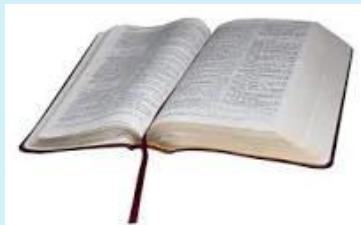


# BETHANY BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION



## NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 9 PART-9

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### LONGEST PRAYER: REVIVAL THROUGH WORSHIP & CONFESSION

**ASSEMBLY (1-3):** Who all gathered? What was the purpose of the gathering? How long did they read the Word and Worship? What is the basis for true revival?

**CALL TO WORSHIP (4-5):** Who lead the call to worship? What are some reasons to praise God?

**GOD's FAITHFULNESS & MAN's UNFAITHFULNESS (6-36):** How did God display his faithfulness? How did the people respond? Did God forgive or abandon? Did people continue to repeat the same mistakes? How does God respond to repeated failures?

**REFLECTION**

# REPAIR + REBUILDING + RESTORATION

1-6: Repair & Rebuilding of the wall & gates

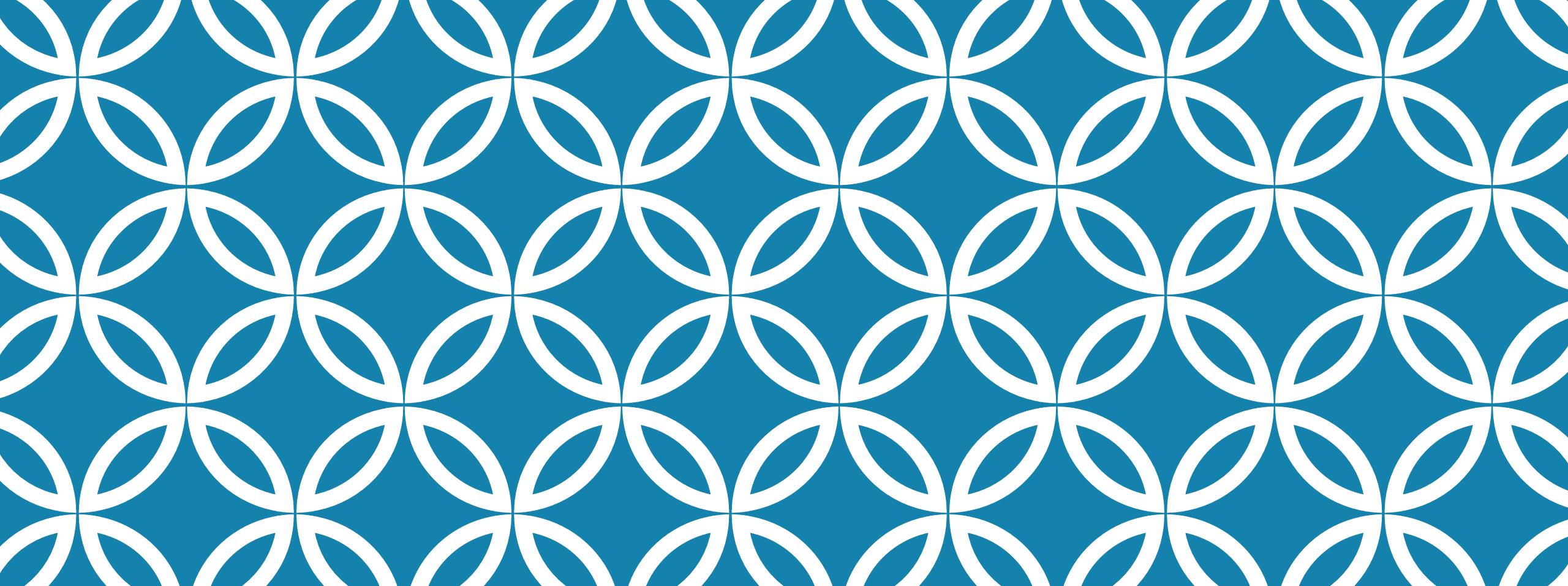
7: Populating the city

8-13: Spiritual Rebuilding & Restoration

## Last week/Ch.8 ... GOD's WORD WILL IMPACT OUR LIFE



Ch.8 ... ***HOW IS GOD's WORD IMPACTING OUR LIFE?***



# THE LONGEST PRAYER OF CONFESSION

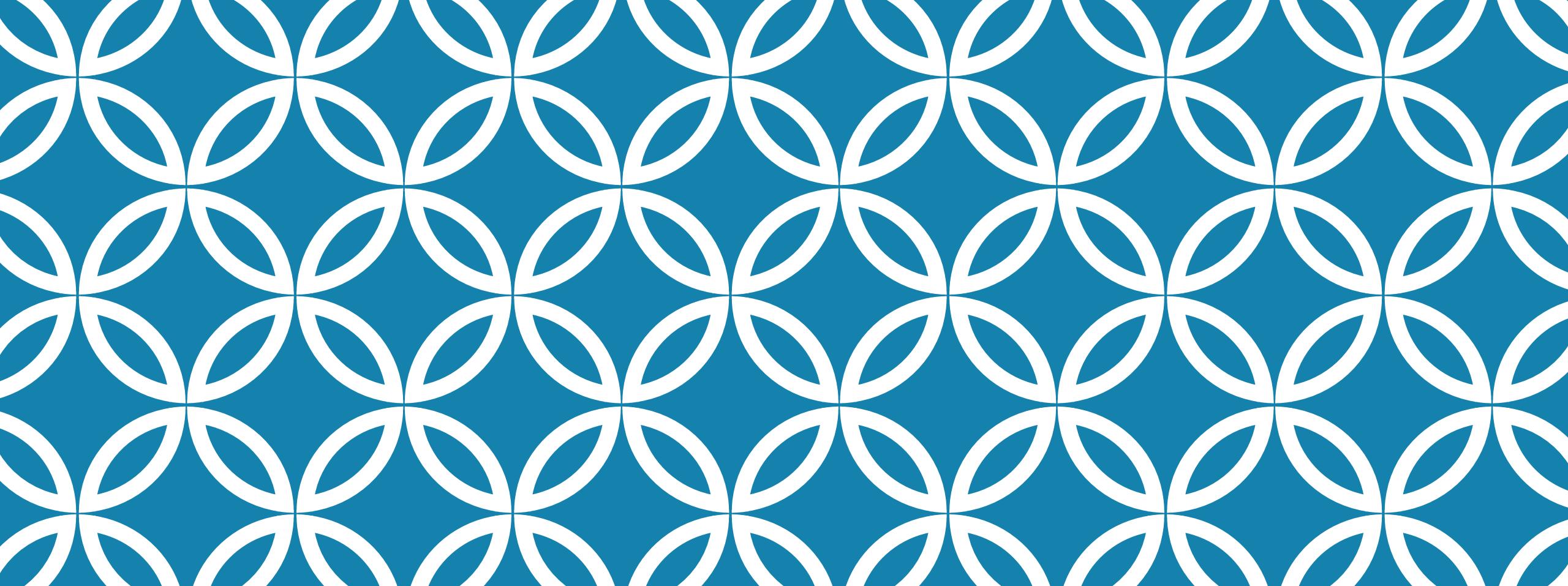
**NEHEMIAH**  
Chapter 9, Part-9  
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CH.9

The Assembly  
(1-3)

Call to Worship  
(4-5)

Reasons to Worship  
& Confess (6-37)



# THE ASSEMBLY

1-3

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Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.

<sup>2</sup> And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

<sup>3</sup> And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the Lord their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the Lord their God.

# THE ASSEMBLY ... A SPECIAL GATHERING

Gathered to REPENT

Gathered to SEPARATE

Gathered to READ

Gathered to WORSHIP

# GATHERED TO REPENT

ch.8 First day of 7<sup>th</sup> month:  
Two days to read & understand God's Word  
Seven days - festival of tabernacles

On 24<sup>th</sup> day of 1<sup>st</sup> month

## ch.9      Gathered again

fasted, sackcloth, dust on heads (symbolic of humility and intent to confess)

# Why mourn so soon after celebrating?

# GATHERED TO SEPERATE

Church is an ‘exclusive’ community … a called-out group

## A private confession & worship experience

(strangers not allowed). Israelites lineage separated from all foreigners

Confessed their sins and iniquities of fathers (sinful heritage)

