

**Jesus is Greater: A study of Hebrews**

Week Thirteen

*From Religiosity to a Clean Conscience*

Hebrews 9:1-14

Pastor Steve Treichler

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (8:30 and 10:30am), FB Live (10am)

*For His Glory and our joy!*

TEXT:

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Message Notes:

**Introduction** – *“Hosanna in the highest!!”*

**Review so far:**

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**Today's Message:**

*The Day Religion Died*

Hebrews 8:1-13

**Worship under the Old Covenant**

Hebrews 9:1-7

**External regulations don't get you to God**

**Doesn't get you to a clear conscience**

Hebrews 9:8-10

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Mark 7:5-8

**Jesus > Religious Rituals**

Hebrews 9:11-13

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Regeneration

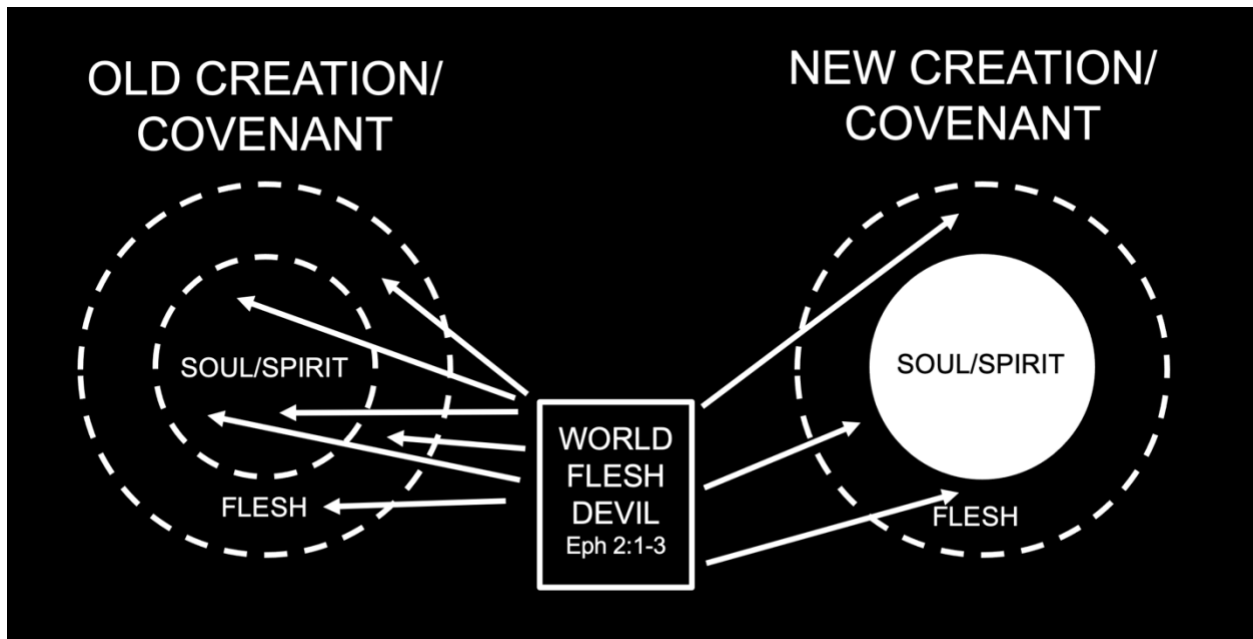
What is regeneration? quotes

2 Corinthians 5:17

Guy Nuve quote

Romans 7:14-23

What does it mean that believers in Jesus are regenerated? Does sin still have any effect in our lives?



**Gospel Applications:**

*Does your identity and power come from your religiosity or from your newness in Jesus Christ?  
Will you fight the rhino this Easter week?*

Scripture Passages used:

