

2019

The Year
of Hope



**Taking cover from
the sun**



**Philippine storm
death toll surges to 68**



**High-rise building
collapses in Russia,
at least two dead:
Reports**

Bad News



**Tornado kills one,
damages 165 houses
in Indonesia's
West Java province**



**Vietnamese relatives
of bus blast victims
arrive in Egypt**





December 2018 Messages

- 02 December - The WOW Factor
- 09 December - The day when devils in thousands fled!
- 16 December - And the bleeding stopped
- 25 December - The silence before Christmas
- 30 December - Through the looking glass
- 31 December - Hope

Outline:

1. 2 Unbearable Words
2. The Christian Hope
3. Breathing

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Proverbs 18:14

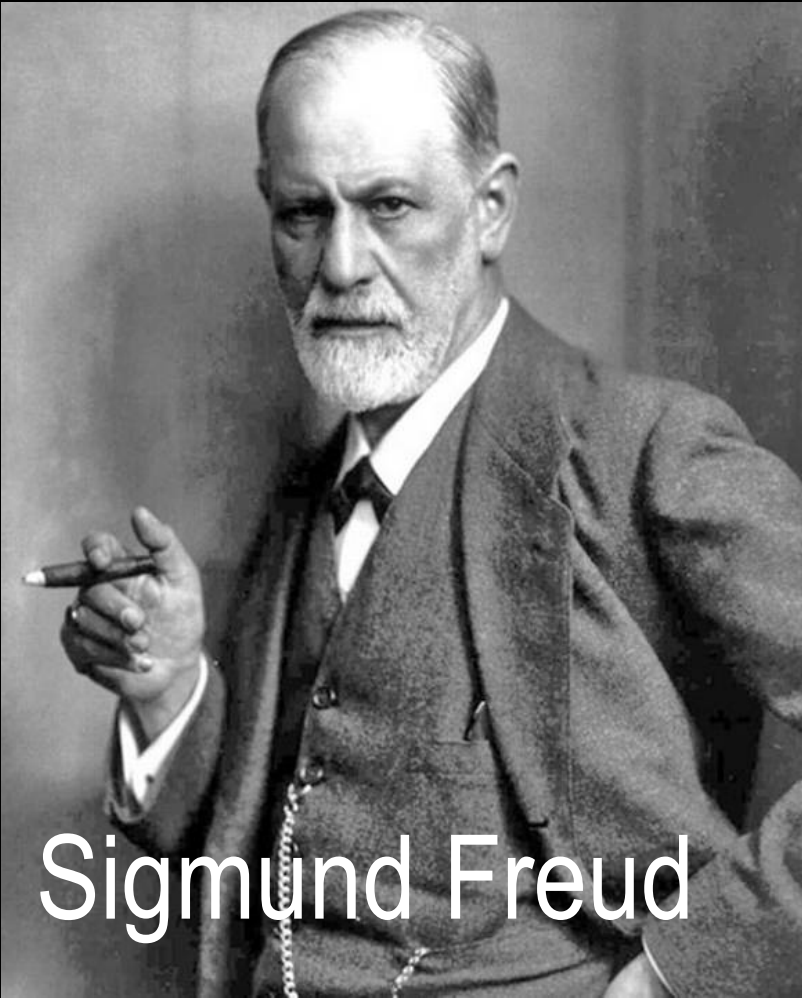
The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, but who can bear a broken spirit?

