

1 Peter Series

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EQUALITY AND SUBORDINATION

1 PETER 2:18–23



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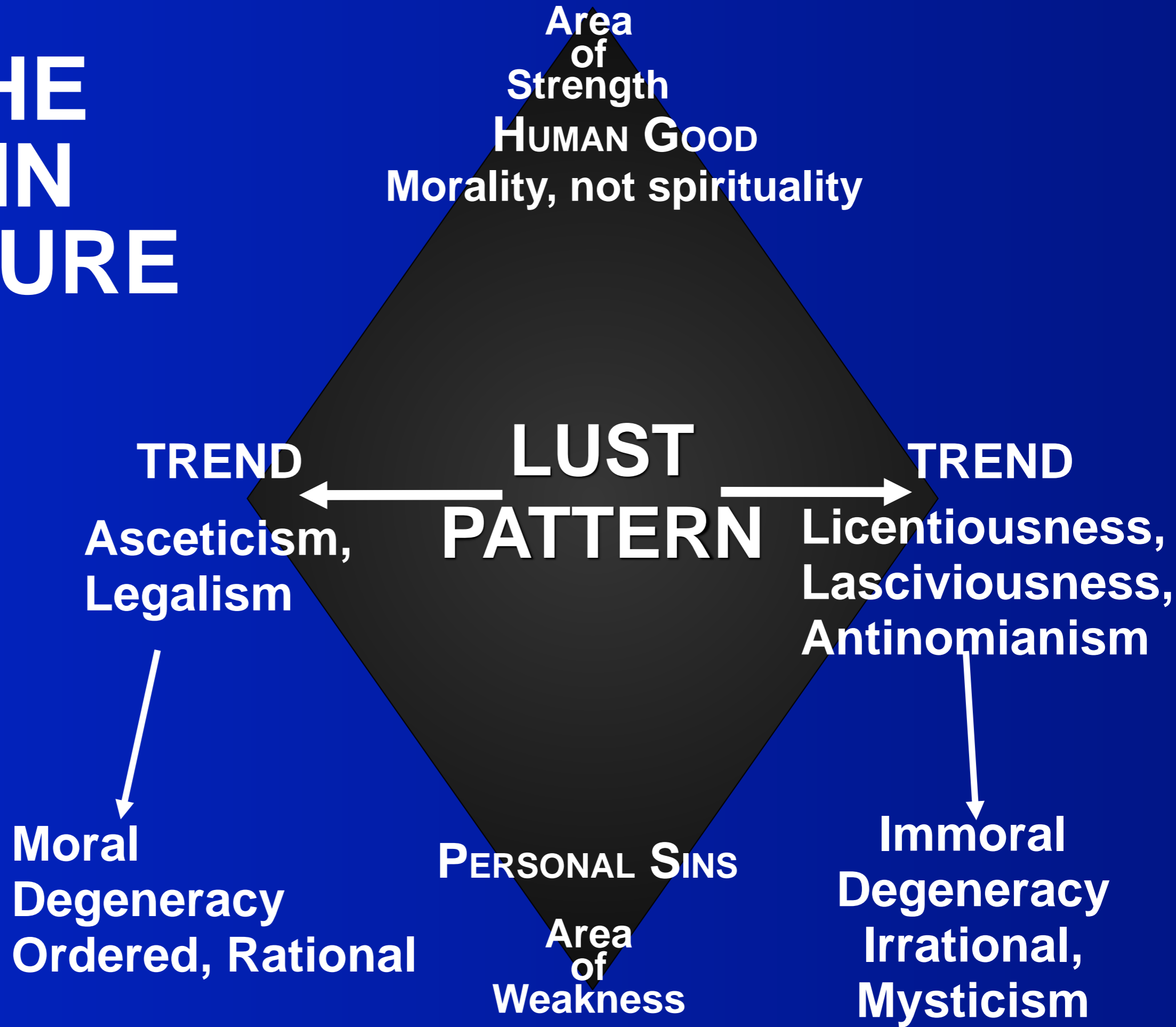
LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY

The Believer's Responsibility

1 Pet. 2:13, “Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,”

ὑποτάσσω *hupotassō*
pres mid impera 3
sing
“to subject; to
submit”

THE SIN NATURE



1 Pet. 2:18, “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.”

**οἰκέτης *oiketēs*
nom masc plur
“house slave”**

**φόβος *phobos*
dat masc sing
“fear, terror;
respect, obey”**

**ὑποτάσσω *hupotassō*
pres mid part masc plur
nom, i.e., submit yourselves
imperative participle
“to subject; to submit”**

Prov. 1:7, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Prov. 1:29, “Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,”

Titus 2:9, “Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back,”

Titus 3:1, “Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,”

Eph. 6:5, “Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;

Eph. 6:6, “not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

Eph. 6:7, “with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

Eph. 6:8, “knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.”

Eph. 6:9, “And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.”

1 Pet. 2:19, “For this is commendable [grace], if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully (*adikos-unjustly*).”