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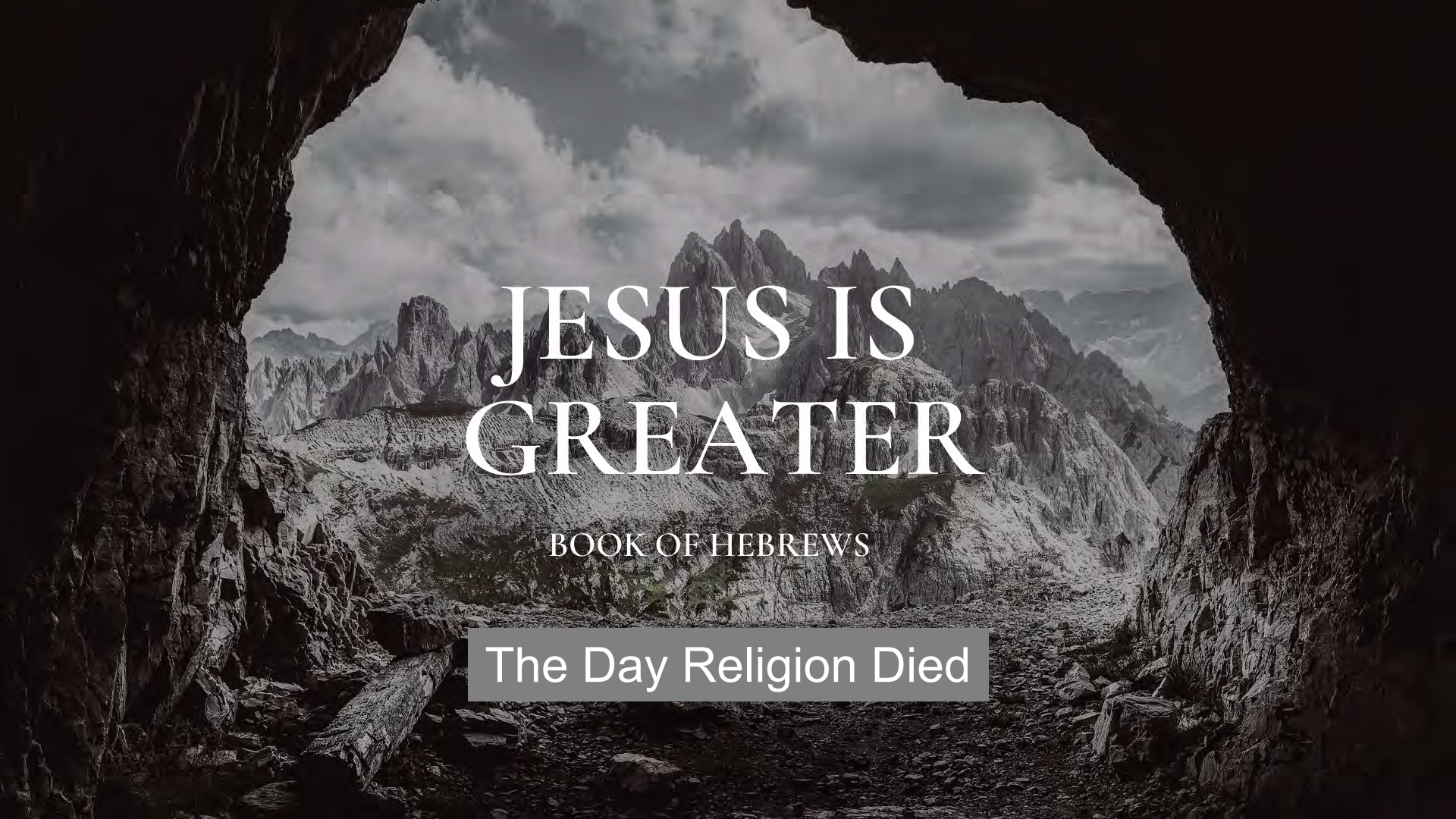
**Jesus > Religion**



# There's a New Priest in Town

## Hebrews 8:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, <sup>2</sup>and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.



