

PERSONIFICATIONS IN PROVERBS



THE SCOFFER





Proverbs is Wisdom Literature.

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**Solomon's dedication to
wisdom is evident in Proverbs.**

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PROVERBS 4:5-13

**“Acquire wisdom!
Acquire understanding!
...
Take hold of instruction;
do not let go.”**

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PROVERBS 16:16

**“How much better it is to
get wisdom than gold!**

**And to get understanding is
to be chosen above silver.”**

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PROVERBS 23:23

**“Buy truth, and do not sell [it],
[Get] wisdom and instruction
and understanding.”**

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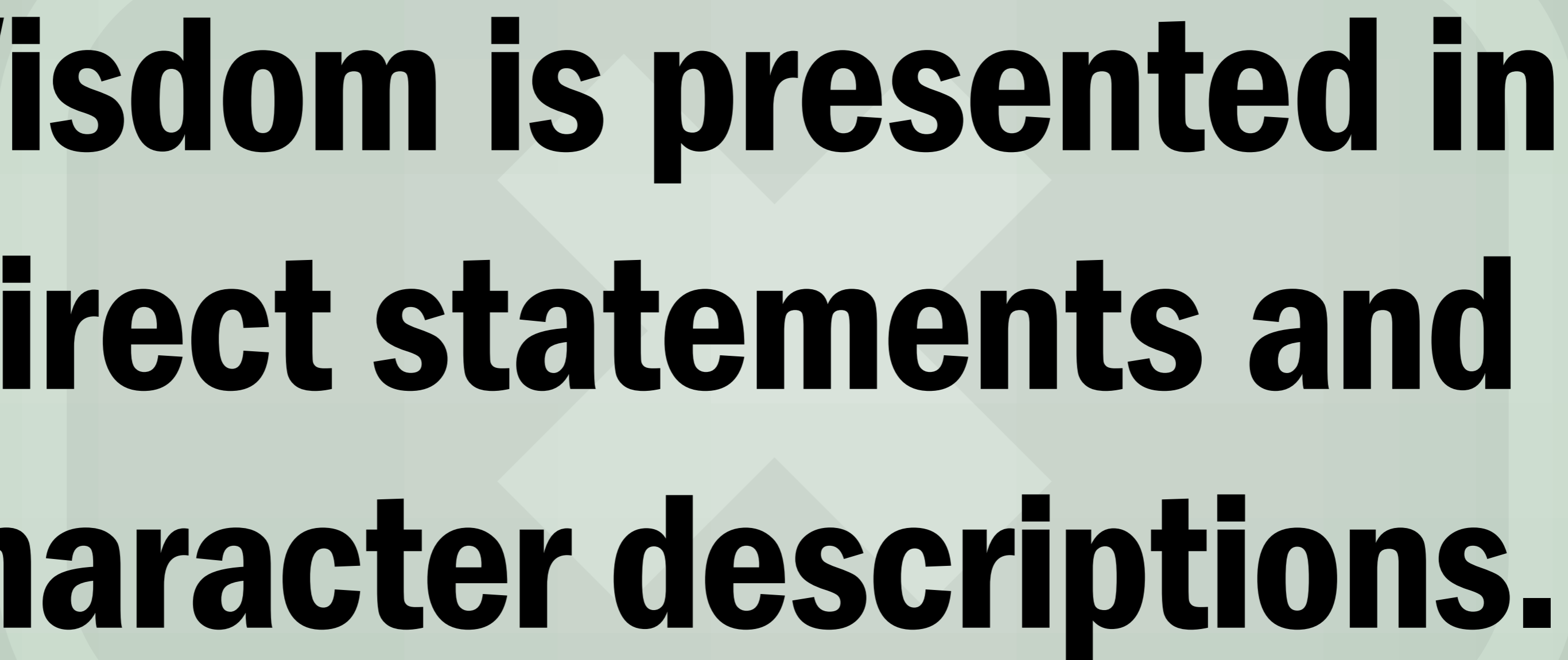


**The structure of Proverbs is
associated with wisdom.**

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**Hebrew poetry uses
thought rhymes
instead of *sound* rhymes.**

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**Wisdom is presented in
direct statements and
character descriptions.**

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Personifications in Proverbs:

Wisdom/Wise Person.

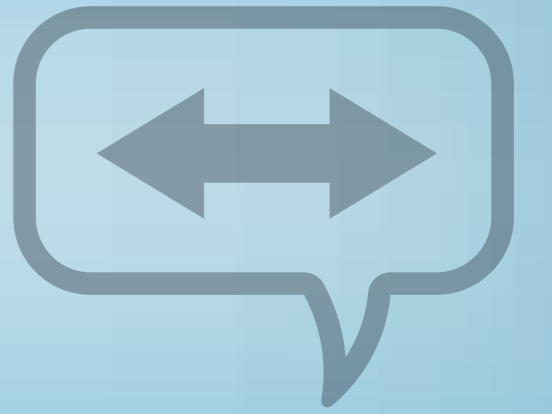
Folly/The Foolish Person.

