

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in Message
Worship in Response
Worship in Giving

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The Lord's Table

Prepare Yourself For Distinction

Joshua 5:1-12

Prepare Yourself Series

Life Change: we circumcise our hearts before God.

I'm with Jason...

They get a break in the action.

1-2

The usurpers are heartless & breathless.

What was circumcision?

Why was the Abrahamic covenant so important?

They put on their badge of belonging.

3-8

This is a massive undertaking.

This is necessary because of previous sin.

The reproach of Egypt was rolled (Gilgal) away.

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We are called to a circumcision of the heart.

We excise those things that make us a reproach.

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We commit to living out our relationship with God.

They share important meals.

10-12

Israel celebrates the first Passover in the promised land.

Israel is in control of some harvest-ready fields & grain supplies.

We are called to a celebratory meal.

1 Cor 11



PREPARE YOURSELF

a study of Joshua

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



courtesy Hollman

**I'm with
Jason.**

**Do you have
an official
badge?**



courtesy Dallas News

Put the badge on. If you are here as Mr. Kidd's guest, start looking like it.



courtesy Dallas News

Joshua 5

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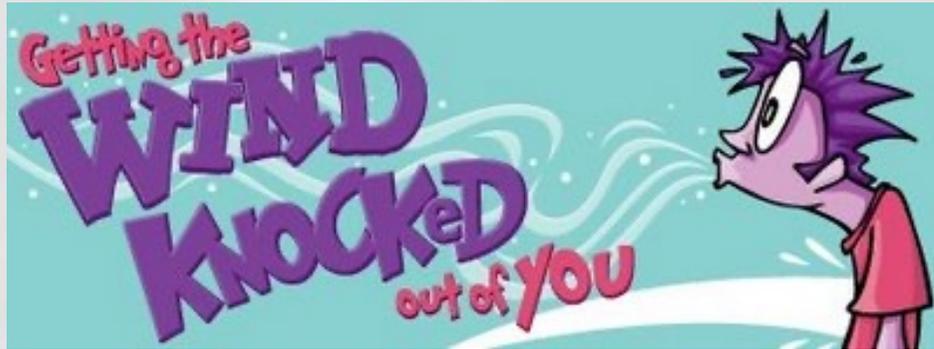
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**What is
circumcision?**



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Genesis 17

⁹ God also said to Abraham, “As for you, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations are to keep my covenant. ¹⁰ This is my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you, which you are to keep: Every one of your males must be circumcised.

¹¹ You must circumcise the flesh of your foreskin to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and you.

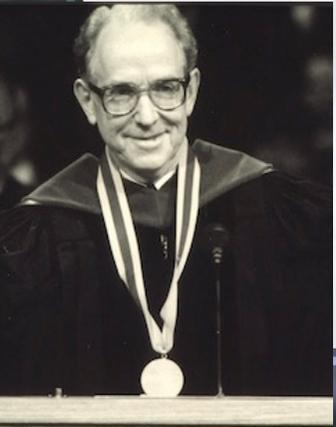
¹² Throughout your generations, every male among you is to be circumcised at eight days old.” ^{CSB}

**Why was the
Abrahamic covenant
so important?**



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Why was circumcision so important? The Bible's answer is clear. Stephen, in his dynamic speech before the Sanhedrin, declared that God "gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision" (Acts 7:8). Circumcision, then, was no ordinary religious rite; it was rooted in the Abrahamic Covenant, a contract guaranteeing the everlasting continuation of Abraham's seed and their ever-lasting possession of the land (Gen. 17:7–8). In this connection God adopted circumcision as the "sign" or symbol of that contract (Gen. 17:11). – Donald Campbell, *Joshua*



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courtesy sciencephoto

Deuteronomy 10

14 The heavens, indeed the highest heavens, belong to the LORD your God, as does the earth and everything in it. **15** Yet the LORD had his heart set on your ancestors and loved them. He chose their descendants after them—he chose you out of all the peoples, as it is today.

16 Therefore, circumcise your hearts and don't be stiff-necked any longer. ^{CSB}

Joshua 5

³ So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelite men at Gibeath-haaraloth. ⁴ This is the reason Joshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Egypt who were males—all the men of war—had died in the wilderness along the way after they had come out of Egypt. ⁵ Though all the people who came out were circumcised, none of the people born in the wilderness along the way were circumcised after they had come out of Egypt.

