

A close-up photograph of a basketball hoop and backboard. The hoop is orange and the backboard is blue with a white diamond-shaped logo. The net is brown. The background is a clear blue sky with some blurred greenery.

**Wasted
Oppportunity!**

Matthew 25:19-30

Matthew 25:14-30

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’

Matthew 25:14-30

21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22 He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

Matthew 25:14-30

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“THE OLIVET DISCOURSE” BECAUSE IT IS A SERMON GIVEN BY OUR LORD TO HIS DISCIPLES ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES.



His own message about
His own second coming

The Three Servants:



Privilege is
carelessly
wasted

- ∅ Two are living and
- ∅ One is partly living.

One is expressive of the
emptiness of life, when
opportunity and privilege
is carelessly wasted

KINGDOM IS MADE UP OF SOIL

Good

Bad



WHEAT AND TARES



**TWO HOUSES, ONE WITH A
FOUNDATION AND ONE WITHOUT
A FOUNDATION.**



A photograph of a forest path. The path is made of dirt and is covered with fallen leaves. It splits into two paths, one on the left and one on the right, each leading into a dense forest of tall trees with green leaves. The text "TWO PATHS AND TWO GATES." is overlaid in the center of the image in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

TWO PATHS AND TWO GATES.

Ten Virgins with oil



An aerial photograph showing a large, dark fishing dragnet being pulled through the ocean. The net is filled with a dense catch of fish, appearing as a shimmering, textured mass. Two birds are seen flying in the upper left quadrant of the frame. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the overall scene is captured from a high angle, looking down at the net.

Dragnet full of fish

Judgment

of the
SHEEP & GOATS



The Uncertainty of the Hour

Matthew 24:36

*“But of that day
and hour no one
knows, not even
the angels
of heaven, but My
Father only.”*



A close-up photograph of a clock face. The clock has a white dial with black numbers and hands. The hour hand is a thick blue needle, and the minute hand is a thinner orange needle. The background is slightly blurred, focusing on the hands and the text.

Matthew

24:42

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:44

*Therefore you
also be ready, for
the Son of Man is
coming at an
hour you do not
expect.*



Matthew 24:50

50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,



Matthew 25:13

*“Watch therefore,
for you know
neither the day
nor the hour in
which the Son of
Man is coming.”*





His own message about
His own second coming

Matthew 24:3

*“Tell us,
when will
these things
be?”*



Matthew 24:4-35

What will be the
signs?



Matthew 25:1-13

**The
parable
of the
virgins**



Matthew 25:14-30

The parable of the talents



**Alertness,
readiness, and
preparedness**



A close-up photograph of a person's hands typing on a laptop keyboard. The image has a blue tint and a semi-transparent blue circular graphic with a white outline is overlaid on the lower right. The text is positioned on the right side of the image, overlaid on a white vertical bar.

**The parable of
the talents is
not just an
emphasis
on waiting
but its
emphasis
on working.**



1. Responsibility.

2. Response.

3. Reckoning.

4. Reward.

Matthew

25:14

***“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.*”**



Matthew

25:15

And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.



ONE GOT FIVE, ONE GOT TWO,

AND ONE GOT ONE.



kingdom

**whether they are true or false,
whether they are wheat or tares.**





2. Response

Then he who had received
the five talents went and
traded with them, and made
another five talents.

Matthew 25:16

And likewise
he who had
received two
gained two
more also.

Matthew

25:17



But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

Matthew

25:18



The opportunity a
maximum return -
He returned to the
Lord full service.



V 18 the mark of a false servant.

- **He made nothing in terms of effort.**
- **He did nothing.**
- **He thought about nothing.**
- **He invested in nothing.**
- **He is not a true believer.**
- **He is a virgin with no oil.**



