

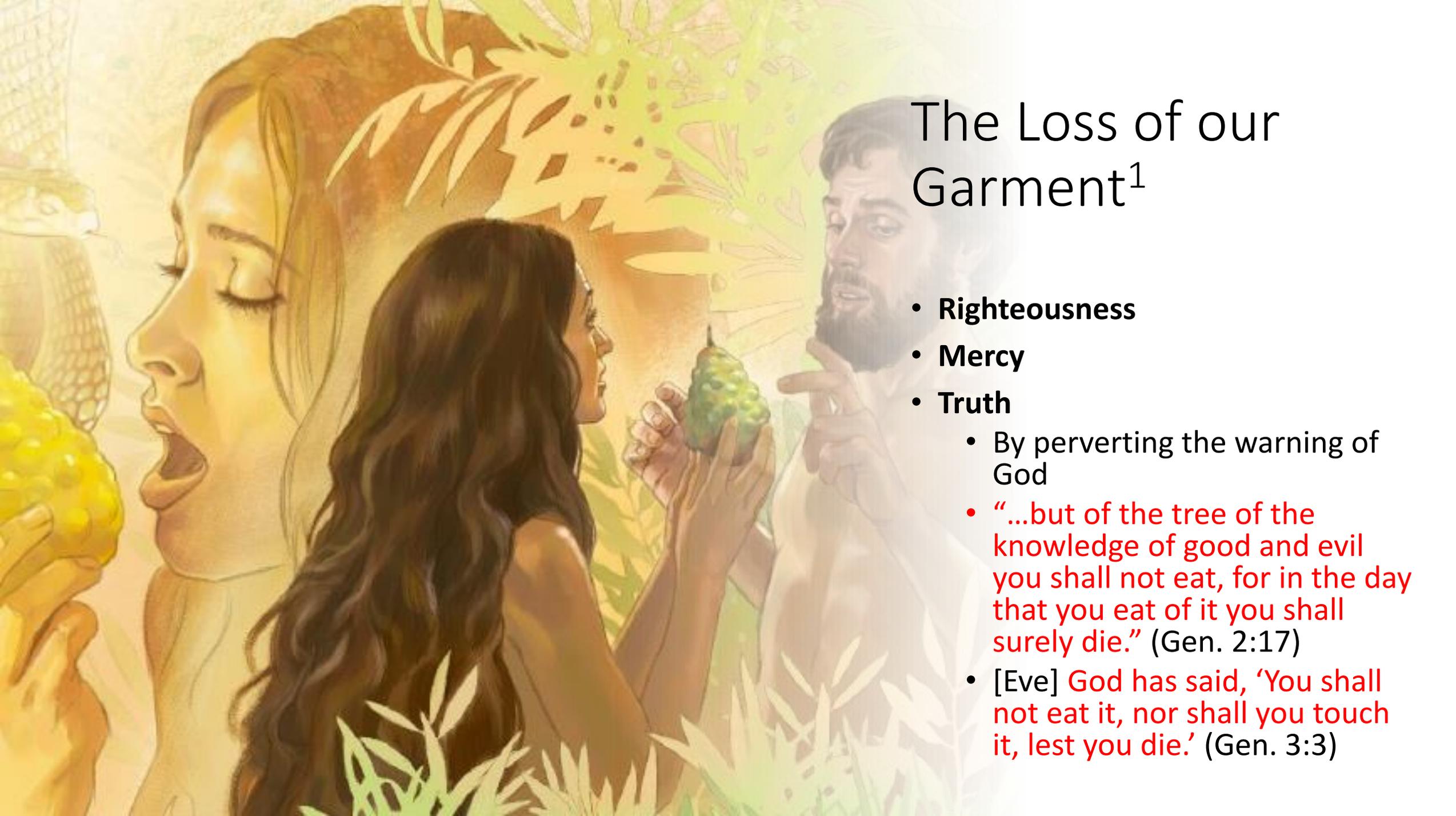


**“Mercy and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have
kissed. Truth shall spring out of the
earth, And righteousness shall look
down from heaven.”
– Psalm 85:10-11**



