



# Lies of the Deceiver

## Genesis 3:1-9

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# Human Nature?

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- ❖ Blank Slate?  
(John Locke's empiricism)
- ❖ Noble Savage?  
(Jean-Jacques Rousseau's romanticism)
- ❖ Ghost in the Machine?  
(Rene Descartes' dualism)

# Lies of the Deceiver:

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- ❖ You can be the judge.
- ❖ You cannot trust the goodness of God.
- ❖ You can save yourself.



# One story:

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- ❖ Paradise (Genesis 1-2)
- ❖ Paradise Lost (Genesis 3 – Revelation 20)
- ❖ Paradise Regained (Revelation 21-22)



# Genesis =

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- ❖ Origin
- ❖ Source
- ❖ Generation
- ❖ Beginning

# Genesis series 2016-2018

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- ❖ Origins (1-11) – Spring, 2016
- ❖ Abraham (11-25) – Fall, 2016
- ❖ Isaac (24-28) – Spring, 2017
- ❖ Jacob (27-38) – Fall, 2017
- ❖ Joseph (37-50) – Spring, 2018



# Genesis 1-11

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- ❖ Creation (1)
- ❖ Creation (2)
- ❖ Fall (3)
- ❖ Cain and Abel (4)
- ❖ Genealogy (5)
- ❖ Flood (6-9)
- ❖ Genealogy (10)
- ❖ Tower of Babel (11)

# Genesis 1 application:

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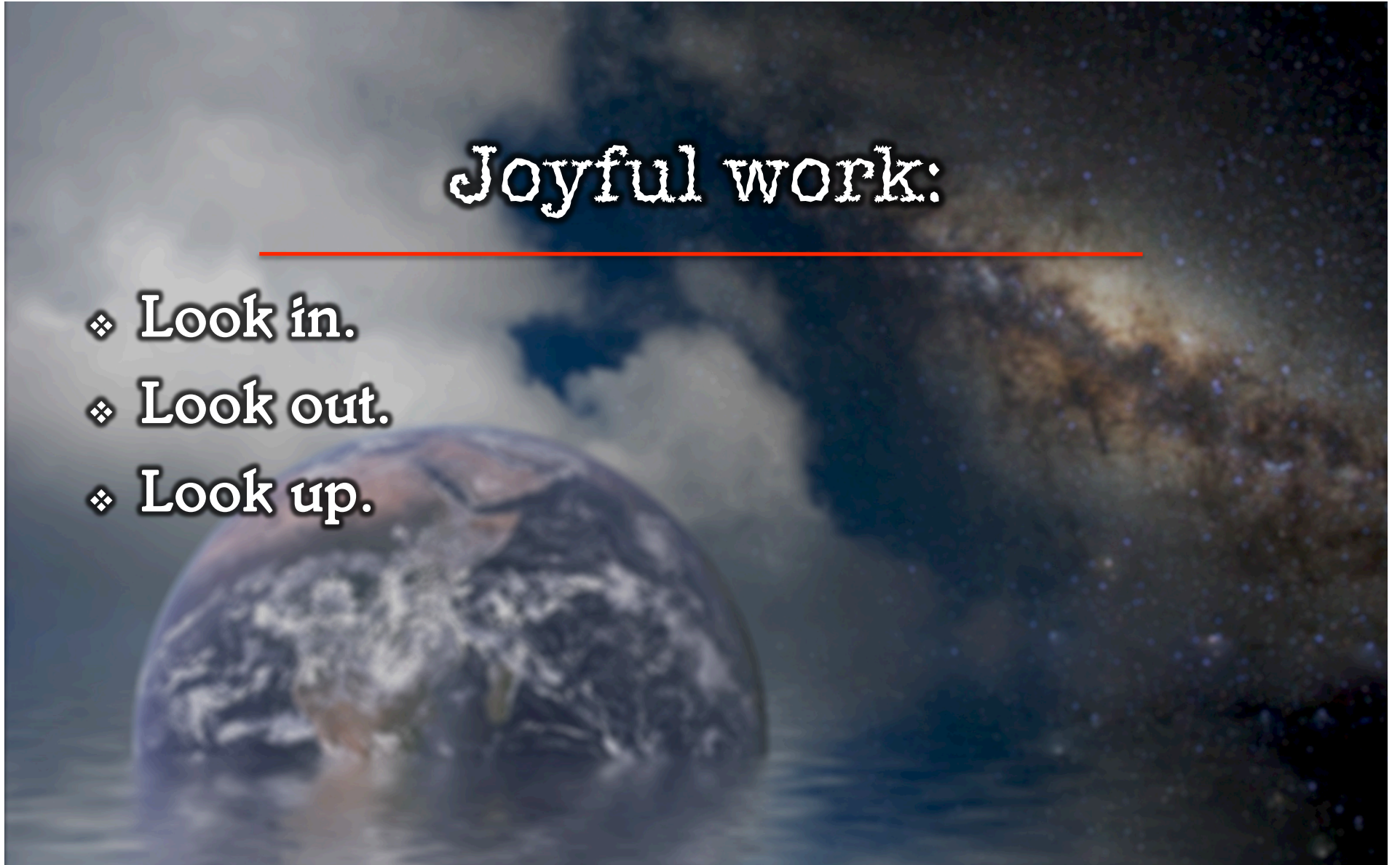
- ❖ God created.
- ❖ His creation is good.
- ❖ His creation reflects his glory.
- ❖ Jesus reconciles us to God.
- ❖ We are to worship God and reflect his glory.



