

The Blessed Life

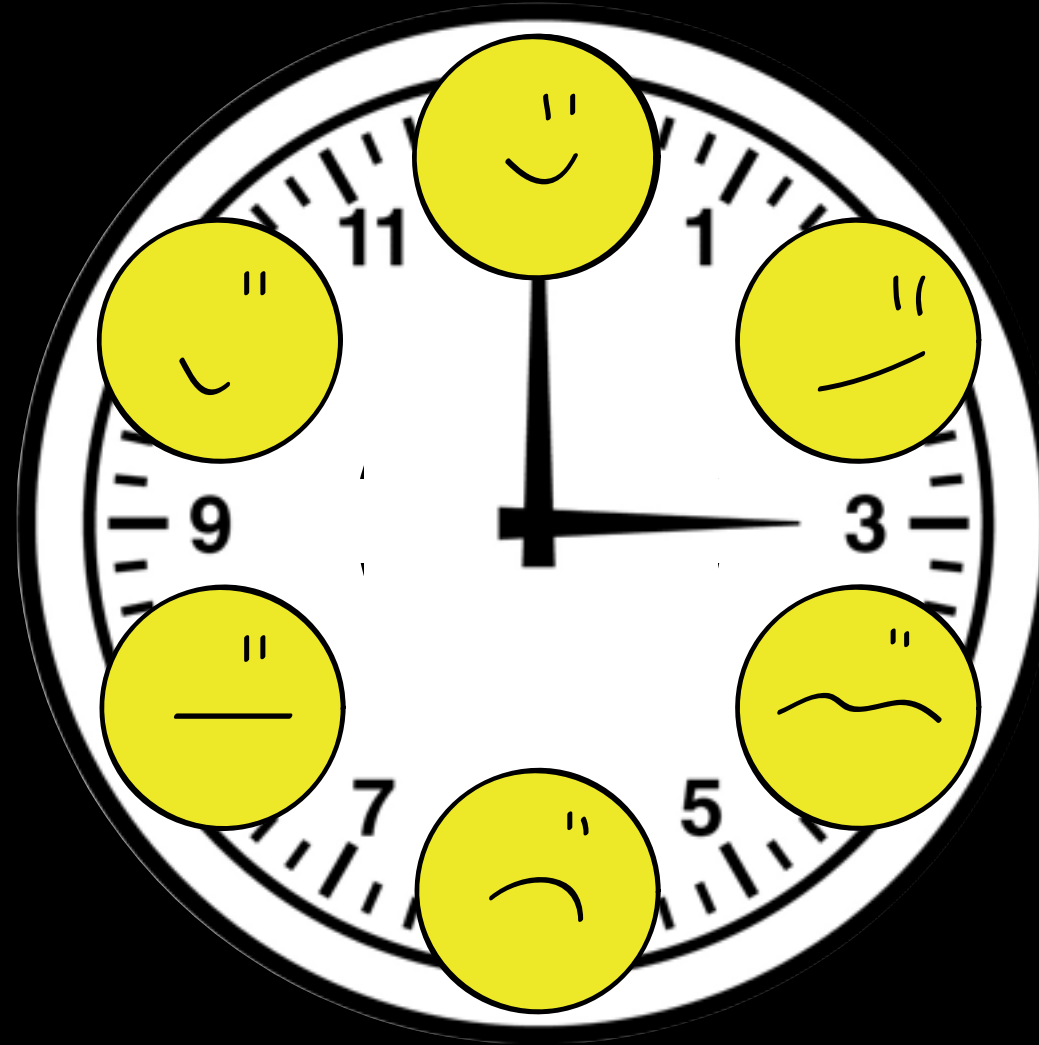
Matthew 5.3-12



"blessed"

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Happy



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= Approved by God

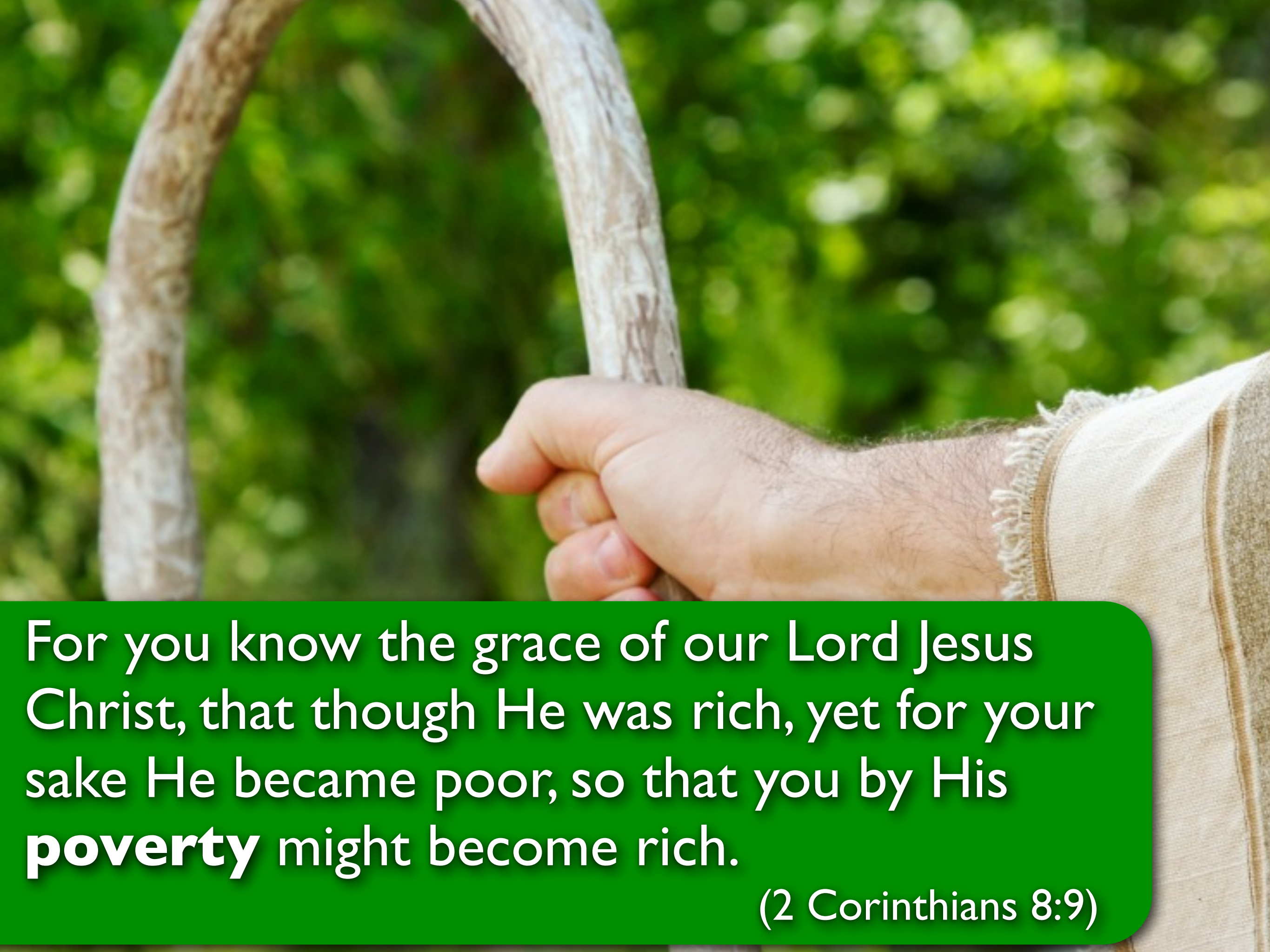


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For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His **poverty** might become rich.

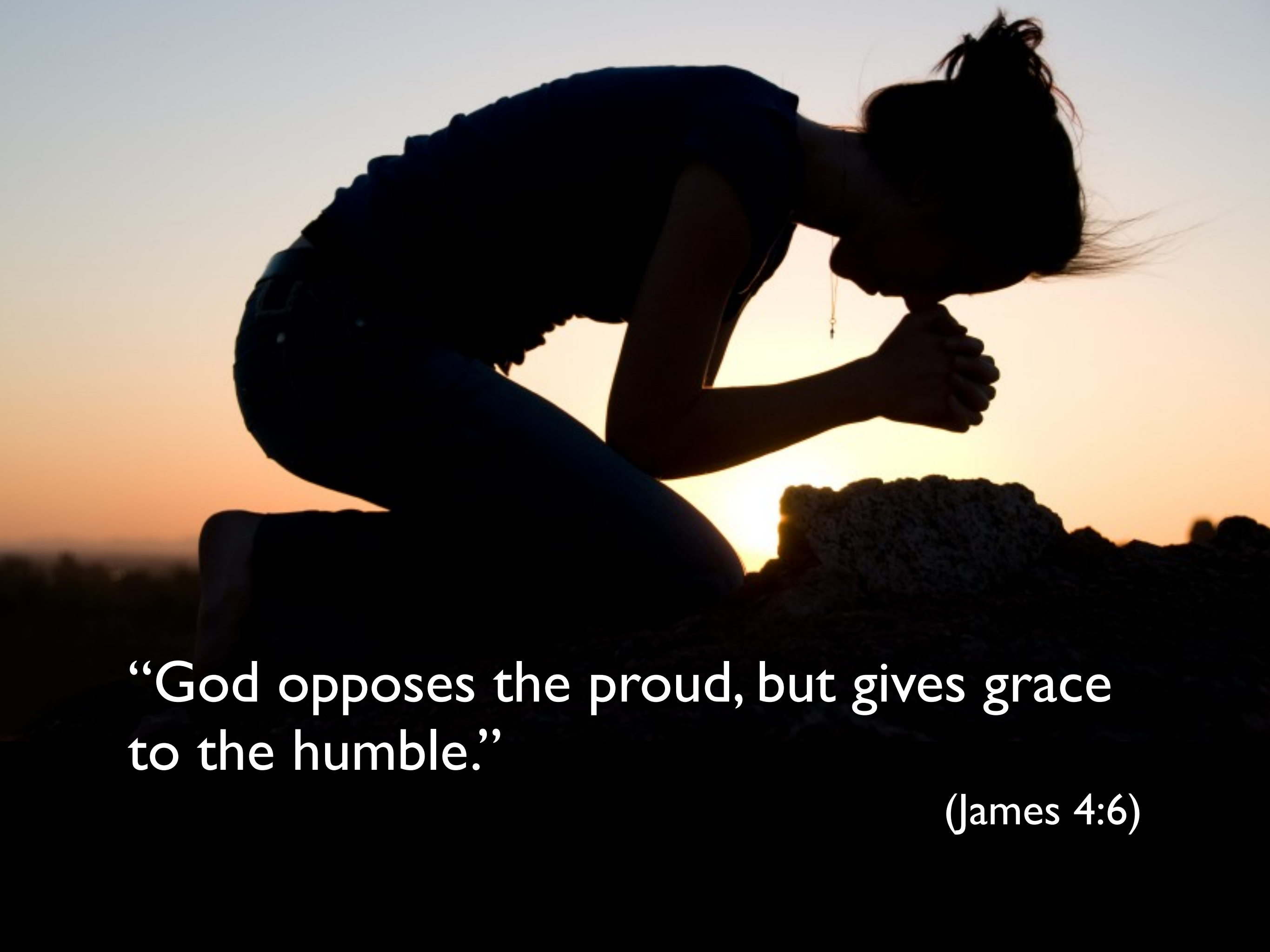
(2 Corinthians 8:9)



but **emptied** Himself, by taking the form of
a servant, being born in the likeness of men.


(Philippians 2:7)






“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

(James 4:6)

A silhouette of a person with long hair tied back, wearing a dark sleeveless top and jeans, kneeling on a rocky surface and bowing their head and upper body forward in a prayerful or humble posture. The background is a bright sunset or sunrise with a warm orange and yellow glow. The person's hands are clasped together near their face.

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with
humility toward one another.
(1 Peter 5.5)

A silhouette of a person with long hair tied back, kneeling on a dark, textured surface. They are leaning forward with their head bowed and hands clasped in prayer. The background is a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise sky, with the sun low on the horizon. The person is wearing a dark, short-sleeved top and jeans.

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For when I am **weak**, then I am **strong**.
(2 Corinthians 12.10)



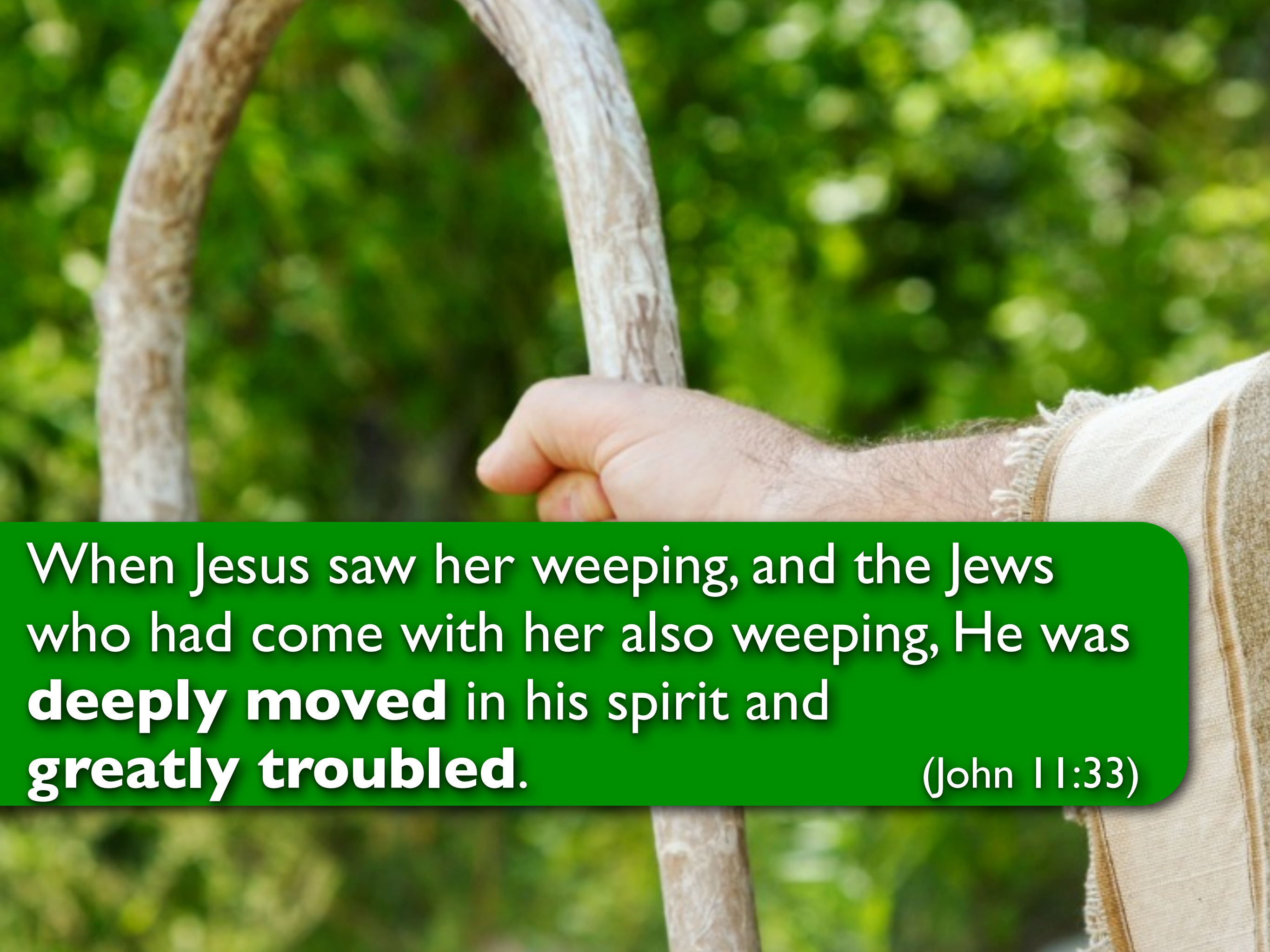


Blessed are they
that mourn:
for they shall be
comforted.



And he looked around at them with anger,
grieved at their hardness of heart

(Mark 3:5)



When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was **deeply moved** in his spirit and **greatly troubled**.

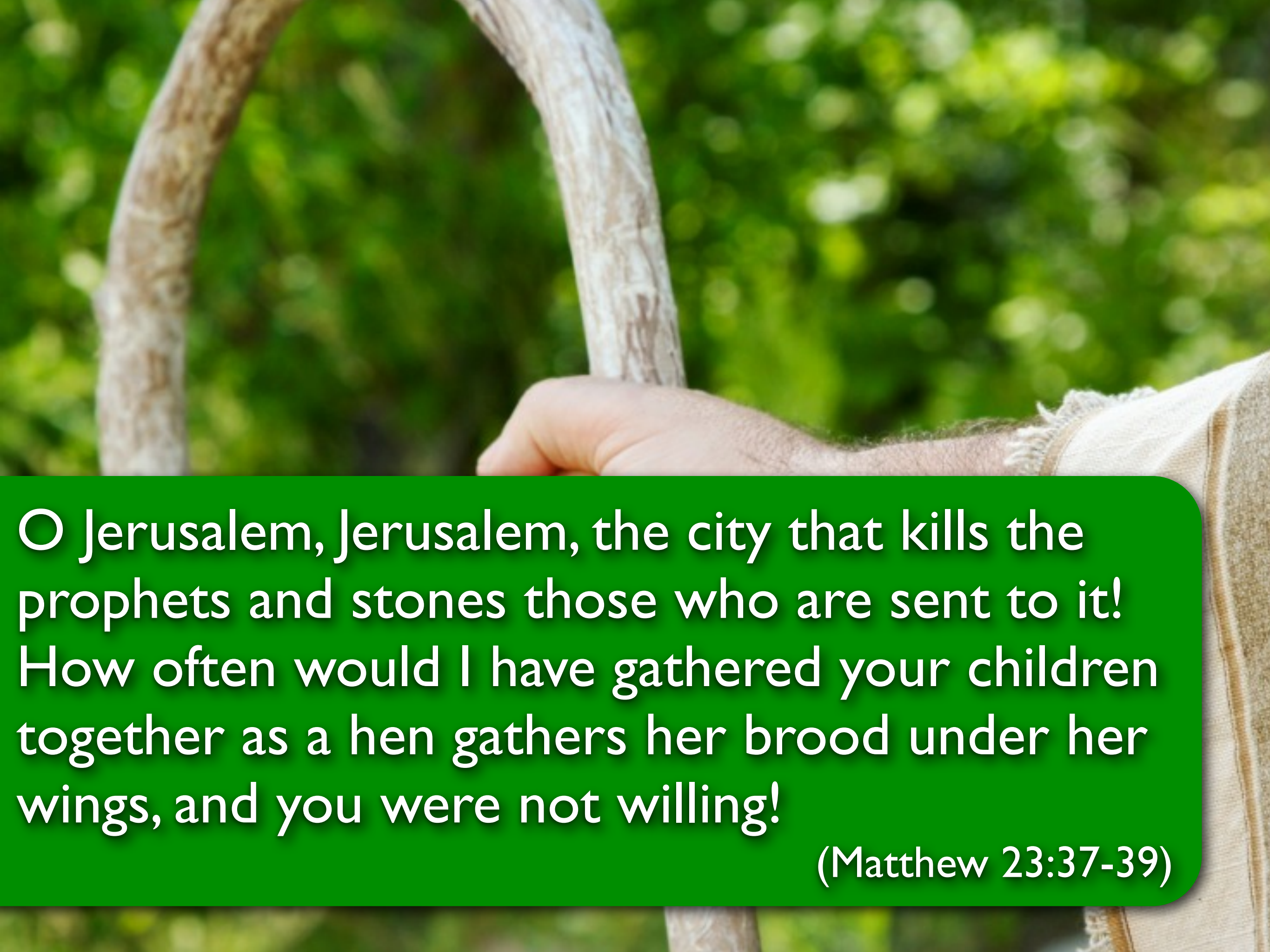
(John 11:33)

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a thick, light-colored wooden staff. The hand is positioned in the lower right, with the thumb and fingers gripping the staff. The staff curves upwards and to the left. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting foliage. A green text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Jesus wept.
(John 11:35)

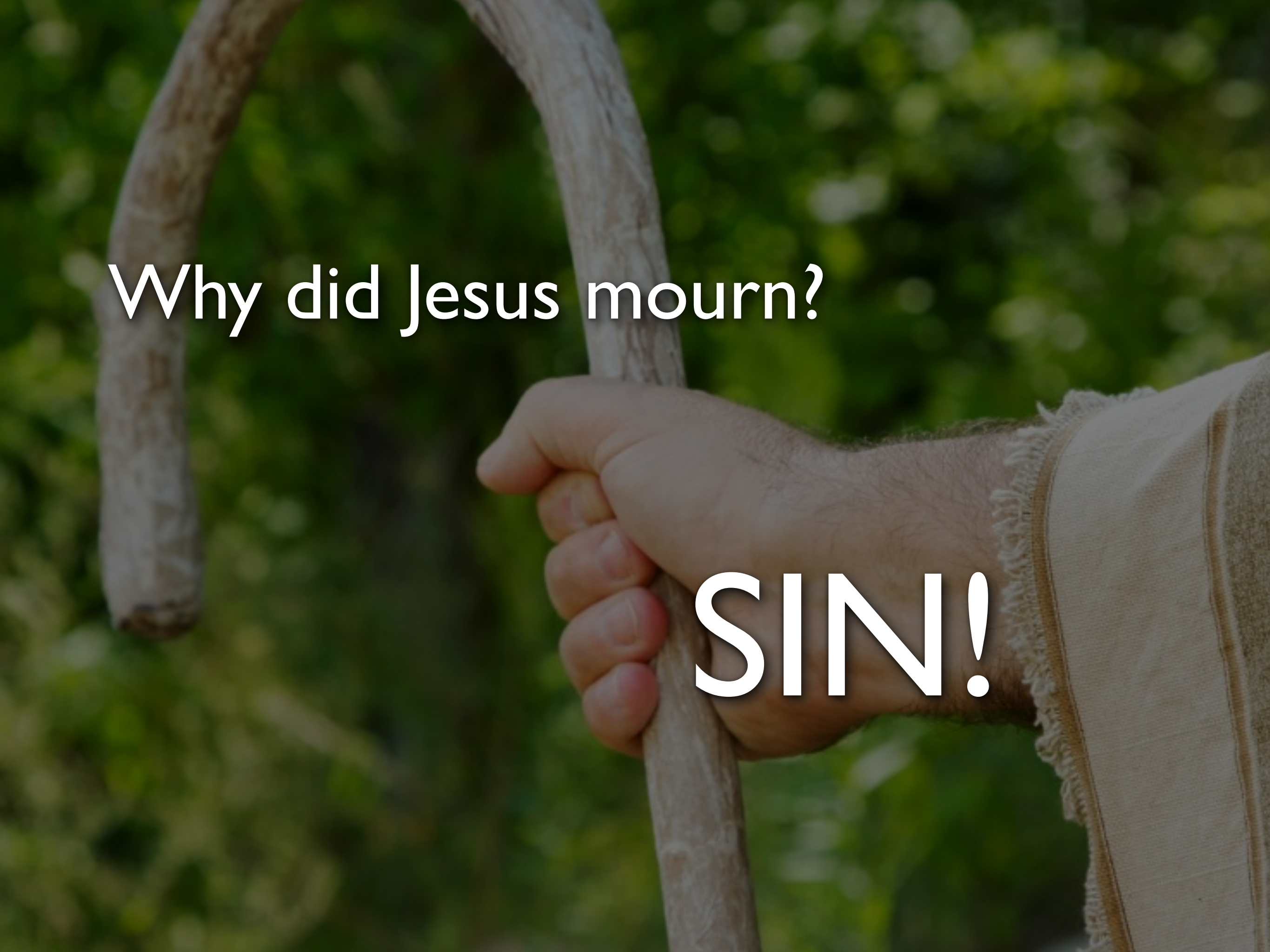
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○ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

(Matthew 23:37-39)

A close-up photograph of a hand gripping a weathered wooden staff. The hand is positioned in the lower right quadrant, with fingers wrapped around the staff. The staff is light brown with visible grain and some darker spots. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting foliage. The overall lighting is natural and slightly dim.

