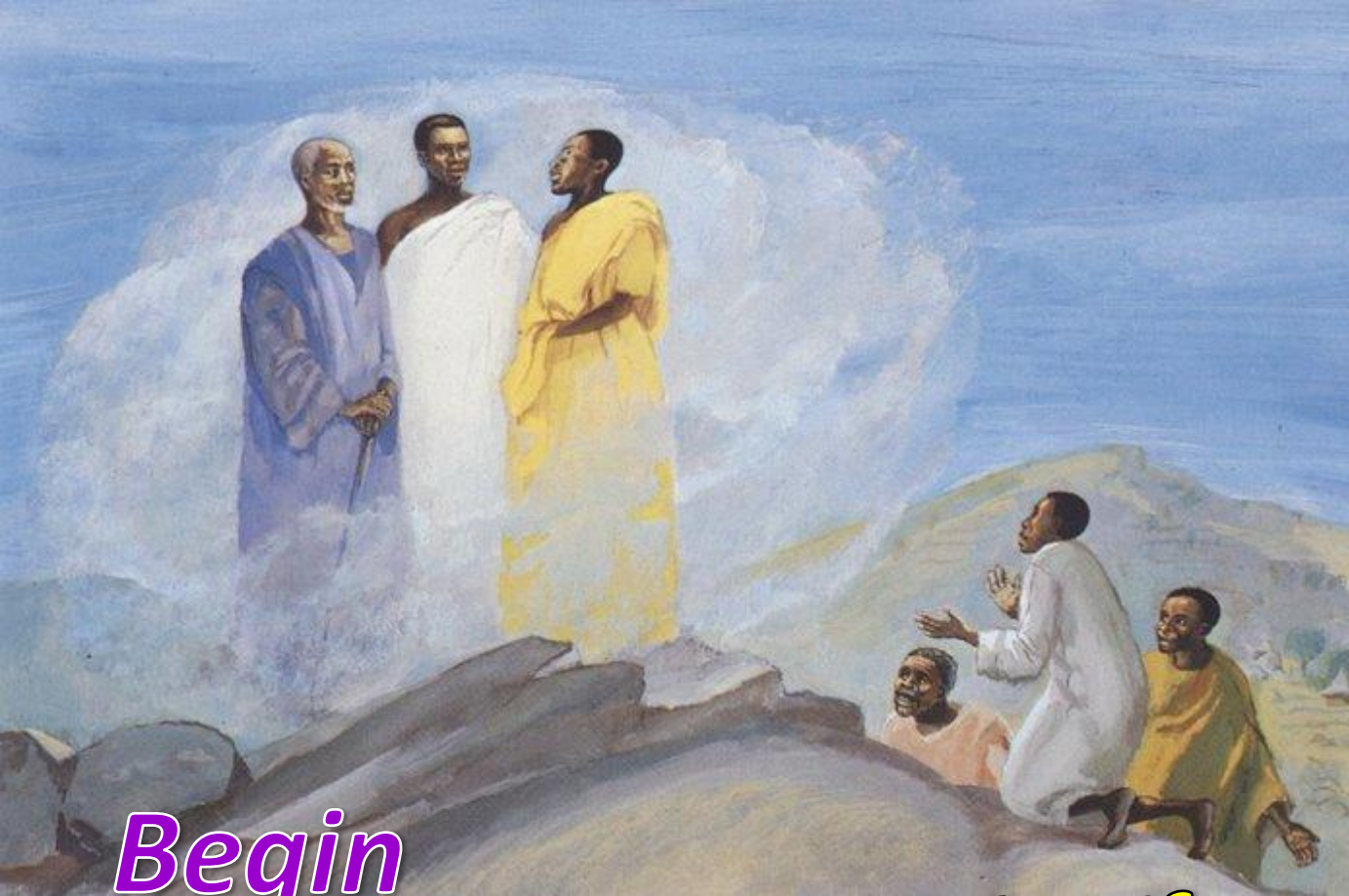




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