

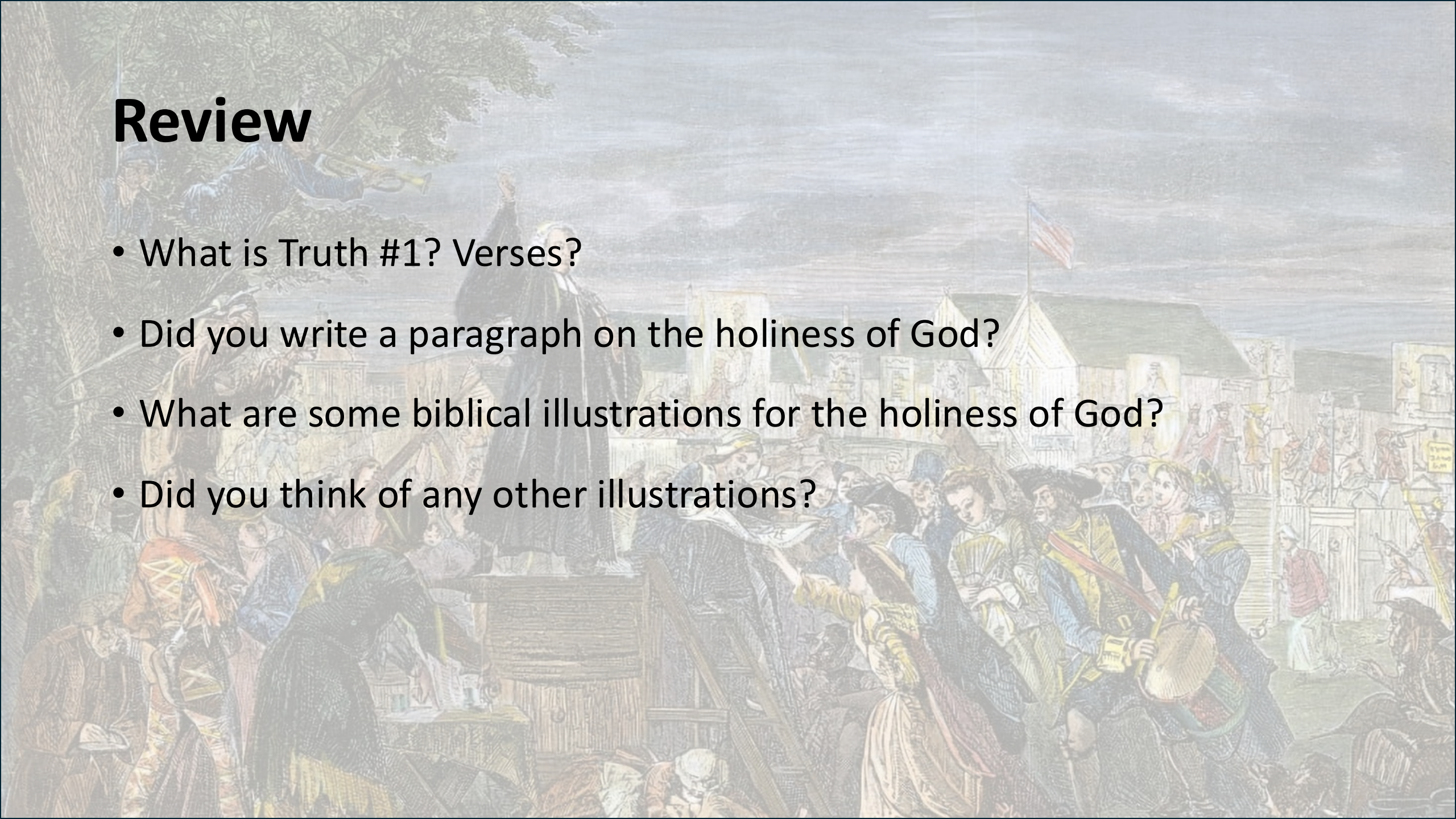


Evangelism Training

Truth 2: Man is a great sinner.

