

**I bow my head toward the earth, O Lord, and worship you; pardon my iniquity and sin that I might be part of that great throng of people whom you will take to yourself as a rightful inheritance. If I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, I pray let your presence go with me this day and bless me in all that I say and do, for your name's sake. Amen.**

# Inhabiting The Story

- Week 16 of Normal Time -



***What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.***

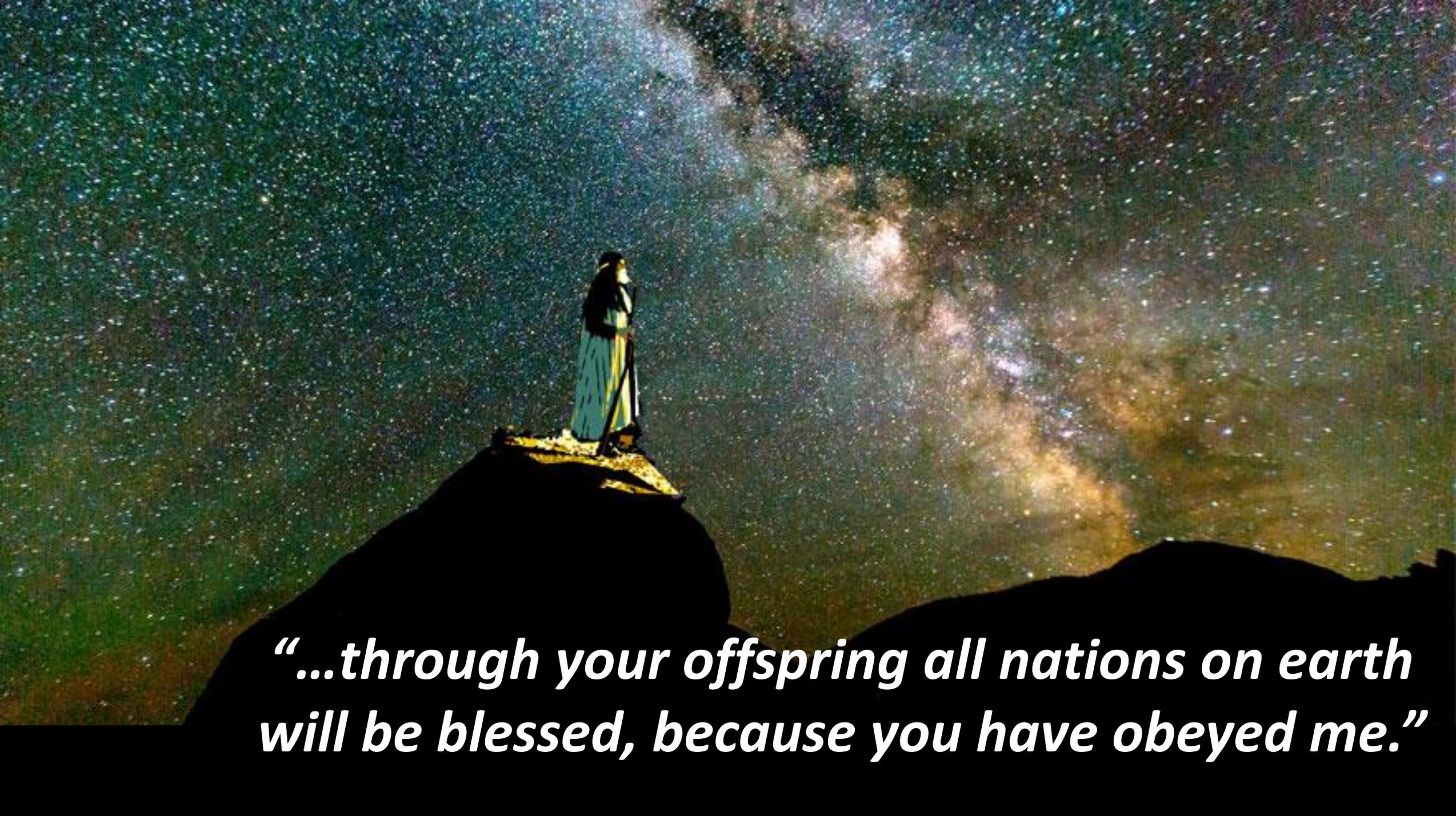
***For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.***

***For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.***

***Abram's  
Counsel to Sarai***  
c. 1896-1902, by  
James Jacques  
Joseph Tissot



***“The Lord said...all peoples on earth will be  
blessed through you.”*** Genesis 12:3



***“...through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”***

# A Prayer to Every God

To the god I know or do not know, the goddess I  
know or do not know...