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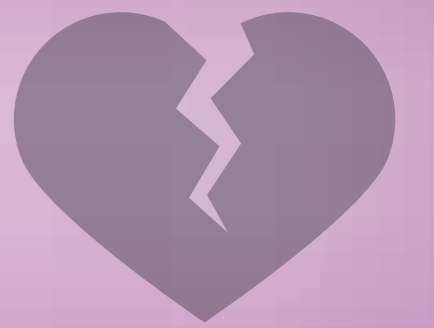
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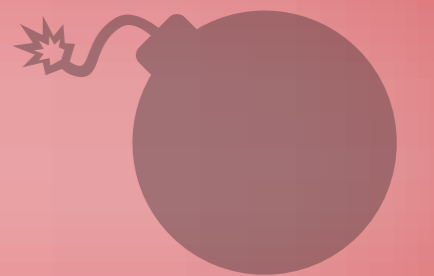
THE LIAR



THE IMMORAL WOMAN



THE VIOLENT AGGRESSOR



THE SLUGGARD



THE DISHONEST MERCHANT



PROVERBS 21:24



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“Proud,” “Haughty,” “Scoffer,” are his names,
Who acts with insolent pride. (NASB)

“Scoffer” is the name of the arrogant, haughty man
who acts with arrogant pride. (ESV)

A bold and self-willed and insolent man is called a **pest**
And he that remembers injuries is a transgressor. (LXX)

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UNDERSTANDING THE ALIAS OF THE SCOFFER.

“Scoffer” (Heb. *luwts* - H3887)

Originally: Interpreter or Ambassador.

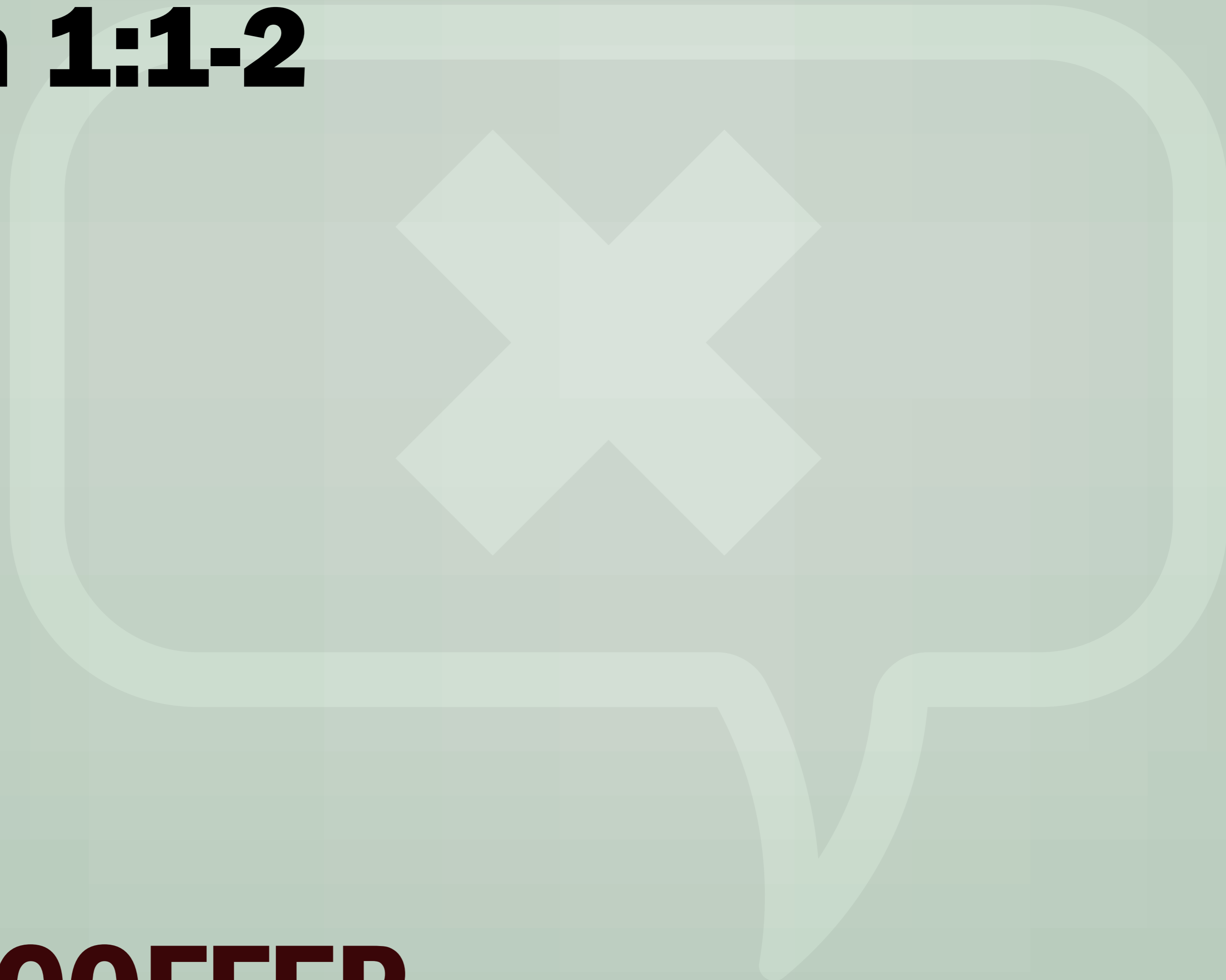
Verb: To Scorn or Talk Arrogantly.

Noun: To be a Braggart or Mocker.