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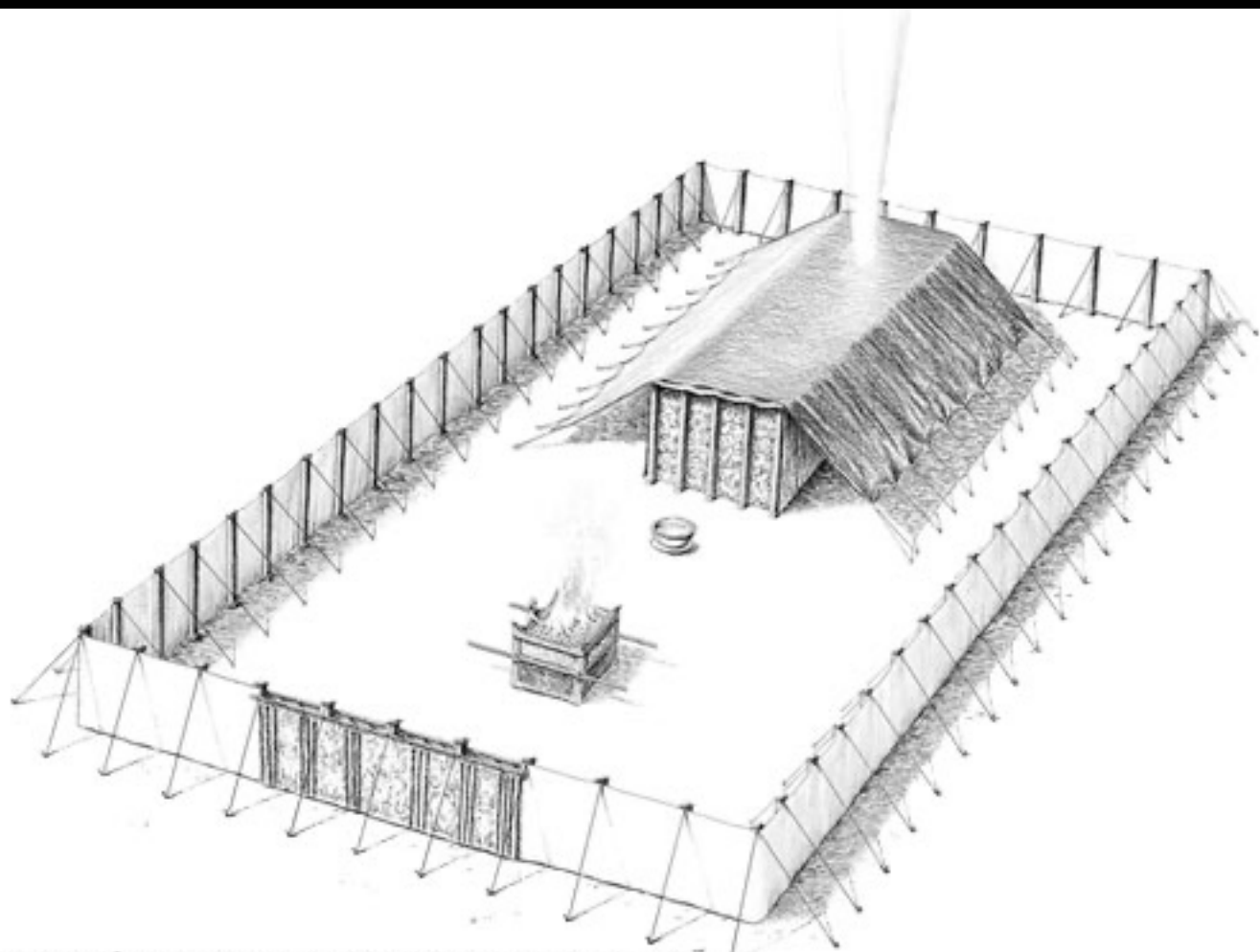
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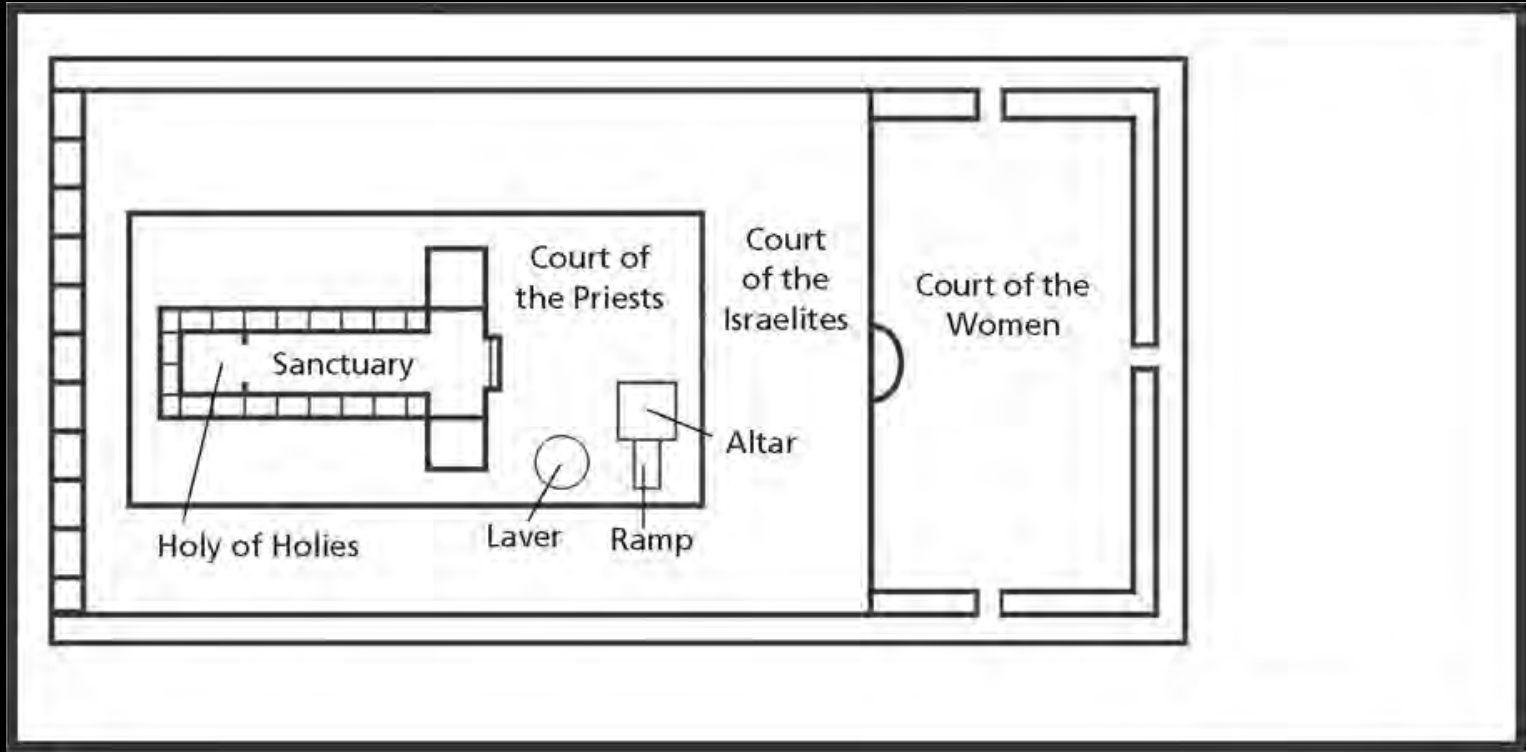
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A diagram of the construction of the tabernacle/temple, showing the degrees of access to the Holy of Holies