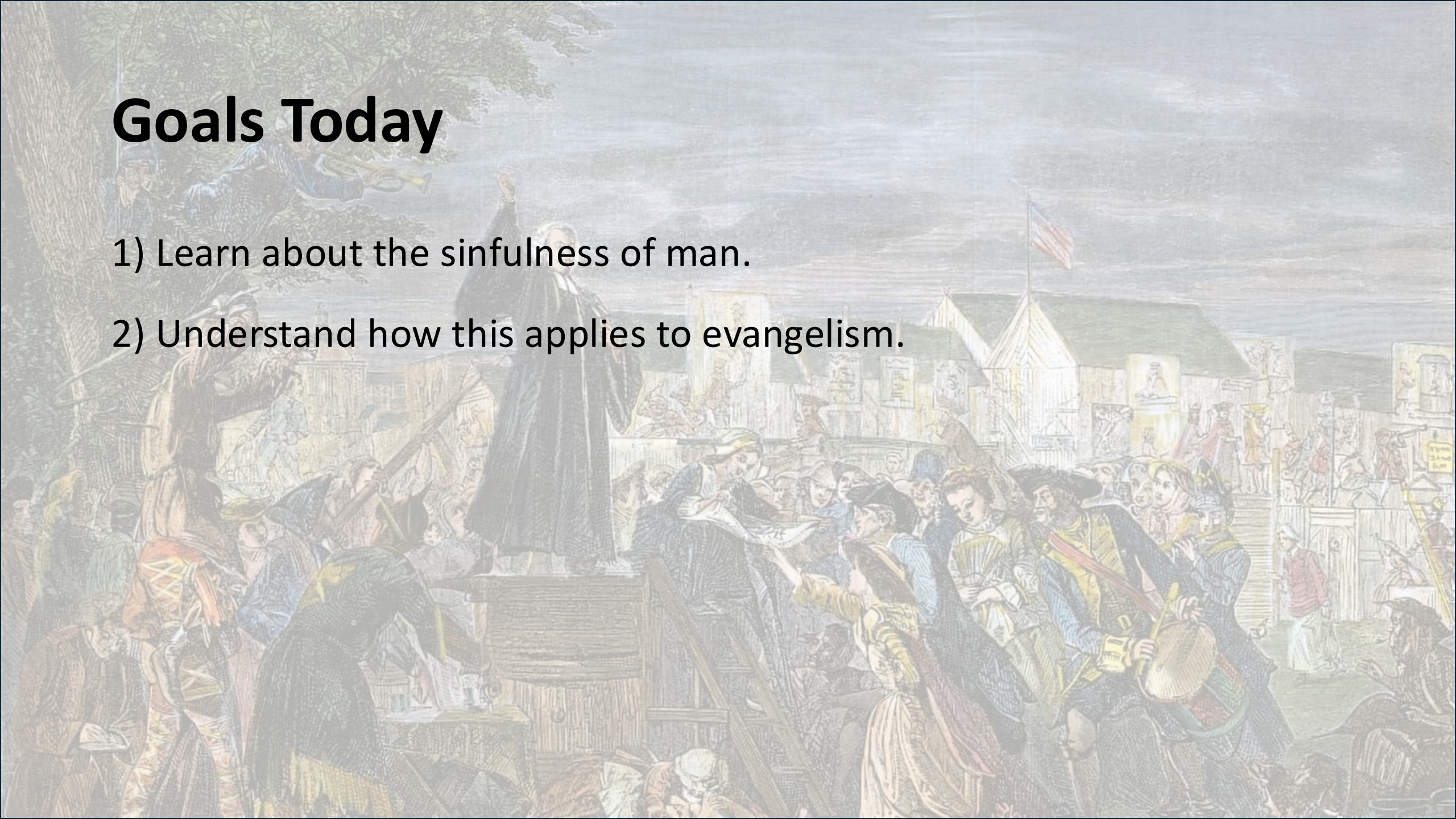
Review

- What is Truth #1? Verses?
- Did you write a paragraph on the holiness of God?
- What are some biblical illustrations for the holiness of God?
- Did you think of any other illustrations?



Goals Today

- 1) Learn about the sinfulness of man.
- 2) Understand how this applies to evangelism.

