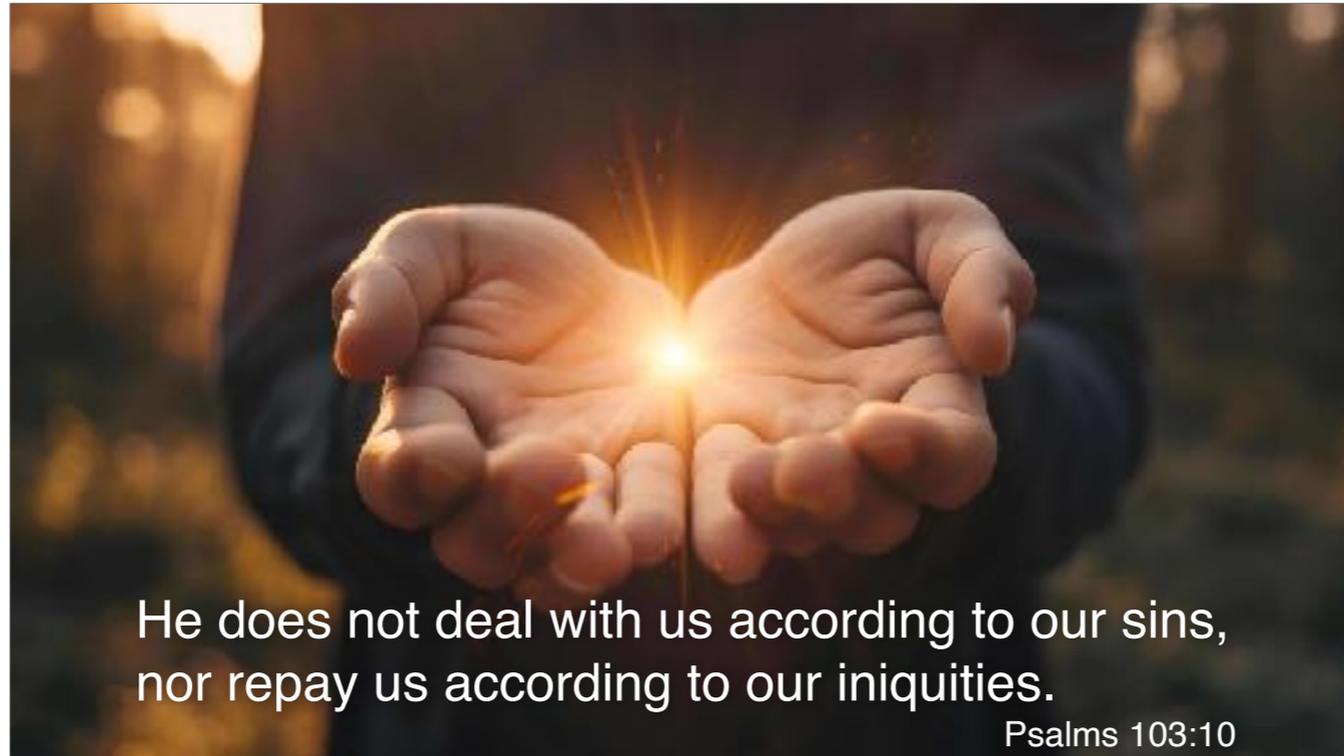




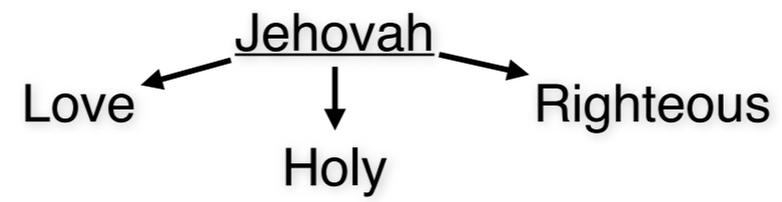
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 - Judicial: sin is a breaking of the law, requires a legal solution
 - Disease: sin is a corruption of our nature, requires healing
 - Relational: sin is forsaking our relationship with God, requires reconciliation



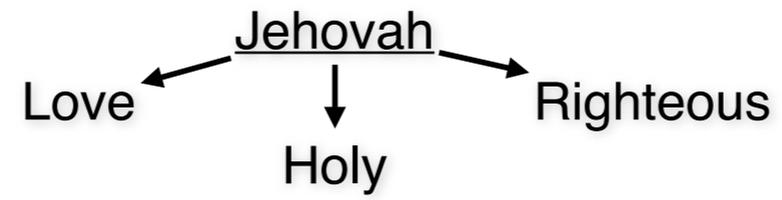
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 - Why does he chose to?
 - How do we perceive his dealings with us?
 - In the beginning God...

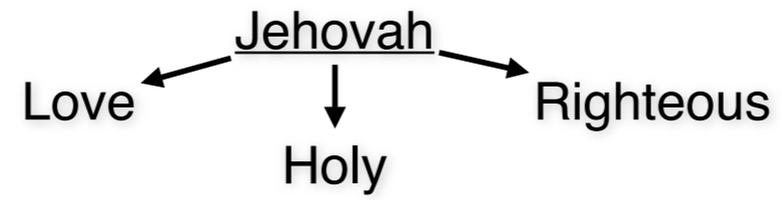


- 1 John 4:8: Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**.
- Psalm 99:9: Exalt Jehovah our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for **Jehovah our God is holy!**
- Psalm 11:7: For **Jehovah is righteous**; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.
- Isaiah 5:16: But Jehovah of hosts is exalted in justice, and the Holy God shows himself holy in righteousness.



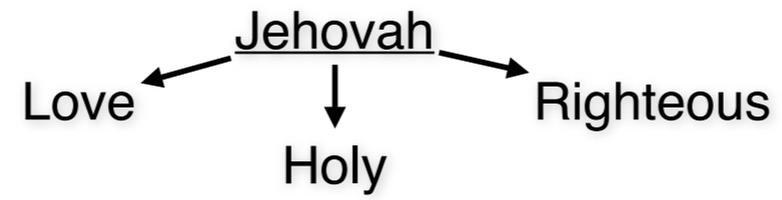
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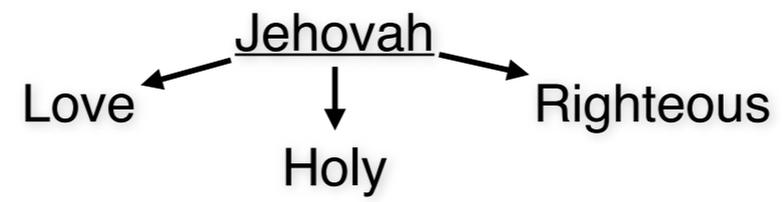
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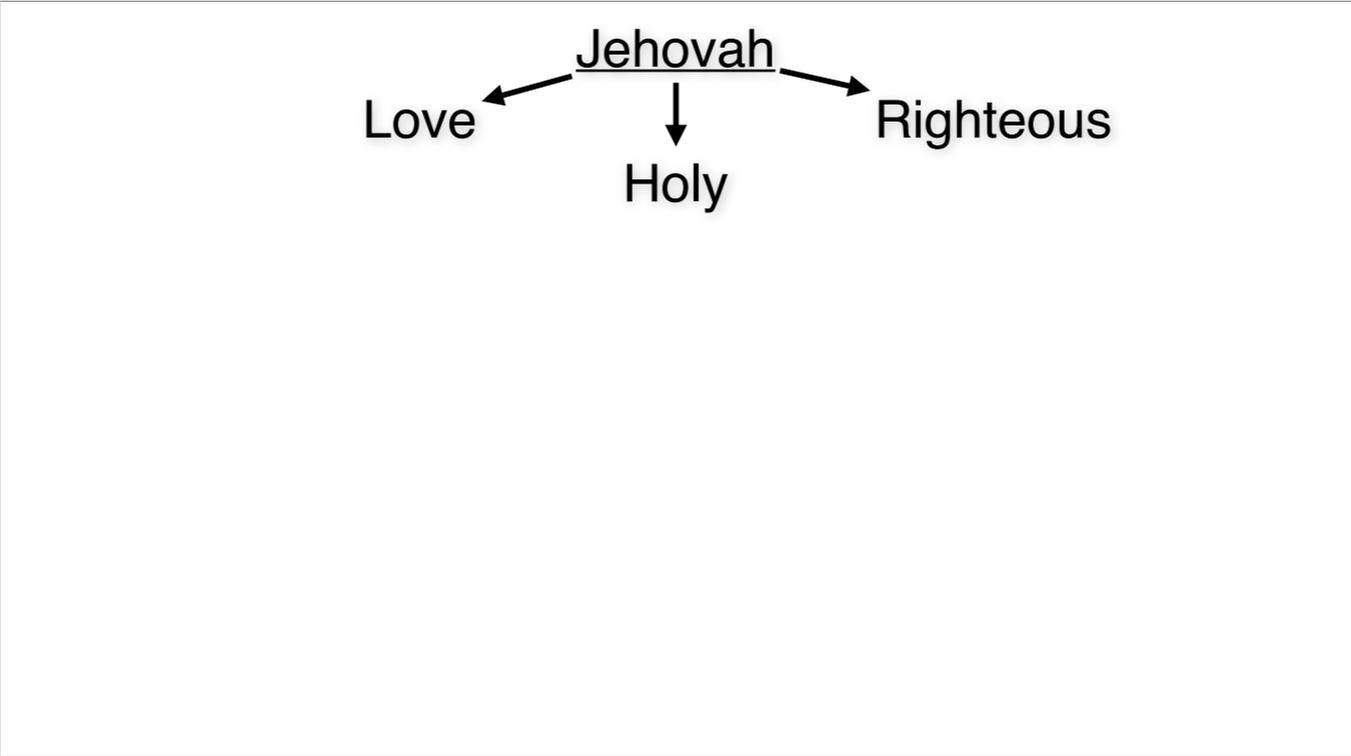
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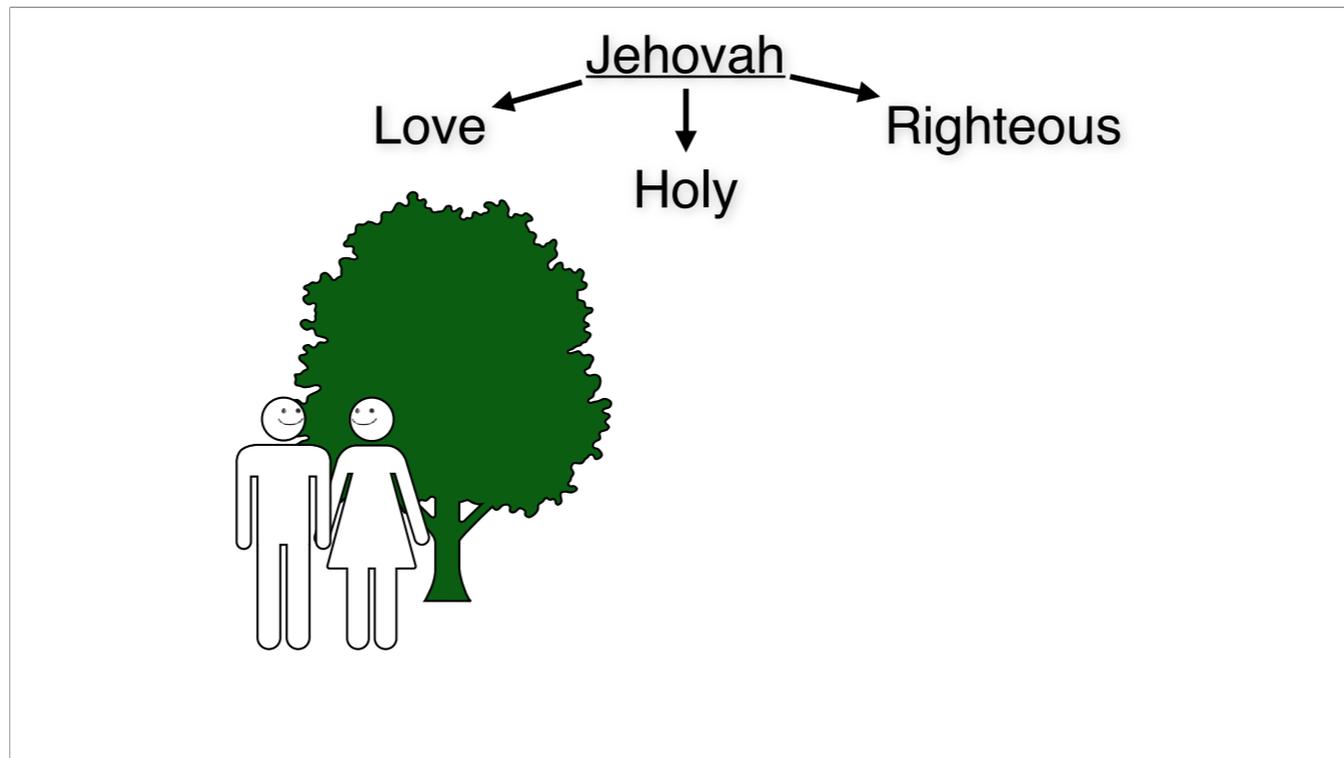


