THEOLOGY PROPER



PERFECTIONS

- A. Introduction
- B. Incommunicable Perfections
- C. Communicable Perfections
 - 5. Wrath
 - 6. Sovereignty
 - 7. Truth

GOD'S

TRUTH

"... agreement to that which is represented and includes the ideas of veracity, faithfulness, and consistency."

C. Ryrie

"God is truth. His knowledge, declarations, and representations eternally conform to reality. The truth of God is not only the foundation of all religion, but also of all knowledge. God is true in that He is genuine God as well as truthful God. He is the source of all truth."

Thiessen

Jn 3:33 "He who has received His witness has set his seal to this, that God is true.

Jn 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

1Jn 5:7 And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.

Jn 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.

ABSOLUTE TRUTH

- 1. Father -
- 2. Son -
- 3. HS -
- 4. His Word -
- 5. Gospel -

- "God is true"
- "I am ... truth"
 - "Spirit of truth"
- "... word is truth"
 - "... truth of the gospel"

TRUTH

- 1. His Nature
- 2. His Word
- 3. His Commands
- 4. His Promises
- 5. His Threats

PERFECTIONS

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 - 8. Grace

GOD'S

GRACE

"God's love shown to those who have not deserved it, but have rather deserved its opposite"

Hoekema

"The unmerited goodness or love of God to those who have forfeited it and are by nature under a sentence of condemnation."

L. Berkhof

Ps 86:15 But Thou, O Lord, art a God merciful and gracious, Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.

1Cor 1:4 I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus,

DESCRIPTIONS

- >1Pe 5:10 ... God of all grace
- >1Pe 5:12 ... true grace of God
- >1Pe 4:10 ... manifold grace of God.
- >He 4:16 ... throne of grace
- >1Co 9:14 ... surpassing grace of God
- >Eph 1:6 ... glory of His grace
- >Eph 1:7 ... riches of His grace
- >Eph 2:7 ... surpassing riches of His grace

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 - 9. Goodness

GOD'S

GOODNESS

"That perfection of God which prompts Him to deal bountifully and kindly with all His creatures."

L. Berkhof

"The Goodness of God is the drive behind all the blessings He daily bestows upon us."

A. W. Tozer

Ps 145:9 The Lord is good to all, And His mercies are over all His works.

Ps 135:3 Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is lovely.

Ps 119:68 Thou art good and doest good; Teach me Thy statutes.

Jn 10:11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

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 - 10. Love

GOD'S

LOVE

"God's love is that perfection of the divine nature by which God is eternally moved to communicate Himself. It is not a mere emotional impulse, but a rational and voluntary affection, having its ground in truth and holiness and its exercise in free choice. This is not to deny feeling, for love necessarily involves feeling."

Thiessen

"God's love is an exercise of His goodness towards individual sinners whereby, having identified Himself with their welfare, He has given His Son to be their Savior, and now brings them to know and enjoy Him in a covenant relation."

J.I. Packer

1Jn 4:8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Ro 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

SCOPE

- 1. Holy
- 2. Sacrificial

3. Infinite

- 4. Free
- 5. Independent
- 6. Eternal
- 7. Emotional
- 8. Gracious

The Love of God

OBJECTS

- 1. Trinity
- 2. Unbelievers
- 3. OT Saints
- 4. NT Saints

PERFECTIONS

- A. Introduction
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- C. Communicable Perfections
 - 11. Other Perfections

OTHER PERFECTIONS

1. Righteousness

RICHTEOUSNESS

- > Related Holiness, Justice
- ► He conforms to a perfect standard in Himself He is the standard
- > Ps 11:7, Isa 5:16, 45:21

OTHER PERFECTIONS

1. Righteousness

- 2. Wisdom
 - 3. Faithfulness

WISDOM

- >Related Truth
- > He knows how to use His infinite knowledge to best possible end
- ►Isa 28:29, 33:6, Rom 16:27

FAITHFULNESS

- Related Goodness, Grace, Love
- > He never acts contrary to His nature, will, purposes
- Deut 32:4, 1Cor 1:9

OTHER PERFECTIONS

1. Righteousness

6. Gentleness

2. Wisdom

7. Patience

- 3. Faithfulness
- 4. Mercy
- 5. Compassion

MERCY

- > Related Goodness, Grace, Love
- ➤ Benevolent compassion of God toward man as sinner (WGTS)
- >Ps 86:15, 145:8-9

COMMPASSION

- Related Goodness, Grace, Love
- >Another term for Mercy
- Ex 33:19, Ps 103:4, 8, 13