# Joyful work:

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- ❖ Look in.
- ❖ Look out.
- ❖ Look up.



# Genesis 2:1-15 application:

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- ❖ Work is not bad.
- ❖ Work is not everything.
- ❖ Work is a gift from God.
- ❖ Work is an opportunity to worship God.
- ❖ We need rest.
- ❖ Jesus gives us ultimate rest.



## Matthew 11:28-30

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[Jesus]: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

# GOOD or not?

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## GOOD:

- ❖ Light (1:4)
- ❖ Land and seas (1:10)
- ❖ Plants and trees (1:12)
- ❖ Day and night (1:18)
- ❖ Fish and birds (1:21)
- ❖ Land animals (1:25)
- ❖ Humanity! (1:31)



# Good or NOT?

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**NOT:**

- ❖ For man to be alone (2:18)



# Paradise:

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- ❖ Great food
- ❖ Power
- ❖ Fellowship with God
- ❖ But also loneliness



# Our culture vs. Biblical values:

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- ❖ Goals are primary; relationships secondary.
- ❖ We value privacy over accountability.
- ❖ We don't like to join or commit.
- ❖ Singleness is an affliction.

# Genesis 2:15-25

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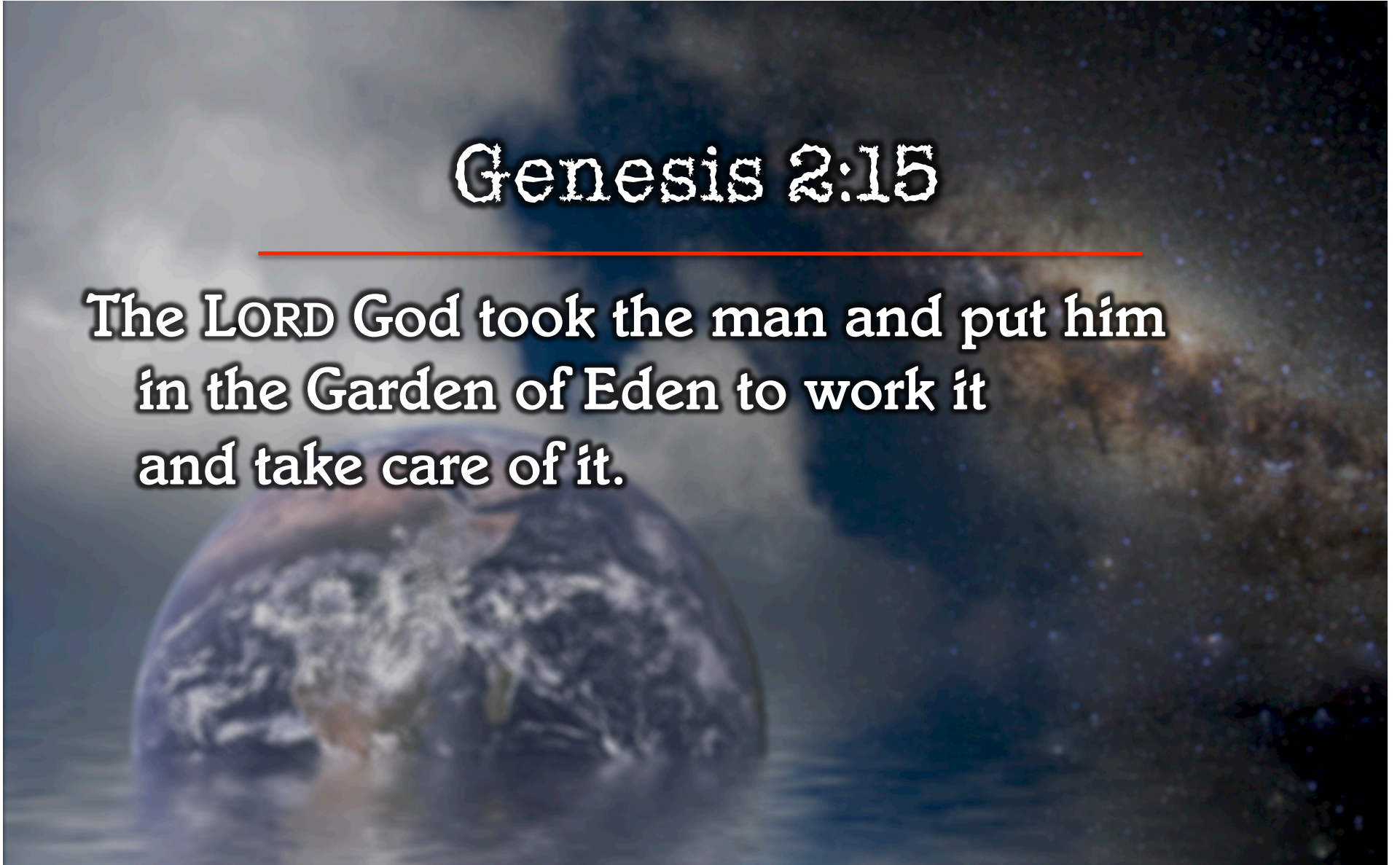
- ❖ We need relationships.
  - ❖ With God
  - ❖ With people
    - ❖ Like us
    - ❖ Different from us
- ❖ Jesus took our shame so we can be unashamed.



# Genesis 2:15

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The LORD God took the man and put him  
in the Garden of Eden to work it  
and take care of it.



## Genesis 2:16-17

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And the LORD God commanded the man,  
“You are free to eat from any tree in the  
garden; but you must not eat from the tree  
of the knowledge of good and evil, for when  
you eat from it you will certainly die.”



# “knowledge of good and evil”?

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- ❖ Sexuality?
- ❖ Omniscience?
- ❖ Moral autonomy?

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# Genesis 3:1

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## Isaiah 14:12

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How you have fallen from heaven,  
morning star, son of the dawn!  
You have been cast down to the earth,  
you who once laid low the nations!



## Isaiah 14:13

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You said in your heart,  
“I will ascend to the heavens;  
I will raise my throne  
above the stars of God;  
I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,  
on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.

## Isaiah 14:14-15

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**“I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;  
I will make myself like the Most High.”  
But you are brought down to the realm of the dead,  
to the depths of the pit.**



## Ezekiel 28:12

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“Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says:  
You were the seal of perfection,  
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.’

## Ezekiel 28:13

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“You were in Eden,  
the garden of God;  
every precious stone adorned you:  
carnelian, chrysolite and emerald,  
topaz, onyx and jasper,  
lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl.



