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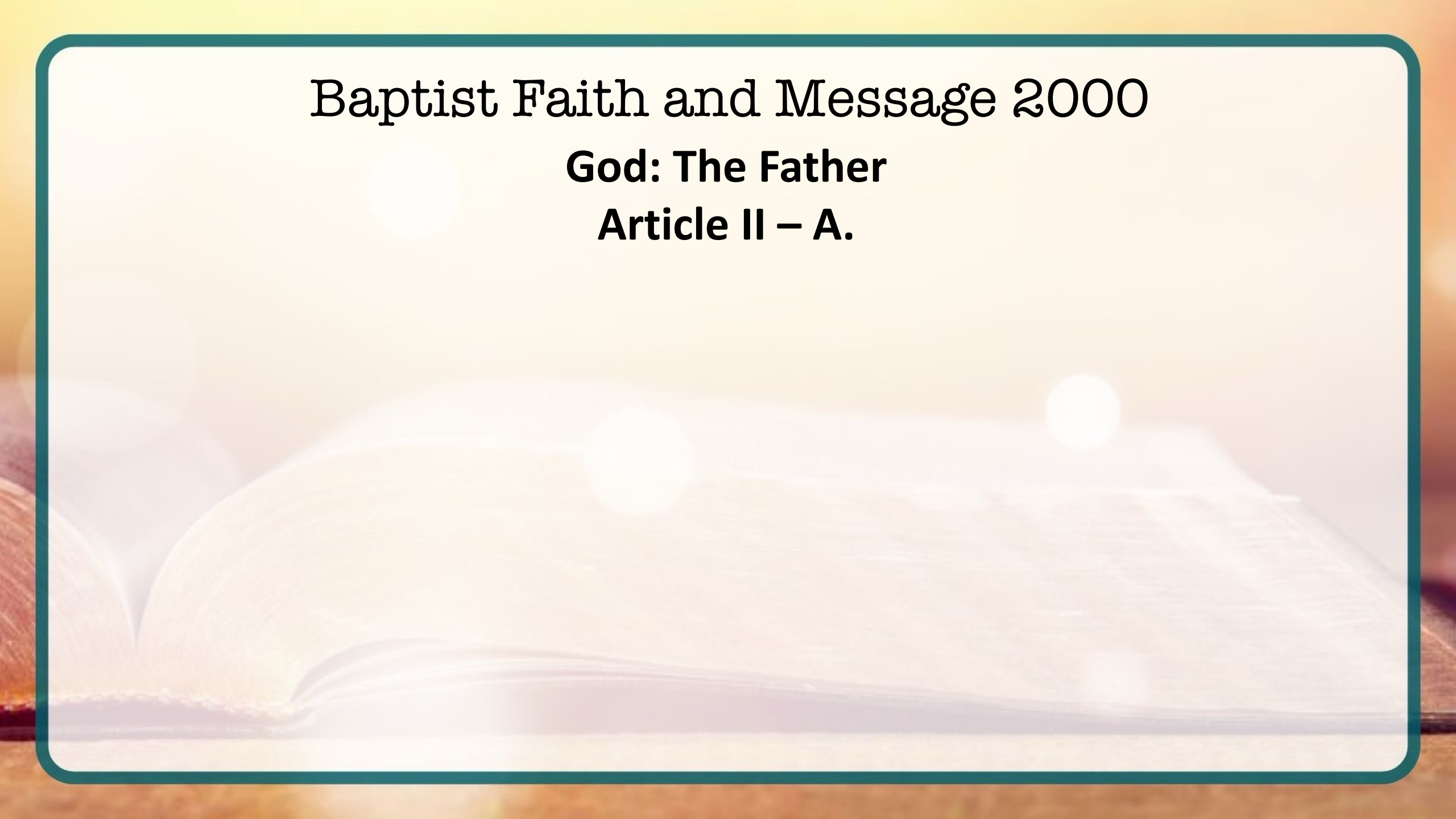
# WHAT WE BELIEVE

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# Baptist Faith and Message 2000

## **God: The Father**

### **Article II – A.**



Article 2 A: God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

## Key Texts

**Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”**



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Deuteronomy 32:6: “Do you thus deal with the Lord, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father, who bought you? Has He not made you and established you?”

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Isaiah 64:8: “But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand.”



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Matthew 6:9-10: “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”



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Romans 8:14-15: “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, Abba, Father.”

