

Why God Became Man (Heb. 2:5-18)

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Father

TRINITY

Son

Holy
Spirit



An Important Doctrine

- Incarnation
- Hypostatic Union
- Unique God-Man
- 100% God
- 100 % Man





Dr. John Walvoord

Jesus Christ Our Lord, 143-44

“The act of *kenosis* as stated in Philippians 2 may therefore be properly understood to mean that Christ surrendered no attribute of deity, but that He did voluntarily restrict their independent use in keeping with His purpose of living among men and their limitations.”

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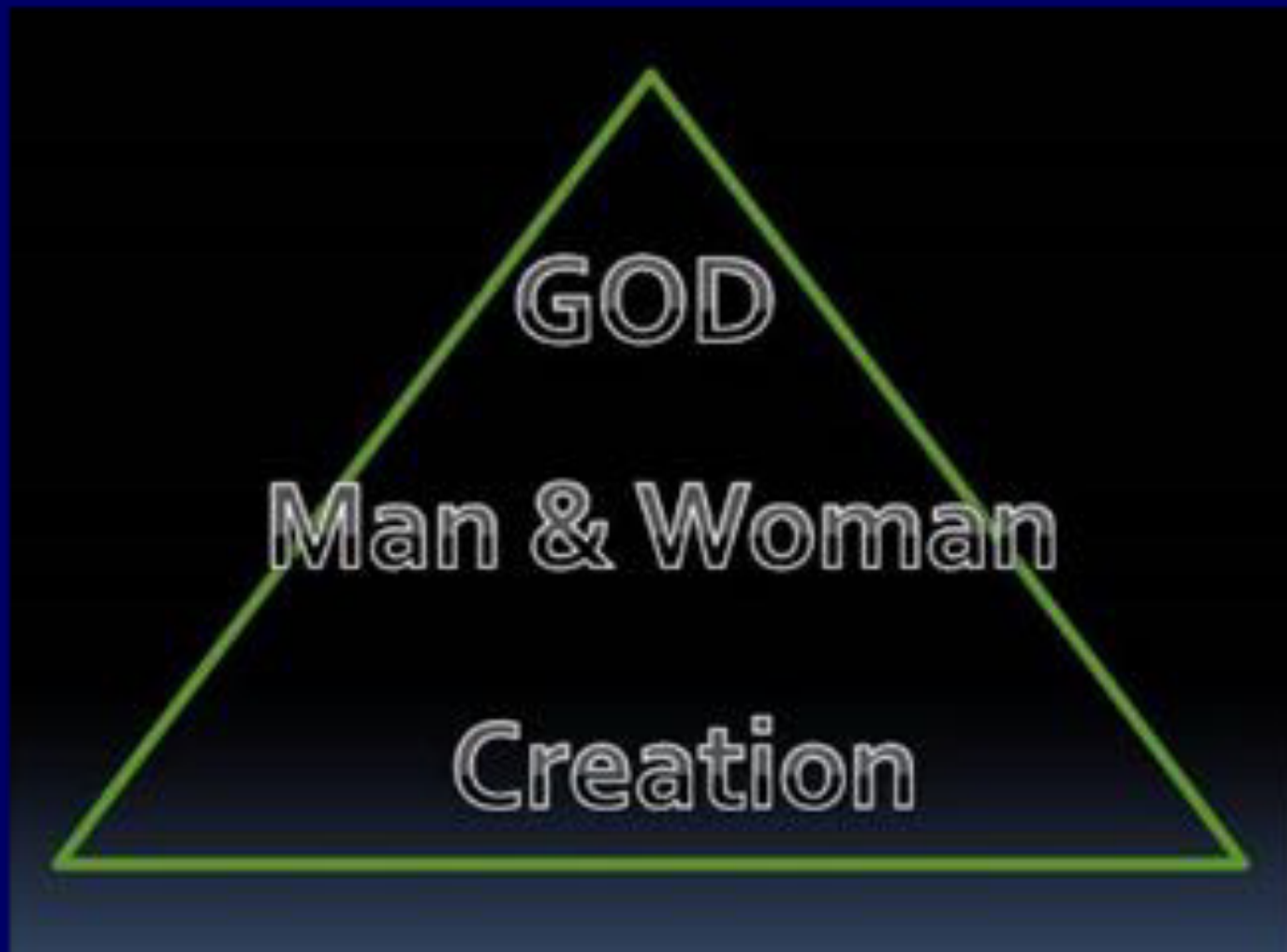


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Romans 8:19-22

¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.



