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

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a glowing, spherical object. The hand is positioned at the bottom of the frame, with fingers slightly curled around the base of the sphere. The sphere itself is bright and emits a warm, golden light, creating a soft glow. The background is dark and filled with out-of-focus light spots, known as bokeh, in various colors including orange, yellow, and green. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

Am I blind to the blessings of God?

# His eternal remembrance

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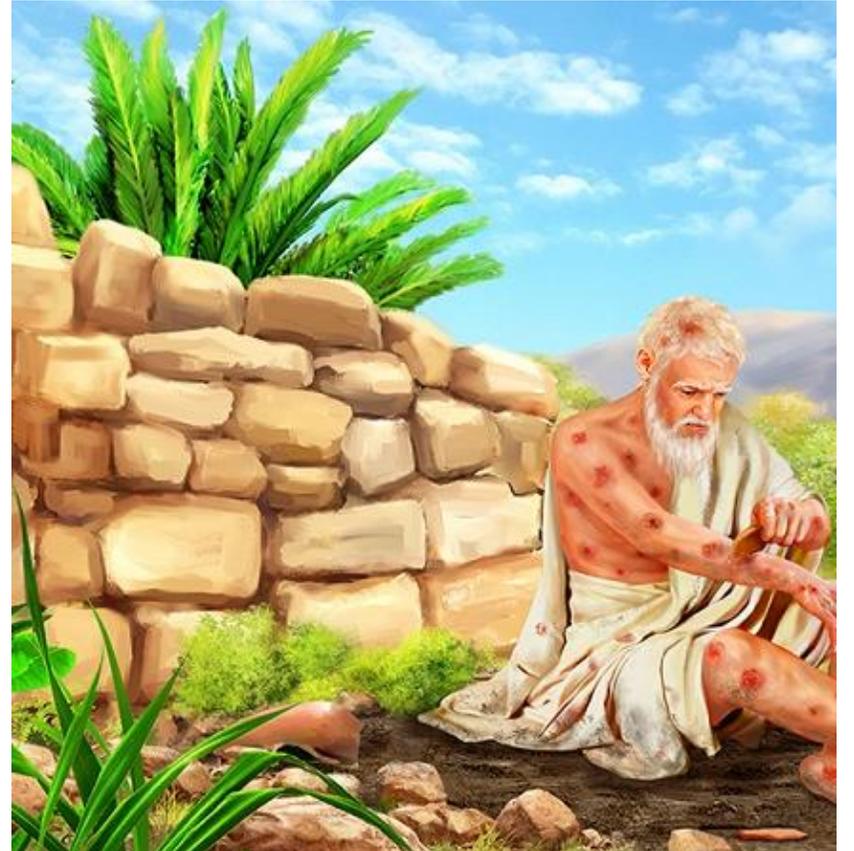
- God remembers and sees every good work we do
- **And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward." (Matt. 10:42)**
- **Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her." (Mk. 14:9)**



# Unseen Protection

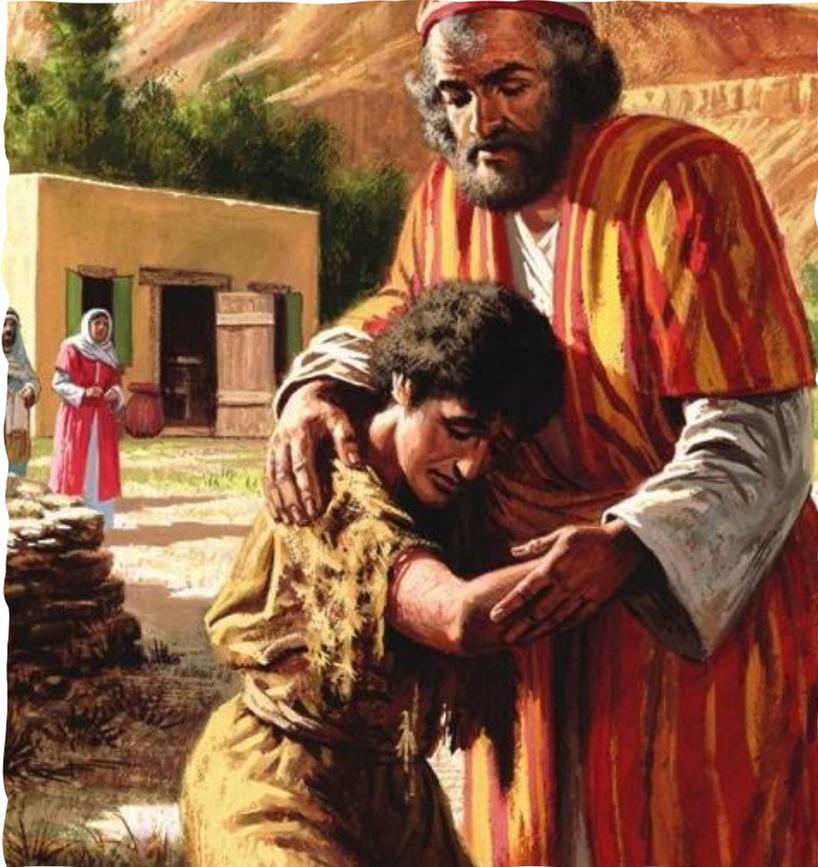
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- EX: Job
  - And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." (Job 1:12)
- "Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" (Jude 1:9)



# His patience with me

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- Forgiveness
  - Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven." (Matt. 18:22)
- As a I grow slowly
  - "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food." (Heb. 5:12)
- When I stray
  - EX: The Lost son



# The gifts of God beyond my recognition

- When I lie down, I say, 'When shall I arise, And the night be ended?' For I have had my fill of tossing till dawn.' (Job 7:4)
- We often focus on what is missing and forget what we have

# Unveiled access to Paradise

- “Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad.” (Jn. 8:56)
- **Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” (Lk. 10:23-24)**