

Lesson 9 – October 30
1 Peter 5:1-14

Alert Living

Rome

Our Living Hope

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Sunday School Class
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1. Sept 4 Living Hope 1:1-12
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10. Nov 6 Being Useful 2 Pet. 1:1-11
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Lesson Author's Theme

**Believers must humbly depend upon
God's strength to overcome Satan.**

1 Peter 5

11-14 Through Silvanus from Babylon—Love

1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

5-7 Trusting Sheep – Humble before God

8-11 Need for Alertness – Satan a Roaring Lion



Key Verse 1 Peter 5:6-7

**Humble yourselves therefore under
the mighty hand of God, that
he may exalt you in due time:
casting all your care upon him,
for he careth for you.**





Alternate Title

**Resisting the Devil,
Clothe Yourself in
Humility**

Interlude ... *though uncannily apropos* ...

October 31st – All Hallow's Eve – Halloween

Evening before Nov. 1 is **All Saints' Day**
celebrating all the Saints



Catholic Church believing there is a spiritual bond between
all those in heaven, the “**Church Triumphant**,” and
the living, the “**Church Militant**”

“**Halloween**” from “**All Hallow's Eve**” or “**All Saints' Eve**”

Starts three-day *Allhallowtide*, that remembers, memorializes

1. Saints,
2. Martyrs
3. All Christians *gone before us*

We must remember that something else,
that something most critical happened on

Oct. 31, 1517

Martin Luther sent a letter of “95 Theses”
protesting the sale of indulgences

the **SELLING** of **GRACE** and **FORGIVENESS**

sent to Albert of Brandenburg,
Archbishop of Mainz, Germany

A chain of events affecting us to this very day . . .

No “boo” here, this lesson asks us to
“Resist Satan”

Just know—this most Holy Evening is made today into a

TOTAL marketing mockery of the **SPIRITUAL** Realm

and I myself have two bowls of candy ready for the kiddos



Martin Luther Portrait
by Lucas Cranach, c. 1528



Copy 1517 Ninety-five Theses
in the Berlin State Library

Let's remember!!

October 31, 1517 was start of the Protestant Reformation

Here is the 1st of 95,
which became the most famous:

"When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said,
'Repent,' he willed the entire life of believers to be
one of repentance."



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1 ¶ Dominus et magister nŕ Iesus chŕs dicendo. Penitentiã agite. 2c.
omnē vitam fideleŕum penitentiam esse voluit.
2 ¶ Qd̄ verbũ de penitētia sacramentali (id est confessiōis et satisfactiōis
sacramenti) non pōt intelligi

October 31, 1517—let's remember

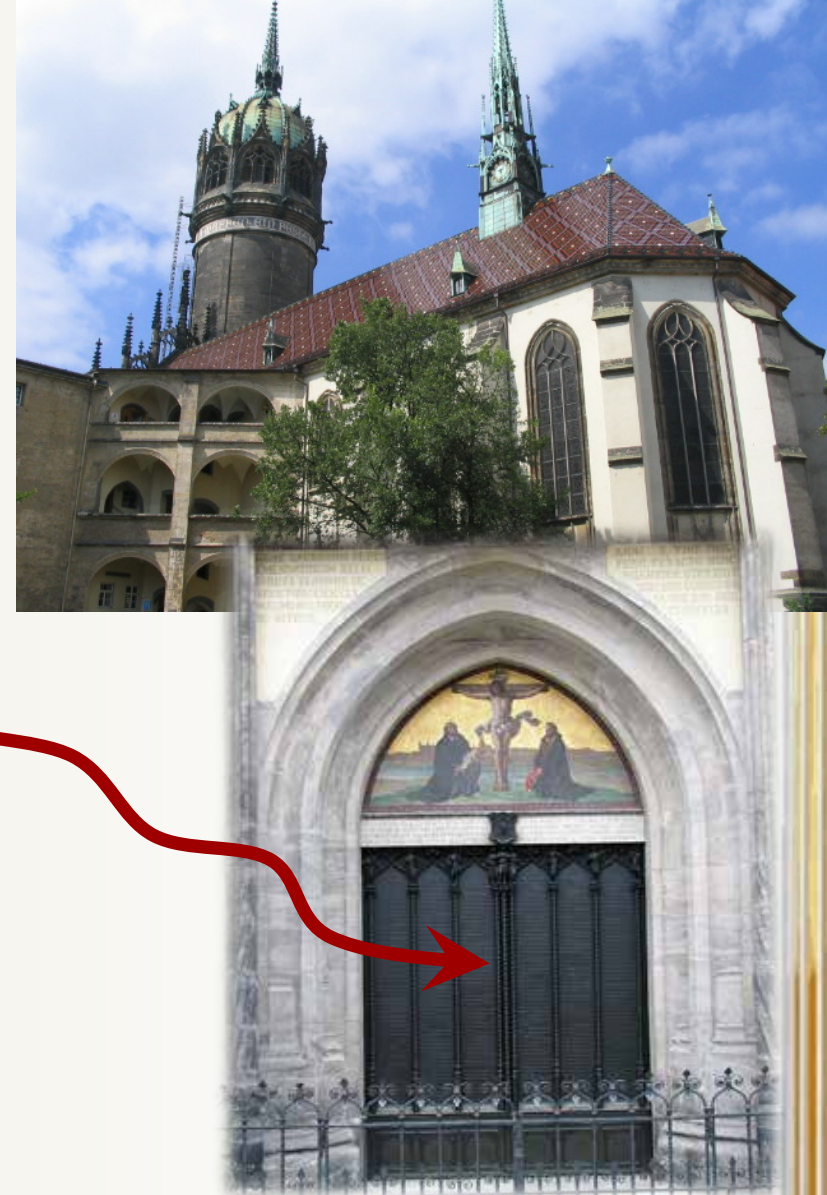
**Martin Luther, professor of moral theology,
University of Wittenberg, and town preacher**

**Tradition has it he also nailed his
95 Theses to *original* door of the
All Saints' Church, Wittenberg, Germany**

**October 31, 1517, start of the
Protestant Reformation**

**Remember, tomorrow,
National Mocking the Devil Day, is also the**

**499th Anniversary
Protestant Reformation**



Luther's theses engraved into
the door of All Saints' Church,
Wittenberg, Germany



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**Resisting the Devil,
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Humility**

PRIDE IS
CONCERNED WITH
WHO IS RIGHT

HUMILITY
IS CONCERNED WITH
WHAT IS RIGHT

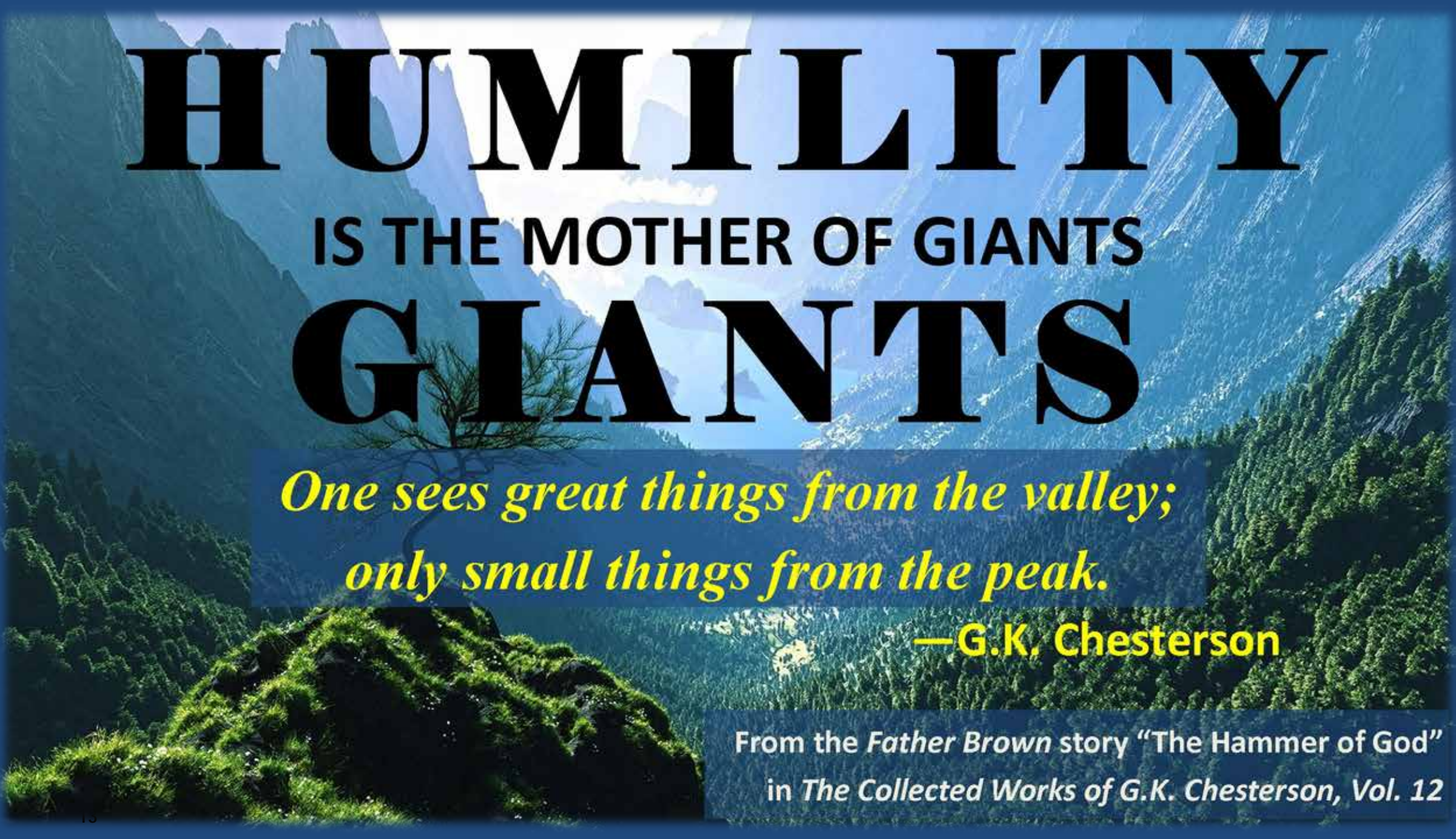
– EZRA T. BENSON –





"All streams flow
to the *Ocean*
because it is Lower
than they are.
Humility
gives the Ocean its
Power."