~ Donald A. Hagner, *Encountering the Book of Hebrews: An Exposition*, ed. Walter A. Elwell, Encountering Biblical Studies (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2002), 120–121.



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For Paul, reconciliation of all humanity to God is the primary goal within this new creation. Reconciliation to God results in a life consistent or congruous with the purpose and will of God. This means that in the new creation self-centeredness and judgment based solely on external appearance no longer exists; instead God's self-sacrificing love for those in need governs all perceptions and actions.

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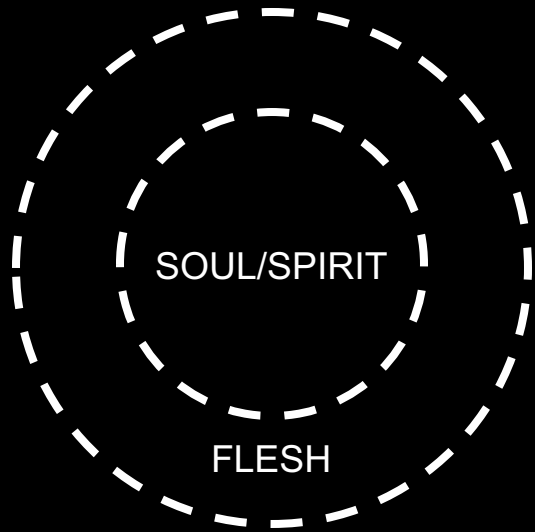
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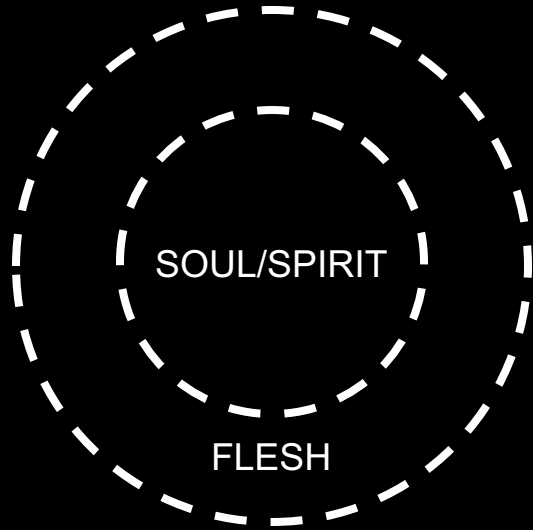
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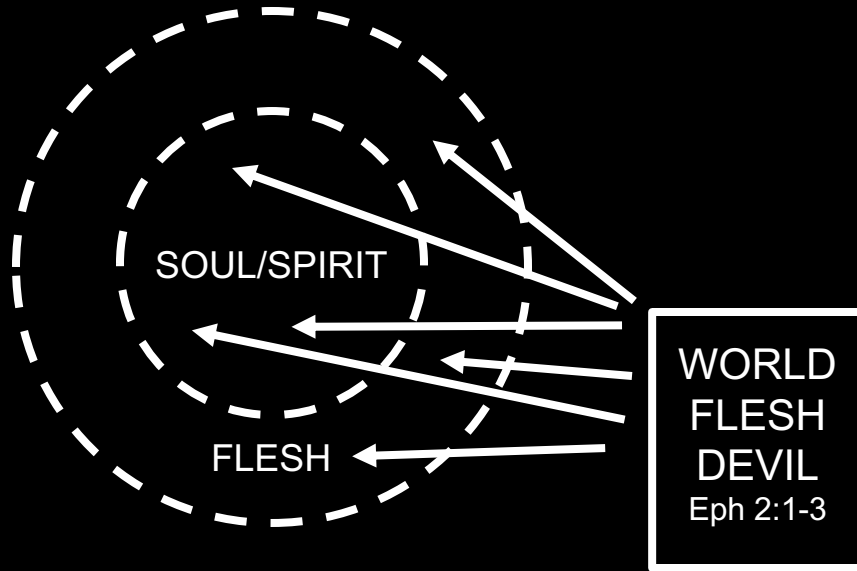


