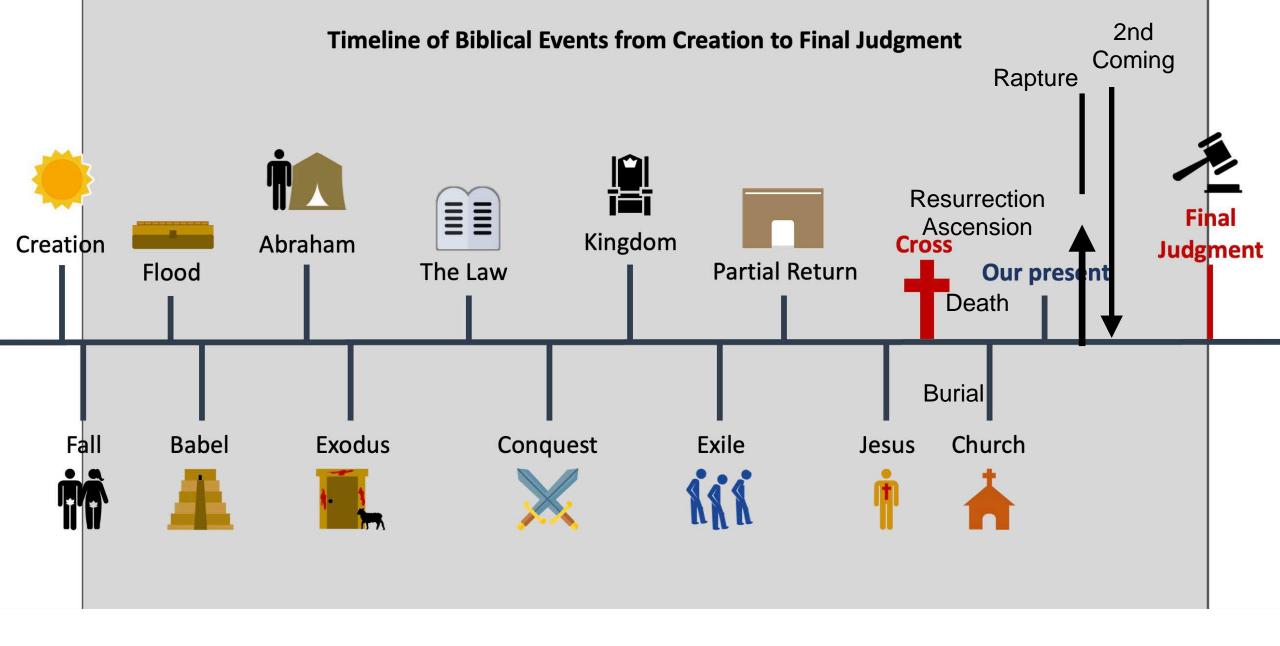
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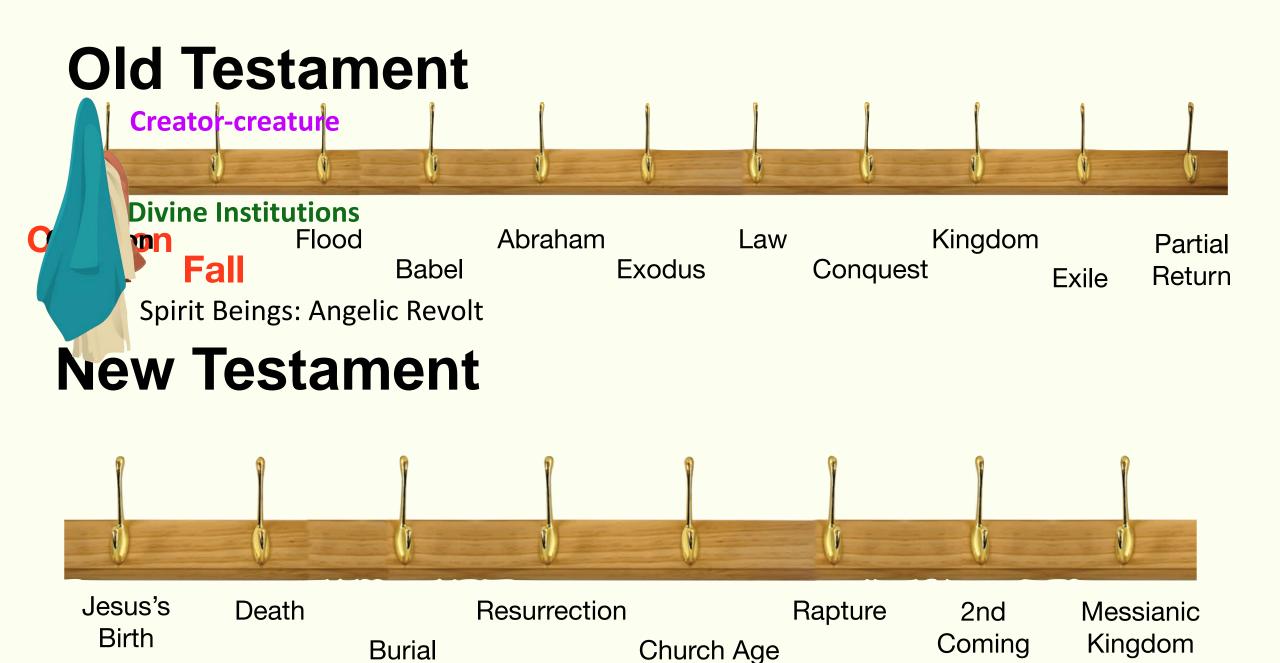
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Lesson 3, Part 1: What Happened to the Perfect World?