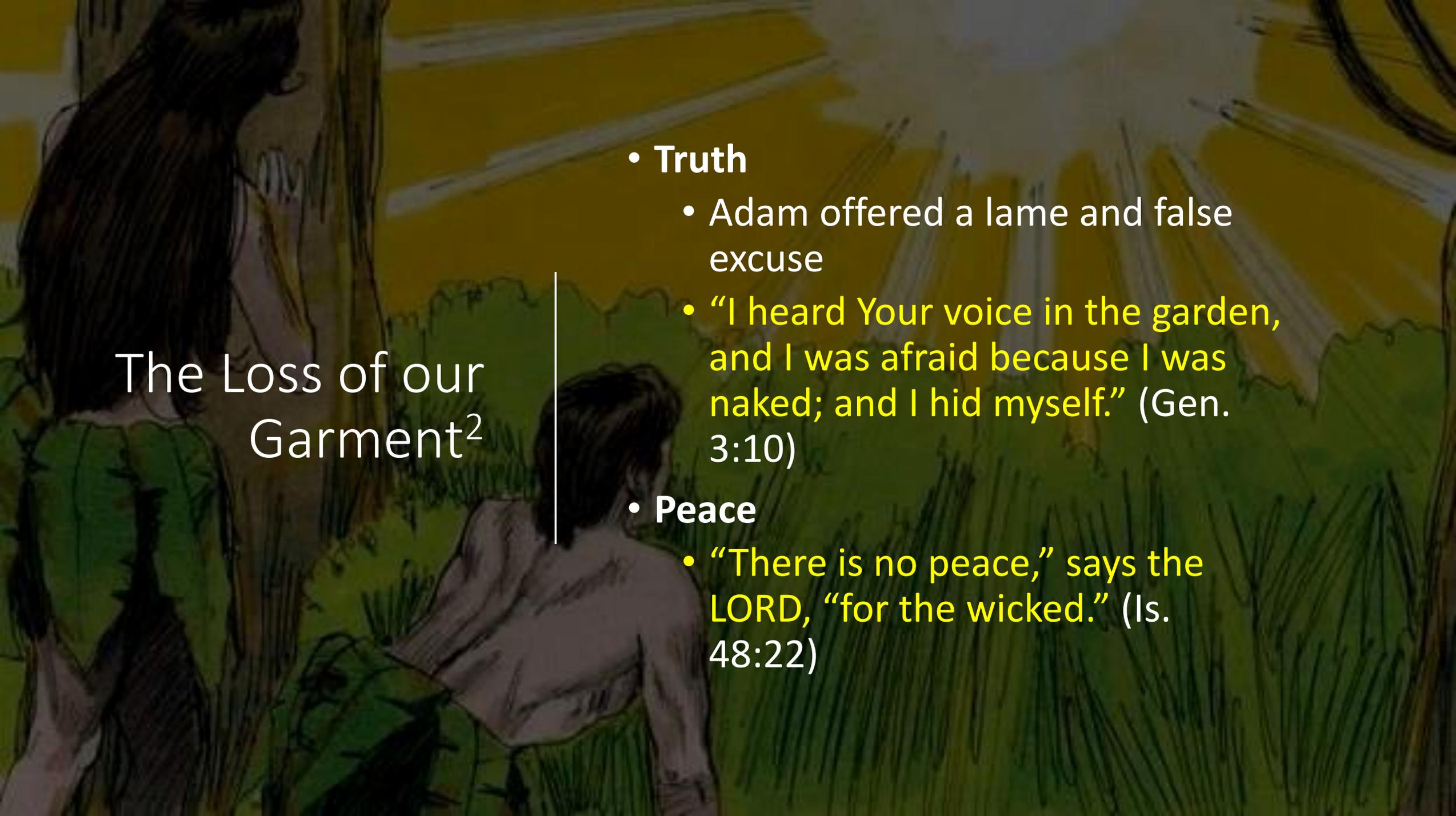
The Meeting of Mercy and Truth, and Righteousness and Peace

3rd Sunday of Kiahk



The Loss of our Garment¹

- **Righteousness**
- **Mercy**
- **Truth**
 - By perverting the warning of God
 - “...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Gen. 2:17)
 - [Eve] God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ (Gen. 3:3)



