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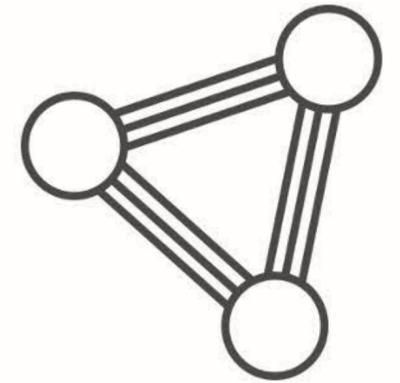
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Lesson 18: Spiritual War Within Ourselves

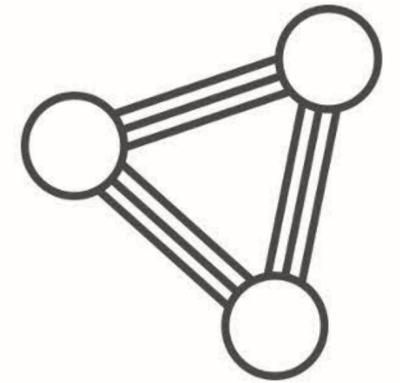
Lesson 18A Introduction: Analogy between God's War of Divine Judgment and Individual Spiritual Warfare.

- **God wants us to have victory over sin in our lives**
- **God wants to build trust and obedience towards Him**

Justification and Sanctification in a believer's life.

Defining terms

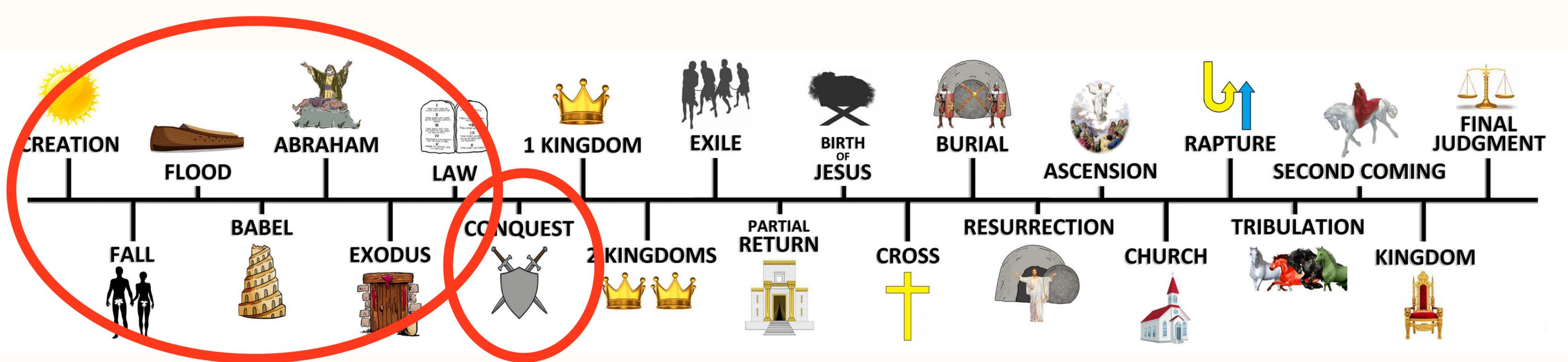
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Lesson 18: Spiritual War Within Ourselves

Lesson 18B Introduction: Analogy between God's War of Divine Judgment and Individual Spiritual Warfare.

- **Areas of Confusion**
- **How do We Grow Spiritually**

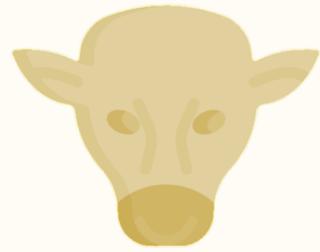


Torah
Pentateuch

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

1



Covenant breaking at Sinai

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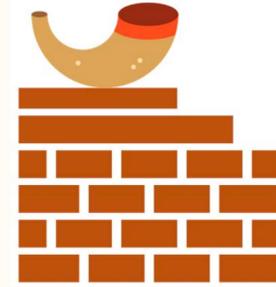
Declaration of war of Divine judgment

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Rebellion against invasion at Kadesh-Barnea

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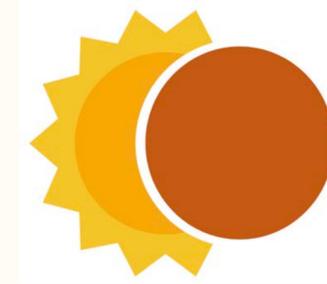
Victory at Jericho

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Defeat at Ai

6



Supernatural longest day at Aijalon

7



God's sentence of postponed Kingdom at Bochim

1. Justification (being declared righteous) first



Israel's meaning and purpose in history



**Give the world
a Jewish book:
The Holy Bible**



**Give the world
the Jewish Messiah:
Christ Jesus**

The
Nation of
Israel



JUSTIFICATION
Abrahamic
Covenant
Land. Descendants.
Worldwide blessing.

