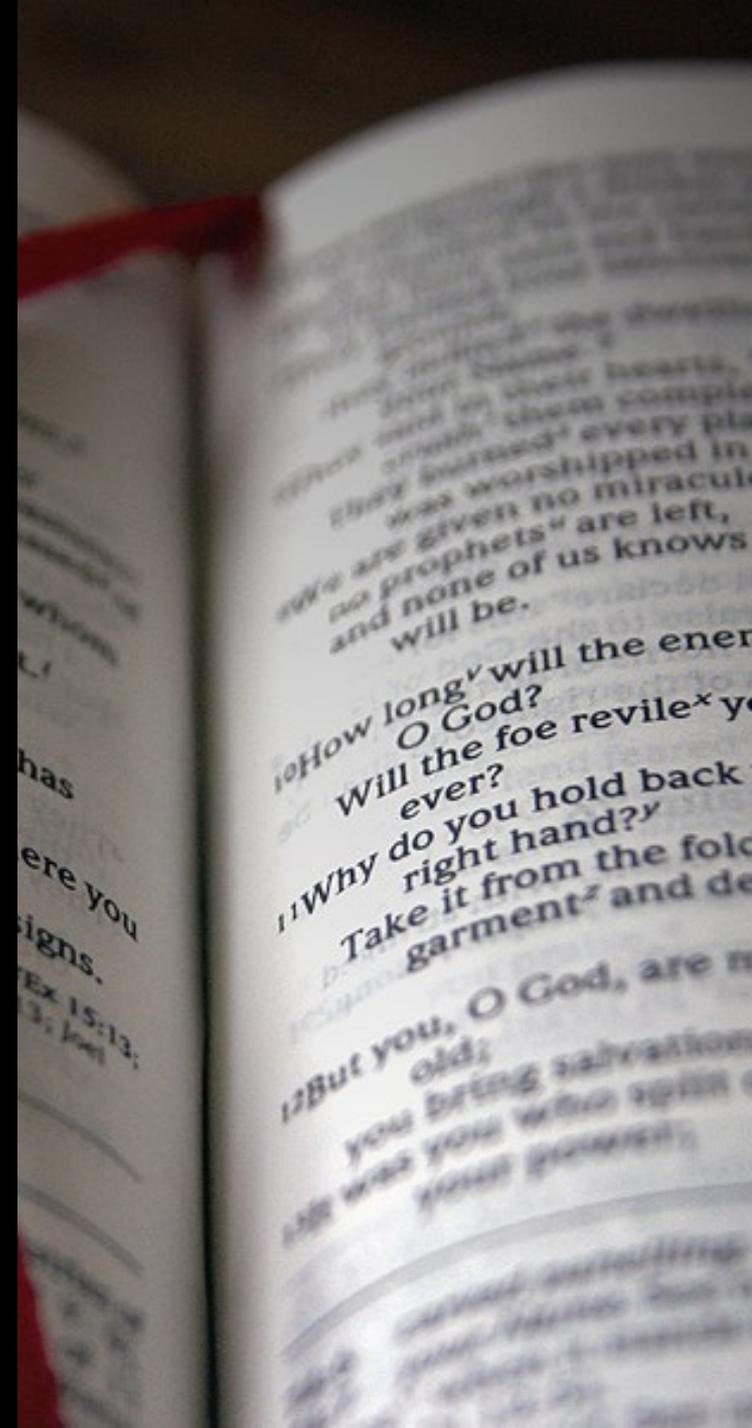


# Can A Christian Fall Away and Be Lost?



# 2 Peter 2:18-22

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# 2 Peter 2:18-22