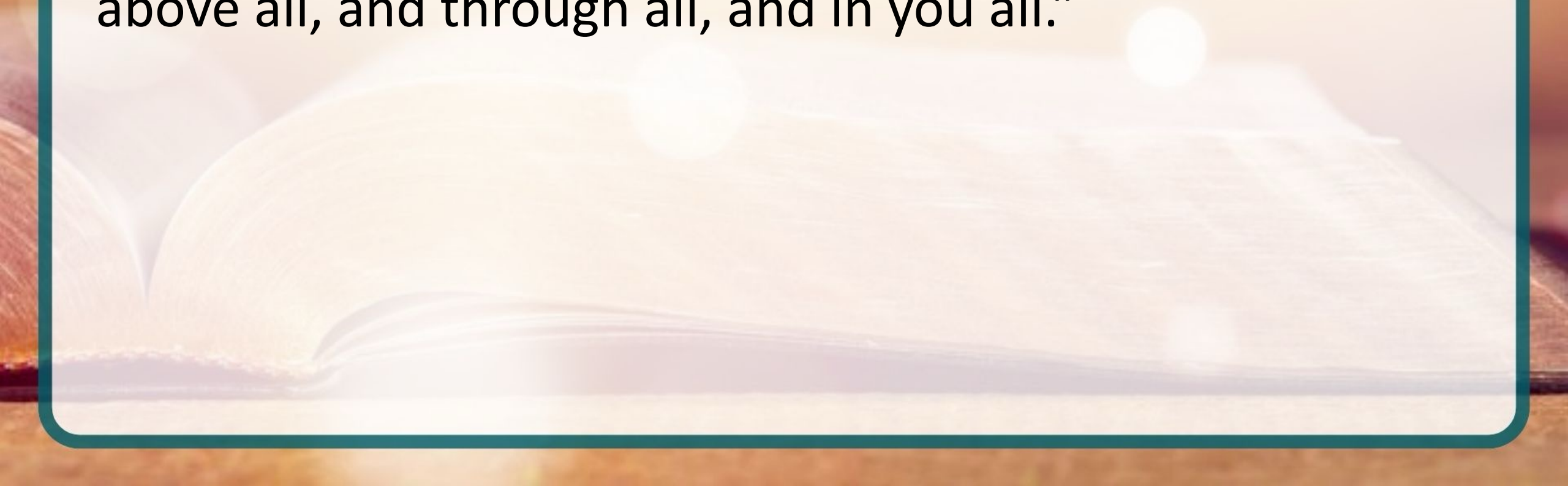


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# Major Theological Observations

God is Father. He is personal.

- He is not “mother” nor an “it.”



# Major Theological Observations

God is Lord of the Universe.

All things come under His authority.



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God is Lord of History. Time had a beginning, as did the universe. History has purpose and a *telos* or conclusion.



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God is omnipotent. = complete and unlimited power



# Major Theological Observations

God is omniscient. = having complete or unlimited knowledge



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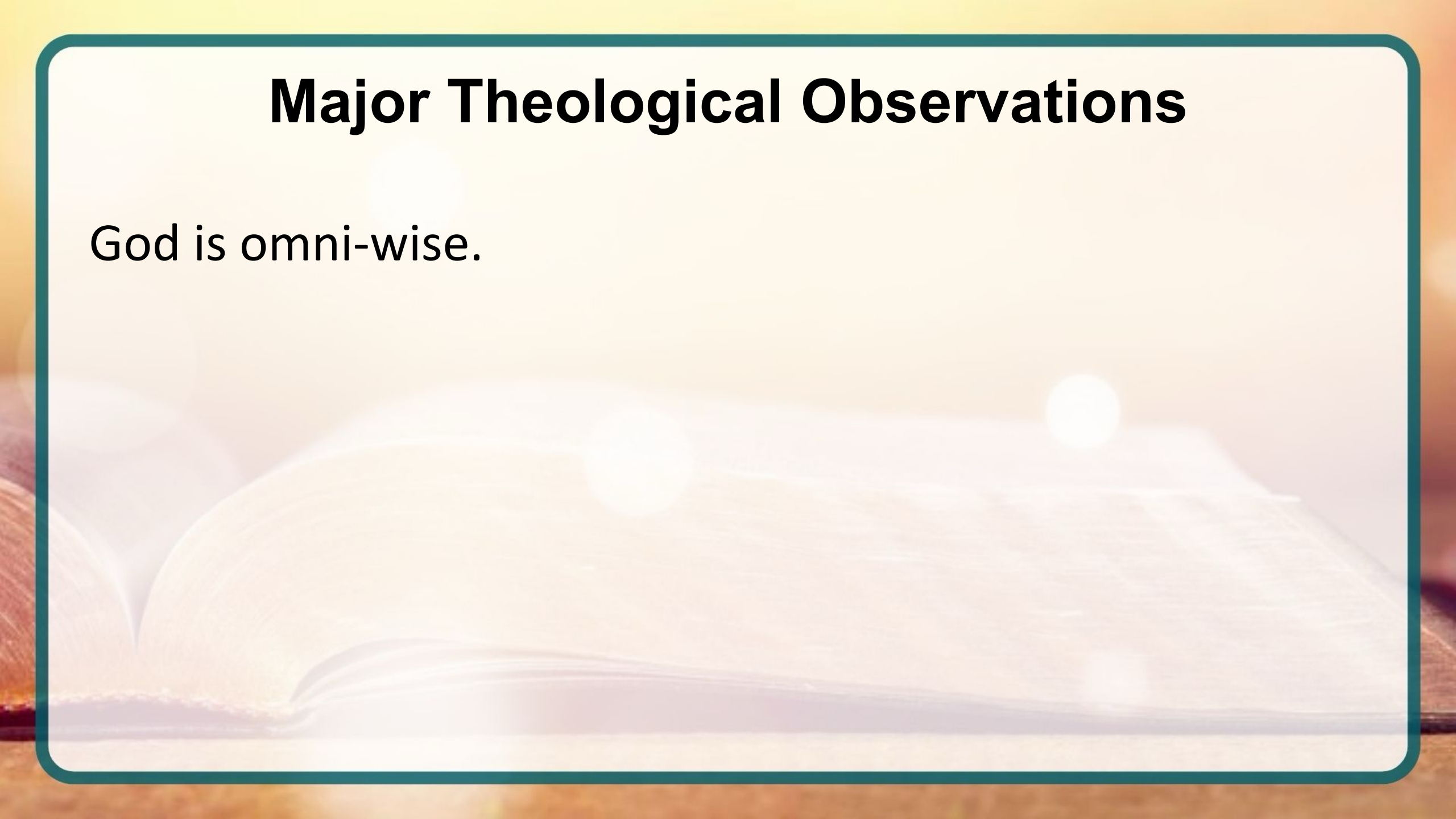
God is omni-benevolent or loving. = boundless compassion, love, and goodwill toward all beings





