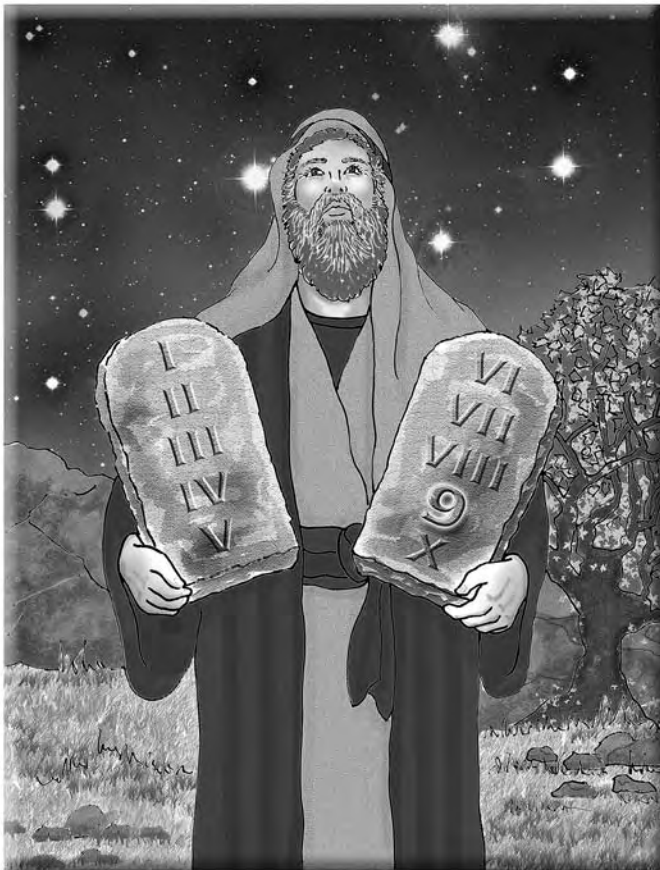


The NINTH Commandment



**“Thou shalt not bear false
witness against thy neighbour.”**

Exodus 20:16

God's 9th Commandment to Israel says, 197
"Thou shalt not bear false witness against
thy neighbor." This means that we should
not tell lies about our neighbors, friends,
families or even our enemies. We should
not say anything, even if it is true,
that would do them harm.



We know that Jesus was a good and honest man. But some of the Scribes and Pharisees didn't like Jesus, because the goodness of Jesus made them look bad.

Jesus said, "Everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved."

