



GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING, GOD

Genesis 4

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.”

² And again, she bore his brother Abel.

Now Abel was a keeper of sheep,
and Cain a worker of the ground.

Genesis 4

³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions.

And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,
⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard.
So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

Genesis 4

⁶ The LORD said to Cain,

“Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?

⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted?

And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door.

Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it.”

Genesis 4

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother.

And when they were in the field,

Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?”

He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”

Genesis 4

¹⁰ And the LORD said, “What have you done?
The voice of your brother’s blood
is crying to me from the ground.

Genesis 4

¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

¹² When you work the ground,

it shall no longer yield to you its strength.

You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

Genesis 4

¹³ Cain said to the LORD,

“My punishment is greater than I can bear.

¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground,
and from your face I shall be hidden.

I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth,
and whoever finds me will kill me.”

Genesis 4

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him,
“Not so! If anyone kills Cain,
vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.”
And the LORD put a mark on Cain,
lest any who found him should attack him.

Genesis 4

16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.



GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING, GOD

**16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD
and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.**

- Genesis 4:16

16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD
and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.



“Land of Wandering”

- Genesis 4:16

All Who Choose To Wander Are Lost

Genesis 4:1-16

1. The Path to Wandering
2. Hope and Help for the Wanderer

All Who Choose To Wander Are Lost

Genesis 4:1-16

1. The Path to Wandering
2. Hope and Help for the Wanderer

I. The Path to Wandering

³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions.

And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,
⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard.
So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.



I. The Path to Wandering

³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions.

And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,
⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard.
So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

I. The Path to Wandering

⁷ You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

⁸ ““This people honors me with their lips,

but their heart is far from me;

⁹ in vain do they worship me,

teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.””

- Matthew 15:7-9

I.The Path to Wandering

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

- Hosea 6:6

I. The Path to Wandering

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

- Hebrews 11:4

I. The Path to Wandering

³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions.

And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,
⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard.

So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

I. The Path to Wandering

⁶ The LORD said to Cain,

“Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?

⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted?

And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door.

Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it.”

I. The Path to Wandering

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother.

And when they were in the field,

Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?”

He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”

I. The Path to Wandering

21 You have heard that it was said to those of old,
‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders
will be liable to judgment.’

22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother
will be liable to the council; and whoever says,
‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.