Why did Jesus mourn?

SIN!

And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather
to **mourn**? (I Corinthians 5:2)



I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to **mourn over many of those who sinned** earlier and have not repented... (2 Corinthians 12:21)



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My eyes shed streams of **tears**,
because people do not keep your law.
(Psalm 119:136)



Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and **mourn** and **weep**. Let your laughter be turned to **mourning** and your joy to gloom. (James 4:8-9)



Why should I mourn?
SIN!



Blessed are the
meek: for they
shall inherit the
earth.





Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am **gentle** and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

(Matthew 11:28-30)

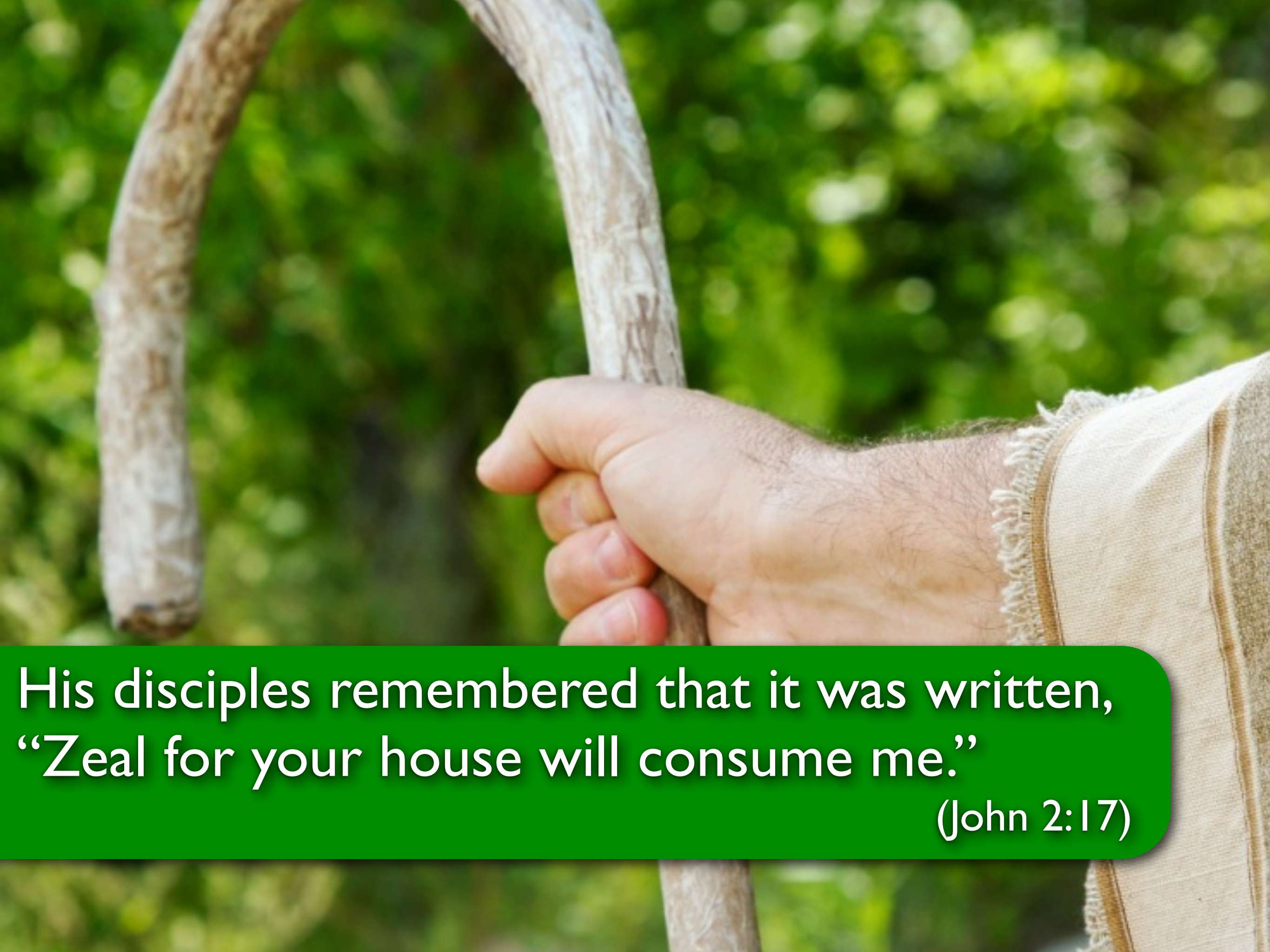


a bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not quench,
(Matthew 12:20)



In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

(John 2:14-15)

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a wooden staff. The hand is light-skinned and has a firm grip on the staff. The staff is made of light-colored wood with a textured surface. The background is a blurred green, suggesting foliage. A green text box is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

His disciples remembered that it was written,
“Zeal for your house will consume me.”

(John 2:17)



for God gave us a spirit not
of fear but of **power** and
love and self-control.

(2 Timothy 1:7)



but let your adorning be the
hidden person of the heart
with the imperishable beauty
of a **gentle** and quiet spirit,
which in God's sight is very
precious. (1 Peter 3:4)



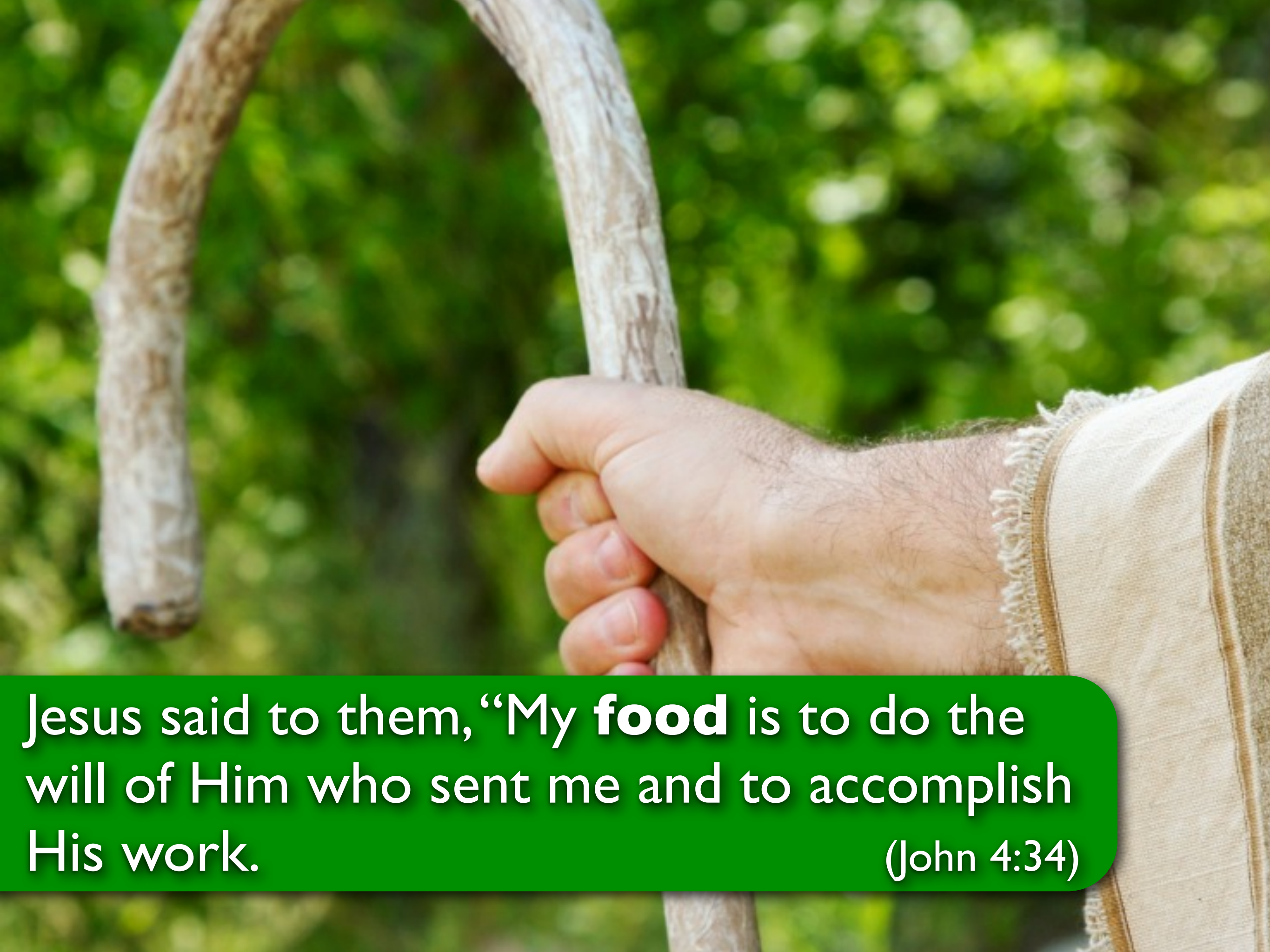
but in your hearts honor
Christ the Lord as holy, always
being prepared to make a
defense to anyone who asks
you for a reason for the hope
that is in you; yet do it with
gentleness and respect,
(1 Peter 3:15)



Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of **gentleness**. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. (Galatians 6:1)

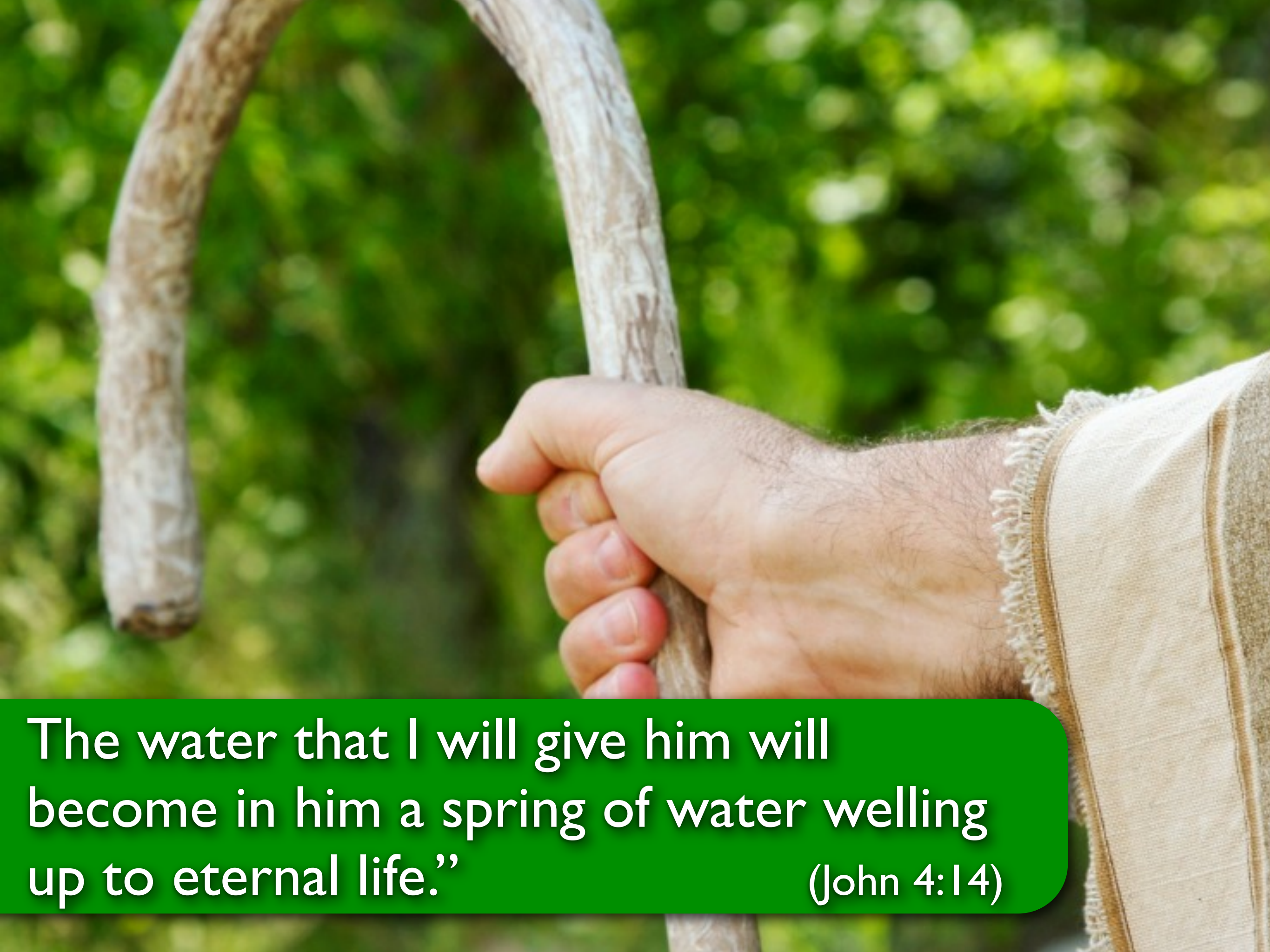
Blessed are they that hunger and
thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.





Jesus said to them, “My **food** is to do the will of Him who sent me and to accomplish His work.

(John 4:34)



The water that I will give him will
become in him a spring of water welling
up to eternal life.”

(John 4:14)



Jesus said to them, “**I am the bread of life;** whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

(John 6:35)

As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?
(Psalm 42:1-2)



Blessed are the merciful:
for they shall
receive mercy.





When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had **compassion** on them **and healed** their sick. (Matthew 14:14)



Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have **compassion** on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And **I am unwilling to send them away hungry**, lest they faint on the way.”

(Matthew 15:32)



But God, being **rich in mercy**,
because of the great love with
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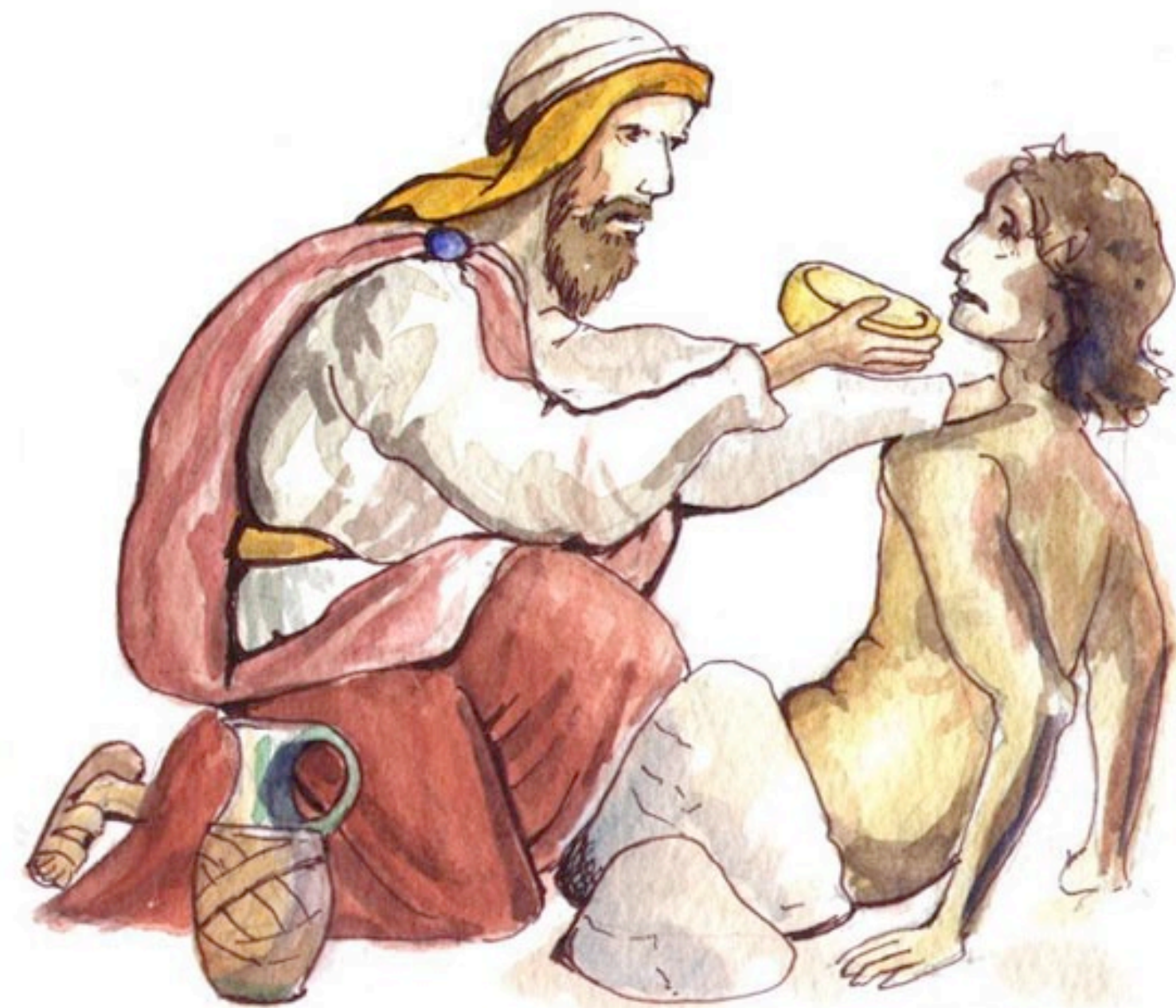
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Which of these three, do you think,
proved to be a neighbor to the man
who fell among the robbers?

