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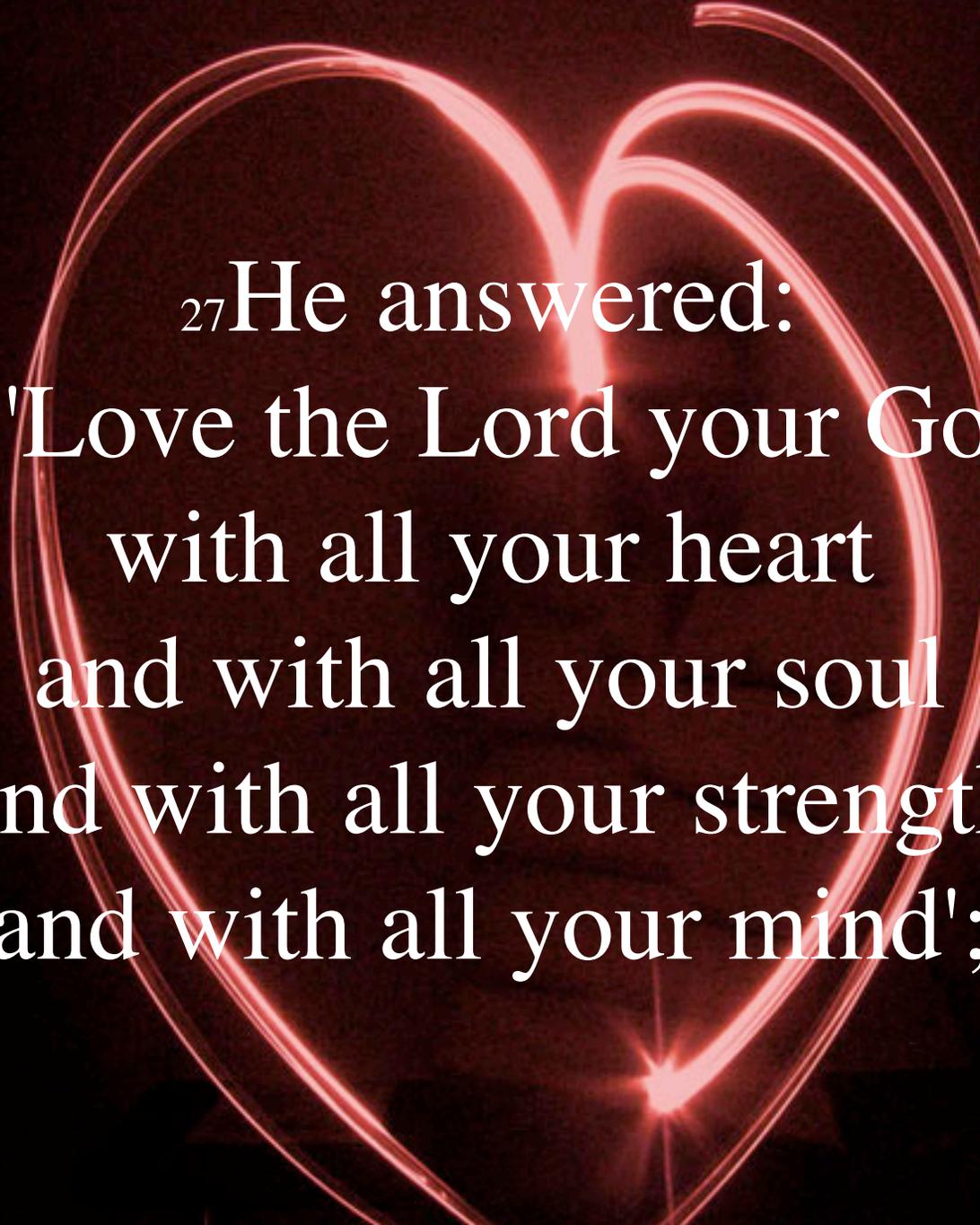
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²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?"
he replied. "How do you read it?"