- Matthew 5:21-22

I. The Path to Wandering

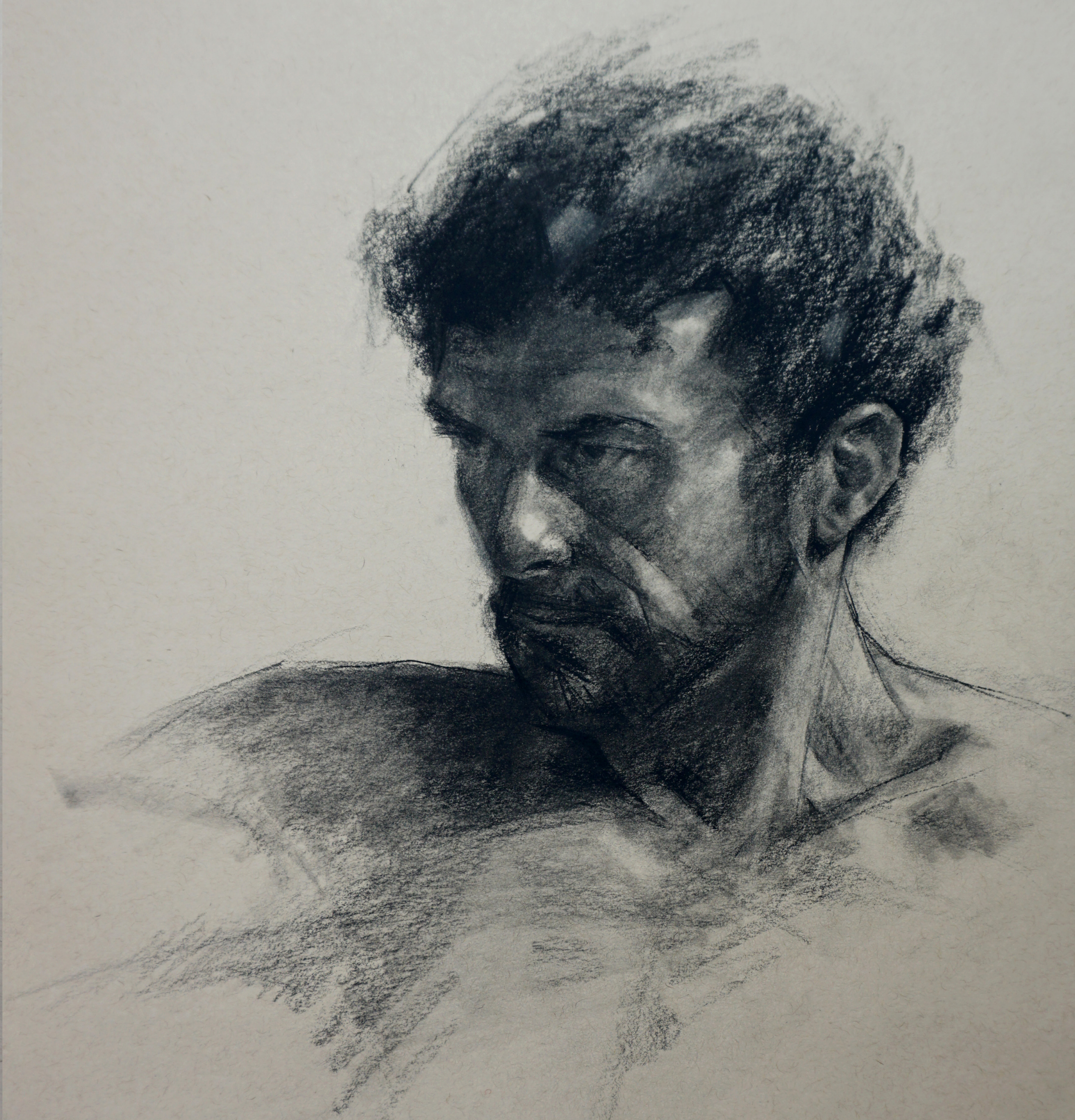
1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?

Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

2 You desire and do not have, so you murder.

You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel...

- James 4:1-2



“There is no heaven that envy cannot make into a hell...
Humility is how we battle envy.
Therefore, there could not be more at stake in the struggle
between humility and envy going on in our hearts.
It is as fierce and decisive as the battle between heaven and hell.”

- Gavin Ortland



I. The Path to Wandering

⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says,
“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you....

¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

- James 4:6-10

I. The Path to Wandering

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother.

And when they were in the field,

Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?”

He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”

I. The Path to Wandering

¹⁰ And the LORD said, “What have you done?
The voice of your brother’s blood
is crying to me from the ground.

I. The Path to Wandering

¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

¹² When you work the ground,

it shall no longer yield to you its strength.

You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

I.The Path to Wandering

¹³ Cain said to the LORD,

“My punishment is greater than I can bear.

¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground,
and from your face I shall be hidden.

I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth,
and whoever finds me will kill me.”

I. The Path to Wandering

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him,
“Not so! If anyone kills Cain,
vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.”
And the LORD put a mark on Cain,
lest any who found him should attack him.

