



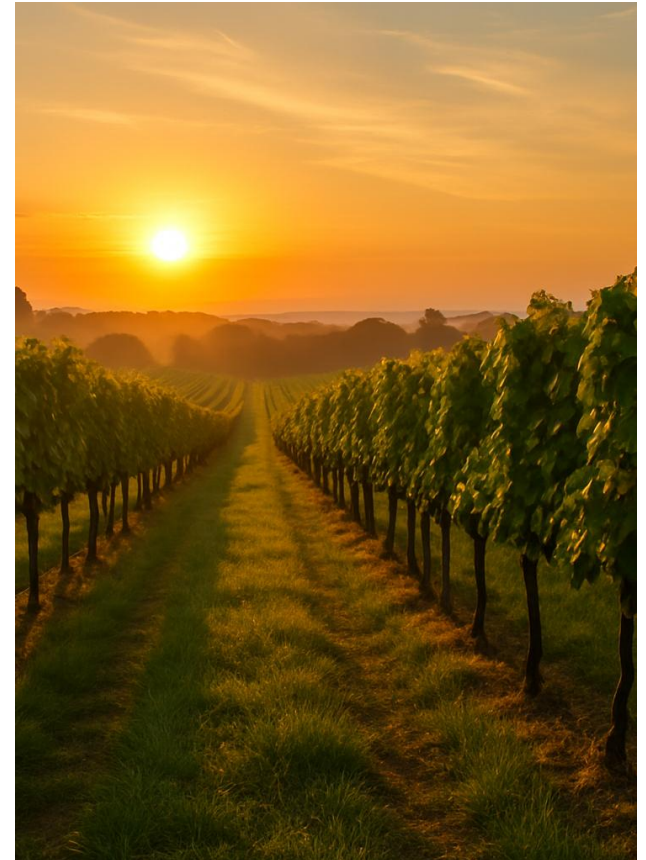
“A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time.” (Luke 20:9)

The God Who Cares for His People

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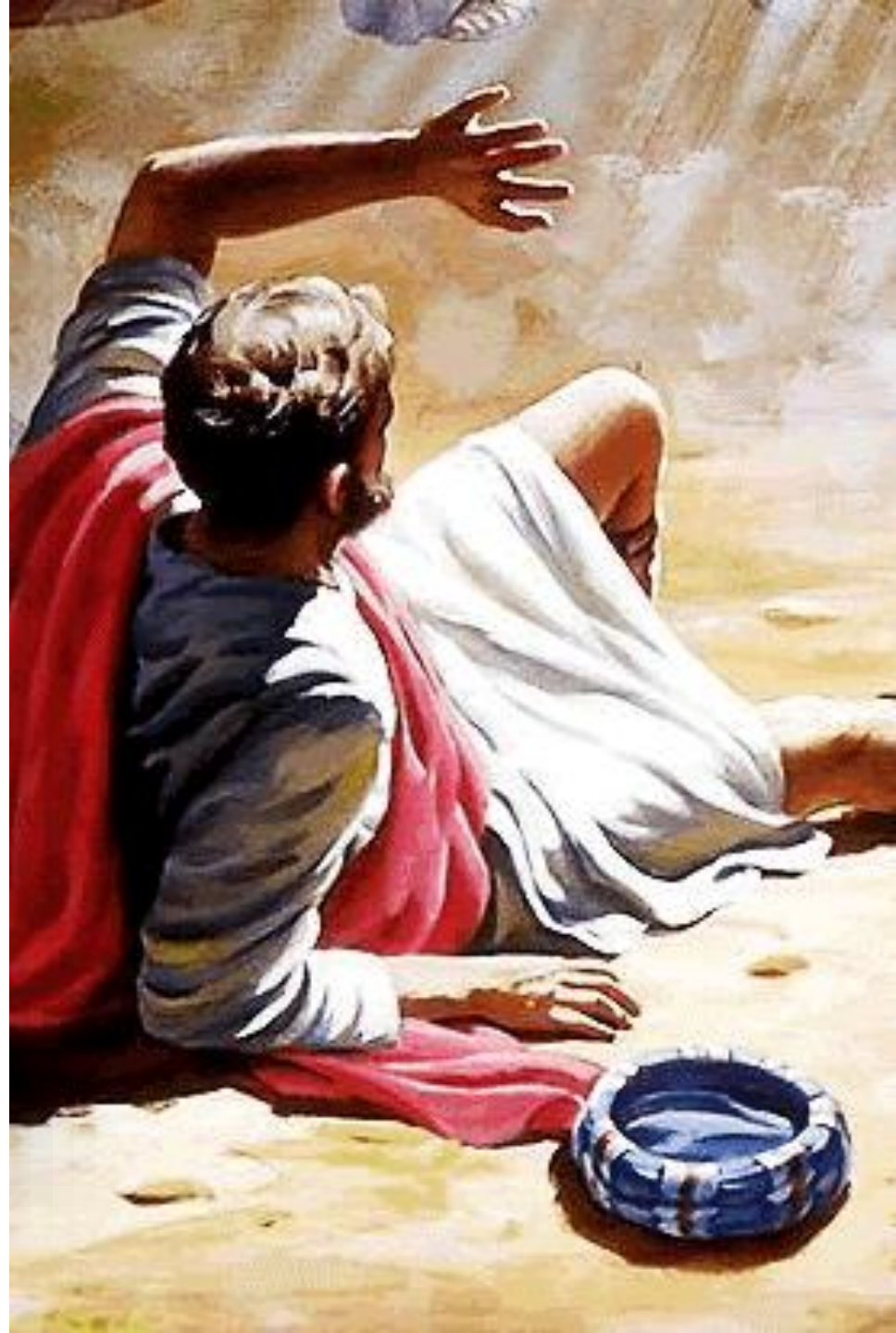
He Planted the Vineyard and Provides All Its Needs

