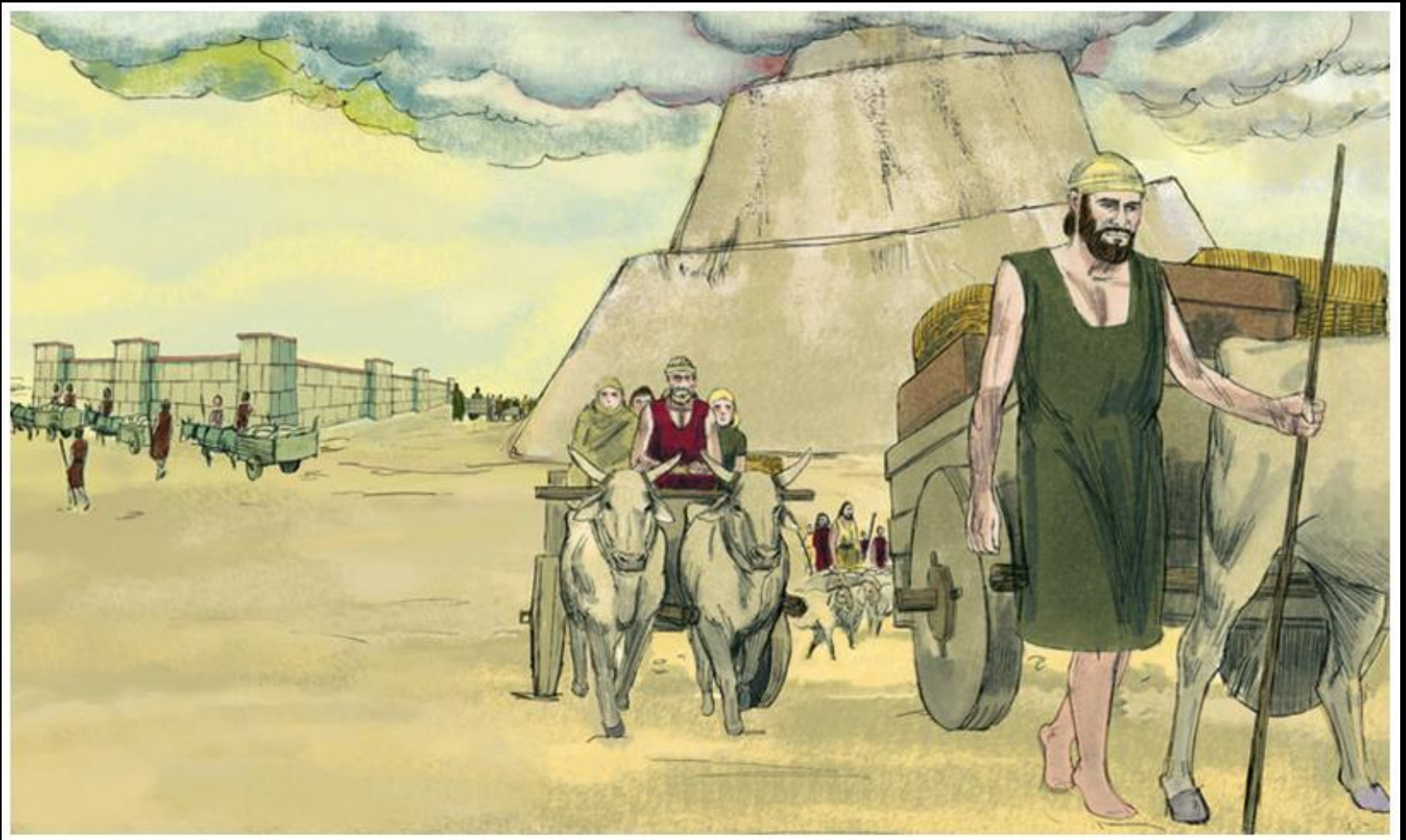


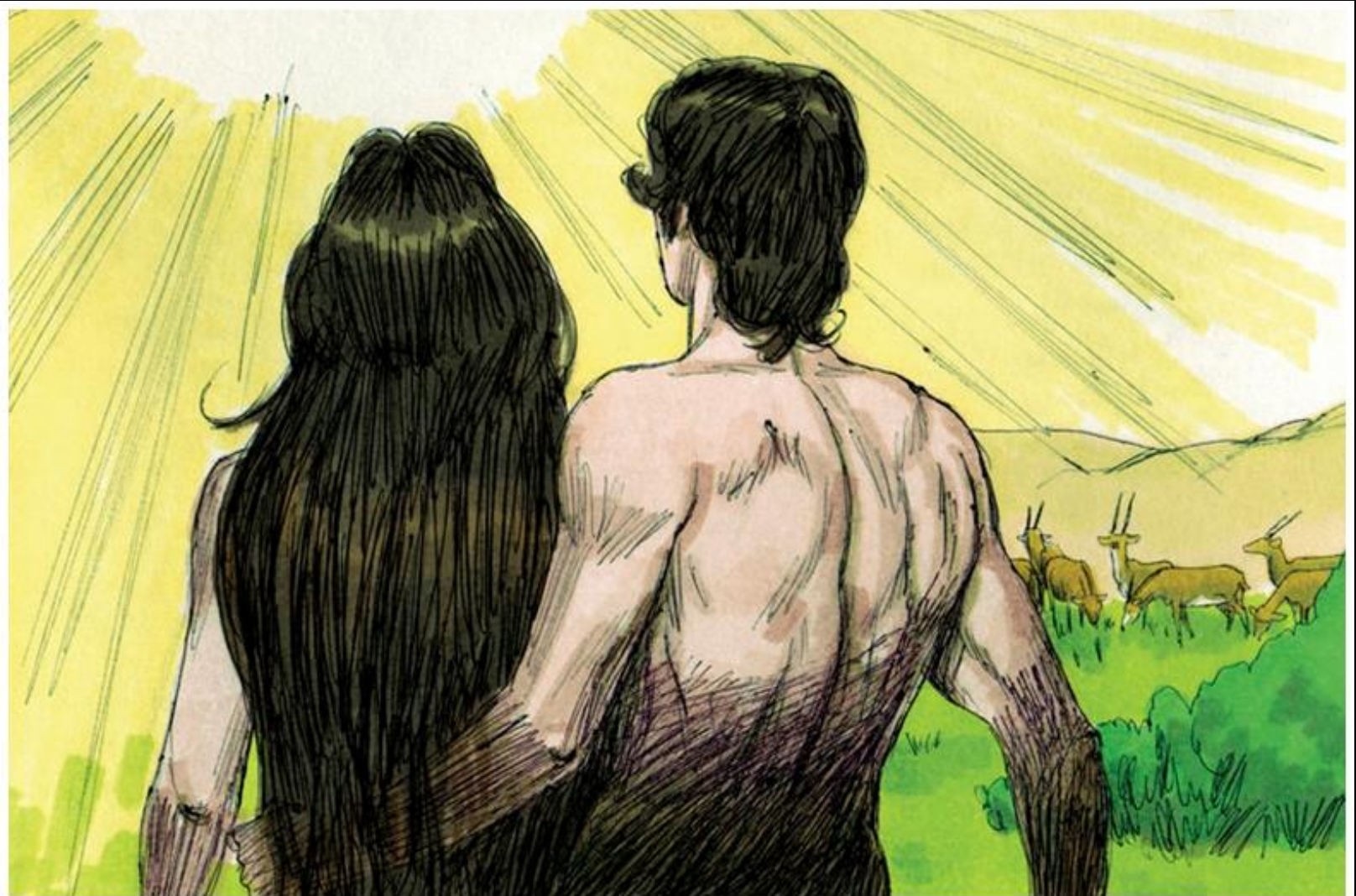
# Isaac: Child of Promise



**Remember the setting:** Everyone is scattered from Babel. Not trusting God, not coming to God. Everyone speaks their own language.

