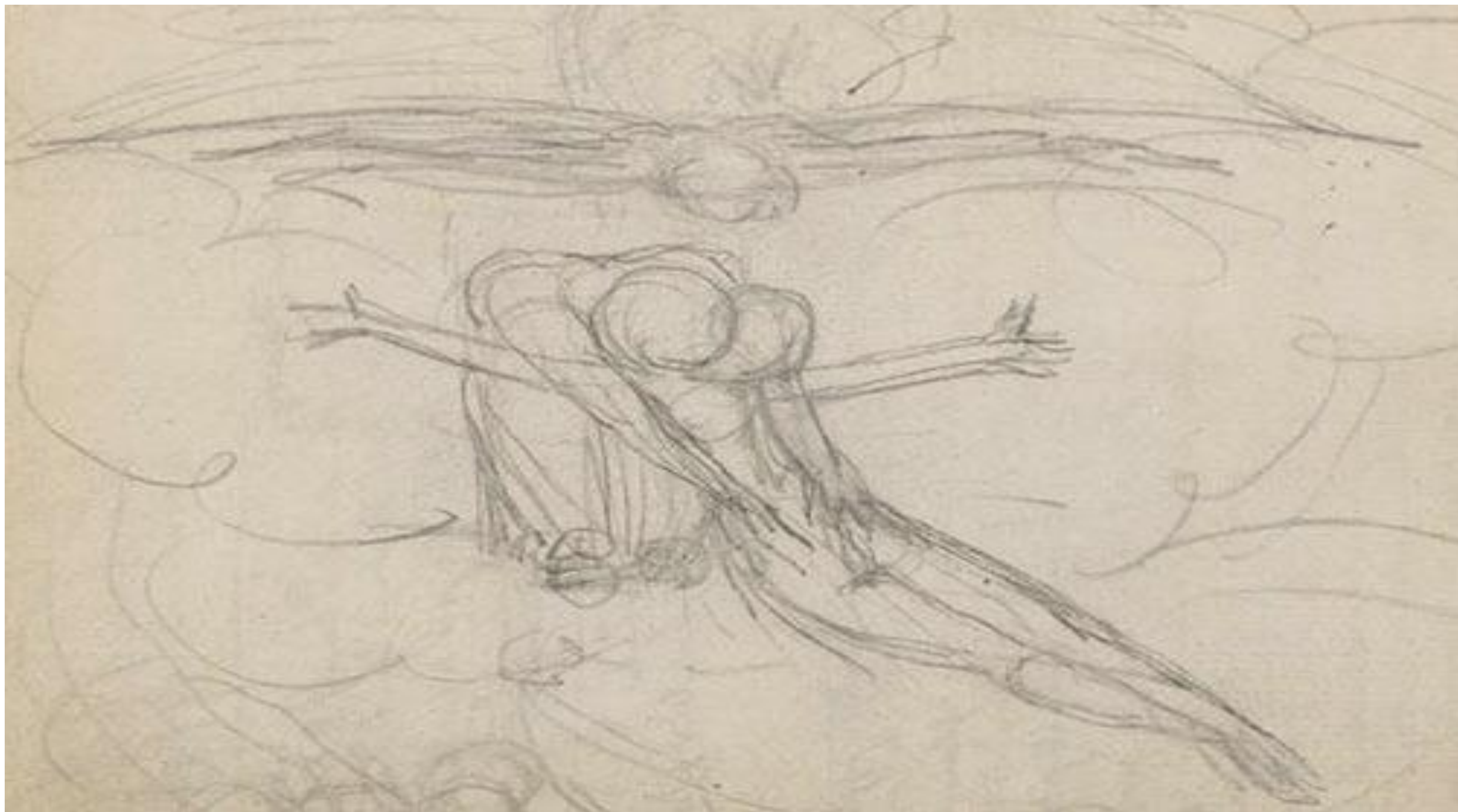




‘For the Joy set
before Him’





- ‘The Father, bends to embrace the Son face to face on the (absent, but allusively suggested) cross. The Spirit is huge, encompassing, and bodily; its outstretched wings mirroring the cruciform shape of the Son’s arms’ , (on the one hand the Father is)’the anguished parent of a dying child; yet, on the other hand, and in contrast, the turned-around Christ is veritably leaping into the Father’s arms, in an ecstasy of simultaneous joy and costly gift. And because the vibrant presence of the Spirit ...so exactly emulates the shape of the Son outstretched arms, the viewer experiences the movement of death precisely as a leap into life. ’
- Sarah Coakley: Theologian

Hebrews 12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off every encumbrance and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race set out for us. **2** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** Consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

