

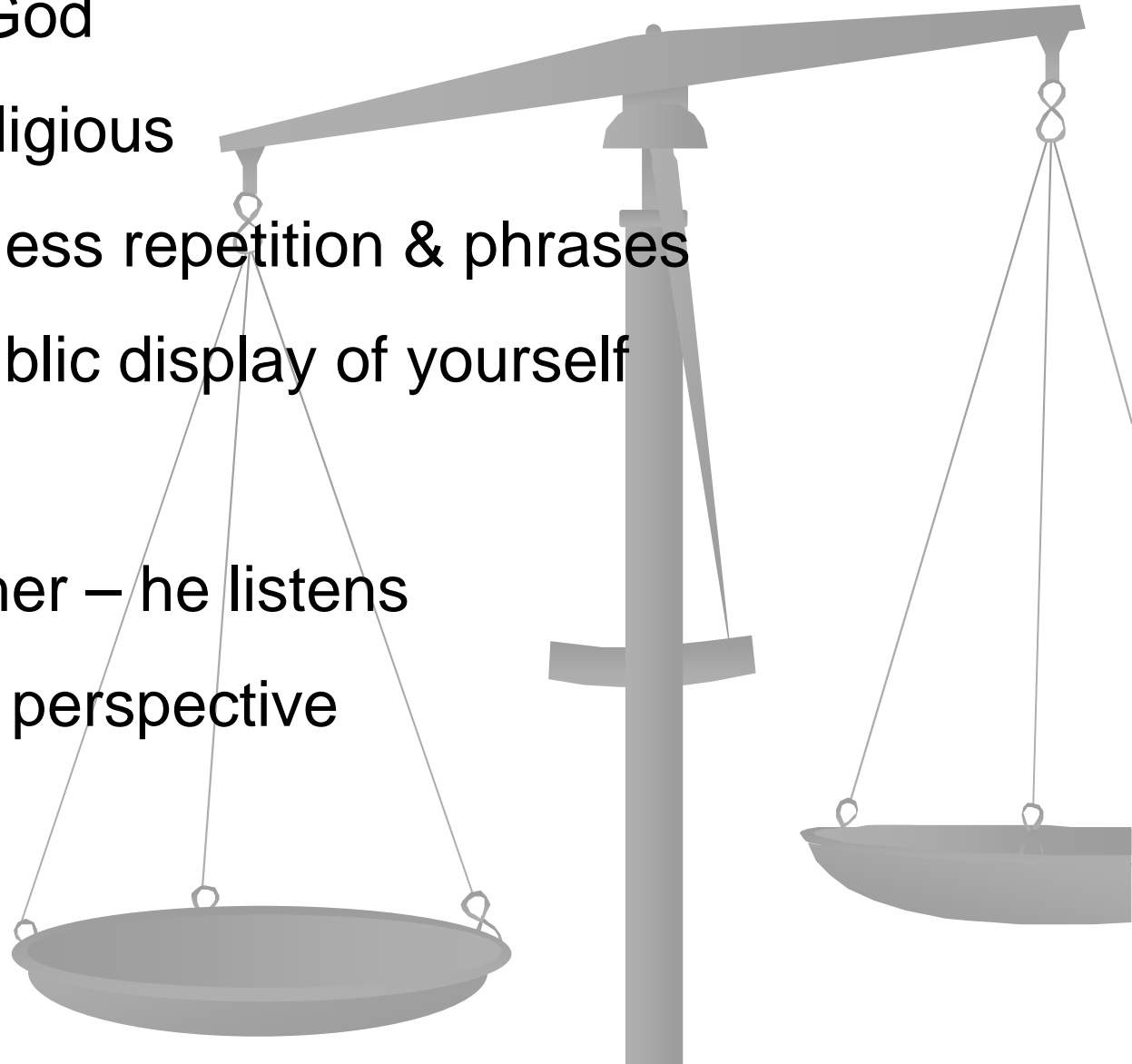
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Jesus on Talking With God

- Don't look at the religious
- Don't use meaningless repetition & phrases
- Don't use it as a public display of yourself

Do:

- speak with the Father – he listens
- begin with the right perspective



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Matthew 6

"This, then, is how you should pray:

*" 'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done*

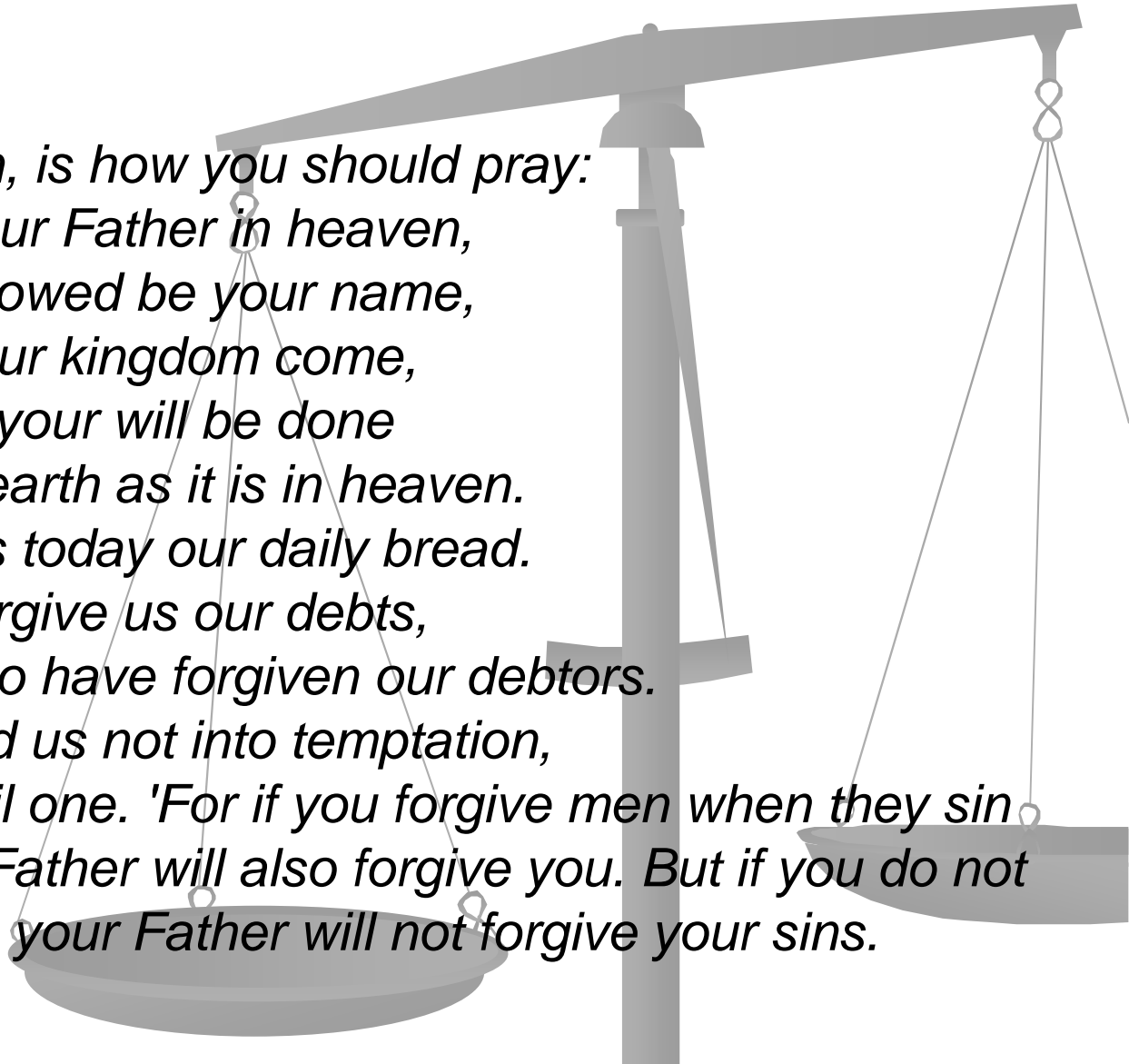
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

*Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

And lead us not into temptation,

*but deliver us from the evil one. 'For if you forgive men when they sin
against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not
forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

