



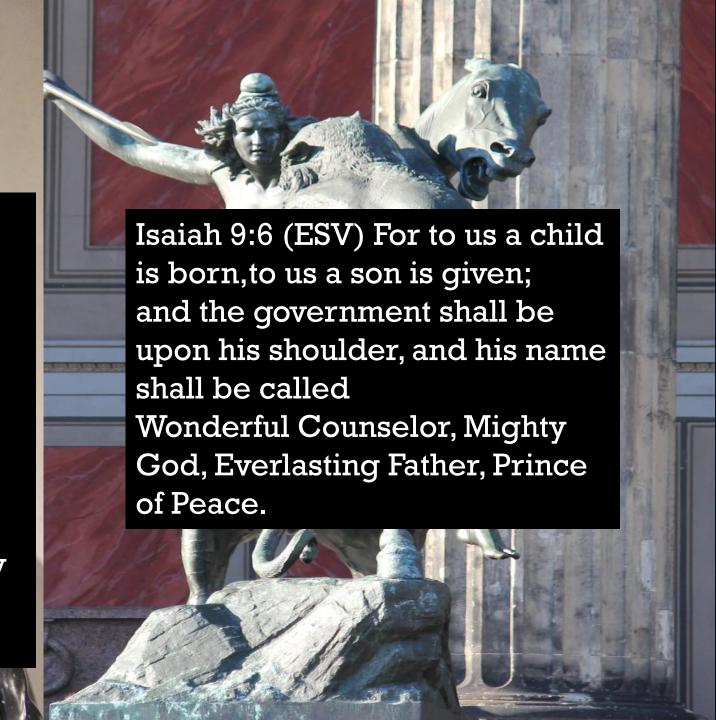


Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

Isaiah 53:2-3 ...

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

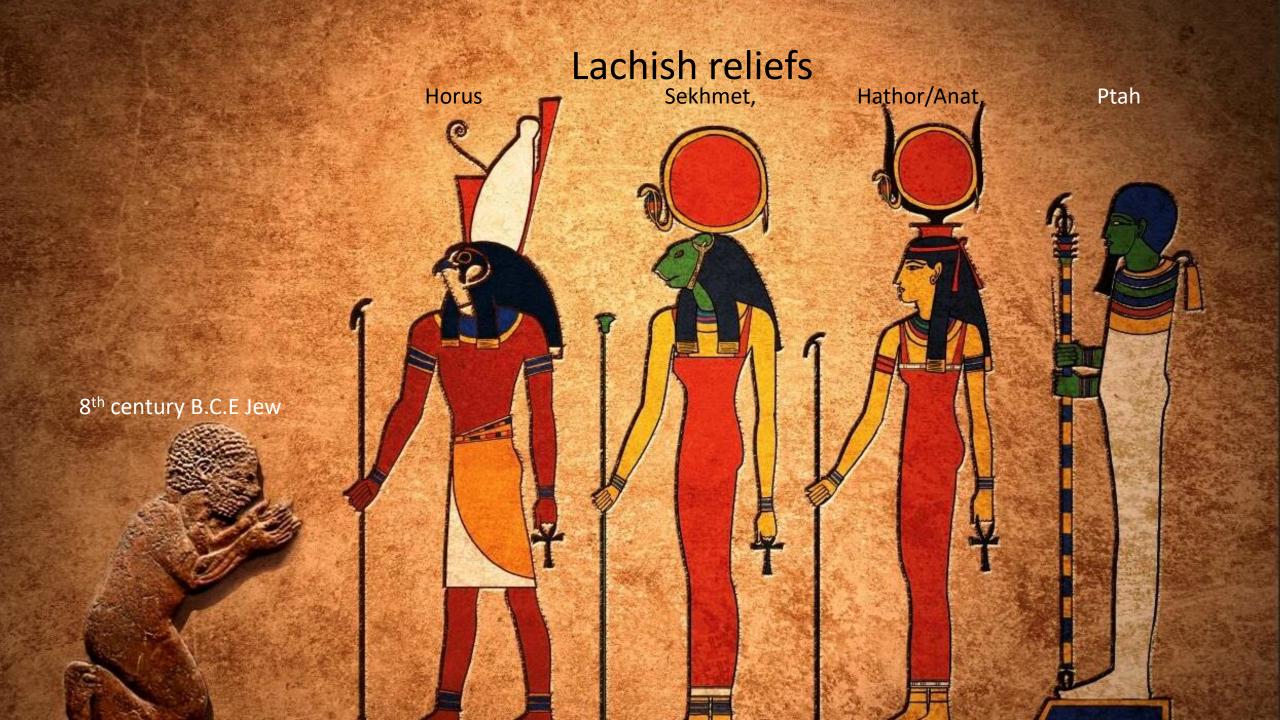
3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;





## MESSIAH DIED?

Isaiah 53:9 (ESV) And they made <u>his grave</u> with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.





Isaiah 41:21-22 (ESV) Set forth **your case**, says the LORD; bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob.

22 Let them bring them, and tell us what is to happen.

- Plaintiff
- Injured party,
- Judge
- Law-giver
- Creator



#### CHALLENGE

Isaiah 41:22-23 (ESV) Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come. 23 Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; do good, or do harm, that we may be dismayed and terrified.



