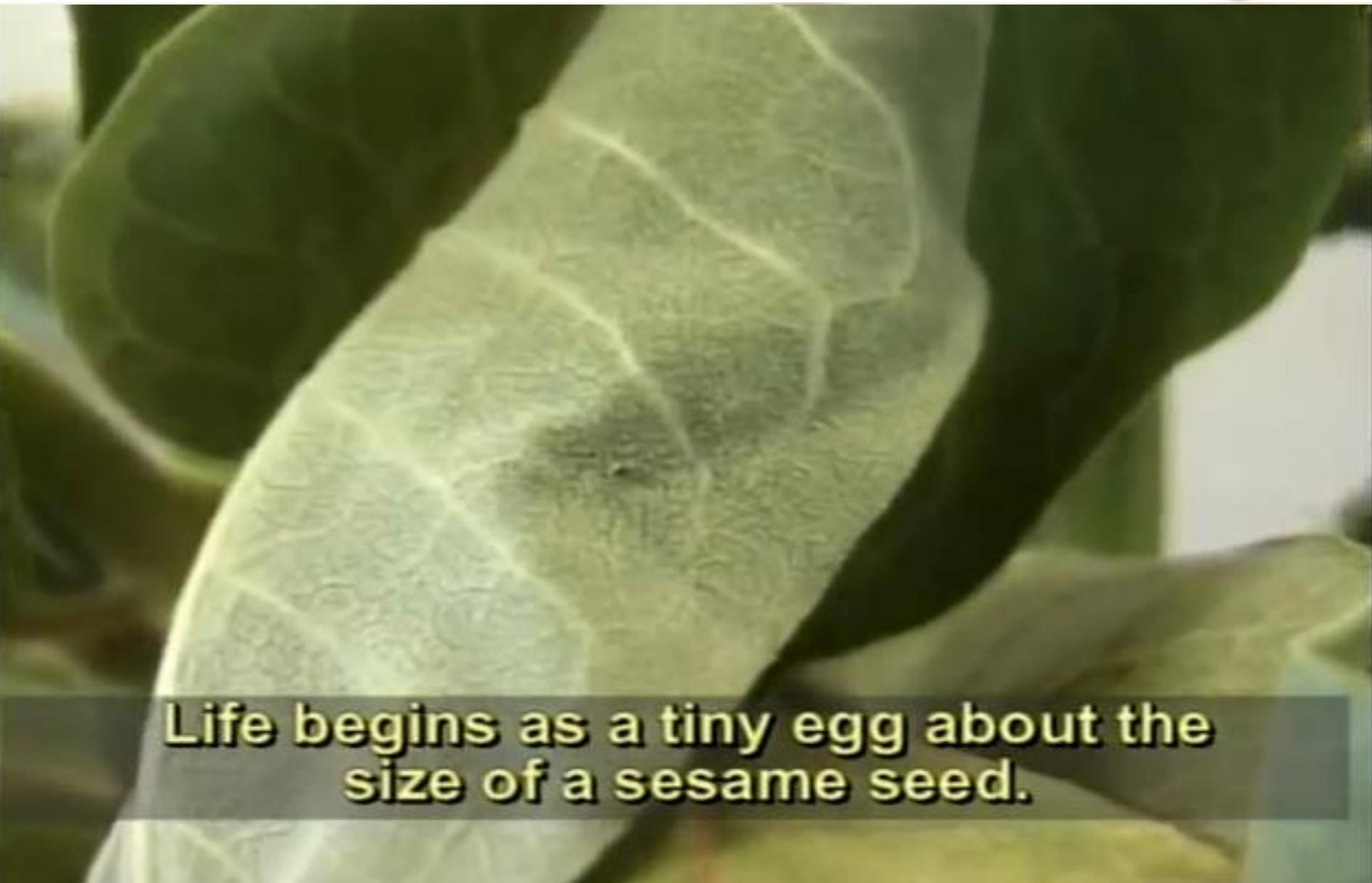




**What's Involved in Change?**

# The Monarch Butterfly

A close-up photograph of a monarch butterfly egg cluster on a milkweed leaf. The eggs are tiny, pale yellowish-white, and arranged in a neat, oval-shaped cluster on the surface of a green leaf. The leaf's veins are clearly visible, and the background is softly blurred, showing more of the plant's foliage.

Life begins as a tiny egg about the size of a sesame seed.

**Meta-Noia = Changed Mind**



**Meta-Morphosis = Changed Body**

# Meta-Noia in God's Plan of Salvation

Intimacy with God

## Meta-noia

Repentance is the activity of reviewing one's actions and feeling **regret** for past wrongs and involves a **commitment** to personal change and resolving to live a more responsible life. (2 Cor 7:10)

# *Essential* in God's Plan of Salvation



(Mk 6:12) “The twelve went out and preached that men everywhere should *repent*.”

(Acts 17:30) “God is now declaring to all men everywhere should *repent*.”

# Repentance is *Emotional & Real*

(Job 9:20 -24) Job questioned God's *justice and integrity*, then...