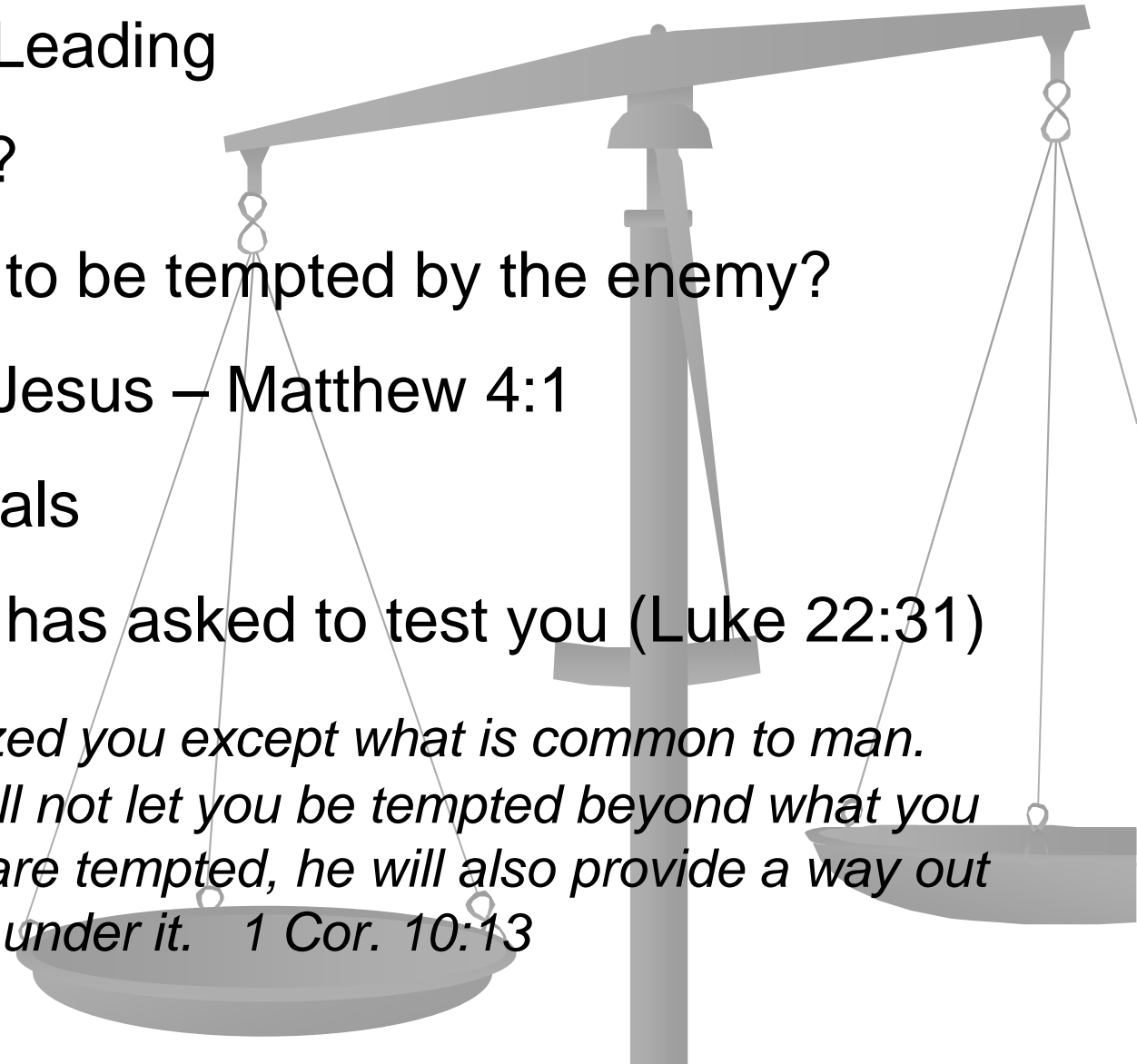


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1. Temptation & God's Leading

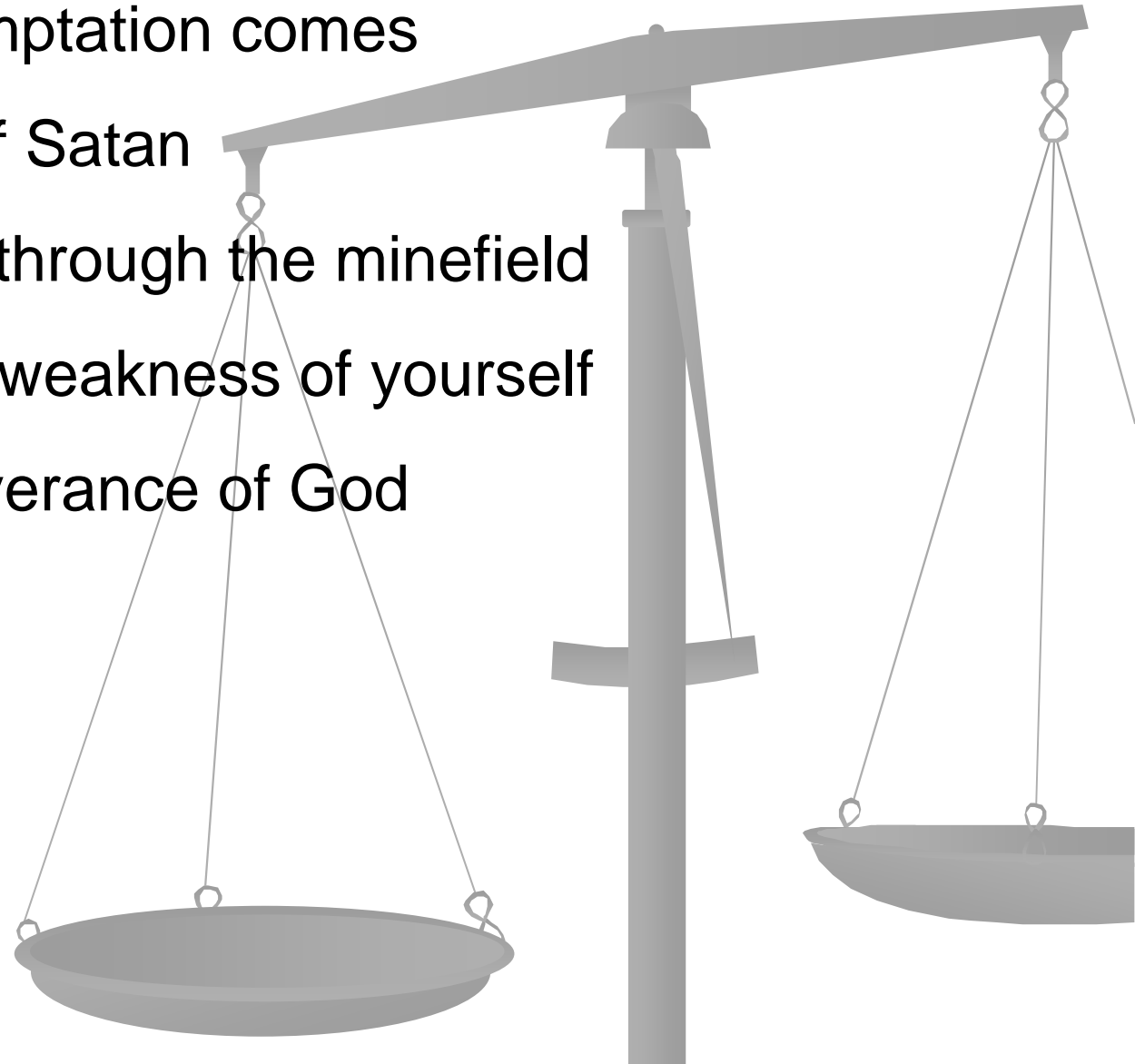
- does God temp us?
- does God allow us to be tempted by the enemy?
 - a) temptation of Jesus – Matthew 4:1
 - b) Job and his trials
 - c) Peter – Satan has asked to test you (Luke 22:31)