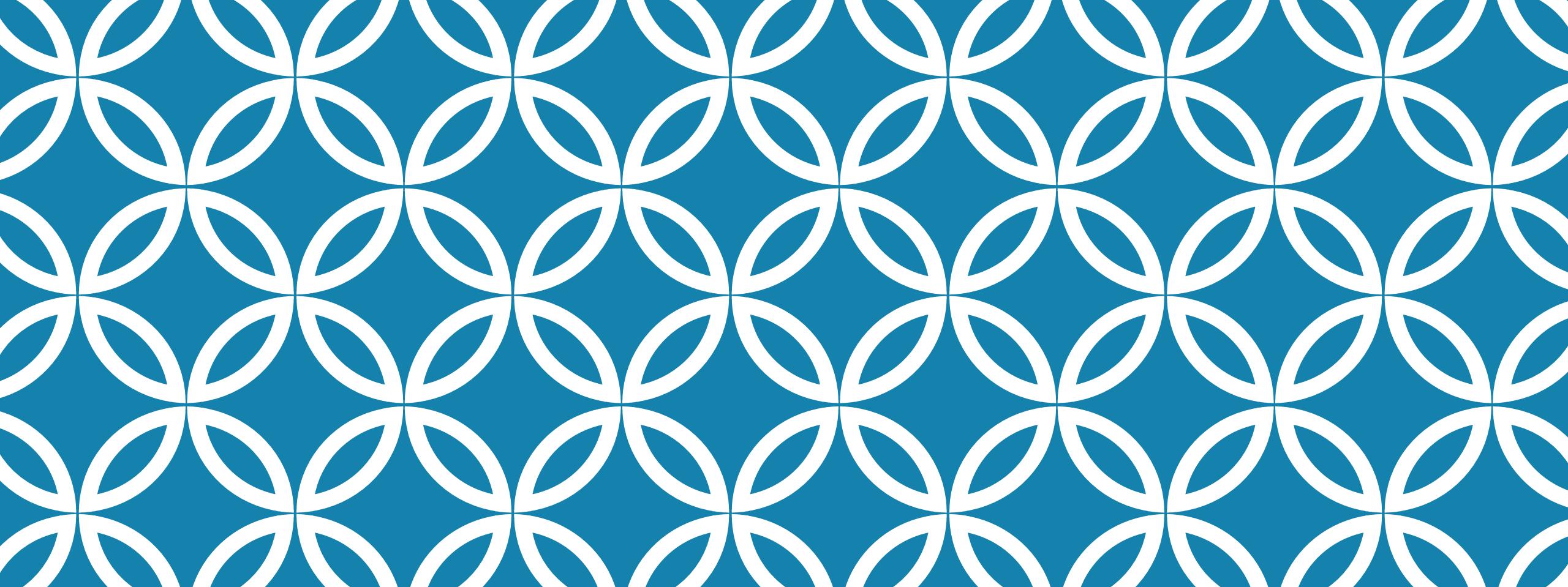
- What is Sin? – transgression of the law (I John 3:4)

**Ezra 10:11** Now therefore make confession unto the Lord God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. **II Corinthians 6:17** “Be ye separate”

# GATHERED TO READ & WORSHIP

Stood & Read God's word, 6 hours

Confessed and worshipped, 6 hours



# CALL TO WORSHIP

4-5

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<sup>4</sup> Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the Lord their God.

