

A painting depicting a scene of instruction in a rustic, stone-walled room. An elderly man with white hair, wearing a blue robe, sits at a wooden table, leaning forward as he reads from a large open book. He is surrounded by a group of people, including children and women, who are looking at him with varying degrees of interest and attentiveness. One woman in the foreground is leaning over the table, looking at the book. Another woman to the right is seated, looking towards the man. The room has a simple, lived-in appearance with stone walls and a wooden chair. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet learning and community.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104 • Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121 • 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 • Luke 18:1-8

... this is the covenant that I will make
...says the LORD:
I will put my law within them, and I will
write it on their hearts; and I will be
their God, and they shall be my
people.

Jeremiah 31:33ac



Ten Commandments

From a Catholic Church in
Paszyn, Poland

How sweet are your words to my
taste, sweeter than honey to
my mouth!

Through your precepts I get
understanding; therefore I
hate every false way.

Psalm 119:103-104

Old Woman
Reading the Bible

Gerrit Dou
Rijksmuseum
Amsterdam,
Netherlands



Jacob was left alone; and a man
wrestled with him until daybreak.

Genesis 32:24



Jacob and the Angel -- Annette Gandy Fortt, Silver Spring, MD

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Genesis 32:25

Jacob Wrestles with the
Angel, detail

Church of Saint-Sulpice
Paris, France

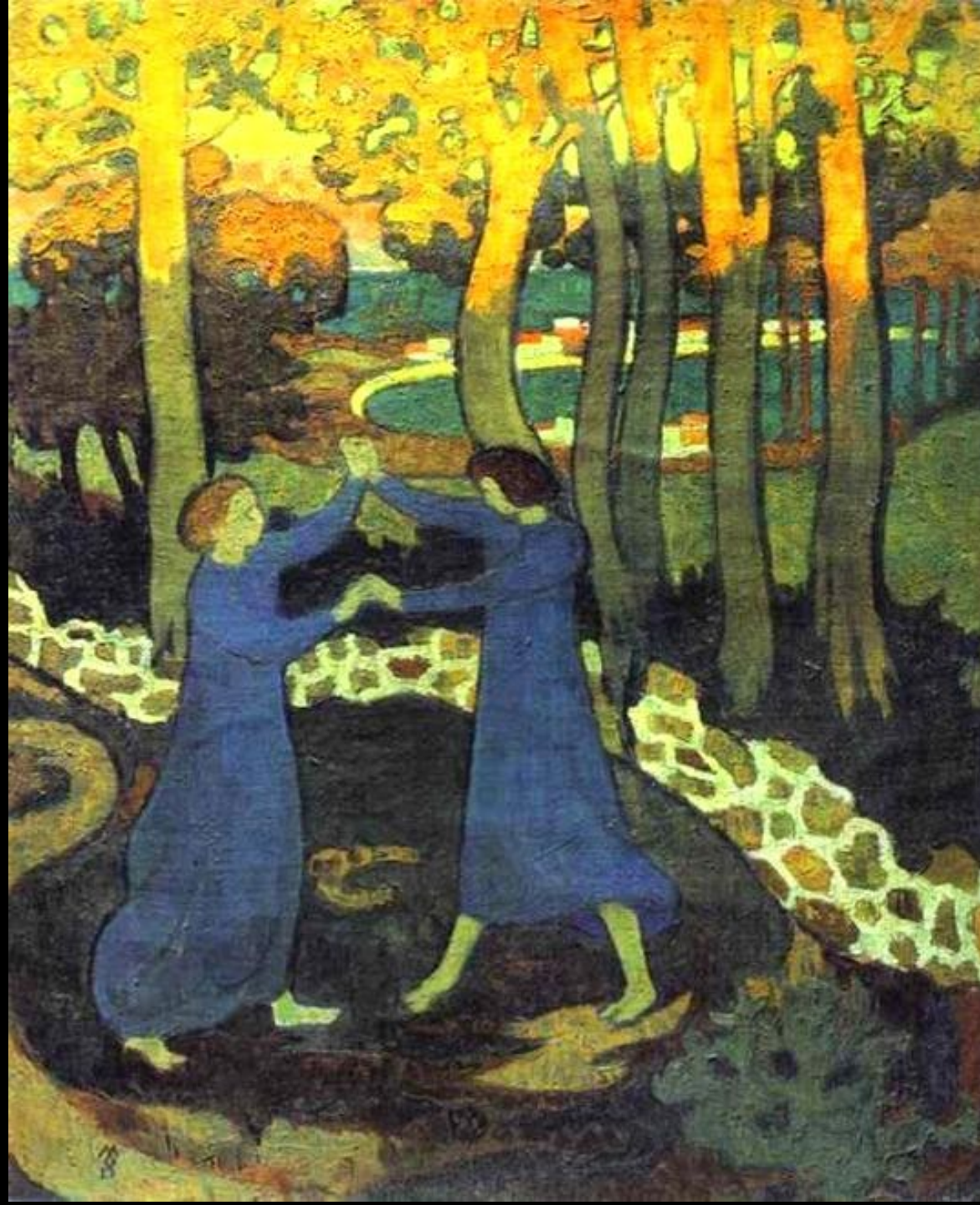


Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

Genesis 32:28

Jacob Wrestles the
Angel

Maurice Denis
c. 1893



I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from
where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who
made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

Mountain of the Holy
Cross

Thomas Moran
National Gallery of Art
Washington, DC



He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not
slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither
slumber nor sleep.

