

# If Ye Do These Things

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For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Romans 8:29 KJV

For many are called, but few are chosen.

Matthew 22:14 KJV

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Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matthew 7:14 KJV



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Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21 KJV

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As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

1 Peter 1:14 KJV

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

John 5:30 KJV

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Hebrews 11:6 KJV

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Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1 KJV

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La Prudencia

Albrecht Dürer (1471 – 1528)

Strong's G703, arête (ar-et'-ay). From the same as G730; properly manliness (valor), that is, excellence (intrinsic or attributed): - praise, virtue.

Thayer Definition of G703: (1) a virtuous course of thought, feeling and action. (1a) virtue, moral goodness. (2) any particular moral excellence, as modesty, purity.



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... Am I endeavoring to lead a virtuous life? This, to the child of God, consecrated to be a living sacrifice, implies much more than merely abstaining from evil. It implies living truthfully, that is, true to his covenant, which to wilfully violate would be equivalent to swearing falsely. It is fortitude, strength of character in righteousness. It implies the cultivation of the strictest integrity in our dealings, both with God and with our fellowmen, scrupulous honesty, justice and truth being the only standards. (R4808.12)



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LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?  
who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that  
walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,  
and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that  
backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil  
to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach  
against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile  
person is contemned; but he honoureth them  
that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to  
his own hurt, and changeth not.

Psalms 15:1-4 KJV



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The integrity of the upright shall guide them:  
but the perverseness of transgressors shall  
destroy them.

Proverbs 11:3 KJV

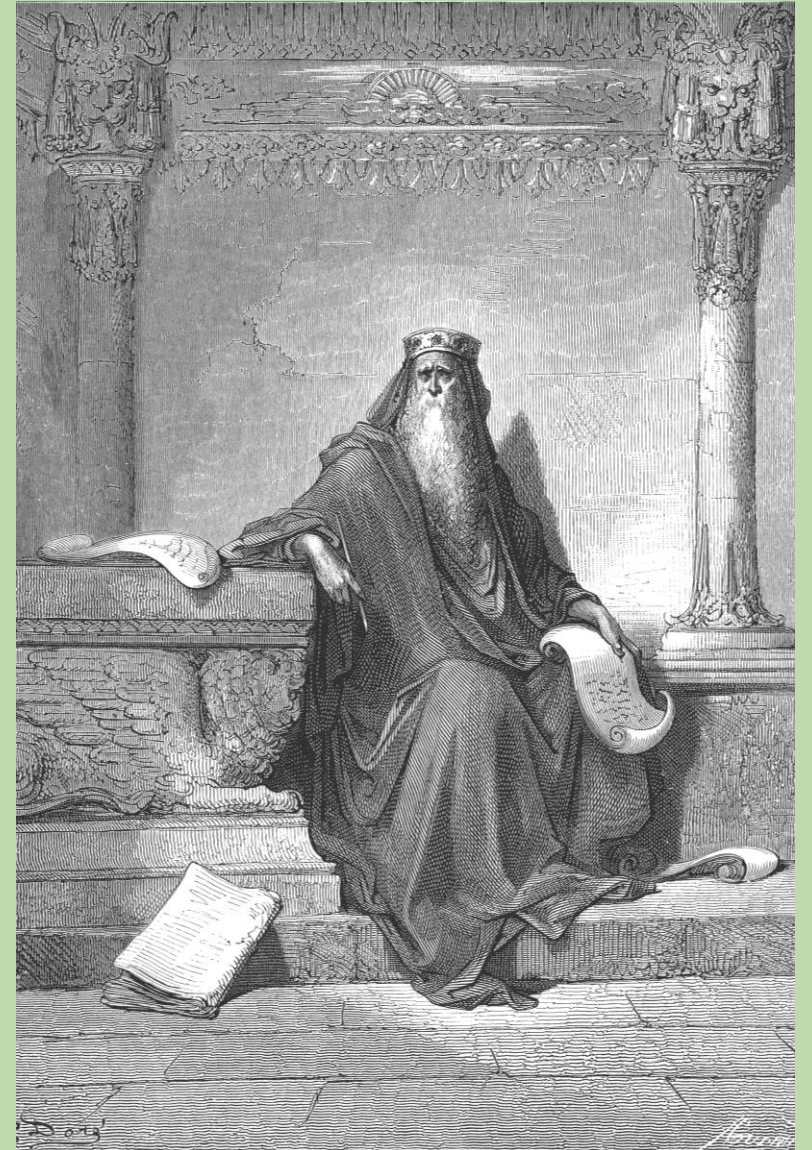


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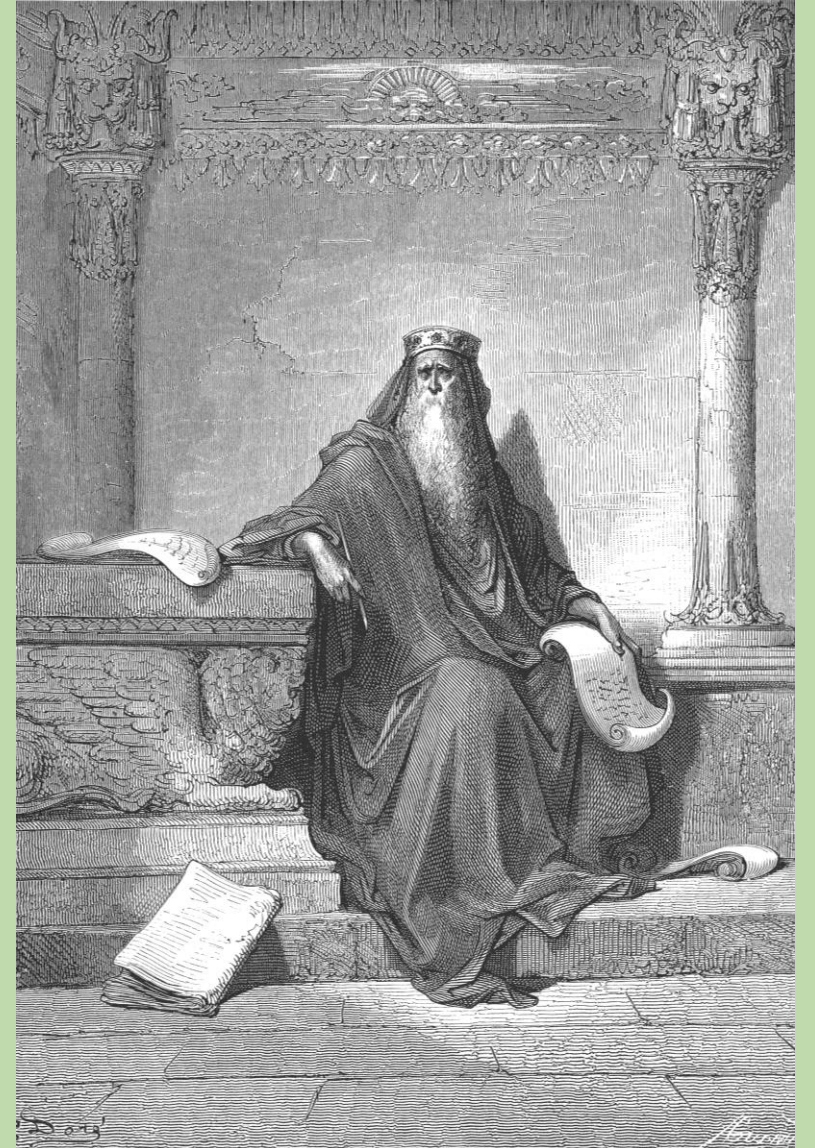
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And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