John 3:20



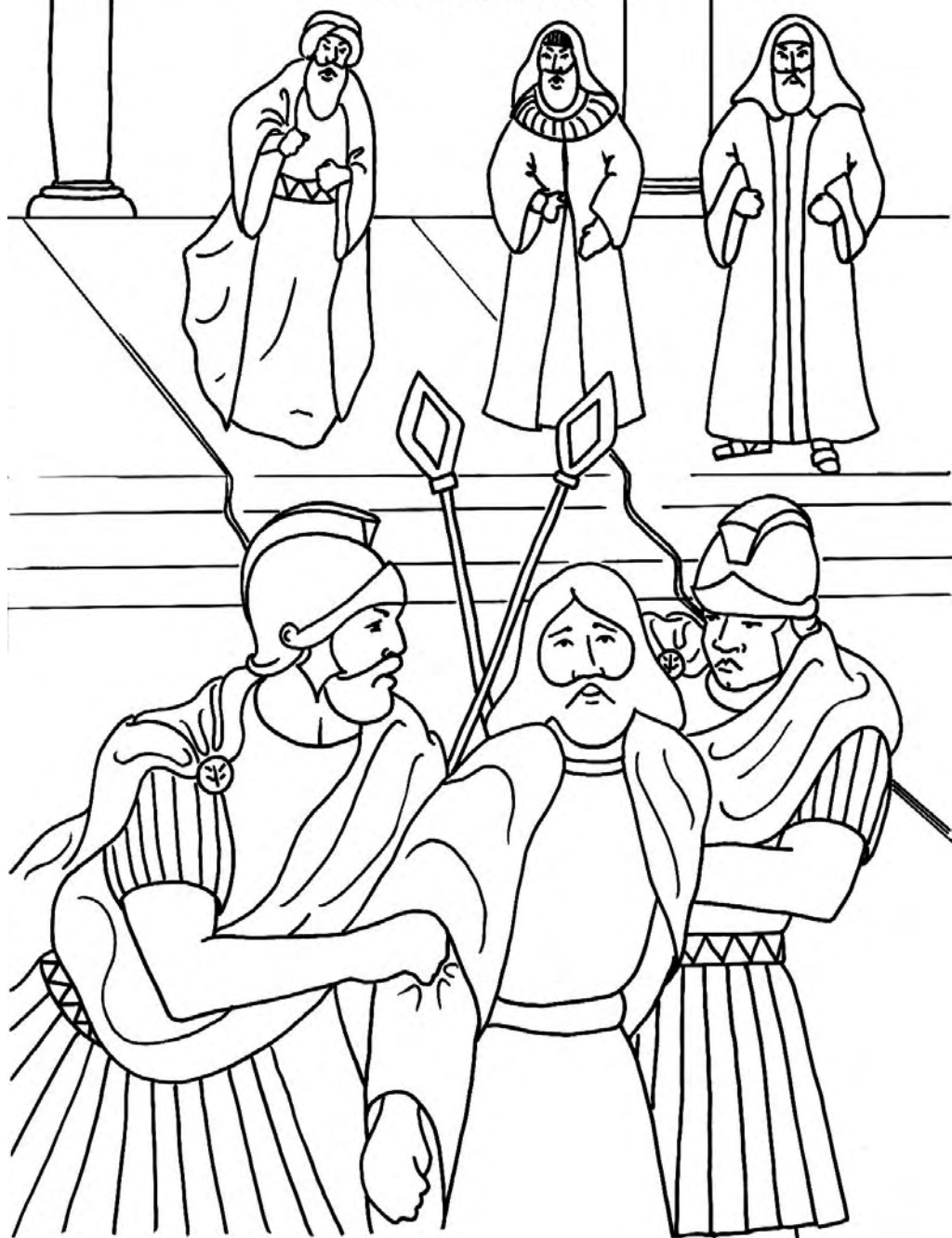
The dark, prideful and selfish behavior of the Scribes and Pharisees showed how they hated the perfect, bright and humble character of Jesus.



