

“How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.” (Lk. 1:18)

THE MONTH OF KIAHK

- “...many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” (Matt. 13:17)
- “And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.” (Gen. 3:15)
- Luke Chapter 1
 - Annunciation of the birth of John the Baptist, the Forerunner
 - Annunciation of the birth of the Lord Jesus
 - Visit of Mary to Elizabeth
 - Birth of John the Baptist

GOD'S PROMISES AND WHY WE DOUBT THEM

Why would God enter a covenant with us?

The Importance of God's promises

Why do we sometimes doubt His promises?

WHAT IS A COVENANT?

- A formal agreement between two people or parties.
- LOVE and HUMILITY



WHY WOULD GOD ENTER A COVENANT WITH US?

1. We are special and precious

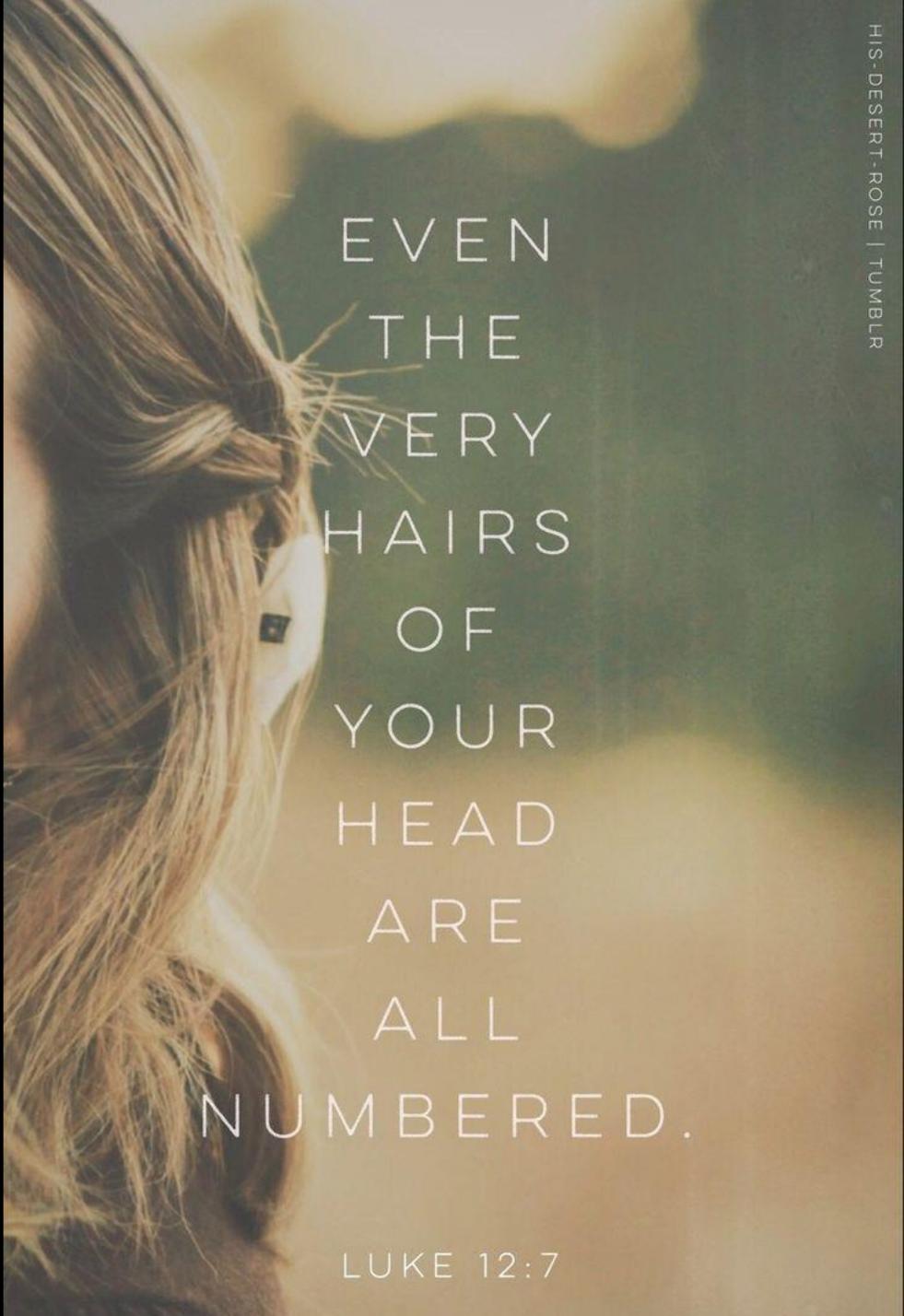
- Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” (Gen. 1:26)



WHY WOULD GOD ENTER A COVENANT WITH US?

1. We are special and precious

- “Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.” (Matt. 10:29-30)
- “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (Jn. 3:16)



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LUKE 12:7

WHY WOULD GOD ENTER A COVENANT WITH US?