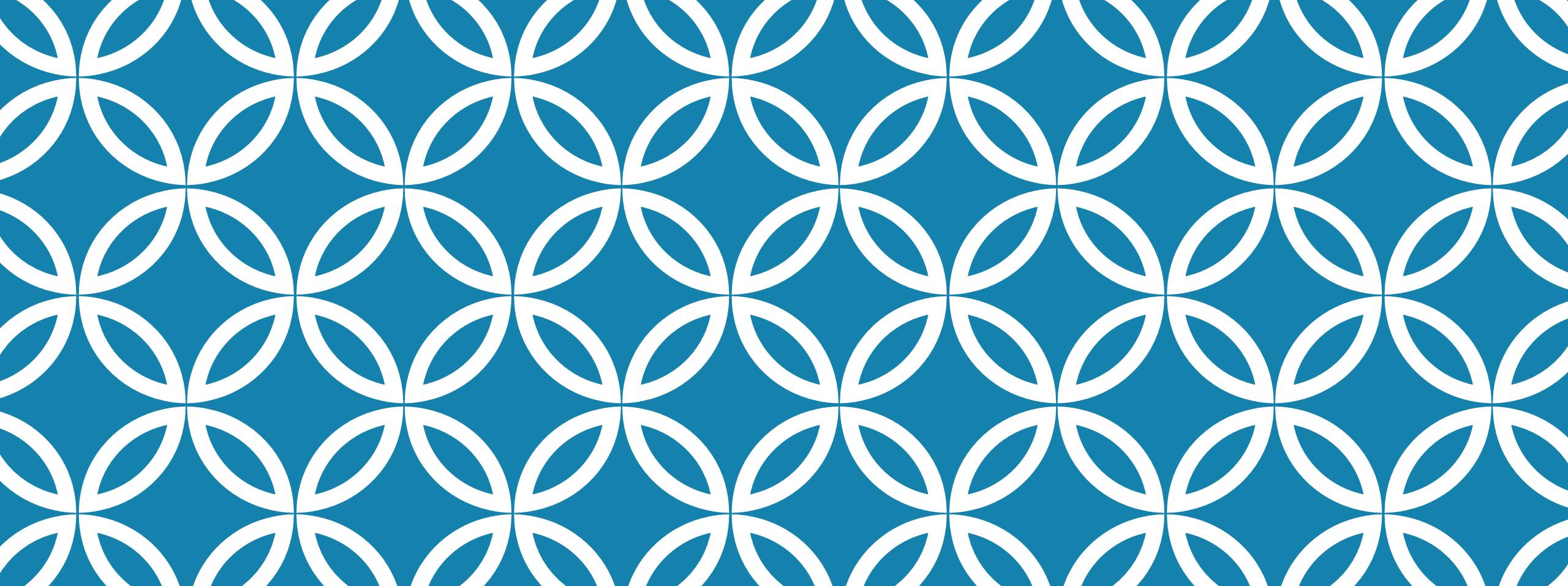
<sup>5</sup> Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

# CALL TO WORSHIP

Call by Levites

Exhortation to Praise

5 “Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise”



# REASONS TO WORSHIP & CONFESS

6-37

# REPENTANCE

**Repentance** is more than feeling sorry/regret for your sins

Repentance is **commitment to Change** (U-Turn) and resolve to not repeat the same sins

**True repentance will lead to revival**

Evidenced by Changed lives, true worship, and fruits

**Mathew 3:8** Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

No fruit ==> No genuine repentance

# REASONS TO WORSHIP & CONFESS

## Theme:

Man's unfaithfulness and God's faithfulness

Reasons to Praise (5-6)

Historical Perspective on God's faithfulness:  
Abraham & Wilderness Journey (7-15)

God's faithfulness despite man's rebellion  
(16-36)

# REASONS TO PRAISE (5,6)

STAND UP AND BLESS THE LORD YOUR GOD FOR EVER AND EVER: AND BLESSED BE THY GLORIOUS NAME, WHICH IS EXALTED ABOVE ALL BLESSING AND PRAISE.

<sup>6</sup> THOU, EVEN THOU, ART LORD ALONE; THOU HAST MADE HEAVEN, THE HEAVEN OF HEAVENS, WITH ALL THEIR HOST, THE EARTH, AND ALL THINGS THAT ARE THEREIN, THE SEAS, AND ALL THAT IS THEREIN, AND THOU PRESERVEST THEM ALL; AND THE HOST OF HEAVEN WORSHIPPETH THEE.