~Lao Tzu



HUMILITY

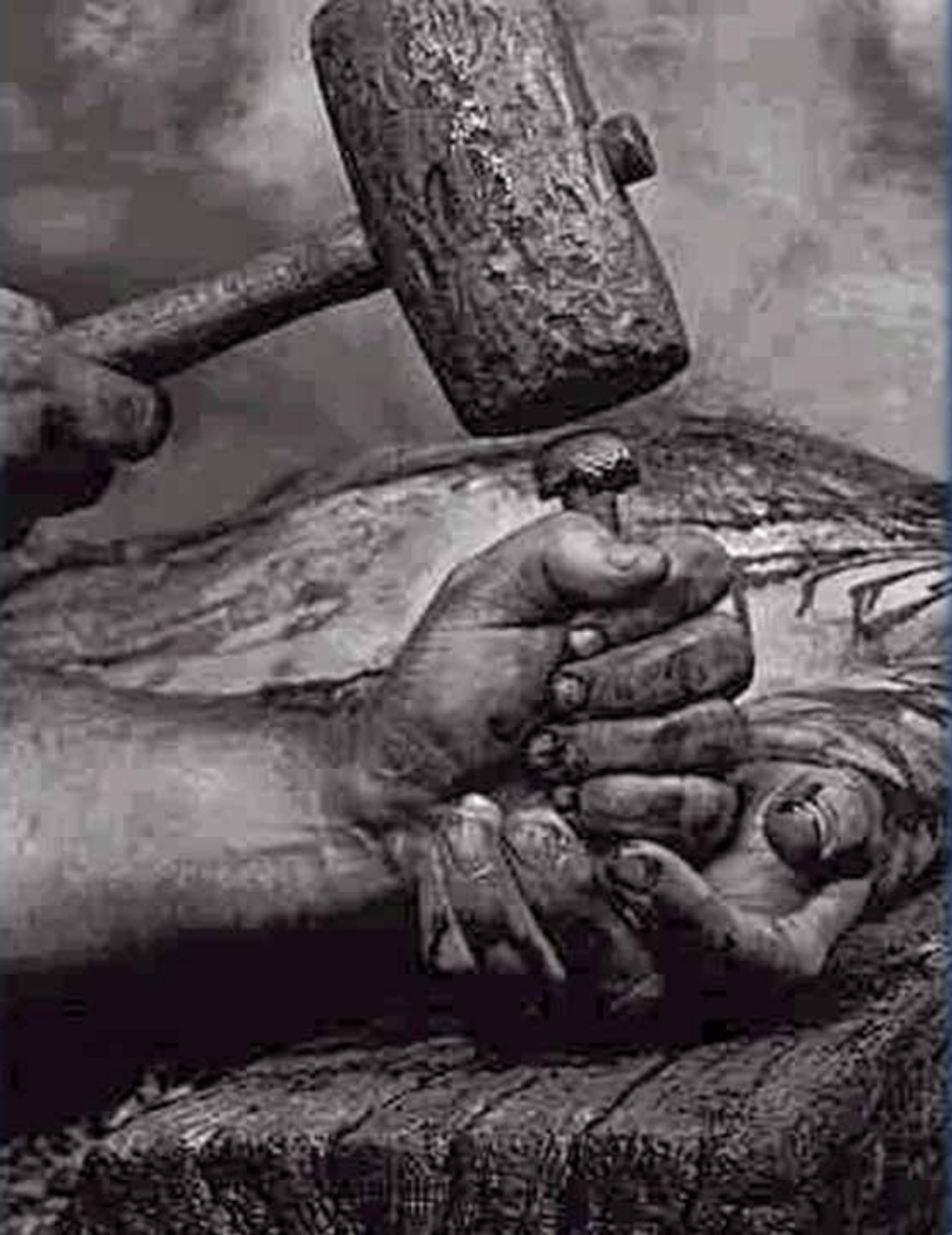
IS THE MOTHER OF GIANTS

GIANTS

*One sees great things from the valley;
only small things from the peak.*

—G.K. Chesterson

From the *Father Brown* story “The Hammer of God”
in *The Collected Works of G.K. Chesterson*, Vol. 12



Humility
is not thinking less of
YOURSELF,
But thinking of
yourself
LESS.

C.S. Lewis



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1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

¹Therefore, as a fellow ELDER and witness ...

Before proceeding with 5:1-11, I would like to look briefly at Peter's salutation ... verses 12-14

¹²I have written you this brief letter through Silvanus (I know him to be a faithful brother) to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Take your stand in it!

¹³The church in Babylon, also chosen, sends you greetings, as does Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Silvanus is Latin for “of the forest”

many believe Silas is the nickname

1 Peter 5:12-14 Through Silvanus from Babylon—Love

Acts 15:22-32, Silas & Barsabbas chosen at the first Church Council to go with Paul & Barnabas to Antioch

Acts 16:19-40, Paul and Silas in Philippi meet Lydia, a dealer of purple cloth.

They ALSO meet female slave, “spirit by which she predicted the future,” earning lots of money for owners.

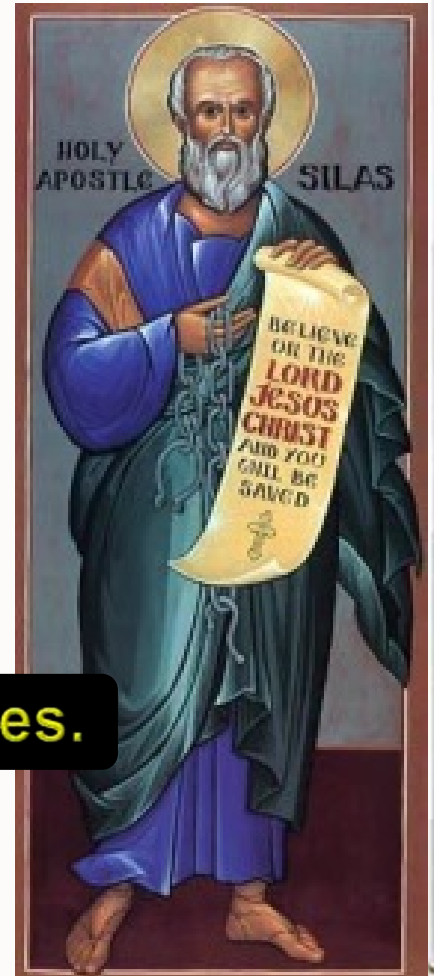
Several days, she told of Paul and Silas from God.

Paul healed her, casting out the “spirit.”

Paul & Silas were **BEATEN and arrested.** **Earthquake frees.**

Fairly certain that Silvanus/Silas helped Peter write ...

NOT a mere secretary, Silas was a leader of standing



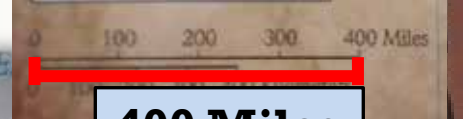
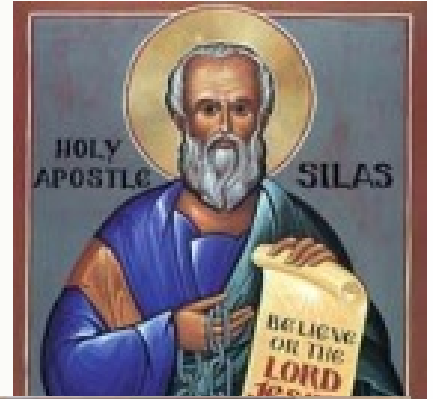
1 Peter 5:12-14 Through Silvanus from Babylon—Love

Apparently, Silas is the one that takes the letter,
1 Peter, from Rome to Asia Minor and Galatia ...

a journey of 1,000 miles

Also very apparent ... as we've pointed out

A LOT went on during
the last 30 years
NOT recorded ...



400 Miles



1 Peter 5:12-14 Through Silvanus from Babylon—Love

Notice also Silvanus is Silas

¹²I have written you this brief letter through Silvanus (I know him to be a faithful brother) to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Take your stand in it!

Silvanus, nicknamed Silas, is the traveler Silas with Apostle Paul

And a traveler with Timothy in Acts

And notice, once again, Peter repeating,

“true grace of God. Take your stand in it!”

Take your STAND ...

Stand Your Ground

1 Peter 5:12-14 Through Silvanus from Babylon—Love

Notice also in Peter's closing the "Church in Babylon"

¹³The church in Babylon, also chosen, sends you greetings, as does Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Church in Babylon – First Church of Rome



Church in Babylon – First Church of Rome



- ✓ Easier to transport from Coliseum to Church
- ✓ Remains of Christians TORN for “Standing Firm”

Address: 105 W. Coliseum Way



Church in Babylon – First Church of Rome

**Like Ancient
BABYLON**

- ü **Commercial King**
- ü **Bloodlust**
- ü **Absolute Rule**
- ü **Excesses of
every kind**
- ü **God's Own Hated
& Taken Captive**



a little like U.S.A. Today

1 Peter 5:12-14 Through Silvanus from Babylon—Love

Notice also in Peter's in closing the "Kiss of Love"

¹³The church in Babylon, also chosen, sends you greetings, as does Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with a Kiss of Love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

The what? ... Kiss of Love ... ???

