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Vitamin B12 deficiency can be sneaky & harmful!

The body stores between 2-5mg of vitamin B12, about 3-5 years worth mainly in the liver (~50%). Some vitamin B12 is secreted by the liver each day in bile, and then reabsorbed in the small intestines. Approximately 0.1% of vitamin B12 is lost/day by malabsorption. Pregnancy depletes vitamin B12.

Signs and symptoms of a vitamin B12 deficiency include:

diminished energy, exercise tolerance and fatigue, shortness of breath, palpitations, pernicious anaemia, numbness and tingling, tinnitus, mouth/tongue sores, vision problems, mental changes: irritability, depression, psychosis, dementia.

One 2017 review of 18 studies found that B12 deficiencies:

- 62% of pregnant women had a deficiency
- 25–86% of children had a deficiency
- 21–41% of adolescents had a deficiency
- 11–90% of older adults had a deficiency

Fortified sources of B12: Nutritional Yeast, Plant Milk (soy, almond, coconut, rice), Tempeh, breakfast cereals, etc...

Plant sources of B12: moringa, papaya, barley, walnut, wheat germ, Algae/seaweed, Mushrooms, etc...

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How much B12 do you need in order to avoid problems associated with B12 deficiency?



Food	Serving	Vitamin B-12 (mcg)
Almond milk, fortified with vitamin B12	1 cup	3*
Coconut milk, fortified with vitamin B12	1 cup	3*
Nutritional yeast	1 tablespoon	2
Soy milk, original, fortified with vitamin B-12	1 cup	1.2*
Vegan mayonnaise	1 tablespoon	0.24
Tempeh	100 grams	0.12
Ready-to-eat cereal, fortified with vitamin B-12	1/2–3/4 cup	0.6–6*



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EXODUS 23:25



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Introduction

All one has to do is look around, at the world, at the neighbourhood, at oneself, to see the point. **And the point is? Something is terribly wrong!**

It's called the Fall, it's called sin, it's called rebellion, and it's called The Great Controversy.

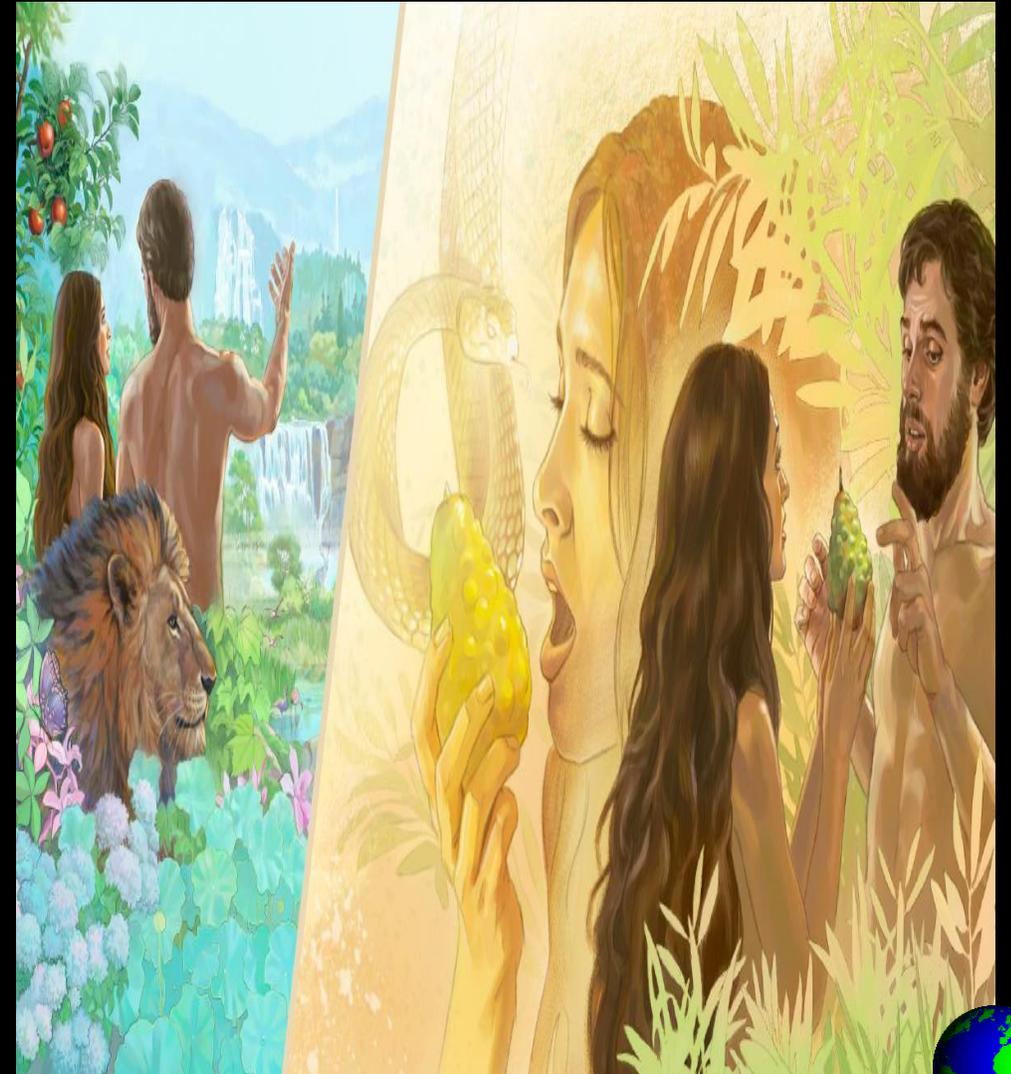
And yet, the good news is that it's not permanent. It's not going to last forever. Jesus came, died for the sins of the world, and promised to come again. And when He does, nothing of this world will remain. Instead, a new kingdom, His eternal kingdom, will begin. "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever" (Daniel 2:44).



Creation and Fall

The story of Man starts with the creation of humans and their tragic fall into sin. Any attempt at understanding the nature of unity in humanity must begin with God's original plan at the Creation and then the need for restoration after the Fall.

The first chapters of the Bible reveal that God intended for humanity to remain one family. Unfortunately, this unity was severed after the tragedy of sin. **In sin alone the roots of disunity and division arose, more of disobedience's foul consequences.** We get a hint of this division in the immediate interaction between Adam and Eve when God first approached them after they ate of the forbidden tree (see [Genesis 3:11](#)). Hence, among all else that the plan of salvation will accomplish, the restoration of this original unity is one crucial goal, as well.



Love as a Foundation of Unity

A clear message flowing out of the Creation story in [Genesis 1 and 2](#) is the overall harmony that existed at the end of the week of Creation.

God's final words that all was "very good" ([Genesis 1:31](#)) refers not only to aesthetic beauty but also to the absence of any element of evil or discord when God finished making this world and the humans who were to populate it. **God's original purpose in Creation included the harmonious coexistence and interdependent relationship of all life forms.** It was a beautiful world created for the human family. All was perfect and worthy of its Creator. **God's ideal and original purpose for the world was one of harmony, unity, and love.**



Man is made in the Image of God

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. [Genesis 1](#)

The Bible says that humanity was originally created in the “image” of God. An image may be either two-dimensional, such as a mirror reflection or photograph, or three-dimensional, such as a statue or hologram. An image can also be intangible, such as a mental image, an idea that we have in our heads. **What does the Bible mean?** See also [Genesis 1:31](#), [Deuteronomy 6:5](#), and [1 Thessalonians 5:23](#).



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With the creation of our first parents, God set a new standard for life on earth: man and woman. They alone, among all the other creatures made during that time, were in God's image. **They were not evolved apes.** As human beings, they and we are radically different from all of the other life forms on earth, and any theology that lessens this difference degrades humanity.

God "called the man Adam" ([Genesis 5:2](#)). That is, both of them, male and female, though different and distinct beings, were still one. **Together, in their fullness and completeness, they represented the image of God.**



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The nature of God's image is wholistic:

“When Adam came from the Creator's hand, he bore, in his *physical, mental, and spiritual nature, a likeness to his Maker.*” – *Education*, p. 15

The word for “**image**” in Hebrew is *tselem*; the word for “**likeness**” is *demuth*. These words can connote the physical (*tselem*) and the inward (*demuth*), which includes the spiritual and mental aspects of humanity. God's image is, “both in outward resemblance and in character.”- *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 45.

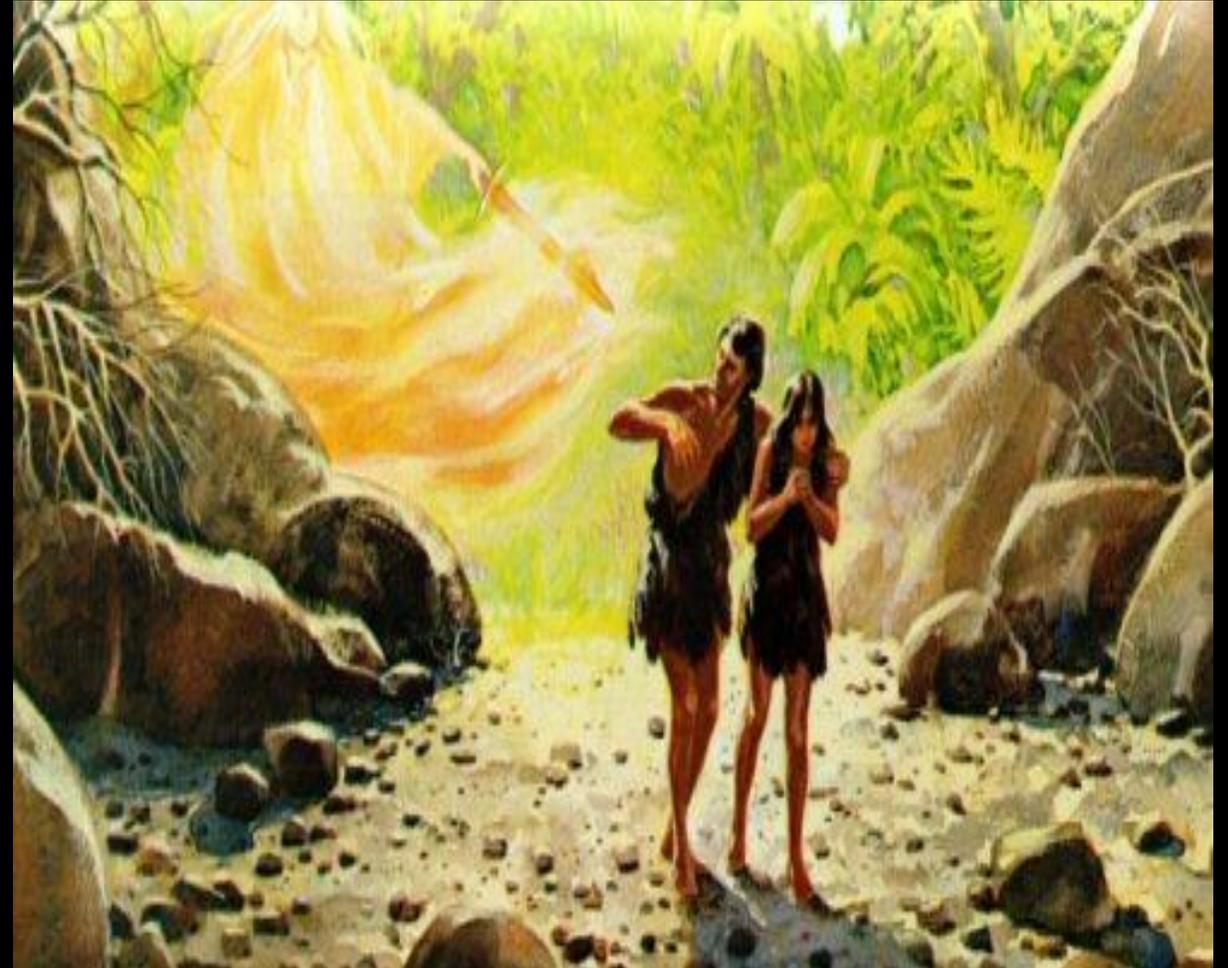
Deuteronomy 6:5 - mentions the various dimensions of the human being: soul (spiritual), heart (mind, mental), and strength (physical body). Also see *1 Thessalonians 5:23*.



The Fall and Its Aftermath

The Bible does not say how long a period of time existed between the finished Creation and the Fall. Days, weeks, years, we just don't know.

- What we do know, however, was that there was a Fall, and the consequences were immediate and apparent.
- Read the following texts and identify the immediate consequences of Adam's and Eve's sin as seen in each passage. So will see how these same consequences are manifested today? [Genesis 3:8-10](#), [Genesis 3:12](#), [Genesis 3:13](#), [Genesis 3:16](#), [Genesis 3:17-19](#).



The Fall and Its Aftermath

The first mentioned result of Adam and Eve eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was their sudden realization of their nakedness ([Genesis 3:7](#)). They sought to cover themselves from the presence of God. Their robes of light now disappeared. (See [Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 57](#).) **Their intimacy with God was disrupted because of their newly discovered intimacy with the self-centeredness of evil.** God then sought to educate the first couple in regard to the consequences that their sin had created for them.

No question, the Fall was real, the Fall was hard, and the Fall was terribly consequential for the entire human race. The long, sad story of human history, right up to current events, reveals the tragic consequences of sin.



What commandment(s) did Adam violate in the Fall?

It seems outrageous that God would condemn Adam and the entire human race for simply eating a piece of fruit!

Did Adam do something else that warranted such a response from God?

This is a good question, because the fall of Adam isn't merely about the definite sin of eating a piece of forbidden fruit. **It's about all the sins behind this sin of sins as well. It concerns the heart of man and rebellion against God himself.**

What happened in the Fall is told to us in [Genesis 2:16-17](#); [3:1-7](#), but basically Adam was instructed not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and when he and Eve were later tempted to do this by the serpent in the Garden of Eden, they did so anyway.



What command did Adam break in the Garden?

Though there was no formal written law given to Adam at the time:

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. - [Romans 5:14](#).

Adam violated all of them: For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all. - [James 2:10](#).

In essence, a violation of one part of the law is a violation of the whole law, because the law is a chain, and to break one link is to break the entire chain. So, the sin of eating a piece of forbidden fruit is far more complex than one may first recognize.

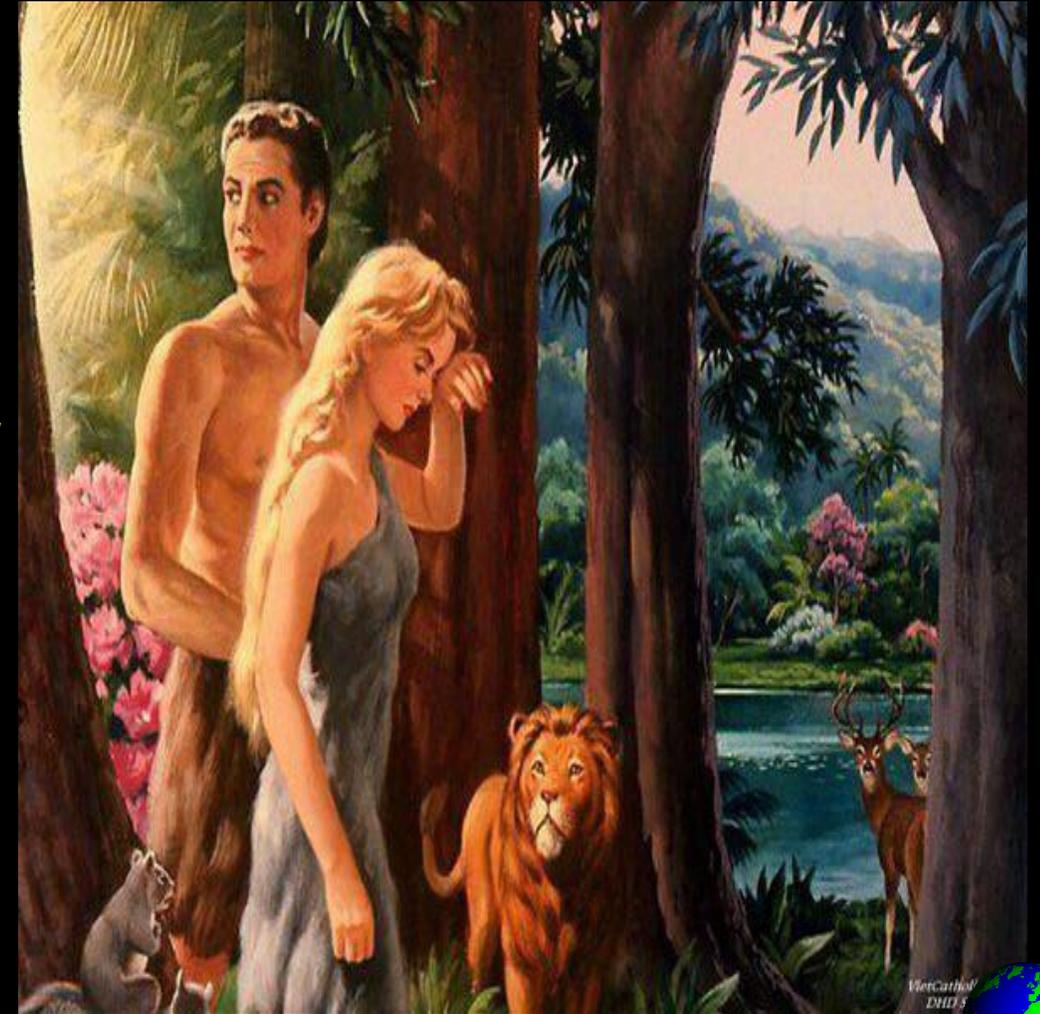


The Law of God – Eternity past to Eternity Future ***(Psalms 119:152)***

Adam and Eve Knew the Law of God:

Adam and Eve, at their creation, had a knowledge of the law of God. It was printed on their hearts, and they understood its claims upon them ([Manuscript 99, 1902](#)), 1BC 1104.1.