Reckoning

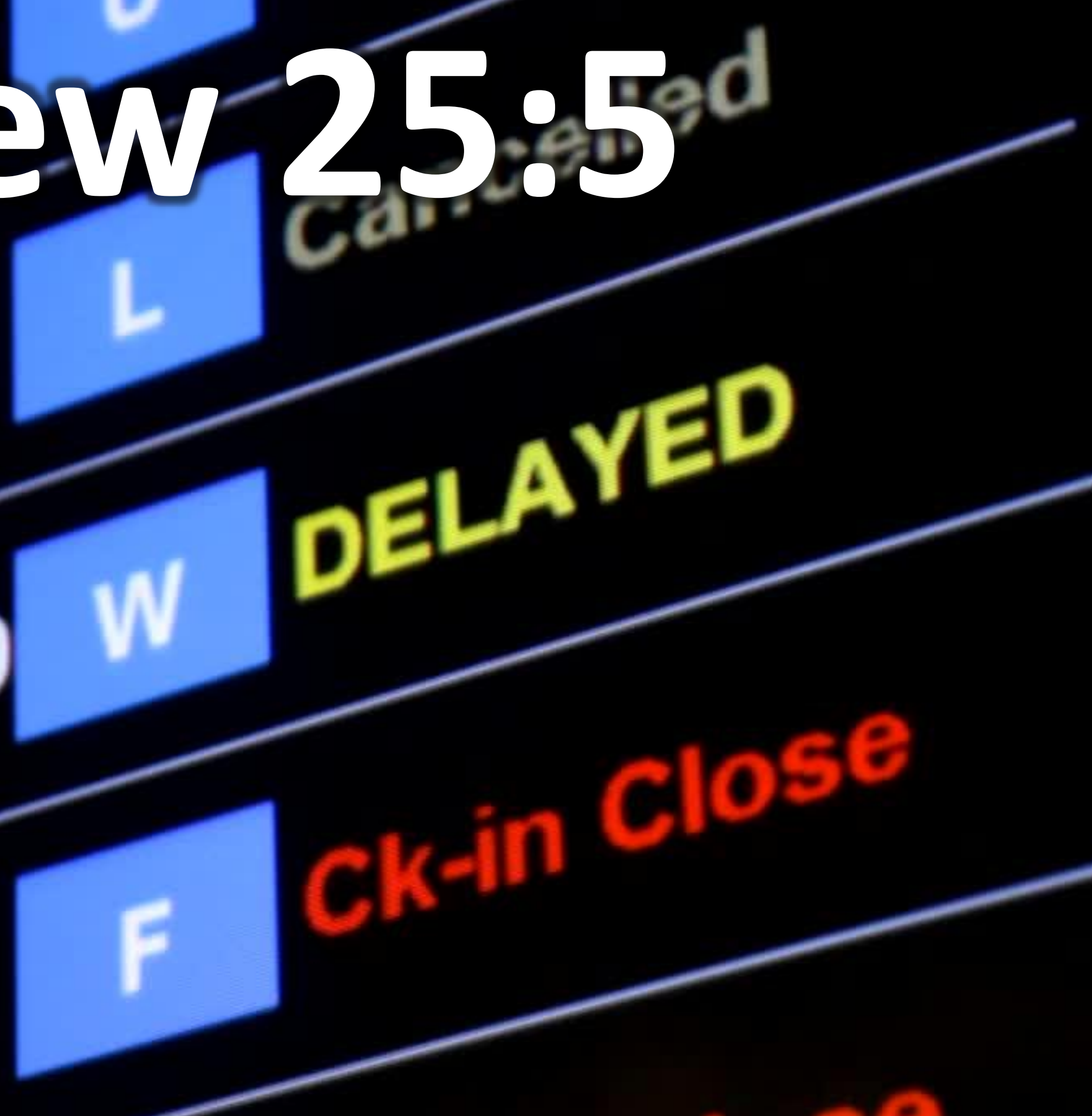
Matthew 25:19

After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.



Matthew 25:5

But while the
bridegroom was
delayed, they all
slumbered and
slept.



Matthew 25:31-46



*it is a time for
separating the sheep
from the goats.*

Matthew

25:20

"And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more."



**WE KNOW HOW MUCH
GOD LOVES US,**

**Love has been perfected among us in this: that we
may have boldness in the day of judgment;
because as He is, so are we in this world.**