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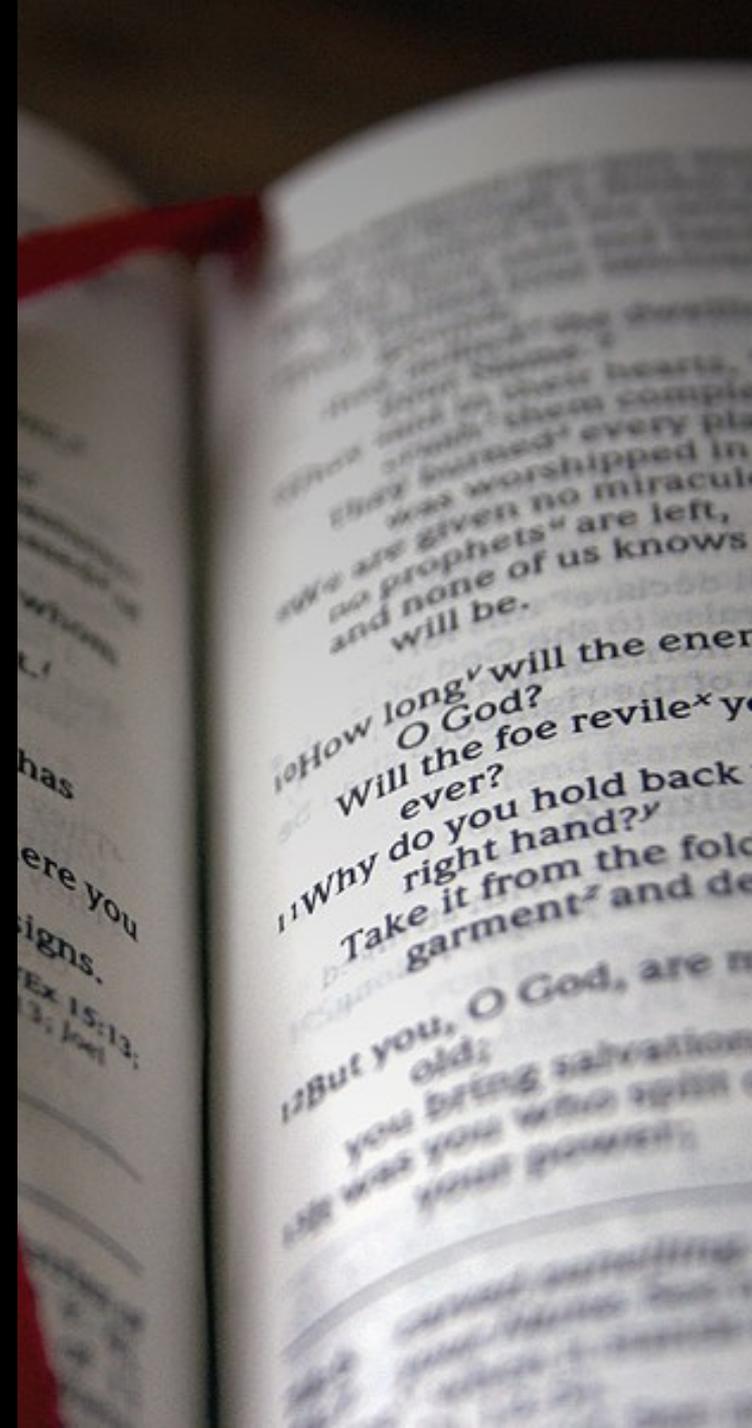
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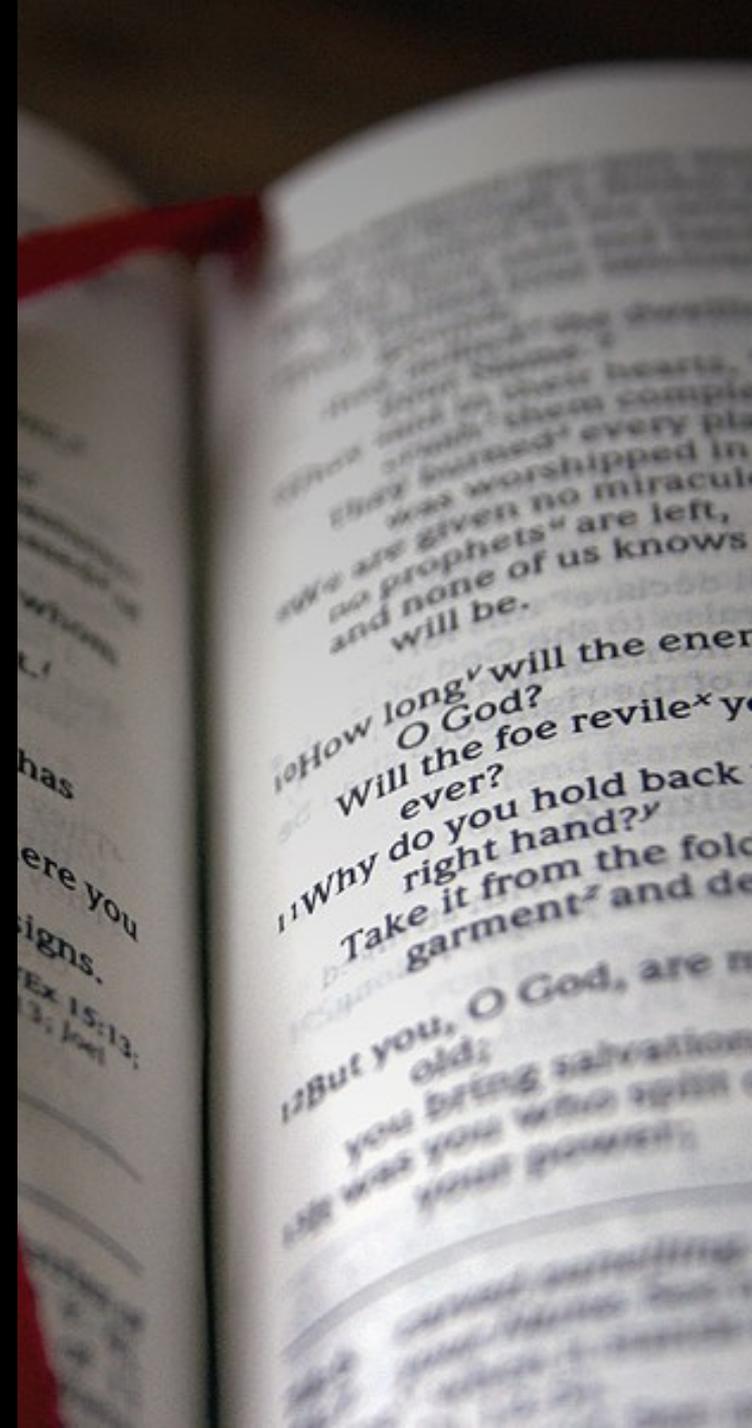


