

What is your image of worship?



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These are all *parts* of a whole picture of worship..



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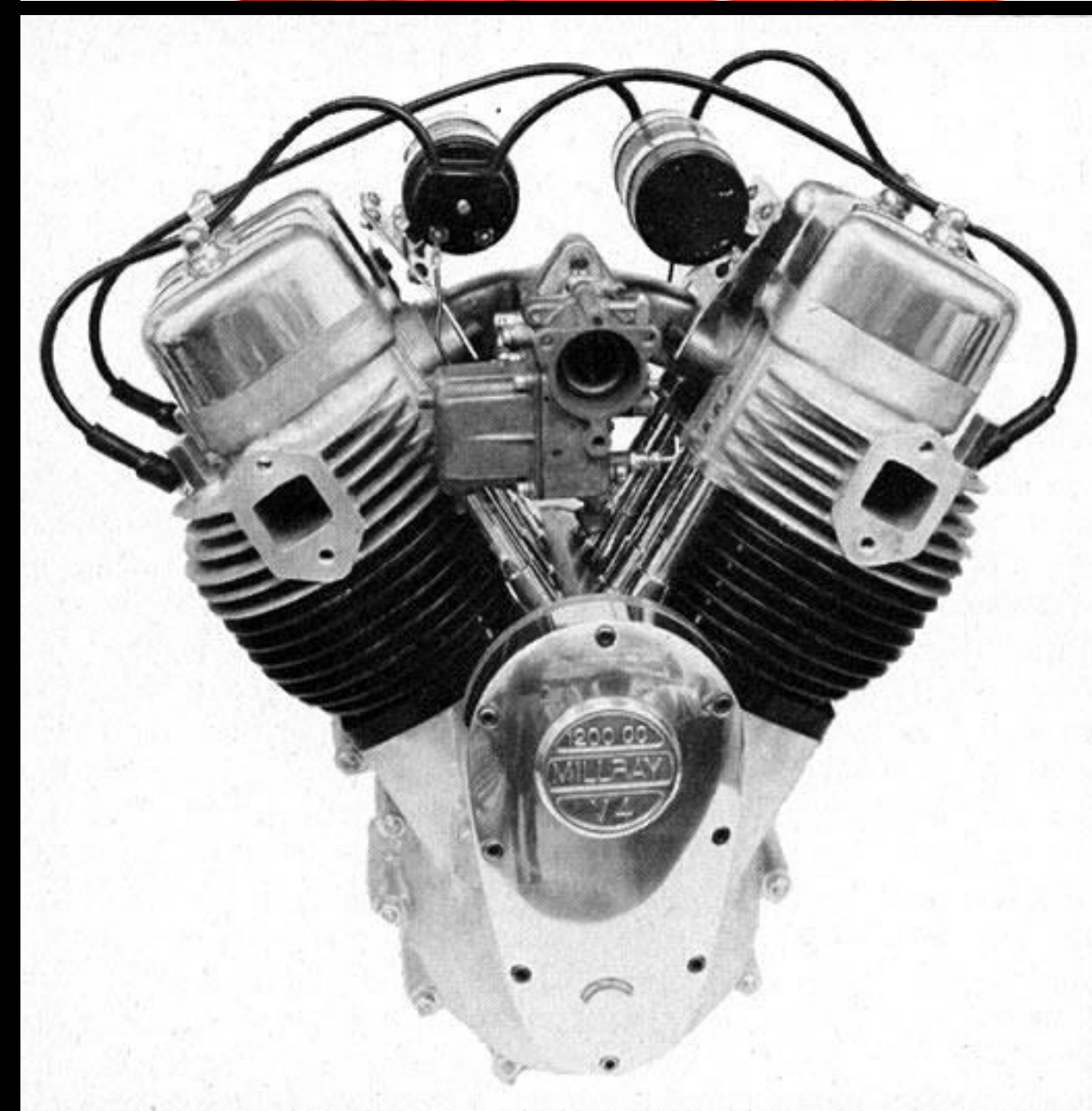
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If worship is not just a song, or an emotional response, or bowing down to something...



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“In the day-to day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god or spiritual-type thing to worship—be it JC or Allah, be it YHWH or the Wiccan Mother Goddess, or the Four Noble Truths, or some inviolable set of ethical principles—is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive. ...