ONE WAY

SANCTIFICATION: Sinaitic Covenant

Get rid of evil
Build trust and obedience
Led by God

obedience
disobedience

GLORIFICATION

2. Then Sanctification (getting rid of sin and growing in obedience)

Believers
in Jesus
Christ

JUSTIFICATION



Reconciled to God



SANCTIFICATION

Get rid of sin
Build trust and obedience
Led by Holy Spirit

obedience
disobedience



GLORIFICATION



Israel's relationship with *Yahweh*

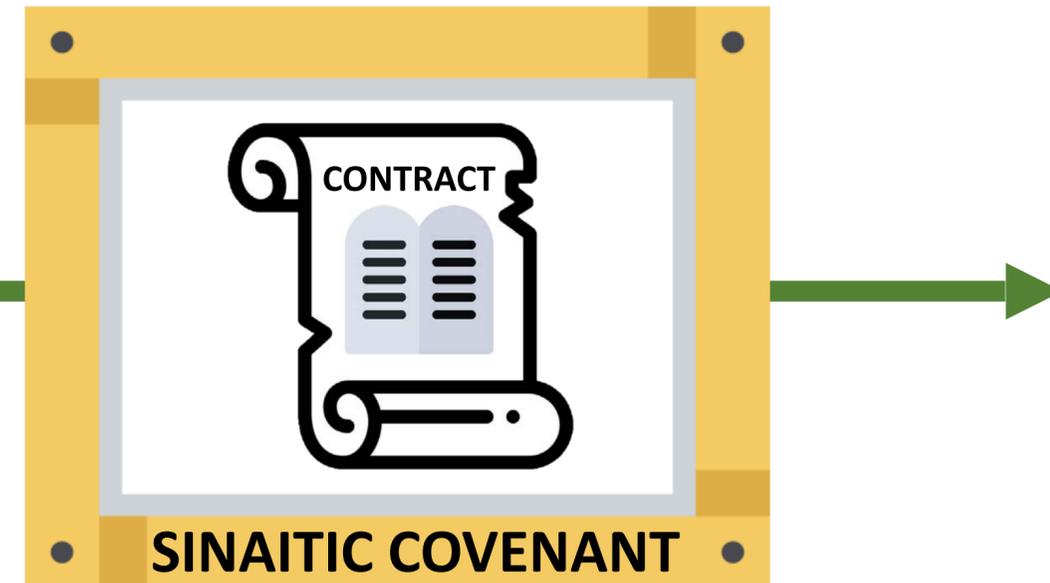
This happened first ...



A picture of Justification

Abraham believed in God and was declared righteous.

... then this happened.



A picture of Relationship

Yahweh tells Israel how to live righteously.

A believer's relationship with *Yahweh*

This happens first ...

... then this happens.



Our Justification

When we place our faith in Jesus, God declares us righteous.

Our Sanctification

God tells us how to live righteously.

Believers
in Jesus
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JUSTIFICATION



Reconciled to God

ONE WAY



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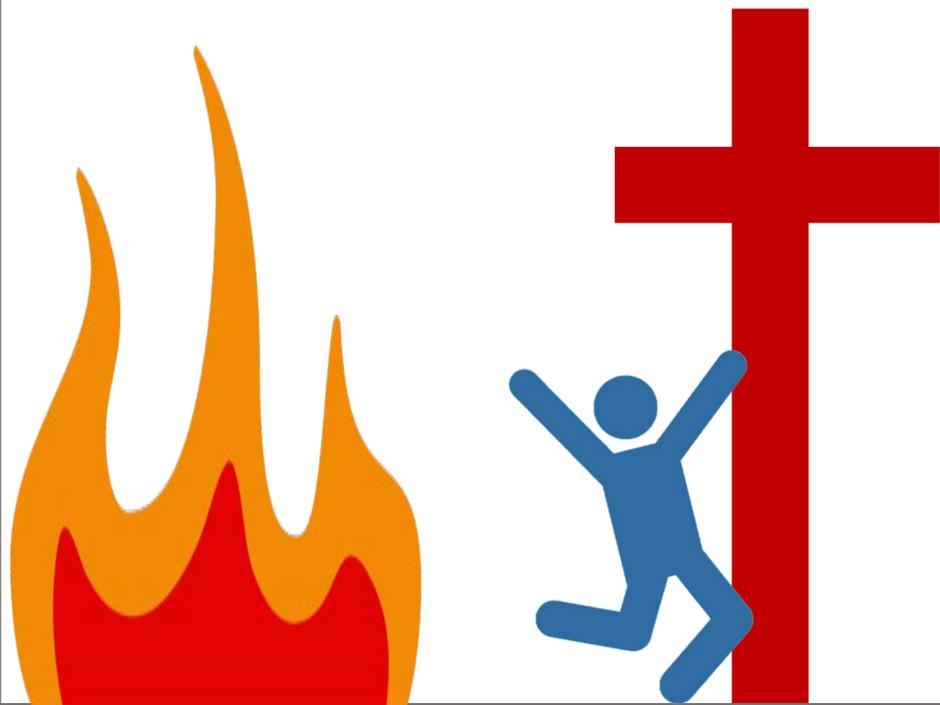


