

EXODUS

GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN

The background of the image is a vibrant, abstract painting. It features swirling, organic shapes in a variety of colors, including shades of orange, yellow, green, and blue. The colors are blended together in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement, resembling a sunset or a dreamlike landscape. The overall effect is one of warmth and energy.

**God's laws drive us to purity
of life.**

God's Character and the Law: Part 4

Exodus 23:1

¹“You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness. ²You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice, ³nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his lawsuit.

4“If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall bring it back to him. **5**If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying down under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving him with it; you shall rescue it with him.

If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat,
and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink, for you
will heap burning coals on his head and the LORD
will reward you.

Proverbs 25:21

18“You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with anything leavened, or let the fat of my feast remain until the morning.

19“The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God.

“You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

32You shall make no covenant with them and their gods. **33**They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.”

6After Joshua had dismissed the Israelites, they went to take possession of the land, each to their own inheritance. **7**The people served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the LORD had done for Israel. ...

8Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten. **9**And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Heres in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

10After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. ...

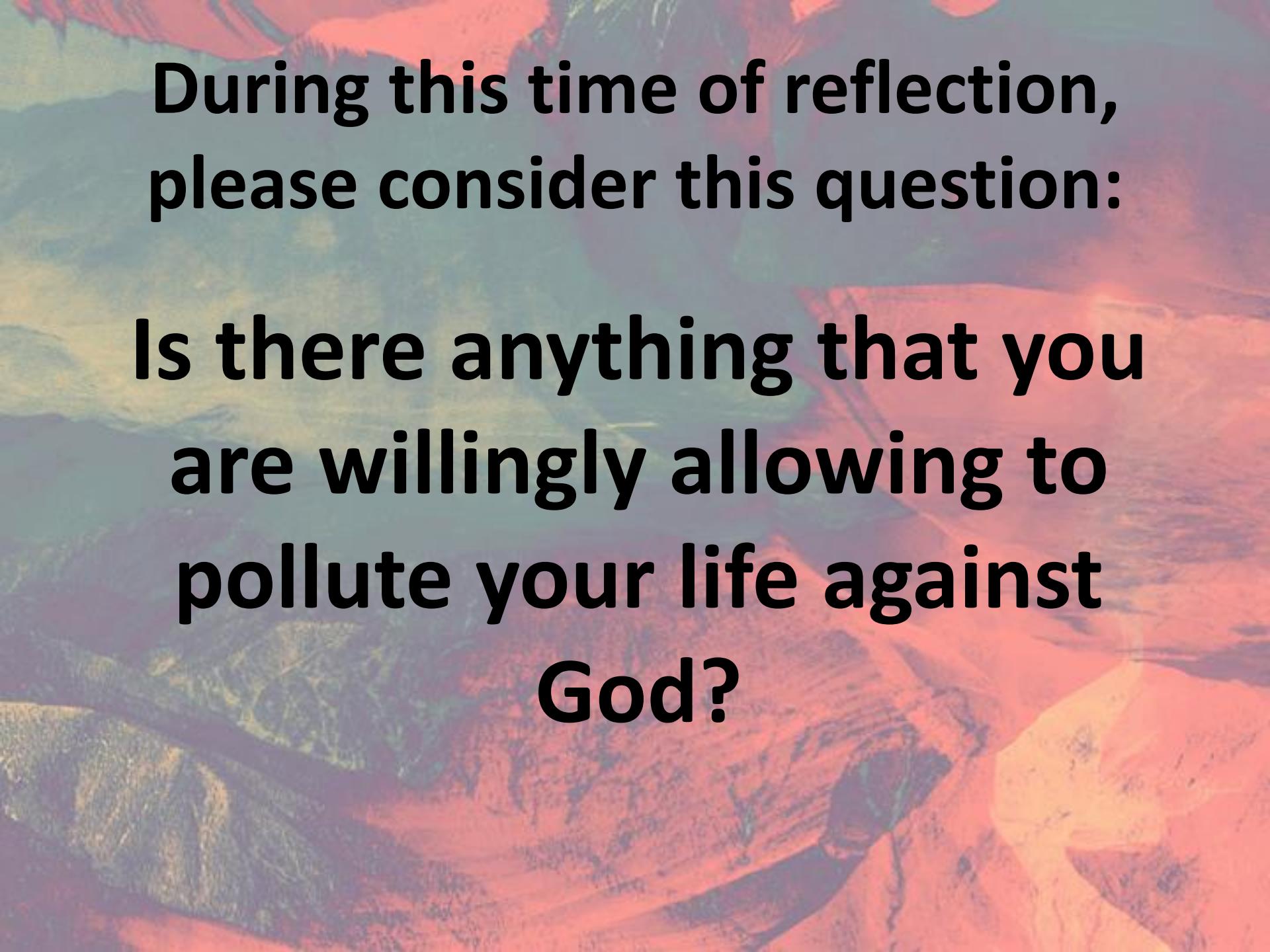
11Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. **12**They forsook the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They aroused the LORD's anger **13**because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. ...

14In his anger against Israel the LORD gave them into the hands of raiders who plundered them. He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist.

15Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.

**Keep your heart (guard it) with all vigilance, for
from it flows the springs of life.**

Proverbs 4:23



**During this time of reflection,
please consider this question:**

**Is there anything that you
are willingly allowing to
pollute your life against
God?**