Soteriology

Session 5



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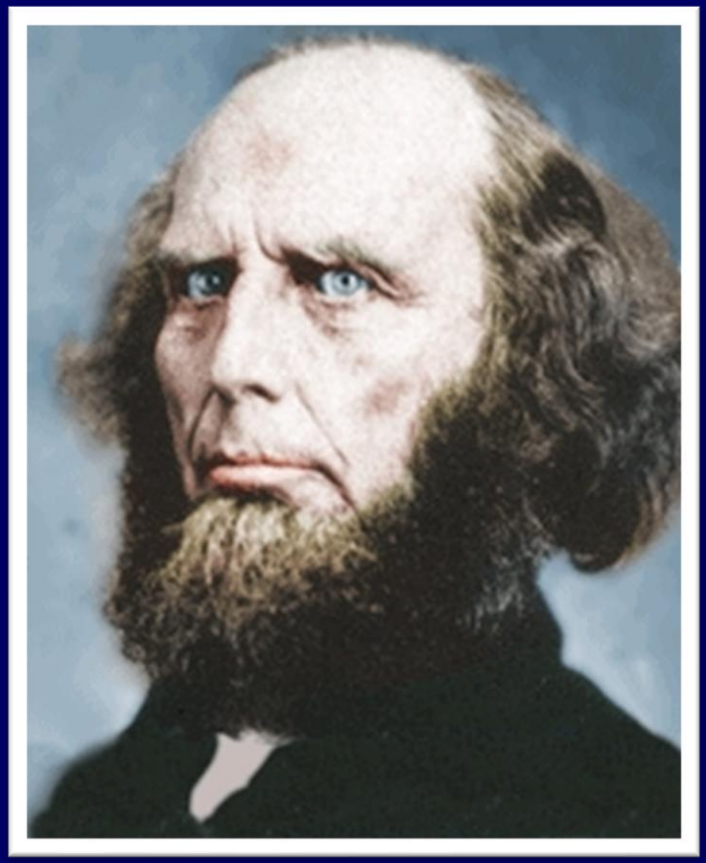
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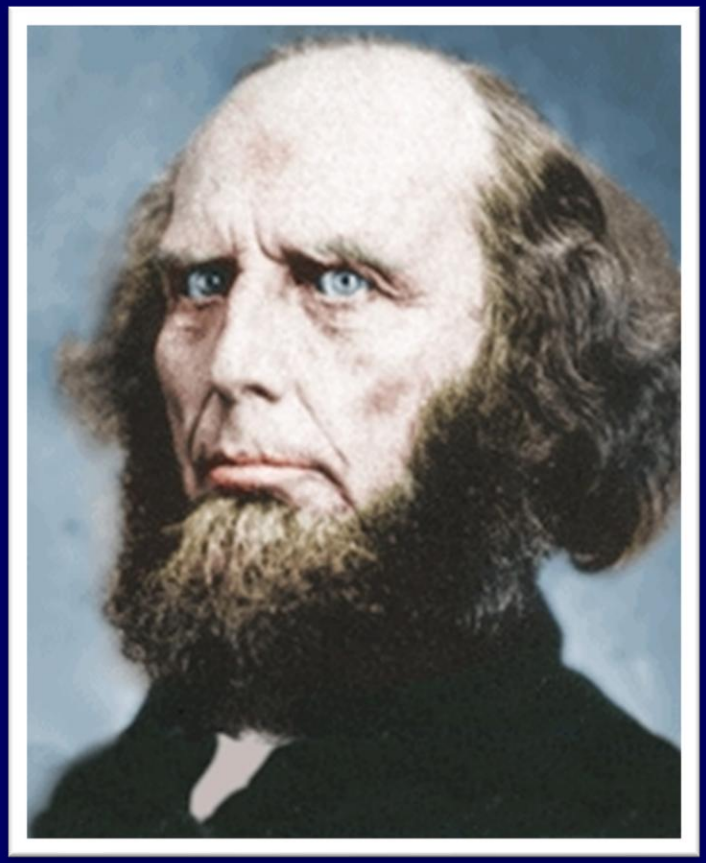
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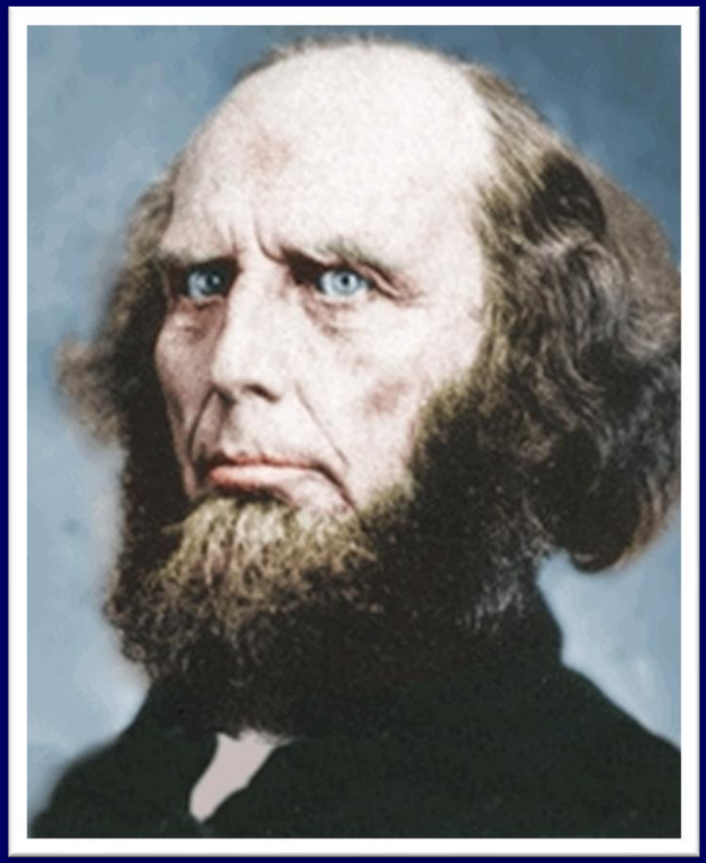
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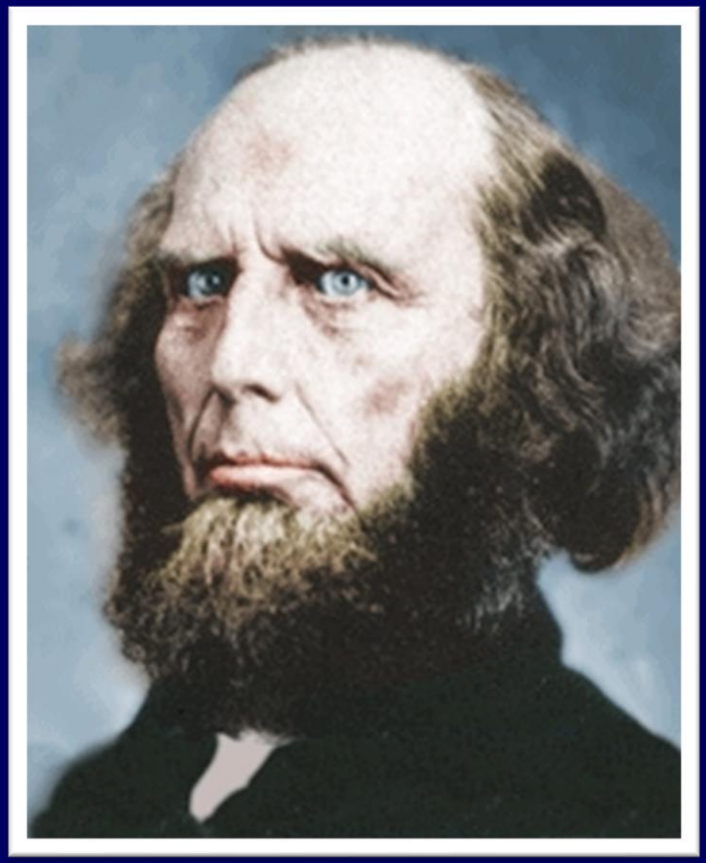
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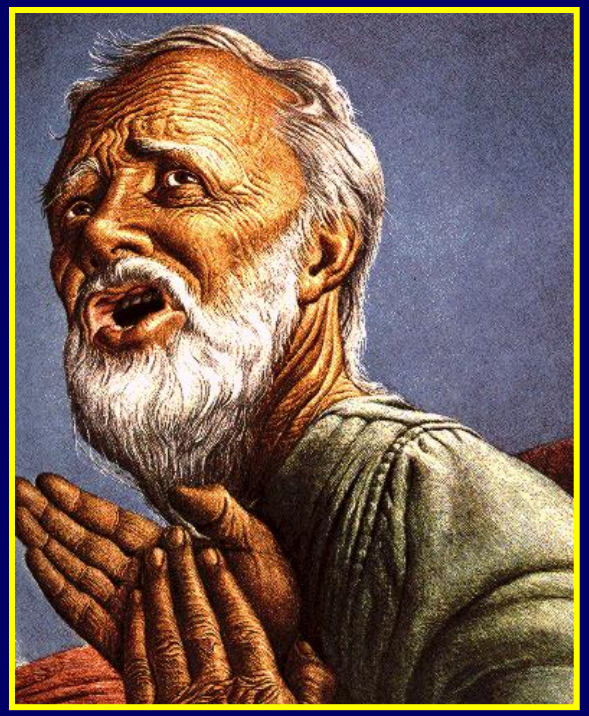
