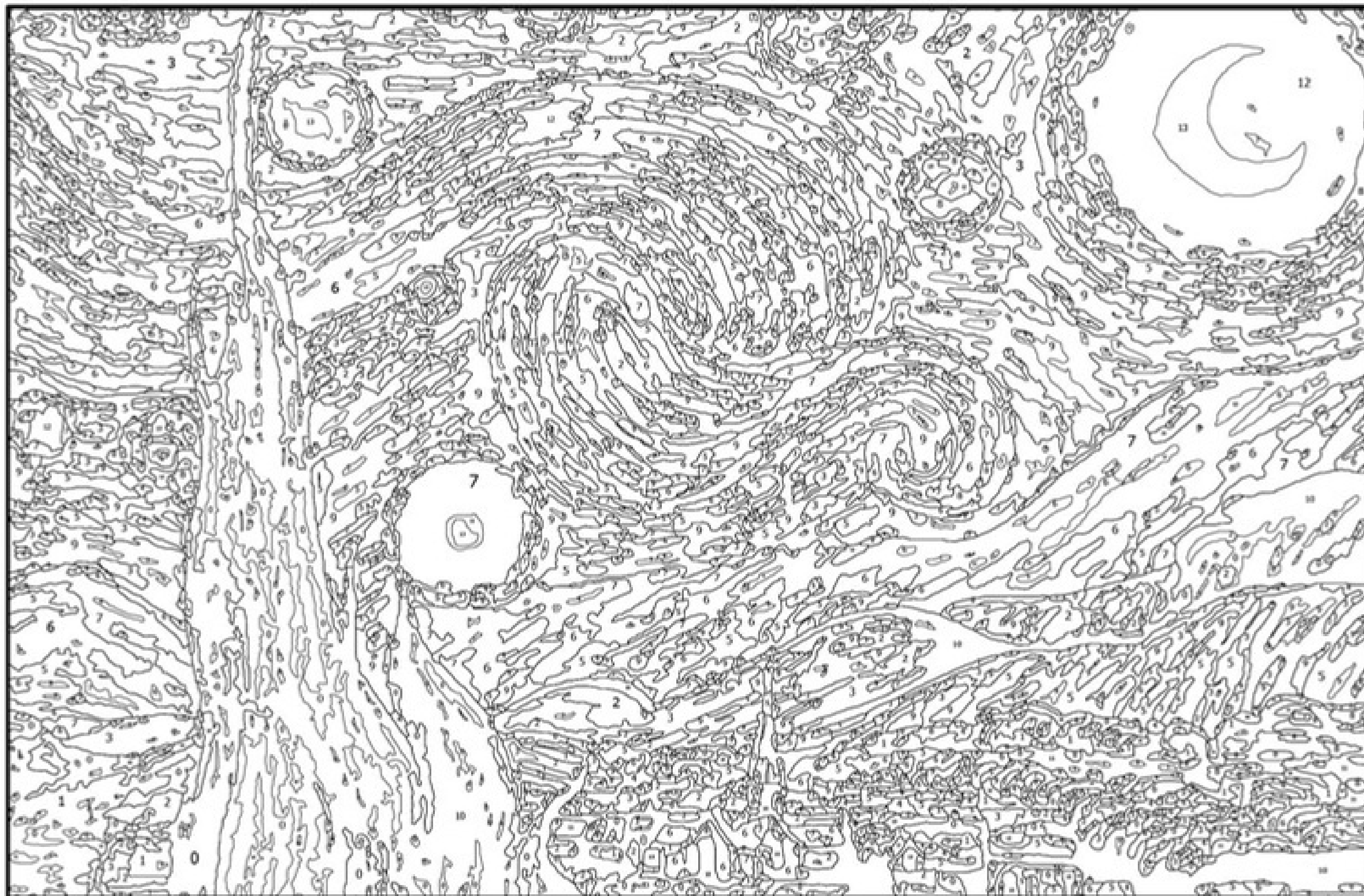


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2 TIMOTHY 3 16-17

16 Every scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work.

2 PETER 1 19-21

19 Moreover, we possess the prophetic word as an altogether reliable thing. You do well if you pay attention to this as you would to a light shining in a murky place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you do well if you recognize this: No prophecy of scripture ever comes about by the prophet's own imagination, 21 for no prophecy was ever borne of human impulse; rather, men [I] carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.



