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Our Salvation

A Systematic Study of Soteriology

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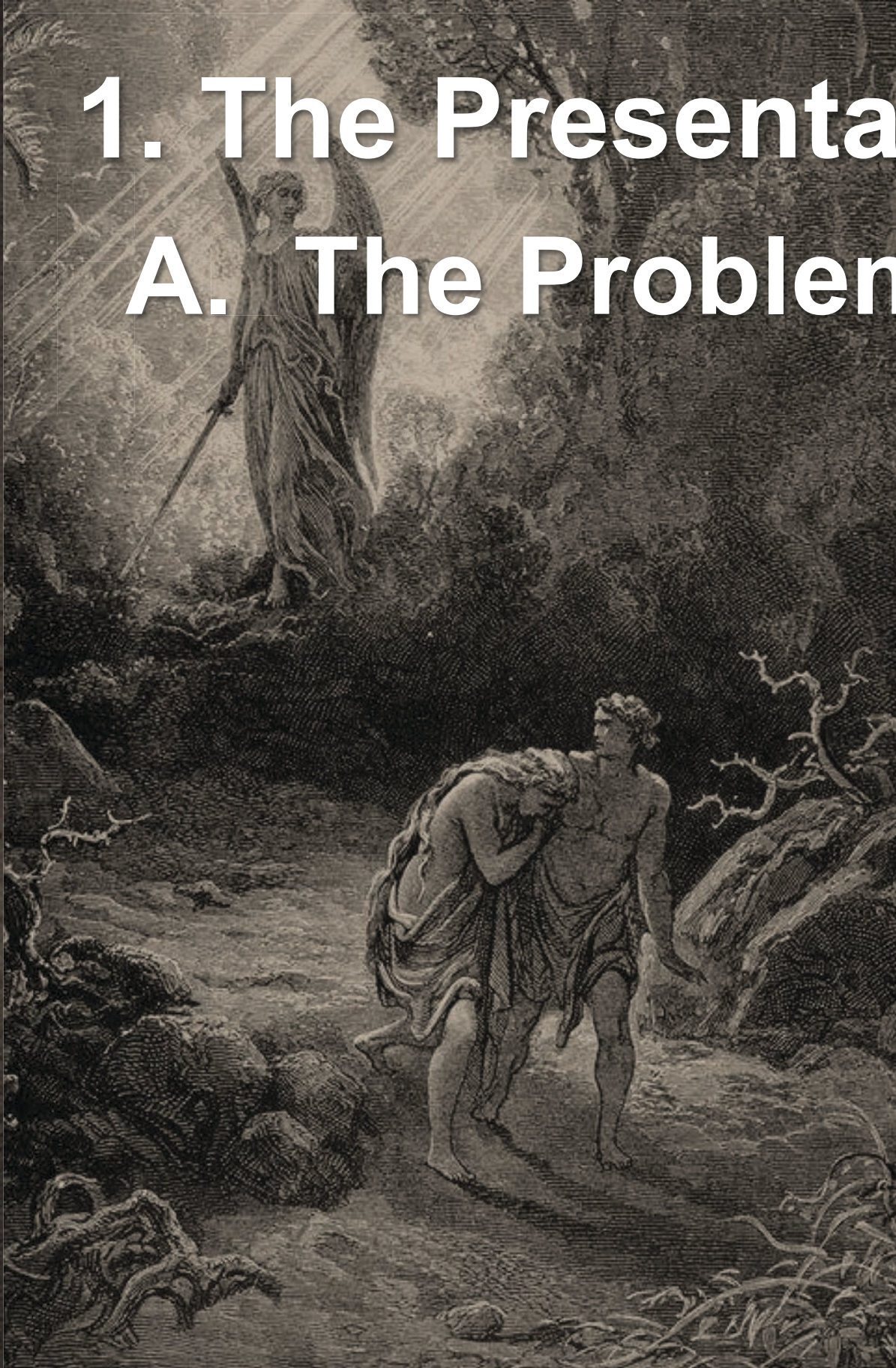
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A. The Problem was the Same

