1. Context – vs. 6-7

2. Contrast – forgiving sin of thousands... visiting or responding to sin to the 3rd and 4th generations. There is unlimited grace available, but there is a limit to judgment.

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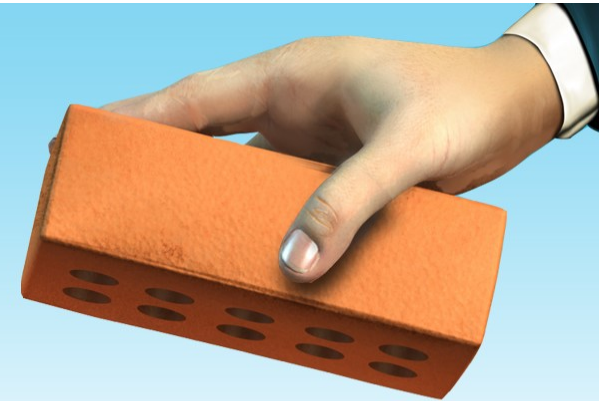


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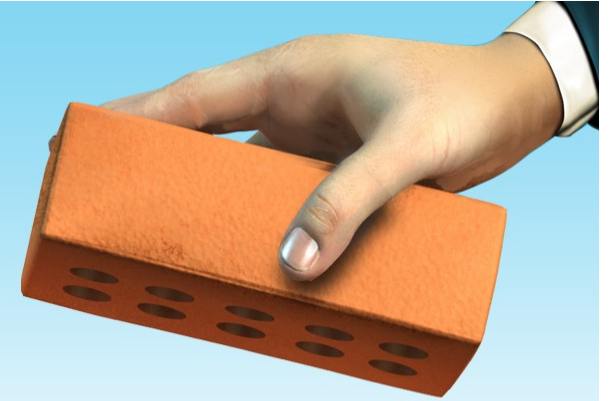


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4. The first time we see this is Exodus 20:4-6 and restated in Deuteronomy 5:8-10. This was **ONLY** for those who hate God! 2 times this was connected to idolatry.

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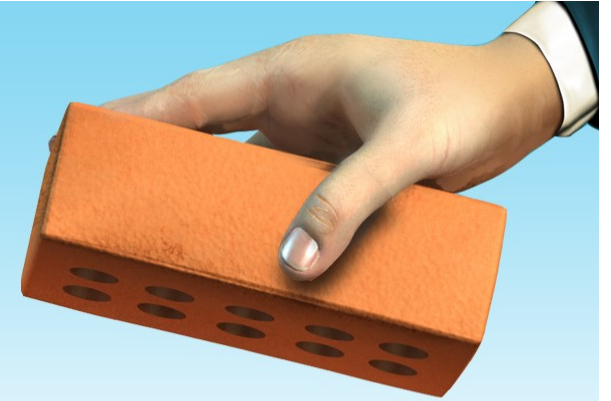


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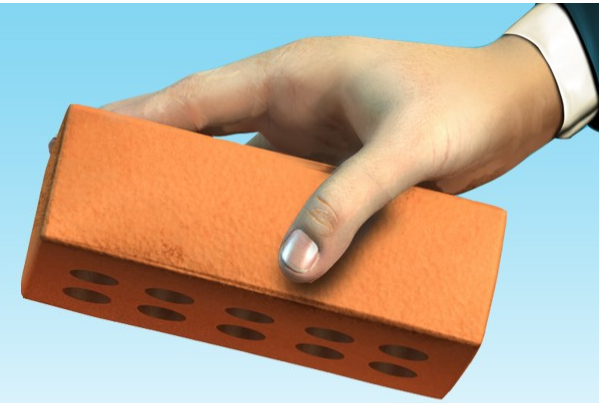


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6. God is not judging kids for 4 generations, but up to 4 generations.

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7. This was said to Israel within the Mosaic Covenant. It was a covenantal curse upon the families who hated God and had promised to fulfill their side of the covenant.

Example: The rebellion in Numbers 16...

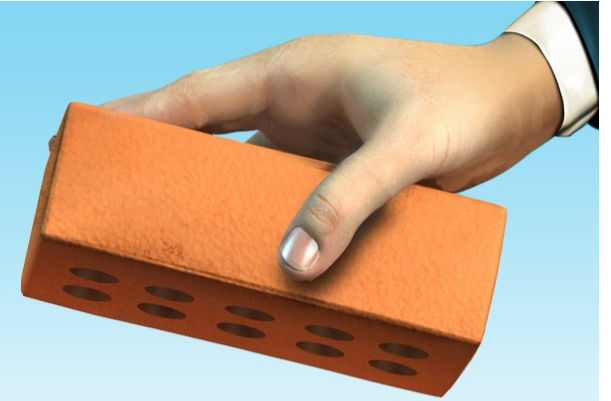
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What was Moses' Reseponse?

Humbling oneself
Worship
Confession
Prayer

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More about God

Sovereign – in control of all things

Providential – uses everyday things, decisions, sins and more to accomplish His purpose.

Omniscient – all knowing: potential and actual.

Omnipotent – all powerful.

Omnipresent – everywhere present.