The Bible talks about Salvation in three ways

1

Justification

Saved from the **PENALTY**
of Sin



2

Sanctification

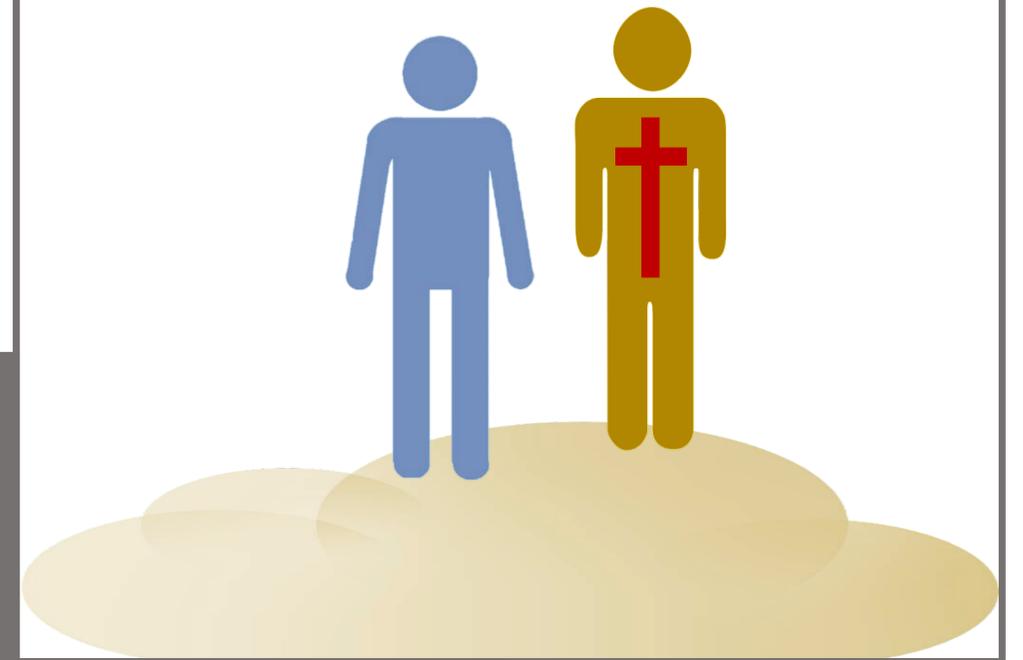
Saved from the **POWER**
of Sin



3

Glorification

Saved from the **PRESENCE**
of Sin



| Notes | Result |
|---|------------------------|
| <p>God justified Abraham through his faith (Genesis 15:6). But there were times when Abraham showed little faith: he tried to have the “promised son” through Hagar (Genesis 16:1–4); he laughed when God said he would have a son through Sarah (Genesis 17:17); he lied to Abimelech about Sarah because he was afraid for his life (Genesis 20:1–18).</p> | <p>Still justified</p> |
| <p>Moses was a friend of God and they spoke face to face (Exodus 33:11). With God’s leading, he brought the Israelites out of Egypt (Exodus 12:33–42) and gave them God’s law (Exodus 20:18–21). However, Moses didn’t “end well”. He did not get to enter the Promised Land.</p> <p>Deuteronomy 32:48–52</p> <p>⁴⁸ That same day the Lord said to Moses, ⁴⁹ “Go to Moab, to the mountains east of the river, and climb Mount Nebo, which is across from Jericho. Look out across the land of Canaan, the land I am giving to the people of Israel as their own special possession. ⁵⁰ Then you will die there on the mountain. You will join your ancestors, just as Aaron, your brother, died on Mount Hor and joined his ancestors. ⁵¹ For both of <u>you betrayed me</u> with the Israelites at the waters of Meribah at Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin. <u>You failed to demonstrate my holiness</u> to the people of Israel there. ⁵² So you will see the land from a distance, but you may not enter the land I am giving to the people of Israel.”</p> | <p>Still justified</p> |

| | | Result |
|---|---|------------------------|
| <p>The Exodus generation of Israelites Hebrews 11:29</p> | <p>All Israel believed God during the Exodus. All families trusted <i>Yahweh</i> at the Passover (Exodus 12) and at the crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 14). God alone saved them. However, this generation didn't end well. They showed no faith at Kadesh-Barnea (Deuteronomy 1:19–26, 9:23). God disciplined them with death.</p> | <p>Still justified</p> |
| <p>Gideon Hebrews 11:32</p> | <p>God took effort to convince the frightened Gideon to have faith in Him (Judges 6:16–27, 36–40). After being used by God to defeat the enemies, he made an ephod which added to the people's idol worship.</p> <p>Judges 8:27 Gideon made a sacred ephod from the gold and put it in Ophrah, his hometown. But soon <u>all the Israelites prostituted themselves by worshiping it</u>, and it became a trap for Gideon and his family.</p> | <p>Still justified</p> |

Heb. 11:8, “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”

Heb. 11:17, “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,”

Gen. 15:6, “And he believed (*vav* + perfect tense verb) in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

“And he [Avram] had already believed [in some unstated past event before Gen. 12:1] God and it was accounted/ imputed to him as righteousness.” [~RD]

Gen. 15:1, “After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.’

Gen. 15:2, “But **[And]** Abram **[vav + imperfect verb continues the narrative]** said, ‘Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’

Gen. 15:3, “Abram continued **[vav + imperfect verb]**, ‘Look, You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house will be my heir.’ ”

Gen. 15:4, “And behold [literally, vav plus a noun continues the narrative, yet adds a new emphasis], the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ‘This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.’ ”

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Verse 6 is a parenthetical reminder of something Abram did in the unspecified past, before the events of Gen. 12. He believed the salvific promise of Gen. 3:15.

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Heb. 11:24, “By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter,”

Heb. 11:27, “By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

Heb. 11:28, “By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.”

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All of these occurred in his life after salvation. He sinned, he failed.

Deut. 32:48, “Then the LORD spoke to Moses that very same day, saying:

Deut. 32:49, “ ‘Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel as a possession;

Deut. 32:50, “ ‘and die on the mountain which you ascend, and be gathered to your people, just as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people;’ ”

Deut. 32:51, “ ‘because you trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin, because you did not hallow Me in the midst of the children of Israel.”

Deut. 32:52, “ ‘Yet you shall see the land before you, though you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel.’ ”

Heb. 11:29, “By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.”

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Judg. 8:27, “Then Gideon made it into an ephod and set it up in his city, Ophrah. And all Israel played the harlot with it there. It became a snare to Gideon and to his house.”