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Charles Ryrie

Basic Theology, Page 511

“Why is an earthly kingdom necessary? Did He not receive His inheritance when He was raised and exalted in heaven? Is not His present rule His inheritance? Why does there need to be an earthly kingdom? Because He must be triumphant in the same arena where He was seemingly defeated. His rejection by the rulers of this world was on this earth (1Cor. 2:8). His exaltation must also be on this earth. And so it shall be when He comes again to rule this world in righteousness. He has waited long for His inheritance; soon He shall receive it.”

To Reverse Man's Sinful Condition

- Adam's disobedience affected all
- Christ's obedience blessed all
- Christ is the last Adam
 - ◆ 1 Cor 15:45; Rom 5:18-19



The Two Most Influential Men in World History

	Adam	Jesus
Single action	Disobedience	Obedience
Tree	Knowledge	Cross
Universal impact	Curse	Blessing
Birth	Physical	Spiritual
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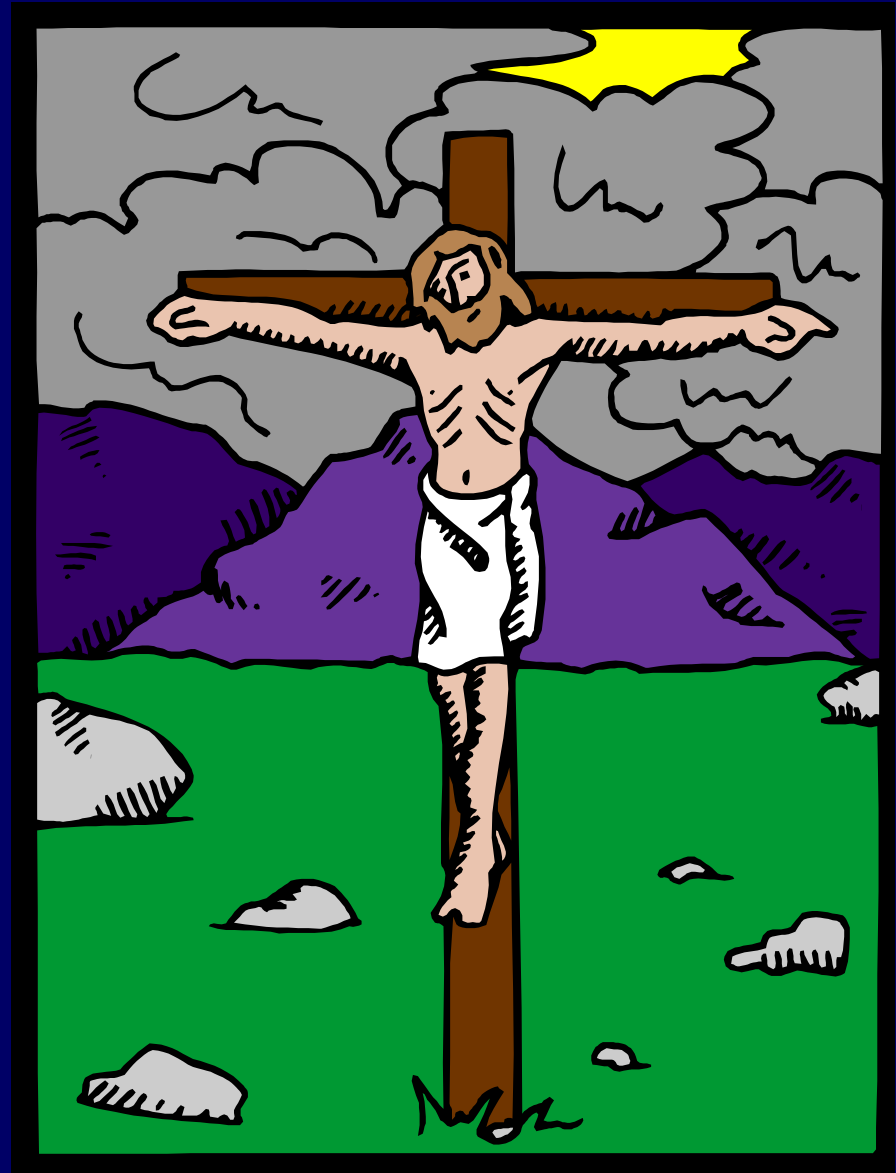
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To Pay the Penalty for Man's Sin

