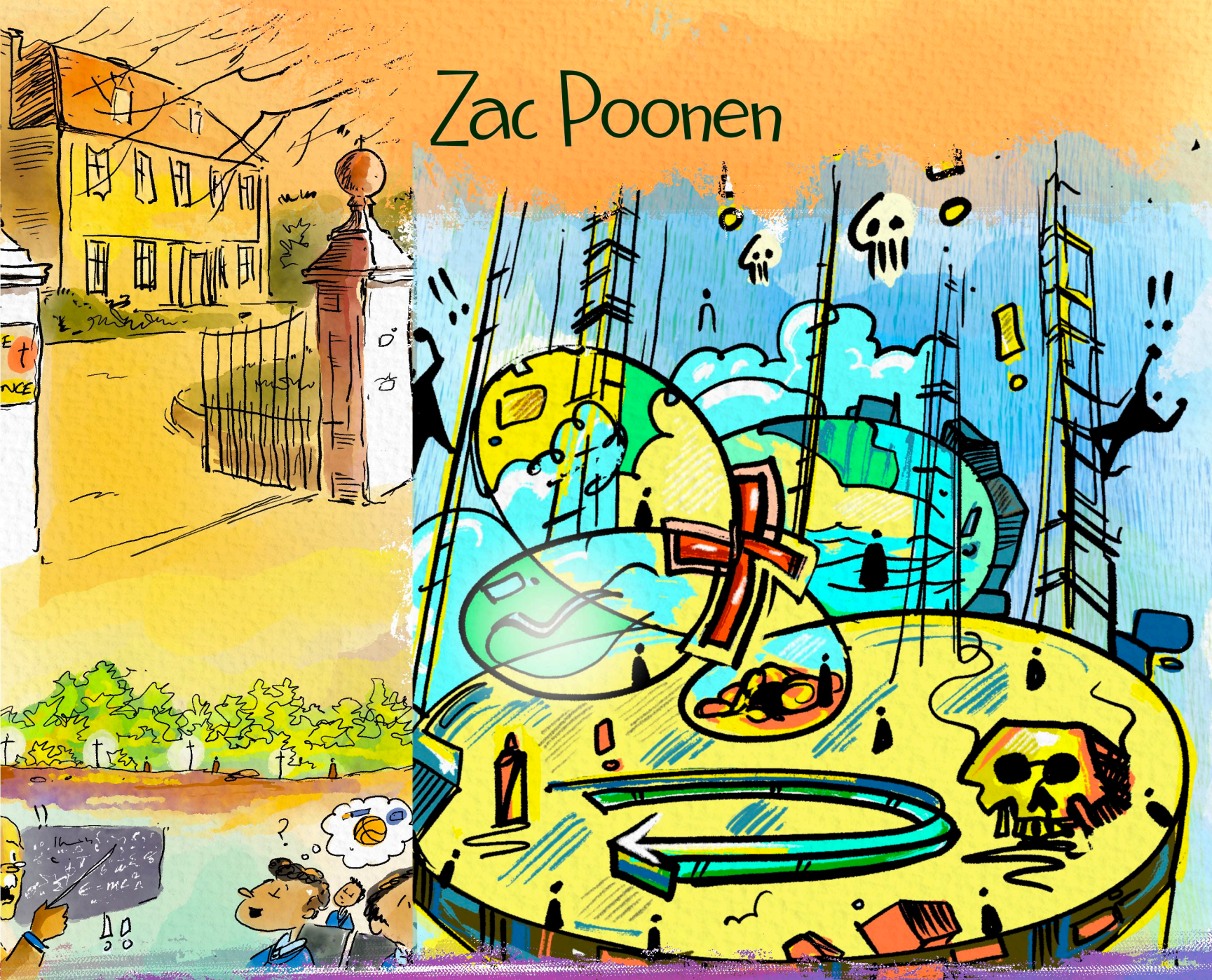


Through the Bible

HEBREWS-II

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IN 4:14--16, WE READ ABOUT JESUS HAVING PASSED THROUGH THE HEAVENS. THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT THERE ARE **THREE HEAVENS**.

THE **THIRD HEAVEN** IS WHERE **PARADISE** NOW IS, AND PAUL WAS TAKEN THERE ONCE (2 CORINTHIANS 12:2--4).

WHEN WE DIE WE GO TO THE **THIRD HEAVEN**. WHEN JESUS **ASCENDED** AFTER HIS **RESURRECTION**

IN BETWEEN THE FIRST AND THIRD HEAVEN IS THE **SECOND HEAVEN** (OR **HEAVENLIES**), WHERE **SATAN** HAS HIS HEADQUARTERS. WHEN **SATAN** WAS THROWN OUT OF HEAVEN (ISAIAH 14:12), HE WAS NOT THROWN DOWN TO HELL, BUT TO THE **SECOND HEAVEN**.

THE FIRST HEAVEN IS **SPACE**, PART OF WHICH WE CAN SEE -- THE SUN, MOON AND STARS, ETC. (PSALM 8:3).

IN 4:15, WE ARE TOLD THAT JESUS, AS OUR **HIGH PRIEST** CAN **SYMPATHISE** WITH OUR **WEAKNESSES**.

JESUS HAS FACED THE **PRESSURES** YOU FACE AND CAN WELL UNDERSTAND YOUR **PLIGHT**. AND HE WILL ALSO HELP YOU THROUGH HIS **SPIRIT** TO BE AN **OVERCOMER** AS HE HIMSELF OVERCAME (REVELATION 3:21).

IN 4:15, WE READ THAT JESUS "WAS TEMPTED IN ALL POINTS EXACTLY AS WE ARE." THAT IS WHY HE CAN **SYMPATHISE** WITH US.

WHEN SATAN TEMPTED HIM JESUS FELT THE **PULL** OF **TEMPTATION**, BUT HE SAID, "NO." IF HE DIDN'T FEEL THAT **PULL**, IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A **TEMPTATION**. **TEMPTATION** IS LIKE A **TUG-OF-WAR**.



WHEN JESUS WALKED ON THE WATER, HE OVERCAME THE LAW OF **GRAVITY**. WHEN HE TOLD PETER THAT HE COULD **ALSO** WALK ON THE WATER, HE WAS ACTUALLY TELLING HIM THAT HE COULD DO THE SAME AS JESUS DID, IF HE **TRUSTED** HIM. WHAT OUR **FATHER** DID FOR **JESUS**, HE WILL DO FOR **US** TOO, IF WE **TRUST** HIM.

THEREFORE, WE CAN ALSO GO TO THE **THRONE OF GRACE** AS HE WENT IN **HIS EARTHLY DAYS** AND **RECEIVE** THE SAME GRACE THAT CAN **ENABLE** US ALSO TO **OVERCOME SIN**.(4:16)

4:16 SPEAKS OF **MERCY** AND **GRACE**.

SUPPOSE YOU WERE CLIMBING A **MOUNTAIN** AND YOU SLIPPED AND WERE **HANGING** ON A **CLIFF** BY YOUR FINGERS. YOU **CAN'T** HOLD ON AND YOU **FALL** AND BREAK YOUR BONES. THEN YOU **CRY** FOR HELP. THEN THE **AMBULANCE** COMES AND PICKS YOU UP, TAKES YOU TO THE **HOSPITAL**, FIXES YOUR BONES. THAT IS **MERCY**.