The law of God existed before man was created. It was adapted to the condition of holy beings; even angels were governed by it. After the fall, the principles of righteousness were unchanged. Nothing was taken from the law; not one of its holy precepts could be improved. **And as it has existed from the beginning, so will it continue to exist throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.** “Concerning thy testimonies,” says the psalmist, “I have known of old that thou hast founded them forever ([The Signs of the Times, April 15, 1886](#)), 1BC 1104.2.



Did Adam and Eve specifically break any of the Ten Commandments?

Yes, they did, even though the law of Moses had not been formally written and given to see visibly yet ([Exodus 20:1-17](#); [Deuteronomy 5:4-21](#)). Adam was created "very good" ([Genesis 1:31](#)) and therefore would have known the heart of God concerning his covenant commandments, which are holy, just, and good ([Romans 7:12](#)). **While only one sin — the eating of the fruit — was enough to condemn Adam and Eve and all mankind for all eternity, let's look at how each one of the Ten Commandments was also broken.**

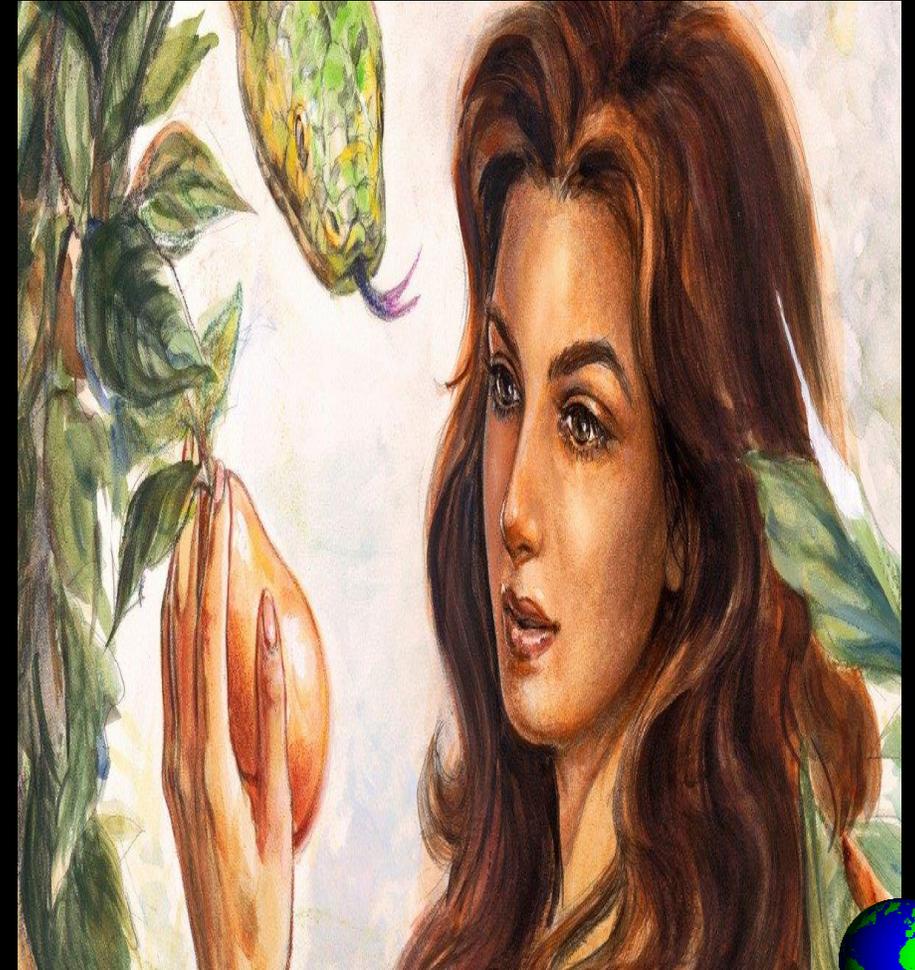
Note: Though Adam and Eve both sinned in the garden, what is listed below is concerning Adam's sin and therefore emphasizing his unique position as the head of the covenant with God [[Hosea 6:7](#)].



The First Commandment – Exodus 20:2-3

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

God's word to Adam was to *not* eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil ([Genesis 2:16-17](#); [John 1:1](#)). Adam had the power and authority to walk faithfully and obey God and rule the earth in righteousness ([Genesis 1:28-30](#)). However, instead of believing and obeying God's word — that is, God himself, His voice, His authority, His covenant stipulations — Adam chose to put faith in the words of "the god of this world" — the serpent ([2 Corinthians 4:4](#); [John 12:31](#); [Ephesians 2:2](#)). He chose another god. Moreover, through unbelief he also put himself before God ([Romans 1:21-22](#); [Psalms 82:6](#); [John 10:34](#)), desiring to be wise "like God, knowing good and evil" ([Genesis 3:5-6](#)). He put the serpent and himself before "the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God" ([1 Timothy 1:17](#)). **Adam violated the 1st Commandment.**



The Second Commandment – Exodus 20:4-6

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,...

But Adam carved an image in his mind of what it would be like to be wise: desiring to be "like God, knowing good and evil" ([Genesis 3:5-6](#); [Romans 1:21-22](#)). Essentially, he desired to attain divine knowledge (Greek *gnosis*), a higher secret knowledge that had been previously forbidden ([Genesis 2:16-17](#)). In his mind Adam pictured an image of God other than what had already been revealed to him. **Adam violated the 2nd Commandment.**



The Third Commandment – Exodus 20:7

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain;...

As the covenant head in the garden ([Hosea 6:7](#)), but unlike the second and last Adam, Jesus Christ ([Matthew 4:1-11](#), esp., [Matthew 4:4](#), [7](#), [10](#); [1 Corinthians 15:45](#), [47](#)), Adam made no attempt to correct the serpent's misuse of God's holy name. Instead, he bowed down, listened, and obeyed the word of the serpent and so became a party to using the Lord's name in vain. He allowed sin to flourish in the creation kingdom he had been given to rule in righteousness ([Genesis 1:28-30](#)).

Adam violated the 3rd Commandment.



The Forth Commandment – Exodus 20:8-11

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy...

Many theologians believe God walked in the Garden of Eden on the Sabbath ([Genesis 3:8](#)) and that the Garden of Eden itself symbolizes the church and therefore the Sabbath as well. **This temple imagery is abundant throughout the Pentateuch.** [Ezekiel 28:11-19](#); [1 Kings 6:18,29,32,35](#); [7:18-20](#).

Adam, as prophet, priest, king, and underlord of God's creation, failed to guard the pre-Fall temple of God. As the covenant vassal, he desecrated the very church of God and the Sabbath Day. [Numbers 3:7-8](#); [8:25-26](#); [1 Chronicles 23:32](#).

Moreover, Adam was to make every effort to enter God's rest ([Hebrews 4:1-11](#)), and though created "very good" ([Genesis 1:31](#)) with the capacity to attain it, he failed. Indeed, proper worship includes both faith and obedience ([Romans 1:5](#); [15:18](#); [16:26](#); [Hebrews 5:9](#)). While Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath ([Mark 2:27-28](#)), the first Adam failed to obey God and keep the Sabbath.

Adam violated the 4th Commandment.



The Fifth Commandment – Exodus 20:12

Honour thy father and thy mother:...

Adam did not honour his (The) Father of creation, his very Maker ([Genesis 1:1, 26-27; 2:7](#)). He did not rely on this Father's word and the Spirit during the garden temptation as Jesus the 2nd Adam did during his temptation in the wilderness ([Matthew 4:1-11; Ephesians 4:27; 6:11, 13; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9](#)).

Instead, he listened to the lies of the serpent and failed to correct his wife in her sin. He also forfeited "long days," lest we forget the Tree of Life was present in the garden too ([Genesis 2:9](#)), which he was prevented from after the fall. **Adam violated the 5th Commandment.**



The Sixth Commandment – Exodus 20:13

Thou shalt not kill.

Because of Adam's original sin and depraved indifference toward his prodigy already in his loins meant that every murder that ever transpired happened because of the fall of Adam — even the very death of Jesus ([1 Peter 1:19-20](#); [Genesis 3:21](#)). After being barred from the garden ([Genesis 3:22-24](#)), hatred expressed itself when Adam's son, Cain, murdered his brother, Abel ([Genesis 4:8](#); [Matthew 5:21-22](#); [John 8:44](#); [1 John 3:15](#)). Unlike the second and last Adam, Jesus Christ ([1 Corinthians 15:45, 47](#)), who gave abundant life ([John 10:10](#)), the first Adam gave his posterity death. Through his own sin the first Adam even caused his own death ([Genesis 5:5](#)). **Adam violated the 6th Commandment.**



The Seventh Commandment – Exodus 20:14

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom" ([Matthew 25:1](#)). The church is the bride of Christ ([Revelation 21:2, 9](#)). Adam and Eve were God's creation and bride ([2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [Ephesians 5:25-27](#)) and were a special treasure to God ([Exodus 19:5](#)).

Most people only consider adultery as it applies between a man and woman in covenant marriage. However, it is also applied to the turning aside of the church from God's covenant to worship idols ([Jeremiah 3:8-9](#); [5:7](#); [23:14](#); [29:20-23](#); [Ezekiel 16:8, 15, 25, 32](#)). God even divorced Israel because of her unfaithfulness ([Isaiah 50:1](#); [Matthew 5:32](#)). The first couple betrayed their creator. They were unfaithful to God's covenant ([Hosea 6:7](#)). They committed adultery when they lusted for another — the word of the serpent and his ways — and with the eating of a single piece of forbidden fruit, **Adam violated the 7th Commandment.**



The Eighth Commandment – Exodus 20:15

Thou shalt not steal.

Adam was told *not* to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ([Genesis 2:16-17](#)). **The fruit of this tree did not belong to Adam and Eve but to God alone, who created it** ([Genesis 1:1, 11-12](#)).

Their intent was to steal knowledge they weren't entitled too. They were thieves, in stealing what they ate.

Adam violated the 8th Commandment.

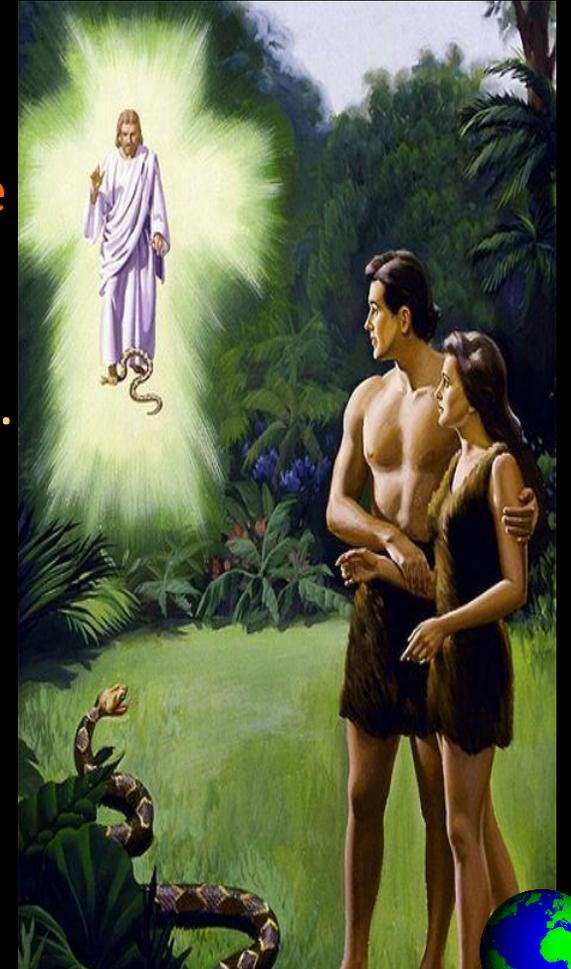


The Ninth Commandment – Exodus 20:16

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Adam did not correct his wife when she stated that God had said they couldn't "touch" the fruit upon the tree ([Genesis 3:2-3](#)). We are reminded that the Lord God never mentioned touching the fruit, only not eating it ([Genesis 2:16-17](#)). **By not taking his proper leadership role in the covenant and his own family, Adam allowed his wife to believe a lie and thus became a party to the lie.** When Eve "touched" the fruit she didn't die and, feeling emboldened, the next logical step in the fall of the first couple was to actually eat the fruit expecting similar results.

As the covenant head, Adam also did not correct the Father of Lies in the Garden of Eden ([John 8:44](#)) when he stated, "Ye shall not surely die" ([Genesis 3:4-5](#)). **The serpent's statement was a direct contradiction to what God had stated earlier ([Genesis 2:16-17](#)).** Instead, Adam allowed this lie to take root in both him and his wife ([James 1:14-16](#)). **So, by failing to speak the truth concerning God's word and upholding God's almighty goodness when the authority of the word was challenged ([John 1:1](#)), Adam should have corrected the lying serpent. When he didn't, he became partaker of his lies too.**
Adam violated the 9th Commandment.



The Tenth Commandment – Exodus 20:17

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house,...

Adam coveted the fruit on the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil ([Genesis 2:16-17](#)). As regards "the knowledge of good and evil," Adam sinfully desired to be like God ([Genesis 3:5-6](#); [Romans 13:9](#); [Ephesians 5:3, 5](#)). This covenant underlord desired to be like the Lord God; this vassal desired to be like the Suzerain ([Isaiah 14:12-15](#), esp., [Isaiah 14:14](#); [Ezekiel 28:6, 12-19](#), esp., [Ezekiel 28:17](#)). So, Adam was dissatisfied with what God had given to him and coveted that which God had forbidden.

All of this developed within the deep recesses of this first man's heart ([Mark 7:20-23](#)). With the temptation in the garden, sin was first conceived, then given birth, allowed to mature, and eventually was partaken of. Ultimately, this depraved process brought forth death ([James 1:14-16](#)).

Adam violated the 10th Commandment.



Summary of breaking the 10 commandments

While a lot more could be said concerning each individual commandment above, it is absolutely clear that in Adam and Eve partaking of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil ([Genesis 2:16-17](#)), they broke all ten commandments.

God is not only concerned about outward sins like the eating of a forbidden piece of fruit, but the sin beneath the sin as well — the utter rebellion of the heart. Just like approximately 90 percent of an iceberg is found under water, there is a hidden deadly cancer festering under all outward sin. **Every sin has a root sin: murder = hatred ([1 John 3:15](#)); adultery = lust ([Matthew 5:27-28](#)), and so on.** It is deep, dark depravity, unrighteousness, and ungodliness. **Oh, the sinfulness of sin!**



The Consequences of the Fall

The consequences of the Fall were enormous. **The disobedience of Adam and Eve started the rupture of a harmonious interdependence between all life forms. Even worse, it started the disunity, discord, and divisions among human beings that exist even today.** The disharmony is seen immediately in how Adam and Eve sought to put the blame for the Fall on others ([Genesis 3:12, 13](#)). **Things have become only worse since.**



The Consequences of the Fall

Adam's disobedience became the source of many events and consequences that over time affected all of God's creation. **The natural world itself began to suffer from the consequences of sin.** Human relationships also were affected. Cain and Abel, two brothers who should have loved and cared for each other, were estranged because one wished to follow his own selfish inclinations instead of following God's prescribed mode of worship. **This estrangement resulted in violence and death.** Cain's reaction, however, was more directed at God than at Abel. He felt angry toward God ([Genesis 4:5](#)), and this anger led to resentment toward Abel. **Disobedience further ruptured human relationships.**



Why Was Cain Guilty of Murder?

“How could Cain be guilty of murder when there was no law against murder?” (as some say law came at Sinai). **Such an objection goes to the heart of God’s justice.** How can God hold someone accountable for something if that person does not know it is wrong?

Simple! He broke the law.

Contrary to popular understanding, there was a law against murder found in Genesis 1. The law that Cain broke is referred to as the **Mandate** ([Genesis 1:26-31](#)), and sometimes called the **Edenic Covenant** followed by the **Adamic Covenant** ([Genesis 3:14-21](#)).



The Consequences of the Fall

“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” ([Genesis 6:5](#)). **This evil ultimately led to the Flood and to the incredible devastation of God’s original creation left in the Flood’s wake.** But even then God did not give up on the human race, but left a remnant, Noah and his family, to start again.

After the Flood, God gave a promise to Noah and his family. **The rainbow in the sky always would remind them of His care and promises, of His kindness and mercy** ([Genesis 9:12–17](#), [Isaiah 54:7–10](#)).

