In our study, we will begin a journey through redemptive-history, or the history of God’s salvation revealed in the Bible to better understand God’s wrath. This is an attempt to scratch the surface of Biblical history and get a glimpse of our most holy and just God who cannot tolerate sin, but who punishes sin with the manifestation of his wrath.

Read Jeremiah 30:23-24; Ps. 30:4-5

Jeremiah 30:23-24 23 Behold the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. 24 The fierce anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intentions of his mind. In the latter days you will understand this.

Psalm 30:4-5 4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. 5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

We will be looking into Scripture to see how God’s wrath is revealed against sinful men in his justice and holiness. Knowledge of God’s wrath should lead his people and all the world to a true fear and reverence of our holy God revealed in Scripture. We remember that the beginning of true wisdom is the fear of the LORD (Proverbs; Deut. 4). John Calvin wrote in his Institutes of the Christian Religion,

“Since our hearts cannot, in God’s mercy, either seize upon life ardently enough or accept it with the gratefulness we owe, unless our minds are first struck and overwhelmed by fear of God’s wrath and by dread of eternal death, we are taught by Scripture to perceive apart from Christ, God is, so to speak, hostile to us, and his hand is armed for destruction; to embrace his benevolence and fatherly love in Christ alone” (II.XVI.ii)
In our study of God’s wrath, we will be taught to consider God’s graciousness and patience toward his fallen people. From the beginning of his revelation to Adam in the Garden of Eden, to his consummate or ultimate revelation of his wrath at Christ’s Second Coming (Rev. 19), God reveals himself as a holy and righteous God, but one that is merciful to those who believe in his faithfulness and promises. We must keep in mind that God’s acts of wrath are displayed for a purpose: that of repentance and humility among his people, and that of saving those he has chosen by his great grace and mercy. As God reveals his wrath in Scripture, so God also reveals his righteousness and his great mercy in sinful man’s salvation.

This will also help us to understand God’s character. God never changes, therefore there is no conflict in between God’s goodness and his wrath. God is loving, but he is wrathful; God is holy and just, therefore he must punish iniquity; God is good and loving, but hates sin. To those who would question God’s wrath, the creature must continually be turned and face God, his Creator. In him we all live, move and have our being (Acts 17). Who has the right to talk back to God and question his righteous judgment? Romans 9 tells us that no one has that right, any more than the clay can say to the potter “why have you made me this way??”

When you heard the title of the message, you may have thought to yourself, “Now what is this teaching of the wrath of God? I already feel guilty and condemned enough…I try to please the LORD, but I am constantly falling short!” You may think that the last thing you need is to hear about is God’s wrath in Scripture. “This is the year 2003,” you say, “how could this possible minister to me today when I live day in and day out in this fallen world of pain, failures and disappointments!” However, in this study we will consider the God of wrath who comforts his people in Christ; the God of wrath who day in and day out ministers to us by forgiving us of our sins and pointing us to the work of our great Savior, Jesus Christ.

The God who in his greatness and sovereignty is near to the contrite and humble in heart (Is. 57:15-17). This is good news, this is our hope, this is our great and wrathful, but gracious God revealed in the Bible! In our study, we must contemplate our sinfulness, our fallenness in light of God’s holy righteousness to understand now our great hope in Christ our Savior. What we deserve- -we do not get; but that which we do not deserve- - we get- -this is grace! Let us turn to Nahum, chapter 1 and look at the way this prophet of Israel, through the Spirit describes God’s wrath and graciousness in a way that we can see God’s goodness and his justice.

Read Nahum 1:2-9

Nahum 1:2-9 2 The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies. 3 The LORD is
slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. 4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; he dries up all the rivers; Bashan and Carmel wither; the bloom of Lebanon withers. 5 The mountains quake before him; the hills melt; the earth heaves before him, the world and all who dwell in it. 6 Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the heat of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken into pieces by him. 7 The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him. 8 But with an overflowing flood he will make a complete end of the adversaries, and will pursue his enemies into darkness. 9 What do you plot against the LORD? He will make a complete end; trouble will not rise up a second time.

When we read the Bible, we see God is truly a vengeful and holy God who cannot acquit the guilty and punishes sin and sinners. All men deserve the wrath of God, but God in his great mercy saves some from this wrath. God is a merciful and patient God toward sin in his anger (Ex. 34:6; Numbers 14:18; Ps. 103:8; Joel 2:13). Notice God’s attributes of love, forgiveness, patience, as well as wrath from Exodus 34:6:

Exodus 34:6-7 6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

So we see that while God is a wrathful God and one to be truly worshiped and feared, he is also slow in his anger and merciful toward his people, but he never “clears the guilty” as Nahum writes.

