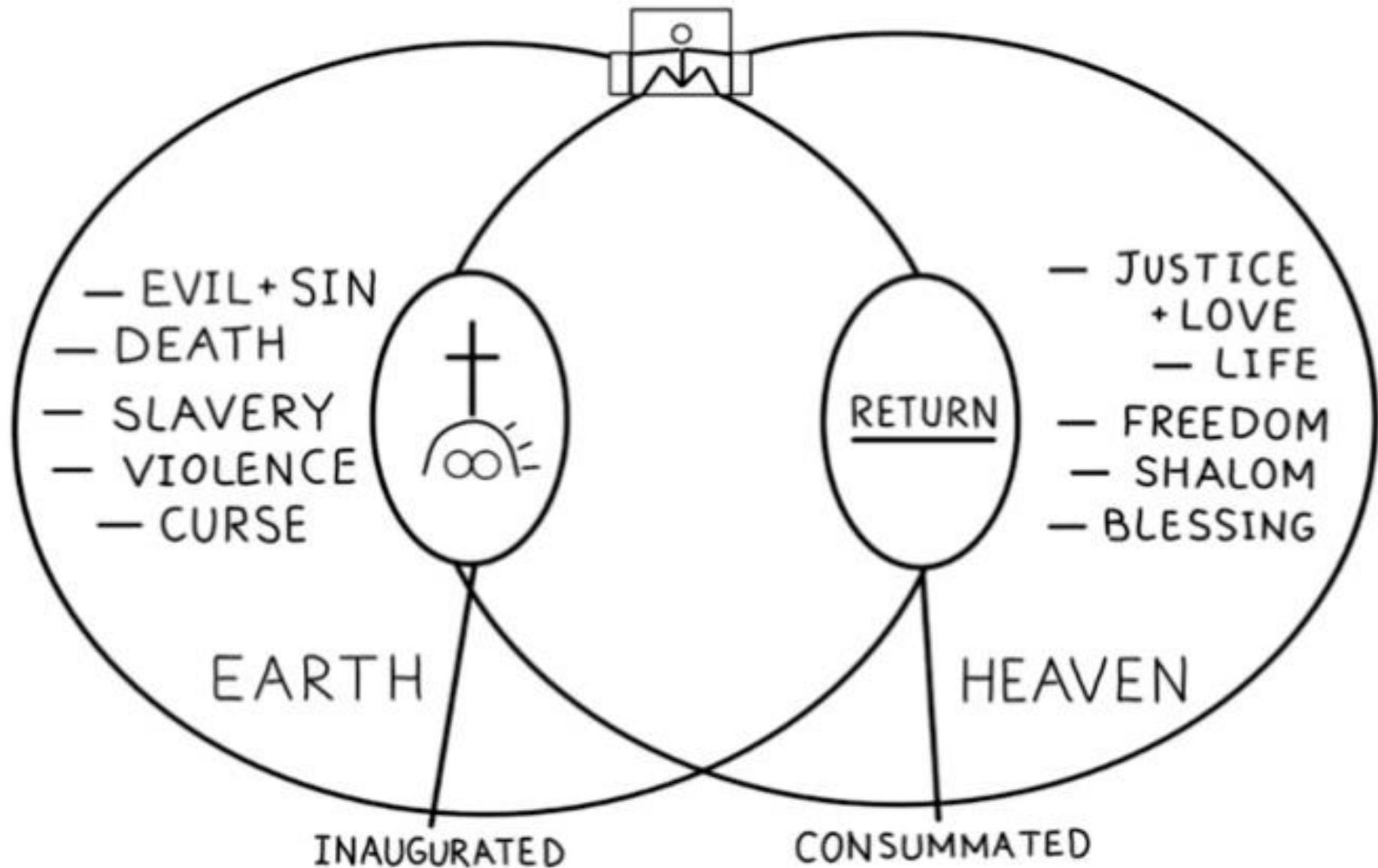


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Ruler:

Patriarch

husband-father-master



Subordinates:

wife — children — slaves



God created humanity in his own image
in the image of God he created them
male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and
increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule...

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Genesis 1.27-31

This is now bone of my bone
And flesh of my flesh
She shall be called woman
Because she was taken out of man

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and
is united to his wife and they become one flesh.
Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no
shame.

