



The Joy of Homecoming

Isaiah 49:13-26

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WITNESS



Lessons from
Elie Wiesel's Classroom

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Rabbi Heschel: "The religious calling is to be maladjusted with positive moral force, neither indifferently conformed to the reality of evil and suffering, nor inured [hardened] to wondrous and redemptive possibilities."

“Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.” 49:13



But Zion said,
“The Lord has
forsaken me,
my Lord has
forgotten me.”

Isaiah 49:14





ation in His risen presence in the world.
We desire to invite input from
for our mutual benefit. אָנָּה

Our union with

His empowers us tow

Who broke the covenant?
(Hint: It wasn't the cat.)





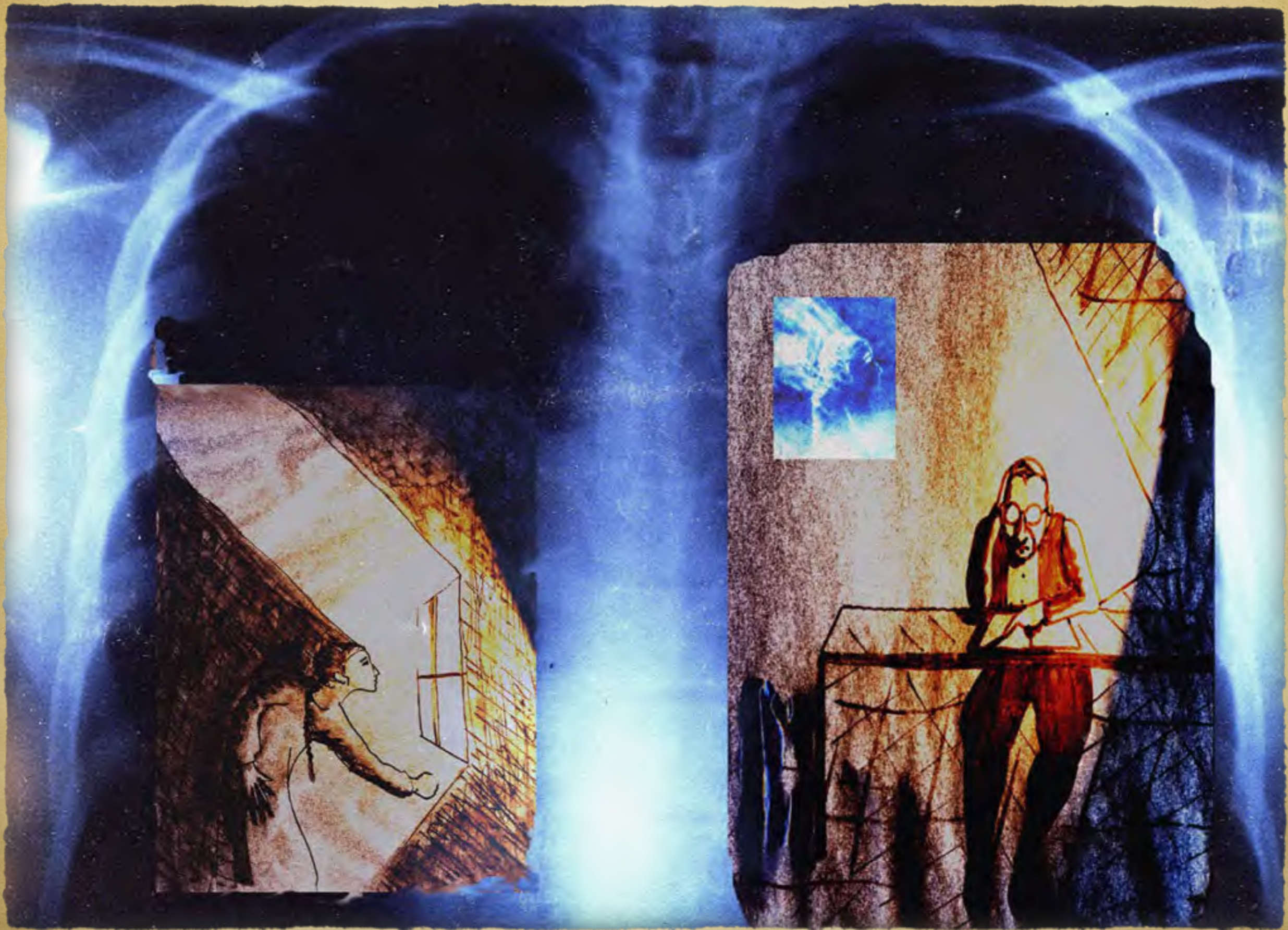
“Can a woman forget her
nursing child,
or show no compassion
for the child of her
womb?

Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.”

