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PART I

Genesis shapes our thinking

Circumstances



Thoughts → Beliefs → Attitudes → Actions

Romans 12:2 – renew our minds

Proverbs 4:7 – pursue wisdom

Philippians 4:8 – think on these things

II Corinthians 10:5 – take captive our thoughts

God is multi-dimensional in names

In the beginning, God... (Genesis 1)

¹In the beginning Elohim created...

²And the Spirit of Elohim was hovering...

³And Elohim said...

⁴And Elohim saw...And Elohim separated...

⁵Elohim called...

...

Elohim: creator God, sovereign over the universe

Exodus 3:13,15-17

¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God [Elohim] of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”

¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people, ‘The LORD [YHWH], the God [Elohim] of your fathers...has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations...”

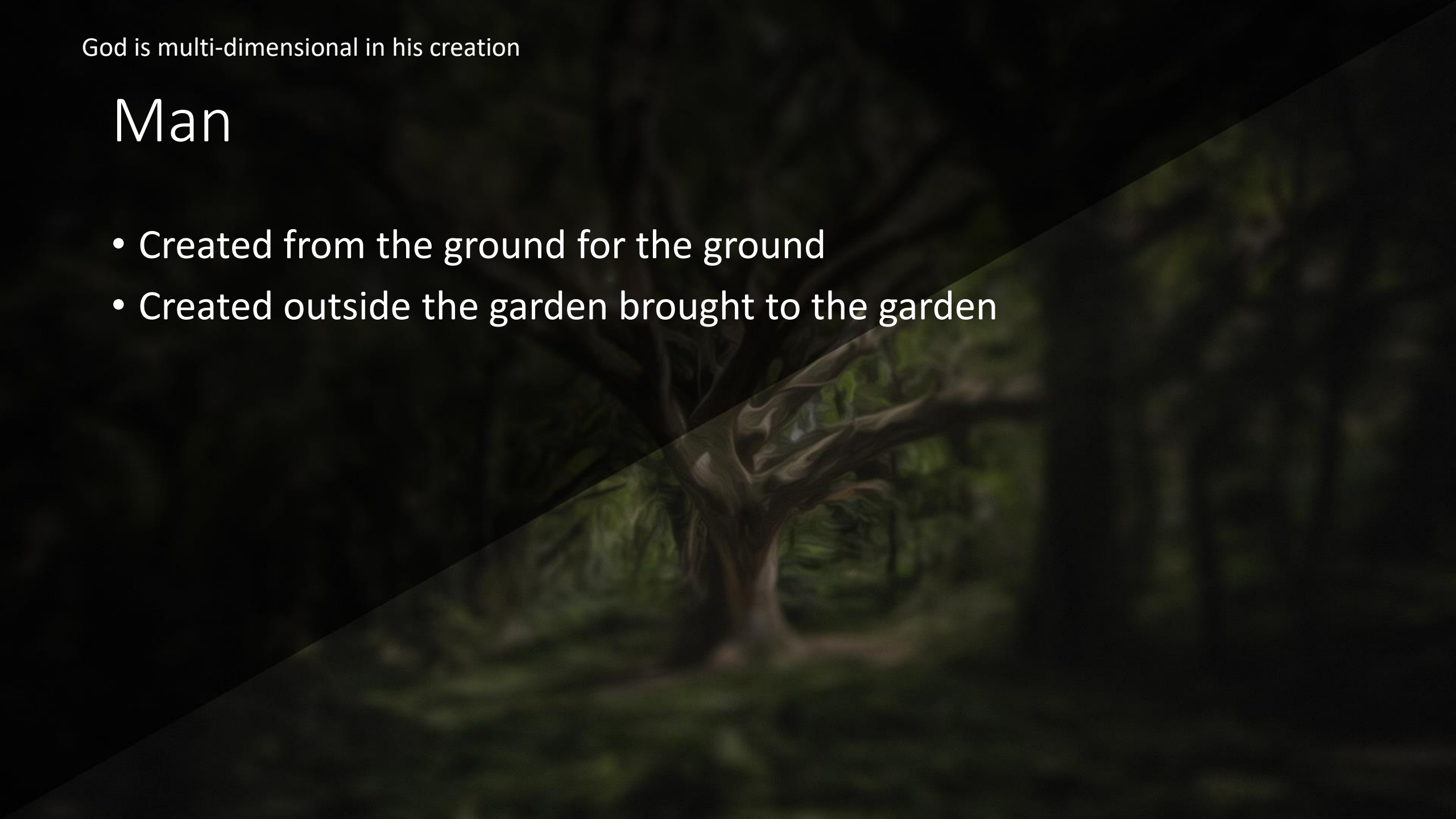
¹⁶“The LORD [YHWH], the God [Elohim] of your fathers... has appeared to me saying “I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt, ¹⁷and I promise I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to...a land flowing with milk and honey.””

