A hand holding a quill pen is the central focus, set against a background of parchment with faint, illegible cursive text. The title 'PAUL'S LETTER TO THE Romans' is overlaid on the image. 'PAUL'S LETTER TO THE' is in a simple, white, sans-serif font, while 'Romans' is in a large, elegant, white cursive script. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of brown, tan, and cream.

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE  
*Romans*



# Righteousness or wrath?

- 2 great revelations

- Not really a choice we need time for!

- Man's descent into foolishness...

- Jew had failed their Law and conscience!

- Circumcision : heart, inward, Spirit

- Praise from GOD!



# Romans Ch 3

- Everyone is under sin?

- What advantage to being a Jew?

- Judgement? They did not think so...

- Nominal or minimal Christians...??

- Creed, baptism, membership, gifts

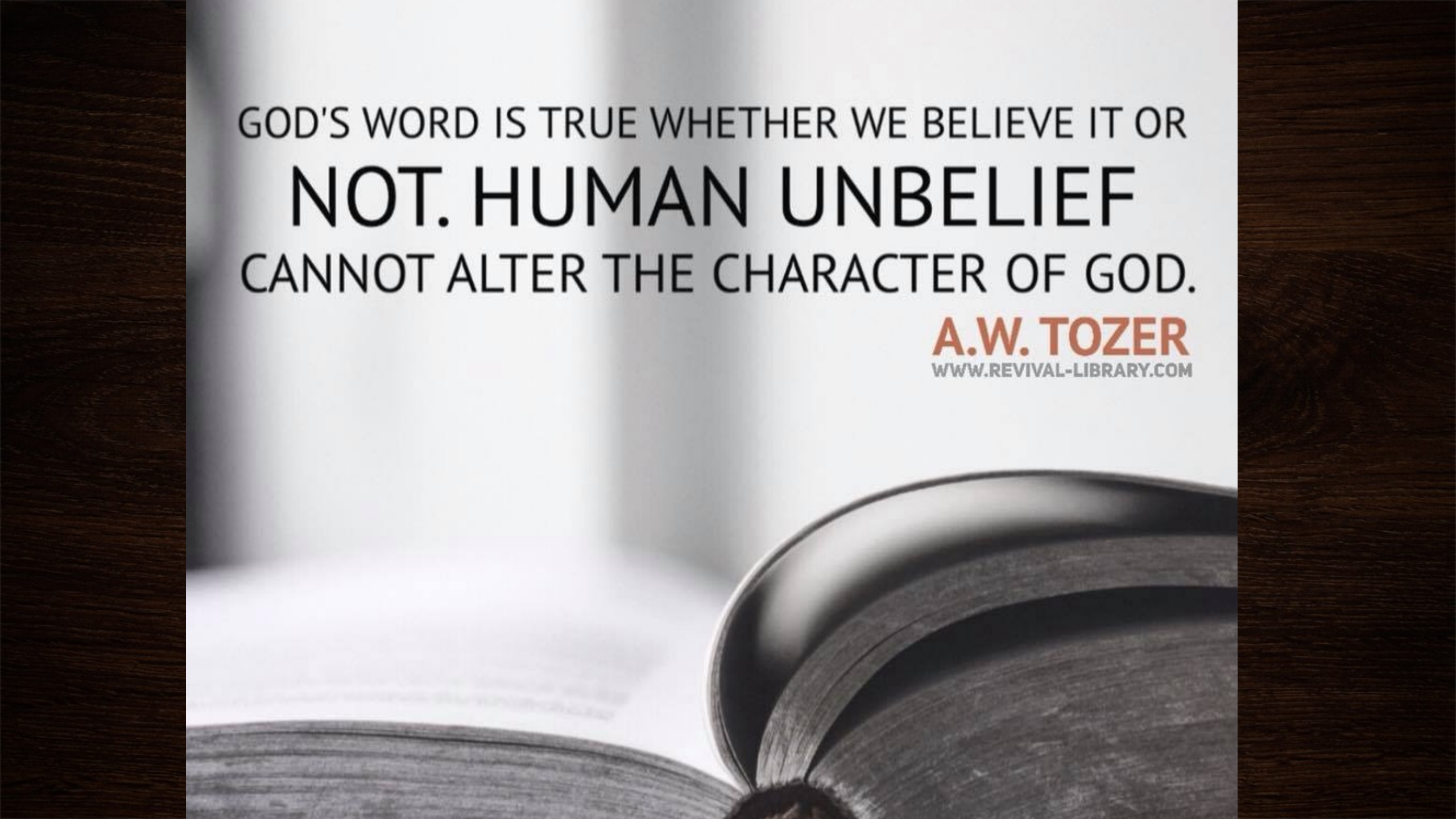
- ...not enough!



# To be a Jew...

- Oracles of God! *logion* - utterance
  - God **SPOKE** with them
  - Care, provision, protection, promises
  - Prophets, priests, patriarchs, people!
  - Unbelief will lose but not make void!
  - God is faithful, apart from our acts...



An open book is shown from a low angle, with the pages curving upwards. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

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# If we fail... is it God's fault?

- Our sin shows WHO is holy (5)
  - If He looks good, why punish us?
  - God does not "will" man's sin, no glory!
  - If so, God could not judge us... (6)
  - Vs. 7,8 - let's sin so God can forgive us?
  - NEVER! Remember the cost?



# Condemnation vs. 9-20

- Jews, Gentiles, pagans = sinners!
  - No shelter from the sin... Scripture says:
    - Ps 14
    - Together we are useless to one another!
    - Note ~ throat, tongues, lips...
    - Feet, path ~ no peace, destruction, misery
    - no fear of God



# And the Law?

- Speaks so we may know our status:
  - Accountable to God!
  - No flesh made just by Law...
  - Knowledge of sin...
  - There is no help in Law...
  - Law shows us we need GOD...
  - “Blessed are the poor in spirit...”



# Manifested God - 21ff

- From 1:17 – revelation of righteousness
  - But now...that we understand us...
  - ..HIS righteousness, revealed!!!
  - Our state of reconciliation and standing
  - We stand in HIM, not Law, code, rules...
  - ‘who believe’ – present active