

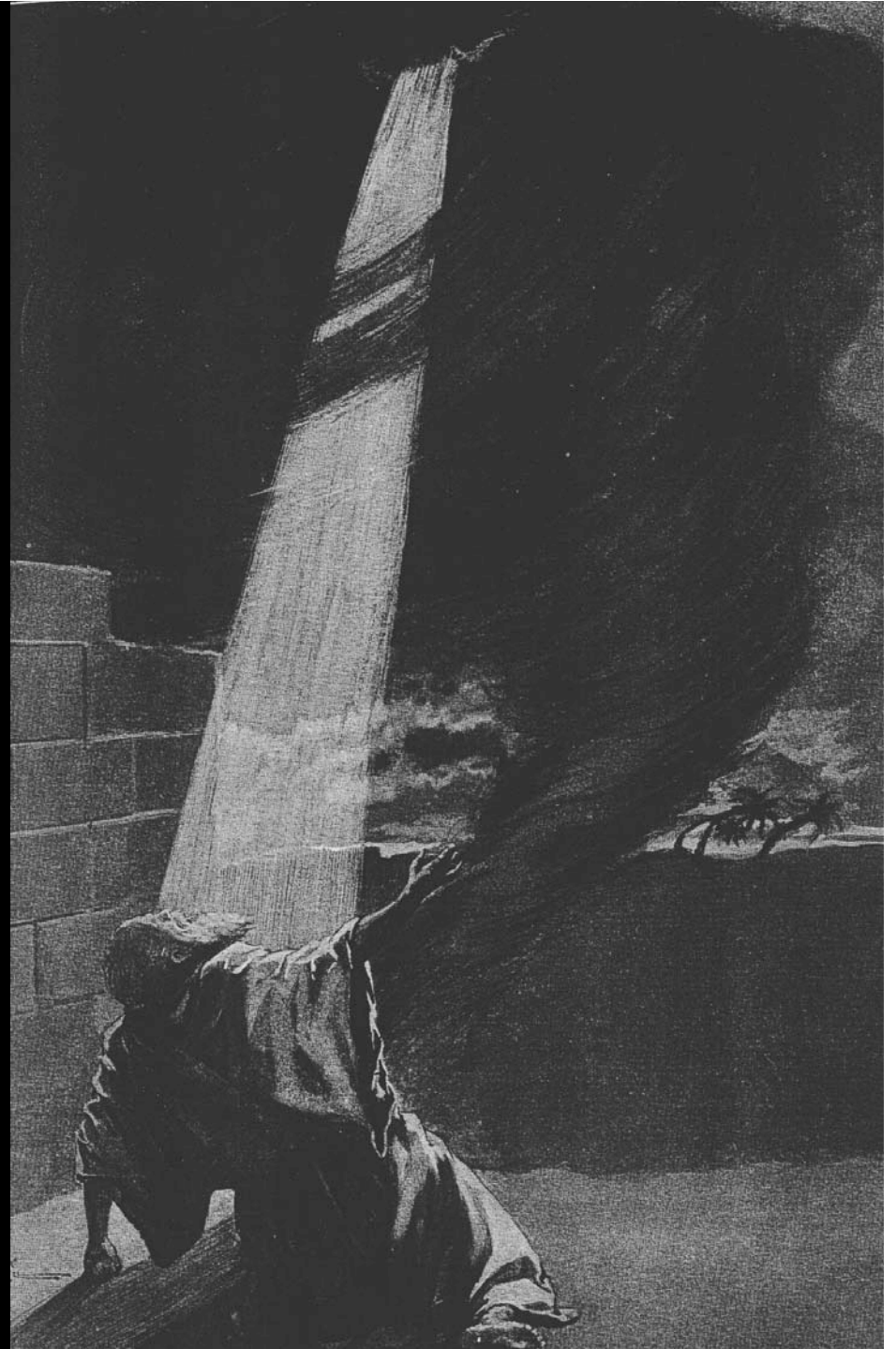
Elders: Team Qualifications

1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7-8

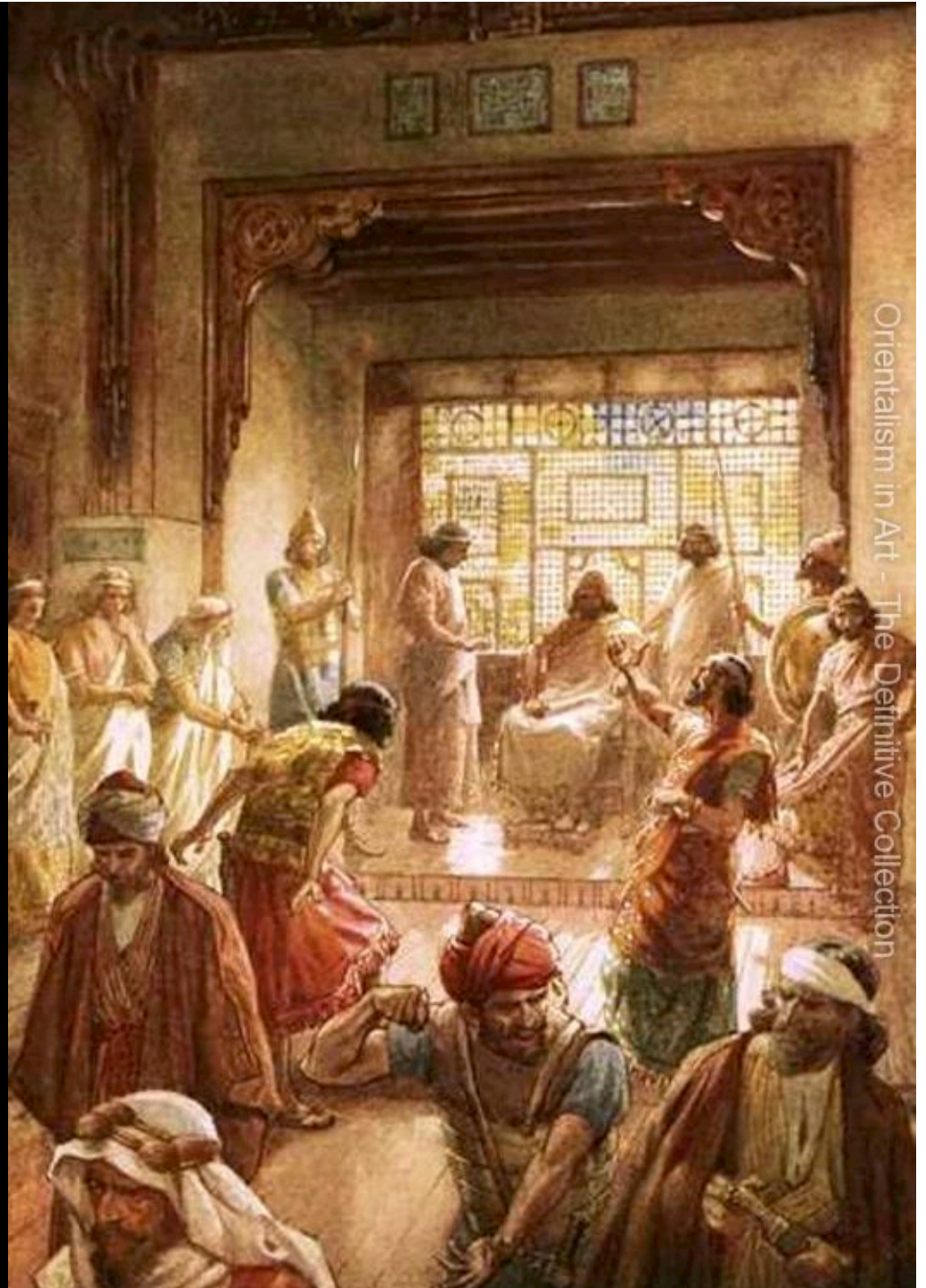


Joseph Being Sold Into Egypt

***God Speaks To
Job***



***Rehoboam With
His Counselors***





Pharisees Talking With One Another



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All these examples reveal that there are degrees of wisdom . . .