The Orange Revolution

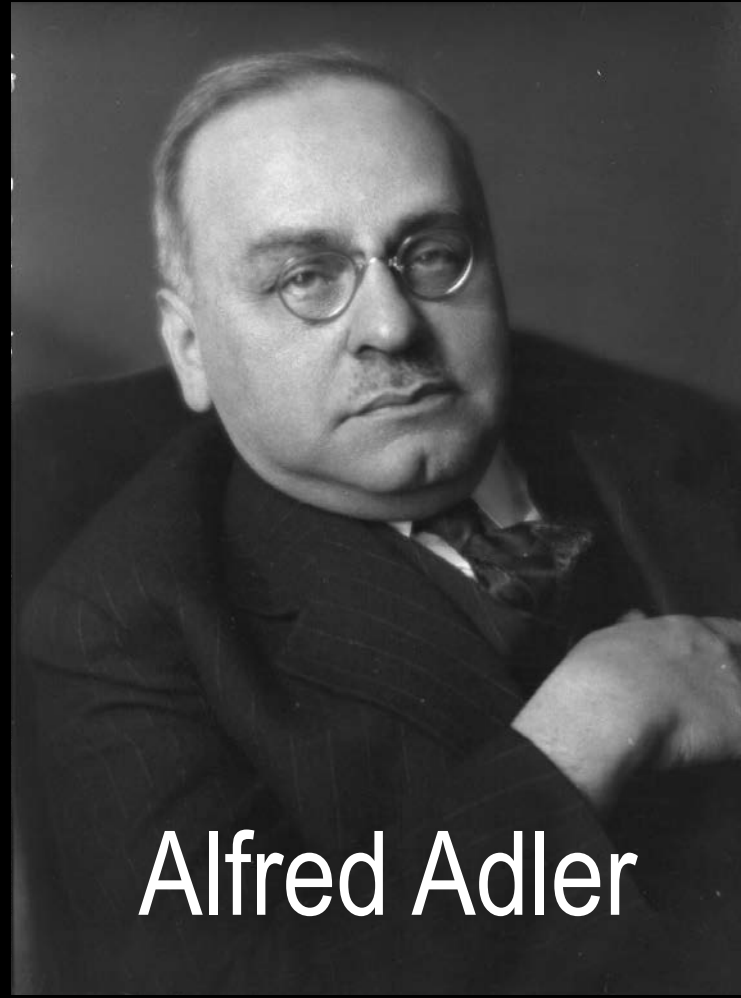
Viktor Yushchenko



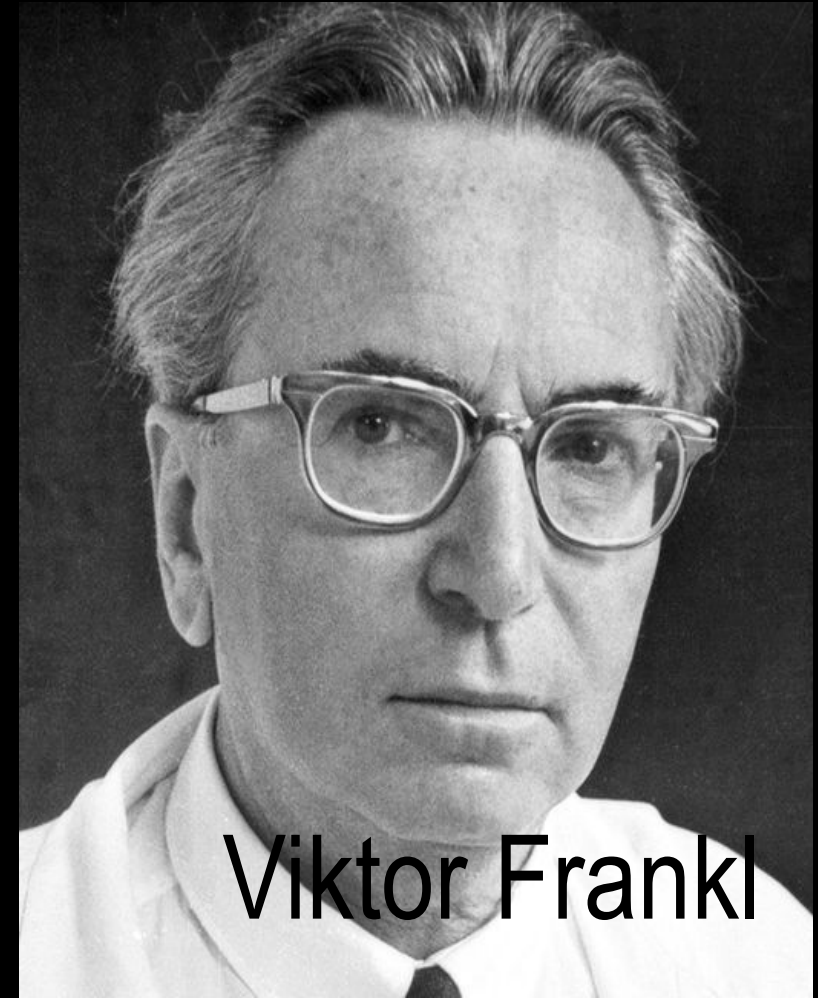
3 famous Psychiatrists



Sigmund Freud



Alfred Adler



Viktor Frankl

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1 Peter 1:3-6

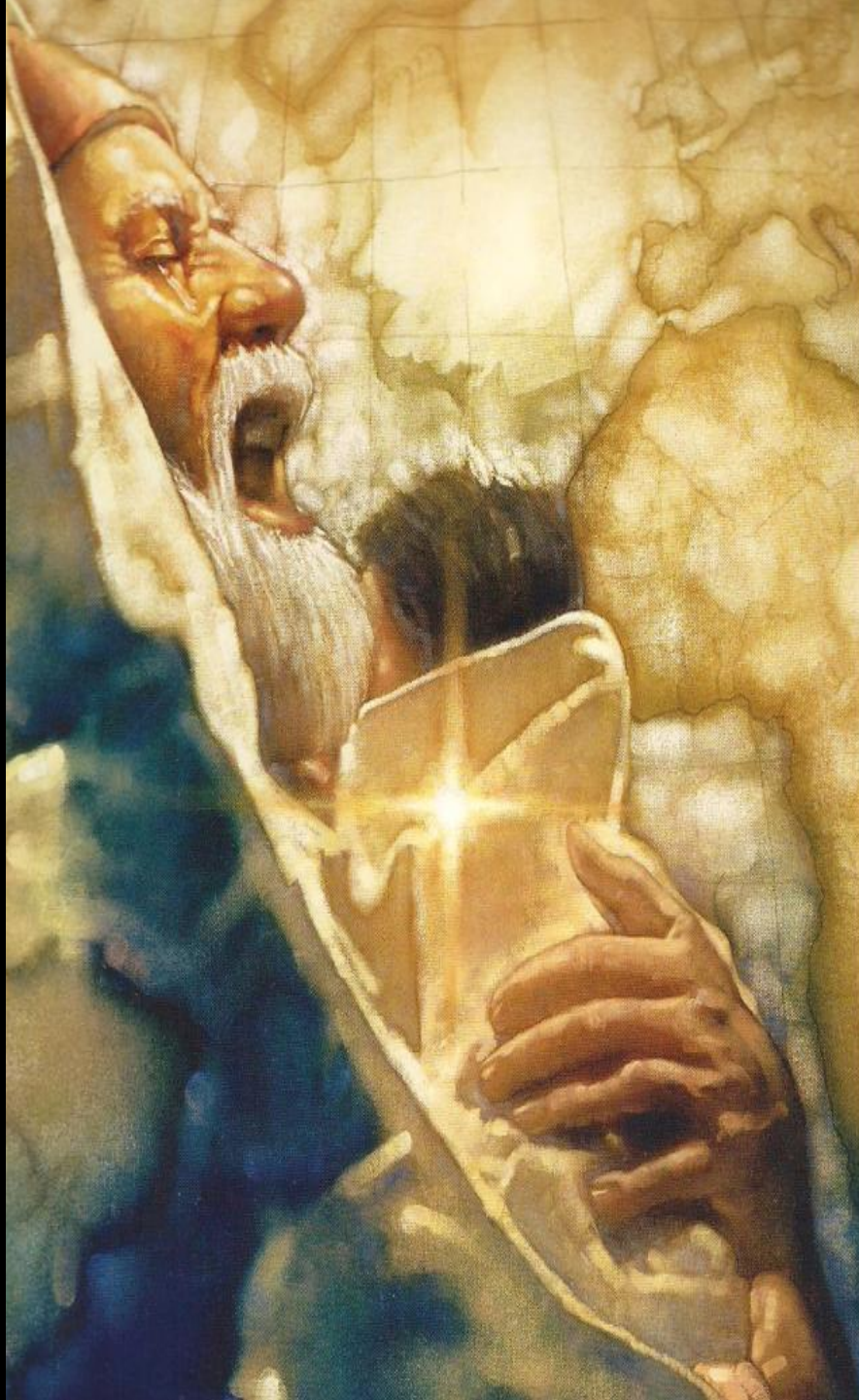
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, **5** who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind,
be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is
to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.



1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts,
and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks
you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.

