

The Struggle Against Sin

Isaiah 59

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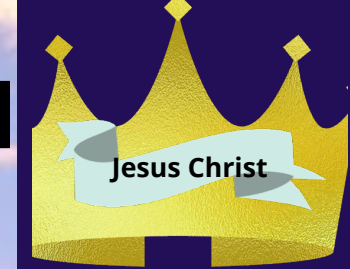
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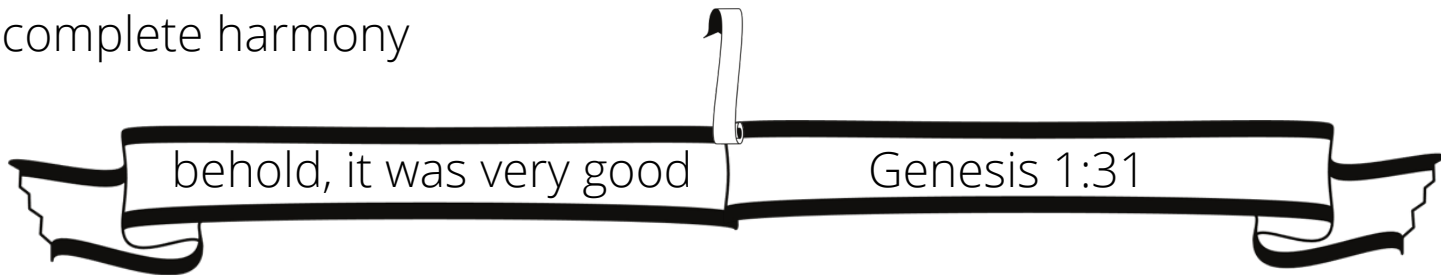
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What is the Gospel According to You?

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Five things to learn:
Six days
the *imago dei*
the Generation of the Universe
a Gardener and his Companion
Two Trees in the Middle of the garden




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That fruit looks good ...



Two trees in the middle of the Garden



Trees, pleasant to see & good for food



behold, it was very good Genesis 1:31

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Abraham & Sarah: FIGURES of FAITH



