

IN THE BEGINNING



THE GENESIS SERIES

OVERVIEW

Genesis = The Book of Beginnings

NOTE: Look for PATTERNS in everything that you see... God in revealing the story of creation and the history of the Jewish people through Abraham, but He is also revealing HIMSELF... in patterns of behavior and action that He will continue to use and walk in throughout the history of man...

Genesis is the background every Israelite needed in order to understand their national history recorded in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. These five books go together. It can be subdivided many ways...

Section 1: chs. 1–11, how the physical and social worlds came to be

Section 2: chs. 12–36, how God selected Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to initiate His chosen people

Section 3: chs. 37–50, how God purified the sons of Jacob to serve as patriarchs for the tribes of the nation Israel

Ch 1: The Universe

Ch 2: EDEN is a marvelous place, man w/ Potential, Assigned Duty, Integrity (in himself, with God, with the world, with his wife)

Ch 3: EDEN Lost from SIN

Rev 22: Another Garden ... man is brought back to the tree of Life and fellowship in the presence of God forever

Rev 22:1-3 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ²In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him

Genesis Is Primarily: Why the Bible is written??

- it is a story of redemption: a record of the
- It is not given to PROVE GOD or to PROVE CREATION....
- It is given as a record of redemption's processes->

God's dealings in bringing: Man back to God AND Man back to himself.

Chapter 3 we are already at :
 WHY man is here,
 WHY he is in the situation he is in
 WHY the world is the way it is...
 WHY man is messed up by sin..

Man being brought BACK to the GARDEN and the TREE of LIFE..

Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty? Job 11:7

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Genesis Is Not:

- It is not given to PROVE GOD or to PROVE CREATION

The Bible is not given as a scientific proof text ,
but **what the Bible does touch concerning science, IS TRUE or RIGHT.**

The Bible has often contradicted man's ideas:

- a circular earth
- the life is in the blood (spiritual truth AND a physiological truth)

- Not given as a philosophical proof of God>> it is a story of redemption

Man cannot find God by reasoning....

Job 37:23-24 As for the Almighty, we cannot find Him; he is excellent in power, in judgment and abundant justice; he does not oppress. Therefore men fear Him; he shows no partiality to any who are wise of heart."

Job 11:7 Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?

(JOB) almost every question that is askable concerning the nature of God and the manifestation of Himself in His Word and in the person of Jesus Christ has been answered

There are philosophical answers that are adequate enough for the philosophical mind

WHAT THE BIBLE SUGGESTS ABOUT GENESIS (WHO and WHEN)

Genesis presents itself anonymously. No author's name or date of composition is attached. But

Luke 16:29" Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

John 5:45-47 Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is *one* who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. ⁴⁶"For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. ⁴⁷"But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

To whom did Jesus attribute the writing of the first five books of the Old Testament?

Within the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament) are allusions to occasions when Moses wrote all or parts of three of them:

Exodus 17:14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this *for* a memorial in the book and recount *it* in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven."

Exodus 24:4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Exodus 24:7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient."

Num 33:1-2 These *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, who went out of the land of Egypt by their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. Now Moses wrote down the starting points of their journeys at the command of the LORD. And these *are* their journeys according to their starting points:

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Deut 31:9-13 So Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. ¹⁰And Moses commanded them, saying: "At the end of every seven years, at the appointed time in the year of release, at the Feast of Tabernacles, ¹¹when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. ¹²Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this law, ¹³and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess."

In addition, Leviticus identifies itself as a record of the Lord's words to Moses:

Lev 1:1 Now the LORD called to Moses, and spoke to him from the tabernacle of meeting, saying,

Moses is not identified as the writer of Genesis *within* the Pentateuch. However, the only Old Testament account of the regulations and procedures of circumcision occurs in Genesis 17:9-14. In Acts 15:1 this teaching is called "the custom of Moses."

Gen 17:9-14 And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. ¹⁰This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; ¹¹and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. ¹²He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. ¹³He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

Act 15:1 And certain *men* came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

How many years before King Solomon built the temple did Moses lead the Israelites out of Egypt? 480 BC.

If the fourth year of Solomon's reign was about 996 B.C., what was the approximate date of the Exodus? 1476 BC.

If Moses compiled Genesis sometime during the next forty years while the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, what would be the latest it could have been written? 1436 BC.

1 King 6:1 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

Genesis 1:1-2:25

God is presumed to BE... the universal knowledge of God

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Rejection of God... ongoing sinning and disobedience-- *Man is without excuse*

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Matter and space is presumed to have a BEGINNING...

Time is presumed to have a BEGINNING...

2 Tim 1:9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

Titus 1:1-2 Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

What was before "IN THE BEGINNING"?? we don't Know...

What is the significance if the universe if eternal??

- When did the Creation occur? **IN the BEGINNING**
- Who did the creating?
- What did He create?
- What was the condition of the earth that prompted God's creative work?
- What was God's contact with the unstructured earth?

FORM	FILLING
Day 1 _____ (Gen. 1:3–5)	Day 4 _____ (Gen. 1:14–19)
Day 2 _____ (Gen. 1:6–8)	Day 5 _____ (Gen. 1:20–23)
Day 3 _____ (Gen. 1:9–13)	Day 6 _____ (Gen. 1:24–31)

CREATION—*God's action in creating the natural universe out of nothing.*

*“By faith we understand that the world was **framed**=katartizo by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible” (Heb. 11:3).*

God made everything that there is without the use of pre-existing material...

Genesis 1:1-2:25

BARAH... to create from nothing, from materials that did not previously exist

⇒ **God is the only subject of this verb**

⇒ Heb 11:1-> FRAMED, joining one thing to another (as chemical, atomic structures are linked together)

⇒ FRAMED = katartizo: fit, put in order, arrange....fit perfectly together.... As the strands and arrangements of molecules on an atomic level...

⇒ It can only be understood by FAITH

- Gen 1:21 So God **created** great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. (NKJ)
- Gen 1:27 So God **created** man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female He created them.**
- Gen 5:1 This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God **created** man, He made him in the likeness of God.
- Gen 5:2 He **created** them male and female, and blessed them and called them **Mankind** in the day they were created.
- Gen 6:7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have **created** from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

ASSAH (form, make, take something that is, and fashion it into something or shape)

- Gen 1:7 Thus God **made** the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.
- Gen 1:16 Then God **made** two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.
- Gen 1:25 And God **made** the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
- Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us **make** man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- Gen 1:31 Then God saw everything that He had **made**, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.
- Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He **had done**, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

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- Gen 2:3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had **created** and **made**.
- Gen 2:4 This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were **created**, in the day that the LORD God **made** the earth and the heavens,

God Created (v1)....

- God is the Creator—the only being capable of making something from nothing.
 - Yet, on a lesser level, man also has been given the capacity to be creative and procreative.
 - While God is the universe's ruler, man has been told to "have dominion" over the realm of his responsibility. God is holy, a moral and ethical God who is completely righteous.
 - So, man is also called and held accountable to be morally and ethically responsible and righteous before God.
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- Many of the pagan nations of the ancient world had their own creation stories. But in these stories, their gods evolved out of natural processes connected with the world itself.
 - They believed the material universe was eternal, and it brought their gods into being.

Genesis 1:1-2:25

- But Genesis declares that **God existed before creation** and is in **full control of the physical universe**. He called the world into being by His word. His power is absolute.
- He does not have to conform to nature and cannot be threatened by it. **God is sovereign** and does not have to share His power with other supernatural beings.

God Said:

Gen 1:3	Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
Gen 1:6	Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."
Gen 1:9	Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.
Gen 1:11	Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.
Gen 1:14	Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;
Gen 1:20	Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."
Gen 1:24	Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so.
Gen 1:26	Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
Gen 1:28	Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." \
Gen 1:29	And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

- Since God created the universe out of nothing, it is His and will always serve His purpose.
- As He shaped creation without the assistance of anyone, He will bring creation to its desired end. No power can frustrate God in His purpose to complete the process started in creation and revealed in Scripture.

Our hope rests in the sovereign power of Him who created the world and who recreates us through the saving power of His Son, Jesus Christ.

- (Col. 1:15) *ktisis* (*ktis-is*); *Strong's #2937*: A founding, establishing, settling, formation. The word is used to denote both the act of creating and the product of the creative act. Salvation gives a person the status of being a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15).

The motives of eternity are seen only by faith.

The Trinity: Creation was an act of all three....

In the beginning GOD.. ELOHIM...plural of the word God... gods... but used in a singular setting

God, they, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...

Let us make... v26

Who could the "us" be referring to?
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3 Cases in HEBREW

Singular One

Dual Two

Plural more than 2..Elohim is PLURAL

Genesis 1:1-2:25

- Col 1 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.
- Heb 1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ²has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high
- John 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

4 THEORIES OF THE CREATION ACCOUNT

Literal 7-Day (CREATIONIST)

- ⇒ Young Earth.... (8000-10000 years old)
- ⇒ v 1+2 are merged with v 3+4

Day-Age

- ⇒ each day is an era of time, not evolution though...
- Key Verse: 2 Pet 3:8** But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Special Creation

- ⇒ least tenable... just awareness, you might encounter it... a kind of view of evolution (they must of necessity believe in evolution (Catholics: man is a SPECIAL creation, distinct and special creation)
- ⇒ It requires as much faith to believe in EVOLUTION as it does to believe that God created things, by design, as we see it.
- ⇒ Evolution: man's order of thinking
- ⇒ Mixing the two can lead to problems... philosophy

Gap Theory

- ⇒ v 1+2 and v 3+4 has a span of time
- ⇒ We don't know the length of TIME... hinted at WHAT happened in other parts scripture

Key Verse: Isa 45:18 For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens, who is God, who formed the earth and made it, who has established it, who did not **create it in vain**, who **formed it to be inhabited**: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⇒ **create = bara'**

- ◆ in vain = without form = tohuw (confusion, empty place, without form, nothing, (thing of) nought, vain, vanity, waste, wilderness)
- ◆ God did not create the world in VAIN (void or confusion), or in empty CHAOS
- ◆ Gen 1:2-> the earth was in CHAOS

- ⇒ Most EVANGELICALS believers (conservative), majority hold that Satan fell from heaven (Lucifer) IS 14:12-20 EZEK 28:11-19
 - ◆ Note: any act of rebellion against God is futile
 - ◆ Cast down to the Ground... to the earth
 - ◆ Jesus was there... before Abraham was I AM... He who was and is and is to come

Genesis 1:1-2:25

Pre-Adamite Creation

- Isa 14:11-18 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you.' How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?' 'All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house;
- Ezek 28:11-19 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you. You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.
- Luke 10:18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

What was the only day that God did not say, "It is good"??? _____

Eph 2:2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

- ⇒ Pre-Adamic Creation... what happened and took place???
- ⇒ We don't KNOW....
- ⇒ The evidence of SCRIPTURE is NOT against the fact that there were other peoples, races, or beings before the Adamic race.
- ⇒ It COULD have been the scene of earlier activity BEFORE Adam...
- ⇒ The Bible does not address IT... so why bother... don't worry about it.
- ⇒ The history before the race of Adam and the events of the future are not even in terms of prophecy, pinpointable....nothing ACCURATE on either end of the spectrum of history or human experience, it is mind-boggling.
- ⇒ A Distinct limitation in man to figure the infinite past and determine the near future

The Word of God:

- ⇒ where we are NOW...
- ⇒ this race, ADAM's line: it's beginning and fall
- ⇒ God's desire to bring man out of his muck of sin and despair and failure
- ⇒ How to LIVE NOW, how to respond to God NOW

Genesis 1:1-2:25

WHAT SHOULD BE BELIEVED?

What must be BELIEVED??? What is the REAL purpose that God gave in GENESIS?? He didn't have to even divulge any information to begin with. What the Bible really wants us to draw is an idea of His MIGHT and benevolent GOODNESS toward us:

- ⇒ God, the eternal Father of all, one without beginning, OMNI-potent, scient, and present, WHOLLY (entire in HIS PERSONALITY), HOLY (far above all His creation), IMMUTABLE (unchanging in His being)
- ⇒ That God, God Almighty, created all things according to His will without the use of pre-existing material, and to accomplish His eternal and benevolent purposes.
- ⇒ Out of an understanding of that, That being, and that willed purpose, there is intended to come from that revelation WORSHIP, drawing from man worship to the creator of all (Revelation... Gen 1 instructs us in this type of worship)....
- ⇒ By FAITH we understand
- ⇒ From FROM HIM, and TO HIM, and THROUGH HIM are ALL THINGS
- ⇒ He created everything, all things **GOOD**... He created man with a distinct DESTINY
- ⇒ Disobedience and SIN ruin the DESTINY God has for man.. a great blessing seeing the marvel of creative power... His creative work

WHEN DOES INTERPRETIVE PRIVILEGE END? It ends when....

- ⇒ Whenever God is not credited with creation
- ⇒ Whenever man is made less than God-related and God-orientated in his design and destiny (any system that makes man just a superior animal, or only a composite sort of chemical physical substance being...just reacting to stimuli) if man is made less than being made in the image of God with high destiny and eternal purpose
- ⇒ Whenever the word as it is recorded is considered less than revelation (Moses idea, not divine revelation)
- ⇒ Whenever there is an insistence that human reason should be regarded before divine revelation

THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT OF CREATION:

- ⇒ It is adequately miraculous to summon faith (it does not give man some cold rationalistic answer that will pacify him in his intent in having everything so cerebral that he can boast in the pride of his own mind.)
- ⇒ It is adequately reasonable to summon credibility (it is not some wild exaggerated account as do other accounts)
- ⇒ It is adequately flexible to allow for interpretation (we don't ALL have to agree, among sincere believers)
- ⇒

What about other accounts of creation?? Gilgimish Epic.. ancient world records.. But these other accounts all have common traits:

- ⇒ They do prove this much: there is a common origin of any explanation of creation: How all things come about
- ⇒ They evidence a degree of exaggeration that discourages belief and credibility
- ⇒ Conflict between gods... murderous intent
- ⇒ They suggest an effort by the adversary to ignite doubt and introduce confusion against the basic Biblical record: Confusion... how can you tell the difference, a smoke screen

Genesis 1:1-2:25

PATTERNS IN GENESIS:

Is there significance in God bringing light out of darkness?? Darkness = Ignorance... Light = Illumination

1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2 Cor 4:3-6 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

is there significance in God creating "chaos" and then bringing "order" out of it?

A "re-creation" = A "new creation"

What state did God create the world, or rather what condition was it in originally?

The Goodness of God...

Is there significance in God "breathing" into Adam and Eve??

He put "himself" into man, his very stamp and nature...

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

7 DAYS OF CREATION:

⇒ DAY 1

Let there be Light... Day and Night (an evening and a morning)

God puts the night FIRST, man works just the opposite (work, work, work, collapse)

Enter into HIS rest FIRST, Then productivity and creativity come AFTER

Spiritually: we must begin with God in REST, resting in CHRIST having established our relationship, Jesus has done it all, by the BLOOD: my works cannot increase or decrease one thing in regards to our potential in the eyes of God... We come on the basis of HIS WORK... understanding that, entering into that rest, out of that comes the flow of a life of worth and fulfillment in the LORD

God is telling us HOW His system works... God's ways vs man's ways:

God says night, then day... not day, then night (we have it backwards)

⇒ DAY 2

Let there be a firmament... Heaven (the sky)

2 Pet 3:5-6>> the unbelievingness of man, and his arrogance in saying that nothing has changed and there is no reason to believe in God

- ◆ "The Marvel of the Earth's Canopies"
- ◆ Waters above and below the heavens....
- ◆ Heaven meaning the 1st heaven... our atmosphere.

The water-covered Earth was apparently surrounded by vapor. God used **the firmament**, the space between the surface and the clouds, to separate the two "waters," creating a massive vapor canopy high above the Earth (Hebrew *mabbul*). These **waters which were above** provided a protective greenhouse effect over the world of that period.

Genesis 1:1-2:25

The world that then WAS, being overflowed with WATER, perished....

A great breaking up of the fountains of the DEEP: more than rain, it was cataclysm..

The waters ABOVE the firmament = Ice-like canopy around the globe connected at the poles....

- ◆ No rain
- ◆ Longevity of LIFE

⇒ **DAY 3**

Dry land EARTH, water is SEA...

v8: One land mass... one water body>> earth and sea... gathered in ONE PLACE, dry land appeared... where?? One place...

Don't know about mountains or not in early creation... in ONE PLACE

⇒ continents today are moving apart....

There must have been a whole other order of climactic condition in the earth

The heavens or SKY, that there were waters above and below....

Possibly and ICE encircling case around the ice...

(A MIST went up from the earth to water the earth... NO RAIN)

The waters, as it was created in the beginning, was gathered IN ONE PLACE...

And the dry LAND appeared... IT IS IN ONE PLACE as well

That is NOT how it is NOW....

- ◆ There is evidence that (1958 geophysical year) the continents are in a constant state of gradual movement away from of what was apparently at one time in our ancient past of our planet, a single earth mass
- ◆ The Bible refers to that...at the time of the FLOOD, there was a reconfiguring of the continents and land masses (no evidence of mountains the height of today's before the flood... not told, not mentioned)

Let the Earth Bring forth **SEED (grass, herbs, and trees)**

AND IT DID... the earth responded when He SPOKE

What is the significance of God speaking and "it did" happening??

2 Pet 1:4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

God has spoken certain things that guarantee the **OUTWORKING** of every detail of our life so that we need not be dragged under and sucked under by the flow of the corruption in this world that has been so tainted and tarnished apart from what it was originally created to be: GOOD...

he saw it was GOOD

God spoke...and it was GOOD....
He speaks certain things through His Son Jesus concerning us,
and He says that He will make you and I GOOD....

Genesis 1:1-2:25

⇒ DAY 4

Lights in the heaven: (Sun, Moon, Stars)

Signs: not astrology, not directing the life: it is a sign to MAN,

- ◆ God's picture of redemption set in the ZODIAC
- ◆ Seasons
- ◆ Calendar Guides

v16: He made the stars.... **ALSO** (it is an incidental injection)

- ◆ The way that He made the stars, it seems as though that He did not create them at the same time as the sun and moon
- ◆ Taking what was then without form and void, and reshaping and reforming it.

Made = ASSAH, Not BARAH,

Reconstructing process for the SUN and MOON

Still the creative workmanship of God

i.e. stars were unaffected by the FALL

⇒ DAY 5

Birds, fish

Moves = GLUIDE (air or water)

⇒ DAY 6

Land animals and man

HIS KIND: cattle, creeping thing (spiders, reptiles, amphibians), beasts of the earth

God Created Man (Male/Female) in His Own Image,

- ◆ The image of God is presented first and foremost in relation to a unique social or community concept of God. "Then God (singular) said, "Let Us (plural) make man in Our (plural) image.'" Many scholars interpret this use of both the singular and the plural as an allusion to the Trinity: one God, yet a community of Persons.
- ◆ God then proceeds to create man in His own image. At this all-important beginning point, Scripture highlights a particular aspect of man's nature, namely, that which corresponds to the social or community aspect of God's nature: God creates man as male and female—not a solitary individual, but two people. Yet, as we read on, we discover that the two are, nevertheless, "one" (see 2:24).
- ◆ The "community" that reflects God's image is a special community: the community of a man and a woman. When God chose to create man in His own image, He created a marriage, a family. The community of the family is a reflection of the community in the Godhead. Its identity, life, and power come from God.

Man's Intrinsic Value

- ◆ Man is distinct from the rest of creation. The Divine Triune Counsel determined that man was to have God's image and likeness. Man is a spiritual being who is not only body, but also soul and spirit. He is a moral being whose intelligence, perception, and self-determination far exceed that of any other earthly being.
- ◆ Let Us: God was speaking, not only to what the NT reveals to be the rest of the Trinity, but to the entire host of heaven, the angels, as well. **Our image** likely refers to such qualities as reason, personality, and intellect, and to the capacity to relate, to hear, to see, and to speak. All of these are characteristics of God, which He chose to reproduce in mankind.
- ◆ These properties or traits possessed by mankind and his prominence in the order of creation imply the intrinsic worth, not only of the family of mankind, but also of each human individual.
- ◆ Capacity and ability constitute accountability and responsibility. We should never be pleased to dwell on a level of existence lower than that on which God has made it possible for us to dwell. We should strive to be the best we can be and to reach the highest levels we can reach. To do less is to be unfaithful stewards of the life entrusted to us. See Ps. 8:4, 5; 139:13, 14.

