

**“...PRESERVE US AND  
BRING US TO A GOOD  
START”**

New Year - 2014



**What would  
make a  
“Good Start”?**



# 1. For Noah

“Then Noah **built an altar to the LORD**, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar” (Genesis 8:20)



## 2. For The Ninevites

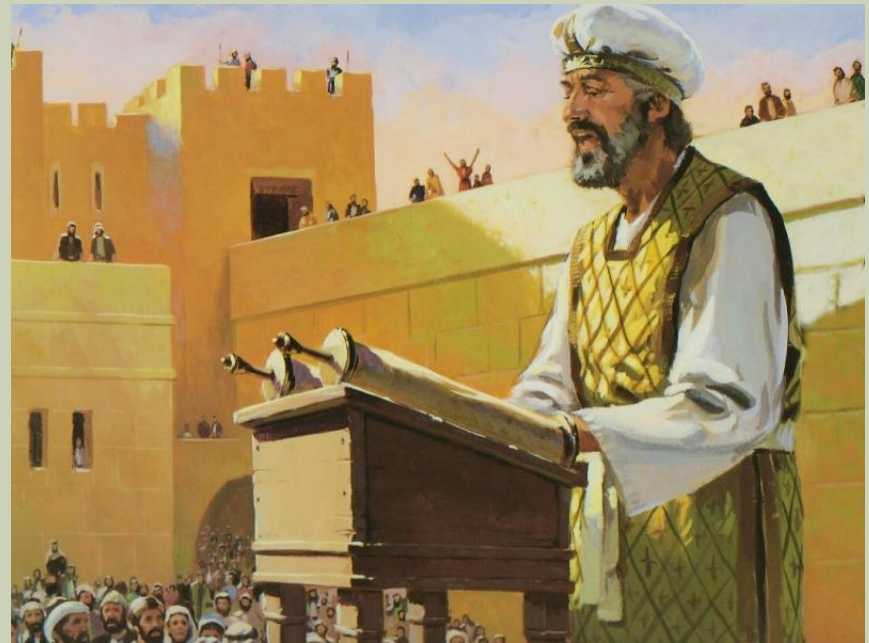
“So the people of Nineveh  
**believed God**, proclaimed a fast,  
and put on sackcloth, from the  
greatest to the least of them”  
(Jonah 3:5)





# 3. For the Israelites at Nehemiah's time

“Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to **bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded Israel**” (Nehemiah 8:1)



## 4. For David

“Therefore David said to his servants, ‘Is the child dead?’ And they said, ‘He is dead.’ So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; **and he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped**” (2 Samuel 12:19-20)



# 5. For the people of Israel at the time of John the Baptist

“Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and  
all the region around the Jordan  
went out to him and were  
baptized by him in the Jordan,  
**confessing their sins**”

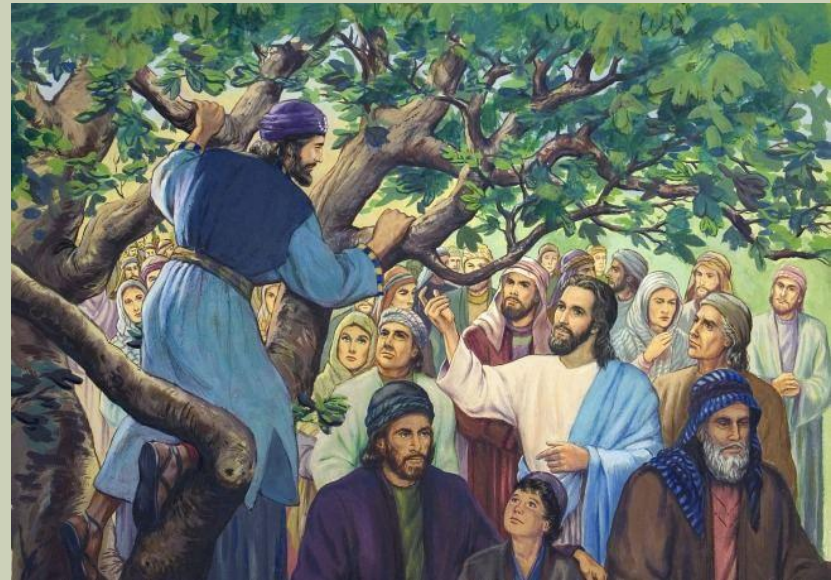
(Matthew 3:5-6)





## 6. For Zacchaeus

“Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; **and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold**’”  
(Luke 19:8)





# 7. For the Lost Son

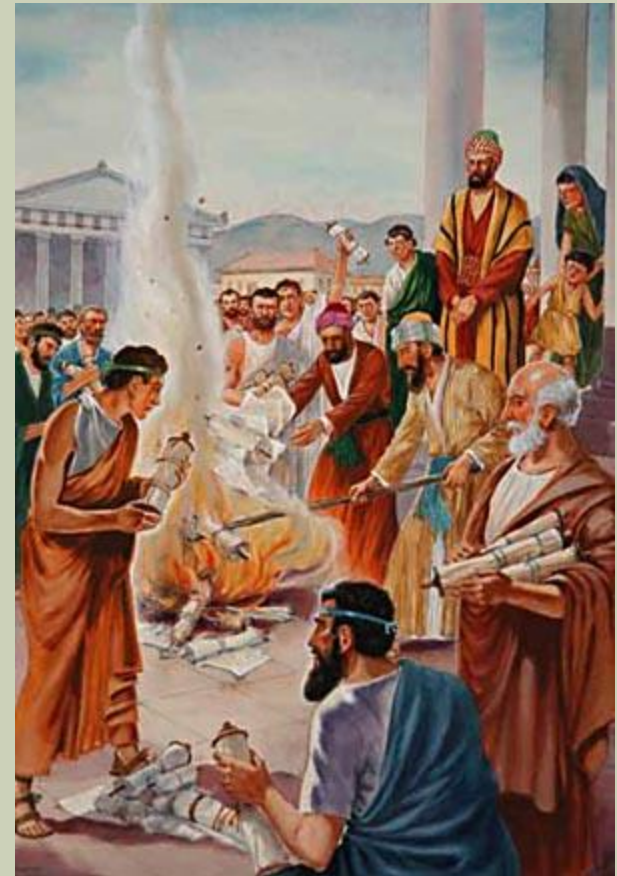
“But when **he came to himself**, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!’”

(Luke 15:17)



## 8. For the Ephesians

“And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. **Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them** in the sight of all.” (Acts 19: 18-19)



# 9. For those who strive to be holy

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are **of good report**, if there is any **virtue** and if there is **anything praiseworthy—meditate** on these things.” (Philippians 4:8)





**Happy New Year  
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