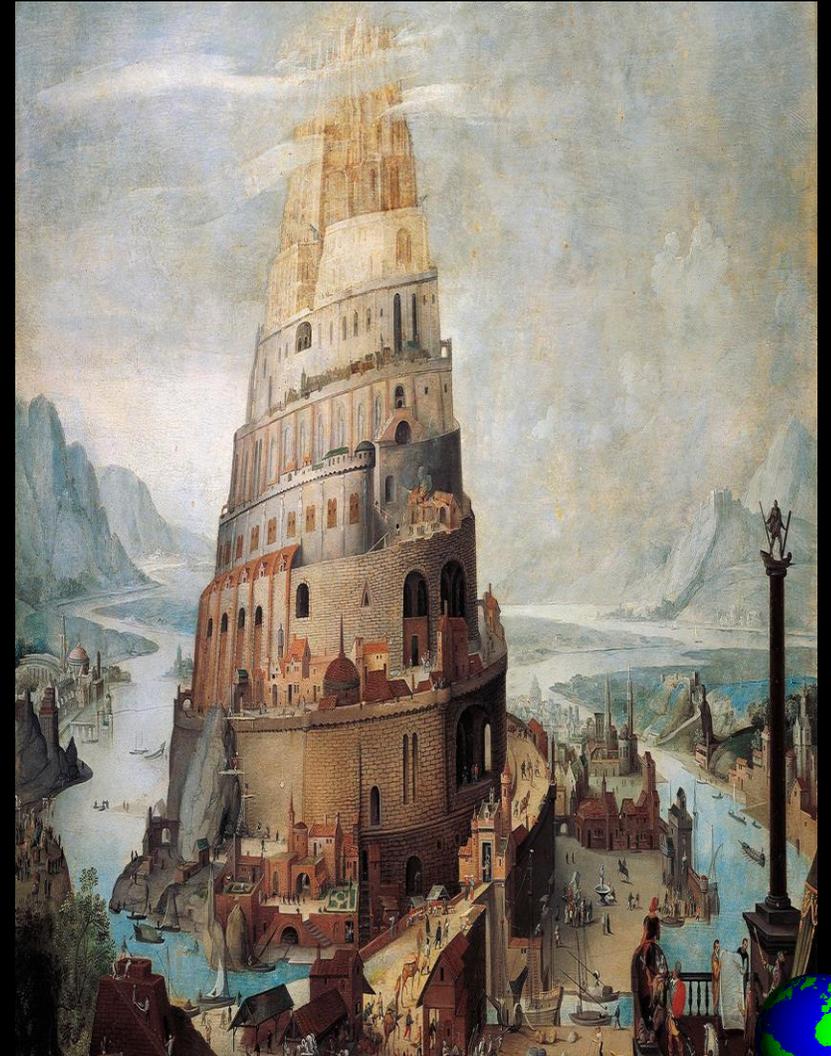
God instituted a covenant with Noah and reinstated His original plan to have a united human family faithful to Him and His Word.



Further Disunity and Separation

The next events chronicled by the Bible after the Flood are the construction of the Tower of Babel, the confusion of languages, and then the dispersion of people, who so far had spoken one language. Perhaps attracted by the beauty of the land between the rivers Euphrates and Tigris, and the fertility of the soil, some of the descendants of Noah decided to build themselves a city and their leader Nimrod built a high-towered structure (Tower of Babel) in defiance to God in the land of Shinar, today's southern Iraq ([Genesis 10 & 11](#)).

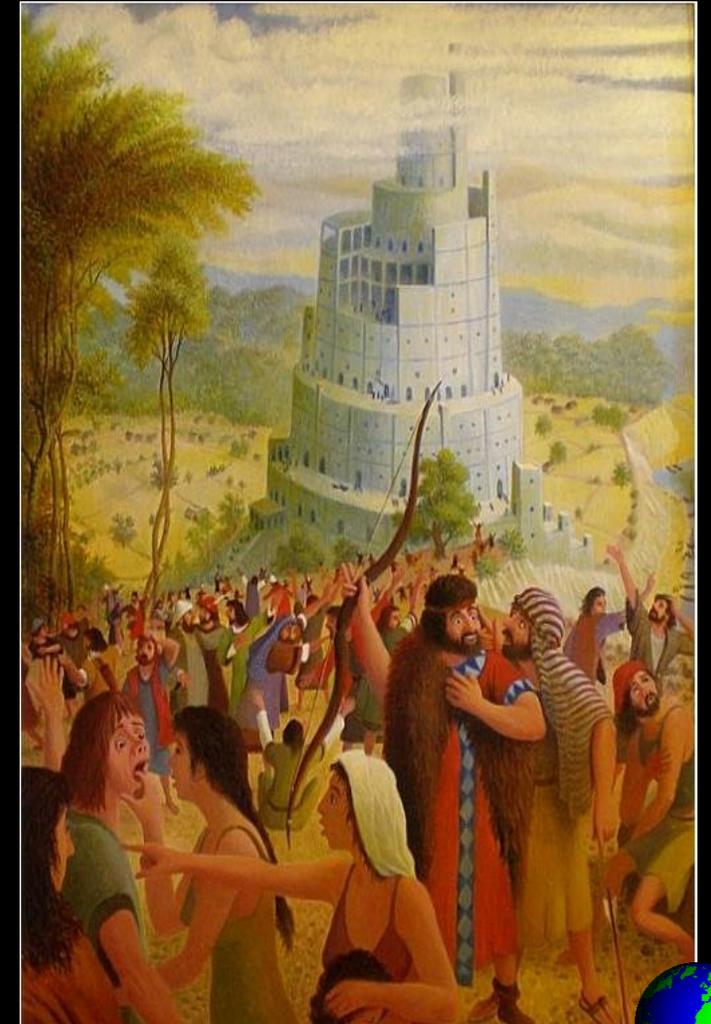
Archaeology has shown that Mesopotamia was a densely populated region from earliest historical times. Among these people were the Sumerians, who are credited with inventing the art of writing on clay tablets. They built well-constructed houses and were masters in the production of jewellery, tools, and household utensils.



Further Disunity and Separation

The descendants of Noah who settled in the land of Shinar soon forgot the God of Noah and the promises He had made to never again destroy the world by a flood. Building the Tower of Babel was a monument to their superior wisdom and skills. Their desire for renown and reputation, to “make a name for ourselves” (Genesis 11:4), was one motive for this building project. “According to the divine purpose, men were to have preserved unity through the bond of true religion. When idolatry and polytheism broke this inner spiritual bond, they lost not only unity of religion but also the spirit of brotherhood. A project such as the tower, to preserve by outward means the inward unity which had been lost, could never succeed.” —The SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 1, pp. 284, 285.

The fall of Adam and Eve shattered the unity of the human race and God’s original plan. It resulted in confusion regarding worship; the widespread dissemination of evil and immorality over the earth; and ultimately the separation of humanity into many different cultures, languages, and races that often have been at odds with one another since.

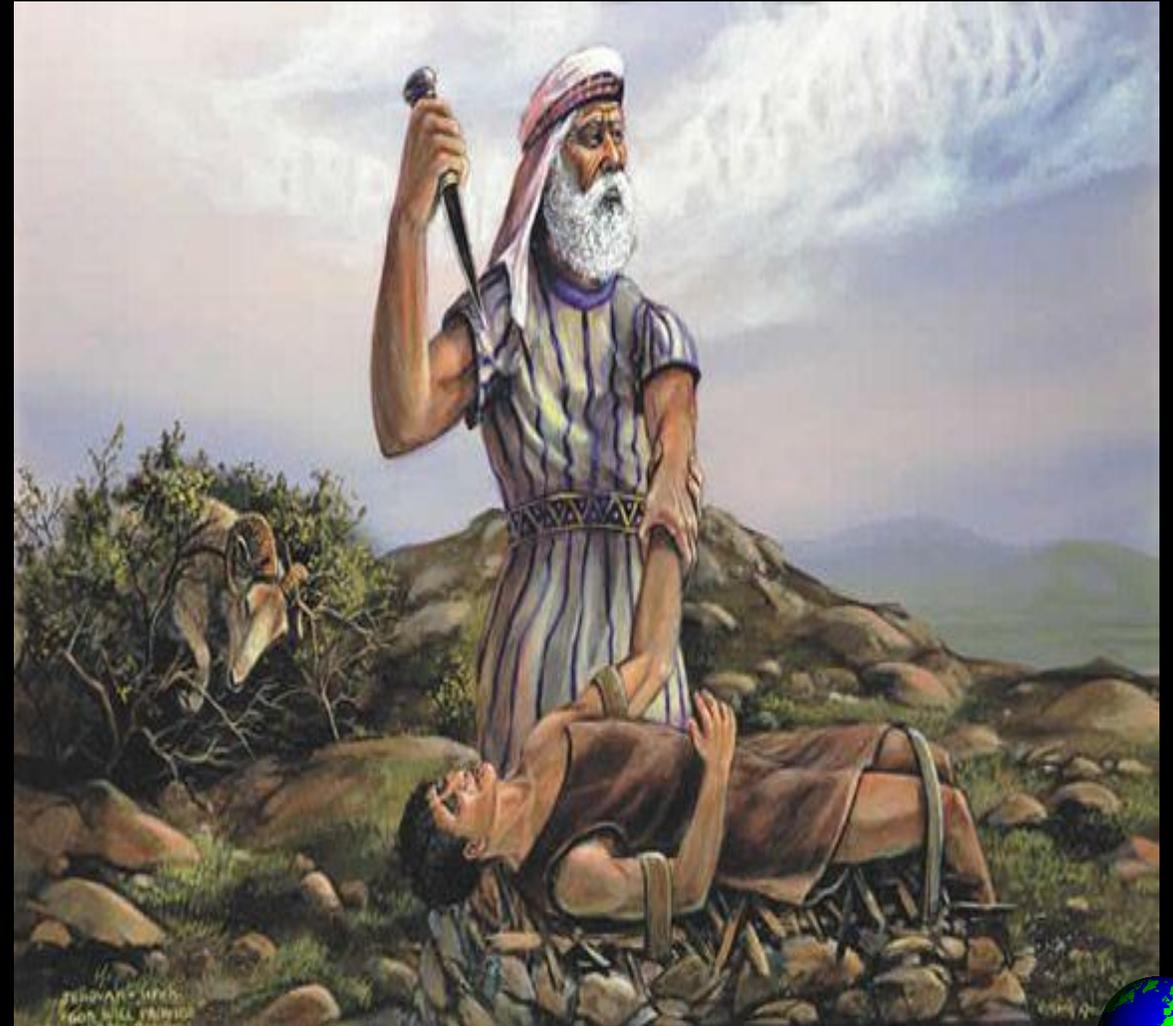


Next we see Abraham, Father of God's People

The three great monotheistic world religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, look to Abraham as their father. For Christians, this association is a spiritual relationship. When called to leave his country in Mesopotamia, Abraham was told that in him “ ‘all the families of the earth shall be blessed’ ” ([Genesis 12:3](#); see also [Genesis 8:18](#), [22:18](#)).

The blessing came through Jesus.

The Old Testament describes Abraham as a friend of God ([2 Chronicles 20:7](#), [Isaiah 41:8](#)). His life of faith, his unwavering obedience, and his confidence in God's promises make him an example of what our Christian lives should be now.



Abraham, Father of God's People

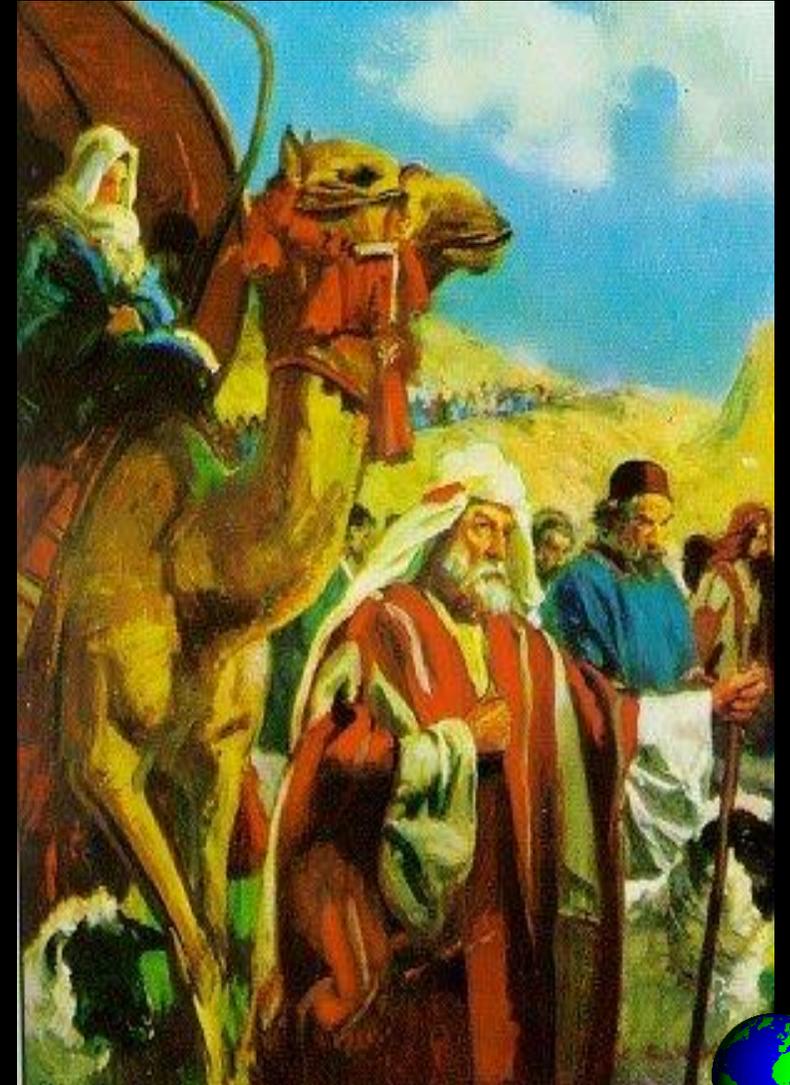
As father of all believers, Abraham gives us some of the basic elements central to Christian unity.

First, he practiced obedience. “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going” ([Hebrews 11:8](#)).

Second, he had hope in the promises of God. “By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God” ([Hebrews 11:9, 10](#)).

Third, he believed that God would give him a son and that one day his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. On the basis of this response, God justified him by faith ([Romans 4:1–3](#)).

Fourth, he trusted in God's plan of salvation. The greatest test to Abraham's faith came when God asked him to sacrifice his only son Isaac on Mount Moriah ([Genesis 22:1–19](#), [Hebrews 11:17–19](#)).



God's Chosen People

In calling Abraham to be His servant, God chose for Himself a people to represent Him to the world. **This calling and election was an act of God's love and grace.** God's call to Israel was central to His plan for the restoration of all humanity after the devastation and disunity caused by the Fall. **Sacred history is the study of God's work toward this restoration, and a major component of that plan was the covenant nation of Israel.**

God's love for humankind is at the centre of the election of Israel as His people. **God made a covenant with Abraham and his descendants in order to preserve the knowledge of God through His people and to bring about the Redemption of humanity** ([Psalms 67:2](#)). Yet, it is a supreme act of love that made God choose Israel. **The descendants of Abraham had nothing to boast about to claim God's unmerited love.** "The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples'" ([Deuteronomy 7:7](#)).



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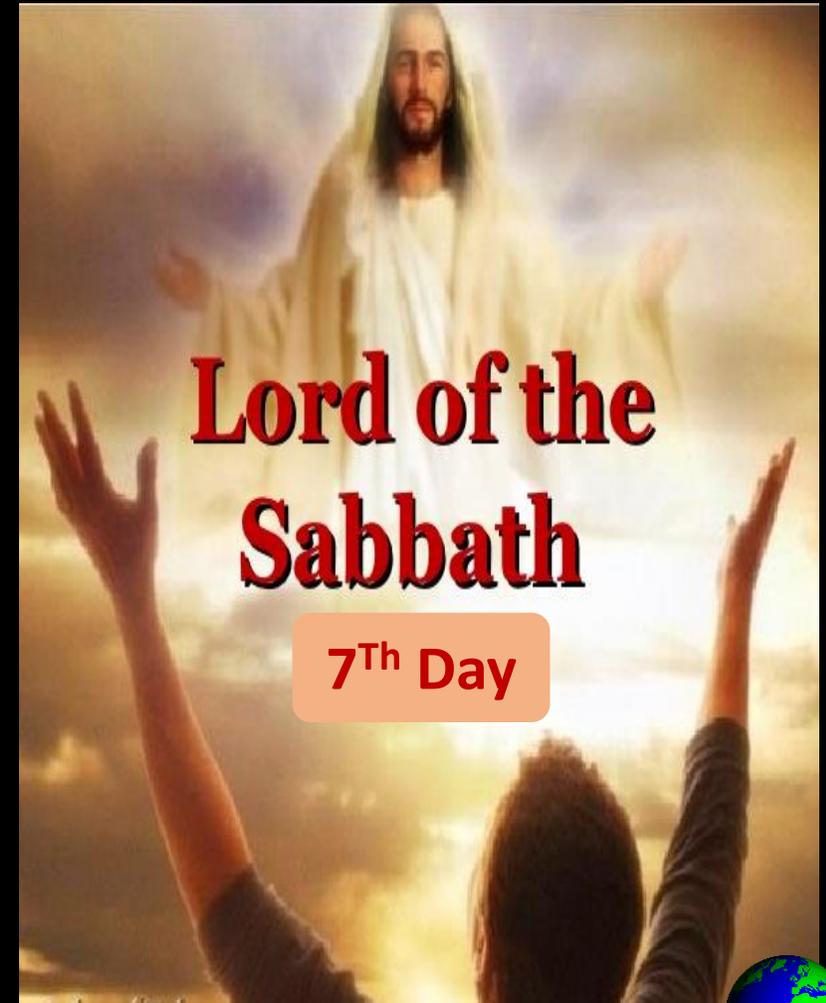
“Their obedience to the law of God would make them marvels of prosperity before the nations of the world. He who could give them wisdom and skill in all cunning work would continue to be their teacher, and would ennoble and elevate them through obedience to His laws. If obedient, they would be preserved from the diseases that afflicted other nations, and would be blessed with vigor of intellect.