Genesis 1:1-2:25

4 POINTS ON THE CREATION OF MAN

⇒ DESTINY: TO BE LIKE GOD

- ◆ Man was made in the image of God, destined to be LIKE God, not LIKE an animals
- ◆ Psalms: ye are Gods.. HIGH PURPOSE> Fully Like God
- ◆ At his highest point of destiny, sometimes redemption only means going to heaven

What does it mean to be in His Likeness and in His image?

Distinctions: in HIS likeness, but NOT HIS EQUAL

God is INFINITE and UNDEFINABLE

HE is not STATIC... we are changed into HIS same IMAGE from GLORY to GLORY

- ◆ The image was broken... we are being returned to the image, step by step, greater and greater

Whose image was the First Adam begotten in ??

Whose image was Seth begotten in (Gen 5:1-3) ??

Whose image are we begotten in through Jesus Christ, the Second Adam (1 Cor 15:45-49) ??

Purity or life is not a quest for perfection as much as it is a quest for liberation from those things that may inhibit effectiveness and reduce power-filled living. The Word of God is a means of reflection—a mirror into which we are to look and see ourselves. The call is not only to heed what we see and accept the Bible's corrective instruction, but there is an unwritten lesson here. We should avoid the temptation to see (and judge) others in the Word, analyzing what they ought to do, instead of what we need to do.

2 Cor 3:18 also likens God's Word to a mirror, but describes the picture seen as no less than the Lord Jesus Himself. Thus, the Bible shows us Christ's likeness in order that we may measure our conduct and character against His and allow God to shape us into Christ's image.

Today, ask the Lord to use His Word in your life so that you will "be conformed to the image of His Son"

PATTERNS OF THE NEW CREATION

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Reconformed to the image of God, HEAVEN, BACK TO EDEN

- ◆ IN the face of Jesus, we see the GLORY of God,
- ◆ BY the ministry of the Spirit we are transformed BACK into that LIKENESS
- ◆ The Spirit is "hovering" over us once again in bringing new birth about

1 Cor 3:17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. ¹⁸But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into ***the same image from glory to glory***, just as by the Spirit of the Lord

Rom 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also **predestined** to be conformed to the ***image*** of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 15:45-49 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

Genesis 1:1-2:25

⇒ **DOMINION: MAN'S DOMINION WAS DECLARED**

- ◆ The earth was given to him to rule and reign

For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

Ps 8:5-6

- ◆ What was his dominion OVER?
fish, fowl, cattle, and ALL the earth

- ◆ He was to be KING of the earth

God's rulership over this entire planet was to be executed and exercised, carried out THROUGH MAN
He as the CREATOR said that, UNDER his HEADSHIP, man was to be the ruler of this section of His creation

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S; but the earth He has given to the children of men. Ps 115:16

- ◆ Man would be sovereign in reference to earth... it would through his **AUTHORITY** that the earth would be replenished and subdued, for all things to be **multiplied** and **developed** and **brought back into the final state of restoration** (that God would have willed in the whole recovery process that is launched since the first day of the reconstruction)

Under man's rulership, there would be a perfection of those things which had been launched by God's creative workings, through his dominion,...

Man lost that in the FALL

- ◆ Jesus and the KINGDOM: the restoration of God's rulership within MAN

PATTERNS OF THE NEW CREATION

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Ps 19:13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.

Ps 119:133 Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Ps 145:13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Man's ability to sustain his role as delegated ruler of Earth will rest in his continued obedience to God's rule as King of all. His power to reign in life will extend only as far as his faithfulness to obey God's law.

⇒ **DUTY: MAN'S DUTY IS DETERMINED**

- ◆ He was to be a caretaker, He was given a JOB in reference to the planet
Be fruitful and multiply: a plan for fruitful, capacity for creative development
Not a paradise of laying around doing nothing—

For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

II Th 3:10

- ◆ We cannot fathom the earth at this time: things were done BY FIAT

Chronicles of Narnia: an imaginative description of how creation came about

- ◆ The naming of the animals: man is beginning to exercise his responsibility that God has already spoken to Him

PATTERNS OF THE NEW CREATION

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Titus 2:14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

Luke 8:15 But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Love God, Love your neighbor: WORKS

Genesis 1:1-2:25

⇒ DIET: **MAN'S DIET IS DICTATED**

- ◆ He needed help from the beginning
 - Vegetarian diet: an eater of the FRUIT of the tree
 - Grasses, herbs, and trees (1:12)
 - 2:9 every tree that grows, PLEASANT to the sight (soul) and GOOD for food (body)
- ◆ Look at the curse: diet changes from the FRUIT of the tree to the FRUIT of the ground: STARCHES, GRAINS are the primary staple NOW... not fruit, which is generally a luxury

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Gal 5:22-23

- ◆ The Holy Spirit's ministry IN US is likened to FRUIT...
 - You look up to pick and eat FRUIT, you look down to partake of it and eat ROOTS and CROPS
 - There is a BEFORE and AFTER dynamic of the FLOOD
- ◆ Man was VEGETARIAN BEFORE the Flood: the Bible does not stipulate that we are not to command to abstain from meat: AFTER the FLOOD, the beast of the field became meat
 - More than vegetarian, a FRUIT EATER

PATTERNS OF THE NEW CREATION

- Matt 5:6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
- 1 Pet 2:2** as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,
- Heb 5:13-14** For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
- John 6:35** And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

Pure milk and meat of the word, the Spirit of God (water): **eaters of fruit**, once again

Before the Fall

- ◆ The original order of man's environment on Earth must be distinguished from what it became following the impact of man's fall, the curse, and the eventual deluge (Is. 45:18; Rom. 8:20; 2 Pet. 3:4-7).
- ◆ The agricultural, zoological, geological, and meteorological disharmony to which creation became subject must not be attributed to God. The perfect will of God, as founding King of creation, is not manifest in the presence of death, disease, discord, and disaster any more than it is manifest in human sin.
- ◆ Our present world does not reflect the kingdom order He originally intended for man's enjoyment on Earth, nor does it reflect God's kingdom as it shall ultimately be experienced on this planet. Understanding this, we should be cautious not to attribute to "God's will" or to "acts of God" those characteristics of our world that resulted from the ruin of God's original order by reason of man's fall.

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The Edenic Covenant (5 Basic Creation Ordinances):

Basic laws of man's creation, ordinances that govern man as a being

⇒ **He is to have PURPOSE**

That original purpose is to RULE

Told things about man in Chapter 1: he was to have RULERSHIP (have DOMINION)

Westminster Catechism: The chief purpose of man is to??? Glorify God and enjoy Him forever...

⇒ **He is to have DEVELOPMENT, CREATIVITY, and FRUITFULNESS**

ROOM for DEVELOPMENT within the CONTEXT the basic area of his rulership or oversight

Capacity for CREATIVITY, FRUITFULNESS

⇒ **He is to have BALANCE (not bogged down)**

The 7th DAY: God RESTED

The intent was not lay down and flake out:

God did not need to rest because he was tired

The intent was to cease doing what he was doing

Rest is not always to go to sleep: not the same as sleep>>

it is a change of pace to doing something different

The SABBATH was not originally designated as a day of worship: man was to worship God continually

rest=sabbath:

God entered into it, not turning to worship (who would God worship?)

He turns to do something ELSE

The intent is for us to never be bogged down in the same rut> for us to not become DULL, DOLDRUM people through a change of pace... any one thing, even creative things... make us available to other things

We do not worship on the SABBATH, but EVERY day is the DAY of WORSHIP

Some keep the Sabbath in a legalistic sense

The SABBATH is whenever God changes what He was doing, HE DOES A NEW THING

Ever since Jesus finished His work on Calvary, rose from dead, and ascended into Heaven, the BIBLE says He is SEATED there.

He is TURNED from His redemptive into ESTABLISHING the NEW CREATION, His NEW work

We are living in God's SABBATH where:

- ◆ NOW, God says to His people, turn from your WORK and LABOR under sin into the NEW thing that I would open up to you
- ◆ Turn from being bogged down all ye that LABOR and are HEAVY LADEN, come and I will give you rest... we enter into REST with Jesus Christ
- ◆ We turn from the doldrum, bogged down way of life under sin (mundane existence) into the newness of LIFE that the Lord Jesus offers us

**The PURPOSE of the SABBATH was to establish BALANCE in man's life
so that he never just becomes one thing**

- ◆ Originally, God DIVIDED between: balance... this amount of that, this amount of that
- ◆ Make things fit into their proper categories

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⇒ **Man was to be established by ORDER**

God establishes that man's relationship with Him was contingent upon his submission and obedience to God

ORDER: the system and structure of things: as God has ordained them

- ◆ the chain of command: God is God over all things
- ◆ As an indication of who ultimately is in CHARGE (even though I made YOU in charge of this planet)
- ◆ The INDICATOR of your acknowledgment of WHERE your SOURCE of AUTHORITY is, is that you will obey MY COMMAND

God gave directives with what you ARE to DO

Now, He gives one directive with what you ARE NOT to DO

Was man sinless before the FALL??

- ◆ Before the FALL, there was not really SINLESSNESS in MAN... it is not correct to say that before the fall of man, that man was sinless
- ◆ He was in a certain sense (he had not sinned after all)... but what he really was, was INNOCENT, because there had been no TEST
- ◆ There was no TEST up to that point, **there is no test of SINLESSNESS without the opportunity for sin to come**
- ◆ The miracle of Jesus' SINLESSNESS:
- ◆ Hebrews 2> He WAS tempted in all ways like us, YET WITHOUT SIN
- ◆ A Description of the GARDEN

2 PRINCIPLE trees in the CENTER of the GARDEN:

Right in the CENTER of our lives, there are two trees that call to us in every AREA:

*my way or God's way
my wisdom or God's wisdom
my thoughts or His thoughts
my order or His order*

- ◆ Knowledge of GOOD and EVIL vs LIFE

Man is told that his life, his sustenance, his vary existence in the order of things that God has ordained for him to be, is contingent upon his submission to God's ordained LAW in regard to HIM

Ch 3 tells us what happens when man did not do this....man fell into the trap of the serpent

SIN entered the race, impact felt to this hour, even now there is SIN in the FLESH

- ◆ **It gives a handle for manipulative operation of the enemy: the foothold that we give by our actions, words, and thoughts**
- ◆ **Man did not regard the creation order of things....He did not regard the ordinance that says "YOU REGARD MY ORDER of THINGS"....**
- ◆ **The whole principle truth of obedience to the LORD, submission to the leading of the Spirit, the truth as it is in Jesus, submitting to the law of the Gospel as it is in Christ, the perfect law of LOVE, being actuated in us by the ministry of the Holy Spirit**

What this means is that we are COMING BACK into God's ORDER of things...

God has an order of things for everything in life

Genesis 1:1-2:25

7 BASIC categories of SUBMISSION or ORDER or OBEDIENCE

1. Him
2. His Word/ His Son Jesus
3. Parents
4. Spouse
5. Children
6. Employer
7. Powers of Government

**The only way on earth to be happy, is to regard God's order of things,
His structure, in EACH life relationship**

Any one of those levels of relationship will determine whether you will be happy: whether you will take God's order of things

⇒ **Man was to have COMPANIONSHIP**

Basic husband/wife relationship: "it is not good for man to be alone"

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed (**YATSAR= framed, fashioned**) man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Gen 2:21-22 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

1129 banah (baw-naw') KJV-- (begin to) **build** (-er), obtain children, **make**, repair, set (up), X surely.

Eve: *neither BARAH or ASSAH, but BUILT: neither CREATED nor FORMED*

- ◆ She was taken from man's SIDE...
- ◆ God in forming the ultimate marriage, marriage of Jesus with the woman taken from the earth, and formed/fashioned around what was taken from His side: blood and water came from His side>> that made redemption for the world.
- ◆ The Bride of Christ was fashioned in the same way, Jesus as the Second Adam.

Eph 5:31-32 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

1 Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

In ADAM all die, In Christ all shall be made alive

- ◆ The first Adam failed because he submitted to His wife, the second Adam succeeded because He wins a wife to a Him that will submit to Him: she is born and brought together out of what it cost Him, out of His side;
- ◆ She is fashioned and built up in the Lord, to be His habitation, for Him

A beautiful picture in the first Adam, being realized in the second Adam, the redemption of the Church

- ◆ He is the **SECOND** man of all **HISTORY**, Adam was the **FEDERAL HEAD** of the **UNIVERSE** and in his **FALL**, transmitted death: in Adam **ALL** die: sin and death are transmitted to his seed
- ◆ Now newness of **LIFE** is transmitted from generation to generation (eternally) through Jesus

In Ch3, God's redemptive process, the key to it, is already in view, not even as you get out of the Garden of Eden and after the **FALL**

Genesis 1:1-2:25

Genesis = The Book of Beginnings

Beginning of CREATION	Picture of the NEW-CREATION in Christ
Beginning of MAN	Picture of the NEW MAN in Christ
Beginning of SIN	Picture of SALVATION

First Two Chapters, God's creation ordinance

- ◆ People of praise and worship unto Him
- ◆ Establishing a life of fulfillment: companionship, fellowship and communication

NO MAN can live ALONE... no man is an island

- ◆ MAN/WOMAN relationship to come about (1 Cor 7)... some people are called to single life style.. but in no way because of perversion, bitterness, or hatred

Does aloneness concern necessarily biological sexual desire??

- ◆ It is not even in reference to sexual desire found in biological makeup

PEOPLE need PEOPLE

- ◆ 2 PEOPLE are found: in the beginning, alone
- ◆ 2 CONCLUSIONS that are left:

Did leaving father and mother concern respect, affection, or honor??

- ◆ it was the total entry into the establishment of a completely new unit

Does nakedness just concern nudity??

Naked and not ashamed: not just nude...

- ◆ they were clothed with the GLORY of the LORD...
- ◆ the nakedness without shame, was because they were walking in the light:

I Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we learn to walk in the light as He is in the light...

- ◆ we have fellowship...
- ◆ it brings an openness to one another:
- ◆ TRANSPARENCY, OPENNESS.. cleansed from ALL sin, no need to be ASHAMED, NAKEDNESS of person...

What mankind new in the beginning in a walk of holiness: this is beauty

⇒ Genesis 2 contains what some scholars call a second creation account. But others point out that it focuses on specific events relating to creation as they unfolded in the Garden of Eden. It thus sets the stage for what follows in the accounts of human temptation and sin. A major emphasis of chapter 2 is the creation of woman as a companion for man. Man's incompleteness apart from woman is shown in his loneliness and frustration. None of the animals could meet Adam's need. Then the Lord created woman from Adam's rib.

⇒ Bible students have long seen symbolic truth in this rib imagery. Woman was taken from under man's arm to symbolize his protection of her. She was taken from near his heart that he might love and cherish her. She was not made from a head bone to rule over man, nor from his foot to be trampled on and degraded. Like the man, she reflects God's image. Together they formed the blessed pair needed to replenish and subdue the earth.

Genesis 1:1-2:25

The Recreative Days of Genesis 1

Gen 1:2>> The earth was without FORM (unformed) and VOID (empty,unfilled)

FORM	FILLING
Day 1 : Light, Day and Night (Gen. 1:3–5)	Day 4 : Sun, Moon, Stars (Gen. 1:14–19)
Day 2 : Firmament, Atmosphere Sea and Sky (Gen. 1:6–8)	Day 5 : Fish and Birds (Gen. 1:20–23)
Day 3 : Land and Sky Grass, Herbs, and Fruit (Gen. 1:9–13)	Day 6 : Land Animals, Man (Gen. 1:24–31)

Gen 1:26>> And God saw EVERYTHING that He had made... and indeed it was **VERY GOOD**

The Pattern of Creation

DARKNESS	LIGHT
CHAOS	ORDER
UNFORMED	FORMED
UNFILLED	FILLED
DISORDER	HARMONY
BAD	GOOD

Genesis 1:27–30> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female He created them.** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; **fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.**" And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you **it shall be for food.** Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.

What can you observe about man and woman in each of the following areas?

- ⇒ Their relationship to the image of God
- ⇒ Their relationship to the earth
- ⇒ Their relationship to other living creatures
- ⇒ Their relationship to plant life

What divine name appears consistently in Genesis 1:1–2:3?

Elohim means "might" or "power"; the form is plural to express majesty or "all-mightiness," and it is a generic, rather than a specific personal, name for Deity

Genesis 1:1–2:3 stresses God's sovereign relationship to the universe, time, space, and matter.

What divine name appears consistently in Genesis 2:4–3:24?

This compound name adds **God's relational name** to His name of power.

Genesis 2:4–3:24 stresses God's intimate relationship with His human creatures.

Genesis 1:1-2:25

Gen 2:5-6 when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up-- for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground--

⇒ Describes the unpopulated earth, void of *cultivated* plant life, that existed on day six of Creation week before God made humans.

Gen. 1:2	Gen. 2:5, 6
Earth before God worked as Creator	Earth before people worked on it as cultivators to populate and subdue it
The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.	NO plant life or herb in the earth had sprung up
And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.	There was no rain upon the earth, and no man to till the ground
	A mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground

Gen 2:7 then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

- ⇒ **Where did the material part of man originate?**
- ⇒ **Where did the nonmaterial part of man originate?**
- ⇒ **Man is neither mineral or divine. What is he?**

Gen 2:8-14 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which flows around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

Describe the home God made for the first man in each of the following aspects:

- ⇒ **Its location**
- ⇒ **Its nature**
- ⇒ **Its ordinary occupants**
- ⇒ **Its special occupants**
- ⇒ **Its fertility**
- ⇒ **Its wealth**

Gen 2:15-17 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

What was the Lord God's plans for man in the garden of Eden:

- ⇒ **What were the man's tasks in the garden?**
- ⇒ **What might those roles have involved in a perfect environment?**
- ⇒ **Whom might the man have needed to guard against? (see also Gen. 3:1)**
- ⇒ **What was the positive command of the Lord God to the man about the garden?**
- ⇒ **What was the Lord God's prohibition to the man about the garden?**
- ⇒ **What were the promised consequences of disobeying this prohibition?**

Genesis 1:1-2:25

HUMANKIND'S SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

The last part of Genesis 2 provides insight into the first man and the first woman. These sinless parents of the human race, handmade by God to bear His image, emerge as people with needs every reader can relate to.

- ⇒ **As Adam went about his routines in the garden of Eden, what observation did the Lord God make about him?**
- ⇒ **What is the difference between being alone and being lonely?**
- ⇒ **In what sense was Adam alone when the Lord God was with him?**
- ⇒ **What was the Lord God's proposed solution to the alone-ness of Adam?**

WORD WEALTH

The Hebrew term translated "**comparable** to" does not mean "**identical to**" or even "**similar to.**" It means "corresponding to." If you tear a one hundred dollar bill in half, the two pieces are not identical, but they belong together. The features on each halves are quite different but clearly related to a larger design than either depicts alone.

Along the edges that mark the torn sides, the two halves are most different and most corresponding because each of those edges complements every in and out of the other. In marriage male and female personalities, as well as bodies, are to correspond and complete one another in the same way. Franklin's image is on the one hundred dollar bill. God's is on the man and woman.

- ⇒ **How did the Lord God reveal to Adam that in all of creation there was no "helper comparable to him"?** (Gen. 2:19, 20)
- ⇒ **What does Adam's ability to name all of the animals reveal about him?**

WORD WEALTH

The Hebrew term *Õezer*, translated "**helper**" in Genesis 2:18 and 20, is not a synonym for servant or lowly assistant. With one exception, all of the

occurrences of *Õezer* refer to help from God. **Subservience is not in the word.** The Lord God created woman to be an agent of divine aid to complete mankind and remove Adam's aloneness.

- ⇒ **How does the manner in which the Lord God created woman illustrate His plan to make a helper corresponding to Adam?** (Gen. 2:21, 22)
- ⇒ **Although Adam provided the materials from which the woman was made, he was completely passive during her creation. Why do you think God wanted it that way?**
- ⇒ **How does Adam's response to seeing the newly created woman (Gen. 2:23) compare to his response to all of the other creatures of the Lord God?** (vv. 19, 20)

Similarities	Differences

In Genesis 2:24, what implications for marriage are contained in each of these clauses?

- ⇒ **"A man shall leave his father and mother"**
- ⇒ **"A man shall ... be joined to his wife"**
- ⇒ **"They shall become one flesh"**

Genesis 1:1-2:25

BIBLE EXTRA

Jesus based His main teaching about marriage on Genesis 2:24. See Matthew 19:4–6 and the parallel passage in Mark 10:5–9. The apostle Paul

reasoned that this text teaches all husbands how to love their wives (Eph. 5:28–31) and all people to avoid sexual immorality (1 Cor. 6:15–18).