BUT IF YOU **CRY** FOR HELP **BEFORE** YOU **FALL**, AND SOMEONE **PULLS** YOU UP AND MAKES YOU **STAND** ON THE **ROCK**, THAT IS **GRACE**. YOUR **REAL TIME OF NEED** IS **BEFORE** YOU **FALL**.





IN 5:1, HE SPEAKS ABOUT JESUS AS OUR HIGH PRIEST. NO ONE IN ISRAEL COULD **DECIDE** TO BE A **HIGH PRIEST** UNLESS **GOD CALLED** HIM, AS HE CALLED **AARON** (5:4). IN THE SAME WAY, WE ARE TOLD THAT EVEN **JESUS** DID **NOT MAKE HIMSELF** OUR HIGH PRIEST.

HE WAITED **4000 YEARS** IN **HEAVEN** AND WHEN THE TIME CAME THAT THE **FATHER** HAD APPOINTED, HE **WAS TOLD** TO GO TO EARTH AND HE **WENT** (GALATIANS 4:4).



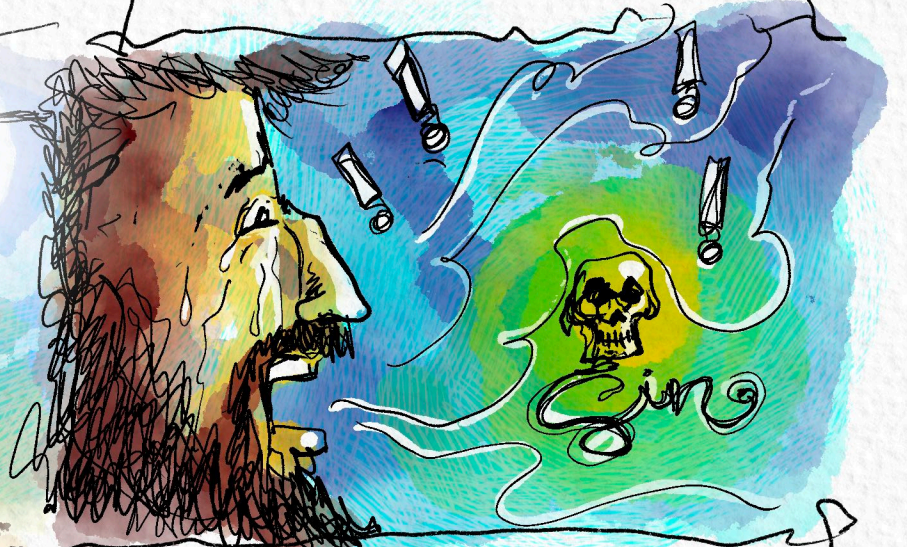
IF WE WERE IN **GOD'S PLACE**, WE WOULD HAVE SENT **JESUS** THE VERY **NEXT DAY** AFTER **ADAM SINNED**.



JESUS WAS **NEVER MOVED** BY THE **NEED** ALONE. HE **SAW** THE **NEED** AND WAS **CONCERNED** ABOUT IT. BUT WHEN THE **FATHER** SAID, "**GO**," HE **WENT**.



WE MUST **LIFT UP** OUR EYES AND LOOK AT THE **HARVEST**. BUT WHAT WE ARE TO DO IS THE **WILL OF GOD** (SEE JOHN 4:35 AND 34).



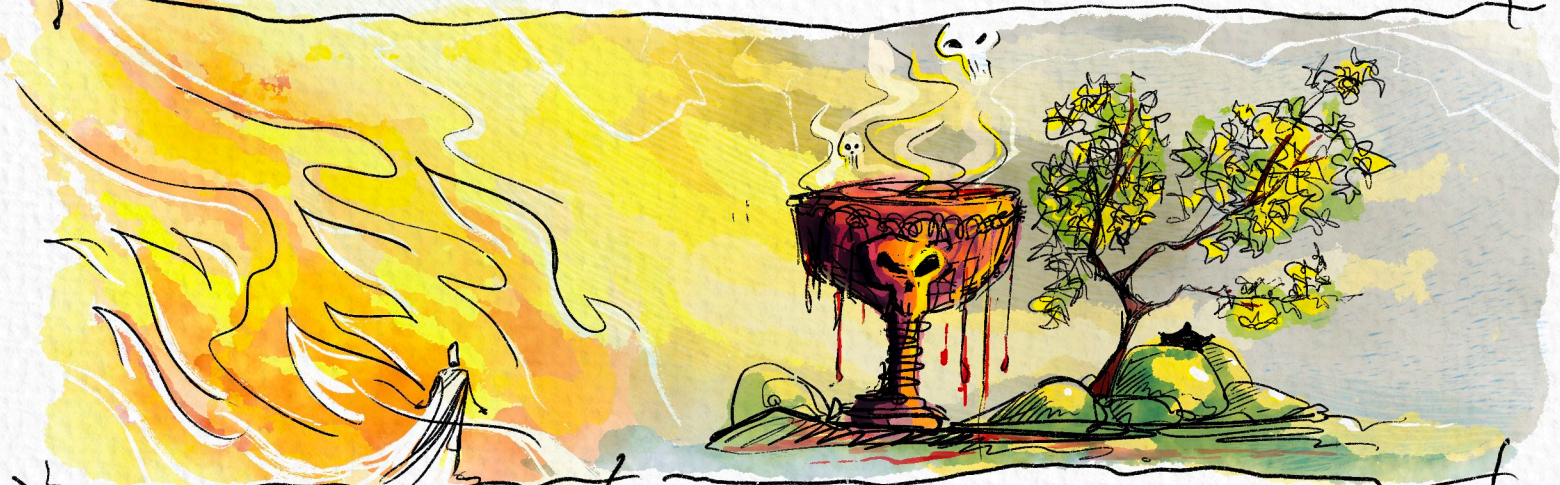
MANY **IMAGINE** THAT **JESUS OVERCAME SIN** BECAUSE HE WAS THE **SON OF GOD**. **NO**. HE **OVERCAME SIN** BECAUSE HE **PRAYED** WITH **LOUD CRYING** AND **TEARS** TO BE **SAVED** FROM **SIN** AS WE SEE IN 5:7.



IT WAS TO PRAY WITH **LOUD** CRYING AND TEARS THAT JESUS OFTEN SOUGHT OUT **LONELY** PLACES FOR PRAYER (LUKE 5:16).