..If you worship money and things, if they are where you tap real meaning in life, then you will never have enough, never feel you have enough. It's the truth. Worship your body and beauty and sexual allure and you will always feel ugly. And when time and age start showing, you will die a million deaths before they finally grieve you.”



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Everyone is worshipping something, all of the time, whether it is an artefact, a person, a deity, an institution or an ideal.

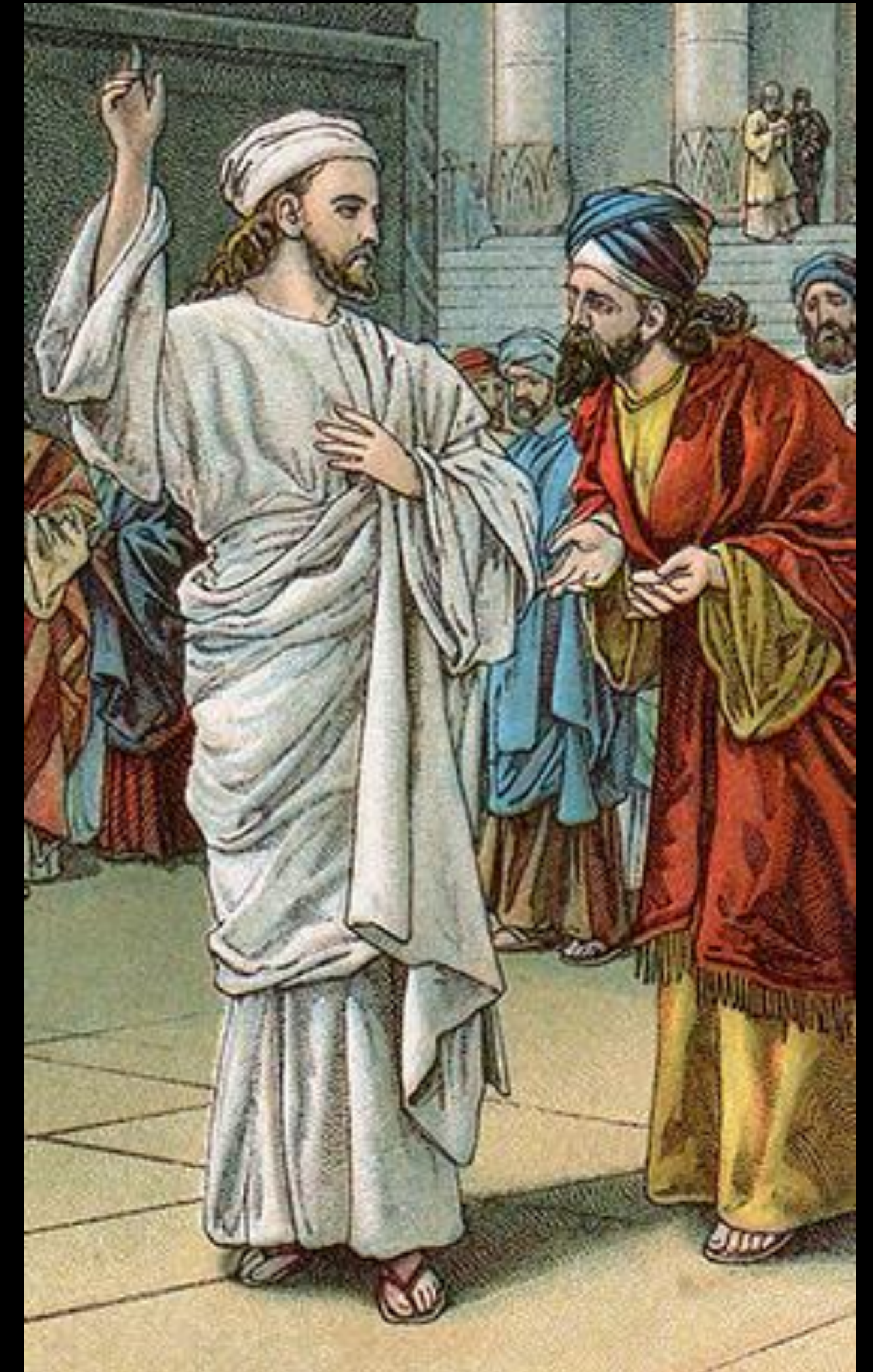
We are continually being shaped by something and are therefore growing towards some measure of fullness, whether it is of righteousness, or of evil.



