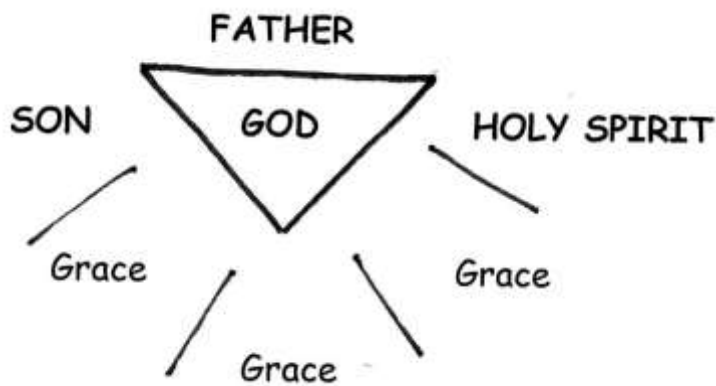


Job's Faith

Part 2

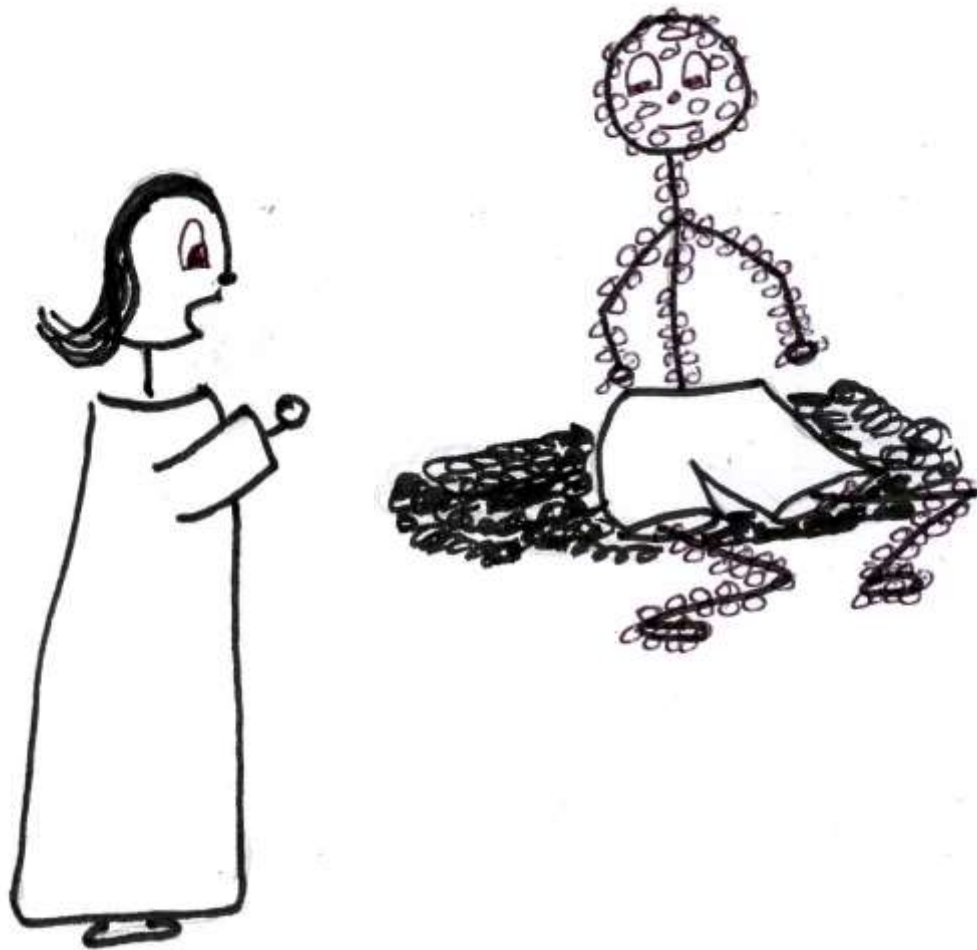
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We left Job with boils, painful sores, all over his body. He was extremely uncomfortable. He was sitting in ashes. In Job's days, that was a sign of humility. (It isn't in our days, so don't think you are humble if you are sitting in ashes!) Job respected God's word and was able to be taught His thinking! You are humble when you respect God's word and are able to be taught His thinking. Through all of his sufferings Job trusted in God and used God's thinking.