1 John 4:17



Matthew

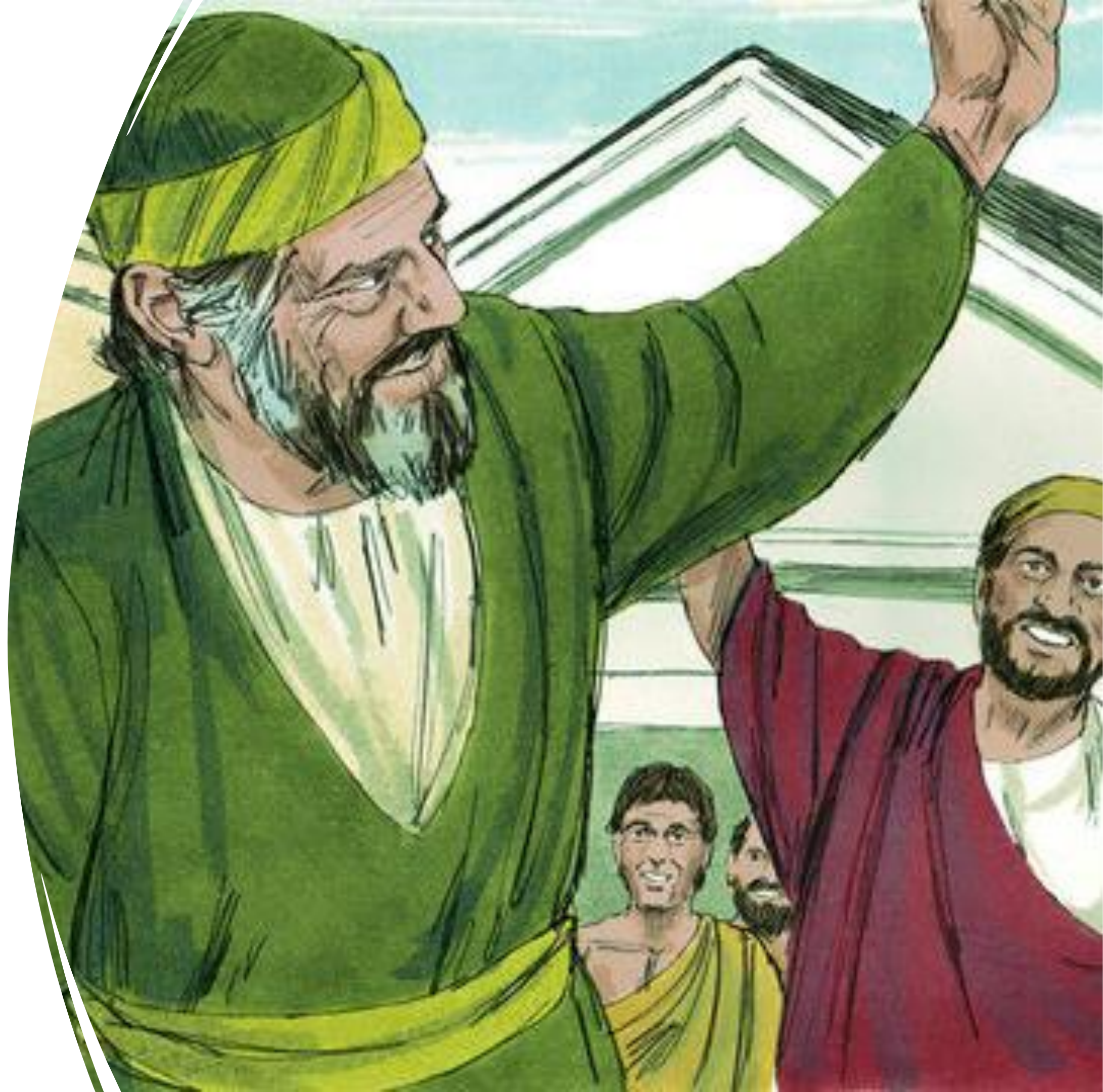
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2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.



Matthew 25:21

**His lord said to him,
'Well done, good and
faithful servant; you
were faithful over a few
things, I will make you
ruler over many things.
Enter into the joy of your
lord.'**



