

# The Book of Romans

## “A RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD!”

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## **STUDY NOTES:**

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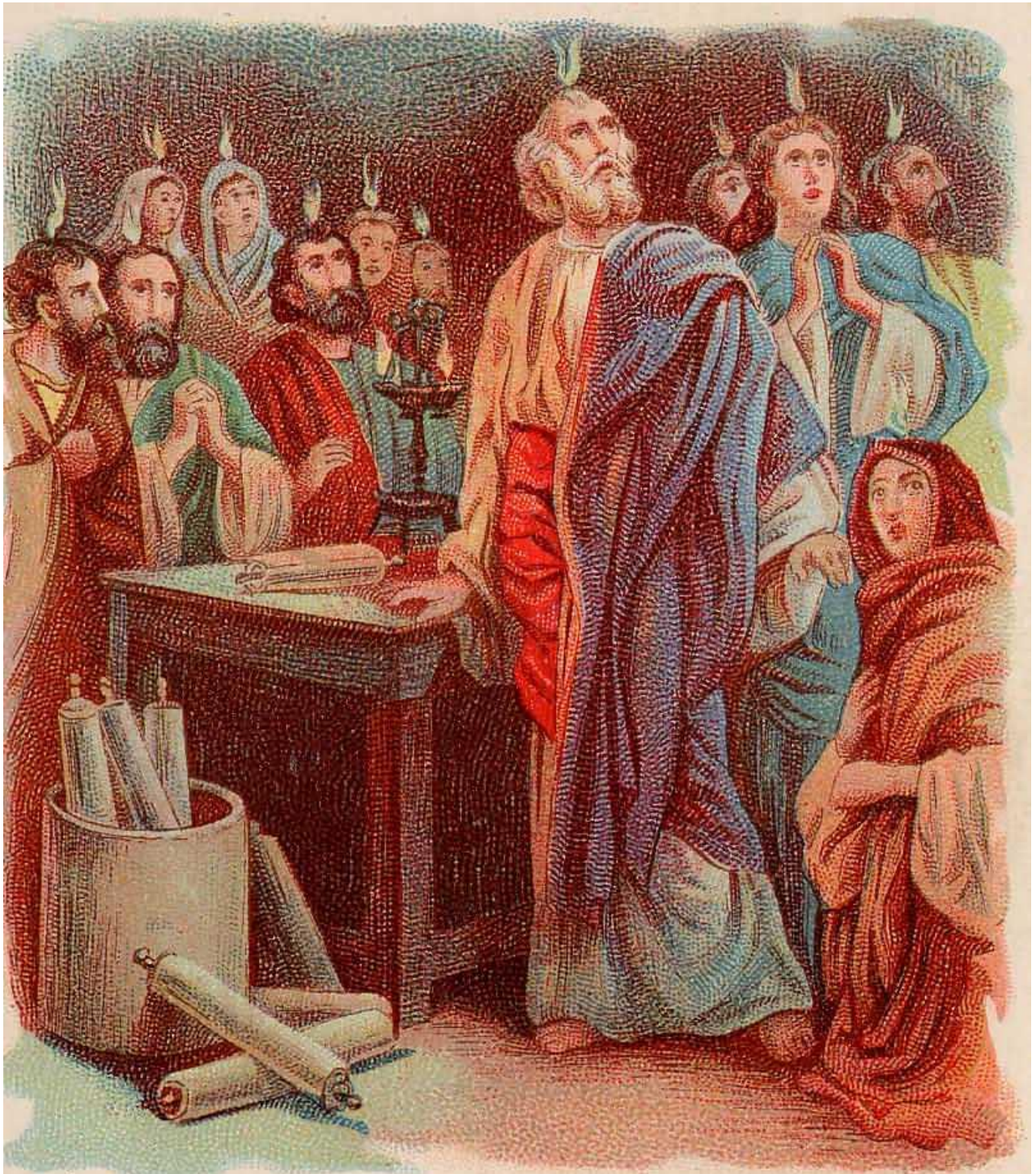
## **LIFE APPLICATION:**

1. To be saved by grace and be part of the remnant means what in your life?
2. How do I remain a fruitful branch in the vine of Christ – in the church connected to Him?
3. Who now is the new ‘ISRAEL’ and God’s chosen people?