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## Matthew 22:34-40

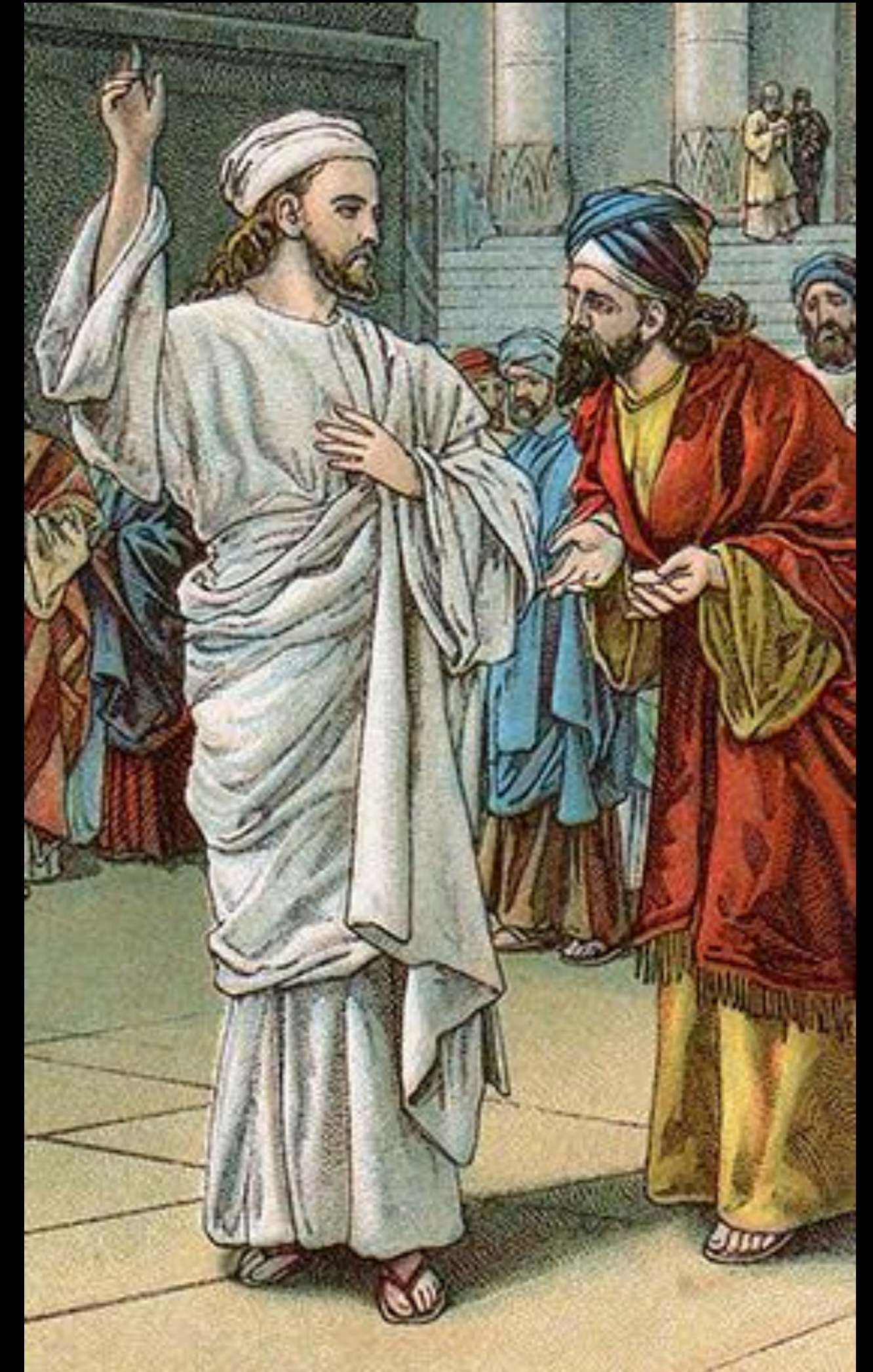
But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ...



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And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:34-40



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The good Samaritan..



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Heart, soul, mind and strength..



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Heart, soul, mind and strength..