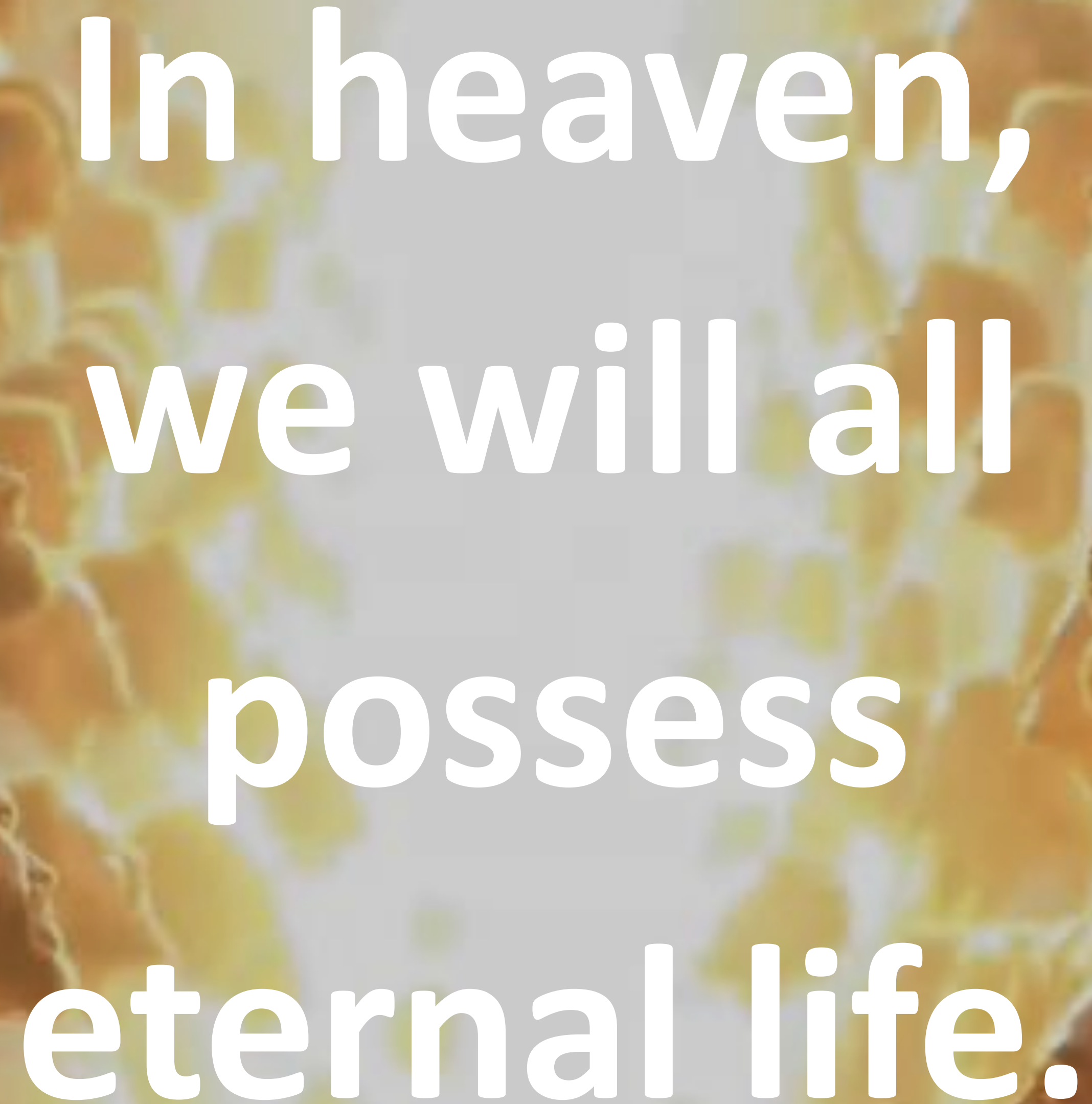
Characterization

Excellent

*“You are
good and you
are
trustworthy.”*

is

It

A large crowd of diverse people is shown from the chest up, all looking upwards and to the right. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The background is filled with many more people, creating a sense of a large gathering. The overall mood is one of hope and anticipation.

**In heaven,
we will all
possess
eternal life.**

Matthew 25:22

He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'



Matthew 25:23

***Enter
into the joy
of your
lord.***





Hebrews 12:2

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



Luke 19:17

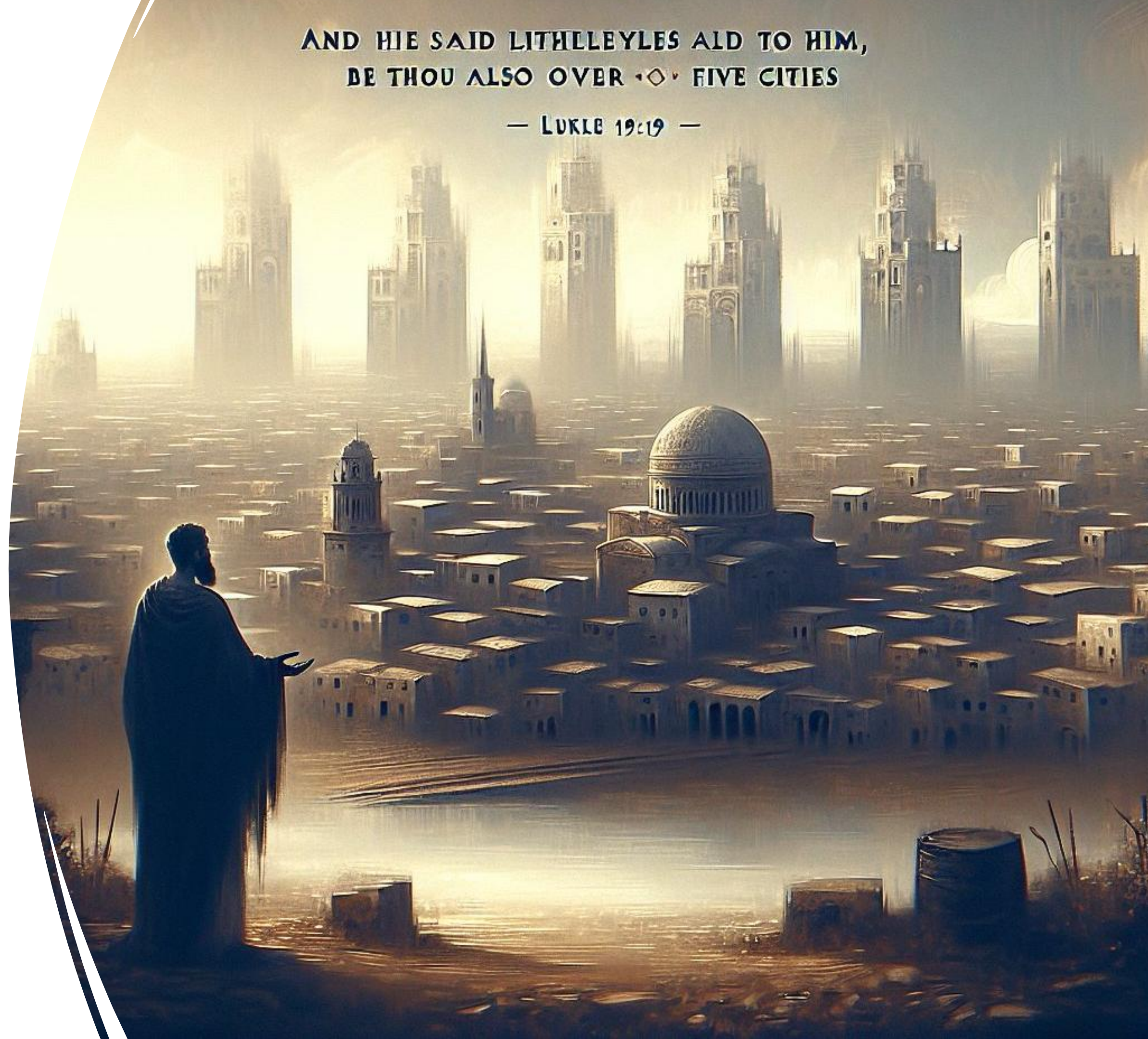
And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