1 John 5:13, “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”

Boxed Topic: Areas of Confusion

- 1. When the Bible talks about “saved” or “salvation”, it does not always mean justification (saved from eternal death).**
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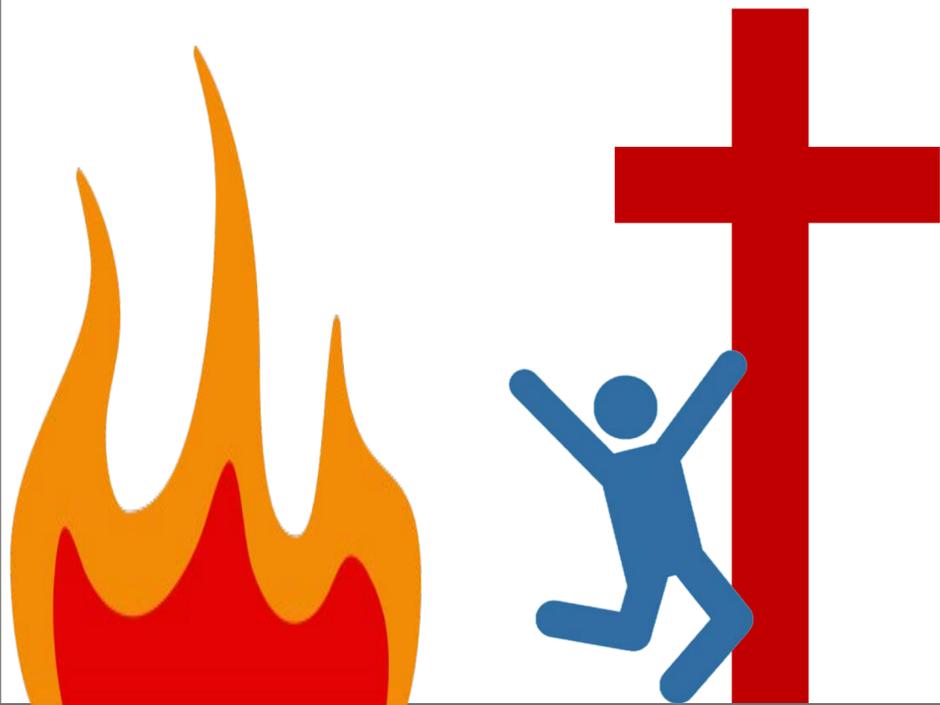
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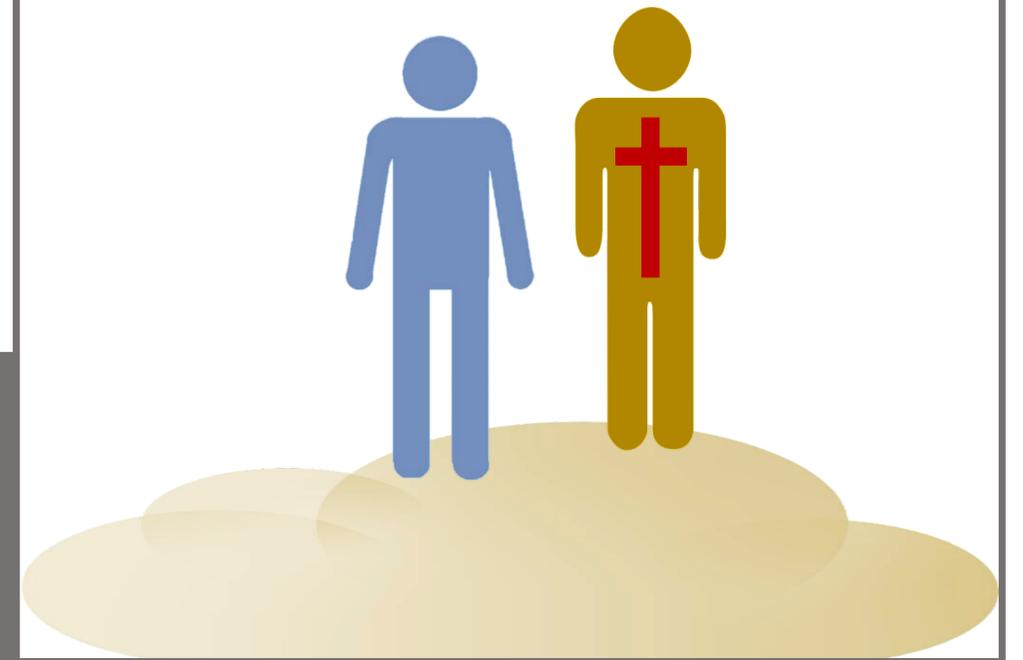
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- ii. A person who is justified by God will not lose their justification.**

Rom. 8:38, “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

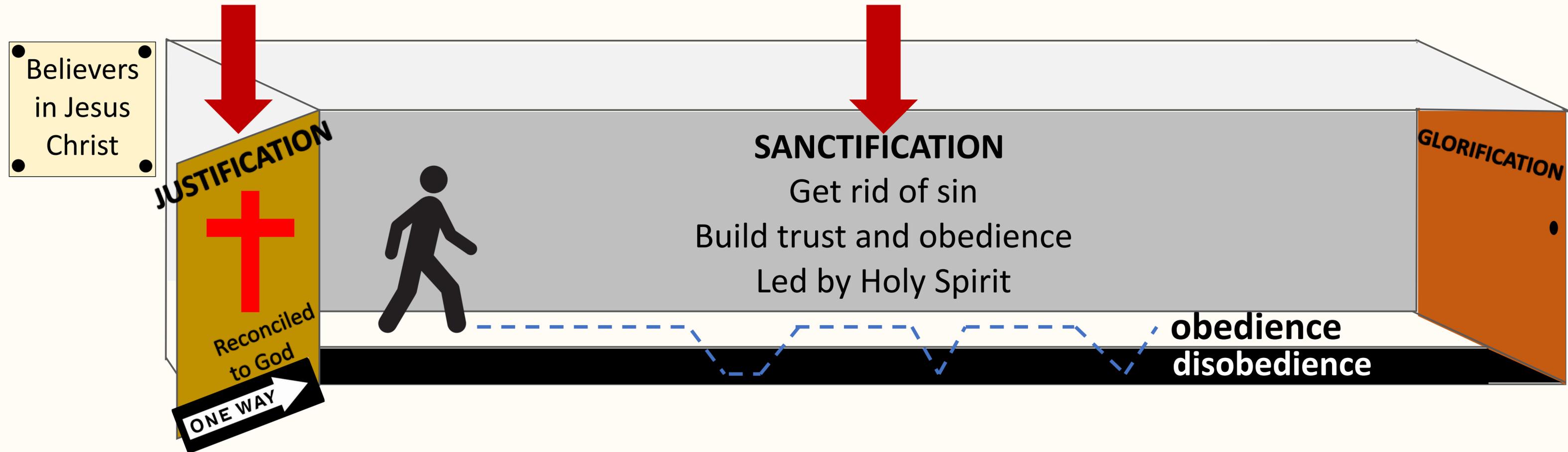
Rom. 8:39, “nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