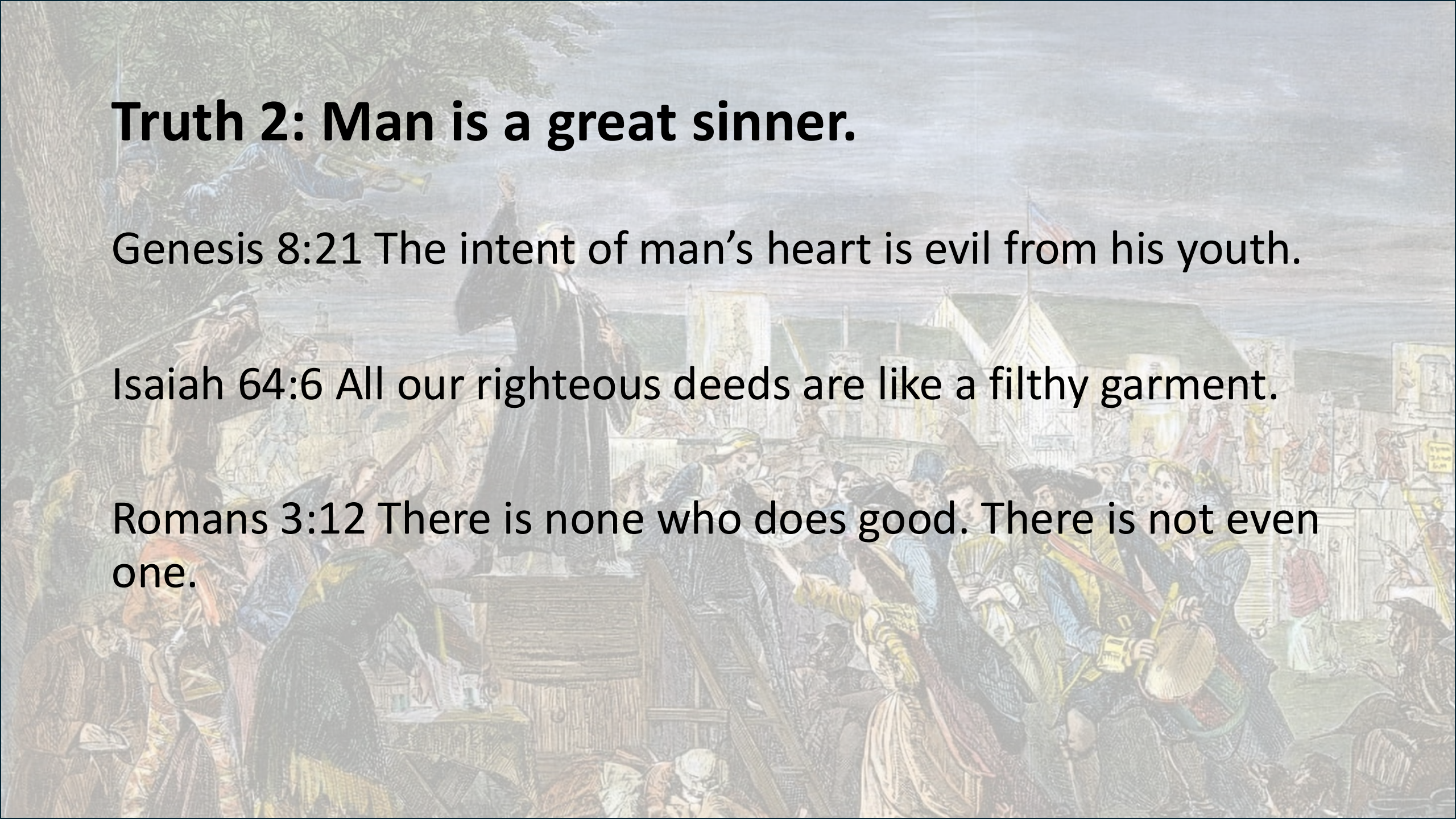


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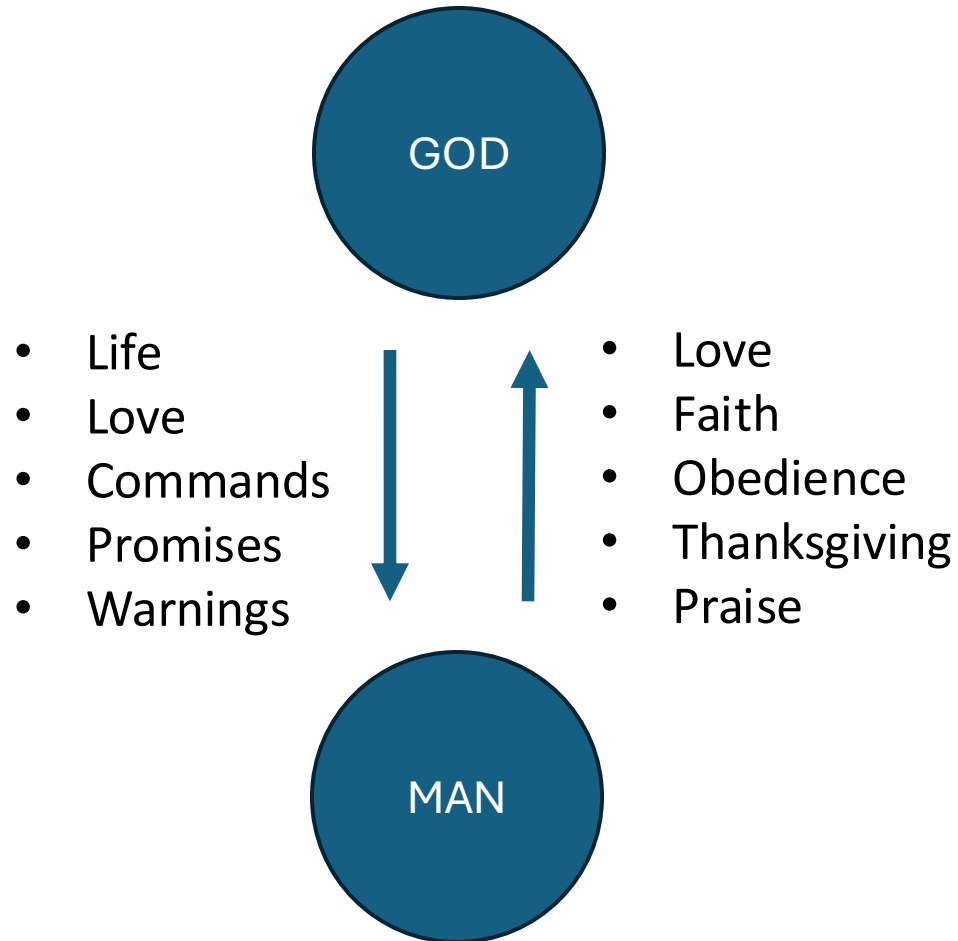
Genesis 8:21 The intent of man's heart is evil from his youth.

Isaiah 64:6 All our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment.

