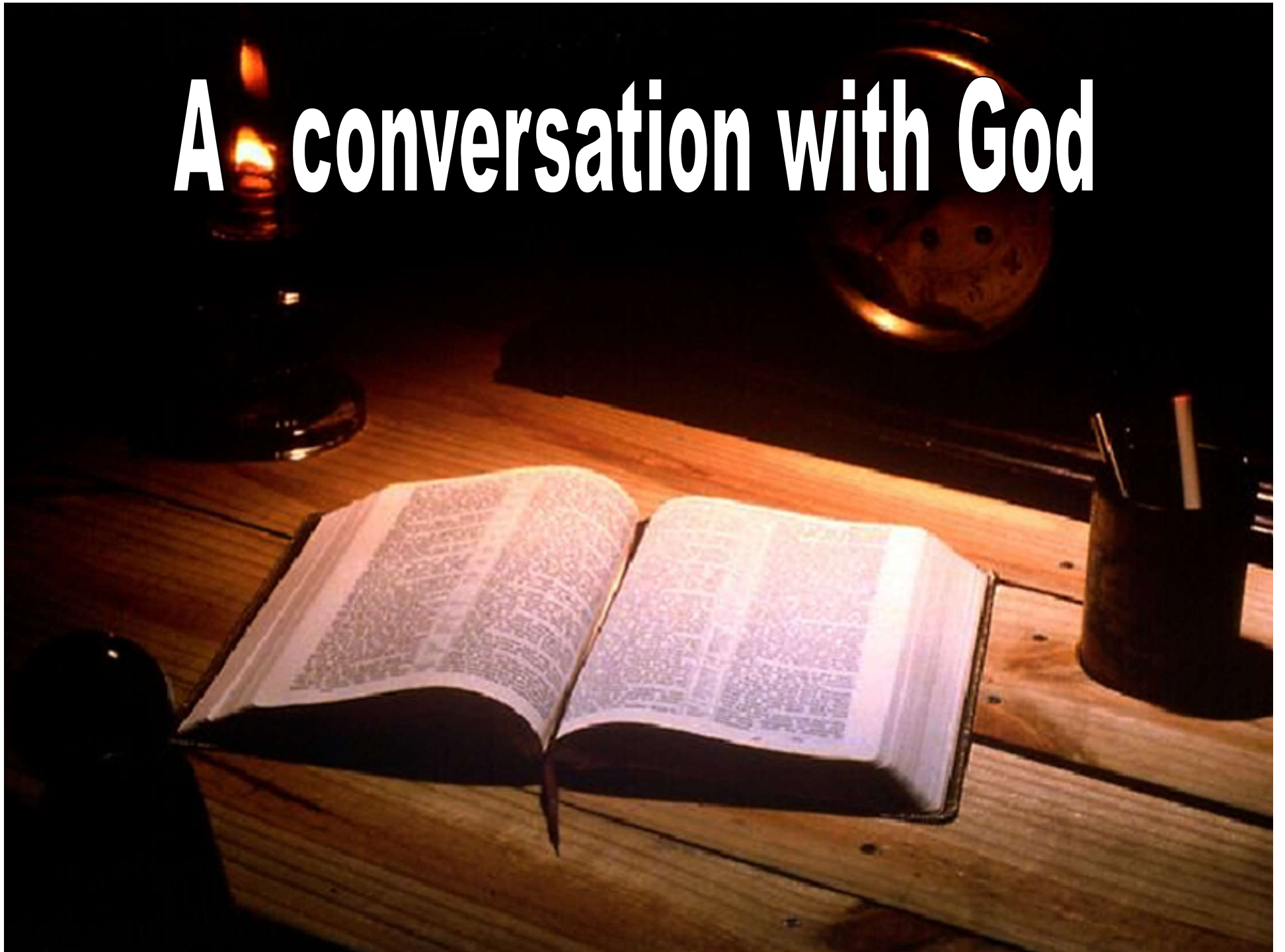


A conversation with God



Prayer

- How to pray
- What to pray for
- When to pray
- Unanswered prayer
- Prayer and faith
- Conditions of answered prayer

Prayer

- There are over 500 verses in the Bible that mention the word pray or prayer or prayed and praying

The Prayer of Solomon

- 1 Kings 8 records Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple at Jerusalem.
- It includes 38 verses
- (He prayed for wisdom)
- James 1:5 *“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, ...and it shall be given him.”*