**χάρις *charis*
nom fem sing
grace, favor;
grace
orientation**

1 Pet. 2:20, “For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.”

**ὑπομένω *hupomenō*
fut act indic 2 plur to
endure, remain, wait
upon**

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1 Pet. 2:21, “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

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Isa. 53:9, “And they made His grave with the wicked—but with the rich at His death, *because He had done no violence [wrong], nor was any deceit in His mouth.*”

1 Pet. 2:23, “who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

1 Pet. 2:24, “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

1 Pet. 2:25, “For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

Philippians 2:8, “Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Application

Political/National or Individual Decisions

This is where we talk and argue.

Ethics: What is right? What is wrong? What is good or bad?

Epistemology: How do we know truth? Right from wrong? Just or unjust?

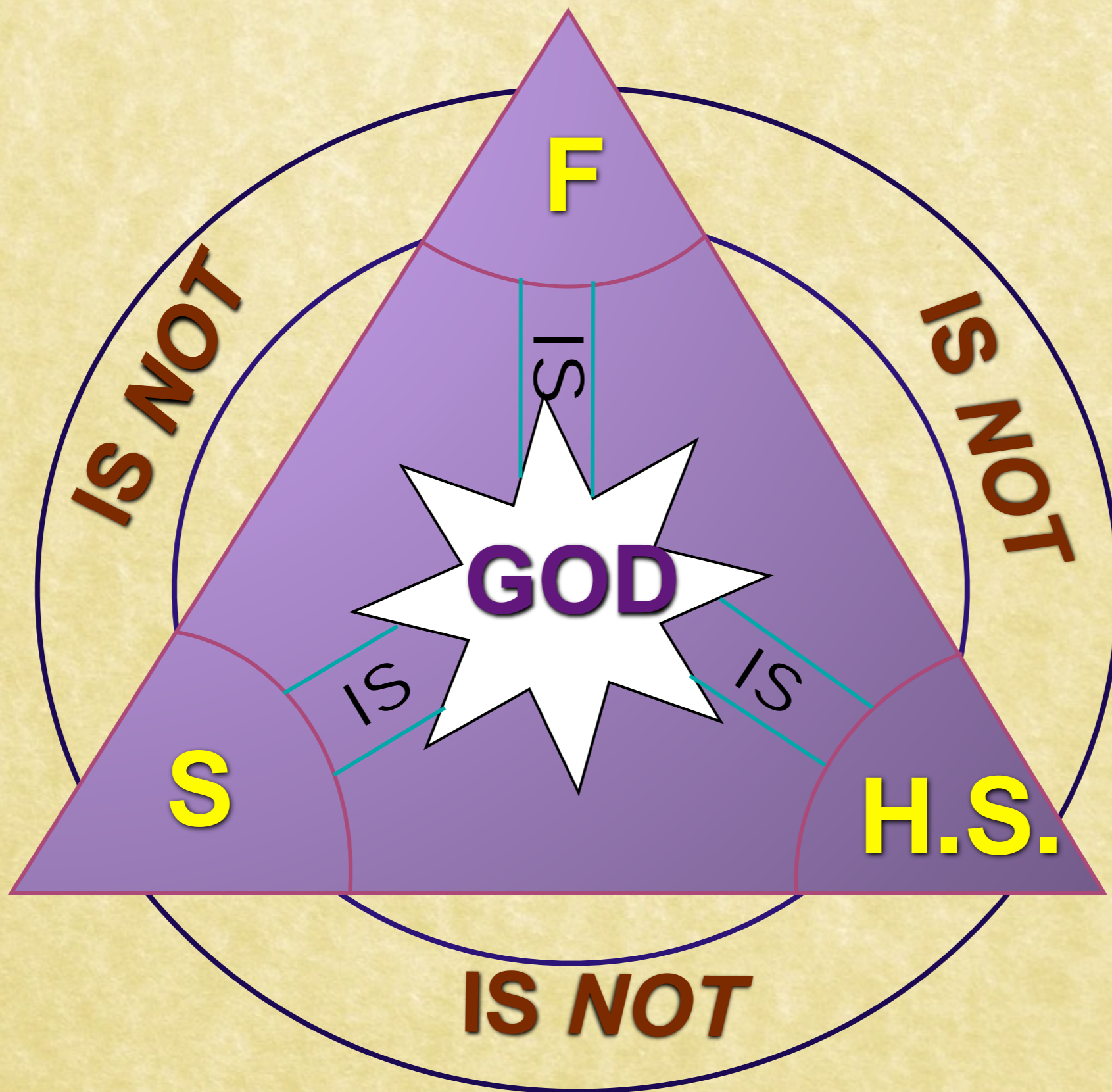
Metaphysics: Ultimate reality, i.e., God, matter, energy, nothing