AND HE SAID LITTLETONS AID TO HIM,
BE THOU ALSO OVER FIVE CITIES

— LUKE 19:19 —

Luke 19:19

*Likewise he said
to him, 'You also
be over five
cities.'*





Raptured Believers in the Millennial Kingdom

Exploring the roles and responsibilities of the raptured saints during Christ's 1,000-year reign on Earth.

Raptured Believers Reign with Christ



Revelation 20:4–6

Priestly ministry

**Serve as
priests of God
and of Christ**



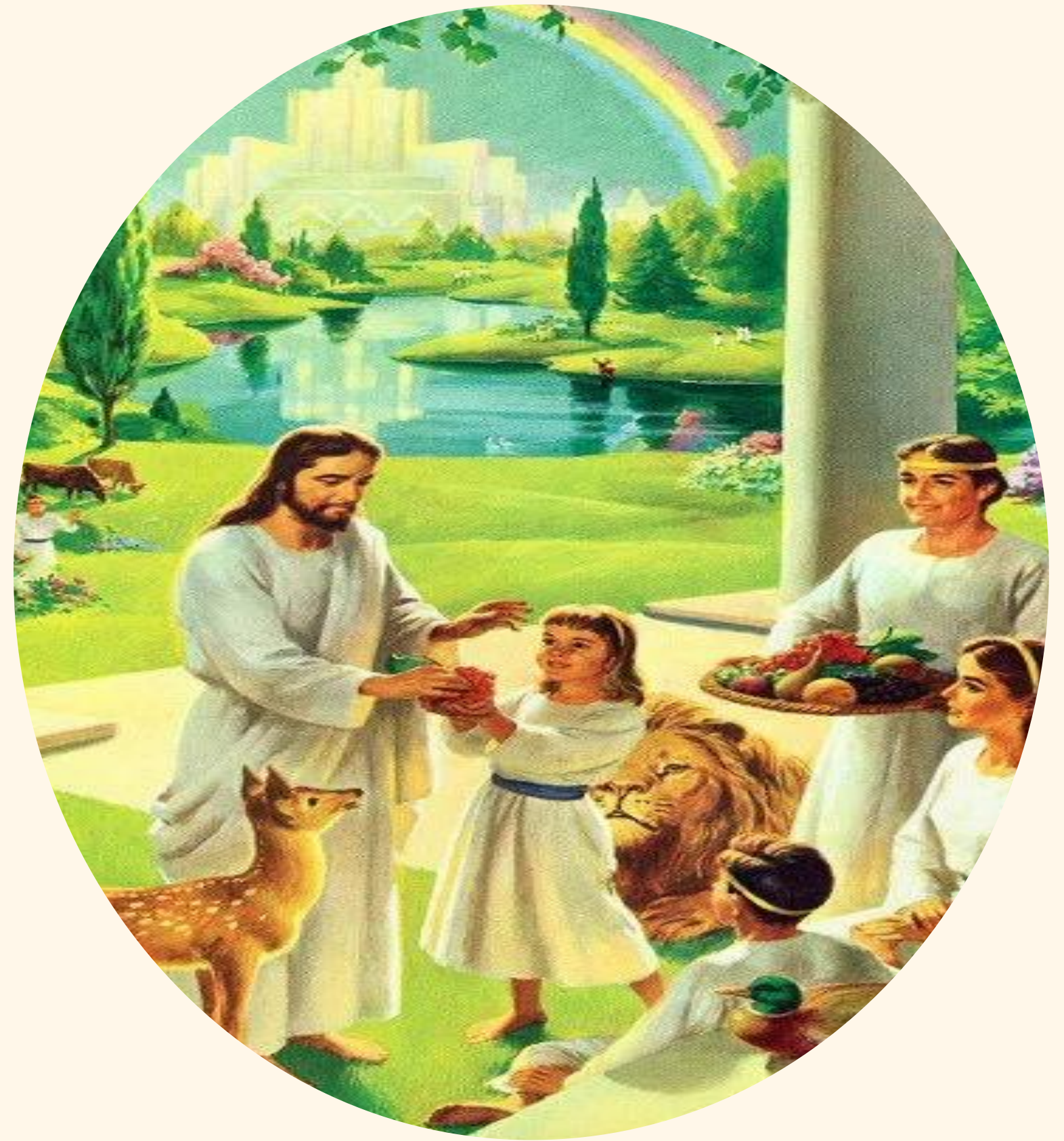
**Judging the
nations:**

**Matthew 19:28
and**

1 Corinthians 6:2.



**Coexistence
with Mortal