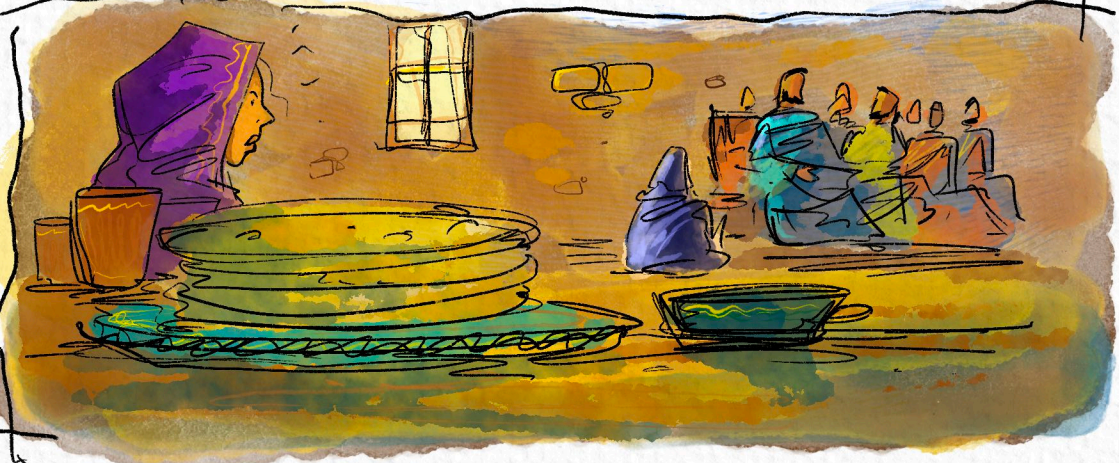
WHEN WE LIVE IN THE **CITY**, IT IS **DIFFICULT** TO FIND A **LONELY** PLACE. BUT I HAVE DISCOVERED THAT I CAN PRAY WITH **LOUD** CRYING IN MY **HEART** TO GOD, **WITHOUT** MAKING ANY **SOUND** WITH MY MOUTH, WHEREVER I MAY BE.



JESUS NEVER FELL INTO **SIN** AND YET HE HAD **TEARS**. **ZEAL** FOR **PURITY** **CONSUMED** JESUS AND **BURNED** HIM UP.

WHAT WAS HE PRAYING FOR IN **GETHSEMANE**, WHEN HE SAID THAT HE DIDN'T WANT TO DRINK THE **CUP**? THE **CUP** HE FEARED WAS THE **BREAK** OF **FELLOWSHIP** WITH HIS FATHER FOR 3 HOURS ON THE **CROSS** -- WHEN HE WOULD BEAR **OUR** **SIN**.

MARY SOUGHT **FELLOWSHIP** WITH JESUS WHILE MARTHA SOUGHT TO **SERVE** HIM. AND JESUS **REBUKED** MARTHA SAYING THAT WHAT **MARY** CHOSE WAS THE **ONLY** THING **NECESSARY** (LUKE 10:42). IT IS **HOLINESS** THAT MAKES OUR SERVICE **EFFECTIVE**.



5:8 TELLS US THAT JESUS LEARNED **OBEEDIENCE** THROUGH THE THINGS HE **SUFFERED**, AND AT THE END OF THIS EDUCATION "HE WAS MADE **PERFECT**" (5:9).

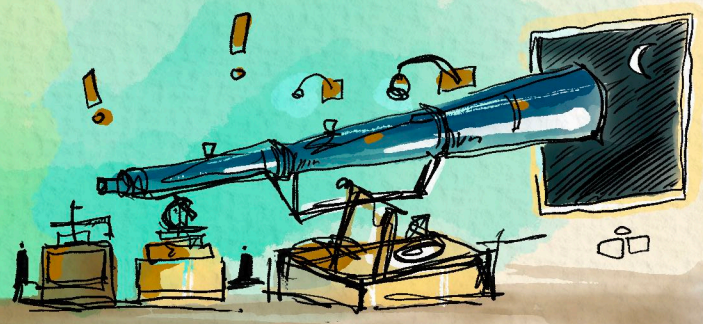
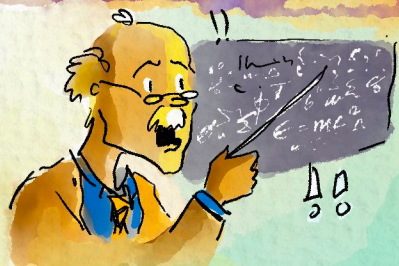
"**PERFECT**" HERE MEANS "**COMPLETE**". JESUS **GRADUATED** AND GOT HIS **DEGREE**.



IN 5:9, WE READ, "HAVING BEEN MADE **PERFECT**, HE BECAME TO ALL THOSE WHO **OBEY** HIM THE SOURCE OF **ETERNAL SALVATION** (FROM THE **POWER OF SIN** IN DAILY LIFE)" JESUS HAS NOW BECOME THE **PROFESSOR** IN THIS **COLLEGE OF OBEEDIENCE**.

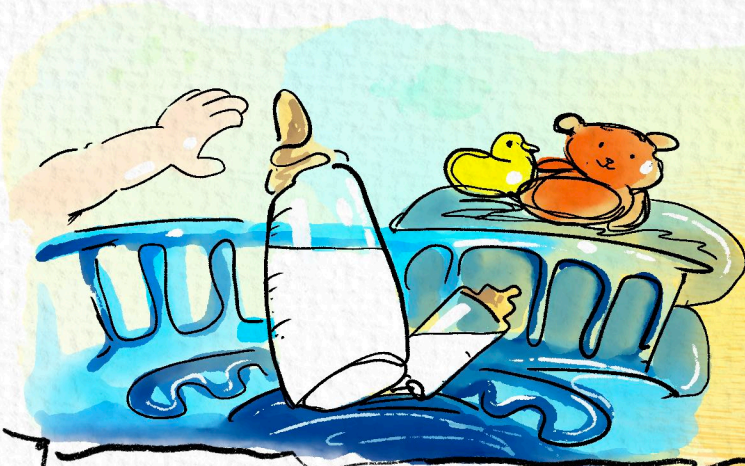
THE **MORE** YOU HAVE LEARNT **OBEEDIENCE** THROUGH SUFFERING, THE **MORE** YOU CAN BE A **TRUE SERVANT** OF THE LORD WHO **LEADS** OTHERS ALSO TO **OBEEDIENCE**.

5:11 TELLS US THAT THERE WERE A **LOT** OF THINGS TO SAY ABOUT JESUS BUT THEY WERE **NOT INTERESTED** IN **GODLINESS**. IMAGINE A **TEACHER TRYING TO TEACH** SOME IMPORTANT SUBJECT TO STUDENTS WHO ARE **MORE INTERESTED** IN THE **SCORE** AT A **GAME GOING ON** AT THE **SAME TIME!**



THAT IS EXACTLY HOW MANY BELIEVERS ARE. THEY ARE THINKING **MORE** ABOUT GETTING A **PROMOTION** OR BUILDING A **HOUSE** OR GETTING **MARRIED**. THERE IS **NOTHING WRONG** IN ANY OF THESE THINGS.

BUT IF **GODLINESS** IS NOT YOUR **PRIMARY PASSION**, THEN IT IS VERY HARD TO **UNDERSTAND** THESE **TRUTHS**. OBSERVE **RESEARCH SCIENTISTS**. THEY WILL SIT UP, LATE INTO THE **NIGHT**, DOING **RESEARCH** BECAUSE THEY HAVE A **TERRIFIC PASSION** TO DISCOVER SOMETHING **NEW** IN THAT FIELD.



THOSE HEBREW CHRISTIANS WERE STILL BABIES WHO NEEDED MILK (THE MESSAGE OF REPENTANCE, FAITH IN JESUS, FORGIVENESS OF SINS, WATER-BAPTISM, AND BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT). THEY WERE **NOT ACCUSTOMED** TO THE WORD OF **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (HEBREWS 5:12, 13).



SOLID FOOD IS FOR THE MATURE WHO BY **PRACTICE** HAVE **EXERCISED** THEIR SENSES TO DISCERN BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL, THE **SOULISH** AND THE **SPIRITUAL**, THE **HUMAN** AND THE **DIVINE** (5:14).