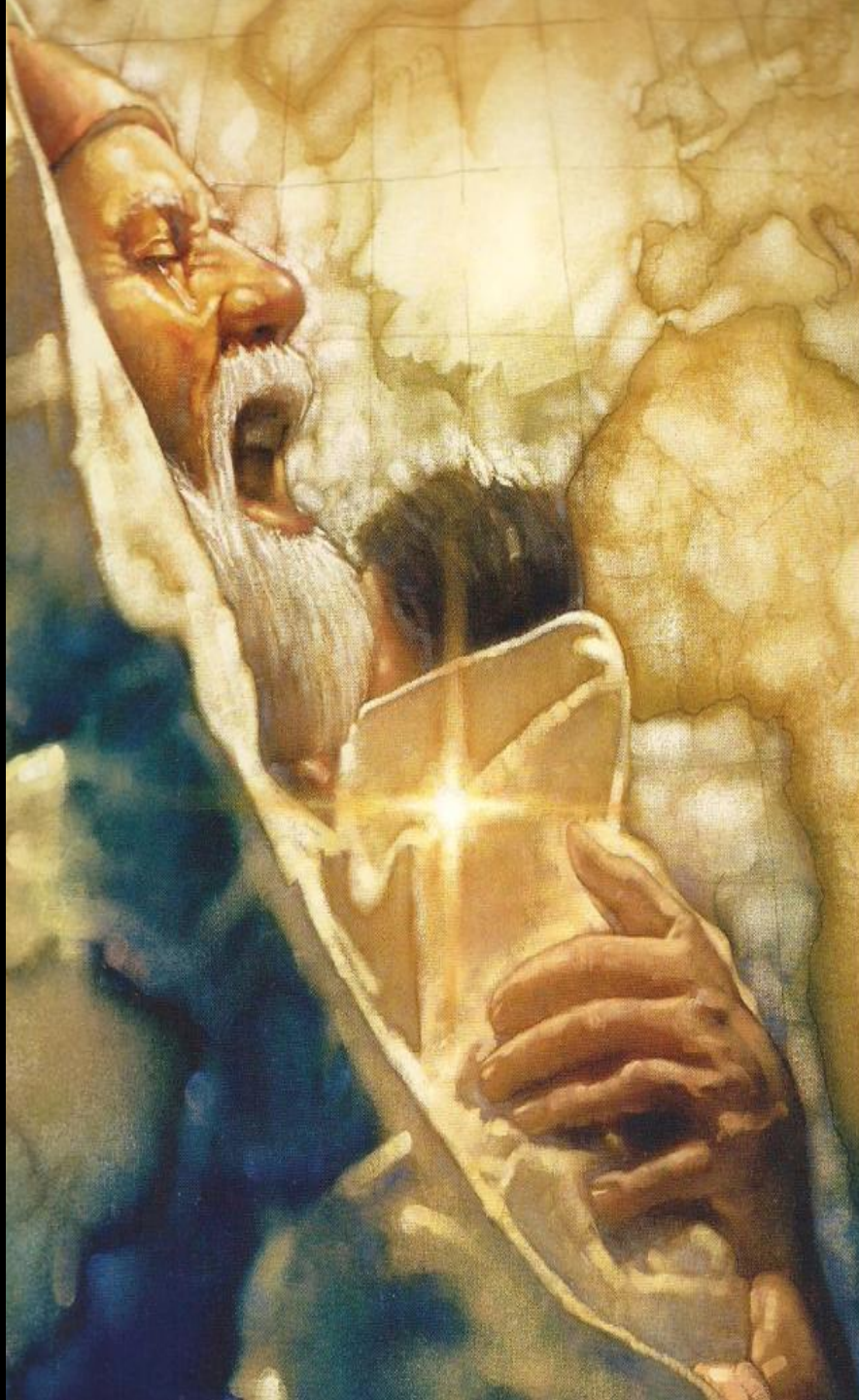




Luke 2:25-35

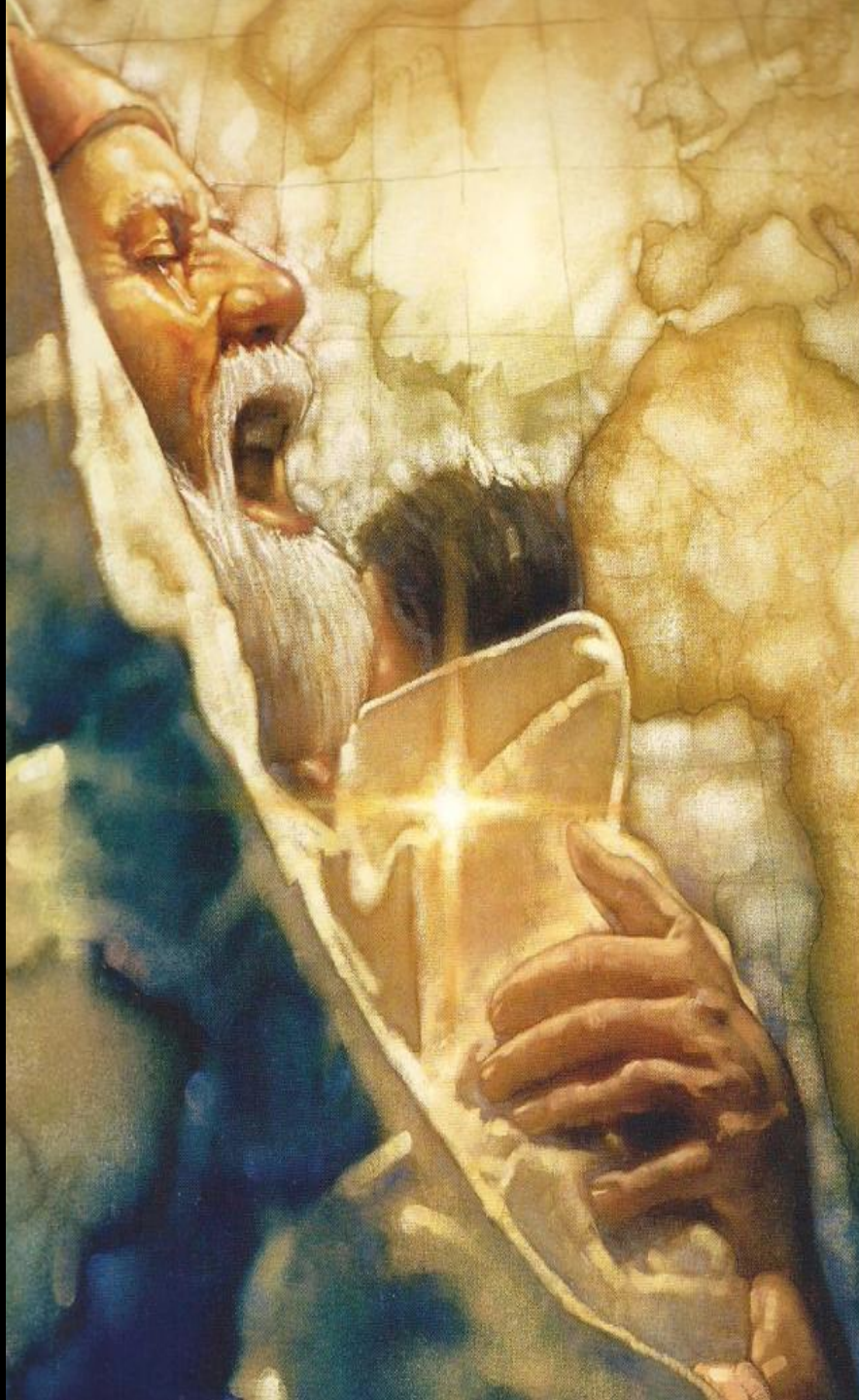
25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. **27** So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law,