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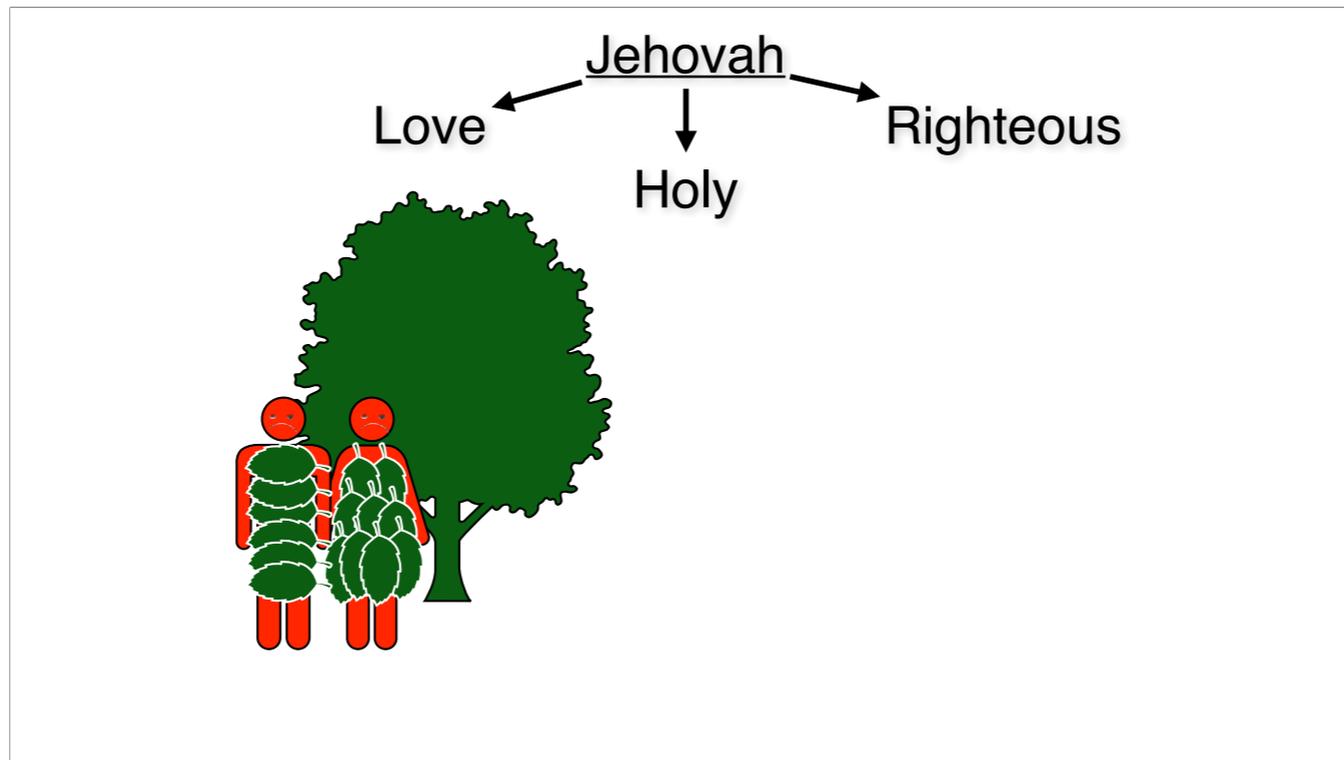
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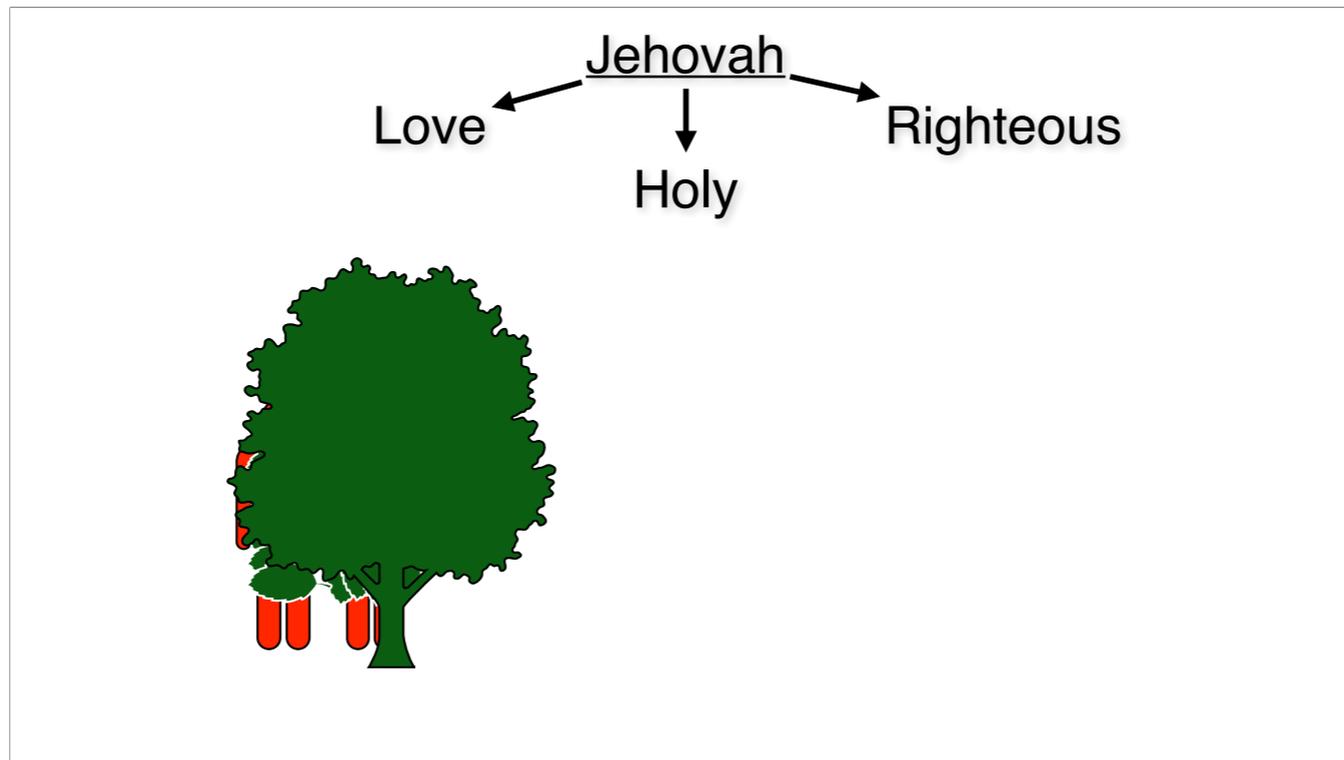
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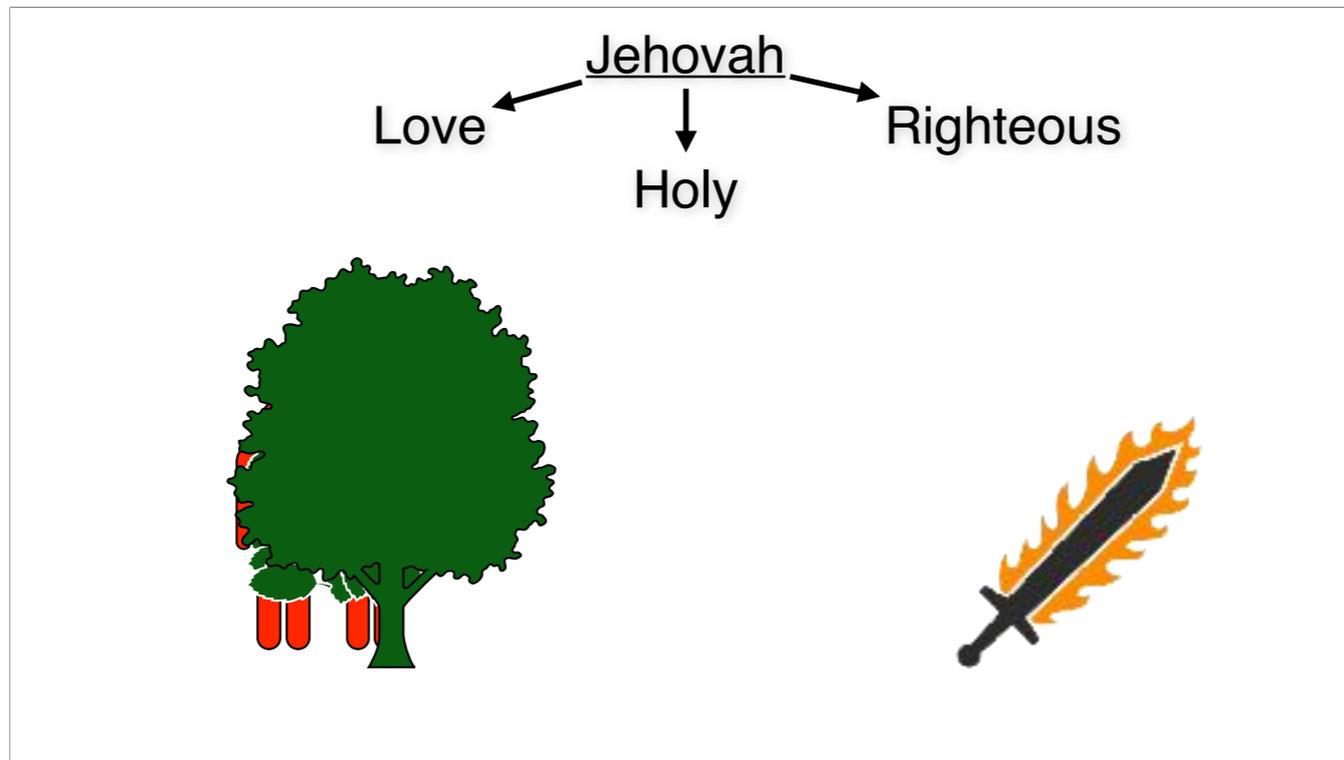
- Earth: all living things
- Special about man:
 - “Let us make man in our image” (1.26): dominion.
 - different from all other aspects of creation.
- Everything he created was “very good”