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Psalm 1:1-2



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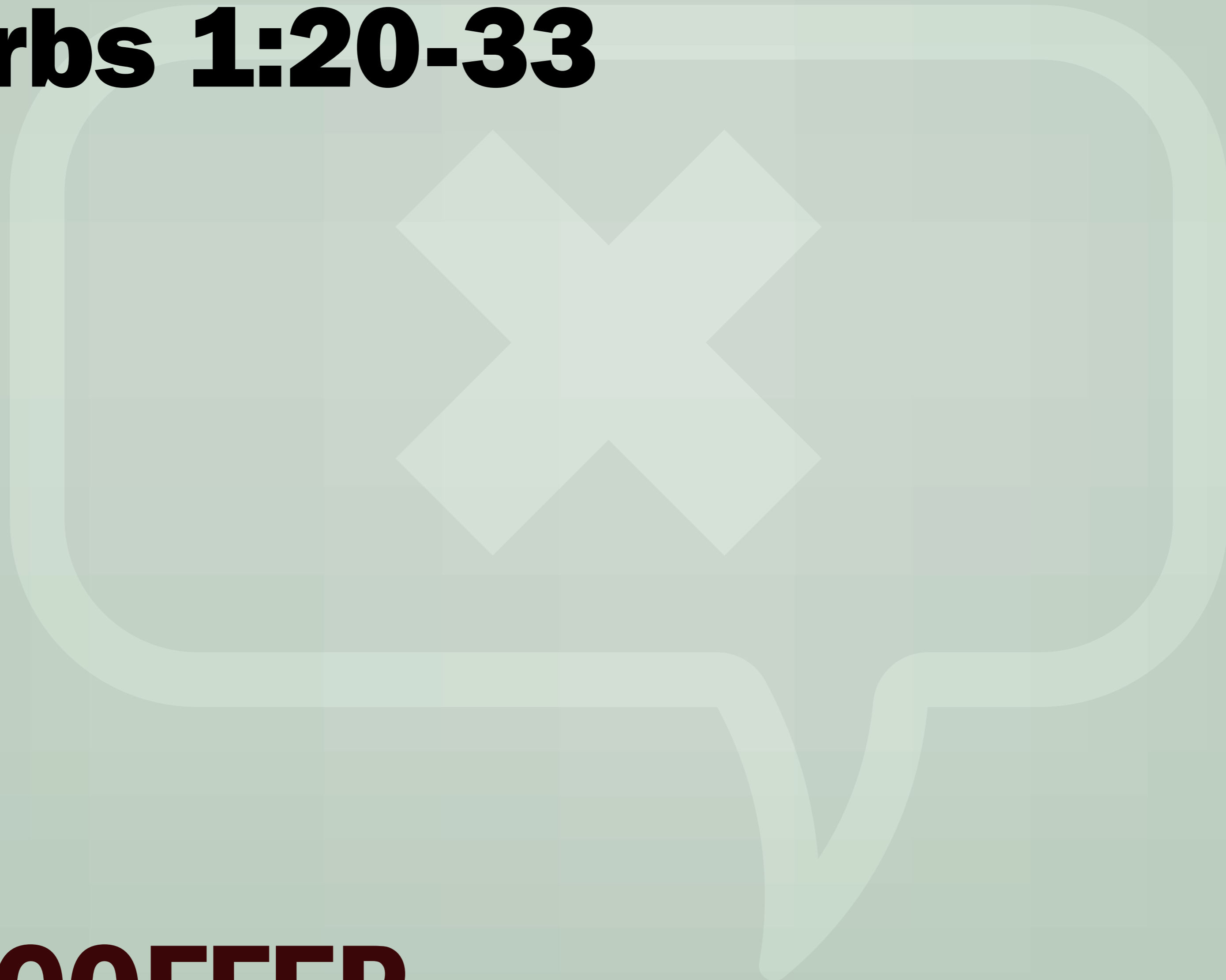
Psalm 1:1-2

