



"So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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1 Peter 2:1-8



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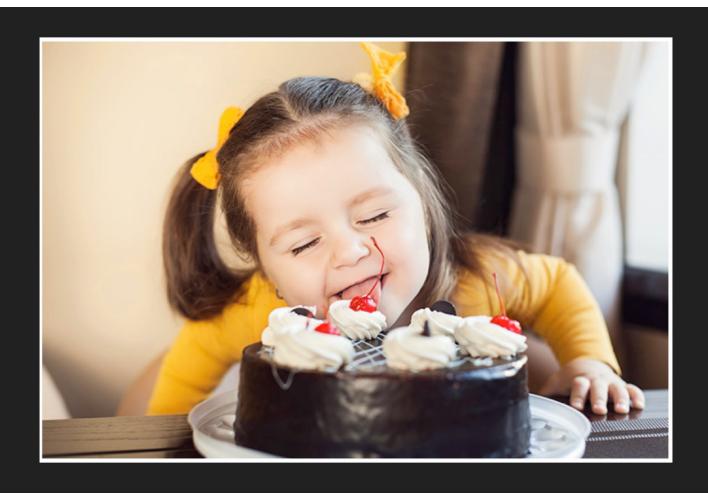
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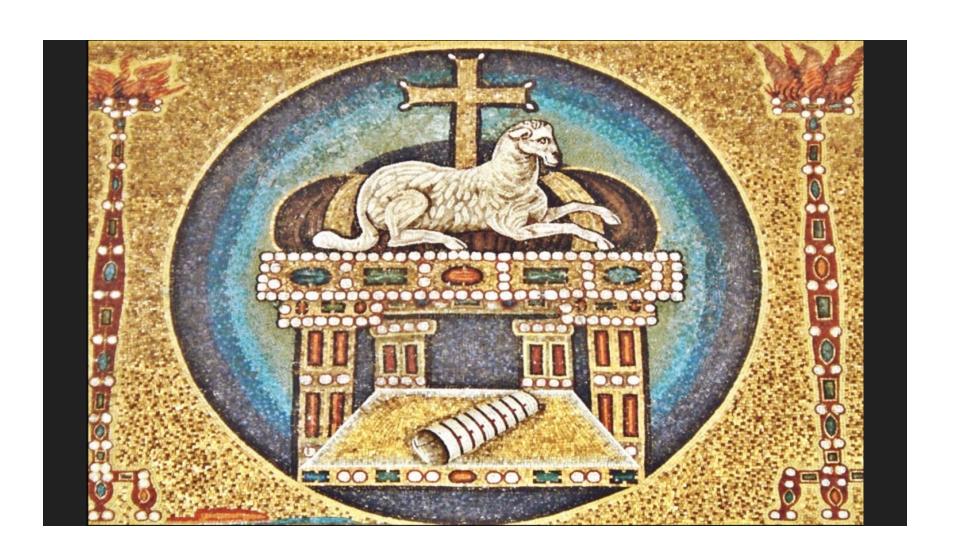
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| Built up into a spiritual house | Arranged by an architect into a spiritual dwelling |

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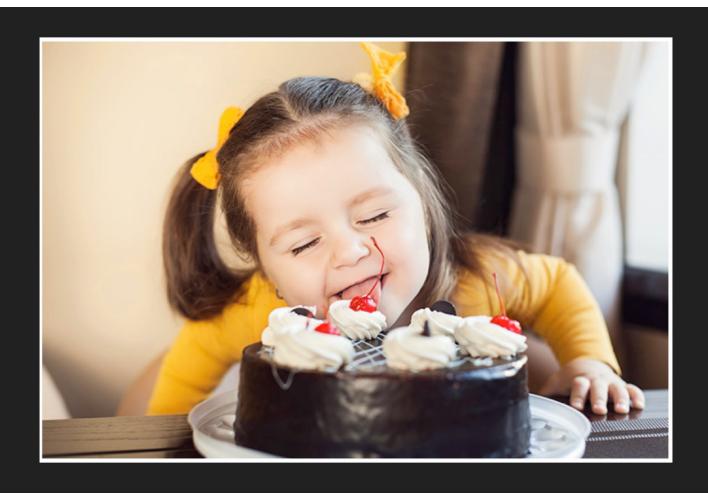


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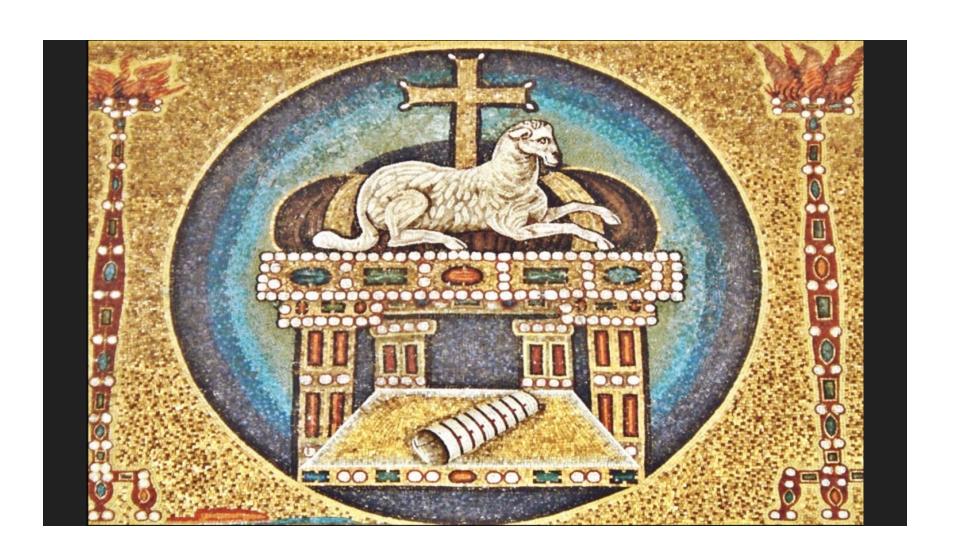




