John 17:3 KJV



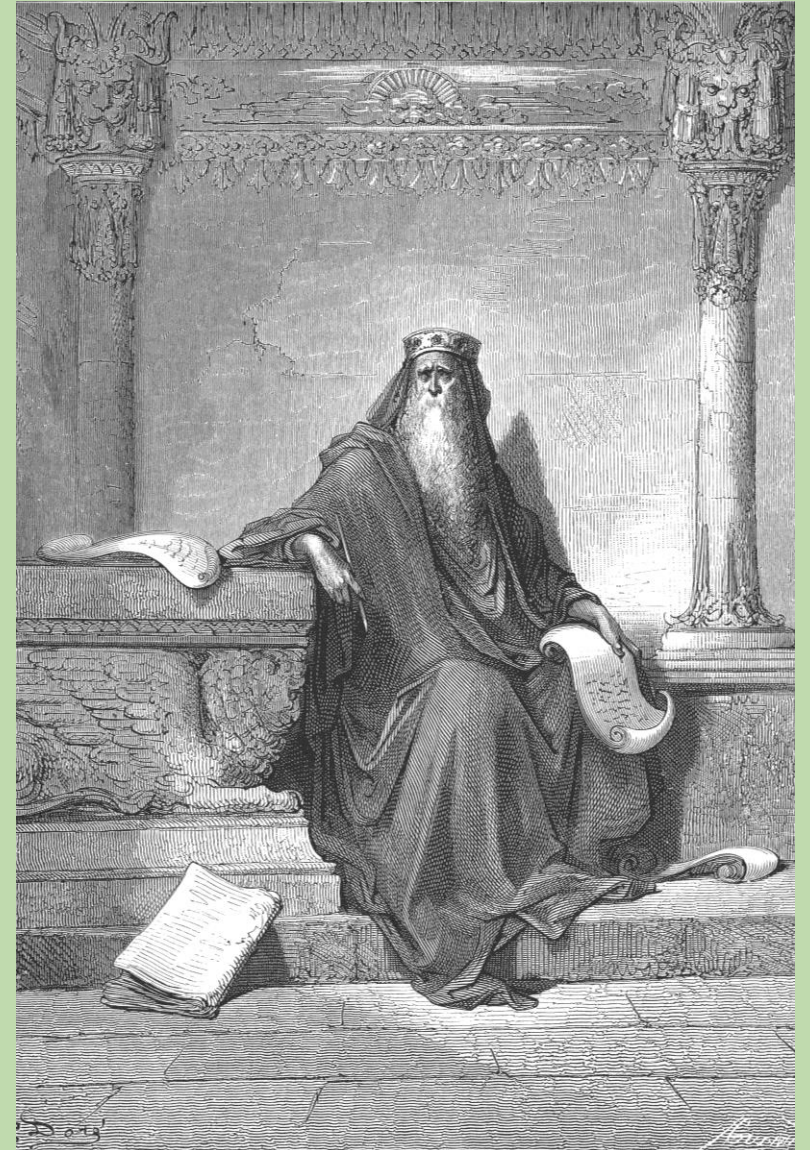
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Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