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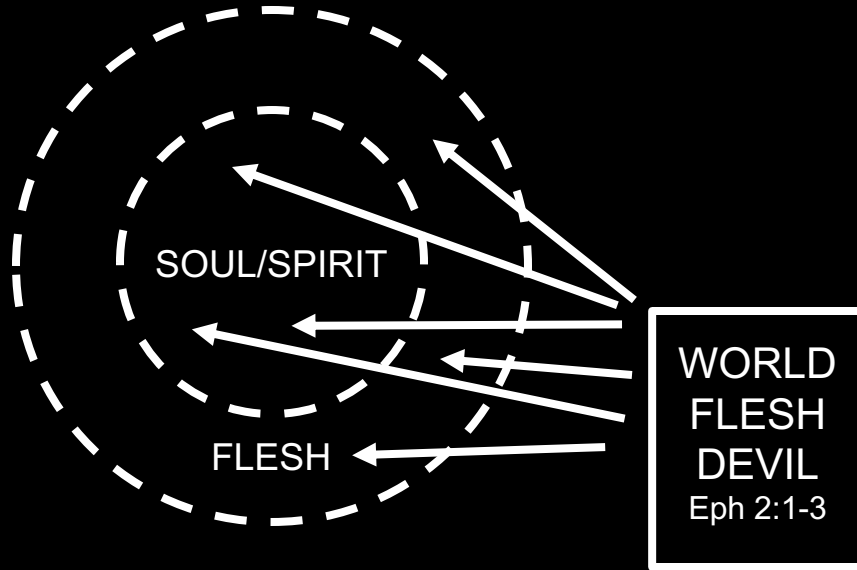
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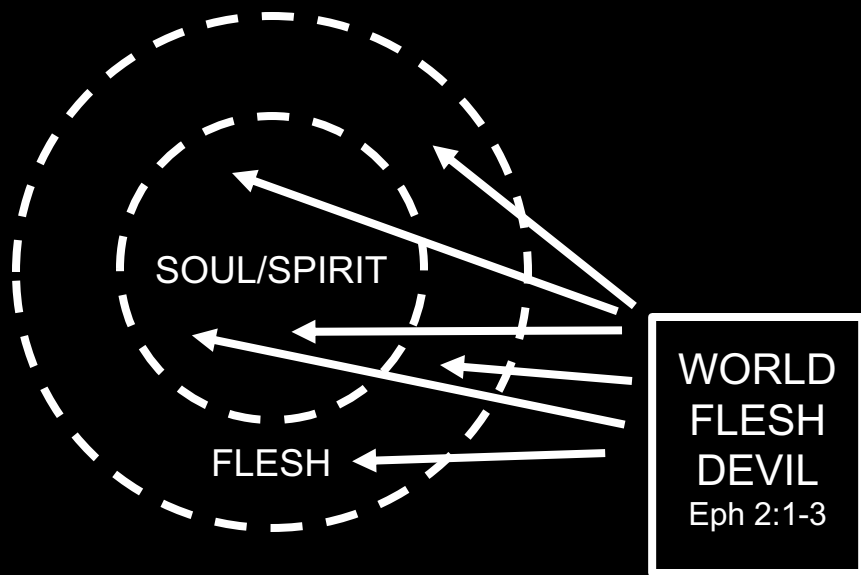