The Loss of our Garment²

- **Truth**

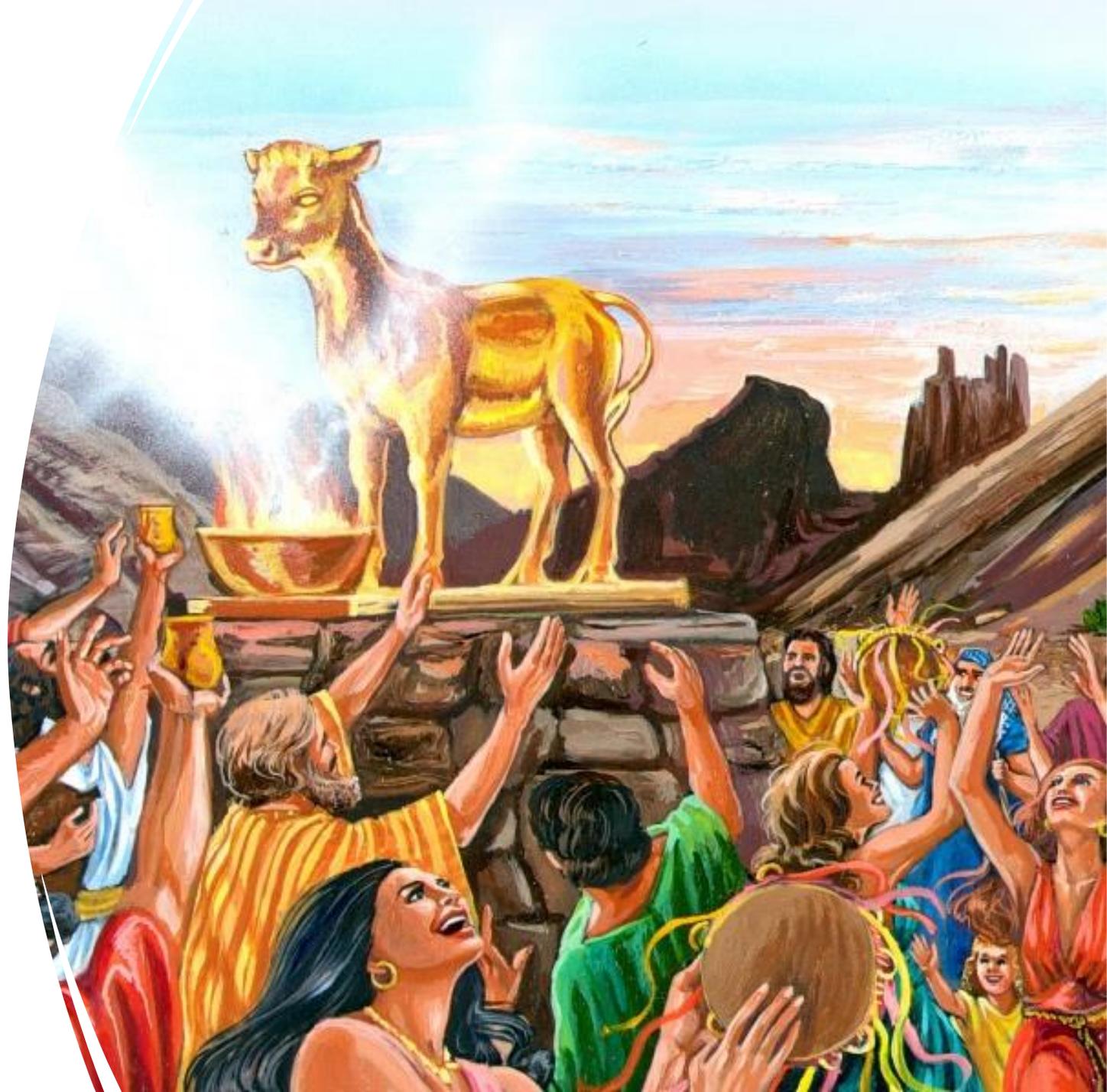
- Adam offered a lame and false excuse
- “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” (Gen. 3:10)

- **Peace**

- “There is no peace,” says the LORD, “for the wicked.” (Is. 48:22)

The Conflict

- Since the Fall there was a serious conflict between these 4 virtues
 - Truth and Justice
 - Peace and Mercy
 - EX: Israel in the wilderness
- “Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? Has His steadfast love ceased forever? Are His promises at an end for all times?” (Ps. 77:7)



Psalm 85 –
The Plea of
Humanity

“Restore us, O God of our salvation,
And cause Your anger toward us to
cease. Will You be angry with us
forever? Will You prolong Your anger
to all generations? Will You not
revive us again, That Your people
may rejoice in You? Show us Your
mercy, LORD, And grant us Your
salvation.” (Ps. 85:4-7)

Restoring the Garment



I am
the Way
the Truth
and the
Life.

