

The Wonder of Forgiveness

The Problem of Sin

Sin is intrinsically against God

- 2Samuel 12:13

“I have sinned against Yahweh”

- Psa. 51:4

“Against thee, thee only have I sinned,
and done this evil in thy sight...”

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God's Will

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Gen. 1:26

Let us make man in our image,
after our likeness

- 'image' = outward form
- 'likeness' = mental capacity (cp. 1 Cor. 11:7; James 3:9)

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- desire of the eyes = vision **Mental**
- desire for worth = self worth **Moral**

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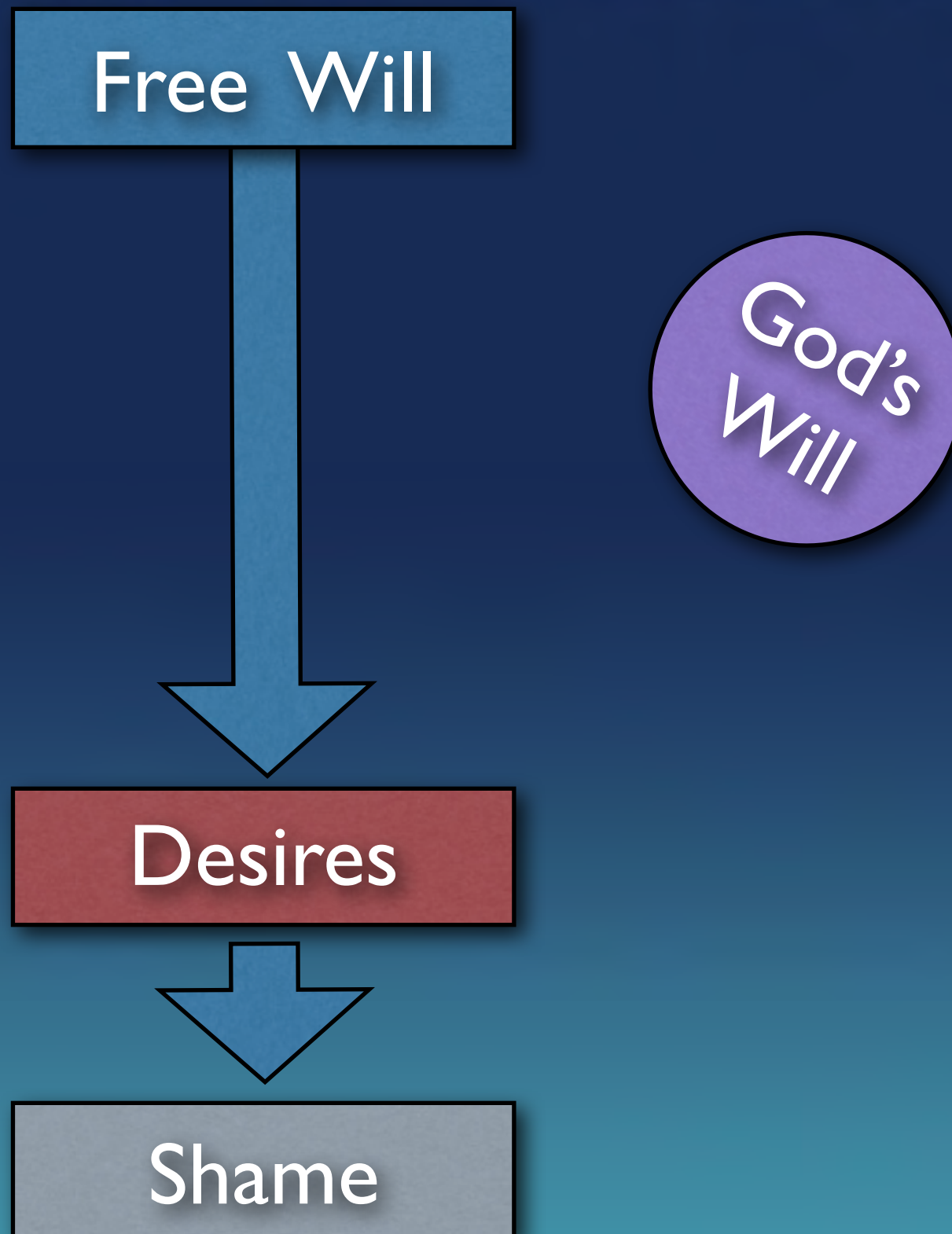
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God sets the rule or standard

“In so acting, man in missing the goal or standard God has for him, is failing to observe the requirements of holy living, or falls short of spiritual wholeness.”

-Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament

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“But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

- Hebrews 3:13

The deceitfulness of sin

“But here is one of the dire consequences that comes with sin, that the more a man becomes familiar with it as performing and yielding himself to it, so he becomes less aware of the *real* character of sin. It is one of the most striking of the moral laws of God, that the more a man knows of sin the less he is aware of what it is.”