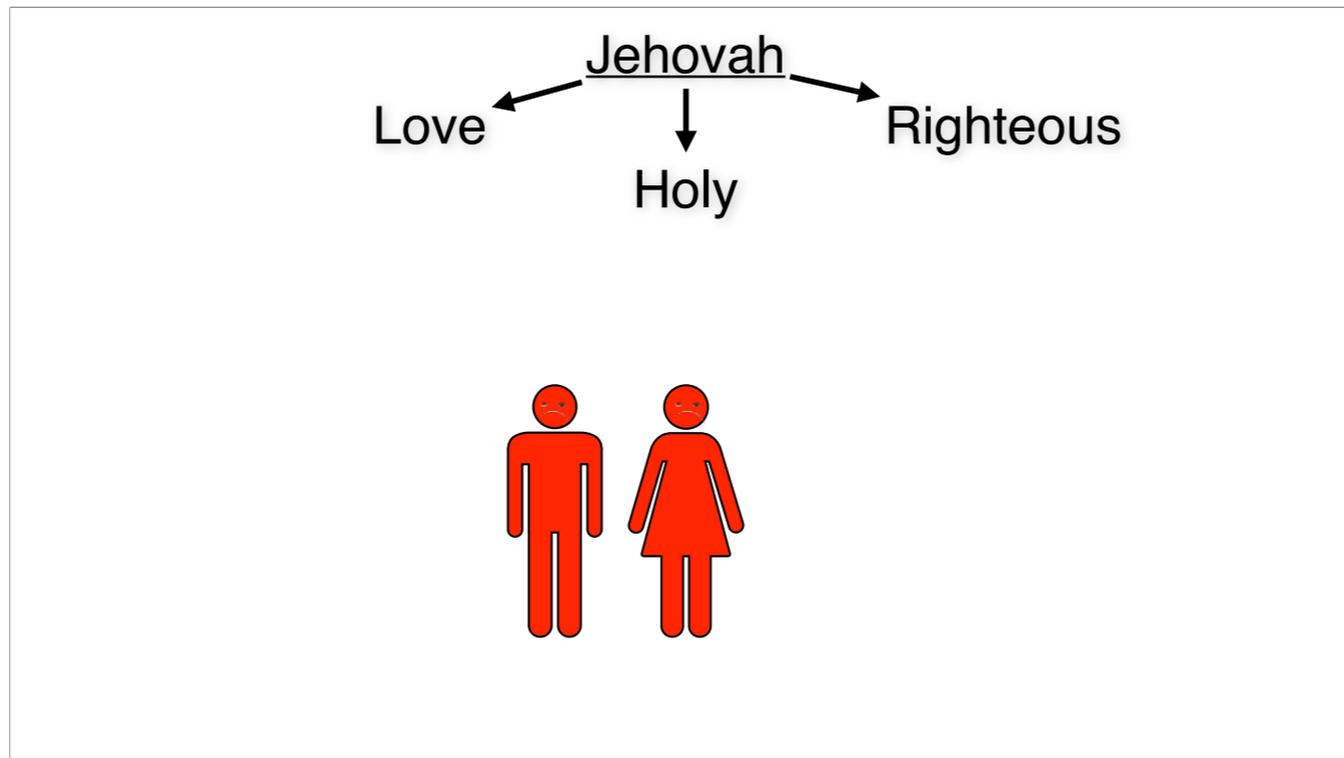
- Ate of the tree that was forbidden, sinned.
- “eyes opened”: fig leaves to cover loins