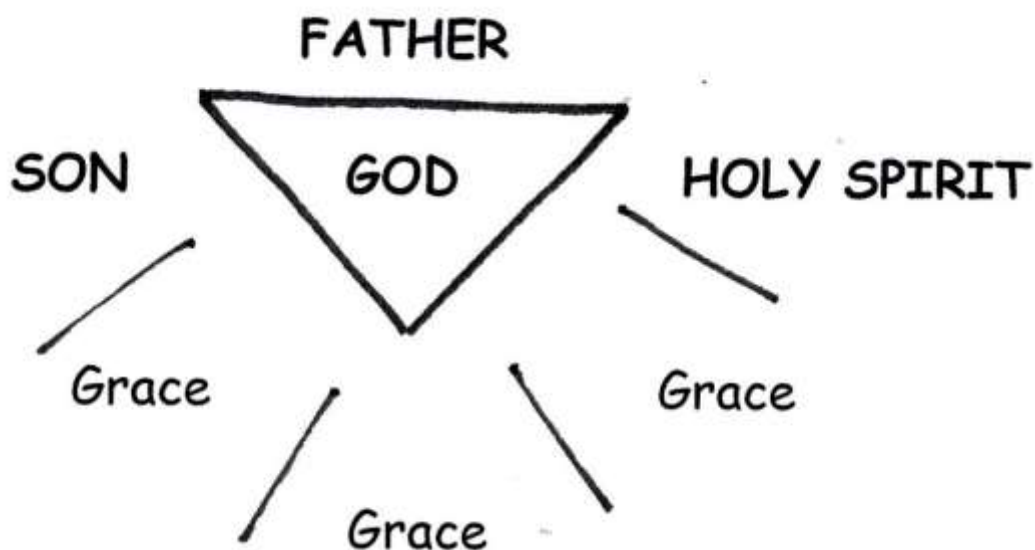
Job 2:8 And he took a potsherd [piece of a clay pot] to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes.

Here is a conversation between Job and his wife.
Job 2:9-10 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity [sticking with God's plan]? Curse God and die!"
But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks [with emotion]. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.