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SETTING



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- The setting is upset by the antagonist
- Which raises the question, "how will this be resolved?"

INITIAL CONFLICT



- The question is carried forward and the plot develops through the choices of the protagonist and/or the antagonist



RISING ACTION



- The action reaches a breaking point where the plans of the antagonist or the protagonist are shown to be a successful

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- The action “fades” out (falling action) and moves towards a final ending.
- There is still tension and development after the climax, but the ending is concluded. Put another way, the winner is blatantly obvious after the climax and everything that follows is in light of that victory

- The resolution is where the victory of the protagonist at the climax becomes **effective**.

RESOLUTION



- The “untying” of the story
- The plans and purposes of the protagonist are realized.
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EP ILOGUE



CLASS EXERCISE

Identifying Narrative Structure

1) Summarize for the class the story

2) Identify the parts of the narrative

3) Which aspects of narrative are emphasized in your story?

Put another way, what part of the story can you see clearly fitting into the various parts of narrative structure?



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SETTING

GENESIS 1&2

GENESIS 11

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.



GENESIS 1 26-28

26 Then God said, "Let Us make **man** in **Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth." 27 So God created man **in His own image**, in the **image of God** He created him; male and female He created them. 28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."



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THE SETTING

- Genesis 1:4 “And God saw that the light was good.”
- Genesis 1:10 “And God saw that it was good.”
- Genesis 1:12 “And God saw that it was good.”
- Genesis 1:18 “And God saw that it was good.”
- Genesis 1:21 “And God saw that it was good.”
- Genesis 1:25 “And God saw that it was good.”
- Genesis 1:31 “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.”

