





### **MATTHEW 22:36-40**

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

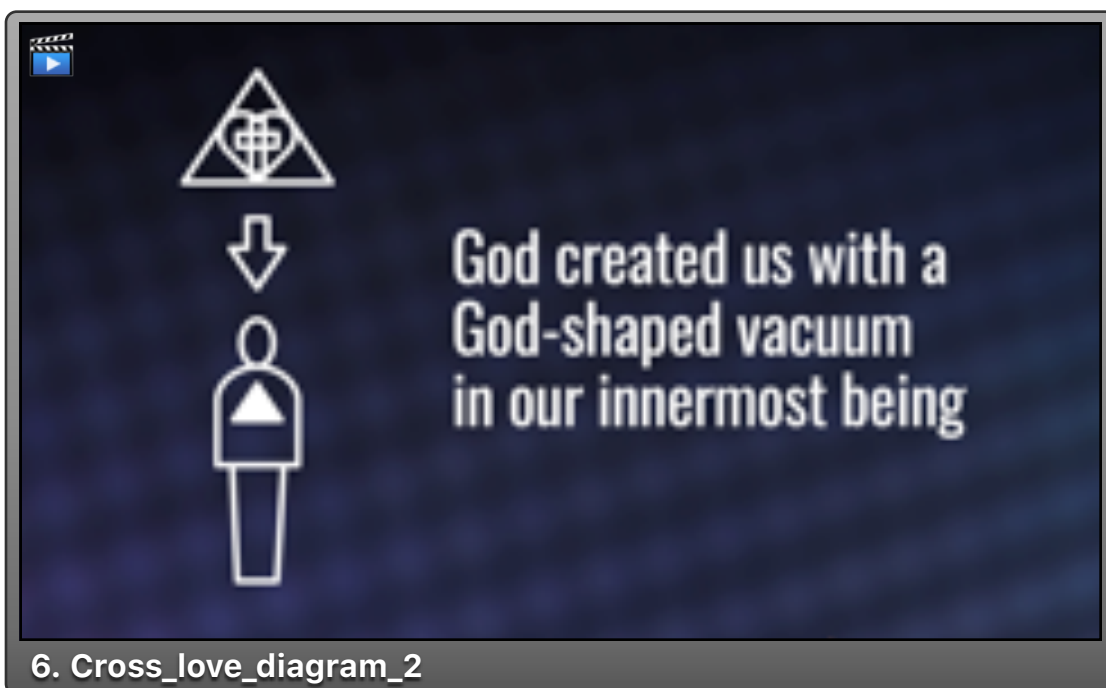
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### **GENESIS 1:28-30**

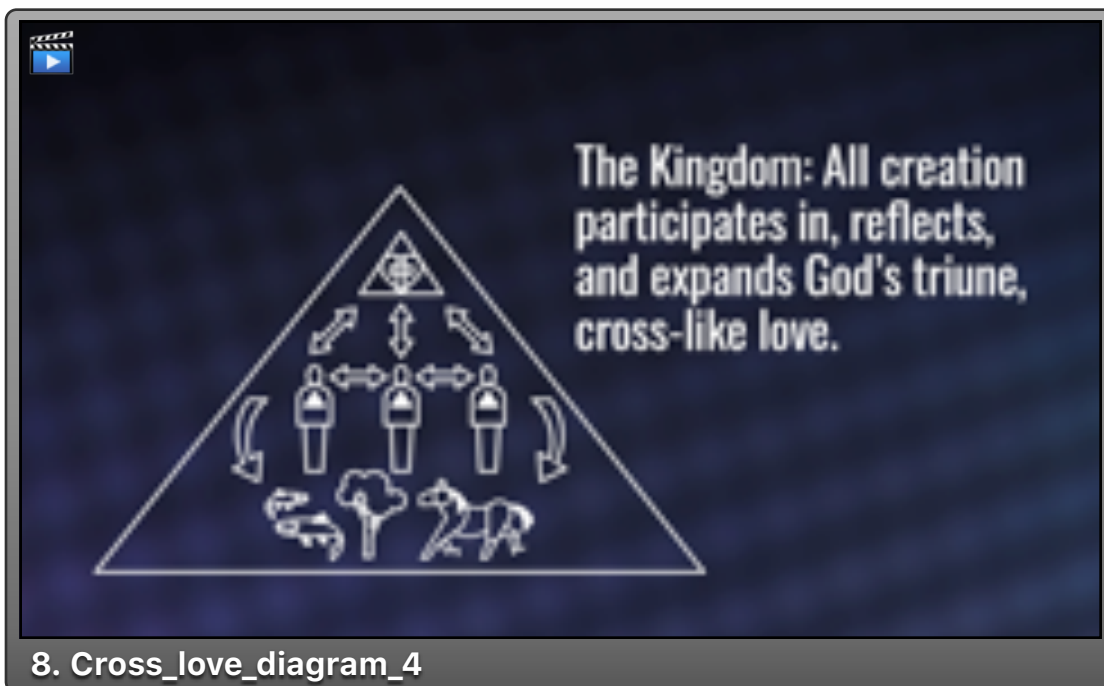
God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

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7. Cross\_love\_diagram\_3



8. Cross\_love\_diagram\_4



“What a book a Devil’s Chaplain might write on the clumsy,  
wasteful, blundering low and horridly cruel works of nature.”  
—Charles Darwin

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Satan has power over forces of nature. (Job 1:16,19)

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Jesus came to destroy the devil, who has the power of death.  
(1 John 3:8; Hebrews 2:14; John 8:44)

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Peter summarizes Jesus’ ministry by saying, “He went around doing good and *healing all who were under the power of the devil...*” (Acts 10:38, emphasis added)

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Athenagorus said Satan was “the spirit” originally entrusted with “the control of matter and the forms of matter.” (*A Plea*, 24). Unfortunately, “the prince of matter [now] exercises a control and management contrary to the good that is in God.” (*A Plea*, 25). All suffering and violence in creation is the result of the corrupting influence of an evil “ruling prince” and “the demons his followers.” (*A Plea*, 25).

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The *whole creation* is subjected to “frustration” (*mataiotais*) and “in bondage to decay” (*phthora*), and is thus “groaning as in the pains of childbirth.” (Romans 8:20-22)

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God is at work to “reconcile to himself *all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven*, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” (Colossians 1:19-20, emphasis added)

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The Kingdom: All creation participates in, reflects, and expands God's triune, cross-like love.



21. Cross\_love\_diagram\_4