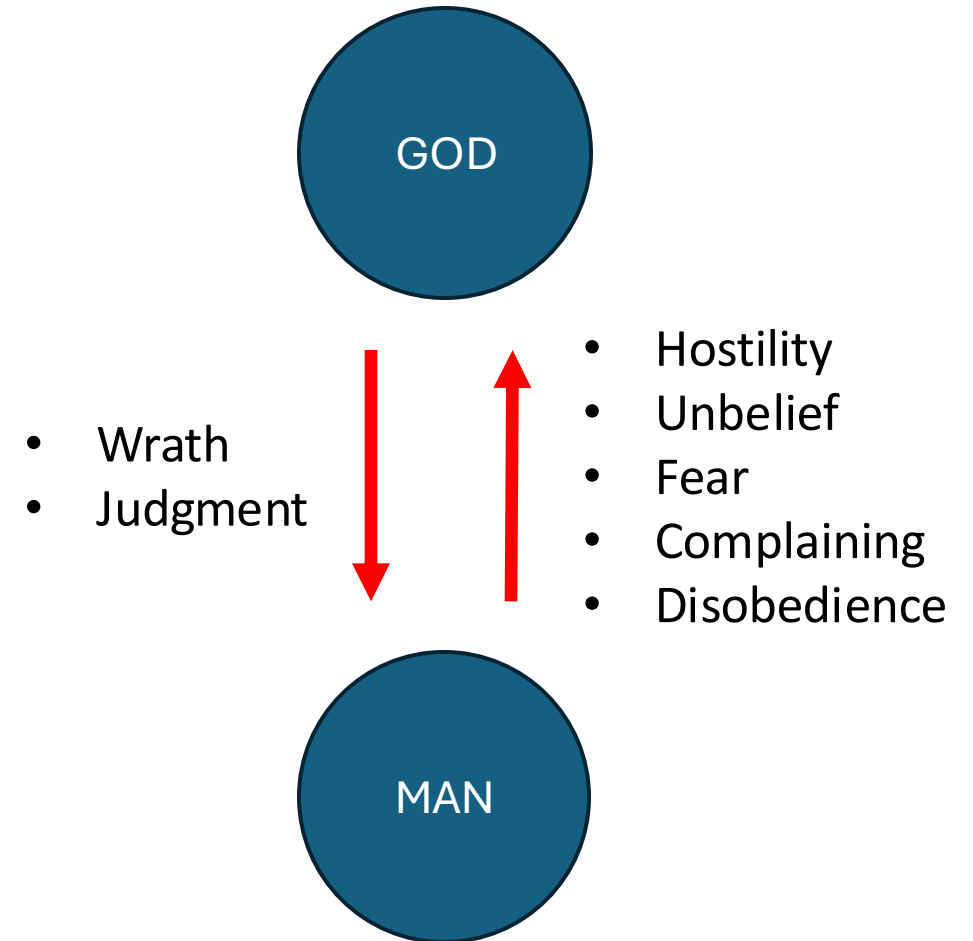
Romans 3:12 There is none who does good. There is not even one.



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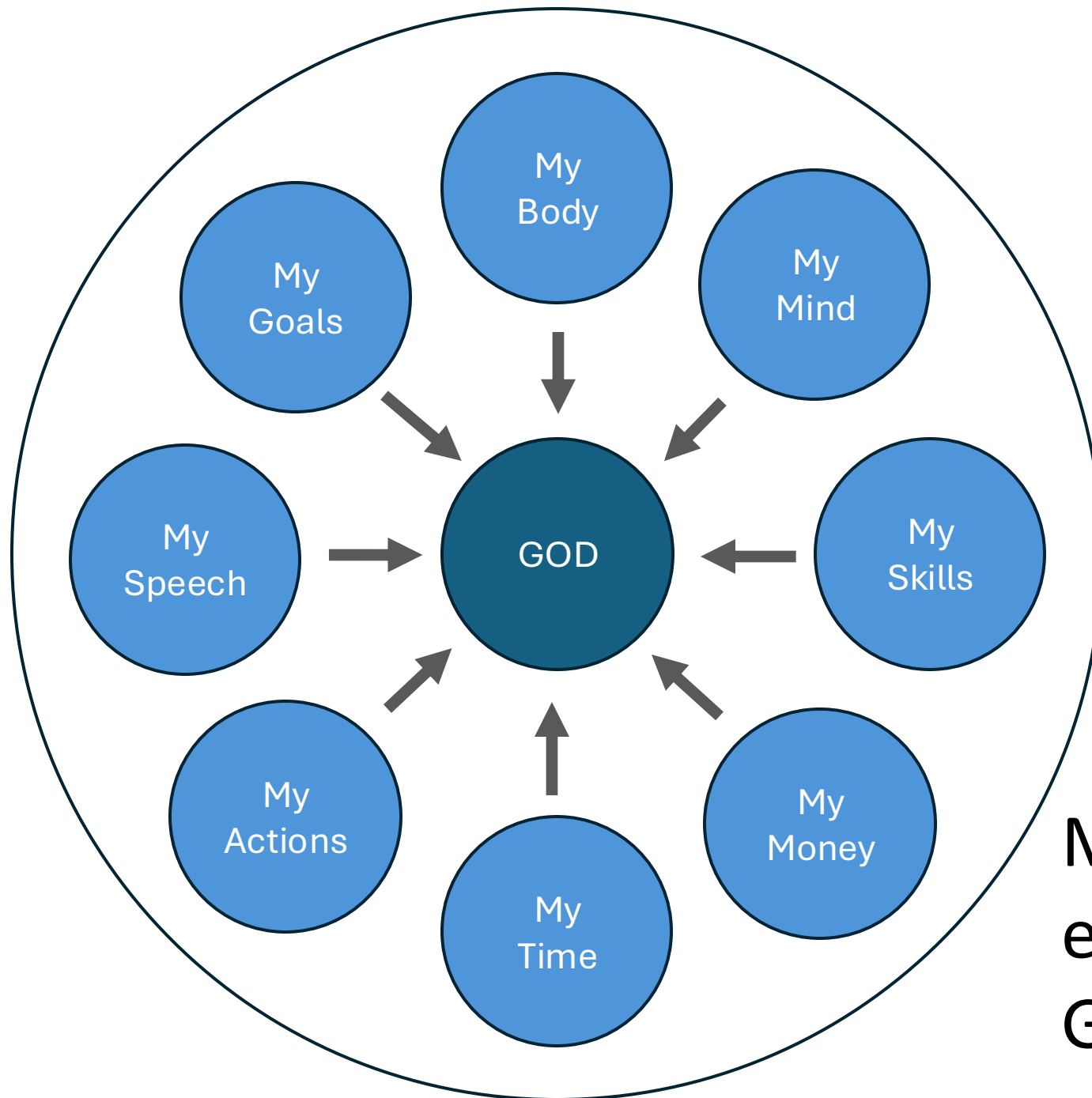
Man in Sin