WHEN A **CHRISTIAN JUSTIFIES** HIS **CARNAL** ACTIONS WITH THE **EXCUSE**, "AFTER ALL WE ARE **ONLY HUMAN**", HE IS A **BABE**. PAUL **REBUKED** THE CORINTHIANS SAYING, "YOU ARE WALKING LIKE **MERE MEN**" (1 CORINTHIANS 3:3).



IN 6:1--3, THE WRITER GOES ON TO SPEAK ABOUT **PRESSING ON TO MATURITY**. THE EXAMPLE OF **ELEMENTARY TEACHING** AND **ADVANCED TEACHING**; AND THEN THE EXAMPLE OF THE **FOUNDATION OF A BUILDING** AND ITS **SUPERSTRUCTURE**. THIS **CONTRASTS** A **CHRISTLIKE** RESPONSE OF **MATURE CHRISTIANS** TO **TEMPTATION**, WHILE **BABIES** HAVE A **HUMAN** RESPONSE.



FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN SITTING WITH OTHERS, IF WE **CRACK** A **JOKE** THAT **EMBARRASSES** ANOTHER PERSON, DO WE ASK OURSELVES IMMEDIATELY WHETHER **JESUS** WOULD EVER **CRACK** A **JOKE** LIKE THAT?



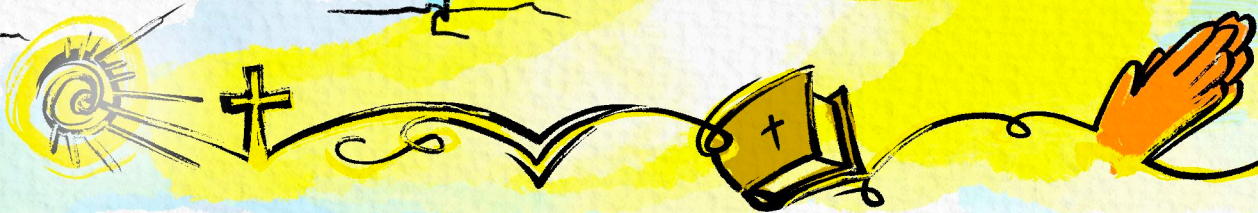
IT IS GOOD TO **CHECK** OURSELVES AT **DIFFERENT** TIMES DURING **EACH** DAY, TO SEE IF WE ARE **ACTING** (AND **REACTING**) AS **JESUS** WOULD IN A **SIMILAR** SITUATION.

WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION?
REPENTANCE, FIRST OF ALL (6:1).
THAT MEANS TO **TURN AWAY** NOT ONLY
FROM **SIN** BUT ALSO FROM **DEAD**
WORKS WHICH ARE GOOD WORKS DONE
WITH A **BAD MOTIVE**, WITHOUT **FAITH**
AND **JOY**.

THE OTHER PARTS OF THE
FOUNDATION ARE **FAITH** IN **JESUS**,
BEING **BAPTISED** IN **WATER**,
RECEIVING THE BAPTISM IN THE
HOLY SPIRIT, RECEIVING
SPIRITUAL GIFTS ("LAYING ON
OF HANDS"), WAITING FOR THE
RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AT
CHRIST'S RETURN AND BEING
READY FOR THE **FINAL**
JUDGEMENT

IN 6:1, IT SAYS, "LET US PRESS
ON TO **PERFECTION**." IT'S
BECAUSE CHURCHES ARE FULL
OF **BABIES**, THAT THEY HAVE SO
MANY **QUARRELS**, WITH EVEN
LEADERS FALLING INTO
ADULTERY AND RUNNING AFTER
MONEY AND **FIGHTING** WITH
EACH OTHER, ETC.


TO BUILD A CHURCH WITH **BABIES** IS LIKE
BUILDING A **HOUSE** WITH **JUST** A
FOUNDATION AND **NO ROOF** OR **WALLS**.




IN 6:4, 5, WE READ A **FIVE-FOLD** DESCRIPTION OF A **BORN-AGAIN** CHRISTIAN. HE IS 'ENLIGHTENED', HAS "TASTED THE **HEAVENLY GIFT** (SALVATION THROUGH JESUS), HAS BEEN "MADE A PARTAKER OF THE **HOLY SPIRIT**", HAS "TASTED THE **GOOD WORD** OF GOD" AND HAS "TASTED OF THE **POWERS** OF THE AGE TO COME" (**SUPERNATURAL ANSWERS** TO PRAYER IN **IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS**)



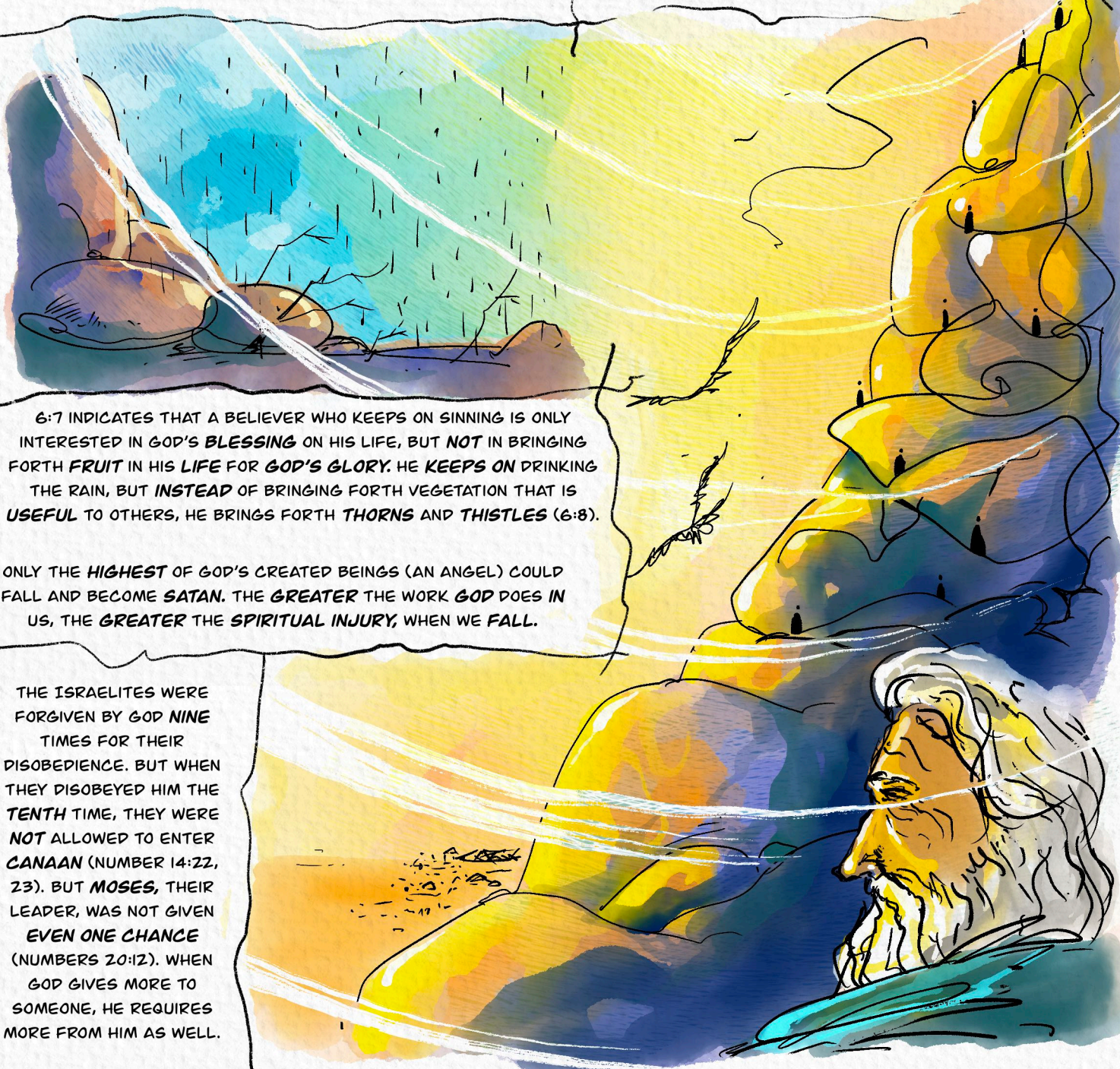
A PERSON WHO HAS EXPERIENCED ALL THIS CAN **STILL** FALL AWAY IF HE IS **CARELESS** AND **REBELLIOUS** AND **ABUSES** GOD'S GRACE (6:4). THIS IS **NOT** REFERRING TO A **BELIEVER** WHO FALLS AND GETS UP AGAIN.