Prayer

He prayed for understanding

The Model Prayer

- *Found:*
- Matthew 6
- Luke 11
- John 17

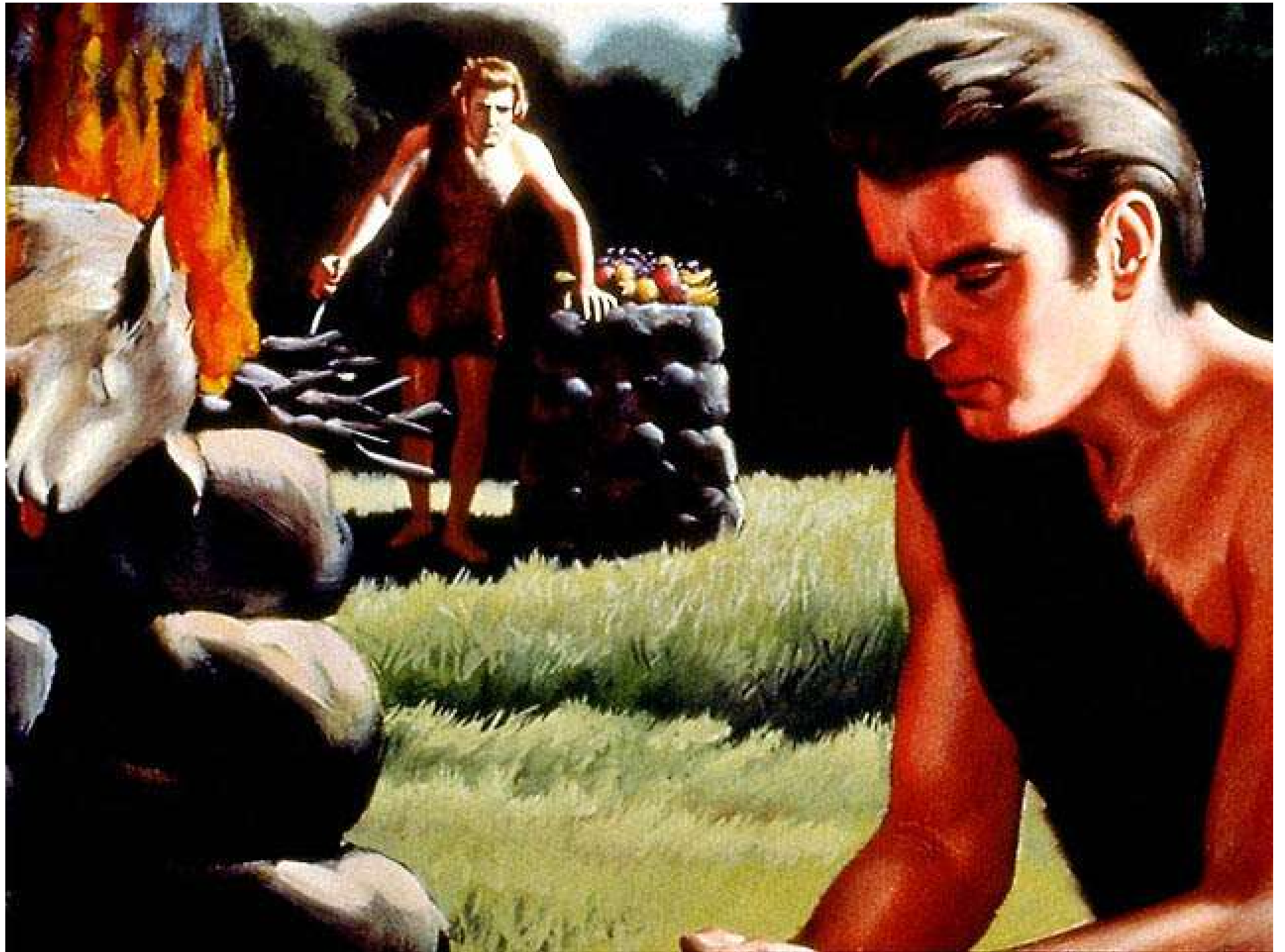
John 17:23

- *I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and **hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.***

Prayer

- 1 Cor. 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.





1 John 3:22

- And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

Two vital elements of prayer

- 1. We must come to God in God's instructed way
- 2. We must always remember that Jesus makes prayer possible.
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- We are to pray through Jesus, in Jesus' name.
Why?
- Romans 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Condition for answered prayer

- Psalms 66:18
- **“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”**

Proverbs 28:9

- *“One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer an abomination.”*

John 9:31

- *Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.*

Prayer Availeth Much

- James 5:16 Confess [your] faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

The Story of Job



Story

- **Job 42:10** And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends... the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Prayer For Others

- *Matt. 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

Jehoshaphat's prayer answered

- 2 Chron. 20:
- *Jehoshaphat's prayer was with fathers, mothers and children. {v. 13}*
- The answer to the prayer came through His prophet
- “The battle is not yours but God's”

Fighting a Spiritual Battle

- Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Praying Always

- *Eph. 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

Prayer and Faith

- What is faith?
- “Faith is trusting the love of God.”
{F.I.L.B. 122
- **Heb. 11:6** “Without faith it is impossible to please Him.”
- You must believe that He hears and will answer the best way for you.