**The Scoffer is associated
with wicked sinners through
rejection of God's Law.**

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Proverbs 1:20-33



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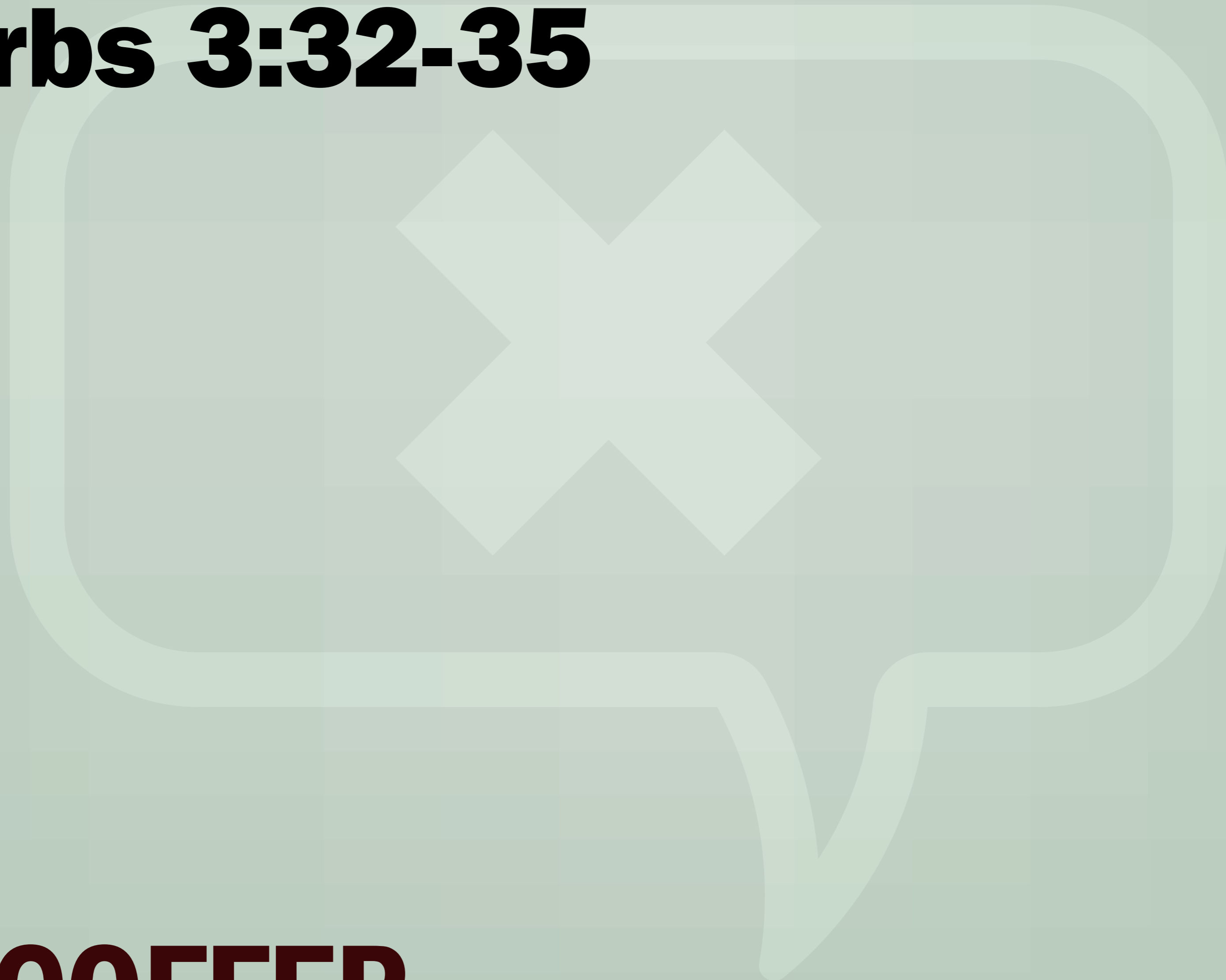
Proverbs 1:20-33

**The Scoffer arrogantly rejects
the benefits and warning that
wisdom freely provides.**

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Proverbs 3:32-35



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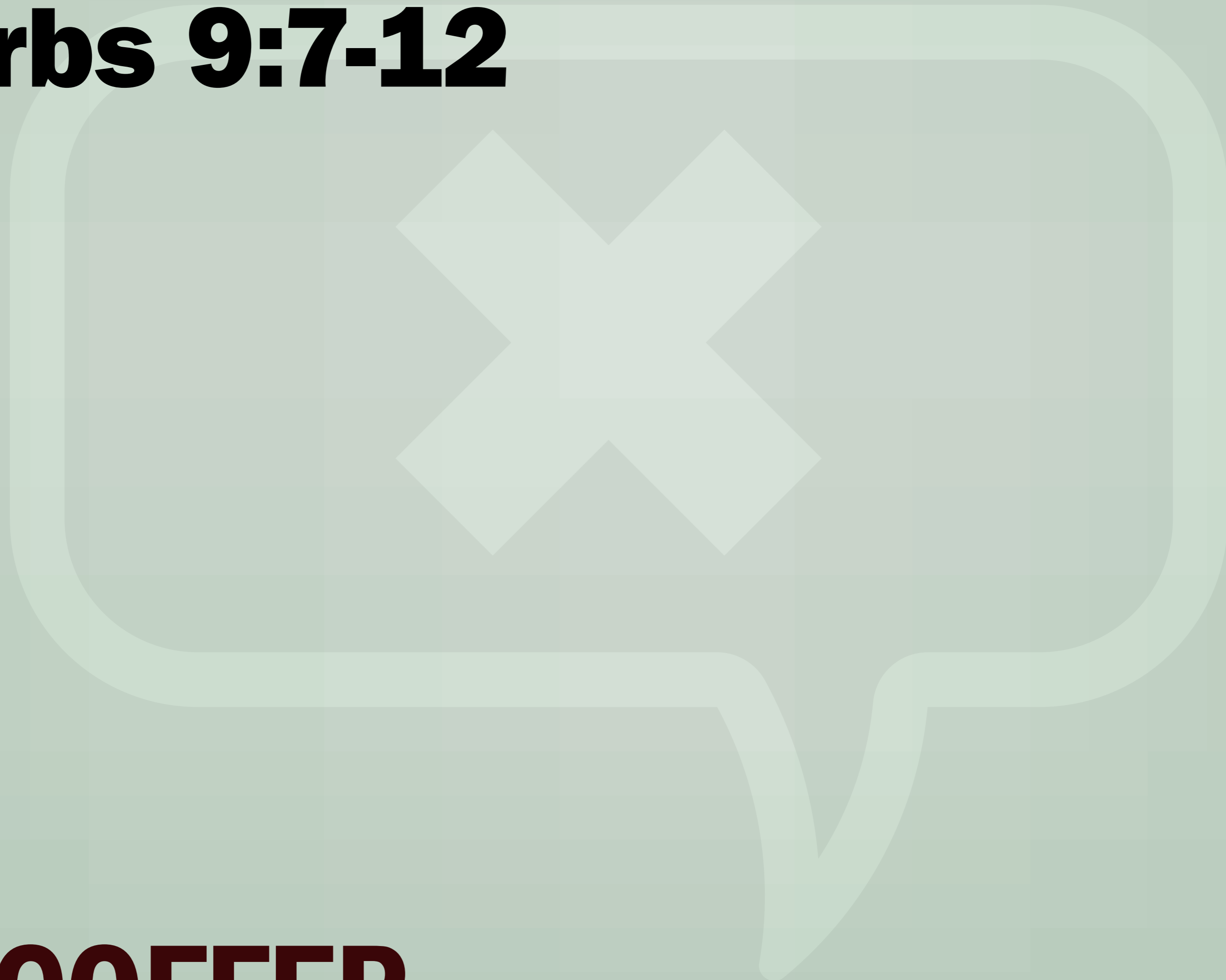
Proverbs 3:32-35