Joshua 5

⁶ For the Israelites wandered in the wilderness forty years until all the nation's men of war who came out of Egypt had died off because they did not obey the LORD. So the LORD vowed never to let them see the land he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁷ He raised up their sons in their place; it was these Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised, since they had not been circumcised along the way. ⁸ After the entire nation had been circumcised, they stayed where they were in the camp until they recovered.



The Israelites are circumcised at Gilgal
The Joshua scroll ca. A.D. 950

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Israel had camped at Kadesh-barnea under Moses but refused to enter the land



Israel camped at Gilgal under Joshua

Numbers 14

² All the Israelites complained about Moses and Aaron, and the whole community told them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt, or if only we had died in this wilderness! ³ Why is the LORD bringing us into this land to die by the sword? Our wives and children will become plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” ⁴ So they said to one another, “Let’s appoint a leader and go back to Egypt.” ^{CSB}



courtesy A. Cywnek

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Hebrew: גִּלְגָל gilgal = roll; similar to older Hebrew words agol & bamagaal [circle, trench]

Romans 2

**29 Circumcision is of
the heart—by the
Spirit ^{CSB}**

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Colossians 3

4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature:

sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.

6 Because of these, God's wrath is coming upon the disobedient, ⁷ and you once walked in these things when you were living in them.

Colossians 3

**⁸ But now, put away all the following:
anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language
from your mouth.**

**⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the
old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new
self. You are being renewed in knowledge
according to the image of your Creator. ^{CSB}**

**Back to Gilgal, back to Gilgal,
Let me, O my spirit, go!
Where the stones of death lie buried
'Neath the mighty Jordan's flow;
When the manna ceased from falling
On the resurrection day –
Back to where the shame of Egypt
From the host was rolled away.**

**Back to where the stones of witness
Silent by the river stand;
Where was ate the feast unleaven'd,
And the old corn of the land;
Where Jehovah's ransomed army
For the Canaan conquest start;
Back to where death and resurrection
Meet the eye and fill the heart.**

**When, by strength of God, victorious
Thou dost bear the spoil away,
Back unto the camp of Gilgal
Hasten in that joyful day!**

**If, defeated in the conflict,
Thou dost flee before the foe,
Back to Gilgal, O my spirit –**

**In thy shame and sorrow go!
– William Blane, *Lays of Life and Hope***



LENT

REPENTANCE | REFLECTION | RESPONSE

As reminder of reliance on God, consider giving up something:

- If you depend on caffeine – give it up for forty days.**
- If you give little – write some checks that represent sacrifice.**
- If caught in an unhealthy pattern [e.g., alcohol, pornography, losing your temper] – by God’s grace, rely on Him, get real help, and cut that off for Lent.**

The point is not to earn your way to heaven or to make God like you more. The point is to cut something off as an external reminder of what God is doing by changing your heart on the inside.

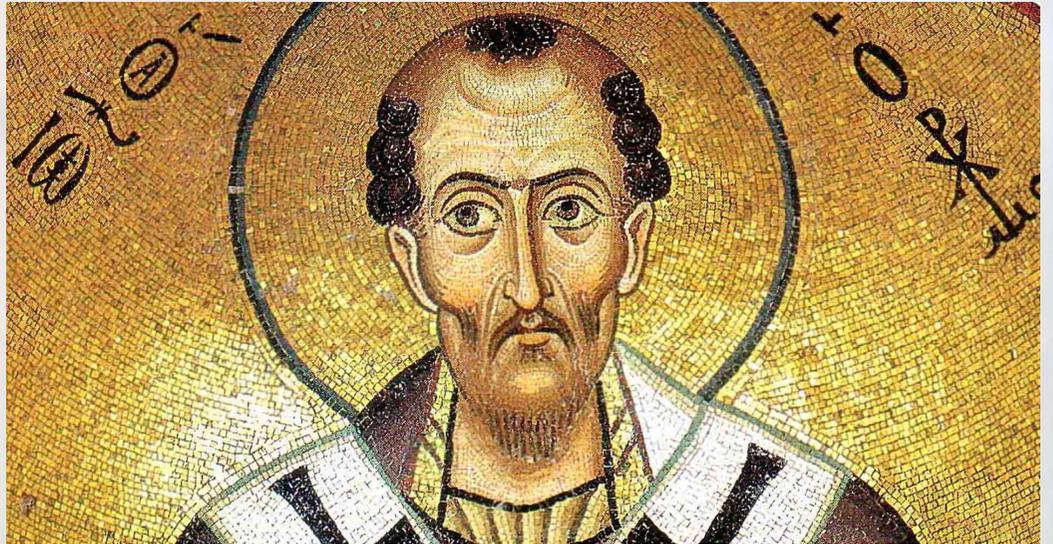
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– John Chrysostom
[John golden-mouthed]**



