

Mighty Weapons, Captive Thoughts

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2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh:

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal,
but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;

Casting down imaginations,
and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God,
and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Strongholds of Sin in the Fleshly Mind



Mental Fortresses
for the New Creature
To Destroy

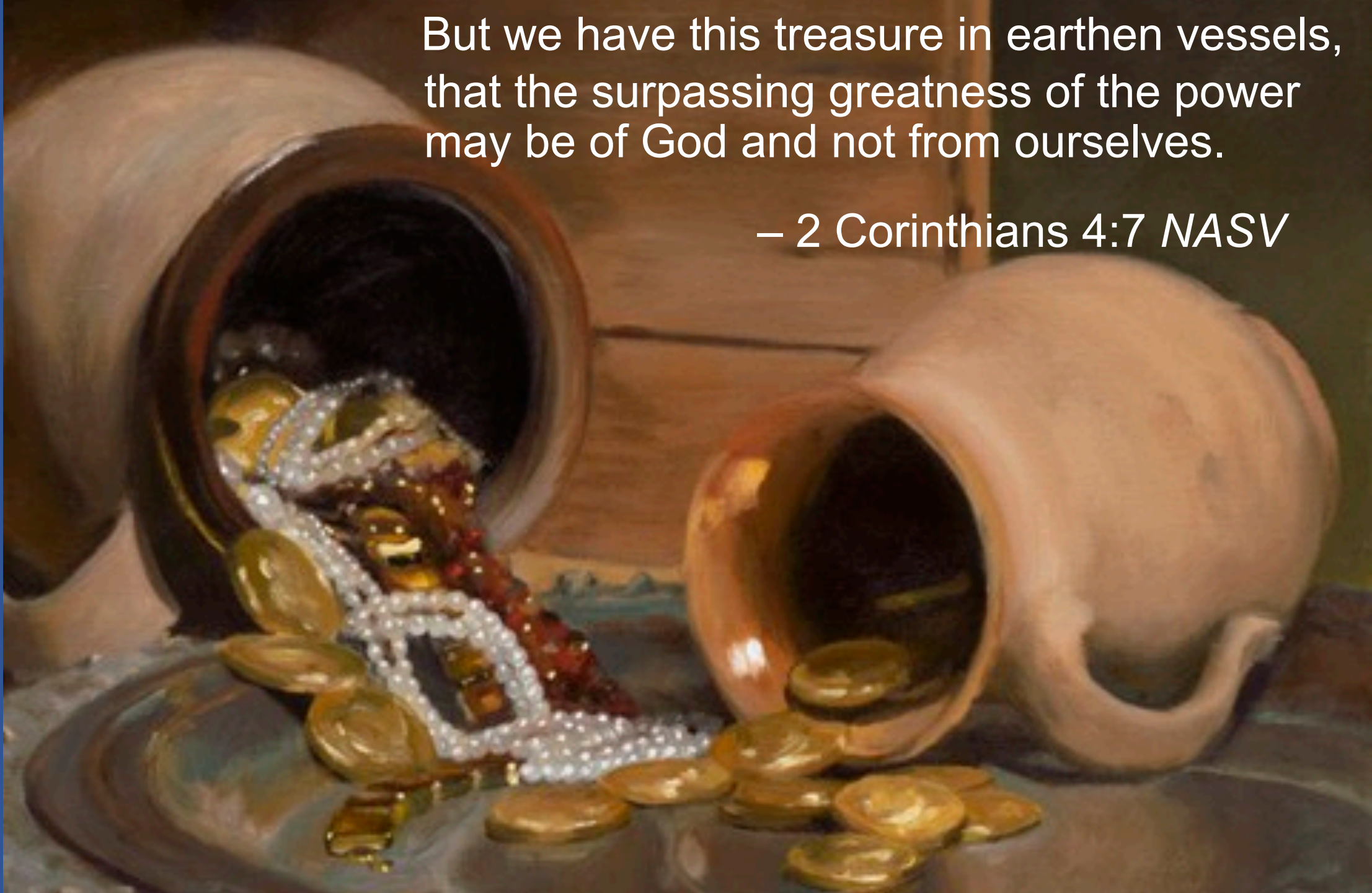
Imaginations and
Prideful Thinking
to be Cast Down