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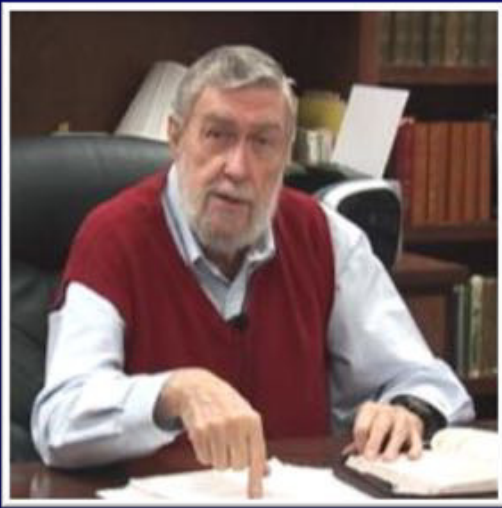
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Jay Adams

Competent to Counsel, 70.



“But counselors, as Christians, are obligated to present the claims of Christ. They must present the good news that Christ Jesus died on the cross in the place of His own, that He bore the guilt and suffered the penalty for their sins. He died that all whom the Father had given to Him might come unto Him and have life everlasting. As a reformed Christian, the writer believes that counselors must not tell any unsaved counselee that Christ died for him, **FOR THEY CANNOT SAY THAT**. No man knows except Christ Himself who are His elect for whom He died.” [emphasis mine]

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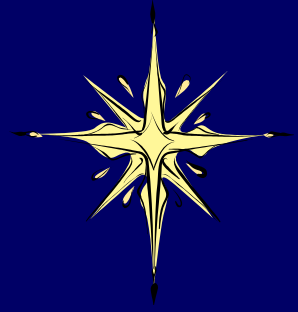
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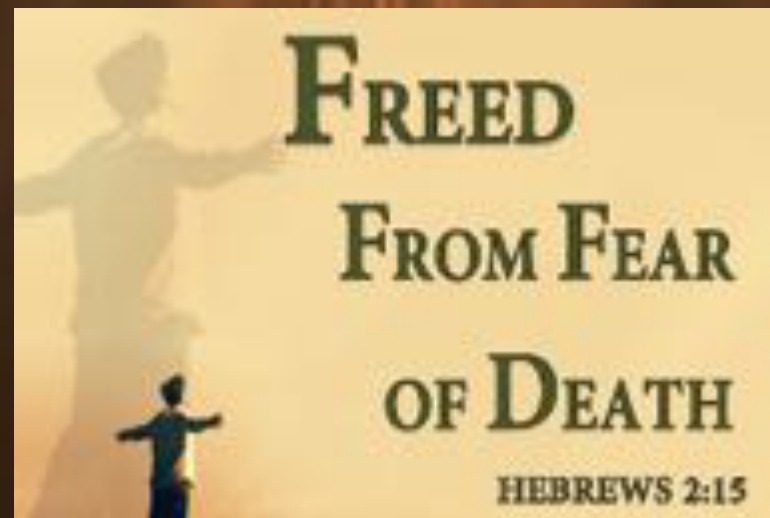
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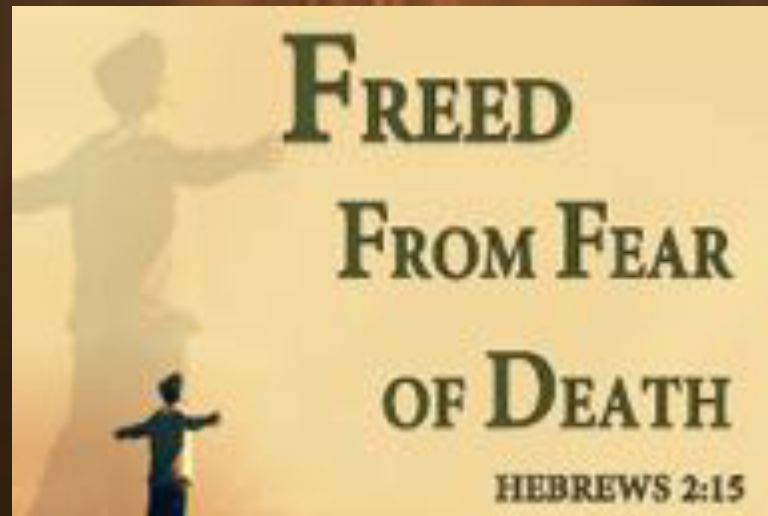
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Philippians 1:21-24