1) Authority of a Holy God

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

Genesis 2:17 “of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat”

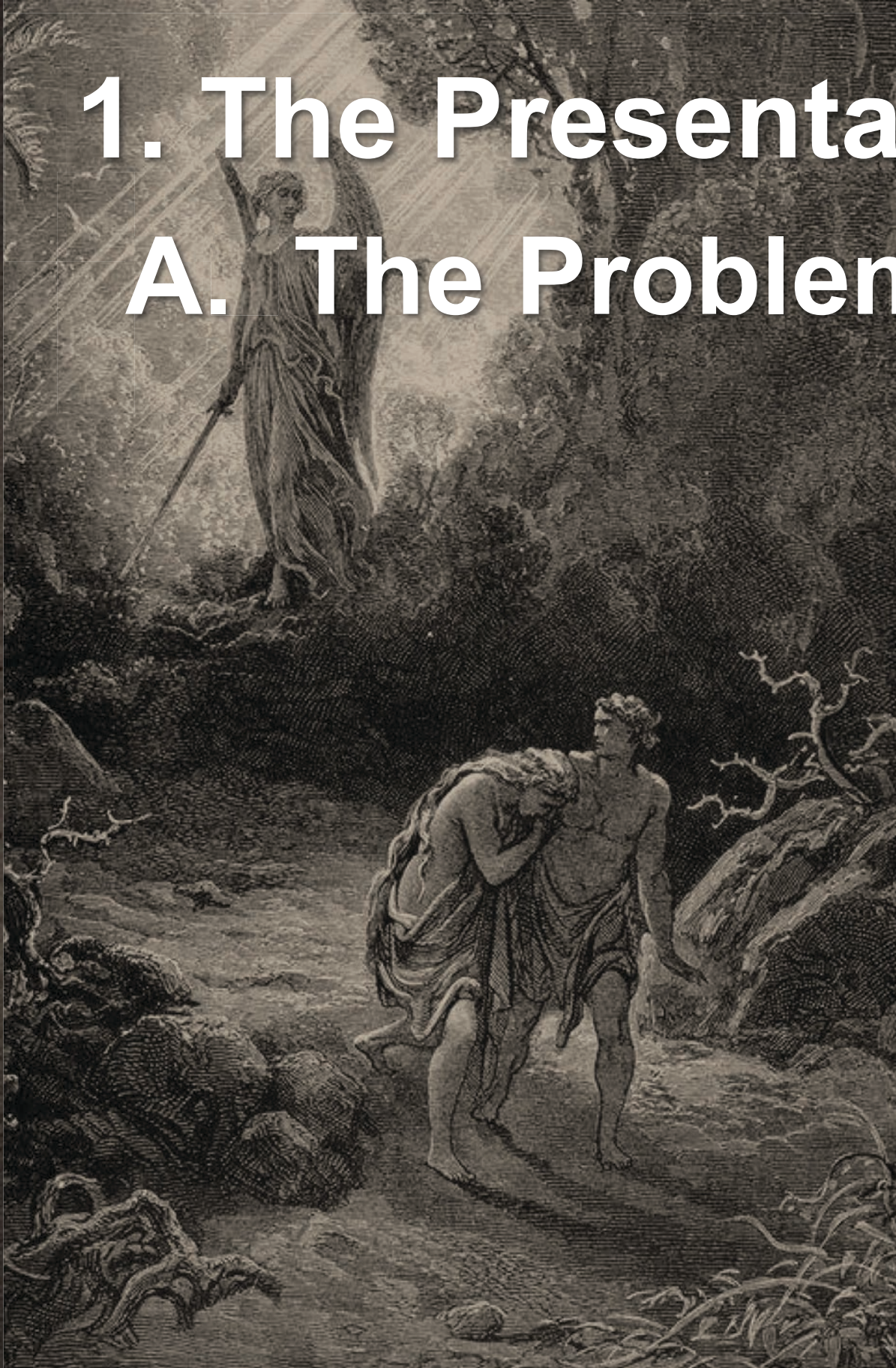


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2) Rebellion of Sinful People

