

The Path to Happiness

Divine Principle Lecture Series

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Lecture 10

The Reason God Did Not Intervene in the Fall

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Welcome back to our series of presentations on the Unification Principle. We have learned that the origin of sin lies in the misuse of love and abuse of power.

→ Now we have to ask why God, who must have known about the fallen acts of the first human ancestors, did not intervene to prevent the act of the fall.

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If God had stepped in at the moment before the first human ancestors fell, there would be no human fall and humankind would not have to live in pain, in the midst of crimes and wars.

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→ Was the Fall of Man part of God's plan?

→ If so, He would have not blocked it. This is one of the most important unsolved mysteries of the ages. Human fall was not God's plan.

→ If it were His plan, why would God give the commandment not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, warning that they would certainly die? (Genesis 2:17) We have studied why and how God created the universe and human beings. God put no place for evil into His plan. Then, when God observed the beginnings of evil, why did He not intervene? The answer will tell us also why God did not intervene at any time since the fall.

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First, it was to maintain the absoluteness and perfection of the Principle of Creation.

→ In accordance with the Principle of Creation, God created human beings in His image, with the character and powers of the Creator, intending that they govern over all things as He governs over humankind.

→ However, for human beings to inherit the creative nature of God, they must grow to perfection by fulfilling their portion of responsibility.

→ We call this period of growth the realm of God's indirect dominion. While people are still in this realm, God does not directly govern them, because He wishes to allow them to fulfill their own portion of responsibility.

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If God were to interfere with human actions during their growing period, it would be tantamount to

→ ignoring the human portion of responsibility. In that case, God would be

→ disregarding His own Principle of Creation, according to which He intends to give human beings His creative nature and raise them to become the Lords of Creation. Therefore,

→ in order to preserve the absoluteness and perfection of the Principle of Creation, God did not intervene in the acts that led human beings to fall.

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God works through the principle. God created all the creation and its activities based on the principle. And He can only express his almighty power through the Principle of Creation. It cannot work in an unprincipled situation. Because God is a principled God, and to preserve that absoluteness and perfection of the principle, God did not interfere in the Fall.

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Second, in order for God alone to be the Creator. God only governs over a principled existence that He has created and does not interfere with unprincipled acts. Therefore, God does not regulate any unprincipled existence that He did not create, such as hell; nor does He interfere with any unprincipled act, such as criminal acts.

→ The reason is that if God were to affect the course of such acts, they would necessarily be given the value of God's creation, and be recognized as principled.

→ Consequently, if God were to have intervened in the Fall of the first human ancestors, He would have been attributing to those acts the value of His creation and

→ recognizing them as principled, creating a new completely chaotic principle.

→ Further, since it was Satan who brought about that situation, it would in fact be Satan who created this new principle. Satan would stand as the creator of all the fruits of the Fall, equal to God. Therefore, in order for God to remain the only Creator, He did not intervene in the human Fall.

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God is not an unprincipled God, he is a principled God. Satan or an evil spirit or unprincipled criminal have nothing to do with God. These things cannot be part of God's creation.

→ When it comes to unprincipled crime, because it is in the human portion of responsibility, God has to keep silent. During the growing period, God only intervenes based on the results of our words and actions, for which we take responsibility.

→ God watches the unprincipled criminal acts while feeling sad and miserable.

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The third reason God did not intervene, was to make human beings the lords of creation

→ God is the God of Heart. God's heart takes substantial joy in the human object partner. The creation is a symbolic object partner of God's heart. All things are the direct object partners of human beings. As their subject partners, we feel joy when all things receive joy from us.

→ Therefore in Genesis 1:28 it states that God gave the blessing to human beings to have dominion over the creation.

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Accordingly, to have dominion over creation, there is a qualification for human beings. Human beings cannot be subject partners to creation while in a position equal to the creation.

→ God is qualified to govern human beings because He is their Creator. Likewise, for human beings to gain the qualifications to rule all things, they must also possess the appropriate character and power by becoming co-creators with God.

→ In order to give them creatorship and make them worthy to govern all things, God has human beings perfect themselves

→ by accomplishing their own portion of responsibility until the end of their growing period.

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→ If God were to rule directly and control the lives of human beings who are still in the state of immaturity, they would never fulfill their responsibility.

→ They would never receive God's full creative nature and assume the position of dominion over the creation. God, the Author of the Principle, would be disregarding His own Principle of Creation, which He established in order to enable human beings to inherit the nature of the Creator and govern the creation. Therefore, in order to give them creatorship and raise them as Lords of Creation, God had to restrain Himself from intervening in the acts of immature human beings.

→ We know that God knew about the fallen act, even though He could stop it from happening. He did not interfere not just because it took place, because God acts only through the Principle of Creation

→ In front of unprincipled acts, God had to force himself to be silent because God placed human beings in the position to have dominion over the creation.

