

To drink from your fountain...

EPIGRAPH: A PRAYER FOR CLEAN MONDAY

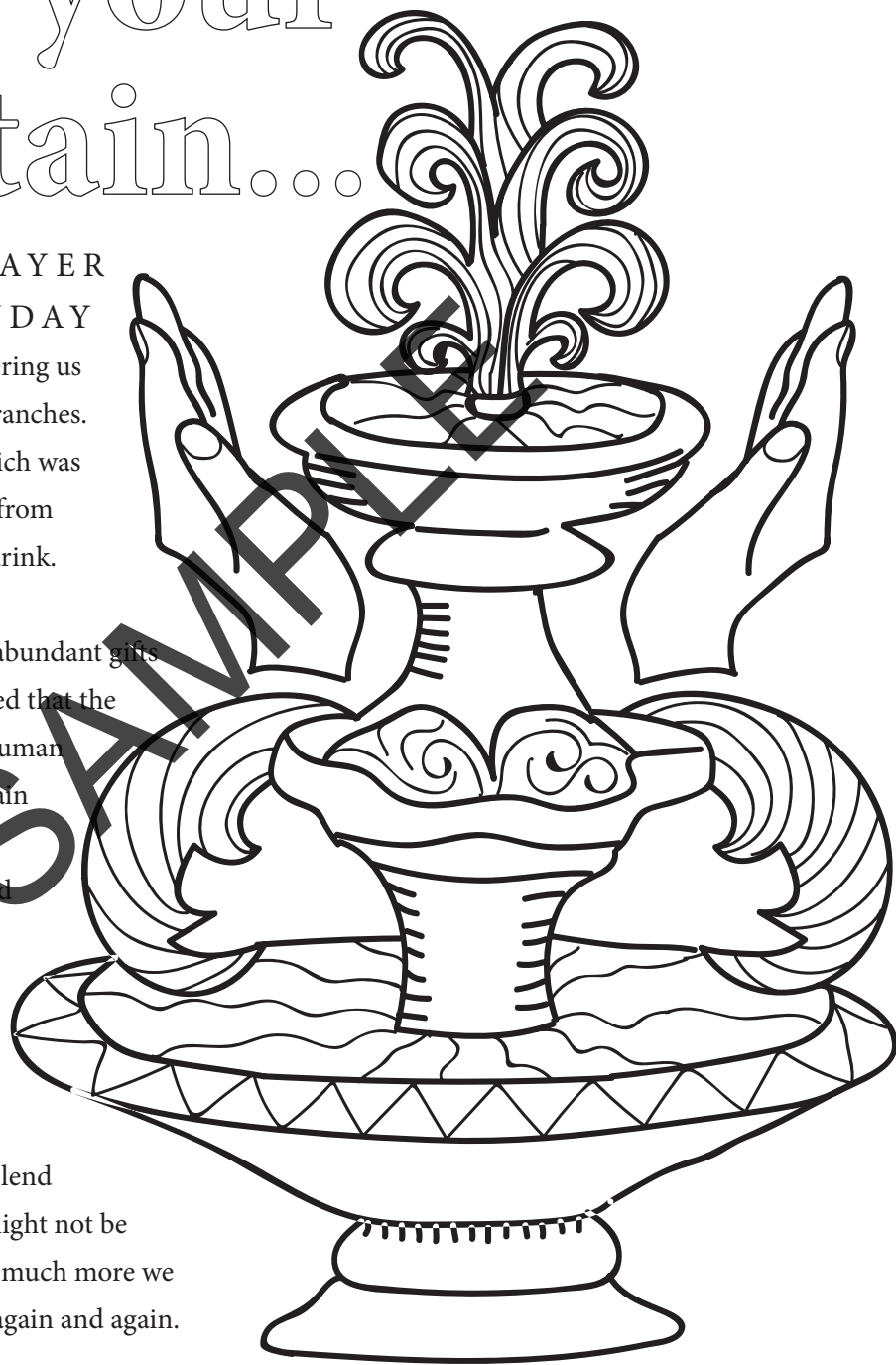
Your Word is a Tree of Life offering us
blessed fruit from each of its branches.
Your Word is like that rock which was
struck open in the wilderness, from
which all are offered spiritual drink.

Let us be thankful for the overabundant gifts
given to us, and not be saddened that the
overabundance discloses our human
limitations. Because the Fountain
of Your Word is inexhaustible,
let our thirst for You be satisfied
without believing that Your
Fountain is exhaustible.

As we are again thirsty,
we return to Your Word to
drink from Your fountain, and lend
us Your illumination that we might not be
arrested before the awe of how much more we
might absorb when we return again and again.

Amen.

After St. Ephrem the Syrian (c. 306-373) | Galatians 4:4-7





LENT DAY 4: AFTER THE FLOOD

God made a covenant with Noah and his children, and with all flesh--all of the animals--that whenever the Cloud covers the earth and the rainbow is displayed this promise shall be remembered: God will always remember the covenant with the world to never again use violence to solve the problems of humans, angels, or Nephilim. | *Genesis 9:8-17*



Will We Too Live Again?

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:
JOB MEDITATES ON DEATH
AND NEW LIFE

Long ago, Job asked the meaning of human life in light of the reality of human death, saying, “Even if a tree is cut down, out of its stump shoots sprouts and new life springs out of what appears to be death.” Job prayed in hope: “Hide me in the darkness of death, and remember me! Will we too live again?”

Job 14:1-14



God Lives Here

LENT DAY 16: EZEKIEL'S FINAL VISION

During the Exile, and toward the end of his life, the priest Ezekiel prophesied of a future Final Temple, when the Cloud would descend to dwell among the people in an ultimate Holy City.

In the vision the Cloud carried Ezekiel to the top of the highest mountain to view this future, and he saw a man, whose appearance was as brazen as the serpent set on Moses' staff, dressed as a priest entering the Temple and a reed in his hand! And the name of this place shall be "God lives there."

Ezekiel 40, 48

