

Creation	Sin		John 3:16
"And God said"	"Did God say?"	↙ ↘	For God so loved the world
"And it was"	"You will not die"	← →	that He gave His only Son
"God saw that it was good"	"God knows" something you don't know.	↙ ↘	that whoever believes in Him
"And there was evening and there was morning"	Death	← →	will not perish but have eternal life.

The earth was dark through misapprehension of God. That the gloomy shadows might be lightened, that the world might be brought back to God, Satan's deceptive power was to be broken. This could not be done by force. The exercise of force is contrary to the principles of God's government; He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or authority. Only by love is love awakened. To know God is to love Him; His character must be manifested in contrast to the character of Satan. This work only one Being in all the universe could do. Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it known. Upon the world's dark night the Sun of Righteousness must rise, "with healing in His wings." Malachi 4:2.

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The essence of sin lies in questioning God's credibility, not in human failure. Therefore, the solution to sin is for God to prove His credibility, not to demand human performance. This is what Jesus came to do, and it is in believing His testimony about God that we find salvation.



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