THE QUESTION

Did the early Christians believe that people who do evil are doing God's will?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

No. The early writers taught that God is not the author of evil, and that people who do evil act by their own free choice against His law. Yet they also taught that God permits evil for a time, uses it to test hearts, and in His wisdom turns even evil plans toward a good end.

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God is in no way evil's author

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Methodius says plainly that God did not make evil. What is called evil is what God made with free will that then failed to keep His just law. Hippolytus agrees that God makes only what is good and glorious, because He Himself is good.

1 "God did not make evil, and He is in no way at all the author of evil."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Methodius,** *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* (c. 270–311 AD) **Source 23, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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2 "But God, who created it, did not and does not make evil. He makes what is glorious and excellent, because he who makes it is good."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Refutation of All Heresies* 29 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 12, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Evil comes from misused free choice

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Clement of Alexandria says sins come from our own free choice and bad judgment, so punishment is just. Hippolytus says man was made able to choose, and it is by that power that he produces evil.

3 "So in no respect is God the author of evil. But since free choice and inclination give rise to sins, and a mistaken judgment sometimes wins out, and since this is ignorance and foolishness, from which we do not take pains to turn away, punishments are rightly given."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 1.17 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 6, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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4 "But because man has the power of self-determination, he produces what is evil, that is, accidentally."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Refutation of All Heresies* 29 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 12, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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God gives the will, not the sin

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Origen answers people who used Philippians 2:13 to say even evil willing comes from God. He says God gives us the general power to will and to move. How we use that power, for good or for harm, is our own doing.

5 “Instead, we received from Him simply the general power of motion, and we use it for better or worse purposes.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 (c. 215–254 AD)
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Evil is in our power to refuse

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Methodius says it is up to us to do evil or to avoid it, or reward and punishment would make no sense. Irenaeus says God does not force anyone, and that people can disobey Him, though it brings great harm.

6 “He says that it is in our power to do evil or to avoid doing it. Otherwise, we would not be punished for doing evil or rewarded for doing good.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Methodius,** *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* (c. 270–311 AD)
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7 “For humans have the power to disobey God and to lose what is good, but such behavior brings significant harm and trouble.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD)
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God permits evil and tests hearts by it

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Cyprian says the Lord allows false teachings to arise while each person keeps freedom of choice. In this way the faithful are proved and the unfaithful are exposed. God allows the evil; He does not do it.

8 “But the Lord permits and allows these things to exist, while each person's freedom of choice remains.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 18, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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God turns evil plans toward good

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement says the plans of those who rebel come from an evil disposition, yet God's providence guides them toward a healing result. He calls this the greatest work of providence: not letting evil stay useless, but bringing good out of it.

9 “But universal Providence guides them to a healing result, even though their cause produces disease.”

later in the same passage

“Accordingly, the greatest work of divine Providence is this: not to allow the evil that has sprung from voluntary apostasy to remain useless and without any good, or to become harmful in every way.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 1.17 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 7, page 5** Read it in the library ›

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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not explain every case where Scripture says God hardened or used wicked people.

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- They show that God can bring good out of evil, but they do not claim to know His purpose in each event.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 29 early Christian passages and 118 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–29, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 30–114, in Bible order), then 33 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *29 passages from 16 writers*

Didache, *c. 50–120 AD · source 1*

1 *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 3 (1885 English; on point 5) workings that befall you receive as good, knowing that apart from God nothing comes to pass… [continues online] **read ›**

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · source 2*

2 *Shepherd* (1885 English; on point 4) goes, then, to the empty, and finding a way of entrance, into them, he produces in them whatever he wishes, and they become his servants… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 3*

3 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 2) "yet, since He knew that it would be good, He created both angels and men free to do that which is righteous, and He appointed periods of time during which… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 4–5*

4 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 3** "because man is possessed of free will from the beginning, and God is possessed of free will, in whose likeness man was created, advice is always given to him to… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English) therefore the devil lied at the beginning, so did he also in the end, when he said, "All these are delivered unto me, and to whomsoever I will I give… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 6–8*

