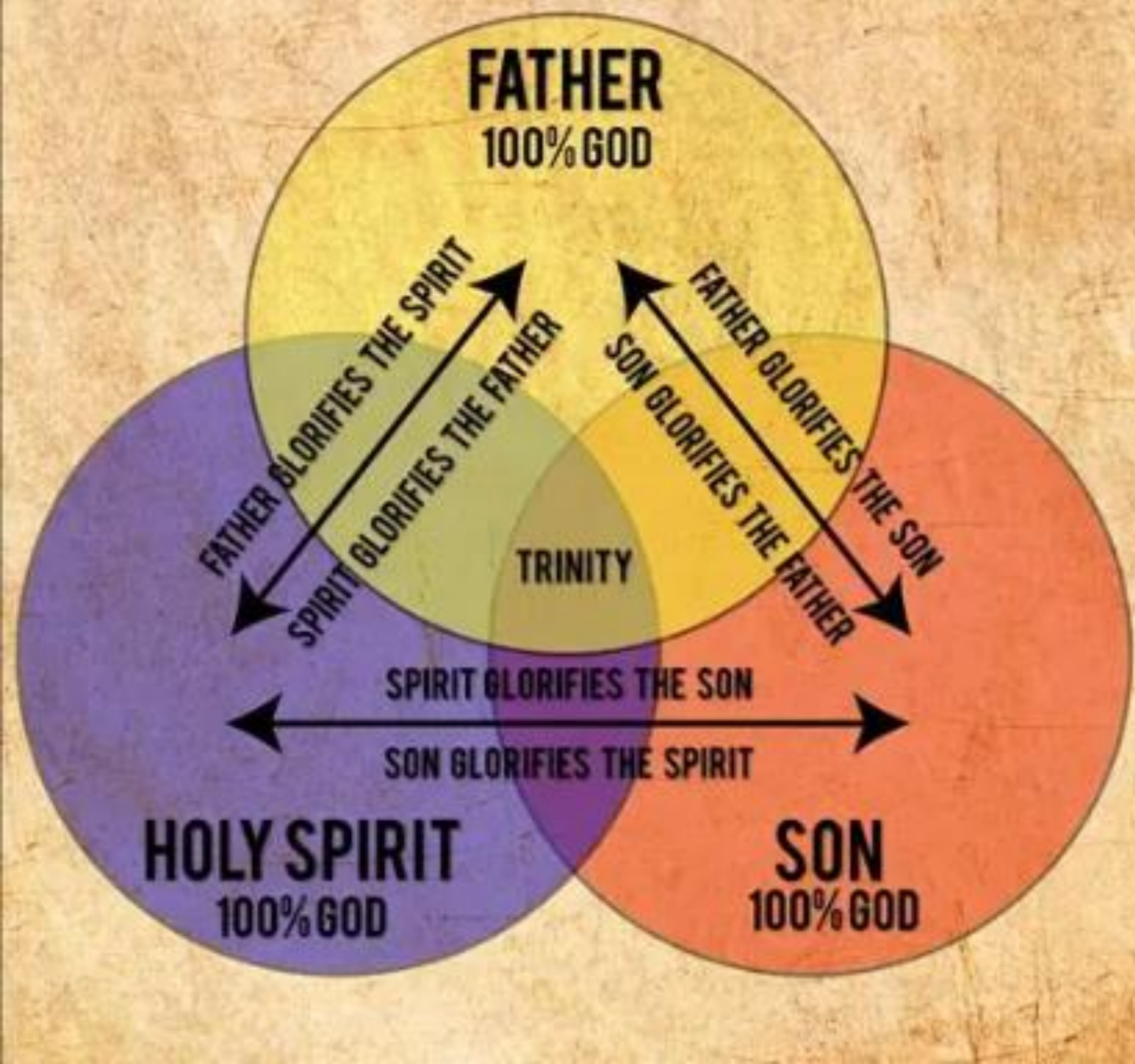




The Family of God

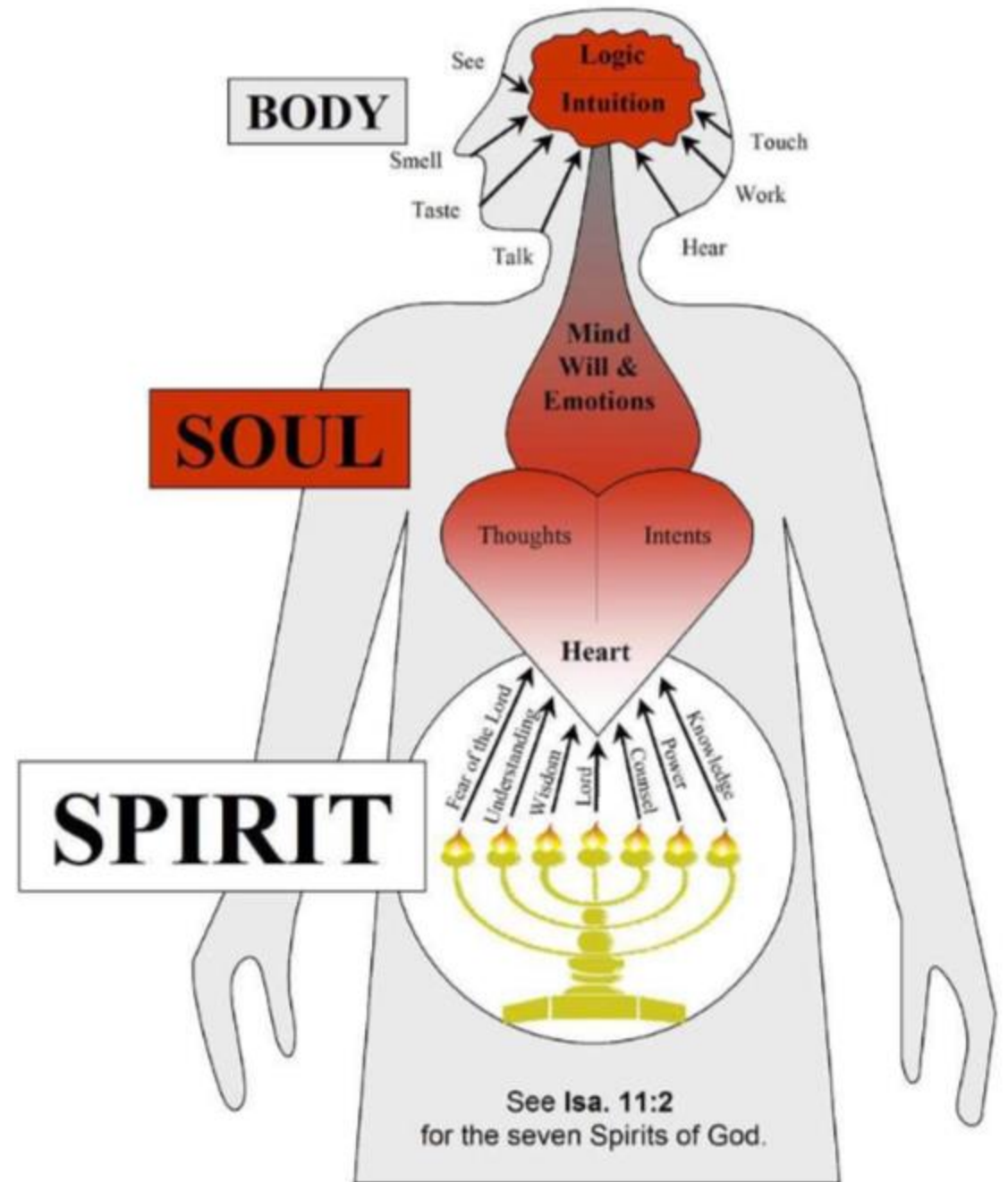