Lesson 3: Consequences of the Fall





- 1. The focus of lesson one: God's Creation; Divine Institutions.
- 2. Lesson 2 focuses on wrong views of creation, where they came from, and what this pagan worldview looks like today.
- 3. Lesson 3 looks at what happened to the world and the Divine Institutions after the Fall.

Things we should remember:

- 1. The Creator-creature distinction.
- 2. God is the infinite, personal, Creator God.
- 3. God created everything out of nothing.
- 4. God created the first humans, Adam and Eve, in His image to rule over the planet as His representatives.
- 5. God created as part of man's physical nature, specific social absolutes called ______.
 - Responsible _____
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Things we should remember:

6. These things begin to shape a biblical worldview:

Summary of the Biblical Worldview

- 1. Creator-Creature Distinction
 One God | Man | Nature (separate from each other)
- 2. Personal Infinite Sovereign God
- 3. Ultimate Authority: God

Summary of the Biblical Worldview

Yahweh God is the ultimate authority.

Yahweh God determines right and wrong.

Yahweh God created human beings in a specific way.

Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level CREATOR

2nd level Creature: what God created

The Shining Star wanted to promote himself to be God

Satan's Attack Plan

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- 3. In his appeal to Eve he made her think she was in a position to decide who was right and who was wrong. The serpent ... or God?

Biblical Worldview

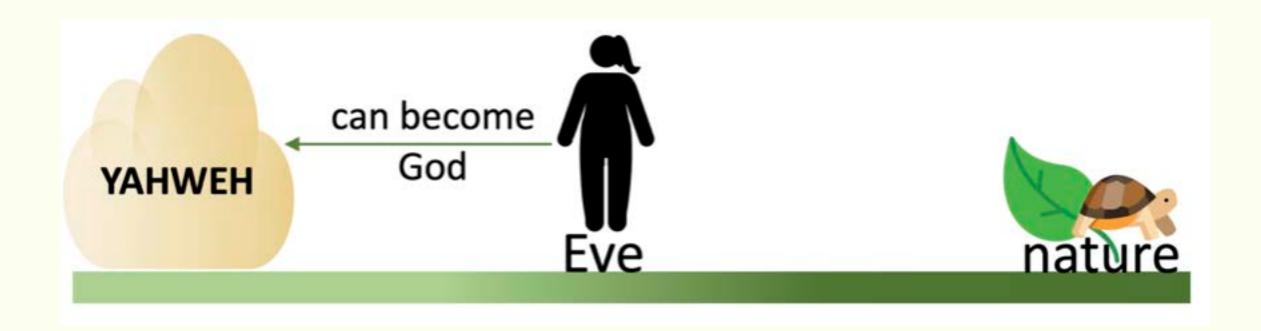
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Pagan Worldview

- 1. Continuity of Being (A scale) gods ____ nature
- 2. Impersonal Fate and Chance
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III. Satan tricked Eve into thinking she had <u>ultimate</u> authority over her own life, not God: the idea of <u>self</u> being the ultimate authority.

