

For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Jeremiah 4:27



Hope

Andrea Pisano South Doors of Florence Baptistery Florence, Italy Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?

Psalm 14:4

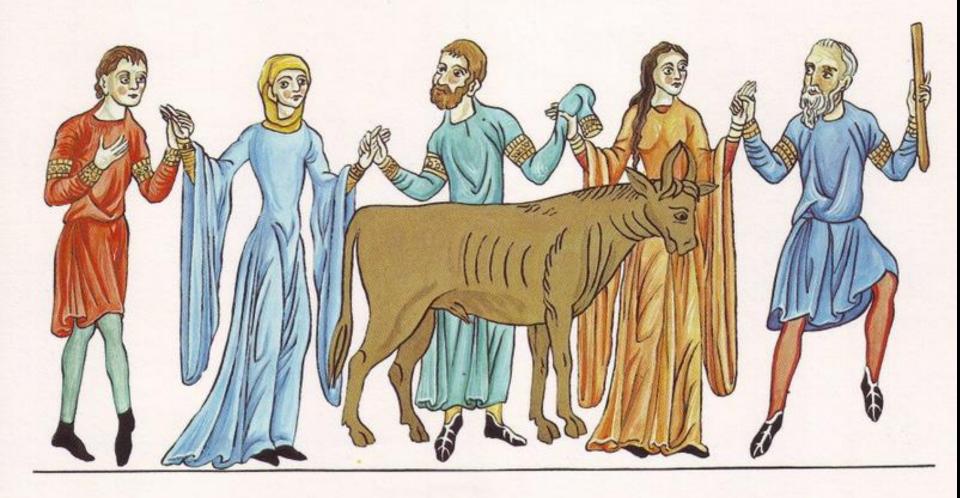


Memorial to Hungarian Forced Labor Captives after World War II -- Tomcsány Castle, Hungary

Your people ... have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it ...

Exodus 32:7b, 8a

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You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Psalm 51:6

Study for Justice, Peace, and Truth

Baciccio Blanton Museum of Art Austin, TX Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

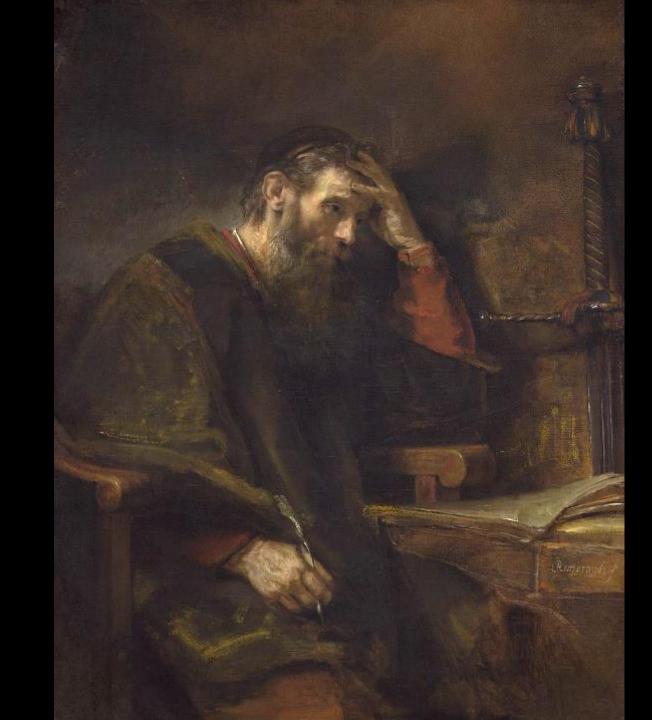
Psalm 51:10

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Praying to the Holy Spirit to Receive Wisdom

William Vrelant Getty Museum Los Angeles, CA Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy ...

1 Timothy 1:15b, 16a



Apostle Paul

Rembrandt National Gallery of Art Washington, DC ... the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

Luke 15:2-3



The Pharisees Question Jesus -- James Tissot, Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY

"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?