Assyrian Conquest 721 BC

Babylonian Conquest –Exile 597 BC

150 years



## THE SERVANT

- 1. Identity
- 2. Mission
- 3. Manner

## SERVANT THEMES IN THE BIBLE

Adam

Moses-servant prophet

Joshua-servant conqueror

**David** -servant King

Israel -servant

Cyrus -servant

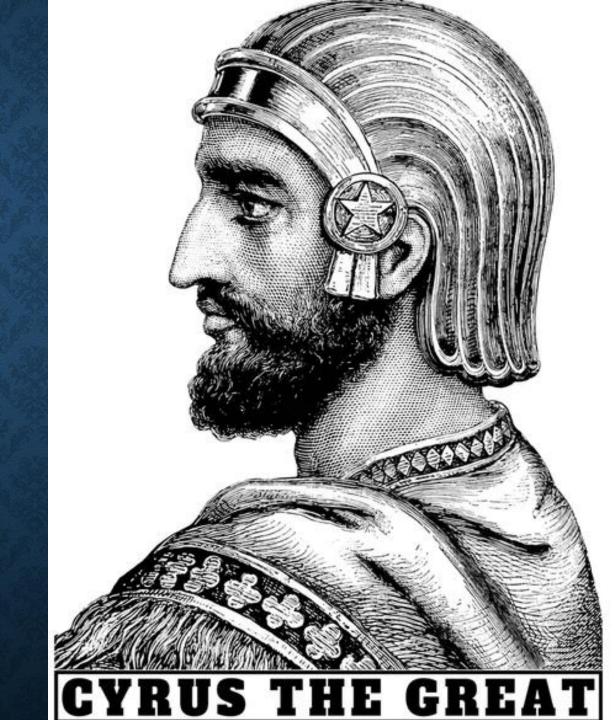
Isaiah's suffering servant

Jesus the ultimate Servant

## 559-530 BC

Isaiah 45: 1 Thus says the LORD to his **anointed**, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped,

to <u>subdue nations</u> before him



#### **CYRUS**

# SUFFERING SERVANT

Isaiah 45:4-6 (ESV) For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God;

I equip you, though **you do not know me**, 6 that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen,

in whom my soul delights;

I have put my Spirit upon him;





Isaiah 45:5b-6 I equip you, though **you do not know me**, 6 that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.



Isaiah 49:3-5 (ESV) And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel in whom I will be glorified."

4 But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God."

5 And now the LORD says, he who formed me

from the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him and that Israel might be gathered

<u>to him</u>-



Matthew 12:15-18 (ESV) 15 Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he <u>healed them all</u> 16 and <u>ordered them not to make him known</u>. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

18 "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.



## THE SUFFERING SERVANT

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Isaiah 42:1-4 (ESV) Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

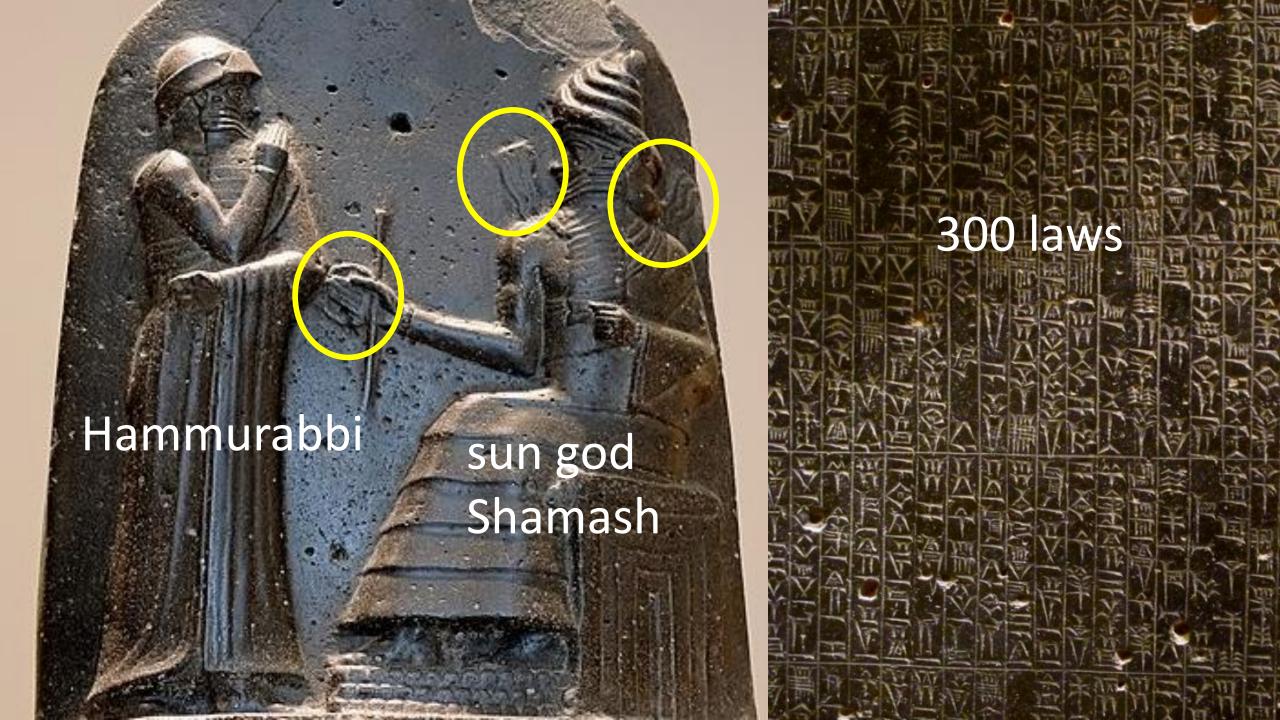
4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged

till he has established justice in the earth;

