

# Interlocked Series

Lesson #19.1

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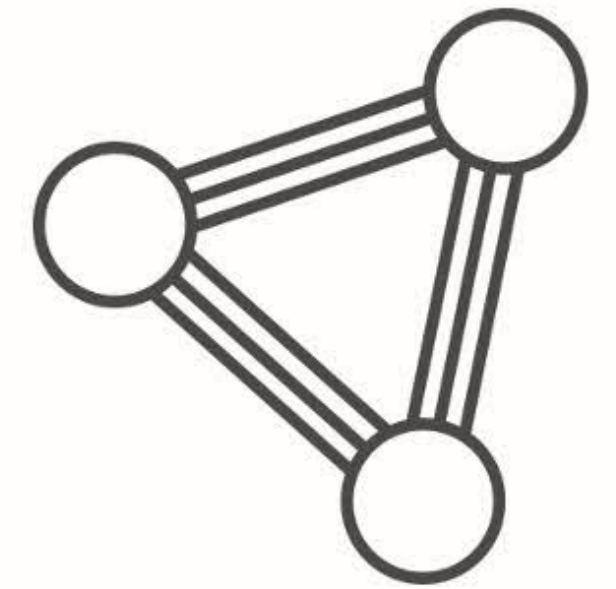
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## Lesson 18: Spiritual War Within Ourselves

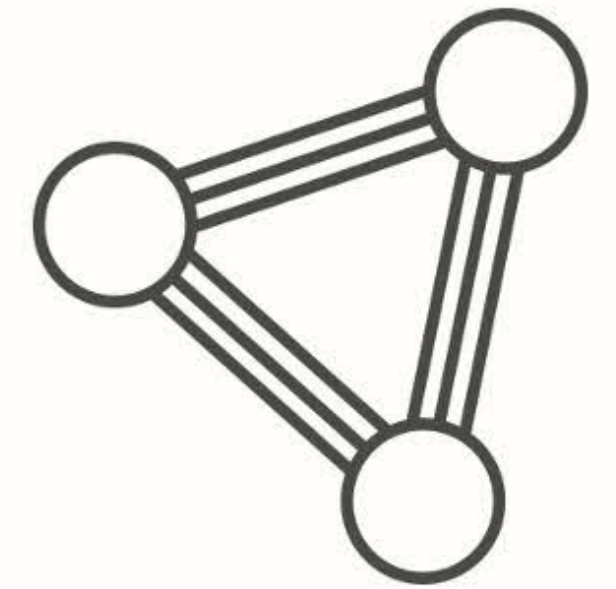
Lesson 18A Introduction: Analogy between God's War of Divine Judgment and Individual Spiritual Warfare.

- God wants us to have victory over sin in our lives
- God wants to build trust and obedience towards Him

Justification and Sanctification in a believer's life.

Defining terms

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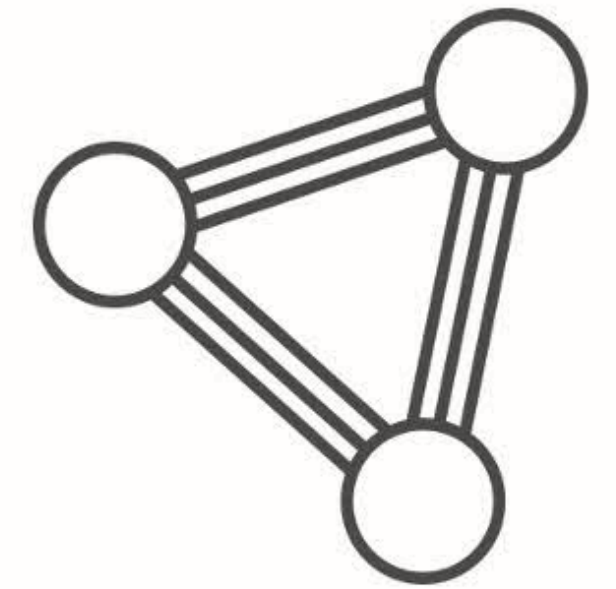