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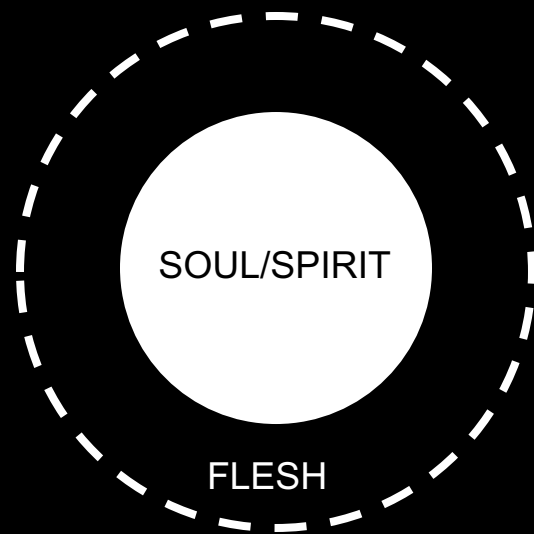
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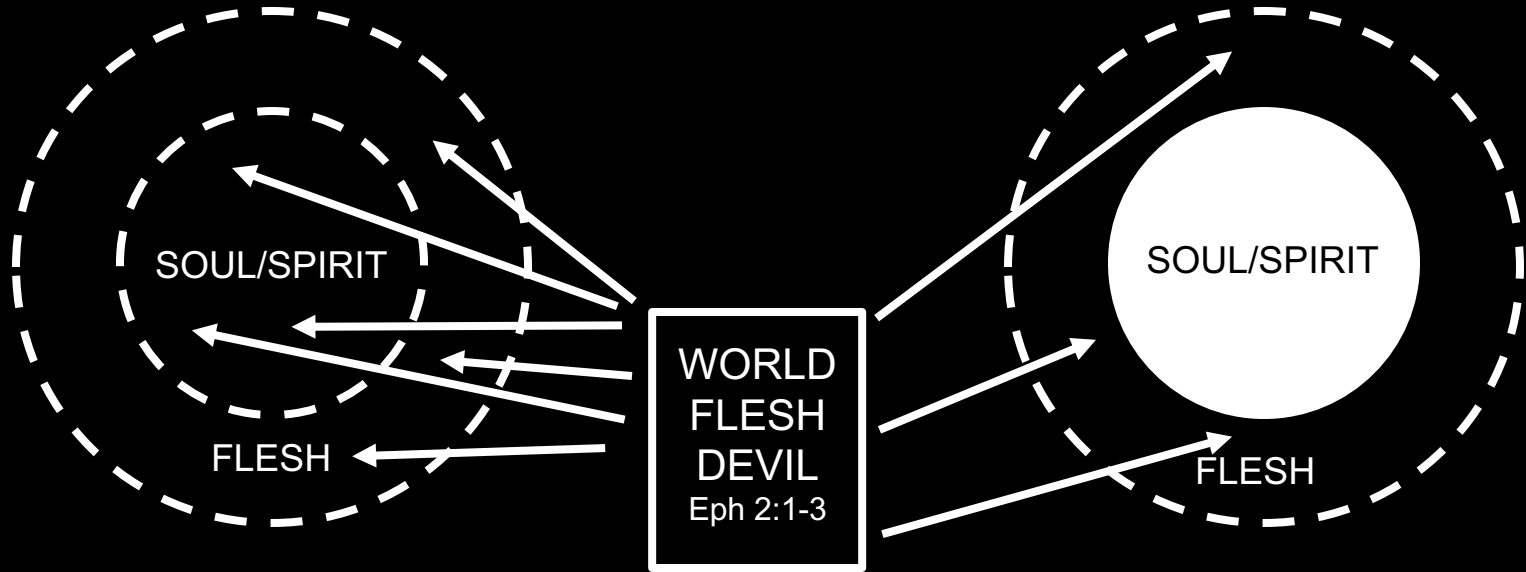


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