6 *Stromata* 1.17 **Quote 3, page 2** "in no respect is God the author of evil… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Stromata* 1.17 (1885 English) **Quote 9, page 4** "it is the work of the divine wisdom, and excellence, and power, not alone to do good (for this is, so to speak, the nature of God, as it is… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Stromata* 5.14 (1885 English; on point 1) "God is blameless. For He is never the author of evil… [continues online] **read ›**

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Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 9–11*

9 *Against Hermogenes* 14 (on point 1) “is more worthy to believe that God is free, even… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *De Fuga in Persecutione* 4 (1885 English; on point 5) “for all that, a thing is therefore good because it is of God, as divine, as reasonable… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Against Hermogenes* 16 (on point 1) “discuss elsewhere, I clearly state my position. Both good and evil must be credited either to God, who made them out of Matter; or to Matter itself, from which He… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · source 12*

12 *Refutation of All Heresies* 29 (1885 English) **Quotes 2, 4, page 2** “God, who created it, did not, nor does not, make evil… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 13–15*

13 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** “Besides these, there is the passage, Both to will and to do are of God… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Against Celsus* 66 (1885 English; on point 1) “is true, certainly, that evils do not proceed from God… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Against Celsus* 61 (on point 6) “wickedness is, in a certain sense, blind, and would… [continues online] **read ›**

Dionysius of Alexandria, *c. 232–265 AD · source 16*

16 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (on point 1) “with God there is no temptation in evil… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 17*

17 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 4 (1885 English; on point 1) “moreover, evil does not occur to man from any other cause than by his departure from the good God… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 18*

18 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** “the perverted mind has no peace — while a discordant faithlessness does not maintain unity… [continues online] **read ›**

Archelaus, *c. 270–300 AD · sources 19–20*

19 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (on point 4) how does it happen that man is sometimes found to be stronger than it? For by obeying the law of God, he will often overcome every root of wickedness. And… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (on point 1) “said, "First, you must allow that there is a foreign root of wickedness which God has not planted. Then I will tell you its fruits." Archelaus said, "The standard of… [continues online] **read ›**

Methodius, *c. 270–311 AD · sources 21–23*

21 *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* (on point 1) the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death," Romans 7:9-10. For after God gave the law, and commanded me what I ought to… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 3** “otherwise we should not be punished for doing evil, nor be rewarded for doing well… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *From the Discourse on the Resurrection* (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** “God did not make evil, nor is He at all in any way the author of evil… [continues online] **read ›**

Arnobius, *c. 290–330 AD · source 24*

24 *Against the Heathen* 2 (1885 English) “what way, on what ground? Because, if all things are brought about by His will, and nothing in the world can either succeed or fail contrary to His pleasure, it… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 25–26*

25 *Divine Institutes* 5 (on point 5) Then man, after receiving the clothing of immortality, will be wise and free from evil, as God is. Therefore, He who wants us to be occupied only with good especially… [continues online] **read ›**

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26 *On the Anger of God* 15 (1885 English; on point 5) “short, that the world itself is made up of two elements opposing and connected with one another, of fire and moisture, and that light could not have been made unless… [continues online] **read ›**

Peter of Alexandria, *c. 300–311 AD · sources 27–29*

27 *Genuine Acts of Peter* (on point 1) “forbid. For it was not the law of God that became the cause… [continues online] **read ›**

28 *Genuine Acts of Peter* (1885 English; on point 4) “otherwise we should not be punished for doing evil, nor be rewarded for doing well… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *Genuine Acts of Peter* (1885 English; on point 1) “God did not make evil, nor is He at all in any way the author of evil… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *85 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

30 **Matthew 7:18** A good tree cannot produce evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree produce good fruit. **read ›**

31 **Matthew 13:49** So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from among the righteous, **read ›**

32 **Matthew 20:15** Or is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is mine? Is your eye evil because I am good?’ **read ›**

33 **Mark 7:21** For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, adulteries, sexual immorality, murders, **read ›**

34 **Mark 12:11** This was from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?” **read ›**

35 **Luke 4:6** The devil said to him, “I will give you all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I want. **read ›**

36 **Luke 8:17** For nothing is hidden that will not be revealed, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light. **read ›**

37 **Luke 11:13** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” **read ›**