Creator, community and craft..



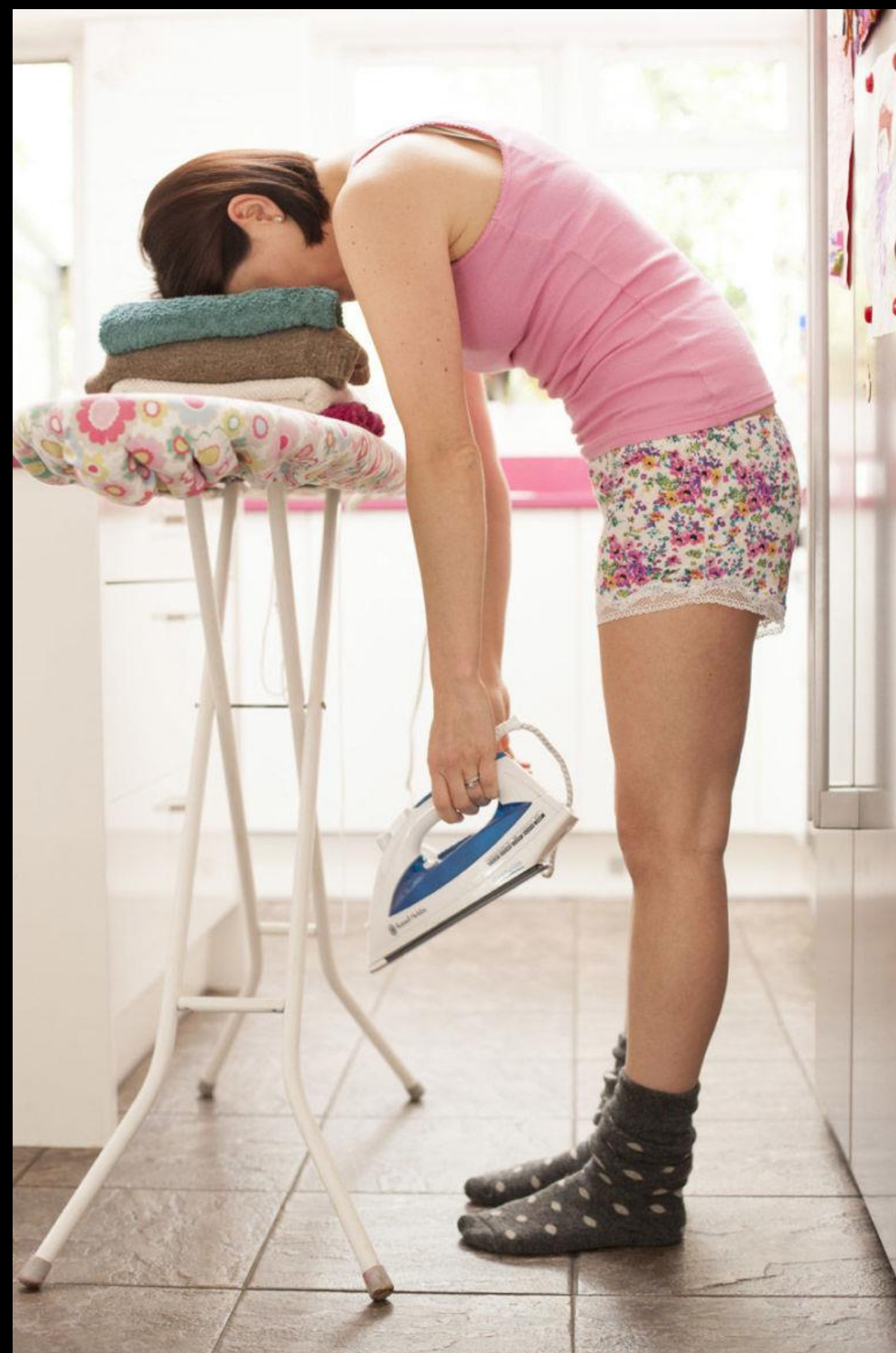
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“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out.



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Readily recognise what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”

Romans 12:1-2



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Worship is your *entire* life.

Not *just* an event, or an emotional response, it is the everything that you put your hand to, what and how you say things and the very thoughts you have.



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But there is still one last thing essential for worship..



