

# SAUL, DAVID, & SOLOMON

## Lessons In Faith





# II SAMUEL



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# David and the Giant

When David was hiding from King Saul he sought refuge with the Philistines. Their king gave David the city of Ziklag hoping to recruit his enemy and eventually win him over, but David stayed loyal to God's people.

Now, many years have passed and many battles. David was having great success in eliminating the Philistine influence in Canaan.

2 Samuel 21

“<sup>15</sup>Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel. . . .”





## The end of the Philistine giants—

This conflict with the Philistines happened in the latter end of David's reign.



David had subdued the Philistines to the point that they could not bring any great numbers into the field, but as long as they had giants among them to be their champions they would never be quiet for they were Israel's continual enemy.

David went down in person to fight against the Philistines. He had proved himself to be courageous many times, but now David was old, and he could not bear the fatigues of war as before.



## 2 Samuel 21

“15. . . David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint.”





## 2 Samuel 21

“<sup>16</sup>And Ishbibenob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David.”



David was wonderfully rescued by Abishai, one of his Mighty Men, who by the good providence of God was brought to David at his moment of need.

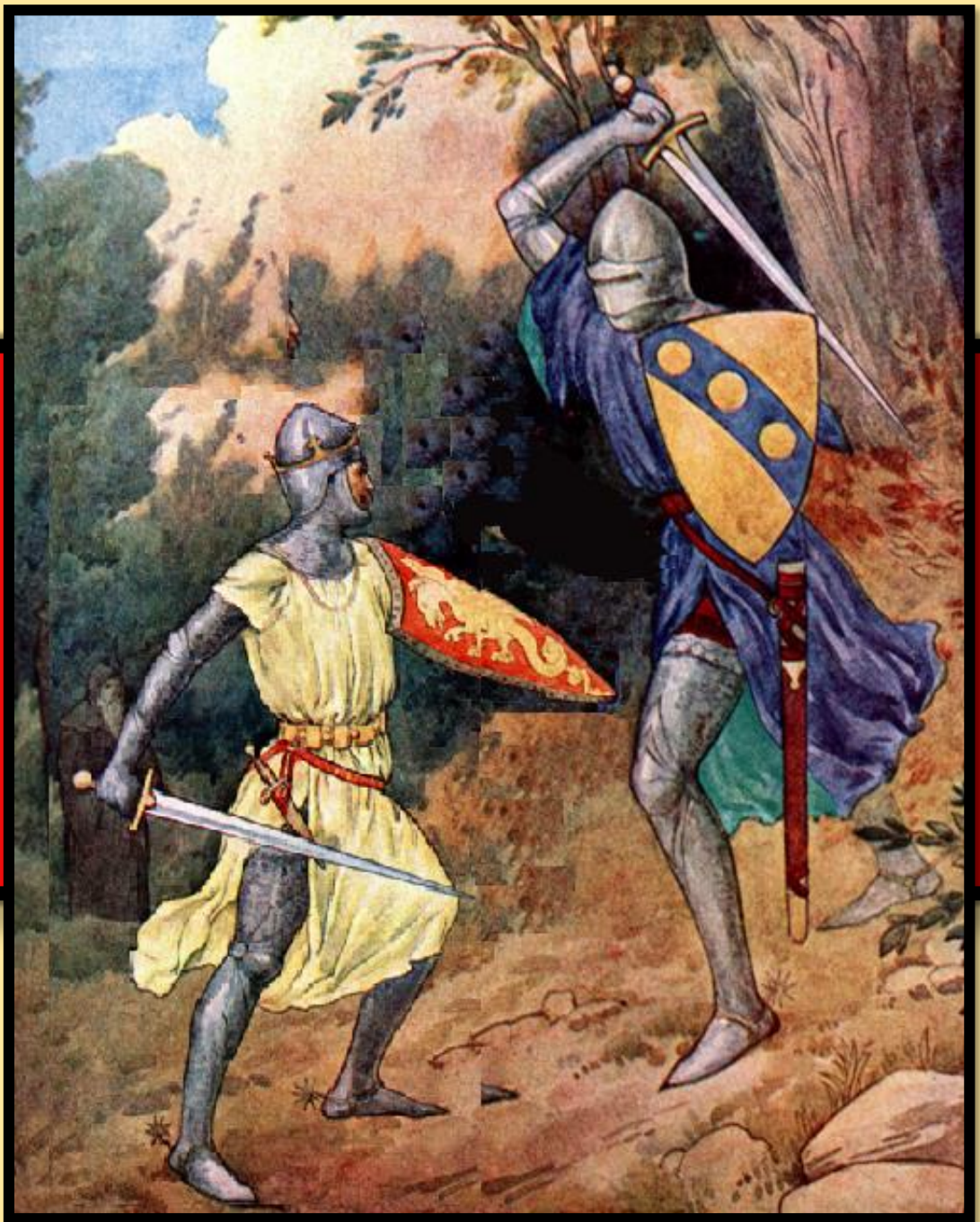
2 Samuel 21

“<sup>17</sup>But Abishai the son of Zeruah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him.”