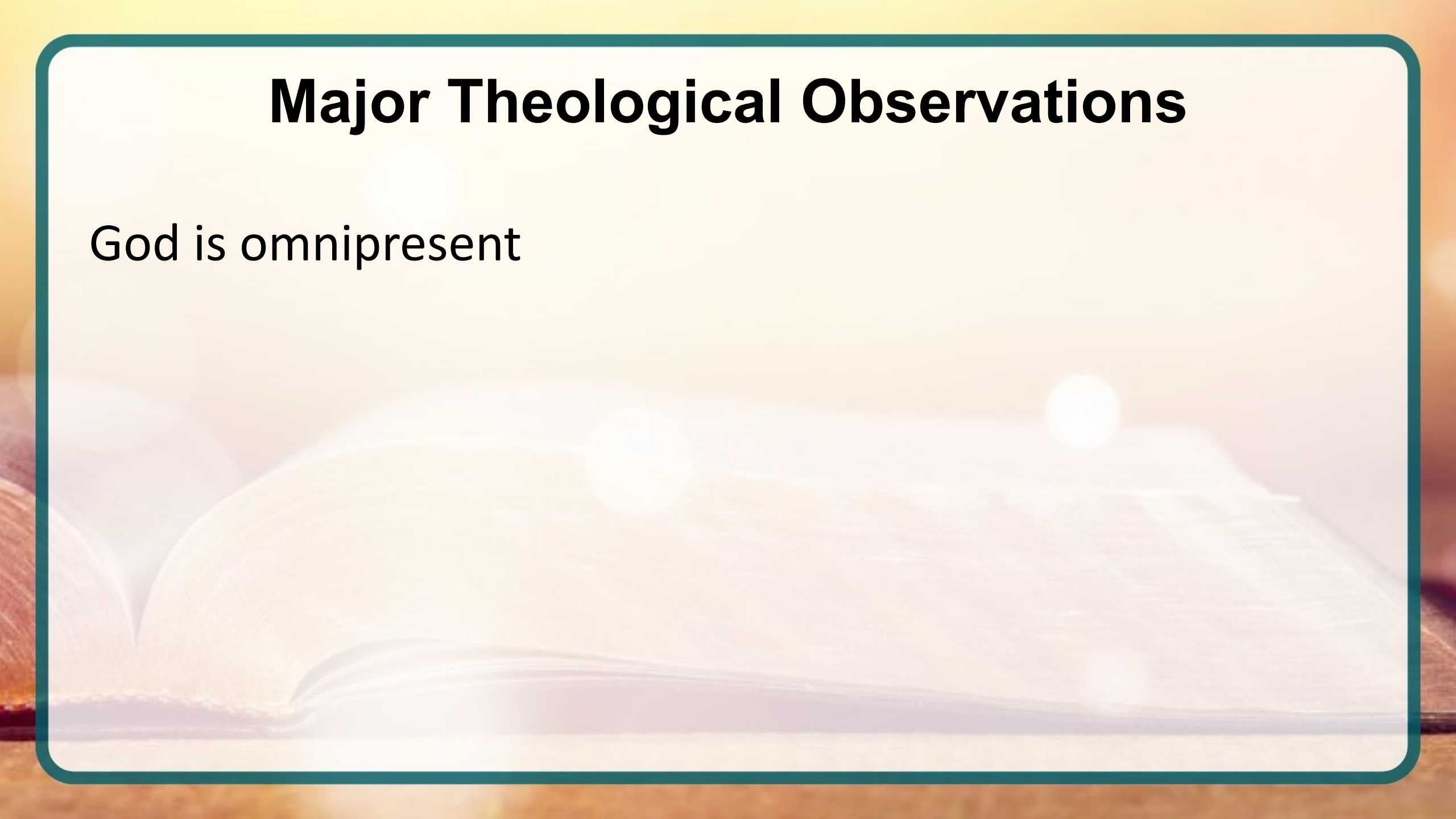
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God is omni-wise.



# Major Theological Observations

God is omnipresent



# Major Theological Observations

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