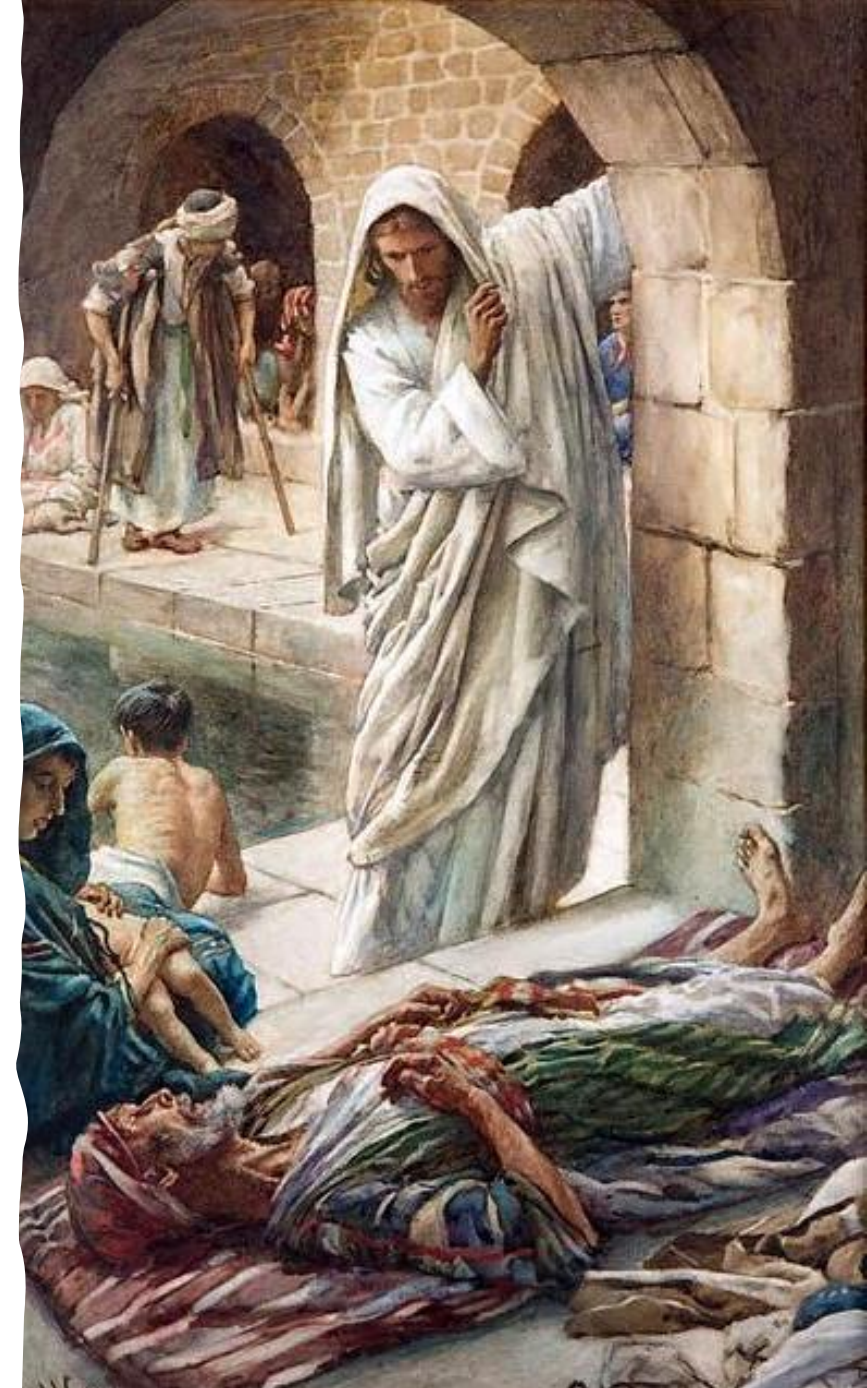


“SIR, I HAVE NO MAN”

John 5: 7





- “God is closer to us than we are to ourselves, and he helps those who have no other help, lifting up the fallen and strengthen the weak” *St. Augustine*

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Human Weakness
2. Man's limitations
3. Why can't I find Him?



I. HUMAN WEAKNESS ⁽¹⁾

- The Prodigal Son:
 - ✓ “And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything” *Luke 15:16*
 - ✓ He had no one when he lost his possessions “Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend” *Proverbs 19:4*





I. HUMAN WEAKNESS (2)

- The Samaritan woman:

- ✓ “The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.”

John 4: 17

- ✓ *She had men who used her but not a caring, loving, and protecting husband.*



I. HUMAN WEAKNESS (3)

- The Paralyzed man:

- ✓ “Sir, I have no man.”

John 5: 7

- ✓ Abandoned after a long time of illness and being irrelevant to others.



I. HUMAN WEAKNESSES (4)

- The Man Born Blind:
 - ✓ “His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.” His parents said these *things* because they feared the Jews”
John 9: 20 – 22
 - ✓ Leaving him alone because of fear of others.

I. HUMAN WEAKNESSES (5)

- Job and his troubling friends. He has no one to comfort him.
- An old widow neglected by his/her children.
- A young girl outcasted by her friends.