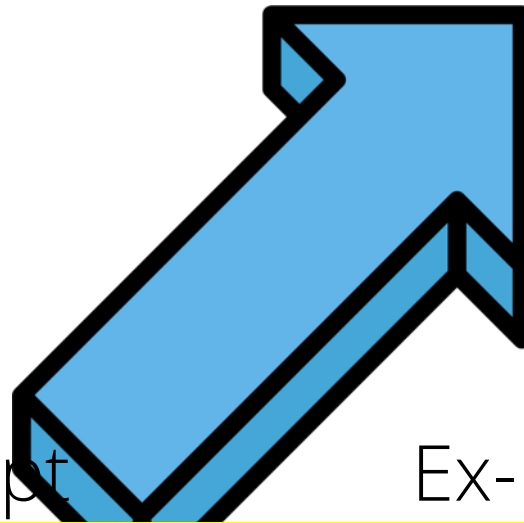


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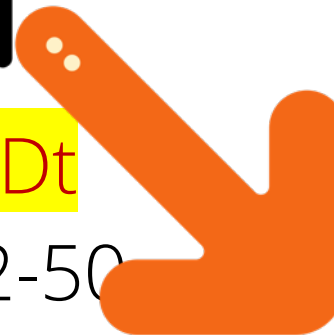
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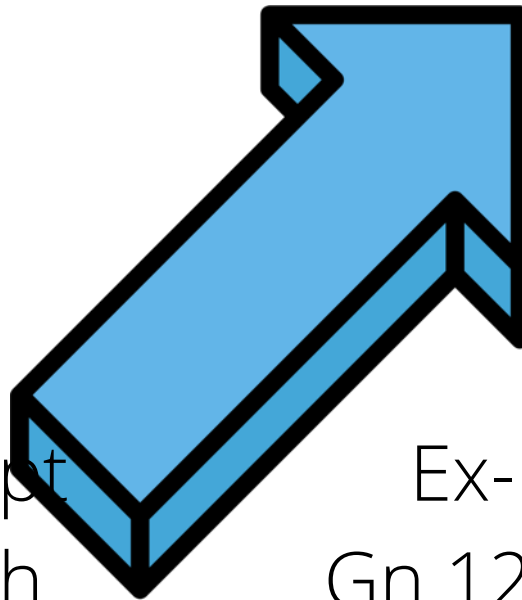
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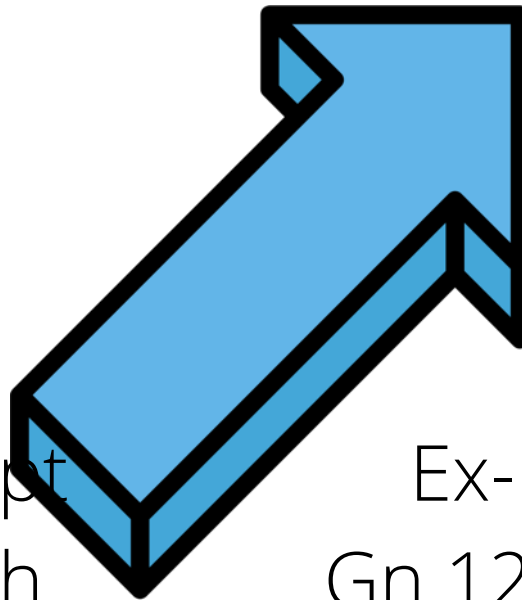
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Isaiah 59 (NIV)

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short
to save,

nor his ear too dull to hear.

2 But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;

your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.

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Problem

v2 But your *iniquities* have
separated you from your *God*;
your *sins* have hidden his face
from you, so that he will not
hear.



You

Iniquities & Sins



Separation



Your God

3 For your hands are stained with blood,
your fingers with guilt.

Your lips have spoken falsely,
and your tongue mutters wicked things.

4 No one calls for justice;
no one pleads a case with integrity.

They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies;
they conceive trouble and give birth to
evil.

7 Their feet rush into sin;
they are swift to shed innocent blood.
They pursue evil schemes; acts of violence mark
their ways.

8 The way of peace they do not know;
there is no justice in their paths.
They have turned them into crooked roads;
no one who walks along them will know peace.

Reason

Iniquities & Sins

- hands are stained with blood
- fingers with guilt
- acts of violence are in their hands
- Their deeds are evil deeds

- acts of violence mark their ways
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Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

9 So justice is far from us,
and righteousness does not reach us.

We look for light, but all is darkness;
for brightness, but we walk in deep
shadows.



12 For our offenses are many in your sight,
and our sins testify against us.
Our offenses are ever with us,
and we acknowledge our iniquities:
13 rebellion and treachery against the Lord,
turning our backs on our God,
inciting revolt and oppression,
uttering lies our hearts have conceived.

14 So justice is driven back,
and righteousness stands at a
distance;
truth has stumbled in the streets,
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17 He put on righteousness as his breastplate,
and the helmet of salvation on his head;
he put on the garments of vengeance
and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.

20 “The Redeemer will come to Zion,
to those in Jacob who repent of their
sins,” declares the Lord.

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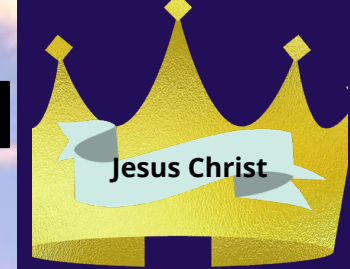
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1. Don't judge one another. It's easy to see the speck in your neighbor's eye and not see the log in your own eye.
2. Don't become defensive if you think someone else is pointing out sin in your life. Instead, thank them
3. Do be a prayer warrior when it comes to sin, especially social sins. Whenever you see corruption, violence, or evil in society pray for those concerned, pray that they would realize their errors, pray that they would not harden their hearts, pray for their repentance,
4. Give time and money to causes that will remove the circumstances that feed sin.
5. Be confident that God has the remedy and that God will be victorious.