Isaiah 49:15

“See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are continually before me.” Isaiah 49:16





“¹⁷Your builders outdo
your destroyers, and those
who laid you waste go
away from you. ¹⁸Lift up
your eyes all around and
see; they all gather, they
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says the Lord, you shall
put all of them on like an
ornament, and like a
bride you shall bind them
on.” Isaiah 49:17-18

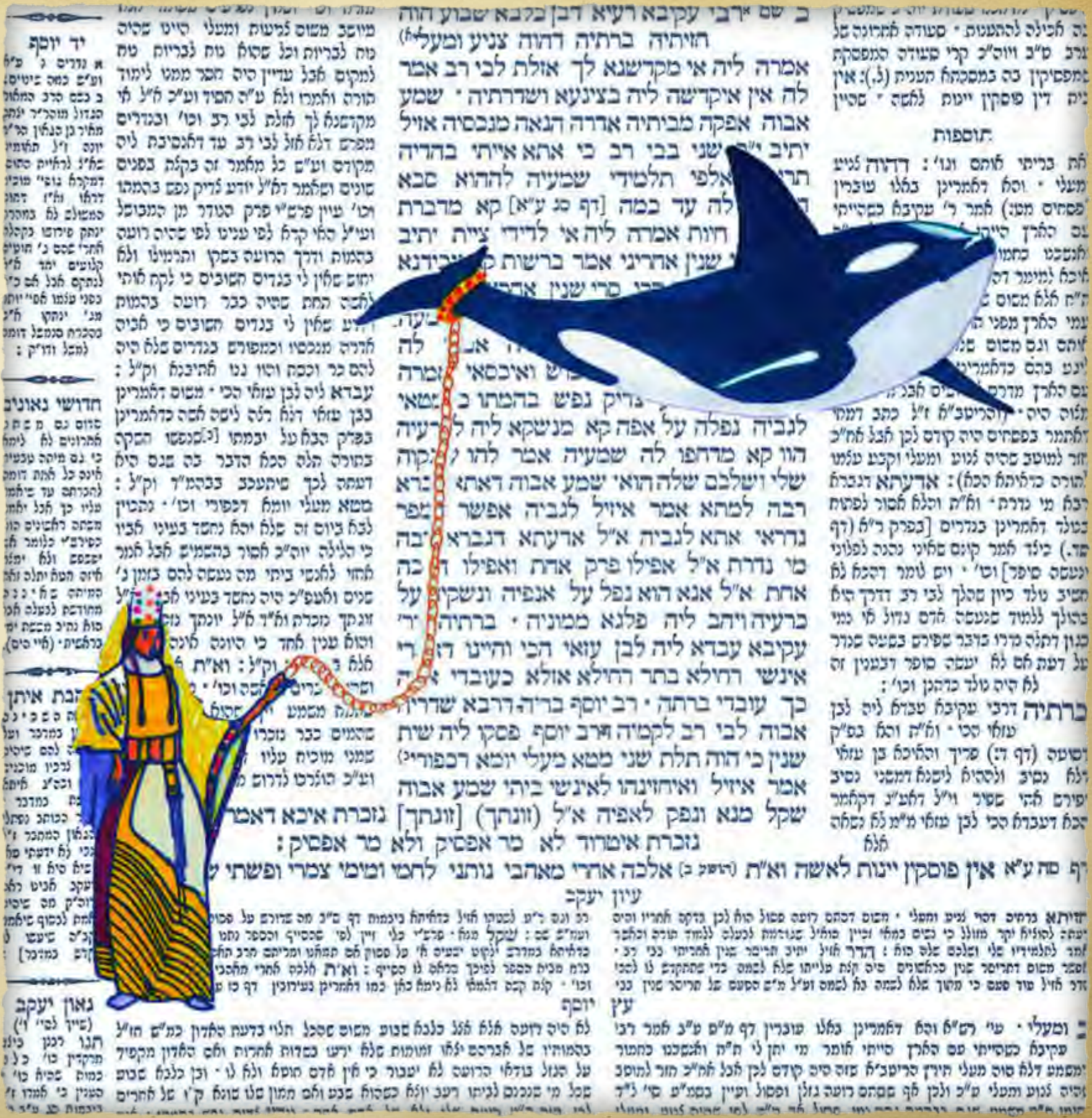


NEVER LOOK DOWN.