To be naked before another is to be unprotected and vulnerable, exposed in every way.

⇒ **How is the statement “They were both naked ... and were not ashamed” (Gen. 2:25) a vivid way of saying Adam and Eve were sinless people?**

FAITH ALIVE

- ⇒ **What social needs can a pet provide for a person?**
- ⇒ **What social needs can a friend provide for a person that a pet cannot?**
- ⇒ **What social needs can a marriage partner provide for a person that a friend cannot?**

How does the Creation account teach men and women to honor the other sex rather than their own?

Gen 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "*Be fruitful and multiply; fill* the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Gen 9:1 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "*Be fruitful and multiply, and fill* the earth.

FILL=REPLENISH

Genesis 3:1-24

Can we look at the world today and see what God really intended for man???

What is the patterns of God creative work??

Good -> Bad -> Good
 Harmony -> Disharmony -> Harmony
 Order -> Chaos -> Order

God creates in us today by RESTORATION... bringing us BACK to what He originally intended.

Review

◆ *The Bible*

It is not philosophical or scientific: It is the Book dealing with God's redemptive process in history.

◆ *Genesis 1*

Where everything came from, God ordered everything perfectly for man to have a place of domain and continual blessing on earth; the universe is "centered" around man

◆ *Genesis 2*

Details Chapter 1, in outline form, it details particularly with regard to man's life and order of being before the fall came

◆ *Genesis 3*

The Fall of Man

By this time, we have come to the principle theme: sin and salvation; Sin is INTRODUCED to mankind: when he becomes aware of what it is.

4 Themes:

- ◆ Entrance of Sin (1-6)
- ◆ God's Search for Man (7-13)
- ◆ Sorrow as the Result of the Curse (14-20)
- ◆ God's Provision of Salvation (21-24)

The Entrance of Sin (v1-6)

The significance of man's temptation and man's response to it is related to us in the NT...

The fact of man's fall is recorded here.

Is man's sin just something of a failure of Adam?

1 Cor 15:21-22 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--

1 Tim 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

- ◆ We have inherited something generically in the race, just as much as his physical likeness, we inherited his spiritual likeness as well (DEAD)
- ◆ Adam was the FEDERAL HEAD of the race: He is the representative of all mankind.
- ◆ The man, not the woman, brought sin into the human race. **Why is he the responsible party for rebelling against God?**

Do you think we should be responsible for Adam's sin (you individually??)

Does it really make any difference?

- ◆ We really don't have to challenge the question as to whether I am responsible for Adam's sin
- ◆ No matter about who is RESPONSIBLE, because Adam sinned, the SEED of SIN **entered** the RACE and has been **transmitted** to ME.

Genesis 3:1-24

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

"I refuse to be accountable for someone else's sin....":

- ◆ OK.. you are still responsible for your own...
- ◆ The FACT remains: I HAVE SINNED...why even have an opinion of the ORIGINAL transgression
- ◆ Whether we are accountable for Adam's sin or not, sin is indeed present IN US, because of Adam, and we are RESPONSIBLE for our OWN sin

What should our position be toward speculative matters in the Bible??

- ◆ "Wherefore death passed unto all men for that all have sinned" = it *explains* that sin is INHERENT in us, and that we DO sin VOLUNTARILY of our own choice
- ◆ There are NO simple answers though....
- ◆ I cannot shake my fist at God and say that "I didn't have a chance": we are not *programmed* to sin, with no CHOICE of whether we sin or not: I sin of MY OWN WILL
- ◆ We ARE responsible, ultimately, according to God's WORD: whether we understand it or not...

The Temptation:

The study of how man first fell... Same approach and tactics that Satan takes for us, throughout time

Why is it important to understand the temptation of Adam and Eve? What about the temptation of Jesus?

I Jn 2:15-16 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world.

All that is in the world: that is the same approach towards us which the enemy comes:

- ◆ lust of the eyes
- ◆ lust of the flesh
- ◆ pride of life

How do Adam and Jesus compare in their temptations?

The representative man who introduced sin into the race VS the representative man who was the instrument of salvation

- ◆ One is in a PARADISE vs one who was in a WILDERNESS
- ◆ One was on the heels of a FEAST vs one who was at the end of a FAST
- ◆ One FAILS vs one CONQUERS

Jesus faced the SAME thing... and SO will we.. The approach of how the devil approaches man is still the same (sinner and saved) for us: the devils devices are the same for us

- ◆ We are to stand our own ground against sin according to the truth of the word by the power of the Holy Spirit, in accordance with the power of the life that is in Jesus
- ◆ Because we are responsible for our own sins (though we cannot save ourselves)... we are accountable for them and therefore we must LEARN to stand against TEMPTATION

Rebellion would try to relieve the accountability for Adam's sin...to a degree so that we no longer are RESPONSIBLE

- ◆ Through ADAM the DEATH seed has been passed to us... it ENTERED... through him it found its channel into the RACE What has been passed to us physically, eyes, ears, nose, etc.... something spiritual was transmitted to us in the fall of Adam... JUST THE SAME, it is inherent in the RACE
- ◆ But what about BABY's??? This also applies to other questions of retarded children, unsaved heathen having never heard the gospel, what about 1000 other speculations

Genesis 3:1-24

How should we answer?? What is our responsibility before God??

- ◆ Genesis 18-> "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right"...
- ◆ We don't have to figure out how God ultimately balances the ledger
- ◆ **We are responsible personally for the truth that God reveals to our heart...**
- ◆ Don't soft sale God's ways: His ways are PERFECT, although our understanding of them are not always

We need to understand that it is only OUR response to God that will ultimately matter

- ◆ IN ADAM all die, IN CHRIST all shall be made alive
- ◆ Our representative man has transmitted the STAIN of SIN to his SEED, that we cannot escape

We don't need to settle the question of how the impact of Adam's sin is passed on to us... We need to settle the question of 'What will you do with Jesus?'

- ◆ Any philosophical attempt to understand it miss the whole point in what God did in giving His son

Points about Satan's approach...

What adjective describes the serpent?

Subtle a. So slight as to be difficult to detect or analyze; elusive. **b.** Not immediately obvious; abstruse:
[Did satan directly tell Eve to eat the fruit???]

Heb 5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

The serpent was more BEAUTIFUL....
It was a beast (like cattle) of the field: v14 FROM NOW ON... you will crawl on belly and eat dust

BEFORE the FALL: the serpent spoke to Eve, and she doesn't seem surprised by it

No evidence for it, but before the FALL, there may have been communication with man

NOAH... gathered all the animals, animals were probably more responsive

AFTER the FLOOD, the FEAR of man is mentioned as being introduced in the earth

Possibly more COMPATIBLE and RESPONSIVE to man: they might have spoken with each other... not beyond the realm of possibility

Domestic pets... and the deep bonds with it... is a holdback to the beginning of creation... a desire to communicate with it

The rest of creation was not equal to man... He was over it... BUT there is a different relationship going on here

Because of our day: perversion and 'as it ways in the day of NOAH'... BESTIALITY is not even intimated here...

A SPECIAL curse was brought on the CREATURE, AND a distinct curse was brought on SATAN himself-> the serpent gave place and allowed Satan to operate through him, he invested himself in the snake: the serpent gave PLACE to him and thus was CURSED

Not just a creature... but satan investing himself in a creature

Gen 3:1-3 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "**Has God indeed said**, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

⇒ Eve had already ADDED to the requirement (touching): human tendency is to always add to God's requirement...make it complicated, more so than God intended it...Jewish Sabbatical laws and traditions...TAKE AWAY the SIMPLICITY of following GOD

Genesis 3:1-24

Gen 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."

- ⇒ **Attacks the WORD OF GOD**
- ⇒ Doubt what God said already....Did He really say that??? Take away from the Word.

Gen 3:5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

- ⇒ **Attacks the CHARACTER of GOD**
- ⇒ Doubt God's motive behind WHAT He said... Question whether God has your best interest at heart or not...Does He really care for you by giving you such a restriction in your freedom?? He is just a spoil-sport...

**Even if I don't know all the word says, If I know GOD,
If I know His CHARACTER, then I can interpolate....**

- ⇒ David did that...He was a man after God's own heart...He knew who God was, and He knew the character and nature of the one behind the LAW...

We cannot trust God unless we are assured God has our best interest at heart..

- ⇒ God is omniscient--He knows what is BEST for us whether we do or not or whether we think He does or not...
- ⇒ God is omnipotent--He is able to change me and equip me to do His will.
- ⇒ God is omnipresent---There is no part of my life which is not under His umbrella of concern...He sees it all and wants it all, for my own good.

"Ye hath God said"

- ◆ People don't know the word (ignorance)
- ◆ People are temporarily blinded to it.. or they disregard it (doubt it)
- ◆ This is the way sin and error enter both individual and corporate life of a people

Steps to TEMPTATION... #1 Challenge God's WORD

**The FIRST approach of temptation is always either to
blind you to the Word or to cause you to be dubious about it**

"You shall not eat of EVERY of tree of the garden?"

- ◆ This was not God's command at all: "Of every tree of the GARDEN you may freely eat, except for ONE"
- ◆ **exaggerate:** To represent as greater than is actually the case; overstate [GO BEYOND WHAT GOD SAYS]

John 8:44 You are of *your father the devil*, and the *desires* of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

- ◆ The Pharisees were some of the biggest culprits of ADDING to God's word.

What was Satan's intimation when he exaggerates the command God gave??

- ◆ Did God really say that??? What was the intimation?? God doesn't offer you very much does He???

How does Eve respond to Satan's exaggeration??

- ◆ Eve's response contained an EXAGGERATION....
- ◆ It is a calculated approach of the enemy in temptation to raise doubt of God's goodness that the response it begins to engender is That is not the way God really said it but, God really does make things hard, doesn't He??

Genesis 3:1-24

Steps to TEMPTATION... #2 Challenge God's LOVE

The SECOND approach of temptation exaggerates the Word to engender doubt in us about God's goodness...

"You shall not die"

- ◆ Here is the accusation that God does not have your BEST interest at heart: He accuses God of being motivated by a desire to suppress man's possibilities
- ◆ Satan accuses God of not having our best interest at heart... ALL sin takes this approach: you'll be better off doing it this way, this is the way through this situation, you will be happier and more fulfilled this way, and what God is doing is trying to narrow your life down to the point so that you never become what you could become
- ◆ He must not have your best interest at heart... He's holding you back from something... He's must be a stingy miser, withholding something that is obviously for your good

What is so ludicrous about the offer Satan makes???

"Ye will be like God"

What is the definition that both Paul and Jesus gave in terms of being a "god" ??

Ps 82:6 I said, "You are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High. **(John 10:34)**

2 Cor 4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

- ◆ They were already "gods"... they had dominion over the entire earth already,
- ◆ Satan challenged the existing order of things they had already, by suggesting they were not that.... And he suggests God is withholding from them what in fact He had already given to them!!

Whose image had they been made in? What is another word for image??

Ps 82:6 I said, "You are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High. **(John 10:34)**

"You shall know good and evil"

What state did God create the world to be in???

- ◆ They already knew GOOD!!!
- ◆ Big deal.... What is so big about evil
- ◆ Eat this and you will be what you already ARE, PLUS you get EVIL

Satan is a corrupter, not a creator... He has never done anything original, but he perverts everything God has ever created...

- ◆ The absence of *discernment* within man in his **innocence** and the absence of *discernment* of man in his **ignorance** today: HOW PROFOUND
- ◆ We bargain with satan.... It is a stacked deck>> He comes only to steal, kill, and destroy>
- ◆ satan has NO GOOD days, NO REMORSE, NO LOVE: he never wakes up and says, "Hey, why don't I take it easy on them today"

Steps to TEMPTATION... #3 Outright denial of God's Word

The THIRD approach of temptation attempts to deny God's word and accuse Him of being motivated by a desire to suppress man's possibilities.

Genesis 3:1-24

Steps to TEMPTATION... #4 The Tree Model

I Jn 2:15-16 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world.

Matt 4:1-10 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

ALL that is IN THE WORLD: it's approach to shape us in it's image is wrapped up in these three

- ◆ Lust of the FLESH: **BODY**
 - ◆ She SAW it was good for food
 - ◆ Turns these stones to bread (his fast was over) hungry (SHOW YOU ARE GOD)
 - ◆ There was no SIN in eating... the fast was even over...SIN was in doing it the devil's way
- ◆ Lust of the EYES: **SOUL** (intellect)
 - ◆ Pleasant to the eyes
 - ◆ Pinnacle of the temple: (20 stories high, corner of a cliff... 3 story high wall) It is not the top of the temple... not the structure but the walls meet at one corner of it... (make a scene for yourself)
 - ◆ Satan quoted Scripture, and inserted 3 words into it at the same time
- ◆ Pride of LIFE: **SPIRIT** (worship)
 - ◆ Desired to make one wise (BECOME A GOD)
 - ◆ I will give you dominion over these kingdoms the GLORY

The EVIL one was CONQUERED by the REDEEMER

- ◆ Jesus defeated it by the word quickened by the power of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ He also OBEYED and SUBMITTED to it... unless you do that, knowing the word does you no GOOD

Matt 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Matt 12:50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.

⇒ I had best do God's will...do the will of my Father...If I am smart. Why would I want to play with my soul?? Jesus Himself said that doing God's will was a prerequisite for entering the Kingdom...

Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

**SIN drives me from God's presence...nothing hinders us with God except SIN!!!!
Nothing can prevent you from reaching God except SIN.**

Gen 4:7 "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

⇒ Cain: Sin is @ your door, but YOU must master it...YOU must rule over it... YOU must lay it aside

Heb 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before

James 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Genesis 3:1-24

Rom 6:11-14 Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead** indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore **do not let** sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And **do not present** your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, **but present** yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. **For sin shall not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law but under grace.

⇒ We must lay aside, YOU do not let sin reign, YOU do not present your body for the use in iniquity, YOU lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, YOU lay aside every weight, YOU lay aside the sin which so easily ensnares us.

God will not do what He has already given us the responsibility to do.

God's Search for Man (v7-13)

The entire story of history is God's search to bring man into relationship with him...

How was the fall of man first manifested to Adam and Eve??

◆ Probably the nakedness was the absence of the GLORY of God around them

Gen 3:7-8 Then the eyes of both of them were **opened**, and **they knew** that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves **coverings**. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the LORD** God among the trees of the garden.

⇒ The First sin brought guilt, condemnation, a sense of wrong-doing, fear from God's presence (hiding from God), a desire to cover ourselves. These are all repeated in future generations under that.

⇒ In Adam, ALL DIE. The sin of Adam is imputed to ALL by physical birth.

⇒ In Christ, ALL LIVE. The righteousness of Jesus is imputed to ALL by spiritual birth.

Gen 3:9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

⇒ God, the All-mighty, asked "Where are you"...that is what sin does to us...it is serious and it is deadly... we are not to play with it...**we are to drive it out of our life with a passion.**

Gen 3:10-11 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

⇒ **Have you eaten?** God knew, but He wants us to understand that **eating of our own desires brings destruction upon us...it is in the admittance and acceptance of our sin that we find the way back to God.**

Gen 3:12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

⇒ Our faults are learned or acquired...we are not programmed to do unrighteousness

⇒ **You LEARN unrighteousness...**

⇒ **You can LEARN righteousness...**

Ps 34:14 Depart from evil **and** do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Ps 37:27 Depart from evil, **and** do good; and dwell forevermore.

⇒ It is not enough to depart from evil...we must depart from it AND do GOOD.

Rom 6:11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom 6:19

I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

Genesis 3:1-24

The SEED of the WOMAN

Gal 4:4-5 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, *born of a woman*, born under the *law*, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

By means of a woman, the seed of the Almighty Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit

- ◆ The VIRGIN birth of the Lord Jesus
- ◆ That SEED will BRUISE the head...
- ◆ Injure unto DEATH, DESTROY, CONQUER: the crushing of the adversary

Thou shalt BRUISE his heel..

- You will strike at that which comes to establish dominion over you
- Reported by doctors from that era, physiology wise, during crucifixion that the weight of the body during the LONG period (even though Jesus was on a short time) with all the weight on the heels of the body, that there are BRUISES on the heels
- Adam and Eve did not UNDERSTAND probably of the CROSS or the VIRGIN birth... but God knew what He was speaking

Man: It is the woman's fault...you gave her to me!!!

- I didn't ask for this... you are the one who gave her to me.
- He **blamed** God indirectly..
- In essence "She made me do it"

We must ALL take responsibility for our own actions.. not pass them to someone else.

Gen 3:13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

- ⇒ Woman: It is the serpent's fault. In essence: "The devil made me do it."
- ⇒ We have a NATURAL and INBORN tendency to BLAME someone else for our mistakes.

Gen 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

- ⇒ The serpent was CURSED...
- ⇒ **IN the physical**, the serpent was made the most hideous reptile and made to slither on the ground, with no legs.

Gen 3:15 **And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."**

- ⇒ **IN the spiritual**, Satan was cursed. His influence and his power was from that day on marked. It was marked so that one day it would be destroyed.

Enmity:

342 'eybah (ay-baw'); from 340; **hostility**: enmity, hatred.

340 'ayab (aw-yab'); a primitive root; to hate (as one of an opposite tribe or party); hence to be hostile: KJV-- **be an enemy**; to be hostile to; to **treat as an enemy**

- ⇒ IN the SEPTUAGINT, the Greek New Testament usage of this word is for ENEMY.

Satan IS the enemy of man.

Not our boss, our wife, our children, our employer, our co-worker, our pastor, etc. etc.

Genesis 3:1-24

Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

⇒ Our warfare is spiritual...

2 Cor 4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

⇒ The god of this world blinds people

⇒ Realize who is at the root of strife and conflict, who is at the root of division and fighting.

Eph 2:1-3 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to **the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience**, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⇒ The prince of the power of the air is the one who is at work in those who disobey God.. WE must realize who the ENEMY is, the true enemy.

Recognize the LAW of firsts here...the first enemy in the Bible is Satan.

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Satan NEVER has a good day.. he never let's up, takes pity, or changes his mind... he is bent on our destruction!!!

Recognize the TRUE ENEMY. All the garbage of our life.. I was molested, raped, beaten, abused, misused, trampled, under-nourished, over-pampered, sheltered, verbally cut down, hurt, wounded, walked over, never-noticed....etc. etc.

THAT IS WHY THE CROSS IS THERE!!!!

There @ the cross it was ALL remedied. All the garbage of my life was taken care of. Everything that would ever keep me from God and keep from others was born by someone else instead of me.

The root word of PITY is PIT.

SELF-PITY is therefore a PIT that U DIG!!

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give you the **authority** to *trample* on serpents and scorpions, and *over all* the **power of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Eph 3:10-12 to the intent that now **the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places**, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Col 2:15 Having **disarmed** principalities and powers, He **made a public spectacle of them**, triumphing over them in it.

1 Pet 3:21-22 There is also an antitype which now saves us-- baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, **angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him**.

⇒ Jesus has given us authority and power....

⇒ THE ENEMY HAS POWER..... BUT WE HAVE AUTHORITY Over some of his power???? Over ALL of his power...

2 Cor 2:11 Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

1 Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

2 Cor 11:14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

2 Cor 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Genesis 3:1-24

⇒ REALIZE WHO is at the root and KNOW YOUR ENEMY.....

Col 1:13-14 He has **delivered us from the power of darkness** and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Acts 26:18 'to open their eyes, **in order to turn them** from darkness to light, **and from the power of Satan** to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are *sanctified by faith in Me.*'

⇒ Salvation turns us literally from the power of Satan to the power of God...WE have been removed from satan's authority and put under God's authority...

Col 1:21	And you, who once were alienated and enemies <i>in your mind</i> by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled
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⇒ Satan sets his kingdom up in the minds of men and women
 ⇒ Our minds can still think as it was when were still enemies of God

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to *retain God in their knowledge*, God **gave** them over to a **debased mind**, to do those things which are not fitting;

⇒ This is to be expected!!! If we do not retain the knowledge of God in our thinking, everything we think becomes base and unfitting, lewd, corrupted, full of all sorts of foulness
 ⇒ Apart from God's restraining power and redemptive work, we would be DEBASED in our thinking...we would be corrupted in our ways...we would not retain His knowledge either...