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➤ Verses 20-21  
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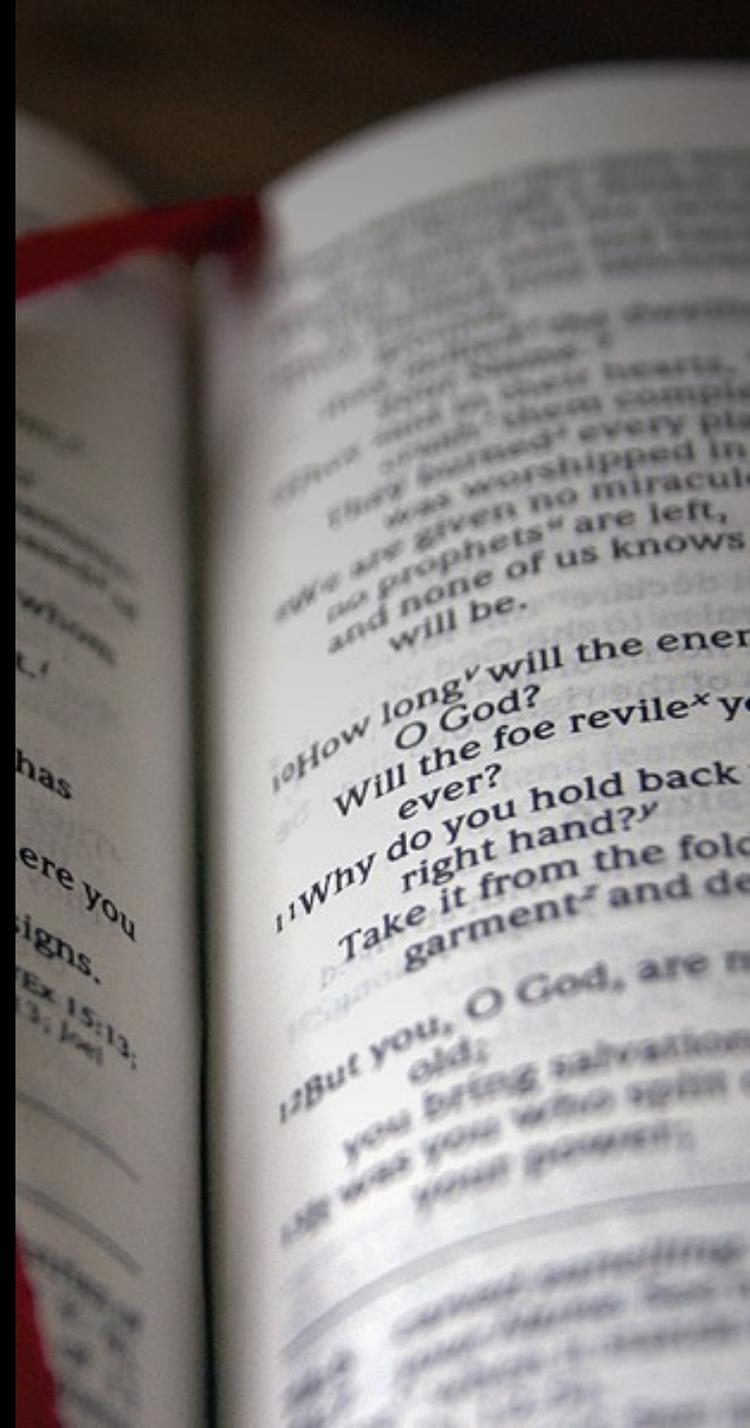
<sup>47</sup> And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes,