This narrow escape caused David's men to resolve that he should never again expose himself by entering into battle.

It was confirmed that the *light of Israel* should never again chance being blown out.



## 2 Samuel 21

“<sup>18</sup>And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew **Saph, which was of the sons of the giant.**

<sup>19</sup>And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew **the brother of Goliath** the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.

<sup>20</sup>And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was **a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes,** four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. <sup>21</sup>And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew him.

**<sup>22</sup>These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.”**

# FOUR GIANTS THE LAST OF THE PHILISTINES

The giants that died—

**Ishbibenob** slain by Abishai as he was about to kill David

**Saph** slain by Sibbechai one of David's worthies

Unnamed brother to Goliath, slain by Elhanan another of David’s heroes

Unnamed giant who had 24 fingers and toes slain by David’s nephew

# ADDRESSING AN APPARENT CONTRADICTION

## 2 Samuel 21:19

### King James Version

“And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.”

### American Standard Version

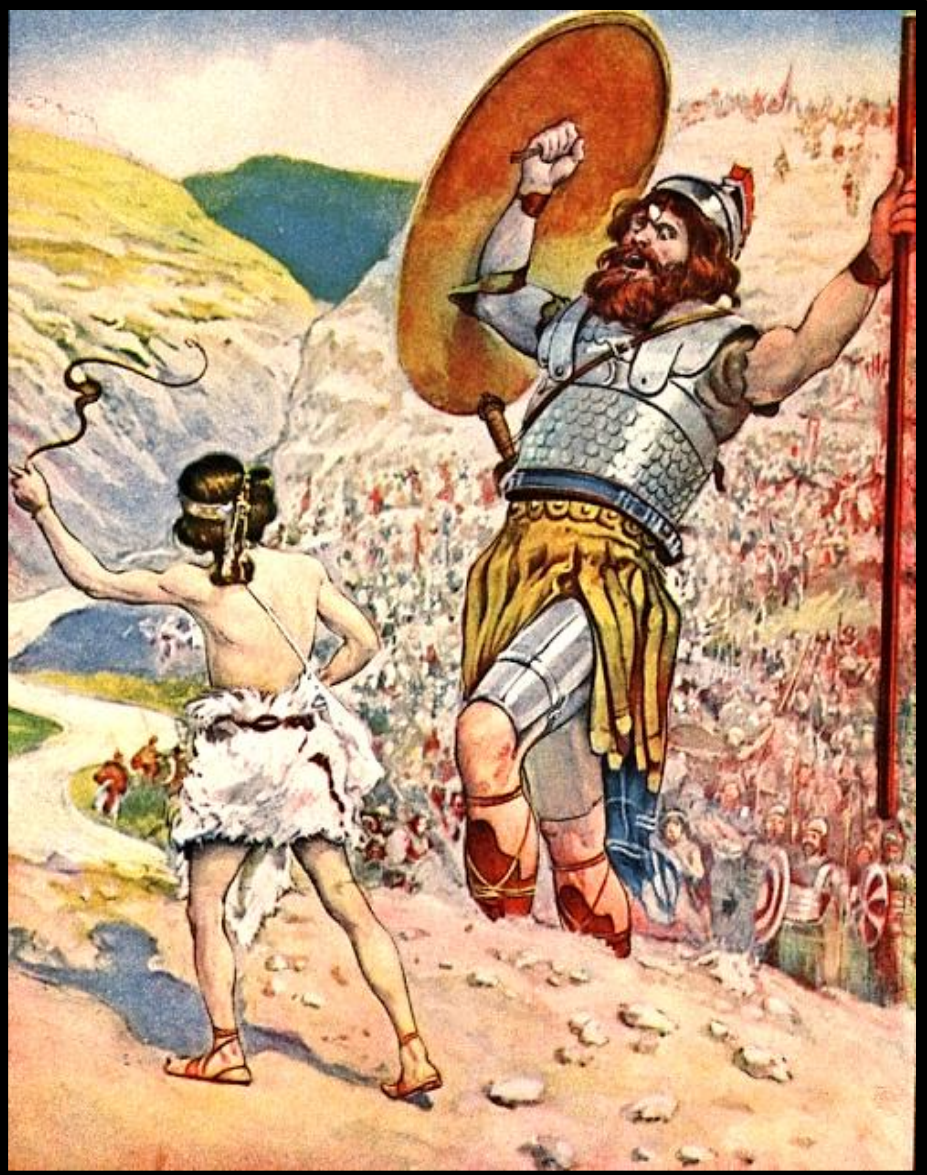
“And there was again war with the Philistines at Gob; and Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim the Bethlehemite slew Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.”