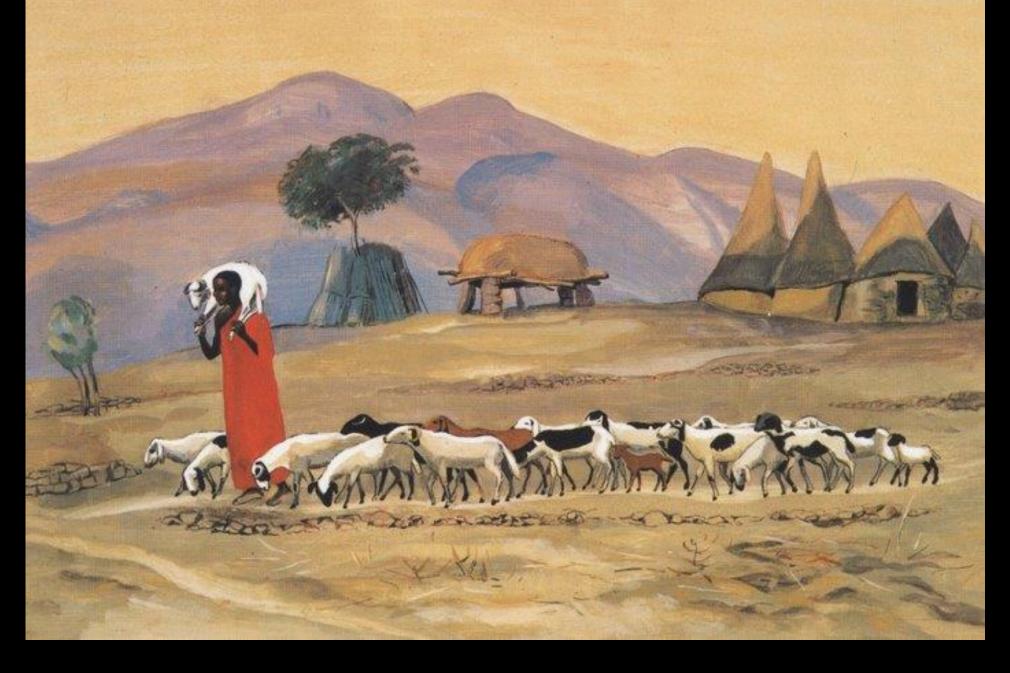
The Good Shepherd -- Henry O. Tanner, Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers, NY

When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.



The Good Shepherd

Lucas Cranach Anger Museum Erfurt, Germany And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

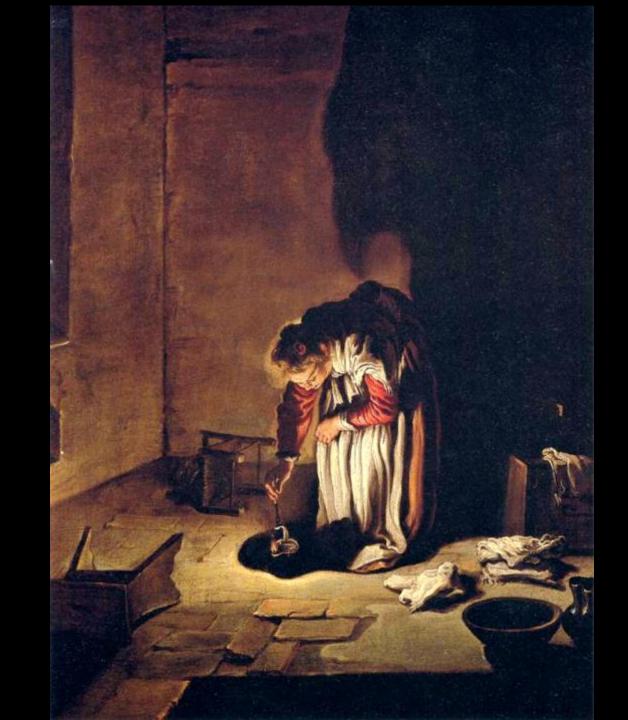


The Good Shepherd -- JESUS MAFA

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Christ, Forgive a Penitent

Church of St. Mary Geneva, IN "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?



Parable of the Lost Drachma

Domenico Fetti Old Masters Gallery Dresden, Germany When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'



The Lost Coin is Found

Stained Glass

Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



Celebration -- John August Swanson, serigraph, 1997

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