

## The Glory of God on Display

1 Why should someone speak of the Saga of the Glory of God? Isn't the Bible before us? Doesn't it sufficiently reveal that saga to us? In truth I have struggled over 20 years with these questions. The Bible is before us and it is sufficient to reveal our great God and Savior Jesus the Christ to us. You will see as we move through this material it is only the Bible that sufficiently opens our eyes to this fantastic saga. I put this together simply because I have not heard or seen or read anyone else write on this topic in this way. My goal is to revel in the stupendous glory of God in the way I see God do so in His word to us.

2 What different views do we have here on Genesis 1?

2.1 9 Reasons for a literal view of Genesis 1

2.1.1 The six days of creation are recorded as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ thus the references in normal reading would be 24 hour days

2.1.2 In the Bible when the word \_\_\_\_\_ is preceded with a \_\_\_\_\_ adjective it always refers to a normal day.

2.1.3 Genesis 1:14 talks about \_\_\_\_\_

*"And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,""*

2.1.4 Exodus 20:8-11

*8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

*9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,*

*10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.*

*11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.*

*Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

2.1.4.1 Verse 11 is the kicker here. The previous three verses are talking clearly about a \_\_\_\_\_, when we get to verse eleven that \_\_\_\_\_ is cast right alongside the assumed \_\_\_\_\_ of Genesis 1.

2.1.5 Historical method

2.1.6 In Revelation 12:9; 20:2 Satan is referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_

2.1.7 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Earth - non-issue

2.1.7.1 How old was Adam when God created him?

2.1.7.2 How old were the animals when God created them?

2.1.7.3 If all living beings were created with apparent age why do we assume that the Earth and the Universe for that matter was not?

2.1.8 Adam and Eve are spoken of in the rest of the Bible as \_\_\_\_\_ people.

2.1.8.1 They are mentioned 34 times in the Bible.

2.1.8.1.1 They are mentioned in two books in the Old Testament besides Genesis. In one book their actions of concealing themselves is mentioned and in another Adam is mentioned in a genealogy.

*Gen. 2-5; 1 Ch. 1:1; and Job 31:33*

2.1.8.1.2 They are mentioned in 8 books in the New Testament

*Mt. 19:4-6; Mk. 10:6-8; Lk. 3:38; Rom. 5:12, 14; 1 Cor. 15:22, 45; 2 Cor 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:13-14; and Jude 14*

2.1.8.2 No one who believes that the Bible is the infallible Word of God can doubt the historicity of the account of Adam and Eve.

2.1.9 If Adam and Eve were not historical figures, the fall is a \_\_\_\_\_ and redemption through the cross of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_. See Romans 5:12-19.

*12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—*

*13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.*

*14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who*

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*15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.*

*16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.*

*17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.*

*18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.*

*19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.*

2.1.10 So what we are dealing with here is critically important because it deals with the very nature of redemption - **No Adam means that there is nothing wrong with man and nothing for God to redeem us from.**

### 3 The \_\_\_\_\_ for God allowing sin - Romans 9:22-23

*"22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,*

*23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—"*

#### 3.1 What does Paul propose that God desired to display

3.1.1

3.1.2

3.1.3

#### 3.2 What was the reason for displaying these things

3.2.1 So that the vessels of his \_\_\_\_\_ might know the riches of His \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3.3 Could we the vessels of His mercy have ever come to know these things without sin entering into the world?

3.3.1 Perfect world, perfect state I meet you and say hey did you hear God say that He is wrathful against sin.

3.3.2 It would be like me saying to you that God is arabanded against bij

3.3.3 Your first and second question would be what is araband and what is bij

3.3.4 We are \_\_\_\_\_ beings we are created and by our very nature we \_\_\_\_\_ by the things that we \_\_\_\_\_

3.3.5 \_\_\_\_\_ becomes the means that God uses to reveal His greatness so that the vessels of His mercy might Him more \_\_\_\_\_.

##### 3.3.5.1 What are some other things that we could NOT have known about God without sin entering into the world

3.3.5.1.1

3.3.5.1.2

3.3.5.1.3

3.3.5.1.4

3.3.5.1.5

3.3.5.1.6

3.3.5.2 All of this we owe to the wisdom and mercy of God in allowing sin to enter into the world.

3.3.6 Sin while it brought much pain and strife to us is a mercy that far outweighs our experience because it allows us to know God better.

3.3.6.1 Thus even sin in God's economy becomes a grace to his children

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### 4 How did \_\_\_\_\_ begin to begin with? - The reason that Satan fell - 1 Timothy 3:6 (AMP)

*"He must not be a new convert, or he may [develop a beclouded and stupid state of mind] as the result of pride [be blinded by conceit, and] fall into the condemnation that the devil [once] did."*

#### 4.1 When did Satan come into \_\_\_\_\_? Was he always around?

##### 4.1.1 Colossians 1:14-17

*14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

*15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

*16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*

*17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

##### 4.1.1.1 In this passage we clearly see that all the things in heaven and on earth are created by God and for God

##### 4.1.2 Nehemiah 9:6

*"You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you."*

4.1.2.1 In this passage God made the heaven of heavens or His dwelling place with all of its hosts. This is seen as a distinct and separate thing from the creation of the Earth although they are seen as both being massive creative acts of God. This passages is pointing out that God is the creator of all things not necessarily dictating the exact timing of things. There are passages that point out the timing of events but this is not one of them.

#### 4.2 How could a perfect \_\_\_\_\_ in a perfect \_\_\_\_\_ develop pride

##### 4.2.1 What had to be present for Lucifer to be able to make a decision against God?

##### 4.2.2 Psalm 110:3 (ESV)

*"Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours."*

##### 4.2.3 Psalm 84:11

*"For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly."*

##### 4.2.3.1 God delights in bestowing favor and honor on those who walk uprightly

##### 4.2.4 \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ means that a free being could potentially see themselves as something.

#### 4.3 When did Satan's fall take place - Job 38

*1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:*

*2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? 3 Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.*

*4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, 7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

*8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, 9 when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, 10 and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, 11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?"*

##### 4.3.1 First of all God is pointing out things that Job \_\_\_\_\_ answer things that really \_\_\_\_\_ man could answer.