Eph 2:3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, **fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Eph 4:17-18 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, **in the futility of their mind**, having **their understanding darkened**, being **alienated from the life of God**, because of the **ignorance that is in them**, because of the **hardening of their heart**;

Phil 3:18-19 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the *enemies of the cross of Christ* whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame-- **who set their mind on earthly things**.

Col 2:18-19 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, **vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind**, and *not holding fast to the Head*, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.

Titus 1:15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who *are defiled and unbelieving* nothing is pure; **but even their mind and conscience are defiled**.

Luke 12:29 "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an **anxious mind**.

Rom 8:7	Because the <i>carnal mind</i> is enmity against God ; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.
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⇒ A carnal mind is an unrenewed mind... It CANNOT SUBMIT to the LAW OF GOD
 ⇒ A carnal mind is an ENEMY of GOD...it is not just a problem with your thought life...it is an **enemy** to God...
 ⇒ It fights against what God wants to do in your life...
 ⇒ It must be put to death, along with its philosophies and its ways of thinking...

The carnal mind must be rendered powerLESS before God will be powerFULL in YOUR LIFE.
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Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that *you may prove* what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another. **Do not set your mind on high things**, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Col 3:2-3 **Set your mind on things above**, not on things on the earth. *For you died*, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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Phil 2:5-7

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Eph 4:22-24

that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Genesis 3:1-24

CENTRALIZED CONTROL, DECENTRALIZED EXECUTION

⇒ We ask God to do things he asks us to do already... What would your boss do??

Do you have a renewed mind, a mind of a friend toward God, or do you have a mind of an enemy???

⇒ A renewed mind says..."Don't talk to me about my Daddy!!!" You don't know Him... You shut up....

⇒ God's promises will outlast my problems

James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that *friendship with the world* is **enmity with God**?
Whoever therefore wants to *be a friend of the world* makes himself an **enemy of God**.

When our life is wrapped up in the WORLD....!m in it, but nor part of it.

I don't cast my lot with everyone else...my citizenship is different...my lineage and heritage is different...my culture is different... my reason for living is different...my motivation and purpose in everything I do is different.

Holiness is not Old Fashioned...It is BIBLE.

Don't go after something...Let it come after you. God designed things so that things would pursue you, not that you would pursue things...He made it so that HE would be the one worthy of pursuit!!!!

If we HOLD on to the World....God becomes our enemy.

Wherever WE ARE, we are on the job, on the clock for God...we never punch out...until Jesus returns for us..
Wanting a slice of this life will lead to our ruin and our destruction...

Matt 16:25-26 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

The Sorrow of the Curse (v14-20)

**Sorrow, pain, unfulfilled desire & rule, toil, thorns and thistles, herbs, sweat...
that is what results when we leave GOD and pursue our own thing...**

Gen 3:16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your **sorrow** and your conception; in **pain** you shall bring forth children; your **desire** shall be for your husband, and he shall **rule** over you."

Gen 3:17-19 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': **Cursed is the ground** for your sake; in **toil** you shall eat of it **all the days** of your life. Both **thorns and thistles** it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the **herb** of the field. In the **sweat** of your face you shall eat bread **till you return** to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for **dust you are**, and to dust you shall return."

The purpose of redemption is always to restore what creation intended..

DESIRE= used 3 times in the OT...

- ◆ Song of Solomon... use not bearing upon us
- ◆ Next use is in Genesis 4:7 (Cain yielding to sin... sin lies at the door, and its desire is for you)
Sin crouches at the DOOR (a lion crouching... the adversary, devouring us)
The Lord is saying to CAIN, that a lion is crouching, ready to destroy

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for overruling the approach of SIN, however it comes

Just as sin was seeking to come and overtake CAIN, the principle of the verb implies that because of the curse it IS THE WOMAN's desire to take the husbands role and place of LEADERSHIP and RULERSHIP.. her desire is to OVERTAKE her husband

Up until now, there is no evidence that one had more authority than the other... they were EQUAL

Genesis 3:1-24

- ◆ They ruled together in perfect partnership.. though she was created from the side... there would have been a deferential relationship on that basis: but the evidence is that there was every order of expression of love, devotion, affection, good communication between one another

Mutuality of RULE **before** the FALL....

- ◆ The Bible did not say that Eve had a name before the FALL.... Man and woman, both Adam...
- ◆ They were Adam.... Eve had no less identity than Adam...THEY WERE ADAM
- ◆ Is there a perfect partnership before the FALL, we cannot imagine it... where there was no need of division of identity, this is mine and that is yours

FROM NOW ON... He will have authority over you, and you will CLUTCH for it

- ◆ God did not design the eternal conflict between man and woman: chauvinism nor feminism
- ◆ There must be established order of authority in husband/wife relationship UNTIL man is removed from his dwelling place in the flesh... even for the redeemed
- ◆ There is still the capacity in US for sin, even for the saved and born again, forgiveness and living in Jesus, for giving place to unsubmittedness to God's order and authority and his rule..
- ◆ That is how sin entered the race... they did not submit to God's order: an acknowledged point of OBEDIENCE: but they did not submit to it

IN the sinful state, the requirements of authority, order, and submission must be extended

**What was the intended purpose behind the new rule of authority?
PROTECTION**

God's authority and rule as it is manifested in any order of relationship, or structures, MAN/WOMAN, PARENT/CHILD, is not intended to be a SCEPTER to pound people into the ground

Woman

Because you were deceived, you must check in with your husband...

- ⇒ HE will be ultimately responsible for your spiritual development,
- ⇒ making up for your weakness,
- ⇒ covering you,
- ⇒ washing you with the word

God is a redeemer, neither a chauvinist nor feminist, and his laws are not grievous...

- ⇒ they are established in order to allow for
- ⇒ development,
- ⇒ instruments of protection, and
- ⇒ instruments of growth in His way

Man

Because you harkened to the voice of your wife (you did not take your place of responsibility)

- ◆ Cursed is the ground for your sake:
 - ⇒ Man was made from the dust... what he was made to rule over was the earth
 - ⇒ He was put in total identification with his domain of authority... There is significance...
 - ⇒ **Jesus to become our savior and Lord, he had to identify with our flesh...**

God's process is that what you rule, you identify with

The dust is cursed, you are dust, therefore everything that has to do with you, comes under the curse...

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- ◆ Sorrow and sweat you will get your living, eat of the ground now, eat bread until you die
 - ⇒ The ground that is to be tilled, becomes miserable:
 - ⇒ The ground will not bear life as readily as it did or could have
 - ⇒ ***Principally his posture was reaching up to a tree, partaking of the fruit of blessing***
 - ⇒ Now, he is bowed down, working the ground, in toil

 - ◆ From dust thou art, dust you will return... Death was dual, spiritual in an instance...
 - ⇒ Cutting off from them, the possibility of communion, joy, fellowship in the presence of their creator... the fulfillment that was available to them...
 - ⇒ ... possibility of spiritual relationship was instantly lost... the expelling from Eden was the FIRST death, spiritually
- The return to dust was the SECOND death, the process of death began**
- ⇒ Adam now will have a different station, and Eve (with her naming) now has a different station than what her intended place was
 - ⇒ The FALL of MAN.. grander than we can speak of in terms of human tragedy and disaster, or cataclysm...
 - ⇒ From the god-like state that he occupied to the common and ordinary that we call life today

Man uses at the most, in exaggerated cases, just about 5% of his brain capacity (that is for smart or genius level people)

If we use only 1-5% of our brain capacity, what was all the rest of that brain for anyway??

- ◆ It was created for a purpose, for man to use...
 - ⇒ We are confronted that man had the brain capacity in the beginning, but it is not employed
 - ⇒ Nothing that educational systems can give rise to... we make so little use of our big brain
 - ⇒ There was a man once who used it... we have NO CONCEPTION...
 - ⇒ A man who walked in a sinless estate... communion with animals... the animals may not have spoke to him, rather he may have spoken to the animals in their language...

What was Adam's understanding of the universe or the greatness of the God who worshipped

Even within our own skull is the residue of something that at one time was a lot more

God's Provision of Salvation Instituted (v21-24)

- ◆ The Lord made skins of clothing
- Before they are expelled from Eden, as a result of the fall, the blood of an animal flowed***
 Not told what the animal was, but on the basis of scripture, it was probably a lamb

- ◆ God clothed them... they realized they were naked, in shame.. ***God covered their shame***
- ◆ Before they were expelled, they were clothed, and then sent out

The FINAL result:

- ⇒ **Paradise lost**
- ⇒ **Innocence lost**
- ⇒ **Sin marring them**
- ⇒ **The way blocked into the presence of God**

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There is a guarding and the keeping of the gate to the way of the tree of life

Cherubim...

- ◆ Flaming swords (Rev/Ark of the Covenant/Isaiah/Ezekiel/Solomon's Temple)
- ◆ Angelic creatures of a whole different order
- ◆ 4 faces, 1 head they are by all evidence, the preservers of the glory of God.. responsible for leading worship in creation

Why did the Lord put man out?

Unless man, in his fallen state, before redemption ultimately is provided for, eats of the tree of life and lives eternally separated from God

God has a great schooling process to go through before man will recognize his redeemer...

- ◆ They did not recognize the reference to the cross or the virgin birth...

God has a long way to go, to help man understand how he can

- ⇒ be restored in relationship to God
- ⇒ have his lost inheritance
- ⇒ be brought back ultimately to paradise regained

He would have been preserved forever in his fallen state... that is what we call HELL

- ◆ So God brought him out so that He could bring Him in
- ◆ Eden was blood stained... pushed out, but ultimately to be brought back in again by the blood

God must bring us out before He can bring us in.

Impact of the Fall (Gen. 3:16-24).

Through disobedience to the terms of his rule, man "falls," thus experiencing the loss of his "dominion" (vv. 22-23). Everything of his delegated realm (earth) comes under a curse as his relationship with God, the fountainhead of his power to rule, is severed (vv. 17-18). Thus man loses the "life" power essential to ruling in God's kingdom (vv. 19, 22). Beyond the tragedy of man's loss, two other facts unfold. First, through his disobedience to God and submission to the Serpent's suggestions, man's rule has been forfeited to the Serpent.

Revelation 12:9 verifies that the spirit employing the snake's form was Satan himself. The domain originally delegated to man now falls to Satan, who becomes administrator of this now-cursed realm. The Serpent's "seed" and "head" indicate a continual line (seed) of evil offspring extending Satan's rule (head) (v. 15). However, a second fact offers hope. Amid the tragedy of this sequence of events, God begins to move redemptively, and a plan for recovering man's lost estate is promised (v. 15) and set in motion with the first sacrifice (v. 21).

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The impact of the FALL on male/female and husband/wife relationships**Background/Context**

<Timothy, Titus... 2 young pastors given directions on how to lead people forward in the Spirit and to follow the patterns established by Paul as he evangelized the Pagan world and brought people into the way of the Lord and understanding how to behave according to God's will and way, how to establish churches that would multiply and reproduce in the spirit of evangelism and what lifestyle would characterize those believers, and the character of those who follow the way of Jesus>

1 Tim 2:1-15 1Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, 7for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle-- I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying-- a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; 9in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, 10but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. 11Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. 12And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. 13For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. 15Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

- ◆ The EPISTLES: directions to singles, issues of conscience, how to take care of elderly in families/widows, how are preachers supposed to act, what is expected, how are they to relate to money, and how are people to relate to pastors...
- ◆ Establishing the gospel in a gentile world, while yet no coherent way of responding to things so specifically part of the Jewish culture... unnecessary of those things for redemptive purpose...
- ◆ The grace of God requires a faith in Jesus, even militant, in moral purity, family commitment, trust in the word, a hunger and concern for the lost.. yet no physical requirement for circumcision (spiritual circumcision, cutting away of fleshly and carnal behavior and attitudes) and other ordinances... washing of hands, types of food to eat. Given to a group of slaves that were so depersonalized... they did not know how to take care of themselves, self-respecting behavior patterns in how to take care of yourself, re-establishing of human personhood, and also taking care of things. Ordinances NOT relative to issues of salvation.. ie, travelling in the open wilderness, treatment of food without refrigeration, sanitation, dealing with hygiene and health, all these were the basis of ordinances...
- ◆ Enter the New Covenant, and Paul wrestles with SORTING out the basics of the 10 commandments and the OTHER ordinances and rules that the Jewish believers felt needed to be imposed on new gentile converts.

LEGALISM never goes away, not in their day and not in our day... it is "Biblical"

CH 2: this segment begins with the prayer mission of the church... intercession, where we focus on it. Posture of worship, praise, and intercession... v8

I desire therefore that **the men** pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; **in like manner also**, that **the women** adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

But why did he say it to men???

- ⇒ He was talking to Timothy about the men in his congregation...
- ⇒ I wish we could get men to pray
- ⇒ I wish we could get them take on leadership in the prayer life of the church...

Why single men out??

- ⇒ *Men by and large tend to be less readily responsive to spiritual summons than women.*
- ⇒ Nothing that says we are unspiritual, not an indictment against us, but it is a fact.

⇒ Women respond more readily to spiritual things than man...

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Is it just a man or woman thing???

- ⇒ That people don't respond to anything is a SIN thing...
- ⇒ God did not create men to be unresponsive...

Something happened to damage the equipment, the psychological, emotional, spiritual equipment.

- ⇒ IF you can get a strong nucleus of MEN growing in any congregation, then it will grow...
- ⇒ Not because of men being better than women.
- ⇒ It is something in the divine order of redemption...
- ⇒ That if men take their place, something begins to be released.
- ⇒ It is the way God made things AFTER the FALL, since the FALL happened.

Before the FALL, there was not issue, both were fully EQUAL.

We are told 1:26-28.. everything God says about them is the SAME, and it is to them together. They are on the same plane, completely, side by side, precisely the same... partners in everything God is doing...Let THEM (male and female) have dominion. Their difference characteristically in physiological or psychologically or emotionally, whatever there was would have been NOTHING compared to what happened since SIN has gotten into the fabric of the race...

Did something worse happen to the male of the race at the FALL??

- ⇒ A man's response mechanism to God...

CONTEXT of Letter to Timothy: Male/Female -> Husband/Wife -> Qualifications for Leadership....

In addressing men

Paul deals with those coming out of a pagan culture, a sense that I have been so messed up with sin that there is a sense that I wrestle with it still... how can God take me seriously as a spiritual leader of my home, let alone of a body of believers...

In addressing women

Paul deals with women who are coming out of a pagan culture...strut your stuff, show that you've got it, you can compete to attract men, just like the other women... nothing like in order to be Godly that you must be out of all worldly fashion...KJV=shamefaced, having to do with a dependence on cosmetics so that you don't have a sense of identity in yourself, having not an over-made up look:: legalism leading to NO makeup at all.

People becoming leaders in the campaign of spiritual intercession....

- ⇒ I want the men to take the lead, but women, don't carry in the dynamics of the culture into this environment... [modesty, propriety, moderation] {braided hair was symbolic of something in that day}
- ⇒ People around you being motivated by the mood and the ideals of the world...
- ⇒ walking in a dynamic other than what you look like on the outside...
- ⇒ clothing has to do with good works... how you look...

Then: Let the women learn in silence...

Facts of the TEXT=> In Silence...

2271 hesuchia (hay-soo-khee'-ah); feminine of 2272; (as noun) stillness, i.e. desistance from bustle or language: KJV-- quietness, silence. 2271 hesuchia-1) quietness description of the life of one who stays at home doing his own work, and does not officiously meddle with the affairs of others 2) silence

2272 hesuchios (hay-soo'-khee-os); a prolonged form of a compound probably of a derivative of the base of 1476 and perhaps 2192; properly, keeping one's seat (sedentary), i.e. (by implication) still (undisturbed, undisturbing): KJV-- **peaceable, quiet.**

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*For kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a **quiet and peaceable=2272** life in all godliness and reverence.*

In silence = peaceable...

NO QUESTION of CONTEXT... same text, and same stream of thought...moving in continuum

How do you have quiet neighborhood??

- ⇒ You have one by forbidding any one to ever speak of course!!
- ⇒ No one can ever say anything!!

What is a quiet society?

- ⇒ Self controlled, sensitive to other people, where people give other people space...

WOMEN:

- ⇒ be sensitive
- ⇒ be self=controlled
- ⇒ give other people space...

WHO are the primary people to give other space to???

- ⇒ MEN...

Why to men generally?

- ⇒ The natural responsiveness of men are slower in response to the Lord...
- ⇒ (women are more readily responsive to the Lord)
- ⇒ The fallen male psyche, even the being redeemed male psyche,
- ⇒ There is still a sense of "She is carrying the ball so well... why should I get involved..."

Why?

That is the redemptive order...

**I want men to lead... but that leadership is never intended to LIMIT a woman.
RELEASE a woman, MAXIMIZE her role...**

That is not realized until a man takes up their responsible role...

- ⇒ NEGLECT or
- ⇒ take MANIPULATIVE approach to domination..

Facts of the TEXT=> Men or Man

I do not permit a woman to teach or have authority **over a man.**

VS

I do not permit a woman to teach or have authority **over men.**

Teaching, as it is used here, the movement to control or restrict
Authority, the quest for domination

Men and women generally in the church

VS

Husband and wife in the church

Can they talk to men??

Women are not supposed to teach men....

I do not want A woman over A man....

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Facts of the TEXT=> aner/gune

Man= 435 aner- a) used of a male **b) used of a husband c) used of a betrothed or future husband** 2) with reference to age, and to distinguish an adult man from a boy 3) any male 4) used generically of a group of both men and women

Matt 1:16,19

1Tim 3:2 (the HUSBAND of but one wife)

Woman = 1135 gune- 1) a **woman** of any age, whether a virgin, or married, or a widow 2) a **wife**; =used of a betrothed woman

What would make the meaning different??

⇒ Adam first, then Eve (husband and the wife)

⇒ Genesis 1: Adam never made her boss\

1 Tim 2:13-14 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

Facts of the TEXT=> She will be saved

Verse 15

Nevertheless **she** will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control. (NKJ)

Yet **woman** will be saved through bearing children, if she continues in faith and love and holiness, with modesty.(RSV)

So God sent pain and suffering to women when their children are born, but he will save their souls if they trust in him, living quiet, good, and loving lives.(TLB)

but **she** shall be saved through her child-bearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with sobriety.(ASV)

Notwithstanding **she** shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.(KJV)

But {women} shall be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.(NAS)

But **women** will be saved through childbearing-- if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.(NIV)

SHE will be... WHO is she???

The wife

If THEY... who are THEY???

Husband and wife

Do What???

CONTINUE in partnership in a redemptive relationship

1 Cor 14:34-35 Let your **women** keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own **husbands** at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church. (HUSBAND/WIFE text)

What is he dealing with in the issue of women keeping silent??

Generic tendency in of women in their inclination to be far more readily responsive to the things of the Spirit of God.... Always exceptions... women in general are more responsive to spiritual things...

Why then does God want men to have leadership roles in the church??

Not because they are better or smarter or even the way God wanted it in the beginning...

It is something that has happened since the fall of mankind

The fall impacted both men and women differently...

It re-inforced in man the same tendency AWAY from

Genesis 3:1-24

4601 sigao 1) to keep silence, to hold one's peace 2) to be kept in silence, to be concealed

Concept: not cork in mouth silence, but subdued self-restraint: HOLDING YOUR PEACE

⇒ ALL people need to be under the authority of a church... eldership or a shepherd

⇒ The basis things that divide society....

Gal 3:27-29 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Acts 2:17-18 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.

Women in the role of motherhood, in and of itself, would tie **MOST** women down in terms of the leadership roles

Has the church picked up on the male-dominated unredeemed culture??

⇒ Habits of thought and tradition... get back to the simplicity.

Order of male leadership, because of why??

⇒ Restrained, respecting of the husband's capacity.

Something broke big-time at the fall??

⇒ *It broke more in Adam than in Eve*

Why did God form Adam first anyway???

⇒ WE DON'T KNOW, but He did

⇒ We DO KNOW, when He made Adam first, that He knew what would happen at the fall.

A "help-mete" = partner appropriately fitted

They will have dominion

They will have our image

Why did God bring the animals before Adam?

Naming implies TAKING dominion... you name it, you take dominion over it

Adam's conclusion: not found a helper comparable to him

The process takes place so that when he gets done he looks at creatures who are obviously made for one another... but there is not another one like me...