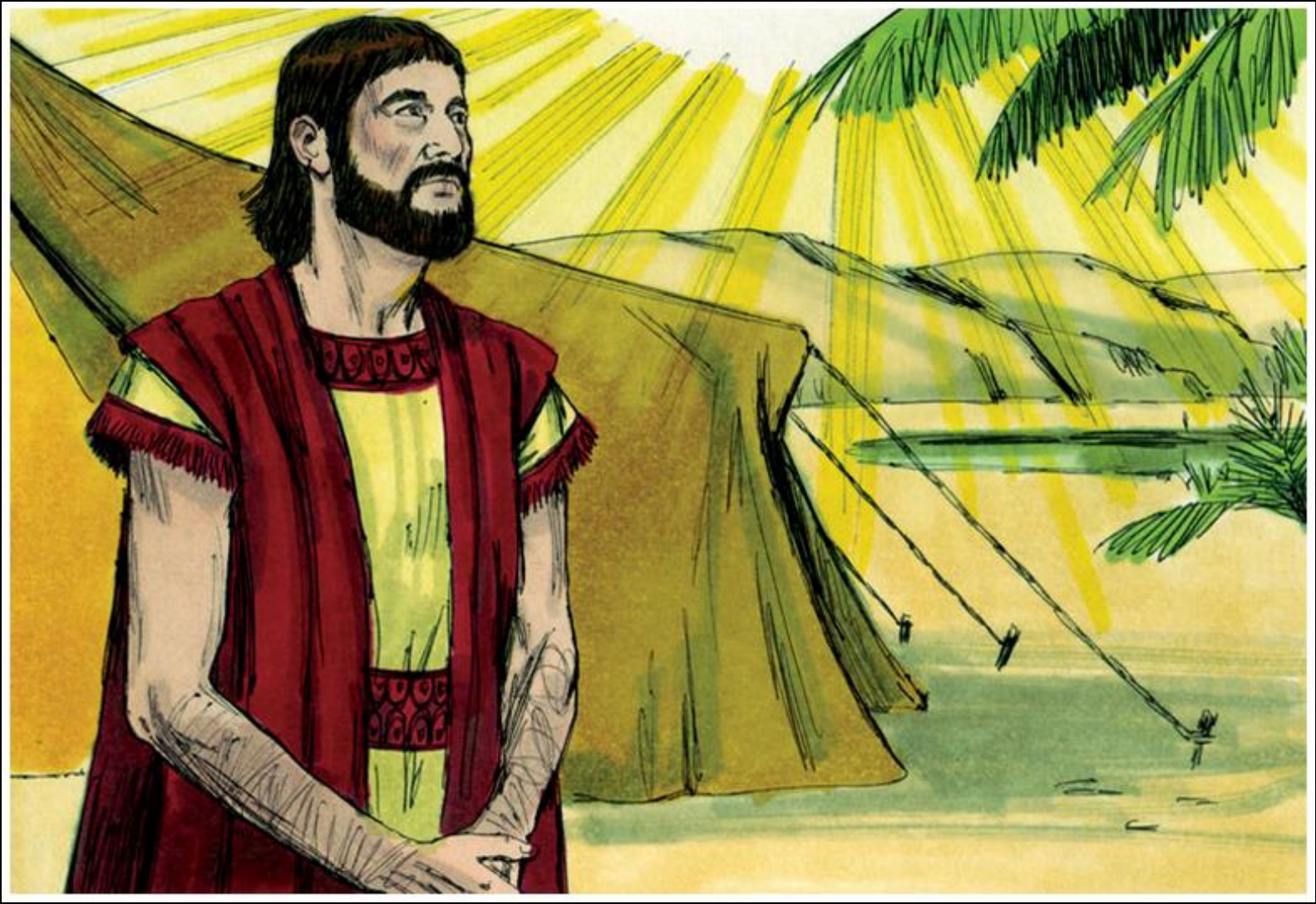


**Remember the promise:** God is still committed to his promise to bring about a male from the line of the woman who will crush the head of Satan.



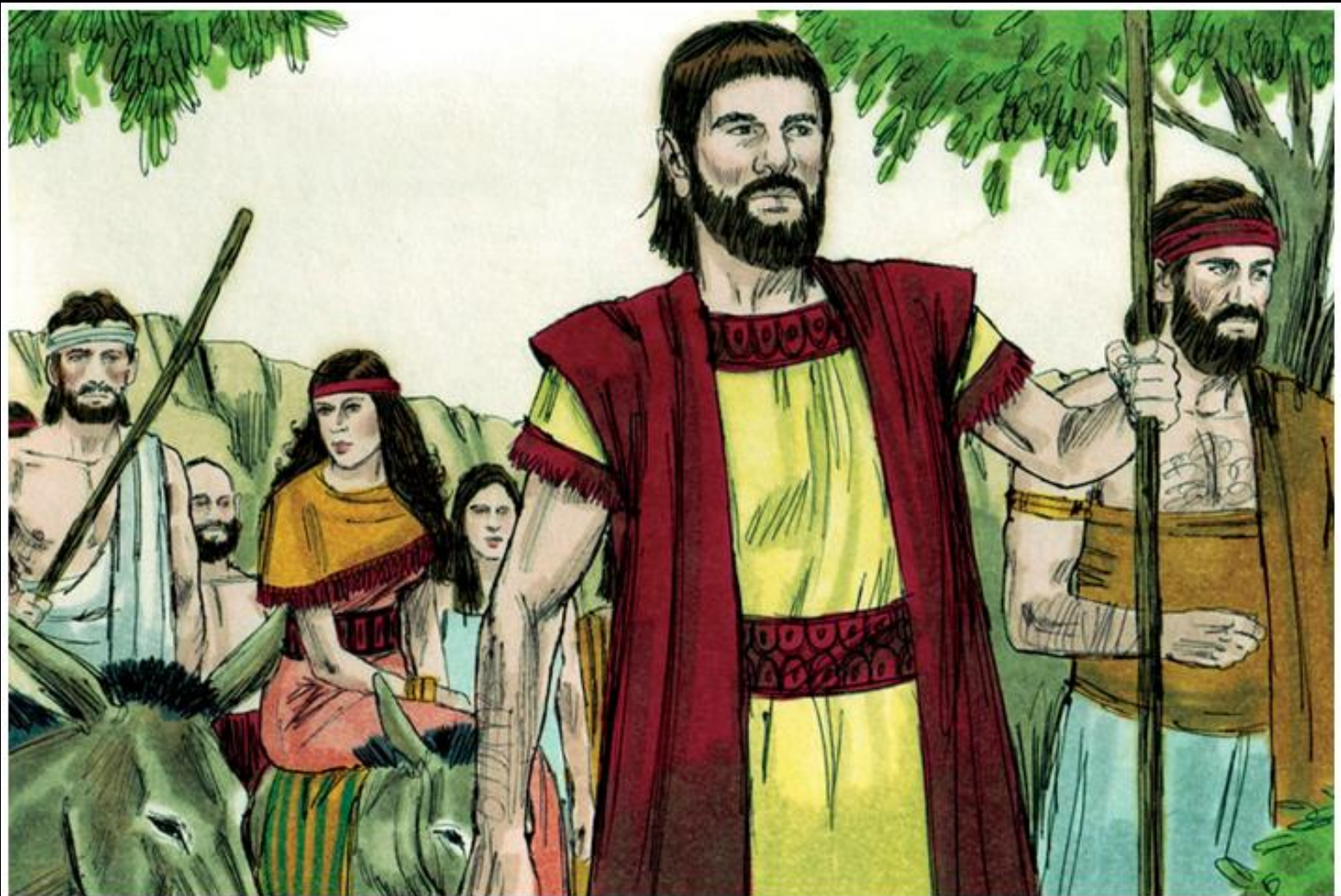


**Remember:** God told Abram to leave his country & to follow him & that he would make him into a great nation, that would bless all the scattered peoples.

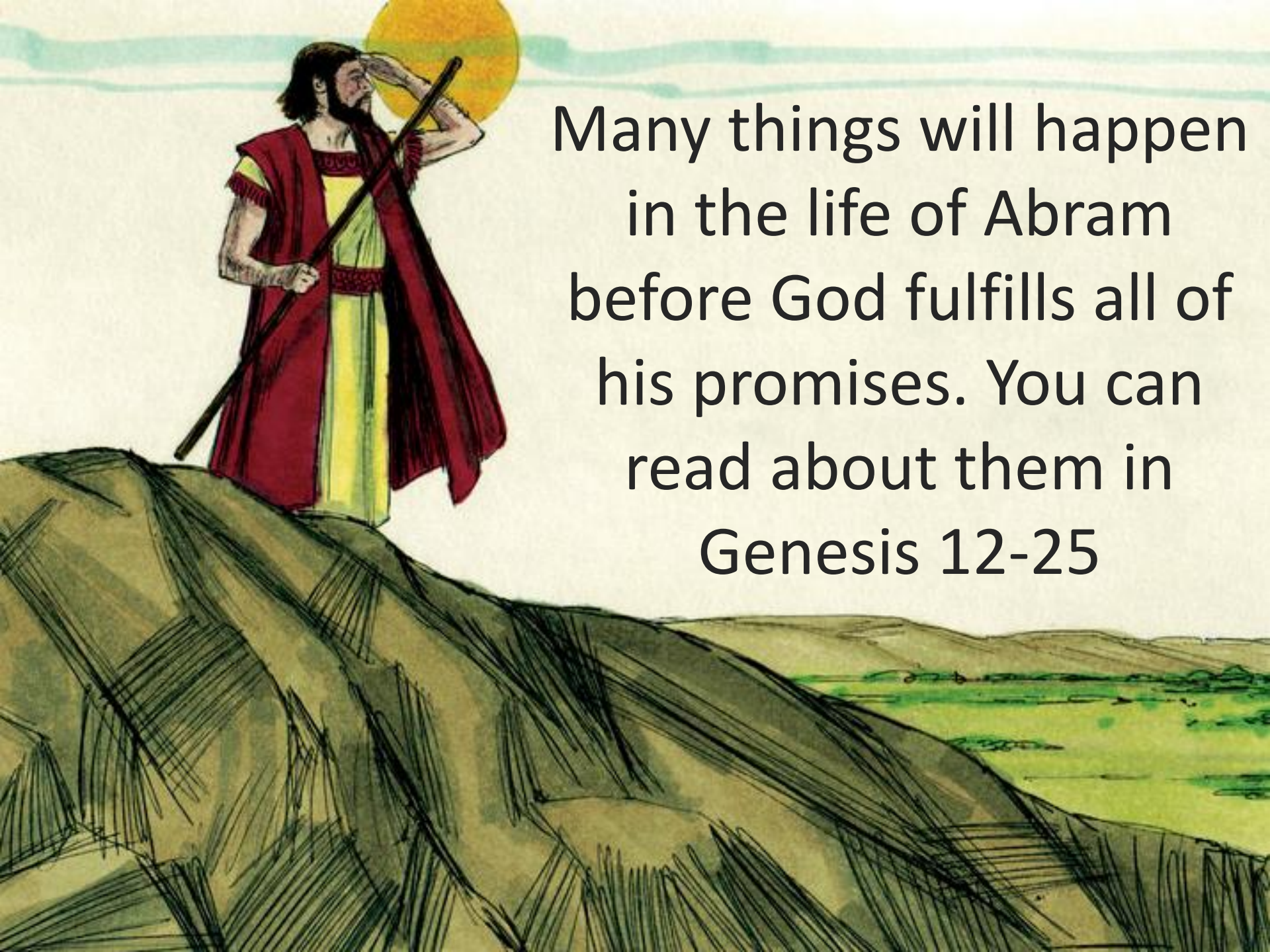




‘So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed...Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.’ Gen 12:4







Many things will happen  
in the life of Abram  
before God fulfills all of  
his promises. You can  
read about them in  
Genesis 12-25



“Some time later, the LORD spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, “Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great.” Gen 15:1



God renewed  
His promises  
to Abram!

