



# The First Gospel

Beside The Living Waters  
Class 2

# Message of the River

This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground... (Gen. 2:4-6)

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. (Eph. 1:3)

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These all wait for You, that You may give them their food in due season. What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good. (Psa. 104:27-28)

(God) who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways...did not leave himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. (Acts 14:16-17)

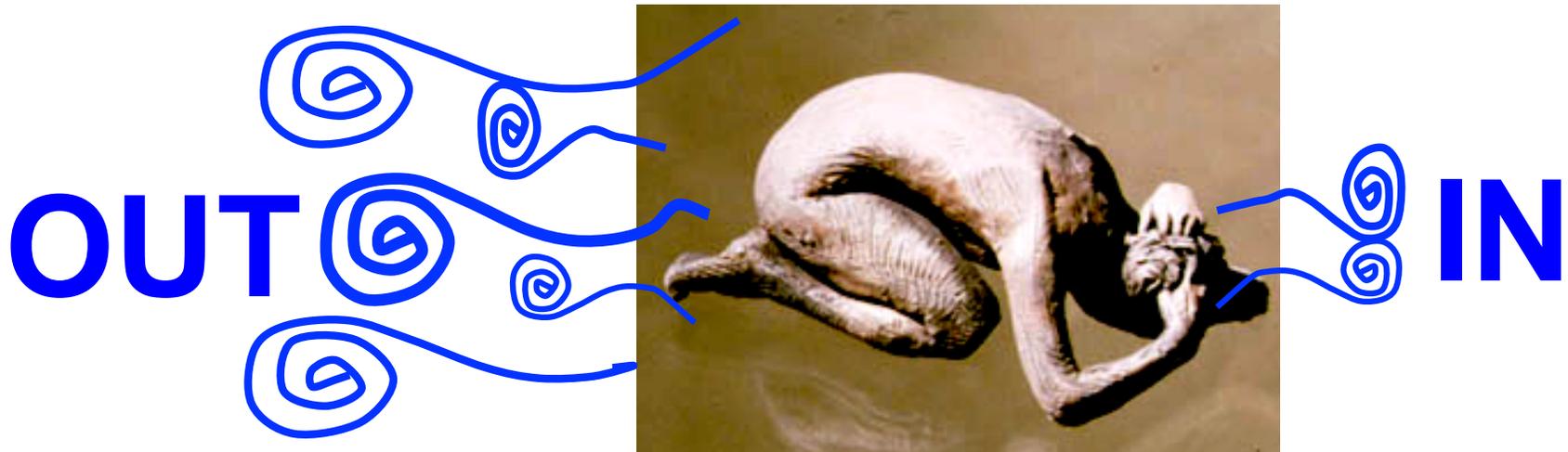
And he said unto them, Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature! (Mk. 16:15)

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And the Lord God formed man = the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (Gen. 2:7)



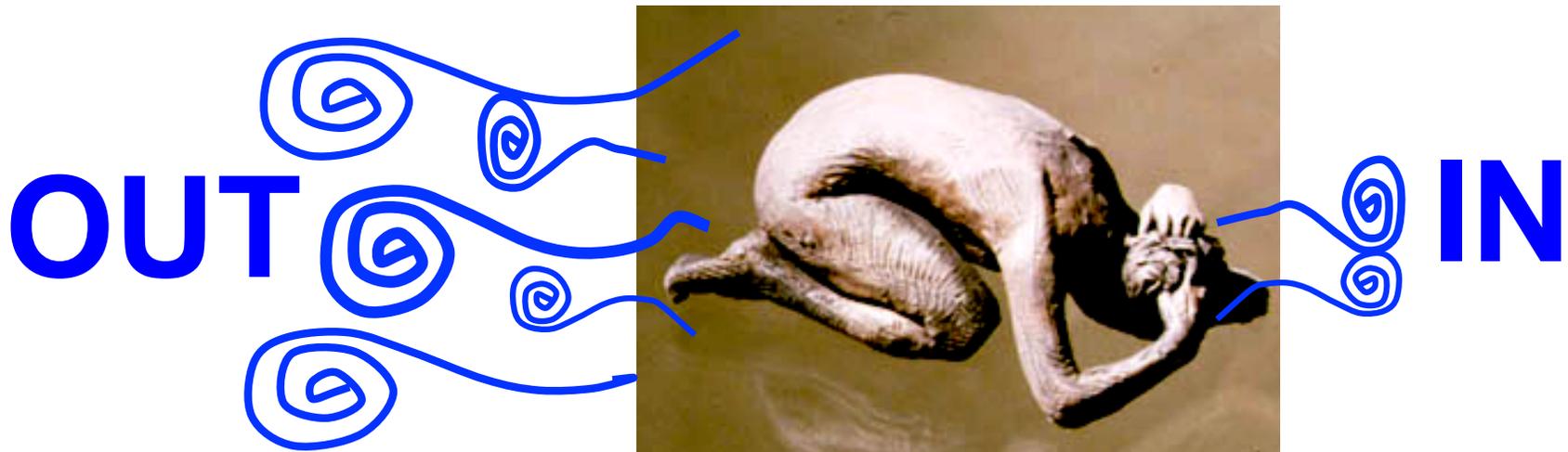
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If He should set His heart on it, He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath, all flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust. (Job 34:14-15)