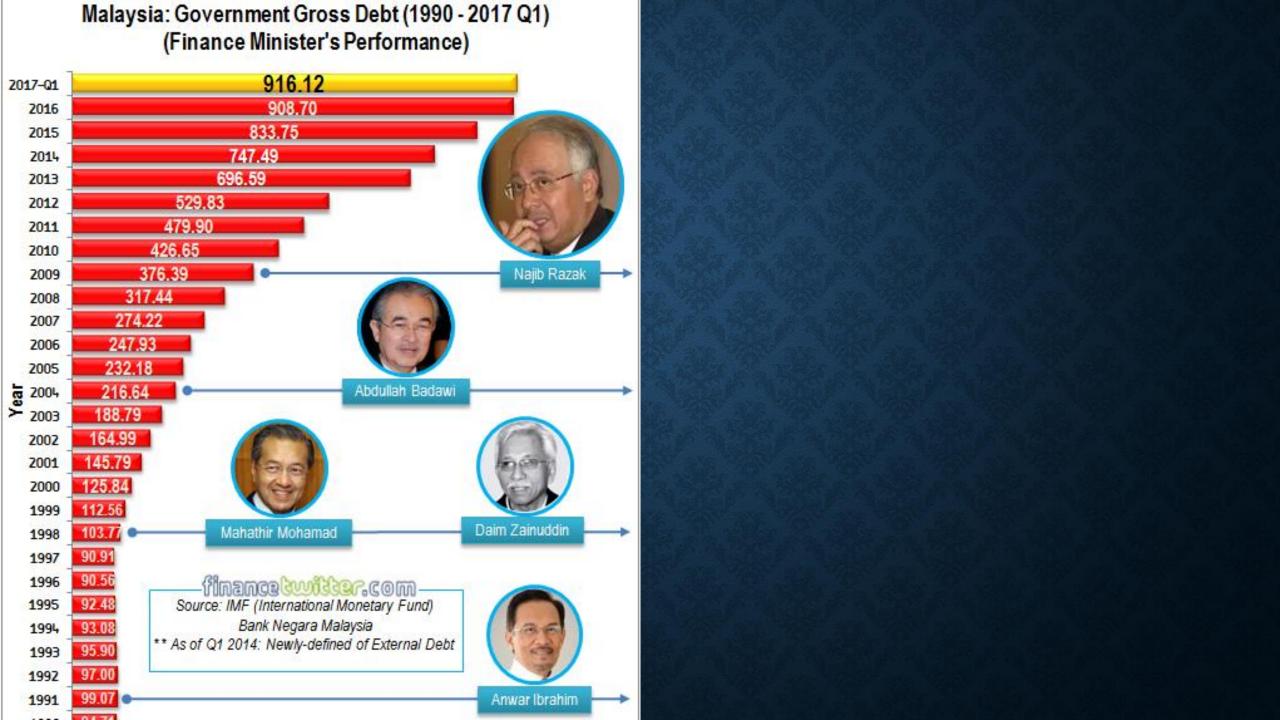
and the coastlands wait for his law.