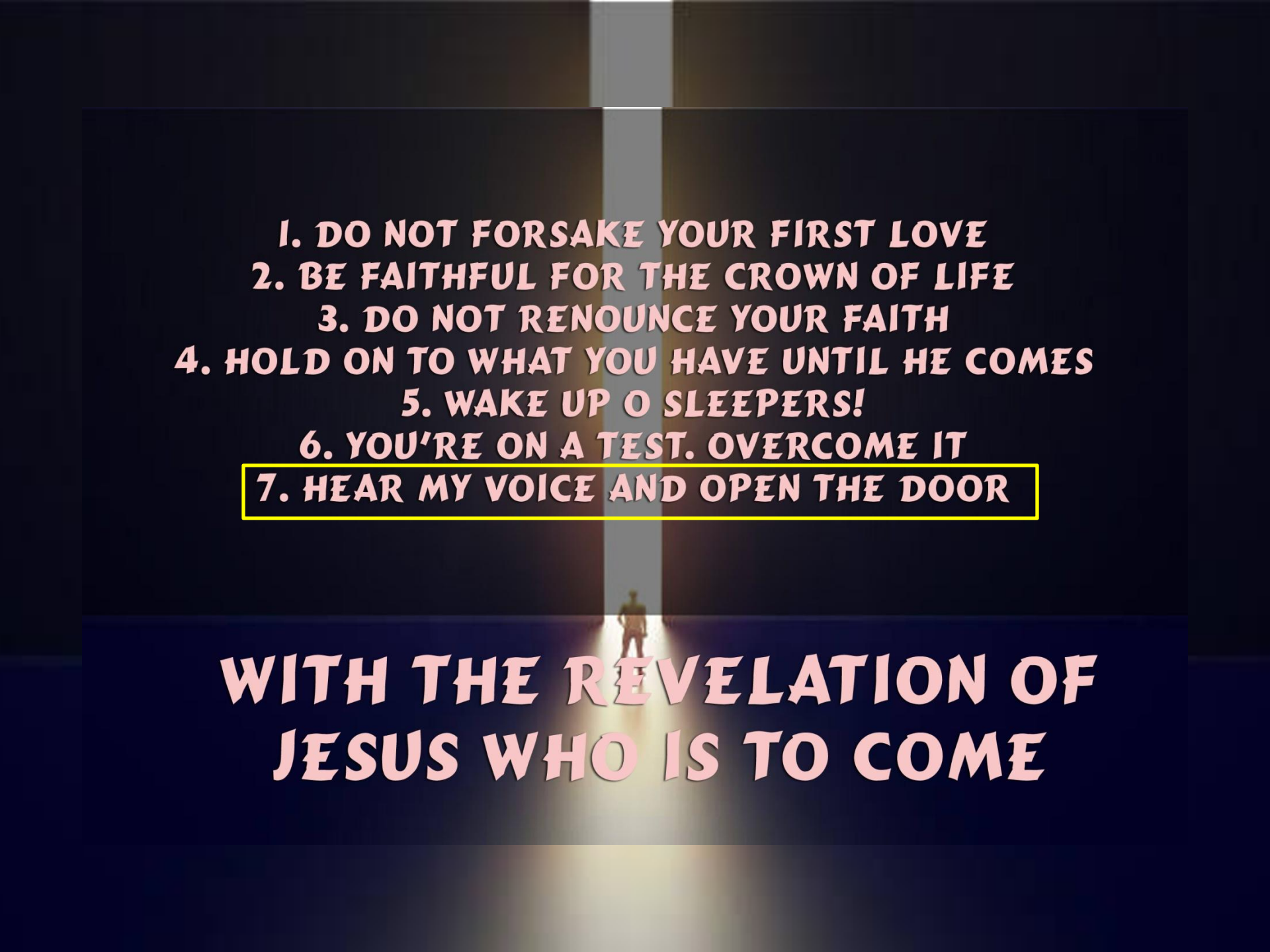
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A New Season with Jesus

A bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

- Matthew 17:5 -

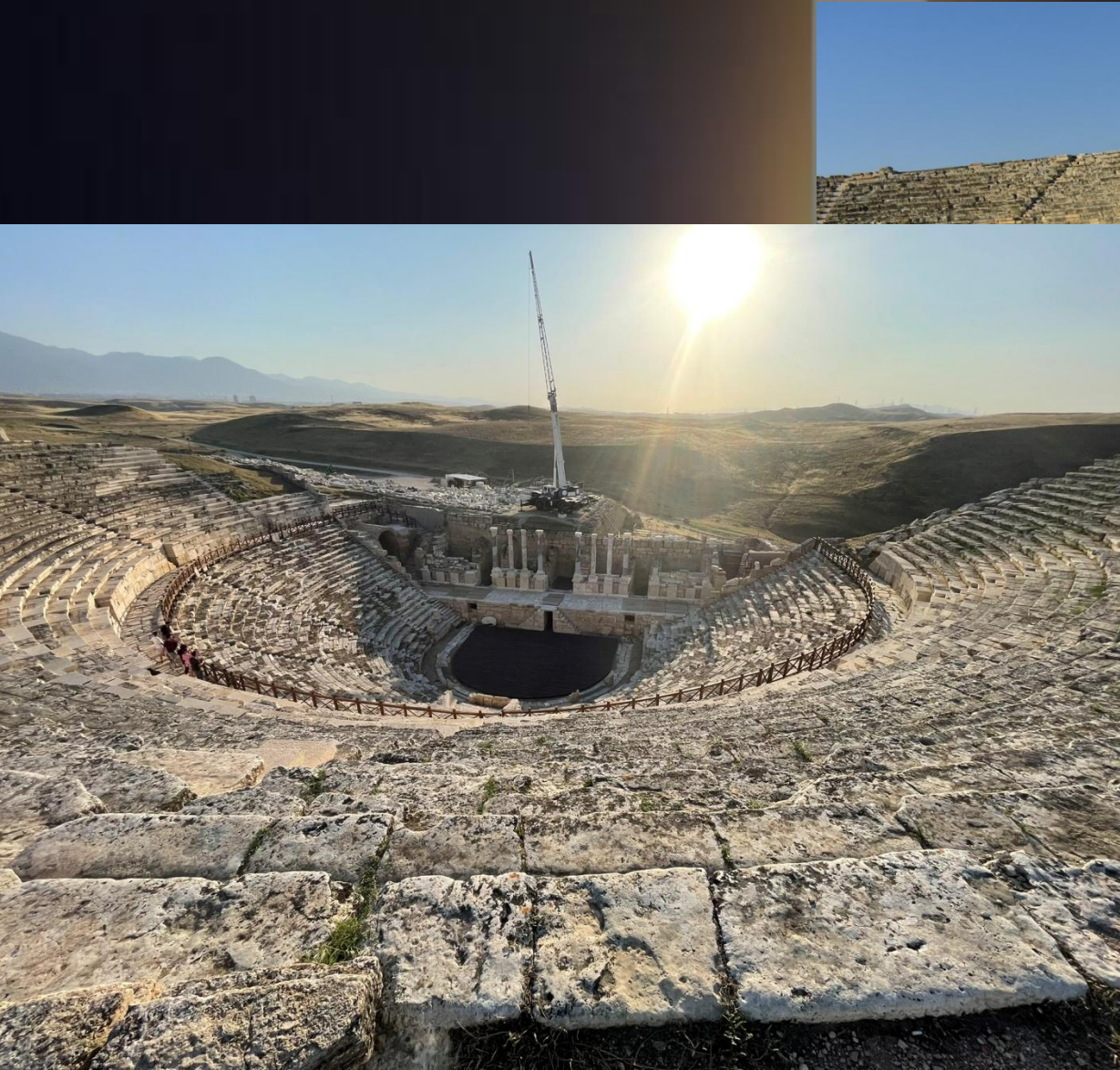
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- 1. DO NOT FORSAKE YOUR FIRST LOVE**
 - 2. BE FAITHFUL FOR THE CROWN OF LIFE**
 - 3. DO NOT RENOUNCE YOUR FAITH**
 - 4. HOLD ON TO WHAT YOU HAVE UNTIL HE COMES**
 - 5. WAKE UP O SLEEPERS!**
 - 6. YOU'RE ON A TEST. OVERCOME IT**
 - 7. HEAR MY VOICE AND OPEN THE DOOR**