- No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Cor. 10:13



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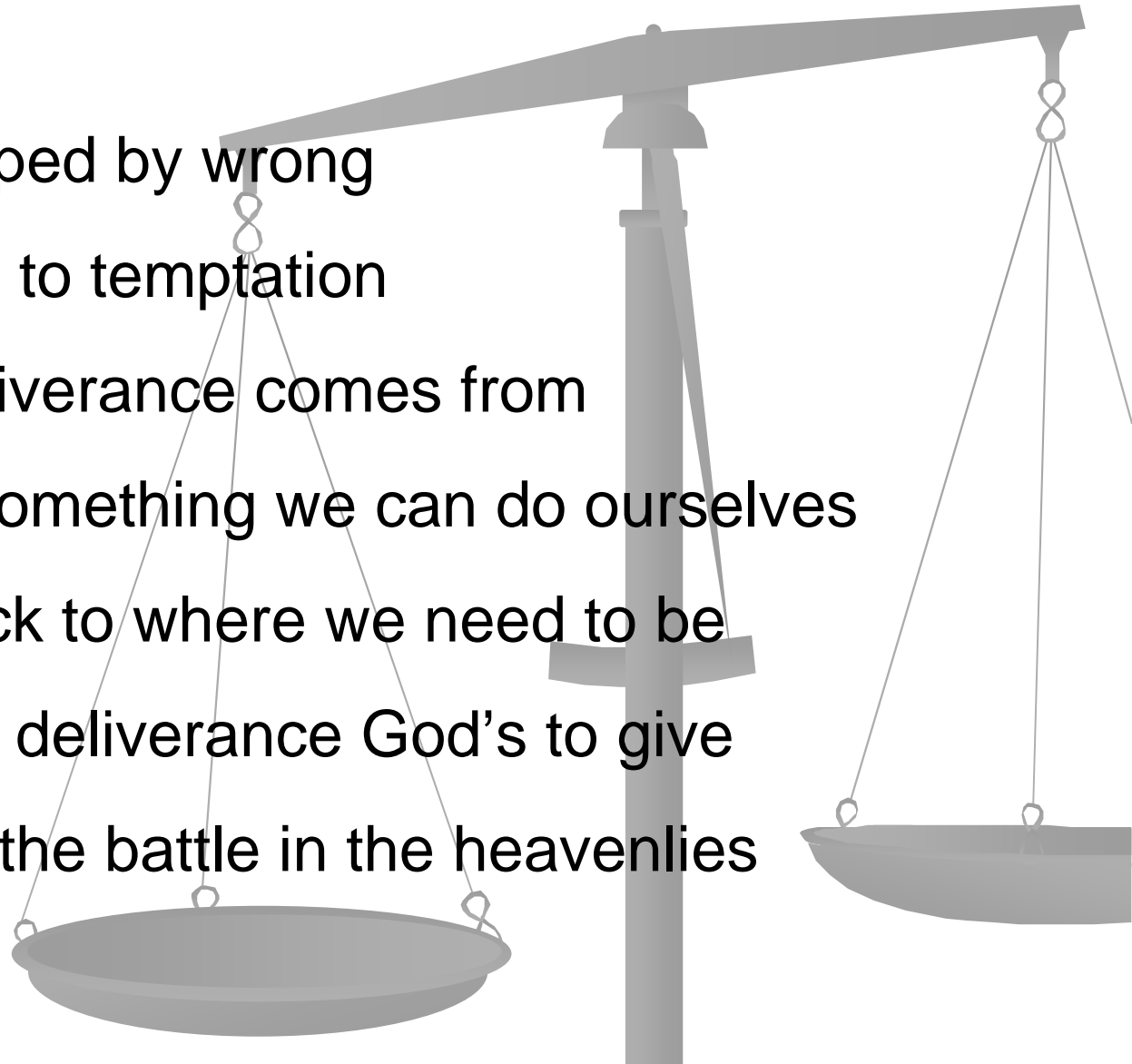
- Pray before the temptation comes
 - a) see the trap of Satan
 - b) find your way through the minefield
 - c) recognize the weakness of yourself
 - d) know the deliverance of God



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2. Deliver Us From Evil

- when we are enveloped by wrong
- when we have fallen to temptation
- recognize where deliverance comes from
 - a) deliver – not something we can do ourselves
 - b) from evil – back to where we need to be
 - c) protection and deliverance God's to give
 - d) recognition of the battle in the heavenlies