The prayers of Jesus

- **Jesus gave over 100 examples, teaching and exhortations regarding prayer**

How to Pray

- The scriptures reveals that the majority of the prayers of Jesus were for others.

Mark 1:35

- 1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Luke 5:16

- **And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed**

Luke 6:12

- And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

Take time to pray


- Satan will do everything to disturb or try to keep us from having these daily prayer times.
- Remember, we will never find the time, we must take the time
- It is hard for the Devil to tempt you while you are praying.



John 11:41,42

- 11:41 Then they took away the stone [from the place] where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up [his] eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
- 11:42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said [it], that they may believe that thou hast sent me.



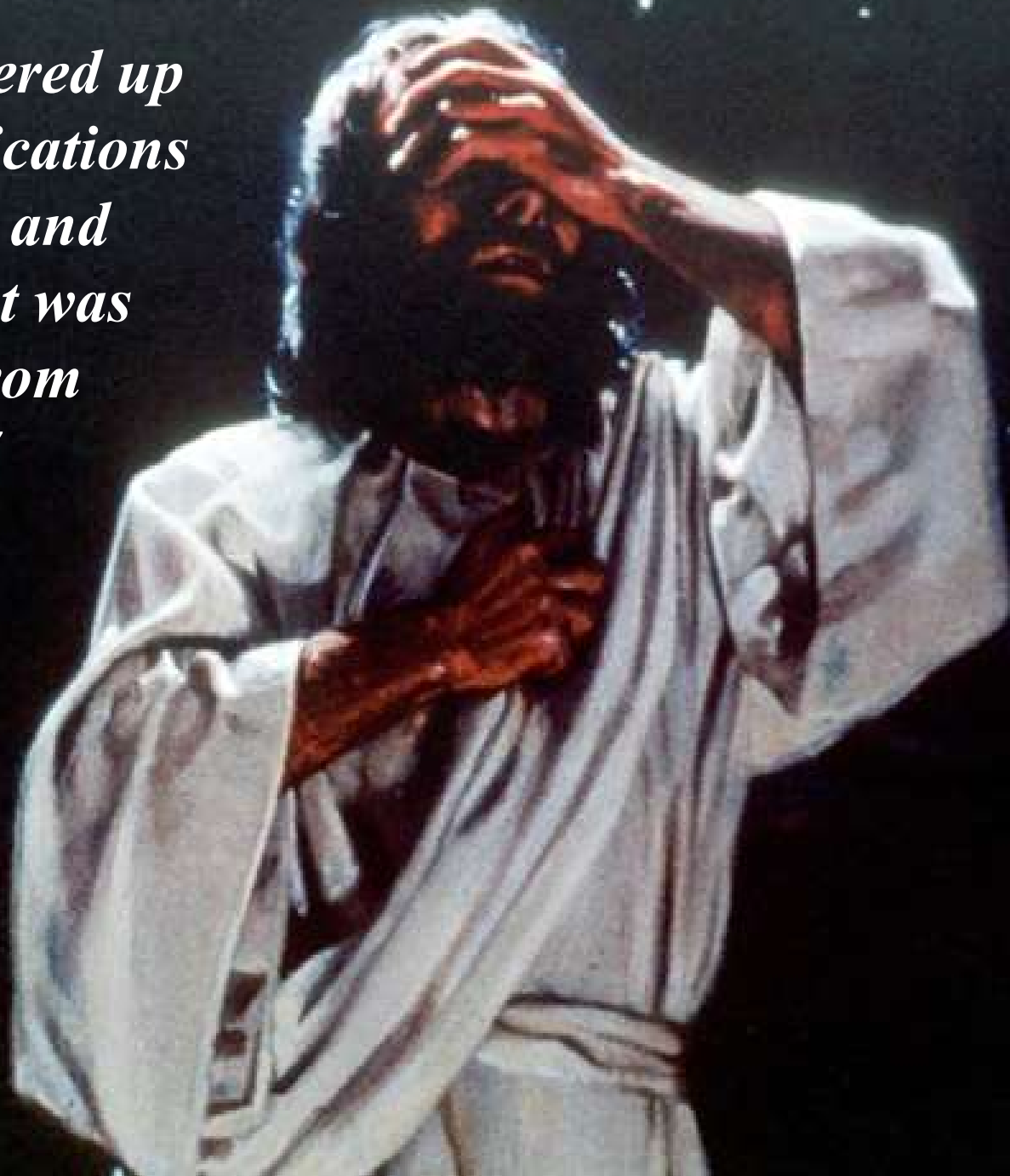


*“O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.”
Matt.26:39*

1 John 5:14

- *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

“When he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death,” Heb. 5:7



Prayer Promises

- Isa. 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that *before they call*, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.
- Eph. 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we *ask* *or think*, according to the power that worketh in us,



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