GENESIS 2:7-9

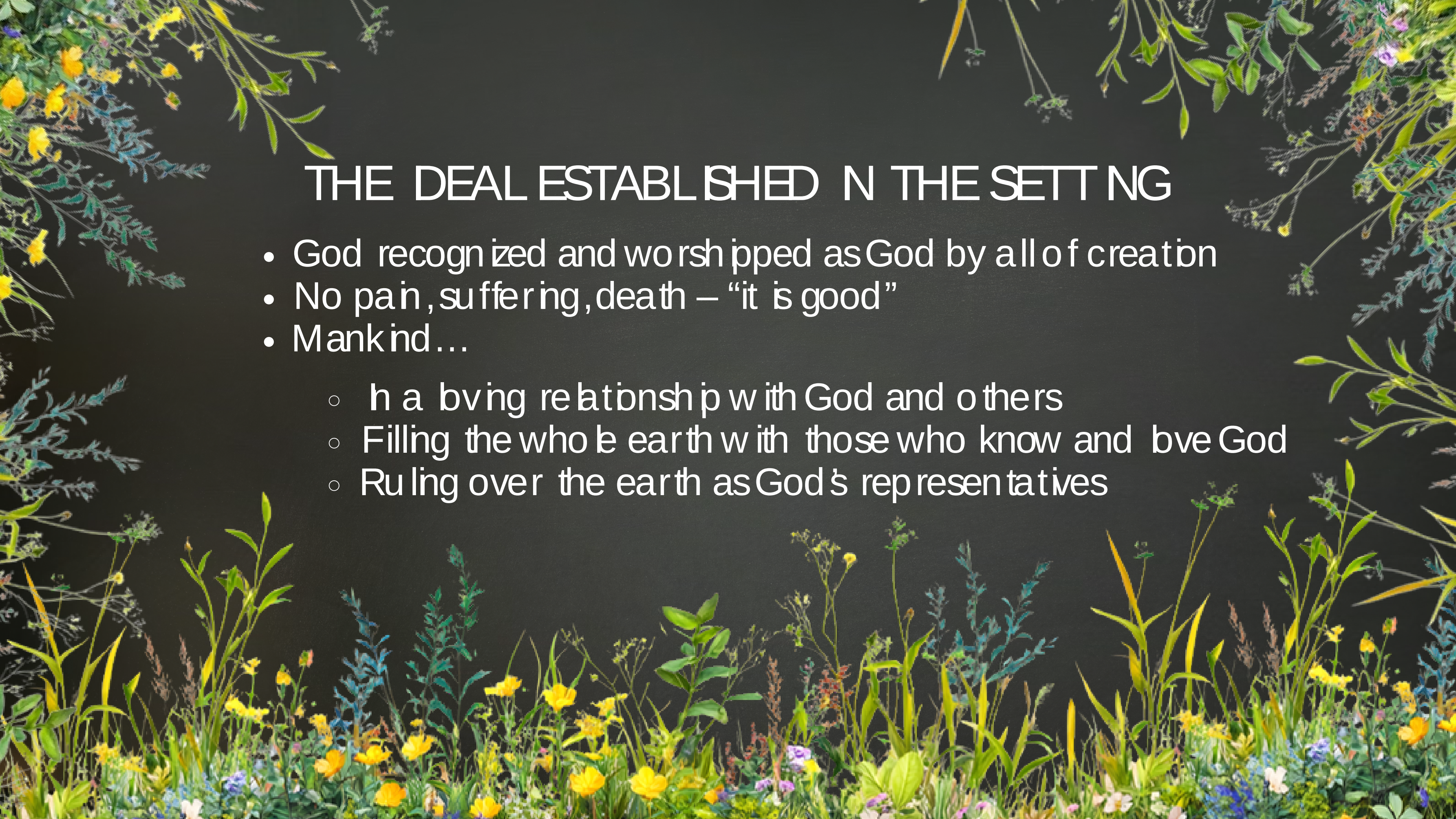
7 Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living person. 8 The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. 9 Out of the ground the Lord God caused every tree to grow that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.



GENESIS 2:15-17

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and tend it. 16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'From any tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it you will certainly die.'