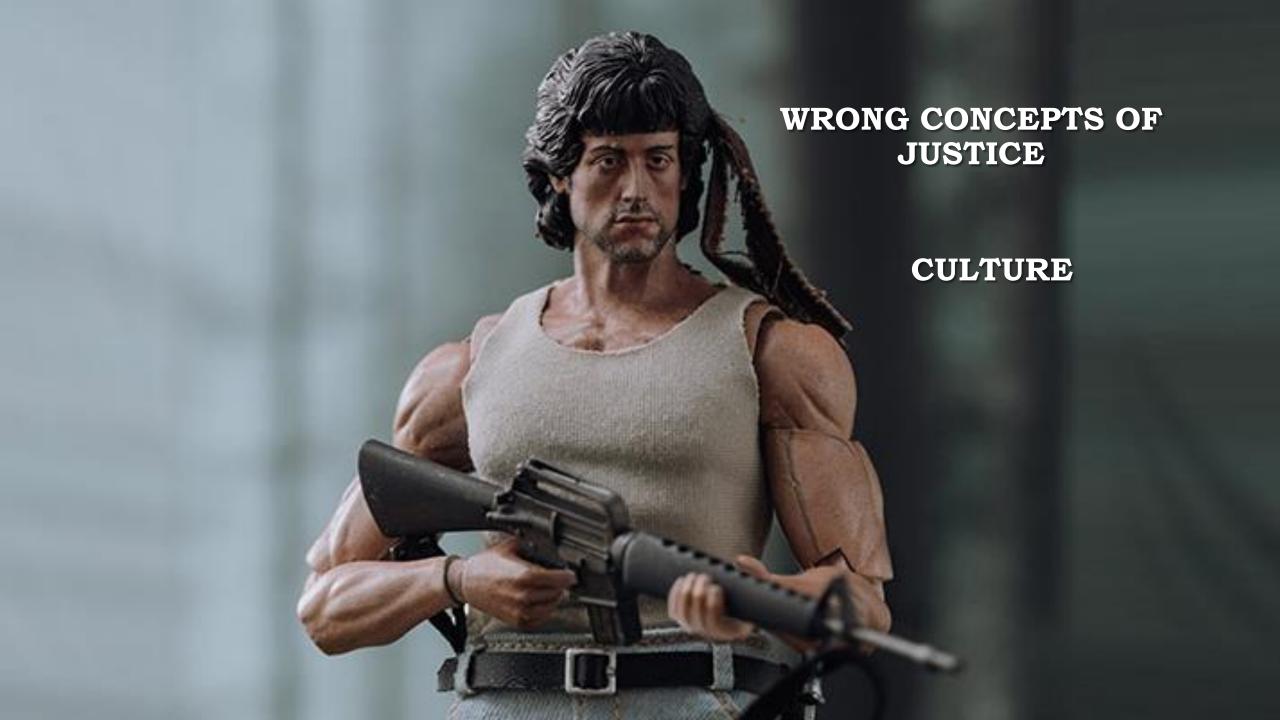




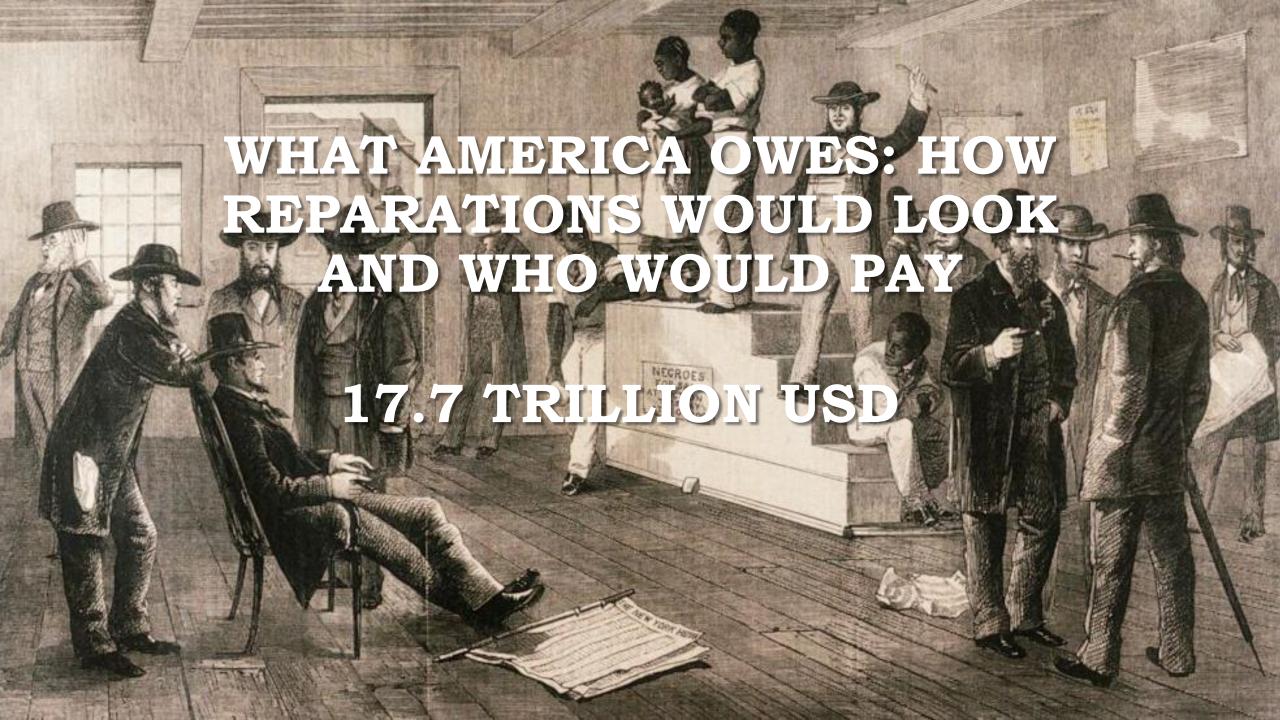
"if the release of Najib is a necessary sacrifice to pave the way for meaningful reforms, and for a better Malaysia, then it may be worth considering."

Thenesh Anbalagan Feb 5 2024 Malaysia kini

















# JUSTICE IS RELATIONAL

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."



#### JUSTICE IS RELATIONAL

To be righteous is to be true to the demands of a relationship, whether that relationship is with God or with other persons. To be unrighteous—say, through criminal activity—is to violate the meaning of the relationship.



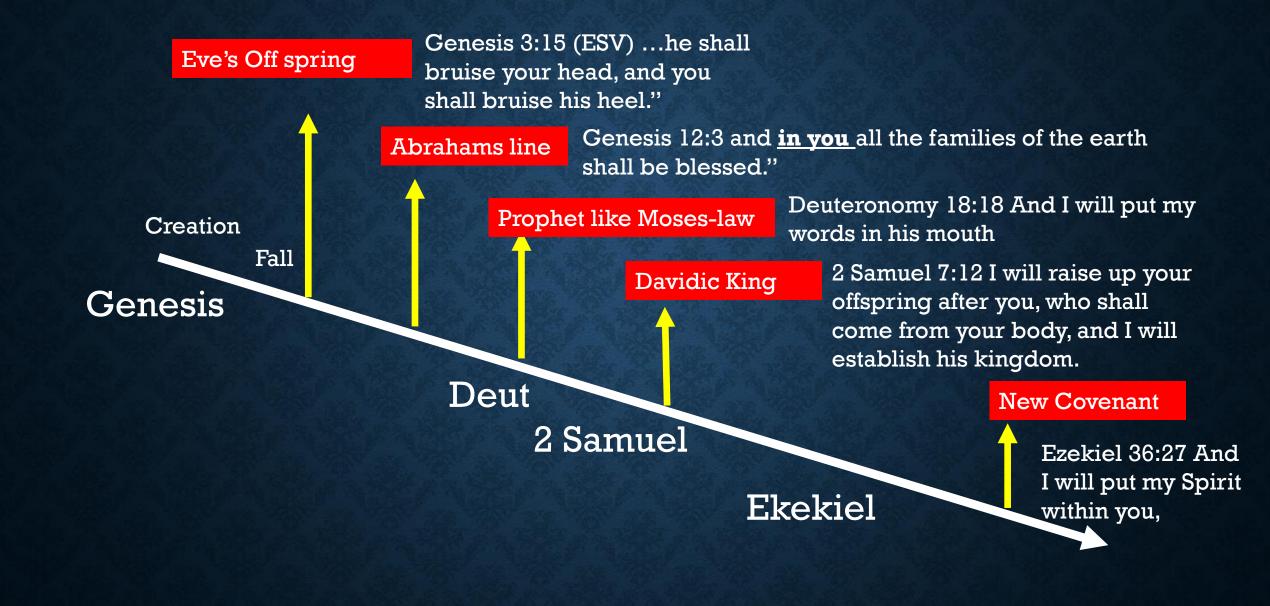
Isaiah 42:6 (ESV) I am the LORD; I have called you in