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²² But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to

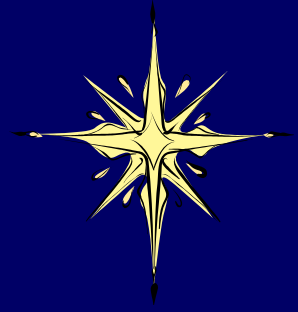
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directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better; ²⁴ yet to

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- Definition of a priest
- Job's cry (Job 9:32-33)
- One mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)



Job 9:32-33

³² “For *He is* not a man as I am that I may answer Him, That we may go to court together. ³³ There is no umpire between us, Who may lay his hand upon us both.”

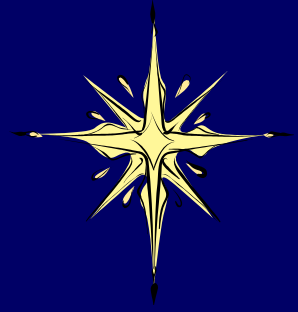


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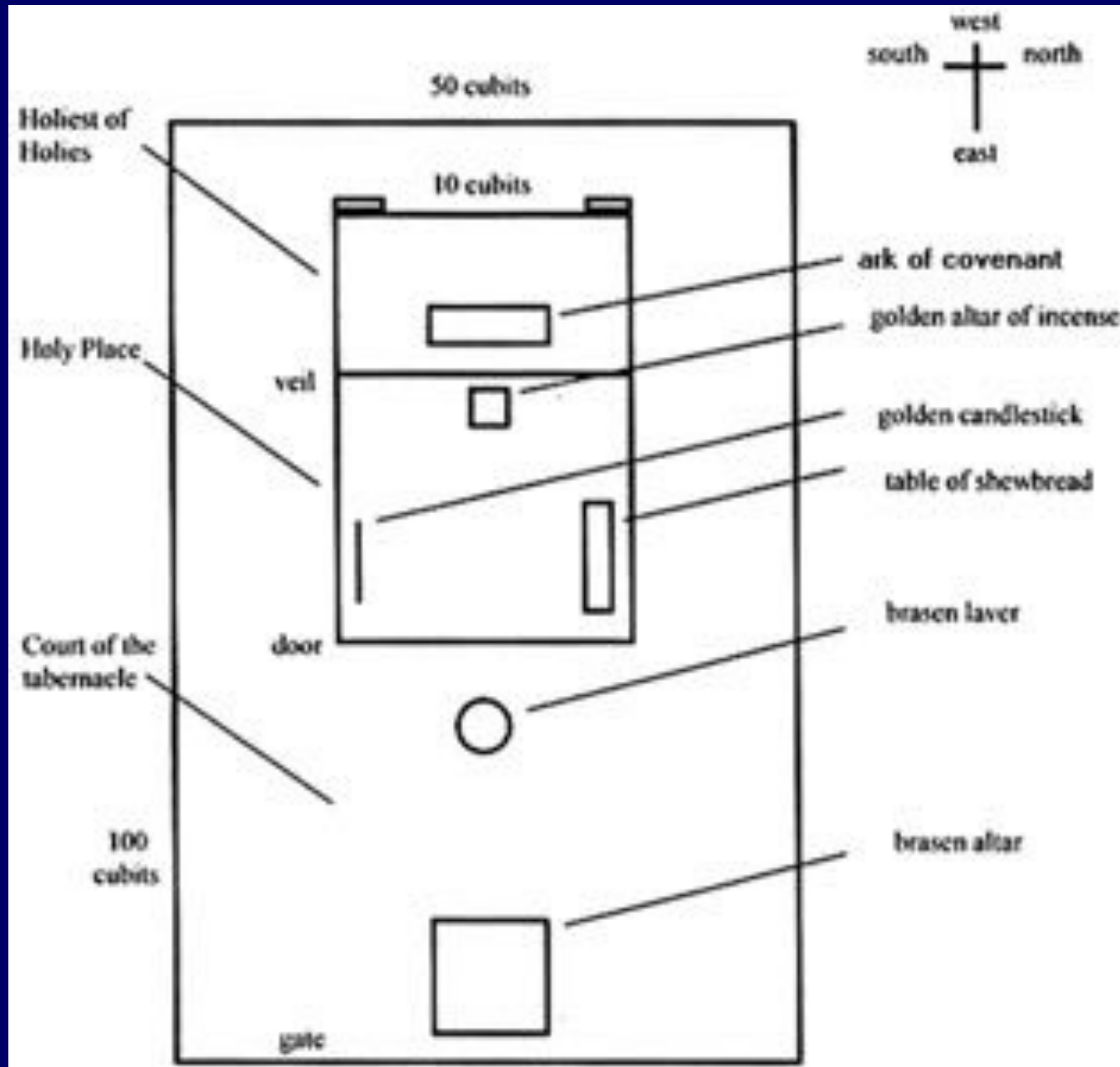