God throughout redemptive-history, in his revelation in the Scriptures, has had patience on men so they might see his greatness and repent. When God reveals himself in his wrath throughout Scripture, in God’s great wisdom, there is a saving aspect to his wrathful revelation. God pours out his wrath oftentimes to reveal his righteousness, to reveal sin for what it is, and to save his people who believe by faith. Our study will bring us to three significant events where God’s wrath is displayed or restrained in redemptive-history:

1) The Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt

2) The Revelation of God on Mt. Sinai

3) The Revelation of God on Mt. Calvary
By beginning with the Exodus, we will see God’s manifested wrath against Israel’s enemies (that is the enemies of the people of God) which gives us hope and a better understanding of the protection that God provides. Next, in focusing on the revelation of God at Sinai, we will get a glimpse of God’s wrath as it is revealed in righteousness to or among his people. Finally, we will see God’s wrath as it is displayed against his own dear son.

I. God’s Wrath in the Exodus

Turn to Ex. 15:2ff - This is called the “Song of Moses.” It follows the crossing of the Red Sea in chap. 14, when the Israelites are saved from the army of Pharaoh by the hand of God. As you remember, God parted the waters and allowed the Israelites to pass through the sea on dry land, but when Pharaoh followed, the LORD in his wrath destroyed he and his army, crushing the enemies of God when the Sea returned to normal. Read Ex. 15:2ff

God delivered the Israelites from bondage in Egypt with his great and powerful hand as the Divine Warrior of Wrath. In this display of God’s wrath against his enemies, we see his hand extended to save his people from his wrath; to be merciful and gracious to a people because he loved them and set his affection upon this people - not because they had done anything good or bad (Deut. 7:7ff). The Exodus event became arguably the single most important event in the Israelite history (Ps. 74; 78; 90). Therefore, prior to Moses’ death in the Book of Deut., Moses told the people to remember the Exodus and remember the wrath of God poured out on his enemies (“what their eyes had seen”), and how God had saved them. We see in this example of the Exodus, that God is a wrathful God against sin and sinners, but that he saves his people by his patience and mercy (cf. Ps. 18; 106:6-15; Is. 51:7ff).

II. God’s Wrath at Mt. Sinai

At Mt. Sinai, God came to the Israelites through a mediator - Moses. In the descriptions of God’s holiness and justice in appearing and revealing himself to his people, we see his grace and mercy, while his wrath is restrained.

Read Ex. 19:7-25; 20:18-26

Now you may ask yourself, I do not see God’s wrath displayed here - but this is the point! What we need to observe from Mt. Sinai is that God reveals his righteousness; God reveals the law to show his people how far short they fall of his holiness. At Sinai, we see God’s wrath restrained as he gives the law through Moses, to point the people of God back to the promises made to Abraham (Gen. 12; 15; 17). This is to point us also forward to look to God by faith for the fulfillment of his promises. The law revealed the righteousness of God that man was unable to live or keep. We notice that all of the Israelites, as sinners were terrified before the LORD - as they should have been. God in his holiness was present among these sinful people on Mt. Sinai. If it had not been for the mediator chosen by God’s own gracious hand, all the people would
have died that day in the consuming power of God’s wrath in his presence (Deut. 32- Israel’s disobedience and Moses interceding for them again; cf. Is. 6).

As we see at Sinai, it is terrifying for sinful people to be in the presence of a holy God, but the LORD in his grace tells his people to “Fear not!” It was these circumstances of thunder and lightning, trumpet blasts and the trembling of the people, that God clearly revealed his Torah or Law through Moses to his people. This righteousness which God revealed to Moses and the people was a revelation of God’s holy character; a revelation of how all men made in the image of God should live and behave (cf. Rom. 1:18-3:20 where the Apostle Paul discusses the righteousness of God and the wrath of God that is revealed to all men).

Again, although God was present in all his majesty, strength, and holiness, he was merciful to his people. But the people were still terrified even with Moses as their mediator, which should have pointed the people of God forward, to look by faith for a more perfect Mediator who would come; a Mediator God would provide that would fulfill all the promises that he had made. Although God’s holy presence was terrifying to the Israelites, God graciously provided a mediator in Moses. Here we see God’s righteous anger toward sin, but we also see his patience and mercy with his people.

