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LESSON 16: **BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN ETHICS LECTURE NOTES**

NOTE: Before you listen to the lecture on your CD, take the "Mock Quiz" you should have in your packets.

Make a note of how many FALSE statements you found in the Mock Quiz. YOUR NUMBER HERE # _____

I. THE KEY TO BC Ethics is BASED... SOURCED in the _____

If BC **ethics based on the CHARACTER OF GOD.** Then this leads us to a philosophical/theological issue:

The O _____ of _____ in a universe created and ruled by a good, wise God.

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF EVIL?

A. "Evil is only good perverted."

Everything God created is _____ evil is only an ugly _____ of the good.

Satan cannot _____ any original entity.

He can only _____ and destroy what is good.

You could begin with the _____: how is each _____ a perversion of a good deed?

Consider the account of the _____ in Genesis 3.

Notice that all of the things about the fruit which attracted Eve were in themselves _____ things, pleasures given by God.

The evil was not in the fruit nor in the pleasures she sought; those good pleasures were _____ to the perverted ends of the Tempter.

B. Evil is not the _____ of good any more than cold is the opposite of heat.

Cold is not the opposite of heat, but the _____ of it.

In the same way, evil is not the opposite of good, only a cruel and ugly _____ of it.

Many Christians naively assume evil to be the opposite of good, as if Satan the creature were the worthy rival of the Almighty Creator, as if evil has always existed.

To call evil the opposite of good is to attribute _____ significance to it.

Remember that evil is a vanquished foe, not a worthy rival for the ALMIGHTY GOD

C. The origin of evil: The Rebellion

When Lucifer decided to rebel against the King of Heaven. He did not turn to serve _____

_____ He did not turn from Good to _____ there was nothing to turn to.

The evil was not in what he turned to... but in his _____ against the only King there is.

Lucifer embraced the foolish illusion of _____.

II. Moral values can be known both by _____ and by revelation.

A. First level: Morality is inscribed _____ on the conscience.

Romans 2:14-15 speaks of the Gentiles, who do not have the Law of God (Moses' Law), but judged apart from that Law, their _____ bear witness against them. Proverbs 14:12 says that even sincerity is no guarantee of truth and righteousness.

We cannot rely _____ on our conscience because not only is it imperfect, but it can be corrupted by us.

B. Second level: Morality is revealed more fully in _____. Deuteronomy 29:29 states that God's revelation was given in order that we might obey. What our conscience could only hint at, God's Word has spoken more fully.

C. Third Level: Morality is revealed most clearly in _____. John 1:14-18 contrasts the law that came through Moses (the same law Moses speaks of in Deuteronomy 29:29) with the grace and truth which came through Christ. What we see outline in the written Law of God, we see demonstrated ultimately in the life of Christ.