

# THE STORY OF MAN

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*What the Bible Says about Human Nature*

# THE STORY OF MAN: ACTS 17

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## 1. GOD (vv. 24-25)

- A. Creator (Maker): He designed us with purpose.
- B. Lord (Ruler): He is the authority in our space and His.
- C. Sustainer (Giver): We are dependent, not Him.

## 2. MAN (vv. 26-28)

- A. Setting: We have a singular origin and a singular ruler.
- B. Purpose: Seek and find God. He is our life and we His children.

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1. GOD (vv. 24-25)

2. MAN (vv. 26-28)

3. THE PROBLEM (vv. 29-30)

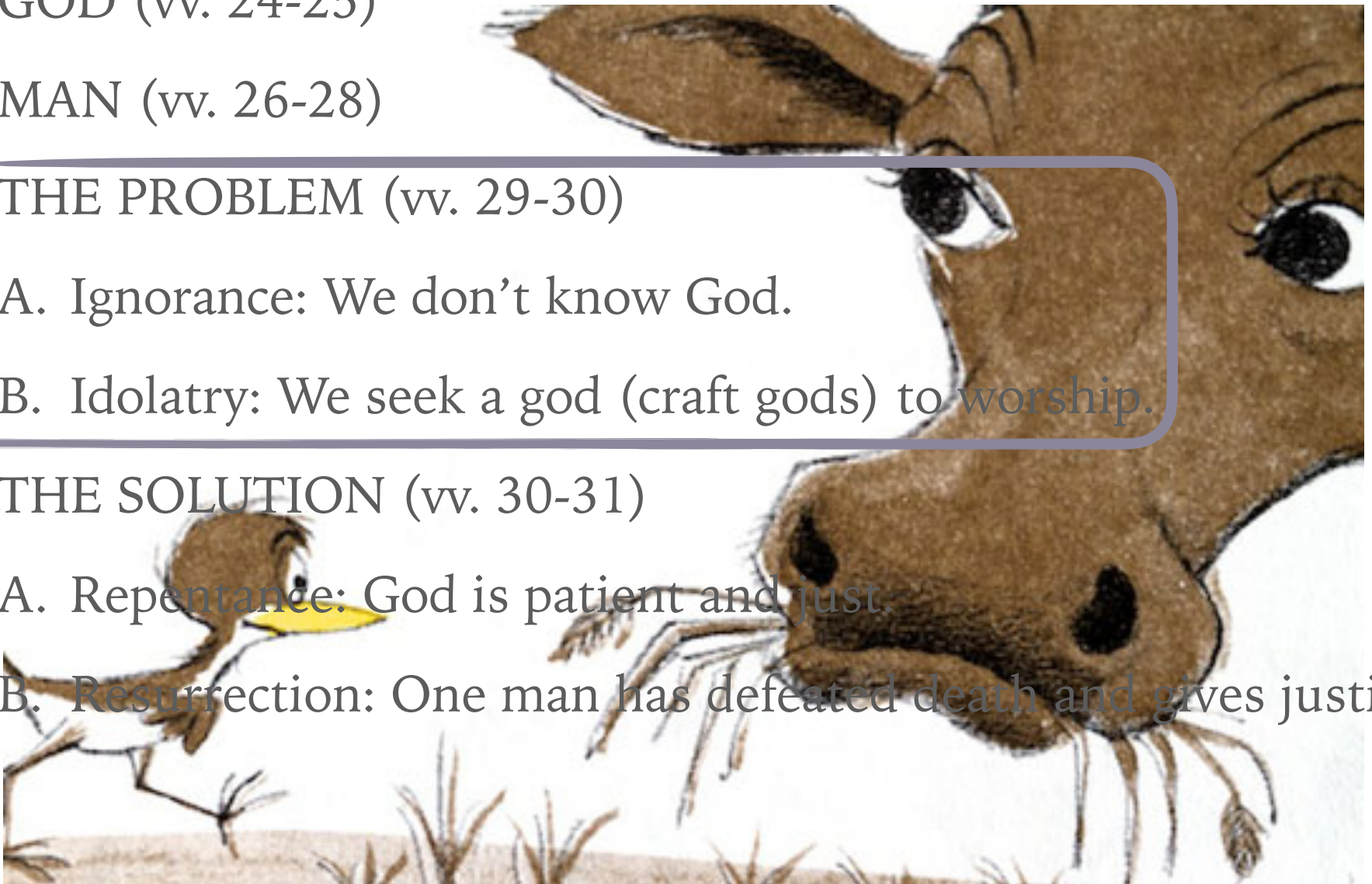
A. Ignorance: We don't know God.

B. Idolatry: We seek a god (craft gods) to worship.

4. THE SOLUTION (vv. 30-31)

A. Repentance: God is patient and just.

B. Resurrection: One man has defeated death and gives justice.



## THE STORY OF MAN: GENESIS

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- A. 1:26-31: Man is made in God's image, after His likeness.
- B. 2:15-25: God instructs, warns, and blesses man in perfection.
- C. 3: Man aspires to be as God, yielding to desire, rejecting God.
- D. 6:5-7: God is grieved at man's great wickedness.