2 Peter 1:2 KJV

Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

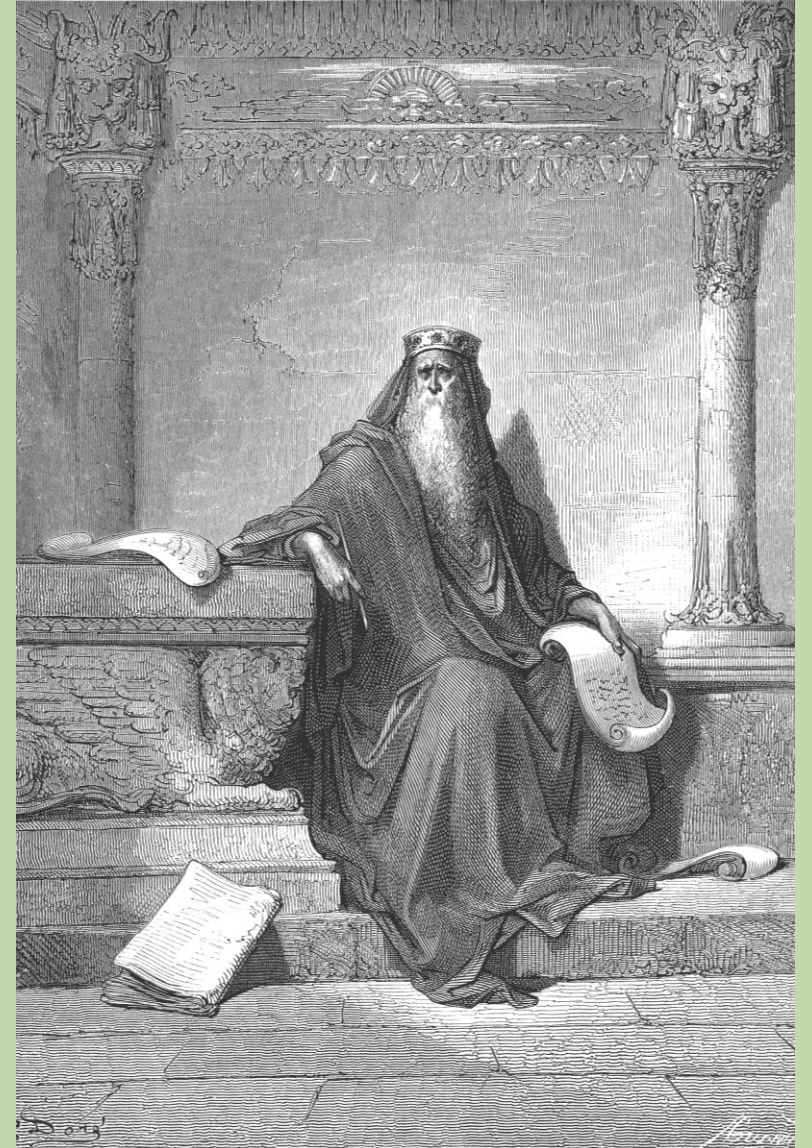
Philippians 3:8 KJV



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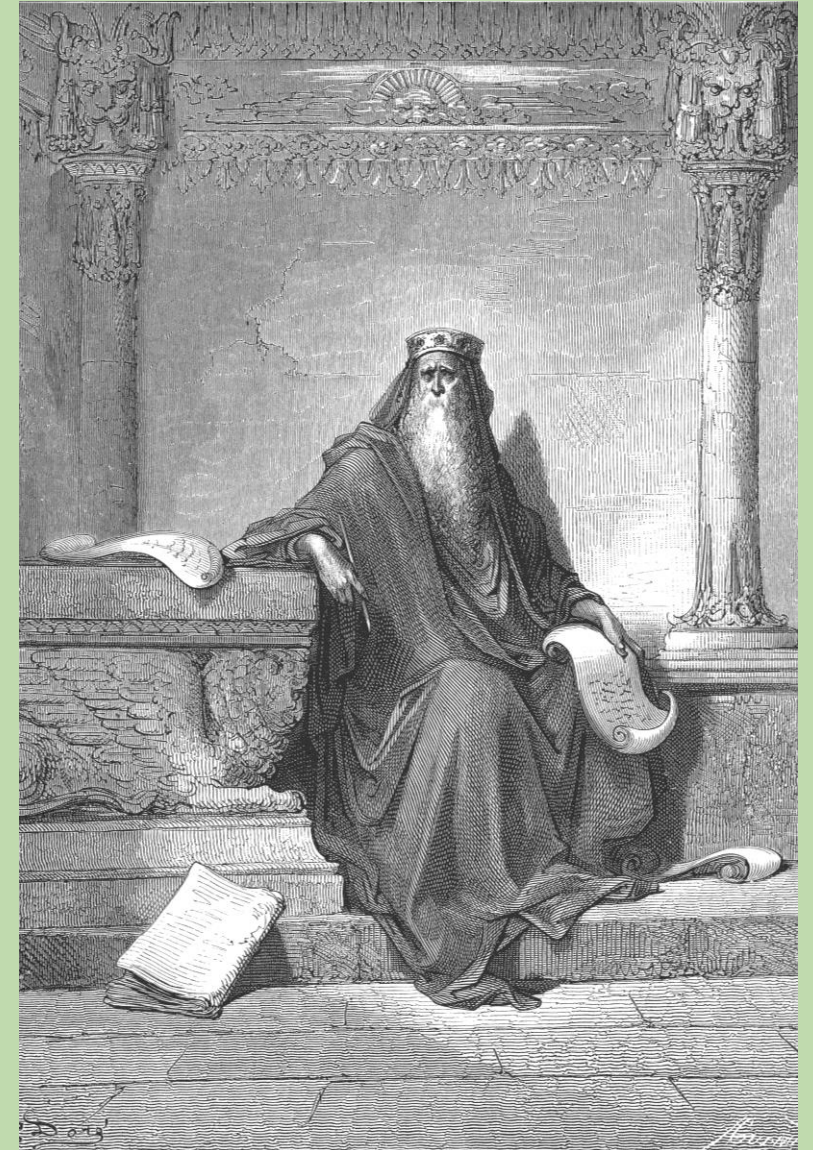
But to God be the thanks who in Christ ever  
heads our triumphal procession, and by our  
hands waves in every place that sweet  
incense, the knowledge of Him.

2 Corinthians 2:14 Weymouth



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It is a serious error into which many fall, to suppose that a knowledge of God's doings and plans is of little importance—that the graces of Christian character are all that God requires ... How differently the Scriptures present the matter! ... (B28.2)

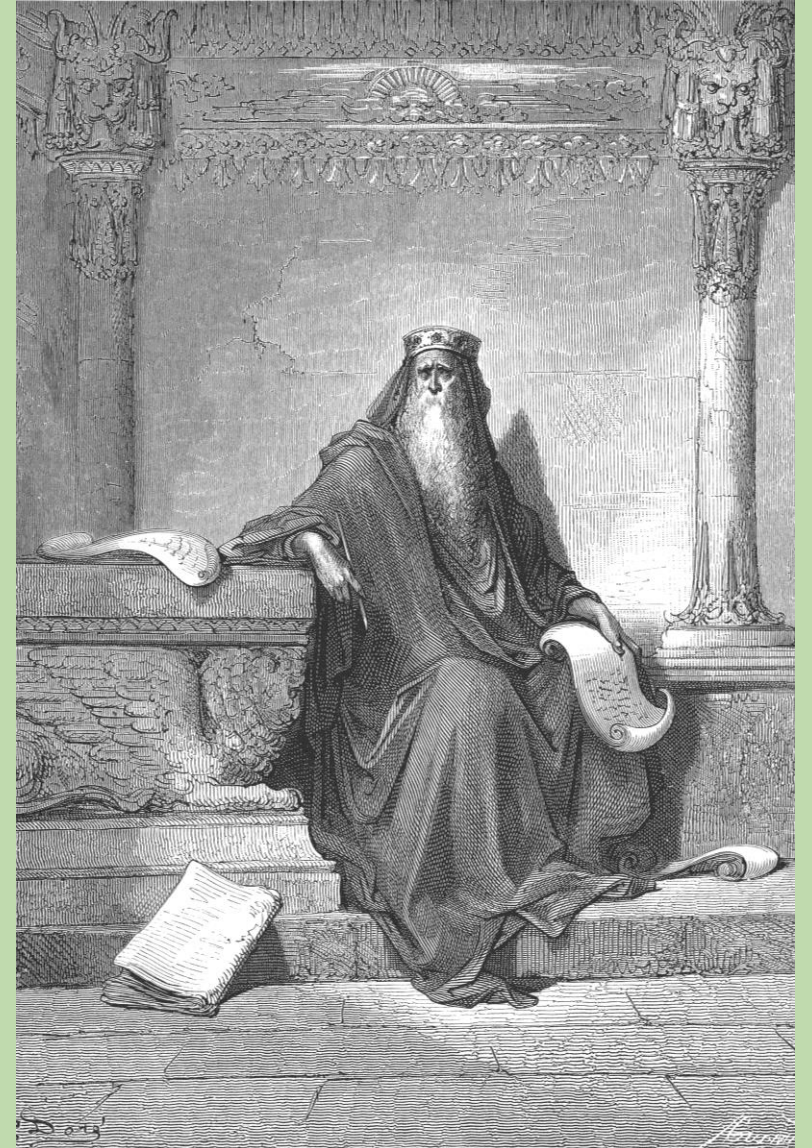


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Now as touching things offered unto idols,  
we know that we all have knowledge.  
Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