(Also: NASV, ESV, NIV)

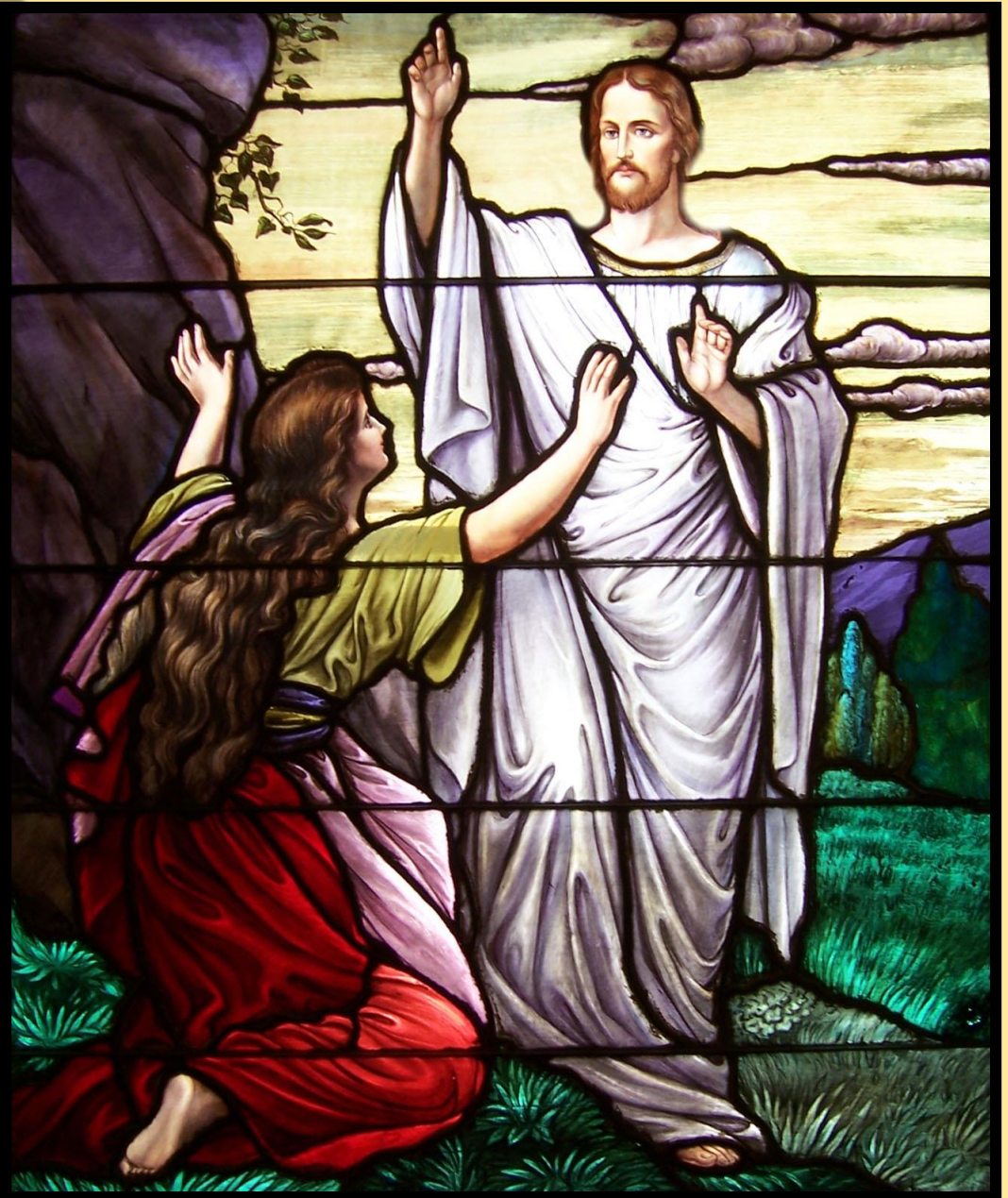
“The principal problem here appears to be one of textual transmission rather than strict interpretation. ...The corrected text would read, “And Elhanan, the son of Jairi the Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath,” which removes the apparent difficulty” (R.K. Harrison, *Introduction to the Old Testament*, Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1969, p. 704). See also 1 Chronicles 20:5.