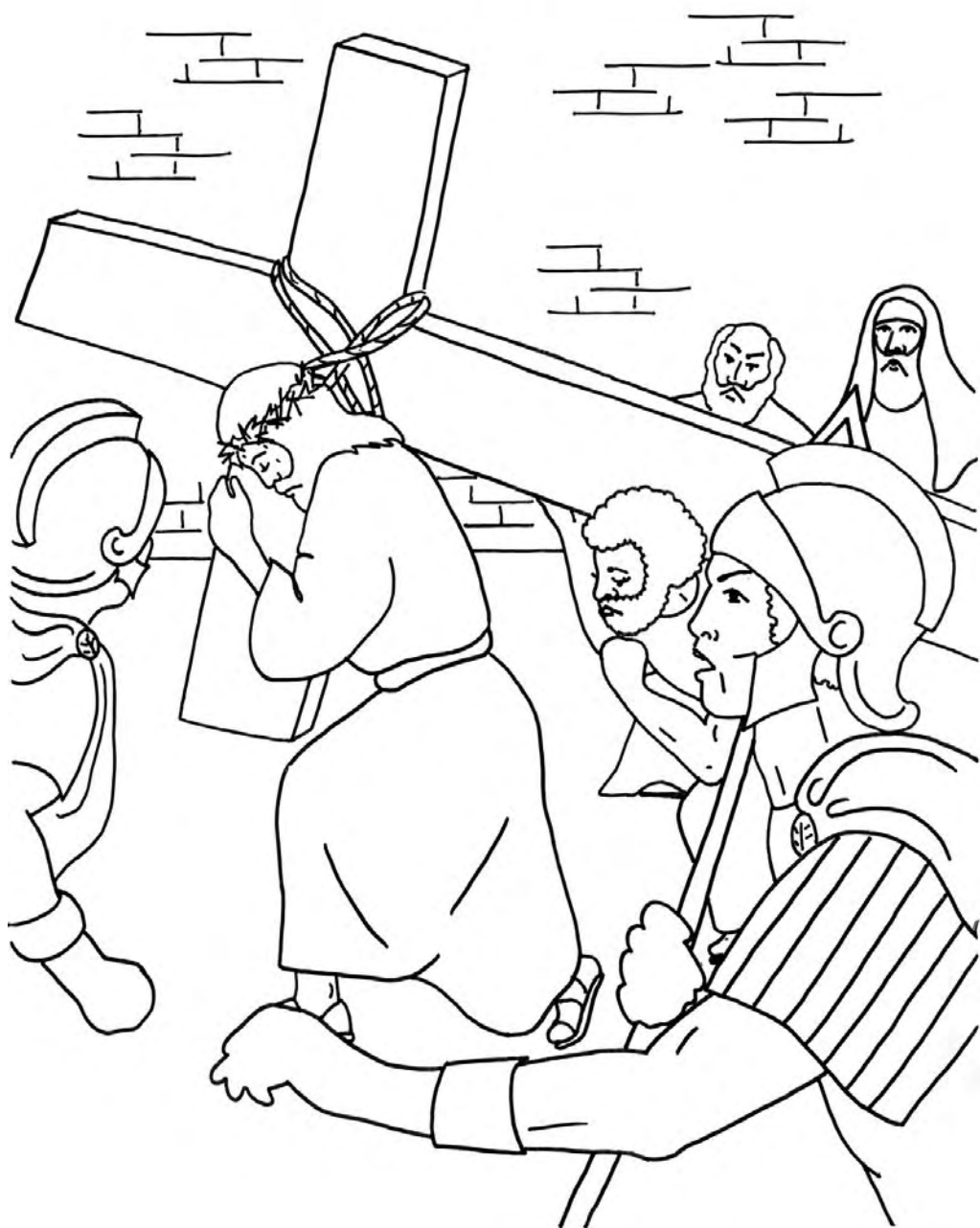
200 So, the Scribes and Pharisees said very bad things about Jesus. They twisted his words with the purpose of making him look bad to others. They lied and were false witnesses against him.