## **Lesson 18: Spiritual War Within Ourselves**

**Lesson 18B Introduction: Analogy between God's War of Divine Judgment and Individual Spiritual Warfare.**

- **Areas of Confusion**
- **How do We Grow Spiritually**

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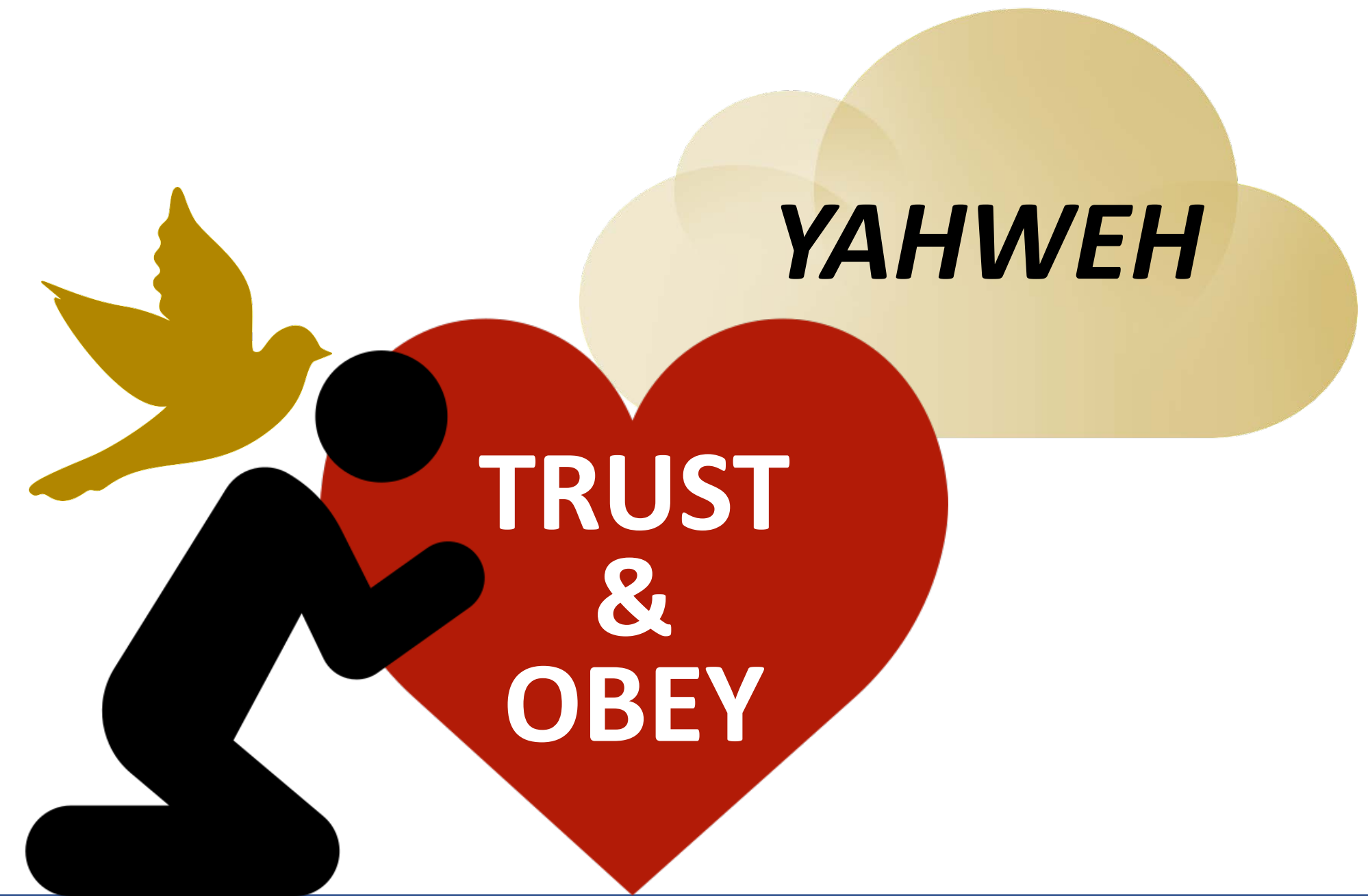
## **Lesson 19: Understanding Suffering**

**Lesson 19A Why Does God Allow Sin, Evil, and Personal Suffering?**

**We will look at twelve kinds of suffering  
Including: Suffering because of the direct  
consequences of human sin**



**Period of the Conquest:  
Trust *Yahweh*  
and obey His commands**

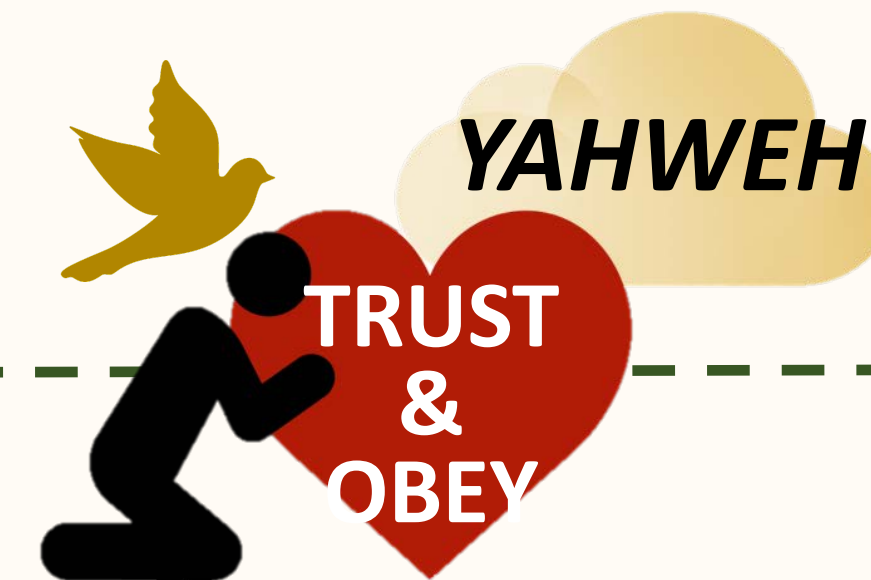
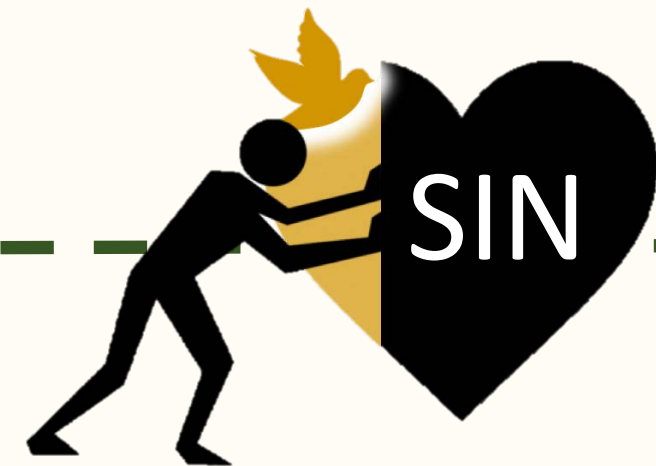