- 1. Satan was promising Eve she could be like God, she could go up the scale, level up from creature to Creator.
- 2. The pagan worldview suggests man can move up the scale to be a god.



Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level CREATOR

2nd level Creature

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FAILED

The Shining Star enticed and deceived mankind that they could be God

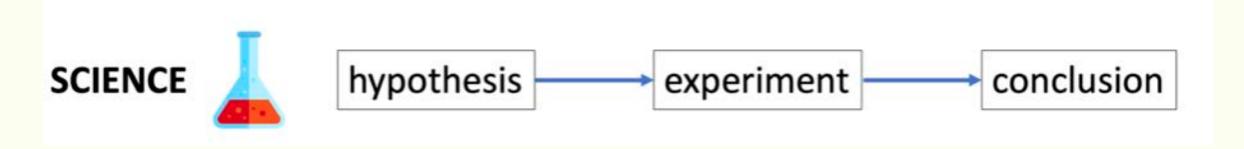
- B. Where did this pagan worldview come from?
 - 1. Satan is the source of the pagan worldview.
 - 2. Satan deceived Eve into thinking she, too, could change who she was as a creature.
 - 3. Satan planted the idea, but Eve, and then Adam, freely chose. They used their ability to choose, to choose wrongly.

What Does this Pagan Worldview Look Like Today?

1. Continuity of Being and Evolution

Evolution is only a *theory*. The *theory* of evolution:

- No one has ever observed it.
- No one can test it or repeat it in a laboratory.
- The use of scientific names only disguises the fact that it isn't science.
- Evolution does not follow the scientific method.
- Evolution claims life differs only in degrees.
- Evolution is fake science.



Biblical Worldview

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WHO AM I?

I am a creature who is responsible to my Creator.

WHAT IS TRUTH? HOW DO I KNOW?

I look to my Creator, a person, for the truth. He is the source of all truth.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

God defines what I do. God gives the rules. He gives my life meaning.

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WHO AM I?

I am my own person, not accountable to anyone. I am alone in this sea of chaos.

WHAT IS TRUTH? HOW DO I KNOW?

Truth is whatever I make it. I generate my own law.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

I generate my own ethics. I do what is right in my own eyes.

God's Word, the Bible, tells us:

- 1. God is a person, capable of thought, reason, relationships, and choices.
- 2. God controls everything ultimately, but also chooses to give human beings and angels limited choices.
 - 1 Chron. 29:11, "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all."

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CHILDREN'S

Pagan View: Evil is Forever

Biblical View: Evil is Bounded: Rev 21:1-8;

22-27;

The Promised Savior; Gen 3:14-15

Chart Satan and the Savior

What Happened to the Perfect World

After the Fall?

Sin damage to man

To man's body; Gen 3:19

- 1. Death of a friendship; Gen. 3:8
- 2. Death of the body; Gen 3:19
- 3. The second death, separation of immaterial from the material part;

Matt 25:41; Rev 20:10, 14-15

Death cannot be avoided

Sin damages man's soul; 1 Pet 2:11;

Rom 3:10-12

Bad Results of the Fall:

Mankind would die; Gen 3;17-19; Gen

2:7

Death of a friendship; Gen. 3:8

Death of the body; Gen 3:19

Second death; Gen 2:7; Matt 25:41; Rev

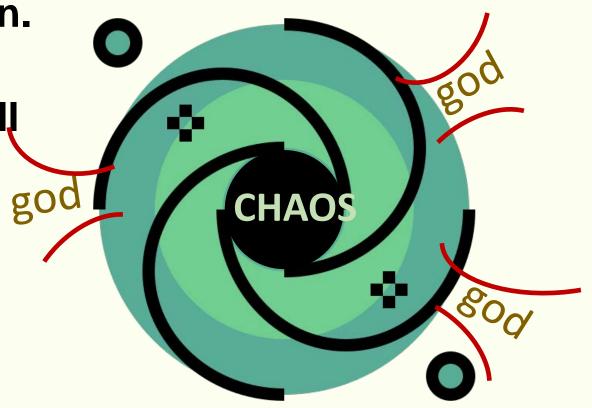
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Pagan View: Evil is Forever

1. The gods and goddesses sin.

2. Since they sin, evil has always been, and always will be.

- 3. Sin, evil, injustice, unfairness is normal and can never be removed.
- 4. Death advances evolution: the survival of the fittest.



Pagan View: Good/Evil Mix is Forever "Normal" Good Evil Evil Final

Christian View

Evil had a beginning: Shining One's sin

Evil will end: Final judgment

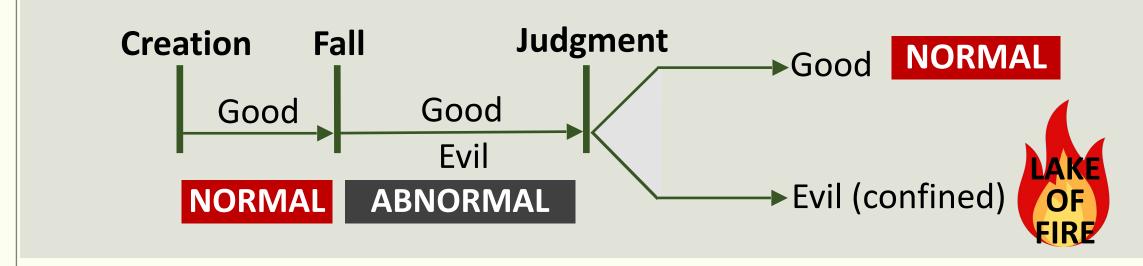
Biblical View: Good/Evil Mix in Creation is Abnormal and Temporary

1st level: CREATOR

Good







Rev. 21:1, "Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

Rev. 21:2, "Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev. 21:3, "And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."

Rev. 21:4, "'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.'

Rev. 21:5, "Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.'

Rev. 21:6, "And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.'"

Rev. 21:22, "But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Rev. 21:23, "The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

Rev. 21:24, "And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it."

Rev. 21:25, "Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

Rev. 21:26, "And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

Rev. 21:27, "But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

The Promised Savior

Gen. 3:14, "Then the LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live.

Gen. 3:15, "'And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'"



Details about Satan and the Saviour from Genesis 3



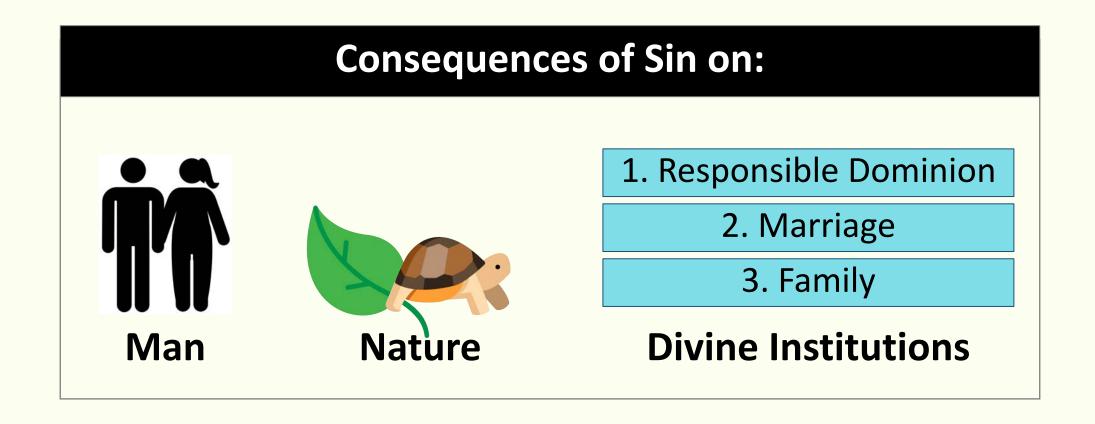
Satan	Promised Saviour
Satan uses the serpent as his disguise. God curses the serpent for allowing Satan to use it in this manner.	The woman's offspring is a special man born only of the woman. No mention of a father!
God says Satan and his followers (offspring) will be at war with the Promised Saviour.	The woman's offspring will be at war with Satan. He will destroy Satan.
Satan will receive a head wound, a fatal wound that would destroy him.	The Promised Saviour will receive a wound on the heel, but will recover.