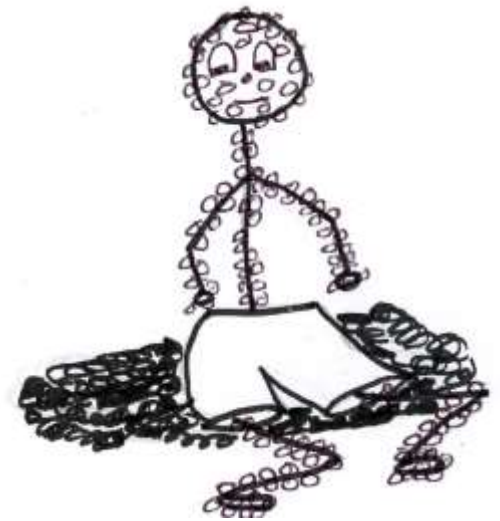
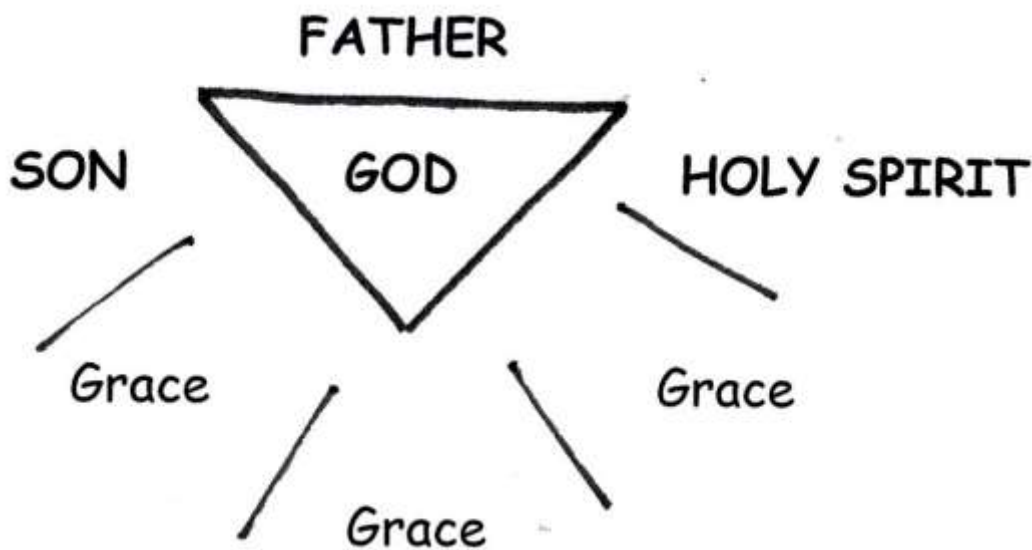
Job's wife was upset about Job's situation and she was using emotion rather than God's thinking. We've all been there so don't judge! She didn't have the doctrine Job had. So, she couldn't handle what he was able to handle. She saw that Job was still faithful to and depending on God. In fact, she saw his faith growing! Unlike human strength which dwindles, divine strength grew with Job's tests. Job was using God's power; he had supernatural strength from God's word and relying on God's character.* Always keep your eyes on God and His word, not on man and his word!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Our God Is An Awesome God*.



Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Job's wife was offended by Job's suffering. She was offended by God's plan for Job's life. Therefore, she was offended by God's grace. She couldn't have empathy, or understand Job's thoughts and feelings because she had never been through similar sufferings! She didn't even choose to sympathize with him. Except for God, Job was by himself in his suffering. This was where God wanted him to be! The only one Job could rely on was God!!



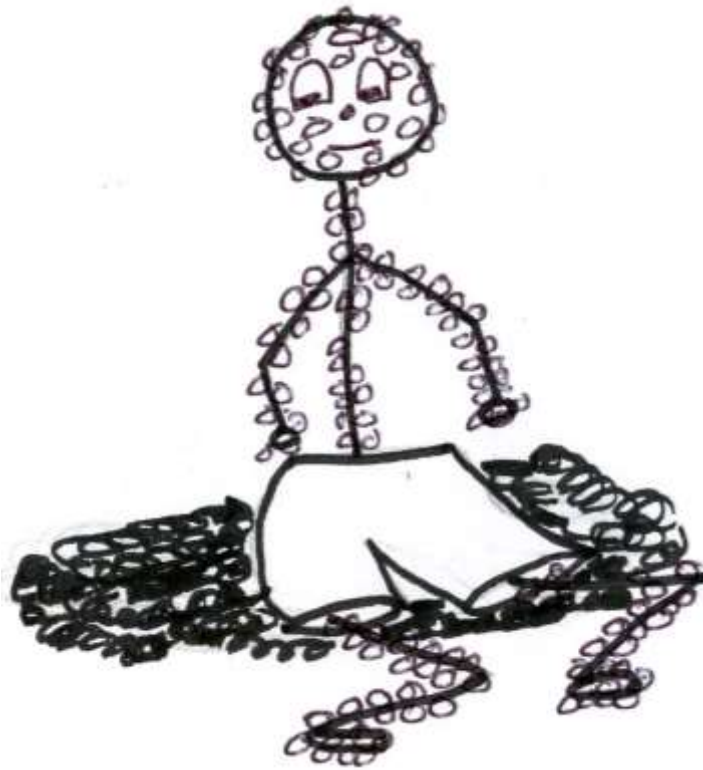
2 Corinthians 13:8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but *only* for the truth."