(Luke 10:36)

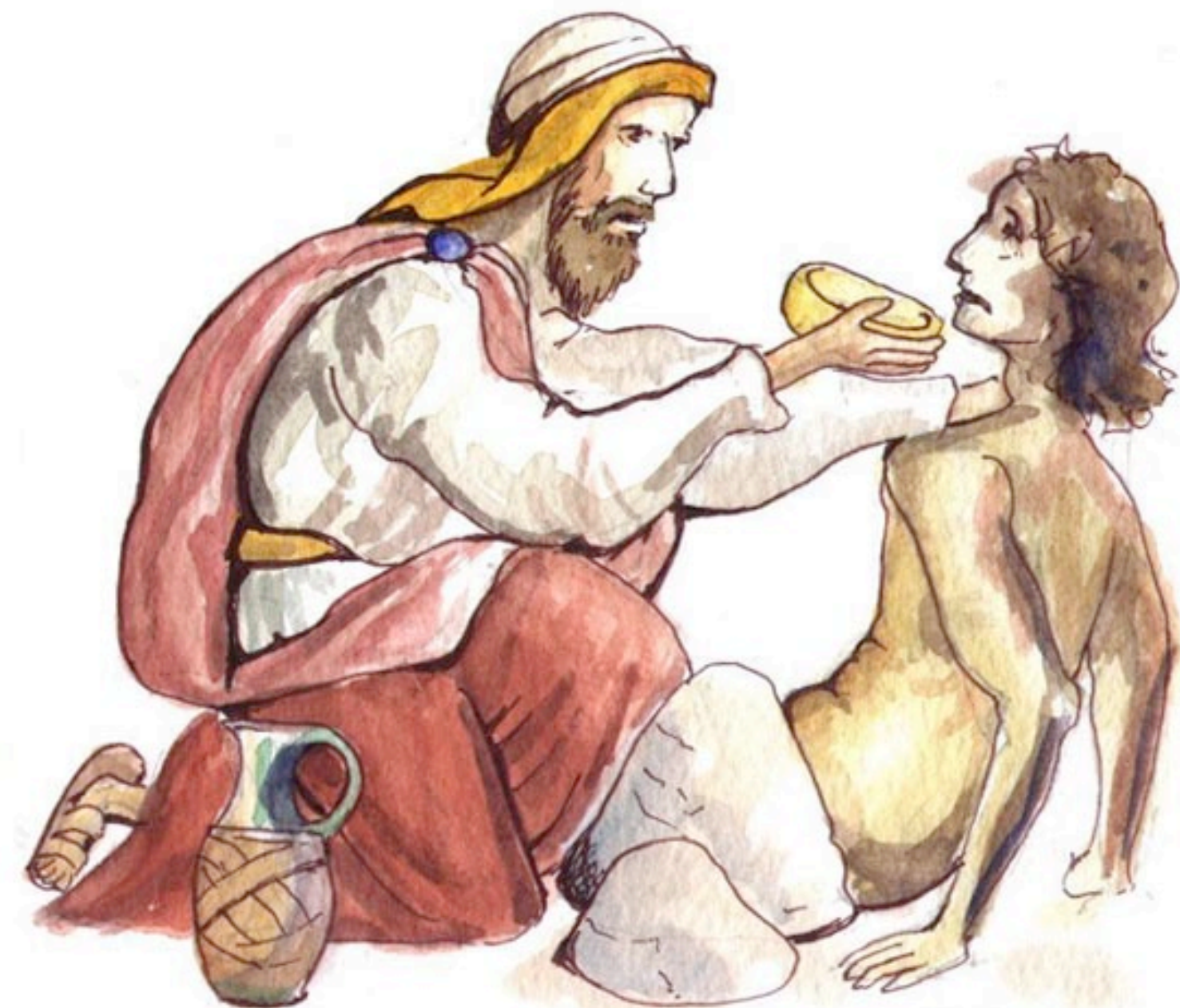


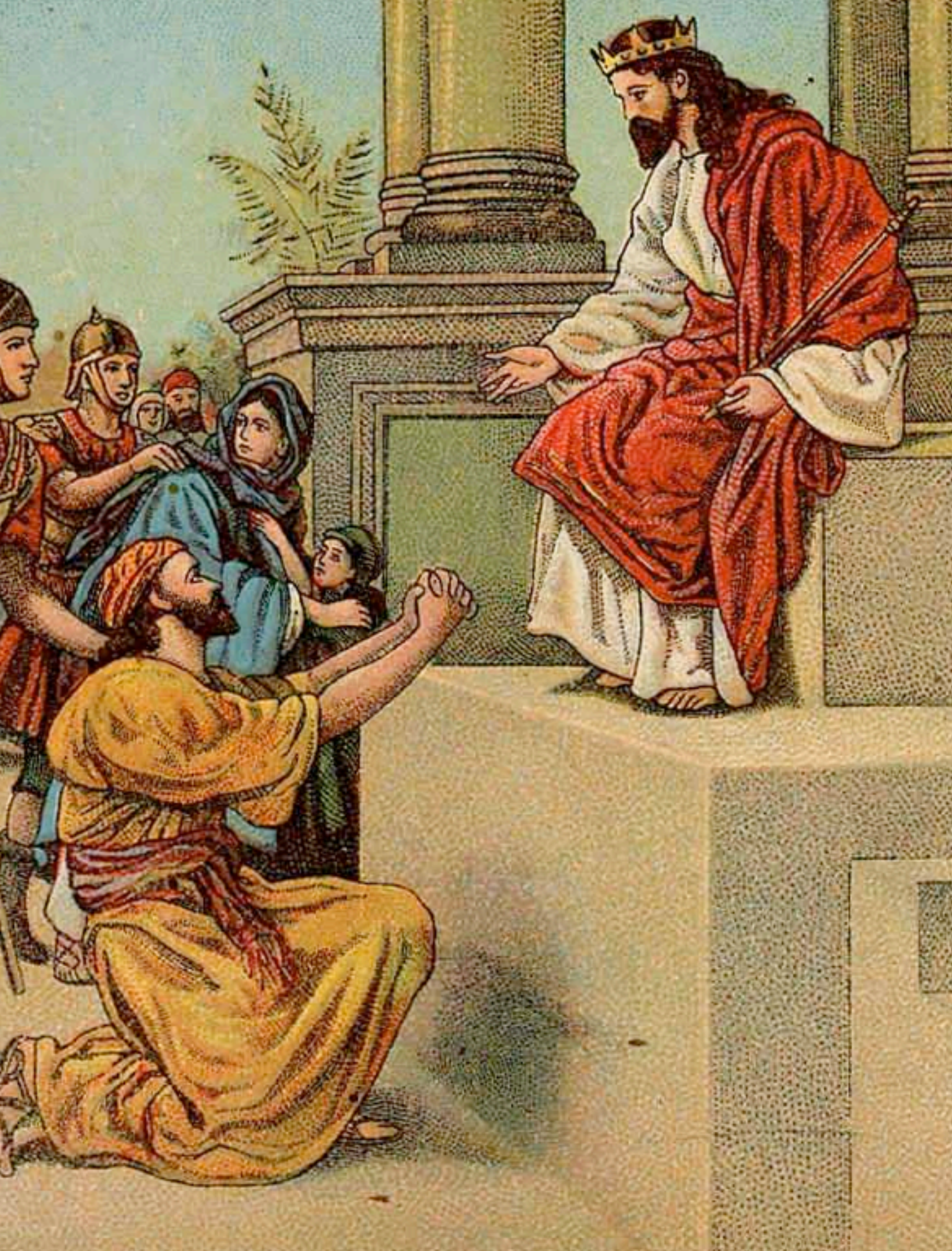
He said, “The one who
showed him **mercy.**”
(Luke 10:37)

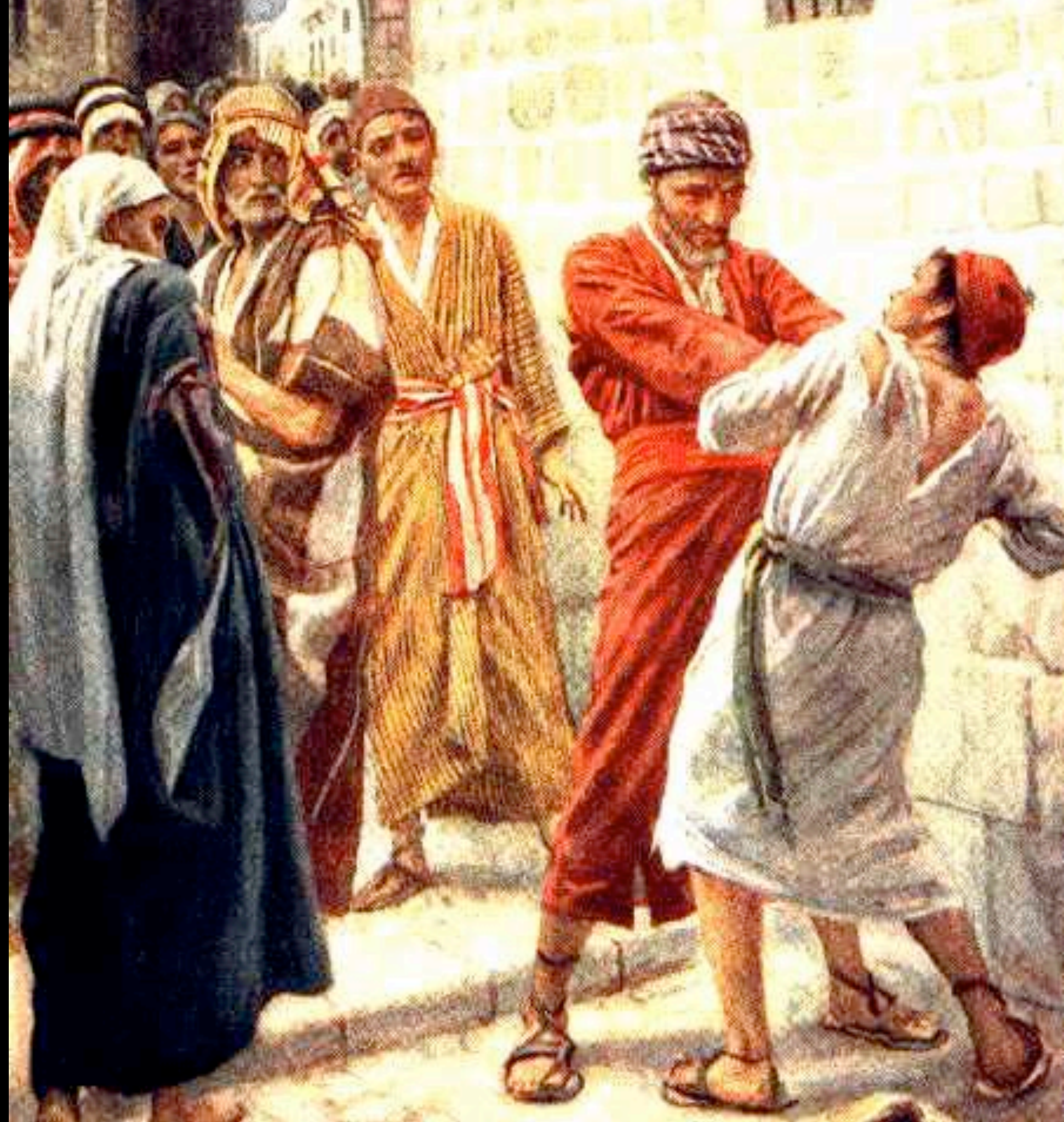


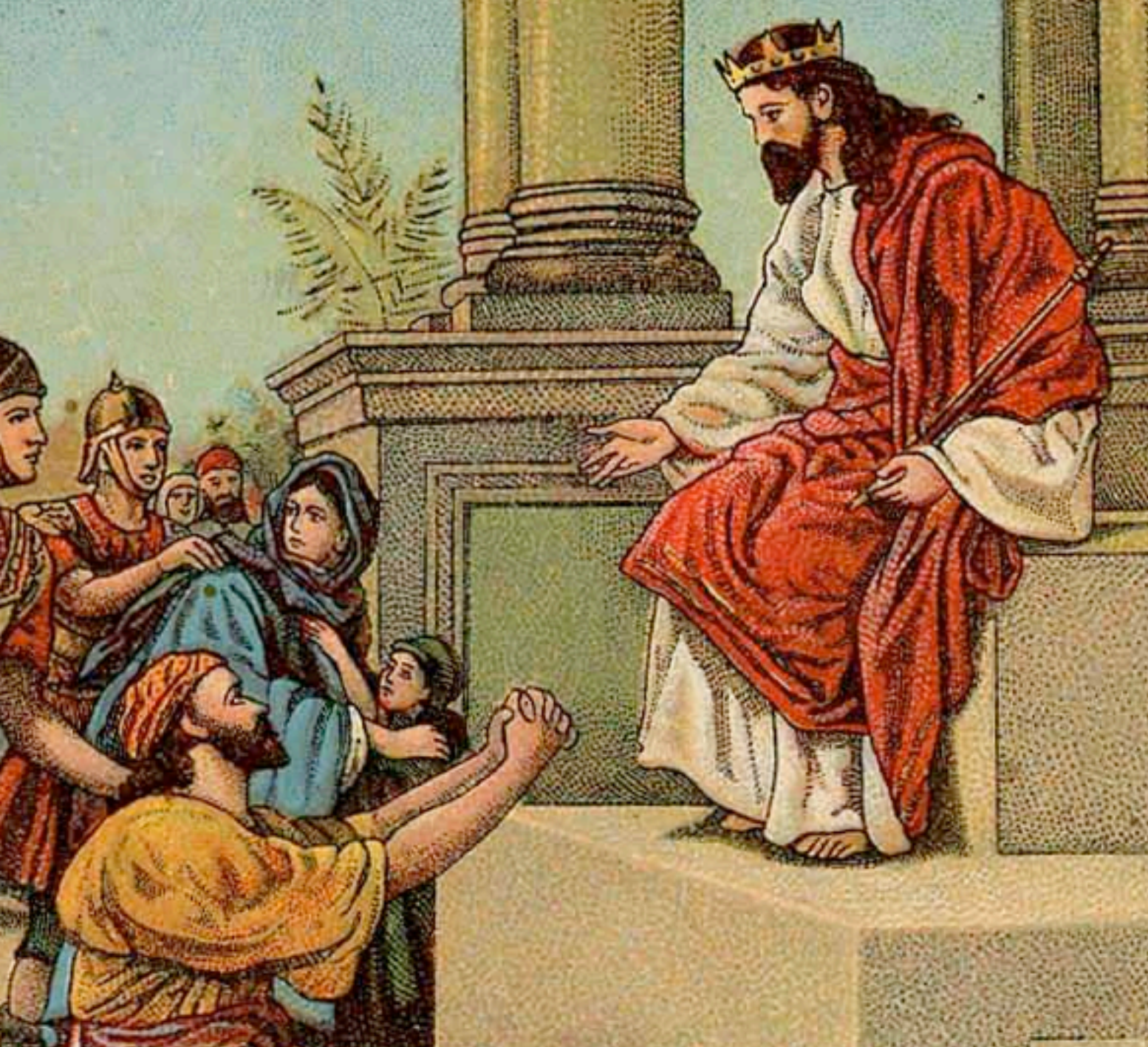
And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

(Luke 10:37)









And should not you have had **mercy** on
your fellow servant, as I had **mercy** on you?
(Matthew 18:33)

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.
(Luke 6.36)



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Blessed are the pure in heart:
for they shall see God.





Ingredients:

Orange Juice, Less than 1% of: Calcium Phosphate* and Calcium Lactate* (calcium sources), Vitamin D3*

100% PURE?

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For I have come down from heaven, not
to do my own will but the will of Him
who sent me.

(John 6:38)

You cannot serve God and money.
(Matthew 6:24)



A person wearing a long, flowing white robe, likely a religious garment, stands with their hands clasped in front of them. The robe has a simple, elegant design with a visible seam down the center and a small tie at the waist. The background is a solid, light gray.

And everyone who thus
hopes in Him **purifies**
himself as He is **pure**.
(1 John 3:3)

Blessed are the
peacemakers:
for they shall be
called sons of
God.





And he came and preached **peace** to you who were far off and **peace** to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

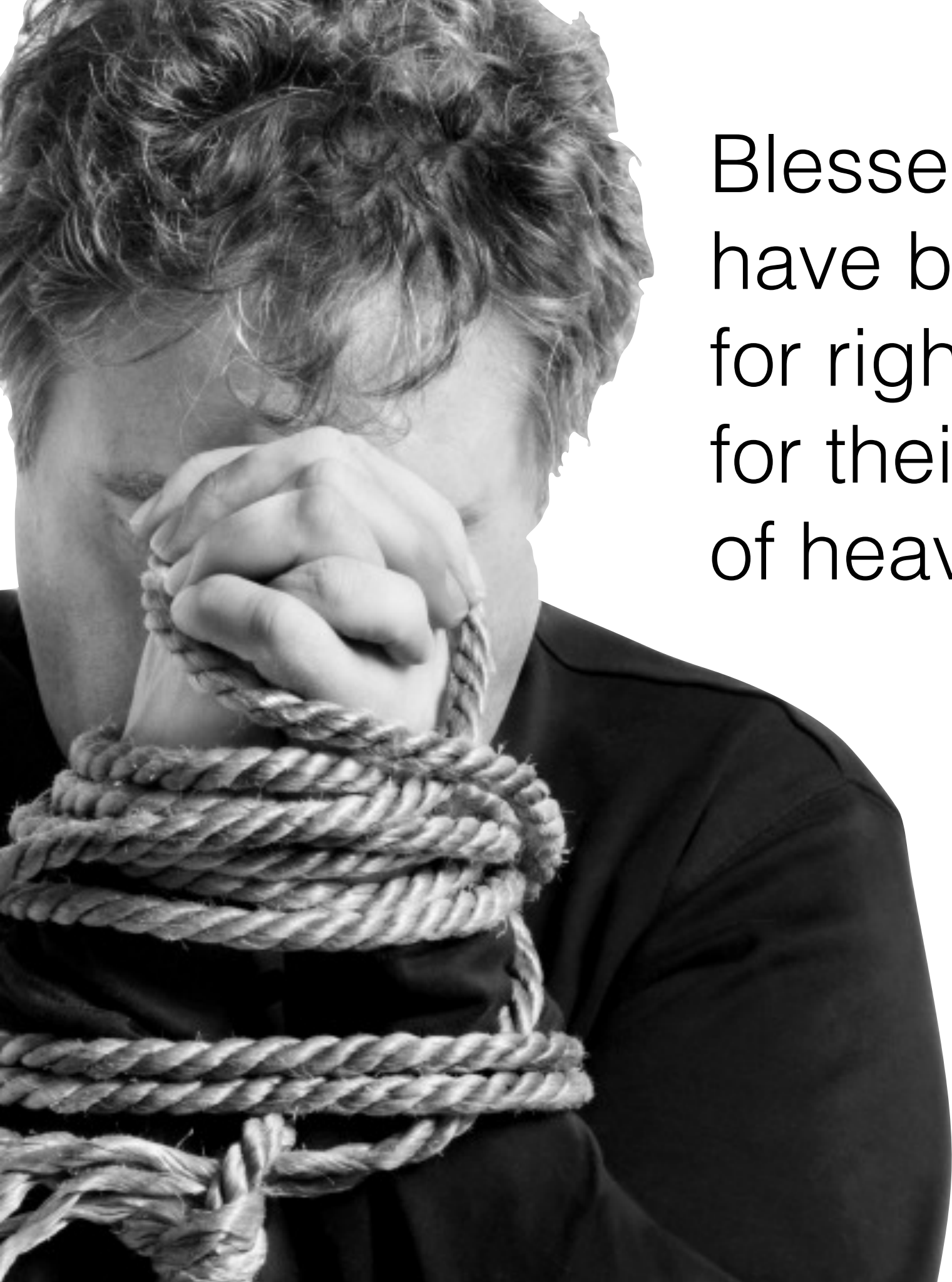
(Ephesians 2:17-18)

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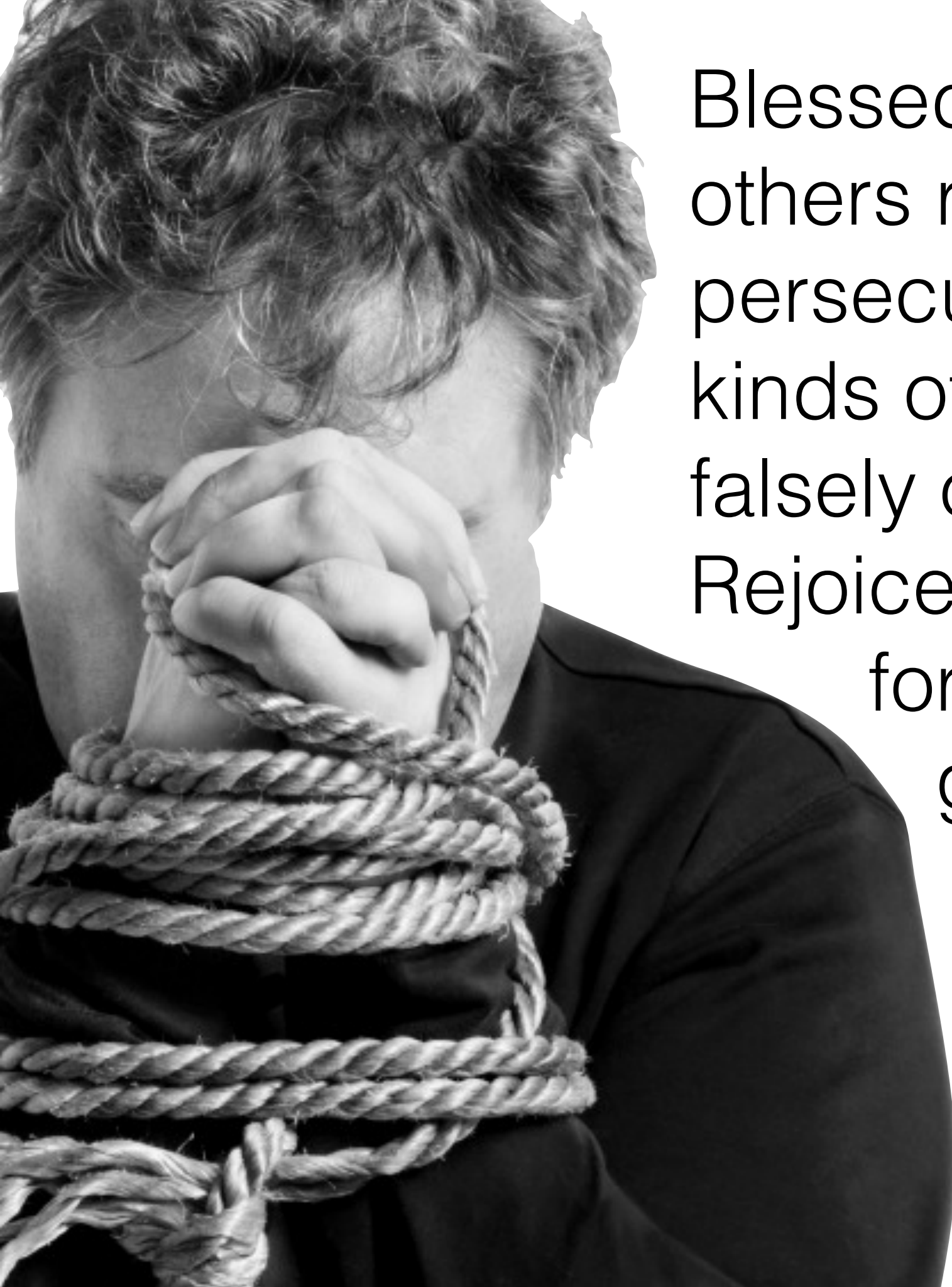