**Our lives:  
Trust *Yahweh*  
and obey His commands**

# Sanctification: Growing Spiritually

Believers who continually allow their sin nature to control their lives

Believers who are loyal to God



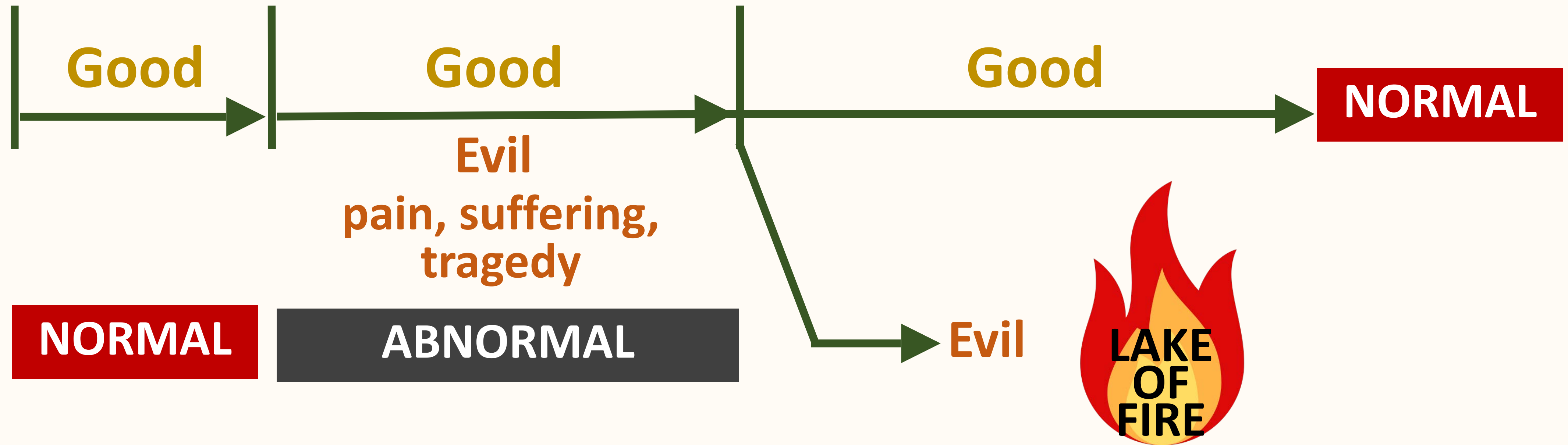
God wants to get rid of the power of sin in us.

At the same time, God wants to build our trust and obedience toward Him.