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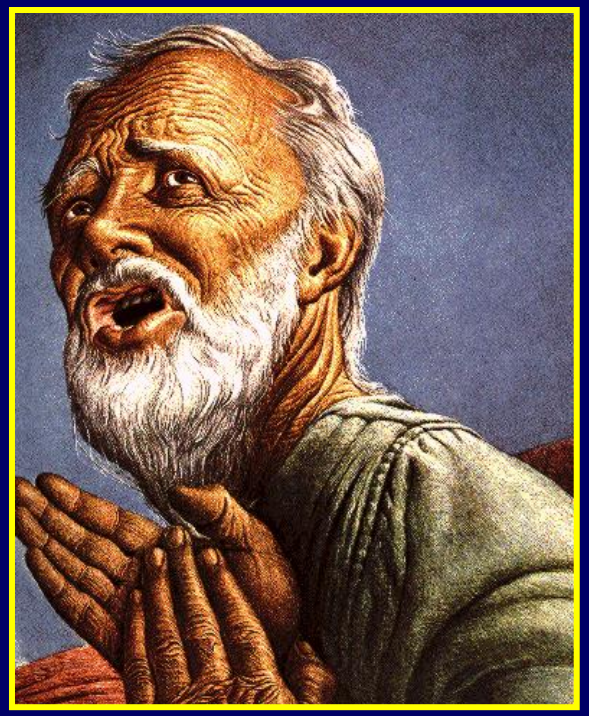
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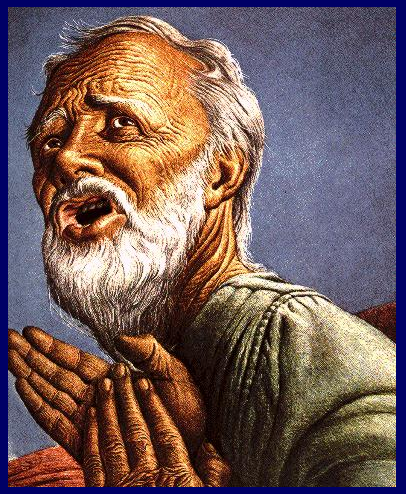
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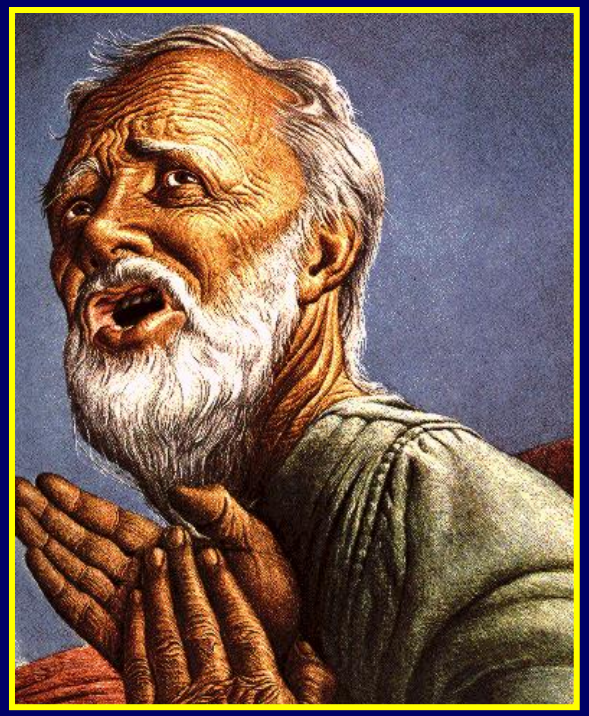
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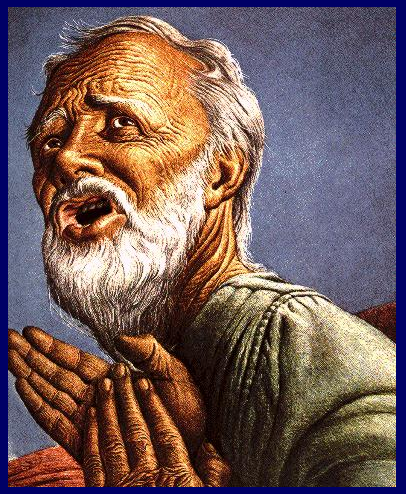
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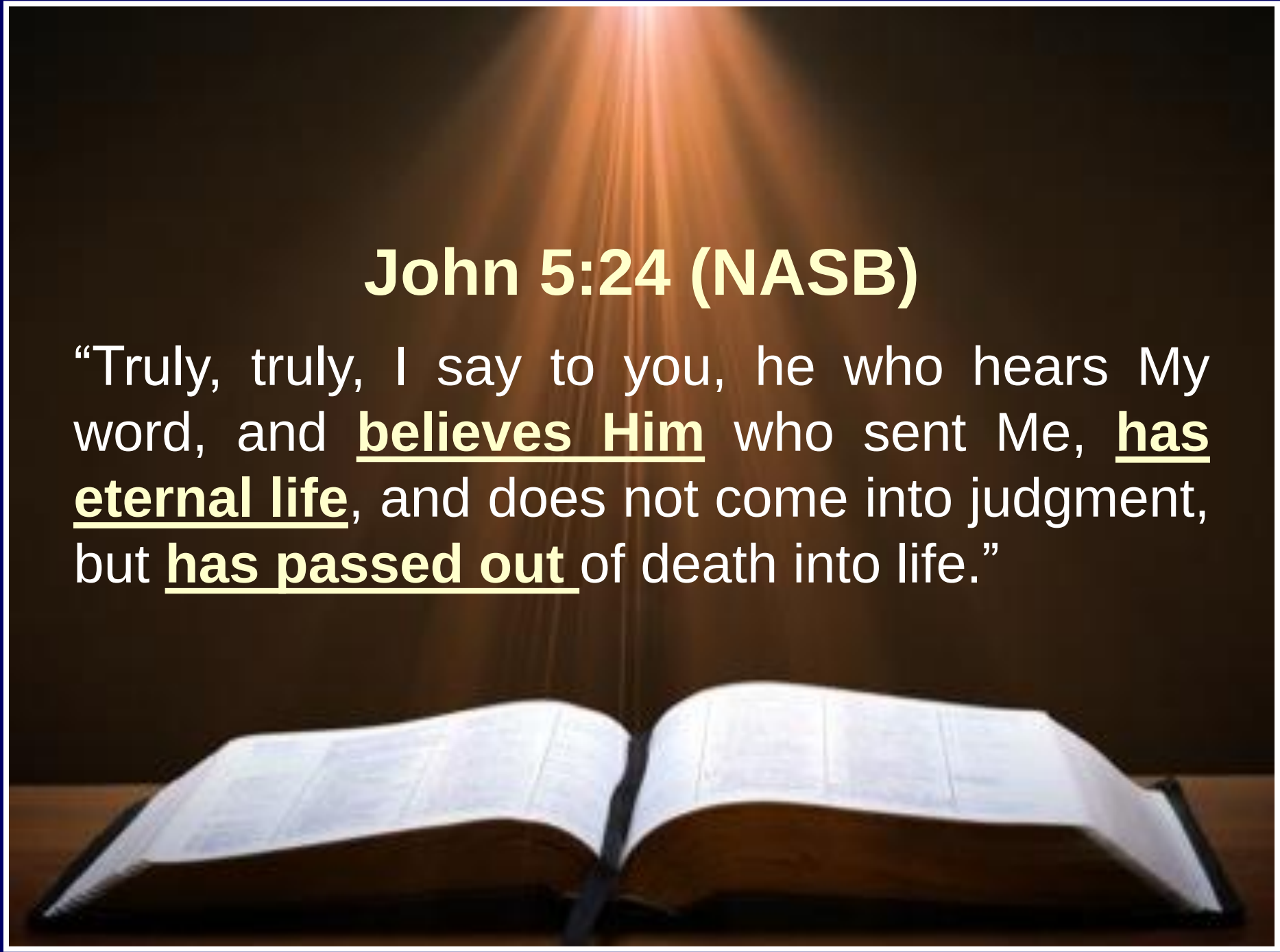