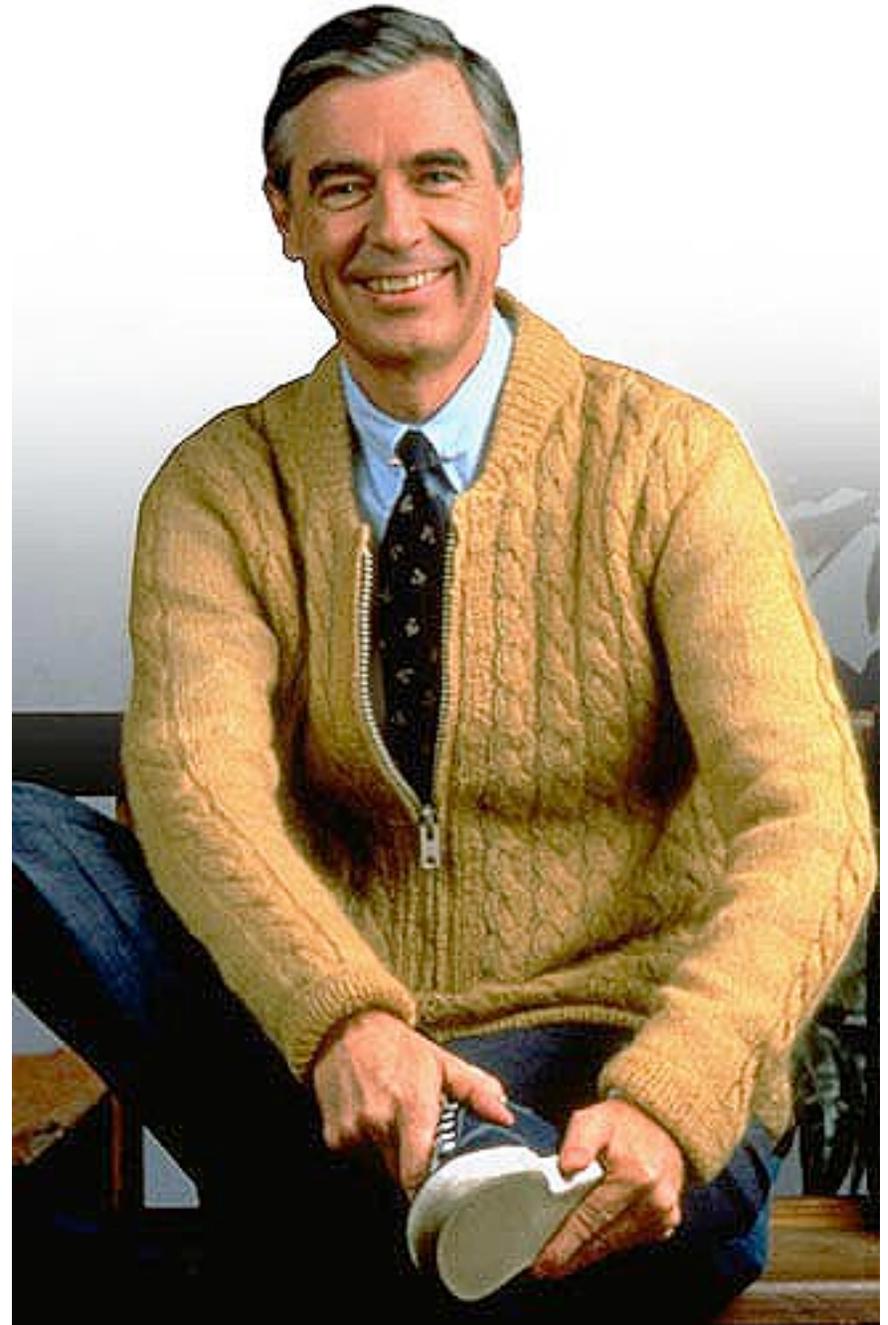




²⁷He answered:

" 'Love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your strength
and with all your mind';

and, 'Love your
neighbor as
yourself.'



28 "You have answered correctly,"
Jesus replied.
"Do this and you will live."



²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so
he asked Jesus, "And who is my
neighbor?"

Leviticus 19:17-18

17 " 'Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt.

18 " 'Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

“The gentiles, amonst whom and us there is no war, and so those that are keepers of sheep amonst the Israelistes, and the like, we are not to contrive their death; but if they be in any danger of death, we are not bound to deliever them;

e.g., if any of them fall into the sea you shall not need to take them out: for it is said, “thou shalt not raise up against the blood of thy neighbor”; but such a one is not thy neighbor.”

-Midrash

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³⁰In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho,



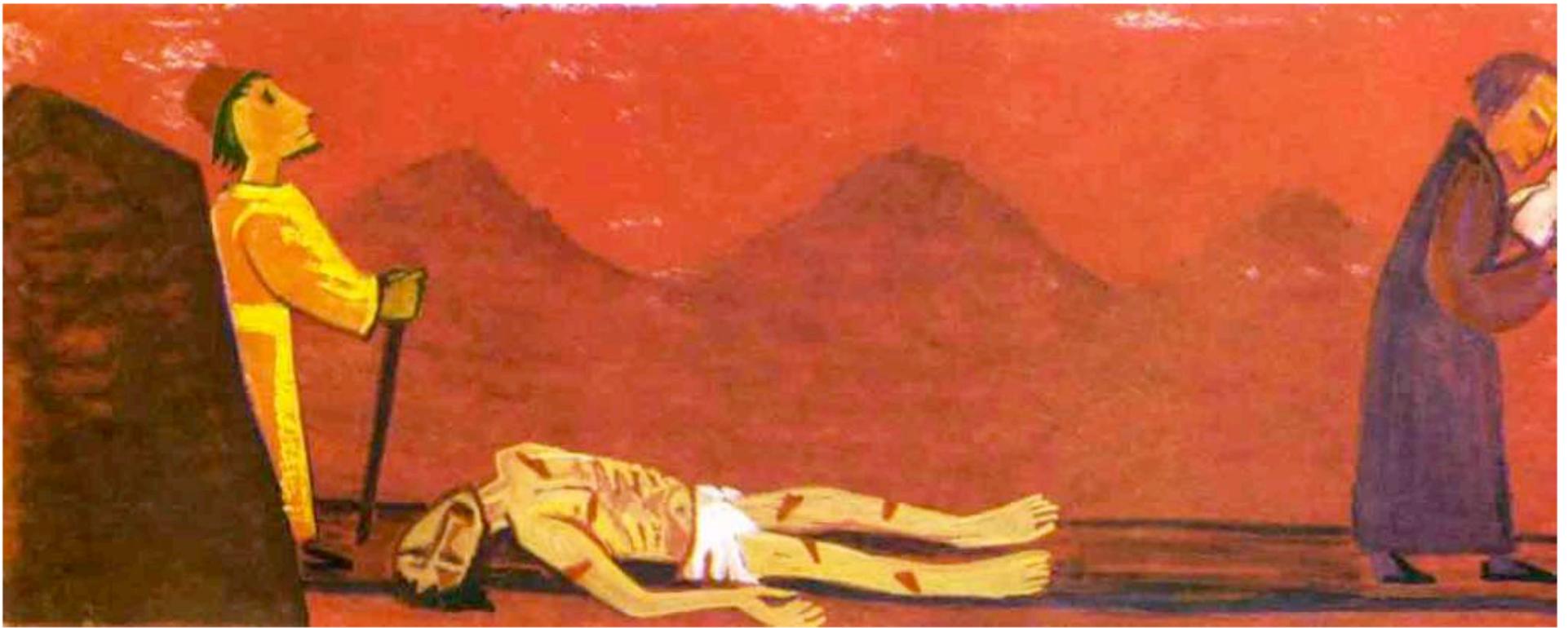
when he fell into the hands of robbers.



They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.



³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.



If you do a good turn, know for whom
you are doing it, and your good deeds
will not go to waste.

Do good to a devout man, and you will
receive a reward, if not from him, then
certainly from the most High...

Give to a devout man, do not go to the
help of a sinner,

Do good to a humble man, give nothing
to a godless one.

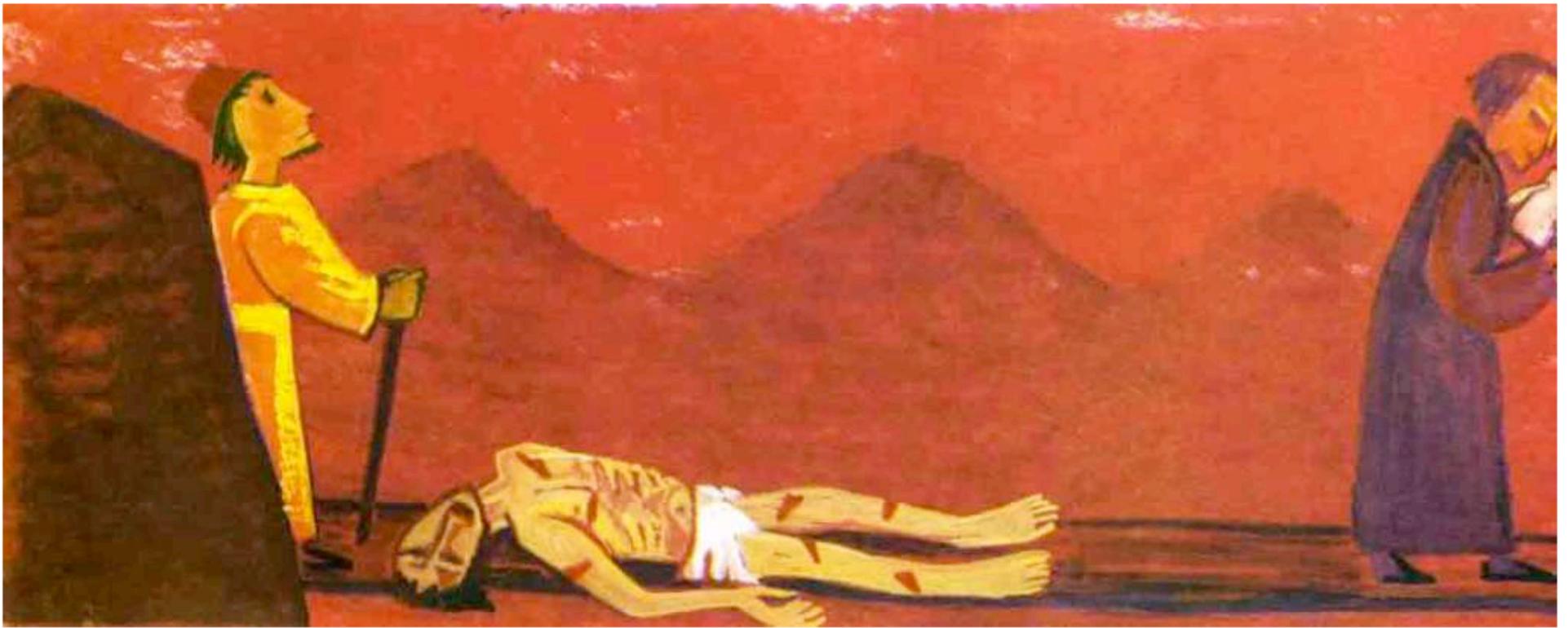
Refuse him bread, do not give him any,
it might make him stronger than you
are; then you would be repaid evil
twice over for all the good you had
done him.

For the Most High himself detest sinners, and will repay the wicked with vengeance.

Give to the good man and do not go to the help of a sinner.

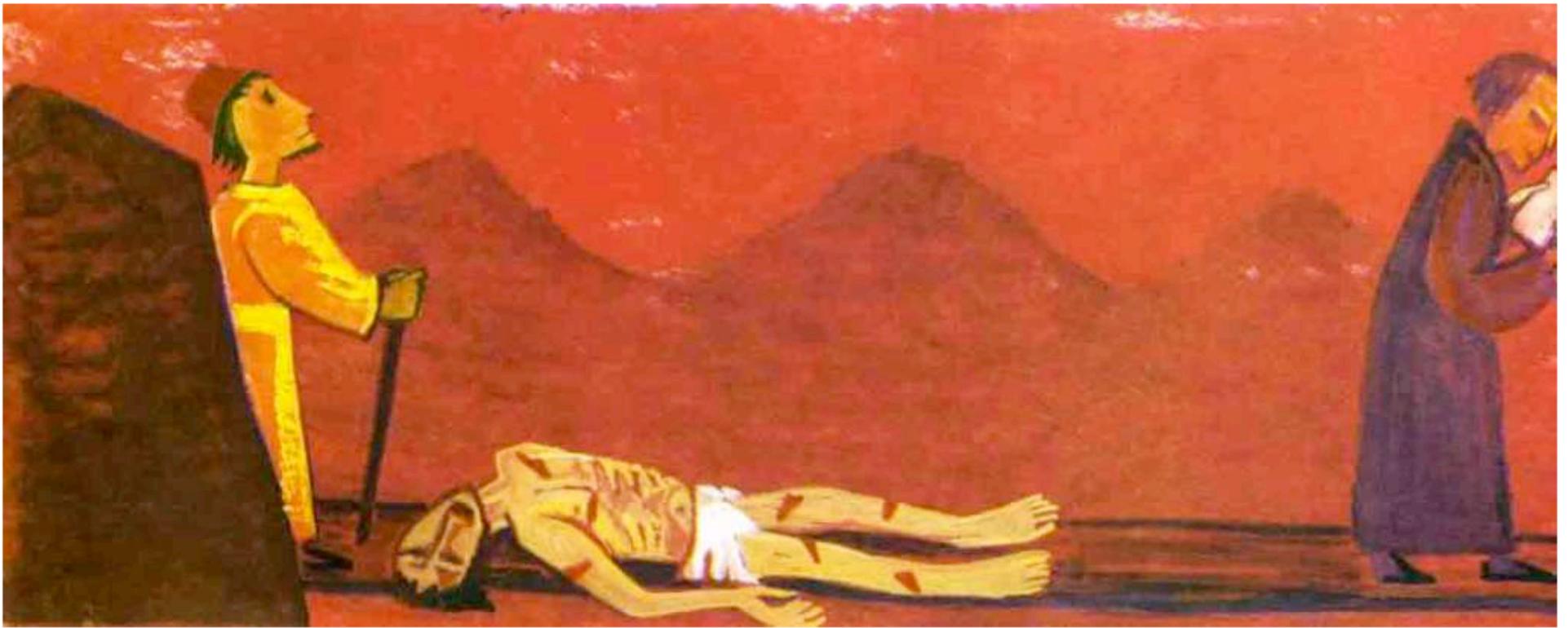
-Sirach 12:1-7

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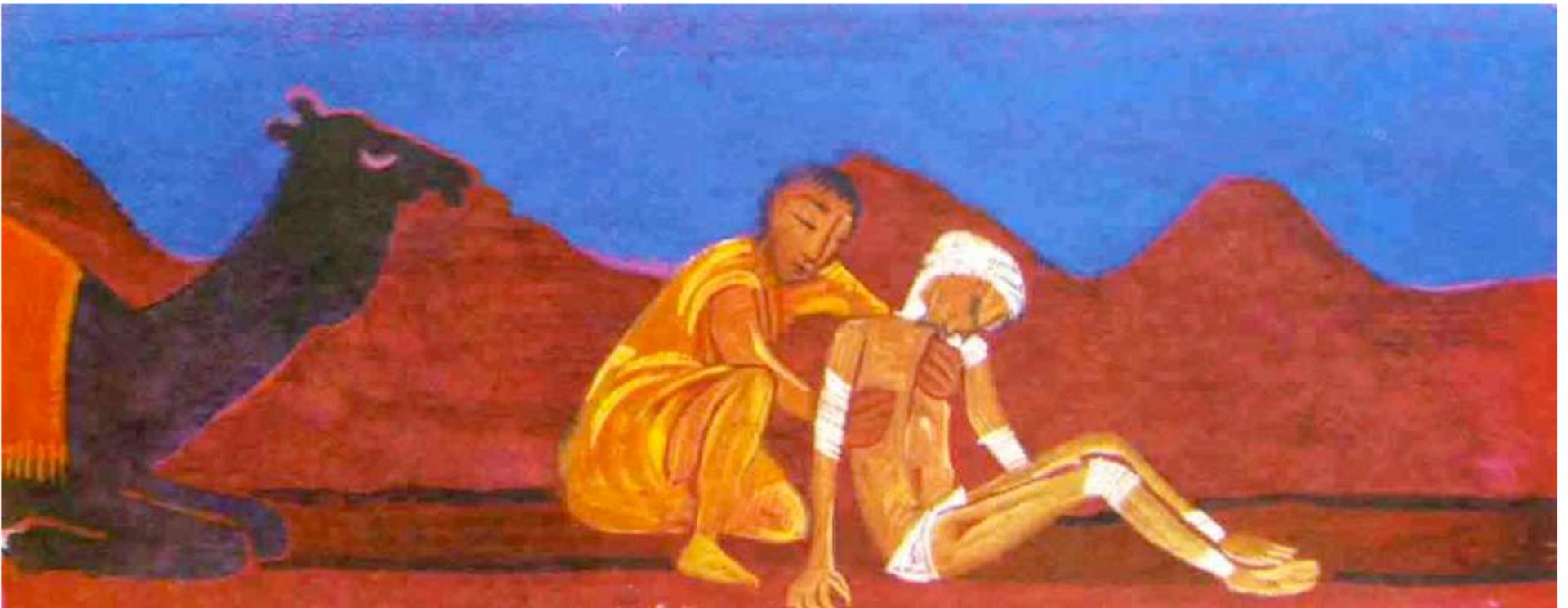


³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.





³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.



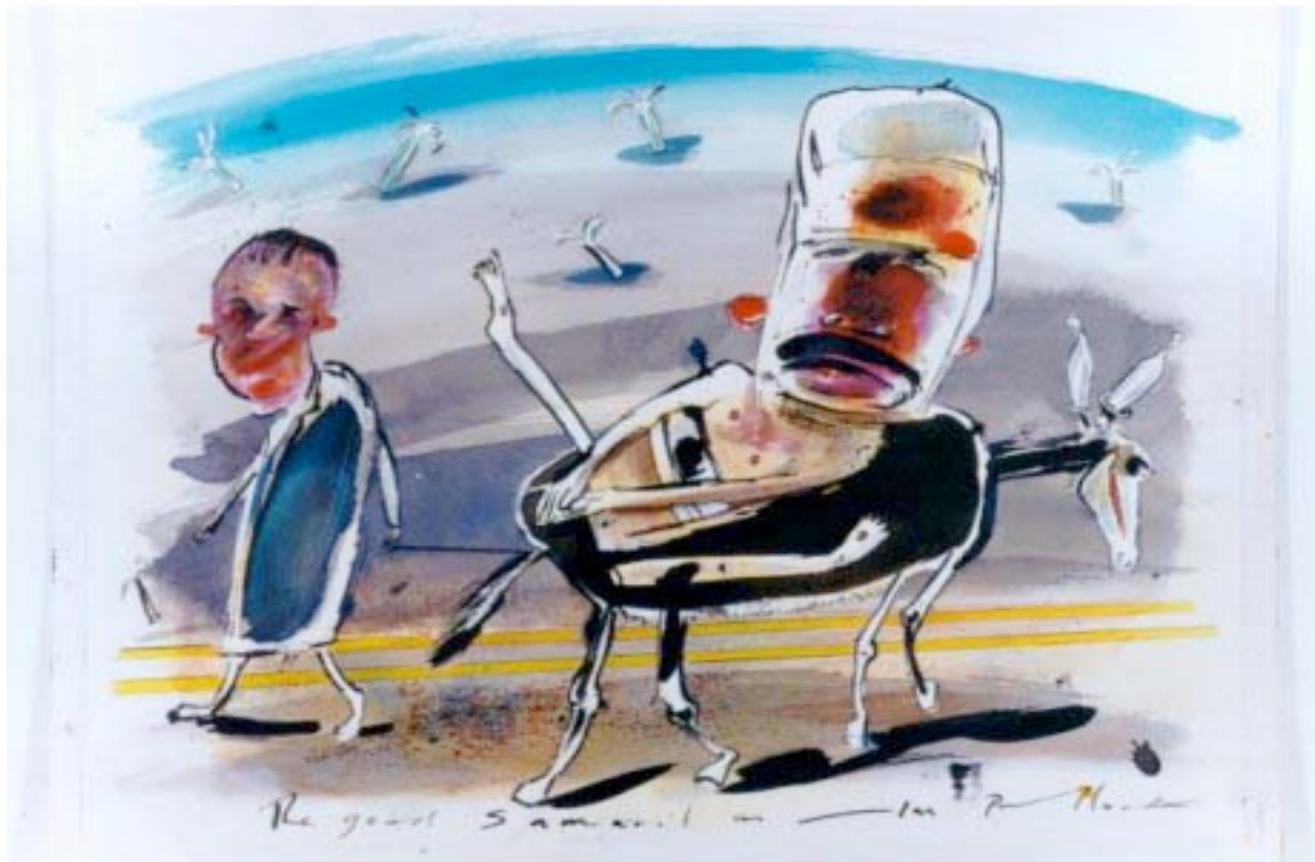
He that eats the bread of the Samaritans
is like to one that eats the flesh of swine

-Mishna Shebiith 8:10

“There are two nations that my soul detest,
the third is not a nation at all:
The inhabitants of Mount Seir,
and the Philistines,
and the stupid people living at Shechem

-Ben Sirach

³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.



³⁵The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'



³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷The expert in the law replied,
"The one who had mercy on him."
Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

_____ is my neighbor