2. The Enemy will challenge our faith

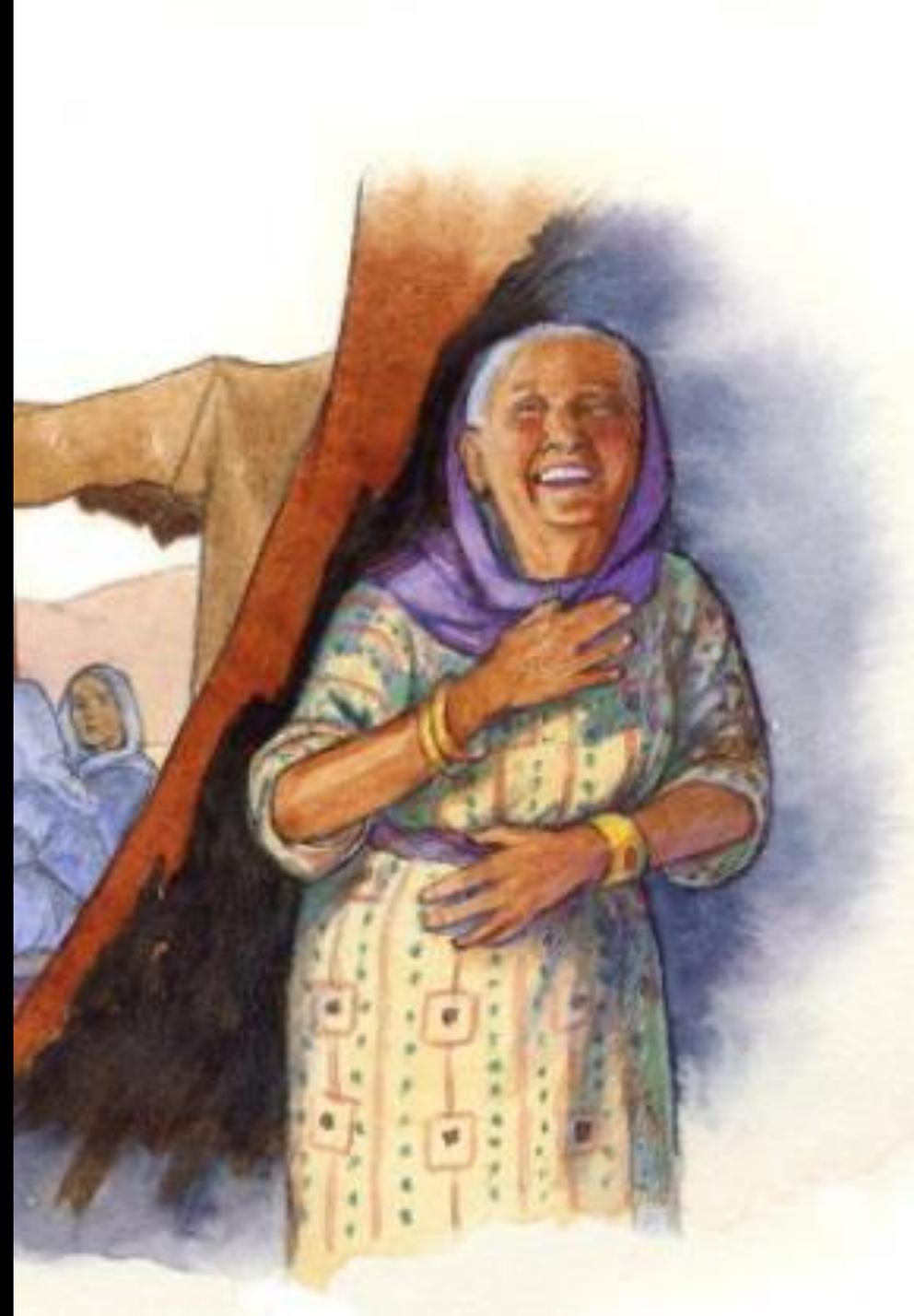
- “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age...” (Eph. 6:12)



3. We are weak

WHY DO WE DOUBT THE PROMISES OF GOD?

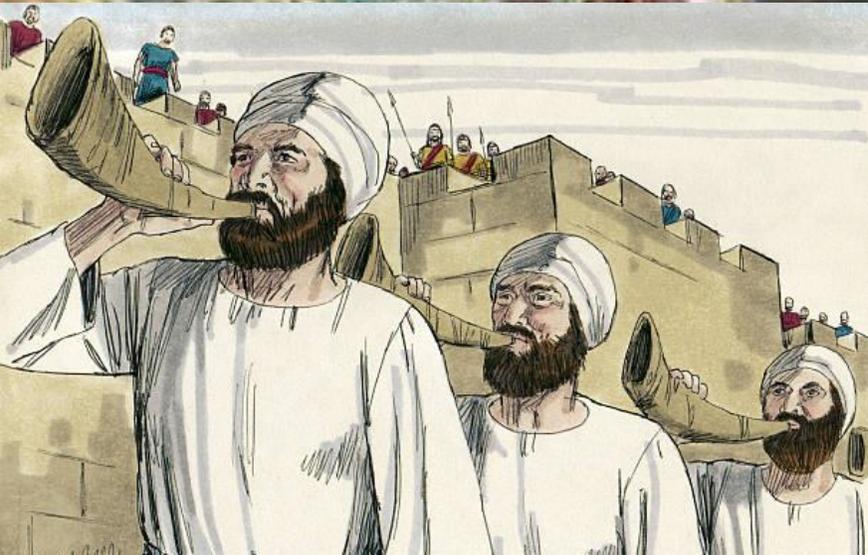
- **When God delays**
- EX: Sarah
- And Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me." (Gen. 21:6)





WHY WOULD GOD ENTER A COVENANT WITH US?

- **Our Minds**
- When God's promises seem unreasonable
 - EX: Zachariah
 - "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." (Lk. 1:18)
- When God uses unconventional methods to fulfill His promises
 - EX: Capturing the city of Jericho



WHY WOULD GOD ENTER A COVENANT WITH US?

- War waged by the Enemy



SUMMARY

- Why would God enter a covenant with us?
 - We are special and precious to Him
 - Because He know the Enemy will challenge our faith
 - Because He also knows we are weak
- Why do we doubt the promises of God?
 - When God delays
 - Our minds
 - War waged by the Enemy