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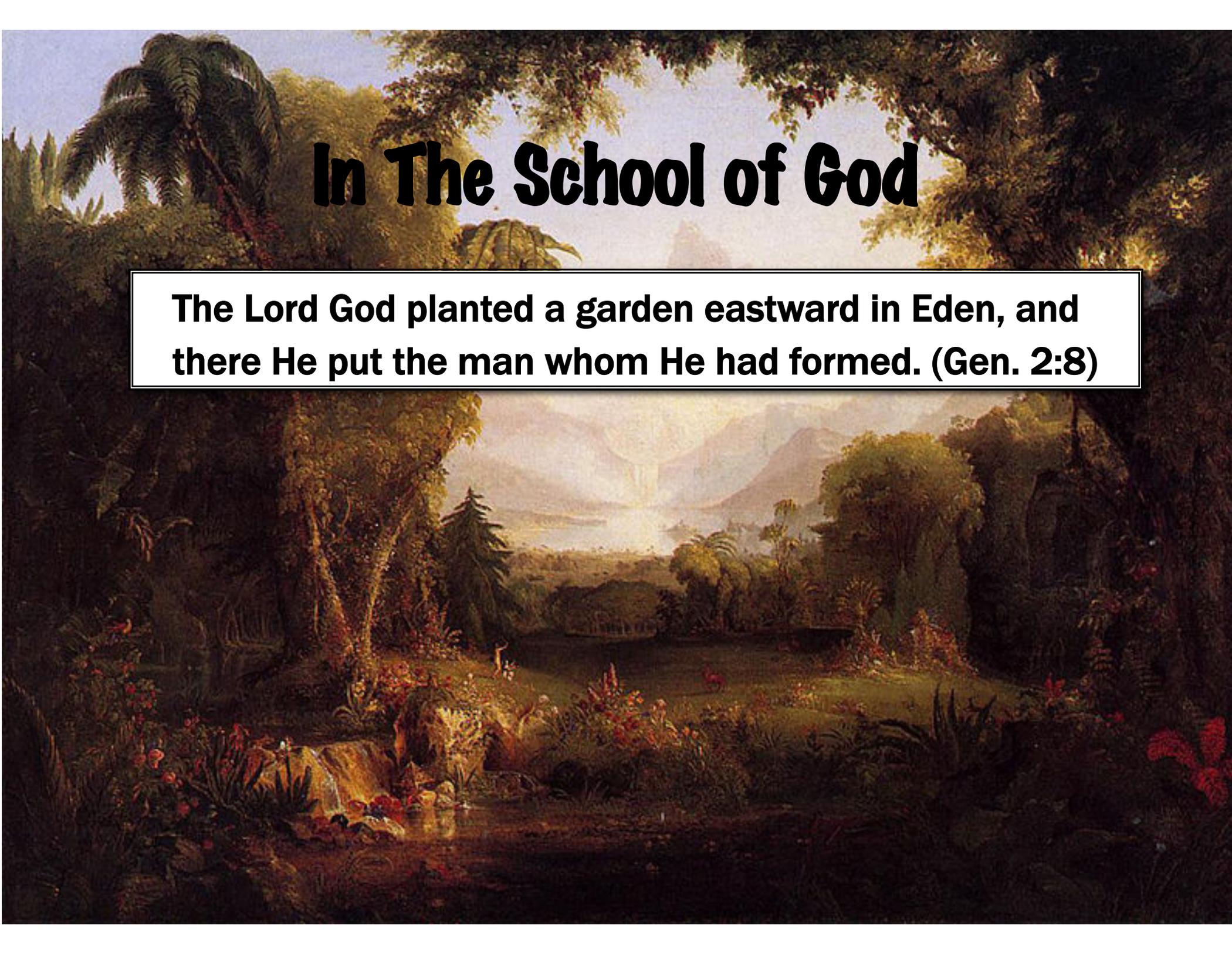
All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God (**God breathed**), and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. (2 Tim. 3:16)