At first we want to judge Job's wife. Wrong! God is the only judge because He is the only one who has all the facts. Given the circumstances, she was having a bad day. We have many bad days! Job knows his wife better than we do. He does not put down her character. He was the stronger believer. He could accept his wife's judgment of him without yelling back at her. He pointed out to her that she was talking "like a foolish woman". This means she was speaking from emotion, not from doctrinal thinking. Job showed grace, doctrine, gentleness and love to his wife.



Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Job had been stripped of his support structure. He lost his children, servants and his animals; then the person closest to Job, his wife, failed him. However, he responded selflessly. Job was willing to accept the good and the bad. He had complete confidence in the truth, Bible doctrine. He tried to help his wife with doctrine. He followed this principle: when someone is operating in his or her old sin nature, don't you operate in your old sin nature. Operate in Bible doctrine.



Hebrews 12:12-13 Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that *the limb* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Job was using God's way of thinking against Satan's way of thinking. God's way is one of grace, forgiveness and love. Satan's way is one of human works, merit and evil. If we want to solve something, we are to go with God. He has all the solutions. There is **no** problem that hasn't already been solved by God. Job teaches us that God's grace is made known to us when **God** solves the problems. If we don't have problems, how would we see God's grace delivering us from those problems?

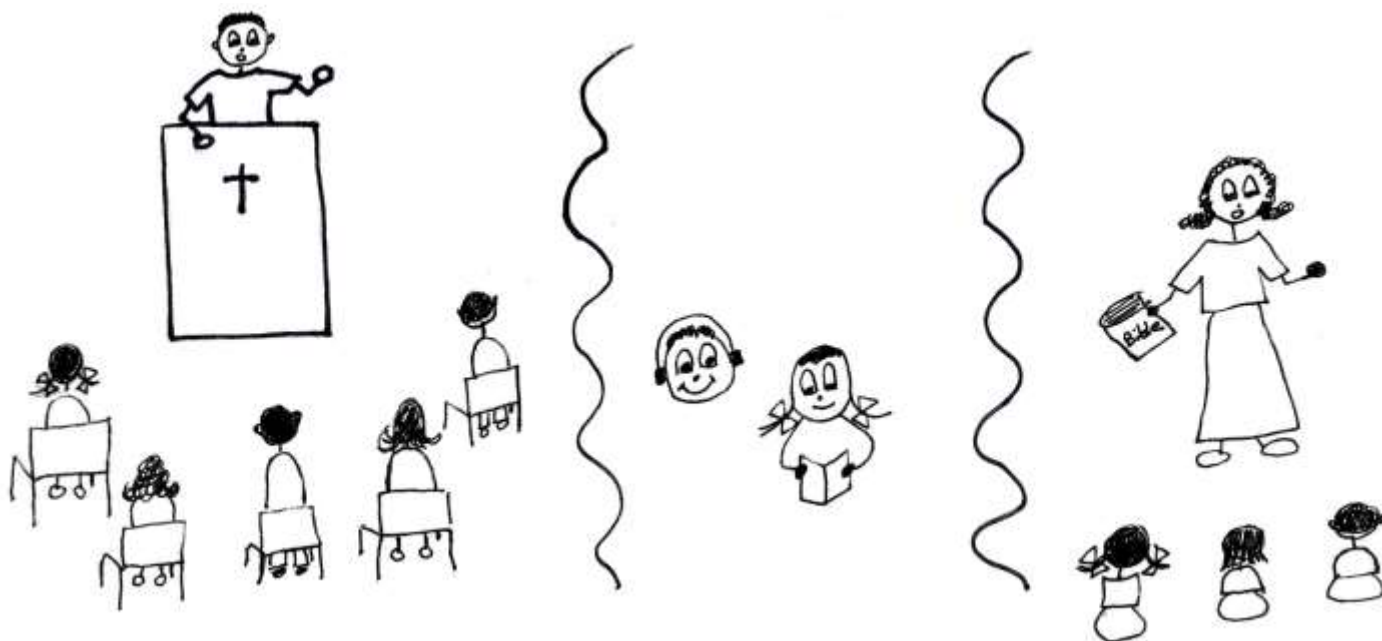
*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *A Very Special Grace*.