GENTLENESS

- Related Goodness, Grace, Love
- ➤ He is tender; meek; kind; amiable; mild; not severe
- >Ps 18:35, Mt 11:29

PATIENT

- > Related Goodness, Grace, Love
- whereby He endures evil men in spite of their disobedience, and seeks to lead them to repentance." (Hoekema)
- >Ps 86:15, Rom 2:4

OTHER PERFECTIONS

1. Righteousness

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8. Majesty

4. Mercy

5. Compassion

MAJESTY

- > Related Sovereignty
- ➤ His splendor, sovereignty, greatness, exaltation, above all else, and His throne and rule
- **Pr 8:1, Deut 33:26**

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5. Compassion

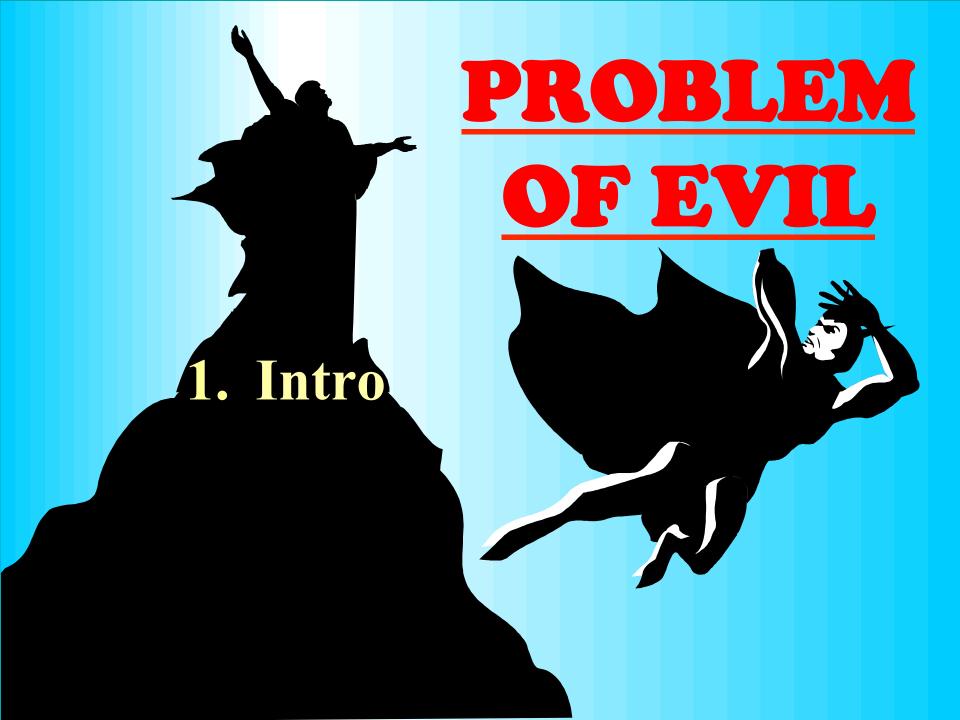
EMOTIONS

- 1. Love
- 2. Compassion
- 3. Wrath
- 4. Jealousy

- 4. Sorrow
- 5. Grief
- 6. Hate
- **7. Joy**

The Love of God

8. Peace



"Why do I suffer? This is the rock of atheism."

George Buckner

"The existence of evil, both moral & natural, forms the basis for one of the oldest & most persistently troubling arguments against Judeo-Christianity."