GOAL: Taking Captive
Every Thought to the
Obedience of Christ

For
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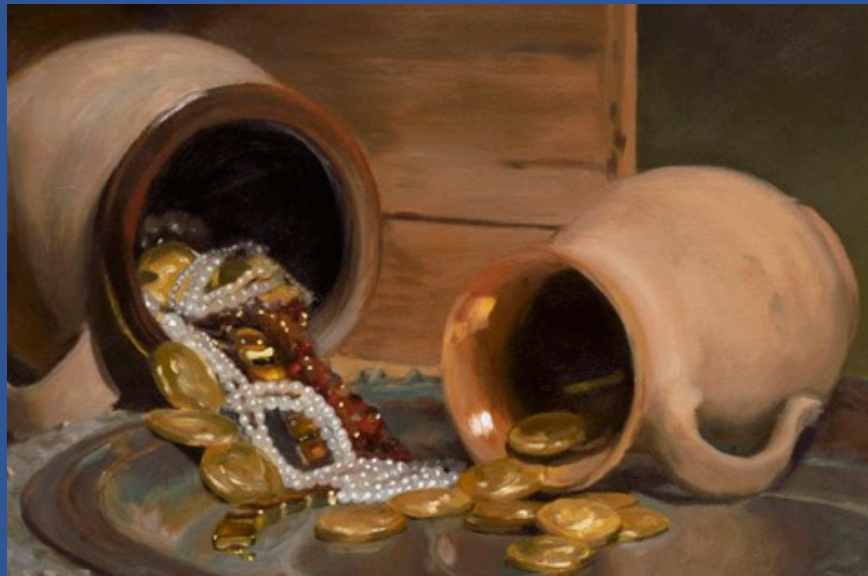
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the surpassing greatness of the power
may be of God and not from ourselves.

– 2 Corinthians 4:7 *NASV*



For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
– Romans 8:5 *NRSV*

We do not war
according to
the flesh



For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. – Romans 8:13 *NRSV*

For the weapons of our
warfare are not carnal

Examples of Carnal Weapons:

Anger

Strife

Jealousy

Factions

Evil Surmising

Evil Speaking

Envy

Greed

Bitterness





What are these Mighty Weapons?

Take unto you the whole armor of God . . .

having your loins girded about with truth,
having on the breastplate of righteousness;
your feet shod with the preparation of the
gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith,
take the helmet of salvation,
and the sword of the Spirit, the word of God:



What are these Mighty Weapons for?

The Church's weapons are:

Mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. – *2 Corinthians 10:4 KJV*

Divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. – *2 Corinthians 10:4 NASV*

God has given

“exceedingly great and precious promises that **by these you might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world”



What are these Mighty Weapons?

The fruits and graces of the spirit:

Perfect love casts out fear – 1 John 4:18

A soft answer turns away wrath – Proverbs 15:1

Faith overcomes the world – 1 John 5:4

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves – 2 Timothy 2:25

The joy of the Lord is your strength – Nehemiah 8:10

Peace guards the heart and mind – Phil 4:7



What are these Mighty Weapons?

The exceeding great and precious promises:

The eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers – 1 Peter 3:12

Their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in Heaven – Matthew 18:10

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? – Romans 8:32

Ask and ye shall receive – Matthew 21:22

Divinely Powerful Weapons for Destroying Strongholds



Pride

God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time. – 2 Peter 5:5-6

God dwells with the humble and contrite –
Isaiah 57:15

Divinely Powerful Weapons for Destroying Strongholds



Negative Thinking

With God all things are possible – Matt 19:26

God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.
– Ephesians 3:20

*Think on These Things –
Philippians 4*

Divinely Powerful Weapons for Destroying Strongholds



Fear

The fear of man brings a
snare, But he who trusts in
the LORD will be exalted. –
Proverbs 29:25

