

# The Problem of Evil and the works of God

## Week 7

### Verses from the lesson:

#### Other References:

- Romans 3:19 (Accountability to God)
- 1 Peter 1:17 (God judges impartially)
- Romans 2:11 (No partiality with God)
- Colossians 3:25 (Wrongdoer will be paid back)
- 2 Peter 3:9 (God's patience for salvation)

#### Creation:

- Genesis 1:31 (Creation of man in God's image)
- Genesis 2:15-17 (Man's purpose and first command)

#### Fall:

- Genesis 3:8-10 (Hiding from God)
- Psalm 51:5 (Born in sin)
- Ephesians 2:2 (Sons of disobedience)
- Ephesians 2:3 (Children of wrath)
- James 1:13 (God cannot be tempted with evil)
- 1 John 1:5 (God is light, no darkness)

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#### Redemption:

- Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Promise of new covenant)
- Ezekiel 36:22-29 (New heart promise)
- Luke 22:37 (Fulfillment of prophecy)
- Luke 24:25-27 (Christ explains scriptures)
- John 16:7-15 (Promise of the Helper)
- John 20:29 (Blessed are those who believe)

#### Consummation:

- Acts 1:6-11 (Christ's ascension and promise to return)
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (Description of Christ's return)
- Revelation 12:1-6 (Woman and the dragon)
- Revelation 20:7-15 (Final judgment)
- Acts 17:30-31 (Appointed day of judgment)
- Romans 14:10-12 (All will stand before judgment seat)

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*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” Genesis 3:15*

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### Podcasts & Sites that are helpful:

- Ligonier - <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/topics/works-of-god>

### Resources:

- Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine (Second Edition): Grudem
- 1689 London Baptist Confession – In Modern English

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Traditional Main Eschatological Views:

1. Premillennialism
  - Believes Christ will return before (pre-) the millennium
  - Views Christ's return as preceding a literal 1000-year reign
  - Two main variants:
    - Historic Premillennialism
      - Single return of Christ
      - Post-tribulation rapture
      - Church goes through tribulation
    - Dispensational Premillennialism
      - Two-stage return of Christ
      - Pre-tribulation rapture
      - Church taken before tribulation
2. Postmillennialism
  - Believes Christ will return after (post-) the millennium
  - Views the millennium as a period of Christian influence and prosperity
  - Generally sees:
    - Progressive triumph of gospel
    - Single return of Christ
    - Single final judgment
    - No separate rapture event
3. Amillennialism
  - Views the millennium symbolically rather than literally
  - Believes we are currently in the millennial period described in Revelation
  - Generally holds:
    - Single return of Christ
    - Single general resurrection
    - One final judgment
    - No separate rapture event