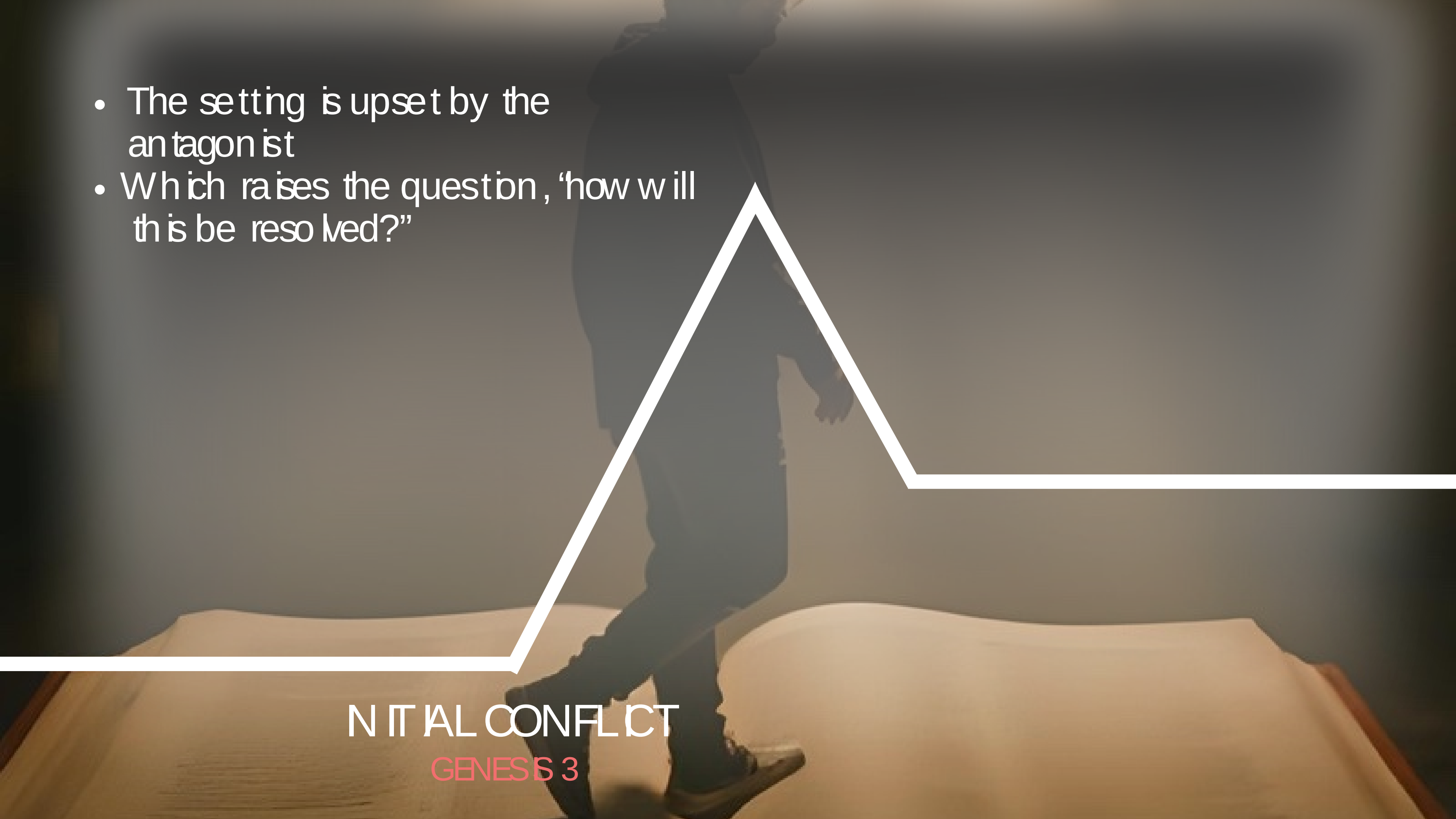




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INITIAL CONFLICT

GENESIS 3

GENESIS 3:1-5

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" 4 The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die! 5 For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil."



GENESIS 3 6-13

6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves waist coverings.

8 Now they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me some of the fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."