Progressive revelation:

God doesn't tell us everything at one time. He reveals His plan in stages, in parts, a little here, then a little more, and then even more.

What Happened to the Perfect World After the Fall?

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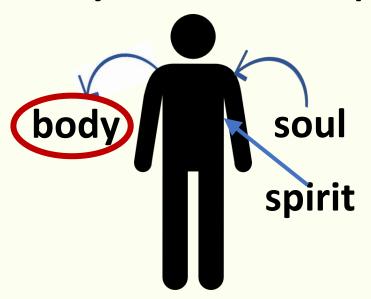


Sin Damage to Man: The Legal Penalty

Before Sin:

Man had three parts:

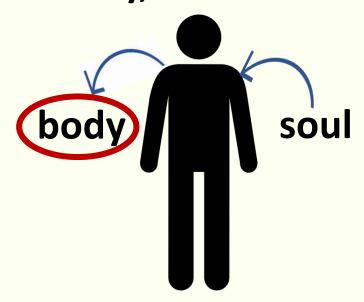
Body, Soul, Human spirit



After Sin, Before Salvation:

Man had two parts:

Body, Soul



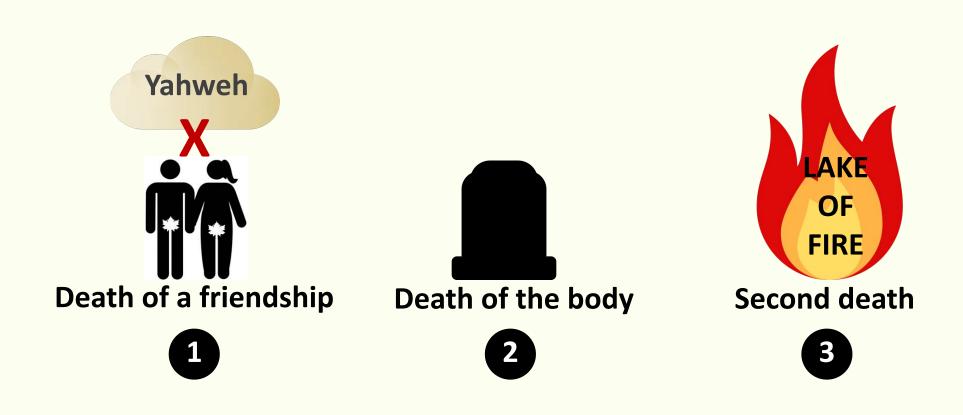
Consequences of the Legal Penalty

Gen. 3:17, "Then to Adam He said, 'Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, "You shall not eat of it": 'Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

Gen. 3:18, "'Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.

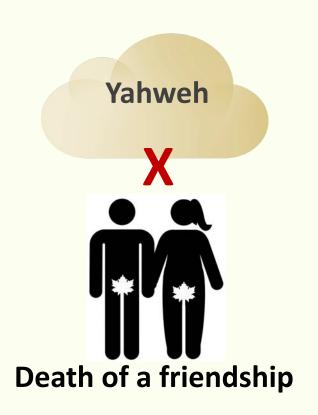
Gen. 3:19, "In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; For dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

The Bible talks about death in several ways. Three of them are:



Gen. 2:7, "Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person."

1. Death of a friendship (Separation of man from God)





Gen. 3:8, "When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees."