Another example where an imperative is smoothed or interpreted by culture

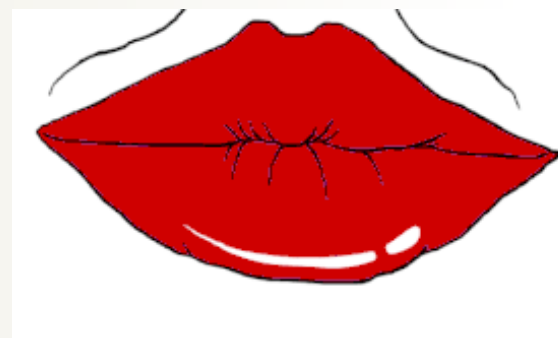
Be careful with your KISSES in Church

And CAREFUL with your KISSES everywhere ...

Forget Arabia and France, MEN ought NOT to Kiss MEN!

Can we say it is enough to greet one another in LOVE.

Hugs are nearly the same ... LOVE includes a RESPECT of SPACE



1 Peter 5:12-14 Through Silvanus from Babylon—Love

So, with the last verses first ... Peter

First Church of Babylon, chosen,
sends greetings, as does Mark

Greet one another in
CULTURALLY appropriate LOVE

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Peter could have OPENED his letter this way.

Now ... let's look at Peter's closing words to

God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the ...

provinces of Pontus, Galatia,
Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

¹Therefore, as a fellow elder and witness to the sufferings of the Messiah and also a participant in the glory about to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you:

I like the KJV here, similar to the NIV:

The ELDERS which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

ELDERS is first in the Greek, and this allows Peter more humility

That is, Peter opened his letter with his credentials

1:1, Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect ...

Think of it like this: when a Cardinal visits, he may say, "My FELLOW priests" but NONE there doubt WHO is the CARDINAL

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Peter is a FELLOW elder too ... *let me elaborate!*

It is worthy to note that Paul, in Acts 20:17-38, calls for the “Elders” in Ephesus—*in Asia Minor*—to come to him at Miletus

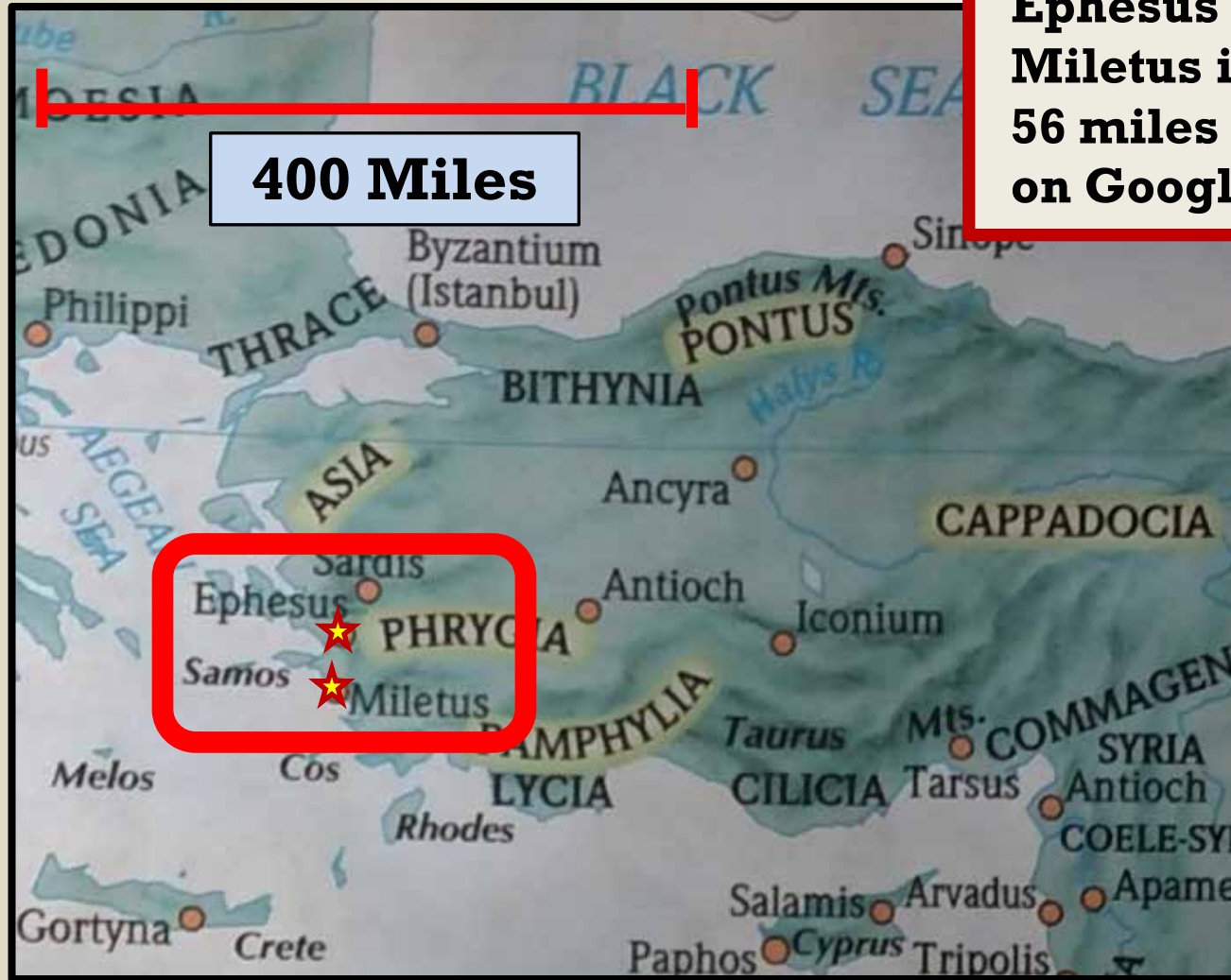
Very clearly, Paul calls the Elders BOTH Overseers and Shepherds interchangeably

In A.D. 60, these were “functions,”
not so much “offices”

Let’s look briefly at Paul in Asia Minor, **esp. Miletus**
from which Paul called to the Elders in **Ephesus**



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds –



400 Miles

Ephesus to
Miletus is about
56 miles today
on Google Maps



Tiles



Galatia

Ancient Shorelines to Bay of Miletus
purple N.T. times

TODAY there is no BAY

Miletus

10 Miles

Overland Route from Ephesus to Miletus—*maybe 75 miles in A.D. 60*

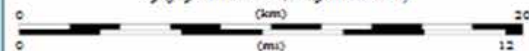
POINT: When the “Apostle” Paul called, he was RECOGNIZED as a LEADER, from LOVE & Example
When Paul called ... they came!

400 Miles

Evolution of silting in Miletus Bay due to Maeander River during Antiquity

- | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| ○ Balat | modern city or town | | current shoreline |
| ● Miletus | polis or sanctuary | | approximate antique shoreline |
| Lade | island | | |

*UTM projection - WGS84 datum
Topographic scale: 1:572,000 (precision: 95 m)*



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Peter is a FELLOW Elder, BEING HUMBLE

Throughout 1 Peter, which I hope you have read through a few times, Peter is BEING to them the **EXAMPLE** what he is EXHORTING them to do

Someone said of Christianity:

“Christianity, if it means anything,
means sixteen ounces to the pound,
three feet to the yard,
a just weight and a just measure....”



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That anonymous author also said of Christianity:

“It means honesty in all dealings, purity in all conversation, a charity as broad as the race, unflinching integrity, sympathy, humanity to man, loyalty to God.

With these there can be no compromise!”

INTEGRITY is doing your duty and being **TRUE**
not being sold to or bought by the highest bidder



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

Reminds of a cartoon I came across recently ...



Notice
INTEGRITY
missing in their
MOTTO

often, too,
when integrity is
MISSING
everyone **SEES**

1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

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Ahhhh ... in the light of what follows

In the light of the heart of our lesson today ...

I think I see why Peter REMINDED them

Of their Pagan life before becoming a Christian

**Of our last lesson, that they should NOT be
Murderers and Thieves,**

comparing the worst with the sublime

Peter is taking the LONG GENTLE ROAD to say they

Should NOT Lord it over the Household of Faith



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

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Let's not jump ahead too fast ...

Peter also ADDS another important credential,
one they also share

Peter proudly admits he is a **WITNESS**, which is the English translation for the Greek word “**Martyr**”

A **Martyr** is a **WITNESS** ...

Peter is taking the LONG gentle road to tell them

They should not Lord it over ... being **KINDHEARTED**

Aaahh, whoever he writes to in 2 Peter, he is NOT as nice



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Peter also ADDS another important credential ...

He and they are participants of the GLORY about to be revealed ...



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

²Shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but freely, according to God's will; not for the money but eagerly; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

Somehow, among all the sublime things Peter says,
from his heart to their hearts ... this stands out ...

I suspect, along with “Love each other” and “Living Hope”
this was the heart of the PRACTICAL things

The sum of what *HUMBLE* really is ...

All the PAID commentators and professors, of course say:

does NOT mean a pastor or professor shouldn't get paid!

“*not for money*” is in KJV, filthy lucre; and NIV, dishonest gain.

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I think we all agree ... for the translators got paid too.

The context and language allow for the NIV's **dishonest gain**.

Here is the Maness Loose-Leaf Version:

“Don't require a tip BEFORE you pray for someone!”

or

“Don't demand payment BEFORE you hug the bereaved!”

Doesn't that FIT well and smooth with

“NOT LORDING IT OVER”?

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Remember when Peter and John were walking through the Temple and saw the lame man ...

Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee:
In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

That was 30+ years ago.

Now Peter is in ROME ... and Rome has a vise grip on its empire.