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3. Forgiveness

- three key issues

a) hooks in my heart

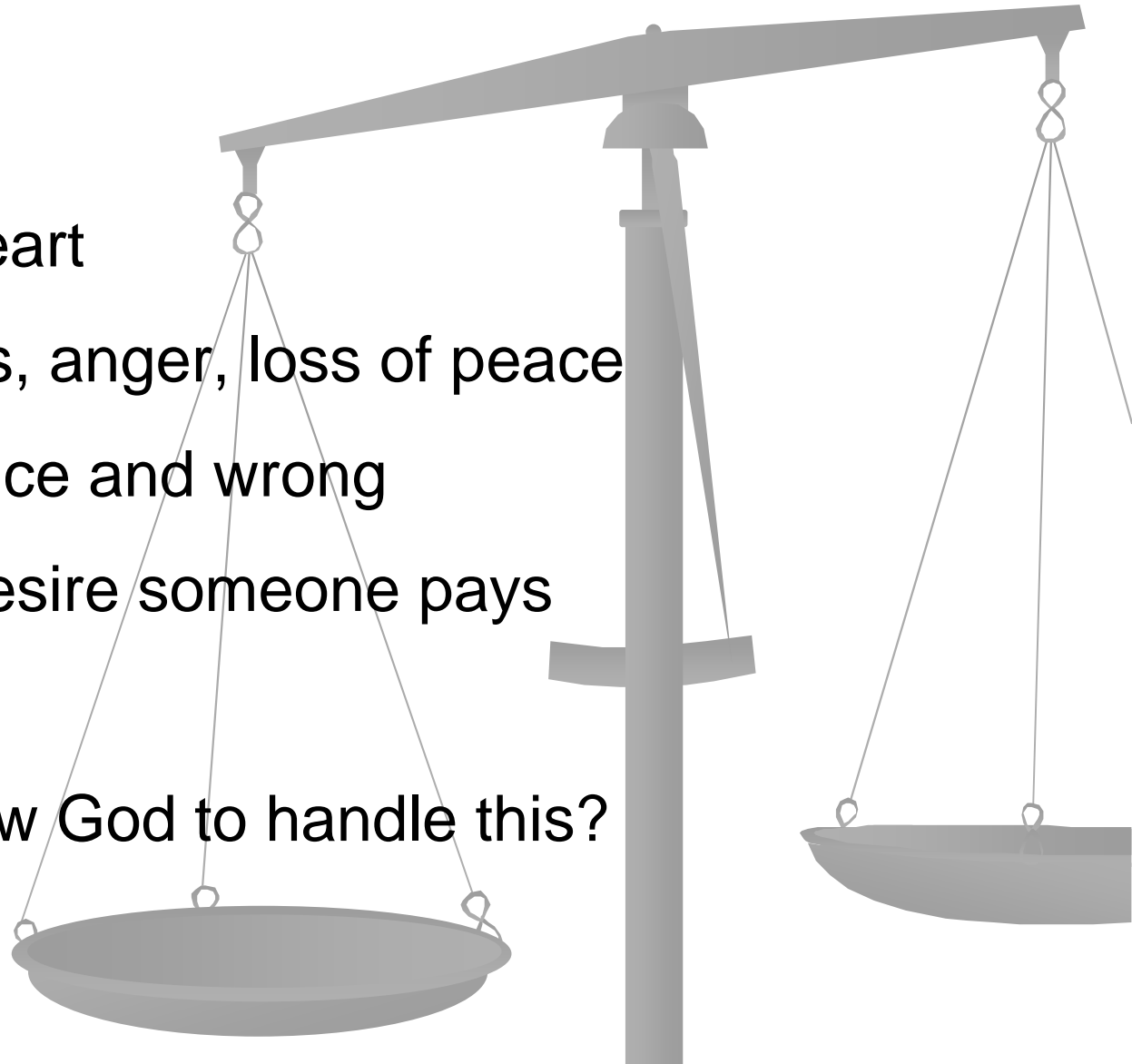
- bitterness, anger, loss of peace

b) sense of injustice and wrong

- not ok, desire someone pays

c) trust

- can I allow God to handle this?