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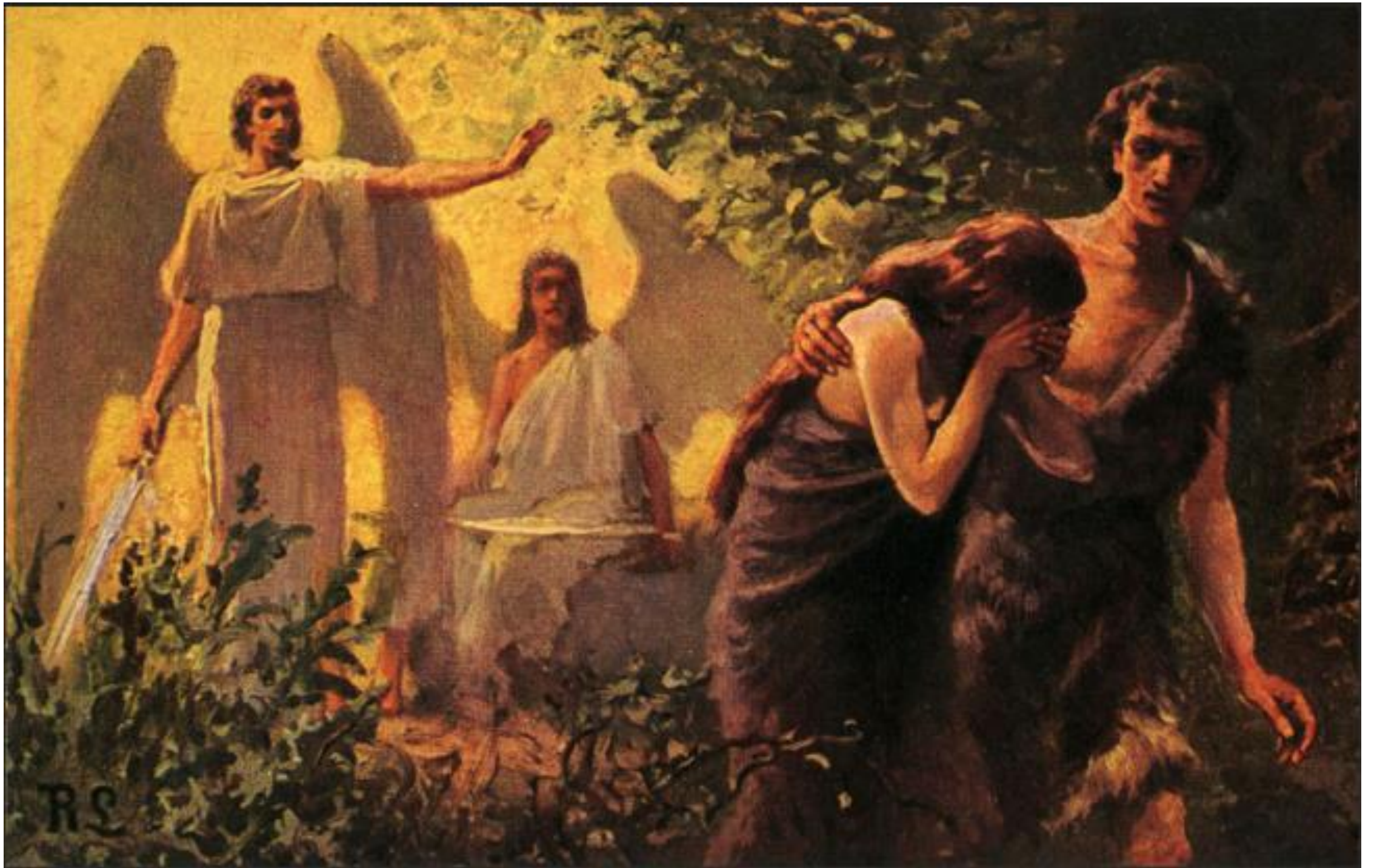
²⁶ Then God said, “let Us make man in Our image, according to our likeness... all the earth... ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”



