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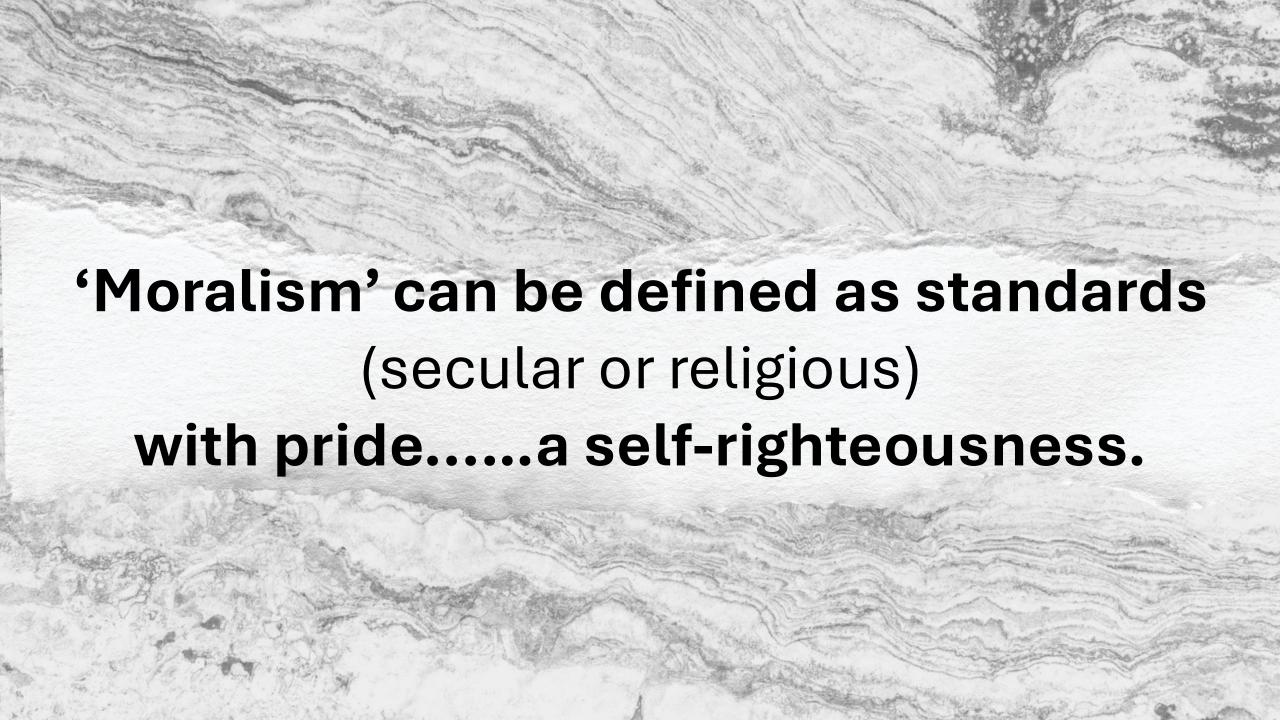
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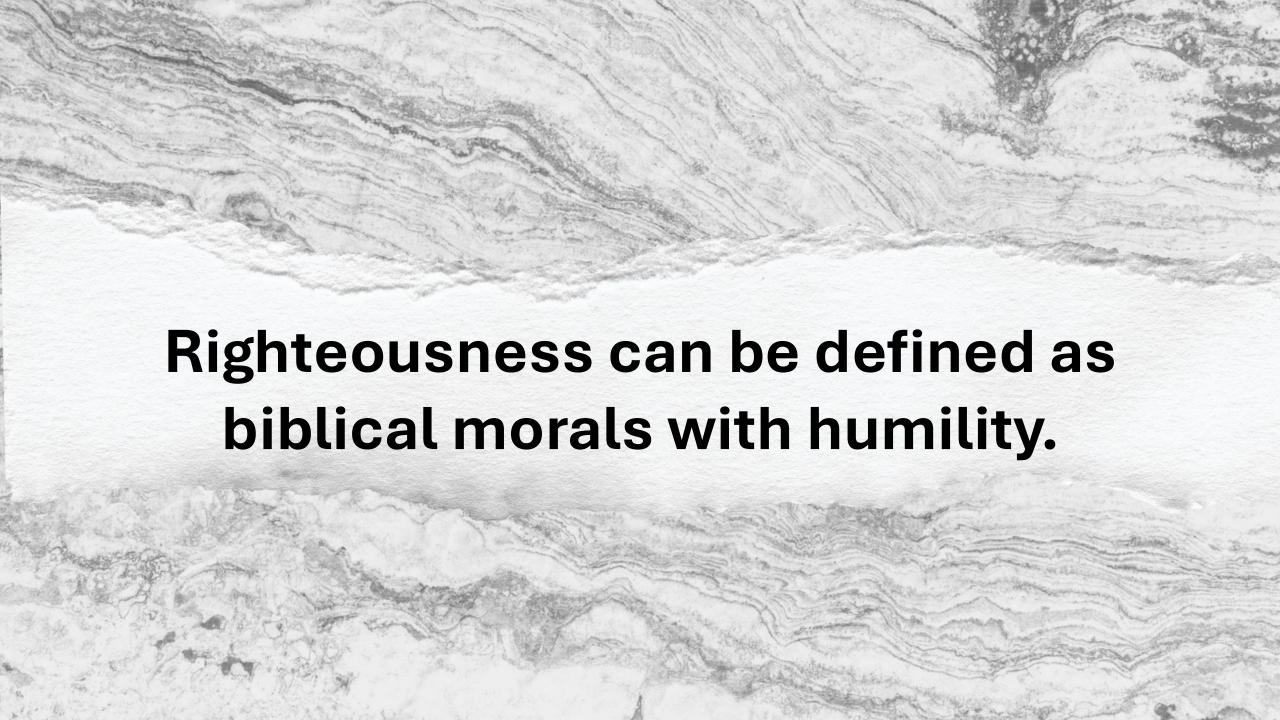