God is a jealous God, a consuming fire as Deut. 4:24 and Heb. 12:29 teaches us. God chose a mediator in Moses to stand between God and the people. The importance of a mediator was necessary, lest Israel be consumed in God’s wrath. His wrath is not like man’s wrath that is influenced by sinful outbursts, but directed and unmitigated in its exhibition against sin. It is the wrath of a just and good Judge.

Excursis: Why is God Angry?
We have seen events where God’s wrath is manifested, but why is God angry? We now turn to consider sinful man in light of God’s wrath. Habakkuk 1:12-13 speaks of God’s righteousness in light of man’s sins. Verse 13 says: “You [O LORD], are of purer eyes than to behold evil and cannot look on wrong…” Man is a sinner and the soul that sins shall die (Gen. 2:16,17; Ezek. 18:1-4) All men deserve the righteous manifestation of God’s wrath in the fury of his judgment.

Prior to God’s revelation of his wrath on the Egyptians and on Mt. Sinai, we see another picture of God’s wrath and saving goodness in the Garden of Eden. After Adam failed the covenant he made with God, and knowing that God had pronounced the sentence of death upon him because of his disobedience, Adam hides from him when God comes into the garden. God had told Adam that if you sin…you will die (Gen. 2). However, in God’s great mercy, God provides a sacrifice for Adam and his wife. God restrains his righteous anger toward Adam in order to come to him in blessing rather than wrath. This is our great and merciful but wrathful God.
Adam and all of us whom he represented in the garden (Ps. 51; cf. Rom. 5:12-21), are conceived in sin, born under the wrath of God. The Apostle Paul tells us that we are by nature children of wrath (Eph. 2:1ff). This is our condition upon our conception, in our birth, throughout our lives. At any moment, it would be just and righteous of God to take any one sinner from the face of this earth and to consume him eternally in the fire of his wrath in hell.

The only reason any of us were alive for any time at all before we knew Christ is because of his great mercy and because of his good pleasure (2 Pet. 3:7ff). This means that had it not been for God’s own good pleasure, his desire to preserve us in his patience, we would all have been consumed. In His great wisdom, he is pleased to have patience so that some will come to repentance upon seeing his great work and hearing his great word.

All men are sinners as Paul teaches in Romans 3:10ff. Turn and Read Romans 3:10-19. All mouths must be shut as we constantly stand before God the Judge, our King. We must realize that we have nothing to appease his wrath; nothing in our power to do the works he has given us to do in his law; nothing in our power to take away our guilt—nothing that keeps us from the anger of God shown upon Pharaoh and his army; nothing in our power to keep us from being by nature sinners.

There is nothing that is keeping God from displaying his wrath upon all the world except his promises he has made to all who believe; nothing that can keep God from immediately demanding perfect obedience to his law that was revealed upon Mt. Sinai; nothing that can keep God from punishing us now eternally for our guilt and sin! There is absolutely nothing we can claim for ourselves in the presence of a holy and righteous God except that we are without hope and without God in the world! NOTHING—Except…Except…Except…in the righteousness of Christ. The just and holy God must punish sin, but how is he to do this? Consider his great wisdom and grace revealed in the Person and Work of Christ.

III. The Wrath of God upon the Cross of Christ

Remember the Apostle Paul’s words in Romans 1:17 when he quotes Habakkuk chapter 2: “The righteous shall live by faith.” In God’s grace he has ultimately and consummately manifested his wrath in order to save his people because of his graciousness. The wrath of God was revealed in all its devastating consequences as God’s righteousness was revealed throughout history to Israel and all the nations…but it was all the more so devastating that God’s wrath was revealed at the cross, revealing not only God’s righteousness and holy justice against sin, but in his great love for his people that he delivered up his Only Begotten Son so that His only Son would taste his wrath and the death that comes from sin.

Christ received the wrath of God that had been stored up in the divine anger against every sin that had ever been committed by his people in cosmic rebellion against him. God delivered up
his son to taste the torments and afflictions of hell on our behalf. What love, what righteousness, what justice, what wrath, what love that the Father bestowed upon us that we should be children of God…and that is what we are!! (1 John 3:1-3).

When Christ was delivered over to the Romans to be crucified, he did not merely die a painful death by crucifixion- - that indeed would be painful enough! In addition to the pain of crucifixion, Jesus took upon himself the absolute, deliberate, unmitigated wrath of God upon himself. He was a close as he could possibly be to our sins without being tainted by our sins; he became sin for us as our representative (Rom. 5:12-21).