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Tabernacle Diagram



Ark of the Covenant



Hebrews 10:5-7

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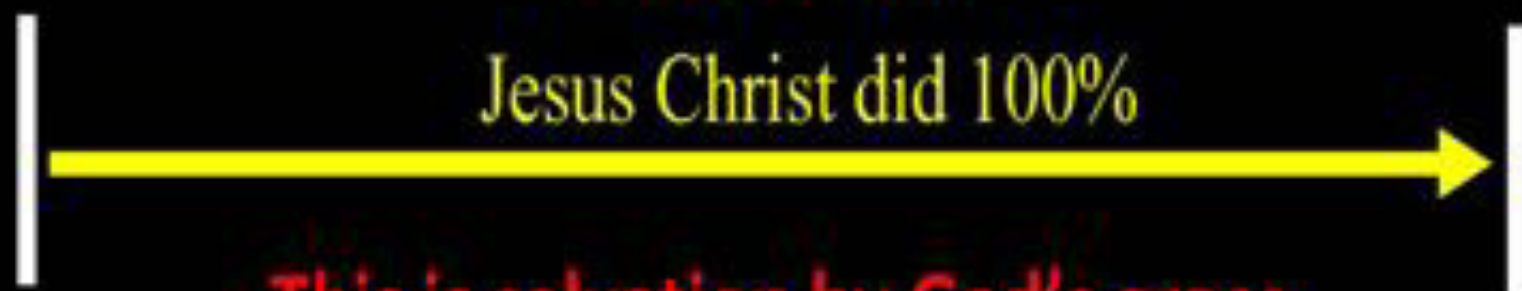


Religion says...



This is salvation by works.

God says...



This is salvation by God's grace.

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For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.



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- Definition of a priest
- Christ experienced temptations (Heb 2:18)
- Christ experienced our trials (Heb 4:15)



Christ's Human Experiences

- Labor (Mark 6:3)
- Distress (Luke 22:44)
- Being troubled (John 12:27)
- Thirst (John 19:28)
- Hunger (Matt 4:2)
- Fatigue (John 4:6)
- Sadness (John 11:35)
- Lack of understanding (Matt 24:36)
- Temptation (Luke 4:1-13; Heb. 4:15)



Hebrews 4:15-16

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)