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Daniel 3:16-18



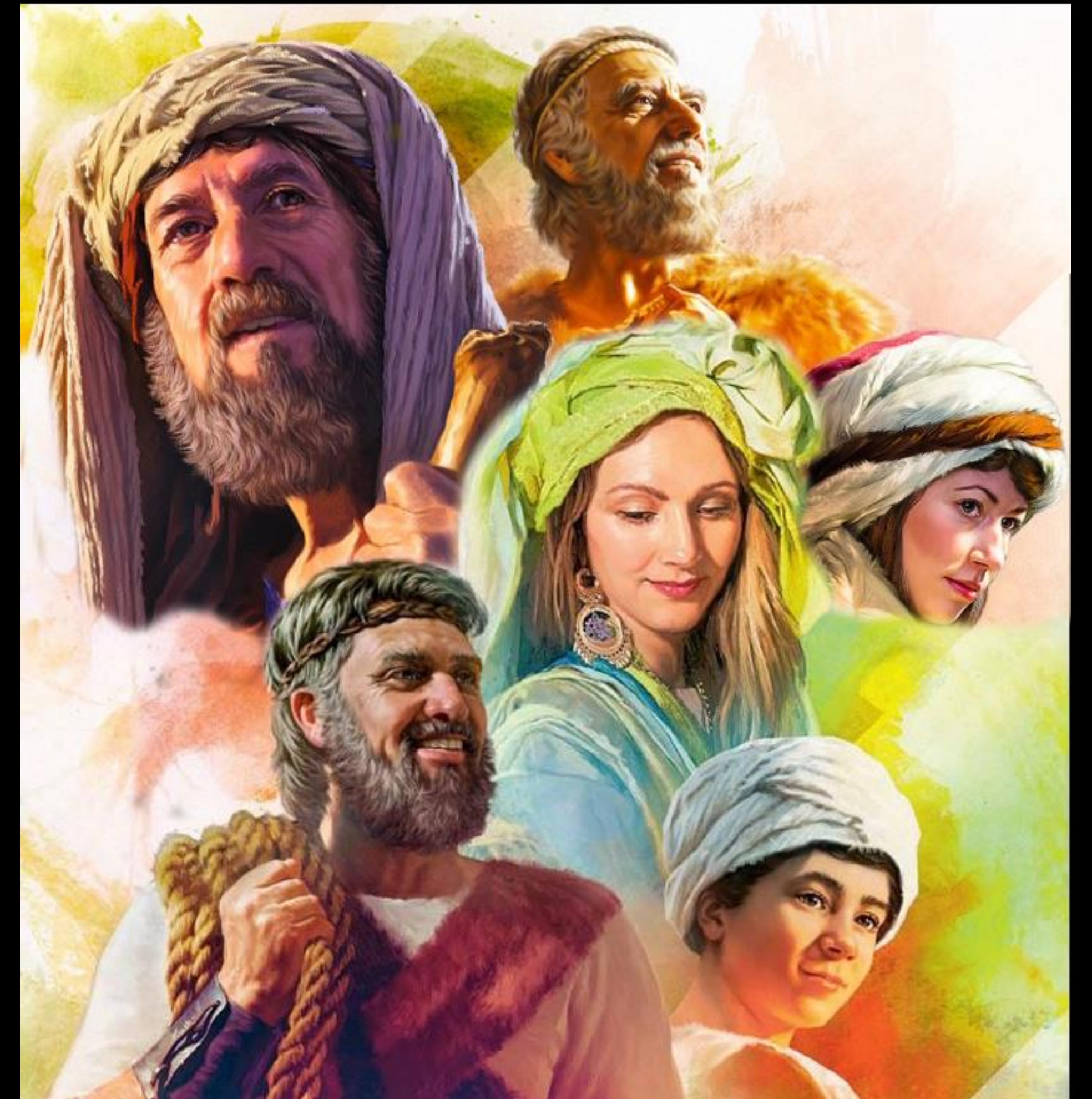
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Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, “Your threat means nothing to us. If you throw us in the fire, the God we serve can rescue us from your roaring furnace and anything else you might cook up, O king. But even if he doesn’t, it wouldn’t make a bit of difference, O king. We still wouldn’t serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up.” Daniel 3:16-18