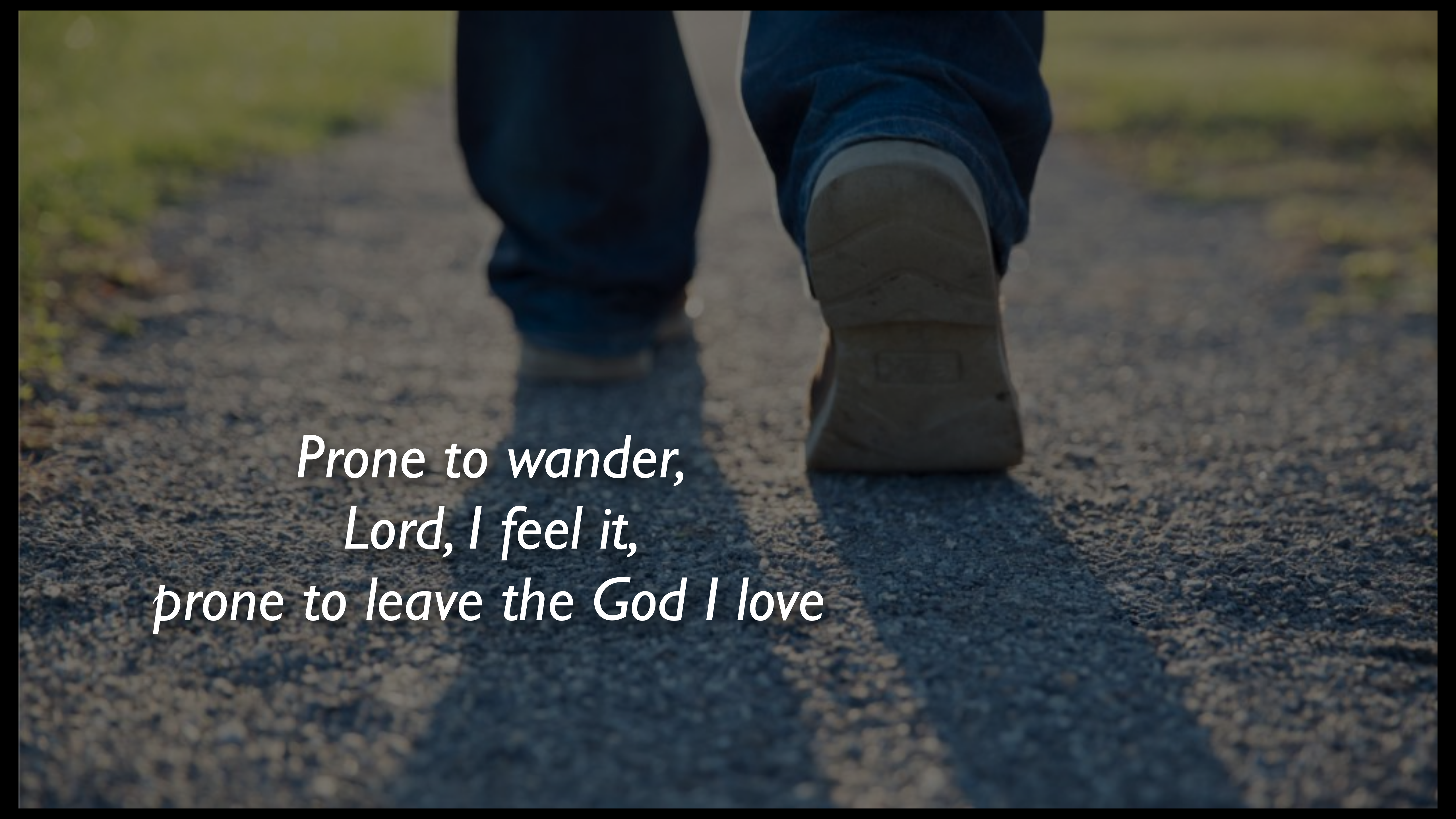
I. The Path to Wandering

¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

All Who Choose To Wander Are Lost

Genesis 4:1-16

1. The Path to Wandering
2. Hope and Help for the Wanderer

A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's feet walking on a paved path. The person is wearing blue denim jeans and grey sneakers with white soles. The path is made of small, light-colored stones or gravel. The background is a soft-focus green field. The text is overlaid in the lower-left quadrant of the image.