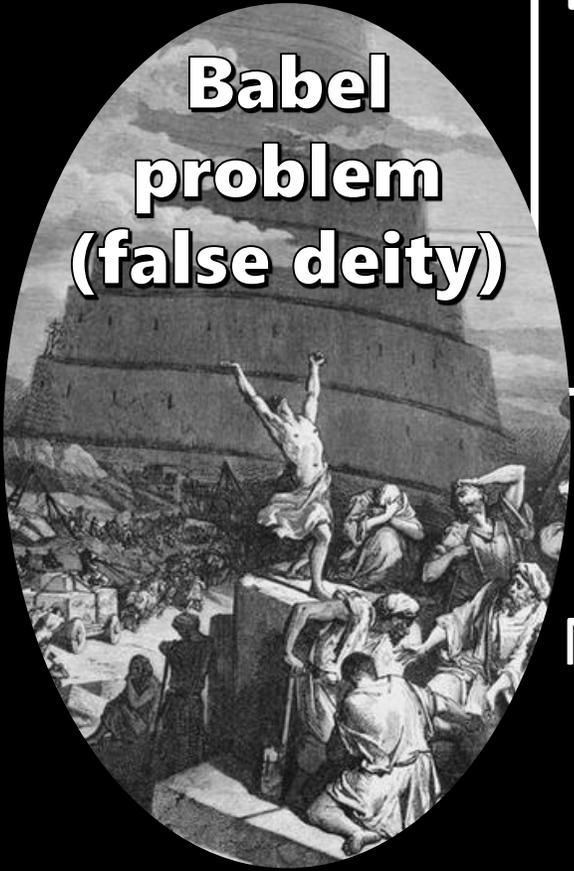
although I'm constantly looking for help no one takes  
me by the hand; when I weep, they do not come to my  
side. I utter laments but no one hears me; I am  
troubled; I'm overwhelmed; I cannot see... Man is  
dumb; he knows nothing; Mankind, everyone that  
exists - what does he know whether he is committing  
sin or doing good, he does not even know.

***Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?***

**Deuteronomy 4:6-8**

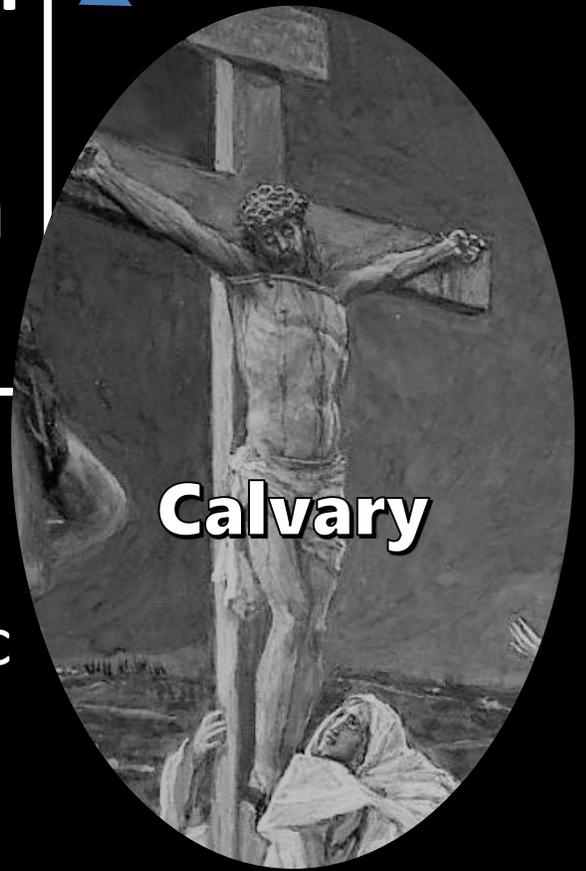


**Before God resolved the Eden  
problem (sin) he determined  
to resolve the Babel problem  
(deity falsely construed)**