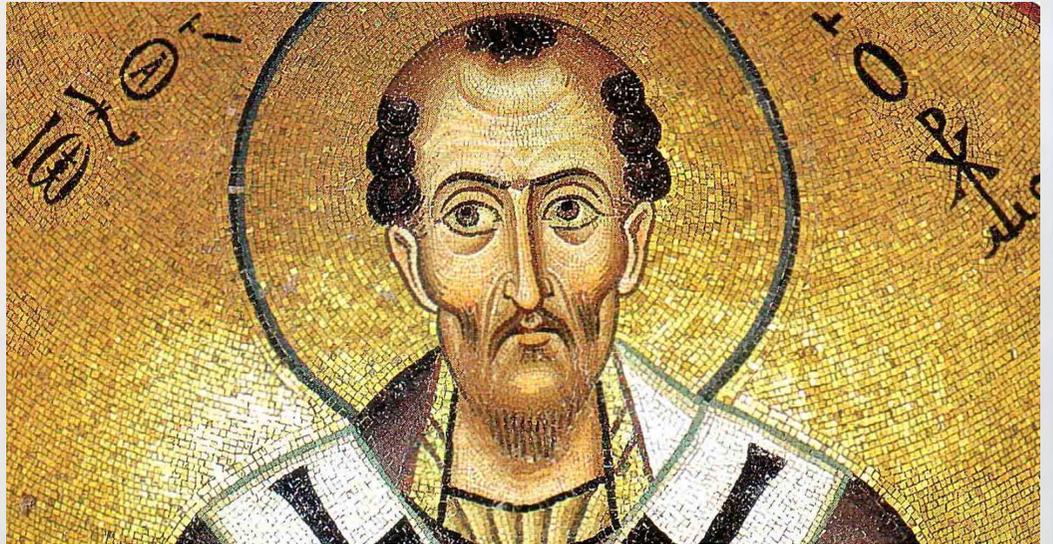
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“Be in appearance who you are in truth.”