WHY DO SUCH BELIEVERS FALL AWAY? BECAUSE "THEY **CRUCIFY** THE SON OF GOD **AFRESH**" (6:6). WHEN HE SINS **DELIBERATELY**, HE IS SAYING "**CRUCIFY HIM, CRUCIFY HIM**", JUST LIKE THE **CROWDS** SAID IN RELATION TO **JESUS**.



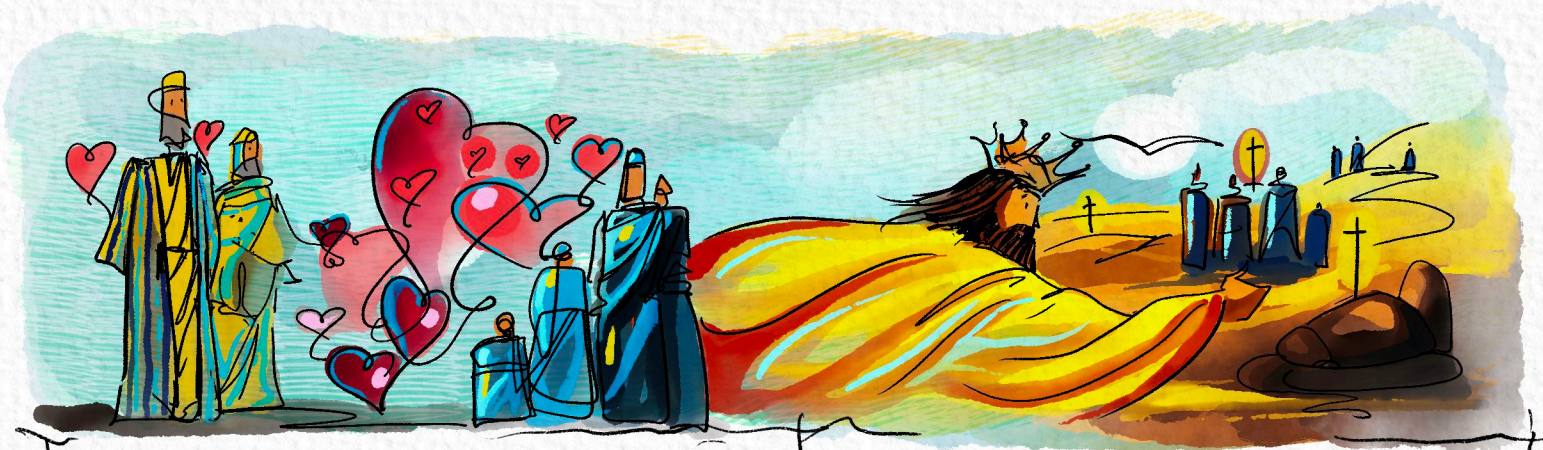
AND AS LONG AS A PERSON **KEEPS ON CRUCIFYING** CHRIST LIKE THAT, IT IS **IMPOSSIBLE** TO BRING HIM TO **REPENTANCE**. BUT IF HE COMES TO HIS **SENSES** AND SEES THE **SERIOUSNESS** OF HIS SIN AS BEING **EQUIVALENT TO CRUCIFYING CHRIST AFRESH**, THEN HE CAN **STILL REPENT** AND **COME BACK TO GOD**.



6:7 INDICATES THAT A BELIEVER WHO **KEEPS ON SINNING** IS ONLY INTERESTED IN **GOD'S BLESSING** ON HIS LIFE, BUT **NOT** IN BRINGING FORTH **FRUIT** IN HIS LIFE FOR **GOD'S GLORY**. HE **KEEPS ON DRINKING** THE RAIN, BUT **INSTEAD** OF BRINGING FORTH VEGETATION THAT IS **USEFUL** TO OTHERS, HE BRINGS FORTH **THORNS AND THISTLES** (6:8).

ONLY THE **HIGHEST** OF GOD'S CREATED BEINGS (AN ANGEL) COULD FALL AND BECOME **SATAN**. THE **GREATER** THE WORK **GOD** DOES IN US, THE **GREATER** THE **SPIRITUAL INJURY**, WHEN WE **FALL**.

THE ISRAELITES WERE FORGIVEN BY **GOD NINE** TIMES FOR THEIR **DISOBEDIENCE**. BUT WHEN THEY **DISOBEYED** HIM THE **TENTH** TIME, THEY WERE **NOT ALLOWED** TO ENTER **CANAAN** (NUMBER 14:22, 23). BUT **MOSES**, THEIR LEADER, WAS NOT GIVEN **EVEN ONE CHANCE** (NUMBERS 20:12). WHEN **GOD** GIVES MORE TO SOMEONE, HE REQUIRES MORE FROM HIM AS WELL.