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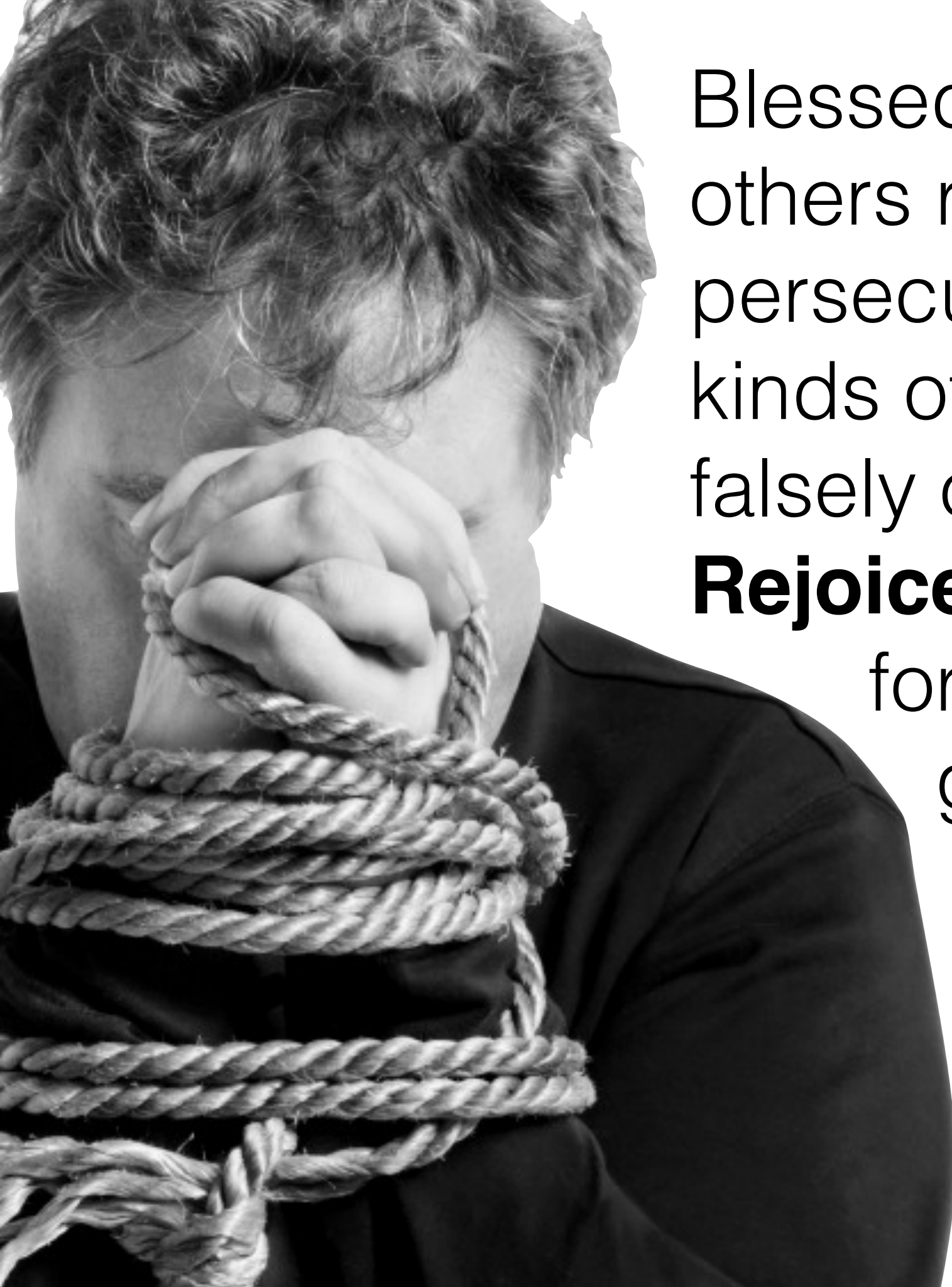




Blessed are they that
have been persecuted
for righteousness' sake:
for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven.

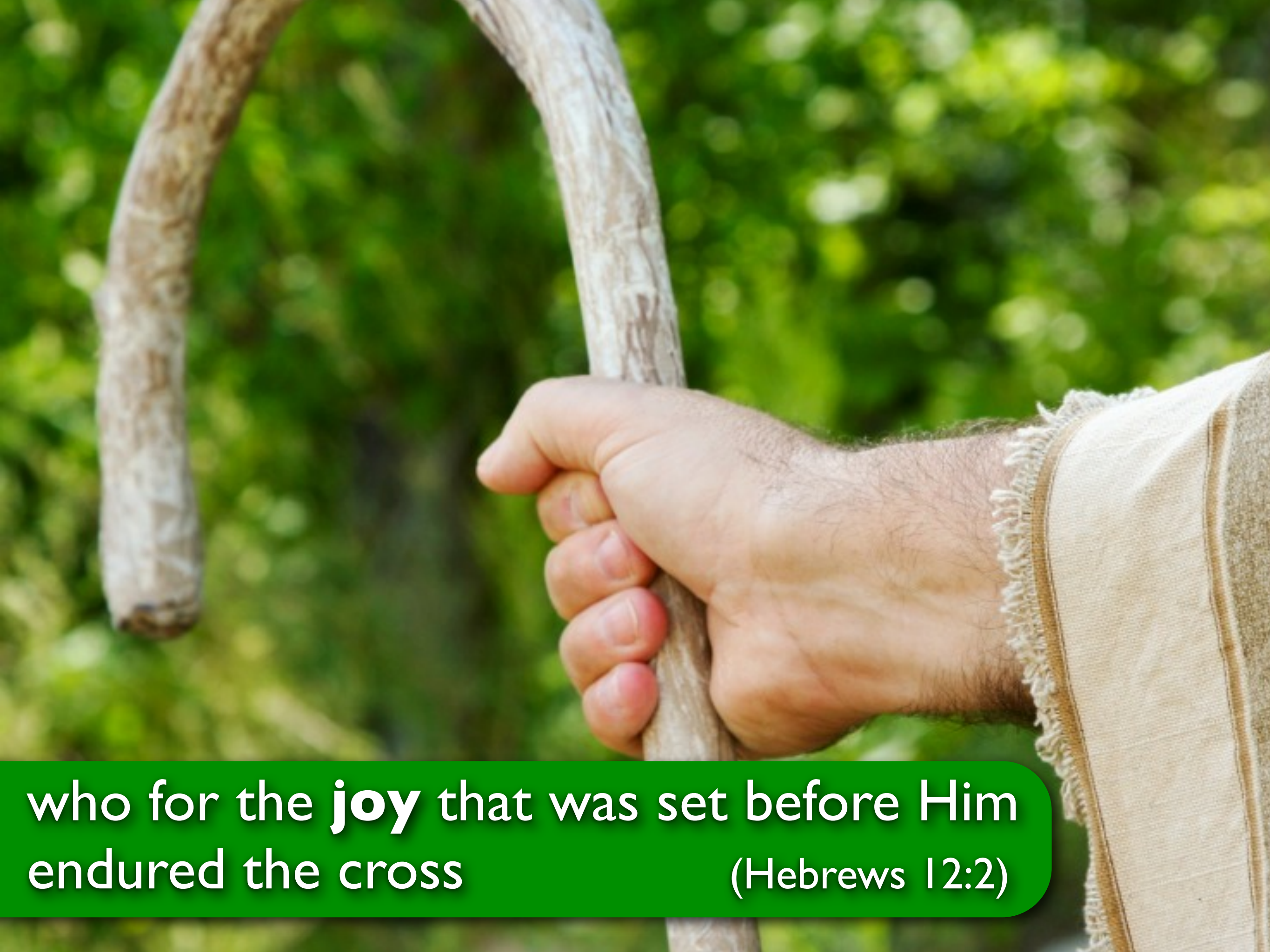


Blessed are you when
others revile you and
persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is
great in heaven, for
so they persecuted
the prophets who
were before you.



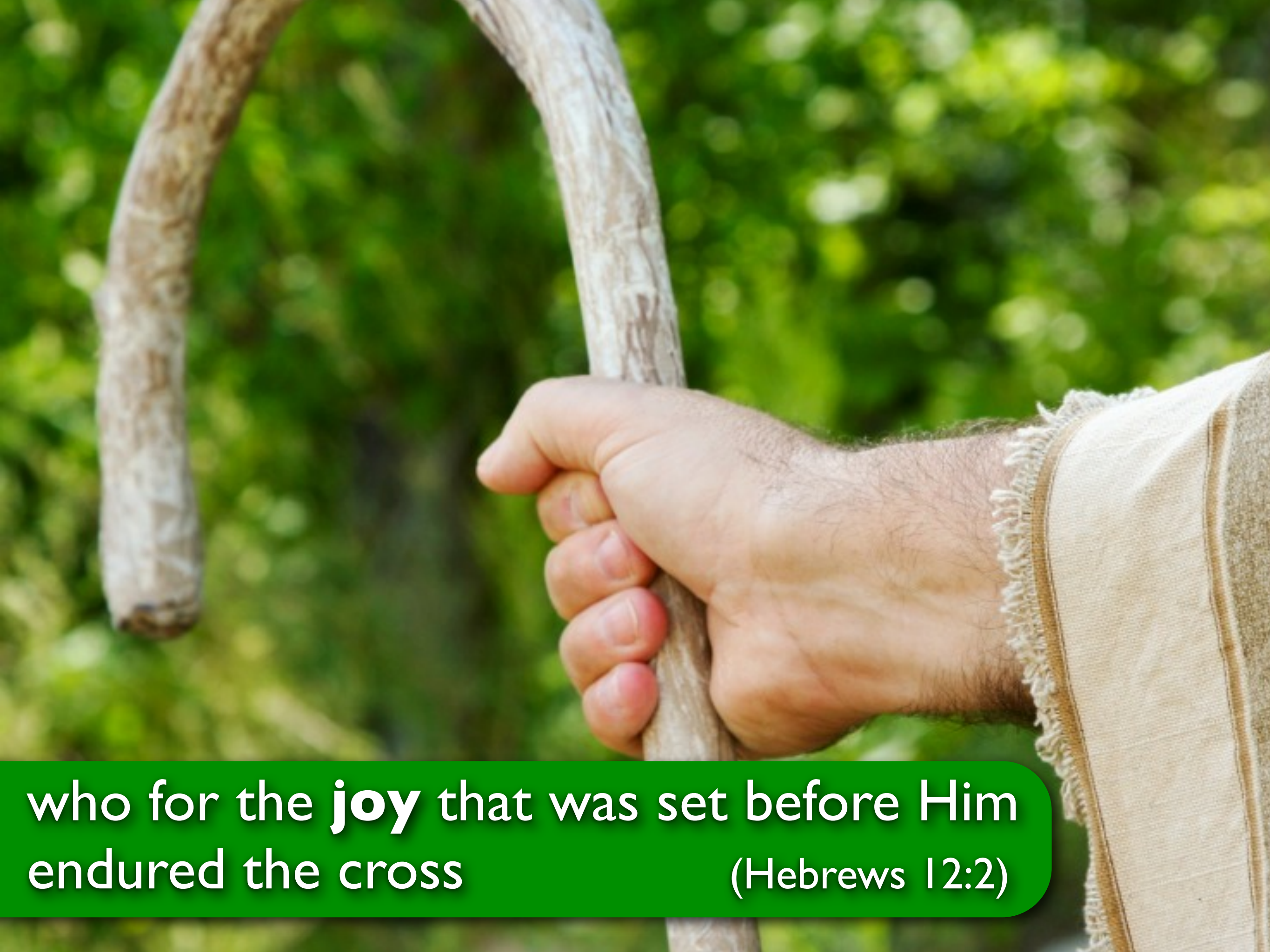
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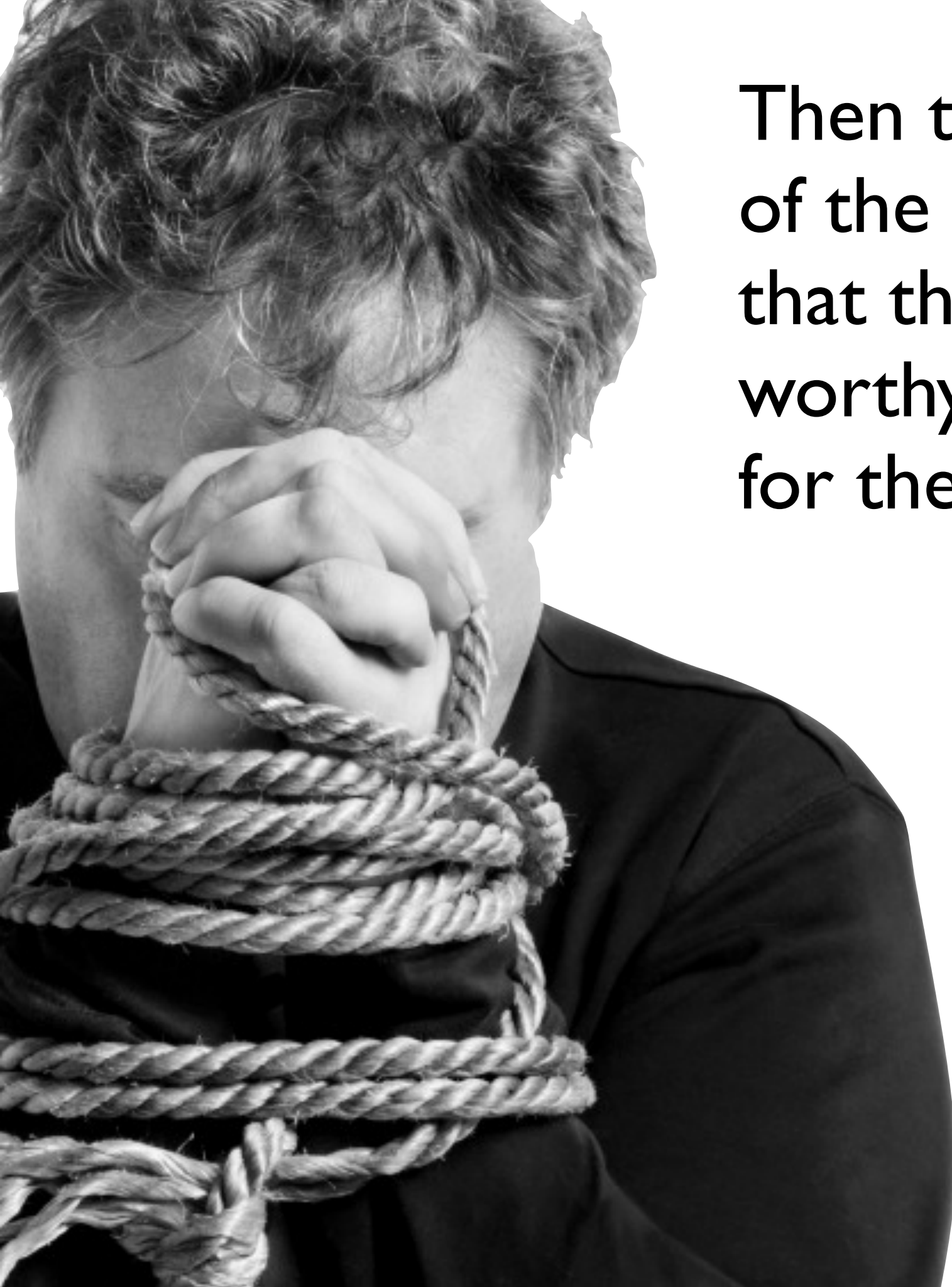


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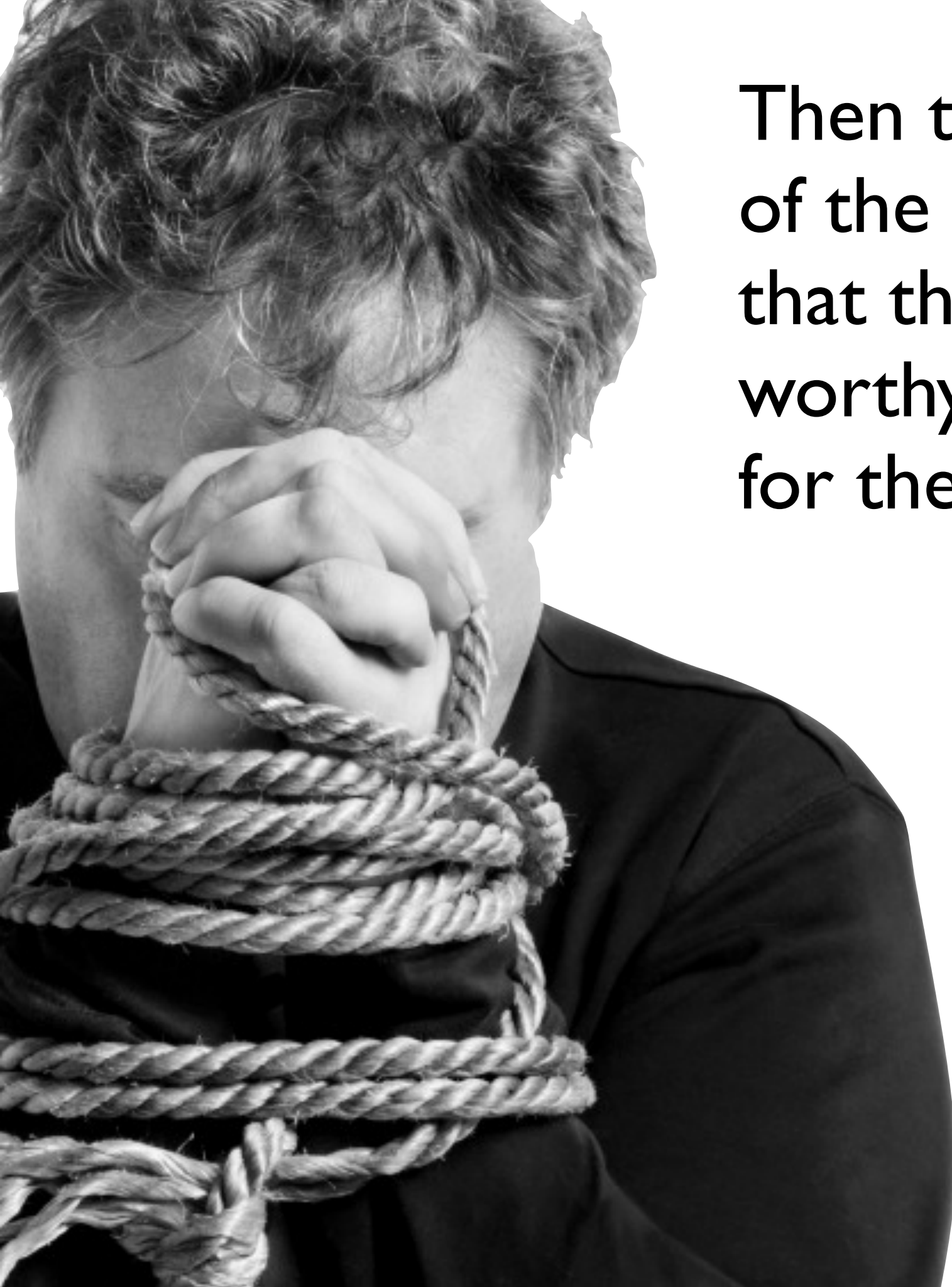
(Hebrews 12:2)



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of the council, **rejoicing**
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worthy to **suffer** dishonor
for the name. (Acts 5:41)