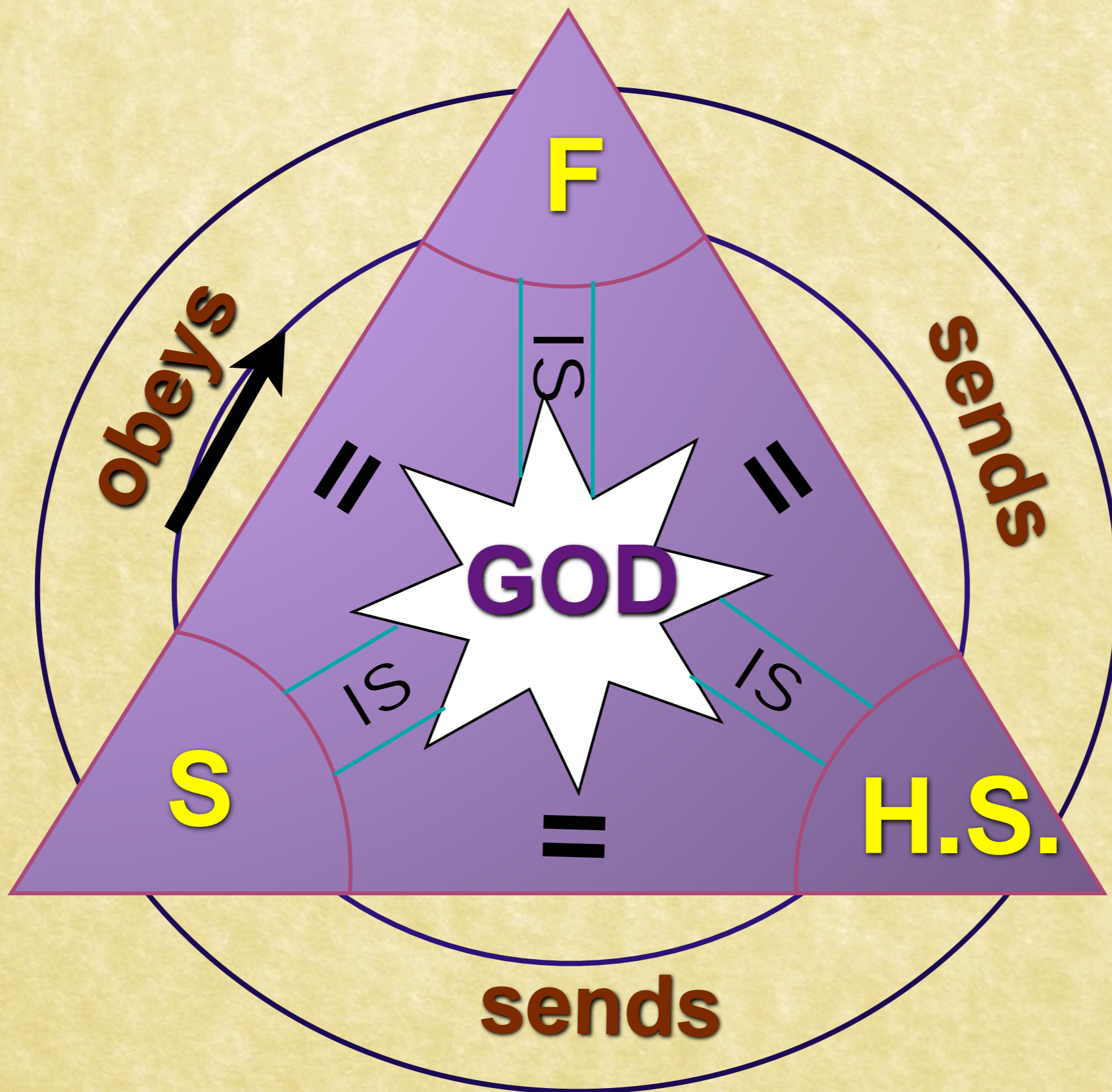
Logical Sequence

Pressures of life

These are the real issues, usually ignored.

Foundation of *all* thought





- 1. The three Persons of the Trinity are equal in their being, essence, and deity. Neither is superior in their essence to the other.**
- 2. This is called ontological or metaphysical equality.**
- 3. Yet each has distinct roles. The Father is the planner, the Son carries out the plan, and the Spirit reveals the plan. Economic distinctions.**
- 4. Biblical submission reflects the divine nature of God Himself.**

Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Men and women are equal in their being, essence, personhood, humanity.

Gen. 2:18, “And the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ ”

עֵזֶר-1 *etzer-1*

**helper,
assistant**

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Deut. 33:29, “Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, and you shall tread down their high places.”

1 Sam. 7:12, “Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, ‘Thus far the LORD has helped us.’ ”

Psa. 70:5, “But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.”

Psa. 121:2, “My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.”

Psa. 124:8, “Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.”

Psa. 146:5, “Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God,”

- 1. All human beings (slaves, wives, children) are equal in the being and essence, being in the image of God. Neither is superior in their essence to another.**
- 2. This is called *ontological* or *metaphysical* equality—equality of essence or being.**
- 3. Yet each has distinct roles. The Father is the planner, the Son carries out the plan, and the Spirit reveals the plan. Economic distinctions.**
- 4. Biblical submission differs from pagan submission in that paganism has different orders of humans.**

Phil. 2:5, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

Phil. 2:6, “who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Phil. 2:7, “but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant [*doulos*-slave], and coming in the likeness of men.

Phil. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”