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Plenary Session 6

**“Man, Sin, and the Grace of God”**

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A. **Introduction**

 *If all we had were Jonah and John, we might have all we need for life—eternal and temporal—for in these*

 *two books are truths, stories, and pictures of man, sin, and, because of the grace of God, hope.*

B. **Man—“the created copy”**

 “*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him;*

 *male and female He created them*.” (Gen. 1:27)

C. **Sin—the “descent” of Man**

 1. “*Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God*.”

 (Matt. 19:17; Mark 10:18; Luke 18:19)

 2. Tidbits and truths:

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 #3 –

 #4 –

 #5 –

 #6 –

 #7 –

 3. The depth to which an *unbeliever’s* sin can descend: The “*rah*” of the Assyrians

 (A definition of sin … and two realities)

 4. The depth to which a *believer’s* sin can descend: The “*running*” of Jonah

D. **Grace—the “benignant heart” of God**

 1. Beyond our comprehension

 2. No boundary lines are drawn

 3. When Jesus said, “*For God so loved the world …*”