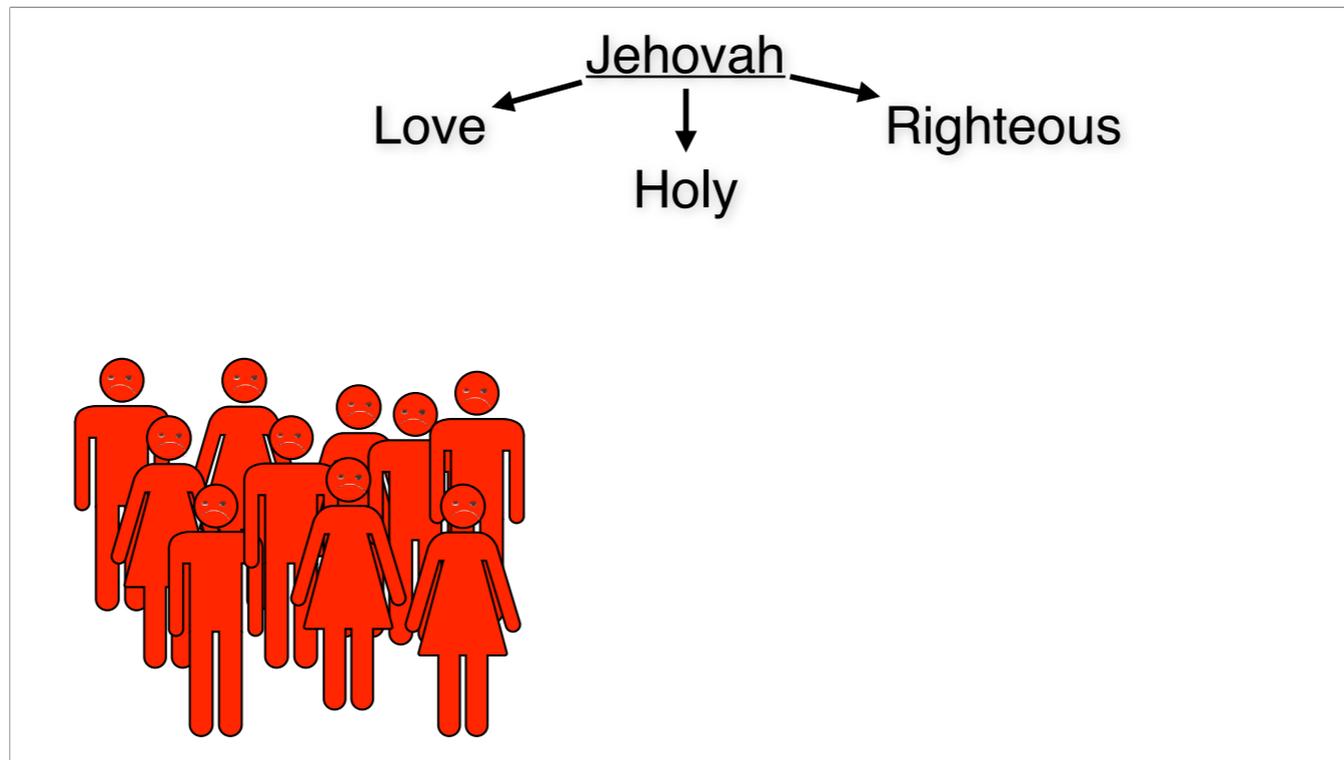
- Hide from presence of God when walking in garden: Adam AFRAID!
 - Why is Adam suddenly afraid of God? Sin
 - Broken commandment?
 - Corrupted nature?
 - Broken relationship?
 - Is this fear justified?



- Why did God force man to leave garden?
- Eat from tree of life... therefore sent out.



- Although cast out... sin continued.
- Demonstrates that sin is something that God MUST take seriously, He MUST deal with sin.



- Genesis 6:
- Wickedness of man great, every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- Jehovah regretted that he made man, grieved to heart.
- Earth corrupt, filled with violence
- make an end of all flesh.
 - Had they broken law?
 - Had they corrupted themselves?
 - Had they forsaken Jehovah?

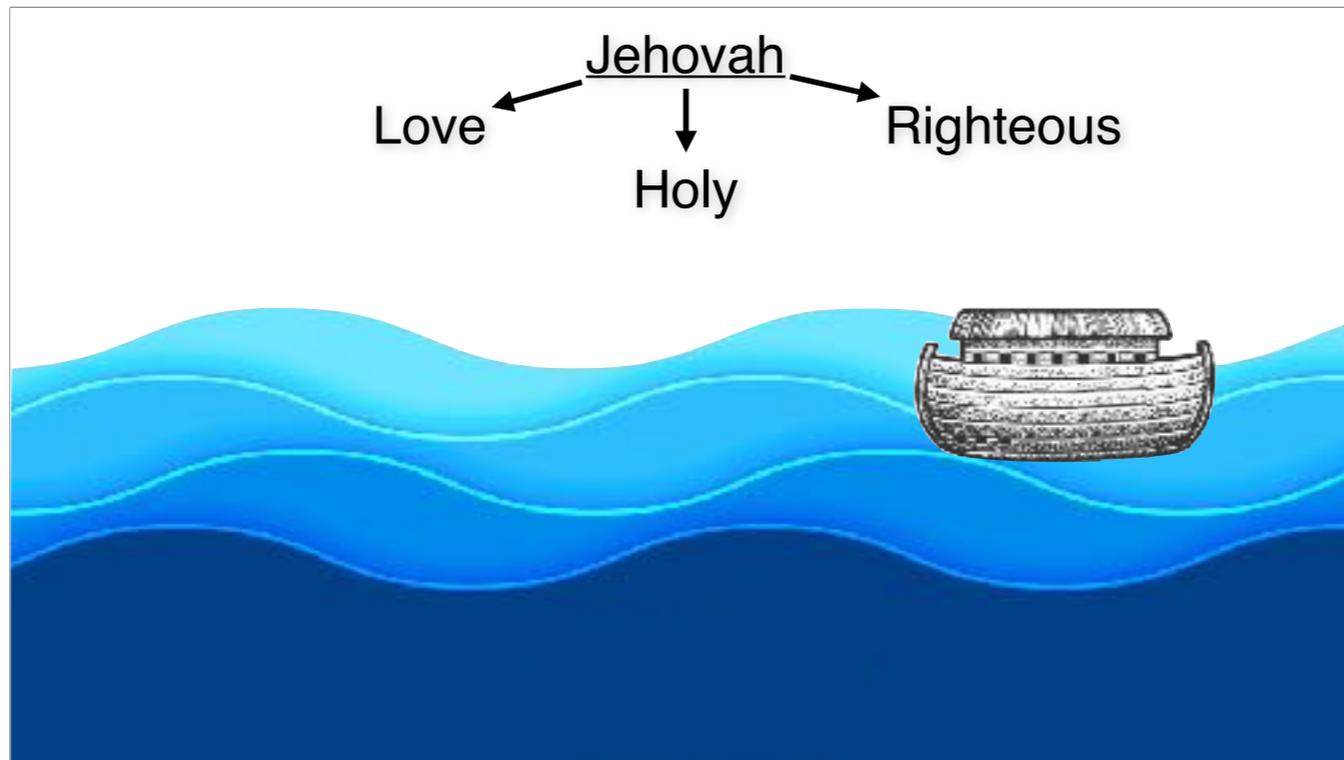
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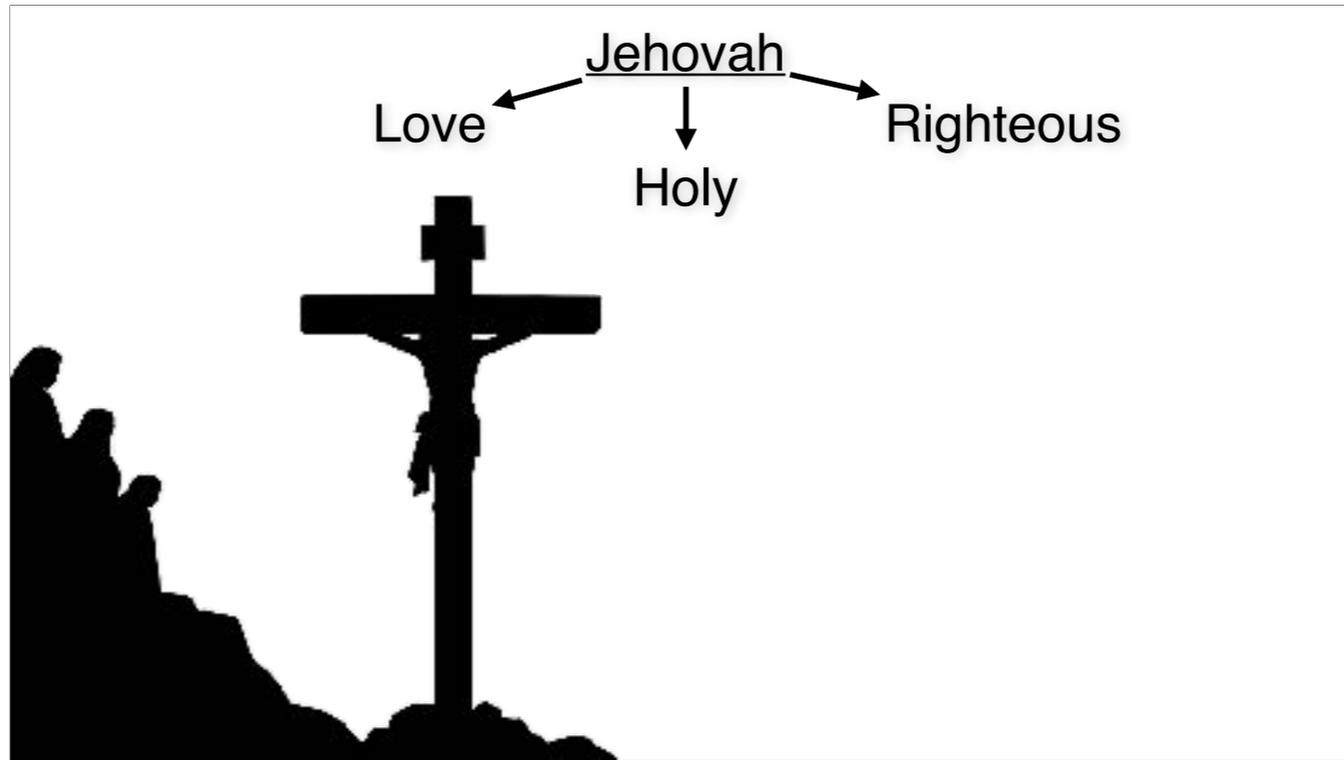
Noah was a **righteous** man,
blameless in his generation.
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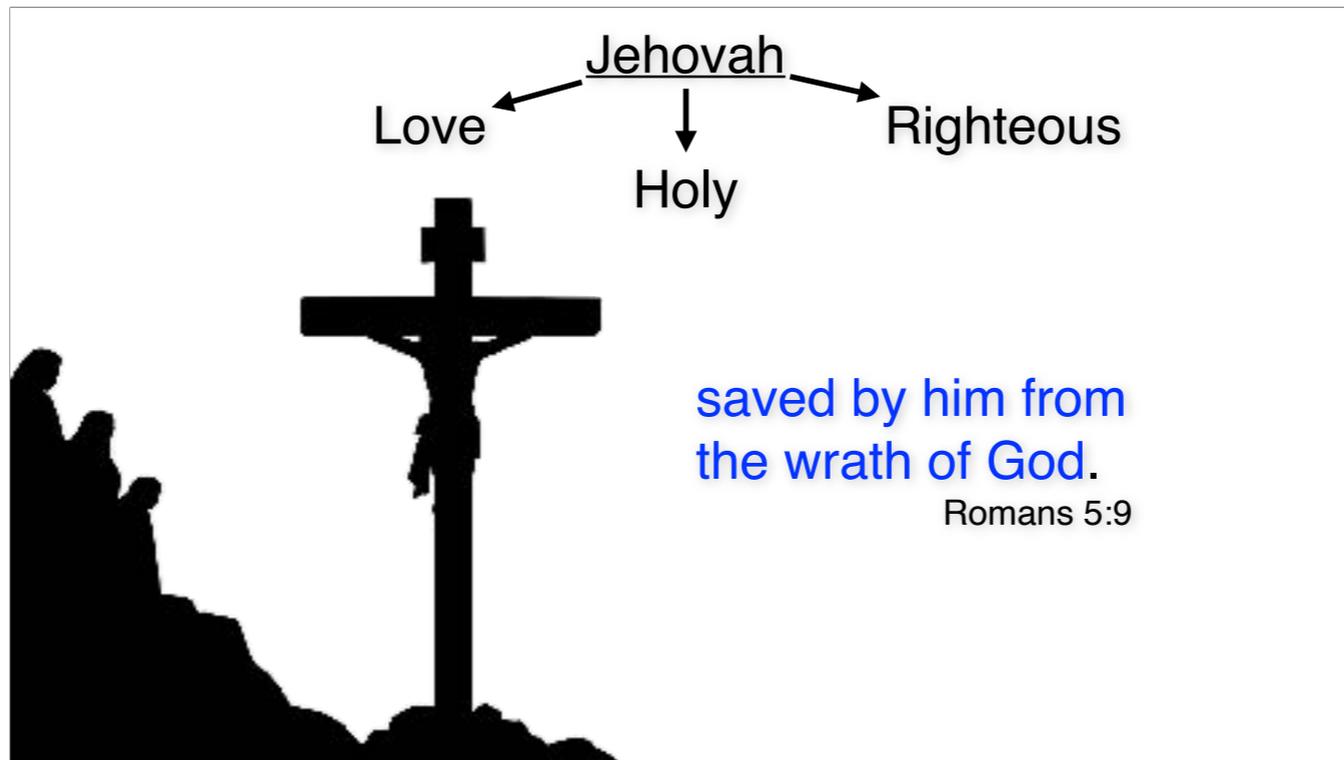
- Noah found favor
 - righteous man (not corrupted)
 - blameless in his generation (hadn't broken law / had been forgiven)
 - walked with God (relationship)
- made ark.



