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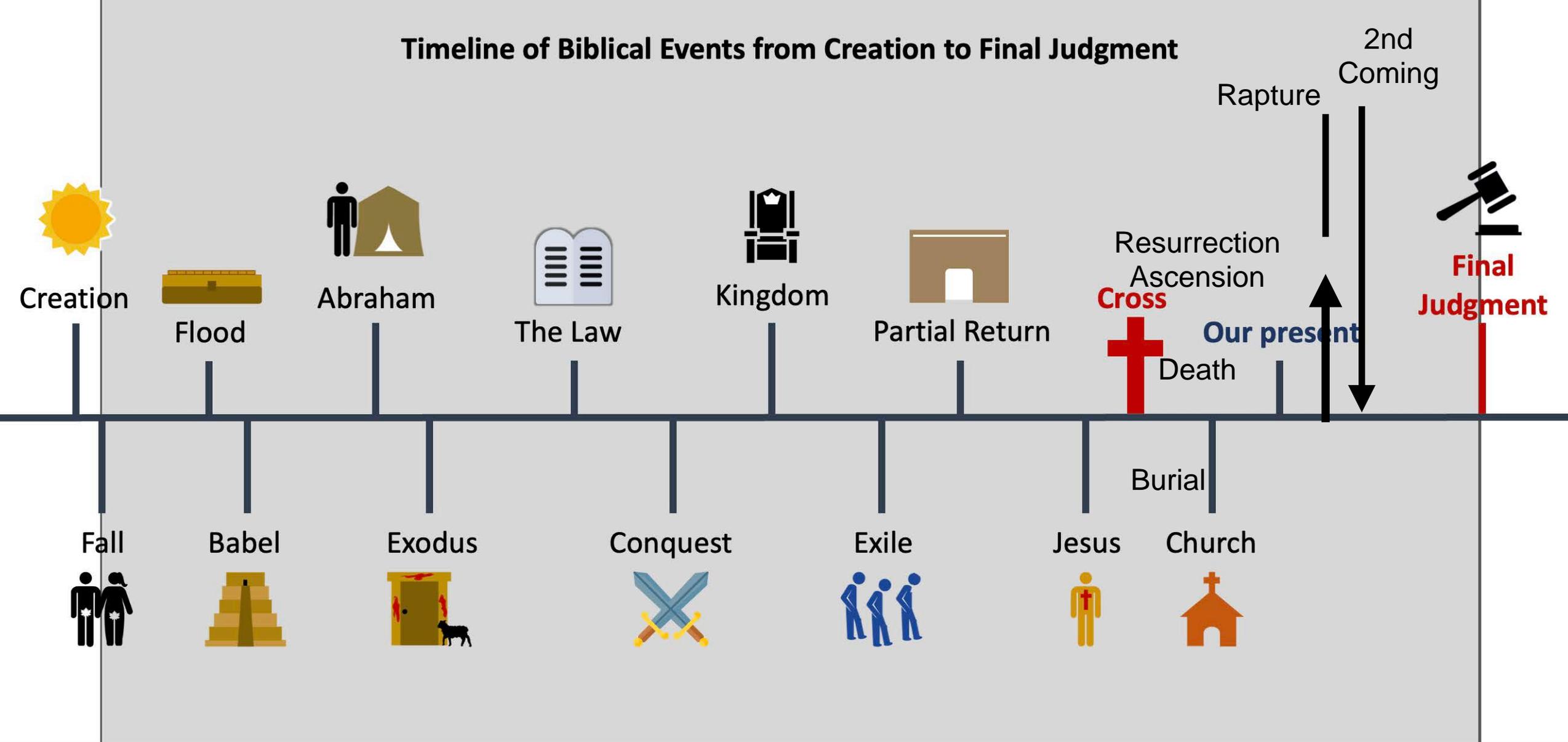
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Lesson 1 Part 3 The Creator God
Divine Institutions

Lesson 1:
Origin of the Divine Institutions

Timeline of Biblical Events from Creation to Final Judgment



Old Testament



Creation Flood Abraham Law Kingdom
Fall Babel Exodus Conquest Exile Partial Return

New Testament



Jesus's Birth Death Burial Resurrection Church Age Rapture 2nd Coming Messianic Kingdom