**WITH THE REVELATION OF
JESUS WHO IS TO COME**

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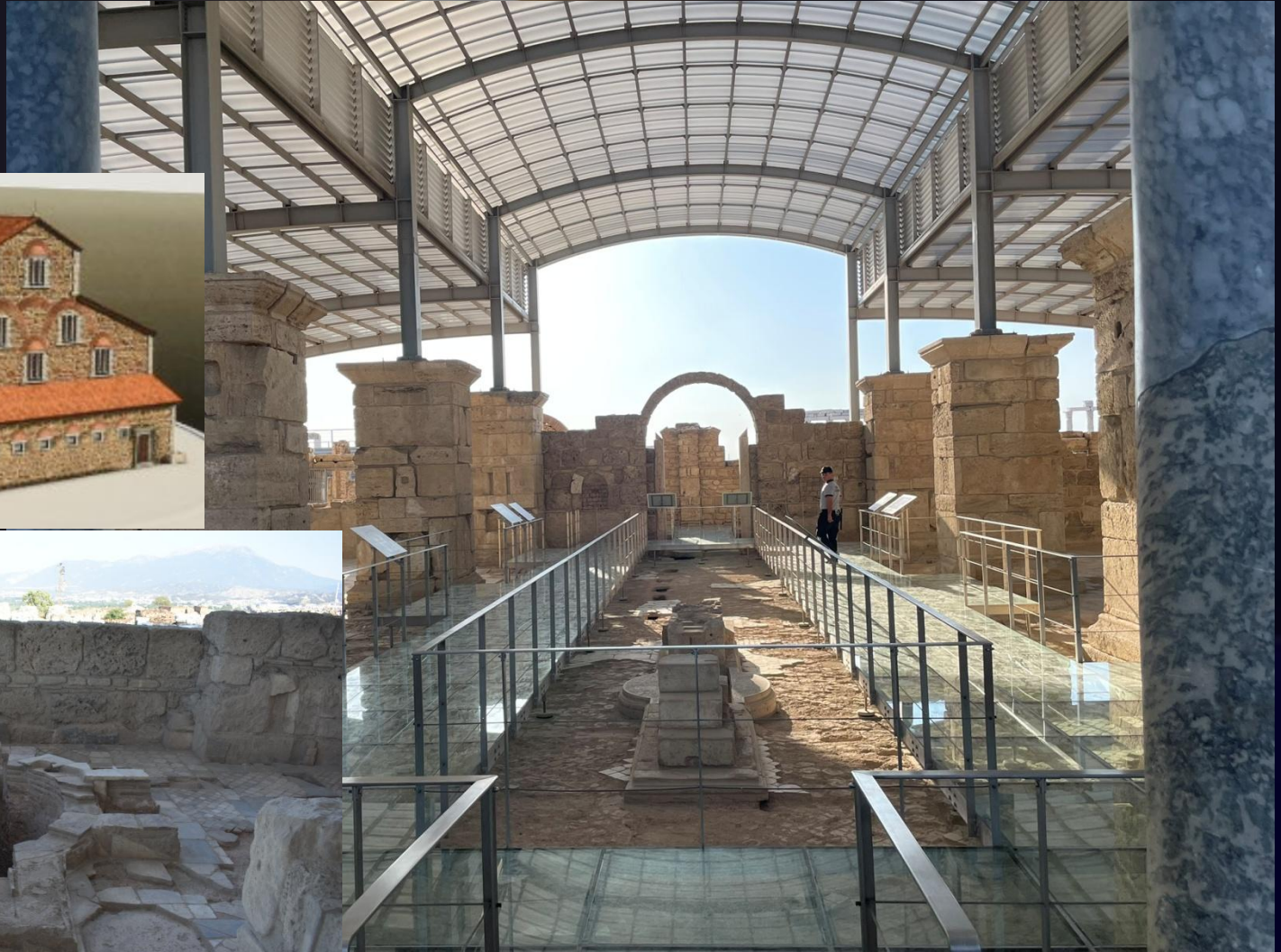


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An Athletic Hub in East Roman Empire ?



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A Well Established Christian Community?



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60 Canons of the Council of Laodicea (343-381)

COUNCIL OF LAODIKEIA (AD. 343-381)

With Christianity given freedom in 313 AD., the socio-economic and spiritual balances started to shift and consequently councils became unavoidable in order to clarify issues on interpretations, rites and church regulations. The process started in 325 with the First Council held in Nicea (modern Izmir); at Laodicea a regional council was convened sometime between 341 and 381 and its outcome was determinative for the religion. Byzantine authors Zonaras and Balsamon (twelfth century) state that church fathers from many regions of Provincia Asia attended it and a total of 60 canons to have a determinative role on Christendom and ecumenical councils were decided on.