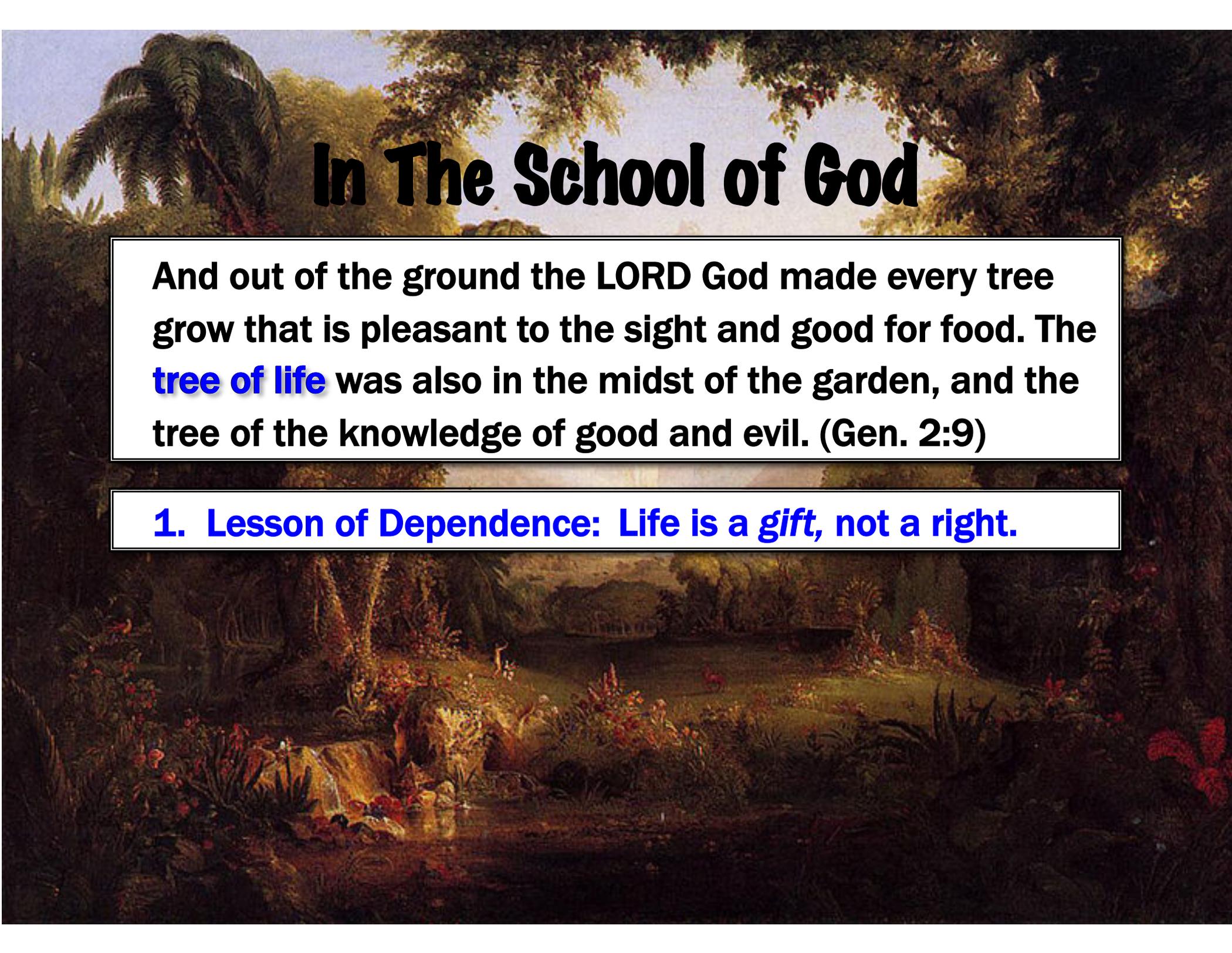


***Don't forget to breathe!***

# **In The School of God**

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- *“Good” & “Evil” (bad) = Words of Judgment*
- *Children trust your definition*
- *Young People need to know why*
- *Knowledge of G & E essential for wisdom!*
- *WHY, then, withhold this knowledge?*