1 Corinthians 8:1 KJV



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But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

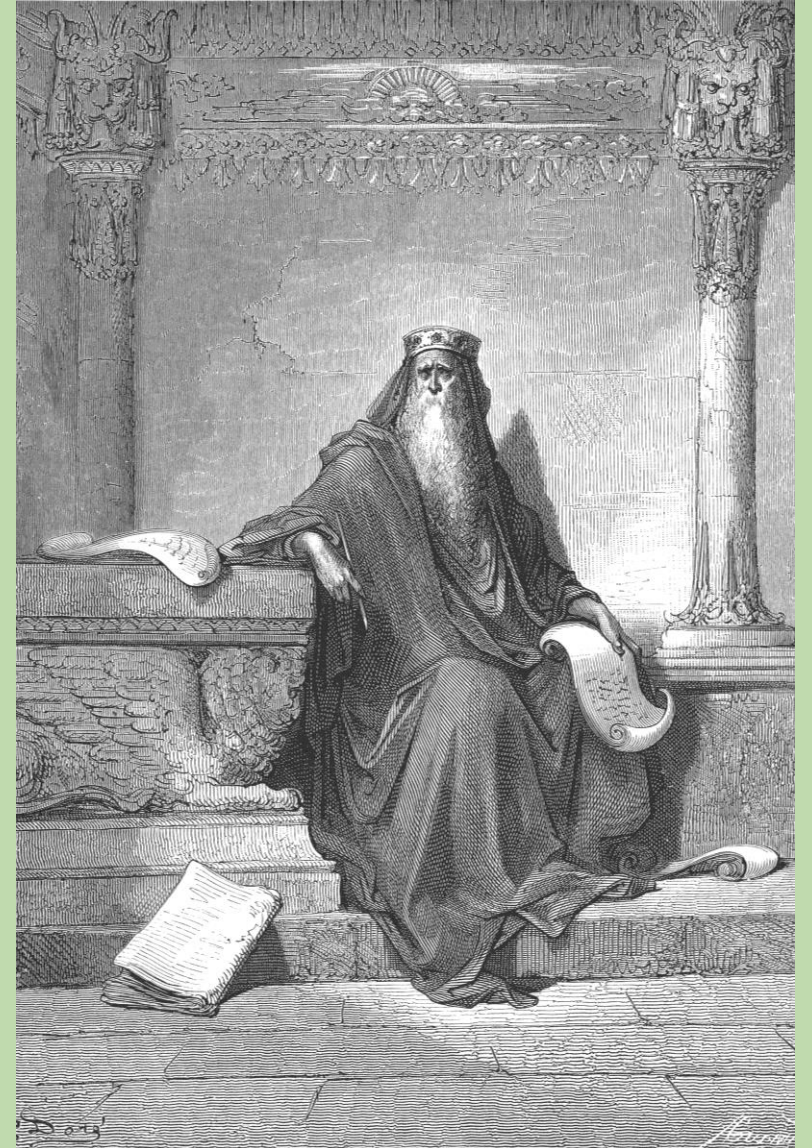
2 Peter 3:18 KJV



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Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV



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2 Peter 1:5-7 KJV



Temperantia  
Luca Giordano (1634 – 1705)

Let your moderation be known unto all men.  
The Lord is at hand.

Philippians 4:5 KJV



Temperantia  
Luca Giordano (1634 – 1705)

Temperance:

Strong's G1466, egkrateia (eng-krat'-i-ah).  
From G1468; self-control (especially  
continence): - temperance.

Thayer Definition of G1466: (1) self-control  
(the virtue of one who masters his desires  
and passions, especially his sensual  
appetites)



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He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Proverbs 16:32 KJV