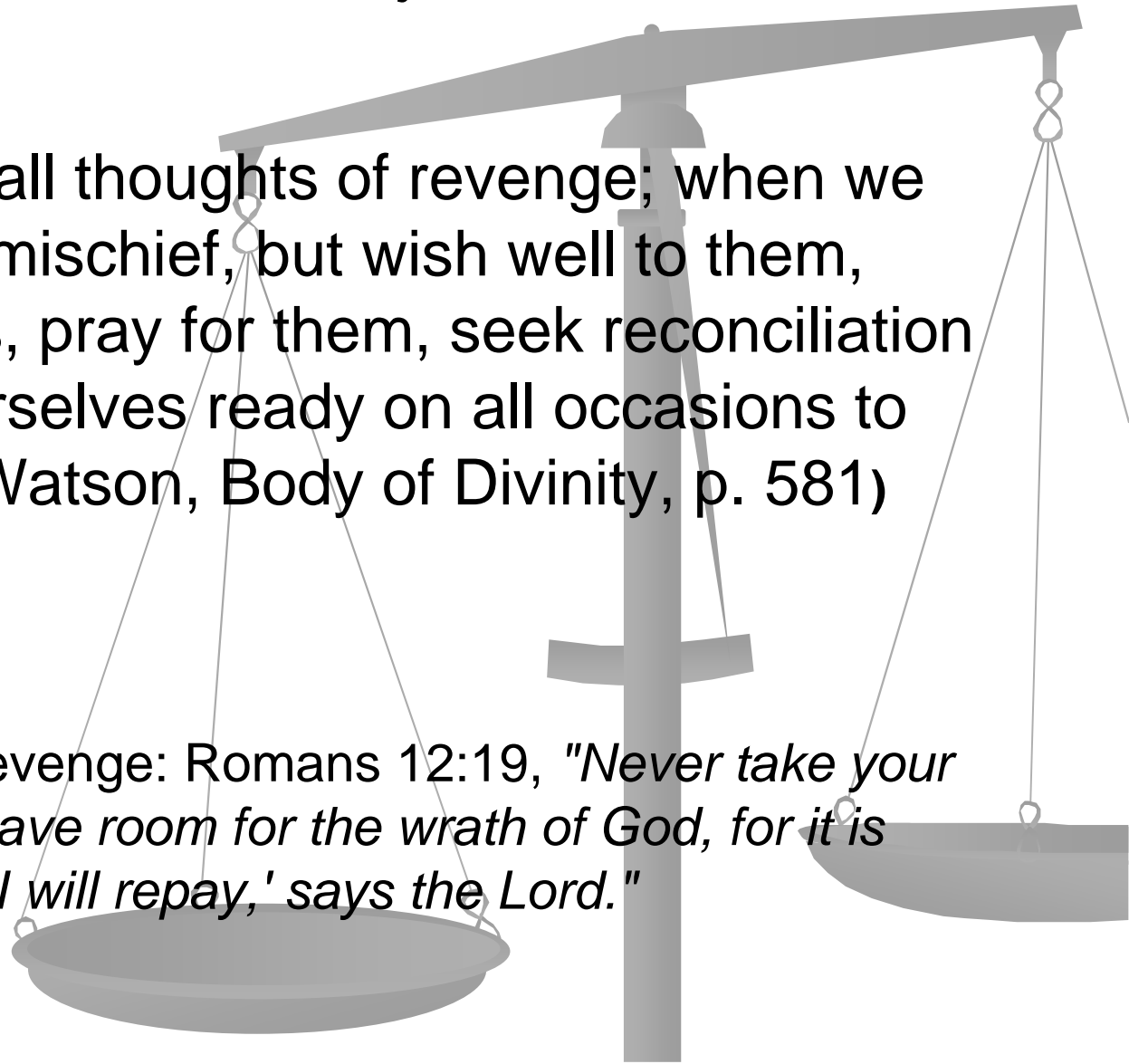
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-Ephesians 4:32, *"Forgive each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."*

When we strive against all thoughts of revenge; when we will not do our enemies mischief, but wish well to them, grieve at their calamities, pray for them, seek reconciliation with them, and show ourselves ready on all occasions to relieve them. (Thomas Watson, *Body of Divinity*, p. 581)

Keys to Forgiveness:

-Resist thoughts of revenge: Romans 12:19, *"Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord."*



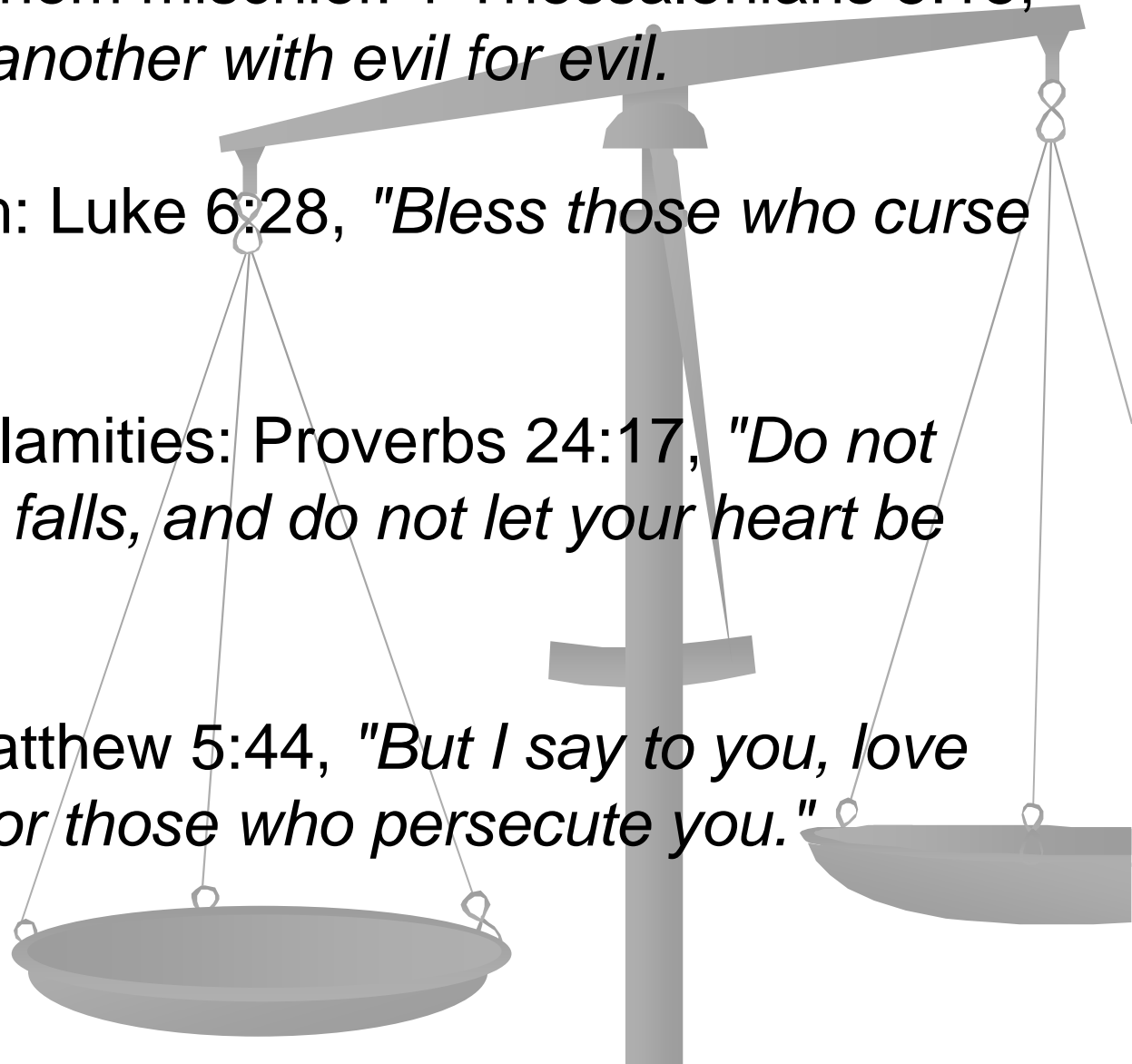
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- Don't seek to do them mischief: 1 Thessalonians 5:15, *"See that no one repays another with evil for evil."*