Understanding Sin

- Basic Idea: to miss the mark, to fall short, to fail.
- 1 John 3:4 Sin is lawlessness.
- WCF: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.
- Expanded Definition: Sin is disobedience to God's law, the failure to love God, the refusal to order one's life according to God, self-determination, self-enthronement, self-worship.

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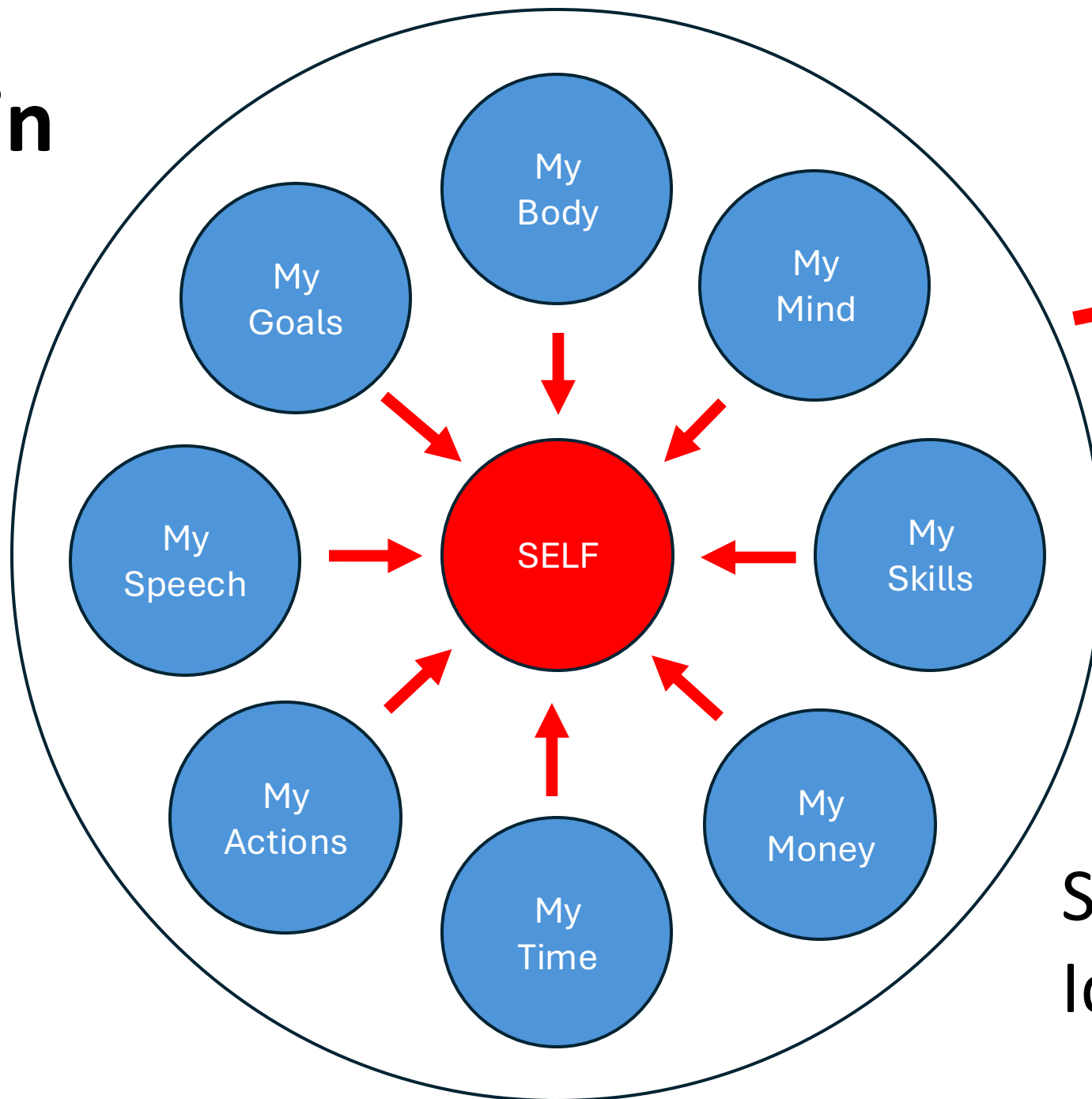


Leads to

- Peace
- Joy
- Eternal Life

Man's chief end is to glorify God.