Because of their jealousy, the Scribes and Pharisees told lies about Jesus. They plotted to have Jesus brought to trial and killed.



Isaiah said of Jesus: "He is despised
and rejected of men; a man of sorrows,
and acquainted with grief..."
Isaiah 53:3





Someday, someone may say something bad about us that is not true. This will certainly hurt our feelings. But, we should be very careful not to “render evil for evil.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:15)

We should never say anything bad about a person, unless it is true and very important — for example, if that person is hurting you or someone else.



Satan is called "The father of lies."
(John 6:44) Telling lies about another
person is not Christ-like. If we tell lies
about someone, who are we acting like?



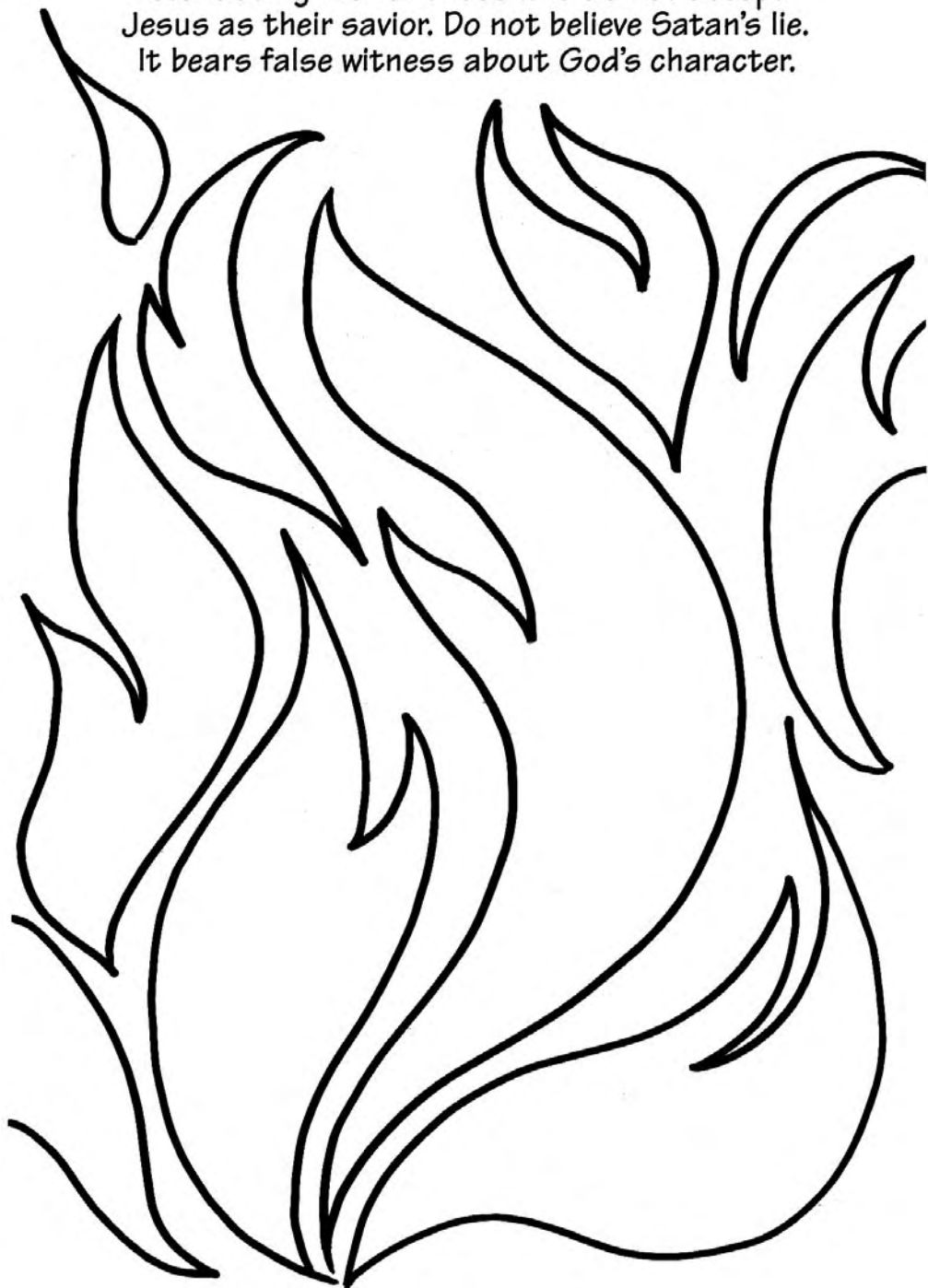
When we tell lies, it not only hurts others, but it makes us look bad, too. We do not want to be like Satan — the “father of lies.” We want people to look at us and see a good Christian character, not a bad character.