Job gives expression to *the profoundest and sincerest feelings of penitence* for his sins. *Barnes*

***EMOTIONAL = NOT CASUAL***

(Job 42:6) "I *Repent* in dust and ashes"

***REAL MEASURABLE PROGRESS***

(Mat 3:8) Bring forth fruits in keeping with your *repentance*.

# *Repentance* Doesn't Require Miracles

Mat 11:21 *Miracles* didn't bring *repentance* Chorazin & Bethsaida.

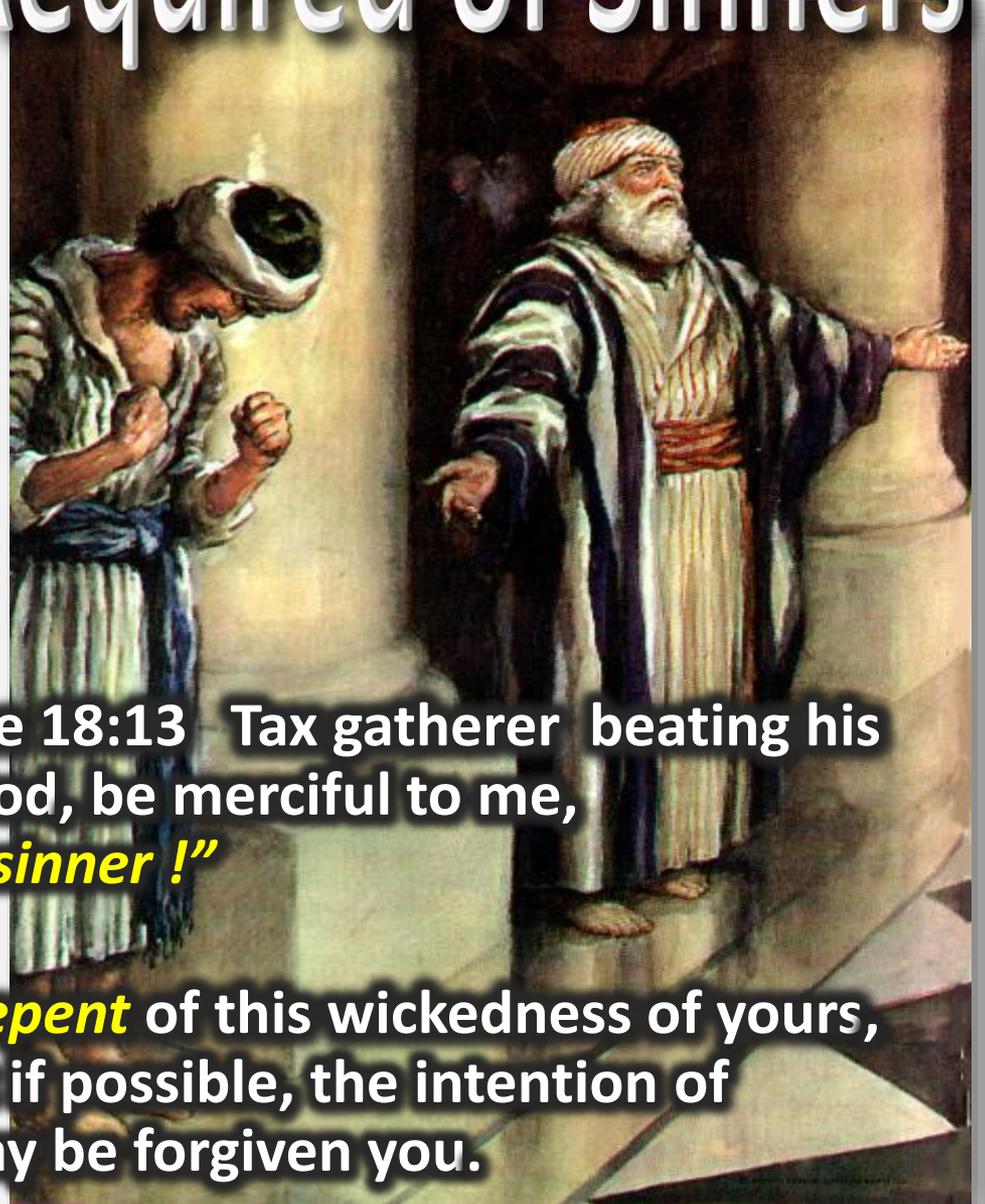
Luke 16:30 "If someone goes to them from the dead, they will *repent!*" v.31 "But [*Abram*] said to him, 'If they do *not* listen to Moses and the Prophets, *neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.*'"

# *Repentance* is Required of Sinners

Luke 5:32 “I have not come to call the righteous *but sinners to repentance.*”

**NON-CHRISTIANS** Luke 18:13 Tax gatherer beating his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me, *THE sinner !*”

**BELIEVERS** Acts 8:22 “*Repent* of this wickedness of yours, and *pray* the Lord that if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.