In ROME, ohhh, *in ROME*, you can see those “**LORDING IT OVER**”

Over EVERYONE

Remember from 1 Peter 1:1-2 Introduction

Rome

We know a LOT
about Rome

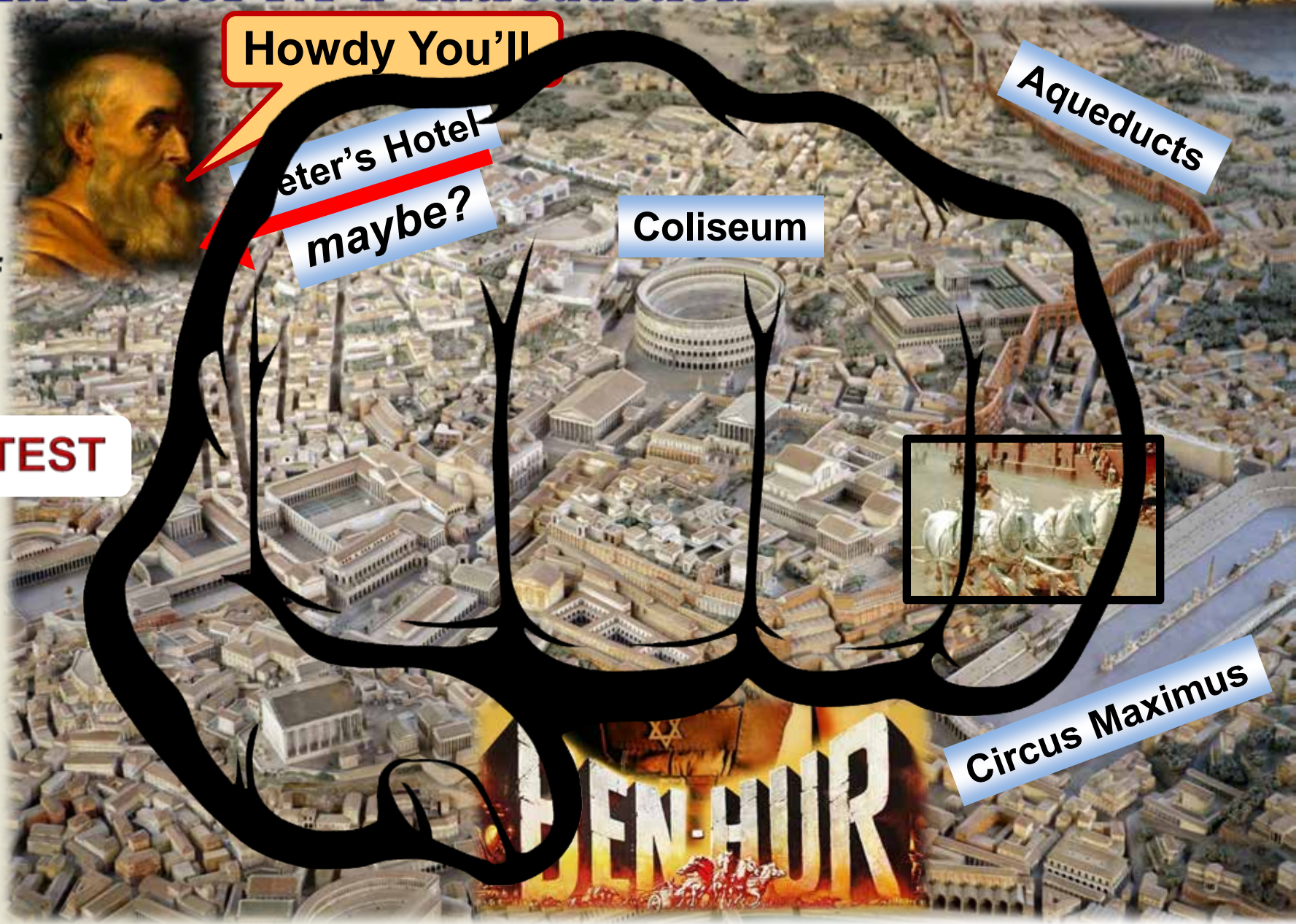
Great source of
OUR gov today

Peter writes
from the **GREATEST**
city on earth

ROME—master
of the world

LORDING over
ALL with an

Iron Fist



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

Peter, gently, kindly ... after 4 sublime chapters ... urges them

²Shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but freely, according to God's will; not for the money but eagerly; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

Did you see the END of verse 3?

Being examples to the flock. I suspect they *knew* that.

Yet, I also suspect they NEEDED to be told **NOT to LORD it OVER**

Peter, so cool, used words they themselves know and despise

That is, who likes to be “Lorded OVER”? – **no one, not a single one**

So rather than say, “Be Kind,” which can be dismissed easily ...

Peter kindly said, “not for dishonest gain ... **NOT** Lording over.”

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In an age consumed with POWER ... with the Emperor = GOD

The good Christians in Asia Minor and Galatia ...

Without himself LORDING or ORDERING, Peter kindly nudges

Pastors ... Feed My Sheep ... not for dishonest gain

and so kindly, especially “Not Lording it over.”

Peter, the example of kindness!

1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

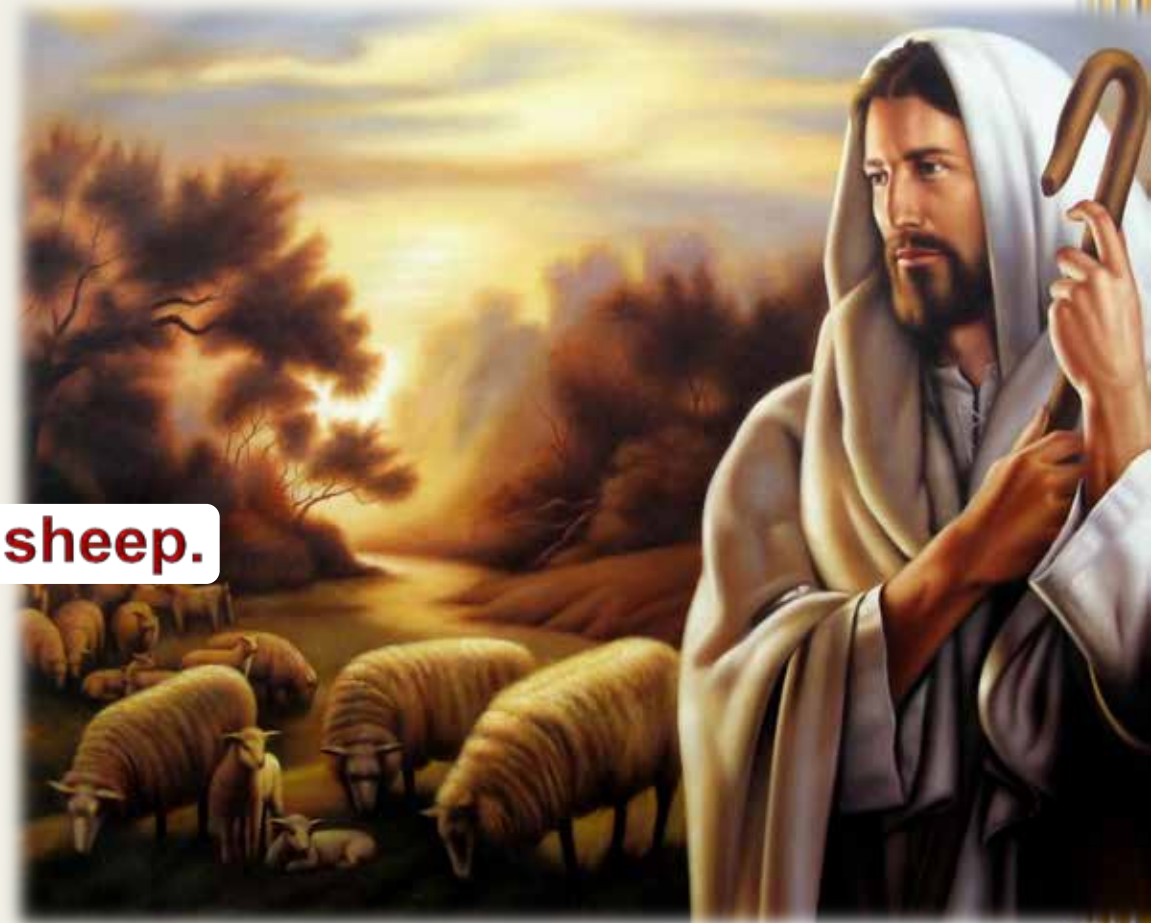
Recall John 10,
Jesus is the Good Shepherd

42 splendid verses with a parable
explained by Christ Himself

² But he that entereth in by the
door is the **shepherd of the sheep.**

³ the sheep hear his voice ...
He calleth each by name....

⁶ This parable spake Jesus ...
but they ***understood not***....



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.....

by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture....

11 I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd giveth
his life for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep....



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped....



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

4And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

What does Peter mean here?

When the Chief Shepherd appears?

Yes, yes, yes, of course, all will receive an unfading crown

But the REAL encouragement is WITHIN the context of **NOT Lording it over**

Peter KNEW so very well how Jesus treated them ...

Peter here INTERPRETS with a push.



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

4And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

INTERPRETS with a push?

What did Peter just say?

2Shepherd God's flock ...

- ✓ **Not overseeing out of compulsion ...**
- ✓ **Not for dishonest gain but eagerly ...**
- ✓ **3Not lording it over ...**
- ✓ **Being examples to the flock.**

**Then: “When the Chief Shepherd”
appears ...**



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

4And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Peter is going to GREAT and KIND and Gentle lengths to say this:

Be Like the

Chief Shepherd

Then Peter will explain more, before closing his sublime book

1 Peter 2:25, Peter said Jesus was “Shepherd and Guardian of your souls”

Heb. 13:20 says, **“Great Shepherd of the sheep.”**



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

4And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Be Like the

Chief Shepherd

I've heard so many sermons on how stupid and helpless sheep are ...

Sure, there's a point to made there ...