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BLESSED

**Poor in
Spirit**

**Him
of
More**

Persecuted

**Less
of
Me**

Peacemakers

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Mourn

**Pure in
Heart**

Meek

Merciful

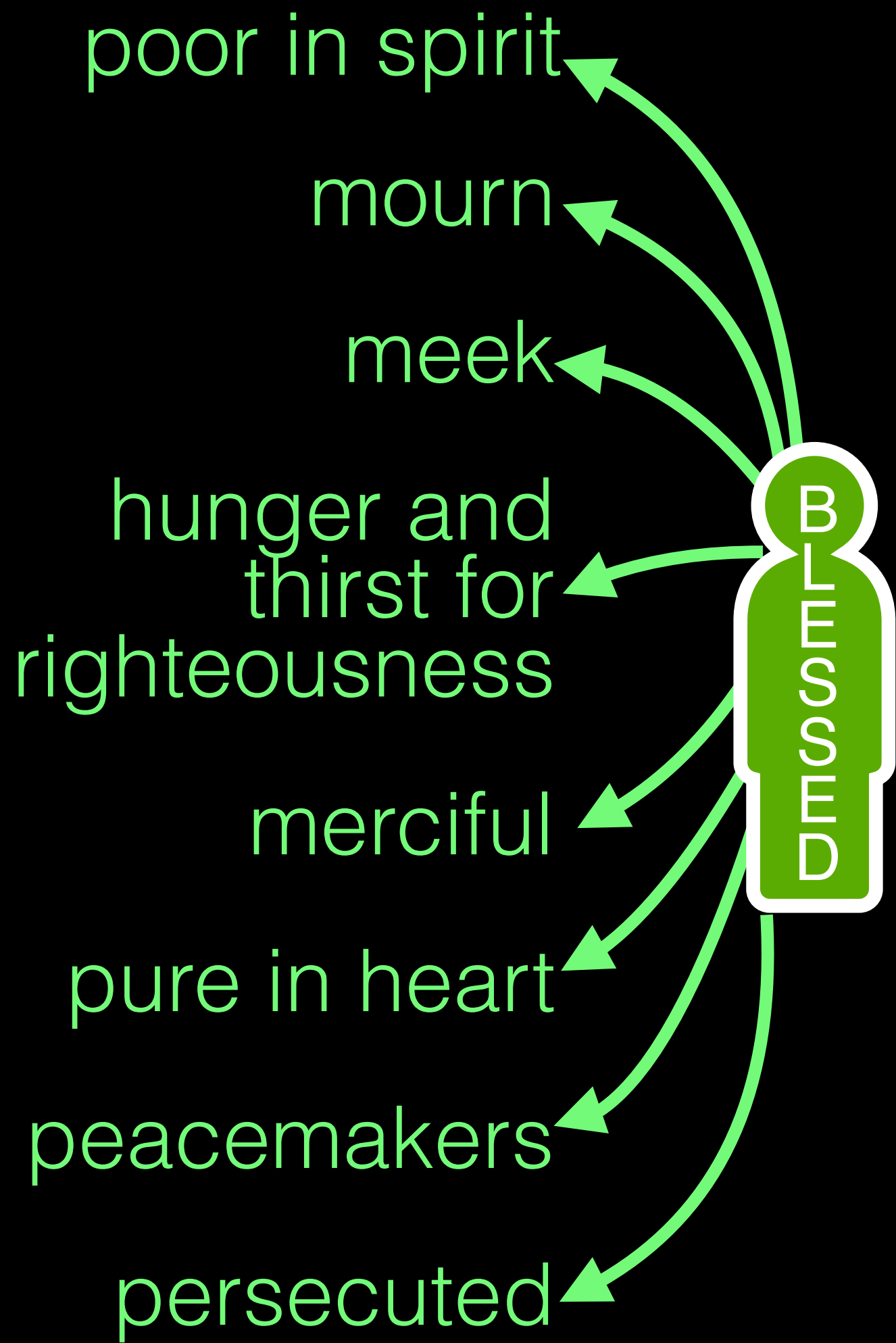
**Hunger & Thirst
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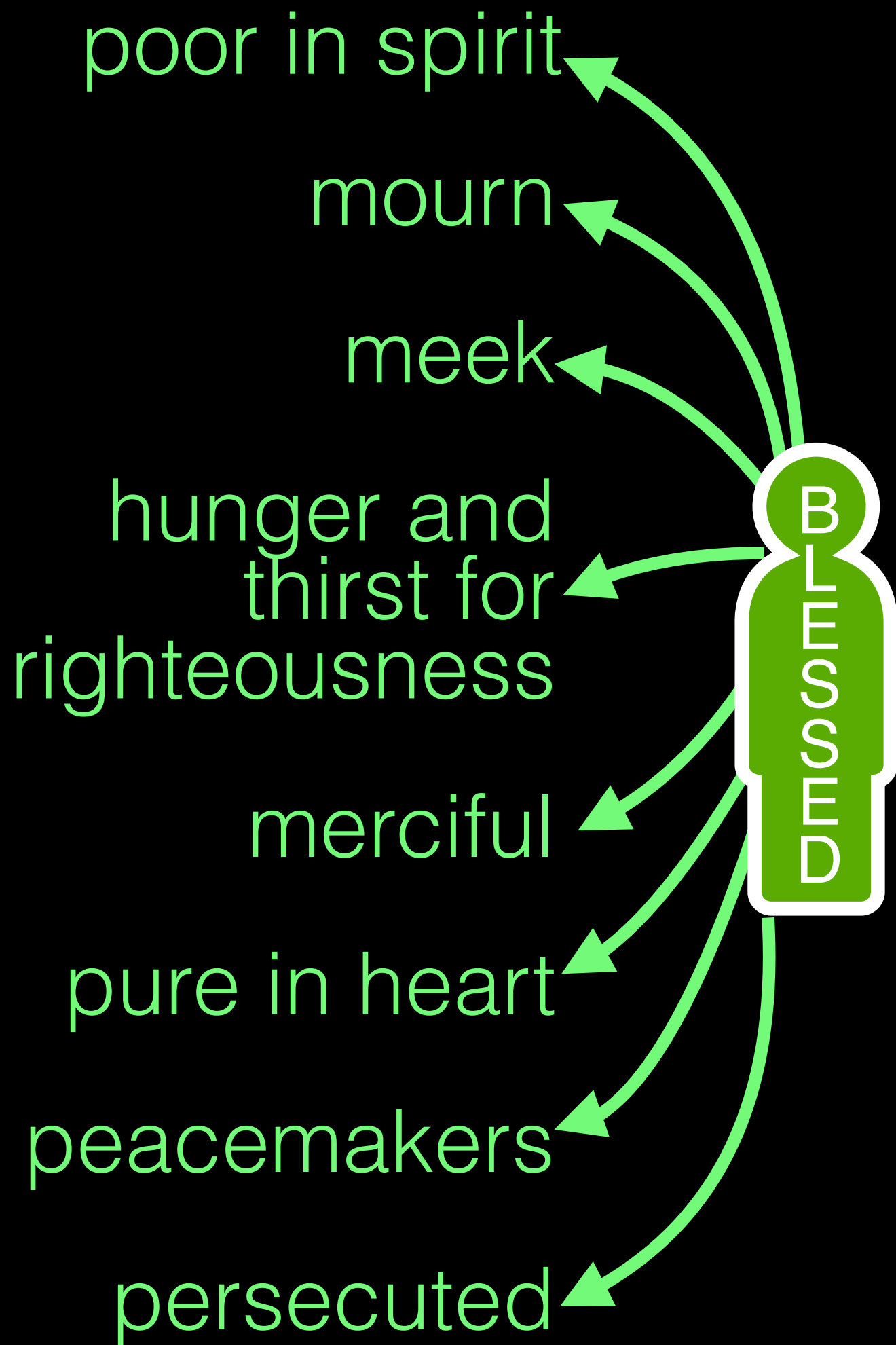


THE REWARDS





REWARD



Reward

for your reward is
great in heaven
(Matthew 5:12)



**Should we
serve God for
the rewards?**

Reward



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He rewards those
who seek Him.
(Hebrews 11:6)



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for then you will
have no reward
from your Father
who is in heaven.

(Matthew 6:1)



Reward

Now to the one who works, his **wages** are not counted as a gift but as his due.

(Romans 4:4)



The rewards are
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Lay up for yourselves
treasures in heaven
(Matthew 6:20)



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godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the **present life** and also for **the life to come**.

(1 Timothy 4.8)

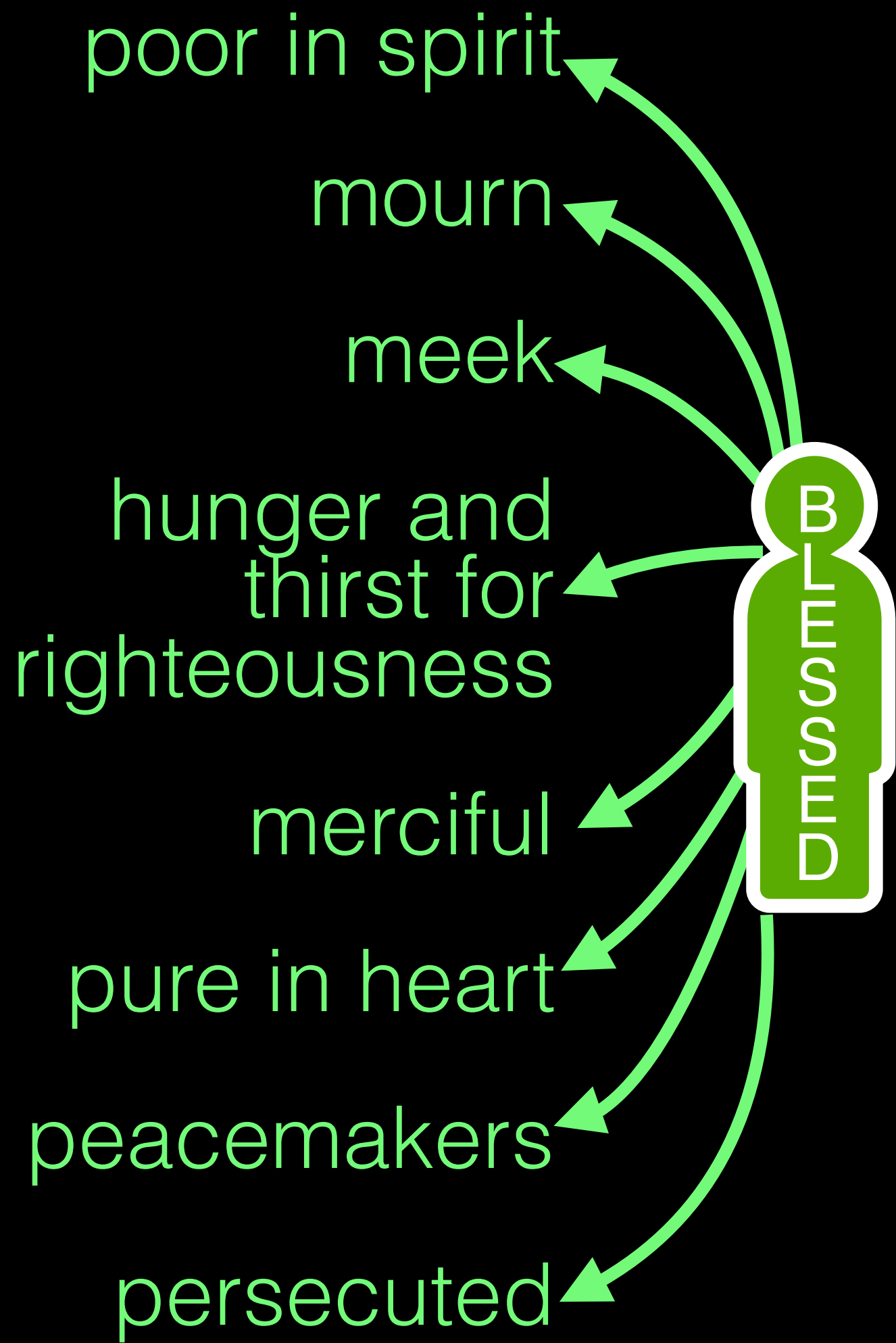


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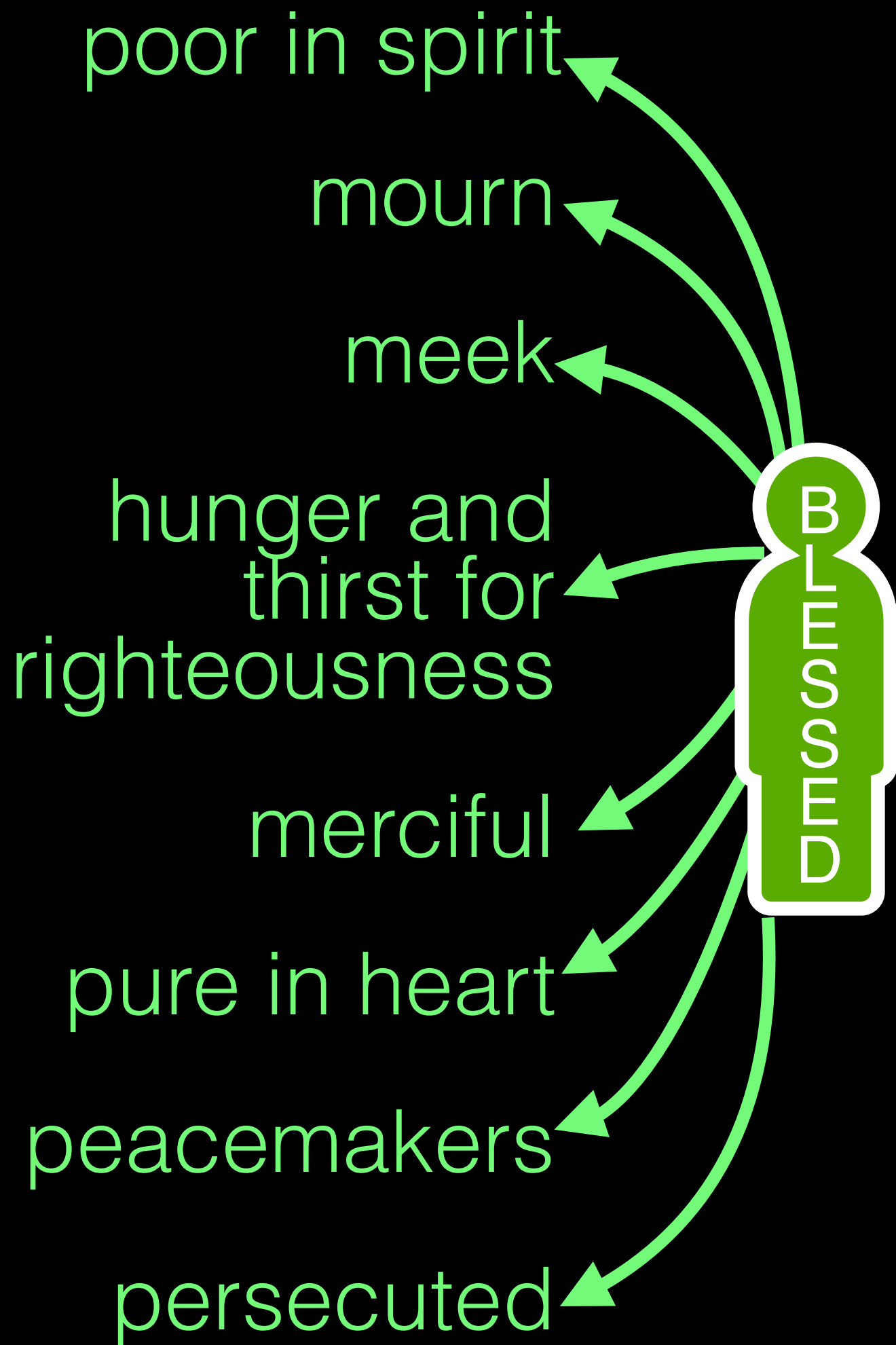
I came that they may
have life and have it
abundantly.

(John 10:10)

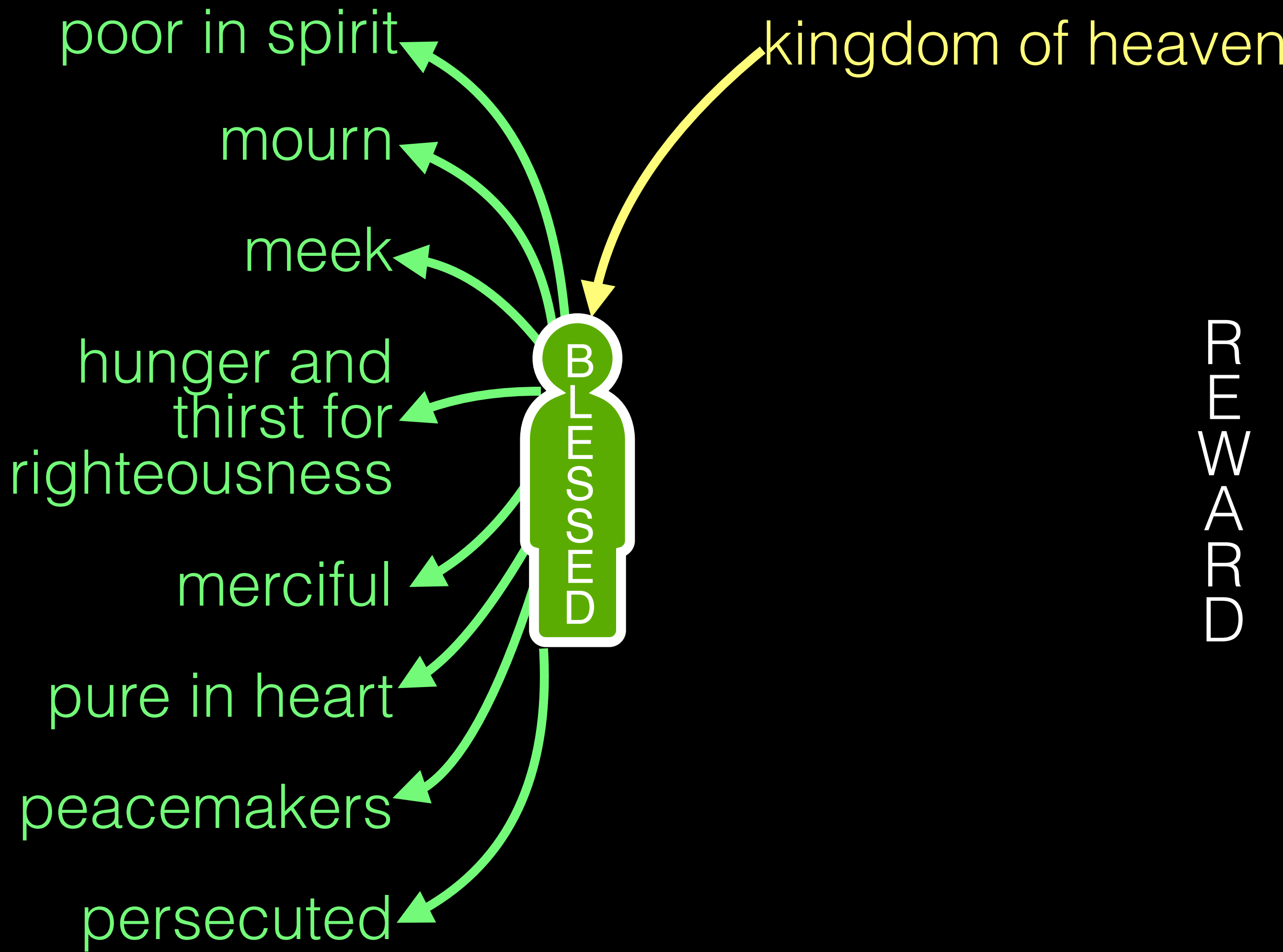




REWARD



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kingdom of
heaven



My kingdom is not of this world.
(John 18.36)

A photograph of a wooden cross with a crown of thorns. The cross is made of light-colored wood, and the thorns are made of dried, light-colored branches. The background is dark and textured.

kingdom of
heaven

transferred us to the kingdom of his
beloved Son (Colossians 1:13)

A close-up photograph of a wooden cross. The cross is made of light-colored wood. A crown of thorns, made of dried, sharp, light-brown branches, is placed on the cross. The background is a dark, textured wall.

kingdom of
heaven

“Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3)

A photograph of a crown of thorns, made of dry, sharp, light-colored branches, resting on a wooden cross. The cross is constructed from thick, weathered wooden beams. The background is a dark, textured wall. The lighting is warm and focused on the cross and the crown of thorns.