# Creation      Fall      Judgment

sin entered  
the world



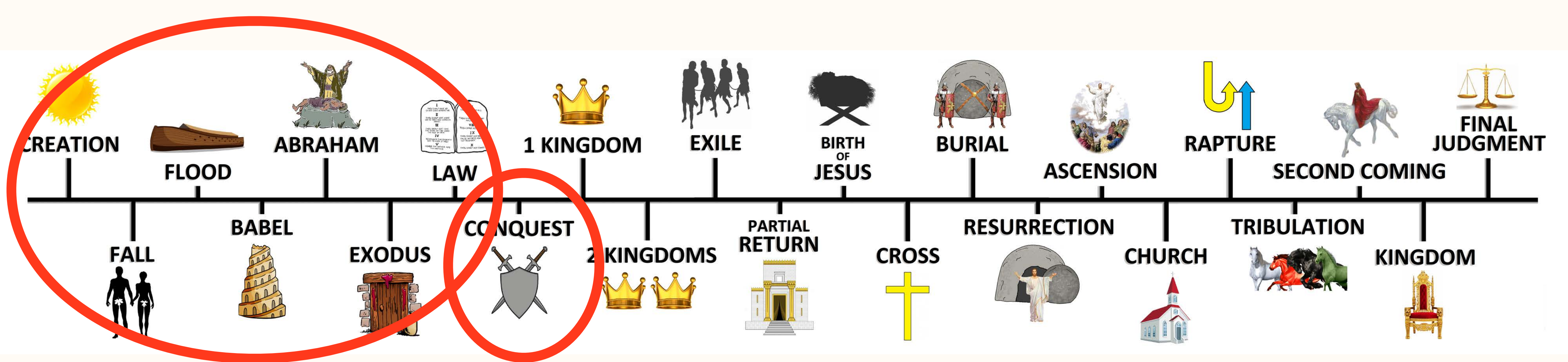


**War of Divine Judgment:  
God getting rid of evil from  
the Promised Land**



**Spiritual War within Ourselves:  
God getting rid of sin from  
our hearts**






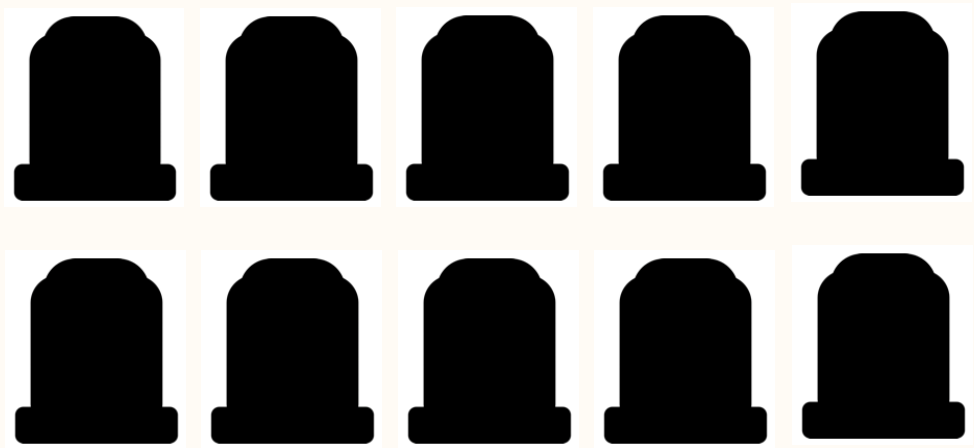

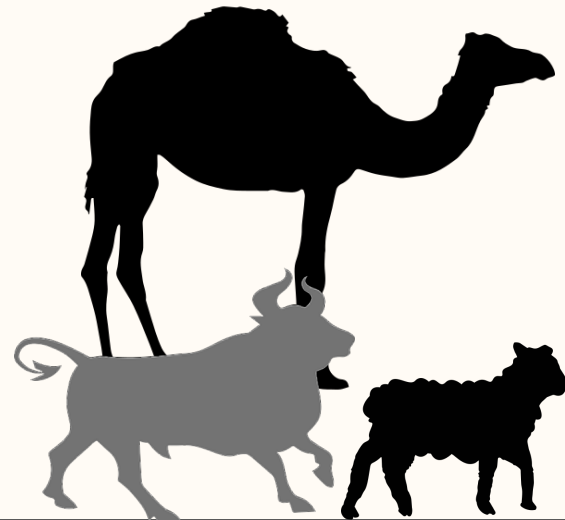
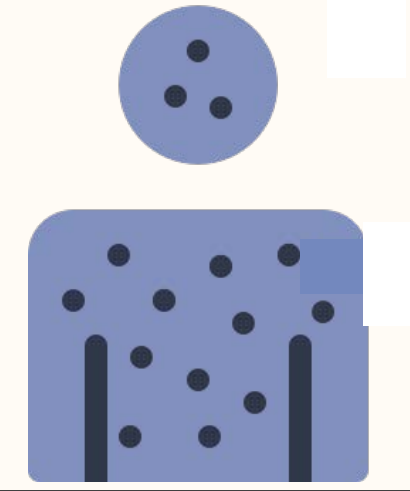
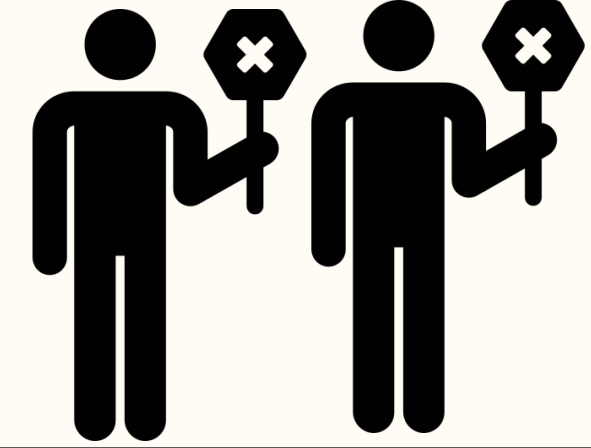
Torah  
Pentateuch

Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

# Biblical Advice on How to Cope with Suffering

How does *Yahweh* deal with someone who is in pain and suffering?

	children	servants	animals	body	friends
 <b>Job</b>					
	died	killed	stolen	sores	lost

**Job 38:1, “Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:**

**Job 38:2, “ ‘Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge?’ ”**

**Job 38:3, “ ‘Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.’ ”**

**Job 38:4, “ ‘Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.’ ”**



**Job 38:5, “ ‘Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?’ ”**

**Job 38:6, “ ‘To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,’ ”**

**Job 38:7, “ ‘When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?’ ”**

**Have you  
commanded...?**

**Have you  
made...?**

**Have you  
explored...?**

**Do you  
realize...?**

**Where  
is...?**

**Who  
created...?**

**Who  
made...?**

**Who  
provides...?**

**Who is  
wise...?**



**Who  
sends...?**

**Have you  
visited...?**

**Job**

**Have you  
seen...?**

**Did you  
give...?**

**Is it your  
wisdom...?**

**Can you  
make...?**

**Is it at your  
command...?**

**Can  
you...?**

**Who  
gives...?**

**Do you  
know...?**

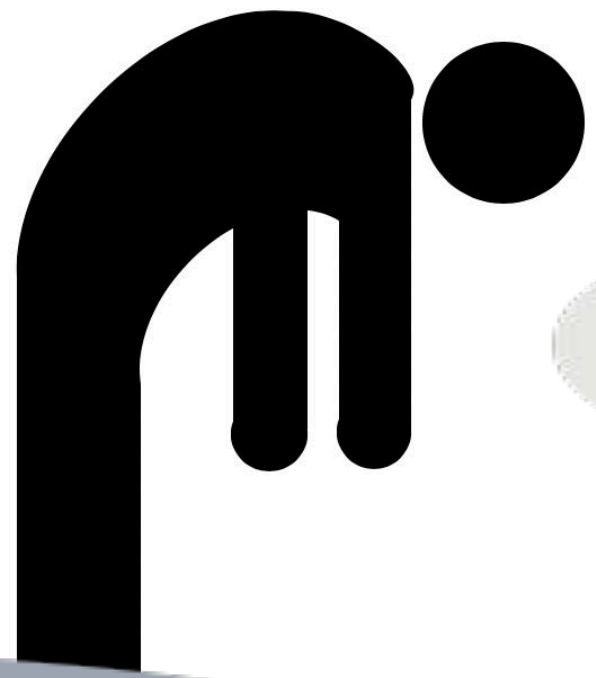
**Job 40:1, “Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said:**

**Job 40:2, “ ‘Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it.’ ”**



**1. When we suffer, God wants us to remember that He is sovereign and in control of everything.**

**Sin and Evil are abnormal!!**



God is out to  
get you!

God doesn't  
love you!

God is evil!

Poor me ...  
Why did God do this to me?

God is bullying me ...

Maybe God has no  
control over this ...

**\*\*\*When God challenged Job and asked him question after question, it was to help Job see once again that *Yahweh* has authority and power over the whole universe.\*\*\***

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# Creator-creature Distinction