## Ezekiel 28:13

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**“Your settings and mountings were made of gold;  
on the day you were created they were prepared.**



## Ezekiel 28:14

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“You were anointed as a guardian cherub,  
for so I ordained you.  
You were on the holy mount of God;  
you walked among the fiery stones.



## Ezekiel 28:15

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**“You were blameless in your ways  
from the day you were created  
till wickedness was found in you.**

## Ezekiel 28:16

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“Through your widespread trade  
you were filled with violence,  
and you sinned.

So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God,  
and I expelled you, guardian cherub,  
from among the fiery stones.



## Ezekiel 28:17

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“Your heart became proud  
on account of your beauty,  
and you corrupted your wisdom  
because of your splendor.  
So I threw you to the earth;  
I made a spectacle of you before kings.”

## Luke 10:18-19

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He [Jesus] replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.”



## Revelation 12:9

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The great dragon was hurled down — that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

## Revelation 20:1-2

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And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.



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# Jedediah Purdy

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“Irony has become our marker of worldliness and maturity. The ironic individual practices a style of speech and behavior that avoids all appearance of naïveté — of naïve devotion, belief or hope.”



# Friedrich Nietzsche:

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“There are no eternal facts, as there are no absolute truths.”



## Genesis 3:2-3

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The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"



## Genesis 3:4-5

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**“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”**

## John 8:44

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[Jesus]: “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”



# Wrong views of God:

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- ❖ **Legalist:**

“I will behave so well that God will owe me.”

