A painting depicting a man with a long, dark beard and hair, looking upwards with an expression of awe or hope. His hands are raised towards a hand reaching down from above. The background is a soft, hazy blue and green, suggesting a bright, open sky. The overall mood is one of spiritual seeking or divine intervention.

“If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.” – John 9:41



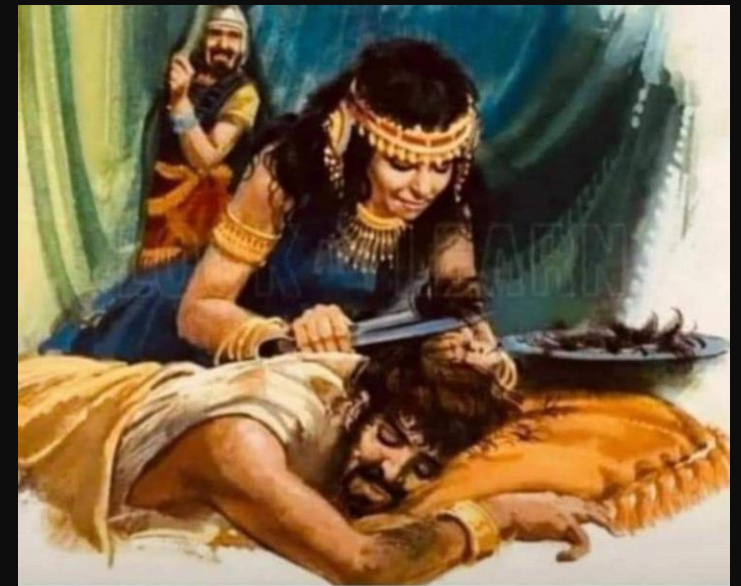
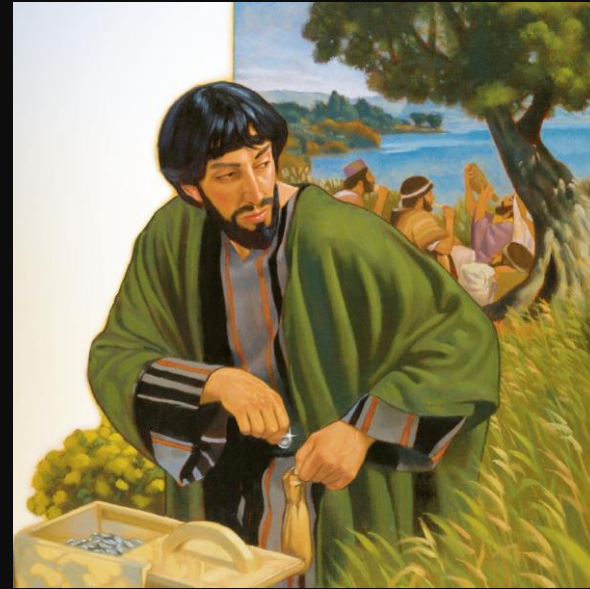
Healing Spiritual Blindness