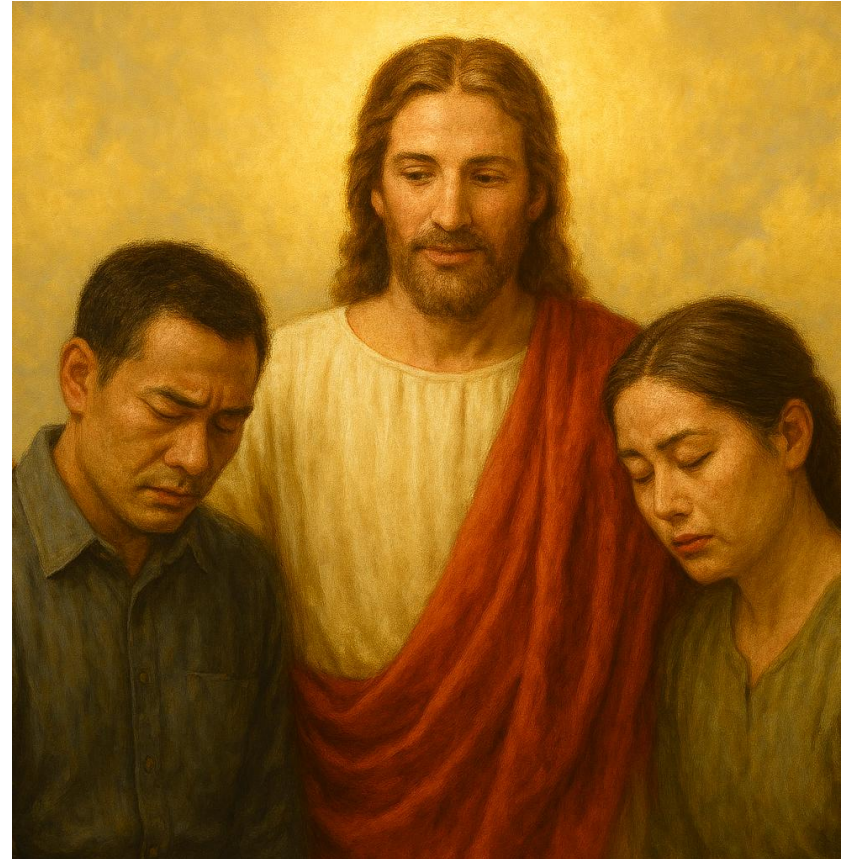
- 所以，既然我們有這許多見證人如同雲彩圍繞着我們，就該卸下各樣重擔和緊緊纏累的罪，以堅忍的心奔那擺在我們前頭的路程，²仰望我們信心的創始成終者耶穌，他因那擺在前面的喜樂，輕看羞辱，忍受了十字架的苦難，如今已坐在 神寶座的右邊。

- **3** 你們要仔細想想這位忍受了罪人如此頂撞的耶穌，你們就不致心灰意懶了。

- 2 Timothy 2:10
- **10** Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. **11** Here is a trustworthy saying:
- If we died with him, we will also live with him;
12 if we endure, we will also reign with him.
If we disown him, he will also disown us;
13 if we are faithless,
he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.
- **10** 所以，我為了選民事事忍耐，為使他們也能得到那在基督耶穌裏的救恩和永
- 遠的榮耀。 **11** 這話是可信的：
- 我們若與基督同死，也必與他同活；
- **12** 我們若忍耐到底，也必和他一同作王。
- 我們若不認他，他也必不認我們；
- **13** 我們縱然失信，他仍是可信的，
- 因為他不能否認自己。

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- John 16:33
 - **33** “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

33 我對你們說了這些事，是要使你們在我裏面有平安。在世上你們有苦難，但你們要有勇氣^[1]，我已經勝過世界。」



- **2 Corinthians 4:16** Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. **17** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. **18** So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
- **16** 所以，我們不喪膽。雖然我們外在的人日漸朽壞，內在的人卻日日更新。**17** 我們這短暫而輕微的苦楚要為我們成就極重、無比、永遠的榮耀。**18** 因為我們不是顧念看得見的，而是顧念看不見的；原來看得見的是暫時的，看不見的才是永遠的。

- **Revelation 21** Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”^[a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’^[b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

- Psalm 16:11
- ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.
- 你必將生命的道路指示我。
在你面前有滿足的喜樂，
在你右手中有永遠的福樂。



- **John 14** “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”
- **14** 「你們心裏不要憂愁；你們信 神，也當信我。 ² 在我父的家裏有許多住處；若是沒有，我就早已告訴你們了。我去原是為你們預備地方去。^[a] ³ 我若去為你們預備了地方，就必再來接你們到我那裏去，我在哪裏，叫你們也在哪裏。

