

ROADMAP TO DISCUSSIONS

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WHAT IS WRONG IN THE WORLD





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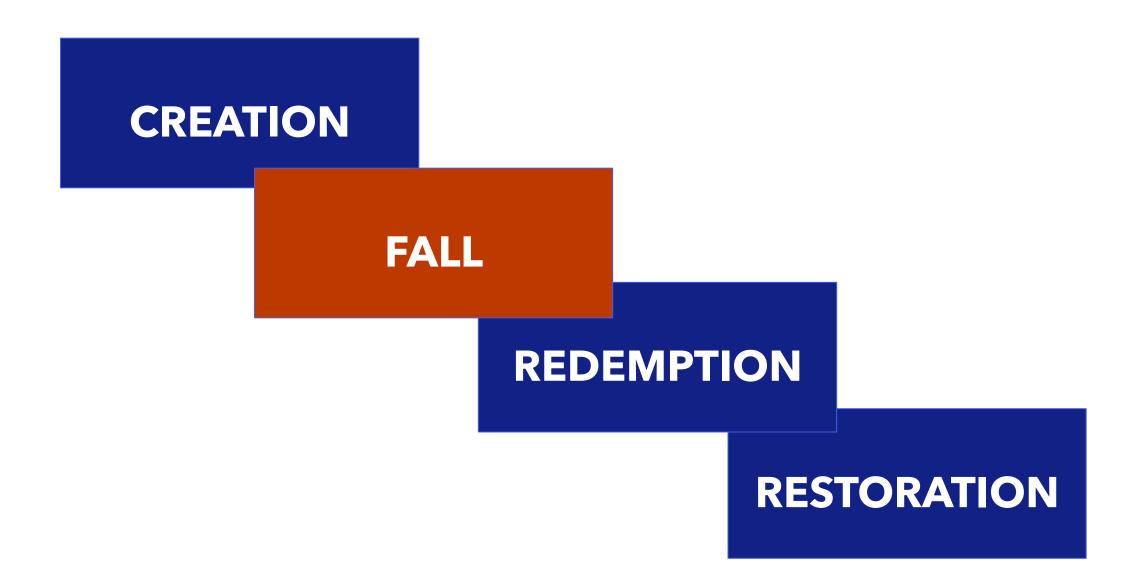


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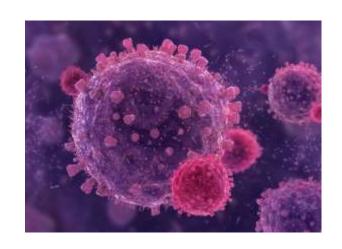


Coolidge
Harding
Wilson
Roosevelt
McKinley

GOD'S STORY IN FOUR CHAPTERS



WHAT HAPPENED WITH GOD'S GOOD CREATION?





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BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

MAN IS EITHER

Naturally GOOD

OR

Naturally SINFUL

IF MAN IS NATURALLY GOOD

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- Culture
- Religions and Governments
- Oppression

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If only we could...

Build a Utopia - a perfect society -

where people are allowed to

become their best selves

MAN IS NATURALLY GOOD

Throughout History

How has this worked out?

IF MAN IS NATURALLY GOOD

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How has this worked out?

- **False Teaching**
- Slavery
- **Oppression**
- **Societal Evils**

SO ... WHAT IS

RUE?

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That pain exists means that God is either not good or not all powerful

THE FALL



GOD'S COMMAND TO ADAM



Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and tend it. The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may freely eat; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it you will certainly die."

-Genesis 2:15-17



Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die! For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves waist coverings.



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BECAUSE OF THE FALL: ALL CREATION GROANS



For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

-Romans 8:20-22

THE FALL



Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned

-Romans 5:12

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

-1 John 2:16

ALL MEN KNOW THE TRUTH BUT ...



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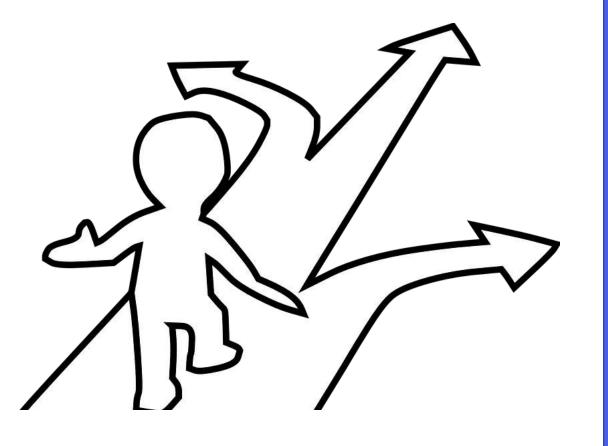


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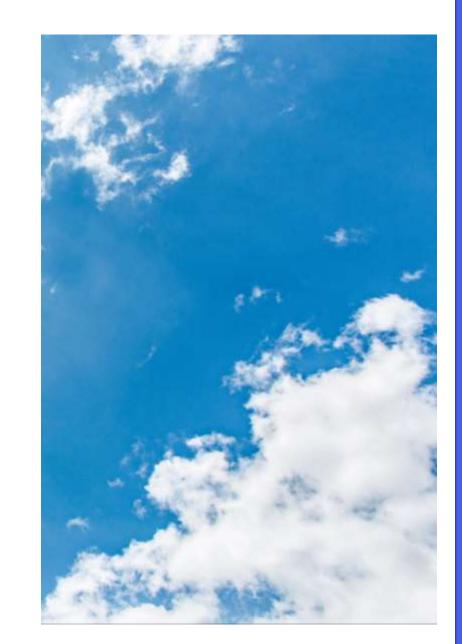
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GOD GAVE US A CHOICE

Obey Him

Or Not

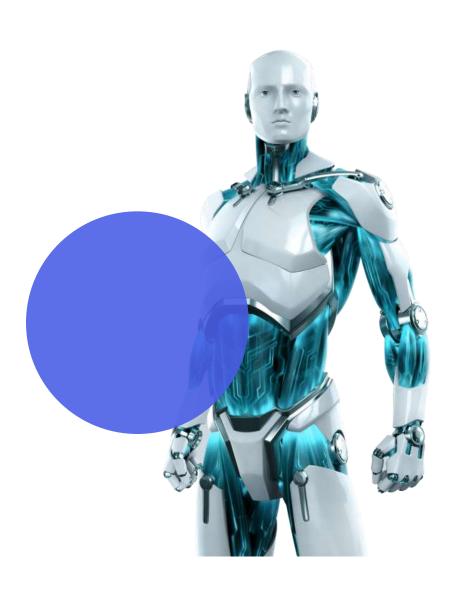


WE NEEDED TO BE FREE TO CHOOSE

Free to choose to obey God and live to glorify Him

OR

Free to choose to obey our own desires



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