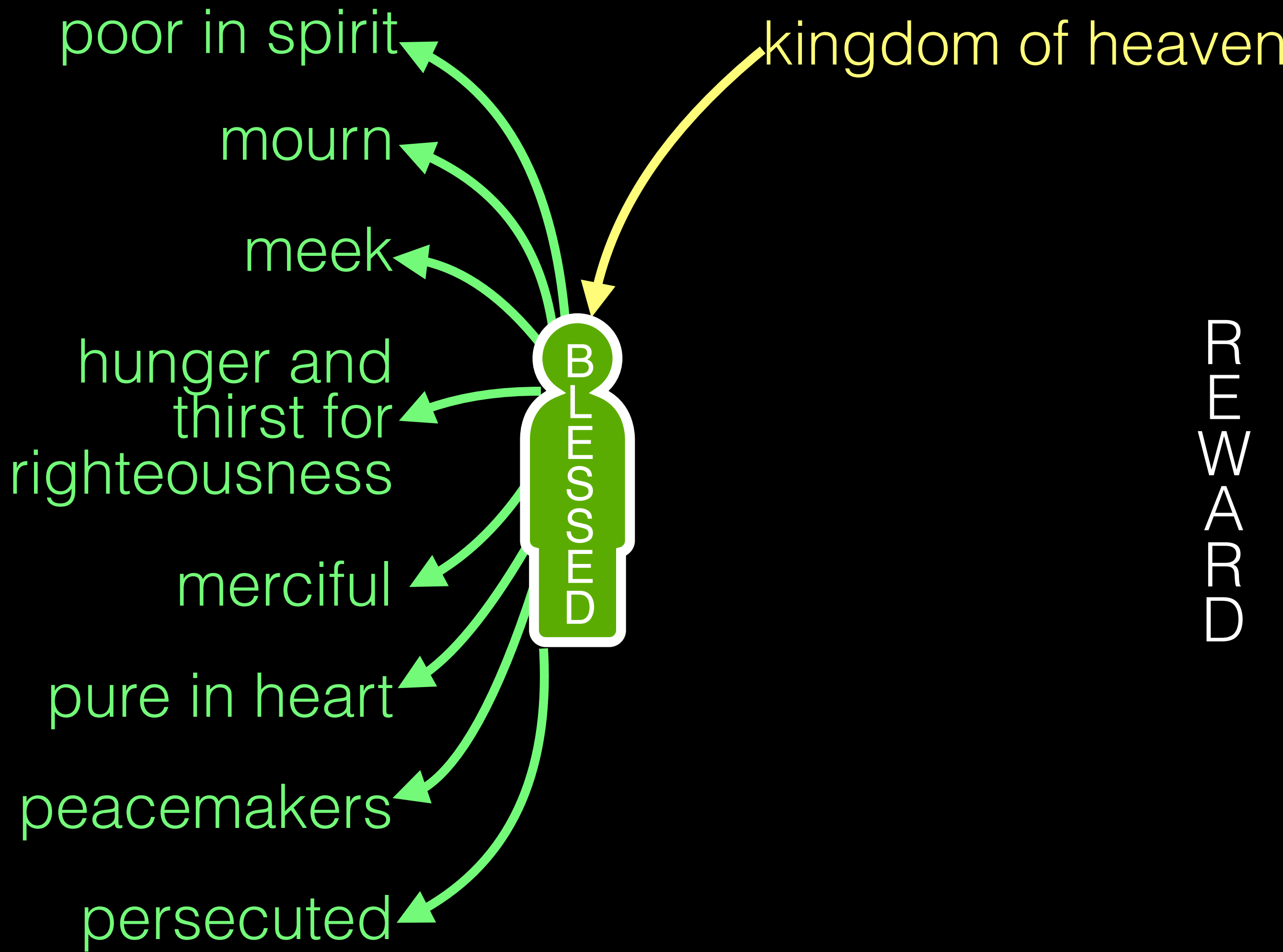
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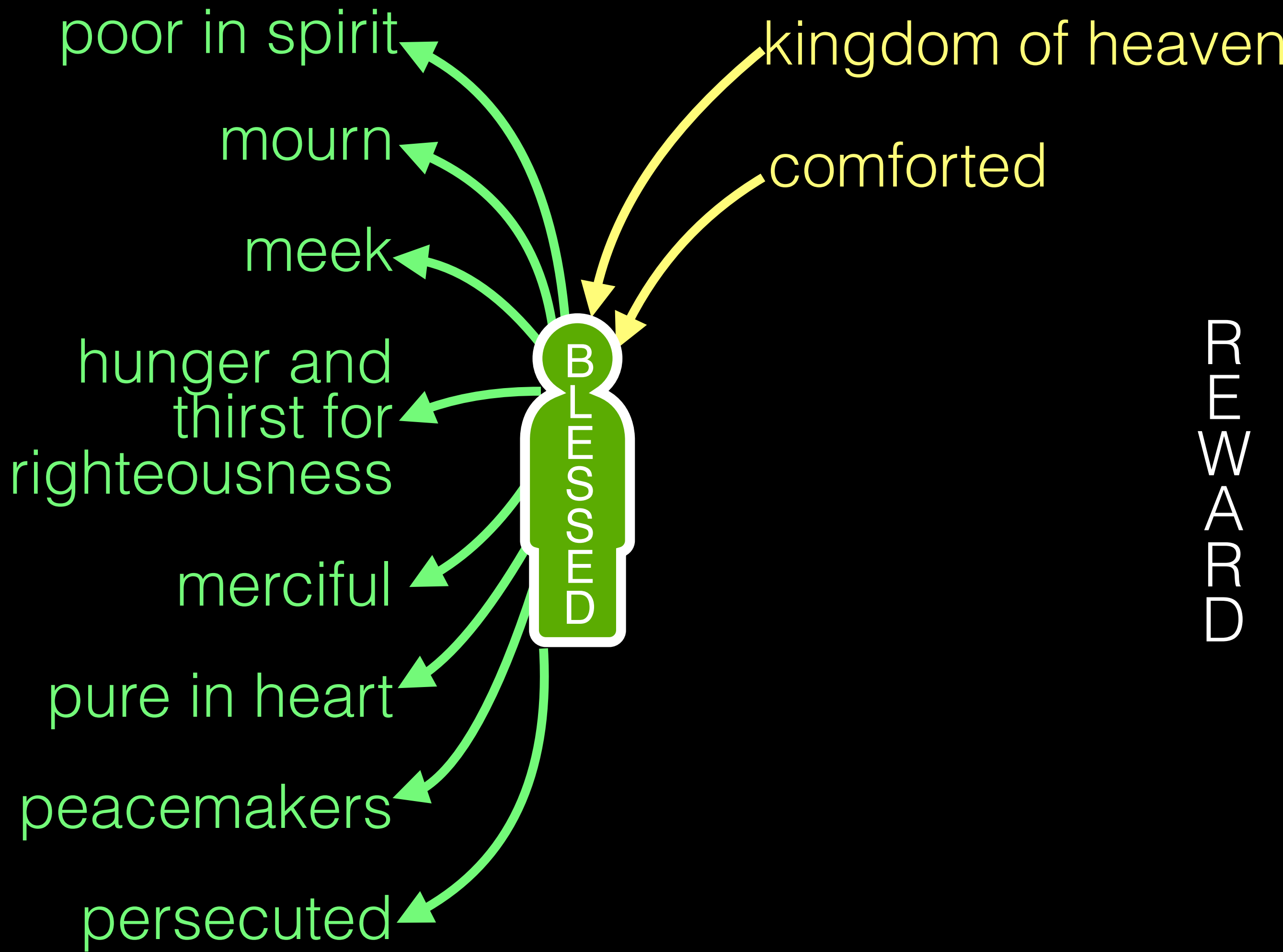
made us a kingdom
(Revelation 1:6)

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and you have made them a kingdom
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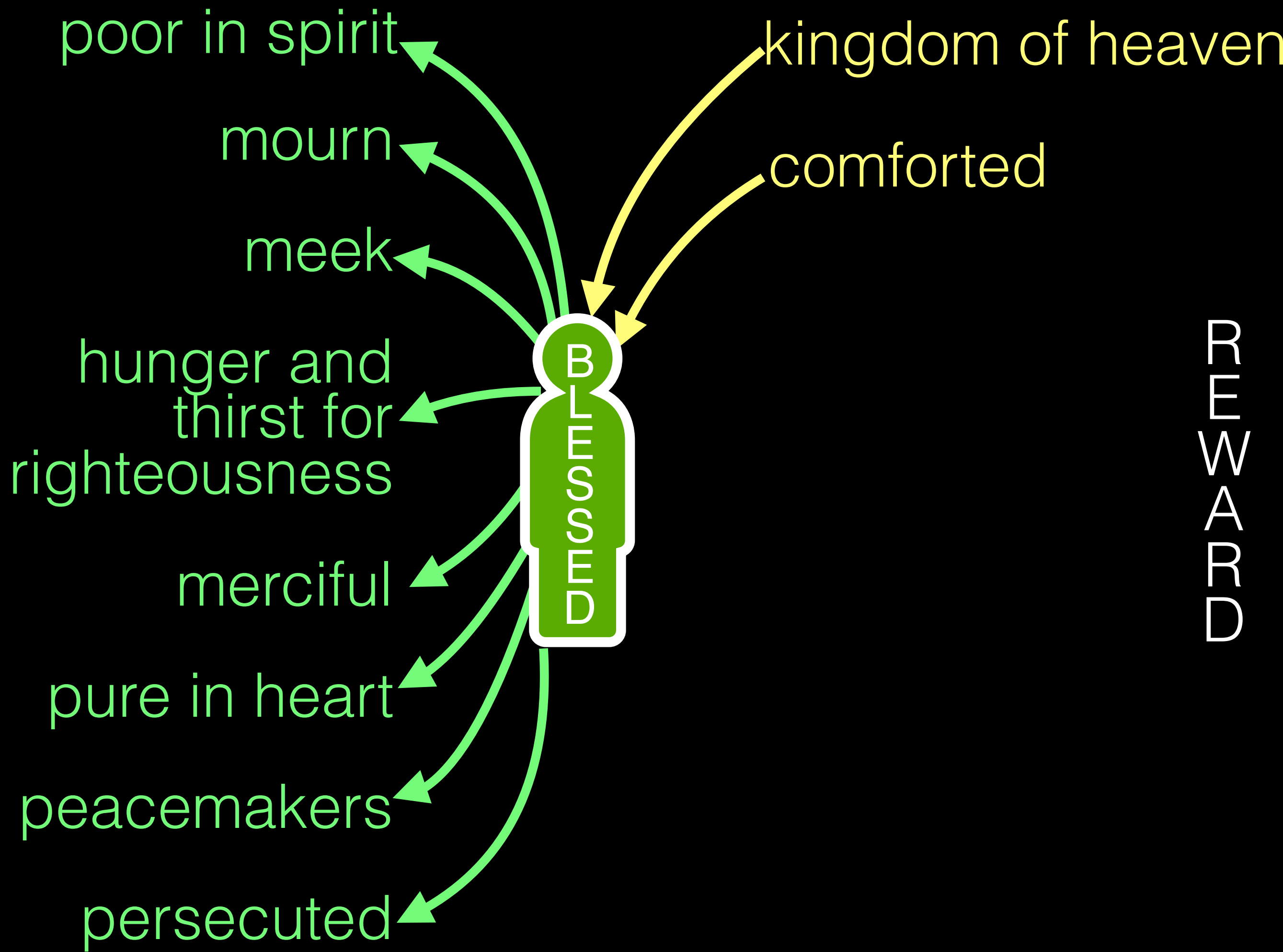
comforted

to comfort all who mourn
(Isaiah 61:2)



comforted

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and
God of all comfort, (2 Corinthians 1:3)



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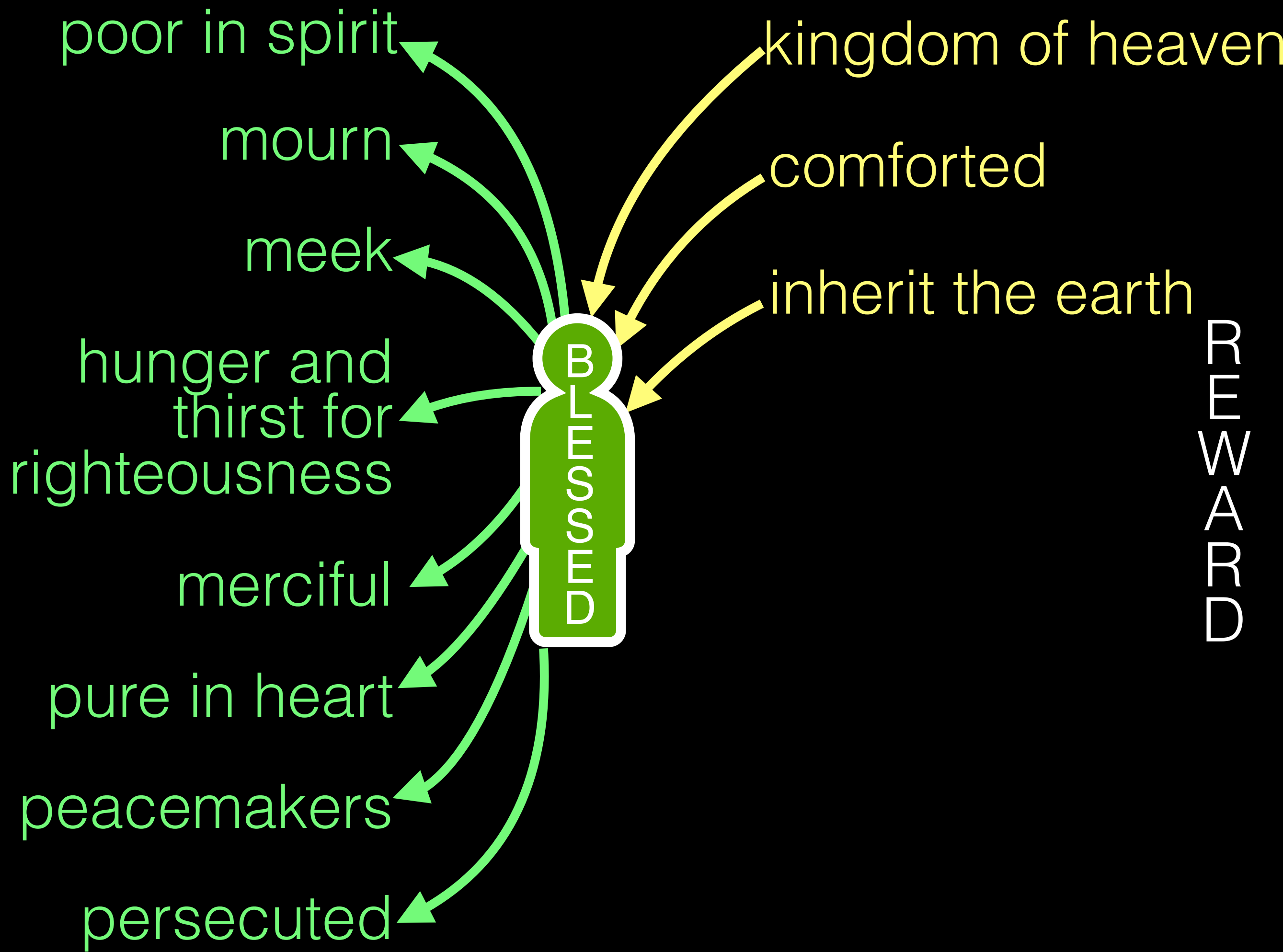
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BLESSED





inherit the earth



as having
nothing, yet
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everything.
(2 Corinthians 6:10)

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For all things
are yours
(1 Corinthians 3:21)

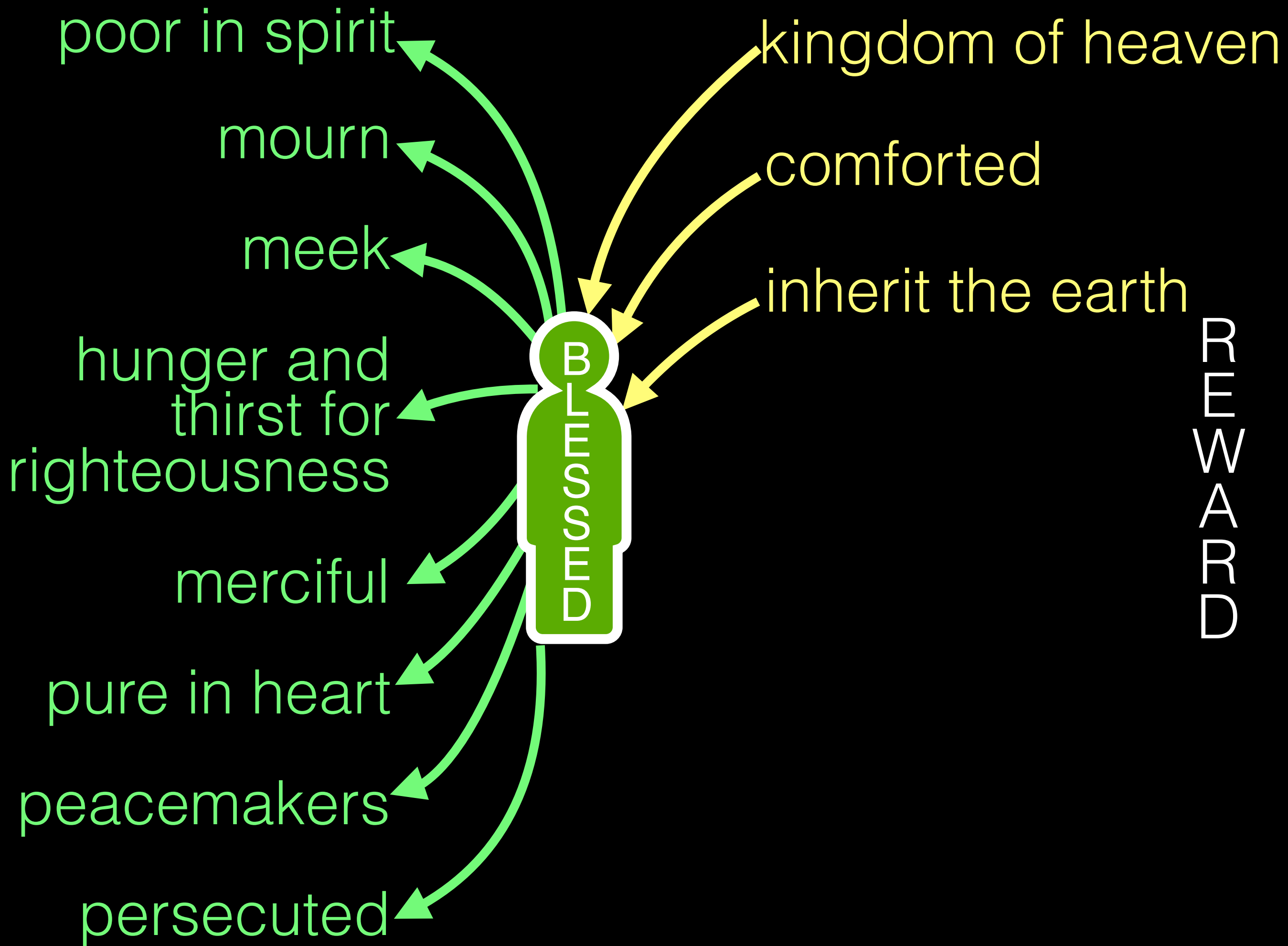
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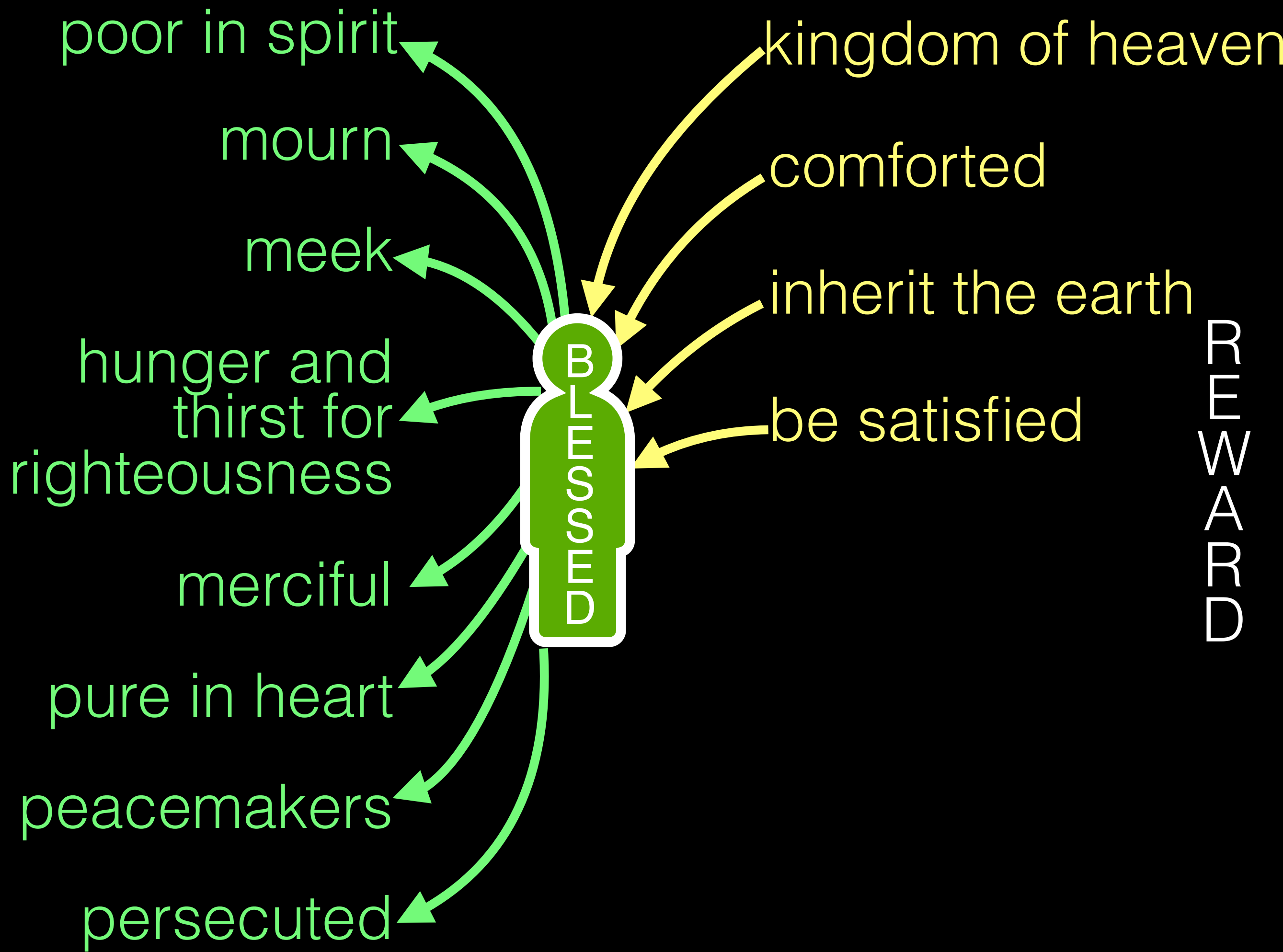


for I have learned
in whatever
situation I am to
be content.