The most powerful enemies are often reserved for the last conflict.

David began his glory with the conquest of one giant and here concludes it with the conquest of four.



Death is a Christian's last enemy, but through him that triumphed for us we hope to be more than conquerors at last—even over that enemy.



## II Samuel 22

This chapter is a Psalm of praise. With little variation it can also be found in Psalm 18.

We have it here as it was most likely first composed for David's own harp; but in Psalm 18 it was delivered to the chief musician for the service of the assembly of God's people.

The inspired writer saw fit to record this sacred poem as a memorial of all that had been before related about the life of David.





## 2 Samuel 22

1 And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

2 And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

4 I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

5 When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;

## 2 Samuel 22

6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;

7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears.

8 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth.

9 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet.

11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

In verses 8 & 9 he borrowed expressions from the descent of God upon Mount Sinai.

## 2 Samuel 22

12 And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

13 Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.

14 The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.

15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.

16 And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

17 He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters;

## 2 Samuel 22

18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.

19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

20 He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23 For all his judgments were before me: and as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.

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## 2 Samuel 22

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Here he is reflecting upon his own integrity in reference to Saul, Ishbosheth, Absalom and Sheba who opposed him and tried to dethrone him.

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24 I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity.

25 Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his eye sight.

26 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.

27 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury.

28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes are upon the haughty, that thou mayest bring them down.

## 2 Samuel 22

29 For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.

30 For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

31 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

32 For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?

33 God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

34 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

## 2 Samuel 22

35 He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great.

37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip.

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.

39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet.

40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.

## 2 Samuel 22

41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

42 They looked, but there was none to save; even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, and did spread them abroad.

44 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me to be.

45 Strangers shall submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.

46 Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.