Humans**



**Survivors of
the Tribulation**

Coexistence with Mortal Humans

Matthew 22:30

immortal do not marry



Coexistence with Mortal Humans

Rev 20:7–9

Satan is released



Nature of the Kingdom

Peace and justice

**Isaiah 2:4;
Rev 20:1–6**

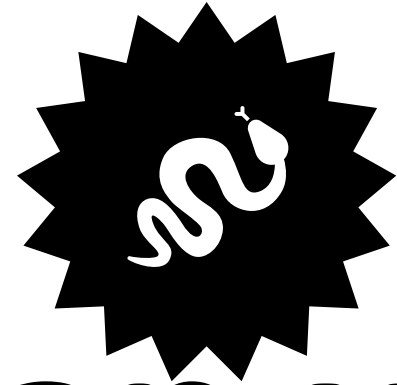
Temple worship

Ezekiel 40–48

Transformed Earth

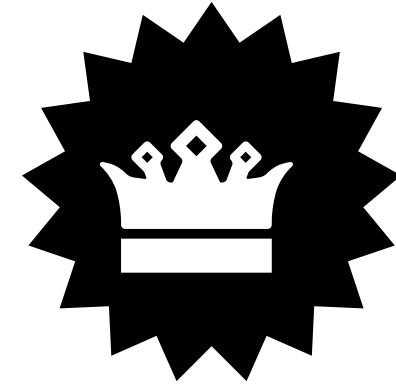
Isaiah 11:6–9

After the Millennium



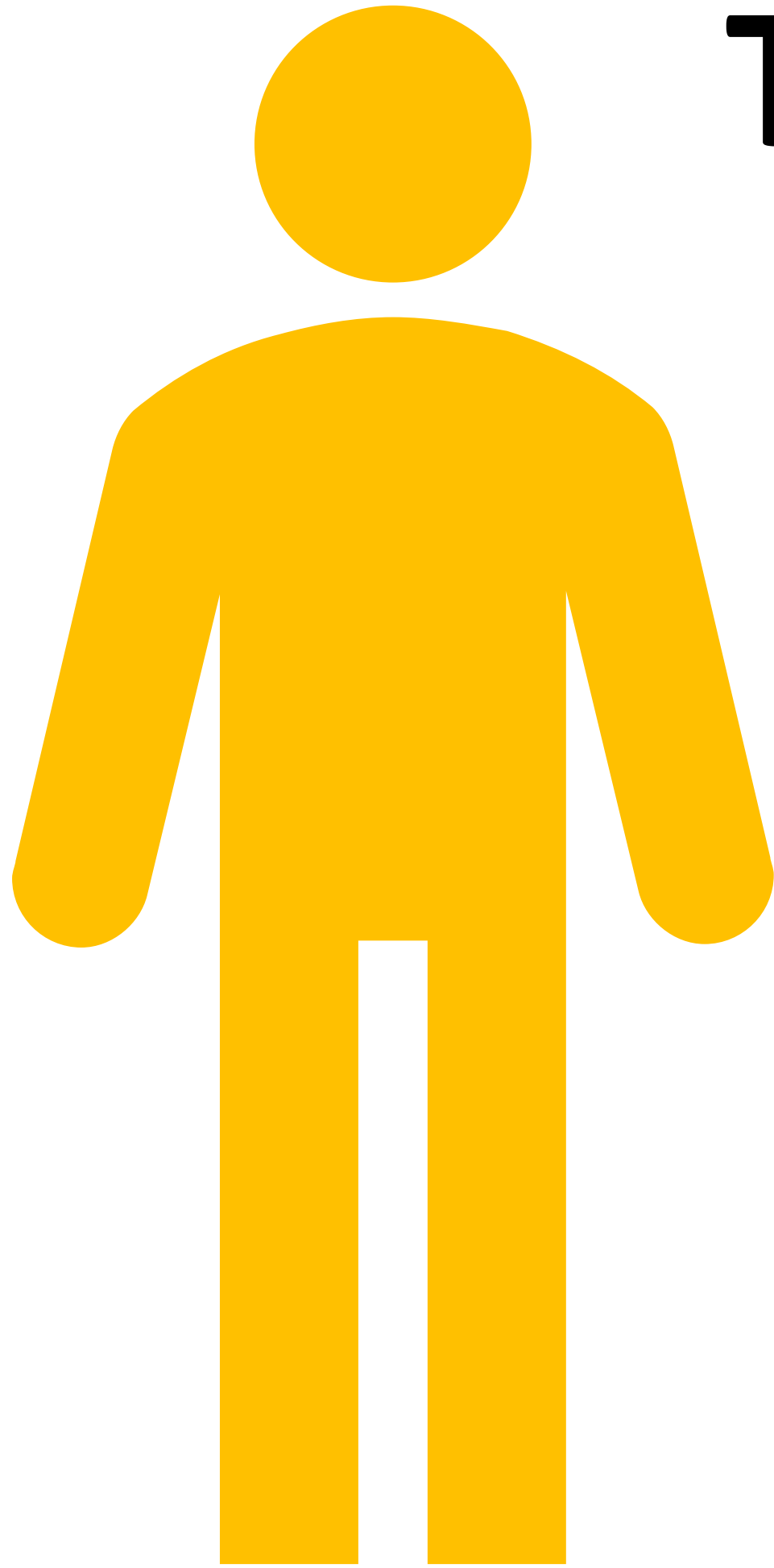
**Satan will be
released**

**Revelation
20:7–10**



**Great White
Throne Judgment**

**Revelation
21:1**



