



A Broken Earth and A Good God

*Tracing the cosmic metanarrative from
a cursed ground to a new creation.*



“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens...’”

— Genesis 1:26

1. **A “Very Good” Creation:** Designed without death, disease, or decay (Genesis 1:31).
2. **Perfect Harmony:** Complete alignment between God, humanity, and the natural world.
3. **Stewardship, Not Exploitation:** Humanity’s original mandate was to cultivate, not consume.

The Introduction of the Curse

Cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and it shall bring forth for you...

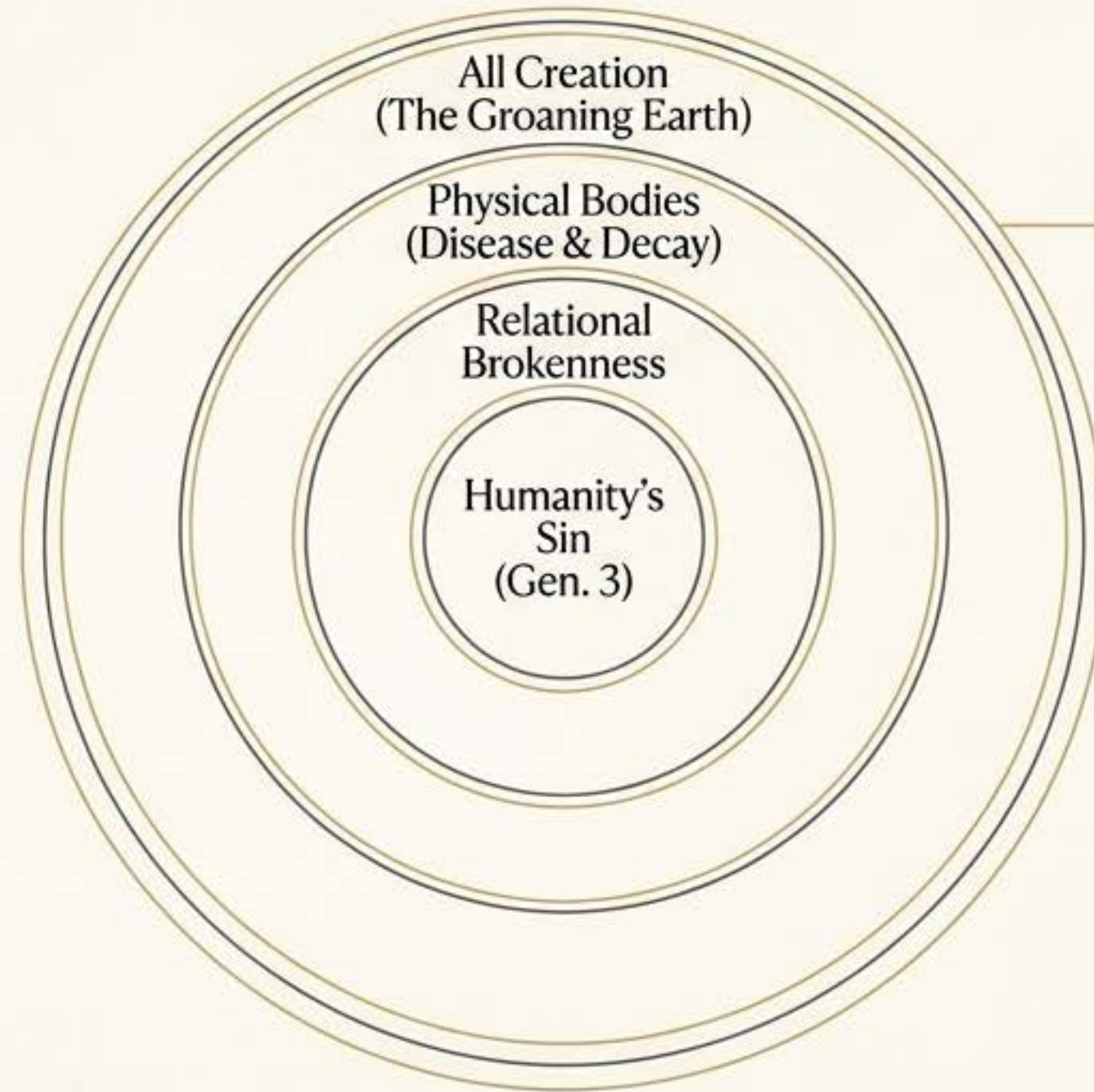
— Genesis 3:17–18

Toil, physical decay, and natural disorder now mark a creation no longer functioning as designed.

Sin does not just break God's law; it breaks God's world.

— Adrian Rogers

The Ripple Effect of the Fall



For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.
— Romans 8:22

*How long will the land mourn and
the grass of every field wither?*
— Jeremiah 12:4

Sin is never isolated. My personal sin contributes to the cosmic brokenness of the world.



The Architect of Chaos



Active Intent: Satan's primary objective is to steal, kill, and destroy targets across body, possessions, relationships, and faith.



The Unseen Conflict: He is the "prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2), actively prowling like a roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8).



The Lesson of Job: Suffering is not always tied to personal sin; righteous individuals suffer deeply within this larger cosmic war.

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat..." — Luke 22:31

Satan aims to destroy our joy in God, but God aims to magnify His worth through our suffering.

— John Piper

The Inbreaking of the Kingdom



He was despised and rejected by men, a man
of sorrows and acquainted with grief...

