

EN(COURAGE)MENT

IN A

CHANGED

WORLD #6:

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**1. Government Increasingly
Hostile to Christians (and Creating
Millions of Helpless Victims)
(*Daniel 6:1-5*)**

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**Daniel 6:¹It pleased Darius to set over the
kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole
kingdom;
² and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel
was one, to whom these satraps should give account,
so that the king might suffer no loss.**

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**³ Then this Daniel became distinguished
above all the other high officials
and satraps, because an excellent spirit was
in him. And the king planned to set him
over the whole kingdom.**

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⁴ Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him.

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⁵ Then these men said, “We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.”

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**2. Authority Always(!) Begins at
Home with Respect for Parents and
Discipline (or Else) (*1 Peter 5:5;*
Romans 13:1-5; Proverbs 13:1, 24)**

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1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

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Romans 13:1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

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**² Therefore whoever resists the
authorities resists what God has
appointed, and those who resist will
incur judgment.**

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**³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct,
but to bad. Would you have no fear of the
one who is in authority? Then do what is
good, and you will receive his approval,**

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⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

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**⁵ Therefore one must be in
subjection, not only to avoid
God's wrath but also for the
sake of conscience.**

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Proverbs 13:1 **A wise son hears his
father's instruction, but a
scoffer does not listen to rebuke.**

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24 **Whoever spares the rod hates
his son, but he who loves him is
diligent to discipline him.**

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**3. The Law Christians Submit (Until
It Violates Scriptural Absolutes and
Convictions**

(1 Timothy 1:8-10; Proverbs 28:4)

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1 Timothy 1:8 Now we know

that the law is good, if one

uses it lawfully,

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**⁹ understanding this, that the law is not laid
down for the just but for the lawless and
disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for
the unholy and profane, for those who strike
their fathers and mothers, for murderers,**

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**¹⁰ the sexually immoral, men who
practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars,
perjurers, and whatever else is contrary
to sound doctrine,**

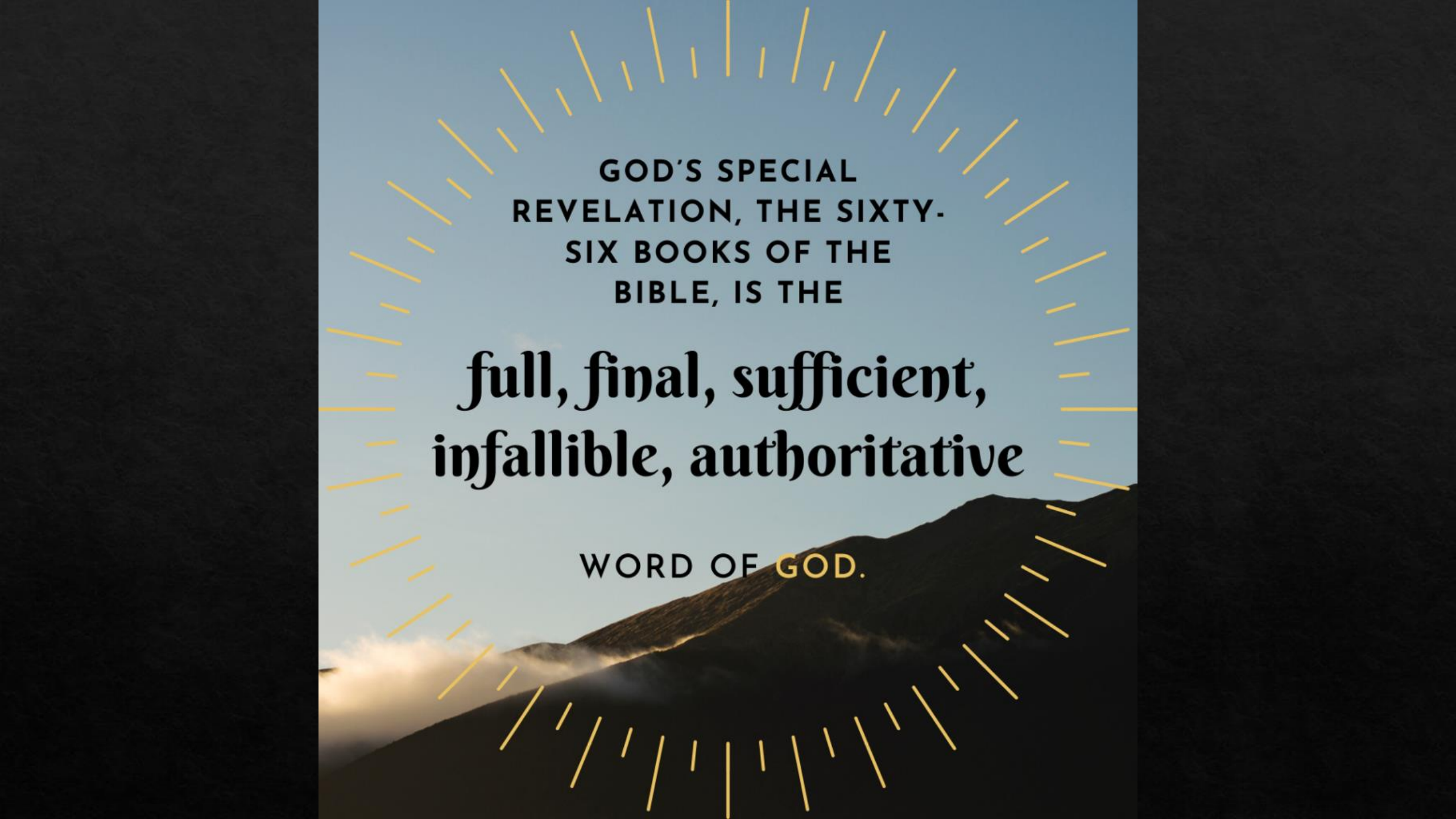
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Proverbs 28:4 **Those who forsake the
law praise the wicked, but those
who keep the law strive against
them.**

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Closing Challenge:

**Christian, DONT(!) Let This Changed World Define
You. Remind Yourself Every Day That God has
Called You to Be a Bold Champion for Him - For
Life! (*“The Godly are as Bold as Lions!”*
Proverbs 28:1)**

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