God is the Father of truth and
of all that is beautiful and good.



Satan wants Christians to believe his lie 207
that there is an eternal torment in
everlasting fire for those who do not accept
Jesus as their savior. Do not believe Satan's lie.
It bears false witness about God's character.



God's character is pure and good and full of love for mankind. He could never create such a terrible place, because it would go against His loving character.



We should always remember the words
of this very important scripture
about God in 1 John 4:8.

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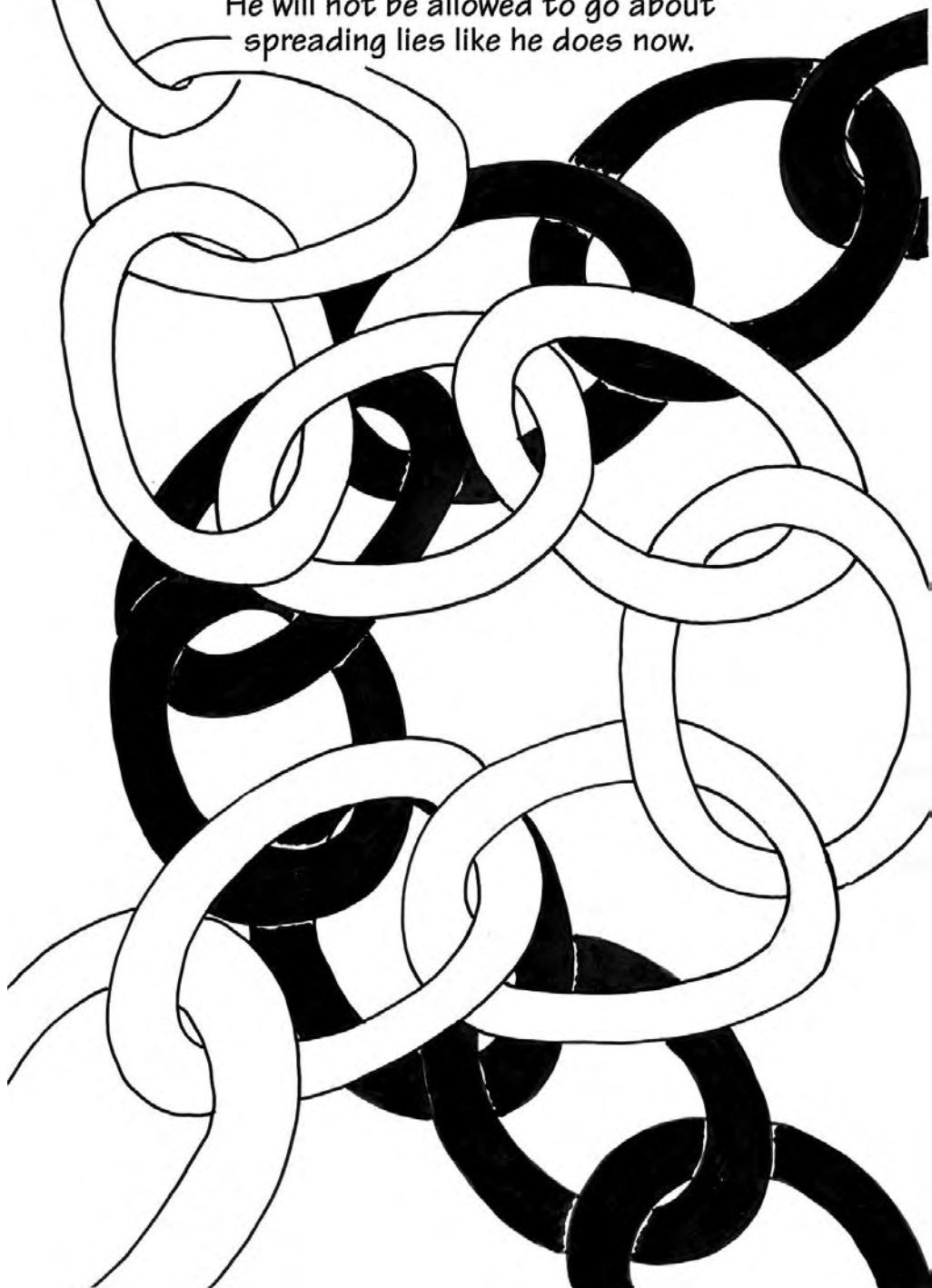


Even though Satan bears "false witness" against God by getting many Christians to believe that He will send bad people to a place of torment, we should remind them about this scripture and God's wonderful love for all.