Genesis 2.23-25

¹² “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³ You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.”^[b] ¹⁷ But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.†

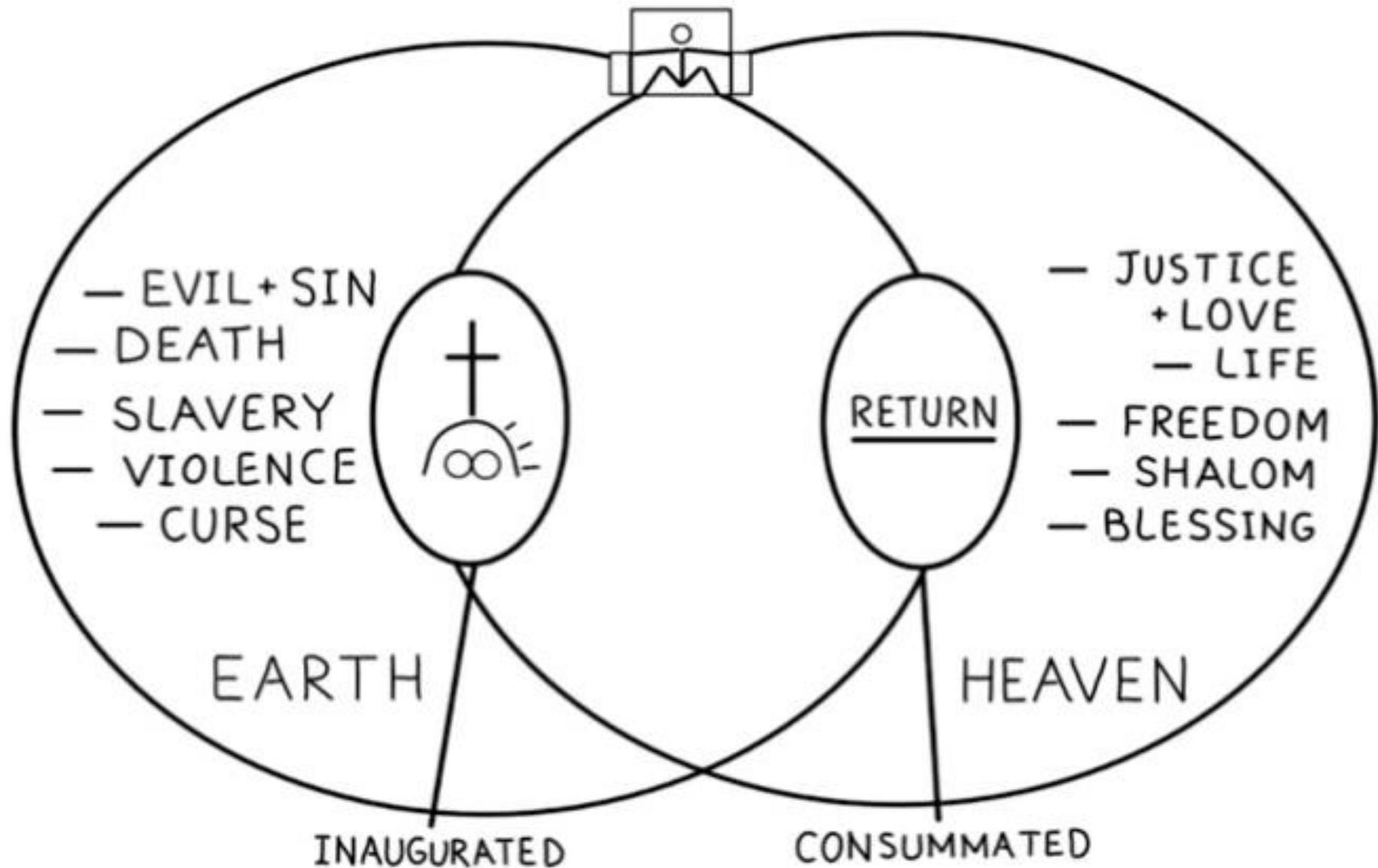
¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives to your husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ is the head of the church, his body of which he is the Saviour. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish but holy and blameless. In this same way husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body just as Christ does for the church – for we are all members of his body. ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh’. This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5.21-33

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