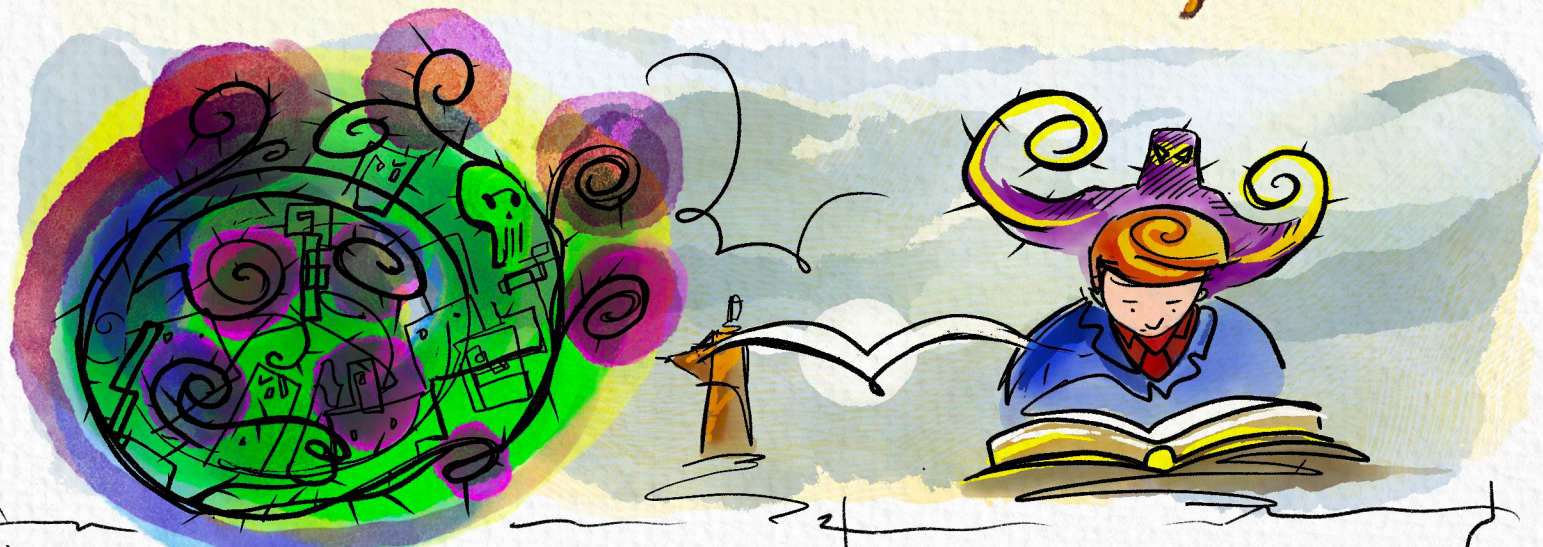
BUT ALONG WITH THOSE STRONG WORDS HE ALSO ADDS A WORD OF **ENCOURAGEMENT**. "GOD IS NOT UNRIGHTEOUS. HE HAS NOT FORGOTTEN YOUR WORK OR THE **LOVE** YOU HAVE SHOWN TO HIS NAME IN **SERVING** OTHER **BELIEVERS**" (6:10).

IN 6:11 HE ENCOURAGES THEM **NOT** TO BE **LAZY** BUT TO **PRESS** ON UNTIL THE **END** WITH THE **SAME DILIGENCE**.

I HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY CHALLENGED BY THIS POEM OF A.B. SIMPSON'S:

No time for trifling in this life of mine
 Not this the path the blessed Master trod;
 But strenuous toil - each hour and power
 employed Always and all for God.

Time swiftly flies - eternity is near,
 And soon my dust may lie beneath the sod.
 How dare I waste my life, or cease to be
 Always and all for God.



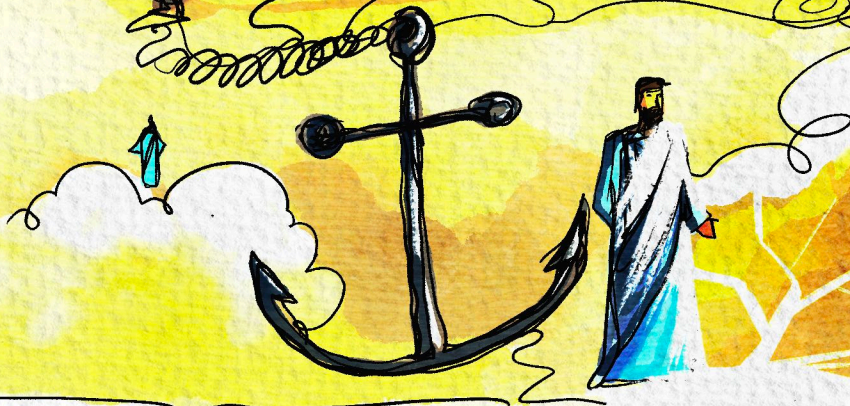
WE HAVE TO **GIVE UP** MANY THINGS THAT **WORLDLY** PEOPLE ARE **INTERESTED** IN, AND CONCENTRATE ON THINGS OF **ETERNAL** VALUE.

MANY CHRISTIANS DO **NOT** SPEND TIME STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES. THEY SAY THEY ARE **BUSY**. BUT WE CAN FIND THE **TIME** IF WE WANT TO.

FAITH AND PATIENCE ARE ALWAYS LINKED TOGETHER IN THE NEW COVENANT. WHEN GOD GAVE THE PROMISE OF A SON TO ABRAHAM AT THE AGE OF 75, IT TOOK 25 YEARS FOR ABRAHAM TO RECEIVE THAT SON. BUT "HE PATIENTLY WAITED AND HE OBTAINED THE PROMISE" (6:15).



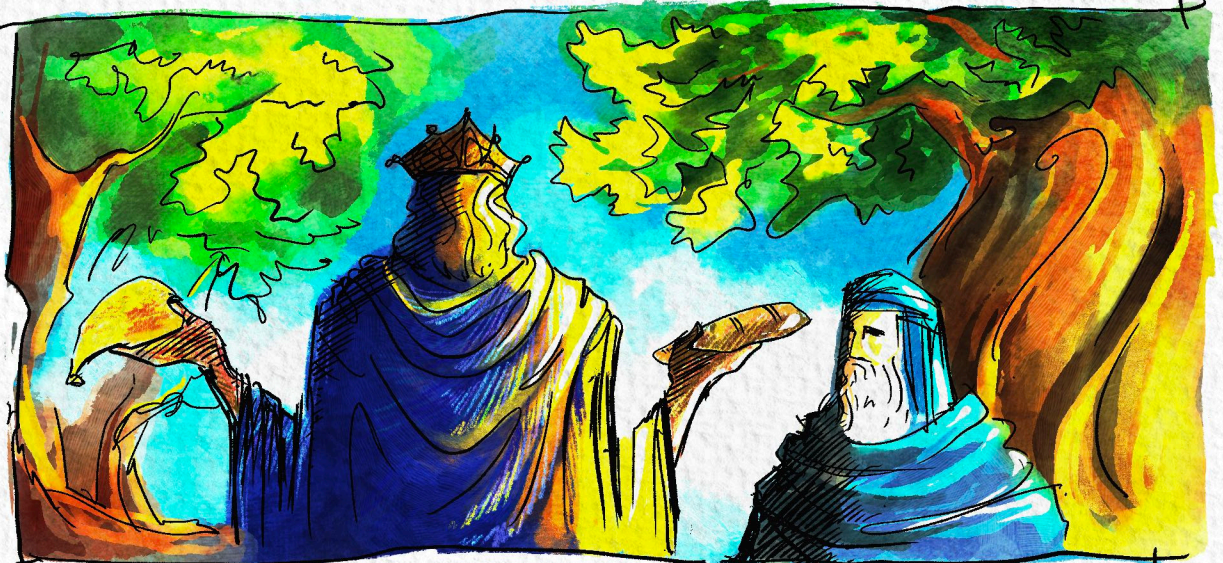
IN THE NEW COVENANT, 6:4 IS TRUE SPIRITUALLY. WHEN GOD BLESSES US HE GIVES US SPIRITUAL CHILDREN WHO HAVE THE SAME PASSION AND VISION THAT WE HAVE.