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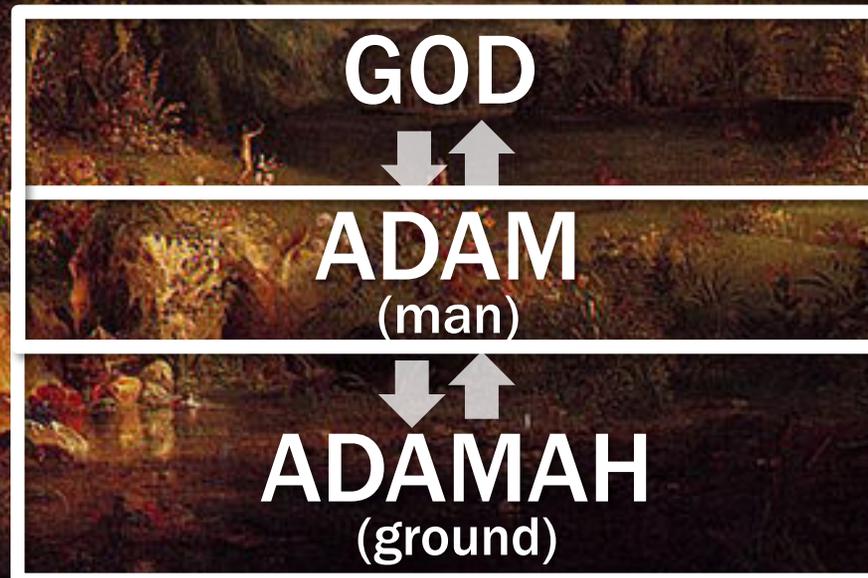
*“keep” = watch, guard, preserve, PROTECT*

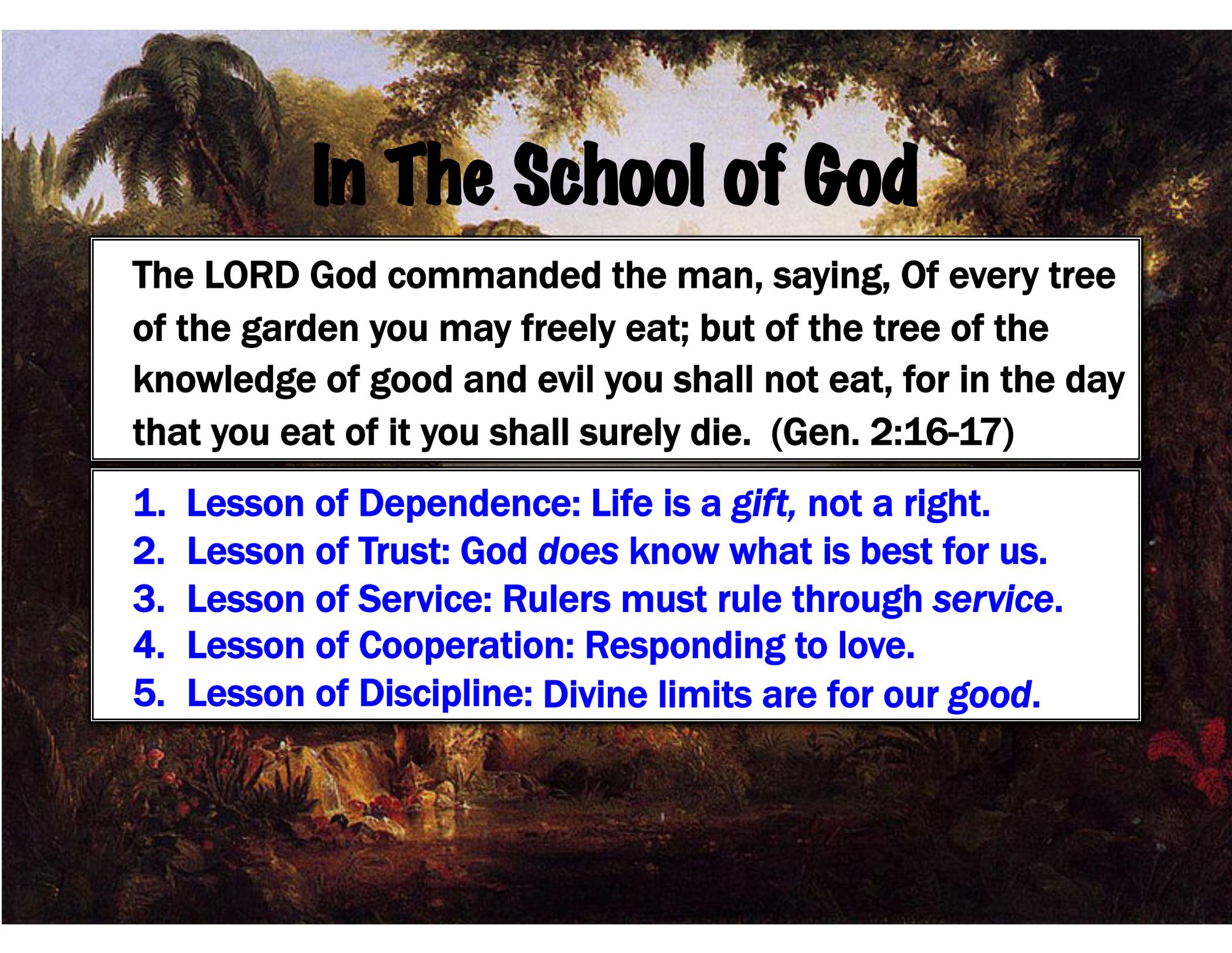
*WHY? Disorder is the natural state. Work is needed to preserve the original condition.*