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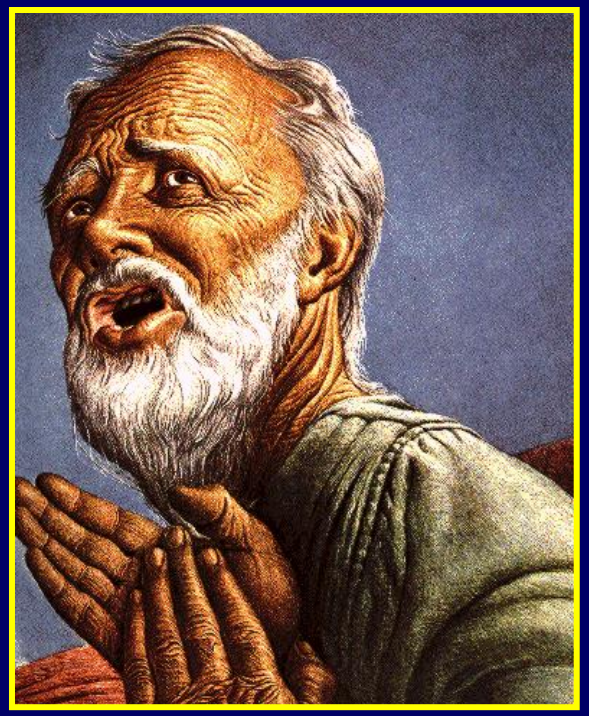
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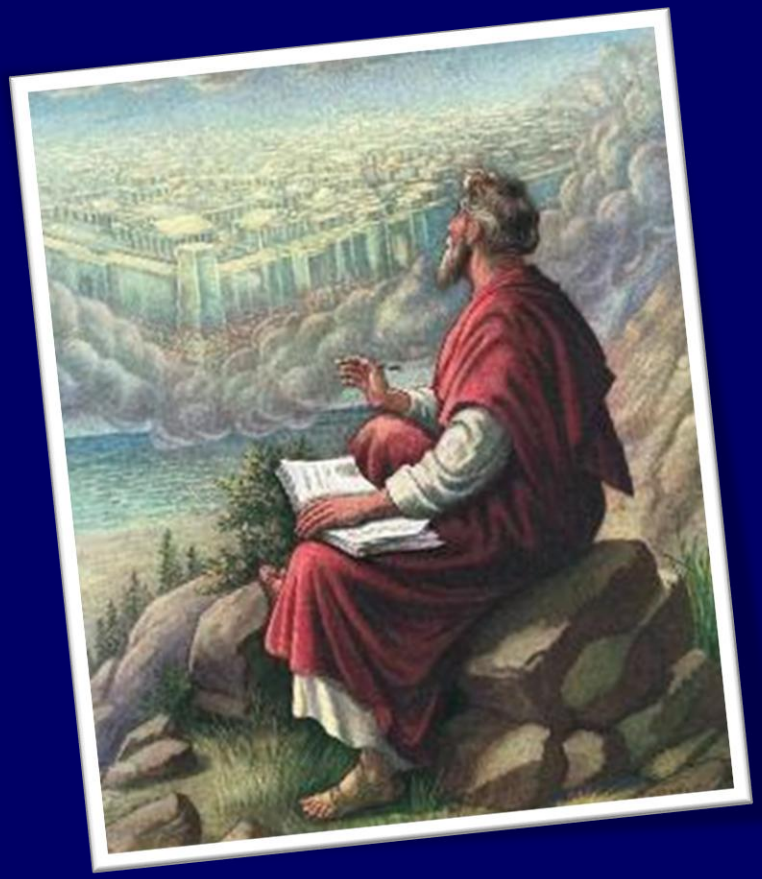