iii. We do not know if this person was ever justified.

3. Some believers add to the misunderstanding by confusing the ongoing nature of sanctification with the “once-for-all-time” nature of justification.

**Justification:
once-for-all-time**

**Sanctification:
ongoing**

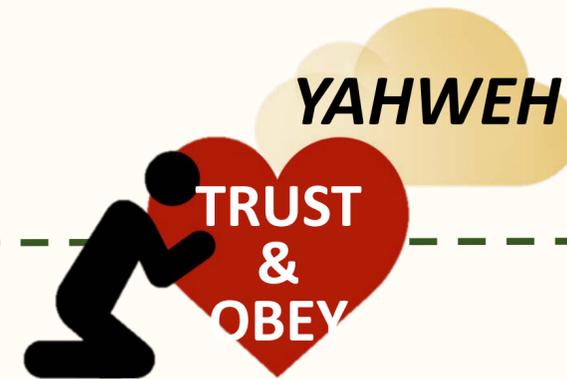


How will God Sanctify us or Grow us Spiritually?

Sanctification: Growing Spiritually

Believers
struggling with sin
in their lives

Believers who
are loyal to God



YAHWEH

God wants to get rid
of the power of sin
in us.

God wants to build our
trust and obedience
toward Him.

Involved in our Sanctification



**Word of
God**



**Holy
Spirit**



**God the
Father**



Jesus



**God's
Grace**

A. Word of God

2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

- **Teaches and rebukes us about what is wrong in our lives**
- **Corrects (restores) us in areas which we need to change**

B. Holy Spirit

1 John 2:27, “But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”

Gal. 5:16, “I say then: Walk by means of the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Gal. 5:17, “For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.”

C. God the Father

Heb. 12:5, “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

Heb. 12:6, “ ‘For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.

Heb. 12:7, “ ‘If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?’ ”

Heb. 12:10, “For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.

Heb. 12:11, “Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

D. Jesus

1 John 2:1, “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

1 John 2:2, “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

E. God's Grace

If we overemphasize
the Word of God ...



... our sin nature will:

- a. be tempted to believe that knowing the Bible well gives us the license to interpret it in our own “right” way, without God’s gracious guidance and help.
- b. tend to make us legalistic and self-righteous and we become like the Pharisees.

**pendulum
swing**

If we overemphasize
God’s grace ...



... our sin nature will:

- a. be tempted to behave as if God’s standards do not really matter because everything is covered over by His assumed “limitless” grace.
- b. lead us to pervert grace into permissiveness. This “freedom” does not honor God as the authority and does not recognize that He commands us to live according to His holy standards.

Box Question:

Isn't the aim of sanctification to live a moral life, have wonderful spiritual experiences, a good reputation, or achieve great self-improvement?

Four things sanctification is NOT. These are four things often confused with spirituality.

- 1. Sanctification is not measured by how “moral” we are.**
- 2. Sanctification is not measured by wonderful spiritual experiences.**
- 3. Sanctification is not measured by our good reputation.**
- 4. Sanctification is not a self-improvement plan.**