- **“For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.” (Deuteronomy 7:6)**
- **“The time came that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom.” (Luke 16:22)**



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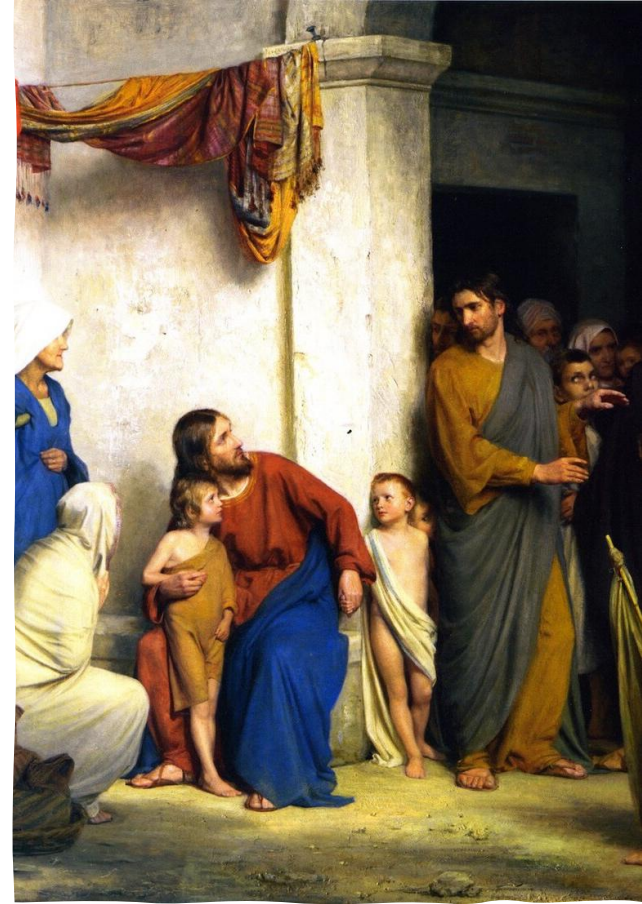
- We are members of His Body
- EX: Apparition to Saul
- **‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’**” (Acts 9:4)
- **“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...”** (Hebrews 12:1)



He Sends Servants (Messengers)



- EX: Nathan sent to David
- EX: John the Baptist sent to Herod
- **“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.”** (Revelation 3:19)



He Defends and Protects Us

- **“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)**
 - EX: Christ defends the adulterous woman
 - EX: Christ defends the little children
 - EX: Daniel from the lions