38 **Luke 21:22** For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. **read ›**

39 **Luke 23:22** He said to them a third time, “Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in him no cause for death. Therefore I will punish him and release him.” **read ›**

40 **Acts 2:23** this man, handed over by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you took and killed, nailing him to a cross through the hands of lawless men. **read ›**

41 **Acts 3:11** As the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch that is called Solomon’s, greatly wondering. **read ›**

42 **Acts 4:28** to do whatever your hand and your counsel determined beforehand would happen. **read ›**

43 **Acts 5:39** But if it is from God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found fighting against God.” **read ›**

44 **Acts 7:19** He dealt deceitfully with our people and mistreated our fathers, making them abandon their babies so that they would not be kept alive. **read ›**

45 **Acts 10:38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. **read ›**

46 **Acts 11:17** If then God gave them the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to be able to hinder God?” **read ›**

47 **Acts 13:10** and said, “You son of the devil, full of all deceit and all cunning, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? **read ›**

48 **Acts 14:16** who in the generations gone by allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. **read ›**

49 **Acts 14:26** From there they sailed to Antioch, from where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. **read ›**

50 **Acts 14:27** When they arrived and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. **read ›**

51 **Acts 15:18** All his works are known to God from eternity. **read ›**

52 **Acts 26:15** I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ He said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **read ›**

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53 **Acts 26:23** that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to the people and to the Gentiles." **read ›**

54 **Romans 1:18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **read ›**

55 **Romans 2:9** trouble and anguish upon every human soul who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek; **read ›**

56 **Romans 3:6** May it never be! For then how will God judge the world? **read ›**

57 **Romans 3:8** Why not (as we are slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), "Let us do evil, that good may come?" Those who say so are justly condemned. **read ›**

58 **Romans 7:13** Did then that which is good become death to me? May it never be! But sin, that it might be shown to be sin, was producing death in me through that which is good; that through the commandment sin might become exceedingly sinful. **read ›**

59 **Romans 7:21** I find then the law that, while I desire to do good, evil is present. **read ›**

60 **Romans 8:28** We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose. **read ›**

61 **Romans 9:14** What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? May it never be! **read ›**

62 **Romans 9:16** So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who has mercy. **read ›**

63 **Romans 9:17** For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very reason I raised you up, that I may show my power in you, and that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth." **read ›**

64 **Romans 9:18** So then, he has mercy on whom he desires, and he hardens whom he desires. **read ›**

65 **Romans 9:19** You will say then to me, "Why does he still find fault? For who withstands his will?" **read ›**

66 **Romans 9:22** What if God, willing to show his wrath and to make his power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, **read ›**

67 **Romans 11:15** For if the rejection of them is the reconciling of the world, what would their acceptance be, but life from the dead? **read ›**

68 **Romans 12:21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. **read ›**

69 **Romans 13:1** Let every soul be in subjection to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those who exist are ordained by God. **read ›**

70 **Romans 13:2** Therefore he who resists the authority withstands the ordinance of God; and those who withstand will themselves receive judgment. **read ›**

71 **Romans 14:16** Then do not let your good be slandered, **read ›**

72 **Romans 14:20** Do not tear down God's work for the sake of food. All things are indeed clean, but it is evil for the person who eats in a way that involves stumbling. **read ›**

73 **1 Corinthians 2:9** But as it is written: Things which an eye has not seen and an ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, which God has prepared for those who love him. **read ›**

74 **1 Corinthians 14:33** for God is not a God of disorder but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. **read ›**

75 **1 Corinthians 15:33** Do not be deceived! "Evil companionships corrupt good morals." **read ›**

76 **2 Corinthians 11:14** And no wonder, for even Satan masquerades as an angel of light. **read ›**

77 **2 Corinthians 11:15** It is no great thing therefore if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works. **read ›**

78 **2 Corinthians 13:7** Now I pray to God that you do no evil, not so that we may appear approved, but so that you may do what is honorable, though we may seem to fail the test. **read ›**

79 **Galatians 1:4** who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father— **read ›**

80 **Ephesians 1:5** having predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, **read ›**

81 **Ephesians 1:11** in him. In him we were also assigned an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, **read ›**