Psalm 121:3-4



Hawaiian Mother and Child -- Charles Bartlett, c. 1920, watercolor

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is
your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

Psalm 121:5-6



The Siesta -- Jose Malhoa, Museu Nacional de Belas Artes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The LORD will keep you from all
evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out
and your coming in from this time
on and forevermore.

Psalm 121:7-8



Hands of God, the Holy Spirit, and Lamb of Christ -- Church of the Holy Trinity, Caaupe, Paraguay

All scripture ... is useful for teaching
... and for training in righteousness,
so that everyone who belongs to
God may be proficient, equipped for
every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16ac, 17



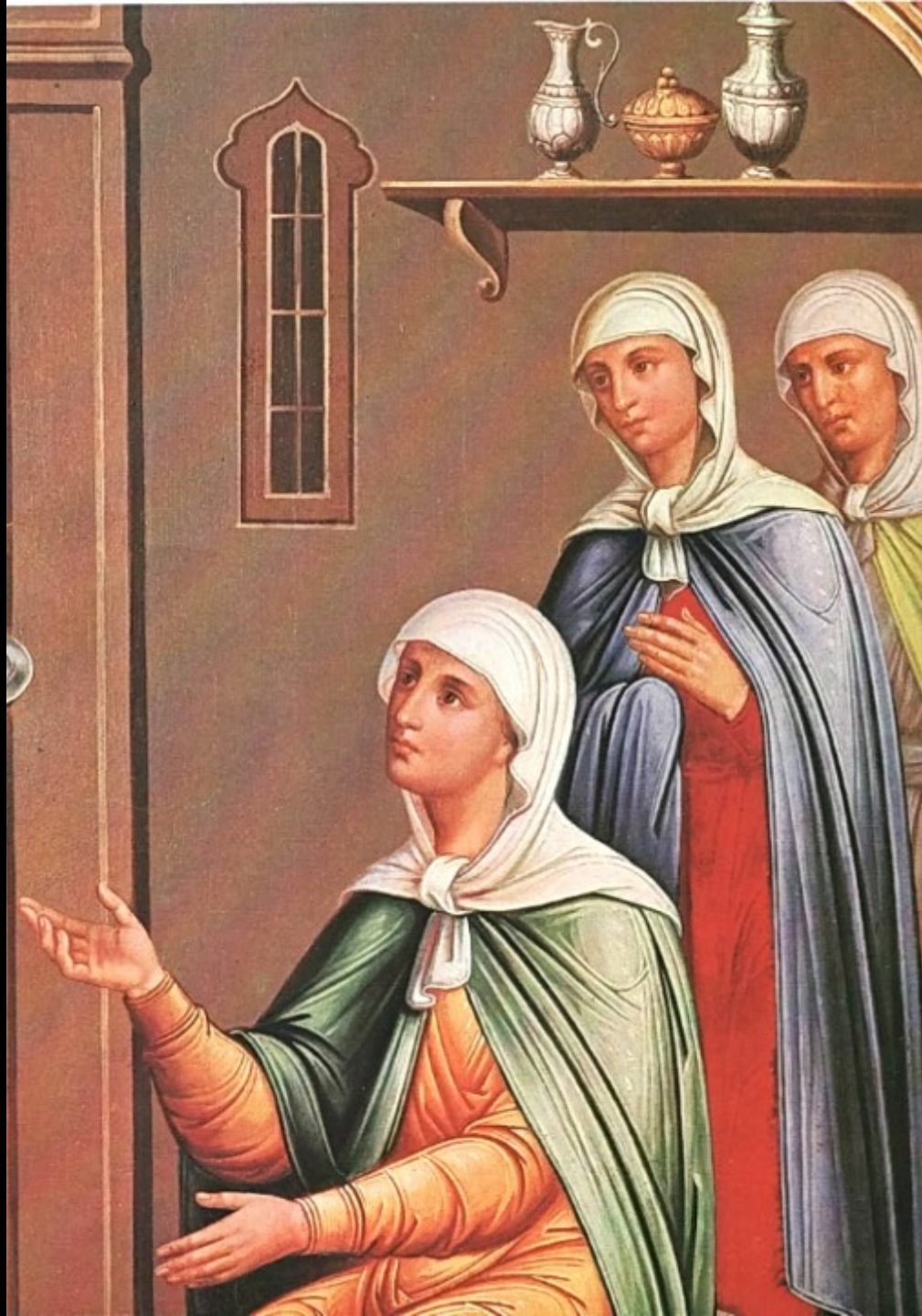
Reading the Bible -- Jean-Baptiste Greuze, Louvre Museum, Paris, France

"... there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people ... there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

Luke 18:2b, 3b

Parable of the
Widow and the
Unjust Judge,
detail

The Kremlin
Moscow, Russia



For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice ... '"

Luke 18:4, 5a

The Unjust Judge and the
Importunate Widow

John Everett Millais
Metropolitan Museum of
Art
New York, NY



And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them."

Luke 18:7a, 8a



Justice as Protector

S. Hirsch, C. Simmons
Federal Courthouse
Aiken, SC

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