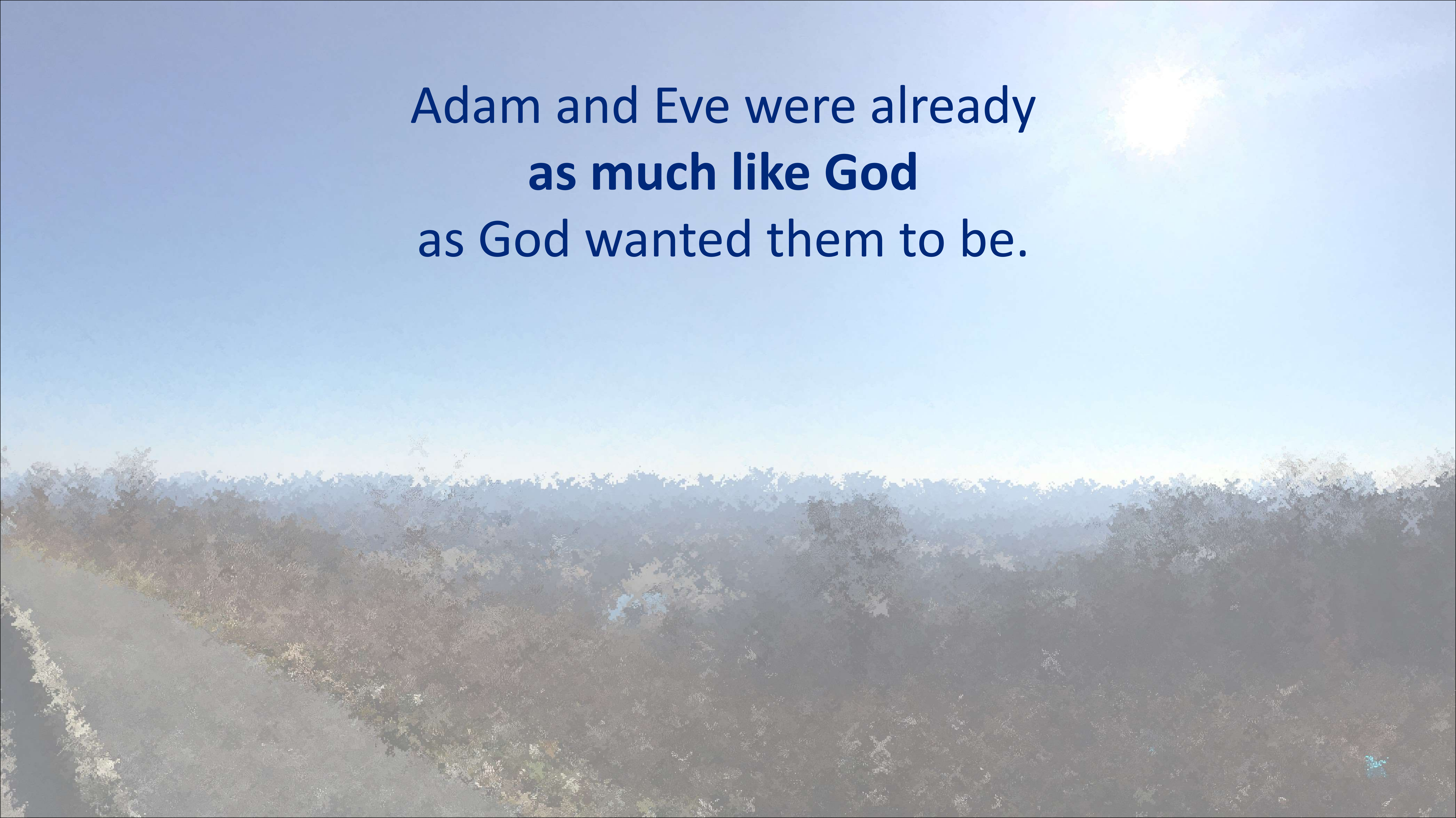


WHAT IS LIFE ABOUT?