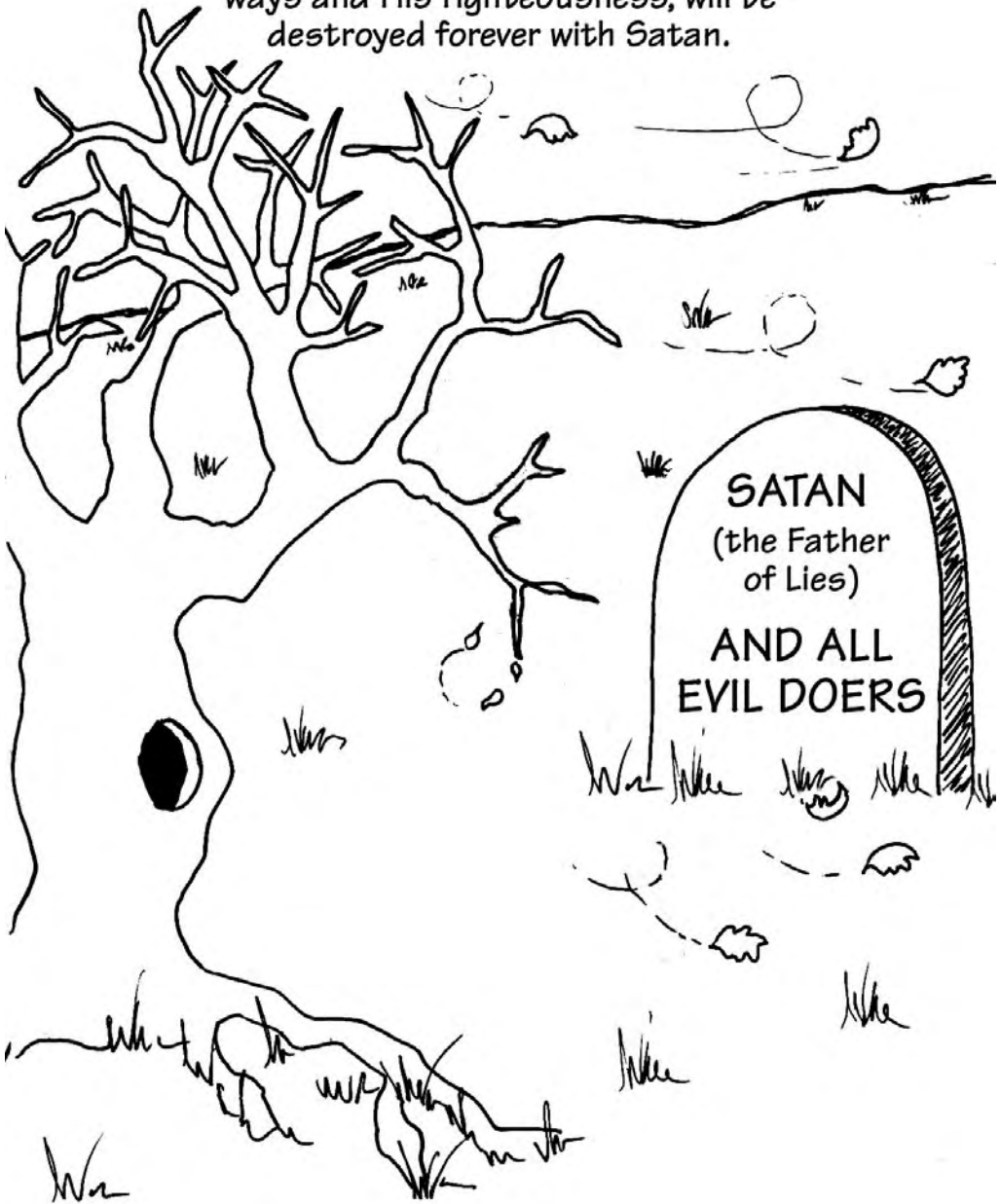


During the Millennium, Satan will
be bound—just like being in chains.
He will not be allowed to go about