The glory of God, His majesty and power, were to be revealed in all their prosperity. They were to be a kingdom of priests and princes. God furnished them with every facility for becoming the greatest nation on the earth.”
—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 288.



God's Chosen People

God's original purpose in the creation of humanity also is reflected in the institutions of the family ([Genesis 2:21–24](#)) and the Sabbath. The Sabbath was intended for all humanity, as Jesus clearly indicated in [Mark 2:27, 28](#). **In fact, its universal nature is seen in the Genesis account itself, when God set aside the seventh day, not only before the calling out of Israel as His covenant people but even before the introduction of sin.** What a powerfully unifying force the Sabbath could have been if all people had kept it. It was the day of rest God intended to remind the descendants of Adam and Eve of their common bond to Him and to one another. **"The Sabbath and the family were alike instituted in Eden, and in God's purpose they are indissolubly linked together.** On this day more than on any other, it is possible for us to live the life of Eden. It was God's plan for the members of the family to be associated in work and study, in worship and recreation, the father as priest of his household, and both father and mother as teachers and companions of their children." —[Child Guidance](#), p. 535.



Enmity and Atonement – Genesis 3:15

The word *enmity* in Hebrew shares its root with the Hebrew word *hate* and the word *enemy*. By eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the couple placed themselves and all humanity at enmity with God (see [Romans 5:10](#), [Colossians 1:21](#), [James 4:4](#)). God's promise here implies that God would set in motion His plan to draw humanity back to Himself, thus shifting their enmity to Satan. Thus, by shifting the enmity from Himself to Satan, God would establish an avenue through which He could save humanity while, at the same time, not violating the principles of His divine government. This is what is known in the original sense as "atonement," what God has done and is doing in order to ultimately restore what had been lost in the Fall. See [Leviticus 1:3-4](#); [1 Corinthians 5:7](#); [1 John 1:9](#).



Enmity and Atonement

In our situation we sinned, but in the plan of salvation, the atonement, Christ's sacrificial death relieves us from the *legal* consequences of that wrongdoing. **Instead, Christ Himself paid the penalty for us.** The punishment that legally (yes, God's government has laws) should have been ours was given to Jesus instead. **That way, the demands of justice were met, but they were met in Jesus instead of us.** Though sinners, though we have done wrong, we are pardoned, forgiven, and justified in His sight. This is the crucial and foundational step in "the restoration of all things" ([Acts 3:21](#))



Restoration in Jesus

“My little children, for whom I labour in birth again until Christ is formed in you” ([Galatians 4:19](#)).

We were originally created as perfect and complete beings in a perfect and complete world. Unfortunately, this pre-Fall paradise was lost through sin, and the world as we know it is filled with death, violence, suffering, fear, and ignorance.

The plan of salvation was created in order to bring this world back to its original perfection. Christ came in order to regain what was lost in the Fall.



Restoration in Jesus

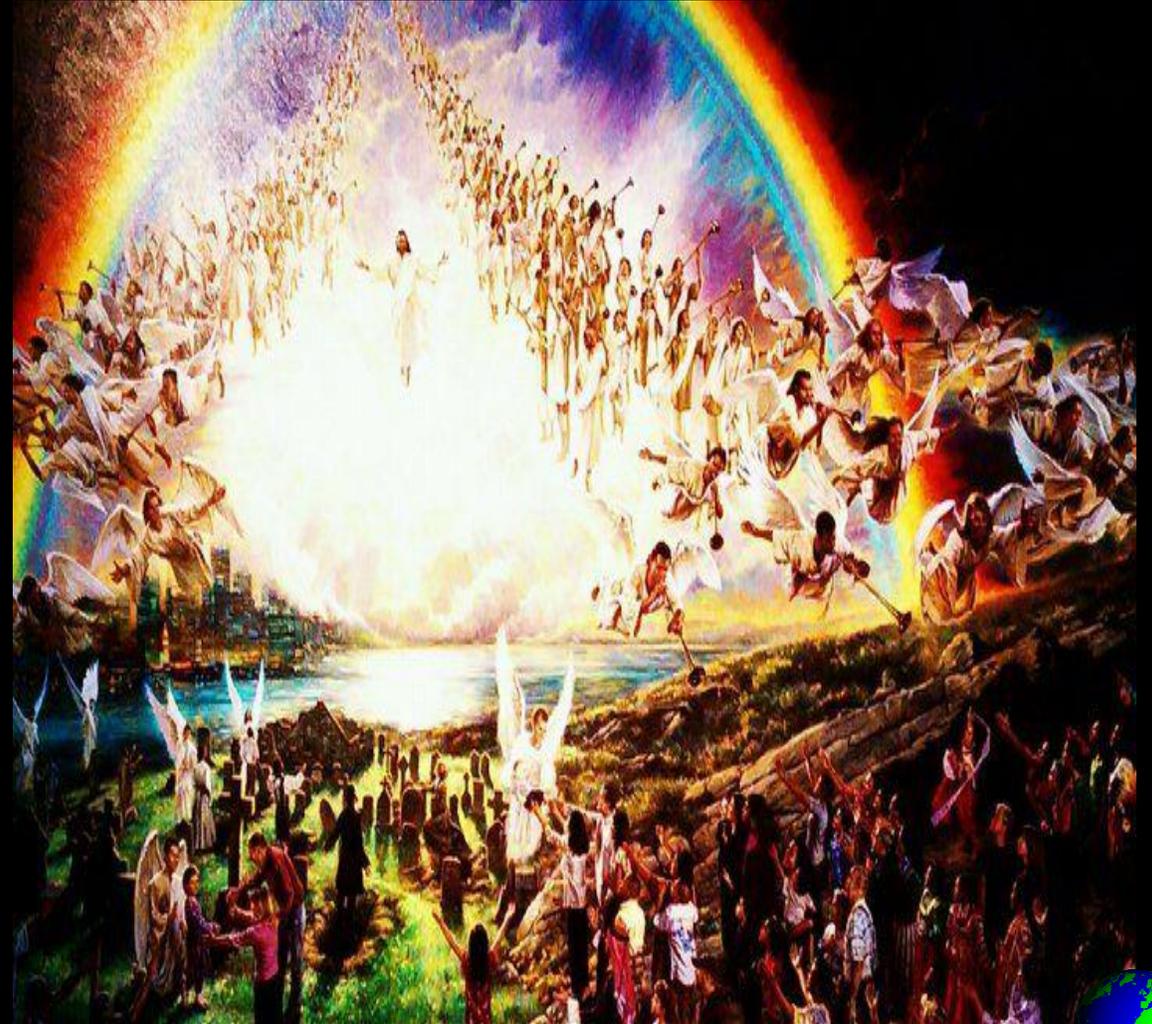
“In the beginning God created man in His own likeness. He endowed him with noble qualities. His mind was well balanced, and all the powers of his being were harmonious. But the Fall and its effects have perverted these gifts. Sin has marred and well-nigh obliterated the image of God in man. It was to restore this that the plan of salvation was devised, and a life of probation was granted to man. To bring him back to the perfection in which he was first created is the great object of life—the object that underlies every other.” — Ellen G. White, [*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 595.](#)



Restoration in Jesus

In [Hebrews 1:3](#) Christ Himself is presented as the image of God-“the express image of His person”. (Compare with [John 14:9](#), [2 Corinthians 4:4](#), [Colossians 1:15](#).) He desires to unite with us in order to restore God’s image in us. If we consent, Christ, the image of God, can be in us: “Christ in you, the hope of glory” ([Colossians 1:27](#)).

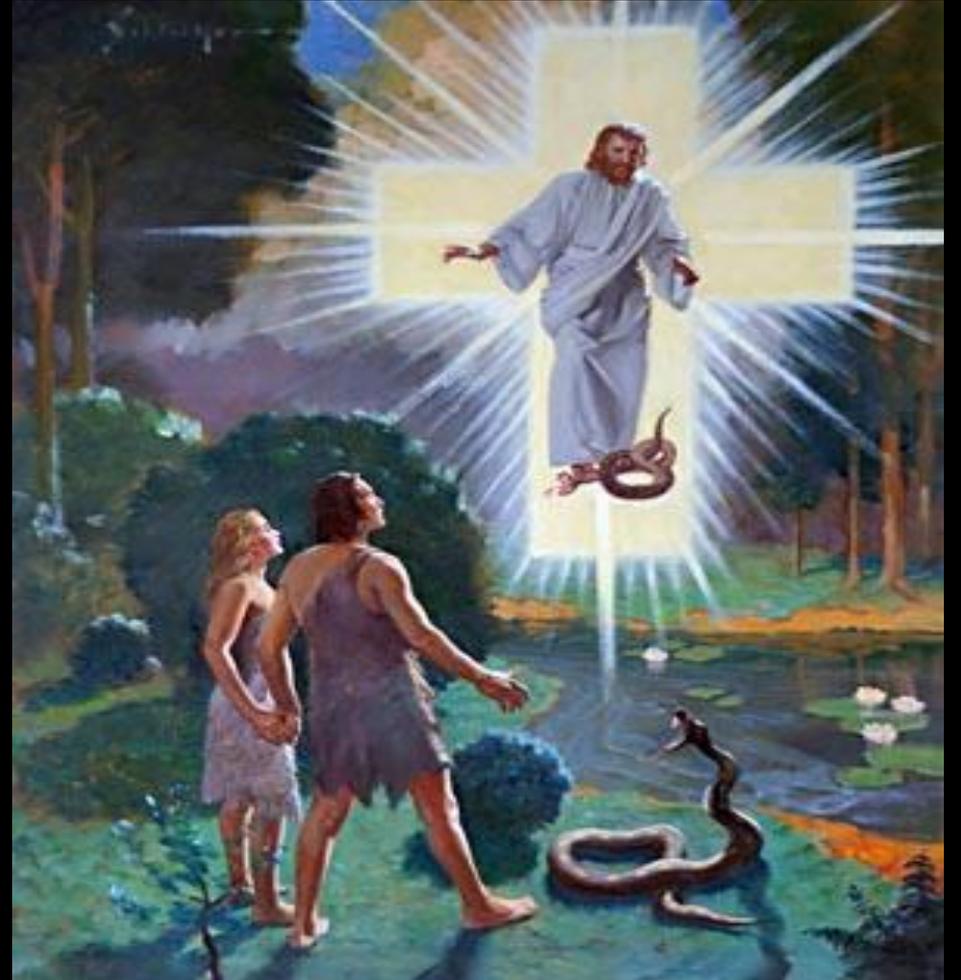
The ultimate experience of being restored in His image will occur at Jesus’ second coming (see [1 Corinthians 15:49](#), [1 John 3:2](#)). However, when Christ is in us, and we in Christ, the process of being restored in God’s image begins on this side of heaven. When that happens, we will long to bring those in our community to the One who can restore them as well.



Restoration in Jesus

As we have seen, our world, though created perfect, had fallen, with devastating results. But God had not abandoned us to what would have been our fate, eternal destruction.

Instead, even before the world began, the plan of salvation was formulated (see [Genesis 3:15](#), [1 Peter 1:2](#)) **and, at great personal cost to Himself, Jesus came to this world, suffered on the cross, and promises to return. And by the time everything is over and sin is destroyed, the world that had been lost will be fully restored.**



Lost, but Not Alone

When lost in a mall, there is the ever-present mall map. Three simple words, written provides our orientation. **You are here**,” says the map in red letters.

Our newly created fore parents (Adam and Eve) stand with a handful of half-eaten fruit before God, the serpent, and a tree a which they should never have eaten. They shiver in fear and shame in the garden called Eden as Satan gleefully declares, **“Adam, Eve, you are here, here with me, lost, lonely, and alienated from God.”**

Genesis 3 represents the darkest day in human history.



Lost, but Not Alone

- It was a dark day that November 22, 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.
- It was a dark day that April 4, 1968, when Dr. Martin Luther King, was shot to death.
- It was a dark day on September 11, 2001, when three airplanes were commandeered and flown into the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon.

But the darkest day in human history occurred 6,000 years ago, when across the universe sad news flashed from Eden: **“The humans died today.”** In sadness, angels of light hung their heads in sorrow at the fall of our first parents.



Lost, but Not Alone

Dark was the day when the adversary of souls, in wicked glee, rejoiced over Adam and Eve's betrayal of their Creator.

Dark was the day when the light of God's joy dimmed to near darkness and the image of God was corrupted by disobedience.

Dark was the day when all hope withered.

Dark was the day when the destroyer thought that he had cornered the Creator of the universe and destroyed His precious creation by bringing sin, sickness, and suffering upon the human family.

Satan fully expected that God would immediately destroy Adam and Eve, or he, Satan, could use them as human shields. He reminded them:

"You are here, Adam, Eve, right here with me, lost and without hope."

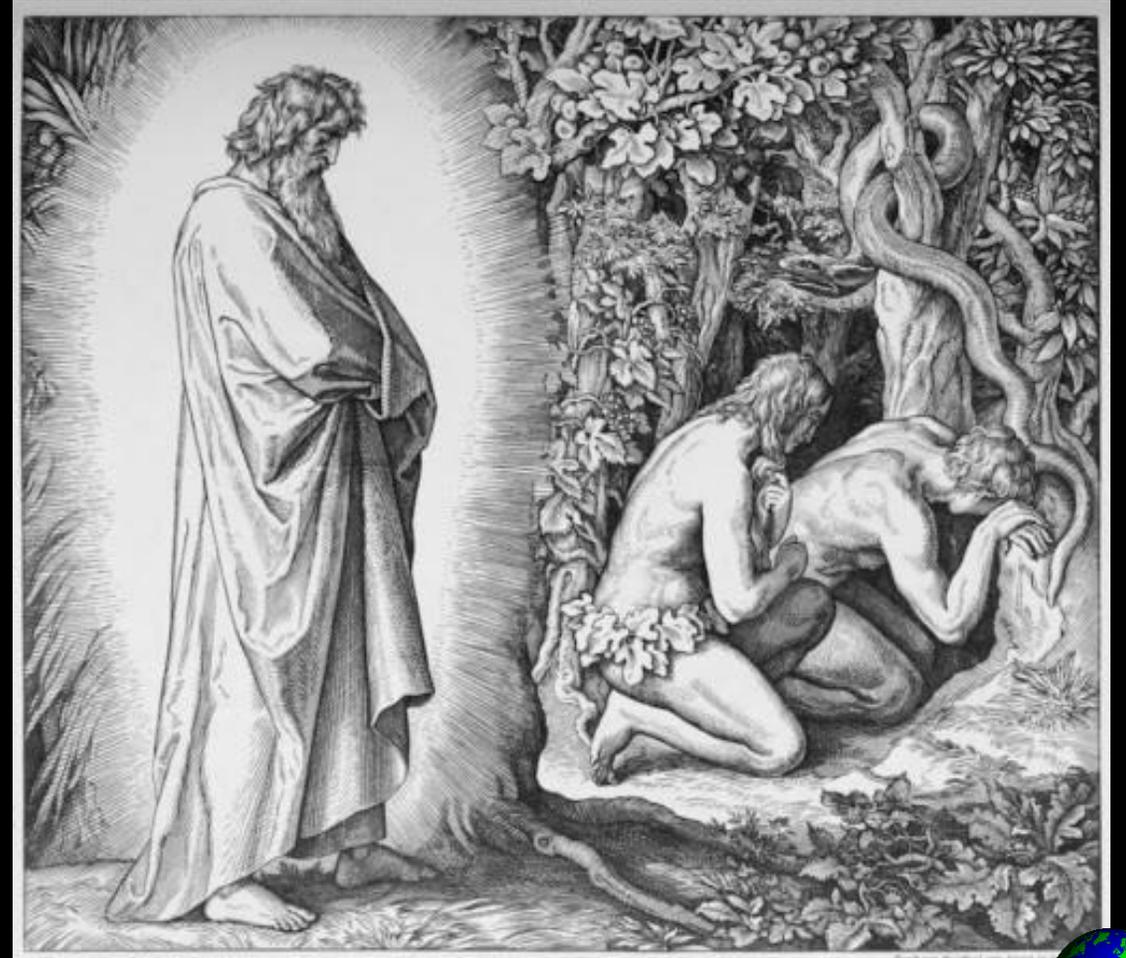


Lost, but Not Alone

But what Satan did not know was that the Creator of the universe could not be cornered. **“Sickness, suffering, and death are work of an antagonistic power. Satan is the destroyer; God is the restorer.”** - [Counsels on Health p168](#)

That day in Eden the destroyer (Satan) rejoiced, **until the Restorer (God) appeared and cried, “Adam and Eve, you are here! But I am here too.”** In this God-appointed encounter, **grace** came looking to reclaim and restore our fallen parents (see [Genesis 3:15](#)).