Man in Sin



Man-made religion.

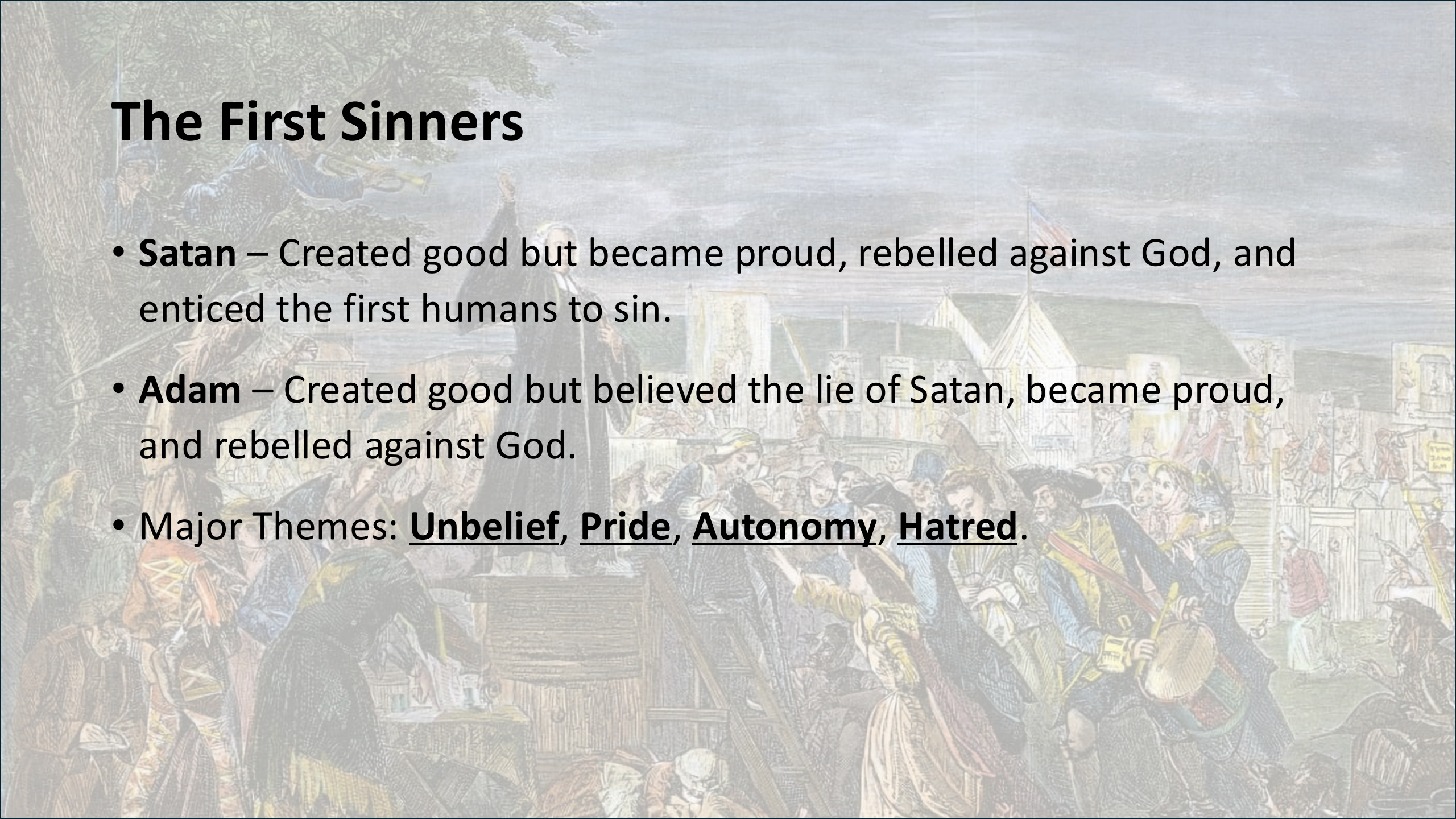
Leads to

- Guilt & Shame
- Fear & Anxiety
- Misery
- Death

Self-Worship /
Idolatry

The First Sinners

- **Satan** – Created good but became proud, rebelled against God, and enticed the first humans to sin.
- **Adam** – Created good but believed the lie of Satan, became proud, and rebelled against God.
- Major Themes: Unbelief, Pride, Autonomy, Hatred.



Original Sin

- Key Passage: Romans 5:12–19
- The guilt of Adam's sin is imputed to all his descendants.
- Adam's moral corruption is transmitted to all his descendants.
- Why? Because Adam was the legal representative of humanity in the same way that Christ is the legal representative of the elect.
- The Result: Everyone is born guilty, sinful, and in need of grace.