##### 4.3.2 v4 Laid the foundation of the earth

##### 4.3.2.1 The obvious answer is that Job was not there and neither was anyone else

##### 4.3.2.2 God is laying the foundation here. What is God's idea of a foundation? Rev. 21:14,19-20

*"And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."*

*"The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst."*

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### 4.3.2.3 What does that foundation sound like to you?

#### 4.3.2.4 What if there were a passage of scripture that described something that sounded like that foundation but had Lucifer present in it?

##### 4.3.2.4.1 Ezekiel 28:12-17

*Ezek. 28:12 Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD:*

*"You were the signet of perfection,\* full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.*

*Ezek. 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire,\* emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings.\**

*On the day that you were created they were prepared.*

*Ezek. 28:14 You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you;\* you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.*

*Ezek. 28:15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.*

*Ezek. 28:16 In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you,\* O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.*

*Ezek. 28:17 Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.*

##### 4.3.2.4.2 verse 14 Where did Lucifer walk?

###### 4.3.2.4.2.1 on the holy mountain of God

###### 4.3.2.4.2.2 in the midst of the stones of fire

###### 4.3.2.4.2.2.1 Why do we call stones fiery?

##### 4.3.2.4.3 verse 17 He looked at Himself and thought I really am beautiful

###### 4.3.2.4.3.1 He saw himself as something in and of himself independent from God

4.3.2.4.4 To see yourself as an \_\_\_\_\_ being that has any level of \_\_\_\_\_ sufficiency in the presence of God on whom every breath you take \_\_\_\_\_ is an absolute affront to God's greatness as the creator God.

###### 4.3.2.4.4.1 We are currently so much like Lucifer in this way that it is sobering

#### 4.3.2.5 Job v. 5-7 Were the angel's there before the foundation was laid?

##### 4.3.2.6 Isaiah 14:12-14

*Is. 14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn!*

*How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!*

*Is. 14:13 You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God*

*I will set my throne on high;*

*I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north;\**

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Is. 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;  
I will make myself like the Most High.

4.3.2.6.1 Not just satisfied in thinking that he was something he sought to make himself something and assaulted the throne of God.

4.3.2.6.2 In the mountain of the assembly (the mountain of God) in the sides of the north in the region called eden

### 4.4 The Judgement on Satan's fall

4.4.1 v. 8-11 This section records what God did to the foundation at some point after laying it

4.4.1.1 He shut in the sea with doors (he kept it from getting out)

4.4.1.2 He wrapped it in clouds and darkness

4.4.1.3 He set limits for it and bars and doors

4.4.1.4 He declares that here shall your \_\_\_\_\_ waves be stayed

4.4.1.4.1 What was the cause of Satan's fall?

4.4.2 Genesis 1:2 What is the state of the earth at the beginning of creation

4.4.2.1 The earth is without form and void

4.4.2.2 darkness covers its face

4.4.2.3 The Spirit of God hovers over the waters

4.4.3 Does this have any resemblance to Job 38?

## 5 Genesis 1:1 Title

*"The structure of Genesis is marked by an initial section and then eleven sections with headings. The major structural word is 'toledot' ('these are the generations of...'). It....is often translated 'generations, history's,' or 'descendents.' Francis Brown, S. R. Driver, and Charles A. Riggs explain it as 'Accounts of men and their descendents'1 The NIV translates it 'Account.'*

*This word has traditionally been viewed as the heading to a section. According to this view the book has the following arrangements:*

1. Creation (1:1-2:3)
2. Toledot of the heavens and the earth (2:4-4:26)
3. Toledot of Adam (5:1-6:8)
4. Toledot of Noah (6:9-9:26)
5. Toledot of Shem, ham, and Japheth (10:1-11:9)
6. Toledot of shem (11:10-26)
7. Toledot of Terah (11:27-25:11)
8. Toledot of Ishmael (25:12-18)
9. Toledot of Isaac (25:19-35:29)
10. Toledot of Esau (36:1-8)
11. Toledot of Esau, father of the Edomites (36:9-37:1)
12. Toledot of Jacob (37:2-50:26)

*Since toledot is derived from yalad (a feminine noun that means "to bear" or "to generate"), it refers to what is 'brought forth.' This formula worked for Genesis then marks a starting point combining narrative in genealogy to move from the one point (toledot), to the end (the next toledot). It is Moses' means of moving from the beginning and ending; including the product or result of the starting point."*

Genesis was not called Genesis by Moses. It really did not have a separate overarching title it was just the first book of the 5 books of the law. The sections of Genesis each have titles and the title of the first section is the first verse.

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1 A Hebrew and English lexicon of the Old Testament. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1972, p. 410

2 John F. Walvoord, Roy B. Zuck, the Bible knowledge commentary Old Testament, p.22ff

6 Verse 2 starts the \_\_\_\_\_

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### 6.1 First word should be " \_\_\_\_\_ " (Notes from the NET Bible)

*(translators note) The disjunctive clause (conjunction + subject + verb) at the beginning of v. 2 gives background information for the following narrative, explaining the state of things when "God said..." (v. 3). Verse one is a title to the chapter, v. 2 provides information about the state of things when God spoke, and v. 3 begins the narrative per se with the typical narrative construction (vav [w] consecutive followed by the prefixed verbal form). (This literary structure is paralleled in the second portion of the book: Gen 2:4 provides the title or summary of what follows, 2:5-6 use disjunctive clause structures to give background information for the following narrative, and 2:7 begins the narrative with the vav consecutive attached to a prefixed verbal form.) Some translate 1:2a "and the earth became," arguing that v. 1 describes the original creation of the earth, while v. 2 refers to a judgment that reduced it to a chaotic condition. Verses 3ff. then describe the re-creation of the earth. However, the disjunctive clause at the beginning of v. 2 cannot be translated as if it were relating the next event in a sequence. If v. 2 were sequential to v. 1, the author would have used the vav consecutive followed by a prefixed verbal form and the subject.*

### 6.2 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (tohu wa bohu)

#### 6.2.1 The two other times we see this phrase may help to inform us about what this phrase means

##### 6.2.2 Jeremiah 4:22-26

*Jer. 4:22 "For my people are foolish;  
they know me not;  
they are stupid children;  
they have no understanding.  
They are 'wise'—in doing evil!  
But how to do good they know not."  
Jer. 4:23 I looked on the earth, and behold, it was without form and void;  
and to the heavens, and they had no light.  
Jer. 4:24 I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking,  
and all the hills moved to and fro.  
Jer. 4:25 I looked, and behold, there was no man,  
and all the birds of the air had fled.  
Jer. 4:26 I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a desert,  
and all its cities were laid in ruins  
before the LORD, before his fierce anger.*