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...how do we deal with mankind's ability to be both **amazingly noble** and yet **profoundly cruel**?

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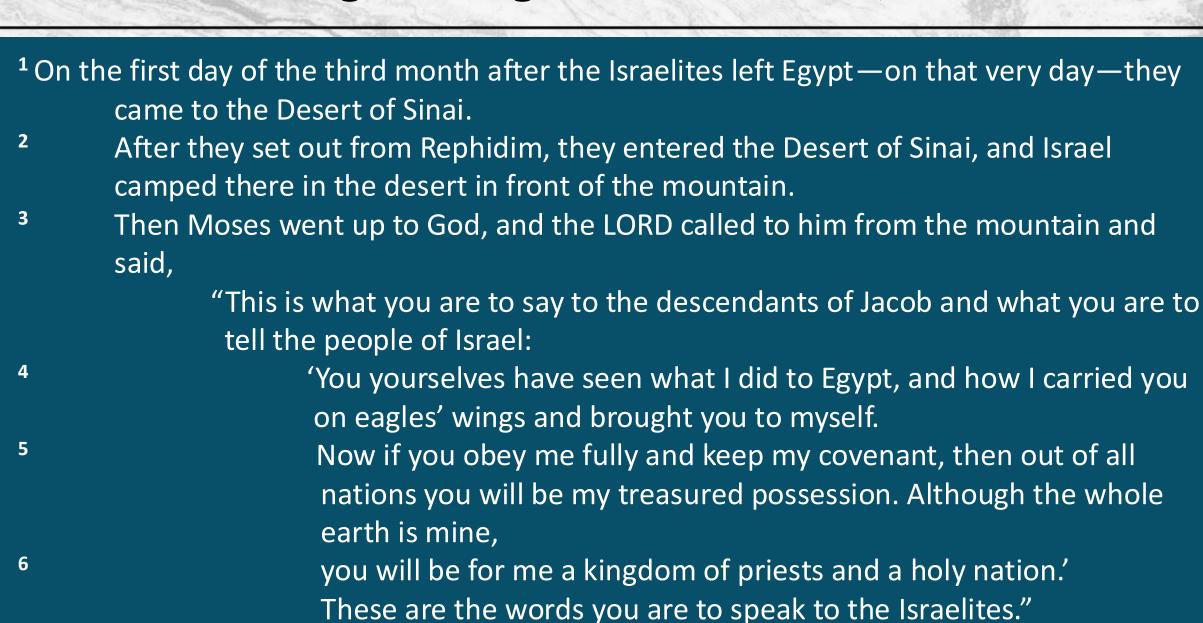
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(**to love** the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength; and **to love** your neighbor as yourself)

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up to the LORD, or He will break out against them."