## 2 Samuel 22

47 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

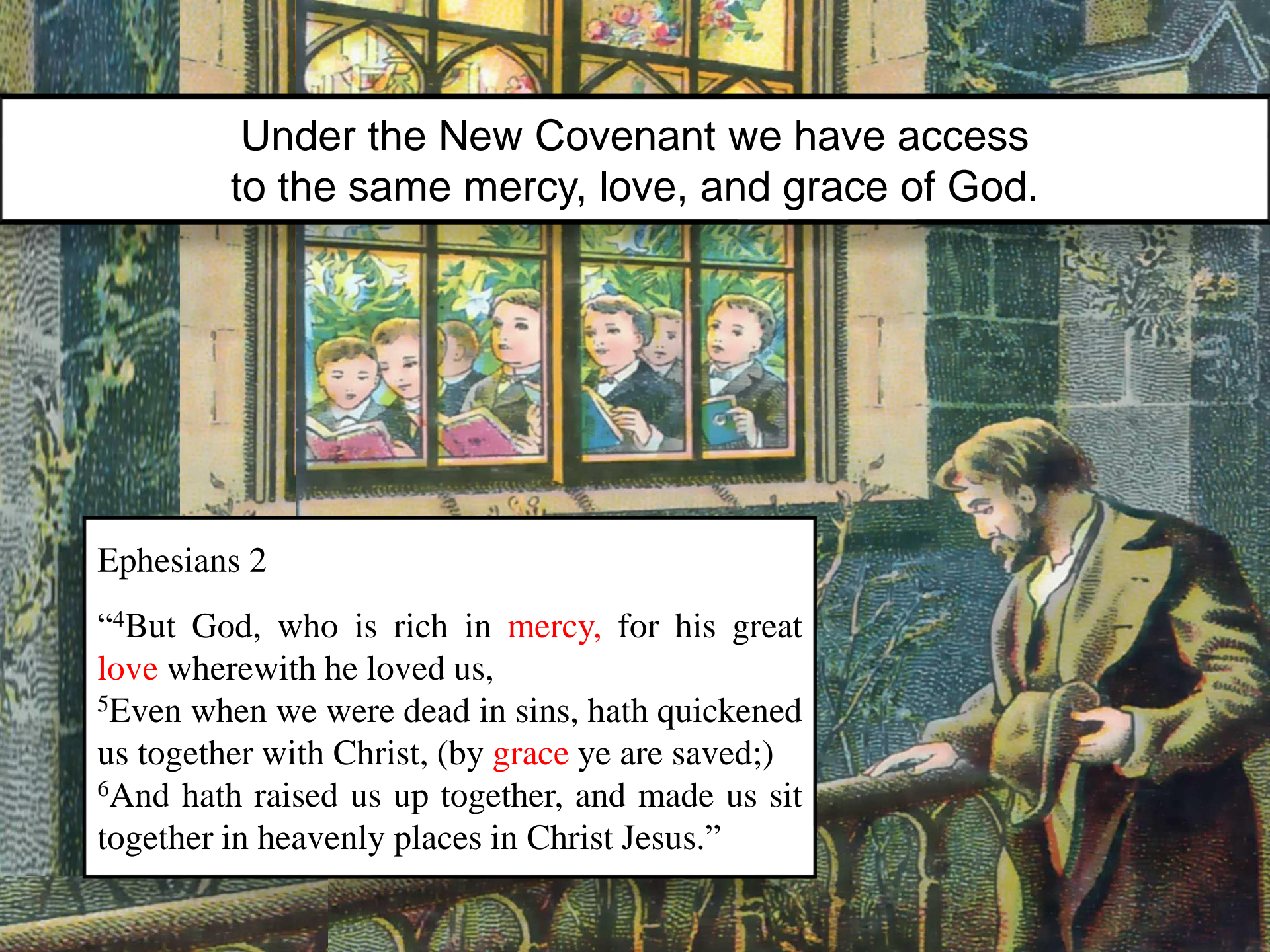
48 It is God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me,

49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

51 He is the tower of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.





Under the New Covenant we have access to the same mercy, love, and grace of God.

## Ephesians 2

<sup>4</sup>“But God, who is rich in **mercy**, for his great **love** wherewith he loved us,

<sup>5</sup>Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by **grace** ye are saved;)

<sup>6</sup>And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

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