God wanted the man to understand 2 things:

1) How totally different he was from the animal kingdom

2) How fully he needed someone else to complete his created purpose

A decaying culture:

The removal of the notion that we stand apart and above the animal kingdom

- ⇒ The behavior of our culture descending toward animal behavior—sexual taboos are really related to a loss of perspective that we are not animals
- ⇒ Animals mount from the rear... man and woman, made to be face to face...
- ⇒ Bestiality taken over in the mindset of the culture that is almost accepted as normal

Genesis 3:1-24

God formed one who would stand by his side...

- ⇒ A superiority was not being established, but a recognition was being realized...
- ⇒ a sense of awareness
- ⇒ When he got his partner, he would recognize that they were different from everything else...
- ⇒ **Kinship, nearness, dearness to the woman...** that's **why** God created Adam first

Adam was NOT DECIEVED...

- ⇒ Man's whole goal in life in many times may be to not accept responsibility
- ⇒ **This is not some superior notion of man.. indict a deeper guilt**

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

- ⇒ **NOT** Eve sinned first, the first couple sinned: but rather, through **ONE MAN**, sin entered the world

Adam was a little bit older...

- ⇒ I figure since Eve did it, I would to
- ⇒ Man is not more lost than woman...

Gen 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. **She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**

2 Options for Interpretation

1. The conversation that Eve had did not take place in the presence of Adam
2. She gave to her husband [he was right there watching]

Option 1: Adam was not there when she ate, but came later-- *Adam's Possible Response*

- ⇒ This does not really sound right, but it sounds good...
- ⇒ I'm not at risk, so why don't I just see what happens anyway... she's got the fruit at her hand
- ⇒ The serpent said she wouldn't die
- ⇒ Let her be the court jester...

Not very noble.....a disgusting commentary

Look, I ate of this....

- ⇒ Adam could have probably already seen something change in her at this point
- ⇒ He can look,... there is absence of life and a presence of death
- ⇒ Adam, for whatever reason, says, she is moving and she does say it tastes good
- ⇒ I thought dead was no movement,....
- ⇒ **Maybe we are being cheated out of something so I will try it too...**

God comes... What happened??

- ⇒ The woman you gave me...
- ⇒ He called her Eve... after this...
- ⇒ Before this they were just Adam..one..

⇒ Now, Adam says we are Adam and Havah

Look at what the response could have been...

- ⇒ NO, I will not eat that!!! But he sees her and can tell something is wrong...
- ⇒ He is torn, she is so dear, but
- ⇒ Look at yourself, can't you see?? See what??
- ⇒ In her blindness, probably not able to see

Genesis 3:1-24

The Lord comes now to Adam...

⇒ Adam where are you? VS Adam, where is she??

Father, she ate of the fruit... God says, "Then she shall die"

- ⇒ Adam recognized there is no other one like this... even how great their relationship could have been
But Father, I don't want her to die...
But she must...
But I love her....

Isn't there anything could be done???

- ⇒ **Yes... she can be saved if another who has never sinned dies in her place...**
- ⇒ **But that other is Adam**
- ⇒ That is exactly the same description given to Jesus on behalf of the church...
- ⇒ He is called the second Adam...
- ⇒ That is WHY we are saved...the same reason...unfallen, in relationship being who could have offered a sacrifice to God, but he didn't
- ⇒ **Instead of becoming an instrument of redemption....**

OR....Option 2: Adam was watching the conversation with the snake-- *Adam's Possible Response*

Hey STOP this!!

⇒ Why was he watching?? Did he want to see what would happen too???

MAN IS generically less responsive spiritually...

⇒ We forsook the responsibility of the role...

*The male to this day.. want to control women without taking the responsibility
 He wants all the authority but no responsibility*

Emasculation of the man...

⇒ The rise of feminism...executed in rebellion, hatred, and anger...Reaction to a chauvinist culture....

God says I want the husband and wife to act this way:

- I want the wife* to defer to the husband in regards to spiritual leadership in a spirit of graciousness and submission (just as we all need to do to Jesus himself) this will help the man to accept his responsibility who from the fall did not accept
- I want the husband* to be as Christ to his wife...

YOUR DESIRE...

- ⇒ you will want to have his authority.....
- ⇒ you will want to be like you were created (equal authority)

WHY?? I want the man to accept the responsibility that he did not accept in the beginning...come back

SO I SET THIS ORDER UP ,

So that when you did it, it will set in MOTION something that the world longs for in relationships... a program of redemptive life and grace....

See men who know how to be men, women who are released to their potential because of that man...

**The goal is the recovery of the original total partnership.....
the release of God's grace and mercy into our marriage relationships.**

Genesis 4:1-5:32

First Record of Child Birth

Adam Knew His Wife EVE (sexual relations)

Cain: "I have acquired a man from the LORD"

Abel: "Keeper of the sheep" vs "tiller of the ground"

In the PROCESS OF TIME

⇒ We are not told whether there are other children when Cain slew Abel

⇒ *It allows for the passage of a good deal of time*

⇒ Cain driven from the presence... driven eastward, even further eastward than after the fall

We see the development of 2 lines of people

⇒ Those who follow **the way of man**, as evidenced by Cain's way and the fruit of it

⇒ Those who follow **the way of the Lord**, as evidenced and recorded in the bloodline of the redeemer (Abel, Seth)

Does it say this was the first offering Cain had ever brought to the Lord?

Cain brought of the fruit of the ground...

⇒ The **emphasis** is on "in the process of time"

⇒ Very possible that Cain had never brought that **kind** of offering

**Was there anything so special about Abel's offering?
Who instituted the sacrificial system to begin with?**

There is nothing innovate in Abel's offering:

⇒ In Ch 3: the Lord provided a sacrifice that provided clothing

⇒ God provided the sacrifice and thus instituted the sacrificial system as the means of retaining fellowship and walking in a worship relationship with the Lord

The Lord had respect unto Abel

The Lord says to Cain... IF you do well, shall you not be accepted

Will you not be accepted?

⇒ as though Cain knew what an acceptable offering was to begin with

He is appealing to Cain's UNDERSTANDING that

⇒ indeed, that type of appointed sacrifice will lead to his ACCEPTANCE

⇒ most likely, he knew that he would be accepted because he had made that approach of worship BEFORE....

⇒ He knew full well that he would be received

IN THE PROCESS OF TIME

The introduction of man trying to rationalize "*I think I'll try it his way*"

Was there any criticism of Cain being a tiller of the ground?

NO: because he was a tiller, he was fulfilling an assigned responsibility and role

Gen 3:23 *the LORD God sent Adam out of the garden to TILL the ground from which he was taken*

Genesis 4:1-5:32

What were sheep used for at this time? What was man's diet at this point?

They were primarily raised for the purpose of sacrifice, clothing?, milk?

Either way:

Cain and Abel BOTH were fulfilling an assigned ROLE.

How is Cain like the SECULAR man of today?

The man who starts going the way of man's understanding and reason and not the Lord's way

What do you think (speculate) Cain's intentions were when he brought fruit?

It may have been even out of good intent at the beginning...

⇒ "I have worked hard... I want to bring something that I have made and produced"...

⇒ "What's wrong with what I am doing"

Cain's offering was a proposed NEW method of redemption

Man cannot innovate God's redemptive processes

Even though food was good to eat, what Cain came to offer to God was the fruit of cursed territory,

⇒ CURSED is the GROUND

⇒ *There is no REDEMPTION through the CURSED GROUND, only through the BLOOD*

There is no redemption through:

- ◇ Our Works
- ◇ Our Religion
- ◇ Our Philosophy
- ◇ Our Spirituality

How do you think God showed that Cain's offering was not received?? How would we know from Cain's attitude?

Resentment and anger arose..

What are the options?

He could have at that point, turned back...

⇒ In forgiveness, I didn't understand

⇒ Nothing dictated his response other than:

⇒ His own **pride**, **presumption**, and **insistence of his own way**

Chapter 4: Outlines the developments that come once man begins to insist on his own way

How is God's way compared to man's way?

⇒ It is not elegant nor glorious, except that it is the LORD's....

⇒ In man's eyes it is not something to be sought after

Acts 2:46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

2 Cor 1:12 For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you.

2 Cor 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Singleness of heart, generosity, liberal

Genesis 4:1-5:32

His countenance was fallen...

⇒ It is a statement of our spiritual face, just as we grimace in our physical face when we are angered or we face resentment

Turn your eyes upon Jesus...

Heb 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

When we choose our own wisdom or way, there comes a casting down...

- ⇒ Cain you come to a place of worship to LOOK UP to the Lord God...
- ⇒ When you don't come the Lord's way, to LOOK UP, you end up with your countenance down:

Sacrifice was meant to be a vehicle of worship in an open and transparent relationship

Cain offered the fruit of the cursed ground coming in the way of the flesh,

- ⇒ Coming in the pride of his own way,
- ⇒ His own innovative system

Now Cain is mad, that God will not receive him in his own way and system of approach

- ⇒ God will not take is in our own way, our own pride, in our own terms...
- ⇒ Now you be careful mister, God says....sin is crouching... it is DESIRING for you, to OVERTAKE you and unseat you

Whose job is it to rule over sin??

- ⇒ God: espouses SELF-control
- ⇒ Satan: espouses BONDAGE, UNDER-control of something outside yourself
- ⇒ It is YOUR JOB and RESPONSIBILITY to rule over sin... your OVERRULE IT

If SELF-control were easy and natural, it would not be a fruit of the Holy Spirit within us.

Cain TALKED with Abel; AND it came to pass

Did Cain go out and immediately kill him? What do you think he talked with Abel about?

There was a passage of time: week, month, day???

- ⇒ But it possibly was a point of argument> between the two...
- ⇒ Maybe Cain wanted to defend his own work, Cain debating with Abel
- ⇒ Abel saying that it is the Lord's way, ever since the garden: now come back
- ⇒ It is not anything of Abel: it was a point of obedience to God

How it came to pass, who knows, but there came to pass
a calculated decision in his own heart to rise and kill his brother

By shedding the blood of his brother Abel, who was Cain in essence making an offering to?

- ⇒ Rather than taking the sacrificial animal and offering the blood to God (which God intended)
- ⇒ He worked hatred, not humility

God's directive was:

- ⇒ consistent with his established order of worship
- ⇒ consistent to his redemptive plan

Genesis 4:1-5:32

Even in Cain's anger, God says we stay in the system that I have established

- ⇒ He warns him of the path of redemption
- ⇒ Warns him of the working of the adversary

Does this sound familiar: What have you done?

- ⇒ Again, the purpose was to elicit confession...

Blood

- ⇒ Speaks (cries out)
- ⇒ Has the power to pollute a land when shed innocently
- ⇒ Has the power to redeem fallen men, cover sins, destroy a record of wrong

The blood of Jesus pleads a case before the Father for us...

Heb 12:24	to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.
1King 2:33	Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab and upon the head of his descendants forever. But upon David and his descendants, upon his house and his throne, there shall be peace forever from the LORD."
Num 35:31-34	'Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death. 'And you shall take no ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may return to dwell in the land before the death of the priest. So you shall not pollute the land where you are; for blood defiles the land, and no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it. Therefore do not defile the land which you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell; for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel."

What happened when Cain violated the established order, God's way of worship, in presumption and sin

Pattern in Genesis 2/3

- ⇒ you obey me and fellowship with me:
- ⇒ man disobeys/lost fellowship
- ⇒ God restores fellowship with the blood of the lamb

The curse in Ch 3 that is introduced is now COMPOUNDED and EXTENDED

Prov 13:15 Good understanding gains favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard.

What can we learn from Cain, even as being people under God's plan of redemption??

Even in the condition of the flesh, if we will follow God's program of redemption, we will find a constant easing impact of the force and the power of the curse on those who come to walk in the way

Abounding types of sickness under the curse:	healing in the name of Jesus
Separation in relationship:	a new and living way
Poverty and lack	blessing and prosperity of God
Hurt, hatred, divisiveness in relationships:	love and healing

What is the result when people choose not to enter into God's redemptive program?

There comes a compounding as a result, of the curse

v11: the ground will no longer yield strength to you: (Adam=work and sweat)

v12: a fugitive and vagabond, driven further eastward (Adam=just expelled from the garden)

In each case, the curse is intensified from what was originally in the CURSE: because the unwillingness to come God's path in the way of His redemptive provision

This is the LAW of SIN: It drives us further away from God and it makes our path even HARDER

Genesis 4:1-5:32

2 LINES of people being drawn out

<p>Abel: Just do the simple things They way of the Lord is not burdensome, It is prosperous and full of blessing Do what the Lord told us to do: Simple worshippers of the Lord Cost him his life</p> <p>Seth: chosen to pick up his lineage appointed to be the seed that would be raised up</p> <p>Enosh: men began to call upon the name of the Lord This line was made up of simple worshippers.... That is all we see</p>	<p>Cain: doing things in our own ignorance and pride (v16) The way is HARD, heavy laden, burdensome A hard task/master: never satisfied> bitter harvest Cain knew his wife... Enoch, Mehujael, Methushael, Lamech, Jabal/Jubal, Tubal-Cain CAIN built a city and named it ENOCH, after his son</p>
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- ⇒ Lord, my punishment is too great: someone may kill me
- ⇒ There are probably others: it came to pass/in the process of time
- ⇒ Every reason for us to believe that there were already other children
- ⇒ Who was Cain's wife: his sister

Who would kill him??

- ⇒ His other brothers who knew he had killed his brother Cain
- ⇒ God said that he would PROTECT him, put a mark on him, so that God would take vengeance on any one: a warning that 7-fold judgment would be visited

Why do you think God offered protection for CAIN??

EVEN THEN, God was opening a door of repentance, a WAY BACK, provisions for him to just come back
There is no reason in the world that Cain could not have apologized, repented, sacrificed to come back to the Lord when the Lord pronounced the judgment

My punishment is **GREATER** than I can bear:

Man's always tried to neutralize the impact of the CURSE and PUNISHMENT
that has been pronounced upon him

#1 What was the first thing Cain did after leaving? What was the first curse?

Build a city> that is not a fugitive... it was a rejection of the curse

Under his line, how did he violate God's establishment of marriage?

- ⇒ Jesus himself said that it was no so from the **BEGINNING**
- ⇒ God established a monogamous relationship: the two shall become one flesh

#2 Polygamy was introduced:

- ⇒ Not just more kicks (sex) (that is just a product of thought from our own messed up and over sexed society)
- ⇒ People are cheated from God's intended way of people knowing greatest fulfillment

⇒ Someone gets exploited in the relationship: God wants people to have fulfilled relationships, and the only possible way for that to happen is in monogamy

They were created to be that way: it was made to work that way:

⇒ You try it any other way and it does not work:

⇒ you wind up being something less than what God intended you to be

Genesis 4:1-5:32

God never sanctioned polygamy:

God tolerated many things in his mercy, though it was present in OT> there is a difference in what is His clearly manifest will is, and how he perfects that will over time, in patience, as man grows in understanding of His way

#3 Raising of Cattle

⇒ Began to be meat-eaters (Jabal: dwell in tents and raise cattle)

⇒ Not an argument for vegetarianism-> expressly commanded by God after the flood that meat would be a part of man's diet

Why was eating meat an attempt to bypass the curse??

The curse was on the ground

⇒ You will eat of the fruit of the ground and have trouble do it

⇒ Nourishing what satisfies our own appetite

⇒ Not equated with TODAY:: scripture says that we should be meat-eaters

⇒ There should not be a religiousness built around it

#4 Development of an artificial approach to happiness: handle the harp and flute

⇒ Work out a way to substitute the joy that was lost in a relationship with the Lord

⇒ Says nothing that anything of instrumental music is of the devil

⇒ The point is man going out on his own way

What typically results when man progresses technologically in a historical sense?

#5 Production of "progress?": bronze and iron

⇒ Anthropological fact of history, that man's development of new technologies and advanced forms of industry (called culture and progress), they lead to man's destruction

⇒ Bronze and iron are eventually made into instruments of destruction> murder

#6 Murder and SELF-JUSTIFICATION of it

"If God avenged Cain sevenfold"... I will be avenged seventy-sevenfold

What was so bad about Lamech's statement?

⇒ He completely misunderstood the PURPOSE of the mark:

⇒ God's intended purpose for Cain was to protect him and make it plain to anyone that would come around him that MURDER is wrong, don't do it

⇒ He wanted to show mercy and grace to Cain

What does it say about his ideas in regards to God??

Lamech completely reverses this

⇒ basically attributes God with giving divine approval of murder:

⇒ you go back and kill people who give you a hard time

Moses and the LAW: eye for eye, tooth for tooth>

God's *intent* was to say that you do no hurt, because if you do it, you get hurt

I give you this law as a preventative and a warning not to do it!

Man's response to the injunction:

the mark of Cain, Cain don't do it and no one else do it anymore:

Lamach, turns it and says this is God's approval > I can do it and God will defend my unrighteous cause

Genesis 4:1-5:32

Doesn't the Bible say: "eye for eye">

- ⇒ we will retribute to people what they mete out to us
- ⇒ Man's way is to turn against his neighbor and to justify himself based on God's word
- ⇒ The ultimate step of man's imperfection:

There are 6 (6 is the number of man's imperfection) developments that manifest man's digression in his own way

- ⇒ He comes to the point to where he takes God's own revelation intended for his own protection and turns it to a prideful arrogant statement of his own self-justification

The Development of God's Way

- ◇ Then Man began to call on the name of the LORD.... A godly line is raised up
- ◇ God's way is SIMPLE
- ◇ Worship his pattern and call upon the name of the LORD
- ◇ It may cost you your life, or of what society will exact from you
- ◇ No drama....

The Development of Man's Way

- ◇ Nifty developments that man calls culture and civilization
- ◇ God says: "You are not going to get it together that way: you wind up working your own confusion and creating your own problems:
- ◇ Exploitation of one another (polygamy)
- ◇ Arrogant rejection of God's direct command of how the curse is to be lived out so that redemption can be accomplished in time ultimately
- ◇ Man's self-seeking in his own entertainment rather than finding the joy of the Lord God's way
- ◇ Man working his own destruction by his so called progress
- ◇ Man taking God's revelation and using it to justify hatred for his neighbor
- ◇ There are 2 WAYS: what seems right to man is DAMNED (other times)
- ◇ No injunction against instrumental music
- ◇ No injunction against meat

The Generations of Man

- Gen 5:1** This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.
- Gen 5:3** And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

What is the major difference in human generations from verse 1 to verse 3??
The image that we see of man today is a marred image of the perfection with which God created him

What is the 130 years dated from ??

◇ *either from his creation... or from being driven from the garden*

What happened to Enoch??

Heb 11:5-6 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Genesis 4:1-5:32

**How long had God originally ordained for the average lifespan??
How can we make a long life span possible today?**

- Ps 91:1-3 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.
- Ps 91:15-16 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."
- Prov 3:1-2 My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; For length of days and long life and peace they will add to you.
- Exod 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
- Deut 5:16 'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
- Deut 4:25-26 "When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the LORD your God to provoke Him to anger, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but will be utterly destroyed.
- Deut 5:33 "You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.
- Deut 6:1-2 "Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, "that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.
- Deut 11:8-9 "Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess, "and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, 'a land flowing with milk and honey.'
- Deut 22:6-7 "If a bird's nest happens to be before you along the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, with the mother sitting on the young or on the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the young; you shall surely let the mother go, and take the young for yourself, that it may be well with you and that you may prolong your days.
- Deut 25:15-16 You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. "For all who do such things, and all who behave unrighteously, are an abomination to the LORD your God.
- Prov 9:10-11 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you.
- Deut 32:46-47 and He said to them: "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe-- all the words of this law. For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess."

Traits of those who follow the way of the Lord

- ⇒ They worshipped consistent with the Lord's way (Abel)
- ⇒ They called upon the name of the Lord
- ⇒ They walked with God (Enoch) -> they are caught away to be with him

General Review

Chapter 4&5-> The development of 2 Seeds in the earth: the seed of Cain and the seed of Seth

- ⇒ The development of evil as it progressed: moving from relative innocence, now tainted with sin, but he was not proficient in "sinning"

⇒ Now we see in a relatively short time, he is now moving in the FULLNESS of his rebellion, the rise of every trait present in the exercise of his sinful nature (in our modern day time)

Chapter 4 did not reach its end until viciousness, violence had been experienced. There is something of a satanic, hellish quality of the flesh that is involved **when man yields himself over to that**, when he gets involved with the powers of hell

**Man tainted by the flesh has a tremendous capacity to sin in the flesh,
on his own accord, and turn from God**

Genesis 4:1-5:32

Chapter 4

- ⇒ Demonstrates the **potential** and **development** to sin solely from and under the power, energy, and strength of sin itself in the flesh
- ⇒ **Prideful** and **arrogant** manifestation of sin
- ⇒ 6 Traits of the development of the increase of sin on the earth

Chapter 5:

- ⇒ The Line of Cain
 - The marring of Cain by his rebellion against God's way
 - Thought-thru calculation to remain in his own way
 - Development that came from his seed
 - His unrepentance
- ⇒ The Line of Seth (5:25)
 - Simple worship to God
 - Follow the order and way of the Lord
- ⇒ A genealogical record: see the world before the flood

2 Pet 2:4-5 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare **the ancient world**, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

2 Pet 3:1-10 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

- ⇒ Climactic condition
- ⇒ Whole other meteorological world in existence
- ⇒ Whole other geographical situation: land masses <One Continent>

We can not imagine the world of Noah's day, let alone the world of the Garden....