Original Sin: Additional Evidence

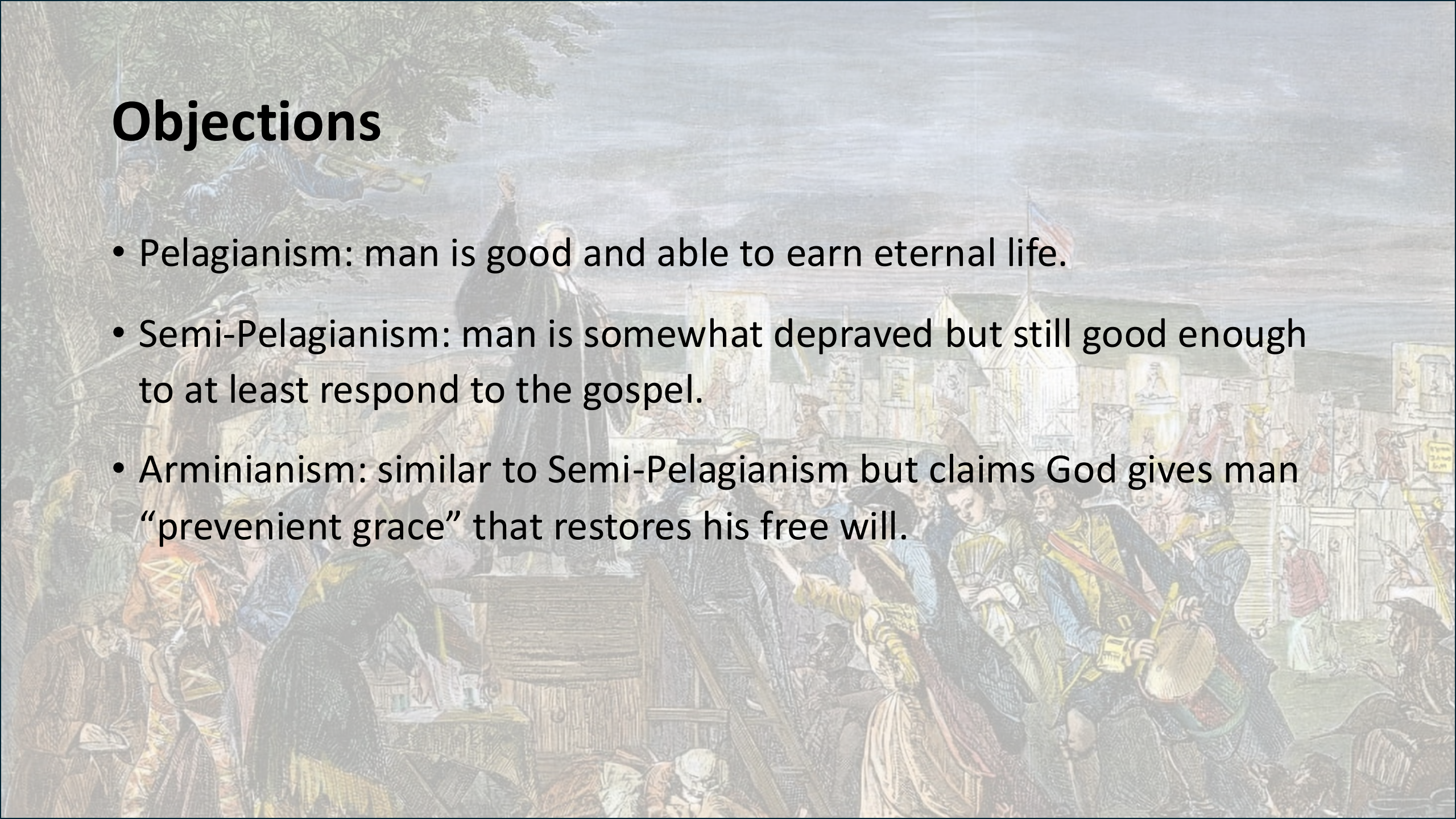
- 1 Cor 15:22 in Adam all die
- Eph 2:3 ...among whom we all also formerly conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature (i.e., from birth) children of wrath, even as the rest.
- Psa 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.

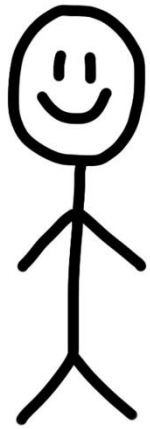
Total Depravity

- Key Passages: Gen 6:5; 8:21.
- Man is spiritually dead and unable to please God or respond to the gospel apart from a miraculous and spiritual rebirth.
- Every part of man is affected by the fall—mind, affections, will.
- Man is morally unable to obey the gospel (Rom 8:7; 1 Cor 2:14).
- “You must be born again.” —Jesus in John 3

Objections

- Pelagianism: man is good and able to earn eternal life.
- Semi-Pelagianism: man is somewhat depraved but still good enough to at least respond to the gospel.
- Arminianism: similar to Semi-Pelagianism but claims God gives man “prevenient grace” that restores his free will.