James 1:2-3 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

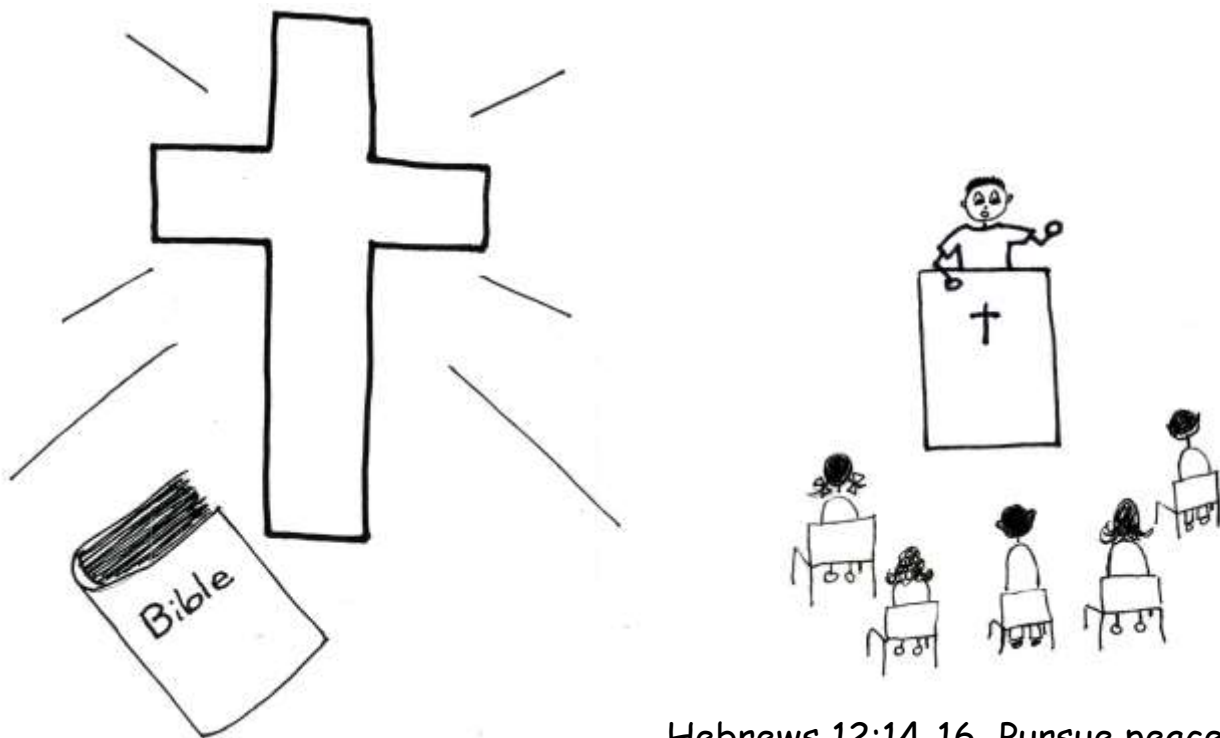
It is impossible to love, trust and lean on someone you don't know! Therefore, we need to learn about God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through Bible doctrine. The Holy Spirit will teach us how to love, trust and lean on God. It takes time and we need to remain humble or teachable. It's like learning to play a sport; it takes time and you need to be humble and learn from your coach. The Bible doctrine we know can't be taken away from us. It's our very own treasure! It gives us confidence in God's grace plan for our lives!*

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Psalm 46:10 Cease [stop] striving and know that I am God.