YHWH: personal name of God; eternal, relatable

God is multi-dimensional in his creation

Man

- Created from the ground for the ground
- Created outside the garden brought to the garden



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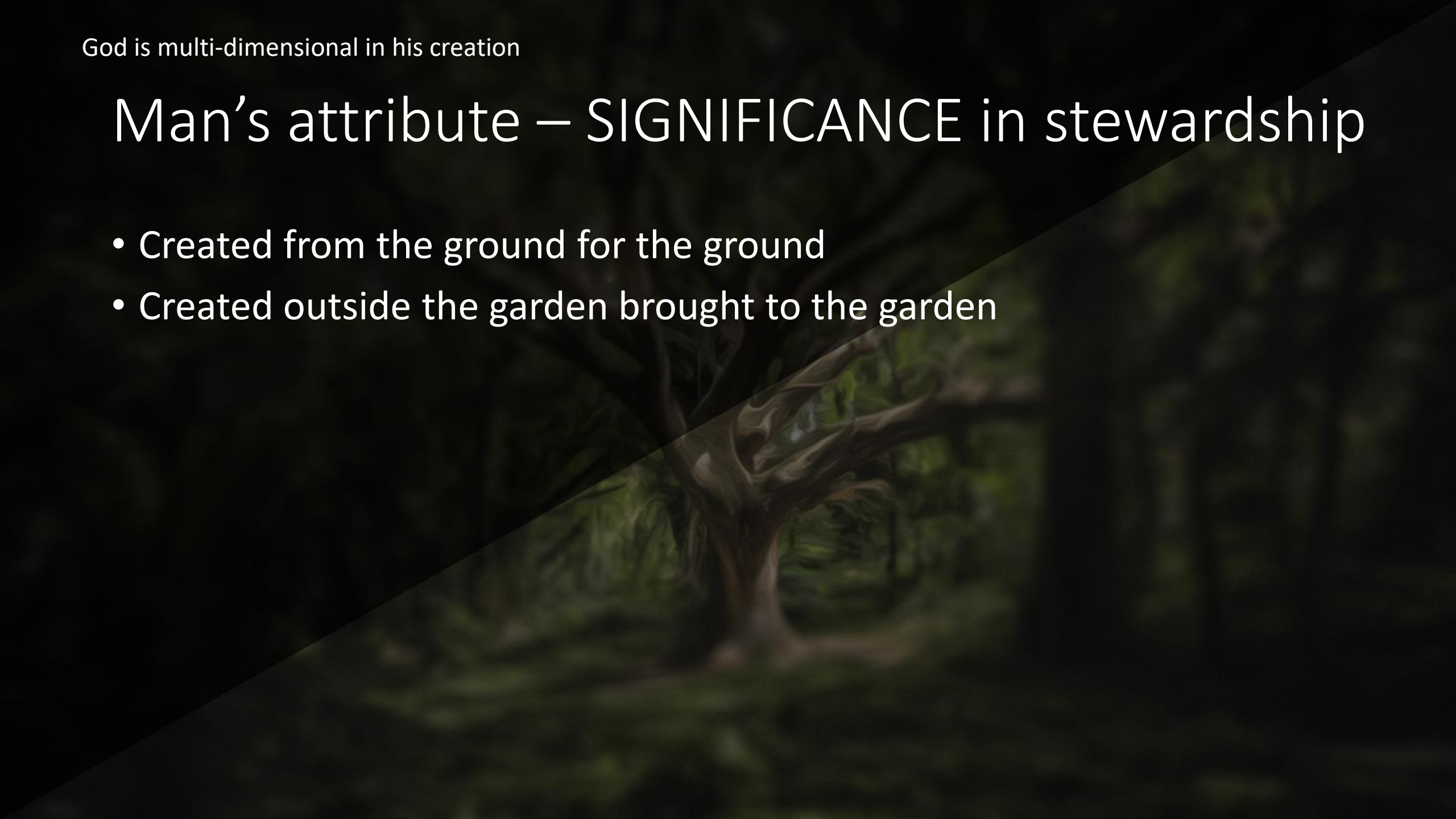
Genesis 2:5-8,15

⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up ...and there was no man to work the ground,...⁷then the LORD [YHWH] God formed the man of the dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD [YHWH] God planted a garden in Eden in the east and there he put the man whom he had formed...¹⁵The LORD [YHWH] God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

God is multi-dimensional in his creation

Man's attribute – SIGNIFICANCE in stewardship

- Created from the ground for the ground
- Created outside the garden brought to the garden



God is multi-dimensional in his creation

Man's attribute – SIGNIFICANCE in stewardship

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Woman

- Created from the man for the man
- Created outside the man brought to the man

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Ecclesiastes 4:9-12a

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹² And though an [adversary] might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him...