“...you will have a son of your own who will be your heir.” Gen 15:4





“Then the LORD took Abram outside and said to him, ‘Look up into the sky and count the stars...if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!’”

Gen 15:5



“Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD  
counted him as righteous because of  
his faith.” Gen 15:6

**RIGHTEOUS**

**HAVING NO** guilt **OR** *Sin*

**Morally PERFECT**



Abram was a born a sinner, outside the garden, separated from God, among the scattered nations. **Abram owed God death.**



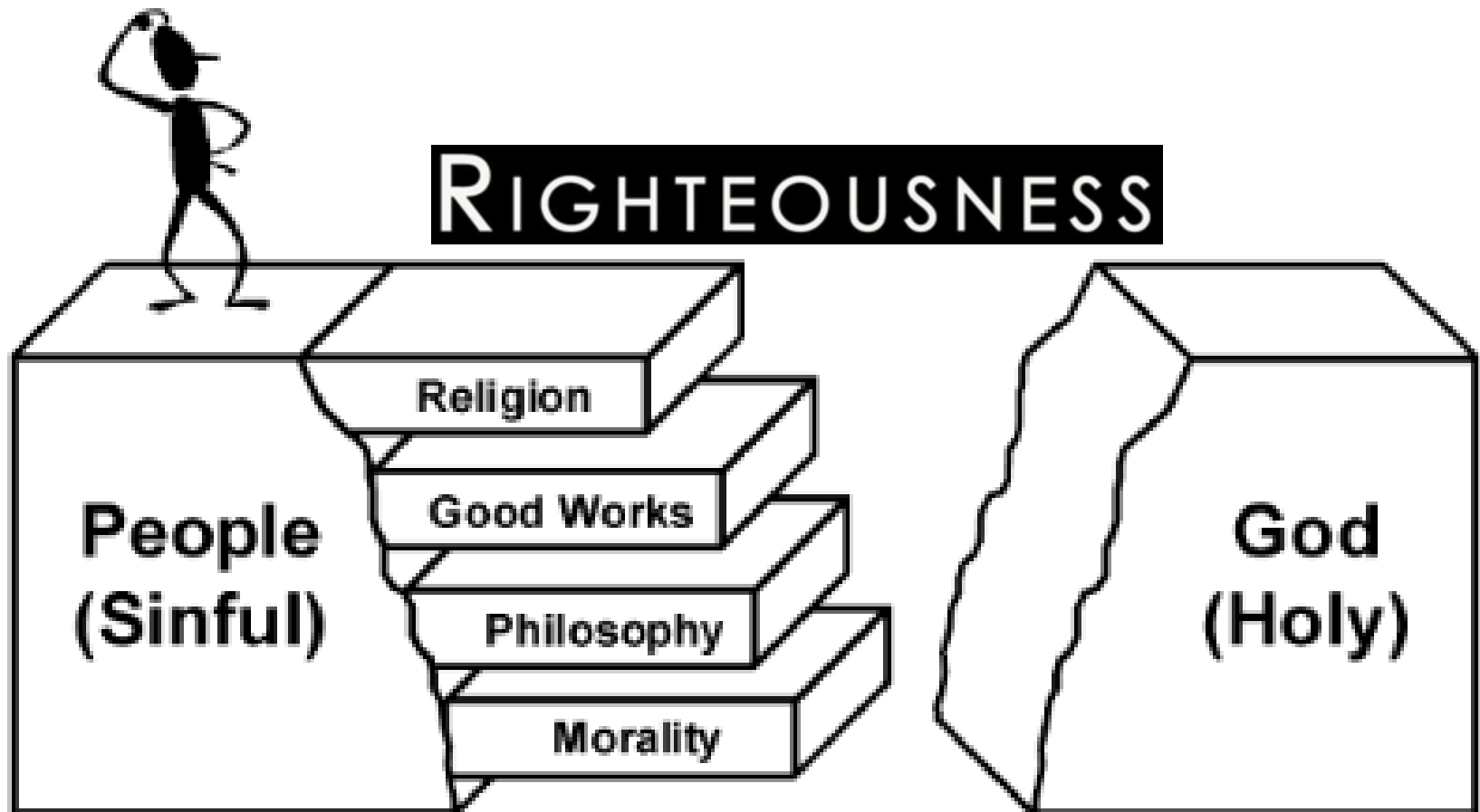
But now God is saying that Abram is  
righteous, and no longer owes,  
because he believed what God said!



**CANCELLED**



Only the **Righteousness of God** can bridge the gap between man and God.



# **!! IMPORTANT TRUTH !!**

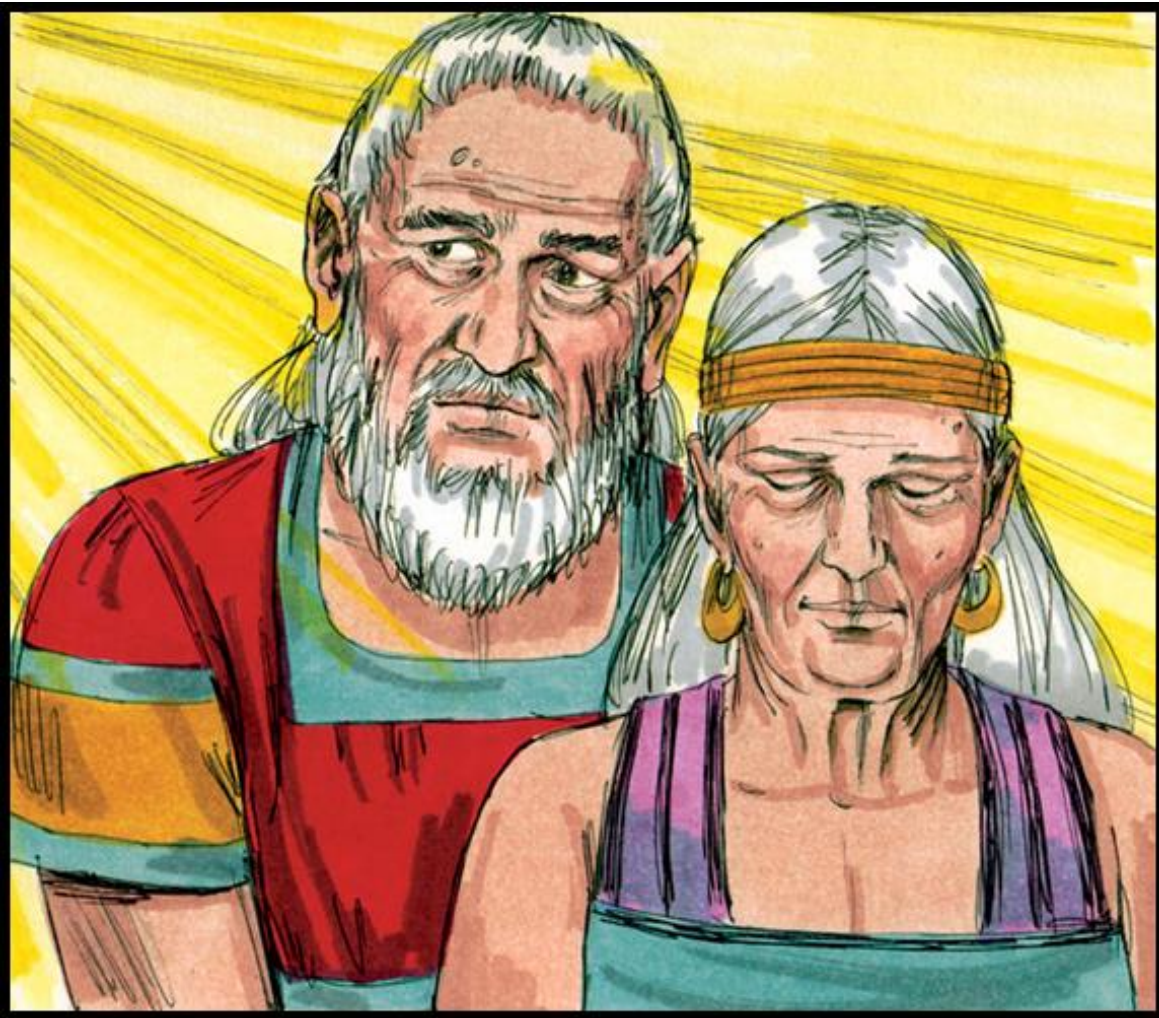
*Man must have faith (trust) in what  
God has said, in order to be  
acceptable to God and be saved!*

*If man trusts what God says, God will  
give man his very own  
righteousness.*



God showed Abram the stars in the sky; and even before Abram had a single child...he promised that his descendants would be as many as the stars!