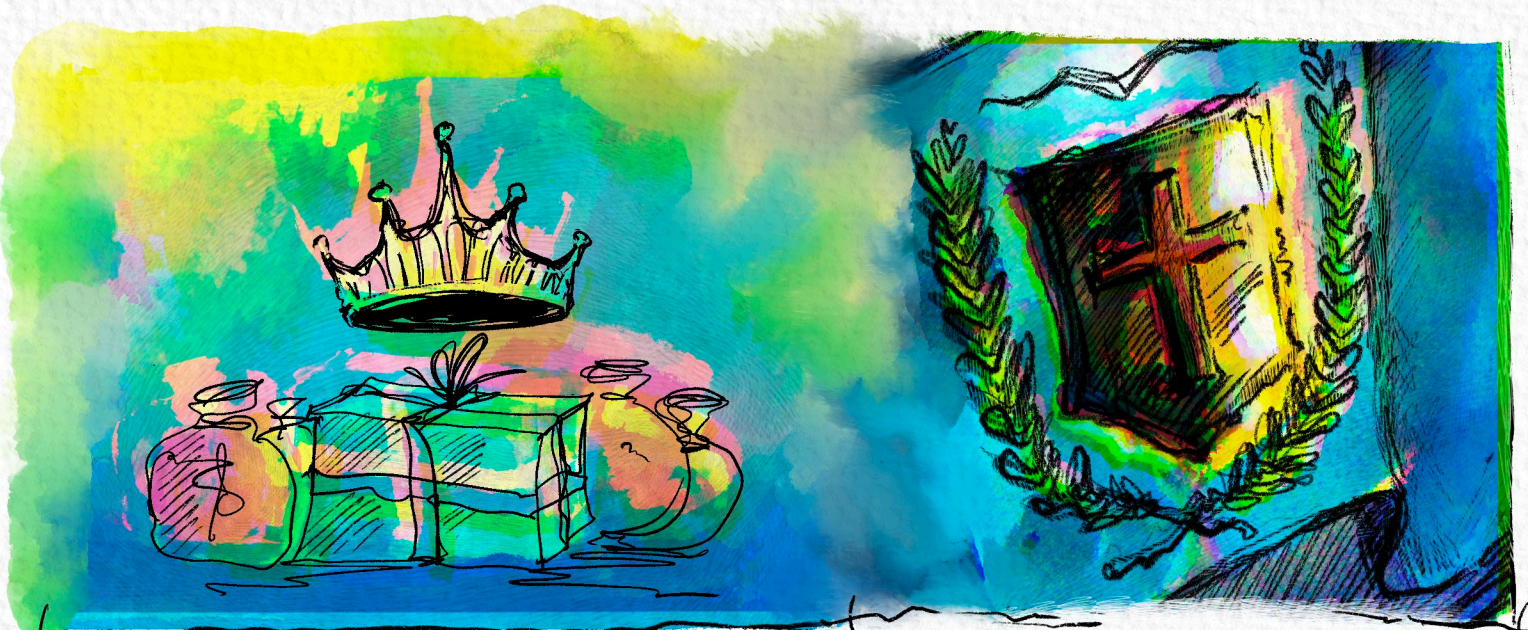
1 JOHN 3:2 SAYS THAT HE WILL COME AGAIN AND WHEN HE COMES WE WILL BE LIKE HIM. THOSE ARE THE TWO PARTS OF OUR HOPE. THIS DOUBLE HOPE IS CALLED "THE SURE AND STEADFAST ANCHOR OF OUR SOUL" (6:19).

HERE WE READ THAT JESUS HAS GONE INSIDE THE VEIL AS OUR FORERUNNER (6:20). THIS IS A TITLE OF JESUS THAT IS NOT WELL KNOWN.

JESUS HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS A PRIEST OF THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK. IN 7:1, THE PRIESTHOOD OF MELCHIZEDEK IS SHOWN TO BE GREATER THAN THE PRIESTHOOD OF LEVI (A DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM), SINCE ABRAHAM GAVE MELCHIZEDEK 10% OF ALL THE SPOILS HE HAD COLLECTED IN THE WAR (7:4).



THE LEVITICAL PRIESTS TAUGHT PEOPLE TO PAY THEIR TITHES. IN THE NEW COVENANT, ALL GOD'S PEOPLE GIVE VOLUNTARY GIFTS JUST LIKE ABRAHAM GAVE TO MELCHIZEDEK.



MELCHIZEDEK HAD THE **DIGNITY OF A KING**. **JESUS AND PAUL TRUSTED GOD ALONE** FOR THEIR NEEDS. WHEN THEY **RECEIVED GIFTS FROM OTHERS**, IT WAS IN ORDER THAT THE PEOPLE WHO **GAVE THE GIFTS** WOULD BE **BLESSED**, AND **NOT** BECAUSE THEY **COVETED** WHAT THE PEOPLE HAD.

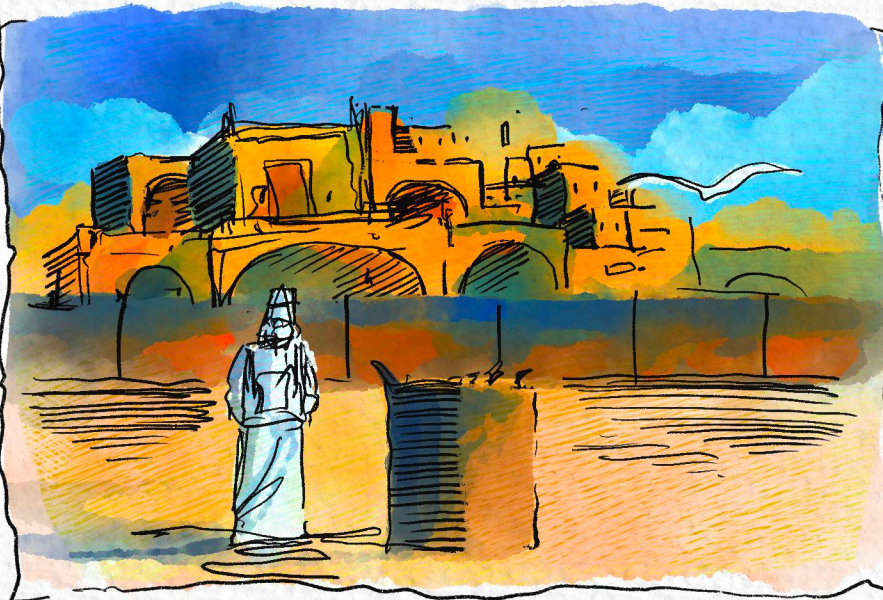
MELCHIZEDEK WAS A KING OF **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (BY HIS NAME), AND A KING OF **PEACE** (SALEM MEANS "PEACE") (7:2). **RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE MET TOGETHER** IN **JESUS CHRIST** (PSALM 85:10).