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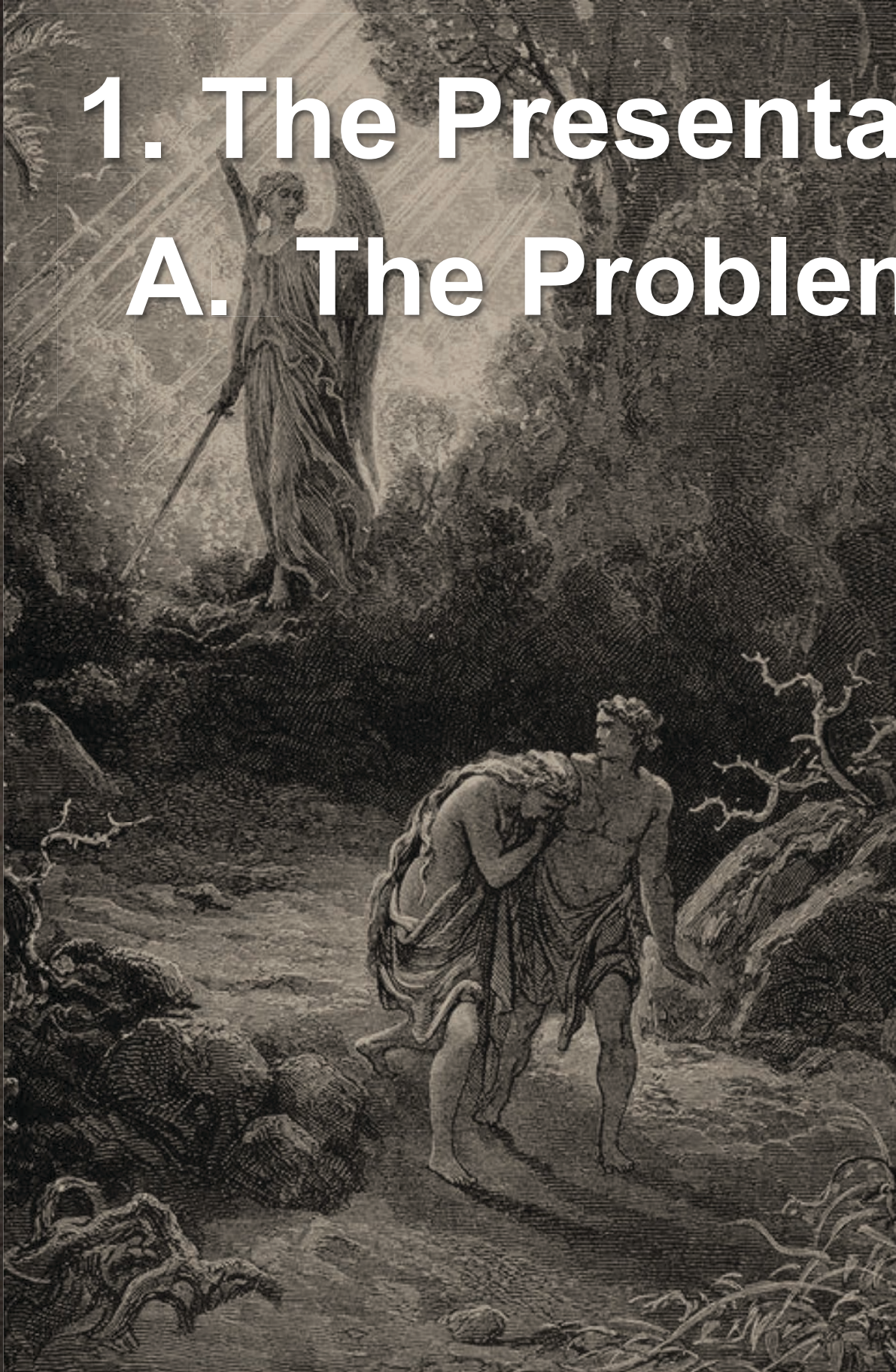
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Genesis 2:17 “for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