CANONS

1. A digamist not secretly married, after devoting himself for a short time to praying shall be held blameless afterwards.
2. Those who have fallen unto various faults and have confessed them with compunction, and done the penance suitable to them, shall be favourably received.
3. A neophyte is not ordainable.
4. A priest is not to receive usury nor hemiolic.
5. Ordinations are not to be performed in the presence of hearers.
6. The holy place is forbidden to heretics.
7. Novatians and Photinians, and Quartodecimans, unless they anathematize their own and other heresies, are not to be received. When they have been anointed, after their abjuration, let them communicate.
8. When Phrygians return they are to be baptized anew, even if among them they were reckoned clergymen.
9. Whoso prayeth in the cemeteries and martyries of heretics is to be excommunicated.
10. Thou shalt not marry a heretic.
11. Widows called presidents shall not be appointed in churches.
12. Whoever is most approved in faith and life and most learned, he is fit to be chosen bishop.
13. Whoso is chosen by seculars is ineligible.
14. It is not right to send the holy gifts to another parish.
15. No one should ascend the ambon unless he is tonsured.
16. The Gospel, the Epistle [ἀπόστολος] and the other Scriptures are to be read on the Sabbath.
17. In time of service lessons shall be interspersed with the Psalms.
18. The same prayers shall be said at noons and vespers.
19. After the prayers of the catechumens shall be said those of the Penitents, and afterwards those of the faithful. And after the peace, or embrace, has been given, the offering shall be made. Only priests shall enter the sanctuary and make there their communion.
20. A deacon shall not sit down unless bidden.
21. A subdeacon shall not touch the vessels.
22. A subdeacon must not wear an orarium nor leave the doors.
23. Cantors and lectors shall not wear the orarium.
24. No clergyman should enter a tavern.
25. A subdeacon may not give the bread and the cup.
26. No one shall adjure without the bishop's promotion to that office.
27. A clergyman invited to a love feast shall carry nothing away with him; for this would bring his order into shame.
28. Beds shall not be set up in churches, nor shall love feasts be held there.
29. A Christian shall not stop work on the Sabbath, but on the Lord's Day.
30. It is an abomination to bathe with women.
31. It is not right to give children in marriage to heretics, but they should be received if they promise to become Christians.
32. The blessings of heretics are cursings.
33. Thou shalt not pray with heretics or schismatics.
34. Whoso honours an heretical pseudo-martyr let him be anathema.
35. Whoso calls assemblies in opposition to those of the Church and names angels, is near to idolatry and let him be anathema.
36. Whoso will be priest must not be a magician, nor one who uses incantations, or mathematical or astrological charms, nor a putter on of amulets.
37. It is not lawful to receive portions sent from the feasts of Jews or heretics, nor to feast together with them.
38. It is not lawful to receive unleavened bread from the Jews, nor to be partakers of their impiety.
39. It is not lawful to feast together with the heathen, and to be partakers of their godlessness.
40. Whoso summoned to a synod shall spurn the invitation, unless hindered by the force of circumstances, shall not be free from blame.
41. None of the priesthood nor of the clergy may go on a journey, without the bidding of the Bishop.
42. None of the priesthood nor of the clergy may travel without letters canonical.
43. A subdeacon should not leave the gates, even for a short time, to pray.
44. The altar must not be approached by women.
45. After two weeks of Lent no one must be admitted for illumination, for all such should fast from its beginning.
46. Vide infra.
47. Whoso is baptised by a bishop or presbyter let him recite the faith on the fifth feria of the week. Also anyone baptised clinically a short while afterwards.
48. Those illuminated should after their baptism be anointed.
49. In Lent the offering should be made only on the Sabbath and on the Lord's day.
50. It is not right on the fifth feria of the last week of Lent to break the fast, and thus spoil the whole of Lent; but the whole of Lent should be kept with fasting on dry food.
51. Commemorations of Martyrs shall only be held on Lord's days and Sabbaths.
52. Marriage shall not be celebrated in Lent, nor birth-days.
53. It is unsuitable to dance or leap at weddings.
54. Priests and clerics should leave before the play.
55. Neither a layman nor a cleric shall celebrate a club feast.
56. A presbyter shall not enter the bema before the bishop, nor sit down.
57. A bishop shall not be established in a village or in the country, but a periodeutes. But should one be appointed he shall not perform any function without the bishop of the city.
58. The Oblation must not be made by bishops or presbyters in any private houses.
59. Psalms of private origin, or books uncanonical are not to be sung in temples; but the canonical writings of the old and new testaments.
60. These are all the books of Old Testament appointed to be read: 1, Genesis of the world; 2, The Exodus from Egypt; 3, Leviticus; 4, Numbers; 5, Deuteronomy; 6, Joshua, the son of Nun; 7, Judges, Ruth; 8, Esther; 9, Of the Kings, First and Second; 10, Of the Kings, Third and Fourth; 11, Chronicles, First and Second; 12, Esdras, First and Second; 13, The Book of Psalms; 14, The Proverbs of Solomon; 15, Ecclesiastes; 16, The Song of Songs; 17, Job; 18, The Twelve Prophets; 19, Isaiah; 20, Jeremiah, and Baruch, the Lamentations, and the Epistle; 21, Ezekiel; 22, Daniel. And these are the books of the New Testament: Four Gospels, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; The Acts of the Apostles; Seven Catholic Epistles, to wit, one of James, two of Peter, three of John, one of Jude; Fourteen Epistles of Paul, one to the Romans, two to the Corinthians, one to the Galatians, one to the Ephesians, one to the Philippians, one to the Colossians, two to the Thessalonians, one to the Hebrews, two to Timothy, one to Titus, and one to Philemon.