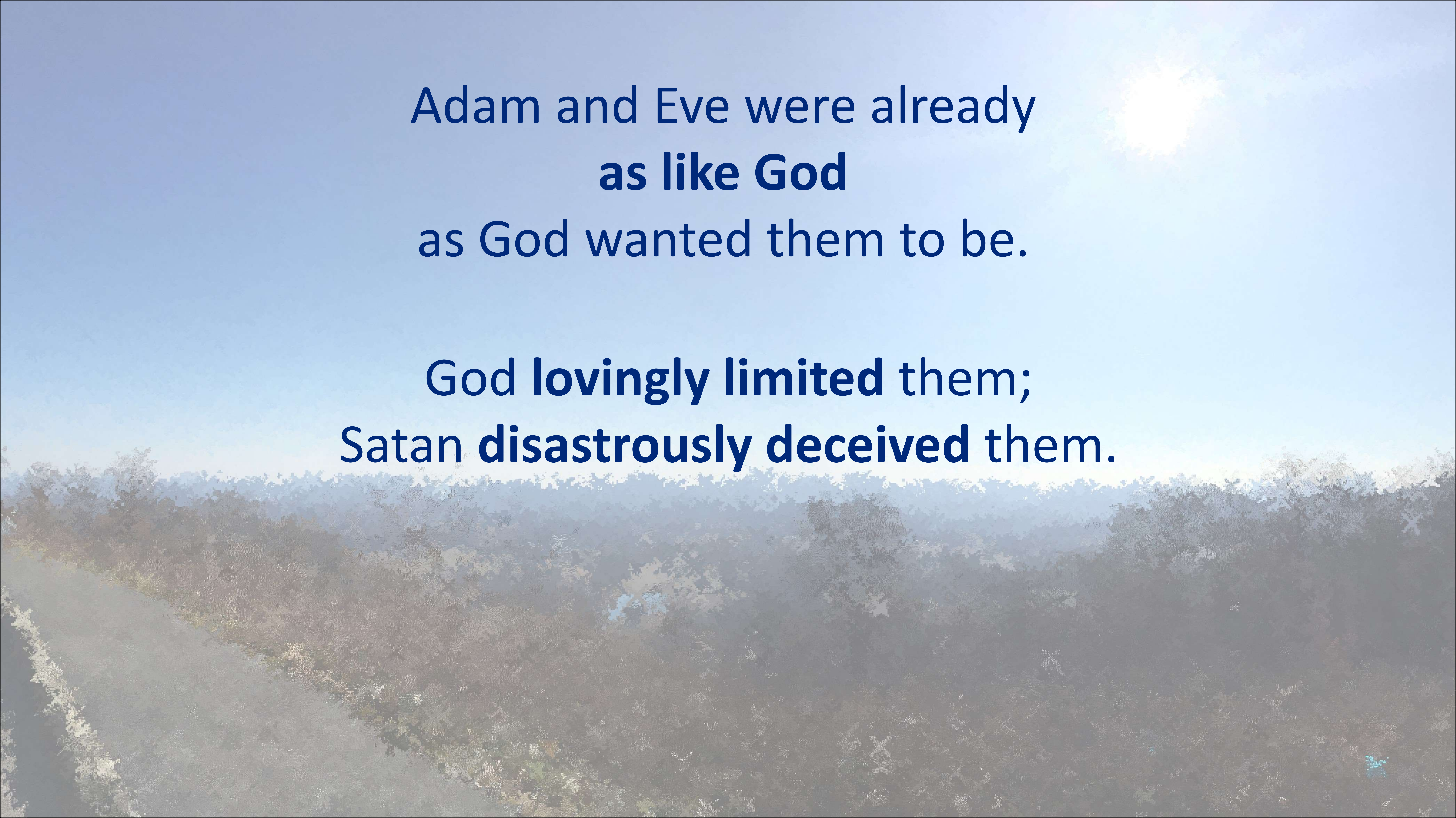
Part 2

Ecclesiastes 7:19-29



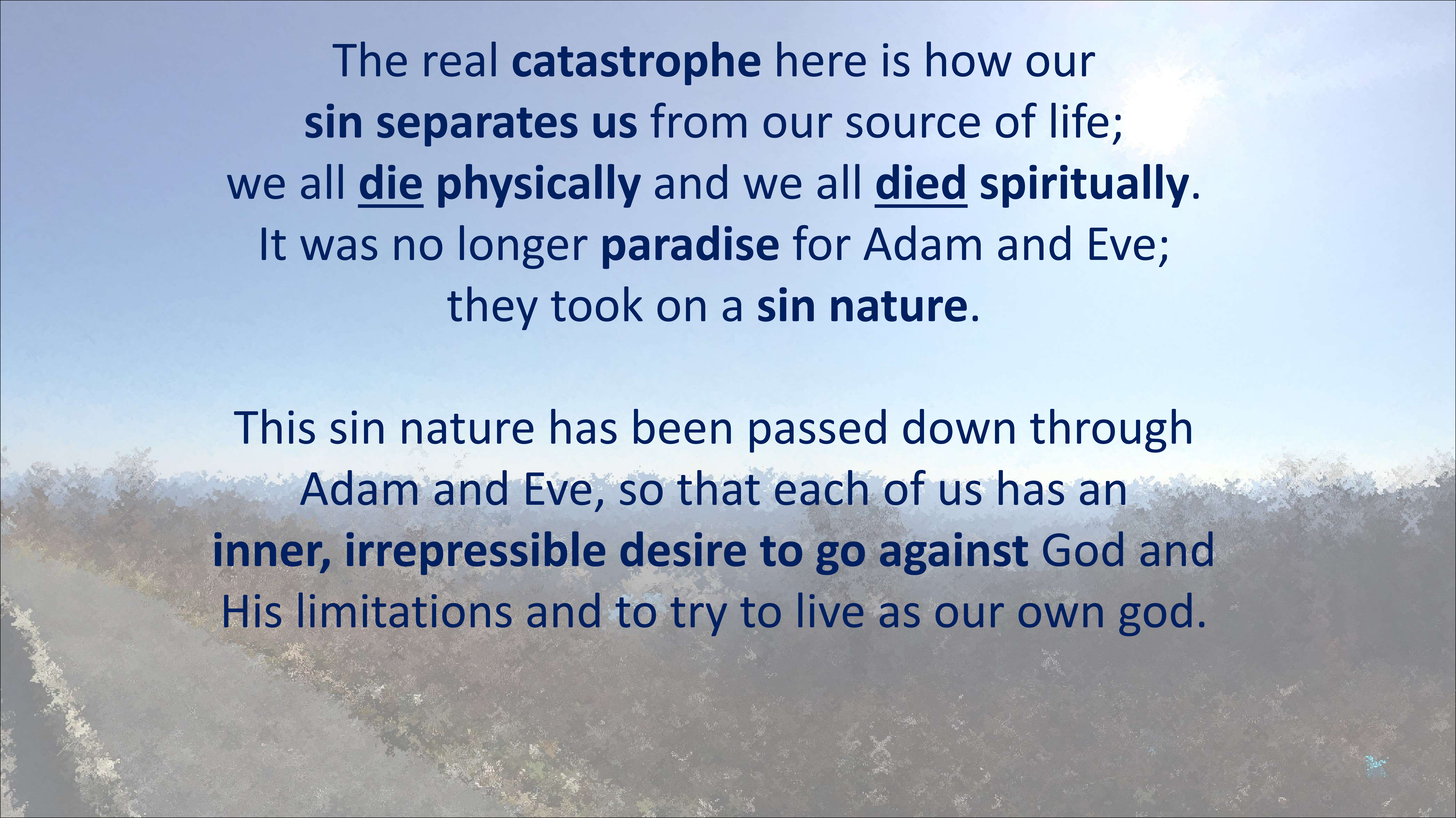
A scenic landscape featuring a bright sun in a clear blue sky. The foreground is filled with a dense forest of trees, with a path or road visible on the left side. The overall atmosphere is bright and serene.

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A scenic landscape with a sun in a blue sky and a forest in the foreground. The sun is bright and positioned in the upper right quadrant of the frame. The sky is a clear, light blue. The foreground is filled with dense, dark green trees and foliage, creating a textured, natural background for the text.

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God **lovingly limited** them;
Satan **disastrously deceived** them.

The background of the slide features a soft, ethereal scene of a sun rising over a misty forest. The sun is positioned in the upper right quadrant, casting a warm, golden glow that diffuses across the sky and the tops of the trees. The forest below is dense and shrouded in a light mist, with the colors of the trees appearing muted and atmospheric. The overall mood is serene and contemplative, providing a visual metaphor for the spiritual themes of the text.

The real **catastrophe** here is how our **sin separates us** from our source of life; we all **die physically** and we all **died spiritually**. It was no longer **paradise** for Adam and Eve; they took on a **sin nature**.

This sin nature has been passed down through Adam and Eve, so that each of us has an **inner, irrepressible desire to go against God** and His limitations and to try to live as our own god.

“the ultimate constituents of the universe”

John Frame



“God does make knowledge available to human beings, but to gain knowledge we must begin by listening to Him (Proverbs 1:7). We can come to know the world when our thinking is based on God’s revelation, found in the creation, to be sure, but also in the Bible.

Then we must know our limits.

Our goal must be, not to gain a divine knowledge of reality, but to obtain a human knowledge sufficient to carry out whatever calling God has given each of us.”

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(7:23-29)

“It is all that exists as God controls and decrees it
that is beyond [Solomon’s] comprehension.”

Michael Eaton

If you spend your life **searching out** and being **bitter**
about what you **can't** know and **can't** control, you will
waste your life and **miss the blessing of enjoying**
God's good gifts to you throughout your life.

You will cheat yourself of true joy.

A scenic landscape with a sun in a blue sky and a forest in the foreground. The sun is in the upper right, creating a bright glow. The sky is a clear, light blue. The foreground is a dense forest of trees with green and brown foliage, extending to the horizon.

“God is not to blame for the
absence of wisdom -- mankind is.

From the Fall to the present, people have turned
away from God and away from [His] wisdom.

They have all walked the path of folly . . .
people pervert the right way of God.

Dr. William Barrick

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

Hebrews 1:1-3

Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:25





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