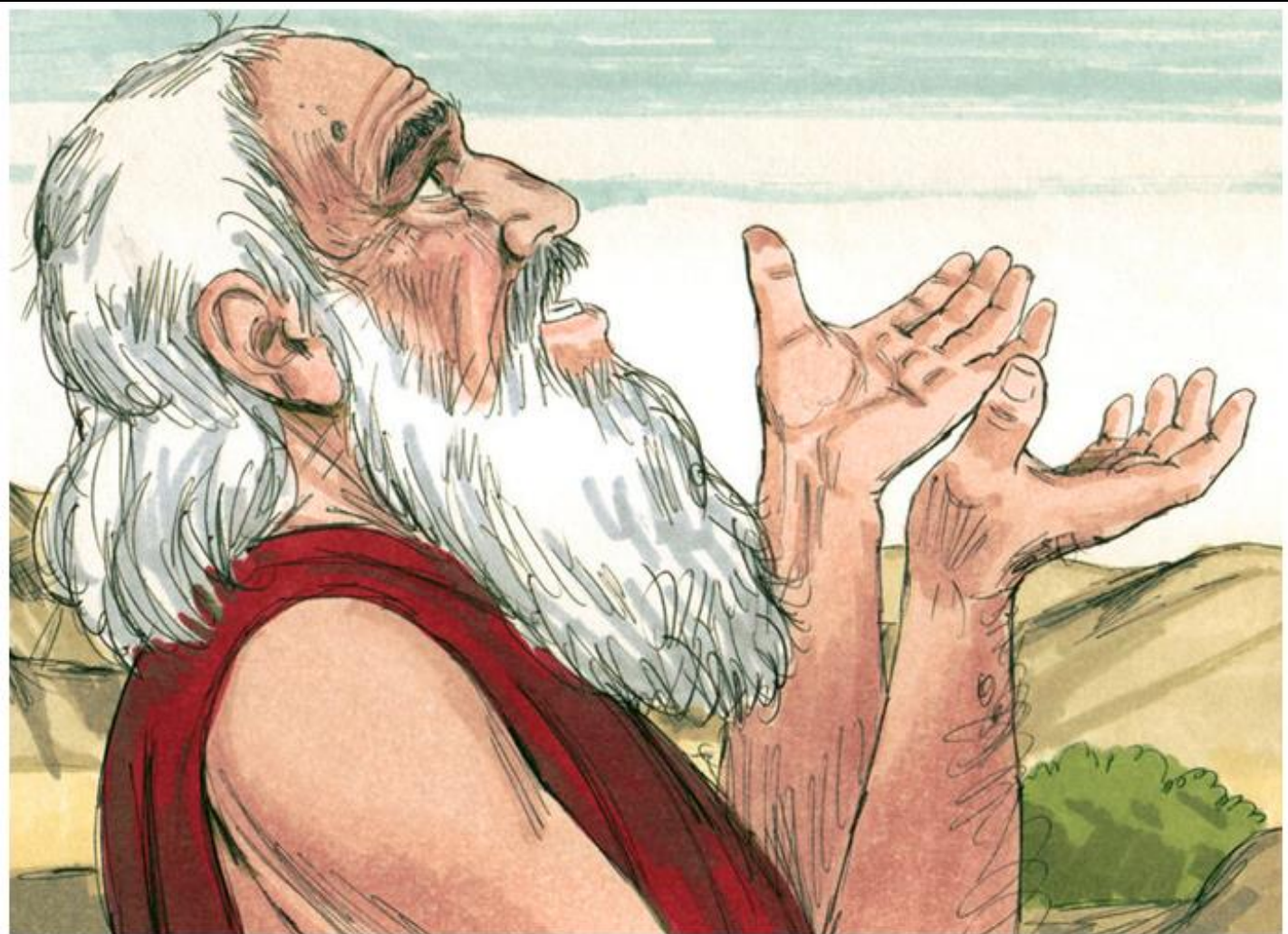


What God  
had promised  
would seem  
**impossible...**

Abram was now 100yrs old and Sarah was 90yrs old. Sarah was barren her whole life, and they were well past child bearing years!



But Abram trusted in  
God's promises!



It seemed impossible that they would be the parents of a multitude of people, but the promise did not depend on them or their human efforts, it depended on God who made the promise!



*“And by faith even Sarah,  
who was past childbearing  
age, was enabled to bear  
children because she  
considered him faithful who  
had made the promise.”*

**Heb 11:11**

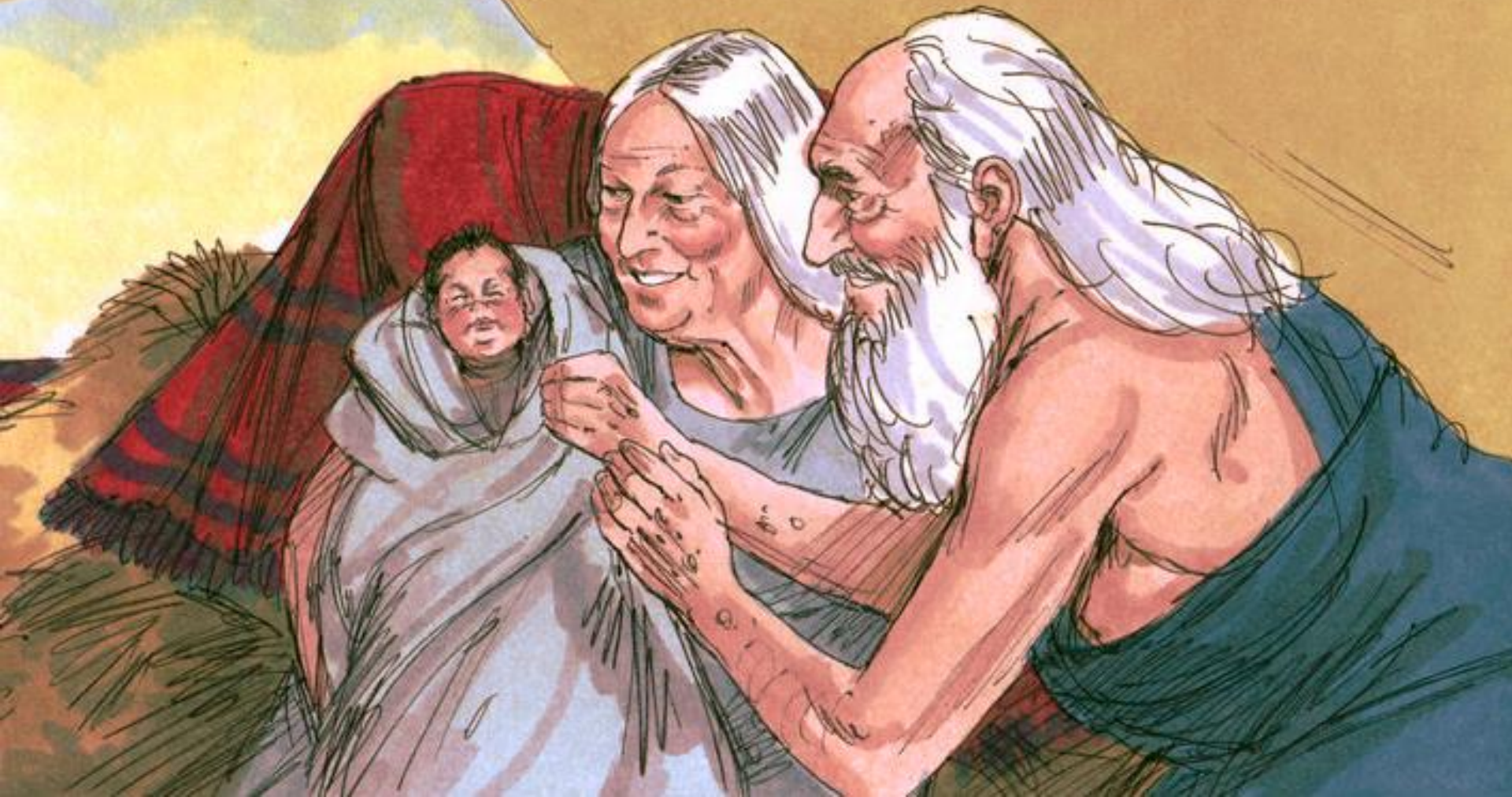
God's unconditional promises  
**DO NOT DEPEND ON US!**

He promises to meet every condition in us.

GOD + nothing  
= *everything*

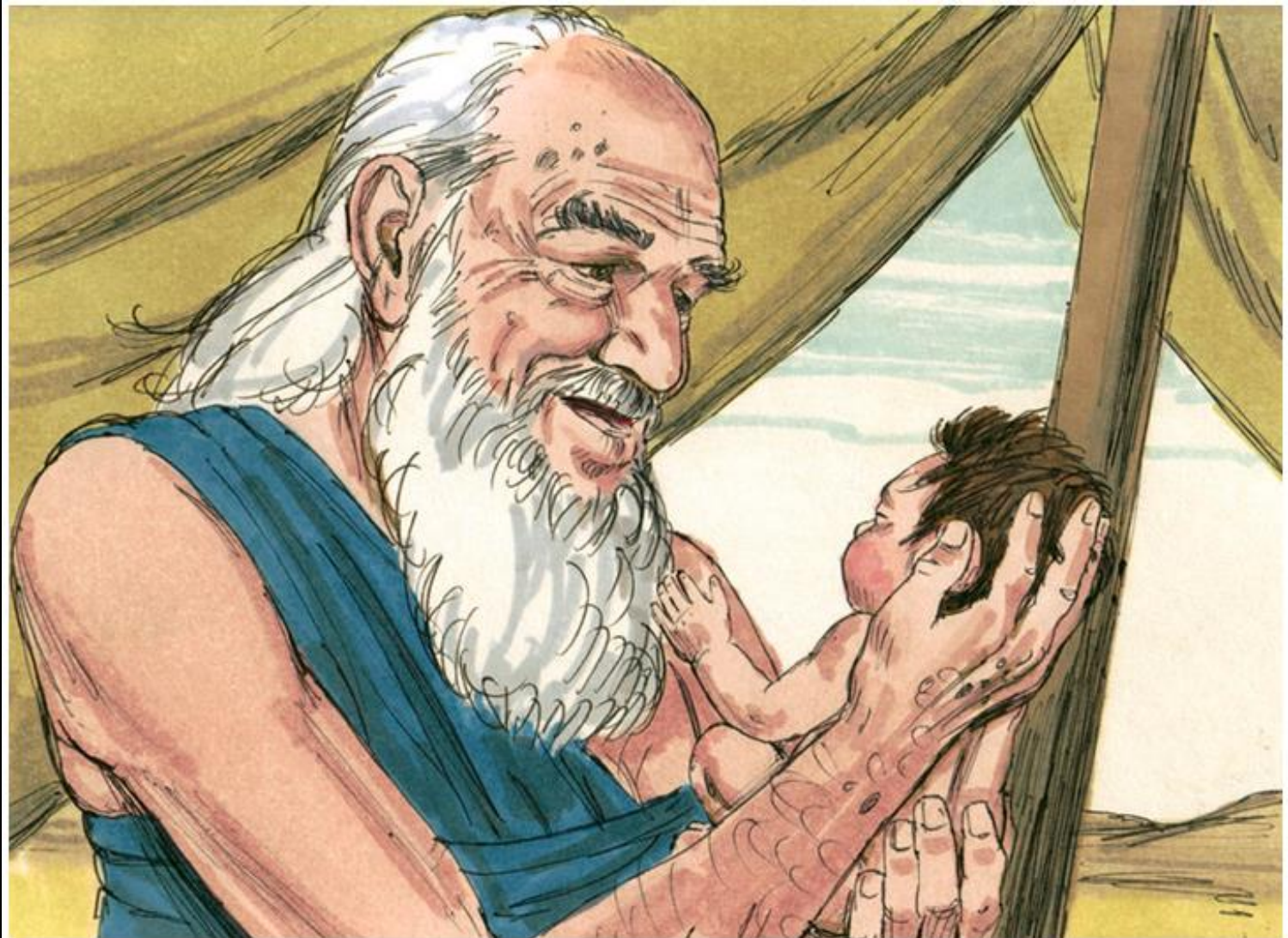


God did fulfilled His promise  
and gave Abram and Sarah a son!  
(Gen 21:1-2)