1<sup>st</sup> level

CREATOR  
*(Yahweh)*

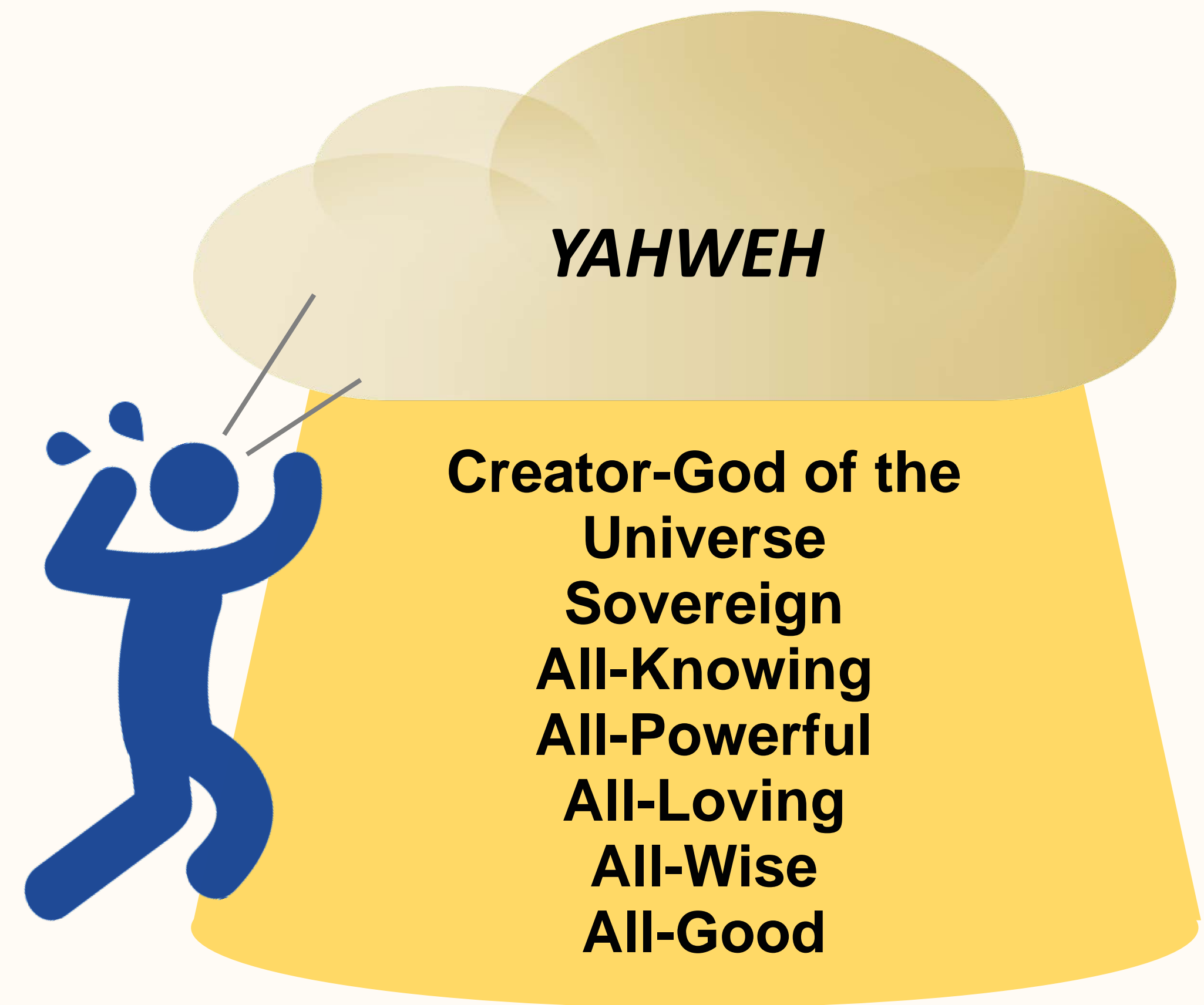
SOVEREIGN OVER ALL

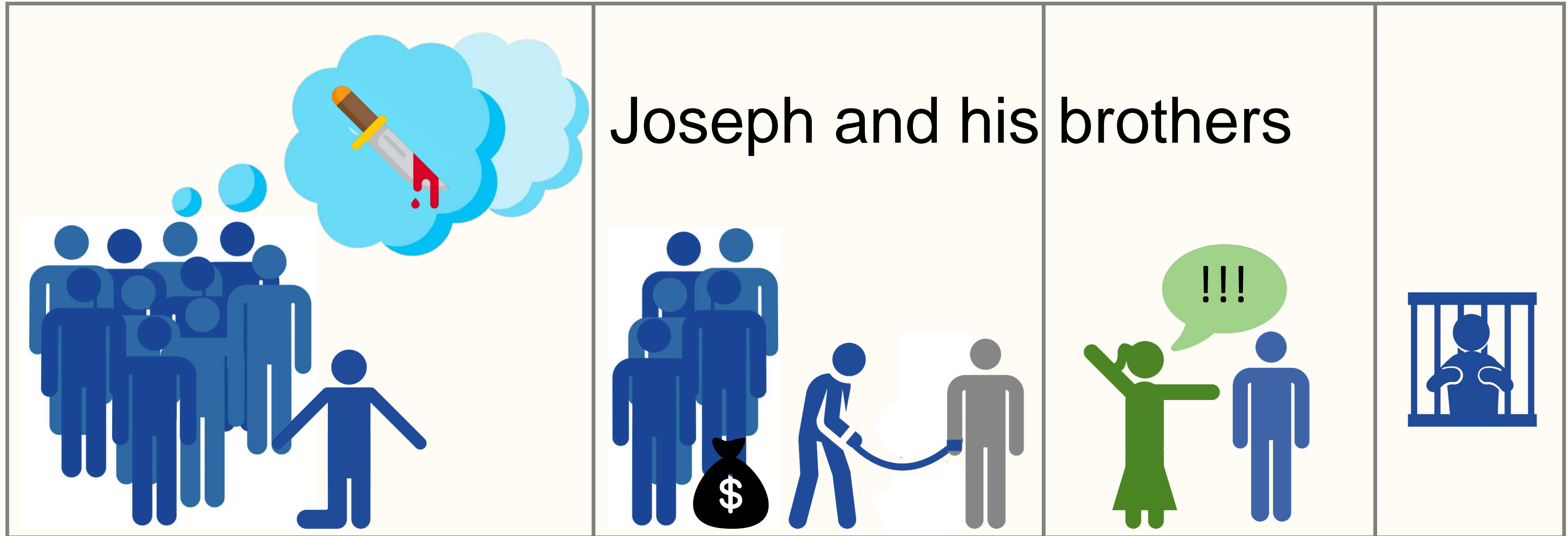
2<sup>nd</sup> level

creature (man)

•  
)  
limited

- “Who told you that you were naked?”
- “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?” (Genesis 3:11)





**Gen. 50:20, “But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”**



**2. When we suffer, God wants us to be patient and understand that He is giving time for more to be saved.**

**If we ask God to  
STOP EVIL NOW ...**



**... IT MEANS:**

**Final judgment now,  
End of grace period,  
Unbelieving loved ones lost  
forever**

**If we are  
STILL SUFFERING ...**



**... IT MEANS:**

**Not yet final judgment,  
Still grace period,  
Unbelievers can still come  
to faith**

**2 Pet. 3:9, “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”**

**When we suffer, we should remember that our suffering means we are still living in the grace period. There still remains time for:**