Restoration 7th Reintegration 7y Redemption

I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,







### DISOBEDIENT SON

### PERFECT SON

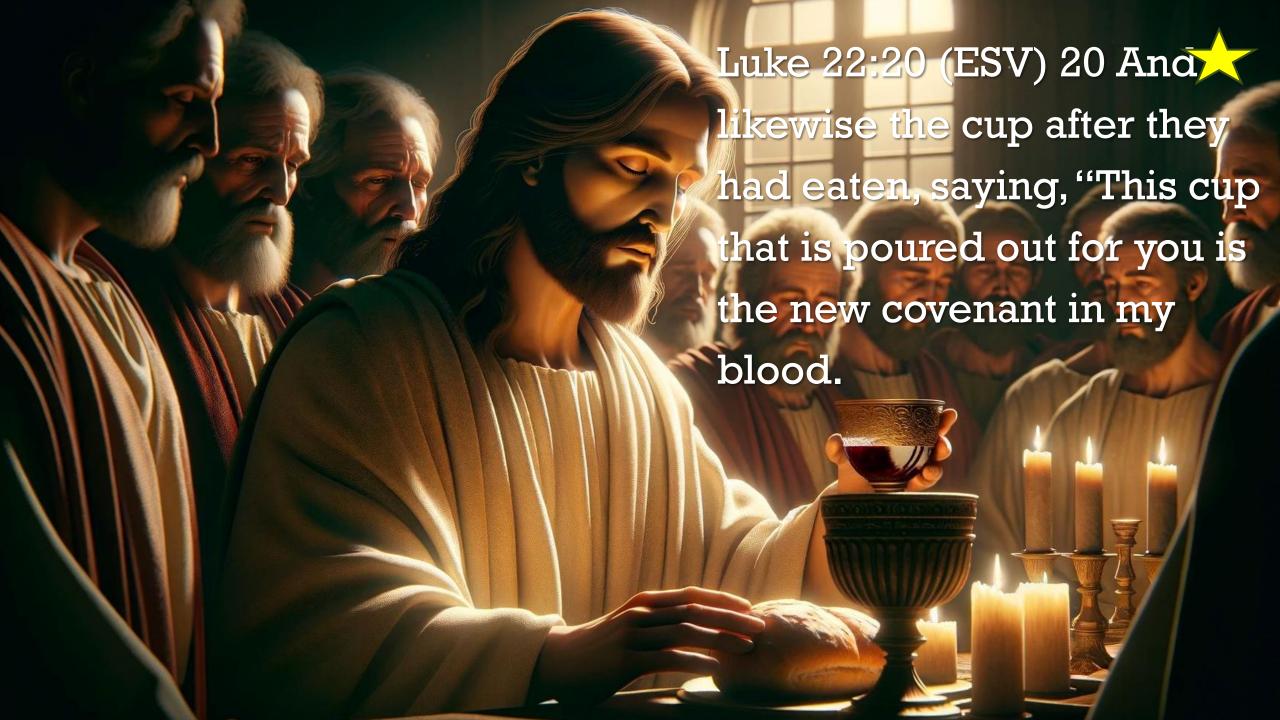
 Disobedience in desert 40 years Obedience in desert40 days