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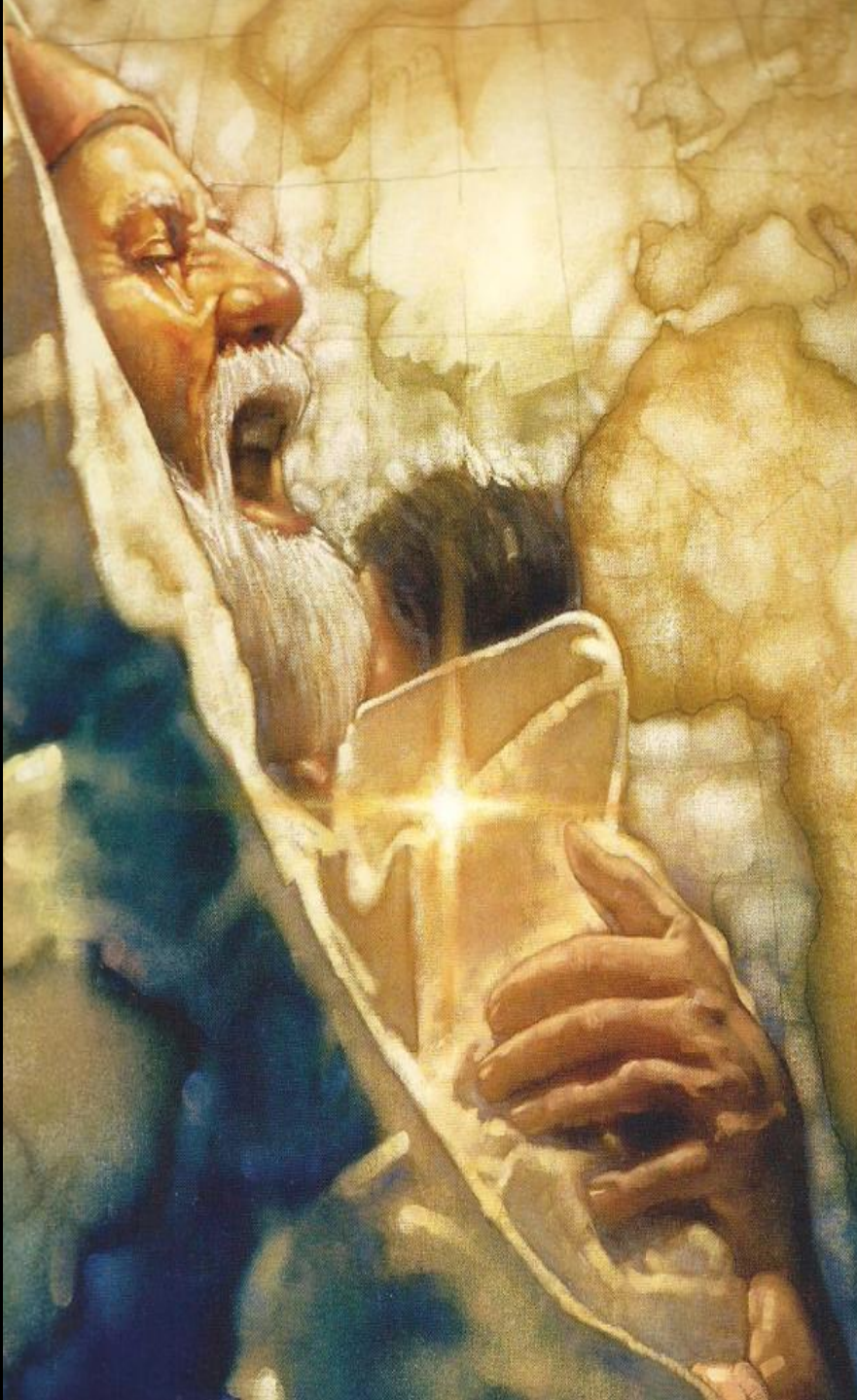
28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: **29** “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; **30** For my eyes have seen Your salvation **31** Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, **32** a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.”