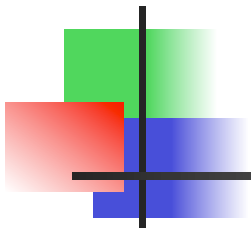
1. Righteous v.s. wicked

2. Spirit-filled v.s. not Spirit-filled

***Do you want God's will for you
church?***

. . . then choose Spirit-filled elders

. . . men who are God's men



How To Discover God's Men

2nd Study → Personal Qualifications

3rd Study → Qualifications Related To Responsibilities

4th Study → Team Qualifications



“Not Pugnacious . . .”

μη πληκτην = “not a striker, not a fighter”

He is not a physical fighter . . .

- **This man does not resort to physical violence to get his way.**
- **One who reacts calmly to difficult situations.**

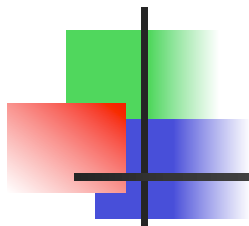


“Uncontentious . . .”

αμαχον = “not argumentative, not verbal violence, peaceable”

He is not argumentative . . .

- One who is reluctant to fight verbally for his own wishes.
- One who does not promote disunity or harmony.

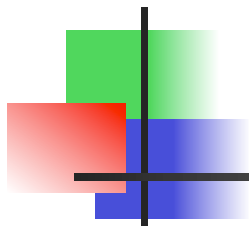


“Not Self-Willed . . .”

μη αυθαδη = “one who does not please himself”

He is not self-serving . . .

- **One who is self-willed disregards the interests because he wants his own way.**
- **He is stubborn and arrogant.**
- **He seeks decisions that are consistent with the Lord’s will and what is best for others.**

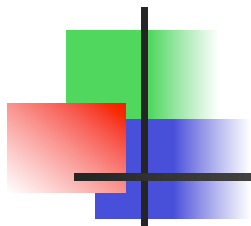


“Not Quick Tempered . . .”

μη οργιλον = “not prone to anger”

He is longsuffering . . .

- **One who is slow to anger – not hot tempered.**
- **He is not prone to anger.**

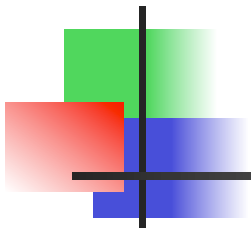


“Gentle . . .”

επιεκη = “forbearing, gentle, yields his rights”

He is forbearing with others . . .

- **He is yielding, reasonable and considerate.**
- **He is gentle like a tamed animal.**
- **He does not hold a grudge.**
- **This is part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).**



If We Select God's Men

Our elders will be . . .

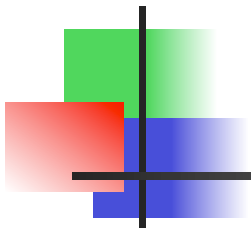
- Not be spiritually perfect **but godly men**
- Led by the Holy Spirit
- Team players – shepherding and overseeing per God's will

Bees Produce Honey As A Team

A bee
produces
1/12
of a teaspoon
of honey
in its lifetime.

All told, that's not even enough to sweeten a cup of tea. But just don't tell that to the worker bees, who spend their lives—roughly seven weeks—buzzing from flower to flower collecting nectar. In that span, a worker will have traveled about 37,400 miles (or one-and-a-half times the Earth's circumference) gathering the sweet stuff, according to the American Beekeeping Federation. But they can't do it alone. Eric Mussen, a honeybee expert at the University of California, Davis, says, "While the queen lays more than 1,000 eggs a day, other bees are busy feeding her, guarding the hive, and fanning the nectar with their wings to extract moisture, turning it into honey."





Phil. 2:2 – A Team Principle

φρονεω = “to think the same thought”

**1 Cor. 1:10
Rom. 15:5
Acts 15**

**Echo the
principle**

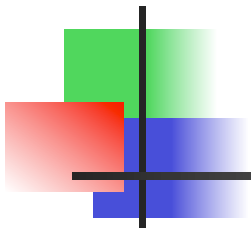
**Spirit-filled elders should
be models of this principle**

God's Men Have God's Heart

1 Peter 2:25 says, God is . . .

- Shepherd
- Overseer

. . . over our souls



How Shall We Respond?

- 1. Pursue holiness and knowledge of God**
- 2. Submit to the Holy Spirit**
- 3. Shepherd/oversee your family**
- 4. Pray for guidance in selecting elders**