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Luke 2:34-35

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,

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and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”


Luke 2:34-35

A close-up, slightly angled photograph of a white sign with black lettering. The word "BEGIN" is visible in large, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The sign is set against a background of trees and a clear sky.

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Matt. 4:17

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

A close-up, slightly angled photograph of a white sign with black lettering. The word "WAY" is visible in large, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The sign is set against a background of trees and a clear sky.



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Repent (*metanoia*) = to turn around



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Luke 2:35

**And a sword will pierce your
own soul too.**

A black and white close-up photograph of a metal grate, likely from a trash can or a drainage system. The grate is composed of parallel metal bars, and there is a significant amount of debris, including small pieces of trash and organic matter, caught in the spaces between the bars. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, emphasizing the texture of the metal and the chaotic nature of the waste.

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Hebrews 4:11-13

Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

A black and white close-up photograph of metal grates, likely from a train or industrial machinery. The grates are made of parallel metal bars with a textured surface. The lighting creates strong shadows and highlights, emphasizing the texture and structure of the metal.

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For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, *it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow;*



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it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.



A black and white photograph showing a close-up, high-angle view of several metal grates. The grates are made of parallel metal bars and are arranged in a grid pattern. The lighting creates strong shadows and highlights, emphasizing the texture and structure of the metal. The background is dark, making the metallic surfaces stand out.

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**Everything is uncovered and laid bare
before the eyes of him to whom we
must give account.**

Hebrews 4:11-13