(Philippians 4:11)

inherit the earth





be satisfied



but whoever drinks of
the water that I will
give him will never be
thirsty again. The
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(John 4:14)

be satisfied



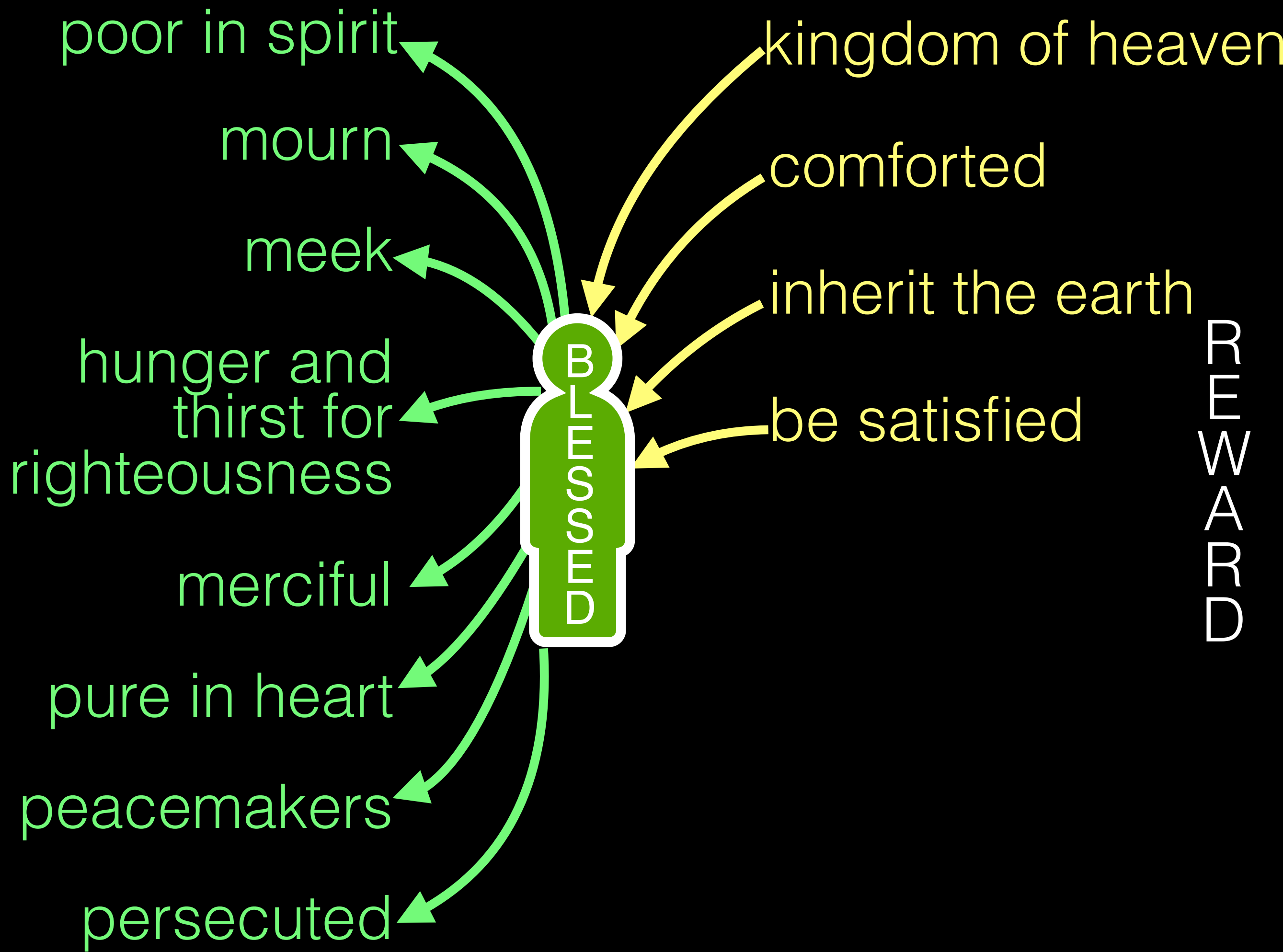
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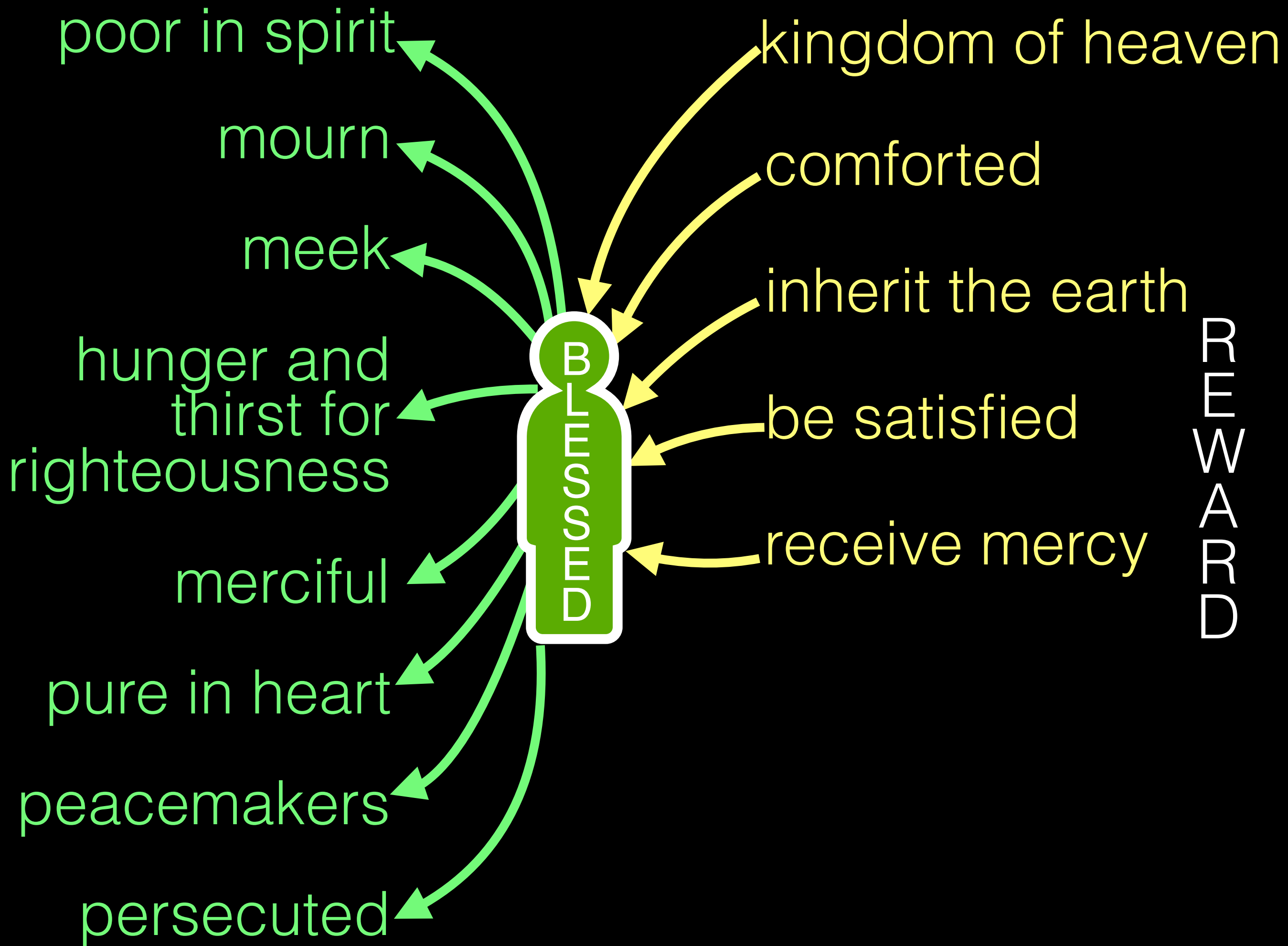
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receive mercy

And should not you have
had mercy on your fellow
servant, as I had mercy
on you?

(Matthew 18:33)

Two open hands, palms facing up, reaching out from the left and right sides of the frame. The hands are light-skinned and appear to be of an adult. The background is plain white.

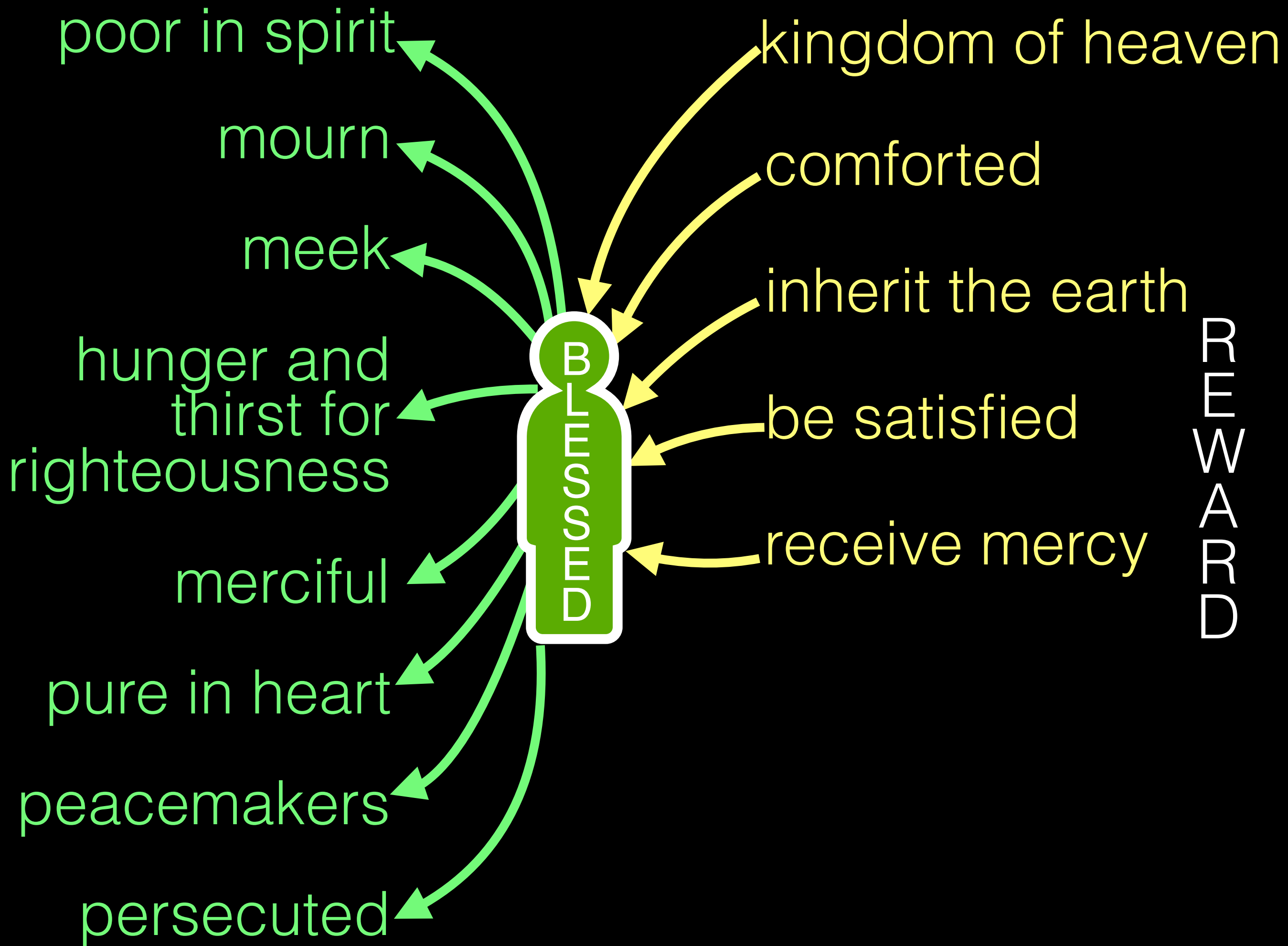
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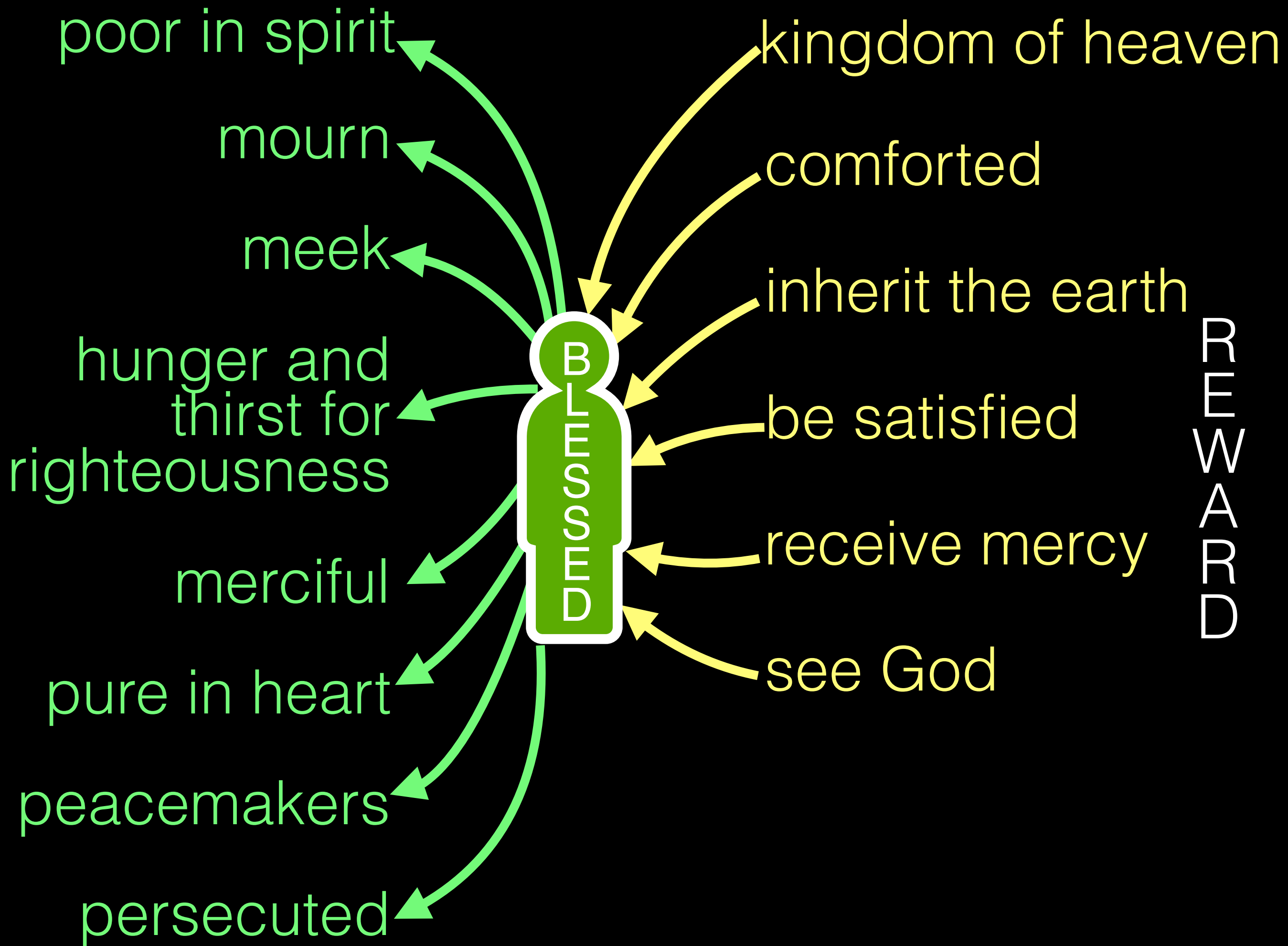
Let us then with
confidence draw near to
the throne of grace, that
we may receive mercy and
find grace to help in time of
need.

(Hebrews 4:16)

receive mercy

Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life
(Psalm 23:6)





A close-up photograph of a hand holding a nail against a wooden plank. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the thumb and fingers gripping the nail. The wooden plank is dark and textured, running horizontally across the top of the image. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue sky. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows and highlights on the hand and wood.

see God

No one has ever seen God
(John 1:18)

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a wooden plank. A nail is visible, partially driven into the wood. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, creating a somber and contemplative mood. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue-grey.

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unless one is born again he
cannot **see** the kingdom of God.
(John 3:3)

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Whoever has seen me
has seen the Father.

(John 14:9)

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a thick, weathered wooden plank. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with fingers gripping the edge of the wood. The plank is held horizontally, extending towards the left. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sunset or sunrise sky, with warm orange and yellow light on the right side fading into a darker blue on the left. The lighting creates a strong contrast, highlighting the texture of the wood and the skin of the hand.

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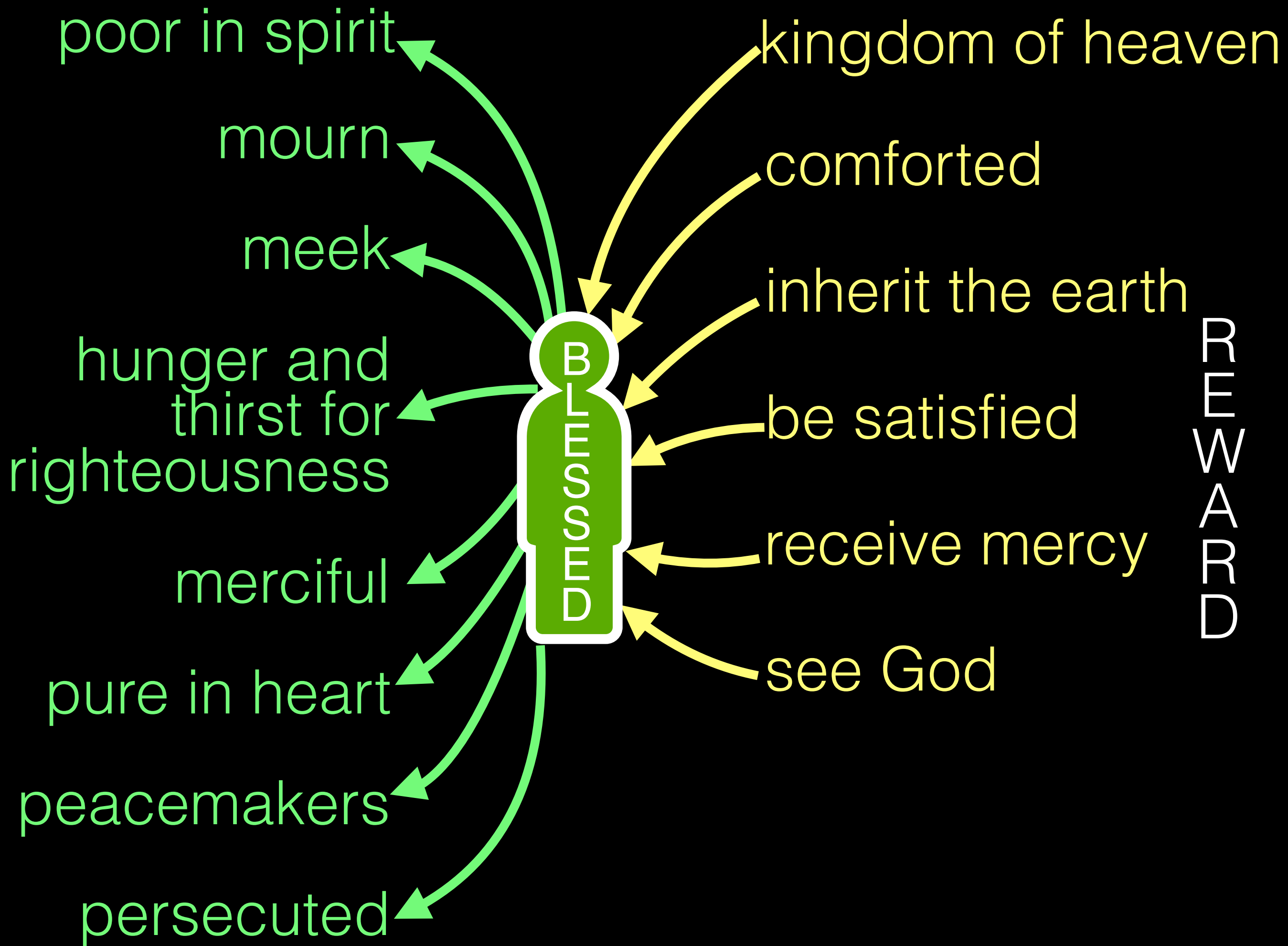
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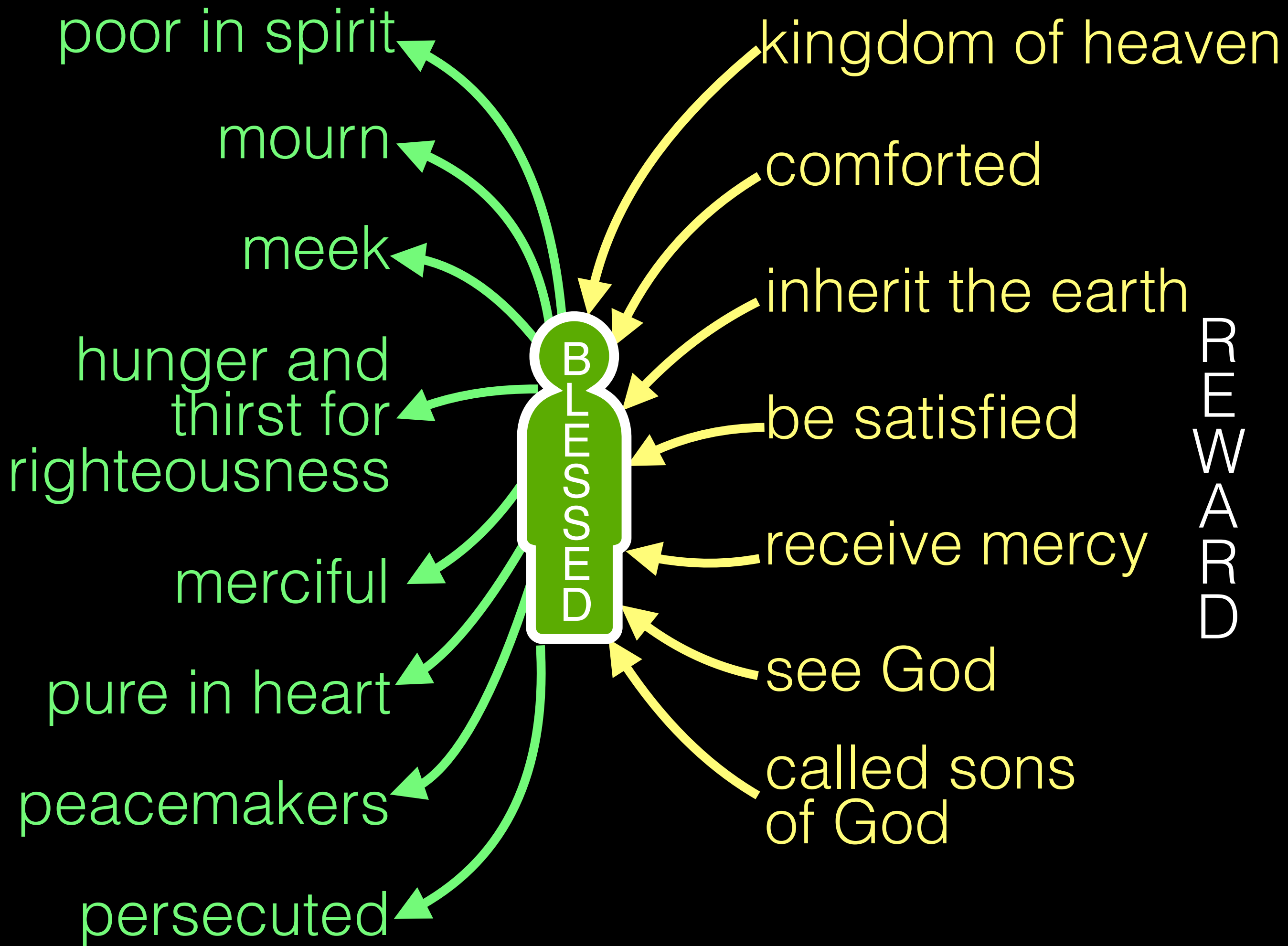
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called sons of God