The Triune God

The Triune Man





Genesis 3

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves...

²¹ The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

The Act of a Loving Father

- A **sinful soul** is in rebellion against God
- God gave us our flesh/mind to be able to reason things out.
- The pride of life will always reason that man can save himself.
- Therefore **the bondage of decay** demonstrates man's fallibility and predicament
- A **humble, rational** man will reason that only God can save him from his predicament.

Romans 1

¹⁸For the wrath of God has been revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men **who suppress the truth...** because what may be known of God **is manifest in them**, for God has shown it to them... His invisible attributes are clearly seen... His eternal power and **the Godhead**, so they are without excuse, for although they knew God they did not glorify Him as god... becoming futile in their thoughts..."

Genesis 6

⁵ The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. ⁷ So the LORD said, 'I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created – and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground – for I regret that I have made them.' ⁸ But Noah found favour in the eyes of the LORD.

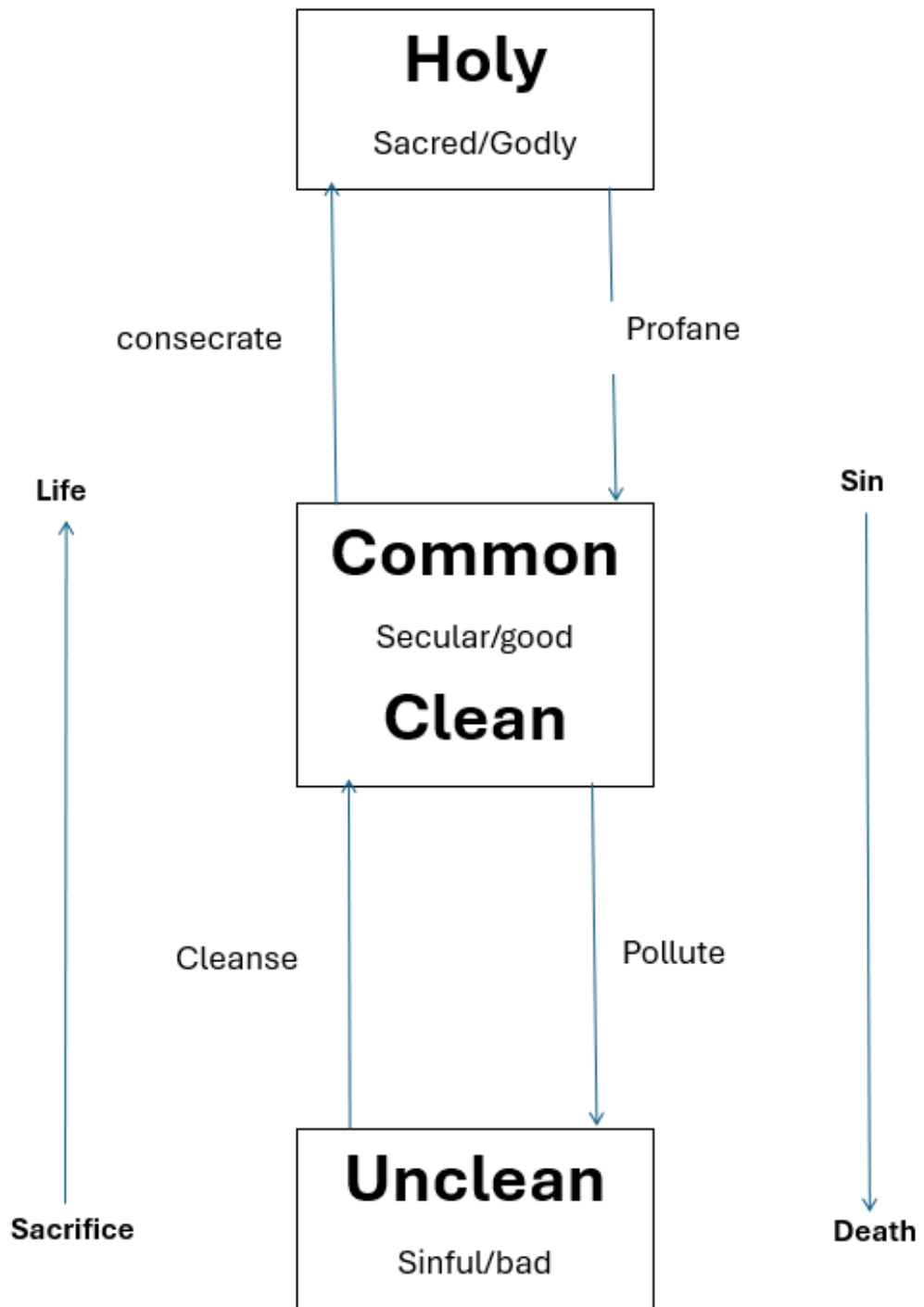
Genesis 11

11 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ² As people moved eastward,^[a] they found a plain in Shinar^[b] and settled there.

⁴ Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.'

⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.'

⁸ So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.



John 6

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.'

God's Law: people

5. Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long...

6. You shall not murder

7. You shall not commit adultery

8. You shall not steal

9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour

10. You shall not covet... anything that is your neighbour's

How easy are these to keep? Consider these are the ones non-believers focus on to prove they are just as good as you.

Heb 4:12

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Matthew 19

- ¹⁶ Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, 'Teacher, **what good thing must I do** to get eternal life?'
- ¹⁷ 'Why do you ask me about what is good?' Jesus replied. 'There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.'
- ¹⁸ 'Which ones?' he enquired.
- Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honour your father and mother,"^[a] and "love your neighbour as yourself."^[b]'
- ²⁰ 'All these I have kept,' the young man said. '**What do I still lack?**

Romans

⁷ What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”^[a] ⁸ But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead.

Romans

⁹ Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. ¹⁰ I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. ¹¹ For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. ¹² So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

How to be a Family Member

- Recognise you're a sinner
- Understand the Holiness of God
- Commit daily to Jesus
- Hand over **complete** lordship to Christ
- **Believe and Proclaim** the word of God everywhere.

Matthew 12

⁴³ “When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. ⁴⁴ Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation.”

5 Promises from His Word

- “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” – **John 3:16 (NIV)**
- “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” – **Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)**
- “And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” – **Philippians 4:19 (NIV)**
- “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” – **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)**
- “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” – **Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**