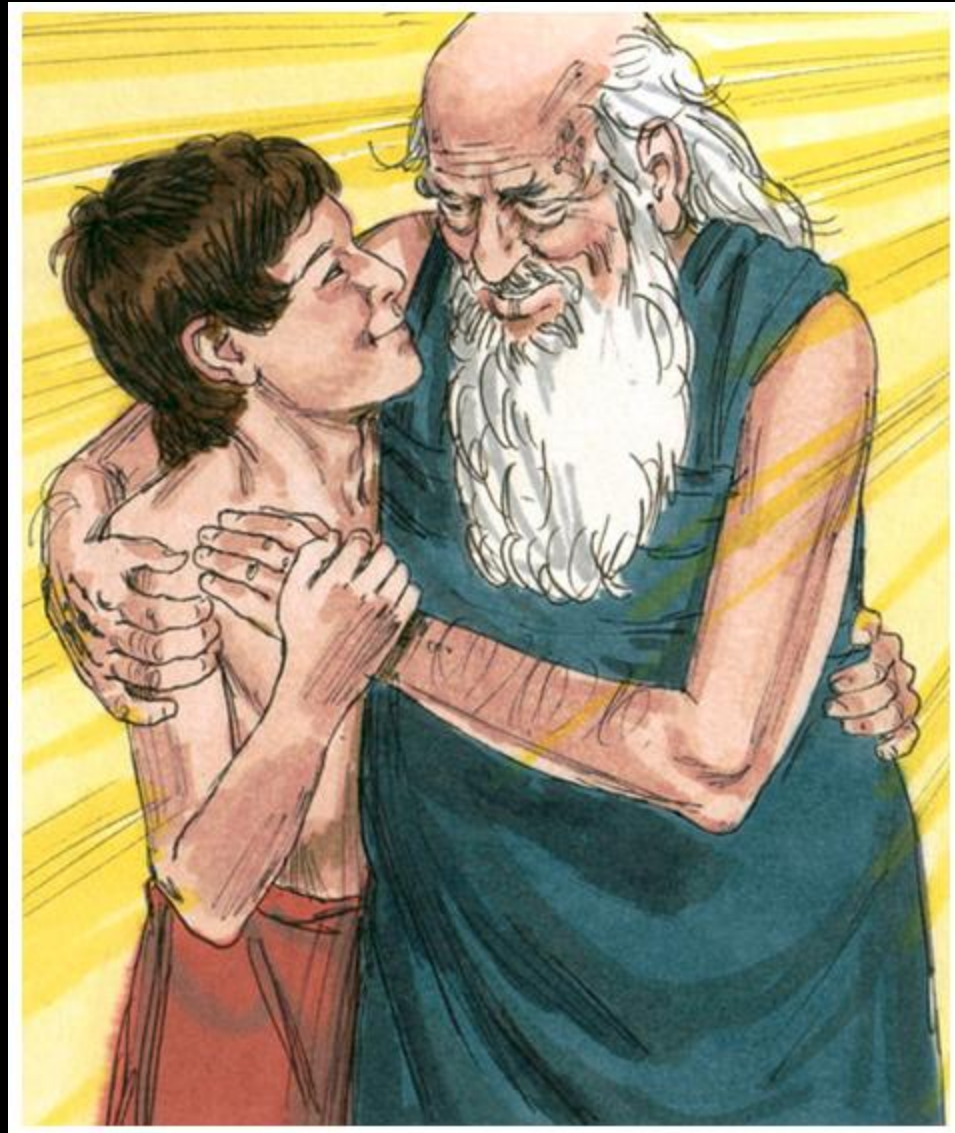
Sarah gave birth to their son Isaac.  
(Gen 21:2-3)





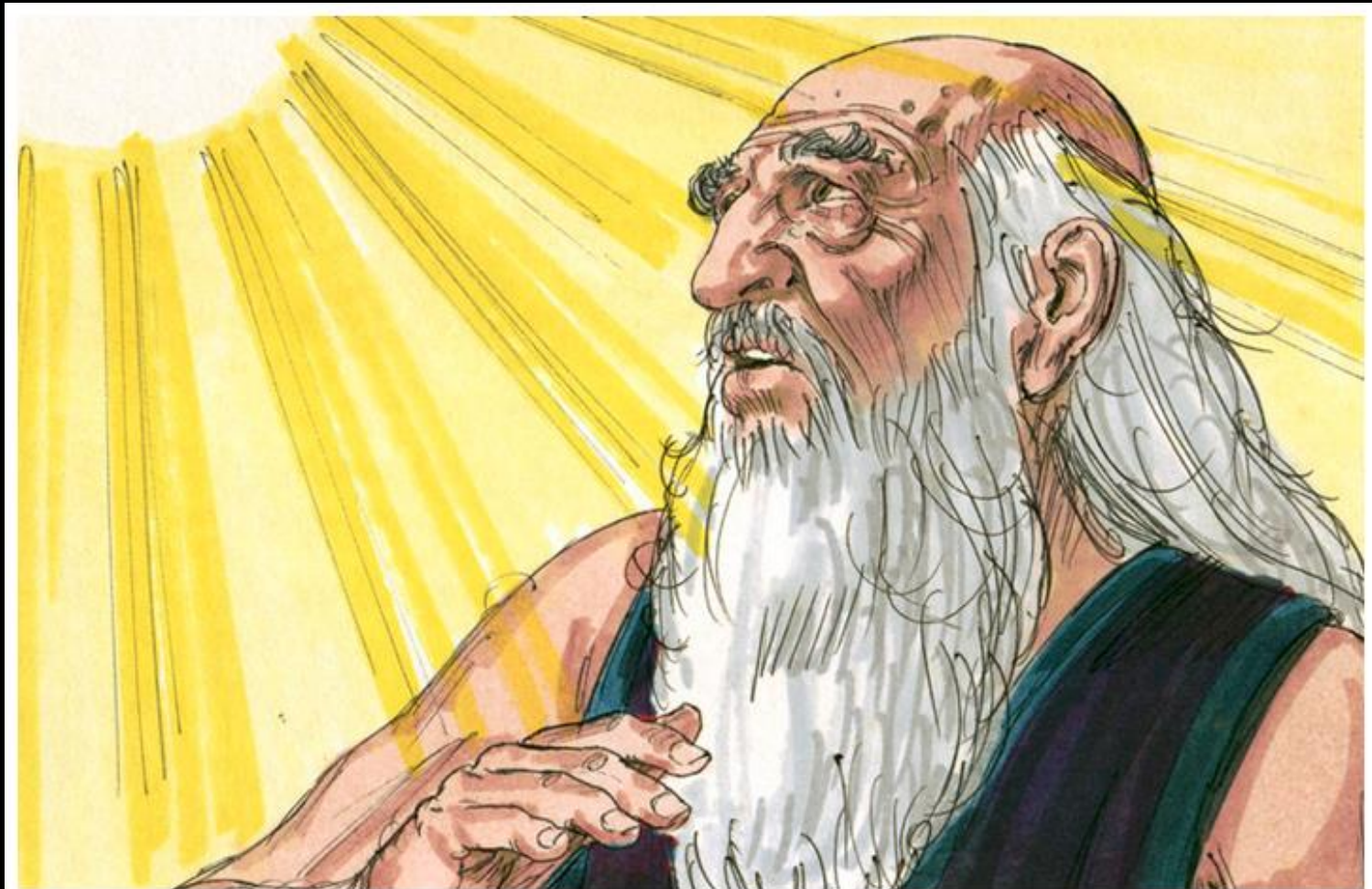
Many years passed by  
and Isaac grew to be  
a young man.