#### 6.2.2.1 In this case what is the context of without form and void?

##### 6.2.2.2 Isaiah 45:18

*Is. 45:18 For thus says the LORD,  
who created the heavens  
(he is God!),  
who formed the earth and made it  
(he established it;  
he did not create it empty,  
he formed it to be inhabited!):  
"I am the LORD, and there is no other.*

#### 6.2.2.2.1 How did God not create the earth?

#### 6.2.2.2.2 And yet verse 2 of Genesis uses the word for empty to talk about the earth being without form and void

7 We are going to go through the days of creation in order for you to see the centrality of Jesus to the creation story.

7.1 It is really \_\_\_\_\_ that you understand that God had Jesus in mind from the \_\_\_\_\_.

7.2 In the creation of the earth God is creating a platform on which His glory can be displayed in a greater way than ever before - The \_\_\_\_\_ of creation is about the glory of God as displayed in and through \_\_\_\_\_.

8 Verse three starts the acts of creation as God overcomes the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ brought on the rebellion of the angels.

8.1 Creation of \_\_\_\_\_ is God's first act in this narrative

8.1.1 Light \_\_\_\_\_ darkness that was not emanating from God Himself

8.1.1.1 Perhaps \_\_\_\_\_ the creation of Adam

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### 8.1.1.2 \_\_\_\_\_ the light of Christ - John 1:1-5

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*2 He was in the beginning with God.*

*3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

*4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

*5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

8.1.1.2.1 In this passage we have Jesus being called the word

8.1.1.2.2 We are told that everything was made through Him

8.1.1.2.3 The only things that are mentioned specifically are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

8.1.1.3 Foreshadowing of the general light that God gave to Adam that allowed man to know of the \_\_\_\_\_ that would come. This was the light that men had during the beginning of the earth. It was general light without a specific source.

8.1.1.4 2 Corinthians 4:5-6 - The light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ is compared to the light of creation being called out of darkness

8.2 \_\_\_\_\_ the water from the water and dry land appears

8.2.1 Foreshadows the world wide flood that takes place.

8.2.2 If all the geneologies are accurate then the flood takes place 1656 years after the creation of the earth.

8.2.3 Water is a symbol of God's \_\_\_\_\_ on sin and \_\_\_\_\_ from sin

8.2.4 This is why we are \_\_\_\_\_ in the waters of baptism because it symbolizes the judgement on sin and the cleansing that we undergo in Christ

8.2.5 This is why the earth was flooded at the time of Noah and we will look in more detail at that shortly

8.3 Creates \_\_\_\_\_ life on day three

8.3.1 What was the Garden of Eden filled with?

8.3.2 On what day would it have been created?

8.3.3 Everything in the garden?

8.3.4 So the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was created on day 3

8.3.4.1 This is a problem for the creationist that want to say that verse 31 means perfect

8.3.4.2 Some will declare that the tree is just a test and had nothing about it but there is a problem with that.

8.3.4.2.1 The tree of life was also in the garden and is mentioned in relation to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

8.3.4.2.2 The tree of life imparted eternal life

8.3.4.2.2.1 God had to guard the way to the tree of life lest Adam and Eve eat of it and stay forever in their fallen state

8.3.4.2.2.2 We have no reason to believe that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was any different then the tree of life.

8.3.4.2.3 1 Timothy 2:14 We know that when Eve ate of the fruit of the tree that she was deceived she still became a transgressor but her transgression was due to deception.

8.3.4.2.4 Adam ate of the tree knowing full well what he was doing - We will cover more on this shortly

8.3.4.3 The reason that this is a problem is that if God creates a knowledge of good and evil there must be a reference point for evil.

8.3.4.3.1 If God is perfect and all that He has made is perfect there is no reference point outside of God

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### 8.3.4.3.2 God then becomes the author of evil which directly contradicts James 1:13

*"Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted from God; for God is incapable of being tempted by [what is] evil and He Himself tempts no one."*

### 8.3.5 Another interesting thing that parallels this day is that Abraham was born 2008 years after the creation of Adam

8.3.5.1 Approximately 500-600 years after Isaac is born the people of Israel enter the promised land and begin to conquer it.

8.3.5.2 Almost all of the metaphoric pictures of Israel are plant pictures.

8.3.5.2.1

8.3.5.2.2

8.3.5.2.3

8.3.5.2.4

8.3.5.3 The people of Israel are planted in the promised land during the third millenium roughly corresponding to the third day.

8.3.5.3.1 This is appropriate because plants need light to survive and people need the light of Jesus to survive into eternity

## 8.4 The fourth day of creation is \_\_\_\_\_ in its \_\_\_\_\_ about the expanse of what God creates

*It is also interesting because it is the only day that is repetitive which should make us pay attention to what is going on here and ask why?*

*Listen to the repetitive nature of this record of the fourth day:*

*"14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,  
15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.  
16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.  
17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,  
18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.  
19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day."  
God just could not stop talking about the sources of light that He made.*

### 8.4.1 To get an idea of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's creative power on this day - The Hubble Deep Field experiment helps

8.4.1.1 How many here have heard of the hubble deep field experiment?

8.4.1.2 Here is what they did

8.4.1.2.1 From December 18th to the 30th 1995 they aimed the Hubble telescope at one small part of the sky

8.4.1.2.2 As far as we knew this part of the sky was completely black

8.4.1.2.3 They shot pictures of this part of the sky for 10 days consecutive days or a total of 150 orbits

8.4.1.2.4 The part of the sky that they shot was the size of a dime...75 feet away

8.4.1.2.5 After laying all of the shots on top of each other they discovered in this tiny little patch of sky 1,500... galaxies

8.4.1.2.6 The average size galaxy contains between 100 Billion and 1 Trillion stars

8.4.1.2.7 There could be as many as 1,500 Trillion stars in a patch of sky that is the size of a dime 75 feet away.

8.4.1.2.8 It is reasonable to believe that every single segment of the sky contains that density of stars or higher.

8.4.2 And God called all of that into \_\_\_\_\_ with the word of his power on the 4th day.

8.4.2.1 The fourth day was like a \_\_\_\_\_ - it was the biggest light show display ever

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8.4.3 Why did God make this?

