

What's the Bible All About?

2 - The Biggest Problem - Sin

Paradise to Perversion – Gen. 1-11
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Redemption is the crimson thread that runs through the Bible and causes everything else to hang together.

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God...”

The Bible doesn't begin with a defense of the existence of God. It just begins with God. No defense... no apologetics... just God!

Since you are created in the image of God – you know there's a God.

Each person has a longing to know and be in relationship with their Creator.

Romans 1:18-20 “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

Psalms 14:1 “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’”

Ecclesiastes 3:11 “... He has put eternity in their hearts...”

CREATION - Genesis 1

God is the author of all that you see now. He made it out of nothing (Ex Nihilo)! God didn't even need raw materials to work with. He just spoke it into being.

God had one creation with a very special task... US glorifying HIM.

ENJOYING & GLORIFYING GOD

God created us to know Him and make Him known - to enjoy Him and glorify Him forever.

Created in God's image

Genesis 1:26-27 “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. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.’”

The crowning achievement of God's creation was when He created human beings – people!

Created for God's glory

Isaiah 43:7 “Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory...”

SIN – Genesis 3

Sin reeked havoc on both our vertical relationship with God and our horizontal relationships with other people around us.

Jeremiah 2:13 “My people have committed two great sins: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and have dug for themselves cisterns – broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

- All are under sin

Romans 3:9-11 “What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. As it is written: ‘There is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God.’”

- All are guilty before God

Romans 3:19 “Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become guilty before God.”

- All fall short of the glory of God

Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Genesis 3:7 “At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.” *NLT*

Entire industries are built around this one biblical concept of shame, to try to help us cope with this burden that every human being now carries with them.

Sin has entered in and nothing will ever be the same!

SIN = SEPARATION & DEATH – Spiritually & Physically

This separation has affected all mankind.

Galatians 3:22 “But the Scripture has confined all under sin.”

Romans 5:12 “Therefore just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.”

Isaiah 59:2 “Your sins have separated you from your God.”

We’re on the run. From that time on we’ve been hiding and looking out for ourselves.

But notice who initiates our rescue!

Genesis 3:9 “Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, ‘Where are you?’”

Luke 15 – The prodigal son

“... But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.” (v. 20)

God is a seeking God because we're a hiding people.

The sin problem that perverted paradise was quickly manifested in a horrible way. The very first family on the earth faced domestic homicide... one brother killed another.

CAIN KILLED ABEL - Genesis 4

Genesis 4:7 "Sin is crouching at your door... it desires to have you, but you must master it."

The sin that was crouching at the door of Cain's heart is the same thing that's crouching at the door of your heart every day you wake up.

Genesis 6:5 "the wickedness of man is great. ... thoughts of heart are evil continually..."

But remember God made a promise in Genesis 3! He made a promise that would take hundreds of years to be fully realized... but it was a seed planted.

FLOOD – Genesis 7

Even when it's horrible God always has a remnant.

Genesis 6:8 "But Noah found grace in eyes of Lord" That's a verse brimming with hope!

God used Noah and the ark as an illustration of the salvation that Christ would ultimately bring one day.