- Flood destroyed all but the 8 on ark.
- Why did God flood the whole earth?
- Demonstrates that Sin must be dealt with!



- Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?



- Romans 5:9: Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
- Sin must be dealt with.
- Not just for him... but for us.

Why did God...?

Why did God...?

cast them out?

God was angry?

But Bible doesn't say that.

- Why did God cast them out of the garden?
- For many, first thought is that He was angry.
- Look at text, it doesn't mention God's wrath.

Why did God...? destroy them in the flood?

But Bible doesn't say that.

God was angry?



cast them out?

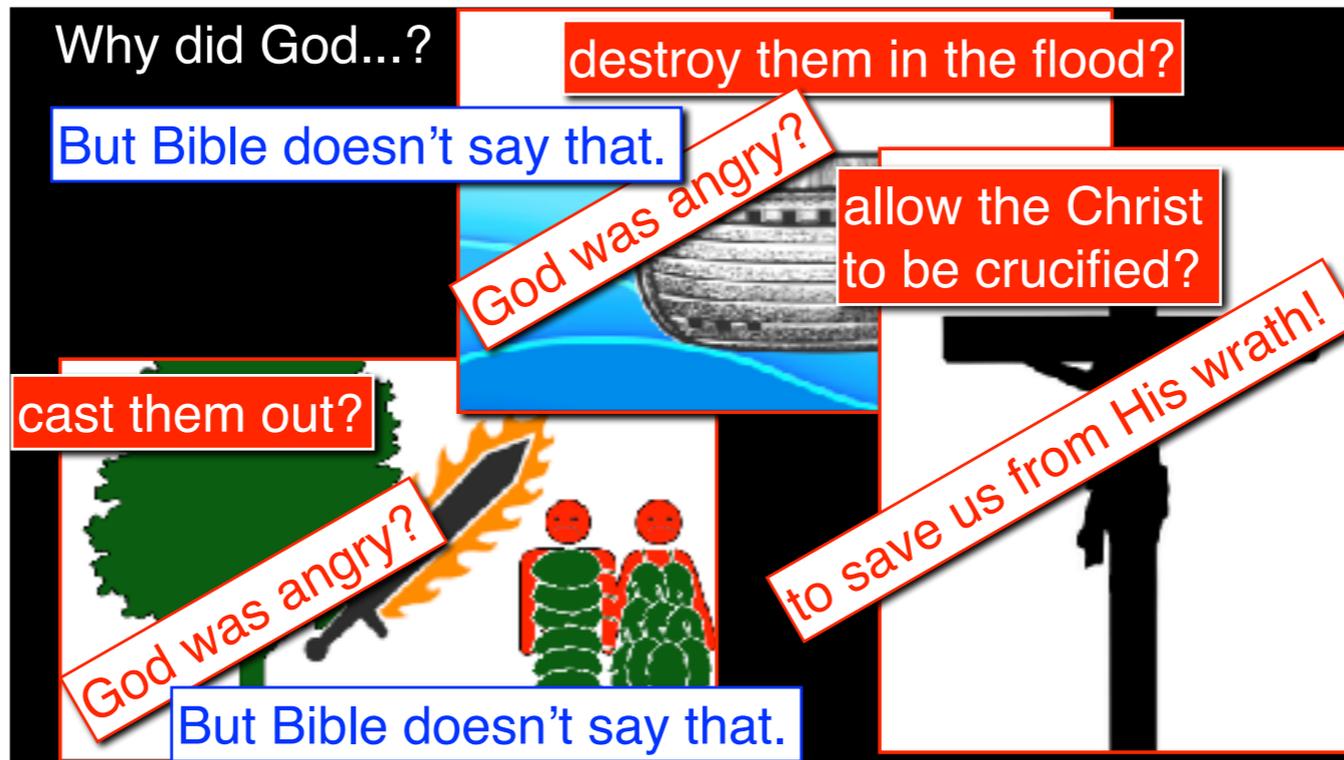
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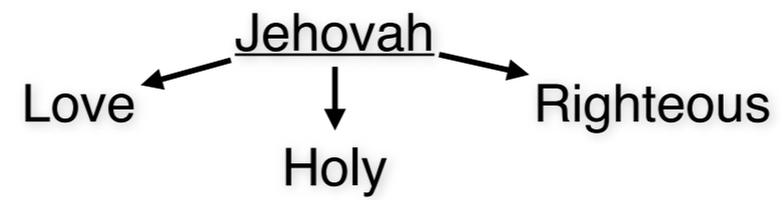
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- Why did God destroy them in the flood?
- Again... angry!
- Text: regretted, grieved, sorry (no mention of wrath)



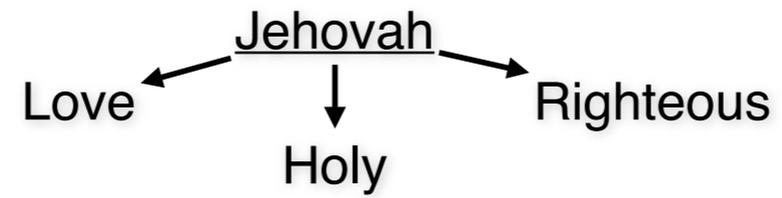
- Why did God allow the Christ to be crucified?
- To save us from the wrath of God!
- Sometimes, we speak as if the only reason God dealt with sin was because he was angry!
- Is there more to it than that?