GENESIS 3:14-15

14 The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life; 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.'

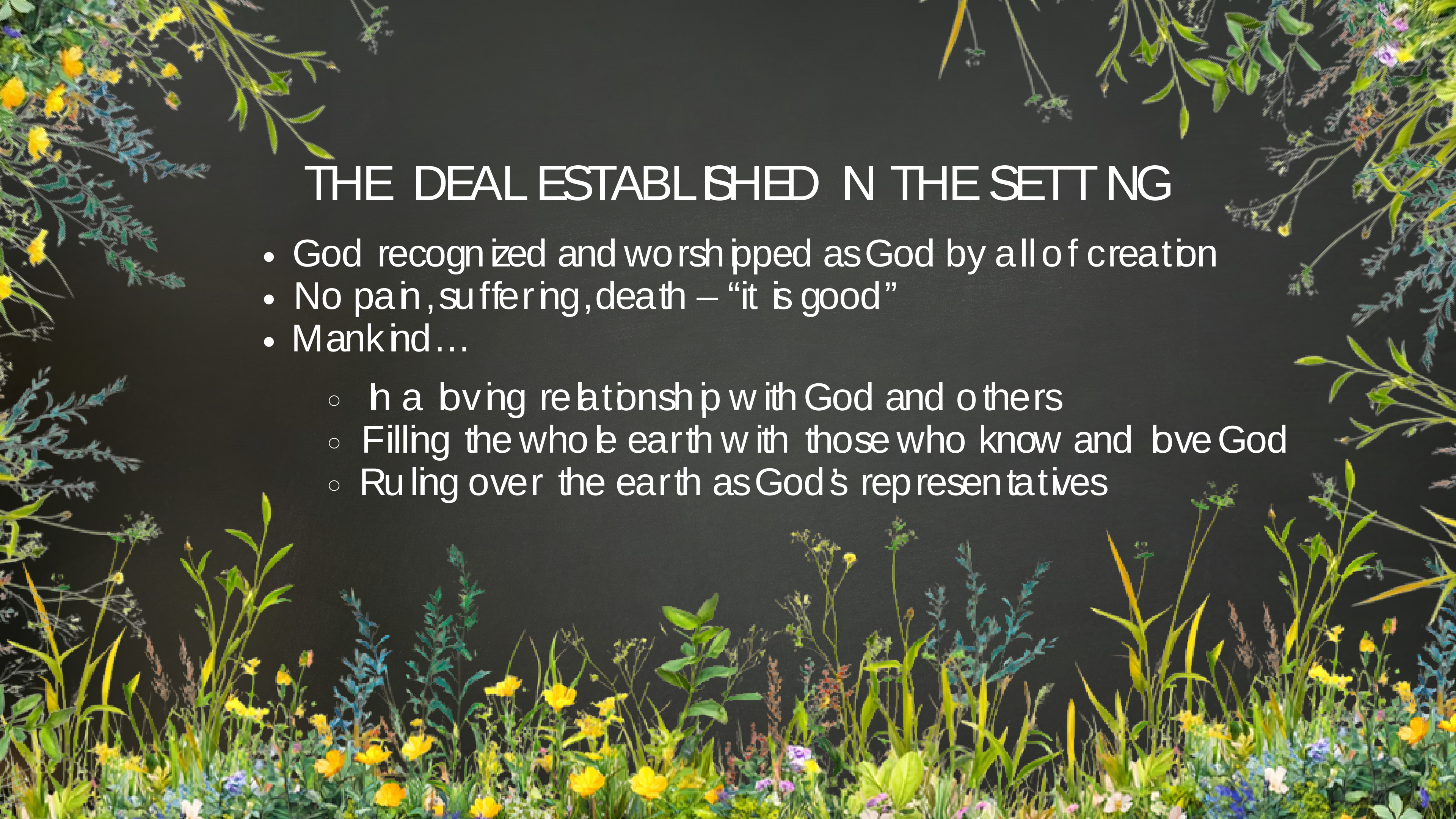


GENESIS 3 20-24

20 Now the man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all the living. 21 And the Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

22 Then the Lord God said, 'Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out with his hand, and take fruit also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever'—23 therefore the Lord God sent him out of the Garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the Garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.





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Garments of skin Genesis 3:21



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RIISING ACTION

GENESIS 4—THE CROSS

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GENESIS 12:1-3

1 Now the Lord said to Abram ,
“Go from your country,
And from your relatives
And from your father’s house,
To the land which I will show you;
2 And I will make you into a great nation,
And I will bless you,
And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing;
3 And I will bless those who bless you,
And the one who curses you I will curse.
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”



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JOHN 19-13

9 This was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person. 10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and yet the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God.



THE DEATH & RESURRECTION

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- The action reaches a breaking point where the plans of the antagonist or the protagonist are shown to be a successfu



HEBREWS 2 9-10 & 14-18

9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of His suffering death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the originator of their salvation through sufferings.

14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, **so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.** 16 For clearly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brothers so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

ROMANS 3 21-26

21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 but it is the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus,** 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in God's merciful restraint He let the sins previously committed go unpunished; 26 for the demonstration, that is, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.



MATTHEW 28 16-20

16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated to them. 17 And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



ACTS 1 9-11

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were watching, and a cloud took Him up, out of their sight. 10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, then behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them, 11 and they said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."