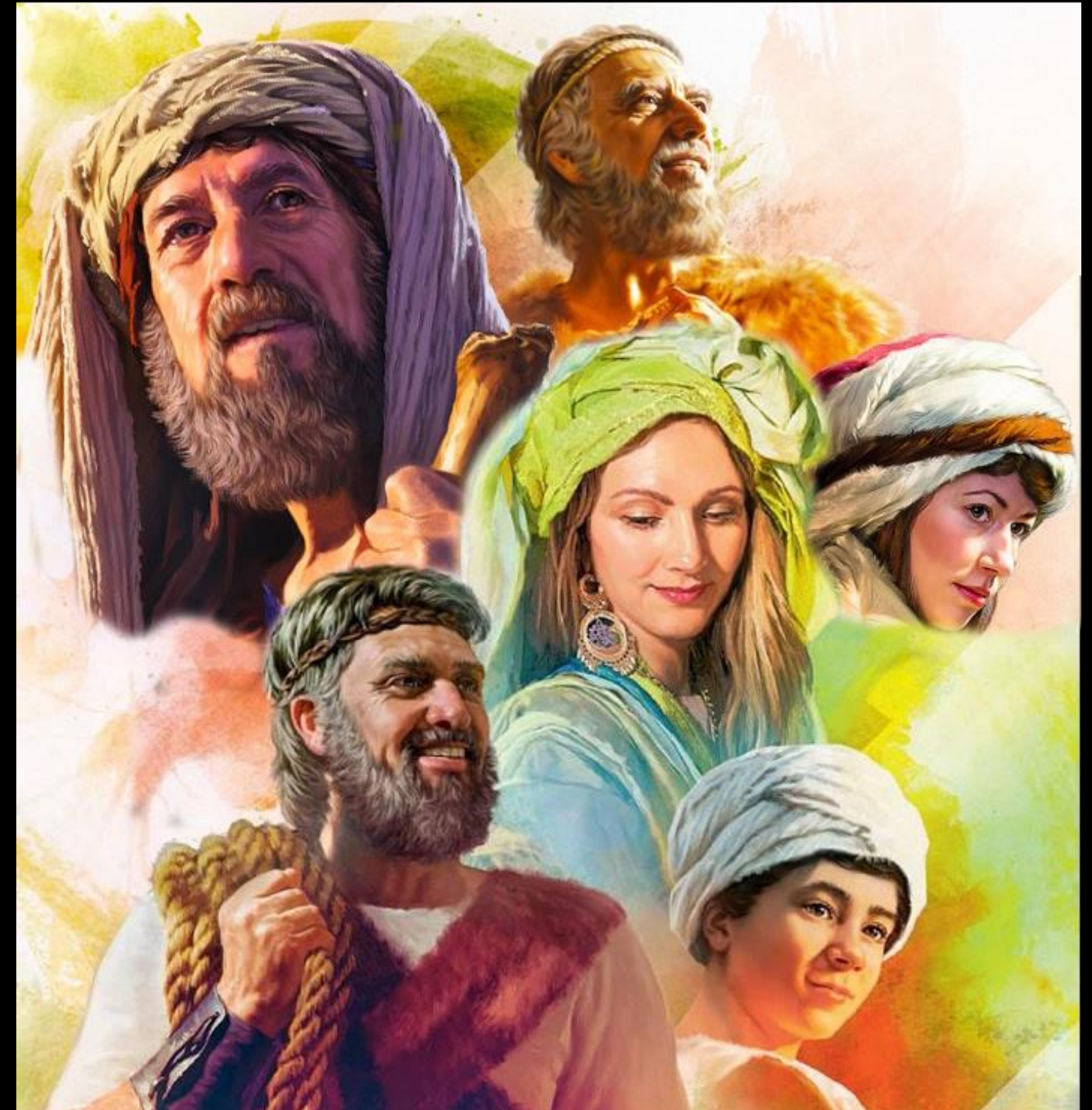
‘Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ...



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Each one of these people of faith died not yet having in hand what was promised, but still believing. How did they do it? They saw it way off in the distance, waved their greeting, and accepted the fact that they were transients in this world.'

Hebrews 11



Faith is the key element to our worship.

Faith is trusting in God.

Trusting in God is the firm belief in the reliability, truth, and ability of who He is and what he says and what he has done.



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Worship is a faith *response* to God



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