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“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

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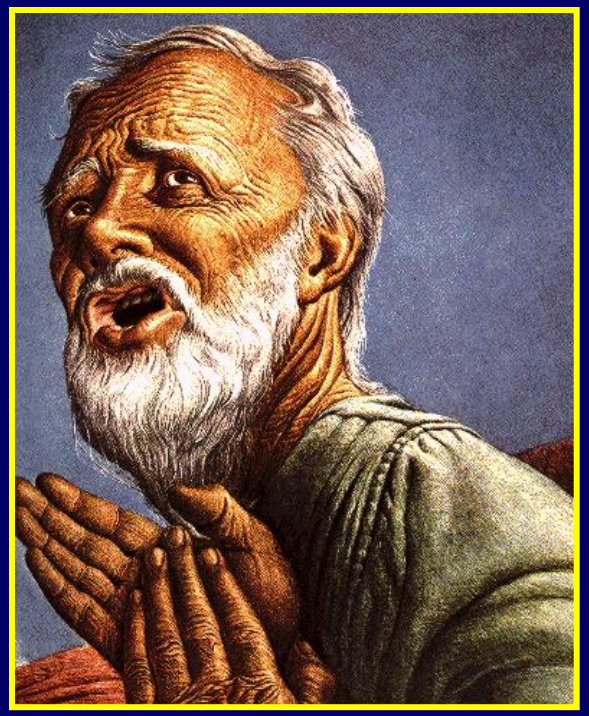
John 20:30-31



“Therefore many other **signs** Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may **believe** that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that **believing you may have life in His name**.”

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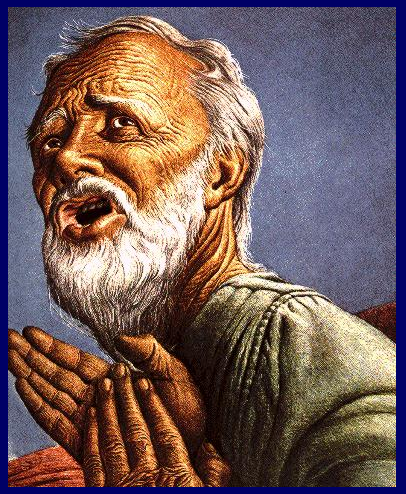
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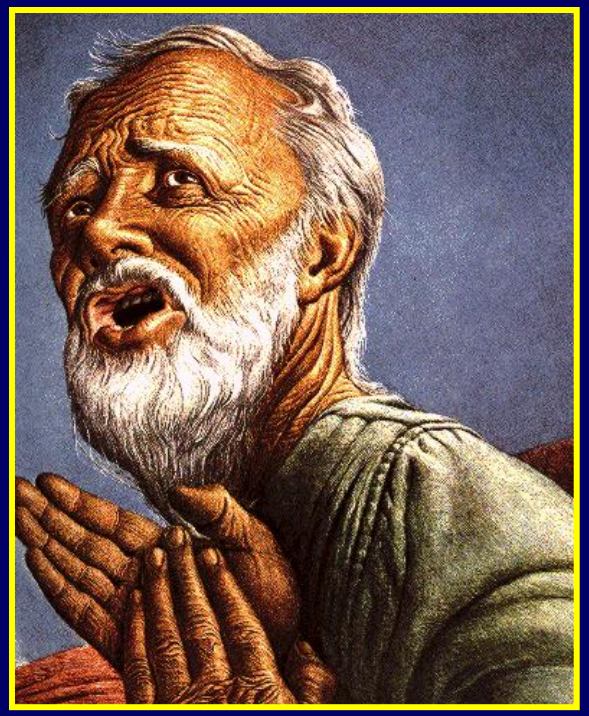
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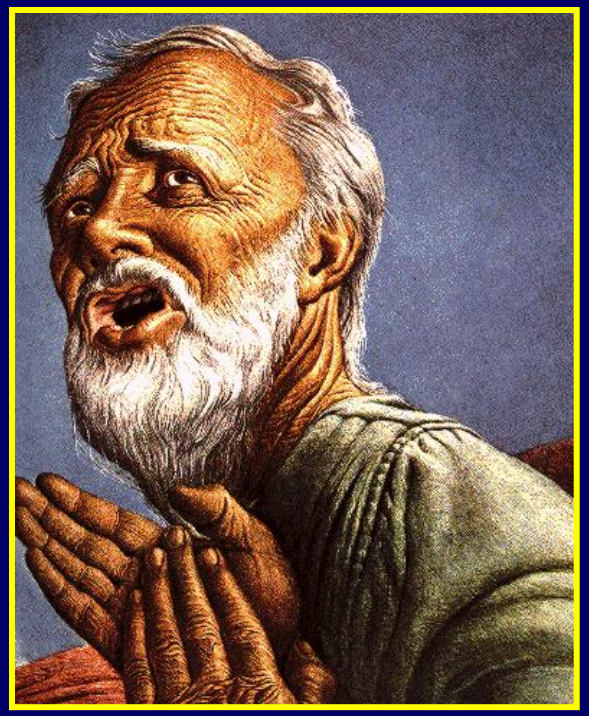
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"…because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31)."

Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology*[b] (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

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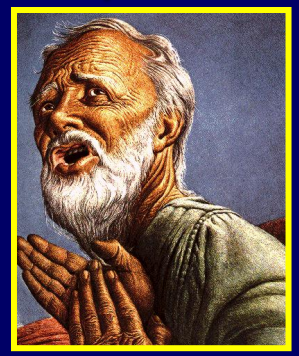
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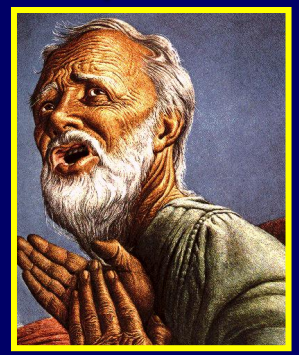
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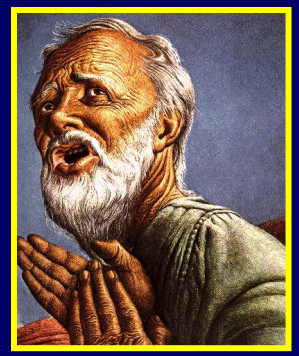
Romans 4:4-5



“ Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. **But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him** who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.”

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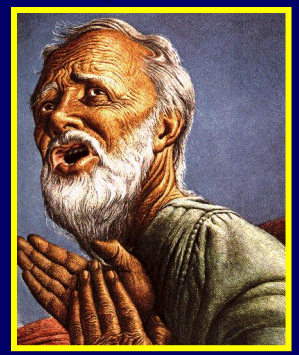
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"But if it is by **grace**, it is no longer on the basis of **works**, otherwise grace is no longer grace."