God is multi-dimensional in his creation

Genesis 2:23-24

²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

God is multi-dimensional in his creation

Man's attribute – SIGNIFICANCE in stewardship

- Created from the ground for the ground
- Created outside the garden brought to the garden

Woman's attribute – SECURITY in relationships

- Created from the man for the man
- Created outside the man brought to the man

God is waging a spiritual battle that precedes man

Genesis 3

Spiritual battle for God's glory waged on mankind

- The woman
- "Elohim"
- Mistrust

Nakedness – INSECURITY and INSIGNIFICANCE

God is waging a spiritual battle that precedes man

God's curses

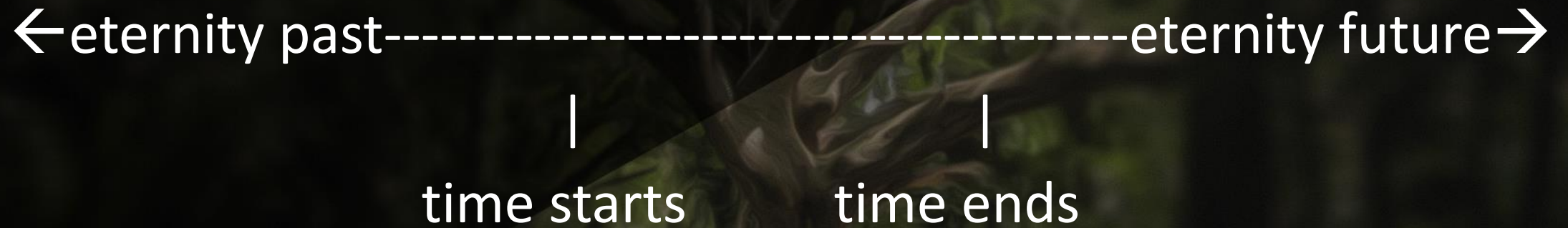
Man's SIGNIFICANCE becomes INSIGNIFICANCE

Woman's SECURITY becomes INSECURITY

ATTRIBUTES
+ CURSE → NEEDS + LONGING
(THIRST)

God is outside time

God is always “now”



Cursed to thirst



Cursed to thirst – nation of Israel



Jeremiah 2:1-3

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem: “This is what the LORD says: ‘I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me [**RELATIONSHIP**] and followed me through the wilderness, through a land not sown. [**SECURITY**]

³ Israel was holy to the LORD, [**SIGNIFICANCE**] the first fruits of his harvest; [**SIGNIFICANCE**] all who devoured her were held guilty, and disaster overtook them,’” [**SECURITY**] declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 2:5-6

⁵ This is what the LORD says: “What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? **[LONGING]**
They followed worthless idols **[LONGING PURSUED IN WRONG PLACES]** and became worthless themselves.
[CONSEQUENCE OF WRONG STRATEGIES]

⁶ They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD, **[NOT PURSUING FULFILLMENT IN THE CREATOR]** who brought us up out of Egypt **[GOD IS CAPABLE OF FULFILLING LONGINGS]** and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?’ **[GOD IS CAPABLE OF SECURITY & SIGNIFICANCE]**

Jeremiah 2:11-12

¹¹ Has a nation ever changed its gods? [**DOES IT WORK? IS IT LOGICAL?**] (Yet they are not gods at all.) [**IDOLS INCAPABLE OF FULFILLMENT**] But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols. [**IDOLS HAVE NOT FULFILLED**]

¹² Be appalled at this, you heavens, [**ANGELIC REALM TAKE HEED OF MAN'S EMPTY STRATEGIES**] and shudder with great horror," [**GRAVITY OF THE FALSE PURSUIT**] declares the LORD.

Cursed to thirst

Jeremiah 2:13

¹³ “My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me, the spring of living water,
[FORESAKEN THE SATISFIER OF THIRST]
and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot
hold water. **[MADE INEPT SUBSTITUTES TO SATISFY THIRST]**

Genesis 2&3 shapes our thinking

- God's multi-dimensional nature in his names and creation
- God created different roles and attributes for man and woman
- Fall: curses intensify attributes to become needs
- Common (thirst) and discrete (insignificance and insecurity)
- This is part of God's strategy
- Israel's propensity is our propensity – broken cisterns vs. living water

You are cursed with a thirst.



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