Gordon Graham

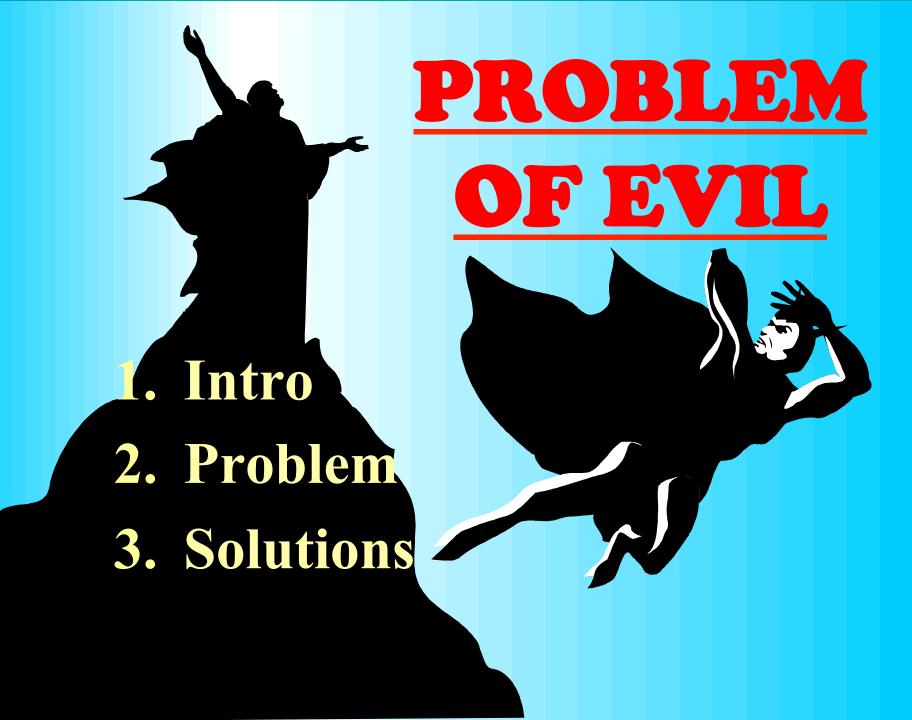






PROBLEM OF EVIL

- 1. If God all-Good wills good
- 2. If God Omnipotent does His will
- 3. Evil Exists
- 4. God does not exist or not all-good or not omnipotent or both



SOLUTIONS

>Atheism -

denies God

► Naturalism -

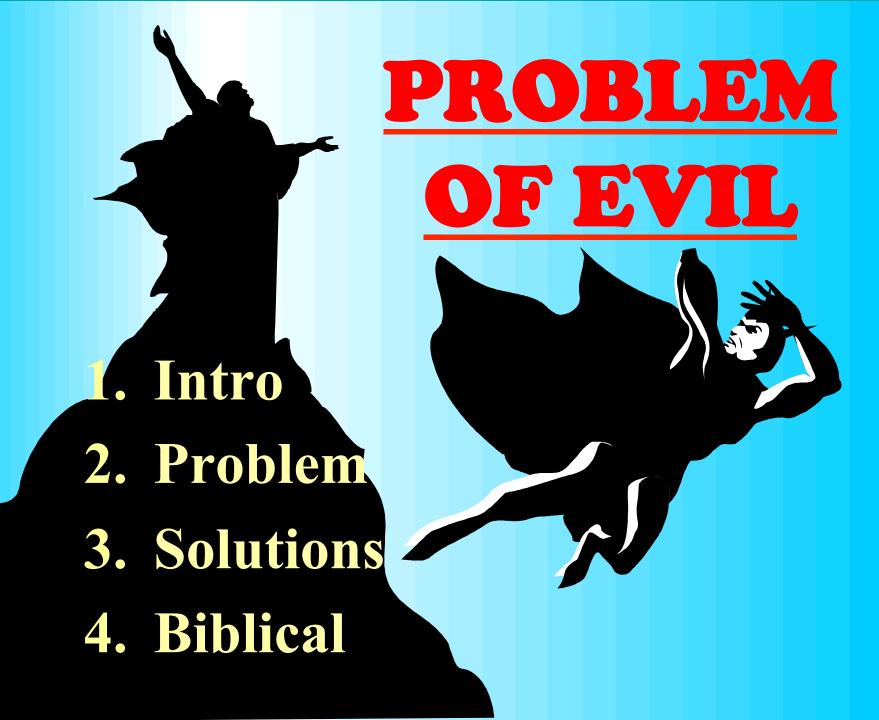
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NATURALISM

- >No God
- >No Purpose
- Cause and Effect
- > Neutral Events
- Some Beneficial & Others not
- >Just the Way things are

SOLUTIONS

- > Atheism denies God
- **►** Naturalism denies God
- **▶** Polytheism limits God
- **Dualism diminishes God**
- **→** Gnosticism distorts creation
- > Pantheism diminishes God
- **► Idealism denies evil**
- ➤ Biblical Theism Good, Omnipotent, Holy, & Sovereign God



BIBLICAL INSIGHTS

- 1. God is Creator of All -
- 2. Moral Agents Created -
 - 3. Moral Agents Choose Evil -
 - 4. Natural Realm Affected -
 - 5. God not author of Evil -
 - 6. God is All-Powerful -
 - 7. God is All-Good -
 - 8. God is Designer -

Sovereign

volition

Fall Pergamum - Theater

2nd Law

Holy

Omnipotent

absolute

purposes

GLORY DISPLAYED

1. Blind Man

5. Job

- 2. Lazarus
- 3. Unbelievers
- 4. Pharaoh

- 6. Death of Christ
- 7. Display to Angels



CONCLUSION

Our Lord is Glorious beyond what we can colossae

>Yet Permitted Evil for His Glorious Purposes Deut 5:24 "And you said, 'Behold, the Lord our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with man, yet he lives.

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