But that is NOT in 1 Peter ... or elsewhere

**The point is the HUMBLENESS and
KINDNESS of the Shepherd**



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

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What Peter and Jesus meant was

Notice ... LOOK ... SEE ... EXAMINE

Look at the Life of Christ

**Look at what Peter has been saying
for FOUR (4) chapters ... so gently**

See how HUMBLE and KIND is the

Chief Shepherd

Only Peter uses this term ...



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

4And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

In the next verses, see Peter tell us about being humble

and watching our for Satan as a Lion

Elders and leaders of the in churches of Asia Minor and Galatia ... please

Do not LORD it over ...

But be humble and kind ...

BE LIKE the Chief Shepherd ... like the

CHIEF Good Shepherd



1 Peter 5:1-4 Responsible Shepherds – As Examples

⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Peter CANNOT escape the MANY times Jesus used the term “Shepherd”

In John 21, Jesus, on the shore, told them to cast their nets on the right side

The haul was too large ...

After eating, Jesus asked Peter THREE TIMES ... if Peter loved Him.

Jesus said, “Feed My Sheep.”

That’s the job of a Good Shepherd!

Peter’s doing that in writing to them in A.D. 60 and to us today!



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4And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

**Be like the Chief Good “Shepherd”
Of all things, LOVE ... yet that is broad
SHEPHERD to sheep ... means KIND**

- ✓ Shepherd ... means Gentle
- ✓ Shepherd ... means Soft
- ✓ Shepherd ... means HOLDING
- ✓ Shepherd ... means Nurture
- ✓ Shepherd ... means Protective
- ✓ Shepherd ... means COMFORT



1 Peter 5:5-7 Trusting Sheep – Humble before God

**⁵In the same way, you younger men, be subject to the elders.
And all of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another,
because God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.**

**God resists the proud
but gives grace to the humble.**

Exact quote of Proverbs 3:34 from the LXX, the Septuagint

James 4:6-7 ... look at how they compare

⁶ he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Peter cannot be clearer—Clothe yourself with Humility

1 Peter 5:5-7 Trusting Sheep – Humble before God

Peter gently pushes HUMILITY upward ...

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷casting all your care on Him, because He cares about you.

See 1 Kings 8:42, For they shall hear of thy great name, and of *THY STRONG HAND*, and of thy stretched out arm; when he shall come and pray toward this house.

2 Chronicles 6:32 repeats 1 Kings 8:42 almost verbatim

Daneil 9:15, Now, Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a *MIGHTY HAND* and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day....

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⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷casting all your care on Him, because He cares about you.

Peter gives another imperative, “Humble yourself under the

Mighty Hand of God



1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness – Satan a Roaring Lion

⁸Be serious! Be alert! Your adversary the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour.

⁹Resist him and be firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world.

Devil, Greek *diabolos*, from Slanderer, equivalent to Hebrew Satan

Job 1, Satan negotiates with God over Job—HUMBLE Yourself

Eph. 6:10-18, put on the Armour of God to stand against the Devil, the only offensive weapon is the Sword of the Spirit, Word of God.

And in all ... KNOW you are NOT ALONE ...

Many others are going through the same TORMENTS

Satan Prowls like a Roaring Lion – hungry!

1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness – Satan a Roaring Lion

Notice the LION ...
as a matter of course ...
as you might expect ...
facing a LION ...
You & Sheep are

Generally speaking
as commonly supposed
You & a Sheep
a HUNGRY LION ...
about the SAME



The point is that
once caught ... in the jaws
you are lunch meat
a Carnivore Crunchie



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1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness – Satan a Roaring Lion

That is, you and sheep same ... to a LION
Except ... YOU are easier to eat ...
No FUR BALLS with YOU!

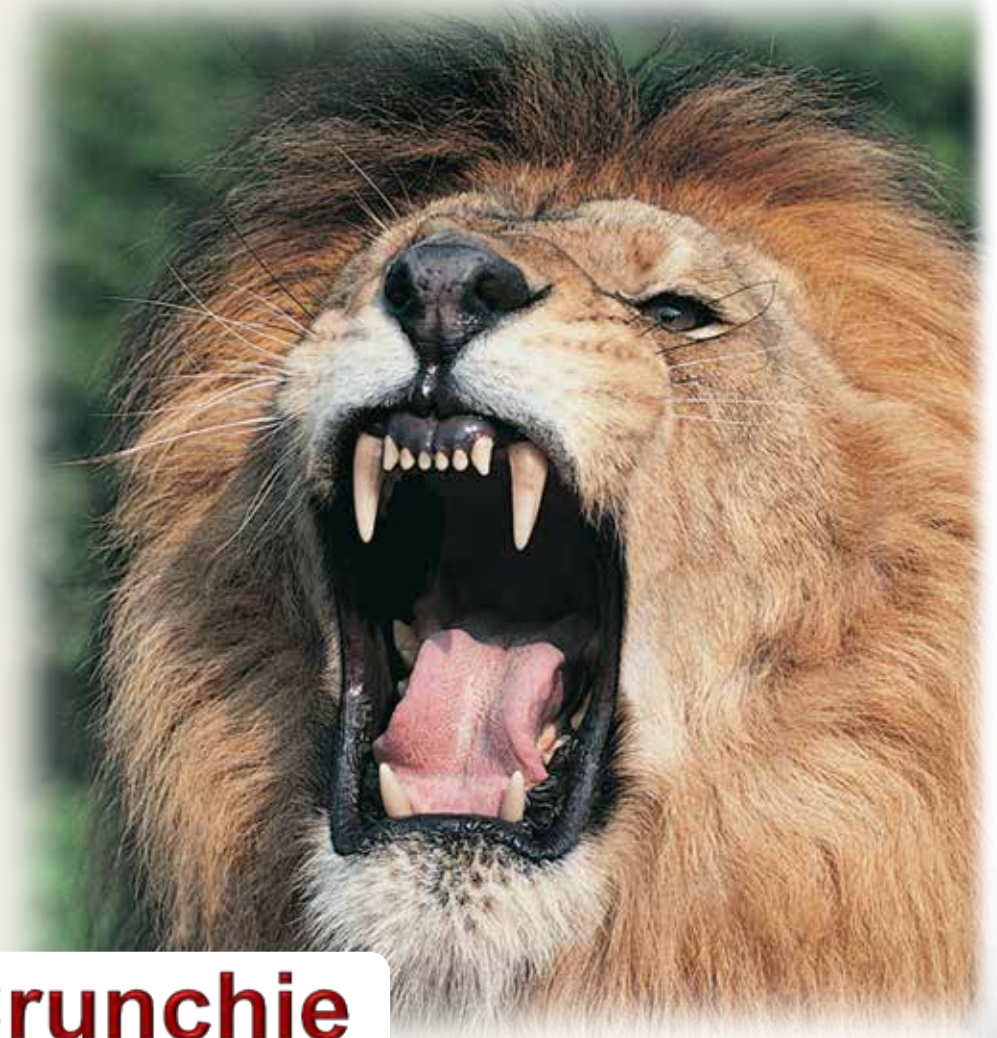


I mean, LOOK
at that fuzz!

No CAT likes
FUR BALLS

Like a Kit-Kat, you're

a Carnivore Crunchie



1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness – Satan a Roaring Lion

Same with the Devil ... Satan ...

no defense OUTSIDE of Christ

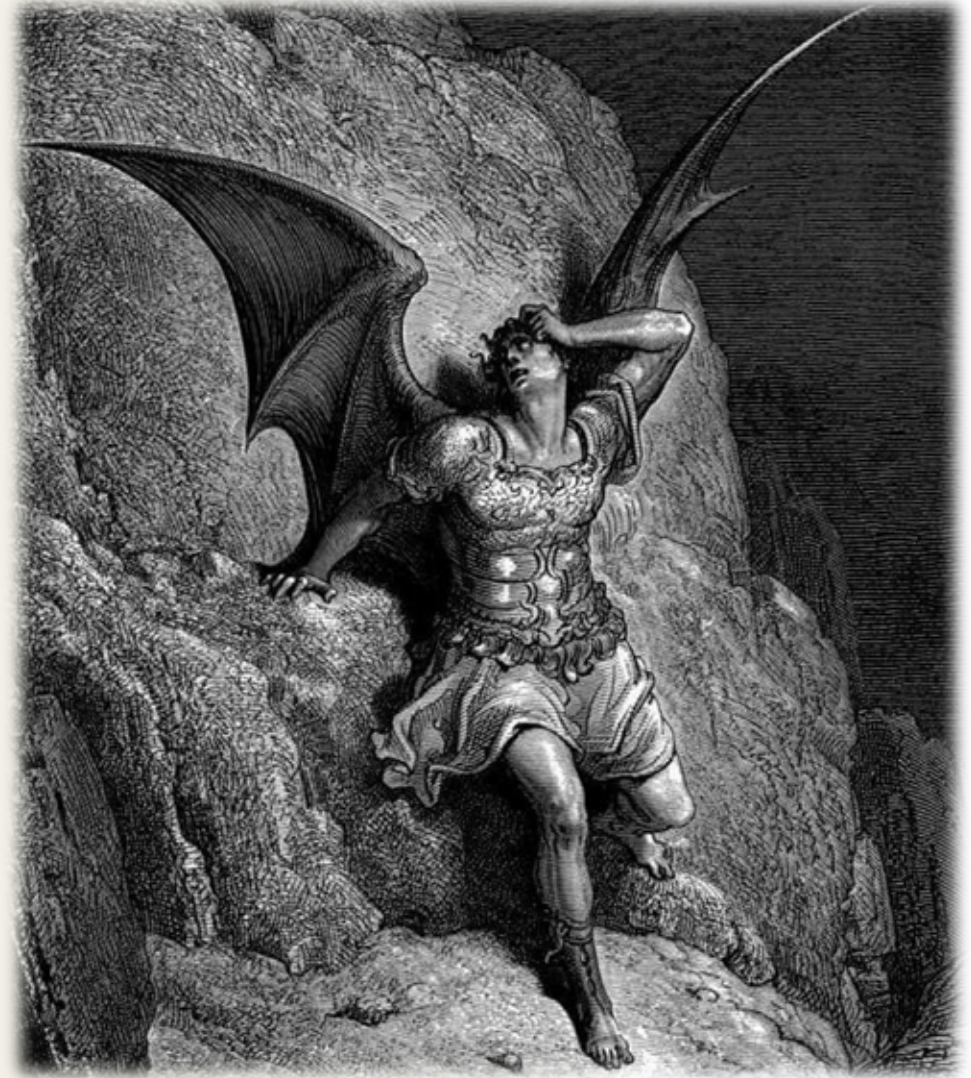
none OUTSIDE the Hand of God

Oh, Satan is NOT the King of Hell

Nor is Satan in total control of
anything ...