Biblical Creation: Creator-creature Distinction

1st level CREATOR Yahweh's Words

2nd level Creature Satan's words

NOT THE SAME!

But Adam and Eve gave equal weight to both Eph. 2:1, "And you He made alive, who were <u>dead in</u> trespasses and sins,"

Eph. 4:18, "having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;"

Though man was physically alive, he was cut off from the source of life.

John 1:4, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."



Spiritual Death is the loss of the human spirit so the soul cannot understand what God has revealed or relate to God.

Regeneration: At the instant of belief in Christ for salvation, God creates and simultaneously imparts a human spirit into the person so they are spiritually alive, made alive together with Christ (Eph. 2:5).

Eph. 2:5, "even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), Eph. 2:6, "and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,"

2. Death of the physical body, man's immaterial part is separated from the material body.



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Gen. 3:19, "... For dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

3. The Second Death: Eternity in the Lake of Fire.





Matt. 25:41, "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:"

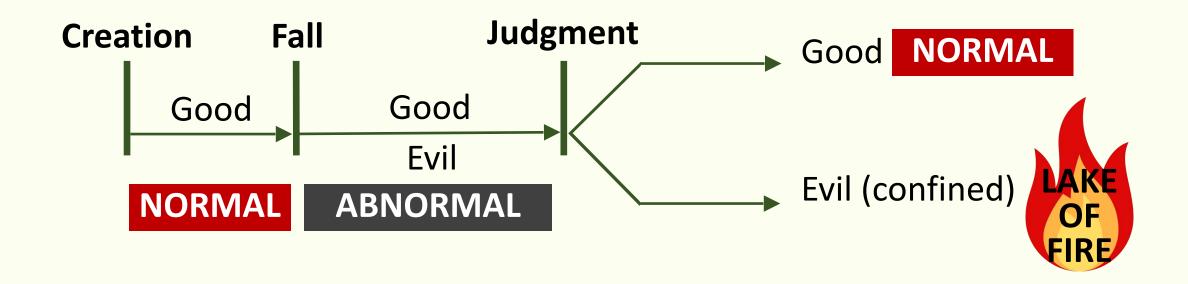
Matt. 25:46, "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Rev. 20:10, "The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

Rev. 20:14, "Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev. 20:15, "And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

- 2 Thess. 1:7, "and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,
- 2 Thess. 1:8, "in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2 Thess. 1:9, "These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,"

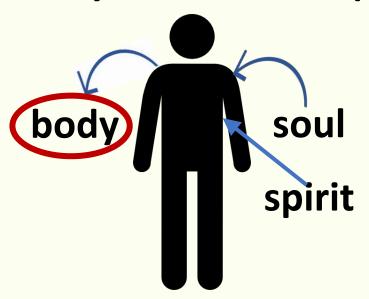


Sin Damaged Man's Immaterial Nature

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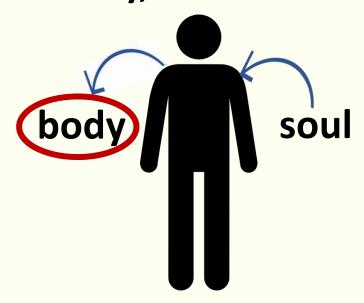
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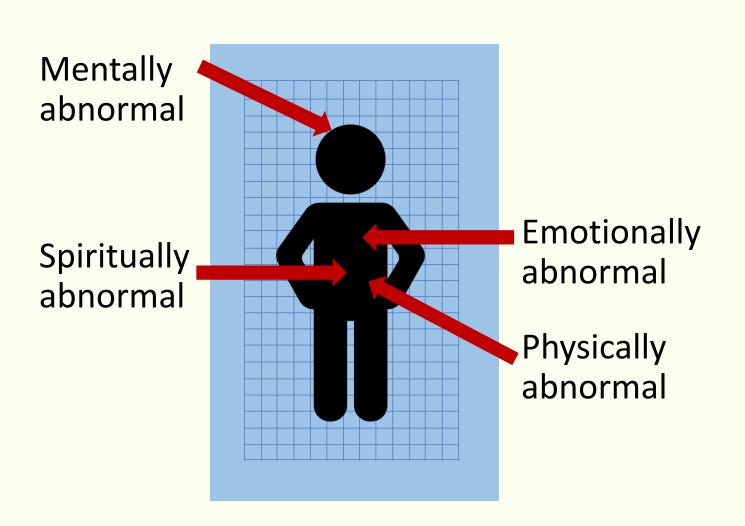
Body, Soul



