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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

THE SELF DESTRUCTION OF ARROGANCE

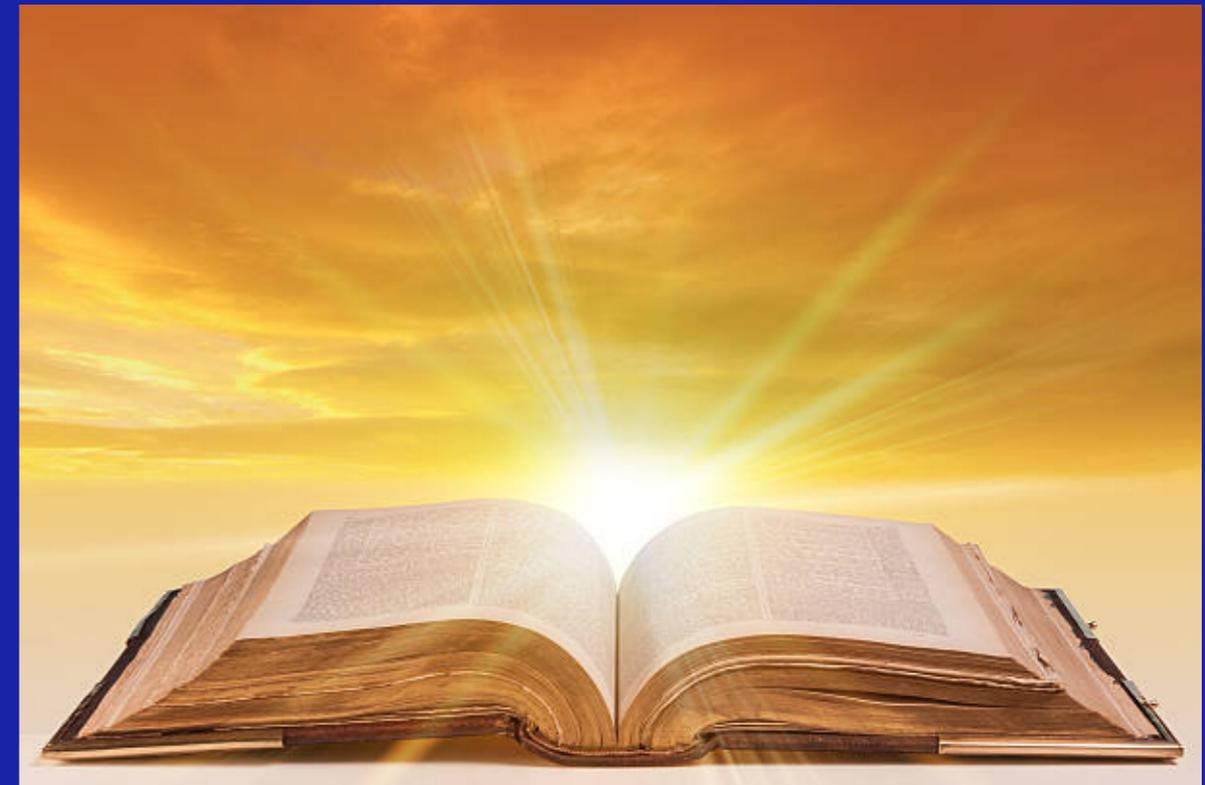
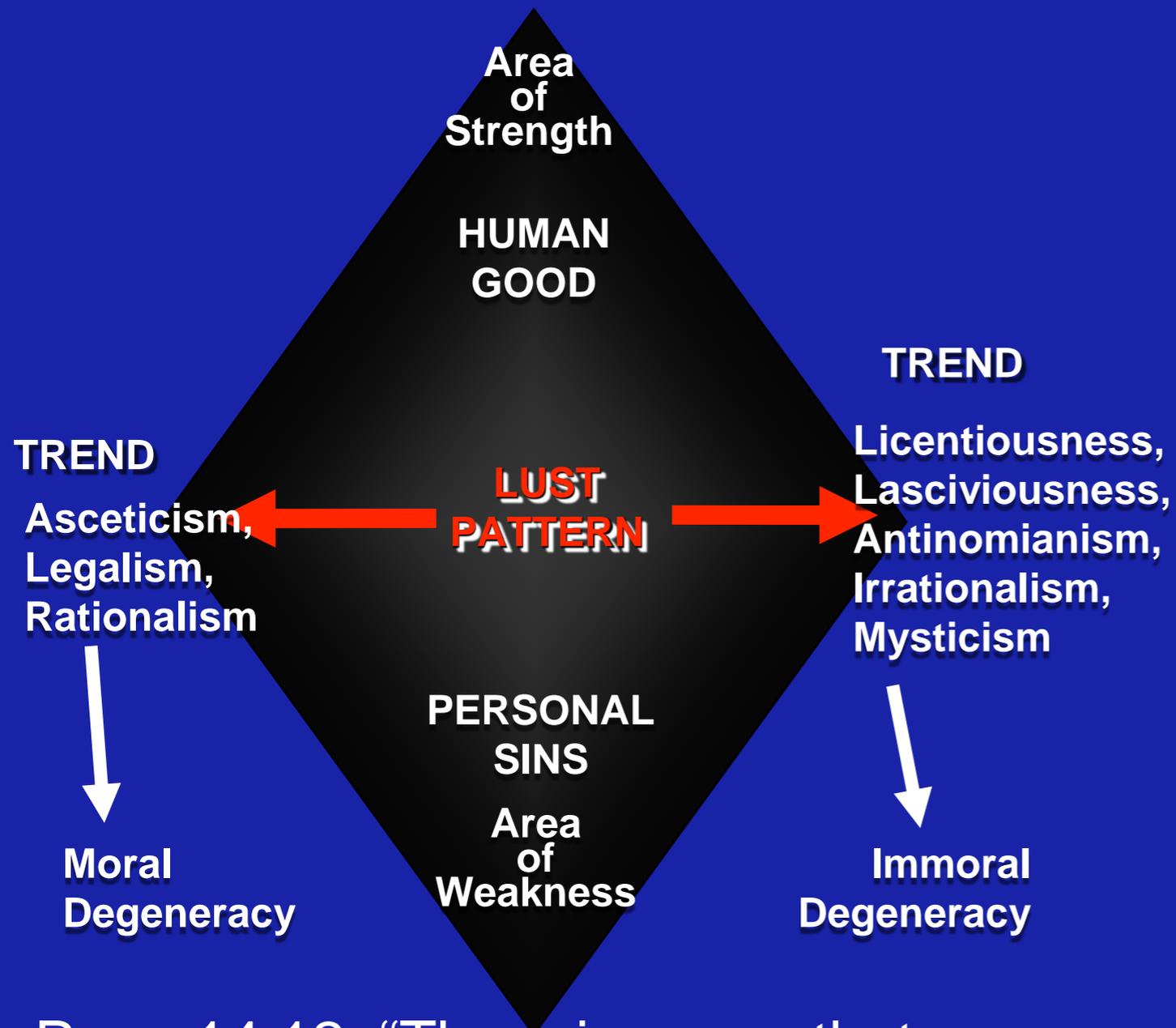
2 SAMUEL 16:5–19