Genesis 6:1-9:29

Gen 6:1-3 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

1556 years from "year 1" of Adams life (100 years before the flood) either from the expulsion **OR** the creation....

◆ Lamech and Methusaleh died a little before the flood (Eden + 1656)

What has the passage of time done?

Evil has had a large amount of time for evil to be on the increase

- ⇒ The force of sin-> Evil has INCREASED
- ⇒ It has reached such a height of evil and consumption in man's nature and character
- ⇒ It is such horror, that a flood will soon come in judgment
- ⇒ Sin has a capacity to regenerate, compound its force with rising intensity, and multiply itself
- ⇒ Evil, when given its way, will find new and every increasingly wicked avenues to express itself

The way of man, the way of the flesh: it is progressive and digressive

The flood of NOAH, dates to about 2500 BC... which places Adam around 4000 BC>

Books concerning creation and the flood:

- ⇒ Noah's Ark: Fact or Fable
- ⇒ The Quest for Noah's Ark
- ⇒ The Ark: I Touched It

Marvelous studies that give every evidence... the remnants of the ark are on Mt. Ararat TODAY...

They have some pieces of the ark

The times of Josephus: mentions the ark, people at the time, who had been into Armenia, now Turkey, and had seen the ark...

The Dark Ages reports those who saw it

Fernand Nevara.. French mountain climber, amateur (1955)> climbed the mountain and came back with a piece of wood, dating around 5000 years ago, rough hewn wood not from timber of any kind in that area (found well above the timber line anyway)

1970: Other attempt but Turks refuse to allow permits (for the most part)

Warwicks book: conversation recorded between elderly Armenian who was taken to the ark as a little boy:

Witnessed by aviators: on years with unusual thaws, but normally covered with snow at the 14000 ft. Two mountains, greater and lesser (Ararat is 17000)

As it was in the days of NOAH: God is still speaking today

- ⇒ Dead sea scrolls (the authenticity of Scripture): a faithful transmission of Scripture
- ⇒ Decline of moral standards (echo, of you cannot find fulfillment in other loves than ME)
- ⇒ Apollo 13: literally prayed back to earth, there was no way to explain how they got back

“If you pray, I can do anything”

- ⇒ Witness will be verifiable at some point??? Who knows....
- ⇒ It will be a testimony to man at the last day that there was a judgment that came on the earth
- ⇒ IT is a testimony that God will bring judgment once again, and that times will be similar to how it was in that day of the man Noah

Genesis 6:1-9:29

Gen 6:4 There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

The “Sons of God” and the “Daughters of Men”

- ⇒ *Sons = Sons of Seth*
 - ◇ Ones who called upon the name of the Lord, who did not follow the way of Cain, the way of the world
 - ◇ Still walked in the way of righteousness and did not participate in the wickedness from Cain on, a way of justice and righteousness
 - ◇ **Reasoning:** Daughters of men ⇒ Godly and ungodly began to MIX

Why Not?

- ◇ No reason for us to think of their (Sons of Seth) daughters than other than “daughters of men”
- ◇ From the outset, it does not make sense “saw the daughters of men”-> did the Sethites just have never noticed woman up until that point

- ⇒ *Sons = Fallen Angels*

- ◇ Giants on the earth in that day... 2 Unusual things came out of the union:
 - ◇ A physiological difference came about (giants, unusual proportions)
 - ◇ In the bearing of these children, the genetic input was something different than human
- ◇ Capacities: unusual capacity to influence people (men of renown)
- ◇ The Septuagint version has:
 - hoi (grk 3588), angeloi (grk 32) tou (grk 5120) Theou (grk 2316)*
 - the angels of God***

References:

- Jude 1:6 And the ***angels who did not keep their proper domain***, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;
- 2 Pet 2:4-5 For if God did not ***spare the angels who sinned***, but ***cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness***, to be *reserved for judgment*, and *did not spare the ancient world*, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

5020 tartaroo (tar-tar-o'-o; from Tartaros (the deepest abyss of Hades); to incarcerate in eternal torment: KJV--cast down to hell.

Notes on 2 Pet 2:4 and the use of tartarus:

- ◆ Not used anywhere else in NT except in regard to these fallen angels
- ◆ Not hades
- ◆ Not gehenna (lake of fire)....
- ◆ Tartarus: a distinct place, a place of judgment... it is still hell
- ◆ The abode, reserved in chains, until the day of judgment
- ◆ There is an impending ultimate judgment
- ◆ “Spared not the old world”-> direct relationship with these angels, being cast down into judgment, directly related to the judgment of the fall

What was the proper domain for an angel??

- Job 1:6** Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.
- Job 2:1** Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.
- Job 38:4-7** "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

It is clear that sons of God **are** angelic beings...

Genesis 6:1-9:29

An angel, for the most part, is visibly present when conducting business (they don't have wings)

- ⇒ They are far more human in their appearance, than we know
- ⇒ (And.. man is far more god-like in his potential than we know...)

The Union of these: sons of God and daughters of men

- ⇒ Produces an unusual kind of being as a result of the UNION!
- ⇒ Not just the mixture of the godly and ungodly lines of Cain and Seth

Gen 6:5-6 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Compounding time of a fierce growth of evil

- ⇒ the wickedness of man was GREAT
- ⇒ the thoughts and imagination of his heart was evil continually: every intent.....

The earth was CORRUPT

- ⇒ It had been filled with violence
- ⇒ All FLESH was CORRUPTED
- ⇒ It is such a fierce GROWTH of evil! There was virtually NO righteousness left on earth

5 Statements that speak of the rise of the force of evil... with one exception

- ⇒ The wickedness of man was GREAT
- ⇒ The thoughts and imagination of his heart was evil continually: every intent....
- ⇒ The earth also was corrupt before God
- ⇒ The earth was filled with violence.
- ⇒ All flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

We almost cannot conceive of evil coming to such a point.

- ◆ There is in our time, a unique, a new innovative, way to sin and evil
- ◆ Corresponding, there is more and more of a surrender to the occult, demonism, new age
- ◆ Everything that plays into the hands of surrender to demonic power, the forces of fallen angels: to the place now, but it is fact that there are people now in our time who have discussed and made statements to the effect of having sexual intercourse with demon powers
- ◆ People in their explanation of reaching into the darkness, pursuing evil and reprobation, can find people who had given themselves completely open....
- ◆ This should not be unbelievable... it happened once!!!!

**Unrighteousness comes with its own compounding influence....
From evil and demonic power**

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- Matt 22:30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.
- Mark 12:25 "For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.
- Luke 20:34-36 And Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. "But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

**True or False: Angels cannot marry?? Not necessarily true
Angels IN HEAVEN do not marry...**

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Would angels have sexual capacity, and then live forever being denied it, living unfulfilled, with no power to discharge the potential or drive?? (not very likely)

Rev 12:3-4 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

In the satanic rebellion, Lucifer was cast down to become satan

- ◆ satan = adversary
- ◆ devil = slanderer
- ◆ serpent = venom that inoculated the race with evil

He drew down a 1/3 part of the stars with his tail...

Job 38:4-7 When the *morning stars* sang together, and *all the sons of God shouted* for joy?

Rhymes in Hebrew are not in sound, but in concept...

- ◆ morning stars = Sons of God

When man seeks to pursue evil, he becomes prey to satanism

- ⇒ Angels, having a sexual capacity, but involved in the service of the Lord
- ⇒ Not celibate, as in they are not denying something like in man, but their *order of life* is different
- ⇒ Man opening wide up

Why would these fallen creatures, under satan's authority, want to mate with man??

It was still man who had been given rulership, as a creature, of this creation

- ⇒ The earth is the center of conflict
- ⇒ God told man "the earth is yours"
- ⇒ Satan wants both man and earth, to control them

Satan understands that God is systematic and consistent with his own organization and system

- ⇒ When God says, "this is your domain", he means that!
- ⇒ The possession was not taken away, but rather made less enjoyable than what it could be, not on the same delightful terms

The Kingdom of God is at hand:

- ⇒ the possibility of re-instatement of man's authority, and glory, and rulership, anointing, and rich fellowship with God was HERE
- ⇒ The Son, the pioneer of a new *race*, had come to start new possibilities for us!

Satan would understand that!!

- ⇒ He would want to breed with whatever part of that fallen race would want to give themselves over to him, surrender, that he might by sowing his seed into the womb of women who were of the seed of Adam, give rise to sons who were born of satan and who had the promise to control the earth (being of Adam's race)
- ⇒ As a result... ***My Spirit shall not always strive with man***

120 Years... not just life span, but rather, it is a final warning to the flood...

- ⇒ Noah... 100 years from speaking to Noah
- ⇒ 120 years before the Flood (before the address to Noah)

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The Man Noah

Not a fairy book or mythical character

NT: his actuality is established

Heb 11:7 by faith.....

Noah was warned of God of things NEVER seen (no rain, no BOATS that big ??? who knows)

The preparing of the ark... condemned the world

Abel->Enoch->Abraham..... and on and on: they are KNOWN historic characters

1 Pet 3:20...

2 Pet 2:5

The Genealogy of Jesus: Luke 3:36 (he is no more mythical than Jesus), Matt 24:37/Luke 17:26/27

He is mentioned in all of these

4 Things Concerning Noah

⇒ *He found FAVOR in the sight of the Lord*

FAVOR=grace... it was not something that he deserved

He was of flesh, and therefore should have been doomed (ALL flesh had corrupted)

There were traits that distinguished him from flesh...

Noah does discover covenant relationship with God

The FIRST thing we see about him is that he found FAVOR, or GRACE

He was saved **BECAUSE** he found GRACE in the eyes of the Lord

Everything that we realize of God's goodness... the preface is always GRACE

⇒ *He was a JUST man, righteous in his ways*

He did right things

Not that he was perfect

His life was given to being as right as he could

He was not caught up in the evil of his world.... He was tainted flesh,

⇒ *He was perfect in his GENERATIONS*

What is so significant??

They were marrying and given in marriage: indiscriminate, promiscuous attitude toward man/woman and husband/wife generation-> this was a reproof by Jesus

Noah was not caught up in the immoral thirst for just changing partners every time it seemed delightful

Noah was one not marked by the invasion of the Satanic seed of the fallen angels: his genealogy or GENERATION was pure

⇒ *Noah WALKED with God*

He worshipped God (4:24)

LORD = Yahweh... the name of the Lord

The name is the REDEMPITIVE name... His name is Jesus in OUR day...

The gentiles trust in that NAME... the Father was pleased that in His Son, all fullness of deity dwelled

We are not told much about worship up until this point....

Gen 8:20> Noah built an offering unto the LORD... out of the ARK

He continued the practice of covering for SIN... God taught Adam how his sin was to be covered... it would be a way of worship..

Abel continued that... the line of Cain resisted that (he brought an innovation)

Still those in Ch5 who call upon the name and walk in the way of the Lord

There is first surrender to sin, then surrender to sin

But God found one who walked with Him, unmarked in his generations, who calls on me, and understands and knows the covenant of the blood sacrifice...

God says, now, I will make my covenant with him....

Genesis 6:14-8:14

1. How was the ark built? (14-22) Gen 6:15 this is how you shall make it:
 - 75 ft (50 cubits ~ 18 in.) x 45 ft (30 cubits) x 450 ft (300 cubits)
 - Ark means rectangular, coffin like box
 - It had rooms, with 3 stories
 - 3 different words used for WINDOW
 - "A window shalt thou put above"...
 - Top 18 inches (1 Cubit)... a roof light, all the way around
 - Hebrew = SOHAR... ventilation capacity and provision
 - "He opened the window and released the dove..."
 - Normal Hebrew word for window
 - Somewhere, Noah had built a window that could be opened
 - The "windows" of heaven were opened
 - Literally, SEPTUAGINT, in Greek (70 scholars = SEPT= 70)
 - SEPT made before Christ
 - All OT quotations are made from the SEPT....
 - Done by Hebrew scholars
 - Windows of heaven = WATERFALLS in the Septuagint
 - Ark Specifications:
 - 1,518,750 Cubic Feet
 - At 2670 Cubic Feet (the average railroad stock car)
 - The ark would have the carrying capacity of 569 railroad stock (animal) cars....
 - Roughly estimated, 25 TONS of weight
 - 15 Cubits, the DISPLACEMENT.... The waters prevailed....
 - it means that there was at least that much space between the **highest** object and the ark
 - Wood, size, weight, architecture: by actual calculations... that is the ACTUAL displacement of the ark by modern estimates

Genesis 6:1-9:29

- How did you build it?? 100 years
 - Probably did not build it by himself....financed and directed it, gave instructions for it....
- What kind of conversation went on about Noah during the building of the Ark.....
 - Don't ever think that we are beyond it
 - We do not have enough empirical evidence so that anything we believe to be true is beyond proof
 - Noah was a man of FAITH...in direct opposition to his society and his day
 - The Resurrection: much empirical evidence for it...from a rational viewpoint....
 - Noah had NOTHING more than the witness of the LORD in this heart
 - Building a boat in a flood caused by something noone has never seen
- 2. How were the animals gathered? (7:1-10)
 - No record of animals having an estrangement with man before ch 9:2
 - The fear of you will be upon every beast and every fowl
 - Man moved unhindered with his relationship with the animals of the field up until the flood...
 - There is no report of that... if it were so then God would not have spoken it or would have had a need to record it
 - the gathering did not amount to trapping and netting, as it would be in our day
 - The earth was one land mass
 - The gathering of the waters was to ONE place in Genesis: the earth was one LAND MASS at the beginning
 - 2 Pet 3:5-6 The WORLD that THEN was...it was another world meteorologically and geographically....

- Significant to any understanding of the FLOOD
 - Does not take into account God's divine plan and His divine authority: I will bring...
 - Even if the first 2 premises were not true, it does not rule out God performing a miracle to help Noah
 - God commanded him to gather and told him to do it... assuming that He himself would help Noah perform it
3. How extensive was the flood? (v11-24)
- Henry Morris -> special study to show ratio of dimensions are the **most** ideal for stability of a sea-going vessel for rough water handling, the least capsizable vessel you can make....
 - Was it "just from Noah' perspective" that the earth was covered
 - Just the Euphrates valley???
 - Why take the position... it's easier to convince people it's true???
 - "all the earth" as the person writing saw it...
 - It is NOT a requirement for salvation to believe that the flood was global...just make sure it is
 - Misunderstanding of the topography and climactic conditions of the earth
 - Consider the following verses:

Gen 6:12-13 God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for **all flesh** had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for **the earth** is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy **them** with the **earth**.

Gen 6:17 And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters **on the earth**, to destroy from under heaven **all flesh** in which is the breath of life; **everything** that is on the earth shall die.

Gen 6:19-20 of **every** living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of **every** sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of **every** creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive.

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- Gen 7:4 For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and **I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.**"
- Gen 7:11-12 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day **all** the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the **rain was on the earth** forty days and forty nights.
- Gen 7:17-19 Now the flood was **on the earth** forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high **above the earth**. The waters prevailed and greatly increased **on the earth**, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly **on the earth**, and **all** the high hills under the **whole heaven** were covered.
- Gen 7:21-24 And **all flesh died that moved on the earth**: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. **All** in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, **all** that was on the dry land, died. So He destroyed **all living things** which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the **earth**. **Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive**. And the waters prevailed **on the earth** one hundred and fifty days.
- God is talking... He knows the size and extent of the earth
 - Jesus never condescended to man's MISunderstanding, but always sought to bring God's understanding to the situation
 - IE... trying to say Jesus didn't really believe in demons, but just used that as a means of getting people to understand some underlying psychiatric problem....
 - Not just a using of THEIR terminology
 - Speaking by revelation... you have heard, BUT I SAY....
 - Encouraged people to come up to God's level of understanding...
 - Jesus HIMSELF...

Luke 17:26-27 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

- The mention is not just on men (where they are)... it is on ALL THE EARTH....
- Will Jesus rule only on a portion of the earth??? NO...
- He will come to establish His kingdom ON EARTH...

4. How could there have been that much water? (v7:11-8:2)

- Catastrophism... fits readily into geographical exploration, that the current features of the earth are drastically different then they were... the Bible shows us one land mass (as science bears and proves out w/ continental drift)
- Everything we know of profound geological formation (raising of mountains, valleys like the Grand Canyon, and the separating of the continents)... ALL happened as result of the deluge: it was a cataclysm
- 3 THINGS that account for this:
 - All the fountains of the deep were opened
 - This could be EITHER or BOTH hydrological or volcanic
 - Fountain= volcana, ie flowing of lava and volcanic molten material
 - Scientific support that the continents were together at one time...
 - Tidal waves... rising waters... wrenching apart of the earth underneath.. the "fountains of the deep"
 - A Breaking apart of the surface would there ALONE provide the sweeping over of the land mass that would be required for a global flood.
 - The windows of heaven were opened
 - 2 Pet 3:5-6 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.

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Gen 1:6-7 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.

- Think about the ICE AGE.. or the "canopies of the heaven"
- Canopy of ICE possibly, or even the ICE CAP that would have accompanied any type of ICE AGE on the EARTH (darkness on the earth... cold+water = ICE)
- The rain was on the earth for forty days and forty nights...
 - Rain over periods of time today are causing catastrophic destruction
 - Rivers, mudslides, etc....
- Bottom LINE: NO problem getting water, or even requiring faith in this respect.
- There is ANOTHER EARTH coming... this one to be purged by FIRE

5. How long was the deluge in its entirety?

- 600th Year, 2nd Month, 17th Day: the deluge began (they probably went in on the 10th day) (7:11-12)
- 601st Year, 1st Month, 1st Day: waters were dried up from the earth (the covering was removed) (8:14)
- 601st Year, 2nd Month, 27th Day: God spoke, Noah LEFT the ark...(8:14-15)
 - Approximately 1 Year (over 12 months)... 1 YR + 10 Days...
- 40 Days: rain, day and night
- 150 Days: (7:24) the waters prevailed, waters began to recede (8:3) (5 months)
 - 5 Months of having water on the surface of the earth, and whatever was going on UNDERNEATH the water
- 600th Year, 7th Month, 17th Day: the ark RESTED on the MOUNTAINS of Ararat (8:4)
 - mountains are correct, there are 2 peaks in this rane...
- 600th Year, 10th Month, 1st Day: the tops of the mountains were seen (8:5)- waters decreased continually until

- 600th Year, 10th Month, + 40 Days (11th Month, 10th Day): Noah opened the window, sent out Raven + Dove
- Olive BRANCH: Peace on earth again
- 601: 1st Month, 1st Day: A NEW YEAR
 - Noah = the 8th MAN: the number of the resurrection...
 - Jesus rose again on the 8th day...
 - 6 = Number of Man, 7 = Number of Completion, 8 = Beginning of the NEW (RE-NEWED)
 - He is the man of the new covenant, a new earth, and a new time
- v21: God said I will not again CURSE the ground for MANS sake....
 - the FLESH of Mans soul is still there....
 - The EARTH will now yield its strength... a whole new order of LIFE, another time, a WHOLE new way of living... abundance of a new order...
- The MAN WHO GOD GAVE A NEW ORDER to:
 - NOAH waited for God to speak....WISDOM ... HE LISTENED to the VOICE of the LORD
 - 1,1 until 2,27: 2 MONTHS of waiting
 - Whatever GRACE God has shown us, whatever triumph or victory we have experienced, and whatever horror we have been brought through... never gives us room for presumption that we can move without first hearing the VOICE of God... the VOICE of His leading
 - Waiting 2 months in a stale ark with a bunch of creatures in the face of a dry earth....
 - Noah builded an ARK, walks in covenant of the BLOOD...(v20)
 - Perfect in HIS Generation...
 - Walks with God..
 - NOAH obeyed ...
 - NOAH did.... ACCORDING to ALL that God commanded him, so HE DID...
 - NOAH found grace....
 - Calls on the name of the LORD...