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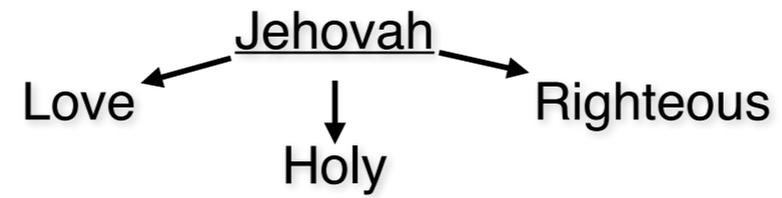
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 - Because of who he is: merciful and gracious



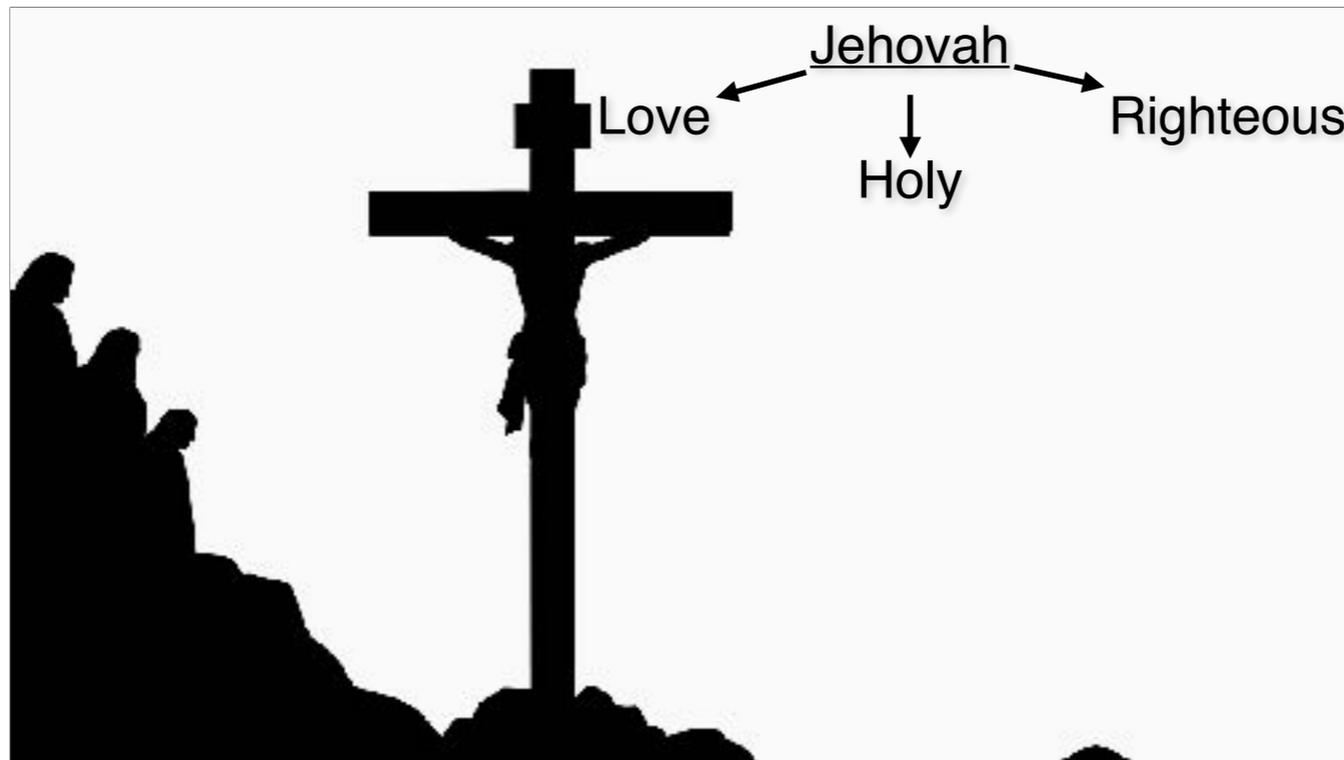
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 - Because he doesn't hold on to his anger.
 - He has something better planned for all of us
 - And it's not just about punishment.