Rebelled repeatedly

Perfect obedience

Owes debt of sin

- Perfected by suffering
- Perfect high priestsacrifice





### LIGHT

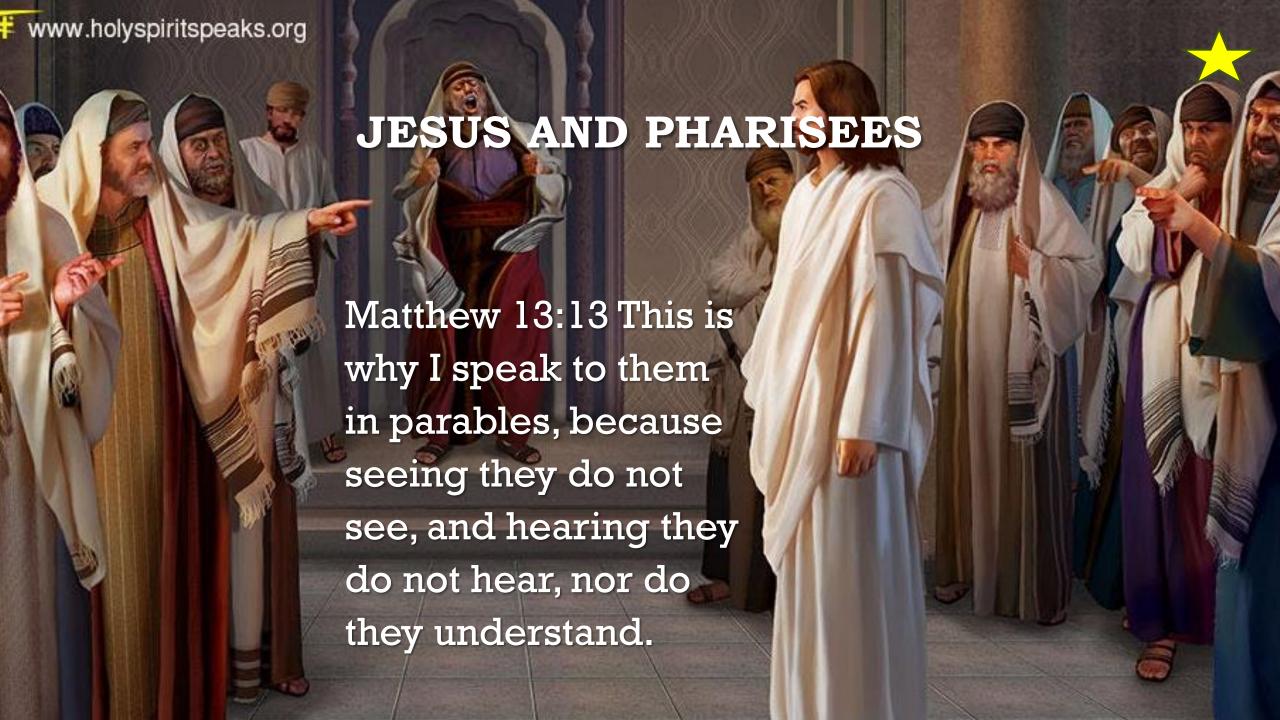


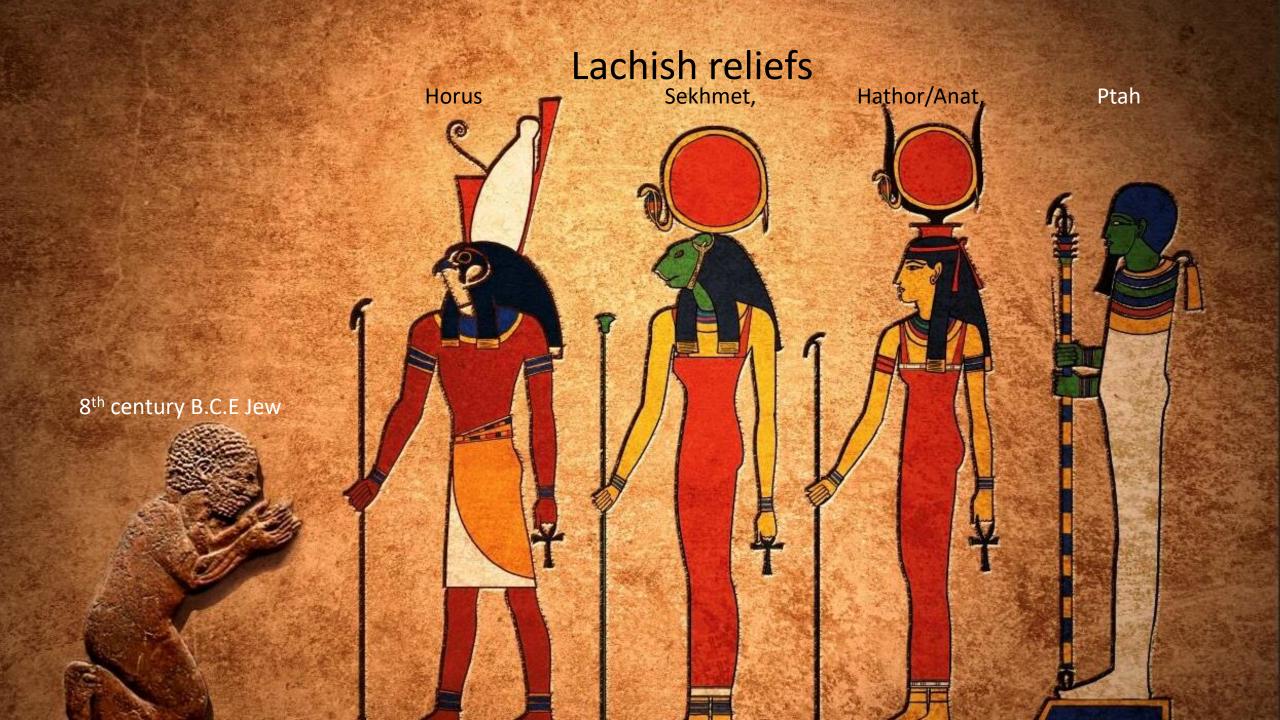
Isaiah 42:6 I will give you as a covenant for the people,

a light for the nations 7 to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.







### THE OTHER SERVANT

Isaiah 42:18-20 (ESV) Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see!

19 Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send?

Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD?

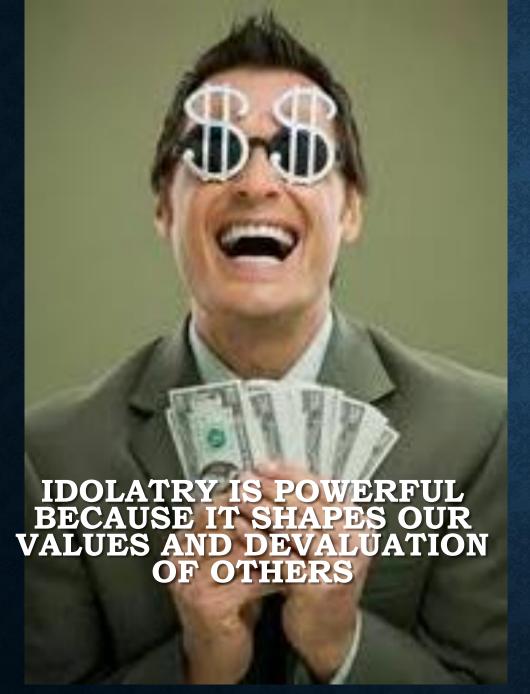
20 He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.



John 3:19 (ESV) And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

Blindness and deadness is willful. It is rooted in what we prefer. It is owing to our desires for darkness, desires that are stronger than our desires for light





# RICH MIDDLE CLASS POOR CREDITOR DEBTORS CUSTOMERS







# **NETWORKING**

### GAMMA MEAL



Is it worth the money?
Who is paying?
Who is not paying?
What is return on investment?

## WORSHIP POWER



Competitor











### IDOLS ARE WEAK

'Michael, you have all the money that anybody your age could ever want or need; you have a profound influence in the world; you have free time - and you're the most miserable person I know."" Bill Bowman



### **MADONNA**



My drive in life is from this horrible fear of being mediocre. And that's always pushing me, pushing me. Because even though I've become Somebody. I still have to prove that Somebody. My struggle has never ended and it probably never will.



### THE SUFFERING SERVANT

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### GENTLE



Isaiah 42:2 He will not cry aloud or

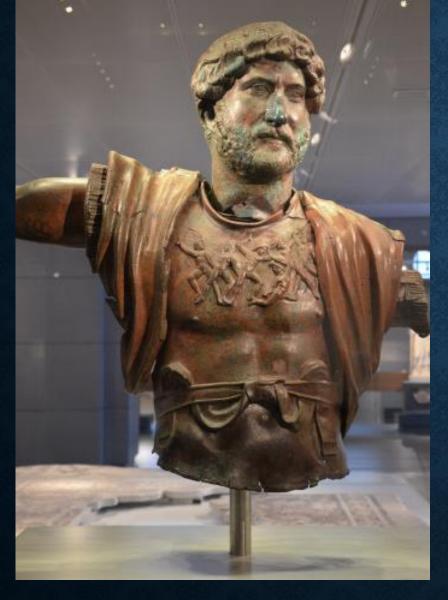
lift up his voice, or

make it heard in the street;





# SIMON BAR KHOBA



### SIMON BAR GIORA



MOSES OF CRETE
SHABBETAI ZEVI













### **DEPENDANCE**

Isaiah 42: 6 "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;



### THE SERVANT'S POWER

Isaiah 42:4-5 (ESV) He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

5 Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:



Isaiah 42:8-9 (ESV) I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth

I tell you of them."