Eternal God

Exalted God

Creator and giver of life

Preserver of life

Worshipped by heavenly hosts

# WORSHIP THE ONLY TRUE AND LIVING GOD

**Isaiah 45:18** For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

**I Timothy 2:5** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

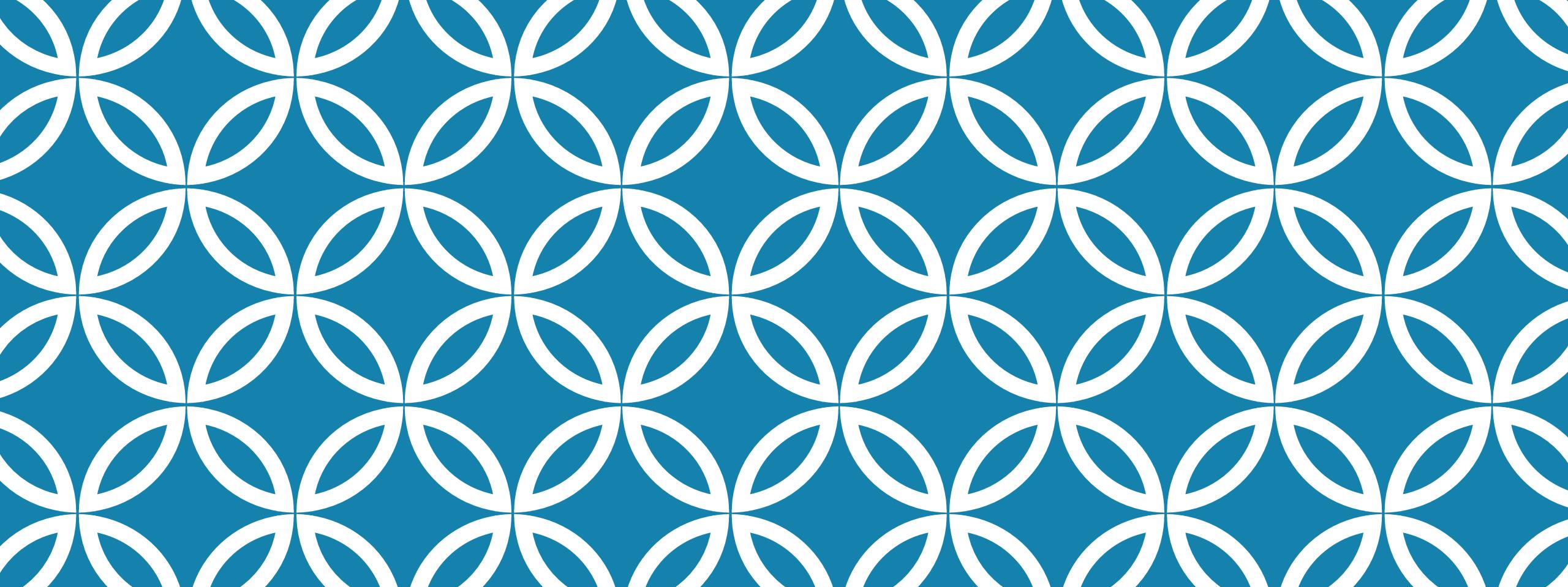
**Psalm 86:10** For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

**Isaiah 43:10** before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

# IDOLS ARE NOT GODS

## Psalm 115: 3

But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. <sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. <sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: <sup>6</sup> They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: <sup>7</sup> They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. <sup>8</sup> They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

7-15

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<sup>7</sup> Thou art the Lord the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; <sup>8</sup> And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Gergashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous:

<sup>9</sup> And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and hearest their cry by the Red sea; <sup>10</sup> And shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day.

<sup>11</sup> And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. <sup>12</sup> Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.

<sup>13</sup> Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: <sup>14</sup> And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:

<sup>15</sup> And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

# HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE (7-15)

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# #1 GOD & ABRAHAM (7,8)

<sup>7</sup> THOU ART THE LORD THE GOD, WHO DIDST CHOOSE ABRAM, AND BROUGHTEST HIM FORTH OUT OF UR OF THE CHALDEES, AND GAVEST HIM THE NAME OF ABRAHAM; <sup>8</sup> AND FOUNDEST HIS HEART FAITHFUL BEFORE THEE, AND MADEST A COVENANT WITH HIM TO GIVE THE LAND OF THE CANAANITES, THE HITTITES, THE AMORITES, AND THE PERIZZITES, AND THE JEBUSITES, AND THE GIRGASHITES, TO GIVE IT, I SAY, TO HIS SEED, AND HAST PERFORMED THY WORDS; FOR THOU ART RIGHTEOUS:

Gave him a new name

Found Abraham to be faithful

Made covenant with Abraham

Promise keeping God ... gave the land promised to Abraham & his seed

God is righteous

# (UNCONDITIONAL) COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12:1-3)

**12** Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: **2** And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: **3** And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

LAND | DESCENDENTS | BLESSED & A BLESSING

Sign of Covenant: Circumcision (Genesis 17:9-10)

# #2 GOD WHO SEES OUR PAIN & DELIVERS (9)

<sup>9</sup> AND DIDST SEE THE AFFLICTION  
OF OUR FATHERS IN EGYPT, AND  
HEARDEST THEIR CRY BY THE  
RED SEA

## **Deliverance**

**Exodus 20:2** I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

**ONLY GOD CAN DELIVER US FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN**

**Galatians 1:4** Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

**Colossians 1:13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son

**Hebrews 2:14** ...that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; <sup>15</sup> And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

# #3 GOD WHO DOES MIRACLES & GIVES VICTORY

<sup>11</sup> AND THOU DIDST DIVIDE  
THE SEA BEFORE THEM, SO  
THAT THEY WENT THROUGH  
THE MIDST OF THE SEA ON  
THE DRY LAND; AND THEIR  
PERSECUTORS THOU  
THREWEST INTO THE DEEPS,  
AS A STONE INTO THE  
MIGHTY WATERS

Parting of Red Sea & Drowning of Egyptian Army

Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Romans 8:31 If God be for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than  
conquerors through him that loved us

# #4 GOD WHO GUIDES (12)

<sup>12</sup> MOREOVER THOU LEDDEST THEM IN THE DAY BY A CLOUDY PILLAR; AND IN THE NIGHT BY A PILLAR OF FIRE, TO GIVE THEM LIGHT IN THE WAY WHEREIN THEY SHOULD GO.

**Exodus 13:21** And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: <sup>22</sup> He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

**Isaiah 58:11** And the Lord shall guide thee continually

**Psalm 32:8** I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye

**Isaiah 30:21** And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

# #5 GOD WHO GAVE THE LAWS & SABBATH (13-14)

## Laws

Ten Commandments (Exodus 20: 1-17, Deuteronomy 5)

Other Laws (Exodus 20-23, Numbers 15, Deuteronomy 12-26)

MORAL | CIVIC | CEREMONIAL

# TEN COMMANDMENTS (DEUTERONOMY 5)

No other  
Gods (7)

No Idols  
(8-10)

Don't take the  
Lord's name in  
vain (11)

Keep  
Sabbath holy  
(12-15)

Honor parents  
(16)

No murder  
(17)

No adultery  
(18)

No stealing  
(19)

No false  
witness (20)

No coveting  
(21)

# #5 GOD WHO GAVE THE LAWS & SABBATH (13-14)

<sup>13</sup> THOU CAMEST DOWN ALSO UPON MOUNT SINAI, AND SPAKEST WITH THEM FROM HEAVEN, AND GAVEST THEM RIGHT JUDGMENTS, AND TRUE LAWS, GOOD STATUTES AND COMMANDMENTS: <sup>14</sup> AND MADEST KNOWN UNTO THEM THY HOLY SABBATH, AND COMMANDEDST THEM PRECEPTS, STATUTES, AND LAWS, BY THE HAND OF MOSES THY SERVANT:

## SABBATH

**God's Provision for Physical Rest and Spiritual Renewal**

**Exodus 20:8** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: <sup>10</sup> But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

*Take a break from worldly work on Sundays and be spiritually renewed*

# #6 GOD WHO PROVIDES (MIRACULOUSLY) (15)

<sup>15</sup> AND GAVEST THEM BREAD FROM HEAVEN FOR THEIR HUNGER, AND BROUGHTEST FORTH WATER FOR THEM OUT OF THE ROCK FOR THEIR THIRST, AND PROMISEDST THEM THAT THEY SHOULD GO IN TO POSSESS THE LAND WHICH THOU HADST SWORN TO GIVE THEM.