**Covenants**

Noahic → Abrahamic → Mosaic → Davidic



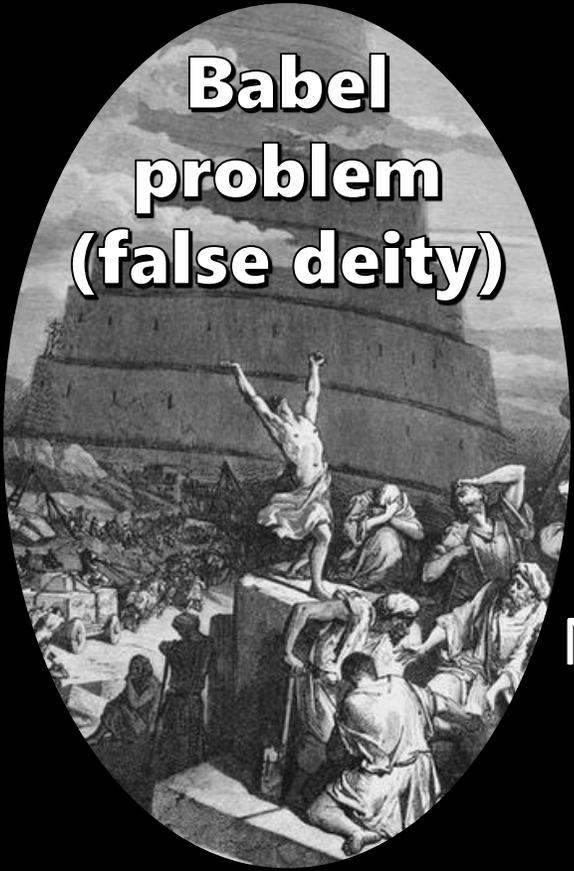


***On each side of the river  
stood the tree of life,  
bearing twelve crops of  
fruit, yielding its fruit  
every month. And the  
leaves of the tree are for  
the healing of the  
nations. No longer will  
there be any curse.***

**Revelation 22:2-3**

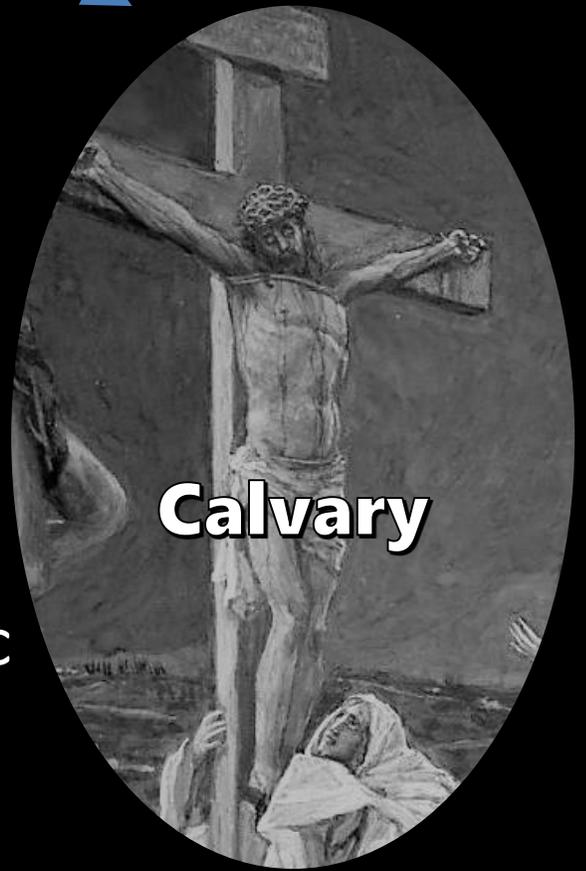


**Eden  
problem  
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**Calvary**



*Joseph and  
Potiphar's Wife*

Bartolome  
Esteban Murillo  
1645-1648



*Joseph and  
the wife of  
Potiphar*  
Francesco  
Solimena, 1690



*Joseph and  
Potiphar's  
Wife*  
Manner of  
Guido Reni



*Joseph and  
Potiphar's  
Wife*  
(about 1630)  
by Guido Reni



**11<sup>th</sup> century mosaic, St. Mark's Basilica, Venice**

***“I will display my glory among the nations, and all the nations will see the punishment I inflict and the hand I lay on them. From that day forward the people of Israel will know that I am the Lord their God. And the nations will know that the people of Israel went into exile for their sin, because they were unfaithful to me.” Ezekiel 39:21-23***



***Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 1 Peter 2:11-12***

***But while Joseph was there in the prison, the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.***

**Genesis 39:20**



***You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.***

**Genesis 50:20**

***Although the whole earth is mine, You will be for me  
a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Exodus 19:6***

***Nations will come to your light. Isaiah 60:3***



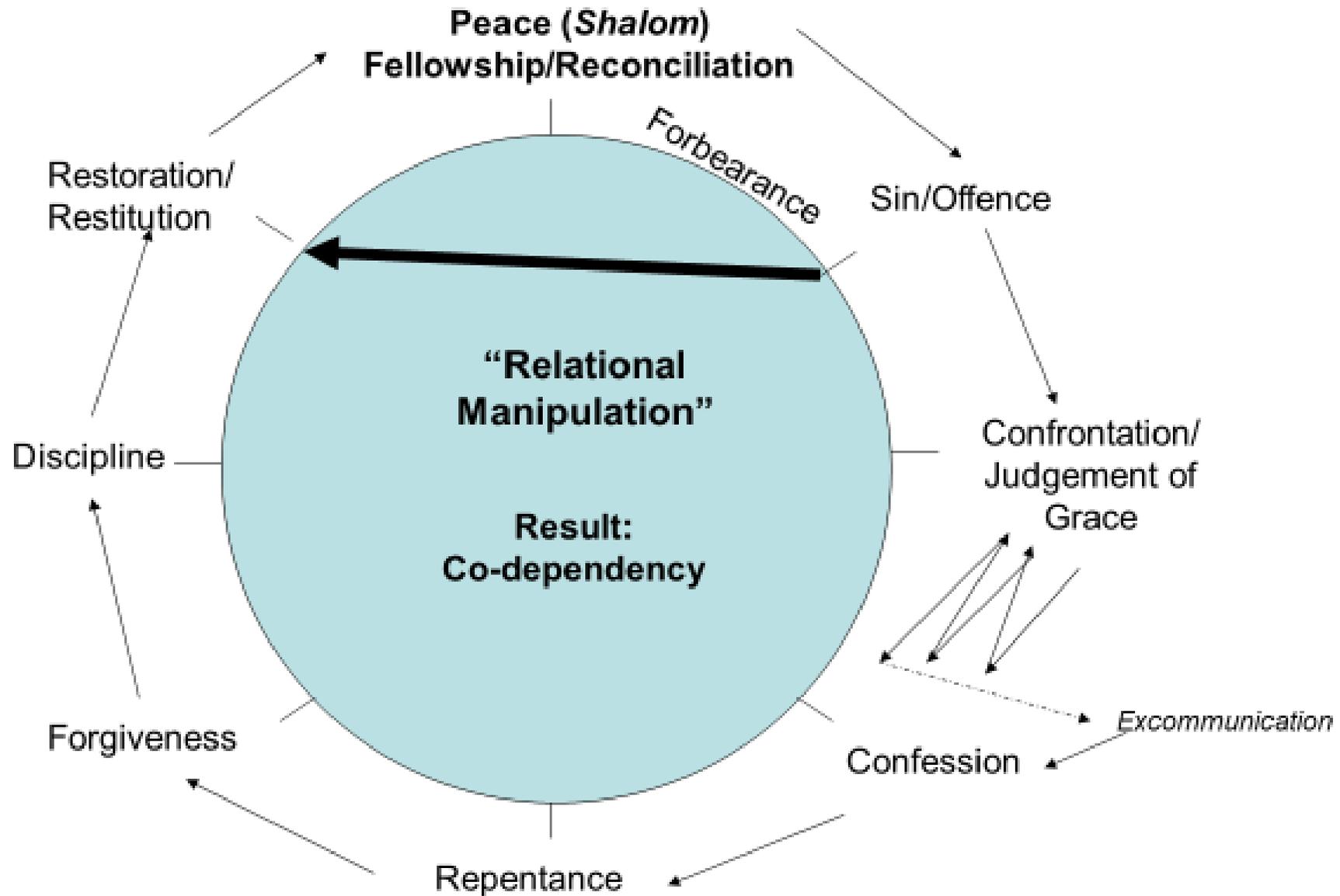
***But you are a chosen people, a royal  
priesthood, a holy nation, God's special  
possession, that you may declare the praises of  
him who called you out of darkness into his  
wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9***

