

HUMAN GOVERNMENT

Week One: The Genesis of Evil & The Sinful Human Nature

- Why is human government necessary?
 - Without government, it took humanity less than 1700 years to force a holy God to hit the planetary “reset” button
 - God has indicted humanity as wicked (Gen 6:5)
 - How did this happen, and who is responsible?
- The Origin of Evil
 - After Creation, it was all Good! (Gen 1:31 & Gen 2:25)
 - There was no Evil at all (**and no government!**)
 - But then, in time, it wasn't all Good! (Gen 3:1)
 - What happened?
 - Lucifer became Satan (Isa 14:12-15 & Eze 28:11-17)
 - See also Heb 1:14
 - Barry's theory of the Rebellion
 - How did Evil begin?
 - It was a **potential** that existed in holy beings created with the ability to love (love requires the ability to choose, which requires the ability to disobey)
 - What is Evil?
 - It is the absence of Good, not its opposite!
- The Nature of Evil: Corruption!
 - It must spread until Good ceases to exist
 - Biblically represented by yeast
 - Pharisees, Herod, etc.: Matt 16/Mark 8/Luke 12
 - Spreads throughout all: 1 Cor 5:6/Gal 5:9
 - Humanity was Good, so Evil must corrupt humanity (Gen 3)
 - It succeeded (**but still no government!**)
- The Sinful Human Nature
 - What it does not mean:
 - It does not mean that we are incapable of doing Good
 - We are still capable of good and noble things
 - Non-Believer: Rom 2:14
 - Believer: Rom 7:14-20 (but it's a struggle)
 - What it does mean:
 - Gen 6:5 - Evil is our native language (it is natural to us)
 - Everything we do is stained by Evil (Rom 1)
- Result of the sinful human nature with no human government? A planet so stained by Evil that it had to be destroyed by the Flood