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Proverbs 16:32 KJV

He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Proverbs 25:28 KJV

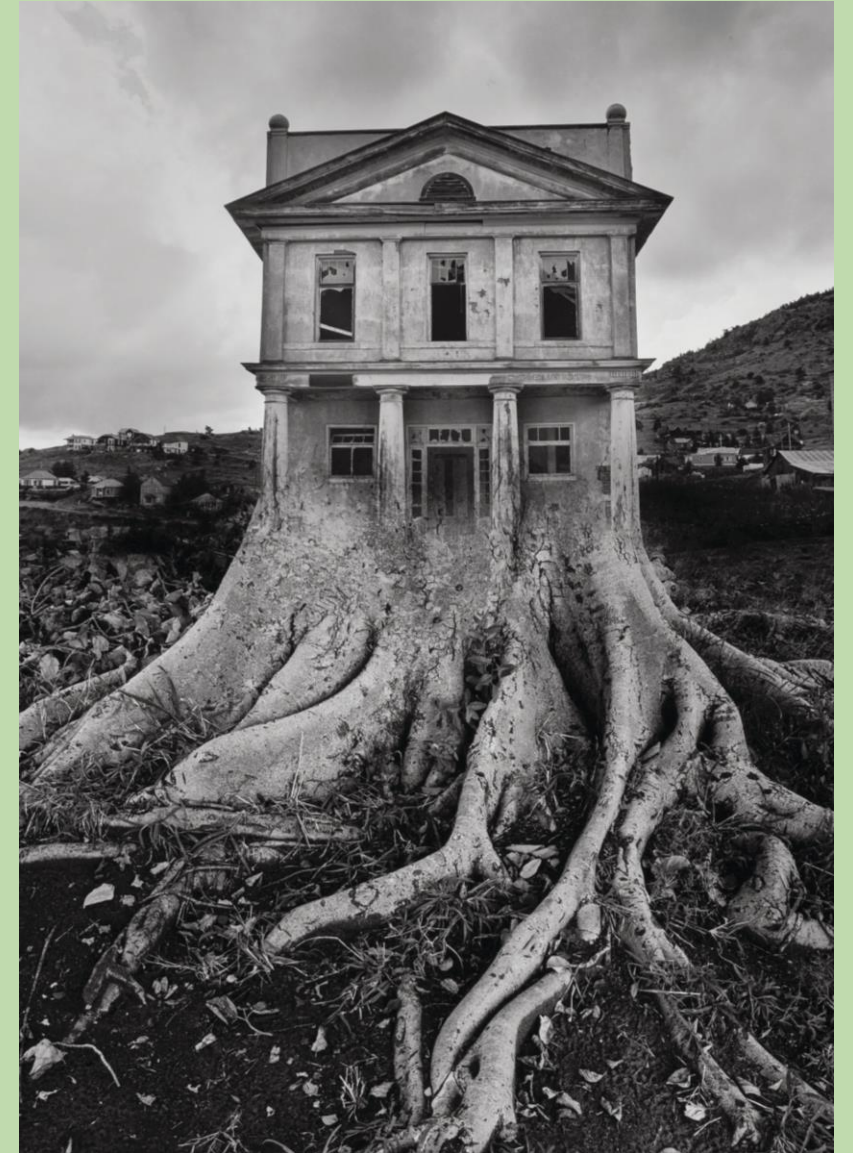


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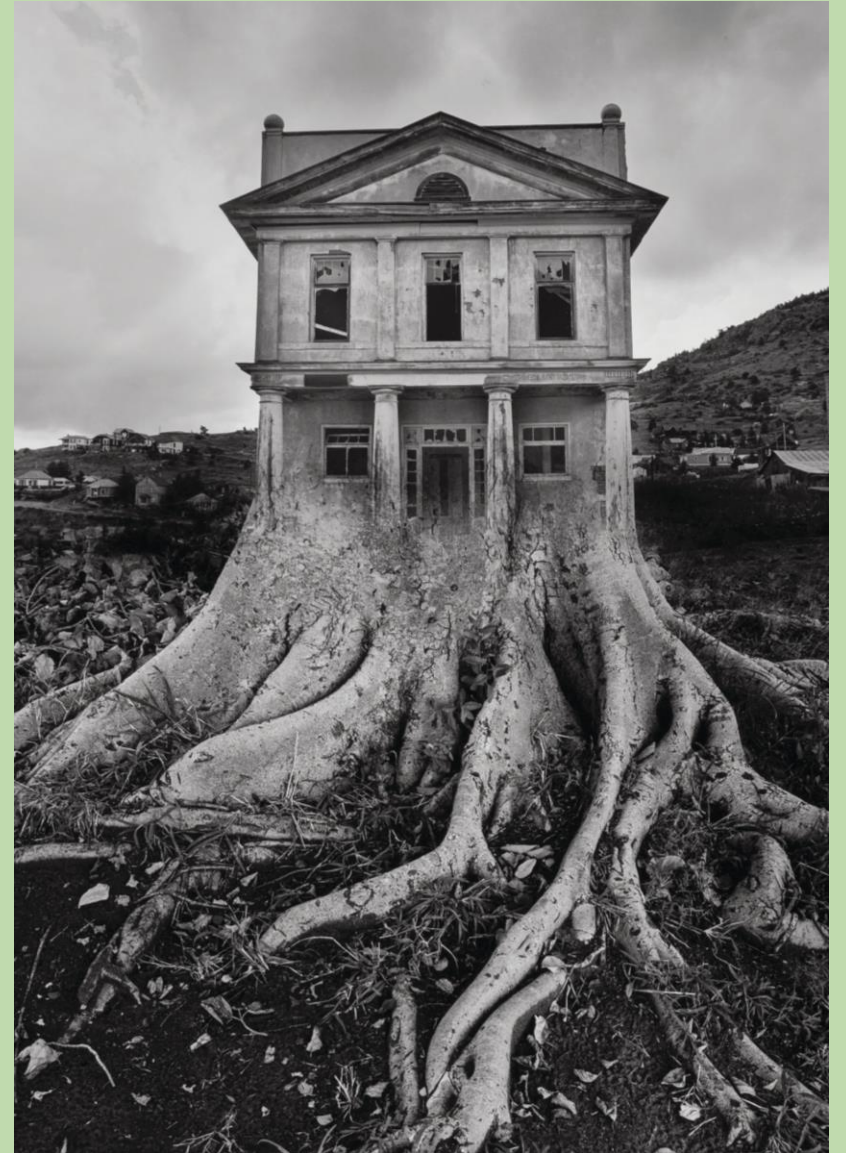


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But that on the good ground are they, which  
in an honest and good heart, having heard the  
word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with  
patience [Strong's G5281, hupomonē] .