## MANNA FROM THE SKY AND WATER FROM A ROCK

[Philippians 4:19](#) But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

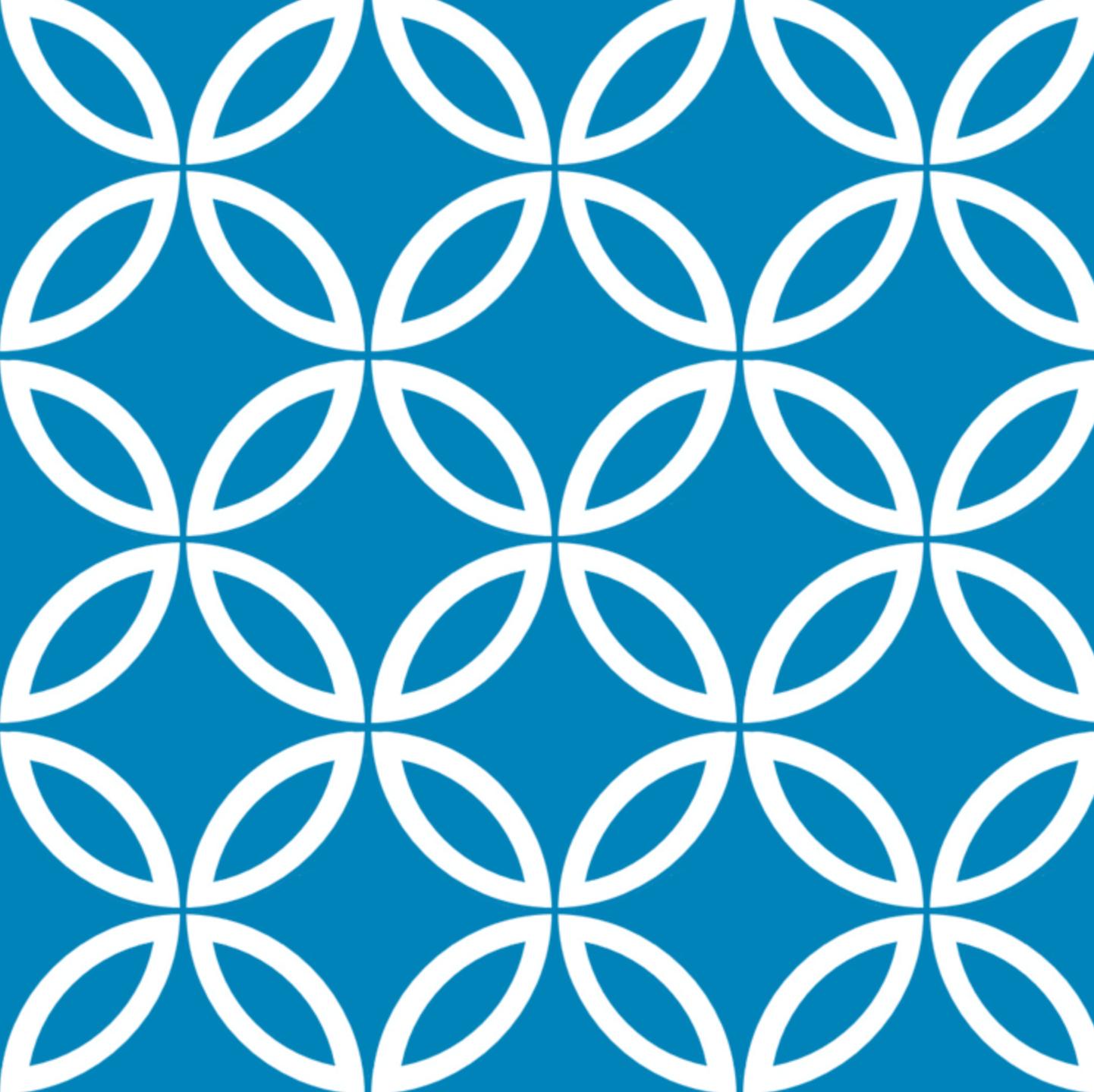
[Mathew 6:33](#) But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you

God provides for our NEEDS, not our selfish wants and desires

[James 4:3](#) Ye **ask, and receive not**, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