Genesis 6:1-9:29

Genesis 8:14-9:29

1. A NEW World

- Seasons are introduced: seed time, harvest, cold, and heat (v22)
 - Could the axis of the earth have been introduced???
 - Cataclysm might have caused it....
- The re-establishment of the covenantal sacrifice required for fellowship with God
 - The FIRST thing we are introduced is the redemptive process of sacrificial worship to the Most High God
 - Noah was pure, walked with God, and kept in touch with that
 - Coming out of Eden... clothed with skins that God sacrificed to cover them... clothed with garments provided by God=> Abel/Seth... onto Noah carried on this covenant relationship with God
 - God's ordained pattern of redemptive operation
- As of the FLOOD, God removed the curse that was on the earth from EDEN
 - It was released from the CURSE that was on it from the original fall
 - The GROUND will once again have the opportunity to yield its strength to you....
 - God has not cursed it, but man has a unique ability to extend his curse in any direction given enough time to anything he touches...
 - Pollution in the environment.. a projection of man's own pollution
 - He does even today bring forth abundantly from the soil....
 - It is POSSIBLE for us to derive from the soil to support the population of the world...
 - The SEASONS accomplished and went along with this NEW fruitfulness of the earth, to get it to yield again for MAN

2. God is seeking to bring this PLANET under his DOMINION through applying that rulership by MAN...

- If man will take the planet, establish the dominion, and take control of it: then GOD will have DOMINION...

- God's love constantly begets NEW possibilities for HIS creatures to rise into fulness of experience and possibilities to share with HIM all that is HIS life, character, virtue....
 - We are to learn the fulness of that relationship, of his life and rulership, that brings us into the experience of extending His LIFE into circumstances where His life and rulership are not KNOWN....
 - God is giving MAN another opportunity for DOMINION
 - God wants a voluntary offering of the earth, so that it is HIS by our express WILL and not HIS DIVINE FIAT....by HIS RAW POWER
 - God seeks sovereignty VOLUNTARILY: HOW???
 - through coming to know HIM who is LOVE
 - through understanding HIM, respond to HIM
 - yield to HIM knowing that He is ALL-WISE and LOVING...
 - that is the RESPONSE God wants from His creation....
 - 9:1=> REPLENISH the earth
 - Man chooses very soon to CLUSTER, in direct disobedience to this command
3. A NEW Order of the NOAHIC covenant (v1-3)
- The fear and dread of you will be among the animals (9:2)
 - Man is introduced to eating animal flesh as part of his diet
 - Meat will constitute a part of man's diet.... Be careful of legalism...
 - IN THE LAST DAYS.... Forbidding to marry... forbidding to EAT MEAT
 - It was part of the final push of Satan in the last day
 - Part of the push into the deeper and deeper darkness of occultism
 - I HAVE GIVEN YOU ALL THINGS... herbs and animals BOTH
 - Health food and fadism: where is there location usually? It is interesting to see the tie to oriental spiritualism, new agism, etc.

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- A vegetable diet in and of itself is not EVIL... however in conjunction with OTHER things, it tends to support the present condition of the LAST days... something for us to be learned
 - God instituted and ordained man to be a meat-EATER... the NOAHIC covenant
4. The VALUE of life... (v4-6)
- Let's REVIEW...
 - The institution of worship was re-established (the sacrificial offering of the redemptive program)... it is the SAME race, but the SAME taint, the SAME process of REDEMPTION is needed
 - Blessed by being released from the curse of the ground... it will now produce its abundance...
 - Seasons are established
 - The command to multiply is given
 - The proclamation of man's estrangement from animals is understood
 - The diet of man is altered, dictated to be different
 - NOW, God is establishing a NEW priority on the value of LIFE...
 - Do not eat meat with the BLOOD in it....
 - Is it a legalistic directive????
 - KOSHER preparation???
 - Probably not, however God is bring about the awareness of the preciousness of BLOOD
 - Man is told 3 things:
 - Not to eat meat raw
 - A man is not to take a life, otherwise man's life is required
 - An animals is not to take a life...
 - The LORD was bringing the value of life into sharp focus, because man is coming into a time where man is going to be responsible judicially for the oversight and the government for what rise of sin does come about..
 - It is the period of human government...
 - Man does not by his government attain the rulership God desires...

- A trait of contemporary society is a sophisticated and philosophical argument against capital punishment...
 - God has ordained this and has NOT rescinded it.
 - It is man's judicial responsibility to execute this... in order for there to be an association of VALUE with LIFE...
 - Man of course has used his own wisdom over time...
 - Committing murder and not receiving due punishment...man says that it is SAVAGE, not God >>
 - God INSTITUTED it...
 - Over the last couple of hundred years : the shedding of blood is REMOVED... man is doing it in a neater WAY...
 - decapitation-> violence, shedding of blood
 - the firing squad (shedding of blood, but neater)
 - hanging
 - electrocution
 - lethal injection/gas chamber
 - A respect or awe: the fear of man, horror in anticipating to prevent them from committing murder...
- DON'T be shaped in the world view: man continually brings God's wisdom down to man's level
- We ARE LIVING in the period instituted at the time of NOAH.. it has not ended....
- We should not be pre-occupied with the legislative crusade for these things...we should be well aware of what God thinks about these things...

5. The MYSTERY of Blood

Genesis 6:1-9:29

- Blood is the agency by which LIFE is transmitted throughout the body
 - Lev 17:11 The life of the flesh is in the blood
 - Medical science
 - Blood is the instrument of redemption
 - Heb 9:22 Without the shedding of blood... no remission
 - True then, from Eden onward: a trail of blood
 - Flesh derives life... flesh is fallen, and God is seeking to redeem...
 - The wisdom of God
 - Blood shed violently POLLUTES the land where it flows
 - Num 35:33: so shall you not pollute the land.. the land cannot be cleansed... it defile the land
 - There is something MORE to blood than we know about it!!!
 - It is dynamic and explosive in possibilities...
 - Blood shed unjustly speaks
 - The blood of Abel
 - The blood of Jesus
 - How does it speak?? Audibly?? Probably not... It does speak something in the SPIRITUAL realm
 - Blood shed by beasts require accountability
 - Blood shed by man requires accountability
1. **Ch 9:8-17>>** The PROMISE of God to never destroy the earth by WATER again
- God has made a vow to never use a flood to destroy the earth
 - God also said that He would give a "token" (v13,17...)
 - A token: a sign or an evidence, a tangible, something he can grasp....
 - It is not required of you to be so spiritual with no grounds of having ever touched, seen, felt, or heard anything....
 - **FAITH is the trait of people who see through their eyes, but not just with their eyes....**
 - It is seeing "beyond" what our eyes see
 - The SEVEN "tokens" of God's dealings.....
 - RAINBOW [Gen 9:12]

- (never need fear another rain storm:: BOW in the cloud... never had been rain before prior to the flood:: the one time it rained, it undid everything!!! But He gives us a token in immediate conjunction with what would be the source of fear: a CLOUD... when you see something that would stir fear, it is at that point that I will introduce a physical presence or testimony (f act), a tangible, of my grace and remembrance) [God does cooperate with His own laws quite frequently]
- Man who had only seen rain once, would now have a sense of peace in the face of it
- How lovingly kind and tender of the LORD!!!
- He wants out of our trials something tangible and physical to come out of it so that we may look back in remembrance... specific experiences that manifest His triumph....
- When that same order of thing comes against us, you have something tangible to reach out to and lay hold of (they overcame by the word of their testimony)
- This thing that seeks to cast a shadow on me...when you pass through the waters and fire, you will not be overtaken or burned...
- Floods work trials-> trials/experiences work patience-> patience works hope->
- I CAN'T BE BEATEN because GOD IS WITH ME....
- It was a covenant promise
- CIRCUMCISION (Gen 17:11)
- DELIVERANCE FROM EGYPTIAN SLAVERY (Exodus 3:12)
- BLOOD OF THE LAMB (Exodus 12:13)
- THE TESTIMONY (Exodus 13:16) {phylacteries}
- AARON'S ROD (Numbers 17:10) {miracle manifestation pointing to God's approved leader}
- RAHAB'S SCARLET CORD (Joshua 2:12) {the sign that this household would be saved}
- Ps 86:17 Show me a sign for good, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Genesis 6:1-9:29

1. Ch 9:18-29>> These New Things are Established

- A new population beginning to develop
 - Ham, Shem, Japheth...
 - A global flood.... They repopulated the entire world....
- Noah became a husbandman (farmer) ... He PLANTED a vineyard
 - Noah was the 8th MAN, 8 is the number of the NEW CREATION
 - Jesus was raised on the 8th day... the SABBATH had passed
 - It is the number of NEW beginnings....
 - We are of a NEW creation in CHRIST... HE TOO planted a vineyard (the 8th MAN once again) IF any man is in Christ, he is living in a new WORLD...
 - He is the author and perfecter of a new race of beings... made in HIS image, but still holding ADAM's stained image up until DEATH of their physical body
 - We are both of the vine and partakers of the vine simultaneously...participants and members both!!!
 - Another argument for a totally new meteorological environment
 - Noah was found drunk....he had not changed...
 - There is no mention of drunkenness until NOW
 - The capacity of the fruit of the vine to ferment... Noah was both surprised and it was all new... he got drunk by accident...
 - A new stream of SIN is introduced
 - Ham SAW the nakedness of his father
 - Shem and Japheth... went in backwards>> not puritanical, not being ashamed of our bodies
 - Ham evidently demonstrated a mocking attitude, scornful, to his father... jesting and despising and disrespect to the parental authority
 - He is dealing not only with his father, but the agent of God's salvation for the world...

- Noah was indeed a picture of Jesus, the living God inviting men to Himself...
- Ham's attitude was more than parental disrespect... but their is the actual abhorning of God's authority found in NOAH
- They could have:
 - Let it go
 - Joined in the mockery
- Instead, they showed respect and covered the nakedness....
- Cursed be CANAAN... (not HAM)
 - The sins of the father ARE VISITED....
 - This happened within the first year probably (they had a producing vine to get wine...)
 - BE CAREFUL OF ERROR!!!
 - Blindly accepting an interpretation who teach that the curse upon Canaan is where the Black race came from!!
 - OR whatever the color of your skin, that it is from a judgment of GOD....
 - WRONG... the word does not address where the RACES come from...
 - 3 Basic Racial Groups: ALL OF ONE BLOOD....
 - Blood is the key... all in the circle of Adam's race and all in the program of Christ's redemption (that is all WE NEED TO KNOW!!)
- Salvation comes through Jesus Christ....He had HIS Son born through the avenue of an ethnic group that all society spits ON... He always makes the elder serve the younger... the first being last... it is part of His program to humble man...

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- The Canaanite RACE would dwell in the land that will eventually be inhabited by His people...
 - God is establishing NOW why that He will in time depose and remove these people from the land under Moses and Joshua...
 - Shem, Ham, and Japheth: from these THREE the whole earth was populated....
 - The land promised to the people of God... why that land was taken from Canaan... it all comes back originally to this CURSE... God seeing that they will continue to pollute their ways and pollute the land....
 - Gen 10:15-19 And Canaan begat Sidon his first-born, and Heth, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. And afterward were the families of the Canaanite **spread abroad**. And the border of the Canaanite was from **Sidon**, as thou goest toward Gerar, unto **Gaza**. As thou goest toward **Sodom and Gomorrah** and Admah and Zeboiim, unto Lasha.
 - The CURSED line of Canaan, came a race that turned toward every vicious practice...**not BECAUSE of what NOAH spoke...**
 - The curse was announced as a prophecy of what would come about and be duplicated and reproduced and propagated in the life of Ham's children because of HIS rebellious nature and openness to the work of HELL in his life....
 - BE CAREFUL what you do!!!! You affect generations AFTER you!!!
 - Noah is NOT PREDESTINED Canaan to be a rebel his entire life....
 - HE WAS SAYING this:
 - Because of the rebellion in his father Ham, Canaan's line would continually reproduce and compound that TRAIT of rebellion
 - The curse of God comes on that REBELLION
 - God is telling why with full justice, they will be driven out...
 - Be careful of reading God's prophetic pronouncement!!!
 - A declaration or announcement of what SHALL happen as man goes his own way
- VS
- Ignorant men think when they say, by God's prophecy He ordains men to go their own way....

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- We have absolute FREE WILL to choose God's way, turning in repentance, or to choose our own way in rebellious stubborn pride....
- Ham took his choice and that choice (sin of rebellion) would be re-visited upon his posterity
- Why would God exterminate an entire RACE?????
 - What did that RACE become....
 - By our modern terminology and understanding of satanism and satanic practices, the Canaanite religions was of Satanic nature
 - Offered human sacrifices (for the most time children)
 - Their worship centered in the most perverted and immoral practices
 - Their exercise of what is WALKING in the LIGHT was in the DEEPEST DARKNESS
 - if the light in you be darkness, how GREAT is that darkness..
- Noah speaks a prophetic announcement of what shall come about because of what would be begotten through the SEED of Ham's rebellion... not only as he begets children (Canaan), but what would be multiplied in terms of greater and greater SIN....
 - Sin reaches intensely perverted levels...
 - Sodom and Gomorrah were of this line... destroyed eventually by God's judgment
 - Perversion reaching its peak in them....

Genesis 6:1-9:29

Jesus used both of these...

- As it was in the DAYS of NOAH
- As it was in the DAYS of SODOM and GOMORRAH
- Canaanite Development:
 - Gen 12:6
 - Gen 15:16
 - Ex 23:28
 - Ex 33:2

Genesis 10:1-11:32

Genesis 10

1. Now these are the generations.....
 - What caused the division of the nations was LANGUAGE....
 - Gen 10:5 Of these were the isles of the nations divided in their lands, every one **after his tongue**, after their families, in their nations.
 - Gen 10:31 These were the sons of Shem, according to their families, **according to their languages**, in their lands, according to their nations.
 - Gen 10:32 These were the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood.
 - It was an advanced reference to Babel....Chapter 11
 - The ISLES of the Gentiles (not necessarily islands)
 - The Continents of the nations....
 - The Japhidic races are normally assumed to move into the northern regions
 - The Hamite race are normally seen to inhabit the Mesopotamian region and on down into Africa
 - Mizraim = EGYPT
2. The nations were DIVIDED....**PELEG**
 - Note the use of division
 - Gen 10:5 From these the coastland peoples of the Gentiles were **separated** into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.
 - Gen 10:25 To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was **divided**; and his brother's name was Joktan. PELEG = DIVIDED....
 - Gen 10:32 These were the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were **divided** on the earth after the flood.
 - Chapter 10 gives us the genealogy and then Chapter 11 gives us the explanation..
 - Shown the generations of Noah's 3 sons... and shown why the division occurred around here
3. We have a hint at the progressive development of the evil that comes from the seed of HAM
 - v9: Nimrod-> a mighty one in the earth
 - The phrase "BEFORE the LORD" carries the intention and meaning of "AGAINST the LORD" or "BEFORE the FACE of the LORD"
 - A mighty, powerful hunter in opposition to the LORD => ANTI or OPPOSED to the LORD and the LORD's way....
 - 6440 **paniym** (paw-neem') KJV-- + accept, & before (-time), **against**, anger, X as (long as), at, + battle, + because (of), + beseech, countenance, edge, + employ, endure, + enquire, face, favour, fear of, for, forefront (-part), form (-er time, -ward), from, front, heaviness, X him (-self), + honourable, + impudent, + in, it, look [-eth] (-s), X me, + meet,

X more than, mouth, of, off, (of) old (time), X on, open, + out of, **over against**, the partial, person, + please, presence, project, was purposed, by reason of, + regard, right forth, + serve, X shewbread, sight, state, straight, + street, X thee, X them (-selves), through (+-out), till, time (-s) past, (un-) to (-ward), + upon, upside (+down), with (-in, + -stand), X ye, X you.

- It is the only introduction we are given to Nimrod...
- Not all that we KNOW of the flow of development of evil and Nimrod's place in it...
 - 2 Generations from Ham, we have the development of his rebellion, a person who is in an aggressive stance in opposition to the LORD
- How pronounced the development of the rebellion was on the face of just this text...
 - It is developed in this attitude of Nimrod (opposed to the LORD), that his description as a mighty hunter probably did not mean wild game or animals
 - The intent of the scripture was not as a sportsmen, but his hunting was in the ability to trap people... not beasts
 - Their comes the rise of his kingdom (Babel...)

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- He was a conqueror....He was bringing people under this rebellion and his dominion, his control
- The whole picture of him is one of someone completely opposed to all that God is
- Nimrod = "rebellion" or "the valiant"; or "we will REVOLT"
 - the son of Cush, grandson of Ham, and great-grandson of Noah; a mighty hunter, he established an empire in the area of Babylon and Assyria.
 - A violent rebellion against God, a violent resistance of God
- A hunter of MEN for the purposes of establishing his imperial kingdom and rule over other men, tyranny and power----
 - Gen 10:10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.
- It was in the establishing of these cities (his kingdom), Nimrod becomes the epitome of everything evil and opposed to God...
- Babel is the city where he was headquartered... not to be disassociated from Babylon (OT or NT) or the Babylonian empire.....
- Some historical documents from Babylonian history:
 - Nimrod was called Marduke
 - Marduke eventually became the great God worshipped by the Babylonians
 - The time of Neb.. Babylon was a WORLD government (they overthrew the Southern kingdom of Judah)
 - When we encounter Nebuchadnezzar, he is trying to get the world to bow down to the image (in Daniel's day) that he raises...
- Nimrod was establishing DOMINION over man....
 - God told NOAH to re-establish dominion over the EARTH:
 - Each man to be free in his relationship to God, each man to have his own vine and fig tree...
 - Each man to have areas of dominion , domestic authority in his own family
 - A picture of God's order in every area of life... all things that concern him
 - The domestic area of his own home, the agricultural level of what he possesses, the economic level of what he manages....
 - Nimrod has moved from man having dominion over EARTH, THINGS to man having dominion over MAN....
 - Not talking about GOVERNMENT (putting things in order, a channel)
 - We are talking about CONTROL... squelching life out of life, squelches potential....
 - Babylon is the progressive development of what God is...
 - In the OT: the picture of the seat of pride that opposes God
 - In the NT: the ultimate judgment pronounced on both the spiritual system of man and the economic system of man... (Rev 17/18)

- Man's spiritual system = HARLOTRY, it pollutes God's pure worship and way
- Man's commercial enterprise = COLLECTIVELY BOASTS against God's dominion, manipulating control over man, rather than each man being free in God's order of things...
- God will eventually DESTROY Babylon, dating all the way back to the institution of a system under NIMROD that places dominion over man NOT over the EARTH which God ordained...
- Man was to be brought in a place in God where he was in control of the things of this earth (God said this would be your area of dominion)
- THE WHOLE POINT of the BIBLE
 - Bringing man back (reinstated) to a place of rulership that he was intended to have, loving but authoritative, rulership under the dominion of the Almighty
 - Knowing that the Spirit of God working His dominion IN HIM so that that dominion touches every part of His life....
 - Free to relate to man around him, not seeking power or position or fame...

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- Free in his relationship to God....
- Free to relate to those things that in God's order of things are beneath him (the ground, the creatures, whatever structure of authority that are in his home and family relationships)
- This is GOD's WAY
- Man's WAY: gather, hunt, trap, control, dominates, manipulates: there arise INFINITE possibilities of EVIL (everything occult, satanic, witchy in nature have their root in Babylon)
- There could be UNFAIR comparisons of Catholicism to Babylonian practices... UNFAIR ...
- ANY religion, which man's system, can be shown to have the same TRAPPINGS!!!
- Religion can be used to consume men in their thirst for POWER...the TRAP of Babylon
- What should be at the heart of any assembly???
- Each one to become what Jesus makes us to be
- Leaders and elders are the LAST... not posture or position of dominion, no superior stance... they are servants and the least of all... the stance of washing the feet of all..
- Leaders are not to TRAP but to TRAIN... to point people to finding their own destiny in God... so they can rediscover what is God's intended purpose for man...