# Luke 12:47-48

<sup>48</sup> but the one who did not know *it*, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

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- Verse 22 reminds us that sin is disgusting.

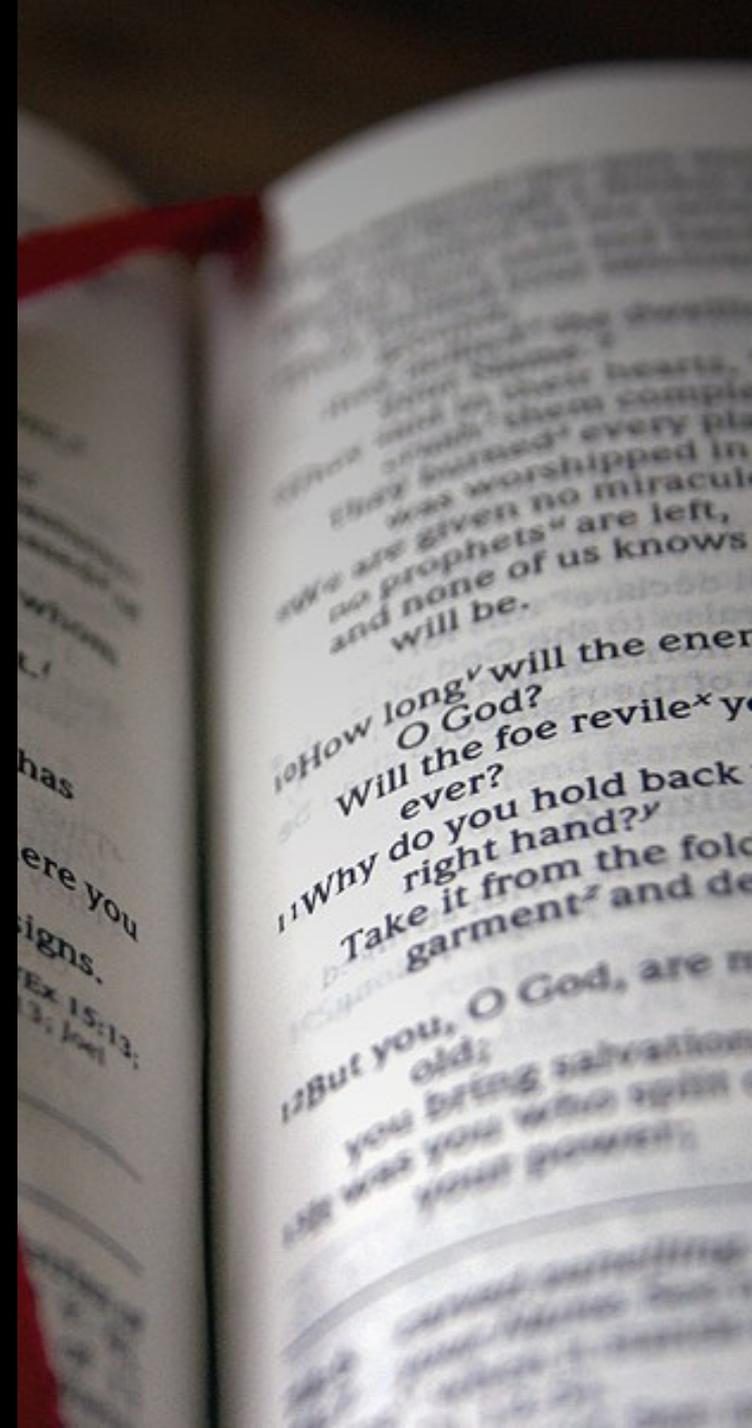


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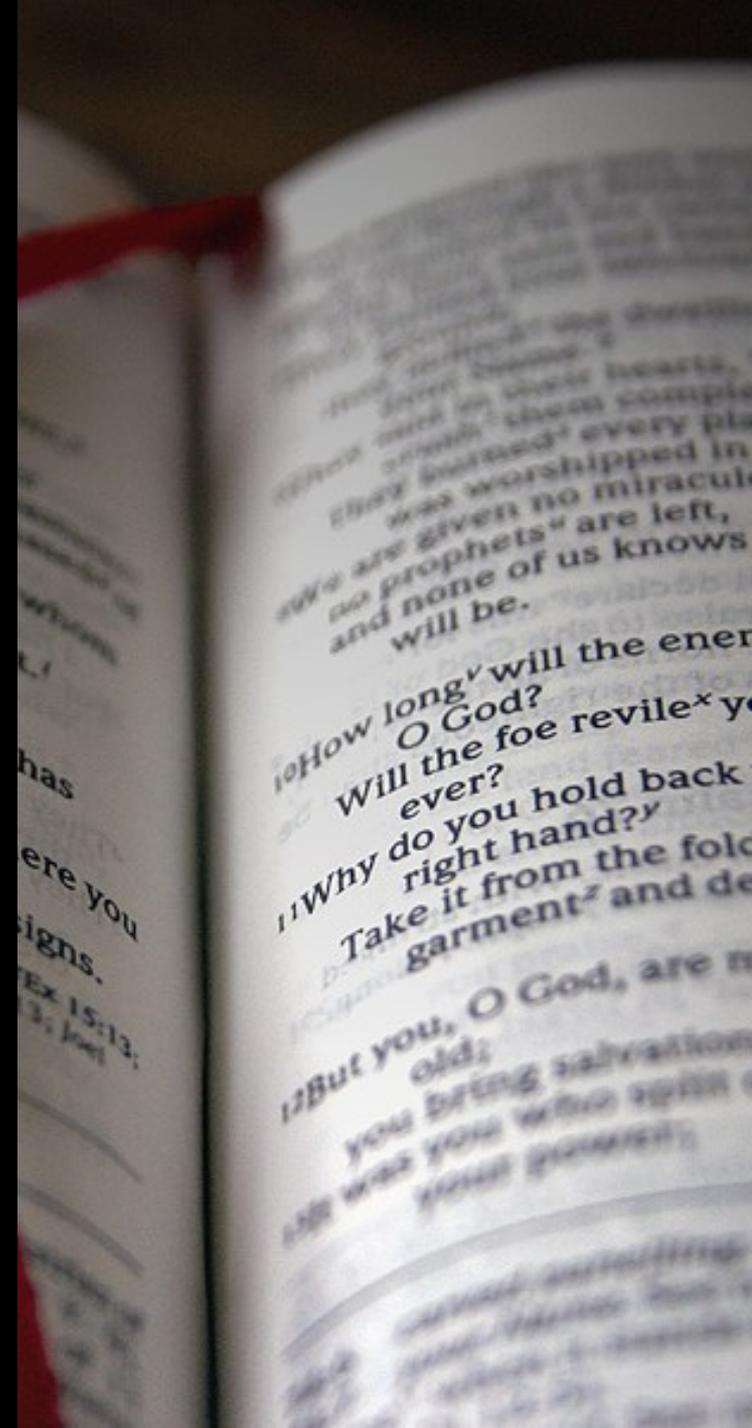
- But notice the big thought: Christians can be entangled by sin and be lost!