spreading lies like he does now.

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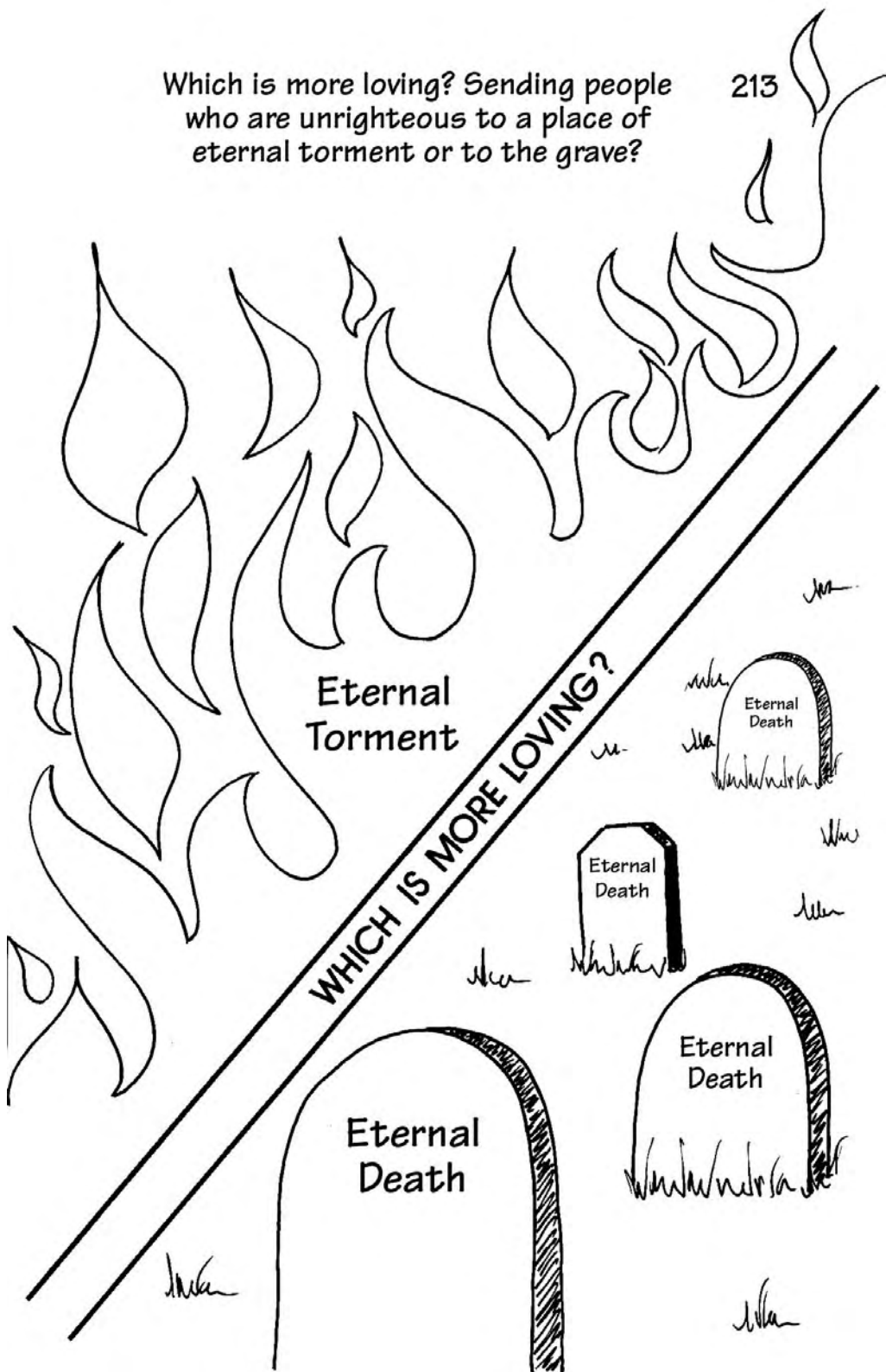