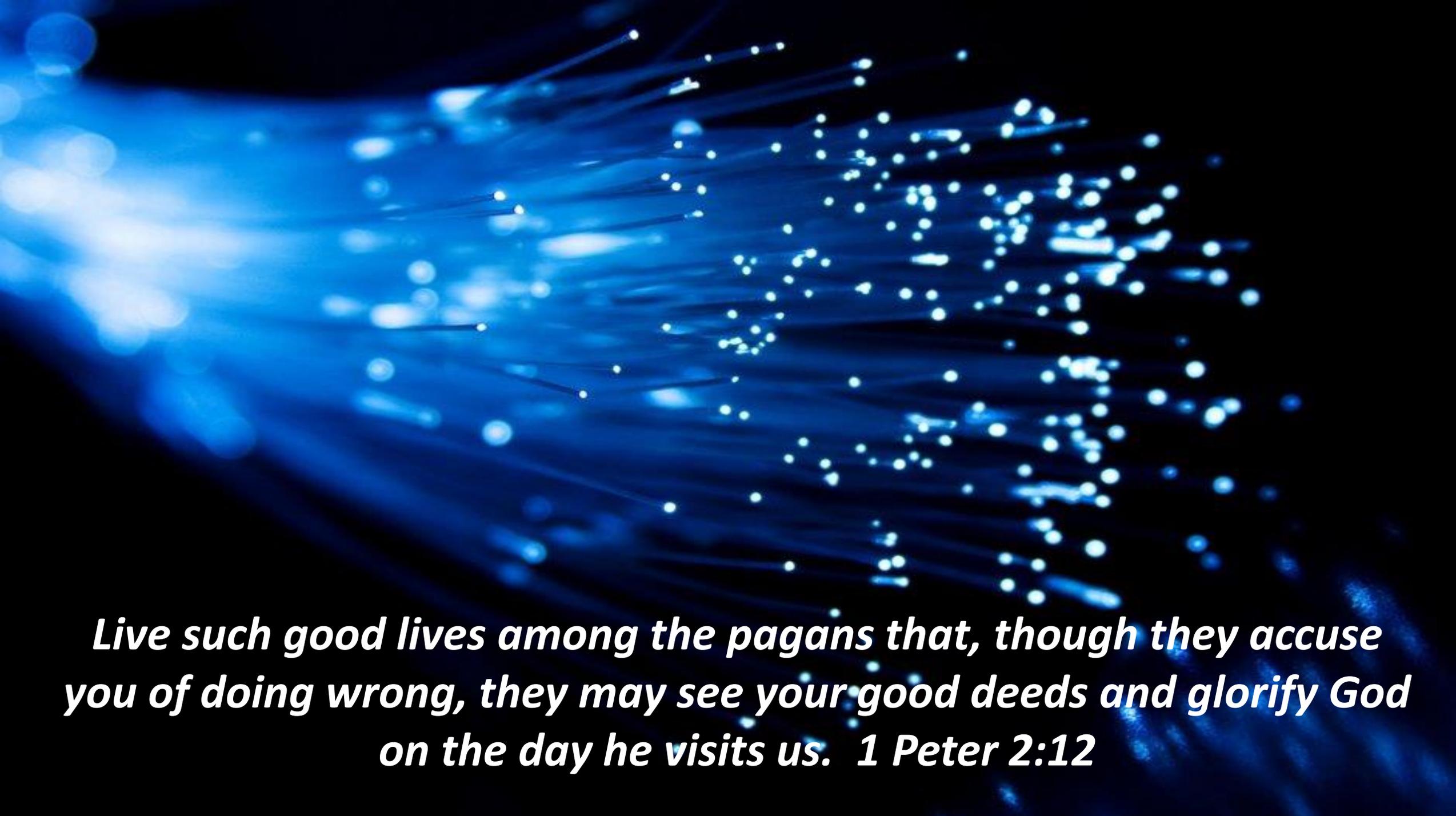


***"Canada needs to stop using  
the word reconciliation. You  
will never reconcile, you will  
never make it whole."***

**Chief Ouray Crowfoot**

# Shortcircuiting Reconciliation





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**As you have forgiven me an enormous debt, O merciful Father, enable me by your Spirit to forgive those who owe me in any way. Amen.**