Genesis 11

1. Shem... v10

- Shem was born after Noah was instructed to start building the ark
 - Took 100 years to build the Ark...Shem was 100 when he birthed Arphaxad, which was 2 years after the flood...
 - Therefore, Noah birthed Shem two years after construction of the Ark began....
 - Should we plan to have children?? The world is ending.....
 - The instrument God used to be the continuation of the line toward the savior was born...
 - The "END of DAYS" is not a REASON NOT to have children....
- Post Flood Life Expectancy: about half of before.....
- In the Day of PELEG.... The time of Babel was at that time....
- They were living half as long and begetting children sooner....
- Ham->Cush....
- Nimrod was **probably** 50 YEARS after the flood before Nimrod rises to power...
- About a hundred years after the flood (a half century of development of evil under NIMROD), is when the division of the peoples came about....

2. There is teaching on birth control here....

- Planning to not have a child is not just motivated by good economic sense....
 - Plan it as well as you have...our children may be a surprise to us, but not to God....
- Sound planning... vs FEAR
 - Fear brings a snare//
- Selfishness is not a motivation as well....

3. One language of the earth.....

- Gen 11:1-3 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.
 - As they journeyed from the EAST... really means EASTWARD...
 - From regions around Ararat, they dispersed (really southeast)
 - Shinar = MESOPATAMIAN valley , present day IRAQ
 - "Slime" for mortar = Greek in Septuagint, same word for asphalt.... Asphalt for mortar
 - Not slime, but durable cementable material
 - Archaeological finds in this area of the world: the ziggurats...
 - The stuff these are put together with are almost unable to be broken....
4. Gen 11:4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.

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- A City: God said to replenish the earth, they say let us gather together...
 - A Tower that will reach to Heaven: a defiance and a challenge to GOD...
 - was it just an attempt to escape a future flood????
 - probably not... they are raising up a monument to MAN
 - The concentrated gathering of MAN causes him to create pinnacles that display his own pride...
 - He seeks new ways to parade his accomplishments....
 - New ways to say that man is God and not God is God... that is a monument...
 - IT IS THE SPIRIT and INTENT of what they are saying....
 - They are rejecting
 - Making a name for ourselves: quest for pride
 - Scattered abroad: they are rejecting God's authority and rulership.. concentrating pockets..
 - History shows us that the concentration of pockets of humanity brings about and from that environment arises the greatest heights of evil and sordidness.. it breeds it the most vicious expression of evil
 - It is no accident....
 - We ARE to be now SALT and an instrument of redemption in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation...
 - There is always resistance to God's order....God did not intend man to live as we do today... intended man to live according to the ordinances he gave after the flood
1. Gen 11:5-7 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."
- Came down:
 - It was not a physical visitation... it is poetic expression, figure of speech...
 - God is observing their attitude, spirit
 - They are UNIFIED in their wickedness... they are of one SPIRIT and one WORD.....
 - EVERYTHING accomplished in the realm of darkness OR the realm of light is ALWAYS accomplished by the WORD and the SPIRIT
 - The bent WORD of man's will or satanic operational purposes with enablement of satanic power sources OR>..
 - What is the will and word of the living God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the animating power of His Spirit....sent down from Heaven....
 - It either PRODUCES compounded darkness OR multiplied LIGHT....
 - He scattered... the LORD there confounded or confused the language...
 - What was the impact of the confusion of the languages.....Think of this...
 - When you touch a persons language, you are touching the essence of the person...
 - Everything in terms of who they relate themselves to be, the formation of everything they are....

- Take away language, you take away communication and thought (we think in our own language..)
- **To be completely stripped of that, is a MAJOR or as DRASTIC thing in the personality levels of man as you had in the geological formations of the earth in the FLOOD!!!**
- This was a cataclysm of a new order.... 100 years later...
- The judgment of Babel was a divine visitation of God brining an absolute upheaval of what man knew, of his whole consciousness...
- He is cast into a whole new pattern of thought...a whole other frame of thinking, disassociated with those things around him, except for those that happen to be of the same tongue....
- People in different parts of the world:
 - The language they speak shapes their thought structures
 - The language they speak shapes their facial structures....

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- You can look at someone and guess what country or region they are from....
- You look "Germanic" or "British"...
- Structure as a result of language (the configuration of faces...)
- This was a MAJOR judgment in the life of man....it is profound...
- Why didn't God tell us more?? We don't need to know any more....
- We come to another conclusion in God's dealing with man:
- The History of God's Dealing with MAN:
 - Innocence-> Fall (disobedience)-> the covering**
 - Conscience -> Flood (searing)-> the rainbow, the victor planting a vine**
 - Human Government (ordinances) -> Babel (pride) -> communication w/ God**
 - Promise (covenant) -> Abraham...-> All the promises of God**
- AT every point of human failure, there is a promise of God.. Hallelujah....

Genesis 12:1-15:21

Genesis 12-15

1. The famous father of Faith

Gen 15:1-6 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Gen 18:13-14 And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

Jer 32:17-19 'Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. 'You show lovingkindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them-- the Great, the Mighty God, whose name is the LORD of hosts. You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings.

- Abraham believed and it was counted for....
 - Righteousness is NOT holiness... our belief does not make us better.
 - God did not tell Abraham that because he believed he was now a better person than he was before
 - Our belief LOOSES the power of God toward us, which in turn makes us HOLY people.
 - It talks about standing in right relationship with God because you trust Him
 - It talks about losing the power of God toward you....
 - Abraham believed God, and it LOOSED the power of God working toward him!
 - What was the context?? Looking toward the stars... the God who is powerful enough to make those.
 - Abraham looked up away from his circumstances, the weakness of his own body, and the barrenness of his own wife...
 - He looked away and TOO the one who created those stars by His great power...A God who can create the worlds out of NOTHING... therefor

- When we look at the word, we do not come for accumulation of facts, but rather we come to make ourselves available to the transforming power of God's Spirit and growth in faith through the Word...teach us to trust you more...

1. The Geography of Abraham's life...

- Ur of the Chaldees: they are actual places
 - Thompson's Chain: geographical discovery..
 - Halley's Bible Handbook... footnotes in the realm of archaeological study...
 - Ur HAS BEEN FOUND!
 - Ur: reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, and history was taught in school
 - Keys and harbors: on the river (Euphrates)
 - Courts, fountains, building w/ indoor plumbing

Genesis 12:1-15:21

- Haran from Ur: 600 Miles
 - Taken their with Terah...
 - Terah answered some tug on his heart by the Spirit of God...
 - He started out on a journey that he didn't finish..
 - God calls us to.... We stop in Haran...
- Shechem from Haran...
 - Shechem is where the woman at the well was....2021 years later...
- Jerusalem (Jeru-SALEM) from Shechem
 - Bethel... in between that and Ai...2 miles apart
 - Known in Moses day
- Hebron/Mamre
- Tanis?? Egypt...
- Garar....
- Beersheeba

2. The Personalities of Abraham's life...

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3. The Chronology of Abraham's life...

- Gen 11:26-27 Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot.
 - 295 Years after the FLOOD...at this point
 - +75 Years = the arrival of Abraham in the Land, his birth
 - 370 Years after the FLOOD
 - $\sqrt{32} \Rightarrow$ Terah lived 205 years... he was 70 when Abraham was born, Abraham was 75 when he left Haran at the response of the voice of God....
 - **Terah was alive 60 more years of life after Abraham left...**
- Gen 11:28-32 And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans. Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. But Sarai was barren; she had no child. And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there. So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran.
 - The original destination of **Terah** was Canaan....
 - They came to Haran and DWELT
 - We do not know whether Terah left at the voice or command of God... Terah was of the generation of Shem, those who follow the Lord
 - Terah is the guy who didn't make it... he went half-way... he made it only half
 - A whole study of those who don't quite make it:
 - Those who do not come out of Babylonian exile
 - Those who die in the wilderness
 - Judas....

- Demas...
- Terah...
- Hebrews: strong appeal... never fall short of pursuing the promises that God offers us by faith... it is God's power that fulfills those things in us, but the **reason** it happens hinges on 12:4=> Abraham DEPARTED....
- Genesis 12:1-5
 - 3 FROMS and 1 UNTO: God is beckoning people to turn FROM and follow Him TO an unappointed destination (doesn't say where it is, just that it is going to be) (to a land that I WILL SHOW YOU)
 - Country
 - Kindred
 - Father's House

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- Profound Promise: 4 Points of the Covenant
 - I will make you a great nation
 - I will bless you
 - I will make your name great
 - You shall be a blessing
- Further Promise:
 - I will bless those who bless you
 - I will curse those who curse you
 - In you ALL families of the earth will be blessed
- Abraham DEPARTED (What's the address Lord... just follow me)
 - History hinged on a man hearing the voice of the LORD and setting out
 - This did not come easy!!... but it came, praise God
 - Faith is demanding.. it requires commitment (TERAH...)
 - Abraham left Terah, and we do not know what happened in the heart of Terah...
 - Terah started out on a journey
- Gen 12:6-8 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.
 - Verse 7: the first ALTAR of Abraham's Building...
 - Noah had no idea how in the providential workings of God how the curse of Canaan would be fulfilled
 - v7 and v8.. ...he moved from there... don't know how long
 - Scripture does not always give us chronology...
 - probably didn't land at Shechem and then packed up the next day and moved to the next stopping place...
 - Bethel and Ai...
 - Between....
- Gen 12:9-13 So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South. Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land. And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance. Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you."
 - 1st occasion where we find a man who is starting to trust in God, who now resorts on the machinery of his own mind and reasoning to figure out how he can secure himself...
 - we do it all the time...
 - Sarai... tell them you are my sister (CH 20—Abraham was not a bald faced liar... she was kind of his cousin)
 - Law of Moses... marriage within a certain circle is prohibited... but it was allowable
 - Polygamy—never divinely ordained, but common throughout OT...

- Falling into a trap of FEAR...
 - Don't be too critical... not uncommon for a king, seeing another man's wife, and a man not having a means to defend himself, the king would just kill the man and take his wife: **in the ancient world, a poor man with a beautiful wife was a temporary citizen...**
 - Abraham had reason to fear... Sarai was gorgeous, "fair", uncommonly beautiful...
- Fearing God's rule in Abraham found in Sarah...
 - 1 Pet 3:5-6 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

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- There are limitations, but the NT does commend Sarai here...she obeyed what Abraham...
- It appears she was spared sexual violation...
- God divinely spares Abraham, especially from the double fury of Pharaoh, redeems Abraham from the difficult situation... and God overrules the circumstance
- Why?? God knows, apparently, Abraham's heart toward Him...
- Gen 20:6 And God said to him in a dream, "Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.
- Think about it...the Lord will do that for any one of us... when our heart is right toward God... when we are set on doing His will.. He will work and act and move so that paths are blocked and doors are opened.. whether by dreams or other ... He will make His will and purpose known toward us, not fearing whether we will make a serious disastrous mistake without God giving us some kind of warning...
- Gen 12:14-13:2 So it was, when Abram came into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she was very beautiful. The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken to Pharaoh's house. He treated Abram well for her sake. He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels. But the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. And Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? "Why did you say, 'She is my sister'? I might have taken her as my wife. Now therefore, here is your wife; take her and go your way." So Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had. **Then Abram went up from Egypt,** he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South. **Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.**
 - Abimilech: It was in the honesty of his heart that
 - Gen 20=> When our heart is set on doing His will, He will make the way known to us...
 - God stopped him because God knew that it was in the honesty of his heart that Abimilech got into this situation...
 - God will blockade the path.. He will speak to us in dreams... He will let us know so that we do not MISS His will and way....
- Genesis 13: Prosperity and problems of Abraham and Lot...
 - v8: So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren.
 - Abraham did not pull rank or his favor with God: we are BROTHERS... even though Abraham is older...
- Gen 13:10-11 And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.
 - Even though Lot had LOOKED at the plains, which were green... we find him later having left his herds and instead living in the hell of Sodom

- Gen 13:14-18 And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are-- northward, southward, eastward, and westward; "for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you." Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the LORD.

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- 4. Lifespans...with each successive catastrophe of man's fall due to sin, his lifespan was decreased
 - At the original fall... he lost endless life (800-1000 Years)
 - At the flood... (400 Years)
 - At Babel... (200 Years)

Each judgment halved the lifespan and expectancy..

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- 5. Facets of Abraham's Life: 3 Goals in Studying Abraham
 - Study the development of God's purpose in Abraham:
 - Abram....Abraham (FROM ... TO)
 - From where he was geographically, spiritually (another person) to where he would be, all the way through...
 - He became the second most mentioned man in the NT Scriptures (from the OT)
 - He is our SPIRITUAL Father... the only one called that other than our Heavenly Father
 - What can we see in this person... weaknesses or character faults, strengths...
 - He GROWS into the person of a Father of Faith...
 - Discern the message as it was recorded for Israel...
 - When we read the story of Abraham (Genesis) in general, it is a revelation God gave to Moses to prepare the thinking of a people whom He had chosen (Israel)...
 - When God gives Moses Genesis (could have been Mt. Sinai): they were in the wilderness:
 - The first people to receive the revelation were a band of slaves, getting ready to enter a land that was not theirs and that is already occupied...
 - They have been slaves 300 to 400 years (mentally and spiritually wipeouts)
 - Moses was given this to help them understand WHO they ARE... the Jews as a People...
 - The Holy Spirit is giving not just as a point of history for us... but He is giving illumination to a people that had lost identity...a group of slaves
 - You are going in to take this land... I want you to get the understanding
 - Genesis is written from a Jewish-centric perspective, and more specifically, a man-centered and earth-centered perspective: as all the other 5 books are.
 - Cursed by Canaan (ch 9): the iniquity of the Amorites (to Abraham), which is some of the Canaanites-> this was a further word of prophecy (these people are under God's curse, you can expect to triumph over them)
 - For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them." **Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us** (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Gal 3:10-14
 - For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: **He condemned sin in the flesh**, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. Rom 8:3-5

- Sin is under God's condemnation... it is under God's curse (Jesus became the curse and put himself under the curse of God FOR US!!!) YOU CAN EXPECT TO TRIUMPH OVER IT... now enter in...
- Further word of prophecy to Abraham... your seed would be in a foreign land for 400 years... and the RETURN to this land...
- Get a perspective on what God is saying to His people
- God's promise to Israel's possession of the land is equivalent to God's promise to you and I for the fulfillment, realization, and attainment of God's predestined purpose in our own life... LAY HOLD of it...
- God's working in people's and nations... so He will deal with us : as He made a promise to Abraham, then He will make and keep to us...

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- He has made a promise and He is buttressing and fortifying and teaching them HOW to possess...
 - It deepens a certain understanding in our mind...these things happened for your understanding, for your growth and development, so that you can be the possessor of your inheritance...what is promised to you
 - Israel and Abraham... God's purpose within them is likened to God's purpose in US..
 - Discover spiritual principles that bear on our own life....
 - Many...many
6. Abraham in the New Testament
- Significant in the NT record, not because his appearance in the NT somehow validates his historicity... Of that, we can be absolutely sure...there is no question of existence
 - For the believer in Jesus, He himself refers to him
 - What is incredible is the way he referred to Abraham:
 - "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." John 8:56
 - Abraham expected the appearance of God's Son.. the coming of the Messiah redeemer.
 - Consider Luke 16: the underworld, prior to the resurrection of Jesus Christ... the transaction that took place
 - Abraham's Bosom: the abode of the righteous dead
 - Father Abraham... have Lazarus....
 - Significance that the account of this indicates Abraham has an overseeing position in the afterlife (as conditions were preceding the resurrection)
 - In some way as Abraham as the father of the faithful, the pioneer of the faithful under the promised covenant (From Adam-> Seth->Shem...)
 - Abraham, Moses, David: 3 Most Mentioned OT figures in the NT
 - Significance: Moses = 80, Abraham = 76, David = 57 times
 - If it were not for the frequent reference of the Pharisees to Moses, then Abraham would far and away be the most mentioned character...
 - In the Epistles:
 - Hebrews addresses him as the father of faith... those who trust God, who launch out, not knowing where they are going... they are searching for a city, seeking after what couldn't be seen in this world, and they believed the Lord...it was counted for righteousness... he believed the world in a pathway of life that pursued the will of God with a diligence... the PROTOTYPE of the faith life (as a result he is called father of all those...)
 - James: Abraham had not only faith in his heart, but his works manifested that faith...
 - Romans (4): the father of all those who will follow in the pathway... those who launch out in a single hearted trust in the Lord and pursue with continuity and consistency, a trust in him, irrespective of their weaknesses. (we get encouraged by others weaknesses... we are more conscience of our failures than our successes...those things frighten us away from believing in more success or another triumph)
 - Romans 4Galatians 3=Genesis 15 It was counted for righteousness... He is the principle argument of Pauline theology... a man is justified by FAITH, declared righteous, BEFORE the religious act of circumcision was even a part of his life... (Ch 15= I say you are righteous, Ch 17 is where the token or seal of the righteousness that he already had by faith...) It is the NT

evidence that religious acts or religion that secure a persons relationship with God... it is secured through their faith and trust in Him, seeing Him who is invisible...

7. Abraham is another dispensation development:

- The Dispensation of Innocence
- The Dispensation of Conscience
- The Dispensation of Human Government
- Now... it is through a covenant of promise...
- God now focuses on a man...He moves from larger global dealing....
- From that family, that nation, ... I will teach that nation... I will bring forth a Son from that nation...
- Unto them a son is born, a child will be given, and the government of the world will rest on his shoulders...

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- His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God.... Isaiah (13 Centuries Later)
- God is beginning an education program!!!
- One man, who will be one nation...
- IN that Nation, shall all the NATIONS of the earth be BLESSED!!

8. ALTAR Experiences of Abraham

- Gen 12:7=>
 - on the heels of God saying, "I will give you this land"... Abraham is told WHERE he will be, before he was only told "WHAT" Abraham.. (told by God, In you all nations of the earth will be blessed) now standing in the midst of a CURSED people...that is where you are to stand.
 - This is the mission of the church.. standing in the midst of a cursed race... God says we will rule with the Lord Jesus on this earth, that even now is living out its death throws.. God says you stand as a people to be a blessing to the nations in the midst of a cursed scene
 - Abraham SEALS the promise.... An altar of promise... where Abraham says, "Lord I worship you", and of course there would have been the offering of sacrifice...
- Gen 12:8=>
 - he called on the name of the LORD (as opposed to God)...
 - God = Elohim (the Trinity): the Almighty One, the God of All Creation, the Godhead, the Creator, the God of Providence, the God of all the Nations...
 - LORD = Jehovah (the Redeemer): the Lord as He is revealing Himself to the people who are responding to His promise (not a different God).. God revealed at a different depth level...
 - some people will say they know that their is a God who created all things... they worship God and they love God.. they pray to God...
 - they refer to the God who is behind it all... they may not know Him that well.. but they feel a right attitude toward Him.. they are God-fearing...
 - Do you know Jesus?? He is God revealed as the REDEEMER, God who became flesh, and manifested Himself as the God who keeps covenant unto Salvation... the SAME God, but manifested to us in the FLESH... problems dealing with the Trinity.. WOW!!
 - There is no resolution in the human mind of the Trinity? There is a perfect unity in the trinity and perfect trinity and the unity...
 - **Don't fall into anti-trinitarianism just because the human mind can't handle it...**
 - Lord = Adonai: generic term of subservience..
 - Beginning of Abraham's life where he comes to terms with a God who covenant's redemption purposes toward Him..
 - Not only understanding the God who creates all things, but a God who is a God of promise toward those who put their trust in Him
 - God has made a commitment to Him (1st Altar)
 - Abraham is now making a commitment to God, the LORD (2nd Altar)
 - Abraham is LEARNING to KNOW, significant turning point in His experience.... Learning to know who it is who is leading him in this life he is called to...just a pilgrim and sojourner, a fellow w/ no certain dwelling place, going and following this God

- Gen 13:1-4 =>
 - Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South. Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the LORD.
 - Abraham had gone out of God's way: he left Egypt not how he left Shechem or Haran: with cattle, gold and silver
 - He had made a big boo: BUT, God knew that Abraham had set himself to follow God's will, and so God worked on his behalf..
 - He was still trying to learn to let God be his defender....

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- Shechem->Bethel->Shechem
- Significance: he was now there to remain permanently
- Abraham never leaves the land after this: coming to recognize that God promised him this land: trust God, call on his name... why did you go down to Egypt??
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- Gen 13:14-18 =>
 - And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are-- northward, southward, eastward, and westward; "for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you." Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the LORD.
 - He WALKED through the land...
 - He did what God told Joshua and Adam...
 - Joshua: Wherever the sole of your foot touches.. I will give it to you...
 - Adam: Go and replenish and subdue the earth...
 - Subdue= Put under FOOT....bring under authority...
 - Making the land an abiding possession....
 -