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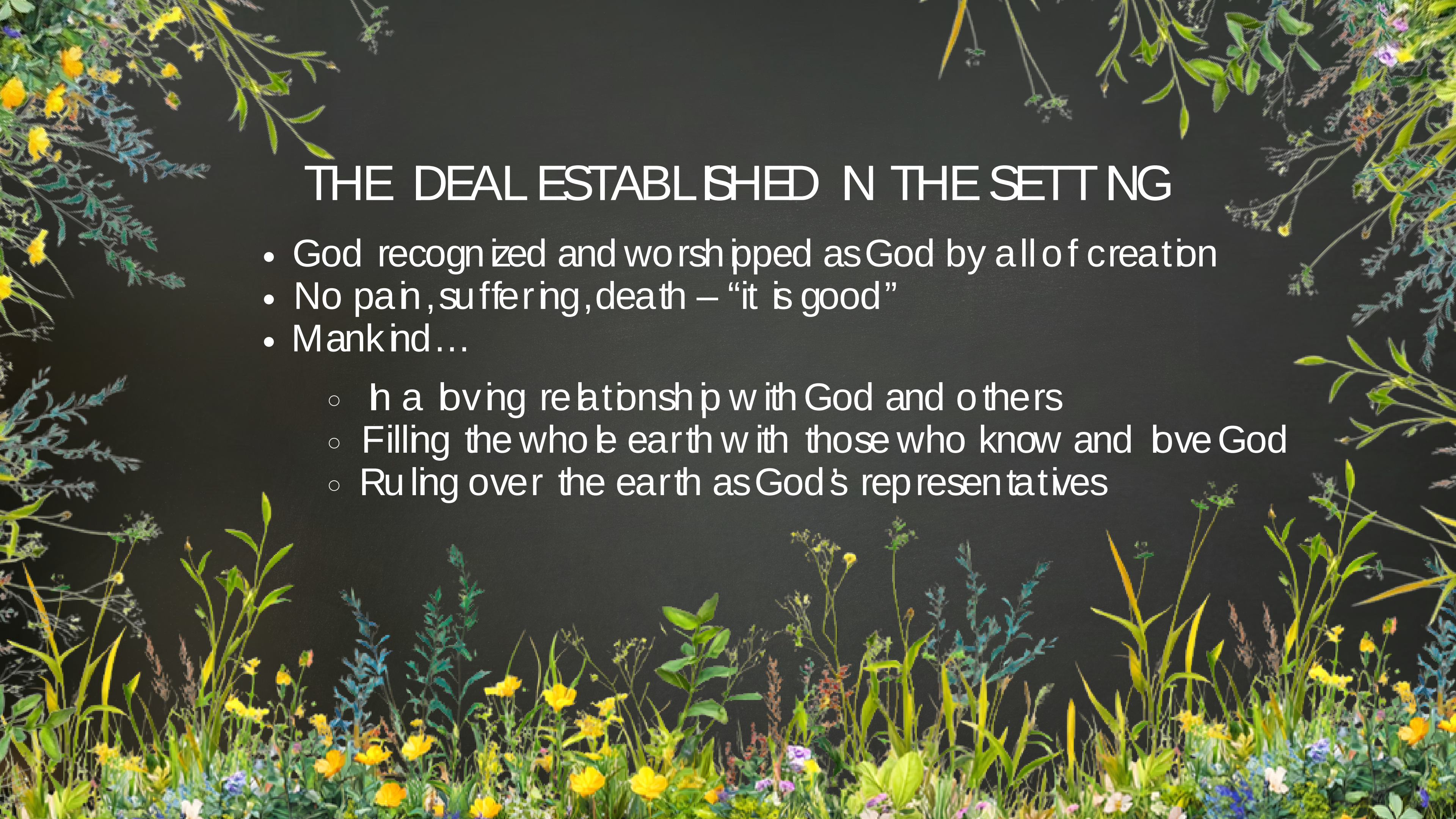


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THE DEAL RESTORED IN A GREATER WAY

1 Then I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and **He will dwell among them**, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and **there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.**' 5 And He who sits on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' And He *said, 'Write, for these words are faithful and true.' 6 Then He said to me, 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give water to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life, without cost.'

REVELATION 21:1-6



1 And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, 2 in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was a tree bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3
and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His name will be on the foreheads. 4
;4, and His name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and



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