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Exodus 20:3 You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me.

John 8:24 (RSV) I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he."

John 8:34 (RSV) Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin.

John 8:36 (RSV) So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Key: pg. 1. how; why; how. pg 2: nothing; glory; pg 3: good; feared; pg 4: worshipped.

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The Creator

The Character of God - part 3 July 15, 2018

Reading and understanding the bible

The biblical writers are not concerned
with the details ofwe got here as
withwe are here
andwe can realize our destiny in the world.

1. God, the Creator.

God created "in the beginning."

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Romans 4:17 As it is written: I have made you a father of many nations. He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believedthe God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.	
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■ ◆ God created out of <u>n</u>	
Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light, 'and there	
was light.	
• God creates for His own g and for man's sake.	
Numbers 14:21 Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth,	
2. God's Good Creation	
Genesis 1:31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morningthe sixth day.	

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Psalms 27:13 I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

3. The world: "good" but not God

♦ Nothing in this world need be <u>f</u>

Psalms 27:1 (RSV) The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

- ² When evildoers assail me, uttering slanders against me, my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall.
- ³ Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- ⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.
- ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent, he will set me high upon a rock.
- ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies round about me; and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.