

i) ¹ What about the notion of Satan as the source of evil?

(1) Is the devil real? If we believe that we must remember also that Satan is a creature and not God and therefore cannot defeat God or God's purposes.

(2) Is Satan a symbol for the chaos which exists in creation?

(3) Still does not answer the problem of evil

(4) In the Bible evil is a mystery...Genesis 3. Evil is the Big Lie. Can the Lie be broken?

b) Dealing with evil

i) The memory of Israel

ii) The memory of the Church

(1) The Resurrection

(2) The Cross

c) Wrap up

i) Evil is real and terrible. God has not prevented it but is with us in it and will bring good out of evil.

ii) God does not directly will evil

iii) The memory of the resurrection and the cross give us reason to hope that in the end evil will be overcome.

2) The Doctrine of Human Beings...what does it mean to be human, to be "the image of God"?

a) Some popular ideas throughout the ages

i) Humans have the ability to reason (homo sapiens)

ii) Humans have an immortal soul encased or entrapped in a body. The soul is rational and unlike any soul an animal might possess.

iii) Humans have a moral capacity which no other species has.

b) The Biblical Idea

i) Jesus as the true image of God

(1) He is the second Adam, the New Creation

(2) He is the image of the invisible God (Colossians)

