

THE GREAT HUMAN TRAGEDY

our nature:

(through 'The Fall'—the self-exaltation & death of humanity)

- **rebel children**
- **rebel creatures**
- **rebel servants (worshippers, rulers, stewards)**

lifelessly & restlessly enslaved to unrighteousness—being:

1) OUT OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

our hearts defensive & hardened through guilt, there is:

*** *an inner thrust of hostility towards Him***

continually rejecting His presence, with a dark attitude of:

- **disregard**
(*'He is nothing to me'*)
- **unbelief**
(*'His word is nothing to me'*)
- **ingratitude**
(*'He has done nothing for me'*)
- **defiance**
(*'His will, way & pleasure mean nothing to me'*)

2) DISHONOURING TO GOD

through a continual:

*** *mis-representation of Him***

- **moral impurity**
(in our inner being: a polluted spring of idolatrous passion for sensory experience, material things & personal status—an all-pervasive inner corruption)
- **non truth**
(in our thinking: a view of God, humanity & the creation that best promises to fulfill our passions)
- **idolatry & self-service**
(in our relationships: striving to *get* from the created what we have refused to *receive* from the Creator)
- **futility**
(in the investment of our lives: nothing of eternal worth)