# CHALLENGE TO SERVANTHOOD

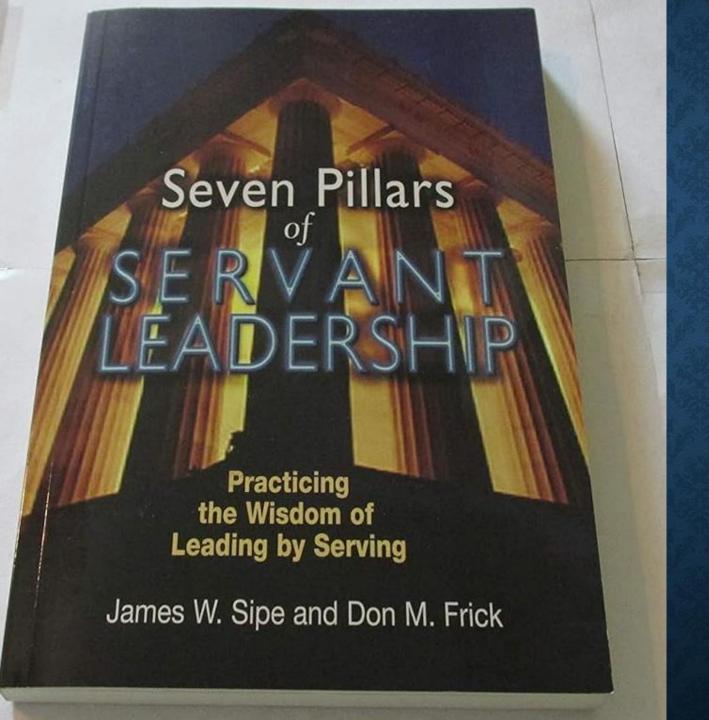
### 1. SERVING IS A DIVINE CHARACTERISTIC

Isaiah 42: 1Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my Shares, in where and so which shall never washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.



# SERVING IS A DIVINE CHARACTERISTIC NOT A TREND IT IS A REALITY

Mark 10:42 But whoever would be great among you must be **your servant**, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be **slave of all**. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.



# PERCEPTION OF WEAKNESS

Ephesians 5:24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.





#### LIGHT BRINGS FREEDOM

Isaiah 42:6-7 (ESV) I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

7 to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.





# HOW PAUL APPLIES THIS IN CHURCH

Galatians 5:13-15 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

# FREEDOM TO GENUINE LOVE

#### Serve one another



## Bite and Devour one another



# 2. SERVANTHOOD IS REAL LOVE

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Volunteer

Servant

l Joh You Need Me 16 By th What do you need he down hig life for us, and our **Need Sensitive** Time Sensitive . 17 But d's rother i Makes sacrifices **Keeps Score** heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.













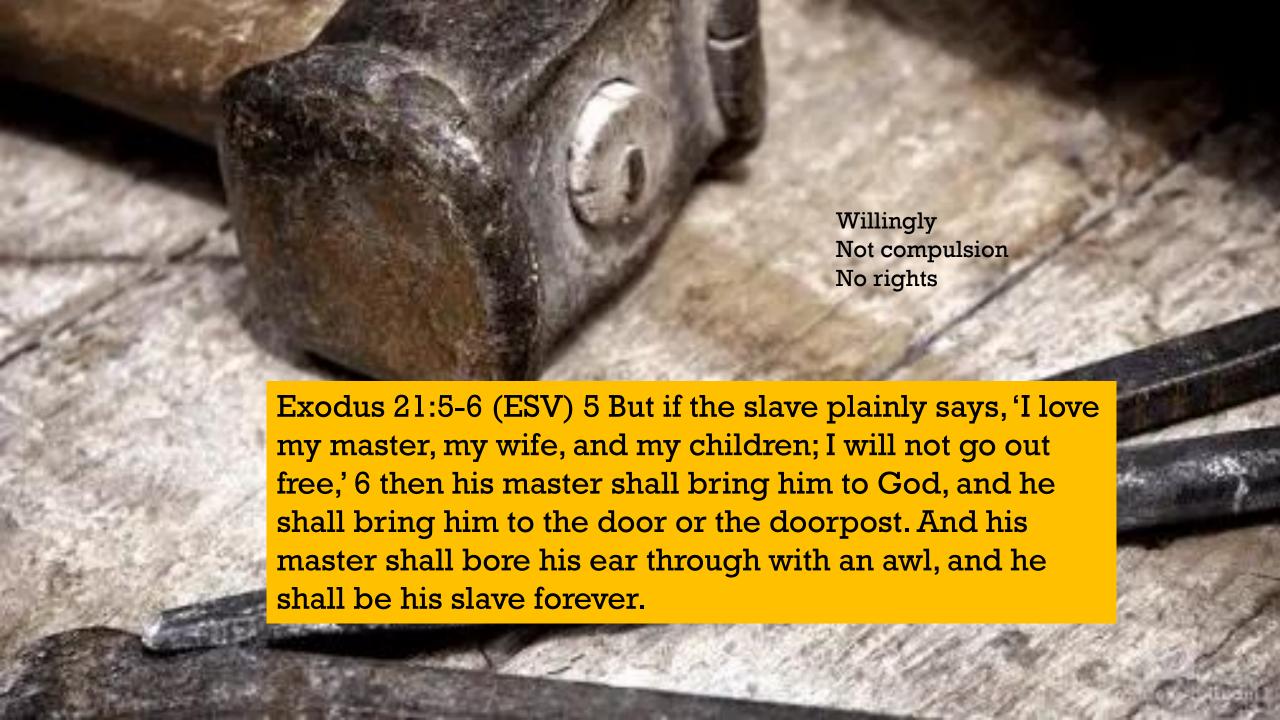
Matthew 25:40 And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'





## 5. SERVANTHOOD IS A CALLING

Romans 1:1 (ESV) Paul, a **servant** of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,