Luke 8:15 KJV



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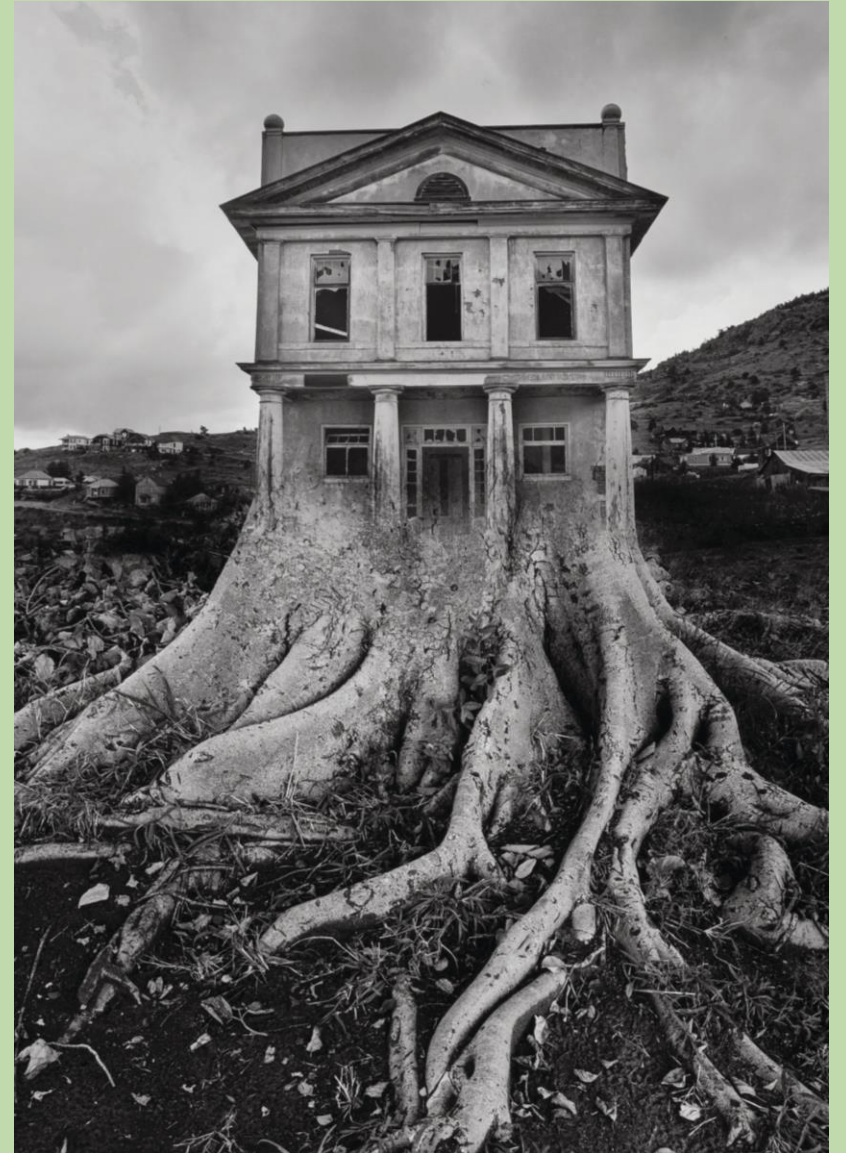
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In your patience [Strong's G5281, hupomonē]  
possess ye your souls.