“The dispute between complaining Zion and God comes down to eyesight or, perhaps better, insight. More than a cursory glance is required.” - Paul Hanson

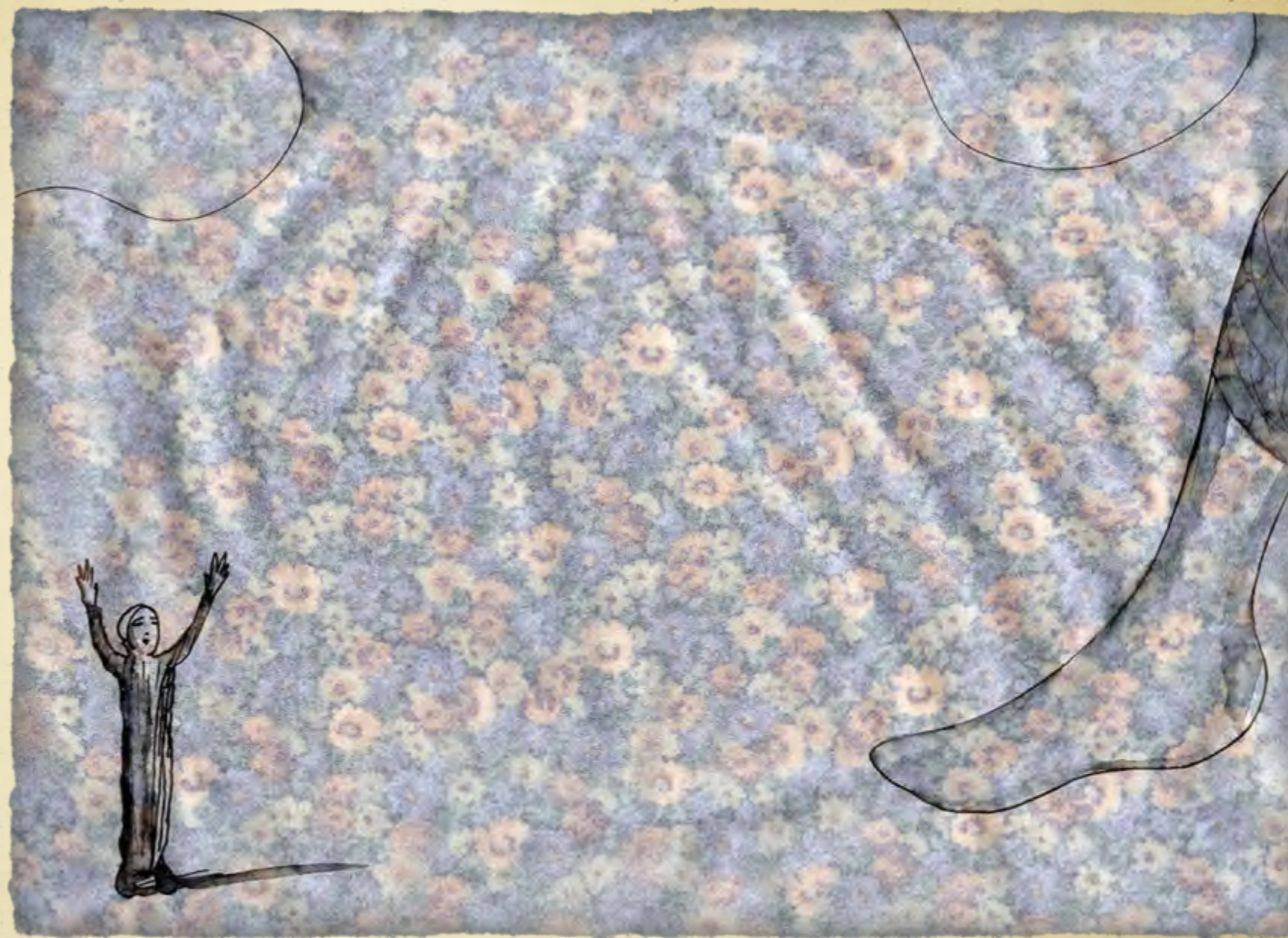
“Zion is challenged to look between the lines and see with the eyes of one who is tutored by faith to trust not the politics of tyrannic power but the politics of divine justice and mercy.” Hanson





19 Surely your waste
and your desolate
places and your
devastated land—surely
now you will be too
crowded for your
inhabitants, and those
who swallowed you up
will be far away.

20 The children born
in the time of your
bereavement will yet
say in your hearing:
“The place is too
crowded for me; make
room for me to settle.”



21 Then you will say in your heart, “Who has borne me these? I was bereaved and barren, exiled and put away—so who has reared these? I was left all alone—where then have these come from?” Isaiah 49:19-21

22 Thus says the Lord God:

I will soon lift up my hand to the nations,
and raise my signal to the peoples;
and they shall bring your sons in their bosom,
and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.

23 Kings shall be your foster fathers,
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With their faces to the ground they shall bow down to you,
and lick the dust of your feet.