8.4.4 Why wait until the fourth day?

8.5 Day 5 God creates all of the fish of the sea and all of the birds of the air

8.5.1 You see God looked forward in time and knew that at the beginning of the 5th millenium something great would happen

8.5.1.1 Jesus would send his followers out to become \_\_\_\_\_ of men

8.5.1.2 Jesus would return to the Father and send us the Holy Spirit - who is symbolized in scripture by a \_\_\_\_\_

8.5.1.3 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were created on day five because God was looking at His plan and saw the fishers of men being empowered by the Holy Spirit and sent out to bring many in to the kingdom of His Son

8.6 Creates man on day 6 and places him in the garden and gives him 3 rules Genesis 1:28

*"God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply! Fill the earth and subdue it! Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that moves on the ground.""*

8.6.1 Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

8.6.2 \_\_\_\_\_ the earth and \_\_\_\_\_ it!

8.6.3 \_\_\_\_\_ the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that moves on the ground

8.7 One more point that must be addressed - the word very good in Genesis 1:31

8.7.1 Many people will argue that God looked at all that He had made during the creation account and calls it very good so you could not have any evil present.

8.7.2 The word translated as very good is the Hebrew word tamim

8.7.3 Genesis 6:9 (KJV)

*These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.*

8.7.3.1 This word appears 96 times in the Hebrew scriptures. In a vast majority of the instances it is translated as without blemish in reference to the sacrificial animals. It also translated as integrity, perfect, sincerity, whole, upright and it is the term Thummim used in Urim and Thummim (the devices used by the priest to cast lots).

8.7.3.2 The word perfect is translated from tamim, temim, temima, tamat, these are all cousin words that mean almost the same thing in each instance. It can also be derived from shalom, kalil, kelilat, kalelu, khalal, these words all carry with them the idea of being complete, whole or perfect.

9 God bound Himself to a path by the command that He gave to man.

9.1 God's words are \_\_\_\_\_ from our words

9.2 The word "Subdue" kabash or kebash in the Hebrew means:

*to subdue, bring into bondage:—assault(1), brought into subjection(2), forced into bondage(1), forcing(1), subdue(1), subdued(5), subjugate(1), trample(1), tread under foot(1).  
footstool:—footstool*

9.3 It appears 14 times in the Hebrew old testament

*Gen. 1:28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and **subdue** it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

*Num. 32:22 and the land is **subdued** before the LORD; then after that you shall return and be free of obligation to the LORD and to Israel, and this land shall be your possession before the LORD.*

*Num. 32:29 And Moses said to them, "If the people of Gad and the people of Reuben, every man who is armed to battle before the LORD, will pass with you over the Jordan and the land shall be **subdued** before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession.*

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Josh. 18:1 Then the whole congregation of the people of Israel assembled at Shiloh and set up the tent of meeting there. The land lay **subdued** before them.

2Sam. 8:11 These also King David dedicated to the LORD, together with the silver and gold that he dedicated from all the nations he **subdued**,

Jer. 34:11 But afterward they turned around and took back the male and female slaves they had set free, and brought them into **subjection** as slaves.

Jer. 34:16 but then you turned around and profaned my name when each of you took back his male and female slaves, whom you had set free according to their desire, and you brought them into **subjection** to be your slaves.

Mic. 7:19 He will again have compassion on us;  
he will **tread** our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our\* sins  
into the depths of the sea.

Zech. 9:15 The LORD of hosts will defend them;  
They shall devour and **subdue** with slingstones.  
They shall drink and roar as if with wine;  
They shall be filled with blood like basins,  
Like the corners of the altar.

Esth. 7:8 And the king returned from the palace garden to the place where they were drinking wine, as Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. And the king said, "Will he even **assault** the queen in my presence, in my own house?" As the word left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman's face.

Neh. 5:5 Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children are as their children. Yet we are **forcing** our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been **enslaved**, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards."

1Chr. 22:18 "Is not the LORD your God with you? And has he not given you peace on every side? For he has delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is **subdued** before the LORD and his people.

2Chr. 9:18 The throne had six steps and a **footstool** of gold, which were attached to the throne, and on each side of the seat were armrests and two lions standing beside the armrests,

2Chr. 28:10 And now you intend to **subjugate** the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sinned of your own against the LORD your God?

### 9.3.1 What do you think that the word subdue means according to scripture?

#### 9.4 Brian Toews who wrote his master's thesis on this subject says this about the critical nature of this word.

*The possible interpretations are so different, that ignorantly choosing one over the other seriously alters the significance of God's creation of Man and the role that Man has in God's work on earth.*

#### 9.5 If God commanded man to subdue and it means to conquer or to put under your feet then that begins to explain a lot of things.

##### 9.5.1 We were created beings fashioned for fellowship and relationship with God for the express purpose of filling the earth, subduing the fallen element present on the earth and ruling over all that God had created.

##### 9.5.1.1 Look at Noah's commands - Genesis 9:1-2

*Gen. 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.*

*Gen. 9:2 The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered.*

##### 9.5.1.1.1 no subdue - no rule - he is no longer equipped to do either

##### 9.5.2 God did not give Satan the \_\_\_\_\_ of having it be God Himself that defeats Him. But rather God made a created being to put down the created being

##### 9.5.3 Since God commanded man to do it - man must have been equipped to function in the spiritual as well as the physical realm.

##### 9.5.3.1 This is why Satan had to come disguised as a serpent. Otherwise Eve would have seen him for who he was

*This is the only time we see him coming intentionally disguised as something physical*

##### 9.5.3.1.1 2 Corinthians 11:14-15 Paul tells us that Satan disguises himself as an angel of light

*14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.*

*15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.*

##### 9.5.3.1.1.1 Satan always wants us to think that he is in the overtly evil things and often times he is but the truth of the matter is that more often than not he encourages things that are man exalting or things that seem like good truth but in reality are slight perversions

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9.5.3.1.1.2 Donald Grey Barnhouse once said, "What would it look like if Satan took control of a city? Bars would close, pornography banished, tidy, smiling pedestrians filling pristine streets. No swearing. Children would say "yes sir" and "no ma'am". And churches would be filled every Sunday... where Christ is not preached.

9.5.3.1.2 1 Peter 5:8 He is also called a roaring lion but this does not seem to be a disguise so much as a his nature

*"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."*

9.5.3.1.3 If Satan had not come disguised in the garden then Adam and Eve who were \_\_\_\_\_ to deal with him would have seen him and engaged him. They did not.