Luke 21:19 KJV

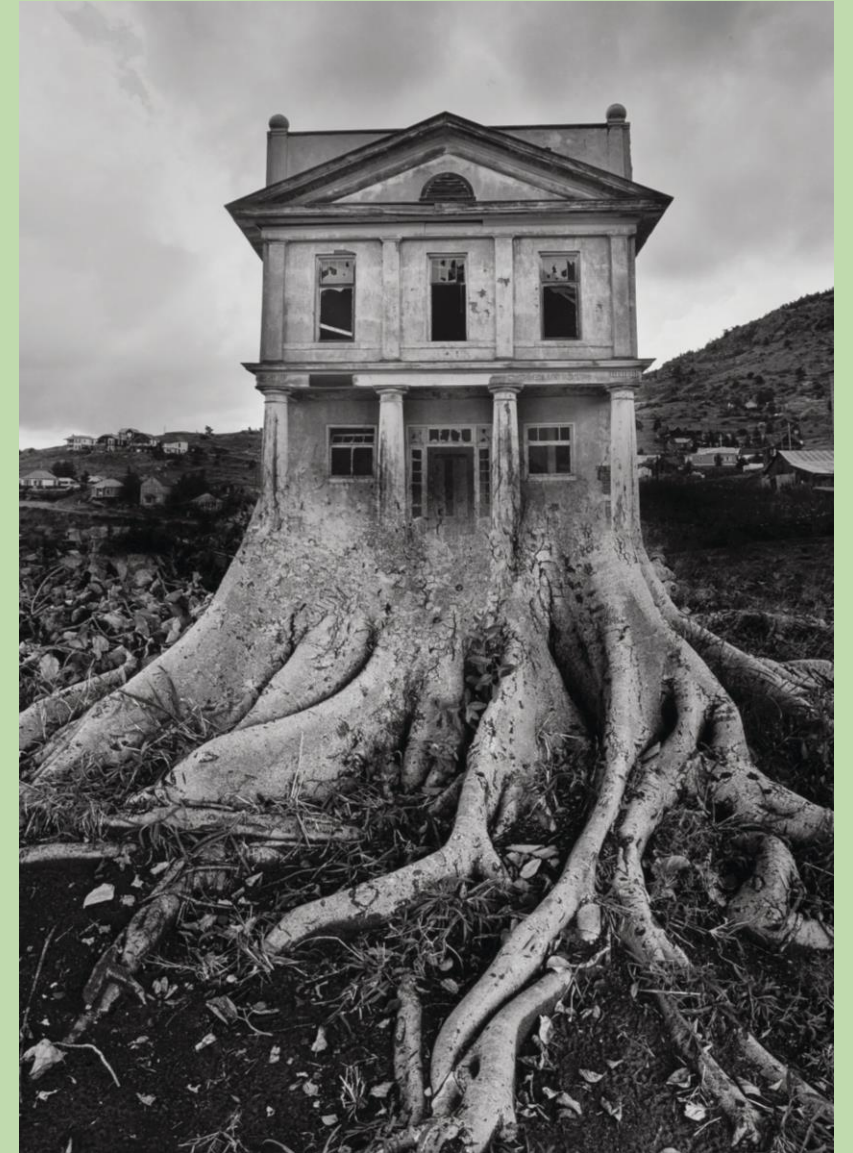


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Hebrews 6:12 KJV



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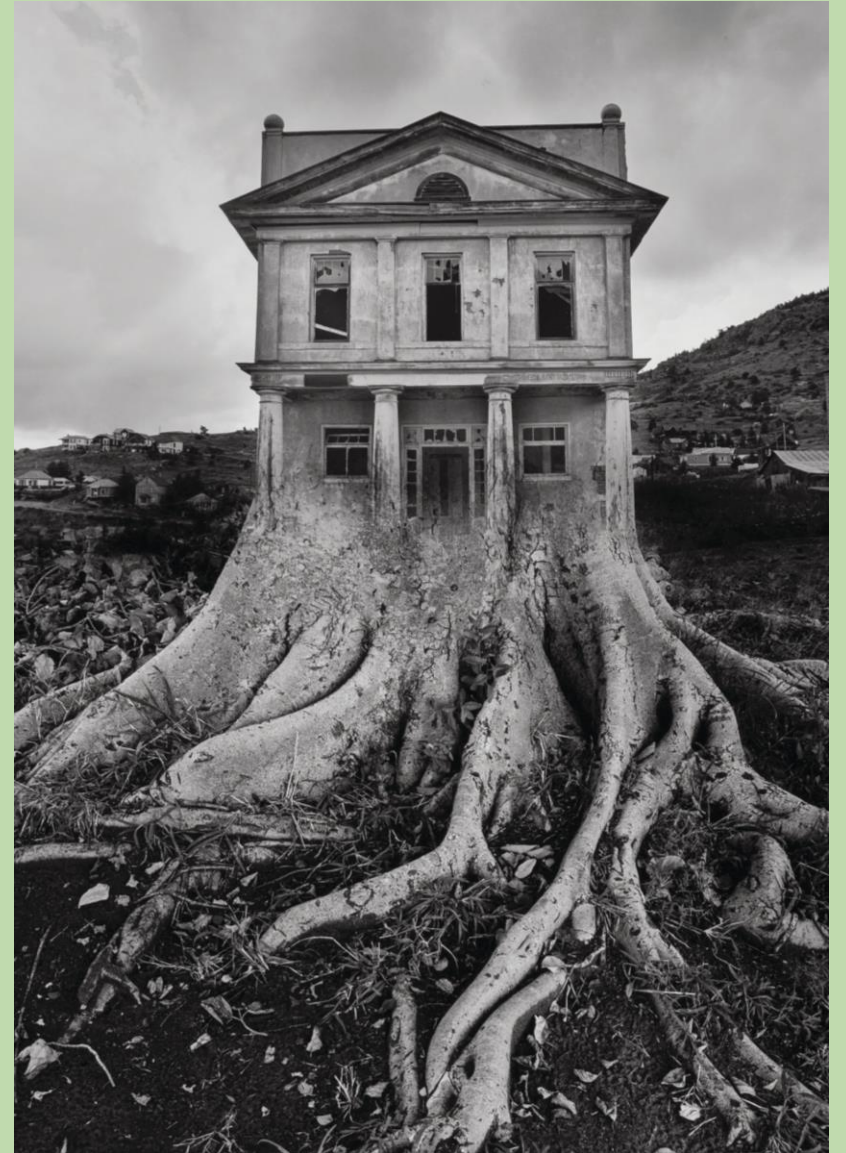
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But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

James 1:4 KJV



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2 Peter 1:5-7 KJV



But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:15-16 KJV



Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

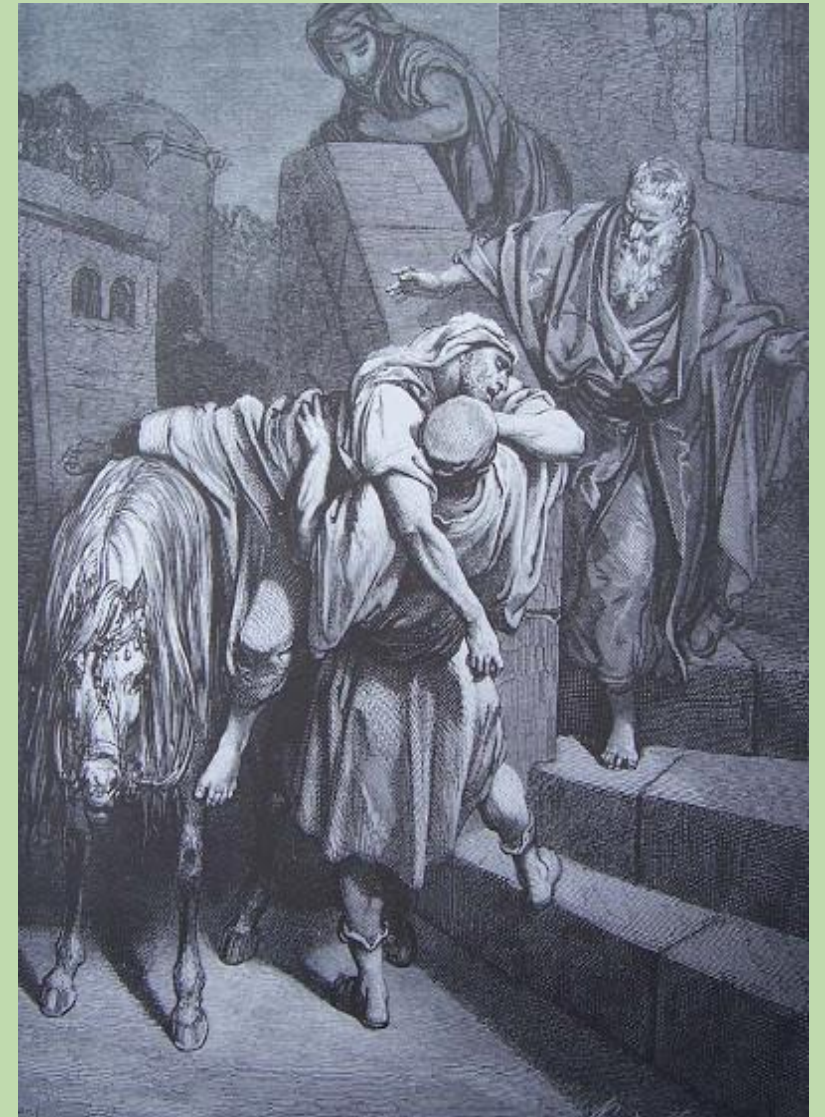
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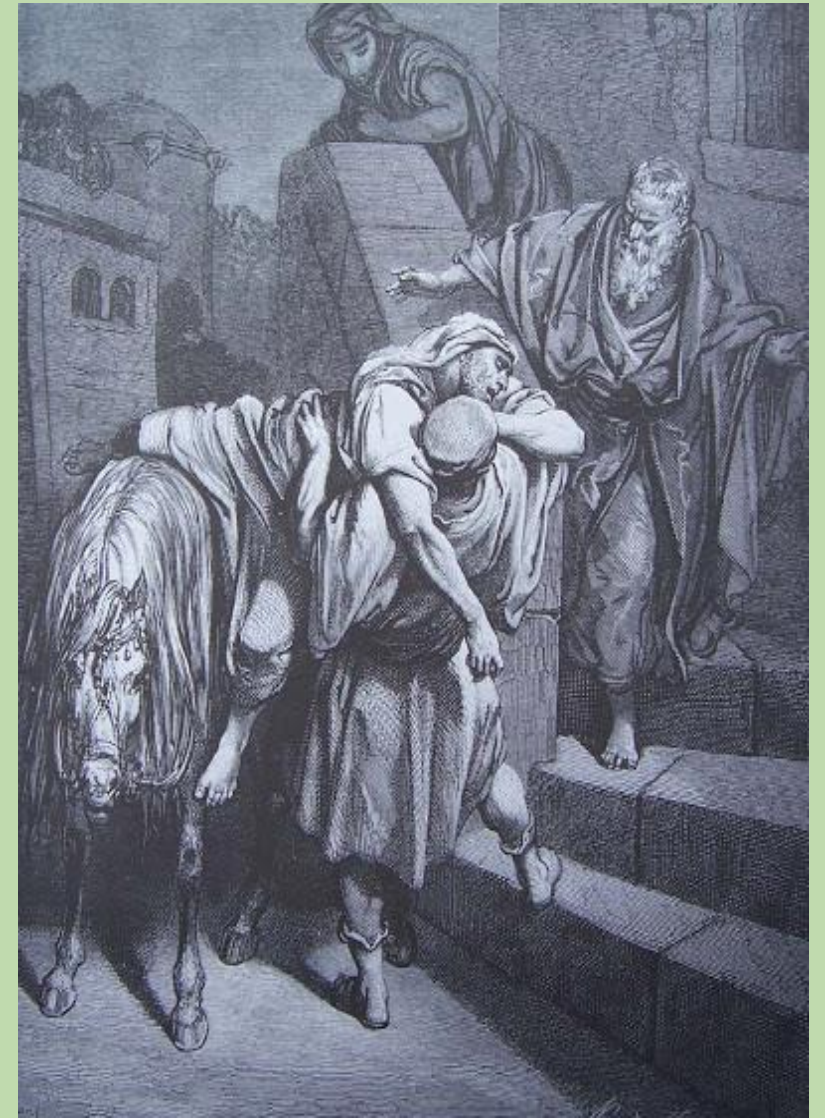
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The Good Samaritan Arrives at the Inn  
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Be kindly affectioned one to another with  
brotherly love; in honour preferring one  
another;