Satan DOES know what Hell is for!

Satan DOES know his destiny ...



Satan in John Milton's *Paradise Lost*
c. 1866, by Gustave Doré

1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness – Satan a Roaring Lion

Same with the Devil ... Satan ...

No defense

OUTSIDE of Christ ...

No defense

OUTSIDE

the Hand of God

No chance ...

None, Zero

Not any ... None ...

Minus Negative Zero

Satan in Dante's Inferno
by Gustave Doré



Yet, if you **HUMBLE** yourself under the hand of God

Richard
& I got
here early
We're still
toasting

Myra

Beverly

Michael

Charles

Larry

Betty

Coleen

Ann

Wende

Toby

Sue

Pray you find a song
when the **LIONS** come



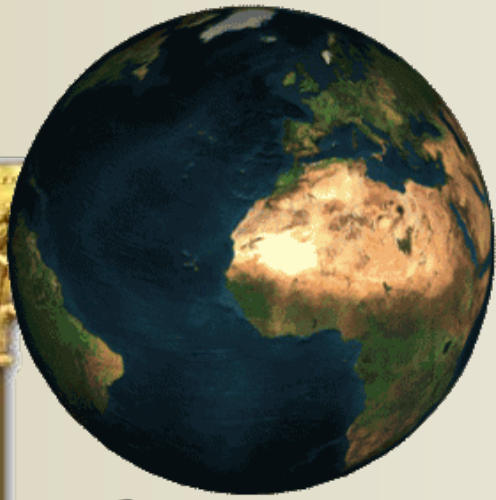
Our Living Hope

1 Peter took us on a stupendous, even sublime journey ...

- 1:1-12 **Living Hope** cause of resurrection, free will, honor to
Christ as FACT, just the FACT—will YOU sing in the arena
- 1:13-25 **Be Holy** – 9-11 – strength of the church is Christian
- 2:1-10 Building Our Faith – Craving Milk & **THE Cornerstone**
- 2:11-25 Living as Strangers – in Mayberry & John Bunyan's
1678 masterpiece
Pilgrim's Progress



8:46 to 10:03 – 1.5 hrs that
SHOOK our World



Love One Another—Submit & Peter the Burger King,
and the **Husband as SOUL Provider!**

3:13-22 Christ to Hades & Back for YOU!—Spiritual Realm,
Ghost Busting ... **and Christ above ALL**

4:1-11 End is NEAR—Don't Monkey Around—**Pray, Love, Serve**

4:12-19 Share Christ's Sufferings—**Trust Your Creator**



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Peter has taken us on a sublime journey ...

Informing us of our stupendous standing in Christ ...

Based upon the Resurrection and God's Mighty Hand ...

Resist the Devil, resist Satan ...

Be Humble to each other ...

Humble yourself under God's mighty hand ...

Clothe yourself with HUMILITY ...

in closing, then



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in closing, then

¹⁰Now the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will personally restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little. ¹¹The dominion belongs to Him forever. Amen.

Clothing yourself in HUMILITY means:

Well, like Shakespeare said



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Shakespeare said

My crown is in my heart, not on my head;
Not decked with diamond and Indian stones,
Nor to be seen: my crown is called content;
A crown it is that seldom kings enjoy.

Clothe yourself with HUMILITY
means ...

Maybe as



1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness

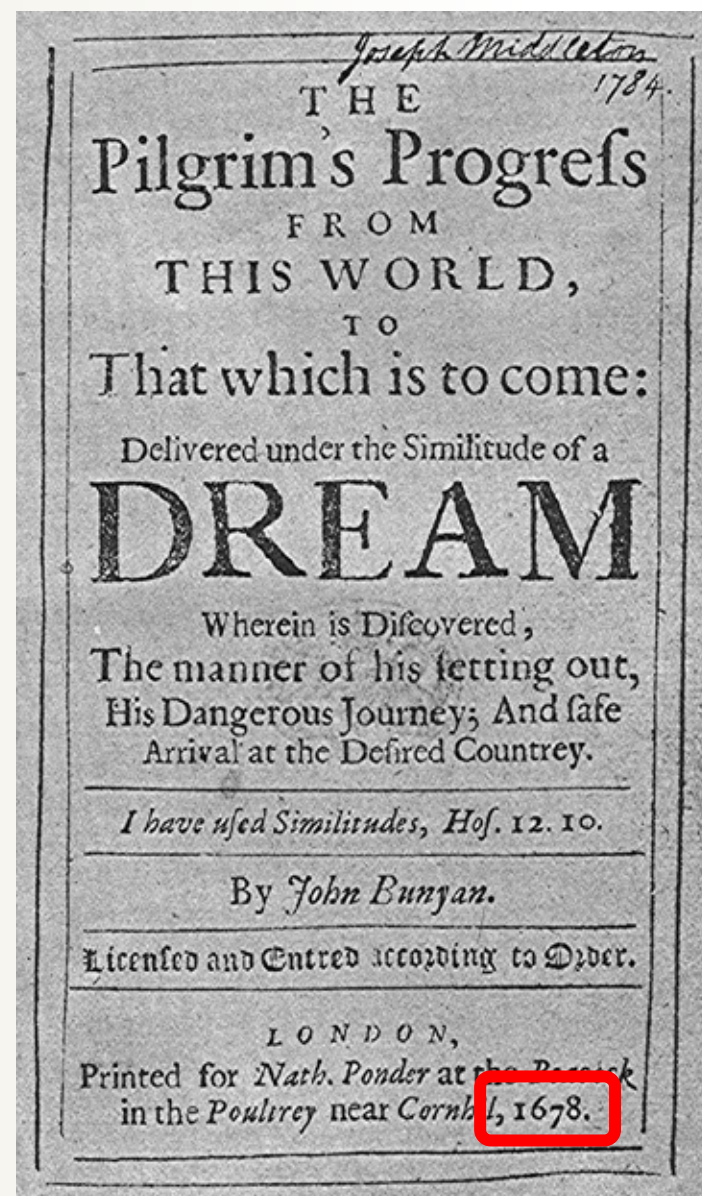
PILGRIMS – Humbling ourselves under
the **MIGHTY** Hand of God ...

Remember John Bunyan *Pilgrim's Progress*
1st part in 1678 ...

4th Lesson, Sept 25, Live the Good Life
1 Peter 2:11-25

We left Christian and Faithful in a city
named Vanity that had a Fair: **Vanity Fair**

Do you want know what happened to
Christian and Faithful **AFTER** their arrest?



1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness

John Bunyan was in jail **12 years** for violations of Conventicle Act of 1664 —preaching w/out Church of England license

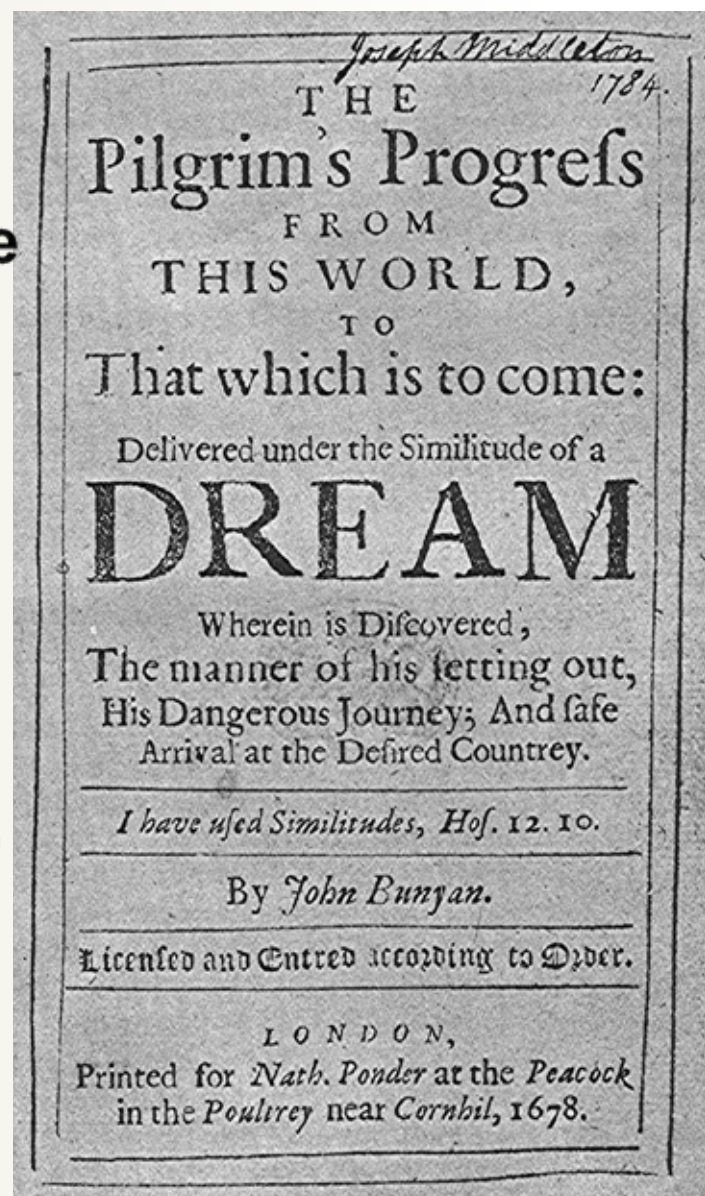
Classic English Masterpiece

Continuously published since 1678
for 338+ years, trans. into 200+ languages

KJV came out in 1611 ... next to the KJV,
after 1678, *Pilgrim's Progress* was

MOST read book in English

Many put *Pilgrim's Progress* at the TOP
of the list of **ALL English Literature**