9.5.3.1.3.1 1 Timothy 2:13-14 What is interesting here is that Eve was deceived.

*13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve;*

*14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.*

9.5.3.1.3.1.1 Who deceived her? Satan \_\_\_\_\_ as a Serpent

9.5.3.1.3.1.1.1 We do not know why this deceived her

9.5.3.1.3.1.1.2 Perhaps they had some way of communicating with animals before they died spiritually

9.5.3.1.3.1.1.3 Numbers 22:27-30 This is the passage where Balaam's donkey talks to him

*27 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam. And Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff.*

*28 Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"*

*29 And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you."*

*30 And the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Is it my habit to treat you this way?" And he said, "No."*

9.5.3.1.3.1.2 While Eve was deceived Adam was \_\_\_\_\_

9.5.3.1.3.1.2.1 Adam saw through the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_

9.5.3.1.3.1.2.2 Adam ate \_\_\_\_\_ that he was not doing what God had asked

9.5.3.1.3.1.2.3 Why did Adam eat?

9.5.3.1.3.1.2.3.1 He could not have known that it was evil prior to gaining the knowledge of good and evil.

9.5.3.1.3.1.2.3.2 We don't know for sure, but at a certain level he had to be knowingly embracing separation from God. Autonomy, independence, perhaps the God like ability to know good and evil.

9.5.3.1.3.1.2.3.3 Adam was not an \_\_\_\_\_ and he was not \_\_\_\_\_

9.5.3.1.3.1.2.3.4 He had just named all of the animals and had superior reasoning ability

9.5.3.1.3.1.2.3.5 No matter what it was at its core it was Adam seeing himself as something apart from God.

9.5.3.1.3.1.2.3.5.1 Independence is and was total rebellion against God - it is why God calls us constantly into a dependent relationship with Him.

9.5.3.2 God said that when Adam ate of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree of knowledge of good and evil that he would surely \_\_\_\_\_.

9.5.3.3 When man ate of the fruit he died \_\_\_\_\_ and it \_\_\_\_\_ like a very real death to Adam

9.5.3.3.1 This is why they knew that they were naked because before they had been clothed with glory and honor

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### 9.5.3.3.1.1 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

*1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

*2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,*

*3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.*

*4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.*

*5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.*

9.5.3.3.1.1.1 The tent of our \_\_\_\_\_ is equated with the tent \_\_\_\_\_ in the heavens

9.5.3.3.1.1.2 Verse two tells us that we \_\_\_\_\_ to put on our heavenly dwelling

9.5.3.3.1.1.3 Verse three tells us that in putting on this dwelling we will not be found \_\_\_\_\_

9.5.3.3.1.1.4 Verse four sees this putting on of the spirit as being \_\_\_\_\_ up by life

9.5.3.3.1.1.5 God has prepared this for us and has given us the Holy Spirit as a \_\_\_\_\_

### 9.5.3.3.1.2 There are two different views of the nature of man

9.5.3.3.1.2.1 \_\_\_\_\_ believe that we are simply soul/spirit and body

9.5.3.3.1.2.2 \_\_\_\_\_ believe that we are body, soul and spirit

*I am a trichotomist because of what we see happening here at the fall of man. This is reinforced in other parts of the Bible.*

### 9.5.3.3.1.2.3 Ephesians 2:1-2

*1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins*

*2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—*

9.5.3.3.1.2.3.1 We point to things like this that describe us as dead and we point to things like the passage in 2 Corinthians that we just looked at as describing a new tent awaiting us that will cloth us and return us to the state we existed in before the fall.

9.5.3.3.2 This is why they hid themselves because they were \_\_\_\_\_ of what they had become - if the putting on of the tent prepared for us is being swallowed up by life then the destruction of that spirit is the swallowing up of death.

9.5.3.3.2.1 They heard God and were afraid because they had been swallowed up by death and the author of life was coming to them

9.5.3.3.2.2 The amazing thing about God coming to them in the garden is that he comes calling them

9.5.3.3.2.2.1 He knew what had happened

9.5.3.3.2.2.2 He did not come in wrath

9.5.3.3.2.2.3 He did not come in judgment

9.5.3.3.2.2.4 He came engaging them - This is grace in action

9.5.4 This is why Satan worked so hard to bring about man's fall. If he could cause man to fall he would be off of the hook because God had bound himself unconditionally to man \_\_\_\_\_ the fallen element

9.5.4.1 It was man's job to do

9.5.4.2 If man was incapable of doing it then Satan was off the hook because God had made it man's job.

9.5.5 \_\_\_\_\_ was passed from Adam to Satan

9.5.5.1 God had made Adam the ruler

9.5.5.1.1 What happens when a king of a country yeilds to another king?

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9.5.5.1.1.1 This is essentially what happened to Adam

9.5.5.1.1.2 He yeilded to Satan

9.5.5.1.1.3 Adam was the ruler of the Earth by God's \_\_\_\_\_

9.5.5.1.1.4 Satan at this point becomes the ruler of this Earth by cunning \_\_\_\_\_

9.5.5.1.1.4.1 John 12:28-31 Here some greeks have come to Jesus and He has explained to them the importance of following Him. Then He calls on the Father to save Him from this hour and to glorify His name.

*"28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."*

*29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."*

*30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine."*

*31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out."*

9.5.5.1.1.4.1.1 The ruler of this world that is being referred to here by Jesus is Satan

9.5.5.1.1.4.2 John 14:30 This is Jesus farewell discourse with the disciples and this part is toward the beginning of it.

*"I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,"*

9.5.5.1.1.4.2.1 Jesus knows that Satan is coming but He also knows that He is without sin and so Satan has no claim on Him. But Satan wanted Him and was coming to make one last attempt to get Him.

