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**Statement often
spoken in the form of a
complaint . . .**

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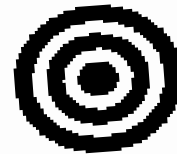


◆ **Salvation** – (and every spiritual blessing) – “we are saved by grace through faith” – Eph. 2:8; Rom 3:23; 1 Cor 15:10;

◆ **Physical blessings** – health, lot in life, length of life, etc. . . . Eccl. 9:11,12

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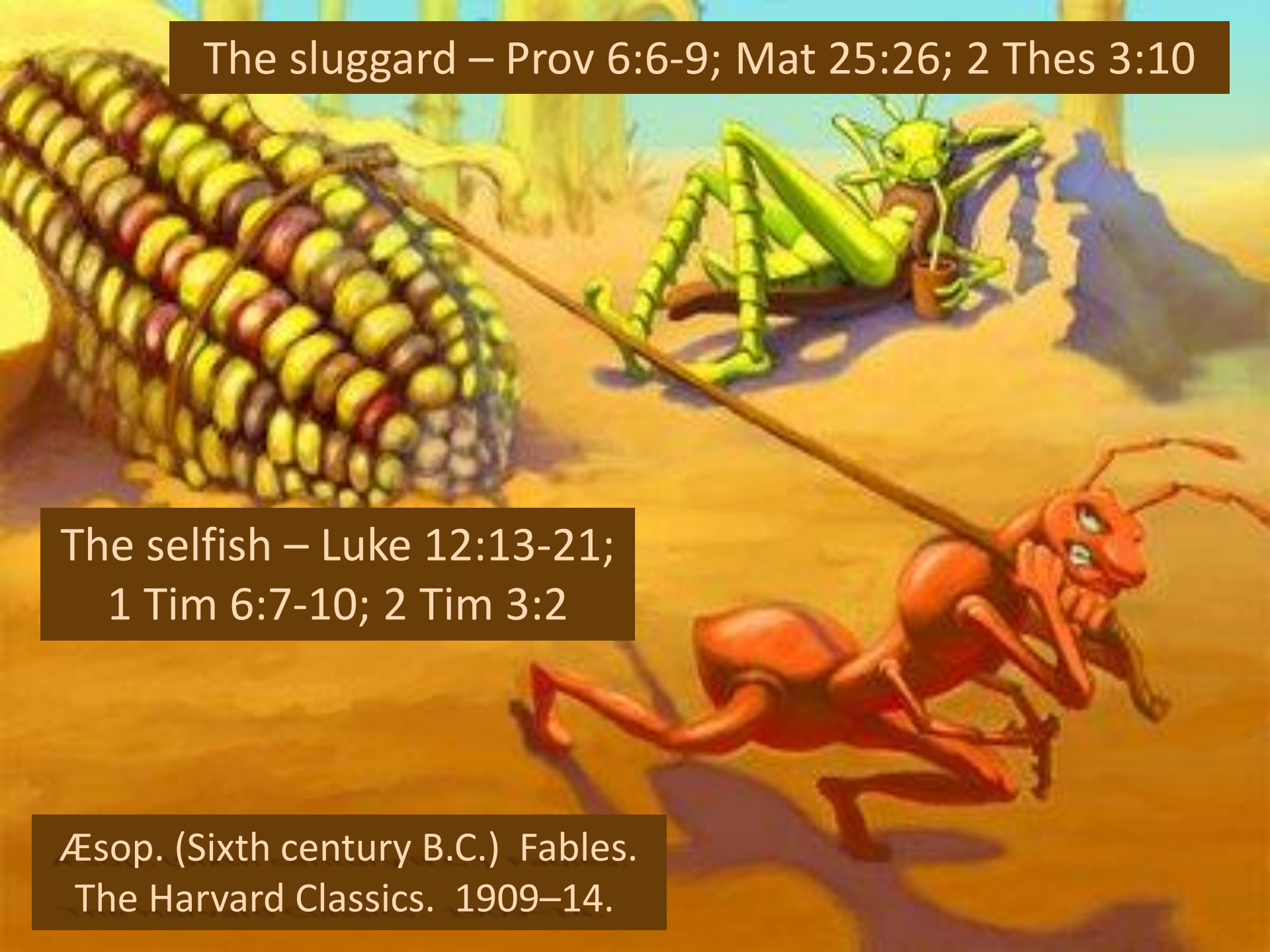


Decide what you want
Believe you can have it.
Believe you deserve it
Believe it's possible for you.