"No weapon that is formed
against you will prosper. –
Isaiah 54:17

My God shall supply all your
need. – Philippians 4:19

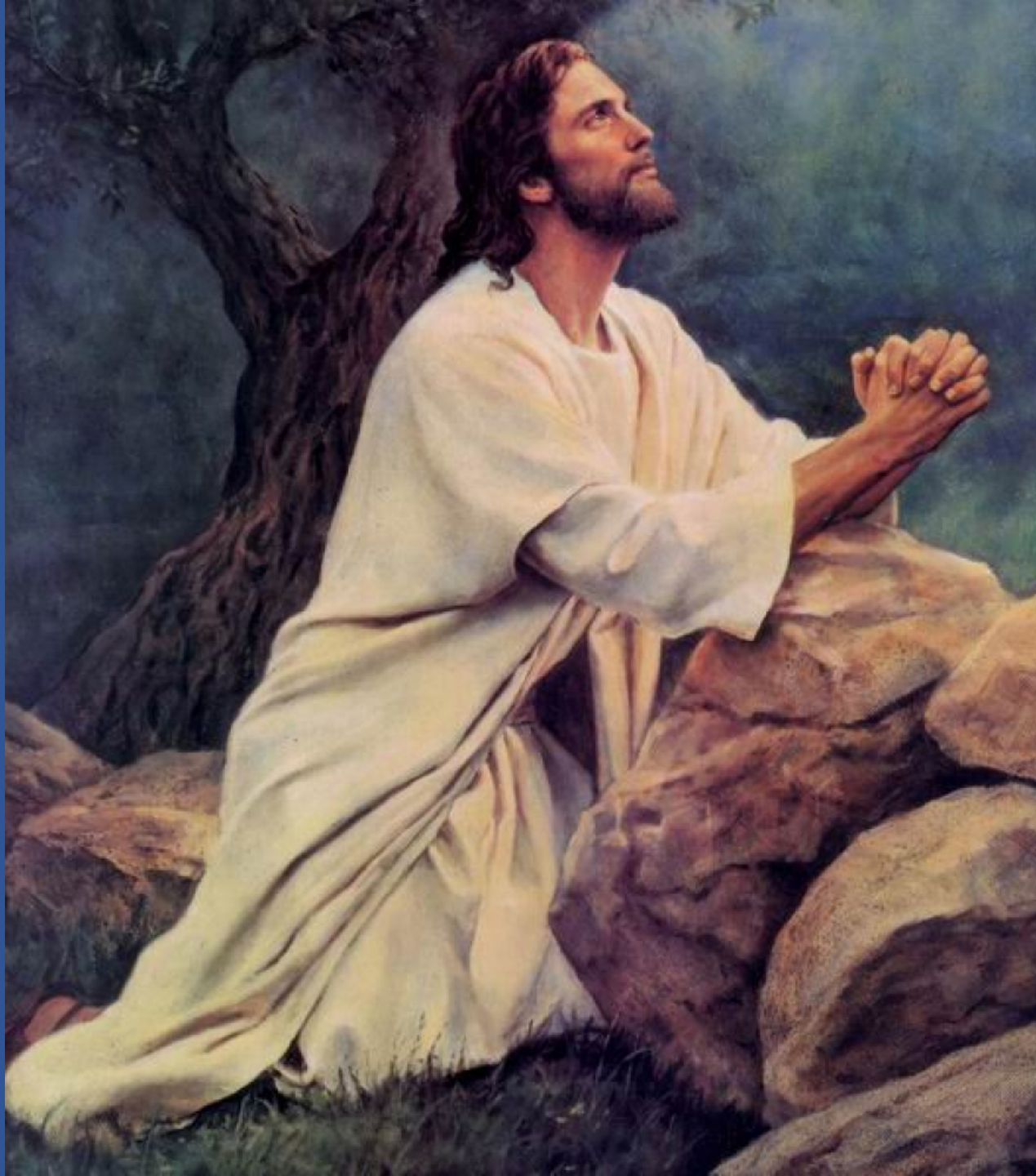
Mighty Weapons Cast Down “High Things”



Casting down
imaginations,
and every high thing that
exalts itself against the
knowledge of God - *KJV*

Destroying speculations
and every lofty thing
raised up against the
knowledge of God – *NASV*

2 Corinthians 10:5



Bring Every Thought Captive to the Obedience of Christ

I do not seek My own will, but the
will of Him who sent Me.

- *John 5:30 NASV*

A 346 – Concluding Thoughts

Are you still willing . . . to give up
your own plans and methods?
theories of yourself and others?

to accept God's plan, way and
time?