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→ Thus, to maintain the absoluteness and perfection of the principle, for God to remain as the Creator, and for human beings to have dominion over the creation, even though God knew about it and had the power to stop it, He did not interfere in the fallen act.

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However, God wants us to accomplish our responsibility during the growth period in order to give us His creatorship. We must regard it as a great blessing to inherit the creative nature of God. If we take into consideration that the purpose and quality of godly creativity is completely different from the creative nature of fallen man,

→ we will be grateful that God did not intervene, and

→ want to fulfill our portion of responsibility and receive God's creative nature.

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Whether or not people believe in the fall, or in religion,

→ humankind is aware that something is very wrong with the world. That is why in every culture we find an expectation that the world is going to end. This is often called an apocalypse.

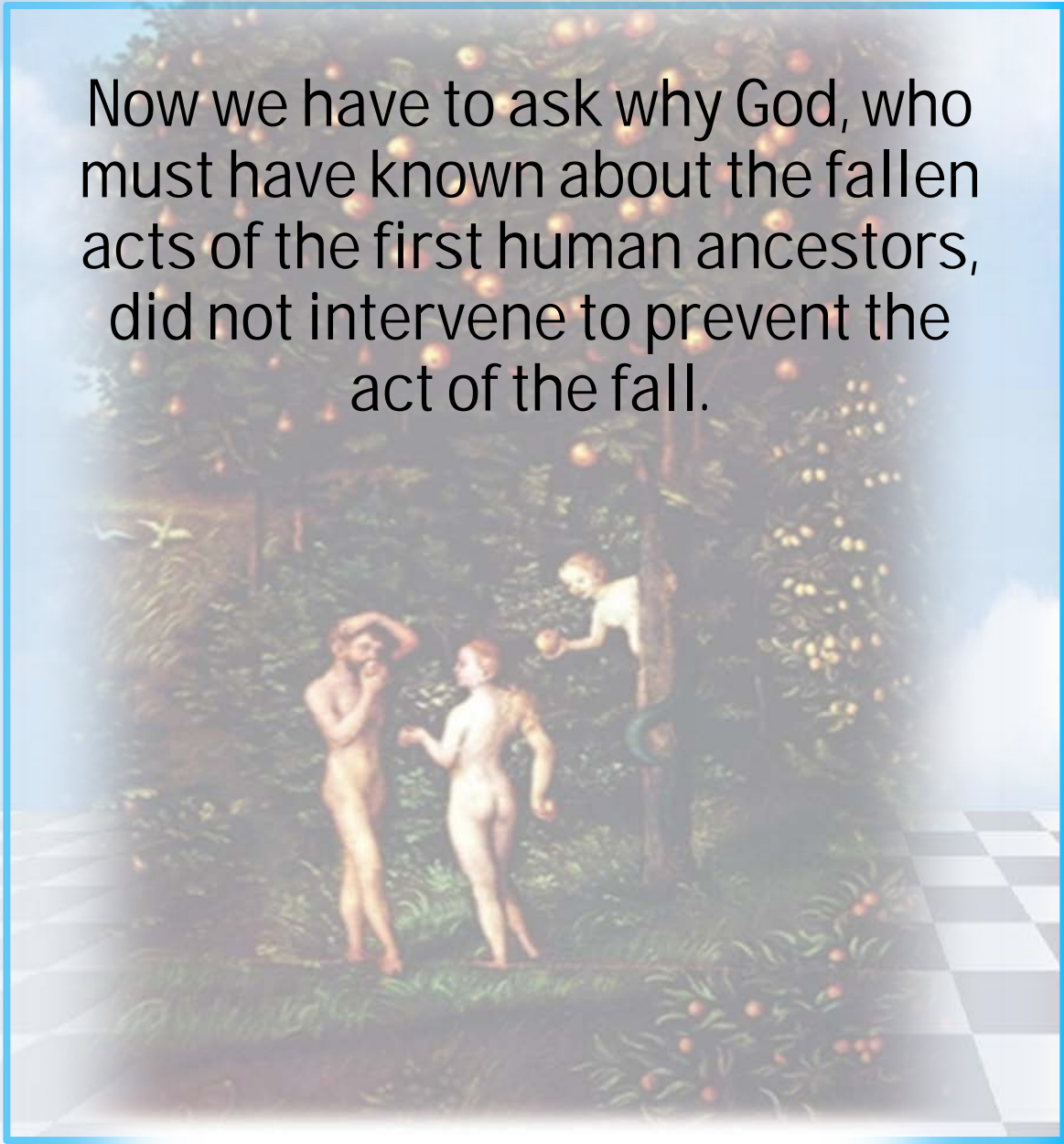
→ What does this belief tell us? How does it give us insight into the direction of history and what will come in the future?

→ We will discuss this in the next session. See you then.