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No, Too Hot to Live!



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Seven [all] Patterns of Mission!



Message
to the
Seven
Churches

Revelation 3:14-22
Your Deeds are Neither Cold Nor Hot!



A map of the seven churches of Revelation, showing the locations of Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, Smyrna, and Ephesus. A blue arrow points from the text 'LUKEWARM' in the adjacent image to the location of Philadelphia on the map.


Pergamum • Thyatira • Sardis • Philadelphia • Laodicea • Smyrna • Ephesus



SO, BECAUSE YOU ARE
LUKEWARM
—NEITHER HOT NOR COLD—
I AM ABOUT TO
SPIT YOU OUT OF MY MOUTH.
—REVELATION 3:16—

A painting of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe and a grey cloak, standing in a stone archway. He is looking towards a wooden door with a small window. The scene is illuminated by a warm, golden light.

Revelation 3:14-22
Listen to Jesus and Open the Door

A close-up photograph of a weathered wooden door with a large, ornate metal ring handle. The wood grain is clearly visible, and the metal has a patina of age.

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

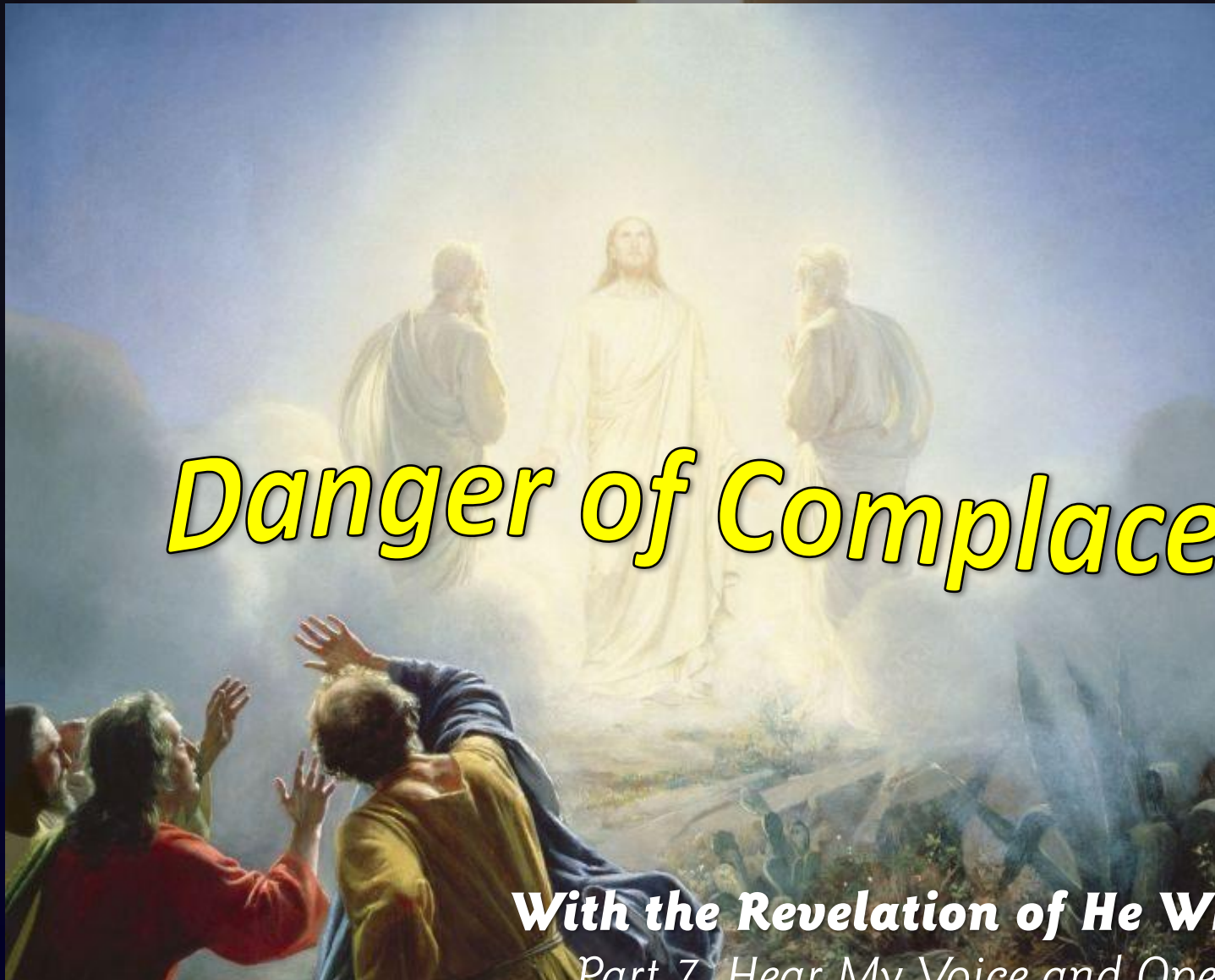
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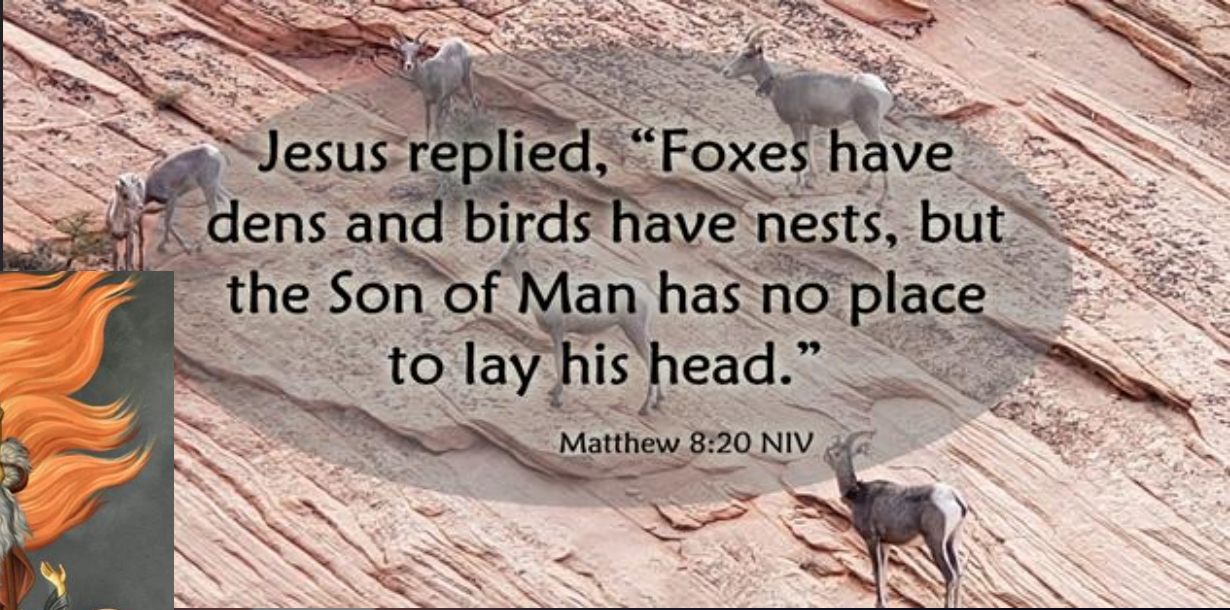


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Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

Matthew 8:20 NIV



He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor, but no man knows where his tomb is to this day.