# REFLECTION

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TODAY  
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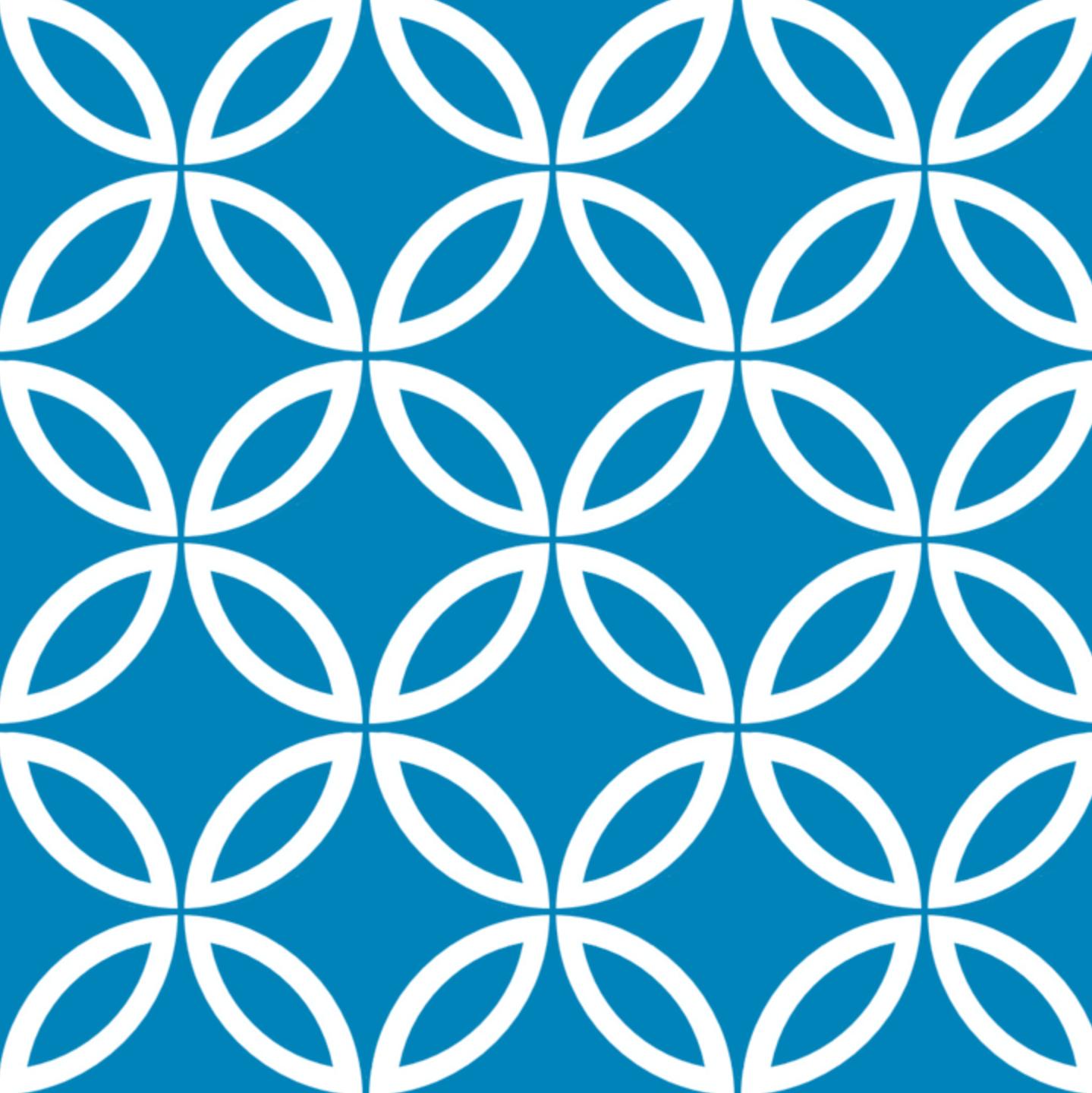
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SECRET OF RESTORATION

TRUE TODAY ALSO

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REPENTANCE

(not good works)

Only the blood of Christ  
can cleanse us from our sins  
(I John 1:9)

“Penance” is not scriptural  
and is not a solution for sin.