9.5.5.1.1.4.3 John 16:7-11 Here Jesus is wrapping up the forewell discourse and He mentions the coming of the Holy Spirit and the work He will do

*7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.*

*8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:*

*9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;*

*10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;*

*11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

9.5.5.1.1.4.3.1 Because the \_\_\_\_\_ has come people know that there is an impending coming judgement.

9.5.5.1.1.4.3.2 It is such a universal idea that it is one of the main ideas that movies are made on. We've all seen movies about the coming cataclysm or aparently inevitable doom

*The reason these movies are so successful is because they strike on a universal chord that has been brought by the Holy Spirit.*

9.5.5.1.1.4.3.3 The ruler of this world is judged and judgement is coming

9.5.5.1.1.5 Satan \_\_\_\_\_ the ruler of this world in the garden when Adam as king followed him into sin.

9.5.5.2 Adam lost his \_\_\_\_\_ and he died \_\_\_\_\_

9.5.6 This is why God immediatly promised a redeemer in Genesis 3:15

*"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

9.5.6.1 God would always be \_\_\_\_\_ to His word so He had to come as man to be faithful to His \_\_\_\_\_ to man.

9.5.6.2 God's promise of Jesus coming here is Genesis 3:15 is what allows God to remain true to His word that man would be the means by which the fallen kingdom is subdued.

9.5.6.3 The son of God because he becomes fully man fulfills God's command to man to subdue the fallen kingdom

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### 10 Satan mounts a \_\_\_\_\_ offensive

#### 10.1 Genesis 6:1-8 In the passage is the sons of God coming and having physical relations with the daughters of men.

- 1 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,  
 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.  
 3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."  
 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.  
 5 ¶ The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.  
 6 And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.  
 7 So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them."  
 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

#### 10.1.1 There are \_\_\_\_\_ different main views here on the term sons of God

- 10.1.1.1 The view that I believe to be the most natural and is also one of the oldest is that these are \_\_\_\_\_ beings. In this case the reference would be to fallen angelic beings or demons.
- 10.1.1.2 The second view and another one of the oldest is that these are \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10.1.1.3 The third view would be that these are the men from the godly line or the \_\_\_\_\_ intermarrying with the women who descended from Cain or the Cainites.
- 10.1.1.4 In the fourth interpretation, "Others identify the "sons of God" as powerful tyrants, perhaps demon-possessed, who viewed themselves as \_\_\_\_\_ and, following the example of Lamech (see Gen 4:19), practiced polygamy."

#### 10.1.2 Lets take a look at some other passages and see if we gain any light on what "sons of God" may mean. There are only three other verses where this term is used in the old testament. These references are all in Job which many consider to be the oldest book in the Bible. Since Genesis is also written very early it stands to reason that the use of this term would be pretty consistent between these two books.

##### 10.1.2.1 Job 1:6

*"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them."*

- 10.1.2.1.1 Since Satan is among them it is reasonable to deduce that the sons of God here are angels and perhaps fallen ones

##### 10.1.2.2 Job 2:1

*"Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD."*

- 10.1.2.2.1 Once again Satan is among them so it is pretty reasonable to see these as angels of one sort or another

##### 10.1.2.3 Job 38:7 - we already looked at this one but

*"when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"*

- 10.1.2.3.1 This is clearly before man was created so these sons of God must be angels

##### 10.1.2.4 Some will argue that angels are non corporeal and so could not have \_\_\_\_\_ with women

##### 10.1.2.4.1 Genesis 18:1-2

- 1 And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day.  
 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth

##### 10.1.2.4.1.1 This is the Lord and two angels

- 10.1.2.4.1.2 in verse eight of this passage the angels eat food

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### 10.1.2.4.2 Genesis 19:2-3

*2 and said, "My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the town square." 3 But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.*

10.1.2.4.2.1 Here the two angels who were with the Lord descend down to Sodom and visit Lot. He offers to wash their feet and he gives them more food.

### 10.1.2.4.3 Genesis 19:5

*"And they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.""*

10.1.2.4.3.1 Here the Angels that came to Lot appeared so physical the men of the city wanted to engage with them in a very physical way.

### 10.1.2.4.4 Genesis 19:10

*"But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door."*

10.1.2.4.4.1 These Angels physically reached out with hands and brought Lot into his house and shut the door.

### 10.1.2.4.5 Do these angels sound non-corporeal to you?

*They don't to me either*

### 10.1.2.4.6 Hebrews 13:2

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."*

10.1.2.4.7 In other words angels can appear to be men in such a normal way that if you ran into them on the street you would not be able to distinguish them from other men.

## 10.1.3 How do we know that this happened?

### 10.1.3.1 Jude 6-7

*6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—  
7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.*

10.1.3.1.1 The angels here are judged for not staying within their own position but left their proper dwelling. This action is compared to the sexual perversion of Sodom and Gomorrah

10.1.3.1.2 These angels were judged harshly as an example to the other angels

10.1.3.2 2 Peter 2:4 Compares destructive heresies brought by false teachers to these angels who crossed a line they were not allowed to cross.

*"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;"*

10.1.3.2.1 God is promising judgement on false teachers for perversion of His word that is equivalent to the perversion that these angel's brought.

10.1.4 What we have going on here in Genesis 6 is that these fallen angels had physical unions with women. They produced a corrupted part man part fallen angel unredeemable offspring.

10.2 What we have here is the attempt of the fallen angels to corrupt the seed of man so that God could not send a redeemer if the entire human race was tainted with unredeemable demon seed then the promised seed would not be able to come and once again Satan would have been free because man was the stated means of conquest over him.

10.2.1 This is why the flood was brought. This wiped out that potential of an unredeemable humanity.

10.2.2 The flood was a sort of baptism of the earth.

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10.2.3 Water is a symbol of judgment on sin and cleansing

10.2.4 That is why water is used in baptism

10.2.5 That is why the earth is covered in water at the beginning of Genesis

10.2.6 Revelation 21:1

*"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more."*

## 11 Further assaults

11.1 Throughout the Old Testament we have events time after time that are aimed at wiping out the children of Israel.

11.1.1 Can you think of any?

*allow some to be mentioned here before moving on*

11.1.2 These are nothing less than the kingdom of darkness \_\_\_\_\_ against the kingdom of light.

## 12 The Cross

12.1 At the cross we have the ultimate attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the seed that would come.

12.1.1 In destroying the seed Satan brought about his own \_\_\_\_\_

12.1.2 It was a \_\_\_\_\_ assault on Christ but it was at the only point where he possibly thought he had a chance of success

12.1.3 In the destruction of the seed which was perfect, the death of \_\_\_\_\_ was brought about

12.1.4 as Adam was swallowed up in death - \_\_\_\_\_ was now swallowed up by life

12.1.5 Romans 5:12-19

*12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—*

*13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.*

*14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.*

*15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.*

*16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.*

*17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.*

*18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.*

*19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.*

12.1.5.1 There is this great statement right in the middle of this. It says in verse seventeen, "For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ."