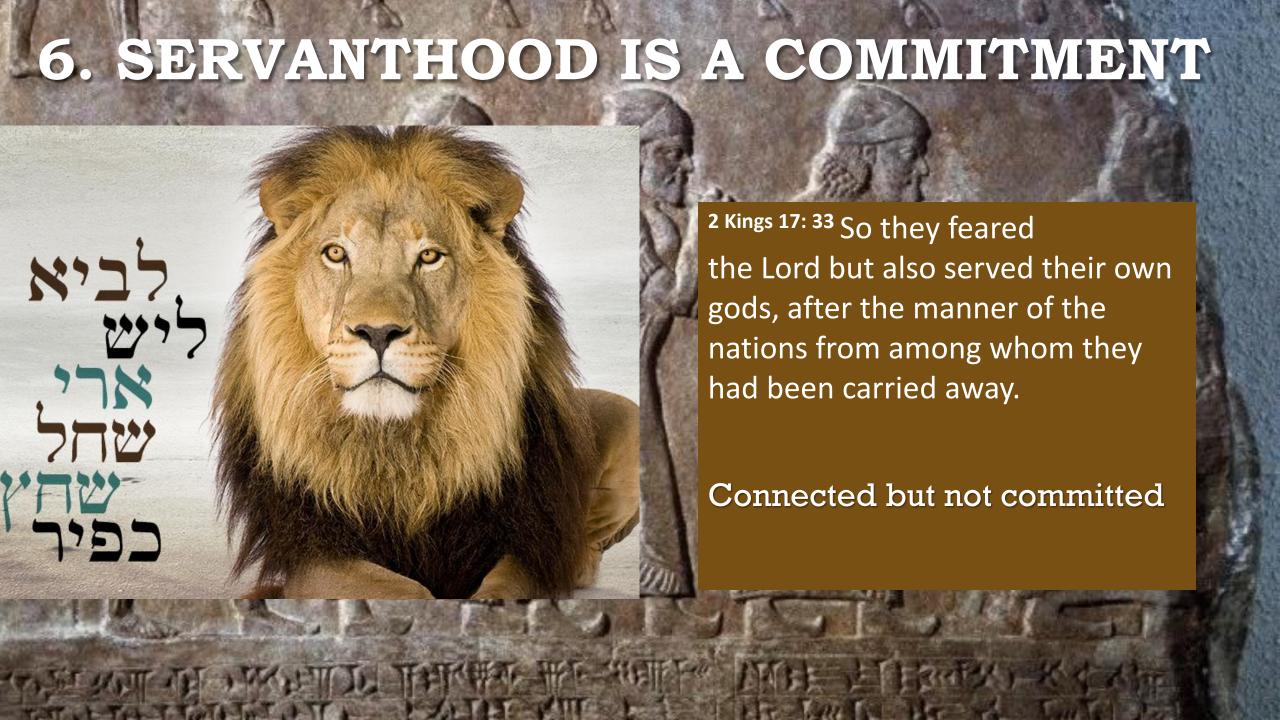


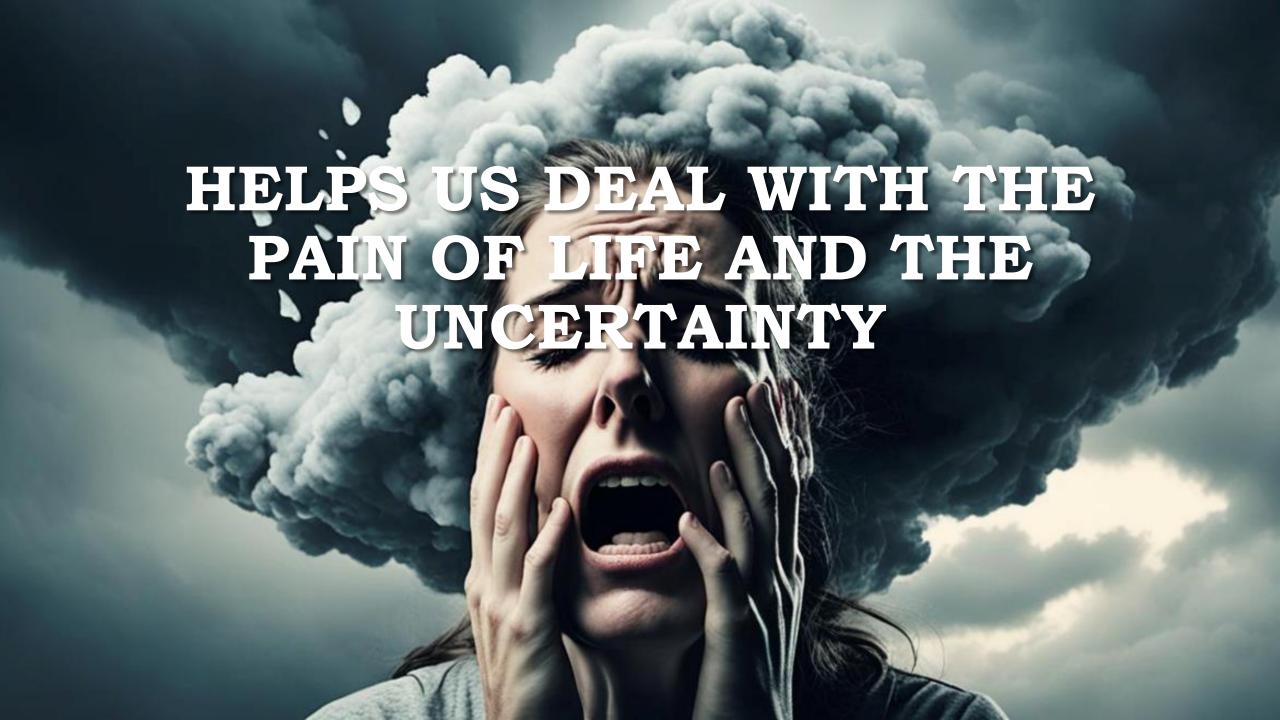
Lea Gutterman and 4 siblings

36 Grand Children

150 Great Grand Children









- Poverty,
- Failing health
- Relief from wounded hearts
- Past hurts
- Cancers
- Broken marriages
- Broken families



If they prayed, and believed, and lived righteously Rewards with some comfort





Galatians 2: 20 It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me



## **DEPENDANCE**

Isaiah 42: 6 "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;

# BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV) Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.