²⁵ So Moses went down to the people and told them.

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,

out of the house of slavery.

Have no other gods before Me.

Have no graven images.

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Do not take God's name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath.

Honor your father and your mother.

Do not murder.

Do not commit adultery.

Do not steal.

Do not bear false witness.

10 Do not covet.

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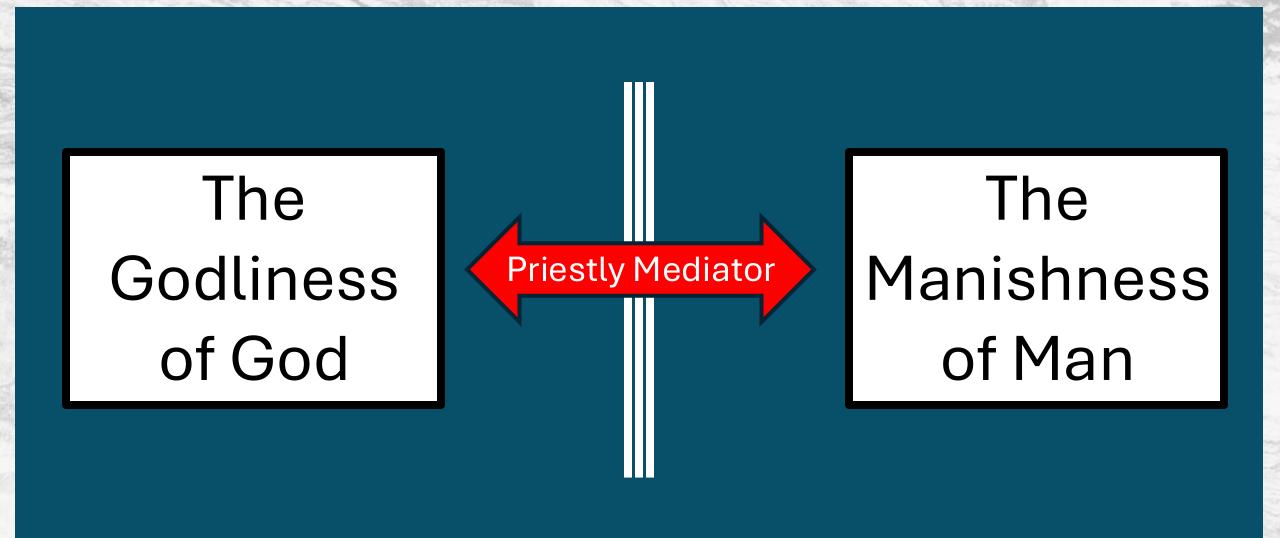
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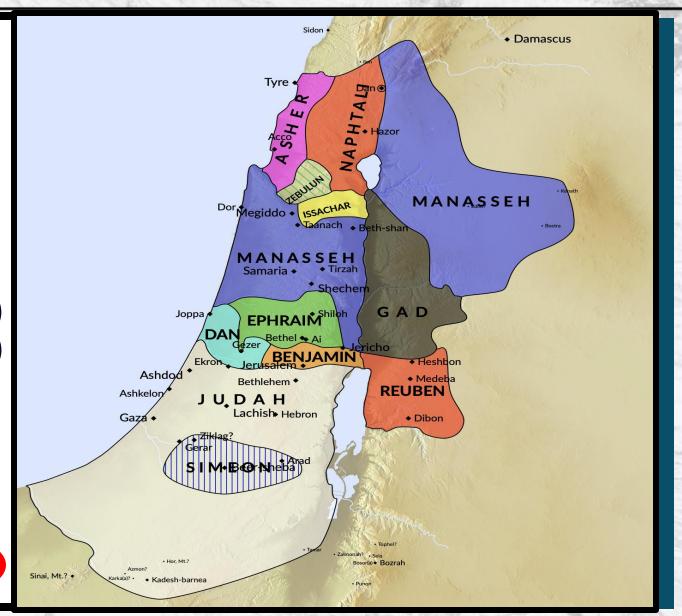
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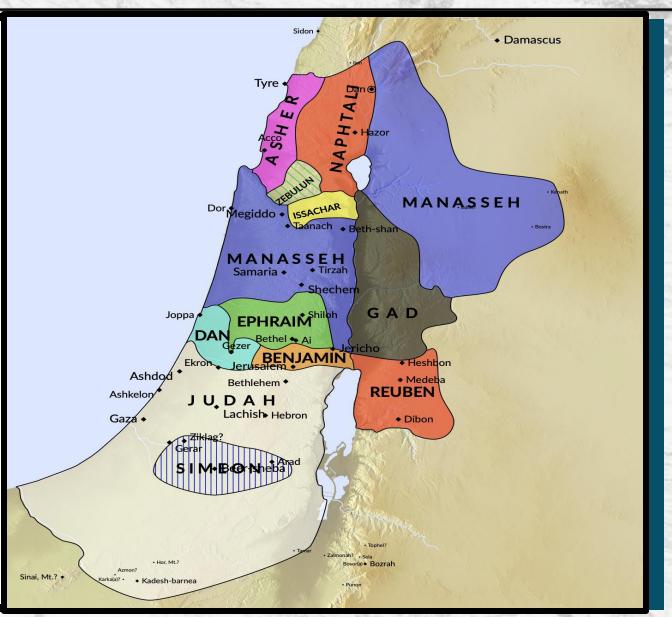