*The idea here is that what is coming is truly much more, it is an abundance of life. It is going to take everything to a whole new level.*

*C.S. Lewis once said that he imagined that our transition into eternity will be much like the transition of a baby into this world. The baby goes from the constant warmth and liquid environment of its mother's womb where all light is dimmed as it passes through its mother's skin and all sound is muted by the mother as well. To suddenly bursting out into the world where there are extreme temperatures and bright lights and things can be wet or dry, hard or soft, cold or warm. A baby's senses are flooded immediately with a dramatically different world and Lewis thought that perhaps that is what eternity will seem like for most of us. It will be as if we have finally left the womb.*

12.1.6 Because of Christ death on the cross \_\_\_\_\_ with God was given a value and that value was the very death of God Himself

12.1.7 Thankfully that value became important because of the \_\_\_\_\_

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12.1.8 If there was no resurrection there would be no \_\_\_\_\_

12.1.9 1 Corinthians 15:13-20

*13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.  
14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.  
15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.  
16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.  
17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.  
18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.  
19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.  
20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

12.2 Psalm 8:4-6 The link to Christ Subduing

*what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?  
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,*

12.3 Hebrews 2:7-9 Here we are clearly talking of Christ and this passage is seen as fulfilled in Him - He subdues the fallen kingdom

*It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet."*

13 The actions of Christ that attest to His work of subduing

13.1 John 17 - The high priestly prayer - This prayer has \_\_\_\_\_ theologians because the question it raises is why did Jesus take the time to pray these things if He is God. The prayer makes sense when we see it as Christ fulfilling the role that had originally been given to Adam.

*1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,  
2 since you have given him **authority over all flesh**, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.  
3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.  
5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.  
6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.  
7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.  
8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.  
9 **I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.**  
10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.  
11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.  
12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.  
13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.  
14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.  
15 **I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.**  
16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.  
17 **Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.**  
18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.  
19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.  
20 "I do not ask for these only, **but also for those who will believe in me through their word,**  
21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.  
22 **The glory that you have given me I have given to them,** that they may be one even as we are one,  
23 I in them and you in me, **that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.**  
24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.  
25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.  
26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, **that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.***

13.2 We fulfill the command to subdue in the strength of Christ Jesus when we \_\_\_\_\_ Him

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13.2.1 Anytime that God is \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of darkness is pushed back or suppressed. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ in us.

13.2.2 This work is only accomplished in Christ. The goal should be greater \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus and looking to Him.

13.2.3 Mark 9:14-29 This is a great \_\_\_\_\_ from the life of the disciples. It shows us the importance of dependence upon God.

*14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them.*

*15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him.*

*16 And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?"*

*17 And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute.*

*18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able."*

*19 And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me."*

*20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.*

*21 And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.*

*22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."*

*23 And Jesus said to him, "'If you can! All things are possible for one who believes."*

*24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"*

*25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."*

*26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead."*

*27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.*

*28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"*

*29 And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."*

13.2.4 Prayer becomes \_\_\_\_\_ in the hands of Christ

13.2.4.1 Because what we are doing when we pray is \_\_\_\_\_ things at His feet.

13.2.4.2 He uses our prayers often as the \_\_\_\_\_ by which He accomplishes the advancement of His \_\_\_\_\_

13.2.5 Seeking Christ in the word becomes \_\_\_\_\_ to glorifying Him and thus putting down the fallen kingdom

13.2.5.1 When Christ is glorified in our hearts then the fallen kingdom has been \_\_\_\_\_ and pushed \_\_\_\_\_

### 13.3 Ephesians 1:17-23

*17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,*

*18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,*

*19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,*

*21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.*

*22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,*

*23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

13.3.1 God seated Him above all rule and dominion. This means that Jesus has become the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world because He had the right as \_\_\_\_\_ to take back the rulership.

13.3.2 This is Jesus fulfilling the \_\_\_\_\_ of Genesis 1:28. God put all things under his feet.

### 13.4 1 Corinthians 15:24-27

*24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.*

*25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.*

*26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

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*27 For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.*

13.4.1 He must \_\_\_\_\_ until He puts all things under His feet.

13.4.2 All things are put in subjection under Him.

### 13.5 Revelation 5:1-10 The Worthy One

*1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.*

*2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"*

*3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,*

*4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.*

*5 And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."*

*6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*

*7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.*

*8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.*

*9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,*

*10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."*

13.5.1 Why was no one worthy to open the scroll?

13.5.2 Jesus was worthy to open the scroll because while He is God He is fully man and He did \_\_\_\_\_ that made Him qualified to open the scroll.

13.5.3 Also we see that the prayers of the saints are pictured as incense

13.5.4 Because of Christ's death John says that God has made the people that Jesus ransomed a kingdom of priests to God and those priests will \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth.

13.5.4.1 This is \_\_\_\_\_ being restored to man through the work of Jesus

## 14 The Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_ by the curse

### 14.1 Genesis 3:16-19

*16 To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."*

*17 And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;*

*18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.*

*19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

14.1.1 What is common to the curse on both man and woman?

14.1.2 We don't know for sure if \_\_\_\_\_ existed prior to the curse

### 14.1.3 Revelation 21:3-4

*3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*

*4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

14.1.3.1 But we do know that when God wipes away the effects of sin and comes to dwell with man that \_\_\_\_\_ will be no more.

### 14.1.4 Romans 8:18-25

*18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

*19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.*

*20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope*

*21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children*

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*22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.  
23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.  
24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?  
25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

14.1.4.1 The \_\_\_\_\_ of this present time cannot compare to the greatness of the \_\_\_\_\_ that awaits us.

14.1.4.2 Our subjection to pain and suffering causes us to \_\_\_\_\_ for that which is to come

14.1.5 Why pain? How does it bring glory to God?

*I have included my entire treatment of the four points of pain here for your future reference.*

14.1.5.1 It is a \_\_\_\_\_ in a fallen world

14.1.5.1.1 Imagine a fallen world in which there is no pain. On a purely physical level I could steal from you because I wanted to and I might be sent to prison for the crime. Would prison without pain have a reforming effect on me? No! Would there be any real reason for you to want me to go to prison since you do not feel pain either. Not really. We would be constantly cutting ourselves and burning ourselves because there would be no pain to restrain us. Pain in this regard is a grace because it makes reform possible and it provides protection.