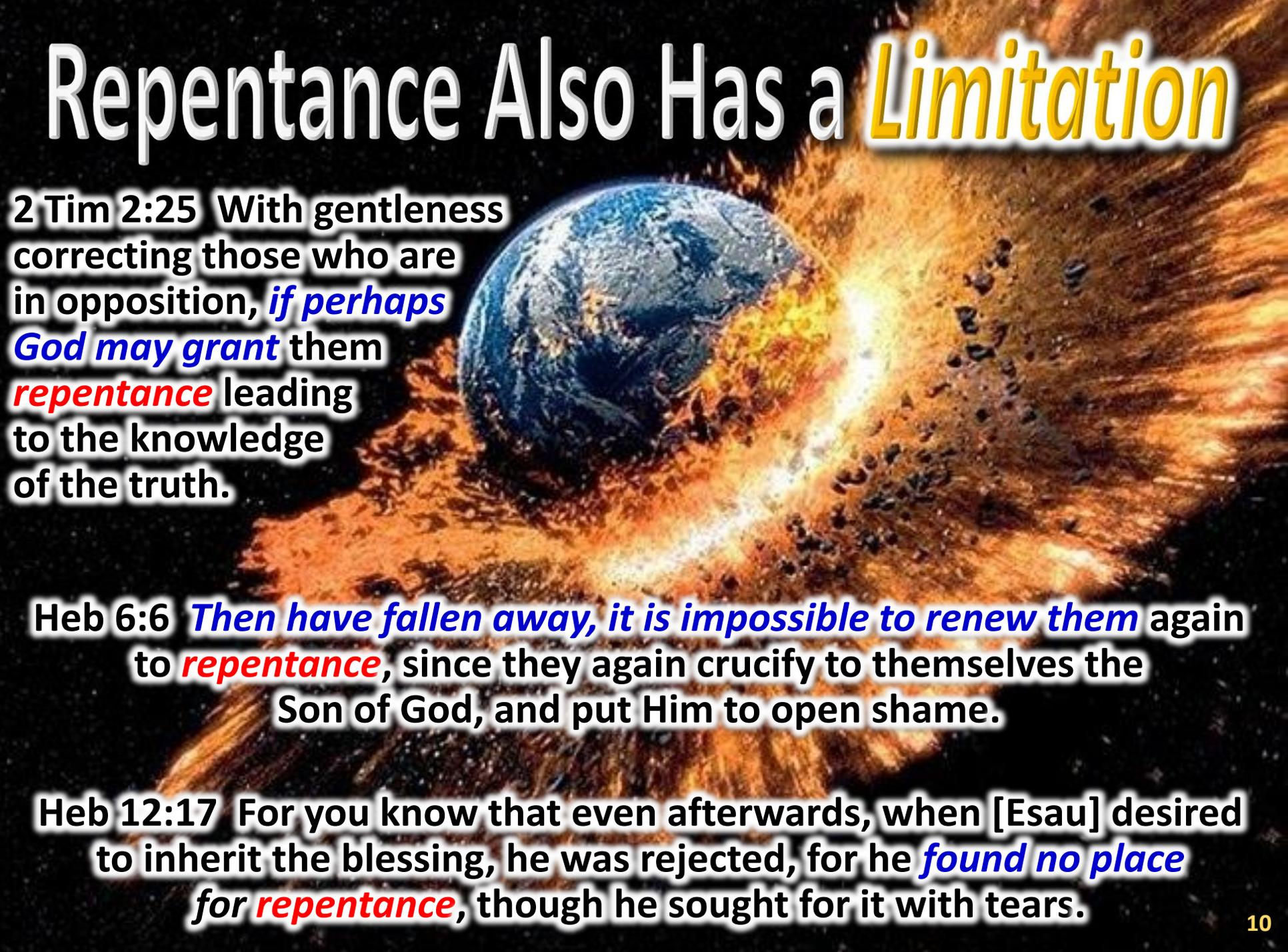
# *Repentance* Brings Joy

## ANGELS

Luke 15:7 [Finding a lost lamb] “ There will be *more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.*”

Luke 15:10 “[Finding a lost Coin] In the same way, I tell you, there is *joy* in the presence of the angels of God over *one sinner who repents.*”

# Repentance Also Has a *Limitation*



2 Tim 2:25 With gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, *if perhaps God may grant* them *repentance* leading to the knowledge of the truth.

Heb 6:6 *Then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them* again to *repentance*, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame.

Heb 12:17 For you know that even afterwards, when [Esau] desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he *found no place for repentance*, though he sought for it with tears.



# *Time* for Repentance is NOW

2 Cor 6:2 “*Now* is the acceptable time,” behold, *Now* is the day of salvation.”

Rev 2:21 “And I gave her *time to repent*; and she does not want to repent...”

# *Tender Conscience:* Key to Repentance



1 Tim 4:2 “The hypocrisy of liars *seared in their own conscience* as with a branding iron.”

1 Tim 1:5 “The goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a *good conscience* and a sincere faith.”

# BAPTISM

WATER NEW CREATION THE FATHER NEW SPIRIT

THE SON HOY SPIRIT

1 Peter 3:21 ***Baptism*** now saves you — not the removal of dirt from the flesh..

***“But an appeal to God for a good conscience — through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”***