— Isaiah 53:3

Ministering in Brokenness

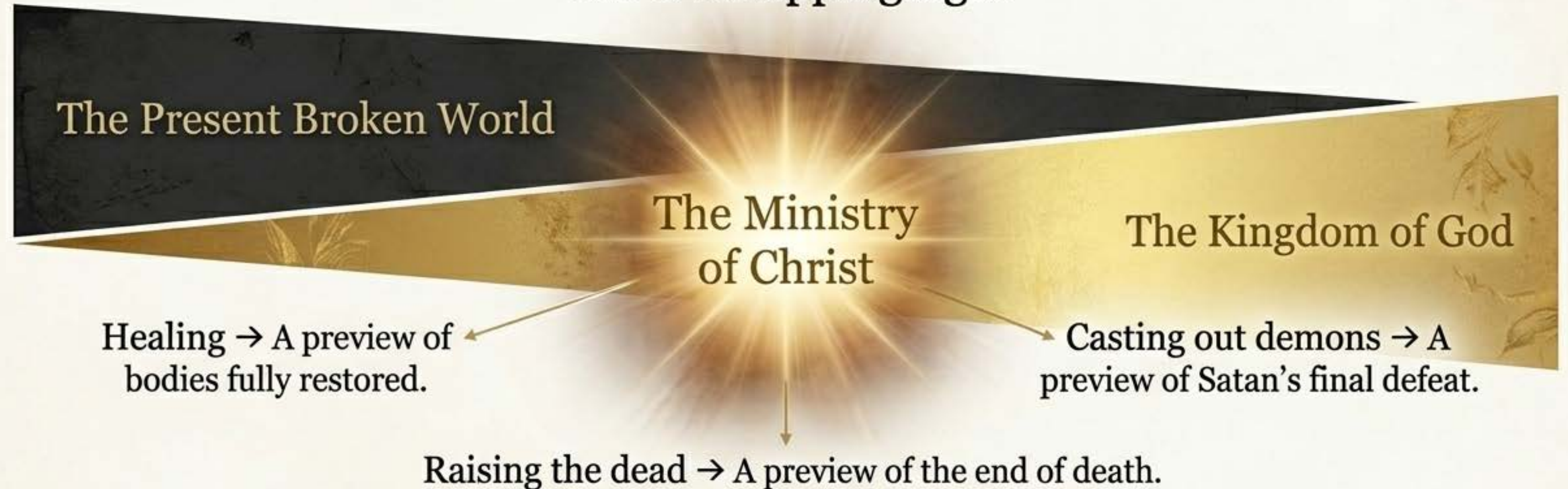
Jesus entered the physical reality of the curse. He spent His ministry healing the sick, restoring sight, casting out demons, and raising the dead (Matthew 9:35).

Securing the Restoration

The cross addressed the root problem of sin itself. Through Him, all things in heaven and on earth are being reconciled, making peace by the blood of His cross (Colossians 1:19–20).

Previews of a Coming Kingdom

The Overlapping Ages



Every miracle of Jesus was a glimpse of what the world will be like when the curse is finally lifted. — David Jeremiah



The Millennium: The Curse Restrained

{ And the Lord will be king over all the earth. (Zechariah 14:9) }

Lengthened Life

The devastation of death is slowed. “The young man shall die a hundred years old...”
(Isaiah 65:20)

Global Peace

Nations will beat their swords into plowshares; war will cease to be learned or waged.
(Isaiah 2:4)

Harmony in Nature

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and a little child shall lead them. Destruction ceases on God’s holy mountain. (Isaiah 11:6–9)

Theological Caveat: In this era, the unsaved will still sin. It is a foretaste of complete restoration, not the final state.

The Continuum of Creation

	PRESENT AGE (THE CURSE)	THE MILLENNIUM (CURSE RESTRAINED)	THE NEW EARTH (CURSE LIFTED)
LIFESPAN & DEATH	Shortened, inevitable.	Vastly extended (Isa. 65).	Death is no more (Rev. 21).
NATURE'S STATE	Groaning, predatory.	Harmonious (wolf & lamb).	Utterly transformed; no sea.
HUMAN CONFLICT	War and division.	Absolute global peace (Isa. 2).	Perfect communion with God and man.

*“The millennial kingdom is a preview of paradise regained,
but not yet paradise perfected.” — John MacArthur*

The New Heaven and New Earth

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man...
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more, neither shall there
be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,
for the former things have passed away.”

— Revelation 21:1–4

No death.

No pain.

The curse is
completely
eradicated.

Paradise
perfected.



Personal Suffering within a Cosmic Frame

The Shift in Question

Christians are not immune to the effects of a fallen world. When we understand the cosmic curse, the question shifts from “Why me?” to “Why not me?” Suffering is an expected part of living in a broken creation.

The Purpose in the Pain

God uses this very brokenness to refine faith, deepen dependence, and display His glory (1 Peter 1:6–7). Like Job, we may not understand the specific reasons, but we can trust the Architect of our future.

**We trust God even without full answers,
answers, keeping our eyes fixed on a
never-broken world.**

The Scales of Eternity

Present Affliction
(Physical decay, loss, the
groaning of the present age)



Eternal Weight of Glory
(The unbroken communion
and perfection of the New Earth)

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.

— 2 Corinthians 4:17–18

The Ultimate Perspective

The best of life
on earth...

...is a glimpse
of Heaven.

The worst of life
on earth...

...is a glimpse
of Hell.

Quote adapted from Randy Alcorn

For the Believer:
This broken life is the closest
you will ever come to Hell.

For the Lost:
This broken life is the closest
you will ever get to Heaven.



Beauty from Ashes

We live on a broken earth, but
we are held by a good God.

The curse explains the pain.

Satan intensifies the struggle.

Sin spreads the damage.

But Christ has secured the
ultimate victory.

For I consider that
the sufferings of this
present time are not
worth
comparing with the
glory that is to be
revealed to us.
— Romans 8:18

A day is coming when suffering will cease, and God will make all things new.
Will you trust Him in the brokenness as you wait for that day?