MELCHIZEDEK APPEARS IN THE BOOK OF **GENESIS** -- WHICH IS A BOOK OF **BEGINNINGS** AND WHERE THE **GENEALOGY** OF EVERY MAN OF GOD IS **CLEARLY** INDICATED. BUT THERE IS **NO RECORD** THERE OF MELCHIZEDEK'S **FATHER** OR **MOTHER** OR HIS **DEATH**. IN THIS WAY ALSO, MELCHIZEDEK IS A **TYPE OF JESUS** WHO LIVED FROM **ALL ETERNITY** IN HEAVEN. (7:3)

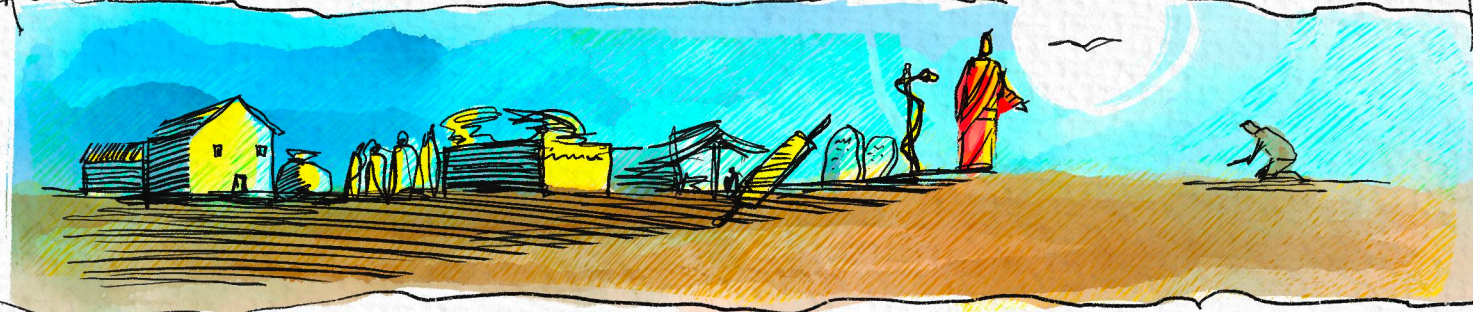
THE PRIESTS IN THE **OLD COVENANT** HAD TO OFFER **SACRIFICES FOR SIN**, **EVERY DAY**. BUT **JESUS OFFERED UP HIS BODY** AS A **SACRIFICE** JUST **ONCE** .. AND WHEN THOSE PRIESTS OFFERED THEIR SACRIFICES, IT WAS FOR THE **SINS OF THE PEOPLE** AS WELL AS FOR THEIR **OWN SINS**. **JESUS HOWEVER OFFERED HIS BODY ONLY** FOR THE **SINS OF THE PEOPLE**. HE HAD **NO SIN** HIMSELF. (7:26--28).

UNDER THE OLD COVENANT, A MAN BECAME A PRIEST BY A CARNAL COMMANDMENT: HE HAD TO BE A DESCENDANT OF LEVI. JESUS HOWEVER BECAME THE GUARANTOR OF A BETTER COVENANT BY THE POWER OF AN INDESTRUCTIBLE LIFE (7:16, 22).



IN 7:25, WE READ THAT JESUS LIVES TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR US IN HEAVEN. IN THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD, THEY JUST PRAYED ROUTINE, FORMAL PRAYERS, DID THEIR JOBS AND WENT HOME. BUT JESUS AND HIS PRIESTS ARE DEVOTED TO PRAYER.

THE TABERNACLE THAT MOSES BUILT WAS ACTUALLY A SHADOW OF THE HEAVENLY REALITIES (8:5). WHEN WE BUILD THE CHURCH AND IN ALL OUR MINISTRY, EVERYTHING MUST BE EXACTLY AS GOD HAS TAUGHT US IN THE NEW COVENANT.



THEN, WE WILL SEE THE GLORY OF GOD TOO. TODAY OUR PATTERN IS JESUS HIMSELF.

GOD KNEW THAT THE FIRST COVENANT COULD NEVER ACCOMPLISH WHAT HE DESIRED FOR MAN. BUT HE GAVE IT TO MAN FOR 1500 YEARS, TO TEACH MAN THAT HOWEVER HARD HE TRIED HE COULD NEVER COME UP TO HIS STANDARDS.



FINALLY, SOME LEARN THE LESSON THAT THEY CANNOT GET VICTORY IN THEIR OWN STRENGTH. THEN GOD LEADS SUCH PEOPLE INTO THE NEW COVENANT.

FIRST OF ALL, IN THE NEW COVENANT, GOD PROMISES NOT ONLY TO **FORGIVE** OUR SINS, BUT ALSO **NEVER TO REMEMBER OUR PAST SINS** (8:12).

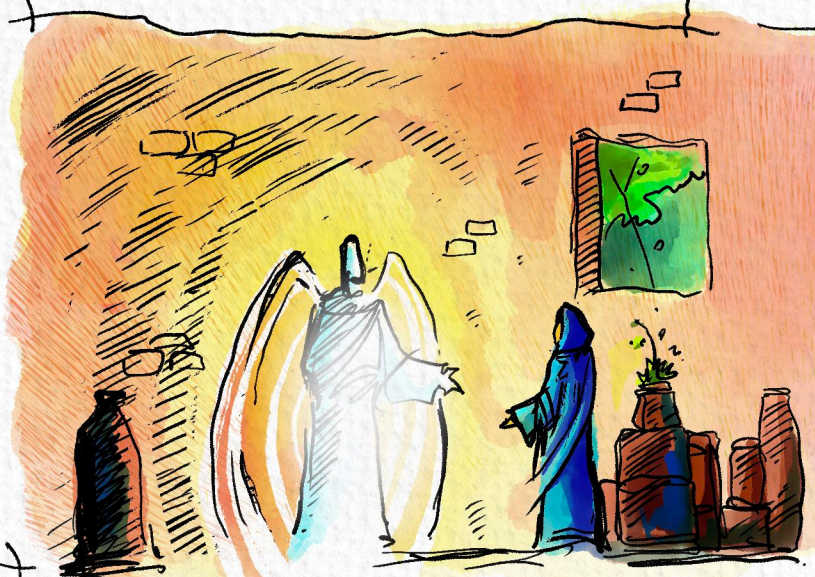


SECONDLY, IN THE NEW COVENANT WE CAN KNOW GOD **PERSONALLY AS OUR FATHER**. GOD SAYS "ALL SHALL KNOW ME FROM THE **LEAST TO THE GREATEST**" AND NOBODY WILL TEACH HIS NEIGHBOUR SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD.' (8:11).



THIRDLY, IN THE **OLD COVENANT**, GOD WROTE HIS LAWS ON THE **OUTSIDE** -- ON TABLETS OF **STONE**. NOW HE WRITES HIS LAWS **INSIDE** US. THAT MEANS THAT **GOD WILL NOW HELP US TO OBEY HIM**. (8:10)

THINK OF THAT **ROCK** IN MOUNT **SINAI** WHERE GOD WROTE HIS COMMANDMENTS. THAT ROCK **SUBMITTED** TO GOD. LIKE THAT, **WE MUST ALLOW GOD TO WRITE HIS LAWS WITHIN US**.



TO TRY AND **PRODUCE** THE NATURE OF CHRIST WITHIN US IS AS **FOOLISH** AS THE **VIRGIN MARY** JUST DETERMINING TO **PRODUCE** A BABY ON HER **OWN!** MARY **SUBMITTED** AND THE **HOLY SPIRIT** PRODUCED IT.

THERE IS A "**PERFECTION**" THAT WE **CANNOT ATTAIN** AS LONG AS WE LIVE ON **EARTH**; BUT IF WE LIVE IN THE **NEW COVENANT**, WE CAN BE '**PERFECT IN OUR CONSCIENCE.**'