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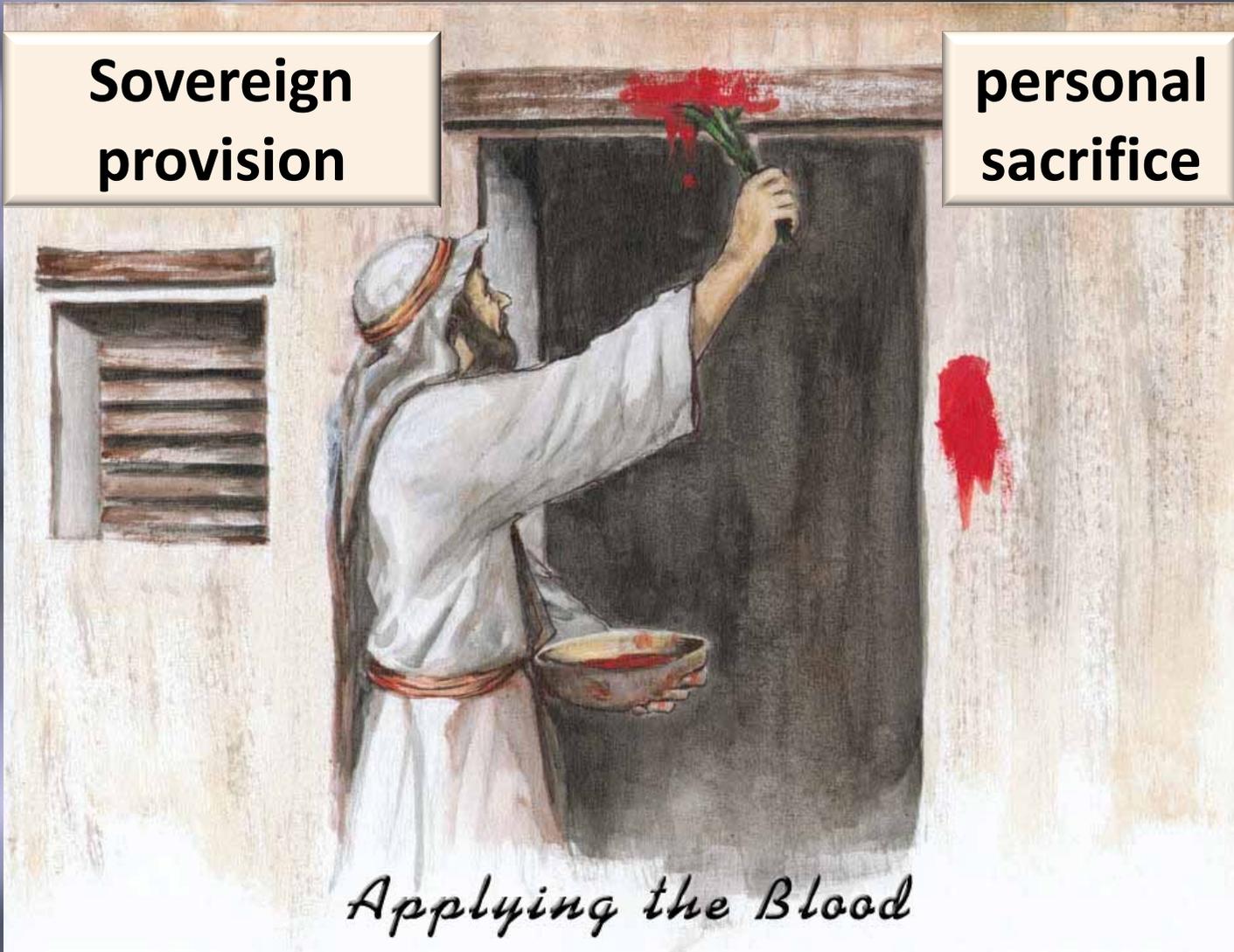
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Applying the Blood



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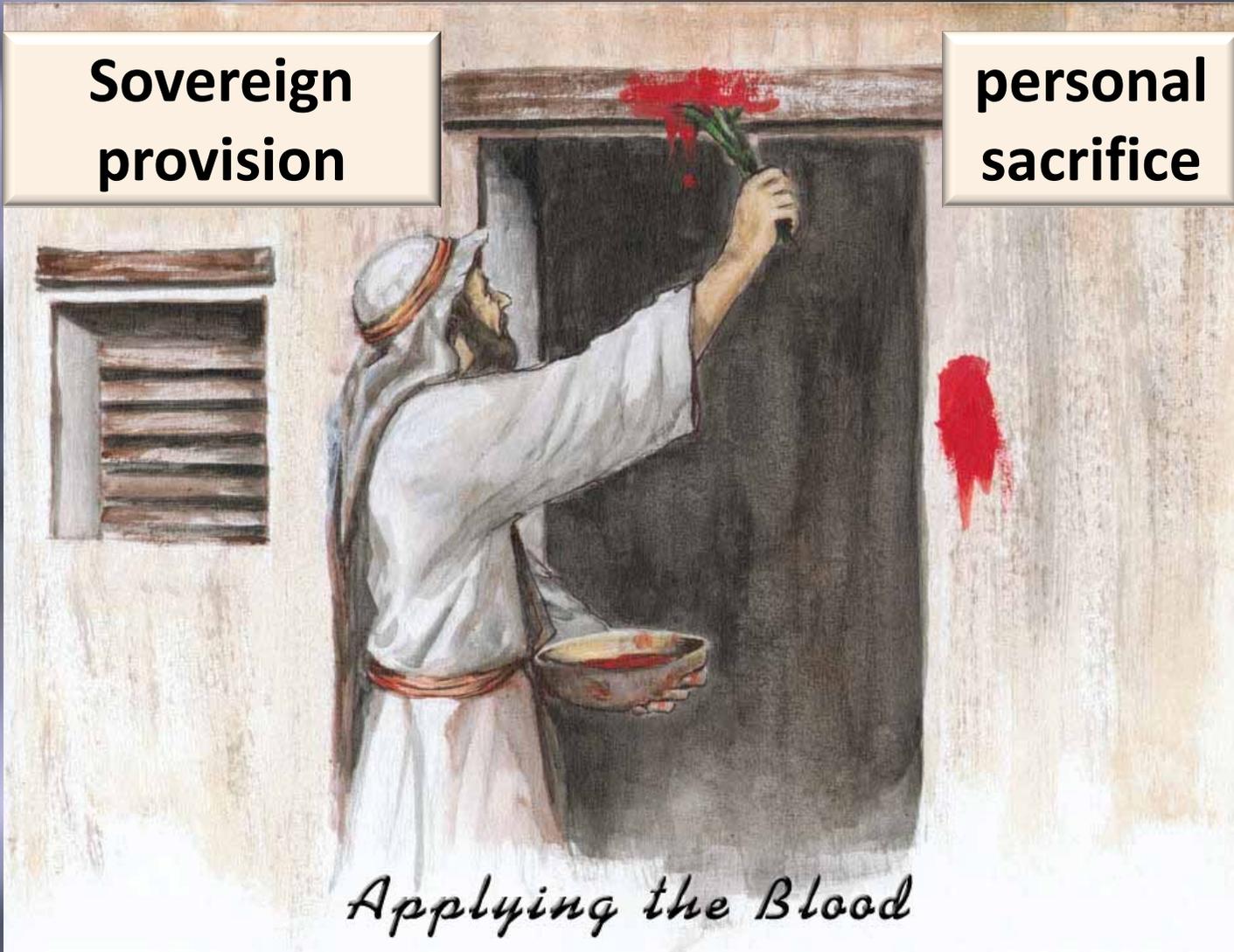
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Malachi 1