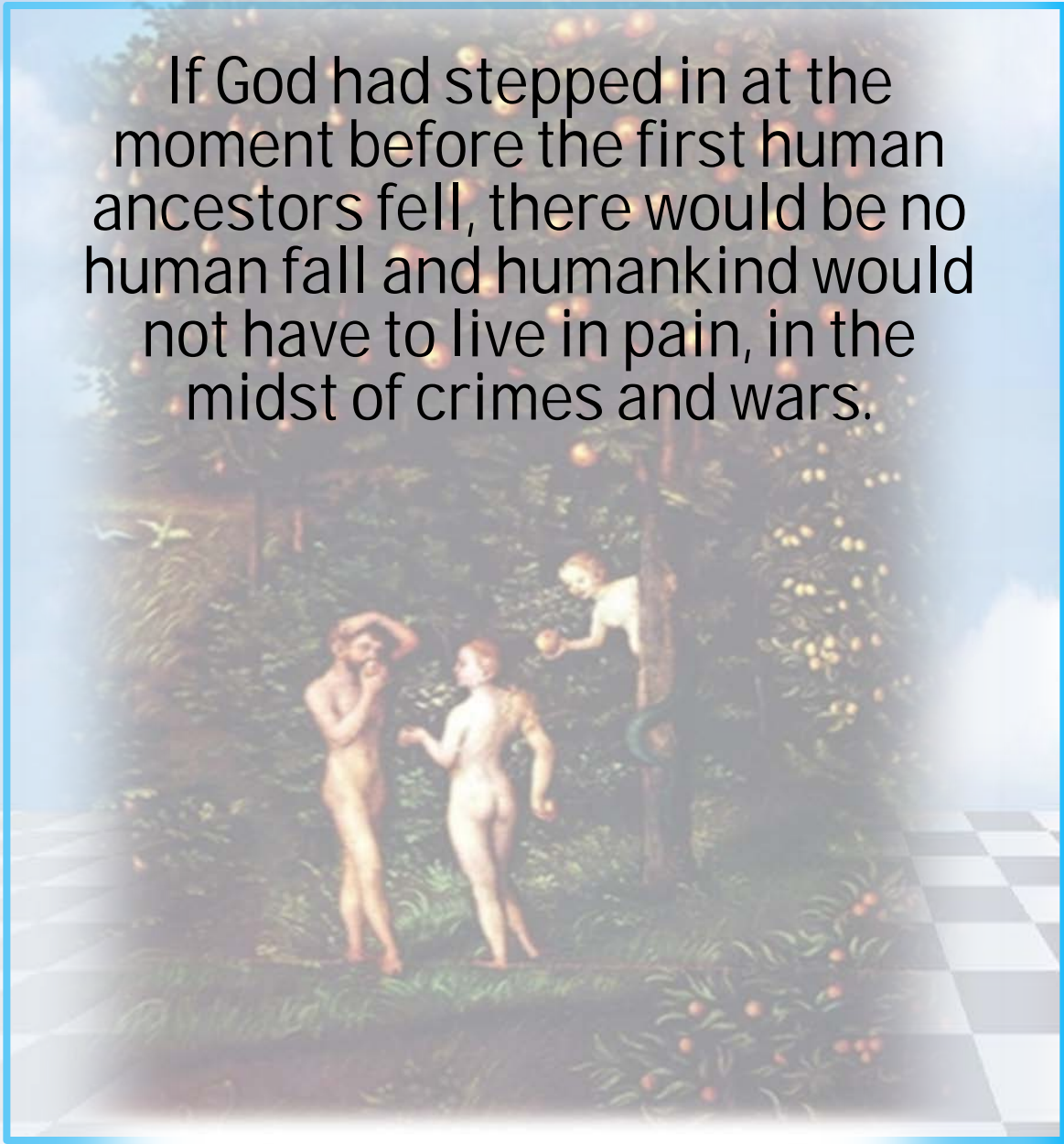


The Reason God Did Not
Intervene in the Fall

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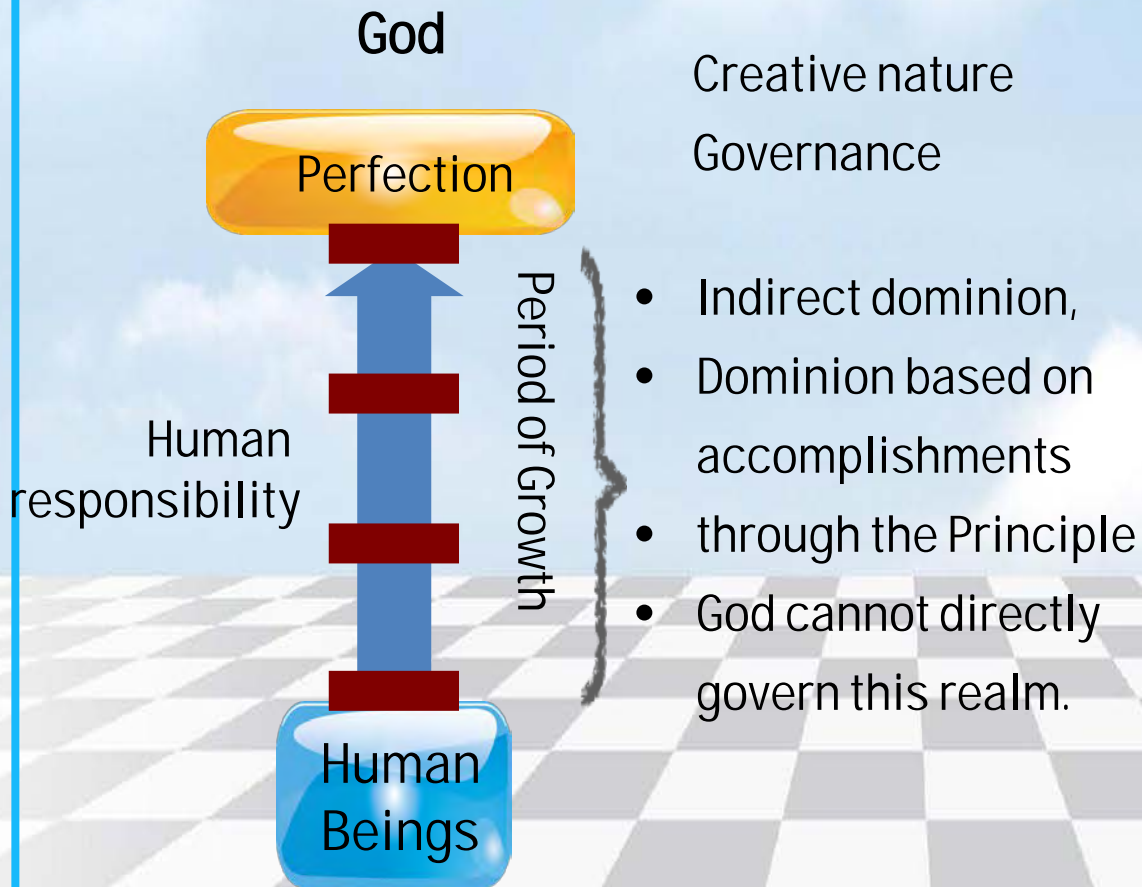
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- Was the human Fall part of God's plan?
- Is that why God did not block it even when He knew of it?
- "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it, you shall die." Gen 2:17

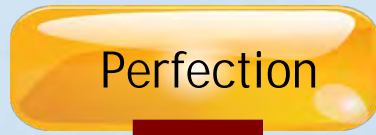


1) To Maintain the Absoluteness and Perfection of the Principle of Creation



Interference

God



Perfection



Period of Growth

Human
responsibility

Human
Beings

Ignoring human
responsibility

Disregarding His
own Principle of
Creation

Undermining the
absoluteness and
perfection
of the Principle of
Creation

God

Created all things and governed
their activities based on the
principle

Can express love only in a
principled situation.
Cannot work outside of principle.



Did not interfere in the Fall

2) That God Alone Be the Creator

Fallen acts

God



Had God
intervened



Attributing the value
of His creation



Recognizing them
as principled



A new principle
created by Satan



Satan would have stood
as the creator

Principled God

God had to remain