Grace did not begin at the cross, it began at the Fall.



From Past to Future

Seventh-day Adventists are called to a ministry of restoration. Hear this promise and assignment: “And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.” (Isaiah 58:12). **Look at four of the Edenic institutions that are to be restored.**

- 1. We are called to restore God’s 10 Commandments and Sabbath sanctity.***
- 2. We are called to restore healthful living the Edenic state of diet.***
- 3. We are called to restore the biblical marriage between Man and Woman.***
- 4. We are called to restore Christ-centered education tending God’s garden school.***

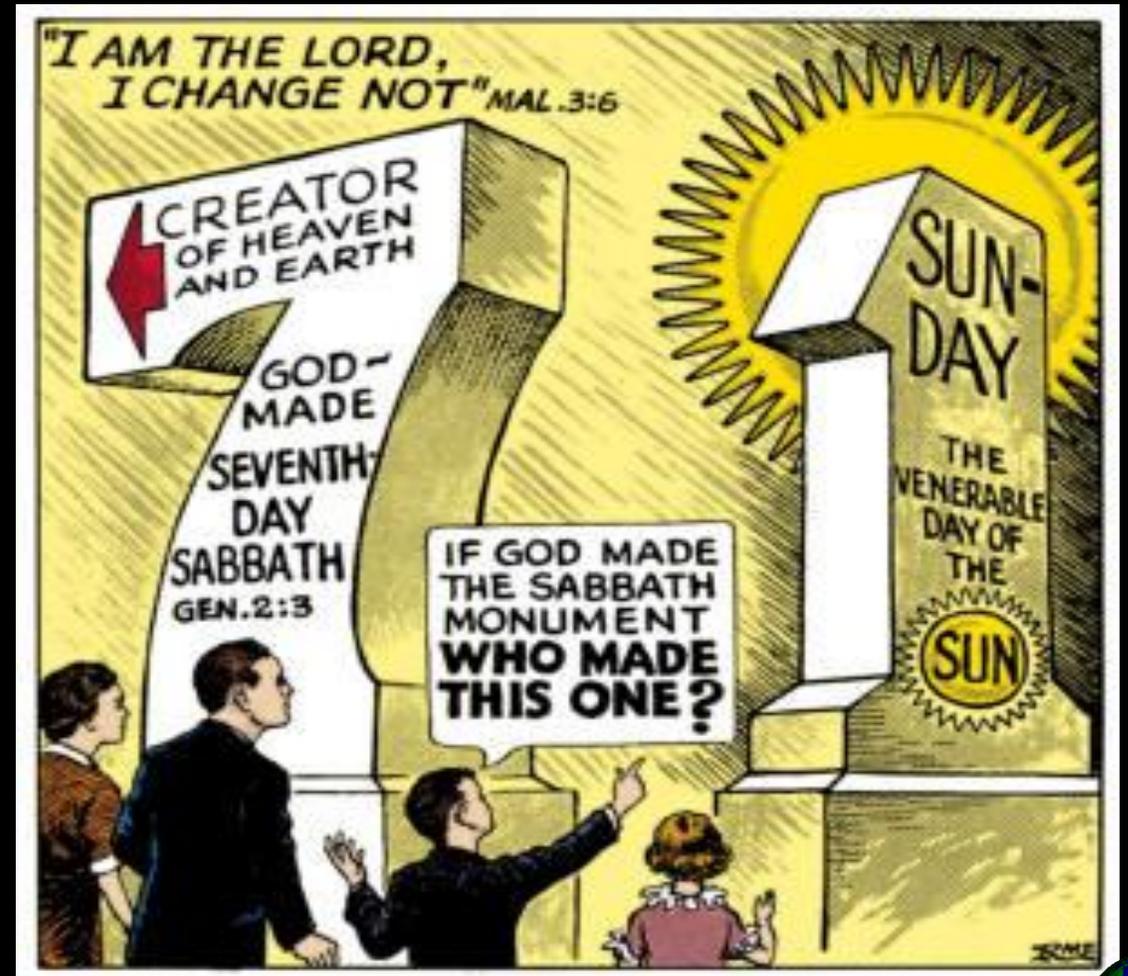


We are called to restore God's Sabbath sanctity

Forty centuries after the Fall, the Edenic Sabbath was lost.

But in 1844 God raised up people called to restore it. Every Sabbath reminds us of our history: "In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" ([Genesis 1:27](#)). **Sabbath reminds us of our history and instructs us concerning our destiny.**

We were created in the image of God with rationality, relationality, responsibility, aesthetic sensitivity, and a host of other image-of-God qualities hinted at in Genesis 1 and 2.



We are called to restore God's 10 Commandments and Sabbath sanctity

The ten commandments, Thou shalt, and Thou shalt not, are ten promises, assured to us if we render obedience to the law governing the universe. “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” Here is the sum and substance of the law of God. The terms of salvation for every son and daughter of Adam are here outlined ([Manuscript 41, 1897](#)). [1BC 1105.1](#)

A Wall of Protection—In the ten commandments God has laid down the laws of His kingdom. Any violation of the laws of nature is a violation of the law of God. [1BC 1105.3](#), ([Romans 12:1](#); [2 Peter 1:4](#)).

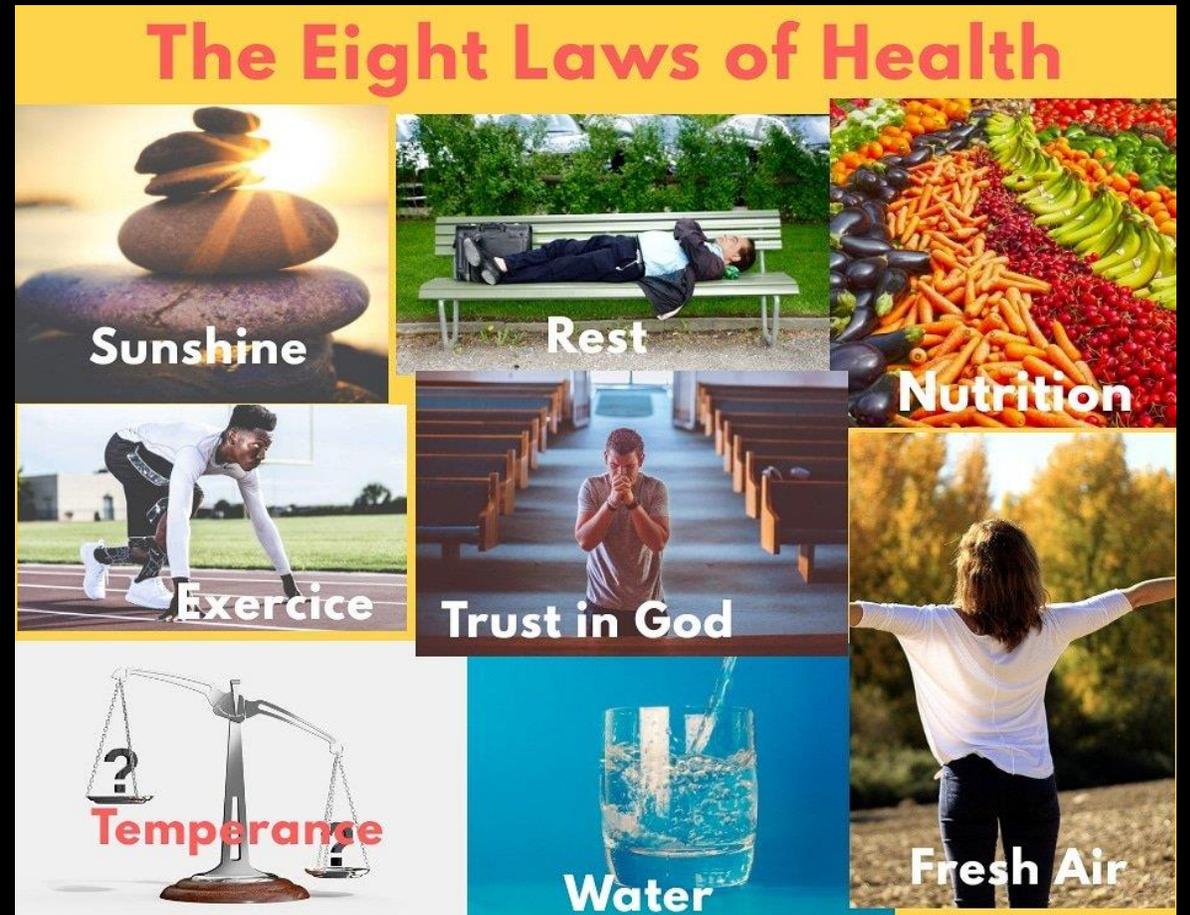


We are called to restore healthful living

After the Fall, the Edenic lifestyle—wholistic health, which was a plant-based diet—was sacrificed.

Our back to Edenic lifestyle is intended to transform our lifestyle through education and exposure to God’s laws of health.

But wholistic health involves more than simply not eating meat. It involves exercise, diet, work, and the rest of the eight laws of health identified as **“NEW START”**. Seventh-day Adventist education has been called to restore our Edenic lifestyle. Fruit, nuts, grains, and vegetables form our whole foods and earth fare. ([Genesis 1:29](#))



We are called to restore healthful living the Edenic state of diet

"God gave our first parents the food He designed that the race should eat. It was contrary to His plan to have the life of any creature taken. **There was to be no death in Eden.** The fruit of the trees in the garden, was the food man's wants required." CD 81. (See Genesis 1:29; also Genesis 3:18).

Had the use of flesh been essential to health and strength, animal food would have been included in the diet appointed man in the beginning." CD 396.

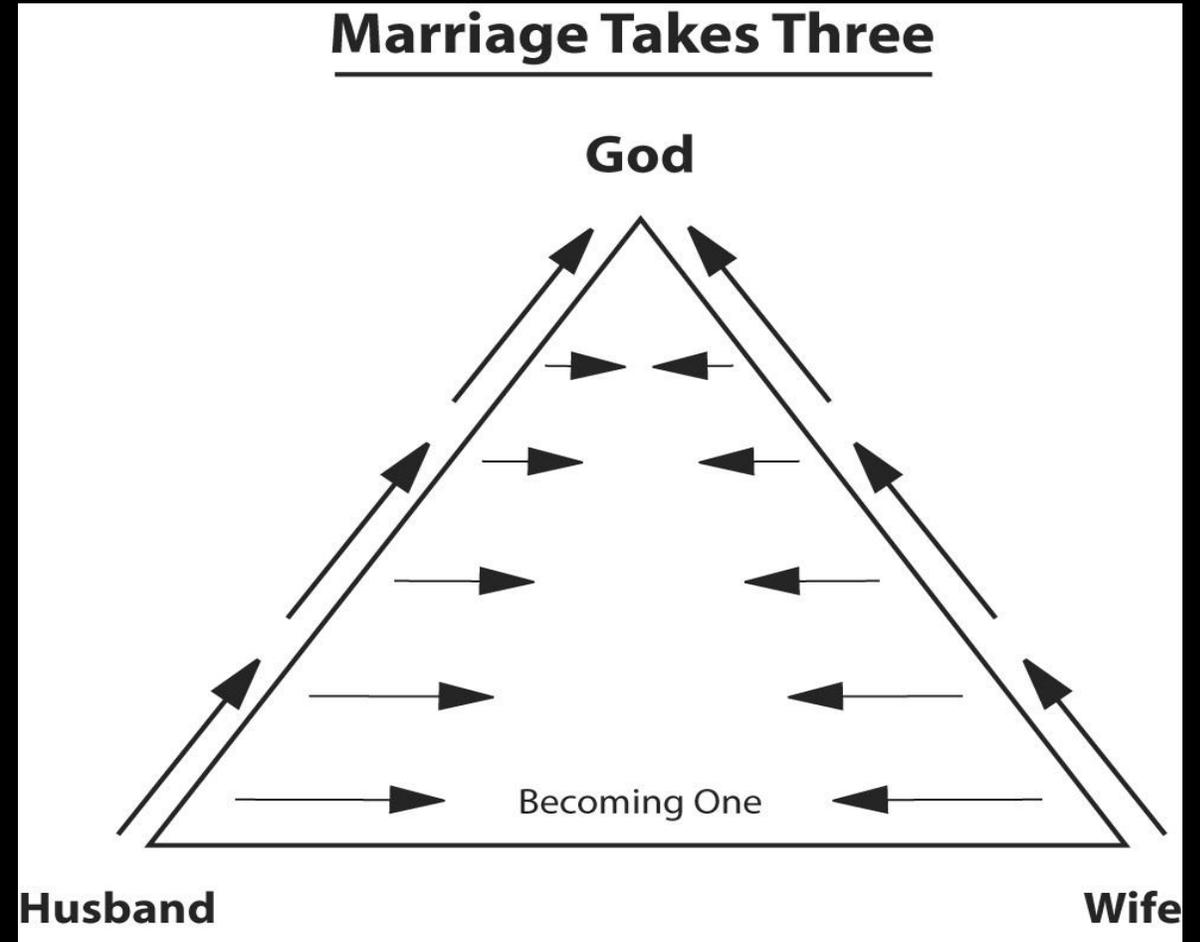
If meat is discarded, if the taste is not educated in that direction, if a liking for fruits and grains is encouraged, it will soon be as God in the beginning designed it should be. **No meat will be used by His people.** CD 82.2, (See Isaiah 65:21-22).



We are called to restore the biblical marriage

After the Fall, Edenic marriage was lost. We have been called to restore it to its original sanctity. **Edenic marriage is covenantal; it is monogamous; it is heterosexual.** Marriage outside God's design will never bring the God-appointed joy He designed. **While we cannot reverse the legal landslide for marriages today, we can strengthen the marriages of the people of God.**

But what can we say to our nonchurched citizens when the church reflects the same rate of divorce we see in larger society? Restoring marriage means that a worldview on biblical marriage education has to be part of our curriculum. We have been called to restore marriage to its rightful state.

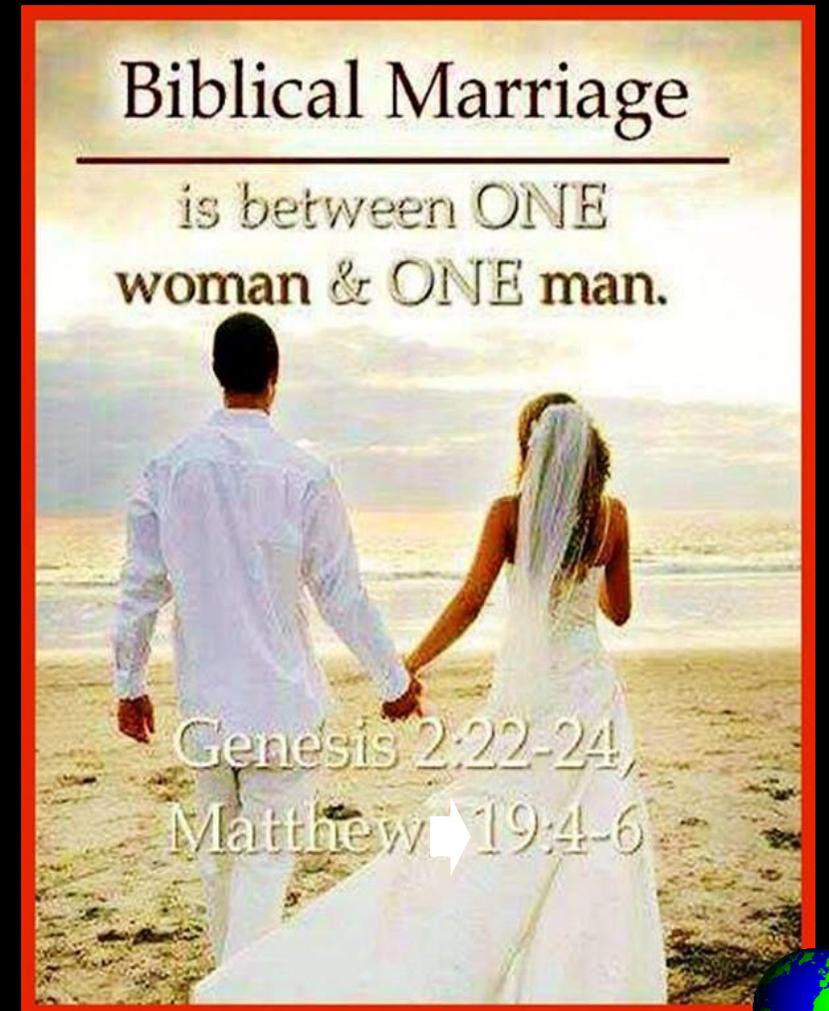


We are called to restore the biblical marriage between Man and Woman

God's Purpose for the Husband and Wife—God made from the man a woman, to be a companion and helpmeet for him, to be one with him, to cheer, encourage, and bless him, he in his turn to be her strong helper. **All who enter into matrimonial relations with a holy purpose**—the husband to obtain the pure affections of a woman's heart, the wife to soften and improve her husband's character and give it **completeness**—fulfill God's purpose for them. **AH 99.1**

Be as true as steel to your marriage vows, refusing, in thought, word, or deed, to spoil your record as a man who fears God and obeys His commandments. **AH 104.1**

“He that hath the bride is the bridegroom.” **John 3:29.** That Christ is here represented in his relation to his followers by a bridegroom, and his followers by a bride, is true; **SCOC 73.3**



We are called to restore Christ-centered Education

After the Fall, Edenic education was lost. Heaven was a school, and Eden was a branch campus. – [Adventist Home p547](#).