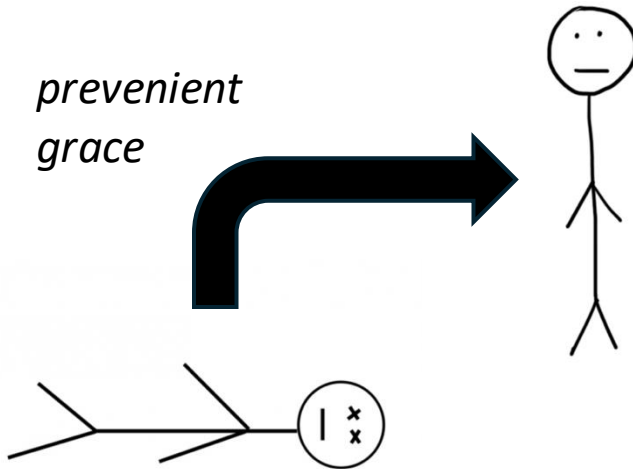




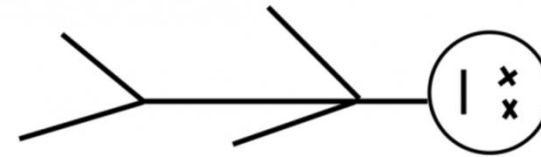
Pelagianism



Semi-Pelagianism



Arminianism

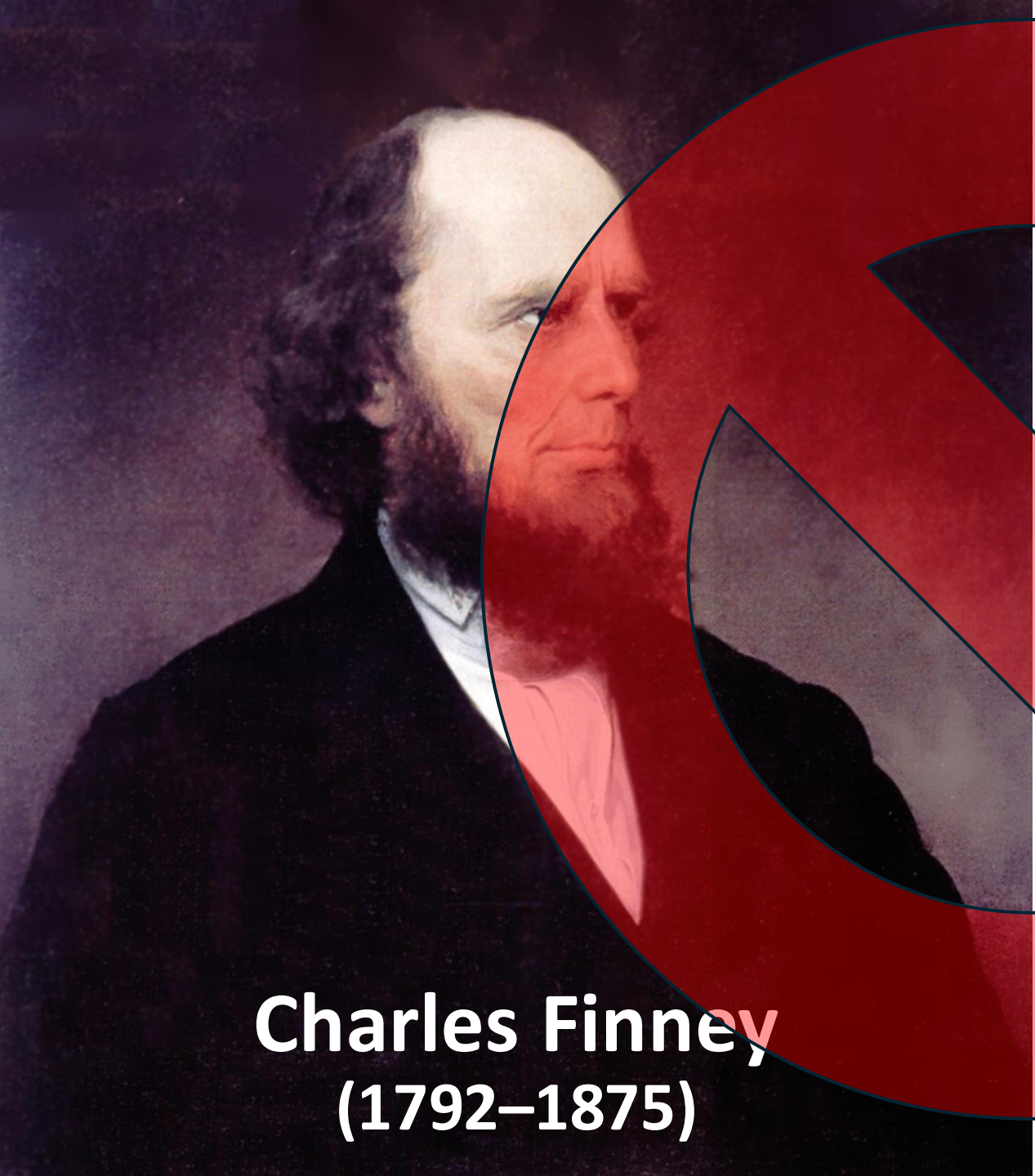


The Biblical View
(Augustinianism, Calvinism)

Unbiblical Evangelism

- Unbiblical evangelism is the fruit of unbiblical anthropology.
- Many evangelists have a high view of man's moral ability and so try to connect the gospel to his "felt needs."
- What do unbelievers want?
- What is wrong with this approach?





Charles Finney
(1792–1875)

- Believed that anyone could be persuaded to give their life to Christ with the right technique.
- Held revival meetings for multiple days in a row.
- Used “the anxious bench” to manipulate people into becoming Christians.
- Pioneer of the modern altar call: “with every head bowed and every eye closed...”

Truths to Remember

- You are dealing with a spiritually dead heart in need of rebirth.
- The unbeliever will evade responsibility at all costs.
- The biblical gospel will always sound foolish to the unbeliever.
- The unbeliever still has a conscience.
- You must pray for the Holy Spirit to bring about the miracle of the new birth in the unbeliever's heart (Rom 10:1).