**Abraham believed  
that all of God's  
promises concerning  
the coming deliverer  
were to be fulfilled  
through Isaac and his  
descendants.**



Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him,  
“Abraham! Take your son, **your only son, whom you love**—  
Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there  
as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

(Gen 22:1-2)



**What a surprise!**

**What a difficult test!**

**Did God change his mind?**

**How could God's promise be  
fulfilled if Isaac was dead?**

**How would Abraham  
respond?**



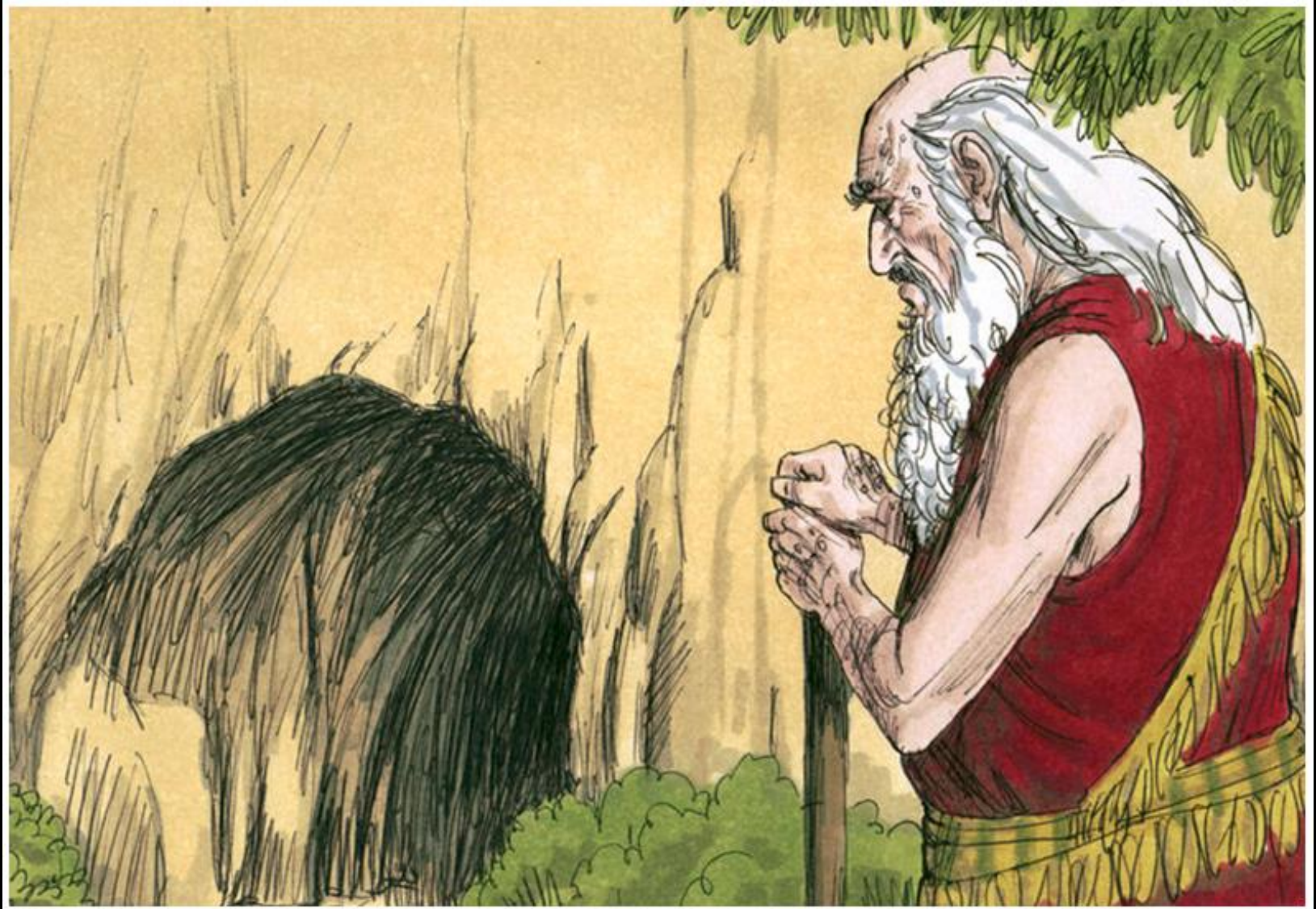
Even though Abraham was told  
to offer Isaac he did not doubt  
or question God.

*He accepted what God said! He knew  
God! He knew that God would not lie! He  
knew that God would not give him a  
promise and change his mind!*

“He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead...”

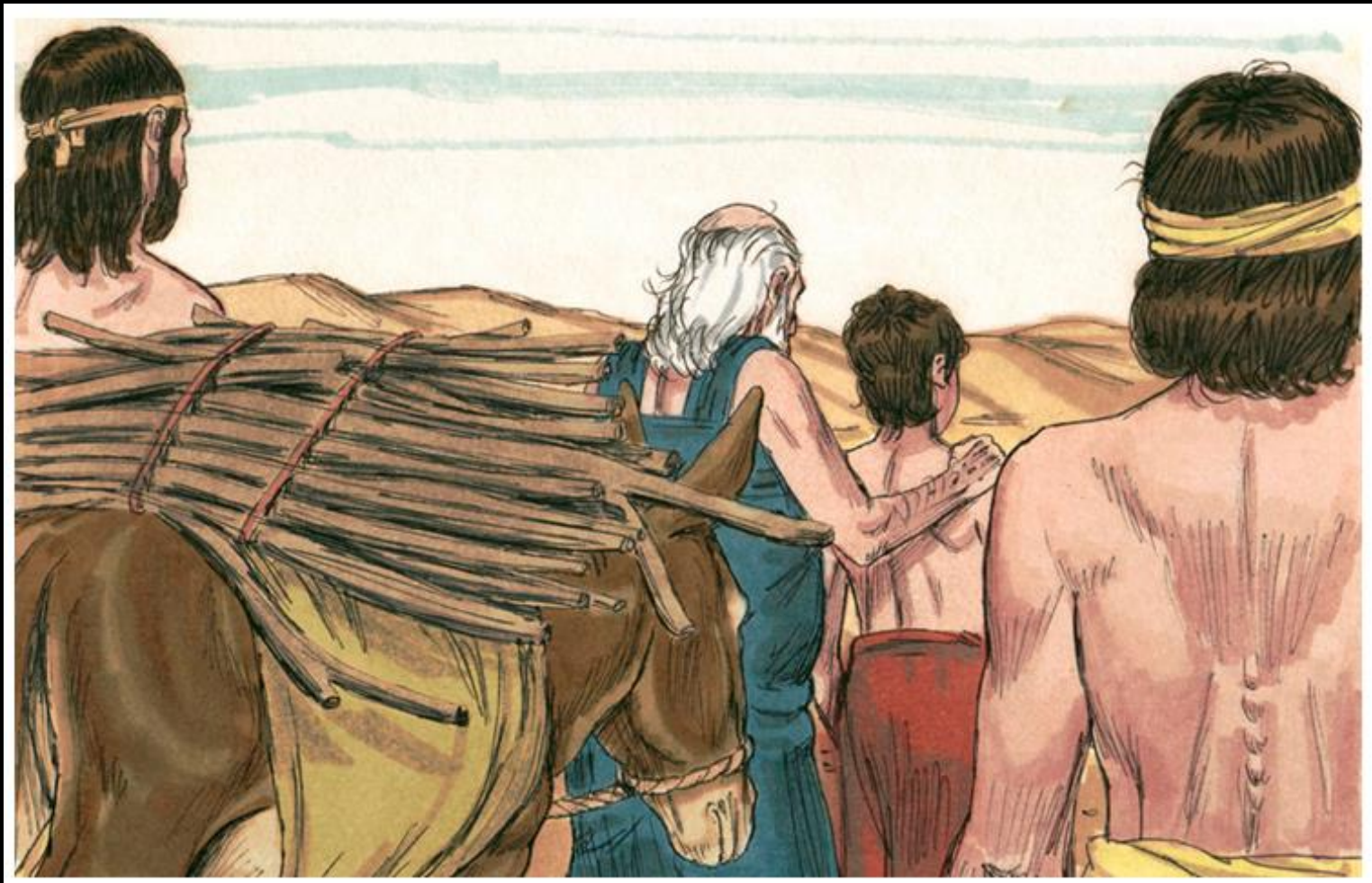
(Heb 11:17b-19a)

Abraham believed that God would possibly raise Isaac from the dead!





“Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.”  
(Gen 22:3)



You don't get up  
“early the next morning”  
to kill your son...

...unless you are  
anticipating witnessing a  
miracle.

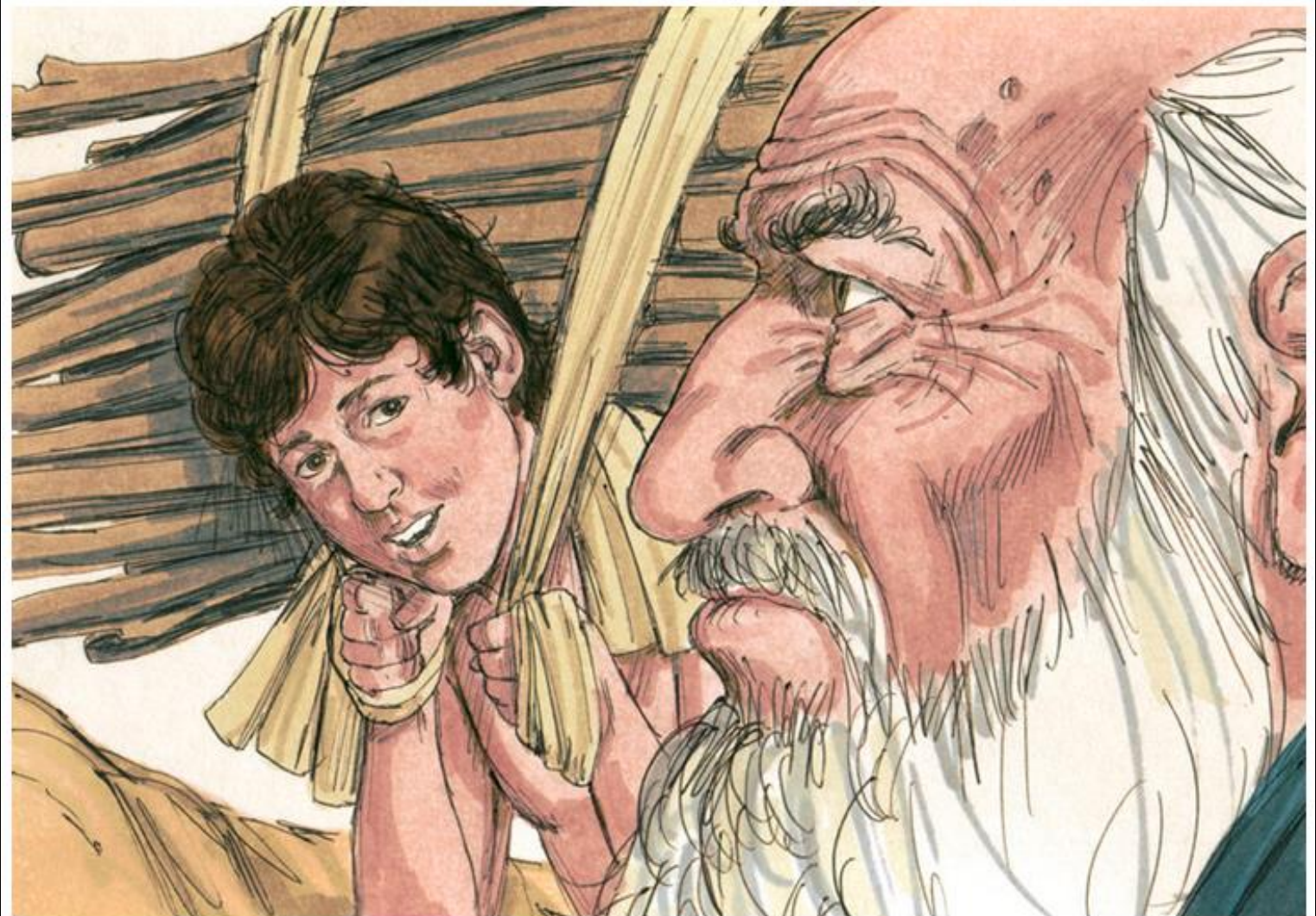


Isaac, having made similar trips with his Father to offer sacrifices to God, noticed something wasn't right...