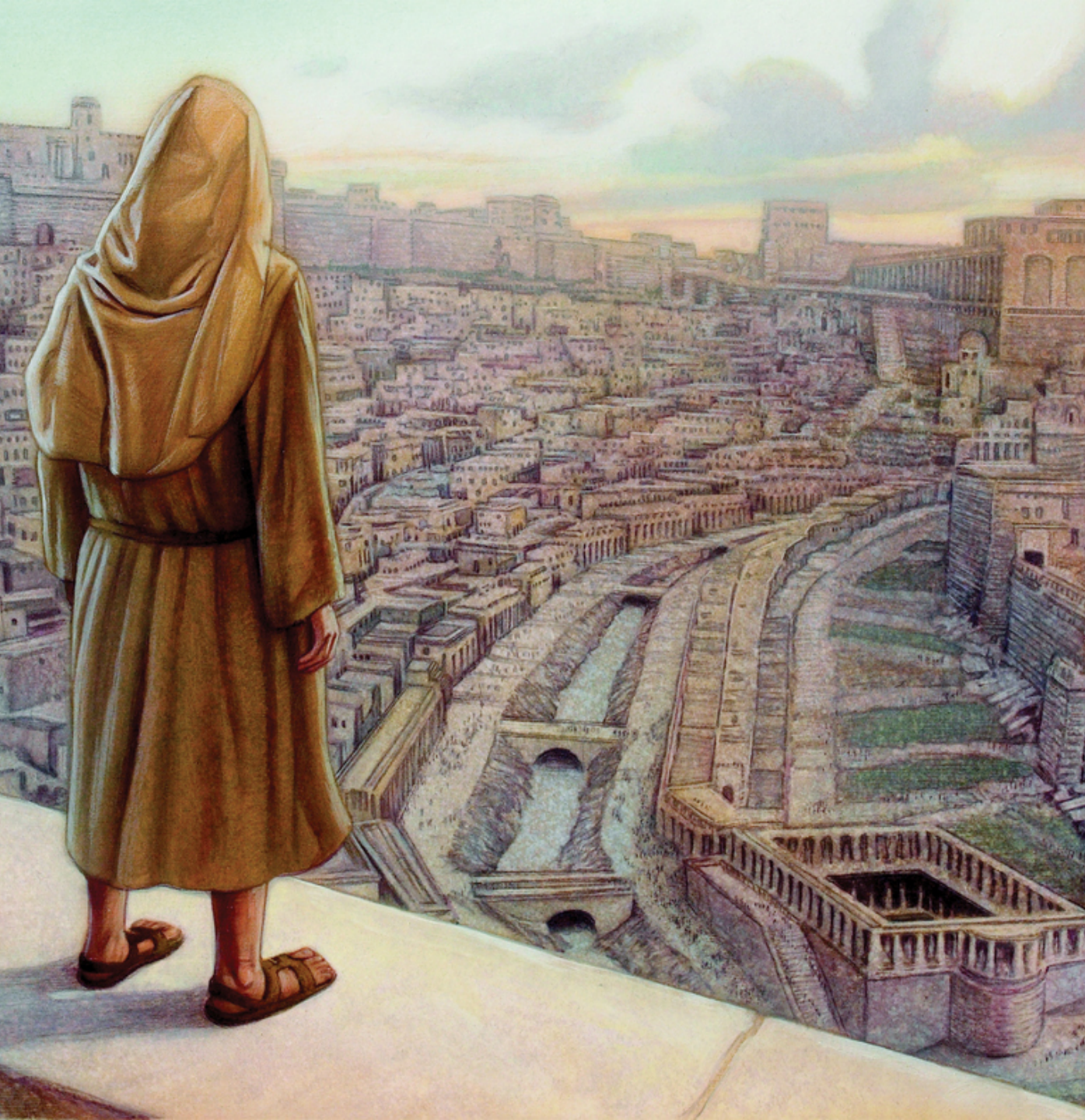


Obedience of Christ

And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.

Jesus answered “It is written,:

‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD
ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT
PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’



Obedience of Christ

The devil had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down . . .

Jesus said:

‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD
YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’



Obedience of Christ

The devil showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory⁹ and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”

Jesus said to him,

“Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”



Arm Yourself with the Mind of Christ

1 Peter 4:1

As Christ has suffered,
arm yourselves with the same mind

Philippians 2:5

Let this mind be in you,
which was also in Christ.

Revelation 17:14

These will make war with the Lamb,
and the Lamb will overcome them