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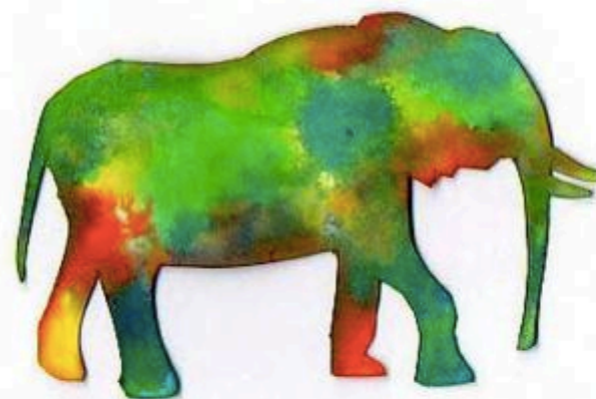
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and the prey of the tyrant be rescued;
for I will contend with those who contend with you,
and I will save your children.

26 I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh,
and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with wine.

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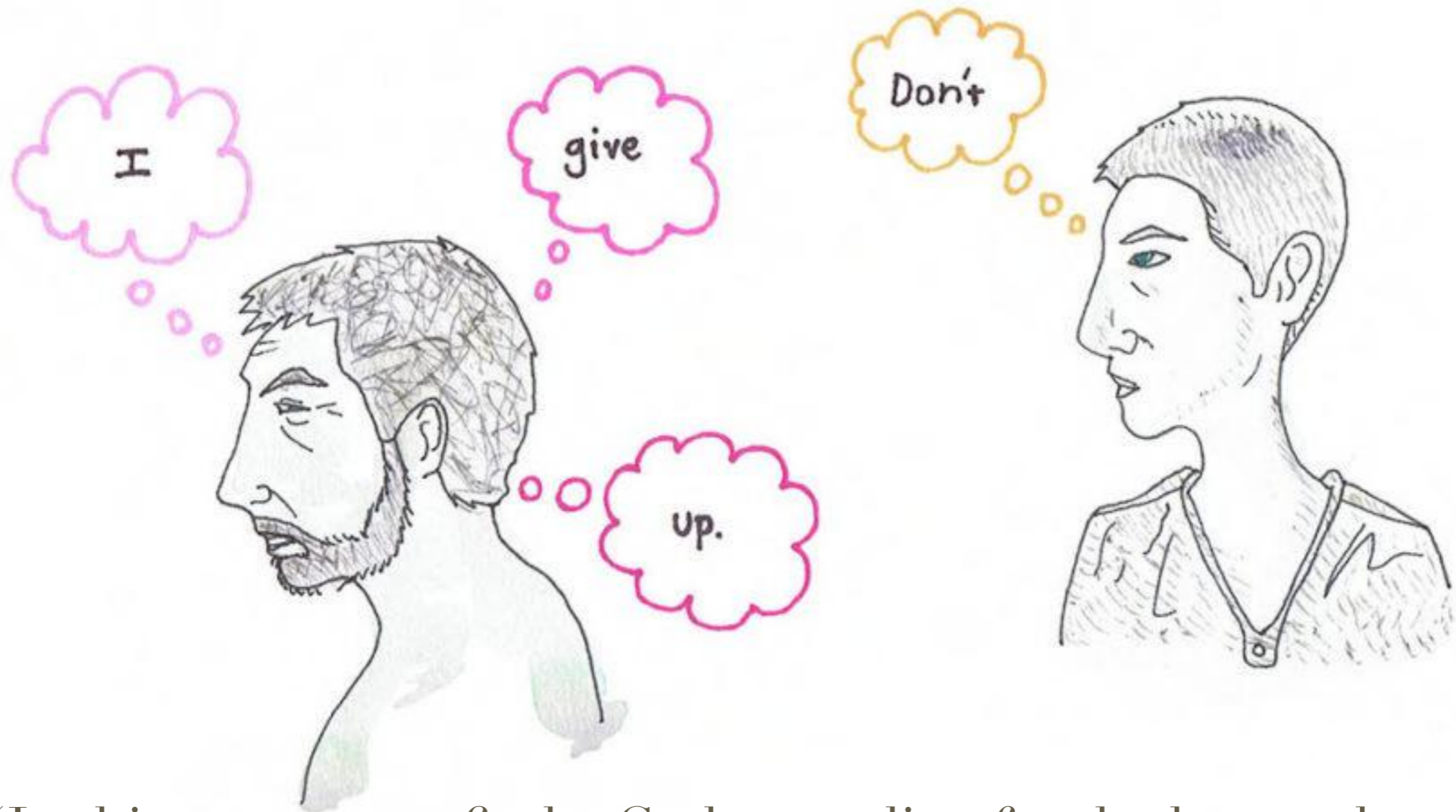
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“In this passage we find a God struggling for the human heart at the center of life. It is not a God unacquainted with human emotion but a God moved with maternal feelings...passionately opposed to injustice...captured by love for his creation.” Hanson



Mary Galt

God, thank you
that we can lie
down at night, like
a beloved child, at
rest, safe,
remembered by
You our mother,
protected by You
our father,
unanxious. May we
awaken tomorrow
morning rested,
with energy and
freedom and
courage. Thank you
for this joyous
homecoming.