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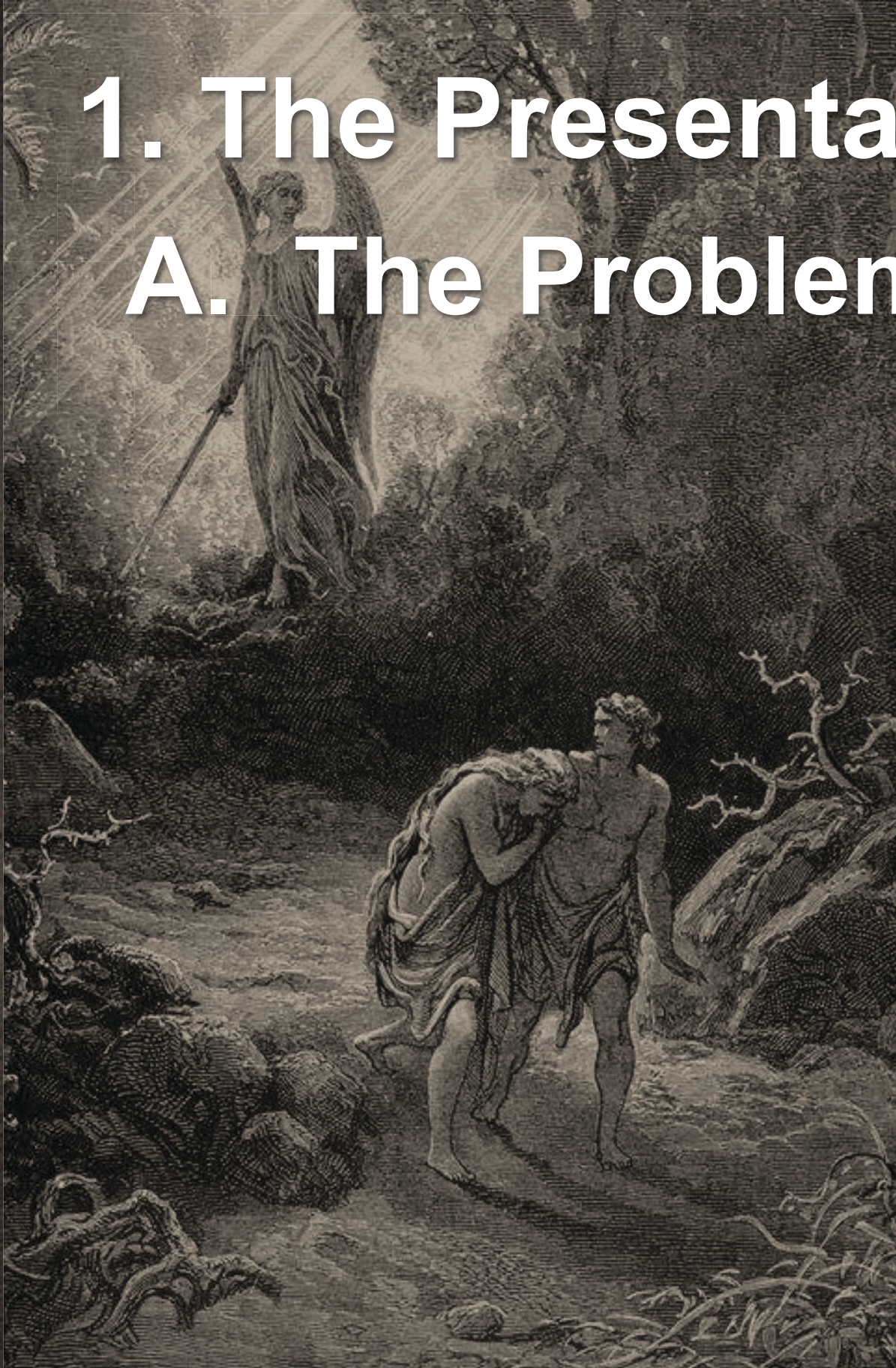


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4) The Desire to be Absolved

Genesis 3:8 the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.