“We have the fire and the wood,” the boy said, “but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?” Gen 22:7





“God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham answered.  
(Gen 22:8)





Abram actually 'recites back' one of God's names when he says 'God will provide'.

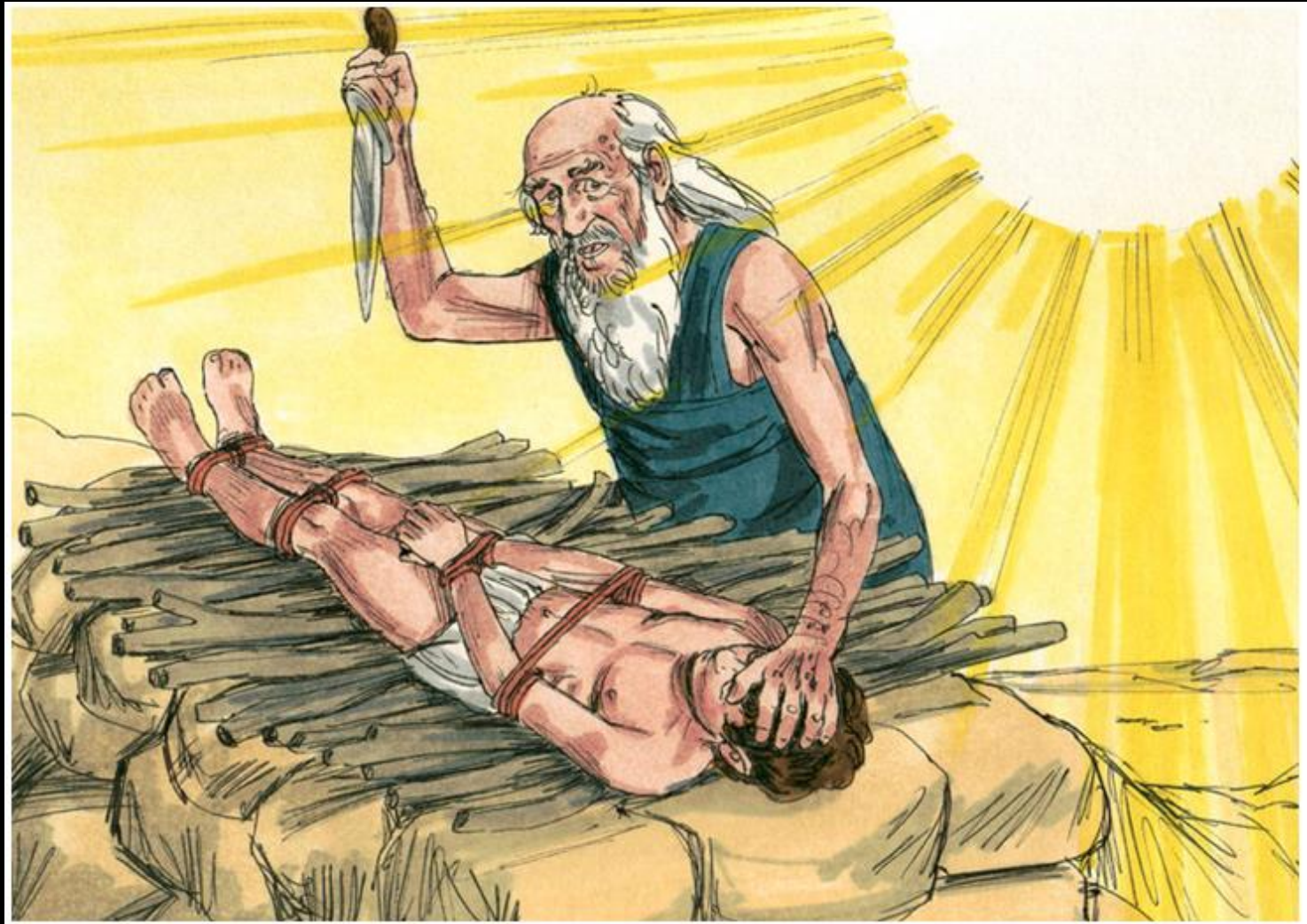
(Gen 22:7, 14)

'ě-lō-hîm yir-'eh and Yah-weh yir-'eh

**Jehovah Jirah**

**GOD WILL PROVIDE**

Abraham tied up his son and placed him on the altar and went to kill him!  
(Gen 22:9-10)

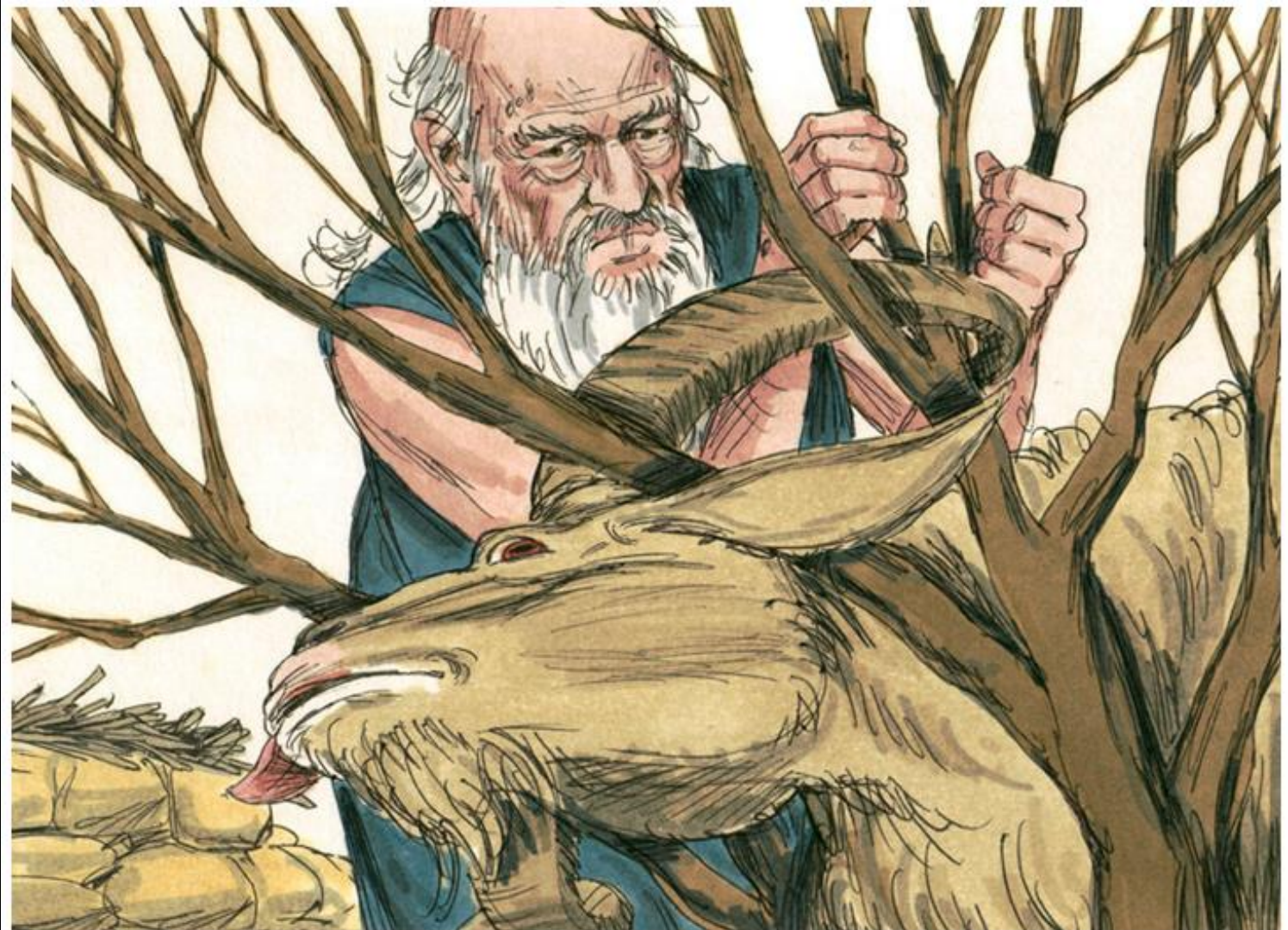


At that moment the angel of the LORD  
called to him from heaven,  
“Abraham!” “Yes,” Abraham replied.  
“Here I am!” “Don’t lay a hand on the  
boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in  
any way, for now I know that you truly  
fear God. You have not withheld from  
me even your son, your only son.”

**(Gen 22:11-12)**



God provided an acceptable ram  
to take Isaac's place!