- John Carter

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Sin

James 2:9

“But if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin...”

Sin

James 4:17

“...to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”

Sin

Romans 14:23

“...for whatsoever is not of
faith is sin.”

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1 Cor. 4:3

“But with me it is a small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man’s judgment; yea, I judge not mine own self.”

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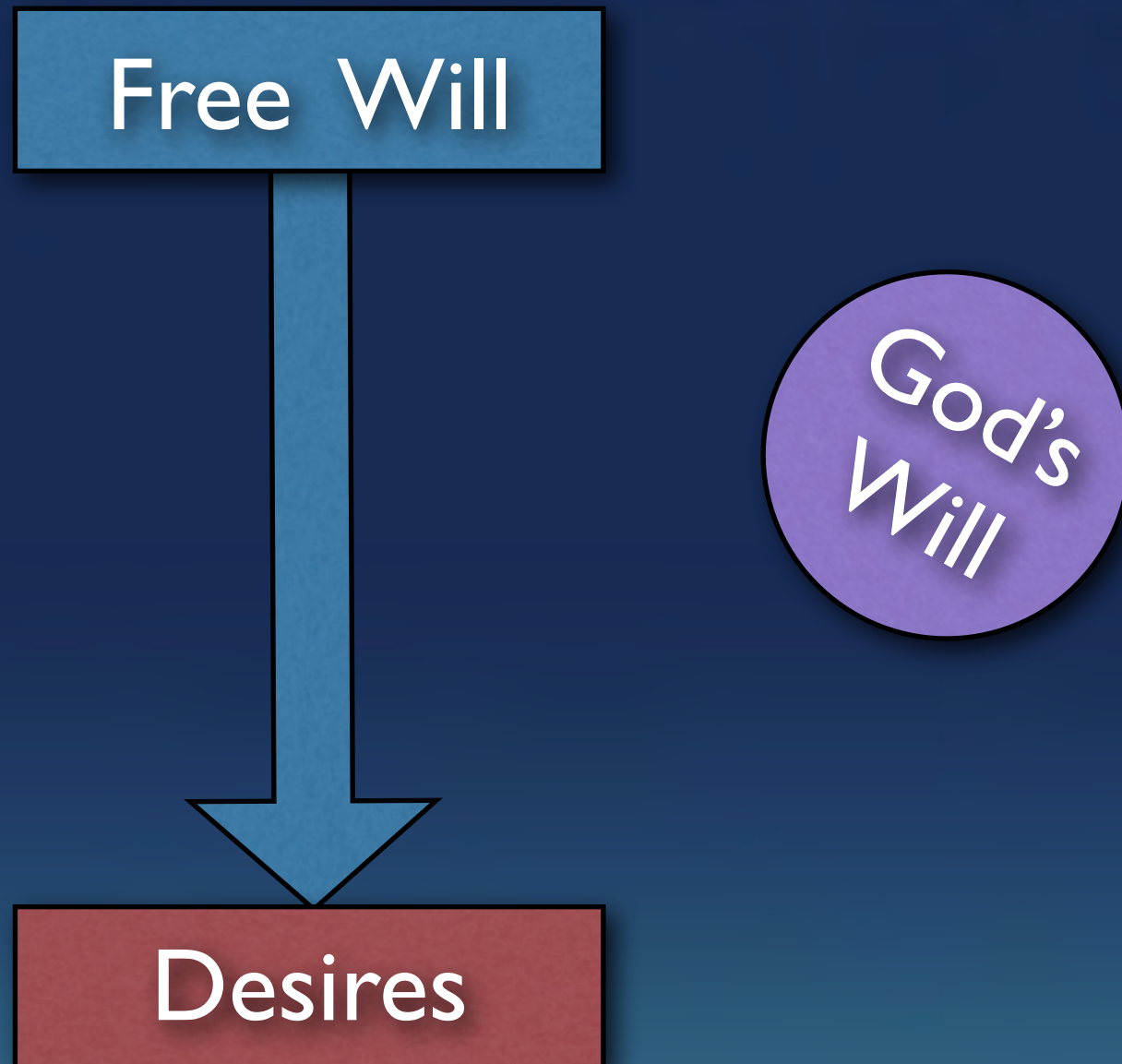
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Self seeks control

Romans 7:7–8

“I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.”

Fig leaf inventions

“Adam and Eve vainly imagined they could cover their own sin, and efface it from divine scrutiny; but the very clumsy device they contrived, betrayed the defilement of their consciences. Their posterity have not learned wisdom by the failure of their endeavour; but, to this day, they are as industriously engaged in inventing cloaks for their evil consciences, as were their first parents, when stitching fig leaves together to cover their shame.”

- Bro J. Thomas, *Elpis Israel*

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Romans 8:20–22

“For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.”