1. Sanctification is not measured by how “moral” we are.



Sanctification is not measured by our morality

2. Sanctification is not measured by wonderful spiritual experiences.



Sanctification is not measured by spiritual experiences

3. Sanctification is not measured by our good reputation.



Sanctification is not measured by our reputation

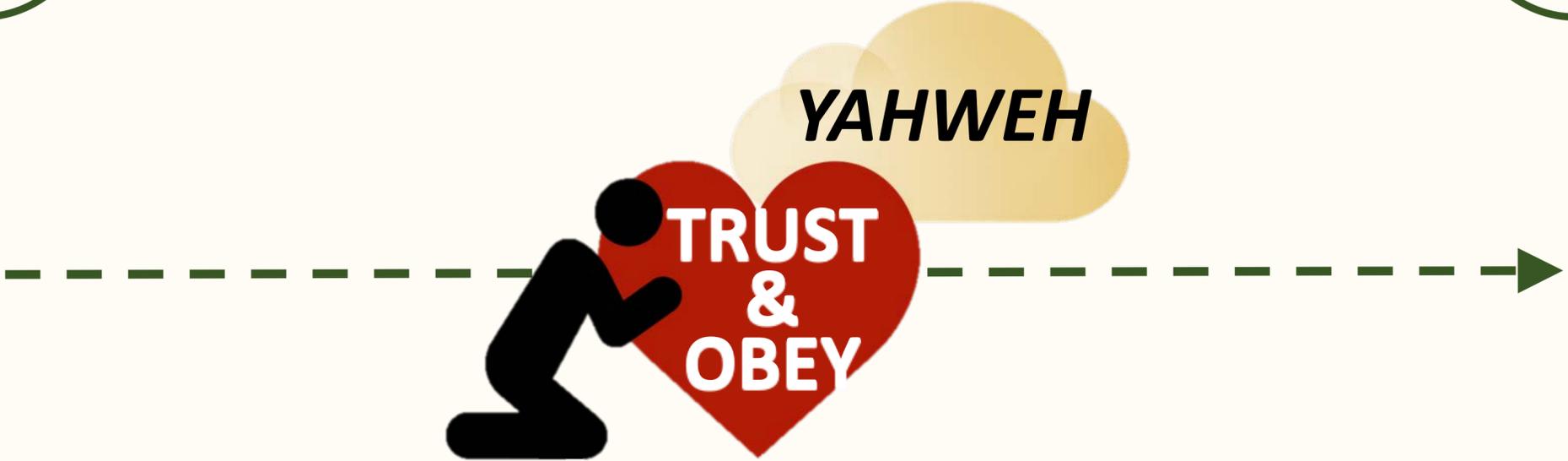
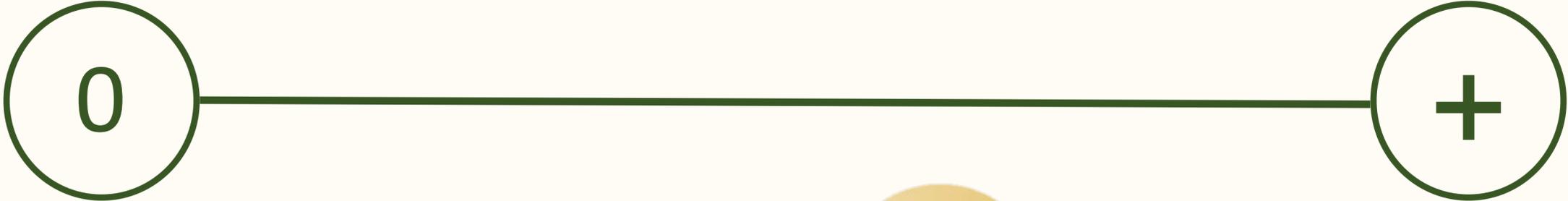
4. Sanctification is not a self-improvement plan.



Sanctification is not a self-improvement plan

**Believers who
are not loyal to
God**

**Believers
who are
loyal to God**



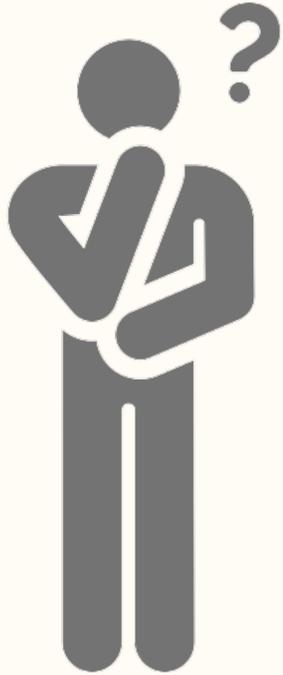
**God wants to build our trust
and obedience toward Him.**

What Does the Sanctification Journey Look Like in our Lives?



