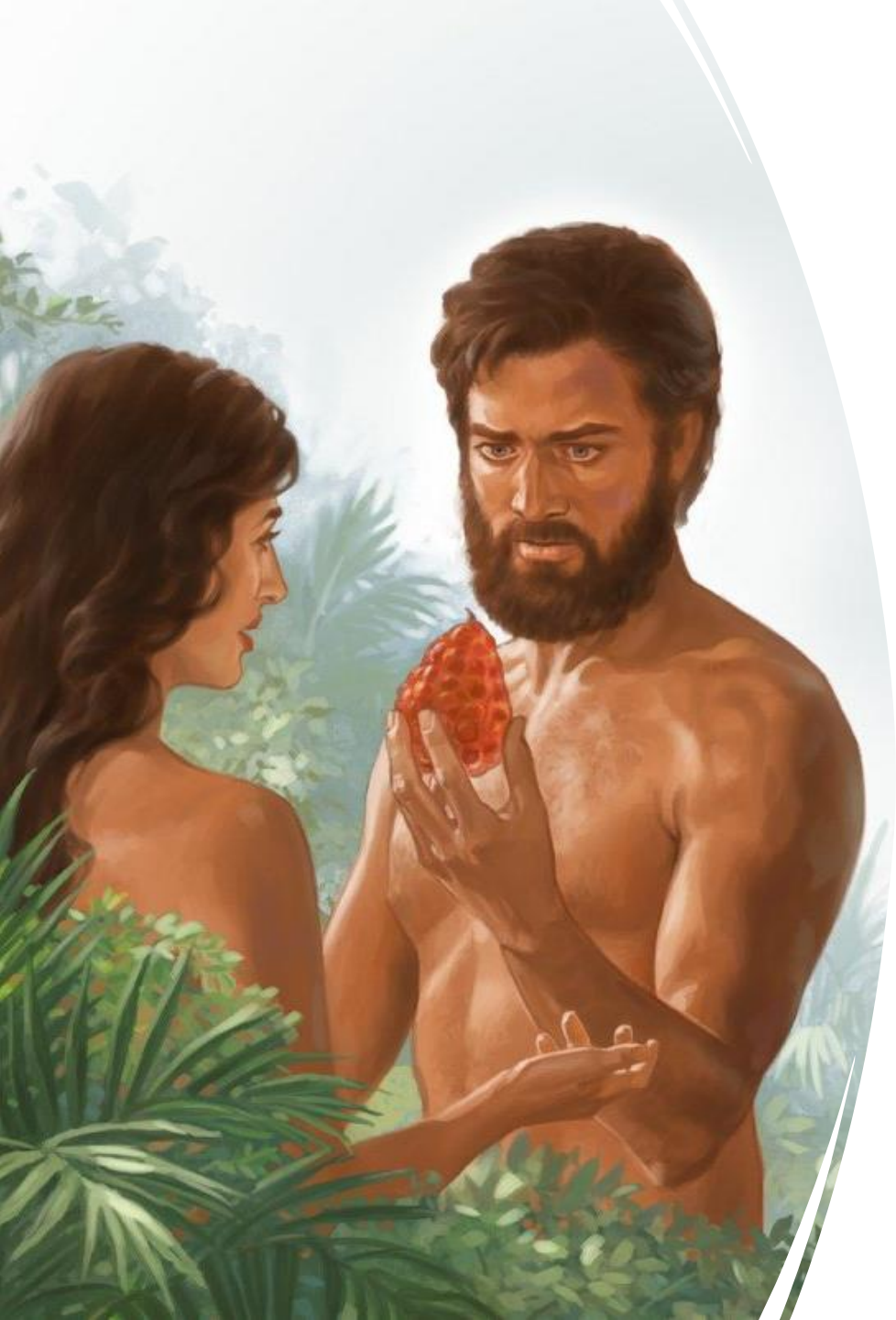




Bible Moral Precepts

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Garden of Eden

'Do not eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good-Evil; if you eat, you will die' (Genesis 2.17)

God's intention:
morality without
polarity

'Ten' Words



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- Exodus 20.1-11
 - Know God, who he is and what he has done – exclusive relationship
 - Honour God
 - Without visual images
 - Without misusing his name
 - By keeping his time, *Shabbat*
- Exodus 20.12-17
 - Honour parents
 - Do not take anything that is not yours – life, spouse, property, good name
 - Do not desire anything that is not yours – property, relationships, possessions

Morality is upward and outward driven!

Shema

Deuteronomy 6.4-9



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- An imperative to follow – ‘Listen!’
- Supreme love for God – ‘with all your mind and being and very ...’
- Internalisation of God’s words – ‘put them in your mind’
- Transmission of God’s words – ‘teach them’
- God’s words to occupy space and time – ‘in and out of the house’; ‘awake or asleep’
- Externalisation of God’s words – ‘arm and forehead’; ‘door and gate’

Morality is centred on God!

There is a right time for
everything on the Earth...



A question of timing!

- Ecclesiastes 3
- For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. (NLT)
- For everything there is an appointed time, and an appropriate time for every activity on earth. (HCSB)
- Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. (GNT)

Morality is about doing the appropriate thing at the appropriate time!

Carpe diem!

- **Ecclesiastes 11-12**
- Live enterprisingly (11.11)
- Live generously (11.2)
- Live diligently (11.3-6)
- Live joyfully (11.7-11)
- Live godly lives (12.13)

Morality is about living life in its fulness!



Think about this!

Philippians 4.8

- Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. (NLT)

Kingdom Attitudes

- Matthew 5
- Recognise spiritual poverty
- Remorse over spiritual poverty
- Stand humble before God
- Desire to be right with God
- Be merciful to others
- Be pure in heart
- Work for peace
- Suffer for God

Morality entails a proper mindset!

Religious Performance Morality

- Matthew 6 – 3 religious rituals
- Helping those in need
- Prayer
- Fasting
- Principle: Religion is not for show

Morality comprises a Non-Performance Religious Approach!



Spirit Fruit

- Galatians 5.22-23
- The **fruit** of the Spirit is **love**: [comprising] joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Morality transcends legality!

Holiness Factor

‘You must be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.’ (Leviticus 19.2)

‘But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.’ (Matthew 5.48)

Morality is about being God-like!

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