John 14:6

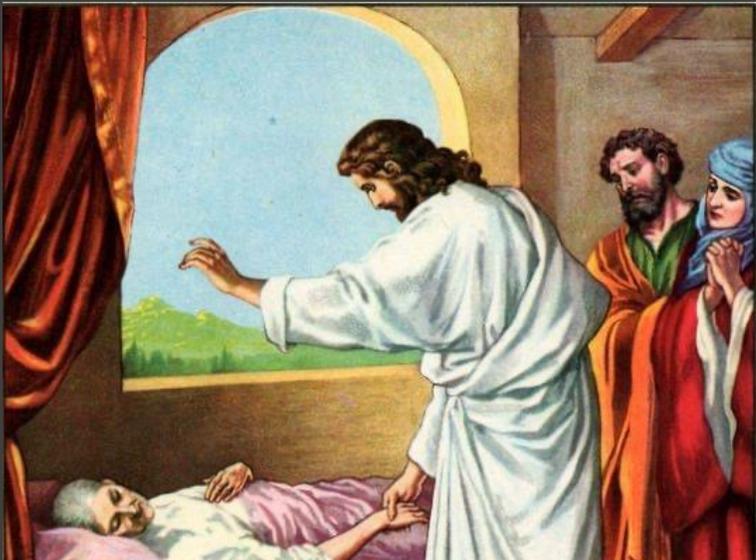
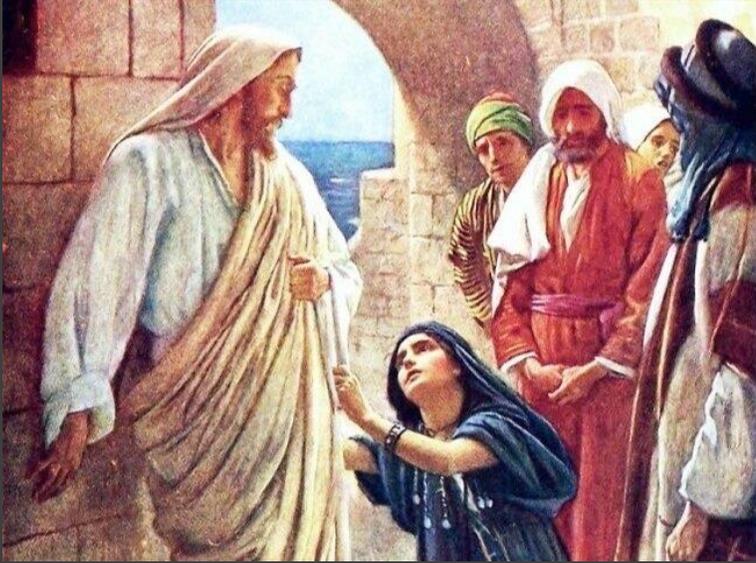
- **Truth**
 - Christ restored truth in His teaching and speaking
 - "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (Jn. 8:31-32)
- **Justice (Righteousness)**
 - The Justice of Christ appeared in...
 - His righteous judgment,
 - When He reproved the wicked
 - Praised men endued with holiness



Restoring the Garment

- **Mercy**

- Christ showed His mercy in healing the people
- Casting out of the Unclean Spirit
 - “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” (Mk. 1:24)
 - "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." (Mk. 1:27)
- Healing St. Peter's mother-in-law
- Healing the Canaanite Woman's daughter (Matt. 15:21-31)



A manger filled with straw and a white cloth, set against a warm, golden background. The manger is a dark, rectangular structure, and the white cloth is draped over the straw inside. The background is a soft, hazy glow of light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

Restoring the Garment

- **Peace**
 - Christ shows His meekness and gentleness
 - EX: His birth in manger

The Meeting

“And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.”
(Lk. 1:41-44)



My Response

Filled with the Holy Spirit

- “Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.” (1 Thes. 5:19-22)

Filled with praise

- Train yourself in the praises of the church

Filled with sense of unworthiness

- Immense gratitude and unworthiness
- EX: St. Peter
 - When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" (Lk. 5:8)

Filled with Joy