Disobey God

negative choice

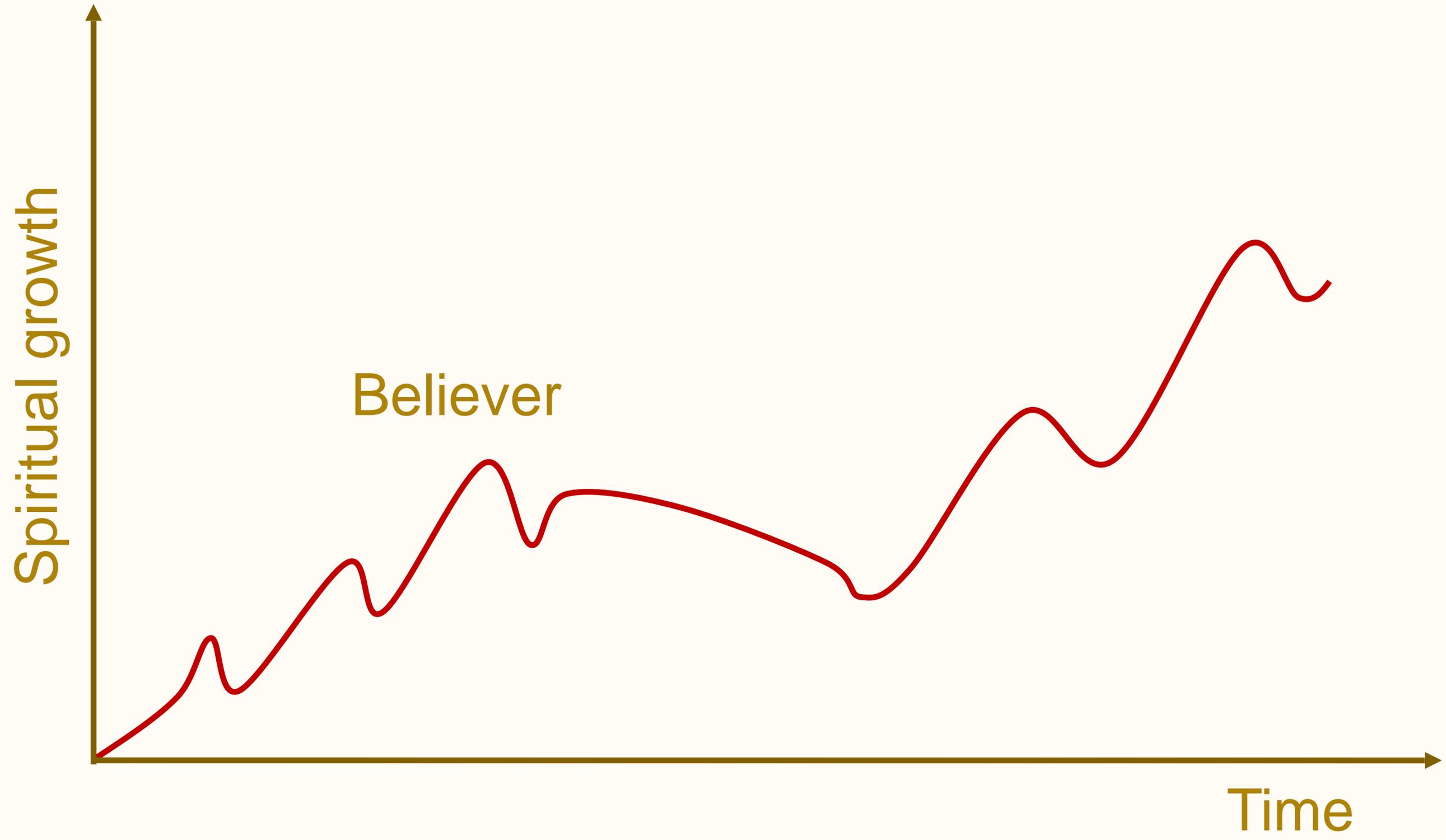


CHOICE



Obey God

positive choice

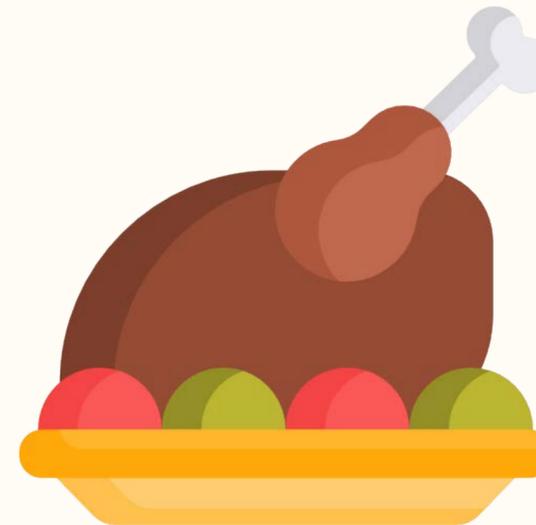


Heb. 5:13, “For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

Heb. 5:14, “But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”



Milk for spiritual babies



Solid food for the spiritually mature



Read the Bible



Pray

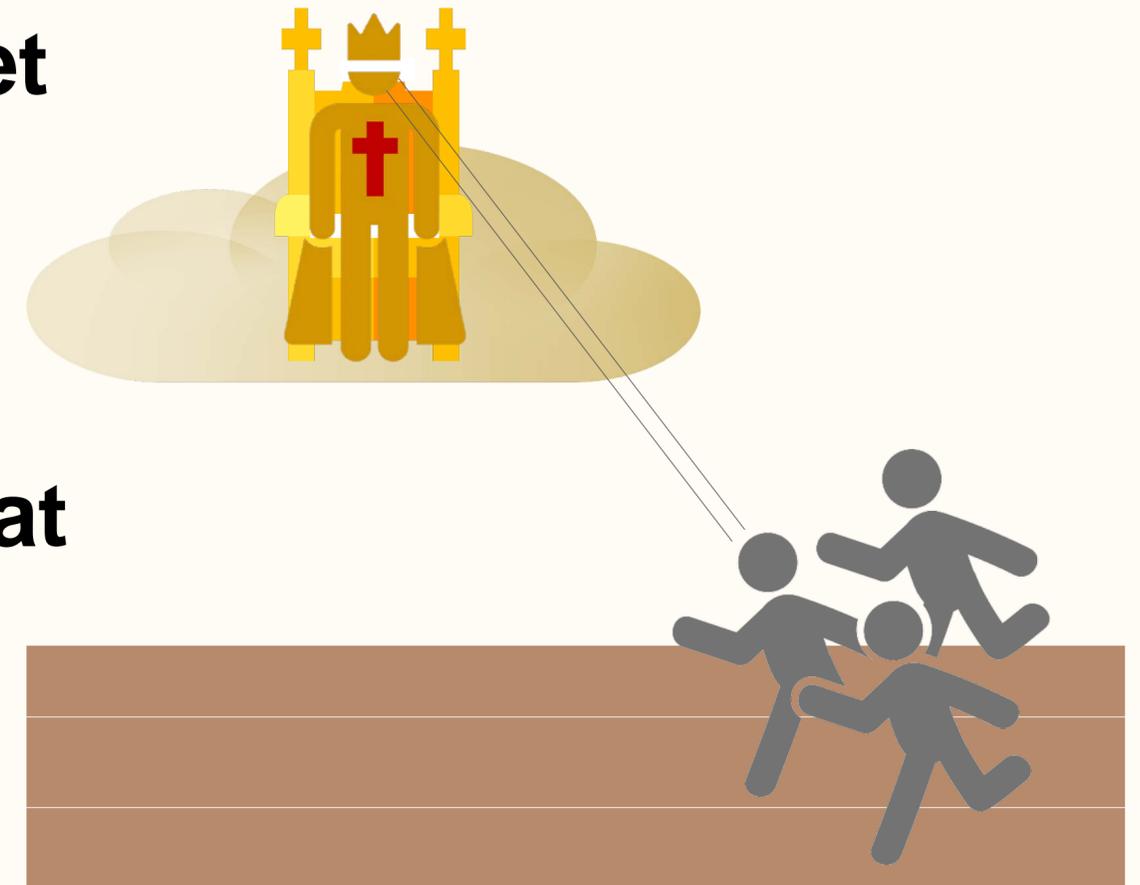


Obey God

Heb. 12:1, “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Heb. 12:2, “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Heb. 12:3, “For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.”



