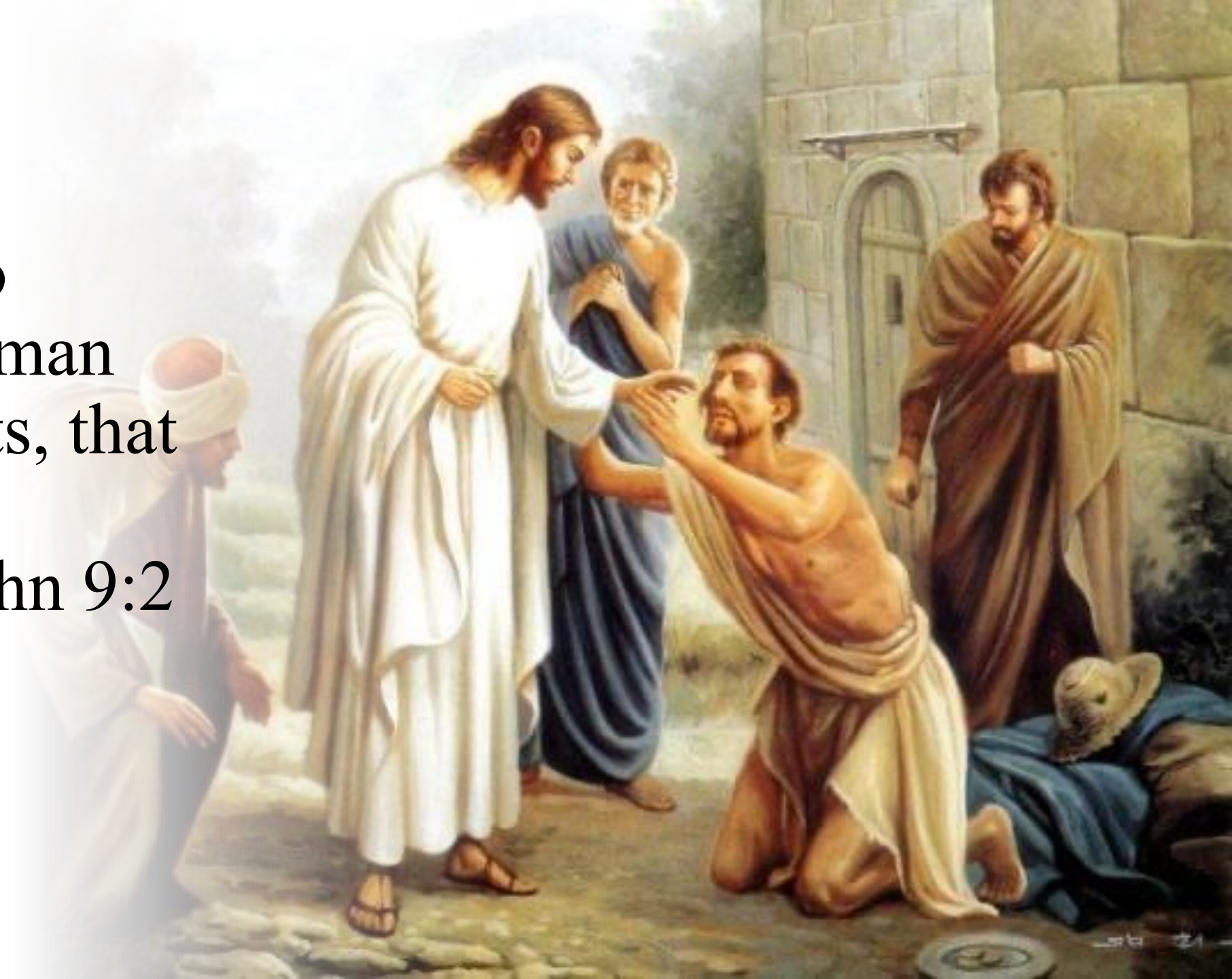


“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” – John 9:2



# Who Are You Asking?

## The Source of Our Answers Shapes Our Sight

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Tubah

# Many Voices

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- The disciples
- The neighbors
- The Pharisees
- His parents
- The Lord Jesus