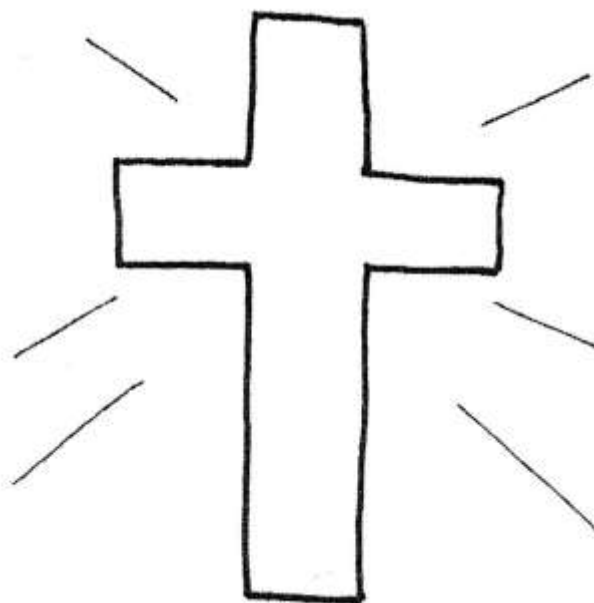
The more Bible doctrine we learn, believe and use, the more virtue love we will have. We will have our eyes on Jesus - His love and His thinking. Again, this can't be forced; it has to be learned and the learning takes time! Job looked at his sufferings through the Bible doctrine he knew! He looked at them as a way to grow in God's grace and knowledge! He tried to help his wife. We can do the same; we can grow and help others to grow. It takes a lot of trust, faith and intimacy or closeness with Jesus Christ! So, let's focus on Jesus Christ and His thinking! Let's learn, believe and use Bible doctrine!



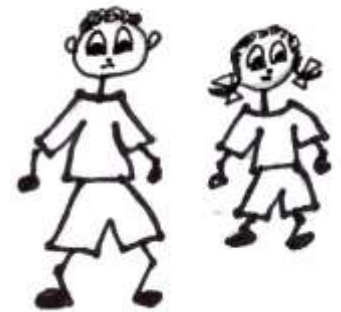
Hebrews 12:14-16 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled....

God wants us to enjoy life. **He** knows the best way to get us to the place where we can truly enjoy life - in times of conflicts and in times of peace. What does God expect us to do? He wants us to learn, believe and use Bible doctrine. He knows we will fall down, or sin. He just wants us to admit when we are wrong, stop it, and turn back to Him. Remember, you are humble when you respect God's word and are able to be taught His thinking. Growing up in His grace and knowledge involves "skinning our knees" at times. And, it doesn't matter how many times we fall; God is always there waiting for us to get up and turn back to Him and His word. Failure on our part presents opportunities for us to see God's grace, mercy, love and forgiveness.

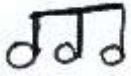
James 5:11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and *is* merciful.



As we are growing up in our spiritual lives there will be times when it is very lonely. It certainly was lonely for Job! He didn't know where God was taking him with his undeserved suffering. However, he knew God's character and that **He** would never leave him alone! Job knew all the great things God had already done for him. When God took away all of Job's possessions and family, except for his wife, he knew it was for a good reason. The reason was so Job couldn't say he was supported by his family, or anyone else. He had to rely on God and know that he was supported by God. When we are going through undeserved suffering, we can rely on God. We can have faith that God will deliver us. We can have faith in the grace plan of God for our lives!