Abraham

Slave wife:
Hagar

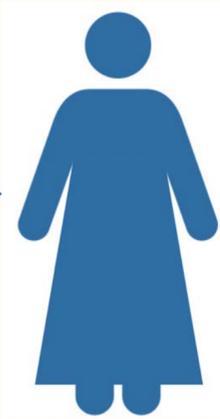


Wife:
Sarah

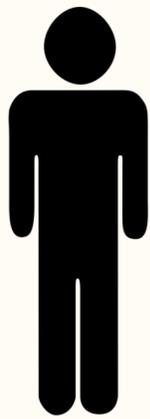


Ishmael:
Man's attempt
at getting a child
on their own

Paul says Sarah represents



Freeborn wife: Sarah



Abraham

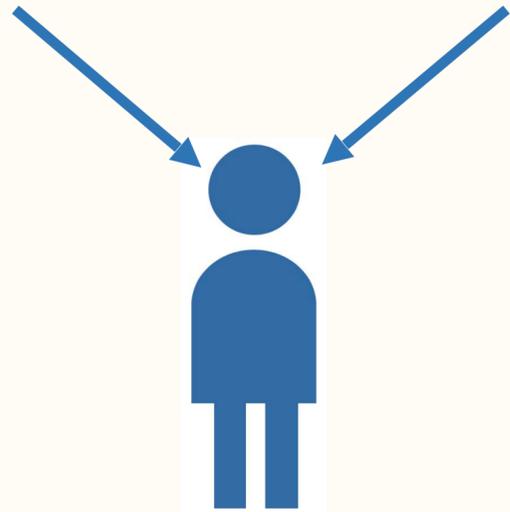


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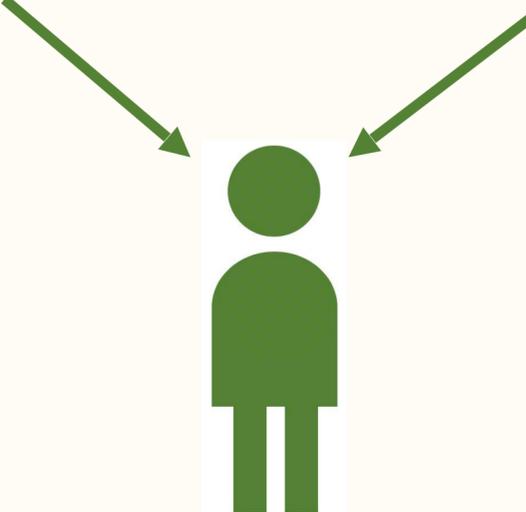
Paul says Hagar represents

(i) The Abrahamic Covenant, God's unconditional promise

(ii) Heavenly Jerusalem and freedom



Miraculous birth Isaac: God's fulfillment of His promise to Abraham



Ordinary birth Ishmael: Man's attempt at getting a child on their own

(i) The Mosaic Law given at Mount Sinai: it enslaves

(ii) Jerusalem, enslaved to Rome



Rom. 10:17, “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Who or What are the Enemies of Our Sanctification?

Learning trust and obedience to God
AFTER the Fall

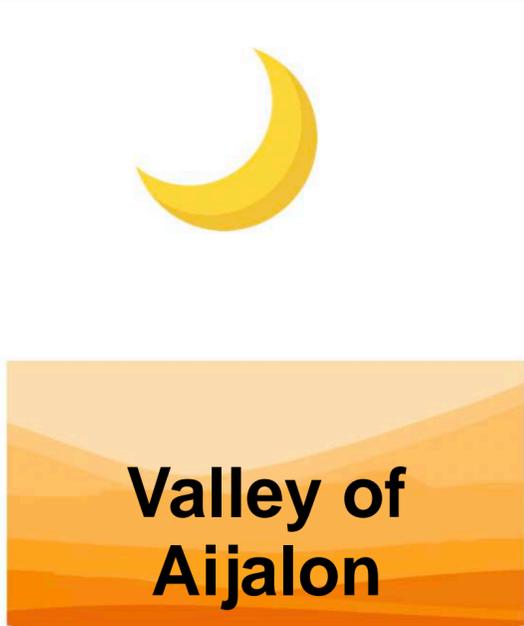


- 1. The world,**
- 2. The devil, and**
- 3. Our own sinfulness.**

**Gen. 50:20a, “But as for you, you meant evil against me,
but God meant it for good,”**

How does God want us to fight the enemies of sanctification?

By submitting to Him.



James 4:7, “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

Jude 9, “Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’ ”

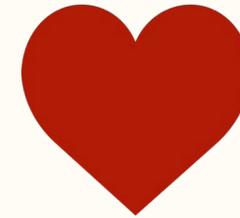
WRONG: Direct Attack on the Enemies of our Spiritual Growth



The world



The devil



Our own sinfulness

First Temptation:

[First temptation: Satan told Jesus to change the stones to bread. Jesus responded by quoting from Deuteronomy 8:3.]

Matt. 4:4, “But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” ’ ”

[Second temptation: Satan told Jesus to throw Himself off the roof of the temple and His angels would catch Him. Jesus responded by quoting from Deuteronomy 6:16.]

Matt. 4:7, “Jesus said to him, ‘It is written again, “You shall not tempt the LORD your God.” ’ ”

[Third temptation: Satan told Jesus to worship him and he would give Jesus the whole world. Jesus responded by quoting from Deuteronomy 6:13.]

Matt. 4:10, “Then Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.” ’ ”

Php. 1:6, “being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;”