**The Scoffer rejects God's wisdom
and instruction, along with His
presence and blessings.**

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IDENTIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE SCOFFER.

Proverbs 9:7-12



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Scoffing not only harms us, it also prevents others from helping us improve our situation.

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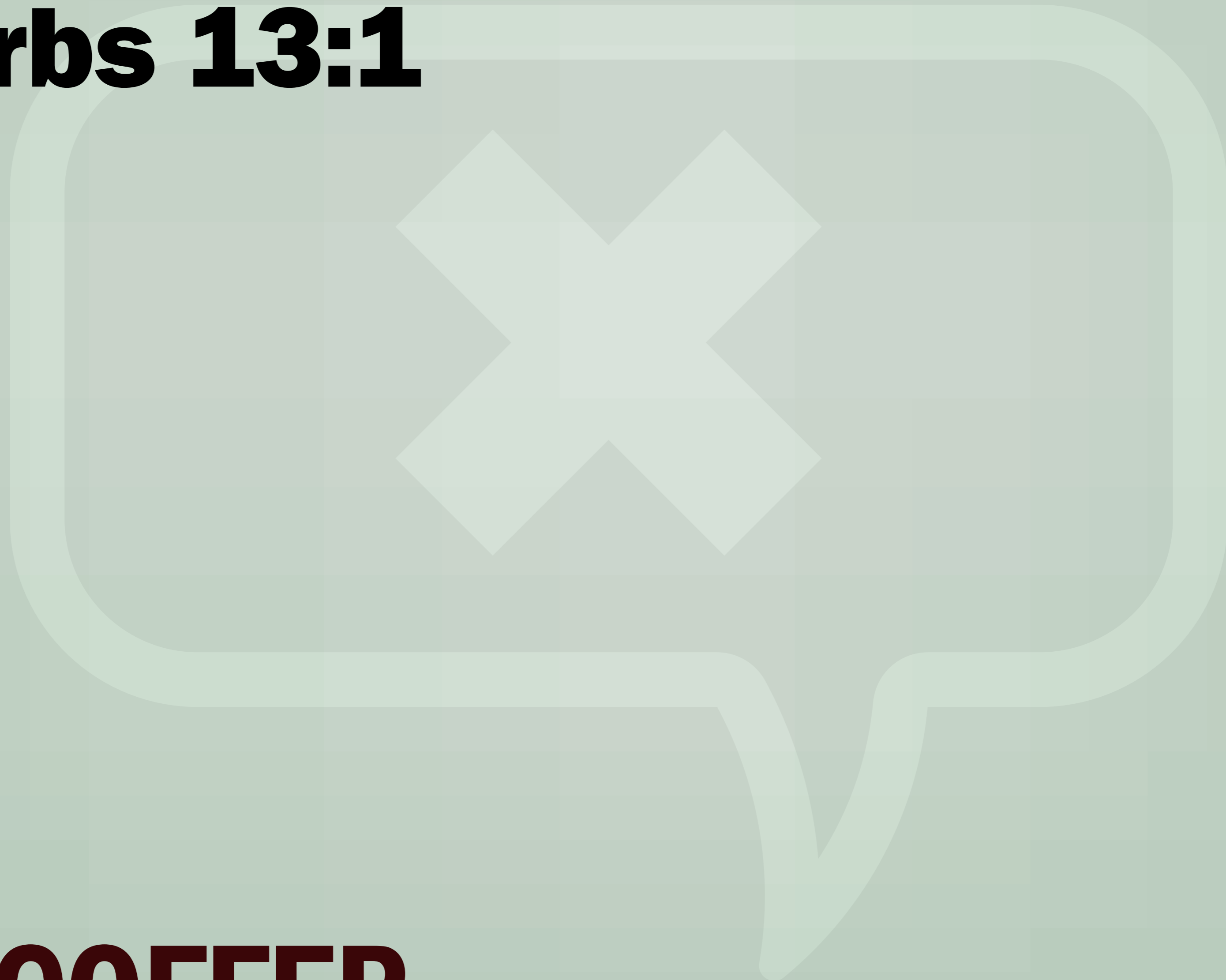
Proverbs 15:12

**“A scoffer does not love
one who reproves him;
He will not go to the wise.”**

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Proverbs 13:1



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**Scoffing blinds us to the
benefits of experience, refusing
both correction and guidance.**