Three commendations

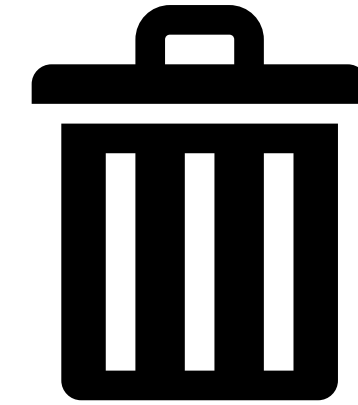
- **A verbal one,**
- **Made responsible for even greater things,**
- **Enters into the joy of the Lord.**

Matthew 25:24

Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.'



He does not waste his master's goods like the unjust steward of **Luke 16.**



He does not spend it all on riotous living like the prodigal of **Luke 15.**

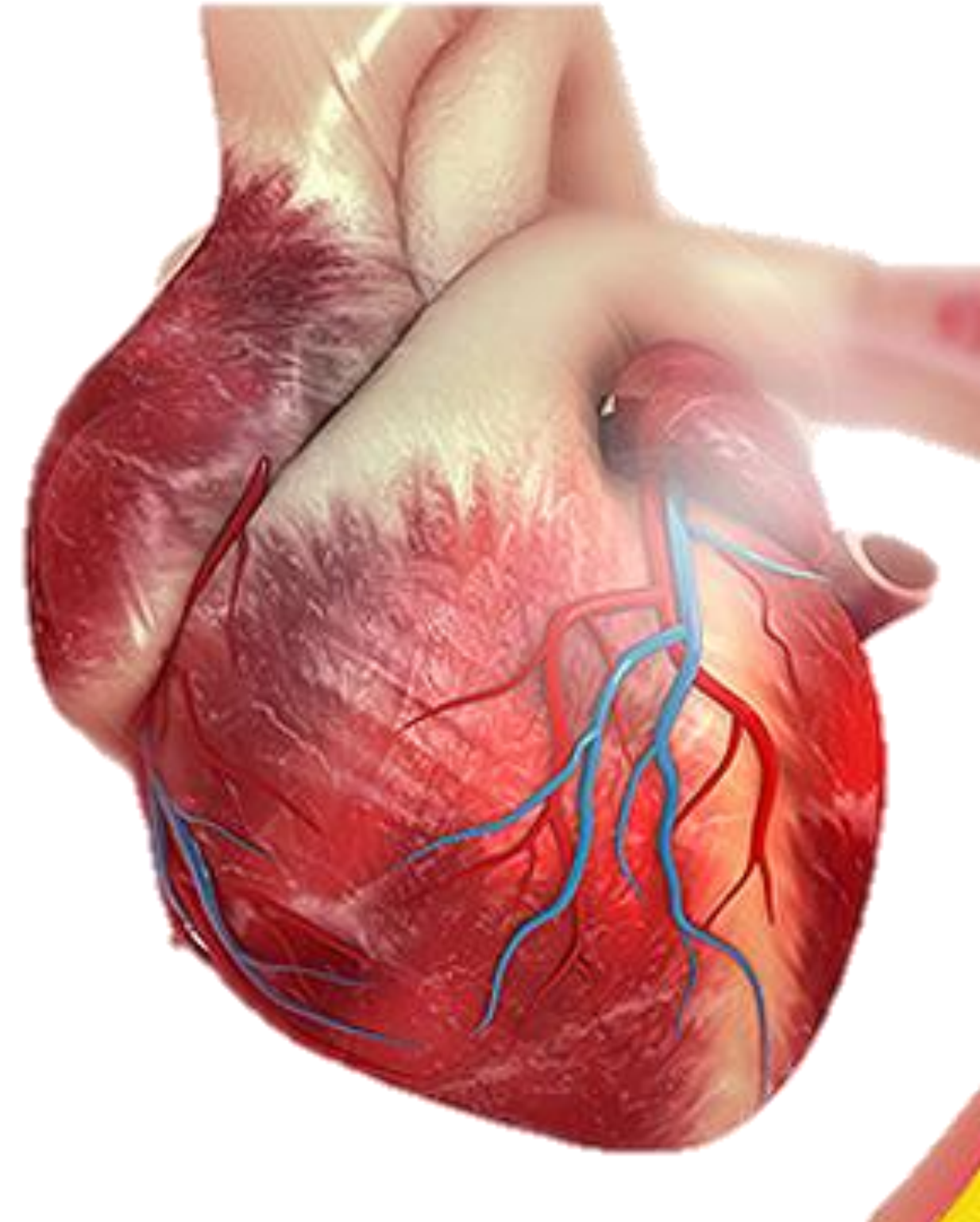


He does not embezzle it like the unmerciful servant of **Matthew 18.**



The Greek word *“Scleros.”*

hardening of
the arteries.