-Deuteronomy 34:6 WEB

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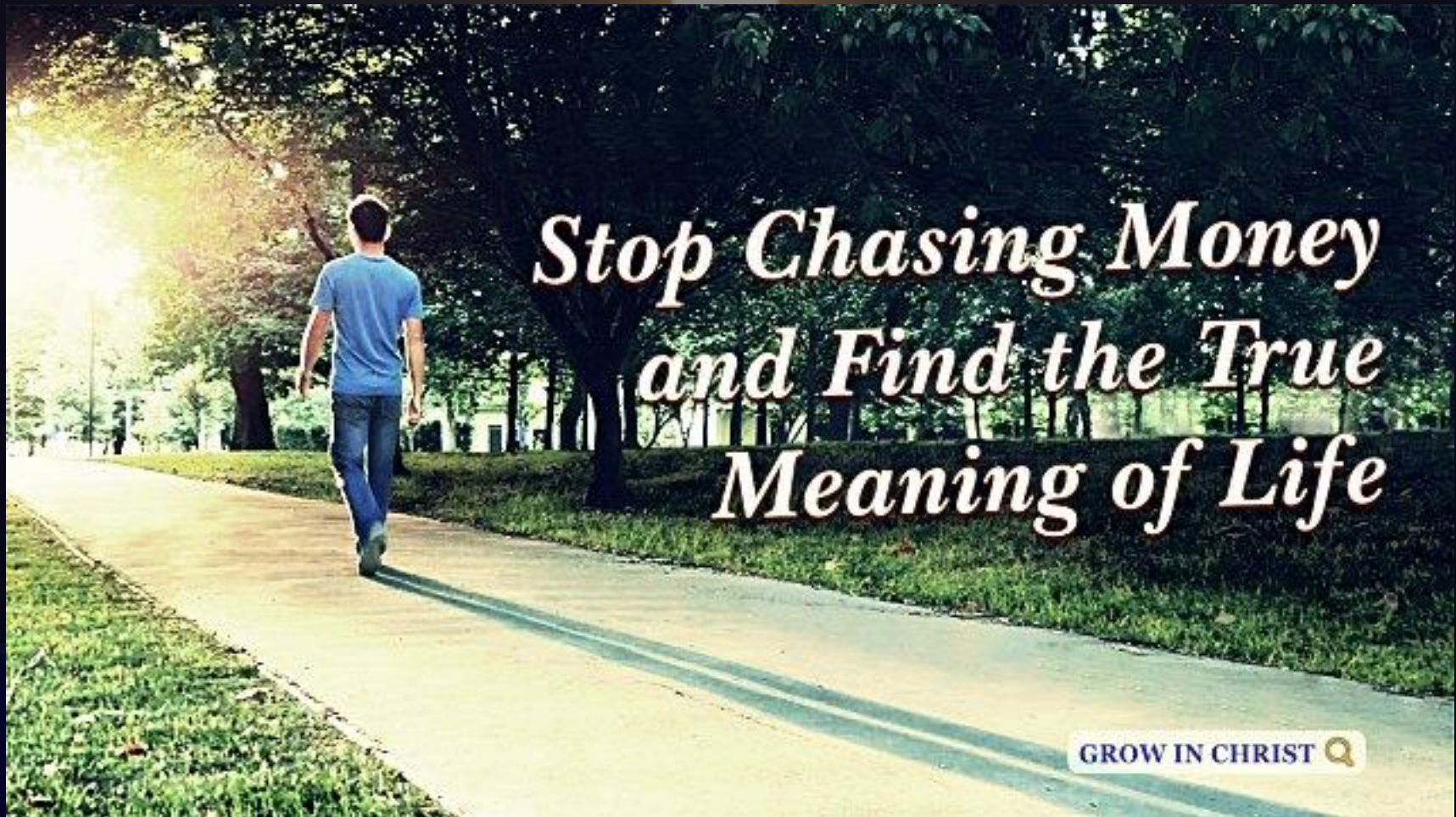


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matthew 6:24

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- 1. You cannot serve God and money.*
- 2. Be earnest and repent.*
- 3. Hear the voice of the Lord and open the door.*



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