

Biblical Theology and Christian Worldview (Part 3)
Selected Scriptures
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Introduction 3

We are going back to the beginning in Genesis to understand and develop a healthy Christian worldview.

III. Redemption

- Conclusion from last week
 - Man is incapable of saving himself
 - God appealed to Man and Woman 3 times to repent
 - They refused to repent
 - They were friends of God, fellowshiped with Him face-to-face—now enemies of God
 - The main focus of **Chapter 3** is not so much as the Fall, but the gospel that is revealed for the first time in the same chapter!
 - We preach about Christ and Him crucified and the good news about His death and resurrection
- The One Plan
 - God doesn't have a "plan B" for salvation
 - God was not surprised by Man's fall
 - John writes that Jesus Christ was involved in the planning of salvation

***John 1:1-3, 14** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **14** The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- Jesus is the Passover Lamb before the foundation of the world

***Revelation 13:8** All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.*

- The point is not that He was put to death from the foundation of the world
- But that the intention was formed then and it was with absolute certainty that it will happen
- The first gospel
 - Satan basically thought he had won by turning God's creation against Him
 - God tells Satan that He is turning the human race against him
 - How?
 - The good news for man!

***Genesis 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.*

- Enmity
 - How can man hate Satan?

- Man love Satan rather than God

John 3:19 *And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

- How can this enmity happen?
- God is saying that such a change is coming where man will hate Satan and the deeds of evil
- The old man has to die and the new man has to be born
- First suggestion of regeneration!
- The promise of a Savior
 - Man can only be regenerated if saved by a Savior
 - Identification of the Savior is “He”
 - Her seed

Galatians 3:16 *Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.*

- One Seed—One Man
- Paul points this seed as Christ Jesus!
- Her seed—man carries the seed, not woman
- Her seed—woman born, virgin born (**Gal 4:4; Isa 7:14**)
- Total destruction of Satan
 - Jesus will crush Satan’s head (like a pumpkin)
 - Satan would only bruise Jesus—a minor thing

Isaiah 53:5 *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.*

- Satan putting Jesus on the cross and killing Him—only a minor thing
- Through His death on the cross, He turned around and destroyed the devil’s work!
- Sin and Satan’s rule is destroyed!
- How?
- The first atonement
 - What is atonement?
 - Covering of the sinner through the death of an innocent substitute

Genesis 3:21 *The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.*

- Garments of skin
 - Note: it does not say that God sheared a sheep and took its wool
 - It says garments of skin
 - An animal died
 - God provided for physical clothing, but He also covers them spiritually (symbolically)
 - An animal has to die
 - God is clothing the sinner by the sacrifice of an innocent substitute

- Satisfying His own justice
- God's sovereign work
 - God chose the animal
 - God killed the animal
 - God took the skin of the animal and covered the sinners
 - It does not do man any good to believe unless God provided the means of salvation
- First death
 - No death before
 - First death is a death of an animal killed by God to cover sinners
 - The first sacrifice
- Justice must be satisfied
 - A soul who sins must die
 - Eternal death
 - It is God's justice
 - God kills His Son Jesus, the innocent One
 - He "skins" Jesus of righteousness and uses it to cover the naked sinner
 - God placed Jesus on the cross
- There must be shedding of blood

Hebrews 9:22 *Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*

- His wrath against sin must be satisfied
 - God provided that satisfaction
 - The shedding of the blood was to point to Christ' perfect work on the cross
- Cain and Abel

Genesis 4:3-5 *In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. 4 But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.*

- Noah

Genesis 8:20 *Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it.*

- Job

Job 1:5 *When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would send and have them purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.*

- Mosaic sacrifices

Hebrews 10:3-4, 11 *But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, 4 because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.*

- The OT saints were saved through faith
- By believing in God's promises that He will send a Savior
- All of the OT saints looked forward to the promise that God will send a Savior to be the Atonement
- All looked forward to that wonderful cross which was a one time event for all times

Hebrews 10:10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- Question: Adam and Eve saved?

Genesis 3:20 *Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.*

- Adam names his wife a 2nd time
 - First time

Genesis 2:23 *The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."*

- Woman—from root word of “soft”
- So perfect a companion that Adam created the first love poem!
- Eve
 - Means “life”
 - She is the mother of all the living
 - This could mean in two ways
 - She is the first of all those who live
 - She is the mother of those who believe (the beginning)
 - This is parallel to Paul's statement about Abraham

Romans 4:16 *Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.*

- Adam believed God about sending a Savior
- Adam no longer believed Satan what Satan says about God
- Adam accepted what God says
- This is faith—believing in His promises, even though they could not see (**Heb 11:1**)