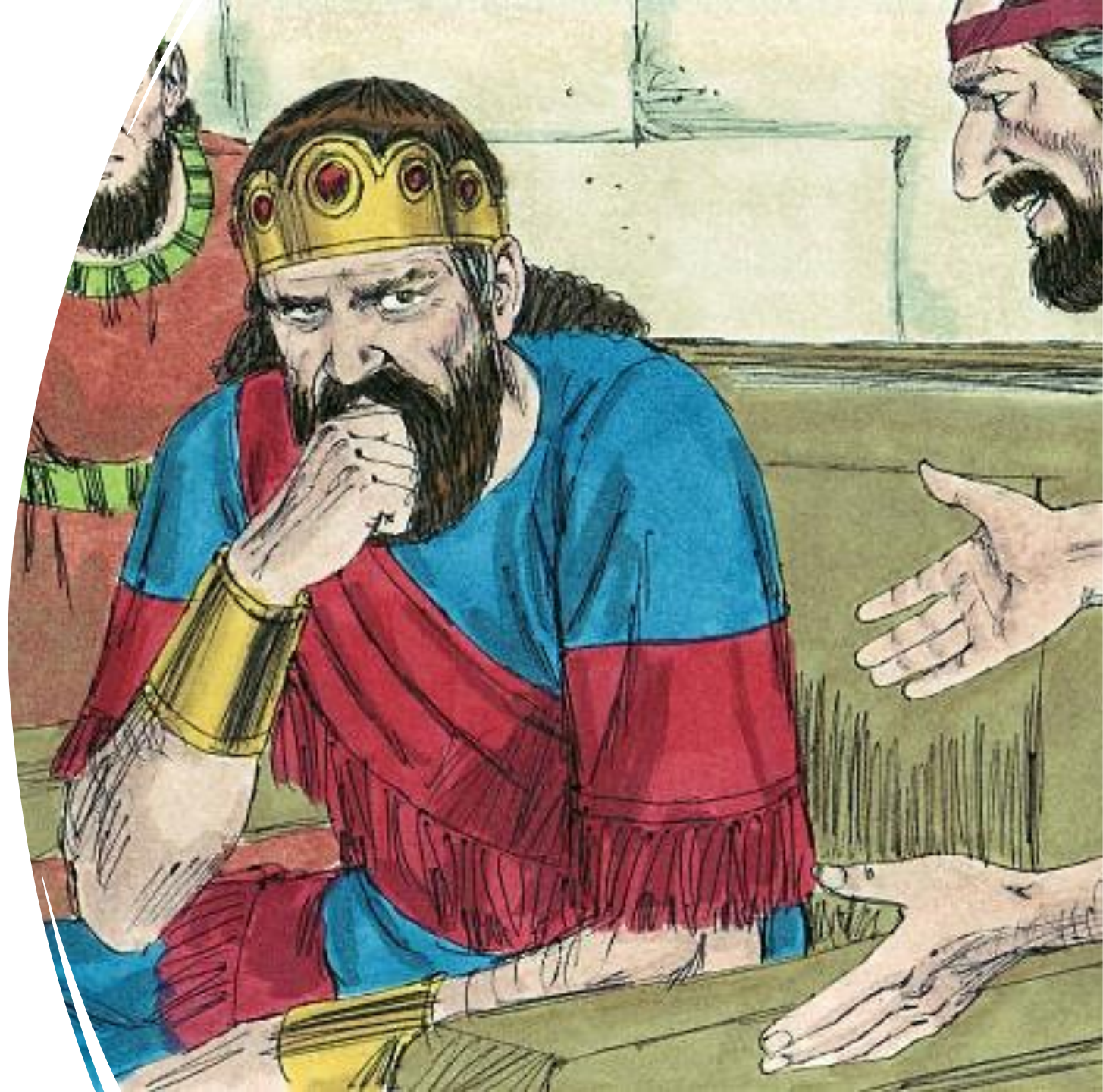
# Misguided Counsel

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# Seeking light in darkness

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- EX: Saul
- **“Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her.”** (1 Samuel 28:7)
- **“Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons will be with me.”** (1 Samuel 28:19)



# Seeking truth from a liar

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- EX: The Lord Christ rebuking the demon
- **And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of God!” And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ. (Luke 4:41)**
- EX: St. Paul and the spirit of divination
- **“These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” (Acts 16:17)**



# Seeking enlightenment from the blind

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- **“If the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”** (Matthew 15:14)
- **“Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes.”** (Isaiah 5:21)



# Seeking the shadow rather than the real

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- **“They exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator.”**  
(Romans 1:25)
- **“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.”** (James 1:17)



# Seeking counsel from the famous over the entrusted

- EX: Absalom
- God entrust certain individuals with authority
- **“They watch out for your souls.”** (Hebrews 13:17)



# The Self (ego) over all else

- **“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5)**
- **“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.” (Proverbs 12:15)**

# Where the Wise Find Sound Counsel

- Scripture
  - **“But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”** (2 Timothy 3:14-17)
- The Church
  - **“The pillar and ground of the truth.”** (1 Timothy 3:15)
- Those concerned with your salvation
- Those knowledgeable in a particular field
- Those with wisdom of experience

# Where or when do we seek counsel?

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6. Myself (ego) over all else

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