Romans 12:10 KJV



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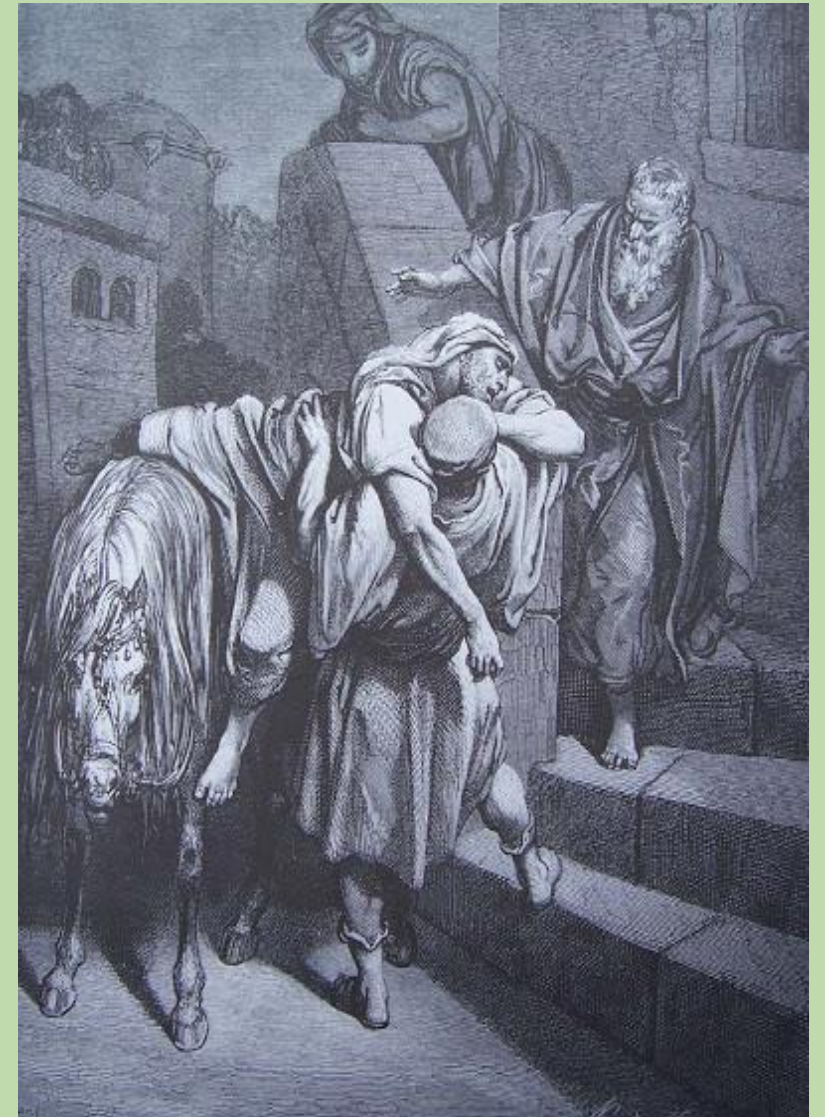
One of the final and most searching tests of these “brethren,” and the one under which probably the most of those once awakened and armed will fall, will be,—love for the brethren. Seemingly many will fail at this point and be therefore accounted unworthy of an abundant entrance to the Kingdom on this score. Whoever has the spirit of love according to the pattern (Rom. 8:29), is expected to agree with the Apostle Paul’s statement,—“Because he laid down his life for us, we ought also to lay down our lives for the brethren.”—1 John 3:14,16; 1 Peter 1:22; 3:8. (R2453.8)



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Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren [Strong's G5360, philadelphia], see that ye love [Strong's G25, agapao] one another with a pure heart fervently:

1 Peter 1:22 KJV



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agapē / love

But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love [Strong's G25, agapao] one another.

1 Thessalonians 4:9 KJV

ἀγάπη

agapē / love

Now the end of the commandment is charity  
[Strong's G26, agape] out of a pure heart, and of  
a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

1 Timothy 1:5 KJV

ἀγάπη

agapē / love

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love [Strong's G26, agape] one another; as I have loved [Strong's G26, agape] you, that ye also love [Strong's G26, agape] one another.

John 13:34 KJV

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agapē / love



It does not astonish us that the Lord directs that we love one another, but we stand amazed with the thought contained in these words, “As I have loved you.” How can we love one another with the same love which the Lord has for each of us? is our first inquiry. We reply that this is impossible at first, but as we become more and more filled with the Spirit of the Lord, we approximate more nearly to this standard of perfect love to all that are his, a love that not only would refuse to do injury to another, but a love which would delight to do good to a brother, ... (R3547.3)

ἀγάπη

agapē / love

Hereby perceive we the love [Strong's G26, agape] of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:16 KJV

ἀγάπη

agapē / love

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:8 KJV



If these things exist in you, and continually increase, they prevent your being either idle or unfruitful in advancing towards a full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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