“Then Abraham looked up and saw  
a ram caught by its horns in a  
thicket. So he took the ram and  
sacrificed it as a burnt offering in  
place of his son.”

**(Gen 22:11-13)**

# Substitutionary Sacrifice





**Isaac couldn't be saved...unless  
there was another suitable  
(acceptable) sacrifice to offer to  
God.**

**Abraham and Isaac did not have a  
suitable sacrifice with them and  
were unable to provide one.**

**God graciously provided a Ram  
instead of Isaac.**

**A Ram, caught by it's horns in a  
thicket (thorns). Means, the  
animal is unscratched. If it had  
been injured, it would have been  
unacceptable.**

The Ram was put on the  
altar in place of Isaac.

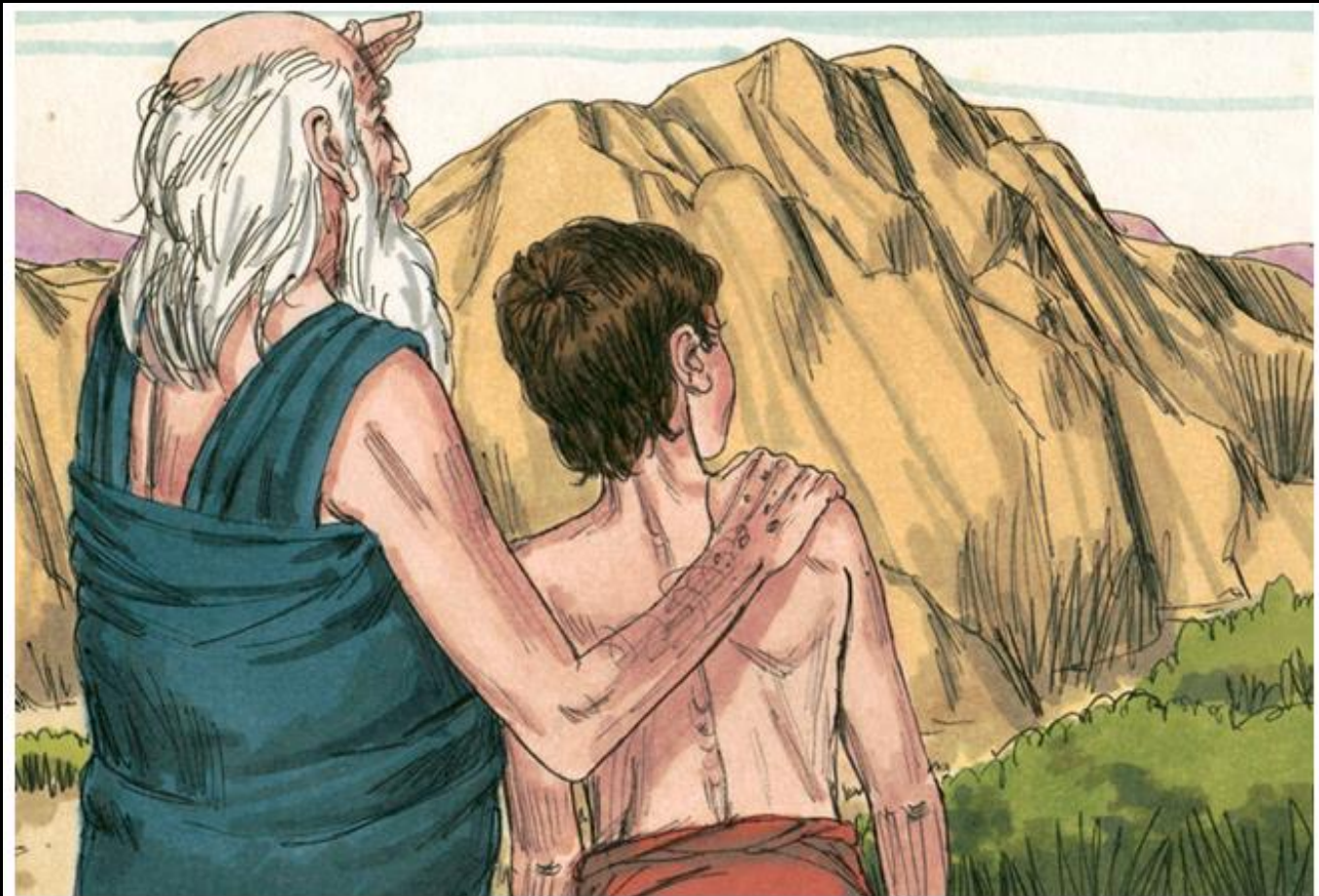
The Ram died in place of  
Isaac.



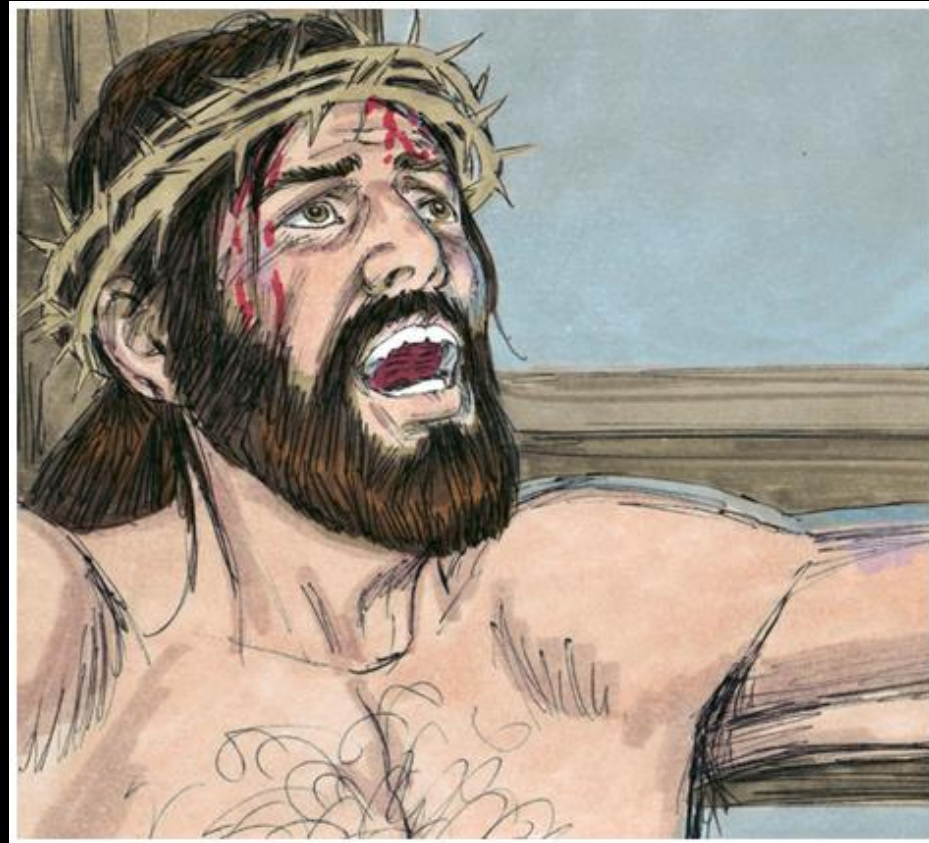
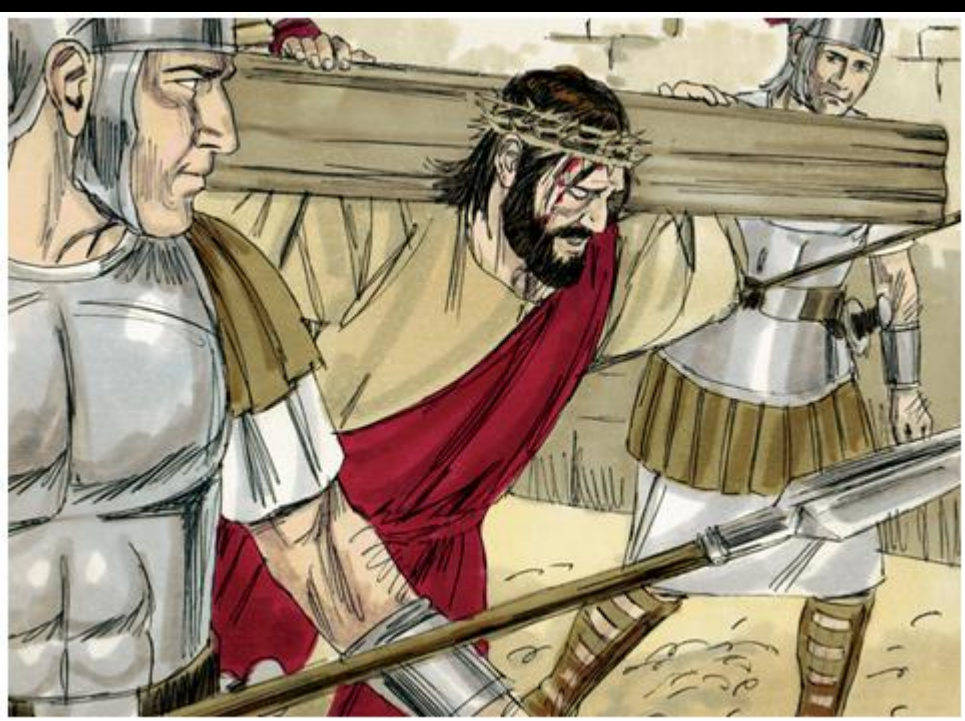
The Ram was  
Isaac's  
**SUBSTITUTE**



So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”  
(Gen 22:14)



**“On the mountain of the LORD  
it will be provided.” (Gen 22:14)**





A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a sheep's face, focusing on its eye and nose. The sheep's fur is a light, textured yellowish-brown. The eye is dark and partially visible, and the nose is a dark, moist-looking shape. The background is dark and out of focus.

## **God is Faithful to His Promises!**

Abraham continued  
to trust God for the  
Deliverer, through his  
offspring...and now  
he has a good picture  
of what He will look  
like!