# 2 Peter 2:18-22

1) But were they really saved first?

Yes! Notice the word “escaped” in verse 20.

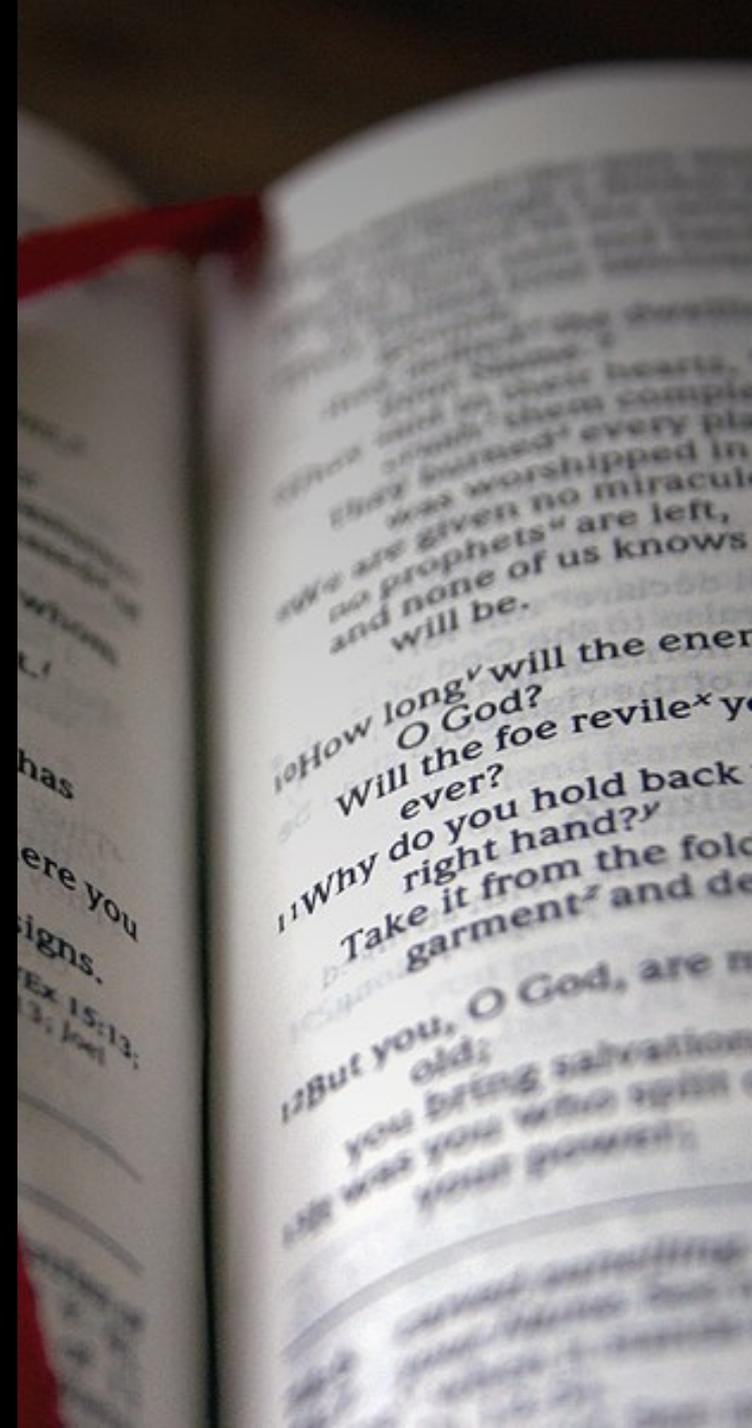


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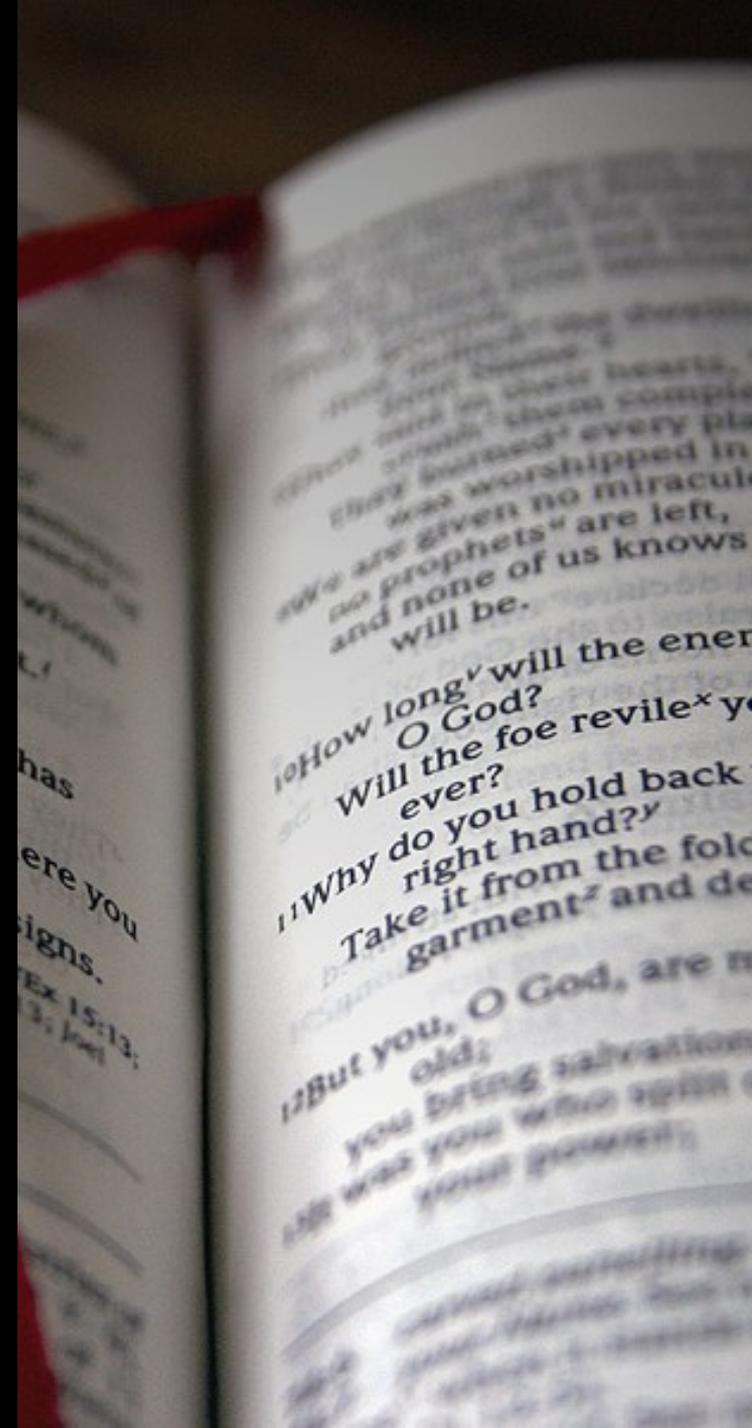
2) Does every sin  
make you lost?  
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in verse 20.



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# Other Passages to Consider



# Galatians 5:4

<sup>4</sup> You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

# James 5:19-20

<sup>19</sup> My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back,  
<sup>20</sup> let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

# Hebrews 3:12-14

<sup>12</sup> Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.