6th Week of the Holy Great Fast

Causes of Spiritual Blindness

1. Bondage to sin

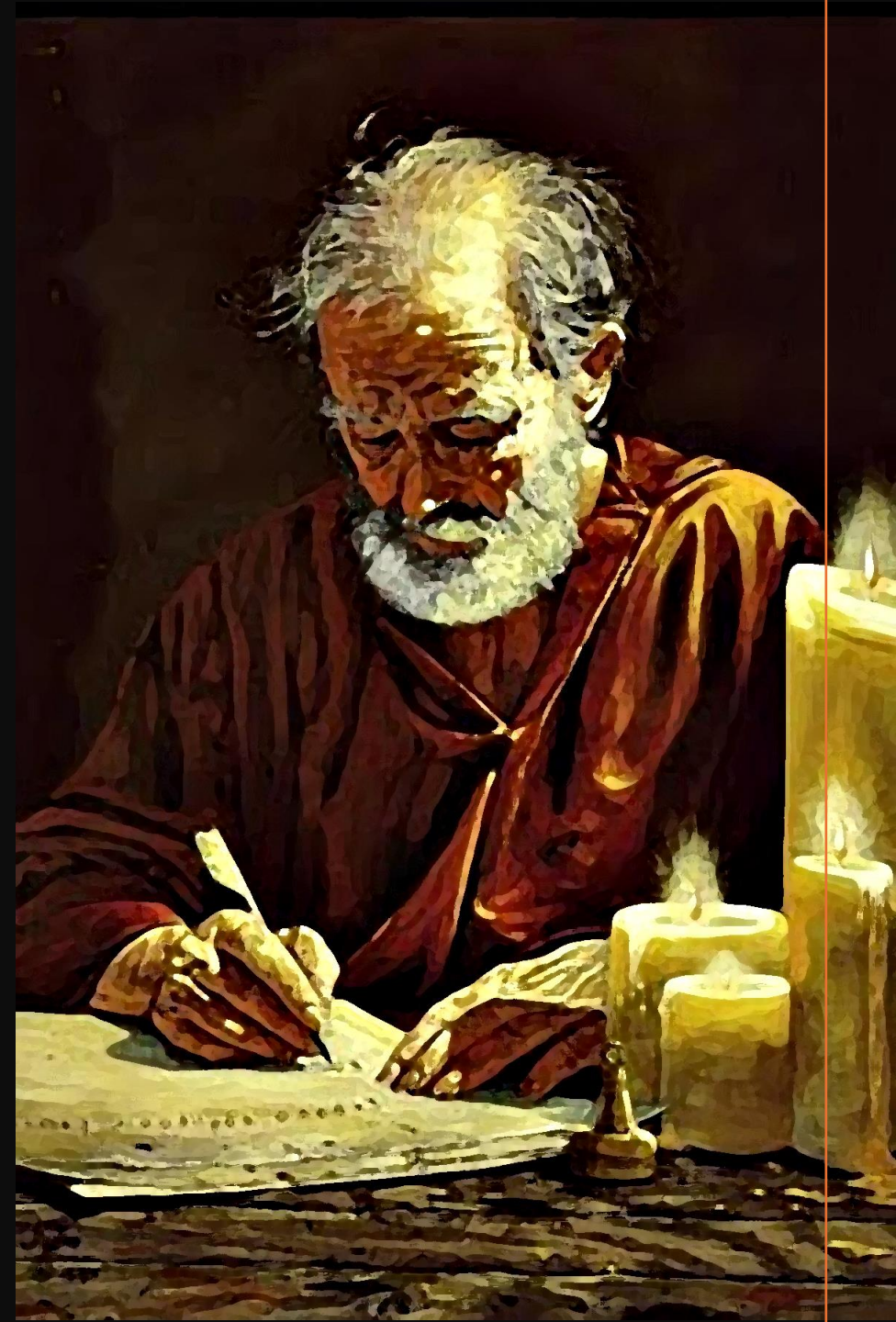
- Samson
 - So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies, and with what you may be bound to afflict you." (Judg. 16:6)
- Judas
 - This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it." (Jn. 12:6)
- Pharaoh
- Cain



Causes of Spiritual Blindness

2. Ignorance

- “...although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.”
(1 Tim. 1:13)



Causes of Spiritual Blindness

2. Ignorance

- The Blindness of Ignorance can be attributed to:
 - Ignorant of scripture
 - “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (Ps. 119:105)
 - Knowing God vs knowing about God
 - Following false teachers
 - “I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.” (Gal. 1:6-7)
 - “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?” (Lk. 6:39)



Causes of Spiritual Blindness
3. Self-Righteousness

- Pharisees
- “Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!” (Matt. 23:24)



Healing Spiritual Blindness

1. Consider yourself a blind man in need of salvation
 - "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains." (Jn. 9:41)
2. Obey the Lord's instructions
 - "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (Jn. 9:7)



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3. Take time to know Him

- "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.'"

4. Persist in seeking the Truth

5. Believe and Worship Him