

Human Nature
Genesis 6:5-8
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The vital key to doctoring is diagnosis.

The way to fix something is first to know what is wrong.

What is wrong with people? Why is there so much evil in the world?

Wrong diagnoses

Man is not basically good. (Isaiah 64:6)

Pelagianism, semi-pelagianism and Augustinianism

Our Ability

We will only understand our condition if we see it as God sees it.

How could God send such a good man to hell?

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Andrew Murray, "Sin has so degraded him, that from what he is now we can form no conception of what he was meant to be."

God's Analysis "Every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time." (Ephesians 2:1-3)

Inclined to all evil

Water in a reservoir is held back by a dike.

Man cannot do any ultimate good in the holy eyes of God.

Corrupt at heart

"We are not sinners because we sin, but rather we sin because we are sinners, born with a nature enslaved to sin." JI Packer

The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart. (Mark 7:20-23)

God's reactions to Man's growing Sin

The Lord is grieved at human sin. His heart was filled with pain.

God's prescription

Our sinful nature draws out wrath and mercy from God.

Noah *found* grace in the sight of the Lord.

Regeneration

God gives a new heart.

Stop trusting yourself and start trusting God. (Jeremiah 17:9)

Stop looking to the arm of flesh, the wisdom of man. (Jer 17:5)

Cast yourself upon the great physician to be healed. (Luke 5:31)