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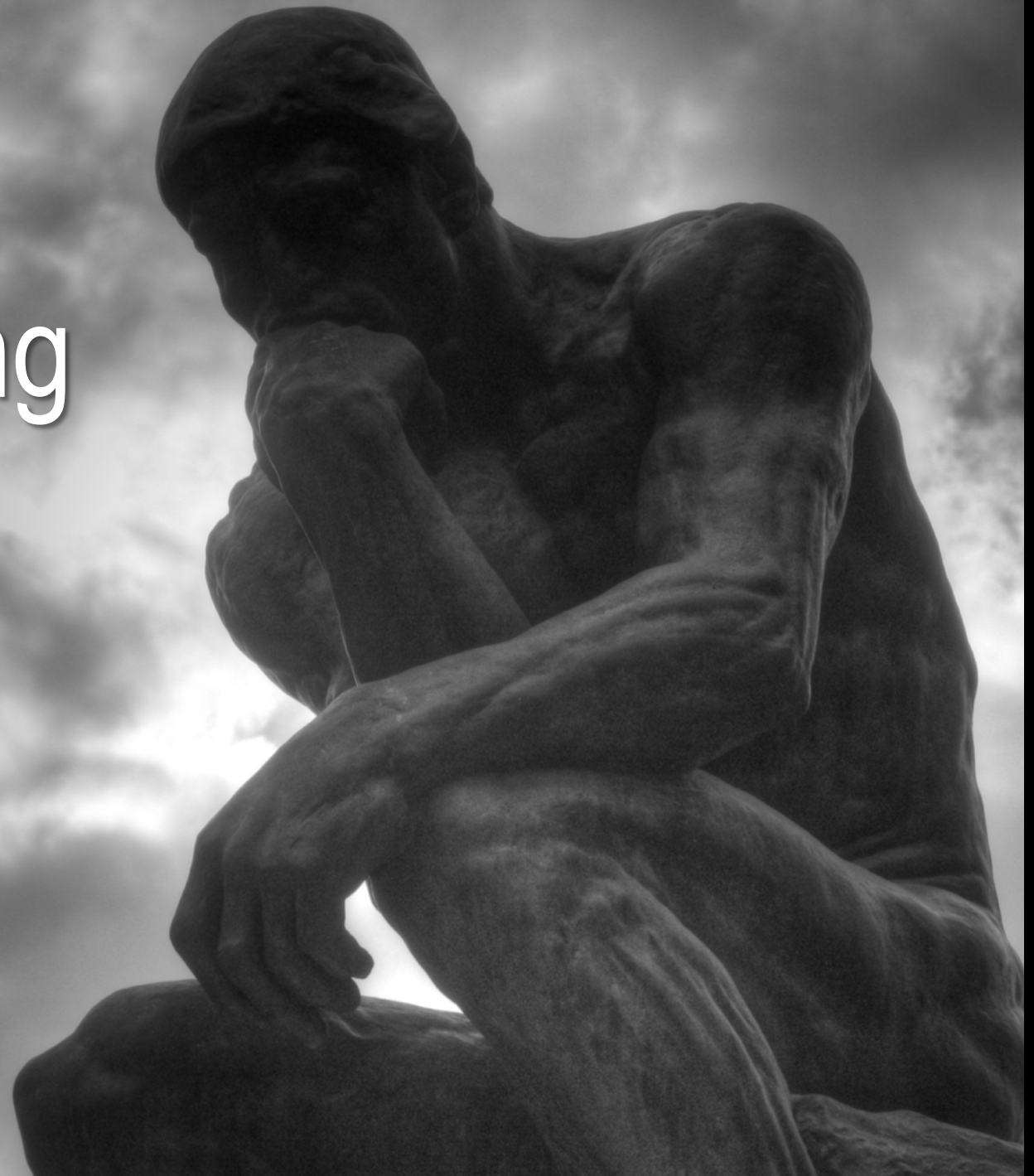
Simeon

- was righteous and devout
- was waiting for the Consolation of Israel
- the Holy Spirit was upon him
- had his promised fulfilled when he saw the Messiah



Simeon waited years
for the hope of Israel's
Consolation.

What are you waiting
for in 2019?



A new job?

Health issues?

A new car?

Financial issues?