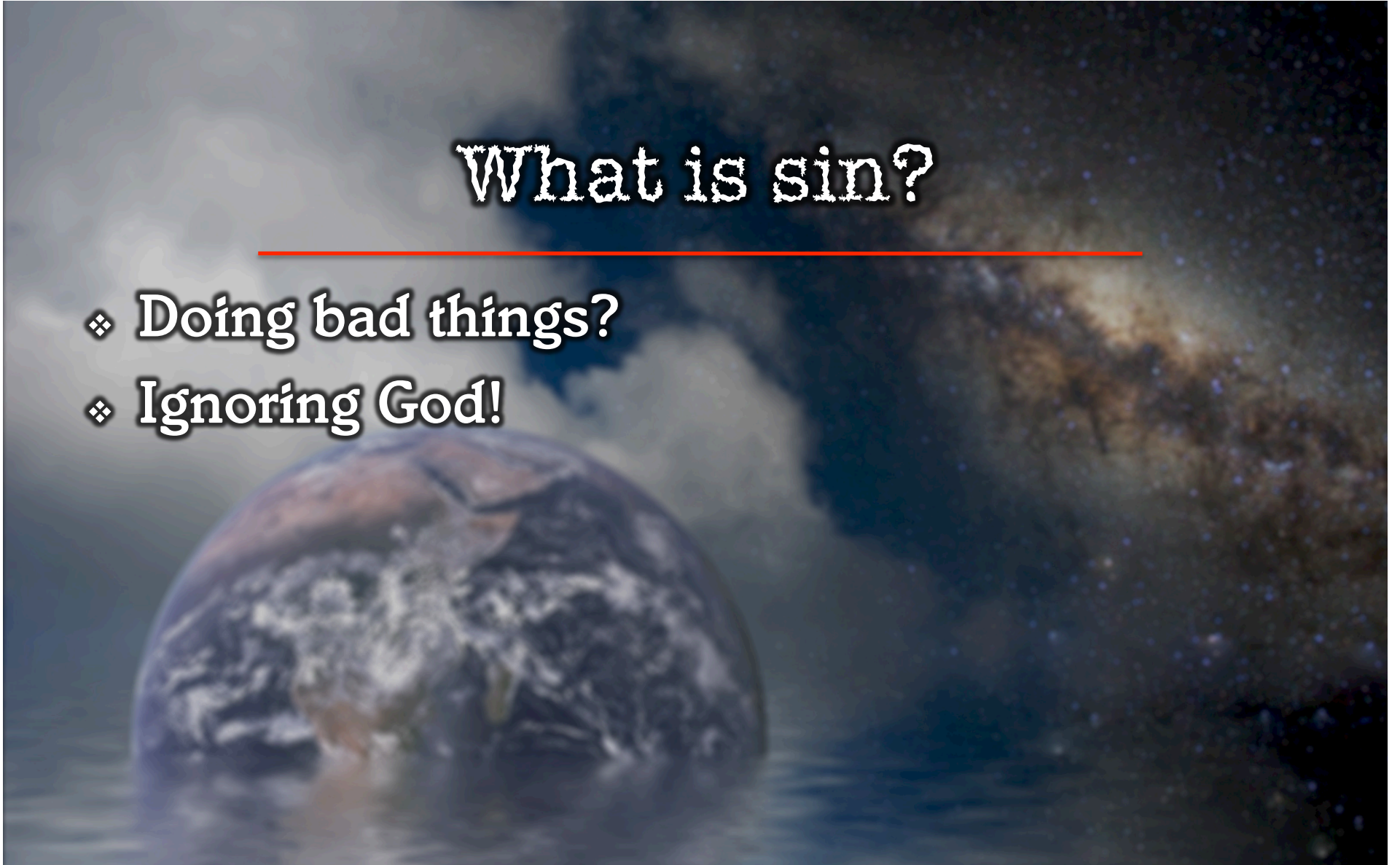
- ❖ **Libertine:**

“I will not surrender to God because he would stifle me.”

# What is sin?

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- ❖ Doing bad things?
- ❖ Ignoring God!





# Satan's strategy:

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- ❖ Promoting bad things
- ❖ Twisting good things



## Genesis 3:6

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When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.



# 1 John 2:16

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For everything in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — comes not from the Father but from the world.

# Proverbs 1:7

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,  
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.





## Genesis 3:7

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Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

# Adam and Eve's alienation:

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- ❖ Spiritual
- ❖ Psychological
- ❖ Social



## Genesis 3:8-9

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Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

## Psalm 139:7-8

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Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.



