

**A. God's Gracious Prevention and Alleviation of Some Suffering for All Human Beings**

1. God's general mercy
2. God's general benevolence

**B. God's Gracious Prevention and Alleviation of Some Suffering for Some Human Beings**

1. God's special mercy
2. God's special love

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