

What's the Problem?

Now God has a problem. What is it?

- God created everything to be one with Him in a perfect unified relationship of Love forever.
- He loves all of His creation, and He knows that the absolute best existence any eternal-being can have is to be one with Him, experiencing His Love perfectly, and Loving Him perfectly forever in all the ways God has provided.
- Adam and Eve sinned causing the creation to be separated from God, thus it became dominated (enslaved) by Satan - Sin and Death.
- God will provide a way for His intended relationship with us to be restored permanently.

Well, we've been considering this problem in many sections of this work. If all of us reading this now have explored the previous chapters with us then the "why" of this problem should be clear from several vantage points.

Now let's understand this problem as much as we can. We'll try to avoid repetition other than a few spots for summarization, but it's not possible to address what was God's problem without it. Hopefully this will bring the pieces together for all of us from an understandable wholistic perspective.

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Before God ever said, "Let there be light", He was filled with an amazing desire, a passion that filled the Father, Word, and Spirit of God fully. This was felt so strongly that it was explosive in power and effect.

Try to imagine what this would be like for God. Can any of us feel the excitement, the overwhelming desire to bring forth something new. If so, then we may know an overflowing feeling reaching beyond our ability to experience something so amazingly powerful and beautiful within our human bodies.

The fact that God knew what the eternal impact of Adam and Eve's actions would be that couldn't change the power within God that brought forth Life. This explosive will of God, once put into action through His Word, would penetrate the darkness of nothing with a Light that came from God, and revealed all His passion to give of Himself without reservation.

In my mind there is this sudden indication of light that is instantaneously noticed as God bursts through the darkness shedding His Light of Life throughout all the space that would contain His creation. This

Light does not come from a thing floating in this space. This Light is the presence of God spoken into the existence of Light to show God's glory as He began to create.

This Light defies further description by me because it's presence cannot be captured in words. So, just imagining what it might be like to witness God's glory while being overwhelmed by it is all that's possible. One compelling question in me is, "Can anybody else see this?" Because this is something to be shared together.

We've already dealt with the "why" concerning God's decision to create in spite of the future sins of Eve and Adam, and their eternally tragic results. Here we seek to reach deeper within ourselves while focusing on the Spirit of God in an effort to better understand the passion of God behind His creative power.

Those of us who have received the Life that God is within us may understand God's overwhelming desire to give of Himself. The Spirit of God within us can reveal enough of this most intimate aspect of God in a way that does more than fill our imagination. He fills our very being and His Light shines within us, giving us a greater understanding of Who God really is as Life itself.

How amazing is God's Glory! It is the wonderous manifestation of God forever. Truly He is the One and only Almighty God Who deserves our love, our passion, our strength, our all in all. How wonderful is God Who is Life! Hallelujah! May our Loving God be praised forever!! Thank you, Jesus!!! We love You!

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Hey, have any of us tried loving an ant? 😊 How about a mosquito? Ha! "Is this guy crazy?", might easily roll off someone's tongue in response to those questions. That's because we only know ants and mosquito's after Sin dominated the world. So, the idea of trying to love them may seem out-there for everyone but those of us who have ant farms, need them around to do something that helps us, or who love eating them....

Ok, a bit more seriously, God Loved ants and mosquitos when He created them. Guess what, He still Loves them. After all, He created them. Does God like everything that ants and mosquitos do? Obviously not. When God creates the new heavens and earth perhaps He'll include ants and mosquitos, and we will finally understand why they were created in the first place.

Seriously, God does Love ants and mosquitos, so if we're going to be aligned with God's perspective then we need to love them with the Love of the Lord, even though we may not like what they do. It may help to realize that their existence is just as messed up as ours.

There was a time when on a mission support trip that it was my "blessing" to sleep in some people's home that was entirely infested with fleas. Loving fleas was not something that crossed my mind during that stay, but it increased my thankfulness unto the Lord when we left that place!

Enough of this, what's the point?! We are exploring God's love for small critters, as a backwards way of getting us to think about how much God Loves us. After all, if God can love a flea after Sin messed them up so bad, He certainly can Love us! No matter what we've done!

God deeply desires us to Love Him. Not because He needs our love. The Lord longs for our Love because He knows that's what's best for us! Did anyone pick up on that spiral of giving?

God Loves us absolutely -> He deeply wants us to be United with Him forever -> He wants us to completely experience His Love -> So God desires absolutely that we Love Him completely -> This can happen only if we are filled with God-Life -> Then we can Love God with His Perfect Love that is now our Love -> All because God Loves us absolutely.....->

Perhaps a bit confusing, but the point is this: "There is no end to what God will reveal within us, through us, and with us if we explore His amazing Love for us while we are on this earth." The more we understand God's Love for us the greater Freedom, Peace, and Joy we will experience in the world.

None of us can understand our true value until we accept the Love-God-is-Who-Loves us absolutely. We cannot experience something we don't believe is True. God's Love for us must become our Truth since it is Eternal Truth.

WE CANNOT KNOW GOD MORE THAN WE LET HIM LOVE US. Think about that and let it sink into each of us.

Why believe some oppressive ideas from Satan about us when God-Love is our reality and freedom? What's our choice? It is as simple as a choice to let God-Truth be our Truth. No matter how complicated we try to make things God has made this very simple to understand. What should we do? Choose God as our Truth and make no provision for anything else. That's it!

Does that make us pause for a moment, feeling as though we're not sure how to do this? It wouldn't be unusual. It is a decision we can make and must make. To do this we must let go of everything else. It really is possible to get to a place where this seems ridiculously easy to do.

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We've covered this in prior chapters. Just want to point out that Satan's dominance of the world resulted in Satan's enslavement of every one of us at birth for the rest of humankind's existence on this earth.

Because of this we continue to try and take over control of our lives, which is still an act of rebellion against God, but our attempts just result in us being controlled by Sin. We all believe Satan's lie so we live within the delusion of thinking we are in control until we choose to believe otherwise.

Please remember that when Satan gained dominion over Adam and Eve, he gained dominion over all of creation and the powers of Sin and Death invaded every part of creation. This also means that the seed

of man was a carrier of the power and effects of Sin and Death. Every person born was and is born Dead in Sin and thereby enslaved to Satan. It is not possible for anyone to avoid this initial trap.

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What God wants eternally is what will happen. God has always provided a way for His relationship with humankind to be restored, even if it was a Sin-impacted relationship as it was in the Old Testament.

This isn't the result of God getting angry and deciding what He wants in the long run is what's going to happen. God isn't implying that in the end He's going to win His way.

God's eternal desire to be in relationship with us exists because God exists. That's what God wants because He Loves us so much. This is the purpose for each one of us, to be in an eternal Love-filled relationship with God. Our purpose is to be in a God-filled relationship with Him forever.

To be in relationship with God is eternal Joy, but to reject this opportunity is eternal suffering that is greater than we imagine. Believe that God Loves each of us more than we can imagine, and then never stop trying to imagine what it's like to be Loved that much. Never stop praying for those of us who are not in relationship with God and let God show them His Love in partnership with each of us.

So, the problem is simply stated by saying God intended to have a Love-filled, eternal, unified relationship with us, but we are separated from God by Sin and our sins making that relationship an impossibility within those circumstances. What's God to do?

Clearly, the sacrificial system which included altars on which the sacrifices were offered mostly failed. Yes, this was because of the sins and rebellion against God of people everywhere, including God's living-story, the Hebrew nation.

As a result many of the people that God Loves and were intended to share eternity with Him in unity would, and will end up existing within Sin, Death, and Hell. All of which will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever. This is a tragedy beyond all tragedies, but sadly it will happen.

We could consider so many passages within the books of the Bible that give testament to the sins of humankind and their separation from God that we might begin to think there's no end. Our only solace might be in knowing there is a last page within the Book of books, the Bible, in which it does end.

Instead, let's approach this history along with the writer of the book of Hebrews and the 11th chapter from the perspective of faith. This tells us about so many real people, of their challenges, and how they put their trust in God into actions.

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval."

“By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; ‘AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP’; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”

“By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants ‘AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.’”

“All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.”

“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; it was he to whom it was said, ‘IN ISAACI YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED.’ He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come. By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.”

“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.”

“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.”

“And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.”

“And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.”

Please listen my friends, what all these people hoped for by faith, every person on this earth can have easily! This is God’s solution to the problem that we look at next.