silent in front of
unprincipled crime

God lamented over
criminal acts

3) For Human Beings to Become Lords of the Creation

God of Heart



Human Beings



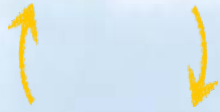
All Things

Substantial Object
Partner of Joy

Symbolic Object
Partner of the Heart

God created human beings and commanded them to have dominion over the creation – Gen. 1:28

God



Perfection



Human Beings

Gain the qualification to govern over all things just as God governs over humankind

Fulfill responsibility during the growth period

God



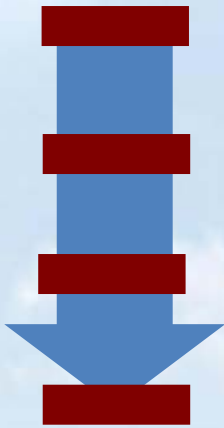
Interference



Bestowing creatorship



Qualification to govern
over all things



Immature
man

God works only through the Principle
God had to be silent because
He gave us responsibility

Thus, to maintain the **absoluteness**
and perfection of the principle,
for God to remain as the **Creator,**
and for human beings to **have**
dominion over the creation,

***even though God knew about
it, and had the power to stop
it, He did not interfere in the
fallen act.***



A great blessing

Grateful that God did not
intervene

Want to fulfill our responsibility

- All cultures teach that something is wrong and this world has to end.
- What does this tell us?