1 Corinthians 5:21 teaches us that “He made [Christ] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” God forsook Christ on the cross and turned away his face from his son. God said, “The LORD curse you and make his face turn away from you,” rather than the LORD bless you and keep you and make his face shine upon you (cf. Deut. 6:4-6). God’s righteous wrath was so intense, so severe that even the Son of God himself prayed that if it be possible to allow God’s cup of wrath to pass from him; not “my will, but yours be done” (Luke 22:42-46).

This cup that Christ drank on our behalf- - the wrath of God and the death because of sin, Christ now invites his people to partake in a cup of life- - the life of his blood shed for the remission of sins. This is the true righteousness and holiness and justice of God revealed in his wrath. God’s patience from the time Adam sinned, in his forbearance, or the holding back his wrath upon a sinful people, he now displayed upon his most righteous and holy Son whom he loved- -and this all for us.

It is because God poured out his wrath on Christ as our propitiation, our substitute for our sins, that we can boldly come into the throne room and not tremble as the Israelites at Mt. Sinai. For we have not come to a mountain burning and rumbling with fire and thunder, but to the Holy City, the New Jerusalem (Heb. 12:18ff). Read Romans 3:19-26. God could be just in punishing sin, but also the justifier of those who believe by faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:23-26 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,  25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.  26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

The righteous truly do live by faith in Jesus Christ! Not so the wicked! The wrath of God abides on all unbelievers, that is those who depend on their own works of righteousness that is as filthy rags (Is. 1; cf. John 3:36). For those who do not believe in the only Son of God whether Jew or
Gentile, have trampled the Son of God underfoot and there is no other sacrifice for their sins. As God revealed his righteousness throughout history, so he revealed his wrath and hatred of sin among both Jew and Gentiles (Rom. 1:17ff). Now in the time after which Christ has come, God not only has ultimately revealed his righteousness in Christ, so he has revealed his wrath from heaven against sin on the cross and in the eternal torment of the wicked in hell. May we never trust in our own righteousness, but only in the righteousness that comes from Christ, by grace, through faith.

Remember on the last day, at the Judgment Seat of Christ, there will be some there that claimed Christ as Savior, who did mighty deeds in his name, but if they were looking merely to their accomplishment of the Law and not the accomplishment of Christ living the Law through them, they will hear the most terrifying words known to man: “Depart from me you wicked—I never knew you.” Our righteousness is not our own, it is Christ’s given to us or imparted to us.

As 1 Corinthians 1:30 teaches us, Christ is indeed our only righteousness, sanctification and redemption and therefore because those who do not trust in Christ will be forever banished to hell and experience the eternal torments of the wicked. You could say that if Christ was not in your place on the cross receiving the wrath of God, and you have not believed this by faith, then you will receive what Christ received upon the cross, and then some; you will receive God’s wrath upon your sins eternally!

Regarding those who do not believe, those who do not know God’s righteousness through faith in Christ, they will be permanently removed from the presence of God and his people (Mt. 25:31-46). The wicked, unrepentant unbelievers must come to Mt. Sinai that cannot be touched, that burns with fire, and blackness, and darkness, and tempest (Ex. 19:16-19; Deut. 4:11,12; 4:24; 5:4,23-25).

The wicked will not strut with chins held high (Ps. 12:8) as they approach the Mountain of Sinai: the mountain of thunder and lightning, thick clouds of smoke, trumpet blasts, and fire, to be consumed by the wrath of God because they will have no mediator to save them (cf. Heb. 12). So fearful will be the appearance of this mountain that they will quake with fear and trembling and they will not be able to endure his just judgment; the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor in the congregation of the righteous (Ex. 19; Ps. 1:5).

The wicked will no longer plot against the LORD and against his anointed one (Ps. 2:1); they will no longer prosper but will be brought low, cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb, both the fool and the workers of iniquity in the fiery furnace of God’s wrath (Ps. 37:1,2; 73:3). This is because salvation is far from the wicked (Ps. 119:155) who are like ships on the tossing sea; the breath of God’s lips will slay them (Is. 11:4; 57:20). The wicked will die for
their sins (Ezek. 3:18) although they have been warned by the clear revelation of God’s wrath, they will continue to be wicked (Dan. 12:10; Rom. 1:18; 1 Cor. 6:9; cf. Rev. 22:11).