James the son of Zebedee and John
the brother of James (to whom he
gave the name Boanerges, that is,
Sons of Thunder)

(Mark 3:17)



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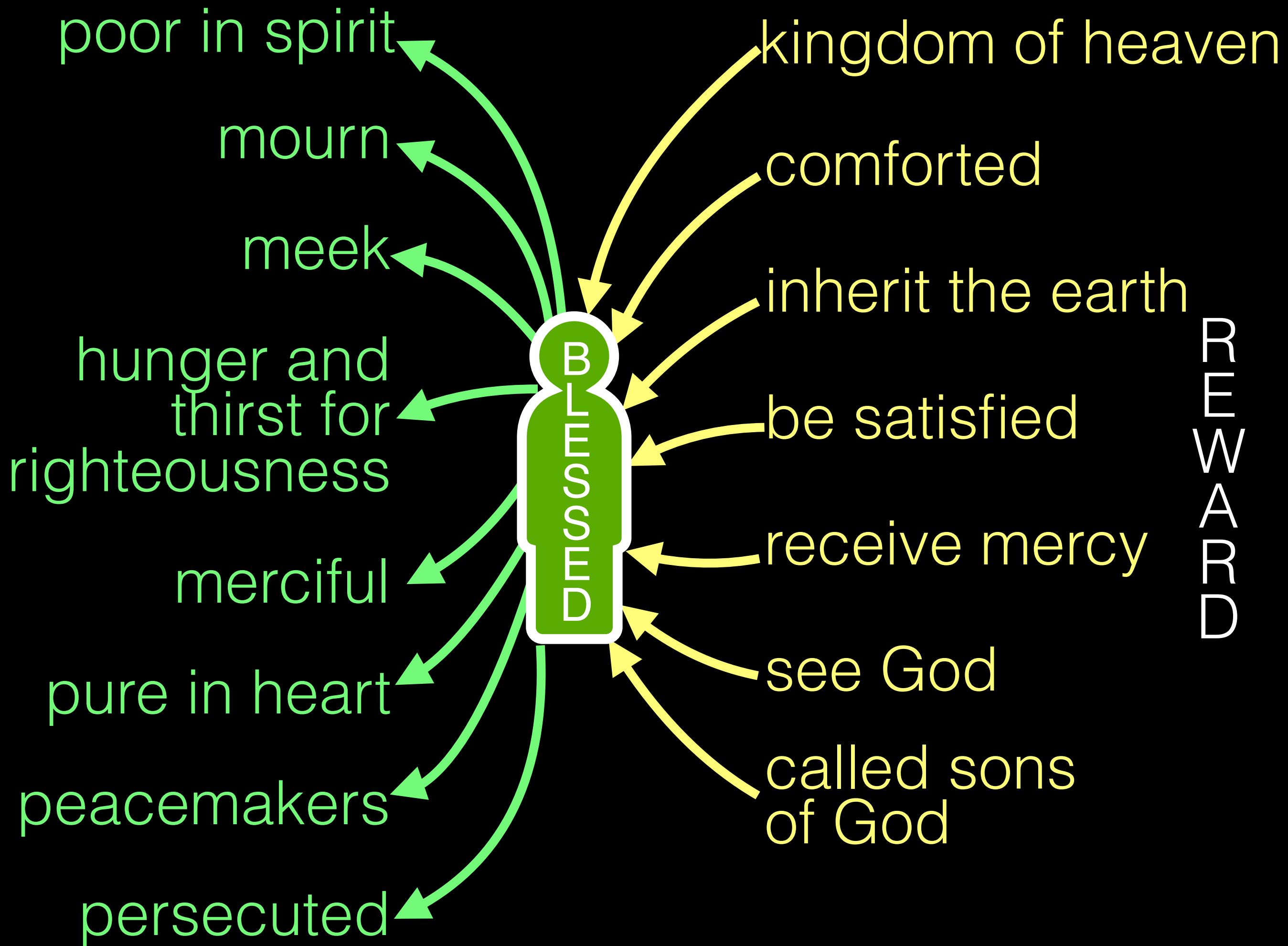
for in Christ Jesus you are all
sons of God, through faith.
(Galatians 3:26)

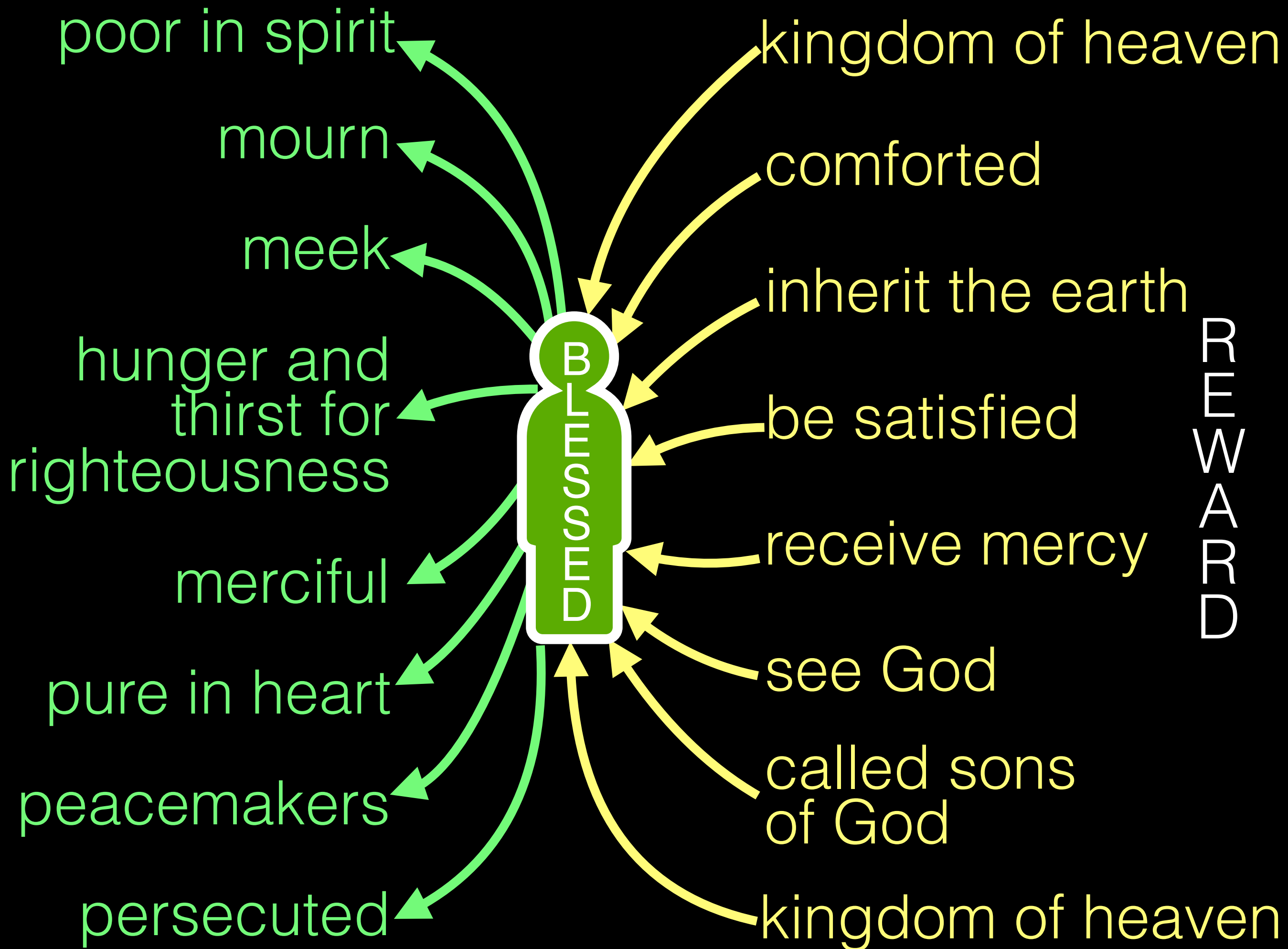


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But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

(Matthew 5:44-45)





A photograph of a wooden cross made of two thick, light-brown wooden beams. A crown of thorns, made of dry, light-colored, sharp-tipped branches, is placed over the cross. The background is dark and textured.

kingdom of
heaven

made us a kingdom
(Revelation 1:6)

A photograph of a wooden cross with a crown of thorns. The cross is made of light-colored wood and is set against a dark, textured background. The crown of thorns is made of dry, light-colored branches and is placed on the cross. The text "kingdom of heaven" is written in white in the top right corner.

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heaven

and you have made
them a kingdom
(Revelation 5:10)

A photograph of a wooden cross with a crown of thorns. The cross is made of light-colored wood, and the thorns are made of dried, spiky branches. The background is a dark, textured wall.

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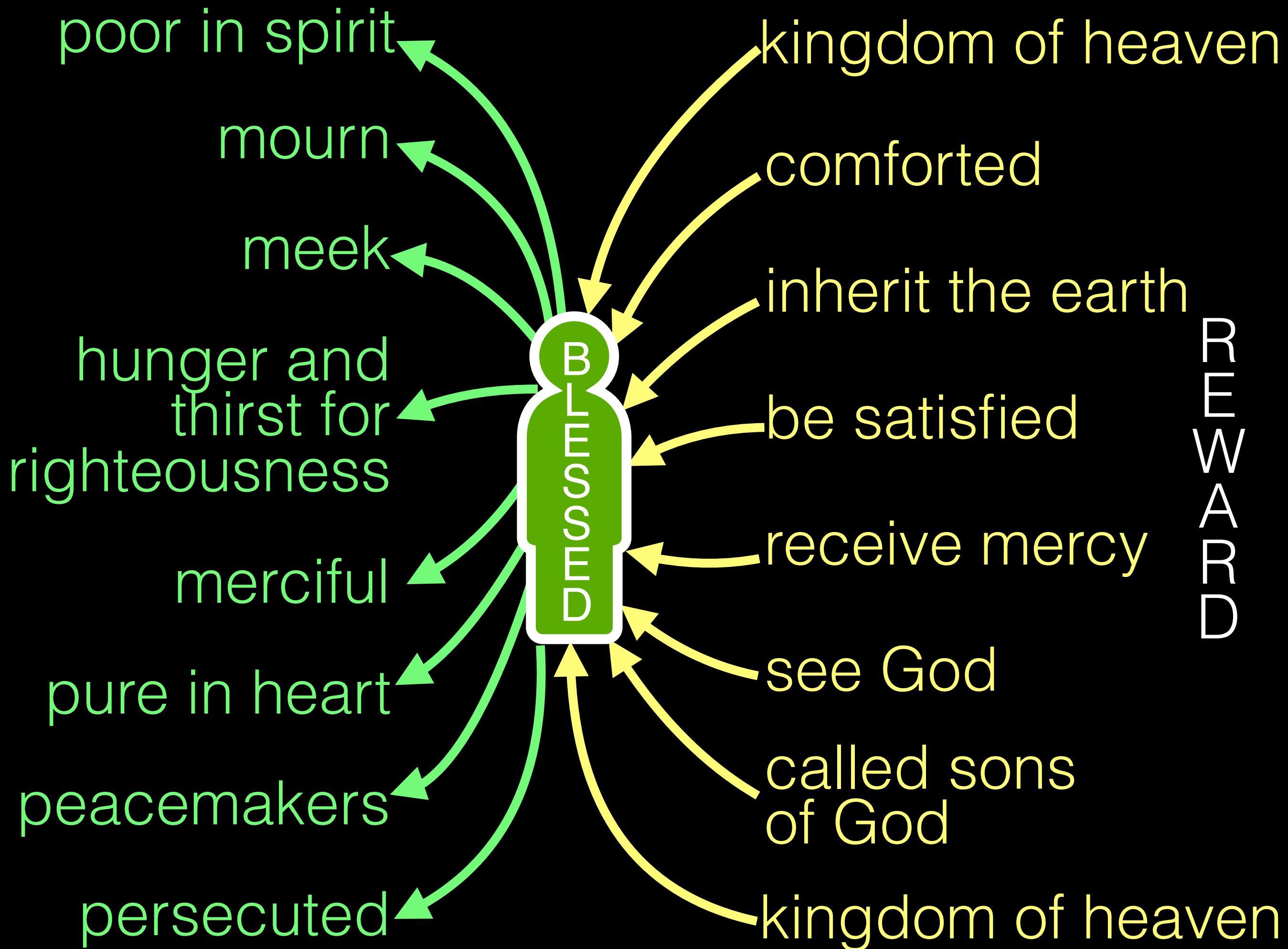
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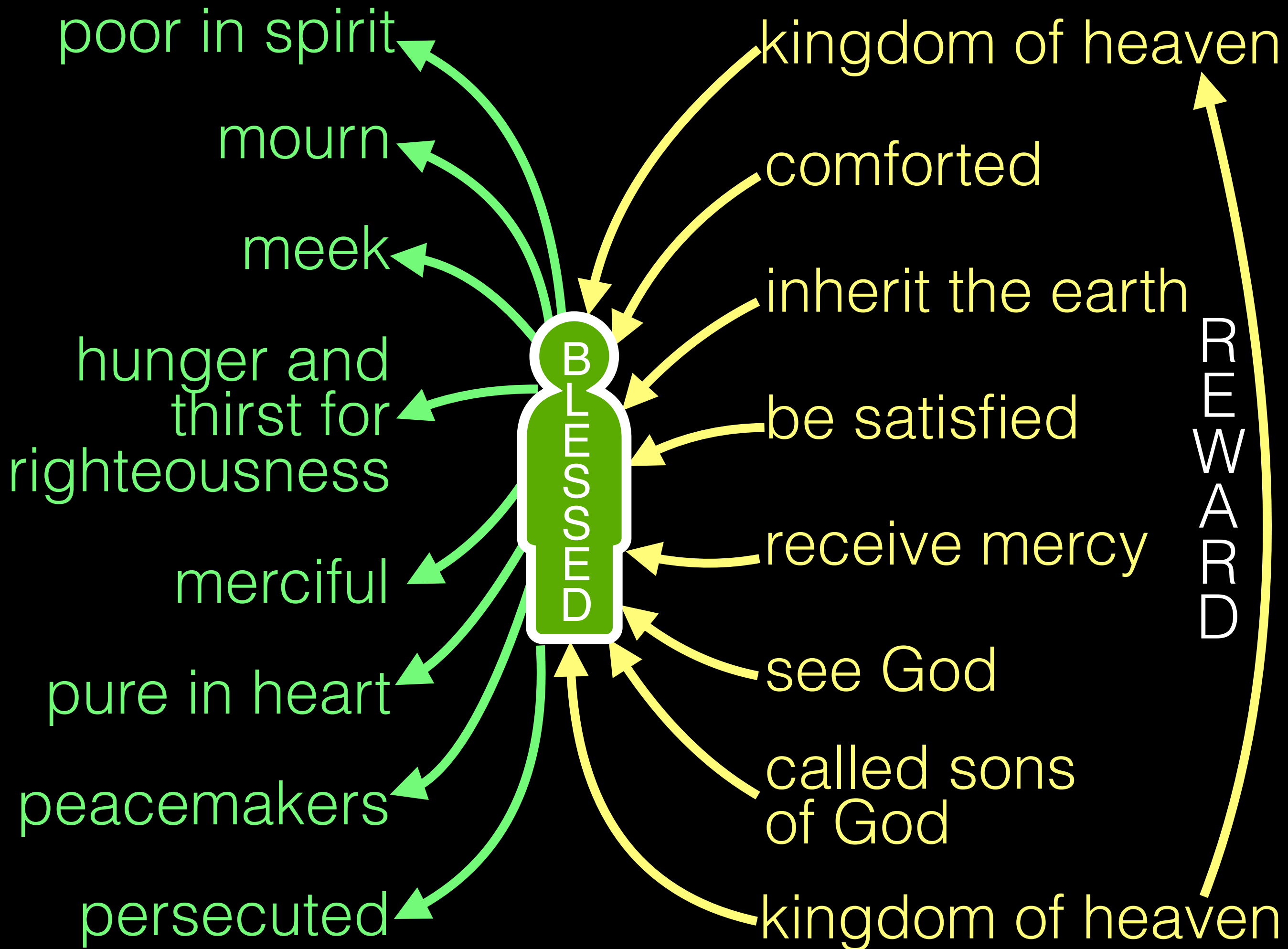
(Revelation 1:9)



kingdom of heaven

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,
“Now the salvation and the power and the
kingdom of our God and the authority of his
Christ have come, for the accuser of our
brothers has been thrown down, who
accuses them day and night before our God.
(Revelation 12:10)





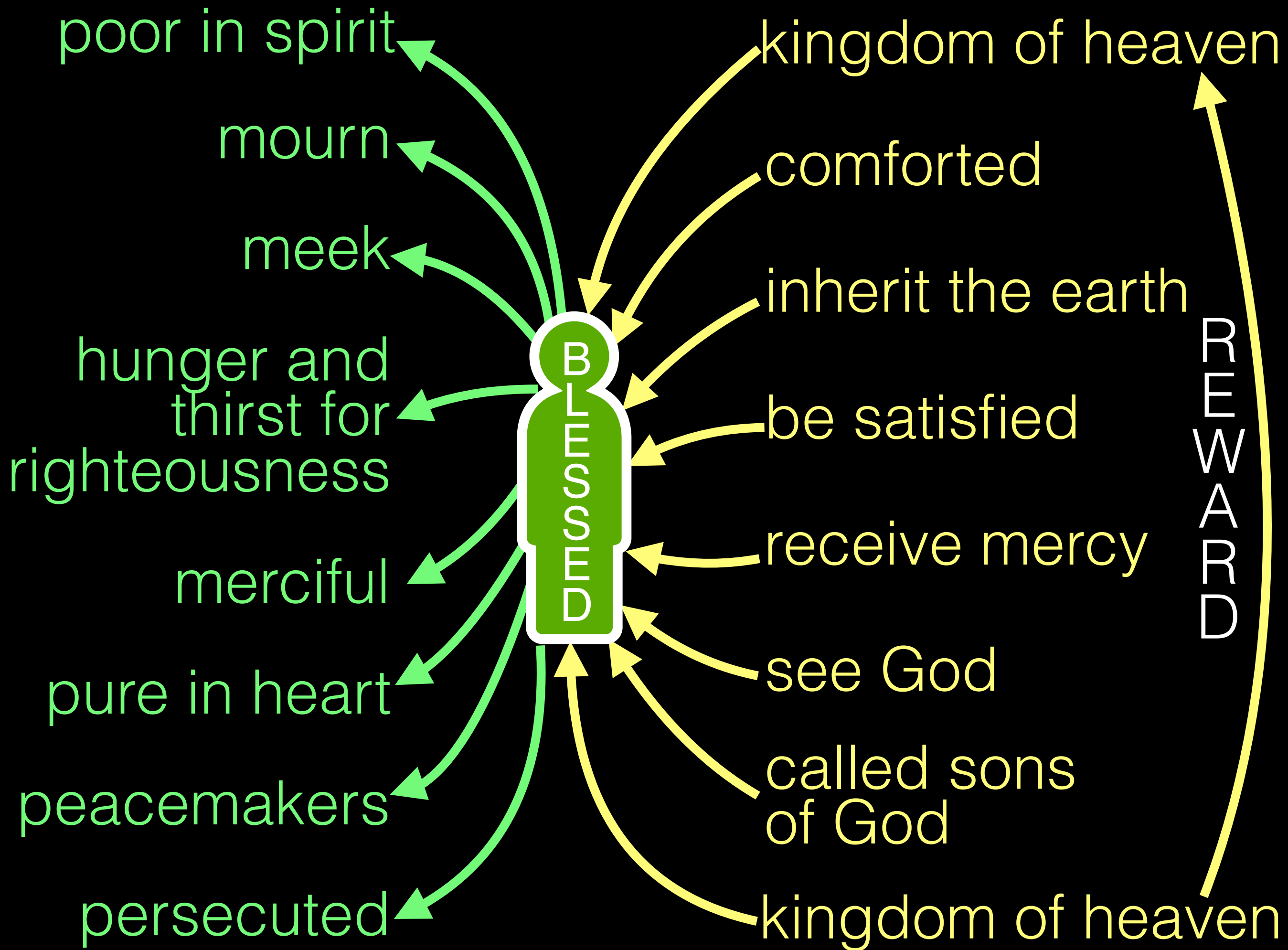


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The Blessed Life

Matthew 5.3-12

Synopsis: In this lesson you will learn about the 8 character traits necessary for those who are in Christ's kingdom. For each of these, we will look to Jesus as our example to follow.

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