1 Thess. 5:23, "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Heb. 4:12, "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Fallen Man



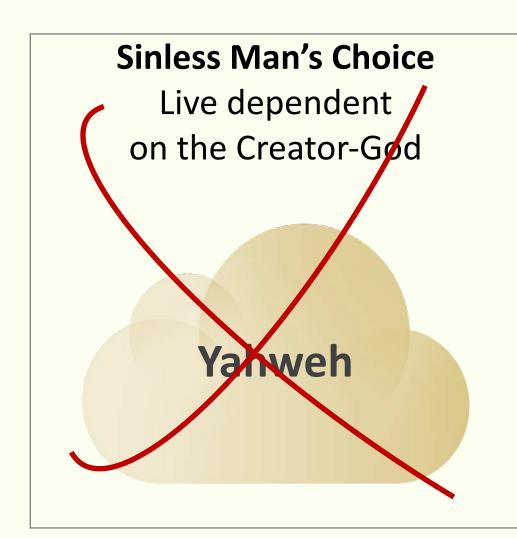
The problem is a sin nature

We are born with this corruption, it is not only a lack of human spirit, but the addition of corruption as a result of Adam's sin.

Rom. 3:10, "As it is written: 'There is none righteous, no, not one;

Rom. 3:11, "'There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

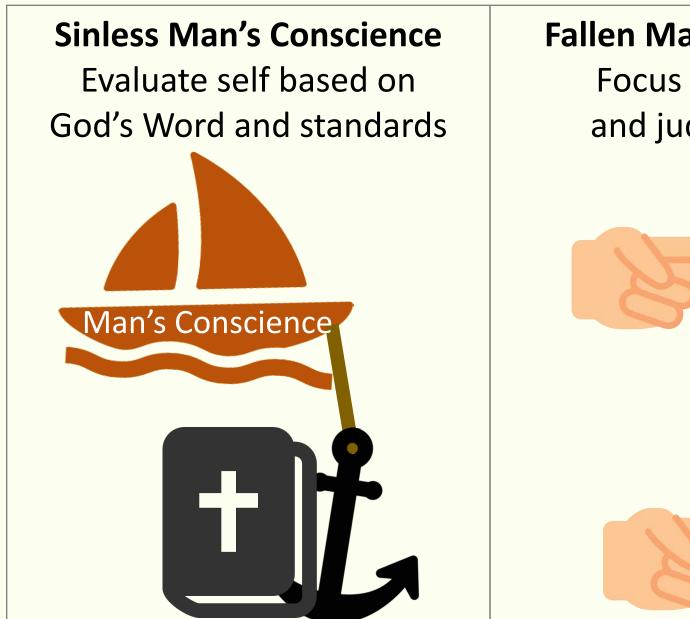
Rom. 3:12, "'They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.'"



Fallen Man's Choice

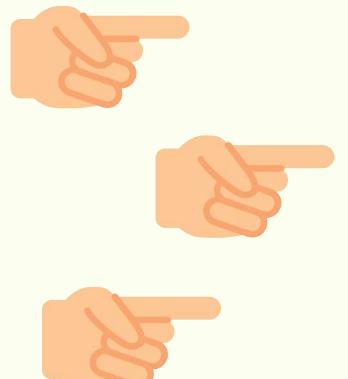
Live independent of the Creator-God





Fallen Man's Conscience

Focus on accusing and judging others



Rom. 1:32, "who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Rom. 2:1, "Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things."

The Problem



Heading towards



Man's Solution



Shopping



Education



Career



Supplements



Self-help books