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Proverbs 14:6

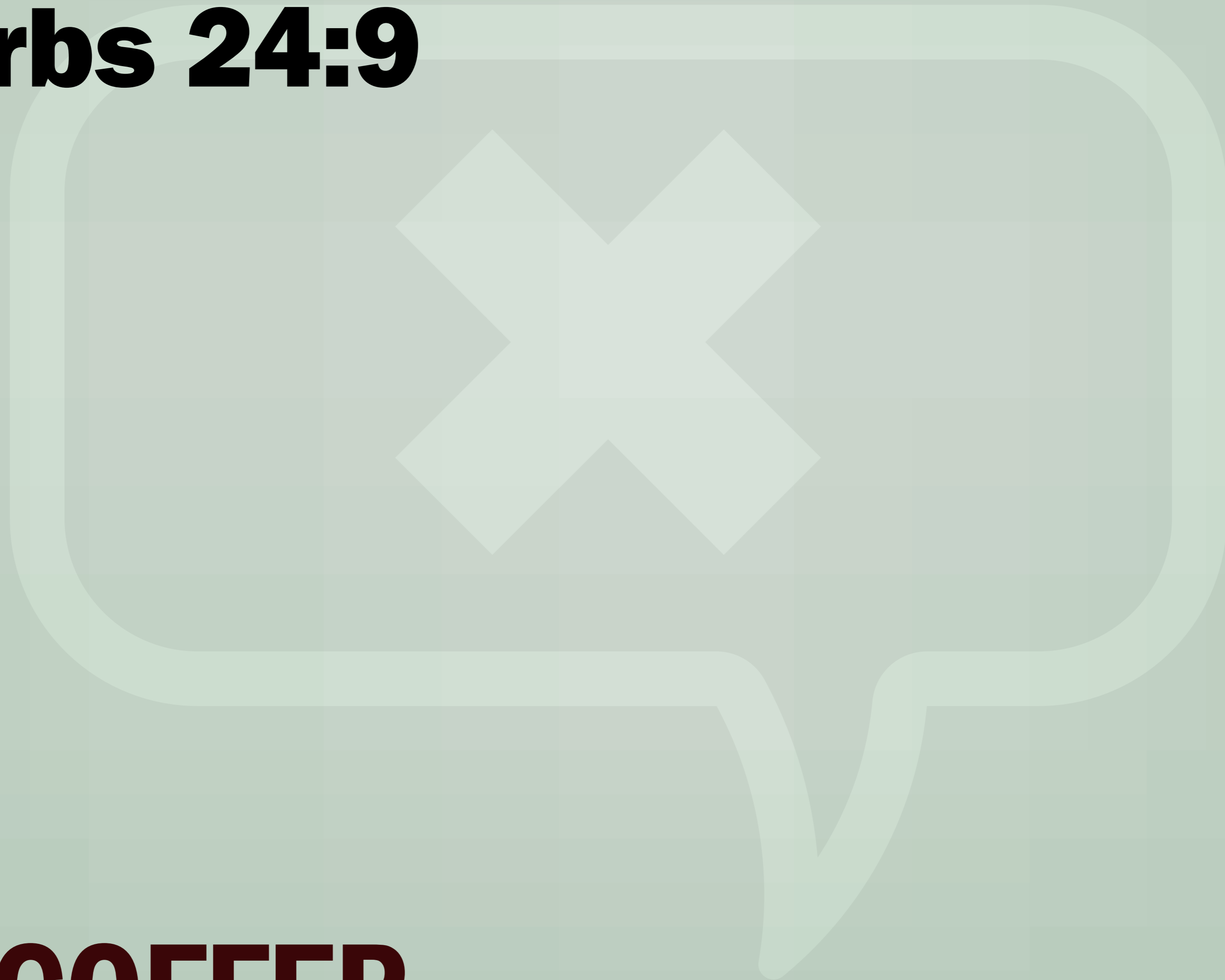
**“A scoffer seeks wisdom
and finds none.**

**But knowledge is easy to one
who has understanding.”**

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Proverbs 24:9



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Scoffing is a dedication to failure and calamity by refusing even the most helpful advice.

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Proverbs 22:10

**“Drive out the scoffer,
and contention will go out.
Even strife and
dishonor will cease.”**

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ADDRESSING THE ATTITUDE OF THE SCOFFER.