13 “You bring stolen, lame, or sick animals. You bring this as an offering! Am I to accept that from your hands?” asks the LORD. ^{CSB}

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***The miracle of
the Manna***
Tintoretto
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Romans 11

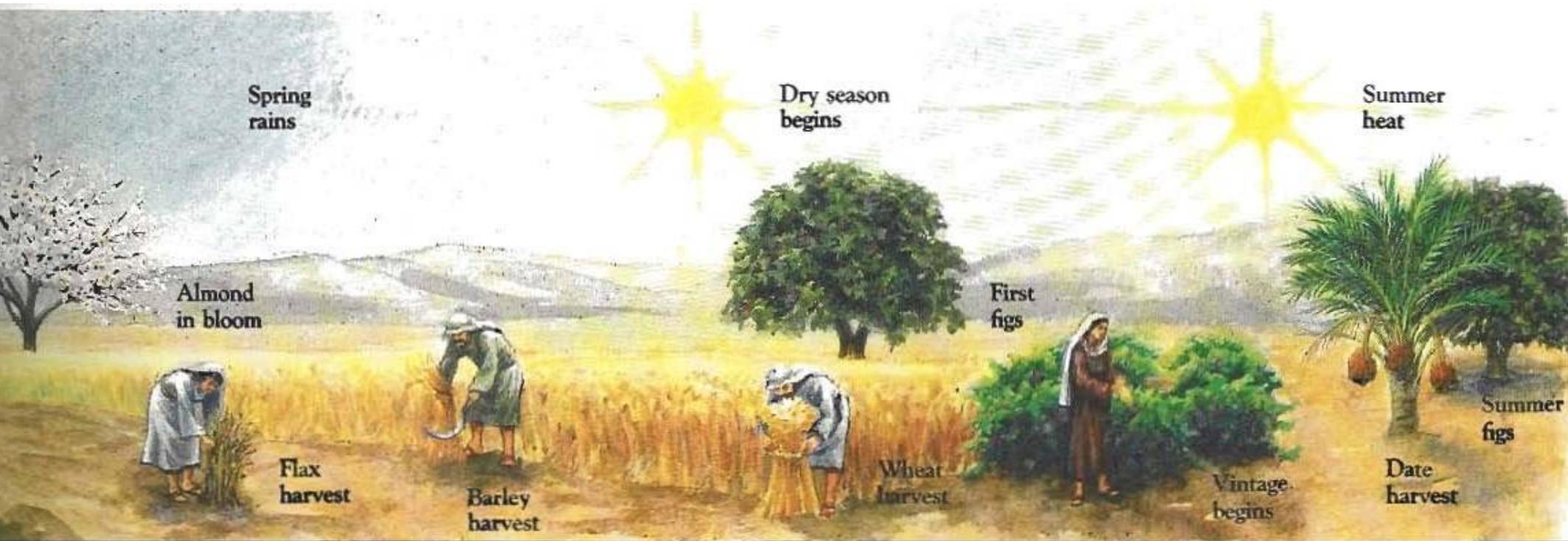
***35 And who has ever given to God,
that he should be repaid? [Job 41]***

