

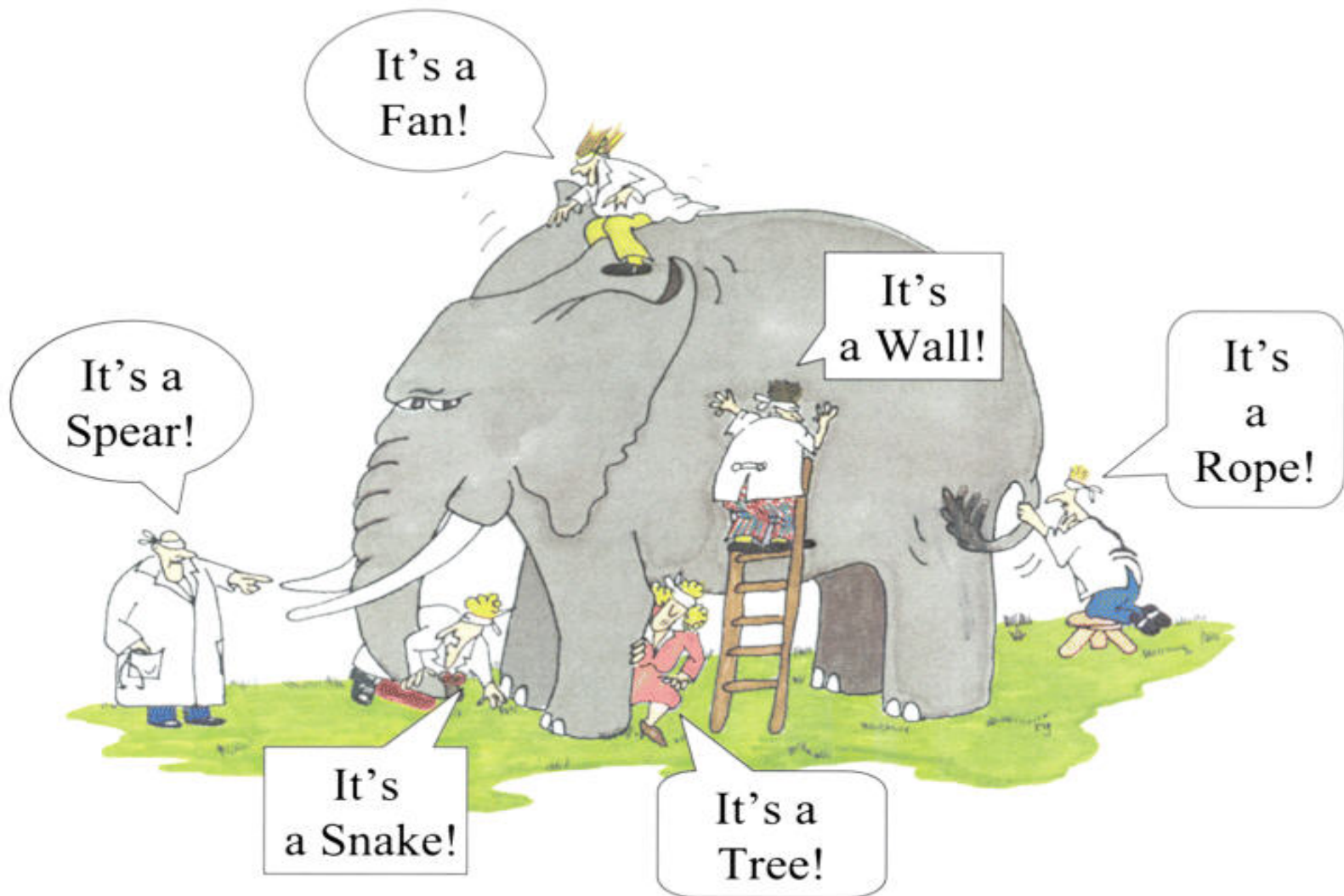


Dear Humans.... Meet God



A Communion Devotion
Psalm 27

How do we learn what God is like, since we cannot see Him?



On this communion Sunday we look at one of the most popular and beloved Psalms, Psalm 27. It is loved because it is real, raw, and deeply personal. It is one of David's "wisdom" Psalms, about fear and courage, hope and despair... things we all feel. David declares that no matter what life throws at him, he has learned that God is bigger!

**¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the
stronghold of my life; of whom shall I
be afraid?**

**² When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh, my adversaries
and foes, it is they who stumble and
fall.**

**³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will
be confident.**

1. When we get
to know God, it
changes
everything! (1-3)

**A. To know God is to
learn that He is more
than an idea or a
religion... He is real
and powerful!**

**(God is my light, my salvation, my
stronghold)**

B. To trust God is to build an impregnable fortress around your life:

- NO FEAR can penetrate your *faith*
- No circumstance can destroy your *hope*
- No adversary can defeat the *love* God
has focused on your life!