14.1.5.1.2 Certainly there are areas of our world where pain and suffering proliferate because the world is fallen. One of the reasons for this is so that the followers of Jesus will reach out and help the sufferers.

14.1.5.1.2.1 Mark 14:7

*"For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me."*

14.1.5.1.2.1.1 Mark almost cast it as a forgone conclusion that we would be helping the less fortunate. Jesus calls us to help those in need. To comfort them with the comfort we have received from Christ.

14.1.5.1.2.2 2 Corinthians 1:3-6

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer."*

14.1.5.1.2.2.1 Paul makes it clear that suffering is a means by which we might bring comfort to the sufferer. In verse six Paul sees it functioning for the sake of not just comfort but for salvation. In the light of the gospel it becomes clear that pain and suffering is ultimately for the glory of God. He uses it to restrain what would be rampant sin and He uses us to bring comfort and salvation to those who are suffering.

14.1.5.1.2.3 This brings us to the second reason for pain

14.1.5.2 Pain is a \_\_\_\_\_

14.1.5.2.1 We have already talked at length about the passages that point to God bringing pain as part of the curse. God gave Adam and Eve physical pain to help them realize that something is wrong. Since they are separated from God this pain points to a need for something more. Often it is pain that is the tool God uses to strip away the blinders and help us to see that we are not self-sufficient. Some people argue that this is self-serving of God. But if God made us for Him then the best possible thing for us is God. Since God is the best thing for us if it takes pain to bring us to Him then that pain becomes the kindest and most gracious thing that He could give to us. Pain in the hands of God becomes a great revealer of our need for Him. God stands there ready to accept any who come to Him. This function of revealing our need is one of the four broad roles I think that pain plays in our lives.

14.1.5.3 Thirdly pain is God's means of divine \_\_\_\_\_

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14.1.5.3.1 Without pain we would have no warning of what is coming for those who fail to repent and trust in Jesus as their Lord. This third reason that God introduced pain into a fallen world has to do with providing meaningful recompense for our rebellion against Him. If there were no pain there would be no way for God to provide corrective discipline

14.1.5.3.2 In Hebrews 12:3-11 the author details how God uses the pain of discipline to bring correction into the lives of those He loves. We would be unruly sons with no means for our loving Father to correct us if not for pain. Knowing how much God hates sin, the heart of a Christian that is focused on God should be bent toward running from sin. We should run like Joseph ran from Potiphar's wife when she tried to seduce him (Genesis 39:11-12). Understanding the great mercy of God exhibited in giving us pain for correction and retribution should drive us more than ever to living for God and telling others about Him.

14.1.5.3.3 Divine retribution extends to those who reject God entirely and never become sons as well. Their judgement will be portioned out according to the evil deeds that they have done (Psalm 28:3-5, Romans 2:5-9). God is a just judge and pain is a means of rendering justice for those who have lived in rebellion against Him. The wages of sin is death. The Bible tells us that they have been given a clear revelation that there is a God in the heavens and yet they have suppressed that truth and pursued their own futile thinking (Romans 1:18-25). Pain and suffering in a fallen world that is in rebellion against God makes sense. It is a necessary component to communicate God's eternal wrath against sin and rebellion. Without it we could never know how much God hates sin (Deuteronomy 12:31).

14.1.5.4 The fourth reason is that pain now will be a \_\_\_\_\_ for future praise

14.1.5.4.1 God had determined in eternity past to send His only begotten Son Jesus, to take the penalty for our sins and become the mediator between God and man. This is how God demonstrated His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). He died and bore the penalty of all those who put their trust in Him. He literally took our place in the judgement of God against our sins. This taking of our place is offered to anyone who will repent and trust in Jesus as their Lord. That is the question that stands before each of you tonight. If you have never repented and turned from your sins are you going to do so tonight? Are you going to repent and seek Jesus with all of your heart?

14.1.5.4.2 Here is where the hope pain brings becomes important. Now think about eternity. What has Jesus promised? Revelation 21:4 tells us, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Jesus promises us that there will be no more pain anymore. The depths of God's love for us is demonstrated by the great pain and sacrifice that Jesus endured on our behalf. The pain that we experience now will be the only reference point we will have for understanding the pain of Jesus suffering in order to remember the depths of His love for us. When we see the nail prints in His hands we will praise Him because of the pain we have as a reference point for understanding His pain. While our understanding is stunted in comparison to the infinite pain He endured for us it is never the less an important reference point we take with us into eternity. When Christians endure pain and suffering here we are storing up future praise for our Lord Jesus. The pain we experience will be a vast reservoir we will draw from to praise Him for His glorious work on the cross for us. Living with my eyes focused on God and heaven will help me to look past the pain to the great God and Savior that I serve. It will help me to embrace the pain He sets before me as a corrective and loving tool that draws me to Him. The pain God allows becomes a grace by which Jesus will be valued more fully by me in all of eternity. The question for you tonight is will the pain you have experienced and perhaps are experiencing, drive you to the feet of Jesus seeking comfort or repenting of your sin or will you use that pain as an excuse to continue to rebel against Him? And thus ultimately face the pain of His wrath.

14.1.6 Pain is a means that God uses to dispense \_\_\_\_\_ to His people and Glorify the Son for all eternity

## 15 One final thought and then the final point

15.1 Why did God not \_\_\_\_\_ to save everyone?

15.1.1 We do not know for sure - but one logical conclusion is this.

15.1.2 If man could potentially come to think too much of Himself in a free environment, then certainly if God saved all mankind or even most of mankind someone at sometime might have a problem. At some point in eternity someone could come to think that man certainly must be really important for God to have saved most of them.

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This thought could become the beginning of pride. There is no time in eternity that this thought will ever cross the mind of redeemed man because narrow is the gate and few find it.

15.1.3 There is nothing intrinsically important about man outside of Jesus Christ.

16 God did all of this to secure for himself a people that would freely love him Psalm 110:3

*"Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours."*

16.1 God has done all of this to \_\_\_\_\_ for Himself a people who will love Him freely for all eternity with no potential of ever falling. He can now \_\_\_\_\_ to bless His people without any of them ever developing pride in a perfect and free environment.

16.2 This is a \_\_\_\_\_ work of Christ's redemption