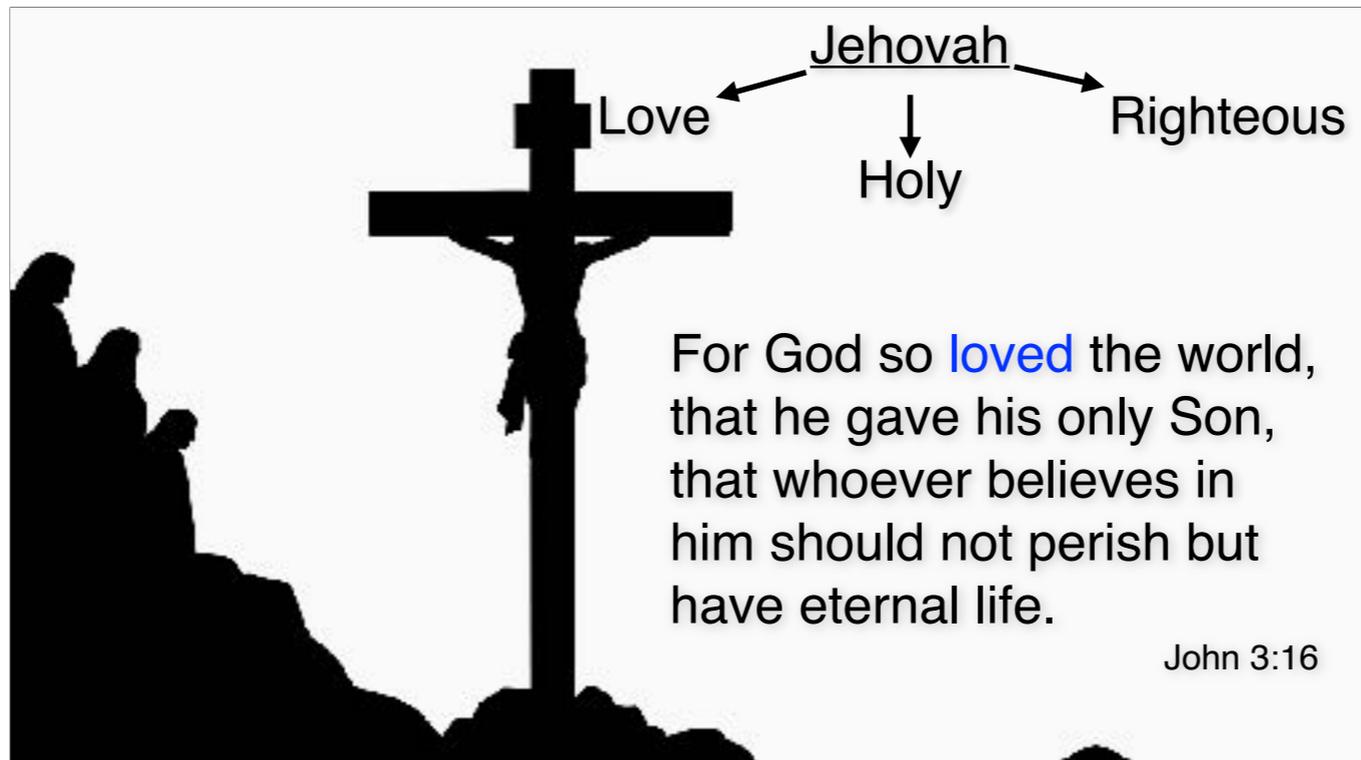


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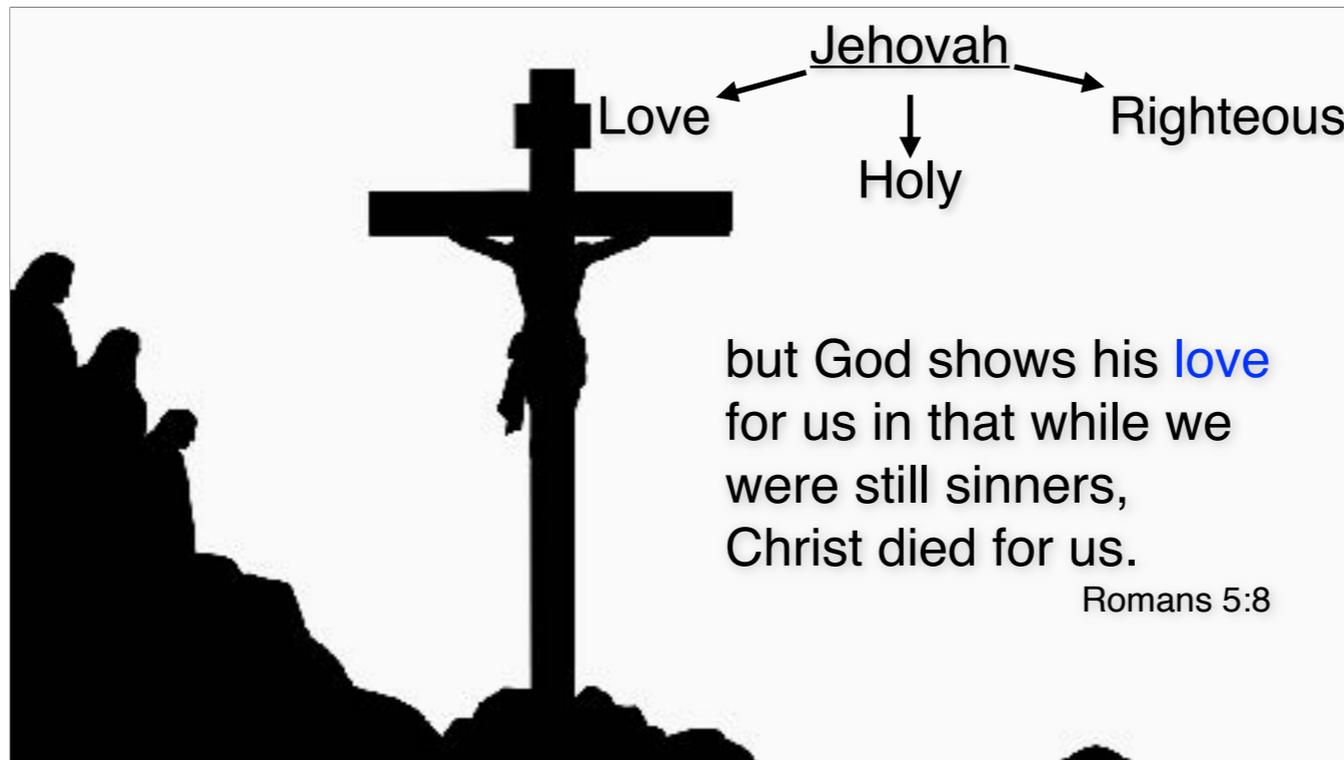
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 - Because he is working righteousness and just for us
 - He wants to save us.
 - He wants us to live.
 - He wants us to be with him.
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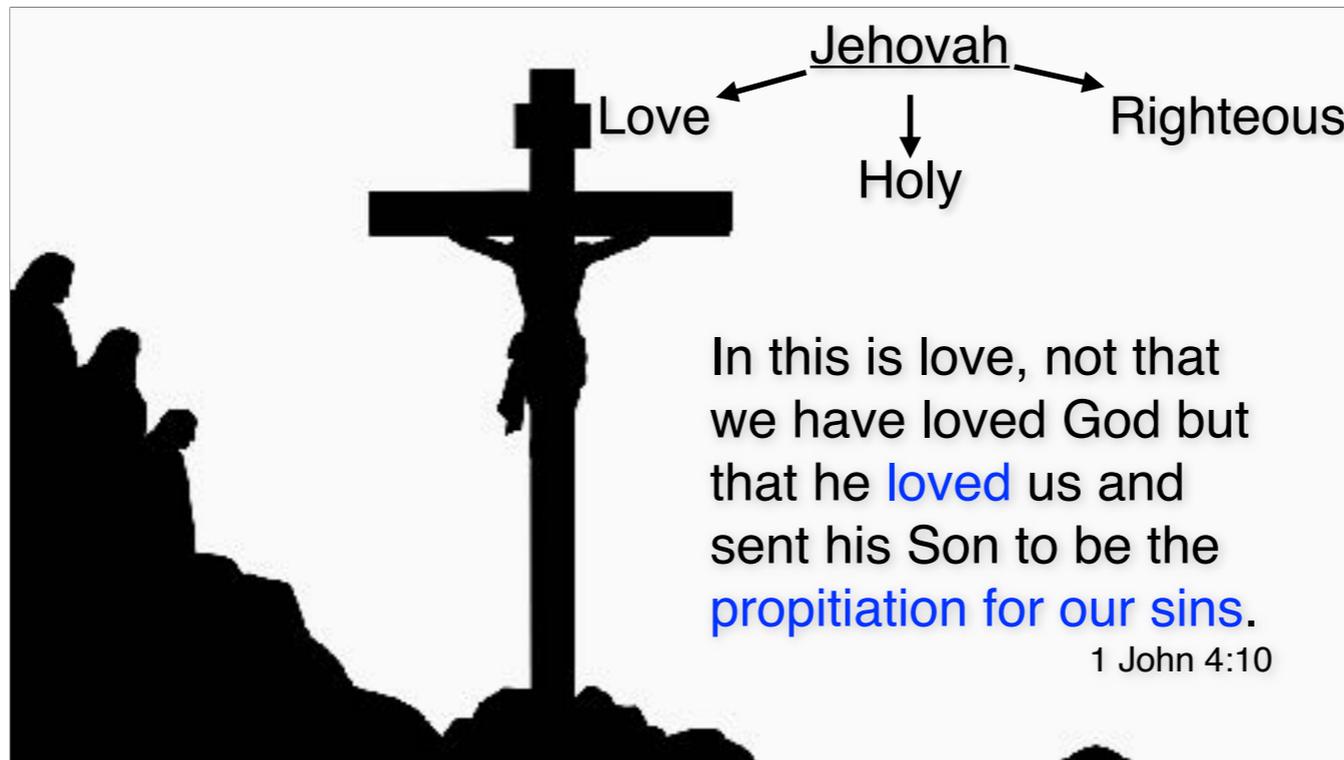
- Our problem is sin.
- God's problem is how does he deal with sin being just, holy, and loving.
- What we know, clearly, is that in Jesus Christ, Jehovah dealt with our sins



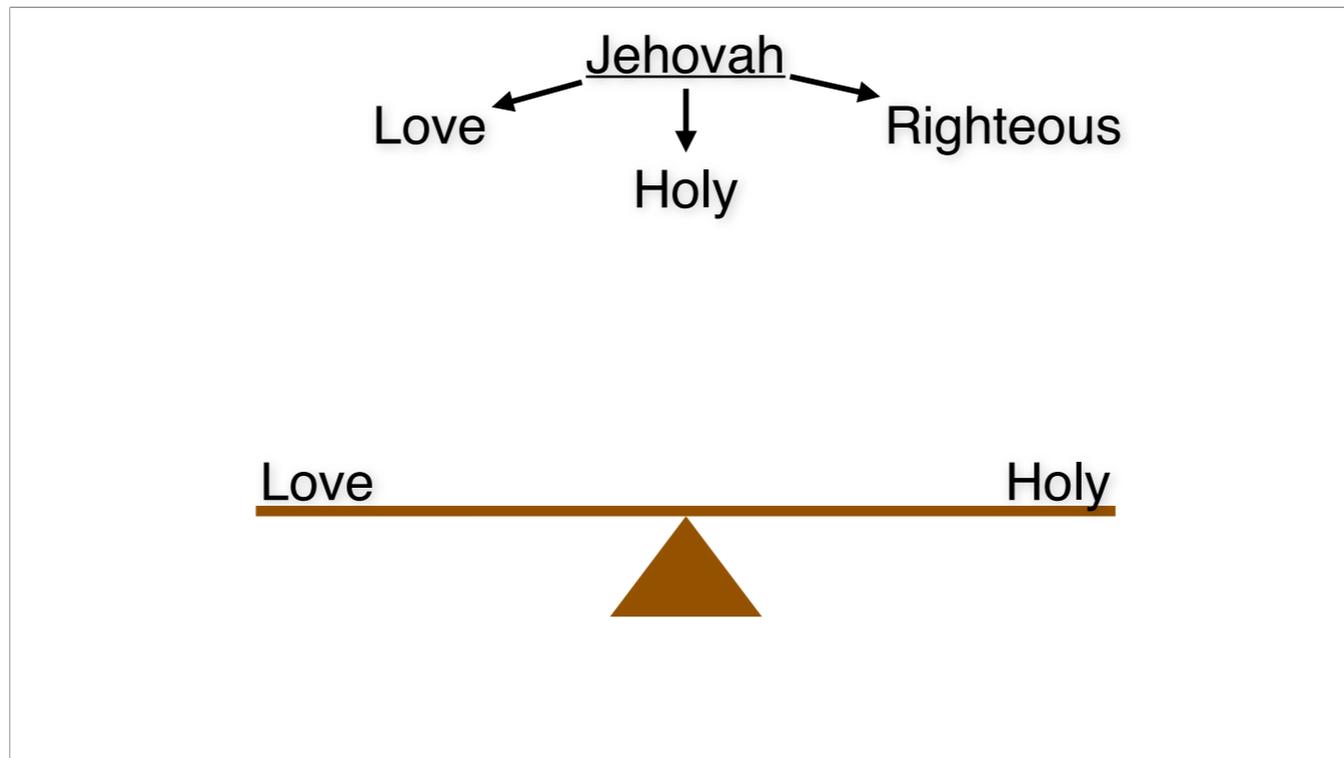
- John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- Did God love the world knowing what it was?
 - Certainly, and better than we do.



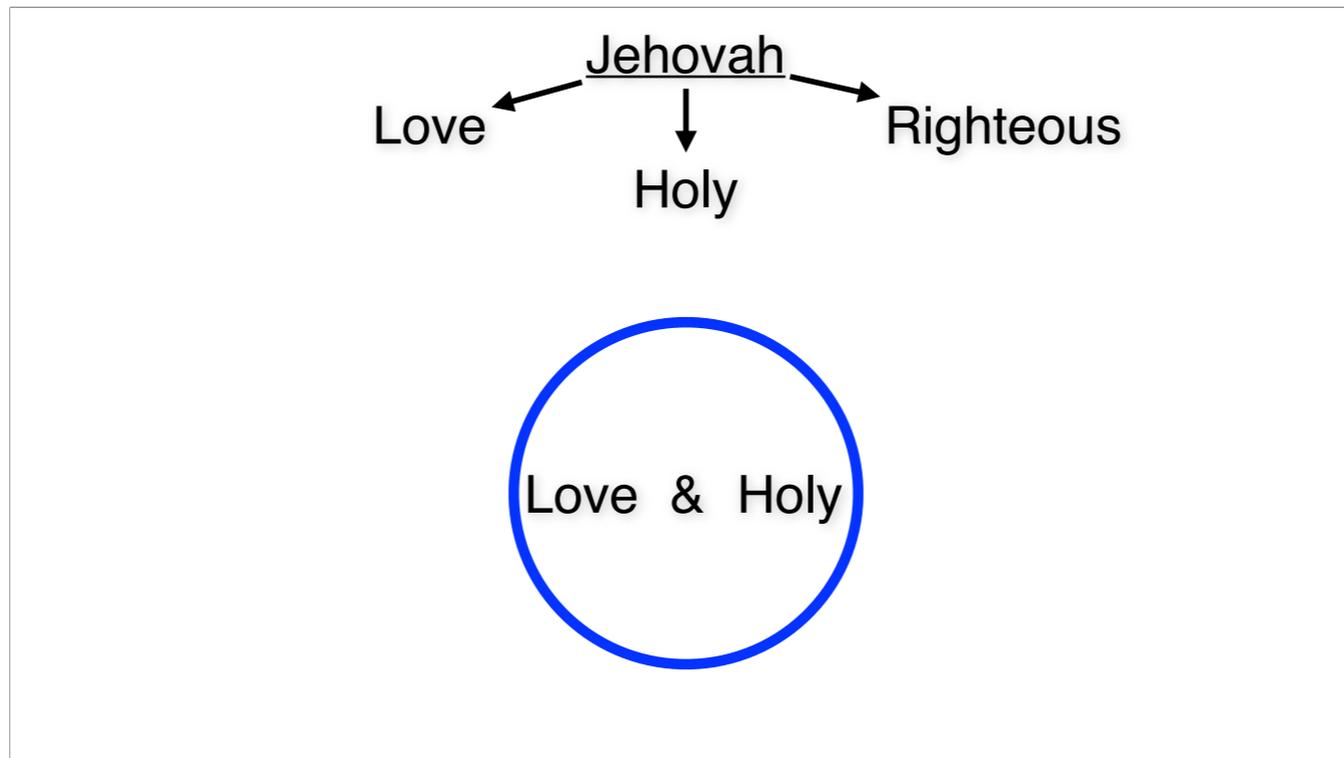
- Romans 5:8: but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Sinners
 - broken the law, broken our relationship with God, and corrupted our good nature