In fact, Eden was a “model school Adam and Eve were its first pupils, God was the teacher, the garden was the classroom, and nature was the lesson book.” - [Education p20](#).



We are called to restore Christ-centered education tending God's garden school

Parents flock with their families to the cities because they fancy it easier to obtain a livelihood there than in the country. **The children, having nothing to do when not in school, obtain a street education. From evil associates they acquire habits of vice and dissipation.** --5T 232 (1882).

Get out of the cities as soon as possible and purchase a little piece of land where you can have a garden, where your children can watch the flowers growing and learn from them lessons of simplicity and purity. —Selected Messages 2:356 (1903). LDE 95.1.



Big Questions Need Big Answers

Today many in our world are uncertain about the grand questions of our existence.

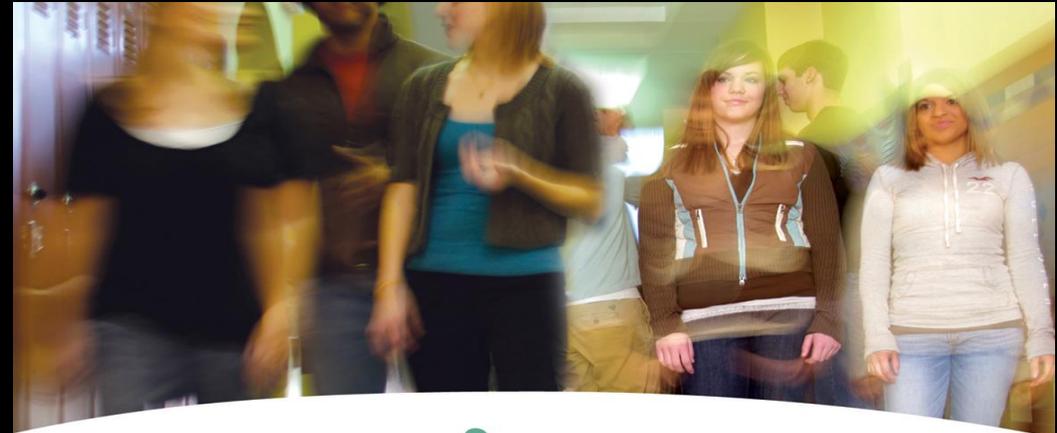
Who are we?

Where did we come from?

Where are we going?

- Many are confused theologically, philosophically, and morally.

So “Where are we in understanding the times we live in?”



LIFE'S BIG
QUESTIONS
GOD'S BIG
ANSWERS



Just as signs in malls say “You are here,” “here” today means we are living in the end-time!

“Here” means that we stand on the cusp of some of the most spectacular events prophesied in the Bible in the books of Daniel and Revelation.

“Here” also means that we are swimming upstream against many popular but unbiblical values.

“Here” represents a day when celebrity skeptics question the role of organized religion in our culture.

“Here” are times when scoffing talk show hosts foment against “religious discrimination” (which usually refers to practices held by those who articulate biblically supported religious convictions).

“Here” are times, forecast by the Bible, “when people will not put up with sound doctrine” ([2 Timothy 4:3](#)).

“Here” is precisely the time for true education to stand up and be counted.



The Pressures of Life Today

However, in reflecting on the pressures to move away from the confessional purposes of their sponsoring churches, Marsden wrote: “Even a partial list of such pressures suggests how formidable they are: pressures for separation of church and state; pressures for greater academic freedom; [pressures for the] ideals of pluralism and diversity; demands for technological excellence; pressures to meet standards of professionalism defined as excluding religion; pressures of reactions to fears of external control; pressures from aspirations for recognition of excellence; pressures from accrediting agencies; pressures of the market to broaden the base of students and contributors; resulting pressures from increasingly diverse faculty, contributors, students, and alumni; changing student mores.” - *The Challenge and Promise of a Catholic University*.



A Prophetic Posture

When we face uncertainty, we must go back to our map.

The people of God have been given an inspired map that says "You are here."

The Bible as the map and the Sanctuary as the GPS – Gospel Plan of Salvation, from God to man.

We can go to the map in Genesis 1 and 2, and we hear a voice from heaven saying, "You are here," for "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" ([Genesis 1:1](#)).

We need our educational mission with the understanding of God and a understanding of restoring humanity to the image of God.



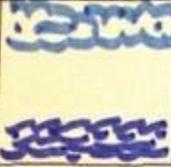
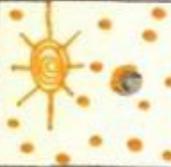
Need to Restore the Image of God in Man

So the purpose of Christ-centeredness is to restore in our lives as mankind the image of God. To forget this redemptive purpose is to lose our focus in various -isms: existentialism, humanism, rationalism, racialism, patriotism, and et cetera-ism.

Genesis 1 orients humanity to who it is, and to whose it is! It reminds us that we are neither the top of an evolutionary pyramid, nor are we simply bio-organic machines.

The Days of Creation: One Week

"In the beginning, God created the Heaven & the Earth ..." – Genesis 1:1-2

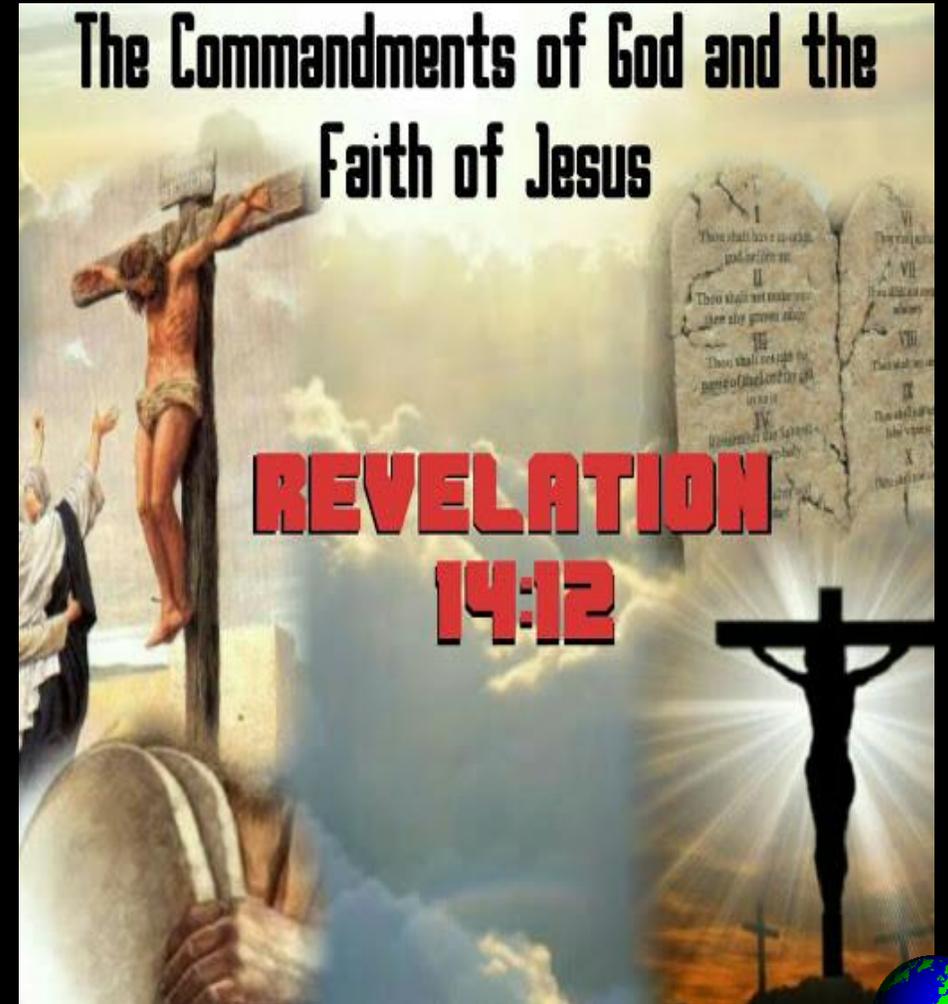
						
Genesis 1:3-5	Genesis 1:6-8	Genesis 1:9-13	Genesis 1:14-19	Genesis 1:20-23	Genesis 1:24-31	Genesis 2:1-3
"let there be light"	"a firmament in the midst of the waters"	"waters gathered & dry land appears"	"lights ... for signs, seasons, days & years"	Winged Creatures & Water Creatures	"God created man in his own image"	"God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work"
Day & Night	Heaven	Grass, Herbs & Fruit Tree	Sun, Moon & Stars		Beasts of the Earth & Man	
Day						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7



Need to Restore the Image of God in Man

We are formed, created, and designed in the “image of God.” Genesis 1 and 2 affirms the dignity of the human person. Ellen White commented: “Shall we, for the privilege of tracing our descent from germs and mollusks and apes, consent to cast away that statement of Holy Writ, so grand in its simplicity, ‘God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him’? [Genesis 1:27](#).” - *Education*, p. 130.

To believe that Adam and Eve were created in His image is to assert that Adam and Eve were endowed with the nature of God’s agape love. Any discussion of the image of God must account for the clearest statement of God’s essence and nature as found in the New Testament: “Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love” ([1 John 4:8](#)). **God’s nature is agape – LOVE.**

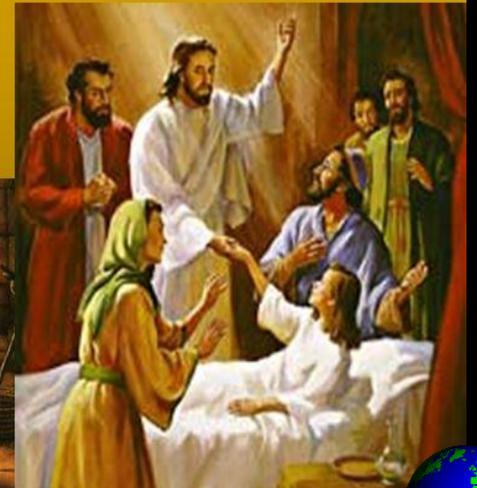


Need to Restore the Image of God in Man

Before the Fall, Adam and Eve naturally served God and reflexively served each other. They were oriented away from self toward God and each other. This was the law of God in heaven and His law in Eden. It was also the love most clearly revealed on the cross. "In the light from Calvary it will be seen that the law of self-renouncing love is the law of life for earth and heaven." - *The Desire of Ages* p20.

Love to God and love to others is the reflexive nature of Adam and Eve before the Fall. It is the foundation upon which all other elements of God's image—intelligence, language, responsibility, service, etc.—are grounded.

JESUS MINISTRY ON EARTH

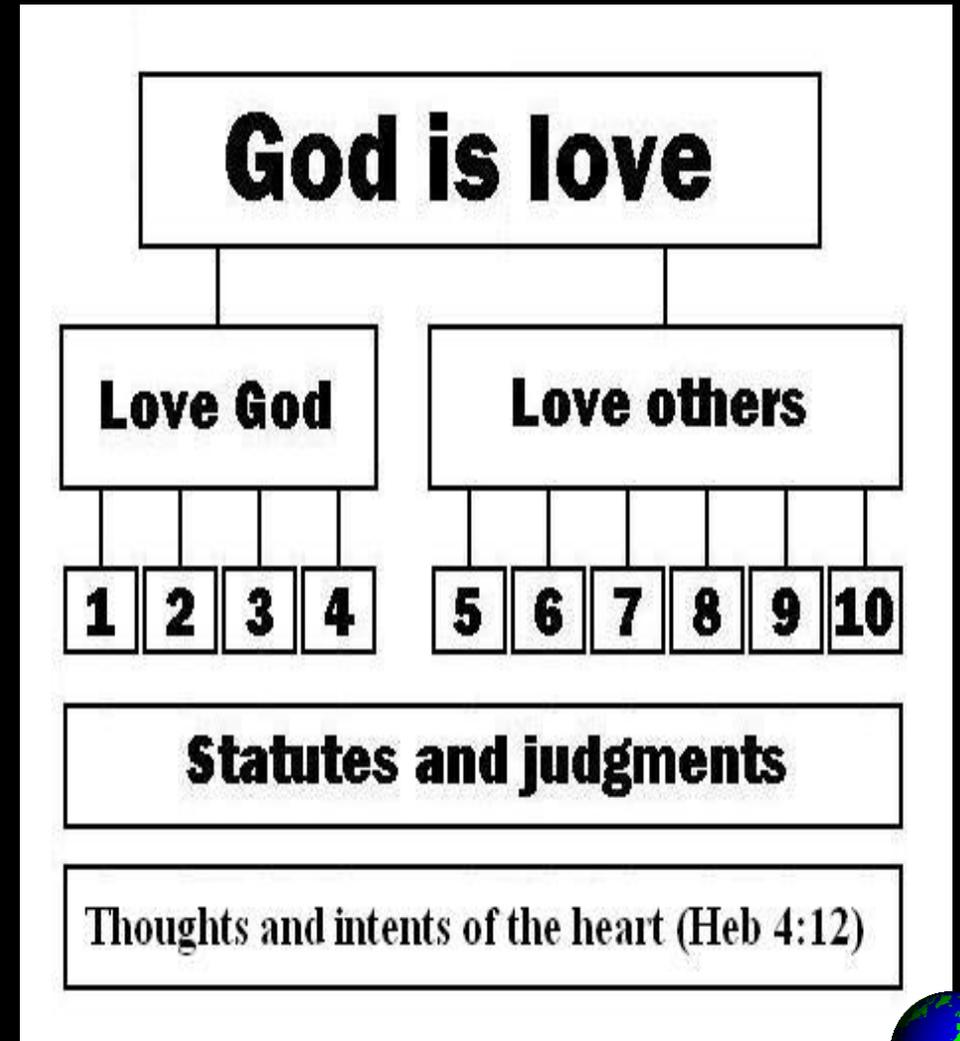


The Two Great Commandments Jesus said:

Many Christians say that the two greatest commandments Jesus gave replaces the ten commandments of the Old Testament.

Is this true? In a word, no! Because Jesus was merely **summing up** the ten commandments, not replacing them. It's so clear when you study the New Testament, that Jesus exalted the ten commandments and gave new meaning to them. He did not do away with them and replace them with "another law".

Matthew 22:37-40 ...'Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'



The Two Great Commandments Jesus said:

Did you know that Jesus above is quoting from the Old Testament? And that these same words were given to Israel right after the law was given? ... *Deuteronomy 6:5* ... 'And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.' ... So, if Jesus was replacing the ten commandments with the two greatest commandments, then how come we also find the greatest commandment in the Old Testament, right after the law was given? The truth is, Jesus was showing us the **CONTINUATION** of God's moral law found in the Old Testament and summing it up as a **LAW OF LOVE**, not replacing it. Of course we are talking about the moral law here, not the ceremonial laws which Christ did away with at the cross (*Colossians 2:14*).



Obedience does not lead to love, but love DOES lead to obedience

The Pharisees were very meticulous about keeping the laws of God, ALL 613 of them. But the problem was, they lost sight of the true meaning of their relationship with God, which was love. They completely lost sight of loving God with all their heart, mind, soul and strength, and the law just became this "thing they had to do" in order to be saved. Hence why they were very legalistic. Without that love for God, the external observance of God's Commandments becomes worthless legalism. **THIS IS WHAT JESUS WAS TEACHING THEM.**

There must first be love in the heart before a person can, in the strength and by the grace of Christ, begin to keep the precepts of God's law. Obedience without love is worthless, which is exactly what the Pharisees practiced. But where love is present, a person will automatically set out to order his life in harmony with the will of God as expressed in His commandments (John 14:15; 15:10).

The 1050 New Testament Laws,
explain the 613 O.T. Laws,
which is summarized in
the 10 Commandments
which rest on

2 Pillars

Love
God

Love your
Neighbour



Take a look at what Paul says about the commandments to do with loving each other

Hebrews 13:9-10 - For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

Do you see? Paul is **SUMMING UP** the 6 commandments to do with loving your neighbour into one command. **But does this replace and do away with those 6 commandments? Of course not.** Paul is just summing them up and showing that they are commandments of love. **And that is exactly what Jesus was doing with the two greatest commandments.**

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment ..."