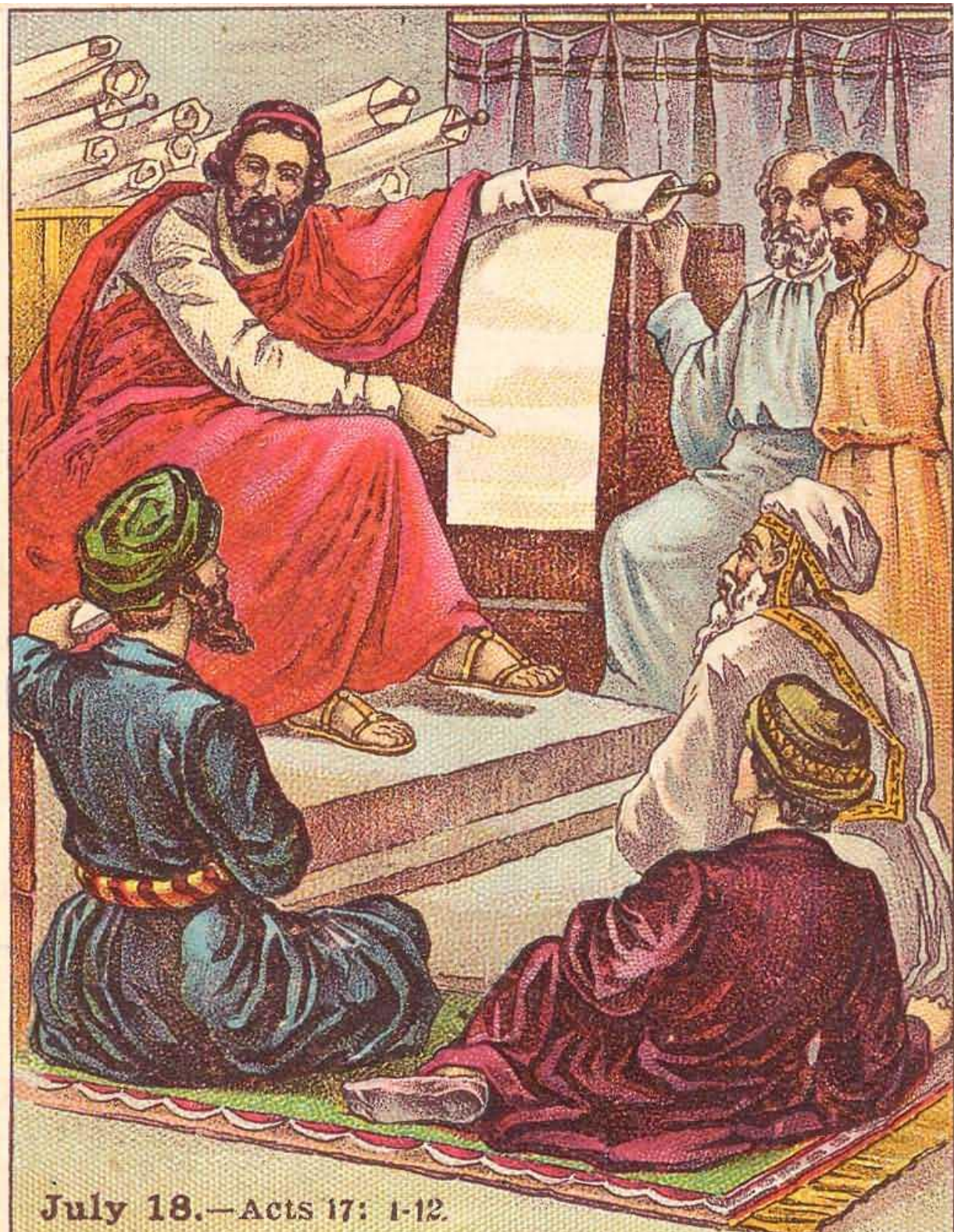


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## THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN.