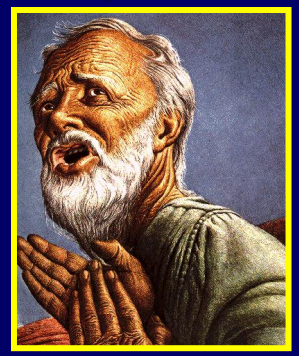
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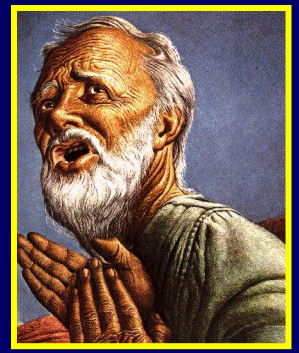
Ephesians 2:8-9



"For by grace you have been saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the **gift** of God; not as a result of works, **so that no one may boast.**"

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Galatians 5:11



"But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the **stumbling block** of the cross has been abolished."

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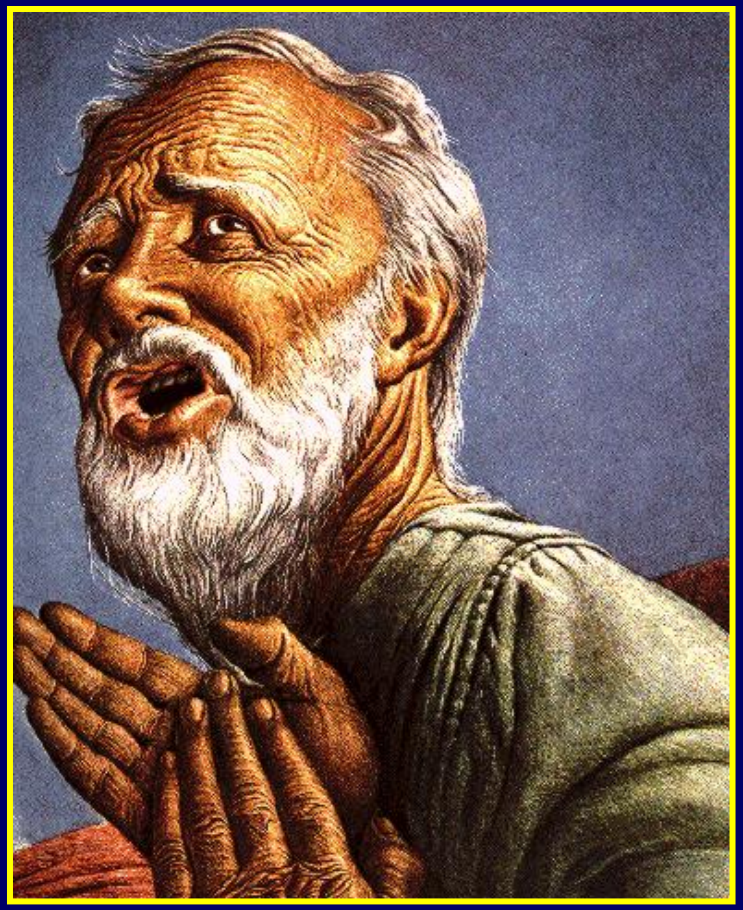
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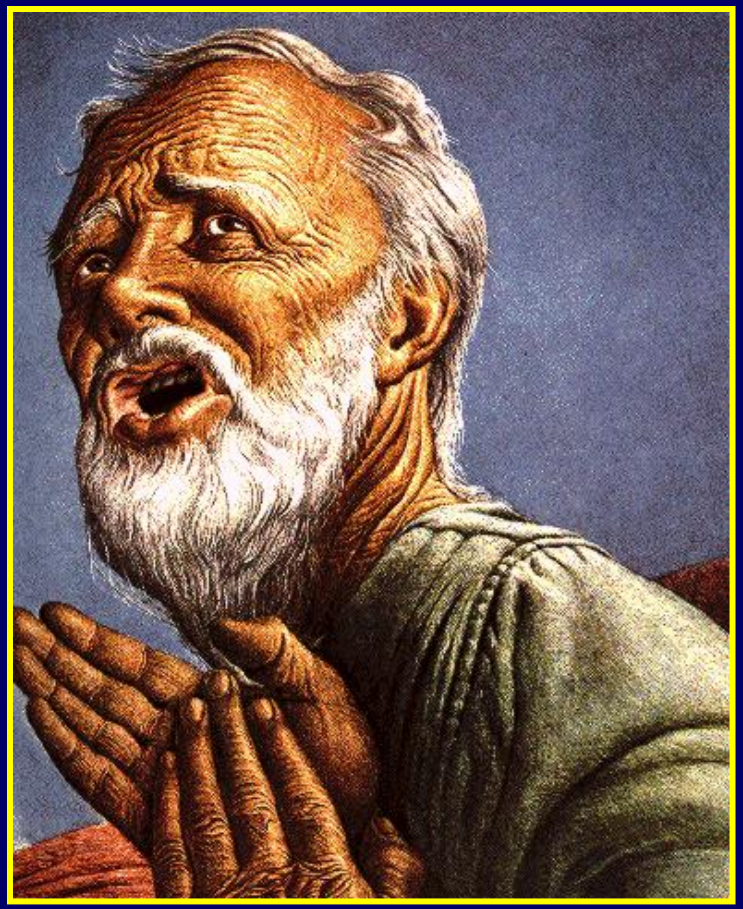
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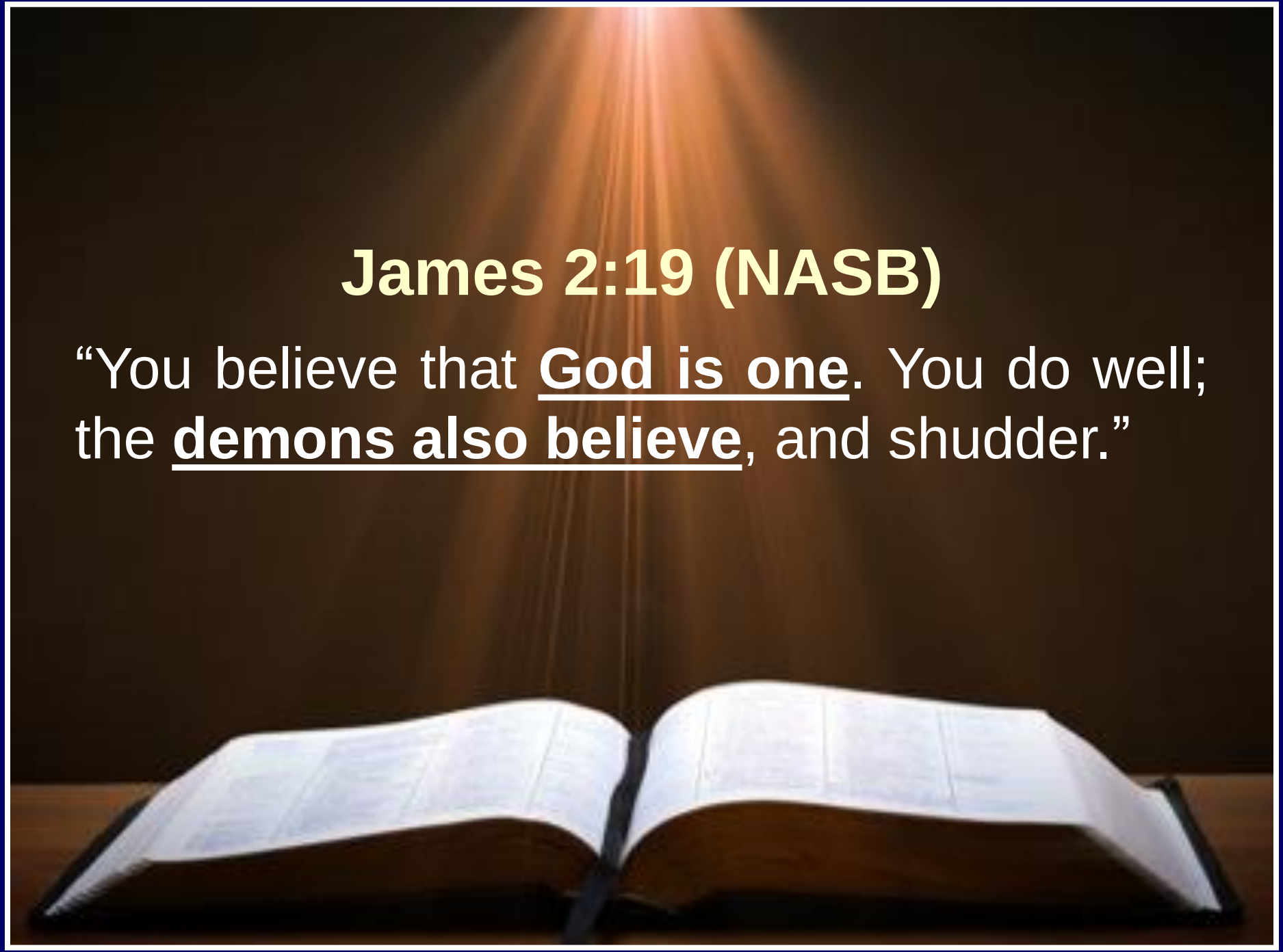
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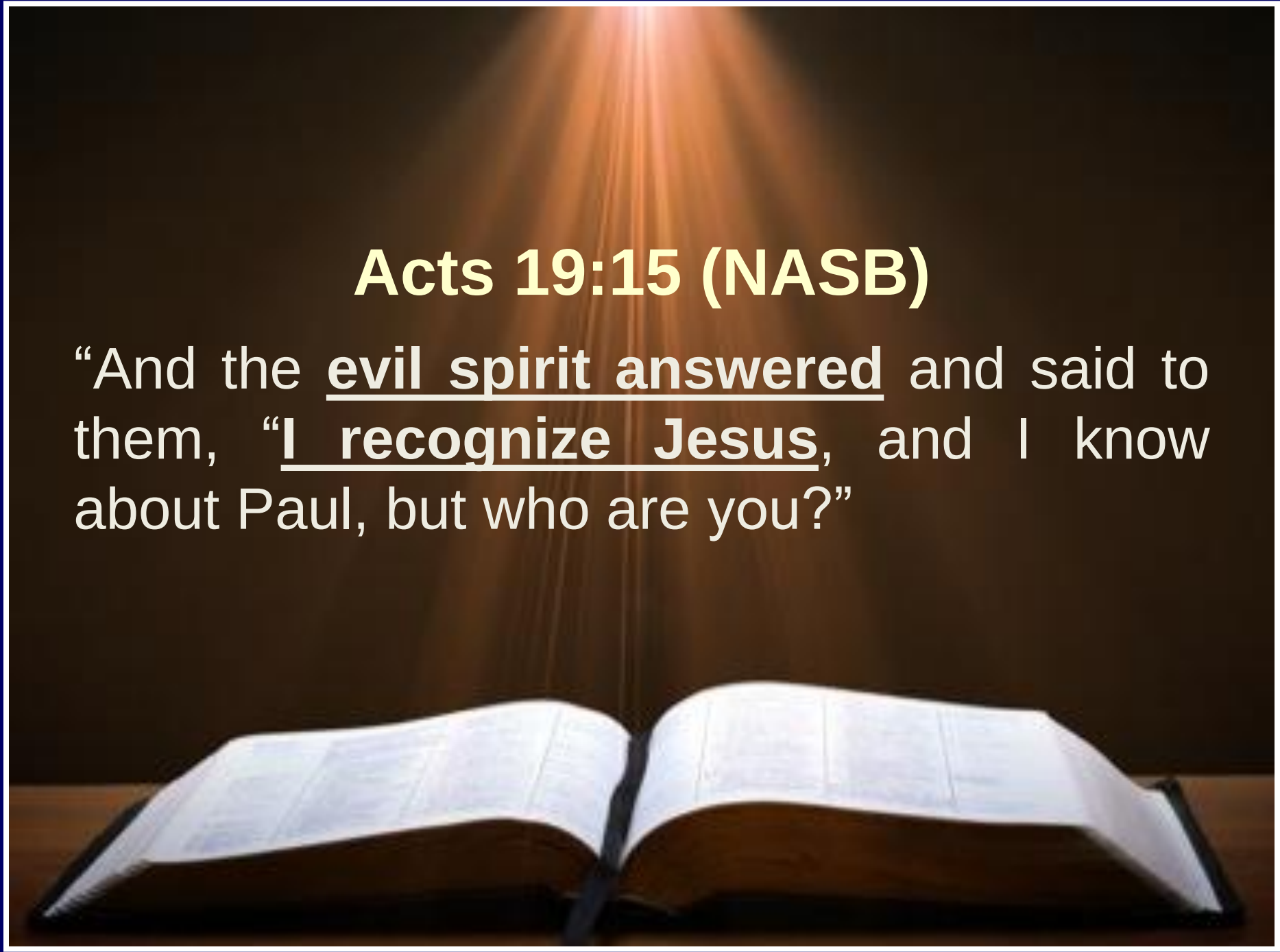