1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness

Man named **Christian** with a Great Burden
left his home in the **City of Destruction**

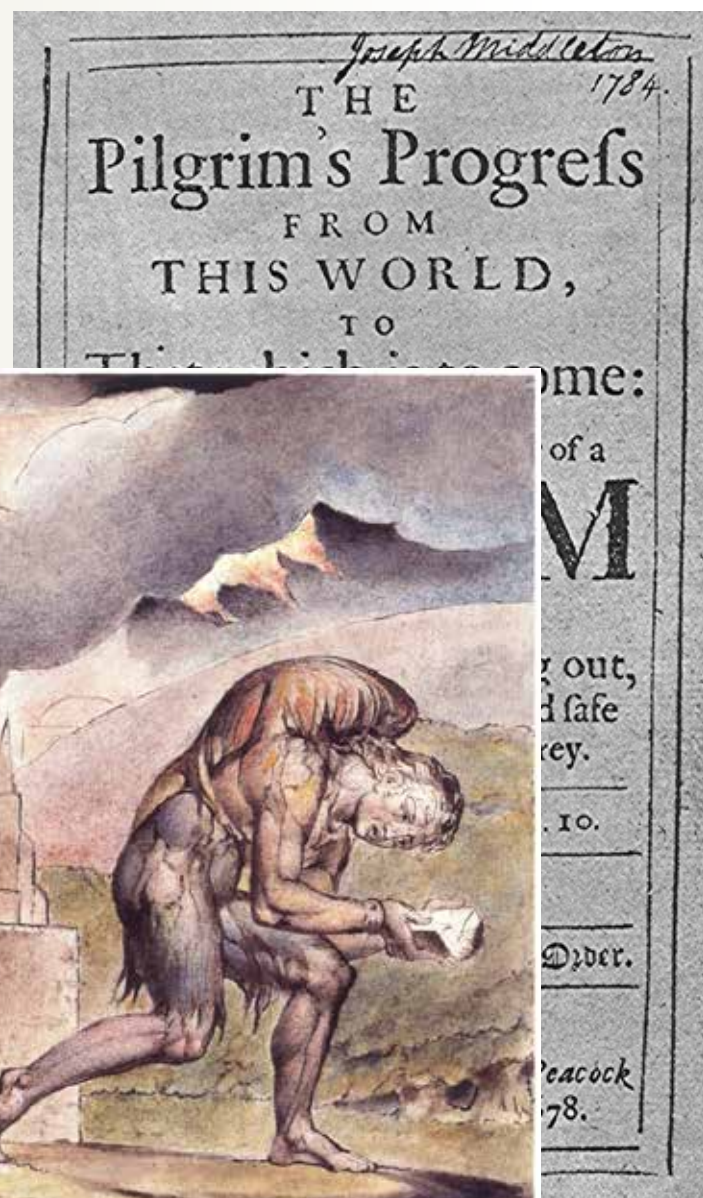
Evangelist points way to the Celestial City

Christian sinks in the
Slough of Despond, his burden heavy

Onward goes Christian ... who is later
joined by a good man named **Faithful**

Christian and **Faithful** journey together

William Blake (1757-1827) Illustrated
Pilgrim's Progress, c. 1824



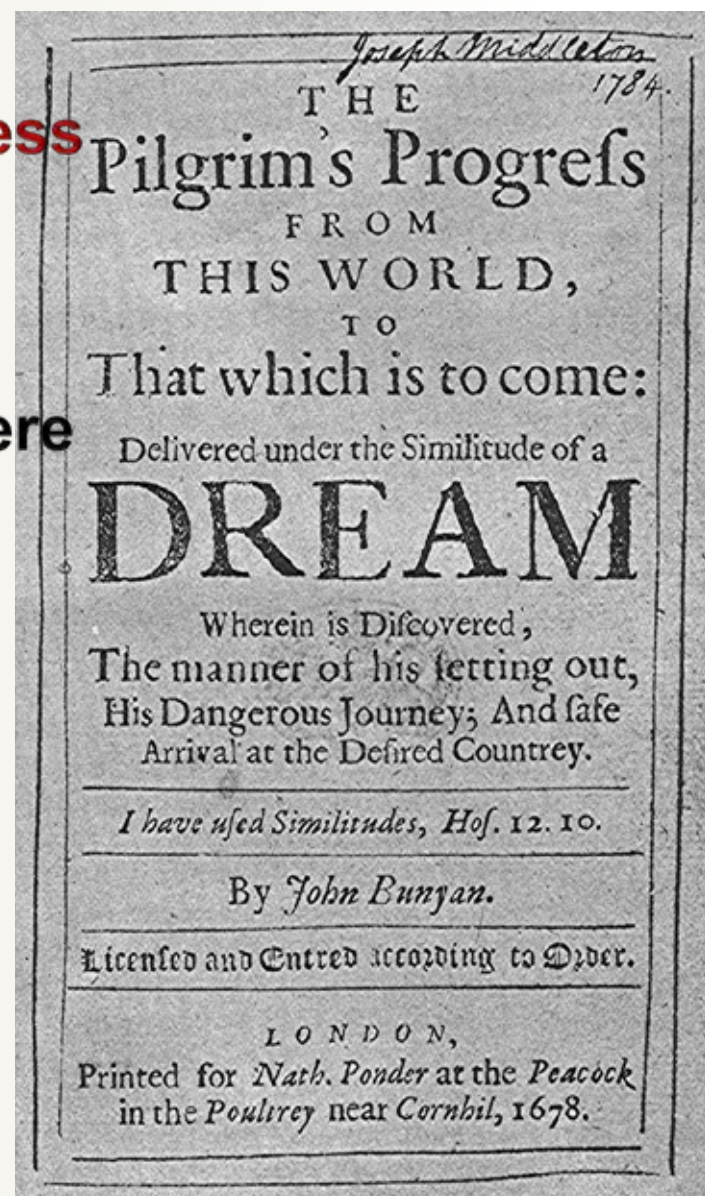
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deep into *Pilgrim's Progress* ...

Christian & Faithful come out of the **Wilderness**
on the edge of a city named **VANITY**

City of **Vanity** has a fair, called **Vanity Fair**

the “fair” runs all year long, “vanity” sold there



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Christian and Faithful pass merchants of Vanity Fair
asked them to buy stuff

Christian and Faithful, looking gravely, said,

“We Buy the Truth.”

Merchants despise the men the them ...

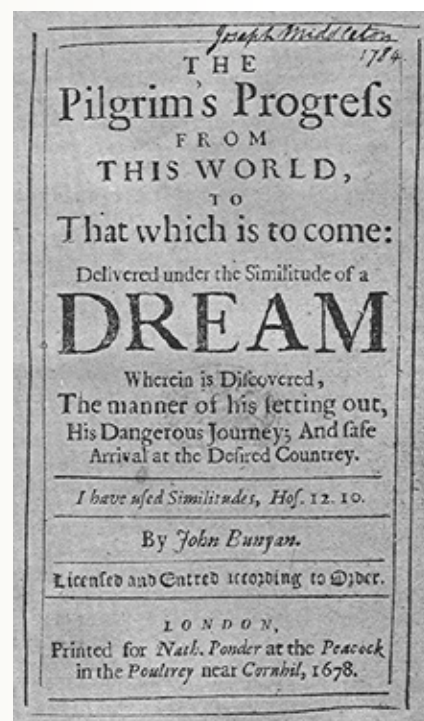
Beelzabub, Great One of the fair, arrests

Christian & Faithful and examines them

Christian & Faithful are pilgrims, strangers ...
on their way to the heavenly Jerusalem.

But NO ONE in Vanity believed Christian & Faithful ...

Where we left them in Vanity... arrested



1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness

Remanded to a CAGE ... feet locked into stocks

In 1678, author John Bunyan KNEW about STOCKS

Christian & Faithful are brought to trial ... before

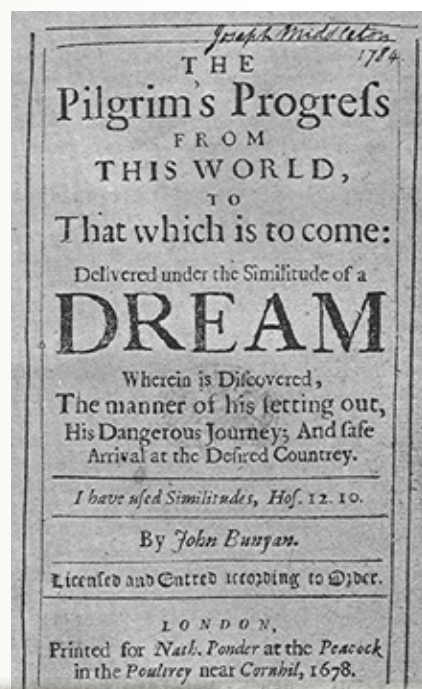
Judge Hate-Good ... charged as disrupters and
for contempt of the law of **Beelzabub**

Three witnesses came against Christian & Faithful

Three witnesses' came forward

Envy, Superstition, and Pickthank all accused

To the jury goes the decision



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Names of the jurors are as follows