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- People are now <u>temples</u>.
- Followers of Christ are now <u>priests</u>.
- Our sacrifices are <u>spiritual</u>, not physical.

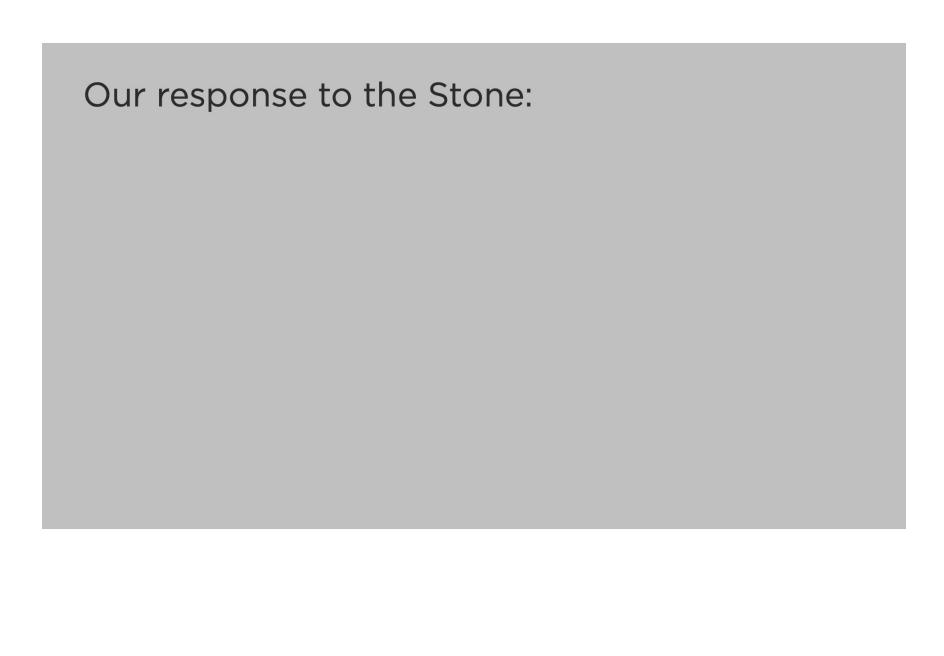
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2. Stand on (not stumble over) the Stone.

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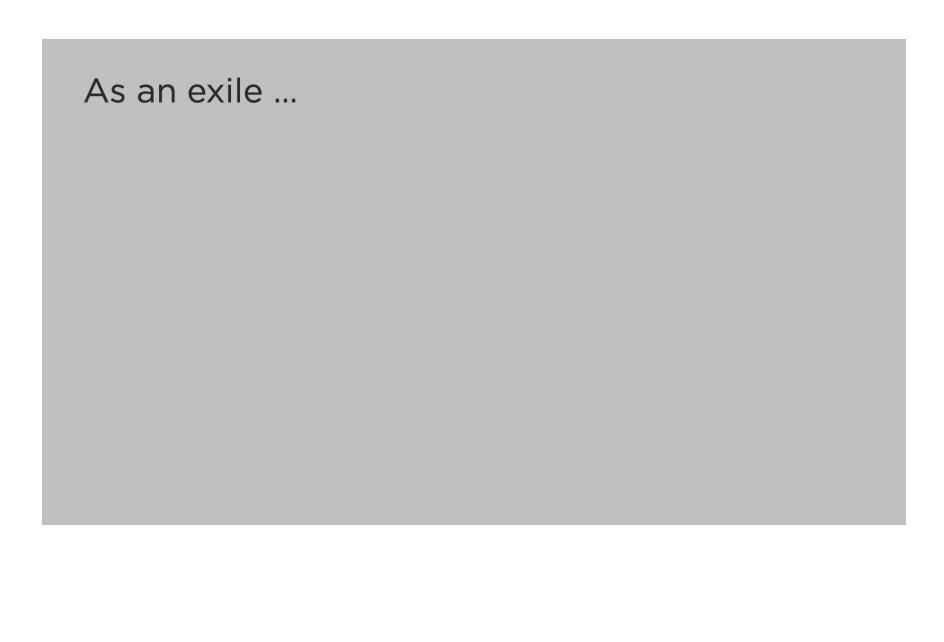
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Our response to the Stone:

- God's sight = chosen and precious or
- Men's sight = <u>rejected</u>

"By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth whom you crucified.... This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone."

Acts 4:10-11



As an exile ...

1. focus on your **food**.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Hebrews 13:16

As an exile ...

- 1. focus on your food.
- 2. focus on your **foundation**.