THE _____
**STONE WHICH THE
BUILDERS REFUSED**

Psalm 118:22

He Defends
and
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- He protects us through His warnings
- **“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.” (Luke 20:17–18)**

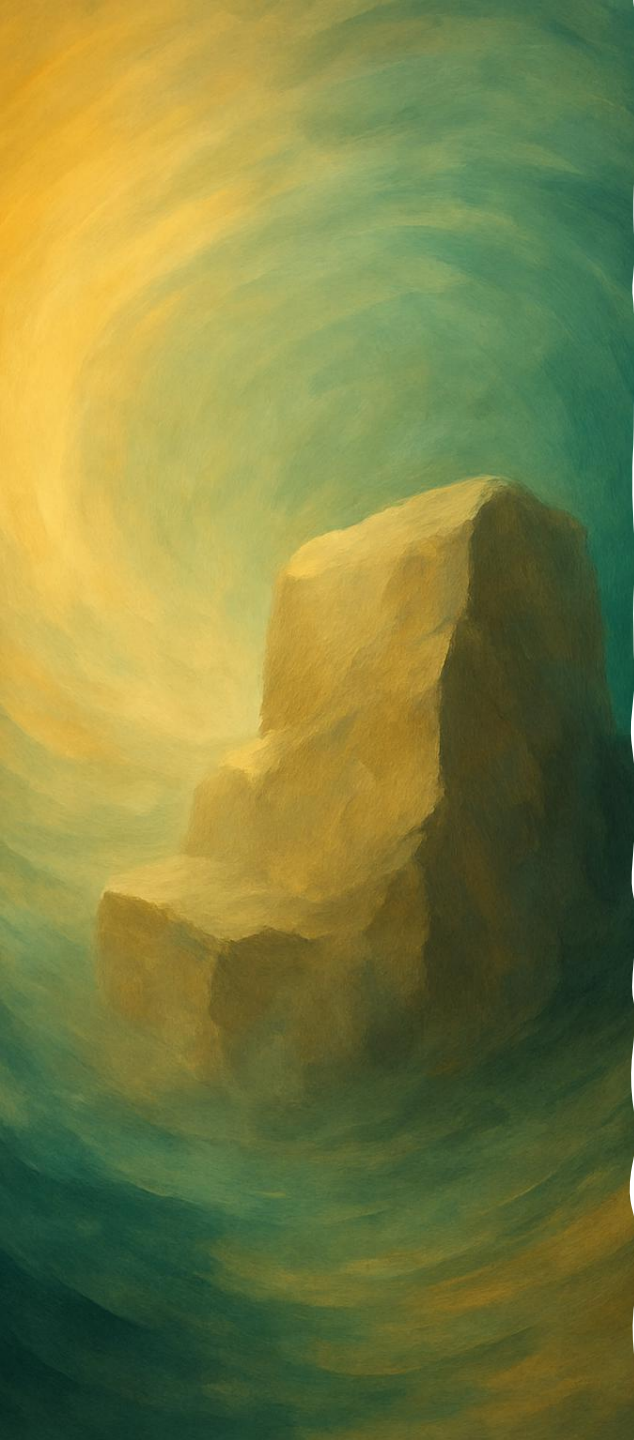
He Executes Justice



- His justice shows care for His people while bringing judgment on His enemies.
- EX: Pharaoh's army destroyed in the sea
- **"Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh... not so much as one of them remained."** (Exodus 14:28)
- EX: Haman's plot overturned

He Executes Justice

- Justice may be executed in this world or the next.
- EX: The Three Holy Youth before Nebuchadnezzar
- **“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, ‘O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us... But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods.’”** (Daniel 3:16–18)
- *“God is long-suffering and of great mercy, but when His measure is full and the time is ripe, He arises to vindicate His people and to confound their enemies.”* (St. Gregory Nazianzen)



He Became Our Firm Foundation

- **“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.”** (Luke 20:17)
- **“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”**
(1 Corinthians 3:11)

God's care is:

- **Personal** (He plants and provides)
- **Persistent** (He sends messengers)
- **Protective** (He defends and shields)
- **Powerful** (He executes justice)
- **Permanent** (He is our foundation).
- **“Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”**
(1 Peter 5:7)