*Prone to wander,
Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love*

2. Hope and Help for the Wanderer

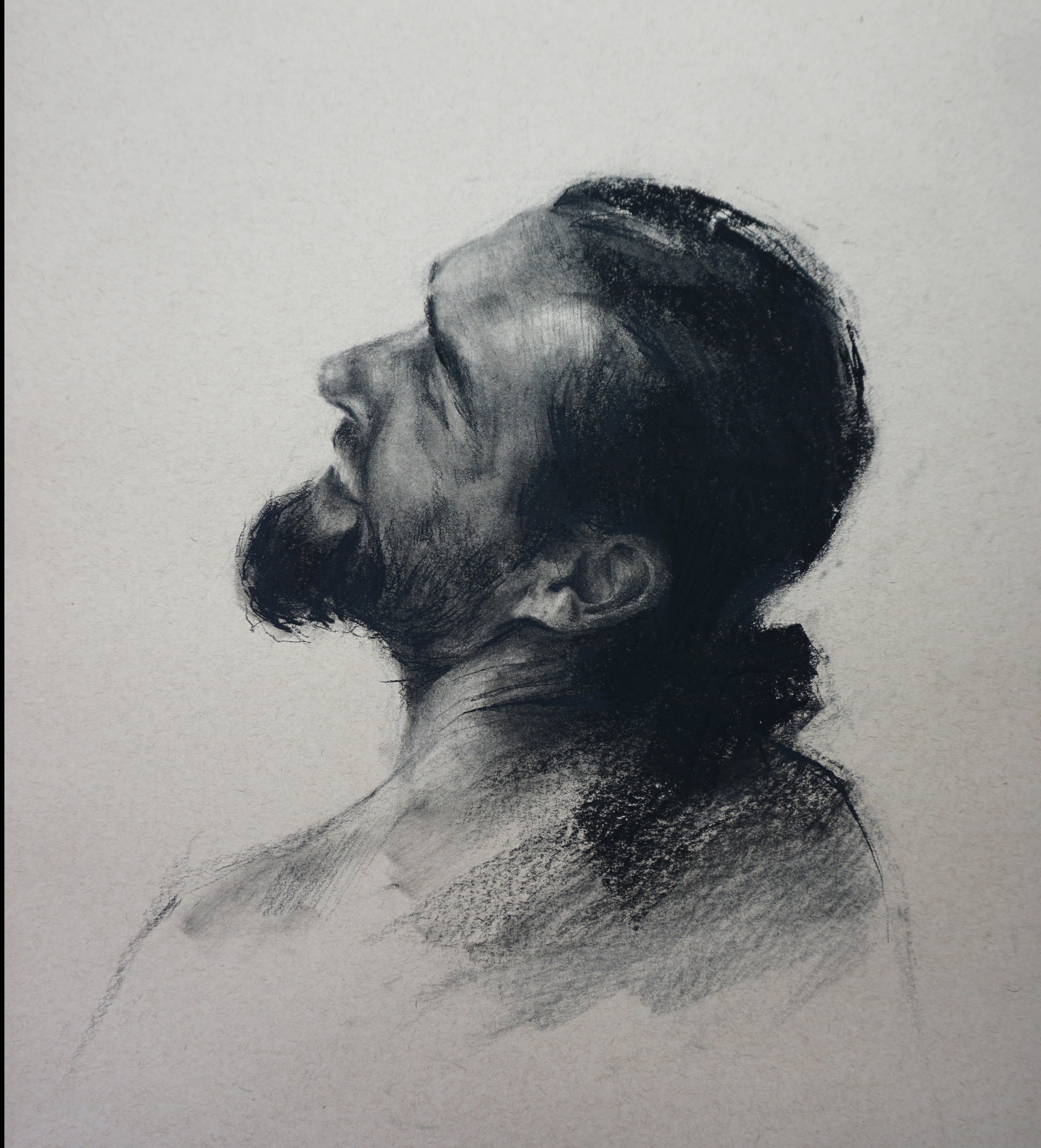
¹⁰ And the LORD said, “What have you done?
The voice of your brother’s blood
is crying to me from the ground.

2. Hope and Help for the Wanderer

24... (come) to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
and to the sprinkled blood that
speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

25 See that you do not refuse him who is speaking....

- Hebrews 12:24-25



2. Hope and Help for the Wanderer

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
- ² Our souls long, yes, faint for the courts of the LORD;
our hearts and flesh sing for joy to the living God...
- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you...

2. Hope and Help for the Wanderer

⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear our prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!...

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
We would rather be doorkeepers in the house of our God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

2. Hope and Help for the Wanderer

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, blessed are those who trust in you!

- Psalm 84



GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING, GOD