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,
39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

(Romans 8, ESV)

**4 One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after: that I
may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life, to gaze
upon the beauty of the Lord and to
inquire in his temple.**

**5 For he will hide me in his shelter in
the day of trouble; he will conceal
me under the cover of his tent; he
will lift me high upon a rock.**

**6 And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices
with shouts of joy; I will sing and
make melody to the Lord.**

**7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be
gracious to me and answer me!**

**8 You have said, “Seek my face.”
My heart says to you, “Your
face, Lord, do I seek.”**

**9 Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help. Cast
me not off; forsake me not, O God of
my salvation!**

**10 For my father and my mother have
forsaken me, but the Lord will take
me in.**

**11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.**

**2. When we get to know
God, it will change what we
desire. (4-12)**

**A. We will want to be near Him (to seek
his intimacy and offer Him worship)**

**B. We will want to declare Him to
others!**

**C. We will want to please Him in our
actions.**

**12 Give me not up to the will of my
adversaries; for false witnesses have
risen against me, and they breathe
out violence.**

**13 I believe that I shall look upon the
goodness of the Lord in the land of
the living!**

**14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and
let your heart take courage; wait for
the Lord!**

**3. When we get to know
God, it will change how
we view the future!**

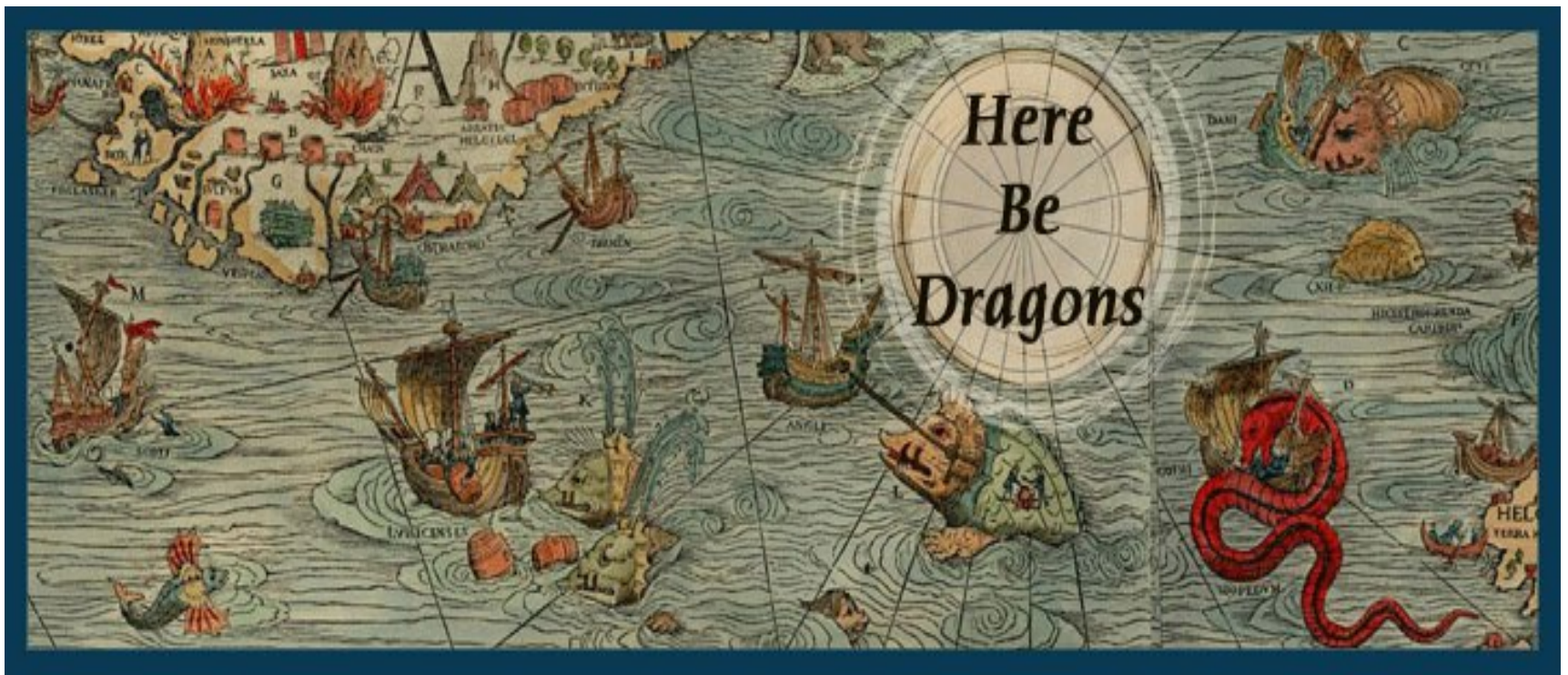
(13-14)

**I believe!... Therefore I will
“Wait”**

- “Be strong”

- And “Take courage”

1525 AD mariners “world” map full of fears and superstitions



Conclusions...

1. If we make getting to know God a real priority it will transform our life!
2. Getting to know God cannot be a simple academic pursuit. God is known primarily relationally through Christ, not intellectually through study.