## THE STORY OF MAN: ROMANS

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- A. 1:18-22: Refuses God: man grew empty-headed, dark-hearted.
- B. 1:23-25: Exchanges God and truth: man worshipped and served the creature, not the Creator.
- C. 1:24, 28ff: Given up by God: God gave man up to "lusts of the heart" and a "debased mind."

# THE STORY OF MAN: SUMMARY

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## 1. Acts 17

- Man needs a god, but serving false images leads to death.

## 2. Genesis 1-3, 6

- Man is made in God's image, but pursuing desire apart from God leads to death.

## 3. Romans 1

- Man can know God and truth, but exchanging God's glory for the deception of lust leads to death.
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**MAN'S PROBLEM: IGNORANCE OF GOD, WRONG PURSUIT OF DESIRES, FAILURE TO GLORIFY GOD, I.E. IDOLATRY**

# THE STORY OF MAN: THE HEART

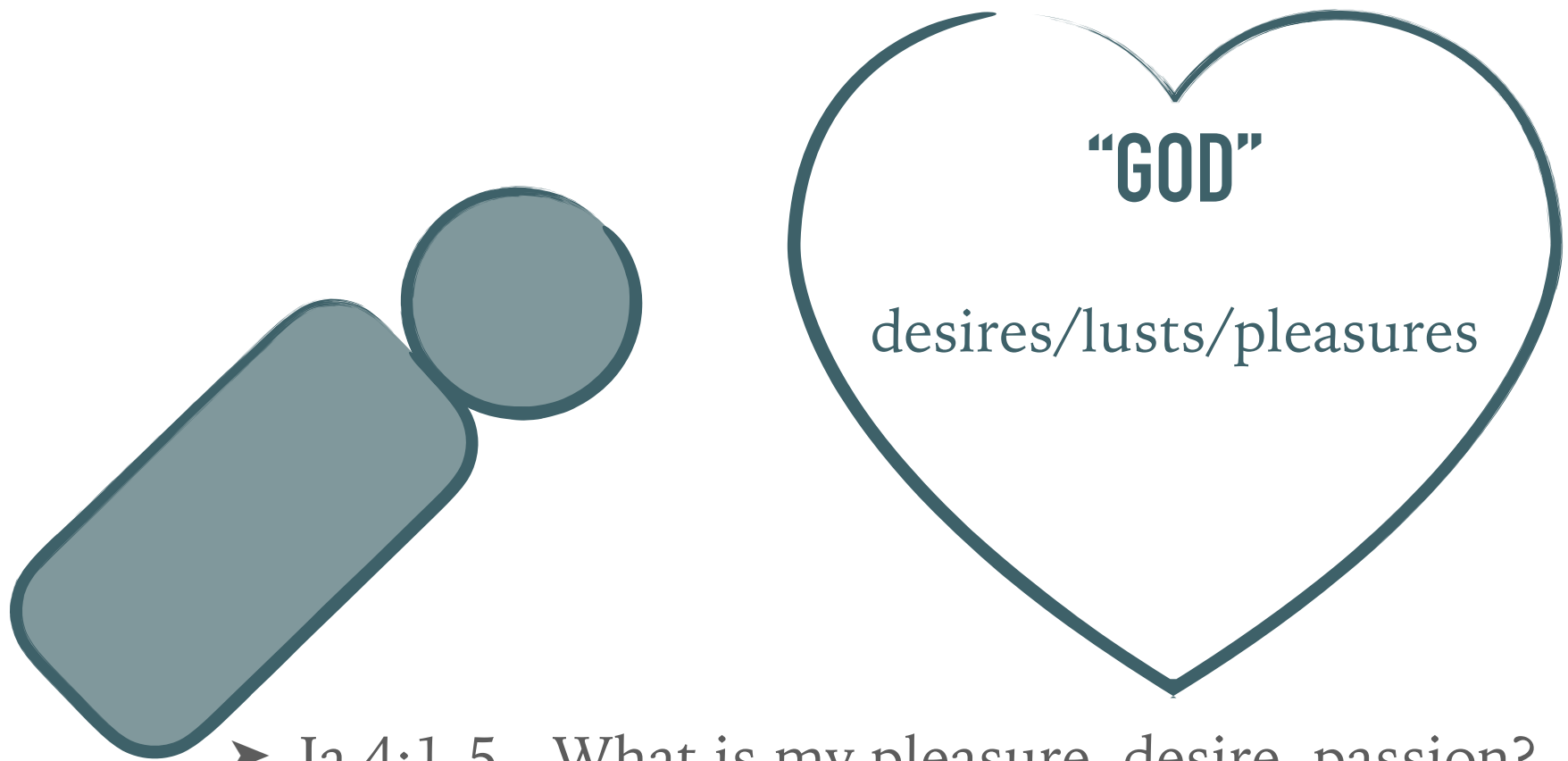
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Eph 5:18; Rom 5:5

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- Ja 4:1-5 - What is my pleasure, desire, passion?
- Mt 6:24 - What do I love? Serve? Cling to?
- Mt 15:18-19 - Have I considered my problems within?

# THE STORY OF MAN: WARNING AND HOPE

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- Ps 115:8 “Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.”
- Hos 9:10 “...consecrated themselves to the thing of shame, and became detestable like the thing they loved.”
- 2 Ki 17:15 “They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and the warnings that he gave them. They went after false idols and became false...”
- Col 1:15-20 “[the Son] is the image of the invisible God...”

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