James 2:19 (NASB)
“You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.”

Matthew 8:28-29 (NASB)

“When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were **demon-possessed** met Him as they were coming out of the tombs. *They were* so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way. 29 And **they cried out**, saying, “What business do we have with each other, **Son of God**? Have You come here to **torment us before the time**?”



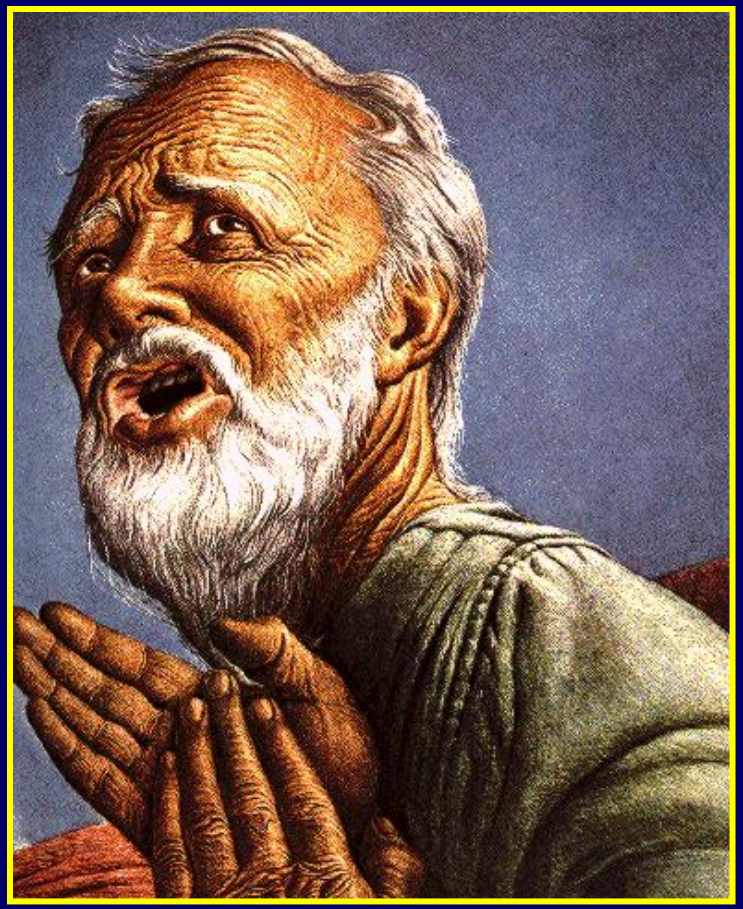


Acts 19:15 (NASB)

“And the **evil spirit answered** and said to them, “**I recognize Jesus**, and I know about Paul, but who are you?”

