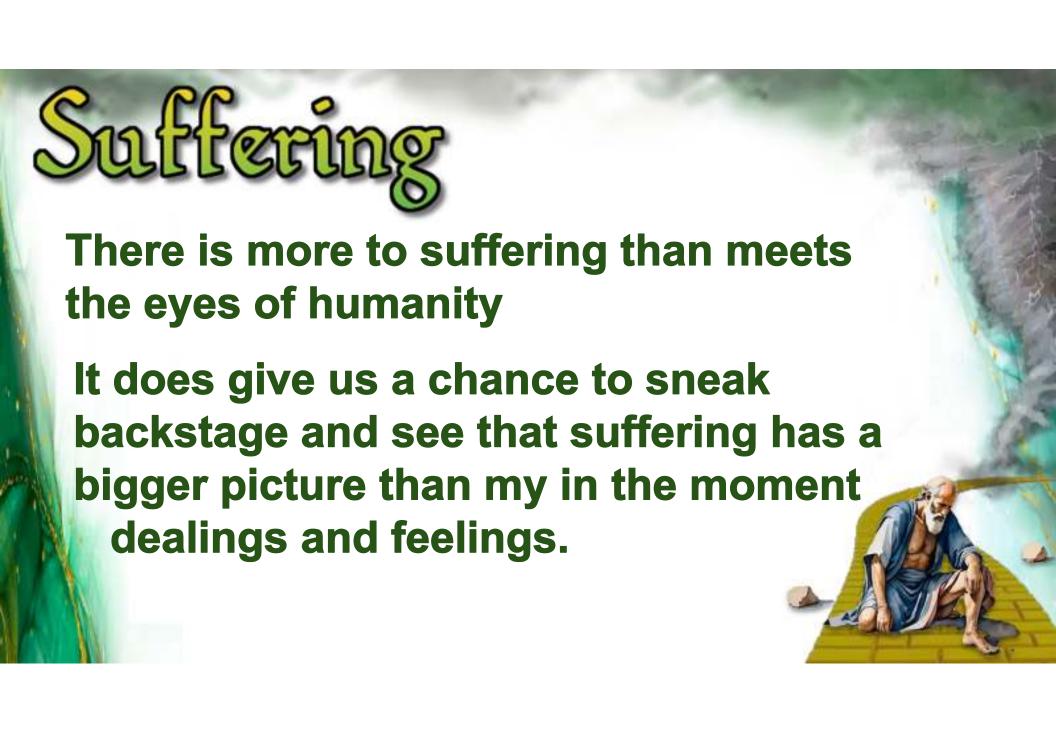




I remind you what you are looking at. It's a work of literature, most likely a play about the suffering of Job

- Present the dilemma
- Set up the events of the story in a way that will draw the audience in

Dramaic Irony





The angels must present themselves to God

Satan the most power of them all had to give account of where he had been

Did God throw Job under the bus?

He has limits as Job would not be considered

God is not condemning Job, even in his suffering God never relinquished control



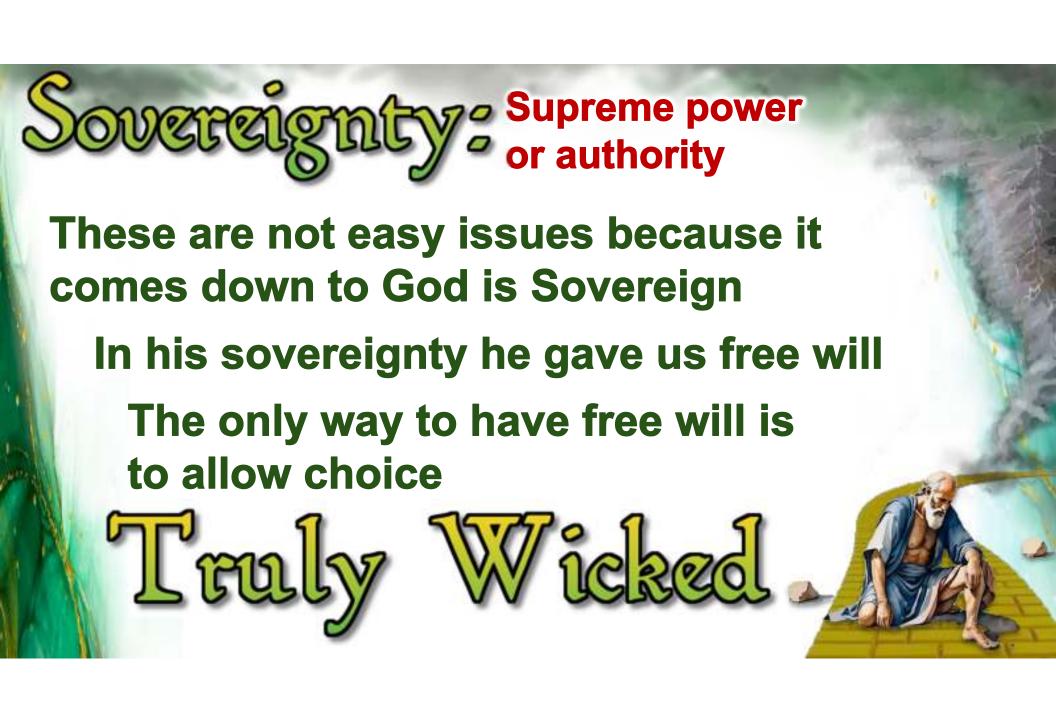
However, he does step back and allow Satan to act but again not without limits

Is this concept hard for us? YES

It's as hard as trying to understand why even put that tree in the Garden?

Why let Satan talk to Eve or even allow him to exist?

Why not show up before they eat and remind them?





Revelation 12:7-12

He is not a dude running around in red pajamas with horns and a pitchfork

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8



He is pictured as a powerful dragon but at the same time deceptive serpent

His driving force is to lead the world astray

As we saw in Job, he is active and roams the earth

He is filled with fury

he is not omnipresent he does have massive resources for battle

(Revelation 12:4)





Like in Job He has limits

He could only go as far as God allowed him

Here in Revelation, it says his time is short

He can be defeated but only by "the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony"

He is the embodiment of sin (1 John 333)

The Accuser

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

Notice in Job when God opens the door, Satan went all in on Job and why he really "loved" God

He seeks to have God allow

him to move in our life

Once God allows Satan has many weapons to use for our suffering



- He can Deceive (2 Corinthians 11:14)
- He will put on a good show
 (2 These lonians 2:9)
- He can tempt (Matthew 4s1)
- He can steal God's word before it takes root (上城 312)



- He can suggest (John 13:2)
- He devises schemes (Ephesians 6প11)
- He will lay traps (1 Throughy 347)
- He can create chaos (Revelation 2:10)
- He can Possess (Luke 22:3)



No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13



Both Satan and God present you with the same message: Follow Me

We sin because we want to

Adam and Eve ate because they wanted to be like God

Paul tells us God provides a "way out"

That does not mean an exit sign to make it stop but a path to follow through

Satan's Goal

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

Some of Job's possessions were stolen

Other were destroyed along with eventually his health

His kids were killed



John 10:10





To open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

Acts 26:18



Suffering often leads us into a deeper relationship with God

Suffering also helps us evaluate our lives

God wants us to turn from darkness

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Cenesis 50:20