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B. The Solution's Timeless Foundation

1) God's Love

Exodus 34:7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin

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B. The Solution's Timeless Foundation

2) God's Mercy

Psalms 25:6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. **7** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

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B. The Solution's Timeless Foundation

3) God's Grace

Nehemiah 9:17 They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.

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C. The Solution Symbolized

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Exodus 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, **6** and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

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C. The Solution Symbolized

2) Acceptance of the Guilty

Leviticus 1:3 “If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD.”

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C. The Solution Symbolized

3) Based on a “Transfer of Guilt”

Leviticus 1:4 He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

1. The Presentation of the Gospel in the OT

D. Imperatives for the Penitent

2) Trust in God (Faith)

Psalms 32:5 I acknowledged my iniquity; I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "My transgressions are against me, and against the LORD my sin." **6** Therefore let your prayer be answered, O LORD, at a time when the rush of great waters, the flood of troubles, are a hiding place for me; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Isaiah 30:15 For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling

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E. The Question of Real Payment for Sin

1) Only Christ Can Substitute for Sin

Hebrews 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. **5** Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; **6** in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

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2. Presenting the Gospel in the Gospels

A. The Coming of “God’s Kingdom”

Mark 1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, **15** and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

2. Presenting the Gospel in the Gospels

A. The Coming of “God’s Kingdom”

1) The “God” of the OT was Understood

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A. The Coming of “God’s Kingdom”

2) The “Kingdom” Foretold in the OT was Understood

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7** Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

a. Messiah is King

Isaiah 33:17 Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty

b. Messiah “Saves” the Penitent

33:22 ...the LORD is our king; he will save us.

c. Messiah Consummates History

40:5 the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it

d. Messiah Rewards & Punishes

40:10 reward is with him and his recompense before him.

e. Messiah Solves the Sin Problem

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ... **10** Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

2. Presenting the Gospel in the Gospels

B. How the Response “Adjusted”

1) The Imperatives Were the Same

- **Repentance & Faith**

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B. How the Response “Adjusted”

2) The Focal Point of Faith was Clarified

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

2. Presenting the Gospel in the Gospels

B. How the Response “Adjusted”

3) The Consummation of the Kingdom was Postponed

Acts 1:6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” **7** He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

3. Presenting the Gospel After the Gospels

A. Gentiles Needed OT Theology

1) God is Creator

Acts 17:24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth...

25 ...he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. **26** And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place

3. Presenting the Gospel After the Gospels

A. Gentiles Needed OT Theology

2) God is Holy

1 Peter 1:15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, **16** since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

3. Presenting the Gospel After the Gospels

A. Gentiles Needed OT Theology

3) God is Just

2 Th 1:7 when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels **8** in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **9** They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, **10** when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

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A. Gentiles Needed OT Theology

4) God is Loving

Romans 5:7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

3. Presenting the Gospel After the Gospels

B. The Problem Underscored

1) We are Sinful

Romans 3:9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, **10** as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; **11** no one understands; no one seeks for God. **12** All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

3. Presenting the Gospel After the Gospels

B. The Problem Underscored

2) We Deserve Punishment

Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

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C. The Solution Clarified

1) Jesus is God

Philippians 2:6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

3. Presenting the Gospel After the Gospels

C. The Solution Clarified

2) Jesus Lived & Died in Our Place

Matthew 3:15 But Jesus

answered him
so now, for the
fitting for us to
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2 Corinthians 5:21 For our
sake he made him to be sin
who knew no sin, so that in him
we might become the
righteousness of God.