Seven Scenes in the Rebellion of Absalom

- 1. Absalom begins the revolt, 2 Sam. 15:1–12**
- 2. David hears and flees, 2 Sam. 15:13–16:14**
- 3. Absalom enters Jerusalem,
2 Sam. 16:15–17:14**
- 4. Hushai informs David, 2 Sam. 17:15–23**
- 5. Absalom moves against David,
2 Sam. 17:24–26**
- 6. David moves across the Jordan and is
resupplied, 2 Sam. 17:27–18:5**
- 7. The battle is fought, Absalom is killed,
2 Sam. 18:6–33**

Human Viewpoint Solutions Driven by Arrogance

Divine Viewpoint Solutions Based on Grace and Humility



Prov. 14:12, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."

Psa. 119:50, "This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your Word has given me life."

What the Bible Teaches About

Grace Orientation



1. Definition: Grace is unearned favor, unmerited kindness. Grace is the application of God's love to creatures who are not deserving of His love. Grace flows from the character of the one who loves and is not based on the actions, attitudes, or personality of the object.

2. Grace orientation is a spiritual skill.

**3. Grace orientation builds on the Faith-
Rest Drill and is essential for
developing doctrinal orientation.**

4. Elements.

Gen. 6:8, “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”

a. Grace orientation begins at salvation.

b. Humility is the opposite of arrogance.

Rom. 12:3, “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”

c. Humility is expressed through obedience to authority.

Phil. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

d. Grace (latin *gratia*) from whence we derive the English *gratitude*.

1 Thess. 5:18, “in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Eph. 5:20, “giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,”

**e. This leads to teachability and growth.
2 Pet. 3:18**

f. We must learn God's grace is always sufficient in every situation.