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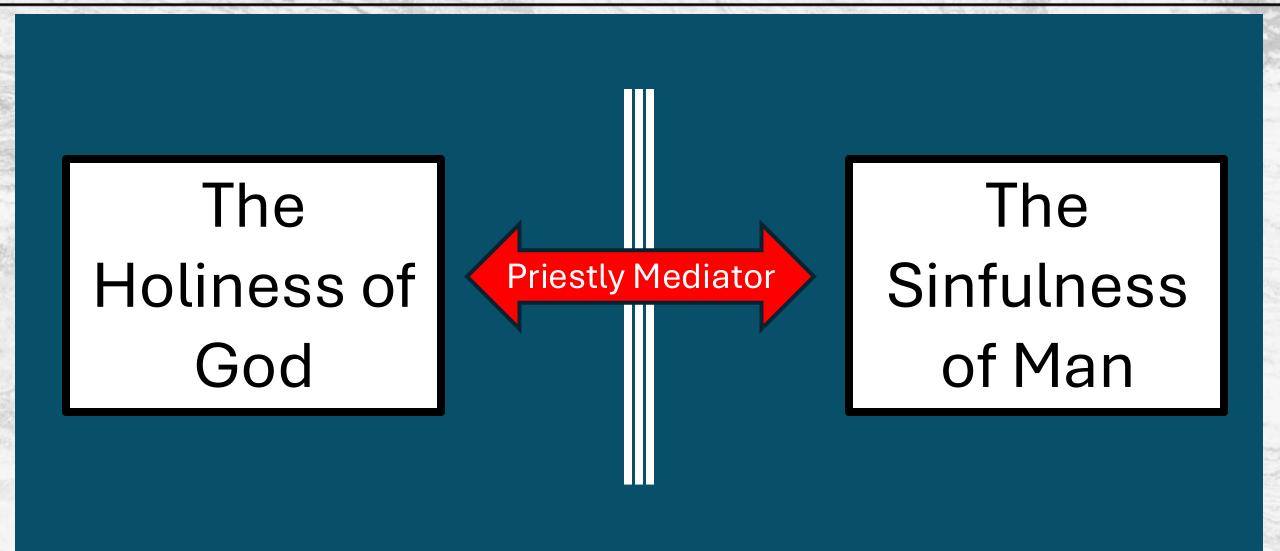
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Hebrews 4:14-16

- ¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
- ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
- ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 2:17-18

- ¹⁷ Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- ¹⁸ For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.



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Colossians 2:13-14

- ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,
- by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