- Wish well to them: Luke 6:28, *"Bless those who curse you."*

- Grieve at their calamities: Proverbs 24:17, *"Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles."*

- Pray for them: Matthew 5:44, *"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."*



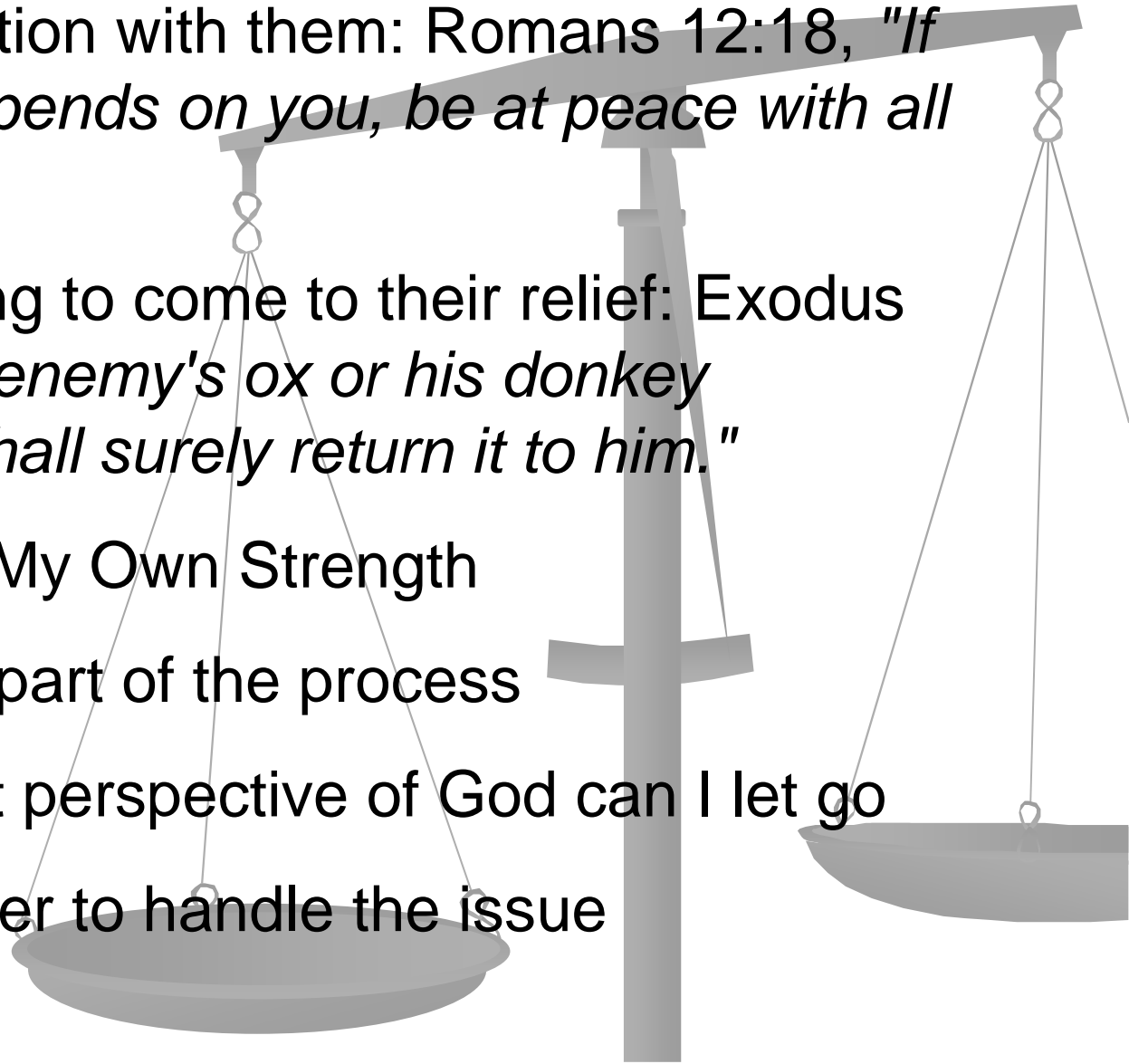
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- Seek reconciliation with them: Romans 12:18, *"If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men."*