Mr. Blindman, Mr. No-good, Mr. Malice,

Mr. Love-lust, Mr. Live-loose,

Mr. Heady, Mr. High-mind,

Mr. Enmity, Mr. Liar,

Mr. Cruelty,

Mr. Hate-Light, and

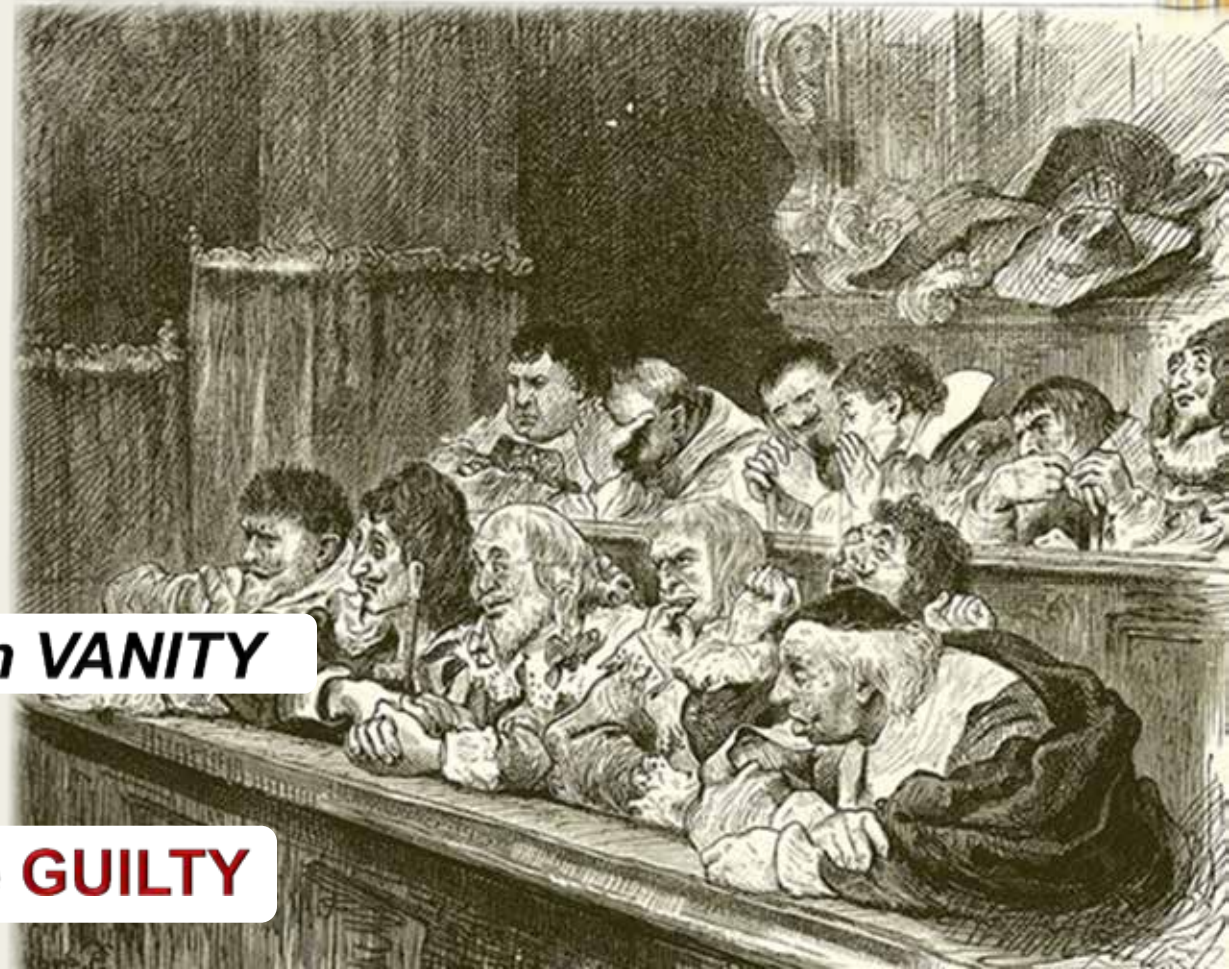
Mr. Implacable

Of course, the deck is stacked in VANITY

In short order, each to character

both **Christian & Faithful** are **GUILTY**

Illustration by John C. Winston
for 1892 *Pilgrim's Progress*



1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness

First, **Faithful** meets a brutal demise

Whipped ... beaten

Stabbed with knives ...

Stoned ... Pricked with swords ...

Lastly, burned at the stake ...

Then Christian saw ...

Chariot & two horses, and **Faithful**

*“straightway was carried up
through the clouds with
sound of trumpet, the nearest
way to the celestial gate.”*



Illustration by Harold Copping
for 1681 *Pilgrim's Progress*

1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness

Christian is spared for a moment ... then
So beautifully said, the blessed author of
Pilgrim's Progress notes ...

But he who overrules all things,
having the power of their rage
in his own hand,

so wrought it about, that Christian
for that time escaped them ...

And as Christian went, he sang,

“Well, Faithful, thou hast faithfully professed
Unto thy Lord, with whom thou shalt be blest,



Christian & Hopeful
cross River of Death

1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness

And Christian continued to sing,

“When faithless ones, with all their vain delights,
Are crying out under their hellish plights:

Sing, Faithful, sing, and let thy name survive;
For though they killed thee, thou art yet alive.”

Soon after, **Christian** meets **Hopeful** ...

So the blessed author John Bunyan said,

Thus one died to bear testimony to the truth,
and another rises out of his ashes to be a
companion with Christian in his pilgrimage.

Hopeful tells **Christian** there were many more
in Vanity Fair that would ... follow after.



Christian & Hopeful
cross River of Death

1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness

Living Hope ... through the Resurrection ...

Pray, Love, Serve ... Resist the Devil ...

**Humble yourselves under the
Mighty Hand of God**

Clothe yourselves in Humility

Peter closes in verses 10-11:

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

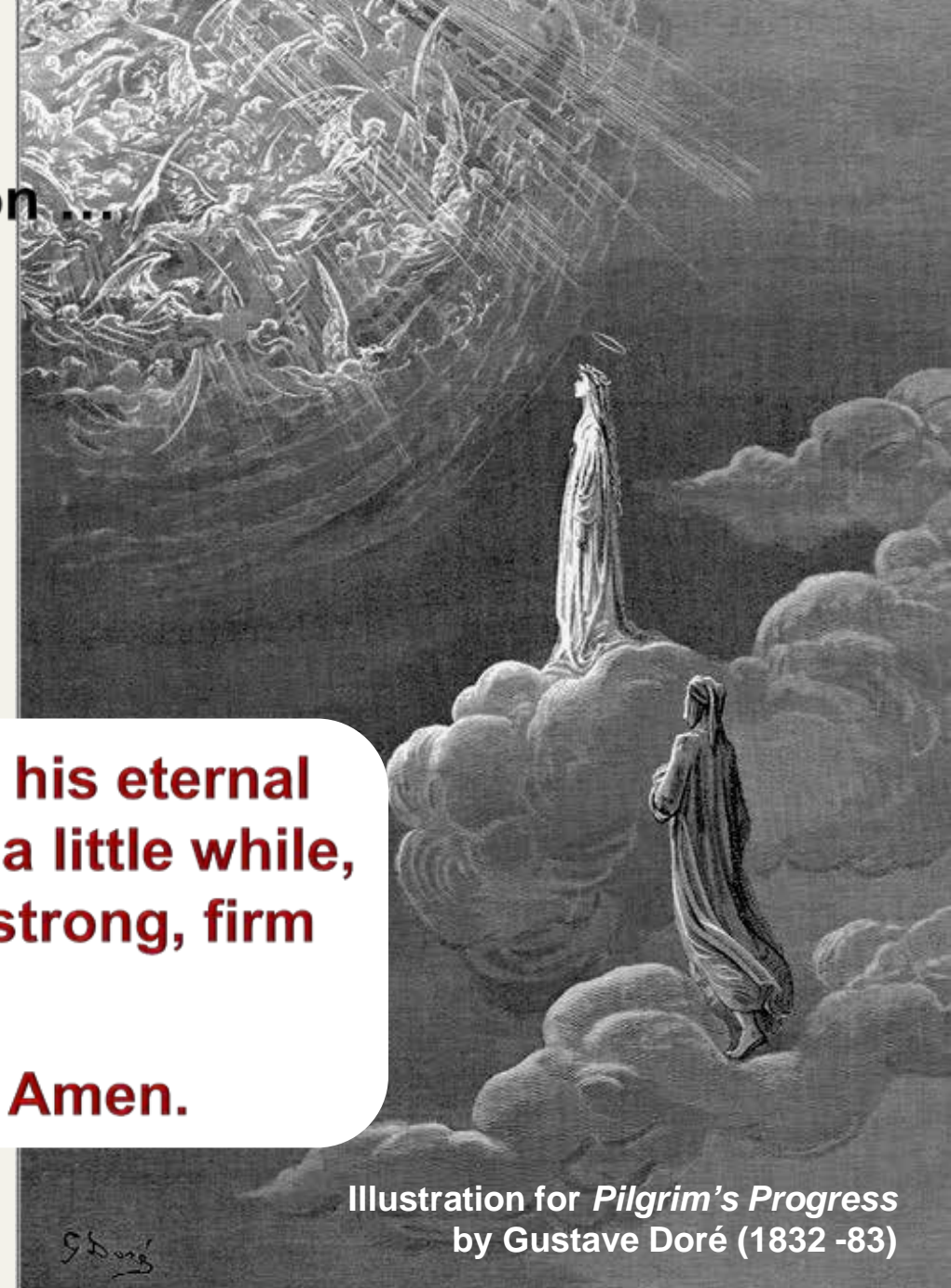



Illustration for *Pilgrim's Progress*
by Gustave Doré (1832 -83)



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Our Good Shepherd

Asks us to Clothe

Ourselves in Humility

To *HIM* be Dominion