Proverbs 19:25, 29

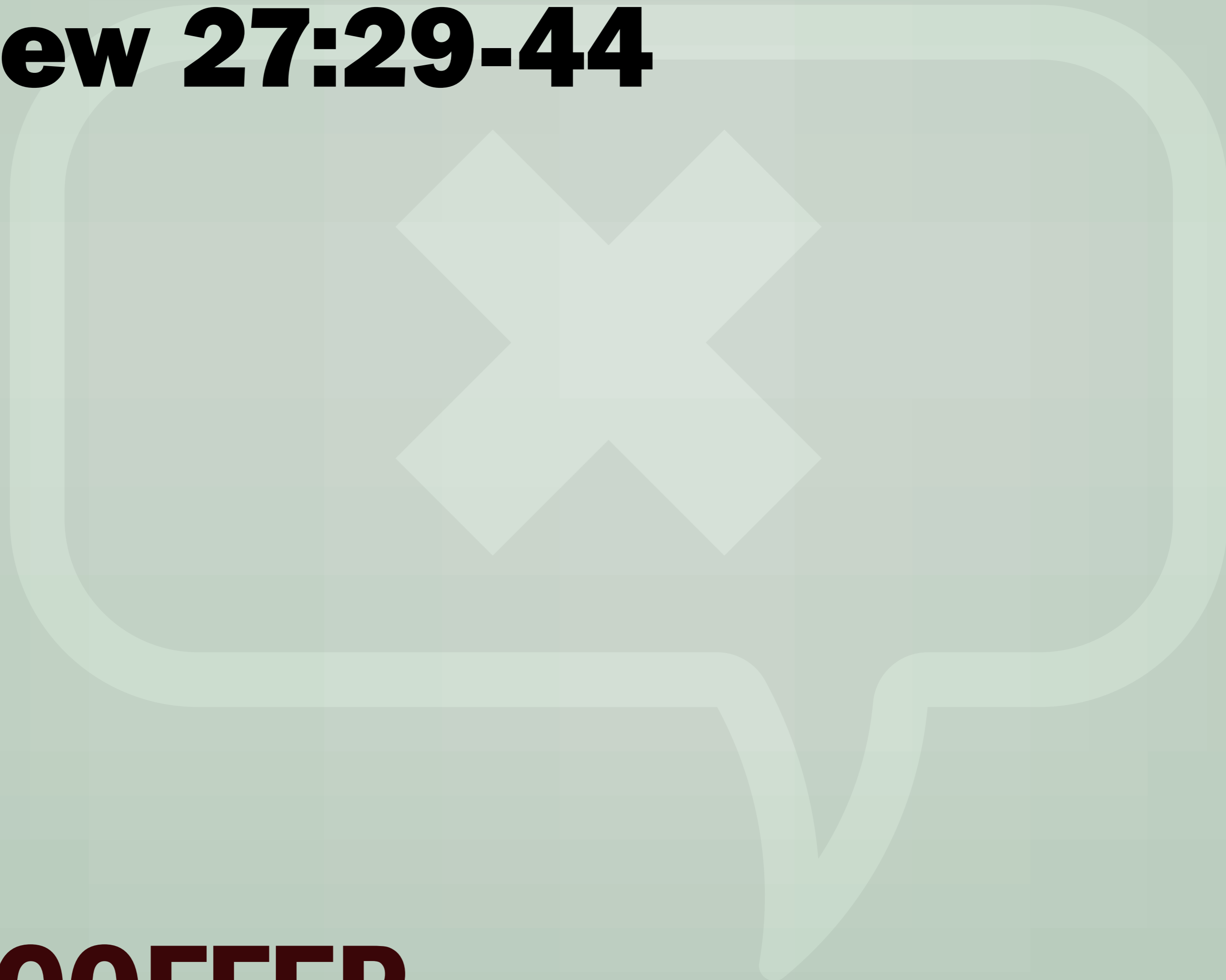
**“Strike a scoffer and the naive
may become shrewd...”**

**“Judgments are prepared for scoffers;
And blows for the back of fools.”**

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Matthew 27:29-44



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**Jesus died so that scoffers could
one day repent and come to a
knowledge of the truth.**

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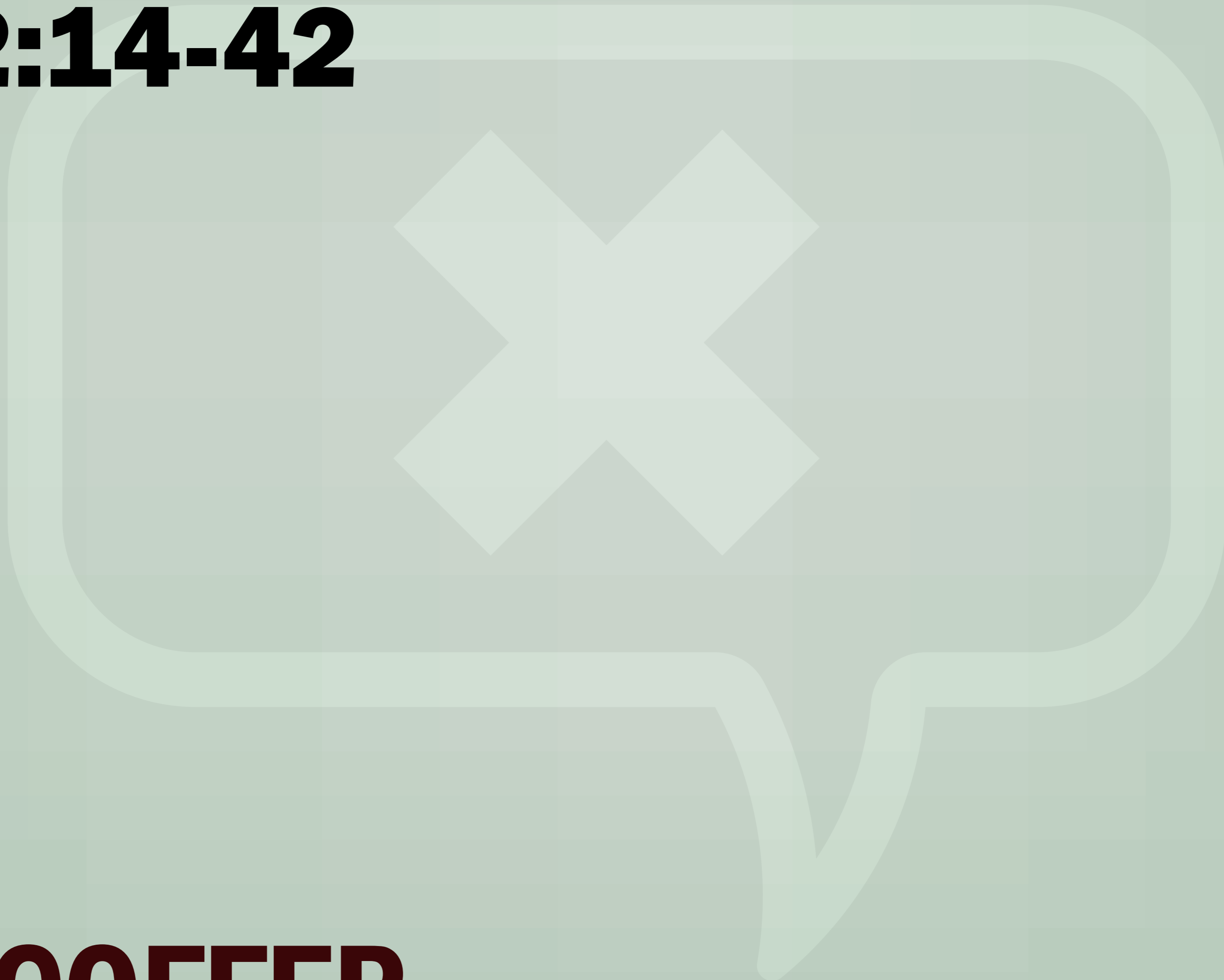
Luke 23:34