The wicked must remember the warning of 2 Thessalonians 1:7ff, that the Lord Jesus Christ will not return as the meek Lamb to live the life as a servant and to die a heinous death upon the cross. When the Lord Jesus Christ is revealed again, he will be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance upon those who do not know God and upon those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus (1 Thess. 9,10). As Hebrews 10:31 says, “It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

Be warned and do not wait any longer, today is the day of God’s salvation (2 Cor. 6:2), look upon the Christ who has been held up upon the cross and experienced God’s wrath - - and believe. Believe on the only Begotten Son of God who has tasted death and hell on your behalf and do not ever look to your own righteousness again. If you have believed upon the LORD Jesus Christ, then by His Spirit he will teach you to say no to unrighteousness, he will produce the good fruits of the Spirit by faith as you walk and grow in his knowledge by his grace, and he will ultimately deliver you from the wrath to come. That is why all the believers at God’s throne in Revelation 4 and 5 are praising God and the Lamb both day and night.

In God’s presence, these saints know and realize how much God loved them by not overlooking their sins, but by punishing the Lamb of God in their stead- - in their place. God’s wrath on the Last Day will consume the unbelieving and those who have rejected Christ- - the whole creation will be in agony as God’s wrath in fire will melt the firmament and the heavens with the heat from his nostrils in order to bring about a New Heavens and a New Earth wherein dwell righteousness; where God and the Lamb will be with God’s people forevermore. O, the wisdom and love of God, that even in his wrath he restores his people and all creation unto himself in Christ.

So what should we understand from the study of God’s wrath in the Scripture in our daily lives, in the Third Millennium?

1st, that we have hope by looking upon Christ and not our own filthy works, that we know in Christ the wrath of God has been truly poured out on behalf of his people. When the time had reached fulfillment, Christ died for the ungodly (Rom. 5:6-8); our only Mediator between God and man revealed himself as one born under the righteous law of God to fulfill it and take upon himself all the sins of his people (Mt. 5:17-20; Gal. 4:4; 1 Tim. 2:5). Therefore we have hope and confidence that our God is gracious, he is faithful to his people in our daily lives.

2nd, we should understand that God is not angry at his people. Although as believers we continue to sin, we continue to fall short, God is working in us to do works according to his will
(Phil. 2:12-13). The faithful God who began a good work in us will complete it (Phil. 1:6), and bring us into his presence on account of the work of Christ (Rev. 21:3ff). God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and therefore we beg those who do not believe to be reconciled to God by looking to Christ alone for their salvation (2 Cor. 5). We know that we are not what we will be, but that God is purifying a Bride for Christ- - right this minute, in each of you—in order to perfect us on that Great and Glorious Day when Jesus shall return for his people (Eph. 5:25ff; cf. Phil. 3:12-21).

When we sin, we have a great Advocate with the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and we ask forgiveness daily for our sins, but God’s wrath has been appeased, it has been satisfied on our behalf because of Christ. Therefore, when we fail, we do not beat ourselves to death and try to condemn ourselves, because Christ has been condemned on our behalf (Rom. 8:1- “There is now no condemnation for those who have the Spirit of God dwelling in them”). No longer do we live under the wrath and anger of a holy God, but we have a relationship to him as a loving Father, and we cry out “Abba, Father, Come Lord Jesus” because we know that God is pleased with his people. He knows that we are weak and fallen, but he has saved us by faith to do good works- - to fulfill his righteousness by the Spirit that dwells within us (Eph. 2:6ff; cf. Rom. 8). This means that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus - -even our sins, he forgives- -even our most heinous acts, he is willing to forgive us when we turn to him in repentance- -even our sins, he uses for his glory and our good now (Read Romans 8:28-39).

3rd, do not be afraid of the LORD’s coming, but look forward to it. Be alert, sober and watchful, this is our great calling as we wait on him to return! Live for the LORD in obedience because of your gratitude for what he has done in Christ! Remember the words of Hebrews 12:28-29, “Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.”

Fear the LORD you saints, for those who fear the LORD lack no good thing! Whatever your pain, whatever your struggle, whatever your sin this day, know that the LORD has provided a Mediator- -Christ, so that you may come to God in boldness, approaching the throne in your time of need (Heb. 4:16-18). Do not condemn yourself because of your daily failures, but be comforted by the God of all comfort (2 Cor. 1:3-10), that he loves you and is pleased with you. Understand that this is the gospel, the true law of perfect liberty (James 1:25), to be able to live the Christian life by pleasing the LORD by your imperfect obedience.

Come to the LORD in your pain, when you sin, when you think that your sins are too great and he will not forgive you again- - put this far from your mind, for the LORD Jesus Christ truly tasted wrath, death and hell on your behalf. Remember that you have peace with God now and look away from yourself to the one who died on your behalf.
Finally, remember the Apostle Paul’s words to us in Romans 4:22-5:11.

Romans 4:22 - 5:9 22 That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." 23 But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. ESV Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person- though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die- 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

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