# Hebrews 3:12-14

<sup>13</sup> But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

# Hebrews 3:12-14

<sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

# Hebrews 10:26-29

<sup>26</sup> For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

<sup>27</sup> but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

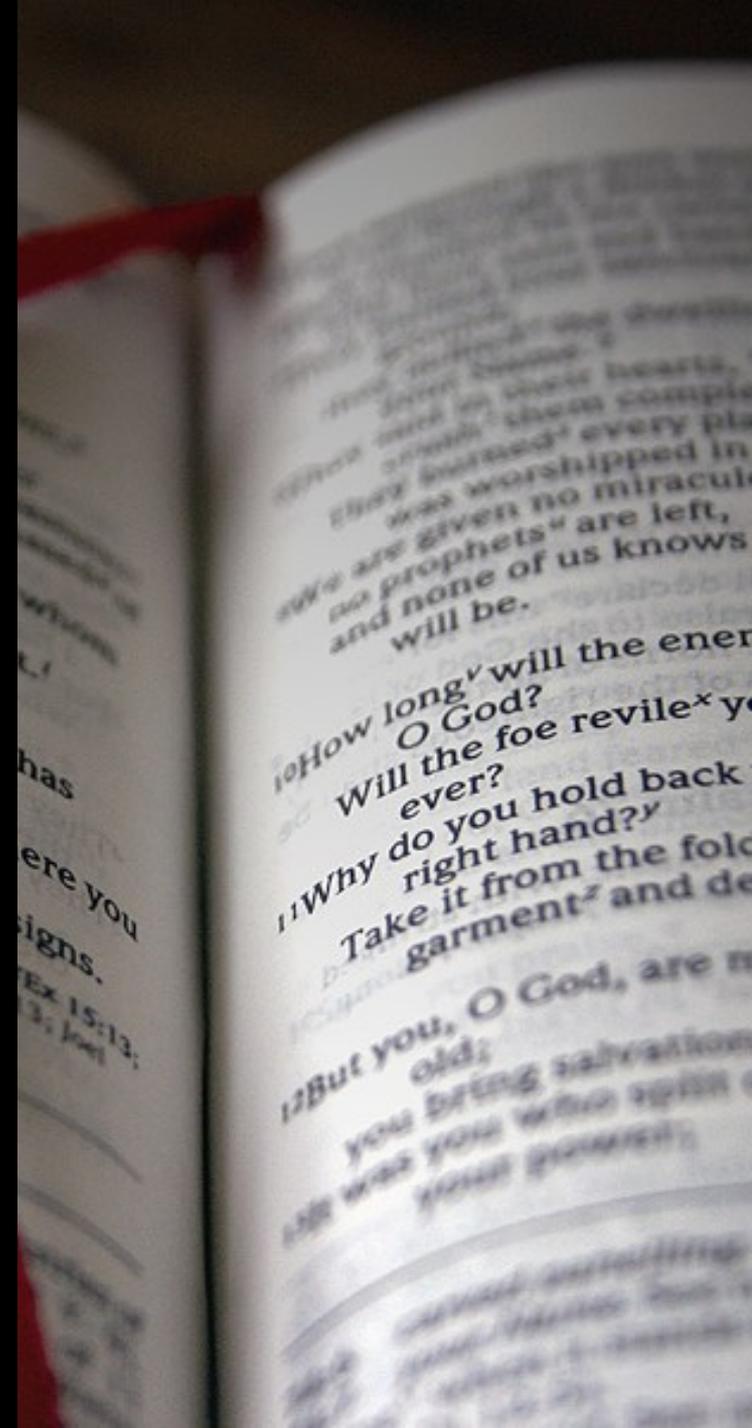
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<sup>28</sup> Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses.

# Hebrews 10:26-29

<sup>29</sup> How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

➤ We still have  
freedom to  
choose after we  
become  
Christians – we  
can still leave!



# John 10:27-28

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

<sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

# John 5:24

<sup>24</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.



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For us all:  
Don't get  
entangled in sin!