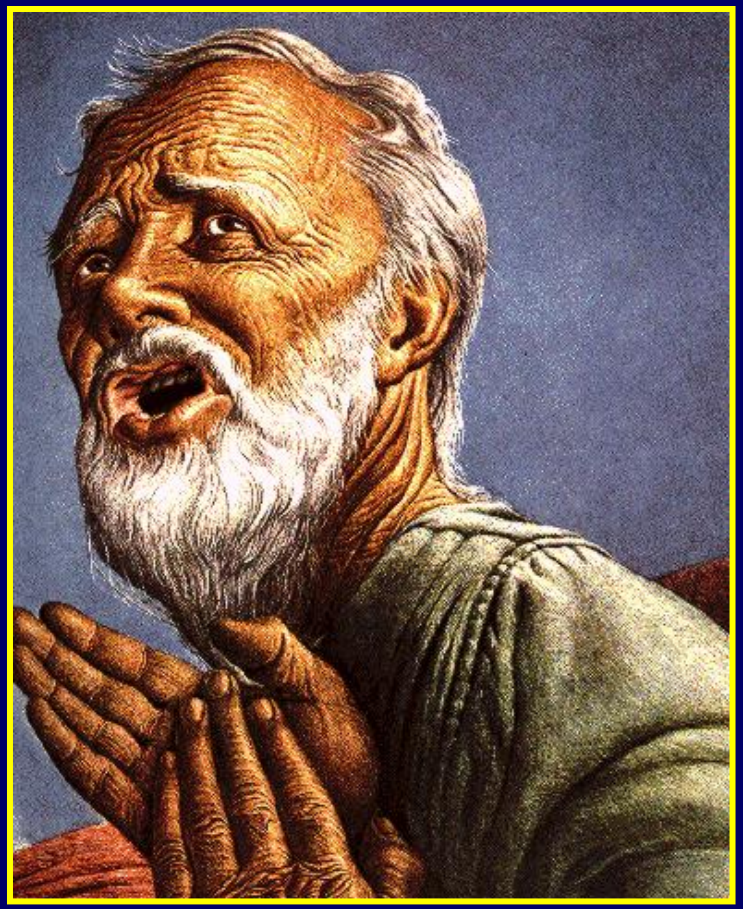
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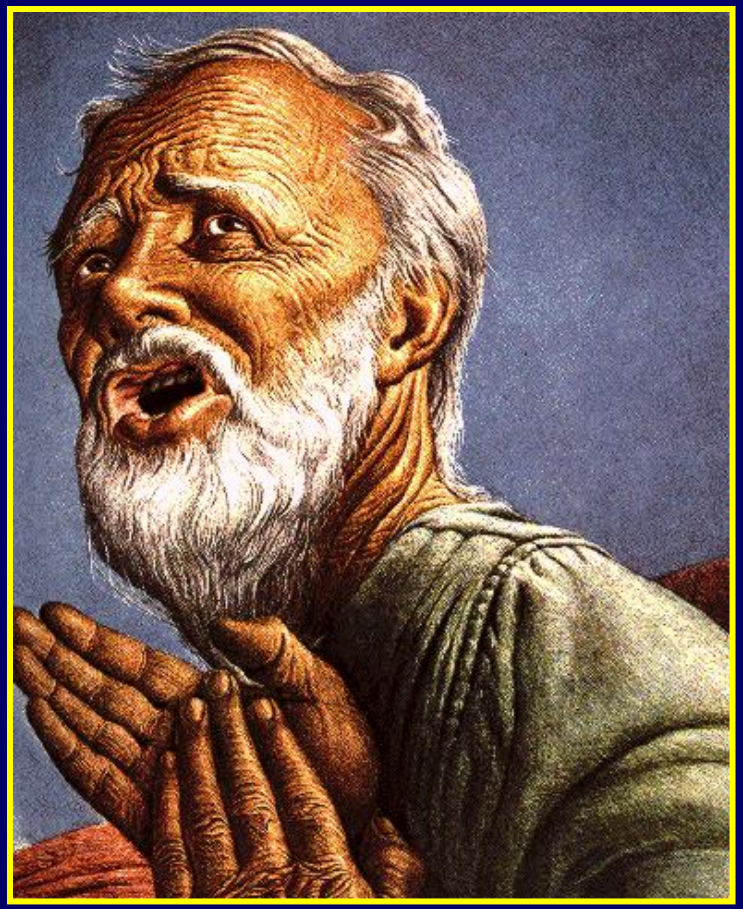
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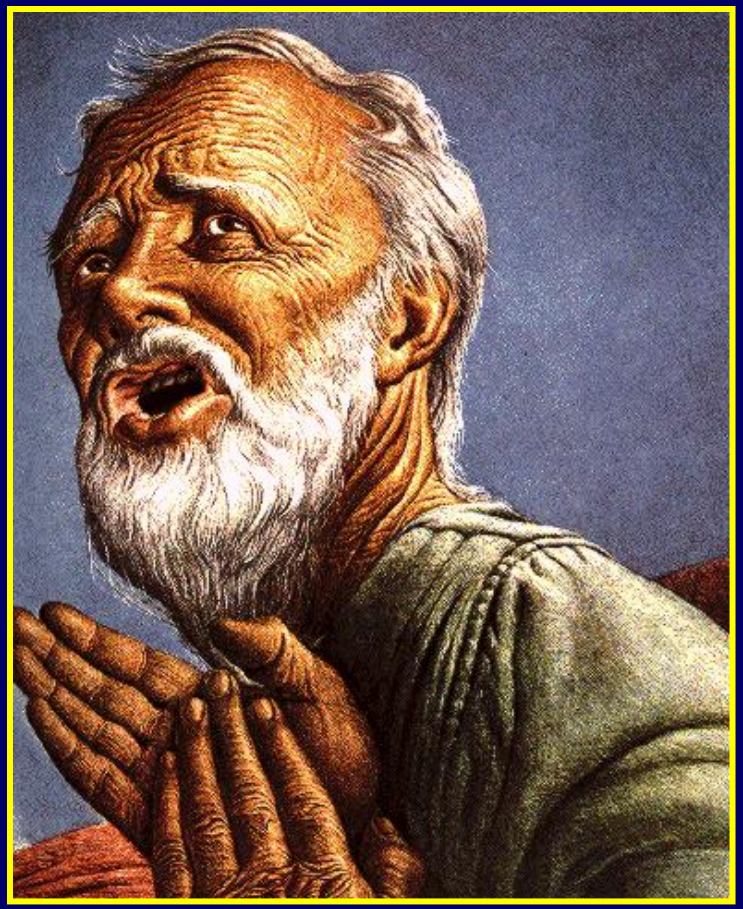
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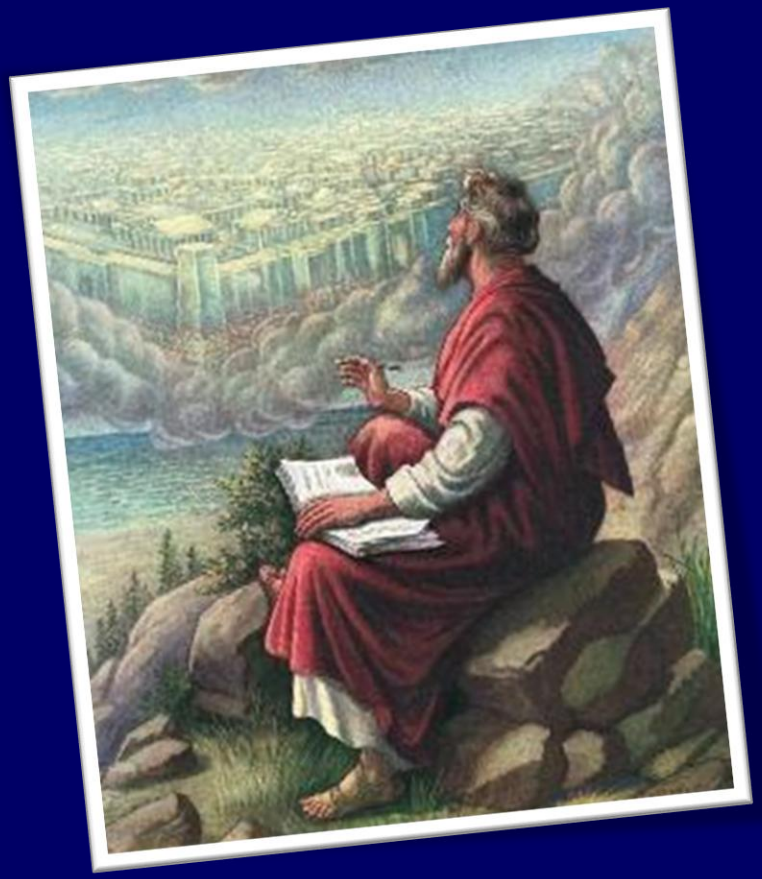
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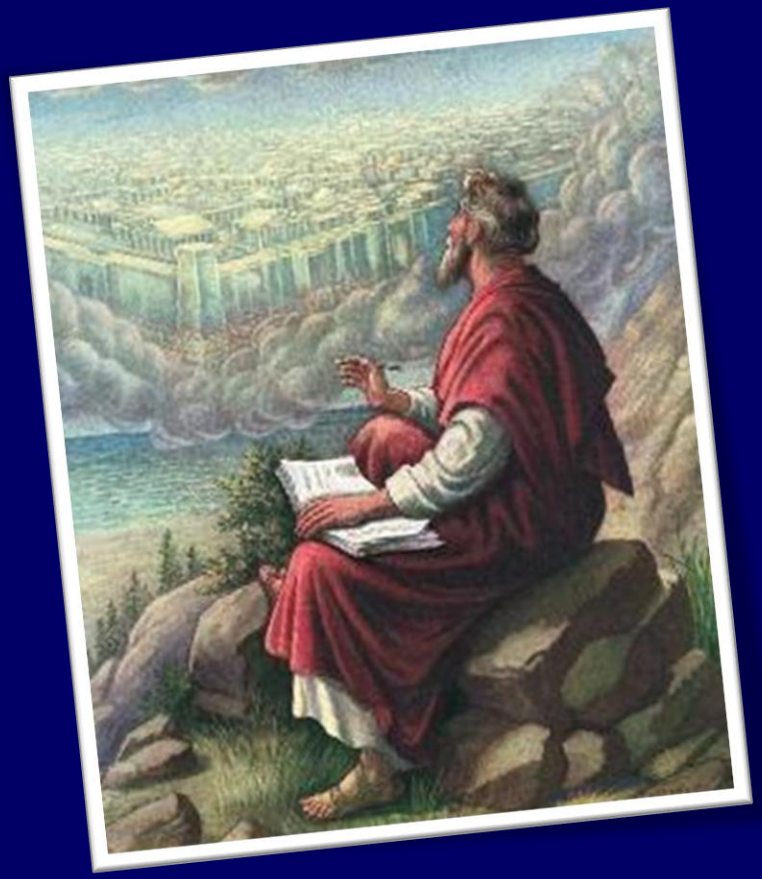
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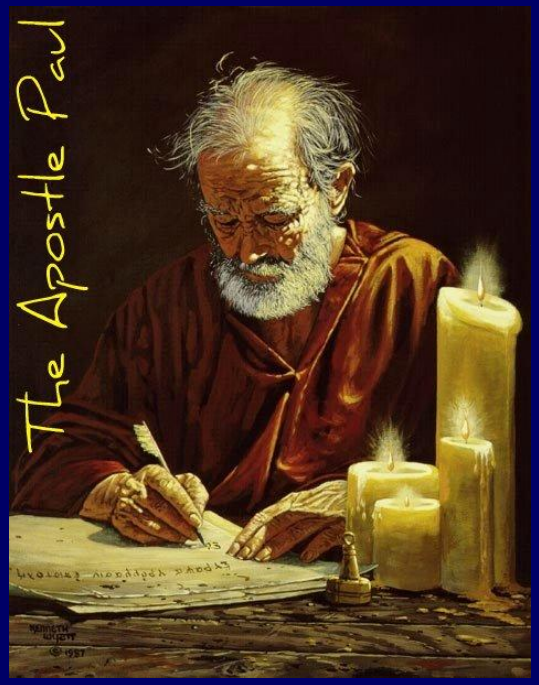


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