**36 For from him and through him
and to him are all things.**

To him be the glory forever. Amen. ^{CSB}

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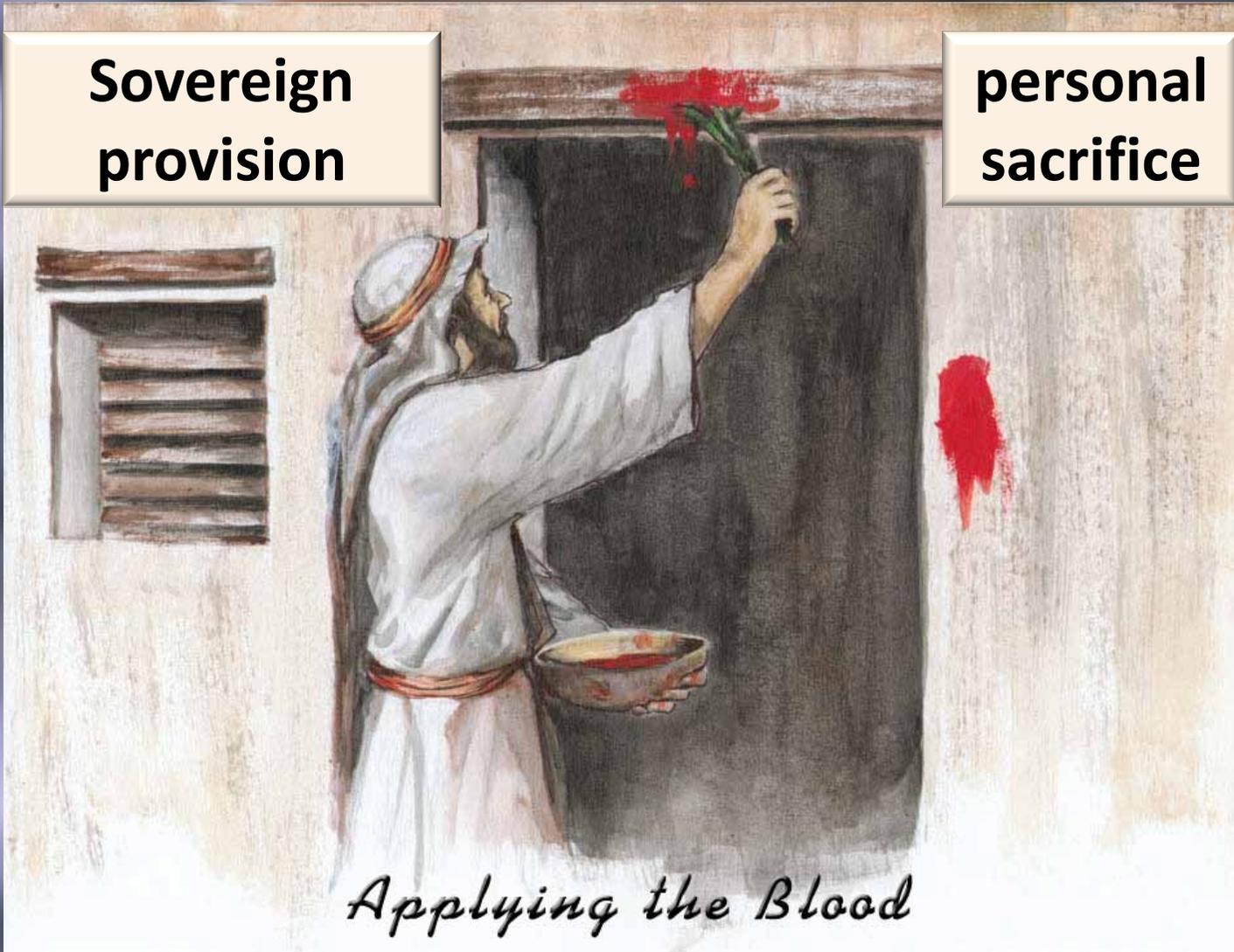
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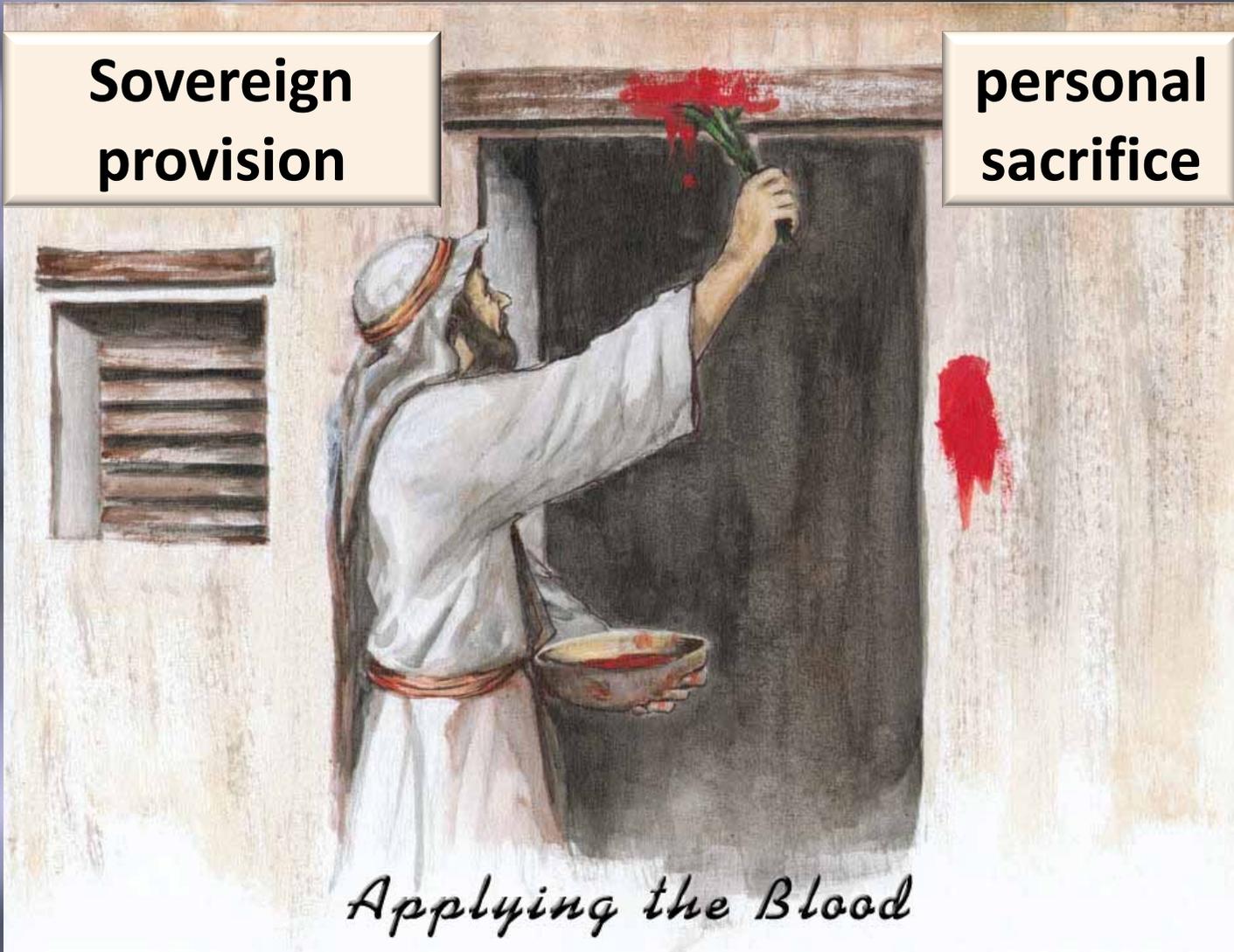
God expects His people to be engaged with Him. God alone provides; but He expects His people to work with Him, by His strength, to fulfill His purposes.



Barley harvest
Egypt
ca. 1400 B.C.
[Joshua's time]

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1 Corinthians 11

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” **25** In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. CSB

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28 Let a person examine himself; in this way let him eat the bread and drink from the cup. ^{CSB}



those who roll away sin



those who refuse to roll away sin



They blame others for their sin, refusing to take personal responsibility.

They redefine their sin as not-sin and demand everyone agree with their new definition.



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