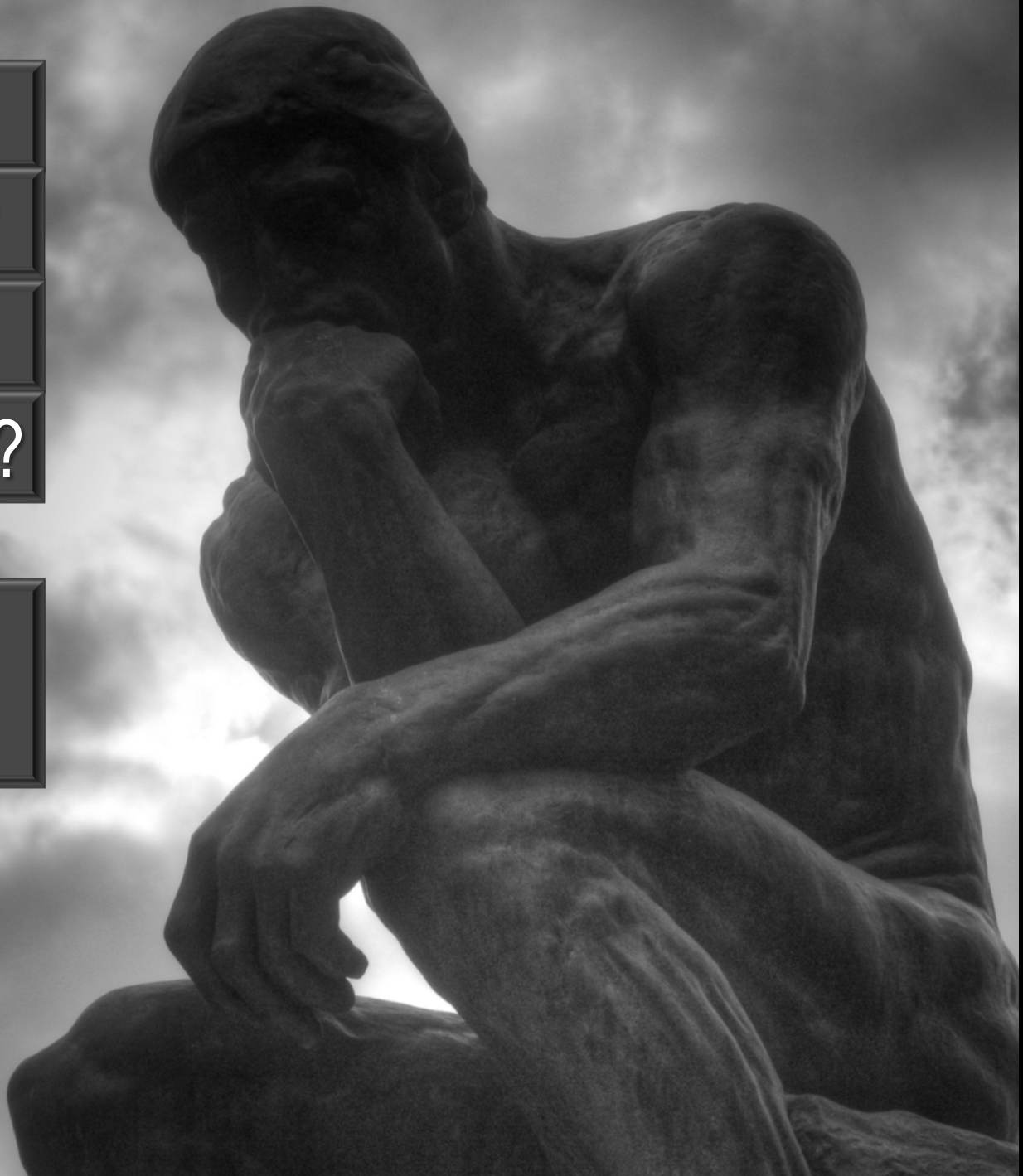
Restoration of a relationship?

Marital issues?

Children's issues?

OR

Is it the hope that
is anchored in Christ?



Where there is desire but no expectation

- Despair -

Where there is expectation but no desire

- Dread -

Where there is strong desire but strong expectation

- Assurance -

Which is Christian faith [Hebrew 11:1]

- the strength behind Christian Hope

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now abide

FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

these three;
but the greatest
of these is love.

Love

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.



Faith



Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hope

1 Corinthians 15:13-19

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.

14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. **15** Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. **16** For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. **17** And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! **18** Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **19** If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.



Luke 2:36-38

36 Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; **37** and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. **38** And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.



Anna

- prophetess
- very old, at least 84 years old
- never left the temple
- serving day and night
- fasting and praying
- giving thanks
- declaring Jesus

Celebration of Hope

17-19 May 2019

HOPE IS

WHAT DOES HOPE MEAN TO YOU?

As believers, we know the hope we celebrate: The love of the Father. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. And our fellowship with the Holy Spirit. But what about those around us who haven't discovered the joy of knowing Jesus yet? Wouldn't it be amazing to be able to help them find hope?

THAT'S WHAT THE CELEBRATION OF HOPE IS ABOUT.

From 17 to 19 May 2019, the church across Singapore, across every denomination, will unite in the spirit of personal evangelism on a mass scale, inviting our loved ones – no matter their age, nationality or language spoken – to the National Stadium to hear the Good News of Jesus.

HOW CAN YOU BE A PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF HOPE?

Think of at least 5 people who could really use the love of Jesus.

PRAY for them. **ENGAGE** them in blessings and conversation.

GATHER them by inviting them to the Sports Hub in May 2019.

CELEBRATION OF
Hope

17-19 May 2019 • National Stadium • celebrationofhope.sg

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Design 5 - 14,000pcs



Golden Gif
Vietnam



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Dr Paul Brand
His work, his ministry

Conclusion

Psalm 150:6

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!