At the end of the Millennium, when everyone has had a chance to learn righteousness, they will be tested. Anyone who continues to love sin and Satan's ways, instead of loving God's ways and His righteousness, will be destroyed forever with Satan.

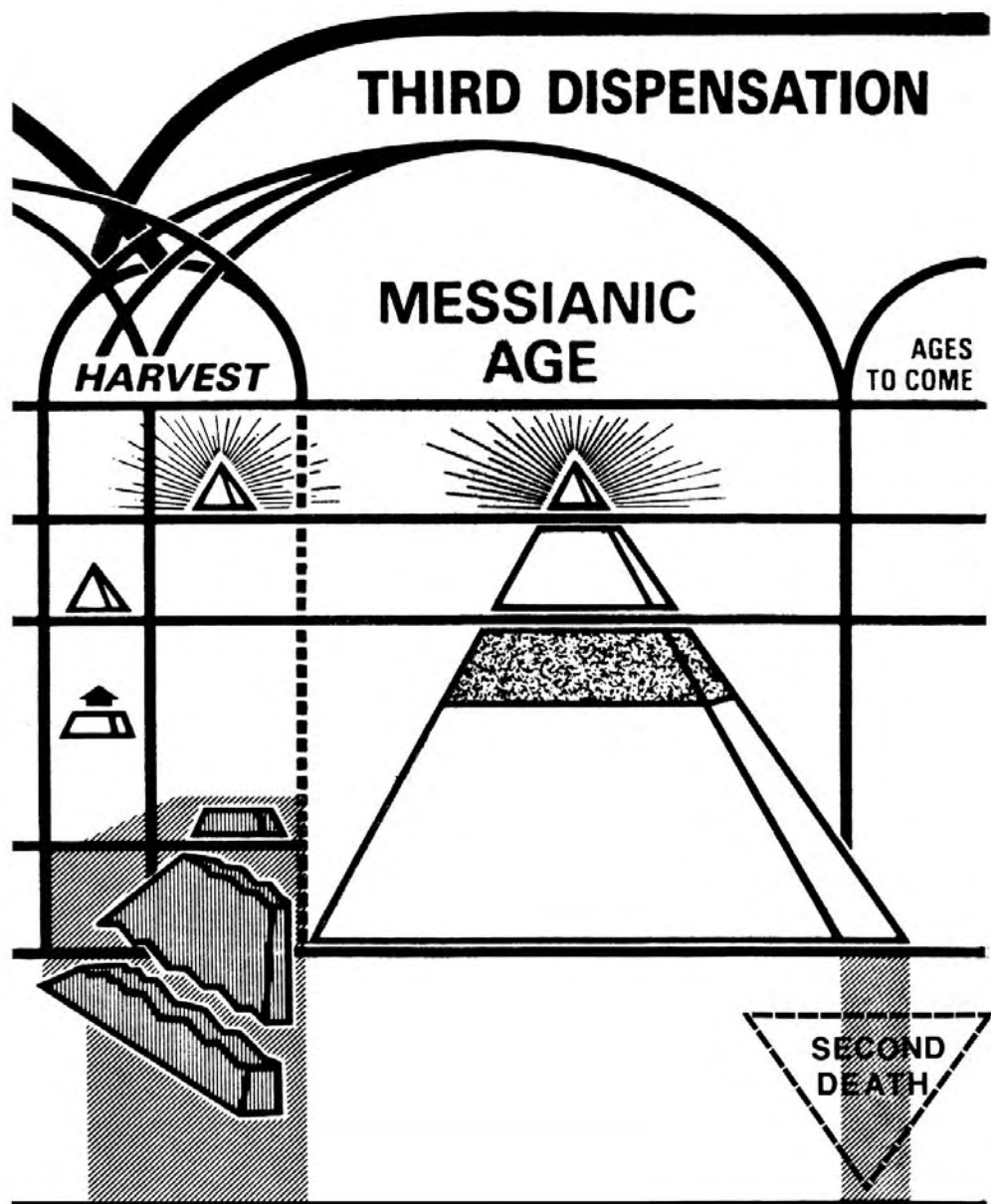


Which is more loving? Sending people who are unrighteous to a place of eternal torment or to the grave?

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214 Yes, at the end of God's Kingdom, Satan and all who choose to live in unrighteousness will be destroyed in the "second death." They will never lie or bear false witness against another again. Revelation 20



Then, when all evil is destroyed,
mankind will be able to remember
and keep the 9th Commandment.
They will speak the truth in love.

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We can read many scriptures
that prove Satan's idea is a lie.
Lamentations 3:22, 23 says that
God's "compassions fail not.
They are new every morning..."

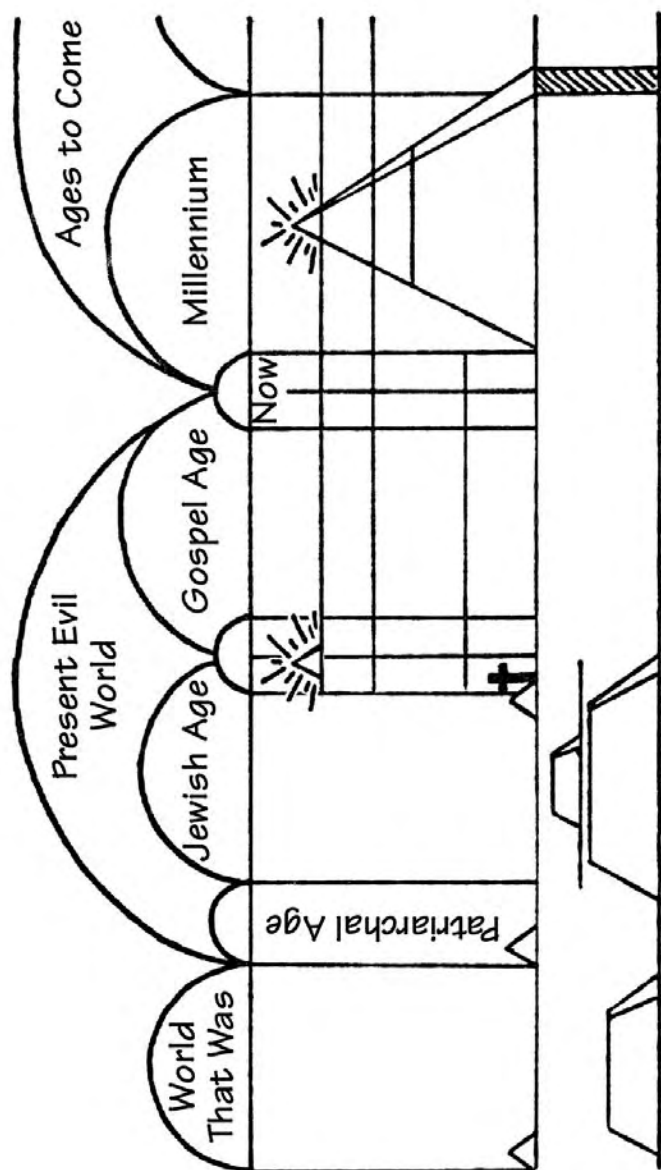
A prayer that Jesus taught his
disciples to pray is this:

*Our Father who are in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom,
And the power,
And the glory,
For ever.
Amen.*



Draw a picture of you telling
your friends about
God's true, loving
character.

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GOD IS
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Jesus gave his
life for us
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