1 Samuel 12:24 Only fear [respect] the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.



He Will Carry You



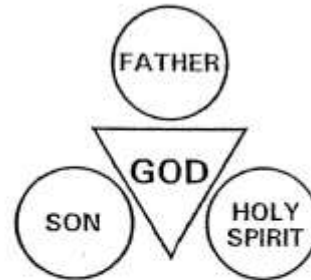
There is no problem too big God cannot solve it.
 There is no mountain too tall He cannot move it.
 There is no storm too dark God cannot calm it.
 There is no sorrow too deep He cannot soothe it.

Chorus

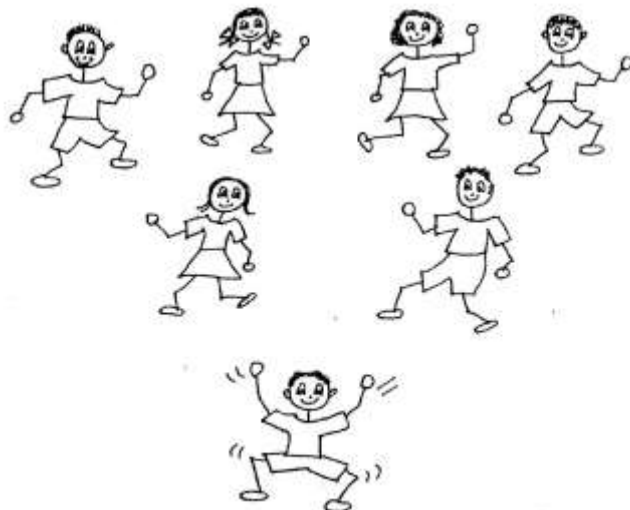
If He carried the weight of the world upon His shoulders,
 I know my brother that He will carry you.
 If He carried the weight of the world upon His shoulders,
 I know my sister that He will carry you.

He said come unto Me all who are weary and I will give you rest.

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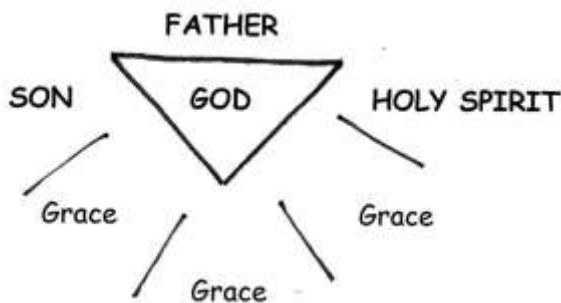


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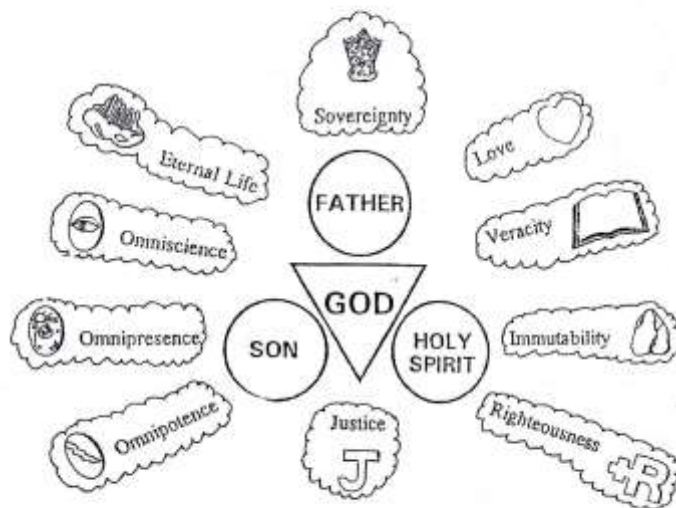
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Questions for Discussion

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4. Why couldn't Job's wife understand and handle what Job was suffering?
5. What did Job say to his wife? Was he mean to her?
6. How do we learn about God's grace and deliverance?
7. How do we learn to love, trust and lean on someone?
8. Can this be learned quickly?
9. How can we enjoy life the way God wants us to enjoy it?
10. We can have faith in God because of His character or nature. What is God's character or nature?

God's Divine Nature



Our God is an awesome God!

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