"And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these." - Jesus (Mark 12:30-31)

LOVE GOD	
DON'T	DO
Have Any Other Gods be prideful love your life save your life	1 Make God (Love) First be humble hate your life lose your life
Worship Idols (Dirt) be greedy love money love possessions	2 Worship God (Spirit) deny yourself take up your cross love God not pleasure
Take God's Name in Vain curse use filthy talk blaspheme Holy Ghost	3 Glorify God's Name bless sing to the Lord control your tongue
Forget Sabbath Day work defile profane	4 Keep Sabbath Holy rest do good delight in the Lord
Dishonor Your Parents disobey curse mock	5 Honor Your Parents obey be thankful respect

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LOVE NEIGHBOR	
DON'T	DO
Murder be angry without cause hate your brother seek revenge	6 Forgive slow to wrath turn the other cheek pray for enemies
Commit Adultery lust sexually fornicate be homosexual	7 Honor Marriage Bed crucify the flesh respect marriage guard temple
Steal thieve rob the poor cheat	8 Give lend to those asking help the needy labor to give
Bear False Witness lie slander or gossip deceive	9 Speak the Truth be honest edify testify
Covet Possessions hoard worry love the world	10 Be Content take no thought for life store heavenly treasure set affections above

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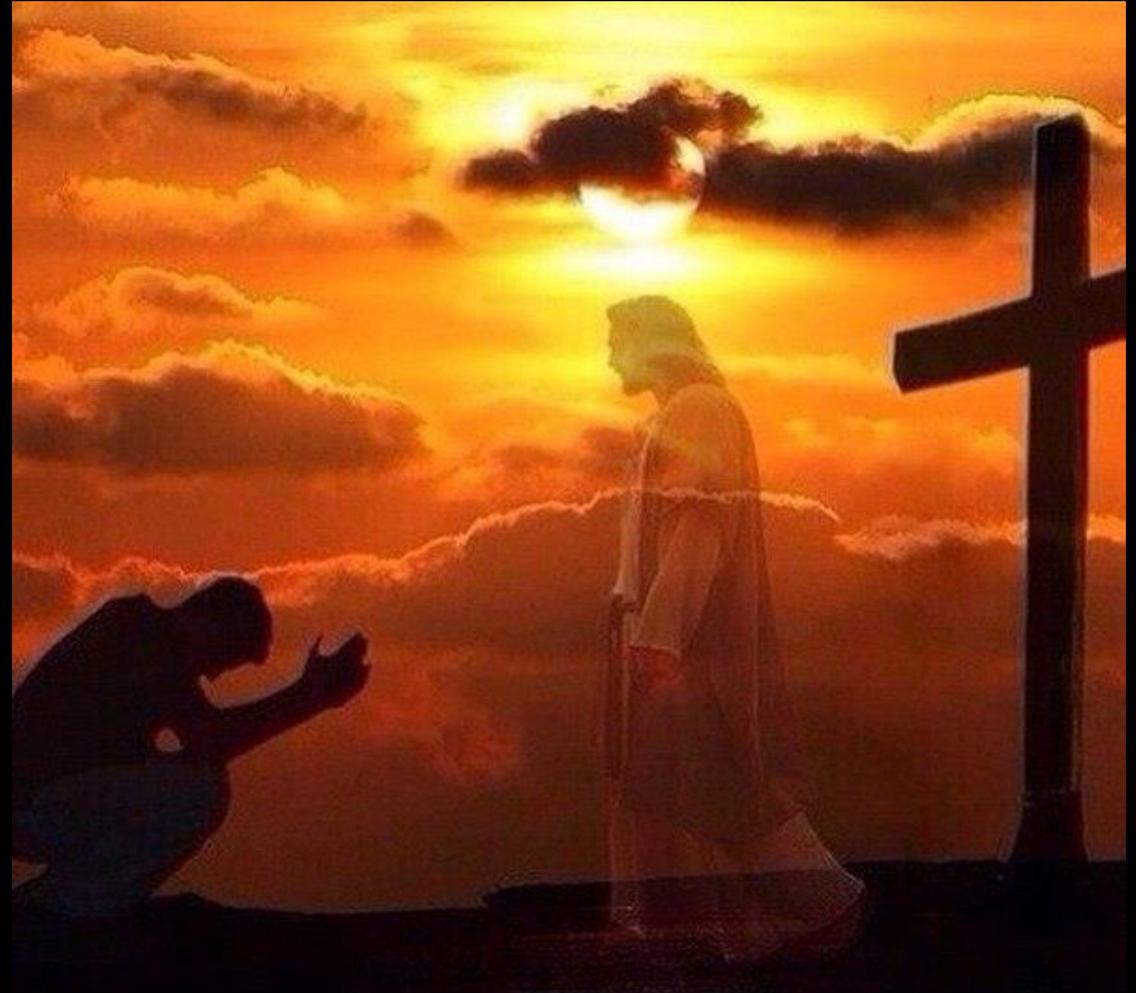


Need to Restore the Image of God in Man

But the Fall of Genesis 3 separated God and humanity. It created a gulf that cannot be bridged. Humans fall under the dominion of Satan. They are banished from Eden, but not without hope. The prophecy of [Genesis 3:15](#), with its seed theology, signals radical intervention.

Fallen human nature faced two major dilemmas:

- 1) Helplessness to break free from the grip of evil.**
- 2) Powerlessness to live for God.**



Need to Restore the Image of God in Man

Thus the human family tries everything:

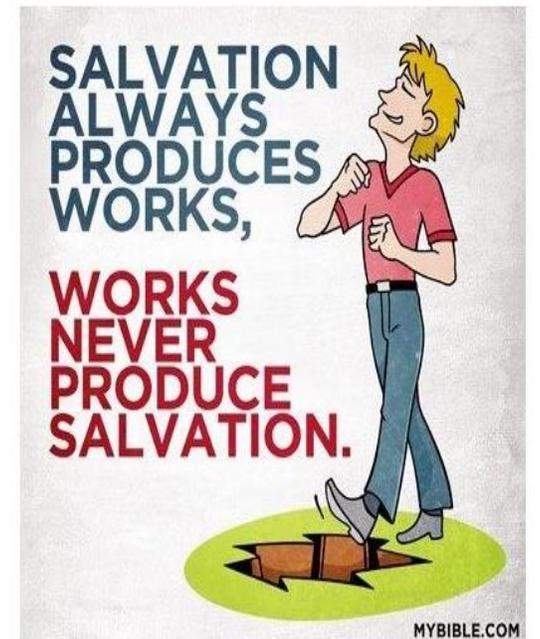
- Religion to placate angry gods and earn freedom in the afterlife.
- Works of goodness on one hand & self-mutilation on the other to demonstrate our sincerity.
- Culture and the arts to refine ourselves into circumspection.
- Education to amass knowledge that yields personal understanding; self-discipline, self-purging, self-reflection, self-esteem, self-mastery, self-control, and self-expression.

And still we humans are not free.

Good Works Are....

NOT the MEANS of
our Salvation

BUT the EVIDENCE
of our Salvation



Sacrifice to Victory

1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. – [Revelation 5](#)



Sacrifice to Victory

Revelation 5 pictures the first vision of the Lamb of salvation. John the Revelator establishes the Lamb's worthiness to redeem and oversee the plan of salvation.

Stop weeping, John—the Restorer has come.

He's the Lily of the valley – Song of Solomon 2:1

He's the Bright and Morning Star – Revelation 22:16

He's fairer than ten thousand – Song of Solomon 5:10



I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star. (Revelation 22:16)



Sacrifice to Victory

Revelation's presentation of impotent humanity answers the serpent's contention in Genesis that humanity can find freedom by exercising its moral autonomy apart from God.

The question raised by the serpent in Genesis 3 is finally answered by the presentation of humanity in the Apocalypse: no human can free us from our fallen condition, **"no one was found who was worthy."** In the Apocalypse, humans are either under the power of the Lamb: Jesus or the control of the enemy: Satan.

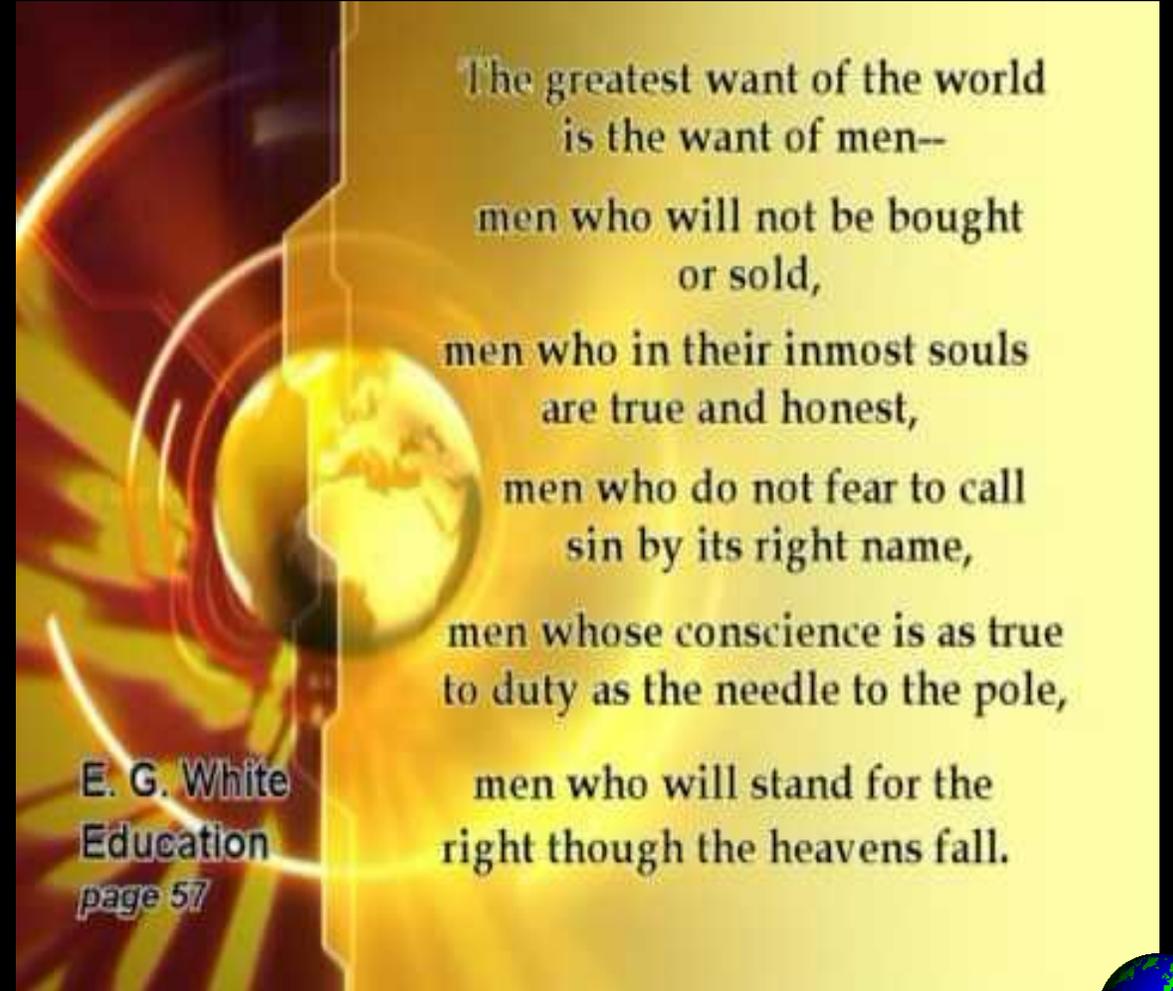


Sacrifice to Victory

Thank God that in following Him we commit ourselves to His ministry of reclamation and restoration. We stand for what He stands for. As Ellen White wrote: "The greatest want of the world is the want of [men and women]. . . who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." – [Education p57](#). To see the good that's salvageable in our lives is to be restorers, to raise up foundations.

The image of God will be restored in God's people. But that restoration is accomplished by the indomitable strength of the Lamb.

[Revelation 5](#) establishes a new way for Him to conquer evil: by sacrificing His way to victory.



Sacrifice to Victory

The surprise of the Apocalypse is that the ironic weakness of the apocalyptic lamb is the sacrifice leading to victory. He is nothing like He appears. He is announced by the elder of [Revelation 5:4](#) as a roaring lion, but He appears as a wounded though standing Lamb in [verse 6](#). The power of the Lamb arose from His sacrifice. **Restoration is purchased by His sacrifice.**

The gospel story reminds us that there was Jesus who gave all, who was scorned and ridiculed. **But He loved us more than He loved Himself.** He gave His eyes that the lost might see. He gave His heart that the lost might love. He gave His hands that the lost might serve. He gave his blood that lost humanity might live. In the words of Isaiah the prophet: "By his wounds we are healed" ([Isaiah 53:5](#)).



Everything lost in Genesis is restored in Revelation

In Genesis God's garden was lost; God's garden is restored in Revelation.

In Genesis access to the tree of life was lost; access to the tree of life is restored in Revelation.

In Genesis access to the garden is lost; in Revelation access to the garden is restored.

In Genesis a curse replaced a blessing; in Revelation, a blessing replaces the curse.

In Genesis our title deed to Planet Earth was lost, but in Revelation the title deed is restored.

In Genesis hope is lost; in Revelation hope is restored.

In Genesis face-to-face communion is lost; in Revelation face-to-face fellowship is restored.



The Restoration of Adam and all things

After his expulsion from Eden, Adam's life on earth was filled with sorrow. Every dying leaf, every victim of sacrifice, every blight upon the fair face of nature, every stain upon man's purity, was a fresh reminder of his sin. Terrible was the agony of remorse as he beheld iniquity abounding, and, in answer to his warnings, met the reproaches cast upon himself as the cause of sin. With patient humility he bore, for nearly a thousand years, the penalty of transgression. Faithfully did he repent of his sin and trust in the merits of the promised Saviour, and he died in the hope of a resurrection. The Son of God redeemed man's failure and fall; and now, through the work of the atonement, Adam is reinstated in his first dominion. [GC 647.3](#)



The Restoration of Adam and all things

Transported with joy, he beholds the trees that were once his delight—the very trees whose fruit he himself had gathered in the days of his innocence and joy. He sees the vines that his own hands have trained, the very flowers that he once loved to care for. His mind grasps the reality of the scene; he comprehends that this is indeed Eden restored, more lovely now than when he was banished from it. The Saviour leads him to the tree of life and plucks the glorious fruit and bids him eat. He looks about him and beholds a multitude of his family redeemed, standing in the Paradise of God. Then he casts his glittering crown at the feet of Jesus and, falling upon His breast, embraces the Redeemer. [GC 648.1](#)

THE BIBLE STORY



CREATION



FALL



REDEMPTION



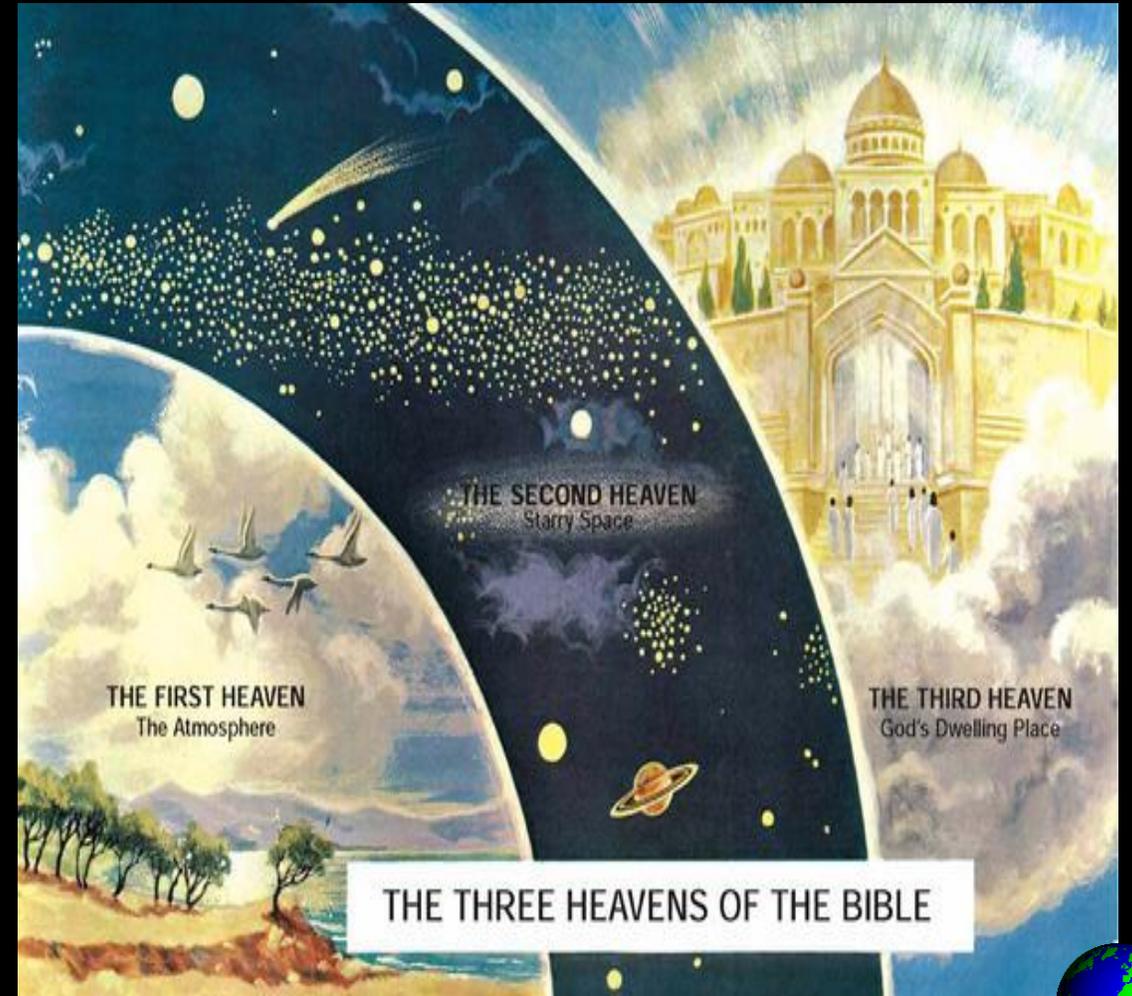
RESTORATION



The Restoration of Adam and all things

He touches the golden harp, and the vaults of heaven echo the triumphant song: **“Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again!”** The family of Adam take up the strain and cast their crowns at the Saviour's feet as they bow before Him in adoration. [GC 648.1](#)

This reunion is witnessed by the angels who wept at the fall of Adam and rejoiced when Jesus, after His resurrection, ascended to heaven, having opened the grave for all who should believe on His name. Now they behold the work of redemption accomplished, and they unite their voices in the song of praise. [GC 648.2](#)



What is it for humanity today

Selected Messages, vol. 1, p. 270:

"The halo of glory which God had given holy Adam, covering him as a garment, departed from him after his transgression. The light of God's glory could not cover disobedience and sin."