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C. The Solution Clarified

3) Jesus Conquered Death for Us

1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ

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work is
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account.

18 They
are
asleep
in Christ.

Hebrews 2:14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, **15** and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

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D. The Response Reiterated

Acts 20:21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Presenting the Gospel After the Gospels

D. The Response Reiterated

1) Repent

- From Self-Direction / Self-Gratification

2 Corinthians 5:15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

3. Presenting the Gospel After the Gospels

D. The Response Reiterated

1) Repent

- To God's Agenda & Direction

1 Thessalonians 1:9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God

3. Presenting the Gospel After the Gospels

D. The Response Reiterated

2) Faith

- In Christ (Not Yourself) to Save

Philippians 3:8 For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith

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D. The Response Reiterated

2) Faith

- In Christ as Payment for Sins

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God

4. Instructions Re: Gospel Presentations

A. Evangelism is Required !

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them,

“**Acts 5:28** “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” **29** But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. **30** The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. **31** God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

4. Instructions Re: Gospel Presentations

B. Optimistic Evangelism

Acts 13:47 For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the

earth.'" **48** And when they began to preach in the synagogues, the Jews were jealous, and they began to blaspheme the Lord, and to contradict, saying, "We have a prophet among us, and we ought to obey him." **49** And when they had opposed and blasphemed, they killed Stephen, and stoned him, and buried his body. And Saul stood up and began to persecute the church, and he sought to destroy it, and he persecuted Stephen's disciples, and he seized them, and he put them in prison. **50** And Saul persecuted the church in Jerusalem, and he went down to Damascus, and he abode there with Helys the high priest. **51** And Saul did mightily against the church of Jerusalem, and he persecuted the disciples, and he seized them, and he put them in prison. **52** And Saul persecuted the church in Jerusalem, and he went down to Damascus, and he abode there with Helys the high priest. **53** And Saul did mightily against the church of Jerusalem, and he persecuted the disciples, and he seized them, and he put them in prison. **54** And Saul persecuted the church in Jerusalem, and he went down to Damascus, and he abode there with Helys the high priest. **55** And Saul did mightily against the church of Jerusalem, and he persecuted the disciples, and he seized them, and he put them in prison. **56** And Saul 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Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation"

4. Instructions Re: Gospel Presentations

C. Prayerful Evangelism

1) For More Evangelists

Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; **38** therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

4. Instructions Re: Gospel Presentations

C. Prayerful Evangelism

2) For Conversions

Romans 10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.

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3) For Opportunities

Colossians 4:3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— **4** that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

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C. Prayerful Evangelism

4) For Boldness

Ephesians 6:19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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D. Strategic Evangelism

1) The Command

Colossians 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

4. Instructions Re: Gospel Presentations

D. Strategic Evangelism

2) The Examples

- Christ
- The Apostles

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E. Integrious Evangelism

Titus 2:7 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, sincerity, and sound speech that cannot be rebuffed, so that an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say about you.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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F. Tactful Evangelism

Acts 16:3 Paul wanted Timothy to

1 Corinthians 9:19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. **20** To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. **21** To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

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G. Uncompromising Evangelism

2 Corinthians 4:1 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. **2** But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. **3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

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H. Reasoned Evangelism

Acts 17:2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the

Acts 26:25 But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. **26** For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner.

4. Instructions Re: Gospel Presentations

I. Responsive (Apologetic) Evangelism

1 Peter 3:15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect

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J. Persuasive Evangelism

2 Corinthians 5:11 Therefore, knowing the

Acts 26:26 For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. **27** King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.”

28 And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?” **29** And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.”

4. Instructions Re: Gospel Presentations

K. Urgent Evangelism

Mark 1:15 saying,

“The time
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Hebrews 3:7 Therefore, as the
Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you
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