- Be always willing to come to their relief: Exodus 23:4, *"If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey wandering away, you shall surely return it to him."*

a) Cannot Do this on My Own Strength

- prayer is a key part of the process
- only with a right perspective of God can I let go
- asking the Father to handle the issue



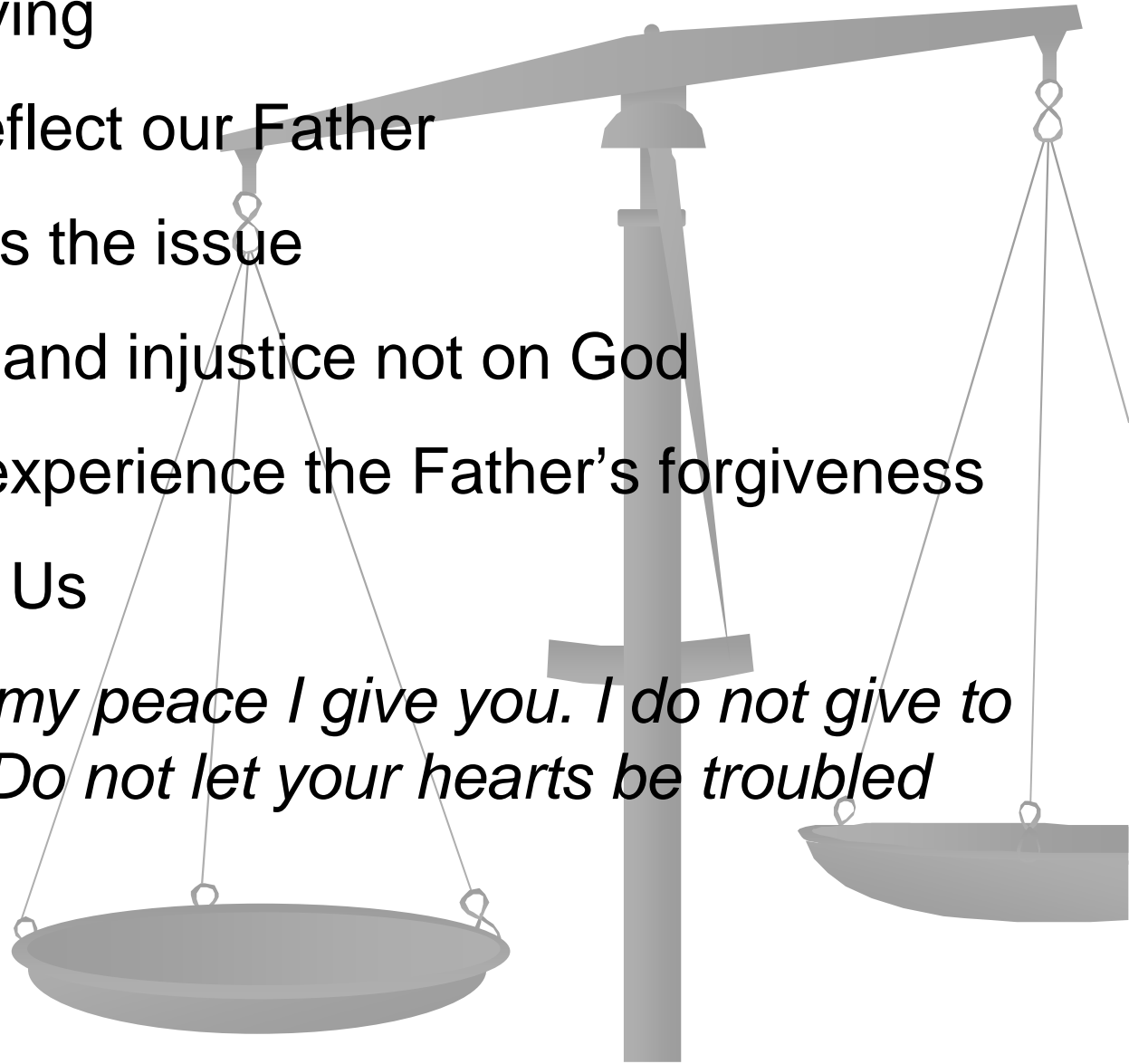
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4. Dangers of Not Forgiving

- a) we do no longer reflect our Father
- b) bitterness becomes the issue
- c) focus on our hurts and injustice not on God
- d) lose our ability to experience the Father's forgiveness

Desire of The Father for Us

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



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So What

1. Temptation is Real for the Christian
 - pray before & be aware
2. Deliverance is from God
 - see your way out – allow God to turn it to his Glory
3. Forgiveness is a huge issue
 - watch how this can look