Old Testament

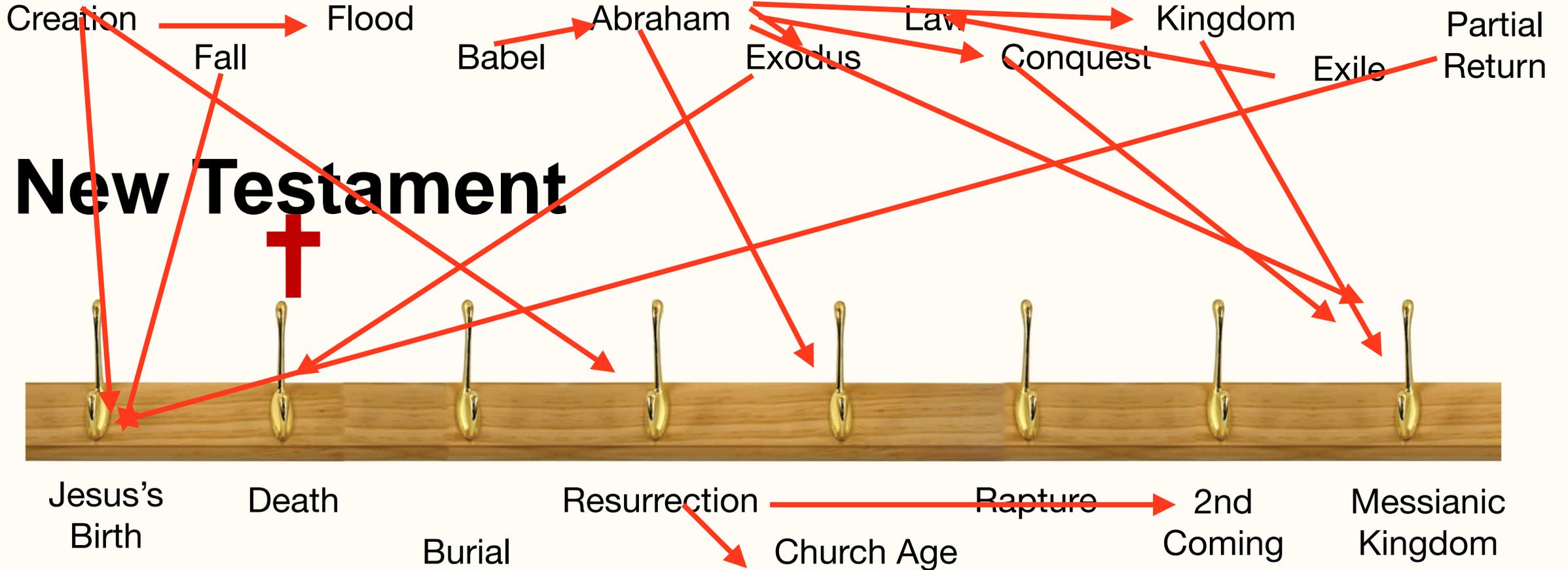


Creation → Flood → Babel → Abraham → Exodus → Law → Conquest → Kingdom → Exile → Partial Return

New Testament



Jesus's Birth → Death → Burial → Resurrection → Church Age → Rapture → 2nd Coming → Messianic Kingdom



- 1. The focus of lesson one, broken into three sessions, is on God's Creation, but especially in relation to the human race, i.e., in the social structures which God created.**

- 2. The first part focused on the Creation and the Creator.**
 - Out of nothing**
 - Six-day pattern**
 - Creator-creature distinction**
 - The unique design of man**

- 3. The third lesson focuses on the social structures God created.**

Old Testament



Creation

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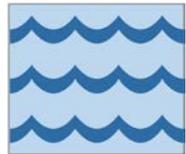
1. God created everything out of _____ . He created simply by _____ .

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So what was it that God used to create everything?

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His Word

Six-Day Pattern

First 3 Days: Domains		Second 3 days: Occupants	
	 Domain of light and darkness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun for day Moon and stars for night 	 
	 Domain of sea and atmosphere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish for sea Birds for atmosphere 	 
	Domain of land Grass, herbs, plants, trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals for land Man to rule fish, birds, animals 	 

1. God is a God of Order and Purpose

2. Creator-Creature Distinction

- 1. At the first level, there is God, who is an infinite, personal Creator.**
- 2. At the second level, there is created man and nature.**

Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Difference

1st level

INFINITE PERSONAL CREATOR-GOD



2nd level

Creation event



nature, man

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2nd level

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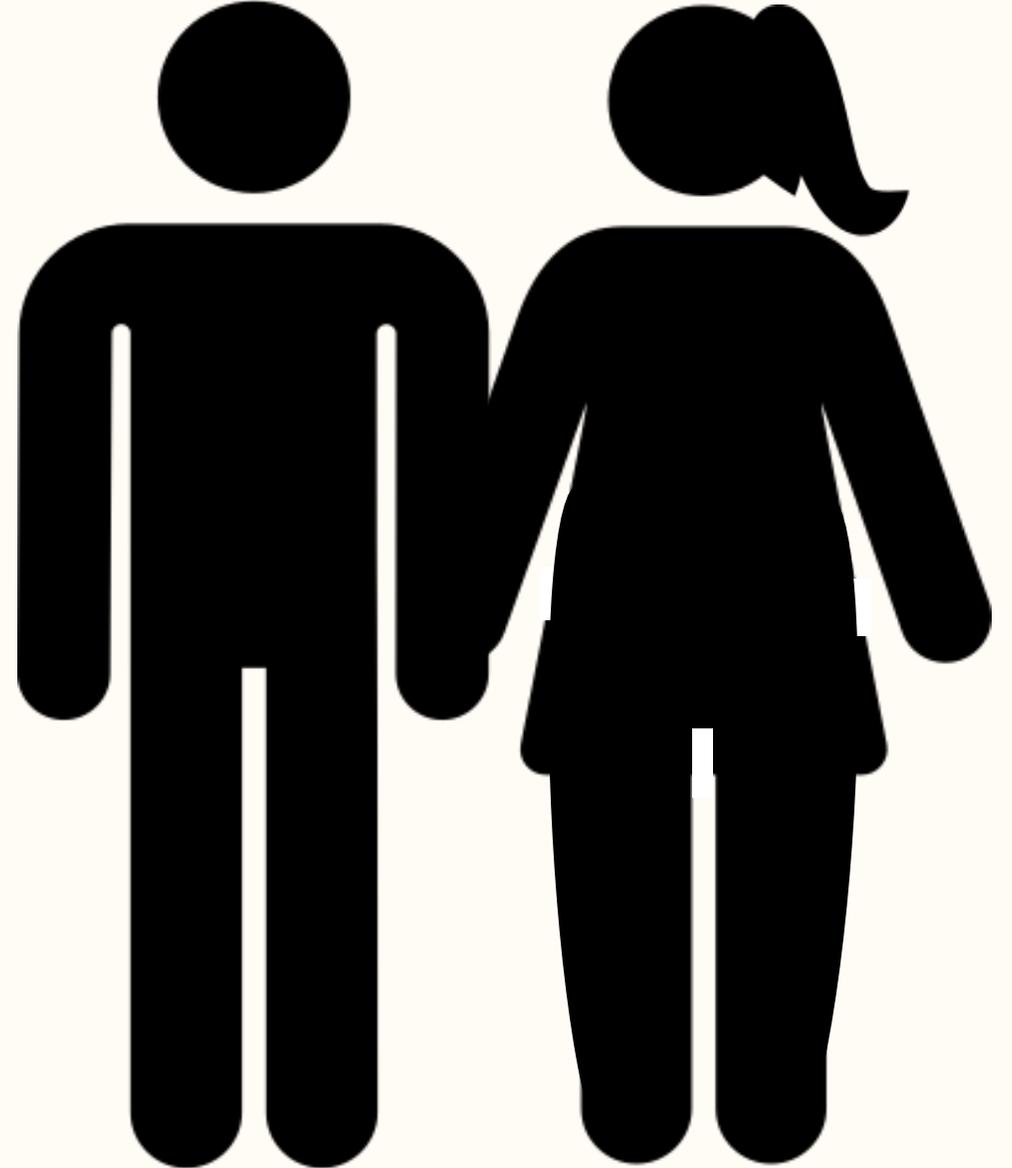
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What Have We Learned

- 1. So far we have learned that God is the Creator of everything, nothing was made apart from God creating it.**
- 2. We learned that God is different from His creation. He did not make it out of His own body, or out of something else.**
- 3. We learned that to do that, God must be all-powerful.**
- 4. The unique design of mankind.**

Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.’ ”

Gen. 1:27, “So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”



ESSENCE OF GOD

HOLY
INFINITE

Sovereign/Creator

Omniscient:
all knowing

Righteous: perfect in every way

Omnipresent:
present
everywhere

Just

Love: all-loving

Omnipotent:
all powerful

Eternal Life

Creator-Creature Distinction

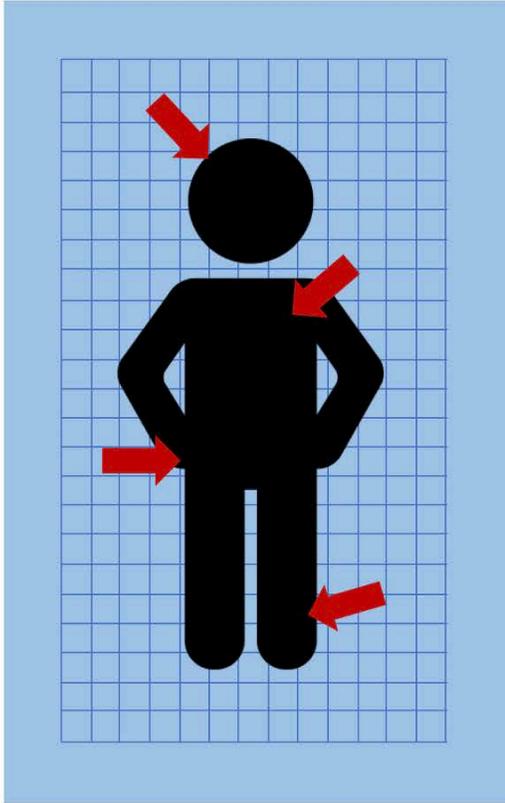
1 st level CREATOR (Yahweh)	Infinite	All-loving	All-knowing	All-powerful	Righteous
2 nd level creature (man)	finite	limited in love	incomplete, imperfect knowledge and understanding	limited in ability	conscience must be tied to the Creator-God

What have we learned:

- 1. God is the Creator: He owns everything because He made everything.**
- 2. We are made like God, but a smaller and more limited reflection of God.**
- 3. We have seen God's attributes: all-loving, all-powerful, present everywhere; perfectly righteous (+R).**
- 4. All of God's attributes are without boundaries. He is infinite in every way.**
- 5. There is nothing like God.**

The Divine Institutions

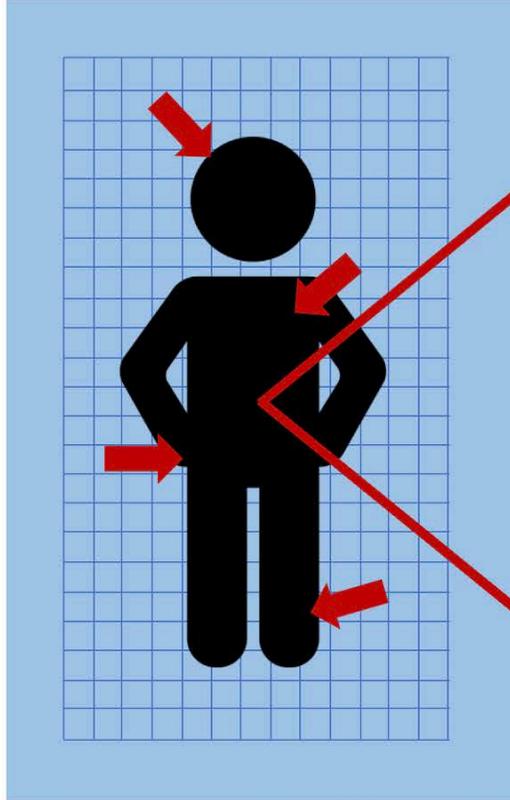
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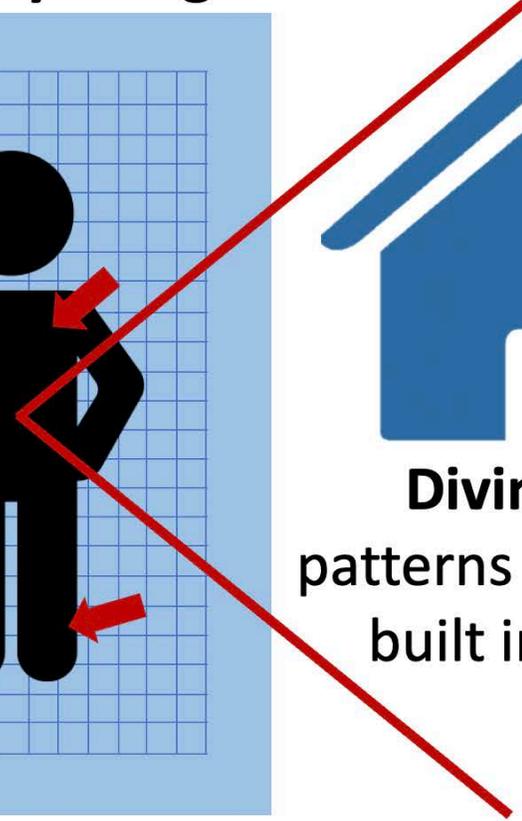
**1. Every human being
is purposefully
made.**

2. God created both physical and social absolutes for mankind.

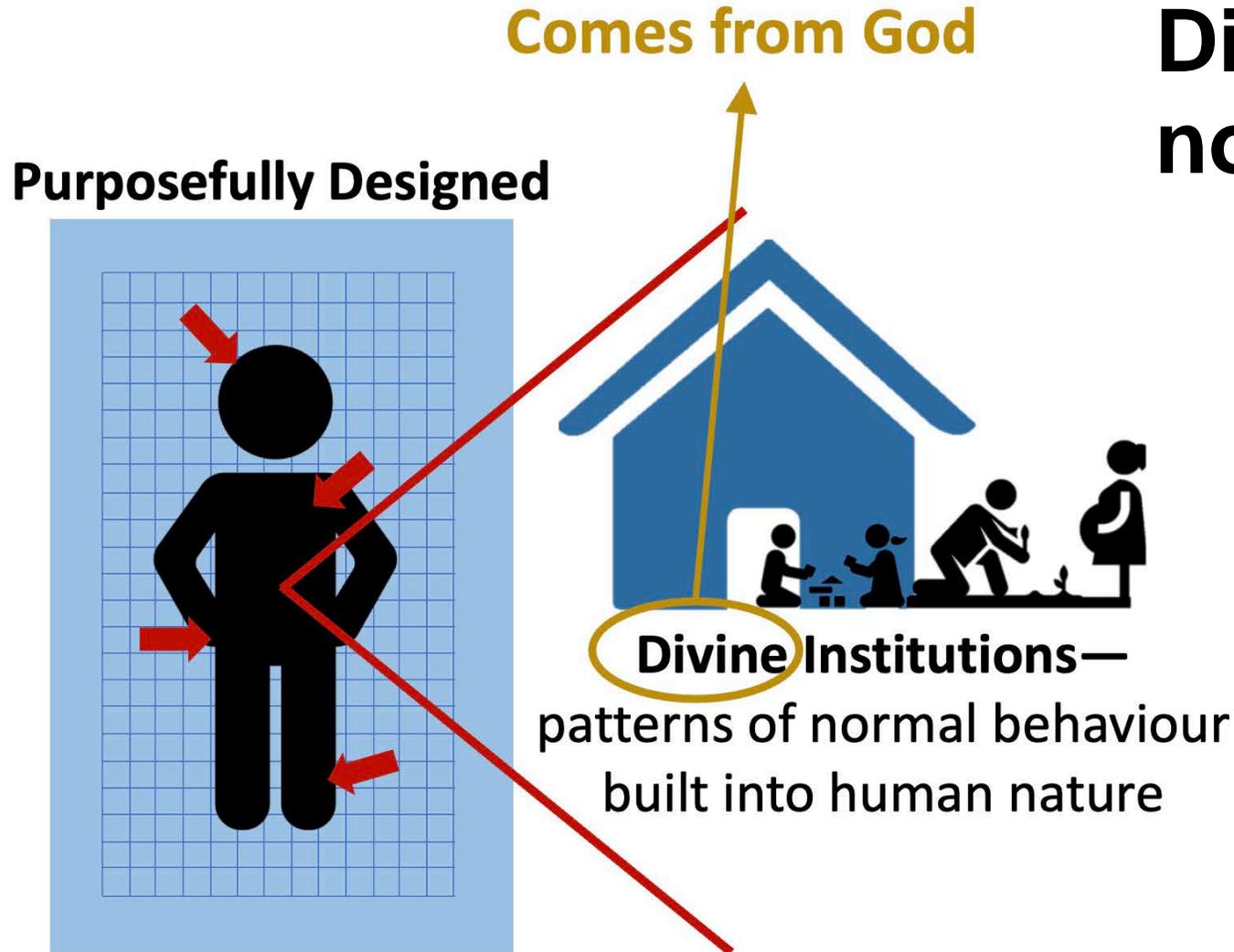
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Divine Institutions—
patterns of normal behaviour
built into human nature

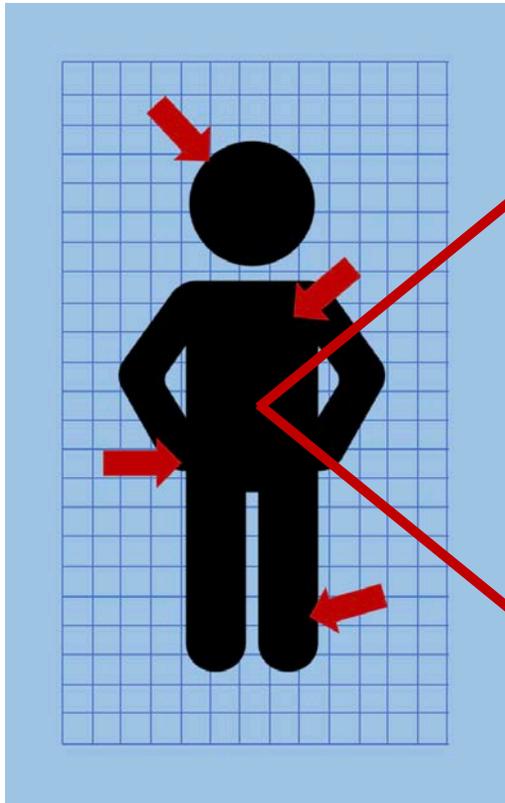


3. God created the Divine Institutions, not mankind.



4. Violating God's Divine Institutions will bring social chaos and destroy a nation.

Purposefully Designed



Divine Institutions—
patterns of normal behaviour
built into human nature

The First Three Divine Institutions

3rd Institution:

Family

2nd Institution:

Marriage

1st Institution:

Individual Responsibility

MAN

What is man doing when he tries to modify or ignore these Divine Institutions?

What is man doing when he tries to modify or ignore these Divine Institutions?

He is trying to make himself the Creator.

Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Difference

1st level

INFINITE PERSONAL CREATOR-GOD



2nd level

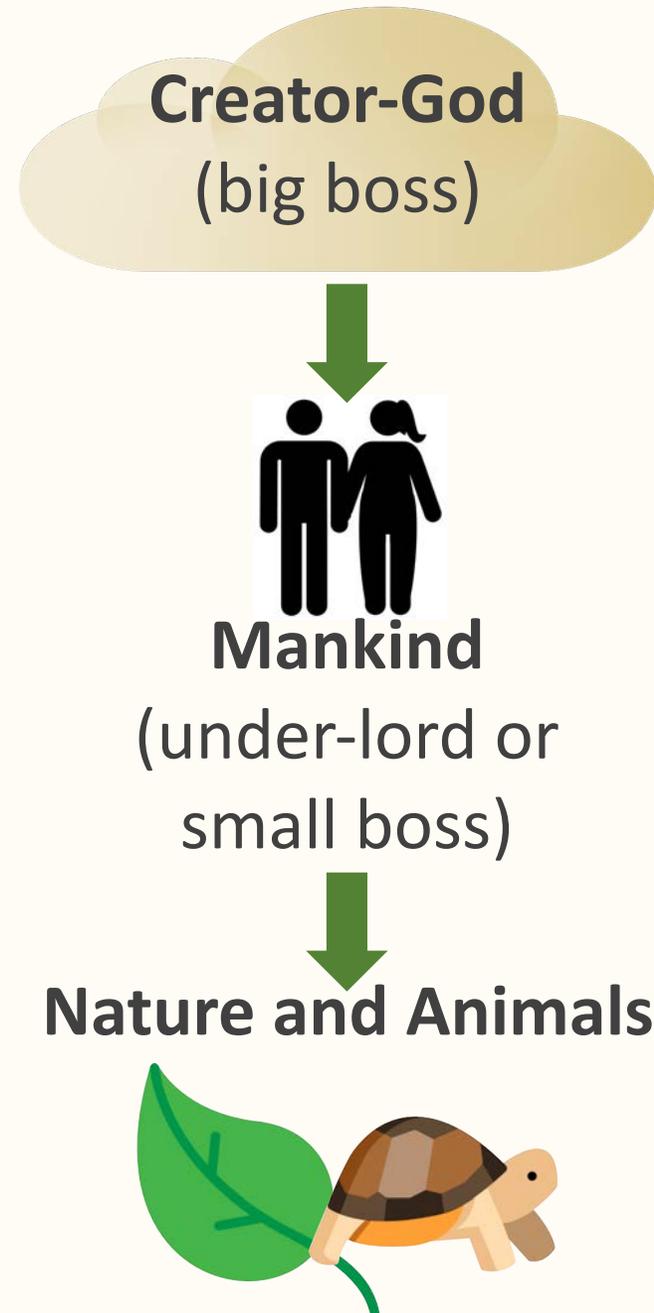
Creation event



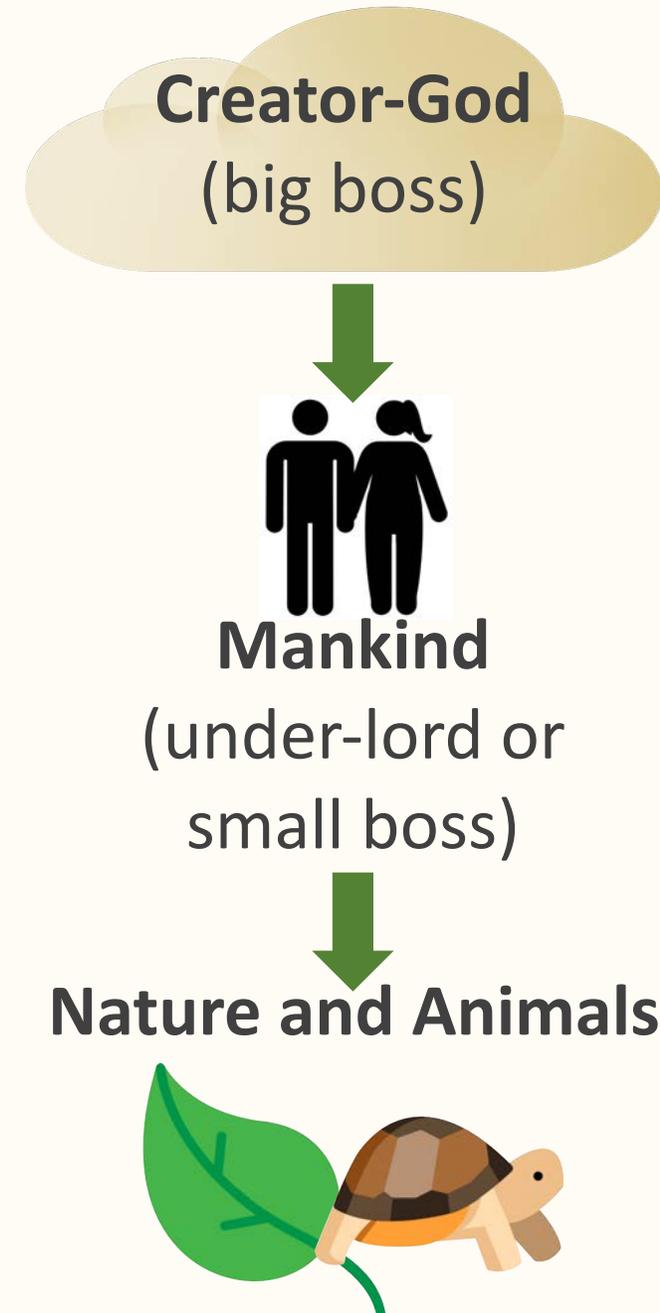
nature, man

The 1st Divine Institution

Individual Responsibility to God



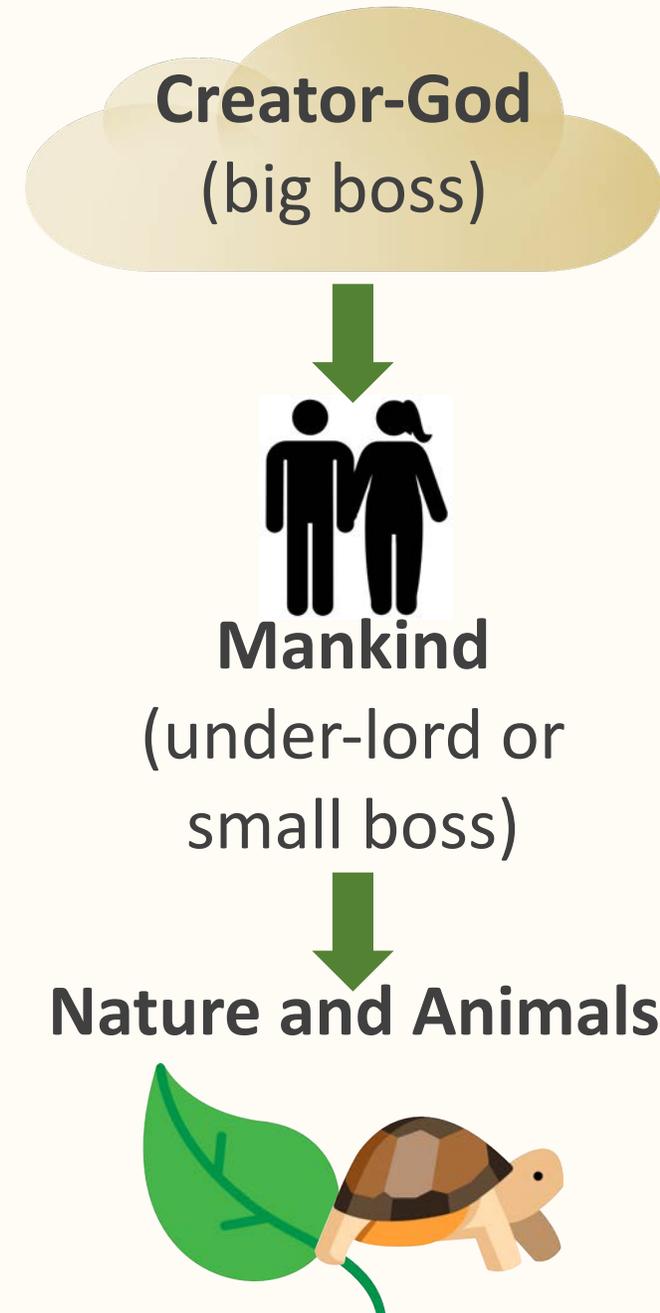
Gen. 1:28, “Then God blessed them and said, ‘Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.’ ”



1. God is the Big Boss. Man is the lower-level boss.

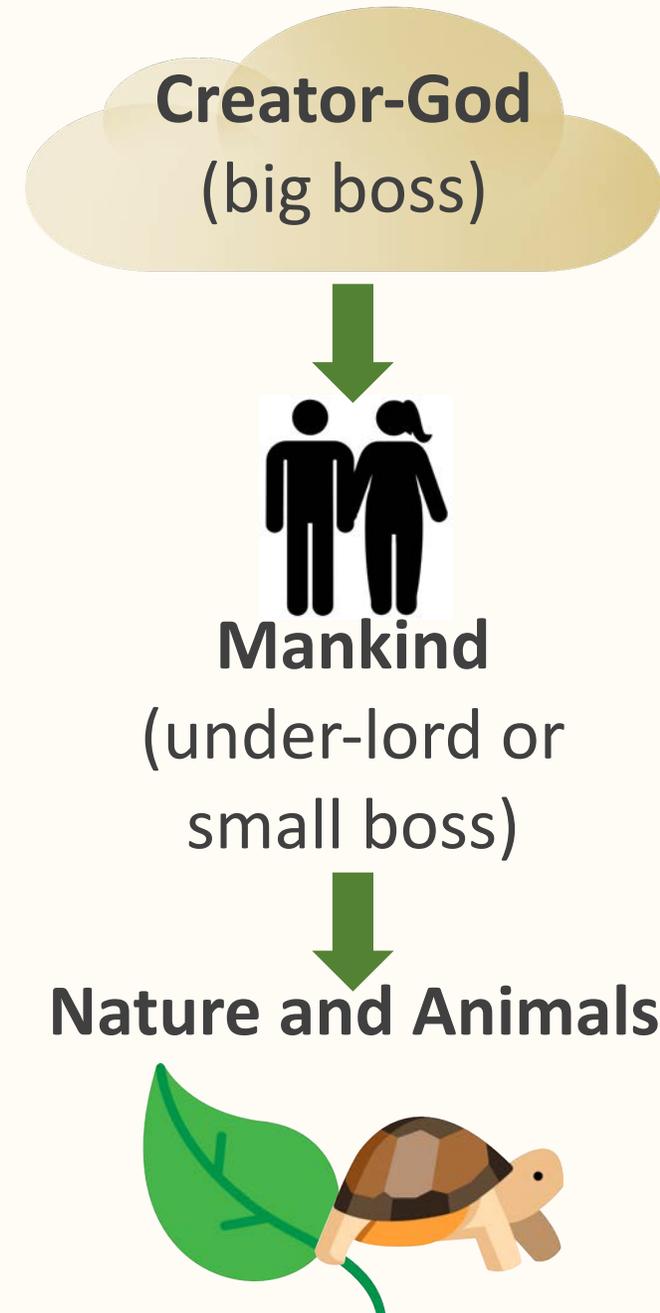
This establishes the principle of authority and responsibility.

Man is responsible to God, to obey God.



Gen. 2:8, “The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.”

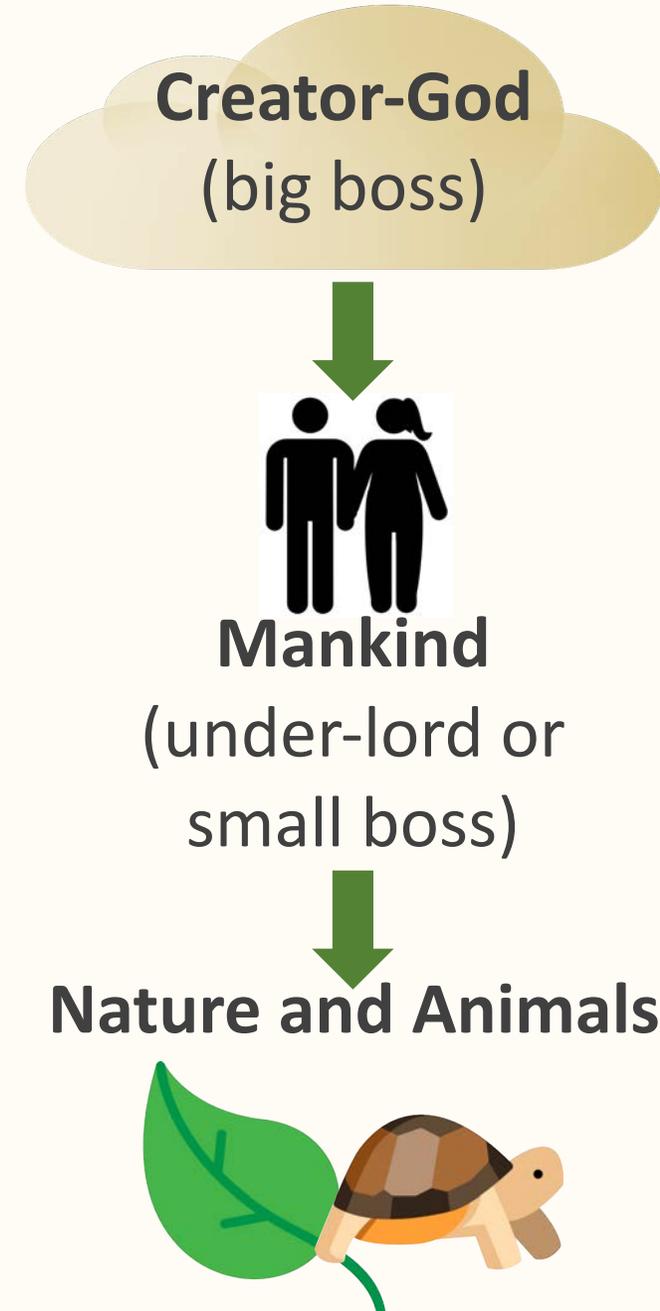
Gen. 2:15, “Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.”



The 1st Divine Institution

Individual Responsibility to God

We are responsible to God for the choices we make. We are not to try to act like we can remake the rules or recreate reality.



One aspect of God's right as the Creator was to name things.

But God did this with spoken words to initialize human speech.

Then he delegated or handed over that responsibility to Adam.

“Now Adam, you try it! What will you name that creature with the long nose and the small tail?”

From the beginning God named the elements of His creation.

Gen. 1:5, “God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.”

Gen. 1:10, “And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.”

Genesis 2:19, “So the LORD God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one.”

Genesis 1:31, “Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.”

“Good” here does not mean morally perfect, but it is as God intended and designed it.

Psa. 8:1, “O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens.

Psa. 8:2, “You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you.

Psa. 8:3, “When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place—

Psa. 8:4, “what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?”

Psa. 8:5, “Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.”

Psa. 8:6, “You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority—”

Psa. 8:7, “the flocks and the herds and all the wild animals,”

Psa. 8:8, “the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that swims the ocean currents.”

Psa. 8:9, “O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!”

Review

- 1. God looked over it all and took pleasure in it. And now He expected Adam to exercise that same creativity and to take pleasure in it.**
- 2. As an image bearer, mankind was to imitate what God the Creator had done.**
- 3. Man in the perfect, unflawed, image of God was sinless. But this was only at the beginning.**

Review

- 4. God, as part of responsible choice, gave man volition, the ability to make choices. God did not want man to be a robot, or simply a programmed being to do what God said.**
- 5. Each person is accountable to God for our choices. Responsible choice means that there are both positive and negative consequences for what choices we make.**
- 6. Our lives are the result of the choices we make.**

**Can we understand the world just by looking at nature
[creation]?**

How God Communicated with Adam

God **SHOWED**
him the garden
He had made.



YAHWEH

God **SPOKE** to
him about how
to live well.

Psa. 19:1, “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

Psa. 19:2, “Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.

Psa. 19:3, “There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

Psa. 19:4, “Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,”

Rom. 1:18, “But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

Rom. 1:19, “They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them.

Rom. 1:20, “For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Rom. 1:21, “Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.”

Is work evil? Is it a curse? Isn't it true that in a perfect world, man should not have to work?

Proverbs 18:9, “A lazy person is as bad as someone who destroys things.”

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2 Thess. 3:11, “Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people’s business.

2 Thess. 3:12, “We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living.”

The 1st Divine Institution

Individual Responsibility to God

The 2nd Divine Institution

God designed marriage for the benefit of the human race.

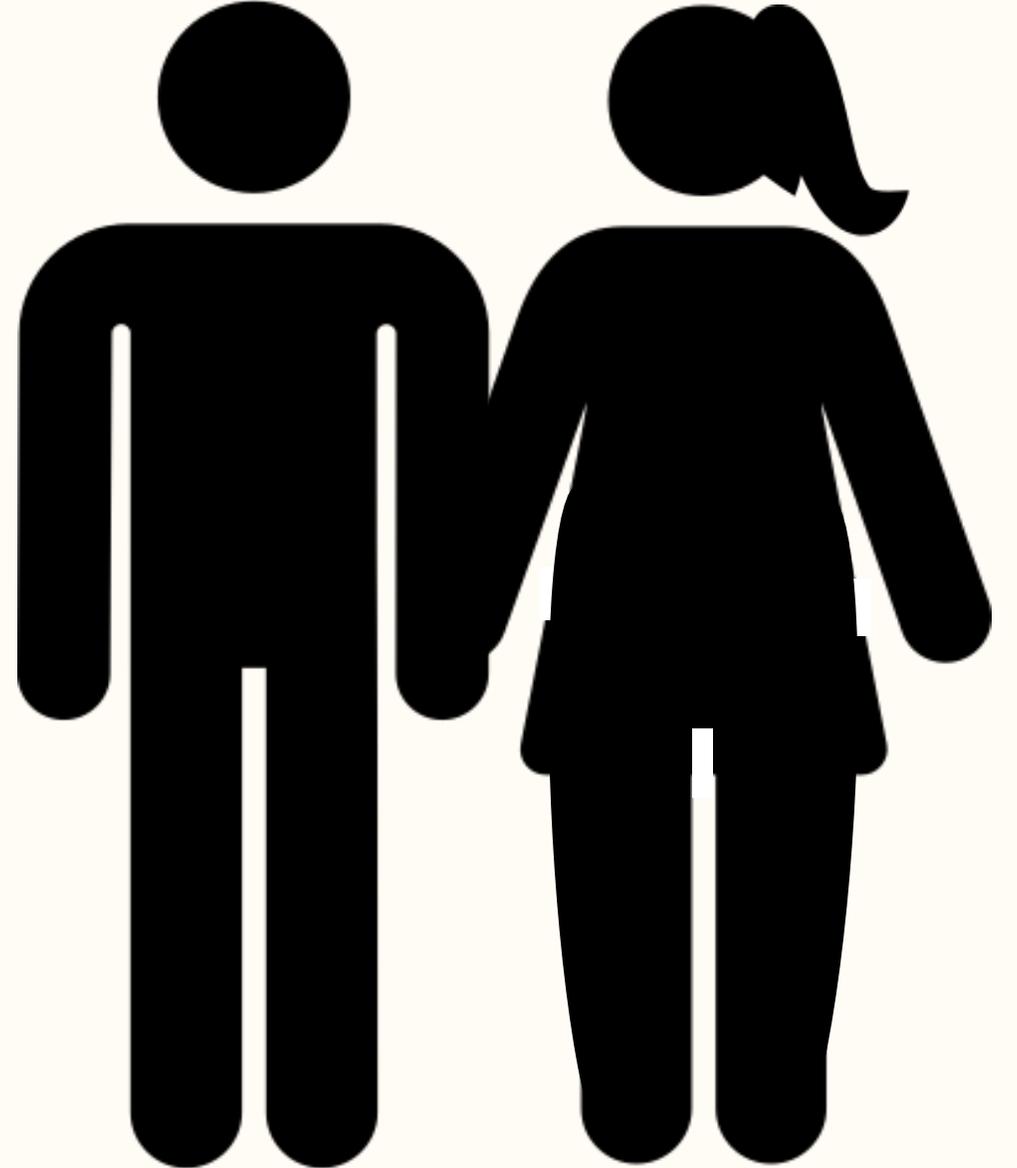
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Why did Adam need a helper?

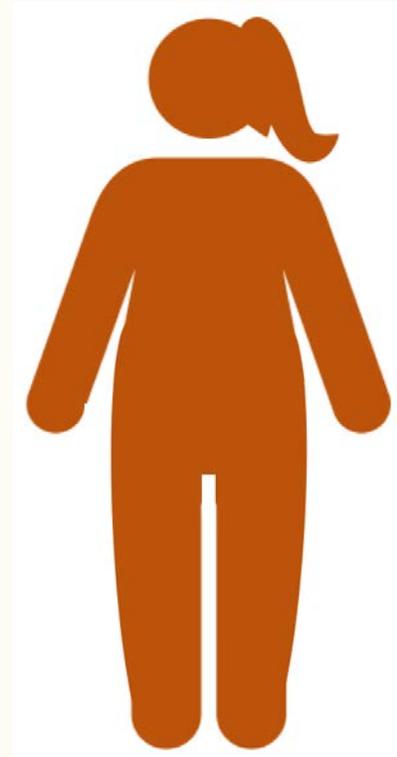
Is a helper a less important or less significant role?

Gen. 1:27, “So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”



Genesis 2:18, “Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.’ ”

“JUST RIGHT” = Woman



Ex. 18:4, “and the name of the other was Eliezer (for he said, ‘The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh’);”

Deut. 33:7, “And this he said of Judah: ‘Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him to his people; Let his hands be sufficient for him, and may You be a help against his enemies.’ ”

Isa. 66:13, “As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.”

Isa. 49:14, “Yet Jerusalem says, ‘The LORD has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us.’”

Isa. 49:15, “Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!”

Prov. 27:23, “Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds;

Prov. 27:24, “For riches are not forever, nor does a crown endure to all generations.

Prov. 27:25, “When the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself, and the herbs of the mountains are gathered in,

Prov. 27:26, “The lambs will provide your clothing, and the goats the price of a field;

Prov. 27:27, “You shall have enough goats’ milk for your food, for the food of your household, and the nourishment of your maidservants.”

Prov. 31:27, “She watches over the activities of her household and is never idle.

Prov. 31:28, “Her sons rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her:

Prov. 31:29, “ ‘Many women are capable, but you surpass them all!’ ”

The Third Divine Institution: the Family



Deut. 6:5, “Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Deut. 6:6, “These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart.

Deut. 6:7, “Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deut. 6:8, “Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead.

Deut. 6:9, “Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Proverbs 19:18,

**“Discipline your children while there is hope.
Otherwise you will ruin their lives.”**

Proverbs 22:6,

**“Direct your children onto the right path,
and when they are older, they will not leave it.”**

Deut. 21:18, “If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who does not obey his father or mother and doesn’t listen to them even after they discipline him,

Deut. 21:19, “his father and mother must take hold of him and bring him to the elders of his city, to the gate of his hometown.

Deut. 21:20, “They will say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he doesn’t obey us. He’s a glutton and a drunkard.’

Deut. 21:21, “Then all the men of his city will stone him to death. You must purge the evil from you, and all Israel will hear and be afraid.”

Is it true that once children become adults and can do whatever they want, parents no longer have the right to speak into their lives?

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1 Kings 1:6, “Now his father, King David, had never disciplined him at any time, even by asking, ‘Why are you doing that?’ Adonijah had been born next after Absalom, and he was very handsome.”

Eli's sons

1 Samuel 3:13, “I have warned him that judgment is coming upon his family forever, because his sons are blaspheming God and he hasn't disciplined them.”

The First Three Divine Institutions Work Together:

Remember: ~~Divine~~ Institutions

man-made

Creation Completed

Gen. 1:31, “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day.

Gen. 2:1, “So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed.”

Creation



Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Difference

1st level

INFINITE PERSONAL CREATOR-GOD



2nd level

Creation event



nature, man