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An illustration depicting a scene from Aesop's fables. On the left, a large, overflowing cornucopia is shown, brimming with various fruits and vegetables, including yellow and red apples, and green and purple grapes. A long, thin wooden pole extends from the cornucopia towards the right. In the upper right, a large green grasshopper is shown sitting on the ground, holding a small brown cup and drinking from it. In the lower right, a large red ant is shown running towards the right, carrying the long wooden pole on its back. The background is a simple, stylized landscape with a blue sky and a yellow ground.

The sluggard – Prov 6:6-9; Mat 25:26; 2 Thes 3:10

The selfish – Luke 12:13-21;
1 Tim 6:7-10; 2 Tim 3:2

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- ◆ **Injustices should be fought against** – James 4:17; Mat 25:34-40
- ◆ **But we must also remember** – there will always be those less fortunate – there will always be injustice – Mat 26:11; Mark 14:7; Deut 15:11; Eccl. 7:8-15

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- ◆ **Eve** – Gen 3:1-6
- ◆ **Cain** – Gen 4:3-8
- ◆ **Esau** – Heb 12:16,17
- ◆ **Achan** – Joshua 7:20,21
- ◆ **Korah** – Num 16:1-3; Jude 11
- ◆ **Ahab** – 1 Kings 21:1-16
- ◆ **Scribes & Pharisees** – Mat 23:5,6
- ◆ **Jews** – Rom 11:6

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- ◆ Pr 16:18,19 — Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- ◆ Pr 18:12 — Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.
- ◆ Pr 29:23 — A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

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- ◆ **Job** – Job 1,2; James 5:11
- ◆ **Joseph** – Gen 37; 39; 40
- ◆ **Paul** – 1 Cor 15:10; 2 Cor. 4:7-18; 12:7-10; Phili 3:1-11; 4:4-13
- ◆ **Jesus** – (Birth - Luke 2:7; Life - 9:57,58; Betrayal - John 13:21; Suffering - Luke 22:39-45; Trial – Luke 22:47-53,63-71; 23:1-25; Crucified – Luke 23:26-56)

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- ◆ It is easy to grumble, complain and worry when something happens to us that we perceive as unfair – Mat 6:19-34; 1 Pet 5:7
- ◆ It is easy to be jealous, envious and even bitter – Eph 4:31
- ◆ There will be times when things don’t go our way. (We lose friends, a spouse, our job, our health . . .) – Eccl. 4:1-16
- ◆ Life isn’t fair – Eccl 9:1-12

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Philippians 4:11-13 (NKJV)

¹¹ Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

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Hebrews 13:5-6 (NKJV)

⁵ *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

⁶ *So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"*

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The Attitude of Faith



- ◆ What happens TO US is not the issue – but HOW we respond –
 - ❖ Does God care?
 - ❖ Why me Lord?
 - ❖ This isn't fair!!
 - ❖ I don't deserve this!!
 - ❖ Trust the Lord . . .

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- ◆ **The Battle Is NOT EXTERNAL BUT INTERNAL!** - 2 Cor. 11:24-28; Job 14:1;
- ◆ **Understand the purpose of trials** – Jam 1:2-5; 1 Pet 1:5-9
- ◆ **Don't blame God** - Job 1:22
- ◆ **Look to the reward** – 2 Cor. 4:16-18; 1 Pet 1:9

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Job 1:13-22 (NKJV)

¹³ Now there was a day when his sons and daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house; ¹⁴ and a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵ when the Sabeans raided *them* and took them away--indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

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¹⁶ While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!" ¹⁷ While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

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¹⁸ While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, ¹⁹ and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

Job 1:13-22 (NKJV)

²⁰ Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. ²¹ And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD." ²² In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.