82 **Ephesians 4:27** and do not give place to the devil. **read ›**

83 **Philippians 2:13** for it is God who works in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. **read ›**

84 **Colossians 3:6** For these things' sake the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience. **read ›**

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85 **1 Thessalonians 5:15** See that no one returns evil for evil to anyone, but always follow after that which is good for one another and for all. **read ›**

86 **1 Thessalonians 5:22** Abstain from every form of evil. **read ›**

87 **2 Thessalonians 1:5** a sign of God's righteous judgment, so that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer, **read ›**

88 **2 Thessalonians 2:7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only the one who now restrains will do so until he is out of the way. **read ›**

89 **2 Thessalonians 2:8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the manifestation of his coming; **read ›**

90 **2 Thessalonians 2:12** that all who did not believe the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness, might be judged. **read ›**

91 **2 Thessalonians 3:3** But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. **read ›**

92 **Hebrews 1:9** You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions." **read ›**

93 **Hebrews 2:4** while God also bore witness with signs and wonders, various miracles, and distributions of the Holy Spirit according to his will. **read ›**

94 **Hebrews 6:3** And let us do this, if God permits. **read ›**

95 **Hebrews 10:31** It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. **read ›**

96 **Hebrews 13:21** make you complete in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. **read ›**

97 **James 1:13** Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. **read ›**

98 **James 1:20** for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. **read ›**

99 **1 Peter 2:15** For this is the will of God, that by well-doing you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. **read ›**

100 **1 Peter 3:11** Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. **read ›**

101 **1 Peter 3:17** For it is better, if it is God's will, that you suffer for doing what is right than for doing evil. **read ›**

102 **1 Peter 4:19** Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God also entrust their souls to him as to a faithful Creator, while doing good. **read ›**

103 **2 Peter 2:4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into Tartarus in chains of darkness and handed them over to be kept for judgment; **read ›**

104 **1 John 3:8** He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. To this end the Son of God was revealed: that he might destroy the works of the devil. **read ›**

105 **2 John 1:11** for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds. **read ›**

106 **3 John 1:11** Beloved, do not imitate evil, but good. He who does good is of God; he who does evil has not seen God. **read ›**

107 **Jude 1:15** to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly among them concerning all the works of their ungodliness in which they have acted ungodly, and concerning all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." **read ›**

108 **Revelation 11:18** The nations were angry, and your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, to give the reward to your slaves the prophets and to the saints and those who fear your name, small and great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth." **read ›**

109 **Revelation 12:12** Therefore rejoice, heavens, and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and to the sea, because the devil has gone down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has but a short time." **read ›**

110 **Revelation 13:13** He performs great signs, even making fire come down out of the sky to the earth in the sight of people. **read ›**

111 **Revelation 16:14** for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole inhabited earth, to gather them together for the war of that great day of God the Almighty. **read ›**

112 **Revelation 17:17** For God has put in their hearts to do what he has in mind, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished. **read ›**

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113 **Revelation 19:2** for his judgments are true and righteous. For he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her prostitution, and he has avenged the blood of his slaves at her hand." **read ›**

114 **Revelation 22:11** He who acts unjustly, let him act unjustly still. He who is filthy, let him be filthy still. He who is righteous, let him do righteousness still. He who is holy, let him be holy still." **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *33 verses, by reference*

Partly machine-linked: related to the passages, not always quoted in them. Each reference links to the verse in our audio Bible.

Exodus 3:14

Proverbs 16:18

Isaiah 50:4

Lamentations 3:34

Matthew 4:9 · 5:5 · 5:21 · 5:27 · 7:16 · 9:16 · 9:17 · 17:27

John 1:1 · 1:8 · 8:44 · 10:8 · 18:36

Romans 7:7 · 7:8 · 7:9 · 7:12 · 7:14 · 7:15 · 7:19 · 13:4 · 13:6

1 Corinthians 12:18

2 Corinthians 10:5

1 Timothy 4:1

James 1:14 · 4:7

1 Peter 5:8

1 John 1:8

Searched: Ante-Nicene Fathers volumes 1–9 and the Bible, including the Septuagint.

ABOUT THIS STUDY

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