Selected Messages, vol. 1, p. 291:

"... The light of the garments of heavenly innocence departed from them; and in parting with the garments of innocence, they drew about them the dark robes of ignorance of God. The clear and perfect light that had hitherto surrounded them had lightened everything they approached; but deprived of that heavenly light, the posterity of Adam could no longer trace the character of God in His created works."

Which direction are you headed in life?



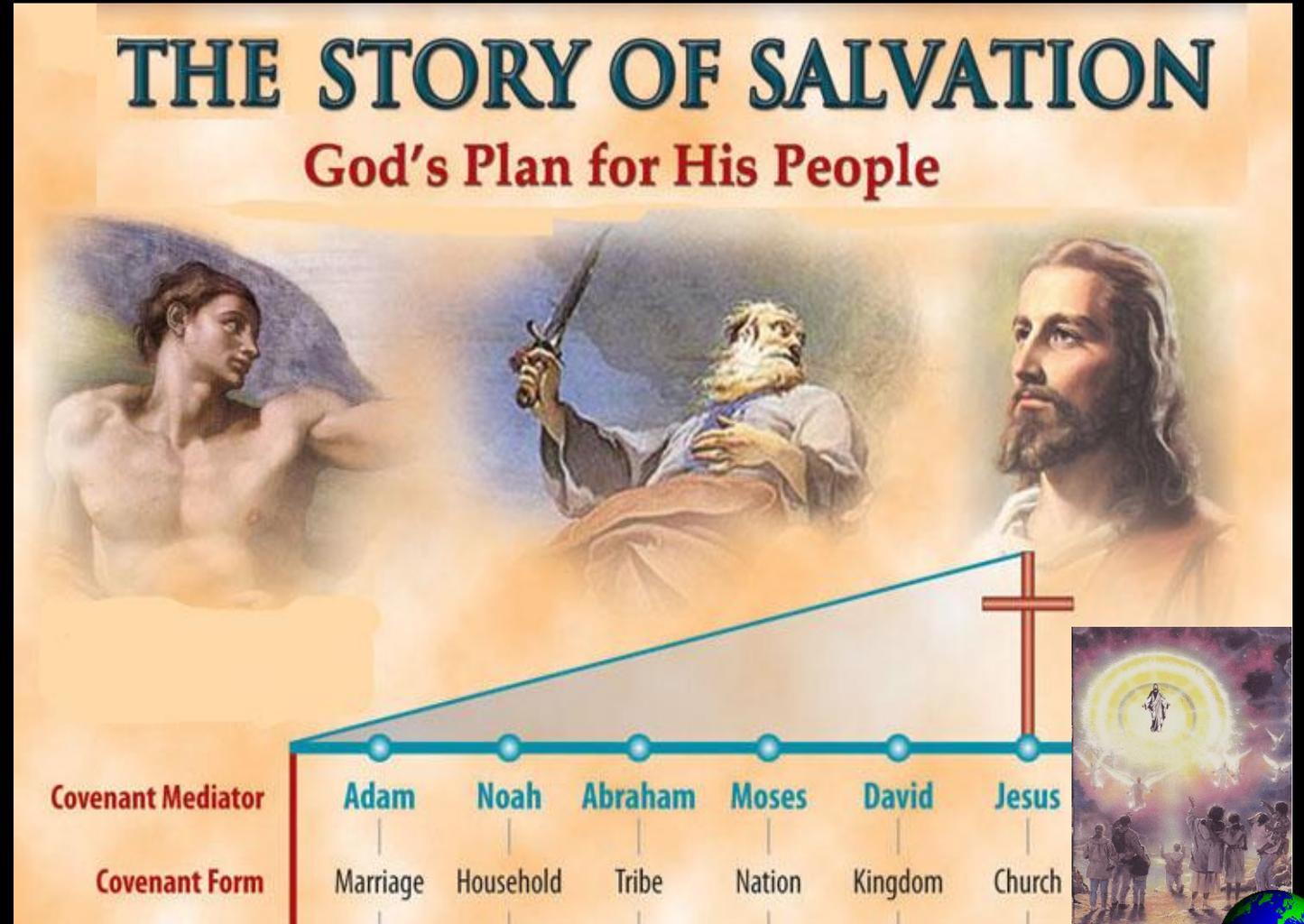
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Adam was the first human being on the planet and the father of the human race. The solidarity is based on the understanding of Adam as the common ancestor of each member of the human race. **He like every one of his descendants, was responsible to God.** When Adam, in an act of rebellion, sinned against God, his nature was corrupted, weakened, and came under the enslaving power of sin. **Being the father of humanity, his posterity received from him the only thing he had, a sinful nature separated from God, unable to obey Him, enslaved by sin, and destined to eternal perdition.** But when Adam accepted the gift of salvation offered to him by God he also provided the possibility for his posterity to accept the same offer of salvation. **Every blessing that God provided to Adam was also made available to his descendants (us).**



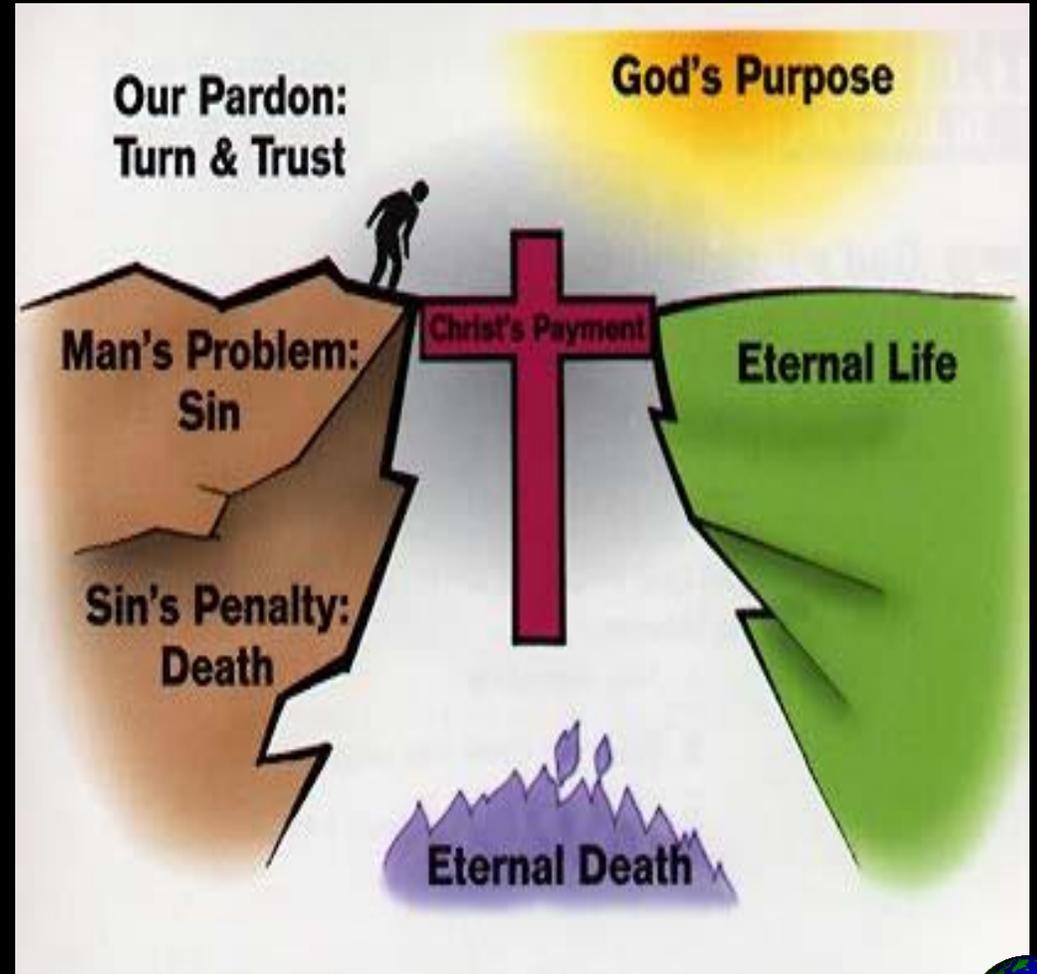
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May we be blessed to see the day of full restoration of humanity. The day is coming soon when salvation is consummated, suffering is eradicated, the Lamb is inaugurated, the new earth is repopulated, the Father is venerated, the Son is elevated, the Spirit is congratulated, Adam is reinstated, God's law is vindicated, the dead resuscitated, death is eliminated, evil is terminated, Eden is recreated, and, according to the final paragraph of *The Great Controversy*, the love of God is eternally celebrated.

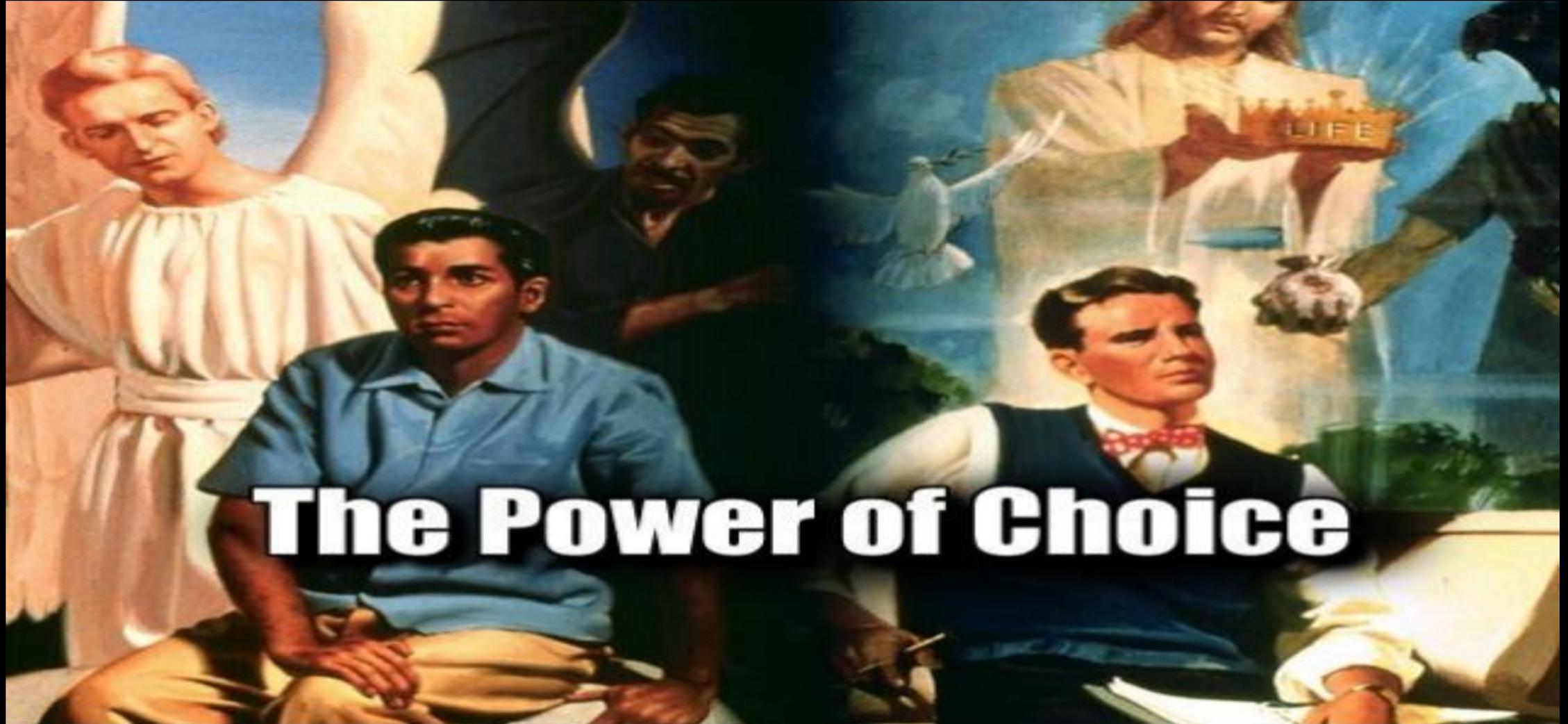


What is it for humanity today

"The Son of God, undertaking to become the Redeemer of the race, placed Adam in a new relation to his Creator. He was still fallen; but a door of hope was opened to him. The wrath of God still hung over Adam, but the execution of the sentence of death was delayed, and the indignation of God was restrained, because Christ had entered upon the work of becoming man's Redeemer. Christ was to take the wrath of God which in justice should have fallen upon man. He became a refuge for man, and, although man was indeed a criminal, deserving the wrath of God, yet he could, by faith in Christ, run into the refuge provided, and be safe. In the midst of death, there was life if man chose to accept it." - *The Temptations of Christ in the Wilderness*, p. 16

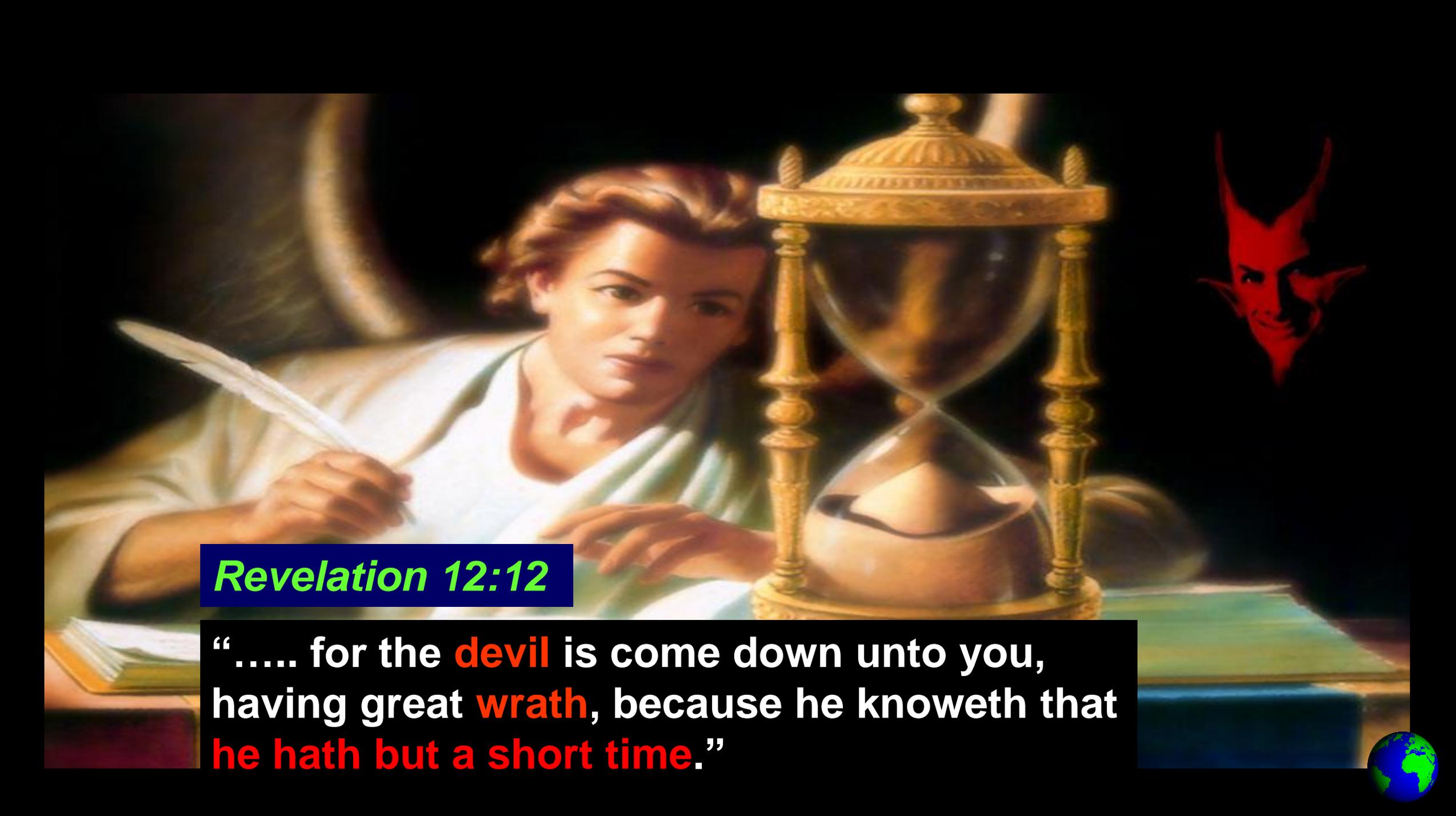


God has given all:



The Power of Choice



An angel with a halo and wings is shown writing in a book with a quill pen. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate golden hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns is visible. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with a book on a desk.

Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?