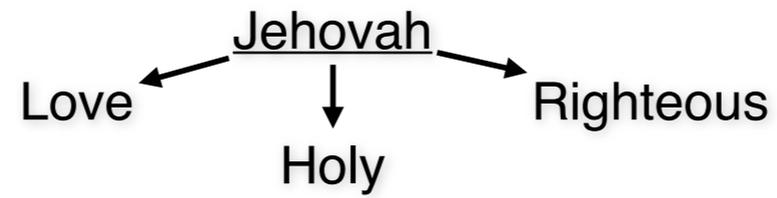
- 1 John 4:9-10: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. [10] In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- propitiation
 - NET: atoning sacrifice
 - mercy-seat on ark of the covenant — mercy
 - covering over of sins



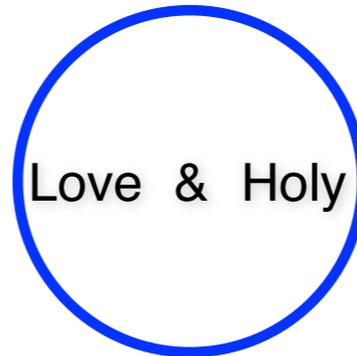
- Often we speak of the qualities of God and make them “opposed” to each other: holy and love.
- It’s always dangerous to isolate certain aspects of the character of God from others.
- Looking at them in isolation skews our perception of Jehovah.



- When God chooses to deal with sin, the question is how can a loving, holy Father bring us back to him and still be utterly just.
 - 1. not through some sinful means.
 - 2. not by denying/circumventing His nature/character.
 - 3. Our atonement is not God doing an end-run around the system, or a trick.



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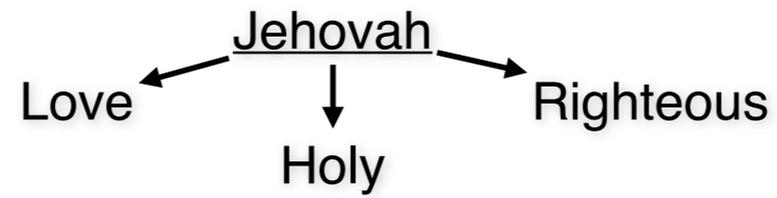


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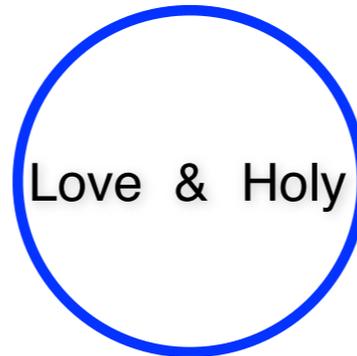
- Matthew 7:9-11: Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? [10] Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? [11] If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!



- Consider a loving father who sees his deeply loved child do something very wrong.
- He leaps into action to deal with the sin. Why? What is in his mind?
 - Is he angry at the child?
 - Insulted by the contempt?
 - Are these his first and most deep thoughts?
 - Are these his primary motives?
 - I doubt it.
 - These may be aspects, but deeper down, a good father loves his child.
- He moves out of love, to save the child from danger she is facing.



See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called **children of God**; and so we are.



1 John 3:1

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- Titus 2:14: who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.



- 1 Peter 3:18: For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,



- God as a whole:
 - a Father who deals with our sin because of His holy love.
- Dealing with sin was not an end in itself.
- Our Father is “reconciling the world to himself” in Christ.



• 2 Corinthians 5:17-21:

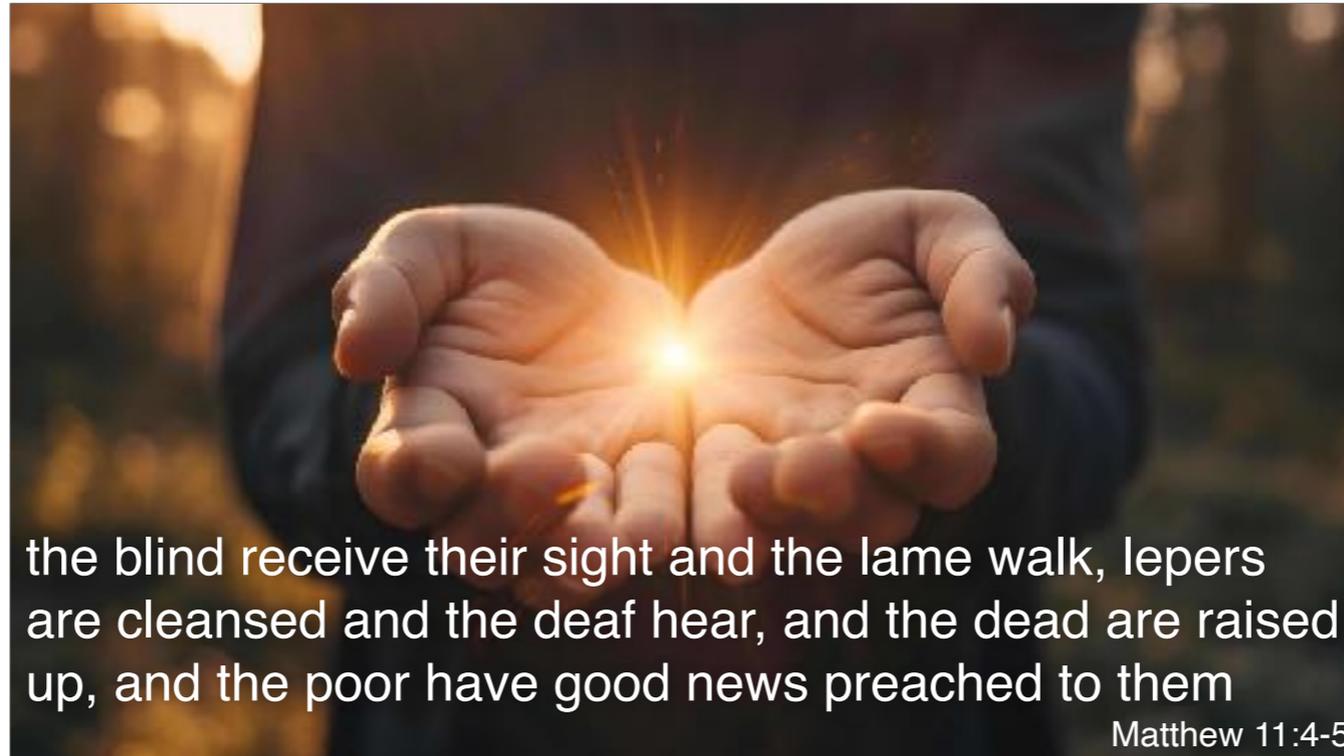
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
 - The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
- [18] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;
- [19] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
 - not counting their trespasses against them,
 - and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
- [20] Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21] For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



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Matthew 11:4-5

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Matthew 11:4-5

- Dead...Alive
- Oppressed...Delivers
- Slaves...Redeem
- Blind...Sight
- Poor...Rich
- Weary...Rest
- Estranged...Reconciled
- War...Peace
- Darkness...Light
- Debt...Paid
- Guilty...Acquitted
- Unrighteous....Righteous



- Why Did God Choose to Deal with Sin?

- 1) to just destroy it... not a loving God;
 - but to dismiss sin as if unimportant... not a holy God: Not options.
- 2) Deal with sin to reconcile us with Him, redeeming us through Jesus Christ
- 3) Mystery and Challenge: that a holy God loves such rebellious, horrible enemies full of sin: human race.

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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He Does Not Deal With Us According to Our Sins Psalm 103:10

Synopsis: The story of man is the story of sin. In this lesson we will examine sin and why a holy and loving God would deal with sin. For many of us, our first thought is that Jehovah dealt with sin because of His wrath. This seems to be an incomplete answer. Rather as a loving Father he dealt with sin to bring us back into a righteous relationship with Him.

Many of these thoughts were inspired and borrowed from Jim McGuiggan's book: **The Dragon Slayer**, chapter 2: The Road leading to Bethlehem and Golgatha.

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