Acts 2: 1-13.

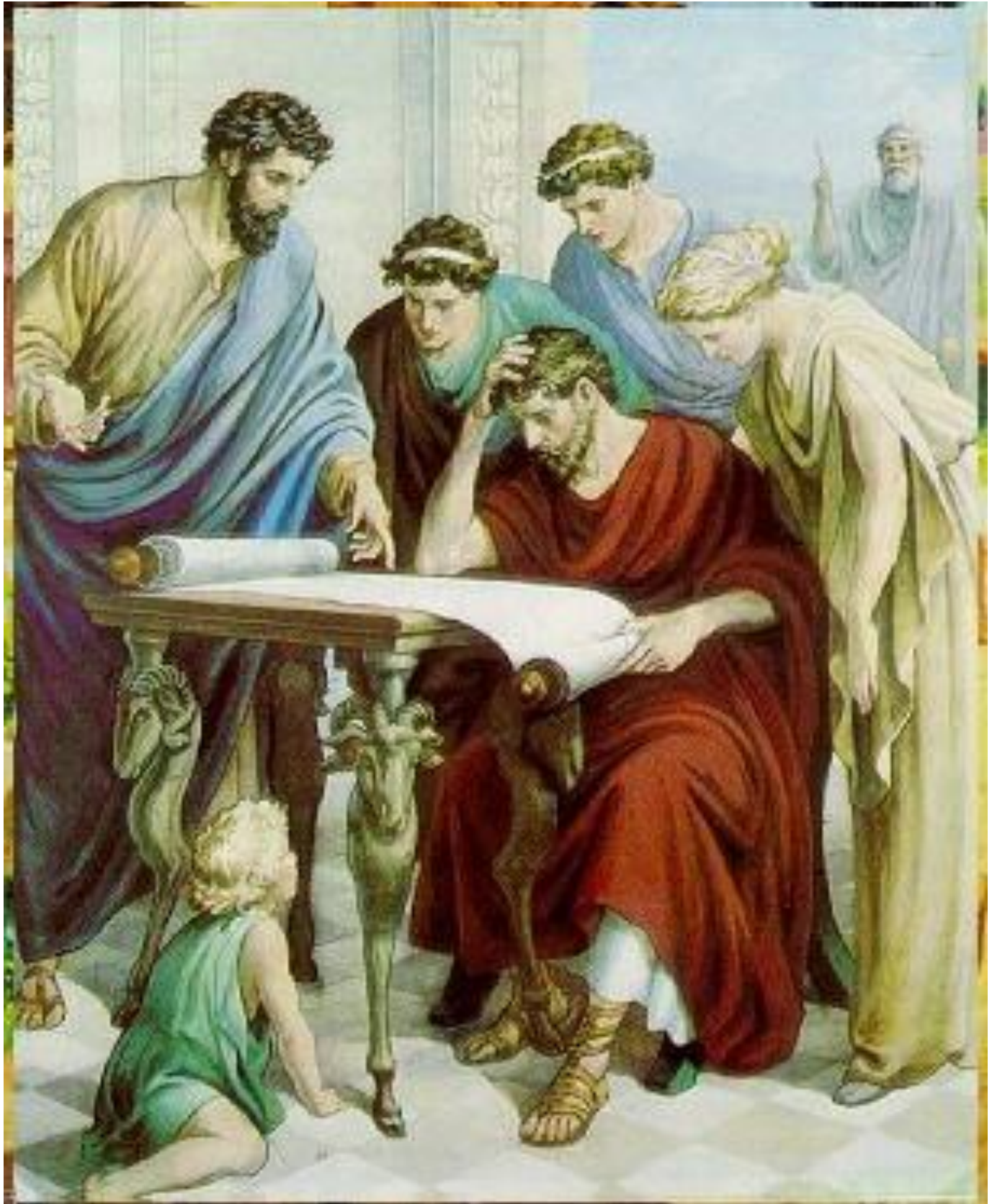
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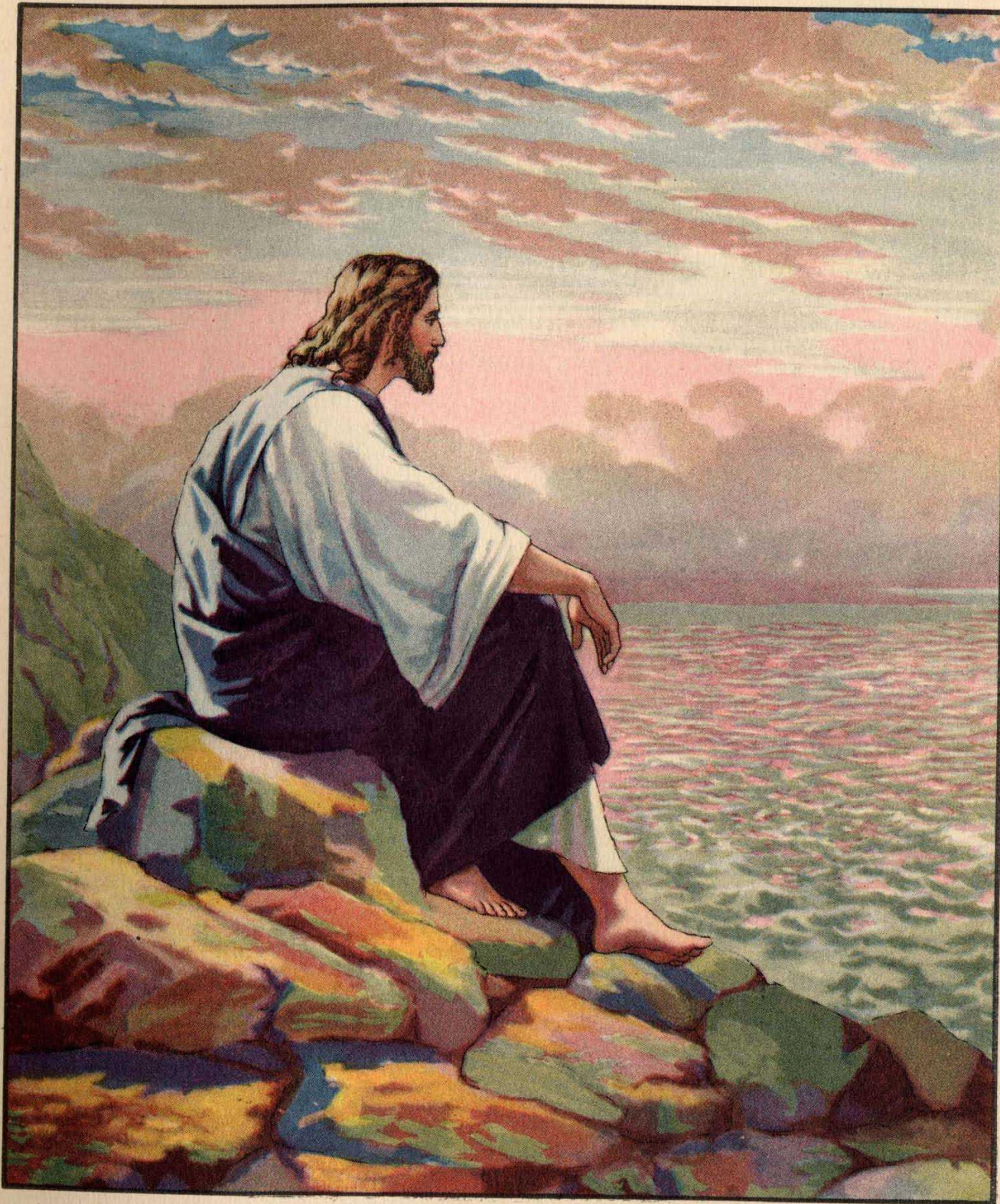


**July 18.**—Acts 17: 1-12.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**—They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily.—Acts 17: 11.

**TRUTH.**—The truly wise accept God's Word.





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