II. MAN'S LIMITATIONS ⁽¹⁾

- Struggling against sin “O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?” *Romans 7: 24*
- Reconciling with God “Nor is there any mediator between us, Who may lay his hand on us both” *Job 9: 33*

II. MAN'S LIMITATIONS (2)

- No man can feel our pains or our unfulfilled desires and needs –
Hanna; the mother of Samuel “But Hannah answered and said, “No, my lord, I *am* a woman of sorrowful spirit”

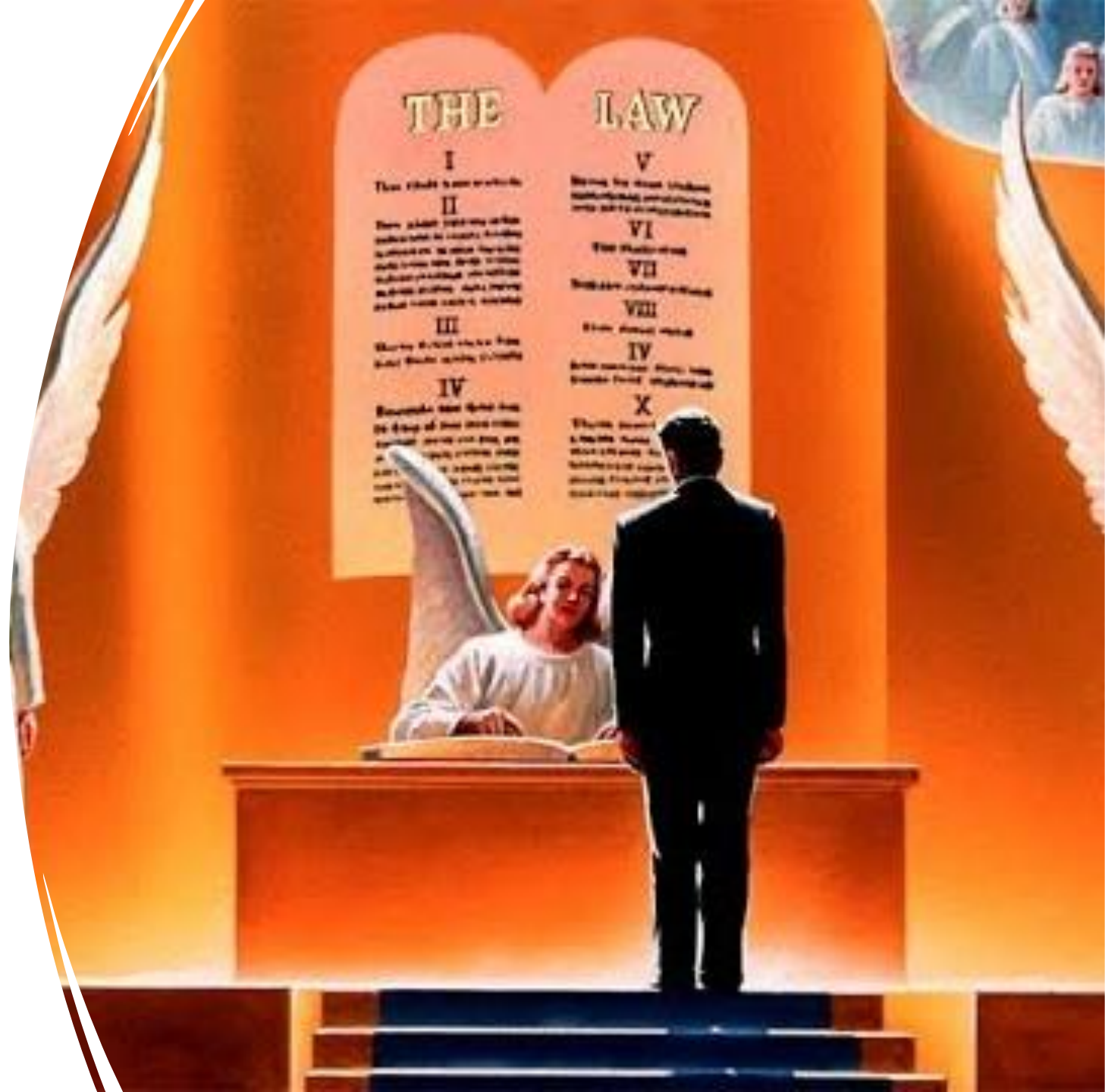
1 Samuel 1: 15

- Josph in prison in Egypt.



II. MAN'S LIMITATIONS (3)

- No man can give us wisdom, peace, contentment, freedom, and real joy.
- Preparing for departure and standing before God's throne in the judgement day.



III. WHY CAN'T I FIND HIM ⁽¹⁾

1. Cherishing other relationships and relying on them for lasting satisfaction.
2. The busyness and noise of life.
3. Chasing fulfillment through fakeness and sinfulness.



III. WHY CAN'T I FIND HIM (2)



4. Looking for His benefits not His Person “Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls— Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation”

Habakkuk 3: 17 - 18

III. WHY CAN'T I FIND HIM (3)

5. The divided heart trying to accommodate Him and the love of the world “Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” *James 4: 4*
6. Running away from the inner room!





“He who is forsaken
by all is taken up by
God; and when
human aid fails,
divine assistance is
ever present”

St. John Chrysostom