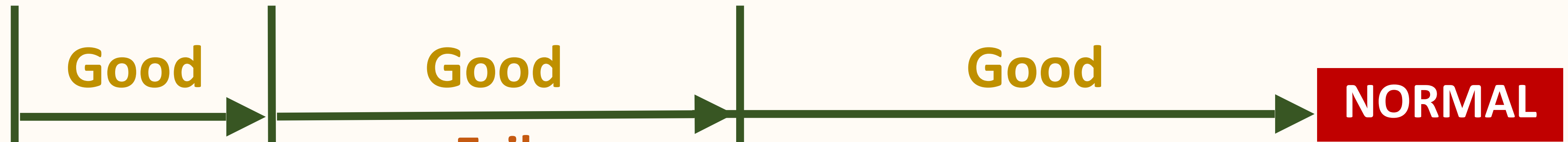
- rebellious sinners to turn to God**
- people to turn from worshiping idols to worshiping the true God**
- prodigals to return to Him**
- believers to grow spiritually and become more like Jesus.**



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

# Creation      Fall      Judgment

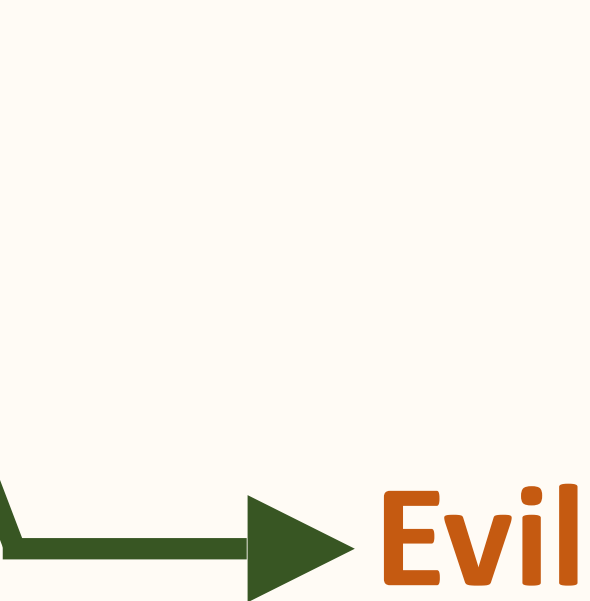
sin entered  
the world



Evil  
pain, suffering,  
tragedy

**NORMAL**

**ABNORMAL**



 Thankful for this  
time of grace

**3. When we suffer, God wants us to know that our suffering is never random or without purpose. There is always a reason for it.**

**I. Direct: Suffering due to sin (Direct consequences of man's sin)**

1. Sickness and death due to the Fall
2. Self-induced misery
3. Suffering within families and nations
4. Discipline of the Father
5. Denial of rewards
6. Eternal suffering in the Lake of Fire

**II. Indirect: Suffering not due to sin (caused by God's intervention)**

7. Wake-up call for salvation
8. Push our spiritual growth
9. Help unbelievers believe
10. Encourage spiritual growth in other believers
11. Because of what happens in the spiritual realm

# **I. Suffering Because of the Direct Consequences of Man's Sin**

**Six different kinds.**

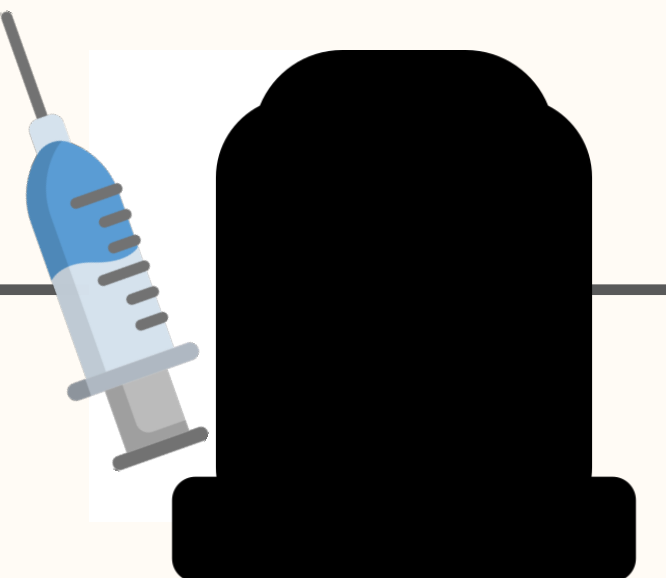


# I. Suffering Because of the Direct Consequences of Man's Sin

## SUFFERING CAUSED BY SIN

### BELIEVERS

1



Sickness and death

2



Self-induced misery

3



Suffering within families and nations

4



Discipline of the Father

5



Denial of rewards

6



Eternal death in the Lake of Fire

### UNBELIEVERS

## **Type of Suffering:**

### **1. Sickness and death due to the Fall.**

**Affects: All people**

**Sickness and death came into the world because of the Fall.**

**Rom. 5:12, “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—”**

## **Type of Suffering:**

### **2. Self-induced misery.**

**Affects: All people**

**Peoples' rebellious lives lead to their own suffering.**



**Gal. 6:7, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.**

**Gal. 6:8, “For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap.”**

## **People's rebellion always has far-reaching consequences:**

- When we abuse our bodies in ways that God never intended, we experience sicknesses and diseases. Our families suffer the financial, emotional, and psychological burden of caring for us.**
- When we indulge in bitterness and hatred, we get angry and resentful. We abuse the people around us and they do likewise. We live in peace with nobody and are always looking over our shoulders, suspicious of everyone. We suffer all kinds of stress because of our own rebellion.**

## **Type of Suffering:**

### **3. Suffering within families and nations.**

**Affects: All people**

**God also uses families and governments to discipline and deal with rebellion.**

**One of the purposes of the third Divine Institution (family) and fourth Divine Institution (government) is to discipline their members by punishing evil.**

- In a family, they might be chided, punished through penalties, have privileges withheld, or be ostracized.**
- Within the context of the nation, they might be convicted in a court of law and end up with fines or get thrown into jail.**



# THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS

## BUILDS SOCIETY

1. Responsible Choice

2. Marriage

3. Family

## RESTRAINS SOCIETY

4. Civil Government

5. Tribal Diversity

## BLESSES SOCIETY

6. Israel

Bless the world

Discipline and punish evil

Discipline, punish, and restrain evil

**Num. 14:18, “ ‘The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.’ ”**

**Deut. 24:16, “Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.”**

**Lam. 5:7, “Our fathers sinned and are no more, but we bear their iniquities.”**

## **Type of Suffering:**

### **4. Discipline of God the Father.**

**Affects: Believers**

**God treats each believer as His own child and will lovingly discipline us, including causing us to suffer when we are rebellious.**

**Rev. 3:19, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.**

**Rev. 3:20, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”**



**Heb. 12:5, “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;**

**Heb. 12:6, “ ‘For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.’**

**Heb. 12:7, “If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?”**

**Heb. 12:8, “But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.**

**Heb. 12:9, “Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?**

**Heb. 12:10, “For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.**

**Heb. 12:11, “Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”**

**1 Cor. 11:29, “For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.**

**1 Cor. 11:30, “For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.**

**1 Cor. 11:31, “For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.”**

**Matt. 18:17, “And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.”**

## **Type of Suffering:**

### **5. Denial of rewards.**

**Affects: Believers**

**Believers will suffer loss when it is time for Jesus to hand out rewards if they have not lived in obedience to Him.**

**2 Cor. 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”**



**1 Cor. 3:11, “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

**1 Cor. 3:12, “Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,**

**1 Cor. 3:13, “each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.**

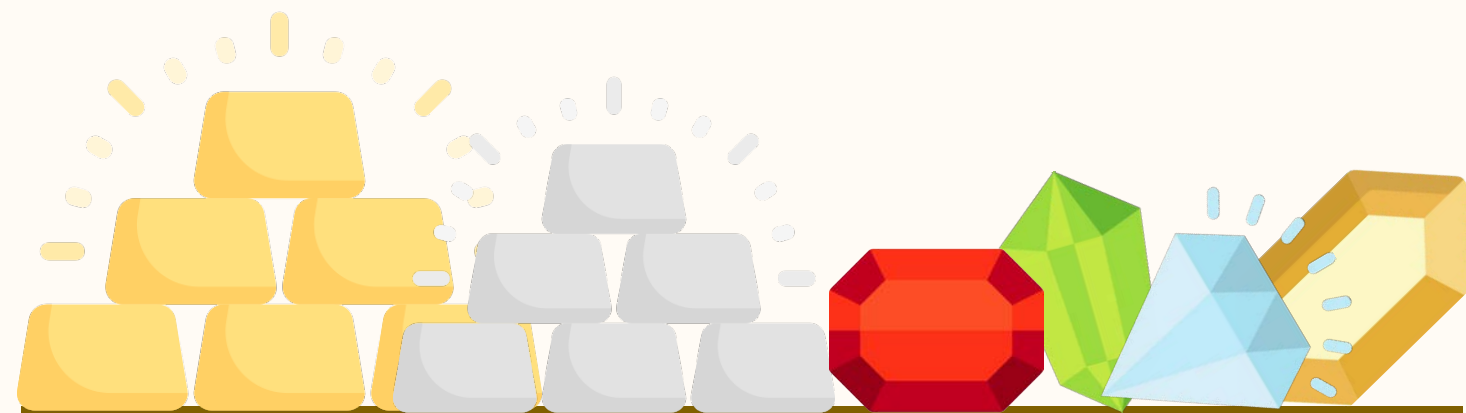
**1 Cor. 3:14, “If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.**

**1 Cor. 3:15, “If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”**

**1 Cor. 3:16, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”**

**1 Cor. 3:17, “If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”**

**Our Earthly Works**



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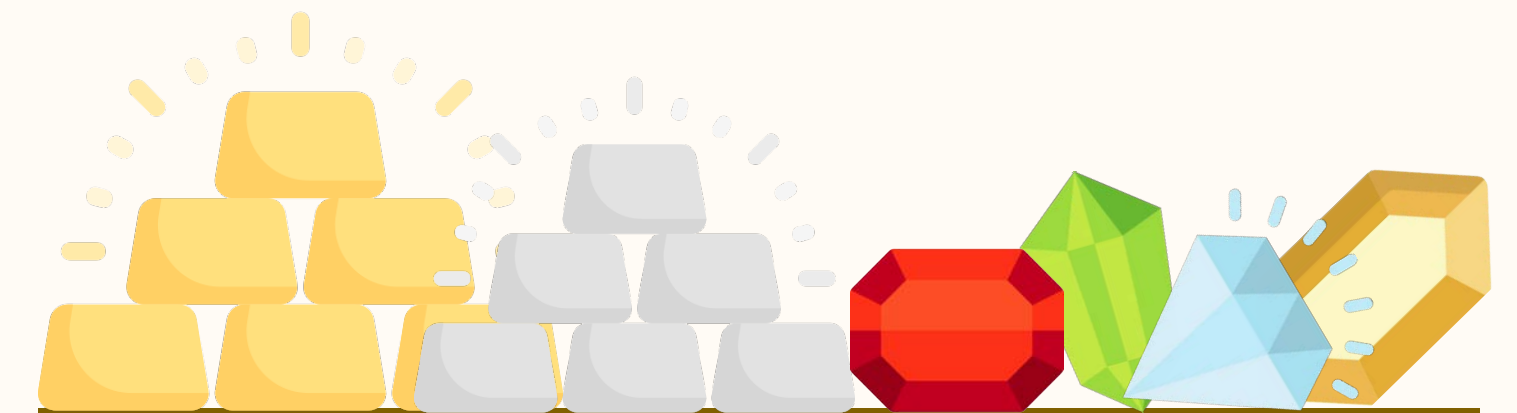
**Judgment Seat of Christ**