“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

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Acts 2:14-42



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Peter spoke the truth to scoffers, and brought them to a knowledge of God's will.

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II Peter 3:3-15



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**Teaching scoffers involves
speaking the truth and
behaving as a godly example.**

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James 4:6; I Peter 5:5

**“God is opposed to the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.”**

- Proverbs 3:34

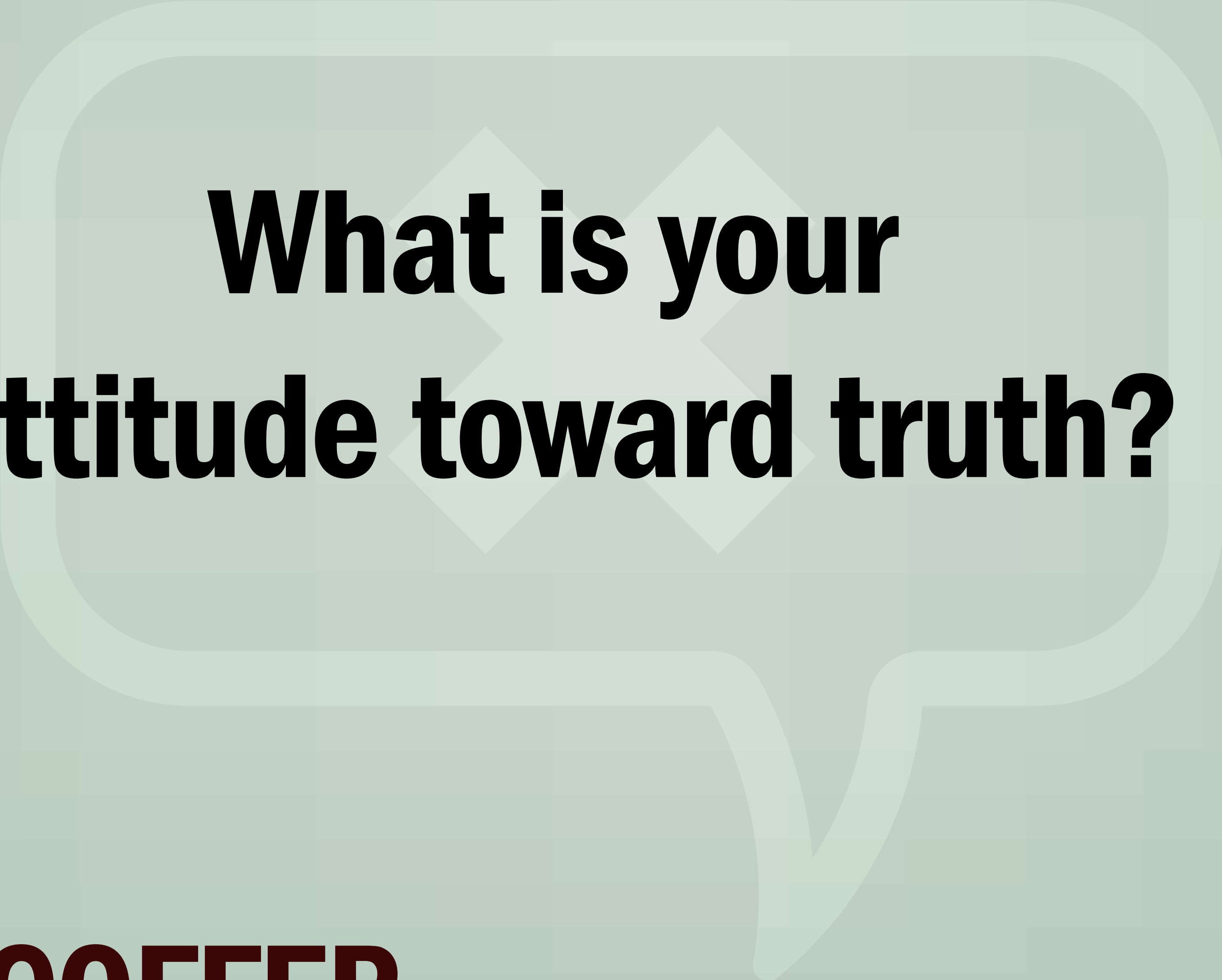
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**Pride is the source of
scoffing and rejection of
God's eventual blessings.**

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**What is your
attitude toward truth?**

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