

Welcome to

faith and practice

overview

week 1 : starting a journey

week 2 : faith in God

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week 5 : about Church

welcome

this week...

God: in faith and practice

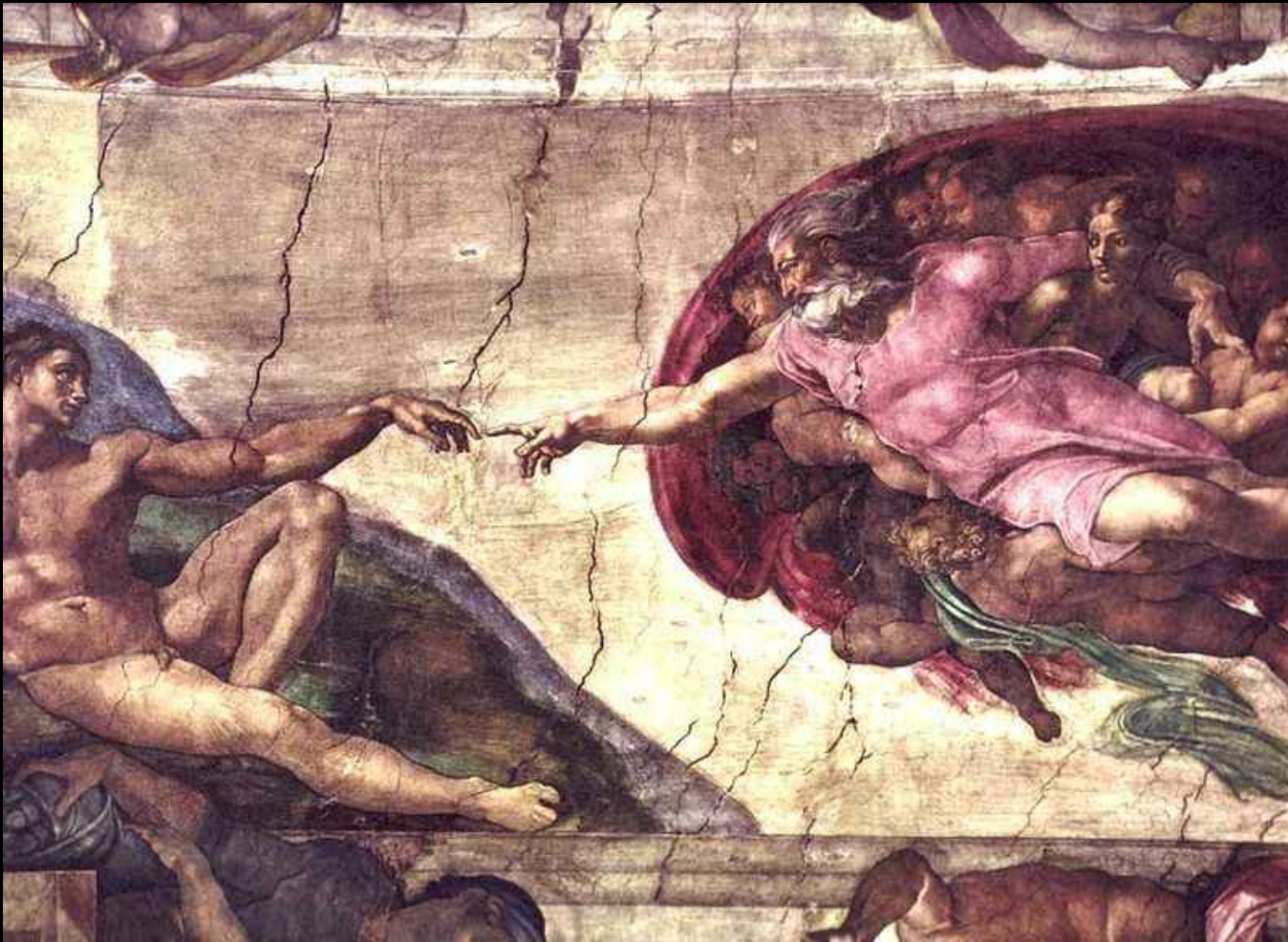
Parameters for talking about God

Assumption that we can know God

God is revealed through creation & nature

God is revealed by his Word: 'God spoke and...'

God: in faith and practice



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God: Creator and Being

"To whom will you compare me?

Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

Lift your eyes and look to the heavens:

Who created all these?

He who brings out the starry host one by one,
and calls them each by name.

Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

- ISA 40:25

God: Holy

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3:5



God: righteous

You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your offences and how great your sins.

You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil.

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.

Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Amos 5: 11 ff



God: one and personal

one true God

Nicene Creed:

We believe in one true God,
The Father, the Almighty
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen

personal known in Christ

The light of the glory of God shine in the face
of Christ 2 Corinthians 4: 6



question time re: faith

creator & being | holy | righteous | one & personal

What are your thoughts about these ideas about God and faith?

Which areas are difficult?

Which seem helpful?

God: in faith and practice

God: eternal?

God outside of time

back to creation

perhaps 'transcends' time

'omniscient' knows all before and to be?



God: almighty?

Creator & . All powerful. Omnipotent.

Round squares?

Epicurus' 340-270 BC problem:

'If God is perfectly good, he must want to abolish all evil; if he is unlimitedly powerful, he must be able to abolish all evil; therefore either God is not perfectly good, or he is not unlimitedly powerful'

God: mystery

knowable through mystery?



God: love

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 John 4:7-9

question time re: practice

eternal | almighty | mystery | love

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over to you

final questions and comments?

next week

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