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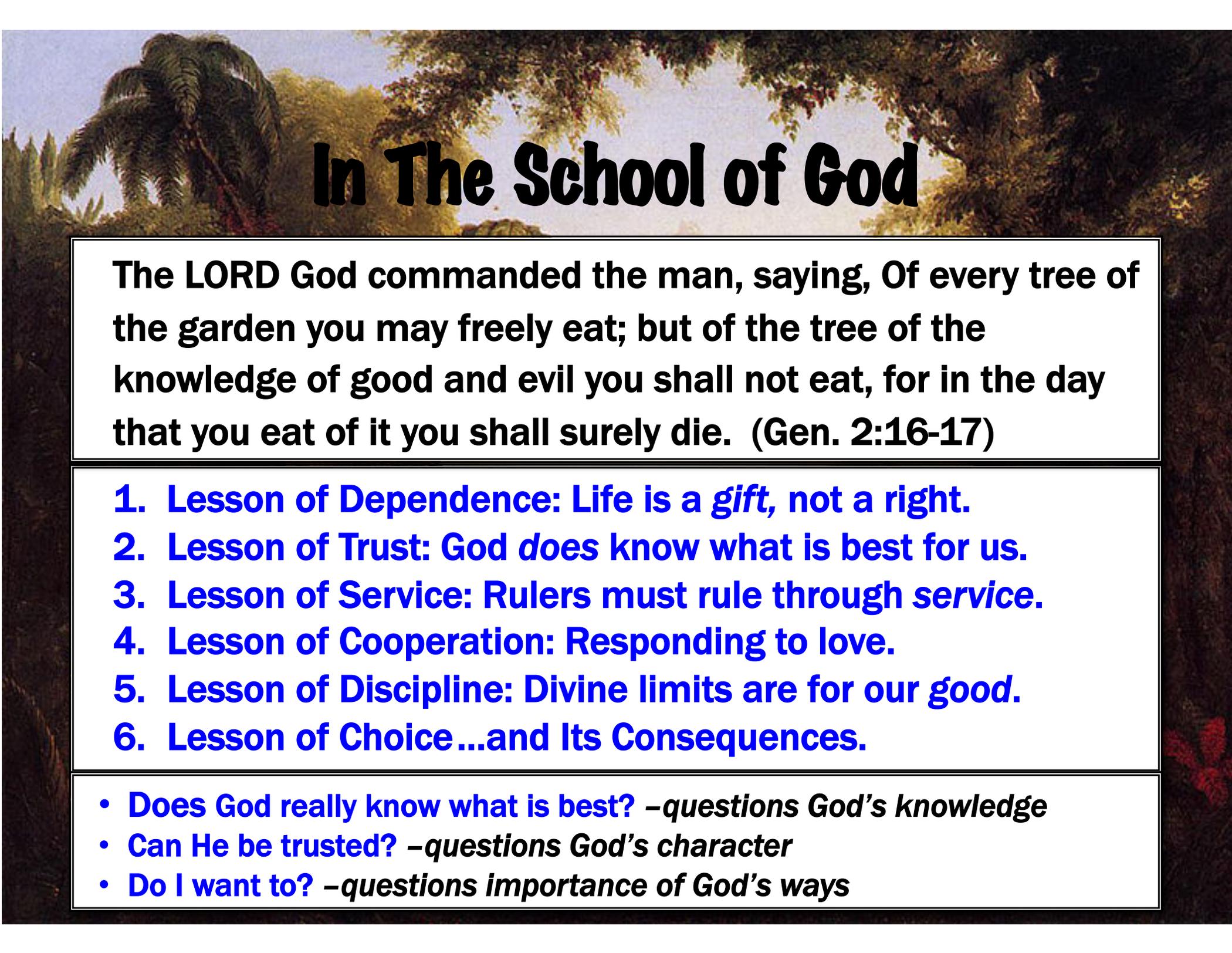




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6. Lesson of Choice...and Its Consequences.

- Does God really know what is best? –*questions God's knowledge*
- Can He be trusted? –*questions God's character*
- Do I want to? –*questions importance of God's ways*