2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

The Arrogance of Human Viewpoint

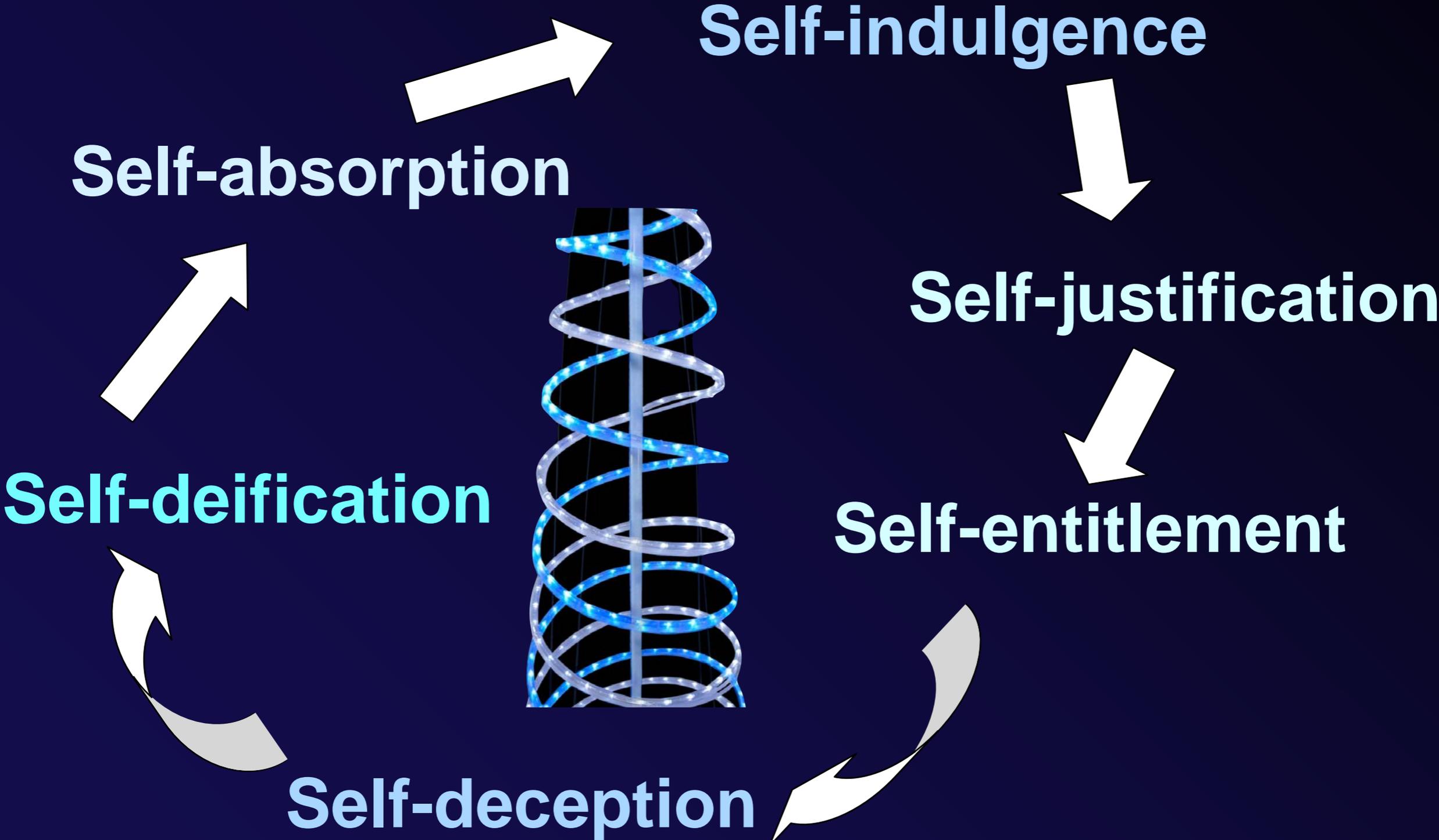
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Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,”

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Arrogance Skills



6. The test of Shimei, 2 Sam. 16:5–13
This is a test of humility again.

2 Sam. 16:5, “Now when King David came to Bahurim, there was a man from the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei the son of Gera, coming from there. He came out, cursing continuously as he came.

2 Sam. 16:6, “And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David. And all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.”

2 Sam. 16:7, “Also Shimei said thus when he cursed: ‘Come out! Come out! You bloodthirsty man, you rogue!’ ” ~NKJV

2 Sam. 16:7, “Shimei said as he cursed: ‘Get out, get out, you worthless murderer!’ ” ~HCSB

2 Sam. 16:7, “Shimei said as he cursed, ‘Leave! leave! You murderer, you worthless man [man of Belial]!’ ” ~RD

Isa. 44:14, “He cuts down cedars for himself, and takes the cypress and the oak; He secures it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a pine, and the rain nourishes it.

Isa. 44:15, “Then it shall be for a man to burn, for he will take some of it and warm himself; Yes, he kindles it and bakes bread; Indeed he makes a god and worships it; He makes it a carved image, and falls down to it.”

2 Sam. 16:8, “ ‘The LORD has brought upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. So now you are caught in your own evil, because you are a bloodthirsty man!’ ”

Rom. 1:22, “Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Rom. 1:23, “and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.”

Gen. 3:8, “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Gen. 3:9, “Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, ‘Where are you?’”

Gen. 3:10, “So he said, ‘I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ ”

1 Pet. 2:11, “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,”

The Human Viewpoint Pagan Solution

2 Sam. 16:9, “Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, ‘Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Please, let me go over and take off his head!’ ”

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Matt. 16:23, “But He turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.’ ”

the things of men = antagonistic adversary of God’s plan [Satanic thinking]

The Divine Viewpoint Solution of Humility

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2 Sam. 16:12, “It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing this day.”

2 Sam. 19:21, “But Abishai the son of Zeruah answered and said, ‘Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed [*qala*] the LORD’S anointed?’

2 Sam. 19:22, “And David said, ‘What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruah, that you should be adversaries [*satan*] to me today? Shall any man be put to death today in Israel? For do I not know that today I am king over Israel?’ ”

David Passes the Test

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2 Sam. 16:13, “And as David and his men went along the road, Shimei went along the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went, threw stones at him and kicked up dust.”