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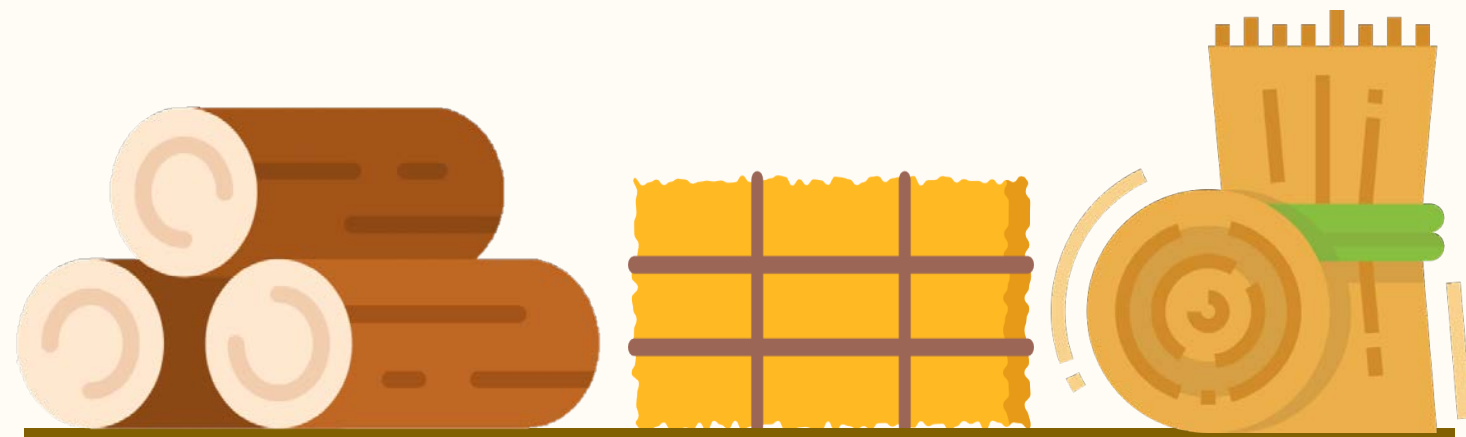
**Works Survived**

**Get REWARDS!**



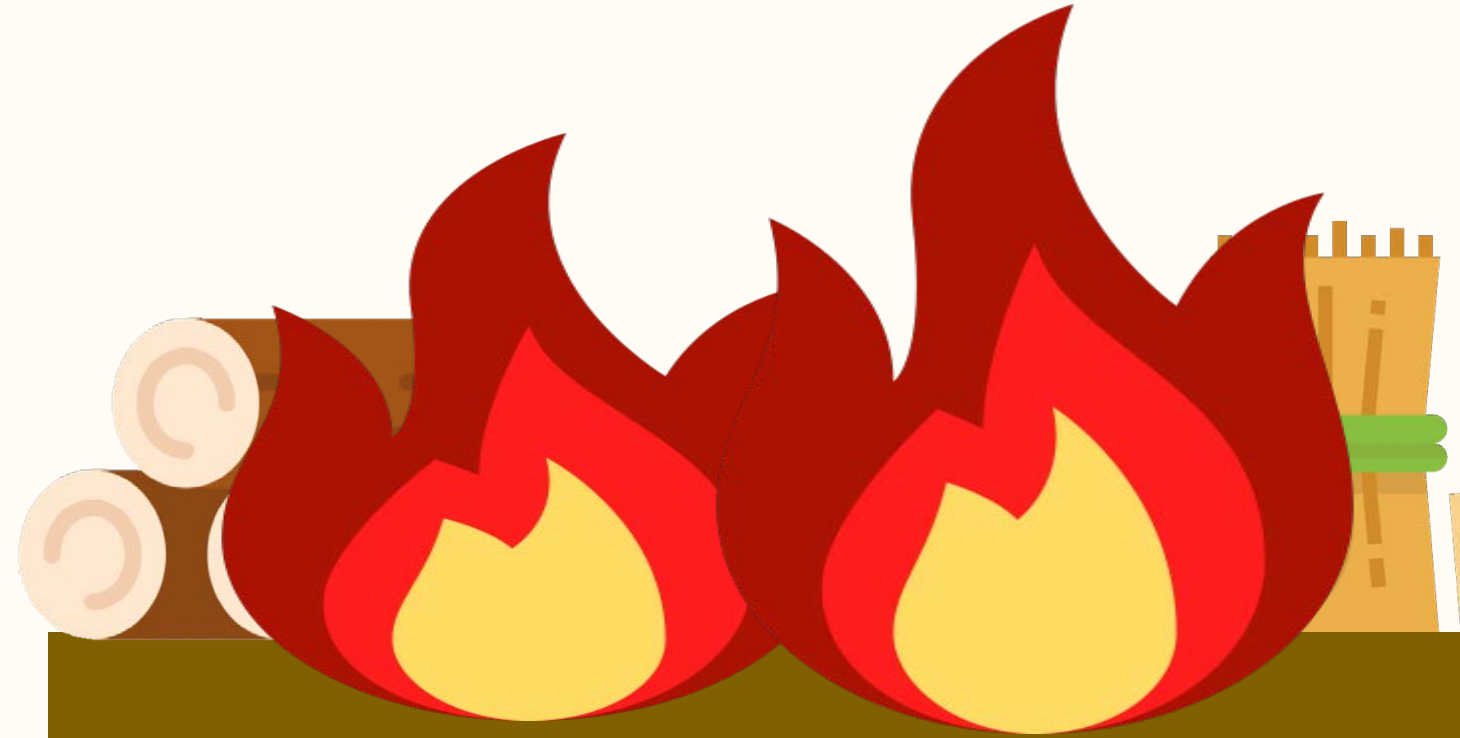
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## Our Earthly Works



Foundation: Faith in Jesus

## Judgment Seat of Christ



Foundation: Faith in Jesus

## Works Burnt Up

Loss of Rewards!

Foundation: Faith in Jesus

## **Type of Suffering:**

### **6. Eternal suffering in the Lake of Fire.**

#### **Affects: Unbelievers**

**Unbelievers who do not respond to God's call to be reconciled with Him will suffer for eternity in the Lake of Fire, together with fallen angels and Satan.**

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