Matthew

25:24

Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.'



Matthew 25:25

*And I was afraid, and
went and hid your talent
in the ground.
Look, there you
have what is yours.'*



Matthew 25:26

“But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.



Matthew 25:27

So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.



REWARD



Matthew 25:27

*I would have
received back my
own with
interest.*



Matthew 25:28

*So take the talent from
him, and give it to him
who has ten talents.*



Matthew 25:29

‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.



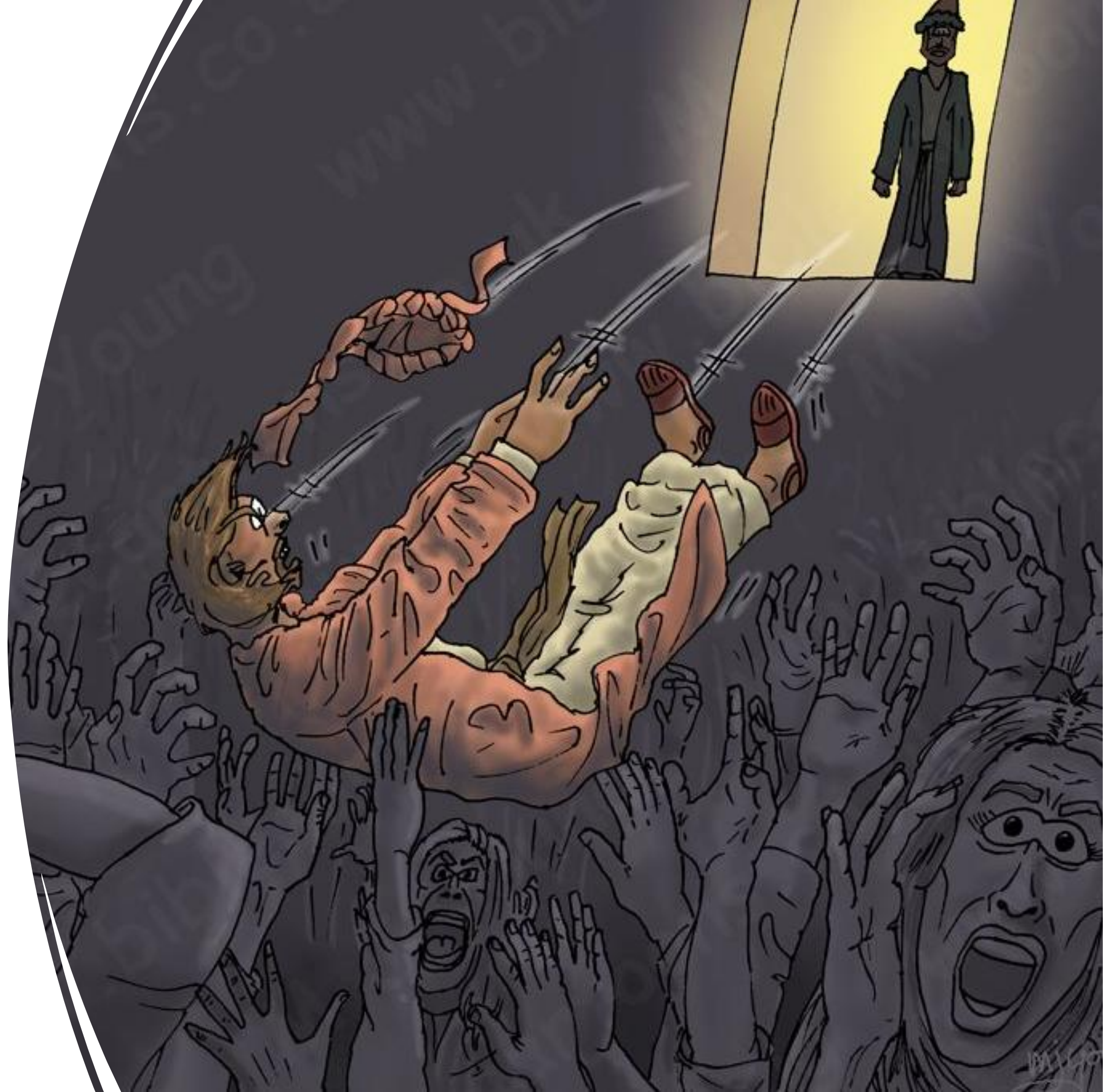
Matthew 13:12

For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.



Matthew 25:30

And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



Matthew 22:13

Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



Matthew 25:13

***“Watch therefore,
for you know
neither the day
nor the hour in
which the Son of
Man is coming.”***



**The moment
that you face
God this will
become a
reality**