# Two Trees:

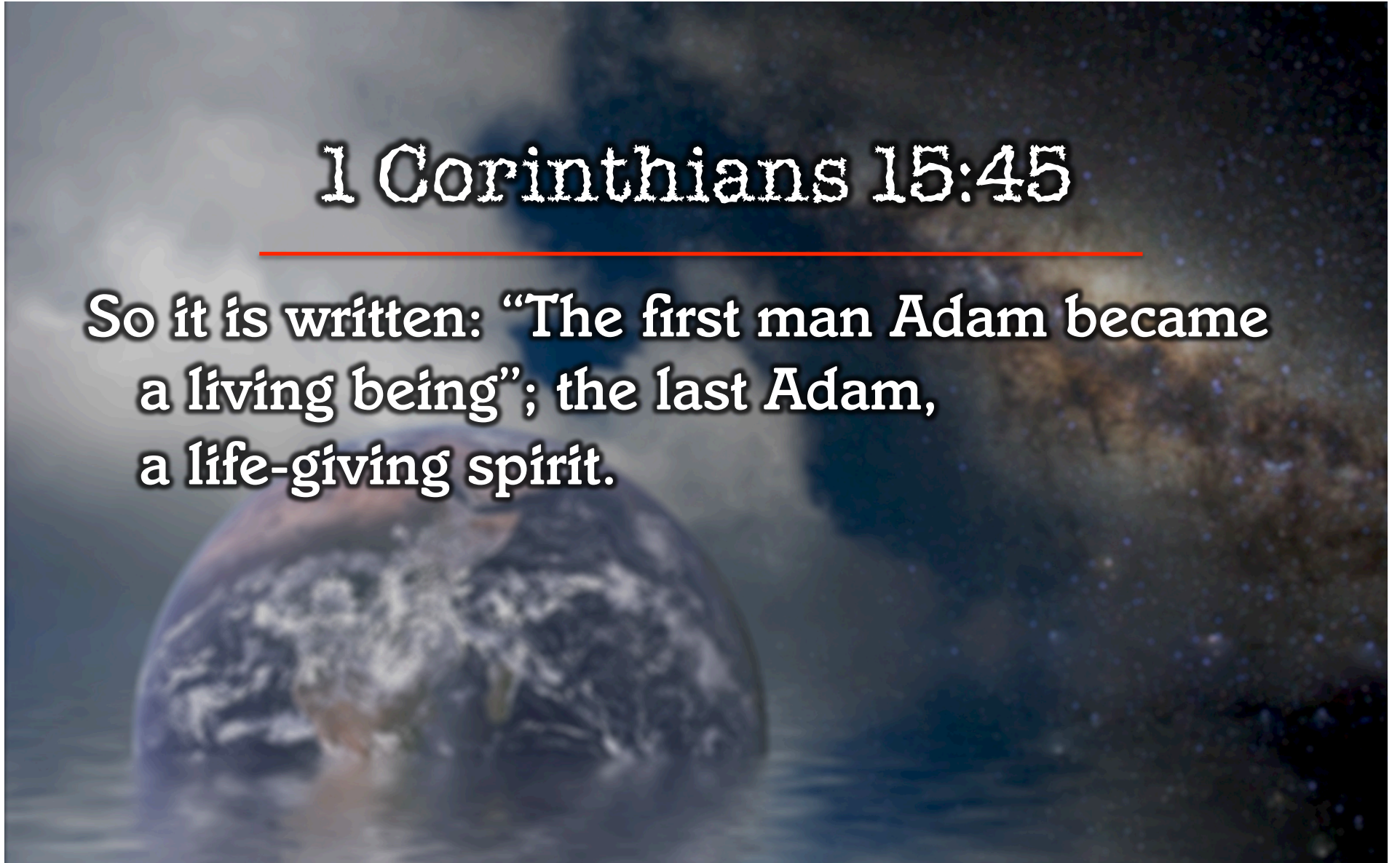
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- ❖ God to Adam:  
“Obey me and live.”
- ❖ God to Jesus:  
“Obey me, and you will be crushed.”  
(but humanity will be restored)

# 1 Corinthians 15:45

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So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

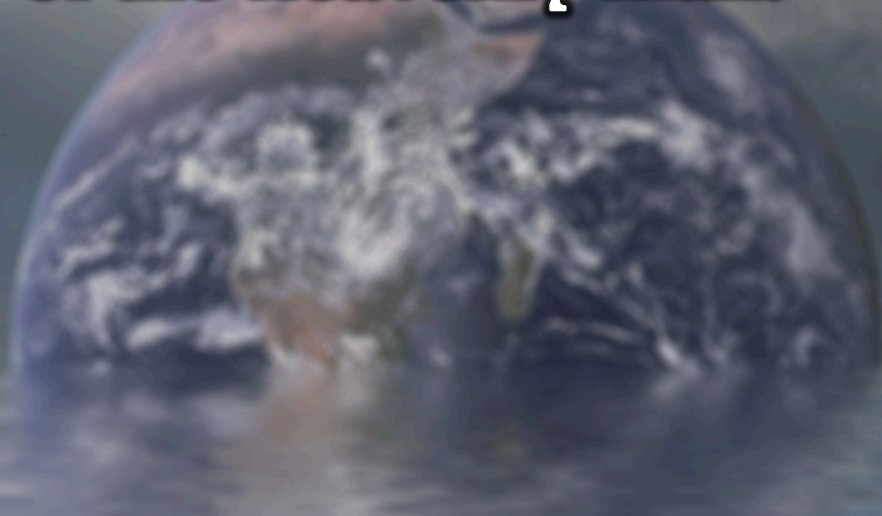




# 1 Corinthians 15:49

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And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.



# Augustine:

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“Since Adam and Eve fell through pride, their posterity would be required to return to God through humility.”



# Lies of the Deceiver:

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# Are you being called?

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- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper